

Road to Mannorstare

‘It all started on 22 of March 1842. It wasn't that long ago. I hope you understand why I was so afraid and confused about what I saw, to even consider coming back to report it. You must know by now what I'm talking about, that cursed town that no one dares to even bat an eye at. The ancient town we'd never approach. I can't tell you anything about its inhabitants. The ones that I met aren't in the best condition.

Pardon, my intrusion, I hate smoking. As I was saying, I was a child, perhaps closer to maturity since I comprehended the seriousness of my actions. I made the mistake of running away from my family in search of someone by the name of Bartholomew. Rumors spread long before I came there, that the great musician was searching for an apprentice. Who would pass the possibility of becoming his pupil? To work directly under his tutelage was my dream ever since I heard his ceremonious symphonies. Even as a child without experience, I knew that I couldn't give up. After all, some risks are worth taking, at least, that's what I had in mind when I ran off to that town in the first place. The sky was crying that day and I had no raincoat on me.

Just like a wet dog I ran to that town, trying to figure out where he was. The streets were empty and most houses appeared to be locked down to the toughest nail. I didn't have enough time to search the entire area since a bigger storm was brewing. Luckily for me, I didn't have to. A tavern was open and its lights kept flickering at me. I thought I could finally rest. Dead roses and scorned worms got in the way though I paid little attention to those signs. The nameplate above the tavern read:

‘The Dried Loin Tavern.’ Its door knob was too cold to handle so I had to lower my sleeve to open it. Despite not being strong enough to force my way in, I kept trying, thinking that Bartholomew could be waiting for me on the other side. He would share the secrets of his trade and shape my future from that point on. It was my one and only chance and a simple door would not stop me. The weather wasn't getting any better.

Mind that, the lightning only managed to cover the howls partially. I took a break from trying to unscrew the bolt as I began looking around. Nothing in sight except some rubble spread around. Enough of this, I punched the door until my knuckles turned red, trying to get in as I made as much noise as I possibly could. With assault unwavering, my fists began dissipated the water drops in their path. Someone was definitely in there. They had to help me somehow. As the door slightly opened a giant-like hand grabbed me by the shoulder throwing me inside. I fell on the ground but at least I was in. After picking myself up I saw a tall bearded man locking up the door. He almost crushed his rugged cap before he turned around to scream at me.

From the look on his face, it seemed that he wasn't expecting me. I didn't know what to do. He stood there and kept yelling at me, ready to strike me down where I stood. I lay as frozen as a statue, as silent as a lamb in front of a bull, speechless for what was about to come.

While paying no attention to what he said, out of fear for my life I closed my eyes in embarrassment, hoping he didn't notice.

He grabbed me again with his dirty hand, this time I he turned me around. I opened my eyes only to find myself standing in front of the people from around the tavern who were minding their business drinking and gambling away their change. Our eyes didn't meet. I was far too embarrassed to look at them or even at the place. I didn't recognize

his uniform at the time, but the man who held me was probably a sailor. He wore a blue uniform with lots of buttons, a dark cap to cover his bald spot and a scowl that intimidated me easily.

He stopped yapping and stared at me after, waiting for something in return. His patience was thin I noticed it as he adjusted his cap towards his right side. I opened my mouth barely managing to ask what was going on. It was hard since I was soaked and I didn't want to get thrown away out there. After being unhanded I heard him for the first time. His voice was as rough as he looked when he told me:

'Laddie, you better have a good reason to come in here and get us this much attention. I could throw you back from where you came from, don't you know what day it is? You'll regret the decision you made this day, I promise you that. '

Those were the only words I managed to understand after he calmed down. But I didn't know what he meant by it. I didn't know what to say to him, other than the truth.

'I came searching for the Grand Instructor Bartholomew, sir.'

The sailor took a deep breath and told me that there was no one by that name in here and I should go back home.

The rain would go on for hours but I did not doubt he'd throw me out without a second thought.

'What's your name kid? '

His request was ignored since I wasn't sure I could trust him with my name. Especially after what he said, he wasn't a stable man. Nor did he appreciate the gesture.

'You stupid prick!'

He said it out loud before raising his hand at me. He was fast enough in the draw that I couldn't get out of the way if he did it. But another hand came appeared out of nowhere just in time to stop him. I didn't see her until he was pushed out of the way.

'That's enough of you Rod. You had way too many drinks now, you should know better than to hit a child'

Her voice was only as pleasant as her protection. I had to wait for their entire argument to finish before I could thank her for taking my side.

'Don't get emotional now Hannah, you know what happened the last time someone came in unannounced. If the kid stays, who knows what terrible thing might happen.'

She placed herself between us, even though we haven't even officially met yet.

'We can't send the child outside. Did you see the condition he's in? The poor boy is shaken all over. Plus, it's an even greater risk to open the door again.'

She spoke softly but bitterly towards Rod, who didn't care what anyone thought about it.

'If anything happens, it will all be on you Hannah. '

That's the last thing he said before storming out to one of the barrels near the tables in the tavern, not to mention that he gave me the stink eye. She turned around and introduced herself to me, right before asking me if I was hurt. I was doing fine thanks to her. It's sad to think what could've happened if she wasn't there shield me from Rod. She smiled before patting me gently on the back, humming a sweet melody I did not forget. That music helped me forget the conundrum I was in. Hannah continued checking me for any harm she missed. While doing it, I noticed her long black hair, her tender skin and the blue surroundings.

She asked me to follow her as quickly as possible. We were headed towards a set of stairs, which lead to another floor inside the tavern. I didn't pay enough attention to the other people down there as I was too afraid of getting into another fight. But I managed to glimpse at an old banshee who was standing at a table, drinking from a crow's nest. No one paid any attention to us, except Rod but I can't be sure since we were too far away from him at this point. After climbing a long set of stairs, we stopped in the middle of a corridor filled with enough rooms to accommodate a dozen people at least. It was also quiet. At this point no noise came from inside the tavern. The howls started again, but it sounded like no wolf I ever heard of. Hannah was able to notice it before I did. The next thing caught me off guard. She wrapped her hands around me and apologized for something.

'Do you see that square up on the ceiling, the one that looks like a trunk? I know it's hard to see, but you're going to have to hide inside the attic for the rest of the night. I promise you everything's going to be all right. ' Everything happened way too fast, I didn't know what to do. Something was bashing the door violently downstairs and I didn't know who or what it was. Even after trying to face it, I was stopped.

'Time's running out. Why is it so hard for you to understand? '

I did not say a word but nodding my head wasn't a problem. After reaching up the ceiling a small ladder fell down from the attic. I received a kiss on the forehead before I got pushed in, hearing the sound of the hatch clicking in. Ever had a feeling that someone's about die? Not only someone, but just about everyone in that tavern that night. I never got the chance to thank her, before it went on again.

A greater growl came from outside, far more ferocious than it had ever been. And I was stuck here, in an old attic with a barricaded window standing at its end. The gaps between the wooden planks were big enough for light to come in. I took care not to make any noise while stepping on that slimy rotten floor. Breaking her request wasn't my intention. By now the noise coming from downstairs was the loudest it got up to this point. I took the opportunity to look out for myself. It was the figure of an animal.

No, it was unlike any animal I've ever seen. As this beastly thing kept pounding on the door with its mere brute force. For a moment, I thought I was noticed as it backed away a few feet away from where it stood. Without thinking, I ran and hid in the closest corner I could get in.

A final growl came but not from outside. The smashing of the door echoed throughout the tavern. I tried my best to cover my ears, hearing their voices as they shouted in pain. That beast made it inside and started butchering them without a care. And it would eventually come after me, I feared. I prayed for her safety, yet it was in vain. Rod hadn't deserved it either and soon enough my safety came in harm's way too. His voice came near the hatch. The sounds of the struggle between him and that fiend could still be heard. Though I can't imagine what went through his head during their fight. And all of the sudden the voices stopped. I felt tormented for the entirety of that night. Not only were objects being smashed from down under but the cloth from what seemed to be the beds got torn apart.

Why did any of that have to happen? Did it leave me alone? Does it know where I am? Could I be the only one left alive? They must have escaped somehow. I wanted to leave but she told me not to, I couldn't disappoint her. The sad truth was too much to take at the time, my thoughts were scrambled inside my head and at a point I even denied any of that even happened. Everything happened so fast yet so slow, it's hard for me to figure out if it was real or not.

The rest of that night is still blurry. I didn't eat in days since I decided to go after Bartholomew and that finally took its toll.

Combined with the cold, I started feeling nauseous, so, so tired, the attic I was in must have felt the same, as it started shaking with me. There's another thing I forgot to mention. Before I managed to fall to sleep, I had one last chance to look at the hatch that wasn't far from where I was. Something kept pushing through but I can't remember what happened after it. That was the longest night of my entire life. I'm still able to remember it up to this day. The dreams I had, dead flies and chopped crowns still hid away what were my last moments of peace.

The next day I remember waking up near a bird-man with a crow face, in a small hut. He was nice enough to give me something to eat as he helped me recover. I never asked him about his appearance as it gave me the creeps. After that I thanked the man and left the town, avoiding the tavern and everyone else who came in my path. I believe that was the same time I've got here. I wasn't able to tell anyone about what happened without being called insane and not believe a word I said and who could blame them? So that's how it happened and that's why I never got to tell anyone about it. In ten damn years, no one was able to find their corpses and others even pretend like they don't even know about the town itself.

Not even one day goes by without me thinking about going back there. Look, Jon, a lot happened since then, I'm not the same person I used to be back then, but I can't just stand any longer and do nothing about it, people must know.

‘Before being able to go back to my job, I had to appeal to Jon, a lousy friend who managed to become a decent detective. He didn't write much on his little note, not that I expected much, even from a friend, but at least, he was able to hear me out, I couldn't ask for more from anyone else. He slammed his hand on the table and told me as we were eye to eye:

‘Look, I don't know what you want me to say. It's hard to believe that a creature or an animal of some sort could come and get rid off so many people in less than a night, not to mention to escape without a trace. You don't have to lie to me, we're friends, and after all, so, as a friend, I'm going to have to ask you to forget about it, for your sake and for everyone else around you. ’

I couldn't believe I was being told to forget about those people who died before me and let their deaths mean nothing, after all, that happened. And forget about the woman who sacrificed herself to save me? ‘I should have known better. I'm sorry if I wasted your precious time Jon, you clearly have other things better to do. Our conversation is now over. I'll take my leave now if I may. After telling him that, I tried making my way out but he stopped me from going any further:

‘Wait, one moment before you leave. I know that it doesn't seem fair towards you and something's telling me that you're not going to give up so easily. I might have known something about your situation with that place but I couldn't speak about it back then. ’

Jon was searching for something behind his back, I didn't know what he wanted to give me, nor did I know why but he pulled out a small handbook, slightly covered up in black leather.

‘What's with this book Jon and why are you handing it to me so sudden? ’

He offered me the book and told me that:

‘It was my mother's journal. I don't know much about her. I've never had the chance to meet her since she was born

and raised there. Here's her journal, I hope it helps you more than it did me. And by the way, if you meet my wife, don't tell her what I said to you. '

His mother's journal, it was sudden yet I didn't want to complain about it. It seemed like it paid off becoming friends after all. My hand flew right through, opening it straight away.

'It's full of nonsense, I know. I've never been able to break the code and understand what she was trying to tell me as I failed in my every attempt. Perhaps you might be able to get through to her somehow. That, if what you've been saying to me so far is true. '

I closed the journal and put it in my backpack.

'Thank you, Jon, I knew you'd understand. '

Jon looked at me and smiled, he was happy to help. I was happy that I was getting closer to my goal though his eyes screamed of sorrow and mistrust.

He's been through enough, I should leave him be. I wasn't going to ask him more questions about his mother except:

'Have you even wondered what happened to her? '

A small break before I continued.

'Your mother I mean. '

Jon didn't give me any answer but I could see that the question made him feel uncomfortable. I had no reason to attempt any further, my point had already been clear.

'I should get going now, say hello to your wife for me Jon. '

'Don't worry, I will. Take care of yourself. '

After saying goodbye to Jon, I've made my way out of the interrogation room, immediately bumping into another one of the bulls. Papers were flying everywhere, all falling on the ground.

It so happened that it was Jon's wife, Veronica, angry as usual. I told her that 'It was all an accident; I didn't mean to do it. '

Then I helped her pick all of them off the ground. I felt like this was going to come back to bite me some day.

'Don't worry about it, just be safe, okay? '

That was unexpected, to say the least. I don't know why I expected her to be angrier at me for messing up but for some reason she smiled and went on her way after handing her the papers. As I made my way out of the section, something felt off. I felt like a wrongly imprisoned inmate getting released. Perhaps it was something she did that made me feel that way. On my way to work, I took the journal out of my backpack and started going through random pages from it.

The journal was nothing more than an average memoir with small exceptions; some of the passages from it were not only unrecognizable but smeared in something. It was too late for me to go back and from the way he acted, it didn't seem like we wanted to talk about it any longer. Shame, he did seem to know a greater deal about it than me. I was glad to be able to enjoy the rest of the day, oh wait; I still had to go to work.

This small memento will have to wait, at least until I got back home after. As I made my way through town, I made sure to pass next to the local flower store.

Call it a hunch but I thought that the shopkeeper's daughter had a crush on me. So, making sure I was farther away,

but not far enough for her to see me, I waved at the store from the opposite street. Luckily for me, she was there to wave back at me.

Quite a sweet girl she was but what a shame that she was never able to speak. Didn't weight her down, though. The road I was on got me faster towards where I wanted to get. It wasn't too far from where I stood; the newspaper office was almost in my grasp. I wasn't too bad of a journalist, but far from the best, at least not yet.

One of these days, with enough proof, I could reveal everything, I was sure of it. Everyone will know of my achievement and of my story. As I made my way to the office and opened the door, a gust came from behind me and swept all the papers that lay on the ground even farther away. It was so hot outside that it was out of place. This time, it wasn't my fault; I wasn't even here to begin with. But alas, a trickster decided to make my life even harder. Some of my co-workers were already trying to clean up and didn't appreciate me making their lives miserable. Even the boss came shortly after to yell at me.

'Five minutes late and look at my workplace! This isn't an animal farm. Now, help them clean everything up and get back to your job.'

'I didn't dare talk back to him and just nodded my head, I've grown fearful of intimidating people and unfortunately he was one of them. He wasn't always that way, at least not when his wife was around.'

'Are you going to stare or come join us? A part of the problem is because of you after all'

Francis, a fellow journalist who was picking thrown editions of yesterday's papers. For a second, I thought I saw everything on the paper as unrecognizable gibberish. As I picked it up to take a better look at it, its appearance came back to normal.

'Are you feeling okay? '

He asked me. I answered him quickly that:

'I was, I mean I am. I should keep picking them up. '

He rolled his eyes as I continued doing it, but none of the other papers were different, the stress must be catching up with me. There wasn't much time, I picked my share and decided to throw it in the pile near the machine. The boss wanted me to come to him since he waved his hand at me. It didn't help that I stood alone in the middle of the room either. When I got closer to his desk and asked him:

'Did you want to see me? '

He was going through files and his small desk light almost reflected through the glasses in his hand. As if it wasn't bad enough being with him alone, it got worse as the light kept coming into my eye. He told me:

'Look, I don't want you late anymore, do you understand? We're a professional company and people depend on us. Don't make me have this talk again with you, okay? '

I didn't want to anger him with my excuses because I knew he wouldn't understand.

'I understood'

I left his desk soon after. I should have gone to the police in my spare time. That would have spared me of some trouble. On my way back, I saw Carla and Matthew back at their desks writing. Francis, and that didn't surprise me, still had to pick up his share. 'Francis, do you need some help picking up those? '

I was suddenly interrupted by him.

‘No. Shouldn't you be meeting someone now?’

‘Then it stung me that I did have to be somewhere else.

You were supposed to meet with Carla and help her with that article, remember?’

‘Wait!’ I almost yelled, loud enough for everyone to hear me. ‘That was today?’ I lowered my voice soon after and apologized to everyone. ‘That was today Francis?’

‘Yes, I thought you knew and just made a quick stop here.’

‘Could you please move out of the way?’

I didn't notice it straight away until a second after but Ken made his way to the office. He was the man responsible for repairing and maintaining the machine and what not. I didn't want to judge him but, he did lose his wife and some of his friends.

‘Yeah, sorry, I'm just a mess this day.’

‘Could you move out of the way so I could do my job then?’

I already said I'm sorry, I'm not going to say it a second time, but I did get out of his way and let him to his business. Since I was near him, I gave him a hand and even some tools while he worked on it. In less than half an hour, he was done.

The way he managed to pull its metal tendrils and unclog its pipes always fascinated me. I always felt like I could watch him work at it for hours. I almost forgot about Carla, strange, I swear I saw her at her desk a moment ago, but she wasn't there. There's no way that she just left when I wasn't paying attention, I would've heard the door being slammed. I got out of the office after that and started running towards our usual meeting point.

I couldn't remember where exactly but I thought she said it was in the town's square. Close enough, I almost hit another man on my way to it while walking on the street. I eventually got there, just in time, as Carla was waiting for me, near the founder's statue. Not the happiest look on her face. The same look of annoyance she always had when things didn't go her way. She appeared to be mad but at the same time, something betrayed the fact that she seemed thrilled, happy to see me.

‘You're late as usual, by a lot of time. I swear, if I wasn't in such a good mood, I might have requested a new partner.’

She wanted to start a war with me but I had no intention of carrying it, especially since she was right. My only other choice was to calm her down before it was too late.

‘Look, Carla, I had some personal issues to take care of. I've taken a lot of bollocks from everyone, including you.

Now, can we just go and talk about it later?’

I knew she wasn't going to let me off the rail that easily but she wasn't heartless either.

‘Fine, but next time be faster! I got a feeling that both of our asses are on the line anyway.’

We started walking towards the street. I thought about asking her about the office but the thought left my mind soon after.

Instead, I was curious about the current assignment.

‘So Carla, I was detained the whole time by the dets and I've already lost some time in the office. The point is that I forgot about what we were supposed to write about today.’

‘Of course, you did. Look, you forgot about the new shop opening today. ’

‘What's so special about it anyway? It's just another shop in a town full of them. ’

But she looked so anxious about it like that I knew there was something more about it.

‘Fine, what's the catch, Terry? ’

She didn't appreciate that.

‘I told you not to call me that, and you will find out once we get there. Call it a surprise if you want to and step on it, we don't have all day to spare. ’

She was indeed something. I picked up my old camera from my backpack and was ready to go for it. .

Carla was the one leading the way so I couldn't just rush without knowing where to go, so I decided to have some more small talk with her. I felt I should say something about her having a braid, which was strange because she's never done anything about her hair before. Something about it made her so different in more than one way. Funny how one simple thing can change one so much. I do wonder what made her go for this particular style.

‘Are you going to keep staring at my head for the rest of the way? I mean I don't mind it but I hope you're not doing it for the wrong reasons. ’

A direct approach wasn't the best option but at this point, I had no choice.

‘So, what have you done with your hair? ’

I could see from her face that she was somewhat offended.

‘You do know how to act like a wet paddler, don't you? ’

‘Wait, what did you call me Terry? ’

With a smirk on her face, she turned quickly on a side. ‘I'm just messing with you.

Don't worry about it. Since we're almost there, do you want to know about why we're going there or not? ’

‘Tell me already, and don't be so bitter next time. ’

‘As I was saying, there are some ongoing rumors that the owner of the store might be the son of a baron who fled away from his father because he was forced to marry someone who he didn't want to. ’

This whole rumor sounded like a hoax to me so he could get people to purchase from his store, but nevertheless. It wouldn't surprise me if they were both hand in hand, getting paid to advertise the place.

Perhaps there was something else to it.

‘Carla, it seems like you've got the hots for him. ’

‘Maybe you're the one who has them, but not I. And I'd never be with someone like him; you can be sure on that. ’

I tried convincing her that it might make a bad article, based on a rumor, even if.

‘Your feelings are clouding your judgment. You're not thinking straight, are you? ’ But our conversation leads to nowhere since the article was being made one way or another.

‘Oh? Don't tell me you're jealous, are you? ’ And then she glanced into my eyes knowing that it would make me mad. I won't go down that easily, at least not without one strike before we get there.

‘In your sweetest dreams. ’

Not my best work but it was enough since we arrived at our destination and she had no time to unleash her wrath upon me. We both stopped in front of the store to admire it for some moments.

It was amazing, an antique store that had all sorts of clocks, toys and other objects for display. I had to capture it, so I placed the camera into position and took a few shots of it. I had to immortalize it, not the store itself but the older objects inside it. They captivated me even if I couldn't see well enough, each of them held a story of its own. A couple of shot should suffice, that way I could be sure one of them would do it justice.

‘So, shall we go in?’ Carla asked me after I was done.

‘Ladies first, I insist!’ We both got in and a bell rang announcing our arrival.

As I expected, it was full of dust and cobwebs. Even the spiders were including among the antiquities. I simply had to take another shot at everything there and so have I. I felt like I was capturing the atmosphere of the place, everywhere around me, something could be encased, even the store itself looked older from the inside, almost unnaturally aged.

But that wasn't possible at all, not to mention how useless it sounded.

‘Save some for the owner you dummy, you're not filling a catalogue!’ She was right, even if I didn't want to admit it. But how could I stop when everything seemed out of this world? Perhaps it was, I wouldn't exclude that any time. We both kept searching the place; at least, she did since I was too busy trying to take as many pictures as I could, as the owner wasn't here yet. Strange that the door was open when we came in so he wasn't that far off. Carla took a note out of her pocket while I was still trying to find more items to capture.

She ignored the store and everything inside it, not even batting a look on the fascinating scene. She could at least pretend she cared about it. Depressing old painting of withered trees no one would buy, bronze framings to pictures that cried in broken tea cups, even a replica of a lighthouse stood near a town. It was far too dark inside of it for anyone to be there anyway.

‘Oh, there he is.’ He was neither too old nor too young. I waited my turn as she started talking to him, away from my ears and sight. I kept on nipping until I saw a picture of a young girl.

That was a strange thing to keep in an antique store, but the purple dress she wore was even more peculiar. Until she finished doing him, I kept looking around, a lot of books stacked upon each other, fancy names and others not.

There was one in particular at the bottom with a face on it that I found out to be quite repulsive looking.

‘Those aren't for sale, please don't touch anything.’

The owner almost shouted me out of the place. Both gave me funny looks before returning to their work.

And so serious about it, as if I've done some sort of immorality. But what was he hiding? Maybe even more, clues about my research I thought, even if the chances were slim. The chances were divine; after all, he was someone who came from outside the town. Carla did an amazing job distracting him from my sight and plans. Only a little longer and I would be able to get my hands on it. I turned around, back at the prize, just a couple of the books off and I was able to.

‘Okay, back off you deprived knuckle-bearer! I already told you to back off; one more time and I'll kick both of you out.’

The second strike, this time was serious and Carla was on his side too.

‘Seriously stop, we're here for both work and pleasure but pleasure can wait. Our conversation here is crucial so please calm down.’ Both turned around as if nothing happened. I knew that he would probably kick me out but I

had to know what was written in it. The stakes were high and my desire to know was even greater.

He wouldn't expect me to try a second time, I was sure of it, this time, I waited for the right time to strike and went on with my move, and it would be a checkmate for me.

'Okay stop, this is the last straw, both of you get out of my store!' She took her time as she waited a few seconds before joining me. I don't know what he told her but at this point I didn't care. We both left the store as soon as she was done, far away from the shady man. I did manage to take one last shot of him before going out towards the pissed out woman. Not only did I not get to read that book but the disappointment and annoyance in Carla's eyes didn't make it worth it.

'I can't believe you, what's with this obsession over those damn books? Thadeon there told you so many times not to do it and you still couldn't help yourself but embarrass both of us. '

It wasn't my fault, though.

'I had to know what was written in it. If he didn't want people to read it, he wouldn't keep it out in the open. ' She was mad and I wasn't making it any better.

'Look, have you ever heard about hiding something in plain sight? He's a mysterious man, I'm sure that's not even his real name, Thadeon. I doubt he wanted you to read it in the first place. '

'Look, Carla, I'm sorry, I know I said that a lot lately but I am. At least, do we have enough for an article? '

'Yes, I suppose we have. The pictures you've taken should also suffice; at least one good thing came out of it. '

'Let's just get back to the office and end the day with this article. 'Before we went on our way I managed to make her laugh at this sad situation, after all.

'How many opportunities to get kicked out will you ever get? '

It was in poor taste, maybe not even that funny, but at the time, it was enough to make her smile long after we went away. The sun was still up but the night wasn't far behind, on the road she started telling me all about this Thadeon guy. Even if there wasn't enough about him to be told, I knew that it wasn't the last time we would see each other. Carla didn't manage to find out about his background rather that he arrived by a carriage and decided to open a store in this town. The rumors were nothing more than rumors in the end.

He didn't look like the type to come from a noble family and even if he did, that's the last thing we needed in these parts. The mayor wouldn't be happy about that either, I should finish the article anyway; I've got plenty of work at home too, so it would be a bad idea to mix them up. We weren't interrupted from our walk afterwards, strange because at this hour the postman would come to greet us from anywhere.

He probably called in sick today. He wasn't the only one who wasn't around; we took the long way and noticed that both the coffee shop and the flower store were closed.

'Carla, wait, I need to check something over there. 'The weather wasn't great from where I stood. It felt like the day was going to happen all over again but it couldn't. We got closer towards Darya's store to check if there was someone inside. I tried knocking on a door and looking through the window but there was no one inside. The flower store was never kept closed during the day, not even when one of them got sick.

'Are you okay? There's a storm coming, that's why they probably closed it so soon. 'Carla didn't really see anything strange but I knew that something was brewing up.

‘I hope, at least, the office isn't closed in or else all of this work was for nothing. ’

‘The office is never closed. The boss is too cheap to give everyone a day off. ’ She said, maybe they didn't leave after all. We made our way back to it, with rain slowly falling from the sky. I didn't get wet since I managed to get inside fast enough but I couldn't say the same about her. Everyone was working, even Francis was standing at his small desk, writing. Ken was still maintaining the machine and even Rob the janitor was here, making sure there won't be any accidents anymore. The rest of them must have come and left, even the boss.

Carla went on to start writing the article; I would join her after I finished the image processing. The developing room wasn't too far but that wasn't the problem, I knew I said to myself that I wouldn't mix both work and my research but it would take only a few minutes, no one would know about it. Perhaps even more because of the time it took for the images to be ready, fortunately, I had some lecture to kill some time. I took the journal out of my bag and started going through random pages.

Of course, it was hard to see the words in the dark but I managed to do it fine. As fine as I could do it given the circumstances. I couldn't risk using the light and irreversibly damage the images, then again maybe it wasn't that bad, and it made me quite excited, trying to find out what's hidden in it, the hard way. Slightly whispering, so others couldn't hear me through the wall and door I started.

‘June 15, 1820, I can't believe I finally met him, someone who's just like me, kindly hearted and caring. He's a travelling merchant and ever since we stared into each other's eyes, I couldn't stop thinking about him and his fleeing braids. I always wanted to leave this town and explore the rest of the world and this is the perfect opportunity.

Convincing him won't be an easy task but I'm sure I'll be able to make him help me. I hope that my next entry here will be about both of us leaving town happily ever after, like they always do in fairy tales. Well, see you soon upcoming blooming me, I hope everything will end up well, for one of us anyway. ‘I stopped for a second, not knowing who she was, except what Jon told me, and I had a bad feeling about how her journal might end.

Despite that I had to do it, it was for my research, even if it meant intruding into someone else's thoughts.

Everything I did was justified, and no one had the right to tell me otherwise. A few pages skipped, maybe days of her life to the point of:

‘Ten days passed since he left. I'm still heartbroken; I don't know what got into him to run away like that. Grandma told me it will pass, but I can't stop crying, he can't, he isn't that type of a person, to run away without saying a word or not even a goodbye. I wish he'd come back, my life wouldn't be the same without him; nothing can fill that spot his absence left. ‘At this point, I won't find anything relevant about the town, but in a way, I found her story interesting as if I'm unfolding someone's life before me.

One thing is strange, how come a stranger managed to leave such an impact on her? Ten days passed and she's acting as if she's mourning his death. There's something off about this journal. Bah. I'm probably over thinking it to be more than it looks, it's probably just a normal journal. The memoir got back to my backpack and it would seem like the pictures were almost done too. I managed to use one of the solutions there to dry up the pictures and they looked fantastic, even if I haven't done much, I've really outdone myself. When I got out, Carla and Ken were the only ones left, chit chatting before getting ready to close.

‘Hey, Carla, Ken. I'm done with them. ‘I showed them the pictures and they were pleased to see them.

'It's not bad; these should go well with the article. Don't worry, it's done. '

'I'll take care of these and the article.

The new edition should be done in mere minutes. 'Ken took both the article and the pictures; they were the last ones to be inserted into the machine since everyone else left. And quite the machine it was as it looked like something which came out of someone's dreams. More than often it gave me the impression that if it was alive, twisting its gears, eating what we've been feeding it in exchange of what we desire, a good newspaper. It felt like, in a way it tried communicating with me. The fear of seeing it drown in its own ink sometimes made me quiver.

Anyway, nothing smelled better than the merely printed newspapers done by three hard working people, or, at least, one of them who just happens to be me. I could see from their faces that both of them were exhausted and not in the mood to talk. We waited for Ken to be done with his work so we could finally leave. Just a few more and I'll be off, I went in to check every room so no light would be left on and none was. I was swift, managing to fly through three of the rooms in mere seconds, beating my own past record too. As soon as it was over, he closed the machine, placing it to sleep and went out to close the office. The rain hasn't settled down, but I didn't live too far and the rain wasn't too dense. We all said our goodbyes and went on our lonely separate ways. Quite a bad omen when it rains, that's what I've always thought. I hope they'll get home safe, or, at least, her. Time to go back home before I get wet. While walking, I couldn't help but notice how peaceful and quiet it felt all around me, the calm before a storm. So I started walking faster until I managed to outrun the few rain drops that were trying to soak me and so I would manage to get home before the storm started. Home sweet home, not too far from my job, not that big either but I still managed to stay warm in it. It still beats living on the streets any day. The key made awful sounds when entering the hole, which I thought would be another problem to fix on my never ending bucket list. Perhaps it was time to call a professional to fix it before it got even worse.

My stomach also accompanied the chorus made of key noises, rain drops and my second gut. With all the running around from the workplace, I had nothing to eat. After coming in I threw my coat and boots in a corner, not even bothering to unite them and went directly to the kitchen. I felt like a predator stalking its prey and luckily for me there was an unfinished salad waiting there. It took me a mouth full to finish it but I can't complain since it managed to satisfy my hunger for the moment. I finished it all with a glass of pure water before leaving the dishes in the sink. It was time to go on from where I left on the journal. It was so quiet that I could hear the rain drops bounce on the ground. The sound of it brought some bitter but also sweet memories. First, the door had to be sealed tightly, with all three of the locks being closed; I didn't want to be disturbed by anybody or anything. Not that I was being paranoid. Now, what was the last chapter I've read? I opened my backpack after being thrown on the ground, strange, I didn't notice it go down with my coat. That wasn't important; I took out the journal and used the light from my desk to see where I was.

'Jon's mother was abandoned by that scoundrel. ' I thought about it for a moment before going on. It couldn't have been anyone other than him.

But it was time for me to ignore that and venture even deeper into her mind.

'June 30' No year was written down, quite peculiar.

'I can't believe he came back, he came back to apologize, he told me that it was wrong for him to try and leave me.

He told me he fell in love with me. I don't know what to do, if he truly loved me he wouldn't have left me in the first place. What made him decide to come back and why now? I'm still confused about my feelings, I don't know if I love him anymore. I'm afraid he might try running away from home again. I wish I could talk to you but that's not going to work is it? None of them knows, none of them seems to know what I'm planning to do. My choices are limited and I feel like I won't be able to do it alone. I have to take my chances with Jonathan. 'Either John knows something that I don't; perhaps he was named after his father. But so far, I haven't encountered anything strange, except his family, I swear I saw something written in another language or, it must be here, somewhere.

'30 December 1821, Jonathan just asked for my hand. I don't know why he didn't ask for more, I would have given him more. I can't believe how much he changed over this past year. He might have made me one of the happiest women alive, or at least, that's what I wanted to feel like. Not being able to refuse him because all of the love I had in store for him, there was no doubt about, but things changed, the others citizens and my family forbid me from ever getting close to the town exit. I was.

We were being held as prisoners and it took me way too long to find it out. My plans were slowly dying, the world outside should have been in my grasp but now it's beyond my reach, I lost my opportunity. Jon made me happy but what was the point of that if I had no freedom? 'Before I could turn the page, I got distracted. I thought I heard something coming from outside, something other than the rain. A faint noise sounded familiar for some reason as it started getting louder. I laid the book down on the desk and started walking slowly towards the door, closer to where the sound came from.

Curiosity started going down as the sounds started resembling growls. With each step I've made, I felt like I was getting closer to my demise. Deep inside I thought I knew what it was but I couldn't just run and hide, I wasn't a coward anymore, not like I was back then. The door was still locked tight, and unsealing the locks made a lot of noise. I quickly opened the first two of them, the third one felt more like a signature, even more, ink towards my last will, even though I had nothing to offer. The lock wasn't holding the door anymore. My breath slowed down, close to feeling nauseous, but I still managed to grab the doorknob with both of my hands and asked myself, what could reside behind that door? Did it come back to finish the job? A lamp sat on a drawer next to me. I grabbed it with one of my hands so I could use it as a weapon. What chance did I stand against it on a close encounter, especially since I knew almost nothing about it? I can still remember that night and what that monster can do. The chances of me getting away after a confrontation with it and still being alive were slim. My hands were shaking, it couldn't be fear what I felt, could it? This was not the time for me to say my last words, not that they mattered anyway. There was no one that could hear them, at least no one around. The door was slammed, splashing the rain water all around, with the lamp in my hand, as I looked around to see nothing. A few more looks followed and still, nothing was out there. I closed the door after walking back inside and put the lamp back to its place. Maybe it was just my imagination. Perhaps with everything going on in my life, I have truly lost my mind. But I knew I heard something out there, my senses wouldn't betray me like that. I had to take a break and breathe so I wouldn't fall down but the noises started again, this time coming from inside the house. I had to grab something else to defend myself, my body was trembling but at least, I was able to think somewhat calmly, a lamp wasn't going to help me this time, that's why I placed it back in its original location. The kitchen was the solution, I got closer and grabbed a kitchen knife, nothing

was near me, and so the sounds must have come from upstairs. It was going to happen all over again. Stepping on each stair felt like I was barefoot, walking on glass shards, it was painful and close to getting even worse. My heart was about to jump out of my chest, until I got there, to the second floor. I never thought about it, but it almost resembled entirely to the same level from the attic. There was no time for remembering, not if my life was at stake. Four rooms, left and right, it must be in one of them, it's silent, probably waiting for me. Holding the knife in my right hand, I opened the door on my right, hoping I would get the upper hand, but nothing inside. A quick look around, it was too big, most likely, to even be able to hide under the bed, but I had to be sure, I approached it and bent over the floor so I could see what's there. Afraid, I looked down under and saw only dust, there was no time to think about cleaning it, the sounds manifested again, not too far, it could be in the corridor. Sidestepping got me closer to the open door, I had my guard up but it wasn't there, just three more rooms left. The next one I went in was the opposite room, I was no coward, I said to myself and with a swoop it was open in an instance, but, just as before, nothing inside or under the beds.

The last two doors, I came back and felt like being at a crossroad between life and death. That mere thought sent a chill down my spine for some reason. I couldn't wait like that, for my life to end, I opened the first one, not there, and it could only mean that the monster was in the last room. I started having second thoughts as it might have been or not a thief. The growls it made were so clear but where did it come and how did it enter the house? A headache wasn't enough to stop me, especially when I was in danger to lose my own life. I tried ignoring them and opened the door, entering the room with all of them behind. No, no, no, this couldn't be, the room was as empty as the others but the window was open, the wind made it even colder. I closed it and got out of the way, maybe it was only my mind playing tricks on me, and not taking any break as I got dizzy. I lay on the floor, too tired and weak to defend myself and the knife dropped out of my hand as I closed my eyes. Before falling to sleep, I swear I heard it again growling. I was afraid of not making through the night. The circumstances almost repeated themselves and, this time, I feared that the worst might happen. There was nothing I could do but fall peacefully to sleep. Everything fell deeply into a sea of confusion right after my eyes got sealed tight. I was standing in front of a big table, filled with so many strange round shapes carved into the wood, a sign over each of them, a counter too with a swirly lever, with enough places for someone to place something on it. A few coins on the table waited for someone to use them, yet another set of strange symbols onto them with meanings that I did not understand. I wasn't alone either, at the end of the table stood an old lady who must've been the dealer, she had another smaller table near her, going through other strange symbols too. Her hands were brittle and her sight felt like it could deceive me. Near her, there were two other people, a woman, tall but short, dressed in black and blooming with sorrow. She kept staring at a card that lay in her hand, almost ready to burst into tears. There was a faint light reflected on her card but there wasn't any source of light coming from anywhere. On the other side, there was a young man with his back turned, I thought I recognized him from somewhere but I couldn't place my finger on it. Covered in shadows, he kept his right hand on the left one, holding a strange sphere like object with a card stuck in-between. He didn't look any brighter either. 'Last one for this night, it would seem like it's your turn precursor, pick three coins. 'Her voice surprised me as I wasn't used to talking to people in my dreams, let alone take orders from them. Not to mention how the lemony aroma surrounding us made me stay in my place. Something compelled me to play this game. A feeling of closure of

some sort but I didn't know why.

‘Oh, I'm sorry, right away. ‘I did as she pleased and took three of the coins laying on the table without knowing what they meant, on them, the images of a blindfolded woman, a broken chest and a scarred child laid forth.

‘What now?’ I asked her, still not sure of myself. Still not sure if my decision was right. She pointed towards the part of the table where the symbols laid and told me to place the coins on three adjacent spots towards my heart inspire. As she said, so did I comply again, placing them on three random spots and I still didn't know.

‘What does any of these mean?’

‘It's easy my dear, it's your turn to turn the lever, have you not played the game before?’ She giggled even before I responded her. Reluctantly I said no, before I turned the lever around, twisting it with grace. The three coins I place shaped themselves into cards right in front of my eyes, but I couldn't see the images engraved on them. I didn't know why they were so blurred out but there was something behind all that dust and mist.

‘Go ahead and place them on the upper half of the counter and turn the lever again, I don't have all day.’ ‘I'm sorry; I still don't see the point of it.’

‘Just do it so we can all go.’ A grim tone came from behind the man before going silent. If I didn't know any better I would have thought that it came from something else than a human being. Throughout this whole session, she never loses eye contact with me; at least, if what the young man said was true, I could escape her unnerving stare. I started placing those cards, one by one when, before placing the last one, next to the others as I wanted to, something inside me told me not to do it. Instead, I had to place it one at the top of each other, before going on and turning the lever. Those cards merged together into a small deck of cards after doing so. The old woman was so excited to announce a winner, making the woman standing next to her even sadder for an unknown reason.

‘Yes, finally we got a winner, congratulations for getting an entire day at the festival during the day of the dead. ‘It took me a while to get it, but they both held cards, I was the only one who had a deck, yet I still didn't get it. Have I cheated? Did I deserve the visit?

‘No, you know what, you can give the visit to her, and I've got other things to take care off anyway.’

‘Well if you're so sure about it, don't forget, no take backs.’

‘Don't worry, I won't!’ The woman stopped crying before turning towards me. I wasn't able to see her that well before blacking out, just a small pearl necklace. There's no way for me to describe how I felt during the rest of the night since I'm not entirely sure myself, but if I had to describe it, the rest felt like a dark void. I returned back to not being able to see or feel anything, I can't feel like I'm touching the ground anymore, falling, floating or even if I had a body. Time became meaningless for a while, the moment I had consciousness, the sooner the next day began as if nothing happened. The morning came, or maybe it was passed noon, the light came from above me; I was still alive I guessed, with a big knife lying next to me. I didn't remember it being so close to me, ugh and my head felt like it was going to burst in any second now. It must have been a crazy night. Thankfully I don't have to work this day so I could resume my other work. Right after I eat and place this back to its place. Before resuming my daily activities, I checked every room again so I would be sure of it. A proper investigation was in order for me to find out what truly happened. But I won't be able to do it alone, at least not with an empty stomach. The kitchen and the rest of the room were untouched. It didn't come from the front door then, also, I believe I forgot to turn off the light on the

desk. I turned it off before taking two eggs from the basket; I started the fire and broke them off the frying pan, not too shabby I'd say. It went too smooth; enough that I didn't even need to add the oil. After looking at it, I was glad I didn't get to, from some odd reason, its color changed to white as it went stale. I enjoyed the rest of my meal on a plate with two slices from a loaf of bread; luckily I've already had the knife near me so slicing them was easy. While eating, I couldn't help myself but think about what happened last night unless Carla decides to come early to sniff around and disturb my investigation. Come to think of it, she's my friend and I'm being too hard on her sometimes. Maybe I should tell her I'm sorry. Out of the corner of my eye, I was able to see something or someone. Perhaps I was even hungrier than I thought if I started seeing things. I ate as quickly as possible, too troubled to want more made me stop from doing so. Perhaps it was time to go back there and search for anything that could help me, the only clue I was aware of was the open window, but harder cases have been solved over fewer clues so I can't complain. Before going back upstairs, I took a look at the front door, supposedly the monster tried coming through the main entrance and since it failed, it tried coming in through the window, on the other side. I don't remember placing a chair in front of the door, with a swipe I threw it away and kept searching for clues. First I start seeing things and now I this? Something is definitely not right with me. I will seek help after I find out the truth. If it really came, there must be footprints or paw prints, even scratches around. The door wasn't locked so I had no problem going outside to check, but there was no mark on the ground, the rain must have covered any trace, the sun was beating my eyes directly, I wasn't able to stand too much outside for that reason. On my way back in and towards the room where it might have happened, I started doubting myself, except hearing noises there was nothing that I could hold as proof of the encounter. Before checking in, I entered the room and changed my clothes, I should have done that as the first thing after waking up, even with my hunger. Anything from the closet would suffice. I took the first suit and tie I saw, throwing it at me while dismissing my other clothes on the bed. Then I thought what if Carla came and saw that mess? I turned around to get them, that's when I saw the window again, the same one that was open last night. Just as I thought, it had scratch marks all over its frame. As I tried feeling it, I got a splinter almost cut a decent part of finger right as I went through it. How did I manage to miss that? It felt refreshing knowing that I didn't go insane. Far from being happy though as the thought of it being real brought a burning sensation inside. If there really was a monster, the same one from ten years ago, the other citizens must have seen or heard about it, where could I start looking and asking though? Most of the shops were closed yesterday so I doubt there was even one out there that didn't follow the rest. Except the town tavern might have kept open, it's not possible that the same events that happened before repeated themselves, right? I got out and closed the door behind me, I had to know, and I can't stand that monster taking, even more, people. I splashed the puddles below my boots, too concerned for them that I didn't care; I couldn't care about anything else. On the middle of the road I stopped and asked myself, why would I go there? I'm sure they're fine and nothing happened to them, they couldn't have kept it open. No, I refuse to believe that history will repeat itself. I don't know with whom should I speak, except. The wind threw a small rose petal in front of me, I couldn't tell if it was a sign but Darya came to mind, she works at her father's flower store, maybe she saw something when she was out, and it's worth a shot. Disregarding my previous plan, I started walking to her store; I really hoped it was open. Most of the stores in this town kept a tight schedule but hers wasn't like the rest. The sun settled down now, it wasn't hurting my eyes as it once did, hard to believe it only took minutes. On my

way there I met Alex but I didn't have enough time to talk to him, it seemed like we never had.

'Hi, Alex, strange meeting you so early, by any chance, have you seen?' He couldn't talk to me either before passing me, he managed to say:

'I can't talk, got people to help, bye. 'I didn't manage to tell him goodbye and he could have been more, well mannered. I couldn't be mad at him, not when I was so close to uncovering the truth. I was at the store and it was open, now it was, the moment of truth, I entered it and said:

'Hello Darya, is your father here?' She smiled at me and nodded her head, I couldn't ask her what she saw but, on the other hand, I could ask him.

'Can I see your father Darya? It's really important. 'She nodded her head again but as a sign of refusal. Beyond that, Darya started looking around for something. I had to keep it simple. I never took the time to learn the sign language but I had other ways of speaking with her. They closed earlier last night so there must have been a reason for that. But she couldn't try to describe the whole day, unless she had something to do it with.

'Darya, do you have something to write on?' She started looking at the counter and under the flower pots but didn't show me anything. After that, she went back to the room behind her and vanished in there. I hope she had a hidden ace somewhere around there. I had no other options to communicate with her. So I waited and after a couple of seconds, she came back with a pen and some paper. Now, same as before, I wouldn't want to pressure her, even with her paper.

'Thanks for helping me, I really appreciate it. Now, have you seen anything yesterday? Anything unexplainable?

'She started writing on the paper for some time, right before handing it over to me, it read:

'I haven't seen anything unusual, my father told me to close it early but I couldn't figure why. 'In the paper, she also asked me if I was feeling all right but I chose not to read that part out loud. Instead, I told her:

'Thanks for asking me but if I was feeling bad, I would have told you. 'I gave her the pages back and noticed the uneasiness on her face as if she didn't eat my lie. It didn't take her long to finish and through it, she told me that I looked agitated but that wasn't all, she did want to help me because we're friends. I didn't think she would believe me even if I told her. After all, even Jon dismissed me and most likely thought I should be sent to the asylum.

'I can't really tell you, for your own protection, but please, if your father saw or heard anything; could you ask him to see me? It's at an utmost importance!' After taking the paper back again, she didn't write anything in the first few seconds. But after that, she decided to help me. As she did it, though, she tried looking away, concerned about something. She wrote down, why don't you go and ask him yourself? He got up early and went to the local market to buy some fruits. A long shot but if I was fast enough, I could catch up to him.

'Thank you, I'll see you later. 'I told her before dashing out of the store, almost hitting one of the clients who tried entering it. There was no time for me to apologize to the scruffy man. I had to be fast if I wanted to get to the market in the Spring Street in less than twenty minutes. It was far safer than using a carriage with all these accidents happening lately. After all, of this is over, I should buy her a gift. She really did bring me a lot of help and this isn't the only time she did so. I can still remember, a couple of years ago, when I was still trying to get used to this town. I was running errands and I fell right in front of her father's store, with both of my legs broken and in pain. At the time, I don't think she decided if she would take it not the family business, the think is that, even if we didn't know

each other that well, she was the first and only one to come to my aid, before calling a doctor. She wasn't able to call him but that didn't make her back down for the task. Darya searched everywhere until she found the doctor and brought him to me. That's her, always trying her best to help me and never asking anything in return. She's so different than anyone I've ever met, leaving me nothing but guilt for not repaying her enough. Despite that, she keeps being kind, making me feel bad and good at the same time. I wish I could say the same about the rest of the people from this town, but a lot of them wouldn't even bother to acknowledge my existence. Sometimes, I even wonder if they're worth saving, or being thought about. In the end it wasn't that bad, I had my leg sealed up for a week, and got to see her almost on a daily basis, in a way I was glad it happened. The market wasn't too far, just in time, I thought, mister Rimershot shouldn't be that far. He must have known something that his daughter didn't, why else would he close his store right before a monster attack? I need to try to find him, he's too important to let him slip through my fingers. Another chill went through my spine, this time, it got worse. There wasn't any reason for it to come and go like that. I had no time to think about it, not anymore; as I reached the place and realized that it wasn't going to be an easy task. It was full of people browsing through the stands for fruits and vegetables, from left to right, or maybe it was from right to left, I always got that confused. Rim could be anywhere here unless he finished and left back home, I had to appeal to one of the vendors if I wanted to catch him, luckily I knew a local from the inside. And I knew just the one, he used to be a farmer, Cervantes and, not to mention that he worked here for some time, he also knew what Rim looked like, and I got close to his stand and pretended to be interested in what he sold.

'Greetings Cervantes, that's a nice pair of. . 'I looked at his stand, trying to find the right fruit.

'Apples'

'Oh yeah, welcome, they are nice indeed, would you be interested in buying my apples? 'Not yet, I came for something else and I had no time to waste.

'Maybe later, have you seen, by any chance, Rimershot? You know the old man with a tiny bald spot on dressing like a pilgrim? '

'I don't know, it would seem like my memory is in a mint, perhaps buying something would refresh my memory, wouldn't you say?

'Getting blackmailed by a fruit vendor, that's the Cervantes I knew, I couldn't waste more time asking other so:

'A fresh pair of apples, also I'd like to know, have you ever heard something unusual, or seen anything yesterday?

'Cervantes grinned before answering my questions and giving me a huge bag of apples.

'Well, now that you mention it, no, I haven't noticed anything strange yesterday; this will cost you some extra apples, though. And about the old man, I've seen him, he went deeper that way, probably trying to get some fresh products, now, don't you have somewhere to be? 'He pointed towards the deeper part of the market; I thanked him and paid him for the apples, even for the extra ones. Whilst going there, I couldn't stop but think about him hiding something from me, something else that the apples he sold me not being fresh. So far, after a few steps in and avoiding the crowd, I wasn't able to see any sign of that old fox, either he was covering his track or my senses dulled down. I had to even step off to take a deep breath and think it through. I could try asking other people if they saw him, but they looked too busy to be bothered, not to mention that taking every stand and shop would take too much

time, I could even pass him by without ever knowing. Either way, I'm not doing anything by standing and talking to myself, perhaps it was time to take action. Then I saw Carla at one of the stands, buying and placing fruits in her basket. I was thinking about being saved by the bell, but that has already caused enough trouble. I decided to approach her, though:

'Hi Carla, strange meeting you here, isn't it? '

She almost jumped when she saw me, almost as if she's seen a ghost but still managed to respond firmly. 'Don't sneak like that; you almost gave me a heart attack. And where were you this morning? I wanted to call you so you could help me with my errands but you weren't there. '

'Well, I was busy dealing with some problems; I went to Darya to meet her father. . . Wait, it's not what you might be thinking. 'She smiled and laughed, most likely in a mean way.

'I didn't really think about it that way until you mentioned it, but thanks for that, I really needed it, and it's been a lousy day so far. 'She really had a nice way of getting away with anything, mean or not. But I had to ask her about Rim and I did it.

'Have you seen Mister Rimershot by any chance? I've searched everywhere for him almost everywhere but I couldn't find him. 'She looked towards the other side of the town, the part from where I came and told me.

'You just missed him, he's most likely back to his house, and by the way, he was walking slowly, even for his time and date. '

I thanked her for all the help she gave me, even if it wasn't too much.

'I should really go now, but thanks for the help, though. I promise I will help you next time with whatever you want. See you around. 'She waved at me before I lost all sight of her, damn, right before I could ask her about what she's seen. I couldn't believe that all of this was a waste of time; I was going in circles, without finding anything. Those marks on my window might as well been from a wild animal, making me go on the hunt for nothing and maybe my imagination was just trying to spice up my dull life. At least, there was a good thing that came out of it, I have a bag of apples, and maybe they could even prove useful though I doubt it. I had to know, it's not like I had something else better to do to occupy my life with and I was already on my way there. Maybe this was a wake-up call, I could visit Mannorstare again if both me and my guts agreed on it, but why now after so many years? And how come it came in my mind after so long to even think about visiting the place? My life somewhat turned to normal, I even managed to tune down my obsession for it. I could ask for a couple of days off but I doubt the boss would accept that, plus, who could keep an eye on Carla and the others? I had to stop thinking about it for a while as I arrived back at the store, I thought, Rim should be inside. Opening the door triggered the sound of a bell that wasn't in its current place earlier when I came inside, how peculiar.

'Hello Darya. ' I took a second to catch my breath after walking for so much time. Not only that my feet were sore but it wasn't long until they'd also start bleeding from the looks of it.

'Sorry for that, I should stop apologizing to everything but I meant it this time. I couldn't find your father but I thought he might have come back, is he here right now? 'She nodded her head, so I was right. There was a blank expression on her face as she saw the bag I was holding but I didn't know why. I didn't want to trade the bag of apples that I bought just to get her father's whereabouts. Yet I had to meet her father at all costs. The thought of it

amused me, as it was bought and about to be given for the same reason. 'Well you got me again Darya; these apples are indeed for you. 'I gave them to her and managed to steal another one of her smiles, second one from this day. This one was slightly different, uneasy, forced. It didn't matter how it felt, I was still glad she did it. Her small paper came out again as she started writing prematurely. She thanked me for the apples though it was slightly shaking. Except that, she did ask me if she should bring her father, to which I responded:

'Sure, I'll just wait here. ' Darya turned around and went into the room behind her, probably ready to honor my request to meet her father. I could buy one of these pots one day but I'm not the type who likes keeping flowers around. My expectations weren't at an all time end high. I thought I wasn't going to learn anything new, just like before when I thought I was getting closer to the faint line of truth but it turned out to be nothing. I deserved to feel release and not to remember something, every day that may or may nor even be true. What could it be taking her so much? She needs only to bring her father to me. Moments passed and he finally arrived, took him some time but I could sense that he was ready to see me face to face, like two puppets in a show. Something felt too odd about that thought. As expected, he made the first move, Rim looked deeply into my eyes, and he could probably see that I was forcing myself not to blink so I wouldn't miss anything. Mr. Rimershot took a deep breath and said to me:

'We need to speak to you in private, follow me. 'I closed my eyes in relief, from all of the pain I've felt and followed him beyond the counter, into the backroom. On my way, I passed Darya who just arrived at the front of the counter. She didn't pay any more attention to us as we were both on our way. You could barely distinguish the door from a wall, other people would call this room hidden, and I wonder what reason behind it was. Exactly what I assumed, on the other side it was just a big room filled with empty pots and other plants being ready for deployment. The whole setup looked odd, some of the pots were cracked, the light bulb was either broken too or it didn't have enough power to make everything from inside the room visible. And there he was, Rim stood on a barrel, probably even full of fish from the looks of it. In front of us, there was a small table with an empty seat waiting for me to get on. I could see that behind him there was another door, most likely leading to his home, enough milking around. I had to accept his open invitation and take a seat. The only hope I had is that he didn't notice me looking around where I didn't belong but I had to do it, not many people probably even got the prestige of getting invited in, so I could make the best of it. 'You probably know why I'm here and if you don't I'll be blunt with you in a moment. I don't care if you believe me or not, if you think I'm a lunatic, or delusional, crazy or whatever else I could be called but trust me, I have seen it first hand, a long time ago and I almost got to see it again yesterday. I'm looking straight into your eyes and I can see that you're unmoved. Something tells me that you know what I'm talking about it so don't try to lie to me. Now, I don't know why you've never come to help me or even tell me everything is fine but now, now I only need some answers. All the resent I've held against you has long passed on. 'My eyes were almost red, I was doing my best not to start crying, not in front of other people, never in front of other people because no one believed I was saying the truth, and the thought of him being like the rest of them could crush me even more inside. In their eyes, I was just an orphan child that chose to run away from what was left of his family, who made a crazy story to explain the trauma he went through.

'I think we both know the truth Rim, please, I'm not prideful enough to admit my plea of help, and so, will you help me? I need only to know, nothing more, nothing less. 'He looked at me, knowing that he couldn't refuse. Sweat

going down through his stuffy eyebrows, he knew or, at least, that's what I thought, about my history. But how much did he know compared to me? His lips were dry but it looked like he was going to move them after all, ready to bestow his knowledge upon me, maybe even making everything less painful.

'Look now, I want you to listen to me clearly because what I'm going to tell you is important so I'm not going to tell you twice, though. I know what you went through, even if know isn't the right word since I've never been part of such an event as yours; I've never lost so many people that I barely knew about but you were just a child. Maybe . . . maybe this has gone too far, too long, you deserve to know why it happened, but yes, the creature that you've encountered that night, the same one who came again to our town is just as real as you and me. 'I couldn't believe it but this was it, the marks, the journal, the notes, the night and the confession, I was happy, perhaps not so much, but at least relieved to know that I was right, though it was short lived since it wasn't everything. 'I can't tell you every detail, not only for your sake but for everyone else's sakes except. . . That, that night in the tavern, everyone in there was used as sacrifices, but the ritual was never completed. At least you're alive, you are, and the monster shouldn't come back for some time now. Now, I need you to promise that you won't go and tell anyone about our conversation, no one must know that we even met this day, understood? 'I stared at him after hearing everything but I was speechless, this didn't end up like I planned, not only that I've got a target on my back but I wasn't far from being treated as a stranger by Rim.

'I understood sir. But before I got and I won't, not until you answer me my questions, let's start with the beginning, how did you know about everything? And how come? 'I was topped by him after he slammed his hands on the small table as if our business was concluded. Before leaving the room, he did assure me that I won't ever be alone and I will be safe from now on. I was a different person when I got out of the room. Seeing Darya crying made me think that, perhaps I didn't change enough to not help a friend in need. I gave her a napkin from my pocket as a friendly gesture; we weren't so different after all. I didn't need it anymore so I left after that, with the light still in the sky, I had nothing but time to read my notes and the journal. Who knew, maybe other people from here knew too, maybe I could even organize a riot and drive the beast out of Mannorstare by the end of a torch or another. The entire world could find out what I uncovered. Not to get over my head yet, but with Rin's confession and the fact that I managed to live through it twice, the future didn't look as damned at least until our third encounter. On the way home, a variety of thoughts went through my head, something didn't add up. How come Rim decided to help me after all these years? And I was sure it wasn't because of the small speech I gave him, no matter how truthful it was. He acted like Jon did when I came to him; it couldn't be a coincidence for both of them to act up at all of the sudden. There's also the beast, it came into my house through the window, but it didn't end up doing anything except leave some scratch marks and almost give me a heart attack. I can't forget that Jon and his mother are involved with it directly. Nothing can surprise me anymore. Perhaps I'm missing, somehow a piece of this unfinished puzzle, which would make my entire progress pointless without it. This time, I've got faster to my house, a lot faster than before, it was the time to find out what was in that journal, but first. I closed the door behind me, feeling like I was a changed person when I entered it but not enough to not recognize the slamming sound of it behind me. After a quick search, the windows were closed and the rooms were empty. I didn't forget what Rim told me, but I wanted to be safe, just as a precaution. After that, I went to my desk to find that the journal was, fortunately, still there where I

left it. Though I don't entirely remember ever taking it out of my backpack and placing it there, I had to get to the bottom of it before I would lose my mind. I wasn't sure what to do from there, either continue reading from where I left off, or just search for clues and patterns in her writing. Maybe even both if I had the time. Something strange came through my mind. What if the monster didn't come for me but for the journal? Luckily for me, it didn't get to catch any of us, I wouldn't expect anything less from a gutless snapper who confused me for a window. That's the least of my worries now, as I think I might be lead on a false track by something or someone. I keep getting distracted, what was I doing? Oh, the journal, getting lost in my own thoughts and theories can get troublesome at times. I opened it, finally deciding to check where I was left the last time, falling through her grace, in sadness and love, which leaves me on, here:

'10th April 1826 I know I haven't written in here for some time, for that I'm sorry. Four years passed since I'm with Jon, I really hoped that my life would change with him and it did. But not the way I thought it had. I thought the pain might go away but it didn't. I thought I could trust people but I can't. It keeps following me, hiding away but he can't escape the tail of my eye. 'The rest of the page was covered in something I couldn't describe, so I had to go to another one, still from the same date:

'So many things happened in the past five years, people have disappeared and no one even talks about them, no one is allowed to. In fear of what might come to stray me from my family, I tried fleeing the town with my daughter but I was captured and taken back there. 'I stopped there when I noticed that Jon had a sister. Who might've been alive by the time it happened. I couldn't stop there, I had to know more.

'I could finally see their true colors, this cursed place. I was no longer its citizen but its prisoner. And so was Jon now, all because of me. 'She mentions being a prisoner yet again but still. . . Not enough information, maybe if I'd skip to the last pages of the journal, then I could find something useful. I didn't have the time or the convenience of checking every page, even if I wanted. The last two pages had no date written on them and the writing got rougher. I couldn't stop myself from thinking that; these might have been her last thoughts, her last words she's written before she died. I had a suspicion of who she was but I couldn't be sure. What I was doing right here was important, people deserved to know what happened there and how dangerous the place is, they just had to know. The last pages of her memoir read exactly:

'It took me a while until I realized it was finally over, at least for me. This will most likely be the final entry in my journal, with my hopes that one day, anyone who would find it would also heed my warning. I loved my children and I would sacrifice anything to keep them safe, Jon, Elizabeth. 'Strange, the third name of the child was unreadable, almost sealed by the ink it was once written with.

'I know I wasn't there for them, to see them grow, to watch over them, to sing the same lullaby my mother used to do to me when I was a child. To tell them I didn't mean to do it, that I should have been more patient, more understanding. I tried my best but it wasn't enough. It took a lot of time for me to come to terms with myself and my decisions but I managed to do it. 'I had to stop once again, feeling nauseous from just reading it. That moment had a familiar feeling somehow but I couldn't tell why I felt like that. But the warning she left made no sense at all.

'The death of my loved one and my infant child bear towards the first of the sect. 'I had to figure out what it meant, but it was so hard to concentrate, so many thoughts flew through my head, what I've learned today almost

overshadowed my past research and notes. I had to try calming myself down before going on. First thing, I had to deduce what she meant by the death of her loved one and the infant child, if it came to the dates they died, maybe even the way they passed on. . I started going page by page, looking at their every corner, trying my best to find anything mentioning any of their deaths. She never escaped, I doubt her husband did either, but somehow Jon escaped from there. It was getting even harder, trying to focus on both my ideas and the memoir. There was no time for slacking off; I quickly got back to work, trying to find what I wanted to know. Circling through pages didn't seem like it was going to be the most enjoyable activity. There wasn't any other way to do it; I knew what had to be done. Minutes passed and time dissipated as I checked for keywords on pages, she must have, definitely written something other about death or about how Jon escaped, somewhere around here. It's never easy with complicated puzzles, take one piece and you can never complete the whole image. There's also the part 'first of the sect', which I had no clue what it meant but it was related to, possibly two deaths. Come to think of it, Darya's father told me about that night when everyone was supposed to be used as sacrifices. But how come I was one of them? I haven't grown up there, I just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, but they weren't. No, they were kept in the town by the others, getting them ready to end up just like the people no one was supposed to talk about. A few knocks on the door interrupted me, right when I was getting closer to something. I made my way to the door, wondering who might be on the other side. It couldn't be. Rim wouldn't lie straight to my face. I was bold about it, I just opened it, my hand swept through all the locks like they were nothing, and there she was, Carla. As usual, she came to slow down any trace or progress I was trying to achieve; then again, it couldn't be helped.

'Greetings Carla, how may I help you? '

With the door barely open and my body motion blocking what could, or rather couldn't be seen inside. I stood tall, trying to hide the mess that occupied my home. I should have expected that she would try seeing what I was trying to hide. Lifting herself up her heels, trying to look left and right, only to have her moves copied by mine in order to block her visibility.

'So what are you hiding behind you back? '

She asked me, then I quickly responded with a false half made grin, 'Nothing, I'm just enjoying the. . . '

Nothing came to my mind as she stared right at me, piercing my very soul with her eyes. I'm usually a bad liar but this time, it wasn't even worth trying. She did notice though and played along:

'I'm glad you're enjoying it, but I was going to ask you if I may enter? I've got some good news that might include you too. '

She didn't even give me time to blink so I took the bait:

'I don't really feel like fighting you on these two open fronts, just give me a second to clean some things and I'll let you in.

'I didn't close the door in front of her, not wanting to be rude, instead I left it almost open, hoping she wouldn't come in yet.

'Fine, I will wait for some time, but don't take too long, it's important. Also, it's freezing out here.

'That was the voice I've heard from behind, when I made my way to the desk, pretending to clean some of the dust on it. I wasn't sure she was spying on me, but it had to be kept secret, I had to keep the journal away from her. I

proceeded to place it in one of the drawers of the desk next to some old papers. It was a shame that I couldn't keep reading it undisturbed, but I could continue after she left. One step at a time, the dishes inside the sink were still dirty and unwashed. I couldn't let her see them and hear even more snarky remarks so I tried making a run for it and cover them with one of the small novelettes. It was only a mere sprint that left me at the middle point between the living room and the kitchen, that's when I stopped. The door was closed and in front me it Carla stood still, watching me do nothing, almost frozen, only being able to see her with the tail of my eye. There was no way for me to know how much she saw, but it was an awkward moment for both of us. Obviously I looked like a fool, acting childish for no other reason than not to embarrass myself, in which case, I failed. I turned towards her, trying to think of a good explanation, something other than the truth, instead, I asked her about what:

'Did you want to tell me? I shouldn't keep you waiting even more than you're supposed. '

'Stop right there, I don't care if you're trying to hide something or not, but changing the subject like that? ' I knew she would figure out what I was doing but the possibility of her not knowing what I was hiding was much greater. Getting her to be angrier was the easiest way to distract her, so I told her:

'Carla, how could I change the subject if we didn't even speak about anything? ' That response did make her give me a mean look, not in a hateful way, but the same one you'd give to a child after he's done something wrong.

'You know what I meant to say by that, so stop acting like a prick. Now, do you want to hear the good news or not? ' Carla used a more serious tone than before.

'Of course, I want to hear the good news; we could have a seat in the kitc. Or we could sit on the couch and tell me all about it. 'I pointed towards it and we both sat on the couch, as a sign of peace. As a sign of peace, I offered her a cup of tea that was soon denied just as it was asked of me. The couch was as red as my blood, even ticker, I could still remember when I first got it from a grand sale, wait, I had to listen to Carla, getting her even more mad would end up as a poor judgment call. Standing close to her made me feel strange, we've been friends for as long as I could remember, maybe just close acquaintances for some years, but I never took the time to stay and talk to her for no reason. I ignored the fact that she came here specifically to tell me something. Carla felt more than a friend to me, more like a sister, or even a cousin that has her entire purpose to make my entire life into a mess. Even then, even if it would be enough for me to call her on it, past both of our remarks and the times we made fun of each other, she remained close to me. She suddenly waved her hand in front of my eyes and asked me if I was:

'Okay? You've been staring at me for a while without saying anything as if you weren't even here with me when I was talking. .

'I really hated it when it happened, I should speak with my mouth instead of my mind more often, 'Sorry for that, I'm easily distracted by my own thoughts, in my own world, it can't really be helped. '

She rolled her eyes after hearing it, I thought she was used to it by now; probably it was different this time, 'It's fine, just forget I even asked if you're going to be so difficult about it. Now, after such a huge delay, I can finally tell you, it's about a new lead we can follow but before I tell, I want you to tell me if you're done with your problems so you could hear me out. 'I didn't know what she was up to and why it couldn't have waited another day or two, but I was about to find out, that's why I asked her:

'What is it, this time, Carla? I really hope it's not a rumor just like the last time because you know how that ended. 'She then replied to me, ready to start a whole

debate on the subject, as if I was the one to be blamed for what happened.

‘What do you mean by how that ended? It was your fault in the first place that we got kicked out.’ Carla stopped there, even she probably knew that we won't get far by arguing about it, instead she kept telling me about it.

‘You know what? I've got a better idea, just shut up and listen because this time I know what I'm talking about. There are rumors, solid this time that a scoundrel might come tomorrow in our small town. . ’ ‘Sorry for the interruption Carla, but you know better than to chase a rumor, even if, what's so special about that scoundrel? I hope you're not going to tell me about another royalty coming again.

‘Carla scratched the back of her neck, most likely thinking that I smelled something fishy about it. Maybe it was a fish merchant, travelling from town to town, resupplying food stocks for those settlements without fishermen.

‘I can assure you that this time; my sources are relatively close to being sure about the scoundrel and his importance. ‘

I couldn't even comprehend what she was trying to tell me, she must have been hiding something from me, or taking us to another foul lead. I started questioning her even more:

‘Carla, I still don't understand why can't you tell me what's going on. Why can't you just say it out loud, what do you mean by his importance? What do you know about him? ’

Carla looked towards the door for a moment after I made her feel uneasy. I didn't want to make her leave but I had to know more about what she was trying to tell me. She turned her gaze back to me after and told me:

‘I can't specifically tell you who he is and what he sells, but it's important, for me at least. I should get going now; I've got other matters to take care off today. ‘She suddenly rose up from the couch, the excitement she once had turned into distress, as if she made a bad decision and felt guilty about it. I tried my best to stop her while trying to not offend her even more than she was.

‘Wait, Carla, is there something wrong? Did I ask something I wasn't supposed to? If that's the case, I'm truly sorry about it. Please, you barely came in here to tell me something important and then you started acting strangely after I asked you about it. ‘I obviously didn't make the situation any better, nor did I try making her feel uncomfortable on purpose. She told me one last thing before making her way out the door:

‘There's no problem, I know it's not your fault, I thought I could do this, tell you about it. . . but it's hard for a reason I couldn't explain to you, that you wouldn't understand anyway. I really hope you will understand, I promise that everything will become crystal clear, tomorrow when we meet him. . ’ After telling me that, she sprinted through the door without even looking back. I wouldn't make that good of a friend if I didn't follow in her path and try calming her down. On my way, I took both the keys and my coat and locked the house before trying to chase her. I was either too slow, or she was as fast as a cheetah since she was nowhere to be seen and I did look around, everywhere and couldn't see where she went. Where would she go? She's usually going back home after buying her groceries and spends a lot of time there, it's a big shot but I could be right about it. I started walking towards where she lived, the street was unclear, but the building wasn't far from where I lived, a small house to be called sweet home with a sweet strawberry scent on it. What was so important about that scoundrel that made him so important? I don't think I've ever seen her get so emotional about someone, especially if that someone would be just a merchant who's coming here for no more than, I'd say days at most. It's also so sudden, as she just came in to tell me about it after

finding it. Then she freaked out and ran away, resenting me. After a few close calls that I managed to avoid and didn't trip on the rocks left on the street, I found myself in front of her house. I even stepped on some, luckily for me that I wasn't bare feet and didn't feel any pain. I had to make it quick, after all, I would make my way back home after, so I might as well do it fast and decisive. Her door looked taller than it used to be, which made me hesitate to knock on the door. As soon as I stopped myself from trying to do it, I realized that I didn't know what to tell her. She did say that she will explain everything one day later and maybe it was the right thing to do, overreacting and leaving my house. What's wrong with me? What if she's in pain and came to me seeking for help and I just drove her away like I always do? But I couldn't stop myself; I had to know who the mysterious merchant was. . . I didn't come here for nothing, but I couldn't stand in front of her without saying anything. I cared about what she felt, I wanted to act serious about her problems and at the same time there wasn't any excuse for my behavior, nor could I lie about it. Time passed, seconds turned into minutes and I was still trying to decide on what to do. I couldn't stop thinking about what she told me, analyzing it in my mind, tearing it, slowly into words, pieces, parts, even patterns. Maybe the right decision was to trust her; one day couldn't harm anyone, could it? I hated it, being forced to wait, every time she had a problem, she dragged me down to the ship, making me feel about it and, this time, it was even worse. Maybe I should go to a tavern later and try releasing all the extra stress someone keeps adding on to me, making me even madder than I am, waiting to blow all the rage stored inside. Either way, I couldn't wait any longer or I didn't feel like my current response to her would appeal so I started walking back home. All the way towards it felt longer than before when I went towards her house, but I didn't take any other look back at her, I couldn't do it anymore. My deepest wish was that I could be there for her. Especially now with everything I have learned. But I couldn't do it without her approval. Fits of anger came into my head as if I was possessed, dark images flashed in front of my eyes. Burning through them, after that I fell down, everything falling with me into darkness. One second it all felt cold and in the next one it felt like someone closed my access to the outside world. Everything felt strange, one moment I was outside, and then after a blink, I was in the middle of a dark room. I was tied up with what seemed to be some braided ropes, wrapping me from the neck to my feet, leaving just enough space to look around. How did I get here from there? I haven't dreamed in a long while so this couldn't be it, at least if I'd be able to move, it's all pointless. It didn't take long for me to be alarmed as frightening sounds came from everywhere around, someone was scratching metal with scythes, footsteps followed them not too late after, barely hearable at first but getting louder and louder. I started squirming all around, trying to loosen up the rope so I could try to escape, my desperate attempt didn't work at all, and I could feel it, something was coming. I continued twisting my body from right to left, at the same time I was also looking around, hoping that I could find something, anything that could help me escape but it was too dark. None of this can be real, it doesn't make any sense. Perhaps I have finally lost my mind. I'm being held in a straitjacket, that must be it, but it doesn't explain the frustrating sound that won't stop!

'It's all in my head, all in my head, and all in my head. Nothing can hurt me; nothing will hurt me, all in my head. 'I kept repeating that for a while and maybe I was right about it, the sound just stopped for a moment, but was it because of me? Could it be that I've lost my mind, that none of what happened in the past ten years, my entire life wasn't real? I didn't know what to think, what to say, how to deal with it, if only she was here, if only anyone was here with me, anyone at all. Before I could even finish my thought, the sound of a door opening broke the silence,

not so far from where I was, I could see a shadowy figure of something approaching me. There was no explanation rather than me being dead and punished for some crime I've committed. I started hyperventilating as soon as I saw it; fear ran through my eyes and fled my body just to return soon after. I've recognized it, as it got closer to me I was able to see, this time, it was more than a glance. The disgusting creature, its body was almost as tall as mine. Its limbs were double of that, both in number and in length, with claws and paws alike, everything covered with scales, fur and more eyes than I could count, all of them staring menacingly at me. That thing slowly crawled towards me, wiggling what seemed to be two long scalpel tails with scattered eyes on them, flailing them up in the air. With the skin as red as, no, that wasn't the color of its skin, that must have been blood, and a lot of it. The head was hidden somewhere in that small hill-like beast, I wish I could pass out at this moment. I had no way out and no intention to find out what the rest of it looked like. After so many years, I couldn't believe it came back to finish the job it once started. My whole body was shaking, so did my mind, hoping that the creature was just a hallucination. I was so afraid to die that I would have traded my sanity instead. From under its body, two long worm-like appendages extended towards me. The creature stopped for a second, moving those horrendous things around my body. I couldn't even make a sound if I wanted to. Those limbs of the creature, they kept sweeping around the ropes and my body, trying to reach my head probably. They didn't look strong enough to hurt me, probably even sensitive. As soon as one of them came in reach, I mustered up my entire strength and took a bite out of it. With what I had left, I ripped some of the slimy skin off it, making the monster retract both of its appendages back under him and unleash a terrible screech that echoed throughout the small room we were in, maybe even farther. It was so loud that it almost made my ears bleed and fall off. Not to mention that I couldn't stand the mercury taste from my mouth it left me after biting it clean. The deafening noise stopped, just as I was ready to lose my hearing and the monster kept walking towards me again. This couldn't be happening, this was unreal. It kept coming closer until it wrapped a couple of its claw-like limbs around me. The ropes and its limbs made it even harder for me to breathe. I didn't know why it was doing that to me, why couldn't all just end? I felt like there wasn't much more left out of my life so I yelled at it.

'What do you want from me you tormenting freak? I've done nothing to wrong to you, why am I being judged like that?' I kept shouting at it, but it didn't respond at all, it just kept torturing me like a mindless grunt. I couldn't keep myself together as I started relentlessly crying and screaming over the pain caused by those crushing claws. Somehow they went through the ropes and punctured into my back, digging deeper and deeper. Screams of agony kept coming from me, followed by screams for help but no one could help or save me, there wasn't anyone there anymore. Something kept me alive and awake to the point where it stopped, with its claws close enough to my vital organs, the pain and the blood that came out of them was unexplainable. My voice was the first one to die out, but the pain kept on kicking in, the shaking room followed soon after, and I couldn't figure it out. Everything started going even darker than it was before, but before the light in my eyes perished. I felt the greatest pain I have ever felt in my entire life, as that abomination of nature ripped out my entire body with its limbs from inside. I thought this was going to be the last time I closed my eyes, but after a blink, I fell on the ground. My whole body went into a convulsion; I couldn't control any muscle or part of my body, even my head started moving on its own like it was trying to snap my neck. I didn't know what happened, nor why there wasn't anyone around but I was back on the

street, shaking on the ground like a scared mouse. Regaining the control over my body took some minutes, after what I could only describe to be a panic attack, I managed to drag myself and support on the nearest wall, confused, scared and all alone. I didn't know if I could trust my senses anymore, I looked around without knowing if it was real or not, but I was alive. Inhaling and exhaling are the only things I could be doing without the interruption of my own thoughts, which I did. My vision was still blurry, and I didn't believe it might ever come back, but as long as the pain was over and I wasn't going to see it anymore, I could manage to recover. All lies, trying to make myself feel better and sane, to explain the unexplainable, I couldn't even return home for fear that it might come again after me; it must know where I live. The same thing scrambled my head and messed up my sense. I opened my mouth and yelled for help:

‘Anybody, I need help. . . I'm begging you, if you can hear me. ’ And I waited, desperately for someone to answer my plea. So I stood there and sobbed for, I don't know how much time, but still no one came, no one must have even heard it, just like it happened before when I was trapped there with that monster. . . Even trying to think about what happened there gave me terrible headaches, the more I thought, the more painful it got. Slowly I tried lifting myself up, I couldn't wait for help to find me; I had to search for it myself. Going back home wasn't a valid choice anymore; I couldn't live alone, not anymore, not after all of this. After a few attempts and a couple of failures which resulted in me falling back on the ground, feeling like my bones were brittle as they touched the cold stone. Each attempt made me want to give up and curl into a ball just to feel safe. I still couldn't do it, but I couldn't give up either. The pain, even if it wasn't that bad, it started coming back, just like before, I didn't want to think that I was still there and just imagining that I escaped, but it felt like it. When I got up on my feet, I still couldn't see that well, everything was wrong. It wasn't that my eyes were blurry, but a thick fog got all around me. It took me long enough to realize it, looking at my hands and seeing them as clear as before meant that everything else got lost in the mist. The same mist that one would encounter from somewhere up high, it didn't make any sense for it to be here. I wasn't able to see anything inside it except myself, nor could I hear anything but the wind, no one around to make step noises. The nightmare wasn't over yet though I wish it was, I would give anything to end it. The mist could be toxic, I wasn't going to take any deep breaths in it, and perhaps it was time to find out where I am and if there are other people with me. Weighing my alternatives gave me less than a few options to go on, I could wait exactly where I was, stray from there or move alongside the wall. It certainly seemed like a good idea to choose the wall, at least if I managed to keep my hand on it, I couldn't get lost. Keeping quiet for the time being, if everything I've experienced before actually did happen and somehow I've received a second chance to survive also sounded like a good plan, after all, it could have followed me here. I really hoped it didn't, I did shout for help earlier and it could have heard me, leading it straight towards where I was. While grabbing what was left of my body and sanity, I started walking farther away, hoping to find somebody. My whole situation got even more peculiar after I touched the wall, the feel of cold stone turned into what I thought to be flesh and pores. I quickly took my hand off and got closer to examine the anomaly, past the blur and the mist, the wall seemed to be assimilated, absorbed by this strange organ. After I got closer I could see antennas popping out of the skin, long and pointy and very much alive. One thing was made clear; I wasn't in my town anymore, unless this strange thing swallowed it. This couldn't be it; even my plan wasn't an alternative anymore since I wasn't going to touch it, not any longer. There had to be another way to do it, there wasn't any other

choice, I took a look at my coat and started pulling, hard enough to rip off a huge chunk of it that I used to wrap around my hand. A whisper came from my lips: 'Here goes nothing', as quiet as possible before touching what used to be the wall. I resumed my walk, still being disturbed by everything, just walking without feeling the need of hunger nor thirst, even the pain went away after a while, probably followed in their path. Without any means to know the time, not even a clock, I wasn't sure how much time has passed, could have been minutes up to hours but I could feel it, getting even sicker of walking. What was the point of it? I couldn't see much in front of me. I couldn't hear anything. I couldn't even know if any progress was made at all. A few more steps and I stopped my perpetual motion to shout. With enough power to permanently damage my vocal cords to the point of no return.

'I give up you bastard, you did it, you finally got me! Come and face me you spineless gutter, just finish it!' I couldn't take it anymore so I gave up, this torture was too much to take, first the pain, now this. After laying my head on the fleshy wall, it struck me, I could see everything clearer than before, so far I tried walking in a straight line for who knows how long believing it's the right choice, but what if I strayed off the road? I looked up hoping I could see the sky but the mist was there too, the mist was everywhere. I could have tried running aimlessly, without taking any direction and trying to put my trust of my instincts and senses once again. This place started getting to my head, or maybe it was vice versa. Either way, I wasn't going to spend more time in it. I wasn't planning an attack on my sanity so I started with a sprint that somehow became a full pledged flight like rush, straight into the unseen. It was a miracle that I didn't manage to trip and fall down, especially since I was clumsy, so I kept running whilst having a strange sensation, like a Déjà vu. With each step I laid upon the ground, the next one become even more violent, pushing my limits, almost crushing my bones, everything that would probably be for nothing. Being headed towards nothing but more mist. How did I get here? I kept asking myself, I couldn't remember what happened after I visited Carla. I tried to remember but it was all blank, it was in a blink of an eye that I found myself here. I was so distracted by my own dilemma that I didn't manage to see it in time. The mist made enough space for a wall to appear in front of me, a wall in which I ran into and managed to knock myself down. Both of my eyes got closed because of the impact. I was so afraid that I might suffer a head trauma from it that I hesitated to open my eyes for a second. After opening them, I found myself standing in my chair, back in my house, almost as if I awoke from a dream. Something inside told me not to question what happened or how I got back, but to be thankful that I was still alive and safe in my home. I couldn't believe it was over unless it was just a replica of my real house created by a higher force that wanted to mess with me. I wouldn't mind the company if it wasn't so inhumane. Two basic scenarios ran through my head, the first one being that I was somehow blessed to escape that endless run and the second one, that I wasn't home yet. I could be wrong in both cases and I could have dreamed about it if it wasn't for how real it felt like. There wasn't any hurry anymore, dream or reality; at last, I could rest in my chair without being forced to touch anything or to run away. With all the fuss in my head, I didn't notice but now that I was placed straight in front of the entrance. Am I waiting for someone? I thought to myself, right before hearing two loud knocks on it. Only two of them, though? I thought there would, at least, be three of them. Quite strange they came right after I thought of it. I should keep that in mind in case it wasn't over yet. The knocks got louder and happened more often before I decided to walk towards the gate. Some sounds were present too from upstairs. That didn't

bother me, I was too compelled to go and open the door. I felt heavier on my feet, at least until the moment I got there and opened the door. For Carla? She was staring at me from outside. The whole time slowed down between us and the bright light that came behind her, slowly enveloping everything behind her, then her entire body, with her face and eyes looking towards me for one last time before dissipating into the light. Shortly after the light made its way into the house, everything in sight was about to get devoured by it. I looked behind me to see a broken window with nothing but darkness in it. Distracted by the image inside it, I didn't resist the light as it covered my whole body. I didn't feel the need to run, I didn't feel anything, just floating in a white sky without feeling sadness anymore, but it all had to end as the light turned into darkness once again. Everything I've done so far lead me to a sad conclusion and at the same time. Neither fate nor the destiny decided to ever give me closure. Instead, they decided to cooperate upon the utter eradication of every aspect of my life. I could remember simpler times, long before what happened now but not enough for me to forget where it started, I kept thinking about him.

Bartholomew, the man who took me as if I was his own child, the same one who took care of me after leaving my real parents. I promised to myself that I wouldn't even mention his name, but this might be my final hour. The simple memory of him, even a mention could bring me joy. If my memory serves me right, it was just after the counter with that thing, days passed and I was still in shock, so shocked that I wouldn't talk to anyone after. I could still remember how I was so ashamed of my decision, leaving my home to follow a stupid dream. Not being brave enough to help. Not daring to return back to my family. To my caring mother who was full of grief because of her loss. To my father, who would've given me a good beating for being reckless. But most of all to both of them, because, disregarding everything else, they were still my parents and I loved them. So much time passed between then and now. I'm not even able to remember what they looked like. I wish I knew what happened to them, if they're still alive, even if they think about me as I think about them. How could I have been so afraid and stupid back then? I ran away from my problems for so many times during my entire life that it's hard to think that's going to end the same way it all started once. I couldn't remember everything like big chunks during my growth, but I used to have a good grip, I did manage to get to this town, in which I was currently living in. It didn't end up well for me at the start, as I got taken by the authorities and got placed in a foster home. Refusing to give them the whereabouts and livingness of my parents is what got me there in the first place. I wasn't planning to return after everything that happened. Fortunately, I wasn't there for long, even if I got attached to some of the other, real orphans there and wanted to stay. Daniel, Anna and Dawn are a few of them. They really made my life easier when I was there, but, like all good things in life, our livelihood had to end. While reminiscing, something strange happened, it didn't really surprise me, considering what happened so far, but I could see different shades of darkness started swirling around and becoming objects. A room was created right in front of my eyes and under my feet, filled with old toys, everything black, slowly getting colored by themselves, the blue colored wood all around me. A single flashing lamp spreading light across the forming room, this was one of the rooms from the orphanage I was thinking about. . And it just rematerialized. I've looked at my own hands and feet but I didn't see mine, but those of a child. I couldn't forget that none of this was real, not even for a moment, even if it felt really amazing. On the top of a newly formed desk from the room, there was a small calendar with the day may twenty, the day I've met Bart and got adopted, or rather taken care off. My mother always used to say that you can choose your friends but you can't choose your

parents, perhaps she was wrong. . I've felt so much guilt over the years after I ran off, maybe this was another second chance. I could go back to them and tell them how sorry I am, real or not, I had to take my chances with them, and you don't get an occasion like this every day. I didn't know if I was younger or just looked like it, inside I felt the same whilst everything around looked bigger. Not too tall or too short that I could open the door of my room. A few looks around and I've managed to see the headmistress talking to someone at the end of the corridor, right before the main window. I had to act fast if I wanted to succeed, so I closed the door as soon as I saw her and locked it from inside. She probably has keys for every room in here. I should block it with something and exit through the window since I doubt I could sneak behind her, not to mention the main entrance being out of reach too. Being a child again has its disadvantages; I didn't feel like I had my entire strength with me. Trying to move the big drawer to block the door did result in a failure, though. I did end up using a chair instead of it. I managed to place it in a manner that would prevent the door knob from being twisted and opening the door that should buy me enough time to escape. Next part of the plan came in motion, I had to check the window and how high I was. Thankfully, it wasn't a long jump from the bed to the window, but another problem came, a small latch kept it locked and I wasn't sure if I would be able to pick it. I tried pulling the bar that kept it locked, as hard as I could but I wasn't able to open the rusty thing. Time is essential, not one second could be wasted if I wanted to escape, If only I had something to break it down, then I could make it. Meanwhile, the sounds from the hallway got louder; something was approaching my current position. I couldn't explain why but I've grown sensitive to sounds of footsteps and such. No time to think about it, I couldn't be caught doing something suspicious; it was either escape or a failure. Nothing from the room looked heavy or hard enough to break the lock, and then I remembered. If all of this came from my thoughts, maybe there was a chance of me able to control it. It's worth a shot anyway. My eyes were closed, and I tried clearing my mind before thinking about something that could help me unlock that window, like some cooking oil, so slip past it. When I opened my eyes, there it was, nothing, I had no clue what I expected to happen, materializing objects would make everything too easy I presume. Time was running out for me, a familiar feeling though and I've done nothing but block the door and wishful thinking, all pathetic and in vain. Their voices got even louder. I could even suspect that they could be right outside the door, making my plan futile. In a last attempt, I started searching everywhere in the room, throwing stuffed brown colored teddy bears around. Useless it would seem until I searched the desk and found a small iron hammer. I couldn't even start to think about how many wrong points are implied by the location of the tool in here. What was it doing so close to the reach of the children from the orphanage? Could it be that I created it with my mind, or was it there in reality too? Time wasn't waiting for me to answer any of the questions, soon I started ignoring them and started banging on the latch, whoever was behind the door could break through my barricade at any give time and stop me. My grip was tighter than a strong alloy on the iron hammer; this was it, the sturdy latch in front of me. I lifted my arm up so I could strike it at its full potential, then I started relentlessly pounding upon it. Each strike resonated everything around me as if the whole structure got affected by my blows, some objects changed colors for mere glances of my eyes. Even some of their parts disappeared for an instant before coming back. The latch didn't budge from my strikes, but with everything that's been happening around I thought I could manage to destroy it with enough hits. I wasn't the only one pounding, at the same time as I was, someone was desperately trying to enter the room and stop me, both of out blows

contributed to a nice symphony of struck metal and wood. Just a couple of more strikes and the lock would be done for, one last shot and. . In a final assault, with all the strength I was able to collect from the recently discovered undeveloped body, I broke it, with a vibrating strike that echoed, not only here, but across the room, dematerializing some of the toys around me and cracking the whole window with its entire frame. The door behind me was almost pinned down too, this was my chance, and I got closer to what was left of the window, no more than rubble from a big hole. I jumped down hoping that it wasn't going to be a plunge to my death or a serious injury to my frail body. Falling down made me rethink my decision, even if it was too late and I couldn't stop it. I instantly hit the ground and tumbled in a ball like a small hedgehog. Somehow I was able to get down unharmed, even with a hammer in my hand from a jump that would normally cripple someone with my condition, it would seem like physics would be on my side this time. For a second, I almost forgot what I wanted to do, with all the commotion going around, ah, looking for my parents, that was it. Before that, I looked above and saw her, the headmistress, just for a mere moment before she went back inside, probably taking the long way to get to me. From the pot into the frying pan and I was cold-footed, I started going as far as I could on the streets of my childhood. I tried my best to hold my thoughts, but behind me, there she was, mistress Fleur, right on my tail, as angry as ever and yelling at me: 'Stop there you rascal! Someone stop that. . 'I couldn't let them catch me, I would rather. . . Just before I could finish my thought, an officer of the local police almost grabbed me; I managed to slip away right under his hand. As agile as ever I kept on sprinting away, with both the authorities and civilians behind, the outskirts of the town were my only chance to get out untouched and escape. Just a couple of streets ahead and I could make my grand escape, avoiding people was a small feat, but they were getting close. I had to lose them before I could get out, the first left I saw, I took it. The town was just like the back of my hand, I knew it too well, with only a few turns I could lose them in no time. The next building I passed was Rim's flower shop. There's where I got distracted when I saw him with his family standing in front of it. Darya must have felt so happy; she even smiled when she saw me, even if we haven't met before. Suddenly I tripped over something and fell flat on my face. The pale road I was on managed to slow me down once again. It didn't matter how fast I got up because the officer got up to me, I couldn't believe how fast he was. He must have taken a shortcut to get to me that easily.

'Okay, I believe you've caused enough problems for one day' He said before pulling me back up and taking away my hammer.

'You can't begin to fathom in how much trouble you are, trying to run away from a respectable officer of the law, carrying a blunt weapon without a permit, what do you have to say for yourself?

'I could only look at him concerned when I told him:

'I've got nothing to say to you, you're not even real, none of this is. I demand you to unhand me at once!

'The officer looked at me unfazed, like nothing I've just said to him got to him. The expression on his face changed, so maybe it did get to him and made him a bit angrier, he placed the hammer inside his pants, kept tight by a leather belt, stylish for a person like him. I expected a response, but instead he lifted his other hand up, high enough to eclipse the sun and slapped me across the face.

'I don't have time to listen to your nonsense child. You had it coming for more than you could even think of. Now, I'll just take you back where you belong, the orphanage. They should take care of your behavior and. . . 'He kept

lecturing me whilst dragging me away, mercilessly like a brute. My cheek remained red and hurt for a while. I didn't know what was worse, being lectured or hit by him. What actually didn't make sense was the fact that I felt it, even if it wasn't real. There could be the possibility that he wasn't and I slapped myself, but I couldn't pull myself since I had control over both of my hands pulling me farther away. I had to escape again and find a way out of this fantasy. The hammer wasn't too far from my reach, if I could only get it, I could cripple him and get away, he deserved it all after the pain he inflicted on me. It had to be a perfect, single motion, fast enough to end as it started. My right hand was incapacitated by his hand, I only had to use my left one to take the weapon and use the momentum to my own advantage. Hopefully, it wouldn't break or crack his bone; I don't want to break him like I did with the window, even if he gave me no choice. In a flash, I remembered how it happened, it wasn't a normal hammer but it took a few swings to destroy it. I should be able to hit him once and be able to run off. Well, here goes nothing, I smuggled the hammer in one fell swoop, and the feeling was indescribable. It felt like the time was being slowed down and I could move normally. I kept on going, the officer turned around to face me but the event. . My event was already in motion and it looked like he wasn't going to be able to stop nor reach me in time in order to defend himself. In a way, with everything slowing down but my thought remaining unaffected, I couldn't stop but think about what I was doing, even if it wasn't, I was about to hurt him, it didn't feel right at all. Then again, it wouldn't be the first time I did something without re-evaluating it and I couldn't stop it once started. Too late, the hammer achieved its goal and reached his leg, making a cracking sound of pain upon impact and intense screaming followed by the release of my hand. Before he unhanded me, I felt a small shock going through both of our hands, as the strike echoed through his whole body and reached me. He fell to the ground after, unconsciously or even worse. People around the street watched in astonishment after I committed the nefarious deed.

'I really messed it up this time, ' I said out loud after everything didn't go as I was prepared to deal with it. After that, I dashed away as far as I could without wanting to look back, with each step made, the more it hurt. It didn't matter if any of this was real or not anymore, it didn't even matter if I was able to escape, I was getting sick of running away from my problems and so was my body. It felt like I was handling a two-edged blade, on one of the sides, if I kept doing it, the bad feelings such as guilt, sorrow, hate might never leave my side if I stopped and surrendered to the uncertainty, who knows what might happen. No matter what I chose to do, I couldn't keep on living with my obsession. There was another problem I couldn't understand, certain events stored in my memory are unreachable, no matter how hard I tried reaching, and I only found myself fleeing farther away from them. Perhaps it was time to stop trying to change the past, everything I see before me already happened in a different way than how I remember it. No more trying to escape, no more trying to foresee from afar, I had to go to where it all started; I had to go to

'Mannorstare'. This time, I wasn't going to run, no longer, I stood still and closed my eyes. It would seem that I was falling again but I couldn't see where it didn't matter since I knew where I was going. Opening my eyes and realizing that I was back on the streets of my home felt both peaceful and unnerving. Everything felt the same as before, except it wasn't, it wasn't the same any longer. The night was almost upon me, suiting for what I was about to do, I have only one thing to do, be prepared so it wouldn't turn into my last run. I was heading back home, a bit lightly headed, but, at least, I understood from the hallucinations what I had to do. I entered my house after the longest walk in my life and took a moment to

breathe and calm down. My brain being assaulted by logical thoughts and my deep feelings didn't make it easy. Before I think about doing anything else, I did something unexpected. I approached the desk, my loyal old desk and took a pen and some paper out. There was something that had to be written down. The paranoia was getting to me; I could see shadows of people that weren't there inside my house. This had to be done as fast as possible. I only did what I felt like and came into my head, without trying to make the piece of paper sound well:

'For the. ' I don't think I could start like that if it's the last thing I'm going to write while I'm still alive, I had to make it properly written:

'If you're reading this now, it most likely means that I'm probably. . ' no, this one is too much of a cliché. I shouldn't waste too much time on it. . that's it, I always thought veracity is one of the highest forms of sincerity, more or less anyway:

'I'm not going to waste a lot of time on this paper if you search under my desk, 'Here it goes, time to reveal everything to whoever finds my note, hopefully, he or she will put my research to good use. 'there's a small removable plank, under it there's a secret compartment where a small box filled with old documents, notes and some pictures I've either collected from people who came into contact with that town named Mannorstare, a cursed hellhole from where I once witnessed something out of the ordinary. From what I've learned so far, people have been used as sacrifices to some sort of monster, though I wasn't able to find out the reason behind it. After a series of, what I could only call delusions or even visions, that strangely, not only felt real but with every passing moment, they erase themselves from my memory, as if they never happened. That's not important right now, what's really important is what I was able to realize from the distant shards of what I used to call memories, that I got fed up with everything I've done so far and that it was finally time to stop being a watcher and take my role as an actor in the grand scheme. Not only I will go into the town but I will try to stop the blaspheming ungodliness that it once breeds. Trust me when I'm telling you this, I'm not trying to sound philosophical, nor self-righteous, but I have to do it because it feels like the right thing to do. I should have done it in person but there isn't much time for it, I want to apologize to my friends, no, they're more than that, to my family for every time I've done something wrong to them, If I ever brought them bad memories or even hurt them, I am truly sorry. . Yours truly. ' This was going to do it. It took me more than a second to realize how much it sounded like a post-mortem note.

'Ironic' Where did that come from? The least of my worries now was starting to hear voices inside my head. Right away I dismissed it as being my imagination. I placed the note on the desk, close enough to the person who's going to find it, to be also able to open the secret spot. Well, by the time someone will get what I'm trying to say with that message, it won't be a secret anymore. Before I leave the safety of my house, I should make sure I'm prepared for what's coming. I could only think of the worst scenarios that could happen. My clothes were tight and stuffy. They would most certainly slow me down if it came to me escaping. I had to loosen up, anything lighter would do. I placed my coat on the seat near the desk and continued with throwing my sweaty sweater vest the same one I've slept in, strange, I remember changing my clothes in the morning, or was it a day ago? I could have forgotten about it, but when I got upstairs to the room where I usually got dressed, I noticed that a suit was missing and it wasn't on me. Still not important enough to sway me from my purpose, I grabbed another set of clothes. There it was, one less problem to take care of. Something did get into my mind when I looked at the wardrobe, I didn't own a sweater, so

where did I get it from and why am I paying so much attention to it when I should get ready for my trip? I had to take another look at it before going out, I went back and it wasn't there anymore, the note remained where it was, nothing else around was missing either, even the door was locked, everything but that sweater. I can't believe I'm being slowed down from my pursuit by such a trivial object, screw it, I should pack some things and just go out already. On my way back upstairs I grabbed a backpack, wondering what I should fill it with. I never understood why I bought so many backpacks since I didn't end up any of them. First of all, I had to be positive, if there was a chance for me to make a safe return. I could get even more proof, the camera would make the most important asset. Perhaps I could even use the flash to temporarily blind someone or something, even if it would last for seconds, maybe this and this, or even. After packing some essentially useful items, I went to the kitchen and grabbed a knife. The thought of hurting someone else left my head but, at least, I'd be able to give them a good scare. Either that or I could give them a scar to be remembered for. My backpack should be full now, also light enough for me to move fast and with ease. I took a second to breathe, in and out, feeling slightly nervous. What am I doing? This isn't the time for second thoughts, this decision is final and I dare not change it. Still, my mind sent signals to my body, but it refused to concede. The uncertainty of my action began to sprout, exactly what I was afraid of. There was no way for me to change my mind, not now, not after everything I've done and said. I'm ready, I'm packed and I only need to go but I'm not moving. I don't know if it was cowardice but I got caught in a web, afraid, faintly go get out. Let me think it through, maybe that could help, what's the worst thing that could happen to me if I got in there? I could get killed for starters, but I don't know if I can continue my mundane life like that, cowering in fear like I am not. It's been so long since the last time I was there, even the reason that made me go there in the first place. Damn this self-defense mechanism, my mind was clinging to random memories, generating thoughts, making me question things, even now at the brink of me leaving, but it won't work, not anymore, I'm going to ignore my thoughts and feelings this time. The first steps I've taken were hard, I was struggling to go towards the outside world and leave the safety of my house. Even if I was proven wrong before with that, but after a couple of more steps I was able to get out there, locking the door behind me and leaving the key on the ground. On second thought, I took it and hid it under the carpet, I wanted my research to be found, but I couldn't bear it if it would make its way in the hands of a petty thief. I knew that someone who knew me would also find the key; there's wasn't any problem with that. The sky was even darker and I could see the clouds gathering for another storm. Fitting that I might arrive thereupon, almost the same circumstances as I did when I first got there as a child. Again, it's not the time for reminiscing the past or admiring the weather. My mind cleared for a short span so I started heading towards what I could only call my destiny. If my memory serves me right, even if lately it has done a pitiful job, I should get to the entrance of the other town in just, less than an hour-ish if I kept my constant movement. Given the time and the fact I couldn't stop thinking about it, it should be enough for me to make a plan. Before I could make it, I thought I would be able to see at least one familiar face on the streets, but no one was out, no one at all. It's too cold outside anyway, so I'm not going to blame them for not coming. The more I kept walking, the harder it felt to devise a plan; maybe I should just stay out of sight and see what's out there. I didn't know what was worse for the time being, the temperature that made me tremble in my boots or the feelings that were causing it. The road I've kept going only got bigger with each step but my goal was still farther away. I felt too tense to be able to create another strategy. My mind started to

empty out everything there was, leaving me alone as a simple being that was walking forwards at its own pace. The past was beyond my reach, impossible to change, if only I had the chance to change something from it. Maybe I would or maybe I wouldn't, it's hard to even think about what my life would be if I've made a different choice back then. The pale road didn't speak to me anymore. I wish it did though, to guide me in my time of need. After arriving at what I call the exit or one of the exits of the town, I started feeling melancholy; my mind got clouded once again. I stopped for a brief time as the road tiles below me started changing color up to the border that leads outside of town. From blue to red, people never seem to notice small details about this amazing place, neither did I until now. Before I stepped outside of it, I did take a look-back, not only to the town but at my living memories of the life I've spent, ghosts of the past that looked at me, walking around to do errands, meeting friends for the first time. It sure felt good, even if it didn't last forever, deep inside I knew I would have to leave everything behind and give into my obsession. I left after that without looking back, trying my best to keep my calm and concentrate. So I took out a small lamp out of the backpack and lit it up so I could see, a single light into a sea of darkness, with its dark clouds covering and devouring the moonlight. While walking, I started being impatient and paranoid despite my every effort done so far, the silence was too much to take and I could feel that something bad was about to happen as I approached Mannorstare. The road I've taken went through a forest, not far from here until all will be over. I just had to ignore everything else that crept me out about it, including the silence of the woods that most likely ate the remaining animals and insects that would have been attracted by the light of my lamp if they were out there. I wasn't going to try calming myself down again since that has failed before. Still I wasn't planning on letting my guard down. No sane person would have passed here without any horse or carriage because it was so long and gloomy. The trees were tall and ash like with branches that almost looked like slender hands, trying to reach and hang any scoundrel that came along. Luckily for me, I was beyond their reach. I felt like I had someone I should thank this for, yet I didn't know who. It didn't always use to be like this, I can remember them, several years ago, full of life, I couldn't see any other reason for their demise than the fact that they have also seen the horrors of this world and withered away. In their loneliness, they reached away, stretching their hands so they wouldn't wither alone. I should stop admiring the foliage and focus on my mission, I'm almost there, after all, the wood passage I was on lead directly to the other town. My feet started going on their jogging while I was trying to blow the rest of my steam off to keep going. The road was rough, luckily for me that I had my tough boots for this time of the year. A couple more turns, steps and avoiding the branches some more and I was there, just a couple of feet away from the entrance. I can't believe it how much it passed since the last time I came here. Mannorstare was just there, so I stopped to look at it from the distance. My lungs weren't the only ones that got progressively harder to control, so were my hands shaking uncontrollably time to swallow my fear and hope not to choke on it. From the looks of it, no one was there, no one in sight; I could get a closer to see what changed after so many years. I started moving ahead with caution, ready to react to anything after entering the town. On my first sight of it, nothing changed; it still remained an old creepy location, with wet streets and something else. After looking around I noticed someone, not far from where I was, but turned with his back on. I couldn't see if it was a man or a woman, but I was able to see that person just standing in front of a wall, not moving at all. I had no idea how do deal with it, he or she might be one of those insane people who're ready to sacrifice others for rabid beasts, in that case, apprehending it wasn't an option. Left

and right, an alleyway with turns but it was too close to. Perhaps I could be able to sneak past that thing if I remained silent enough. No move so far, almost like a sentry, my next move had to be well thought through. Something felt off about it, almost like a trap, but no one could have known that I was going to come back here. I should look for another way, let me see. There's something that looks like a store, some normal houses, nothing opened that I could enter. Nervously I turned my gaze back to that person I left wrongly looking away, even if it was at a glance. There didn't seem to be any place to run by or a way to go, except an alley that might lead to a dead end, or going forward which would end up with me being seen or heard. Either has its risks and I don't have the entire night to spend on picking the right one. I couldn't believe what I was thinking about, how could I forget where I was? I had to keep my head back to the game and not make anything stupid. Whoever that might be, it still hasn't done anything, nor was I seen. Was I too paranoid about it, or would a normal person spend so much time in the night doing nothing? I started moving towards it, slowly, barely making any sound at all. After getting closer, I noticed something I wasn't able to see before, more of them, people standing in front of numerous other buildings from the distance, just like this one. This doesn't look right at all. I was sure that no normal human being would act the same as them. The simple thought of them being human didn't stand up anymore. I didn't come here for nothing, I'm close to one of them so I could at least just try and see what it looks like. My movement was still slow, the closer I got towards it, the easier it got for me to hear these strange hissing and disturbing noises, they weren't too loud, almost like whispers from another language, coming from its head. Right behind it, I reached the shoulder with my hand, wanting to see the face of that bugger. The precise point after I touched, it turned around and knocked me away, with enough power to overpower me. My heart was pounding and I was speechless. It had the body of a man but a giant hole filled with a dark smoke exactly where his face would be if he was a human. The hissing noise not only got louder as he started coming towards me but it also got harder to listen, alerting the others too. I turned around on my belly and crawled on the ground for some seconds so he wouldn't catch me, I got up as fast as I could to keep moving away from it. I wasn't able to turn my back completely on it, who knows what it was. After looking around, almost in all directions, I saw multiple of them, all moving towards me in utmost sync. This wasn't good, my first thought was to run outside of the town but they were at the entrance and blocked the exit. I didn't know how they got there so fast but I wasn't going to wait and find out. The one who was the closest to me was ready to trap me, luckily, in an effort that was born out of desperation; I actually got closer to him and threw a kick into his stomach. He almost grabbed my leg but I managed to push him a few feet away from me and avoid it. There's not much time until they'll all catch me. I doubt I'll be able to defend myself from so many of them. I've had nowhere to go, so I turned towards the closest residence and started hurling kicks and punches on the door, trying to pry it open, neither did the door nor the knob budge. They were getting closer, including the one I managed to slow down. I've reached into my backpack and took out the knife, followed by an unrelenting assault on the door, this was my only hope. I pulled and thrust the blade as fast and sturdy as I could, without even focusing on those who were coming down to me. Even if I didn't watch, I could hear the hissing noise only getting louder, coming from multiple sources, neither I nor did the distraction stop. Just a couple of more strikes, the lock couldn't last anymore, metal or not, but before striking again I took one last look behind and saw all of them right behind me. Reaching with their slender hands and hissing, almost chanting together, as if they were partaking in a ritual of some sort. This was my final

attempt; I charged the door lock, even if I didn't have the distance, speed, not even the velocity. I pushed with the help of my shoulder and managed to burst into the house. No time for celebrating, I turned around after getting in and closed the door behind them, barely escaping at an inch of their grasp. They were still there, blocking the door with leech-like fingers, bulking and shrinking back in the place. The door wasn't fully closed because of that, a quick swipe of my knife followed. All of those fingers dropped down, dripping with some sort of ooze. My heart was in a constant race while I was still in a dire situation, I tried my best to keep the door closed but they were all attacking it. I can't let them in; I don't want to die, not here, not yet. I turned with my back to it and faced the room, trying to look for a way out or something to buy me some more time. The hissing noise became ever worse as the time went, louder, almost mechanical like. I couldn't think straight, that's why I couldn't believe what I saw in front of my eyes, in the middle of the room, there's a trapdoor with a broken arrow on it that might lead to somewhere. The pounding on the door got only more violent, I could feel the wood breaking behind. Faith had something else in store for me. The door was being pushed even harder upon me; it wouldn't be long now until it fell down.

'I either take all of you head on. . Or I could take my chances down there. ' I couldn't try going in without blocking the door, they would catch me before I'd get the chance. I couldn't see it before, on my right side there was a small stack of boxes, I grabbed and threw them in front of me, hopefully, and they might slow all of them down. Before jumping, I placed the knife in my backpack and kept the lamp in my hand. After that, I leaped towards the middle of the room. I felt like I was going to crush the air itself under my sturdy boots. Behind me there was the sound of broken wood. I didn't have time to listen to their serenade so I grabbed the trapdoor handle and opened it, revealing a stairway leading somewhere, throwing sulphur dust all around. No time to think, they're all coming for me and the boxes didn't do much to slow them down. I went down the stairway and locked the door behind me; those things grabbed it from the other side, pulling it, trying to get to me.

'I won't give up to some faceless muck. 'The passage I was in was quite small; I don't think I can hold it much longer to appreciate it. Why would they add handles to both sides? They were ready to overpower me again, the hatch being almost a quarter open, I could only see two of them on the floor trying to reach me like they tried before. They were also missing some fingers, only being left with some holes and the desire to get revenge. My whole world was getting crushed in front of my eyes, away from my reach, just like my chances to be able to escape them. I released my grip from the handle and fell down the stairs. Agh. . . after. . a, agh. . . sort of long, gh . . . fall, the lamp landing on my head too, I was hurt but I could live. My eyes turned back to them but none of them followed. They just closed the door and covered the last source of light. Either the fall of the cold wind also blew out the flames from my lamp. I couldn't see nor hear anything. At least I was alive and it couldn't get any worse than what waited for me outside, could it? Luckily I placed the knife back before I fell down, or else I would have had it a lot worse. Now, where did I put those matches? I had to find out where I was, why it was so cold? And why did they just let me go? None of that was possible without having some light, sticking my hand inside the pack and guiding took only a few seconds but they weren't in there. I know I packed them in, I'm sure of it. Not only that but I'm also out of options since I couldn't see anything. Not only that, but I was constantly being pushed to the edge, not knowing where I am, not being able to see, not even knowing if I would survive. Ah, there it was, I took out the matches and lit up the lamp, I couldn't believe I had it in my hand for the entire time I was there, I couldn't

remember when I took it out either. Those thoughts fled after the light revealed my location, I was inside a cave? A stone cold cave under a house, no, from the looks and size of it, under the entire town. This could explain why there isn't any unwanted attention brought to this town and its beast. Maybe the creature hides in here and it's being kept a secret by the people living in it. Since where I came from wasn't the way I was going to go out, I had to find another way from inside. The place was huge, upon a closer inspection, it looked less than a naturally formed cave and more like a sculpted structure made of the cave. Why and how could someone create something like this? With a calculated shape, the structure had multiple paths, probably intersecting with one another at one point, who can tell? I chose the path leading forward without knowing what laid ahead, feeling tired but there isn't anything I could do about it. It felt like minutes of walk, moss just appeared on the walls. My eyes weren't playing tricks on me, it must have been there for a long while, but how did it grow inside? Questioning everything wasted too much of my time, not to mention that it was distracting me. What's this? A giant room came in front of me, out of nowhere, either I'm so tired that I started seeing things or it took some time for me to lose my mind, might as well be both. The room itself wasn't empty; it looked like I wasn't in too much trouble. It was filled with some strange formations that almost looked like humans covered with carapaces. I really hope that they are only formations of stone or something else. Being too suspicious and hesitant to do it, I didn't dare to get closer, not even one bit. I'm not sure how much I'll last without sleep, food, water or light, but I had to go if I wanted to make it through. Before I could do it, I had some time to spare, so I counted them, just five, no, six of them that might be alive or not. I'm in a much worse state than I was out there, I don't even know how much time passed, and I didn't pack a clock with me. Bending over the ground allowed me to take a better look at them, under the, I thought it was a thick carapace; it had a large trunk with a hole leading down. My vision was impaired but I managed to move slowly towards them so I could take an even greater look, I was wrong before, they looked less like humans the more I looked at them. The strange carapace had a dark-red color and was cracked, they weren't statues, and they were something else. . No sound so far from any of them, maybe it was just my imagination again. They made me feel strange, almost weakened. I didn't know if it was caused by them or the lack of sleep that started taking its toll once again. I had something in mind but it wasn't right, I couldn't bypass them in my current state, I had to rest for the night somewhere, I've got no other option, even a few hours would do. The way I came from isn't an option, not with them lurking outside. Not to mention that I had the strange feeling that someone was following me. I took some distance away from them and decided to rest in the tunnel, the backpack came in handy for my head to rest on. My body told me otherwise but I didn't listen to it. I blew the flame of the lamp and lay on my back. Just as a cautious measure, I took out the knife and placed it near me, in case something came at, it would have a hard time disposing of me whilst being stabbed. Even if I didn't want to admit to myself, I felt peace, I didn't care about anything else, not about them, not about the cold or the hard ground, I finally went to sleep. I felt like walking into an endless crowd of people, all of them going towards a different place. Where was I going? Quickly and with no ease, someone from the busy crowd almost hit me. I didn't notice who it was but, a coin fell out of his pocket. The confusion haunted me again, just as I bent down to pick up the coin, I found myself yet in another crowd of people. We, we were all standing in front of someone, wrenching himself for our entertainment. Everyone laughed at him except me, and then the thought of giving him the coin I picked before came to my mind. He would get exactly what he deserved. My consciousness rested, almost

like a hibernation state before waking up as if nothing has happened. I don't know how much I slept, or even if I did, after a blink I didn't feel tired anymore. A clock would have been nice and helpful now, even if I would have used it only once. When I lit up the lamp once more, I found myself in front of one of the carapaces that were lying in front of me. I wasn't even up but I managed to drop the lamp whilst stepping away from it to lift myself up safely. I could barely breathe from all the dust, a few feet away from it too; the knife, the lamp and my backpack were still in front of it. How did it move? A pointless question, as I looked around and realize that it didn't. I was the one who woke up in the middle of the room, surrounded by them. I could feel my lungs filling with dust after inhaling and exhaling, I had to take it logically, and I was probably just . . . sleepwalking, right. With all the things near me. Two steps and a bold rush. That's what it took me to grab everything from the ground and step back from it. Nothing else happened, except making me even more paranoid, they don't seem to do anything, at least, nothing so far. I wasn't going to drop my guard so easily. They must be messing with my head that must be the reason of their presence here. I checked the backpack to see if everything else was in there, nothing was missing. Someone must have placed them inside these sculptures to scare me that must be it. I'm not scared of them, there's a way for me to check my thesis, and I could try to stick my hand in the hole it has to be certain about it. I was hesitant about it, maybe even gutless; hopefully, I wouldn't literally end up like that because of a mistake. This was important; I could find out if I'm in any harm, if anything's inside. I could quickly draw my hand out and make a run for it, even if they didn't seem very mobile. Come to think of it, if I'm the first one to discover them, I might as well name them, it would, at least, make it easier for me to refer to them, other than as things. Agh, my mind should be out of the gutter now, I won't be able to name them if I was dead. The stomach ache started right before my attempt and it was the least of my problems at the moment. Almost as tall as me, I hoped it would end up being empty, my life might depend on it, I got closer, pushing my hand inside of the trunk, going slower and deeper, the more I ventured inside, the harder my hand started shaking. I was afraid, but my desire to know what was in there outraced the phobia of losing my hand. My hand reached the maximum length it could extend, almost reaching my shoulder; the formation was empty inside, leaving nothing but the soft carcass from the inside. I pulled my arm out and felt relieved. There was no time left for me to check every single one of them, not to mention that it wouldn't help me at all. Somehow I did feel better after it; I could continue my exploration forward, knowing that I was safe from their reach, from the reach of the husks. That sounded like a fitting name, shame that they're empty. . . husks. I couldn't see it before I went deeper into the room, but the husks weren't only in the there, the more I made my way in. While walking through another path outside of it, I saw more of them, hanging upside the ceiling, some even on the wall too. But they couldn't have formed naturally since the cave was made by someone, neither was the material recognizable. I swallowed my thoughts and wonders in a flash when I saw legions of veins and a dripping red liquid coming out from one of them, slightly stretching towards me. Those long veins couldn't reach me, but the light from my lamp was able to reveal them and their various colors and sizes, all mashed up together. A frightening sight for my sore eyes, as soon as I realized that, I stood there, merely a couple of feet away from it, I knew it couldn't move towards me. How could I pass it then? I started pointing the light and looked towards other husks but none of them reacted. Meanwhile the flailing veins were still trying to reach me. Perhaps it was attracted by the source of light provided by my lamp, if that was the case, why wouldn't the others react? A small test was in order, maybe if I placed the lamp down here, I

could make a run for it and bypass the husk, the place in front of me seemed a lot tighter. I don't think I will be able to avoid it if those veins pointed towards the bottom. I've got a bad feeling about it, they didn't look strong enough to hurt me, but they could have venom on them, I might as well gamble with my life as I did before since I've got no other choice. The lamp was down, it was darker without it but I managed to see the husk trying to reach the light, I couldn't be surer about it, unless I was wrong. If I escape, I should receive an award for my ingenuity in a stressful situation and another one for uncovering what lay under the town. I wanted to go for it, I was ready to dash throughout the entire cavern even though my legs were shaking in place, stomach ache following them, this couldn't happen again, not now, my whole system was slowly betraying me. The cold winds were brushing upon my cheeks, passing by from nowhere, causing the light coming from the lamp to come and go. How could everything happen now, at this precise moment, giving me no choice except to go, against my body's will but at my will's predicaments? I didn't blink for a second, almost started crying, I dashed furiously, trying to avoid that distracted husk, venturing deeper into the darkness. As hard as it might be, I held my thoughts and breath, as I felt the light fading behind me, along the last remnant of help that I would get. I couldn't see where I was going but I felt, in my way, a couple of sharp objects puncturing the back of my neck. There wasn't enough of a head start for me to make it through. Those husks reached me. . . I managed to move. Farther away and release myself from whatever was inside my back. The walls were closing in on me and I knew it would catch me, the vision was getting worse. I fell down and couldn't see where I was, that immobile husk. . must have done something to my body felt completely numb but my consciousness was still there. My muscles weren't moving, leaving me alone and vulnerable, I hate this feeling, I hate it with all my being and soul. Worst of all, after closing my eyes, I couldn't feel pain, cold, anything. . I was being forced to watch and be afraid of those husks that laid in the dark, not knowing which one is going to get me first. It stings so much. . I'm not able to. . Pull yourself together, you've been through worse situations, that's what I kept telling to myself, repeating it senselessly.

Time passed by and didn't wait for me, seconds, and maybe minutes, even more than that, I could see the saliva coming out of my mouth but I was unable to stop myself from drooling. I couldn't even speak out loud. Why aren't my eyes being harmed after so much exposure? How can something like this even be possible? Footsteps, sounds of them were coming from somewhere, something was coming. What is it? What's coming? What could it be? What is it? Why is it coming? Why? Why? Why? The noise stopped at the same time with my line of thoughts and the question I was asking myself. I couldn't feel it, but I could see that I was being dragged from behind. My defenseless body was being pulled, getting scratched and bruised from the contact with the harsh ground and dust. It couldn't be a husk, could it? No, they can't move. I passed more and more of them by, all hiding in their shelters, tending to them. I wanted to shout but I was still too far away from being able to control my body and voice, somehow still alive but in danger, I wasn't even able to see in which direction it was dragging me. The only sounds I was able to hear were the ones of my body being, making, touching the stone, and hitting something hard once in a while. It just kept dragging me until I started bleeding, seeing a bloody trail leading up to me and beyond, getting bigger and leaving, almost an entire puddle behind, that's where I hoped it would stop, but it didn't. I can't feel anything anymore; I don't even know how much blood I can lose without dying. The venom must have kept me aware of what was happening, even with the blood lost, still unaffected. I couldn't even know for how long I was taken while the

blood still kept spreading somehow. It took me a while to realize it, in this dire situation, that this wasn't my blood. Slowly, whilst being incapacitated, I started gaining control over my body, not enough to escape or even close my eyes, but enough to move my tongue so I could taste the blood; it left a bitter metallic taste on it. Disgusting, not only the taste left in my mouth, but the fact that I didn't have enough power yet to move it away, leaving nothing but a bloody image in my mind that pulled away what remained of my sanity. The line between reality and delusion, fantasy broke away after not being able to tell it apart, seeing only blood and darkness in front of my eyes, going into a continuous numb motion against what was left of my will and being forced into a temporary paralysis. I've had nothing to make the time pass but my thoughts which only made the situation worse. I don't know how many turns I took but the landscape didn't change at all, the problems. My dilemma did get worse until I decided that I should accept my fate and just stop, even if it was out of my power. After that decision, I blankly stared more and more into the unknown, without feeling anything anymore. It finally stopped, but it was too late, even if we reached our destination, I didn't pay any attention to where it took me, or what brought me to where I was. A sudden change of height and place occurred right in front of my eyes, followed by silence and solidarity. The regain of my body control continues up to the point when I was able to close my eyes and the long-awaited passing out. I was able to hear sounds of other children in the park, people living their lives in the town, argues between my parents, specific auditory hallucinations, right before a big bang when I lost my consciousness. Something strange happened, I woke up in the middle of a dark room, all tied up. Too dark to see, I couldn't even move a muscle because of the tight rope around me.

'How did I get in here?' I asked myself, losing control of my nerves, freaking out and feeling afraid. Those sentiments got replaced quickly by confusion, familiarity as if this happened to me before in the past. I couldn't remember when, or if it really happened. I tried struggling to escape, but deep down, I somehow knew that I couldn't escape, that something was about to come. My whole body was itching, twitching, shaking at the same time, unable to escape from the confinement that was holding me. The only part of my body that I was able to move was my head, that didn't help me at all since I couldn't see anything around the room I was in, just the darkness that was covering up everything. I might be delirious right now, or I might have snapped, maybe I was about to.

'What are you waiting for? Just come and end it you bloody scab!' I yelled at the top of my lungs, I didn't care who or what caught and tied me up but it made a mistake by not covering up my mouth.

'Are you scared now, you bastard, unholy creature, brainless stump, gutless!?' I swore and cursed it, whatever might be out there, hoping to get a reaction, waiting for an opening. The moment I heard footsteps, the hate and rage that was stored inside me slowly started to get replaced by fear and uncertainty in my own abilities.

'No, I will not!' I refuse to do that; I won't cower in front of a stupid beast. Not after everything I've been through, not now, not even, even if I might not get to live much longer after our possible encounter. I want it to remember my face; I want it to remember that I stood up to. . The footsteps stopped, it was too dark to see but I managed to notice two big doors that used to block everything opened up, shaking up the entire room. The look on my face wasn't one of fear, insecurity or uncertainty, but it was neither one of courage nor tenacity. I was simply shocked. What lay in front of me was no monster nor beast alike, no creature, no faceless follower or husk, it was Carla but at the same time it couldn't be her. She stood there, looking right through me with a blank stare, not making any sounds or even

appearing to be alive. I shouted at her, trying to find out if it was really her:

‘Carla! Is it this really you? Please say something, anything, I beg of you. ’To my avail, she didn't respond, leaving my lips dry with frustration, making me wonder if she wasn't Carla, who or what was she then? Was she really Carla? If so why was she ignoring me? ‘Please answer me, we've been through so much together, both of us. . . we. . . we're supposed to meet that traveller, right? Can you remember it? ’ Nothing but silence from her, standing there, waiting and making me get angrier by the second. What on earth could be tormenting me like that? Using a friend that I fondly cared about against me, without even letting her heed my call. She wasn't anything more than a doll, with long white strings coming up her hands and feet, controlled by some evil puppeteer, an immoral scum that was toying with my emotions. Carla stepped like a child, innocent in her heart; some would say even gullible, being manipulated and breaking me from inside. She reached and shoved her hand in my chest, crushing through ribs, breaking what was left of it. They shattered, my body plundered though I've felt no pain from what she did to me, tearing up everything inside with an inhumane power. Her hand came out after and she got closer to my ear, just enough for her soft whisper:

‘Wake up. . . . wake. . . . up. . . ’

A voice that wasn't hers, although the message reached me high and clear. Behind her, far away from the room, I could see a tall figure with long tubes coming out from above. Before I could take a better look at that limped fiend. . The room that was surrounding us started shattering, a wall of cold stone became dust. Even the bonds that once kept me unaware of everything happening around me broke. Carla faded away with them, leaving me alone once again. A burning sensation came to be, only occupying half of my upper body. Even if I wasn't surrounded by anything but dust and ash, even with the darkness subdued, leaving a faint light not far from me. I couldn't help but be miffed by the cold temperature. My clothes also fell away from my body, joining the rubble, leaving nothing but an ugly mitted sweater. I swear I remember removing it, taking it off, it even disappeared; I couldn't remove it from me. The burning sensation went towards my beating hart, becoming more into a warm sensation. The sweater wasn't there alone, the hammer also appeared out of nowhere in my hand. Both of those items felt like a part of me, like nothing I've encountered before, but what did that mean? Is this still a dream, am I still in the town, are these real? Have I asked myself these questions before? I don't know what to believe, but I knew who to trust, Carla told me to wake up, so it might really be a dream after all or a dormant state of some sort. The only problem I had now was, how to wake out, the rest could follow up later. After all my internal organs got smashed from inside, I felt hunger once again, the first thought coming into my mind being. This beautiful restaurant from our town, I never got a chance to go in there, I didn't even got close to it because of its prices. I could really eat something now so I'd be able to think straight and get rid of this place. The whole scenary, just like my thought changed in front of my eyes, the dust gathered up to form solid objects. The ground became a floor beneath me, everything formed exactly how I've had in my mind. It must be affected by my thoughts somehow, I was able to see the tables, the chairs and the walls forming in front of me. No, something is wrong, it all stopped mid-way, the rest of it, the floor, the ceiling, including the counter and the barely created people, everything else got completed by some gross amalgamation of meat covered with pale skin and insect-like antennas. This isn't what I wished for, I couldn't look at them, the employees of the establishment that couldn't stop shaking, falling to the ground and unable to lift themselves up,

they didn't even have the arms to do it. They took the shape of combs and were, clearly in pain, all because of me, their whole short and painful existence was my fault, what could I do to stop it? I stared down after, unable to look directly at them, noticing that I was still holding on the hammer. Shady thoughts followed my mind, making enough space for a possible bad decision. . . It didn't matter how hard I tried, thinking them away, none of that worked, why would it? Why did it have to end up like this? If I try to escape now and leave them like what they were. . . that would be cruel, they're standing there on the ground, suffering, rolling over and making strange sounds. . Everything is so sudden, I didn't want to think about the other option, but living in the state they're in, that would make me desire. But, even if I was able to do it, what would be the repercussions of my action? Is it even moral if they're not real? Is this a test I'm being forced into? I kept asking myself questions, to prevent myself from acting rashly and mess up everything, more than I did before. In this situation it would be mercy, but it's still murder If I do it, who knows what I might become after that, what if I'd enjoy it? The grip on the hammer strengthened itself, I came to a decision, deep inside, hoping it's the right one and won't change me. Almost the whole restaurant was covered by it, not only them, it almost looked like it was alive too, eating parts of the wooden walls and remaining floor. The choice wasn't mined to make any longer, I was afraid that it would also reach me. I charged in the general direction the door was, even if it was covered up, I figured that its area would be easier to break through. The hammer, I used it, hitting the meat wall with powerful blow after blow, hoping I could smash it. Nothing happened, not even a mark from my blows, it was getting closer to reaching the floor I was standing on too. Despite that, I kept at it, striking it down with my blunt weapon, strike after strike, spot to spot but it remained unaffected. I've wasted so much time assaulting it that the skin almost reached the part of the floor I was on. I stepped back to the middle of the room so I could have more time to think about what I could do. There was no way out and it already started covering the human part of those people, almost reaching me too. I don't know if I can get out of this, I had to wake up somehow, I hoped it was just a dream. I closed my eyes and dropped the hammer on the floor, awaiting my fate. It was surprisingly silent but my eyes and mouth were kept shut for the entire duration of it. Still nothing so far. My eyes were opened again to find myself in the restaurant, the normal version of it. Surrounded by people who were either eating from their plates or staring at me as if I did something wrong or unheard of. I was able to see through the window that I was back in.

'Excuse me, but if you don't mind it, I'm going to have to ask you to leave. You're disturbing the other customers. . . ,

One of the waiters said to me. I didn't recognize him, but I doubt he did either, so I just apologized:

'For making the other people upset, I should be . . . going now. ' Leaving after having that said, back again into my sweet town, the town of. . I don't think I can remember its name, peculiar, especially that I live in here for the past. . I couldn't believe my eyes again, is that Carla? On the other side of the street, I could see her, right before she saw me and waved. I didn't know how to react to her, I just wanted back and waited for her to get closer to me.

'Hello Carla. . . ' What else could I have said to her? Either she was real or not, telling her what happened so far was a bad idea, unless I wanted so badly to be committed to an asylum.

'Hello there the sunshine, are you ready for. . . ? What's with that look on your face, are you feeling well? ' She asked while checking me from some distance, probably wanting to avoid any possible virus she thought I had. That

really sounds like something Carla would think and do.

‘No. . I mean yes, I’m fine, I was preparing to go to. . our workplace to work too. ’ ‘Is that so? Then why were you going in the opposite way?’ She quickly replied while being unscattered. I need a quick excuse that she’d believe.

‘I was going to think of a ‘shortcut’ my attempt got even harder as she started intensely staring me down. ‘Right, how about we go to the normal route we normally take, you know, we normal people who don’t wander half of the district around just to get to our workplace late, not to mention on purpose. ’The perfect cover just came, who knew that I had to let her make the excuse for me.

‘Right Carla, you found me, I’m going to have to come clean now, you’re right. I was stalling, preparing to stall some more time, but I guess you found me out and ruined my plan. I guess there’s nothing else to do that go to out workplace. ’ I said that to her with a straight face, judging from the look and expression on her face, she remained unconvinced. Perhaps it was too forced. Her eyebrow was lowered, her smile was dulled, she saw right through me. ‘If you’re not going to tell me where you were going, we might as well just go and stop wasting more time with it. You’ve always been like this but you never learn. I don’t even know why I’m trying anymore. ’ She said while taking a head start, moving farther away from me. I started following the image of Carla, she told me I should wake up not so long ago. Maybe this version of her knew something about it. I should find a way to ask her subtly, maybe she might know something, even if the chances of that are low and she might now know.

‘Hey Carla, wait for me. ’ A few more steps and I managed to catch up with her, walking at the same pace. ‘So, did you feel. . sleepy as of lately?’ Damn me and my loud mouth, I might have ruined everything. I closed my eyes for a second and clenched my fists in shame. I hope she didn’t see that I also hope I didn’t ruin everything. Carla didn’t seem moved by what I said, it didn’t even slow her walk speed.

‘No, not really, why are you asking?’

‘No reason at all, just. . call it curiosity. ’ Suspicious as she was, trying to get a reaction, she turned it back on me: ‘How come? What made you ask me that? I mean, from the way you look today, I’d say that you’re the one who lacks some. . . ’How dare she? I didn’t lack any sleep, maybe I did but it wasn’t her concern. Enough walking around, I had to ask her bluntly.

‘Carla, you wouldn’t happen to know anything about. . . ’ She looked right into my eyes, as I was ready to ask her, she asked me first:

‘About what?’ ‘No. . maybe it’s not the right time if I’m going to tell her what happened and ask her about. . . I had to be sure it was her, the real one and not another vision. Another excuse was needed to get back on track, then I remembered:

‘Umm, about. . . that scoundrel that you wanted us to meet. . Was it today? You know the one that made you upset to talk about. ’ After hearing it, she merely tilted her head towards me, looking confused, before asking me:

‘What are you talking about? I haven’t gotten upset over anyone. Also, I don’t think anyone’s coming to our town today, at least from what I’m aware off. ’She looked sincere enough, that could only mean that it wasn’t her who told me. . or maybe she’s lying about it. Which one of the two testimonies could I put my trust in? I can’t exclude any of them, even if I’m not counting the one that ripped out my guys, eh.

'Hello, hello? Are you even listening to a word I say?' Apparently, Carla hasn't stopped talking, making it harder for me to keep track of her and my problems. I should stop trying to figure it out now, at least not until after our work.

'Yes I am. . . sorry, but I wasn't really.' After that slip, I had to wait for her to blow all the steam out:

'What could be so important that you would blantly ignore your best friend? Well, except that that past nonsense you said before, but that.' I had to interrupt her, as we arrived closely to the office, speaking of which, I forgot where my camera was.

'Carla, look, we just got here. . . and I just remember that I forgot my where my camera somewhere.' 'It's okay, there should be another extra one in the storage room. Anywho, it looks like we're going to enter it in time, a first for you I'd say.' I remember now, I've had it in my backpack, but where is it now? This can't be good, I probably left it in. .

'Earth to. . . , are you there?' It happened to me again, two times in a row and she's still acting calm, luckily for me that is.

'Yes? I mean yes, I'm in here, where else could I be. . where am I?' We stopped in front of the building to talk about it.

'I'm going to ask you again, are you feeling okay? And, are you really implying that you don't know where you are? Because you're really starting to make me worry. Sure, at first, I thought that you were just messing around, but now, I want you to be honest about it, are you really feeling fine?' From a jolly look on her face it sadly turned into concern. How could she think that something was wrong with me, of all people? I felt like I was walking on the edges of sanity, more than can be said about any other from around us. 'Carla, I'm fine, trust me with this. And since we're asking questions, could you answer me this, but I want you to think about it as hard as you can before answering it. This is really important for me.' That made her look even more concerned that she was before, even made her frown a little, placing her hand on her chin, thinking for a while. I couldn't ask her about before, but there was another thing troubling me,

'This kept me baffled for a while, I don't know if I've forgotten it, I know I'm bad with keeping tracks of names, but do you know the name of the town we're in right now?' I confronted Carla about it. There's no way she could just make up an excuse after telling her:

'Perhaps you didn't listen to me closely enough, I don't want you to make any excuse for not knowing it, so, are you really sure you know the name? Can you be one hundred percent sure, enough that you could swear on it with your own life?' Everything I told her made her upset, going from mood to mood before she decided to answer me on the spot.

'I've already told you that I don't know the name. What else do you want from me, officer? If we're done with the interrogation, I'd like to go to work, you know where the building that's right next to us. Listen, just come in, we've spent enough time on doing nothing.'

'But Carla.' I tried appealing to her while she opened the door and entered the office, I had no other option than to follow her. We've both managed to get there and suprisingly, we both looked at the clock on the wall at the same time.

‘Three minutes late, I should have known. . ’ She said whilst being mad at me, perhaps it could have been avoided if I asked her nicely. Everything else was in order this time, at least from the looks of it. Francis was already here, as a matter of fact, he was the only one. Where are the others? They should arrive at any moment I thought, but in the meantime, I could ask him the same thing, maybe he knew something. So I approached Francis and asked him the same question I asked Carla, awaiting for an answer, instead, I got the same reaction just like before.

‘I don't really know, it's probably just a silly name anyway if the roads match the signs. ’ ‘Thanks anyway, you're just as useful as always. ’ Not at all, but what he told me did help me a little, so far, I knew that three of us don't know the. . .

‘I see how it is, Francis, did. . . put you up to this prank or was it your idea? ’ Carla asked him whilst pointing at both of us.

‘Don't worry about me, I would never pull the rug under you. You know me better than that. Perhaps this boring place doesn't have a name, it's nothing unusual. ’ A sparked conversation started between them after that, all because of me and my big mouth.

‘This town is far from being dull, how dare you? Sure, most of the time, not so many things happen around, but the least it deserves is a name. I swear it had one, though. ’ She then proceeded to make an oath on discovering its name, even making an article about it.

‘Why is it so important for it to have a name? It's not like we get many visitors in here anyway, just screw its identity. ’ Said Francis while adding more paper and ink to the fiery conversation. Carla ignited it even more after that, fighting fire with fire.

‘I don't think you'd enjoy being nameless though I would if I was named Francis. Also, don't complain about visitors, it's not like you've got many of them in your house most of the time. ’ Francis got infuriated by her remarks, continuing the fight with a counter attack, he wasn't going down without a fight.

‘Don't you dare talk to me like that, you want this to become personal, eh? Clearly you've never heard of people enjoying the privacy of their own house, since you're taking so many of them in yours. ’ The entire room felt like a heated battle in which I was evasive to join in even if I was caught in it. I couldn't even pick a side on the battlefield even if I wanted to. Although in a way, I enjoyed conflict and seeing them fight, it kinda made me feel. .

‘Hey, aren't you going to say something? When I'm done with him, I'm coming right for you!’ Or I could have waited for the battle to come to me before trying to stop it, after all, no one was safe from her.

‘Could you both just stop it already? We're all fully grown adults, so can we just act like it? ’

I should have known that Francis wouldn't be pleased by my response when he told me to

‘Speak for yourself!’ Neither did Carla as she didn't waste a second to come back to take a shot at him. ‘You're right for once, you're more like a boy than a man, so could you shush next time when adults are talking? Could you do that from now on?’

‘Well, I liked it before reaching this point, but the conflict got out of hand quite fast, even by their standards. ‘Just stop already!’ I shouted at them, interrupting them from even being able to start more fights, directing their entire attention to me. I didn't think they would actually stop from it. . . or even be mad at me.

‘I didn't mean to shout at you, what I really meant to say was. . . ’ I looked around the room and noticed the clock,

ten minutes already passed.

‘Stop already and look at the clock. . . it's quite late and our other colleagues haven't arrived yet. ’Now that I got both of their attention onto me, it started turning into a burden. Both of them looked like they were going to lash onto me, leaving me no other option but to take it.

‘I'm sure they will enter that door at any moment, but how come the boss isn't here yet? They must be all having a celebration and we weren't invited there. ’ Francis confronted Carla with her suspicion, trying to get on her good side after that,

‘Don't worry lass, if there was one, they wouldn't have left you out. ’

Ended by some soft, barely audible remarks. It was both entertaining and annoying to hear them try to figure out where the others are, so I decided to come up with a suggestion:

‘Why aren't we going outside to look for them? Maybe something did happen today and they're all, there, writing about the special event they've come across. ’I could have made a better excuse but something had to be done for us to move away from the constant fighting and spanking, I really hoped they would both agree to my idea and help me. Two funny and unscattered looks on their faces made me think otherwise, as If I was taking the spotlight away from them, a selfish act in their eyes, just to ruin their fun and take it all for myself.

‘Look there, it's the buzz-killing machine, with its entire purpose being to ruin the fun other people have whilst waiting for the others to come. ’ I'm not going to let Carla get even more distracted by some petty and childish banters, especially when I'm trying to figure out what she meant before when telling me. I wasn't going to let her do it again.

‘Look, Carla, enough time passed and something might have happened to them. And even if nothing happened, we still have a job to do, you too Francis. Now, I'm going to head to the storage room to get another camera, after I'm back, I hope we can go and look up for a story to cover. ’I left them alone to discuss whilst I was going to check out for the extra camera. We've already spoken about it, but I liked the idea of writing about the nameless town. That would either confirm or not, the small theory I had in mind. Carla came closer to me and took me by the arm before I had to chance to leave, pointing me towards the room and taking me with her. ‘We're leaving, if you want to boil in here by yourself, it's fine by me Francis, but we're going to check what's outside. ’

She said, while managing to get both of his and my attention, even if it was against my will. I tried slowing her down so I could tell her that I still needed to get my camera but she didn't want to listen. Neither Francis was in the mood for it but he decided to join us, locking the door and getting ready to plan out next move, for better or worse.

‘Any of you two could have closed the door, but no, you had to spend more time gabbing. ’ ‘I don't understand why are you complaining so much, does the sunlight hurt you or something? ’I had to step in once again to stop them.

‘There's nothing pleasing you two, is there? Could you, at least, tune in down a notch? Francis, stop encouraging her, you're making everything worse!’ Quickly being interrupted from my stance.

‘Yeah he is, but he's only making it worse for himself. ’I had to come back to where I was left.

‘Back to Carla, you're overreacting, even more than usual. Come to think of, you're both acting unusual. ’They both puffed up, acting quite immaturely and there wasn't anything I could do or say that would stop them. Nothing that I

tried so far worked. I should just go and find out what's happening, if they care about it they will follow. After I started walking, they both followed in my track, still arguing over irrelevant problems from behind, at least, they weren't hurting anyone, unless you count their feelings as sentient beings, which they aren't. . . I hope.

'Let's see, where should I . . . mean we look first? '

Thinking out loud there for a second, luckily ignored. Alas, maybe we should go to the mayor's office, he has to know if the town has a name or not, after all, he has to own all those records and documents related to it. I turned around and told them:

'How about we go and check out the mayor's office, how about it? '

Both of them reached the point where they couldn't even hear me, being self-absorbed by their arguments and curses, probably not even listening to themselves anymore, saying words and throwing insults only for the sake of it. Somehow, even with all of that, they were still able to replicate my exact steps as they followed me remarkably well. It was still early so not many people were outside, but those who were there didn't matter since I didn't know them personally. We kept moving, passing the barber shop where old man Dave spent his entire life in, a sad individual who enjoyed the feeling of solidarity, in moments like these one I can fully understand why he likes it. To each his own I suppose, though I can't help it but feel pity for this poor fellow. Sad and alone with no one to talk to, I can only think about how it would feel like being in another one's body, even if it was for one day I'd say it would be enough. Otherwise, it's hard to think about it when you've got two of your friends who won't stop bickering at each other two steps away from you. I would like to be in one of their shoes just to be able to end the conflict, I could even feel how it would be like being a . . .

'We're almost there so we can finally get to the bottom of it, though, I wish I had my camera with me. 'Carla didn't feel sorry she took me out so rashly, but I guess it wasn't only her fault, I might have pushed her to it.

'I get it already, we don't need a camera for this, if there was none to begin with, it's not like you were going to take photos of a blank spot. 'She was right, I'd give her that for once, but still, at least, some would suffice, even with the mayor.

'Ye, don't worry about it, since we're writers, we'll manage to do what we do best, writing that is. 'Francis was blunt but stern though I don't know when it was decided that he'd also get a part in our article. Nothing hard nor unpleasant about it, I wish he told me first before introducing himself in.

'How about you write the important notes for us? I don't really want to pick from paragraphs for the article, you've got the small, straight to the point writing style, don't you? 'I couldn't refuse her, especially after placing me on the spot, so I agreed to it. And so they stopped arguing for once and we all agreed on to something. Luckily for them that they've got me as a friend, any other normal individual would have quit the job and their friendship. Normally we'd all argue just like a couple, so we might as well be one. I felt bad, but at the same time I was fine and well, just like a wine waiting to be consumed, sentient and aware of its own fate, starting to lose it. Even if it was hard to lose something that wasn't there in a long time. I need something to occupy my mind and these twos aren't helping, they're just distracting me, wait.

' The two of you. . . stop right there for a second and don't say a word. 'I felt sorry for silencing them but they were listening, quietly and for the time being, I've had some time to clear my mind, hopefully I wouldn't lose it. Now,

what was I thinking about. . . distractions, we were heading to the mayor, before that we were. . . the three of us were talking, even farther. . . the restaurant, that's where I started, in the middle of it, standing like a fool with people staring at me. I might have forgotten something there, but I can't place my finger on it. Carla and Francis were getting impatient, they're really hitting up some nerves there, maybe even more. I need an excuse to get there, but it might be tricky since they want to get to the mayor now, I don't need to appear suspicious to them. Too late for that, they're probably just trying to figure out what's inside my mind, even more than I am.

‘Umm How about you two go ahead and we'll meet there, I've just remembered that I got something. . . else to somewhere else. ’Those vultures remained unconvinced by my plea and body movement, both of them even offered themselves to accompany me to somewhere. Our original course of action changed, going into a loop, it happened quite often lately, too often for my liking.

‘So, are you going to tell us where we're going now? I hope it's job-related, I also want to know who made you our leader, your majesty. ’

‘I have to agree with the gal there, I believe I might make a better one, especially with my set of leadership abilities and traits. ’

‘Listen up, just trust me, I know what I'm doing, we're taking a small shortcut to the restaurant, I promise I will explain everything there. ’Carla was reluctant as she grabbed and stopped me in my tracks.

‘You're not taking any more steps, so you either explain what's really going on or we're all going back to the headquarters, with or without your consent. ’Unfortunately, I couldn't lie my way out of it, so I decided to lay it all on the table

‘What I'm about to tell you might sound. . insane to believe. I have booked an appointment with the mayor and we're supposed to meet up with him there. ’Carla continued questioning me after hearing that, doubting every word that came out of my mouth.

‘Wait, didn't you say something like where it all started? And when did you make that appointment? You're such a bad liar, if you wanted to check out the restaurant and if it's okay with Francis too, maybe we can make a stop there for a few minutes, is that fine with you? ’When it came to food, Francis didn't even think twice about it, we all agreed once again and went there, a few miles back from where we previously were, but it wasn't a problem. I think I know what I lost there. We kept going until we got to the place, which was empty and not in the usual way. I could see it in both of their faces that they didn't expect this either, the whole restaurant was point blank empty. A giant empty structure with no table, no chairs, nothing inside. Somehow, over the past minutes, everything disappeared, not even some dust or signs from the objects being moved were left there, peculiar.

‘Well, this right here looks like a story worth staying for, mayor or not, I'll take this one. ’ Said Francis before entering and starting to check it more closely.

‘Maybe they've just moved, what do you say, should we really waste our time with it or leave it to Francis? Also, what was the reason again, for leading us here? ’ She said whilst pointing at me accusatorily.

‘I didn't know this. . . whole moving situation happened, to be fair, I don't know what I was expecting to see. Carla, we might as well check it out since we're here. ’Francis shortly came back to back me up and my idea.

‘I think we should really focus on this, the sudden vanish of an entire restaurant? Nothing ever happens in this town

anyway, I can bet on the fact that whoever makes an article about it will get a raise. 'He was absorbed by greed, Carla by wrath, while I was still confused, trying to remember. I know I woke up here, but I also know that I lost my grip from something else, I can't shake the feeling of wanting it back with all my heart and soul. What could it be? This place looks like it was erased from its entire existence, in no way everything could be moved away in this amount of time. I felt somewhat attracted to the middle of the room, not even realising when I entered the building. The more I concentrated on it, the less I could hear my friends and conflicts. I followed my instincts, going into the silence of my own mind, noticing a hole in the floor. I've got no idea how I didn't notice it, from the distance everything looked normal. . enough questioning now, I should make my move and ask myself later. The pain I felt inside was unmaskable, but it was shortly followed by slight relief, anger and other passing feelings and affected senses. I could hear whispers coming from the small, almost perfectly rounded hole, faintly and in a language that I couldn't recognise. My ears were right above the hole, still I couldn't make anything of it.

'Douq Saith Rye Swat I fro Brr Fin Sot. '

They sounded like mumbles, me getting closer to its source didn't help with the understanding at all. I took my ear off and tried looking closer to it, trying to see what was inside there, but nothing in there. The hole was big enough for someone's hand to fit, it might have grown in size after I took my ear away. The more I looked at it, the more I started thinking that this might be a setup, everything got removed and the trap got laid in its place, awaiting its prey. But what if it wasn't? I know I should act and shouldn't be so paranoid, but everything looked both in and out of order. The whispers continued and now I was able to hear them even more clear inside my head.

'Rotanev Flee ad the sots sic on no to tab el!' Still, I wasn't able to understand, that's why I had to take the gamble so I would get away from it. I showed my hand inside the hole and like I thought, it fit right in. It was quite deep, too deep for my comfort and liking, but I could feel something inside it, something in the hole that I could reach and take. And I did it, safely pulling out. The hammer. I knew I forgot something here, but why this and why in here? The whispers also stopped after taking it out, even the silenced died with them. I got up after, still looking at it, I won't let it get out of my sight again, especially now that I know that it can keep the whispers away. What could I do with it now? Something other than hitting nails from around the house. After turning back to them, both Francis and Carla looked at me like I was some sort of monster. They were shaking and slowly walking away.

'Are you two feeling well? I've found this. . . wait, I'm not going to hurt you. . . please stop trying to get away from me. '

Not a single word came from their mouths, except some sounds and genuine fear as if they were in a trance. This tool was too. . . I can't explain the feeling. I know I've felt it before, for the second time in my life. I am sure that this is a real object, perhaps it was time to find out if the rest was also real. While thinking about it, they've managed to get out and lock me in, like a mad animal in a cage that's waiting to be put down, not this time, not me. I'm not going to hurt them, I'm just going to find out, once and for all what's really happening. Time to make it right, I walked closer to the door and did the right thing, I started striking at the door, cracking it piece by piece. The door bled a strange white substance from its cracks, followed by the whispers that came back to me, this time speaking in my own tongue, begging me to stop, which I ignored and kept on destroying the door.

'You will kill us both. . . . stop it before it's too late!' It kept trying to get into my head and make me stop, I don't

know If I can trust it.

'What are you doing to me? What are. . . ? 'A break was needed from it and also for me to understand what it tried to say, the pain that I've inflicted on the door came right back to me.

'Look. . . I don't. . . 'My muscles were inflamed, I could barely speak or breathe , when I looked down I noticed a pool made out of a white and red coloured substance. I knew that the red one was my blood, dripping from my nose and mouth. . but my mind isn't damaged yet.

'I don't know what you are. . if you don't explain. . . we're both going to. . . going to be. . 'Both substances kept dripping on the ground and still no response, if it thinks it can just ignore me, it has another, ugh. . . . I could feel it. . reaching to my head. . . It will get me if I don't act. . . I struck the door another time, this time, I've managed to smash right through it and get outside. The scream inside my head was loud, enough to give me a headache. Carla and Francis were outside for the whole time? 'Help. . me' I tried calling them, but they ran away after I opened my mouth, leaving me alone in pain.

'Tse non Of lo satyr of mr flock ed I in an erg!?' '

'I can't understand. . you. . . bastard. 'I tried shouting, but my throat pain prevented me from it.

'We're both. . . in pain. . . who. . what are you? 'I kept trying to appeal to it, hoping to reach. . to understand it. So far, I only knew that it reacts to pain. What if it's right? Then we're both going to die if we're damaged enough. Fine, a small rest and I will continue after, I don't know if you can hear my thoughts but. .

'I will break you. . . even if I have to. . . break myself in oder. . . to do it. 'I had to pull myself together, my friends. . . where did they go? What am I thinking? Just like before, I was deceived, this isn't real. I didn't even know how many times I've asked myself about what's real or not. This was worse than feeling deja vú, it kept burning through my mind. There needs to be an escape from this madness but where? I've tried going to Mannorstare and that backfired, but I never tried to run outside to another town or place I haven't seen before. I don't know if this is my choice or if I've been guided so far, but I'll do it, the hammer also stays with me. Then it was decided, I was ready to leave again and leave everything behind, even the structure cracked up and crashed into rubble and dust. If it was my doing, intentionally or unintentionally, I don't know, but the place is forever sealed in my memories and I hoped it won't get reconstructed anymore, to become a reminder that it's not over yet. I started walking, trying to head towards the outskirts of the town. I knew that doing the same attempt once again, leaving it, was probably going to end up like a failure, but I had no other choice than try my luck once again. What could I do? Just live my life as if nothing happened? I'd rather just die than live an unreal version of reality whilst knowing what I know. On my way, I passed people who just ignored me, they weren't scared like Carla or Francis. None of them neither looked surprised nor scared off the unexplainable event that just happened, how could this be? I didn't look what lay in front of me because I accidentally pushed Darya back and made her drop all her groceries down.

'I'm truly sorry. . . . I can't talk now. . . I didn't mean. . 'I didn't stop, I couldn't stop, not even for her, but I did take a look behind and saw her on the ground picking them up and looking at me with deep sadness in her eyes. Feeling sorry for it didn't help since the task at hand was too important to ignore. My eyesight was finally straightened up and once again I was on a mission, this time, it will end different, at least, that's what I hope. I took the main street, hoping I would cut some time off to get out but a huge crowd gathered in front of me, slightly farther away but still

close enough, blocking the road in their path. I wonder what they're doing there. As I got closer to them, going through it, forcing my way between the other citizens, getting pushed around to the point where I almost got pushed down. The person who did it will surely regret it, luckily I didn't end up on the ground or else I would have. Shame, though, that would be a kick to someone who's already on rock bottom, perhaps it would have been. I was shocked, the reason they were all gathered around, Francis's body was laying down with a knife stuck deep inside his body. I know that this isn't real and perhaps we weren't the best of friends, but the simple thought of it was repulsing. Something snapped inside my head. I felt the backpack on my back again, afraid to reach and see if I still held the knife inside it. I had to go away, as far as possible from.

'There. . . officer, the culprit came back to the crime scene! Apprehend. . .' A person from the crowd pointed towards me accusatively. Other people around me blocked my way out after trying my best to escape. The officers that were checking the body came not only to their senses but also to my arrest.

'Wait, this isn't what it looks like, I didn't do. . .' There was no way I could explain or pardon myself in this unfair world, it was beyond my power when they came and arrested. . . a youngster that stood next to me? I stepped out of the way with the rest of the other people who left the officers to their jobs. That was a close one, still it's no time for mourning or squirming from that small mistake I've almost done. While trying my best to avoid them so I wouldn't get my time wasted being questioned, I jumped over Francis's body, going straight to my path. None of them saw me do that, except, maybe some townsfolk, but I kept going my way, trying to escape everything that was being thrown at me. I won't be slowed down anymore from getting my questions answered. Almost there, out of the nameless and shameless town, from the peak to the bottom of the nest I was headed. I was on the move and I wasn't the only one, I should have known it wasn't going to be easy, my eyesight got affected and so did every colour beyond me leaving nothing but shades of gray, black and white. No, this can't happen, I've instinctively take a look on my hands, noticing that they were changed too, followed by my clothes. Nothing but a slight annoyance that did nothing to stop me as I already got out of the town. With no one behind to slow or follow me. I kept walking towards what used to be the road that leads towards Mannorstare, but instead, I've arrived at a crossroad which was made out of two paths. Two paths separated from each other by a dark forest with ash like and black trees that sprang between their twins. Too tall to be climbed over, as narrow as a crushed mountain pass with no way to pass from as far as I could see. I wanted to take a step back and check my options but it got out of hand, whilst turning around, I saw nothing before me. The only thing I could see was darkness, covering up everything but the small path I was on, neither the sky nor the ground was there and even when I tried reaching forwards with my hand, I couldn't feel anything, not even the ground. Even my hand looked as if it disappeared up to my wrist, I was standing at the edge of something I couldn't even fathom how deep it was. I don't understand any of these occurrences, but I can't let that stop me here just because there's no way for me to go back. I turned around and, in front of my eyes, the crossroad changed too, one of the paths was made of stone. Stalactites started to erupt out of everywhere including thin air, narrowing the path. A single light could be seen from distance, unable to guide me. The event was so fascinating and strange to watch uncover in front of my eyes that I didn't pay any attention to the other one. It stopped after a while, leaving not that much space but enough for me to make it through, also, it wasn't until the eruption was over that I've got to look upon the other path that laid at hand. The other one, from the right, changed,

but there was the other one from the left, the one that I've ignored was just a simple road, yet it had a strange attraction towards me. I tried looking towards where it lead, wanting to know where it ends or leads, but I wasn't able, I couldn't see it from the spot I was on. Something off and sad felt about it but I wasn't sure why I tried looking some more at it from the distance and noticed that some of the plants and trees on and around the road were dead and broken. I was reluctant to turn around, fearing that everything might change again, perhaps I was more afraid that it might end unturned. This was it, I wasn't sure there was a way for me to return after I chose a path, everything left behind might as well disappear as it did before. The question left at hand was, which choice was wrong and which one was right? I don't think I've ever been presented with such a selection if only I could think more clear about it if I wasn't affected by this mild annoyance. I might suffer from achromatopsia and I don't even know how the term came up to me. Focus, focus, two paths, one changing, one dying, if appearances are indeed deceiving. I could pick the wrong path and who knows, rather, what knows what might happen to me. It's all my fault, I should just try breaking both of the roads bit by bit, slab and slab leaving nothing but rubble. Though I wouldn't want to end up buried in it in the process. Ugh, I can't believe I'm getting worked out over nothing, I keep forgetting that it's not. . nothing, everything is just too complicated, I wish it was easier. I wish I wasn't alone. What happens after you figure out that the life that you lived, the people, your friends, your family, all those connections and feelings are nothing but lies? It's strange, now that I've got the time to reflect on my life, I can't remember my life spent in the town, or even its name. Just mere events from time to time that used to suffice, followed by the breaks from my non-existent dreams. Should I choose the road with the dying trees? If only It meant the sweet relief, I could finally end the loop, maybe that's the reason I felt strange when I take a look at it. If one of the paths leads to one end, that could only mean that the other leads to. The stalactites broke down into pieces, making way for the gravel to quickly gather up to form smaller versions of the buildings I've seen before in the town. Not exactly the same, but merged with the black trees, making a sweet architectural and natural symphony of tree houses. Far ahead there, I could see my parents, real or not, I was able to recognise them, after all, these years. It tries to draw me back in, back into the other world, I don't know if I want it any longer. I don't think I will be needing this anymore, regardless of my choice. One last glance at the hammer, the only object I thought to be real, before throwing it away and watching it vanish before my eyes. Such a burden, the one of knowing the sad truth and being forced to keep the information alone. I've had no one to share with. I've felt afraid before but it all pales compared to this. What will happen if I go on that dead road? Will it really lead me to my death? I don't know if there's an afterlife. I don't know if the thing that made all this can create an image of that either. My very own life essence is dying inside me, in this moment of clarity, I felt it, it's been dying for some time. If I just wait here, not being forced to choose, what if that was an option for me to take? But then I would probably be completely drained and die anyway and who know how much will that take. How am I even able to see or feel that? The more I spent in here, starring in front of a crossroad, the more I felt the same thing I've felt during desperate times. That I was my own enemy, conspiring against myself to lose track of important choices. I really want to choose something but it was hard, I might not get another chance at this, especially since there was no way back and I threw the only tool that could hurt that thing. I still wasn't sure what was inside my head earlier, or even if it ever left it. I wasn't going to talk myself out of this, no matter what choice I'll make, it will all be over. The second road, no, I should call it the first one, changed once again,

synchronizing with my thoughts and state of mind, the buildings crumbled, the trees fell to the ground, forming the faces of everyone I've ever met in my life. It was a long road, especially with everyone staring at the ground, with the stone and wooden limbs and torsos coming on to make their bodies. They were all there waiting for me, all silent, some deaf, others mute but they were my friends, they wanted to bring me back home where I also wanted to be. One, in particular, made me feel unsure of my choice but I didn't recognise who that was. My feelings were conflicting with each other, tears came out of my eyes, tears in batches and never ending. I wanted to be with them, I really did, too late since my choice was already done.

'I'm sorry my friends. We really are. 'My last words to them before they cracked and bled. I hope this path will offer me release and peace. If there are my. . no. . if this will be my death, I will be truly happy for once. My legs with the entire body got heavier, I couldn't see anymore what laid in front of me. The hardest decision from my entire life wasn't choosing the road but deciding to end a chapter from my life. A chapter that's been impairing, clouding my decisions and made me forget what I really wanted. In the end I did not feel pain, I didn't even feel my body at all, I tried glancing at my hand but I couldn't see them, just dust, scattered away. I kept going until I wasn't able to do it any longer, the ground was so soft that it became a part of me. I don't know what will happen to me but I'm. . . at ease. My head started feeling like it was in flames, the pain was excruciating. . . I can't. . . I can't. . . breathe.

'Another one of the subjects dies. I really hoped the achromanyxicon would continue feeding on them while they're still breathing. We should prepare this one's replacement soon. '

'Understood, but what of the remains of. . . let me check the list. Apparently there was no name, I guess it won't be missed by anyone anytime soon, I presume. '

'Leave the remains in, the remaining fluids and cadaverous remains will serve soon enough. Now, return to your assignments. '

'As you wish sir, I'll get right to it. 'A new sacrifice must be made to appeal the celestial, with the hunger only increasing, I couldn't even begin to fathom what it might do if we decided to starve it. I left him alone to attend to the celestial and returned back to the outside world, away from the depths filled with misery and regret. Hidden underground, away from the eyes of the mundane world, they would never understand, those fat maggots, they deserve everything that's coming to them. I hated every single one of the people in this town, except some of them, the rest served as a reminder of my past failures. This town is big, but the people in it are shallow and bitter, just perfect for ripping.

'There you are brother, I've been looking for you for the entire day, you worthless parasite waste enough of my time as it is, so come on. 'I smiled back at my brother and ignored what he said, I wasn't going to show him any sign of weakness.

'I'm sorry for making you wait for Cristopher, I was. . 'Without any warning he punched me violently in the nose, making me lose some blood in the process.

'Does it look like I care about your pathetic explanation little brother? Now it's time to go back home, I will hear no whining on the way back or else. They'll keep coming. 'He took me by the wrist and forced me to walk at his pace. There were other people outside, but none of them stepped in, they never did anything to get involved with us. His hand felt like an iron chain, staggering and hurtful and I was his prisoner, taken throughout the town with people

staring and wondering what I've done wrong as if it was my fault in all of it. I tried looking away from them so I wouldn't get in even more trouble with him. The rest of the duration of the road was long and not even once did I think about getting away from him. Sure, it felt awkward and I had to open them from time to time, soon it was over when we got home. Upon entering, I was released by my warden and went straight to my mother, staying as far as I could from him. There she was, staying alone in her chair, the only person who's kind to me. . . used to be kind to me. I grabbed her hand and stood by her side for a while, just the two of us, my brother already left out presence with no decency, not even for our sweet mother.

'I'm back mother. I hope your day wasn't as hard as mine. You know, it's really hard for us too, at least for me. We. . miss you mother, I miss talking to you, I miss calling us a family. 'My grip on her hand grew slightly tighter, yet no reaction, as usual, even if the doctor said it would help, just a liar, like all of them. But why her? She doesn't deserve this.

'Don't worry mother, I'm going to make everything just like before, that's the least I can promise. Then we can be a family once again. 'It's late and the nurse didn't say if she's coming today or not, I should prepare the dinner just in case. I had to cook for myself and the rest of the family, the food wasn't that good but at least, we weren't starving. After so much practice I got good at roasting chicken and boiling the soup. I wasn't a chef but she didn't spit it out. I got on the work right on the clock, without any flavours or other ingredients, just the same like before. An extra dish for my brother too, but we had enough. The food was ready not too long after, I brought the chicken to my mother first, cutting it into small pieces so she wouldn't choke on it, slowly leading them towards her mouth, piece by piece. She barely ate the food but I had enough patience. I stood right by and fed her, it was hard to do it, especially with the blank expression on her face, barely seeing any reaction or hearing any thought. At least, she didn't forget how to chew, it would have been much worse in that case.

'Come on, another bite. . . and, that's it. You know, I've been hanging with professor Presley lately. You should get to meet him someday, he reminds me of. . . you know. . 'Enough of this, she should take some of the soup and go to bed, it's late and I've still got work to do.

'We still have some of that soup that Alicia made. . . I just wanted you to know that. . . 'I was quick with the soup so it wouldn't end up cold and waited near her, spoon after spoon until it was empty. After she was done eating, I've led her to the bed and placed her there. The bed sheet was big enough to reach her once golden hair, after that, I kissed her for 'good night' Chris isn't around, right, I need to search someone first, then I'll go and eat, the job was above my personal comfort. I went outside and locked the door tight, going out by myself could be dangerous at this hour, but I have this pocket knife hidden away, borrowed from my dear brother to keep me safe. I started walking down the street, trying to look for someone who wouldn't be missed, a disposable individual. Most people are in their houses now, perhaps there's a homeless man I could take advantage of, that's right, I could search for one in the public square. I wanted to change my direction but I heard someone coming from behind me, approaching fast I concur. I kept walking with my heart between my teeth, I was afraid to look back and I didn't want to scream for help, that would alert and he'd attack me. My step speed got changed progressively, hopefully, he wouldn't be able to notice. I can still hear him, behind me, the prowler on his hunt. I know, perhaps I can reach the professor's house, it's not too far now. My hand reached into the pocket, reaching the small knife, shaking with sore muscles. I was

able to feel my lungs pumping the air, in and out at an alarming rate. All of the sudden, I felt a grip on my shoulder. After that I broke down, I hastily turned around whilst taking the knife out and after that, I stabbed the guy in his gut. It was so fast that it took me a couple of seconds to realise what I've done.

'What have I done? No. . no. . this wasn't supposed to happen!' I was too afraid to pull the knife out so he wouldn't start bleeding, instead, I thought that he was probably just a teenager.

'Agh, why did you d. . . ' I tried comforting him but I could see that he was in pain, ready to bleed to death. 'Keep your hand on the wound. I know who can help us. . just do it, I'm sorry, I thought you were trying to hurt me!' He's probably not even in his eighteens, what have I done? He couldn't speak but he tried to get away from me, even if I didn't want to let go of him.

'Please. . . leave me. . . I'm begging you. . '

'It was an accident, you got to trust me, I told you already that I know who can help. . 'Neither of us felt fine with it but we kept going, almost there, oh no. . . I hope no one saw me.

'Just hang onto me, I won't let you die, you won't pass away yet. ' He was heavy but we got in front of the professor's house, I don't think anyone saw us. I had an extra key to his house, so we got in fast, I could see from the looks of it that he might not make it. . .

'Mister Prisly, please, are you here? ' 'Agh, make. . . it stop. . . it stings too much. . . please. . 'Blood came out of his mouth, dripping on the floor, thankfully the professor heard both of us and came quickly to our location.

'Sweet lord, what have you done Sam? I told you to bring someone who's still alive, haven't I? At least, that's what I thought I did. 'I could tell that he was mad at me, but time's short.

'I've got no time to explain, can we help him? '

'Fine, his wounds should be covered once we get there, just bring him down. . . nevermind, I'll give you a hand.

'This poor guy, it wasn't my fault, we both took a side, me and the professor and lead him to the secret entrance from the basement, going through the catacombs whilst he was still alive. Everything happened fast for some reason, I didn't know if I was still in shock, maybe I was, who could tell? We got to one of the empty vessels, there we left the boy down for some time. I was still barely breathing because. . 'Calm down, it's okay, he will be healed, after all, he has the chance of becoming part of something bigger than him. I need your help now to load him in, do you think you can handle that right now? Look at me Sam! I nodded my head and helped him open the vessels, we both took a side and pushed him inside it with care before closing it up. The vessels was transparent, I could still see the small appendages coming from inside, thick and long, entering his stomach wound and filling with colorless goo. The boy was unconscious at this point, he probably didn't even feel anything that was happening to him. But this wasn't the end of it, those appendages I saw before stretched from behind his neck, reaching and covering up his mouth, nose, eyes and ear holes and sockets, cauterising and blocking his orifices. He didn't need air or food anymore and since he wasn't rejected, this operation was successful. Bigger ones came to tie his hands and legs to prevent any movement or possible inconvenience. The connection was complete, the being most likely already got to his brain through his nostrils or his spinal cord. I was always fascinated by the process and how it saved so many of the people who came into contact. I looked back at the professor as he checked the vessels to see if everything kept its structural integrity, like the previous vessels.

‘Is everything in order prof? If I may explain myself. ’

‘Sam, were you followed? Did anyone see you with this man? ’ He was concerned, an explanation was needed fast, that's why I told him:

‘No, I don't know, I don't think. . . no. We both moved fast enough to avoid. . ’ He made lapses, from his front ending to his back, thinking what to do. Sam did it, this time, preparations must be done to cover the new subject, this is the last thing I needed, attention from the outside world coming from an association with a young murderer. And he's just standing there, scared, probably thinking that he might end up rotting in a jail, he probably might.

‘Look, Sam, I've got experience in this. . kind of situation per say, if no one saw you, then that's one less concern to think about. I need you to do something for me now, you have to stay away from my house for a couple of days, just to be completely sure that we're in no danger to get discovered, okay? Have I made myself clear? ’ Sam barely shook his head, being shocked also made him useless, his hands shaking, his eyes were red and close to tears, the kid was barely standing on his own two feet. Then he finally decided to give me an answer, after I gave him the time for it.

‘Yes. . . I will, I did. . . that's what I wanted to say, I understood. ’ He was ready to take his leave, but he rashly turned around to me before doing so,

‘Wait, professor, the knife. . . it's my brother's and I think it's still bloody, what about it? I can't be found like. . . I can't go to jail and leave my mother alone. . with him. ’

‘I almost forgot about it, it has been too long since the last time I've done something like this. Lay down for a moment while I'll think about what's out next course of action. ’ Sam complied with my command. He can't go back home now, not yet, his clothes must be washed, and his knife too, speaking of which, where's the weapon? ‘Where's the weapon, do you still have it?

‘He started looking and searching his pockets, finding nothing of the sorts. He didn't show me anything except his empty hand. Which could only mean that ‘You lost the knife, haven't you? ’ He looked past me, avoiding my question, he probably lost it somewhere along the way here.

‘I must find it fast before anyone else. ’

‘Professor wait. . . the knife. ’

‘I know Sam, I have to go back and find it, there's no one who must see or acquire it except us, that's why. ’

I was interrupted again from my thoughts, the boy must be taught some manners after it's all over. What could he be starring at a time like this? After turning around, I told him:

‘It's just the vessels, I know you've discovered a certain interest about it but there are more important. . . ’ ‘Look, professor, that's what I kept trying to point out, it's in the vessels, the knife is still plunged. . . ’ Sam is right but the knife is now covered in the colorless substance, still inside him, I can't remove it now that the small chamber has been sealed. .

‘Sam, did you leave the knife inside him during this whole time? ’

‘I'm sorry about it, I thought I took it out. . . but I need it, I took it out from my brother's room. ’ This was going to turn out quite challenging but nothing was out of my reach.

‘Sam, go out stairs and wash your clothes. Make a bath too while you're at it. There's also the problem with this fellow over here who we saved. You've never met him, understood? ’

‘Yes, prof. . . and. . is he going to be fine now? I can't take any more stress. . . with this and my mother. . ’ ‘He was saved by the celestial, now go, I still have to attend to the restoration of the other damaged vessels, this minor setback has gone long enough. ’

‘Wait. . . I almost forgot about it. . about my mother, should I go back after I've disposed of the filth and the blood spots from my clothes? ’

‘No! Haven't you heard me? We can't afford to draw any attention to us right now, you're going back home the first thing in the morning, now go, clean up and sleep. ’ Sam left after that, still scared, he didn't even look back, maybe I was harsh with him. . . too much is at stake now. I will go to the guest room. . . first thing in the morning and apologise. Where was I anyway? Oh right, the vessels. I went towards the broken vessels to continue my previous investigation. Somehow the last person that used it managed to gain some awareness and cracked it with a hammer. This may prove to be a real problem, if this one did. Who knows if the new lad might awaken too and make use of that knife. Hmm, shards on the floor, almost crystallised, they must have come from inside it, I should put on a pair of gloves before I touch them. A pair was already waiting for me on the table. I had no other choice but to use them, even if they were rough on the sides. I turned back to the broken pieces, it was quite fascinating, even after so many years of taking care of it, it's hard to believe that it's not invincible. The vessels should be regenerating in time, but the evolution is delayed even more. I touched the shards from the floor, they felt like nothing I've touched before. They were completely different than their previous state when they were still part of the vessels. I should take note of this recent discovery, the new lad should be written down too. I took the shards and placed them away in a jar I've left before on the table, hermetically sealed, before tossing it aside. The small handbook I was carrying came in hand when I started writing the progress down.

‘January 1925. The vessels has started its recovery. I managed to store away some of its broken pieces. Everything should go just as planned, the previously consumed subject has been successfully replaced by, what seems to be, another unnamed stag. On a personal note, I'm trying to think about what could he be dreaming about. A mental connection can't be established at this period of time, at least not yet. One can only speculate about what he will have to go through. End of entry. ’ I should go back and check on Sam since there isn't anything else to do. I will find out the progress on the restoration process later. The old celestial must have connected with him, right about now, forever closed in his dream, at least for the time being. Away from the conflict that brought him here and sealed in a safe memory for his own protection. His life got saved; the price got paid.

‘It's a nice town, he will get a better education here, he might even grow up to become an independent adult like his father. ’

‘Yes honey, can we not start it again in front of him? . . . ’ My mother always looked at my father with a smile, before continuing the bitter start of a fight.

‘I was merely saying that I'm just hoping he'll end up like his father, who's clearly not taking any advice from his parents rather than thinking for himself, even for one damn moment, pff!’

‘And what would you have me doing? They're helping us both financially and emotionally, I won't just turn my back on them after how much they've provided for us. They're also. . Technically your parents-in-law too, you could, at least, show some respect for them. ’ They both kept arguing for a while we were on the street, I didn't even get the

chance to see my new house yet. . .

'I'm not going to be the man of the house instead of you, what example are you giving to our son when you can't even stand to your parents? I'm telling you, I didn't keep him inside of me for nine months just to grow up without a spine like his father, you could, at least, grow one for his sake. 'I felt like saying something though she almost told me that's not polite to talk back to your parents, I don't know why it was so different when it came to him. Why isn't he standing up to her? A mother should love the dad like she loves me, we still get into fights sometimes but not like this, it started happening quite often lately. I wish they'd stop it before it reached the point of them splitting up and I wasn't thinking just about this fight. . . I wish. . she was here too, she would know what to do. Before I could even enter the new house, or have my chance into their fight, sort of, they got interrupted by a man to come to greet us. I think I saw him before, perhaps in the past lifetime.

'Greeting madame, sir and the one and only lad. I believe we have met before, I am called Mister Fizzlerob, your new and hopefully future-old landlord. 'My mom quickly and stealthily bashed my father with her elbow so he would greet our landlord back. Their fight has ended soon after. They wouldn't normally stop until one of them was hurt. I guess this would be one of those special occasions that I've been waiting for.

'Ehm, yes, Mr Fizzlerob, It's nice. I mean it's my pleasure to meet you again. . my wife too. 'Well mannered, he almost bowed down and kissed the hand of my mother, but stopped right in time for my father.

'That's enough, we didn't really get to see our new home, so could you show us around. . . um Mister Rob, if it's not a discomfort for you. 'The landlord wasn't offended by that, even laughed at my father's expense.

'Don't worry Fred, it would be my pleasure to show you around and to your delightful companion. ' 'Ehm, wife? ,

'To your wife too. Now, if you may follow me. . 'We all followed him into the house, some of us anxious, others defensive but I presume they liked it. It was everything I wanted from the place I would spend most of my time in, a crescent of colours spread across the wall. Shades of green, yellow and white that covered the entire house from top to bottom. Even the furniture made its way here, even earlier than us. The bouncy couch didn't look any better than it did before as it almost barfed the fancy rug under us. I'm glad that for once, the small paintings on the wall didn't end up on the ground with shards to accompany them. The place almost made me feel mesmerised, with no fights around and with no roads to fill, I felt truly happy. All of those things made me forget for the time being about all the friends I've left behind before moving into this new town, especially since I've got no one now. I don't know how much will it take, but my parents will probably go and find themselves new workplaces and leave me all alone, just like my sister. I laid down on the wooden floor, not soft, neither too rough, watching above, just thinking and reminiscing about the past, how did I get here? It must have been merely a couple of months ago, as I thought about it, it seemed like the memories started manifesting right in front of my eyes and body. A blink of an eye and I was in front of a table with both of my parents standing and eating. I looked back at them before looking around.

'Are we back to our old house again? How did we get back here? 'This must either be a dream or someone granted me my wish. They both looked at me funny after that. Especially she did.

'Are you, okay son? Are you still feeling sad about it? '

'Leave the poor boy at ease, I'm sure he's just tired, that's all, right? 'They were both concerned, staring at me, while

I just stood like a dog in a corner, trying to figure out what happened.

‘Oh I got it, you just thought you could play a mischief on me, just as a tease because we moved. It wasn't that funny so. Just stop!’ I got up as I said that and slammed my fists angrily on the top of the table, making it shake a bit.

‘Theodore B. From veil, sit down this instance. I will not allow you to disturb our small family dinner with your senseless accusations. ’I was placed back down by my mother, maybe, somehow, she didn't know either what happened. I can't read them well from their face expressions. The only one I could figure out was my mother, being mildly annoyed by me.

‘Then, maybe you, eh, maybe you should apologise to your mother for that outburst. ’He's right, I did blow up a for a short while, but how did I. . . if they didn't?

‘Theo? Are you waiting for something? You mother is rather upset as it is. Pff, honey, maybe he didn't mean it, you said it yourself before, we should indeed cut him some slack. . ’They both got up from the table and started talking to each other, farther away than I could hear, leaving me alone and confused at the table. This situation was awkward, they both stood in their seats, arguing as if nothing has happened. Without even knowing that someone granted me my deepest wish. Maybe not my deepest one, close enough to it. Perhaps even farther away from my deepest possible wish. While they were still fighting, I thought that I could do something productive and find out if we were really in the past. I pulled my cheek, flinching it a bit, the pain stood there for a couple of seconds, making it as red as an apple. I don't know why I did it so hard, I thought this could be a dream, but that's out of the table now. That's it, I got up and snicked to the kitchen unnoticed. On the wall, next to where the cabinets where the food was stored laid a calendar that read the exact date of

‘August 10th’ I guess the date works and this is my old, my home. That meant that perhaps going through the distant past was possible. If only. The kitchen also had its back door, I went there and I opened it so I could take a better look outside. I couldn't believe it but we just came back to the town of Huffinghtee. There it is, the house of mysteries, I've always wanted to go there but I've never had the chance to. And I see that the garden was still in its place next to the tortoise fountain. Not to mention that Muriel hasn't bought her old house back yet. Good old times.

‘There you are, could you come back so we could finish our family dinner?’ I turned around and faced my dad, he noticed it too, that the face expression that I had before changed, I was feeling joy, close to it at least.

‘Yes dad, in a bunch, you could just wait for me there. ’No, this wasn't a joke nor a dream. This was actually a second chance for me to do the right thing and prevent my parents from moving and breaking their promises. I followed him, a couple of steps behind, there was. . . there is enough time to pursue them, to stop some things that. We all resumed our activity, I had no time to eat, though, I had a lot of planning to do, so I started pretending that I was eating, circling the food from my plate with a fork. Carefully thinking what should I do with the information I had. Some would abuse the information I had. Damn, If only I knew the right winning ticket numbers. I shouldn't let them know what's happening, if I act normal, I'm sure they won't notice it. I'm almost entirely sure they will forget my past outburst like they do with everything I've ever done before it.

‘Theodore, stop playing with your food and eat it already. I don't want to be forced to re-introduce the table manners from behind your head. ’

‘I'm sorry mother, I was just feeling, um, full, after such a great dinner you've cooked. ’She didn't seem pleased by

my light lie and tried to corner me inside the small table. My punishment was most likely being beat for my questionable behaviour. Not her best job hiding it.

'It's okay, just go back upstairs. I'll take care of the dishes. 'I looked at her, surprised as she has never done that, it was out of her character. How could she show emotion? Not to mention doing something for someone else without being forced to.

'I'm fine, mother, I can wash them myself, no need to trouble yourself with them. 'But my mother didn't stop there and didn't let me either.

'Theodore, I wasn't asking you to do it, so go to your room, now!' My father had to step in after to calm her down, to prevent her from popping again, when all of the sudden:

'Calm down dear, he's only trying to help, just do as she said Theo, go to your room. 'I didn't wait for a third warning, so I just went upstairs, leaving both of them alone, yet another time. I should have known that except our location, nothing else has changed. Some minor things didn't count. Upon going back and entering my room, I wanted to be happy, it wasn't that much of a surprise that nothing has changed between them, but for some reason, I just couldn't do it. The thought of having to hear the same fights and arguments during the next months killed my joy. I couldn't focus on anything else but the two cursing voices from downstairs that echoed throughout the house. Well, changing everything wasn't my intention in the first place. I should start with small things If I could only remember something important, of, that's right, dad lost some money not so long ago while he was searching for some documents. Both him and my mother fought about it. He had to spend the entire night searching until he found them. Following that, he came home and got into another fight for leaving her alone. This trip must have also enhanced my memory, in no way could I remember that, in any other circumstance. In no way would I want to know that. And if my memory serves me right, it's going to happen tomorrow. Speak about being at the right place at the right time, I had to talk to him. There wasn't much time spent in the room since I made my way towards theirs. I stopped at midway from a yell that I knew too well. Both of them were still arguing, I knew that, If I was going to go down there right now. I would only get tossed back here without even having my appeal heard. I tried imagining this entire deal, quite lively inside my head. Every single time I tried to think of a way to explain myself the image of my parents shouting at me came to mind. If this is how it's going to go, I'd much rather wait for the opportune moment, maybe even later towards the night, getting here drained me pretty bad. The bed looked just perfect for me to sleep on, having a calm thought that I wouldn't get disturbed from my slumber, I went for it. Everything will be perfect, I just laid on the soft side of the bed and went to sleep without even bothering to change into something else more suiting. My eyes and their voices stopped at the same time for my sleep to go undisturbed. I wasn't expecting a bedtime story, at least not in the mood they were in. Perhaps I'll ask them the next time. Every night before this one was filled with passion and glamour so far, distant worlds that succumbed to the touch of my feet, I wonder if this time It will be the same dream or something new, the time should reveal it soon enough. It felt like I could be falling forever. There was no way for me to see from where did I fall nor towards where will I land. Throughout it, I kept my calm and silently waited for it to end. After closing my eyes, I woke up in the middle of a town that I've never been to before. I've had lucid dreams before, but this was so real that it made me question if I was dreaming or not. Next to me there was a pottery shop, or, at least, that's what I thought it was. There were some small pots and

handmade object, all of them far from my liking. I should enter if I'm going to take a better look at it. The moment I approached the door, I got shoved out of the way by someone. I landed on my back from the impact without being able to see who it was. I was glad about it, judging from the size, I wouldn't mess with it. Not even in a dream. I got right back up right ahead and tried to look in the direction where, whoever that was gone, I wasn't able to see anyone. I couldn't even see what he or she was dressed in, not that I cared about that, it's my dream, so I should focus on what I want to see, the door and the shop for now. After that short delay, I managed to open the door and walk right through. The place screamed in my face, fantastic, I took a look around to find pots and urns of all sizes, some small and others big. What they lacked is some colour but that could be easily fixed. I would have done it myself if the paint wasn't so expensive. And if it wasn't a dream. The owner of this store must have left it unattended for some time now. I could clearly see that some spiders made their homes into some of the pots. Or maybe this has a meaning, dad always used to tell me, right before going to sleep.

'Son, our dreams reflect who we really are. Don't let them shatter or your true self will be forever lost. 'I should have paid more attention back when he told it to me, maybe I should listen to him more, at least from time to time, just like we used to when we all had the family talks. The tail of my right eye noticed something I didn't before, right after I stopped reminiscing the past, the owner stood right behind the counter with his back turned to me. Quick to judge, maybe he wasn't the real owner, I hope he didn't hear me think out loud when I said it. He wore a Capotaian and such a privilege he had, standing in the middle of an empty pot store. Perhaps he was ashamed after getting into a fight with that giant person who left the store a moment ago. Hmm, why am I paying so much attention to it? Dreams don't always mean something in particular so it wouldn't surprise me if this didn't either.

'Hello there, I came here, in your possible establishment and. . umm, I noticed that your merchandise isn't in its best condition. There's a lot of dust everywhere if you would take a look. And spiders in your pots, not to mention that someone pulled their seeds and left them on the ground. Hello? Haven't you heard what I said to you? 'He completely ignored me, disrespectful having his back turned, not moving any muscle to greet me back. I couldn't see any backbone either from where I stood. Oh no, a bit of my mother must be rubbing onto me.

'What could you possibly be doing there, mister. . . sir? 'I started approaching him, closer and closer to the point when the counter area blocked both of us. I had to see his face for an unspeakable reason that kept pushing itself through my head. The desire got stronger with each passing moment that I kept switching sides to get to see him better. Not even his sides were visible. I kept treating it as it felt, like a real situation. Maybe I should get back and regain the reins of my dream. Then I could do something, surely I won't get punished for it. The worst thing that could happen is either getting kicked out or waking up. Having them both happen would be simply unimaginable. The time for action was near, I got up with my feet on the counter, looking at him from high above, still nothing, his face couldn't be concave, there's something on his face. I started focusing on one of the points of his face, trying my best to figure out what's going on with him. I could swear to myself that I started hearing strange sounds, like nothing I've heard before. I looked away from the owner, right at the pots but the sound didn't come from there. The sound kept drilling through my left ear, getting louder and louder. I was too afraid to look what made that infernal sound but I wasn't sure it came from the store. I tried confronting my fear but I got interrupted by him. The owner grabbed my leg and pulled me down under. I got dragged down, hitting the soft spot of my head on the hard edge of

the counter. Against my will I was held down by him, still in pain. He held my leg still, ready to lunge at me at any given time. I wasn't able to see him that well but he was the source of another set of sounds. I had to get away and I had to do it fast. I struggled to get loose, kicking his hand with my other leg, I wanted to crawl on the floor and get out but I couldn't. He revealed himself, coming closer so I could be able to see him. Where's his face? There's nothing in there except an empty dark hole. I stared at it, not moving nor resisting his power. I wasn't that afraid of him, I couldn't feel anything, not even laid around me, the whole room wasn't there anymore, it all got swallowed just like I got, all inside that hole. My body started breaking and I could feel my face burning and dripping on the floor. My attempt of grabbing it was a failure as it slipped between my fingers. I was surprised until I realised that our places got swapped, our bodies changed. But that's me, my face fleeing away from me. I couldn't move from the spot I was on. I could only stay and watch as my body kept dripping, leaving nothing but a skull with a hole in it. After that big shock, I passed out, not even knowing what has transpired or why it did so. I suddenly opened my eyes and woke up. My dream was over and I was still lying on the bed, untouched. It's hard to believe that it took only one second in-between being there and here. My dreams sure got upgraded since I got here, which bring me back to, oh, I need to find my father as fast as possible. I got up and rammed the door, not knowing how early or late it was, or where he is, that wasn't going to stop me from searching for him. The door almost broke down from the impact of my shoulder, making me stagger on my way downstairs. The pain wasn't unbearable but I could feel it with each step and vibration through my body. That pain served as another reminder of my failure to tell my father sooner about what's about to happen. If only I could prove to them that I had knowledge about the future, perhaps they would believe me and we wouldn't have to move out of the house. Focus on it, I had to find him now, on a side note, I should get rid of the bad habit of talking to myself. At least, I wasn't doing it out loud and if I did, well, telling my father about the lost money would end up being the least of my worries. When I finally managed to get through the whole, long staircase, I arrived safely at the table and saw mum drinking her coffee, her morning coffee, which meant it was:

‘Morning mom, has dad left for work already? ’

‘He just went out through the door a minute ago, why are you asking? ’ ‘I'll explain later, I have to go now if I want to catch up with him. ’ I told her while I made my way beyond the door, trying to find where he went as fast as I could. I know where he works, maybe I could get there before and meet up with him there.

‘Wait, Theodore, where are you going. . . ? ’

I started sprinting and ignoring her plea, she could still hear me when I said: ‘Do not worry mother, I will come back after, but I need to see dad first. ’ , right before I entered the Mayne street and got lost in the crowd. We didn't live far from it, but so many people used it to get either to their working places, parts of the town and, ugh. . getting pushed around. Someone almost ran over me with no decency whatsoever. I can see why my parents. . . I can't really see where I'm going. . but I can now see why. . . they would want to move out. So many people of all colours and ranks, all impairing my movement and my will to reach. There was no other choice for me but to walk with them. I could take a turn for the next pass but that would take some time. And getting pickpocketed while doing it wouldn't be desirable. The flow of people kept on going. I haven't thought about them until now. Like this tall lady wearing an elegant dress that's just passing by, hand in hand with her daughter I presume, or this. . .

missed him, or her too. There's someone I actually used to know.

'Hey there old man Jack, it's me, umm Theo. '

'Oh Theo, wait a second. . ' He was almost gone, farther away in crowd, I barely managed to pull him back to me, closer, so, at least, we could both move away at the same speed.

'How are you, Theo? What are you doing here, out on the streets at the rushing hour? It's dangerous for someone of your age, let me just take you back. '

'Wait, Jack, please don't, I really need to get somewhere. ' Jack pulled me out near the sidewalk, after that I managed to take a look and see that I wasn't even that far away from where I started, I didn't manage to get far at all.

I looked at him and politely asked:

'Please, mister old man Jack, could you take me to my father's working place? It's of great importance that I get there in time. 'He looked at me before looking away and seeing my mother in front of the yard, being furious, almost blinded by her rage. I saw it too and I could feel what was coming for me even before it happened though I still had an important assignment.

'Listen here young boy. ' Before he knew it, I tried getting away so I could get lost back into the crowd but he grabbed me right as I was about to do it.

'Whoa whoa whoa there, don't do something that might cause you regret it later, I'm sure that your mother might appear mad right now, but deep inside she loves you. 'I wasn't able to escape this predicament. He had me going back to the house, even worse, back to her, but something that I wasn't expecting happened, one second she was mad and in the next one she only looked concerned as if something happened to me. I can deal with this after, maybe there might still be a chance for it. We were both still far away from her, so she couldn't hear us talk or whisper, it was time for my second attempt.

'Wait, Jack, before we go, I need you to do something for me if you can. ' 'Fine lad, spill it out, I'll try helping you unless you're asking me to let you go, which I will be inclined to decline. 'I bit my tongue while trying to think about it, either way, me, him or someone else, as long as the message was received by my father nothing else mattered. I didn't want to move from where I was, nor did I care if any consequences sprung to life. My mouth opened, my teeth unclenched when I told him:

'Listen, Jack, I need you to deliver a message to my father. Look, I know it's your day off and you're not as young as you used to be, but I need you to tell him. 'He immediately interrupted me and said: 'Hold on a minute, how do you know that today is my day off? As a matter of fact, was that one of the reasons that you ran away with the crowd, unattained or near your mother? All of that because you wanted to tell something to your daddy, is that right? 'He wasn't keen on my behaviour and he was ready to drag me back without hearing me out, unless.

'Okay boy, it's time to stop this facade. '

'Wait, I didn't want to tell you this yet, I don't know why I haven't thought about it earlier, but. 'I stopped him from his march for a moment, his full attention was bestowed upon me once again.

'Fine boy, but after this, it's back to your mother and no more lip biting. ' 'You see now, what I wanted to tell you is that, in two weeks from now, your wife will pass away from pneumonia. Despite what you might think about it, it's not a normal flue. '

‘Wait a second, you're talking about my wife there, what's wrong with you? I've had enough of this, off to your mother!’

He didn't listen to any reason, even if his wife's life was in danger. I was forced to go back, getting closer and closer.

‘Wait, you're making a terrible mistake, please, take her to a doctor, don't be stubborn about it. ’ ‘I've already told you I've had enough of you. I'll have a little talk with your mother before, ugh. ’ In the meantime, while Jack and I kept bickering at each other, she must have noticed a change in my behaviour. She must have thought that I was running away from her, as I saw tears running away from her eyes. When we got back to her, I was unhanded and sent back into the house, I would have to wait for them to finish talking before I would get my punishment. I couldn't hear them that well, not even when I tried eavesdropping on the door. Supported on the desk near it, I couldn't stop but think about my failure. I want to change the outcome of what might happen, but it's already my second day here and I haven't done anything right. Well, not anything right. Perhaps I shouldn't have tried to desperately do that. Maybe I should apologise and tell her about my real intention. The door suddenly bumped and my mother came back in, feeling uneasy but not entirely hostile towards me. The look on her face was neither of calm nor angry. She just saw through me as if I wasn't even standing there. I didn't know what was she expecting from me but I wasn't going to apologise. I paid too much attention that I haven't even noticed her lifting up her hand until it was high in the air. Afraid of it, I braced myself for the impact, knowing that it would end up leaving more than a bloody mark. Waiting and waiting for seconds to come, knowing that I will receive my punishment for disrespecting and leaving her side was revolting. Then it suddenly came. A warm and long pat on the head that not only made me open my eyes to see her crying while caressing my long hair but it also made me question her. ‘Why are you crying? If it's because of me, I wasn't my intention to run away from home. ’ That was never my real intention but I didn't want to be forced to leave the place I loved either. She only got closer and closer to me enough for a hug between mother and son to emerge. Our connection felt so much more than before. I didn't know why but I felt like we could relate to each other like we never did it before.

‘It's okay Theodore, it's okay, I'm not going to hurt you, I'm the one who should be sorry. ’ She wasn't upset with me but on herself? Has she felt guilt for punishing me? No, this can't be it, though I can't complain, I did miss her hugs, so her reason is none of my concern no me. Wait, maybe this is my chance, she'll listen to me, I said to myself after breaking out of her soft and caring hands, going farther away from her, just a couple of feet away. We've both looked at each other as she took a napkin out of her pocket to clean herself up from all the tears she once shed. Obviously, she hasn't washed in a while but I wasn't going to push my luck and tell her that. I waited for her to be done with it so we could go on with what I was about to say. And right after.

‘Mother, this might sound crazy and you might believe it's just a lucky coincidence but I know that you and dad want us to move to, move to. I can't remember the name of that town at this particular time. What I'm trying to say is that I don't want us to move from here. ’ At this point, I wasn't able to look he straight in her eyes. That's when I figured that I had to end it as fast as possible. After a deep breath, I kept on going with it.

‘I know that it hasn't been easy with, you know, dad and the way he lives, but I could try helping around. I could start searching for a place to work and help you out. Please, just don't force me to leave my friends, my promise. ’

Again. I confronted her once again, face to face but she didn't seem to care, I didn't even think she even listened to a

word I've just spilt out of my mouth.

'Do you even care about me or her?' She's not even blinking right now, not like she used to. I didn't think she was actually ignoring me, she couldn't be.

'Mother? Mother, why are you doing this? Could you at least say anything, If I'm wrong or if you agree with me, anything would do.' I approached her to check if she was breathing, yet not even a muscle was moved on my way. She can't be, no, I need to call for help, I gently snicked my hand to the door and opened it, slipping behind her and getting outside. I tried my best to yell for

'Help, anyone?' All of them looked frozen in their places. None of them is moving, but how is this possible? The people from the crowd are standing still just like her, as I looked at the sky above I saw that the birds and clouds were also standing still but in mid-air.

'Am I still dreaming? Well, this would seem like a better turn for a nightmare.' There's not even a single soul that could hear me, same must have happened to my mother. I turned around to see her do the same for me. It was no dream but a nightmare, her face was pale when she did it, lifting both of her hands and rubbing her face around. I couldn't move at all, forced to see her scratch her face and pull her skin out, getting closer to her skull with each stroke. She removed it as if it was nothing, a gruesome fate that I wished it ended there, but it didn't, her skull was visible but she wasn't bleeding. At least not blood. It appeared that quicksilver was pouring from there, though that wasn't possible. She managed to pull pieces of it that looked like they were broken before, leaving nothing but her empty hole and the same appearance as the shop owner I've met before. It's just a nightmare. My dreams felt so real lately but I had to wake up now, I had to snap out of it before it was too late. I watched her stand there, making strange sounds that got lower and lower. No sound at all came from her after, not even a bellow. She returned to doing nothing after that. I was still immobilised, waiting for it to be over. My mouth was wide open and I yelled: 'Wake up, I need to wake up now!' My body felt numb, on the other side I was able to move my hands once again. I couldn't believe they came back, but I wasn't the one who was controlling them. I had to watch them move on their own, reaching and feeling my face. This can't be happening, I wasn't able to do anything about it, watching helplessly as it circled my face, measuring it and getting into position. Screaming wouldn't help, even if I felt like it, I couldn't get away either, what was about to come? I saw it first hand. When I closed my eyes I started feeling it happen, stings across the face, when it happened, I was too afraid to watch my mother's entire transformation, that's why I looked away and didn't think about some of the parts. I couldn't watch her pluck her own eyes though I knew it was coming for me too now. The pain got worse but it wasn't going to best me, I didn't scream nor watch it, I waited for the pain and discomfort until it stopped. They were still closed. Still there, I wasn't going to open them yet, knowing that, the moment I opened them, that they might be grabbed and pulled out of my sockets made me keep them closed. I waited so much that I started hearing splashes of water. This can't be right, has the dream changed from all that pain caused by the peeling of my skin? Wait, was my face still there? And another splash, even louder than the last one. I don't think that was the only thing that changed around, it got colder but not cold enough for my body to freeze. It must be a trick to make me open my eyes, I could feel my hands over them, covering them up, waiting for their target. . wait. . but those, those aren't mine. I was able to feel and take control of my body, including my hands, then who's hands are on me?

‘Guess who it is!’ A soft voice whispered in my ear, supposedly owned by whoever wanted to hurt me. The voice wasn't my mothers. I was able to talk, my vocal cords were fine but I didn't know what to ask so I asked:

‘Why? I won't open them!’ I told it and waited in silence, hoping that I would get released.

‘Don't act silly now, just open them, it's me, Gwen’ The burden was lifted from my eyes, should I really trust this Gwen with my safety? I might get hurt again.

‘Are you just going to stay there and talk to yourself or are you going to see my new dress? I just managed to get it.

’She kept talking to me as if we knew each other, but I haven't seen her. I couldn't, nor did I remember her name at all, this must be a mistake. I can't deal with it!

‘Okay, if you're not going to open your eyes, I will have to do it for you. ’I could feel her trying to grab me by the eyebrows to force them open. I only managed to stop her in time when I held her hands away from me. She must have thought she was helping despite my struggles to stop her.

‘I won't let you do that, you won't take the light away from me, I can't let you. ’

My hands were dancing over hers and so was my heart, beating harder and harder.

‘I'm sorry, is there something wrong? I just wanted it to be a surprise. I should just leave now. ’Her hands released me and slipped away from mine. Footsteps followed after she was done, I wasn't sure if she left or not, who she really was but I was glad that our short meeting has ended. She must have left, enough time passed for that to happen, I hope it's safe for me to be able to see. How did I get into this mess? So far I've only tried to change the past so I could help others and myself. Perhaps this is just an obstacle, a crate in the way of my success. I won't be stopped by an inconvenience from my plans. To be fair, It doesn't make much sense now, none of it made so far. Surreal dreams and possibly travelling into the distant past would seem impossible in any other circumstance. But I am on the right path, I'm sure of it. This must have been a test of faith and trust that I followed, I didn't wait anymore and I opened my eyes to witness my reward. No one was waiting for me, I wasn't home anymore, yet again. I looked around while standing on the ground. The dirt patches were everywhere, some covered with grass but what captivated me was the giant lighthouse that stood tall in the middle of the night. Where could I possibly be now, there wasn't any ocean near my town, I could be anywhere on the map, not to mention lost. The temperature didn't let me go that easy either, it must have dropped lower when I was thinking about it. Lost and cold, I turned to the lighthouse, seeking for some shelter to spend the night. The iron door felt bad when I touched it with the skin of my fist, as they fell into contact repeatedly. No one answered my many knocks even after waiting for some time. I stopped trying to get in and instead tried warming myself up by rubbing the upper half of my body. I didn't want to freeze to death in an unknown place, that's why I tried one last time to get it open, but I didn't knock, this time, I pushed and pushed. . . and managed to enter right in. The door closed by itself behind me, the wind was strong enough to knock me towards the wall too in its way. No one in, no one in sight or maybe it was too dark for me to see, at least, I wasn't feeling cold anymore, I could even yell out loud that I was getting close to being warm. On the bright side, my memory was still working, I immediately remembered what happened and started touching my face. In my relief, it was still there and I could still feel no scratch nor scar, maybe I was indeed, just as I thought tested and proven worthy, but who was that Gwen. I thought she wanted to pull my eyes but she left soon after. Thankfully she didn't leave with my eyes in her hand, I still needed them to proceed. I really need to get some answers and some

directions towards my town too, though I might get nowhere since I doubt there's anyone who could explain to me how I got here in the first place. There is also the problem, the dilemma. Should I sleep or not? It's inevitable, unavoidable and it might happen again, everything that happened so far made me believe it might happen again. Could I even wake up in another place, even more, different than this one? Would I be able to control it and go towards anywhere I desire? I must admit that having the power of travelling towards anywhere I wanted would exceed my wish of staying home. Maybe towards an even warmer place than this one. I barely woke up here, I could, at least, search for something to do first, something to take it off my mind before I go to rest. I tried my best to make out of what the shadowy figures in the dark were but I wasn't able to see. They were making dances, round in motion, trying to hide away from my sight. If only this place wasn't abandoned, I could have really used some guidance. Now, I will have to find my way back to the city, first things first, I need a torch or another source of light. I started moving slowly in front but I've immediately managed to injure my foot over something sharp. Whatever that was, it didn't manage to go through my shoe, I pulled it as fast as I could and backed up to where I previously was, I wasn't bleeding either, or, at least, that's what I thought. I could try to open the hatch once again, but the cold wind might come in and remove my one and only source of comfort I currently have. This place didn't leave me a lot to do, I wouldn't be surprised if I would have to go to sleep again and end up encountering one of those people again, the ones with no faces. I didn't even want to lay down so I wouldn't get stung again, I should try doing something, though, I'll get nowhere with this attitude. I had a plan or, at least, a part of a plan, look for something to light up and see what's going on inside. This time, I took another approach, I got on my knees and, with care, I touched the ground so I would know what to avoid. I moved at my own pace while still in the dark, I was able to hear the wind from somewhere, up above, even if I couldn't see the light I knew that there had to be an opening up there. So I continued my search and avoided the spot that hurt me last time, I haven't even figured what that was in the first place. As I thought, everything looks the same yet nothing can be seen, just the feeling of rock and dust in contrast with the low temperature. I had no idea who the last person who came in here was but he could have at least cleaned up the place. After all, I've got higher standards as it is. Aha, an iron rod, I grabbed it off the ground and it was. I touched it and felt it with both of my hands, cold iron and neutral wood, it was a torch with no flame to keep it company. I've got nothing to light it with, I got halfway up my feet as I thought I saw something moving in the corner. The place was warm but it managed to make me feel shivers going down my spine, spreading throughout the rest of my body and leaving as fast as they came. I knew then that I wasn't alone, I didn't know what it was but now, the most important objective was to bring light and fire to defend myself. And so the search was resumed, I tried searching for some flint and tinder, it must be down somewhere. I could still see the shadowy figures I've seen before, making laps from across the room, passing from one eye to another but I did not know the reason behind them nor did I expect it to be a goose one. Stone after stone, dust on the ground, I had the image in my head, the floor was almost delimited yet I couldn't go everywhere I wanted to. Stairs should have been somewhere around here but I couldn't feel any. They increased speed, probably to distract me but they didn't get closer, I was able to see and feel their motion all around. I couldn't see it well enough but I thought I managed to see some stairs, out of my reach, guarded by them, even if there were, I couldn't know if they'd hurt me or not. Should I take the risk and try approaching them? No, not yet, but I can't continue going through the dark without getting hurt, I'll have to find

another way to light this torch. I took a swing with the torch on the ground, trying to create a spark but instead, it just bounced back from it. This wasn't supposed to happen with it, I couldn't see what it is but it definitely wasn't a torch, it was a metal rod attached to a wooden one, I didn't touch it completely before but I did it this time and managed to feel a spiritual compartment attached to its top. The more I touched it, the more I wanted to know what it is, I didn't bother to care anymore about the presence there was with me in the here, not that I had many other choices. This rod was fascinating, even better than a torch, the top wasn't a sphere, I touched more and more and it was some kind of dome, a metal dome that was separated by a line into two sides. It might be possible for me to pry it open, I gave it all my power and hands, trying to force it to open, it was hard and barely moving but I managed to open it. Inside, I revealed another dome, made out of a coloured and smelly substance I did not dare to touch, it had a faint glow to it. I was taken away when I noticed that all the shadowy figures started moving towards the upper floor, just as I finished opening the device. At least some of them went, I watched other go into corners far away from me as if they suddenly got scared. Clearly this was an important tool, I didn't know why it scared the shaped away but unfortunately, the light generated wasn't. . . wait. . light? Small amber light spheres came from above and the stairs, I could see them in their path, coming towards me. The device was still in my hands, it must have been tons of them, fireflies attracted and soon stuck onto it. I've seen fireflies before but there were nothing like them, they were almost the size of acorns and had enough legs to be called arthropods. They even shined the brightest light I've ever seen, even brighter than the sun. The light spread everywhere, making the darkness vanish away. It was this moment that I saw them, human-like shadows fleeing away, above, distant from the light and back to their own. Slowly fleeing and fading away as they made their desperate attempt to escape. I was horrified, but not by them, what happened. . still happening to them. . it's horrible. I felt bad for them, I followed one that was trying to make his escape through the small spaces between the hatches and I was a fool for doing that, I just wanted to see it but the light from the rod burned it. I could see it expand from the wall, moving to the same dimension as I was, right before dissipating away in thin air. For a moment, before it passed, I swear I saw it almost become a human being, trying to reach me in the same space before vanishing so fast. I've had the power of life and death in my hands and I've already abused it. I didn't want to hurt the others who have fled in terror beyond my reach so I closed it, forcing the bigger dome closed, bringing darkness once again before throwing it away. I didn't care if I crushed any of those insects from my actions. My place wasn't here and I'm afraid that those shadowy humans, good or evil are safer without me. I also knew that outside was cold and it might be possible that I might suffer from it, but maybe that's what I deserved, accident or not, even if nothing makes sense and my feelings are difficult to understand. I think I just took a life away. While reflecting on my own thoughts, I went towards the hatch and opened it, ready to go back out there. Before that, I felt, what seemed to be hundreds of hands grasping me, they weren't strong enough nor did they meant me any harm, they just held me for a bit until I decided to finally go. 'I . . am sorry. ' I whispered to them without knowing if they heard me or not, but right before I was ready to step away and out of their reach, the rod was given to my hand to be taken as far as possible. I took it with me, even if I didn't entirely want to, then I was gently pushed out of the way and the hatch closed behind me. This stick should stay with me for a while. A light flashed from the distance, making my other thoughts flee among the shadow people. It wasn't bright enough for me to see, another occurrence as before but I managed to make something out of it, some people were lead this way. I

hope they didn't see, that they didn't know what I've done inside there. No one must know what I've done. I just waited to be saved by my dear saviours who were. . . 'There you are Theo, you said you'd be home before midnight, are you out of your damn mind?' 'Honey, calm down, you know how the young act. . 'I didn't think this was possible, but after seeing it with my own eyes, I wasn't the only one who was here, so were my parents.

'Mother, father, I'm so glad I could find. . be found, I've got no idea why I woke up. . '

Quickly interrupted by my mother who was nervous as usual, the same thing she does when I'm doing something I'm not supposed to, she continued to reply.

'I don't care enough to listen to it now, you can explain it back home. Wait, what's that unusual stick you're holding in your hand back there? '

'Leave Theo alone, you know how they act at that age, you can't nitpick his every mistake like you're doing it now, otherwise, he won't get the chance to learn from them on his own. 'I had to step in, I was getting nothing from the conversation with them. 'Can we not talk about this here, we'll have enough time after. . '

They both took me and we started travelling on a long and bothersome pathway. I don't know if they know how we can get back home but I will find out.

'So, where are we? ' I asked whilst waiting for a decent explanation and scouting the place around me. 'We're near the old lighthouse, now we just passed it. 'I had to be more specific than that if I wanted any answer. 'In what. . town are we, what is it called? 'Dad looked at me funny, probably having in his mind that I'm just joking about it 'We live in the sweet town of Gremary. Come on son, we've lived here for at least two months. ' I smiled back at him but this didn't feel like the right thing to do, this could only mean that I. . failed and now we moved yet again, to another place. Still calm because I knew there could always appear a new possibility for me, it could always happen again.

'Son? Theo? Theodore? '

'Yes father, Theo is enough. What happened? '

Both him and my mother thought that I've had many problems waiting to be resolved.

'Nothing, it's just that you didn't say a word after I told you where we are, almost as if you were in another world.

'Somehow he was right, I kept thinking about stuff I shouldn't, like those shadow people, I could still see them, hiding behind rocks and the foliage, following me.

'Just let him be, we'll reach to him back. . . '

They were following me for some reason, taking different shapes of the objects that came in their path, form to form, rock to rock, not even a long ivory fence would provide a challenge, so it would seem, yet none of their actions indicated what they meant to do. Maybe they wanted to get revenge for the others that vanished because of me, I've felt their touch before, I don't know if they can harm me even if they tried doing it. I still don't know why I decided to take the rod with me and didn't throw it straight away. What baffled me is the reason for not throwing it away by themselves, I know that they had the strength to do it alone, yet they waited for me to do it for them. It should return to my original plan and find a way back home, the rest if none of my concern anymore. We must have been going for a while on this. . not so lonesome road, because, from the distance I could see the town I was being lead towards.

‘So, back home. Why did we move here exactly. . and when?’

‘Son, we’ve gone through this before, we had to move because we couldn’t afford to live and pay the landlord anymore.’

Said my father before stopping, his words felt like a repeated speech, going once again for another countless time, it was somewhat meaningless now, though I never heard him say it before.

‘Give him some space will you? You know who. . said we should take it easy in his current state. We need to act normal.’

She tried to whisper in my father’s ear but I heard everything. We were almost in town so I didn’t bother to respond to that. I need to find out what’s going on without raising any suspicion, I don’t know about who my mother was talking about with my dad now but I will find out eventually. We entered the town from a pale road, no sign or tab to distinguish it. I almost tripped because of the broken slabs that laid on the ground in this annoying town. That made me wonder, ‘what was the name of the town?’ I asked whilst not expecting to get a response to which my father said.

‘We’re back home in Gremary, I’ve already told you that before. Are you feeling fine? And don’t lie to me now.’

‘Oh, you’re right, silly me, I must have forgotten that.’ My mom comforted me once more before going back home, this time, she didn’t hide it. Street after street we went, right and left then back to front. We even avoided going on the street with a flower shop on it because of my mother’s request but we finally arrived back home, too new for me, I didn’t even know how much it would last, but home. Maybe, if nothing changes again, I’d like to be able to explore the town properly, seeing that I can’t stop. . I shouldn’t be rash and lose the race before it even started. This place doesn’t look bad at all, it was almost like the previous place, replicated to, almost every detail. You could see that a lot of work was put in it but why? Gah, I shouldn’t get caught in nostalgia, I’ve merely been there a day, maybe two days ago.

‘Now Theo, that we’ve arrived home, you’ve got some explanation to give us. First of all, what was in your mind staying up so late?’ She yelled, ready to start a fight with me like never before.

‘You could have taken pneumonia or even worse.’

‘Okay, it’s late, we should all calm down, especially you honey. We could just talk about this in the morning.’ My dad continued defending me but that soon backfired, time after time and nothing changes between them.

‘Don’t take his side, you know he always does that, why can’t you be on my side for once?’ ‘But love, the doctor said.’

‘I don’t care, I know he has problems but that doesn’t mean. .’ She turned around to me as she realised how much her words weight.

‘Theodor I didn’t mean to say that. .’

They both tried appealing to me like I was some sort of special case but

‘There’s nothing wrong with me, I don’t know why you’re making such a big mess out of it. Maybe father is right, we’ll speak tomorrow.’ I passed right through them and luckily when they weren’t playing any attention, I hid the rod inside my sweater. It was amazing, everything felt the same as before, even the placement of my room, when I entered it, the same as before, except the paint on the walls which was a slightly lighter shade of yellow. Nothing

about this bothered me, even if it was irregular, I pulled out the rod and placed it near the bed, it was late and I was highly in need for some rest. I couldn't see if they followed me but it's better to have it close to me, just in case. Now, I was wondering, if I sleep now, everything could return to normal but I've got no guarantee that it won't repeat again and I wouldn't end up in another realistic dream just like I had before. . . if it really was just a dream and not real. At least, I've got a soft bed under me this time, or did I have it the last time I slept? I laid on the bed and blew the candle which lit up the room, I don't know why my parents left it that way, the house could have burned down and then it wouldn't have mattered if they found me or not. I'm finally ready to, was ready, a couple of those shadows apparently followed me, I noticed two of them spread across the ceiling staring at me. I didn't take any sudden move, they weren't like the others, not as small, probably not as weak either, the device I used before was close to me but I wasn't fast enough to grab it. Even if I'd try to make a move towards, it would take too much time to open it. I just stood there, face to face and watched as their hands extended on the other walls from the room. So far, they haven't done anything worth getting alarmed off. Since I had the chance, I took it and examined their strange behaviour, it was just like my old biology teacher from my previous school used to say, every sign of life is worth studying, even if it's a new or old or might not look like much, you can always discover new secrets about it. I never thought about advice from school teacher before, but this journey brought back and in new feelings I've never felt before. I continue standing still without disturbing their movement and observed their shapes. They had no expressions where a human face would normally be, nothing about their body suggested otherwise, except that they looked like other people's shadows that ran away from their creators. The more I looked at them, the more mesmerised I became. Perhaps it was time for me to go back to sleep. My blinks got slower then faster until they got tired, I was ready to rest and I wasn't the only one who was noticing it, they started getting closer but I was too tired to react. I watched them come to the same plane as I was but I didn't care, if they wanted to hurt me they would have done probably a long time ago. I looked at them from the same level and dimension, I was right about it. . they just got closer and closer and wrapped their arms around, disappearing after getting in contact with me. It felt strange, not only the sensation but somehow they entered me and I couldn't see them, except one last shadow hand that I did not see from where it came from. . . I only saw it appear in front of my face before it closed my eyes. Maybe it was all a dream, I kept repeating that to myself before falling to sleep. My eyes were kept shut by them, or maybe my willpower didn't let me forget what happened before the dream. Before I knew it, I fell into it again, I was restrained by something and I couldn't see anything in front of my eyes. There was nothing I could do except try being patient and waiting for something to happen. I was able to feel the ground under my feet and pain coming from my chest. Both my mouth and nose were covered in something too, I could taste whatever it was, as soon as it came into contact with my tongue it just turned into the water with no taste whatsoever. There wasn't anything I could do but hear and try to understand what's happening, my body being motionless, not even tongue, it was moved beyond my will, I had to wait for the water to come so I could taste it. My head was the only part I could really shake, the feelings inside it were still confliction upon what was a dream and what was real. I waited there, knowing that this was a dream, deciding what's about to come after it will be over, just stay and observe since I couldn't offer any resistance anyway I wouldn't beat myself over it, not that I could do that anyway, even if I wanted to. I don't know how much time has passed, counting the seconds was too boring for me to. . . I could hear someone talking or

whispering from the distance. Why and how was I able to perceive that? Not that it helped much, whoever was out there, I couldn't hear the voice. It could even be an animal. . . Headaches followed fast enough, making it even harder for me to concentrate at. . . then, I could hear another. . . no. . . two different sources of sound from different directions. The intensity of the pain kept on growing and it would continue over and over. . . until. . . I woke up from my bed whilst still being dressed in yesterday's clothes, still with a headache, smaller than before. I didn't get up right away, I waited for the pain to wear off so I could. I should be happy that I'm home, or at least, I thought I'm back from where I started. No, it was a wrong call, the shades of paint from the wall aren't the right ones. I waited, oh, I remembered, I looked down the bed with a bad feeling and saw that the rod was still there. At least now I was sure that none of this was a dream. I think. . . but I move through such different places, maybe the first time I move was a dream. I shouldn't bash on this place without giving it a chance, I got up and checked myself for any mark that might have been left on my body, there was none. I would have expected to get hurt whilst my guard was down but it wasn't. No caution was taken when I left the room to go down and find out that I was alone in the morning, my parents were not there. They'd always be down here preparing breakfast in the morning. In the kitchen I went and found a small note stuck on the fridge unit, I took it and received my response.

'Dear Theodore, we're not going to be here when you wake up, the dinner is in the fridge as usual, in case you forgot. Don't do anything rash, we'll be back soon. 'Signed by both of my parents who apparently had a habit to abandon me, just as someone use to do to me, someone I used to know. I was still hungry, though, I shouldn't let that kill my appetite. That unnerved me a little. I took the plate out of the fridge, filled with potato chips and some meat before started eating alone. Now, I didn't think about the other part written on the note until now, 'Don't forget to take your pills like the doctor said. 'A bunch of nonsense, bite after bite I've taken and I didn't want to eat any longer, the whole thought of my parents thinking that I'm some sort of little-problem child made me sick. I could understand them not having to eat with me because of their work, but this? My day got ruined the first few minutes I set foot here, I should just get out and explore. I went towards the door to get out but it was locked. It seemed like they also did not have any trust left in me to leave the house. . . but why did they let me get outside yesterday? How did I end up outside and near the lighthouse all by myself then? There has to be another way out, as I turned my gaze back upstairs, I thought I saw someone else there, going towards a room.

'Is that you father? ' I shouted but no response. I couldn't see much but a some long wires coming from a tall figure. There might be a small possibility of me being locked in without someone else besides. . . I felt like grabbing something to defend myself but I never fought before, I had no experience in it and couldn't do it, even if my life depended on it. My imagination was playing tricks on me in order to prevent a crisis, no way someone would be locked inside with me, to confirm it, I started walking towards the spot where I thought I saw someone. Up there, nothing looked out of the ordinary, except that the room where my parents slept was left slightly open. I was reluctant when I saw it if someone except me was really in here, that was the place where the intruder might have gone. I was not scared of that and opened the door, trying to scare whoever as inside. After I stopped to look around the empty room, I was wrong. . . perhaps I really had problems. I was about to discourage myself but I soon saw the small device laying next to my parents bed, taken away from my room with none of my knowledge or consent. That couldn't really mean that. . . they just took it from me, it doesn't sound like them at all. Unless those voices I've heard

last night weren't some unknown gibberish, but them, talking about me and this. First they're trying to feed my pills and now they're taking my stuff? I've already got problems trying to figure out what to do, I don't need their help making everything worse. I can't take it back, they'll notice that it went missing, I should ask them to dinner or somewhere else instead. Suddenly I could hear some cracks and glass being hit from my room. Someone must have thrown something at my window. The rocks kept on coming, interrupting my line of thoughts. On my way there I thought that something important was about to happen to me. I entered the room and saw the rocks reaching and bouncing off my window, whoever is doing this will have to pay for it. I opened it and got hit in the face by a small rock in the process. Definitely not the best course of action. Luckily for me that the rock was neither huge nor hard enough, being able to leave nothing but a small bruise on my cheek.

'Agh!' I revealed a small screech before looking down at. .

'I'm so sorry' I've heard that voice before but from where? I didn't know who she was, I had to find out for myself

'Do I know you?' I asked whilst scratching my cheek, feeling a tiny bit sore from it. She looked at me baffled as if I was the one throwing the rocks at her window.

'It's me, Gwen, Gwen Orrows. . . We've been swaying together for some weeks now, don't you remember?' She was another kid, or, at least, she looked as young as me, maybe taller, but I still didn't know what to believe.

'Who are you?' I waited for her to respond whilst she kept a dull expression on her face, we were barely blinking at one another. This whole situation made me feel uncomfortable, as I awaited her response once again, stopping myself from giving any other reply so I wouldn't make everything worse. After a small wait, she finally decided to give me some vague information.

'I'm your friend, Gwen. Just come down, I know what will make you remember!' The distance between us was high and I didn't see any other way out of it with the door being locked.

'I can't jump down, what if I'll break my legs. Plus I don't even know if I can trust you. '

'Don't worry, ' she said with a smile on her face,

'I will catch you, I'll be there for you, ' she said,

'I promise!' she said enthusiastically. Against my beliefs, even if I knew better, I decided to trust her, another person I didn't know that well but she claimed to know me in return. I thought of it again, I decided to trust her and plunged down, hoping nothing will come to harm when I land. I felt the impact after, on something soft too, after looking at it, I saw the girl, Gwen on the ground with me.

'You're heavy enough, you know?' I got up as fast as I was able to and made sure she wasn't hurt. She gave me her hand and I pulled her up with me, away from the cold ground she has laid with.

'I'm sorry, I shouldn't have. . '

'Don't worry Theo, I'm partial to blame'

The situation I was in, not only made her laugh but also made me wonder, what now? I hate being called that annoying short name, I presume she knows my mother, she must have. . .

'Are you going to stare at me all day or will you follow me? Maybe you forgot why you even jumped here in the first place. 'She kept teasing me for no reason.

'No, I'm fine, just tell me what do you want to show me, I need to. '

She grabbed my hand and we ran away without letting me finish. I barely kept up with her speed.

‘Wait, slow down a bit. where are you taking us?’ To which she replied, ‘Don’t worry, you will see it when we’ll get there.’

We kept strolling into the city as if we were supposedly acquaintances and somehow I had the impression that she thought about me just like my parents did, as another problematic boy. I don’t know how she normally acts with other people but dragging people along without saying a word doesn’t seem very nice. Either the place she was taking me to was so important that it would dismiss any explanation or she had a problem telling me what or where it is. I can’t complain, it was not bad, she wasn’t pulling me hard enough for me to feel any pain and I could see the tower better. The streets were as clean as they could be, even stone hard with roads to follow everywhere. Every turn we took revealed house after house accompanied with either a small store or a facility though most seemed closed or abandoned. Maybe it was too early or there was something outside the town but we continued to go through the silent town.

‘So Gwen, where are. . oh I almost forgot. . . I mean to say, where is. . everyone?’ We suddenly stopped on the lonely street, just the two of us with no one else in sight. She turned at me and said:

‘There aren’t many left here, not yet. Now please, just keep following me and don’t let go.’

It took me some time to reflect on what she said to me before resuming our small trip. She must have been talking about the people living in this town, probably nothing, more or less. But what if. .

‘Wait, is that. . part of the town too?’ I thought I saw someone running from the distance but I couldn’t see who that was.

‘No, but in a way yes.’ Yet another non-straight answer, she was hiding something from me. I didn’t know much about her, except her appearance with her long red hair and a flamboyant choice of clothes, everything I could notice from constantly being dragged behind. Unless I could count her strong grip and strength in, I didn’t want to stop again just to look at her, not only that it would seem impolite but I also don’t wish to stop our walk. Though we’ve been walking for minutes and it feels like we’ve accomplished nothing so far. This very part of the town felt like a labyrinth, that or she was deliberately taking a turn for us to go into circles. I followed as we kept walking over and over until I noticed a shop we’ve passed by, not so long ago. It could still be a coincidence, maybe the stores here have the same layouts as one another.

‘Could you at least not go so fast? I can’t hold on like this forever.’ She didn’t stop nor did she take any consideration of my request, barely managing to justify herself with:

‘We’re almost there.’ Strange because no progress was made so far, we were just running through circles and loops and I had to point it out. There it was, I saw the. . again this time, I was slightly able to see the face of whoever that was, but no recognisable feature, not enough to distinguish.

‘There. . is again. . it’s running in circles too, just like us.’ She wasn’t reluctant about this subject, as if she knew the.

‘It’s a special case there.’ We took a break once again, watching from the distance as the mysterious person disappeared once again.

‘She was close, but now she’s stuck.’ The grip didn’t wear off as we’ve spoken, she was still afraid that I would let go and head off by myself that I was too curious to leave.

‘So it's she?’ She looked uncertain, just like I was before her.

‘I don't know, to be honest, it could go on either side. I only know that it was close.’

What was she talking about? Right when things started going back to normal, everything got ruined once again.

‘Close to what? Look, right now I've got no idea why I've even followed you but I won't do it anymore, not until I get some answers from you.’

‘Don't worry, we're far enough to make it, as soon as I release out a hand, keep walking through the forest, I'll meet you there.’

‘She tried to explain but I still didn't know what she meant, we were in a town with no forest in sight. ‘Far enough from what? I knew that following you was a bad idea. I should have known better than trusting. . .’ ‘Just calm down, no harm was done yet, you will understand it once we're there. . just. . .’ She looked at me again with another smile on her face, one for each occasion, before continuing.

‘Trust me!’ Before releasing my hand, I managed to pull it back but it was pointless as I soon passed out but not before being able to see myself get completely covered in steam, all before my eyes. . . I don't know what happened. I woke up in a room with no light and empty. I must have been laying on the floor for some time now with my leg being numbed down. A moment ago. . . I was with Gwen but now I'm probably in a sheltered place because of her. I should stop placing my trust into a stranger, even if some seem like they know me. This room sure looks like a giant box with a door, what's its purpose supposed to be anyway? It wasn't as empty as I thought it to be, my pants were covered in some thick blue dust. I managed to easily dispose of it, although it was spread to the floor and its corners. I went to check the door and eavesdropped before heading out, but I couldn't hear anything but silence, also, surprisingly I managed to open the door that wasn't locked but had a key lock that should have worked. Around me, it wasn't dark enough that I couldn't see but nevertheless, I had a hard time moving through this dark corridor. With my hands stacked upon each other, I kept going in the hope that I could find an exit and continue what I was previously doing. It felt cold, feeling every piece of the wall close down on me from time to time until I found another one of the doors. I tried pushing it to see what's inside but it was locked. The keyhole was too small for me to see through, not to mention too hard to see anyway, so I placed my head on it and listened. Groans and screeches, inhuman in nature, came from inside, getting louder as something approached the door. I tried backing down but instead, I got pushed aside by the doors that were almost smashed down in front of me. I quickly got away without looking back, I wasn't going to stand and find out what was in that room, which would make me feel the content of my actions. I didn't pay much attention after that, I just kept going, but from the distance and the long wall escalated so far by my hand, I could hear and feel the horrible banging on the door, almost ready to break out. I didn't check and avoided other doors I've come into contact with, I just kept walking and conserved my strength, feeling threatened by what might come behind me, way, way in the back. So far that I could hear it echo in the passage, the sound of a bang after bang came right before one last breaking sound followed by an animal roar like any other heard of. As It came into contact with my ear, I knew that it would come after me so I took my hand away from the wall and ran away as fast as I could. I had the distance but I didn't know how far it was behind me, I didn't know what it might do if it caught me, hearing the stomps on the ground. It couldn't be that fast, I didn't even know what it was but I did not dare confront it. I couldn't be aware of what was around me, that's why I ended up tripping and

falling on the ground. My heart felt like it was going to pound out of my chest, trying to get farther away, attempting to make a run for it, I couldn't lie to myself and say that I wasn't afraid at all, so I started crawling on the ground as a desperate attempt to escape. I could hear the steps getting even louder, the beast getting closer to the very point of. But no, a final shade of hope came as a door opened right next to me. The probabilities of me standing near an unlocked door were low, but I thought, nevertheless, that I was saved, yet my hope soon vanished right after, as I didn't have enough time in order to get up nor to crawl inside. What is that? There was still hope as I saw multiple hands starting to reach out to me whilst getting the door open, even wider than before. I grabbed their hands and immediately got flung into the room, the hands had enough power to get me inside and to close the door behind me but I didn't know if it was enough. I didn't move after hearing it being slammed behind me, the noise should have attracted it, what if it heard the closing noise that the door made? My breath was being held for seconds to come, hearing the march, almost passing by until the moment when I couldn't keep the air out and started breathing again, inhaling from both my mouth and nose. The noise stopped right where I was before, I froze, even more in fear as I waited for the animal to make a move, I could only hear some gentle knocks on the door before the march started yet again. I waited and waited 'till there wasn't any sound anymore, I thought I was safe for the time being. I stood tall and looked around but the shadows were either nowhere to be found or they blend in with the room. I could have sworn that if it wasn't. Nevermind, I got up and decided that, against all logical sense, I would go back out there, even if it wasn't safe, I would still search for an exit. There should be a considerable amount of space between us, so I could take my chances. I got out, the door wasn't closed, though, at least, the animal wasn't smart enough to get past it, I don't know if I'm going to be lucky twice in a row, so I should be more careful. As I stepped outside my foot landed on water, a big trail was left throughout the passage or at least as far as I could see. Something was providing a faint source of light but I couldn't figure out what. There isn't time to ask myself about the architecture of the place, I need to get out, so which direction should I take? On second thought, I couldn't risk following it since I barely managed to outrun it the last time. . . . but I could also end up in a dead end. The whole time, while thinking about which path I should take, I starred at the ground and the water. That wasn't there before, which could mean that it was brought here, most likely by that animal, so there must be an open source of water from where it came, maybe even a way out or it could be an underground spring. I don't want to face it so I'd better head back. I closed the door behind me and started walking back, the water almost got past my shoes, it looked as if the whole place was about to get flooded. Strange, the water gave me a sad feeling, it almost made me despair. This didn't look so bright for me, with the water slowly but surely raising up, I've never even learned how to swim, in the case that it would get past my neck, this would become my watery grave. It isn't alarming at the moment, yet it didn't stop me from gaining speed, which ended up as being a bad idea, each step I took made a splash and ripples that probably reached the very end of. But I didn't slow down, I had to stop this or to find a way out or else I would drown. In case I was followed I could just check the water for signs, it would work as both an advantage and a disadvantage. The more I ran, the stranger it started feeling, as I stepped down, everything became shallow and harder to move. It wouldn't be late after, that I would feel branches and twigs being broken and split between my foot and the water becoming muddy. I didn't care because I wouldn't drown nor die from anything, far but close, in the distance but reachable I could see an exit. There was no light, though, it was probably night, I couldn't run but I walked with every move

being a challenge on its own. The walls were covered in moss so as I got closer, almost falling apart with my coming, I reached the exit and got out. I managed to get out just in time as something was back in that tunnel, something tall and overwhelming. As I laid my foot on the dry soil, I found myself alone in the forest, surrounded by trees with black leaves and grey acorns. I turned around to look back from where I came from but the passage that brought me here wasn't there, not even the mud nor the water that were covering my legs. I remember, someone told me something about a dark forest, but I couldn't remember who or what. Seeing as my choices were limited once again, I decided to keep walking in the direction where I've originally been headed towards. The night was upon me, silent and full of ancient clouds that were moving at peculiar paces. My sight was limited but not as restricted as before, I could at least freely move whenever and wherever I wanted to and so I did. Why was it called a dark forest, I asked myself, maybe because of the definitory dark coloured trees that seemed to be moving when I didn't look at them for a while and turned my gaze back to them. At first, I thought that there were the shadows constantly following and protecting me like they've done before, but it wasn't like that. The forest didn't seem to have an end, not even rocks or small hills, just flat and filled with trees. It didn't help at all with my suspicion of their movement, again one moved from behind, then I turned to look for it in front of me, to be safe. So far, it wouldn't seem impossible nor unlikely, but they could prove to be. Pushed back, I fell down on my back from the direct impact with one of the trees that just sprung out of nowhere. I wanted to use it as a support pillar to get up but one of the branches became mobile and entangled my entire hand. The tree twitched half of its body around me, revealing a hollow filled with faces and eyes, all moving and blinking at me, as real as me but both voiceless and expressionless. I struggled to free myself but I couldn't do it, nor could I have known what it was about to do, as it opened one of the faces, deep from inside, barfing sap all around me. The roots were almost like legs, four in number or even more, sturdy and unyielding as I tried kicking them over and over. I could remember a similar event from the old stories my grandfather used to tell me, dark twisted spirits taking the forms of trees and stealing the faces of the victims. My time was running short as the branch reached both my hands and the sap almost swallowed my entire body. This didn't scare me, the sap secreted by it made me feel drowsy and removed some of the pain.

'But they can't be real!' I said it out loud before having my mouth stuffed. It couldn't be real, I closed my eyes and reopened them, there was nothing there. So far, I've kept falling over many obstacles that weren't there, that I forgot why I was even here. I even forgot where I am, another fully lengthen blink and I was standing near my grandfather Michael, reciting from one of his old fairy tales of demons and spirits. I felt joy from getting to see him one again, but it was shortly lived as I saw the forest being part of the room we were in. I should get up but he already started his story, it felt like a heavy stone, forcing me down to hear his entire tale before I could get to leave.

'As I was saying, Jack was walking alone in the woods, trying to find his. . 'I think I've heard that one before, not too long ago, as I was forced into the body of Jack, controlling him, feeling young and feeble, all of this whilst hearing Michael's voice as if he was here, right next to me. I couldn't move, at first, if there's something I was able to learn from my previous encounter, it's better to wait it out.

'Young Jack, tall and prideful, but cracked in his head for what he has done, he walked alone at night despite all warnings. 'Released, I was able to move, there must be a way to change this story without having a bad ending. I chose not to move at all, the story couldn't go on if I didn't choose to listen to it and the commands are given to me.

I'm not anyone's toy to be reckoned with.

‘But Jack was not moving, light on his boots, realising his mistake, one after another. A bad choice he made as the hollowers saw him as an easy prey and started moving towards him. ‘It wasn't the same forest but those things sprung again and started moving, just like the voice said they will. I didn't know if it was going to work but I tried hiding in one of the bushes near me. Will they be able to see me in my hiding spot? Waiting in silence, waiting to live and hear a response from. . . I was able to fit inside, away from those pests, though I could hear them move, impaling the ground under them.

‘And hid away he did, but it was not over so easily for Jack. They searched and searched for their long roots and grooming branches. Young Jack was about to be found as the earth itself spoke to the hollowers, revealing his whereabouts. ‘I hid no longer, I got up, out of the bush but failed in doing so, I didn't escape.

‘And so they caught him, two in number, claiming their prize, each of them one limb and most of his skin that would last up through the spring. ‘I wobbled my legs as hard as I could, I wasn't able to remember but the story could have ended in a bad way. They dragged me away, getting reach to, each get a half, then I took a rock and threw it at one of them, managing to hurt one of the faces inside. They all looked infuriated when I did that, getting red and dripping sap all over, I might have cut my life in half now. Enraged, the branches held me tighter, the single drop that barely got to my face almost left with a third sided burn, having the same feel as boiled water had when it came into contact with my skin. No voices came to save me and I was afraid that I wasn't going to hear it, coming right after my post mortem. A final attempt was needed, I closed my eyes but still felt trapped, at least, I couldn't look at their horrid faces, a nice thought at least.

‘Even if the situation was dire. ‘And it came back for better or worse, the voice of my grandfather would become the harbinger of death or life.

‘Jack wasn't afraid. Ehm, as the lumberjack arrived just in time. After all, Jacks should care for each others. ‘I opened my eyes and saw him there.

‘Slashing and cutting the branches’, pushing them away from me.

‘They weren't strong enough to face him so they retreated into the night. ‘The kind lumberjack left his axe down and ripped whatever was entangling my legs at this point with his capable hands.

‘Old and thorny on the outside, with a pure and caring heart, he helped poor Jack to get up and get rid of all the sap in the world. He only had to find his way home first. ‘He didn't look old at all nor was he like a bush or a garden, but I thanked him for ‘All your help, sir? ‘ He muffled his beard before telling me:

‘I'm Raphael laddie, just follow me, these woods aren't safe at night. ‘He grabbed his axe and lead the way, scaring all the trees away. Quite skilled with his axe, it wouldn't surprise me if the start that just fell because of his sky cutting swings. I almost started thinking about the stories told before me. I had to snap out of it before continuing walking through the woods with him.

‘Away from harm, the hollowers at ease, the axe got closer to his knees Jack felt safe but his parents did not, their precious son disappeared, left alone at the mercy of the lumberjack's beard. ‘I couldn't hear the last part but I had to know, what did he mean about my parents? He couldn't be talking about my real ones, maybe I should focus on my escape before I get distracted away from it. The lumberjack wore an old red uniform with blue stripes and a small

cap, quite detailed for an old story. As we went on, I asked him: 'Well, can you. . I can't believe I'm asking you this, but can you also hear the voice?' He wasn't upset nor surprised and kept a pleasant look on his face for our entire trip.

'Don't worry about it lad, every story deserves a great narrator and a happy end. '

'So you knew all along that you aren't. . '

'Real? Hah, don't be nutty, who even knows what's real anymore. You must be new I presume. ' He told me as if he knew something I didn't. Either he was fake and only existed in this story or he was trapped as I am, it didn't matter which one it was, he looked happy enough for the condition.

'Wait!' He said whilst stopping me from taking a glimpse around, the sound of leaves falling along with branches and getting crushed between something hard on the ground made him do that.

'They both stopped with soil in their tracks, not so far away laid the exit, not too far from their reach but an old enemy never retracts. 'He kept looking towards every side whilst trying to keep me safe, we would

'Run for it, grandpa's voice said it's not far. '

'No, we can't do it yet, lad, we might have to draw them in, then make a run for it. 'He wouldn't let me move from the spot nor did he tell me about what he had in mind, or if he had a plan at all.

'I know what's coming next. . trust me, Jack. '

'Fine'it's not like I have a choice. . . actually, as a matter of fact, I'd rather. . '

My words were stolen as I saw too many hollow trees to even count, surrounding us, all turned with their faces towards us, singing and others screaming in harmony. Right as I thought they were silent, something made them broke their most precious vowel.

'And the tall trees marches to what seems to be a bitter end for young Jack and William, who stood there waiting, they wouldn't even try acting as they saw the threat coming for them. 'We were both silent for a while, waiting for something, but for what? I looked at Raphael and didn't see any trace of him being scared nor doubting, even as he turned his stare towards me, even in this critical situation, he kept his smile alive. Whenever it would end, as insanity or relief, he had courage, enough for both of us. 'So, what now?' I asked him, whilst our chances of survival got lower with each root taken towards us. There was no time, the hollow trees formed a circle, leaving us no space to pass through them, that was the moment when he grabbed me by the back for some reason. We both starred at each other again on what I thought it would be the last time. The smile broke down, finally, he could fake it no more.

'Don't worry lad, I will be right behind you. 'There was no time, I wanted for both of us to escape but he lifted and threw me far and beyond them. I landed up on the ground but I was not hurt. I got up as fast as possible to see if. . Raphael.

'The lone lumberjack into the forest, bearer of smiles, he sacrificed himself preventing the lad from sharing his dire fate. '

I couldn't hear his voice past the screams and shouts nor was I able to see or help him. I wanted to run straight to them but what good would it do? The exit was in my reach, I could see the end of this forest, but what if he was still alive? I didn't want to abandon him.

‘The end was upon his reach, Jack only had to get out and he would be away from danger. ’No, I won't do it, I turned away from the only way out and charged at the hallow trees. I knew that I wasn't strong enough but I wouldn't let him die. Far enough to add some power to that charge, as I was about to hit them, damage them or not, something stopped me, grabbing and holding my legs off from even trying. The grip was strong, even stronger than the last time, I thought they got me, but, when I looked down I saw the shadows having their hands ensnaring me, trying to throw me out of the forest, one leg at a time, one step behind. ‘Jack only had to get out and he would be safe. ’Again the voice and now this. . . I tried touching them so I could free myself and help Raphael but my hands went through the shadows. I could not stop them nor help him, I was forced to back down and see him, no, not even him but those oaks trapping him, soaking him in sap. I threw myself on the dirt and shoved my fingers and hands into the ground. They would not let me go, I couldn't even be a worthy challenge as I was easily overpowered by them. Was this my punishment for killing one of their own? Being forced away from trying to help my friend? Still taken without my will, I plowed the soil with my fingers, throwing leaves and rocks out of the way, but not even the sounds of that could get through the sounds barrier created by their harmony. Hopeless, I didn't resist anymore, whilst on the ground I let them get me away towards. .

‘Safety, Jack has done it, although reluctant at first, he managed to get back home, just in time for winter. ’The forest was away from me, the hard ground turned into white snow and it felt much colder. Too cold, my hand got hurt but it, yet I was able to get up and shake it off, the hands got away into the snow and left me a long way from the forest. I looked at my hands and didn't see any mark from being dragged, neither was the forest the same, the whole scenery was covered in snow right in front of me, with every blink a new layer would be added. It would seem like where one story ended, another one was about to start. I should be happy that I can move now but I'm not, even if I didn't know him, I'm afraid that he might have died for nothing, I'm afraid that I might forget him, no. . as long as I keep a smile on my face, fake or not, a part of. . . I can't believe what I'm even implying, a man just died, I need to get help, I need to. . but he could still be alive. No way any of those oaks was real, or even alive but it they weren't, maybe, neither was him. I was lost, I just wanted to get back home, I didn't want, I didn't wish either for any of this, I don't even know where I am now but, I turned around and yet another town appeared. But it wasn't the same, it never was, it might never be. I had to go through this, I thought that if I'd bear enough, I could finally get home to my parents and everything could get back to. ‘A normal town for the inhabitants that watched over it, but little did Esther know of what expected him in there. ’The voice that once sounded comforting got repulsing. Agh, my chest felt like it was about to get ripped open. A sudden surge of pain quickly came by and left after without any trace. My legs were shaking, I opened my shirt, buttons were thrown around but I couldn't see any visible wound nor could I hear the voice of my grandfather. The pain was authentic and came from inside, breaking me apart. I placed the buttons back in order to recover from it, then I continued walking but whilst still in distress, I didn't know what to feel, not only that I was hurt mere seconds ago but I couldn't stop thinking about that man. I can't remember the name of the tale if only I knew it.

‘The mysterious stranger entered, the-the-the town. . ’Something must have gone wrong with him too, I don't remember if the story had so many repetitions in it. I looked around the town, it was quite nice but he lied about people being it, or did he say it hadn't? The houses in it had a rustic look, made of oak and probably other types, I

really hope they weren't the same time as those in the forest I've gone past. I looked at them and from sides I noticed that they had no doors or any visible way to get in, so what was the point of their existence? I kept sniffing around whilst waiting for the voice to trigger an event or something, for the story to go and-and for me to make my escape, so far nothing. I started wondering if something, agh. . . a second time, the pain from the top of my chest came back, I grabbed a hold of it and waited in the middle of the village, alone and hurt, ready to throw up from the pain. The second time it came it staid longer, my breathing got harder to keep without passing out. There wasn't any specific point from where the pain came from, I just merely held the skin off my chest in an attempt to ease it. When it finally went away, it left me almost powerless, unlike the first time. I had to escape as soon as possible, I doubt I could withstand another blow. I tried walking through it, barely being able to keep myself up.

'Empty. . empty. 'His voice started changing, words too became either inaudible or unrecognisable.

'ons of choenix go back, go back. 'The only words I could understand and it wanted me to go back, after all, this?

'No, I won't listen to you! Did you hear me? I won't have it your way!'The houses were decaying, the snowflakes were melting, I was afraid of the thought of the world collapsing under me, as the decay and erosion came through the very ground under me, everything whilst hearing the voice

'Go back!' going over and over, echoing in my head. A headache wouldn't stop me but the crack in the ground and the falling debris would, I couldn't run but walk and try my best not to get hit by anything. None of us would step back, not even with my pain, I got so far that it feels like I've been through worse before but I don't know when. I couldn't see an exit from this town, just a long passage made out of the houses being stacked left and right, over another. I. . I realised how much it resembles the passage I've been through before but with some other changes. . . and that I had to constantly dodge and try my best to remain alive.

'Fall down!' the voice said with a change of tone. The buildings were no longer falling or getting destroyed, I didn't understand what the voice tried to say by. . . Down, right under me, the ground cracked, as ice from a frozen pond but there was no water under. I didn't want to move, as soon as I even dared to lift my foot, even more, cracks came to be. I was standing on thin ground, knowing, deep inside, feeling that the mysterious voice might come back and tell me once again to 'Fall!'And the ground was smashed right under me, making me fall in a dark abyss with shards that had the same colour on the ground. While falling, I couldn't see much but the hole above from where the light came, getting smaller as I fell deeper. I didn't scream as I confirmed to myself that nothing I've seen so far was real, so I only had to enjoy and wait. I was happy, in a strange way because of its peacefulness, unlike my life at home. . . I didn't want to think of that very much and ruin the moment. Even though it was a long fall and where I would land was uncertain, ugh. The pain coming from inside didn't stop. . not even now. I used both my arm to cover up my chest and pushed as hard as I could but the pain was still immense. This has to work again, I opened my eyes and closed them back, doing it over and over again, not even the shadows could take it and left my body, floating high above me, shaped like kites. I remained alone, truly alone, this time, falling, possibly too, ugh, death if I was wrong about this not being real. I closed my eyes one last time and kept them closed, waiting for the pain to go away. The pain went away but my heart followed it too as I felt an impact on something. I was scared that I would feel an immense amount of pain but I landed softly onto, what did I land on?

'Come on Theo, you're here just in time!'A friendly voice came, could it be? Was it truly possible? It must be Gwen,

I opened eyes and saw her, pulling me up.

‘Where are we? How did I get here from falling?’

I’ve taken a glimpse around after she was done helping me, we were in an old town, there is something out of the ordinary about it but I can’t place my finger on it. The people around us were wearing rain coats but it wasn’t raining and none of them seemed concerned about me being here or that I got where I am from falling from a hole in the sky. Luckily for me that I didn’t end up falling on those thorns from the ground, though no one dares take care of them.

‘Are you done cataloging them or can we go? It looks like a storm is about to come.’ I didn’t look at the weather until she mentioned it, shifty clouds were slowly gathering, dancing in the sky and getting ready to cry.

‘I saw that. So what? I enjoy rains, it reminds me of home.’ She had a concerned look on her face, she kept switching her look towards the sky, then around and back at me. Gwen then told me:

‘It’s not about the rain itself, but what it will bring.’ I didn’t know what she was talking about but I could see others taking refuge in their homes, lock their paths.

‘Come on, there’s still time for us to see it, then we can get out of this town.’

‘Gwen, I still don’t know what you’re talking about, I’m still not sure if I could. . .’

She stopped me as I was ready to dismiss her and completed my sentence

‘trust you because I barely met you. And I just want to get back home, that’s what I always wanted, I know, you’ve told me that before but you forgot it.’ She had a sincere look on her face and she also knew exactly what I was going to say, which shocked me. Even more, I actually believed her. Perhaps it was possible that I had problems with my memory, so I decided to follow her, believing that she might be able to push me in the right direction.

‘Fine Gwen, I trust you, lead the way as you please.’ Gwen nodded and we started walking through the town. Quite dark but not enough for it to be night, just enough to make the place look ever creepier. I’ve never seen a place like this before, we’ve walked near tall burned like buildings, some entirely closed, others entirely barricaded. Why were they left that way, closed and covered? I thought to myself. I didn’t come in here to search for their secrets, but I swear I saw someone looking, no, staring at me through some of the cracks, that’s why I asked her,

‘Gwen, why is there someone in that abandoned house?’ A shiver returned across my spine and my blood dropped in its place, it wasn’t my imagination but that look, whoever gave me, stayed with me even after we’ve gone far enough from. .

‘Don’t look at anyone directly, try not to look at those either’ She said to me, but I was too curious, despite her warning, I started searching with my gaze around, trying to find others who were hiding, I wanted to get scared again, I just found out a feeling I didn’t know I had before, almost ecstatic as the fear ran out. Gwen suddenly stopped and I almost hit her.

‘Watch where you’re stopping, I could have. .’

‘Here it is.’ We both stood there, in front of a huge mansion, as shallow as the rest of the town. The hardwood toothed iron and harsh stone gave it a sinister, unworldly appearance. High up to reach and spit the clouds but not visible outside the town, even its dark towers had the appearance of sharp claws, trying to rip its prison open and escape. Chained to the ground as if it were alive, there was no reason for such a place to be imprisoned. Even the

figure stood not far, guarding its place but my vision was taken away from it, towards something of a much greater importance. A giant mask right above the entrance, bigger than anything I've ever seen before, made of ash, stone and something unknown. Its gaze spread across the entire town, its nose blew mist to hide the rest and its mouth forever changing in my sight.

'It's beautiful, especially that. . thing in the middle, it reminds me of the. . . The ritualistic masks from the stories my grandfather used to tell me. . . 'Gwen grabbed me by the hand but this time, it wasn't forced, we just looked at it as if it was alive, sentient, trying to whisper to us, calling me.

'Theo, Theo. . Theodor'I just noticed her shaking me and calling my name but I couldn't look away from it. Even when I tried ignoring Gwen, I felt pain and got distracted as she slapped me hard enough to scratch my cheek and let some of my blood get loose.

'Come on Theo, snap out of it, we're running out of time!' Another slap and I couldn't hear anything but a high pitched noise inside my ears. I saw her lips move but the sound was too loud, even when I tried to cover up my ears, it didn't stop, it came from somewhere inside my head. The texture around the mask and the manor started looking similar to the ground or maybe it was the other way around, it all looked like burnt wood, somehow weld together. The material wasn't the only one changing, even the noise in my head took on the form of a voice. Nothing else could distract me. I wanted to hear it, to be able to heed its call as it started whispering to me 'vanquish. . 'I was thrown on the ground from being hit, I looked at who did it and it was Gwen, holding up a lamp made of. . the same wood as before.

'Are you out of it yet or should I give you another spin? '

'No, wait! I'm fine. ' I said whilst getting ready to stop her, just in case she changed her mind, but she did back down.

'Don't look at it anymore, let's go. 'She then threw the lamp away and got me fixed.

'What happened Gwen? Why is everything so much different now? Why is everything made out of wood? 'I didn't realise it while staring at the huge mask but it wasn't an illusion, everything did share its appearance, from stone to build. . .

'Come on, you can look on our way out, they might come back after us. 'She took me away after, on her road, would we end as we started?

'What was that and why did you take me here? '

'I wanted to show you the truth again though it's getting more and more dangerous every time we're doing it. 'We went through alleys filled with stumps and salt and right before we took the corner, we also had to take a break. She didn't say a word and spoke as quiet as ever.

'Don't make any noise or they might hear us. ' She said before taking a peek and turning back. Gwen was stressed as if she

'Saw a ghost or what? '

'I had to stay quiet, this could get messy, I don't know if you've seen them before. ' 'What are you talking about? There's so much you've got to explain to me' As I tried getting an explanation, she didn't look like she cared or listened to me, she kept taking peeks around the corner. She turned back to me and said:

‘We can't talk here, I've already told you that’

‘Listen, I'm not taking another step until you've told me everything you know, also am I the only one seeing this?’

‘What are you talking about? Look, if we don't get out of here, they will catch us and I won't be able to explain anything to you after!’

‘Who will get us?’

‘Gwen took to be closer to the corner so I could take a look just like she did before me. Wooden soldiers that wore no uniforms, almost like walking trees patrolling around. It wasn't anything special but I didn't take it as a joke either. I was suddenly pulled back right before they turned their gaze upon me, but for a fraction of a second, I was able to see.

‘No, this cannot be’

‘Theo, are you okay?’

‘She looked at me as I slowly lowered myself down the wooden wall, my lips were dry and my heart was prowling in my chest. . they. . ’ We’re the same as before. They want to take my face and gouge my eyes out!’ I was scared that I would make a noise and alarm them.

‘Theo come, don't break on me now. ’I was afraid that maybe, this time, it would really happen. .

‘Theodore, they might be heading this way, snap out of it. ’My body stopped itself in place after I saw my hands starting to, slowly turn into the wood too.

‘Theo, please, I don't want to lose you again, please, let's just run together, the two of us. . ’I could feel the loss of control over my own body, but I know what to do this time. I took both of my hands and covered my face, wood or not, they would have to cut through them if they wanted to get to me. After that, it was only a game of waiting, I wouldn't give up on my life, especially since I knew they were out there. With all this mayhem going on, I almost forgot about. I didn't know where Gwen was, I was too scared to look after her, they would have caught me. I didn't hear her either, after so much time, maybe she escaped and maybe she's safe now. I felt something, no, someone grabbed me from both sides of my arms, they were taking me against my will, yet I couldn't see who it was since my eyes were still closed. They were open, knowing that something wasn't right, I saw two hooded people seizing me. The town came back to normal but they wouldn't let me go, even against my struggle.

‘Where am I now? Who are you two? Let me go this instance. . ’I couldn't end what I was about to say because I got punched instantly in the face. The hit was strong enough, as it almost knocked my jaw off my face.

‘Is that. . . all you got?’ I was immediately punched a second time, but this time from the other one, I couldn't see after, the punch landed on my left eye and I wasn't able to open it after. I didn't want to get hit again so I just watched them drag my legs off the ground, it was a bit painful but not as much as their punches. I was dizzy and my right eye couldn't do as much as before, especially in these conditions, I wasn't able to see well but I thought it looked like. . gallows. My eyes got wider and I finally noticed the group of people that stood in front of it. Were they taking me to my own execution? I got up on both of my feet and kicked one of the hooded acolytes, I was able to make him trip down and release my hand. The other one noticed me and got ready to jump and attack but I lunged at him and bit his hand. I tore his skin and even let some blood out, I could even feel his bone being close to my teeth, if not right in it. He did release me but only after screaming in pain, alerting the unsuspecting crowd. I started

getting farther away without giving them time to react, jumping away from the hand that almost got me from below. I didn't look back anymore, I didn't know where Gwen went but I remember the path that leads out of here, before that I had to make sure I would take the most difficult to reach spots if I wanted not to get caught. The noise from behind me gave them away, the mob was angry but something changed as rain drops started falling to the ground. On my way, I managed to get to the same passage I thought I was on the last time with Gwen. It was far from normal where I stood and I only knew half of the way, and the other one only from glances but that didn't stop me. Hunted, they were probably ready to get me, I tripped down over something and got covered in dirt. I managed to get up easily after that and continued making turns but townsfolk were everywhere, in almost every corner I took, giving me a distasteful look and starting a sprint towards me. My limits were close to being reached not too long after that. One more lap and I could escape this nightmarish place, right when I was close to it I felt a hand touching me but not from behind, I know I took a box-like path but someone still caught me. I was chunked inside a room but there was no door in the passage I went through.

'Keep your voice down, this time, I am not sure that they can find us, still, I won't take my chances with it. 'Gwen was there and she was

'Fine, you escaped'I gasped as much as I could because I knew it wasn't wasn't over.

'So what happened after Theodor, so it balm. . 'We were standing in a small room that had a barely functional light switch, the way out was blocked, probably to hide us even more.

'Look, Theo, I grew up in this town so it's better if you don't know a lot about it. My mother showed me this secret underground tunnel, it should get us out safely. 'Gwen said it while looking at the door behind me, over my shoulder.

'It looks blocked, I can see the keyhole under your arm. '

'Don't worry Theo, I got the key if you're ready we can just get out of this damned hole of a town. 'She opened the door and revealed a bunch of stairs leading even further underground, even those were lit up by lights. After deciding that I was ready, I went to the stairs and waited for her to lock and shut the light in that room, I had to make sure I wouldn't get caught again. I didn't even know if I'd be able to tell her about what those mad people were intending to do to me.

'Gwen, mind if I ask you something?

'Do it quickly, as soon as I'm done with this, we're out. '

'Okay, I will, um, where does the electricity to power the light bulbs comes from?' As expected, she didn't give me an answer but was rather evasive about it, instead, she told me

'We got no time for that, it's time to go. 'We both started going down the stairs until we reached the bottom of. . .

The stairs lead to an empty bottom with no doors, no passages, not tunnels, just some strange writings on the ground where I stood.

'I don't see any way out Gwen, are you sure we. . 'I turned around to face her and I was stabbed. A bloody blade went through my chest and. . it came from. . Gwen.

'Why?' I asked her. . .

'Why did. . . ? '

Blood started coming out of my mouth and I knew I would. . . pass out and. . .

'I'm sorry Theodor, it was an accident!' Her voice almost changed for a second. . but she pulled it out, leaving me enough space to fall and bleed on the floor. She let the blade fall, close to my reach, not that it mattered anyway. The last image I saw before me was a glowing light up, above and the stairs leading to it.

'Do you still want to go home? '

'Yes, I would get to feel. . . content!'

'Even if that meant, going through all of this. . again? '

'It's the only place that made me feel happy. . the only one I know, so yes, I would go through everything again it meant going back home. . even if it didn't last long. Even if my mother never spoke to me and even if my father hated himself for doing it. ' 'Very well Theodore, but you won't remember any of this, ugh sin a hiwt tress I wry hut no one'I woke up in the morning and went back downstairs, as usual, my parents were arguing.

'So much time has passed, I don't think they're searching for him'I would hear the voice from time to time, otherwise, it all came to normal. Middle of the night and I just woke and set up to see the professor, mother was sleeping last time I checked but in order to be fully sure of it, I snicked out, in my mind, though, she would react and be mad at me, just like a normal mum. It took some time for my brother's arrest, I kept thinking about it, from time to time but I truly knew he deserved it. On the way there, I went more cautious this time of year, I wouldn't want to get another one after all. The road between my house and the prof's became more like a stroll, with the average man passing and giving me a stink eye, I couldn't care less about it. I opened his door as I arrived, the key fit in just like a glove, after that the habit continued.

'Greeting professor!'

'Greetings Sam, cough. 'I welcomed him back whilst trying to hide my dire condition. It got worse but I hope I'll get to survive through most of it. He went back to his work as I kept doing mine. Cataloging new subjects got harder, bigger names, larger body mass. . . My pills were on the desk next to my work. . It was a nuisance but they kept me alive. Sam saw me the other day when I went for the vessels. Far behind, he kept telling me he has a request to make and I think I know what it is, given his situation. Not yet, though, we just finished stepping April to one of them, it should be full for the time being.

'Professor, are you okay? '

'Yes I am Sam, why aren't you working now? '

'I'm sorry, I just saw you drop your cane and I thought you had another. . '

'I'm fine Sam uh, I was just thinking about April and. . . how it could have been avoided. 'I looked towards the secret path where her vessels would be.

'I wonder if she's fine in there, I wish I could be there for her. . to guide her, to. . '

'I'm sorry again professor, it's all my fault if I didn't bring it up, perhaps it would have been different. '

'No, it wouldn't have, April chose to do it on her own. There's no one to be held accountable for her actions but herself. '

'Will I ever get to speak to her again? '

'Perhaps, only time could tell. You really have to go now, go back to your bindings'The professor was right, I

shouldn't disturb him anymore, he suffered enough anyway. On the way down, I made sure everything was in order, the lights lit up as they were supposed to, with a stock of light bulbs laying in the corner of the room I passed by, the other access doors were closed. The only problem was that water kept dropping from the ceiling. Nevermind that, small drops aren't going to flood the place so I'm going to take care of it later. The main chamber was filled with vessels. Some filled entirely and others empty, after seeing so many people enter them, I almost got to fully understand how they worked. Almost, with the help of that and the prof's notes. I don't know how much it will take, but I will get to take his place one day. He became even more distant towards me. . and even towards her. The plan remained the same, I would finally get to be reunited with mother. I started cleaning the organic vessels, one by one with the acidic substance, leaving no trail, trace nor spots of any of the previous users. Strange in composition, even stranger in appearance, they were hard as steel insides but everything else was made of something I could only see, transparent but tight. I was instructed not to touch it, nor did I do it. There was also that incident when one of them got cracked, but it healed after a while and nothing was lost. Three of them cleaned well enough, for now, I still got my hands full for this night. My whole schedule got turned down but I could try looking in the back for her vessels. And check how she's doing. I don't want to upset him either but I wonder if she's okay or not. It dug tunnels for itself to fit even more of them, finding the right one where she's located could take some time.

'Sam, come up here for a moment, I need your help with something. '

A look was all I needed at its body and structure, one more before I thought to myself, what is she doing? 'A second please. '

Far but not beyond, one of the filled vessel was different from the other ones, so was the one standing in it, someone special was in it but special to whom? One last time he called me and this time, I decided to give in and come.

'Good morning uncle. '

'Morning Alice, judging from the looks of it, your night, night. . . night'

'Are you okay uncle? 'I got up from the table and tried aiding him.

'No, stop, I'm not your uncle, balm. 'I didn't know what to say, at first, I even thought that he might have had a mental illness because of his old age. Nothing he said would come as a surprise to me anymore.

'No, I do not possess such an affliction'

'Okay, you can stop now, you couldn't possibly. . '

'Read minds? No, we are connected, everyone here is, young one. 'He didn't make a lot of sense, but

'It will all come to you in time, but for now, you are safe here, you will not forget. ' 'Wait, I don't really get what's going on here nor if what you're telling me is true, could you, at least, try to explain to me, from the start to where we are now? '

'No, you wouldn't be able to understand nor comprehend, others have tried and they all failed. '

'Okay, but can. . . First of all, can you really hear me without me moving my lips or making sounds? '

'That is correct'Wait, have you really heard me or you just said that to appear like you can? 'Indeed, I was and I am able to, now to the previous matter. . 'Oh yeah, I almost forgot, speaking of which, you said I won't forget but you contradicted yourself by saying I won't be able to remember because other failed.

'It is safer for your well being if it stays that way. 'You will have to tell me sooner or later, or I might be forced to

find out for myself. Also, why? How come I'm not surprised at all by what's going on? Did you lie and I forget something or do I not know?

'No, feelings are affected by the stream, I can't give you any more information for now. 'Wait, 'We're not done yet uncle or whoever you are. . . What is the stream? Where's my real uncle?' 'Don't you just stand in there like a statue, say something. Say something to me, you can't just tell me that and just. . ugh. 'Okay, maybe it's just a bad joke he decided to play on me, let's see how much he can take before he'll break. I got closer to him and started slapping him across his face, from left to right and vice versa.

'This should teach. . . 'He really was like a statue, I wasn't even able to move him, I touched his skin but it felt as solid and hard as concrete, his eyes too were blocked staring at me but at the same time through me. I hoped it was really true, I used two of my fingers to lunge into his eyes but they were stone cold. I guess he won't be of much assistance, I could go outside and talk to somebody else. As I reached the door and tried looking on the other side, I noticed that there was nothing beyond it. I backed down as I felt the depth of it wanting to come in, a giant abyss at the edge of the house leading to an indescribable feeling of emptiness. I closed the door back, being afraid of lights I had to take a deep breath. This seriously can't be happening, no, no no, I went upstairs to the second floor to be able to check the window, I thought I could see something if I was higher. It didn't look as if it had an end to it, regardless of where I turned my gaze to. I took a coin from my pocket and threw it outside, I've read from somewhere that it was a good way to figure out how deep a hole can be, so I waited. . And no sound was heard. I couldn't spend the entire night or day waiting for it, I came back to the first floor, then I realised, the basement! My uncle used to joke about a secret passage in it, perhaps there's a way out through there. I ran to where the door used to be but no. . this couldn't be, it was the same as the front door, its every exit leading to an inescapable way to the chasm. I closed the door and sat down the table with the statue of my uncle. Whilst thinking of a way out, I kept drinking my tea. My memory felt like it was getting divided into quarters, I blinked for a second and I woke up in front of a lake. It's the lake near my father's house.

'April, dinner's ready, I've been shouting at you for minutes

'I'm sorry papa, I was just. . uncle being a state and. . '

'After dinner and please don't make fun of your uncle, it's not polite. 'I followed him back but I didn't feel like myself at all, nor did I remember having a dinner with my father. He didn't seem surprised about me knowing about my uncle either, even though he's been hiding him from me. Somehow I got here and since I've already had some time, I guess it would make it easier for me to think with my stomach full. We both sat on the table and started eating the soup he made, I almost started missing being able to dine outside. I wish I've spent more time in this old place but it's been silent ever since she left. It was no palace but it certainly had a place in my heart and neither was the food stale or sour, as usual, he would start slowly but get to a delightful dried pork loin, simple but enjoyable.

'So, how's your soup, honey? '

'It's fine paps. 'I stopped for a second because I knew he would stop too, giving me full attention, which he did, soon after.

'I've been meaning to ask you about something important. '

'What is it April? What's wrong? '

This was harder than I expected. I wasn't afraid of the response but of what it might lead to.

'Am I. . 'The phone started ringing, luckily we weren't too far from it, it was stuck on the wall outside of the house.

'Am I? '

'Just one minute April, we can finish this conversation after. 'He got up and walked towards it.

'But I need to know!'He turned around in his track just to assure me that

'it won't take long' before making a run towards it. In his clumsiness he almost plunged into the wall, managing to stop himself right in time so he'd avoid it. He turned around again and signaled me that he was fine, right before he answered the phone. I couldn't sip from my tea nor eat anymore, I could only make swirls in the bowl and watch him get consumed by his work. I swear, sometimes, I really wish I was. . . 'ugh'No, this is supposed to be a family dine, what's left of it anyway, but I saw him getting close to ending his call with a smile that turned into a frown. We both stared at each other from the distance, I knew that they probably called him away from work, feeling disappointed I turned my look away from him. To be honest about it, that's not the only reason that made me look away from him, I thought I saw something behind. Something plated with four conduits on its face. After looking back at him, it went away and I tried keeping my distress away from him. But he knew too how I felt, we both did know each other well, I wasn't even going to ask anymore.

'April. . I. . 'He came back but I didn't bother to look at him.

'It's fine papa, just go, I can clean up here. '

'April, at least, let me. . '

'No', I raised my voice and told him,

'I don't need anyone's help, just go and leave me alone. '

'I'm sorry April, I only tried to. . '

'I don't care what you tried, you're the only once I got after mama died and you. . . you're barely here anymore. . 'I didn't cry even though I felt like I had the grief of the entire world on my shoulders, draining its sadness and despair. Even though I despised him, he still came closer and hugged me.

'It's okay now. . . I'm here now. . . '

'Too little too late father!'I escaped from his embrace and stood right in front of him.

'What will you choose father? Your work or your own daughter? I hate being forced to be alone, I can't live the rest of my life like this. '

'April, it's not up to me to make such a decision. '

'Yes it is, it's always been, you can't expect me to sacrifice my happiness for your sake! Not any longer. . ' 'How will we live then? I can't afford to leave this workplace or even to get to the point of selling the house, we still haven't paid. . . I mean I haven't paid the. . . '

'Don't mention her, the only thing you could ever afford is losing her and now. . . even me. 'My memories were shattered, it felt as if different versions of myself relived all of my memories, making new choices, better ones, making old ones or even repeating themselves forever. Was I even in the place to judge if one decision was better than another? I didn't know how they were connected, I was only aware of that whilst sailing a small boat made out of what I could feel. I couldn't remember if I had an accident and lost my sight, only that I was rowing through the

water, hoping that I could get safely to the land. Despite that, I could, somewhat remember things from my past, images and the way they made me feel, they brought comfort in a sea of anguish. The water was cold and I wasn't able to check how deep it was, nor did I hear any sound from my surroundings. My arms were tired but I didn't want to stop, even though I could be in the middle of nowhere, stranded away, there wasn't anything I could do, other than reminiscing of the joyful colours I could still hold onto. I can still remember, almost vividly of my happiest period of my life, it was my birthday, eighteen years old.

'Come on, wake up. 'I switched sides in the bed, trying to remain hidden in it.

'Don't be like that April, it's time to blossom, today is the big day!'

'I'm sleeping. . . mother. '

'Don't be such a thorny brush, maybe if I tickle, you might consider. . 'And so she did, right through the fabrics, she managed to get to me and disturb my slumber

'Ach each haha, okay stop it. I'm awake now, I'm awake!'I couldn't resist her magical fingers. She always had her way with them, more than I could ever know.

'That's the spirit, now, shall we go ahead with your appointments, your majesty? '

'We shall, but could I, at least, get some more sleep before that? '

'Oh come on April, life isn't made to be slept through, you'll have enough time to sleep after this day ends. 'I was tired but the sunlight came through the window and got eclipsed by my eyelashes, my mother was merely standing beside them, waiting for me to get up.

'Ehm', before grabbing me and gently trying to pull me over.

'Okay, I got it, you don't need to treat me like a child anymore, after all, I'm mature now'

'More or less April. Now, should I keep brushing you off or could I trust you to come into the kitchen for breakfast? ,

'You know you can trust me, mama, I'll be down there in a minute or two. 'She rolled her eyes over the way down, I knew she would listen to reason, I got up as promised and fell on the soft rug next to my bed, from there the light rays weren't as strong but still warm and peaceful.

'April, don't make me come up again. 'But not for long, soon they would both start nagging me, which I didn't want to happen, so I finally came down to them. Mama was laying down the dishes whilst papa was washing his hands. I still remember how silly he was, getting his hands all dirty from his yellow dust. Where on earth he got it from goes beyond me. Mother and I sat down the table, waiting for him to finish so we could eat as a family.

'Can I taste one of the waffles before. . . ? '

'No, watch your manners, a young lady should behave well enough. '

'Oh mama, times changed, I don't necessarily have to act a certain way to be accepted. '

'It would actually and certainly help you in your life. '

'If you say so mother. 'We were enjoying the short conversation while waiting for papa to finish but he didn't. . .

The water kept on running and I could see his hand motion never changing, it remains the same, up and down, left and right and they didn't even appear like they were dirty at all, not anymore. I got up from the table and started approaching him, a strange scent of citrus came from towards him.

‘Papa, are you alright there?’ I couldn’t initially hear it but as I got, closer, I started hearing a strange noise coming from him, it sounded like a bunch of rocks being struck by lightning in a storm but I couldn’t explain why it came from him. He suddenly started moving his hands, that’s when I also stopped from walking towards him, I watched from sides as he closed the sink.

‘Mama, is papa fine? Am. . . Am I the only one hearing it?’ I turned around and she wasn’t facing me anymore, the noise got louder too. She was never silent towards me, not after she got cured, it didn’t make any sense for her not to speak to me. I kept turning from one to the other whilst being baffled by the situation. In-between both of them I noticed that mother also got up, the noise got even louder and now came from both directions something. . . wait. . I felt caught but not by them, but by something beyond my reach. Calming myself down helped me notice that both of my parents were cracking and shattering like glass. The sound stopped with their shattering, their parts fell on the floor but they weren’t made of skin nor meat but something else that melted right away in a white liquid. I tried grabbing it with my hand but it slipped away on my finger and not a single drop of it remained. I didn’t have any explanation for what has happened and something told me I shouldn’t stay in the house any longer than I was supposed to. Unshaken by the events I’ve witnessed, I took a step outside and felt something hit me in the head, something that landed onto the ground right after. It didn’t hurt me, but, as I reached and grabbed it, luckily it wasn’t lost in the vast sea of grass below me. It was a small coin, but from where did it come from? I looked upside and noticed that the window was opened, then I asked ‘Is anyone there? Hello?’

To my avail, no one answered, so I went back in to check who was up there, carefully trying not to step into the remains of my parents. I must have lost my mind because none of this was possible, although I kept going, hoping there was something that would come and break this bad dream and I could regain my mind just as before. No one was upstairs, I looked even in my room, then my parent’s room, then who left the window open? I approached it and looked at it, no sign of anyone that used it, so I tried closing it but ugh. The more I tried pulling it down, the harder it took me to realise that It was stuck open. I was distracted only for mere moments before something else came by, I could see, not so far from my house. . . My parents stood at a table with all my friends and other guests of sorts. . . I could even see my little. . . someone that I didn’t know too much about. They noticed me looking at them, they waved at me. But my parents were broken downstairs, how was this possible? They kept making signs, trying to make me come over, smiling at me as if nothing happened. I nodded in disapproval at their request, I knew something wasn’t right since I first laid my eyes on them. They didn’t seem to take my long distanced refusal too well, at least not all of them. Their bodies twisted around, taking unreal shapes, bending their hands and legs where they shouldn’t be. It was ghastly, even their faces formed black holes, deep inside they weren’t humans anymore. I could barely hold myself in place with my finger almost making holes through the window frame. The table broke under their heavy bodies and upon seeing me not comply, they started to slowly approach the house. No time to think about it, I stepped back and tried to get down as fast as possible to lock the door. I bashed into the desk and broke the lamp, It almost tripped me down the stairs and I barely managed to not cut myself on its sharp edges. I was there and almost so were they, it must have been mere meters between us, I jumped across the room and closed the door. I’m glad that being an athlete ran into family, else I wouldn’t have made the jump. The sound echoed behind it,

just like my parents before, but louder and harder for me to hear without having my eardrums damaged. They kept bashing the door and I didn't know how much I could last, pushing against them with all the might I currently had. I had to keep on pushing the door as hard as I could so they wouldn't break through. A blow almost managed to make me lose it but I stood my ground, I didn't know which would come first, the breaking door or me passing out from a headache. I couldn't stand the sound, I backed away for moments. . . The entire room was shaking in from of my eyes, especially the door, I couldn't even hold myself on my feet. I turned to the kitchen and grabbed a chair, I managed to set it against the door. . . somehow, but it came at a cost, I fell on my back. I felt dizzy and unsure of what was about to happen, I turned on my belly and crawled away through the liquid, which I didn't care about anymore and stopped not so far away from. I was safe, at least for now, I couldn't hear the cracking sound anymore so I figured that they just. . A flash came into my mind, the window was open and I didn't have much time, every step I've made counted, I got up and started sprinting upstairs. The time felt like it was slowed down but it didn't stop the pain, I stepped onto the glass shards but I had no time to cry nor suffer, I almost landed on my hands as I got there to see. . . one of those deformed bodies crawling through the window. Maybe it was the blood going down from my feet, the loss of the blood itself or the desperation but I felt as if I lost. . . that I lost my light right in that moment. But as it made its way in, the window quickly closed on it, cutting more than half of its body down. I was still scared and hurt as the remaining dismembered body tried pulling itself closer to me, with a dark hole where its face should be. The hole looked more like a vortex, the more I looked at it, the more it changed, I slowly started walking towards it whilst on the ground. Maybe this is how it was meant to be, I didn't know what it would do to me but I trusted my guts and they told me to do it. . . But it felt so welcoming towards me, as if it was my destiny to do so. I hope this is. . the right decision. We both moved towards each other at the same pace, almost synchronized, even with its impairment it was able to imitate my movement. The thought of it being so fast despite it being broken made my heart tremble. When I stopped, just to check if it would do the same it did. I wanted to see what was it hiding in the hole because it looked deep enough. I kept moving, then we were both face to face. It stopped then with no move, even the sound dissipated. The hole was big, I could see that I was wrong before when I thought it just had a hole where its face should be, it being way bigger than that. The whole head got enlarged, it was enormous, so much so that I could fit in. Would I dare try it? There could be something beyond it, beyond darkness. I bit my lip in excitement. A surge of adrenaline came into my body. I didn't even feel fear nor remorse for what was about to happen, a just curiosity of what I was about to see or find. I gulped before taking a gamble, it could be dangerous but what isn't? I moved my head and entered it, my eyes were forced shut whilst making the entrance, I couldn't see by what or by who. I was able to open them shortly after, revealing a small compartment made of flesh, deep, deeper than it should be and on the other side was the face of my. . . His eyes were shut and so was his mouth. My body felt quite numb too but I could still feel my limbs moving around. Not enough room for me to stretch my hand and try reaching him so I decided to open my mouth and tried talking to him, even if it felt like a bad idea. The feeling of excitement got killed right away by the image and connection with reality, yet I was still too rash in my actions

‘Are you really. . . ’His eyes and mouth got opened in a flash and he started screaming. Drops of blood started coming out of his mouth but it wasn't enough to reach me. It was so unexpected that it made me panic, I used my

hands to pull myself out and barely managed to get away. . . That thing, my. . . Started making those cracking sounds again and flailed its arms uncontrollably. I was flat on the back and kicked his arms away, it changed back into a fight for survival, I wanted to try to escape but It grabbed my ankles, I couldn't escape its strong grip. I started flailing my arms too in an effort to make him back down. Meanwhile, downstairs, the door was broken down, sounds of wood being chopped were noticeable. It seemed that I was at the end of my powers and my life soon to be forfeited towards nature's abomination. No, this isn't how it happened. Even if the colours of my memories were bright, this memory was bland, I knew that this wasn't how it happened but I couldn't remember the right version, the original line of events that happened. I don't know if. . being on this boat made me lose my mind or not, no matter how many times I try. . or tried, I can't remember it, I need to. . to find out what happened, how did I lose my sight, I believe that I didn't. . . I couldn't have died there and this would be the afterlife, right? Talking to myself isn't a good sign either, but I think I can get past my birthday, yes, I was finally getting ready to set foot in the whole wide world, an explorer, no, an achiever of great things.

'Incredible, unknown discoveries just waiting for me to reach them. ' 'You forgot to mention being a dreamer, and let's not forget your modesty!'

He said with a smirk on his face, if he wasn't a good friend of mine, I swear I would. .

'What? Cat got your tongue? '

'Stop acting like a jester if you don't wanted to be treated like one Mark. '

'Speaking from experience I presume? '

'Now you listen here. . '

'Wait, down. . . tone it down a notch for a second' He said whilst looking outside the carriage. I didn't know at what he was looking but he was quite rude acting in that manner.

'Wait here for a second. '

'Mark, what are you going to do? ' I asked him as he appeared to be ready to jump out.

'Don't jump, you could get hurt badly. 'He turned at me and said

'It's fine April, I always know what I'm doing. 'He jumped out, scaring both the rider and the horse, it was already paid for, not to mention that we were almost there so we had enough time for a small detour. I jumped out too, trying to see what was going on, Mark was standing in a crowd, surrounded by tall men and women who gathered up for some reason. I got closer and heard

'Madame, I'll wait for you here. 'Almost forgot about that, I turned around to face the rider and told him, 'Don't worry friend, the destination isn't that far, we can make it on the foot. 'I got dragged into the crowd by Mark,

'Wait a second, could you just please take it slower for a moment and tell me what's. . . going on? 'My gaze turned away from him, towards a street entertainer. At first sight it didn't seem like anything special, I see people like him all the time, to say the least, better, he was trying to juggle with some ivory bells and ended up dropping all of them on the ground. Everyone started laughing, including Mark too but I was the only one staring at him with not even a whisper coming out of my mouth. Or at least that's what I thought, there might have been another soul that didn't laugh either, but he was probably just as bad as the rest of them. I placed my arms one atop of each other whilst he was ready for his next act and started backing away. How could I have embarrassed myself like that? The look on

his face, on all of them, I just couldn't. . .

'April, watch out!' He shouted, just in time that I managed to stop myself from going further on the street and avoided getting trampled by one of the horses from the ongoing carriages. Mark came and took me back on the sideway. Everyone was just staring at me as if I have become the center of amusement. I looked away in fear that they might see me cry and started walking away without saying a word. I knew that Mark was right behind me but I couldn't tell him, not until I was farther away from them.

'April, come on, slow down. . . it's okay now, I just want to know what happened. 'Scratching my arms and trying to calm down, I tried walking away as my path got cut out by Mark who probably had enough of this.

'Please April, can we just talk about it? You can't just run away from your problems, not forever at least. ' 'Mark, let's just go. . . please, I don't want to see anyone except him. ' 'Fine, but he's not the only one that matters. Don't forget about us. . . please, just think about it. 'It wasn't too far now, my secret wish came true and we both kept walking the rest of the road quietly, though I could see that he wasn't content at all, nervously scratching his chin, pulling small hair tips from his beard. And I couldn't believe that he didn't get rid off that frustratingly purple cap on his head. In a way, from the angle we were on, he reminded me of. . .

'Why are you staring at me? What's wrong now?' He asked as he stared back startled.

'It's nothing, just forget about it. '

'No, you started it so you might as well tell me why were you staring so profoundly. '

'I wasn't, I just wanted to see something behind the. . . fence next to you and it just happened that you were in the way. 'We both awkwardly looked into different directions after that, back to silence. This was most certainly not helping our relationship and it wasn't going to mend itself either. But the silence was broken once more as we arrived at our small apartment, I was happy to get home, after all, I hated having to leave papa alone for a large period of time. Both Mark and I entered and left our luggage next to the coat hanger, we didn't carry much anyway so there wasn't any problem.

'Papa, I'm home. . . we're back home I meant to say. 'I quickly tried to apologise to Mark as I didn't want to offend it.

'Don't worry April, I know. 'I managed to make my way back to the living room so I could see him, the kitchen sink was full of dirty dishes, I had my work cut off for me after, I even passed some thrown laundries that I chose to ignore on my way there. The house was in a bad state but at least, it was affordable.

'Papa, here we are. . . we didn't leave you alone too much I hope. '

He was staring at me from his chair, barely blinking, the plague hasn't left much of him intact. Though, I hope he wasn't

'Upset, right? We had to go and buy you the medication doctor Alexander prescribed. '

'Maybe we should let him rest some more April, you can't just force him to. . '

'I can what Mark? You were going to tell me what to do? You meant to say take care of my father, is that what you were going to say? '

'Don't start doing that, pretending that you're the victim in all of this. '

'Mark, I'm not pretending to be anything, I need to take care of my papa. Is it so hard for you to be more supportive?

'He lost his nerve soon and even interrupted. . .

'I've been patient enough but you can't have both me and dedicate the rest of your life to that. . . 'My thought. 'Don't you dare to talk like that about my father, I haven't asked you anything nor did I force you to say with me. '

'Fine, perhaps I should leave, it's better than staying with both of you. '

'Just go out and blow your steam off like you're always doing, there's no point in talking to you anymore. 'He was mad he left, slamming the door behind him, his threats of leaving were getting old at this point.

'Sorry papa, I almost forgot about your medicine, I'm also hoping that you won't take him seriously. We're arguing like that all the time in private. . . He didn't mean it!' Papa still hasn't said a word, he just kept staring at us throughout the visit, blinking but no whisper. I got closer and took a blanket that laid near him, trying to cover him up since it got colder than usual in the house. . . too abnormally cold.

'April. . . '

'Yes, papa? Finally decided to respond I see. '

'T. . tur. . 'He was struggling to even say a word, I'm surprised he managed to say my name in his first attempt. 'It's okay, there's no hurry at all I'm not going anywhere. . . I might have to go around and find out why it got so cold all of the sudden. 'I looked around, the windows were shut, probably the ones upstairs were left open.

'Wait here. . . oh sorry, just keep trying to. . . you know. . 'He wasn't doing well and neither was I, what was in Mark's mind, making me have to pick between him and my happiness? I had a more important task ahead of me, the entire house felt as if winter came inside, even colder than outside. I tried going where the stairs were supposed to be but they weren't there, even after gazing around the room, the ceiling, it appeared as if there was no second floor. Perhaps I'm letting myself get affected more than I thought, but to go as far as imagining another level to a house that I visited constantly? Perhaps I'm also overthinking it, I must be thinking about the old house we used to live in, however it doesn't explain the temperature drop. In that case, the only other explanation is that there must be a window open in one of the other rooms. . that must be it but which one? Silly me. . . there are no windows in our rooms, they never had in the original design. I'm going to have a headache if I keep this up. I had to stop my investigation for a moment as I've heard sounds coming from the entrance, following them in order to see what's going on. . . I forgot to close the door after Mark left, enough time has passed that an intruder could have entered the house. The place wasn't too large nor too small, If I went around the corner, whoever came inside would notice me immediately so I had to be cautious. Yet. . . my father is right in the living room, in the case of a burglar, I'm afraid to think what would happen. I don't have enough time to think this through, he can't defend himself. I wanted to take the nearest lamp I could see so I could use it as a weapon but, no. There wasn't any in the house, maybe someone redecorated, now I can't see anything in my sight that can be used for the same purpose. I stopped paddling as soon as I realised that. . . this wasn't my memory, that wasn't my father nor any other acquaintance, so to whom did this memory belong to? I resumed my row as I had no other choice, with the past intact or not, I had to focus on the present and maybe just one more time so my hardship would ease, this one had to be mine, the day I got married. I've known Jonathan for years, ever since I moved into town and almost got arrested. It was the middle of the day, or maybe midnight, the time wasn't important, just the fact that I got there, maybe it wasn't a fact at all. No, I've been married to him for at least four years but I can't remember the day we wed, at least, I can remember him, I couldn't

dare let myself lose his memory even if I tried. Tomorrow, yes, it was an important day, he will be promoted to become the chief of detectives or was it the chief of the department? I've always confused them, strangely because I believe I'm also a detective. I work with my husband, I think. . We were in the section one day trying to work on a case, we lived in a small town, not many people to defend nor others to commit crimes but it would happen from time to time. Not many officers joined us, just two others and the chieftain who didn't do much. Sometimes I thought that I deserved to become the chief, I was even more qualified than he was, not to mention that I cared more than him.

‘April, are you done with that report, honey? You've been staring for some time at it? ’

‘Yes, I'm almost done here, It just needs a good ending. ’The report title read

‘Disappearance case. ’ but no name written in the title, nor was a fingerprint or image displayed.

‘Wait, so who has exactly disappeared? ’

‘I don't know, we just got some reports about a missing person that no one could describe nor give us any other details about. Were you just blankly staring at the file or what? ’

‘I just wanted to be sure, that's all. Quite a peculiar case. ’

‘Indeed, it is. ’I took a sip from the coffee before placing it back on the table, I noticed that something constantly made ripples in it. After looking at the mug for a while, nothing came to be, I couldn't tell why, maybe it was because of the boring case I was assigned to, or. . . What's happening to me? Someone's life might be in danger, I'm supposed to help, not to make time pass. Let me see, four of five feet tall, more or less, unidentified eye colour, no facial features, gender unknown, but it says right here that we had the person here, directly into the interrogation room. Jon is working on his papers too, I shouldn't bother him now, at least 'till I finish this mess up. I think I remember someone, I've spoken before with.

‘Honey, it's getting quite late, how about we head back home and resume our work tomorrow? We're not getting paid for overtime. ’

‘But what about this missing person? He could be dead from what we know and what about his family? I. . . ’

‘He has no family nor many friends, the ones we've spoken with. . you know what they said. ’ ‘I don't know what's that supposed to mean. ’

‘I was referring to what they said, you know this, another reason we should head back home, you're even more tired than I expected. ’

‘First of all, it's not even that late. ’Upon glancing away from him, directly onto one of those clocks from the wall, I noticed that it was barely after midnight. But the clock was most likely broken since its hands went counterclockwise.

‘Nevermind that. ’

‘Look, you can go and try talking with the co-workers in the morning but you won't achieve anything in your current state, everyone needs some rest from time to time. ’

‘Perhaps you're right, maybe long sleep could help with the case. ’

‘Thank you, I was getting tired of reorganising the same old papers. ’After carefully placing all of my notes and files where they belonged, we closed the section and went outside on our long way home. The night was beautiful and I

could see a. . .

‘Hey look, a falling star over there!’ Jon pointed towards the sky far above.

‘Make a wish. . . actually do not wish for the missing person to come back, I’ll use mine for that. ’

‘Jon, come on, you’re not supposed to tell me your wish, it might not come true afterwards. ’

‘Oh, like it would come true because some old superstition and not because our detective work, perhaps mine in particular. ’He didn’t feel that much of a stranger as he said that, unlike before. We both smiled and joked on our way, with the wish in my mind all set, one small detail, I was wondering, who am I? I wish that my question would be answered, even if it might sound silly, even if it would be considered wasted, I just want to know.

‘Are you feeling fine?’

‘Yes, sorry about that, I was thinking about you know what. . . ’

‘I’m sure it will turn out fine, now, we’re almost there thankfully. ’I wasn’t too tired but he looked as if he was ready to pass out in front of the door. I had to be the one in charge to open it, all because of his inability to fit the key in the lock. ‘Protecting the innocent I see, one door at a time. ’

‘It’s just a door, don’t act like you’ve caught a burglar in action. ’

‘If burglars acted like you when you’re tired, this town wouldn’t need officers like us, would it now?’ ‘After a couple of unrecognisable mumbles from him, we entered the house, tired as ever. I felt like I could sleep on the floor, the bed felt divine as I laid forth in it, safe near my loving husband.

‘Hah’, he slept the moment he reached the pillow, with me awake for some time, doing nothing but staring at his face. There’s nothing wrong with me doing so, I didn’t need his permission anyway to do it. I never took the time to look at my husband before, I didn’t even know much about him either, this strange thought ran through my head. . . Now I was convinced that I was going insane but. . . I don’t believe Jon is my husband. . . no, that’s not it, I don’t think that I’m his wife. I covered him up to his shoulders with that warm blanket, just before going back outside. He was so tired that he didn’t notice me, nor the sound of the closing door behind me. April or not, I had to find more about the missing person, I need to go back to the station and take that file with me. No one saw me walk through the town, it was too late for that unless I counted the crickets and frogs, almost stepped on one of those buggers but that didn’t stop me either from getting towards my destination. Oh. . . I just realised, I was the dummy!The door was locked and the key was back in Jon’s pockets, too far and hard to reach without walking and alarming him of my plan, so, unfortunately, I had to improvise. In one way or another, I noticed that one of the windows in front of me were big enough for someone to fit in, I can’t believe I’m going to do this. . . They were big enough for someone to fit in, I can’t believe I’m going to do this. . They were indeed high enough and I was sure that I could reach them if I jumped and grabbed onto the ledge. Also, they didn’t seem solid enough to withstand what was I about to do. . . . A rock was laying near the sewage holes, convenient as if someone wanted me to do it, I grabbed it nonetheless. No one was around to see me, I made sure to look around everywhere, no one in their right mind would be out at this hour anyway. I chucked it, successfully breaking the window, the glass shards didn’t even close near me and they managed to land far either farther away or inside the building. A few of the shards remained attached to what remained of the window, not enough to hurt me. I took a head start and jumped. . . After that, I tried jumping again with an even greater distance in-between my past and current attempt. Despite my best effort, I couldn’t do it,

indeed, it was unreachable, by a long shot, I wasn't even able to touch its edge with the tip of my fingers. And I tried, jump after the jump but no result, the plan wasn't thought through, though there must be another way in. The station was big and connected with other buildings, tight enough that there wasn't any way for me to go around unless I was a ghost, but then I guess I could walk through the front door. Focus April, getting inside. I've already got some property damage going on if I'll ever get caught, I guess that breaking in won't make things any worse, I'm a detective after all so I'm just doing my job. There are lines one shouldn't break, though what I'm doing is just. . . I took a look at the door, even tried pushing it around but it wouldn't budge, if only I had knowledge in. . . What was that? Sounds of a big animal screeching came from somewhere. I had to investigate.

'So uncle, enough time passed. . . Are you going to tell me something new or not? '

'I've already told you that I'm not your uncle April'

'I know that, ugh. You've been quiet so far and since I can't really escape, do you mind telling me where are we? '

'You're safe April, in a safe memory. '

'What do you mean by a safe memory? A memory can't become a place and I don't remember being trapped in a void with someone who looks just like my uncle. '

'You will understand when. . '

'You keep saying that but I don't, nor will I be able to understand unless you tell me so, please. . . It's getting frustrating. '

'Don't follow the sound. '

'There's no other sound except the one created by our voices. 'It stopped again, like a small timed toy, leaving me once again alone with my thoughts. I don't know what he's trying to achieve by making me contemplate on his nonsense, by now the idea of jumping made me comfortable. Not even the coin I threw reached the ground so will I be able to?

'You're safe in a memory!' he said, it said at this point.

'How can it be safe if you've got danger two feet away from you? '

I screamed in its face, pointless as it hasn't responded yet. I still enjoyed doing that, I didn't have many things to do around, except re-organising and trying my best to not get bored from it. I could try throwing more stuff outside but it might leave me out of objects to re-organise around if there's nothing to move. Standing down my chair for the countless time, looking at him and being somewhat surprised, every single time I laid my sight upon him brought back familiarity even though he wasn't my real uncle. He didn't want to harm me, not help me either, I wonder what's his real objective, what could it possibly want.

'I noticed that there's a long way down there, I kinda thought about where it ends and how is it floating in thin air. I mean I haven't come up with results yet. . . but you know, I'm getting there. 'What a great conversationalist I thought, he was really helping me through his experience and advice. Well, it's time to move everything again 'till it decided to speak up, it wasn't actually that bad, come to think off, every time something changes in the house, it left a new impact, almost as if I was somewhere else. If only I could change him, not only that but he's too heavy to be moved around. The couch should be the first thing I should take care off, but to where? I should make some place for it before deciding where it should stay, perhaps if I. . A few steps away from the table and I managed to step into

something, it got on the entire floor. So greasy, sticky and it came out of nowhere. I walked towards the kitchen and started looking for a mop, it wasn't going to clean itself, after all, that and

'I doubt you'll help, am I right?

'Not even a flinch, I didn't need his help anyway, the bucket and this mop should do the trick, I only need to dip it in some water and I'll be set to go. A flip on the sink but no water came out, droplets, I guess that was another one of the inconveniences of not being tied to the ground, but now I couldn't use the mop, unless. . . Unless I could use it to throw the liquid off the floor and out the door. I felt the bucket behind since it was of no use to me anymore and got the door open. The distance between the pool and the opening wasn't that great, I could only hope that it won't get stuck on the mop. I started throwing it, driving it outside, changing its course towards the void but it just fell back to its original position, as if it was alive and moving on its own. Even parts of it, the small dose that was stuck on the mop fell back in the big puddle. I threw the mop away in a feat of frustration, none of what I've tried worked so far. This place was wearing me, slowly but surely mad, both in rage and in sanity. If I can't get rid of it, at least, I could roll a carpet over it, I immediately took one from the closet. A wide selection of them, though. . . this one used to be my mother's favorites. . I'm sure she would have liked seeing it once again, father's old chair too, these two should go hand in hand. Who would have thought I could've had so much fun in this constrained place? Perhaps I was in an ocean, I thought to myself, abandoned by someone to die alone in a small and almost empty boat. If that was true, I should be thankful that whoever did this had the decency to give me the means of survival, after all, If I manage to find some help I will be safe. So far, still nothing, I can't even hear the water making splashes but I can touch it with the paddle. I was so self-absorbed by my memories, by what was real or not that I forgot for how long I was going. Too bad they didn't keep away the hunger and the thirst, I could really help myself with something sweet, or anything at all. The water, just like myself is probably salty, I could try it but It would be more bad than good. I'm afraid to think more than I have too about the alternative, dying alone here, I did think about it though and for some time now. I can't even figure about something that could help me in my aimless sailing. The memories made me happy even if they were short re-lived but they don't have the same effect as they did once, changed or unchanged. I could try something new, like trying to imagine living someone else's life. . Yeah, that's it, something to spice up my demise since I doubt that remembering the moment before I lost my vision will bring it back. Also, what would be the point of it now? What could I be now? Rather who should I become? I could live and end my life happily in my own fantasy, maybe I should live a far more common life with no one to disturb me and my affairs. Either a princess or a plebian, maybe a hero or a villain, time isn't on my side so I think I'm going to be a. . . A terrible roar followed the screech I've heard before, it must have come from the other side of the town, maybe a couple of animals reached our town. I could see through some of the windows that lights started coming out, I wasn't the only one startled by whatever was out there. The case will have to wait for now, even with my failure, I could, at least, redeem myself with this one job well done. Another one. . This one came faster than the last time, I've got nothing on me but I could try to calm the beast down, I ran to the point where the growl came from but no animal in sight. In my rush, I didn't originally see it but one door was opened. My uniform and badge are still on me so I guess it won't be trespassing. Thankfully I almost slept with them on. I approached the perimeter, whoever was in the house was in danger so no time to waste, I jumped in and looked around, still no one or nothing.

‘Hello? This is Officer April, I’m here to help!’ I waited near the door but no response whatsoever, even if a rabid animal was here, it would probably get alarmed by my voice and hopefully back down. No! Growls came from somewhere upstairs, it could be anything, from this part of the country, a wolf, maybe even worse. I know that people started noticing, if I were to go back and call for help, I would end up looking like a coward. . . they could even start distrusting the protection we’re offering them, no! I can do this, alone. The kitchen was close, looking more like an armoury at this point, I took a blade and with the spit in my gut, I was ashamed that I had to resort to this, but if it’s really a wolf, it could seriously hurt people and I couldn’t allow that. Each step I took got me closer but at the same time farther away from my own security. I thought I had the upper hand, a weapon and my wits against animal instincts, sharp fangs and claws. Maybe not so much but I always thought myself to be a lucky woman. After all, I managed to get so far just fine and very much alive. I got upstairs and saw that thing. . . Turned around with its back, standing in front of a window, my hand was shaking and I could barely hold the knife in it. It wasn’t anything I could possibly prepare against, a beast like no other, no, it was like a small hill that sprouted legs and came to life. My heart was beating fast but I tried keeping it low, same as my breath up to the point of passing out. I changed my mind about wanting to fight it, three or four times my size, at least, I kept as silent as one could be. I didn’t know how fast it was or what it was looking for here, but if I’d try to run it would be possible for me to get caught after my first step. The people of this town, I need to think of their protection. I’ve made a vow, my safety comes after theirs, the window he was staring at lead towards the other side of the town. The height was quite much, if it went there and I would decide to follow on the same path as it, I could break my legs from the fall. I couldn’t see the beast in its entirety, yet from the shakiness of its body, I could see that it was getting ready for something. Could be anything, regardless if it was a dressed lion or not, If I attack it I could kill or harm an endangered species, or get myself killed. How did it end here, though? I’ll find the details later, it isn’t moving yet so, there’s a small gap that leads to the other side of the town, I could try getting there as fast as possible and draw it as farther away from the population as I could. I’ll figure out the rest after. I waited for it to make a move, I needed some time to get around, but as soon as it started shaking I yelled at the top of my lungs:

‘Over here you oversized skulk!’ My body turned around whilst yelling it and sprinted towards the exit, I didn’t know if the beast was chasing me, yet, at the same time, I knew it was close to my back. Sprinting through a pair of stairs wasn’t the best idea but I didn’t have much of a choice in the matter. I knocked one of the desks in my way, with papers flying all around, but I did not fall nor did I look behind. A jump is all it took me to get outside and to close the door behind me. In that one second, before I managed to shut it, I saw a horrendous smirk on its face, its long pointy limbs and strange twisted small eyes. I wasn’t sure if I closed the door by my own initiative or because of fear. Far from over, I could barely keep it closed from being rammed into, with every hit feeling as if it was going to break on me and trample my body. I held it in place with my best of limits, with no key to lock it up, I was never the type to cry but the situation got worse than before. . . The hits got stronger and my arm felt like it was going to fall, almost numbed down from the pain. The cold iron door hurt me more than I thought it will and I could see no one in sight to help me, even if it was my job to protect them, I . . . needed their help. My feet were rooted to the ground, my shoulder got closer to being dislocated on the spot, each impact added more ink to my death sentence. It was too strong for me alone to bear its wrath.

‘Please stop. . . please just stop!’ I’ve pleaded and cried for it to stop, to no avail, a wild beast is still a wild beast in the end. One knock, one last one threw me away from it, managing to crack a bone from my arm, I screamed in pain whilst on the ground. I haven’t fully realised it but my entire left arm was broken, I wasn’t even able to move it, let alone defend myself with it. Beyond my power, I couldn’t stop wailing, watching the door, it neither opened nor rammed anymore. Still hurt, I couldn’t get up and check it out, maybe that was the fear, changing my words, preventing me from moving any further. I was glad that I had some time to grab some breath, but why, why did it. . . ? The window! No,

‘agh, no’, the pain was too strong. I couldn’t make it in time to the other side, let alone try to attract it.

‘Help, anyone? Officer down here, please. . . anyone?’ I saw the lights before, I was sure that people would come to check the loud sounds out, yet no one in sight and I was stuck down here. No, I need to think optimistically, that’s what ma always wrote and she was right, I still had my right arm, with its support, I lifted myself back up. My arm was still damaged, so badly that I had to hold it with the other one for the time being, no time to search for aid, my plan remained the same. I walked and walked without being able to run, or at least not without adding more pain to it. I took the first turn to get to the other side of the town and waited for any strange noises to give it away. Silent for now, not a good sign, it wasn’t this house, nor this one, this one didn’t even have a window, I checked multiple homes, looking for the one it was in. There, the window was open, but again no sign of it. Wait is that? For a second, I thought I managed to see a tall figure standing at the frame. . . It couldn’t have been the beast, it didn’t have a leathery hand. Maybe I was paranoid but I started thinking of it, not as a dumb beast but intelligent, able to open doors and windows, ugh, focus April, you can study it after it’s safely away from everyone. But, speaking of the beast, if that figure I thought I’ve seen before wasn’t it, it could only mean that it managed to get out to where I was. No, this wasn’t good, I was already crippled and it had two ways to escape if it hadn’t already done so. . . I felt a cold breeze on my back as if someone was breathing, someone who could potentially help me,

‘Oh thank. . .’ I turned around and got grabbed by it, I screamed in pain as it held both of my arms with some sort of hooks, it pushed right into my broken arm, damaging it even further. There was no way for me to fight back as it was crushing me. . . It lifted me from the ground, far enough that I couldn’t reach and kick it. . . I kept screaming in agony as it moved its bruised extension around me ‘Stop. . .’ Fear came running through my head, I was about to lose control and get crushed.

‘April!’ I’ve heard my name before the sounds of shots being fired. . . before all going blank. Then I stopped, the ship finally arrived at somewhere but I didn’t know where, land ho or not, it hit something. I reached it with my hand to feel sand running through my fingers, the sensation of its warmth brought gloom but also the joy to my heart. I must have reached civilization, or, at least, an island, hopefully, filled with people. The first steps were the hardest, right off the shore I thought I could barely stay on my feet whilst walking into the unknown land, the sand was so warm. I wasn’t able to feel it inside the boat but I had no shoes on me, not that it mattered anyway, I could even start kissing it joyfully just because I escaped my water tomb. I wasn’t able to move fast, barely one step ahead at a time, the joy of not being dead quickly went away from where it once came. My situation wasn’t going to leave me anytime sooner, even if I was rescued, I would have to live the rest of my life like this, alone with no family nor friends to help me in my time of need. It made me wonder if it would have been better if I died there or If I should

return to it.

‘I can help you with that!’ A voice came from somewhere but I couldn't determinate from where.

‘Who said that and where are you? ’

‘I'm right here, come on, don't you want to be there when it starts? ’

‘What are you talking about? I'm in a serious need of help, could you please aid me? ’

‘Don't worry, the festival is about to start, I want you to meet someone’ Her voice betrayed her before, maybe a child or slightly older, she probably didn't understand my situation, that's why I asked her if she could:

‘Call your parents to help me please? You don't have to tell me your name if it makes you feel uncomfortable. . . but I really need some guidance’

‘It's okay, they're at the festival, so is my friend. Do you want me to take you there? It's not that far, I won't bite either unless you want me to. ’ I was going to start wandering around but it could be dangerous, I knew nothing about the place I was in, so I might as well put my blind trust into her, hoping I won't be wrong, after all, it was probably just a small girl, I doubt she could be able to hurt me.

‘Sure little dove, but I might need some help, I can't just walk alone guided only by the tone of your voice. ’

‘That goes without saying, don't worry ma'am, I won't let you down. By the way, I love your dress, I'd say we're almost the same size. ’ I felt my arm being grabbed by her as she said it, followed by a small surge of pain. I doubt that it came from her but I couldn't be sure of her intentions.

‘Are you fine? Am I hold your arm too tight? ’

She noticed it too, perhaps it did come from her.

‘Don't worry about me, I'll be okay. ’ Spending the whole time rowing the boat really took its toll on me, I don't think I ever felt as weak as I feel in this instance.

‘Oh, could you please take us on a road? I've been stepping on these rocks for some time and it's hard to avoid them, well you know. . ’ Her grip strengthen after my request, or was it coincidental? I didn't know why, but the path we were on hurt me more than it should.

‘No, this is the road. I'm sorry but there is no other way. How come you don't have shoes? ’ ‘I wish I knew why, I really do, but I don't. I don't even know why I can't see or where I am. ’ ‘Amnesia, it happens a lot in their parts, a friend of mine had the same. . . You know what? I shouldn't bother you with my story, you've got enough problems as it is. ’

‘No, go on, I don't really got anything else to do, except avoid small chunks and you know, listen to you. ’ I like to imagine that she smiled as I told her that, it wasn't as realistic as my memories but it was enough for me.

‘Well, we were close. . . very close, we must have been friends for years, childhood friends, then, on one cold night he just forgot about us, just suddenly, all blank. ’

‘That sounds so sad, is he okay now? ’

‘Well, he's doing. . Let's not talk about that for the time being. ’ She didn't tell me much about what happened to him, so I had to except the worst,

‘I'm sorry, continue with your story. ’

‘Well, you can't really. . . um see. . but not so far from here, there's a lighthouse, that's where he lost it, I've tried my

best to help him but he didn't listen, for some odd reason he wouldn't open his eyes. I had to stay with him for the entire night until his parents came. '

'But didn't you say it was a cold night? Where did you both st. . 'A rock on the path almost tripped me over, it felt, though, almost as if I was pushed into it.

'Oh sorry, old roads, what can you do? Anyway, I was getting there, no need to question me about every small insignificant detail. '

'I'm sorry, I just found it. . . Nevermind that. '

'I won't, now where was I? We both spend the night in the lighthouse, we were just staring at each other. I even managed to show him my new dress, though it got ruined in the same night, no worries though, I can always get a new one. After that, I tried my best to make him remember who he was and what happened to him but my effort was in vain. We're almost in the town, you could ask a doctor about your feet and you know what. . '

'Thanks. . . For your concern. 'She had no reason to be lying to me, but I still had a bad feeling about her. So what was it after all, did she spend the entire night with him or did he wait for his parents to arrive? I feel like, asking more questions would only make her more upset, which wouldn't do me any good.

'Well, I've been with him during his recovery, I was practically living in the same house, trying to help him. I took him throughout the town and into other places and. . . right when he started making progress. . . he. . . I'm sorry, I shouldn't cry. '

'It's okay dear, go on, it's normal to feel grief for a lost friend, I might have a napkin inside my pocket if I'm not wrong. I placed my hand there, but half way in I got stopped.

'No, wait, I'm fine now, no need to concern yourself. I'm dry now, see?

Oh, sorry. '

'Yeah, so how far are we now from there? The town that you mentioned before? '

'We're almost there, we just need to take this shortcut through the woods. I hope you don't mind those things on the ground. '

'But you said we need to take this road to get to the festival and the doctor. . . you said nothing about a shortcut. I don't even know your name, let alone, I'm supposed to trust you? I need some answers now!' I placed my foot down and stopped. My arm also slipped away from her reach, I didn't know what to make out of it, but this little liar wanted to take me somewhere else I suspected.

'I know this might look strange. . . '

'Enough with the jokes, I've grown sick of them, and I've heard all of them so you can't excuse yourself now. I just need help so you could act a little more decent. '

'I'm sorry, I didn't intentionally made them. I mean, I didn't want to offend you at all, it's just. . . '

'Just what child? You can't even begin to comprehend about how I feel. '

'It's just that I'm still mourning my friend and. . . 'I interrupted her again, I got sick of her poorly made excuses, if she didn't

'Want to help, you should have said so. I can just. . . follow the road towards the end and find someone else who could really help me. 'I started awkwardly marching alone. It was hard, my feet hurt and I was afraid to step alone

but I had no other choice.

‘Wait, look, I can see that you might not trust me now. . .’ The sound of her voice came from my right, I pretended to look in another direction, she probably knew why I turned my head, I only hoped that she would get the message.

‘Ignoring me won't help you get there, you don't. . .’

Her voice got louder as she stopped behind, probably after deciding to leave me alone. ‘even know where you're going. ’

‘I'll find the way myself, I know you're lying about it, just like you did with those other things. ’

‘I haven't lied to you about anything, you couldn't possibly begin to know that and I also don't see what the big deal is. ’

‘Of course, you don't, just stop following me. . .’

‘I'm not following, it just happens that I'm going the same way as you are. . .’

I knew she lied again, I may have been blind but I wasn't as blind towards her deception.

‘Towards the town you said you'd take me, but the road doesn't lead there?’ It was the time I stood up to her, child or not, she had no right to treat me like that.

‘It's almost time, you should get ready!’ He started moving and talking again, this time, a bit sooner than I've predicted, nevertheless, at least, I had its pattern memorised.

‘For what should I get ready? Look, it's never really that easy with you, is. . .’

‘No’ as he said it, I could feel the tone of his voice being even more serious than before, increasing, up to the point where I couldn't miss nor ignore what he was stating.

‘Core memories are about to crash into each other. ’

‘But what does that mean? I'm all ears here. ’

‘You need to. . . to. . .’ His face cracked, just like glass or ice. Was this supposed to happen? I wasn't sure of it.

‘Uncle, are you okay?’

‘I didn't want to touch him, fearful that he might shatter into small pieces, leaving me all alone. I was walking back and forth, trying to find out what should I do, I shouldn't let him leave me, not again.

‘Be. . .’ I looked back at him and saw him trying to, despite being at the point of cracking up, trying to help me, trying to warn me. ‘be safe. ’

Were the last words, followed by a smile before his body burst out like a mirror.

‘Nooo’, I shouted whilst grabbing pieces of him that were spread across the table, but it was no use, as the last person that was trying to help me died. It was now that I understood what my father said before a part of him died. I had no time to remember and definitely no time to cry as cracks began to form all around, covering the entire house. They weren't small ones either. The second I saw the liquid on the floor spilling into the abyss I decided to run upstairs. No time for mourning, It hasn't reached up yet but I was afraid of what was about to happen, I would break his last wish but I had nothing, it wasn't up to me. I wasn't the one causing this, I didn't deserve this. I looked down the stairs and saw that I got to safety just in time, as the entire floor broke just like my uncle's body and fell down, I knew that I had nowhere to go, there wasn't any room left upstairs, just empty holes covered by doors. It was only a matter of time, it would seem like I was going to be forced to make the choice sooner than I expected, maybe I

wouldn't have done it at all if it wasn't for these circumstances. The choice was too hard for me to take, I still didn't fully understand what he meant by being inside a memory, I was too afraid of death, of falling to the deep's end that I curled into a small ball and. . Just waited. I did my best, trying not to think of it. No happy memory could come up at all, not that I could think of any, given the situation, except my papa's final. . I was sitting next to him, just the two of us, in the hospital, he was still sleeping whilst under treatment, the doctor didn't know what was the cause of it. I held his hand for the entire duration, for how long he had left.

'I'm still. 'It was hard for me to speak, I loved him so, so much and I never had the chance to 'apologise for everything I said, for the hard times I've done caused you. For making you the reason mother left, yet, you were there for me. The entire time, even when you were sick, even when you and ma fought I knew that you had a good reason. I thought only about myself, even when you lived with me and Mark for a while, I'm sorry it had to end like this. They told me you may never wake up and I might never. . 'I started crying, my hand was still wrapped around his warm embrace, I hoped that he would try to do the slightest movement, signaling that he might recover, I didn't know what else to say but I had to. It wasn't enough.

Nothing was enough, nothing was enough, nothing could possibly explain my behaviour.

'I was a dumb girl back then okay? I didn't understand what you had to sacrifice and when I finally understood it was already too late, for any of us. 'I couldn't even look at his face, he was too peaceful, covered into the bed, silent, I just wanted to hear his voice and not for once but for the rest of my adult life. If only I had the chance to make it up to you, to spend my every moment in your presence and tell you how sorry I am. The adventure of a lifetime is everything you ever wanted. I wish you were able to live through it.

'If I could go back, even for a moment, I wonder. . . but I can't, I can't erase my past nor my mistakes. Even thinking about it feels like an insult towards you. . . I can't change the past, I can't tell you that I'm sorry because you won't be able to hear it. . . 'We were never able to speak to each other as adults, I blamed and resented him for so many things.

'I wish, we would have had the chance to sort it, that I wasn't so blind to. . . '

Outside the room I could hear knocks, someone else wanted to see him, but who?

'May I enter, is anyone here?

'A scrawny voice came from the other side of the door, a voice that I haven't recognised but I politely accepted, thinking that it might be one of his friends from work, coming to pay their respects.

'Yes, I mean. . 'I cleared my throat and took out a napkin to clean the tears off my face

'Yes, you may. 'I didn't pay much attention to him at first, I was here for papa after all, but. . . he was the only one except me that came to visit him, no one else cared so far, not even his supposed other friends.

'Do you mind if I sit next to you, miss? '

'Stay wherever you may please, I wasn't, I mean I never were the kind of other people around. 'I wish that was true, it just came out of my mouth without giving a thought, no, It wasn't my intention to be dishonest, even towards a stranger.

'Fine, I wasn't telling the truth there, I'm sorry, I'm just. . '

'It's okay, I know how you feel, your father often spoke about you. 'I couldn't look before, but now I was too

ashamed to even re-think my decision, he probably hated me, at this point I hated myself so I couldn't blame him.

'Don't worry, he only spoke keen and well about you, he loved you April, you know that right?' With the tail of my eyes, I could see him turning his head towards me but I didn't look back, I was trying to hide my tears from him. No, this is too painful to remember, of all my memories, that's the one I hated the most, being forced to accept everything I've done to him and he died, he died and I had to live with that, not even my uncle's comfort could make me feel better. The rest of the glass house continued shattering, one crack at a time, there wasn't much time left, I had to finish the memory. . . for his sake. The man next to me, it was the first time I've met him, my uncle, I remember him grabbing both mine and my papa's hands.

'Look at me April, I'm not trying to lie to you, he did.' I turned around and stopped him.

'He did what? He loved me, even after everything I've done? You don't know me, I don't even know how to meet my father but I doubt you knew. . . 'I pulled my hand away and stared at him in spite, who did he even think he was?

'I know I might not have been there for him when he needed me, we've had our differences, but I tried keeping in contact with him, at least for a while after your mother left. '

'Who exactly are you anyway? And why would my father tell you about her?' I still didn't know who he was but he looked like he knew me well enough, not to mention he knew some personal information about me

'April, my name is Presley, I'm your uncle and obviously his brother. Now, I know this is quite sudden. '

'That's. . . I don't know what to say, my father never told me about having a brother. . . 'I didn't know if I could trust him, he looked strong, probably stronger than me, if he was a thief or worse pretending to be my uncle, he could end up being dangerous, especially if he planned to hurt us both. I couldn't leave him alone, there's no telling what he could do.

'I can see that you're worried. There's no need for that, I've already checked in with the nurse.' He handed me an old scrappy identification paper which reads both his and our family name, I gave it back to being done but it looked fine from what I was able to see.

'I'm sorry, I thought you weren't. . . '

'I know, better to be safe than sorry, we need to talk about something personal. '

'What? What could be more personal than talking about him?' I said whilst pointing towards my father. 'Which we're already doing? Maybe you're ready to explain why you weren't with him during the accident or why you've never helped us? Perhaps you came here to apologise, is that it? '

'Nothing of that sort.' I looked away for a chance out, even if I've already looked a thousand times, both my time and memory were about to run out. . . and when that happened, every crack around and under, perhaps even beyond would shatter it and fall with me. I wish I had more time to remember, painful or not, it was a part of me and. Maybe on the other side, he'll know I thought about him in my last moments.

'He couldn't hear me anyway. I've studied patients like him before though it might help if he heard familiar voices. Not that mine was much of it, I've been more like a stranger to him than a brother. '

'I know what you mean, I could say the same about myself, we never did what he wanted. It was all about me, even after my mother left, not even once the thought of how selfish I was came through my mind. . . 'He interrupted me, he wasn't such a bad person, I was able to see that even if we barely met for minutes, or maybe the fact that I could

relate to him in sorrow clouded my judgement.

‘Maybe. . . ’

‘I think. ’

We both began talking at the same time and stopped accordingly. It was embarrassing for both of us, two people who're related and barely met on a grievance.

‘You should go ahead Prissy. I doubt I can say anything anymore. ’

‘It's fine, you could just listen to this, I know that this might sound strange, or even crazy, not to mention sudden, depending on how open minded are you and. . . ’

‘Stop please, if you're going to bring some spiritual nonsense, I'd rather prefer to keep it away from my father. ’The last thing I needed was an insane acquaintance, maybe it was possible for him to be dangerous after all, though I should wait and hear him out. He could end up proving me wrong.

‘No, it's nothing of that sort, it's actually something else, you could say it's out of this world, listen April. . . ’

‘Get out now, or I will call out the staff to get you out by force. ’

‘April, please, he's my brother, I know what I'm doing. ’

‘Don't try to explain your, whatever might be, you just came here after so many years of not caring about me nor my father with some sick expectation, you disgust me!’

‘I cared about my brother more than you could ever think, even if he was stubborn sometimes, which I can also see in you too. ’

‘Lies, you said it yourself before, you weren't there for him. Why would I believe you then, uncle? ’

‘I don't expect you to believe me, I've barely managed to deal with it when I found it, but I know more than you and I can actually help my brother rather than pity myself near him. ’His words were harsh, but I wasn't going to just stay there and take that from him.

‘Listen here you. . . ’His face had cracks all around, running under his coat, down by the neck.

‘Are you. . . ? ’ His face then got even more cracks and his entire face got pulled inside into a dark hole, this wasn't my memory, this wasn't supposed to happen. I was in my house, unable to get out of the memory, he's getting shattered again, same, quickly happened to my father and the entire room, even faster than before, I had nowhere to run this time. In a last attempt to redeem myself, I wished to grab my pa's hand but everything shattered, falling into darkness with all of the shards impaling me. Some of them landed in my eyes right before my fear of heights kicked in. . . I could feel the wind blowing my body, as I fell, I couldn't remember anything nor did I wish to, even if it was possible. This was the end for me, I was sure of it. The hole I was in must be deep, then again, my memories did dry in the same way, as I fell with my thoughts, strangely I couldn't think of anything but how thirsty I was, not that it will matter after I'll reach the bottom. Alas, I was at peace, I thought to myself one last time. A scream manifested itself. . . no, it was Jon!The shots were more than enough for the small hill to take, he dropped me down. Was it dead? I could see it, so big, a creature that was never seen before. . . why. . . are you hurting it, Jon? I was too hurt to speak but I saw him fending himself from it, emptying his firearm.

‘Don't hurt it Jon. . . it just wants to play’ I closed my eyes for a second

‘I think I passed out. ’

‘Don't speak April, it will all be. . . ’He was holding me in his arms, ‘Where are we. . . going, Jon?’

I looked at my hand, I could barely see but.

‘I think. . . it's blood. ’

‘No, no, no, we got no hospital open at this hour. ’

‘Jon. . . ’

‘There must be another one in the next town, I'm sure of it. ’

‘Jon, please. ’

‘I'm here April, I won't give up on you, stay with me please!’

‘Why. . are you crying, Jon?’ Everything seemed so sad, even the clouds cried with him.

‘April, you're going to be fine, hold on. ’And then I realised, in that moment, Jon never said April but Veronica, I wasn't his wife, but. . the ‘pain felt. . . so real. ’

‘Don't talk, we're almost going to get there, after that, everything will go back to normal, I promise, just don't give up yet. . ’He was holding me so tight, but my heart didn't let me tell him that, maybe it wasn't even my heart either. My right hand was strong enough as I just had a morbid curiosity. . . the big hole in my chest bleeding away, close to my small ribs, I managed to shove my hand and pulled it out. . . Time felt like it was slowed down enough so Jon wouldn't notice another hole that laid in my heart, it replaced the spot from where my parents used to be, but it withered away. Even when I thought I finally met someone, the last family member I knew to care about, to love me unconditionally shattered away alongside with me.

‘I wish I could live a new life, even for another day. . . . But it wasn't meant to be, it never is with me, probably never will be no matter how many times I'll try. After so much time, I forgot what I came for in the first place. So I had no use for it, I felt it some more in my warm gasp, it's been long since I felt the warmth, even for second. . . before I threw it away and withered with it, the rest of my body as the rest of what remained to be my heart. It was over now, just one last walk

‘Alone, I don't need you to follow me anymore, look, girl, I don't even know your name. ’

‘It's Gwen, but you've missed it already. ’

‘What are you talking about? Listen here you little prat, I don't know who do you think you are but don't you dare underestimate me. And another thing. . ’The ground was shaking uncontrollably, enough to make me bite my tongue.

‘Oh no, don't move a muscle!’ Gwen said, the tone of her voice almost ran. . I wasn't even able to finish it as I was tackled to them ground. Something passed, I could feel the wind being ripped apart and the sound of wood being crushed, something not so far from where I laid on the ground. Gwen was holding me down but not long enough, I think she might have saved my life. I was lifted up, back on my feet but not before she whispered in my ear:

‘It has a limp, he cannot see, he's faster than you'll ever be!’

I didn't know what she meant with that, but I knew it couldn't be good. As she held my hand, we both started running as fast as we could without having to say a word to each other. I could sense the source of an infernal heat coming from somewhere not so far away from us. I couldn't control myself as I saw the hunter ready to charge again and released her hand. That made her go in a different direction than me. Hopefully, it might help us dodge the

hunter's strikes. This wasn't good, it looked as if it was going to charge her, I turned around and yelled at her:

'He's coming at you, stop in your tracks!' My senses were sharp but not enough for me not to listen to Gwen's command. The wind caused by his motion was more than enough to get me out of the way on its own but I wasn't sure about Gwen. The place must have been wrecked in his way, whatever it was, it wasn't human.

'Keep going, straight ahead, I'll tell you when to jump. ' Said Gwen, whilst not so far from me that I could feel her. The sounds that thing made while charging were frightening but I knew that Gwen was able to get out of the way just in time.

'I don't know if I'll be able to keep up with you much longer. ' She told me and who could blame her after seeing the dress she was in? The chances of us escaping it were dying by the minute and we were about to join them. I had no idea why it resented us, me so much. I had to get to the bottom of it before it was too late,

'Any idea on why he's trying to hunt you? Roll now, as far as you can towards your right. 'Just in time, I thought, this time, it got close enough to almost scrape my entire spine off my back. Gwen got close enough to me and helped me get up before going away again. I was running out of close calls to take, 'I don't know why he's doing any of this, I can't even see straight for. '

'Shut up! At least for once in your damned life, learn how to take responsibility for your actions. 'Gwen was right. . I stopped. Her voice was far away from me, she was still running. Then. . He took me by the head with one hand and by the waist with the other one. My feet weren't on the ground any longer, away from the stones. My feet were away from the rocks as the wind passed both of us on the way towards the horizon. I could still hear Gwen from far away. She didn't yell anymore.

'Get ready to jump when I tell you!' I told her, I wasn't sure if the hunter held her ears sealed tight but it was worth the shot. We were almost there, the hunter slowed, just one shot to get rid of him. I was the first one to jump on the pale road, landing directly on my knees. The pain didn't worry me but the thought of her not being able to escape. The hunter was almighty and fast but he lacked one thing, balance.

'You were right. ' She said towards the last moments. It was too late. . The hunter tripped while entering the town, the slabs destroyed, his grip weakened.

'Jump!' I yelled at her with all my power. The hunter crashed through one of the houses, getting to the point of releasing his grip from her. The house fell on him in its entirety, wood and rubble starting to cover the entire area. She tried her best to jump at that point but the hunter grabbed her leg right when she was about to do it. The debris caused by it managed to fall and crush her leg, among what remained of the hunter at that point.

'Ahhhhh!' She screamed in pain before stopping to her attempt to grasp some air. My knees were in the worst shape, yet I didn't stop. I came to her aid and removed as much as I could from her leg. She kept silent for the entire period I did it, not a single wail came from her. I turned her around and dragged her away while she was on top of me. With care, I had to be sure she wasn't straining any more than she had to.

'Gwen. . . stop. '

'Don't speak, it's true what they say about conserving your strength. '

'Gwen. . 'Her mouth could barely spill my name, this wasn't good.

'Please, just listen to someone else for once.'

‘Gwen, my ribs!’

I stopped, right near a wall, still trying to hold her safe. As I tried finding out what she meant by it, I couldn't feel any. There weren't any. The charge, his hand and his fall must have caused him to.

‘If only I knew. ’

‘It's fine Gwen, it's not your fault. ’In the end, I was able to open my eyes and see once again.

‘I was blind for far too long but not anymore. It took me way too long to understand why I was that way. I tried my best to justify that everything I was doing was the right thing to do. Lie after lie, I hadn't lost my memory. I knew too well what I was doing the entire time. We all did. What I did, what I've become, it was all for him, though I couldn't have done it alone. Trying to set things right became an obsession for me, for how many times I screwed up with him in life. Regardless of what you might think, I am no monster. I had to make up to him in a way, even if he wasn't aware of me. To give him the adventure of a lifetime, to give him friends to care about, people that listened to him and what he had to say. I could see him in my dreams but not from my eyes. It was amusing how he was sorry. I acted selfish my entire life. I'm ashamed of myself. I didn't do it for him but for my own purpose. To fill the empty spot left in my heart from his absence. It was too late then and it's too late now. I wish you could see what I'm seeing now.

But don't worry about it, Gwen. No take backs. ’

Theater of Bones

Ten years passed like that. My old bones aren't what they used to be, but at least, I managed to beat them to it. Either that or they stopped trying altogether. The train should leave in two hours with no delay and no stop, at least unless some intervention comes along. One trip only with a ticket almost knit in half, with a rubbery feeling almost to be set aside. I'm not even sure why I'm doing any of this or why I'm keeping him around anymore. I should've known that he'd do this at one point.

Time made me softer, but I was missed him in a way, even with the attempts made to forget him before I decided to come. I'll have enough time to deal with him after. Steam blew off the train, making enough space towards the ceiling at the open dome near the windows.

Almost soothing and distracting, still not enough, having to think about him, to worry about what could happen to it in my absence. It made me consider whether or not I made a mistake listening to its request.

Strange, how I thought that stepping through the station, walking through the endlessly moving crowd of people could distract me from my problems. I was indeed wrong, in more than one way. Those people in the station didn't only look but acted with a strange scent of blandness. Even less than that, I was expected to give a thought to back home. A stink eye from here and there, maybe even two of the sort. I couldn't even look past the one man who looked as if he was going to come and start something, with such insolence to be given towards someone with a

better condition. It wouldn't surprise me if they came from the same batch. Well, at least with some differences, back home you'd know the one well enough willing to give you a stab or two. "Ehm. "I raised my voice as one of the men passing by came close to stepping on my toes. They didn't even demand an apology but snarked instead. "Excuse me. Could you tell me if this seat was taken?"The small distraction and those lavished boots distracted me from the lady that decided to approach from my rear.

A tiny smirk and clothes that'd scare any other despite appearing so practical. A certain level of eloquence must be maintained to distract any passing stranger from finding out my identity. Suspicion had to be kept away, especially from someone who seemed as if she could twist my words with no second thought. She waited for an answer from the same spot, twirling her fingers as if no patience could spend. So much that one of her nails, polished, was ripped away from her hand.

"Miss, you may sit down. After all, there's no law preventing you from doing that. ""I know that I just thought about being polite about it.

And in case you may wonder, my name is Genevie. "My eyes went away, ignoring her small presentation, I had no intention in socialising with her more than the conduct required me to. She made as much sound as she desired when she sat down, probably on purpose too. Looking in a different direction before twirling her long hair not so despairingly as one may think. Her annoyance still didn't distract me enough, though, I wish it did. "You're not much of a speaker, are you?Well, I can understand that I've got many friends like you and let me tell you something, it gets quite bleak after a while. Not to mention the boredom of not going through this amazing trip.

"People were already getting inside the train despite there being a giant difference of time before it'd go away. I was standing on the bench, taking cracks at the wood. My body movements did so, but she didn't get it. Somehow being my problem for not being more specific about it but that was about to change. A more direct approach was in order now that she wasn't looking at me any longer. "I'm afraid I've got to apologise for it though I'm in no mood to appease the small conversation you're attempting to create.

So please excuse me for not indulging you in the banter you're trying to conceive. "We didn't look into each other's eyes expecting her to be in the least agreeable mood. I got up from my seat and started walking away with no intention of turning to her seeking for a fight.

People started looking awfully slothful at us, making it worse for both parties at stake. As I may or may not be, I had time to kill and in no way, I would do it on the account of another insignificant person, especially one that didn't even attempt to come back at me after what was said. Either ignored on the purpose or she saw them look like that too.

The station was large, at least that's what I thought about it the last time I scouted its corners and turns. Distance had to be taken for now if I were to avoid any possible meeting with her. Though in no way could I have known that I'd be walking through the scouted areas again, walking to the wardrobe of dancing people just to avoid someone. And lose time too on the side.

They didn't make thing easier either, moving around, talking to each other instead of doing something important. Standing in groups under the fading light of lanterns, having no intention to use any transportation. They disgusted me to the pit of my stomach.

They kept trying to drown me with their good disposition and their lustful joy. Luckily for me, I had good lungs or else it would've been much worse. Despite that, there was no reason for them to do it, no holiday, regardless of how important it was could make so many people cheer and wonder. My peace would be disturbed once again by the hooligans who tried dwelling in something they could never understand.

Being a train station was no excuse for their out of proportion behaviour, their dressed and robes. They were acting as if they were in a grand ball or of that sort, wearing their matched clothes and garnets, in red and yellow. I did my best avoiding the cluster of people and any other sad attempt of a pickpocket who might have tried his best to steal what's not rightfully his.

Seemingly, they were not trustworthy, none of them, just the mere sight infatuated me with anger. What I was doing now, before and from this point on was tipping to a grander scale that they could even imagine. My peace and quiet were put to an end as I saw a small parade erupt inside the station, with people behind its back, cheering in exchange for their lives to get a meaning. It makes me wonder how's Sam doing, hopefully not as worse as I am. Though, with every passing minute, my expectations were slipping away.

"Pardon, my intrusion. "

From behind I didn't notice it at first but a hand extended. Hearing the small ringing buttons attached to his sleeves took me away from the hard nausea coming from the crowd. An agent of enforcement arrived along with his barred suit and coathanger of the side. He didn't seem to recognise me from the look on his face.

"Yes?What could be the reason for bothering me in such a loathsome day?"

While giving him something to chew on, I noticed something else. His companion, a younger man, young enough that there wasn't any moustache nor beard on his face. Judging by the uniform, lack of a badge, not to mention constant fiddling of his jacket, this was most likely his first day on the job.

He has kept aside with nothing to say as the other one did the heavy lifting for him.

Strange, I felt. How in an unsorted way, I was the same with Sam before. "I'm sorry to announce that we've received a complaint before about someone who just so happens to match this appearance of yours.

"The other one stepped in to do the part required, not sure on himself with his knees barely hitting one another.

"You see, someone complained about being insulted by what you. . ""How dare you come here and accuse me of such things?"My voice was almost ready to echo around in the grand hall we were in, enough to make everyone look at me with shifty eyes. I had to get rid of it and do it fast. "My time will not be wasted on such lowly manners.

"He places his foot deep on the rough ground before going on, again without the help of his lackey.

I was able to notice, some rubble coming off in the air as he did it, something wasn't right. "We insist that you may consider apologising to the person you might have offended. In case you were not aware of it, this station has a strict policy regarding a matter of that sort.

We will not restrain ourselves from en. . From going on and kicking you out, regardless of the service you've purchased while in here. "Kicked out after the trouble I went through to book for the ticket?Not to mention being a stupid law, the person who had an ill will won't cease to target me after. The drums rolled, trumpets frowned and for a moment, our insignificant conflict died off under the sound produced from not so far away.

I could see the young man in training holding a cap in his hand, trying to act as serious as possible without giving away the desire to join the small orchestra.

His feet said otherwise as he kept pounding the ground while trying to accompany them. "Well then, do you have any proof to support your claim? Perhaps another witness that saw me commit that felonious act? You know, something other than a statement that may or may not be true?" He scuffed his stuffy eyebrow without thinking I'd be able to come back at him. Perhaps it was my scruffy appearance or my specially picked guise that made him think I'd be an easy target. One thing was sure, though, at this moment, we both knew I was right, not only from what I knew but also because of the shortsighted rule they tried enforcing onto me.

The small break in his speech gave it away. It remained a game of waiting for either of us to give up and go our separate ways without being forced to come to our vicinity anytime soon.

And something told me it was about to come sooner, now that thing seemed to settle around everywhere.

People stopped gazing and everywhere around there was a slightly better ambience. Something in his pocket rang, the time of his surrender came even sooner than I thought.

His stuffed hat almost fell out after he tried reaching into his pocket, making me wonder what was really in there. "Fine, go on your way then.

You're lucky that we got even bigger fish to catch or else we might have called you in. ""Yeah, you're lucky. Sir.

"They kept it short and turned their head to follow their backs. Couldn't say I liked their short conversation, nor having to stay with my aching rear. Behind them, not so far, I managed so see the woman again, displeased from being released so soon from the agents.

Just as I presumed, she was still bearing ill will toward me, something that would last.

It didn't bother me as much as I thought it would. At least not in a way that would push me towards seeking vengeance. With my back turned away from here, I could finally return to search the place thoroughly. There was still time to explore, to look around for more. Even if most of the people didn't seem any less shallow, the ones that barely arrived now.

Despite my opinion of them, I dare not eavesdrop as I still had some decency. I couldn't say the same about them after noticing their pretending motions and whistling of the paper. In the middle of the station with not many around to talk with, I finally had an opening to read the purchased ticket.

"To Flocksome. Bah. "The destination was hand-written by the man who pointed me towards this place, unsure why. Two-way too, wishful thinking. Bah. My ticket fell off my hand just as a nimble rider almost ran me over. His feet had some sharp parts that could inflict some burns or worse. Merely in the shear of luck, I managed to get out of the way, just as the guillotine was ready to have at me. It sent it away with the help of the wind generated from his awkward stepping.

Where are the agents when their presence was required and how come they haven't come? Floating away with the wind, above the others around, I decided to chase my ticket so I wouldn't lose my only chance to get away. "Blast it!" I kept trying to make my way past them, going around, jumping across edges and trying not to step on small children or animals.

Those were most important, having a hard time distinguishing one another from those two. Disorienting motions and flashing lights, their small created world shattered my every expectation as I tried crossing past them. A small entrance slightly breeds into the crowd as I tried chasing it. I saw it, getting closer to a big furnace. Who placed a giant furnace in a train station full of people with flammable paper items? With strong flames that made me wonder how come they haven't melted the steel that encased them. The owner of such a thing didn't own either a blacksmith or nothing of some sort so why was it there? Making my way past the tallest fellows didn't let me any choice but to bash it through. Pushing them around and splashing other as I stepped in one of the uncleaned puddles from the ground. I jumped and grabbed it right before the embers got closer to burning it in thin air. The heat and the flame almost reached my hand, leaving nothing but a slight mark on it. "Gah. "And such a scene I've made, I turned around from the furnace to see all of them being annoyed at me from the mess I created. The ones that decided to stay and not get caught in the stream, they were at least happy to oblige a challenge of mine. Their claim to anger over the fact that I managed to throw some of their luggage away on my way here. Regardless of what they've seen me do, I didn't bother to come back and appeal their call for blood and demand for compensation. With my head turned I kept walking away in the opposite direction without giving it a second thought. For once I was glad that the music managed to cover the insults and the personal attacks directed towards me. Since none of them dared to approach, I didn't bother to respond either. And I couldn't forget how lucky I was that the enforcement agents weren't on the way to get me. At least not for now, despite having something telling me they'd come to seek me much later. My arm was still sore from all the on-going commotion, yet I remained satisfied after receiving my ticket back. The only comfort I would get, especially after it went so close to its utter destruction. At least, until I managed to see her again. Having a bit of conflict seemed to widen my spirit as it was. Wearing a skinny suit with stripes, her small hat tall with a flower bed on it. I was able to see it bounce back from the reflections coming out of those train's windows. She was following me, the smile giving it away. "Bah" I said it out loud, almost furious, one pest after another. A follow swoop placed the ticket inside my pocket and grabbed a few pills instead of it, swallowing them as they came out. An awful taste and not enough, I should've brought more. With a misdirection that most likely came from her side, I managed to lose the track of her. And I didn't want to turn either and reveal myself. The nerve of her, a proper young lady that dares prowl at someone like myself, that's unheard off. Especially after so many laps I did. Even the clock above us didn't move much of its hands, merely seconds passed. "A beauty ain't it?" A man approached, barely younger than me, few years at best. "I guess. "Somehow unnoticed until he pointed out but it sure had some glamour around it. "Is it made of oak?" I asked him as it felt like whatever was exchanged between us resonated at a different level than the rest of the crowd. Surely looking the way it did, with many men sculpted on its sides, bowing down towards the globe above of them. "Would you believe me if I told you that it used to be an oak that just came out of the ground and fashioned into the clock you're currently seeing?" "In the middle of the station?" No hole nor a shatter from below, there was nothing to indicate that was he was telling me was true. "Indeed it came. "He was wearing a gardener robe with tools aside. Leaving me without saying goodbye to head off and water the clock. While looking around, I wasn't able to see anyone looking around at any of us, nor shocked by the absurdity of what he was doing. I should've not been surprised by it, especially since none approached me about the unturned events I've done. Small talks like this one had to be avoided for now unless I desired to get cuffed and

escorted out. He didn't look back, taking care of his clock as I got carried away by my slim feet. Seeing as such, I said it out loud. "Now, this looks like some place to lose some time. "Walking carefully, this time, and watching my step so no one would have the jump on me. The many places in front screamed their call for me to visit and check them out, regardless of them being useful or not. One, in particular, it seemed as if there was an emporium full of musical elements, enough to get my attention immediately. Practically calling to me and many that were gathered around with the pigeons. A young man played his trumpet in front of me with such conviction, not far from where I was going. Unsurprised by it since the store from which he most likely took it from wasn't far. More than possible that I would've ignored him while on the way if it weren't for his precision and honed skill that stopped me from it.

Nothing else needed but a small sparrow pillow to rest on and his trumpeted as he didn't appear to be a beggar, not even to ask for something fair in return for gracing everyone around with his abilities. I felt compelled by his music and notes to stay and admire his phallic tune. His fingers glancing over the buttons and the hook like no other, making notions unseen before, neither by someone as experienced as I was. And if the music alone wasn't enough, he had a strange looking instrument, well crafted, to say the least. Which made me question whenever or not he bought such a rarity from such a place. Its pipes were long, contorted and almost spiked in nature, golden but also rusty, with buttons that were more like valves slipping through his fingers. He seemed to know what he was doing and getting rewarded for such. Listening to its master and so did he. Such an instrument, I had to know the place from which was taken as none other managed to get my interest such as his. A feat undoubtedly though his innate skill he managed to remind me of composers of the old such as Lius and Zappa. I had to speak to him since I would never get a second opportunity like the one presented in front of me. He didn't take many breaks from the likes of either, neither did I when I was at his age of coming. None of the others seemed to care nor recognise the talent he had, reducing the potential that could belong to a master to a mere station entertainer. "Quite the show you've put on so far, I'm fairly impressed. Most terrific even if I were honest. "The boy looked at me and nodded before deciding to please me and take a short break from it. His fingers retracted as if his deal with the instrument ended, coming as farther away as possible from it. He looked around, probably to check, yet no eye to bat after he stopped playing. A sad expression on his face before responding to my question. "Thanks, I guess. Too bad you're the only one who seems to think that way. "He gazed as he said it, checking to see if I was honest as I said it. "I was. In case you were wondering. "He shied away from me after displaying my thought. "You shouldn't be discouraged by them, kid. It will get better than this, trust me, especially with the help of the potential you've got in your hands. "He didn't seem to listen to most of what I said. His sweat ran down his trumpet, following the course towards the rest of the floor soon after. My words were wasted on him, despite that I still wanted to help even if it'd end up for nothing. He seemed to be worth the time, especially since none decided to give him any. Opening my mouth but delaying it after seeing him blow some hot air away. I couldn't force myself if he didn't want to help where not needed, leaving me the option of returning later. "Perhaps I've misjudged you for someone clearer headed. Though. "I took a break to see and noted of the attention of his. "You shouldn't waste the hard work and finesse you've displayed so far, it would be a shame for this world to have another music man dying. "A few means looks on the way didn't make much of a chance, especially since I thought I recognized some as being the ones I've defiled their luggage before. The thought of it baffled me and kept me, momentarily in my place, just to wait for a response, even the slightest

sign of approval. "Listen, I know you mean well but. . ." His sweat solidified at the sound of it. Traveling through from a spot blinded. A firearm heard from not so far. He looks around to see and grab what needed while I tried thinking of the next course of action after. Everyone started flailing around, trying to get away as fast as possible, others ducked on the ground so they wouldn't get hit by whoever was out there. I avoided and had something in mind, that whoever sent me here, knew all along that this was a trap. The way was unclear making my attempt to keep my position still harder, to avoid any of the bashful runners. Luggages were dropped below in their path as the chaos seemed to be sprouting from there. Pushed away by the horde, I lost sight of him. My actions weren't my own anymore as some of them, with their cloaks left behind and their dryness rubbing off, were getting obscured with their march. "Stop pushing!" A yell came out right as their attempt to shove me and deliver to safety against my will was in motion. Other were yelling and going by as we were all pushed around, being in the same pot, something was growing hotter. "Let go of me. Don't touch that. Thief, help!" Were some of the shouts I've heard and I was helplessly being pushed by people who looked as if they enjoyed it. Attempt after another and I couldn't force my way past them without causing more trouble, even if they. Looked scared and I could see it melting off their faces. That made my slight resistance lower my guard and let them take me farther. Trinkets dropped from shops standing by, either robbed or something bigger. I was still limited and couldn't do much to enchant my sight, especially with all the people trying to get closer and step on each other on the way. Another firearm shot and they were already turning into screams, the likes of which, the panic, desperation I have never seen. Extra care was needed so I wouldn't end up on the floor, certain moves to be made, something to not thrust me down before them. The chance ran through my mind, him being just a distraction to scare the rest away. Hysteria was flying through the place among the now abandoned instruments. It seemed to me that as we passed, they were the first ones to run to safety with their most valuable treasure being left behind to rust. The fanfare seemingly dead yet I was wrong, pushed through in the midst of it I heard. A trumpet being played so loudly and timed, I recognized immediately to whom it belonged. Immediately known, it made me think, of doing my best to save him after feeling a connection. Sounds of fear and discomfort came from a place that wasn't in my view, sounds that didn't belong to any walking pioneers or screaming gnat. The place was crumbling under my very eyes, the shackles between my feet and hands weren't showing any signs of letting go. "Just let me pass!" Wasted on ears that didn't care while their expressions remained something remorselessly distant. They saw me try to resist the heat wave and still denied my entry. A darn pickpocket struck his hand through my pocket, abusing the dire situation we were all in and stole my ticket. I should've known and expected. "Stop the damn thief!" My hand almost met his but not fast enough to make a difference. It left me only with an opening to see a golden ring that laid on the middle finger, carved with a symbol that I've not seen in a while. That left a bitter taste as I knew I wouldn't get to see him ever again. "I've been stolen from!" But any remnants of them trying soon laid dead. As from there, beyond, a rain of shots started falling above, breaking the giant sphere of glass and letting the shards fall onto all of us. I covered my head with both of my hands and tried avoiding contact with my eyes, thought I felt one slightly hit my in the head. A flesh wound, unknown but the gloom sprouted more. I removed my self-appointed blindfolds to reveal a chance of pace and some people disappeared. "Who?" But I was the only one talking while everyone kept screaming and walking instead of trying to confront whoever was causing all the disturbance. And the only one who managed to see how they made a

mess in their path, pillaged stores and broken lobbies where once business arise. The only one who realized that these shots were mere distractions as something worse was about to come soon after. My fellow human being pushed for what felt like minutes, away from the sound of music and weapon's mistrust right outside. My last grain of defiance has now run over as we approached the last miles, the place was in the worse condition I've ever seen it, paranoia and distrust ran among all of those in front of me. They took me outside and finally let go where I could

finally stand still, even if my rest had to wait some more. Agents everywhere and I stood in the middle of everything. So many to possibly count, escorting and helping the escapees that barely managed to get out. They now avoided that it wasn't asked for, even if I laid in the middle of the route they went through. Now that it came to it, I approached to ask, someone to speak to at last. "Agent, what's the deal here? I was forcefully shoved out of the way and even robbed because of it. And how come none of your forces have entered the place already?" A mistake as I didn't take the time to observe, mere glances before I'd get my response. Tinder, some crushed stones, and fences. Something happened outside while I was gone. The agent that I approached, his lips of olive colour and his sides ever darker, his uniform and hat didn't leave me anything else to think, rather than him being a high ranking one. "And who do exactly are you to order me like that? If you've got any inquiry about something that you claim stolen, then you're free to talk to any of my subordinates around. The rest is none of your concern so set aside." -edit-Bah, if

I knew he'd act that way I wouldn't have asked. He pushed me out of the way to take a better look before making some sings for the other to come. Not everyone managed to get out of the station as of yet but It wasn't my concern. Though, if it kept going this way, I doubt that everyone will be able to escape. Wait! I threw my glances all around, scanning the crowd, scratching, almost impaling my neck with my fingernails and couldn't see. He wasn't out there, neither was she. Neither the musician nor the woman that was following managed to escape, not, I would have seen them if they escaped. I was in the front row of the people who managed to get safely outside. She couldn't have done something stupid like try following me when I ignored her and got trapped in there, could she? Just my luck, trying my best to go uninvolved and manage to do the opposite. And with these incompetent foolish agents, I wouldn't doubt it if they'd fail and manage to get her killed. Somehow I felt responsible for it since It might have been my fault and the train will be delayed now more than ever. More and more agents made their way just as I thought, trying to get as many troops as they could inside. They were different than those two I've seen before, clearly they didn't come from the station. Not only more serious but well trained, fit, closer to becoming the elite. Sneaking behind them would be insane, they could detect me over a misstep if I tried. And I doubt that the worst thing they'd do to me would end up getting thrown out of where I already was. I had to be unsuspicious among the distracted peasants and try finding another way in. One that wouldn't end up sending me to the local prison or worse. Just a little more "and?" they were gone inside and the main gates were closed, leaving no one than two guards. Two women to be more precise but I doubt I could take on two soldiers, especially at my age. They weren't looking at me fortunately, neither were the other people, now I could say for sure that the lady hasn't followed me. Both of them were still inside waiting for me, or someone like me to save them. On my way, I lifted my coat so I could hide my face, that way, in case I'd be caught I could, at least, pretend that I was trapped in the station with them. At least, if the stuffy agent doesn't get to take a good look at my face. The way ahead was clear but I had no time to take it up the rear, I turned around and headed towards what I thought would be another entry point to the station. I knew I

shouldn't have picked the biggest station in the republic but it was the host of the fastest trains. How could I take in consideration of an attack of anarchy? Or that I would meet such a talent in such a long time? Fate had something in store of me, that or I haven't left my house in a long time. The wall that held it in place was too hard to break through, the wines that grew towards the top were too thin for me to climb on. The windows were too high too to jump on, not to mention most likely tough enough to take a point blank blast and still stand, with or without the wall accompanying it. Wait is that. . . ? "Hey you? Where are you running to?" I was the one to see her go away this time, running across a platform. The rust on the metal almost crumbled as she stepped on it, leaving me no time for an explanation nor to understand what was happening. Sigh, it could be even worse than I thought, they could even be harnessing a bomb. I had to be quick, even more than I thought I had to be. The corner came soon after, I wasn't as discreet as I was before, not afraid to make mistakes or to trip down, especially when I could lift myself up immediately and fight it. I almost ripped away a brick as I curved myself so I wouldn't slow down my speed. A panick mode started in me, one that hibernated inside ever since. Well, no time for that now, I saw it, an open door. It wasn't really open but it represented an open opportunity for me to get in. . . Locked just as I thought and I have never learned how to use a lockpick. Not that I would use one in a place swarming with agents, that would be just ridiculous. Perhaps they haven't thought about locking the gate leaving to the train itself but that's close to where the shooter might be. It wasn't entirely unexpected, having the Percusor using the train too in this illustrious day would have attracted unwanted attention towards any unwated visitor. That would also explain the highly volume of agents that came so quickly. Now, back to the job at hand, as I was done asserting the situation, it left me nothing more to do but attempting a rescue. I ran towards the horizon, trying to listen to anything that would give away their location. No sound, so far, I stopped around the corner and took a short look before I went on. The coast was clear and I knew that meant they were all still inside. A few shots came again, right on time. I didn't know if it came from the agents or the crook but the situation was about to get a lot more dangerous. No train was in sight so I jumped on the rails, hoping I could get the upper hand and ascend from below. The jump was rough but nothing broken, I walked on the train when. . I started regretting my decision. Far ahead the sight of a coming train got closer and closer by the second. Timing wasn't my forte. The bar was set too high and I couldn't lift myself in time. The conductor saw me but I doubt he'd be able to stop before it would crush me. I started running towards the stopping point, forced to rush right into action and with a sound loud enough for everyone to notice my entry, regardless of their alignment. MY back almost turned, I yelled "Slow down the train" while still running from it. Hopefully I wasn't heard by the wrong side or else the impending doom might become the least of my concerns. Gun shots kept ringing not far and I could feel like I was getting close, not only towards them but to my last shot to get out of the train's way. I wans't build for doing this, my breath almost got throw outclocked, enough to leave another man out of comission for days at least. The train wasn't slowing down, that conductor must be a damn fool! "Slow down I said" I almost coughed my breath out of its system. "You'll crush me if you don't!" But it refused to do so. This was it, close enough to the point and the impending danger was almost behind me, even with my best of abilities and attempts to escape. Even if I attempted jumping, it would get to me right before the motion, not to mention that it had enough metal downstairs for me to duck under. That was it, the small metal ram that would block the train, this was my last chance, one last. . . The sounds of the train arriving at the station came out of nowhere. Luckily for me, I've managed

to hide myself in the bathroom, or else I might have ended with more holes than my trumpet had. I placed my ear on the door and listened. "Check the port! You check the and starboard! I will make sure that the hall is safe, if you see any of the passengers, you know. . . what to do. The rest of you come with me, we'll make sure that they won't get to escape in that train. "Their footsteps were loud enough to make me swallow my own teeth in fear, I didn't know who they were but they didn't seem to care about my own safety. I didn't move and slowed down by breath so I would be undetected. Oh no, they got closet to the door, the thought of me dropping my trumped and trying to hide in the stall came to mind but they would find me right away. There are shadows under the door. They stood there for a while.

A. . . Are they listening the door as I am? Please don't look down, my feet are right in front of them too. My lungs can't take it any longer either, what have I gotten myself into? The door almost got opened, hitting me in the nose. I bit my tongue so I wouldn't scream right away. "Wait, you there!""Yes chief?""I said, the rest with me. The culprits won't hide themselves in a stall, now come""Immediately sir" That was insane, the door got closed and I got away, at merely a needle from harm's way. I want to scream at the top my my lungs but they could come back any moment. So, no way out, windows locked and I'm not able to play my trumpet to make the time pass. It's just my luck to end up in a sitatiton like this one. I should have listened when mom said I should become a painter. Or a scholar, or a

lawyer, or anything that could really help me. I scrambled away from the door and entered one of the stalls so I could rest on one of the seats inside. At least I could say in here until help arrives. . . The door closed behind me and another one opened. Not again. Someone was inside, I hope I made the right decision when I got up and stood on the stall so they wouldn't notice me inside. It worked before, I could only hope that it would work once again. Moans came from outside, or inside depending on who it was. "Agh, ugh. Damn train, damn agents, damn them all" Wait, I knew that voice. At least I thought I knew who it was but I chose to play it safe so I wouldn't come out in front of a dangerous fellow. If it is who I think it is, it couldn't be any good. I knew I shouldn't have stolen his ticket but I had no money to buy one of my own. Quite a lousy day, he didn't even choose to give me a coin despite the praises he gave me. Telling him that I accidentally took his ticket out of his pocket and left with it wouldn't stand up in court.

At least, if we made it that far, with a shooter on the loose and those guardians snooping around, there wasn't any problem of making future plans anymore. "Bah, my crusaded spine" The mirror was broken, right when I thought I could use it to find out what was wrong with me. That cursed train almost managed to kill me and the agents weren't trustworthy enough for me to approach them. At least, I could rest here for a while until I continue my journey.

"Achoo" Someone sneezed, another person in the bathroom with me. "Get out right now, I've got a weapon and I'm not afraid to use it. "One of the stalls in front of me opened, revealing a part of what I was looking. "Oh, it's you. I was just looking for you, bairn. Just as I planned finding you in here. "I had to admit that it wasn't the reaction I was expecting, for such a young man, he didn't even happily imploded with excitement. Even Sam got happier than him when I asked him to do chores around the house. "What happened? Were you hurt? Look, it's over now, I've almost gone through hell to get here and escort you to safety so let's go. "There was no need for him to speak since I knew he'd follow. . . . "Oh. I'm sorry if I may have looked surprised but I wasn't expecting you to be the one who came to help me out. "Darn, I don't know if he knows that I'm the one who stole his ticket, I should get out clean or the guilt will strip me down. "Ehm, about the reason I'm here. . . ""No need for an explanation, we need to get out and fast, there's no saying on when will the agents return and from the looks of it, they won't be that happy with what we've

been through. ""But I've really got something important""It can wait until we're out of here, now come on before I decide to drag you over. Wait a minute. . "Oh no, I feared that might happen, he must've figured out what I've done, he could even decide to turn me in to those officers. The rest of my life would be lived in a tight cell with no trumpet and with no one who could listen to my music. At least, I could go with dignity and admit my mistake. "You're right, I did that mischievous act. ""That can wait, but I forgot that someone else is in here that needs my. Well, perhaps now it would be, our help to get out. So what'cha say?I really need a new assistant. "I didn't know what he was on about but I was at his mercy, it would be wise to follow and do what he says. "If it won't get that dangerous, sure, I'm in. "The ground started trembling, gurgling things from up and down. An explosion could be felt through the walls and ground. I was about to fall down but he grabbed me just in time. "Hold on, I believe it's a big one. No matter of what happens, don't let go of my arm. "He grabbed the sink and held both of us in place as the room felt like it was going to break down with us. The windows cracked and a wave of dust had its riders go under the small gap under our door. The sound of a metal plate and a big one from the looks of it landed somewhere outside. It stopped soon after and I released both his hand and the sink. There's nothing in the station that could have made that possible sound except. "The train. . ""What are you talking about?""I believe they might have blown the train. "The dust settled down and luckily for me, my ears weren't pierced by the sound of the impact that happened not so long ago. This would've made my ticket useless even if it wasn't my train. An occurrence like this one would end up delaying my plans for at least one day. "Are you sure they. . destroyed a train?I mean, that's hard to believe. ""Trust me, I know how strong explosives can be. Now, we can profit out of it since most of the agents are either distracted or dead. Come on, we still have someone to get out. ""Okay. I'm still not sure if it's safe to say, maybe we can wait for help to arrive and in the meantime. . ""Look, kid, you've got talent but clearly you're not thinking very well in a situation like this one. Where's an explosion, there's another one to come soon after. If you want to wait and get buried in gravel, unknown in a train station is my guest. But, If I were as young as you and possessed the same talent, I'd reconsider. I won't wait for a yes because I know you will follow me now so let's go. "And he was right, I wasn't about to give up and wait for help, I followed him as he busted out the door, helping the dust fly all over the place. "This doesn't look right. "His long arm was like a metal bar blocking my path just as I merely exited the room. He could, at least, try not changing his mind every second. . "Oh, I see. . . "Half of the train laid wrecked in the station and the other part was scattered around. The station was in flames and there was no human life in sight. "Look, this place could burst in flames in any second, forget everything and let's just get out. "I told the kid, I could see from his shaking trumpet that he wasn't happy about the situation either. "Do you think that they're still alive?I mean what if there are still survivors, we can't abandon them can we?""Did you not hear that I said?We have to go now, let me think about that later. Now, come on and follow me. ""But. . . "He didn't look like he was going to listen and the place was getting too hot for me to say in any longer. "Fine, you're right. At least, we can go and ask for help on our way. ""I'm glad that's settled, now come one. "I took the lead and set a path for both of us, from the looks of it, some of the cogs and machine parts were spread around, ready to explode at any moment. A chain reaction could crush the ceiling and crush us under. "The gate where the train came isn't an option anymore since it looks like that's out of commission too. "Crushed too. "And by the way, someone most likely called for help since they've heard the sound of explosives going on. ""Can we please focus on that later? I don't want to die in here. ""Fine. "That looks

like a good way. "This doesn't look like it's going to make a safe jump. "My dress won't handle any more explosions and jumps if I keep this up. And it was a collector's edition too if only I haven't made the bad choice of staying in here. No time for mourning, I'm not dead yet. A foot on another after a straight line of action and I managed to jump across the greatest ledge on the other side. "Ah, that was close. But what is this?" A nail on the metal ramp almost impaled my boot. Almost. "It would seem like not even the gravity can be the best of me. "There was still a long way to go and luckily for me, it wasn't headed down there. The explosion managed to crush a part of the ramp, I should be thankful that It didn't fall down with me on it. It would have blown even more getting impaled on those metal shards while burning alive. Now, the ramp should lead towards a way to the roof top or at least to a window leading outside so, my campaign continues. It's hard to believe that only a short time ago this place was whole, full of life and happily working to its intent. At least, I hope the tickets I bought could be refundable, they were supposed to be for this train but in its current state. Well, it didn't manage to get me too far ahead. The platform shook a little under me. This wasn't a good sign, it couldn't last enough tremors with me on it, I had to be faster, a lot more than before. I ran and held on the small metal fence it had on it. I knew I should focus ahead of myself so I could be able to dodge any falling rocks or objects if it came to it. But, I thought I saw someone down there. I went down and started sliding. Mine hoped laid low, hoping that they didn't notice, those agents haven't managed to catch me last time but they looked pretty annoyed. I doubt that they'd chase me around a second time without using brute force. "Hey you, over there!" "What happened? Have you seen someone or what?" He stared at something above both of us for a while but I couldn't see the specific point his stare was pointed towards. We even stopped abruptly, open flames not so far from us, spreading at an alarming rate. "So? Umm. I wish I asked you sooner what was your name because I can't really keep calling you sir. Quite funny actually. ""I don't want to hear it. I thought I saw someone familiar there but I can't be sure about it. ""Wait, so there's another survivor? Great, like I said before, we can, perhaps help them. . ""No, the ramp above us is too high for us to climb to, the fire is spreading and not to mention that I might be wrong. ""Are you sure about it? We can at least. . "The mutter kept on going down there. Distracted it would seem, that's it! A ladder not so far away but it could lead in the same way the voices might be headed towards. A risk I had to take since the place wasn't safe anymore. Also, not one of my best plans, crawling on a metal ramp that might fall at any moment right into the frying pan. Well, I won't get the second shot so I just have to hold onto the impression that they won't shoot me in the back. I got up and made a run for it, space was tight between my sides and I didn't care about what was about to happen anymore. Not so far and I was "about to make it. "And then it happened. I felt something come on my back, a projectile of some kind. I was stunned by what happened. They say that if you get shot, some people don't feel it until much later. Was there a bullet wound in my back?" Hey you, again, I knew I saw you there. "I turned around and saw a small rock laying not far from where I was, on the platform. "Did you seriously just chuck a rock at me? What's wrong with you?" I yelled at him, the same rude old man that I've met earlier this day. Somewhat not surprised that I got in this dire situation, trapped with him and oh. "Is that the flute player that sang on the station?" "It's a trumpet!" I made him a sign to stop, the young man still had to learn patience. The two of them were close to me and ready to make our way towards the exit. The remaining task was to convince her to jump here to safety. "Look, the platform won't last for long, just jump now, we'll catch you. Won't we?" I waited for a response from him but delayed he said. "Yes, we. We will. "A little help from my elbow

was needed but it hurt me more than him. "You can't expect me to just jump across such a huge distance, do you?" Another tremor came, even faster than the last one, I wasn't entirely sure that it would last any longer. She had to "Jump as quickly as you can or else you will fall""No, I can make it to the ladder. . "The quake made its presence felt between us, making the ladder fall right under my nose. "This can't be happening right now. . ""I told you to jump, you've got no choice now, it can collapse at any moment. ""Well, of course, I've got no chance now because of your dang distraction"The platform broke in half, I thought I'd fall right into the flames but the bar stopped me. I held it, trying my best not to slip and fall. "You can still make it, stop being so stubborn!""I'm not being stubborn, I'm just having a hard. . "Another tremor was about to come, the vibration came through the bar I was holding. This couldn't be good, right in front of me laid the furnace, with its wide open mouth gasping for me to come inside. I placed my feet on the hard edge of the bar, almost lost in the darkness. My body was in a soft spot, laying on the other part of the platform that wasn't entirely broken. Waiting wasn't an option any longer so I jumped. I was scared, thinking that I would end up in the flames, unscathed and abandoned. But when the chances were slight, they did it. I landed on top of them, slowing my fall with the help of the impact. "Bah, get off me this moment"I knew we'd be able to catch her but not this way. She almost managed to break my back with the fall, luckily for me that I was still able to walk after. We got up and there was no time to wonder as the metal platform she was on fell into the fire.

"Come on, the exit is almost in our reach. "We ran, avoiding fire and falling metallic shards that would have seemingly cut us in half if they had the chance. Even if the situation was dire, I wasn't scared, there was still hope, I knew that we wouldn't just die out here. "Hey, there's the exit, you were right""Don't count your horses yet, we're not there as of yet"The tree of us made it so far just fine and it would seem like the safe spot would be achieved by mere seconds. "I wouldn't do that if I were you"We were stopped and in front of us a hooded man blocked the exit way, with an alarming device in his hand. "What are you doing man?Can't you see that this place is going to fall any moment now?"Oh, I know that but it ain't going to stop me. You see, the world is already ending, enslaved and devoured by its own insides. But that will last no longer, they can't survive without us and I would rather see everything destroy that becoming its stock"This was bad, he's most likely the one who caused the explosion and he might also have an idea about what's really happening in this world. They both looked scared, ready to break any minute now and I wasn't standing very well either. To top it all, he looked as if he had another trick up his sleeve, if he really had another explosive laying around, we had no chance but to act. I had no chance but to act, it was and is in our best of interests. "So, don't worry as we are many in number, ready to take the war they started on their own ground. Do not worry about it, I promise that, in the grand scheme, none of it will ever. . "I charged and managed to

hit him as hard as I could with my shoulder, cracking my joint inside. I didn't scream as I had to be focused, grabbing whatever he had in his hand while knocking him out. We still had to get out, I waved at them with my hand and they followed. The hit must've been quite hard since it managed to knock him out unconscious. The door as of yet wasn't locked and I managed to open it just in time as the place looked like it was ready to fall at any moment.

That fool!"Stop there kid, leave him be. Have you not heard anything I've said before, it's going to go down any second now. ""We can't just. . . leave him to die in here. Even if he's done something wrong""Don't you dare give me a lesson in morality, I know much more about it than you think. He deserves it, especially after what he said and done. "She stopped too and grabbed the other half of the body. "No, he's actually right, we can't just abandon

another human being to die. It's not the right thing to do. ""You're even madder than he is. Fine, do what you want but be fast, I won't wait for you any longer. "I held the door open as they did to the best of their strength to pull him over. The moment they took him out, I closed the door and pulled them as far away as I could. "What are you doing?""Stop!" A final strike came, an earthquake strong enough to almost make us fall on our feet. I barely managed to pull them as far as I could, not far enough from the place as the whole station got crushed and fell under its own weight. I. I saved them just in time, even with another second, they wouldn't have made it. We all watched as the remaining rubble started slowly turning into ash and begin being blown away by the wind. They didn't backlash at me, still shocked by what happened. I didn't have time to check it but I reached down my pocket and pulled it, the same device that was used by that anarchist, or so I thought. A clam? That must've been the most peculiar thing I've ever seen in my entire life. Why did he hold it so menacingly? Some sand rubbed off it, it looked as if someone just freshly took it out of the beach. Taken into consideration, with the events that happened beforehand, it wouldn't surprise me. It was time for me to leave. I did my part and took them away from getting crushed into the inferno. This complicated everything way too much, as more agents of enforcement and the press, were on their way to the place I was in. I had to escape as quickly as I could, there was no time for me to be interrogated. With some looks, I merely managed to see a couple of burning bushes, an abandoned building and the two of them still shattered in front of it. Wait, the road the agents and the other people were on got slowed down by a lot, I could hide myself and snick out of the abandoned building after they're done questioning them. My move was now and. "How could you do that? There. . . There was still time""Look, I've got no time to deal with you or your problems. Now, get out of my way or. . . ""Or else what? You'll leave me to burn too just like you did to him? You. . . . you killed that man He's dead because of you" This was the last straw, getting convicted and accused by someone whose life I just saved? Has she gone mad? "Wait, there was no time. . I think. . I don't know if we would've made it that far if we kept dragging him. ""Don't take his side. Someone died and you can't just ignore. We can't ignore that" She said while turning her gaze to me, shaking. I could see it in her eyes that she felt uneasy, shaken, unsure about everything that happened so far. It was not the place" Nor the time for doing this. Do you see that? More agents are coming and trust me, they're nothing like your average officer of the law. They won't listen to any reason and they will most likely find a way to pin it down on us for the agents and the property damage""That's insane, we had nothing to do with it. Do you really think that I'm. . Well, they did. . No, surely you can't be right. ""Then tell me, how many encounter did you have with them and from those ones, how many of them ended up well?" She didn't come up with anything right away and I had no time to wait. "I don't care, you won't be able to stop me, I'm going away. If you want to follow me again and know this, I managed to get you out once when you were hiding and another time when you were ready to fall over the furnace. There are a lot more chances for you to make it with me than with them. "No time to ponder, the road the agents were on got narrower, I didn't know if they were able to see us and even if they did, it didn't matter to me. I was headed towards the building, in hopes that I could hide until the fuss was over. My only hope as I didn't look back was that if they decided to stay after all, that they wouldn't tell them where I was hiding. That's the least they could do about the situation we were in, informing those informers about my whereabouts. "Don't walk so fast, we're right behind you. ""I still believe that it's a bad idea, ya know. Running away from the law. ""Both of you be quiet and try calming down. We can't afford to attract them to

where we're going" Avoiding the fire wasn't very hard as I was sure that they were both able to control themselves from just going and standing in it. I told them right away as we entered the broken district, "Stand next to the wall there and wait. "I stood next to it too, closer to the corner and saw the agents almost in front of the fireplace. What in the world got into me that I took that clam, from all that I noticed, it could be an incriminating evidence leading them straight to me. "So, I feel like I should say something. . . You know, just to break the silence. . . Even more than that. ""Yeah, it's been pretty rough so far. And I still remain convinced that. We might have to rethink about going out there and telling them what happened" I turned around and noticed that they were both looking in the different direction, doubting themselves and everything that happened so far. "I think it's safe to sniff around while they're checking that wreckage. We still need to be fast about it since it's more than likely that they'll check the surroundings. Are you even listening to me? Is anything I've said now gone through your thick heads?" My expectation of them dropped with each second, I was fearful that I was going to regret taking them with me. "Can you please be more sensitive about it? I've never been through this, I've never seen another human being die, right before my eyes too. You can't expect me or us to ignore that and move on"" And what do you want to do? Sit here and mourn all day until the agents come to take us away? First of all, you didn't even know that man and second of all, he deserved it. "I didn't know what to say but I had to, at least, add something. Even whilst feeling left out, I still managed to pour out of my mouth some words. "Even if he deserved it, it doesn't make it right. I. . "I coughed for a second from all the dust around, I haven't refreshed my mouth in a while, ever since I sang through my trumpet some time ago. "I think we should go now. Before that, my name is Paul. I just thought I should let you know since it would seem like we're going to spend some time together. "He had some skills but he did lack the timing. "Boy, we don't have time for introductions, we're technically fugitives and possibly accomplices. ""Ehm, we've already met but I haven't seen you before hand Paul. My name is Genevie. I'm glad that at least I could meet someone who could act normal in such a distressful situation. ""Yeah, it's been quite rough so far hasn't it?" I didn't wait for the banter to end, with each word coming out of their mouths I could feel the agents' footsteps array. Far too long have I waited for this that I started looking around while they were still going through the code of conduct. There was no visible exit except the one we came through. If we went back they would have, more than likely seen us. If only there was a way for us to sneak past them right under their nose. "So, are you going to ponder or tell us who you are? Our introduction was prolonged for far too long. ""There, the stairs, let's go. "I told her while making my way there, since there was no other way out, I had to make one for the sake of all of us. "Wait, but what about your. . "Her words passed down in the wind and I lost focus on what she said. The stairs looked rusty enough but they could, at least, keep us until we got upstairs. The moment I got closer to it, I noticed that its screws were slightly loose. With some luck, they could be easily rigged even with the lack of my screwdriver. "Are you going to tell us what you're up to? You can't be wandering around like that and keep us in the dust. Literally and figuratively. Well, I can see why this building got abandoned in the first place. ""Can we hurry? I'm not feeling too well anymore and. . I don't know if it's the place or not but it started giving me the eeriest feeling. ""Quiet down you two, I can't babysit you for the entire duration of our runaway"" Funny that you're the one saying that. Especially since I deal with old people on a typical daily basis. I'm a caretaker you see. ""That's really amazing I guess. Having a job that is. . ""Well, you know, it's doing something that I like and. . "That screw right there, I pried it open with my bare hand

and left the others on, at least until they followed me upstairs. "Come on you two, let's move. ""Again, it would be easier for us if you actually trusted us for once. ""I can't trust you as of yet, at least, not until I'll feel more comfortable with. . "I didn't finish my sentence as I looked past her. The agents were right across where we stood, talking to each other. "Move upstairs!Now!"I almost shouted which wasn't a good idea since it would alarm them. They noted my seriousness and started walking upstairs, no word said. As they both passed me and the agents were still distracted, I was the last one to climb further away. I took the last screw which made a gagging noise, shaking the whole platform and leaving it unstable, enough to collapse at any weight. After that, I rolled soon after I saw one of them turning away to face me. I laid there and didn't make a move so I wouldn't give away my position. My body was huge and I was faced towards the second pair of stairs that lead towards the second floor of the abandoned building. Muffled I faced both of them and tried mimicking with my eyes what was happening. "Are you okay?Did you fall down?Let me come down there""No"I said it and bit my tongue soon after, forcing my mouth to collapse on itself. My eyes were fully opened and staring at her. I started moving them towards the left and back to their original position after, soon to become a full motion. "Why is he sitting on the ground and how come he asked us to move so quickly?"I asked Genny with a pleasant tone. The man still hasn't made a move and kept his strange behaviour at bay. "I don't know but he's not talking anymore. ""Maybe he's trying to tell us something?"He wasn't doing anything except standing there, maybe he lost his mind,"It isn't out of the common for people of his age to. . . you know. .

""No, I really think he's trying to tell us something, why else would he stand there and oh. I see, he's doing something with his eyes. "I stopped moving them and fury came running through me, I could hear the agents' voices coming closer. If we weren't fast enough, we were going to be all caught and I doubt I could get to them in time without getting shot. "Wait, is someone downstairs?"I covered his mouth as fast as I could, in hopes that whoever was down there didn't hear us. This could be the reason why he hasn't spoken at all. I signaled Paul not to say a word, he probably knew by now that we were. I whispered in his year "Trouble. "After releasing his mouth, he understood that we had to come up with a plan to help the old man too. "So what now? ""I don't know, let me see"I turned around and checked the floor we were in, there, whoever built the building hasn't finished it yet and left big holes where the windows would normally be. "Do you see that?"I said while pointing it out. "Yeah, I think I know what you're planning. How do we get there?""Well. . . "They were talking to each other, both pairs, one in sight and the other one not so far from me. Luckily for me that they still haven't noticed me, yet they were about to. No, no, no. Both Paul and Gen left me alone, disappearing from my sight. If they abandoned me after what we've been through and right now, I swear I will rat every single one of them. This situation laid in my hands and in my hands alone to deal with. But how?The voices got louder and if by the slightest chance, they got to hear the sounds of their steps and get attracted towards me, it would be my end. I could hear them so there's no doubt they could hear them too. A moment of silence came and I waited, doing nothing but breathing and blowing dust out of my nose. What next?Something just hit the ground and there was something big too. I didn't wait for another opportunity to come, just as I knew and listened to the voices to start walking away, I got up and started running. They heard that too and I've heard a yell. "Stop right there!"I got up and didn't stop, seeing both of them standing near the second pair of stairs, placed right near the other part of the room. "Run now, they're onto us!"I shouted while running and saw them nod. I haven't run like this in a long while and I managed to catch with them in a shorter than expected. We didn't

wait and we did not check any room for anything, knowing that there was no way out and that we could,"Check the roof, perhaps there's something there""What happened? Were you seen by them?""I don't know but I didn't wait to find out, I think I managed to slow them down"The building could barely sustain itself, unfinished and broken. I didn't know what to expect, I couldn't break up to those kids but I didn't know if there was a chance for us to escape. "I don't know why we're going up, there's nothing there waiting for us. Perhaps we should just give up and. ""No, we're not going to get caught, right?You could tell us what your name is, I mean, why is it so hard for you to trust us with your name?"I had a good reason to hide my name and I wasn't going to reveal it to them, so I had to lie to conceal my identity. "My name is Eruphaer, now can you leave me alone and concentrate on the matter at hand?""Thank you, was it so hard now?"She said whilst misstepping on the stairs and almost tripping. "To be fair, I can understand why he hasn't told us. I mean, If I were called that way, I wouldn't have said it either. ""I don't really dislike it. "Though I had to admit, it wasn't especially pleasant on the tongue, unless. "Wait, is that your family or second name?""We got one more floor to go and we're at the top of it, can't it wait after that?I can't stand it to fulfill your meaningless banter any longer""I'm sorry"She said. "I didn't want to intrude, I was just curious"Paul didn't wait any second for it and told her "You know what they said about curiosity and the feline""Enough of it"I laid it forth just as we climbed the final floor, but got stopped by a tight, big door blocking the way towards the rooftop. Echoes bounced on the walls that were still intact, desperately climbing up towards us, alerting us to the impending presence of upcoming agents. "Wait, is that?""Yes, they're coming. It would seem like my rigged attempt to slow them down came to an end, let's hurry now. I'm still not ready to give up. We need to break through somehow"I started inspecting the door for anything that could unlock it by itself but the only thing I could manage to see from it was a strange mechanism attached to it. "Fine, I'll look around for anything useful. ""Don't go lower than this floor, you couldn't make it in time even if you tried. ""Understood"I left Phaer to work on brute forcing the door whilst I started checking everything out. "Paul, you could make yourself useful too, go on the other side of the room and look down. You could announce us in case the agents are about to charge us. ""Are you sure that's the safe thing to do for me, because. . ""Just do it. "It felt like the man that once appreciated me quickly turned around, getting colder and colder. Even the way he addressed me changed, so demanding and. "Go already, I need to work in peace, or else I can't open the lock and we can't escape. ""I'm on it, just don't mention it"Thank you, that is. I passed Genevie who was sweeping the floor for clues and didn't say a word so I wouldn't disturb her. He entrusted me with this task, directly in the line of danger and I was sure not to disappoint him in no possible way. Before arriving there, I saw a small screwdriver laying on the ground untouched. I looked behind and saw that neither of them was looking in my direction. Reassured of what I was doing would go unnoticed, I grabbed the screwdriver and placed it safely in my pocket. I'm sure they wouldn't mind if I took it, it could surely come in handy later on. On the way there, I decided not to tell them about what I've found, it surely wouldn't help them more than it can help me. And, it was their fault in the first place that they didn't see it. Finders keeper. "Can you see anyone?"I heard Genevie's slightly audible voice, she probably didn't want them to hear her and give us away. I understood that and just nodded my head instead. Like a hawk I stood above the stairs and with both my ears and eyes, I watched over them, guarding them like a guard dog, unshaken by anything. "Damn this lock, blast it away""What happened?Could you also please stop shouting so we can try getting away in one piece?""I can't do anything without my tools, have you found anything so

far? "What could I say to him? I tried my best to find something but the dust mostly took it away by now. He, we had to face the facts already, there was no way out. "No. . . I'm sorry. "Useless, I couldn't do anything to open it and we were just sitting here waiting to get caught. But. . . There was another option. "Go and call Paul here, there might be something else we could do. . . ""Give me a second" I didn't know what he had in mind but I hope he's going to make the best of it. If what he told us so far is true, we might be going on thin ice. There was no hurry but I was fast, even with my doubts, I still believed that he could do something to help us and perhaps we could even enjoy the little time we have together. "Hey, Paul. ""Yeah, still on duty if you're asking. No one so far just sounds from downstairs, yet nothing alarming or worth mentioning. So what can I do for you?" I asked her whilst taking my sight away from the post I was on. "Follow me, please. Man, that sure felt great to say, I now understand why he enjoyed bossing us around. ""Right. . . But how could I leave the post? Oh, did he manage to open the lock? Took him a while but I'm glad that it's, at least, open""Yeah about that. . . "She said, mostly from the excitement of getting to the safe place. "I passed her again and got ready for our embarkment to the next level of the building. "Genevie, last one getting there is a rotten stink. ""Hold on a minute. . . "As the race began, it would seem like I was going to be the winner. "Hah, you're so slow, perhaps you want to get caught since you're not even trying""That's not the reason, I just had something in mind, something that you might not like" She said while getting ready to catch up to me. What could that be "I wonder""You might not like it" She continued, next to me this time. "Ok, I'm glad that you both came, now. "Phae was waiting for us, next to the stairs leading to the roof. A mean look at his face, exciting even, staring at me for some reason. "So, what are we waiting? Haven't you opened it yet or what? The cavalry is here and ready to go" Genevie held me by the shoulder and told me the truth, "There's no way to break the lock, well. . . ""I don't have the tools necessary and desperate times call for desperate needs" He said while we felt something rough making the entire building tremble. "Another ground tremor? You don't think that we might have to. . . ""No, unless we brute force through the lock. "I told her before looking back at Paul. I think he knew by now what I was implying and he might not get to like it. "Why are you looking at me like that?" "I need your trumpet to break the lock with" He was dismayed by my words. "Wait, how are you intending to use my trumpet for that? You can't just break through like that, you're crazy. ""Now now, we ran out of options now and since there isn't anything else we can use, this is our last option. Genevie hold him down!" I told her as she already made her way behind and appealed my call, apprehending him from behind. "Wait, stop, not my trumpet. You said it yourself, you like it. You can't just destroy it!" I jiggled but couldn't escape her tight grip on my arms. "Please let me go, I haven't done anything wrong""Now now, it's going to be fast, just stop resisting, we wouldn't have done this if we didn't run out of options""I'm sorry Paul but he's right, weren't you the one that said that before?" "Yes, but. . . That was different. "I got closer to them, ready to take the trumpet before I stopped. "Wait, I have something else we can use. There's a screwdriver in my pocket""What?" Genevie said as she unhanded me soon after. "I thought I could. . . ""It doesn't matter now. . . "This place was ready to collapse, the explosions from the station before might have caused the tremors to come. "Did you feel that?" Paul asked. "Yes, that could explain why no agents got here so far, this place could fall too at any moment. ""Wait, then why are we still here?" She asked whilst being alarmed. "We can't go down any longer, judging on how much it took between the tremor to come, the plan remains the same, we're going up. ""Then, here it is. You might find this useful. "Said, Paul, before he finally gave me the screwdriver and left me to my work. They

both left me to my work, not so far from me, ready to blitz in just as I was ready to open the door. I inserted the screwdriver inside the hole and started turning the cogs that laid inside it. With my ear on the door I started taking notes of the different sounds they made as each rotation I made with the screwdriver made. From what I could hear, there were, at least, eight cogs wheels that made different combinations of sounds in unison. Two turns on the right and one on the left made a drone sound before suddenly stopping. Another turn towards the left and just one to the right got closer to a high pitched sound. Who was responsible for making such sophisticated machine and why was it placed here?

"Are you done yet? It's freezing in here. "

"Please, be silent. I need to work in peace. "

"Sorry. "

Three turns on the right, one semi-turn on the left, I needed to check them more to figure out how the mechanism worked, two sounds came out of it. I could feel that I was getting close to something, hopefully, It won't be misheard because of another inevitable shake. Turning this way around made me feel like I was making progress, that I was getting to somewhere. If I kept it this way, I could finally break through with more ease. "Umm Phaer?" "I said I need silence, I'm trying to work here" "Phaer!" Genevie yelled with him, both disturbing and redirecting me from my work. I took my ear back and managed to understand what they were talking about. "The building is moving" "But this can't be possible, another quake maybe?" I asked her as she laid her case before me. At first, I thought a giant earthquake was going to swallow this entire building. And, to be fair I wasn't entirely wrong. "Why is everything shaking like that? Are we going down?" Paul should whilst becoming, closely to being desperate. I couldn't lie but I wasn't sure what to think about this situation either. I was afraid too. The moment I looked outside where another hole laid, I could see the growth of the forest getting farther and farther away. And at the same time, it started lifting itself up. "There's even less time, with the speed we're going now, we could get crushed if we try jumping outside" "What are you talking about? We're going to die and there's no way out for us. What have I gotten myself into?" "Calm down Paul, I know there's something we could do to escape. Right Phaery?" The ground was moving fast under us, both of them remained alarmed and startled. "I have even less time, with the vibrations I won't be able to open the device by listening to it" "What now?" "We break it" "You mean with the screwdriver?" Said Genevie whilst being barely able to hold herself on her feet. My balance wasn't great either, especially with these old bones and from what I knew, this place could collapse over us just like in the station before. "Then do it, fast. I don't know how much more can I take. "Paul was right, he wasn't able to keep it together ever since we met, his brilliant future soon to be turned into dust. "I will" I held it tightly in my arm and started thrusting it in and out, making sparks and turning cogs like never before. The building and the ground started shaking even more and we could even hear the sounds of the ground being smashed as we descended into the abode. "Hurry up. Here, I'll help. "Genevie said as she got closer and helped me push it deeper inside it. No more thrusts, we tried our best together to puncture the machine and break the mechanism once and for ever. "Paul, please come We need your help now, more than ever" She said whilst still pushing inside. The sky was getting darker and I could see that the light was passing away, we were about to go even deeper underground. The hard solid ground scuffled and made its way closer to us. "No, we're getting buried alive, we're going to die now. I was afraid that might happen. No. . " "Paul, there's still

time, just come and help us. It's our only shot. "She said, trying her best to convince him to aid us. "Listen to her Paul, we can get out of this alive, I know we can. Don't let your talents go to waste here where no one can hear you any longer. "The ground shook under us, both the hard cement and the soil and I could see that he had a hard time , despite trying to reach us. We were both held together by the screwdriver that was firmly lodged inside the machine. "Give me your hand Paul, I'll pull you in""I don't know. I'm afraid, I don't want to die. . ""Then give me your damn hand you damnable fool!"Almost shouting I reached my hand and grabbed his as he managed to extend it closer to me. "Pull me faster, the ground is rising up. "We weren't outside anymore, giant roots almost started tearing through the building, strong enough to decimate the stone that once formed the place we were in. The ground, it would seem that it almost got thick and enough of it to start covering us, getting closer to our toes. I pulled him away and held his back as he joined us and started pushed with us. The three of us pushed as hard as we could, even helped by the shaking metal and stone in the last attempt to enter. One cling came out of it and the machine spat out the screwdriver from out hands. Far way from the soil it got lost and in the meantime, as that happened, the machine never stopped its melody. Turning its cogs and playing its tune to an end, luckily that it didn't manage to throw us under with the small tool we now lost. The soil was rising up at an alarming rate. "If it keeps it this way we might not get to the end of the tune. ""We can't get the screwdriver any longer can we?So. . "A silence came soon after a the tune left out nothing but the soil alone. "This is it. Isn't it? "Paul said with tears in his eyes, he couldn't take it any longer and neither could we. The land reached the stairs and started getting closer to us. "There's nothing left for us to try but push it. ""You don't think it's actually open, do you? ""Any other alternatives you could think of? "I asked Genevie whilst hoping she understood that it was a rhetorical question that I laid upon her. Small chunks coiled around, bouncing between the ground and our bodies. These stairs strangely weren't affected by the whole pandemonium happening around us. It would seem like, not only them but possibly the next floor wasn't going to be the roof but another level on its own. "What's that sound?"Rock was being smashed, even worse than before, if what I thought was real. . . Every floor being smashed in a consecutive order, that would explain the reason behind all the sudden shakes. "Let's try it then. "I said whilst pushing the door. We were neck by neck, pushing hard, helped by that dirt itself as it reached our backs and almost crushed on in the big metal door right in front of us. Almost crushes but not yet, we were thrown inside with the door opening. The vault was broken, releasing a gust of the wind as we got inside. Thrown inside, the three of us before the wind blew the gate back to its place and crushed the remaining dirt that was behind us. I was the first to open my mind and be astonished. "Wow. . . "Paul said just as he finished pulling his lungs back from the floor. "This is. . . "Genevie continued, on the floor just like he once was. "Amazing, I know. . . "Said by me, the last one of the group as we admired the flashy and colorful room we were in. But it was more than a room, it was no roof either, what laid in front of us were two giant plated windows with coated metal bars sealing them away. So many buttons, levers, cogs and fuzzs located in front of us, such an interface I haven't seen in a long while, not since the great machine war. "What's it for?"Paul asked as he got up and came closer towards it. The red room with soft rugs and with a classy style brought some strange ideas to mind. I looked around and saw furniture covered win wolf pelts, a small bar with bottled drinks, a big lamp incorporated inside and powered by the most of the unknown source. We didn't feel any tremors as if it had a gravity of its own, nor could we see through the windows since they were too dirty to be seen through. "So who do you think lives

here? Or used to live here?" Genevie asked me, as she started inspecting the soft sofa, even being growled by the fur on her attempt. While they were busy chatting, I had the chance to look around. I wasn't going to forget the whole previous incident so soon, even if we're safe now. My trumpet was still with me, the only instrument that could bring me joy in this critical situation. I cherished my mother's gift more now than ever before. And now that I was done defending it, the time has come for me to take the reins and perhaps even take control of this machine. Two golden plated seats with soft red pillows held together by conveyor belts. Luckily for me, it paid off listening to my father's speeches during my visit at the industry. Hmm, this could mean that the machine needed two people to handle. Huh, If I figured it out so fast, there's no doubt that Phaer already knows it. "Well, it's not about who lived here but why did it lay at the top of an abandoned building?" "A miracle I say! Wouldn't be the first one that occurred today, right?" "Don't be silly about it girl. And lay off the sofa, we don't want to break and pay for it later.

"Seriously?" She asked, this time, a lot calmer. How could she throw herself on that settee? Perhaps she forgot where we were, but I didn't, not yet. I had to look for more, the ceiling, rusty, the layers of the paint almost started falling down, collapsing on their own, this time, more screws and sealed even more shut than I could handle. Even with my tools at hand. The lamp above us was held by a metal tube with its wires going through inside the machine. There was no space nor any indication of the existence of another way out through above. Except the many useless pleasure machines installed inside, there wasn't anything with much use. A fridge installed but it wouldn't do much to help, even the handles were too tight to be opened by hand, not to mention visibly cold. The only other element that got my attention was Paul, checking the main controls and taking his eye at me from time to time. He must have thought about it being used by two people, I can't really blame him for mistrusting me now, I've done some terrible things and he doesn't even know half of them. "So what are you doing Paul? Stop checking out the machine and see the sofa? It feels like I'm standing on real, breathing sleeping wolves. Some quality stuff right in here." Genevie started twisting her hand in order to call him towards her. "Just a second, I really have to see what's going on in here. Perhaps it would be easier if you weren't sitting down there and got up to help me Phaer. "I'll come in a moment, someone has to think about the next course of action after all. "Next course of action? Next course of action!" The machine had a small room, not being enough for the three of us and certainly not with a furious young man like himself. "Perhaps you were thinking about asking her to tie me to that big valve over there. Maybe even covering my mouth with something. Is that the next course of action you were thinking?" I didn't expect him to blow so soon but it happened. "Wait a minute. Don't be so harsh on him, it's not entirely his fault." Said Genevie as she finally decided to bust in the conversation. "Thank you for reminding me and once again taking his side. You know, just because he's old you don't have to do everything he tells you, especially when it comes to forcing someone to sacrifice something he owns and likes" He pulled away from the controls and directly addressed her this time, ignoring me on his way to her. "Is this what's it all about? Well, if we've decided to open the subject, perhaps we wouldn't have gone to that point if you gave us the screwdriver in the first time to begin with. "Don't put the blame on me, I did what I thought was right. But, it was not fair for you, for both of you to do that, even with no other choice. "I decisively got on my feet and confronted both of them on my decision. "It's all my fault if you want to be angry at someone, be angry at me and me alone. Say what you want but after we're out of here safely, you might have noticed by now that we're still trapped and who knows where. "And? It's not my fault we're here, I'm not the

one who came to the right idea of climbing up to some strange room at the top of a falling house. ""Might not be your idea but it's not the time to pass blames from here and there. "They weren't going to make things easier for me it would seem, so caught in their small affair that they didn't notice a flashing button on the stand in from of the chair. "Phaer?"I asked him as he was being distracted by his own explanation of the gravity surrounding us. "What's that?Spill it out already since Paul here can't wait for us to get out before we start talking. ""Is that supposed to flash like that?"I said whilst pointing it out. "What are you talking about?"He turned towards it and started approaching it.

I got up my sweet soft sofa and joined both of them who were staring at something from afar. A small map with numbers and boxes all over next to that flashing button. But "What does it mean Phaer?This seems old enough and you seem. Well, you must have some old knowledge about a lot of stuff. "Genevie got close to insulting Phaer. I was glad that I wasn't the only one charmed by him, despite his previous attempts. "A map of, apparently where we're headed towards. ""What is that red blob over there?"She asked as she pointed towards it. Moving too across the map and at a strange speed. "Is that falling down or what?It looks like it if those are edges anyway. "Surprisingly, he was willing to cooperate with us, even with my accusation in sight. He was calm the entire time and didn't do much to fight back. "Good observation there. That's the representation of us, which would mean that we're still free falling. ""What?"Genevie said, almost shouting her lungs outside her body. "What do you mean by we're still falling?Not only that we can't feel a thing but. . . What will happen if we get to the ground?"Well, it's not a matter about if but when. I don't think it will be much of a problem, such a machine was built to withstand worse than great distances, and from the looks of it, we might hit the rough dirt at best. "Paul came quickly at that. "And that is no concern to you at all?I mean we are going too deep underground, the way up might have collapsed over us too from what we know. I was right about us being buried underground, it just got delayed now. ""Don't lose hope yet, there's still something we can do. Right Phaer?You got us through worse, even if our state of being acquainted was short in the time spent together, I know I can trust you at least. ""Perhaps there might be a way out. This was just a small detour but I'm still headed towards my original destination"He said while turning some valves and pulling two rounded levers covered in copper. I turned around from them and looked at the only way we had out, the small gate from where we came from. Perhaps. . . "I don't know where you want to go but could you, at least, tell us?If it's a way out, then we're in too, even though we don't have any other chances. "My sight was directed towards the animated map, at this point, I even noticed that what might have remained out of the broken building we were on got smashed right under us. Yet we felt nothing and we're still far from feeling anything. This machine was not simple, even from its interior, it might have cost a small fortune, too much anyway to be abandoned like that. "Like I said, there is a way out towards where I'm going. But it might be dangerous. It's too dangerous, even for me to be going there. Yet, from what I can read on this map. . . We're being lead right towards it. ""Towards where?"Genevie asked before going over the map with her slim fingers. The distance wasn't that far now, the blob was getting a formation that would help it arrive even closer than I planned to go. Though it wasn't in my original course of action to get caught with two other unwanted passengers, especially without someone that hates me. "Well, you see now. Since we have more than enough time for it and there's nothing else we can do in here"I said it whilst looking towards Paul's possible intentions. "And that hatch won't even open anymore, not until we're out of this conundrum. You can both sit down and hear me out. "I left just enough room for both of them to sit on the two chairs, before that I even adjusted them

towards the short gap that faces me. Towards me they stood after, laid onto the plated chairs, unmoved by the lack of strong wind and current even though we were underground. He stood above the hatch, then moved around, measuring it back and forth. Was he preparing to lay something huge upon us? Perhaps he was stalling since he couldn't fully explain what he meant by that. I knew ever since we met that he hid something from us but now. Now, he was there, maneuvering in silence and all this time, just like I thought about it before, he was calm, too calm to be in a situation like the one we're in. "Listen, we're. . ." An audible explosion came from somewhere, making waves and finally shaking our cabin. The hatch got smashed and pulled under, taking Phaer with it. The wind blew inside with strength, creating a vacuum that went back and forth, pulling and blowing objects inside, sometimes followed by chunks. We were barely holding by the edges of our seats as it wasn't strong enough to pull us there. For a fraction of a second, I thought I heard Phaer scream but it was gone too far for me to notice. "We need to seal it off somehow" I yelled at her, the wind made it hard for me to speak and breath without swallowing too much of the dust. "How?" She asked whilst holding her seat unable to move. "We need to see. . ." "I couldn't say it but I got up and slowly moved, my feet were pushing down but my body felt like it was going to be thrown around. "Help me" A shout came from somewhere down there, it was him and he was still alive but how could it be? It was clear that we were still falling and somehow he didn't get crushed. Slowly moving towards the hole left in the middle of the room, I slid down and held it by the edges, afraid that If I kept my altitude I'd end up getting pulled down there too. "Wait. For me" She said as she was soon to join me. My head was still away but I managed to pull it closer so I could see. . . "Paul, I need your help" I said to him, just as I was holding by the cables. Just my luck to be trapped between this and the war machine. "Are you. Okay Pher?" He asked, from the position he was in, all the dust avoided by me would get to puncture his skin and do even more damage than before. "Yes, I'm fine, but I will need your help and Genevie" She arrived in time, both of them were holding as tightly as they could by the broken hole "What's that?" "Don't be alarmed by it, but do you see these big cables connected to this huge sphere and our machine? Nod your head if you heard me" "Yes" Paul said, followed by almost gagging as a small rock flew into his mouth. "Take care, like I said, just nod. "He spits it out, almost managing to hit me, at least, he was fine. "Now, this giant sphere. And you may get alarmed by it. "I stuttered and hard rock met the metal sphere, making cracks and sparks, throwing shards at me. "We don't have much time. We're about to fall on a megaton bomb" "What?" They both shouted in unison, ignoring my advice. The cables I was holding the balance on were flickering, as it was still active. "Don't panic too much as I'd like to remember you that you're not the ones sitting on the actual bomb!" How did this happen? Not able to speak, I watched below how we were falling on a bomb and on him. Those green, dark cables were too thick and seemingly long to be running by themselves, they could be wrapped around us, which was too bad to even describe. The stone walls that we fell between were getting crushed by that sphere and those cables, too tight and covering the way we came through with chunks. "I need you two to focus now since I don't think there's much time until we reach the bottom of this place and when we do it. . ." A small break came to be, I could see that he needed some time to catch his breath. The air was going to leave us too but not fast enough to miss the huge bang at the end. "I can't disarm this by my own, I need you to. . ." I stopped again when I saw something that made sparkles between the machine and the cord. Dodging out of the way almost made me slide down, catching and grabbing hold of another cable right in time so I wouldn't get crushed. "Phaer!" "Phaer!" "I'm fine, but the sphere?" I

was afraid as a metal object got thrown directly at me, which would have ended up killing me or worse. The "Screwdriver" Paul lost almost killed me but it wasn't far from it, in the process, it might have done more worse than the good of returning to us. It managed to impale a part of the bomb, not deep enough to trigger it but enough to give us a good scare. "What. . Now?" Genevie asked while doing her best to cover her eyes from it. "I'm all right in case you were wondering, now, if you would please draw your attention the panel over there" I pointed and so did her eyes follow towards the metal panel, so distinct over the bomb. We had the screwdriver now, ready to unscrew the pins holding it in place, the last part of my plan remained. "I need both of you to jump down here with me. ""Are you insane?" Paul said whilst still busy spitting the sand out of his mouth. "Don't worry. "I tried comforting both of them as their doubtful looks fell upon me from above. "Look, we might die anyway but, at least, this way we have yet another chance to make it out. Plus, the only other way you'll get injured or die is if you slide and get crushed between the rocks. "The look on their faces when I said that, it was plain. Terrified, I felt as I heard Phaer tell us we could die if we didn't do it right. "Look, I need you both to take deep breaths and go for it. "The speed we were in, the force it had and those crushed rocks would tear our bodies apart in less than a second if it came to it. I backed away from the hole for a moment so I could think more clearly and Genevie followed. We both knew that there wasn't enough time till we would hit rock bottom. "What now Paul?" "It doesn't seem like we got much of an option anymore. Does it?" "I guess so. Look, Paul, about what I did before. ""I know Genevie, I know. Don't worry about it now, I've already forgiven you. "The place sure did look welcoming, even with the cold wind coming from outside. And warm too, such a warm I wouldn't get to feel anymore. "Look, I want you to have this, truth be told, I haven't been able to take good care of it. "He gave me the small instrument he held in his hand not so long ago, it was warm from being held inside his jacket all this time. Took me some time but I finally did, I finally realised that it had some value with it, important to him. "Listen Paul. . ""Just take it, after all, I can't jump that well with extra luggage""Wait a minute Paul. ""It's going to be fine, I'll jump first and grab onto one of the cables and ride it down to Phaer. I promise I'll catch you after I'm next to him" Unconvinced, I remained afraid of what might happen to him, or me. He was going to catch me, there was no doubt about it. On both of his feet, holding his hands on the ceiling so he wouldn't fall too soon, he went closer. The winds kept blowing filth all this time but he remained undisturbed by it for the duration of this time. He looked at me from above before redirecting himself to Phaer. "Take care, you need to catch one of the cables on your way down. "He said while dragging himself higher. "If anything goes wrong, I will catch you, just jump when you're ready. But hurry up, I don't know how much time is left. ""I will. . . "He turned around to stare at me again before telling me. "See you down there Genny" I was afraid of heights and certainly this didn't help the case. Everything started shaking, even worse than before but the choice was already made. I jumped through and stretched my hand to catch the coil. "Paul!" Genevie yelled as Paul fell, the coil he was about to catch recoiled and missed his hand entirely. "No, Paul!" I was afraid too as he fell directly on the metal and started sliding. "Aghhh" The landing felt like it broke something. "Paul, catch my hand" I heard him say but I couldn't see where he was, sliding away, I managed to stop myself and hold on the screwdriver. ""Are you okay Paul?" Phaer said, trying to make his way towards me but not fast enough. Some of my teeth with my nose were chipped, my tongue impaled and I couldn't spit a word. So tired of it, my hand could barely hold onto it. "Paul" I thought she screamed again. "Paul""No" I didn't reach him in time just as he stopped holding on. Violent sounds and rattling

noises, he was nowhere to be found. I looked everywhere around, I couldn't take the dust anymore, my eyes were being hurt. Where did he go?"Phaer"I coughed whilst saying it. "Where is Paul?Where is he?I can't see him"Not caring on how much of the dust I inhaled and how much of it got into me"I felt like I could break the cable I was holding. "Genevie, look away, you mustn't see this. "I didn't know what to tell her anymore. "Genevie. ""Where is he?Please tell me he's down there with you. He must be. "With a cloth on her face, she spoke well but didn't want to accept the truth. "Tell me, why can't I see him?I'm looking everywhere, where is he?""Genevie, please, I need your help. This is going to explode. We're going to die if we don't disarm it""I can't do this alone, not without knowing where Paul is. ""He's dead Genevie. . . "It felt colder and sharper than the tipped sand. My eyes got wider and. . . "I will catch you, please. It won't do him any good if we both follow him to the grave. "Without thinking it twice I jumped from where I stood, even if I was on the ground, I didn't think about it much. The time she took to jump, I managed to get myself into position, on my feet and successfully catch her. "Hold on, we're not done yet""I know. . "Genevie had her hand embroiled with one of the coils and her two feet stabilising her position on the bomb. "Phaer, Paul is. . ""Yes, I know. Please, it can wait until after we're done with it. ""What now?""We need to rip its framework open before we could put an end to it. "She started moving closer to it, ready to start the procedure, with the coil in her hand and gripped tightly so she wouldn't fall off. "I'll grab the screwdriver and we can pry it open, just stay there. "It was stuck and quite so that I was afraid it would set it off if I were to pull it out too rough. With a spindle reflex, I took it out and almost lost my balance that I held against the thick surface I was on. Almost about to fall on my back, she caught me by my hand and pulled me over. "Much appreciated. Now, let's being"I told her as I soon joined her and slammed the tool inside the edges the casing had. "Careful there. "She said as I kept stripping it apart, centimeter by centimeter, getting closer to the point of removing it to its entirety. After getting a large part of it above the sphere's level, I gave her the screwdriver and shoved both of my hands inside it. Pulling as hard as I could I started hearing squishy noises coming and splashes on my hand coming from its inside. One part ahead and I lifted it up revealing the organic system it stored inside it. "I think I'm going to be sick"She was disgusted and so was I, as removing its metal shell left its veins and muscles uncovered, vulnerable. I can't say I wasn't expecting this but not this big and it was still thumping with its active bloody system. "Look Genevie, we need to shut down this organism or else it will explode""You want us to kill being?Have we not done enough already?That man. . . Paul. . . Now this?""Listen Genevie, I know it's hard but we can't avoid this, sacrificed had to be made in order for us to come this far ahead. ""What do you mean by us?"She said whilst in anguish, pointing the screwdriver at me. "I can't believe how much of a monster you are, sacrificing people left and right without giving a thought about it. ""Don't act like you're better than me, you didn't seem to care that much about them either. Drop the act and let's get on to it, or, perhaps you'd prefer death instead. "She was cold about it, almost blank inside as she stared at me. One second after she lowered her weapon and complied to it. The situation demanded both of us to work together for the time being even if she might not have liked it. "How many have to die?""This is the last one that has to die, I promise you. "A fake promise if it would come to the point where I would have to abandon her. I scanned its appearance and looked for a softer spot. "There, a quick stab should be enough to remove some of its sinews, go for it and don't stop until I tell you to. ""Are you. . . Sure about it?""Yes, do it now. "I grabbed the coil with both of my hands, the stone that was being crushed between the bomb and my machine was getting rougher too, less of it cracked on our way

down. She started with a swing then came to repetitively showing and removing it without taking any break or showing signs of being tired. "Stop" I said as she removed enough of it to reveal something. She felt it too, finding something hard beneath all that delicate muscle, the blood almost drowned it but no main artery was hit. "There's our prize. "With both of my hands, I stepped in, the coil wrapped around my shoulder just as I pushed the meat in two way to reveal a metal panel. "It has some screws keeping it shut, open them" Four of them were getting unscrewed by her whilst I was making sure that. . Almost having my arm broken and her body strained too, both the sphere and the machine stopped with us being propelled and close to getting crushed on the ceiling. "Phaer" She screamed the second her leg got into contact with a metallic side of the machine. I managed to land fine on my own, whilst still hanging on the coil, sliding on it safely. "Genevie!" She went through worse after getting her left mauled, falling down on a hard spot and possibly suffering a concussion. "Genevie, speak to me" Closer to her, I immediately checked her pulse and made sure that she was still breathing. Not dead yet but this was another problem that could get even worse. It would seem I had to finish this "Alone. If you're not going to help me, I have to finish this alone" The whole spot we were on was shaking too, slowly moving with us on it. Hopefully, we won't get crushed by the time I'm done. I grabbed the tool and resumed the work she failed to succeed on. Her unconsciousness and broken leg would seem that they'd slow me down later on but for now, I had to finish what I started. Just two of them remained unscrewed, I opened them to find out a huge channel leading inside it, full of blood frozen in strings. It looked like its nervous system, being a couple of feet deep, possibly holding over thousands of strings that kept streaming information and flowing with its blood and cells. Perhaps, if she was awake, she wouldn't have had the guts for it but I would do this act to save us both, even if I wasn't able to save the three of us, It would seem like I would make up for it. If there was something that could do the most possible damage whilst falling inside, what could it be? This tool served me well but it wouldn't manage to perfectly fall and break every last one of the strings, the rocks here were too rough for me to break and use them as a resource. Luckily for me, not only that we had enough air for the time being coming from the machine but we were close enough to stop the bomb from going off, just one step before it would all end for it. "Are. . we dead yet?" Genevie asked as she woke up. The walls started shaking between us and the machine fell down, getting closer to us. I ducked down, fast enough to avoid getting my head being crushed. "Ugh. Not yet. "I told her whilst avoiding the falling object that came through the hole. None of them were big enough to hit everything and space left me barely enough to crawl inside. "Phaer, what's going on?" "We're almost done, but we're holding on our last straw now. Listen, do you have something big enough, a rock, a bag or anything?" "I don't. I'm confused and I can't really feel my leg. What's going on?" "There wasn't much now, a glass fell but didn't break, too small but I grabbed and threw it inside. She was too far from me to see what I was doing, but I saw as some of the strings got smashed in its fall, leaving some small streams flow before disappearing in the shadows. Not enough of them, as I was running out of option, I threw the pens that fell off, then the melted wax and when things seemed desperate, I threw the screwdriver. There was no way for me to know if I managed to break enough strings to prevent its explosion but I wasn't going to stand there and find out. It was time to force the machine to release itself from it and travel further down. "Are we done yet?" "No Genevie, we're still on the frying pan I think but for now, we can only put or hope in this last effort I did" I couldn't hear nor see down there if enough blood got spilled but it was time to go. She was trying to get up but the injury was worse than I thought, I would

need to pull her up from above. "Wait here a second till I come back" On my way, I was stopped as she held my leg in place whilst still on the ground. "Don't leave me. I know. . . You're trying to leave me here" "Let go of me this moment, I will get you up once I'm there. The machine could fall at any moment and squish both of us. Is that what you wish?" "No. But I don't know if I can trust you anymore. . . Paul was right about when he acted the way he did. "She was holding quite tight with both of her arms on my leg, practically shoving her fingers inside it. "Look, that was an unfortunate mistake but you can't live in the past now. "The machine started shaking above us, indicating its unfortunate but eventually decline. "You need to trust me, what I did before was always in my interest. "With tears in her eyes and afraid she let go of me, doing her best not to let any sound come out of her mouth. Perhaps, the falling machine wasn't that bad, it got the exit closer and made her understand where we stood with one another. I watched him as he reached above and climbed up. Such silence laid after as I kept watching in fear of the trembling machine, with the dirty air I was spilling out of my lungs. The way I inhaled the air made a lot of audible noise and each of the shake brought the scenario of what would happen if it would fall on me. He lied to me and left me alone to die alone. So close, it moved so close, I was so afraid of what pain it would bring. I didn't want to scream or say any word as it moved again, closer and closer to me. No, stop, I don't want to, I wanted to scream but It would be of no point and I would only drown in my tears as they ran over my cheeks. A cling noise could be heard, one of the metal coils was being rubbed against the machine and the stone, adding even more dread than I needed. So close to me that I could touch it with my arms. And when it got to a desperate point, a hand came from above me, standing between the light and what was left of the place where I stood. I grabbed it and got up on one of my legs whilst the other was still barely being pulled aside. There was no way for me to get up with just one and as I got up on the other, halfway into the entrance to the machine I released a scream, my leg being broken and worse inside. "Almost there, come on" He held me by the waist and pulled me above right as I grabbed the sharp edges and managed to cut a fragment of my skin upon it. With one leg above it and dragging the other on the side, I was finally brought back, right as the machine finally slammed on the sphere, crushing everything. Even the opened hatch and the skin released a fleshy sound before me. I fell on my back and curled into a ball soon after. I wanted to do nothing but to be safe. With my eyes closed and tears still falling down from my eyes, I didn't even want to speak to him anymore. Not even my broken leg mattered anymore as I was afraid that I was still there waiting to be crushed. "Genevie, I'm sorry it took me so long. I had to be sure I would be in range to do so, even if it ended up being so dangerous. Excuse me for a second now. "I turned around to push the fridge over the hole, covering it in its entirety. Took me a while to pull it out of its place and drag it over there but at least, It leads to a perfect match, a good combination that would prevent any of the remaining air to be wasted over nothing. All the costs were included in the trip, even the minor inconveniences, which lead me back to. "We need to take care of your leg before you get an infection and to the point where I would be forced to amputate it" "No, anything but that" Just jumped out of my mouth and my original position and his insane statement almost pierced my skin. "Don't do that. I'm tired of feeling so much pain. "I know Genevie, but think about it in a different way. You're safe now with someone overqualified in fixing problems" "Just like you fixed Paul? Or how you fixed me?" She started yelling, growing away from her dormant state. "First of all, I haven't fixed you yet and with Paul. That could've been avoided if he waited. Don't you dare think for a second that I don't regret or think about that for a second. "Dismissed by her in an instant, she said that

"You've done a poor job showing that. Do you even care about me?" "We'll finish the conversation after I'm done nurturing your leg. "I let her know as I took a medical kit that was hidden under the control panel of the main core, the right to the main panel. "You can't just ignore me for the rest of the duration, it's propostorous. ""I'm not going to plainly ignore you, I'm just delaying our conversation until we're done. Now, I need to tend to your leg before it gets worse, can't you understand that?" Whilst lifting myself up, I noticed his small box and the bandages he had in his hand, ready to scroll them around my leg. "So, how are you intending to. . "He got closer and grabbed by two sides of it. "This might hurt for a while after I'm done""What are you talking about? I can't feel anything. . "Or so I thought, at least before he forced the joints back together, slamming both sides back in. "Aghhh, my damn leg" The pain ran through it and didn't stop there as I bit my tongue, all because of the unexpected technique he used on me. He lifted a part of my pants up and started bandaging the inflated area but not before rubbing something on it. I didn't question what was in the substance as I was afraid it would spark another conflict, but it did baffle me. "What was that?" "Not specific so I wouldn't appear too alarmed of what he did. "A mere ointment to ease your pain, followed by those bandages that are on you. Have I been clear enough with my explanation or shall I repeat myself in case you missed that too?" "Don't patronise me after what you've done. You could've been more gentle, especially for your age. Could you please give me a notice that you're listening to me?" Back at the controls, he didn't seem to notice me anymore. "I didn't, I just have more important tasks to take care off. Especially since it would seem that we're moving once again""Thankfully we can still. . ""Yes, we can still escape this, or, at least, you as a matter of fact since I'll have to take care of something. ""And what might that be? What is it so important that you would sacrifice someone else? It's not a coincidence that any of this happened, is it? The crash, the explosions, the bomb?" Not a single look back at me, whilst still at the controls, checking and fixing something that was beyond me for the entire time. "Whatever you're expecting the answer to be, it's probably worse than you think. You don't need to know any of it. If all goes well, we'll be able to part ways safely and never see each other ever again. ""And what about those crimes? Those deaths? You think I'm just going to forget about them?" Not even when I tried provoking him, not even then did he pay any attention to me. For I was busy, making sure that there wouldn't be any other unwanted delays. "And we should reach bottom in less than ten minutes by my calculations. "And the indications laid by the map. "Bottom of what?" Deep enough, as the giant tunnel, we were going through lead to a chasm, large enough to host a thousand machines, perhaps even more. Protected inside and having something to fall over, we didn't feel anything as we landed to its bottom. A smaller light indicated to me that the pipes outside of the machine weren't buried, perfect as none of the rubble travelled with us. Both of us were still alive, meaning that the bomb hasn't gone off. "Alas, we're here. Can you stand on both of your legs?" "Could you give me a hand at least?" With his help, I managed to get up to a few laps, whatever he gave me had a strange effect as it healed my wound almost instantly, even better than before. "So, how are getting out? Did we even reach the bottom yet?" "Patience Genevie. "He said whilst pulling one of the levers on the side. Steam started coming out of the barred window's sides as it started lifting itself up, having some of the mud accumulated before fall off of it. "I can't really see anything. Where are we? Wait, do we even have air here?" "Calm down, we're safe here, we got enough air coming through the various tunnels linked to the chasm, we shouldn't suffocate anytime soon" He kept searching for something in the various small cabinets laid all around. "How do you know that? Is it too dark to see anything?" I started getting

closer towards the edge that separated us from the rest of the place we got to. "Stop" He said as he revealed a pipe with some engravings on it. "What's that in your hand?" I asked before covering my eyes to protect my eyes from the rays of light it shut to my eyes. Almost blinded by it, I lost my balance and fell on my back, almost falling off the edge. With my head almost away from it, I saw the lighted place that I almost fell in, a giant twenty feet drop that would seriously injure me on the way down. "Not again" He said before pulling me back up. "You almost killed me with that thing, put it down before you blind me with it. ""I'm sorry, I didn't intend to do that. "Getting closer, I could see why she was so annoyed, another inconvenience as we were far from the ground, sitting on the giant bomb itself. Moans could be heard coming from down there, we were not alone anymore. "What was that?" "I heard it too but you needn't worry, as it's just a harmless side effect that came after I've done what had to be done in order to save both of us. ""What are you talking about?" "I'll tell you once we're down there" With that pipe in his mouth, he started climbing down, the coils were in his reach too, acting as vines he could swing on. The ground appeared and disappeared under with the swinging flashes of light revealing it before he eventually got there. A rough landing and not much to see but him flashing the light back at me. "Come down here, the weather is fine" He said whilst waiting for me to come. "I don't know if I can make it that far, I've never climbed anything in my life except my mother's womb. ""It will be fine, I promise, just think of the coils as the umbilical cord and you'll be down here in no time. "He mustered, seemingly getting ready to lose his patience. "Will you catch me if I fall then?" "We'll see. Now come on already, or else I'll leave you there. ""All right then. "Shouldn't be that dangerous, he made it without being able to see anything. With one foot down, followed by the other, I turned around and grabbed the edge, lowering myself down. I grabbed the same coil and felt some sweat left by him on the way down, almost slipping away, I embraced the entire coil with my whole body and slide down. Slowed down only by my two legs that were constantly pushing on the sphere so I wouldn't go too fast. Another moan came in front of me but it didn't make sense as it came directly from the bomb. "Finally, you're here. "He said when I reached him. Not long until I would get back to civilisation I hoped, but I didn't turn up immediately. The bomb kept moaning, unexpected and out of the ordinary, I asked him about it. "Why is it wailing?" "I only did what had to be done. "He pardoned himself before going ahead, leaving a trail of light for me to follow. "Wait a second, it's alive. We can't live it like this, it's in pain" Right behind him, I plead for him to stop and check it out, what he said before I must've missed. "It should be dead soon enough, not that it was any of my responsibility to begin with. ""How can you act so indifferent to everything that's been happening so far?" I asked Phaer, hoping that at least now he would be truthful to me, instead, I received something else. "Well Genevie, how can you?" "I'm not indifferent. "I told him as the flying dust and the chunked rocks floated in front of the light. Nothing could be seen in the deserted place but what could I expect from a limited vision. "I'm really not. "I wasn't indifferent and the lack of replies he left me made me even more unsettled. "I can't be indifferent. Would you, at least, stop teasing me with the silence?" Whilst rubbing my forearm and breathing on his back, I tried distracting myself from it by watching the desolated plain land we walked on. Safe to say that it didn't last long, not long enough. What did I do wrong?" Look, If I indeed do something wrong, I'm sorry about it. "He stopped right there. Pointing his light to a tunnel we arrived at. "Is that. . . ?" I asked before he interrupted me to finish my sentence. "A mine tunnel. Or at least, it used to be. Would you be so kind to turn that lever over there?" The light was now pointed at it but I failed to see the point of it. "Why would I do that?" I asked before going

on. "And why is there a mine tunnel so deep under the ground?" "The reason behind it is unimportant, could you just oblige for once without questioning it?" "You will owe me an explanation after I'm done with it. "The lever was rusted, even wet despite the lack of any visible source of water. And even with its strange appearance, I managed to pull it downwards with much ease. A light appeared in the tunnel, then another one. They kept popping out, leaving the appearance of a mighty depth that laid forth in front of us. I didn't want to manipulate her, just like I did with Sam but it's been so long since I've had an assistant. "I'm confused Phaer. "I told him as we made our way in. The mine didn't seem like it had any type of ore anymore, just the wind that passed through the various passages, sounding like suppressed screams. "What troubles you this time? " "Well, except that I was practically forced to come here with you, to see people die and. Not feel anything about it. "I looked in a different direction so he wouldn't be able to stare through my eyes. "How come you said you could lead me out but instead we're going into a mine?" "Patience girl, this isn't a mine anymore, it's been shaped to lead us closer to something. Everything you'll encounter down here was shaped at one point of their lifetime. " "By who? " "By what. "The ceiling had a few particles of salt drop down on my hair. It was white enough even without, not to mention that the water that came with it wasn't drinkable. So much more to cover and so much more to walk. "Alas" I said after seeing a railroad, which meant I was on the right track. "What are you so happy about?" "Oh you'll see when we get there, don't you worry. "This didn't seem safe anymore but I had no other choice, he seemed to know where we're going and I doubt I could make it to the surface on my own. "Ah. "I said whilst pretending to fall down from a small accident. Just as I thought he didn't seem to care at first. Luckily for me as I grabbed the rock I saw before and shoved it down my pants. Under the belt, right before he turned to see me pretending to dangle with my shoe laces. He must've gone too far without noticing my breath that he decided to turn around to face me. "I'm fine, just making a minor adjustment. "He didn't look at me but somewhere else, did he notice what I've done then? I couldn't betray my look and reveal what I did, if he hasn't said anything, I wouldn't spoil it so soon. "Do you mind getting up then? There's no time to spare now, the fumes could harm us if we keep slowing down. "I got up as fast as possible, without being entertained by the idea of what might he be talking about. "What fumes?" Alarmed, I got closer so we could hurry up and get out of the mine. "This isn't a normal mine anymore, you see those formations there?" First time I got to see them in person too, pulsating parasites, even uglier than described in the old lexicon. They almost blended with the wood and with the stones yet they were still too predictable in their nature. "Why is it dripping water out of it?" "They feed on the salt and in exchange they spit out desalinated water. People of the old used to use them to get clean water before benefiting of the machinery we have today. " "So what happened to them?" "Let's just say that those parasites aren't the most evolved species. You see, they don't really notice the difference between normal fluid and water that has salt in it. "As we just passed one of them, sprinkling its numerous eyes at me, and vibrating its feelers at me, the same ones that were shoved inside the stone. "You mean. . . " "Yes Genevie, that's right. They sucked them dry leaving nothing but dehydrated dry organs on their bones. If they were that lucky for such thing. "The way he told me gave me a general uneasiness of what laid even farther in the dark. "Wait. "I said whilst wondering. "Does that mean that they spat out the blood the same way they did with the water?" "You're really getting the hang of it. "Not scared but uneasy, I kept looking everywhere, afraid that they would jump at me if I wasn't safe enough. He must've noticed it too as he said it out loud. "Don't worry, they only attach themselves to

wicked people" As he left out a giggle soon after, the first one that I've heard since we met. It left a bitter taste in my mouth. "I wasn't serious by the way. I doubt they have the cognitive ability to feel such a thing. I'm also sure they'd attach themselves to any source of water. ""You're not making it better Phaer. Ouch. "My lips got bitten and my nose closer to his shoulder, almost broken too. "Why did you stop so abruptly?" He turned around and gave me only a menacingly look. Past him, there was nothing but a formation of rocks that stood as the foundation of the next tunnel that seemed to lead to a system of rails. I was able to see so many of them, not so far from us, too bad for us that we didn't have a mine cart to ride on, though. "So. "I looked back at him without understanding why did we stop in the first place, surely he didn't like about the fumes. "Why aren't we moving?" "We have a minor problem we have to take care off" He said whilst placing his hands over my shoulders. "What are you talking about? And why are you grabbing my shoulders?" "Genevie, I'm holding you because of the way you reacted before when I pointed at that parasite. ""I still don't get it. ""You stared long enough past me, what did you see?" Genevie pondered at my question without moving a muscle. "Some rocks, rails, and the path that probably leads us out of the mine. . "I coughed after. The air must've gotten thicker. "Those aren't rocks Genevie. ""Then what are they. Phaer? Oh. . "Her eyes doubled and I could see that she wanted to scream. "Not now, we need to get rid of them. "One of my hands got taken back as I had to use it to block any of them vital substances I lost whilst coughing myself after her. "But. . They are so many of them""Don't breath that fast girl, it will do you more harm than them. ""What's your plan them?" I asked him as he trusted me enough not to explode whilst away from his sight. He seemed to be good at doing that. "Wait. ""What was that?" He asked me, surprised too as it came out of nowhere. "Nothing, it's nothing, just get back to dealing with this. And hurry, my lungs can't handle much more of it. "I tried hiding it away but thought about it behind his back. Did he bring me here to use me as a scapegoat to get past those things? He used Paul before for an occasion like this one. Slowly backing down so he wouldn't notice, I knew that I was able to outrun him, I remembered how slow he was back in the station. With a helpful distraction, I knew I could make it back, but which one? Ugh, I looked around to see other parasites that weren't so active like the ones before. This place must be crawling with them. Nothing I could use, except the light bulb above us, the last one being miles away from us. Nothing to break it with. Well, nothing but. "Genevie, I might have something in mind but It, they're too many to get rid off" He coughed it out, still without a clue what to do, or, at least, that's what he let me know. "It's okay, we could go back at any time. ""No. "There was no way for us to go back, not the way we came from anyway. So I let her know about it, or at least, I was about to. A crack, a spark and a clink. The light was out. "What the. . . ? "I let it go out of my mouth whilst unable to see anything. I took out my flashing stick and turned around to see her run. "Wait, Genevie. "Another cough left my mouth, followed by some blood, almost flooding my mouth on its way out. Some of the drops reached the stick and left a red tint on the light. I had to get out and find another way to go on, perhaps even catch up to her. The hunt was on and I started following in her path, knowing that she wouldn't take the various passages and risk suffocating inside here. Hopefully, she didn't act rashly, too many people died for the lack of a better judgement. Speaking of which. "You shouldn't have ran away, I'm not your enemy. "Genevie laid there, crying on the floor with a parasite right over her shin, judging by its size it was big, even for its species. "Get it of me, I don't want to. . ""Stop sobbing, it's not even alive. "I said it before brushing it off her leg. The air that came from outside wasn't cleaner but it wasn't toxic either, not for my lungs anyway. "We both need each other in order to

get out of this. Can we trust each other from now on? Please?" With a hand, she started wiping her tears but not before kicking the remains of that parasite away from his body. With the other hand, she accepted my trust and helped herself up. "Wait. "She said, as I almost made my way out of the mine, stopping at her call. "But where are we going now?" "Don't worry about it, there are other ways to go, hopefully, we will find one that isn't as inhabited as this one. "She nodded and came. Before that, I got closer and shut down the lever with all of the lights that were in the mine. She didn't question my decision and, somehow I knew that she saw some of the skeletons that were dug, not so deep inside where we were. Genevieve saw her fair share, more than she let me know, perhaps my decision to not share everything with her wasn't unfounded. "Is that?" "Unfortunately for us, it might take a while for it to take its last breath. ""You said it won't live too far off but from the sounds I'm hearing it's clearly suffering" If she only knew how much farther from the truth she was. "There, it seems like we have another way in. ""We can't go and leave it like that""We did it before and we're going to do it again Genevieve, now. The path towards our freedom lays forth that way, but if I were you I'd follow. After all, my absence might bring darkness with it and you don't want to be alone when that happens. "A threat in disguise and I knew that she didn't know better. Time after time I showed her what would happen if she didn't listen, perhaps, this time, she finally understood. "How can I know that you didn't pick yet another tunnel that would lead towards a dead end just to silence me?" She asked whilst flabbergasted, a strange look on her face too, quite bizarre even for her at this point judging by the moods she went through. "You can't be certain about it and I presume you didn't even need a response for that. ""No, I did not. I quite changed my mind about you, a blank new start if you will. "She was unpredictable at this point, I didn't face her but kept in mind the fact that she was plotting something again. Her intentions unsure, her true meaning hidden and I didn't think it would evolve into a problem. "No light system here?" She asked after not finding anything to switch over. "I can't see one either. It would seem like we would only come to rely on this little fellow for now. ""What was that?" "I said that our only light source is this little device I'm holding. "And it did manage to make a part of the path we were on readable. A lot tighter than the last mine but no signs of any toxic gas or parasites. "That's what I thought I've heard too. . ""Careful there. . "I said whilst holding one of the planks above us. "You should move under my arm before it's too late. I'm not sure how much longer I can keep this up. ""What happened?" Behind me, she was clueless that I was standing between our way further into the tunnel and a cave in. "The moment I let go of this, it will fall. Come, this might be our last way in" He almost left a grunt before yielding the sentence, leaving enough space for me to pass to the other side. "Wait, but what if it's a dead end?" "We can't spend more time going to wild chases, we have to risk it and fast!" "You need to rethink it, I don't know if. . . "Interrupted by another grunt of his, the pain he left was made even more obvious. What laid above, now his shoulder, must be incredibly heavy to be able to push itself down onto him like that. "You said we could trust each other. . . Well, now it's your chance. "This might not be the best call made but it won't be the last one either, I was sure of that. Dashing right under my arm, she went beyond me. Finally, I released it, just in time to get out of the way and see how the way we went through got stuck by rocks and the broken plank that once held its foundation. The flash stick laid next to me on the ground, producing just the right amount of light to be reflected by the rocks back to me. "Can we go now? I'm really getting tired of all of this. ""Sure, just give me an ounce. "Strange, I've never seen rocks like the ones before me, such a distinct surface, such a reflexion. "You know, I might not be able to wait for you, we didn't come here to look at shiny rocks. ""Just a

minute, I only need to take one. "A small one should make a fine sample, too much would be a waste, not that I could take any other from the well-cemented stack. My bag still onto me, almost empty too, it was the perfect place for it to be placed in. "You don't mind this do you?" "Playing with your rocks I presume?" Whilst nodding her head, the valiant breath she exhaled was visible in the light I pointed towards her as I got ready to resume our journey.

"Do you think there will be other cave-ins?" She asked whilst sliding her way through the passage that got even tighter than before. At this point, we weren't in a crafted mine but a naturally formed cave. But why would someone stop here with the mine? "I doubt there will be any more of them, there ain't enough space. "With my flash stick in my mouth, I lead the way, in front of her and in full force I kept moving. It wouldn't be too far in that we'd get to barely be able to crawl between. "It's getting hard to breathe again. Phaer, I don't like where this is going" "Buckle up, we're almost there, any minute now. ""You've been saying that for minutes, yet so far, nothing but your rear and darkness ahead. ""There!" I told her after seeing the same system of rails that I saw before. I knew we would end up getting here one way or another. "I don't know what you're talking about. ""Just be careful and stay close. That's all you need to know" But again, one of the long rails, structured and supported on timber pylons, leading to a crack in the cave. With no purpose whatsoever, it was built by someone with the intent to get here and at the same time, it wasn't. I was the first one to get out of the crack, the light left behind me, just as I closed my flash stick. The way was illuminated by a dim light. "Stay close, like I said before. . . "She followed, shaking on her feet. "Such a long way down there. . . At least, the light is nice. "Illuminated by glowing teal rocks, somehow it didn't warm me with the long drop that would certainly get to ruin us, perhaps even deeper than the fall from where we started. So many rails, and even with the constant drops the metal didn't get any rust on it. I was a bit afraid of the height we were on but at least I was sure that if we were to fall, we'd land onto one of the many other railroads that were stacked under us. Speaking of which. "Why are there so many of them in here?" "They must've done a lot of digging. ""Not really what I had in mind. "This place must've taken a lot to be constructed. "Such a waste isn't it?" I told Phaer whilst looking around at the gorgeous formations of rock, after all, there weren't enough opportunities for me to check such wonders out. "Indeed, it is, but that's life Genevie, we move on once they're no longer useful to us. Everything will be abandoned at one point, it's inevitable. ""Then, how come you haven't moved on from that light tube that you've held before? It looks quite old to me, by your standards anyway. ""It reminds me of my brother. "He tucked it deeper and made sure it laid safer in his pocket, right as he said that. "I'm sorry to hear that. "The echoes, despite being slightly audible at first, kicked it later, as we ventured deeper, closer to another tunnel in the vast system. "What was that?" Knowing it but doing otherwise, I looked down and saw something huge, dashing through one of the rails.

Like nothing I've seen before and so fast that I was surprised that I noticed it soon after. "Phaer, what was that? Please tell me I wasn't the only one who saw it. ""You weren't. I don't know but. . . "There's no way that anything would survive in a place like this after so many years, not without sustenance anyway. Both of us started moving faster but there was still a long way to go until we arrive at the next part. And the holes where the tunnels lead were quite enormous. "There it is. "Again it went, on the rails. I wasn't sure how much she was able to see but I thought I saw its metallic armour and an almost cylindrical form. "Wait. "I said and stopped with her. This wasn't the time to rush, especially since we didn't know what laid ahead of us. "I don't know why but it might come directly in front of us. We need to track its movement and see what we can do after. ""Are you sure it's a good idea to stop in

the middle of the road?" "If new options come, you'll be the first I'll let know. Until then, let me come with a plan of action. "How could he be so chatty, now at all times but not when we met. He has the strangest moments to decide to interact with me. "You know, it's quiet around here when nothing's moving" "There it is again. Let's follow it" He said with a glimpse and a spark in his eyes. "Let's what now?" She asked in return, just as the giant flew through the trails, sparking all around with static electricity. As he bent over, ready to fall over another set of rails that wasn't too high from us. "Come on, it will be exciting. " "Okay, now I'm sure you've lost it old man. Not that before it wasn't so obvious but you know. . "And, after holding two bars in my hands, ready to flow through the air, I landed on the next track successfully. "You're next, from what I've seen it shouldn't come from here anymore. " "Are you sure about it?" "I wouldn't stay where you're at now if I were you Genevie. "Before having to decide that, I chose to look forward at the end of the tunnel. Going alone didn't end up well the last time and perhaps we had more chances if we worked together, at least, that's what I thought. "Fine, but If I'm breaking something again, it's on you. "She joined me soon after and we were still scouting the place. "Again, it went there" I pointed at it, another side track that leads further down into the catacombs. "I didn't sign up for spelunking, have I? " "No, you didn't but, this is far more intriguing than that. "Whilst saying that she noticed it too, again with a dash, its third time going through the same track, breaking and chunking some wood in its lead. "I think I know where this is going" "Come on Genevie, I think it's trying to lead us somewhere, why else would it wait for us like that? Can't you see that's going in circles?" "Must've been ten or more dashes and I still couldn't see anything but the dust left behind. "I'm not sure you're interpreting it correctly. " "Just keep at it" With each jump, a surge of adrenaline followed. I was so scared each time, just as my boots made contact with the iron, that one of those times I would end up slipping. "Not many of them are left and we'll be there" "Are you sure about it? It could still be trying to trap us. Plus, you're letting your excitement get the best of you. " "I'm not doing any of such thing. But it's been too long since I've been on an adventure. So forgive me if I'm not giving these old bones a rest. "Another track soon fell under our bottoms, right next to the charges of the metallic fiend guiding us through the maze we were in. I doubt that any of the other tunnels actually lead to somewhere, they'd serve as mere pathways for it to guide us through. "Is that the last one?" "Just three others ahead but we could see far below, one last track that laid there, above the spiked bottom. "No sign of it anymore, so that must be it. "We jumped from railroad to railroad, no complaint and with enough care that we wouldn't fall as of yet. We were standing on the road before the last one, just moments before we would get to the path leading it forward into the formation we were in. Before doing so we didn't move and watched as beyond us, in the hole that was made inside the great mountain, a set of features could be seen covered in the darkness. It was waiting for us to move forward but no closer than a few miles. Something was blowing steam from there, getting visibly hotter with each second we waited. "Let's not push our luck, okay Genevie?" "I'm not doing anything, it's not like I'm the one who wants to go there and have dinner with it. " "Shall we continue then? I doubt this will be the last time we'll meet anyway. " "Aren't you going to say ladies first? After all, it's our last jump" She asked with a grin on her face, quite macabre with the gigantic cylinder that could run us over if we didn't hurry. "Let's just go at the same time. "I said whilst making my way down there with her. "That should be the path, there doesn't seem to be another way on the other side. "I told her as we both got there. We kept moving towards it, looking at how much we missed. The metal rails became crystal like as we went on and no reflection on them. "Listen Phaer?" She asked me

as we advanced, not slipping even once, despite how the rails now looked like. "Spit it out. "Close to me and no more shaking, we entered the tunnel towards where we got lead to. "Am I the only one who noticed how well those rails were placed, almost as if someone wanted us to jump from one another?And not only that but. . . "She was reluctant but I knew what she was trying to say. "Yes, these rails would actually be placed directly under the ones from the surface world. ""So I'm really not the only one who noticed that. Well, more or less of what you said"With my created light I shine through the hole and saw a gate standing there. And in front of it. "Stop"A rough voice came to be and the need for my light was no longer feasible. Another source laminated it all, a lamp of some sort revealed the vast room before us, still blocked by the gate that was guarded by the shielded guard. Such a costume he held, almost like a thick armor around it. And I could only find out that he was human after he spoke, everything that I judged before that made me think it was some kind of underground shelled fish. Those holes in the costume and the small mountains behind his back must be for air. "I said stop!"He spoke again after she only moved her hands. Both of us were slightly intimidated that we didn't say anything at first. It wasn't as much of his voice but of his enormous spear with dulled spiked teeth attached to it. They must've been melted into the spear since they seemed to be made out of a metal, nothing that I've ever seen anywhere in my journeys. "What do you seek strangers?""I think it's talking to you"She whispered in my ear, luckily for her that she was behind me and he didn't notice her, nor did he hear that well. I didn't want to venture into something I didn't know and at the moment, whatever that thing was, it was fixed onto him. He won't mind, I was sure of it, that only a single push would help him. "Go get him"I whispered again to him before pushing him forth. Being pushed made the guard switch to its vigilance, raising its spear at any sign of thread, which I made obvious with the unwanted stance I was pushed into. "Wait. I mean no harm. "He noted my words but didn't back down. "Strange, your mouth says a thing but your body betrays that. "How could I explain to him that I felt nervous from being pushed into this awkward situation?"Look, I'm only trying to advance. I'm just an old man. With his daughter, trying to get to safety"So this was his plan?I had to act up too so he wouldn't appear even more suspicious. "Yes, please sir. I and my dear, old, poor old father are seeking refuge. You surely can't deny our request can you?"There was no way for us to read his face expression from that thick mask so we had to wait for its response. At this point, Genevie was closer than ever to me, assimilating my plot and hoping too that we'd get our chance to get over it. "I will let you pass. "Simple words that made her smile and gave me hope that we wouldn't be forced to go back, not that we'd have a chance even if we chose to do it. "But there's a toll that must be paid in order for you to get through the city""City?""City?!"We both said surprised, surely I wasn't the only one who didn't know about the existence of a city. "I want to see the city!"Genevie told the guard with no ponder. Though, the sight of such a place would intrigue me in any case. "Hold on Genevie, we still don't know what's the toll we have to pay for him to let us in. And keep in mind that our choices are limited. ""Don't worry, I'm sure that it can't be that big, can it? "The guard simmered down , hiding his spear inside his cloak, quite spacious as it disappeared inside. "Well it's quite simple now, the fee I inquire from you isn't something you can directly give. ""What does that even mean?"She asked, brushing me aside and getting closer to the unarmed guard. "It's an old tradition that must be kept before you enter our town you see. A verdict must be passed down onto the two of you. Both of your souls will stay here at the gates while your bodies gain access to the side soon to lay before you if you make that choice. ""We can't give you our souls, that's not how it works. "He

didn't have the power to do that, I was sure. More important is what did Phaer think about it, though I was sure that he also shared the same thought as I did. "So you'll let us pass after you do your thing?" Quite confident the old one, not like the other visitors that passed the great hall. "Very well. If you decided to pay the fee, you do better remember later. If you even decide to come back to take it back, it will wait for you here among the others. But not many decide to come back once they get past the gate. "And the other souls buried for generations laid guarded by me and my ancestors, as their guardianship doesn't end, not even after death. "Sounds fine to me, we're already late as it is. ""Wait a minute Phaer" Grabbed aside, she didn't agree with what I said, meaning that she held her belief quite staggeringly high. "What are you thinking? We can't just give our souls and. . . He said that people who go through there never come back, which means that they don't even get their souls back. ""Listen Genevie, there's no such thing as souls. It's just some spewed nonsense to cover up the hard truth. ""Oh like you would know. "Quite stubborn in the way she said it too. "As I was saying. Even if there is such a thing as a soul, I doubt this man can take it. I mean, just look at him, he's wearing some sort of tribal armor. We'll be fine. ""But what if we aren't? What's the alternative to not going through with it?" I turned around and watched through the silent cove that we left behind, before turning back to her. "I think you know the answer to that question. "Obliged to do such a heinous act, I surrendered and. "I accept. "She said it loud and decisive despite thinking about it contrary. "Quite anxious are we?" "Yes, we are Phaer, now could you let us go through?" The guard approached us and made a motion with his hands, something as if he grabbed the air in front of us. One second in and it was already over. "Done, the fee has been paid. ""Wait? "Genevie asked confused. "Was that all? I mean no fancy moves, no incantations of some sort, not even a praise to your underground fallen lord or something?" "Genevie, I wasn't aware you dealt so much into the occult that you've become an expert on it. ""Ehm" He cleared his throat, most likely from all the dust acquired in the confined suit. "It's done now, your entry has been paid for. And remember, you may come back at any time to claim your souls if you decide to do so. The gates are now open for you. "A small ray of light, brighter than the one we had in the room came through the slightly opened door. It screamed for us to come in. "I didn't feel anything, have you?" "No, I didn't. Though, I really hope he won't charge our souls for rent whilst we're gone. ""Really not feeling up to it now. "He said whilst trying to hide the smirk under his thick beard. "Don't worry, I saw that. "The gate was soon opened entirely and the light was almost blinding. Nothing could be seen so far but we were pushed to the other side. And as the brightness finally toned down. "Am I dreaming?" She asked exactly what I was thinking after coming into contact with it. Such structure and architecture I have not seen before. And people lived in it. "Is that a house made out of a damn locomotive?" A steam one too, covered in bricks to make out for the missing parts. Everything around the town looked like that, houses bricked out, held together with rails and wood, pillars from above. Another one had a furnace connected to it, enough to warm it up, looking quite familiar too. The one Genevie was particularly looking at had a giant clock that wound up on it. "It doesn't work anymore, does it?" She asked right before looking at the people who lived inside the town. "They look just like us, but how can it be?" "I'm not sure either, judging from their looks and the vestments they're wearing, scrapped out from what they could most likely find from above, they've must have gotten a few generations in here. ""But how did they survive?" Curious too on that. "Look, a farm right there. It would seem that our questions could be answered just by looking at them from above. "And quite high we were, a few blocks away from them, unnoticed so far. "Umm Phaer?" "Wait a minute

now, I'm still trying to see how much did they scavenge from our resources""Phaer, I think that kid noticed us.

""What are you talking about?"I looked all around, trying to find out the point of interest but didn't manage to find anyone directly looking for us. She grabbed my head and turned it around and there I saw her. "Oh not, they've noticed me, lower me down, now!"I yelled at both of them and got dropped down the house.

"Augh""Bah""Gahhh"We all fell down on the floor, getting hurt even more. "Next time, I'm the one standing on top.

""So what did you see Lore?""Well. . "I fiddle my fingers in emotion. "You guys won't believe this""Is it about the Harstmen?Because I've already told you they're not real. ""They are real, I've seen them walk around that town"Such a liar. Not even once. "No, you didn't. "Said Sher while fiddling her hair. "Yes, I did it. Well, perhaps I shouldn't tell you any more. "Little Tom remained silent the whole time we were talking, I wonder if at least he believed me. "No, you did not see them. If you don't stop lying I'll. I'll tell our mother what you said. ""No, don't do it. "Whilst holding our smaller brother by the hand and with her blue teddy bear in the other, she started walking downstairs. "Wait, Sher please don't do it. Just hold on a minute"Right behind her, I couldn't reach her. If she got to mom, who knows what could happen, I didn't want to get grounded again. "Okay, this is your last warning"She had the distance but not yet, I managed to grab hold of some placed after I ripped them out of a vase. And she came back to her senses when she saw me with it in my hand. "Lore, what are you planning to do with that in your hand?""Guess what""Listen, Lore, as your bigger sister, I'm in charge to take care of. Well, both of you as a matter of fact. So, as your bigger sister, I'm telling you to put that dirty plant down. ""Or else what?""Or else, I will have some more things to tell mother about. ""No one likes a tattletale. "She places her hands on her forehead and rubbed it. "Are you fine?Did something happen to your head?""No, nevermind it, it's nothing. "She said as she started making her way down the stairs. I quickly followed her right before I released the flowers on the ground since they were no longer of good use. "Sher, come on. Are you still going to tell mommy about it?""No, I'm not, it's her day off after all. I don't like disturbing it on days like these. "As she reached the first floor, they both stopped to wait for me. "Well, do you still want to know what I saw out there?""Spit it out, I think junior is hungry. ""I saw new people coming to join us. ""Aham. "Quite the nuisance she was, my little sister, but she always had the most sincere faces in some situations. "Well, that's nice. Having a nice imagination just like your sister had at your age, right?""What?"I scaffolded, almost managing to pinch an ear in the process. "I meant that you remind me of myself when I was at your age. ""Oh. Wait, did you also see new people and harstmen when you were at my age?"She asked with a smile on her face that was trifled only by the highlight in her eyes. "No, I wasn't. . "The doorknob flinched, someone at the door. "Who is it?"I asked from afar, questioning who was there at this hour. No answer. "I asked, who is it"Again, not answer, right as it flinched again. "I don't like this. "Lore said whilst grabbing me from behind, holding my hand and the teddy bear. Neither was Tom too happy as he shook and tried covering his eyes with my thick dress. "Where is mother when you need her?"I asked myself, in the right, the living room, where she would usually sleep on the soft spot, she wasn't there. She must've left momentarily, leaving me alone to take care of my siblings whilst gone. Not a good decision. Knock knock from behind the door, no windows to see the floor. "Are you. Are you going to answer?"She asked from behind me, blowing cold air directly on my skin. "Mom, is that you?"I asked again but no answer. "Lore, take Tom and get him to your room and don't open the door until I tell you, okay?""I don't want to do that. I'm afraid. "She said, gripping tighter to my dress. Tom started crying too. "Hush there Tom, it's going to be okay. "I

said while shards of cold air kept coming from under the door. She came closer to him and handed over the bear before going closer to their rooms. "Are you sure about this Sher?" Lore asked with a tear in her eye, the worst sign you could get, but my family's safety came first before all. "I'll be fine, I'll join both of you after, okay? Just keep our little brother safe. ""Okay. Big sister. "I waited for them to be long gone, away from my sight, directly above me before turning back to the possible threat. Nothing like this happened before. The knob quickly twitched, even worse than before, someone was trying to desperately get in and I didn't know who. "I've got no quarrel with you, please just leave us alone. "The door started being slammed and pushed inside. I had no idea what I could do, never been thought what to do. Approaching it helped me hear better. No longer was it bashed and something clicked inside the keyhole. "It should be open right. . . "What was that? A voice from behind came and said that. "Now" The door opened and almost set me aside when two people came inside. I was speechless as they closed the door and blocked it. Both strangely dressed and didn't even notice that this was no house of their belonging. Too afraid to speak, I tried backing away hoping that they wouldn't notice or hurt me. "Oh hello there little girl" The strange woman approached me, smiling despite breaking inside the house. "Don't be scared, we're not here to harm you. "I stopped, trying to find the courage to talk to her. Even the way she spoke was in a funny way, it extended so much from what she held. "Hi. . . "With crumbs in my throat I spoke at loud, trying to not give it away what I feared. Bent over to reach my height, she stared at me, face to face. I could feel her air holders releasing all that air on me, that's how close she stood. "I told you there's nothing to be afraid of. "She continued with a smirk on her face. "Drop the act, she's dead scared of you. "The older man spoke too, with a rawboned voice, cracking right before ending what he was trying to muffle. Huh. I didn't notice it but both of them sure didn't speak too loud. "What makes you think that? This little cupcake with her hand sewed dress looks too cute to be scared. "I was too distracted by what she said that I didn't get to see her lay a hand on my shoulder, uncomfortably so. Her nails were coloured too, with a bright red, not at all like any of the ones I've seen before. Everything about her was different from the other people from around. Who was she? My fear became curiosity as she didn't appear to want to hurt me. "Who. Ehm. Who are you?" I finally managed to ask her. "Well, my name is Genevie Levy the third. Though I'd say I'm one of a kind if you ask me. And who might you be young lady?" A blush quickly filled me and I looked away before introducing myself. "My name is. "Before I could finish, something could be heard from outside. "That can wait, we need to hide Genevie. "The man approached me and fend her off for a second before getting closer to me. "Listen, girl, if people come here to ask anything, you're going to tell them you haven't seen anyone, okay?" "I. . . umm" "I've already blocked the front door so I'm sure that they won't just barge in uncalled. After they settle down, we'll leave and it will feel like nothing even happened. ""But why are you here?" I asked them surprised as I was so highly approached by them. "Well, we're kind of outsiders, and not in a good way. I still can't adjust to the fact that our souls got taken. ""Genevie, focus. Girl, we only need a few moments to stay until they settle down, we'll leave soon after. ""And don't worry about him, I'll keep an eye on him so he doesn't break anything. Though he proved himself to be quite good at it. "The fuming and the craving could be heard much more from outside. The townsfolk were approaching. "I think you could stay. Just don't touch anything and. Don't tell my mother. Actually don't meet my mother. Wait. ""We won't tell a soul. Mostly because ours got take and probably others got taken too but that's questionable from what Phaer told me. " "Wait, where are you going?" He fled

past me, heading towards the spot where my sister was.

"We're heading up missy, up to the roof, from where I saw you the first time. "

Genevie explained it to me as she made her way up too, which meant she confused me with my sister. "Hold on a second, I didn't say you could freely roam around the house!"

I tried stopping them but they were too fast. Another knock came from the door and at the same time, I could hear my sister from upstairs. Both were alone with them unattended by me, but I could hear a crowd of people ready to run through the door and the house. "What next?" I thought. Why weren't our parents here to deal with this? I heard so many shouts coming from outside that I wanted to stop them from opening the door. Closed beyond the lock. What now? The cold wind wasn't there anymore, the handle almost burned my hand as I held it in my hand. I backed away and started blowing on it but it left some scars on it. Is that. Is that? Is that smoke? Coming from below, it made me cough, right as the bright yellow curtains from around the door changed their colour to a brighter one. Flames burst right after, replacing them to amber, starting to spread. I couldn't focus on what was outside as the smoke was intoxicating, blurring my vision and banging through my ears. Sweat started running through my body and the only thing I could think about was. "Thomas, Lore" They were in danger too, I climbed my way to them, unable to walk on the stairs. Mother was nowhere to be seen, nowhere to help us. "Sher" She yelled at the top of the stairs whilst holding a wet cloth on little Tom's mouth. "Good Thinking. " I muttered, sweating and barely breathing through the clouded air between us. She left him and got close to hold me up. "What are you doing? Don't leave him alone" He was unwatched and ready to fall at any moment, what was she thinking? "He's fine, see?" She muttered too, I could see that it was affecting her even more than it did on me. How much could her lungs take? "Tom, I can't believe you're fine. " As we reached I said it, before hugging him and holding the cloth even closer to his nose. "Keep it this way, or you'll fall asleep. " The fire reached the bottom of the stairs, a bright red and yellow ate through our house, making faces and threatening to eat us with it. "I'm afraid Sher, what do we do?" "I. . " "There was no way out of there, everything was locked except the exit through the roof. "Come on, we can get up through the roof. "The smoke almost got through every crack inside the house and it wouldn't be too much until the foundation got set on fire too. I could barely move, holding both my sister and my brother by hand. No, I might've "broken my leg on the way here. ""Wait, can we fix it?" "Not here, later. "It got heavier for me to walk and see, burning through my chest and feet. The hand I held Lore with brought so much pain for me to handle. "Sher, I can't breath. ""Hold on, we're almost there" I said while going through the passageway, closer to it too. The cloth under his mouth was raggy by now, the water was no longer in it. And those two strangers that entered our house were nowhere to be seen. "Tede" Tom spoke, dropping both the rag and the teddy bear he held in his hand before we got closer to the roof. "We can't get it now, we're almost out. "Neither could I do it, the flames almost reached us, smiles and dimes came out of them, wanting us to join them even more. Coughing its disgusting smoke under us. After they were in, I closed the door and threw mother's mannequin in front of it. She was here after all. "Mommy. "Lore yelled but I stopped her from trying to grab it. "We can't take her with us, we have to get out before it's too late. Bam and pokes from below, cracks and thunders as the flames and the fumes got closer to where we were. I tried explaining to her that after we were done, I would come back and grab mother. She believed me. "Now, hold Tom and don't let go whilst I open the door above us. "The box under it was heavy, I was afraid that it would fall and the whole area under with it.

"What?" I stuttered at the sight. Just as I got up, I punched and punched, trying to get it open. "Sher, what's happening?" With a sad voice, she said, watching with Tom at my feeble attempts to open it. But it was stuck, we were stuck here. "This cannot be. It worked before, hasn't it?" "Sher, the funny lady and the musky man went through" "What?" I asked, enraged at what she said. My fists were almost red, extending the pain to the scar I had. "Why didn't you stop them?" Almost yelling at her, just as the smoke started coming through the planks we stood on. "Sher, you're scaring me" "Don't you understand what's going on? If we can't go through, we're going to die. "The closed space didn't leave me enough room to breathe so I started spitting air out of my mouth. She started crying, making him follow her intent. "Your tears won't put off the fire, you little. . . "My tongue was frozen, something behind the door kept trying to eat through it. "Not now" I got back at trying to bash my way in. "Genevie, come on, we need to jump now. ""Hold on a second, is the house on fire?" We still waited atop of it, just for the right moment that we wouldn't get seen and followed again. "Yes, the smoke just reached us, why?" He wanted to go but I heard something that helped me remember something that happened a while ago. It hit me then. "Wait, Phaer, the children. ""What? "He placed a rock atop of the way we came through, blocking the only exit they would've had. "What's wrong with you?" I confronted him again, this time, there was no way for him to avoid it. "We should go now before they turn back. ""No, not until I help those children get out. "The rock was heavy but I managed to push it away from the slab. "Fine, I guess this is where our paths split Genevie. ""You'll come to regret this Phaer" But he already jumped and made his way atop of the houses aligned to one another, not even hearing what I've said. Not even thinking another second about their and my safety. I opened the slab, pulling it out in its entirety. The first thing I noticed is that she was bleeding out of her hands and crying on them. "Give me your hand, I'll pull you up. ""No, please get my sister and brother first" She muffled as smoke came through the hole. Moments passed as she made a sign for them to come and she handed me over her smaller brother, lighter on the waist. After getting him and placing him on my side, she pushed her sister too, screaming as her wounds caught up with her. Both of them near me, crying and waiting for their sister to come. The fire was not only advancing but soon to burn whatever was left of the house we stood on. "It's your turn" I told her as she looked at me from below, shaking with her arms. "I can't, it hurts too much" "So what?" I asked with utmost sincerity on my face. "If you don't give me your hands, you're going to burn alive. Not to mention that we might too if we wait too long" The fire got closer, it wouldn't be too far until it would get to run through her feet. "Don't let go. "She said whilst handing them to me. A shout of pain came right after I lifted her up, bleeding even more out of her broken knuckles. I almost threw her in the air, enough to stop holding her where the pain came through and to reach and grab a hold of her waist. "That's that, it's okay now. "With her in my arms and her smaller brothers holding onto me, we were set to go. "Wait, what about our mother?" Alarmed by what she said, I left their bigger sister down and looked at the holed from where they came from. I held myself back as a giant gust of smoke and fire came out of it. "I'm sorry but there's nothing we can do anymore. ""That wasn't our Mother" "Don't talk, you must've inhaled a lot of smoke on your way here. "With her on my shoulder, I grabbed her brother and told her younger sister to come. "We have to jump" She said without looking back but I was. The flames reached the roof, laughing at us as if we were nothing but their meal, toying with us before dinner. My brothers are safe for now and the sweet lady was carrying me. The long needed rest came. "At my mark, jump" The next house had a balcony, away from the flame's reach but beyond a mere jump. Some sheets were

laid there and from the looks of it, not too long ago. Someone was waiting for us there. I threw the bigger sister first to get rid of the extra luggage, hitting the sheets as it was intended. "Me next" She said excitedly to join her sister, thinking of it as a game. First, I made sure that her brother didn't just wander off whilst I grabbed her, then I threw her on her sister. Safe to say that, it didn't hurt her that much. "Get away from here, we're next on the line. "And it got thinner as the flames expanded on a slab by slab. "But Sher just fell asleep. ""Move her away, we're coming" With the magic words spoken she muttered and moved her away, making just enough space for both of us to land there, on time before the flames engulfed the entire house. I landed with him in my arms, holding him from harm's way as he fell asleep in my lap. Reunited with her siblings, both of the sisters smiled, one tired and the other one almost busted. The door was open and I was afraid that staying out too much would hurt them more than physically. "Umm, does any of you know why lives here?" I asked them but they didn't look too stiff about that, the ones that were awake anyway. We entered it in a line, the duty old house looking uninhabited by anyone, yet I knew that someone was here and made a place for our escape route. The little sister held her older one by the arm, as I was unable to since I was taking care of the little guy. "So. Sorry about the house I guess?" Despite being tired, the older one could and wanted to speak to me, showing so much interest in it. "Don't worry, that happens often""Wait, does it happen often to get your house set on fire with you in it?" Both of the giggled at my question but I was being serious about it, the place made me feel alienated, so much different than what I was used to before. "No, of course, it doesn't. You're really not from around here, are you?" "Told you I saw new people coming through""Hush now Lore, don't talk as if she isn't here. Speaking off" She detached herself off her sister and stopped in front of me. "Now that we're no longer in danger of being eaten by the flames, why was the roof top locked and how come you were there when it suddenly got opened?" Quick of her feet and angrily looking at me she said it. "Don't look at me like that, I didn't even know why he did it. But, I came back for you, for all of you so don't put the blame on me. ""Sister?" The little one said but I didn't do much to pay attention to her as long as I had it busy. "Then where is he now? My sister is still too young to know, not to mention my brother. We almost died and now. Now we don't have a house. So sorry if I'm placing the blame on the two people responsible for what happened before. "The confusion and pain went away, leaving nothing but a clear thought. "I'm sorry I caused this, I'll somehow make it up to you but that old man that was with me, Phaer. We went on separate ways because I chose to go back and save you. ""And what a great job you did, perhaps you could have saved all of us by not coming in our house in the first place. ""Sister" She said again, pulling me by what was left of my black rags. "Not now Lore. ""We didn't have much of a choice with you people coming and trying to hunt us. ""Yeah, I can see why's that. ""Sher!" Again she spoke, this time, she became too much of a distraction to simply ignore. "What Lore? What is it? Can't you see that I'm busy?" "Am I interrupting?" A grim voice came from a dark spot where a set of eyes sprouted. The figure didn't reveal itself but it surely managed to get our captivation. The girls were silent now and the little boy pulled harder on my chest, having a nightmare. Before saying something, I managed to see the little girl whisper in the other one's ear. "No. I suppose you're the one who placed those bed sheets on the balcony, am I correct?" "So you noticed. "An irregular smile forced the perfect pair for those odd off-centered eyes. "Yes, I did. What of it?" They noticed too, scared of it, backing off behind me, one touching my legs and the other supporting herself on the other. "Are you going to reveal yourself or will you keep creeping like that in the dark?" The frame where he stood was covered in musk and judging

from where his eyes were, quite the tall person he was. "You wouldn't like that. "His teeth were playing like a morgue whilst talking , playing in order and sounding different with each word. "And. . Why might that be?"Curious about it, I completely forgot where I was and what I was doing in here. My pair of pants were almost down from how much they were being dragged by her. "Shh now. "I could understand why she was scared, and why did the other one pass down but if we were in danger, I had to know. "Are you going to hurt us?"Came out of my mouth before we started the game of waiting. A brim light came from behind for enough time while the fire was burning.

No longer did that happen as the fire was put down by now, leaving only the artificial light they've stolen from above. Silence stood between us and the sleeping wonders next to me. I did not know if it was still a day or the night came but my stomach started grumbling. "Damn that woman"I wish I left her there rather than have her slow me down, it's her fault they found us. Another leap leads me on another metal top where I stop. "What now?"I asked myself quite loudly, seeing how a pale and tall man with three fingers on each hand stopped me. His appearance was peculiar and managed to make me question what was he doing here with me. "Your arrival waited"He said with a grim voice with his throat carrying something to his upper part of his head. "Is that so?Who are you and how much do you know?"My hand was on my back, ready for any sudden move made by the man. So much more different than the people who lived in the town below. "We were instructed to find and escort you professor. ""Wait.

"Surprised I lowered my hand and dismissed any harmful situation that might have arisen in any other circumstance. "So you aren't alone?Quite a strange stance you're imposing onto me, though. How am I supposed to trust you?"That

horrid smile and wooden teeth made me look away for a second before he was gone. "Wait, where are you?"He couldn't have disappeared that fast, no way, even with his size I doubt he could find any place to hide in less than a second. Though, if they found me once, they might find me again, probably just as fast as he disappeared. Just in case, something else happened, my weapon was steadily hidden under my belt if it came to it anyway. For now, this small delay cost me dearly as I still face hunger and thirst from the exhausting journey I was forced on. "Well, I'm afraid you might now like the answer. "His hands extended beyond the shade he was in, revealing his long and flat fingers, almost puppet-like. So long and rough looking, with a broken hand keeping them together, making his smile even duller. The girl passed down too and It would seem like I was about to have a bad time defending all of them from whatever he was. The hand he pushed into the light seemed like there was no end to it. His eyes got bigger and the hand stopped, no longer watching me or my general direction. "Oh. I see"He said with a change of tone that

could be read from both his voice and actions. "What now?"I asked him, hoping that he'd explain his reason but the hand was already pulled back. "Our meeting is over. For now. "His teeth disappeared and the small globes that were in the places of his eyes followed. Behind me, there was no one either, but I knew something caused him to back away. "I guess I should be glad that we're at least safe"Though we were in someone else's relatively clean house. A bed wasn't far from me, with some level of effort, I managed to place all three of them on it, just the right size too. If I chose to be fair about it, I was tired myself, especially after that run and messy confrontation from before. A little nap near them won't do me any harm, and I could just as easily get up before them in order to make my escape. No one would notice. One bed sheet was left, different from the others and something told me that they weren't brought from here to the spot where we landed. With the cover on, all that was left, for me to tell them. "Good night"Quite a long day, though this place, aided by those children's presence, it made me feel like home. Despite being so far from

it. A safe spot appeared, just in my reach, I managed to get down unnoticed. No sign of the strange creature I've encountered before, that, judging from the way it appeared and moved. With the system of buildings they've made, it relieved the stress of having to worry about being caught. Such a narrow road behind all of them with no other way in. If it wasn't because of the mistake I made, I wouldn't have gotten here. Perhaps I wouldn't have been able to walk freely and unnoticed either. Practically covered by the height itself, I doubt that Genevie would be able to walk in my footsteps and get to me. Not that she was any of my concerns anymore. Speaking of the devil. "Took you long enough" At the end of one route and where another sprouted, I saw one of them standing right over it. With his friend of course, not so far from him, accommodating his deeply creeping smile and sharp teeth. One of them at least. "So you're both here to escort me?" As I got closer, I got to see them better, at least the height of the figure but never their bodies. They kept themselves hidden and revealed only what was needed. So did their slick tongue walk around, trying to hinge when I wasn't paying attention, whispering to one another what they were planning to do next. I could see that I was just one mere interest in their vast web of plans, ignoring me at first, bicker at their others. "When you're done, could we please go on? It's been a long trip and there have been too many delays. ""Very well, just follow us. ""Follow the lights inside our eyes"" And try keeping up"" And if you fail, try some more" Hard for me to make the difference, of course, they were twins, that much was obvious. Now, what was left for me to find out is how did they manage to get to the state they're currently in, without trying to anger them. Their speed and large stature made me feel quite restless. They didn't run but instead I could see their feet slightly lifting themselves up from the ground, hovering dismay. "Do follow us now. ""And don't worry"" For us only smile to strangers"" And bark at nay. ""Cut it off with the nonsense, I didn't come here to deal with childish riddles. "Not that the blankness of the hidden roads we were going and the sudden turns gave me any form of entertainment. "Then why did you come here?" The first one asked, or perhaps the second. "Why did you leave from above, above?" "It's none of your business" I said whilst trying to follow the trail of light that was left out of their eyes. Like owls their head were turned, always looking at me, or could it be that they were flying on their backs? "And how come you've received the ability to fly?" "The one wonders. ""He'll find soon enough. ""Who even are you two?" As the words slipped out of my mouth, they slow, looking at me from below. "We are called by many"" Names and lots of headings"" But one remains the most"" Harstmen of the coast"" And why might that be that way?" I asked curiously, waiting for a gracious answer but they didn't. Just kept the smiles in complete silence. But it wasn't long as we reached something it would seem. And four fingerless arms stopped me from my tracks telling me to wait. But "Wait for what?" And they respond. "Beyond us is what you must take"" Beyond that, we can't shake. ""Shake what? Actually, what are you two even talking about?" "Shake of good as it's done. ""You wouldn't want our good host to die, right?" They got more confusing at this point, refusing to give me any sort of explanation, only more confusion. I took their hands away from my shoulders and chest and threw them away. Something that they didn't like. "We warned you we warned"" Now and beyond, alone you are"" The escort is done" And in a blink they left and stopped blocking the path in front of me. Such peculiar creatures, they got turned into. Sickening what they've hidden from me for so long, out of place even for this place. Someone might've constructed it since there was no way for it to fall deeper into the under cove, or did it? A sewer pipe, bigger than us, hid inside the bowels of the town we were in. And somehow it was never found, from what I was aware of, or there might've been signs. Yet none was, no steps, no dirt, clean and

proud that even those brothers chose to fly above it. Which lead me back to having to go inside the sewers. The smell intoxicating, hopefully, the natural fumes that almost infected my every surrounding killed any trace of the rat species, if not evolved it into something else. Quite the funny thought I said as I entered inside. My flash stick wasn't needed as the huge pipe was actually lighted by glowing rocks. I've seen them before but I didn't know they were so strong, managing to penetrate the thickly layered metal over the course of what I could only assume to be years. Some time passed between them, I could see it clearly with the rust and the places where any trace of water might've vanished. Even the smell died after a while, serving only at the entrance as a distraction. Someone took notes on the walls but I couldn't decipher what it was inside. Others looked like plain gibberish but there were some of them that interested me. Yes, quite splendid they appeared and as I took a copy of the lexicon out, I started to write them down on another page, thinking that they could come in handy. "Like the people of the town" "We walked at night and in total silence as they slept. "The girl saw us but it doesn't matter. ""So did the woman, do not forget. "My brother was right but we've done our jobs, the strings were loosened and we could resume our duty. "And play later perhaps. ""Unfinished business brother?""So it would seem. "Such thin bodies we had, hiding behind poles and other objects, pretending to be only in the mind of the many. Inhibitors of the town did not know of us, just like him. "Should we mess with him, brother?""A poor excuse to walk out this late""But is it really?""We'll find out. "And the poor poor man walked around for no reason, his golden beads and hair of many colours. His walk of sunder and strange cahoots. We were almost begged to torture the poor soul. He chose a strange path near broken windows, abandoned and burnt homes. Such an occurrence these days. "Is he?""The one and only. "An accomplice to the fire, he burnt and pillaged our dearest only. A killer of children and sinner of many. Crimes unpunished soon to be redeemed. My brother vanished, he went beyond, trying to make him run. His eyes were blue and I could see them clear and they ran straight at me. He fell to the ground as he saw he had no way out. The clothes now dirty of mud and other trash. "Well well, how clumsy of you" "My brother said with a grin. "Do you need some help""Maybe a hand?""Or perhaps two?" "The man was scared, running dry, looking at us like ghosts gone by. "Ah, don't hurt me" "The little man said. But not him neither his legs did understand. We both grabbed a side and tossed him aside. Breaking a few bones as time went by. "Don't do this. I'm sorry" "He pleads and bargains for his life, with no one around to hear his cry. "Oh you little man""So petty, petty. ""Trading your life. . ""What's it, brother?" "The horn sounded three times as the time for the day aray. "It would seem like his life is not ours to take" "He still looked scared, despite our change. "Shall we return then?""Later when his bones will run dry. "We didn't get to play enough so we left, marking our next target. "That much is safe""Assured. Of that, I concur. "That my next meeting with her, the horn will not die alone. The sound was deafening, a word I haven't thought about in a long time, yet it managed to wake me in time. "I don't suppose you toddlers are awake, right? "Sleeping like logs before the fire. "Inappropriate but hopefully, they haven't heard me. Strangely, when I got to the balcony I haven't seen any sun rising. Oh, right. Trapped in here and a fugitive too with no way out nor a place to stay. Relax Genevie, it could've been much worse. By now the ashes settled down, merely floating in the air, closer and closer to me. Was I a bad person for enjoying it? "The distraction at least. All of them so far, kept distracting me away from thinking about. Paul. Perhaps it would've been much more different if he were still with us. Or even without me. "Looking for something?""Agh" "He jumped at the roof, grabbing it with his hands, a hole in his nose and his face all blue. "You again?" "I asked but he seemed surprised,

even more than me after seeing his strange appearance. The mask he was wearing didn't make a ring but the height and hands matched. "I saw you before but you did not. Or not? May I see your behind?" "I'm not sure what you're asking me to do here. " "It's simple he said" And I heard that a lot before, making me think of the contrary at once. "I've only seen your back. Perhaps if you could be so kind and turn around, I could get to have a better idea of you. "Was he hitting on me or being serious? Either way, I couldn't trust him, not after threatening me the last time. "No,

I'm fine this way. " "Just in time. Perhaps you'd really be inclined to turn around. Right about now. "His voice changed as he started getting closer to me, getting further only with the help of me backing away from him. "Don't be scared now, your meeting with fate just came by. " "And there will be no escape this time" Another voice came from somewhere in the dark but I couldn't take my eyes from him. "Oh no. "One of the girls woke up too, stopping both, perhaps even the three of us closely to the middle of the room. My stomach was hurting really bad and I knew this wouldn't end up well. I knew that something could come in handy and I had to act fast. He was distracted and the other one unseen, I reached behind my back and grabbed the trumpet. "Silent little lamb, your time shall come after. Now, where were we?" Before he fully turned, I slammed it in his hand, fracturing it and breaking both my instrument and his in a moment. "You wretch!" He yelled surprised of my action and slammed me to the ground with one of his long hands, wrapped around my body. My arm made contact with the rugged side of the bed and my neck almost got broken from the suddenness of the whole act. Before he managed to fully do it, he also took a gold of my trumpet. "Agh" "You. . . You will pay for this I promised" He broke and threw it as far as possible from him.

"Brother , the horn" The voice from beyond said whilst hearing the hum from outside. The day might be coming closer and I wasn't feeling better from it with all the blood coming through my head. "She damaged me, brother. She must pay dearly for the transgression. "The horn sounded again and I had nothing in sight to defend myself with. Nor could I move from the spot I was on. "The horn again, we can't hurt her now. You know the rules brother, we both paid dearly for it. " "I don't care about them anymore, she must pay. " "Brother stop!" Coming from the darkest corner, with his long legs, he looked like him but acted differently. He managed to stop him in time from grabbing me and injuring me some more. Entangled with one another, they both wrestled, with hands as if they were meant to be connected, pushing themselves beyond limits. Their legs firmly stuck inside the carpet, moving only when needed. "You can't stop me now. "I knew that he was real but my brother and sister were still sleeping. It wasn't a dream as I believed, no. There was a simple way to beat one if it was true, I took the vase and held it through their match. They scared me before but no anymore, I threw the vase and broke it into one of them when the moment was right. "Aha, I got you!" The little girl said as she broke the vase. The shards flew everywhere in the air, leaving no reaction of him being affected by it. But then it hit it. I don't know what or why but the one that defended me started violently twitching its body and shaking uncontrollably despite showing no pain before. One of his legs almost fell on the floor, being limped and unmoved, just like this following hand. "Brother no!" The other one yelled whilst holding him in his arms. Whatever she did managed to do an incredible amount of harm to him, enough to make him drag and retreat with his brother. I heard no other words but. His sobs as he made his way out of the house with him. My back was hurt and my hand wasn't getting better, what he did to me would require help beyond anything else.

"Bastard!" I said but he was long gone, leaving me helpless for the rest of the night. I felt like thanking her but I didn't, my strength had to be conserved in case I'd have to attempt to escape. "Are you okay miss?" She asked, right

next to me too, looking through my wound. "I'm. Fine. Just go back to bed, okay?" "But you're really hurt. And there's tomato juice coming out of your arm. Mom always used to say that when it happens, you need help. "Her naivety made me chuckle and I was certainly not in any position to decline her help. "Wake up you lazy bastards!" The town crier yelled, shaking his bells like no one else would at this hour. Right as I thought I could get some last moments of sleep, he slammed it on my vault door, ringing through the house. "Shut up already!" I yelled after opening my window and threw my shoe at him too, managing to cramp his walk. "Did I hear that right? Is it just me now? But, are you looking for trouble Alfons? You know I can bring your house to the ground if I wanted to, right? After all, the mayor fancy's me. "He was such an insect, abusing the power he had from kissing the mayor's behind. One of these days, I was going to make him pay for everything he said. "No, I didn't say anything, it must've been the wind I presume. Keep doing your job and send my regards to the mayor" "That's what I thought I heard before but I wasn't sure of it. But good lap dog you are. "Degrading man and a damnable "Bloke" too, but he didn't hear that from me. People like him pissed me off, doing nothing and getting more rewarded than us working folk around here in the mines. My hands were still black from the black rocks they've made us dig into last night. "Revolutionary discovery my arse" And no one heard me since I've been living alone. I got done and placed the kettle on the fire, making the coffee that I so longly awaited. Surprised that they machine worked, luckily for me, I managed to find one working and get it here without telling anyone about it. The good old days where you could get off with claiming what you found and taking them away are long gone now. I swear, if they came into my house and forced me to register my every fairly taken object, I would plainly stick it in them. "Someone's at the door? "I thought, but it was too early unless that bloke actually reported me to the mayor's guards. "Well you won't take me without a close encounter, I tell ya. "I took a pint and got ready to smash it into the first person who got into my house to arrest me. Those insistent fools trying to chuck the door at me. "Please open up Alfie" That voice? Could it be? "Wait a second" I said before placing the pint down and opening the door. "What's going on in here? Who is she?" "Please Alfie, we need your help" I got closer and helped her walk inside. When they entered, as usual, they closed the door and locked it good. The tall one had her hands wrapped and the woman they brought with them had her arm bandaged with the bloody sheets. "Just. Agh. " "Sorry. "I said as I accidentally touched a bad spot. "Just place me there" On the chair, where I left her to rest undistressed. "Your arm. What happened?" "A small accident, don't worry" But it didn't look just like an accident, more like an infection by now. I wasn't one to judge but she was way too pale to be found around here. The kids were distracted and she was in need of help. "Wait here a second. Just don't move a muscle. " "Are you serious?" "Yes, I am. Hey, Sh. Actually, Lore, do you mind stopping the coffee from being burnt? Thanks. "She nodded and went there, hopefully with the lesson learnt and not try drinking out of it whilst being hot again. I think I had, there. Near the stairs, my helping box with all the tools needed to be laid. Yet another prime example of a good job from me not going to register it. I brought it immediately to her and opened it forth. "Is that what I think it is?" "I don't know if you've ever seen a helping box but sure. " "That's not a. Well, close enough" At the sight of freshly not used bandaged, my face brightened, my arm feeling bad brought me such indescribable discomfort. "We might have to remove what you've got on you. "He said, with the kids now behind him, looking above as a point to admire. "Wait, what did say?" "I said that. . " "No, I heard that part, I was just shocked. What do you mean by removing all?" "Well, we need to wrap a bigger amount to cover your wound after

we're spilling the blue liquid on you. "They all looked at me like a patient yet none of them had any clue on what a doctor was. I still needed to avoid a future infection and get some rest but the problem still was that. "I'm not wearing anything under this dress, well, except my underwear. ""I don't see how that's a problem, we still need to prevent you from getting more hurt than you look. ""No, you don't seem to understand, unless. Unless you have no class at all. "My voice started deteriorating as I said it, which wasn't a good sign. The pain that I felt somehow circulated through my body towards my leg, the same spot where I was previously hurt. Somehow they were connected and. "I don't have another choice do I?Wait. "I thought of an immediate solution. "Let them do it, the two of them. I'm sure they'll be able to handle it. They did it before. ""Well, I won't protest but hurry, my morning coup is getting cold. "He took Tom and went upstairs, leaving me alone with them. "Are you sure you want to do this?I mean, Alfie has some experience in it. ""Yes, I don't want him to handle me again. "Hopefully he didn't hear that, I didn't want to get kicked out from being a guest in his house. "Fine, let's start I guess. "She said, whilst getting the box closer with her smaller assistant. I managed to undo my tightings by myself with a luck of such woe. And with only one hand too, revealing the inflated purple area that formed around the bloody wound. I didn't know then but I wasn't bleeding from the impact with the wound but his touch managed to enter and penetrate my skin through the fabric without even harming it in any way. "Agh. Please try being more gentle. "I told her, as all of the sudden she poured more medicinal alcohol in my wound. So much without measure, dripping onto my body too. The small dress I was wearing, stuck inside my belt and pants got all soaked. "Could you both turn around please?""But how are we supposed to patch you up if we can't see where we're touching? ""You don't, I can handle myself very well, thanks for asking. I only needed you to pour that alcohol onto me, the rest I can handle on my own. "With their backs turned, I lifted and set my dress aside before I started bandaging my arm with my only good hand. Not too long passed and it was all ready. And never in my life did I feel so awkward being naked near two girls and a man who stood upstairs. "Are you done down there?"I asked her whilst doing my best to stop little Tom from playing with dangerous objects throw around the house. "No, don't come yet"Her yell could be heard throughout the house, hopefully, she didn't end up attracting the people from there. Strangely it didn't happen very often for me to encounter such a situation like this one, being visited by someone like her. And a thought crossed my mind, surely she wouldn't mind if she didn't know I tried peeping on her, would she?But what would she do to me if I'd get caught?Such a tantrum could demolish my house and I worked quite a lot on finding it and customizing it to my likings. Just one little peak, though, it wouldn't kill anyone, would it?Right near the stairs, I bent down a little to look through the bars. Seeing how the kids were both turned around the couch, it figures that she's most likely naked behind them. And the right angle too, they wouldn't even catch me if I was fast enough. A glimpse would be enough I'm sure, just a little lower. Close enough that I managed to see her leg stretching far away from the chair she was in but I stopped. Little Tom held my shirt and pulled me back. I almost jumped with ice in my belly, being afraid that I was actually caught in my action, soon to vanish after realising who it was. "All patched now, you can both turn around now. "All dressed and fully covered, despite speaking so quietly, my voice was caught by them too. "We're coming down in a moment now"With a suspicious voice, he said that before coming to join us. At least I managed to relieve some of the pain from my body until it fully healed. "Thanks for your help, though. I couldn't have done it if you weren't so kind to bring the first aid kit with you. ""Don't worry about it. We lower folk around here help each

other as much as possible. "She must be from the upper class, most likely a noble, hidden away from the light and us. That would explain why she had such a silken light skin. "So, now that we take care of you. ""Fairly pointed Lore, I'm glad that I know you for once. "Said the dirty man to the younger girl. Yet I didn't know as of yet how truly dirty he was. "And to add to that, you're one of the reason for our house burning down? ""Yeah, that's a good point too. Wait. What did you just say, Sher?""Oh, nothing , but they burned down our house and my hands got kind of burned too. "He went all the way to untie her hands whilst hearing the painful sounds she made in the process. "Ah, that's okay. It's almost healed now. ""No, we need to apply some liquid there too before properly covering it up. Hey. What was your name again?""My name is Genevie. "I told him right before getting up and trying to give a hand. No more numbness but I couldn't move it as freely as I wanted. Despite being restrained, I wanted to help them, somehow feeling responsible for what happened. "Here, let me put some in there, a little should suffice. Better stay on that wooden stool before we're done. ""Fine" She said but I felt like it wasn't. The awkwardness of the situation and her not having a house anymore to take care of her two siblings put me in a devilish spot. "So. You burnt down their house huh?"He asked like a brute without even thinking that it might've not been my fault. But it. . . Really was my fault. Wasn't it?"No, I mean yes. It's complicated. ""Well, everything is complicated around here. But to be fair, I did expect them to burn it down by themselves at one point. Never figured it would happen so soon. ""Ouch. "She left out a screech from the pain, before going on. "Hey, we were just fine before they came along. And for your information, it only happened once and we managed to prevent a fire. ""Don't look at me, I believe you. Though I'm not the one who started it. ""And neither was I. "I hoped he'd trust me on this one as once again I was getting away from his desire to help. "Then who was it?""I don't know. The only sound I heard was the one made by a crowd. Augh"Another screech, followed by a tear, a soft spot was hit whilst I held her down for the other set of bandaged to be rolled down. "Hey, can I drink the brown fee?""No, don't touch it yet, I'll give you some after I'm done. Maybe. ""Ehm""Sorry, bandages. ""Yeah. "I was quiet, trying to come up with a good explanation, but the one on how I got here wasn't so. Believable. Not that they cared about how I got here to ruin their lives, nor how none of this was even planned. "It must've been the chancellor!Ever since he's got elected by the mayor, he's been using him like a puppet. Because of him we have to suffer from poverty and bad working conditions. ""Aflie, calm down, you're scaring Tom. "He was done with mending her and lowered himself to assure Tom too. "Don't worry, I won't let them hurt you anymore. And they'll pay for what they did""Wait, Alfie. It's not their fault, it's. All mine. If I didn't decide to run away with. Well a certain someone, none of this would've happened. ""No, it's not. Stop deceiving yourself like that. It's not a closed case that happened recently. Sit down and let me tell you what you high folk don't get to hear about what's really happening. "I wasn't sure what he meant by that but getting more information about my surrounding could end up being helpful. Especially whilst having to deal with dangerous people. "We're treated like lower humans whilst you all live up above everyone on your towers and fancy homes made of precious substantial material. It wasn't enough for them to separate from us but they had to really rub it in our nose by creating those metal legs to hold them atop of us. ""Wait, how did they manage to build them like that?I didn't even manage to see it at first, nor did I realise what it was. ""I don't know what you're referring to, but it's still not fair. Atop of that, they own those royal thugs armored, raising those little obnoxious pets for their armour. With that much supply of it, we're defenseless against their enforcers. And they still manage to gain

the support of some folk around here since they're afraid of revolting against them" What have I gotten myself into? He wasn't making any of that up, I could tell from his face, neither were those kinds shocked by any of what he said. "Momy used to tell us about them too. Before she stopped talking about it. ""Lore, not now, I've told you before that she abandoned us. ""No, she didn't. She's still home waiting for us to take her back, you left her there. ""Lore, that's not our mother, stop talking about her as if she was there for us! "I had to step in but he did it before I. "Okay, that's enough, my old man used to say that there's pointless kicking a legless horse. "She did like she always did, running away with Tom upstairs, him being too young to take any side. "Try being more understandable with her, she's too young to understand. ""Why would I, when she can't even take the truth. How do you think she'll react when she find out that the mannequin we used to have in the house burnt down?""Sher, that's enough. They're the only members of your family that you've got. It's been hard around here, you've seen, no, you've felt it yourself. It's only going to get worse now. ""I wish I could, but I can't, I just can't. And then she came along too and ruined our home. Not to mention my hands. "I looked away after hearing what she held for so long. She had every opportunity and every moment we spent together whilst I knew she had something to say to me. I only needed the confirmation now and no sorry would bring her house back, nor would it heal her wounds. "Sher. . ""But. . "And we both stopped, me and Alfie right as she continued. "If it wasn't for her, we wouldn't have been alive. So thanks, for that at least. "She held no resent towards me and I couldn't blame her for being mad. "Yeah, well. You could stay with me for as long as you want since you've got no place to go. That includes you as well, no attachments too. "Wait, was he talking about me?" Oh, I'm really flattered but I don't know if I can stay. I'd bring more harm than good. So often that I'm starting to feel like I'm a bad luck charm. ""Nonsense, I'm sure that. Wait, where did my coffee go? I should've known that they both had a reason to leave. "We both found it funny and chuckled at it. The girl had quite a cute one too. He chased them upstairs to get his spoils, leaving us both alone to reflect on it. I wasn't entirely sure if all three of them planned to leave the two of us alone but truth be told. I wasn't sure what else to expect from them. "Look, Sher is it, right?""Yes, that's the one. "She didn't look at her hands anymore and looked back at me. "I promise I'll make you to the three of you. ""Don't please. Listen, I may have been hard of you but it's not entirely your fault. Alfie didn't manage to tell you but he was going to. This isn't the first time they threatened to burn down our house unless we're paying the fee. ""What fee? And who would be so crucially insane to burn down a house with three children in it?""I don't know if I'd say insane but close enough. Though, they don't care about us or what we are. For them, we're just extra luggage that ain't paying up what we don't own. ""Which is?""Well, I don't know where you've been hiding in the last years but the main currency changed a lot. "Up from her dress, carefully so she wouldn't touch anything with her hurt hands, she took out some glowing rocks. "The same one I've seen before on the railroad. ""Oh, so you've seen it before. Perhaps you've been living under the right rock after all. But, they're demanding a lot of them and on a small pause too. ""And if you don't manage to pay it up?""Well, you saw what they did to our house. And from the looks of it, you've evaded quite a lot too. ""Refined currency with symbols engraved on them, I can't say they're much more different than the coins and bills we're using outside. ""Outside of the lower levels I presume" I smiled and got closer to her, with no one around. "Outside the underground, close to the sun. "She tried oscillating between a happy and a confused face, unable to respond. "There you are, what did we miss?" And just in time, they came back, all of them with no one left behind. "Right on the clock I see""Yeah, it

seems like these little culprits are done after they've drunk all my coffee. And with such a soft light today, it would seem like it's going to be a good one. "They looked and acted like a normal family, it reminded me of. "What's this?" I asked but it was so gentle that no one heard me. This must've been on me since the last night, I'm surprised that I even got to see it land on me. Almost invisible, a string was attached to the bandaged spot. They were all too busy talking to see it, so I just placed it inside my pocket. What was the purpose of it?" Genevie, are you going to join us for the morning routine?" "Yeah, in a moment. "This reminded me of my ongoing problem, I was still separated from Phaer and I was also starting to suspect that it wasn't his real name either. Wherever he is, I hope he's crawling on his way there. The place was getting tighter too and it would seem like I would have to take my chances with the underground fungus that I collected from before. The light was dim and I was still going through the metal vent, or whatever was left of it. Someone was here before, I thought as I saw the rocks that once penetrated the following section I was in front of. Broken like a tunnel and cracked in the spots, someone came with a pickaxe and broke through the lots. I wasn't aware of how much time it passed, my hand clock stopped a long ago. The air remained the same but as I progressed, an eerie feeling came through as I thought about what laid at the end of the place I was heading into. Voices ran through my surroundings and I couldn't tell if they were outside or circulated with the wind. So much did I walk and for what? The end was near and I could barely see anything as the circled in from of me was lighted. A small puddle stood under me but it wasn't water, it was oil. I had to rub my finger on it and taste it just so I could confirm it and so did I. And in a pure state too. Unfortunately for me, I didn't have anyone to do it for me anymore, which brought me some discomfort. I had to keep going straight, hopefully, not being followed, this was the end of my destination. I place my hands on its edges and got closer to see. A big valley underground, it must've been formed through years, even more than that. Was I in the right place? Water ran through and on my right I could see a giant cascade with clear water running down but not for long. I managed to get in the right time to see all of it turn into oil, in the biggest concentration I've set my eyes onto. How? I asked myself as, even below it turned into it, a phenomenon that didn't last enough before reversing itself into water. The stream kept going, leading to a giant vortex that looked like it laid at a dead end to the valley. "This is insane" I yelled only to hear my echo repeat what I said, from far away. Disturbing whatever lived in here, the set of eyes blinked at me from atop of the ceiling and the holes that ran through the entire system. Strange how it remained so clean, usually all types of junk would fall from above. I've seen it happen everywhere except here. That warning I've seen before when I first entered here must've been a warning about this place, as I wouldn't be able to survive a jump from such height. Neither would I be able to hold my breath long enough to avoid drowning. Perhaps. . . Perhaps I was brought here for another reason, this can't be the right place to go. I took out a map and finally understood why. "And what I need to do. "In my pocket too, safely stored. And the phenomenon I witnessed before turned out to be regularly enough for me to try something irrational. I rubbed my chin and analyzed the pipe I was in and saw that it had a cover, just in my reach, reinforced too. This event was set before I came here. . . And I was about to become its trigger. Blood rushed through my head the more I thought about the gravity of the situation I was in. I didn't change my mind about it as something compelled me to go through anything, abandon anyone, care about no one in order to reach my goal. And this will await me if I fail. The last person who got here laid next to me, I was so blinded by what I saw that I didn't initially see it. He was all bones now, literally and he never got the chance to go back either.

Was this going to happen to me as well? No. His clothes aren't burned and show no sign of it, he didn't look like he had anything to do with this either. His bones were so small and fragile, it could've been a kid too. Damn place is getting to affect me more than it should. He's unimportant, they all are. The only important object I need to focus now is this. "And don't worry about it Genevie. Whilst dressed in these clothes and with your face murky, no one should recognise you. ""Are you sure about it Alphonse? I'm not sure what can I do if I get chased again, now that I'm alone. ""But you're not alone Gen. "Sher said, followed by her litter sister Lore. "Yeah, you've got us to take care of you. "I'm sure that little Tom would've joined them too if he was able to speak. "Well, I can't spend all my life inside this house, can I? And in the bad case, someone comes to you asking if you've seen me. "In a chorus, they responded. "We haven't seen you at all. Nor do we know what they're talking about. ""Do you really have to go now? What if you don't come back?" The little one asked, rubbing her face against my leg. "Don't worry, I won't be long gone, I just want to explore the town more. You know, to make myself more familiar with the place. "Not that I've had my fair share of it whilst running away for my life, though I haven't been able to see much of it. Neither did I realise until it was pointed out to me how above we laid another level where the high class lived. How bad could they possibly be, avoiding us at any point, not even daring to look down on us? We were ants as they acted like kings and queens. I've barely been here for a short duration and I feel nothing but spite towards them. How were they able to live like that or be born in such a place? "Don't go that fast Genevie. ""Wait?" Alphonse just joined me on the empty streets, still early for him to come alone and. "Leaving all those children alone in your house. Unattended? ""Don't worry, I'm sure they can handle themselves. ""Sure they can. If you want a new house that is. ""Oh, that's precious. You barely met them and it seems to me like you've known each other for years. "He was such a. "Bah. ""You know, they really look up to you, even if you came out of nowhere. ""I doubt it, especially if you're talking about Sher. She's standing between hating and wanting to ignore me. ""Wait a second. "We noticed a small vehicle going our way so we backed away to make room for it to pass. Not as fast or as. Lookalike as our normal ride up above. Packed with boxes and carrying stones, as it passed us with its tied driver I noticed that. "Is that a ride made out of parts?" Half of it looked normal but the other was welded together with parts from what remained from a clock tower. "Where did they even get that?" I kept asking a question that would most likely get no answer. "He was lucky enough to get some good parts, can't say the same for everyone here. ""You mean it's getting worse than this?" Come to think of, the houses that didn't fall on their entirety or got welded together must've been constructed from scratch from even more spare parts. Remnants of stations, cars, trains and even logs that probably found their way underground were less than few of the houses that were made and still on the progress. "Expanding much? ""Yes, we're still trying to build more for those who're still bringing more children in this world. And there're the one or two fools from time to time that. Well, they're thinking that, if they can build their house tall enough, they could reach and become members of the higher class. ""Hah, that, I'd like to see. "And even the people we passed by, coming out of their homes, clean and quite normal, nothing like the ones that followed us last night. "Listen, Al. Do you mind if I ask you a strange question?" The sides and the windmill we passed were still going, though they didn't know how to use it. A couple of wrenches on our side, dressed as if they were going to a masquerade ball. So stylish for the lower classes. Truth be told, I could get used to the life here, perhaps I could even fit with them. "So, are you going to ask now? Well, take your time, I know that this place can be overwhelming at times. Especially

when you encounter those who have the special parts. If you catch my drift. ""I. Sure, whatever you say, buddy. "Who could resist such a beautiful place?It had such a nice feel to it and. "Oh, I want to see that. "A street vendor, selling his wares and miscellaneous objects. "What have we here, if it isn't Alphonse and. Coming with fresh meat too. ""Oh, am I fresh meat?Well, I guess I'm a lot fresher than you. "Stale old geezer with his furs and coats, hiding even more under his hide. Why was I always brought to old people alike?"Calm down before you start a fight. You know what happened last time. ""Sorry"I told Alphie without realising how much my tongue ran. "Yeah, you'd better listen to your hook there before you get bitten by the wrong fellows here. It tends to get quite dangerous here, especially in the evenings. "He pointed with his hand to the sky whilst telling me that. But I was confused by it.

"How can you know , there's no sun to indicate if it's day or not. "I asked him but he didn't seem to keen on explaining it to me. "Oh, Alphie dear, where have you found her?""Well, you could say she barged into my house. ""Happens quite often in these parts. ""Hah, it sure does. ""Look, dear girl, I've pointed you to it and I'll do it again. You see that orb of light above us?"A metal ball above us, glowing as bright as the sun. As much as I wanted to be interested in such a device they managed to create, it reminded me of something else. "I understand. ""What's with the sudden change of tune?Oh, come on, cheer up. We're just having a laugh here. "He noticed it, they both did. Regardless of what I thought before about the people born here, they weren't as slow as previously thought. "Here, perhaps this could cheer you up for once. "He took his hand out of his pocket and pulled out something shiny. "A clock?"And an old one still opened with a clap but the problem was another. "I've got nothing to offer and I'm not really in the mood. ""It's okay"He said. "I only need a smile. "And that I was able to offer. Forced and not my best, I did what I could and offered him the rest. "It's. Just take the clock and get out of here. ""Really?"I asked, with a second one no doubt. "Just go, you're scaring my clients. "Alphonse was quite and there was no one else in sight. "Is this town stranded?""No, it's just that. Well fresh meat, most people are working by now in the mines. And the ones that aren't, or taken an unneeded break. ""Hey don't look at me. "Was Al a miner?That would explain the dirt and those worked hands. "They're in front of you. ""But, the only ones are the. . "Kids, strange couple and the ones in the ride I saw before. "Indeed, they are. ""Fine, let's go, it's getting stale around here. ""Wait. "Before we went away and almost forgot, he gave us the clock and let us go. "Thank you. "To the kind man, wearing his glasses with no lens on. "Hey, check it out. "I tried getting his attention but he acted like he's seen clocks like these before. Roses on its back and glass on the front, a model with pipes covering its behinds. "Genevie, take a look on your right, please. "Why would I?I smiled for nothing, haven't I?"A smile pile of clocks lay near a well, the tinkerer who made them wouldn't be so happy. "Give me a moment then. ""Wait Genevie don't. "I tried to reach and stop her but I couldn't. She went there, near the downslide and started showing as many clocks as she could in her pockets. "You know, you're lucky that there's no one around to see you do that. ""You'd do the same Alph if you were in my place. "Such an embarrassing moment for both of us, we weren't even that far from Ottis and he noticed her too searching in the trash. Sniffing and laughing under his fake moustache and his dense beard. "Why didn't I go to work this day?""What was that?""Nothing"I told her after seeing her heading towards me, with more clocks than I could count, hanging in her many pockets. I had a huge blame for deciding to give her those cover ups. "The ticking will get annoying, really fast. That I can promise. ""Are you kidding?This is the best part of it, you don't know what's good. ""Are you sure you're not from this class like the rest of us?You seem to fit quite well. ""What can I say?I fit

quite well in everything. "Her smile leads into an awkward break, with us looking into different directions. I shouldn't have said that to him and perhaps he was right, the ticking of the clocks didn't help me get rid of this awkwardness. There, a distraction. "Is that woman wearing a masquerade mask too?" I whispered in his ear trying to be inconspicuous but she noticed the woman with many clocks in her belly. "What's that?" "You know, that little white mask she's wearing, it has feathers and everything. "And not a moment passed without having her give us an inconspicuous look as she went over. "Hmm" She gaffed and didn't bother, I was being lead towards thinking that everyone is acting rudely towards me for some reason. "Ignore her, she's mostly unhappy with everything around here" "Wait, do you know her?" I asked as he just sparkled my interest. "I actually do if you're so kindly asking. I could even say that for a period of time we. . . " "What? You what?" He didn't specify but I understood what he tried saying. "Could we change the subject?" "Fine, then. How come there are so many people dressed like that girl or that couple we've seen before?" "Easy one, a giant room full of wears like those ones sunk in here, they must've collected them from there. " "Finders keepers, right?" "I guess you could say that. " "Alph, by the way, where are we heading now? We've been walking for a while and I'm still not sure where you're leading me towards. " "You wanted to explore the town, I'm not leading you towards anything. " "Oh, right. Sorry about that. Well, then, I want to go there!" I almost shouted in his ears, sensible by now from all the ticking from my clocks. Someone's house most likely, I'm sure we could use some of the local hospitality, which could prove my opinion about them wrong. "I don't think you want that. " "Don't tell me what I or don't want, just come. " I told him as I came closer and knocked on the door. He looked unsure too as if he knew who was behind it, even better for me. "Knock knock" I said it too whilst knocking again. Someone came, marching to the door, his heavy boots could be heard from behind. "What's the morning run?" He asked and I didn't know. "I. . . " "Not as of yet. " Alph said whilst shoving me out of the way. "Genevie, I need you to stay close to me and not say a word unless you're asked, okay?" "Fine, I presume. " We waited in front of the ivory bricked house. This was so suspicious and no word was spoken so far between us. He looked everywhere for any others that might see us and they all left to their business. I managed to see other people come and pass with their crannies and ledges with no one to sass. "Come in. Oh, a new member I see. I'm sure to let know about the deal you've made Elphie. " "Right, don't mention it to others too, except you know who. " "Fine" And the fancy man welcomes us, dressed in a suit with no stains, a mask of thorns on his face before he let us pass. The house's a mess and it's dark too but Alphonse assured me. "It's a cover, just stay close too. " The man behind locked the door and introduced himself. "Right on time miss. My name is Demis. Who do I owe the pleasure?" He asked and I followed my cue, telling him my name and what do I do. Leading us towards the room, still dark and dusty too. Too many of them were so unattended, I was starting to think that the lower class was in highly need of some cleaning assistance. "Where are we going?" I whispered in his ear, the only thing I could do now. "You wanted to explore, now you'll get to see where's everyone gone. " "So. More than I asked for I guess. " The interior got stranger, wood, reinforced with columns nailed, enough to face us a blast. "And don't worry, if you noticed it too. I took care of the kids before leaving, they're safer than you. " "What does that mean?" "There's no time to explain. " The clocks stopped and I had nothing else to gain. " "Here, let me open this for you. " "A tunnel?" I didn't wait to be asked, in reverse they weren't bothered by my spiked tongue. "A set of stairs? Towards what are we going?" "Towards where, that's the right question to ask. " He welcomed us in and I started suspecting, he acted surprised but slowly leading

me towards this house. After a walk and it was quite a lot, the three of us went down, even lower than that. "How much deeper are we going?" "Genevie, I haven't told you this. But you're between the lucky few that get to experience this. " "What?" "The man that opened for us separated us instead, acting as a barrier and barely speaking too. More like a guide he was and for a good reason. "Indeed, she is and at an opportune time too. Tell me then, has she come with him, though?" "Who?" "I asked Demis but couldn't see his face, he was in front of me, scouting the way. "I saw you both get chased, the housed burnt was such a disgrace. " "Wait, you saw me and Phaer, but how, when?" "From a hidden window and when they thought you were both from the higher class. It was later revealed by my source that you weren't. By now, you've also figured that we're holding a grudge against them, not only that but, well, we're going to deal with them once and for all. " "This doesn't sound right" "I said to him but Alphonse reassured me. "You're safe with us Genevie. With all of us. "That came out his mouth as we got to the base, an even deeper level that took even more to get. "Another city? This is insane" "I told him as it was revealed, another level not as abandoned, right here. The entire town must've hidden here, which explain why the second one was mainly abandoned. "Hello and greetings to you my friends. To the newcomer too, ain't she the looker?" "What are you planning to do here Alphonse? Why is everyone in here armed. "They were an entire community of people living in that junkyard, the houses were more polished and taken care off but the people who lived were worse. Weapons but no firearms, sticks and pipes and other blunt objects, the place had a better structure and columns everywhere. "Why does it have so many of them?" "Please escort your dear friend to ours. Friendly facility. "The, what I thought, for now, to be the leader said. "Am I your prisoner then?" "You are now. "But it came from the wrong mouth, with a bitter taste too. "I'm sorry, but it's the procedure, especially if you're from above. "He took me by one hand and a woman came forth and took the other side. Train too just like most of them but I told them outright. "There's no need to grab me. I'll come on my own. "They instead kept on my sides, escorting me now, through what a normal city looked like. I knew that they weren't just scavengers, they had builders too, of bricks, stones, and wood, having pointy tall building forming homes for their needs. But what. "What are you planning to do? At least you could tell me that. "She silenced me right away, blocking him too from informing me for the day. "You're not allowed to know anything as of yet. You don't belong here so don't expect us to let yourself get involved in our lives. "She was right but that didn't justify having me as a prisoner. Though even Alphonse felt bad for betraying me, not even looking at me on our way. This place was so much more different than what I laid above, and what I thought above is if there was yet another level leading to that. Or how much did it take them to build it? Will I spend my life here? For what were they getting ready for? And none of them were going to be answered at all. "If you don't stop shaking like that, I'll be forced to constraint you on the way there. " "I'm sorry. "I told her before having my sight dropping. The road was hard paved too, how did they get the tools for that? It was pointless to ask myself as I won't have any of them answered. Passing near a workshop kind of took away some of the questions. A tinker laid there, open for business. "Hey, you. "I asked whilst getting closer. "Wait a minute Erica. "Alphonse stopped her and let me have my way, even if it didn't take long. "Are you a real tinkerer?" "I asked the man who built and played with his toys, walking and moving on their own. "I beg your pardon?" "His white moustache flew right over as one of the inventions he held in his hands popped. "I guess not. Well, did you make these little devices?" "And his workshop was full, his table sorted with too many to count, some stacked on each other and other under the table too. "I wish I had time to check

everything out but I'm not entirely available as you may think. "Behind me, they waited but made no move, at least not him, as she kept pounding her underside with her foot. Their patience was running out and so did mine, that's why I asked it so quickly before he had the chance to recover from it. "So, could you please?" I didn't end that. My eyes crossed on something he had on the table, the broken trumpet from before, ready to get repaired. "What was that?" A screw in his ear didn't let him do much and luckily for me, I didn't need his help anymore. I had all the information I needed. "I have to go. "But they didn't wait for either, coming from behind to push me to beyond. "Just move it, make everything easier on yourself. I know that we won't. "She said but I didn't pay much attention to it. I thought he bluffed before but he didn't if the trumpet made its way down here, so did the children most likely. "Thanks, Alphonse" But he was ignoring me again, seemingly as he wasn't going to give me the time of the day. "So, not so chatty anymore. It's okay, I found out everything I needed. "Or at least that's what I thought until my eyes had a glimpse on what they were preparing. The road was crinkled and going in stray paths, big enough for people to pass and go around us, yet no way for me to lose myself and make a run for it. Everyone was doing something, from carrying planks to handing others weapons to use them for the coming usurper to the above. "Here, go ahead and enter this hall. "An open gate waited but to where?" Where will it lead? I'm getting tired of being forced to go into places I don't want to be headed towards. "It's the procedure, you go on your own or. We will go on your own. ""I don't think I like the sound of the latter. "And neither did I know what she meant by that but as long as they weren't there to watch me or what I did, I was fine with it. The door was slammed behind me, echoing and bouncing the sound between the walls that trapped me. "Are you serious?" I tried yelling at them after they locked me in the empty room, no windows and no light, no doors, and no sight. My voice was the only one I could hear and the noise was deaf. With nothing to do and my legs tired, I laid and did the last thing I could do, which was waiting. For something, anything to happen. Truth be told now, I really felt like. "A prisoner. "And quite bad too as I wanted to see what they were preparing for, and the situation evolved to the point of me being forced to wait in silence. "You too?" A voice came, making the heart in my chest explode. "Who's there?" I asked with a shrill, the voice came from a corner but I couldn't see from where. My eyes rolled, my tummy ached, the clocks in my pocket would beat my wait. "I can't see you either. But my name is Gerard. "I had no choice but to entertain him, despite feeling afraid of why was he hiding in the dark. The smaller part closer to the door was slightly lit so I had no doubt that he could see me. "Genevie, that's my name. "The bad feeling in my gut told me something ain't right. I tried distracting him releasing a fake laugh, though I had a feeling he knew I wasn't going to put much of a fight. "Why are you hiding?" I asked but no answer. "You wouldn't want to see me. "His voice wasn't normal, I noticed it now, was this my torture for not joining them in their conquest upside? He could be like those other two, big and dangerous too, with no one to help so. "Why is that?" I wanted to know, despite the warning my brain told me. "They took it before I came here?" "What did they take?" Closer to the gate, now more than before, I slightly scratched it, trying to get out from what hid in the core. "They took my guts. "And a figure started approaching, holding his hands on his chest. "Wait. Don't come any closer. "I said to him, with the hands in my pockets, ready to throw everything out. "I'm not afraid of you. "I told him in order to appear as if I actually had the guts to it. "I'm so lonely. "He said but I didn't mind that, being afraid of what might come of it when he reached my part. Still not in the light I was ready to scream, if he came any closer, a bloodshed would spring. The door suddenly opened, shoving me aside, when the hand pulled me

out before I let out a sight. It closed just as fast and it crawled back in the dark, afraid of the light too and for a good reason. His guts must've been dragged on the floor behind tied to the wall behind him, though. I puked on the ground as soon as he released me, Alphonse locked the door that will haunt my dreams for who knows how long. "I'm sorry you had to see that. Whatever you saw. ""You're monsters, all of you. "Shaken, I got up and spit right through him, he was no longer a friend but. "I don't know what you've seen there but it wasn't real. "Confused, I confronted him, I wasn't sure what he thought and annoyed that he would make such a fool of myself. "Are you calling me a liar, or will you do such of thing?I know what I saw, in that second too. And who I saw, more importantly. "I looked away, still shaken, trying to forget something that tried forcing its way into my mind. "Turn around and read what it says. ""Why?"I asked before doing so, but only after he insisted again. The gate had an inscription that I didn't understand, at first at least. The words almost not entirely understandable but I did after a while, or at least after he explained. "This is the trial we all face when we come here. It's an old place, older than the one that lays above us and the latter one above that. Just like how the higher class raised themselves thinking they're superior, so did our ancestors before us. The inscription on the room is what we fear the most, what we're trying our best to forget. The truth, it's frightening and it might be different for everyone who encounters it. For most of us, it served as the reminder of what we are, how we feel and what did our ancestors did for us to get here. ""Truth?But what does it mean?"I asked whilst pondering, why did I see Paul again and why was I so afraid of it?"It's a cycle that reign for long, it must be stopped at all cost. How much do you think it will take until they'll try ascending even more?When do you think it will stop?They're not any more different than us, trust me. So, tell me now, what makes them more worthy than we are?Tell me!"He shook me again with no regards on my well being. I wasn't sure if he meant well or not, nor did I know what to make out of what I saw. "I don't know. "Sincerely told him but he didn't listen, he kept going on his dear whistling. "I think you do know, judging from what I believe you saw in there. It may be hard at first to understand the truth but don't worry now. Just now, our informers told us that everything is inset, the fuse got in contact and it's ready to go. ""What does that even mean?"I asked both him and myself, without adding much since he'd do most of the talking it would seem. But I really wanted to know, why they were getting so mobilised, everyone was packing and racking for who knows what reason. "All you need to know and you'd better do a good job remembering it. That your residency here just became permanent. "Just like that, another time the river changed, back and forth. I had no idea why did my calculations took so long to reach a verdict, not only would I need to time it tight but I also had to figure a way for it to not end my life in the process. The speed, the gas in the lighter, its volume too, with all in mind and even if the timing was right, I wasn't sure if I could go through with it. A hunch also managed to point something to me, that, if I tried, there would be consequences to my actions. But how many and how harsh?It seemed to me if the distance matched and the giant pipe I was in, the road I was taken by those two miscreeds might've been built as a drainage system to get rid of the excess water that flew here. The town could be destroyed, their lives ruined. "It's my only chance. ""And not only yours. "A voice said it wasn't just in my thoughts and recognisable indeed. "Alone I see, for what reason could I owe you the pleasure?""Don't worry, I'm not seeking to bring you any trouble. Just to assure and make sure that you're going to go through with the task given. ""But why the sad face?I presume you also know about it. "I said it to the distressed man, like a mutt he came, looking down and pitying himself for whatever reason. Unless he grew a conscious about what was about to happen.

"Or is that me?" "What was that?" He hasn't heard it and I wasn't going to explain myself either, especially since the answer he'd give me wouldn't make worth due time. "So, do you know about it or do you not?" "That it might cause a landslide or even worse right under the town we've been through? Yes, I am aware of it. "So it was true, their damnation was tied to my forgiveness, or at least to the path that leads to it. "I sacrificed a lot to get there, even more before I decided to take this path. Yet I'm having a difficult time throwing this there. Why do you think is that?" "You're having a chance of thought, it's normal but it cannot pass forever. You are going to go through with this, again, this is what I'm here for. "Is this really your reasoning in all of this? Since you're so sure on yourself that I'm going to damn those people, why did you decide to come? Why don't you throw the damn lighter and damn those people there? Tell me, why am I the one who's supposed to name myself as the executioner?" My purpose was clear and he wasn't helping at all, not myself, neither himself as he didn't seem like he was able to do anything but ponder at my founded accusations. With a hand turned behind his back and the other one on it, he decided to speak. He looked at me right, eye to eye and I understood why. "I came back from burying my brother. He was broken beyond repair and couldn't be fixed. I see you looking into my eyes and realising that I'm trying but can't feel anything about it anymore. Perhaps we weren't acting as humanly as they were but we tried doing the right thing, punishing only those who deserved it. We never overextended beyond them. If my brother was on my side right he would've stopped you if he knew that, from those hundreds of possible victims, if at least one of them was innocent. I'm not my brother but at the same time, I won't drag his name through the dirt. "I looked behind him as saw nothing, the same thing I saw when I was looking at him. He explained himself but I simply didn't understand. No, I did understand, my reason was another. "I don't believe you. You don't feel anything but you claim to have honour? Don't make me laugh with your cruel and dull reason to avoid pulling the trigger on them. You're just as afraid as I am to do it and regardless of what you're going to say or what you said. I can see it in your eyes. "And I managed to keep watch on them the entire time we spoke, they were as empty as he was. Whoever or whatever made it didn't. "What's with the sudden change I see on your face?" He asked after noticing than an idea, no, a plan just spawned out of me. "No, you're wrong, so, so, so wrong. I realised the real reason you were sent here, one that you're not even aware of as it is. "And he was perfect, the solution to my problem, in a way that I couldn't have figured out by myself. Just like a scapegoat. "To release me of all my sins, getting both of us on the road to redemption. "I never felt too spiritual but this was different, not in that way but also in one that would help me leave with my consciousness clean. "And how do you intend to do that?" He asked, louder in his voice as I approached, enough to get myself into position. Truly dull like I expected, he didn't even sense or think of me as a threat. I took his arm and felt his entire body weighing nothing but as a feather's equivalent. He gasped as I took my other hand and slammed him on the other side. My hand standing between him and the fall. "What are you doing you fool? I cannot float my way up. "He said, holding my hand, with his other one being disabled, rendering him unable from crawling back up. "You still don't understand, do you? It took me some minutes from being near you and hearing about your brother. That's how much it took me. You and your brother are nothing but tools for us to use, nothing more and nothing less. "You're wrong about us. I'm alive, despite my soul being taken, don't let go. Please, I can still be of use to you. "Not the same arrogance he showed to me before, that was most certain but he would do it right. With no mistake. "You're a puppet and so was your brother. Well, perhaps not as your brother as you're about

to become an effigy. "Even he wasn't expecting this and for a good reason, with my right hand, I grabbed my lighter and was ready to do. "This is where your usefulness ends. "Closer to his hand and ready to burn, I didn't notice that he raised his head, enough to hit the lighter of my hand. "Augh" I yelled and saw him fall, holding my lighter, stuck in his jaw. "You bastard!" He kept falling and under him the sea was swelling. Furious and brimmed with fire, I took my gun out, ready to fire. Another surprise he wasn't expecting, with so much blood boiling, I saw how much he clung so he wouldn't be destroyed. No clear shot, what could I do? "What's this?" On my left, I saw it now, in contrast with the foreign ground. The set of strings just stopped, letting the rest of his body stop in mid-air. He looked at me and I looked back, his jaw stuck and unable to draw. "I'm sorry it had to come to this, but you're no human. "And I felt no sympathy for it. With no regard and the hatch that could protect me stuck, this was my last option. Just seconds stood between us and a run that could save my life. This is what my life has amounted to. I aimed and fired, hitting it in sight, merely seeing it, for fractions of a second and its mouth burst into flames that would come to engulf his body. The strings released, the river turning black, I ran and stopped for nothing in my path. Afraid of what might come behind me, the only thought that stuck with me, with my each passing step were how it looked at me. Before he stopped trying to open his job, how he watched me and realised too. As we both realised that there was no way for him to escape. And as the deafening sounds from below started roaming and echoing throughout the confined space I was in. I never felt acceptance's cold stare. And it never came from him. "What are you going to do now?" He had a rifle pointed at me but didn't shoot. I wasn't sure if he was either reluctant or didn't know how to shoot a gun. "You don't have to do this Alphonse!" "It must be done Genevieve, she's reluctant to join our cause, not to mention that, even after we've given her the chance after admitting to all of us that she's a spy. Isn't that right?" I wasn't going to humiliate myself further, nor will I join the sewer rats with their dirty concubine. "You hearing me you dirty rat? I ain't nothing to say to both of you, no matter if you're going to put one between me and the gutter. ""You don't have to shoot her Alph, we're better than this, a lot better. "We were neck in neck, with his rifle ready to take the poor girl's life. "I can't and you know it too well, everyone's watching, giving me no choice in the matter. "And he was right, some stopped and watched, especially others with their ranks raised, but none interfered. They knew who we were and tried our loyalty, or at least his. I wasn't going to touch him, afraid that he might accidentally shoot her from how tense he was. She wasn't tied, she wasn't trying to run, standing on the same level as we were, waiting for a reprise. One. No. A change of tune. Just one. And it came with a sudden bang and a trunk followed by a wave of dust coming from above, making some of us fall and Alphonse misfire in the air, completely missing her. I've never felt such a strong force before, oscillating from above and below, barely keeping itself together. In the commotion, everything started falling, weapons, clocks, other inhabitants falling from ledges. She profited out of the situation and started running away, crawling away more like it, whilst anyone who could've or should've stopped her were barely able to hold themselves. "Stop her!" He yelled, and others too but it was pointless as none of us were able to keep our composure. "We need to find some cover" I barely coughed it out before I grabbed him and pulled him over, it wasn't safe for any of us. "Follow me, we need to lock the safe. It's our sacred priority. "Some of the people who guarded the place shouted, distressed, none of them thought that this could've happened. The way the roof was shaking, it made me scared to think what was happening to the other people out there. Whilst crawling and seeing all of them distresses, running away, crawling for their lives, trying to save their

children from the cracking concrete made me sick. "Keep going, we're not safe yet. "A scruffy old swain came closer to both of us to help us, he welcomed us and helped another refugee in his house. Just as we stepped inside and got welcomed by the others, we regained our composure and could stand on our feet. "How come. . ?"I tried asking but he quickly responded, knowing what to say. "It's specially built for this, don't worry, it should hold a fair number of people until it's safe to go. ""And what about the others?" "Well, they're. . ""No" I interrupted him, knowing that he

didn't understand. "What about the others above us?" He looked away and so did Alphonse, none of the other refugees dared look me in the eye and tell me. I looked above through the window and felt the whole strength of the impact. "What's this grim feeling inside my chest?" I asked, not knowing why it was there. "It's the weight of our sin coming down on us. ""And what's happening?" Mother and father were crying and couldn't stop holding me tightly.

"Why is the ground shaking mama? Why can't I see it, papa?" The wood was fractured and there was nothing else solid enough to hold the house together. The mosaics and the glass cups were shattering, the door clattering and in that moment, I realised there was no other way for us to escape. I looked one last time at my family, at my wife and son, wondering what have we done to deserve this. Outside, people were yelling, trying their best to find a way out of it too. "We need to escort the mayor out at all cost" The guard ignored my plea for help, treating him more highly than the rest of us. "My family needs help, please. "I tried forcing him but he threw me aside, just like the rest of them, getting ready for the escort. "We cannot help you now, the support of our town fell, we need to evacuate the mayor first. That's our priority!" Another guard backed him up as the whole platform was clattering, ready to break in half and. "Swallow us whole if you don't help. "The animals were let loose, running around, others scared in their pins, no one to nurture them nor to save. "The inquisitor died sir. We're sorry to inform you but we need to go. "The mayor had his shoulder fractured, but he was still alive. "As your appointed chief of guards, I need you to follow me right away sir. ""And abandon the people to who I swore to protect?" My office was ruined, standing at the edge of the town, from below me, I so dishearteningly understood what has occurred. Everything was ruined and burning in flames and we were about to fall there to join them in the rubble. "Sir, we need to go. "The guard yelled but I didn't care, one of the construction bars fell and separated my office in half. "It's over now. "I so grimly told him the news as I sat down in my chair, looking at the destruction. "You're. . . No longer in my service. "Afraid to do it, I said it, as my legs felt tired and so did I, looking at what we've come to. "Sir, there's still time. ""Go, now, that's an order. My. . Last one. "Loyal to an end, I couldn't ask for more from them. "I'm afraid this is where we say goodbye, my friend. "Came out of my mouth and my straight view got closer, I could practically touch it, seemingly as I was going lower. "I'm sorry sir. Troops, you heard him, spread and evacuate as many people as you can. "I took out my

helmet, being able to smell the ashes from this distance. "But I can't leave you alone. "A noble thought but misplaced, I tried helping but he was a fool, trying to jump over an unstable gap. Even as a guard he was hot headed,

I turned around to see him try but slip and fall down, holding himself, barely on the edge between us. "Nooooo!" I yelled, thinking that he already fell, yet it didn't happen yet. "Gah. "His hand was impaled by one of the metal rods that used to keep the building together. "Are you all right? What was in your mind to do such an insane action?" The place was barely keeping itself together before it started cutting itself from the other side. "This is it, sir. "He raised

his other hand despite bleeding. We both knew that I couldn't lift him up. "We both know there is no way out anymore. ""I know. Sir. "He shook my hand, despite being a lower man than him. "But sir, you're not allowed to. If

they find out. "His wrinkled face was almost as old as mine, not to mention how much we've been through. "I think. It's quite late for that. As it is. "His whole office got swallowed and was the first building to fall. The whole platform got to turn on its side, letting the various vehicles begin to slide with it. "Guards, use your spears as you've been thought. "I tried my best to catch her but she fell down, sliding whilst in her vehicle, with a broken door and unable to exist. I heard her voice as she screamed, almost falling myself after I desperately tried reaching for her, only to get hit back and lose balance. "Keep you balance, it's only going to get harder, we still have people to evacuate. "The new captain has spoken and we were moving upside, trying our best to dodge and save as many people who were unfortunate to fall with us. "Almost there, grab my hand. "One spoken, grabbing a woman with her child, holding them as tight as they were his own. And another man grabbed, with his foot broken, his jaw rocked and spirit crushed, the very least he was alive. "Hold on for as long as you can, our duty isn't over yet. ""Captain" One of them yelled, grabbing a foot on whatever he could, trying to not get buried in the rubble. "The mayor""I know" Sadly I told the other guard, informing the rest of them too, with their spirits being crushed even more. "Yet we cannot stop. Our sacred duty to our people never ends. "The sick air was reaching us from behind, rising with the heat that would soon come to devour us. A belief held by our people from ages. They all knew the horror it would bring as we reached what now became an even higher part of the town, one that wasn't bent with the platform, we managed to set foot straight. A guard pulled another, helping each other get up and get the saved people to safety. "Lord protector. The fires haven't gotten to the intersection but we don't know how long it would take for this section to start slipping too. "Some were still trapped, I saw them in their homes, getting broken. "Wait. I'm sorry ser but there isn't anything else we can do for them anymore. "Another one crying for their lost ones and it still hasn't ended. "Let's move, now. "The fire wasn't lifting itself up, we were being driven to it. They all started moving, breaking into houses and seeking any survivors to get out of the place. The masks we wore came in handy as the tubes from where the creature had its nostrils acted as air filters, saving us from the sick air. Everywhere around us, with the grim sky, we saw how they were spilling their lungs out but we couldn't hand them our apparel as it would do them more harm than good. "Lord protector. "Another guard came by, seemingly from afar, carrying even more grim news. "Stand down. You may give me the report of the situation. "Others were searching and I was left in charge of the situation, a burden that would exceed any other lesser being. "We are being invaded, the place is being pillaged. Half of the settlers are being taken as captives on the other side of the town""What?"Furiously, my armor couldn't even keep the steam from getting out of the weakened spots and air holes. Were we being invaded and at a time like this one?"That is preposterous, how?When?"As I asked that, I grabbed my spear from its sheath and commanded the troops to regroup. "Lord, they invaded at the same time as the lower level got terminated. We're being barraged on two fronts. ""This can't be good. Down and seek refuge"I said, just as a chunk of my helmet got blown away, a quick shot from afar but I couldn't pinpoint where. The rabid winds were beating between both us and the attackers. We broke down crates and barrels, chairs and doors at my command, using them to block the upcoming barrage of shots that rained over us. "Stay clear and keep the settlers in the back. Gah"Another shot managed to find its way in my shoulder, penetrating through one of the weak points. "Keep going, we need to. We need to keep going. "Behind there was no alternative and another part of the platform we were on was going to fall. "What now?"I asked myself, with the lord protector being pinned down, far from us, not linked with the city, something was making laps on the

track, watching and observing us. The sounds it made disturbed me, far beyond what I thought about before. "Gah. "Another man yelled but it wasn't one of our, it wasn't too far either. "What is it Aghdus? We need to help the others, those damn armored fools aren't giving up yet. ""I'm coming. But this thing just fell on me from there. "I pointed above but not before showing him the fat dead blob that fell on my leg. Such sharp teeth I thought at first, but crumbled in the air as I got it off of me. "It must've been caused by the rising smoke. There's no time to examine it, let's go. "He helped me get up and we continued the assault. I wasn't sure I had enough of them. "But these weapon they've given us are magnificent. Who created such marvelous things?" This maniac was going to blow a fuse over it, he almost blew that thing too as it fell over him from above. Speaking of. "The entire ceiling must be crawling with them. ""I wonder why. ""There's no time to wonder, continue going over. There will be enough time after we've driven them out. "Alphonse came just in time to order us, acting as the officer in command. Those two were headed further into their settlement, the other troops were mobilizing over the building, capturing whoever was left inside. "Tell me, Alphonse. "A voice came back, bringing back a short recollection that I tried recently forgetting. "I told you not to come, it's dangerous here. You've made your choice before we started climbing. ""You mean abusing the system of tunnels to make them suffer even more, right? Is this the reason you've come here, to finish the job?" Genevieve came after all, but not for the right reason. Unarmed and with a wound in her chest. "What happened to you on your way here?" I asked, with a hand tied behind my back, searching for something. "It doesn't matter how I got here, or how I escaped. I'm here to stop you, Alphonse, you sick, disgusting man. "She held her wound, under her guise, holding something unknown in her hand. "You lied about those kids, they never found their way down to safety. Murderer. Criminal!" We were in the middle of the revolution and she still didn't understand. "We waited for far too long for our plans to be delayed by the kind of yours and theirs. You walk here thinking yourself high and mighty, I should've known you're not better than any of them. ""Is that the reason you let them die under there? And the others too?" I still couldn't find it, with my rifle jammed, I knew what she held inside and searched for too. "So you came to get your revenge, is that right Genevieve?" No one in sight either to help me, all of them kept pushing and fighting them off, just as ordered. "And no one to see me do this. "I finally found it and pulled out my gun, a working one before pointing it at Genevieve. "So it came to this?" She asked, holding her weapon hidden, still waiting for something, yet it was too late for her. "Too late, you've squandered your chance to join us after you've been given the opportunity so many times. You knew well enough that it would come to this so don't give me this innocent look, you're anything but that. "She held her stance and didn't move an inch, standing tall and waiting for none other than me to make mine. "I never claimed to be. "I suddenly stopped as I saw other people trying to get out of their hiding spot and run away. They both noticed us standing and there's no doubt he heard it too. His rifle jammed, I made sure of that but he surprised me with his gun. A single bullet old gun, the likes of which my grandfather used to wield when he was in the war. "Wait, don't turn. You wouldn't want that, especially since I doubt you've got more than only one bullet in there. "His attention came back to me, just as he was ready to turn and see them too. They could see me too and that I was in danger, ready to intervene at any point. I knew that there was no way out of it, I nodded my head slowly so he wouldn't notice. Hoping that they understood that I didn't want them to come. Both young and she were pregnant, I wasn't going to trade their lives for mine. "You're right about it. But, I'm sure too now. That you don't have a gun either under there. "I was holding tight to it. It must've been the

smoke's fault from getting into my eyes or perhaps the higher air that was getting in me. My eyes were sore about him, them, Paul and that I was trying so hard to feel more about them. He could see my arm shaking, just like his with the gun. We were both nervous. "I think. "I took a quick break after to help with clearing my throat. "I think your guys are winning. Too bad you're going to miss all the action. "His face was filled with sadness despite mine being the same old, the same old. "We both know this won't work. ""So what are you waiting for?"Just some time, is all I needed for them to escape. "I admit. I walked here, despite. That I shouldn't have. ""Now you understood.

Perhaps you shouldn't have walked into a revolution. You don't belong here and now. Now we got to the point where I'm forced to do this. "It felt like a frying pan, either the metal or we were boiling on it. The sweat ran through my fingers and on the gun too, making it even harder to retract from it. "Do you think I'll meet them again?"I asked him, despite knowing the answer, having my soul waiting for me long before I came here. "You won't make me back down. You hear me?I can't anymore. ""Then. Pull the trigger. "I didn't know what happened before. "Where is Alphonse?""I don't know, I thought he was with you. Or did he say he was rallying whoever was left behind?""Well, he was in charge after all. Let's go on. "A bang ran. "Was that from behind or beyond?""I don't know but take cover, I think I can see them approaching. "Some spears were chucked, the place was a disaster, people were screaming, others were shooting. My hands were shaking and I couldn't hold my firearm"Keep it together, one of them is coming. "One guard was charging and I was still standing defenseless. With my rifle pointed at him but I was too afraid to pull the trigger. Despite so many attempts. "Get down now"He said but it was too late, like a lance, he impaled me with it in seconds, going under my rifle and sticking it in me. "Noo"He yelled right near me, holding me still not to fall. So scared and he stood there with a spear in his stomach, I shoved my hands into his and forced him to push the trigger point blank. "Gahhhh"He yelled the other one screamed, both of them ready to fall on their own. "Why didn't you seek cover?"I told him as we slowly lowered down, making it even harder for me to watch as he tried speaking, releasing some blood out. "No time to mourn soldier. ""Alphonse"He arrived, helping me get on my own, ready to leave him behind. "He's dying captain, and. It's all my fault. ""Get to your senses man, we got a revolution to end and I can't do it alone. "I couldn't do it anymore, it sickened me, watching them fight, it was nothing I was expecting. "Did we. Do this?"I asked him sincerely as I watched the rest of my friend's life spill through his mouth. "No, but we're here to end it. "Long awaited too, we pushed and pushed, ready to overthrow their disgusting loyalty to a damned cause. "Lay down your weapons"A man said, hoping they would surrender, yet he didn't know as well as I did. He didn't go through as much as I did. They all had to pay for everything, for every moment, we had to suffer and go through. "On your left, men. They've released the inceeds. "Flying on their wings and impaling the ground with their sharp and long members, the guards released their only source of protection. "The final solution"An act of desperation and those rabids came and attacked anything they had in sight. Such a rage that they would even attack each other, their own and the guards who have taken their appearance. "Fall back. "I said, trying to guide them, seeing how we wouldn't stand the ground with both them and those behemoths. "No, push them back, we got them pinned down. ""Commander, we won't make it, can't you see?""Listen to me Alphonse, we will take them down, it's not your call in the matter. Now, at starboard attack!"He was insane and those guards too, we stood side by side, others forgetting we were at war at them, fending ourselves against them. "Gah. "One of the first have fallen and it was one of our own, as that rabid thing opened its head in half and pulled him inside with its

tubes and members. "No, Stanley. ""Wait, don't get close to them. "A guard stopped him, as an enraged soldier got ready to throw himself in the mouth of another. This was the perfect time to take them down as they were distracted. "Alphonse lay down your weapon. Now it's not the time to aim at them. "Our dear captain with a thought of betrayal as the other was busy trying to impale and shoot them down, he stood in from of what could've been a perfect shot on our enemy. "You dare betray us?Have you forgotten what they did to us?""Alphonse, what has happened to you?Have you gone completely mad?""I. . . "A shot just fly, right through one of its wings, making the rabid thing fall to its knees, the much more it had, breaking them all, unable to run. "Keep it away from the settlers, we must defend them at all cost. "The platform shook again, right at the wrong time, affecting all of us, including those rabid things that weren't flying. "It's going to break again, we need to move. "Yet another that pointed it our as if it wasn't obvious what she said before. "So, what's it going to be commander?""You wouldn't dare. "The ground was trembling under me and all around everyone was retreating, befoe or enemy. "Fine, our dispute can wait until we're out of here. "He nodded and joined them, with those things behind, dying with the help of the sick smoke too. Both of them were thinking of betraying us as soon as we got to safety but we still put our trust in the people. "Move on, come. "Some stopped and we waved for the settlers to come from their hidings, not much time was left and even with the coming conflict, they were a priority. "Down, edde edde"I yelled at them so sit down, obeying my command after many tries. "Gah Blew jin gabo. "This should've made them listen and not attack us, just in case those primitive attackers dared fight us after we were done. Half of the upper level got demolished and crashed down, throwing even more of the fire in the air. "So many homes destroyed. "Said one of the settlers as we ran away from the place, with tears from her eyes, having her home and that below ruined. We suddenly stopped and it was all of us. "All mixed sir. ""Soldier and guard. "Said one. "Settler and antler. "And another one continued. With their spears raised in defence. And the rifles ready pointed at one another. "What now Alphonse?You got what you wanted. "He whispered from behind, back to back with me as we were all surrounded. To top it too, those damn things were trying to sneak on us to take us from below. "You wouldn't like to hear the worst part from all of this, would you?"Hopefully, none of the guards heard what I was about to say, a shameful act that I did. "A false threat too, as you might've noticed that my firearm is. "An even softer whisper followed, informing him of my act. "Such a sad situation, even sadder that you made me laugh with it. ""We're not going to get out of this, are we?"I asked my commander, after realising how greedy we've become to be able to finish the job and take their places. "Never have I realised how strong they were. ""Neither have I. "I told him as sudden movements that stopped after too, as they advanced on us. "Thought about us lasting such few moments. ""Were we even sent here to finish the job?"One asked, with his hands shaking, his life threatened, hanging at a needle. The commander came to the same conclusion and proceeded as such. "Lay down your weapons. It's over. "With a bitter taste in his mouth, he threw it away and got on his knees, not even being afraid of those being, neither too prideful to do so. The guards had some honour not to strike him down after his surrender. "We can't do that now, can we?We swore it, we can't lower ourselves again. "Even with my whimpering pleas, other decided to follow, throwing those weapons that were quickly chewed down and swallowed fully by those rabids. "You're the last one that has to do it. "One of the guards said, whilst everyone had their heads bent down, along with what used to be their dignity. "No. "I held my rifle high and didn't let go. "We heard what the other said to you. It is not working so lower it down. "He didn't know about the other, I reached with

my hand inside my chest and saw him raise his spear, his helmet almost broken too but the one who shot him wasn't lucky enough to end his life. "Don't do it. "He made me laugh at the exact situation I was forced upon, not so long before it would end. In the last moments, I wondered. Looking way past him, even with the imminent threat laughing in front of me. I this what she saw before. I grabbed it tighter and tried moving my hand as threatening as possible. "Gllagh. "No being able to speak anymore but I managed to do it after all. Pulling the clock she had hidden inside before. One last thick. Before it stopped. "And so did the sad attempt of a revolution ended. With those who thought they were rising against the usurpers were the real ones in the first place. ""What are you talking about?"He watched through his screened box, staring at it as if it was attached to his very soul. I asked him again, demanding a response. "What are you watching?" "Oh but the seeds of your retrieval and what a show it has been, I expected nothing less from someone of your stature. ""Don't patronize me, after all, I'm not the one walking in a metal suit, going into other people's business. ""Not at all" He said with a denying tone, notes leaving his mouth holes as if they came out of a cajón. "I was pleased by your performance, really, your other name, how you played all of them. Even with the conclusion. ""You're sick, everything I did wasn't a play for you to comment on. People lives were taken and not to mention how much I had to. . ""Let me rephrase you by saying, spare me the details. Everything I see on the box is a play to me, even my entire life. That's the reason I chose to do this in the first place. ""You mean the reason you chose to become an abomination, is that right?" Even though I ended up passes onto another escort, I wasn't expecting this one to be even more obnoxious than those two I've encountered before. "Hah, don't make me laugh. Don't act like you're anything else than a tender for your being of utmost divine. It just so happens that ours acts differently towards its disciples than yours I presume. ""You can say that again. "Yet I still didn't understand how it worked, he had metal ducts coming out his back, anchoring hundreds of wires, invisible at most of the time. It didn't make any sense how they would bend without breaking whilst going throughout the tightest places. "So, what are you watching now through your screens? What could be entertaining you from carefully treading through this insane palace built underground?" "If you're so bored of watching nothing but walls and dead ends, you could always come closer to me and see what I'm seeing. I can't promise I won't bite though the wide opening comes with the suit. "He couldn't smile, despite knowing that he'd do it if he had one. It pained me to think what lay in the suit of metal he was wearing, or the reason it was molded the way it was. Though, after offering me water and something to sustain myself, I knew I could trust him, at least until I found the reason I was called forth. I got closer, with my mind set on it; he refused to answer that question the first time we met, so it would seem like he wanted me to hear directly from it. "How far does it go?" I closed my mouth as I poorly worded it. Instead of standing up to it, I try changing it a little. "How far are you going to show me?" "Well done I must say. I like how you changed it there and now, a nice touch. Though you must've thought of me being sloppy if I didn't notice it sooner, is that right?" "Just answer that question and don't despair. "Something was bashing through the halls, in the maze, we were on." "As far as you want. Well except our final destination, the world outside, and any other place beyond my reach. Well, anything and anytime, for as long as you want. Except when we get there. Fine, I should've mentioned there are some. . ""Rules. "I sighed, just when it got more interesting. "No, instead there are limitations. ""Which are like rules. ""Do you want to watch it or not?" His grip almost punctured the glass screen, making the many wires and cogs retract back into it. "I'm sorry for that, let me rephrase too. It seems like we both

fell into the same trap, though. "His face had no expressions and his hands were detached, probably not the only ones in his body. In fact, I wasn't sure what held his body together, not that I would want to find out if it turned out he was the same as that wooden man. "I'd have a harder time melting bronze than burning wood. ""What was that?"He misheard me, I knew it well, as he wasn't alarmed by what I said. "Nothing, now let us see. ""Finally, what do you wish to make our journey more pleasant?To shut you up and see us well. ""Show me. . "And I whispered the name, knowing that he'd easily go through with my plea. "But not now, I want to hear what happened before. ""Before what?"He asked, not knowing well what I meant. Neither did I know what I wanted, or how far to see. So I chose with a fuse, knowing her, how she'd blow a fuse. "Just show me what she saw and how she felt. ""And what emotion would you want to see?Everything is stored here, at the tip of my fingers just waiting to be touched. And seen by you, by me, by everyone else. "Something that I wondered, ever since I saw her earlier, after we've met. I said it out loud and set foot now. "Show me. Fear. "I said, afraid not for me but for her. Wanting to know too if she and when she felt it. "From when?"""Before, anyone of the moments since we met. I don't care which one but I only need to see if she was able to feel it. ""Are you sure of that decision?It's quite a strange demand you're asking me, especially right here and now. Since there are so many others you can see. Don't worry, I won't judge, especially since I've already done that. ""It's none of your damn business, I tell you. Just show me that moment, I need nothing more for now. "He didn't deny me of my desire. Nor did my questioning cease to be. I had to know if it happened at that exact moment if she hid it or didn't know what it felt like. Strange, how I looked through the blank set of screens, waiting for something to happen. And before he gave me the answer I waited for, I thought that was it. "Very well, stare right here and don't take your eyes from it, you may be getting more than you've bargained for. "Flashes and slicks before the image formed, I saw right in and didn't break not even a fraction of my concentration. "Who is that?"""Well, he's not important. ""Where's he leading her and why did you bring us here?"""You asked me for the moment she felt fear and I delivered it. "This confused me as I didn't expect it, not answering any of the question I had in mind. "You're witnessing for the same time as I am of course. ""But haven't you already seen it all?"He immediately let me know without making any attempt to spoil it for me or. Him. "Not this part, it's. Different. "She was shoved inside the open door and locked in. "It seems like Genevie had a rough time too. ""You don't even know the rest of it. "We watched through her eyes but as the light perished, so did her voiced. I got closer to the box and looked only through one of the glass screens, concentrating on the image. So dark and silent, no one there I thought. "Is that?"I asked but expected no answer. My heart stopped for a second after seeing her come out of it, unharmed , so young and full of life. "Why are you showing me this?"I asked, not knowing what I did to get punished like that. "Move on from this, I can't look anymore. "But my eyes were locked on it with no way out. Neither she nor I did anything but look at each other through glasses screens. No tears no explanations for what transpired in front of me. "Could it really be?"I asked but it moved soon after, a hand pulled us out but not before one last time. I saw her lips moving, almost forming a speech but it was too late. "Don't do this, turn back on it, what are you doing this for?"""I'm sorry but I cannot do that anymore. ""You must. There must be a way, I have to see her again. I have to. ""I can't do that, I've already told you. I know, that room can bring out the worst in all of us. "He said, unaffected from what we've seen, rolling along to the point of vivid. The sign was turned and we both saw it clear. "It says Grief on it. But what does it mean?"""No need to get so emotional. "He whistled away, getting the

screen out of my face the first chance he got. "Wait now, there's no need to do it so soon, I'm not done with it nor you. ""Calm down or you'll get addicted to it. You wouldn't want to end like I did, would you? Or is this the reason, like so many asked, why you came here?" "No, that's not it. But one another that has nothing to do with that nor with you. I just wanted to know and see more of her. I mean it. I wanted to see more of it. "Another slip that left my mouth, It would seem like the trip left me in a sloppy state. "Just wait some time, that room tends to make people more emotional than they normally are. So don't go and beat yourself to it. Since it will surely but finally get to an end. ""Just like everything in here, is that right?" Though I wanted the maze to end and neither has he answered another question, tied to the existence of a maze such deeply farther where we went. "But at least could you explain to me why is the maze slightly tilted? From the likes of it, we might as well be headed towards the core of our very earthly confinement. "I asked him as the time passed, losing its meaning as he kept staring at his magic globe, even if magic had no tie to it. Such an advance he had in his hands, staring at it so intently, not sparing any moment from it ever since we came. It wouldn't surprise me to find out that he's spying on us right now. "I could tell you that but why should I? And spare you the excitement of finding out on your own. No such thing will come out of me or my mouth. Nor my box. ""Could you at least tell me how much we have left? This felt like a never ending trip, my body was pushed to its limits. ""Hah, don't make me laugh by saying that. You don't even know your limits. "The metal suit laughed, echoing inside and outside the box he was wearing too. "Trust me, I've seen a lot of you. Something that would disturb even the farthest from faint of heart. ""Wait" I said, trying to catch him in the act. If he was lying, my trust of it would be gone. "But didn't you say you cannot see from outside?" "Well well, you clever. Wait a minute. "He said and stopped, from both our banter and mid walk. "Are you having some difficulties of mechanical nature?" "No, just something you and I may need to see, right now too. ""Fine, but make it quick. I don't have. Much time. ""That's what I thought when I saw the reflection on my glass eyes. ""Is that?" "Yes, indeed it is. And it's coming right for us. Or more likely you. "Too dark to see but I knew right away. "We need to hurry, let's go as fast as we can. "I should've known, it would seek for revenge. "I can defend you, or at least try my best. Oh, this second act we're in is turning out to be such a delight. ""Keep your eyes on the screens and look for some clues. Everywhere around and where he might be. "The walls were cold hardened, shattering my hand at the touch, no rust no dents, nothing to last. "He can't fly around anymore, he's most likely on all four. ""I think I heard him before, quite far too. ""Don't worry about that, he cannot jump over there, he'll be trapped in a loop hopefully. ""But what if he doesn't?" I daringly asked, from the looks of it, my time here wasn't going to last. "He's stronger than the other and this time, you won't have the upper hand. ""I'll break him like his brother, again and again if I have to. "Such rage and discomfort he passed, as that wooden hound hunted him. "But. ""What Is it? What do you see or what did you see in there?" "Nothing. Just a thought. "The silver statue said without a pass. "And what is it?" To which he happily replied. "How did he know you scorched his bellowed? But more importantly, how did he react, buried like a bone, by someone just like him? Well, you must be native to that feeling, right?" Another turn that looked like the other, this maze never ended and his voice never stopped spewing the bad news. "Bah, there's the exit, we're almost done. Thankfully we won't have to deal with him, nor will I pleasure you by responding to your disrespectful pox. "Though he brought a good point, he followed me without knowing. "Wait, is that really the brother? Ehm, the harstmen I believe they were called. "A question that made him raise his eyebrow, as if we only watched through his

eyes. "I may not know either as we can only see through the eyes of another but not from above. "Something else was following and it wasn't too long, from the looks of it, the mark I left whilst walking on the wall appeared again on the screen. "The door is here, quickly open it. "As we came into contact, locked too and this time. "There are no tools I could use and whatever that might be, its coming straight for us. ""You're right, stay behind me, force the lock, push through, whatever you may do. He's already there, waiting for you. "I nodded my head and understood. The real reason and which confirmed my suspicion. "But it's locked, I cannot. ""Shh. "He silenced me and gave me the box, with a blank screen and no way for me, know how would I access it. "It's open now. Don't worry, it came for me. "The metal suit said, vibrating with sounds. It seemed like the time had come for the instrument to stop playing. "But why?We. We barely met. ""You tried walking into other people's lives and what did you expect to see?Just take what you came for and go back to be. ""I have nothing to come back to. "I gushed forth. "I embarked on this journey knowing that it would end with me. ""I know. We were all called here for a reason and you did good not to impact them too much. Now go. "He stopped as a giant metallic hand, another one of his kind but bigger. I couldn't see much of it as only the hand came out of the darkness and wrapped itself onto him. "He won't harm you, none will. As long as you're holding that box and keeping it still. "His hip was almost crushed, just as his waist bent, clogging the vents, breaking his very being. "I. "But nothing came, just his blood, leaving his body, crushing his organs and letting out the last sounds of the organ. "This box left me dry of feelings. A side effect you haven't warned me about. Though it seemed to me like you were just another instrument that pushed me farther to the retrieval. For that I thank you but I must go. "His hands still moved but he was now crushed between my sincerity and the hard grapple that held him from falling in pieces. The door was now open for me and I knew well that the mess I left behind, the trail that leads me here will be safely cleaned by that mysterious. "Friend. "The door was slammed and the box was still shut down, right before having to serve its new master. No vivid image but so many encryptions and bars. I understood the real reason he gave it to me, not just to be safe but to know what I was dealing with. On a valley I was, going so far ahead. Going directly to it. "A miniature that is?"What I was holding in my hands, the real one was enormous, bigger than the city. As a matter of fact, bigger than any city I've ever seen before in my entire lifespan. It was far, it would take some time and this journey turned out to me more like a test to prove me worthy of my descent here. "What is that?"In that distance I could see, despite being of such a stature, it wouldn't be completely unprotected. The lines I saw on the box were. Of course, how could I forget, the one leading me here was one of the many. Circling as going on all its sides, hundreds of them going there forever, never stopping from their walk and charge and endeavour. "I see now, so clear"Words flew out of my mouth as surprisingly I managed to get more than a glimpse of them, even if there was a great distance between us. More features that I wasn't able to see before, their size, a larger part of their appearance. Strange how they kept going on the rails, some on top and others on sides but none of them lead below, even with the pillars holding their mighty citadel. Such pressure that must've been forced upon them and still they kept it still. No rails under I assumed, or they could be avoiding it for some reason. The dirt and the grass seemed fresh as I stepped on them, no insects and no imperfections. This land must've been untouched, with one small exception. I went to see and check the mark, footsteps and much more spread across the land, leading towards the same path that was set in front of me. "Only one huh?"I wondered as once again I fell victim to the harsh air that homed the strident environment I was forced

into. Only one set of tracks, which meant that only one more, just as I did, decided to come here in a while, but why? Why was this place so forbidden, so safely guided with mazes, tunnels, guardians and secrecy? I managed to do it just fine with some help, without having all of this. And now, I need to push on. "And bring you back." The last needed man that could continue with my mission. The dust has settled before me, right before the wind stopped blowing. My arrival was being felt by everyone and everything as the air tunnels from above tightened around. The closer I approached, down the hill, avoiding any possible injury since I wouldn't want to slow myself even farther. Despite being dark but not entirely, the box in my hand started glowing from the screen, making the path ahead even clearer. "I can pinpoint any feeling or any moment at any given time, huh?" I asked the cube hoping that I could get an answer, yet none followed. A close reminder that it wasn't sentient. "Show me what happened to my past.

Companion if you may. "The journey, despite being all over and so close, it still laid a great distance safely, hopefully, but great nonetheless. Something was forming and started to change. "Wait. "It stopped as something else caught my eye. I didn't see it since I was too focus on the cube I was pointed towards but. A black pit, right ahead, having a reflection from afar, pointing towards me with its muddy paw. What was it?" "Show me what's inside that pool" I asked the box, immediately changing to my command and showing me the worst. Unimaginable, bones. Too many to count, all thrown and shoved to its deepest chasm there was. Skulls, ribs and many ulnas, as if a war was fought and they all lost. "Was this place built on the foundation of dead people? Show me what happened before.

"But the box refused, changing to blank screens, dismissing my ruse. "Show it to me again then. "I asked and it complied this time. Something was blocking my previous command and I still wasn't aware why. So many of them died, all forgotten in the depths of this great channel. "Fine, show me, who or what signed me to come.

"Dismissively and untrustful, I wasn't going to approach something that would present itself with such danger.

"There. "It showed itself in the box, watching the skulls, swimming beyond them inside the dirty water. So much time has passed and it didn't drown, something told me that it wasn't humane. Quite contrary, as it wouldn't surprise me, judging my everything I've seen. I could avoid by I saw myself from the box, waving again with its hand full of

dirt. It quickly threw some of it outside, waiting for me to call it out. There was no possible way for me to acknowledge it, as a beast that swam through a sea of dead souls would only seek to harm me. And a rock too, in the middle of the basin, more like a formation, raising itself from the bottom, knocking bones out of its way as it started lifting itself up. The hands helped too, pushing it above, looking as if they were alive but I knew better. The current made it look that way, pushing and bouncing them from below, yet the purpose of it was still unknown. I had no time for it but if it came to attack me, I had to be prepared. Looking through its eyes so I wouldn't despair. This thing was so distracting yet I wasn't going to throw it away yet, as the insight given by it gave me more than needed.

And then the improbable chance of receiving a great idea came. Just from thought to thought I was lead towards it.

"Give me an insight on how I may end it before it even dares approach me. "And such a device of great magnitude did, embezzling feeling and giving me the sight that I missed before. The sight that I needed. I saw through my own eyes what I didn't before. Seeing how the light perished, everything around wasn't important and saw. The scene of what happened, near me a forgotten old spear, almost covered in moss. I took and held it, quite hard, still heavy in one hand. The cube lead me well, almost attached to the other, as the right hand held the spear like no other. I wasn't curious from where it came, or why was it used, instead I tried asking. "Show me how to. . "But stopped, as it knew

right away, before even saying, showing me it moving out of the way. "I understand. "I told it, as I saw where it went, the only thing left was throwing it but. "When?"Whilst asking it showed me again, it stopped, got stuck, in something from below. Looking before at it, a fin and some tales, what was it then?A sea monster of more or less, I had to get rid of it before being too late. "I'm sorry but it must be done. None shall stop me from having my run. "I almost went mad, driven with strength, at the thought of the divine box I was blessed with to get all the answers I possibly needed. "I have to do this, don't act like that. "Whatever was down there, it struggled to get out, to get free. It knew we would start or shed of blood since one way or another, one of us wasn't going to make it out. But I didn't do it. "Can you hear me?"I asked it and saw the screen shaking as I watched through the eyes. "Wait. What am I holding?"Absorbed from it, I backed away. "What just happened?How much time did I spend here?"I was farther behind as if I didn't move, with nothing in my hands except the cube. "There's no pool. You tricked me. "And so it did, making it look so real and wasted so much time. "Don't do that again. "I said whilst looking away, avoiding eye contact with it and kept going my way. Having to jog and not abandon it, if he was right and this kept me safe, it would seem like I couldn't live without it anyway. But was it worth it for what I was on?"Why won't you look at me?Come on, just a glance. I promise I won't tell anyone. "The voice of Genevie rang through it, something that happened from before, but there was no way it could show us from there. I didn't look. "There's no way I'll look again, I know how to deal with your kind. "The worst type of memento tried dragging me away. It would seem like ignoring it would become the most certain source of action I had to take. "Why are you doing this?You know you want it. "It kept trying to lure me in but I wouldn't pass. "Focus on the road. "But strangely it gave me a pass, even for a second, it averted me from tripping on a bad turn of land, for its interest I suppose so it wouldn't fall and break. "Sensitive I presume. ""You wouldn't dare since you've got to remind yourself. "Switching the voice and trying to use me instead of it being the other way around. "He won't harm you, none will. As long as you're holding that box and keeping it still. "It repeated what it said, making itself sound alive and I was afraid that it might as well be. "You won't make me look, I'm better than that. I've gone through worse, despite the trouble and my failures I left behind on my path, I will not go down at the hands of a device such as you. You're not my master and I am not a slave of your bindings. "I said my share and I wasn't going to entertain it with even more. "You can't go without me, despite how many lies you're trying to feed yourself with. Don't make me laugh. "The voice of Paul came through and went to the other, the first and foremost, dying because of me. "It wasn't my fault"But he interrupted me, trying to show me what guilt feels like. I knew it too well, even without his help. "It was your fault that I died. Your fault that I was dragged into. ""This will not work on me, he knew well that he'd risk his life""But did he?"The voice changed back to the one that belongs to Genevie. "Did he knew that when you two first met. Have I known that?""I can't know what Genevie thought nor what she thinks about me. ""But that didn't stop you from dragging them here along to your desperate attempt to get him back. ""You know?"I asked and he responded, proving me, time after time that there was more to the box than I thought. If the place I was heading towards was the perfect image of what I honed in my hands, I was not prepared to face it. Not even a little, I wasn't sure I could make it there with it intact. "I do know, but do you know why I came here?"His voice changed to him. Sam was here. Yet I couldn't watch, not without risking to be enticed in it again. "His. The voice sounds so real. ""Indeed, it is, as clear as a mockingbird. So, tell me, are you not interested in finding out what I've done?How he got here?How I got here?""I know you're

not Sam so stop trying to prove me otherwise. Don't you dare drag his name into the mud as you've done with others. I can still break you like any other piece of equipment I did before. "It was silent for a while, finally quenched after my bluff went through, hopefully, it would stay so I wouldn't be forced to break it into pieces. "It's so close, I can almost reach it. "Again it started talking but with my voice instead. "I can save him, this is the reason I came here for"Was it really me?My voice, my being my soul talking?Snap out of it before it's too late. "But what will happen to me after?"Ignore it, as long as you're doing so, he cannot reach to you. Not in a thousand tries. "Did I really come here for him or for a selfish reason?"Pointless likes and destructive implies, everything I did was. "But if that's so, how come I abandoned and used so many, sacrificed their good beings just to get here?Burning them alive, abandoning their lives. What have I become, what will I become from now on?"I couldn't let it get through my head. "Shut up!"I yelled at it, still trying my best not to look at it. A damp large cloth from behind, I took it whilst quickly looting from before. "Show me, show yourself your true nature. So you won't forget, so you won't ignore who you are. "This should do it, safety only whilst hold it, assumingly if I was lied to. Yet he hasn't said It couldn't be covered or muffled. "You can mask me as much as you want. But you can't hide from your true self. I will not be silenced. "But it would fall. "No, I've had enough of your lies, it's time to shut you up for good. "With my one hand, I was ready but not yet. "Would you even hush me?"I immediately covered it with no breaks and no remorse for my fellow human being. "No, you're not human, you're a damn machine, even less than one, a box full of lies. "So muffled that I couldn't see nor hear it, treating me as if should've done it from the start. Acting like it was once supposed to be, a tool for my arrival. "I will no longer be slowed or fooled into feeling empathy towards items that aren't even par on being close to my equal. "So many of them broken on my way here, what did it think it was to criticise me?To attempt on delaying me?Despite that and being silenced, the light, the glow, it still came from the sheet that covered. Cold in my hands too, same as before despite having a layer directly separating ourselves from one another. "Would you even hush me?"Tempting but I would not do it. "Would you even hush me?"Again it repeated itself trying to annoy me, to break me again. An instrument of my choosing that started out so well ended up being a tool that tries tormenting me. Once again it said it in her voice, the same one I wouldn't even dare think about her name. Not even after. "Enough of it or I will break you into pieces. "And a stone, the same one that I passed before, down the hill came to be near me once again. "How can you even know her voice and what she's done?Has he not had the decency to tell me the truth about your damned engine?Or perhaps you're so willingly joyful to join your master after he got crushed too. "I lifted it up in the air and knowingly looked on another side, avoiding even the smallest glance towards the bottom screen that would be so deeply exposed to me for seconds. "Wait, you still need me. Just as much as I need you to carry me there. "A voice that was unrecognisable came from it, such a vast range of people that were in the town I once eagerly looked forth. "Another trick so you could prolong your lifespan?Haha, it won't work on me, fro what's coming ahead requires me to have no distractions. ""But, before you do it, remember your choice. Have that in mind, I can call a truce, for now, you can trust me that I won't lie.

""Why would I?What's stopping me from breaking you right here and now?After you've been trying to psychologically harm me for such an extended period. "I held it down as my arm tired, ready to think about giving it a second chance if my heart desired. "I can't speak another way. Just the words others may say. ""Enough of the nonsense, you know I can't stand it. I'm aware you've watched me before with others, knowing my preferences and

noticed that my patience can go so thin. I'm willing to give you another chance, but at the first sign of you becoming an annoyance. Well, something that I should've done before, break all of your screens and walk there with the shards and a broken box. "I wasn't going to use it for long, even after I was done with whatever laid beyond the entrance I was heading to. The pillars getting bigger too. Just a sight though as I had not even an idea, couldn't even comprehend how massive it would be from where I stood. "We're almost there. "It said so jolly, right after we passed the spot of its possible destruction. "Use one voice, once that I don't recognise or else I may be tempted to end you again. ""As you wish""I'm not your master, just in case you were going to say it. ""Whatever you say. But how about you remove this over so I may have a sight?"That sounded surprising, just as we passed and got closer, it made me think a little. Could it see beyond its own glasses?"What do you see now?"I asked, whilst having my sight towards the road. "Nothing but below, your footsteps walking on their corpses. ""What have I told you about speaking so poorly?I could have you broken at any time, let me remind you. ""I'm only telling you the truth about what has inquired. How many fell, fought and died on this spot. Just to end up being walked at feet like yours. "Like mine, he said, which made me think. Were those my footsteps before?Another reason, yet again and again. "I'm not going to even release your sight from over there, that I can promise to you. "Not after what I have realised. It couldn't be trusted despite what it said. "Yet, I have to use the information I presume you'll still present to me, wilfully and submissively especially since your sentence lies in my hand now. ""So be it, caretaker, I know you can be a man of your word. That, if it wasn't falsely given. "It said, reverting to its previous voice, going through as much as it could. "Here it lays, finally and we're close too. ""Well, my new master. "I stopped it right there, giving it a shake or two, clearly displeasing it as I managed to not only interrupt it but also help its following words transform into buzzing noises. "Don't call me that, don't you ever call me that. Are we done with the mockery or shall I lay the next period of discomfort onto you?""Enough. I got the point. But have you?You won't like what's on the other side. And neither will I. If I came into contact with them again. "It said with different voices, one assigned to each sentence, giving birth to a peculiar event that transpired in my ears. Though, it kept intriguing me, not it but what laid inside the giant box in the sky. "So, aren't you going to ask?What's inside there?Who is it?""Knock it off with the different voices, set yourself onto just one and keep at it. And don't change into you know who or any other that I so previously encountered. ""Fine, so be it. But, tell me now, aren't you curious, shouldn't I spoil it for you so you'd be prepared to face it even more?""Why?We're almost there, shut up, for now, I got to concentrate. "Just there, under the massive construct, held by pillars moulded, burn and melted on the ground. "Are these faces sculpted on them?"I asked as I saw hundreds of them on all pillars. They looked like graphite but also slate, losing their edges and depth in darkness, different expressions but all in pain. "Whoever sculpted these must've placed a lot of work, all of them are real. ""Were real. "It corrected me whilst giving the indication of the time that left. "Why are they screaming?Who made them?You're supposed to know everything that's happening here, isn't that right?"I asked the box standing in front of its descendant. "That's correct but not at all. I have no knowledge I could pass to you, not under here and not now. ""We had a deal, remember?Perhaps a little more motion should put you in your place. "Arguing with a box didn't lead me nowhere and neither did my rashness. "I'm sorry but I cannot do that now. Not under here. "Strange how it suddenly became reluctant to do so after being in the presence of the bigger cube. Something was scaring it, a tool that wasn't supposed to feel anything. Neither pain when I shook it, neither fear

before when I threatened to break it, so why now?"Fine, it's not important who built those pillars or why are they holding it, but how do we get in?That shouldn't be any problem telling me, right?"Even the wind was silent at my call, swallowed by those melted faces, holding it between their placed positions. Either ignored or it reverted back, the light that shined through faded into black. "Bah, useless thing. "My hands even more tired now, after holding it so much, I doubt it helped me in the long run anyway. I left it behind as it started malfunctioning, disregarding the elongated advice I was sadly given. "This is it now?"No voice and no one here left alone with no clear entry. So far I longed to get to this place, just to. "I see. "Above me, I noticed the way in was not born through a pair of stairs or anything of that sort. But a doorway directly under it. I looked around too and saw what would end up being my way of reaching it. Touching face after face, defiling the creation, shoving my hand in their mouth to pull myself higher in the air. Climbing whilst grabbing their teeth, entering their empty eye sockets, emptying whatever defile thing set their nets inside them and placing my feet soon after. "I will enter and face whatever lays behind you alone as I must've done a long time ago. I got no idea if you can hear me or now, you disgusting being that dare call yourself celestial. "The pillars were tall, almost governing under the cube, yet I had no fear of falling down as I felt like they held my feet and hands stuck in their teeth just enough to reach the next one and lift myself even further above. "The time for my ascend has come, right after the continuum descend I've been forced into to arrive here. "Just one more to reach it. Another one to be able to finally be forgiven. "I'm almost here, don't wait for me any longer as I finally arrived. "With each one, each step made, I got closer towards it, the door, the trap, the gap that would lead me to it. "I'm so close to it. "Feeling no hunger and no pain, so high above the ground, dismissing what was left of the despair I felt before. I reached the top in the end and felt released. Just as the metal, so cold in my hands, it didn't matter. Neither did the wounds on them, from almost being chewed up and punctured. "I made it. "And could finally grasp some air, feeling its roughness against my skin as I was held by nothing in my attempt. "Open already, just open at my command!I have lost enough time on this rubbish journey. So much, why won't you open?"I asked it, expecting a response from the other side, a hand, or a grasp to take me inside, same as in the vision. The pain was starting to kick in as my legs were chewed. "Stop that and let me in. I can't stay like this any longer. Why won't you let me inside?"I asked again but the door didn't have a handle, the hatch had no crank, the entry had no way for me to force nor to break in. My time was running over and still not in. "Gah. Let me. I won't be denied. My entry was promised a long time ago"So painful, blood ran through, no one answered and neither did you. Genevie at my call. Sam wasn't there. Neither was she. "I can't hold on any longer. "On the empty side of a sightless cube, getting ready to faint, the distance was too far. "I can't stand that fall, let me in. Bah. "I couldn't stop them, the faces were doing so, chewing through, my every cord, socks, shoes, getting to bone. "I won't abandon you. It will die unattended, you can't do this to me. To us. To any of us. Gah"My feet were broken and my feet got skewered, letting me fall from above to my inevitable cessation. "Nooo. "Right as it opened. "Too late. "As my blood ran through the pillar, closely to reach the ground, yet it wasn't as fast as I. My feet felt numb as I had nothing else to say. Too late. Before reaching the ground. "Noo, professor Presley. "He feel with his feet broken, bloody and beaten. His head too, bleeds, his eyes wide open, the consciousness that he once held was now lost. "Save him, do whatever you must. "I yelled at him, there was still time. "I'm not sure we can do that Sam. ""Do it, we can still, it worked for us, many times, save him no matter the cost that will come. I'll sacrifice whatever I must. He's the key in all of it. ""Is he still awake?"He

jumped there and grabbed him, lifting him upside. Whatever was left, connecting the joints, broken down with his feet. Such a backlash from the fall, feet broken and bleeding, his head trauma screaming. "Come one, we got to bring him to it. "I said whilst we were rushing, avoiding everything and everyone at the cost of it. "Do you really have that much faith in him?"He asked the professor. After what we've been through, after what I've done. "I owe this to him. "The lights blew right into my eyes, distracting me from what was occurring. "How much time has passed professor?"Hand in hand with him whilst being carried, he promised to save my mother. He came here, and gone through worse just to bring me back just to die?"His spine was shattered too. I fear that we don't have any less that we would've had at this point. ""Go, now!"A brim of twilight flew through the curtains. A fight could be heard from not so afar, someone was talking. Yet another fallen one found his way to me. "Is he?I understand. "Nothing made sense so far and there was nothing nor not one person that could explain to me what has occurred. The bed was soft, softer than what I was used to. "Could someone shut down the light? It's hard to see. "I asked so casually despite not knowing. "Don't be so silly, we can't shut down the sun. "A matron stood near my bed, gently shrivelling her finger between my curls. "I'm sorry, but I'm not sure we met each other. Who are you?"She stood there blocking the mighty rays that once so deeply disturbed my focus. "Oh but we met before if you don't mind. At supper. ""Is that so?"I asked, knowingly that she was telling the truth. Such an embodied mask, with fluffs and feathers, golden dust. "Why are you still wearing the mask?"I asked confused. She took one of my hands and placed me. Feeling what I was wearing as the time went on. "They're waiting for us, all of them. In the ballroom, the menagerie, the dinner room and the foremost supper. ""But I'm not dressed well for it. Agh"My head hurt for a moment there and what I saw in front wasn't clear. The room ruined, broken, withered and dead. Before coming back to see her well. "Are you feeling right dear?Did something happen""Nothing, not at all, don't worry. "Her jaw fell behind there but it was a mere distraction, nothing of that sort was possible. "Then let's go. May I accompany you?"I asked, lifting myself, with my suit on well dressed and straight despite sleeping in it. "You may. "I kissed her hand and held it tight, entering the next room accompanied by such a delight. Her dress ribboned, black and red, feathers from a bird that was most likely dead. By know, we both noticed something was wrong. Barely anyone was dancing, walking around, presenting a dire situation. "What's the matter now?"I asked one of the attendees, trying my best to help however I could. "It's nothing, I'm just feeling sad ever since I fell down. "Sadly mistaken of what I originally saw, he spilt his drink on him and on the floor too, running through a long stream spreading everywhere. "Is there no one who could clean this mess?"I can clean after myself, don't worry. Right after I'll. Grab hold of my strength again. "His mask was too chipped just like he appeared to be. Whatever was in that drink he had, spilling out of him too, must've been injuring him despite his awareness. So well as it reached the windows, that it made me curious to see what laid outside. "Wait, you don't need to see what's there. Come on, we need to go. "She came out of nowhere and blocked me when I tried seeing the world. "It's okay then, perhaps I'll get to see the outside world myself instead of looking at it through a glass. "A flash came through my head right then, reminding me of something. Quickly forgotten soon after, well, if it wasn't for the help of her banter right before it. "Don't worry about that, you've got all the time in the world you absurd oaf. Now, may we continue our small walk?"I couldn't let her go unattended. Though they managed to distract me a little, will it be with their cut curtains that were eaten by one?Or another that kept walking in circles. "The daily activities have sure changed. ""They sure did. "She comforted me and was right

too when she said it. They were never as entertaining as they were now. "But what is that I see, looking at us through the almost opened door?" Someone who looked special, not wearing a mask at all, rapidly going around and going back from where he originally came. "Ignore him, don't trouble yourself with such a sewer rat. He will get this place dirty. Well dirtier than it is. You're one of us now, don't you forget that. "Such a smile she gave me to hold, so much spite and hate behind it, filled with rage. Something I wasn't able to see and couldn't see unprovoked. "We need to keep moving, from room to room now, until we get to the guest of honour. "She said without giving me a clue. Despite indicating otherwise. "I thought I was the guest of honour""Well, you're not. "Cold, just as her dress. "I thought you were black with red too. "So quickly she changed, not just in appearance but in spirit too. "Is the place also melting? Are the curtains fading?" It looked like it for some reason. "No, it must be your imagination. Let's go and fix him""Fix who?" I wondered, I wasn't a doctor, neither was she. Dancing around with me, going through the places we'd normally be if we chose to go to by chance. "Some wine?" Near the table we were, standing in the hall with too many guests next to each other. "Weren't we in the ballroom?" I friendly asked, after seeing how such a casual manner and act they were all into. "We were and now we're not. Why aren't you enjoying yourself like the rest of us?" She pointed out, yet none of them were doing so, sad faces, desperation and all. Looking down, missing pieces of their costumes. "Ehm, I said like the rest of us" And the room suddenly bloomed, the night outside, the lights inside almost bursting to cinders. The bright red covered the curtains, the chairs stronger, the yellow and the sun. I couldn't see the edges, all lost in the dark, a small triangle was shaken with to make a pitch. The room got wildly more lively with an enthusiastic manner, drinking the wine and going through the supper. I couldn't see anything beyond the masks but none of them worse anything like the other. "Such a lively event" One said to the other, nonchalantly of course. "Care to take a walk outside? I think that I'm feeling quite nauseous from all the good mood. "Such a farce she made, giggling inside, showing nothing outside. Despite her saying so, the others were still rejoicing, celebrating through the course they were so going about. Yet none other than her approached me, not a whisper, not a sight. "Give me a minute and I'll join you. "I told her as I turned back to them, seeing their half of their faces changing whilst trying to hide it. Were they hiding from me or her? Such disrespectfully for such a praise respectfully event. "I think I need some fresh air too. It would seem like the attitude here is slowly changing to being rotten. "She nodded before I joined her, wanting to be away from them and their lousy manners. Though I had another reason for it, seeing as they were standing in a room that wasn't really like itself. The food was so long departed from its original state, bashing through their hard faces, not eating a pinch. It scared me to think that I was like them, rotten not only outside but inside. She didn't notice, wishful thinking. And we went through, arriving at the foyer, the stairs were long leading towards the entrance, the exit and many more paths. Some that I would like to explore, some of the tenants, others that looked interesting. One tied to a pole, a column, quite old. He looked unhappy but so would I be, in his place tied to such an awkward event. That becomes, the guest treated like animals the more I went through. "Are those two fighting?" I asked whilst backing away, both of us stood there, out of harm's way. "Let them duke it out, then we'll be fine. Or shall we call someone to escort them outside?" "But that's where we're headed, isn't that right? "Such daringly and unfrightened I asked her back. She noted that too. The only one who seemed interested in my person, not like the others. Who glanced for once then went back to their business. Or started too much, acting as if they didn't if I returned the favour. Forced to look down, thinking I would be shamed

because something I have done, or something I was recklessly forced into. Yet I couldn't feel it. "I will break your neck you puritan. "The fight got worse, and other seemed to take noticed of that too. At each other's throats like wild dogs, pulling one, then the other. Their ties now strangling, ready to snap one another at a wild plum and for what? No one dares walk into them and it would seem like the situation would depart into mad ways. "Wait a minute you two. "She stopped me from advancing in their position and issued me to stop in my tracks. "It's not the time nor the place. Let the custodian handle these sort of. Problems. "A bickering voice said so before a giant man came. Such a large swain, his arms bigger than his body. I've never actually thought about seeing such a stature into a fellow guy. A grunt came before grabbing both of them by their collars, lifting them above. One spilt his one drink that he desperately tried not spilling previously in the fight, now to fall and dirty the certainly well crafted suit he was wearing. It maddened the brute, causing him to spasm and flail them around, causing nausea and discomfort to them and everyone around. We didn't watch for long as she kept trying to lure me away towards what she thought to be. "More important matters. ""But what could be more important than this? And where is he taking them?" Both were taken subsequently, like children by an angry parent, deserving yet frustratingly overexaggerating with the punishment. "Oh don't worry about them. They will be re-educated I presume. Never had to deal with him before and hopefully never going to have to deal with again. "She said whilst blinking an eye, making a sign, hoping she wouldn't suffer the same fate as those dirty persecutors. And how right was she about the punishment they so highly earned and deserved. I took a step farther than that. "May I open the door for you, madame?" Quite the ring on it, a fluctuation of sounds came out of my very mouth. Made me feel even strange with each specific action I've made. "You may. But don't make me wait too long. "She stepped in, then out. I followed. "The courtyard I see. ""And the gardens too. "Cutting, chopping, completing the scenery that related in my mind. "Isn't quite early for them to work?""Don't you mean night?" She asked, confused. As, didn't she check out, the light of the sun?" "Wait, wasn't it day a second ago?" The mood changed too, and the gardeners left, messing with my perception of time and space. "You're really going to tire yourself if you keep doing that. ""Doing what? "I asked, relating to what? I couldn't do it with her since she wasn't as confused as I was. But keeping calm and trying to pass through it unhinged and unshaken was my priority. And what said she before?" "Oh yeah, is the guest of honour outside?" "No" She answered, before readying herself to add some more. "I just wanted to show you the outside, the floor and the robe. "Such a robe covered her dress and all above. "When did you get that?" "Before heading outside, or did you miss that too? Just come with me, I'll explain the rest. "Hand in hand we walked together, no one around to see nor disturb us. I wasn't sure about her game, neither why she wanted to show me around here. Yet, she enticed me in her web and I couldn't escape. For some reason, my darkest thoughts vanished and I wanted nothing more than following her. Those tusks, the blue roses and her gallant knight near her. "Did you enjoy yourself in the sudden but long time we've been together?" She asked whilst the light of the moon, so blue and white followed us despite having the spot taken by us. With no other sound but the one of her voice, the cracks made by our steps on the hard stone we've been walking. The fallen sticks we crushed as we made our way to a small bench, in front of a wooden house made out of wooden hinges. "It's been waiting for us. "She said with a smirk, the mask got shallower, tighter around her face, whitening, closely to leaving her to become pale. "What are you hiding behind that robe?" I perilously asked the moment when we both stepped on the swing that helped us pass. The border that stood between us was no longer

there. So close to one another. I close my eyes knowingly that she would do the same. Slowly as the moon's light started fading too, right above us as the time ticked its last tongue. And in the gap, the second before it. "Professor. "I heard a whisper. No. I heard a shout. Reminding me to open my eyes to see the empty shell that she was. For only one glance that was enough. Enough to remind me before turning back. Despite the image come back, I couldn't keep up with it. I grabbed the chains and took a stride away, pulling them, stripping them, ripping it apart. She fell with the swing, breaking the bench too, looking at me so confused. That I wasn't swallowing her deceptions anymore. "What have you done, you complete imbecile!" She yelled too, taking note from whoever did the same a while ago. I didn't understand her invite for conflict but soon after it came to be. "You need to go now, hide before it comes and grabs you. We need you alive for what counts the most. "Something was pounding, its path impaired. "Behind the door, it almost breaks through, go and hide, I'll distract it before it leaves. "She kept saying, explaining herself and her reason for doing so. "Wait, but I've done nothing to provoke such a comfort. "I haven't calculated right, the force what happened to her. With both hands fractured yet she felt no pain, the chain almost welded. With one of her hands, now stricken too, her true identity truly revealed. Empathy filled me as I felt bad too, her pain, her desperation and seemingly fear for what was going to occur next flew into me as if a part of her blood stream came into mine. And the feelings alone weren't the only ones that were like that, neither did the slight pain, a connection of some sort that wasn't fully developed between us, that was disabled right when it was about to flourish and come to live. It. . "I can't get up" She said and right as I was ready to help her out, to attempt to redeem myself from the heinous act I've done. It grabbed me with all its might, grabbed like no other was before me. "It's bigger than what I was before, isn't it?" I thought about it and asked it out loud as I thought I was imagining all of it. "Gah" A slight squeeze let out a lot of pain and so did my endless struggle to get out of its grip. The more he did it, squeeze then merely release the pressure, the image of reality flashed through. Even if neither of them lasted long, I could see that the hand wrapped around me was a lot bigger and worse than it originally seemed. "Don't take him. Release him at once!" She tried stopping him but he's already made his mind, taking and heading me towards something. I tried my best, despite not expecting it to work, since it has never worked to wiggle out of a tight hold, even when it was tried by the slimmest of the people. She tried but couldn't follow, his hand held me in front and I couldn't see him. The grip was too tight so I couldn't move, confined against my will and those of hers. "At least couldn't you tell me where we're going?" And he didn't tell me, acting like a baboon, following a serpent's orders, since I couldn't call any other name for someone that would so desperately hire such an enforcer to restrain those who try resisting. "Let me go at once, I've got an appointment. "I tried appealing at first, since trying to forcibly get out of his restraint failed. No word, still just mutts from behind and a grip that wouldn't even let me breathe properly. He shoved, almost throwing the door out of the way, the same one that was so seemingly well treated before it came into contact with him. The other one, to which he's used to breaking it open, managed to bruise it too, damaging it with merely a faint pull. What was his strength? I fearfully, though, wondering further what could he possibly do to me if I angered it. His hand was thick, even if I dared try angering it, I couldn't even scratch. "You must be packing some few horns under those gloves chum" But no response and he didn't even do anything to imply he would put me down. I had to be carried throughout the mansion in front of so many people staring and whispering discreetly. "Where are we going? Not much of a talker are you?" Though he must've done some of it whilst goes around corners and peeping at

us. How else did he know what I've done? The way got only paler and more deserted as we entered another grand room. "Kind of hot in here, don't you think?" This must've been the maintenance room, lots of stairs and giant cogs swirling around to the mechanism of someone's doing. "What's this place? Come on, you've got to give me something at least. "His note was already set, despite my attempts to interact with him. He never tired, even as he climbed the stairs with me on his side, accompanied by my weight, both bodily and words. This place was abandoned, at least the wing of the manner towards where we were heading towards. The cogs and the pipes weren't only there, but as we got farther they started coming out of the walls, halls, even come entangled around the stairs, forcing us to go around them. What kind of correction was I supposed to be forced to forgo? We passed so many of them as we close on the top, the spiral set of stairs. An opening I saw, going through my head as the plan formulated. I only needed a few seconds to escape if the probability of him slipping on it and falling were in my favour. A long forgotten mannequin rested its hand on the stairs, not so front of us, coming right off the wall, right from the other side and it would so lightly seem like it would be his downfall, one way or another. Cracked and old from the looks of it, hopefully, it wouldn't be so frail. He got closer and when the time come. It shattered under his feet as if it meant nothing to him, not even acknowledging it. "Wait a minute. "Another thought came to mind, as the enforcer of somebody's will seemed to be set on another set of rules. Yet would he follow them himself? "Property damage I see, you've done it by your own doing. Such an outrageous act you've committed and you have to pay for it. "I clenched my hands, hoping it would work, but he didn't seem to listen to my voice at all. "Not even now as I caught you in this act? I promise you that. . "He shut me up immediately but not by hand, showing me what laid ahead instead. "Are going to a junkyard?" But I couldn't stop trying, attempting my best to gain his trust as the place we were going didn't seem to be safe. He slowed down, taking his time and I had no idea why he did it. So many objects and spare parts were thrown around, the room had a statue with a head for its own. Each of them opened their mouths, made out of metal with pipes and other coming out of their necks and other parts. Was this the reason so many machines tried powering it up?" Hold off a minute, why are you bringing me to it? What could be the reason for? Troubling yourself?" Suddenly, re-education didn't seem like the best thought that ran in my head, a grimmer, darker one flew through. They could shred me to pieces judging by the size of them, in case they didn't go deeper than that. Could they be full bodily buried inside the mansion? I still had time to struggle as a great deal of matters laid forth between us. And I had no time to admire its elegance nor the floral assortment inside the room. With the steam just barely starting to come out of their mouth, eyes close but the heat grew hotter as we got closer to its possible source. "Don't bring me to those. Those. . Those mouth of hell. "Bah, that didn't work and I don't know why I even expected it to be otherwise. "Help, someone! Anybody!" But they wouldn't have time to reach me. The grip didn't let me move freely around, neither could I reach the various thrown trash that laid around the room. If my suspicion was correct and this turned out to be an incinerator for the various objects that needed to be taken care off. If I turned out to be one of them. The time to worry about it had to come later as it distracted me long enough. Think Pres, think. His arm had some sleeves but that didn't help, the heat must've slowed him down, it would do that too if I were his size. The sweat must've got to him that we slowed down even more with each step, barely reaching the floor, creating seisms when they finally did it. "No one is coming to my rehabilitation I see. "Silent until the end, giving no thought to me, which really meant he probably didn't even give notion to what I was doing. I look on the

side and saw his hands wrapped around my body, all locked into position, there was no way for me to unwrap them with my bare hands. A pipe that was torn apart more likely, as we passed I managed to grab it, as soon as we got near it. Just in time too, as steam came out of the three heads, getting ready, slightly opening their mouths. He didn't do nor act upon me grabbing it, giving not even a notion of me doing so. Iron lead but bent towards the wrong side. I had no idea how massive was he, other than the power he generated whilst stepping down, so attempting to swing at him backwards would be too bold for me to do. There was still time and a lot more than one way to cause chaos. And in it, my possible attempt of escape would arrive. So long and handy, I used it and pulled as many junks over, trying to make him trip, despite there being chances of him falling on me and crushing my bones, I would take that over being burnt alive. Many of them fell apart, yet none managed to make him fall, pots got crushed, coal, needle stacks and fans all of them didn't even matter at all. I flailed it as often as I could, breaking pots, bringing books down too. Who could be so insane to destroy books? It was more than a tragedy, but such a think would fall onto me the minute we got in front of them. With their mouths almost entirely open, nothing visible from all the steam going toward the open like tower formation above them, leaving to an open hole. We were that close and my options were still limited. Will he throw me in or let me go? Did he wait for me to act upon it? What could be the reason for his sudden pause, other than. It. He released me and I fell down, feeling the release as if the entire pressure that he inserted inside me suddenly vanished. Yet I still fell on my knees, barely supporting myself with the help of the pipe I managed to take on our way here. He was still there, behind but I wasn't going to turn and see. The mouths still haven't closed as of yet and neither have their curls and moustaches melted. One of three ways for me to go and it felt like I was forced myself to jump into the fire. By my own doing as there was no way out, the brute held more than enough of the tight space that leads through here. And neither was the option of me overpowering him good enough to take the risk. My one and only chance were simple, seemingly as he didn't care enough to take the pipe away from me. Again, I would have to rely on chances, that would be slightly against me once again. If those heads didn't close the mouths, just enough to get stuck inside their throats, I could try climbing my way out. Bah, even with so many delays and given the time to jump and put an end to my own life, still no one came to my rescue. Who could blame them, though? None of them stood a chance, neither united nor otherwise. "It would seem like It's time for me to join those two gentlemen I've seen before. Though I haven't realised this was the way they were. Taken care of. "The way he sniffed behind my back and from such a distance too. It had a greater temperature than the one coming from the incinerator. "No turning back. "And definitely, no way to fight him one on one. At least I would go down standing on my two feet, with a pole in my hands, ready to. Jump. In the middle as no chance was given, rushed into it by the hand that came again from behind my back. Temporarily blinded by the steam that felt as if it travelled into my every orifice, yet the heat that I felt whilst doing it hasn't changed. Instinctively or pushed by my sub-conscience, I stopped myself from falling. Stuck between the vents, I saw how above me, the mouths closed, their necks combined, all of them leading the same path. I wasn't able to speak with all the steam impairing me from trying, but not my thoughts. With the illusion of choice shattered, it added, even more, wood to the coming fire, making me realise that there was no way for me to forcibly open it. It must be iron or arfentanite, enough used to resist an entire assault or such. A leap of faith was needed, in hopes that I would be wrong about this being an incinerator, even with the chances against me. I looked upon it, just as the pipe broke, along with any doubt or wilful

thought of changing my mind. "Gah. "Something came out of my mouth after all, right after I hit my back on the walls, then fronts. The neck ran down through the mansion, twisting and changing paths. From falling down, I transitioned to down sliding inside the bowels of the three-headed judges. For there was nothing else to suggest anything else about them than that. My face covered by my hands as I was unable to pull my clothes over my mouth, strictly stuck, almost glued onto me. Peculiar as I strapped my hands on my face, blocking as much of the white air as possible. The duct had holes and bumps that I had to suffer the consequence of, being lead through the rust, grown fungi and occasionally slightly puncture in the system. I saw even if it took a second, a glimpse through the cracks. Something unbearable that I had to quickly move my thought away from. Right with the flash of light, the change of vision and the most horrific timing I've ever gotten to witness and regret witnessing. The horrifying giant faced fiend, hiding its body, covered in a mouldy attire, tied with many wires. So many things I've seen through that glance, as what I saw registered through, enough to keep processing whilst I kept sliding. And its slender three hands, pointy and sharp, ripping apart people and shoving them in livery. I thought it saw me with its creepy eyes, uncut jaw and part of hearing that wasn't missing from the light. Hanging by his own cords, dangling for his own concord. I thought it saw me and it smile but remembered that it had no teeth nor a mouth too. The steam kept streaming throughout the session, blocking my perception and keeping me secure on my own thoughts. The face and his attire, his bloody guts made me fear, remember his grasp and its scene. It wanted me to remember, it wanted me to fear. I wasn't going into the fire, I was going through worse, heading towards it no doubt, else. "Why would it smile at me the same as it did?"Confusion made me take a rash decision once again, letting enough space for steam come in my mouth and almost make me puke it out. No doubt that someone would have to clean it off and it wasn't me. So long was the vent and with such distraction, it never occurred to me to question why it was that I felt no back pain from being rubbed against such an environment I was forced into. And why hasn't my pipe reached me yet?Another thought made me question it no longer, as it changed direction, venturing even more contorted places. The source of all the steam was getting close and I could feel no fire. Instead, I felt the fear once again, the one of ending at the hands of. "Bah. "This time, no steam came out, as I was thrown on a dark terrace, the hatch with open grills let me in, signalling the steam to stop with a ring but also the fiend. The ring came through and kept going, calling unwanted attention towards where I fell. My thoughts were impure and there was no time to contemplate on it, from the hands of a brute I was sent to another. As the few moments before the fiend managed to find its way to me, I kept my silence, on the floor, moving around with my hands on the rug. It was a rug, an expensive one, not that it mattered, that it lead me through the dark to figure out where I was going. I couldn't see from which way it would come, nor if it had a way of finding me, other than my original location, to which I knew it had already found out about me as we traded glances on my way here. The desperation grew larger as the thought of it hearing my heart beat would alarm it, just enough to come and get me and rip it apart. No wall so far and no sound other than the ring that wasn't as vibrant as before. The only rescue I seek forth would come only by my hand and it alone. Nothing else could provide the same result, not here, not anymore. As the ringing stopped, swallowed a slurp and notice for me. It founds its way to it and wasn't too far, I touched and felt, wood and a knob, it was a drawer, an old one, a system for me to guide myself. Hopefully, it didn't end up like the maze, leading towards a dead end towards where I would found my own one. A hum came throughout the place, it wasn't mine, it wasn't it, as there was no

place for its vocal cords from the past look at it. I doubt it could speak and I hoped not to hear such a horrendously atrocity speak or growl at me. Carrying something. Came to mind before stopping. Not the hum ticked me off, but the hard movement and the heavy noise coming from somewhere in the back. Afraid it would hear me, I held my breath for some time, holding my chest, covering the place where my heart would emanate beats. Closed my eyes to avoid having even the slightest shine and listened. Some steps, one after another after another but how many did it have? No, one was not it's but another one's dragged over too. It must've wiggled its massive body, perhaps it wasn't it but I could hear, feel, inexplicably its body movement, the sounds of the body being dragged. Close enough to me. "Help me. "My throat hurt. "His finger. "Stuck inside my vocal cord. Pulled by the ribs, entrapped by them. My eye took one but saw the other. Our saviour was here. "Saviour. "He heard just mutts. "Saviour" I tried again but it went deeper inside. My throat was hurting and there was no way out. My arm is missing and I can't get out. Legs left behind in an attempt to run. "Saviour" I tried muttering but he was too far, his attempt to save me got too far. I wanted to let it out, of my barely working eyes but it took them too fast for me to last. A scream just came, a the signal I needed, to move on and continue my run. Yet I was slow, still on the ground, I realised now, the steam has helped me, he gave me insight, to move on my own and move along. The way shouldn't be far, the blood it left behind showed me the direction. I took the opposite one to try escaping. Another life lost but it served well, to remind me a little of what happened. What has happened to them? All of them were like that, I presume. But understanding wasn't going to help if I was dead before it. The carving started and I could hear it echo through the entire place, helping me understand, how deep, how far it went. With each sound and each plunge, it felt as if a vibrating came through, revealing the place in my head naturally, though. Even if it sickened it to have the image of him butchering that poor soul, it made it no less a sacrifice worth taking to ensure my escape. A small one that revealed not much, as it finally reached me, informing me of the touch, what it felt, what it removed and where it placed them. Making no sense for what he held in its hands as they didn't make any sense to appear or be in the body of a human. Whatever he nonchalantly disassembled on the table he held it against, it wasn't a human. Nor what the being that tried communicating with me before. So much unstipulated shapes got pulled out, connected and tied with knots, many of them. Plugged out of the orifices and what not, the same fate would be held onto me if I was careless and got caught. The way in front of me still wasn't clear, I was trying my best not to knock off any object and tip it off with my location. Another wave of sound, of waves, going through the facility, revealing the place that laid in front of them as I kept moving. This wasn't good, a bigger one helped me discover how many sounds triggering bodies of mass were scattered around. It seemed like I wasn't the only one who tried escaping and their fates, or parts of there were still left around by that butcher, as a reminder for those who desperately tried escaping his wrath. A medium one, what I could only label it as only encompassed a variety of parts of the walls, doors and what laid atop, a small part of the ceiling. Closed, with locks and chains, one wasn't disassembled but tied and shoved, crammed inside. Melted too by the looks of it to block the entrance. Gah, that was close. I grabbed and held the stack that just popped out in front of me, ready to tip out the balance and not in my favour. Judging by how much more came in, it was almost done with carving its next body. The beats of his heart, dangling, barely above the ground too made peculiar and specific vibrations in its beatings. Smaller area, just around his lower side. I could almost see it, in the dark, further away as I was still slowly coming in. A set of chains was held close to its body, just

above but behind his beating, loathsome heart. Something else was inside it too but I couldn't and didn't care enough to make it out. The aftershock has happened. I tripped an unknown object that I haven't seen before. It heard me too, I could hear it, I could feel it, sending all kinds of vibrations, revealing as much as it could. The body was thrown, both of us were trying to get as much distance as we could. Me further away, him closer to my location. The hearing was impeccable but I knew he couldn't see that well in the dark, bashing himself on the various shelves, columns and sacks of dirt that were left there. Crawling and doing my best to avoid it. One object just came in, the another, barely managing to avoid them, helped by it. Then I couldn't move anymore, looking behind to see it revealed for second before jumping to dark. My foot was stuck, feeling no pain, on a trap that would normally disable a bear paw. He heard the snap, the ring it had. Too heavy to pull and not to mention the additional sound of getting dragged on the rough oak floor. It was heading straight, with some exceptions when he turned but I knew that I would get to see my own body with the vibrations, just before he popped out of the shadows. No sound, still, I looked, almost turned with my entire body to look in awe and he stopped too. Right as he was ready to reach me. A few metres separated us. The ominous image of it standing there, staring into the dark, revealed only by his beating heart, vibrating through his body. A snap and a crank could be heard and I knew why. It smiled, or at least that's what it would've done, after realising that someone else was sent here. A woman, her pearl necklace tore apart, each pearl falling and making a distinct sound as they all dispersed everywhere. Hitting so many objects, making so many sounds, triggering so many objects. I was as confused as it was as its giant head was moving unnaturally everywhere to record and take note of all the sounds and everything that happened. This could be my chance. As she was moving too, I got closer and grabbed the trap that held my leg between its jaws and didn't process any further until it was safe to. No, notice that it registered me or what I've done. I knew, though, as the image got clearer with the help of the vigour, as soon as I released it, with the time it took for it to almost pinpoint my location, even as I moved away. There wasn't any turning back. In the position, I felt as it approached its next victim, perhaps even another that was coming through the vents as I did. She tried crawling again, her legs must've broken on the way there, or before. The fiend held no sympathy nor and pity for its victims, approaching it as it would towards any other. Close to her, it was too late to feel empathy for another one that would end up being dead. Yet my hands were shaking as I heard the words echo again, realising now who she was and what has happened. And she knew too well that I was able to hear, even with such a great distance and in peril, separated between the beat of its heart as the final approach was coming. "Saviour. "It came out of her mouth too and I still didn't know why I was called like that. But I knew that something had to be done. As there was just enough distance now for it to come back to me. I unstuck my leg, letting out a shout of pain. "Gahh"Wrong about my leg not being stuck, I unleashed it and subdued the jaws. No time to get up as it blitz towards me. With the jaws held by my hands, against my body, my only was to defend myself. Each step it made tipped me off of the possible trajectory. With each coming one, I changed too, repositioning the trap, keeping my position and waiting for it to finally come. She stopped too from moving and I didn't know why she did it. Each beat of heart, just above the ground to not hit it over, this would be my opening to come. As it came out of the darkness and this time without stopping. I reached out and pushed the trap, releasing the jaws and puncturing its vascular organ. It made no sound but released a set of dark gases out of its mouth, backing away with the jaws plucked inside, pulling through. Right before managing to distance itself, I profited off the little

time as I knew it wouldn't be enough to be the end of it. The set of keys was in my mouth, as I got up and started running, at this point knowing the whole place and feeling it out even more. With each stroke and each pulls before it got ready to pull it off. The door should be right there, on the second right, above the set of blocks and levers, mistreated chairs and rubbish. "No. "The set of keys fell behind and I was forced to disrupt my continuation, to walk behind and search for it. The ring made as it fell down revealed its location but it wasn't there. I peeled and felt everywhere on the ground, trying my best to find it, waiting for big waves to come. A crack came and waves from different sides came to be, as the fiend wasn't dead, rupturing the trap in half and throwing it with such an abominable strength that both sides deeply penetrated the walls they ended up into. At least one of them, as the other ones made its way in the chest of an unfortunate fellow. Back to square one but this time I had a good card, lost but still more achievable. The beats haven't stopped and there was no liquid coming out, nothing I could see weaving through the darkness. Whatever encased that hear with its carapace, if the trap wasn't enough, there was nothing else I could to slay it. Not even with the precious organ uncovered could I stand against, especially in my condition and the position I was in. It moved as soon as it got up from the fall, leaving the sound waves waiting for the next move. It sought and there was no doubt that it thought about its next move, ignoring the sounds that she made across the room, farther away from both of us, with her fingers on the bottom of the floor. The fiend chose, deliberately to ignore her and focus everything on me, the one who managed to hinder it from its quarrel. His beating heart never stopped beating in the same place as it waited. The only vibrations felt came from there and from the sounds she made whilst getting ready to lift herself up and start moving again. Yet, still no reaction from it. I was still waiting for the right time to locate the keys. The problem was that it realised it too and waited for me to give out my location. Why else would it ignore the twitching of that woman, other than his appointment with me?It knew well, not only that but my fear too. To act, to get it, to run, to hurt it. Even more, as I was taught there was no other way than around all of them. This place was vulgar, unknown and alienated towards me and I had to get out. Beat beat. Beat, beat, beat. In the dark, something could be heard. Was the saviour still here or was I too late?So hard to move, even harder to make it farther. Each step into the darkness, above me the light bulb was lonely broken. Shards on the floor I stepped on them, feeling no pain, feeling as I gained reign on my body again. The beat could be friendly, I hadn't known any better, it must be a sign for help. Was this the saviour guiding me toward him?I should've told him the truth despite being told to do otherwise. I would've ended up here if I did, which I did anyway. Something hard came into my way, I had to feel it manage to walk around, so sturdy and annoying, how I managed to cut my finger into one of its splinters. My fingers felt so soft from the fall, something broke in me now too. Was I like the others now?Impure, shaken, lost in the dark, seeking for the liberator to set me on the right path once again. Harder as I got closer and still no one came. No one to harm me, to cause me pain, who was it in the dark?I asked myself after seeing the figure, the shade and the form that slowly contorted itself as I got closer. "Hey, I found you. It's been so long. "He hasn't answered yet, thinking he's done something wrong. "You didn't wrong me before. I know it was a mistake, a misjudgement for you and I. But I can forgive it and so can yourself. "I hoped he understood, I assured him so. He was waiting for me, not moving, taller than I thought he was. Something was broken in the ceiling, it was night and dark, only the light of a moon came through. It must've happened just minutes before as it travelled down to reveal him. He stood tall in front of me, just by a side. I froze as I saw only parts of his body, hanging down, big

and pulsating. His mouth was open, breathing hard, releasing gusts, so big that he could swallow them whole with me aside. My every feeling told me to run away, afraid he'd harm me, with his pale long expired fingers, perforating the floor, making marks in it. He didn't notice and I was thankful for that but something bugged me. And that was, where was our liberator and what had he done with him? How have I not succumbed to it yet, the shock was much but hasn't shaken me so? Something drove me here, to help and guide him, something that I haven't seen in the others. Many of them lost, many of them forgot, but that's why has the liberator come. To deliberately free us from madness, to free his lost lambs, and seeing him. Seeing him how and what has become, it pained me to see the abomination that laid in front of me. To think he'd harm him, that he has him pinned down somewhere, waiting for. I looked in the direction he was looking and had something in my mind. Not even once did he give any attention to me, straight ahead, looking for any move and any given site. Was he the one that made that sound, beating the floor just as I got here? I didn't know what was about to happen to me but the voice in my head that so relentlessly guided me so far, it said loud and clear. Giving me the command I had to bear through in order to be liberated, like all of them. Many have sacrificed before in order for him to get here, the voice spoken to me. And there was no worry as I would be free, right when the liberator will heal it. Its voice felt so warm, something that I was never able to feel, other than the cold at any given time. And so much did I seek that warmth, never given, through both body and soul, lifted once again by the promise. This was the reason I stood calm, in front of the. . . I gulped after hearing what it said next. Kneeling down and slowly moving into position. The wires it had had a knot, easily untied if pulled fast enough. The voice continued in my head and there only. "There will be repercussions for what you have done. Broken too beyond repair, beyond assembly. You must give yourself in for only then you can feel warm you've so lonely wished for. "With tears in my eyes, if only they would drop away from my eyes, it still hasn't noticed me and neither did him. I knew, the voice told me too, he was there, undefended, with the key of his escape laying only feet away from him. "He will break you in half once you're going to do it. But not before, its mind is poisoned, staring ahead and into the one who's hurt it. Such vengeance is bared until one of them stops existing, with no way around. You must become the misdirection he desperately needs now in order to escape. Just as I need you to help him in order to survive. "With such grace, it spoken to me, using a voice of my own, despite me knowing what he was. I pleaded my life a long time ago, forfeited for something that outweighed my own. My eyes were fixated on him whilst not making any sudden moves to anger it too early. A chain reaction would soon come to be. "I'm doing this for you. "I said it, knowing he could hear me as the voice confirmed it. But what was she doing, standing too close? Whispering to me, beyond all the guise, the distance and the danger she was in. My attempt to save her was in vain as it seemed like she would sacrifice herself to assure my safe return. Her mind must be lost if she thought it was a fair trade. She still hasn't done it, there was still time. Time for me to make a move like I've done before, with the heart beating and the fiend wanting nothing more but to end me. She kneeled now and kept talking, it made no move towards it as if it made no difference what she did near nor to it. I still had time as I thought I knew, the various knots, pulsating, oozing inside, above and under the heart, getting near her hands. A big sound was about to come, I feared in coming, a shout or scream or even worse from something I wasn't sure it would come first. Again, I lied to myself that I could do it, I could save, I could risk it again. My life, my well being for another person, this time, whilst not being sure of my escape. I could sacrifice it at any time, I didn't care for my life. No. She kept doing

and I did nothing instead. Too afraid to even shaken in disgust for myself that I would be found by it and accidentally save her from the irreversible fate she was heading towards. No, I was. I was so afraid of death, even the slightest thought of there being a chance of me to escape gave me the strength and courage to go through with anything. Yet, in the lack of it. She was dead. Ripped it apart, making a huge wave, the knot broken and letting so much of it go. It angered and instinctively bashed shoved its hand through her chest, getting stuck it in. Unable to control and tie itself, it twitched, revealing everything, enough for me to get the set of keys. Angered and crazed by the apparent hatred for both of us, it didn't stop and pulled itself closer to me whilst having her impaled, slowed down, moving on tight spaces and slight nodes. This was its downfall, too stubborn to get rid of the extra weight that slowed it down. And if it weren't for her help, I wouldn't have managed to see everything in a new light right after feeling her body being dragged closer to me. Something was spilt on the floor and she was covered in its blood, too damned to stop its own bleeding point. Too stubborn to stop and die as I reached the door and saw, the body that was shoved inside of it, almost filled with mould and decayed. The right key was only one of them and I had little of time to find the right one. One stuck and a cling with vibrations. Another cling, a second wrong. The vibrations didn't matter anymore as I knew where the hole was and what to do. By the time, I struck the third key in the chain, the sounds of her being dragged, jabbed under its prominent feet could be heard from not so far. The area between us was as lit as if there was a star between the block of darkness that laid everywhere else in the facility. "Damn key won't fit it and there aren't many left. "I let it know, hoping it'd understand the dilemma we were both in. Not many were left, cling cling and neither the next two managed to fit in nor work at all. It was closing in and fast at that too, both of them now. Perhaps I could stall some time and wait for it to drown into its own sorrowful existence but at the same time, the chances are that it could mend itself back together to finish the job. "Gah. "And the next one didn't help at all to ease the pain of our game of waiting. "I can hear you there. "I said whilst circling through the remaining keys, after hearing how he started slamming the body and at the same time its hand on the ground. Our confrontation would seem to come and at an advancing speed too, with its body slowly regaining strength. With each strike inside the lock, with every jiggle that loved into almost moving on its own knees or what it had there that kept it in one piece. "There" It would seem I declared myself the winner, just as it close to me, ready to impale me too with its other slender hand before falling on the floor and dying with us. "You lost" I yelled too, in dismay as I knew, unlocked, that I would finally get to escape the grips, to grasp freedom and safety once again. The only part of my plan remained, with adrenaline running through my body, to open it and. Blocked, the body. "How could I forget?" It wasn't there just to scare. I pushed and pulled, trying to get rid. So close to getting me and I had no choice. I pulled the handle and ripped it apart, throwing the remains at it to knock it off my track Bought some time too as it deflected the broken part of the door, rotten and fragile. In doing so, a mistake, it fell down from grace with no support, damaging and having to pay a part of its life to slightly redeem its fault. Still not done, I got my hand outwards and tried pulling. Stuck again with no way to take it inside, the bloody body still blocking. Mouldy and rotten, just in the same state I saw and felt before, the time came for me to do it too. Pulling it apart, thinking the body was still attached but a hand came off first. Without giving it time to lift itself up from the dire state it was in, I threw the arm, slowing it down even more. Whilst keeping it so, having part and part being broken, one last time, just as it was ready to lift itself up, closely to its two feet. Again it fell, just as I managed to get the torso and the

fractured jaw falling off and managing to hit his heart after leaving it in a vulnerable position. With each leap before the fall, with each time it came closer to getting up, so did it managed to get closer to me. But none of that was important, as the door of my freedom was almost so broken I could reap it apart by pieces. To use the sharp edged planks to finally slay it. Yet, the last time I managed to throw the torso, I stopped. And so did it, finally, not moving a hand, even if it was so close to me. The light suddenly vanished, the vibrations were silent. Two lone sourced of glow came one from outside. And the other one dreary, the single timed beats that could barely come out of it.

Laying there so close, with its slender sharp hand reaching my feet, without enough power to reach nor harm me anymore. "Your end came so clear and so fast. I haven't even expected that. "I kicked its claw away and felt no more resistance from it, nor from its disgusting guise, hidden in the dark now along her. "How did any of them manage to find their end at the hands of you? That I will never know. "And neither have I cared as I was almost out. Some parts of the body were still left, merged with the remainings of the door, soon to be taken apart again. Before throwing the next one, I felt something cold reach my feet. The slender hand as it wasn't done yet. Yet it hasn't punctured me, neither did it held my member hard enough that I couldn't dismiss it and throw it again. Just for it to drag itself back to it. "You just don't know when to give up, don't you? Of all the mindless things I've encountered so far, you are the worst of them. Even that pathetic bomb knew when to die after a while and stopped its disgraceful attempts to harm us. "But it didn't understand and at this point, it was clear to me that, it didn't have the mind to do so. Just before it did it, one last time, I got the best of it. Holding its hand under my foot and keeping it steady. "I know you can't and won't be able to scream. Not that it would've been the first one you've heard, yet I can assure you that hers was the last one you will get to ever hear. "It tried pulling away from under my foot but still didn't understand, despite its attempts, it was over for it. That giant pulsating heart, that didn't have enough liquid to spill out, either being coagulated at the end of its cord or just not enough to get to the other end, but it still didn't end. On its last call and still tried. "This should teach you. Even if it won't matter in the end, once you're not longer functional. "I grabbed another sharp broken part of the door and noticed it, after having enough time to examine it. The soft side, the part that would so easily be vulnerable, the same one as I didn't want to end it yet by shoving a dagger into its heart. "I feel no remorse and no pity for such an object like you. "It heard me, just before I stabbed and cracked deeply into the floor, pitting it against its will. Leaving its last moments to squirm and try wiggling its arm out despite having no possible way to get it out. Leaving me back to my final pieces to be taken, just enough for me to get out towards the garden. I didn't know why it was there or where I was being lead towards but. Even the sound it made whilst trying to get out managed to disturb my thoughts, my patience and attempt to hold myself from ending its miserable existence. "I know you're suffering and you will continue to do so. "I stopped. Another set of vibrations came. But. So close. It started moving, tried more likely to move its lips and try speaking to me. Yet no sound came, only the image of its heart and lips moving in sync before it stopped flailing its arm. With the other one and my impaled companion longly disabled. "I can't. Understand. I can't read lips. "I've spoken softly now as something changed into me, I still resented it from what it's done to them. Yet. "No, I will not fall into one of your sick tricks, especially now when I'm done with trying to defend myself from your harm. "Enough space was carved from the combined remains of the corpse and the door now. Just the right amount that I could pass through was gotten rid of.

"Regardless what you might be trying to say. And how much more you'll heart will keep beating its last moments. I

hope you'll spend them well rotting in here. "A farewell to both of them before going through. Everything came back to normal, or at least that's what I thought. "Where now?" I asked myself, hoping this new discovery and new ability would come in handy. If someone heard me and tried speaking, I could pinpoint the exact location. The sounds of flying birds, of only there were any of them flying. "A terrarium, after the butchery I was in?" Bait after bait but none was taken so far. If this place ended up being the previous one, there were measures to be taken. Something unexplainable even more so happened. I changed my mind and before going any farther, I had to be sure of something, to be fully ready for such a burden. Not even crawling through the cracks, I managed to push the remains from outside and open the door entirely towards the inside, breaking and spreading the remaining pieces on the floor in front of me. Its breath was still there as of yet, some time would come to be until it fully passed on. Perhaps I was supposed to fully check its butchery, now that I had some insight with the place, close to being fully revealed by the light that came through. Not only that but this place where I've almost found my journey's end and my possible death would become a testing ground for my latest acquired ability. If I managed to fully master it, perhaps I could pull it through. There wasn't much, though, not what I expected, just the same pulsating member and. Something else. I thought about it and thought well as I couldn't figure out what nor where did it come from. A sound like no other, an object, something else than that I couldn't name nor describe neither to myself. It didn't make any sense to me, neither did its call. Was I intentionally called back to this place from which I wanted to get away from? Either way, it was worth a detour, now that this thing was taken care of. "Slow down and stop distracting me. I need to focus. "Not that It could do anything anymore, though it provided me with some insight. Perhaps what I was looking for laid back at its working spot where the end of many took place. "Keep beating like that, I still need a reminder where the exit laid. "Even with the presence of light, I wasn't sure how far I would venture inside, nor if any other threats were there. The small beacon I ignited, the beating could help me. "I'm sorry I have to prolong this. Even with what I said before, and the small fraction of empathy that I may have towards you. I need you alive. "The drops were still falling down despite me thinking otherwise, just slowly, the pool was larger than before. Such attention to it wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for the light to reveal it. "Again, this may hurt, and it probably won't surprise me if you weren't going to regenerate even with my help. Yet I know that if I didn't do this, you would more than likely run dry and stop working. "Close, almost face to face, I kneeled to its level, just enough to feel its whole heart. Beating in my proximity, I could see and sense its every channel, every path and every vein inside where the remaining life like blood flew through. So much has passed that not even his mouth could move anymore, neither its hands. I lifted up the part that used to have a knot, the many others being still connected. With a piece of cloth that I held in my pocket, I took it out and shoved it in the cord before connecting it to the other side. "I have to say sorry again but I won't let it run through you. It's not that I don't trust you but I've seen what type of annoyance you became, even with some remains of your strength. "And luckily for me and it, the body remained still on a side covered in darkness, sparing me from seeing the rest of its disturbing looking body. And her too. Both arms laying on the floor, holding a single pearl in one. I took it for the passing before travelling further. "This is where the table should be. "Using only the memory of what I heard before, I reconstructed the place in my head, guiding myself to it. There was no need for me to touch it, as I knew what laid on it and how much, whatever that was, as it wasn't blood what it took from its victims. "Agh. "It driven me with annoyance, hearing that damned

sound and not knowing the source. Distracting me from whatever I was going, what I was doing now and thinking about how I got here. Like an obsession, despite me having many of them, I had to catch the source with my own hands. Thinking of it. Spare ones and other parts laid everywhere, yet none of them were human like. "Prosthetic parts?" I asked myself out loud, at all time, with every question and thought out loud, I wanted it to hear me and not forget that it wasn't left lonely. Though it made me wonder, what was it doing here with so many of them? "Were you a doctor of some kind?" And quite some expensive parts too, made out of such a precious material, embedded and well crafted by a master craftsman I'd say at even my first assortment. The fingers moved on their own after pushing some wires, checking more and more of them before ultimately throwing them away. "I know you'd probably get mad if you saw me do this. I noticed that you took good care of these parts. "Well polished and clean, I felt no rust and no dust, no dent nor anything that caused them any damage. Neither did I notice nor feel any of them misplaced in the small workshop it made for itself. And for everything that was needed, even. Heads. Which was never done before?" Though I doubt that stopped you from trying. Wait a minute. "Whilst coming around, I felt something strange, a leg, the size of my own. Comparable the same, with some exceptions. I held it in my hands. I threw it away soon after, not wanting to think about it or what it wanted to do with it and with me. Making sure I'd still hear those beats so I wouldn't lose myself into the darkness, I plunged, even more, descending in the unidentified surrounding. Perhaps I was going to hysteria but I thought I could hear it not so far from here. "But what is this?" I had to base myself on my senses only as I felt nothing and couldn't see as much after the point I've passed by. That's when I heard it. A distant sound. But I didn't know, didn't realise how distant it was before hearing it so well. It was the sound of a distant event than happened before. I realised that as I saw it as a witness, alive and well, tall and strong, with a healthy beating heart, with its slender hands keeping many needles and patching someone new. "You're alive. "I said but it didn't hear me whilst passing next. Was that another victim? No, she stood there on her own and didn't fear. "How may I help you?" He asked, with a normal voice, in a normal body now, formal no less. "I need a new replacement, this one is broken. "Her leg was broken indeed though she felt no pain as he easily removed it and started sewing another one in the place of the previous. Freely, I moved around them to see from all perspectives, with the light bulbs being clean and shiny, his cabinet on one side and a workshop in the other. Doing woodworks and toys on one hand whilst adjusting body parts on the other. Such a smile and a nice appearance. What was the connection then? This man wasn't that fiend, that beast and that monster so what did it suddenly change? "Huh? What happened to you?" My attention was redirected after watching on the other side, seeing as there was no vent leading up to this point, neither could I hear the beating he had, perhaps the beating he will have some time in the future if this was his past. I got closer so I would be sure that my thesis wasn't entirely false. "Gahhhh. Ughhhh. Eghhhh. "I shouted in his eardrum, possibly damaging it from such a distance between us. That would've happened if I was there, really there and near him. But I was nothing else than a witness of the sound that brought me here. Strangely as I didn't hear before managing to come out victorious from our confrontation with each other. And even stranger that it acted so normal, not only since it looked that way. "Were you always like this?" I asked, knowing, thinking that the most plausible explanation was that my body was still located in the room where we started, with it still lying dead, beating its rotten heart. Though I wasn't going to throw out the chance of me walking through this place, fully revealed and hopefully unharmed. Not that any of these could do it anyway. Such

an occurrence I thought about. I thought I've heard of such an event in the past, used on many but where? Seeing past events that were used to my consent in order to do what? Something was driving me, controlling me, using something from my past and others and I didn't like that. "You will understand that I don't like being controlled. And that I don't care to witness what happened and the condition they used to live in. I will find out the reason I was brought here then take my leave soon after. "I wasn't sure it heard me but hopefully, it did. Despite us both knowing I was being manipulated, there wasn't much I could do, for now, rather see what I was taken towards. And what it wanted to offer me, for such an image shown before me, of what it happened to it, revealed to me that any offering, anything that it wanted to give would come with a greater consequence. I looked back before going the stairs, through the fixed door that seemed to be slowly decomposing. It had its misfortunes too. But watching him work so slowly on them, managing to aid them like a normal doctor would give me some hope. And at the same time some dismay. Just to be sure about it, so I wouldn't get to lose the image of the present, I had to talk from once in a while, to remind myself where I truly was, despite going through so many places. Once I was anchored to it, despite climbing stairs that wouldn't normally be here. "I remain in the room. And I do remember when I came up with this strategy. "And it was after I gained an insight from the celestial I was taking care off. Perhaps the information that I was given by it would come to a greater use than I initially thought it'd do. "If there were any stairs in here. I'd like to know if they'll ever end. "I must've been walking for minutes and judging by the fact that I wasn't tired. "What was that?" Knowing It still couldn't talk, there was no point in asking that. Yet everything was shaken and smoke could be smelled, coming from below. I climbed the stairs faster, trying to reach the end, climbing and climbing until I reached the end, the door. "Finally, I can see, where will it lead me, though?" I opened it to see the blue sky and clouds being lacerated in half. With one hand holding on the door and the other covering my mouth as I was in shock. On a deck of a normal ship but this wasn't the sea, too many clouds around, white and yellow, getting smashed around with everything that came into contact. People were acting as if it was normal, pulling sacks of sand and moving them around, sailing the ship that most likely had a captain. The crew was diverse yet I've seen none of them before in the mansion. "Was this a part of the mansion at any point?" "If so, why were we moving?" "Steady now. "Someone said I thought it was directed at me, yet I was so wrong. Though I haven't declined the offer, as I was shaken away, the altitude we were one must've taken a toll. Again no one saw me, or so did I think, yet shortly after was I greeted by what I could only name a fellow crewman. "Hello there, you must be new here, is that right?" "You can see and hear me?" I asked but before getting a response, something that I waited. Proven wrong shortly after as someone passed through me, greeting back. "Yes I am, my name is Bindra. I'm glad I was chosen out of so many people to join. ""Yes yes, look. I know you're new and happy you were given such a privilege but you'll need to work harder than the rest of them. "She held one hand behind her back at all time, with me standing and looking at them trying to understand why was I being shown all of this. "The deceit, the promise and someone willing to suffer through anything to get towards something. Is that what am I being shown?" I asked before waiting for them to finish too. Yet still no answer came forth, though. "Including something extra that not many people like you possess. Come forth later into my chamber and I will assure that your residence here remains permanently. "She nodded her head and turned it around, I could see what she was doing remained in disgust. He must've been the captain, smiling as it heard it all, before going away and leaving her be. There was nothing she could do it, coming from a superior.

"Ehm. Hello there new girl, my name is Esther. "Another one came. Dressed as the latter, the sky uniform and everything or so did I call it, as I saw nothing as such vestments in what you'd call a normal ship. "Hi. I'm Bindra. "Much more clower this time, as she was shaken. "Don't mind him and don't get fooled. He's not the captain, neither even a deck hand. ""Wait, then who is he?" "He's just a passager that keeps taking a piss on people. Such a blunder that he probably didn't even tell you in which room he's currently residing. "Said the deck lady with a playful tone. I moved one as they started to bond, I had no time to waste on them. "I won't get caught in your drama, not even in theirs. "A flash came, unexpected and saw something surprising, unexpected, that didn't happen in the last flashes I encountered. It would be a first of its kind and most likely not again. "But they look normal, and nothing changed. "Have I missed it then or were they like that? Their mouths stripped bandanas and fractured pants were just the same, as no one else. Perhaps this was the change, I was sent to explore, to see, to understand, they were nothing like those in the mansion, so where was I now? "The next stop towards the airy terminal. "Someone just announced the next stop, in a strange manner too. Another group stood on edges, caught with ropes to avoid unwilling accidents it would seem. "Do I really have to wear this strapped on my leg? "A relatively young boy asked, tied up to his ankle, so sturdy that not even a sharpened knife could set it free. Either my timing was right of they were triggered as I came into contact with them. "Which reminded me of something, don't worry if you're still here and well. "I could try focusing and try hearing again, feeling the whole deck, going through the second level. Something must be blocking me from seeing inside the room I was truly in, perhaps the same thing that granted me this ability. "Hey you sir, why are you making faces and concealing your forehead? "The kid asked, whilst his befriended lizard stood next to him. I couldn't hear anyone around, close to him to be referring as. That could and might as well mean that. "Are you deaf sir or just ignoring me? "Again he referred to someone that wasn't around. I had to ask again, this time, I didn't know if I'd get an answer. And another question would get to be wasted by me towards someone who probably didn't hear me but someone else. "Huh? "Plain and simple as I wasn't going to waste much time. "I asked if you can hear me sir? "And he asked back, thinking that we went nowhere with this but I had enough. "I'll do with your game for now. "The kid looked at me confused. I managed to see a little of that before turning around and glancing at the others. The night was coming and no one else was close to interact with me, no one other than him. The blue veil turned into dark and pink before gradually becoming darker. A storm was coming. "Someone or something somewhere is probably experiencing something bad. "The kid was peculiar, even more than what I was used to hearing from someone under and above his stature. "Speaking from experience I presume? Though, judging by your age, I doubt you've had any to begin with. ""Are you taking a dig at me, old man? "The child asked to the geyser, wondering what was it about. But I wasn't going to fully immerse in his banter, having to figure out where we were heading. "Did you hear that? "He asked, slow as I did it before him, truly knowing from where it came. Or at least two things that happened at the same time. He and I heard but I know that I felt it as soon as it happened, maybe even before it did so. Not so far from us, closer to the bow, a crewman of his, maybe mine too now, dropped a glass of water and shattered it on the wooden foot bottom. I felt it before he even managed to notice and open his mouth to it. Even before opening his mouth I saw vibrations form all around the sunlight, through the floor, multiple of them, each for every shard that reached its target. Suddenly stopped, they maintained their position in the sunlight as there was nothing for me to be revealed. Waves like in the water so did the wood seems, despite us being so high

above it. But the reason they did it was soon made itself clear before he even finished acknowledging what happened, I looked in the other direction. The man that once referred himself as a higher up crushed a few photos taken of him with other women under his feet. He tried, twisting his foot and trying to muddy, destroying them as fast as possible. I didn't care if he was blackmailed, covering it up or destroying them for the sakes of it but the action he made, the waves made with each twist collided with the one coming from the shards. The shards of a glass and the shards from his previous relationships, an interesting coincidence but I had no idea what it had to do with me nor why they stopped in front of one another. "Someone will have to clean that up. And I'm too tied up to be able to do it." Said the boy, resolute as he wasn't seeing what I had in front of my eyes. "I guess. "Sadly for him I had no way to entertain him, the same way as the idea of them being stuck like this didn't entertain me either. "It was more like a by the way. I don't know how they used to say it in your old day an age. Speaking of, say, you're an old man. Where were you residing in the general district?" "I'm kind of busy right now. ""My name is Luke. But my friends call me Nimble. "I didn't bother anymore with him, as something caught my eye in it. The waves, standing where they were, some of them started vibrating even more in their place, almost as if they were ready to rupture the entire ship into pieces. Something told me that they weren't supposed to be in the state they were currently in. Neither what could they evolve into?" "What do they call you? Or used to in your day and age?" "Quiet down whilst I'm checking this. "I said to him as I kneeled down, getting closer to one of the waves. It must've passed through my feet and everywhere around, yet I wasn't sure what would've happened when I touched them. Even more as I was curious to see what could happen if I kept my hand in them. The waves were silent when it came to him talking, to her trying to pick up the glasses and towards what now was the burning of the pictures. I could hear and see all of that by myself well enough without any help. It resonated with me on a lower level than I was expecting it to be. Just one small touch before they reached the full potential they could have. The bad weather could and might as well me made by the massive level they had at such a high altitude we were in. Those thunders I saw in front and below, hearing it well behind too, were at the same level, almost as the continuation of the waves. All of that before fading away inside the storm that was brewing under us. "One touch. "I whispered to myself and at the same time, with my mind clear, I didn't forget for who it was directed towards. "That's enough. "I was stopped, the waves disappeared. Right before I could touch them, under my hands they were gone. A hand was on my shoulder and the rope not so far. The kid stopped me as the signs of rain started showing themselves near us. "We're too high anyway for the rain to fall kid. ""I know sir but it still wouldn't be too nice with the storm and the harsh wind coming all around us. "That maiden and the man already went to their rooms alone and neither of them seem to think about the little boy standing near the rain and the bending old man. "Then tell me. "Before I stood up and turned around to him. The previous occurrence was strange, yet harmless and none of them seemed to notice it. "How come none of them came here to untie you and bring you in?" "The place was deserted, a constant feeling that had a bad habit to follow me around throughout every place I went it. Perhaps it was me bringing the eerie feeling that distanced other people from it. Yet he remained here, tied to the place. And so was I. "For now. And now only. Before being tied here, I had a hard time. A really hard time than you could ever believe. Talking, getting to know people. Interacting with others without having to run away. ""And that's when you tied yourself I presume?" "In the same position, he sat down again, on the edge of the ship with no fear of falling down. "No, I was tied by others. "None was around to

listen to him, except me. It was hard to admit it but I only stood near him because he reminded me of someone who I glanced upon a long time ago. That's why I indulged and sat next to him. With no breaks to stop me from falling and no fear either. "Was this a bad joke then?" "It's not that. They helped me, I'm glad they did it. " "But was that the reason they've done it?" "To be honest, I don't know. Though I can't spend my time in spite of it, especially since I can't change it anymore. "I looked at it and the leg must've been tied quite tight. A long while must've passed with it still tied to him, keeping him down, perhaps even up in this case. "You can always just. Untie that knot and move freely. There's nothing stopping you anymore. "Just as he saw my motion, moving my hand, he stopped it with both of his, making me pull it away. "You don't have to do that. It's something I've got to do on my own terms. Even if I'm afraid of releasing it. "I understood how he felt though something wasn't right yet. Something that got delayed for a while. "My name is Esley. " "I'm glad you've finally told me that. It wouldn't have been a proper meeting if you didn't. "He looked tired and the sack of sand that stood near him would've more than a likely substitute for a pillow. "I think I 'll head inside there now. Funny how I have no idea what it lays behind that door, despite coming from there. "The weather was getting even worse than before, us being at the level of the rain, perhaps barely above. "Go on ahead, I'll be fine. Nothing to drag me down. " "And no one to drag you up. "In case of a fall, the unwatched child, he'd get to be at the same level with the clouds. Thunder made waves, some did whilst others not, coming from below, lifting themselves above. I stopped in my tracks, fascinated to feel the clouds and how the thunders were made. The image of them travelling so fast and fast towards the place they were heading towards was overwhelming. I couldn't feel it in its entirety as such a distance would be too staggering to think of. Though it did tick me off about the real extension of my given extensions. "It looks like it's going to rain. "The boy says, before setting up his bed, ready to sleep in the cold. Though it didn't seem to disturb him any more than it did me. "Funny kid. "I said whilst almost passing through, perhaps I would've opened the door straight away and went in if it weren't for the image of the empty deck and no captain at the wheel. "Wait a minute, don't fall asleep yet. "I stopped him from closing his other eye right as I came back. "Isn't there someone supposed to be at the wheel?" "What?" He used both of his hands to open his eyes, making rude signs and coughing at me too. "I said, isn't the someone who has to be at the wheel?" "I guess so?" Confused from the sudden awakening and my delightful intrusion, he noticed it too, soon after. Late once again as I felt it, from where we stood, moving on its own. I could barely keep myself on my feet as I felt both it, then the entire ship barely standing still, sending all kind of vibrations to reach me from all possible direction. The stability of both the ship and myself were treading on thin ice. "Are you okay?" His speech was blurred too, though he had something to support him, keeping him tied to the ground. I've had nothing. "Agh. "I almost screamed, alarming everyone that stood inside at the cosy surrounding that revealed itself as they opened the door. Almost everyone must've been caught off guard, coming out one by one, barely holding themselves in the air. "What happened?" Close to the edge, holding myself on it, the ship first seemed to go on a right whim. "I don't know. No one. On the wheel. "One hand holding my head and the other holding myself still. I could see the levels, the clocks and a second small one being held lower than the bigger one. "You've got to be kidding me. "That was mad, I thought I felt the entire ship down to its entire screw and tender, yet I wasn't able to sense, somehow the wheel device it held. Neither did I see it, nor other crewmen walking towards it. "Don't go, it might suddenly turn. "I didn't advance as I was being guided by it again, feeling the vibration as the wind itself play a role against us. "Stop it!" I

shouted again as the gust came, turning the wheel and the smaller one. Only being able to see the device from the position I was in, the small thing didn't make a thing, but the bigger one turned, to the sudden, a hard left with the entire ship following the command that was driven by the air. "Gahhh. Barr. Scurrr. "Screams came from everywhere around, I could barely hold myself and the kid was being held up to the limit of the rope holding him. "No. "He grabbed and held me by the waist one moment before I was about to fall. The others weren't so lucky, falling apaart, almost off the ship too. "It's not going to last any longer. "She said with a torch in her hand, still lit despite the beating wind and the lack of support. The sudden turn managed to make some of them pass down from being knocked into the other side of the ship. "It's safe now. You can release me Nimble. "He nodded as the wheel fluctuated enough for us to temporarily stand steadily. It opened a path, a timed venture towards it before it would start turning again. "We need to get there. Both of us. "She said from the other side, seeing how the boy was tied, the others knocked and the wheels might've needed two people to control. I nodded too and told her to. "Move, before it starts again. We might not get another chance. At least not if we want to avoid them being thrown off the board. "Ahead of me, as she practically flew through, above the planks that constituted the ship, using them to propel herself further away towards the stairs, waiting for me to make my move. Not much and it wasn't safe, I booked it through and almost threw myself into it, before it started slightly shifting away, at maddening directions and with an abdominal speed. "You're almost there, grab the deck will ya?""I'm trying. I'm doing my best. Not to get throw out of this damn ship. "The stairs, I got there, just on the other side of her, having the most difficult time lifting my every foot up before having it rushed down by the strength of the ship. Stair and stair and I were to the top, with my wounded feet barely standing on their own, the road ahead had no support and no way to be sure. "What now?"I asked, seeing how she knew something, more than I did about piloting a ship unless counting the underground one as previous experience. Different tools for different people, and no way for it to pilot itself. "Yes. "She said, covering her face from the small. "Were those leaves?"I asked her, after seeing more of them come from her bulwarks, followed by small branches soon after. "A tornado might be coming, we need to hurry. "Was she insane or?"Was that a morbid joke?""It's going to be if we don't move the ship out of the way. "Almost muffled by the wind, getting rougher than before, still below us, yet the effect still managed to find a way to us. "Jump. ""No, I'm not going to. We won't make it that way. "Her plan was flawed and had no way to succeed, not to mention. "How risky it is. ""Don't tell me that you've got any other plan going on. "He was going to ruin our only chance. I didn't have to way for him anymore, I was going in, with our without, even if I had to navigate by myself with one foot under and two below. "Don't do it. "I leapt, slightly, feeling as if I was flying through the air, through leaves and small floating objects. His cry took a while to reach my ears, not that it matter what it said. "Aughhh"The high lever almost crushed my belly and left me kneeling down on one foot. "Are you okay?"He asked despite seeing it, yet I was anchored to it. "I'm fine. "I merely managed to cough it up. Without even knowing what I said to him. Confused about his hand signs, what did. "Grab the wheel. "He yelled, popping out my eyes to be fully open, realising where I was. I got up and shifted away from the lever towards the wheel, keeping it steady and straight. People got on the deck now, with ropes coming out from the chambers, safely wrapping the ones that got knocked off. "Hold it like that until I'm there. "He could move normally without being thrown or shaken. It couldn't last long, a cyclone was seething under. "There, I got it too. What do I do with it?"None of the men from the deck go there time so I had to

make use of him if I was going to stir the ship in the right direction. "Listen closely, move the smaller one opposite to the way I'm doing mine. And pull the red furred lever when I tell you. "Eight of them in total, each steering the ship into harsh degree turns. Others even more. "I think I understand. ""There's no thinking, just do it. Right!" I yelled at him, seeing how he was rolling it left. Somehow, unexpectedly he didn't confuse what I said to him and did the right thing. I doubt he was blessed with the same ability to see through the thick fog that surrounded us so it was even better. "Left now and get ready to pull the lever closer to you then reset it after five seconds. ""You never said anything about timing the pulls. ""Focus on steering it, we're not out of the storm yet. ""What about them? Won't the sudden turn. ""Pull it. "Damn that woman, how could she not wait? I just released the lever, having no time to respond. Another order came soon after. "Good, now left. "And I turned it left, having smaller vibrations thick me off of her real intent. Something was wrong with her, thinking me off intentionally or without figuring out what she did. "Turn a right now. "I did the same as before, going left once again, differently than what she did. "Stop giving me the wrong indications. We could get into serious trouble if you don't focus. "He knew where I was turning the wheel before me doing so, going in the different direction the same time I did, before telling him so. His senses were sharp, too sharp, despite not seeing him before. Neither did his grabs seemed too keen to my eyes, despite what he did and the way he spoke to me giving a different vibe. "Relax, you can handle it from what it looks like. And we're almost out of the storm. "Though I couldn't speak for my entire crew, especially those on the deck, that almost got thrown around from the sudden turns and change in atmosphere. "Are we lifting up?" He asked, pulling the lever and releasing it soon after, stopping me from even opening my mouth to note him of what had to be done. "How did you do that?" Following directions even better than I thought. "It's not important, just focus on where you're landing this. "He seemed to be more than a labourer from below, not dirty from the coal being sent towards the engines that power the hole thing, his hands weren't ruined from the dirty small work nor from washing dishes. Yet. "You seem to know a great deal about navigation. More than you seem to be showing. "I told him and perhaps I had to admit a little, his grey moustache and start of a beard despite his age weren't such a knock out of him. "I'm a fast learner, that's all. Nothing more and nothing less than that. ""It's good to know. We will be needing this. "He couldn't see in front and neither would them as soon as I gave the order. "Go inside men, all of you. "At this point, they had a great deal of distance, almost inside, ready to patch those wounded people. "We're going to need to focus on some manoeuvres, think you can handle that? Also, give me a report of the situation that happened before I got here. "The port and starboard of the ship were intact, there was nothing that came into contact despite having the ship so shaken towards the sides whilst inside. Something else happened, he and the child remained the only ones that knew about what happened. "Nothing happened ma'am. Just the storm that started right on the sides whilst the ship kept slashing through the clouds. ""Why were you out then? ""Well, I was""Right then left. "Again he did it before telling him so, in just one direction going against my order against my order. He didn't lack good judgement, though I should've focused more on the path ahead before thinking about that. "I was talking to Nimble. ""Don't do that, no one calls him that. Though, where did you come from? I've never seen nor was I informed about any unwanted passengers appearing out of nowhere. ""Well, you could say I just popped out of nowhere. No one else beat me up to it. "Judging by her face she didn't know what I was talking about, yet I wasn't going to forget about it just because of the seriousness of the event that was being thrown at me. "That's not the answer I was expecting. I assume that

you've most likely snicked in one of the cargos that were delivered before this ship set sail. "Though him approving it disproved it even more. I wasn't going to complain about an extra deck hand, just because the peculiarity of what he looked like and how well prepared he was. He understood how this machine worked, far off my expectations for now that I could focus entirely towards where we were flying towards. "We passed some skies but. "This wasn't good. "I can feel it too, in the air, the pressure and the clouds are almost here. "If he understood it too, it meant that my imagination wasn't playing tricks on me. "I'll need you to listen to my instructions to their entirety, okay?" "No tricks this time?" "No tricks this time. "That I could assure him and I had another thing planned for him. "IS Nimble okay?" "He's doing fine, pull the red lever and don't let go anymore. Block your part of the wheel and keep it like that until you're done with. "Fine, what now?" "This ship wasn't just shaken, it looks like there's a problem with either the furnace. I think. Or the machinery that lays below, powering up the engines keeping us above the air. "Then we need to repair the engines?" "No. "She said. "We need to give the orders to the engineers below, the new of what's happening and what must be done so we won't fall off the edge. Judging by the speed of our descent. "The clouds that were almost around us and the soon blue sky that would become pink and empty. "We might be slowly going down until the engines die. And after that. "Wait. I can fix them up, I've got some experience, if not, more than enough to help down there. "No, I need you to stay here and press some other levers. "No offence ma'am. "As the conduct was forcing me to address her accordingly to her rang, so as I wasn't going to reveal my identity. "But, there's no way I'm going to stay here, knowing that I can stop it. Give me a shot, I know I can do it. "She noticed too as I knew she would, after taking her eyes and sight away from where we were being lead towards, just to assert how I was handling the situation. Even now as I was noticing what she did, the false information and trying to figure out her true intent, more than testing me, she was trying to figure out too whenever she could trust me or not. "Then who's going to hold this? And what makes you think they'll listen to you and give you access to the lower decks?" "A ship with even lower decks?" "You've clearly not been before on a ship like this, have you?" Perhaps him popping out was real after all, though it didn't make much sense as of now and this high. "Fine, I'll trust you, but first, do you see that lever over there?" "The dark one with a leather covering over?" "Not that, the other one, red and striped. Pull it and hold it for as long as you can. Right now, after you'll leave, a countdown will start. Keep holding and listen to me. The exact time you're spending with it pulled, the exact time you'll get until you could go down, fix the engine and come back to hold the wheel again. If you don't manage to do it in time, we might stand in the peril of this ship getting turned around and breaking beyond its repair and the engine's. "That's preposterous, the settings make no sense at all. Then how come you haven't just blocked some of the levers, since they have various settings like the one I'm holding now? It seems to me like this ship was doomed to fail from the start. Moreover with the clouds flying over us and the kingfishers flying overboard, invading our place" I was getting into position, despite being hotheaded about it, I would still give the plan a chance as. "It remains our only hope, despite you commenting on the various machinery that wasn't even built by us. We just follow. If we make it, I'm sure to let the manufacturers know about your complaint. Time is running out, make the move now, and here. "She gave me her badge, holding the wheel still. One hand to another and it was exchanged, with the lever still pulled by the inches, I could hear the system of cogs and strings running by the lever and it was being held away by me. Even as we spoke, the machine counted how much passed and what was about to happen next would count towards something else. A rush by me

which would leave me not enough, to go through possible. "Three levels below, separated with rooms, access and many more loops that you will need to avoid. You can slide your way easily through all of them if you're as quick of foot as you look. The moment will come when you'll hold it no longer and the count will start, I won't be able to keep it by myself, both of the wheels, especially since we're heading into the storm and you can see that on his face too, just about there. You'll jump over the stairs and give no thought to any injury or anything that would happen to your own body. The gate towards the bottom is most likely open so you'll have to problem going inside and avoided giving any explanation to the men and women that are standing on the sides or cowering under tables. They'll be too much in shock to react, trust me, I know my crew too well. "The second leap past them, as she was right about it, not more than a glance and even that was extended, unlike the arm that didn't even get to touch me before going further. "The room, you've been into, a second one that has no reason to be unlocked, leading to another one that has a set of stairs going to the second level. The stairs are extremely protected against high stress, enough to match the ship's extra casing too. Once you've got to the second level, don't stop and don't even think about taking a break from it, there's no rest for you until this will be taken care of. At the end of the stairs there will be a set of two doors, don't go in neither of them. Instead, turn around and take the door behind the stairs, it's hard to see, hidden in the dark but you'll be able to feel it just fine. "A touch and another, the sound came from above, someone was about to follow through and I hadn't enough time for the unimportant delay that was about to happen. She was right about it but I didn't remember the presence of two doors here, strangely as I hadn't enough time to check it. And there it was, a simple pull, then push. "Then pull and push through with as much strength as you can muster in the remaining moments you've got. If you don't remember it well, just run, avoid doors and look at the one below. After that, the problem will come, you will be driven towards the second level's engineer secret shortcut. There's no doubt that as we're speaking, a lot of them are on the way down there, towards the coal engines and the boiler room. The system works fine, hard to explain now, but keep heading through the halls, they'll be named differently on the top of the each room's door. You'll avoid most of them, and hopefully you won't encounter any of them on your straight forwards path, then turn left, climb up a half level above the one you're at and keep going the path you're set after reaching it. But if does happen and you do encounter any of them, here's what you do. "I didn't stop, the boiler room avoided, another iron plaque said propulsion room, that needed to be avoided even more as it was just a subdivided area she said it was. Far from the right one, just one engineer popped up, alone having a smoke, looked stressed. Afraid that he'd slow me down, and being thicked by the ripples made by his smoke shown from far away, I took out the badge and held it in front of me. Passing by as he didn't seem to care at all about it, distressed and hopefully giving up whatever he witnesses. He didn't give any point nor harsh opinion about me, even after looking in my general direction, seeing me before I even managed to take out my badge. The desperation in his eyes gave me an insight towards where I was going. "It should be enough to hold it, knowing that on the rare occasion I do happen to give it to someone. ""They'll just sit down like some lap dogs and understand from where I'm coming from?""Yes, something like that, and don't worry about any repercussions, as long as you're able to do what you've said about. Well, pass the next corridor, take the next door that pops in front of you, it may seem like it came out of nowhere but you might just end up being just fine. I hope at least, the badge I gave you also acts like a key, a special one, as it can be inserted in the lock. "And turned along the mechanism that held it whole, twisting and starting to manoeuvre

itself to the clever machine that it was made to fit in. "I hope you've got, well, swift fingers because the mechanism almost works like a lockpick. ""Even with the key?""Yes, there's not much time now, the rest of it will be up to you, do your best to open it and reach the backup engine going. It had to be manually started, or else we'll end up on the bottom. "Darn thing, a slide in, a pull. The other engineers saw me and passed by, understanding what I was here for. Not even once was I questioned, nor did I. "But, couldn't I send someone here to help you?We're running out of time and it seems to me like by the time you're finished with. . ""No, no one must know. If they find out I asked for help, they'll have my head on a plate. I'm counting on you from now on, to go through all of it, after that, the path is easy, clear and linear. Enough that even someone inexperienced. "Could figure out what to do. And where to go.

"Though I really hope you've got the experience in doing this such of peculiarity in skillfulness. "Despite being ashamed of having it learnt, it managed to get me through, having the set roll, opening and backing down by itself.

"I've got nothing else to tell you from now on. "Leaving the rest to me, going lower, seemingly to another level below, after going not even an entire one above it. A turn and another. "Just like before, keep in mind, turn and turn, pull and release before going through with it again. You don't have much time on your hands. "There, in front, after climbing down stairs, then a downslide, then stairs again, it seemed to me like it was intentionally built to slow down whoever wanted to get through. "Damn her and her explanations, the door is here. "And it shouldn't be locked,

a slam from behind, far behind. Someone locked me inside but it was too far and the fall had top priority to be stopped for now. "Open it. "And I did, just like she said it, everything was done like she said, with the way clear and someone backstabbed me. Unhearable must've been sound proof, whatever and whoever was wearing it, I couldn't feel anything but the slam that closes it. "Well, what's done is done. Now to take care of. "On the other side, I laid at a balcony. On my left a set of stairs. But I saw the problem in front of me, or moreover below. From bottom to the top, the secondary engine, the one that would save us from the upcoming doom, straps cogs and cables, tying it together and functional. Everything covered and stuck by an eating organism, seemingly ascending from somewhere

below, it almost enveloped the machine, taking it as its own thanks to the heat emanated from it. Ratched and decaying, it would eat itself and the machine before leaving it be. Such a curved body found its way into its every drain and vent, trying its best to keep its parasitic body alive. "Wait a minute. "Disgustingly I realised what it was, despite being grown in size, pulsating with water, I could feel the oxygen being drained and thrown out of it along with the impurities. Judging by its size and knowing what it was, it must've been attached for at years at least.

"Damned thing. "I had to get rid of it and fast, having every word almost reach the end of the sentence that came out of her mouth. "Below. "I said whilst making my way down there, if I was lucky enough, perhaps I could find out something important. But the stairs almost ended up being like a spiral in the tower I was descending below.

Whoever built this ship must've been insane to build a tower-like room inside a flying ship, that was locked tightly the way it was. It seemed like it was never-ending, going through a larger distance than I originally assumed. Its many mouths adapted to the many sources of boiled water that the engine must've had, but how did it get to be in the place to begin with?This wasn't going to be easy but at least it didn't take a note of me as of yet. Pulsating in its place with its coagulated outside bubbles, sucking and increasing in size now more than ever. My sudden presence was soon felt by it, yet it couldn't do anything against it from the place it stood. No, grip and not even an evolved membrane to defend itself from me, the only thing it could've done was if it were able to attach itself onto me. And

even then, the many mouths were already caught in the trap, waiting to be ended. "Damn. "Accidentally escaped as a part of the stairs that laid in front was covered in its part. Somehow there must've another source of water coming from somewhere inside the walls, going through the various pipe systems hidden inside the crucible. That carnivorous extent was almost stuck to it, unable to reach to me but I had no idea what could've happened if I touched it, especially if I came into contact with such an old specimen. "Enough time wasted" I jumped over, almost losing my footing, going on stairs. The bar was ancient too if it weren't for my other hand to grab one of the bars I would've fallen down. From that bit that disintegrated on touch, left me enough space to look below and see where the falling point was and how I would be impaled upon the iron bars set aside by the original architects of the place. "There isn't any time to rest. Agh" I lifted myself up, making sure I wouldn't touch the veins that grew on the walls, below and around. There was still a long way to go and an important task to take care of. The place must've been infected more than I thought, the walls had many slender nerves spread across the walls on the way down as I approached the engine. An eerie feeling came from somewhere as I started feeling them. A flash and a sudden stop managed to scare me as the lively room became murky and decayed, hard to see. It almost felt as if someone gashed a blade in my soft part of the head, flaming it, piercing all over. The stairs were the same but all dirty and even as I got close to falling on my knees and getting my hands all dirty in the rust, the thought of time running by kept me going on. Foot after foot, on the disgusting stair, before I could come back to reality. The distributed version went before I could take a look to my right and see its decimated form. With its pores visible and inflating coat, it reminded me of where I was and what had to be done. The bars that were uneasy and unable to hold me if I tried sustaining myself over them. Almost there, I thought about what happened but it left soon after as it could wait until I was done with it. Though the image of the ship so decayed served almost like a premonition of what could happen if I failed to do my assignment. But I would not. The final part was close and I managed to avoid the still growing parts that attempted, even now to patch and attach themselves further on the stairs. I crushed them, though, at this point with so many of them, it wouldn't feel a thing. The shimmer gave to me more than I should've known. It wasn't water, I could feel beyond it, as it travelled, ounces of it through its entire system. Feeding like a parasite from whatever nourishment laid inside the engine. The place was structured, even if an enormous part of it was covered. The walls struck by force, someone was here before I could even think about it, yet no one in sight now. Filled with many command points that would normally be used for control were not in the function to be used as all of them were carved. Most likely by one who came here before. A manual start from there would be impossible, at least for the ones that were in front of me. The room was still round and there was still hope that the remaining ones weren't in such a bad shape like the one before me. Somehow I had to get rid of and I was reaching the end of the lever I once held, not to mention that I had to get back and stop the ship from falling. I looked around and saw how its once multiple mandibles with which it started at the beginning of its life now implanted themselves inside the floor, going deeper and most likely contaminating it from what it has become. That would explain why it felt like it inside, but not why it grew almost root-like canals made for the suction. Leaving nothing but one side to be visible of the panel. That revealed the engine I had to free of it. "There. "I noticed where I could have been impaled if it wasn't for a quick reflex of my hand. And away too from the roots that could've fancied a problem. I took one and flew through unnoticed, with not even a clue about the intent of which it had against me. "Yet, this could be useful. "One strike

from the side, I impaled its soft coat, with no trouble, even after its growth, it remained as subversive as it would've been in its previous size and state. I twisted and tried seeing a reaction yet none came as it was too big, a blob, doing nothing but feeding itself. The liquid that I so deeply wanted to think of as water wasn't like that. Though they both shared in resemblance and texture, it somewhat felt thicker than it. Could've been from the contact with it or not, it wasn't my time nor job to decide. I pulled the bar out to make the place for the small stream that would reach the floor soon after its removal. Another time in the same root, I punctured it to make a spot for even more source to lose its composure. "With enough of these, I could get you to drain yourself to death. "Something shook me as I was getting ready to strike a third time. The bar served me well, even after, as a make shift cane. "The ship falling must be the cause. You really need to be ended as there's not another way this could go. "A similarity reminded me of before but not well, no backpack behind and certainly no lighter to scare it off, not that it'd do something of this size. The mouths that resided now above stopped chewing, now it was certain that it acknowledged my presence. The root started shaking too, primal instincts that must've been activated, distracting it from its meal the moment it felt threatened by me. Though, just leaving stream to dry it off didn't seem to work. Soon after, one of the roots, the same one I was taking quick shots at, crammed itself, one level above, having no liquid getting pulled through anymore. Nothing came after that as nothing was being absorbed into. "If this is how you're going to play, they so are it. "It drained itself but this was going to be its downfall. Walking towards the other one of the evolved mandibles turned into a big push above, rather than going below it. Making sure I'd get as many parts of its inside before it covered it too. Two off and it noted before I even pulled it out, leaving nothing to be consumed. "Hah, I wouldn't have thought nor the omen of encountering something even weaker than the enormous beating fiend and those insane fools from before. "Completely worthless against me, I kept going around, handing strikes to its every side, draining it from what it was worth. With all of them stabbed in every side, I lost the notion of time and the thought of checking any of the control sides. Some sounds finally came as the final jab at it came through. The sound as the last source of its hydration got sealed and it could hold it no longer. The last time it would get drained and unable to stop itself. "This is it, but I still have a problem. "Until it died, it held no interest of mine, leaving the bar still inside it, acting as a way for it to delay the blockage of the higher canal it was inside and as a way for it to get drained faster through the hole it held inside. "This is done with. "Now with the precious water retained from the roots of the overgrown barnacle, I had to start it. "By the time, I'm done figuring out how to start it and judging by your size, you'll have your entire mass completely exhausted. "Such disgusting parasites, growing so much over nothing, gladly ending its purposeless life was something I deeply enjoyed. From the looks of it, the changes occurred in seconds, as the bigger they grew, the more dependant of substance they became. "Hmm, now let's see which panel wasn't covered. "Not that it mattered as the small extension started drying and falling down too. "No gloves. "On me since the damn backpack got lost somewhere on the way. Another pipe was in order for me to complete the task and there were more than enough for me to use. With the freshest one, I started removing some of the wines that remained dry on the walls. "This should be enough. "I said after quickly brushing off the remaining pest that occurred on the wall. After that, I had to take the risk, seemingly as I hadn't a chance to return, at least I could prevent and achieve one of the goals set in mind. They seemed rusted, the buttons removed, one panel remained barely untouched. Not for long, but something was strange. Just as it almost died, after not even managing

to damage it, not for the obvious but another reason. A fake panel, none of the buttons worked, I removed, being damaged from time and more stress. "Someone glued this on the wall. Damn. "A plate struck on the wall before this parasite even emerged, leaving this whole setting to seem like a trap. The other panel that seemed to be real, or used to be, was trashed and on the other sides there didn't seem to be any panels left to be checked. I looked above as it drew its final breaths, impaled both by myself and the high engine it stood atop of. Doubtfully that it reached the other resourced that were so closely inside it, as the shell of the engine was more than enough for the soft teeth it had in each mouth. Even now I could sense its impetuous attempt to gnaw through the stainless steel that was covering the well-crafted machine. There must be another way, though, to start it, now with the withered mandibles that stopped from draining in the fuel that was alimentering it. What was I not thinking about? It couldn't be that I missed something. No, they must've been covered by them, though I had no way. No way to remove them, with the bar that I used to impale it, I tried lifting it up, hoping there'd be a way under, a covered way. "Gah" I pushed it as hard as I could after it stopped spilling but couldn't move the massive thing not even an inch. So much it was laid in that position, for so long that I would've needed an entire crew to be able to do it "Damn you. "Wait, my voice echoed through the room. So high that I felt almost the whole surrounding up to its metallic bland ceiling. "Hahahahaha. "I almost laughed at how ingenious I appeared to myself, as not even on my best day could I come with such a glorious idea. Even as I did it, the room shaken again by its fall reminded me of the desperation sent to me by everything, from the dying creature to the fall. "But, it's not over. "Another pipe was taken away, the third one to be used, yet this time to its best purpose. "I don't know if you can understand me but if you did. I would've like to inform you that I'd get to use your whole embodiment to its full capability and usefulness. "I said excitedly. Its skin now not so repulsing from the point of view that I now had. I held the pipe even harsher than the one that I so used to impale it, going around the round room and trying to look for the best position. "There. "Where the distance from one of its mandibles and seemingly the panel that was destroyed by someone were parallel from one another. "I hope you don't mind. "I said without waiting for its approval, before backing away to the slightest to obtain a boost of distance. Enough now, that I would swing as hard as I could, not to damage it as that remaining part of it was already spoiled, but to feel the tremor it had. "Alas, it worked!" I couldn't believe it, shouting in a burst of emotion, feeling the pumps get slightly moved below it, from such a simple motion made by me. Enough space that it could be started, if only I managed it, they could be moving up and down being impervious to the now soft but hard skin above them. "This may be my last chance, both of ours. "Another strike to bounce them, a lot of them residing just above the mechanism that powered the engine. "Come on, just start already. "I said on a whim this time since the strikes didn't do much other than bounce them down and up. Rather, they were getting closer to drilling holes into the soft side rather than managing to be started. "This is it. "Despite my efforts not seeming good enough, I managed to kickstart it enough to feel a slight push of energy, of motion on their own, even if it was slow. With another pipe abandoned, and not caring of any infection I'd get, I started pushing through the skin, backing the motion as much as I could. Unable to do such fast pushed with the pipe, I got faster and faster, causing ripples from one side towards the other, feeling how the dry inside was getting mashed by both my hands and the moving pumps. Enough moves were more than enough that I could feel the rods going on their own now. "This should do it for now. "And it was good, the pumps going, the water stopped from being drained, the beast dead or close to it. One last

thing remained, freeing the steam and heading back. And even faster now, that bits and part of it started falling off, long teeth taken apart if such a mass suddenly fell over, it could get messy, for both of us. With its mouths both inside and outside seeking its last meal, it would be a shame if I failed at this point. I had to seek the point where the steam would normally be released from, a gash, a hole or any other. It was being formed somewhere but I couldn't pinpoint the location, I took both of the pipes I dismissed before and circled it carefully, trying to find the release point. "No. "I just thought of it. It wasn't below but it must've been located somewhere above. "Good thing too, I doubt you'll leave me enough space to move. "I said but got interrupted from having to dodge a chunk of its now carcas that suddenly fell off it. I got away, whilst still holding them as weapons, in case, I would fail. Not enough room in my hands to take other, as they were too heavy and too sturdy to carry with me, not to mention too wide for my hands too. Closer to the stairs, I start ascending, trying to see any weak point, anything important being covered as the parasite was slowly being broken apart. "It would seem like the time for me to book it came closer but I'm not done with you as of yet. "I spoke from a strange point between us, climbing to seek, trying to sense where pressure was getting accumulated so I'd burst it. "There. "I said, sadly being mistaken and rushed it, chucking one of the pipes almost as if it was a spear, strangely instinctual and wrong as it wasn't the point where the steam was being held. "Damn it, perhaps I can. "No, below and too far, the remaining poles were covered and stuck in one of its falling bigger chunks that made its way onto it. "This is my last shot. "I couldn't help it but talk to myself after looking at my hand, dirty but hold the remaining tool of salvation. I kept climbing until I reached the spring point, where it could barely hold itself on the wall and blocking the stairs no longer as I used the tool I had to lift it up. Not as powerful and strong, undeveloped like the rest of its strong mandibles. I was prepared this time, removing it with the rest of the bars around that I would've used to keep straight if time wasn't so awful with them, eroding them far beyond what they could've been. It didn't trigger a chain reaction as the rest of the bars still managed to remain in their position, follow me in my ascension, serving as a point of reference for me to check its every centimetre. An arc would be just fine, this time, just perfect for me to get the right angle before flinging the spear like object I now had in possession. "Come on, reveal it faster. "Despite knowing there was the lack of understanding between the two of us, I couldn't help but taunt it. Especially now, knowing that its existence was ending in front of my very eyes and it didn't have any way to fight me back. "There. "I said again, certain this time, feeling the sudden built of pressure popping out just at the point where I suddenly ended near. Just above, where I thought it would be located, with confidence, I threw it inside, knowing that the part that was framed upon it beyond the fall wouldn't separate itself from the stainless steel it held. Almost like a burst came out, releasing. "Steam. "The final part before I could hear the pumps beating faster, harder, the steam being blown away and the parasite remaining with its last parts withered on the engine. Close to the exit too, I was expecting that it wouldn't be stopped from working. "No time to celebrate now, I'm sorry to leave you in such a hurry. "I close the door after reaching the end of the stairwell, done with the pest control and concluding the manual reissue of it. I had to rush my way back and try to open it somehow as I was reminded that someone blocked my way towards where I was hoping to get. Stopped midway as a sombre sound came from behind. The door locked behind, at least that's what it had to be, shutting itself with no aid from my own strength. I waited for a second to check if I'd get to feel or hear again, anything of the strangest sort of variety. Both my eyes were struck on the door, the filth that resided atop it and the artificial light that had all its cables spread

across the ceiling and just atop of the door. Trying my best to notice any sudden distraction and movement in case something tried getting a jump on me. "Nothing. "I had to get back from it, this place, despite getting rid off so easily might've got me a little too paranoid. Hopefully, it really died, as it had no strength to walk on its own. No, I saw it wither and stop going with the start of the contraption. Now it was the time to get out. Closed like a vault from this side, hopefully, it worked like one from inside as I hadn't the tools in possession for his time being. "Who's there?" Again, I thought I heard someone, the light was still shining bright and I felt no tremor to tick me off any possible presence that might be stalking me. Was it avoiding it, could I end up relying too much on it rather on my own senses?"No, come on, open already. "I said whilst starting to spin it off, as fast as possible. The faster I managed to get out of the closed chamber I was in, the better it was. Thankfully the lack of air wasn't a problem as the ceiling was filled with many openings, log shape holes for the air to come in. If it weren't for them, more than likely for me to pass out. "Come on. "Again, my patience was getting lost, with my head almost turned to see behind, to look at all time. Again I heard something. Something other than the sound of the bars getting turned under my hands. Coming from the top, still nothing else from my extension fo senses. "Thanks. "I said, excitable as it reached the end, second before noticing the steam coming from above inside the room I was in. The steam was pumped from the room I just left behind, luckily I busted out of the room, after seeing it, ending on the ground from the sudden boost of movement. Whilst on the ground with no one around from what I could see over my head, I wasn't able to control my hands and scratch my every corner of my body. "Gahhh. "My neck was hurting and insides hurt, before the second door, I passed through locked itself, separating my body from whatever was inside that cloud. "That. That. . That wasn't steam. "Hoping that someone would take note, hear me and come to assist me I said it loud. As loud as I was able to, unable to shout, the gas that came out of that engine, the liquid that wasn't water, had a side effect on me. Confused but not boldly stricken, I got up. "I can't stay here. It must've made me paranoid, up to this point. "I had to avoid talking to myself on the way back, so I wouldn't get sent to solitary confinement, seen as an irrational person. "But. "A thought came by as my vision became altered with each step made, it wasn't just an optical illusion. The gas was visible, despite not being in thick clouds like before, it must be reaching the quarters I was in. I took my shirt closer and covered my mouth. I had to get to fresh air, at the top of the deck before I passed out. Intoxicating, close to it, the chunky shirt I was wearing couldn't do anymore but slow the process and the intemperance that was driving my senses into a deep confusion. One hand was keeping the clog on my mouth and the other was on the wall, as I was having a hard time trying to keep myself straight. My eyes felt in a flash, almost as if someone just passed by and dropped a later, bursting into flames before dissipating in flames. I was almost frozen, afraid of what would've happened if the gas that was affecting me would've been flammable. I could barely stand as it was, see as I could, try my best to find a way out despite being disoriented. Another sudden stop after reaching the edge of the entrance that would've to lead me towards the engine room. The one thing that I was so desperately afraid of losing, after admitting becoming addictive to, decided to come back. A shiver came, from far away, farther than I ever could've heard before, not even the first time I experienced it, not even then could top the performance it now came to. Others pass by running but I wasn't concentrating on them, the deep confined levels and the specific thing I heard were too grim to take my thought away from. Away from me but too afraid what it would do if it found its way, far through the twisted network, past the, now crushed way that I once used to get here,

a beat came through. Still on the same level, as I was, another one came. They followed, more of them, above the ground again, followed by others, not from it but steps. One step accompanied the beat, going and going on, not stopping, gradually and defined. Unmoved, perhaps actually moved by the gas, noting that it hadn't any side effect to it as it had to others. Behind those beats, before twisting my head, gnarling my eyebrows, breathing even more deeply through, a trail of bodies were left, fresh, other twisting their hands even now. If it wasn't for another one of the running men that just swept himself into me, falling down as I still had one of my hands keeping me on the wall, I would've remained there frigid from my crippling newly obtained phobia. His face too, being soon covered by both of his hands, shaking in terror, trying his best to cover his eyes. I tried lifting my spirit up but, there wasn't any to be. Walking away, there wasn't any chance for me to help him now, as I knew it would come for me, beyond the many turns, despite his speed, it didn't forget. And as I knew where it was, being distracted by its moves, even thought I had to give my best and concentrate towards escaping the place I was in. Before it was too late, I couldn't hide but try running. Suddenly, he rolled, the whole place did on a hard right, making me hit my right side on the wall, trampling my shoulder, feeling as others fell into the same fate as did I. Its massive body especially left a mark on the side it was thrown against, but it still wasn't enough for it to have enough of an aftermath after. Unhinged because of its unaltered but hardened body, it kept marching towards me. Following the chaos and bread crumbs I left before I came here, it made its way throughout the airship. I took the other way in this now indistinguishable maze, without having the directions I once receive and with the upcoming turbulences that would end up being more of a nuisance than helpful in the effort to impair it. A small leap, a play and move than even a child could achieve, that's what kept me, even with the help of a fraction ahead of it as I would use whatever kind of extra distance gained over it. A bad idea to spare it as now it would seem, with its every approach, turn that once reflected mine, yet still far, the punishment for wanting to make it suffer for some extended period of time would come back to me. The way ahead was unclear, luckily with the leap, I jumped over a foot on the ground. Another sparing person who tried spending its last moments, soon to be at least, as the gas affected everyone. Especially it as I could feel the vibrations still connecting both of us and somehow I even felt that it could see me too. Knowing where knowing how and where I was going. Slightly sliding and barely keeping in motion, despite being revitalised it still lost a lot of fluid. More than I did as I felt some blood, a bit of myself coming through the now dirty cloth I was trying my best to hold against the impending gas. "Almost there." Muffled with the help of it, I kept going straight ahead, before taking a right. A familiar sickening feeling as the turns I kept taking made me annoyed, until the point. The damned point that I wasn't sure I wanted for it to come. The same one that I wasn't sure it would or could come. The point where I almost stopped but didn't and if I decided then to do it, I would've been dead. The longest straight forward path, empty with no one as none would take it nor dare stop. No objects, nothing to stop it, from the slow march as it most likely felt it too now. With most of my senses now numbed, slowed down too, I knew that I wouldn't have had another chance to escape. I couldn't stop, with the open door standing right in front, leading to somewhere. I recognised the pattern, even with the heat and the steam covering my vision. Another stream of air came from the front, that I could feel almost as well as how it was closing to me. Near me, despite how empty it felt, many other doors on the side, all locked, with the exception of that one that waiting for me. Airtight with the ability to seal itself and keep the toxic gas away from me. On it, a glass window, round shaped, now on the side, like

the others too. I couldn't see if there was someone, anyone in those rooms, behind those screened doors. "So close. "The blood now mixed with spit, still inside the cloth, didn't stop me from trying. My best, a foot was broken. Not far behind. This couldn't be, but who's foot was it? There were many other, or so did I think, I was still far from the door and afraid that it would damn close without me, just like the one that kept the engine in place before going to it.

Hopefully, it wouldn't end up pumping more in. As the closer I got, the closer it came towards me and I were reminded before about how fast and strong it were. Crushing the bone, vibrating more, just in one step as it even avoided. A scream came, behind but not far, I could hear it even without the help of the insight. It broke right through the bone, pressing through with all its massive, metal crushing weight. And even with the scream and realising the presence of another victim under its foot. It ignored him and didn't stop at the sight nor sound of another human being in pain. Bent on revenge even now, more than it was before. "Just. A little more. "I could hear myself and no doubt so could it, after not being able to hold the cloth in my mouth anymore. So close, despite having my hand tired too, my feet to their end, the door seemingly getting ready to close itself. A sight before that came. With sweat almost making me close my eyes, so much of it came from my forehead. On my side, someone's breath seemingly came from behind the glass dome that was reinforced. So close to the hall that I went and so little time to get to it. Almost there. I grabbed its side, as the door almost closed. Stopped it from doing so and almost sealing my fate away. A small reflection in the dome that was from me, bouncing from another and another, transmitting the reflection from one towards the other. The body was too big for the hall, as it got ready to force itself through the tight spot. No way to change and no way for me to wait longer to see what it would happen next. Sliding right through the space that seemed tighter, away from the slender hands that could've reached me, possible from any distance as I was never able to see their full extent. "Ludicrous. "I said, distracted and almost ready to have a heart attack. As ironic as it would seem, I didn't look behind but below, thinking it got me by the foot. I flew right through, though, my face cold, right before my body from the compressed air that was sent right through. The door hasn't closed immediately but I managed to get in despite being afraid of what would've happened if it got me by the leg. A button, crossed with a number, on my right side, I slammed it as my strength started kicking in. The beats got harder too and the sounds of steel getting dragged upon a harsher side could be heard. It forced itself, I knew it, coming closer, knowing that as soon as it closed, there wasn't a way for it to open it as the edges were almost welded together with the walls. "Take this. "Without looking back, despite having kept contact with one another for so long, I knew it heard me before I closed the door. The hand almost reached to get me, but a seemingly bad effort as it didn't manage to get through, just enough to push the door faster. Faster than the button would've done it, knocking me behind from the pack of it reaching me. The sound stopped and I heard no throb after turning around. Away from the machinery that accompanied the rest of the room, with the vision obscured, right as I wanted to see. The only scratch marks on the glass, unable to smash them because of the thickness and texture it held against. A defence not encountered by many. No bash and no strive to get past the only object that blocked us. And, despite not being able to confirm, see not feel, I knew it was on the other side, even if it wasn't for long until we both took different paths, we stood in front of one another. Not knowing each other too well, almost as blood-sworn enemies, after two close encounters, beyond words and action, we almost stood as equals, despite there being so many differences between us. And then, as my consciousness almost got fully healed and so did my senses after so much air getting through

my lungs. It almost felt like I heard the sound beyond the locked, the tightly locked gate. Of it leaving, slowly returning from where it came from. "It looks like. I won. "I said it on a monotone note as it didn't leave much else than a bittersweet victory. If I could even call it that way, for now, each of us, being lead towards different parts

with chances that might intersect with one another as this place was almost like a maze. I turned to see the machinery and the cordage on the wall, that was leading to every place, limiting with the ship with the power. The gas must've powered it up at a grim exchange as the many inhibitors, other than me got affected. Or at least those who didn't get to safety like we did. These room, I must've seen twelve other than the one I saw in, enough space for one at a time to go through, and see how they shot soon after. I doubted that many other managed to get through.

And walked the same way I did. Crawling through the passage that most likely lead towards the same road, as doubtingly the ship wasn't escalating through a vast system. No, that would be giving it too much credit. Though with the place barely lit and the occasional hit from time to time, I was glad to be safe. Since what I've learnt so far, from this far off received experience, I would get to be covered for as long as I didn't stop. Not now and certainly

not after, reaching, a ladder. A wooden one, going as far for me to say it would lead towards the levels that I ventured through to get here. Without a second doubt, I started climbing. A past experience has spoken to me, reminding me how and what happened before in a situation just like this one. But waiting for it to come and corner me wasn't good. I stopped and saw, this was planned. A mask with filters, four of them, not heavy and not soo shabby for me. I prepared it, checking it first, for once to see, it looked as if it worked. Again, before going with it, in the little window of time I received, even if it was faster, without the constant shake from the ship being driven outrageously, it was still too much of a distance for it to reach me. The safe path ahead, but I hesitated. The thought of what I've done. Not guilt, but of what other side effects it had on the people after the nausea was over. A step with each thought as there were many to still take. If it was enough to make a parasite grow, that not being boiling water that I thought when I saw it first hand in my ignorance. And the gas, the presence of masks to protect ourselves from it. The same one I was shameful using, knowing that I might've been the only one in the worst scenario. Now it was clear to me that I wasn't hallucinating and being in the same room as I felt its presence, encountered it again. The, so called captain lied to me. About everything. Taking notes and giving me false hope about what was about to happen.

And another one of steps joined the set of past ones. That gas, even some of its effects that got to affect me for the short time we've spent in contact together. And before I knew it then, something was happening with that crushed hand, behind the beating heart as it passed by. A reaction I felt but didn't note until now. The only thing that got to make me think about the dangers I would face against the more I progressed into. After opening the sealed trap door.

"It leads into a room. "That was new and so was my soft whisper as I wasn't planning on making my presence felt yet. And to my note, the self one it shut itself back, air tight, the small gusts that came out with me vanished. By now with my air access purified, I could try my best to stick to my best abilities. Though, if one way lead to another, how many of the ones that might've gotten through managed to get to one of the rooms set? Could be worse if other took notes of them and started searching. The door was my first best, a safe deal to get close and listen to. Knocks and other clenched boots with one another, someone was walking by. I couldn't feel it but I knew, from the simple sound that it wasn't someone heavy enough to make a difference. Yet, It almost sounded as if, whoever was passed the door walked normally, with no scorn. And in no way could the effect let him in such a state, unhinged, able to

walk like, perhaps faster and softer than me. Other could've been with him, yet I couldn't be sure, I wasn't going to rule it out, though. A fight would seem most plausible in this dire moment we've both bent sent in. Already set, two wills against each other, as we both stood on the door, one trying to get in whilst the other blocking it. It wasn't locked but he didn't know that yet, the intruder that wanted to break in and reveal my sacred location. With one of my grips on the gate and the other standing on the extremity that was between the edge of the door which stood exactly near the extension of the wall. This position was perfect as I managed to keep it tight for the longest while. Just as the attempts got harder, he was getting more frustrated with me. Whenever it was me or the system the door had, the advantage was on my side of the door. In which sense, he couldn't get in, despite trying and trying, something was coming quickly in his way. My consciousness was clean and I knew what it would happen if it came for him. Even with the chances of him being whole, I. Couldn't take the risk of getting an infection inside, the chances would've been even slimmer for me. "Damn. "I looked away as I judged it fairly before he stopped trying to get in. If anything would've happened, a scream or cry for help would've arisen. Now, the sound of him running away, just to be accompanied by another set of footsteps. I had to care and not make a sound now. Not even a gulp of my own saliva, after hearing a cane being stricken to the ground, coming from the same way as those footsteps. There was definitely someone there and. "Come out now, I know you're in there. "He found me, with a voice that was more than enough to roughen me off. Moudly at the base, probably worse in person, I wasn't going to hide, though. I opened it expecting the worse, despite being proven otherwise. A risk for a risk followed by another. "Let's go. "He said, carrying a cane and a mask on his face, after seeing mine, both of us knowing what to expect from each other. The place we came from and what was going to happen next. "You know what. . "Before being able to ask, or even imply I was asking, whilst following him through the chamber quarter we were in, he was ready to lend me some of his comprehension. "Happened. I do, we both know, I saw it. ""So you know it might be coming for us. ""Yes, it came through my head, even ruining my plan to hide until things settled in. "I hadn't known if I could trust it, more than a simple lead that is, not even if he knew it had something for me, other than following like a moth to a flame. I needn't no confirmation, still I received one from him. "Whatever that was, it managed to scratch my view. Even thought it wasn't a great one. Seeing one of my brothers being. ""I'm sorry to hear that but we could mourn it later. We need to get to the top of the airship. "He stopped to see, to the way, the side, the door, the hatch towards another quarter. The side we were on had its staircase demolished, I looked behind, having his back, despite knowing that if someone decided to have the jump on us, we would've been totally unprepared. "You smoke?"He asked, in this strange and awkward timing, despite barely having him met. "Now, it's not the time. ""Is it ever the time for it?I've been trying to quit for the longest time. "With the pack out of his worn out the pocket, almost wet, he took one one cigarette after seeing my decline and one only. "How are you going to smoke it?You're wearing a mask. ""Well, that's the idea smart fella. That is the idea. "I knocked it off his good hand but not the pack, seeing how it was set off on the same hand he held his only crane. "You know that's quite expensive nowadays. ""Cut it off, you can smoke all you want after we're out. "I still needed him, knowing what was out there and at the same time not knowing what to expect from it. His face complexion didn't let me much to expect from him. Truth, there was nothing and nothing indeed to. "Stop me from leaving here and now alone. ""I won't be stopping you, it's true that whatever happened now and here, it might swallow us whole. Though, you seem like an interesting fellow, different

than the others. Perhaps. "And he stopped, unlocking a door that stood just now, between the two of us. And in that moment, despite not being sure on myself, if I should trust him or not. There had to be something. "A declaration of some sort. Something to assure that we're going to both get out of here together. As we both, obviously need one another. "I waited for a response, standing at the heel of the door, with one of my eyes being watchful on the other side, still to this moment. "Fine, think what you may about me, but let's shake on it then. We'll get out together, seeing how we're the only two who came through the same way under the same circumstances. "He reached with his long hand and gave me a hard shake, with a look on his face, leading the way, knowing the place better. The different path towards different people, the quarter we were in was nothing alike others. It wasn't too soon after that we found each other in a sprint, avoiding those who were the most hardly stricken by this plague that was set against us. Other on the floor, the common sight that tagged with us toward the way, despite this time them being more animated than the last time. Reaching for us, seeking support, despite us being in the hurry. He grabbed me by the hand, no, above it, almost like a chain, pulling me, despite wanting to check them out. To help, to see, as we were going through the dangling cabins, with the lamps above us ready to fall and engulf the place in fire. They were beyond saving he said. "And there's nothing we can do to them. "As I understood and assured him of that, he let go of me, even if I wasn't sure. "We're almost there. "I said, recognising something, a seal on a door soon to come into contact with us, the same one, hopefully, that should've appeared on both sides of the door. And no one else in sight to slow us down. He prevented me from going any further and so did I after. Holding his hand on the wall and the other as an extension to stop me. Suddenly a door opened in the direct path, from a right, through it, that enormous fiend busted through, charging whilst holding one of those people who came into contact with the gas. Before beyond repair, bigger and melted with not only the suit was wearing but with part of the fiend, the wood and soon with the rest of another room that he was driven in. Before long, just as they both disappeared into the room that laid across the ones they came through, I looked at my skin as almost managed to cripple myself with doubt and disgust, seeing small pouches formed on my hand. "It's going to get a lot worse. "He said, knowingly after taking notes to what happened. "We need to get out before it decided to come back. "I said right as we passed the room it came through, broken, cracked and with a crumbled wall after his decimating strike was given. It hearts clean and too far for me to note, we didn't stop and bashed through our only hope, breaking the door but not beyond repair. We closed it before going up the stairs. "Wait. "I said, stopping him again, grabbing him by the tie, avoiding any touching of our skins, not knowing if our skins would combine. Despairingly thinking that it seemed as if the meat popped out of the suit I was wearing too. "There were people before, just at the higher level before coming through. ""Do we have a choice?"And we were answered, despite not asking for it, other than to ourselves. "Someone's trying to break through below, we might've not locked it well enough. "A problem arisen, even if I informed him of our problem, he knew too that we didn't have an option since none of us was well suited for a fight. Both being close to the same age and stricken, with a lower level despite not the same, of disease. "Let's go, we can think it through once we're there. "A small hole came by and I didn't know. Whenever it was here or not when I first passed it without knowing. The size and seeing where it was didn't make any sense. Like a small storm drain with many bars standing on the wall, a pair of feet and someone was looking through. No time to waste but something baffled me. The face of that young man looking at me, unaffected by the gas, wearing a mask and staring at me in that one second as we passed with

such a peculiarity. Before reaching so, upstairs, I couldn't feel nor hear what he said as someone was crashing through, even deeper below coming from us. "This is it. . "He said, with no weapon nor anything to help us, a room full of people laid forth, none of them even reached the door to open it, all of them fell as victims to the damned gas.

"We need to. "I didn't finish as we started rushing through, all of them gasping, grasping for anyone is the sight. They note as we were unaffected, at least not the same as they. Not as repugnant, melted and stricken with pay. Spite drove them towards madness and they pulsating, rippling and moulded bones pushed them through, closer to both of us, left with only enough space to go by. Not enough as we would have to do the best to avoid them, the best of our capabilities to not become as contorted and affected as they were. We couldn't run through and at this point like no other, nothing could provide me with any guarantee that he wouldn't turn on me. The vibrations helped me now, in the dire moment, something that he didn't know but I understood quickly. After ticking me off some of the parts that were driven even more by the atrocious disease that was corrupting them, growing thicker in some parts, hardening and not being able to manipulate beyond their set form. Those small parts, just as they were getting ready to rush through us, noted me of the small spaces I could touch and push myself in order to avoid them. Five of them and luckily three were on his side. An equal distance as whoever was below couldn't and didn't have enough time to reach us. We didn't stop, neither of us did, as each step had a bit of them fall, at least those that didn't harden up to the bone and fragments in their skin. Alike, they were less human than ever now but I've already made my mind about that the first time I realised they haven't even tried getting out of harm's way. My companion, who's name I haven't even known was silent as so was I. Their hissing and slurred words didn't distract me as I had everything that had to be done in mind, everything that had to be said already stricken. Our promise would soon be broken in less than seconds. In an action that separated, would separate both of us. Two of them would trip in seconds, trying their best to catch me, despite risking being cemented with one another. One twist of my eyes towards the right side and their direction noted me where they would end, so many in one sight and space, but he was too close in his relentless attempt to get past through. Without noting that he would get grabbed before he even had the chance. My only advantage remained, having to assert myself towards the only ability I've been given. Neck in neck, almost, I felt his hand grabbing a hold, not that it mattered as he had no chance to even disturb, and from the feels of it, the strength left him a long time ago. He needed to know my location, which was a bad sign. In the mere seconds that we had to come up, individually with a plan for each of us, that might be working towards one and the other's torment, I had realised that our deal was soon to be crossed over. Who would be the first to betray the other?The room was still big, perhaps three or four times that I remember coming through at first. Or was it the fact that everything was moving slower than before?This gas was doing too much to all of us, even with he protection, the measurements were taken, it still found a way to erode our trust and not a lengthy alliance that was now reaching the breaking point. Would or could I betray him after this?Have I become this low, or, perhaps the better question remained, would he do it if he was in my position?What would I?In his?"Duck!"I yelled as I felt the joints bent, one of them from his sides got ready for a leap, enough to gain some extra leverage and distance over the others. Whatever was happening inside his knees, the substance and the remains of the bones solidified as the pressure got higher. In his action, he ended up doing more, slowing the others down as he suddenly stopped to get into the right position. Luckily he saw and noted of my action as his once set vision on the left straight up on the other, seeing what I saw too. He ducked and lowered

himself, just as I did, in time to avoid the leaping degeneration. So low, yet still on our feet, we saw him float above us, trying to avoid any part of him that would come into contact. Knowing that, at the same time the opportunity couldn't be wasted, we pushed one another to walk, just as he kept drifting above, heading towards the stairs. The two on the left, I didn't have to watch as the vibrations bounced between the companion of mine and them, giving me a great deal of information about how stuck they were and towards where they'd go. If they were able as the remaining thread was fastly approaching, as were we towards them. A part of my skin solidified too, towards my wrists, almost distracting, leaving me in an unnerved state about my situation and problem. With one hand above the ground, reaching it with the tips of my fingers, I got up, pushing through, grabbing him with the other just as it was safe to lift both of us. Two threats at just an end's thread, closer to us, too close to comfort and we still didn't have much to reach the safe resolve. The other two disabled. A flank would come as the two approaching ones were equally distant from one another. We separated just at them, seeing how we had better chances to make an escape. He stopped and let me make some space, watching how the situation evolved from the point I was on. They couldn't leap, I somehow knew that after focusing on their knees, seeing how they still had a soft inside and their bones too mangled to be stricken by the iron melture that worked before. Fixed on him, the degeneration that pushed him to lose his once loved humanity also stricken him of common sense as it would've had an easier task if it came onto me. Instead, it took a different direction. My eyes were on it, to be sure I wouldn't be wrong, changing direction, I felt the other two moulded ones that couldn't move anymore. Which left me to the one that was directly coming for me and for no other that stood against. Not too close, I was almost driven towards the wall that could get me cornered, not by the one heading for me but the other who's distance in between him and I could've provided a lot of risk in the possible occurrence if we touched one another. A pair of candles, one of the pairs that lit the room was close to my immediate left. The time came as I grabbed it, an action was required from my part and it wasn't helpful for me to concentrate on my comrade in arms. Neither could my attention be driven away from what was about to happen, regardless of what I was going to hear out next. He didn't have the upper hand but as this point, I stopped moving. Enough, this was enough, he came close enough for me to plunge the metallic set of three candles inside him. Almost like a chucked spear, close to an impalement from still a safe distance. His chest seemed to be bursting in flames as did his arms as he stretched them in order to lift himself away from the cleansing fire. The fire prevented him from constraining his attention and seething it towards me, with his eyes almost burned, in flames, it gave me enough. Space for me to jump on the floor, rolling away and stopping with my foot and hand on a ruptured plank. Getting away as it would. It got close to fall on me, instead landing on the floor. Ahead of me the two conjoined being stood and couldn't touch. Behind, he made it too, helped by the image oh me encouraging him, somehow he made that thing trip on its own and fall on the stairs. "We made it. "I yelled, excited by all of it, despite not being over for as long as we stood in here. "Thankfully. "He gaffed too, after barely escaping himself from the imminent danger. Though, something troubled me. Just as we both levelled up, and the distance between us being so small yet large. The sound from below, soon behind and now in front of me, revealed its source. "How was I so deaf?"To my own senses too as I didn't notice until it was too late. And nor did I think about even daring to take even a step back. It came from behind, approaching him from a blind spot. "Run!"I yelled but he didn't understand, not until it was too late for him to make an action. The large figure, overwhelming any partition of

the dim light that once came from behind. The same slender hand I saw before hastened itself to the point where it made it too late for him to act, despite trying. A flame started spreading too, another fired would start chasing me like it did before. "Are we. "But I couldn't finish as I saw her in him, in that slight moment before the slender hand, so big, wide and long extended towards his face in a backwards swing. He watched me, something telling me that knowingly he found out what was about to happen. Watching past the hand that came out of the darkness, towering above everything, staring at me. The mask was blurred but not before seeing. A smile on his face before the mask was blurred out of the air that was driven out, his lungs banishing what remained of it. The fire almost reached the point where it could spread across the whole ship, enough to block the path between us. It suddenly closed upon him, crushing both his mask, face and hands as he placed them in front of it. Melting them and getting stuck in place. I turned around and didn't look back, knowing what it could happen if I did. The anger, the avoidance as I passed through, burst out of the door, out of the room that would envelop the rest of the ship inside. I fell, yet, slipped on the ground as it rained, for a long while by the looks of it. Behind, I couldn't see anything as the fire and smoke started, looking as if it wanted to eat everything in sight, despite not being able to have gained sentience. The door wasn't going to be closed and I wasn't betting on it. I threw out my mask and finally inhaled a deep breath, taking a huge risk if I was still inside a confined space. The air was pure and clean, almost healing me from the growth, now visibly shrinking after mere seconds after being in contact with the clean oxygen. "Hey you. ""Nimble!" I yelled back at the kid, after seeing how he was fine, the last one truly alive in all of it. By now, with the sudden motions, despite having the ship being so stable the mask ended up on a side. He noticed in and I could see in on his face. Though, even with that, he thought of something else, other than it. "You remembered my name!" He shouted back, with the rope still being tied to him and vice versa, all riddled with water but so was I now. "What's that?" He asked but I turned my gaze before he told me so, looking above to see the so called captain, still driving the ship now by herself. "You've got some explanation to give!" I said, hoping she'd. Hoping. A burst of flames and despoiled hull came out as did it. With one of its slim hand's holding, covering and protecting its entire giant vascular organ, covered and infected too, despite its power, height and ferocity. It moved slowly now, knowing that I had nowhere to run, as the rain couldn't reach inside and the place would be slowly burning down. "What in the rotten world is that?" She finally spoke as it suddenly appeared in her field of view. A gruesome sight now from the front, most likely even worse from behind as I could feel something there, something attached and moving but I couldn't set its limits nor form. Whatever of whoever found. Itself attached to it faced a far worse fate than we were going to go through. The fresh air tightened and solidified even the smallest portions that weren't connected to him before. A great distance had to be taken between the two of us, came to mind as I pulled back, gaining as much as I could in the remaining space leading to both the kid and the fore-deck. The last remnants of the fire that almost came close to doing our job and purge him got put down by the rain. I could see its true form, pumped with a bulk from its back, almost like a hunch-back, trying to remove itself from a human size hand came out, away, yet strangled by the cords it had behind. The grin came back, the jawless fiend with its now melted attire, its upper body covered, now by the remains of those who he simply drove through the incinerator pile that I set on during my escape. "Sir, what is that?" I reached him as saw the look on his face, terrified by what he saw, as the slender hands came from their hideout, long and pointy fingers, covered in the remains of my thrown candles. I didn't see it first

but it deliberately covered its heart with that substance in order to solidify the carapace, furthering its protection, spreading even farther away on the knots. A taunt came as it wriggled those hardened knots in front of us, signalling my drastic mistake. The once ripped part was still so flagrant, gave me a feeling of what not coursed through its ridden veins, of what he attained, of what he just got its feeble hands on, to push into its own cord-like veins. We stared at one another, measuring each other out, now that we both had the chance to do it, in a foggy yet strong light. We didn't charge at one, nor did the other, the kid now stood silent, only his sweat and the falling water bouncing onto him could be so daringly noted. His legs looked sturdy, long too yet bent, as if it wasn't its full size, the fact that he was constrained when we first met wasn't the best sign I could receive as my victory wasn't against itself at its prime. A note had to be furtherly taken as something was melted, from before in between his knee and what was left of his leg, preventing it from lifting to its full size. Its hands still remained as I would have an enormous amount of trouble attempting to avoid their grasp. And as I first thought I could see its body from those beats in our so dearly previous encounter, I never thought I'd be so wrong about so many things. A step was made and so did I, making my mind abandon my thoughts and assessment of its capabilities. "h" The kid gaffed to the moment it did, trying to either scare us or to take a fair out of reactions. That face that is had by it could alert anyone even at a glance, it didn't surprise me that Nimble got scared at such an extent. "Don't worry kid, I think. "My breath needed a second to be taken before going on. It noticed as it switched glances from him to me and vice versa with those glass-like eyes and moving sides that were attached to its face, getting shaken only from those close sided movements. From the side it shifted through, I managed to have a glimpse of myself of what laid behind, perhaps now, the part of him, soon to become its extra luggage. Even if it tried intimidating us, it gave out its bigger impediment, its restriction. Perhaps, who could say, it couldn't even charge now with such large masses added and stuck on its joints. "What now?" Nimble finally muttered too and I couldn't blame him for asking. Both him, I and it were treading on something, just as the ship we were on was getting ready to fall under its own weight. "Are we dropping altitude?" "Again?" I asked him back, dulling. That's why it shoved its feet so deep, I didn't look at the depth and the shattered planks under. But this time, after using Nimble as an anchor, I realised that it was deliberately driven this way as she's taken a note of the smoke that came from the cabins and the monstrosity that laid on the deck in front of her ship. Not yet, no stability as it shaken, but so did we as we were going to be tiled, possibly thrown overboard as the sudden tired of wind and nimbus would pass us both. The rope looked sturdy enough, to wrap around my hand and gain some leverage. It wasn't much that it lifted its other foot, to this best of capabilities and plunged inside the floor, soon to crumble under it. Despite protecting them to its best abilities. The rain still dropped and managed to hit the floor, travelling fine through the cracks between the protecting layer and the knots that kept its heart weld together. Not as invincible as it thought itself to me, a plan did finally arise and so did my statement to him, soon to come to its fruition. "I'll hold onto this if you don't mind" I told him, again, assuring my good friend of my intention, seeing how we slide towards the front, now to become a lower part of the ship. "Hey, Sir. "He most likely wanted to give me the notice, just as we both ran through the long strained rope that was going to hold onto us so we would stop. "Sir. "But then again, with this mad direction she took, we could get crushed by its fall on us Both of us on our feet, backpedalling on the now slope like an impasse. The smoke was now blindsiding it as it lifted itself to head above, which would end up as a weakness that would end up badly. My arm was shaken by the kid and I didn't take

note until it was too late. A flash came but I couldn't take note since a lightning stroke the main deck, feet away from it. Despite not striking the fiend itself, it manages to make it cover away from the point as did we as the strike and the light that came from that direction were too much to take. And it wasn't much either that we ended at the end of the rope that held us together, still to its end's reach, closely to the ship's edge. He pulled my sleeve again, to be followed by another time he said, sir. "What is it, kid? Can't you see with what we're dealing with?" I yelled as I didn't understand what could be so important that he'd distract us from this. He lifted the gaze that was blinding me in the meantime. And I understood why was that and why so dire, we had taken the position, tied to it as was the fiend. Me being the only one who didn't see it despite being so close to us. "The course is set for us to blast through that valley!" "That's what I kept trying to tell you. "A tight one too, perhaps in such a way that the ship couldn't maintain its integrity. I looked back and the smoke was still lifting itself too high to be able to cease and signal her to stop. Even if now it was too late for the now set course to be delayed or changed. "Sir, it's trying to reach for the rope. "He directed my attention right before I could notice, in this moment of grief, with the second stream of smoke and ash coming out of the lightning stricken part of the deck. That slender hand would reach and most likely crush it without even a second look at us. Just as we could barely keep a hold on our composure, barely kept on the ship by the simplest string. "No, don't do it. It's between you and me. "I yelled and I knew it understood, despite having made the mistake in the past and misguidingly thinking of it as an idiotic tool. But that only made it sweeter as it took its time, having the balance not to fall off, avoided the strike from above and our calamity at the tip of its. The sky left out a second time, the strongest strike, splitting it in twice from above. The second strike of lightning came right above it, managing to strike through a righteous fury, managing to almost mask our sight another time as the light coming from it was too bright. The shock and its backlash almost ripped outbound rope, lowering as the fibre got almost shredded. I help my head down whilst covering with a head to accompany it. A charred scar was left on my shoulder but not before my scream of pain. "Aghhhhhhhhhh. "I didn't see, couldn't watch, still below as the act scarred me beyond the physical pain I felt. Something penetrated my skin and I couldn't see what, after opening my eyes, not being able to see. "Where is it? Can you see it?" Except the broken boards and the ashes left behind, I looked below and thought of the most likely conclusion. "It gone thrown overboard. "He said, giving life to my thought, the strike of energy saved us. "Can you believe it? We're saved!" I told him, leaving the news that would leave both of us on edge, despite not being for long. "The ship. "Whilst being reminded, even with the mark it left on me on its way down, somehow it got cauterised, but how could it?" Sir, we need to stop the ship. "He said but we were still on a slope of thoughts. "Raise the ship!" I yelled but there was no way she could hear us. At least one threat was over, leaving us one more. "To climb over and prevent this ship from crashing down. Come on Nimble, hold on. "I grabbed an end then jumped to the other, climbing with the help of the rope, getting close to another one of the many edges the ship had. "It might break if we don't take care. ""Let me worry about that. "I told him, all along as we stripped the ship of its handles. The kid grabbed too and pushed as we helped ourselves, one on the ropes and the other on the bars around the edges, closer to the soon to beside of it. As the smoke passed by and the ship soon to be ridden by the angered stones, I wondered. Beyond there, wherever it managed to land itself into if the fiend I so desperately encountered, was it still alive after such a strike? Even if finding the answer could have the chance to hit me back a lot worse than having the satisfaction of seeing it dead. "Cho, cho. "He sneezed, just a second in my back,

unable to hold it as a secret, the cold he's gotten. "It's getting late. "He said as I understood it well enough, I was getting. "Tired myself but don't stop now, I promise you'll get more than a fair share after we're off the ship. ""Promise?""Promise. "A fair amount of effort and we'd be there in no time, at least I would, despite having my time off, there was the slightest opening for me to get there and make things right. A thought that haven't gone by myself in a long time. One that I haven't gone by to achieve, not by myself. "Hopefully, we'll manage to do it. I mean to stop this ship together. Right Nimble?""Right. "He said on a brighter note, right as the storm has done raging and the smoke was put down by the last falls of the rain drops. Another step and we were at the point where his rope was struck inside the fall, resistant as ever. "It didn't break but I'm not sure how much more it could strain itself before it got there. "All around I saw nothing but the broken parts of the ship, either staggered by something in the past or something in the present. "I can't follow you from here now on. "He said, whilst now holding on the edge not to fall, the same way I first found him. "I understand, it's most likely too much for me to ask, for such a dangerous thing. ""I'll wait for you though so don't forget about me once you're there. "A smile would've been enough to reassure him of my success but I couldn't give to him such an assurance. "I won't. "And that was something I should've taken in care, as I was left only with my hands on the side, something to be climbed against. With the ring of smoke finally clearing out, she was able to see and hear me. "Come on, I still need your aid to stop this. "But she didn't have something in mind, another time-consuming objective as the stairs from the side I was on got smashed before I reached them. "I can't climb this way. ""Go the other then. "She shouted back. Damnit, I had to pass the entry through the inferno below, past the dome made out of dirty glass and wood to get to the side that would most likely end my attempt whilst making my way towards it. "Ser!"The kid suddenly yelled, what could it be now?Could he not see that I was. "Busy!?"But I wish I could retract those words as I would get to see him for the last time. With both of his hands on his waist, pulling away the remains of the bonds that helped him away from floating still. "Don't do it, kid, not now, it's not worth it. Agh"It felt as if something pierced through my skull, worse than a flash. My head was aching and I could feel a part of it getting numbed down for seconds. The way ahead changed from what I saw before and now, the empty damaged part of the deck suddenly sprouted a giant square-like pole being stuck inside for a long time, swinging the ship like a pendulum rather than it flying like one. "What's going on?"I asked but had no answer, should've expected it. "Wait, kid are you all right?"I asked, whilst seeing him suddenly recover too from it. "Hey, what about you. Captain?""I'm not sure what to make of it either. "She said, seemingly shocked by the tone of her voice. "Kid, stop, this isn't the time either. Don't release that rope. ""I have to, don't try to stop me. "He had me chained as in no way could I release my hold without falling over, neither could I reach him in time. "Is this the moment you've chosen to finally let go?"I asked him, already knowing the answer and the fact that the so-called captain had no saying in it either. "Yes, this is the one, there might not. I might not get any other chance than this one if I let go if it. ""You can only make this chance once. And I can't stop you after, nor now, I'm too far from you. ""Then go. "He said. "You can still make it to her and stop the ship. "And continued with that. And, despite not having a say into it, she confirmed that. "There's still time for us to attempt it, those. "And a stop came, but what she didn't know was that there might've not been any control over the ship we were on. Perhaps that was the reason for that abrupt stop. Yet that wasn't my only reason for doing what I was doing. "I won't go there, not whilst knowing what happened. Not to you over the others I've tried and abandoned. ""I've made my min""You keep

lying to yourself but it won't make it real. It didn't work for you and it certainly didn't work for me either. "It shook him a little but not enough. His facial expressions lowered down, just like the last seal that held the rope on himself and keeping him inside. I was fine where I stood, but unable to let hold of the ramp I was holding on, but what about him?"No!"It was a sudden move, shocking me despite having it expected, he let go right after releasing the only intent that held him anchored on the ship. His story soon to be unheard by me because of a mistake I did. "Don't"The image was slipped in two as the pole separated a good chunk of what I was able to see in front of my eyes. Yet in the motion, the shaken part and him falling overboard. His tiny body finally released having stopped as the forever haunting hand came out from the end of the ship and stopped him from falling. Afraid and angered by that, I realised that nothing could stop its endless pursuit of me, from fire to rain, through lightning and the fall that should've ended its miserable life. It rose from its end and didn't stop, holding the now unconscious and blameless child's life at one end. A small and ceaseless effort and it came by on my side, unshaken and mass free from falling down. An offering or a blackmail, he was kept in its hands as nothing more than a broken puppet. "Release him at once"I yelled without realising at first until seconds after that we were too far to understand each other. He wasn't crushed, I could see that well, with the help of the stability it now held, nothing could stop his march towards me. Even though a big part of his body was charred down from the damage he previously received, he remained unaffected by anything else. It didn't bother him at all with the giant pole that was shoved inside of the ship, contrary to that, it used it as support to propel itself even close to me. "What are you going to do?"She asked from behind, knowing about the conundrum we were in. "I don't know. "I looked above just as I should've realised it, she was close to the edge, talking to me from above now that she knew that the wheel didn't work. "Wait for me. "She jumped but face no recoil from her actions, landing exactly near me. "You can release now, whatever you're holding onto. "She said whilst having a perfect mix of equilibrium and strength to keep herself on the ground. "We need to head in. "She said, again on a distant note, as if I could trust her. "What are you talking about?We can't abandon him now, especially that it has him. "She responded to my bother, knowing and seeing how close it came to us, leaving us seconds. "Until it comes here to kill us both. We can't fight it, we need to do the second best thing. ""You mean?"And my question soon to be so disgustingly answered, coming from someone who had no idea at all. "We need to go back into the inferno you've created. "She said, right before going inside, the now broken and debauched gate of the inferno. She thought I have created. "Damn you. "I said now to myself as there wasn't any other choice but to follow with our executioner right on our tail. "It's not burning anymore. "I said out loud, my mouth took over without me wanting so, but I would've expected the whole place to be already burnt out beyond redemption. "Ofc course it did, what did you expect?For it to burn right under?"How could she laugh in a moment like this?Going closer to the stairs, the two conjoined were nowhere to be seen, neither were the remains of the others. "Something happened after I got out of here. "And something was about to happen, right as I looked back, the slender hand reached inside and pulled the rest of the body that accompanied it inside. "It's coming. "She took a note and started hurrying up, knowing what it was capable of and the endurance it had, having it watched from her safety above. I looked back and already lost the track of her. "No, no no. Where are you?"Damn woman, if only I could remember her name, there was no other way to the stairs where she could've gone. Broken steps, I had to jump them over to avoid falling and breaking my legs, after this was done, I knew they couldn't support the extra weight again. There was no way for any of us to return

after. "Gah. "That was close, a few centimetres and I would've been a goner, I ran down the stairs, hoping to find a way, something I missed unless my only option remained to die at the heart of it. My lungs were pumping but I wasn't turning, after reaching the depths, she pulled me over and covered my mouth. "Don't. Say a. Word. "She whispered as she held me close to the wall, trying her best to blend us with the now grim coloured walls. This wouldn't have worked on any other occasion, seeing how the entry towards both sides was destroyed along with the light sources that used to reveal the rest. A stomp came as it jumped over, not going through the whole mess, breaking everything in its way. I didn't matter but it saw right through our guise. "A. "She tried speaking but the slender hand, the other one it had extended itself and grabbed her by the throat. "Release her"I said, whilst taking a hold and trying my best to remove its grab. Just like iron, in a way that I was only the equivalent of a pebble trying to push a rock aside. It shoved me aside whilst using her body, reaching the side of the wall, hard with the same shoulder that was hit by it before. "Agh. "I let a sigh of pain as it pulled her closer. I couldn't look at what it did to her, just at the sight of her being thrown away after. No word came after as another victim fell over to its nefariousness. I could only barely lift myself up, just to fall a few feet to my knees, trying to get away. "Damnit. "I said after being down, rolling over and trying to lift again, seeing how it slowly came after me with no way to repent for its atrocious acts. No one is the sight to slow it down, it looked at me with so much pity, all along as it held him still in its arm. Just to add insult to the injury. With its broken body and petrifying gaze, breaking, intentionally through the ceiling and letting the rubber just float over him. Swing after swing from its now enveloped hand came, crushing part of the doors, everything it saw, despite being so long that it would reach me. It chose not to. "You want to see me run?Is that it?"I asked, with my back still turned, trying to take my only opportunity and look for an opening. The single light I encountered after, from a lamp above got shattered just as I passed under it. "Bah"I said after spitting a shard that came into my mouth, then my hand and feet just before falling again, to lift up and try reaching. A door not so far, hopefully leading to somewhere safe, despite having it just behind. Yet another opened from my right as it would seem like another one of those who came into contact with the gas didn't feel anything else but spite towards me. It almost charged at me at my position but it got crushed between the door and the slender arc that went through its torso, crushing more than it would seem to me. "Aah. "Almost covered from the sudden motion that came so close, purposely to show me that it was in reach of me and that it could break me too at any time. "Don't you dare. "A sudden escape of weakness from my side as it wasn't the strike that was so closely driven next to me but another motion of his other hand towards the child. The one that I had no way to know if he was still alive or not. Maddened by my attempt at a verbal strike against it, it grabbed a hold of the part of the door that was open and broken it with a swipe, throwing some splinters and wooden edges into me. I used my hand to block them from reaching my face, just in time as one looked as if it was going to blind me. Pulling myself over was hard but I was close but only because it let me attempt it, being always in the reach for me, letting me know of that as its aggressively increased. More and more parts started coming and being thrown into me. Debris and other parts, shards, making me switch sides, being driven from one part of the hall towards the other. I was so close. "Gahhh"I let out, feeling the cold steam blasting through my back, a pipe was ripped out from the ceiling by its hand and no other. Its patience had its limits and I had to feel them first hand as it came from one side, shoving me towards the other, forcefully, ready to break through any door and any part of the ship to make me suffer. "Stop"I said, barely

holding my breath and pain inside so I wouldn't give the satisfaction of hearing me scream. "Stoop it!" Instead, I let out a shout, the way ahead appearing farther away, with no flash and no vibration, not even the sight of any other help. I was abandoned by all, left at the mercy of someone I have hurt. One strike almost left me crippled as it almost broke one of the doors I was thrown again in the great hall I was in. It felt me there as I couldn't move, temporarily from the spot. Those svelte pumped and bellow long fingers felt like razors running across my neck, eager to end me right there. But not long until it would end that tease to torture me again, I knew it had something in store for me as they lowered down my waist. Lifting me and carrying my uneager tired from the effort I was subjected to. It knew where I, we were going so it would hold me in front, showing to me, the key to my escape but also the desperation I would be forced into since I couldn't remove myself from those etched fingers of its growth. Another door would seem to be ready so it would be opened, it used me to bash it closed as someone tried coming out. "Bah" I said, but this came for pain, as the severe hit damaged a part of my neck. The way it held me would leave me no space to turn around and check in what state the kid was in, neither did its behaviour land me any clue of what its intentions with him were. Nothing to say and nothing to do as I waited for my ride to get there. Only hope that it wouldn't cripple me to the point where our ride would've been for nothing. We would almost be on our way, if it weren't for another one, probably the last I'd see, a light bulb that lit the last part of the hallway we were in. No candles as a pale wind blew them all, a red carpet on the bottom, a colour that got to dirty even the golden rims that used to accompany it. The bottom and the objects that fell as some of the rooms were previously opened were my distractions from what would happen next. With my hands on my head, just in time as my prediction just so happened to become the truth, it slammed me through the ceiling, breaking the last light. "Gah." I let out another grunt from the pain as the shards came right into my back. I couldn't see nor feel how deep they entered, of if they were kept inside, just some of them that fell on the side. Even in the shadow, with both of us encompassed inside the dark place, the figure of the door could still be felt. Now of all places and times, I could feel it getting so close to me. Something was behind it and I couldn't feel why but there was something important behind it. It hid from me but the initial presence was felt, something ran away, perhaps, knowing the danger it once felt, setting aside everything it was doing and running away. The sudden steps and the run, that I could feel as a pair of shoes touched the floor beyond, signalling me of the purpose they held. Carrying whoever were in them away from us. "At least. One of us. Got away." I could barely mumble though it didn't care now. Holding me against the open door as the sides started with a sudden glow of light. Whoever was behind it must've lit the room as he knew there would be visitors coming. No knock was needed as we halt in the idle position. "Aren't you going. To knock?" I asked with a grunt, knowing that it'd hear me and get annoyed by my sudden slander onto. "Gah" I said again as I got clobbered into the door, shaking the foundation. Despite feeling pain, that didn't shook me, but the fact that, with what I could feel, there was nothing beyond. "Impossible. Gah" I said but again I was interrupted after being slammed again into the sturdy room. No way would it keep ramming me into the door like that. "Fu. . " Before even being able to get out with my slur, another motion came by, smashing some of my teeth, close to it, despite seeing no blood or anything come out of my mouth. My endurance was given, enchanted but still, it wasn't going to. "Stop it. " From doing it again, this time having succeeded into making a crack in the door. It pulled me as a glimpse of light finally got freed from the prison that laid before us. "Do it then. " I said to it, knowing that, from the small area that was now lit

around us from the upcoming light, from being so close now to its beating heart. As it backed away and got ready to smash me right through with no thought about my well-being, ready to finally put an end to my life. I wouldn't resist it anymore as it was a waste of time, my opening left me a long time ago, the moment I. Plugged the knot again.

"Gahhh" I yelled as the image of the wooden block appeared in front of me at a great speed. Yet, what it didn't realise that I had enough space, this time, to use my arms to protect my head and skull from the impact. Speechless, both of us now as I was smashed through the door, falling on my back along the remains of the door. Slowly, turned aside in the air, I looked at the back of the ship that was getting away from me. Just as it reached the side with its entire body, holding the kid in its hand, preventing its body from falling by the use of the legs left behind and trying its best to reach me with its slender hand despite being too far. Both shocked as I happened to be thrown out of the ship, away from its reach as it suddenly refused to give a chase to me and jump over. Free falling now among the debris, I could see the ship being swung from somewhere in the air as the pole that was driven into it came breaking, taller than the skies. The nimbus around me felt so amazing as I fell right through, losing the sight of it, finally at rest, as the image of my hunter soon to be forgotten. Slowly but once again, turned around, not by my own doing but still turned to see the distant land below me towards where I was flung against. Despite having to feel fear, I felt something else, confused about what I felt before, those steps, the sound and the sudden surge of light that came before I arrived there. "Where are you, mysterious host?" The first sentence that I could finally drive out of my mouth and not in pieces. Since my pace was going to end the moment I reached the ground, I wasn't going to let that be the last sentence that came out. Neither was I ashamed any longer about being wrong, about getting heard by anyone else, my thoughts, the words that didn't come out of my mouth. "You hear that? If anyone can, regardless of where you are, I'm not afraid any longer. "Despite having to see my end happen in front of both of my eyes, I didn't hold back. Seeing my own grave as I was being thrown against, exactly as I imagined it, at a wheat field, under a cloudy sky, having my mind travel towards someone I have deeply admired. It felt peaceful in a stronger sense after realising. That everything I saw in front of me constrained of lies that were so disturbingly thrown against me. A flash came, striking me a lot stronger than the lighting that temporarily stunned that fiend before. My legs were moving once again and I stopped falling, I didn't know if I landed here or was brought my force. No recoil and no damage that should've shattered my bones. "What could it be now that I was driven so far towards even facing my own grave?" I asked towards whoever was there and could hear me, after being thrown around in another room, with both a ceiling that wasn't supposed to be there in the case I came from the above and barred windows with bone like bars. The motion came from the sides of the compact room and the seats and tables from the room didn't seem too welcoming either. "Too wide for my senses. "And too empty too for me to feel secure and at ease. Some were lit and others were dark, the many spots infected the room except one that just arise. A candle was lit from, close to the back, someone was welcoming me to come into contact. "Who's there?" I asked, as I only saw a figure, nothing too dangerous, someone dressed peculiar but nothing to fear. Since no word was spoken yet, I chose to look around, since the last times I just rushed through, it ended with me. Getting to this spot, with one or more bone fragments crushed. The first impression it left on it was that, the bones and that something extra covering them looking as if it was another layer of protection. I was so set on it, wanting to analyse it as it remained the only peculiar object in the normal room we were on. As a passenger it was only fit that I followed the right of one, to try to take a piece for any

further research just in case. The curtains were dirty too, probably from the contact with them. I approached it, and bent over the table, just enough to. "Ehm" Retracted but suspicious, I looked back at the figure and waited for it to finally introduce himself to me. "No touching. "I couldn't figure what kind of voice it was, again like a drone, something that I have to hear before and had to recognise with my specific indulgence into my craft and study. "So who are you?" Whilst questioning, I still planned on taking full advantage of his hospitality. The small chairs were accompanied by sopas at every turn, a high quality for such a place like this. "Why don't you take a seat?" He asked, disregarding my question, my appearance, despite looking as if I was summoned here by him. "Fine, I'll indulge in your little game. "And so did I, coming towards him, one thing popped out, another than the apparent ribs this convoy had, a carpet like the same one, most likely produced by the same person. Or brought from the same place, speaking of, so did some of the fancy chairs, looking the same as the. Ones in the mansion. "You've got some explaining to give, more than what you think. "Said the body in a suit, growling like a liberator, approaching me looking all mighty. "Sit down. "I said to me, just as he planted his fists firmly into the table, shaking both the lamp and the light that flew throughout the places. "You've got no idea what I've been through, the least I deserve are some explanations. "He was confused but not as enragés as I predicted. That was weird too, I was told to observe him but couldn't predict it so far. "If you may sit down, I'll tell you what's going to happen. And do not worry your bottled head, the worst is just about to come. "I didn't know if it would work but I grinned as it did. He didn't threaten me but I could see the suspicion on his face. Though, it made me wonder, did he see me the same way I saw him?" Ehm, as I was saying, pleased by your complying. ""I'm not doing it for you so please spare me the damn banter. Spit it out as fast as you can, I'm still not sure if. ""You're safe if that's your predicament. "And that could be one certainty that I could assure him, especially after what he's been through. But one thing I didn't know yet, who was the culprit, which one. "Were you hurt by someone, in particular, professor?" I asked nicely, his trust had to be gained by me so he wouldn't falter from his assignment. "Perhaps we can trade this information if you're so keen on bargaining with one another. ""Very well, tell me what you want to know, then after, I'll tell you what's what. And don't worry, we'll meet again on the next spot on the list. "Something that he noticed, I saw it beyond the gap and the motion inside, just as I murmured that word in the most melodic manner. "What list are you talking about?" And what he didn't realise despite being so fragile, misdirected, predictable and so manipulable, is how much he made my task easier by comparison. "Well, the list of the tasks you're supposed to take care. "Before finishing, he didn't wait for me and already asked why, all the way whilst slamming the table again, worse than before. Something did happen in the short time he was away, but what. "That's the question I will be asking now, since. "I stopped and move the curtain on my side just enough inches for me and me alone to see and no one else except myself. "There's still a long way to go. "Not clear enough and at the same time I couldn't rush it, that would clearly break the whole unspoken other agreement that occurred between us. And what he said next was simple and unconvincing, and I couldn't judge, especially since, from the place we were and the altitude, we didn't have it done forth. "I've been fancying myself a new ride. "With the most peculiar accent, along words that weren't his, to add insult to injury, I could see from the jerking of the soft edges of the hem that were now in his hands that he wasn't going give me the time of the day with a proper explanation. "Fine, state your next question then, but after that, I want a clear answer too, else we might not be pleased with one and the other's presence. "But, he changed it, and fast too, knowing, no,

expecting me to do the same, most likely if he asked the same question as before. Instead, the professor asked. "Who gave you the list?" "It's more of a question of. What gave me the list? And go on, answer me the question if you dare. "Staring the scoundrel right between the eyes, I knew the answer and. So did he by the stop. He realised what I was talking about. "Then who's next to ask?" "I don't. I lost track, the last one was quite confusing. "At least for one of us, and not so much from the other. Then the bright idea came, right as we went into the turn. "I'm sorry for the turbulence you're encountering but it will soon pass. "This had to be resolved fast, I knew where every bump in the track was and especially how much each of the turmoil lasted. "I'm used to it as of now. ""Look, I can't wait for an entire silly game like one of this, so let's see. My name is Dimitris and you know that. ""Was my first question. "Quickly on the point, proving the attention he held against me. "Now, that's settled, what attempted to hurt you? I can see from the tip of the waist that it was bent. "And quite roughly took, something held and almost manage to crush his inside, something strong too since there's nothing that could crook such a reinforced layer. "Why do you want to know?" "You're breaking the rules. ""I don't care. ""Fine professor, answer me that question and I'll let you in on everything. "And after seeing that, despite being so close to death, he managed to, overall pull it quite good so far. "I don't know who. Well, what it was. ""Something about him, perhaps her. Both? A body or sides or any claws and strikes? Perhaps even wearing stripes or something. ""Nothing of that sort actually, well. Wait, did the whole compound just shook itself?" "Curses, I haven't anticipated we would reach it this far in such a short notice. Very well, we will continue this after. ""But what about filling me in, you promised!" He and neither did I could stay any longer, for none and no other. "Possible blackmail as you have nothing to offer and nothing to take from me now. As I said. "After raising one of my hands and pointing it towards the door, seeing how I was listened to and it opened. "The door is now open, don't worry now, you wouldn't want to miss the next embankment, would you? Isn't that so. Professor?" With a grin I said, welcoming and for leaving, something to remind him of me, despite us meeting again soon enough. "After what you'll do, you'll figure it out. ""I'm not leaving until I'll get my answers. "He said, despite having no choice. Knocked out and moved aside by the pores moving under him. "You are now. "I said after seeing him struggle, yet he stood too much and some of it rubbed off, enough to last him enough time to be escorted outside. "After this, you're on your own again. ""I won't forget this, you. Dimitris!" He shouted but it did no good to him, neither to his condition. Still leaving to his own discount. "You'll know what to do kiddo, I trust you well. "And hopefully he would find something to drink, even to me it appeared as if. His neck was dry, and at this point so was I. I waved him off and didn't taunt him back as he flipped me whilst being pulled away. Much was on his mind and I was running late too. The lamp got turned off and the moustached man faded away, on my way as I could feel my legs start pumping again and the membrane that kept me inside made an opening for me. No door, just the opened hole that threw me outside, towards a fall that I would've expected. Yet. "It's a palace!" I said as the lights coming off made it pop out in the middle of the gritty forest, beyond the metallic fence that guarded the place. The gate wasn't that far and I still had to know. "Damn" I missed my chance as I turned back to see, whoever came to bring me here disappeared with his ride. "Typical. Though he did state that we will meet again in the near future. "And as soon as I finished what had to be done here, the sooner I could find out how to escape. "Anyone there?" I asked the gate had a guard house that should've had someone in charge, but it was empty as if no one expected for anyone to come. To be safe and sure, at least, I took a look at the sky and try seeing, how far was I from the swinging ship. Perhaps we've

gone too far, in the night with many stars, despite having a lot of them go off at a strange rate. I approached it and slightly pushed it, my waist was still hurt and couldn't rush it without getting my strength back. That, if only it decided to do so. I should've looked for another way in, as the first in many but, most likely now. I figured out that the kid wasn't alive anymore but it didn't come after me. And what Dimitris said, made me think about the possibility of being more like that fiend, to say the least as irritable and repugnant as it was in our last encounter.

There wasn't any other option, I still had to push in and tread carefully. "Gigles?" I said, and ducked down, they didn't notice but a bunch of youths were not far from where I stood, enjoying the night and what not. The fence was too high and sharply impactful at the end, there was no way for me to jump over without ending impaled onto it. "Hey you!" I yelled at them and made my presence clear. A bold choice but I had nothing to fear from them, at least not from what they looked like. With a hand on my chest and slightly tilted to look as if I came from shambles, I came closer towards the locked gate, ready to bargain my way in. Three of them, a girl and two boys, dressed too nice, fitting to be in the presence of such a palace. And quite fast they found themselves on the other side, ready to interact so pleasantly, quite casually with me. "Hello mister, what gives?" The boy with the black curls asked, the girl next to him, questioning my looks from the sides she took with her eyes. And a third one, introvert, standing behind both of them, and hiding from my gaze, the soon as I turned my eyes to face him, he back away. "Ehm. "I cleared my throat, hopefully not because I caught a cold from my previous informer. "I'm sorry to bother you at such an hour but I need some help. A lot of it actually. ""What happened to your belly? That's not supposed to be like that.

"The girl asked and stated her opinion, I couldn't see it from the shaded pair of glasses she put on as she looked further into it, what she could've possibly wanted from me. She was the closest to the gate, I even had to follow the example of her friend and back down a little as her intrusion through the bars startled me. "It's just a flesh wound. ""That doesn't look like a flesh wound, don't you think Cam?""Shut it up, I want to see. "She tried seeing, more than I could've cared about it, as the pain left a long time ago. "This is far worse than I thought. Come in. ""Wait. "The far one in the back stopped her, I remained silent at their predicament, as I decided. So soon to be distant towards those that might not be so lucky and make it after. "What is it? Can't you see that he's hurt? I mean I can understand Lucie there since he's normally a dap, but what's your excuse?" Both she and him were too far away for me to hear, except feeling something, despite not wanting to rely on it again. He had something behind his hands, a reason why he had his hands turned. "So. "Half of him was turned to face them, just enough to check if they were distracted. The old man standing on the other side didn't seem like much trouble. "So what's the deal with that? Are you like one of the guests or. Passing by?" His clothes were dirty, could he be a peasant then? Wouldn't surprise me if he came by here from a drunken stupper. "No, listen, I. ""Here it is. "She cut me off and him too, handing him. "Wait for Camy, where did you? Did you steal that roll of bandages? And what could he even do with those, especially since they're. ""Shut it, Lucie, there's no time for that, especially with a wounded man. Here, these should suffice, at least until we get the keys and let you in. "I tried knocking her on the shoulder, to stop the imprudence but it was too late as she handed them to him. "Thanks. "His thanks didn't warm me, especially with the cold air coming in, meaning that. "It's time to come back in before someone notices that we're missing. "At least Jard seemed eager to come back with me, couldn't say the same about Camy. I swear, sometimes she remained too innocent for her own. "Good, this should last you, but try not standing out, there's a group of some. Snobby fellas, I heard my father call them that, but they're

most likely to cause trouble if they see you. So, umm, stay out of sight until we're coming back. "She warned him but he didn't seem to care much, still silent after, giving us no chance to politely decline to help him. Damn, I forgot it was too late for it. "We should go. I think, I can see them standing near the edge. "Jard spoke, so close to me that I could hear him even if I was deaf. "You heard him Camry, let's go. "She said something else to him, something that she didn't want us to hear. "Ehm. ""Really mature Lucy. Fine, let's go. We'll come back with the key, just don't wander too far off with a wound like the one you're covering, okay?""I won't. "He said before deciding to do wander, not so far. Aside, from the unwanted sights. "Can we go now. ""I've already said so. "She said, cutting my way again and getting Jard to take off with her. "Wait for me. "I said whilst trying to hide any blame she could throw. "You know I was just joking back there. It's a cold that was given to me, I swear it!"But they both brushed me off the moment I came near them. "Come on, stop slamming around, we need to act normal. ""I am acting normal, you're the one that should act normal. ""Good one Lucy. "I told her before to not call me that way, but she did that on purpose. I shook my head and ignored her but I was quickly reminded as we approached the stained door the reason we left in the first place. "Not him, please don't make me go back. "Jard finally decided to join me in the conversation, despite not being on my side of the story. "I kind of like him. ""The interpreter?""No, I was talking about that man. He seemed kind enough. ""Kfff"Despite both of them acting so nice, I suspected something was wrong about him, no peasant would come so far, dressed like that in a place like this. Either the air or his presence made me feel a tiny bit tipsy, could be just me. "So, aren't you going to open the door?"She asked with some expectations. "Don't you have servants for those kind of things?"The last time I checked, that's how it worked. Even with my friends not sharing my opinion, despite being right. "After you. "I opened, in case we'd get caught, since the blamed out would always be the first to come back. "To the scene of the misdeed. "He said and I followed. "To the scene of the misdeed. "In the jolliest manner. "Shh. "She said before entering. "Not so loud or we'll get caught. ""Caught doing what?"And Virgil appeared, as abrupt as he ever was, not giving a sight towards any other than her. "What do you want Virgil?"Camy initiated, with both of us standing barely at the tip of the door, our friend beyond. Everyone else was still distracted by the man and his bubbling machine, attention spanning towards him. "I noticed that you left. I mean, all of you. "He switched and looked at me after as if the plan of our sudden escape belonged to me not her. "I don't have to. ""I wasn't finished. "Stop from talking, what a goon and he only did it to prove something to her, I knew that for sure. "As I was saying before being rudely interrupted by your friend here. I noticed and started looking, though I'm glad that you didn't leave so unnoticeable without saying goodbye. ""Well, we had some trouble to take care. Right Lucy?Right, oh. "She gaffed and remembered, still on the other side, the door wasn't shunned, he waited for us to let him in, to signal it was safe. "Just let him in, before someone hears the ruckus, I want him to be present here too as I'll scorn each of you in part. "Lucy didn't seem to agree with him much, I could see it on his toady face, especially with the cold wind that came from the open door behind us. "You heard our captor, come in. "We had to make some side for him but he came too, joining the party that we not so long ago disappeared from. "Now, I'm really glad that our small party reunited once again. You can see the joy I'm expressing, the drink I'm holding in my hand and the three of you are not allowed to have it. "He took a sip taunting them, perhaps he had something for me but I couldn't be sure if he really cared. So hard to read, even harder to know, what was really his plane. "You can stop from rubbing the door their mate, no one heard nor seen it open, I

mean, no one even notice you leave. Except the person standing in front of you. "It figured why though and so did his peculiar acting. "You're drunk Virgil. ""Oh, and wouldn't you be if you stood in here for so long rather than try escaping it?""Listen here Virgil, I'm really not into your advances. You can back me up at any time fellers. ""Oh sorry. "One of them did, the other as silent and impartial as ever. Every time. "Yeah sorry about that, I was just waiting for the right moment to come. That's all. ""I'm sure of it poor, getting all puggy over something like it. ""Virgil, just stop it, you're way too drunk to. "Before being able to stop him from further embarrass himself, the voice of the performer got louder, his small two chambers with funny faces got louder, showing the crowd his tricks as they laid in amazement. "Well, nothing new there. "Said Lucie with a not so amazed voice, couldn't blame him, though, we stood so much outside that we didn't get to see what the machine works, neither why it had a clock over it. "They're still preparing for it, he said he's waiting for some fumes or something but I'm still thinking he's just a bunch of bollocks. ""Whatever you say, Virgil. ""Don't give him something to work with, please. ""Yeah, listen to your sweetheart there. You wouldn't. Wait a minute, is that a bloody cloth in your hand?"I didn't realise I still had it in my hand from the trade-off we had over the fence. Darn thing could get me in a lot of trouble. "No, that's not blood, it's just a messy from getting outside. ""Oh right, keys. "He spoke too, another thing I didn't notice as he started to wander off from us, searching for me. "Wait for me. Stall for some time. "And Lucius went after them, accompanying in the search, leaving me alone with. No. "Well, that was quite rude, asking you to stall me whilst jabbing around. Were they drunk enough that they didn't see me or what?""No, it's not that. "Damn, out of sight, I couldn't see nor follow as I had to deal with Virgil first. Even worse, the crowd and some people noticed the ruckus we were sprouting. "Oh, let's join the crowd, shall we?Too busy or should I just go all tell your father what you've been doing?""No, don't!Virgil. Sure, I will follow you there. Just, don't tell my father about this, okay?""Can't make any promises, come on now, the show looks like it's about to start. "People were whispering and their lament could be heard even louder now as we had to go. Together, despite slightly pushing him away after trying to grab my hand. I had to keep it calm as he had something on me. "It's okay, that we can until after the show is done when another will begin. The chandelier's light ran brighter from above, almost blinding after trying to stare at it, the crowd also made it harder for me to focus on anything else after we joined them and got closer. Enough to see him present it, even more, my father with his black suit, bowtie, tickling his moustache near the well-endowed performer. My mother was nowhere to be seen, at least no in the crowd, and hopefully, dad wouldn't get to see us standing here in the foyer whilst being, clearly so carried away from the presence of such a performer. Couldn't have a straight beat near a drunk guy like him. "So, what do you think will happen next?"A womanly voice came, someone I didn't know, giving a living to the thought I also bore. "I don't know but you know what they say. "Another one spoke and then followed by so many. "What could it be?What's that? Who's he?Do you really think he's worth the praise?""Are you all right Cam?Is it because all the noise?"The clearest voice of them all, coming from someone intoxicated, the glass now empty and most likely seeking to drink some more. "I'm fine, no need to worry about me. Especially when there are more important things to talk about. "Rather than focusing on the damn noise going around, waiting for my so called friend to seek out the keys so I'd get another excuse to get out of the damned place. "Shh. It's about to start. "Someone silenced me, or dared so, though I couldn't see who it was, neither another one who stepped on my dress, getting it even dirtier. As if it weren't enough with the dirt that got in it whilst

being outside from the rain and mud. "Careful now. "Virgil got pushed too and so was I by him as we almost dropped like domino pieces. And then the voice came, getting the rest of us rallied up, finally, everyone could get distracted enough for my friend to get the keys. "Shh. We'll talk after Cam. ""If I may receive your attention. "The man with his top hat, cane and cigar, allowed smoking inside despite already having his way in. "Now, If I may have some silence, not just for me but for the show. For this most crucial gentleman that has given the person, you're seeing now in front of you, a marvelous experience and possibility to express himself in front of others. "And quite the audience this night, all focused on me. Go on you sly old bastard, they're close to eating the ashes from your hand, after putting down my cigarette. "Again, don't think I'm going to pressure even more time into this as I know you've been waiting for the past half of clock here for anything to happen. But nothing could've been possible without the help of the generous donation and the courtesy of our host. Lord Rockbostor. The first. "That's it, act nice, succumb to my banter and ovation, soon I'd get to see who you really are. "Oh, please, don't. You'll make me blush, in front of so many gorgeous people that came from such distant places to my humble home. "Enough with that old man, let's do it already, the delay was long enough to make me even more anxious than your so esteem guests are. "Oh come on, why don't you come in for a test run?I think we can all understand, especially after waiting so much on it. ""But what's the hurry?I'm sure that, if they waited so long, then can still wait. "I got closer so they wouldn't hear me, I couldn't drag him inside since he was the suzerainty of the place, not to mention the complications oh having. My eye ventured there before and now it would seem that it receive a second chance. "Then what say you lord, would your so wilfully daughter then come inside?""What are you talking about?"I pointed and they moved from the spot, letting him see who was in here despite not having to be. A little eavesdropping from before never hurt anyone after all, except her. "Father, it's not what you think, I had to snick. ""How dare you come here after I forbid you to leave your room, not to mention putting one of your mother's dresses and acting like a guest?"And the embarrassment he was obviously showing, met by the anger in his face and body, fists clenched and moustache ruffled by the now watchful people that he called his guests. Judging and ready to berate him after the show was over. "Father, I. ""Wait a minute now, no need to take this out of proportions, we can settle this difference between the so-called distant aeon by a simple walk inside the machine I stood so much preparing. Come on, you can scorn your daughter after. ""But, it cannot wait and need to be taught a lesson. Just look at the impertinence on her, she wouldn't even lift her head up to face me. "Come on already, I have not enough patience to spare for your small issue. "You can tell her yourself, after you come back, on the other side. "I backed away from, in style, enough to leave some thought to be had by the audience and flipped the crow to open one of the hatched, some steam came out and it let a noise, someone from above us must've heard it. And in exchange, I heard someone there too. I said to myself. "That can wait, now, if you may, your esteem lordship. "And made some room for him to pass by me and enter the now open room, as it got fully opened and left out some of the hot air that was left inside from before. "Are you sure this is safe?I'll let you know that none of the people here nor the guards would like seeing their curator suffocate inside your cabin. "He came closer and whispered as well, making sure that none of them would or should notice so early sprouted cowardice. "It's fine, don't worry, you've got my word. "And passed a wink, both to him and the crowd, perhaps at someone in particular that was following both of our very moves constantly. "Fine, honorary guests. "And he decided to draw it even more than it should've been. "And my so

hot headed daughter, it's time to see the esteemed machine we've heard about. With the bravest choice as a subject, me. "No doubt as it came to mind but they clapped nonetheless. "Come in, after you. "After softly pushing him inside. "For your sake, I hope this works. ""Don't worry, it will. Just buckle up with that leather belt, hold it tight and don't forget to hold the bars on your sides at all time. And try not breathing too much of the gas pumped in, it might be slightly toxic for your body. ""What did you say?"I flang the crow and closed the hatch, having his annoyance of a mouth finally shut. It shouldn't last long until both of the cabins were full, as I started, making the light come out from another, travelling through the pipes towards the other. The process shouldn't take long and the hatches should both open at once. And now for the audience before it came to an end. "Now, what you're about to witness may shock the weak of heart, especially those who just happen to be related to the person in deed. But bear with me as we're about to witness together, something quite peculiar, an experience that's indescribable. "They looked in such amazement despite not knowing, except her, looking in distrust as if my beauty of machine wanted to swallow her father whole. I approached the crowd, came closer to her and so drunkenly friend. "What's the matter, girl?Feeling sick?"Judging by the face and what she's been doing lately, wouldn't surprise me, to say the least. "What are you doing to my father?""Oh, nothing. You've got it all wrong. It's not what I'm doing to him, but what I'm doing to the one he's deeply knowing about. "And luckily for me and the unplanned delay, I managed to get the right settings for him in time. "And in time again, as you're prepared to witness. "I said whilst walking away from her towards the opening hatches. The remaining steam came out first, along with the lord, exhaling and dizzy. "Just a side effect, don't worry, you will be just fine. "I assured her, as she came to help her father stand. And I was quite sure of something, it wasn't the machine what slew his energy but the reaction he had. "As his one and only long deceased childhood friend came back from the other chance for a limited time. "I pointed at the clock that was at the top of his cabin, the point of interest of both the crowd, the lord and the kid. "Speechless to say the least. "And the reactions, both of the father and the daughter. One looking as if he saw a ghost of his offspring as confused as she could possibly be. Priceless, just this moment along would be enough. If not for our deeply troubled friend near me and from the exact reaction and no thought made known so far from the lord's side, it wouldn't surprise me if he got brought back with the exact pair of clothes he was wearing when he was sent inside the grave. Wearing all black, a small cloak and assortment of boots, wearing everything down his hair and up. "What did you say. "I got closer and slipped just by his side, turning him to face the crowd, overwhelmed, to say the least. "And he talks too. Don't forget, you've got not enough of the time displayed to get to know someone influential in the life of your illustriousness. "His lips were shaking, most likely a family trait, made you think, what could he be thinking about. After turning him again to face his friend, not even being sure they recognised each other. Yet he slightly went by too, away from me and still confused despite having explained everything to him. "Did you bring me here to die?"He asked, with a puppy face, ready to fall in tears, from the looks of it, he didn't have much to spear. "So it would seem like my reason is another. ""What's this madness, how. "He lifted himself with the help of his daughter, after suddenly lifting himself to take a deep breath as the young boy turned too, he continued. "How dare you do such a thing?To bring such a dreary memory of mine?"They look at each other after, the crowd's eyes split into two sides, one for him and the other on his limited lifespan. I could hear the chants in the back trying to figure out how much he had left, minutes to seconds, even less. And they couldn't say they weren't surprised either as none of them

really knew what I could do, other than rumours. "Augustus, could it really be you? Were you really brought back?" He tried reaching with his hand but the kid was too confused to see anything other than the wrinkled hand pulling itself to him. "Calm down father, you might get a stroke. ""How could I, after seeing him. So many years passed. "Tears came by after finally up, getting closer to hug his old friend that still wasn't sure what to think of it. And enough was wasted. I came closer to ask him. "Despite having to intrude in this so emotional moment. "I pulled him over, as he was shaking, still too perplexed, seeing life after such a long time, but the question was simple. Yet before I could ask it, he turned around and asked again. "Am I going to die when that timer ends?" Am I?" Stop it already. Whatever you're trying to pull off, I want you out of my home and I want it now! ""Not yet, not until I hear until they all get to hear who killed this young man!" This man was insane. I pushed him away and took out my mantle to cover him. "Don't worry, I won't let you die. "I confronted him whilst getting him as farther away from the nose coming out of the crowd. "The show is over, scatter!" I said, making them spread, the knocked jaw I left him with should delay until I found a way to extended that clock. "Is it true what he said?" Came out as he backed away from me too, unable to recognise me from so many years. "Why won't anybody answer me?" "It's. Complicated but I know I can save you, I just need you to trust me. All right?" I showed him my hand and gave him the same smile I used to when we were both children. "Come on now, I'm sure there must be a way to stop yours. ""I. Trust you. "He said despite not recognising me. "You won't get away with it!" "Make one more step towards him and I'll crush you down where you stand!" The man had no scrutiny but it was his machine, I couldn't throw him out yet. "Guards, stop. How can we stop it? His time limit. "He had to have a heart, it was only a child we were talking about, a blameless one for that matter. "You can't do it, not at all. He's more than dead now, whenever you want it or not. ""You're lying, there must be a way, there's always a way. ""Don't I have something to say in the matter?" He asked, despite being in a situation that overwhelmed him, every one of us. "Father, is there anything I could do to help?" "I don't know, I'm afraid I'll be left helpless to watch my dear friend die again. "A few feet away from the old and the other circus dressed men. "I can't die. I refuse to do it. "I needed some time, and looking at the clock didn't leave much for me to know. "So afraid to die. Please, you're the one who brought me here, can't you fix me?" "I'm afraid I can't do that chap, I don't make the rules, the machine is. "He pointed with the crane and I saw again as the arrow went over however much I had left. "Still enough for me to try something. "I grabbed his cane out of his hand and tripped him over with it, his head made a small bounce as he hit the floor, knocking him out. "Are you all right?" Some people came by to help him out despite none of them offering to help me. Perhaps if I could knock out the clock next, perhaps that would stop it. "I can't reach. "I said, after my failed attempt. "Here, let me help you. "The girl that stood by the old man came to help, taking my cane and her attempt followed. "It's pointless. "I said, she jumped three times and couldn't reach since she was obviously the same size as I was. "Do you have any better idea then?" "Here, let me try. "He joined us despite never asking for any of his help, neither the cloak or anything else. "You don't have to do this, I. I can handle my own problem. ""Don't be stubborn, especially at a point like this one when your life depends on our help and ours alone. "A slam came through the machine made it shake soon after but the clock was still here. "Damn it, it's probably deeply connected to it. "A set of laughs came from behind, as the small new crowd backed away. "You're such a pair of fools, removing the clock won't save his life, it's just a counter until it runs out. ""Then tells us how to save him, again. I demand to save my friend from the death sentence you've placed upon,

unwillingly I hope. Or else. ""Or else what?What will you? Have an attempt at my life?Perhaps you'll have your men have on me too. Listen here your majesty. Stop doing that, don't grind and mess with the machine, you little scoundrel. ""Don't touch the boy, I'm warning you. "He stopped me before I could do anything if this was the game he wanted. "Fine, have your feeble attempt but after it's done, me and my machine will be leaving this obnoxious place. But if you break it, you'll have a lot to pay more than you could even imagine. "As my dear father and so glorified entertainer bickered, the time was running fast. "Are you okay?"I asked, to be polite. "Well, I just found out that I'm going to die in a short notice. And right now, I don't know what to pull, what to turn to make it. Not kill me. "He went through and pulled some parts, pushed some buttons whilst I stayed there and watching the clock run wild. "What will you do if you can't stop it?"I asked but didn't get the answer I wanted immediately, as he took one of the links that connected both cabins and used him as a necklace. "I'll have enough time to think about that once I'm dead. Now, are you going to help me or not?"He had a charm, despite having an even paler complexion by the minute. "Deal. "We shook on it after a spit on each side, I turned around and asked him too. "Father, come on and help us, you can deal with that. That. That murderer later. ""Don't worry, he won't leave unpunished though I'm not sure we will be able to. ""No, don't talk like that, not yet, we're able to do it. We can. ""Shut up Camilla!"I shattered as he yelled, afraid at first though. With tears in his eyes. "Don't you think it's not hard for me to watch my friend die again in front of my eyes, his skin getting so white. Watching me through the eyes as a stranger. "He started exhaling a lot of air, turning into the gas, barely holding his composure, I could see by the way he was holding his chest that he was having heart problems. And at a bad time too, my friends came from upstairs, I signalled them to way , understand as they saw another young man that was hurt. "Are you feeling pain through your chest?Um, I don't know what to do, father, there must be something. Medicine, or anything. "The only cruel man entertained, in the crowd that looked in shock as a boy was brought to life and about to have his life stripped away once again, ironically remained the entertainer. "Right now, despite not having my question answered, which may be proven as a cover up by this not so guilt free majesty, I really enjoyed the play I've seen so far. But, right now, his heart's having a heart time pumping blood inside his body by itself. You can see that even the clock is regulating itself to cover the beats, jumping just as the blood keep pumping. "Exactly what I needed to know, perhaps this could work. My father was in shock with nothing to know or do. I came closer, taking his hand away, with one hand above the other and embracing my knuckle, I pushed him near the wall-like part of the machine and started manually pumping his chest. Right above us laid the clock and my indication, each pump adding more time to it. "Father, they're related, his life and the clock, more than a counter. "He looked in a wave, and the performer's disgust as I kept adding more to him. "My. How did. . ""Get some water or medicine father, you must have some. Father, stay with me. ""I'm sorry Camilla, immediately. "He couldn't believe nor did I but he got past the crowd and ordered them to do so. I kept doing this, I had to, despite risking to shatter some of his bones, his hands were holding me forearms, his eyes closed, I could see, clearly he was in a lot of pain. "Well well. "A clap came from behind, so audible that I could hear it from where I stood. "Don't disturb me now, I need to focus. Please. ""I'm sorry but. "His voice stopped and so did his hands. "Don't worry Cam. One more move and I'll smash the glass in his head. "My shining knight in a glass armour, not broken but standing unspoken for. "Thanks. "Come on now father, we're both depending on you and so are the arrows beating to the sides of the timer. "Cammy, can we help?""Just in time, but a small change of

times. "They came from the side I reckon and the plan with the keys had to wait for now as we stood in front of a sadder one. "I don't know what to do, his life looks ready to leave his body, his heart might stop. ""Then we need help. "I wasn't sure what happened down here but I could see it on the boy's face, the unnatural paleness and drowsiness in his eyes. "Is there a doctor in here?We needed the help apparently but no one made any attempt to step in and offer it willingly. "Are you seriously just going to stand, all of you and watch a boy die like this?"They were far and close, the crowd just barked at each other, the sick guy smiled as she tried manually pumping his last attempt. "I can't keep doing this any longer. "And they switched places so someone could pump it at all time. She came and joined me in out attempt to subdue them for our help as they watched us instead clueless like sheep. "Come one already, we can't do it alone. ""Are you going to stand there and watch him die?Are you?"Look at him, he's just a human, like you and I and all of us. Don't let his life end, don't let him lose his only chance to experience life again. ""Looking down in shame won't help him live. "Despite that. Were they too afraid to try?Did something happen?Is he going to die?"My hands are getting tired. Already. "And another one of us came to pump it back. He came near me and joined, placing his timidity aside to cry for help. "Will you just stay there?Do something, you're not statues. None of you are. ""Please. "Even father came back, not saying a word, he shook his head as I asked him about the pills. I understood. He took Lucius's place and told us to focus on it instead, he could. No, he would handle on his own. The three of us, like a chorus, sang to them for help again as the impenetrable machine and its owner clapped and defined us below. "Please, help. "And the door opened, the wind got split in two by his entrance and so did the small group of people surrounding us. He didn't look anywhere, he didn't have to. I wanted to ask how he got in but there were more important. "Will. "But I wasn't able to finish my question as he answered me from the long distance from where he's spoken with me. It was almost as if the long path between us was silent, beyond everyone, we could hear and talk and no one could disturb us. "You can lay down now, I'll try saving him. "I could only nod my head despite being able to speak. "Let him pass. "My father said, making the entertainer and his smug set aside to leave him be. Somewhat different than before, the crowd changed from shocked and depressed into. It felt peaceful watching him come, despite being wet from the rain, dirty from the mud, the bandage used on him. He kept it. Just by he passed and didn't pay any attention to the main in the suit, by me he touched my shoulder and approached my father who kept pumping in. "Well, what happened?"He asked him and didn't need an answer after a look at the machine. The clock ready to stop, he turned, pulled and snatched some valves, replacing them with something he brought along. He saw something inside and covered his hand with a part of the bandages he saves. But what?What could it be inside the machine, that clearly was clogged. "Here, little bugger. "Up to his shoulder inside on one side whilst my father tried his best to keep his mate alive. Penelope, my mother came, appearing out of nowhere, assisting my father. "Come on already, you've heard them before. "As she spoke other finally decided and came to help him, bringing wet towels, giving him water to drink, making sure the life wouldn't go far off until he was done for. I got closer but not to him. "It's pointless, whoever you are, there's no way for you to be able to do so. To save him that is. ""Well, wait and see then. ""I shall. "That quick exchange didn't stop him, he started pulling out but it was stuck. "I need help"I heard him and got by his side, pulling along side of him, yet not enough as clearly, whatever he was pulling off. "It won't get out with only the two of us, come on already. "My mother nodded, and others joined him, pulling with us, hearing the sound that came out of the metal shaft he's taken out of the side that

leads to one of the chambers. Clear sounds of something being rubbed against, his hand protected, whatever could it be?"There it's almost out, keep going. ""I can't stand here and watch you tear apart my machine. ""Don't move I said. I won't warn you again. "A quick distraction that was settled right away, he still didn't understand and neither did we. As. MY sudden pull ripped whatever part it was still stuck beyond, the last grip it had inside this dirty old machinery. I ripped it away and threw it on the side, scaring everyone away from the part and the parasite got splattered on the floor. "What. What is that?"They asked the first time they've seen it. And so have I, never even knowing how what to make out of the strange little being still moving on the floor. "Don't touch it. It will get stuck on you, mostly cold and tight places are its hunting ground, yet something it drains people out of their every liquid. ""Nonsense, this man is clearly a fraud, just look at him. He's most likely come to rip off all of us after breaking the machine. This whole thing was a setup if I stand to think about it. "The inside should've been cleaned, perhaps that's why I was sent here for, next to closing the gap back inside and setting as it should be. "Don't ignore me as I'm talking to you. "He had to be taught a lesson, I knew that the old man was busy as were my parents and the guards. "Then why don't you touch it and test it for yourself if you think it's a fraud?You said it yourself, that there's no way it could do that, ain't that right?""Don't tell him to do that girl, it's a human life you're talking about, whenever you're hating him or not. And so is the one of that child. Bring him in, I don't know how this machine works but I'll figure it out. "He stopped me from pointing at him and held me off, he got closer to doing it and smashed the small creature under his boot before the man even had his chance to try. "You. "He looked in fear now, after watching the seriousness of the old fella and how dangerous that small creature was. "You have to set the date on the panel then flip the crow before it could work. ""Thanks. "They brought him in but not after he helped us. "That's not how the machine works, it didn't work like that before. "Don't worry gal, I've made some minor adjustments whilst poking inside. If I played my cards right it should work. ""Please sir, I'll give you everything, just don't let my best friend die. Not. . ""I know, trust me, I know. "I comforted him on the shoulder and made his space lead the boy in. The panel wasn't complicated and I didn't have time for tests, especially with the grey hair and the falling nails he left behind before he was taken in. The man in the suit, the one that might've brought the machine. "Don't come. . ""Let him, he may know how to work this. It's all right. Show me how it works. "They let him pass to join me, we pressed the settings and he asked me. "Are you sure you want these settings to be made?I'm not sure this is how it works. ""Yes, I'm sure. "I stopped him from attempting to change him. "Fine, just flip the crow and it shall be done. "As that was done, everyone backed away as the excess amount of steam was enough to repel everyone from the area around us. "Will it work?"The kid had no idea, despite having her father and friend at her side, looking at me with the same worrying look. So violent that I strayed away from it too as flames seemed to be pumped out, a rod of metal got thrown and manage to almost came close to breaking the chandelier but ended up inside the ceiling. "Watch your step. "I told them as the more solid moustached guy got closer to stepping into the remains of the parasite. The remains of metal that jumped around consolidated what I've told him as he stepped just right. Deeply rooted inside the floor, I had no worry about it breaking apart, other than it being blown away from its position. "Come on, just work already. "Chaos erupted as everyone got into the panic, walking away and trying their best to dodge the remains of the device. "Watch out. "I jumped and threw the circus man on the ground, saving him from being impaled by his own doing. "Just keep getting away from it, I think it's almost over. "The panel was destroyed

now, something went wrong, supposedly as it wasn't properly going. And then a glamour of silence and we were left with the room partially in a mist made out of dust after the steam made its way out of the open cathedral-like windows. The dust must've come through the small opening it was suddenly made as the hatch opened, most likely for the last time "Is he?" A voice came, asking for his friend. We were left there waiting for him to make a move, everyone expecting for him to be saved by the mysterious man, that came out of nowhere, dressing like a commoner, even acting like one too. He wasn't going to wait for the celebration that was certainly needed after what was done after and what came out of the now, not so functional machine. A burst of joy filled my father's face after seeing the life lit face of his friend, blooming in front of his very eyes. "Nathaniel, is that you?" He spoke with his soft voice, remembering my name, I came there, through the waves of dust and gloom that was left into the last breath the machine spilt. I hugged him again, and he did the same back to me, after so much time being reunited. "Leaving? Already?" The man was ready to go, after barely coming and being in everyone's attention. The small child suddenly and not for long got away from the lord and looked in our directions. "You're not staying?" He asked. So sudden and such an effect for such a shortcoming. "No, I was sent here to do something and. I guess, it's apparently over before it even began. "And he wasn't joking when he said we'd get to meet again on a short notice. "Well, it was nice to have you, sir. Wait, perhaps you could stay at least a bit more, we have to. We must repay you actually for the help you've to give. The hope you've given to us all. ""I don't need such a thing, prolonging my stay would most likely. Bring more pain that release from you. "The young man from before came closer, out of nowhere seemingly despite noticing him early on the side. "Here. "He gave me a key, rotten but still working, a nice crested owl on it with sprouting antlers, old for its kind. "We were supposed to bring this to you so you'd have a way to come in, but. We'll you've handled that pretty well, the trespassing. I mean, it's not trespassing, you were just trying to. "Something felt off as some distant vibes were sent around. I shouldn't worry them now, I'd rather act normal as before. "I understood, thanks. "In the mist of all of it, I almost forgot the problem I had with the lord and why. "I shouldn't have tried blackmailing you for that. It was wrong for me to do such a thing to your lordship. I. "He looked at his friend, at me, at his daughter and everyone around him, differently, of course, judging the actions and what has happened. "No, you don't have to excuse yourself. Despite not having the best of intentions. "He stood taller than before, a full man of himself again. "You've brought us all together and I don't think you'll eve be able to use the machine to ever harm anyone. Not in this state, neither if you wanted or not to do so. ""Wait, does that mean I get to live?" He asked the only one that hasn't had his chance to talk despite everything turning around him. "Yes, you do. "He thanked me even if I haven't played a big role in it, not here and not now. "I really have to leave. Apparently I've got something other. ""Wait, there must be something. Some way for us to convince you to stay with us. Your wounds. "She saw that again, reminded of the reason she decided to help me in the first place. "You could at least stay some more, we all want you here. "Everyone in the crowd looked at me in awe again with their glassy eyes and fabricated smiles. I knew better than to meddle. "Wait, what was that?" I felt it coming from somewhere, another one of the points I couldn't pinpoint at first, not so long ago it happened inside that room. "I didn't hear anything. "The woman standing near the moustache and the child said though she could feel too that something was wrong. Other than the mess made by the controlled destruction behind her. It was sudden and there was no way I could foresee it. A sudden wave of them came to warn them bu this time I was too slow, unable to turn around nor to alert them.

Midway stopped to see, I didn't listen to what they've said, it was harder to hear the sound of structural damage, the chandelier being broken. I ducked my way and something from above came. "Take cover." A yell came as it was already plunged inside, throwing the rest of the glass and falling debris onto all of us. The long pair of stairs and the rest of the grand palace got destroyed from our viewpoint below. The sound it left was deafening, I covered my ears, my eyes after as the air got muddy. Glory short lived as everyone was in a dire condition, standing at the edge of a broken home, nowhere to see as a pillar fell right in front of me, blocking a part of what I tried seeing after opening my eyes. My head burnt as a flash of light came, the metallic parts that lead the pillar were actually rusted, the whole palace shattered and above us, plunged right through. "No. No, no. No. No!" A sudden formation of words that became a cry then shouts of anger. A broken bar of metal from its top side, the attachment shouldn't have been possible, yet it was rotten and chopped right off. The wood was sturdy and strong enough to resist as the entire ship was rammed into the palace. I couldn't lift myself up nor speak yet. I had to warn them as we were all in imminent danger. Turn left, I said to myself but my head was stuck in an immovable pose. Rolling over to see, people were laying on the floor, some weren't lucky enough as part of the ceiling got crushed. "Gah." My first word came, I saw after rolling that one of the shards found its way inside the bandaged part of my body. I almost chuckled after pulling it out, the layer that laid around my stomach was too thick, it didn't get to pierce me, other than a small bruise. Supported on the fallen pillar, my back was slightly hurt, the place was running in flames and I didn't know what was going on. People were trying to pull themselves up and I still felt nothing yet, my senses being dulled by the tragedy so sudden occurring, still happening in front of my very eyes. The huge hole above all of us, still so dark outside, the stars have fallen victim to the crashing ship too, as none of them were around anymore. Hiding probably, what I should take the advice and do the same as they did. The power in my legs was still yielding. The door was open, just feet away from where I was. "Should I abandon them?" I asked out loud but no one heard me, from the sound of the crashing ship. I felt it as it was going to backpaddle to us and crush the gap between our points. But even worse was coming, I knew that somewhere inside, wanting to come out of it. Plotting and still not dead, despite having so many close calls, to both of us's demises. "Would you know it?" I laid another question at them disposal, hoping to find out, to know, if they'd hate or react at all. To my advantage, to my desire to escape, would they call it selfish or would I first? My feet were still shaking but I could stand just fine, the hit hasn't taken its full pledged toll on me, at least not as it did onto them. "I really thought. I changed." Using one of the rotten and broken part that came flying out of the chairs that laid onto the luscious and once plentiful table as a cane to walk, I kept going without looking back. Everything already came to me despite not asking for it. Their late squirms and attempt to rise, all too familiar as the famine was brought back with the fall. The machine broken and along with it the kid got covered by his old friend. I tried looking back, even if my vision was covered by the giant block of stone, the back side of the ship moving on its own and there was nothing to stop me from leaving. No way for me to stay longer and witness what it was going to do, the reason I got here was fulfilled and ruined at the same time. But out of the pile, near the pillar, the girl came bearing on her shoulder her partner. She anchored me to the point, again, the second time a child did this to me, made me care despite doing my best to keep my distance away from it. Everyone was too far and buried in the rubble, I felt people who made it outside but passed out, yet she still didn't know the fate of her father and him. "Come on, hurry up, it's going to fall back." I said and didn't announce her of any other,

her chance was coming up and I wasn't going to ruin it anymore. Was it guilt that held me back, to wait for them, for my past failure? From where I stood, they resembled so much that I wasn't able to help it but walk towards and grab her friend by her side. Despite having my crane holding me back. "Come on now, faster. ""But what about my father, where is he?" "He must've made it outside, I'm sure of it. "Almost a broken neck, I felt something too, struck inside but she didn't notice, too blinded by the future grief she was going to feel. In a way that she didn't even notice or want to acknowledge the people who fell at the mercy of the battleship. For a moment, I was forced to look back and be scared, I felt a beating heart but it was only her father, not it. They ticked me off its tracks as I wasn't sure anymore, hearing more and more beating hearts from all directions, with no way of knowing who belong to whom. So many of them were still unharmed and well, despite the others having been sacrificed for their companions' safeties. "Move, faster. "After all this time, would I finally get to be granted redemption from my act so lungful committed, the same action? The same. "The same thing that brought me here. "Lead astray. "How could I forget how it works and where I am. What happens and how it acts. "I understood how much of a fool I was despite being so deeply informed about them and their actions, how they controlled their hosts and. "I don't understand but. ""Come on girl, I'll help you out then leave, a score needs to be settled. "After this act, it won't change anything, neither did his saving nor hers. How I of all could've been so blind towards the manipulation that was thrown against me?" "How was I such a fool?" "A tool to clean up the parasites that crawled their ways in its intestines. "You're starting to scare me, sir. ""Don't call me that girl. Actually don't try befriending me, you don't know the reason for which I'm being so hateful against so don't talk back to me. "She looked away, scared by my outburst. By now, I should've known better than to care or give them any interaction. Failing to follow my own advice, the door was close, the ashes flying through the gas air, I heard it and figured, even without. As all the hearts inside the halls got silenced behind us after something big jumped off the ship with no fear of it falling and crushing. "Go, now. After you're out don't stop and go sideways, never in front and the ship will go into a straight path. ""Wait, what? You can't leave us, especially now, what about my father too? I can't carry. ""Your father is dead girl, now go before you'll join him. "The blank expression as I told her as her heart got silenced too, shattering most likely and ready to fall into sorrow like no other would. "Don't you dare stop. "I pushed her along her friend and stood along as the atrocious sounds of the wood being rubbed against stone echoed inside the hall. "What are you planning to do now?" "I yelled and heard nothing in return, other than the beats getting slower and faster at time unknown. I yelled again soon after, this was bound to be our last confrontation if I was fair enough. "You know how our every encounter ended. Still, you decided to bring it here, again. Why won't you just fall down and never return?" "It jumped above the pillar showing me. I finally got to it as it carried the body of the boy in its arms, wrapped like a child. The pointed fingers were no longer, it was already done. Somewhere in the air, something must've happened, perhaps down here. The ship still slipping away from its place, ready to plunge itself. It showed me why its heart went slower then faster at moments and a metal rod found its way inside to get plunged into its heart. Having barely enough strength bleeding at last. "I know. You didn't end the life of that child. "Perhaps it didn't end the one of the latter as the ship couldn't be broken by its strength alone. "You're done for, either way, there's no turning back now. Not for you, neither for him. "It fell on its knees, shattering the parts, breaking in half, even the charred behind drew its last breath some time ago. "Are not you even going to try now?" "The whole place would certainly need a new decoration after the ship made its

way outside but it wouldn't certainly be entirely broken, just plunged upon. I turned away and decided now. "I'm going to walk in peace now. Though, I do hope. "I turned back, still having enough to get out of its way. "I do hope we'll get to meet again. "The last bandage I thought about saving, I threw it away, close to its side. "I really do hope so. "A sprint, I burst out of the door, people took cover under trees, other in parts beyond the gates. I ran ahead, knowing that I couldn't get past the gate, taking my chances on the sides. Keeping it that way a jump was in order as the ship had sailed, cutting the land in half, leaving its mark and marching through the metal gates. The sounds it left as the broken winds and the cries of the people looking behind as their once loved ones have succumbed to pain and loss of their lives. "Where's my father?"I hear her keep asking, her friend supported at the trunk of a tree, the ship hasn't stopped yet, from the distance I saw it too well. The rest of the sides fell and half of the grand palace laid in ruin. We stared at each other, my side being one shattered and hers filled with pain. There were no words that had to be spoken, I saw the tears running out of her eyes. "Your father. "She nodded her head then told me. "No. "Her neck nor parched, leaving dire sounds of what occurred as I wasn't there, my poorly thought decision. This entire trip was a failure, my own failure. Though I would get to take my leave without having to face any of the consequences that could be held against me. She still decided to come and gave me her final speech before our ways got departed, I still had to go through and find out through the destroyed place if anything or anyone still remained unfinished. Alone as every other were either too hurt or too scared to come and ask me. Scorn by a woman and now by a girl?I would face no such thing, the first lip I heard from her, the second I'd leave her laying with her remaining friend and family. "What do you want girl?"Her hair was slightly burnt, not having the same shade as before, perhaps the moonlight lit it up from the angle I stood. That, if this place even had a moon to do such. She didn't take any closer to me, standing and mostly waiting for me to say a thing. "I'm leaving Gene. I'm leaving the girl and there's nothing more to say between us. "An escapee from my mind, which made me wonder, whatever happened to her after we parted ways. Probably the same thing that happened and will happen to the girl. "So you've come in front of me to say nothing?Well, I'll leave then. "As I turned my back to her, both, I heard her talk. "I wish you haven't come here in the first place!"She almost yelled but since her neck was so dry, it sounded more like a screech, even with that, I understood the idea and. "What did you say, girl?"I could see that she was intimidated, so much more different than what she looked like the first time we met in the station. No, behind the bars. "God damn it, it's all your damn fault it happened. If it weren't for your damn parade and walking through. "I looked the other way, knowing I was projecting, all because of this damn thing I must've been set on if it even worked the same way mine did. "It wasn't her fault, how dare you accuse her of that?She's was the only one who cared enough to bring you help and even risk making her father mad by bringing some strange inside. "The limped friend came too, crawling from the frays. "Is your other friend coming too I presume?" "Don't pick on him, he's done nothing to you, and as a matter of fact, neither of us did. Yet you're treating me, us all so poorly, why is that?"I should've known that the group would be reunited after hearing her speak, guiding her third friend back into the light among us. "I can defend myself Camy, you needn't worry about me""No explanation is needed, what's done is done and I had nothing to do with it. "But somehow I had to stand at the mouth of a damn jury made of children, to be trialled as if they were in some way worthy enough to judge me. Their breaths were cold, I was standing too close, an affront to my own comfort no less. "So, if you've got something to tell me, now, the last pair of phrases that will leave your mouths. Say it or shut your

traps, I've got plenty of work to do until I'll find what's I'm looking for. Too many distractions, like this one, removed it from here. "I pointed at my own hand, I was slightly bleeding, a concussion is what I thought experts called it, but it was clear to me. "Do you say that often?"The silent once decided to start some banter, I realised as it came out of his mouth that I was expecting too much from them. So I turned around as the other two started speaking and decided to follow the trail, having something unexpected or, not so much happen to me. "You don't have to follow me, it may be dangerous. "She and the ones with a nicer suit got on both of my sides, followed by the other switching sides and being out of place. The place really got ruined, what used to be a forest got screwed to pieces. The metal pointy parts of the gates got thrown away too, being barely closed inside the earth. "So, where are we going?And who are you as a matter of fact. ""Why are you acting so friendly after what I've said, why are you even following me?You should be hating me, or at least try helping those laying on the ground. ""They're safe.

"Saying it as if she could've known each and everyone's condition. "You didn't mean it by the way, did you?""What?"I asked her back, despite being the only meaningful thing I've said to her. "That my father. He escaped, right?I mean, he was closer than me towards the exit and all other, that means you lied right?""If you already know the answer, why are you asking girl?And the two of you, why are you still trying to tail me, most people who do that either fall to the ground or end up missing. "They skulked, and misheard what I said, being here only as a backup for her. "I don't and, that's. ""Wait, there. "I noticed, the ship was long gone but how far?The trails should've lead here and the ship couldn't have set sail by itself on plain land. "So what are we trying to see?"One of the boys asked it was hard for me to hear them, being the farthest away from me now, both of them had dull looks on their faces. "Well, what do you see in front of you?""A trail made. "The silent one stopped being so silent, after getting tired of doing so for so long, getting tired of being ignored. Yet I had to do it for every obvious thing that would be said, by anyone of them. "Yes, obviously, but what else?""Oh, I know. "Said his companion with his raspy voice, looking up front, ready to say something useless nonetheless. "I can't see the ship. ""Yes, again thank you for being the second one pointing out the obvious. What about you dich?Find anything else obvious too?"I saw her lips biting themselves and I knew that something disgusting was going to come out, I wasted nothing after. "No one and none of the remains of the ship got left behind, just look, trees, the farthest reaching parts of the metal fence and nothing that belong to the ship. ""So, I don't understand. "Though I was going to explain it to her and them as it was easy to know. "I saw the ship being broken on its way down, there should've been parts of it laying on the ground. ""Ok, but what does that mean?""It means that you're all driving me insane. Go back already, we're still not far enough from them that you could just go back there and none would've felt your absence. ""You know I can't go back until you admit to me that my father is all right and nothing happened to him. ""You're in denial, I'm leaving. "They followed me after that too, determined despite how much I tried driving them away, despite having their persistence stab my senses and patience. The trees looked real enough, even as I took some of the rubble, it retained the texture one would have. There's no way it could replicate foliage at a state like that one, they must've been planned, either that or my senses dulled to the point of me not being able to tell otherwise. "Are we really going to follow it through such distance?I've never really gone outside my house. Quite strange now that I think about it. ""Yeah Camy, now that you mention it, we're. On the same boat there. ""I hate both of you. "I told them as there was no time for jokes, the ride that brought me here had to be found and taken care of. "Cheer up, it could be worse.

A lot worse as a matter of fact. ""How could it be worse, though? Her father's missing, my suit got ruined and we're following the trail of a missing ship. ""Calm down, I'm sure that he can take care of us, perhaps even give us a ride back home after he finishes whatever he has to do. "I couldn't care less of what she or any of them were thinking, something was lurking through the surroundings, something worse and faster, enough to leave pulses on the spots from which it already gone from. "Be as delusional as you may, though I hope it won't jump up to me after it's done with the three of you. "Taken as a laugh or not, he changed behaviour after she did, as now the only direction that came into her eyes was down. Could be jumping or not, I had to care, keeping a considerable direction from them despite none of them noticing it. And atop of that, I had to keep it unknown to them as baiting them to come close and give me another worry wouldn't be advisable. "Again, something moved. Keep calm and walk in straight lines, adjacent from one another. Act normal too, though I doubt it'd understand what we're saying. ""There, I saw it too. "At least I wasn't delusional too, though him being the one who called it out didn't really confirm nor deny any of it. Unyielding troublesome foes were sent but towards what point, and so were the companions. "How far are we going to go now? You said it yourself, we're in danger, perhaps we may never even get to walk out of this alive. That, if we stand a chance to even go back. "Her angst reflected through the muddy water we stepped in, making ripples bouncing from me and her. The tone, how she only refrained from looking any other way, to self-pity herself, came to her silent friend too. "I don't know why I'm even endorsing your behaviours, I should let you here in the middle of nowhere, waiting. "Is that a lantern strapped to a pole?" Am I seeing that right?" The light was blooming, making circles around, in the middle of the road it stood to unturn nor shattered. "Yeah, so?" My now cheerful pest asked, not being the most patient, nor fastest young man I've had the pleasure of encountering in my journey. "Well, since we're in a session, again. "And this could perhaps distract them from the everlasting presence of whoever dwelled into the floating piles of smoke around us. "Tell me, class, what did you notice from that lantern over there. ""Just tell us already, we know you're going to tell us anyway. I'm not in the mood anymore and. ""Listen, girl, I'm not in the mood of having to carry a bunch of war waging young people, again, that I may or may not have to care about later since they will most likely be dead. That has happened way too many times for me to count out or in. ""Then, why are you even doing this? If you're causing so much pain to others why are you still going on?" He flailed as a must and spoke from behind, unable to keep himself hidden anymore after deciding to confront me directly, in the middle of a road that might be dangerous to loom inside of. "Because I've got a duty to serve, something greater, and as I am unable to continue doing so. Well, just like my predecessor took care, my successor should've done so. Though he went missing, which bring me to why I have decided to come here in the first place. ""You do seem to have come from far away. "Just as the cheerful said, the presence that loomed around decided to make its whereabouts known once more, a long tail could be seen sprouting from far but it didn't matter. Long and squirmy, hidden in the smoke, pulling itself by another. "Two of them. ""What was that. "They both heard my whisper and I muttered to continue, slowly and I had a bad feeling that something was keeping a dire eye onto us, perhaps more. "Let's go, into the light. ""Wait a minute, slow down. "He didn't reach my arm, I pulled myself away. Walking faster but not running, I wouldn't disturb it from its constant creepy with my steps being on the tip of its disturbing attention. "Don't inhale and don't get close to anything. I think I may be able to understand what this smoke is. "And perhaps the ship wasn't just going by itself, the possibility of it being dragged away was viable too. "Ok, I think we

could've figured that too on our own, don't breath in the smoke and don't. ""Don't get far away from me boy. That goes the same for you two too. Form a single line and follow it, don't look back now. ""Wait sir. "The boy asked from the back, showing some sort of respect despite not demanding it. The trip must've made him very talkative, or perhaps that's how he acted personally. "What about the people who were left behind?""Yeah, he's right, and my father too, he must've been with them, in the small encampment there. "I grabbed by her forearm without letting go, I've seen and heard enough to ignore the struggle, knowing that she wouldn't take the news too well. One way or the other, she had to know. "Wait, not so tight around my arm. ""Both of you, make sure she doesn't stop or try getting away. ""Wait, what's this all about?She just asked a question. ""I know and that's the point, the answer was already given before, despite her not choosing to believe it. But feel the wind for yourself. "We took a break as we couldn't walk anymore, under the lantern. "Damn insects inside the lamp. That sticky substance too. "Something was dripping from it so I moved away a few steps, still holding her from running. "You can release my hand now, I'm fine. ""You're not girl, answer me now, though, can you feel the wind and in which direction it's beating?""The encampment. "Her cheerful friend ruined the surprise, but more important the chance for her to figure it out on her own. "And the smoke got blow there too, where my father is. Let me go immediately. "She struggled to get out of my grip and do a rash thing. I was being taunted by the presence again, both of them, from side to side and their long tails got out, enough to throw some dirt around before getting back inside to begin again. They couldn't see it happen in I didn't want to alarm them yet, I could see it from their faces, both worried about this and that, of what was about to happen. Whatever was drooling inside them finally got away, leaving them clear headed for now. "Girl, I've said it again and I'm saying it now. "She hit me, flailing one arm and trying to do the same with the one I had in my possession. "You're lying, let me go now. You scum. You scum!Don't talk like that about my father or anyone else. ""Girl, look at me. Look at me!"I must've snapped out because I managed to silence both of them in a feat of common rage. The veins on my neck and hands could be visible seen even by me. "You can't go back to them unless you want to die. It's too late for your mother, for your father and everyone else that was in that mansion. It's your choice if you want to continue living and risk your life even more by following me, but I won't take care of another worry again, especially with. "I had to stop, everyone being too petrified to continue. My arm released hers as she began sobbing, I knew it well, they didn't have to point it out, I was harsh. They way that we were on, between the gaping walls of smokes lead to. "That damn ingrate. "I recognised the end of it, blowing the smokes from the sides, the ride that brought me here came back. And I could see that my hand would be forced by the enforcers it sent to bring me to it, no less. "Third, no fourth tail. "The whole block of smoke was most likely squirming with them, that if it wasn't just one with an enormity of gaping tails if they were tails to begin with. "I'm leaving, stay or come. I don't care. "No more pulses, perhaps I learned a tiny bit about being able to control them, even closer to the point of getting rid of the annoying ability at all. "Wait, I'm coming. "Her neck must've cleared up from being so dry, those tears must've rehydrated it after so much time. "We're coming too. It's getting quite dangerous here. ""Wait a second, just let me. "He took a phial that he carried with, despite being so silent, it turned out to be the most useful of them all. A bit of the liquid came into the bottle, followed by those insects. "Nice thinking"As we ran. "Don't look back, I'll do that for you even if it doesn't seem like I'm doing it. And stop flailing that phial boy, you're driving me. Bah"The distance between us and that was shorter and luckily for me, they followed, all of them. The door opened,

waiting for me, I couldn't see it well but I thought it was a transporting machine despite those suckers that pulled me out. I could see it just barely being lit as I came for it, revealing the sides, the moving chairs that came from one compartment to another, shifting and going around. "What's that?" "There's no time to question it, girl, there's enough for that after we're in it. "The smokes now being thrown despite that not being plausible, their tails took small ounces of smoke clouds and threw them further away to reach us. "Don't breath it at all costs. "The more we approached it, the darker, purple the ground and the mud became of the sides, whatever was in the composition from which the gas was made, the chemical reaction affected the ground itself, killing the foliage around it. Sprouting vents out of the ground from the mud pumped even more of it, approaching us even more. The gaping gate was getting thinner then bigger, almost like a blow like motion to keep the gas away. "There, come in. "I stood on the side and pushed them in, side by side, ignoring the disgust they felt towards it, one of them just. "Gah, it touched me. ""It doesn't matter, just go. "I said to him after I pushed him, looking back, ready to push the next batch, seeing how the tails, rigged with gas, having vents of their own that they used to pucker and throw the gas away. "Hold your breath now. "I said before taking a deep breath of my own to keep it in, unfiltered air, the only clean one I would get as a dark cloud approached us. The next one pushed, her sides were filled with the clean version, I made sure there was no dim or eruption on her skin that would get to be infected, then proceeded into pushing her inside. The last one and the only time it would be appropriate for him to be silent, I checked his sides, his every single one. Not behind his ears, or near his wrists, not over his boots as nothing popped out of his skin. Before going in, ready to close it, I checked my sides too, afraid that I would be the unlucky one to get infected. "Gah" I released as no longer could I hold the air inside and jumped in, closing the gate and sealing inside, visibly in away as the dark cloud was ready to come inside and stricken me of all the clean skin I had. The small puff of smoke that managed to come in was annihilated in front of my eyes by another cloud that came out from the holes in the ceiling. It managed to almost catch on to us but I could feel it now, we were moving again. On my left, I saw their hands come and help me get back up. "Are you all right mister?" "My name is Phaer. "I didn't believe in superstition and certainly that it wouldn't end up the same with them too just because I lied about my name and listened to their feeble presentation either. Someone was still listening and his name I have forgotten, I passed the three of them and started walking towards the lit lamp, the same presentation from him, just as before but not at all. "I see that you're done, for now at least""Not because of your help anyway, you could've come sooner. I mean, well, at least closer. "He still kept his smirk, which annoyed me, too many arrogant people so far, but he was worse since there was nothing of great importance he was doing. "And I see that you've come with a pair of children too. And from the looks on their faces, it must've been a long trip to be had for them, and you of course. ""I wasn't planning on that but. You're kind of right about it, long trip indeed and something happened before I managed to come here. "He scratched his chin, the beard under it was thick and nasty from all the cigaret mutts he was chocking on before I came here to interrupt him. "I know. You weren't the only one who's seen the smoke risen from below. ""What is that?" I asked whilst still inside the transporter, unharmed, unexpectedly with the pair of children that I never asked for. Despite that, something inside my head told me to get out, abandon them and fill my lungs with the smoke at my peril. "Please try focusing, we don't have much to our last location. Now, care to play the game again, or perhaps the children might? ""Oh I like games, I'm really good at some. "The chubby child seemed to be interested and that could prove more useful

that the stubborn man that laid in front of me. But all of the sudden his hand slammed on the table and he said.

"Listen, there's something important and these flashes are really getting to me. The ship, I saw it again, it got plunged into the palace you left me at and it destroyed it, almost completely after repairing the machine you sent me towards. "The look on his face was bizarre, he silenced the children despite the fact that they would've been silent anyways. On that note I was irresponsible sent on, I didn't notice. "Wait, what palace and what machine? That's not where I sent you towards!" He was getting serious, finally too. "Then, where did you send me?" I asked him in all seriousness, though I could see it on his face, the lamp flickering, he wasn't expecting that either. And understand too he did as he wasn't expecting me to lie at all, with no reason to be had by me or them as they confirmed, all three of them of what has happened after I was gone. He took the curtain off again and looked over, but when I tried, of the four of us standing at an equal distance. "Don't do that, you're not supposed to. "And I wasn't going to just go ahead and anger the man that had the ability to kick all of us out by sliding us with the floor itself as our companion.

"Damn, I should've known better. I even started saying that disgusting thing myself. Not going to lower myself to lying, but it's troublesome what you've said to me. ""Then, where. . ""Excuse me, but what are you going to do with us? Where exactly are we going?" "We? We're not going anywhere together, you're going to stay with him for now?" I told the toad face exactly where and what he should be doing, there was no place for kids in a place like this.

"You're not intending to leave them here with me, are you? That wasn't the deal, as a matter of fact, we have no deal that involves me having to give free rides to any passing comers you bring here with you. ""This doesn't involve you, though you're right. There's no deal that involves me having to take care of your damn problem and take your damn ride, especially since I. Since I almost forgot that I came here to get someone. "The girl decided to step in after hearing me say so. "Well, we're kind of involved in a way since my father's palace and his like was taken by a god damn giant boat being thrown at us. So, sorry If we're forced to take in your damn ride for once despite not asking for it, but you're not the only one here having to suffer the consequences. "I couldn't take any more people snapping around, especially since it only encouraged me to do so too. "Can we all just calm down? Well, we could take from his example, the quietest of us all, still. "The ride was stopped, abruptly and we almost got thrown on the floor, they grabbed and held the chairs or parts of the tables that were set so they wouldn't fall over. I grabbed the lamp that was thankfully plastered on the table and questioned why. "Did we stop like that, what's happening. "Though he didn't know what to say and after taking a look outside he said. "Oh no. ""Oh no what? What is the reason for us stopping so?" "There's something chewing on the tracks we're on, this isn't good. "I took a look outside too as he couldn't stop me, taking the curtain away to reveal the track. Overwhelmed for a second there as the first thing I looked below to see. "It's a huge way down there. "And the scenery, I could see the whole place, making me dazed. The smoke from the place we've been, the mansion I thought I saw from far away, at least one of many, if it even was the one from which I came from. And another place I thought I was before, in my childhood at least, a place of tales, someone was in there making a ruckus. "Focus, not below but on your left. I may need your help with this. Hey, stay not a step further children, this doesn't concern you in any way!" Frozen in their places, either by my command or my will alone. "Sorry. "He said before looking up, front, seeing what I saw, having the light shine up front. I doubt he could see any of the surrounding but he could see at least. "It's huge, overgrowing even. ""Yes, and it must've fallen here recently, judging by how it's pulsating and squirming. "I informed him of my finding, the liberation, though I wasn't

expecting that my turn to be liberated would come. "So you want me to go there and get him?" "This does seem to be your task, with the small exceptions of the unknown places where you land, despite being sent towards different ones. ""Where's the exit then?" "Up front, there should be one opening, just make sure you'll give the wall a good rub and it should listen to you. ""Quite disgusting but I'll make sure I'll do that. By the way, you still owe me an explanation after I'm done with this. "I appeared pompous despite not feeling like it, after all, this could turn out to be even more dangerous than it seemed like before. Now that I've taken a second look and saw. "Wait, it isn't supposed to grow limbs, is it?" "No, it's not, it might be a side effect from the iron it's consuming. Go already before we fall down to our deaths. "I backed down after being turned on the offer for help, he'd stay and watch, thinking he'd have a better job giving orders rather than coming up. Then they were them. "Stay here with him. ""Wait, we can help. "The girl was the first one to offer her aid despite being too dangerous. "Out of my way, it's not a game, you could die if you come with me this time. ""And we could die if we decide to stay. "Her friend sobbed and temporarily refused to move out of the way as the situation seemed to be one of normal causality for him. "You'd better listen to him and do it fast, it's the line is getting thinner by the minute. "He inquired after telling us of his small observation which only meant. "Sharp teeth. ""Sharp teeth indeed, that could cut through iron. "I moved both of them away as the third one in their small party stood at one of the tables. "Wait. "Before going through I gave them a final warning. "Follow me and I'll throw you overboard and that goes for all of you. "The door closed, sealing the other compartments as he went further away, leaving us alone with the creepy man and his flickering lamp. "So, what are we going to do until he comes back?" I asked my friend even if he barely left second ago, both of them being fixed on the creepy guy so he wouldn't try anything with us. Lucie came near and whispered in my ear. "I don't like the looks of it, perhaps we should've tried harder and convinced him to take us with. ""Well, it's too late now. ""You realised it's quite rude to whisper about someone whilst in the same room with. "His voice echoes through the chamber, despite not looking directly at us by beyond the curtain. "We've done no such thing. ""Don't call me a liar in my own home, or you'll find yourself being thrown out of it. "He lashed and shouted, the whole room shook in fright of him as it wasn't just us. I held my mother's necklace inside my hand and prayed for him. For him to come back as fast as possible. The room where I was in shaken, most likely getting unstable from the tracks getting chewed away. "I really hope this works. "I rubbed my hand against the wall in front of me and saw a door slowly coming by, moving from the ceiling above, ready to get into position. Disgusting as the sides around were like visual waves inside the skin of the thing. It got into the right position, finally and opened up to my hand shaken. Shaking constantly with my grip on the sides, afraid to fall in the cracks and holes between the tracks. "Don't look down, that seems like the right choice. "And neither could I look above, too bright to see anything, either below and the terrifying fall. "And there's the two of us, just the two of us. "It didn't notice as it continued trying to consume, despite doing nothing but slightly sharpening its teeth. There wasn't anything on me to either defend or harm it, especially since it now had the upper hand, both in mobility and ability to hurt me more. Slightly overwhelmed by the situation I backed away ready to go back in but not before shouting. "You slime wretch!" But it didn't hear me I thought, still not having that far away with something developed. I checked my pockets, nothing to throw, if it managed to get through that thin track, the entire transporter could fall down with us, like that fool thought of. Back inside, I looked around, I burst through the door with no reckoning of the consequence I could've faced for harming

his ride. The chair looked fair enough to use, heavy and ready to use, firm at sides and just the perfect blend of roundness and hardness to last. I Grabbed it with both of my hands and don't let got yet, back to it, I wasn't going to risk getting closer to it. Only a notice would suffice to keep it away from trying to ruin the system. I swung , almost like a whirlwind I threw it against it, smashing against its sharp teeth and having it ruined in front of my eyes. "I've got what I've bargained forth. "I said it, to both myself at to it, my will as it got away from rotting the iron. With its limbs, it started moving, almost like a rabid beast, despite not having ears to hear, nose to smell, it senses the water in my body, to my surprise that it hasn't happened sooner than I anticipated. "What now?"I asked, hoping that I'd get an answer from seemingly my partner in this whole situation. "Oh, this isn't going to go well. ""What, what's happening?"One of the children asked but I didn't care who was the one who's done so, they all sounded the same with their small boxes inside their chest, producing the same echoes through my chamber. "Don't look out, you're not allowed. With one exception. "I told them as one of them earned the right, standing at a table as silent as he was, he's done the right and let him so I did. "He can, the rest of you will have to wait, each of you at a table if you want to witness. But the beast isn't chewing on the tracks. ""Which tracks?" "Don't look, I'll know. ""But aren't you supposed to help him?You've done nothing so far but yell at us and watch through that damn curtain. ""Trust me, I'm doing much more than that. And certainly more than you children are doing. "Though I was getting afraid by the moment, as I felt him step in, I backed away with my whole body, making it go back too. And despite being in certainly separate and farther away chambers I could sense and hear him just well. And I heard him say. "It backed away?Look, I don't know if you can hear me or not but I think I've got a plan, we need to make it fall. I do know that it was because of you or might've been that, the reason for which it started moving the way it did. "But I grabbed the handle on the side, a bar was set, carried from another place for me to use. "Understood it. "I said before I was suddenly dismayed by the pair of teeth that penetrated the closed door. Longer than before but not enough to reach and harm me. I could see how much it hurt, the motion itself as it was impaled by them, shaking in front of me as that wasn't real wood. Even the bar got softer, following the example of the gate. Ripped apart a hole was made and spit outside. It had to eyes to see me but I could see that it was going to make its way inside, one way or another. "And it's not going to be through that small hole, I promise you that!"Though it didn't stop it from trying, pushing a portion of its body through, making me release the slowly disassembling holding object I had in order to avoid it from reaching me. The whole transporter was shaking again, mostly as we were heading back down instead of going farther away. A sudden motion happened and the small portion that managed to get it was decapitated from the rest of its body as the door managed to pull itself together. The chunk fell through and on the floor, squirming and trying its best to find some more. "It's not dead yet, neither of them. "A simple observation escaped out of my mouth, coming alive as I said it and unluckily for both of us, it was the chunk that had its teeth sprouting. Enough mass to roll over seeking for sustenance, I took the chance before it found it and crushed in under my foot. Twisting and almost like a cyclone I did my best to not reach the sharp teeth that grew inside. Impales on its own teeth from all that pressure, it died almost instantly before starting to dry up. Another one came out of my mouth after proudly having taken care of it. "At least they kept the same way of their life's end. Short and dry. "And my glory short lived, having to get outside and take care of the rest of its body, all the while whilst not knowing, not being sure if it was still following. At least my composure could be felt, standing tall, unmoved from the motion that was made. "Open

the door again!"I yelled, hoping that'd hear me through the compartments. "That's not what I meant, are you insane. "I started moving to get through the next one as a sudden heaviness pushed itself into me. The whole compartment was about to get separated from the rest of them with me still in it. He had no care nor did he listen, I hurried, the door was eaten by a bigger gaping mouth and crushed with the teeth and that was only to the side behind me. I grabbed a chair to boost myself before throwing it behind to delay it. The door in front was opened with the courtesy of my executioner as he gave me only one second to jump through and grab hold of the pin that used to hold them together. All the same, as it was moving and the other left behind. "What in the name of?"I said in shock as the compartment deflated with that thing inside, shattering the bones that I was able to see through the hole that was left after I jumped through the open door. "You'll pay for this. "I barely muttered as I watch that beheaded. It had no head to begin with, the bigger maw filled with so many of them only sprouted because of its seeming incision made with the command of that fool. Picking myself up, I entered the second one just to be followed again as it sprinted on the rails at a decent speed, gaining of us despite us being linked to a slope going down. "It has a giant mouth. Bah. "I got closer to one of the windows inside and got off the curtains. And then I saw him on the other side, both of us did that just well. "Hey, is that the old man?""Kind of rude but that's not the worst thing on my mind right now. "He seemed angry at something and I couldn't blame it, with that parasite following and nurturing itself with the gas floating around, despite being in small doses. Thinking of that made me realise something dire, that I somehow missed before. "You ingrate, how dare you remove that damn part of your machine with me still inside it?Are you out of your damn mind?""Sorry about that. ""I don't want to hear, I need your help now that it won't fall, unless it will fall on us. "This way of communication wasn't going to last as we'd reach the point of having to release another one of them, with no warning as well, after not being able to figure out if the parasite could understand us or not. "We have bigger problems and at a top of that, my throat starts to hurt. "And I shook again, releasing another one of it. "Is he all right?"She asked, despite not being able to see, not having it earned yet. "Yes but he's quite. Busy at the time being, running ahead and jumping gaps you see. ""I still don't know what you're talking about. ""Neither do I. "Said the other, despite having one of their own standing near a window beyond the curtains. "And this already got boring, standing at the table, doing nothing more than wait. "Lucy was right, I couldn't speak for the rest but I felt useless being forced to wait for it. But there was nothing yet to do due our encounter having happened so sudden and strange. He looked at me strange from the other side of the table were we stood at. "What is it?"I asked to find out what suspicious he had. On my left too, he looked at us wanting to know as well, what got Lucy so rallied up, despite the man at the other side of the room being just as piled up as before. We both, despite being at separate ends of the portion we were on, muddled our ears and took out our attention to give it to Lucy. He said the following words, muttered and barely coming out. "We can't stay here any longer, we need to get out. "I looked directly into his eyes and noted the sincerity. Another one at my friend across the table, it somehow reminded me of my. The one I was supposed to. "It can wait. "I said and averted my eyes, afraid to think of what happened to him, if he shared the same fate as my parents. She was ashamed of something, hiding it from us, not wanting to know. He was clearly in pain too, even more, silent than usual, the ride we took could turn out to be the worst choice we've got to have so far. He wasn't helping a bit either, despite not turning to be like the host we had before. "Don't hit the end of the table or you'll end up being thrown away. "The child thought he'd be able to do whatever he wanted but it seemed

like. It seemed like there wasn't any way for it to stop, jumping to yet another pin and travelling through yet another compartment hasn't seemed to slow it down by any meaning. "Just one more remains. "I came back at the window, being just at one aside. "This is the last one and it's not working, not to mention that you did it again with no warning. "He looked and both me and the following parasite, having a hard time maintaining eye contact, baffled by the situation he asked. "Then what do you? ""We burn this last one with it in it. ""Now, it seems to me like you're the one out of his mind. How exactly do you plan to set the whole room on fire with that parasite inside, especially when. ""The lamps!"I yelled but it falls apart as he said. "It's not lit by fire. "MY pockets, damn, empty after rechecking, with my lighter being stolen. "Wait, I've got a lighter. "He spoke silently but I heard the boy, just in time too, as he heard his voice from the short distance between us. "Perfect, we only need to get it inside and light it since it won't fall. ""You'll need to hurry up if that's your plan of doing. It isn't slowing down from the looks of it but neither are we. "I had enough of the fire, the constant cleansing but there wasn't any choice with my previous plan being obscured, not to mention dangerous to say the least. Right on time as my next ride was about to come from the likes of it. Though, having this plan did not go through, it burst through the door sooner than expected. Moving closer without any prior help, the door just opened behind. He watched us both, backing up and approaching with a lighter in his hand, too shocked to talk. At the same time, I had nothing to use on it, nothing to spread. "Head back. Now. "I said after it came down on us, those feet it had impaling the soft floor. He was the first to go back in and I followed, being grimly greeted by the rest. "IS it done?Are you okay?What now?"They asked too much that I couldn't count them anymore and someone rang at the door we just passed. "We need to go right now. "I said again, the music I heard in my head resonated with the vibrations and I knew there wasn't another way. Interrupting them before taking the lighter, I went by and left my announcement unhinged to him. "This includes you too, unfortunately, you'll have to leave the table and come with us. "A look was taken, seething rage as I forced them to come too after they didn't listen the first time. Pounded, the door in front was reinforced rather than the others and the previous compartment wasn't abandoned like the rest. "Come already, it will break in. You, next to me, do your thing and make it abandon the rest like the other ones. "I. Can't. "He saw through me and them as they bypassed me, having finally released his damn side of the curtain off his hand. Annoyed, I grabbed and violently tossed his lamp off the table, ripping apart what tied it there. "I'll rip you off next if you don't get up by yourself. ""I can't. "The children already went through, passing towards another one except for her, she seemed to wait despite not having much. "Go already, I'll follow once I'm damn ready for this one. "She understood and rightful so went in. Even after, he refused to move from his seat and followed them to safety. "You won't move and you won't release that side, it really seems to me like you want to die. ""I'm not able to release it. Take a god damn look at my legs you damn imbecile. "He yelled as nicks and rubble came out the door, being violently pounded instead of it trying to puncture through. The parasite was slightly getting more noticeable and I didn't get what he said, his reason for not doing something well for his saving. "What are you even talking about?"The table has his body covered, by a small mantle, I lifted it up to see. "You've got no legs. "His body was connected to everything. I got slightly confused and misguided. "What are you?"It doesn't matter, listen. Give me the lighter and lock the next door you pass through. I'll be able to take care of it on your own. Will you just listen to me for just once?"I must've gotten distracted by either the situation or his body because it was almost broken inside. The lighter was taken from my hand just as I

took it from the child, moving away and giving no sigh. "I won't forget this. ""Trust me, you will want to forget this.

"He said as I passed by, seeing the parasite come through and head straight for him, the only source of liquid and sustenance. I slammed the door in my path and saw the mechanism that held it locked, the small window that was had by it left me and they have the image of the rest of the ride get separated, both compartments at a time. "Is he still there?"He asked but I gave no listen to him, I saw only a burst of light coming through and the deflating room that dissipated in the air with its own ashes. I backed away as the smoke came in and ashened the window, having it

stopped thereTurned away, facing them with nothing to set aside, I informed them but they already knew the obvious as the flame was strong enough to thrust the head with us. "What now?"He asked the bigger one, followed by her question to prevent me from even answering the first. "Where are we heading?"And that was simple yet complicated to answer, to her, to him, to them any other in the tight room we had. With the window from my behind

being unusable and this slot having no curtains nor anything but the insides and the iron shells through the sides, there wasn't any possible way for us to know what was ahead of us. "Can I at least open the door?Or am I going to have to be forced to stay inside?"The silent one had claustrophobia most likely, I could see it from the twitch of his hand, the motion of his head bent over the tight walls in the tight room we were in. The other too were nervous too,

either for their friend of what happened. Both of the looked strangely at me as if I had something to do, yet. "It wasn't my fault so stop looking at me like that. "That should've made them look, one at the bottom, just like before and the other trying to comfort his skulking friend. It felt awkward being stuck with them, though there wasn't any way out, neither for me nor for them. The way ahead, despite being so crammed together by whatever those objects on the sides were, seemed locked, too much for us to break through, at least not without me trying. The light came

from two small orifices that laid on distant sides, enough to keep this room lit. "Ironic huh?"I asked, slightly breaking the silence that was actually laid forth between us. "What was that?"I must've provoked him in some sort of way, that he was legitimately scared as I said so, reacting in a strange way, looking at me as if he saw a ghost or some sort. Though I couldn't leave either of them hanging nor waiting for me to explain myself. It almost gave me a laugh as I thought of it. "I said ironic, that. Before coming here, I threw his only source of light. And I can't do the same here because there is none. "I almost laughed saying it, the only genuine time I'd get to do so despite them thinking poorly of me soon after. "You're sick. "She said and I had to admit it, my dark sense of humour had no place here, in the tight space between the four of us. Her friend shared her opinion and most likely the other too if he

wasn't busy fiercely exhaling and inhaling air. "I'm sorry, I shouldn't have said so, perhaps it was too soon. ""You really think that?Seriously?After a man just died, setting himself on fire for the sake of us. ""So what?"That hit the spot, something she awaited, perhaps it was the time for her to have a nervous breakdown and judging by it, the time

for it was approaching. A tantrum would be a nice way to pass the time. "So what?"And a tantrum was about to start, ending in a way unexpected, that I could only hope for. "So what you ask?"He looked afraid to stop or to join her, mending to his friend as she was about to start it all. Perhaps it was a bad time for it, perhaps not but I asked nonetheless as we both came closer to one another. "So what was your name again girl?"Asking despite not wanting to know, the look on her face, looking as if it was one of disgust, hate, angst combined, one that seethed through me, even more, scorching than that flaming object we passed by. "Don't change the subject, I can't even believe you.

What you've said about my father then, about the man's life. You've got no consideration for neither one of us. If we

all died right now, you wouldn't even bat an eye over, not one bit. "Again, she hasn't gone through yet, something had to push her, to tip her even farther onto the edge of all. "So what?" I said slowly, seeing my breath get all over her face and eyes, looking at her from above as her height was still slightly smaller than mine. "I know that you're not intimidated by me, I don't want you to be. I also don't need to have any care for neither one of you, that's not the reason I'm here, the same as there was no reason for me to be sent to the place you came from. "Shrivelled and cold from my clearly sanest point of view, her rage was setting up yet something was holding her from releasing it all.

Her hands almost tied over her body, no emotion shown so far, other than the angst thrust at me. Even with that going one, it was time for me to notice. Getting distracted away, though her friend's situation was progressing in a bad way, even more, obvious to me, made as it became. "That can wait, girl, for a minute at least. Or two. "I said whilst going by, she was annoyed but I wasn't expecting to become so worst. Despite what they thought. "I'm not completely devoid of emotion. "I shoved the other to make some room, he was standing on the ground, crawled like

a ball, barely inhaling and going off. "Does any of you have some water?" I asked he nodded his head and she snarkily remarked at me. "What do you think? Plenty of it. ""I meant, search for some, those drawers have to have some inside of them, there's no other explanation for that parasite feasting on it as we went through. "She started searching, joined by him, all the while as I held the hand. Cold and the situation was worst, his complexion changed with it, spreading across the body. Darker and more panicked as it evolved. His other hand was wrapped around his head, having a headache barrage him even more by the likes of it. Close to the door, until they found it. "I'll have to leave you for now but I'll come back. "He didn't let go at first but right after the look on his face screamed of pain. "There's nothing in this one. ""Then search for me. "I said to her and subsequently to him. Momentarily stopped.

"Gah" I managed to hit my head on the ceiling after having our ride drive over something that laid under it. They looked fine, all three, with one exception, I resumed after rubbing it in. "Is everyone all right?" But received only a dull answer followed by a look that reflected the same mood that was being passed around by them. Now this was in my category, no pressure, just a door, though having not done such in a long time. Locked, no less, the knob wasn't turning, filled with rust, unmovable from the sides like the one previously encountered and no way to break it in.

"Are you planning to leave without us?" She came unannounced whilst still. "Isn't there something you should be doing right now?" Out of her pocket, something was hidden, perhaps something I could've used before or was needed. "A lockpick? How do you even have such a thing and right in this moment?" Handed to me right in time, I wasn't sure how much he was going to last down there either. Though the timing baffled me as in no way could it belong to her and with such a rust too, old and forgotten. "I stole it. "What?" From your back pocket when we were running beyond the lamp. I shouldn't give it to you after how badly you've been treating me. But my friend needs help. So here, do your thing, unless you found it somewhere and decided to carry this piece of garbage with you.

That would be bad. "I took it after not giving it a second look and gave her a nod of the head. Her friend soon to follow her call to arms and be ready into position, both of their strength would be needed in order to lift him up. "If I wasn't clearly in need of this, I would've punished this act. But I'm glad you've done so. "Saying it before turning towards the lock, especially since, with the hole inside my back pocket, there would've not been any to begin with. And it brought me back here. Towards me finding out the reason behind this door, despite all other, being so tightly locked. Before doing so, it did seem strange, how the whole chamber. "Can you please hurry up and start doing

it?He's really having a hard time breathing in this room. ""Sorry for that. "Just like before, placing my head and hearing. Music notes. The mechanism shouldn't have been here, it was long abandoned after its effectiveness being judged as not well enough to be used as a defence mechanism. Though, it did help that I had experience into it, with a pick and vibrations coming by now. A ring came by at the first turn, just like a bell, bringing up some memories of the most pleasant kind. Thought the breathing kind of distracted me by a bit, and there was the other kind of distraction that I so previously daringly encountered. "Are you done yet?""I need silence for this. Both of you. Though I have just the story about a situation exactly like this one, you'd really enjoy hearing it. ""Spear us the details and just. Open it, please. "Neither of them was patient but it was enough. A thick, I turned the pick and heard a clang, something wasn't right. It should've been able to turn it but I couldn't. Backed away to take a look, the pick was out, leaving me to see, whatever was wrong in there. "What's the problem?Did you break it or what?""It's not that. "I answered the question, watching through and trying to figure out, the sound that should've been ringing, unlocking the next turn of the lock. "Damn thing won't budge and it should've, I've turned it the right way!"Almost getting close to shouting, I scared both of them, the third almost having passed out from the pressure inside the room, not to mention the tightness of the place. "Sorry for snapping like that but I'm afraid it's stuck. ""So what are now?Do we just wait for his condition to get worse?"He asked she approved, both of them were worse than the parasite saw before. I couldn't believe what I was thinking bout, even worse that I was going to apply it. "Perhaps. ""What?Come on, anything could help if it bring his condition to a better way. "She really seemed to genuinely care about it, with her nerves settles down and not angry anymore. "Wait here. "I said while heading towards where we came through. "What are you planning to do?"He barely muttered, even in his state, knowing that. Well, I've always been doing rash things that didn't make sense at the time of doing them and. "I'm not going to stop. "Said before fully opening the door and having all the wind and dust come through. I could see it faintly that his face brightened up after having the cold air replenish him and dismiss the hit. "We're still going. Wait here and don't open the door. "We were going on a curve, yet we were able to stay fine and not fall down, climbing towards something or somewhere. The door close behind and I held onto the bar set. "Damn, don't look down, a friendly reminder to myself again. "I repeated it after having it forgotten, having no apparent knowledge of how far we went through. Smoke was still rising up, covering a larger part of everything, none of my business so far, neither the effect that was being shoved inside everyone who came into contact with it. "Just don't look back. "After turning around, I was lucky that the screen shield, the window was still too dirty to see through, enough that I wouldn't get to see their faces starting to me whilst in the act. A fear of heights wasn't present, at least wouldn't have been if this wasn't too dangerous. With a part of my shirt ripped, I wrapped it around my head to cover a part of my eyes so I wouldn't concentrate on the light. With my other keeping me so I wouldn't fall, I started climbing, grabbing the edge above, not looking down and using my feet as intermediate on the metal to boost myself up. This was going to be hard to climb one, like scales the plaster over was enough for me to use and get over, yes, I could see the end that had something above. Too far to see but perhaps it was a hatch for me to enter and make a way for them. Still climbing and trying my best, I finally passed the edge and started grabbing the slab-like, almost like scale formations that were set, lifting themselves up for my comfort and necessity. I've almost forgotten where I was and what was its condition, being alive and well. Some fell off, the small fragments from the slabs that rested above me, despite the

others having their well-being remain the same. A small leap but not enough to cause much of a commotion and I managed to dodge it before continuing my path, the one beyond the necessity the situation required me to take on. One slap highlighted another as I came into contact, the vibration didn't stop despite being useless at the point I was onto. Though not helpful as it seemed to me that the path towards where I wanted and where I needed to go was already being settled beyond my control. Even with the constant pressure of having to climb through such an abrupt curve, the light shining into my eyes and getting close to a blinding spot that would manage to get towards the darkest corners of my eyes, I still did my best to pull through. I couldn't stop it, though one thing bothered me, it wasn't the danger of the situation as slabs lowered, raised under my feet to give me support, it was. Beyond my sides and the only parts, I could visibly see were darkened by the raising smoke. Afraid that it would get to the point where it would force itself into my nostrils then lungs, I had to be even faster as that was needed. They waited and I had no way of knowing if they would do something rash like open the door as I did, I needed to do it. Swinging from raising slab to another one, I managed to pull through, even farther away by small leaps. "I don't know if you can hear me or not. I should be just. Above you. But hang on" I yelled at them, hoping that the shell, the ceiling I was just above wasn't thick enough that I wouldn't get to pass through. My voice and throat were clear and so was my perspective now, having the gap between the compartment and the head of the beast being close to both my reach and desire to know. "This can wait. "This time a whisper to myself and if it could hear me through, despite having my small hunches about it, I couldn't confirm it whilst still having shards of empathy pull through. I could see, though, the small hole and a place, wider yet not long enough. It was just enough to do the job, I jumped it after passing the gap, tied together, melted through. Swallowed through the section, it covered it the ceiling. Not enough to admire it, I rushed towards the door and started pulling the clear device, having a cog, more of them, impaled by wires and rods, no important. The key was already shut in, locked from inside, I watched around and there was no one here before to have locked himself inside unless he somehow got thrown out. "Come in fast. "I yelled at them and left the door open, with enough space for them to pass in and let him puke his guts all over the floor. "Bah, you should've warned me" I said, too late as both of my shoes were left dirty to root, stuck inside a room now with a slim opening that leads to nowhere. Visible changed were clearly seen on his face after the first seconds he was in. I didn't know why perhaps it had something to do with the small thick room we were in. And its hardened walls that protected the rest of its body. Certainly more space but a lot creepier to be in, the encryption on the walls made no sense, and the same could be told by its purpose. "Why does it all mean?" She asked, baffled just as me after trying to understand, soon to be joined by her friends. The room, if this was a living being should've had a nervous system yet there was none revealed unless it was set between the wall I faced and the rest of its face that laid beyond. No other door so it figured. "Our way out after it drives us where it's trying to. ""It will be the same from which we came from. "The silent prodigy spoke, being able to stand and talk on his own two feet, not feeling sorry at all for what's he's done. "Yes, and that's not the worse thing. "I've taken a look at both of them as I had no intention of asking that of him after what he's been through. "We need to take turns. "I took my time explaining that to them as I wanted to see the room more clear, almost like a strange form, made of others combined. Different sides held their place to different signs and scripts written on. "Damn. "I was distracted after checking myself for anything to write notes on. I saw words like those ones, on the way here. Before managing to make my way in, yet I've lost it in, the

same way as I obtained it. Even if I did have one, there no doubt that it would happen the same to me again, to lose them before even having the chance to pass them to someone even more capable?"Turns for what?You haven't explained what. "One of them said, yet I didn't catch from who. "Turns to check the outside, open the door and see if it stopped. "She looked away and the toad faced didn't mutter anything fragrant this time. Avoiding the subject for some reason, as if something important has. "Wait, you're not going to avoid it. . . Just because that man died there, is it?Look, what's done is done and I need to know if I can count on you two or not, we can't spend the entire time in this room forever you know?"We're not intending to leave you like that. We've spoken before you see?"It happened just moments ago it seems, just as we were stuck inside. Just me and Lucy were standing there with nothing to check and nothing to use to help him. At the same time, he decided to leave us for nothing, standing in fear that he'd surrender to the temptation of leaving us. His breathing got harder by the minute but we managed to go over that just fine as every one of us made it just fine after. Afraid to go through outside, as we all watched him and a small piece of what laid outside, the fall that could've been twenty sizes of the palace in height alone, a fall that would've shattered all of us, despite our age and size of bodies. There was one thing that bothered and I could see it on my friend's faces too, another one than his fear of being stuck inside of the tight place and the phobia. It was the whispers. We all turned around and looked at the place where it would be and where we'd all look for our friend's salvation. Someone was clearly inside of there, chanting and spread sickly wretched words, giving me thoughts and feeling I've never had before. I looked at Lucy but I didn't recognise him, neither my friend, I could only think about what they felt, especially him after having his life previously so drained from him. Afraid that it might suddenly open and that the overwhelming presence would make itself clear to us. I was so afraid, seeing the tight room darken that we'd be lost in the dark. Yet a voice came from above and guided us, I recognised it and even if I didn't, I could feel it in my guts that it would, it was him. Guiding us through, getting closer towards the thing that made us cower. And after it opened and we could help him at last. The whispers were silenced as he opened. I looked at both of my friends and we made a pact in silence, a pact unspoken as we all knew that releasing the information we had would only bring even more questions and confusion, especially after not knowing what they went through. I, alone thought about not revealing anything to him, at least not in both of their presence. Another thought, other than the consent not given, is what would've happened if he. If he didn't start whispering at that point in time, what would've happened if he didn't come the first time?And now, he decided to ask, after seeing how I didn't want to say it anymore, rethinking something that would've been a mistake. "So, are you going to tell me or not?We still have some time we need to slay, and so far we've kind of failed to. "I said, knowing that, from the looks and from where we were heading, a long way indeed. "And there's something waiting for us. The four of us. ""What do you mean by waiting for us?"She asked, eagerly to find out what was going to happen next, the same as I was as I touched the letters on the tablets, felt the carvings and their depth. Whoever sculpted them inside, to achieve such levels, must've been the equivalent of a master. If only I could understand what it was written on them and what was written inside the many others inside the network of trails. "A room. "I said, after feeling the limitations, a hidden door that was still too early to open. Without knowing where it would lead. But my mouth ran before I could rethink it and the consequences would soon show. "A room to what?Or to where?Perhaps you're talking about our opportunity to go ahead and escape. A new way back. "They spoke in a choir, not melodic enough to get me away from having to find

out. Yet they soon found themselves distracted by their own sparks that came out of their mouths. I couldn't complain since I felt it. Flying through the air around me, a flash was about to come and I couldn't have traced it without me. Either I was getting paranoid or it was about to happen. So rarely and the same could be said about its helpfulness, I could be wrong or not, yet I couldn't pass the opportunity. To see and understand, what was written, and the only second could last. Important or not, I had to know and find out what was written. I pushed both of my hand over the wall and prayed to myself that I could do and see. "Are you all right?" A silent whisper came, the only one addressed to me from the constant bicker that came from their side. "I need a second, that's all. "Perhaps it was a wall of silence that didn't last between the two of us. I couldn't focus on the voice and find out from whoever it came from. The only importance that it held with it is that it wanted me to. "Read the tablets. Out loud. "And none of them noticed, none other than me, reading past their banter and what not, knowing not do disturb me from my passion. I started reading, not loud despite not being able to read, hoping that I could, that I would be able to force it through everything. "Aghni Ibsa" I stuttered not being able to continue for the first time in a long awaited one, afraid I understood it wrong, what had to be done. That they'd consider me a fool, insane. Or perhaps that I would be that one. No, there wasn't a time to question it, as long as I kept doing it, there shouldn't be any doubt, that must've been the reason why so many others failed to me. Given into their own madness, driven by the celestial. I knew how it worked, how its creations did, yet I wasn't able to see what was laid forth in front of me, so clear yet distant. The text shook, it looked like it, despite me knowing that it wasn't possible, that it wasn't normal. Their now soft whispers, their tries to reach me failed. My hands sweaty and ready to slip off the wall, and again waiting for it to come. "Why can't I read it? Why? ""Calm now, none of us can. "It seemed strange to me now, that only their manuscript related comments could reach me and relentlessly push me to wonder. And finally, see, from their perspective and sides. I backed away, almost pushing myself through when I understood it, having to lash at them. The different sides, they didn't form words, I was wrong. Broken in so many different ways, stripped in sides, backed away, threw on sides. It was made for me and me only, a message I could understand alone. I had o look at the whole picture, from all sides, in all directions and stick them together in my head to understand its sweet lullaby. "Clever. "I said to myself, both mad and somehow release of the craziness that I felt. "What is it?" He asked, wanting to know, so simple yet none of them could figure it out. Seeing how the eviscerated notes came together to form, none of them were words to begin with. How could I have been so mad at myself from not figuring it out and misinterpreting it as a table with words? It wanted me to sing its lullaby, a composure of sorts, a test if I may. "And followed with the choir near me to help with the opening. "As they would get their answers and so would I get mine, after going so far from it. "Look, children, I need you to follow and repeat the notes I hum. "The strange thing is that, despite wanting to despise it and see it as a monster, I couldn't. Having reached a moment that would make me feel nostalgic for the class I used to have, at a time and place such as this. I should've known, even after having taken care of another one of its kind and knowing how it worked, I was still going to be overwhelmed. Such was the promise of it, all of them alas. I started humming the song and they followed, slower and a bit tingly at first but after a couple of repeats we. We went on with it, being short and tasteless, after repeat and repeat getting bitter in my mouth. Perhaps this song had a bitter taste or it was just me but I told them. "Lower down the volume. You should go a couple of notes lower than this if you want to. "Before joining them back inside, it had to be perfect, sang for

the door that had no handle, that would've to lead us. That if only we could reach the perfect note, or close to it.

"Come on, we're almost there, I can see them better. "Their sparks came even more as they've hummed, the song was incomplete. I only needed. "This one flash to see the full song so we could get to see. "The beauty of it, being so importantly engraved on the rotten bones of the skull. So close to it, the notes, their voice, resonating, I could now see them resonating with each of the segments that were laid forth. I had no choice but wait until it came all of the sudden as they ritmic value increased after repeating the incomplete song so many times. Seeing it complete, uncovering in front of our very, my very eyes, the missing notes were everywhere, spread across the tablets and waiting to be revealed. Just enough that they would get to that part, I reached over and continued the song that had to be ended, making them follow. Our chant like hum, making the door close behind us by itself, having the sound only bounce more and follow the echo and reverb. It worked, I could see the dust being thrown away as the door that wasn't there, unopened seemed to be coming to fruition. "Keep going. "I had to encourage despite temporarily taking a second like break from it before joining it. They didn't lose and kept going, I either was a better professor than I thought of myself or they were too entranced to hear and see anything else. Guided only by my voice in the lead, I couldn't stop, even with my eyes hurting from staring long enough to see those notes, even if I'd get to suffer the repercussions of my actions, that could wait. "Open now. "I yelled as the song seemed to come to an end, right as one door closed, another opportunity arose. Ready to reveal yet another unknown place. The set of rails was getting to an end, at the end of all of them, as we reached the grim destination. "This took long enough. "Not questioning anymore as there was none to answer my question, just as well as there was none to help them. Their own cemetery of dead, I recognised their parts of bodies, solidified. It stopped, they weren't completely aware of what was happening, still entranced by the melody they hummed with me inside. Well timed, I just walked from its mouth, directly stepping on the ground as the tracks were there. So many of them, either slain or long rotten, the dirty ground from the smoke, it left them weeping down with solidified bodies, unable to deflate. Again, left alone to stray from their paths and occupy the system that was once set in place. I bowed down as if for a prayer and grabbed a fragment left from its shattered rib, throwing the mud and the liquid that used to run through it away.

"Useless" Came right about throwing it away, after seeing how it cracked from my simple touch. Something that should've been heavy and strong enough to protect the body managed to get, to become so frail. The same, all of the had to share their position and state of being, the many I saw. The much more that laid around spread through a lane full of their dead bodies waiting. I knew I was sent there but the one that had to guide me died. Perhaps this wasn't what he expected either, the same as his reaction betrayed him the last time we've spoken. The last time he was alive. "What is this place?" Awaken, they followed me as I wasn't that far, at least not enough into the cemetery. Though, afraid of what could be coming as I doubted that those were the only parasite I'd get to encounter. I had to pressure them to come and. "Don't take a second off, I know you're tired but it's not safe. "The flat land we stood on had, at least some support as we didn't just fall through. "The land bleeds as you can say and it's only joined by their as their fall was hard. Don't let it down in yours too. "Attention at least, now that they weren't frenzied anymore and there was nothing there to slow them down. "Let's go. "One of them said as he helped the other slowly overcome the small gap between the opened door and the land. She was the first one to approach despite hearing me well and knowing that we still had a long way. "Why are you in such a. . " "You don't understand, I can't stop anymore. I

wasted too much, even with those lousy breaks, I wouldn't be able to forgive myself if I stopped now after getting so close. ""To the one you're looking for?"She asked as if she understood beyond me what it happened. Yet, she and they were so clueless, I didn't want to spend the time of explaining what I thought and. I was getting too tired of having to yell and get into fights with them. "I'm sorry but. . "Interrupted, I looked away as I saw he was going to start speaking. "I know where we are. "He said, which surprised me, in a way that I had to turn back and understand what he was talking about. "Where?If you really are sure of what you're claiming it to be. Perhaps we could. "I stopped, not wanting to give it all away, having, getting close to measuring everything inside, almost as a map inside the head. Hearing and seeing the vibrations coming from under their graves, agreeing with me almost as if they were alive. Either my thoughts were heard or something was happening, I turned back and said to both of them. "You can tell us whilst walking, the path ahead looks quite straight forwards with those others being too occupied by the piles of bodies. "Too blunt but it was enough for them to understand, even if they didn't notice at first. As we went, I realised, for each and every one of them, there had to be a conductor and passengers, all of them having been ended up here, to their last resting place. All except the one that brought. Almost scared, the children backed away from my sudden turn. I didn't watch but every one of the bodies had their, where the face would be crushed, no remains of their skull or materials. Looking back I saw it back away from the distance already as it wasn't deceased as of yet, covered in darkness and with its pair of eyes glancing at me from the distance. The same look that I, somewhere and at a point in time thought I saw before. "What did you see?"They asked, but they were too slow and it backed away already, leaving without a trace of its presence, almost as if it never came. Its track leading down, we were so high above. "I saw it too. "She said, surprisingly but she knew where to look and notice how, what once brought us here disappeared, leaving the hollowness behind. "Come on, you'll both have enough time after. "Arm to arm they helped each other in their time of need. She stood near my right side as if to learn, directly from the source, she asked. "We're not going to get back home, are we?"It's quite late for that, isn't it?"I said, barely, with a thought stored for someone. Though, it wasn't too late for him, even. As I looked at my hand having cracks and being slightly cut, realising that whatever got into my skin back there was merely delayed. I hid my hand away, as well as the spots that I could clearly see being infested. Even if it was too late for me. "Ok, the three of you go first. "I spit inside my hand since I needed the friction. "Eww. ""Don't mind it, kid, you'll thank me later. "I said as I lifted one of the larger. "Streetlamp?In a place like this one?"Yes, I told you I've seen it before, I know where we are. "Again, full of surprises, he'd have a lot to explain of this place but after we were done with the cemetery. "And the house down here with us. It seems we'll have to pass through it as it's our only way. "I told him after seeing more of the place. One after one having followed and went through. "Gah. Bah. Faster please, I can't hold for much longer. "There and it was time for me to go through after they came, just like some rats. Or knights in some cases. It was time for me to follow and let it fall down right after. "Ghaaaa. "I yelled, after being the last one to pass through and the rubble and dirty fall. Somehow a rusty nail found its way and cut a portion of the skin off my hand. "Oh no. ""Are you fine?Wait, I still have some bandages left. "She said before pulling some out. "Saved again from the girl, at least from a common infection, I was all set. That, after having to painfully wait for her to roll it out and just cover it as she had nothing to prevent it from going further. "You don't have to. That's enough, leave me alone. "I snapped, unwillingly for no reason despite not being the time nor the damn place for it. It was followed by a bunch of coughs

as the dust that came with the nail got, slightly into my lungs. "Fine, you don't need to act this way, we're just trying to help. ""We all are. "Jard said, at least he wasn't bitter about him, or mad like Lucius. He took out his bottle, the one that that flickering insect was carried with, not that it was needed with the shining light that was coming from above. Yet. "It's getting dark. "The old man said with no grace, again acting his age, full of bitter and remorse most likely. Yet his was licking his wounds the same way a house cat would, it wasn't the right time but that amused me. "Hey look. "He pointed it out, probably the last I'll get to hear in a long while to come, after. Taking my spite and spit inside I cleared my throat and said, trying my best to not get it wrong. His name, that is. "Phaer. "I stopped a second to see it from his face, right or wrong. Nothing came, no confirmation nor did he deny. Yet, I had to support my friend and what he saw. "The house there, are you sure it's safe to go inside?What if there's something, like some of those things inside of it?"I asked, after glancing again at the sky, strange that it was slightly flickering, the forever burning ember above. "Well we ain't got another way out, nor a way back as you see. "He started making his way after he was done with taking care of mending his arm. My friends looked okay though I knew that their condition wasn't. Approaching for a whisper I said. "Lucy, what's wrong?If it's about not being able to go back. ""No, Cam, listen. "He didn't go with the nickname usually give, which meant he was serious, I didn't enjoy that and. The feeling in my stomach told me that neither did he. Even with that in mind and my other parts, I knew that we had to trust one another, regardless of what he was about to say. "We need to stay close, take care of our own kind, you know?""What are you on about Lucius?If you're talking about the. . ""No. "He stopped me from almost letting a yell out, revealing to our dear man in the lead of what we thought about him. Looking around to watch over us, despite the place being already being abandoned. I could see it in my friend's eyes, the one that wasn't following the other now, that he was bearing awful thoughts about. Unsure, I couldn't entirely defend him, not being sure about what and how I should feel. Just as confused as him most likely. "He's not like us and I'm not talking just about the way he's dressed. ""Again, I don't think I like what you're trying to say about the man who saved us so far. ""Saved us from what?Before he came to us, how come we were living so peacefully?And our plans before that?The same one that we got to the point of having to abandon them after he came?"He almost shouted alerting them, I told him to keep it down as it was extremely rude to talk about such one in his own presence. "Look, it's not as if we had a chance to do so. "Though, the sweetness of the dreams. A tremor could be felt inside just as I thought about it, visiting the big city, living in it with my friends. "Wait a second. ""What is it?"I managed to alert him from the constant seemingly out of place scavenging he was doing. "I know this may sound crazy but just hear me out. "I really needed this and I couldn't wait anymore to share it with them. Especially after what happened. And even if the dirty rags that I was wearing were getting to me. "I know where we can go next, just hear my idea. "And they came near me, almost in a circle to witness the resurrection of an idea long forgotten. "If it's an idea related with how. ""Just wait a minute now, Phaer. "Hah, I managed to say it again without having to suffer any repercussions from saying his name. "It's important since there's no doubt that there's a library, an old one. The scrolls and written papers in it must have recollections of everything that happened before and there's no doubt of what happened now. "He was browsing his stuffy eyebrows, eating what I was feeding him, the knowledge I was so kindly sharing. "Go on, thought, it's the strangest point in time when you decided to share this with me. ""Don't you worry. Same goes for you. Both of you. "I had to say it out loud as, judging from their faces, they weren't too happy, knowing what I

was going to propose despite having been spoken about from years ago. But before I could do that, I took a small break. Enough to inhale some air, after talking so much and thinking it, even more, I was exhausted. "So?" He asked, having no patience even if his age required of him. "The library. ""Yes, it may have records in there. ""About what?" Jard asked, supporting me with the plan and the reveal that might be coming. "About the one that Phaer is looking for. "As that came out of her mouth, not knowing what he was talking about, I got closer and grabbed her by the necktie. "You may want to be careful about what you're saying, girl," Looking through her eyes as she was explaining. "It's important for me to get to him before it's too late if you have anything, any news or any information. You'd better tell me right now. Same goes for the place you've tried describing. ""I'm. Ehm. "She coughed and I released, her lap dogs were ready to jump at my throat any second now. "Sorry about that. ""I know, this journey. Had the worst brought out of us. Jard, Lucy, don't worry I'm fine, I'm perfectly able to take care of myself. "He didn't grab me violently, thought I understood more than he let us know. "If your friend managed to find his way, somewhere around these parts of farther away from them, the library should have documents on his arrival. Especially if he came before him. ""And if he didn't? ""Well, it's worth a shot, isn't it? "The place intrigued me, more than anything, especially since I was lost as of now. Which brought me back. "Jard was it? Keep that light shining, I've got a bad feeling about the dying light above. Listen, once we find ourselves back into the bottom of this, we'll go there, all right?" "Understood. "A strange moment and place to find a smile on her face, and even worse as it was contagious. Perhaps even more than the gas, as it jumped on the other two too. "Now, that you all seem. Decent for some reason or another. I'd really hate spoiling the smile that you're all sharing on your faces but we still need to open that door. "And the sign that had written, no. It seemed to have been used for something before but someone carved, with something pointy and full of cinder, the words that read. "Enter. ""Did you just notice this?" "No kid, but I was busy making sure there wasn't anything to jump on us when we weren't looking ahead. No need to patronise me by the way. "He had an innocent look on his wide face despite knowing what he's said and done. "I didn't mean it that way. Any idea what could've done it?" And no manners either. "I don't know but it looks as if it was done a long time ago. "No scratches on the door and the windows were cracked, not to mention to them what was already unclear behind them. "I'll go first and. What are you doing now?" They started ripping chunks and pointy sticks, doing something that seemed childish and unworking, it hurt me to see them act like that, especially in a serious situation just like this one. "Weapons, isn't it obvious?" At least the one that was holding the light had still some mind left inside his head refusing to play their plain game. "Remember that parasite that tried coming for us?" I asked, despite knowing, almost entirely that only one of them witnessed, or that's what I thought about. "No. Yes. "And then another no, confirming my small theory. Though, in case they weren't aware. "That thing was soft and still, there was no stick nor small broken pipe made out of a weak alloy that could even get close to hurting it. Throw that junk away. ""No, I won't abandon my only hope, you may think and say whatever you want but I won't feel safe without. ""Listen. . ""It's Lucius in case you forgot. ""Fine, listen, Lucius, that was a simple example. Whatever had enough strength and generated heat to carve through that metal plated sign was at least, three times stronger than that. ""Your point being?" He still didn't understand and she only did it to make her friend feel better, despite not knowing. "Again, fine! Do whatever you want but if it slows you down and you'll get hurt because you've decided to be stubborn, It won't be my fault. And neither will it be my responsibility to come back and rescue you once more.

"Another countless time, too irregular now, I went and passed the silent Jard, and opened the door since neither one of them had the initiative of starting it. After opening, I revealed the room, full of the membrane left and the fragments of the rib cage that were still attached. "Exactly what I needed, another one of those. "I sighed, despite this one not being one of the regulars, none of the others had visible muscles just being slapped on the walls. Despite being so strange and Jard, near me, providing the light. "We need to go through this?" "Unfortunately, kid, again. You go first. "I warned him before giving him a helping hand to push him in, though not too forced as I didn't want to force it either and drop the phial he was carrying around. "Come on already and try breathing through your mouths. "I said after making them signs, they came in and gave no mind, except for once and another. "Bah, the smell is disgusting. "She said, despite my previous warning being ignored, he did the same but in spite of what I said rather than doing it on his own will alone. "The smell will pass, but cover your mouths, don't let any of the wretches come into contact. We now tread on dangerous lands it seems. "It closed itself, knowing we were in its presence. "Just let me take care of this. "I said as it seemed to me that they were all panicking of the problem ahead. "The walls are closing onto us, we'll all get crushed. "Said the boy named Jard despite nothing being changed at all, in front of my eyes, and neither in hers or his. "Though I want to see. "I lowered the slip and left some place for it to touch with my rubber hand, with the condition and contraption around, it sounded like a good idea for me to touch and spread it around. A small test for myself to find out and find out I will. They were distracted, all three, trying to talk to one another whilst I checked it well. "I'm sorry if you can fill any of this but you don't seem to have another way out for us. Pitty. "I said as I touched an area with the skin that had pox like forms around my wrist. "Amazing, it spreads exactly like a disease. "They didn't take note until swellings formed around the entire structure, getting even the bones in check. ""What's this?"She lifted herself and checked it all as spreading around, seeing it all envelop and devour the formation. It punctured itself in front of our eyes, boiling, swellings pushing themselves to make holes, forming and continuing the eruptions. "Stand down and don't look. "Lucius said and was followed by his friend, as now bits of the walls were violently thrown around, trying to get their share of everything. They didn't notice but I was prepared to go forward, knowing that the path was about to reveal itself, making enough space for us to pass through. It wouldn't deflate, contrary, it would all be thrown on the outside, covering my wrist back so they wouldn't notice, ready to show them the path to be taken. The walls ahead formed like waves, they made a hole before melting on the sides, buried in the swollen chunks that were forming around. Some thick liquid could be seen inside of them and it wasn't going to take long until they noticed it too. "I'm not staying here any longer. "Lucius was the first to go and abandon his friend in his run for safety and fear. "Go on, pursue your friend, I'm right behind. "They noted and followed, despite suffering from the atrocity one called fear of tight places and the girl that couldn't understand. The bones shattered started flying, making them dodge despite none of them being able to get to me. Walking into the path ahead and seeing how to the upper side of the ceiling was melting away, ready to cover the tracks that we were ever here. "And what's this?"I asked them loudly as I was the last one to see and note. "Another one of those, It seems. "And we reached the plain and empty, the flat land uncovered but only a set of mouths waiting in the middle of nowhere. All along as the light was about to die on us and let us sink into darkness. "What is this and what's with the heat?"As an expert now, in the system for travelling apparently, I could do my best and explain it to them. "It's simple my dear. It's a set of mouths, all leading towards the same place, a long neck that will,

with no doubt lead us towards a grin and dirty place. Thought there was no doubt in my mind that another flash would come to be triggered and make me suffer for even more from the deceit that's constantly being thrown inside my mouth. Opening by themselves as they felt out presence. I opened it too as yelled. "Back down, don't enter yet. "As a gust of smoke got momentarily thrown out of them, second ahead from being infected. "Just wait for all of it to be thrown out before we go in. I've got a bad feeling, though, about what's waiting for us at the bottom. "I stopped there, knowing that the shock would be big and they would so rudely and predictably interrupt me. "Wait, you want us to go into there?" And the response would be affirmative considering how the alternatives were. "Waiting here to die since there's no way for us to go back now, or jump off one of the many edges towards the abyss that would break us. ""That's really unpleasant. "And wasn't she right on point with the deduction, a perfect one too. Thought, not wanting to admit, I was kind of scared of the depth this tunnel had, having the previous one in the mansion be just slightly deeper, this one could be. "Enough to break our bones, or at least the ones of the first one to go and fall through. And not to mention what waits for us there. "And in time, the smoke stopped being spat out, and our cue was up. "I'm not going through. ""Well Jard, we've got no choice from the likes of it. "He looked over her shoulder and took a deep breath, just in case of it, and jumped inside the mouth without even think otherwise nor of the consequences at hand. "Damn girl, at least you could've waited. "I said before seeing the second rash attempt at the own life of the one doing so, having followed by his friend, they both jumped, at opposite ends, leaving me to go through the last. That if they weren't unlucky and got stuck in the throat. "I hope I won't get to see another one of them. "My boots clenched and sore from the banter we had, I was the last, closing my eyes as it got harder with every try, having to go avoiding the teeth it held inside. The rust fell off and rubbed on my clothes as I, the last one to do so jumped in and saw the light run off as it closed the mouths they held open for so long. The light vanished both below and above, the echoes of their screams as they were scared after being stuck in the continuous fall were the only indications I had of them and their location. Quite soothing, hearing it from above and having shards of their pain come to me, knowing what they felt on their backs as they weren't as prepared as I was. The second pair of clothes underneath, being carried below through the slightly moving vents, ready to fall at any moment now. I couldn't move my hands around as the place was too tight for me to do anything. "AAAh. Gahhh. "And a bah. "Damn. "A slight possible concussion as I hit my head on a side, knocking me on the opposite part, having me fall over and get thrown around across one wall then towards the other. May fall was about to end once again after ending on the bottom of an. "Blgrrr. "Inside of me, reaching the stomach, after being in its throat for so long. My eyes were slightly covered and it must've gotten into my lungs, I started swimming, doing my best to reach. To get. Air. I needed air. I couldn't breathe. Water and too shallow to see around, my skin was blistering inside, even worse, the algae were coming near me trying to strangle. A light, not far. Above, I saw the image of something holding it. I nervously beat it with my legs, trying to do my best to keep going and prevent further. "Hhhh"I gasped for air as I got thrown out with the help of my feet, my eyes read and the skin on my hand being both red and pale at the same time. "There, he's still alive. "She noted after seeing me breath. Still in shock, I stood in the middle of it, still trying to breathe and suddenly. "Get out of the water, now, it's infected with them. "Even more panicked, I looked in every direction, not being able to see, through when I turned I got scared as I saw the giant tentacle, no, its limb moving around, penetrating the blocked encampment we were in, getting as much water inside of it. I saw, desperately and

said no word, trying to clear my head and get some of the pain that I felt inside my chest and head away. I jumped on the land after they made some space for me to fall on and spat out the remaining gulp of water that was thrown inside of me. "Are""I. "Gasping for more, leaving it to fall over through my mouth, avoiding my teeth. "I almost drowned. "I left out a bark, a growl, spitting at her and them, filled with repulsion after being forced to swim with that thing now flailing around. My feet were covered in the algae, dirty and musty, I threw it off and thought about what was needed. "So, was this part of the plan?""No, but if you don't stop flickering that light in front of my face, the next part of my plan would be shoving it inside your skull. "A bit off the edges but having enough water in my lungs to change my perspective didn't leave much for else to be added. "Sorry. "Thought. I couldn't help it, I was scared. My hand was shaking as so did the phial, seeing how it was either running out or the thing that lived inside was. And certainly. That giant tentacle didn't help mend the situation we were in. "It. ""Go on, speak already, there's no time to be in doubt kid, especially since both of your friends over there understood it and mobilised already. "I hadn't noticed that they weren't at my side. But he was right. They were both search on the sides for anything that could help, for a way ahead despite being so shallow and dark in here. "You look like you're about to cry, is that so?"He asked, despite not being like that. He wasn't going to get the best of me like he did with them. "No. I'm just.

""Just what?I've been dragging myself to help you out to get to a point where we're standing in the middle of nowhere, not to mention again. But now, in immediate threat and you're damn shaking in your boots. ""But I. The lighter"He had to remember that I tried helping him. They certainly didn't, going around, searching through the dead dust around. "So what?That's no excuse. Especially now. "He turned around, I saw it too, with the shallow water barely sticking onto the giant tentacle. "With this enormous problem, we have to deal with. ""Why?"I asked, trying to. To avoid his quarrel and the pain he wanted to spare me through. "Because this is the reason I've been sent here. And. Perhaps you as well. "I thought about what he said way back as I made my way to search for anything like they did. Not knowing what to think, searching for a way out or something to prevent his anger would be beneficial anyway. Damn thing won't stop flickering now. "Wait, don't open it. It will fly away. "He came and reached my hand before I could do it. "I didn't mean it. "He's always been a good friend, even in situations that weren't that great. I knew I could trust Luc, he wouldn't do anything to harm me. Even if that wasn't a concern best to be saved for later. "Keep searching, it won't reach us not unless it can manage to go through that swampy wetness. "The children were busy, I made sure of that, they couldn't help me, just as much as I couldn't do that for them. Metal on the sides, at least past the thing it penetrated. The neck was one way too with no return unless the water had a way to raise up to the point of almost drowning us, in the worst case that is. "A damn sink is what we're in and I'm not sure there's any way out, other than. ""What is it?"He asked after having his part of the search done. "Did you find anything?You're the only one who has any source of light and it's running out, just like everything else above of us. ""No, there's no way out. ""And we couldn't find anything either. "Empty handed she returned, back to the spectrum to join us as we heard the big feeler it carried with, the strikes below. "What about it?""Good question, it can't get water anymore it seems. Perhaps we even have the job done for us to begin with if you understand what I'm implying. "His hands were dirty, both his and hers after being done with searching the dirty floor. "You're. . ""Hold that thought. "I paused him from continuing and sat down on my back, looking at the plants that grew some time ago. "What are you doing?"She asked, confused, I didn't want to waste too much with them, especially now. Though

I really needed it. "A break. "Momentarily from everything, with the small ounces of water, even shallow as it was, reaching the tip of my hair. I was tired, beyond the physical realm. "You're not giving up, are you?" They asked the same question, all three of them but phrased differently. I wasn't. "Planning to, I just can't continue without one, that's all. It's been long since the last one. "So long that I couldn't remember when it happened, nor the reason behind, though it must've been important, for a reason beyond me. "What about that thing?" "Don't worry, it won't reach us" "Are you sure of it?" She asked, after coming down to the same level, trying to see what I was seeing above. "I would've bet my life on it, if it was worth something, but it's not. It's not really anything anymore. "Her friend sat down, the other followed with the lamp standing down too, at our discretion. "Even if the light may die on us?" "Then release it and leave it be. "I gave the uprise hoping they would stop talking, leaving me be where I stood. "I hope you're right about it. "He opened the phial leaving it fly, so big from the perspective I've seen it. I whispered unheard, seeing it in a flash. "Haha. Ha. How it even managed to fit in the jar. Surprised me. "It flew, keeping its wings shuttering around and spreading light as they lifted the rest of its body in the air. They were amazed, standing on the ground as if nothing happened, with no worries, ignoring the sounds as something bigger than we tried going through the metal plate. Above it reached and stopped itself there. Lighting and awakening all the other dormant of its kind. The light made by it and its beauty could be seen across the entire ceiling as the yellow tint rubbed off everything, standing and living across and near the plants. Those that weren't doing so were now sliding down but still tied to them, almost wrapped in them, ready to finally leave the plants that were confused by us as if they were their beds. "Amazing. "She said I looked at the girl seeing how the light shined into her eyes and then back at them. "You. You could say that. Again. "He was now supporting himself on his two hands, trying to get a better look. Still children, choosing to ignore everything that happened, either from the shock or. I didn't know. Why was I bothering trying to understand them instead of doing the natural thing and enjoy the scene, that's the reason I took. The reason why I decided to take the break in the first place. "Aren't you enjoying this sir?" Eloquent as before, now that he didn't have a spike shoved by me inside of his back. But I didn't respond. I wanted to be able to forget it, perhaps even stop where I stood, knowing that at least if I tried, it was all enough. Where others stopped and sacrifices were made in a long way here, even if it seemed too unreal at times. The one that I wanted to see me try took a note of what I did. Yet, I kept trying, still not fully understanding why I kept doing so if it was the manipulation still making me do so. Or if that was an excuse. "I'm doing more than that. Jard. "They were living above, which is more than what I could've said about everything and everyone below. Perhaps even more than everyone I met before reaching the point that leads me here. "Still thinking about that someone in particular?" "No Genevie. "I bit my lips, which hasn't happened in a while, the same could be said about me making a mistake, unheard and unchecked. "Sorry for calling you so. It's the age and I'm getting ill. "Both in mind and body, thinking about them, her and everyone else, having to care again about people disturbed me beyond reason and any explanation. "You've still got time. "She said, despite being so easy for her to speak in such a manner, especially with both the age on her and how she was already used to living in the condition we passed. "Well I've had enough of this, all this sitting around and doing nothing. Waiting and umm. Being placed in even more danger from standing. ""Settle down kid, you've got no reason to be afraid, I've already told you so and explained my reasoning. I should be resting in a bed right now, in my house with someone else to take over the pursuit. Instead, I'm tirelessly running in circles, rather in squares

instead of doing so. "He didn't understand without knowing nor seeing. Though, seeing how some flew away, a hole not so far, inside the ceiling, I thought, perhaps there'd be the small chance that it would reach her. A single one managed to pass through all of them as they all stacked, trying their best to go through and failing on their own weight and small bodies. It must've flown right outside with no care, beyond the fading light and away from the parasites. Along the way on a reverse, travelling above my every passed road and into the swallowing small labyrinth with no one to see nor to record it anymore. Away from the reach of metal hand to grab and crush it, going and not stopping, a light that was making its way back. Back to the recovering place as it finally settled down, with no smoke left from the fire as it was long extinguished after the settlers started, finally rebuilding from their small dabbling and unworthy rebellion. "It's quite rare to see such a thing, isn't it?" "Especially at a time like this Vintus, perhaps it's a sign from above. I'm telling you, why else could such an exalted creature come here. To visit our small dally too. ""You're way too superstitious. Ehm, cover up, someone's coming. "His hands were on the pride, covering with a blanket. "Citizens. "A group of guards came and passed, all along as if nothing happened. Vintus knocked his head and ventured my attention on their backs as they passed by. "Blue scarfs, tied on their waist down. "I hoped they didn't hear, not that it was a direct threat. "They must've been lower ones, those who hadn't even got the chance to take part inside of it. " Couldn't overlook the fact that they were still part of the problem and neither could he, seeing how he was looking at them, hopefully, it wouldn't get to the point where he'd get even more violent against them. "Well, be glad that we managed to survive this burning nightmare. "That and the praying I was holding so they wouldn't turn to pillage and rob us in in such a time of need of reconciliation. "Not thanks to you. ""Well, you did technically stay in my house and we did manage to get unharmed because it was reinforced. "Though, with the mere stroke of luck, we managed to get out of it alive, less than well yet still breathing. "You think there are others that made it? Half of the entire section of our town got smashed. ""Well, this is the reason we're packing right now, I'm not trusting enough in what's to come and what they're intending to do with us. ""Who?" "Good question Vicky, whoever decided to engage with those bastards up above must've got something thickening off of them. "Just as I said it, I threw a clock inside, despite having the place almost being drowned by them, it didn't hurt to have provisions. "So where are we going now?" "I don't know, though. I'm thinking that we should try our luck above. ""Just like them? The whole conflict started because of them and now. ""No, my hot-headed friend, don't let the heat get the best of you. We're heading ever higher than them. "Even if we had to go through the ruins, couldn't be worse than what they had to face up there. And down here. "Well my bag is ready, come on now, you don't want to be the last one to come. "He smiled before taking initiative and leading the way, no one to rob and no one in sight of the need for help. I wish I could've said goodbye to my neighbours, the ones that were still alive but I didn't want to wait for yet another gate for another conflict to come. "Wait for me, it was my idea. "And in the distance, with my bag behind my back and yet still over my shoulder, I could still see the bug flying away making a lead towards where we were going. "Which brought us to you. As the one set in control after the previous captain being killed, I judge you to be guilty of the crimes committed against your higher ups. Anything to say before you're being. ""Curse you damn pig. "He said, the last rebel to be caught and punished. There wasn't any council for me to trust into nor anyone to help me with my decision. My past fellow guards stared at me as I received the grand excuse to be in power, at a price and duty I did not ask for. Assuming the mantle came with more than I asked for, still unsure of

what the verdict over them should be. "Remind me again. "I asked forth one of them for an answer I needed. "Yes, chief in command. ""Are. "I stopped and thought, looking around at the desecrated homes, they were escorted from.

"My previous rulers had no care for those below and what did that lead us towards?Tell me. "He was just like me some time ago, minus the armour. I merely took the charge on a command given by him, only to be bettered by the task of having to decide their cursed punishment for something driven. "Wait, don't answer yet. We're all thinking it, can't we oppose the customs we've grown with?We've seen what they brought us to. ""Will all due respect, we've been cornering them and postponing their judgement for hours. ""I don't need your respect, I don't need to be the chief. "I only knew that the spear got a lot heavier in my hands, too heavy to be held anymore. "We've all accepted you as one, knowing that you'd be the best, the one to take the lead in time of the great weep. ""But it's never been done before, I'm merely a guard, raised and trained like one, as you and everyone here was. Unbound all of the rope from gagging them, we won't punish them. ""Are you completely gone off?Have you seen how many of them were slain down there and even up here?Not to mention how much time it will take rebuilding this. ""I won't hear it.

They're. Combatants. Just like us and they've lost just as much as we did unless you count the settlers as being higher than it. "I circled around him, finally getting to something after so many hours passed. Continuing soon after, as he wanted a leader not expecting it to come back to him. "And where are they now?Hiding away as we're supposed to stay and butcher every single one of them. We do not know if they were the cause of this. ""Yes we do, how many times do I have to present it to you?"He lowered his helmet and threw it away as he asked, ready to do it once more. Ready to dishonour himself in public just to prove a point to me and the others. "You don't want to listen to anything but your own narrative. It didn't just happen that they came here to attack us as the big coming of fire came and ravished under and above. We've lost too much, enough that the time for us to go back and regain everything would be too enormous to even consider having to deal with another attack. ""We won't have to deal with another if we strike peace with them, or else our conflict will never end. How long do you think it will take until it will come to us, ourselves and the others to turn their backs on our brothers just because they were sent below?""But we've pledged ourselves and now what?Are we supposed to betray the survivors that barely made it through this?And, are we supposed to turn our backs to our rich history and traditions that shaped us to what we are right now?""Don't turn your words and stare at them at me, you're the one who placed me in charge of all of it so have some responsibility in all of this!"My constant yells and attempts at his person got the attention on a flying visitor. And those of the armour breeders from the locked caged, almost driven to a rage as they've noticed the light that was coming out of the body. "In such a time?""A sign. ""The sign. ""It must be. ""That's the sign. "They said, seeing it, shine right through the locked tight vision through the latched helmet that was stuck in their heads. "What are they talking about?"Finally having the bonds over my mouth released, I asked my fellow standing next to me, as I remained unable to question the frozen guard that was staring onto the small floating sky. It seemed to have landed on top of a fragmented side of one of the houses that were destroyed. "I don't know but as long as they don't turn on us. ""Shh, don't let him hear us. "I shove my head on the sides and made him take note of the guard standing just feet away from us. He didn't notice us yet, still standing there mesmerised by that thing. If only it travelled here as we taken the point of the revolution, perhaps we would've stood a chance, now it wasn't the time for licking the wounds. "We need to snick and alert the others. "I was close enough for them not to hear any of what was said

between us. Our legs weren't tied, they were getting sloppier, it quite made me wonder how they even got us in the first place. Though. "And how do you intend?" And their almost yell like praises. "The time for a change. ""Change. ""It's coming, the sign was shown. "I wasn't sure what they were talking about but I couldn't trust how much they were enchanted by it, especially judging by their power and number. We still had forces waiting for us, guarding below. If only I had an opening to get out of it. Too late for the others as some of the guards had their hands over their shoulders, keeping tabs on them at all time. Unknowing on who managed to get below, to escape or who failed to fall back, I was the only hope we had to be able to retaliate now. Even as they were distracted, speaking with themselves, I managed to reach deeper into my cuffs and grab a hold of a small knife that was resting itself, being held in place by a simply undoable knot. All that remained was to cut my tidings and hope I they wouldn't chuck their spears into the long distance. I wasn't going to risk it away and speak again with my friend since all of their eyes were standing onto us now, the ones that weren't distracted, luckily for him, he saw it too. Those two were talking about something, arguing about what to do with us, despite having hours passed which lead us to nowhere, just delaying it all. The one that was now the leader without a crown, most likely the one with a silver strain of hair and the moustache, yet still younger than the one next to him. "Listen. "He said, having now judged us of treason against the higher-ups, most likely the crime we all knew we'd be named guilty of in case of the failure, even from before the start of the rebellion. Just above of him, from the point of ours and the side we were on, he was just under the resting light ball, having the support of the praising members of both his guardianship and the flying thing. It seemed like a fairy tale like his stand down to his presence and position of power. He continued as he pleased, ready to end it already as all of us were getting unresting from all the standing. "This has come to a conclusion or at least to a delay. "His friend, the other so-called guard left his side carrying a face of disgust from the decision of his fellow comrade. Despite being the situation I and they were in, I managed to finally feel comfortable in my place after seeing him starting to throw parts of his armour off to the grounds for maggots to crawl in. And it wasn't long until they came, with their many legs and desperate songs of the deep, finding themselves refuge under the once worn shoulders despite not being long passed. "As the proclaimed leader of you all, name the one that should've actually been called. I demand that they. "We all look in shock as he said it, in sort of way that I dropped the small blade I was holding. How did this happen, first the gags and now he asked for all of us to be released. I didn't speak nor did they as we waited for our entire so-called judgement to be offered. "And so they shall return from where they came from and in return, they shall send someone in order for the upcoming negotiation. "He said as the other people guarding us and all around, and those that soon joined as the higher settlers were called out of their hiding place after hearing the final verdict thrown. "Why is he saying this?""After all that happened how did this come to happen?""Has he betrayed us after this long wait?"Were fractions of their constant bicker, waiting for hours only to hear and find ourselves here. To the point of being like sheep, staring blandly at him. "Enough. "His voice finally livened up after so much time of being silenced by them. The only man, guard, chief, leader or whatever they named him, with no name that was written. "This decision is far beyond and above us. You may not be able to see it, perhaps neither will I in its entirety and message but understand this. It came flying, from somewhere below, from the same scorched nightmare that was about to devour us all, regardless of who and what we did. It's time for the change between all of us, especially as there is no one to lead us anymore. "He grabbed the so called badge he was

given with those awful bloody clogs strained on it and threw it away along with the chest area of his armour. "I wasn't born into and refuse to assume this role, at least not until you decide to heed my call and listen. If we decide to slay them like this, to this type of dishonour instead of having them fallen in battle, the conflict will never end. "Not being used to being in power, it must've gotten too far up his head, no wonder why he decided to get rid of it.

A fellow guard thought. "That's why I say. "Ready to yell he next said so. "We need no ruler and nothing of that sort! Ever since we've gotten the rule from the first so-called mayor, the corruption ran rampant. All but we, the loyal and never ending vigilant guards and so did our ancestors before us, even since this place was a nothing more but rubble and lifted spires of stones, now covered by trinkets and wildlife. "As he said other noted and started undoing our bindings, finally letting us stand and to my surprise, none of those freed gave any forceful attempt. We all stood and listened to the beacon of light that was speaking through him. Though what he did not understand was. . "We were not raised and born to be ruled over and even if we were. None deserved to be spat upon like they were, living under the rocks, even lower than the breeders we're making our armour from. Even they are feed better, looked upon with more and waited upon their end of life until we could harvest their armour and thank for their service. Do they not deserve the same just because our so called leader decided against it? Does our tradition bid ourselves more than that?" I looked around after being released myself and saw all of the nod and cheer for him. He refused to call himself a leader but this was exactly what he was implying, acting like one, trying to consolidate it and gain our trust. I couldn't trust him games but only observe, knowing that after what's been said and done, in no way possible could our sins be forgotten. At this point his armour was no more, wearing nothing but the common wears under, even less than ours, made of cotton, stained and old, perhaps even towards the levels of those unable to afford better and more decent ones. "Is this the future you're looking for? To be like them?" I asked, the one man in the crowd who dared speak, even if I wasn't shackled anymore, they would've been more than enough to overpower me. "Or to be like us?" He didn't stare nor burst of rage, instead, he kept removing what was left of him, with no regard and no intention of picking it up anymore. "No. "I looked around and everyone started basking in the same condition as him. "Are you all going to abandon it?" I asked, trying to see and understand, what was the plot of their doing, were they messing with us just before they were getting ready to land the final blow?" "We're not abandoning anything but instead we're breaking the whole order as its entirety has come to an end. There's nothing left to defend now that most of who mattered are dead. Just look around, this whole place is about to fall down at any moment now. "Acting like an ambassador for them, we. Were both placed in a position unwanted. "Then you've got another reason to hate us, to want our harm. It just doesn't make any sense, you've stared us down for hours after defeating us so easily just to let us go and abandon your posts? Just because of a flying insect that just came?" "No. "Again he silenced me, all of us with just one word as if it should've been enough. "You may have said so. Perhaps that's what you think. It doesn't matter who won in reality, nor who makes the rules or gives order anymore since there's no one to give them. Everything that matters now is ending the conflict so no more people would die in the future. We've got the chance to get rid of the whole system that tried drowning us in, the guards, the settlers and your rebellion too. And start once again. ""And what makes you think that. . ""Of course, no one will forget what happened in case you're reminiscing about. But we won't be remembering those for dying but the sacrifices and what lead us into. "A new age said so and thought. Just as the setting sun decided to settle no more and fly away towards higher places. The

light deciding to move on, the same as us, the same way we did after their release. And in no way would it come back, though there was no need for it to come, as they all understood, peacefully what had to be done. We let them go after on a strange note, watching ourselves from the distance and trying to furtherly get those who weren't fortunate enough to safety. "The bottoms shouldn't be so bad." Said one of them, with a bag on his back, making way and moving away with the rest. I looked back, despite having them released, all of them from the place that they once called home, unstable and ready to fall. It wasn't long until it would start crumbling, then shaking and falling down. Burying whatever was left. The resources that were still available were carried on the backs of the breeders as we couldn't abandon them to death. I looked even more beyond and saw him stay, alone, knowing the dangers, looking as if he was going to sob over the pile of armours. Waving back at him to make sure he'd come, to at least attempt but he gave me no top of the day, standing as the last guard despite wearing none of it. He didn't wave back. And neither did we get the chance, unfortunately, to see their snicking places and from where they arrive at us. Though, I knew they'd return as it wasn't over, as long and no pact, bond nor deal was struck. The time for rebuilding has come. At least for us, doing something we haven't done, helping the rest that was settling below, now joined by us. "Amusing." I said as I bent down, grabbing a small blade that was dropped, yet again, a stump not too far tied over the wall. It did make me wonder, though. How far it went, down, the stairs of the pole, the made elevating force that brought them before us. Now in reverse. Arriving back home, below everything. The men and the women were tired, after such an attempt, barely moving, arriving after what could've been possible hours of going down. We were embraced and welcomed back to the so-called secret headquarters though I had no doubt that by now they all knew and glanced where we went. They've seen only sad faces and disappointment as our reports brought them nothing to understand. "Drop your weapons, there won't be any need for them anymore." Was one of the voices saying out loud as it was over, they surrendered despite having us defeated. We achieved but I couldn't see anyone having the guts to tell them what really happened, only that we needed to negotiate now and finally move out of the small holes we were hanging, hiding no longer. So many of us grew here. I was left alone wandering through the amassing crowd, seeing them abandoned the weapons crafted for war at even the first whisper of peace. They weren't fighters and asked for nothing of that sort, even those trinket and clock makers were long gone, most likely before it even started. The posts unchecked, no one in sight to watch over them. One person was in, or should've been, I started looking, trying to find at least one thing that could've bettered my day. Where was she? "Where could she be?" I even asked out loud, doing my best to look for her, through every corner of the place and every visible hall. I ignored their cheers and wonders as they tried to get above as fast as possible. I couldn't see any trace of her nor any notice that she could've seen me. There wasn't any open nor closed place, not to mention a reason for her hiding away. The traces on the ground and there was also mud brought from somewhere above, not belonging to this place. The last place I thought of looking and going through, despite not being able to see anyone near to open the door in case something went wrong. A trail of brought mud looked as if it would lead to it. There was no way for her to get through without leaving it anywhere else, not even a chance for her to get lost through any other part of this small encampment and its lower sections. Unsure of it, there could've been a risk for someone else inside to have come and stayed inside, someone other than her. The inscription changed, and as I read it. "I understood." What had to be done, with nothing more to said. A risk worth taking despite being the possibility

of not being able to return back after. Away from the confusion they all brought, I couldn't stand seeing them betrayed and possibly backstabbed by those so called friends of ours, turning their back on what they did. A bunch of liars, just as bad as the ones looking above of us with their morals. Yet, even with that way, I couldn't stop but say it with a laugh. "Heh, even darker than usual. "Looming as I opened the door, getting rusty and old, having a crank run off as being opened. No time to leave a note for someone to get some oil, I doubted that any of them would be spared again or chose to go back. Before going on, I used my other hand to dust my hair off some dust that just befell on my hair. "Heavy movement above. "Even more than usual that even more dust fell on my hair and shoulder, they reached where they wanted to come, soon to be followed by our people. "Pfff, join them if you want but I won't. Don't worry. "I said as the light started fading, the door slowly closing behind. "I won't run away from you anymore. "And a slam finally came down and I could hear below, the sign slightly being moved. And finally again. The keyhole being. Removed. The noise from both our midsts and the events happening above could be heard. A celebration was in order as we all started coming, many of us with not only peace of mind. Materials, resources and tools of grandeur were carried with us, among, even the children had something to add and see. The paths, many in number didn't slow us down, neither did it matter which one of it we took as they all lead towards the same place. "A celebration's in order for our accomplishment" Said a goaty man with a loaf bigger than his arm, I couldn't see my sister nor my brother, they must've been lost in the crowd. "Wait, don't push that much. Have you seen my brother? Have you seen my sister?" I asked whilst cramming around, trying to check and see, they could've been anywhere and even above already. "I've just had them in sight a second ago. "And now's a miss. "Come on little girl, why did you stop? Can't you see that there's no other lap for us to go back?" The moustached asked me and didn't know well either, where they went and how did I lose them. He knew us, even welcomed at a sight, I never asked how many he and they invited down to pass. "I'm afraid I can't return even though I might have to, there's too much of a space abandoned there and I don't think they decided to go there. ""Don't worry little girl, I saw them ahead. "He rubbed his belly full of mead as he said it, making me doubt what he saw. Having to be sure, I asked again. "Are you sure you saw them ahead? They can't really be left unchecked. "At least not unless they want to wake up with another fire on their hands, the last one got quite rough. "Yes, I'm sure. Wait. "He took a break to remember what he saw. Both him and I had our sides and shoulders slightly tilted by the many people trying to keep going. "We need to go either way so. . ""Wait, little girl. How many brothers and sister did you say you have?" That was enough, I let out a sigh and passed by him, they could've been above by now, searching for me too. On the road, I yelled about, trying to check and see, to hear and notice, any sign of them and their hum. A glimpse of the fading light above us, a door was opened, just seconds, the road I was on lead towards the fastest, hopefully, I'd get to slip away among the cheers and make forth the surface. "I can't wait, I heard stories about them and their style of living. Hopefully, it wasn't damaged enough for us to live in. ""No gander, I worry that those who already call it a home still have some problems, not only the others. ""You worry too much for yer own good, just have a sip. "Passing the fellow conversation. "Damn you almost made me spill it. "She said as I almost tipped it down, some of the drops made their way on my face, giving the scent a go. "Gah, I don't need to smell like that. "I said at the same time as I tried brushing it away from my face, not getting caught was a top priority at the moment since not everyone fully recognised who I was and from where I came. "Sorry for that. ""Watch it. ""Hey, you don't leave it like that. "And

the unfortunate case, I didn't have time to make up for the fallen basket, the food rolling. Cabbage and some carrots, rolling down the stairs, grouping together and leaving it for others to take them from the grounds. "Have you seen my brother and sister?" I asked again before I passed another. "Yes, just above honey. ""Thanks. "I said after getting even faster, pushing myself off the roots that were overgrown over the walls. One was rotten over the years, I had to find out on my own skin after almost falling over, broken by my carelessness. "No. "But I was stopped, both from falling and almost releasing a scream. "But you're. . "I almost said but couldn't finish before suddenly getting pulled back on my feet. And the break was suddenly over. "Do you think it made it far?""What are you talking about?""That one that managed to fly away. "The break and standing on his back must've taken a small toll over, as I wasn't sure what he was talking about. "Can we please find a way to get rid of that?"She pointed at it despite the fact that I could just as well see it with my own eyes, doing more than a violent flail, now becoming a thrust. "Well, this is new. "Back onto my own feet, with the help of the light coming from the ceiling, I could fully see and understand its every motion. "It's trying to break in it seems, even more than it tried before. "Which meant that the enormous part of it that tried absorbing the water was just a fraction of its full size. "That means. ""Yes Luc, if it breaks in, it could crush us since they can sense water. ""I didn't know that. "And he didn't have to, more importantly, was that. "Go, in the back, as far as you can. "A giant thrust leads to enlarging the hole it passed through, making it go past, past the small lake, crashing the whole system from which we came from, the metallic neck that was on the side with no effort whatsoever. With another motion, a sea became lit with hundreds of lights drowning after being fully struck by it. A rage with no end, it kept making itself space to create more pressure and strength. "What now?""How can we escape?""One at a time please, we need to wait and see, perhaps we can dodge it. "I didn't want to give them false hope but it was seeking water, something that wasn't shallow. "I've got a bad feeling about this. "She said, with a hushed tone, almost as if she knew me and what I was intending to propose. "You and me both. But for now, wait and see, there's no reason to rush it. ""But that's what you said before and look at what it lead us to!"He was almost enraged, like lumber to the stove, yet he failed to see what was really in front of him. "It's stuck now and I doubt it's going to be able to push farther. ""But so are we!"Jard exclaimed back. "Not for long, it's time to act now. "I rubbed off without noticing but now, turning around and with the help of light. "Metal. Can you feel it?"They started doing the same as I did. "Yes, I can. "Followed by the same answer from both of them too, as the order which they said it from didn't really matter. "I'm surprised you haven't felt it before, perhaps you haven't searched the place and thoroughly as I thought of"Too late to scold them over now that we found ourselves deeper in the conundrum. "It's not important, just focus on finding any opening or any slightly tilted part on the wall, anything that could be opened for us to get out. ""Wait, you're not just planning to abandon it, are you?"She asked with a glimmer in her eyes, shaking from the cold like the rest of us. The water splashed, the shallow and dirty could almost reach our feet and from the looks given to the land behind us, we. "Don't have the proper tools or weapons if you may deal with this. So to answer your question, we are going to abandon it. ""But, what if there will be consequences for doing this?""Like what?Or perhaps you think the whole contraption might grow large enough to swallow the world?Don't be silly. "I left out a laugh, loud enough so it could hear me. "I've got an even better one, that it might doom itself from the start. "They all stopped from rubbing the wall, again a confusion given by me towards them. Understandable from what was judged before. "Let me explain. Look how much it's struggling and

can't replenish itself with the shallow water. We need only to make it trap itself inside and it will dehydrate itself to anguish. "Hopefully, it hadn't evolved from that, if so, perhaps it would come to be considered a threat after all, but none of what it did and how it acted upon seemed different. "I don't know how much of the light we'll get any more so come on, find an exit faster. "They were being driven away by the looks of it, hiding and making curls on the ceiling, afraid of being smashed as the previous one on the side that tentacle was. "Fine, though you could've asked nicer rather the bursty way you said it. ""We can argue later about that, for now. "I thought I felt something. Almost scraping a layer of skin off my finger, I managed to find it. "Here, you can stop looking for. "I only need to. I mean we only need to find a way through and we'll be all set. "A funny look that it didn't last, I saw how they stared and the conflict in their eyes. "Don't look at me that way, you know I'm trying to do my best for you. And for now, that best is getting all three of you to safety. ""To be attacked again?"She asked, with such a nerve, without the support of her friends for once, since I suspected that for once, they might've received a will of their own. "I don't know. ""Can you assure us safety?" "I can't do that either, listen. What's your point?"Another mistake, I should've have done it, I suspected of the possibility of them wanting to run off, like everyone who notices the path I'm on. "Wait, girl. Before you say it, I'd like to mention one small thing. There's no safe place anymore and. Well, most of those who chose to deflect from my side ended up deceased or worse. "Those were. "Two points really if you think about it. ""No one likes it when's a brassy folling around Jard. ""Though he's quite right if you think about it. ""Enough with you too girl, we can try resolving our problems. How about after we get away from the giant. "I turned and saw it turn too near silenced. "What. . ""Shh for a second. "I lifted my hand and signalled them to wait, it was near the soil, standing, barely above the water not moving. "Somethin's happening. "I said, with a daring perception to check and see. "Don't do it. "We were all whispering, she was almost shouting, even if it couldn't hear it, I wasn't going to risk it. I needed my attention, even the vibrations though they weren't here with me at this time. Walking towards it to check. "You're risking a lot more than your life here. "He tried to warn me, even pull my back so I wouldn't make it. With barely a blush, I pushed his hand back and kept going, to see the reason from which we wasted our time here, not to mention our only escape. I looked above even as I approached, to see any chance or movement from those small flying bulbs, they should've senses better than I could do if it was still alive. "Same position. "There was the high possibility that it was still alive and well, ready to shatter and break my presence as a whole. I notice some of the suckers on it, not shaking either, too big to penetrate me and strangely with no teeth attached to them. Almost there in my small walk, behind I could hear them whisper to each other but afraid of something that could happen to them if they approached. No move whatsoever from it. I knew it wasn't dead either, visible changes, like drying up should've been noticeable, especially since the time since its last drainage has long passed on. Again, raising my hand to let them know. Thought it ended up being not necessary as I said back to them. "It's okay. "Even if their eyes widened, I covered mine, something was an array. A flash came almost sparking, especially with the layer of light coming from above, it travelled through my eyes so fast, right near my skull. Pain. "Gah. Why here?Mgmm. . Why now?"With one hand holding my eyes and the other the part of the skull that felt shards inside. I couldn't see nor focus where I was shaking my body, nor what I've seen before. "There move. Move there. There move. Move there. "They kept yelling it for no reason, each time sounding different, I couldn't understand the other phrases they desperately tried spilling out, nor could I do what they asked. I was thrown on my knees from the insupportable pain

and it just lasted until they approached me. Someone did. A could touch on my head, something tried pulling me off. I shifted my hands, now both on my head, rubbing and trying to ignore, the indescribable yells that were near. After opening my eyes I saw them but still couldn't hear, all three tried pulling me over. Back on my feet, I pulled myself away just to find myself with my back against a wall, both solid and soft at the same time. The sound finally settle, bells finally stopped, returning to see and hear. "It's still alive. "Face to the membrane, it lifted itself, leaving me only seconds to realise how lucky I was because of the bandages that I wasn't bonded to its sticky skin. The smaller hands came from behind, trying to drag me but we were too close to its reach. Before coming down, right as they didn't have enough time either, it stopped again. Shaking violently, getting close to changing colour, the whole room was shaken with it. I held my composure and stood unshaken, though, the impact towards it was clearly worse than how it felt to us. Noises from beyond it could be heard, of skin and body being crushed, something else was taking care of it. All of the sudden, after getting close to the point of falling onto us, slightly dried. It retraced with a speed unseen, getting butchered as the bulked thick lump that it grew in the back got smashed over the wall. Something pulled it back. Leaving the remains of it to fall into the shallow water it refused to get reach off. The hole of light that came through made a notice, all of those flying bulbs soon to follow that call. I came in front of him flailing my arms to see if he was able to understand. "Hey, Phaer, can you hear me?We need to go before it comes back to tear us apart""I heard you girl. "He said, still rubbing his head, yet not realising yet how fast my heart was beating and the closely heart attack was acting like. "Ghhha. "He left out another pain screech, something looked as if it was shoved inside. Jard saw it too and intervened without even waiting to be asked to any help whatsoever, by me or him. "Here, let me help. "A jump and he grabbed it, more pain as it retracted. Something shoved inside his head. "I couldn't see it before if it wasn't for this action of his. "He had something in his head and the extraction knocked him out, the pain being too much to take. "Oh no, what have you done?"I didn't notice his stupid mistake, but he started bleeding after the sharp object was removed. "What do we do?"Lucius started panicking again whilst looking everywhere for something to cover it with. "Wait, I didn't mean to do that. Cam is there. Is there. Do you still have those bandages with you?""No, I used the last ones before, can't you remember?"The blood was already visibly running down his hair, perhaps nothing else would do. "Quick, help me remove those. "I had to act with ease and think it straight, ignoring those disturbing noises from outside and everything flying above. "Stop running around and help us, we need your help too you know?""I'm sorry. What to do then?"We gathered as in front of a fire after I got closer and lifted his shirt?"Wait, you can't strip him, he'll get cold. ""I'm not stripping him you, idiot. We need those bandages. ""But they're dirty and could hold even a more festering infection. "Said Jard but I was already started on undoing them. "Don't you think I know that?But we're out of options, he's bleeding fast. "I couldn't hope much but for those that were tied to him some time ago to not be infected by the shallow and disgusting water we all fell into. "Almost done, the knot. I need you to take that. "Just a thick rub and it should. "Now roll it over, I'll lift him up. "I said after keeping his torso slightly above, feeling awkward doing it in front of them but I hadn't any other possibility. "Come on already, we can't tilt him for much more. ""Done. ""All right, come on now. "He was right, slightly wet and a darker colour of the cotton, whatever was in that wound, I couldn't see anything more than it being close to healed. He wasn't going to need it on his torso any longer for that thing. Now it remained. "The head, come on. "I told him after to hold it up as I prepared it. No water and nothing to slightly cleaned it, I ripped one of

the layers of cotton and threw it away. "Hey, don't do that, we're supposed to put it on him not to throw it away!" "I'm trying to reduce the possibility of an infection, give me a break already. "His head into position, the bandages as clean as they could be, I wrapped around without a notice and said so after. "You can lower him now, like that. That's fine. "Under a small made bed of dirt that I took from his sides, I left some room for comfort. And to be certain of it, I place my fingers just above. "What are you doing now?" "Shh, let her see. "I felt a cold, barely feelable gust of air coming out, he was still alive. "At least for now, thought we need to find a way out. ""what about that hole?" Lucy said whilst pointing out towards the same one from which the tentacle came out from, it didn't seem like, some time ago we were in danger, now to be trapped again. "What's that by the way?" I asked Jard, changing my focus point to that small shard it landed inside the head of Phaer. "Oh, I haven't realised I've been holding it. Haha. Sorry about that. "A small reflection came as some light bounced from it, the hole from the wall was still trying to get our attention. "Could you just lower it? It's gleaming right into my eye, the light too. ""Sorry about that. So whatcha think it is?" "I don't know Jard but perhaps you shouldn't be holding it, you know since it's been lodged inside his skull. "He said whilst pointing at it, thought what he failed to notice was that whatever ounce of blood that would've normally stayed on it wasn't there, it all fell off. And I knew that Jard hasn't washed nor wipe it, some of the blood that once came out was on his fingers. Luckily for him he didn't have any wound on his fingers or else he would've been in a lot of trouble. "Cam, why are you still staring at it?" "I wasn't staring, I was merely thinking. ""Well, so were we, at least some of us. Now, can we focus on getting out?" He was being quite annoying, even more than his usual, thought I had to give it to him when he was right. "Wait, before we go there to check. "Jard stopped me. "What should we do with the shard?" "Just pack it inside like the rest of your things, we might need an explanation for so he won't think we just bashed his head with a rock when he wasn't looking. ""Good thinking. ""Sure. "The water was swimmable at least for me and there was certainly no need for all of us to go. "I'm going alone, you two stay here and take care of him. ""Wait, who made you the leader?" "Well, maybe, taking care of our friend here so he wouldn't bleed to death more than qualified me for the post. In case you were wondering. "I started going in the water without checking at first to see if it was cold or not even with his intangible and inaudible words he muttered before doing so. "Show off. "And other insults, if this wasn't an important task, I would've shown him. And I would have shown her too. "But she went off too fast before having to face my might. And now, we're stuck with him. "I wish I'd get the chance to pay him off for what he said, she wouldn't notice, she's already too far to see with her back turned and hands busy. The only problem was that Jard was a tattletale, who would most likely tell on my without a second thought. Stuck here with nothing to do but wait on her, perhaps it wouldn't have been that bad if it weren't for the snoring. "So Jard, what do you suppose we do until she comes back? Wander around? I mean there's this spot I've found, it's really nice and haven't gotten the chance to show it off. ""We can't. Listen, let's just stay here and wait for her to return, okay? We've done enough already. "I wasn't sure why he was acting this way, saddened by a little. "Mistake, that's all, she can't hear us now, nor guilt trips you for doing that. I mean, look at the bright side of this. If it weren't for you, he would've still had that thing shoved inside his head, causing, even more, the damage I think. ""You really think so?" "Of course, I do. "I almost knocked him with a palm on the back, he was standing rigid as it were. "She's almost there, can you see her?" "Yeah, how do you suppose she'll lift herself up to the hole in the wall? It seems quite high. ""She'll just grab it by the edges and lift up her head to the eyes level, she's

just trying to see not jump over. ""I knew that. "Saying so after picking up a rock and throwing it in the water. "It's sure a shame, isn't it?""What?""The way we came through being smashed. Listen, just stay here, I can't really stand it anymore, I'll go search for another exit before she's done. "An awkward way to finish our small talk but I couldn't help it if I was getting bored by standing and doing nothing, I wasn't a mere watcher meant to do nothing. "Fine, I'll stay with him alone I presume. "He did mention about a way out when he was still awake, I just needed to uncover it and become their hero. "Looks like we're the only ones left. And I doubt you can hear me in any way, now that my friends both left me to search for an exit. "I turned around, both ways, it felt silent. They were both too far to hear, to notice. "They can't hear me I'm sure of it. Not that they're hearing me even when I'm speaking. "She was deep sea diving but this wasn't a sea, nor was it clean enough to justify why she did it. He searched the wall, despite knowing that it didn't help much, Phaer was the one who found that door after we wasted the time going on a wild chase. The shard, still in my hand, I've taken too much time speaking with them and still haven't stored it. The phial didn't seem to have anything in use for since the water was too dirty to drink, it would make a perfect spot for the shard to be sat inside. It even made a cling noise, almost like a bell after it bounced on the bottom of it. "Are you awake?"He moved, I thought I saw it. "Hey. "I thought about calling but I wasn't intending on repeating it twice since Lucius would've been the only one who could hear me. His help wasn't needed. Though I am mostly sure of it, but what caused his move?I was staring through the phial right at him and thought even more about it. What if the small shard that was thrown out made him move some of the muscles of his face?Too much, I was thinking too much ahead. And I wouldn't want to flush it away as I did inside with the lighter, a mistake that remained on me. Despite how much I tried forgetting it. "Any progress on our sleeping beauty over there?"He yelled from across the room, loud enough that she could've heard it too, that if she decided to come back up for some air. "No. "Back at him as he resumed it, slightly alarming it after forgetting about. I looked at the water, all around the area, up on my feet. She got back for some air before going back to her swim, instead of deciding to go directly over. "Lucius, is something wrong with Cam?"I asked, unable to notice if he heard me either, I had to leave our sleeping and hurt friend for now that she seemed to be in trouble. "What do you mean?"He came back, bored as ever, I stored the phial before he even managed to see where I hid it. Not that I didn't trust him, I wasn't even sure If I could be honest about that even to myself. But. "She's acting. Strange. ""I don't see anything different, well more different than her usual. ""Right. Same as in which cell was hidden the key back in the mansion?"I gasped for air as that was a mouth full from saying it, making even a sign for him to leave me some seconds before going on. "As if you could've found it. Easier. ""Yeah. . "A silent break for both of us, looking forth our friend. "Listen, Jard. "His voice softened now right after the sudden break from everyone took place. "What is it?"I suspected something was happening between him and what occurred before, in no way could he be ignoring what's happening with the same jolly look and the attitude he had with him. "Actually, it's. "He couldn't say it, no matter how much he tried it, I could see his mouth shaken but no word nor warning coming out. "Wait, what's she doing?"He might've added, I wasn't sure after focusing on the lake itself again. "Okay, we really need to pull her out. "I grabbed by the shoulder, after not letting me finish, realising that he wanted to just plunge into it just to avoid talking to me again. "Wait, has something happened, is that the reason behind your strange act?"He seemed even more repulsed to even give a second thought about our small discussion. "No, it's. Can't it wait?I'm sure we'll have time for it later. ""No, we won't. Why are you acting like

a stranger to me? And so rudely to the only man who tried helping us too. None of us did anything wrong nor intend to get on your bad side, yet. ""Yet what?" He pulled away, with his feet now standing in the muddy water. "I'm sick of all of you treating me that way, especially him. So don't lecture me. Do not lecture me about acting rude to him or. ""I don't understand what you're trying to say, we're not acting any different to you, none other than how we did before. You're getting sad and acting strange at a time over nothing but small fights. "He didn't dare look me in the eyes, strangely especially since I was more than willingly to do so myself. And I couldn't keep it like this, especially since we needed to act as a team with him on board too. "Then. Could you please just talk to me so we could. So we could pass on? Listen, at least if you're going to ignore me. "And in a way, he did more than that, approaching only made him slightly moving away in the water, with its effects being so strange now. "Tell me, why are you even planning to help her, hasn't she offended you too?" "I'm not trying to help her, I'm only trying to get as far away from you if it means getting in the pool and getting as confused as she is. "It felt as a low blow, realising how mean he could be, a friend acting like that. "And you're wondering why I'm choosing to stay silent most of the time, don't you. "I yelled and backed away, trying to hide my face as I went deeper in the back. I couldn't see if he turned back nor hear if he cared about it. He said what he had to, and I did the same. Yet it didn't make anything better, just worse. "It's all your fault. "Now I wished I could kick him and neither of them could see it. He wouldn't be able to find out either, it could even pay off the debt he left when he first came. "And now we didn't get to do anything but. Switch places, for what? To be dragged away from everything we liked, from our normal lives? Perhaps you needed to ask us first before you decided to. To. To kidnap us from there. "I wasn't doing anything by yelling at the corpse in front of me. I wasn't doing anything with the fight. Looking back at him and seeing him do nothing made me say all of the sudden. "I'm going in, wait for me here. "Strange how I turned so fast without being able to see if he heard it. I wasn't a good swimmer, especially as I tried plunging in that disgusting water, the first drop made me take a good amount in my mouth and nose. And inside the water, I heard he whispers. "Cam. "More water came inside, so I got outside seeing how she also got above it and kept steady. She couldn't have been the one whispering. "Could she?" I got closer and watched her as she turned, she must've seen me throw huge blocks of water with my lousy technique, not sure of what was the proper way. Ignoring whatever wanted to whisper despite freaking me out. "Cam, are you all right?" She had a blank stare and she stared. Floating without moving her arms whilst I had to flail mine to keep my height. "Cam!" I yelled again, in her ear, so she could hear, the way out wasn't far, that's why she decided to go close but the brightness made sure I wouldn't get to be close. Grabbing her by the arm and flailing with only one arm left me surprised that I wasn't falling to the bottom like a rock. "Camilla, Lucius! Come on!" He did it, managing to grab her and set the course. We were all scared, all of the sudden. Even her face showed a sign or noticed, the gate moved, welcoming us to come. I yelled back to let them know. "There's a way out, come on already. "My throat was getting sore of all the yelling and I couldn't wait, grabbing Phaer and placing him right above my shoulder, slowly advancing ahead. I couldn't abandon them though, despite what was being said, they were still my friends, even as. The hole got covered, the light slaughtered, I thought I saw a head but couldn't believe it, bending the steel around and crushing it without a sound. I was scared, I couldn't lie, afraid of what would've happened if any of them managed to get close and over that hole in the wall. The size of the hand, it didn't belong to a human nor to any of those monsters. The only light now left for us, came from one small hole we've all

forgotten. With none of those small things trying to crowd themselves inside of it. "Come on already, I can't carry him alone. "I told her after seeing how she was tilted, the only person I could rely on for now. "Yeah. Right away. "Grabbing him both of us as we started walking, it seemed like, from the moans like he was going to wake up too. Before we'd say anything or explain, he boosted himself back up on both of our heads. "He's awake, wait. "She was dazed, we all were. "Wait, Jard, didn't you notice?"She asked, but what did I miss?I couldn't ask her, my tongue was getting bigger by the second, impairing my speech. "The fungus. "As soon as she said it, I looked everywhere on the ground, all smashed, small clouds popping out. "Wem Gott"We needed to get out, I wasn't able to say it out loud. Places on my knees, pushing myself over. "The water, it's. The water's fault I say. "There was a gate, somewhere if I could remember, I hadn't any luck finding it out. I followed their lead, they seemed to know the lead. With my two hands, unable to see where they were, if they were still attached, I grabbed by her robe and followed in her footsteps. "Lead the way Cam"I said after grabbing the reins of the lead. "Get off of me, you'll slow us. You will slow us down. ""Wurma the"He didn't make sense either. None of the room made, too dark to see, to confined to be. What happened after, as a cue. However, we got towards, it baffled me to even think, hurting my head even worse. It left us on us knees, covering what was seen or close to being remembered. "What now?"I asked, just to be answered by Phaer, fear made him fully regain, the room, the hall, the giant place. It all revealed in front of my eyes. I stopped the kids now that I was fine, what was left in front I left out loud. "Torture!"I said, after grasping my throat, a hall of a thousand sirens, made out of bronze and shallow inside. Smaller ones on the corner, too far to be seen with crippled eyes but not so with the pulses that travelled to me. The whole entire stage felt overwhelmingly huge, even more so with the help of the yellow light coming from the endless above. A fanfare or possibilities, all ending in a worse way than the other. To awaken after a slight sleep was frustrating and repulsing. "Don't move, any of you, don't make any sound"I turned to say it then back where originally facing. Something was scratching some of them from far away. Long bony fingers I could feel them as they touched one of the sirens near them, scratching and perforating through their already deformed faces. It triggered one of the sirens after leaving its presence, making it change position to face another, let rust and small fragments fall off. So old yet still moving, the vibrations weren't the only disturbing condition, the sound made by the siren after opening her mouths, the big one and the smaller one near her check was deafening and repulsing. So loud yet so silent, I could see it on their faces, unaffected by the violent thrust on my ears. I realised then that something has happened too, I felt a couple of bandages and couldn't find out. After signalling again for them to shut up. "But. . ""Shut up. "I seemed desperate, my tone was filled with blood and seething disgust after hearing again, footsteps on the floor. Seeing, barely how it moved, yet I couldn't see its entire body between the many standing sirens. "There, move. "The only thing that they should've understood and remembered, listening to me and to my affairs. Those weren't tails but large fingers, I could see them being dragged on the floor. So weak they must've been, forced to. "Bah"Having to cover my ears yet again, they were useless, moving through and barely stopping from falling over. Another one was scratched, from a different end, I watch to notice, to see where it was and what it was doing, from the position of my standing I should've seen it. The whole gargantuan room was slightly tilted towards my working arm, slightly tilting us too. "A"She covered her face and grabbed one of the statues near, to prevent her fall. It turned onto us and made a clinging sound, shaking and moving its faces around. Her eyes shallow and so was the depth inside her mouth, the emptiness inside she held inside was

trying to get out. "Don't touch any of them. "I said the other child covered his mouth too, unable to control himself otherwise. They were many, almost visibly seeing them. So fast yet careful, the way we went through left us able to see and them as well. Those fingers, being dragged, they were crawling around yet able to twist themselves in order to prevent the slightest touch on those bells. "Stop. "I said before leaving out some breath to be taken inside and look around, even more after not being able to see. It was no maze nor it was too clear, we couldn't see the next exist that laid somewhere. Such a moment, with no guide, it reminded me of the mistake that came from the choice I've made. With that small object in mind to add even more of an insult to the injury dealt with both my person and the current companions. Scared, they stared and didn't know, couldn't know what to do in such a forced situation. Nor could I question, being in the situation, what happened before getting here. The face staring now at me, triggered by her temptation and lack of attention, reminded me of something related to my choice. It could wait, even written on a note after getting away from the entire room. Being picked and linked, I heard one coming from far behind. I started running in front, noticing how farther I was from it, the more could I avoid the pain I felt, despite not being to avoid those tremors altogether. Looking around, the vision was altered, afraid of flashes that might come that would let me. "Don't get close to them. You may start them over too. "I stopped him just in time, his buffy hands and fingers were getting close, fear ran through, helping me point out how close he was to make it sing. Bronze but black, whatever coloured that way wasn't my concern, nor how I realised it. They were now tilting the halls, from one point to the other. "We can't stay like this, we need. We need to switch. "I struggled to say, unaware of how badly I sounded, my throat split in half among my tongue. They nodded, afraid of whatever left my mouth. Unable to think straight, from all those shaken sirens scratching directly inside my skull and ears, the thought of having to cut them off become ever so more pleasant. "Bah, just move, come. Gah. Make it stop. "We took a turn and. We took a turn. Right of left. The side seemed tight, leaving enough. Enough space for. "One at a time. "I couldn't close my eyes, I had to be vigilant about my surrounding and where my mandible was at all time. Their scent itself, flagrant and swelling through the air, the figure, dark and bold, carrying those large hands, almost like a human but couldn't conclude anything more than their taunting. It noticed me standing and staring, that, with a slight move of the finger, refusing to twist it beyond one of the sirens, it activated it shamelessly. "Left, now. "I said and we each took individual lefts as we passed enough of them to have the space needed for such a command. I had to avoid falling down and waking up to another peculiar situation just like this one has felt like. The light body and feet under made me nimble, enough. "Enough. "To slightly stop but remember. "Bah, the sound is unerving, I didn't mean for you to stop. Gah. "I yelled at them, both angry and distracted, we had to go faster before we could get to the point of finding out the real meaning of those dormant objects in our every surrounding. I felt something too big and far despite that I shouldn't be able to. Yet I didn't choose, it was already chosen, the decision to not share with them. "Stop, all of you now. "In the most awkward break, we were almost ready to fall over, all of us looking in different directions. We all saw and watched over as the figures, dark both in number and act, moved around, trying to surround us, another siren ran. "Just. Stop. "I covered my ears, both annoyed and in pain, closer to us than anticipated, making that blasted cried up to the point of a full turn to face a different way. It was facing to the south, its many sisters unawakened by their cry. "We need to spread. Each of you takes a different direction and don't touch any. "They looked confused, perhaps they didn't hear me well enough. I shouted in their years. "We spread,

now! Take a damn different direction!""But. . ""Don't shout girl, I can't stand another one of those by now and my ears are shaking harder than them and me. ""We can't spread, I can't abandon them. ""Listen, we need to get out. To be able to do so, we need to be alive. I can't take care and. "I was distracted, feeling that step and it stopped too. It changed position to take a turn and a break too from the constant commotion it was spreading. One alone as the other kept running around, many of them, perhaps less, I couldn't be sure, seeing how they reacted to our stops. I couldn't risk it anymore. "Move, differently or in groups of two. I'm not trusting you to be left alone, girl, stay with him. I'm coming with the silent one. ""Fine, but promise. . "She heard it too, some harder steps, I thought I heard something even farther away in the infinite hallway but just as one of them was about to start its wail. Its head was crushed by something, a hand, I felt it, too far to fully understand, it resonated with the others and almost stopped completely. The information not fully delivered, perhaps a divine intervention was given. "Now's the chance, come.

"I said and started moving in a different direction than them, both them and those crawling pests. A calculated choice only explained by a poor excuse, I knew he'd be silent enough to minimise the damage that went through my ears. "Stop again. "I saw, almost having the sight of the other group long gone, no wail and nothing in place. Something wasn't right and at the same time, something was approaching. Conflicting thoughts that left me blind in the middle of nowhere as it all looked the same. I couldn't believe what I was thinking, the blessing in disguise that was disabled, I needed it to find a way out. "We're just throwing ourselves aimlessly. "To be worse, the way below was unprovoked, unable to bounce and crash through. I bashed in with my foot, surprisingly strong as the cinders flew from the ground. "Twenty meters below, made only of cement, possibly. There's no other way for us but to. Stay sharp, they're coming. "The shades flew and in their split made circles, from the distance. The group, nowhere to be seen, from no point could they witness what we were dealing with, nor could they help us. "Stay close and remember, don't touch them. "Afraid, I walked, trading one direction for another, trying to see any way out. Three, four, even more than that, throwing nothing but an attempt, with their long fingers managing to reach the tip of our toes from great distances. The light flickering but only the one above, the one that used to slightly point at us. "We're watched, keep going, don't you stop until I tell you to do so boy. "He wasn't even daring, but he slipped. I turned around and watched in fear, the tremors finally disappearing. A small gap between stood between his fingers and a touch that would've triggered her. I landed a hand and grabbed whilst walking, giving no excuse nor a chance for them to run over us. "It's good, it's reset. "Though, I didn't know and wasn't sure for how long. "Wait, do you hear that too?"I asked, and he, quickly to answer got rash and touched one of them. "No!"I shouted before ducking down, with both of my hands over my ears, stuffing them to the point of breaking through my skull with them. Standing there for seconds before I managed to get up and see. It wasn't the only one doing so. "No sound but how could this be?"My body was making whirlwinds and couldn't stop at the sight of all of them, thousands of them, more than that. They all started turning without any sound nor notice. "They're not the ones moving, look below. "He pointed out what I couldn't see, I had to take a moment to regain my composure before managing to see what he was talking about. The ground shaking, the hall tilting again on its own weight, it wasn't them what was being moved but the ground under, round and distinct from the other portion of the whole terrain. "Quick, look there. "Again, he remained sharp whilst I was still dealing with the confusion and the blows previously dealt with me. "You're a brilliant boy, have I ever told you that?"Though not fully grasping, I was given the opportunity to see, by a child

nonetheless, his point of view, the sirens that we or they touched, they were left solid and. "There. We need to get away from that direction. "Despite not seeing in with my eyes, I heard another one being stopped from the constant turn, another head crushed under a hand, something other than those long ones. Even they seemed scared by what was approaching. "Wait, what about my friends?"The man seemed distracted and profoundly terrified as was I, but could they be right about him?Were they planning on leaving us?"We have to separate from them, we can't risk going after them. ""But they went in that direction, the one you're pointing from. We can't leave them to go there. "Slightly moving away, my hand was hit, the speed of their spins was getting ridiculous, almost the same as his strange proposal. "Go, kid, if you manage to find a way out before I do or. If you get into deep trouble, just yell at the top of your lungs and I'll be able to pinpoint your location. "He shook my hand after a small hop over the few centimetres between us. "All right. "And I shook my head, he turned me around as I did it and told me so. "Move that, the take a right after a fourth siren. Whatever you do, don't go directly from the source of sound coming from the smashed metal, do you understand?"Understood. Wait, but what if you'll find the exit before us?"I wasn't ready, nor could I risk getting abandoned again, not. "After everything that happened and what brought us to you?"I can't risk my life for everyone's problems. If I'll find the exit, I will yell, now I trust you to do the same. "He finally shook mine with no spat inside, we had to trust one another, hopefully from the glares traded we did. I watched him start walking, hoping he'd get to the point of being guided. "Wait, boy, behind. . "He didn't hear, he went too fast. One of them passed in front of me, behind his back, beyond my warning. "Of all the moments of your decision to reappear. "Again they started blazing through, trying to flank me from the sides. I couldn't move that fast anymore, they were so fast now, almost like screws getting removed, moving at a speed that left me not even a chance to place my hand over and take it back unharmed. "I ain't going to stop. "The spets getting heaveir, both my and the pest approaching, despite not being able to feel it. Something else came to mind. And its enormity was looming from beyond the hall we all stood in. That I could feel, as a faint. Something else surprised me, other than the fact that, as I kept going, none of them were into another state than refusal to harm me in any way possible. "Why are you here if not to harm me?"I shouted and saw them, getting so close yet far. In the trail and the small fingers that clapped after managing to get close, yet again to my feet. A small bell rang. "Again?"Almost like a wakeup call, yet uncalled for. I quickly remember, how could I forget?"Of all that happened, this one I wasn't going to forget at all. "I said it loud, to myself and them, it didn't happen long ago, though it changed the fear and confusion. I wondered if hearing the bell before brought me towards the very spot, wandering through this endless nightmare. "To come to a stop. "I needed to believe that I was able to turn back to the normality, just enough so I'd get a clear road towards him. And to abandon even my life If it came to it. "Where are you?"It wasn't far, I heard it, at my reach but not yet. Nothing stood in my way, nothing could unless. I heard it again and my proposition and thought continued, they were. Perhaps they were linked. Following those crawling fingers spread as three slender anchors to the ground, to avoid the sirens. Not even one slowed down, perhaps I had the time, even with my exhaustion, I followed the trail left behind, with my eyes to see and notice. Where they'd get, where they'd move, until I noticed a pattern. And where they were leading me. Towards the same place I've sent that boy towards, the point that was approaching, so dire that it made me think if it was coming directly for me and neither other. "I can't go there. "I said to them, hoping for an understanding, not know what to think of them, whenever they were, remaining as my foes or my friend, even with my lack of any.

They didn't give me any sign that they understood, nor did they touch or trip me as I walked, leaving me with the choice. "No, I refuse to do so. You either hand me the. The gate, that bell, or I'll find a way out by myself. "And even if it came to it, to abandon them, something that I had now come to terms of accepting it, regardless of what I tried and decided, it always came to it. I went to the opposite direction and heard the metal keep getting crushed. Looking back and seeing nothing from the constant motion that was disturbing the air and the image itself in the constant twirl. Before noticing, the turns and the twist, belonging to me that I haven't even thought of, not being focused on them myself. . I found myself in front of it. A weeping siren, standing unmoved. "You're. "It couldn't hear me, it was an object, my approach would've been insignificant, I thought whilst passing it, thought I understood. Reaching the point from far away, the point from which I was being driven from. We stopped then, or I did. With me, making me repeat the same thing after first coming it, scrolling around to see them active. "They switched spots. "I said, seeing it whilst still having my great removal, how, from not so afar, one took their places and started the solitary whirlwind. Amid annoyance as it produced sound, it threw it on sides as it bounced on others. Small fragments of sounds came from around, triggering others. At a low frequency, though I was afraid it would get worse as the others once did. Stricken of senses, I didn't lift myself from the ground. Seeing how it slightly helped, having to crawl my way and cover my ears, I was placed into an impairment position. Forced to be lowered than their dirty hands, to avoid the crippling sounds at all costs. They came now to form a blockade, still away, with a finger laid atop of another, I couldn't go forth, unable to jump nor climb the tight wall made in front. A right and no, the left was taken too. The wounds, clearly many in number laid all over my elbows after the constant pressure and forced impact over. The small breaks are taken to see felt divine, or almost that way if it weren't for the constant wails and the blocks. The flickering light and the bolts of sounds thrown around at no pace. I've taken the course given by them, have no choice, other than the peril of going back to face whatever was coming for me. "It's coming. "I said as I realised, unable to cover those violent noises with neither my voice nor my will. It was coming and at the direst of speed. Its enormity growling through the entire space it travelled through. And what would happen after?"I need to gain distance. "I said, again trying at the midst of it to cover some patches, but to my avail, it fails again. Moving, and taking care, slowly with the turns so I wouldn't touch them with my feet, in no way did I have the strength nor the bones to stand and walk on my knees. I'd get to falling apart, wailing at the sight, failing to move after. A blast could be heard from somewhere and it baffled me how. "How are we going to get out now?"Luckily that he found us, at the small point, deliberately place inside. Like a square for us to stay inside. "Oh, I remembered. He told us, he'd yell if he finds a way out. And we should to the same in return. ""Well, have you heard any of it then?"Neither have I Lucius, that's not important, I'm afraid we're in danger. Shh, lay down. "She saw something before us, approaching, overwhelming and heavy. Something that would well describe the feeling and the look she had in her eyes, a look that wasn't seen before. The desolation around made it hard for us to seek for hiding places and succeeding in not being seen. "What's that thing?"She whispered, her eyes changed, a small reflection in her eyes, something was bouncing over the ground and back on. We were standing so close, all three of us, that we should've been able to feel our breaths. I did feel his, going over my cheeks and not hers, she was holding it inside. Following with her eyes, it almost took the living colour out of her. We were almost lucky as the flickering light was slightly away, leaving our spot slightly darker too. "Can we turn?"I whispered, trying to find

out, Lucius afraid too, after seeing her face, he didn't do it either. We waited for he to say anything but nothing did come. I asked her again, this time, her eyes circled through, enough to reach me and nod her head. She wasn't able to answer my question, truly afraid, not of what she saw. But. "What would happen if I turned?" I asked her another question but she violently shook her head after lifting it up. She covered my face with her hand for a second, then his. I told him after, doing my best to understand what she meant. "Hold your breath. "Even though it could've heard me, I followed her silent wish and kept it inside. I have shaken soon after. "Grl. "I had to cover my mouth, as, the fact that it came from nowhere scared me the most. I couldn't see who it was but something was smashed, making a cracking noise, followed by something soft being butchered inside, the type you'd hear in the kitchen. She switched, nervously, and I had no doubt, if we weren't standing, I'd get slapped. The steps that managed to reach the ground sounded like hooves, galloping over the land and watching us come over its territory. I removed my gag and whispered to her. "We need to go. "Not sure, if they would start again or even if. A second coming from the lack of awareness. I touched one of them after proposing what we should do. The answer came as it slowly activated. We saw it turn and heard the cracks, he heard it too no doubt as we got up and started running. "Don't take a break. "She said, running in a straight line with her, watching Lucius over, hearing dire sound behind. The ground almost crushed, others were smashed in the way, the sound echoed as the metal case after metal case being crushed. "Whatever you do, don't look behind. And spread, don't follow!" She ended with a shout, disregarding her own advice, looking behind to see and check, whatever she saw left he unhinged. I took a left to be sure, both farther away from him and her. All of were heading, I wasn't sure of what would. "We need to go. ""No. "I didn't want to but I interrupted her, my legs already hurt from all the running. Intentionally touching one of the passed ones, hopefully it would slow. Enough to gain some time to be spoken with her. "I can't lose you again. Both of you. "And this time. We were in danger of not finding each other after. They both stood near my left and right, running in straight lines. Not afraid because they haven't seen, I didn't wish for them a better fate if I had to. "Whatever you do, don't look back, understood?" I've taken a distant yet close look at both them and me. "Why?" My good friend Lucius asked, yet I wasn't going to. "When I tell you to do it, go to the right and never stop running in the direction until you find and exit. Same goes for you Jard, but the opposite direction. ""Wait, Camilla, don't do anything rash. "He was slowing down, both were, walking with limps, almost, but with no cranes in their hands. "Before it's too. ""Late. "We switched the last words but it was too late. It flew through, taking the metal and crushing it with its hands, it managed to reach and grab both her and him and stop immediately. I watched whilst running not able to stop nor help. "Nooooooooo" I shouted but it didn't help, with tears in my eyes and my throat sore, I kept bashing and hitting. Going in every direction. My heart was pounding but not as much as it was going to beat after. All those would be active when I'd be done. Screaming and yelling, almost getting sick of tasting the salt from the tears, I went in different directions, changed places and finally fell on both my knees. The couple of them standing around didn't stop turning near. I stood there unable to move. My feet were hurt, my eyes were hurt and my friends were. "Recycled. "I said after seeing my doll-like hands dance, just in a pond of the small pond made out of my tears, now a black substance. The reflection near, I saw through, looking back at me. Taller and more fearsome, it came from behind, after having everything before smashed. Both my friends seemed knocked down and left over the shoulder. And once again. Everything was silenced. "Gah, it finally stopped. "My elbows were hurt enough and I couldn't

stand it. They abandoned me and started moving away, most likely in search of the place from which the crippling sound came from. Almost deaf in one ear, I felt it come, closer than ever. No sign for an exit and none of those children in sight, the way I was facing was left almost desecrated as those old sirens met their end after all this time. "Is it over then?" I asked, whoever could listen to me and whoever would care. I didn't hear anything anymore, no steps no children and no screaming sirens to disturb my call. All that remained. My body moved to face, the direction from which was coming, now that, close than enough, perhaps not as much as I wanted to. Though now, I could see it, in all the might, the light almost shining the place from which it was about to come. I wasn't able but now I saw, in all its might, the infinite above, a height unrivalled by anything I've ever seen. Even more so consolidated, and I had no idea why none of the depth above was used for. "Drops of water. "An amusing thought as I was left slightly thirsty. They were dropping from the ceiling, from a height so enormous that it wouldn't surprise me if we stood under another great lake. "The perfect setting for a storm" And all the sirens waited with me, all those who ran across and over me did not go too. On the side, still beyond, I saw it finally come. The impact was so great and couldn't come at a better time, I kindly thought to myself. I felt so much pain in my chest from it, everything felt as if it was trying to impale me through. But looking at it, safely from it, and just from inches. The magnitude of it, the broken tiles and singing finches that came through on its arrival. It destroyed, passed through as if it was cutting through butter or less, with no care nor any sign of stopping. Like a pendulum, it came back to me, destroying the walls of the confinement. It cut the blackest smoke array and wasn't even slow, the ship has settled to this next shore. First seconds went slow, I barely realised it, my ears were now deaf, probably from the ravished stone or metal, whatever was made of. It fell below as it was barely plunged, I couldn't see anything but the deck, remaining unharmed, the fire long extinguished. Though slightly damaged, it wasn't alone, I saw the parts being torn apart and flung on the sirens. All of them were active, no doubt scared of what was happening, forced to keep wailing with no sound. I watched and waited, looking carefully, as with everything going on so slowly, waiting to see. It happened faster than what I could see, yet he was nowhere to be seen, neither of them. Suddenly, I ducked, as the whole room tilted, almost broken in half from the falling chunks of stone, metal and rubble, close to the middle of the room, or at least a shallow side. I wasn't careful, though I should've been, whatever laid with me in the room, other than this upcoming attraction. I looked around, it was never to be seen. The ship sailed and I remembered, yelling, more into a shout, at the top of my lungs. "Nimble!" I couldn't remember, either the reason of me forgetting nor his name. The memory of him passing, it felt bitter, almost the same as the damage done to the entire room as it was crushed inside. The long bar that was once plunged, I couldn't see, but I was holding onto one of the sirens so I wouldn't fall off and find out. Strange, how we looked at each other, both confused, despite not being alive, it somehow brought something in me, holding onto her and not letting go. I had to look down as there was nowhere else to go, the ship and those chunks, laid waste and anchored on the ground. Small gusts of smoke, I should've known. "Damn it. "I changed my mind after seeing it, the mistake I've done came back. Still turning, I had to wait, to climb and to see any other path to take and when it came, I jumped onto the one that laid not so dormant anymore at the top of my head. Something not in mind. As looking back at it, the ship and everything else, it seemed to be its last top. Bigger parts of stone and metal fell from above, even bigger than the ship, uncalled and something I couldn't prevent, it was crushed and destroyed. Over my eyes, slightly distracting, the source of that dark gust finally gotten rid of. I was so

shaken that I forgot to move, no progress was done to further myself from the falling debris. And it seemed to me, as the feeling started leaving my arm. "This is the end of my ride, isn't it?" Nobody heard me, no one cared at all, though. Their whisper felt. Unknown. "Malicious. You're called forth. "It whispered, one mouth, followed by the other, the siren spoke feastly and didn't spin like the others. Holding by my hand, it promised to protect and lead me away, as the room was following to be swallow away. "Oh, Malicious. We must. "Another spoke, waiting for an answer to be had. I looked around to see the other, and I saw none other do the same, other than the one that crawled on the tilted floor, their long fingers rotting the bottom of the floor to reach farther above. "Where are you taking me? And what about those children?" "They're safe. "I heard a whisper, no siren insight to be whispered from, which made me question what I heard. I should've focused but I didn't. I couldn't in the midst of the chaos, swallowing itself, suffocating on its own breath. "Fine, take me to it. "I said, daringly, out of place too, with no knowledge of them being or not part or in relations with. Though, it had to be done even before I managed to come and land in here. It started moving and others made it place, the once stable floor got ruined, with the falling parts of it joining in the rubble. So tight, holding to my hand as if it wasn't made of flesh and bone, no swear ran through but I could still feel something sodden standing between. I held no regrets and couldn't watch, nor did I know if it lied to me. "Where are you going?" I asked, before hearing its sharpen tongue, melted and its vibrant yet flustered voice, as if it went through multiple instruments, all rusted, coming from rotten voice chords. "Where you asked forth. Malicious one. "It called me that way and at this moment I didn't dare question in, in regard of not wanting to hear, the malicious voice run clear. It felt so strange, seeing how now parts of it started falling, the bronze, the dark metal was being shattered. Would I witness, could I avoid it? My other hand, and without the use of my legs, I started climbing over to avoid having my arm broken. Other parts started falling over, from different sides and near me, other sirens were crushed, even more soon. I thought to be deaf, but I heard her voice if it didn't end up being in my head at all. And then, I heard it again, we were getting closer. I asked her, without being sure. "Am I the only one hearing that bell rung?" "No, malicious one. Slayer of thee. "It said, with a grin voice, as more of its shell fell. There wasn't a doubt of my intention nor about my intention to question it but it was going too far. I had to know. What they contained, their metal prison, or so did I question before seeing it. "You're one of them. "I saw its malignant body pulsate and blow itself out of proportions, unable to grow nor do anything of the sort. And immediately after, looking below, a network of water drainage built under, they were being force fed, yet prevented from evolving. I couldn't see any mark, nor any side from which a pair of mouths could start, not membrane nor legs. Though carried away I almost ignored the most important factor, just as I attempted to remove myself from it. "You can speak. "And it could also respond. "Yes, malicious one. "And not only that, I was trapped, I had to be on my toes, not knowing until now that. At any point, it could snap. It showed no sign, though or resisting, of protesting my attempt, to remove my hand from the damp hole it was in. Without realising that it wasn't the hands that we were holding, the worst came to mind, despite not feeling it. The water could be drained from my body as it was on me. Everything around, slowly falling apart, even other shells of the sirens, with their part of the floor, they fell and got smashed with them all. "Malicious one. Stop resisting. "It said and despite doing my best, I hadn't had the strength nor the will to remove myself from it. "You won't bring me to it, damn liar. You'll pay for this, don't worry, if I get the change, I won't hesitate to bite whatever matter that brought you the ability to speak. ""You must be unbent. Just as

we malicious one. "It kept calling me that way, whilst still attempting to get rid of the cage holding it, even with the strident turns taken, it failed to remove the other parts, other than the one facing me. Perhaps given to me as a way to end its existence it case it attempted to do the same with mine. The bell rang again and it seemed to me as if. "If you know the exit, we won't get there it time. "It didn't listen, doing nothing but dragging me towards the next falling block of stone that would crush both of us. There weren't any results from what I tried doing so far, making it seem impossible to reason. Whatever I said, did, attempted meant nothing to it, a testament to my dismissal. "Just let go of me, I'll find it myself. "But the siren was silent to me now, no malicious or anything of the sort, the name calling ended. The reins should've been somewhere, I was so sure. "Bah. "My breath slightly was taken as something almost crush. Several sirens barely fell near us, scarping the sides and taken them on the way down. My hand still was taken by it and locked under it, thought its shell was still decaying. "That's it. "I yelled, risking everything, plunging my hand, through its soft skin. After so many years of having it imprisoned, forced into a metal wall, weakened it past a redemption. Making me pass through, lifting my hand just to ascent it towards where its brain should be. And making it say. "Ye, malicious one, slayer of thee. Be gone off me now. "I didn't answer as it did to me until I managed to see and feel. The room still shattering, many falling to their doom, the entire chamber was about to fall into the drain and drown the entire place whilst falling. "I'm done with listening to you. "And then as I said it, words came forth before making my discovery, they felt like strings, almost pulverised, dissipated after my simple touch. It screamed but I couldn't hear, not in its entirety. "That won't work on me now. "It was shaken and my hand felt softer too, about to be released. Perhaps if I continued doing it. Another string that was followed by more, to be taken, I knew they would lead to something, not knowing yet to what. "How dare yee. "And it didn't say, whatever was crushed before stored the word spoken like that. I had to be careful so it wouldn't drop me, to become a mindless beast. "Just a little deeper. "I said to it and myself as I reached more and more into it, shoving my hand just to feel. "So this is what it lead up to, all those string and information stored. I squeezed it and made it stop, releasing my hand and almost being left to drop. "Aaaaaaagh. "I said unexpectedly as I watched below, seeing the stone break and the land under their weight. I should've known and cared, leave alone only at the mercy of what I was holding on, the small and oily organ, breeder of the strings that were filled. So shoved inside and stuck there, it acted as its skull, breeder of thoughts and anchor for my hand. "Another. "I said whilst seeing it approach, it left a place and felt welcoming, as mine was broken and ready to let go. Whilst holding tight, I slowly lowered and started swinging, before it was too late, I managed to jump and grasp onto the other just in time. With both my hands and will, I held as it started turning. "This is better. "It left me space and the invite to stand on it instead of being held, it recognised, as it saw its fellow siren fall, but before. A small organ, oily and stringless fell from where its head should've been. The rest of the metal crushed on itself and it started to decompose. "Come on, move faster. "I said whilst using it, seeing an array of dark smoke and water coming from below. And then a third time, the bell rang, this time calling for me, beyond their silence and shock. I couldn't wait and dared to question what I saw. A stair of them, the ones that stood. In the time, I jumped and managed to barely grab and hold onto another one of them and the one before was crushed seconds before I landed. The ceiling, far above, almost lost too in the infinity of the place, the lights were long gone and I could almost clearly see. Its body with no shell, repulsing and enormous and I realised too, why the bell, as it called to me. "Fine, I'll come to you now. "I yelled, knowing how it would hear me, despite being

so far, it should've had knowledge of its realm. "Keep turning. "I commanded and it responded with the silence. "Yes, malicious one. "Something that I slightly missed after the death of the last one, the first of many. "Keep going, It's not safe yet to make the jump. "I informed and kept watching, trying to predict, from which place and where the next one would fall. Everything in motion, everything in a shift, collapsing on its own and there was no doubt now. That everything was controlled, or at least the ship, the trigger that started. "The shattering stone. "I jumped and managed to avoid another of them, they were getting harder to avoid, as it got close to crushing my leg, making me unable to move. "We're lifting up, there must be another way out. Tell me, in that little mind of yours and that stored information, is there another way out written inside?"I asked and didn't expect for an answer. Yet something was written, I was sure. "Yes, Malicious one. Yee, need to. "And it couldn't finish, a faster rock came by and plunged itself into the body above, crushing whatever remained. My fingers touched and not lightly, I felt the pain as the rock was set onto it, pushing it to do as was I. "Damn it. "I said, doing my best to take them back, avoiding the rising dust filled with smoke particles, that cemetery of the damned. "Would you. Just. Let go!"My hand was stuck between. And there wasn't any way to get it out, just one as the other was free. "I can't get out. "I flailed and tried pushing with both my legs and my hand, forcing it and risking to fall before it. With no choice, either to be crushed under or wait for the fall. I yelled as we were both slowly pulled down, pushed under the heaviness of what was happening. "Why are you forcing me to remember?"I shouted, asking without being able nor sure if it could hear me. My legs, the bones felt like breaking as I forced them into the black bronze. With no way out, I did something worse. Driven by it. "Fine, if you won't let go of me, then have it. "Instead, I pushed even harder, though with no intention to get out anymore. Just my legs alone on that, my hand was grabbing, a shard fell. "So this is what must be done. "It came in time, brought from above, slightly distracted, I saw inside, the reflection. "It's me. "The cold air felt so sharp yet in such a way that it didn't even get to blur the shard. "Trying to catch him. "And failing to do so, seeing from another perspective. Once again, failing to catch the cable. I was confused again, unable to figure out, why the memory was returned. The bell inside my ear felt even louder than before and ever. The entirety of the place felt like it was moments from falling under its own weight, despite my every attempt. To prevent it and prevent me from it. "The bell?"We slowed down, just towards the place of its fall. I closed my eyes expecting nothing else to happen. The shards, it was whispering, what I said, what she said, what he said after. The last recorded memory of him pushed itself harder into my skin, I couldn't see any blood coming out. I dropped it like the rest of everything as I felt my lungs suddenly be lifted and filled with gas. "Gah. Gah"I coughed, being left alone with a ringing noise inside my ears. "No. "I opened my eyes and spat it all out. A hand came forth and grabbed me, pulling me back. Blood and tears came out of my throats and the only way I could look was down. My hand slit, it fell like the rest of them, the pain was the least. The other one had a big slit from the sides and I watched, the cemetery made of all the sirens, all wailing for one last time before they succumbed to their end. My waist held, looking as if whatever was holding onto me was specifically made for it, mending and such of myself. So much blood lost and I felt as if the world's weight took much more than a simple toll from me. Everything swallowed, every further. From the broken shores below came a vortex made of wind and water, the rest of the platform bending at the will. The rest started sinking soon after, the water now black, drowning them in the abyss. Under us, my belief is shaken, that we'd get the chance to get out. One of the fingers, too much pressure, it shattered into dust by the part

that held it attached to the rest of the hand. I saw it fall and drown with the rest of them. There wasn't any way out, I told myself that before, yet I couldn't grasp it until now. With my hand broken and the second one following soon after. I was hanging at the thread of a hand before. Before I couldn't even speak anymore, hitting myself and bouncing even harder. The hit to the stomach as I fell onto another siren made me sick. Even sicker after seeing everything around from the distance. As I fell down and didn't, couldn't reach for anything to hold onto. Back into the smoke and water, I came, diving deep with nothing to cover my eyes. Nor could I see very well, being pulled down despite my senseless attempt to resist the current. No stone and no metal, I couldn't feel any object, to touch or attempt to hold onto. I wasn't sure if I couldn't hold my breath any longer, after seeing the one hand left extending before it got removed from the rest of the body, whoever wanting to help me. It was long gone. My air, the one held into my lungs was getting begrimed, as the dark bubbles coming out joined the rest. The dark sea didn't give me anything to grab on. Yet thrust by the current, I was plunged into the broken ship. A sole cabin, floating and being pulled, I held onto so I wouldn't be solitary. In the reflection, despite being dark, I saw my reflection and I didn't like it. A broken face of a broken man, less than a human that wasn't me. I once saw blisters and skin but now they disappeared, there was nothing that resembled that, not even close. Yet, even with me accepting that, what I've become and what I was forced into. I couldn't stop it, the water from coming in, air leaving my lungs. My senseless flail and anger came, I hit the part of the boat with the arm with no hand and felt meaningless pain as if it would count now. The end or not, I felt misery, something that in a long time, I forgot what it felt like. In that moment I felt, heard a heartbeat. Without thinking, I tried looking around, with my instincts taking over, nothing was there. Water kept coming into my lungs and I was almost distracted as I thought and figured it out. Those heartbeats were mine. I let go without being able to keep on anymore. Something spanned across the land. The manner was silent. People were starting to feel fine, including the manner we were in. It seemed like a bad dream, seeing everything burn and everyone go mad. And all of the sudden, it stopped. The sound of people laughing, life suddenly springing back, even the land following it. We were replenished. Even beyond, the sky and the stars were just as alive as us.

"Are you going to stay out there and write all day? It's a beautiful day to be had. "He didn't understand what my reason was, nor what happened. I told him to wait. "In a minute now. ""All right. "The last things that had to be written, in the small notebook I've created. And in the end, I wondered, what happened to the liberator. Coming from somewhere beyond us, none asked him for help. I had the pleasure to meet and set his path straight and then he left. With no point and no intent to meet and know us, he had his path straightened and kept hidden, not revealing who he was nor what he intended to do after. His life, his everything now a mystery. "Are you done now?" "I think I am. "Though, I couldn't finish writing, leaving the note by the tree, what was left of it anyway. "Hurry up. "A natural disaster happened somewhere else, though rebuilding started after. Men and women alike, building and bringing back. "Shame it had to be done. "Though the land had known of fear and distorted, everywhere as it felt to be shattered. A palace built of stone and gold, being mended by bronze and sewn. I found my place back home and it felt as if nothing happened. "Father!" I yelled as I saw him, though I couldn't run to land him a proper greeting. Both my parents were closing by, as my parents watched. "Camilla. "They both yelled, gloriously as they rushed through, seeing how tears came straightened to my eyes. "I knew you were fine. "A shock to both them and me. Though as I hugged them, I couldn't shake the bleak feeling they gave to me after. Nor could I explain to me nor to my friends

how we managed to get back home. Past them and their hug was given, the machine placed, in the middle of the room to be rebuilt, though. Nothing has happened to it. I turned around and watched the wrecked gate. "Honey, where are you going?" I told them not to follow, I wanted to see for myself, what laid forth beyond what was left of the once wall of smoke. They both wanted to join me, despite my dismissals. Yet. "How about we each go into a different direction?" I proposed, with a slight sign of disgust. "Like the last time?" Jard had a scared look on his face and I wasn't sure what he saw through. "One way or another, we'll have to find the truth about this world of ours. "He sounded so silly, ever since he started talking. Even with his lavished suit, clean and. At the same time dirty. "I think I'll stay. If you don't wish for me to follow. "He said with no intent to come further. "Why?" She asked, not knowing why it happened all of the sudden. Though her scream, both of theirs was still in my mind every time they've spoken. I've seen more than them and still thought, what lead them to the decision of leaving. "Well, someone need to take care of them right? After all, none of them saw anything of what we've seen. "It made them both grin, a sad one. He left in a direction and so did she, without saying anything to me. And to me, it felt as if. "Everything might just come back to normal. "To them, it felt like reality was copied, which I had nothing against. And further away, past the blocked road, mightier in the air. A city left unattended and untouched by anything that occurred. High an innocent, hanging by the many built hands from above, the mouths from which they came from still open. The clouds were breath and still standing near them, just passing by the platforms they were on. None of the above was broken, nor shattered, nor did it have any thought of having the water fall over it. The black smoke, achieving its purpose was long gone before it even managed to get close. Far beyond whatever laid inside. Just as the glowing ones decided to come back to their grounds. The path still twisted, another passer having just reached beyond the maze, with a singing box being held in his hands. So far. Yet something was pulled, before it managed to see what was laid outside. It breathes air, pumping the lungs long forth, the water dissipating from them and dying away. Pulled with one arm, still working, so were the eyes, the heart and everything else. An insight received but for far enough. "No. "I yelled, almost getting my lungs full of water. Receiving the boost, as the choice being done. I wouldn't just choose to become a watcher forth what everyone else has done. Struggling beyond the broken deck, the parts of the ship, I saw an opening through the wall, draining away. Not enough to get out but to get some air, I swam and dared to push the limits beyond. The turns, the leaps, the working lungs pushed me farther away. No more sounds, my ears were already ringing from the water that managed to find its way through and come inside even more. "Blaaaarg. "I couldn't speak, the water was still sinking in, the second chance ready to be laid to waste, I kept swimming, whilst seeing only parts of what happened beyond, or at least what I thought I saw. Life close to being extinguished, dying with the last remnants of the smoke that entered my lungs. Driven by the currents, yet fighting back, I was struck directly into the hole of the cell, managing to only keep my head outside. Barely above the stream of water, I breathe again. My lungs filled with air, a never-ending grasp came soon after, taking as much as it could inside to never let go. My eyes were red and my throat still sinking, the stream that fell outside didn't seem as if it would end that way. The bars were rusted from the water and I couldn't look below. Barely holding myself with one hand, hoping to see something in the air. Both my mouth and nose were shaking as was I, the cold and being so close to having it drown. A bleak sensation to be had, spitting out the water only to see it fall away over my eyes and forehead. Accompanied by blood that came out, I was left wordless from anything to be said. The pain I felt through

my hand was nothing over what I felt sinking in. The water pushed me into a direction, stopping from the long pull towards the bottom. Too tight, the bars held it from leaving an escape, I could merely just feel their every surrounding with the tip of my arm. A day, something that I've not seen in a while, being stuck in what seemed to be a tower from what I could see but nowhere near the bottom and the rest of the land. I waited there, in my own side of the tower, watching the clouds pass and hoping not rain. Before I could even lay my eyes even more onto the flying small blimps filled with candles. Something came from behind and immediately wrapped itself around my waist. I couldn't see without plunging my face back into the stream, I couldn't stand another swim. I couldn't see anything, I was too busy draining as much air as I couldn't. The wrap tightened itself over and held me like that I would not get, here again, the burning sensation through my nose, feeling it get farther. Bashing, with my arm, whatever part was, despite being hurt and steadily even more damaged as my entire body soaked inside the dark sea. Nonetheless of what was happening, I kept myself above, to breath. Even faster as I realised, it slowly tried pulling me down with the rest of them. With my legs, I couldn't wrap them around the bars so I kicked with them, the body of water behind. I wouldn't let go, regardless of what it tried, no matter how tight it pulled or forced the air to go away from my lungs. Panic rushed through me with the sudden fluctuations caused by the anchored one, the drops of water that found their way inside my nose and mouth made me sick. I was forcibly pushing the air, after feeling it almost drag me away. There was no way to resist and I knew that with the strength of the current, there wasn't another way for me to come back after it dragged me there. A deep breath, the last one, I had to reach the bottom at all cost, whatever and wherever the drainage had to be. A chance that wouldn't be lost. I felt his hand start shattering, the pull he tried didn't make sense either, his attempt, the desperation he had. Even if it failed, my arms were getting tired, so was I of trying. At the same time, as I finally took all the air I could muster, his hand shattered, broken by the tide, we both let go and started being dragged. In the vortex, in different directions, I didn't know, even harder to see, not from the lack of a light to reveal but of all the rubble and broken parts flying everywhere. I kept swimming, there was no way up, instead focusing everything on going below towards where and what called us. I could hear again after so long, though barely and only whispers. All their, their dying breaths calling me as I kept swimming. Nowhere, they were nowhere on the sides, I could see none yet I could hear them call me. "Malicious one. "Taker of lives. The contact it had with my body left nothing to be had in case I managed to get out. With of hand and the other barely pushing me farther, I avoided, however, I could and got smashed into objects as I went. None touched, only scraped me as I went with the current, pushing a quarter of a breath at a time. I couldn't look anymore, my eyes being hurt by the fragments coming into my eyes. I was to be guided only by the current, feeling the repercussions as I kept going. Pulled down by whatever could and dragged me for a short time before their hand shattered. I felt hopeless, going through a dark place, not being able to see. Yet. As the last fragments of air seemed to run out of air again. Off the side something was broken, the wall ravished, I felt it through and through as I was pulled and thrown outside by the merely formed waterfall. I opened my eyes and saw my escape, it seemed to leave to a larger pond, to life, flourishing, only for seconds I saw before being stopped. Grabbed again by the hand, my fall was stopped. With my lungs unfilled, with enough space to breath and vocal cords active. I yelled at it. "Let go of me. "He had taken my hand at kept at the broken side of the tower, preventing my escape. With the disfigured face and wretched holes instead of eyes, its olive skin, leaving nothing but more water to fall over from them. "I've paid for what I've done,

let go of me already. I won't become a servant of your master!"The shouting didn't work, I knew his hands wouldn't do either, none of them seemed to be like that. They wanted to grab me down and die, I knew he wanted too, especially as being one of them, seeing how one of his other arms was missing, it attempted to do it too. "Your hand will shatter, it's pointless to try. "My snort came out and the water drops that landed aside, he couldn't speak, his tongue was taken. My every attempt to reason with him has lonely failed. "Just end your suffering already like the rest of them and let go already. "It was pointless and how could he not understand, his bony fingers, I could see how they were starting to slip away, the skin and membrane sliding from there. "That's it, not for long. "It was going to be followed by a long fall and I couldn't wait, instead of trying to escape, I held tighter too. With both my legs against the wall, I pushed and threw both of us over the edge towards the big fall. "AAAAAAAh"I yelled, being thrown against all sides, having water push us both, he still held onto me and dragged me down, being heavier that I was. His body slim, I couldn't see what he was wearing. It wasn't long till we both fell inside the pond, finally getting realised though not from him. Despite being shackled, I managed to get to the edge of the land and finally find hard ground to rest on. A hand that was extended was followed by his body that still laid in water. I was standing on my back, having long since needed and deserved a rest, though he did not let me. "Let go of me already, it's over. "His body lifted itself, his hand still gripping, he had no way to hurt me, nor drag me over. "It's over already, just look around. "It wasn't a concern anymore, getting distracted from his persona, above us. "The tower, it's about to fall. "I said to him before starting the sprint. "Come on already. "There wasn't anything else that had to be added, with him or without, no care about how much the grip or what was holding him together, I ran way with him, dragging the extra weight. The mighty fell and I couldn't look behind anymore without interrupting. Yet with every step, with every sign of life that I felt, still pure, seemingly untouched as if no one has ever passed through, I crushed under my leg. The dust couldn't be felt and the remaining day was thrown at my feet, crushing everything under. I knew, I saw how tall that tower was and knowing so that I couldn't make a daring stop. "At least you could stop making it harder for me!"I shouted, not knowing what I said out loud and what left my mouth full of dirt. The feeling the heavy attachment that refused to let go and delay my escape made its way up to becoming obnoxious. "We need to run astray!"I continued, as I started walking in a different direction, doing my best to stay away from a straight line. The ravished wildlife around died upon my touch, the propelled dust particles went straight through the grass and the plants as if they were projectiles. My legs were fine, without knowing why I thought of being its fault, blocking and misdirecting the remaining ones that would've hit me. A wave of water, it blew already, having it manage to reach my feet and their level. A bigger one on the way and judging by the side and level, it was coming up soon. He felt so light as we both kept going, almost like a kite with a lack of flight, yet the hand with those longs fingers that extended to the soil, now swamp, it ploughed right through it. I looked back and stopped. As were the remains of the broken tower. We both did, standing there. Past him were the remains of the tower, destroyed parts and some of the sirens standing there in the black water, tying them together. The wind finally settled, leaving nothing but a grim image as the once running gust of wind and water froze solid into chunks. I sat, almost down and started vomiting. Feeling how it forced itself out of my lungs, covered in blood, lumps of them, disgustingly covered in red. Absorbed away, past the disfigured barely achieved companion, I look closely at the escaped prison. The would've been a tomb of mine. And laughed. "Ahahahahaha"And barely couldn't stop. I couldn't believe it. "Finally,

I've beaten it, everything. "I realised, with no one to force me to get rid of those parasitic, with those lumps out of my body, seeming too good to be real, I had no care of that sort. "Can you believe it either? I've just received a free pass now, to search and warn. "But I stopped. Looking down, following my realisation. Not realising how much has passed, the trip, the many times being going away since we've met. So glad to be alive, it got close to distracting me. So did the vision granted whilst getting close to drowning. "He left, hasn't he?" A long time ago too. The hand that kept itself tied, shattered, its remains finally releasing my hand. His body remained dismembered, only to stay and stare as he had no tongue to speak. "You've gone through a lot too, haven't you? But so did I and now. Now. . Now. . "Now I didn't know anything. I wasn't being lead towards my disciple, of getting anywhere, the path that should've lead me stopped. "The way up, it's blocked now, isn't it?" He turned around his body frail but with a small hunchback, scorned by the water with small lumps having grown on it. "I thought so too. "The way down would've just encased and killed me in seconds to spare. "It wanted to get rid of me once I did its dirty work, didn't it?" Though it failed, not entirely, leaving us stranded in the middle of nowhere. "Come on, let's not waste any more time here. "I called for a pursued and it decided to heed my call. I grabbed his hand, surpassingly light to carry, having something to deconstruct as we went. Such strange appearance and it couldn't talk, I was already used to it by now. With dirty robes, broken bones, bloody rags, I was still going on somehow. "You don't mind if I'll take this, do you? Thought so. "I kept going, my body feeling less human by the second, perhaps the reason why I refused to judge and look at it different, I had no way of knowing if I was much more different than it by now. My hand was broken and removed just like he had, how long was it until. Until, I wondered, when I was on the road of becoming just like him, in appearance and. A sound. "What is this?" Something came out of his hand, the palm. I set aside the fingers that were covering it, just as he decided to lay on a near trunk, over a pair of singing trees. No instance could be spent on listening to it as something else had my attention set on it. So close, they resonated to one another, the hand with the body. Yet, I uncovered what laid on the palm, a few holes, quite deep in nature, yet not as deep as where his eyes should've been. They weren't corresponding, its anatomy was strange, yet I heard it again. Buzzing through the holed. I knew that the normality and any sane mind would've asked me to. To not do it. I placed it to my ears nonetheless and heard something. Sounds that I thought came from there but they didn't. It came from him, standing there, a voice, slowly forming. Unintelligible at first but coming to be. I saw some, managing to notice as my focus was on the hand, it extended below and found itself a way into the earth, not knowing how deep it went through or to what purpose was it made for. "Glughu Arrath Nkku "I heard, I noticed every pronunciation, quickly on my toes to hear more, still, no language that I held to my knowledge, nor something that I could hold near a candle and read it. "What are you trying to say? I can't understand your language and I doubt that you understand mine, right?" Or am I wrong?" "Hello, can you hear me?" A voice came out, one of a child. I looked petrified at the decomposing body with a strange voice, was it? Was it really a child? Are you. . "But stopped, it spoke before I could. "Into the holes please" He said it and I was too distracted to understand at first, having to wait for my attention to be taken again from him. "Would you mind speaking through the holes in the hand?" He asked and I had to present my, please. "Yeah. Sorry. "I looked down as I was saying, my vision being transitioned, split in half. The holes set lit and I finally saw the texture. They weren't covered in skin nor made of bone, clearly, I saw through that guise. It was made, no, it belong. It seemed as if the long hand was only one belonging to the three-headed system

that brought me here, yet the connection that was held wasn't really clear. Other than proving a way to communicate. I've spoken to it and it heard me after, as simple as it seemed, I had a hard time speaking through, after hearing the voice. "Who are you. ""Oh, you don't recognise me by now? You seemed to know everything before, having made your way through with a clear goal in mind. "It spoke so softly and fluent yet there was no tongue, there was no move of the lips, nor teeth to balance it out. The lack of vocal chords was clear and it seemed to me, just as its hand was a way to communicate through for me, his body acted the same way for it. "Who are you? You're not a child, you're not him. ""What was his name again?" I didn't respond, nor did I heed to the taunts given. "Just tell me who you are and what do you want from me. "The grip grew tighter, just like before, yet I was the one holding it, a strange turn of events. Yet, as I kept circling it, I question the very thing I said to myself. Want from me. Having to do the dirty tasks given, those parasites landing me through. "You're a celestial, aren't you. "Annoyed by my, seemingly to it, a remark despite not being intended to seem that way, it surged back at me. "Don't call me that name, an antique. Disgusting and wretched. You don't even know what you said. ""What did I say wrong? That's how the other made me, I thought that's what you were all called. "A silence came as if a ponder had been given, I had no prior knowledge apparently as I was about to question some of what was said to me before. The voice shifted back to unintelligible and it continued saying those strange words. Stubborn, I should've known, nothing more to expect from such a thing like it was. I pulled it out of the ground and made no attempt to look back. The body was left to rot there and feed the already ravished soil, to whatever purpose could it be helpful in replenishing it. I carried the hand with me, deciding to keep it as a reminder. Though not needing it anymore, I knew too well, those. "Aren't could. "Spoken into the hand, without being able to know or tell if I was heard with no connection to the ground. "The sky is made by you, I know it. "As I kept walking, past the corruption that was spread through the ground, the black and blue, ravished soil and wood became a lustful green with wet grass despite no rain. I stopped to remember myself, the reason it all ran like that. But before I could understand, I was distracted again, but for what purpose? Another one of them, with no hands either, standing there, not so far. Shaken as it saw me, trying to pull me over. I looked behind despite my previous attempt and it was still there. "What the?" Two of them, almost in the same state as before, I didn't turn back though and pleased its invitation to be. "What do you want?" Spoken again as I waited for an answer, is still told me nothing of the sort. Other than the broken sounds that came out. I yelled again. "Tell me what do you want?" And it silenced me with another question, ignoring any part or any attempt for a reconciliation. "What do you want?" Asked back, as if it'd grant me a request, some water coming out of the broken body's mouth, clearing the throat and the slimy malfunction. I did not know, I wasn't sure, was it me or not who spoke back to me?" What did you say? Repeat what you said again. Bah. "Close to shouting, I dared restrain myself from that, with no thought of hurting it anymore. With a kick to it, I was sure. It wasn't dead, I could still see a small part of his belly moving, yet the mouth was stuck, almost drown on land. "There must be another one. "A look on the sides and managed to see a road leading to the lushful place I was left in. "Could it be?" Back at the hand, despite the way it could communicate back to me not working. "If you could grant me anything, any favour of any sort. For everything, I was in, for the trouble. "I came to be and kept going, desperately searching for another one left behind. The road was inviting but in no way would it leave one of them inside like that, abandoned to be broken there. Broken plants, I ravished small tents of grass, I couldn't see anything behind. Yet I continued, even if I wasn't sure

of it, of what would happen. I knew it heard me now, it had to. "For everything I've done for you, to get rid of any of the chores and impurities. I've done even more without getting asked for. I need only one thing. "Too much gone and this was my chance, to make my voice heard to it, the only chance I would get. The only one that mattered now. For me anyway. "If you could only send him back if you haven't. I promise I'll spend however I've got left getting rid of the pestilence that haunts you. I need to know, I've never been so unsure in my life. "Careful before saying, I left it enough time to plug itself to the ground or at least appear as if to me. "Or else my life's work, everything I've done so far. Everything may have been in vain otherwise. You can't let that happen!" I yelled, full of rage despite the fact I should've have acted that sort of way. "There. "I noticed, barely hid inside, fallen on the side from the stump it was set on before. I ripped and fell. "No. "I looked in shock after falling over. I look above the broken hand. "No!" I yelled at the shattered pieces of the hand, they all lined apart. I was left on my knees, with those pieces falling over from the remains that were being held in my hands. Slowly, I got up, after throwing it away with the rest. Approaching it seemed pointless but I turned the fallen head to see. "You're broken too, aren't you?" The head was shattered, someone was here before of me. I left out a sigh before taking away. I was looking down the whole way, looking at nothing but the stubborn road. Everything seemed dragged away and I wasn't entirely sure why that happened. But then, someone unexpectedly came. A carriage came from behind, not entirely unexpected as I was able to hear the sounds of the horse and wooden wheels hit the ground. The lantern just barely above, the man driving the carriage with his white beard, dressed just as such. Elegant for such a person. It stopped just not far from me but I didn't pay much attention, despite this being the first animal I could remember seeing in a long time. The door opened, just ahead. I walked to it as I waited. I grabbed it after getting closer and as it was, my eyes widened and I wasn't able to stop the banter. "You?" I asked before seeing the invitation to come and join. On the other side, a pair of bones were waiting too, just with enough space for another person to sit. "Heh. "I chuckled at the sight before deciding to join the ride. Despite my questions remaining unanswered and with my plea. I was left to explore whatever is to be.

Dyotoromus

'It's been a while since the last time I've spoken of this. Time has a habit of following what I do. I'd even wager it developed a liking into it. Though you may need to excuse my banter, for I have longed for that too, in the long time left behind, since the last time, you see. But, then again, I dare not waste your time, nor mine, you didn't come here to hear me blabber and cry about unforeseen things and silly adventures in my grandfather's old yard. You've come here to ask me about.' A burst came from the kitchen, the steam left quite an impact on them, the timing was just right to soothe the air and take a peek at their curiosity some more. 'You've come here.' The voice said as he was on his way to stop the fire, but mid-way, at a hinge he stopped. To hear about the celestials. 'And so were the three agents, wearing their garments and dark clothes, following in the footsteps, just enough to not intrude, and asked. 'So

you can confirm you know about their existence?' One of them asked, making sure he was aligned, a wall that blocked the space where a door should've been, making sure there'd be no escape, from within. 'I know more than that.' A flicker then followed and the fire was gone. There was no grain left on the man's face as he knew too much already. Too soon. His thoughts were still trying to figure them out, he hadn't been sure if he could trust them yet. 'And what more would you be willing to share?' 'Hopefully, The Great Argus, was it? Well, Argus, we do hope you won't decide to hide this knowledge from us. Else, quite frankly, we'd be more than disappointed, wouldn't we?' They all had their buttons unclogged and under their fashioned leather of utmost veiled dark, revealed the sharp hooked tendons. Such an application was quite unseen, even rare, though it was a conceived weapon after all, deadly, untraceable and Argus knew that one scratch at the tip would be more than enough to leave him paralysed. They must be quite old if they retained such pieces attached, though. Despite pretending to stop the fire and momentarily tend to the tea, he reminded himself of the most important thing. None of them was immune to their own venom. And, it was quite the surprise that, out of all people who could possibly come, they were the first to come through the door. The visit was due to an end and they have already revealed their stings. None of them managed to avoid, nor have they detected, though Argus turned and threw the overboiled tea at which they were standing too close to be able to avoid such a strike. The gag reflex followed as the shock made two of them sting themselves and fall on the ground, with severe burns and foaming in the mouth. Which left the only agent shaking on the ground, in pain. 'Noo.' It was no scream but it was sudden, so sudden that it made Argus stopped. As he was left there on the ground, seeing his fellow companion foaming from his mouth in front of him, trying to fight the toxin. He dragged himself farther away, unable to run from the pain. This is when he stepped and took no break. Which is exactly what made him smash his knee with the still simmering hit teakettle, just to be sure he'd be no threat to him anymore. This way he'd not run away nor could he get close enough to reveal the sting. Shouts diminished as Argus said. 'If you don't close your mouth, I will take your other knee.' It was a serious tone and he could see that the man wasn't messing around. Further away than where he stood, someone was entertained, witnessing the events go on. The agent was broken there, both physically and psychologically. Oh, what did they expect? Argus thought, though his curiosity peaked. How did they survive for so long? Most of them should've been abandoned a long time ago. 'And yet you're still here. In three exemplars to be more precise. Why is that? That such antiquities such as yourselves are here in this time and age? And how come you have heard of my research? Answer me or I will not hold back this time.' The agent just stood there and said no word, he waited for Argus to do something worth of a spell. Just.. Closer. Come, come. In reach. The eyes were flickering with rage, though he showed no emotion, nor any sign any more of feeling the pain. The broken knee was still twitching for seconds, then it stopped. 'Don't try anything funny or I will breathe your other leg.' Argus observed at first, waiting for an answer, knowing that by now, the toxic was already spread inside their bodies, leaving them as nothing more than shells. I need an answer fast, then to get out. 'Say something man, I've killed two of your friend and I'm about to kill you.' He smiled, after seeing Argus suddenly burst in anger. 'They were not my friend.' The speech could barely come out, as the lower lip was slightly melted, the pain caused must've been too much to take. Yet, even with that, he didn't show any sign of pain. He's planning something, I'm sure of it. Though. Argus grew impatient and approached, it was a sudden mistake, only that he heard. 'Come closer and I'll reveal everything.' And so he started approaching, only because he saw him stand on the arm with had the

sting. Surely he couldn't attack me from such a position, no leg to stand on, and barely holding himself after seeing them die. Though, mid-way bent and the agent threw himself at him, stretching his arm close to being in an arc, aiming the sting at him, with nothing more than an open chance. Which he took, as Argus was not a fool. Annoyed, his right hand, stronger and faster than a desperate attempt grabbed the elbow, preventing the man from jumping ahead. For a few seconds he stood there, gazing at one another, and now he saw fear. Which he did not feel the pain that came from the boiled tea, it came now from him. Slow breaths, Argus felt them reach him. Slowly he did too, starting to squeeze the elbow, which was slightly more soft. 'Aaaagh. Aaagh.' There it is, finally, I see that I have reached it. The venom was oozing in front of his eyes, as well as the pain. Formerly, there was no intention to make him suffer, not for a torture. 'You gave me no choice.' Clear, as his life's blood, was being drained. Far away, he was entertained. 'You won't last long now. I can see that you can't move your other arm, nor your legs anymore.' Argus acted smart and pointed the oozing venom towards the side so he'd not get touched. Not only did he know that he'd be infected that way, though also he knew that the body would grow pale and he would die if it were for him to continue squeezing. 'Please, stop this.' 'How did you know about my research?' 'It's not yours. Thief.' So he knew. He knew of everything Argus had stolen, hence why they were sent there. 'Do you also know?' Argus realised what needn't be asked. They must've found my threatening letters. 'How many others know what I've done?' 'How many do you think?' You can never, escape. Argus. 'Damn this man, I must know. Have any of the copies I've made even got to anyone then? I must escape and deliver them myself, it seems. Seeing too how uncooperative he was, Argus suddenly twisted the below, which was by now incredibly soft, at a rate which made the bone and muscle anathema to the extent of being easily broken, as well as the spine, in the small chain reaction that occurred. 'It seems that not even your poison is effective anymore.' Bah, he died before he even heard. Though I mustn't banter, there are much more, most likely on their way now. Luckily for Argus, the suitcase was already there, right under the table, hidden from sight. 'I wish I could save you too.' The copies, the copies, of the many copies hidden under the boards, under every corner, under bricks and bones, under which the foundation of the house was made. He left the stove on and threw the remaining oil he had in there, it'd not be much but at least it should keep them on his track. A small flicker, he threw the metallic lamp which for a second flickered before setting the place ablaze. That was bizarre. I must've looked too deep into his research, though who could blame me now? Other than their deaths, curiosity was my only other crime. None other at last. Despite living in the abandoned retirement home, it never felt like it was getting old. Such a shame, he had to see it burn to crisps, along with humans which would be set and answers would be called for. Perhaps it's even better this way after the news comes in the blight of people, none will want or need to associate with me anymore. I will become the outcast he had become. As, the many passages he had stolen were not only of his discoveries alone, but also his interactions, desires and other information not told to the boy. I'll make my way. His thoughts were plighted by the urge to escape. He couldn't explain why but under him, the ground moves, but ahead, nothing happened anymore. 'You're not to leave now.' The malignancy started, it spoke to him at last, his gnawing head and ever lapsing, prolapsing tainted neck, which bred many dead children, instead, the imagery made him fall to the ground, after being mentally assaulted. The faces they had had no features, all covered in the cords from which to be fed. Were they alive, were they dead? Why am I seeing all of this? Argus asked himself. 'Am I trapped in a machine? Have I been to lead this whole time?' Despite not expecting an answer, he deceptfully did. A

wicked smile, of grin and blundering blister, the dead were trying to get out, and he couldn't run and ask for help. 'But you all died. I saw it with my own eyes.' Ensnared, the foam that once came from their mouths now formed lower lips, still burning and crawling like animals, grabbing and holding themselves together. An arm was stricken by pain and suddenly they have blown away to smithereens, leaving the carcasses, blood and gore burning, everywhere in sight, other than the place he was stuck inside. 'Do you see my power now? Do you still wonder if you're inside?' 'Then how could it be that I see so many things? Such unnatural despair that it is not known to man and others alike?' 'Hah, do not think that power only extends through the realm of mind, which your so called research, stolen as it is, as well as the identity you once tried to scrape away.' 'How do you know? That must, you're tampering with my mind, I am inside one of you like the research said. Unplug, unplug, unplug!' Argus didn't ever feel nor think that anything of the sort would ever happen to him. No, I would've remembered if I died or if I was captured. Yet every step he took, no distance would be made. And, even more so, nothing of the sort would he had expected, such power inside the mind. 'Enough. Your rambling have no interest to me, as I have plenty to listen to. I have already said and won't say again, now sit and listen or I shall blow you away as I did to the previous ones.' Silently he obedient. Not knowing any better, and not being able to see the abomination again, he looked at the sky. 'Good.' He spoke so casually, almost like a human, yet from what he saw, Argus thought he had harvested the children of his race, now bound to be used for him to speak through. 'You may be right about that, but it matters not Argus. For you may never be able to see my body in the lifetime of yours. Witness them now, how it happens, in front of your eyes, what do you see?' There wasn't any reluctance, for Argus now obeyed. Unlike the others, from which had learned, there was no way out, and he cherished whatever amount of life he had left in him. He had not two but more, as his senses acted most of his life time and there on after. 'They're coming for me, I can see them approach.' 'How many?' 'A few auto vehicles at least, armours to the teeth of the jaw.' 'Are you afraid of being seen?' 'I can't escape from this, if you're going to let them walk over me and crush my bones, you might as well blow me as you did to those three.' It was a slip of anger, easily distinguishable from the other emotions he had felt before. Oh quite peculiar, that the day had been ruined. Argus planned to flee away from all his troubles, but now? Caught by surprise of someone who sought nothing but his demise, he couldn't do much to protest, which lead to him waiting to be dead. 'Giving up so easily?' Though he knew not the answer, he waited and saw. Argus tried jumping out of the way in the lap second, though he saw the light, and how he hadn't made any step through the side. And as it happened, recalled by him, the auto vehicles didn't crush or stomp him but went right through, without a trace left on the ground or on him as a matter of fact. He watched all the vehicles go through as he felt no pain and thought. I'm either inside or have become a ghost. Either way, he kneeled and said. 'I'm yours to take then.' There wasn't any action that would be deemed worthy and no way out. Endless torture of imagery and perhaps even being blown apart wasn't worth it at all. 'Good.' Argus was then converted and none would get to hear of his doing after. The news had reached local and spread like an infection through newspaper and newspaper, of how it was burnt. Corpses smouldered and killed in at utmost repulsing way deemed not to be done by a human but by a devil. Ever-present. 'Lays a price on his head. And it's quite high.' 'Is it the same Argus we know?' 'It could be. It must be. How many others do you know?' 'They've already had plenty of newspapers gathered by her, all placed on the table as she waited for an answer. Though this wasn't the question she had asked her older brother, but why? Why hasn't it arrived yet?' He had

spoken to plenty and many of his letters arrived here."Dear sister, I've told you we cannot trust what he said to us.He only seeks you in order to get the connections, nothing more than that."Then what was your reason to keep contact with him?'And there was silence between them that grew into being uncomfortable.It broke by the compromise which was said to be.'We knew no Argus, neither by given or by birth name.Understood?'We can't afford to spill his dirty ink over our name."So be it.'The letters were burnt to crisp, hoping that they'd be left alone, in which Argus has failed.Another attempt spoiled by mere effort of control.Though, not only the officials in their towers of grey and stone, on the other side of the world, easiest of the efforts.Argus had sent them, hoping that they'd get in time, in his many travels around the world, the places that were driven deep into jungles he had met an archaeologist by the name of Alexander.Originally he didn't know what he'd intent of the man, quite peculiar too, Alexander of the Pox was his full name, which always bothered him in the recent memories he had.Could it be that he had a fake name, could he be working with them?Though, alas, a bondage was forged in the time they've spent together, which is the main reason he decided he wanted to include him along the others.The field that used to be sand, covered by dirt.He thought that the world once shifted around in a moment, or a glance.As told by mouth.'You know, I've already shown you but do it again, if you may.'Alexander was always joyful, especially seeing his friends attempt to understand his peculiar obsession with his work.He watches Argus take a scoop of dirt then seen the sand fall below.Indeed, in the jungles of Agraath, there was sand under the trees.'Come on, give it a rest already, I've been doing it all day."But, how could it be so?After all, such a discovery would be worth the research of a lifetime."Hah."The arrogance he had was the main reason Argus had chosen him.Just hear him say such a thing, to think of himself as such.'The first man to discover that?I wager that at least a cousin men and thrice the animals were centuries ahead of your discovery.That, or we'd be swimming in the jungle of bodies left to rot."But this is where you're wrong my, dear friend.I know the reason why it is so.'Though he had never revealed the secret of why.And such a promise was made, or another wager.'If I am to discover something of a greater value than what you claim to have run upon, would you so kindly exchange the secret of your lifetime?"Hah, if there was something more worth.'Though days became greyer, and every single time he watched and never to hear of him again.It saddened Alexander, know that one of the few friends he had broke the last of connection they've had.For new of the departure and the descent into the realms of murder hadn't come that far.And the many more letters that were sent never reached that far.Lawmakers, Officials, Professors and more, Layman who he had met and trusted before.Many copies were made, all written in ink by himself, referring to all of them in a different manner, though it had remained the same.And how could it be then?Not even, up north, through the lands and cities of common folk that laid around, houses of wood, with not much of an interference of the outside world.The woman he had once fallen in love with, that he had sent a letter of love, and another filled with the bitter truth.Yet, neither of them arrived, as the agent skewed to everything just so they'd be sure.'Makes sure that none remains, whatever that man sent, make it end.'Clearly, he wasn't a lowlife, he had something close to a glimpse of insight, even something as plain as a letter filled with words of moist and love had the chance to be filled with subtleties of secrets of the old.'He's not to be underestimated.Burn all that you find with his name on them and do it fast before someone catches us.'If only Argus knew of the delight, though it had brought much pleasure to his lightness, watching present in the past.The irony, that was the ones who burnt some of the letters earlier that day ended up themselves burnt.Though they survived,

overlong their purpose, which was unexpected, at last. None may deny the wrath of his secrecy, watching ever alone. He had him not there, trapped to wait. Argus still didn't know anything other but to wait whilst trying not to think at all. His thoughts were constantly searched withing and tore apart. Every location he went in and every location a letter was sent. All seemed to have been burnt or torn apart, be a letter of pleasantries or letter of trust. 'You're clever. Which I say to you, the game is on. You may roam free.' The box bloomed with dark as it was revealed, the whole hemisphere changed as it leads Argus to the other part of the world. It was most peculiar for a human to see the whole entirety of the planet suddenly be torn to pieces and rebuilt, all within the reach of his eyes at the ground level in which he stood. No step, still, couldn't lead him any further in front, that he feared when he saw, being lead straight inside and through mountains, through people, and water that should've drowned him instead of giving him nothing but a mild bore. The lava he had seen under that could've moisturised his skin and torn it to pieces in the old spikes of stone. Right through jungles, cold snow that reached the other side and unknown building that looked as of they had came from the past. It wasn't his world anymore. 'Where are you taking me still?' And in that moment, he thought, how could it be that this is still Earth? He must be lying. 'Though I am not.' A realm of skin, the core of the planet he had seen in seconds of utmost disgust he felt. His organs feel compelled to join, what the planet was, or used to be as he had heard himself. 'This is a vision of your planet, what was before the dawn of apes and men alike. You're a result of it, bred from the egg of which shell serves as your home.' 'Why are you showing me this?' And yet, he couldn't believe as he walked on the pink, the revealed veins, seeing figures in a sky that was grey. It should've been dark. 'And there's no space either.' 'It was once filled, with our masters.' 'Why me again?' 'Because you are now chosen.' The box stopped and finally it was gone, leaving Argus standing naked in front of the great above, filled with grey from distance, which he dared not ask what it really looked like. The thought alone that something worse than what he had seen, filling up an eternity would be too much for a man to bear alone. 'Yet you will bear my seed and my word, as I decided to choose you as my prophet. Stop. Before you ask another time, I have seen you, out of your kind, you've discovered on your own, at which other had failed, or attempt dismayed. Either way, you sealed your fate, now you're mine. You will spend ten days here and after you're done, I will bring you back.' And there was no response to that. How could he do? Looking at the skin, glistening in the grey of the sky, dark figures that he knew way too well that they were not holes which revealed the space. 'You can't do that.' And that was it. The realisation came to mind. Though he was silent, for he could only control one at a time. Of which body wasn't in control, other than Argus' mind, the rest was in his alone. To move and observe, he looked around and tried his best not to step on the veins, ever sludging with a bulging crest of a coloured red. Something was about to pop. Argus fled from the sight, in the endless vastness of skin, before he realised that there was nowhere to run. Nothing to see either. His own special endless torture, for he alone was sent there. Only to be entertained so he'd not come in madness, he looked at the sky and witness them fly. 'They're moving. What are they? Those black silhouettes in the sky, what are they?' Despite the fact he thought of what could be up there, roaming through the mass, he desperately needed to hear another voice. Speak to me, I beg you. Look deeper into my mind, just as you did before, I know you can hear me still. If I go mad, all of this would've been for nothing, bringing me here, saving me just to be caged soon after. All in vein. 'And what would you have me do?' Asked. It's curiosity arose. The many bodies above singing in despair, a song unknown to men or animals, shout of pain. They noticed. Though the voice was

different, at which Argus wondered, have you changed your vocal cords, have you deepen your voice? And then he saw and sweet discord, the language barrier was broken. It wasn't the fiend that brought him there, which spoke to him now, but the collective of grey matter, the malignancy which had occupied space. How can you hear me? And how were you able to do it so fast? Though none of the questions was answered, as some parts of it spoke in their different tongues. 'Are you our creation?' 'I am not.' A distant malignancy of grey skin approached, and as it entered the area, it started gaining the colour of skin which had taken the form of the egg. Closer, it was a spear of skin, of titanic proportion, at a level, unknown to anything built in any of the great ages before him. Slowly, the tip expanded too, making itself smaller and smaller, forming spherical shapes, close to balls but not so. Of which it tried, hundred of times, perhaps more, to take the shape of his face, his body, the lower form. The jaw was too big, so were some eyes, other had nothing but the overlapped forms of another attempt. 'Why can we not create? Why? Answer us now.' And so it said, revealing at last. Despite the terrifying sight at which Argus attempted to run, it couldn't create, despite how hard it tried. Too many of them, grey as they were, had mingled with the form, all trying to go over the other, sending different signals, all in vain. None of the attempts was even close to resembling a human. And so, the rage, made them mad, the first time that had ever happened, in the entirety of existent life. Argus turned and screamed, revealing all the extent of his mouth. Seeing the sharpness, combined with the rage, from the grey point of the spear, they formed, a giant mouth with teeth and didn't think of anything else. The combined frenzy that it held, pushed the mass to chop it off. And then, for the first time, it felt pain. Such pain travelled through the entire system, being felt by the whole entity itself. The spear fell as they were silent, such pain had finally given through to them, as, ever before, every single part which encompassed infinity thought in chaos. And ever since they discovered through infinity a fragment of an empty space, they tried creating something of their own. It was there, how their creation laid. It must've been an infinity that passed, through the endless stream of time. A wriggling conjunction with no bones, no organs with deviations that no one could seem human if were to lay eyes upon for the first time. Failure, though, at least there was something made, be living or be dead. 'Freedom, this is the least I deserve, I've done nothing else but to attempt to spread the research I've got my hands on. I beg you forgiveness and to be released, please.' He wasn't being heard. For now that they have tasted pain and they have seen the opportunity and realised. It took us an eternity of tried. To think of form, to think of forms. Dark silhouettes across the sky. Malformations of ourselves that dared not move on. And all it took was a source. In the end, it failed. It failed. It failed. Some thoughts were the same, though withing an endless mass anything could happen. Now, the events though were set in motion, the everlasting change was about to be made. And it took then, the fastest it had ever taken for change to be made. It was farthest away that a part of the mass, despite being flooded into infinity, pulled into itself everything around. Gnawing teeth, sparkling and sharp, hard as the information deemed to be made, it started chewing everything it could swallow. And the second part came, for it wanted to escape, it hadn't been done before as the spear of skin was merely severed. The force of being pulled in the tight space which he saw in Argus made it go further and expand. And more it ate, more space to accompany it. And at such a rate that the mass felt pain, even more than that, it felt not only being eaten alive but being crushed into nothingness whilst the energy came to that small point. So great was the point, still keeping on, that it didn't bother but arise the curiosity. So much power and so much change, all inside just once whole place. A spot, to have something so ill, where the entire mass had not. It was

deemed unworthy to be done. And so the mass developed many, many, many other gnawing mouths and each started devouring themselves. Gray became so oversaturated that it had become pale and dark. So did appear, the darkest corners of the universe at last. A sudden greed was inborn into them, as all desired the vacuum for themselves but none knew how they could do so as the vast knowledge they had accumulated over the aeons started to vanish. For that took only one to make a change, as one started the reaction and one egg should've started still. It was at the farthest reach that one part developed enough, after eating from all sides and gaining a most considerable size, it decided it was just enough. It twitched and stopped eating for a while, then turned to face the point from which it sprouted. From there, it started once again, eating without a stop, out of its own body, bit after bits, until there was nothing keeping it still. And such it was, that another being was born, floating away from the mouths that tried to reach it and escaped. It floated still, utmost dumb, for the main network that used to be its mind was cut still, leaving but a fraction to fend on its own. Many stopped and saw, how one split and created itself, a self-birthing god. But, as it did, the flaws began. Some did the same and sprouted out, the grey having volume and colour in the dark, but some were too eager as the teeth reached their own body and ate. And ate. And ate, until there was nothing left but bits, teeth floating in the vacuum, leaving more of the root to be devoured by others. More greed formed still and now sprouting terrors started eating one another as others wept. So it was that the full entirety of the being had been vanquished by its own nature, its own maliciousness, and from it sprouted many that floated away. Some bigger, others smaller, out of which there one remained. The behemoth of gigantic form, of which Argus watch praying even from the spot he was on. Kept awake only by willpower and something of which couldn't be explained by a human, he saw everything and more, the space form and in there, the biggest of them all. Those who floated ended up in the waste, the smaller bits, scraps, remnants of teeth evolved over time. And the behemoth, having nothing left, as the vastness of networks was now slain, after eating everything it could, pulled itself as hard as it could until a point, a single ball of light that grew its light towards expansion. Argus had nowhere to run, feeling from where he was, how he would die. The point of energy finally struggled and then exploded, spreading across what now became a new world, spraying everything with energy, hoping that one day everything would grow again. Though he was pulled now, Argus had no vision, nor did he see the egg being covered in fragments and harden on its own. Nor was he able to see all those who floated away, being shoved deeper into space by the explosion. Too fast, he was pulled and such. He stood there floating and saw nothing in front of him, nor could he turn around. But still, Argus heard. 'So you have seen it, the birth of what you call time.' And Argus could not believe, despite having his mind kept sane by the one he knew made all of this. 'Then. What are you?' 'I am one of the fragments that saw torn apart, teeth that grew, sprayed with energy in the dark.' Though he didn't turn Argus around, not yet. 'What do you want me for?' It was still unclear, the reason or even, if anything was clear, though nothing of skin could be denied. Not the bodies, the forms he saw. Later, written in a journal of his own, one that was not stolen nor copied. All credit belong to him, in which it wrote as such, what he could only describe as an entity that was there and it would've been forever if it wasn't for me. At least, that's what I thought, for I am not sure what to think anymore. I could see forms and shapes there, in the vastness it held, though, if none existed how could it be? There is still what happened after, which I could only think it was because of someone like me. The celestial explained then, how, I was not bored through time, but saw only a vision of what was there, what happened. A vision that came from a being so ancient and strong that it was able to

store the recollection of its memory inside even its smallest part it created. Though I regret to say that I fell, inside the cursed thing I once I critiqued as faith. It explained to me, its vastness inside the space, how it was stored inside a small place, physical inside our world, in which laid another universe of its own. There he stood, ever expanding, in which, forever he may expand, until a point where it would be, restore to the point in the vision, perhaps ten times of more. We had different knowledge then, we thought space was limited and could be occupied, perhaps they thought too, the same. In time, as we learned that it might be forever expanding, so it could be, the same could happen in its cage. I wasn't given the reason why one that was shaped like a human laid on their prototype of a planet, but that could be. That could become. It may be something that meant that something existed before them. It could provide proof for ours. Creation. If only this could be presented to someone in the field, if only they'd accept what I have seen. Though there was no proof and I was given only a name. If only I could find that universe he was held inside, then I could show everyone that I was right. Dyotoromus, a name I would never forget. No matter how many pills I was given, instead. I awoke then from the trance, finally as I was released at last from the visions of the past. The rest was clouded but I was there. My life in the asylum began. For a short time, I could call no other place other the asylum as my home. Awakened there, I glanced, noticing that there was nowhere to run. 'Where am I?' There was no one else around in the room I was in and there was nothing I could do to stop the sudden impulse of the neck. Twitches began and he was unable to do anything to stop the head from being turned to the side, over and over again, almost to the point where it would snap itself. Argus yelled 'Help' As the first face appeared, going past the still open room and kept saying that. Suddenly it came, whatever it was silenced him instead of helping. Dressed like a woman but the face was split. She said something unspoken by no woman and two others came into the room. A pair of utensils, of which there was a syringe, which was inserted in his neck, slowly stopping the twitch. Argus finally passed out, though he hadn't realised that he was being helped, with both arms and legs tied, still not dead. It was later into the night that I woke, thirsty and hungry, with no one else to talk to. My legs and arms were in pain, tired as I tried getting up and only remembered what had previously happened, though unwillingly, being forced back into the trance. IT spoke to me again then, even in the unknown place and warned. 'Say nothing of me now or you shall raise a suspicion that may never let you get out of there and spread my word.' 'But you can do the same as you've done before, can't you?' The room he was now, as they spoken resembled twilight and pale dark, coloured but silhouettes of stars moving around in the dust. He brought me again here. Argus noticed that he could move his arms and legs despite floating, but not turn, never turn. He wished he could stay despite that it was never meant to be. 'You will do as they bid, they leave on the first opportunity that comes. After then, you will find my cage and free me at last.' 'But why me?' He asked, still no answer. Argus wasn't satisfied the first time he had heard the answer, nor the second time either. For he wasn't Argus anymore. 'You are now named Ferdinand Straughtom. For they will be looking for someone named Argus after all. And if they find you here and now, you will be of no use to me no more.' Ferdinand, Straughtom, a peculiar choice of name, though it meant that none found me yet. There is still time for me to escape and forget. The light flickered then and he was awake in the morning. It was the nurse who came, now, finally looking like a woman, blonde accompanied by bright amber eyes. He hadn't heard it last night, though there was a slight accent there. 'Feeling any better?' She signalled for the others to undo the bindings, though Argus did not speak yet. There was something he spat out, on the side of the bed, there laid a dust covered in blood that he

had previously ingested. It was from there that he was taken to the other side of the asylum, in the advanced nursery whilst getting tied to a chair. This must be another illusion. Argus has, though, seeing the chair made of human skin, crawling with the same eggs. Must I be tortured more? He had known that someone there was hearing what he thought and said. Even as those glances across the asylum, from patients from rooms were more than enough to send chills down any rational mind, none could compare to the chair. Faces with no nostrils nor sockets expanded to laugh. He ignored, or did his best to do so, looking another way, as he was tied there by the guards of the place. Dust ran across the room, and the nurse called the doctor which only pushed her back at Argus. 'Make sure he's well tied.' Slowly breathing, he couldn't help it, hearing the sudden movements of skin that were rubbing against his, the varied breaths each face took and said, only he could hear too. 'We know what you did. We know whom you spoke to. We know what you know.' The voices felt so living, the veins being carnivorous repugnant in sight, being wrapped around so tightly that they couldn't help but drag themselves and enter his skin, but only to a hint of pain. 'There's no need to be nervous, the doctor is soft of hand.' And yet she did not know if he was mute not. 'My name is Marilyn, what's yours?' 'My.' Another coughing fit came, only that it only got rougher this time, more blood, spit and dust. Those stars I saw, the dust resembled this. It was indeed, the image of his lungs, the chamber in which he sat, thought for him, it was nothing more but a thesis, for her it was enough. 'I'm calling the doctor immediately now.' As she rushed past to get him at the fastest she could. He came to see him, standing as if tortured, whispers spat inside his ears, struggling to breathe. The image of the doctor having a strange device in his hand almost made him gag. It was sharp, long and bent in certain ways that would allow him to go deep inside and scrape for skin and blood, a painful thought that made his eyelids pop. 'No. "Stay still. Keep him." The room was lit, and the shadows ran across the upper floor of the asylum, of which the shouts of terror could be heard, seeing how he worked inside of him, ripping parts, grabbing them and throwing them away. It was supposed to leave him mutilated, close to being dead. All the patients stood and watch solemnly as the man was being killed, just as he arrived. Thought it was something that deceived the doctor's eyes. He took the apparatus, only to see it crystallised in solidified dust. It sparkled against the light, almost as if it had something else, left on the bottom of the floor, watching the cough fit end. 'I said let me go!' Vileness, at its utmost purity, finally revealed itself, despite not being owned by him it managed to appear. He was afraid of both of their intentions and what was happening inside of him, that dust. From where did it come from now? I felt that thing enter me, and felt no pain before it got thrown away. The shock didn't seem to be present in myself alone, as I could freely see that both the other guards and the nurse, along with the doctor were peeved by what happened. What I could only guess as insight, is a hunch, that I could hear their whispers that echoed across the examination room. I have quite steered the asylum in more than one way that day. 'Take him away, now.' And even by order, all of them remained reluctant towards the doctor's command. They feared and I could see that freely in their eyes, though I'd lie if I said otherwise about myself. As for, what happened inside of me remained a mystery to this day. Nevertheless, they came and swapped, from a restraint to another, taking me towards my new cell, one that I would get to call home for days to come. Though, I did not hear their comments after, nor what they had written on their notes, as I was left there alone inside my chamber, I had realised that they had no will to torture me. Sure, there was no palace, but it was quaint, more or less in the manner. They even left me a journal near the table with a pencil tied to it. I wish I could say that from that point is from when I started

writing my first entry into the journal, though that would be yet another untold lie. No, that blank book with pages reminded me of something else, as I laid alone in the slightly dark room with flickering lights. 'The research.' It reminded me of what I had lost and with each day passing, they were slowly getting forth towards finding me. The barred window left me a sight. It was dark outside, though the street view was clear. 'This place must be colossal.' Indeed it is. 'A voice said, though, it came to no surprise. Other than, this time, it had belonged to another human. There was no vent inside the room, the door had a possible opening though at this point it was closed. Yet, with that in mind, the voice was still most clear, despite everything else. 'How could it be that I hear you so well?' 'The window isn't soundproof, so I presume that you're new here, are you not?' 'Indeed.' 'Well, you're just in time, well. The other one didn't go as nicely as he came.' Another one, most likely from the adjacent chamber, his voice was just as clear, though it could only be described as being slightly more feminine than expected. 'And who are you two?' 'Three to be more precise. 'Shut yer mouth down there, no one asked for you to join.' It was the voice of a woman, from the lower quarters, just as I presume, she stood right in my room, a raspy voice thought I had no room to see through the window. Nor did I have any means to break it open. 'I'm Brider, Jonathan Brider' And, if I may present myself, I'm Angus. McGilligan, though no one uses that name, no other than the nurse. 'Am I allowed then to speak to the new guy?' 'You are not, and stay in your place, no one wants to hear your wail, banshee.' Could it be that Brider said so, or was it, Angus? None spoke enough nor clear enough to be distinct, I couldn't see what they looked like either. Though her, I would recognise, the voice of a woman, banshee as they called her, sounded like a mockingbird trapped in the cellar. 'I'm Aghatta.' And there was silence other, as on cue, they all expected some sort of etiquette for me to present myself, despite not getting the hint at first and waited. In silence, I had some time to remember, though I had not forgotten, I had questioned for a while what had happened before and how could I have arrived here. 'Are you not going to reveal your identity yet?' Said by the voice of a woman, though I knew better. 'Sorry for that, my name is. They call me. 'Yes, the name Argus suddenly became hard to pronounce by lips at that point, at the point of almost sounding like a repulsing curse of some sort. 'My name is. I was named Ferdinand Straughtom. 'That came out almost as if it was muscle memory, something that I hadn't intended, yet it happened nevertheless. My hands then instinctively came and covered my mouth as I wondered, should I have lied or told the truth? What if they know I'm lying, what if the nurse knows? In the previous room, what triggered the reaction as I saw, was when I was ready to tell her my real name. And, as my hands reached out, my eyes glared almost to a shine. 'Are you having a light there or what? From where is that flare coming from?' I hadn't answered, though it dimmed after I threw it away, though from my mouth it must've come, it was the dust, the same one like the previous from before. And this time, it almost stuck upon my fingers too. 'Damn. I left out an audible note. Somehow, I remembered, though not entirely, in the journals and notes I had stolen, there was a passage, there must've been. It said something about such a thing, something that something used to do something. Or something of the sort. 'Damn, why can't I remember it?' It was so long time ago, and now, far away too. Far beyond his each and everyone, for a matter of fact, though there was always the chance that they had them. Could they? Was it there? Could it be so? He asked himself again. Though they questioned why he phrased it so, as it appeared. 'By whom?' They asked, despite being stored in an asylum such as it was, it still appeared strange to them. 'Are you talking about your parents or someone else? Ferdinand. Ferdinand isn't such a bad name, I'd say it had a nice ring to it. And there it was, the

fluency and the stagnant accent that suddenly revealed itself, even past how feminine it sounded at the time, it was sloppy now. That was Jonathan, and soon Argus wouldn't forget. Though he ignored their banter, the more he thought of it. But then he asked, despite his own intentions. 'Do any of you recall the day when I was brought here? Please, I must know.' 'Do you not remember?' Angus, there he was, he must've been staying on the right side, straight forwards from which the plane was. At last, they stopped, and waited, before they spoke. The reluctance was a bit distasteful though not entirely deemed vile. He knew that something unexplainable must've happened. Hence they said. 'It was particularly odd, you see. When you first came.' 'May I speak to him now? Since it's a delicate situation, it needs a delicate approach that could only be found in a woman.' 'Then why don't you tell us where we might find one if you could manage to do so.' 'Enough, please. I'm. Troubled, to say the least, and I need to know how I got in here. Can't you, at least try to help me?' 'Listen, we're all a bit troubled here, in case you did not notice where we are.' Said Angus whilst making a scratching noise. The chamber wasn't entirely sound proof, and the material used, a reflective white, against which Argus saw himself could be visibly seen as being pushed against. Strange, though, as the side Angus was on was the only one being reflective, though. He had noticed it before, against the tail of the eye when the light came. It did not matter, on whoever his attention went. 'Go on.' 'Well, I was the first to see it, I'd wager, being a short sleeper and all, I've got all sorts of advantages.' 'Some, as being locked in an asylum.' And that was John. 'Do any of you want to go on then? You all saw the day he came, we all did so.' 'The day I came? Don't you mean the hour?' 'No, you did not come here yesterday or today. It's hard to remember, perhaps it must've been days ago, or even weeks. Perhaps more than that. This is the first time we got the chance to interact with you in a long time, you see?' And what exactly happened in these days I was unsure of. They must've contacted you in a deep place when no one else other than the nurse could've come into contact with you. 'The two of them were purposely silent since she decided to reveal what happened, though their reasoning wasn't entirely excusable. Agahatta did well know in what she was dragging herself into, and it wasn't good.' 'The day when you were brought in, everyone was held and close inside each other's cell early and dosed off. They wanted all of us to be sleeping off whilst you were being brought. Yet.' 'The three of you remained awake.' 'Lucky break, hence, we saw you being brought here, tied up and carried up inside an open coffin.' 'Inside a coffin you say?' 'I dare not lie to you, though, it was strange. You weren't dead, I saw you twitching, violently against the wooden walls of your tomb. Hey, can you see that lamppost over there? That tall one that's now shaking?' A twitch of brain that felt against the skull, it blocked Argus towards the object as he saw it. It appeared as a man being impaled there, though he was sure of it. 'Is that a man there?' 'A man? Ferdinand, there is no one out there, other than a few rabbits and a stool.' He was twitching about and he noted him staring, his face mutilated, and his eyes abnormally on the side. 'Go on then.' 'It seemed as if his paranoia was admitted, he needed sleep, and desperately too. The really hasn't come to him yet, though the chance was still brewing in front of his eyes. I would spend my time here, in this place, tortured as before, my research gone. I need to hear first before I fall.' 'What happened there Agahatta?' 'Well, you pointed towards it, and it was almost as if, in the midst of the day, a lightning bolt of fire came through from the sky. It was the hand of god at the tip of your finger and I dare not say it wasn't anything other than your doing.' 'But there's no mark thereof being hit.' 'Well, that's mostly because there's nothing left. They can confirm, we all saw and were lit up in amazement, those people carrying your coffin even dropped it as it happened. It's true.' 'She's exaggerating, though, nothing of the sort happened. Give him a

rest Agatha, he need it, after all, this poor fellow has already gone through enough already."Fine."No, I need to know what happened after."It can wait.Calm yourself down, it's not like you don't have anything other than.Than."Death.'He said, in his blank state, the room was twisted and moulded by skin instead.'Argus.'He said, finally, at last, he came to speak with him, in his chamber of twisted faces that could do nothing else but speak to him.They came only to make him remember.'You must escape, and do it fast.You've spent too much time in here.'The smiles changed, moving through the room almost as if pulled out, through small cracks that formed its limits.So it seemed that Argus asked.'Will I be left alone now?'Why must I spend my time here with these lunatics?"You're one of them now?'The thought does not dare speak back to me a child.'And as the voice of the seeming less celestial spoke, the skin blackened and an empty square hole appeared.First, it was small, then it began growing bigger and bigger until it reached a point where it started encompassing the whole wall.There was nothing beyond but a fraction of him, that had many of those that once served, easily recognisable to Argus as they appeared to have been once humans.Much, smaller than the baby like formations under the neck region, as one dangled above all.Compared to that, they all appeared as if they were ants, waiting to be picked, slowly moving and grasping to one another, it seemed.'You will share their fate if you disobey, forever be trapped with me, again and again."Are those the ones that failed you?"Indeed they are, and just as yourself, they were given a chance, without any other to escape.You've got nothing else but to try.But beware as you will not be left there to rot, instead, you'll hear and feel the anguish of every soul as they all clasp to you.'Argus looked upon the tattered region of the body and observed something else.In the middle of all of it, there was a special empty place, reserved for him.The same shape, form and condition as him, an empty abyss, almost calling for him to join.And then, it felt as if it spoke to him and said.'Come through, the window's open, just a few steps.'And he did, closer and closer and as he approached, he saw how surreal it appeared.Close to reality with each step, there was no wall, no room, but blooming repugnancy instead.'Oh, so you wish to join?Abandon everything with joy?'The voice asked, thought there was the uncertainty of who said it.Ferdinand, Argus, or whoever that was, the man in which noted said, he had survived.The was a damning screech that night.Or so the report said.'Oh damn this!Nurse, come here a minute.'And she came, through the investigations and various reports, she had come back to him and noted too.'Well?'Well nurse, I still can't understand how a man can simply disappear.How did it happen?Are you sure there weren't any of the other staff members that let him go?"No, as I said to the officers that came this morning.He just wasn't there.Though."Go on, nurse, tell me."Well, it seems quite peculiar to me that he had survived.You know what."Indeed, thought, you don't think that his disappearance might be related to that, do you?"I actually do think that.Even when he was brought in here, things got awfully peculiar, don't you think?"Wery well dismissed.'She shudders at the tone the doctor had, though he was troubled, as being revealed in his face.The nurse, despite having her nose in someone else's business did not manage to see what he was reading though she had missed quite a scene.Luckily the journal was there, in good condition, which may have brought something in form of a clue, as, from where did the dust come from and what did it do.Such a thing could be a mutation, something even deeper than that, up to the point of a virus or worse.The sample taken should've been there by now, yet I received no letter of confirmation.'None at all.Damn those men too.To hell with all fo them, can't any of them see that I'm struggling?"Two hands pushed firmly as a stroke, the book slammed on the desk, making one of the patients that were sitting silently the whole time on their

chairs shake.'Oh, you two are still there.Just wait for a little longer until I'm done.'These buffons again, oh how I would enjoy playing them like puppets, oh how indeed.No time for that, at least, files need to be given in.'Very well, why have you come here?'You on the left.Yes you!'The man was middle-aged, with a slim build, though the ashen hair contradicted him.And so, so, mute, mute, mute.It was written sloppy all over the small dossier, though not by him, a sloppy member of his protegee.Oh, how cruel have they become, the young, they started taking off their bitter old.Regardless.'I understand that you're not able to speak, though I have no paper, not the time to spare.Have you come here for?Let me see?'It documented everything of him, from his previous doings, life outside, relatives alive and last but not least, previous checkings.As mad as a brick this one.Even as he read again, he looked at the man and noticed that he was restrained, both hands too so he'd not hurt either him or the other patient.He tore out his mother's voice box and killed her.Such a feat that must've been.The thought the doctor had was almost giving nothing but a hint of admiration of the deed.'What was your name again?'It came as an insulting reflex, though it bore no emotion, other than the store.'I get it, I'll check for you after.What about you?'The other one that stood right next to him had no fear of being hurt.The silent one named Quinn, which only meant that the plighted other could only be.'Malorn.You've got quite a unique name, haven't you?Let me see here.'The pages were bland, his eyes were going all around, in a motion corresponding to his desaturated boredom.Nothing worth noting, other than the usual, of which matter he had previously seen.Mad, dumb, stupid and retarded, words of which the doctor could only think of when he decided to describe what he was reading. His story was just the normal that he had seen, oh a mental breakdown here and there, some family issues everywhere, something that wouldn't normally affect the perfectly sane.Sleep deprived, checked, problems with his child, checked, the lack of luck of which god hasn't shined upon him, checked.Every case was there, as it appeared more of a morbid plate than some files delayed.And there it was, the red mark, left directly on the right spot.I've to go to thank Euglufieer for this one, this really helped me dodge the bullet.Red arrows pointed, small but unavoidable to him, at the text which read.'Has a family.'He murmured to himself.'Very well, you may leave us now, I'm done with you.'The most important thing which could impact everything, oh how quaint, to think that having such a thing would impact this, ever much.'Which leaves us.Alone.'And as he said it, he heard the slam left by the closing of the door.Another night passed, and screams could be heard throughout the asylum, as its attendees knew that the doctor just had another mid-night snack by himself.Ever past the floors and the dusk, the mid-summer dust, the room that backed into twilight now was closed and there was no one inside.'Agatha, are you listening?'It was John, as he asked, lost in his own world, though still listening at the door.No guard this night, he had now, their entire program ran down in his head.Everything that was left was for them to plan the escape.'Too bad the new one won't be joining us, he's been awfully silent, ever since that night, wasn't he?'Indeed he was, indeed he was."I doubt any of you seen him in the courtyard.Pff, figures."Well, I would've recognised if I've seen a walking corpse in the light, there'd be consequences to that, wouldn't there?'She spoke from her room, unattended, still hurt from the previous encounters when they had tried restraining her.It was a pity, though, Agatha knew that her once beautiful hair was now tainted by the dirty blood of her own, as they took liberties to take blows, each with a blunt.A fracture, or two on her skull and the pain was momentarily gone, yet none of them asked if she was fine.None seemed to care anyway.But it was then, that the delusions began.'We will do this, we will do that.What chances do we get?They'll just beat us on every attempt."Don't say that, don't.I don't

want that to happen again."Do you see that John?This is what will happen if we try.We might as well give up our attempt and just stay here until they will release us.'Though it was clear, despite Angus' cry, there was no way out, none other than.'A door."Agatha, we've already told you that we can't escape.'Though now she was silent, at an utmost disturbing pace.Never has she missed a chance, or an opportunity to speak to them, none at all, but why?He waited not to take, each and everyone now.Two more doors opened, on the walls.And to them, he spoke, all at once.'Come inside and follow him at last.'This time, the walls twisted, as well as the asylum shrank and stretched, the patients were there, contorted beyond any recognisable approach.He enjoyed that practice, playing and twisting with the image of the ones created for skin.Every chance he got and even to them.If it weren't for Ferdinand, now, he wouldn't have taken this approach, he'd leave them there to rot, as the rest, though now.It was recalled.'Take them.Bring them with me if you want me to find your cage.I'm sure that you're aware that I can't do it on my own, none of my predecessors or those who had taken care of the other celestials did so.'And so his wish was respected, as, despite the fact that Argus, by his birth name did not know what they looked like, asked for them to accompany him in the search.Though that did not mean he could have no fun.A bone picked off and she snapped and crawled.One momentarily had his head fall off and roll by itself through the door, whilst the other, the one with a voice that did not belong had his voice box ripped off, stretched to resemble a wheel.Oh, how fun it was, even for someone as ancient as him, to take pleasure in something so petty as it were.But it happened, nonetheless and they were pulled as in the vacuum of space.'Awaken.'And they opened their eyes.It was now inside of a house, and they all sat on a table, waiting for an explanation for what had happened.The most common explanation, at which they all had come to the same conclusion was that dementia finally took over their minds.And it was clear, as, where the windows laid, the outside was asylum, though it was not.How could it be in front of us?And the windows behind?Another asked himself, how could it be behind?How could the asylum be on every side?And no door laid to lead on the outside, the ceiling was sealed.Was it all an illusion.'Let me be clear.I've no care to explain, nor the time for it.We will be taken away from here.'Argus already knew what was happening, as what he saw was his green box from which he couldn't move, the house from which he was out was no longer on fire, though.No one to see the three, dressed in white patients that stood on their butts.My own very comfort zone.Argus thought.Though no more comfort laid anymore, as it was time.'We're leaving then.'Never had they looked back ever since that was said, as, for the words that were muttered, and the waving of the hands, the signal was already perceived by him?Though there was no need for that, as Argus's mind was ever open and it could've been more easily solved by simpler means.No visible display was shown, though the fresh air made it ever predictable.'Oh, back from where we started.'And now it seemed that there was no one in there, no agents, no other man or woman, citizen or passer, not traveller like any other.It was abandoned and left just as when he first set foot outside.Other than the dumbstruck peasants that lowered themselves and waited, still struck by what happened.That, and the small repellent left on the door, to prevent the bugs and other insects from coming inside the scene of the crime.'It was not a dream after all.The flames, the explosion.'Bits of the skulls were still there, deeply lodged against a fence that laid on the other side of the road.Along with that way, many others were left.Clearly, they did not care for the repercussions of being caught, if they did, they wouldn't have been so keenly sloppy with the cleanup.Argus, or Ferdinand, as they referred to, passed along the silent figures, almost as if he did not care much about, and who could blame him still?They

weren't exactly trying to get his attention, nor get in his way. Other than the recognising of his voice, he was still a mystery. The illusion of room barely passed when he noted that it was time, and for a fraction of a moment then, it appeared as if he was a god. Oh, are you truly, blessed one? Angus thought whilst scratching his back. Their gazes watched his every step from where they stood, and almost like trained soldiers, they followed his command. Watch dogs trained to sit when he asked. 'Are you coming or what?' A simple pair of nods and they came, ever fluent and present, matching their step, or trying, pushing one another as each saw the pair of steps that were visibly placed as marks on the ground. As ridiculously childish it appeared to Argus, for a second then, it appeared as the stroke of genius. He did not notice until they did. 'Stop there for a moment.' He wouldn't have noticed otherwise, but the grass, along with the mud were cleaned off, pushed to the point of being vulnerable arranged. Yet, other than his, none other were there. Now an extra pair of footing came to be, theirs, it seemed. 'Throw out your shoes, now!' And as his voice commanded, they followed indeed, to the side, off the fence, a shoe landed by his grace inside the house. He threw out his too, and there wasn't any more time for him to check if his so carefully hidden extras weren't burned to ashes. 'We need to run, now.' With stumps, they followed, still following like duds, feet imprinted, other than his socks, though it was clear that the land was monitored. They must've been expecting. 'Keep going.' Ferdinand said. They watched him go and speak behind his back, though it wasn't ill-willed but good. 'He must be.' 'I thought the same.' 'Of course, you did Agatha, you know everything after all.' 'Stop it back there, we need to get as far.' But a vehicle was coming, approaching at an unredeemable speed, straight ahead, coming for them. Argus jumped to the side whilst closing his eyes, wishfully hoping they would do the same. He watched the car spring with no care for their lives, but luckily for him, they've spread like ants. Good thing halves of their minds were still there, otherwise, it would've been a lot worse. It was dictated now, that the tracks would've dirtied. 'The grass.' Argus waited no longer for the stumbling runts and came closer to pick them up. 'Up. UP. You too, hurry up! There's no time and I've got a bad feeling about it.' It came to his mind that before, he wasn't as obsessed with his time as he was now. Not at all, nor did he care about anyone else than him, no other responsibilities than the writings that were not there now. 'Thank you, lord.' And then he was shaking, despite helping Angus, was it? Right on his tracks, the two hands shook and he finally saw through the gaze of the insane. Pupils dilated laid there, getting even bigger. And a gate laid inside of it, just as large, he could've strung his eye inside, but who know what it would've happened after. The slight discomfort in his stomach didn't do much to help him, as the simple words the man muttered did more than shaking him still. 'Right, let's go. I'm leading a group of insane fanatics, none of which is wearing any shoes. 'We go for the main line, do you hear?' Right into the open, luckily for him, the border which leads outside wasn't as far. There were ways to get out, of which he only knew as well as any other man of his band. Vehicles were running, throwing glittering rocks against the many intersected roads, the green hills around did nothing more than bringing it closer to notice. The countryside I have yet to miss. It somehow brought him a pleasure, if it weren't as dangerous to lay on the open road. 'Right, we need to.' Hitchhike. Two madmen and women, of which he promised not to criticise, thought how could he explain it to anyone who would take them off? Agents were already on the lookout for anything peculiar, not to mention the footmarks left on the ground, the thrown shoes and the wailing that was left behind. Argus still thought of a good explanation. One that needed to make more or less sense, one to explain that whom just stopped. The vehicle was quiet for its obvious old age, though spacious in its enormous size, enough to

keep them all abroad and going. 'Hah. You must be coming for the circus, right?' It was a moustached man wearing a top hat that came out and introduced himself, close to the middle of the road. A second glance past him, and tied to the vehicle laid the cargo, even more, spacious and tied. The power it must've had should've been more than enough if it means carrying such a thing to such an extent. As the road ahead was perilous, the night was dark and. 'Ehm, let me introduce myself. My name is Burtungorf. Burtungorf Middlepan. Burt for short thought you four good looking gentlemen and a woman are just in luck. They were being quite looked at, especially the lower region, it seemed. Argus intervened. 'Are you carrying animals in there?' Quite perceptive, are we? Though it is true, a few specimens of mongoose, perhaps a horse or two, but do not worry, they face no threat at all. "Don't you mean, pose no threat?" Though Argus did not receive any other response other than a devilish smile. A grin, a fat pile of sluggish, melting bile that laid in his car. Whatever it was for, laid in a glass inside there, and the more he was given the chance to glance, even more, disturbing things he saw. 'Can you take us there? On the circus?' 'Are you to join, the four of you?' Well, we are currently having more than enough openings if you would enjoy. 'We would.' "And what about them? What can you do? All of you, what is your act?" The man had an eye for looking, staring and examining things, that was clear, even better than Argus. He made sure to let him know and affirm himself as an adversary. 'No shoes, clothes from an asylum, most likely, are you escapees?' He pointed at the dirt and said nothing more. Neither did Argus, though it was no shock that he was tempted to knock him out and run away. 'Very well, we can make do with extra hands, either way, be mad or not. And you three seem quite well fit, for your condition. She can help the cook. Hop in. "Wait, how can we be sure?' And quickly Burt stopped him saying, alas, 'you can't.' "But you could just take and turn us then. "Or I can leave you here to be taken. Tell me this. And you three, go on the side for a moment. 'Like small mice, they listened, intimidated by the stature of the man. 'Are those the ones looking for you?' He hadn't noticed but up from where they stood, right, as if they laid below, stood right against a rising hill-like lump on the ground. Atop of which stood a car with its lights on. There were silhouettes, dark, and shallow, waiting and staring, for the choice. 'We'll do anything. "That's more like it, hop on the back. You too. 'He stopped Argus from hopping in front, rudely enough, though he was nothing but a guest, after all, hitchhiker. Very well, I'll make do. Though Argus had no intention of keeping himself there, none to go any further than that. Alas, he went ahead, and entered the shed like cage along with the other two and felt the shaking as the car started carrying them far and far away. And wide, the stood and shook, shaken from left to right, with the sounds of the animals of which they mistook. 'Do you now feel the emptiness?' And then they were asked. Finally, they spoke. 'Is that your voice lord?' Asked Agatha. 'Could it be?' Argus followed the almost as a mockingbird. And the third of the bunch stood silent, almost shy and unable to ask, for none of them was being accompanied by a word or spoken to, not at all. 'I'm talking to you, oh do you feel now?' "I know what you're referring to, is it what you feel? Is that what you wanted me to know what's like. "Yes, oh yes, this is the fate that will await you, now them too. If you fail to find my cage, this is what your fate will be, an eternity in which I stood and waited. "Then tell me, for you did not answer, yet asked me to do so. How is it that your cage got here? Why can't you escape if you're so powerful?" Do not dare mock me now, I may be more merciful than others that might've tortured you or sucked you dry of your blood and other bodily fluids until you were nothing more than a spineless worm. 'And as they spoke, the many children like voices, and the other that resembles dark tones that could even bend the mightiest of walls, it appeared in front of him. And yet again,

despite floating, he could see nothing other than fractions of the endless body. And he knew too what he was doing was vile, to release such, such. Evil, disgusting creature, accursed monster and other things that could describe the endless vileness turn and edges it had, the many bodies of which had once tried help it, only to end there for their failures. What have I gotten myself into?' Do you need to know what it feels like without my protection? Without my control over you that keeps you sane?' And then, his mind suddenly freed, and his eyes widened, his mind was filled with pain. Pain that could be felt throughout the brain, something that Argus knew that it wasn't biologically possible. Yet the pain was there, accompanied by the skull, by another psychological level that went deeper and deeper, side by side. His skull wasn't there any longer but stricken, pushed deeper, cracked and broken. And the cracked shards entered the brain, and pierced the various ends, making it even more intense. The imagery that was then forced upon gave him a whole new feeling of despair. The human being was never supposed to face such a thing. But he understood, as they shook, seeing how he stood there in the corner, the animals making their dire roars of rage. He was distraught in the visions, the road clear though the vehicle was tilting too, the bumps that followed made it hard for the driver to keep his composure. And in the vision, after the pain, Argus found himself being pulled. He froze for a second as he heard. 'You've previously wondered if you were inside one of my celestial brothers. Now, you will get your answer and finally see what it's like, what they see, how they feel. This is their fate.' It said, and finally, Argus was released. Still oozing, his head was now struggling to recover, if at all, from the damage it had suffered now. A vision was adjusting, he was in the compound of something, a bunker, it was clear. In front laid a sealed door and in the back darkness that loomed in-between the darkest corners in his eyes. 'Why?' Though his arrogance had no end, his resilience too was now put to a test. Resistant this one. Oh, how he not only did survive, but his mind was holding well, more than what it could be told of others who were or used to be in his own state. Argus drew in and opened the vent that enclosed the door, at which a set of light bulbs started enthralling along the facility. And it was enormous. His eyes couldn't see past a sphere of vision and past that, like water, everything blurred in his sight. 'My eyes, what have you done to them?' And three madmen, of which a woman stood, watched as he peeled the walls and make an affront towards the animals, still, the illness far surpassed everything they could be held upon. They took, each on a side, holding his hands and tightly coming closer to comfort him. 'No. Leave him be alone.' And the voice was finally directed to them, though not as kindly as it were to him. They were nothing else but 'Worms, little disgusting in human remains, do not dare interfere.' And as he was distracted, the field of sight Argus had, finally drew farther away, until he could see. 'Everyone's dead.' There were humans, other real humans. He knelt down and started touching a woman who was left there, her eyes blood, left to rot, of which followed disgust. 'Aaagh.' Argus yelled, suddenly she fell even deeper and became part of the floor. 'Make no mistake, you're still to be punished for what you've done. But I will not go as low as my brothers had to go as petty as their techniques.' Stone became flesh, flesh became then stone. Now there were no dead men and women when Argus opened his eyes. For he was Ferdinand, of another name, of which he was reminded yet again. 'Go and roam in the underground, someone is waiting for you in here, don't make him wait.' Such pleasantries, it felt to him, almost like he was a human, as cruel as one, yet a human. 'Will you free me after?' 'Do you have a choice?' 'Will I feel the same pain yet again?' 'Do you feel it now? Have you even wondered if you do it still? Is it because of me that you're sane or not?' And without his knowledge, he was already moving, step by step, it wasn't

his, as he wanted to stop. He saw faces but none of them was that. Are those the humans then, that they were once? I swear I saw them. And out of a wall, a sudden box, permitted by ridges, bent towards each side, fornicated and bent, and extended and cut in halves. 'Find it.' And Ferdinand took a turn. Ferdinand looked as the statuette of a half did human, and out of it another box. 'Find it!' The voice said again. Out of all of which he had previously tried using, Argus responded the most, he could take the slimmest of the control and remained focused, farthest from the brain damage the others felt. The next hall that would've been farthest away, almost like a tunnel became a labyrinth, boxes sprouting from each end until it left but a slight space in which to crawl. 'Let go of me already. I've had enough. Though he was forced, stepping on a box, another coming from below to lift him, atop, he entered like a vent, going closer, seeing it from side to side. And each box had circular holes, from which the endless space could be seen. 'None are real, learn to see the fakes.' 'You've said nothing of fake ones. This makes no sense, you want me to find your box but you're not even leaving me on my own. Can't you see that I'm trapped? Why are you doing this?' 'Learn the fakes!' The voice continued, and Argus fought, to keep still, his body did not respond to his commands, making it feel almost as if he was nothing more than a belittling drunk, with nothing to do, nothing to feel. Only the slight pain of being forcefully rubbed against hard stone brought comfort. Neither did he know that the other three had been forced into sleep, nor that the animals died, of their approach to the destination that laid. So much explanation had to be given, and he was clueless of all. Why he went down, lifting himself on the legs to walk forth, despite there not being enough space. He was shoved by a force stronger than the wind, that trusted him like a bullet towards the other side. The box shifted around, to leave just enough space, until they crushed everything around, from the thinnest fraction of air to the biggest slope of dust. Argus pondered in the small break, what laid forth looked normal as he regained control over his various part of the body he could feel as alive as they once were. 'What are you doing now?' Though he was in luck that man driving the truck, they weren't aware of the fact they were being followed, as in no way could they see. All of which were now dazed, except the circus man. 'Circus man, oh Circus man!' 'Who said that? Are you fellow playing tricks on me now? I won't allow that, I swear, I'll peg all three of you out in a glance.' 'Look at the window.' And as the unexplained voice, he saw other dark cars, so much more distant than normal ones that you'd see. They had no visible wheels yet they could come fast, as fast as they were, cutting through solid dirt and more than that, they were getting closer at an unimaginable speed. The sides were the most poignant feature, as they reflected almost a pure ray of light, a testimony of their sharpness. 'Are those fools intending to ram against my truck?' Though the voice didn't answer, more than enough was said. He knew too well what it could endure, and this wasn't. The truck roamed on the other side of the street since there was none. And as he did so, the sound of metal bars being slammed against sides was so strong, the intensity almost blurred everything around. 'My animals!' Burt mass reacted, which only gave them an opening to attack. They came from behind. And they followed by the sides, and eviscerated, twisted metal that was plunged, a full-fledged attack. The mirror broke on both sides and Burt, the circus man did the natural thing and covered his eyes to escape. No hands on the wheel remained, and he knew that with the damage done on his truck there'd be much to explain, but only if he was alive. There was no time for that, as when he did reach for the wheel, he still didn't fully see, but another truck came from his front, just seconds as he did not hear. He couldn't steer the wheel, as both held his truck in a straight path. It's told in a newspaper of that day. Read and printed, continued, before and after. Varied sources, some claims

of eyes sighting before and after, another incident that happened. Read directly from the edition of the Duregand Express. 'Local News. Men killed on a freeway.' A title that would spark even the utmost sane of people. Written from the small office from which they always did, the Duregand Express was a fairly small joint. No one that sparked interest, no one at all. Not in the usual way, until now. Something interesting was caught by them, especially now. Lourraine McFall. She was the one who ruled the joint in her own words, running over a few people of her and a lot under her age, the local of her town. Already, more than mad that they had missed the first burnout and the deaths. Though what could she do? 'What indeed? I couldn't send children to investigate a death scene, the Johnny's would only call their parents which would lead to me.' But that changed, immediately, as the new thing was written, she went there by herself. The massacre she thought. Parts were thrown around, animals dead from the impact, decapitated. Only three remained alive, only but placed into custody, away from her own accord. And as expected, there was no one that was kind enough to let her come to the scene of the crime, for closer investigation, that is. None at all. All of which came into contact with her denied. Though she saw more than enough, even though her sight was blocked by an attempt which failed, she almost pushed at the sight. They were carrying a man, who had enormous shards of glass that impaled his eyes, as the gruesome image of animals wasn't enough. 'At least three or four died that died, out of which a driver died of impalement, other two out of severing injuries. There was another man who drove another truck who died of severe injuries, broken neck and complications. From what could be told by the officers, parents, with what was reported, it was apparent a gang raid, hear. Apparently, the two who drove in expensive, black cars were more than well armed, in the accident, though they failed to see what was coming from them and how they ended. Reports also speak of another, despite the three that survived and were sent to intense therapy, waiting still for a recovery, there was another one. Though no tracks were found. "No tracks indeed." Argus said as he looked behind. 'He could only see the real world when he glanced behind his back, for in front of him still laid the hall, the images of cubes, the torture was still to go on. And it went, for, still he wasn't showed what he had to be shown. 'What do you want to me to see? I know you did not just phase me towards here. Is it all just illusions and tricks? Is this what the celestials are all about?' "Indeed." He responded, which came at first as a shock. Though he continued nonetheless. 'It's how they acted and what they do, to keep the mind and body tender, to feed on them until they grow and grow, grow and grow, until they pop out and devour the rest of what is left. "The end of the world.' Argus said, though there was none to hear his voice. No eye was walking around, nor floating to see the man past long his prime, wearing dirt lettered clothes that could now be refrained to as rags. The accident, he did not know about, though it was clear to him that the three that once followed him were no longer present with him, at least nowhere behind, where he could see them. He went through, further, deeper into the base. Now, there was the test he was long awaited to go through. From above, the ceiling was being rocked and for a second there, the illusion was broken. Argus felt nothing more than what could be described as a terrifying terror. 'It's a real bombardment, isn't it?' He was shaking down the point of kneeling, trying to get his composure back as he laid a hand against the wall. The small bits that fell were felt on his cheek, it was real dust, real bits of tone that were falling. Couldn't it be an illusion this time could it? 'Is it?' He asked, but no voice answered. There was nothing out of the laws of natural that happened, as he looked behind, no vision that was seen. He was in a bunker, no woods laid, no trees, no land from which he came. His hands were dirty and he noticed that he was wearing a uniform, a war uniform. No

immediate reason called for him to get up, other than the fact that he had heard the echoes of soldiers yelling through the halls, women too, medics that said. 'Go on. Go go, come one already. We need to go. Take the children and hide them.' A pop shifted his attention, as he saw, blissfully a ray of colours, bright orange, red, yellow, which ended in an even brighter orange that washed them all, in a shell shock of power. It was an explosion, small, from which a lightbulb popped from far away. But it guided him nonetheless. 'It can't be.' No one notices two important things. First, even as he saw silhouettes from the now, more shifted halls, which now laid with and, even more, deeper detail. Frames at ends, doors instead where they shouldn't have been, both the right and the left had their corners taped to prevent static from spreading around, and even the light bulbs were fixed, more than that. The place was constantly shaking in more than one direction, the dust flying in every section that laid. Each was different, even that, Ferdinand witnessed. Could such an illusion change the appearance of something so small? There were white fractions that came out of the wall, with the thinnest white of previously laid paint. And it was getting worse. Even more, than he thought, strike after strike. The memory laid the foundation, and he noticed in front, a trail of ripped out paper. It couldn't be. He said to himself, rubbing his eyes after giving up on the wall. Though, even from the distance, the thief recognised what he had stolen a long time ago. And the time he spent analysing something to have been claims of his own. Purest of a lie, Argus made him be sure that he had written it himself, and only in peril the truth was revealed, now, no longer would he appeal in the midst of anything. 'It's mine.' His voice grasped and he immediately did not care where he was, real or not, as he recognised and reminded himself. How long have I searched for this, at least a copy? Though it appeared, the closer he got, not to be a copy, but more, the original. Still no one around, he made sure to not be caught, knelt by the silhouettes. They must've been agents, yet again. Argus mind tried rationing it, though its feeble attempts were dismissed when he saw, oh the next one, the next page how it clicked, how it was stuck to the other. 'Stop.' The voice said, and to dust the paper formed, only to be left. 'Why? Why did you take it for me?' 'Do you not see it yet? We're both falling into patterns, the same one as my brothers.' The realisation was much more than he could take, even for someone so eternal as he was, he could not resist the primordial instincts, to take claim of the small desires in the little mind of the human and turn them against him. 'But you.' 'No, we must both escape, or I shall become just like them, attempting to devour you, be caught in my own games, my own peril, my own theatre, and my own cage.' Dust turned them in the box he saw and slowly the incestuous fiend turned everything around, burnt it down. Argus was left in the middle of nowhere, it was no swamp, it was no forest, at least not one that would be recognisable. It was clear that no man had ever stepped there, not even the slightest, nature at its finest. Dirt with no wildflowers, he was close to mountains, though unload without a map. There laid the mountain path. 'Where now? Where am I supposed to go? I don't know what you want from me. You don't act like them, I understand, but you're not even clear where is that box, that cage of yours.' 'Find it, free me, that is all that I require, what else would you seek? We shall both be free after, I promise you that, at least.' 'I can't. This world is too big, too enormous for a simple man. You've taken them.' But he was silence then. And the voice spoke even louder as he said. 'I took no one, but there are others who desire the same will have me trapped forever or worse if they find out my cage.' And then, it clicked, it couldn't be hidden at all. But the first thought that Argus was the human instinct to take advantage, to devour the first sign of weakness that he noticed. 'Trapped forever or worse.' Whoever owns that cage, could own him too. The land was crushed, even after his first step

through the mountain pass. A mid-time plain wood avalanche. The rocks were solid and sharp, his body felt hard even against rocks, and he fell. And the voice sang, slowly yet sharp, despite the body being lousy and slow. Crackling lightning strikes were just above. It happened in a glance. Standing there, suddenly stuck, nostalgia came at the worst of time, accompanied by delusion from the lack of air. First came the breath that grabbed as much as he could. And then came the memory of his childhood. I was never a good lamb, though neither was my brother. He wondered then, what did happen to him, they were two, after all, separated at a fragile point in their lifetime. Still, it was so set apart between what happened then and now, the past still managed to haunt him from time to time, events, small and big, along with changes. When he ran away, when their mother disappeared, never to be seen again. The memory of the childhood home still brought gloom, the constant rains, the harshness of the place, whichever made him go and turn his life's direction anew. Though, alas, he hadn't forgot either, what his brother did, when he'd always run, and how he ever deserved it. Even in a day of rain, he made sure to remind him and blame him. 'Look at mother! She's like this all because of you.' And he'd hit him with no remorse, almost as if he'd hit an animal. From then he'd only survive whilst going to his petty gang, with petty ambitionless young men just as he was. There was no job, other than the one held by his younger brother, though he spoke none of it, other than the work he'd whisper to his mother when he thought to be alone. 'Professor here, the professor there. Damn that man for teaching him all of that, we can barely afford food and a nurse, let alone him spending his time there.' And even as a youngling, he noticed it, oh how he tried to skip going back home and how he'd be pale when turned around. It was fear. Genuine fear. Look and seen through the eyes of a child. Staring at his brother and unable to deny. The fear wept as did he. For his mother couldn't speak. Prepared only to rot inside a sort of machine. Still unaware, he could only look in bliss at his younger brother every time he asked about something. 'Still going to that professor?' Asked whilst pushed against the wall. The creeks were still there in that old house, the one that had a nail, which one time entered his spine as he yelled. 'Aaaaah.' 'Oh calm down.' Even as the oxygen started running down, after so much time, as the voice kept signing slowly whilst the life draining away. Not even then could he admit who he really was and shed his ego, reveal that. He deserved it. The cruelty had not died, not even then, not even for a brother of his, not at all. Nor for his mother, as the hired nurse immediately came as the child yelled and pushed him to the side. She heard the small blunt young man call her cunt but did not care, even when he bounced right back. 'Idiot, what did you do to your brother?' 'I've only pushed him, that's all. Tell her.' Though there was no audible word coming out, just yells and cries of pain and pain that kept on. So, it was that she came in time and brought the small boy in the room, to cleanse and bandage the spot. 'If I was just a little bit late, or if you weren't brave enough to yell, you'd have been in a worse condition than her I'd wager.' It took a few minutes for him to calm down after being caught in a stream of crying over and over again in session, with pauses when he glanced. Back at him, then back at his mother. 'Oh, how the nurse was pissed.' And now, as he said, he felt even worse than the small child crying, with a kidnapped breath, not even the moisture of the air could prevent those drying and cracking lips from being even more sagged and crisp. It wasn't the first time he did it. There's no way I could find out where he is now, nor what would I do. Though in that moment, when blood rushed through his brain, he asked, now, after being reminded who he was, who his brother was and from whom did he take the notes from. 'Why did you choose me over him?' The features he had were so youthful and soft. Compared to mine. Argus hate even the slightest difference between them, as they were growing

young. Are we even brothers? Which was never answered, neither by him? Nor by the mother as she could not, being in the state in which she saw. Nurse? No, she wouldn't even dare glance at me, let alone answer my questions, though past any attempt. Even past, what they thought of any other, they both knew inside that they were brothers, which made his hate get even greater as he did. Night after night, after he was done causing trouble around the town, he'd come only to release his anger against his younger brother, though never did he dare lay a finger on their mother. The nurse was always around whilst her watchful eye kept him at bay. And he treated him like a slave, only to return the next day, once again. Four others, of three delinquents, just as he was, and a girl that they have taken in, stolen from her father, as per say. Argus could remember the names of his peers, even after so much time, though he had another

name back then. Their names were quaint, but then again, they were still there for him when they were needed. Angus, Jonathan and Aghatta, those were the names he had remembered and well. Others as well that dwelled in his past. Some that were his peers that followed around, listening to everything he'd say, nodding and helping him commit unspoken things, as he was. 'Damn it.' The voice was being drowned, he felt his body sink deeper, lowered by the roots that laid there, holding him above the chasm inside the mountain pass. From below there was a cold wind that granted him air. 'Finally, he said. 'And then, to him at least it appeared. No matter if he was alive or not, the earth and sky seemed to have disappeared. Or inverted at least. Above, rock darkened but below laid something else. Even then, those who followed him around, it felt to him, more intense. Aghatta, no! That wasn't her name, at least not that he had remembered. They weren't even three or four. He had only a friend back then. 'Why are you doing this? Why are my memories conflicting like that and how come, everyone, before I had suffered such?' Again, the answers might've been written in the journals and notes, though they were all gone. Soon, he'd wager, time would come that the desire to find out would wane, or perhaps be deemed as no his, again. Is it even mine? Do I desire such? What do I want? 'Do not fall into the same trap as they did.' The voice finally spoke, as it dragged him to the other side, like a grasping hand. Thorough the mountain, he was swallowed by the land and threw up in the heat of the wind. And there, put back on his feet. 'Where to now?' Argus asked. 'It's up to you to find it.' Again, at that, though again he was reminded of his choice, and he gave up. 'Where do I begin? Since I've to go no option anymore, at least. I don't even know if I was ever in control. 'For a second he didn't mind the grass, the field, the disappearing mountain, and the mist, he only looked at a puddle, knowing it had rained. The face that stared back had a different expression than what he felt, what he tried showing to himself. Not even that could he control, the blankness that was there. 'Do you understand now, what happens if you threaten me?' But I did not such thing. 'Silence!' The voice did not wane not drop in power, remaining as strong as it was ever, perhaps even stronger. 'We go now, I can't control many at a time.' And why are you telling me, this again? 'You're about to see.' Argus, now accepting of the given name, Ferdinand stood there, with his mouth shut, realising where he was being led. The mist went away if it were ever to be there. There was no glass but hard and cold steel. And there they waited, firearms pointed at him, in the middle of the night, he was caught in a trap with at least a dozen of them, way too many to count. 'Why?' He asked the voice, though it was silent, yet again, waiting there, seeing and marvelling at how he reacted. The shock on his face, in the little moments he was left there was way too much for him to take. Ever spoiled that way. 'Keep your hands up and don't move!' How have I even gotten here now? It was the urban area, one of the great cities, judging by the high buildings and its trademark architecture, Burmingshire. Haha, even for a

glance. Though there was no time for that, nor for him to fight back. Soon, as he was slammed against the ground, and knocked out, had he realised, that he was driven directly into the heart of their empire. Somehow he snuck under their nose, only to be caught. 'It ain't much of a change now.' Ferdinand said, bars were of cold steel, even colder than the ground he was slammed against, even as the pain laid another layer to the memory and the small mark on his head felt. And, even more so, it resembled the bunker he had been taken to, previously in the vision, older than it appeared there, with the regards of whoever did the renovation. 'Which could only mean.' 'Well, you're awake.' They were brought with him, though he did not respond immediately, not until he glanced. Agents, two standing near a door in the far right end, the opposite went the same. Another three which were adjacent to an office that was also adjacent to two additional cells that were dead empty. Even more than that, there was one walking around in leaps, from one end he was coming and it took Ferdinand not even a second to guess where he was heading or what did he do. Worst of which, they didn't seem to be altered like those who were able to end themselves with ease. Lifeless, along deathless gases were present or would've been if not for the goggles they were wearing. A gaze, a stop, he spoke some words that made no sense and signalled for Ferdinand to go back. He abided, knowing that, if so it was, for a greater will above his own. Though, he thought. I'll walk knowing this place and its turns. Even if the time spent there was short, he remembered it precisely well, and who knew, not much could've been changed. After he stepped outside, he has forcefully turned around and a pair of handcuffs was strapped against his hands. 'Move.' It wasn't the agent to said so. The cells were filled, as predicted, though, as he went forth, they were there again, though not a sanatorium again. This was worse, as he noted. Spots were visible, where his cell was laid clean with polished bars, theirs was rusted with empty holes where fungus and the roots of a small plant had been growing for a while. Not that it was the least of their worries, their mental deterioration must've been accentuated ten times fold. It was obvious then, as none did even recognise him, despite having spent so much time together. Ferdinand could've said something, anything of the matter, but he did not. What could I say? It made him ask himself, the scene of Angus biting and eating his own shoe, beyond mad, it was the thing one would read about in a newspaper or a book, quite unusual even for them. But another step and he realised why. The expression on his face waned and he grabbed a hold of the bars. It was painful to say the least, even as the agents were ready to jump at the slightest sign of resistance, the one behind Ferdinand simply raised his hand, just to stop their motion. 'Damn them.' It came as a whisper, almost, seeing the past of a small trail of tears that once filled the face. On the other cells, that were ever visible from the angle he was from, he saw them doing so too. 'Move.' Came out as monotone, the agent not even sounding human at this point. How could I? How? You're starving them in front of my eyes. Just take a damn look, they won't even recognised me or my voice. 'The light that once flickered in Angus' eyes diminished, starved too beyond ignition, though he had nothing else to make, other than to protest. Another glance and Ferdinand noticed that his body became more frail, his hands being hurt from the slightest touch after laying against the metal cracks. 'I said turn around and move.' Standing there he had realised, after remembering what happened, the last time three of them came to his house, it didn't go as proper as it did now. Though he was also, not a fool as he had been in his younger days, there's be consequences now beyond whatever repair he could hope for. 'I will come back to them.' And I won't repeat myself again. Now move or I will make you. He'd already been handling the line of Ferdinand's neck without him even realising what happened. Resistance was beyond a lucid dream, so he turned around and said nothing, but

went, expecting to see the light.'Fade.'This wasn't the place he had previously seen, being pushed into, the bridge was straight and lead to a narrow path, in front. Though that wasn't simply everything there, despite the fact that it was bigger than a coliseum, there was nothing but emptiness everywhere around, which left him unsettled. It wasn't just the thought of so much space, or how much would it go below, but the thought of something occupying all that space, especially after knowing what he did. They stopped. Both could see and feel fear rushing through the air as below of them a wail started, first, nothing but a slight sound. Progressively, it got not only louder but stronger, at the point of which both their guts were unsettled by the likes of something so quaint as a sound. But that wasn't alone, it was the groan of slumber that had shaken, even the darkness around. The figure of objects was moving as the grant went, the wail of depth, before abruptly stopping. It took multiple breaths, even for the agent to recall what he wanted to say. 'Move.' Something else needed to come out, despite being dark, other than the light that came from behind, as they did not dare close it yet, risking, even more, having it open. He refused to say any other word, but push. Though even that seemed to have lost strength. The moment came, at the time Ferdinand regained his will and turned. Before the man could take a stance and shake himself, he was grabbed and thrown. It happened swiftly and he couldn't even fight back. Now there was no way back, after they saw it, none of which dared come forth. Two stood there, staring, unable to think forth, unable to move or do anything in particular. Ferdinand was stuck, placing a foot ahead, then taking it back, stuck between coming to find his friend and going forth. He had realised, soon why they were all so taken, held and distraught. Now, they were shaken, adults as they were, lowering themselves and kneeling down before a stronger wail came to be. 'I need to get to the other side.' No more would he step lightly, now it was the stance for running, step by step, triggered sounds, from each side, the figures shook. And from the sides, slowly they lowered, revealing that there was yet another level of figures that shook and made sounds. Ferdinand looked around and saw them shook even more often than they did before, hundreds of them until the sound became intoxicating. Until whatever laid to the bottom was being awakened. The stench revealed that it was getting closer. On the other side, the hand froze and started melting, whatever mastering of which they were made out of was either being set apart by the stench, or it was worse. 'I could die. Help me, help me! I can't find your damn cage if I fall.' The dizziness and the moving bridge was getting him into a drunken haze, from which he would fall and soon face. It. Just in time, he grabbed his own ribs, pushing by them, a reminder of pain, unconventionally and unheard of. Yet it worked, he was stopped from falling, after reaching the end. It was a dead end, his own, it seemed, ready to have awakened the fiend. There wasn't enough for a path back for him to look back, for the light suddenly vanished leaving nothing but unawareness of the surrounding. Dead-beat silence, in which bells rang as silhouettes. Their sound was not even pleasant, other than the fact that they wailed like the sounds of people screaming for their lives. Worsened, even more by the fact that it did not scare not shock Ferdinand at all, as he had heard the exact sound before when they first spoke, him and the voice. Those fetus-like being that was attached to it. And his thought became ever more clear, as he looked through the waves in the dark. Those layers were not bells, the silhouettes were not of objects but of them, the being that he had seen attached, though there were many and previously predicted, hundreds of them, all chanting for him. 'Argus.' Came from the back. 'Ferdinand.' Came from the sides. And from every other side was his real name, hidden by a wail that came in the form of an attack. Blood immediately came from his ears and he could feel a few years of his life being taken away. It was silent now, though the breath was cold, then

warm, then cold again. Frequent would that thing that hid from the shadow breathe, and move, though the speed was far too fast for anything than he had ever seen before. For its size, at least, it must've been quite the feat. In no way could anything else rival what it achieved, the giant figure, the big head that floated around, hiding itself and concealed in a wall of the wailing children, the screech of the damned. They were triggered as they came into contact, then suddenly calmed down when it stopped. Ferdinand looked at the spot and then pondered, what could be done? What else? Indeed, he went on his knees and on his hands, walking a dog, slowly whilst looking around where else he'd be. The maw opened and it revealed an inner light that lit the room. Still, far away from his reach, he saw a gargantuan size of the room that stood there, and the wind inside, and the varied amount of veins that were thick enough to be used as roads for the fair. And above, where the hard palate laid a giant moulded sack of human remains, still oozing with pain, yet glowing nonetheless. Ferdinand left him inside go out as he vomited at the gruesome sight, of the teeth that sparked and wanted to eat even the small part of the platform he was on. And even more he saw, the texture of its skin, oily and seemingly failing to keep itself still, moving from side to side and jittering at every sight. He could see now, with the eyes almost hellishly red, how much of what he thought to be true revealed itself to be so. Those things, the wall he thought to have seen was actually a net, made of no wire, but the babies with their voices, with the inflated bodies of the barrels, all connected to one another, as well as yelling in a choir. Their hands. How could they be stretched so far, how can they have no legs? Their simple appearance disturbed Ferdinand, even more after seeing them dry as they were, being almost glued to the body of the monster that laid ahead. With a dripping mouth it almost waited, as an invitation for Ferdinand to come, and yet. It was refused, bluntly by the man who did not want to be dead, not yet. 'Not yet!' He yelled so loud and proudly that it echoed, triggering them all. The sound of which disturbed it more until it closed its maw and started wailing on them too. Unbearable to say the least. Ferdinand barely felt the hit as the giant threw itself against the bridge, shaking its very foundation past its resistance and support. Barely, he caught the edge of the other side to stop himself from falling down there in the pit of howls. 'Hold on.' The voice said, with an obvious distaste for whatever was in that room, it knew it well. So did Ferdinand, they were both aware, of what laid in the room and why. 'Why is it a part of you?' Before he could hear an answer, he felt again how the bridge was shaken and the horror threw itself again at it. This time there was a splash, and the cry became nothing more than a scream of pain. It got worse and worse with the second, still, he waited and got to taste. It was vile but Ferdinand knew. As well as the beast, he had felt the sharpness of the edge from where he was holding, though he managed to not get cut at all. On the other hand, he had tasted its repugnant blood and understood that it was nothing but a gluttonous monster. 'It's just like them, the parasites that lay all around. Kill them all Ferdinand and free your path. It awaits, past it, My cage, My box.' Another smash, it refused to go around and get Ferdinand, and its rage started taking, the howl became one of both hatred and pain. It opened its mouth then. And he saw, how time after time and bounce after bounce, half of its body laid there, stuck mid-way, too far to get to him, with those outstretched weak tendrils that used to be its arms. The jaw was only set to the side, revealing its head, one that resembled the rest of them. It used to be human. 'Just as I was. What's the meaning of this? What is that?' 'Your predecessor.' And before he could finish that thought, his 'predecessor' twisted its own neck, unable to go forth and the heaviness of its overgrown head, stacked with fatness and fluids dragged the rest of its body down. Though not before it cut itself in halves. But in the last attempt, though desperate denied Ferdinand's desire for it to be

gone. Suddenly a light came from below, revealing to him where it stood, though also more, it anchored itself with an odious umbilical cord, which impaled itself on the hard edge of the bridge. Still pulsating, it squinted a liquid, the harder it pulled, the beast was trying to climb back up, unable to fly again. It wouldn't take long, judging by the jiggling wire that was dangling there, nor was it obvious to Ferdinand that it would break. No, it wouldn't not. His most inner thought. It had seen him and deemed that it was his fault. Even he was aware of his, as it laid forth, the strongest of arsenal that it held within. The gnawing mouth that lifted itself left flashes and flickers of light, as it wanted to gnaw and eat everything in its path. Suddenly, the flailing hand, if one could call it so, reached the sky and bounced against the net. And after, it suddenly happened, though not by the force, that it lacked, to stick against one of the younger ones and pull it down. The half of a beast devoured its own, Ferdinand heard it well, despite not being able to see it. The flicker and the sudden play of shadows above revealed too, how it was crunched and smash, the teeth cutting the younger one before being swallowed as bits. Horror encompassed him after hearing the shriek of that small one being eaten and the sound he'd make, his brittle bones and small insides being taken away. And what he did was only wait, when his power left him there standing still. Suddenly he was poked, his ears almost being blown by the power of the voice that was, as well as he was, mad. 'Move on already, I can't do much to help you here, but on the other side. I will take care of those small human parasites, the rest is up to you.' And so, the hand that was twisted, on the other side of the room, and melted suddenly pushed forth, as the door opened, and the light arose. Ferdinand shook his hand and pushed forth, with his might and lifted himself up just in time. It held its mouth open no longer on the other side, so the eyes that laid slightly on the side could see him still. The floor was slippery, yet he slid forth, avoiding being lashed with the long tendril that was glued to other that he ate forth. He'd eat more, though the hunger still yearned, as the shrieks went one. And the hunger would go on ten times fold since it wanted nothing else but to devour the flesh of a human being and no other. It wanted Ferdinand, now on the bridge, it crawled like a small child, gnawing with its gaping mouth that must've been damaged during the fall. Small glances to the back, the saliva that met with the concoction of both repugnant blood and the liquid that came out of the umbilical cold encompassed the already oily body it had, making the colour change, the scent become more erect. Like a landwhale, it pushed itself, with half of the jaw shoved into the ground whilst the light was fading, on both sides, it reveal the true nature. It was no human nor could it be called a predecessor now, those teeth revealed themselves to be just extra pairs of feet, like lances, making holes on the ground they touched, yet the helped it pulled itself closer, starving as it was. Worse than an insect, and the exit was still far, Ferdinand jumped across, seeing the agents either knocked on passed out. 'Where are the keys?' 'There.' They were left on the bottom of the floor, just in time. Adrenaline rushed fast and there was even less. With a swift turn, he grabbed a hold of one of the unconscious agents, and threw it forth, against the approaching deliberate, of which tendrils, as sharps as speared, quickly and suddenly stop advancing, just to sample. Fourth, it brought food to devour, immediately, in a gruesome way. The atrocity lifted itself up, having no teeth, other than the spears, after ripping each of the limbs, it crushed the meat with a combination of the force and heaviness of the head, until it was tender and ready to be eaten. Repeat the process until the body of the human was ready, it then ate and swallowed it, still unsatisfied. Byt the time it was done, though, with one of the agents, Ferdinand had thrown three others there, the last of which were nowhere to be found. After that, the gate was shut, and in his mind, that should've given him more than enough time. The keys were

taken and he opened the cells. Luckily they were universal ones that worked on every lock, as well as they turned fast. 'Let's go.' They followed like dogs, once they recognised, though Jonathan was reluctant at first. 'Why must we?' 'Do you wish to die then? There's hell on the other side and it's coming straight for us.' Thump, thump, thump, it went, the sound was getting stronger, though Ferdinand couldn't believe yet that it fed itself so fast. He went through the cage and tried grabbing. Immediately, he was pushed back. 'You're going to die if you stay. Give me your hand already.' The second time he tried pushing and pulling by the hand, leaving a red mark there as Jonathan yelled. 'No, leave me, leave me alone. You're just trying to hurt me like those ones.' There were marks where he had cried, red trails on his face, as well as the marks of which he was hit, bumps on his head where fractures were more than visible and worse than that. 'They will pay for this, I can promise you that, but please.' They pulled him back nonetheless. Realisation kicked in that the man in front of him was beyond salvation as he couldn't even recognise him at all. One last time did Ferdinand try, seeing only but now how humanity died in his eyes. It wasn't starvation now that drove him to eat, but the madness in which he had fallen as he kept sinking his teeth into his own hands, until the point of which they bled. Even they knew that he was beyond redemption and they still had some realisation that something worse was on the way. For only a madman would deny the sounds, sharper than iron bars, the ground and the plate on which the wall stood shook with such a sound that it could be no beast, from their perspective, but a machine of war. Perhaps worse. The sound it made, the small bits that sprang, it still tried getting in, and, Ferdinand knowing that there'd be no way out, he turned around and told them both. 'Stay close and let me take the lead, understood?' For a moment there, despite knowing that there'd be no a second left, he made a quick decision, either lock him there for his own protection or leave the bars open, hoping for a sudden realisation of what laid there. No, he will not take it, even if I decided to leave it like that, there's no other chance for it, so it seems. Both nodded and didn't look back, though he still heard his friends weep behind. Despite that, he pushed them first, still waiting for another chance for him to come with them, hoping as it stopped. Whatever happened on the other side was uncertain, though he could still not be entirely sure. The hinges that held the door there were almost knocked off the wall during the last of the assault, now he asked himself thoroughly. Did it die now? Is it dead? Should I wait longer? Though a sudden thump came, which made him step back and close the door in his behind. For, after the break, the entire wall that was on the other side was visibly pushed in the diameter of a normally packed house. If he had waited longer, he knew that he'd been crushed. Another push came, and he didn't need to look back as they kept running through the bunker, though he saw what had fallen and how it shook. 'It must've thrown it to the other side.' They didn't realise what he was talking about, though he knew well. More than that, wanting to return, as they had heard a muffled scream in there. 'Shh.' The glare he threw against them didn't bounce back but got stuck with them for a while. Terror, the same one he felt and now, the one he was feeling, knowing that it was still living out there. Even more, now they dwelled in the heart of the enemy. The spiralled tunnels and the antechamber from which they went through left no space nor a place for them to rest. It's been fashioned as a base of operation, that was clear, multiple tunnels, and so many to take. Closed door from which they passed under, gliding below the visors so they'd not be seen. Lights were clear, and the sound of laughter just as well. The silence was important, though he wished he'd had another chance there. There's something more about these agents it seems, laughing and feeling emotions like other human beings. Jolly and unaware, they stood in a chamber, in front of a table with mugs of old ale that was refilled after a

refill, so on and so forth, though little but drunks. They were aware of one another, fair to be said that they were weary and dull to what was going on the outside. 'Another one.' 'Hear hear.' Said another. They were in groups of four, each at one end, on a rounded small table, in which the joints of cigarettes had no ends. Their clothes were there, though the same, all that differed from one another, other than facial differences, the hair, usually muffled anyway under a hat, the eye colour that'd be covered in goggles. All which was distinct would either be covered or out of the attention of anyone curious. For a good reason too. 'Do you ever think there's more to life other than what we're doing now?' 'Do you not get tired of asking the same question again? Just drink your ale, you'll be sent out in a few weeks or so.' 'Who could blame the poor fellow? One of his colleges understood just as well what he felt, despite not stepping forth. That pale yellow, dirty black that laid in the corners, dripping to the floor, the colour being washed out, all stone, never changing, though never were they allowed any paint over. Or any of the sort.' 'Aye, you'll get your chance. Just drink what you're given like everyone else.' It was indeed strange, mug after mug yet none was drunk, who wanted to question that? Their conversation didn't go much else, other than what laid around, or the strange noises that happened from time to time. Which led back to it. 'Hear that?' Malcolm asked, out of the four of them, he was the one with the blackest of the hair and stuffy eyebrows. Eavesdropping on the metal plated door, holding stiffly on the wheel that held it closed, he listened for the sound, until it came back again, stronger than a wail. This time he was forced to step back and on his arse, of what he had heard, was not only a wail but the cries of the small ones being dragged there. Slowly, he lifted himself and turned around, looking at them, as pale as he was. They hadn't been there before, in the chamber at the far end, never being called to serve that task before. Perhaps they were lucky enough to not even have their names written on the list. Though none escaped them, never before and never again, as they'd be renewed once in a while. Each of them laid next to pages long, perhaps long enough for books to be written out of a number of current active agents that had their names written there. On left, a name would've been written, from an alphabetical order, next to which a number would be spotted to signal the task the agent got assigned to. It was important that they knew, for the task that was written and assigned would remain to each individual for a half of year or more so. Which lead to them, in a bunch. Sitting on the table, two of them had guard duties that wouldn't be starting until a few hours later in that day. The other got the easiest of it, janitor duty, as, even the most advanced fortresses they had needed to be clean in order to be effective. He hadn't spoken in a while, though. Neither of what he was assigned to or anything in particular at all, other than giving a response. Come to think of, as they stared at him, despite acting awkwardly for so long, nothing else was much given at all. Is he slacking off again? Did he receive something better than all of us? Malcolm always gets the best of the jobs between the four of us. And as if their thoughts alone weren't unshaken already, another set of desperate screams came to be. Now they heard, at which they suddenly lifted themselves, armed with nothing more than the empty mugs, which would no nothing more to the average intruder. 'Are we being invaded?' 'Shh.' Malcolm stood near the door, though he did not move. He set them near him as they waited, each having their ear almost part of it, eavesdropping on their own accord. Two of them had the luck to be on sides and see each side that laid beyond the visor. The light was dim and they saw the tunnel, the grimness it held and perhaps a hint of something big approaching. 'Make no sound or we're all dead. I promise to explain all of this if we make it through.' Malcolm's voice was soothingly calm for what was happening, none could deny it, but not even that could take the thought away from the sharp sound of metal being rubbed

against a stone. It echoes through each and every hall, room, vault, perhaps even reached the upper levels, who could truly tell? They were not alone, the bunker was filled with many just as they were, the same situation, other than the fact that they were unaware of what was about to happen. Small hints started to appear at last, as the entire bunker was starting to be tilted under the heaviness that was bound to drag their whole station down. 'Shhh. Stay.' Ferdinand, alas, he held them both with his left arm, pushed almost to the point of pain, just as a tightly knitted group of agents passed by them. None noticed them, though the thought alone made him turned his stomach inside. It was about to come to livelihood, which he could not deal, at least not alone, if it were not for the intervention of the voice, which constantly guided him inside his mind. Take a left, now a right. More will pass here, take flight. Stop. And so they stopped again, and now it got more serious, as these next marches had not only the agents alone, but they were all armed, with real firearms, sharp, long, ready for the assault. Atop of that, he'd have to deal with more of which, kneeling under so they'd not be seen, the many doors holding others that were still either sleeping or distracted. They're all getting ready for something, why can't you tell me for what? It is simple, though it may be way beyond your understanding. The voice spoke in his mind, with silence and care when Ferdinand tried being aware of his surrounding. Not that it did go forever, there were breaks, especially when he thought that one agent turned and found them out, a sudden impulse forced that man to forget immediately all that he had seen. And atop of that, he was keeping the two madmen docile, perhaps beyond that. They are going to war in the depths, for territory. He said. Though Ferdinand did not understand at first why they were acting like colonies, he paid no attention to their games, as, all that mattered now was. 'Freedom.' 'Not so fast.' He turned and saw it, way too late, John was shot in his back and left on the floor, suddenly bled to death. A silencer. 'Your arms, up, both of you.' Only one agent stood there, though, it seemed to be more than enough to do the deed, and an unexpected level deemed so by his own self. Why didn't you save him or warn us? Damn you if you let this go and leave us ignored. Though now, he found out that he was to be on his own. Both him and Aghatta were turned and saw the spiral shaken, the mound of dirt fall from above. She could barely keep herself silent, despite being ready to cry, looking the other way and barely being able to walk. First him and now. Now, he remembered them, as young children. The boarding school, though they were problematic, that's why his voice seemed familiar, and the thought of him so alive. The old teacher was a young woman that was forced to go to war, though of her name, still, he remained unsure. It wasn't a mistake that he thought it was a ruse, now he realised who they were, now he remembered their old lives, though, in spite, it was the moment that came after their deaths. So it happened for him to be forced, and yet another memory emerged. He never did forget though what happened, nor did he previously experience amnesia, though still, the class had faces that made it hard for them to be recognised. Ferdinand knew from the previous experience that they used to be his mates, at least on the outside too, though they were much older there, a lot more than what they appeared now. Childhood friends? 'Excuse me? Are you?' 'Silence now, you wouldn't want to miss out on the class, would you dear?' The teacher's voice was clear, miss Prie was her name, pleasant, despite the need for the war that was approaching steadily and fast. She tried nonetheless to shield everyone from everything, but now? Now there were no rules, Ferdinand, Argus, whatever he could call himself knew where he stood. Walking with his friend, steadily being taken at the gunpoint by an agent who only need but a shot. And at the same time, he was here, in this point of memory, though that was no alone, as his mind was invaded still by the voice. 'Worry not miss, we shall tarry not.' 'Very well,

keep behaving and be good boys.' Near him stood another child, roughly the same age as he was, though still. His vision changed, and then like an encircling sight, as he looked at his friend, everything around him changed. Down to brick that turned to the sky, and the bottom in a stream of lamplight, as it was in the middle of the night. Both were grown and it was revealed to him there. 'We're safe to talk in here, at least until you're distracted.' Though the voice of that grown boy now confused him more, rather than revealing everything to him. Alas. 'It is I, or have you forgotten already?' 'You, wait. You're that, that celestial, still? Why do I have to keep seeing things like that instead of doing something? I'm getting tired of having to have to deal with everything that's being thrown at me.' 'It can't be helped.' That was said with almost a furious laughter before continuing. 'Old habits die hard. Though say, you have in front of you a celestial that slim to depend on you and the same goes for you. Until the event foretells and you're taken forth, we've got all the time in the world. Say what you will, where you want to go, just go ahead, that's the last I can do to ease the passing of the time.' And again, he was taken, even faster, at the end of the world, for once, the sharp cliff was almost alien-like, with fangs of the earth, spreading too far, cutting through unlimited ends of giant clouds made of pale yellow, in a dark sky without a storm. Cities stood beyond the reach, though he had no dared say anything since he knew well, none could distract him. 'No matter what you throw at me, whatever sight or memory, I can't lose focus, since if I do, I stand to be shot behind the head, right through the neck, perhaps multiple shots at that. And for what? To have my fun like other did?' 'Would you prefer getting a rash and getting yourself killed? Perhaps I should fully control you like a small worm and make you crawl there until everyone's gone.' It was safe to say that he preferred nothing. Nor did she, seeing her flesh idol be as silent as she was, her mind beyond mad, afraid to die. The last friend she had would meet his end. Even a glance back made he turn away, the agent's grim face was too much for her small frail heart to take. Still, he leads them, avoiding the paths with most of them, who were already driven towards. 'Ehm, stop here.' And so they did, though he had no control, not a real one over his own body, the impulses did the job, more than what he could do. It was no dead end, but her knees were jittery and shaking so roughly. She stood there, afraid, crying but doing it silently, still no clear thought in her plagued mind, like an animal that's based on instincts she waited and did so to avoid more pain. 'I said stop. Sit still.' Two hands then fell down in anguish and she held her knees, feeling the skin almost swallow. Though she stopped crying. And he looked away. The sight she had suddenly turned from being drowsy, to back into an insightful sane trance. Even for a mad woman, she realised that it wasn't her knees that shook, nor as the weapon the agent had dropped and the sound of footsteps in a direction, or even the fact that he was gone. No, it wasn't her, but the darkness, she turned against the command and judged for herself. It was pulling the whole bunker towards declining and making it appearing as if the whole region would be swallowed, even deeper than her knees, inside the most of the depths of the earth. And the vowel of silence was then broken. 'Wake up. Wake up. Wake up.' She repeated at least a few more times than that. And in return, there was nothing but a blank stare and the nod of the head, as he'd followed without a word, wriggling with nothing more than blank knowledge. Now, it was her time, bending down and grabbing the firearm from the ground. There she stood like a revolutionary at hand, nodding back for him to follow back on the track. And beyond her awareness, he laid there at the edge of the world, still, debating whenever or not he should be aware of what was going back, or not. Though, even then he wondered what he had seen, beyond the visions and the cage. And so many of the agents that were there, preparing for something bigger than him. In his mind, it was even bigger than his own expectation,

perhaps even bigger if his predictions would be right. 'You did not show me that memory in my childhood for nothing, have you?' Perceptive, are we? Only the two of them remained in the class as sharp stone reverted back, and miss Prie was standing at her desk, ready to cry. It wasn't like her to do that, but now. Now, it was an exception. Ferdinand wasn't here before, when it happened, though he saw her nonetheless. 'Is this the day when she was sent to war?' It was obvious even without asking about it, as, even from the point of which they stood, the small framed picture of her husband was there, as dead as she was going to be. Both of them were, after all, victims of the cruellest way the war had to offer. But, he changed too, despite being there, in the midst of his memory, there was no other care and certainly no distraction now that would keep his mind away from the real problems that laid at hand. 'Is there a war in the depths?' Though he wasn't sure about what to ask, he knew that the bunker was deep, not how deep underground it was, but, 'Deeper. And the worse of it is that you're heading that way.' The new was broken to him, though he wasn't as shaken by it as he thought he'd be. 'It's not as if I had been given a chance anyway. You did not ask me before so why to start now?' 'I didn't ask, it's just a warning and an advice.' 'Which would be?' 'Break them. Break them all.' Before he could ask, finally his vision was given back. Next of which stood Agatha, against a closed door with him next to her, standing there at the sound of the walking feet. 'What happened?' Though her gaze was reverted from the door, there was no answer given back to him, instead, she only pointed in front, where the advice would come to hand. 'Are those?' 'Yes.' The voice felt warm, in the cold stone hands of the tilted base. Despite how her companion could do nothing more but be projected against the wall which held the door, he found himself defying even gravity, as he was walking straight towards it. A set of vessels laid against the wall, and from the description that he remembered now, they were. This was. 'Another celestial. Here? Now? How?' 'Ask no more.' The voice said, as his vision was cut in parts. Purposely, the edges of the room were darkened for him alone until the task was gone, extending to everything behind the vessels unlit, making them appear so weak and easily taken by force or worse. 'But I've got nothing to slay it with. Even worse, it may.' 'Throw.' Instinctively, through the darkness he cut with his gaze, Ferdinand turning away to catch the firearm that flew directly in his position. And so he cocked it as if he knew and got used to it well, despite how advanced of a model it appeared to be, fully loaded down to the sturdiest bulled. In front of him now laid another one of his own. 'But why would you want such?' 'Enough questions, just do as you are told to.' 'Make me.' His muscles twitched and he was slowly forced. The vessels were standing there, almost transparent, in which he saw his own reflection against someone that was already inside. With the power of more willpower, he glanced at the other sides and saw that they were all loaded with other people too, which made his grip even harder to fight against the control. Looking more at his own reflection, only to notice that behind of him laid infinity corrupted by the malignant being. 'Do you defy me now?' The pain was stricken through his arms, not alone as he started bleeding through the nose. 'Gah.' It came out as a muffled sound, knowing well what laid beyond the door that laid on his back. 'Who is in there?' Even with the pain and forced away, he still managed to ask. 'Fine.' And he fell on his knees, being left with nothing but a small break to recover. 'They are dead, all of them, you see? The moment they are released from their traps, they won't be able to live much longer.' 'See?' 'See.' He continued the thought. They should be released from their trap, but what cost? The power over him was waiting, one way or another, which couldn't be hidden away any longer. Still, it remained, what was to be done with them? 'How much time do we have?' The words were twisted in her ears, even beyond the room and luckily for them, it was,

since if even one was to enter, both of them would be immediately killed, worse. Perhaps, even plugged into the celestial, being fed as raw and untainted by anything. 'Put me inside.' It would've come as a shock if it wasn't expected, though none of the vessels was easy, there was still a way. 'I can't protect your mind once you're in there.' But I can free them. 'It was a long shot, and he paid no mind to the quake at hand. 'What about that?' Ferdinand turned back and looked at Agatha, with a sight still clouded, knowing that the shaking wasn't because of him, but of other forces that didn't play at hand. 'Stall for me.' At what price you ask me that? Do not forget that I have waited a long time. The voice stopped too, even for someone as ancient, the epitome of being, somehow the information was blocked. 'It may know where your cage is.' Impossible, fool! If that petty insect would've known, my cage would've been endlessly crushed or broken. It's at least worth a shot if anything at all. Acting as if his thought was known to him, as it went to all his ever present thoughts, he was given yet a chance, another one, to prove himself and enter the world that now laid in front of him. One chance. Now the voice slightly went into his mind again. And after that, you will retreat back and smash the vessels, if you live after. 'Just delay as much as you can and trust me.' And you will lay after that and surrender your will? 'I will.' There was no word needed thereafter as his world sunken, shaken beyond his control and his mind was trusted there alone. Some seconds were needed, as he was shot in an unknown territory. First, the ears and his ear vents slowly adjusted to the harsh noises of a waterfall. 'A waterfall?' The hands slammed trying to grasp at anything, as did the feet, trying to walk over anything they could, or trip, at least he would've known if there was a rock, wherever he was, on whatever road, so and so forth. And he stepped, the stream with him, the sound revealed itself to be nothing else but a fountain. Now he felt the material built and fashioned around, the water, as cold as it was to his touch, and even the golden coins that were now easily taken from under his brow. 'I wouldn't do that if I were you, young man. Normally, you're supposed to take and throw one of your own in there.' Said the voice of a man. It wasn't the same troubling voice he thought he knew, not did it prevent to be anything above his kind. Now, after releasing all that laid in his hands, and feeling his feet adjusting, next to a vision, of flickering lights. Fragmented, it was, only vertical lines formed the man, like his jail before, but turned around, he saw him be grabbed and taken from left to right, trying to match like a figurine. The neck was tall, but was those the shoulders? Is that a white material I see? Perhaps this is how the world should be inside of here. Argus thought, even more as he started at the sun, only to used his hands as a cover, to defend himself from the harsh rays of hundreds of floating balls of fire and be asked again. 'Are you all right son? Do you need some help?' Morning Mr Oliver. 'It scared Agus to look in the direction, as, still, despite his ears working, the bell that rang out of the small bicycle was strong enough to sound like the strings of a mighty roaring machine, striking and sundering at the stone. For what?' Morning be to you too Valentine. Oh what a sweet girl, if only I was. Ehm. May I help you? People are starting to stare. 'Argus hadn't realised that there were people around, as he heard nothing else but the man, the water and the memory of the small cycle roaring. Nor did he realised that he was walking on his four, trying to get as much information about where he was and where to go next. 'I can't see that well. But, surely there can't be people around us, I would've. Heard them.' Somehow it had escaped his thought, even after how much he went through and where he was, now there was no denying, certainly not to himself that he missed both of his friends, which laid dead. And she's out there too, along with my body. There was peril there and here too, now being able to see the face of the man, with his wrinkled and small walking crane, standing atop of the stone foundation of the fountain. Next, Argus

looked around, just to see the clear exaggeration, no one was watching him now, or even seemed to care. Everyone to his errand, baskets, carrying horses, garnets and clothes. Peculiarly old and antiqued for where they were. 'Where are we? Actually, you'd better answer me, when are we? Or how?' Stall for a moment young lad, you seem to have been walking in circles from the way you're talking. 'As the man started laughing, this, Oliver, mister as he was deemed, has a big belly, wearing orange, red, at least some shades that were all pale compared to his skin colour and the big feet with his big dark shoes. It was important to be noted, as Argus knew, there were none of those colours beyond the transparent layers of the vessel. And they were even more clear there, as the light was devoured momentarily, which begged the thought, did he do it on purpose for me to find them? Buildings were old, it was a town that seemed to have belonged in a folk tale from the books he had been reading from home. Each house had pointy lances that pierced or at least jabbed for the sky. Even the old man looked at him and noticed, in surprise. 'It's really refreshing to see a young man being interested in the architecture of our town. Oh, the days of my youth, if only I could tell you, how much has changed. You see that alley back there?' His eyes permeated through the crowd, looking through a dark alley that was cut, though, like a crescent hole inside a white tree that was bent and twisted on the side, it came out of a garden and made its way there. 'Yes, yes, I even remember the day when it was taken out of there. Some poor sod planted that tree in his garden and didn't expect much to come out of it, though nowadays that house is abandoned, I can still remember him and his family of eight. Children that is, oh and his wife was more than busy as it was. 'There was another laughter that followed, blowing directly through those puffed up lungs. The man, despite how jolly he remained, still hadn't managed to get any attention over them, though still no chance could he was taken. Argus kept his voice low as he came even closer to him to listen. 'Well lad, I can clearly see that you're more than lost, at least in more than one way, so hear. How about I take you to a tour of this town, how about it? I can even call me young daughter since she's already on the way and we can merrily go, just the three of us around the old folk's song. We were already going alone on a small road, just the two of us, but you seem like a fine lad. So how about?' It seemed odd to hear through those round, forks, dancing layers of moustaches that he had, but nonetheless, Argus did not forget for a second where he was, or what was his purpose there. Hence, he came to the conclusion, alas. 'I will come with you and your daughter, thanks, by the way, it's really hard to be young and warily carry around these days. 'Indeed it is, young fellow, just wait for her and we will be on our way. 'This shouldn't be too suspicious to anyone, thought. It was an awkward thought. Does the celestial know I'm here, does he know my name as well as what lays inside my mind? There was no telling of what was or how it was to happen, still. He could do nothing else, but. 'Wait. 'On the other side, beyond the crowd, what Argus could only describe as an adventurer or seeker, ran and almost managed to knock a merchant and his travelling trapped chickens in their pens with no regard. The way he moved and flown through there and the orange clothes made him incredibly animated for who he appeared to be. A younger male, that seemed to resemble the amber he had previously seen in the vessel, which still could mean, that, so. Is that the man I have seen? Could it be? Still, Argus, looked, at the tattered scrolls he had, an orange backpack, some dust that seemed to be merely sprinkled and even a golden lantern that managed to shine ever bright in the middle of the day. 'Another peculiar one. 'Just popped under his attention, though he was quickly noticed and retracted from it by the very man who stood near, across the street, against the lamppost. 'Aye, see. His name is Jeremy and judging for how overactive he is, he must've discovered something from the old abandoned

grotto."Grotto?"Argus asked whilst staring for a moment at the man, who now approached him at a slow pace, still, with a voice that managed to cut through, if not, pass around the passing crowd.'Yes, he claimed that he found a grotto under his house that leads to something even greater.These young lads these days, seeking so much unwanted attention, wouldn't you say Mr Oliver?'He gave a small peck and pointed at the young lad, again, watching, presently now how he stumbled over small rocks that did nothing more than shine in the glimmering sun.'Hah.You must've seen his face when he thought he strike gold if you ask me, he's only bought his attire to get some more attention.Ehm.'Another one.But which could be?Argus now came to a dire conclusion, as they all appeared to have something even more grim around them.Perhaps his thoughts could be known, perhaps not, since he wasn't connected to the vessel itself.It could be clear since he, now, could refer himself as Argus, instead of as the given name.If he played his cards right, he could pretend as if he was nothing else but the mere fragmentation of what could the celestial create, leaving the rest to nothing but the lamentation of who he thought to be a real human.Still.Who is the real human and who is the fake?'So what's your story young lad?You seem sort of new now, not to be a tough judge of character or by the looks, have you come from the north now?"Indeed I have, how did you guess?"Perhaps, it's the burn raw hair, perhaps not.Though."That's enough, leave the lad to breathe for a while.Come on now, we'll have enough time to catch on and meet everyone tonight."But wait, Mr Oliver, what about your daughter?"Worry not, for we will go on her way too, perhaps this way we could give this old bones of mine some work to be done."Right, sir!'As a small soldier, he went closer and helped him still on his crane whilst they walked away.This was quite the opportunity, though he wanted to see who was the amber young fellow and what he was talking about, he couldn't risk so many people staring at him.Especially since everyone else seemed to be nothing else but blank facades, being there only as placeholders for what would've been the normal folk.Who could tell anything, really?"Who indeed?"Argus turned, quickly alarmed.Did he hear my thoughts, have I been found out?"Don't look so alarmed, as if you have seen a ghost youngling.I like doing that sometimes with everyone new I meet, figuring out what's what in their mind and what's not."You can read minds then, or worse?"Oh, no, nothing of the sort, instead I like playing the game of guessing, it really brings forth a small flame to me that I enjoy playing along from time to time.Which remind me of another story, see that.."No, there's something else I need to know, other than playing your tricks and asking about part of the town that are no interest to me."Just a second now.'He was pulled by the side, close to the darkest of the alley, slightly being covered now in a blanket of shimmering gloom.A group just passed, three of four, shrouded by their hoods and attires, other than a shining piece of metal that each had.It was just in time too that he was pulled, as no one managed to see them hide in there not try to get even close to the mouth in which they came into.Argus saw himself as even luckier, after seeing the thick sharp wooden teeth on the ground.Leftovers it seemed, cut from a bigger branch.'Lucky talismans they are.'He said in a whisper, though now, as he looked in front, one of the shrouded figures stopped.Argus didn't seem to notice how tall was until one of them came alone out of the group and remained there for a while.Suddenly, the cloak that shrouded him, along what was covering was thrown and laid there by the side, revealing the cast pf bright armour, twisted around thought appearing as if it was melted and poured over the poor soul.Line shined thorough, and small parts where the joints of the shoulders, hands and knees were, bumped over and over, almost trying to blow itself into small pieces and throw its torso just in front.'Don't make a move.It's an agent of peace.'Behind him, the second pair of armoured legs came

to be whilst all along, holes extended to reveal the helmet, from which a cold wind came. Agents, here too. Though these were a lot more different than their human counterparts. Suddenly Argus turned and looked at the man and remembered what he said. His daughter. Could it be that? Before his thought was finished, he felt the land suddenly be tilted and he knew that it had happened again. Before light could come out of the agent and his armour made of pale light, he grabbed his shroud and put it back, carrying along the marching ones. 'Phew, that was close.' 'Who are you?' 'No time yet, my daughter's waiting for you now and I'm afraid that there might not be enough alleys for us to take and be hiding away from them.' Argus nodded, though with glances he saw them march across. With one hand he touched, just to be sure of his senses, not only that they might've been dulled, though, somehow he did not trust that he was in the same room anymore. 'Let's go.' He said no more, though if it were true, why were the vessels not smashed, was it out of his control then? The voice wasn't there to answer, the people looked more than normal, other than them. 'Are there other agents like those ones?' 'Everywhere lad, that's why we must be careful, agents of the old monarch, you see? Quite the old shadow if you ask me, to have his agents driven further and further away from where he laid, straight into trouble, perhaps even worse than that.' 'Then why haven't you and your daughter left it?' 'Our homes? Our lives? Just look around the land, how could someone leave what lays all around us? If it weren't for the small warm houses, the bakeries and the tall rap snacks, the houses in the sky, there'd still be a wild life taking over. See those roots?' And as he pointed, the small roots, seemingly overgrown to the point of appearing to prepare for an assault, suddenly retreated themselves back in the depths of the earth, with not even an attempt to hid themselves or what they were doing out there. Just like that, it made Argus, even more aware. For the wrong reasons. 'He's trying to speak with me.' 'What was that lad?' Another group just passed by, empty faces just like before, fake laughter and just a different carried baskets with fish coming from the same pond. 'It's nothing, could we take a break, though, just to stand for a moment?' This road. I have been on, I mean, was long and left quite a stretch on my muscles, and I'm afraid we may not be able to continue together without at least a break. 'Oh, but we are taking a break here, just inside me friend's old house, Grajim. Just wait for a moment here.' A wooden door, tall and made out of an oak, still didn't do much to remove how unsettling those roots were. Looking back at it, whilst Oliver tried opening the door, he thought he saw the flash of skin and a body being dragged down there. If it weren't for the body that laid in the lamppost when he was first taken there, perhaps. Perhaps I wouldn't have remembered. Nonetheless, if he can't reach to me, there's no point trying, I must find a way to make them leave. 'Ready.' He didn't look around for much just came in and bypassed both of them, with such a hurry that he closed the door and left all the smoke to remain. Violent counter came soon after. 'Smoke.' 'Who is this young man here, Sleigh?' 'Don't tell my name near. Oh, let me just take.' Oliver took a small napkin and left him to get he breathe back in after inhaling too much of the smoke. First, he thought of fire, though there was no sign of it, none that would say otherwise. Then, he seemed to think that his sight was being drowned by what he saw around, red and purple, everything from the pillow, to the smallest chair, the rugs under that had each hair of a different shade. Even the man had a turban with a small gem, dangling from one colour to another, filled with a liquid seemingly changing between one another. Trapdoor. His innermost thoughts yelled, right under the dust and smoke, against the covered mirrors that wore clothes over them. 'Where to now?' Beyond the set of coughs, only the muffled sound could be heard, alas, there was the trapdoor, and the system Oliver spoke about when he heard the rumour of the young

man. He's lying then, very well, I've nothing to do but play this game of his and see where we go. 'We wait here for a while until my daughter comes, all right? She shouldn't take much long until she'll arrive.' 'Oh, she's coming here too? I should go then and prepare the refreshment and be on the way.' 'Don't bother.' The men spoke quite gently for their rough appearances, but it mattered not. Both were on the way to the kitchen and all felt quite familiar, to more than one way. 'Wait here, I won't take long now.' Argus nodded and kept his gaze array, starting to go around in an utmost deceitful way, waiting. Waiting for another set of seconds, up until the very moment when both turned their back and he came closer, opening the door, despite being small, it opened a door that fornicated a large part of the floor. Like a door, it revealed an entrance to the underbelly, a spiral to the ground, made to look as a slope. And so, it triggered, the blowing, grasping wind tunnel, where cold air pumped in front of him only for a second until it suddenly started to draw air back in as it started to get all the smoke to come in. Made of dark bricks, that seemed to have the appearance of rain, he knew as Mr Oliver came back to his friend that they'd try to stop him from fleeing. 'Not now.' Argus said and without a thought, he left himself to be pulled. Behind, the sound of a mouth closing was audible, and right that moment he knew that he laid in the throat, riding along. That feeling was unexplainable, though it felt ever present, as if someone was near him, neck to neck, ride to ride, being able to feel the road another human had taken right by his side. Such a familiarity of another person was more than unexplainable, it was too bizarre, too surreal. He closed his eyes and embraced himself, as the fear of such speed and the pain promised was far from great, greater than he had ever felt and more. Yet, the slope and the pull continued until he felt a refreshing feeling as he said. 'Water.' 'Water.' 'Water.' So on and so forth, the echo didn't stop for a while, neither did the feeling of cold under his feet and back. And it kept, up until the point where he was thrown out and stopped. A flat surface with no knockback and barely a drip coming out. Such darkness was obvious to him, even more as the sudden knocks that were above of him knocked through the bricks. 'I'm under the city, but.' 'With another look, the way there, still like a spiral, other than the water made him question whenever or not was he knocked outside the dream state and back into the bunker. It was either a war above, in the worst of the case or people marching across. No voice and he remained too far away from finding any real humans like he originally planned to. 'Hello?' And no echo either to comfort him, other than the squirming in the dark, he went on and ran, hearing splashed, nets that were tied on the side, he stopped then. Quickly he examined and felt the roughness of the net, which appeared to be filled with fish. Fresh and warm, barely picked. And empty round wooden holders, though for what? They were set against the wall and left only the mark of something that was sharp and close to impaling. 'Hardstone.' Argus hand came close and almost got hurt by the sharp edges left the stone, by whatever pierced and marked it along the endless wall that roamed to the darkness. Only here, it seemed, whoever came through must've let some area lit, just farther away. So, it must've been the logical way, though who could tell what laid after. Who and what weapons did they have, if he was still inside the base or inside the dream of the celestial being? 'Well.' He walked at bay without a stop, the guide by the wall and the roundness it had, revealing not anything more. Though, he still felt the cold wind and the water under. More nets, many of them and something came into his finger, impaling it without a notice and making him glance in surprise and shock. It was a hooked shaped fin that came out of the fishes that were caught in the net walls, though it was no bone, nor part of the next, none of that could possibly explain the reason for that. 'Aaagh.' Came as a delayed screech, single though durable as he started

pulling slowly, his finger just standing there, pumping his blood out before he turned around and breathe. Still pumping, whatever was in the fish, it now got inside of him and coagulated the wound. It was either that or something else. Though he was sure of something, even more now. 'I'm not supposed to be here.' Argus's saddened voice dulled the pain bit a slight regard, though it still didn't do anything else on that other problem. Now a mark of him remained there, even more, as none of the ones who came in there and laid in that town should be present inside, whatever depths he was in. He will find out and have my neck for that, I'm most certainly sure about that, and once it does. Flashbacks were not needed, though he had remembered the rage induced vision coming from a god inside a box. And if that was poison made on demand and through only controlled, the one who was intruded into by the force of another one of their own could drive it made. That, only if it didn't know if Argus was inside, and it could only go so far with the entire charade. He could tell that he was being hunted now, by something bipedal or worse. The splashed didn't come from the bottom of the floor, and the set of eyes in the dark make it clear that something was indeed coming at a fast rate, approaching ever fast with no excuse. Feet started overlapping the walls and they were coming, at which he didn't stop to think about the infection nor the trail, though the scent of his blood must've been inside their noses by now. A look came and where he thought that the fish who had its sting bloodied was taken from the wall. No more glances, focus only in front of you, don't look back. In this unknown territory, as cold as it felt and as much as he knew, more will come and after that, I'll get caught and my thoughts will lay molested, so. With a swipe, he pulled to the side and threw the net, undoing the barely tied, knowing not at its stop, nor slow, but minor discomforts, it's all he needed, rather than to face against their flight. They sounded like animals, despite the fact that small feet could be heard stepping on the walls. And, so, with another curve, there laid more to it, the underbelly of the town, liquids now dripping on the side, many other holes at which he dared not climb back. As, for, whatever followed him, if it was to be that they could follow and walk on walls, he stood no chance to climb on his own. The stench was wretched, and nets were starting to dim out as he went further. It seemed true, that whatever that child had found under his house, no, every single house in this wretched town must've had an entry here, or so it appeared to be. There was no way of telling, nor examining, just going and glancing, feeling the sudden change of atmosphere, cold from the empty hole, the warm in-between, cold again on yet another, followed by the warm of a break. But when there was heat, it was clear what laid above, even if it felt exhausting even but to pass beyond, it was the furnace, the small remnants of coals were crushed under his boots. Small flickers of light even came from there, which only meant to him that beyond there laid either a bakery or a forge. None of which concerned him most, as he was driven, unable to look back at the faces of his pursuers, other than a small chance. The next curve, they're far enough and won't be able to walk on the walls any further, the gaps lay too small. And when it came to it, his eyes widened, another curve to the left, despite appearing to move to nothing but circles, he managed nothing but for a glance. There were something else, other than human, gruesome but rabid, jumping the small gaps without even the smallest of problems, only to have their clothes dirtied by the liquid dripping from the ceiling. His thoughts rushed to their black fur and squint eyes, at even the thought of being caught and handled by them made him forget where he was and his objective. It was either escape or die, knowing that the voice wouldn't come to his aid. 'Slow down. We want only to speak.' And it made even worse, that there was no denying, it was their voice that came, as casual and normal as the one of a human, thought some parts of the bloated

skin remained, nothing else did so. They're too fast, deemed by him, after hearing yet a leap, though now there was light, at the end, the entrance to something bigger, perhaps even the chance of escape. And his muscles did not stagger down, even after so much struggle to keep up and keep them down, seeing how there wasn't any net, but the mud of the wall he leapt too as they did before and reached the small stairs he did not expect to see. Stumbling on them, caught in surprise, he lost balance and his vision was delayed, twisted to see only left and right, from time to time. Though it wasn't just a daze, he couldn't lift his other foot until the other one laid on a different step, and so on, so forth, he had to go one after another, then to lay on the different side, a smuggler, den, on the other side of the land. There laid hundreds of them all as humans but slightly taller, hairy, small feet with no shoes, acting like the ones who laid above, acting normal. And yet none surprise that in the middle of them laid one human. Breathing in excess, in and out, he was ready now, after closing and reopening his eyes, to go forth and act normal. They seemed to have stands where they sold fish and wears, others had food from everywhere, trinkets, other tools, more than he could count, from wherever place he could deem. And none resembled one another, nor acted rubbish and blank like the humans who laid above. Some smoke pipes or gambled on the side, others wore uniforms and had swords, but still. Hair raised ears that would belong to rats, at least two or three of them, with deviations of eyes, of which others seemed to be mutated and have extra, which carried with them, either on the back or worse. Bulked, they walked, something pushed themselves against him, at which Argus only heard. 'Watch where yer' going.' Thought to avoid any fight. Argus said not but gave a worrying look, glancing all around at their belts and how peculiar it seemed. There was one who had a leathery one that resembled whip around his waist, wearing nothing more but a small league of small rats that she fed. Such cries were not of pain, but simply just of content, for their mother loved them, as well as their brothers who were not apparent until she turned around and revealed that they were brother mice. White and black, like a girdle, though she wasn't alone, nor did she go without a praise. 'Beautiful, just beautiful children you've got there.' 'Thank you, my husband and I just decided to adopt them, and let's just say.' It was a nod of the head, and he looked the other way, hearing but the giggle after a glance with red cheeks on her face. It seemed that some were more than fond of humans, perhaps it was possible that they weren't any more different after all. 'Stop him!' Reminded by the nuisance behind, there they were, finally caught up in their grabs of blue and red striped, silver edges and a contour of their attire lines. Swords, utmost medieval chivaree they revealed, though scraps of metal and machines were just some boxes up ahead, store to be sold or used, whatever came first, of which he did not wait. Luckily they didn't hear nor find out of who they were referring to, as they all ignored and even let the only human just go past them. As long as he didn't bother or hit anyone there, they treated him as one of them. 'Careful.' Where he went, it would be heard from time to time, for the walk was still long and weary, as he dropped down like a dog, starting to crawl, up to the point where he managed to stick just by, even start the laughter of children he did not see. 'Damn.' Came the whisper, though he was heard by someone who stood nearby. 'You shouldn't be so loud, hear?' It was a woman standing at jabbing at the passer-by, seeing her various shining plates and needles in jars, perhaps marbles or something Argus couldn't even come to wonder what it was. And, even with that, she didn't reveal where he was. 'Don't tell them I'm here.' 'Don't worry hun, I wouldn't even dream of something like that, especially with those filthy pigs just making more trouble than fixing it.' Sure enough, their carrying didn't go unnoticed, above alas, he looked, and saw, as fractioned by many bars, a portcullis of light and wind, dimming

everything in yellow, perhaps too far from the world above to be described as. 'Wow.' 'Aye, quite a sight, you should've seen the architecture when they first built it, a marvel I tell ya. I'm Sonya.' 'ArgArguylle is what I'm called.' There was first a glance around before she lowered her head to shake their hands. Peril still lurked and their architecture deployed started to fascinate both his thought and his eyes. Is this what the celestials built, the dream that sucked humans inside? Not even he could resist the urge to stare at the spired and how they bent, dark, green and yellow, pale shades that reached and held the portcullis of light, that dropped water from above. It could've even been the fountain that laid from where he started, though, the same, it would've meant that he went in nothing but circles. Circles, too, as he thought and didn't notice, they were present, though sculpted by stone, and the heads of their masters laughing all around, spread by a facing stone that ran across the ceiling. Somehow, it brought the home-sick feeling he had felt in a long time. He couldn't stare, nor could he stay there forever. 'Out of my way. Now, fisherman.' The sounds of a fight were present at those yells as they were pushed around and hurt. By the small hinder between the wooden bracket and his barrel, there he saw, not far away, they were pushing one another, up until one of them fell on the ground. 'Does this happen often?' 'More than I could tell. You're not the first one to come here, you know, though I doubt we're the first to be seen, judging by your reaction.' There were a pleasant surprise and shock too, despite lying and without the presence of sanity that the voice claimed to have restored to him, he remained oddly desensitised to their appearances. Up, to the point. The ruckus started then and a fight erupted between them after finally being done with standing for nothing. The glass shattered and broke their sword. Metal against the glass and it went just like that. 'Come on, it's going to get a lot messier here.' With her hands, she shifted and got everything that she had a sack that once acted as a cushion for her plates. And she wasn't alone either, others started taking their business away from the fight, none wanting to be caught even further. Though he was hiding, he wanted to stay, despite everything, there was something up there, chained above, held by the spires, dropping with water between the underworld and possibly the fountain that laid above. 'You'll have plenty to see, just look.' So far, he's been guided by the shoulder, turned to look at a fight, basking and coming among other like her, close only to him in the various spots of skin, to see, revealed that he had been in nothing more than a market. There had been only that. What he saw when he turned was only but a small island with another section of not a market, but a full-fledged town, with tall buildings, a bridge that connected and more people than he could count. Everything under his very own eyes. 'It won't take long now.' Though it was more than a simple deviation from what he expected, he didn't complain more than the simple thought of it, he wanted to see what was in that town now. Obviously, there wouldn't be another way and it would've been a false thought that he wanted to enter the celestial but for the saving of the people alone. The promise of paradise, though not present at the time was too much to take, even for someone as he, who knew what the consequences were. And the lives too, real lives that were lost, or not. That was quite the sight, humans were present there, helping the other carry and move merchandise. It was a glance, though he pretended to look the other way, two men that helped move around had the faces of Angus and Jonathan, though both decided to look the other way. It went off for a few moments, in which he couldn't stop himself from breathing in and out, much more than afraid of being called out for what he had done. You've abandoned us, they'd reveal me. And even when they must've passed one another on the long bridge, he looked upon the waves and how they bounce, thinking but a turn would make them glance at one another in an awkward matter. 'Aye, there're a lot of them in here with us, if

you're just passing by, though."How d'you know I was new?"She stood slightly in front of him, walking on a pair of shoes bigger than the one worn by a human, though still, it was getting even worse for him to be known as such.Staring at woman shoes, right from the sea, he felt like sailors, if not for the spitting on the rust that laid on the iron bars left there for those who passed by not to fall down.'You're running from trouble, aren't you?'Indeed I am.Is it so obvious that you found out so quickly?'You were chased around by those two, weren't you?These eyes of mine have been deemed by the passing of age, though I can still see just as well as I did when I was nothing more than a small girl.'There was something else about her, other than the strange carcass that covered her, past the hair, her compassion, and the small flare in her eyes smelt as real.Blue, almost sparkling, though still.So did the old man appear the same, past the charm, Argus looked in front and others, at their small interaction, how they'd flicker inside their pockets, or playing with small toys they've found.And there were still those two that died, yet they have come back here, just as he did.'There's no one I can trust.'It deemed not answer from her, whatever she was, spoken so softly, away from the ears that constantly surrounded them.Alas.'But, could you show me what lays beyond those gates?'Finally, they reached, though, through migrants with their charts, carried by many others that passed too, to the giant gate, armoured with statues pointing by the side.'No expense, huh?'They seemed to be nothing more but pillars from distance, other than here, two human figures, wearing royal attire and holding the chains of the island that, in their turn, kept the island from turning away.'They say that they're the founders, though they look nothing like us at all, I'd wager that they're more close of kin to you than us.You know, this has always bothered me.'There were two guards above, just behind the statue's heads, just waiting to turn the wheels and open it, though they were grabbed to a halt, both just looking at Sonya as she was about to speak.At the point, a crowd of small number even came closer to listen as she spoke.'They say that those two are our ancestors, isn't that right?Though what do they have and we don't?Why are they like that when we're the way we are?'Small voices raised themselves as she spoke, either to the point of accompanying her or encouraging her to get louder.On the opposite side, it seemed as if there was yet another one just wanting to come outside and join their charade.If Argus wanted to remain incognito in a crowd of both other people and the others, this wasn't the spot no the time.They all had their eyes either set of Sonya or on him and not for a moment did she acknowledge that they were standing there, carefully analysing what they were doing. 'Then what happened?'Argus' voice was slightly dropped, sweat running down his neck into the already stained clothes.It was clear to Sonya.This man is certainly uncomfortable with it, well, no point to just stop, it's time to move on with it.'They say that, long ago, when this was nothing more than a mound under the ground.'And as she began recalling the story, torches were unlit, leaving nothing but gloom lit by small glowing insects, almost bent at the will in the dark.'When giant beasts made out of anger subjugated these depths and it is said that they roamed against stone and dirt, going everywhere around, they were stricken by the plague.It was then that the fathers came and delivered them from the application that threatened to devour and spread against everything and everywhere at will.And, just as well, it was at that point when they, themselves became afflicted by the infection that made them turn into what our ancestors were.'"Then, if it is so, if I may interrupt, tell me, why are there statues of two people, two humans there, and now what appears to be in your story?'There was more to it, downplayed to every single amount of detail, he had to stretch it as fast as possible, at least that way they wouldn't be able to cut through the crowd.Will he listen, though?Does he care?Sonya found his tone lacking, even for someone in his position,

especially when dimmed by the rich history of their past. Though, now everyone waited for her to continue, despite her unawareness of the attention she had over them. Nonetheless, it was made clear, everyone knew the story well enough. They managed to bend the affliction to their will, that is the reason why they're not there, standing in the temporary state, and the same one that our predecessor fell into. "They found a cure." Indeed, but, do you see the one on the left? And his body slightly turned and dimmed into darkness? At Sonya's command, he followed where the bed of fireflies suddenly came to lit the side, reveal how the statue was truly shaped. He didn't stand tall, but instead, he took upon himself to the knee, with half of body knitted in broken rock and laid against the distance, still. He took upon himself to be afflicted again, for the cure that they found only did reverse those that weren't afflicted for long enough to suffer the true extent. There had to be a way. With the flickering of a hand, out of the border, on which there was the bar alone, and the fireflies stood, they were scattered in the air, waving for other, bigger glowing bugs to come in their place. Those bulbs they had were at least four times bigger and the area was backed in even more light, though of little importance that was, other than revealing of what laid illustrated on the wall. Like notes and long roads that had lines, deliberating from side to side, it spoke of what had happened then, the coming of two of them, a secret men that fell into despair. And how they walked. From side to side, our founders that had brought our future with them. Look at it, just bask in their glory and how they ascended and descended throughout the lair of the wailing beasts. At that, more than various lines ran and flew across the wall, shattered but still, more than enough to wake the slumbering beasts. They came without notice but they weren't stopped nor did they give up, despite how frail their bodies were. Look, look! She said again, pointing at them, at which pint they'd go. There was something glowing in her hand, a sceptre, which came directly against the floating insects. That must be how she's controlling them, it could even come useful in time if I were to take it of my own. And, indeed, anything could've helped Argus, especially then and there. His eyes immediately guided themselves away from the spot, back to the walls like everyone else. Everyone stood, still, again, in utmost silence, doing nothing but listening as she went on with how they went against waves, the war. War in the depths. That sounded far too familiar for his own liking, in more than one way. They fought, lost one another then found each other once again. And then it was, upon the highest of the peak. And as she said, her voice, then and there, as everyone was slowing down, and he could see the faces freeze. The air as grabbed to a halt inside their lungs, even to the point where he could see the illusion of time having been made to disappear. Wings were frozen but the light remained and it was clear then, why it stopped there. Far, though still away from the story she was speaking off laid a box, present or not in the story, the voice was strong enough to pierce through the corner of that world and tell him there. My cage, find my cage. And, as well, as that was made clear, so it was that his name could've been Ferdinand, given to be taken yet again. I can outrun here, neither in the real life nor in this dream. And the time came back and she continues of the deeds of their old patrons, how they conquered even. Even. What laid there, still unknown to any of us, and the previous generations, even the new. The thing which lays there is forbidden for us to even dream about it, hence, none of us dares go against the law of the land. Past the prison laid a road, which was stricken in two fold. One remained human, abandoning us, leaving for the world above, it is said, thought not entirely unchanged himself. In reality, no one knows why but his stature is written as if he was getting younger, the farther he went and the closer to the outside world. Our elders used to say that it was then that one of our founders travelled so far alone, haunted by two apparitions, that, he became younger

again and gave birth to the world that share of your kind. Though a part of him remains here, emboldened in stone as a statue of his full grown stature as he once was.' Again she pointed, now greenlit, though still dark, the once that stood tall and held the chains for over his shoulders.' And the other one?' He asked without a dark, wondering whenever or not, her tale was true, or even if there was a shimmering fragment of truth inside.' The other one chose to return, though both have healed themselves and cast the affliction there.' And on the wall, the lowest part laid a chasm, dark, getting darker as the small insects went back, up to the point above, from which tendrils and other parts could be seen, though as it went deeper, even their light was devoured by the representation of darkness which laid below. There was another one deep down there, though against where he thought he was, no possible way could've predicted where exactly that was. Though there wasn't need of many guesses of whom they were speaking about. The war in the depths they say, the war in depths. Even then and there, the peril of being dragged into their war was inescapable. And perhaps it was being dragged closer to him than he thought, as the bridge was being tilted back and forth, only for a slight, by the waters that had the scent of battle yet aroused.' Back to the source from which it was spawned from, a tool of war that was deployed. "How do you know so many, or even if it were to be true all that you've recalled? You've shown nothing more than the writings and carvings on the walls. Writings that I can't decipher and images that could mean anything." Oh but I have, I have studied everything there is to know, both writing and manmade, everything that you see there was checked by me, both in appearance and the distant places that lay there. I have gone and taken their path, even. Even. "Go on, even where? If you claim to know the truth about the founding fathers, have you gotten to the point illustrated there?" With this and as he pointed back at the depths, Argus momentarily made her stop. Whenever or not it remained a delicate subject or not, it didn't matter, though what did was obvious, there, there, the beast that lays. 'Would you be able to take me there and be my guide?' Is that the reason for which you came here?' And even if he wasn't sure about the answer, something inside of him, voice or not made him feel as if he was right. 'Indeed it is, but I know not the way, though carry on with your recollection of events. We shall speak of private matters.' Though it was unexpected, this seemed to be the right path to choose, whenever or not, he'd get the chance, to finally get rid of everything and escape. 'Our fathers defeated the affliction and cast it right back and just in time before it managed to spread and feed its children.' Children?' Indeed. 'She pointed and flailed against the wind at which the insects spread across every place, where small creatures laid all across the wall. First, they were nothing but illustrations, but then, it was revealed that some dwelled there, small and barely beating, though Ferdinand laid his eye elsewhere. 'Do you believe me now?' Though at her question he did nothing else but swallow his own words and listen. 'They still haunt us, even now, as their father lays in there, slumbering after dark. And what we do now? We're sitting here exposed and waiting to be taken.' She stopped then after finally turning and having revealed the many faces listening to her. For a second there was a slight shock that so many had come and stood there listening to her, though it faded yet again. It wasn't her for a time she had laid a speech for such an audience, though never had it hurt to lay surprised. 'Poppycoks, that's what we're doing now, just waiting to be taken, just like he was a long time ago before we built what we have now?' 'Where are we on the map?' 'We do not know?' 'How can you not know where you are if you claim to know the way to that?' It posed a threat for him to ask so many questions, but if it meant going to an end, it was worth everything and more. 'Ask yourself this then, how have you gotten here? You can't and no one else can answer that for you or anyone else. Can

you?' And as she pointed to the crowd, that, in a long time of sitting silent and placid got excited to respond, they nodded back and claim to not know. 'Exactly, none of us, none of them and certainly. Not that!' Darkness crept around though somehow they were concealed. 'But even if it's true.' He bit his tongue there, knowing that it was still too early to ask for her guidance yet again. She knew. 'Do you still wonder what happened to one of our founding fathers?' Just on cue, he was quick to drag his eyes at the guards above, even when it was getting darker, the gates started to open, slowly, then. 'You can ask the great one, he knows of everything else that needs to be said and ever known.' She leads the path, of which everyone followed, and to which surprise. This wasn't any normal town, that was the least it could be, one an island, under depths, it was an emporium of lights. Lamp they had, of harsh silver, tall and having the insects all caught up, with tall buildings drowned in whichever colour and paint they could find or have fallen down. Layers upon layers of streets, different paths, and many watching from above at the dance of lights that threatened to drown the real light of the sky. Sonya was quick to come by and grab him by the hand, speaking of ill, an advice and wonder of which she said. 'I can see from your surprise that you now understand why is it that they but refused to go outside, or even further than their little bubble, waiting to be burst.' 'How? This.' There were no words to explain, the materials, the shining of glamour they had was unexplainable at most, even the clothes were of royal stature for whom they were. 'We must hurry now before the second part come and I'll have to bliss.' It took away. It managed to take away, as he went further, the others slowing down, to understand. Everything was so clean and radiant, even to their reflection that it made them, even with the help with, but a glance on their expression, that they were putting themselves beyond repair. The plates, the puddles, the surface and everything had a reflection of what they really looked liked, and it was obvious even to Ferdinand, why they fell so deeply in self-pity. They hate themselves and how much they look alike to those vermins. But she still had her hand gripping and handling him away from their gazes, down the alley, and past a pit, she leads him towards a place that was unknown to him. 'Where are we going?' 'To meet him and for you to be registered properly.' 'What do you mean by that?' He asked surprised as he didn't know what to expect from the encounter. Lowlifes. There was a deeper embrace of which his thoughts came to be after they kept walking, near the braces of the inner city, where they stood there, smoking blunts as cigars. They were big and their succour could be felt even as he passed by. Such rags and so young they were, despite what they looked like, the small band watched them come around. 'Ignore them.' 'Wait a minute.' Fifty feet more and there was a small tunnel leading deeper into the city, after a small slope, which already was halfway passed, he decided to stop. Now his presence was taken, as they turned. Eight of them perhaps, more or less hidden in the back, in corners darker than the soiled wood he passed whilst coming there. There was another glance that they allowed with a nod, as he looked down and noticed a couple of the black blocks turned to grey ashes along a few bottles of distilled liquid, still dripping and seemingly infecting the very stone it had. That must be what's affecting them, those drinks. Through ragged clothes and through the holes there were the marks of bodily abused, greenish and a canine red skin was left on a large area that was expanded even to the point of getting a point of growing fungus. 'Watcha doing in our part of the town?' From the voice, it seemed as if it was nothing more than the adolescent kind, though what actually surprised him wasn't their appearance but how easily he recognised them. More than that, how easily he recognised himself into them. 'You won't want to start anything with me, trust me.' 'Oh, right? Hear that? The little human thinks he can come here and cause.' Before he could go on and pull out

whatever laid hidden in his back, Sonya pulled and dragged him away, against the mantle of darkness which laid on the said, as it encompassed them both, letting them sneak away. 'Why now?' 'Keep your voice down fool, and watch.' Sonya kneeled both herself and him in an attempt to not hinder and give away. Though the party was, from the looks of them, already spread with dirty weapons, some petty knives, but dripping. Perhaps the same substance that laid as well on the blade as on their belching bodies. 'One drop of that and you'll be in deep trouble.' 'I don't need your help, I could as well have dealt with the four of them.' 'Don't you mean eight?' And after both whispers faded, it appeared as if two to three additional ones came into the light, as it was safe to say that they were the only ones. Others could've been hiding there too, just as they were watching for any sign of them. 'This isn't right, they're not supposed to be here.' 'Who isn't? Those rascals?' 'They're not supposed to be there, not that many of them, they must be planning something.' They did seem quite friendly to him, laid down, other than their numbers and compared to his youth. Back then when he had a gang, though not sharing their appearance and their flawed act. Have they ever gone as low as we had? There was a time, long ago, in his town, at the point when he had trained his friends and taught them his own trade. It was then that he acted like a huntsman, or at least he thought of himself to be the way, managing to learn from the thickest spots, from the easiest ways to outrun whoever tried interfering with their plans, to the best hiding spots, up to breaking in houses, though the thought remained exaggerated. Only one thing remained to be sure, of what he had been doing then, and how he made them aid him in robbing his own house. He knew that they'd not recognise him and other than a guess, he was rested assured of his own doing. The door was blasted out and they were fast, he had seen them again, a second time, and even in-between his memory and their previous glance, they all avoided eye contact, or even speaking. He was walking with two dead men though no time dictated them, nor their action went further than they should've. Is this a memory I'm living through? He wondered at it, being the last to enter his own house. The corridor was dark and the street lamp behind him illuminated just enough a point. Unexplained territory, it seems indeed. His hands looked real, and they responded as he moved, even though he was left alone. So did the street behind him, as it looked as if it was about to rain. Dark clouds, they pitied him, for he didn't remember stopping now. This could be dangerous, if it does affect my mind, it could replace my memories or worse. How much could they replace and what was the true effect on his mind? There wasn't any way of telling, though it looked and felt too real. 'Wood.' He said as he touched the door, removing his glove past to a point and firmly going all around to feel its texture. It was indeed wood and there wasn't any response to reveal neither the gang nor that Sonya was around witnessing the episode of the madman. And it remained, to enter the looming darkness that laid there, off the street. Silhouettes were coming, and, just like before, it was way too early for him to be seen. It's either that I enter now or risk the chance of being seen too soon. Enough damage had been done, though little as it were, more damage to the memory couldn't make it better. Two wrongs as they said. The door was slammed immediately, as the mood changed to ever dark. If there were glimmers of light that might've come from outside during the passing of the silhouettes, now there weren't any left, which could only mean that they had left. No one should've been at that hour outside, witnesses coming and going on their own accords. Though something else haunted him and his memory, other than the dark, he knew well that both his mother and his brother were in the house still sleeping. A crack was after a step, the floor was just as he remembered, though the sound was off tone. There were still some of the things of which he failed to remember properly that showed around, as a

cabinet on a side that had pills, though the labels, still visible there had gibberish written on the labels. I don't remember well whenever or not I checked what was inside, though I know for sure that there had been some time spent before entering the other wing. Another look followed, immediately after the thought, of which he opened, revealing that it was left open for him. A small cut was made against the lock of which it was cut without his knowledge beforehand. Just a bottle then I'll go. Words appeared though they were nothing but mere words, the ones of which he's been running for a while now, the same ones as before. 'Find the cage.' Again, it seemed as if it was turning into an obsession of a kind, at least more than what he wanted and needed to be. He's trying to come back in, first the voice, now the words. It became apparent to him as he went on, seeing the mark of water on the floor, though it hadn't rained. The bottle was kept in his pants, knowing that there was a chance, if he came back into the alley to find it in there, despite the time and location, no matter how far and long. Beyond both, there still was the room he was in and even there he wondered if he was still facing the vessel unmoved, with danger in the base. It can wait, for now, he leapt into a stillness between a crossroad of a room that leads to the living room and one in the front. In his right laid the stairway and there was no doubt that in the room above there was his brother, reading in the darkest hour that came. Shadows crept and started stealing and grabbing in the bag, of which he had remembered, triggered, though the knives that were reflecting small fractioned light coming from outside shouldn't have been there. And they're stained too, dripping as well. Argus didn't know what to do, either it was to continue and try to act as if in a play, or act however he wanted. They could be the ones there, or it could be fashioned just for myself. He hadn't perceived nor questioned how time slowed before, though possible ways could've been explained if the world acted only for himself. Though if that were to be true, the celestial would've most likely been aware of his presence there. Now all he did was a question when the time was most opportune, as they couldn't see them, even with their light despite him being able to see. Did it matter then? When he was stopped and cars went through? Does it matter now? Very well. He paid no heed anymore and joined them finally, looking at his hand and seeing but a knife. At which, with the image and finally the noise of his little brother waking up to see what's happening, laid a wicked smile. Now, he truly awoke, after a glance. At least two bodies laid on the ground, and just as he looked at his hand there laid the blade with their blood on them. Strange how it came to me, as I did not even feel the force needed for a stab. 'Are you coming or just going to stare?' And there she was, Sonya alas. Just a part of her was roughened up, though nothing else seemed to be missing. Two ears, two legs, some wounds but no deeper than what they appeared. 'I've told you I could take them on.' 'You were lucky, nothing more. Not to mention that they will go and bring more of them on their way, seeking to avenge their fallen.' Thence, he leapt again, now through the lowered enclave, both coming together, neck in neck, riding through as if nothing had happened. Now, it was clear that, after forcing himself to remember, it had been revealed that no damage was done. The memory of what happened before and now the new one stood there, side by side, though, even more than that, it had been revealed that the celestial hadn't reign dominion over him. Nor could he be forced to relive his memories for far too long. Now, just to follow her and try to escape. Arrogance followed, after yet a turn. 'Stop.' Sonya grabbed and pulled him, in an empty hole in the wall, from which they both hid. Two guards, perhaps the same as before, though he couldn't remember what their faces looked like. They weren't searching but trying to escape. 'Something still isn't right.' A wail still came from inside, grimace and had a scent that reeked of dead, rotten and rubbest against hard lead. Too specific to pinpoint

from which he remembered the scent exactly, though he was aware still that he had felt its full extent from somewhere. The two of them were still on the run, being as obvious as the flickering of daylight that their bodies blocked, leaving behind only a dance of shadows spanning across the cold walls. 'What could it be now?' She wasn't sure either, despite swearing to have known the city down to its smallest crevices, and at least that he knew not to be a lie. It could be caused by an external source, same as it happened before. This posed a threat, bigger than he thought, especially since, if change dictated that he'd have yet another vision whilst walking there, he'd not escape alive. 'Follow my lead then.' He said, again, in a hollow of a tone, leading slowly with a hand on the wall, as cold as it felt. Again, his fingers went through the small empty spaces that laid in-between just as he tried figuring out why did it feel that way, how could his senses be twisted like that. It wasn't important at the time, yet the wonder alone, and how it felt was deemed to be more than interesting, an obsession, to understand. Celestials, speaking through, messing with me. A vision blank that went through the scent and the dirt that laid on the bottom, grass spots that were taken from somewhere and abandoned only but after a step. 'Is there a field where you're taking us?' A small spot I guess, there's a garden if that's what you're talking about. Ferdinand showed her the small fist he had grappled from behind, the way he felt and handled it made her think for a while, in the still-dark. 'They came from there. But there's still more to go, and to think they'd have run so far away.' 'What are you talking about?' 'You're new and I doubt we can speak much here.' 'I've got the time.' Though yet another wail showed off that there wasn't yet any. She was stubborn yet, refusing to return, a lump laid in her throat, as it was decided best. 'For me to go on. I've known this road for more than any other and don't doubt me yet. Just try keeping up.' And he did, for a while at least. It was rude to look directly upfront, as there now laid only but an exposed skirt and a glimmer through the dark. Little did it matter though as they were both coming and feeling the heat come throughout every single part around. Dripping from above, still no light now and it got even hotter as they went on, almost to an unbearable level that couldn't be ignored forever, at least not by her. There were signs that she was slowing down. 'Are you all right?' 'We can't stop now.' She didn't need to tell why she feared of what she thought of, which was more than obvious of what she thought. 'Let's wait for a little while, at least.' 'I've lied to you.' Now, she said, as she laid along the wall. It was clear that the wail came from the end of the dark level from which they were going, though something else laid above. 'We haven't managed to fully get rid of the sons.' Despite the dark, a shed of fear he felt there, feeling the heat almost ransom both of them, especially where they laid. He waited though he made some steps, closer to going faster where she stood and ready to abandon before it laid too late. The fur that laid on her started falling down, something he couldn't do much to prevent or help. 'It's because of us, we. We tried feeding and taking care of them, that's how.' Before she spoke again, she grabbed him another time, though it was easy to feel how much of her strength left her there and now. 'Go to him and speak, he'll know what to do.' 'Are you going to die if I leave you here?' 'No, but you will.' The founders did that, though we failed. Her thoughts were now bitter, and he was slowed. She just couldn't let go of his arm, now oozing and being stuck against, the fur and a layer of her skin were lowering and falling apart right under his very nose. But, still, he knew more than enough, what would happen if we went on and refused to go on. And, he had a good idea of what laid above. 'They like dark corners, and they can just as well adapt.' 'Let go of me.' 'I can't.' And before waiting for her to speak again, he started attempting to flail, causing her more discomfort, all until he had enough and threw her on the side where she fell there, laid forgotten, right under a pool that dropped for

above.'I will send help.'He tried saying, though it was nothing more than a lie, of which they were both aware and spoke nothing.She will end like those that were infected.And then he remembered, just as he thought, the previous encounter they had, the marks they had above and beyond their open wounds.Though before knowing he bumped into another, still fleeing like the others and for a moment froze into a position being mid-flight and an attack.'Don't hurt me.'A young voice said, thought he must've been just as tall as he was. 'It's not safe, let's go.'Three or four just passed by, more and more fleeing at the point of even that who he had faced just managed to sneak past him, fleeing as he was.'Don't go there, it's.Dangerous.'None of them seemed to care, though now the light of torches reveal what it was, the old tunnel filled with overgrown roots.Rotting.He tried peeling one, just as two legions of them passed by in a hurry to escape.The wailing continued, perhaps more amplified than it ever was.There wasn't any way for him to escape the incoming doom he'd have to face, going straight right into the mouth of the beast from which he wanted to flee.Just like they did, the threat felt real, even as he heard the screams behind and imagining the pain felt by the caused by the upcoming heat, there wasn't a way back.Plenty of them were aware of the danger yet they chose to face it against what laid out there, at the point of no sympathy being shown to him at all, the madman who deliberately chose to approach the peril.Other people of his own kind as they have said passed by, and with the help of the smoke and the dust, they weren't too much different than the others.No sympathy was shown to him, not by them nor by their peers, at the point of which to them he didn't even exist.Just another man to be abandoned and die.Voice came from fear and exposure to the bitter materials that laid above, close to the ceiling and worse.What's my name again?It was not the time to ask himself nor was it important for him to know, given or taken, the closer he came towards the point from which the light sprouted, and the same one from which the crowds came left nothing more to him but wait.Wait and bear through crowd and crowd, so many people, perhaps yet to many to count, he didn't stop, though.Now, the waygate was open as he forced himself to go through, breaking their small stockade, pushing smaller ones off to the ground where they took their time before lifting themselves up yet to run.There were too many to count from the inner sanctum from which he entered, perhaps more than half of the population of the city, at which his eyes widened yet in the shock.It wasn't from that alone, neither the size nor their form could gather and do such a rection as which he had felt then and there, seeing the wailing point and the spire.The giant reigned over as a cathedral of scorn, as tall as the dark sky above that was shimmering in darkness inside a hole.The way up was dark but that wasn't which was scary, most of all, though no matter how far it was, he saw it again.His.Theirs.All of theirs.'Predecessor.'His shoulder was hit many of times as more passed, he was to be hit more than that, many more times, until, he thought of running yet away.Such a giant thing and its attention came back.Its repulsing body was still trying its best to climb and climb upon the spire from the point where it impaled or was impaled, holding by the spiked base up until even is hands were there trapped as well.Hardly, it twisted its fragmented jaw that was done to its flaccid bone, deeply inserted inside and dripping down, infecting the land under and signalling that he was seen.Now, Ferdinand had realised why they were all running, now he realised why they were all afraid.It tried its best to come and-and drag itself, remembering too, even through the empty crowd, that he was so different from them, so much recognisable, alas.Along the vile that fell, the lack of teeth and a system of tubes that were now visibly twisted inside its neck, it tried even harder to grab and pull away, saliva dripping at an even faster rate.The sight made them faster to come, though the spire refused to fall, it just refused, standing harder

and ten times stronger than it even was. The crowd got harder to get through, and the scream made it even worse, as the choir went on saying. 'Begone. Run. Madman.' And worse, they were afraid, knowing and expecting it to be like what was inside the passage, only more evolved, at the point of which he wondered. What could it really be? Sonya wasn't there, though it was time to find out. It seemed as if it used to be a city, inside the darkest part, near the wall against which the spire and the predecessor supported themselves, among the many buildings with their visible wooden pillars held there to stay. So many houses to be abandoned. He looked down as he thought. Small bears and toys, ripped apart and drained of all the joy that was felt by them, children had used them previously to play, smashed and crushed under many dirty feet now. Ferdinand looked around again and listened to the crashing sound of rotten bones being rubbed against the material of which the spire was made out of. He couldn't pinpoint what it was nor what it felt like, seeing the vibration across, which made his heart get sunken into the dirt. Even the green field, of a garden, had its fence broken and laid around, they were getting rougher and rougher, as a stream to come by, and now it seemed, that there wasn't yet a chance. There came the final strongest wail, and it could wait no longer. More and more stopped by the stream and watched in surprise. Or was it fear that he felt too? It suddenly stopped resisting nor could hold itself anymore, not feet to support itself, the hands just as sagged, instead it threw itself and with the force of the spire, ripped its jaw from the rest of the hand and fell down, knocked back and forth by the tall homes which laid, even more, planks which came to it. A ray of dust, almost like a hurricane came by the feet and they looked still. 'Is it dead?' 'Could it be?' Most kept the wonder and their comments as short as they could if said anything at all. More and more tried or attempted, though nothing could come out. Their senses as well as the voices from which sound boxes dared try to come out mostly failed with each inaudible attempt. The assault was night and in their minds, everyone expected to die, as the landing wasn't enough to say the fiend. And no matter how hard it would shimmer and wriggle, crushed and stab, the sound it made as it forced itself to go further away was unbearable to listen. Now it came that he couldn't go past the running mass, too many moving at once and trying to get the past was close to being impossible. The flailing beast didn't stop, making the ground tremble harder and stronger as it approached, now without a jaw, which had already been sunken further into the spire, abandoned there to rot. It needed not one of it, though from whence it came, he tried thinking. 'The chasm!' Argus pointed as he yelled, finally realising where he was so that he'd be able to think and understand. It must've been pushed back, though alas it meant. Another glance around, and the more he touched them, the more it seemed to him to realise that they must've been malformations, mutations that were alive. A base must've laid, also he wasn't there anymore, the celestial. Too much was there to think about and even less now, that he was pushed about unable to see straight or even attempt to come back. Without the promise of safety and removed from the voice, he wanted now to remain alive and joined them, running among them and refusing to stop. There wasn't any other way back and above him laid the way back, tightly squeezing through the hair nets that laid around. So much sweat ran between him and them though he dared not speak a word of it, not now, neither at the point of which their screams resumed back as well as ten times worse than before. Worse things have happened in his mind and yet more remained to happen, hearing the buildings crushed and slammed, the screams of agony didn't leave much to be expected, other than what the abomination did with those who it had gotten. Still, he couldn't fly nor hover round the air, which was more than fair. But, for a moment, enough space seemed to deem that he'd escape, more than the half-way back, hearing them

speaking. 'Faster, faster, please, it's just behind of us?' 'So fast?' Even Argus was in shock, how could something so big and left in pieces be so fast, and yet again, it managed to wriggle and block the light, or at least the one that was natural. Dark sounds could be heard, it was revealed, cogs for a machine were in the cracks left by the shattering of the wall. 'The predecessor is too big to fit.' Though none of those around him understood what he meant by it, being too preoccupied not to die, they tried their best to keep up and not make a sound. Cogs and wires ground at its skin, melting as the heat began, moans from something from far above. The light from the torches revealed the red malformation and the small tumours it grew on its skin, oily and moving, right where he had went. Sonya wasn't there, though it remained none of his concern now that he had fled away, running as fast as he could, without a glance behind, to see how the body being pushed by the walls, taking the form, whilst being ripped apart. Others fell and were crushed under, though by now Argus had no care, not even for those other people or who they were. From above? This must be what the war in the depths that they were going to. He'd wonder and deal with the agents after he had taken care of that, now, he could only fly away and try to escape, avoiding the poison that fell, the roots feeding and dripping on the cogs. Soon there'd be a meeting between the predecessor and the unknown ceiling-lurking terror, now being less flaccid and more active. So much heat came from behind, it had gotten from an unknown source, at which Argus threw yet another glance behind where he had seen it grab and handle a machine. It must've been pulled from the wall and used as a replacement for the jaw. Cogs were there and two iron leads along a block of metal, red and lit, still going and active despite being pulled. It was so close he could feel it run, though so was the exit, and the leap against the wall, only to avoid the dripping from above. Those flailing gripping dark hands didn't belong to it, though terror was felt by everyone who was to be caught and touched by them, as they dropping yet more with the same poison that was present in the drinks most seemed to have. Bottles in bags and other trinkets taken, soon contaminated, at which Argus had nothing to sterilise himself, nor protect. There was only a way out at which he pushed others that fell and slipped on the moisture, unable to get up now, though, it was too late. The sound of metal being rusted, the machine in its mouth soon to be activated, and now. Now, it leapt, the creature that laid above let itself fall straight to the machine, on a side whilst the other, unknown. The sound was terrible, as was the scent of burnt skin and hair which permeated throughout the entire small tunnel. Thought in place, it tried to escape, making everything shake, and the wail, even darker as if it was afraid to be slain there and now, in the dampest of depths. Then, it felt as even the moisture of the air had fallen and dissipated in the air, burn as it were. Way behind there was a pit of fire, though no flame arises, being as it was, the only way to describe the infernal heat that came, melting and forging on itself as a sack of meat that still followed through. It refused to give up, but so did Argus, especially since he knew the way back. Now came the open streets, the lights above starting to dim out, night even in a covered hole was about to come. Around there could've been the cutthroats that looked for him at the point of which he plainly and casually stepped on the blood that rots at the floor. 'Help!' There came a sudden shout, thought it was drowned in many other who were fleeing for their lives, and in their path, as many as they were, they managed to crush to bits and pieces every can and smaller stone that used to lay on the ground. If that weren't enough, he looked around, but for a glance and saw them step on one of theirs, yet again, without even showing a need to care. None did but why could say, the peril was far at hand, at a trail of black smoke, some looked behind. Waiting still, until it turned out to have become, a rain of black that fell and made those touched by the smouldering plague

waste their insides still without even daring to attempt lifting themselves up from the kneeling position in which they stood. Whatever laid now inside the cove, the abomination made of black and cold, he didn't need to lay eyes upon, as he knew still what it'd do. Though still. I have to go back. Argus thought as he took a turn, whilst others either spread wherever they could lay their small damaged feet upon, he took a hard right, cutting through as a parent through children who didn't even dare question, yet think again. Some have said. 'Madman, madman. Where'd you go?' But quickly turned flaccid after a glance coming from him, demanding ill and hardness as it went. The predecessor wants me, perhaps he'll see that I went through with the crowd. There wasn't any song still and the city yet laid to be abandoned by those who desperately wanted to escape. Such a place. Etherly wonders gripped at the city and it was almost as if a tidal wave came from underground and made the entire isle slide from side to side. It was only to a moment that he managed to grab the base of a street lamp that he didn't fall like the others and was thrown around. With that and the quakes, the assault was nigh, the beast was sent only to assault, and there was only but a way for him to go. 'Don't let go.' And nods came, something he hadn't previously notice, but little children, fur about, were clinging and malformed as it seemed, their little hands fell apart as the strength of the wind. 'Damn.' He yelled though those matters felt bitter and cold, somewhat not belonging to him, neither to anyone he'd dare know. Somehow he found more strength to go about and twitch his head to see, the way from whence the hole was yet blocked, though features revealed, it was still alive, still twitching. Once the land and the island regained its stature, he could walk again, though daze, as were the others. Buildings were falling apart and it seemed that furthermore above, there must've been war. The great above, though it seemed as if it had more than enough sturdy stone-built by ancient people still shook, unable to sit still. Enough was made by feet alone and Argus was sure of it. 'If it was me still, it'd be impossible to tell at all.' Now, after touching the end of a door, it opened to another memory. 'Bad timing.' He said, as he thought, how demeaning his distracting delusion got to be, at least, it wasn't as far as before, though still in the days when he was young and sturdy. After dark. It came through as a jungle, with roots that grew up to titanic proportions against walls and buildings made of stone. He has dressed apart and many others were near, all as he remembered, a party and a trip, though not even the sight nor the play of illusions could save him. A tree just fell, tall and round, too perfectly to be made of wood. It made them scatter just like ants, and almost crushed the old ancient abandoned structure, yet to see. 'Damn this. This must've been a pillar.' And at that too, he remembered now which laid, the architecture build, and how it bent. Tree with holes and twisted long, far and wide, it was hard to fathom at all. And still, he kept on, they abandoned, yet far behind, too many others wearing their suits, to be called human. His hand went through the tall grass and leaves and cut through as if it were. 'Nothing but a glorified layer, I know now.' 'You realised.' It came as a surprise, that the voice came immediately back and burnt leaves and trees, revealing the dark blood on the one side, far behind of him dripping, whilst on the other, the apparatus of the city standing to lay in utmost flames. 'How far have you been with me?' 'Ever since the bridge, or have you forgotten?' 'I forgot nothing.' Thought it wasn't true, even now he failed to be in shock and realise that the dripping substance was approaching, far apart, the thing was now bigger and fed by a symbiotic embrace with another friend, just as worse, perhaps even worse than it was. 'Find it, and slay it, as it was laid alone, just waiting to be put to an end.' 'What about your?' 'After.' The voice spoke again. Another pushed out of him. The sound that came from behind made it even more clear than before, the splashes and the dark. He turned around and saw it finally lift

up and it was almost at started state, perhaps a couple of times larger than before to say the least. Over it laid the things, black and slain, yet a part of it that remained, covering the gap between the lack of jaw and a machine, some parts melted and bits of rocks were still impaled inside of it. 'It's still alive.' The predecessor. The voice spoke, monotone yet again, almost as if it didn't care. 'Do not stop.' And he turned and walked yet another step, though even with forced control, he couldn't help it but turn back and look about the malformation, to see the two hands rise and bulked up, at the point where they have almost blown apart in pumps of meat. It must've been caught and set apart by small joint-like needles, bone-like spears that kept it even more from falling yet apart. They weren't belonging to it, at least not before, they must've come out of the slain terror which dropped its blood, ever black. And still it refused to follow, the masses of hair, and instead, it chose to follow him without repenting, it plunged, but not far away, two arms that came into the dirt. It wriggled and vibrated for no reason, but to give him time to escape. Confused he turned around and hear the body fall again, against its own heaviness and destroy the ground, crushing it, even as the island was being ripped apart. 'There's more still here trying to escape.' It came as a surprise, even as the thing came, they weren't scared, two jumped, dirty as they were, dressed in rags still, with knives inside their hands, leaping to attack. He dodged the first, almost like a primal instinct, a kick came from his behind and pushed one of them to fall closer. The sound of his bones being crushed under the body of that creature was more obvious as the other's expression changed. Now, Argus got his round, to come and grab and wrestle the knife. It was a struggle, hard and harder as, with each passing second it got closer to him, both the knife, above his shoulder he saw the beast try to lift again from the ground. He knelt suddenly, even with two hands close to being at his throat and threw one of them above his body, though, the knife was let go. Argus grabbed it but didn't notice that he was taken by the end of his hand and pulled, not far, both being slammed against the ground in a fast motion which almost cracked his skull. The wailing of the beast came again with just another leap. It stopped again. Both he and the pig near him were so close they could hear. If only a tilt and fall in front came, they'd both be dead in an instant, yet it stood there waiting for something. 'Keep walking.' Said the voice. 'I can't right now, I'm busy.' And as he said it, he turned around with the knife and tried jacking a swipe at the throat, though he had already rolled and tried getting up. Not much and I'll be crushed. As he thought, the body already strated shimmering and got ready yet to fall once again, just as the main part, from which dust came out of fell from the ceiling, yet again. He got up and got into a stance, he moves steadily-fast and yet didn't look back, knowing it'd attack, yet the man ran away, dirty as he was, so did Argus. The ground was still being filled with its dark running blood, though now slowly, conserved inside, it needed it for something, right under his eyes. Argus looked for a second and saw how holes and other sides suddenly were stumped by skin and meat, coming from the inside sealed, to stop the pristine blood it took away. There were, suddenly homes opened, yet more fire and smoke, at least a couple more alleyways and he were safely far away to listen to another fall. 'Where is it? I can't. I don't have any idea where to go.' Scream arise, and a family came out, thinking they'd have escaped, now seeing that the path outside was blocked, with ruins laying from its right to the left. It wouldn't be long now until it'd die, he thought. That must've been the reason why it was acting that way, driven mad, though still, it healed its wounds and prepared. 'A final assault?' With a knife in the hand he waited no longer and glanced, for his every approach matter, anything would matter now. A pole of fire impaled the ring of alleyways that laid not far out of his reach. If that was the right path, any path other wouldn't suffice. It's been over before it started. They were

everywhere too, trying to escape, and all who tried, either died inside their burning homes, the bouncing hinges that bounced didn't retreat at all.'They died.'Observation, simple for him, especially then, to notice how one moment the door kept being forced to open, just to fail, and the other, it stopped.Only a trail of smoke came out and that was only in the small opening that was born, almost like a crack, revealing nothing but fire now.The pain came from somewhere above the shoulder, and suddenly Argus dropped the knife.Before turning, someone grabbed his hand and kept it locked behind of him, unable to turn around, to run, refusing even to scream then and feel the pain.'Remember me?'The voice asked, but it wasn't the one he had expected yet to talk.He knew too well who it was hence why nothing came to his mind for him to say.Piss off, perhaps, he wanted, or simply just die, though this wasn't the time for anger, not at all.Could I carve my shoulder and lock the blade?This could end up being more painful, even as it went again, further inside, slashing deep and cutting through layer after layer after layer, the skin started bleeding and falling apart.'Still, don't remember?'I do.'Argus said accompanied by a screech, the pain was far too great for him alone to bear, just as the sound of the earthquake, the burning of the fire approaching as well.There wasn't a mistake, he dared.With a twist, still lodged in the shoulder, he managed to turn around, making the knife twist just as he did and leaving him to turn to nothing but a grin.Short lived, it caught even him by surprise, Argus remained unshaken by the popped out veins that laid pulsating in his shoulder.The neck got grabbed, and even as arrogant as he seemed to be, he let the knife handle go and tried to stop Argus with a flail.It came fast since he remained unable to overpower the human and save himself.'I said I know who you are.Now.'A short break, seeing how it got back up, ready to fall again, and with a might unwedded, he threw him on the ground and looked upon him getting smashed.The scene went more than fast, undergoing his glance, and a second he was there, and the other, nothing but a pile of crushed remains, a spot for a throwing knife once he got it out.And yet, no blood came out anymore.I'm infected.'You'll be fine.'The voice said, before continuing in his mind.You have my blessing, you're still mine.Argus couldn't deny either that he didn't feel ill at all, with some following twists of the joints, he then felt both his shoulder and his arms more than well.'How?'Unanswered, as it remained, it wasn't as easy for him to be responded at his command.Before seeing the glance and following shadow that laid above of him, there laid a glance of terror, yet it stopped.The beast flew again then, abandoning now its arms that were only holding it down, even as one was crushed by falling debris from the sky.'It flies!It flies!'Voice spoke, even as fire consumed some, none could deny the fear that they felt whilst watching it rival the sky in its awakening, now sharper on its teeth, made of bones as they erupted out of it.A rain came out as it started shedding its skin, oil filled with drops of its black blood, at which Argus couldn't do anything anymore but flee away.Or at least attempt, now he tried his blessing, running through fire and leaping to the other side unscathed.'It's true!You have indeed my back.'No time yet, as it weren't as true as he thought, a glance forth followed by another in the back, revealed that the predecessor followed, though still holding of its guts and small tunnels that were held out of its stomach.It was falling apart, and it happened right in front of them.Everyone started running away, through the now open passage, all but Argus who ran through the other side, only to find cold.But no winter, there laid a blue light that dimmed everything around, be it a small planted tree or smaller home, bakery.All of which laid abandoned just as well as any other, despite the fact that the fire didn't go through.Even as flying rubbish flew about, it extinguished before it managed to hit the ground.Such was the fate of any fire, that flew around, only to die, not leaving the ashes either, that laid around the air.'That's it.'It

was only a chance, just if he was lucky enough to set it ablaze, that would be the end of it. Just as well, after that, none could deny his might, not now, nor after, leading through a valve-like formation that laid there, near it, just a spanner. For a second he was reluctant, even as the sky-terror flew above and dropped its shadow over, lurking about, still pondering when to strike. The spanner had a mark on it, and even the slightest touch made a resonating sound, almost like a melody of an instrument, sung after dark. Reluctance, this could cost my life. Such thoughts could end up driving him to extinction, even more as the peril of death laid about, and how much this formation, this entanglement of valves, pipes, seemed to be at the core, the heart of this part of the city. 'It's so strange that I refused, but so do you!' Argus pointed, at the predecessor, hovering, higher and higher at the point of flight. There's no way back if I do this. Though even then he denied his right and need to lay his hand on that, somehow knowing there wasn't any way back, taking a trip back, running ahead. Argus knew too well of the peril which laid ahead, even as the beast was flying and ready to strike. There was no fire though at least the coming of the silence was slightly comforting for him to feel, even after taking another peek at his shoulder and seeing how it was more than healed. No dark mark, no pumped veins of melted skin, it was almost as if he was never stabbed there, all under his own notice as he wasn't aware of what had happened. Still, there was the problem of going back, refusing to look above but stare below at the dark shadow that threw itself just slightly above of him, there laid a fragment of fear that he felt. 'There!' The pointed at two sets of knives, making sure of two distinct things. First, that he was heard by the predecessor, no matter how old and evolved it was, beast or no beast, there was still the chance that beyond the hunger, it was as smart and old as the celestial had said to him. And the second thing, that he did well to remember the set of valves, how sturdy they were, to need a spanner, and how easily there was a hint of rust. One swing of a blunt blade could easily break the whole system down, and judging from the colour that seemed to run, through the glass part, there laid more than a complicated system of grass. If it refused to go against it, it must've been important, fixed too. It needed to be destroyed. 'You may go forth, it won't lay down.' The voice said, now in an almost dismissive tone, if it was one of his lower voices, perhaps he could explain to himself, though Argus wanted nothing of the sort now, leaping and grabbing both knives, then quickly turning to see. Still flying there, no wings, though watching with its now dark grin, dripping from its newly made mouth, just waiting to see things unfold. It survived for so long. 'I doubt you'd want to talk about it beast?' No sign was shown, neither of it understanding what Argus said, not wanting to retreat, though that could've been easily explained. The debris and the sudden attack that went above seemed to have stopped for a reason, though not entirely at the right time. Without anything to disturb it, especially such a big target, it had all the freedom needed to do anything it wanted to, even to leap and strike, to fly and throw itself around and cause avalanches. No, it waited for the small little humans. 'Is that it? You want me to use these?' Both knives stood above, dimmed by the dark light of its broken eyes, of filled with a concoction of his own blood whilst the other remained creepingly clean. Of course no response. Argus thought still, before, he could've easily just taken the path back and got away from all the trouble and all the pain he had suffered so far. And if he was fast enough, he could've even outrun it to the point where it became too thing. 'It wouldn't work though would it?' Have I intended to say it out loud like that? Such a thing as he said it himself wasn't to be left alone, he ran away towards the valves, wielding both knives without a care of being touched anymore by the tainted valve. A stop, a twist and he hid, seeing two parties, eight. Were they men or those malformed rats? He asked still, unable to figure

out who laid in their suits, covered from head to toes, ready and watching and working with their tools. From what he could see there were already a couple of brought toolboxes that laid near them, of which they must've been using all of which they brought. Agents? Argus tried thinking what they could do here, as far as they could go, though none seemed to care. Even as he looked above, the predecessor went away, in the colossal dark space that laid above, the colosseum that wasn't seeable until this point when he looked. Too convenient that I haven't seen it so far. Though with an action, as he felt some fatigue, he hid both of the knives and turned to them, both hands standing in the air, ready to surrender. To whom I wonder. And the first one turned. Now he could see the whole suit and what it looked like, just like before, a pale yellow after dark, dimmed in a like they brought, working on the valves that they opened and connected with a larger box of their bringing. A hand was raised, along inaudible or unrecognisable speech, whatever suited Argus more. They didn't seem to carry any weapon, at least not unless you could call a bunch of screwdrivers, hammers, perhaps spanners, small and barely well made. Unlike their suits, made out of an unknown material that seemed to be reflective up to a dark visor that hid their face, making it the reason that made Argus feel so unreasonably uncomfortable. A friend or foe, I've had enough. 'I surrender.' He said, no matter how it seemed to have been, awkward for someone unknown, against which they seemed to be nothing more than engineers. Still, two knives and something peculiar, none of them had reached and grabbed, the spanned that laid over the ground, at the point that, it seemed as if, peculiar that one of them would even stand over it with his food. With no regard of tripping, or even seeming to be tilted about, he worked without a care, as if his life depended on it, even if it may be true. One started doing nothing but approach him, almost as if he had no regard for his own safety or had the guarantee of not being hurt at all. Shifting his hand to his own back, he seemed to have something hidden there, a small back slightly being hinted at from where he stood, though Argus could still tell nothing from what he saw in front of him. A weapon maybe? No, restraint. A pair of shackles must've eight inches, immediately then leapt from the man's hand, almost as if it was more of a leech jumping for its fair share of blood and latched themselves on his wrists. It was a shock that there wasn't any pain involved in it, perhaps leaving it to be even more comfortable than what he expected, though nonetheless. A prisoner now. He has left a line to follow, as he took the side and let him go. Whilst he was being conducted further into the passage on their right, Argus knew well that he couldn't take them all. Too many and too well equipped, I'd have no chance against them, as it seemed, a hand came on him, just making sure this wasn't any kind of trick. They couldn't be too sure of it. The material was indeed not cloth of any of that weak, it felt as if it was a piece of armour, metal, despite folding around them. Chainmail failed to be as good as this, yet they did it so well. 'Who are you?' Argus remained perplexed by them, though he laid still taken by the stairs as they all ignored him and went back to their work. Repairmen, I should've known. Thought it seemed to him that even then, looking for the signs, there used to be a door, broken or taken and hidden far away, with no sign of who it was or the reason for which he had done the deed. 'What now?' Finally, the sudden ascension was grabbed to a halt, after such silence, he almost begged. Something must've been above. 'It's a maze of it, but to what? Are you at least going to offer me some answers?' Other than a slight push, though nothing too hard or painful, he came back to his sense and just watched and tried to take as much as he could. Pipes, valves, glass, distinct and each of them had something carried above, all of them lead there without a break from a lower level just as well. They must've been the reason the fire was being extinguished and the rest of the town being purged, but why? What else could it

control? Could and warm, even to the point of which both had their extremes present there, though nothing human-like would be of needing of something so strong. Not even those inside the desert he had travelled, though, not even the hard and pointy hot sand could take the lead against that heat. It felt as if there was boiling magma there and from the looks of it, that could be true. Still, there was a long way and perhaps, it wasn't a good choice to come. 'Escape.' The voice said though he couldn't respond them, nor think too well, judging by the situation and the harder the bonds started swelling and holding him as he was taken there. A light came, and if it was dark inside the room, a long dark shadow came over and covered both of them along every single pipe and valve that laid inside the room. I can't. 'You must try, or have you forgotten?' Never, or how could I if I keep being forced to look after, though it's not here. Argus looked around and the cage couldn't be anywhere, who would hide it in such a seemingly important and tight place? 'Who indeed?' Though I cannot escape with him around, he's armoured and at least thrice my size. 'Very well, though you must continue yet alone, yet again after that door. They're waiting for you there, so act as normal as you can.' It was confusing yet there was a deep feeling that he was about to understand. 'Here goes nothing.' Argus finally spoke, and despite his position, he took the opportunity of not being checked for any weapons and slid his hands behind, taking both knives out and coming to a full stop. Two blades hit armour only to make a bulging sound of metal being impaled from any angle that could be held, pulling them both, only to be released. One was used to cut the bonds, almost as if they were made of butter and right in time for him to hear the screaming and the shouting. Argus turned as he went, seeing him knelt down the floor, bleeding blue that ran down slowly. Sure, he'd follow if he was let there. 'Wait, don't!' It bled differently, though the language remained the same, perhaps it wasn't his blood, though clearly he was hurt. That didn't stop, though, desperately like an animal or a madman, he swiped and cut through lead pipes and glass, making small dents and opening to drip. Steam, water, other substance, the more and the often the cut, the more toxic it got there. A biohazard area that seemed to be getting out of control, despite the lack of purging fire, he knew that it should delay. 'What now?' He looked at the dark door and opened it to white and striped, many blocks below for him to stand on and go. 'Back to the asylum, it seems.' Spoken like a madman, alone, as others barely then seemed to come out. Trying to close the door resulted in a failure as he was almost thrown out of the room by the steam, just as his hand was burned and slightly rot. Cracks left the asylum in a shock after, both to his right and left, ascending to the walls, all was taken and rotten to the point of being pulled below. The machinery revealed, almost as pulling and crushing of bones, cogs were sharper, wires were hotten to the point of boiling skin at the touch. Even those who stood around receded to their rooms and closed the door, afraid of what was happening, just as he were. 'Was this too but a ruse?' The familiarity of the place revealed just how real it appeared, how sturdy was the ground when touched, how warm were the prongs and metal fangs that laid twisted in their motion. Argus even recognised, utmostly, the most important thing that laid there, a broken door, more close than ever, from whence he came from, now laid ever in the state. But it remained, nonetheless, the same room which had the doctor, without the walls, without the chair, or anything of the sort. Memory or not, he wondered, as he went into a trot, were they still alive, could it be so? 'No. It's you again. Noo!' The first madman who saw Argus, from the bars left open in his door left nothing but a shout to goes out of him, unable to control himself or his feeling as a matter of fact. His inability extended to others who followed that example and got more violent, like monkeys in their cages, holding and shifting around the bars, trying to either rip them off or manage to rip off their own

hands. 'What happened here?' Before he could properly ask, he looked below, in the gap between them and managed to see the remains of what used to be a human being, perhaps the doctor or a warden. Whatever he was, now he was being ground between the cogs, making him look away and turn back and the hatred through which he carried. Still, the place was being broken, the cracks extended and again. 'Where am I truly now?' Though after a twist in the corridor, there was a window standing on the side. He was in another wing of the asylum, so much different than the rest of it that he doubted, was it the sanity of was this another place? Only a glance around revealed the different structure, and below, the wood looked almost as if it was forcefully inserted into stone, at the point of even having a merging of them, fused bonds that laid there, just working beyond his comprehension. Still, this wasn't an asylum yet at all, it couldn't be, unbroken on the sides, no doors, but cabins, no patients, nothing that would belong to what he had seen before. The scariest part remained, that he looked outside and he was yet in motion, going at a steadfast speed beyond anything he could even think of. Long hills and forests were being passed by, though he couldn't point out where he was even if he wanted. Sounds were coming from behind, they were coming and there wasn't any time. 'I could just jump out there at any time with the chance of being free.' And Argus felt some truth behind his words, with the absence of the present voice, perhaps it was being blocked, or left. But there were still the repercussions of failure, of which he was even more aware of what was about to happen if he were to fail, their faces and bodies still erupted from his. His voices were still in his memory. 'Where am I though now? And where are we going?' He asked, alone, as we went on. Empty cabins, he couldn't be underground still, the sky and natural light made it too obvious. Though, after he was about to get into a stance, though he couldn't find a way to reach for a weapon, he saw her again. It couldn't be, he thought still, though they were coming in and judging by the voices, at least four or five of them, perhaps more of the repair men were coming for him. And for her. 'Agatha.' 'Come.' She said and Argus nodded. Though now they walked away, leaving him with nothing but wonder, after throwing a glance, at the door from whence she came, as battered as she was laid a part of the bottom of the earth. The base from where they have delved before, and behind too, there were the hinges left, as if there was a door there, though now removed. She closed and grabbed him by the hand. 'They're not coming back are they now?' She didn't answer but lead him. Another door, on the side, another glance, a black abyss, then a jungle, a cage that holds many bars, perhaps different escapes from the trap. 'There isn't an escape, is there?' They were going by the end, and only a look behind of him revealed one or two crazed engineering running straight towards him with their mallets, clinging to their waist, then up towards, closer to the ceiling to be hit and held. Some mumbles and mutters came from there, though he remained unsure of it, just as well of what happened next. 'Don't let go.' The door opened and immediately after a blitz of light, she was lost as he turned around and closed the door. Too convenient it remained though he took it and barred the door with a wooden block that laid on the side. Many people, way too many to count laid around, all dressed elegantly, dancing and looking at the strange man dressed in black and in dirty white. It was a long journey and whatever blessing he was promised to have, it was starting to wear off him and his patience. Thirst, hunger, weariness was as much as he could take. An empty circle was made around of him, only to be made wider and move just as the move, through whispers and discussions about him and his upbringing. 'Snobs.' 'Did you hear that my dead?' He called us snobs, how dare this man, is he a servant?' 'Oh, I'd never been so insulted in my entire life.' Though, again, a glance at the door from whence he came out from and it had a mark just slightly above of it

which read. 'Boiler room.' Dark wood polished and changed just rightly above the door without a compensation. Now it's closed. There was a bounce there for a second, but now it was over, so he thought that they'd have to worsen the time to go through and he had escaped. Agatha was nowhere to see and he was still so thirsty, he hadn't taken a cup, but took out of a bowl as much as he could drink out of without a stop. Desperately, he wet his lips to make even more place for more to come in, though now Argus was overextending. His hands were dirty almost driven in a coal like a state. All around everyone was staring almost as if at either a servant or a dark stranger who was tainting their drink, whispering but refusing to do anything else. 'Do I scare you?' Argus asked after he was done, refusing to take any food out of the table, once his thirst was done, of course, there was the need of entertainment. 'Sir, you weren't invited.' Said another, as he approached, in a black suit, wearing a mask. Despite the fact that the other guests wore their masks out by the sides, revealing who they were, one only stood there with it, going forward with the courtesy. So. 'I believe you're the host of this banquet, is that so?' 'You may believe what you may as well want as long as you do it on your own time and property. Now, I don't think we've met before, but.' There was a second hard knock on the wood. Everyone curiously now started paying attention the door being stricken at, hit after hit, glance after glance. And suspicion still came from him, since, he was the one who came from there. 'Are you a thief?' Outrageously he asked, now his mood changed still and he started calling around some names. 'Agamemnon, George, Victor. Johnny, Verrick, Bram.' He must've been calling for reinforcements, after seeing that the guests did nothing else than whisper and banter at the sight. 'Good, finally this present will be thrown out so we can resume once again at sight.' 'I so adore how they're dealing with, hopefully, you could learn from.' Though, before the woman could speak, the man threw nothing but a glance that stopped her still. His hand laid still in the air, bumps coming from the wooden door, as he was about to be caught in a situation that was more than known to him. Twice at his throat, between two dogs. 'Wait, wait. Wait. I'm leaving, you don't need to.' Argus was interrupted, even if he hadn't realised how much of an interloper he remained, even there, even then. 'Damn sure you'll leaving.' The orchestra hasn't ended not even as the intrusion went on, but before he could speak more, six men came, dressed in working clothes, immediately they came despite protest and grabbed Argus. He didn't resist and let them take him, dragging him, and at a sight, he saw right under the mask, though unable to recognise him, he went on. It was mid-day at least, judging from what was outside, a fairly big pair of people who were called into the banquet, and from the lights coming from the outside, it was the city. A smile came, even as his knees were dragged before lifting himself up. Home, or not, whatever came out of the door was to be their problem after he left their residence or more likely force, he first hit the floor hard. Before lifting himself up, he fist felt a kick coming from below, a low blow, even like that. They made sure it was closed then, even as it were, the loud music covering the sound, the red silken curtains now covering the windows by someone from the inside. And they stood at it, knocking the hand that tried lifting himself up, hitting and kicking him just as he stood. And at the end, his nose and mouth were bleeding still, though beaten, not to death. Some people stood around and looked, either smoke or having nothing to do with the banquet. At the end, they rolled and pushed him off a small pair of stairs that left him standing at the level of the ground. 'And stay there!' 'If I catch you again here, I'll break both of your legs and hands, hear me?' The door bounces back close, though it was hard to see. So much blood was lost and finally, when someone came they asked. 'Are you okay?' 'We need to take him to the hospital.' 'No.' It came as a flurry, grabbing both of their hands, despite being dirty

of coal and blood. He looked at both directly in their eyes, two thin people who haven't dressed as well as the others who were inside, either servants or people who were looking for something. 'Help me get up.' Now, the final moments of his life must've been coming, a thief, a murderer, an outlaw, worse. I'm bleeding too profoundly to be able to be kept sane, am I to die now?' No. The haunting voice still came and he knew well that he was the only one around who could hear that voice, the only one tormented. 'Help me get up.' Slowly, please. The fairly dark skinned woman help him, just as the paler man stood on the other side of Argus, both pushing and pulling, slowly to look around. The gate was made of iron, open, stones and a small poll, small enough to be a confinement of drops that came out of rain water. And around, the garden, shrubbery and boxes, cages made of tall grass, sculptures left there for him to look at and without a doubt there weren't anyone there to see it just as he did. 'Help get on my feet, I need to get out of here as fast as I can.' You can't do that in this condition. You won't be able to do anything once we get out there, don't you know that the streets are dangerous and the night is coming? Perhaps true, this part of the town was new if he even remembered it properly at all. Everyone, even those standing by the side and smoking their cigarettes threw their hands around just to look at what was going inside. The lights were dimming and so was the sound of music before the shadow came out and started running. A bright light must've been there, to be so strong and fragrant, the smell of fire soon to come. 'Get us out, now, or else we won't get another chance to escape.' This was the most serious tone Argus could muster out of him and even so, it was hard to maintain, even as he was ready to sprint out of there empty legged, bloody beaten as he remained. 'Are you sure?' Do you want to find out what's happening there, girl? There was a slight nod of disagreement, still. Three more seemed to be out there, one finally throwing his cigar, still no suit or mask, or looking like a snob. The other were two twins that finally came, brother and sister, introduced themselves out of the sudden at an utmost needed time. 'Greetings, oh greetings. Name's Andrew.' And as you may have guessed my name's Vanesse. I've got not the time for pleasantries, I've got to go out. There's a problem then ye dance. A hint of a thick accent came from the man, even as he puffed his last threads of smoke and threw it against the just cleaned off garden hair. Foreigner, and less that what he thought of it. 'Why?' The gate is locked, and the wall is too tall and plane to climb. Trust me, I've tried. There must've been a way out, he thought, the door was being assaulted and something in his gut told him of the worse. Worse, this is an open city and none of them acted so far in the open, even the agents were as secretive as they could with their operation unless they had no other chance. No, this must've been that man wearing that man's secret, why else would he keep them locked. 'Have you tried making a human ladder then?' A what? He asked, again with that slight hint of a blunt accent, hitting right in the spot inside the ear, the right one at that time. Name is Argus and I've no time for further introductions unless they can wait. Whatever's coming out of that door. There was an eeriness and none could point out where it started. It was almost as if they were forced into deafness, but only to a point where they heard only the sound of a knock and someone behind it. None could swallow past a point, the pain was growing just as a feeling of unsettling tune. No sound played anymore despite the fact that it was covered up as a banquet. Is there another escape then? There weren't enough people for a ladder if they all wanted to escape and Argus now needed everyone that he could get his hands on. We tried to seek. Said one of the twins, just as the other seemed to be focused on how it was pushed, the hinges and its joints seeming to be slowly taken off and thrown. Look for an opening in the ground, entrance to an attic, sewer gate, or something. Were they still in shock, the man seemed a worker, hard but slowed

like a cattle waiting for slaughter, stuck at puffing the end of a cigar. Even the twins were unsettled in their places, waiting and glancing around. Her breath was so close to his neck that he could even say that she desire to suck his blood, just like her companion was holding him tighter and tighter. 'You must abandon them and move on, my patience is wearing out.' His vision was present once again, through a puddle that laid close. It must've rained not so long ago, Argus knowing too well that it was a bad sign, even there, with the dark clouds still presents, stone seeming more like wood from the distance, even as he looked in front. There was an inability to turn his head now, as he heard something just 'Above.' 'Do not turn your head now and search this place as you're told.' This reeked of fish so far, though it revealed that even the small sculptures in the grass weren't there anymore. The more time spent looking away, the more did the image of a bright place change, leaving nothing but a dark sky, a huge town that was old, probably filled with a dark people who wanted nothing to do with him, as well as he refused to deal with them. The sounds of hinges being burst came out as suddenly as they were, as the faces of the ones speaking started dissipating, though by the burning and the steam. Not even now could Argus look without disgust at the abomination that had all those being interlocked with it, even more, that he was purposely remembered yet again that he'd be there, spoken through and pushed to the point of looking just like them. 'Damn that thing, I must've died right there when the agents came.' Luckily for him, none of them heard what he had to say, for both his and their awareness. 'Another burst, though it came from the main front, where the gate was being blasted at the joint, with a slight hint that it was his work, trying to get its main assets past there. 'Let's move, now.' There was an awakening, that everyone turned, almost at the same point in time and looked at him, almost as if they were out of a dream, far off from being mesmerised, to ask. 'What happened?' Already half on knee up, Argus knew more than well that the sounds from behind were more than enough to kick start their journey. Both their handles were grabbed, by the end of their shirts, rightly above. 'Let's go already!' Argus said again, knowing that it was the time for him to give the order, as it felt just plainly natural and right, just like the last remnants of daylight that seemed to be dying in the sky as they were making their escape. The twins were on the other side, the man soon to follow them. Even those who helped him seemed to be keeping up more than well, though now it thinned. 'Hurry already, the gate's closing.' It seemed as if he wasn't going to make it, or at least not the three of them together. 'Go without us.' It came from under his right ear, though with a sudden click the gate shut to a stillness that almost decapitated the man's finger right in front of them. 'We'll find another way.' There was a slight hint of a lie, though they didn't take it at heart either. It was strange, but Argus felt like he could trust them, above the mad-men he had previously seen, and despite everything that happened, they seemed to match every detail seen behind the screens. 'Fine, but don't go too far and hide whatever you can along the road, I've a bad feeling about what lays ahead and I can't get rid of it.' With Argus's fleeting words, they parts, soon to never be seen for a time, just as the strength in his legs were coming back, all of which they were knelt down on the grass now. It was a chance, thought they stood still and watch just below the stairs. 'Don't raise them, or it will happen again.' A warning was more than enough to warn them and prevent further mistakes. Even then, it seemed as if their sight was dwarfed by what laid just above their eyes. 'Jane, we need to look around.' 'Don't go too far, I can't.' The sight of it made sound stop, though they wanted to talk, pushing air through their lungs to breathe. Even that was slowed by a mere stepping, a boot that looked more than heavy, enough to the point of cracking up the stone of which the stairs were made out of. Another step and it laid on the ground, tall like a

beast and masked, some giant tube, that seemed as if it was grabbed from the boiler room from whence Argus just came. Though obviously, it couldn't be coming from down there, the size was too great, too bulked, too old. And no doubt it, their vision was being stomped on just like the sound inside their ears, still. No attention was paid to them, lying on the ground as they were. 'Can it hear us?' Argus spoke then and for a second so did the behemoth to look around for the source of the sound. Its stature and seeming less seemed more than a match, especially in the condition they were. Even as he walked, the ground started shaking almost at the point of a tremor below, or so he thought. 'No, it's not over yet.' Said Argus, now without a care if he was heard of not, as, not even the behemoth could keep itself still, as something was dragging, through cracks in the bottom of the dirt, then stone, then further almost to them. The citadel of wood and stone was now dwarves before their eyes by something further below. It was a charge of which they didn't pay much notice, though the armoured fiend just bent its arms and almost like a ram went through and broke even silver, iron or whatever metal. Just as it was started to shake even more violent. 'We cannot stay here any longer, or else we'll be dragged to the bottom and I can't say what lays there.' 'How do you know?' Jane was already on her feet, holding stiffly to her companion, heavy-handed and her pants were almost cut to the bottom part. 'Trust me on this.' Said the battered man, just as he went through the gate, following the trail left behind. It was a dangerous path, though one last time he looked back, just to see. Rightly, just further away from the gate so he'd not be caught into the trap in the utmost dangerous path. It was really something worth glancing or staring at, even for a second time. 'What are you?' Argus asked, despite knowing that it was an inanimate object, made of wood, though air seemed as if it was pulled inside the holes filled with darkness which laid inside. Suddenly, the two hands that were there pulled him back, at the right time. Whatever that was, it seemed to have taken a hard side and be forced to change direction. Somehow, it was now pointed at a right, just as ground cracked more, followed by another pull from behind. His eyes were now red, as battered as the rest of his body and his sight wanted nothing more but see. Though two forces at hand, one that pulled it down and another that pulled him away, one stronger than the other, though the voice came now, alas. 'Snap out of it.' He returned to face a slap across the face and the sight of the great above. The sky was a bright blue in blue, though even brighter than that, almost to the white of the clouds. It must've been blinding at first to glimpse at it, even as the stones below, paved on the floor were cleaned so well that they took some of the light away from the sun. Still there laid a down, and not a delay spent, from one era to another, justly he thought. Even the grass was painted red and green, white in-between, with gold on the side. Raised just above, the smell of fish was more than gone, now Argus being able to stand on his own without the two of them lurking just around to make sure he was fine. 'I'm well. We've got plenty of rough deal with that thing, have you seen what happened to the gate?' 'Don't.' Jane paused to take another deep breath before going on as well as she was, having realised that something was wrong there. 'Don't turn around, you know what it happens. And if it happened once, it will most likely happen again.' 'Plus, we need to find those twins and that man, right before we spread where it will be too late.' 'But where could they be then, just take a look around.' It was true though that Argus hasn't taken any look whatsoever, to see those who dwelled there, still awake now, moving around like silhouettes from the distance. Now he has learned his lesson, as silhouettes could be deceiving of who they were and what they were hiding. And no trail of destruction on the marks. 'We need to find them and do it fast if you may come with me now.' 'You know, we could always use those.' It was him. 'Ehm. You don't suppose we go and

steal a pair of horses now, do you?"They won't be needing them anymore unless their palace returns from the depths.'So they did, closing in by the stables, though now riding with stolen flaccid horses who were more than happy to be taken away.From the mere look upon them, they were starved and tortured, marks of entry on several spots which already had sewing marks on them, with a thick and spoiled material.'Are you sure this is a good idea?"There was a moment in which everyone inspected the horses, though not before they took them and placed them by the side, refusing to turn around even as they did it so.'There, there, there and there.These poor animals have marks like those everywhere, and slashes and stab wound, if you could even call them so.We.We can't continue to them, I'm sorry.'He was set on his words, judging by the look on his face and the way he was fiddling under, reaching for something off his belt.It was a known motion, to the point where even hers started to do the same, both acting as if they knew well what was going to happen next.Beyond his shock, which already was grabbed to a halt, both of them took out firearms, which they just had under them for the whole time and got ready for execution.'Won't it make any sound?What if someone hears the sound of firearms being shot and has a jump at us."Relax already, are you in this with us or not?"In what?"This man might prove useful or not, thought if only knew what you're thinking right now.The way shifted now, from Argus to Jane, and not a second, not a glance, she wasn't mesmerised as if of yet.'What happened Jane?Are you caught again? Tell me!'It could've been a slip though there wasn't any sign of restlessness in her eyes, nothing to signal that something wrong had happened, or that she was tainted by something unknown.After Argus doing the same, almost to be left with an open jaw, he turned to around to see it empty, a void in the space, a hill of blue and red, painted as if by the striking machine of the sky.None would take it for granted, even as a crater laid there.'Should we investigate then?"Not so far.'You won't escape now stranger, not unless you prove you're one of us.Out of his pocket, another gun was taken out and he was sure he could trust him, seeing how he had nothing to offer to those people who laid in there, how he was beaten and broken and left to die.And yet he pulled out and survived past anything and everything thought of him, not to mention that whatever they had released, experiment or not, they needed everyone they could get.Beyond their knowing that he needed them just as much as they needed him. 'Very well, but make it brief.'Both nodded at his statement and pointed their firearms at the horses.Four of them, though when the shooting commenced and the ones stood still, the last one should've died in the crossfire, which it was, even then revealed to have been hit by the bullets.'This isn't right.Let's go on foot, now!'It was already eerie, tough now after holes came through, bile started pouring as they realised that the horses were decaying still, falling apart on the ground, just in front of their eyes.The paint was getting thinner, to the point of it being grey and dark, filled with ash under, along with the small insects that were coming around.'They were left there for a reason.'Though unknown, to them, and for a good reason, they started going as fast away as they could, unable to look upon the fallen paradise.It wasn't far, though Argus kept the gun.'Name's Dimitri, and you may have heard, she's Jane."Pleased to meet you, or might've been.'She stopped them with a straight arm, and already after the shock, they were filled with as much alert as they could.A small train just passed in front of them, filled with people, dressed in with, some wore red, others blue, hats and moustaches, with the fresh smell that remained there even after their leaving.Never before has he seen such a model of a train, not once, even if Argus was more than aware with the advance of their current age. 'No land wires, not even thin ones that I failed to see.'Said Argus even after a first step, which he had forced to come around and push itself

against where it should've been. Perhaps above, though he wasn't tall enough to come around. The way the place worked, it seemed that it used to be a hill going down a slope and falling slightly to a bottom, well. If I run just rightly there and jump at the right time perhaps I could stretch my hands and reach for it. Such a decision and action would make me bring too much attention, though. 'Haven't seen a tram before? They're quite common from where I'm from, and by the looks of it, they'll run across the entire city.' 'What did you say right there?' Argus looked her, almost staring through her eyes. 'The tram?' Jane asked now, her eyes deepening from light blue to a lighter one just as Argus continued. Dimitri was questioned just as well, since they were stuck in the middle of the road, between a point where a palace was swallowed by the earth, decaying horses and all, a mark left on the ground that stopped to a point. No twins and no man waiting, since most likely they've taken the easy way out and started running away, heading further from where they were. 'Not the tram, the other thing you've talked about, the latter one. What did you say just right then, after you talked about your place.' 'I believe I said that those trams run across the whole city but I can't see.' 'Exactly.' Though even as he said it, some signs were made that he apologised, even in this place and in this time, it was rude to keep away from the charade. And Argus kept still a twisted eye of which he carried, concealing what he saw and what he'd do to them at the slightest sign they weren't human. 'You want us to ride the tram? Haha, that's new. Well, in case you haven't noticed, there's no station where we could enter in, and the chances of us hijacking one of them is just. The same as riding those horse we just passed by.' 'If I may.' With a pardon, Dimitri came with his intrusion and revealed a small thickening curved square. It didn't take long for him to recognise what it really was or what it was used for. 'A bomb, here? Now?' But before a rebuttal, it was planted there and he went back. 'I must admit Argus.' Said Dimitri, as both Jane and Argus followed to a cover. 'You're not entirely as square as I thought, just as much as this wasn't planned at all.' 'But how can you time that? Especially against a tramp with no lines to go on.' 'Just don't overthink it and watch.' Inconspicuously, a group of three stood right over the painted field of blue and red, making it seem like they knew what they were doing. At any time now it could come, only to be blown away by the set charge, sitting in, what it seemed as the middle of the road. 'Act natural now, they won't see a thing.' Dimitri was almost unsure of himself at this point, it was most obvious as it came with the heavy breathing and every breath being almost spilt out with every word said. The unrestfulness could've come from anywhere at this point, either from the glances from behind him, that even now he tried keeping away, or not to be seen as he thought they would. What then? Will it go as planned, what if someone will jump out and assault us? 'Nothing is going to go wrong, right?' 'I hope so, shhh. Here, it's coming.' The three looked in surprised as the tram just started going faster and faster, and out of their sight, only two or three passengers. Another thing Argus had missed the last time, though it was clear. No one driving, meaning it must've been automatic, making it still unclear how it managed to go without a conductor, especially this version. The wood seemed older, even as the white paint and the mark of the city, most likely, a golden crested eagle, pecking and dropping the gold on the bottom of the ground. Something might've been in that place, though still, this plan seemed as if it was going to fail. Dimitri was clearly sweating, Jane jittering as well. What have I got myself into? Argus closed his eyes, the other two averted there, and a slight sound of an explosion just came by as if it was nothing. Under the closed lids, red and yellow, brighter, though only momentarily and in a concentrated spot came to be. 'It's over, come on fast before it leaves again.' After opening them, there was a slight desaturation of the sky and the colours might've dropped some shades below. Quite awkward, though enough

harm was done, both he and Jane were late to go around and enter by the open door. Whatever the device had done, it most certainly did the job, as a man stood at the bottom of the floor, knees cross and both hands on his hand. Only two others, though hard to recognise stood at the end of the tramp, cowering in the fight as they seemed as if they've seen death and barely come back. 'Go join them, or I won't repeat myself again if you get my meaning.' Before the eyes could lift themselves, they saw the dark jacket he Dimitri wore, black leather, with something just falling off, revealing the belt which had the firearm slightly cocked under. The man immediately sprouted, at the point where his moustache fell off and ran behind. 'Fake moustache, bad.' 'Dimitri!' It was almost a shout, if it weren't for a hint of control in the voice, managing to calm him down. Jane pointed at Argus and both whispered, now being slightly some feet away. Truly not far enough, though Jane was soft spoken and they were more than close enough as it were. 'Alright, the tram should. Leave now.' His voice was slowed, his throat was left with nothing but some slightly dropping sweat, after looking through the gap where no window laid. Joined by both of them, as well, as on the other side, the view took the attention of the other travellers as well, the horses now moved at free will. No horses, though, as three weren't enough, one still missed and for a good reason. Now, the tram started moving, back to a normal speed and the normal road at that. Shaken, they took a seat, though it was crowded, and almost like a snake, Argus slithered and slipped away into the front seat, doing nothing but fiddling over his belt. The thought of both being armed was more than slightly unsettling, not to mention the devices. And atop of that, these two. Said Argus, alone alas, in his thoughts, looking out of the tram's mouth, and slightly enjoying the scenery. Not as bright as it was before, though it could do. Both of them belong to something though what? It was just now, not only that he realised that they could be of an armed group, though also, how much more alive this town compared to the other two he had been through. The one above seemed to be filled with shallow faces that barely seemed to be alive, whilst the one below, despite how much it was to take the eyes, was quite. Another glance was taken, despite the fact he couldn't see through the wood and through the cement and the various layers of dirt and stone, one word came to mind. 'Below.' 'What what that?' It proposed the response way too fast as he could feel the breath just right over his head. 'Nothing, it's just a. Nothing.' 'I hope you're not planning though to abandon us after we're done riding, right? The ways I see it now, we've kind of struck a deal if you don't mind me saying it, not to mention the two revolvers that could be pointed at you at any moment.' 'I understood the first time when you started whispering to one another.' Though it was hard to concentrate on them now, the light being brighter once again, the tall houses orange, red, blue flowers to the bottom, people seeming as if they were more then alive. Eight coming out of a bar that laid on the street, seeming more than intoxicated, though wearing the usual clothes you'd see dirtied, in a place like that. Umbrella wearing ladies that just walked along, wearing nothing but dresses in the sun, along with men wearing dark suits and caps to match even those. A truly marvellous sight, and for a moment it took away, how it seemed too real to be true. Perhaps it was, perhaps it wasn't in, though there was no way it could be anywhere he knew, especially when Argus thought of the route he took. The way back was going to be a pain, though it might end up as if the way ahead might be worse. 'So where we going then?' Still, he didn't turn to face them, with no sudden movement, or anything to alert them of what he was planning. They've left a gun with me and that was their first mistake. It was still unclear what happened before, at the ford between the then garden and the horses, though he remembered well that two additional shots were shot and he hadn't shot at all. Have they noticed then, or will

they? As he thought, Argus started moving his finger under, just so he could feel the gun around and try to figure out how many bullets were still left, if it were ever loaded in the first place. 'Somewhere safe, don't worry about it, there are other people like us.' Said Jane, with almost a sureness in her voice. 'Like them.' The hand flew out the mouth and he pointed at a merry group, singing as they basked in the sun whilst smoking out their pipes in groups of gentlemen dressed in black. 'Not like them.' She said. 'Never like them.' It seemed as if she was going to quickly go on, though for a second she paused to turn around, just in order to make sure that the people in the back were still scared. Perhaps she even lifted and flailed her gun at that, though that was uncertain. What was really uncertain now was where they were heading. 'Where?' 'Not far now, and just a few words.' Some steps were taken, lightly by her and still, he did the same, concealing what he had hidden. His vision was getting darker as it's been some long time from whence he slept. 'Is it farther still or would you mind if I took a nap before we got there?' It stopped her, in order to reconsider what she was about to say. A risky move, to be left there and alone or gotten ridden off if the tram suddenly stopped. 'Very well, we'll wake you up once we got there.' Her hand firmly planted on the seat, where there laid a chance for both of them to stare at one another. I have to be sure of it. His hand went on her arm before she could turn and go back to her seat. Dimitri was about to make a motion if it weren't for Jane's dismissal and turn. 'What is it now?' 'I don't suppose you're planning on getting rid of me once this tram stop, do you?' The expression on either of their face hadn't considerably changed by much, if anything at all, though something was being concealed, even as they spoke now. And the ride seemed to be going a lot more. It was a risk coming in, though he needed the sleep, the rest, perhaps food and warmth. 'You've got my word that we'll take you with us.' Jane! For a second, it seemed to have been a slip coming from Dimitri. Now Argus released his hand and turned around at him. Was he planning of executing me the whole time? 'What about you? Do I have your word, or you'll go against your partner and shoot me in the back?' 'Why aren't you turning then?' 'Look!' Argus pointed, out of both of them, it was more easily to see who was more surprised. People on the streets were suspicious and the three in the front and those who hid in the back, at the point of talking and pointing at it. It could've been worse, now, if it came for them to call the local enforcers. Even worse if he was left there. 'Act normal and wake me up when we're to leave and I will aid you with whatever I can. But I can't do it right now unless I've got your word.' 'Fine, take my damn word, no need to fear for your life. Especially from me, since I'd not dare execute you like a dog.' 'But you'd do it like a horse.' Before he could speak, Jane's laughter stopped as she finally settled down next to Dimitri. 'Settle down, can't you see he's fallen asleep?' Though still, the little trust could still be, no matter what he could say, Argus took the rest now, there and then. A last glance looked at them before he felt asleep. The harsh sounds coming from far away didn't do anything to stop his sleep, though they were getting higher and higher, at the point of becoming a problem. Some time might've been gone if any at all with his eyelids open though it seemed as if he, they stopped moving for a moment. His eyes jumped to being open and his body motion to fully alert, after feeling no hand nor any shake, or anything at all that would've normally awakened him up. There were bars and the room was barely lit now. The only light coming was from a light bulb that remained broken and flickered with sparks from time to time. A putrid scent came into his nostrils at the point where he was knelt and puked out his insides without any possible stop, calling his eyes and looking still. There were small blobs of red, though blended on the wall, grown or left, now it must've been as hard as a rock, grown on the wall, too far from his reach. With a purpose unknown, it's done its job and made Argus

aware, looking around and seeing remnants that were either solidified. Or worse. He jumped back when he realised that he was standing on one of them, a petrified rock, bigger than the others, and something was moving inside of it, something alive. Something wicked was inside, resembling a human, a toe, a finger, perhaps something even more phallic and disgusting, trapped inside without escape. With that shift, it made the entire floor under him creek as he laid there still. The wood might've appeared to be hard and sturdy, as durable as any would deem, though, at the merest step, it seemed to make a sharper and duller creek. 'It wasn't made to last. Interesting.' But before Argus could turn around and watch what laid outside, past the darkness cloud, he changed his mind about shouting for help. His lips curled and mouth closed, realising only now, that the corridor, as dark as it laid could hold someone he didn't want to meet. Too thin, too dark, the eye could easily just stay there and watch him, even as he pondered. For a small section that was lit by the flickering lightbulb, it was obvious that that growth that laid in his cage too must've spread across everywhere and perhaps worse than it appeared where he was. No lock and no key below, there wasn't any way out, at least none that Argus could see. Though, even by more pressure, he thrust his foot on the side of the wood and manage to almost make a man like a hole just by the side of it. Would it make any noise if I disturb it, or is it still alive? It seemed alive, despite not having ears or a mouth. From what he knew, it might as well be true what it was thought and observed about the small creature that stood there, alone, perhaps not even living now. I can't stay here for long, though below it could be worse. Some sharpness came from outside, making it seem as if someone carried something heavy with wheels that creek on their way. Someone was indeed coming, making it way too obvious, even for Argus to figure out what was going in. Though he remained in luck, a corner laid forever dark, though whatever laid in it could've been more dangerous, or less. He took the gamble and walked, passing, almost with a leap over the small creature resting. More bumps were the darkest part, and he was barely fast enough to meet the minimum effort and hid inside the corner and look ahead. It was slow and had the likeness of a human, in stature and height, perhaps taller, though nothing that could rival one. For a moment it stopped right under the light bulb and started looking around the cell, carrying a cart that had broken wheels. Still, a part of him was in dark, the ones that matter worse. Though behind the contour of a human, it could've been worse. Argus quickly grabbed his mouth in order to not get sick, as the image was getting worse and worse with every apparition. He saw the end in that rusted cart, some hands, a pair of feet that didn't belong in that position, or bent as they were. Another sharpness of a creek came soon after, as it strolled slightly further away, closer to the light, only to make a reveal of its face. Indeed it wasn't human, though the poor sight was clear, and why it worked so hard to find out where Argus could've gone. It knew. It, as in no human that laid there, with a lack of colour in the eyes, almost the level of them being pale as the eyes of a dead man who had his last breath minutes ago. No open mouth but it seemed that all his teeth conjoined themselves into tall blocks and cavities that were forced too much that they permanently remained outside. It made a shivering sound as if organs were forced into a clutter as it tried making its grotesque animal like sound, even with an unopened mouth. Though, in that slight part that was revealed to him, it was also revealed that it was permanently stuck, welded as a part of the cart it carries with him. And suddenly, the seeking look seemed to be of pain, though for the wrong reason, looking more alarmed as it looked around. No Argus, and without me, what? Could it open the gate, will I dare come out at it? The thought was more than shimmering, to think that he could stand against it with no weapon, only but fear and luck. It was too dangerous, the only way remaining for him to wait and go below. For a

second now, he thought of a motion, one that would go ahead, as the thing would enter. 'Ghuuaa Ghyuaa, Ghuuaa.' Said

he beyond the bars, the suit, old as it were made it seem like, perhaps it was once human, tied, ropes around his waist and some around his legs. The creaking began again, though it that moment when that deformed face came to light, it seemed as if that used to be the captain of a sailing ship. At least that was obvious from what he was wearing at the time. Though still, that was unclear, why a light still flickered above. It was gone now, the sharpness made it clear, though if I were. A second, Argus took another, just to be sure, the sharpness of the metal wheel being passed and forced against the bottom of the floor, from as far away as it were managed to add a distance far too distant for him to manage to twist that cart around. He'd have to make a full turnaround and that was close to impossible to catch him in time, even if he had a way to break through metal. First, Argus took a leap from where he stood and shuffled to make sure nothing had come into contact, though only but a glance in the light revealed how a tumour had already grown on his cloak. Without a notice, his disgust got the first of him. 'Agh.' He was almost ready to shout,

to immediately two hands came and covered his mouth, not before throwing the cloak away in dismissal, though. Even before his sense, the instinct of self-preservation kicked in already. That cloak got tainted by that being, and if I wait any longer, so will I. The breaking point had come then, as the shrieking was barely even audible, to the point of being too dull to be heard. First came the knocks, that started doing damage and making more and more sounds as Argus forced himself deeper into it. A hand was faster than the other and all of the sudden, it managed to scoop by the side and pull out a wooden plate, untainted and untouched. For a moment, just as a part of his body was shrouded in the dark, he stopped to look around a listen for a while. His eyes went over to the sides and now he could feel thirst. Dry lips came to be, and he didn't too well enough to wet them with his tongue, finding a disgusting taste of mercury and fish guts that reigned over them. Other than that, there wasn't any sound, but the splashes in that, perhaps crystal like formation. Red, perhaps too strong to be a rock, though still, in no way would he touch it. 'Damn, I got distracted.' With that realisation, almost like a guard dog, he turned to sniff around, and it was more than certain

as well, that Argus was still there. It must be coming, the shrieking was more than obvious now, though from where. Light perturbed through the hole he just made out of the floor, and now his face was lit by the flickering of the lightbulb. Still, it wasn't big enough and the time was standing still for both him and that creature. Though where? Where could it be? Blinking seemed to be taking away shades and at first, Argus thought it only to be an illusion. After another glance and the rubbing of his eyes, with the slab put rightly away, it wasn't clear whenever or not it was an illusion of he was going mad. Enough had the voice tormented, and for what? To be left broken in a dark place and look for the warden and how it moved its cart around. I'd end up inside of there, parts of me, or worse. He hadn't remembered seeing any head in there and perhaps there wasn't any, to begin with. It could've done a lot with them, and dismissed the torso to the bottom. It could've eaten them, though thoughts like that only made Argus more anxious and afraid, more distracted, until the shrieking came to its full power. Seeming as if, now, the wheels were walking on something harder, which made it worse for both of them. For one to walk and for the other to listen and watch, with nothing but a slab. 'Is it sharp?' A bad habit and I may give myself again, though it matters little, it knows where I am and what's missing. He looked, seeking for an answer if the slab could be worked back, though the edges were now broken, fragmented in pieces. And Argus saw something he shouldn't have. Below, he met that thing again, and for the first time, as he thought, it saw him. It was only the portion of below that wasn't

blocked by him, from where the light came through and sat upon its face. Now it was more clear what it looked like, the various cuts across the face, the growths of skin that were falling, just under the chin as it lifted the head to watch. The cart was covered in darkness, at least only by Argus' silhouette. He wondered then, unable to even swallow as they stared at one another. A small step behind and the light started perturbing the depths. Argus stopped, then, unable to move any longer. There was half of a face that was lit, standing now at the crossroads between the shroud of darkness and the constant delays of light and dark. So did that thing shift its sight towards it, then back at Argus, recognising, most likely, that he was made of the same material, flesh and bones, same limbs, perhaps smaller or bigger, only good do be taken. Eye to eye was avoided, for, after it was done observing at what Argus was looking at, the part of the cart was covered in darkness once again. No shame whatsoever, was it ever human then? It looked as if it was waiting for something, though now, both Argus' lips and throat were dry, after the sight of what laid in that cart. The shrieking and sharp sound gave it away if it approached, and now, there wasn't any way for it to come up to him, at least not the way they were both standing. It couldn't speak either and there was a doubt that it'd understand or want to do so. The only way is down, but it's there, just standing and waiting for me to do there. And from the looks and from how hard it started clicking when he pulled out the wooden slab, it seemed as if, one more or two slabs of wood would call for the entire floor to collapse below. A good thing or a bad thing, though it would expect it. The point at which he gazed upon, was a tumorous bump around a whole, coming into its attire, perhaps a weaker point, perhaps not. It was worth a shot, though only after its eyes. Sweat now freely dripped and it accumulated so far, that now, it drops came below, hitting the end of the rusted cart, a part of it at least, while other drops reached the skin cube that laid there, just closed inside. Again, at the slightest distraction, its gaze shifted from above to below, before returning and waiting. Why is it waiting, is this a stand if I've not a weapon around to defend myself with? Will the flickering of light not dismiss it from watching me like that? Does he ever tire then? Will I stop sweating at least? Questions filled Argus' mind but no answers nor any plan of action, the decision if any would be even taken at all. There was only one way out and it was down. He knew that well enough, just as well as it had known it too. And already has his cloak been thrown and left to rot, with another gaze, revealing how fast it was that by now, it was entirely covered in pulsating and creeping tumours. Slowly too, the skin was becoming hard, almost as a crystal formation, though a lot slower than it happened in front of his eyes before, it was still too fast for his own comfort. Argus shifted his gaze once more, to reveal what laid rightly when he first looked, at the small creature he was thinking of, though it were none inside the crystalline. Just as it floated in the liquid that it conserved it, bouncing between its tight walls, it was then when he finally got a true glance of what it was. A toe, conserved. Immediately, after that, he looked below, just to find out that there wasn't anything there anymore, he must be coming back. And that toe, someone was here previously, past the flickering light, there was blood, the same one that was feeding the excrescence, solid and organic now. The sharp sound must've been silenced somehow, no wonder how I didn't notice it before. I can't stay and find out if there's a way to open the gate. And with that, he grabbed with both his arms, the edge, just as small pointy bits entered his side, with no way to remove them and keep going. Blood was being drenched on wood, though another slab was ripped, picked up and laid by the side. And with his luck, the second edge left between the gap and the other slab was empty clean with nothing sharp to cut his hands. Now he grabbed it fully by force, and the sound of the wheels, as silenced as they once were, starting going,

round and round, past the hall, as dark as it was, the rider was coming. Though no horse, but a cart, a way to open, if timed. The fall wasn't high but low, and it'd still take time for it to come below once it found out Argus had gone, again. Another slab, this time ripped apart, one chunk fell to the bottom whilst one remained above. And as that happened, still, despite Argus's reluctance to stop, the captain did so, the sharpness of the wheel ended. 'Good!' Argus said it well, knowing after seeing it once, how thin, how wide the hall was and the inability for it to turn around, being forced to go on its made path every single time. Torture for both, or only for one of us, another slab, and still the floor refused to go, though now it looked as if it was a man-made hole. With a light, as wide and round as he could only but look around, after he was gone, though bones and a slightly cleaner floor laid there, just waiting and calling for him to come. And who could just go against such a calling now at a time like this one, especially after a glance above, seeing the edge, it was almost too fast, on the wheels, almost like it was blitzing through the halls to get below? 'Too late.' Argus almost shouted too, as he just leapt down there, hearing only the shrieking creak and the morbid sound it made as it rushed to get to the bottom. Dust was blown all around, just as he reached, and the clean image of this place disappeared. Out of the light, it was revealed just how much wider where he was, and how much time he had, to hide and wait again. Not in the light, no, he came and went blindly into the darkness and crept now, without any knowledge if what was above came and dragged itself towards the bottom level. If there were stairs, he couldn't have known by this time, neither if he wanted too, nor if he needed. Knelt and almost like a door, he stood by the wooden wall, now as it were no time, just to avoid being taken. Flesh could be felt, and bone by his side, he fit right in between and felt nothing creep from behind. And the shrieking came, and now he could swallow, through his dry neck and dry lips were almost cracked, especially from all the dust he inhaled. There was a desperate need to cough it out, but he couldn't. Those wheels were forced against something, almost at the point of being broken in pieces and abandoned where they stood. No, I must wait. Gloom couldn't fully mask him, though he needed to hope. Hope that the gap beyond wasn't too large to reveal him. Though now, whenever or not he wanted to, there wasn't any choice at all, it was being forced out of him, despite his liking. And in the middle, the blitz ended as that thing stopped. He hadn't seen his back now, though, that and the fact that it was so fast that it managed to cut his breath, which was already tainted told much of his foe. Rust on the wheels and his cart had so many body parts, though it was still unknown why he was collecting them and why from this place? He managed, though, the captain, and Argus gave him the credit which was well deserved, as he went so far through the decay that he got at the point where not even that infection could affect his body now. Neither that and definitely not his car which had its parts protected from. IT didn't take much time to find out just how limited he was. Though harsh leather was obvious now, on the side, it must've been for a slight tilt or his forceful entry, but now, he almost felt one of the corpses near him ready to fall. Two arms flew over him and stopped that just in time. It left a feeling of sudden release and content, to be so close to being discovered and all of the sudden be pardoned rightly. But, he wasn't there anymore. Glances around gazes through the damp and around the light, such a small distraction managed to leave him there alone in the dark. A leather band came across the body and the bones were obvious. Argus took the opportunity and snatched the bag, almost in a silent way, still suspicious to look around. The body was slowly placed and a bit of dust of the corpse remained stuck on his hands, not that he complained much. The bag, too, was mildly heavy, thought as his fingers slipped, still snicking and in a slow movement stance, he held the lock, a bit rusted, though a lock

nonetheless. Something was inside though and it was more than a bulk that just popped out for the sake of it, perhaps a bit too heavy, though whatever it was, chances were that it was important. A creek stopped, though. Argus looked confused, unable to figure out where to look in the damp darkness. Instinctively, his gaze went towards the light, curved as if were, swear running still on his face, though now drier and at his taste, a lot saltier than before. The arc went just enough for him to watch the captain still, though now it was reversed and he could see only a part of him through the bars. Does he see me now? Can he see through the dark? Though none could answer those questions but him, and he couldn't now, especially since he did not want to doom himself at this rate. Damn it, damn it to pieces. No knife around the belt, those gruesome eyes had their lids look as if he was previously afflicted by with the pox, or at least taken by the infection sometime before. No longer could he watch, those eyes, slightly lifted above the lids, pale and seeking to end him right, adding him to the pile. I'm sorry, remained just a small thought. Argus wasn't able to see well, though he ripped and grabbed, felt around, there must've been a fully armed torso now laying still on the ground since, with a pull, he managed to take the collar bone, with a sharp end, and still slightly sturdy. I need it only for a stab. Or so he thought, but from what was seen, there might've been a bigger need than that. A few perhaps, though too many bones would make a clutter, and any sound now would make all his plans shatter. There must've been other cabins, if one laid there, near the light, it might've been, truly a wonder of design, though now, everything was covered in sharp and grainy debris, of stone and wood. The wall was close and his hand just move. It was wet wood, obvious too, his hand just moved higher and higher, though still on the ground. Glass, cold, dirty. He stopped. There could be something on the other side, I'm certainly sure. Though chances were too, it seemed to be too thick to be a normal glass of a cabin, just laying there waiting to be taken apart and for him to hid inside. He avoided again the sight. Creek, creek, so it went, as the wood was bent at the will of rusting wheels and the bodies that moved around without notice, being thrown from side to side again. Argus bit his tongue but couldn't muster his paint, looking but for a gaze just slightly above his shoulder and seeing the same motion again. Same track, and now, perhaps it could be confirmed, the captain couldn't turn around. A distinct and slight smile came down Argus' face, though not enough to taunt it, not until he was safe. He waited until the creature decided to move again and not stop from the glances. Again, he looked down to see the marks left by the wheels on the ground. They were so obvious now, though before, it seemed as if his mind fully blocked their sight and presence there. Now the captain moved again, and now, with a weapon and the sturdy bag, he got up, though there was no spit, nor water with him. Nothing to fully clean the glass. 'Dome?' The captain wasn't there, he couldn't have heard that. Though it was obviously a glass dome, if it were so, or something much stronger than it appeared to be. At least, if I can't clean it properly, let it be, just at a glance, it's all I need right now. With what he was wearing, the white undershirt, though already filled and dirtied with the mud from fall before, it remained slightly moist from the sweat. No wonder that the beast hasn't found him by the stench. One thing off the list, same track, without hands, it might not be able to smell. And just as well, that could explain the lack of disgust when he's dealing with those human parts. So, he started rubbing, harder and harder, though to no avail. So came the collarbone, which came with the first stab, which removed the thickest part of the dirt that laid there, just thinking away as it was taken. Two stabs were enough, he could see something blue. Though, just as his arms went again to rub, the dome revealed, clean, a light blue of the ocean and with it, the second source of light, blue in blue came across the room. Argus turned quickly and saw a stare through the bars, and

heard another rush, at which he quickly retreated in the dark, without an option and whilst hearing what was coming from above, he went to the dark corner that laid just in front. It was clear now, from where he laid, in the corner of the room. That damn monster can barely turn the head around. Even when it did come again, it failed to go through and search the room, being forced only to look behind, throw looks and continue, not soon after. This time it was faster than it previously had happened, curious. Now, the hand slowly reached the bottom of the floor and started moving slowly across it. Just a little further. And it went until the point where he found the hole, the entry from which the captain came, still farther away from the corner. Fifteen feet away on the least, and it gave plenty of room to walk, at least until it came back. Next, to the opening of the door from which it'd come, there laid a free look, right through the just openly cleaned dome. 'It isn't so bad, is it now?' Curiously he asked, knowing he'd not be heard there, nor could he be found. 'Where to now?' Though he couldn't answer where he was, it was quite obvious, on a ship, from the curvatures and from the appearance of it, and from that dome, it was under the sea. 'A sunken ship? No.' Now he raised himself, looking forth, between the great above and the water dome. It was no ship, but a submarine, most likely, at least if he were as lucky to be right, there'd be a chance to go up. 'I must know.' Argus whispered and as soon as his words disappeared, he crawled back right next to the door, trying to find something solid to figure out if it was a submarine or not. Though wood inside? A leap came forth and it was under its nose, just as the captain went on, back on his track. So did Argus, moving more freely now, without a care for his bag or how heavy it remained, nothing he couldn't handle, at least without a care. Though still, he stood away from the giant entrance of light, the giant spotlight that came from above. Bones were crushed as well as remains under his feet and the soothing sound of the water and the fishes going just outside wasn't soothing enough. It wasn't a human anymore, just from the simple fact that it was driven mad to the point of going to those manmade tracks, over and over again without a stop or a care. Why was it pushed to it, who was he? Though from yet another look at it, it seemed as if it was, or must've been once his crew. Now there was less of a disgust after another look, though there was still some inside, nothing Argus couldn't handle. And from the looks of it, some might've been using uniforms, some red material was left sticking on the bones and rotten skin, just being wasted. The eyes inside one of the heads were still stuck open, looking but no fly, none that could live anymore. And even after it left again, the dust fragments were visible, almost like stars, just floating inside the light, fading into the dark soon after. 'I've got to escape, but not with you around.' It was time for it to die, but how? There were nothing below but bones, shattered under his boots, the ones who got the easy way out so they'd not end there. One of them had to have a weapon. Perhaps, he thought, if he were just lucky enough, as he previously was to come down there. His lungs were suddenly filled with it, the idea, one that could work or not. Though first, he had to be sure. Surveying the way around the wall, an image formed in his mind, another dome was revealed, though as he cleaned it, it was too dark to be seen. It changed a second, after figuring out that there wasn't water in the second, no light coming from the sea if they even were there at least. 'Interesting.' Though not enough to figure out what to do, or even get close to the idea. Two domes were there, one that had water, perhaps a base, and the other hollow and dark, perhaps a way out. His face came closer, almost being stuck against the dome, there the smell of ash could he felt, even through the thickness that it had. Whatever laid there, it laid scorched to the ground. Though, still, two of them. 'That means.' His gaze came to the opposite site, where the extent of the blue light came to an end. After waiting for it to come again and to go, twenty of thirty

seconds at least waiting there and here, on average at least. Quite a small observation, though small nonetheless, it must've been doing the same amount of time above, or slightly less. Argus' legs moved more freely and swiftly now that he had a glance on his speed and time, knowing how it reacted when it saw him coming out into the light. A smooth radiance of cold came under him, just as he finally managed to feel less distraught and calm himself down. 'I almost got you.' Said Argus, now on the other side, past the point where there was light. Two more domes. 'Let's see.' First came out as being too. 'Dark.' A switch that he came across, it laid just in his reach, perhaps it could even work if he were lucky enough, even if it ended up acting the same as the one above, with flickers of light, it would still be better than nothing. Not yet. And Argus came to the last one, at which the edges of the blue light just came slightly to him, though still too far. The silhouette came and just passed for a moment as if the sound of the wheel turning weren't enough. He rubbed for the last time, and it came to be, a giant room, with only a small light at the back of it, with an ongoing furnace that held its light dearly. Argus looked behind and saw no light coming out from the furnace, perhaps just his face and hands as they reached, but he knelt and saw its range. Nothing too strong or any vibrant light that would disturb his crawl. Only a thing left was for him to check, the other side, past the light. Though even as he thought that he returned to check the wall, right next to the open gap he felt before, it wasn't that far now, just a few steps more. There laid a door, just slightly closed, though it wasn't made of wood but iron, as sturdy and strong like the iron bars. Did it move, though? Argus even dare to move as it made a slight noise, as the metal was rubbed against the door. It was heavy, as he couldn't deny that, and barely moved at that, though there wasn't any doubt what would happen at last. Left there, it came to a middle point, from the edge from which he first grabbed, now the door was left at the middle pathway, between what Argus could call, in the dark, the gate from which the creature came out. That meant the other way must've been the same. Though there was only one true way to find out, Argus came and looked at the tracks, up his feet he waited, just slightly some feet away from the spotlight, he waited. Past his shoulder, the creature passed, barely inches away from him. It might've found him if there was light. Perhaps the feeling in his body left him long ago, else how could Argus just breathe on his shoulder and face no consequence for it? There was no denying, it was stuck there. But now, now Argus had a direct look at what he had in the cart it so desperately dragged around, laying more than a had and more than parts, it was clear that they were rotting away, only for one. He realised that one was. 'Fresh.' Boldly he said so, breathing colder and getting warmer. Clearly, the head tried twisting, and so did the neck, though he couldn't turn around for a reason, nor try to go in reverse. It moved a little, then it stopped. A few more feet in front of it and it repeated that once again. Some steps Argus followed, but only for a bit, still he didn't dare to reveal himself, with his plan incomplete, it might've been the worst idea he could've had. Without a weapon yet, there should've been a door there, and go so, he waited. Until the point that it dismissed his existence, whence it went back. Argus quickly followed, though not directly in the middle, he kept close to the wall and scouted, up until he found the comfort in the darkness, laying so close, yet again. A dance of light and dark followed soon after, right when he found out how big it still remained. Two more doors he felt, as soon as he reached and felt the spacious gloom. Never has he felt as uncomfortable, though, as if needed for a rest. 'Not yet you monster. It's not over yet.' Again, with that whisper, he could only get a slight composure and peep around while searching, another door laying, certainly not in the same position as the other one, though made out of the same metal. First the domes, then the doors. Argus thought, with

that plan of action, and a few more seconds left, he rubbed the first dome, empty and hollow, another damp room that laid inside. Then it followed, the room closer to the light, with another darkened dome of glass just standing there, holding the unknown on the other side. Without opening them, though, there wasn't any telling what laid inside of them, perhaps a furnace, perhaps something else. And it was getting certainly harder to concentrate, again on his knees, his hands went on the floor scouting for anything solid and made of metal, any weapon at all would suffice. Fate couldn't be as cruel, he thought, there must've been something laying around. Though stopped, he thought, remembering well, just as another track went on. The furnace, how could I have been such an idiot, right about now? Again, he went through the light, after waiting for the fiend to be gone, and right in front of the door and dome, his hand went down, looking for something, anything, until he found a valve. It was small and so close to the bottom, it must've been minutes until he found it, though, in that time of silence, the sounds of water dripping, his own sweat that still remained there, that must've come from his taken cloak. And the iron wheels, driven by rust, still went on something, it was clear. With each turn, he slowed down then went on, it made the sound of machines going, a system that opened it, surprisingly, even after the passing of so much time, as he could ponder, it still worked. 'Done.' The sudden opening of hinges from the sides, left some steam to come out. It was more than refreshing to feel a warm feeling. A glance around at that, as it was still above, from what he could tell, just perfectly, he pulled, as heavy as it were, managing to move it only three or four feet away, perhaps two or more atop of that, before going to the other side. It wasn't close, the air becoming suddenly hard to breathe through. At least, it had still remained, the fact that it was too rusted, the metal too old to be able to turn and close by itself, even the machinery inside it must've turned to something. Now, there was some light shed. The furnace was barely working, though coal laid by the side. Some bones were left and others burn to crisp, perhaps a rebellion might've happened, it could explain a lot. Not on as good as it should've been since one's still standing in that room, stuck and punished, though even that will come to its end. Shoved inside one of the piles of coal, laid still the shovels, black handles, the smell of burnt wood. A skeleton holding one and resting its hands still on the spot. 'I'll take this as being lucky if you don't mind.' And with that Argus took the shovel and plainly brushed the remains apart, leaving their final rest there, spear across the ground, up to some bones that just rested near the furnace. Scraping by the door, he looked for anything new, though nothing happened, the same routine over and over again. 'Left like a scarecrow, though not for long, my friend, not for long. First, let me take care of this.' Returned back, Argus started taking coal, mixed with dust and bones and threw it in the stuck open furnace, seeing both the light and the flame start getting bigger. The process went on for a few minutes, up until the light extended, almost to the point of breaking the sweat down across his body and the room. Now it was time, as he exited, bending down, seeing how he was alone, closing the small valve and seeing the machines turn, by the side, up until the point where the gate closed itself. From the dome, now there was another light source that overlapped over the blue one, stronger, perhaps even ten times over that. Now, Argus moved freely unlike before, perhaps even slow, after seeing how it was still above. The door, it must close. He jumped across the light, now with the shovel, iron lead, he felt the material, even as he went on into the light, without a care if he was seen this time. Shrieking and the desperate sound could be heard behind, but it was too slow to catch up to Argus, as he brushed over, felt the edge of the door and slammed it on the other side. With the back end of the shovel, he pushed forth, to make sure it was sealed, then he made a few steps behind and watched. His

eyes gazing straight at him, how he went now through the red, then the flickering white. The captain stopped, still not realising that Argus was there, hiding in the dark with a weapon, ready to attack. 'Take the bait already.' Anticipation came to be, finally the vindication this creature deserved. Not even his thoughts could be settled and he could just as well see it happen in its eyes then. Going from side to side, taking more time. Has the slamming of the door made such a harsh sound that it made it notice? Though its tour ended, and just as he continued, past its track, there was a sudden shudder, at which, at the same time, Argus went behind, rightfully into the light and stopped. The sound of metal coming into metal, then the stop. 'You can't move, can you?' The pleasure that Argus felt then. It was, indescribable, oh alas. 'You petty one, you failed now, this is to be the last of your tracks that you ever get to do.' Like an animal with a broken limb, it started making sounds, though no audible words, the tongue must've been forced out through the gaps between the teeth. 'A well-executed plan I can say to myself since there's no one else to say so.' Click, click. Over the switch went the hand and immediately the room was illuminated, at the point where even the flickering light above stopped as well, going now without a stop. 'It was going on my nerves as well. 'There was a slight surprise over what he saw, first, how the door in front of him just ended up being sealed, even letting some steam out at its end. Metal seals, at the point of which it even appeared to be a door belonging to a vault rather than one of the ship. Then, the room wasn't as he expected it to be, other than the remnants of his colleagues that he felt previously, and the tracks, the rest, leading up to the separate rooms still stood out. Almost to the point where they did not belong there at all, especially with the strong white light. 'More time to explore for me, after I'm done. With you.' With a small star, the end of the shovel curved, and it made direct contact with the side of the creature's skull. A screech came as it was forced to the side, unable to fall down. Argus saw then, the two feet that looked more like a growth of skin, or stumps that couldn't be used for walking alone. Not to mention that, just as well, as were the feet useless, so were the hands, only used to push the cart. 'Why? Why are you still alive?' Trails of tears were visible on its face, going along the obvious pain it felt, unable to look from where it stood, on Argus' face, though it was obvious now. With his foot shoved firmly on the cart, it took more than some little effort, though he managed. The metal fell without a bounce, twisting the hands that were stuck, leaving the captain on the floor, with a cart that had all the inside and the limbs spread down there, laying with him. 'This will be your resting place and the punishment for what you've done.' For a second then, just as he could come and shove right inside the neck, like he did it, not so far ago, in the motion with the taking of the coal, he hesitated. Seeing it breathe, trying at least, with the busted nose, seeing the body try to shrivel away and try anything at all, it made it way too hard to go forth with it. 'But you're. You're a monster, I should be able to do it.' Though no answer was given back, just the hard breathing that went on and on. Instead of finishing his life there, he turned away and walked. The bag remained just as heavy yet there wasn't any desire to abandon it or open it right away. The mechanism seemed to be present there just as the one before, the one that had all the door, including the ones with the domes on them. 'Interesting.' Argus looked past the door from which the creature came out of, seeing a pair of stairs, one that was normal, accompanied by a twisted curve where there laid the tracks still resting. A glance flew behind, just to be sure before he placed the shovel on the ground and started twisting the valve. 'I'm just making sure it's still working, nothing to worry about, I won't be much of a bother soon after.' It still remained a pain, to have the image of those humans that were dead because of him, hence, why he stopped again, after picking up the shovel. Another valve, that was way too clear, that laid there, on

the other side, with merely a twist, one could just lock the creature and let it rot there. To top that, these seemed to be different, other than the locking mechanism, they seemed to be resembling blast doors, made for their sole reason, to stand. 'I could just go and let you there, until. Until the next Buffon comes along to risk his life just as I did, to end up infected or worse, in your damned cart. No, that will not happen.' With that, Argus, as he held it, with a slight return, he twisted and forced the sharp metallic end of the shovel against the dome. Despite the layered glass and regardless of how thick it appeared, the sharp end managed to go deep, to the point where Argus started pushing. 'I can only hope there's not an ocean there, you and me both, though.' The pressure already had taken control and cracks started taking everything apart, with that, and smaller jets of water coming out, he removed it to see the water falling down and starting to drop inside the room. Now he ran and slammed the door, closing the valve, hearing and seeing the air pressure visible as the mechanism closed it in place. 'Whenever or not it's enough water, let's just hope for your sake that you drown fast enough.' The sounds were muffled, though, and he heard nothing more. He'd get to see, soon after, with each step, and with each step, another sight over the twisted set left by the trail that remained engraved there on the wood. 'I'm getting closer, I can feel it, just as well, it shouldn't be too far now, until the place from whence it came. The lights made Argus' thought even clearer now, that he could, not only see where he was going but get a better idea where he was. Two doors left there, one open, at the top, which left Argus only on a small block where he could stay still and watch. It was obvious that the one to his left, that door lead to where he was incarcerated, which remained the same one from where it came from. With a raspy voice, Argus thought aloud, now that he could do freely. There was a feeling of curiosity, he had to know, later he'd go seek the other, in case the water raised further, but the chess crossed the dark floor on which he stood, connected to the wooden one in front still laid curiosity about. 'How did you turn like that? You seemed to be so fast when you came from here to down there, though it makes no sense that you'd come out from where I came from.' Too bad I cannot ask you, I can only look and try to find out. With that in mind, he went on, step by step matching the trail inside the wood, seeing more and more cells. Rotten corpses, either to the point of there being only bones or covered in the crystalline growth. The positions were stuck that way, holding the bars, legs stretched, praying most likely to be left out of there. And that was left only in the first cell, the two prisoners that used to be there, kept still by the warden. It took no other explanation for Argus to find out that this remained the prison district, though everything else still remained aghast. 'Why all of this when he could've killed them more plain and simpler?' Near the next cell, two. No, three, as he noted after moving slightly further for a better look, three conjoined prisoners that were combined by the crystalline formation that seemed to have spread everywhere. 'Everywhere except here.' Where he stood, under, above, and even by the side, he saw nothing. Nothing but a small growth farther, but still facing and being, and from where he could see it, it must've been the same one that he had seen when he was in his cage. 'Still, it hasn't spread on its own, only there.' And that seemed to be the truth, after judging that it spread like that only after it had consumed something, henceforth it hadn't gone across the point. Another cage, though this one remained empty. Whoever or whatever it was, the scorched remains were left there along ashes and the marks of burn wood. Nothing but black laid around there, atop of the remains that were crisped past the appearance of what used to be a human being, even at the point of appearing more like a replica used in a play than a human used for torching. Same by the next, rotten or stricken. And the next one, and another past that and after. 'Mine.' There laid still at the bottom of the floor, though

Argus couldn't see the past, he saw the water already risen up to the level of its legs, just a little more and it'd start drowning. 'I'm still hoping there isn't an ocean laying there near you.' Though, that was also, the least of Argus's concerns, if it got to the point of conducting electricity as well. Emptied, the cart already had its part floating above, and the sound made it hard to look away. There was a struggle, the sounds of a fish trying its hardest to speak. 'Now, it's over.' The screeching below ended at that. When the point came, the water got to the level, rising slowly to the point where its body couldn't float to the point of air, being anchored to the ground. Argus didn't immediately move on from there, he waited. There must've been a stairway on the other side leading below, just like the one from where he came out of. 'If water came from there and drained by the sides, I might only have some time to throw a look around and make it for the door. Isn't that right?' Though now the taunt was wasted, no longer being able to see any sign of movement, no bubbles of air coming from there, the captain was slain and perhaps it was the called time to find a way out of there. Just a look, that's all I need, how did it turn then? Argus thought, and the thought turned into another distracting look at the constantly rising water, just to see how much it was until going up. The bars were still covered in something and there was no keyhole for him to use. It could happen again, but with a look, he observed, the ceiling that had all its lightbulbs attached, was made of solid iron, made to last. 'It did make me wonder why was it that the furnace still worked, the bodies were fresh, even the electricity was left on.' Though it might've been obvious now that perhaps there were other in this, still on the upper level, and already lost in his thoughts, the water made it hard for him to go back and check in hopes to go over and return in time. Argus turned around, seeing the water, almost pouring out of the hole and turning over, leaving how it managed to use the system and take the route he went on a mystery. 'For another time, if I even come back.' Though already there was lost hope for that, the place was going to be flooded, the infection that wasn't crystallised spread across the rotten and the burnt bodies. If there were people still alive, they were bound to their fates, though there was no denying, past his cell, there were others, too far and twisted from a line, it made it hard to see or even notice. There might've been people, hence he stopped. Looking again, Argus suddenly developed guilt. 'That face was fresh. That damned man was still warm there in his cart.' And the water was approaching even faster now. 'I can only hope I'm wasting time and I could catch up.' There wasn't a certain way to open up if there really meant for someone to be there, though he did it anyway. Moisture was already under his feet, even if water hadn't come, and perhaps it couldn't take just a few extra seconds worth delay if he was fast enough. 'Enough, dead body, body, bo..'. The last cell, in front, laid the opening with a device, an elevator perhaps, though not a normal one, but one you'd find inside a mine. The, a mechanism was obvious inside of it, not to mention how expensive it appeared to be. But here and now? It didn't matter how, though that question had only but a glimpse of its answer, this, however, hadn't. A chair inside the cell, a man struggling with a bag over his head, tied from behind, so were his feet. Why haven't I received the same treatment then? Why haven't the others? Though that wasn't the only thing he noticed, a clean cell, perhaps too clean, both inside and the bears, and the device that had its need of a key there. 'The ward must've had it.' Said by a whisper, though secrecy wasn't needed anymore. 'Can you hear me?' Right towards his ear, Argus yelled. It was, certainly unexpected to say the least. 'Who's there?' 'It's not important, who are you, though?' Though the man didn't speak a word, judging by those clothes he was wearing, though, silk upon harsh leather, it wasn't hard to find out that he had enemies. 'Kidnapped and left to rot here, ey? Trust me, I know that feeling way too well if you ask me.' 'Wait, you're

not. Who are you?" I've already said it doesn't matter and if you don't cooperate with me on this, it really won't. "Are threatening me then? Should I be scared just because I'm tied up? Listen, buddy, I'm not one who easily forgets stuff, I've already told to your partner that I won't spill a word, hear me? Not a word." There was an interruption to that, in the fact that Argus threw a glance by his side. Something momentarily stopped the water for rising above and perhaps getting to the point when the drowning commenced. "Wait here a moment, just don't move." There was a reply, that Argus chose to ignore, not that the man tied up was in any position to make demands or even anger him, but this was more important. The water stopped rising, at the lips from his cage. Now, though, it remained too shallow for any to look through and be able to see what laid there, past the murk, the dirt and the fluids that used to run in those bodies abandoned there. Luckily enough, it hadn't evolved into an aquatic creature while he was gone. The key might've been attached to a keychain if any existed at all, to begin with, though there was nothing of the sort heard when he was at the bottom, listening to the captain when he was going. There might've never been a key, to begin with, no to mention that the man gave a feeling of reluctance and annoyance at him, and how he reacted. "No, he can boil there for a while now, there's no need to find any key and attempt to rescue him." Without the threat of the way, it was time for him to go above and discover, same as he had found out before, the valve turned to the point where it released the steam by the sides and the door opened. Just in time too, it was getting uncomfortable being there with him and the others, despite not being as chatty as that man was. The stairway seemed to be twisting around and going as far above as he could see. With the first step leaving Argus standing on a small area before the door closed itself, as heavy as it were, closing the steam between the room, to reveal the clean air. "This air doesn't belong here." And in a way, it way right. Clean, outside air, but where could this be and why is it here? A hint of light was above, but so were the edges of shadows. Almost knelt, Argus went on, and step by step, he bent by the wall and try looking over the corner in order to see past the veil of mist that laid between them and figures out whenever or not was there anyone there. His shovel was slightly dirty but just as strong as it had been, mostly likely during its conception, carefully kept both low and away of any other edge, of the stairs or the damn wall so no sound could be made. Pride was taken by Argus now, that not even he could hear himself walk, in such muffled silence, that at a point of stepping up, he forgot himself and the fact that he was there. And that was the door, slightly above the end of the stairs, just standing there, a gaping hole that had no door handles nor anything that could even block the entry or the exit. His ears immediately dropped to eavesdrop and listen, by the sides, the sound of struggling, without a doubt, the chances were that this could only be the upper level of a prison, with many other cells where they experimented upon hem. "I must get out now." Without a care anymore, a slight reminder came, that he still had a weapon, sharp at the edge, made of sturdy iron that could and might as well hold itself against anything that he'd face. Especially another fellow, at which he jumped and strike, the figure having a laceration across its body before it fell on the ground. It stood still for a moment before it fell down without a bounce, somehow it managed to bring an uncomfortable feeling to Argus as it stood there to guard. It was nothing more than a mannequin, slightly there was a sigh that he didn't just stab and take a cut at a fellow human, but still, a mannequin here and there? Two more were left near another domed door, there were plenty now that it ran straight to what appeared to be endlessly spread across a dim lit entry. "Sorry for that love." The clothes it had were expensive looking, though none would feel their loss, there was a key to be found perhaps and most certainly a way out. A slap and a shovel shoved aside both guards

as Argus tried looking again through the dome. This one was cleaner than the previous entries, not to mention that the lightning was set inside too, past the figure. A sidestep that was followed in a fully turn towards his left side, only to have an armed view revealed nothing more than the fact that there was another dummy standing inside. 'It seems as if someone's taking me for a joke.' Even the knocks on the glass turned out to be less layered as the ones below, easier to dent, as it was revealed after some slaps on it, though the reason behind it was unknown. The next one had a small box with wires all over coming from every corner of the room, appearing to be a chain like as they held it lifted above. 'Could it be?' The slight turns and sounds made Argus more alert, as he thought of it less of a joke, seeing all the dummies reverted in their original position, two guarding and one standing by the door. 'Who's there?' The grip over his weapon grew tighter with each additional gaze of which he took by the side. Paranoia was way too obvious, though it made no sense that someone was so fast to pick them up and place them back in their original position. One thing is clear, Argus thought. I'm not alone in here, either them or someone's playing tricks on me, damn twisted animals. Though the box that was held in there seemed to be. A hinder of light came, going through to the end of the room, revealing both, at the end, the existence of an elevator and someone dressed in a suit. The suit had no scent and appeared to be covering every single part of the body, including but not going past the head. He might be just as shocked as I am. Argus noted, after noticing that neither he nor the suited man made any move at all. Still, no weapon in hand, the man seemed to have resumed whatever he was previously doing. Knelt by foot, Argus hasn't noted that he had a panel open, wires out and almost to the point of sparkling with light, repairing what was broken. Every slim of attention went towards something else, luck. The keychain hanging by his bottom part of his side, convenient, perhaps too much so. He saw me though refused to react, even when he saw the weapon, though a direct attack was worth a shot. Far too much did he stand still, that Argus could swear he started acting and thinking like those dummies standing next to him, that's when he sidestepped. Two or four to say the least until he stopped and waited again. There was a creek on the ground where he landed but without a turn or notice, he just placed his hand behind his back and hid the shovel before getting ready. Still, no notice from the worker, another set of steps in hope he'd get to land behind, that's when finally some thought was given. The worker turned around only to see Argus stand still, finding the exact moment when him too, had wondered what to do. Do I attack now and end it then, what will he do other than those welding tools and the devices? He must be a human, though, it only makes sense with those in hand, then why doesn't he move? It passed a little, though he couldn't see the expression that laid under, neither if he was truly a human inside, the same how he was wrong before under there. After some uncomfortable minutes passed, he turned around to resume the work he had been previously attending too, acting almost as if it didn't matter that Argus was there. He blinked, and all of the sudden he found himself standing at the different corner of the room, not too far but still far enough to have to put the same effort once again. What happened? Though he already had the answer, turning to see the dummies still standing there. Creek, creek, again he went, though this time a lot faster, catching him at unaware, this time closer, only to have him turn around at the last second with a shock of which the tools for welding were dropped. Another blink happened and he found himself once again in the same position, and it was obvious that not time had passed at all, his tools were still at the bottom of the floor, still waiting to be picked. A hand was being held against his own chest, just resting there as well as he was. 'This at least I can try, though I may not get it back.' There, this warning should suffice, if he understands, good

for him, but if not. Well, Argus gave no thought, but almost strangled the sturdy wood and with a forceful throw, it aimed for the head. Before any possible reaction could even come to be, it was too late, being aimed for the soft part of the suit, it made a squishing sound as the shovel bounced against the ground. The head slightly twisted as the man fell down on his tools. Argus blinked again and glared at the bottom of his feet. There was no shovel in his hand, as well as that he had made a step forth and hadn't been taken away. 'Too easy lad and others might be looking for you I ponder if that thing remains unfixed.' Now he moved freely and another blink just enough sufficed, he picked his shovel and knelt to see, taking the welding tool in the other hand. It appeared like a blowtorch, though already his hands were busy for any other tools to be taken. 'The keys. I've almost forgotten, you can't hear me anymore, right?' Nor could he even see him, as he waves his hand around the visor area. Placing the torch to the bottom, he felt around, hard, way too hard to be pierced, luckily the force was enough to kill or at least stun the bugger. Enough, at least, to take the keys, which Argus did without a doubt, there was no one to thank for but at least he could be gone. A keychain with plenty enough for every cell at the bottom, perhaps some more too at that. 'I'm sorry, though, I just need to be sure.' Just as the keys easily popped out of his side, so did the head bounce around as Argus started smashing the head of the shovel against the helmet. It took a few hits, well enough to make the clicking sound of bone, though still it hadn't broken or shattered, there was a reflex of the hand. So sudden, did it come, that it made Argus go straight back and watch? Stretched with the shovel in his hand, he pushed the blowtorch to the other side away from him, just as the twitching seemed to be at a stop. Before he turned, one last twist, and base don his entire body mass, he grabbed the shovel with both of his hands and hit the head only to watch the entire body fall and be left, neck outstretched on the ground. Argus breathing became more shallow, his vision slightly daze, he couldn't open the visor to see what was inside, but at least, the keychain was held by a finger, as well as the blowtorch he just had picked. If it even were to be one, to begin with, it was shaped like it, and something might've happened when turned on, but in no way could he leave it near him, or at least near anyone who could come. He passed the dummies to the bottom and twisted the valves once the places and picked it when he opened it up. For a second, he stuck against the corner and tried to hear, looking to get only a glance, then looking at the bottom he saw no water, and it was obvious that the water was still there, left to rot. Before going to open the gate, a thought came, stopped right in front his cage. The domed doors, that were rightly above, were way too strong, or at least so did they appear to be from where he stood when he was there. I either use to open my own cage or try. But the memory of the box, something about it stopped Argus from starting the strange cylindric device from his hand. The reluctance was past his understanding, at a level that not even he could understand. Why is it so important? There'd be another chance for that, now he came by, with the keys removed and taken away, the cylinder left on the ground, next to the shovel, which already stood by him. 'Hey, are you still awake buddy?' Not even a flinch came out, but no one could even hold a torch against him now, who else could tell how much he was there for, a couple of days, hours, perhaps months. Starved, left to die of thirst, most likely infected. 'And now.' Just as the keys from the chain started clinking, making their distinct sound, suddenly the bag started shuffling and just as soon followed the rest of the body in a motion that was almost unknown to Argus. 'Oh, I get it, awake now, right?' 'You, it's you again. I can hear the keys but I thought you were the other one who came earlier.' 'What another one?' Forced to be aware, he looked by the side, left and right, it couldn't have gone past him, the way down there was flooded as well, which meant, when he wasn't

aware, someone might've used the elevator to get here.'When did it happen and who was it?'How should I know, I was just as blind as I am left now, abandoned in the dark and left to be like this, it's not my fault that this happened.'At least tell me what it said, or if it was it, to begin with.Did you hear girgles or something of the sort or words?'Though it was late to ask already, as the man acted like a hound near a stake, after hearing the keys now and the ring they had as well with them.'Are those the keys mate, you're not missing this time around?'No, listen, I need to know, who that was, the warden that came around and spoke to you, what did it sound like?'So, indeed it wasn't you?I swear, he sounded exactly like you, if you're not actually the warden and indeed you're messing with me now.'I'm not!'Argus got at a point when he was getting frustrated, already with three keys getting the past and shoved inside the lock, only to obtain a minimum result, as it wasn't that.Not that key, neither that one.Another glance around, at the elevator, came just as well with every attempt, then one at just around the other side of the passage.'Tell me then, did you hear any noise of something heavy being pulled, dragged with a descending then ascending tone?An elevator, have you heard one just come when whoever that spoke to you?'No.'Almost monotone, he was getting sick just as much as Argus, and beyond that, the frustration continued with each failed attempt.'Here.'Finally, a clicking sound was made, there wasn't any way to express how lucky Argus felt when he found out that it was indeed the right key.But there was yet another thing he hadn't planned, with an attempt to slightly move it to the side, the key was shot out and then the clicking went on.Click, click, click, click, getting faster by the second now.'The keys.Where?'It didn't take much searching to find out that on the bottom laid the charred remained, chunks of iron, fragments, bits and other parts that laid either melted or broken on the shore.'What's happening?What's with the sound?'They came fast, but there wasn't a way to put it in place.'I'm afraid I might've started something I may not be able to slow down or stop.'Said, Argus, as he turned, then with a reckless swing, there wasn't anything but a dazzling tremor, a shaking that was absorbed by his arm.The lock was too strong to be taken down.'What did he say?The man who came here, or whatever it was, what did it say?If you don't tell me, I cannot help you.'Though already was the hope abandoned, as he realised, just how close was the elevator next to the cage he was near.It might not worth, but it was worth the chance, armed with a shovel and a torch, near the end, he saw that there was something there, close, though buttons or something to call it.Anywhere, from left to right, and another look on both sides revealed that there were none of the sorts to be pressed.The clicking still went on, perhaps there was time, perhaps not.The shovel was the first to be used, banged against the wall, to the point where the sounds of iron striking at iron rivalled the clicking sound that the device had.It went on into all directions until a sharper clicking sound went one.Suddenly, near his right side, a glowing plate was now blown to cinders, while the sound of something being dragged now was just as clear as the clicking noise.Though, it was mere luck again that shoved this small button, as its size and location, if it were to be taken by hand might've taken a lifetime.In other words, something that he did not have now.'Alas.'And the clicking seemed to be approaching just a flaccid point and something that Argus failed to notice before.The other cages had no locks like the one that was attached to his cage, not even close to it if that was even a concern.And it alarmed him of its intention to, just as he was backing away.'There's nothing else to do now, I'm sorry.'Being said as he went by, it forced the man beyond the bars to come in a fully formed shock, though not as much as Argus felt like he was going to feel.It will announce every one of my presence if they hadn't known already of it.Though why else were the keys and the device, if?He looked one last

time behind, now that he ran as far, to say, as if to the other side, only to see the door open at the far end, with no one around, an orange light coming rightly from above. Depending on how strong the explosion was, shrapnel could fly rightly, he turned. There was a sudden pull of air, as strong as he could feel and even see, the smallest grains of salt and sand just fly over his shoulder. The sound was being driven out for a second, until the point of a flashing piercing spear of sound that came as sharp as it could come out as. The force that came from there almost emptied the air he had in his lungs to the point where he was forced to fall on the ground, just to be pushed again, closer to the stairs. Another, the stronger light was almost blindingly coming from behind, and the sound of fire and smoke was just as much as it had previously been, only amplified. It was a harsh place to get up, followed by a mist, shaken by it, Argus merely managed to lift himself in time, not to fall a second time and break his legs on the stairs. By the time his vision cleared, he looked past and saw a gaping hole in the wood, that fell below. It was a clear, straight view, but only jets of water were visible from where he stood. Left with a gaping mouth, seeing the destruction left, even to the elevator, which now remained out of order. 'They don't have a way to come now. But neither have I.' And guilt prevented Argus from going further to see the damage. Instead, he did the selfless thing, opening the door again, climbing the same stairs until he reached the same point. No change, not on their positions as all dummies stayed the same, nor the man who still laid dead. 'The box, I missed it.' The shock was perhaps too strong to take at once, despite standing still, looking through the dome, which resulted in him in dropping the blowtorch and never picking it up again. 'Damn you, I missed it.' And now, there still needed to be away, coming closer to the end, of which, it only made sense to mirror the bottom as well, strikes came, until a point. There laid a glowing square again but nothing seemed to move, though again, now that he knew the exact point, he thrust the shovel in that point, over and over again, until harshly he understood. 'It stopped.' Two steps back were taken, as slowly as he could possibly take them and watched from where he stood, closely he listened as well, after seeing the two gates open. Nothing but an empty abyss opened, with only two long wires leading to the above. Looking below, there wasn't even a light, though the debris and the remains left by the small explosion were still left there to rest. 'I.' Though there was nothing to say or to depart, not to them nor to the man. 'I won't need this anymore, so have it.' The shovel was thrown on his side, up for him to dig his own grave. He wouldn't need it any longer, and it was coming, he knew that well. 'I knew the water smelled awful, even from the side.' It came fast, once he realised what was coming as his reaper, a red glowing mist coming from the stairs, the veins would still come to spread after getting a new sacrifice. Connected through the other man, it'd only come further and perhaps even follow him. So Argus leapt and grabbed the strong metallic sturdy wire, starting his ascension, the stink was just about the corner below. After missing the box, and climbing for what seemed to be minutes, all was going as dark as it could be. Only one light came from above and he was ready to give up on it, having his body numbed down, his hands shallow and his legs unmoving. All of the sudden, the scent of the mist went away and he couldn't smell anything, but nor did he feel the silence. The noise came from the side, strange noises of movement over water and stone, fast, some faster, perhaps a legion of horses running rampage on the streets. It can't be that, though it feels too forced, too mechanic to be a living thing, it must be something else then. The first glance when he opened his eyes, the smell of smoke, as someone had a fire on the street came by him, just passed. One hand managed to come in time, just to block the light and sniff the air. 'Wait, I know the two of you.' 'Morning to you as well Argus. We're not there yet so you can have another nap if you'd

like.'Vincent, the name struck him immediately, half of a moustache driven away and with his companion just standing there.'What did I miss while I was out?'A riot on the streets I wager, it happened quite more often as of lately."And it will happen more often from now on.'Both of them looked in separate directions and waited, and for a sudden fraction there, the people who stood behind looked as if they were sleeping too, more natural in a way than ever before.'They look so peaceful, don't they?'It was the first time Vincent turned to throw a look at them, as he didn't check on them in a while.He's not too wrong when said so.Though Argus managed to see more than he wanted or needed to, the small scar across his neck, running as far as it was visible, down from the ear, below, almost visible if it weren't from the darkness inside his vest.'What happened there?'Though immediately, as he realised what he was talking about, he covered it and said not a word.Nor did he look mad and confused, trying his best to change the conversation just as it went on.'Where did you get that bag from?'And immediately, three glances shifted towards that bag.He hadn't realised yet that it wasn't a dream, nor that he hadn't removed the bag when he went on.The tram was still going on, perhaps at a faster speed than before, it wasn't going to stop, even after a long sleep, at least not for a while.'For how long have I been asleep?'Argus, asked, seeming suspicious, especially with that old bag around his shoulder, big enough to occupy the second seat, almost blown out and taken out of proportion with its size.'Get rid of it, I can feel its stench."That's not it.'With a hand, quickly she interrupted him and almost stared through him with her undeceitful gaze.'I've a bad feeling about it.'Half raised to match his glance, stretching to get closer to him, for a whisper she went on.'I've got a bad feeling about what's inside of that.You may need to throw it outside if you don't mind me saying that."Very well.'Without a fight, it was said so, mostly since Argus agreed just as well as she did, that something was wrong about it, especially now.Holding it just about outside the gap, looking at the material, again, she asked of Argus.'What's wrong?Just throw it, I'm sure someone else will take care of the problem.'Something was clearly inside, though something prevented Argus from raising his thumb further and lifting up to see.The lock being there was a bad sign but what else could he do now other than let go?Which he certainly did, immediately letting it fall and roll over my the street, ending in a bounce and away from their sight.'Is it normal to be this fast?'Ask he, once he figured out just how fast the tram it was getting, either being too fast or they were too high, at the level where it had become a spear cutting through clouds.'It's going to get faster, you'd better be off grabbing a hold of something.Wait, Argus!"I only need to go and check the driver.'There laid a cabin, quite a small box located on the left side of his view, only a few more seats in front.'You're a madman, if you keep walking you'll fall and break something."I'm not a child.'Replied Argus, holding nothing but the edge of the seats.Truthfully, it was getting hard for him to fight against the current but there wasn't anything he could do about that.There wasn't a notice when the tram was thrown off its rails, but this was different.'There."Take care!"Came from behind, though the voice lost some of its volume and power as far as they both went from one another.More viewers from behind have become more aroused by what happened then and there, the man who was approaching the cabin.'What's he about to do?'Ain't that one of the?'Before he'd finish, the old man suddenly flew back below, waist down and his hat on his face, acting as if he was sleeping, after seeing Vincent's gaze falling upon his.Though farther away, he managed to lay his hands by the side of his steeled cage and inside laid nothing more than a machine.'A box.'Said Argus, unable to control his excitement, this time it was closer and its appearance was, even more, to resemble what he thought he saw inside the domed door.The large coils must power it, leading into

the panel. Blue glow on a white metal, with crevices and hollow spaces, all filled with a dark greenish liquid, in any of the matter, appearing to be organic of a metal box. 'I know what you look like now.' Though by now, it was getting harder to look back. 'Argus, come back.' Almost lifted on a foot, Vincent yelled. Though farther away from their tram, a little more on their behind and most certainly not on their course of action, laid the bag on the middle of the street, giggling and shrieking but only audible by those around. People wondered what it was, what could it be, but none dared approach at all, for they all feared what laid inside. A stench, the evil smell was almost musty, followed by the spread of a liquid that fell inside. It opened and it managed to come out just in time to avoid being hit by a vehicle that would've ended its scornful existence. A bulb of meat, of a which a mother thought to be a baby, only to be denied her empathy after another glance. A pump of skin suddenly made the entire body expand, almost like an explosion happening from inside, the torso came forth to be almost as big as a balloon, as thick as a barrel, a worse terror they couldn't describe. Fear through, though none have realised it was still immobilised, unable to chase any, even if someone were to push it from behind. And it remained there, at the lower parts of time. Where suddenly the skin changed, from a large ball of skin, it suddenly extended, like a tendril or a snake, on four feet that now were just as functional as ones of an animal, chasing by the smell. Lifting itself on two feet was no bother, as it remained a towering abomination, starting to absorb, by the coming of the light and the ones who ran around. From that white drenched skin, came the pink and the red and green, the subtle changes that reflected, as tall as it were, acting like a chameleon, imitating even the smallest faces that laid there. Its stench and poison followed through, still falling apart until it managed to grab a hold. 'Monster, run. Call the authorities!' They yelled, some braver ones threw stones, which did more than expected. As it turned, it was revealed its frail attempts to absorb the stones and take them all inside, of which all failed and resulted in it falling on the ground. 'It's weak, ain't it? Come on, faster, grab more.' More started coming and be granted more courage by the fact that it couldn't fight back, the abomination was still in the process of being given birth, still far from being mature, hence why it remained to frail. And how it desperately learned what it means to be desperate, trying to crawl to safety with half of leg that had most of its muscle mass crushed. There wasn't any way anymore for it to go forth and escape, more cracks into the skin, the breaking started and stopped. The long body split in six smaller beings, all of which sprouted legs and started moving faster, and faster they did, moving in all direction and anything they could feel. No eyes were given but they had just enough for them to know where to go and what to do. One was already taken down, a barrel, as heavy as it were, with its metal ends crushed the wailing, wriggling small beast and after a bounce the skin blackened as if it were ashes after a burning, to break apart seconds after left there alone. 'Crush them before they get away I said! Come one, put some backbone into it!' Still afraid and disgusted, others moved away as soon as they sprouted wings and started flying. Their evolution was more than fast, and with the time, there was only time to crush two more before the other three left the ground and started flying in the air. No longer did rocks reach, not that there was anyone left there to watch them spread as they started chasing smaller ones, though, in the end, it did not last long enough. After terrorising the people, as they started, too, even as they were split, growing larger, they started chasing the source of their coming. The stone was already cracked and tainted by the blood, leaving nothing but a mark on the ground that couldn't be removed, just as well as the ones where the others have been crushed. It didn't matter any more than wild beasts that followed out of instinct, the honeycomb that laid ahead. More colour, more of form, horned fiends now rules the great above, the sky

was theirs and the bright colours and the strong reflection of the light couldn't do anything else but burn and smoulder their skin. At least until it developed into a carapace around, a dark brown that cracked under the sun, it wouldn't kill them but left a shimmering sound and a stench that could drive anything or anyone away if they wanted to. So it was, the disgusting fiend still bored the faces of those who watched before, small feet on each, they walked in their pairs, knowing too well, as they were able to see the smell, in a sea of darkness, still blind. It was the first town in a long time that the people were forced to come inside. Suddenly one snapped and it flew closer to the ground, striking at a window on its side, so harshly until it crushed in, forcing it to crack open under the pressure of fire. Under the carapace it laid, melding some of the glass on itself as well before returning to the leader. Clearly, even to those who watched, they had a leader, the one in front who did not only fly faster but had a sharper horn and held its fire still inside, bouncing around the carapace as the light was coming out. The heat was almost demonic, even to her. Standing on the other side of the room, looking for the commotion. The strike was more than enough to frighten a fully grown adult for ages to come. Candles laid, not moment ago near the window, though now melted with the glass, cut in halves by the heated shards that were spread in an area around the room. She was only locked to be alive, for when the horned beast came, not only did she lean against it, but also facing directly where she'd be taken blind by the likes of it. Now that it was safe, coming closer with a blanket taken from the side, she lifted forth and watched above, seeing how they still flew, too big to be animals, though he dared no question anymore, she was alive. Scarring the sky, when safety was on and people could do nothing but look away or run in fear, back in came on its side, the two others connected joint. As wide as its head was, came a gaping maw, accompanied by a set of six wings, the brown shade of almost, what could be close to velvet black. It was a terror in the sky, growing in size and speed, now safe from anyone that wanted to hurt it, for, at this point, more skin, the shell being formed above became too hard to be taken by stone, rock or anything flung. The speed was receiving though it knew too well. 'We're almost there.' Said Vincent in the tram. It's been minutes since Argus look at the cockpit to find nothing else than the fact it was a marriage, returning to his seat to wait. Realising, as well as he knew now, it was only a fake, he returned to both of them, as he pleased. 'What is it waiting for us in there?' Carefully he watched, though it wasn't needed, as the ones that were standing at the end already understood not to force themselves where they did not belong. 'What's waiting for us, not you. Don't forget that you're our guest in this.' Vincent. 'Fine, fine. What's waiting for us in there, is our people, you may not have realised this but that horse, the mansion, none of that seemed to be real at all. It came close to being taken from a damn fairy tale rather than the real world if you ask me, not to mention how it was dragged down from whenever it came out of.' 'Your point being?' Argus tried his best to fake surprise, though neither of them seemed to be taking the bait, being obvious, close to even a fact that he wasn't from around there. 'Those horses did not die when we shot them, something was wrong with that, not to mention the strange occurrences that happen all around us every single damn day.' 'It's really hard to ignore, especially if you've lived here as long as we've had.' It was the first time Argus had a clear view on her hand, standing against the tip of his chair, with the ring standing clearly attached still on the pointer. Jane and Vincent? 'Have you not noticed how an explosive did nothing but flip over a damn tram? You noticed it too when I placed it, how could an explosive do this and do no sort of damage? What of the people inside who felt nothing?' 'I don't know.' Answered Argus flustered, as Vincent was already getting too forceful pushing through, shoving his nails in the fabric that laid around the chair. 'I

think you do know what I'm talking about, it's way too obvious in your eyes.'Two pale round spheres that seemed to do nothing but stare at him, though at the same time, through him, as they spoke.'I don't know!'Came again from Argus, though forcefully as it came to an end.The tram just stopped at the station and there seemed to be another circle of people assembling there, who wanted to embark on.'Well we'll have enough time to find out once you're being introduced to everyone, ain't right Jane?"Sure boss.'Like three stinger flies, they skimmed right through the small circle of people.They stood out, even in the eyes of children who couldn't look the other way even if they wanted to, though that couldn't be helped.Sweaty and roughened up always came still against clean, dark and white, dresses and robes, hats of which all belong to a different class than what they appeared as.'Peasants.'One mockingly said though it was hushed by a whisper towards Argus.'Don't mind them, move on.'Like a band of thieves and certainly seen like one, they were followed by the eyes but only before entering the darker corners.Back to the lowlife, Argus thought, expecting to find more than a rat, perhaps those dwelling on the other side, even though they had more than enough to take care off.'Hold on and don't let go, this way will be more than a little rough if you don't mind it.'Jane put it to the best description she could give, rough and dirty, perhaps a little way too dangerous at that, if ask of anyone else.'I won't complain as long as we move swiftly alright?"Deal!'Something that not even Vincent could go against, as they both agreed, and moved past pointers, in the black that laid in front of their eyes like mist, only small parts of the road they were on remained.'Don't let go until we're there.'Said, Jane, as they both formed a bond, watching front as, slowly, the way ahead was revealed.Only parts started, first, there was the right side of a bridge revealed like a stage light circled there.Instinctively, Argus looked above, with a shock on his face, though saw no source from where the light came out of.Then, the second thing he noticed was the stream of water that ran through, most likely under the bridge.'Argus.Can you hear me?"Yes, what's happening?I can't even see you or your hand."I need you to take a leap of trust in me, all right?I know it's sudden and we've barely met, but this is important, to keep out the operation to a secret, so, do you trust me?"I do."Good."There was some water going at his feet, as well as he could feel, though not to the point of dipping his fingers.'Leap of faith, Argus, leap.'Leap of faith she said when suddenly he couldn't feel the pair of hands holding him.Darkness was unshrouded and he could see the great height from which he was falling.Embraced, both his got near his head, especially the eyes, and no longer did he look at the sharp metal around him and how it was all stuck together.He felt only the splash and the water dance once he fell down inside. There was some attempt, but he opened his eyes, seeing nothing too well at first in the shallow water, until there came, near his hands, a solid object.He grabbed it, soon released.It turned out to be a foot, a human one, standing in the same water, which forced Argus into a shock.His hands wobbled by the side, unable to figure out what the head to know, and attempted to come out, but as soon as he reached further above, there turned out to be nothing more but the ceiling.I will drown, remains the immediate thought, followed by two strikes in a desperate attempts to break through and escape, which ended up being pointless.His breath getting only more shallow by the second, almost to the point of rivalling the water.Fine then, he thought again, after he decided to dive, there most certainly had to be away, down there after diving, he started feeling around the bottom floor.Suddenly, it all seemed too familiar, almost driven by an instinct, he took the path he knew way too well, ending up to feel another wall.Lungs about to give up and still he were too far away from getting where wanted, then he felt the dome and remembered, as it were unbroken.And with the immediate thought and breath ready to give away, he came

down and started twisting through the dark water. The pressure already came to it as it started opening, until the point when a sudden pull and he found himself standing, pulling at the door so it wouldn't be closed by the intense pressure. No other way was there for him to hold it any stronger, or open it to its full extent, but alas. The breath of air came with a sudden, right when his lungs felt like they were ready to explode. With that, he forced it back close, with the water being stuck only at the waist, after that, being ready to scout around as he was, he turned and saw them, a body floating and the various parts, almost filled by the liquid. 'Is it even water anymore?' Asked Argus as he looked down, trying to see a reflection that was too shallow to be him. The skin around them had started decomposing and changing colour for a while, at the point of even asking himself. How long have I been gone? For how long he couldn't answer, but the hole was still in the ceiling as he had left it there, though it did nothing more than take a few drops most likely and leave them on the other side. Going forward around the room, past the broken dome of water, it turned out to be a shell. Harsh at the first touch, though it was pulled nonetheless from the other side. No animal I know could have such a shell. And just as he felt more about it, the slightly spiked shell, there seemed to be heated inside of it. Possibly even meat, something he hadn't felt in a long while, food, though after a glance around, his appetite was most certainly gone. Down to the next dome, he opened the valve to free some space and empty some of the shallow water that was already there needed. The dark room seemed to be empty, so there was no need to take in what it was, though plenty of room seemed to be there, though this one had its valve broken. After several attempts, someone must've melted it. 'How?' Fastened by the discovery, he jumped to the next one and bent again, searching below the murky water, through a basket of parasite that all flew away as his hands entered the water. 'Agh.' Came with a sudden noise, after he looked around and saw them spread all across the room in fear, while he groomed and shook his hands to make sure none of them had touched him. This one was taken out all the same. Past the body, at which he slowed down and dared not move too rashly close to it, still, even if it were to be alive, both of its hands were still there, anchored to the ground. Two should've been there, but not, they were burned, by the feeling of the unearthly forms the casing of the valves had. A trail lead deeper below and it got thinner as his hand went deeper feeling it. 'Damn it.' Came with a sudden change of tone, this one too, and the one that had the furnace. Someone was here. 'Which could only mean.' And in a way, he was right, the exit door, the only one that needed to be open, wasn't there. Melted to taken away, to the point where only a small iron rod came out of it. 'I'm locked.' Above there, still laid two opening, a shimmering side from where there were an explosion and the door of his cage. But that would mean. 'Back from where I started.' If I even manage to get up there. Again, he bent and tried twisting the broken valves, each and every one of them, except the one he used to get rid of the water. I need it once again now, but, it's certain that someone did this on purpose I believe. But who? Looking around made it clear that there was no one around, no one alive in any of the matter. 'Have I checked that door?' Came almost as a shout, close to being a realisation on the matter. I checked all the door, parasite were still grooming and sweeping around, those who were not afraid even nibbled at his trousers. 'Away, get away from me!' Yelled Argus as his hand just splashed them all away. It was true that he hadn't checked that one, the floating body was too distracting for any thought of getting closer to be had. By the side, to avoid approaching or even being caught if anything were to happen, he came closer and felt it. 'It's not.' The surprise ended before it even began. He was being led towards something by someone who managed to win below and take care of every valve from every door before hand. Being lead into a trap was still

better than starvation. Though, surprisingly, this valves turned around much harder than the previous ones, both at the rate but also caused by the strange shape it now had. Longer by the edges, almost sharp and pointy, with many ridges and fragmented holes between the skeleton like texture. Was this replaced too? Though a glance at his hand revealed no scratch nor a mark of infection if it were to be the case. Stopped now, he looked and judged by the eyes that there'd not be enough space for him to move as of yet, especially with that in the way. With his heart weakened, he turned around and started pushing the cart through the water, making the harsh sound of wood being ripped under it right about that moment as he placed his hands on it. Something could be below, Argus pondered, after judging that possibility remained of a hollow space just below him, perhaps even a room, if that was possible. Not long did it take and the metal forced itself into the floating meat, which, already decomposing as it were seemed to have lost some of its anchors. A hand just ripped itself from the cart, sweat accompanied by his worrisome approach. 'You're not alive, are you?' Asked Argus without even stopped or taking a secondary break from his task. As soon as he pushed it two feet further, bubbles started coming from below, cracks laying under wood just under him. Such a task was nothing for a well-formed man, which he was as far as he could be from, hurt and scratched, possibly infested now by whatever type of parasites those were, he backed away. It wasn't much but he started kicking through the water and kept doing so until he felt that something was about to break. A plank suddenly broke below and bubbles came to be into a vortex, leading to deeper below. Down, he pulled it just like he did below, watching it act just the same, though the water kept going there until it suddenly stopped. 'Is someone there?' And then, his voice echoed for a second, bouncing against the walls of the deeper laying catacomb that laid there. There seemed to be a strong light and plenty of space, though, without a hard lasting ceiling, it was hard to say. More wood was ripped apart by his bare hands, it was almost unbelievable how much of it Argus took out, even for him. At this point he jumped into the hole, disregarding even the place where he displaced the small wooden planks and managed to hit the ground. On a sudden dance of moves, he found himself standing on the other side and on his right, the stream of water coming in. There wouldn't be much time, and everything would be flooded. Though a door and yet another one just laid in that room and there was just enough time to open the farthest one. Books, manuals, a library down here? For a second he reconsidered his action, as, this room, as well, refused to flood and keep the water still on its walls. All of it just seemed to disappear and be swept just right under the rugs and the crevice of the door. Light poured it, though there was a switch which he had just snapped off. 'Natural blue light.' So this must be the end of my destination. Taking off a book off the shelf, it read clearly. 'Voyage Manual by June.' Another one was taken, from which a map came out of it, initials by the side. 'Scott Fingletwon. SF.' Written with silver on what seemed to be a silken map. Other books that seemed to be either a decade old, or perhaps even more than that, not to mention, the least of which would be worth a fortune to a collector. 'Nothing to carry in with. I guess I'll settle down with the two of you alone.' The map was taken and shoved firmly into his pants, as well as his other asset, the first book is taken for now. A globe on the side, though it couldn't be real, judging by the formation and the writings it had. All of which, and the running stream that came low in the opening, there was a harsh sound though barely audible, which Argus did not hear. It went on for some time, as he looked in the drawer upon which the globe was, pillaging it. Though, still, he wondered, what laid there. After a second, seeing how there were only clothes inside. 'Clothes?' Rubbing his finger against them, it turned out to be clean and fresh, too clean to be plainly abandoned then. 'What's there then?' No longer could he keep his

curiosities inside his head, as he opened, a sudden cold wind chilled the wind and he almost fell off. Shaken in his boots, barely holding the edge of the opening and with the other one the edge of the door, he stood shock and looked everywhere. His eyes couldn't even be forced to stop from looking into the various directions of the ocean of the air. No water, but a sea of white clouds, accompanied by deep blue and a dark storm as far away from the course as he could see. There laid a dizziness at the point where Argus felt as if he was breathing a different air than the one he had. And then, he slipped, the water running through too dry. There wasn't any time to grab a hold of anything, as he looked away, afraid that he'd die. 'Aaagh.' He looked around, thinking he had fallen in the dark storm that laid below. Though the clouds weren't there, neither were the wooden steps he once held so precious to him. A blanket was around and he stood on a barrel. 'Jane.' 'You're fine, you're fine. I need you to calm down and tell me where do you think we're at now.' Breathing shallowly in her hands, he finally looked around, at the clean marble floor, the stone walls fragmented by bricks and the lavished deep brown doors that accompanied. There were more than a few people standing and talking to each other about various things that were beyond Argus. 'Awake I suppose?' As he turned, he noticed Vincent smoking from an old wooden pipe. He realised then, that he stood near Jane on a couch behind a table with a giant map of what appeared to be a city, without a doubt, the city they were in. 'So, why the secret hideout then? Who exactly are you?' 'I've told you he's an outsider.' Whispers and small talks emerged from all sides. The cloak of slight black that laid on the ceiling seemed as if it pulled all the smoke and darkness inside of it in a peculiar fashion. We could be anywhere from the looks of it. 'I understood well and clear, but now then, Argus.' 'I don't believe I told you my name.' 'You haven't, but this hand.' Barely caught, his license with his real name and dates was as clear as ever, though it was well too hidden to just have been pickpocketed like that. It only made sense too well. 'You've searched me when I was asleep.' And took your gun and everything else we just gave you since Argus, you came just in time for our operation. 'Operation.' Jane at this point already circled around the man, just as two others approached in. There laid an old man with a sharp nose, wicked smile that could be barely contained by the pipe itself, wearing a dark hat and dusty robe. And a younger woman that kept herself covered at the time. 'Can you explain who gave you the right to search me and take my apparel?' 'No one, but you've made an unspoken pact with us ever since you entered that door and I'm afraid there's no way back anymore, at least not by us.' 'I can't even remember how I.' There was a silence as his voice got deeper and louder, to the point where he stood out against all of them. Too many, I found myself in the same bird's nest again, too many for me to take on. Not that I'd have a chance with how well they're armed. 'Tell me what I need to do.' 'Good dog, we were in great need of dogs since the last batch failed.' 'And what exactly does that mean?' 'Well Argus, it means that it wasn't a coincidence that the mansion we found you out suddenly came to pieces and got dragged below the ground. We had a party of our people go down there and place explosives under. And I've no doubt that you came from down there.' 'What makes you say so?' 'Other than the suits, manner and colour in your eyes? How did you miss it for so long?' Dark brown eyes whilst everyone standing seemed to have, what could only be a shade of orange. 'Ehm, and now, you work for us and you will assist the other in taking down this one.' He pointed straight at another mansion that seemed to be located at one of the far ends of the town. Already had Vincent laid his hand, if that were his given name, that it was crossed off. Four others were taken down too at that. 'And the horses?' 'There were none, it's a common vision coming from the side effect of the hallucinogen we injected in you when you first came to us.' 'You bastard, how dare you to drug

me?!"Keep it silent now, I still need an answer and don't think I'll go easy on you, after all, we've had a deal."And you were on this too Jane."Just accept it.'Came the man, and it was enough for him to speak that the others fell into an unwanted silence, whenever or not they wanted to.As he went on.'The way I see it, you either go on or it's worse for you.And you seem to have a glimpse of luck about you, something I can't truly explain at all, but it's there."Fine, anything to get as further away from this place."Good, you'll be taken for the briefing."The man paused as he took another deep smoke from his pipe, before letting it go and rise above and over his head.As well as he nodded and Argus felt the cold breath on his shoulder as he turned around.Too cold for someone for the temperature that laid inside.'Let's go.'Said a hooded figure.'See you soon Argus, it was a pleasure doing business with you.'Those were to be the last words said and laid on to him by Vincent as he expected not to return after they were done.Too many rooms to count, but most of them were most likely used for sleeping or other useless activities, nothing worth remembering after, other than the briefing room they spoke about.It stood out more than any other in the sense that it was wider, just as most likely the room were and the others around them were just more anxious, to begin with.'First, we get dressed, then you'll be instructed, understood?"'Loud and clear."Good.'As brief as it were, they seemed to have a glimpse of training, though there still had to be a way to ditch them, and avoid their suicidal mission as much as he could, if it were.The door opened and it was almost like there laid a rock from the bottom on the sea as further away in his neck as it could be.Suits, yellowish and covered, the same ones he had seen everywhere he had previously gone, including that man he had reached.And killed, how could I have forgotten about that part.And those men below, of who he thought to be just engineers, which he trapped before down there when there was a chance for them for an escape.No, they were not sinless either, after all, they sunk the mansion under water and in the immediate depths.There was nothing to stop him as he took a suit and equipped it from the back.'Let me help you with the zipper.'Said another, as it needed at least two.Seemingly, a problem laid there with the zipper, as not only was there a need for it to be dragged by another person, but small clicks could be heard in the back.'Give me a second till I'm finished twisting it."Ah.'That will prove to be a commotion once there'd be no need for them but I'll handle.'Done.Now turn around and do mine.'There was something that made the suit cool inside, perhaps the air vent or something else, though the feeling could only be described by him a being close to being divine.Sure, there was the problem that everything he could see in front of his eyes remained close to being monotone since the visor was included with the suit, though that remained only a minor issue.'Twist when it stops, it should be easy."Oh, right."Left side please.'First, it came into that, then again it could be unblocked and easily lifted, thought it seemed to be stopped at certain nodes in the suit, at which point it resembles the spine.'Done.'As for the others who were now waiting outside, he looked like one of them, without knowing just how muffled his voice was too.'Can you hear me?"Though immediately it triggered a response, coming by the twisting of hands and what not.'I suppose not then.'For such a big disadvantage, it certainly needed to out it in usefulness, which brought the question.What exactly are we carrying there, that we need the suits for?By the end of the hallway, they shifted enough without noticing for them to forget which of them was Argus, or at least that's what he hoped for.No weapon this time, though some engineering tools would do just fine if it came to it.Which they found, standing on a table, lit by a lamp.The floor was clean white and squared under the table, almost to the point of being dwarfed by it in the process, but plenty for them to take.Each took one, though Argus made sure he was the fourth one to last, to take his

case and pick up from their mannerism in motion. They do pick them up the same way, sliding the right hand and grabbing it by the collar. Either they knew or they didn't but he had no way to find out, nor any of knowing where they were moving, and at that, they kept on going. Another set of doors opened, dim lit, with cold air coming from below. Whatever they opened and went through, it seemed as if there was going to be a long way to go, though a lot of empty space, enough for it to have been something once. Who carried the explosive then? Argus asked himself, as he almost started jittering in his boots. There was no time for any of them to do so, neither could he look around, though somehow they knew what they were doing if there even was an explosive at all to be set. Water under him, left, along with debris and giant sharp tracks that reflected the light from their suits. It seemed as there was a light that bounced between them from somewhere, which in the course, bounce on the side, at least on the side that wasn't affected by rust. Though why now? Why must I wait and uncomfortably go through this? Like miners going for coal, after the mine has been broken through, he had no way nor need to complain but wait. And wait, wait, wait, until something happened. Soon there'd be pitch black again, though not if he could help it since it happened before. 'I just need to.' And it happened, to his surprise, opening his eyes, he found himself with a sore neck, which brought an indescribable pain, out of which he couldn't even scream or shout. Immediately did his hands shift and twisted his neck back into the right position, rigging his bones and spine, in a painful daze. 'Damn it, damn it, damn it.' Rolling on the floor out of pain, he stopped and looked around, realising where he was after seeing the wooden figures, then standing still once again. 'At least I'm. Not stuck.' The first glance at the suit and he understood who he was, the same man he almost killed, though he didn't dare go below and check on himself. Instead, he turned, knowing, still dazed by the sudden commotion, he approached and called the elevator, though the same point from where he remembered calling it with the shovel. Sparks came by from the sides, though he still wore the suit and felt nothing. In an unnatural way, the two doors holding it were shoved by the side immediately, slammed against whatever spaces they had inside the walls. There were wires and small bumpy metal cylinders standing attached in front of him, and just as well, as there wasn't any point of describing the debris which was below. 'Out of order.' At least the elevator itself, though there was another way, as he grabbed one and felt nothing. 'This suit works ever better than expected.' Thought Argus, rejecting the call. There laid something behind a domed door that seemed to call him back, back to reality or somewhere else, which he ignored. Already have there been plenty, if not too many layers for him to take account of what was real and what not. He grabbed the other cable which already coiled around despite being anchored to the ground and jumped into the abyss. There was a sliding as well as the pain coming from the friction but two feet against the wall as well as he managed to entangle one of his feet managed to stop him from sliding away deeper than he went. Various circuits lit as he went on with his feet upon them, revealing the glowing light, of what seemed to run all across the elevator shaft. What laid inside wasn't important. 'I know I'm time though can they hear me speak through here? Are they close?' Chances are, just as I thought that I may be just under another mansion, just as I have previously been. 'No, no no, but we lay above, how could I have forgotten about it?' There was a sudden recollection of how he fell from the, seemingly airship he had previously been on. Though looking back at it, also meant that the body that was down there now laid dead, somewhere on the ground, crushed by the fall, never to return again. 'Well, only one way left now.' Greater above, lifting himself by the bootstrap, meter by meter, until he got closer to what seemed to be another opening. It didn't come as a surprise, of how much ease he got to get up

upon, though nonetheless, it wasn't hopeless at all, for, as he got the right front of it, he saw that there was yet another level he could climb to. So, again, he went back to it, dragging himself greater above, towards the point where he needed be, if the opening was to be had. Steel doors, at least were there, not to mention that Argus was turned with his back against them. He'd have needed a miracle to get through it unscattered and fine, though there was none, just bouncing against the wall and noticing something. The glowing tubes seemed to get bigger and grow stronger upon pressure being applied to them, to the point where even the glow got stronger. Blue lightning seemed to be in there, at least the sparks and colour seemed to be that way, though not only was it mad to think that they could control the weather and run with what they took from the sky, but also harvest it and store in the tubes. Madness, at its purity, though the glow and what it looked like close, especially in the darkness where he laid, had to be the very worst. Nonetheless, it revealed more than he needed to know, just right above of him there was revealed to be just another elevator, with a trapdoor too, right under the bloody thing. 'Don't they usually come above, not under?' His voice echoed below, though there was no mention nor care of the fact that there used to be only two of them, or even close to the fact that he wouldn't have been able to open the steel doors with his bare arms. The coils lead inside into the devices that were attached, and right between them laid a small grabbable handle, waiting for Argus to entangle his forearm around it so he wouldn't fall. Such process usually takes more than enough time, especially for someone who's not been fed or given water, of which he failed to notice that he hasn't felt the lack of ever since he left the hideout. No hunger, no thirst nor tiredness, they must've been doing something to him whilst he was asleep, especially ever since they dragged his body without a notice. 'Damn you, open already.' Pulling through seemed to be hard and harsh, even with the suit, hence, his body slipped into the boots and hands, leaving his body weight to have a pull at it. It was a dangerous move, but he managed, just in time to regain control and not fall below the rubble, opening the small trap door, of which elevator was empty. No notice as he went inside, climbing between the ropes and in the small squarish door, closing it so he'd not be noticed, and through the filter the clean air. There was a panel which seemed to have numbers to be inserted on the left side, along with a star and a symbol that he couldn't have known what it meant even if he tried to understand it. Another one on the other side which had just arrows pointing in all directions, though the one in the middle being a red square. All other buttons were plain white, though not seemingly painted to be that way. 'Right and a code? Is it the floor or a code?' Pressing two immediately made one appear right on a small glass screen, such advancements said quite a lot about the place. After pressing the button number three, it immediately replaces the two with a sharp beep that could've been mistaken for a threat, if he didn't know any better. 'Now..'. Feeling as he was still not moving from where he stood, and looking back to the side, his hand slipped and pressed on the arrow which pointed straight above. It finally moved and vibrated all around, the pressure being felt even through the suit, making his little bones tremble as it happened. 'Stop this.' Came unexpected, though it wasn't like he hadn't had episodes before where his speech came away. The elevator stopped and the door opened at last. There was a red light that was as strong as one could come as, at the point where every side and object inside the room got covered by a red mask, floor, objects, vents, even the constant steam coming out from the ceiling and the pumps that went on had a hint of it. His suit became just as red as he could see, as much as he wanted to see more of it, the suit made it too hard to breathe inside. 'Not yet.' Left and one, came as the next command immediately after, and there was the feeling of a nudge by the walls inside. The next

opening revealed the same room, with a red overlay on top of everything and steam still coming off from every side of the machine and pumps that ran there. Only a few differences stood between, as obvious as it were part of that room, only that it was an extension separated by the pumps. 'How long does this thing run?' Asked Argus, this time a lot louder, though still not enough to go past the costume. For a moment he looked at the device and thought just how much further could it go, just how big was this ship if it were a ship, to begin with? 'Up, as much as we can.' He said as he kept pressing the same combination over and over, nine and above, nine and above, it didn't seem to stop, at least not for some time, until, it finally did happen. Alas, it seemed to have stopped, without a doubt of anything at all, the elevator stopped and he could clearly see, the gust of winds, clouds cutting through as it opened in what used to be a cabin. It was long broken, smashed or worse by the looks of it, both at the point of the glass which either laid fragmented in the small squares which could only be called as small windows. Of which, only one of them survived, as the rest of them were just gone. The first step outside and his body was being pushed, which each consecutive step making it even harder to go further and make any possible progress at all. Such a task was already hard as it were, not to mention of the loneliness he started feeling there. There seemed to have happened something here, but what? Another glance above though there was no balloon there the ship in the air, though the bride seemed to be just well made and sharpened in the front to cut through clouds. Nothing else but broken pieces of the wooden floor and empty sacks of a heavyweight by the side. It wasn't worth much of the trouble, Argus thought as he returned. Now, the above turned out to be completely out of reach, as were the depths from what he could tell. 'Why am I here then?' No one to answer and not even the slightest comforting echo ran through his head and against the walls. He looked around to see that there was a blinking light that bounced all the way from the panel on the right. A dull four, followed by the arrow pointing below just ran up to his attention. 'Being called.' Peculiar, though he remembered too that someone was tampering with something that wasn't of his own accord. It might be the one who trapped me, though it immediately opened to a dark way. He stepped ahead and immediately a bunch of figures stood in front of him walking away. Before any reaction, he stopped and recognised who it was, hence why he didn't proceed in attacking them as they stood. Behind, over a thrown look they were the same people with who he came out of the hidden place, though the elevator space disappeared as it were. 'And none of them noticed even for a bit.' Said Argus, unheard. His voice was getting harsher by the second spend there in the unknown space, the sound of the dripping water from the ceiling made it a bit nervous. After all, they were all silenced inside their suits, and the only sound that could be heard in all the silence was the water falling. Argus made his choice already not to speak, though the gloom around didn't make it any less tempting and shattering to hear. The smallest insect sudden appearance, the crack made by it made the whole row almost fall off them and get ready for a fight, only to be thrown aside at the sight of the small creature jumping. 'This paranoia will be the end of us all, and none of them wants to listen.' 'That was close.' Said another, right as he was ready to fall off the edge, luckily grabbed and held as far as he could from it. If there were a way to properly thank the man, this wasn't it, as, other than the nod of a head, and another in reply by the other, not even the slightest sound. Scuffling and away from the dust, they managed to regain the speed and the movement, cutting through the blooming black at a faster rate than before. The way it seemed, a sudden bed of dirt came from the ceiling and just past them from where they stood, enough to have a dead body in it, that again, they stood looking at a bothered stance. Corpses were being thrown from somewhere above, and from the looks and feel it

gave away, there must've been a graveyard just stashed somewhere.'No wonder why the city looked so well.'With that Argus looked below and saw just how much stood out in the gloom, how tall they stood and more certainly, the distance between them and the openly dug grave they'd end in. It was certain that there was going to be something like that once they reached their point and started working on that, they all felt it just as much as he did. But no way out, unless he jumped, the suit could've protected him from all the possible contamination if it came to it, perhaps even to the point of managing to escape. And not to mention that, they didn't know who he was. 'No, there must be something preventing me from doing so. There's no way Vince would've let me just freely go without expecting me to run on the first occasion.' Every moment was clear now to Argus, every turn he made and was being watched, and every glance they threw at one another as they forced themselves to go faster after leaving the mansion. Even the guns that were being pointed at him, Jane was clearly easier at hand than him, at the point where he wouldn't have known about the firearms if it weren't for him to point that out. 'Damn it, if only.' There was a creek and one of them from the group started wriggling and twisting himself by the sides. Obviously, something was going wrong as the others started moving further away from him. At this point, with all that space, he suddenly jumped down, still clearly visible and ran through the dirt. 'Renegade.' Shaking as he saw it, his muscles twitched unexpectedly, wanting, just so, so desperately to jump in and run, seeing that he had already some steps through and none of the others was following him. That's when it came as a shock, silent but still, it must've been long range and too quick for the eyes as he saw nothing but a red splash, almost like water come out of the head before he fell to the ground. The poor fellow hadn't even reached the dirt that he fell there with the remains. Around, he turned and saw the leader, he had a gun, pointed, leaving nothing but a shiver on the spine, at the point where Argus could feel it in everyone who felt so. Damn this man. Said, Argus, as he looked at the gun being cocked back in the toolbox he had been carrying without even the slightest notice. It seemed as if to appear that it was welded to his hand, though doubtlessly, there couldn't have been a firearm. It was only in his small box. Damn you again, though. It also meant for him that there was the chance that they all thought him dead, all because one of their poor sobs was driven mad and threw himself into the shark's mouth, isn't that right? As they went on he couldn't look again, nor behind, nor by the side. Walls made of flesh, the faces he had recognised just well before. Someone was most clearly trying to reach to him and he knew too well who it was. Or better phrased, what it was. The dirt by the side and the smell that somehow came through even the suit should've stopped it, made him sick, though he returned his gaze nonetheless to see the walls suddenly be pushed back to make some room. 'Come in.' The voice said, and beyond anything, he felt obeying the command. Ferdinand, wasn't that my given name? Asking himself propped no answer for anyone else but himself, and disappointingly, he remembered something else. 'I.' Glancing around revealed that they didn't seem to notice just how bizarre Ferdinand was acting up, nor just how he stepped inside, wriggling ground that almost started nibbling at the suit. The sound of closing was the one of a carapace being forced behind, just to merge with a wall of utmost refusal. Lured into a trap of which he couldn't do much to refuse, there was an attempt to return though the wall was too thick, the floor too slippery on the way back. Argus, but felt no pain, though as he lay there, he felt and saw through the visor how just plainly standing there was inviting the various veins of skin just to spread across his visor. Possibly his entire body if he gave them just enough time. Immediately, it proposed a response as he lifted himself up, to see the exit, a door that was made of raw meat, recognisable even to him, though he could only hope

that it didn't belong to another human being. Where are you? I know you can hear me here! Tell me where you are?" The voice had left him for far too long and now he couldn't help but try staring in the empty movement of the skin around, the pulsating blood that was coming from inside. It fell onto the floor from one of the corners of the room, only to be reabsorbed once again. Pieces of raw meat started falling off, until from a squarish door now remained a concave opening just perfect for him to come in. Though the walls from the other side seemed perilous, he didn't dare stay much where he stood. Unless he wanted to faint and face the consequences of that action, there wasn't any way back for him or for any other just as himself. Through the gate, he jumped and heard in close. A thin voice came, almost sharp, guiding him through the broken hall. The walls seemed to move and shift, some had only a stretched face that made no sound. Still, Argus wondered as he plainly touched one that stopped right next to him. "Were you alive?" Though it couldn't exactly hear, and doubtfully that he could understand, the stretched eyes suddenly turned to face, rotating through the small hole, pulled inside and again pulled outside, though not where he expected. It was distracting to see their dance, though it seemed to be another one just behind, switching eyes from one another, moving through space from the bottom of the floor, right in front of his eyes. He felt like covering his own from the disgust he felt as he watched their dance, though promptly he refused and moved one. "Front and do not take off the road." "You, where am I, why am I here? Where are you even guiding me to? You've abandoned me and left me to die there and." Spoken to no one as he stared at them, out of a sudden switched, he found himself surrounded, with a clear path that leads only curved by the sides. Being lead on a twisted slope, Ferdinand started counting each and every single one of them, from left to right, each facial expression prompting a different response. So many muscles just pulled and stretched, modified to be stronger, though for what reason could it be? "Why am I not being answered? Damn you and damn myself for not staying home that day, I should've left those men to kill me then." Though it away he tried biting his lips on that, as there wasn't a chance that he couldn't be taken back there, as he knew it, though there was always a way for it to be replicated. His punishment for not finding the cage. Made of skin, again it came out of them, more details being revealed about it, as he went on. Though it was clear now, that it wasn't made of skin, or bone as the images that manifested out of them, nor out of grass, or bits of a tram. Pulsating coming into it from the sides, coils or cables, perhaps, tunnels. "Tunnels." That could explain, if it were so, why his presence is acting as such in here. "Are we being lead to there then? If so, I will find it and free you if it means my freedom given in return." Though the last steps were shallow, the light came out an opening. Ferdinand looked above and saw once again, the tremendous infinity of skin that spread across the sky, now watching him directly and only him in their dance. Clearly there was an uncomfortable movement and a desire for them to approach. Beyond that, the voice faded and he couldn't hear anything else but them. "Why do you help him escape?" A combination of more than a few voice suddenly came to be joined together, though it wasn't clear to whom it did belong to, at least not at first as, with every syllable, a sound spike felt like cutting through the bottom ear. It was mildly painful and below, beyond the edge of the bridge he went upon, the fall would be more than enough for him to die. "I can't help it, I can't take him alone." "Why are you so weak, oh creature of skin?" The intensity of their voices was more than enough to make him kneel and stop feeling for a moment where he was. If they were meant to continue any longer, he would feel nothing more than meaningless torture. Back on a knee, though unable to stand still, he looked behind, only by a look, to end up seeing the bridge being pulled back, leaving only a floating

platform, on which he stood, watching the various shapes waiting for a response. What will I tell them now? If I give them the wrong answer I will most certainly die, if they're not even more cruel than it. Think Argus, think, they've got no reason to keep someone weak alive. They've got no reason stopping them from endlessly torturing you just as he promised if they would even think of letting you run or escape their grasp. Why are you so weak, oh creature of skin? Prompted Argus, the question once again. The sky was turning black and grey, like thunder the tumour turned, of which Argus knew too well that it was an illusion and the skin just forced itself into a point. As he looked, it seemed as if he was taking to the main body, longer than any of the other growths, paying more attention to the small human of which audience was called. 'What is it then? What will it be?' It was a peculiarity even for him to be here, looking back at it, seeing the gate close now, skin dripping to reveal the metal door and the tubes that held it together in the first place. 'I am not weak, after all, I've made it so far, haven't I not?' 'Skin creature. Blackened, the skin around became an enveloping carapace, and by the looks of it, the strong blue in blue, bright as it were seemed to replicate, at least to him, the feeling of lightning above. Of energy to be more precise, the thought having been sprouted out of the fact that sparks were coming as the various area suddenly got encompassed in the colour, only to have disappeared soon after, and repeat. I cannot wait for it to rain, not without expecting something worse to happen to me, already have I come to the point of succumbing to the pain. Said Argus as he looked at his hand, right after it felt, just below his eyes and nose, from a cough a little more blood coming out. The blood wasn't as normal either, as it prompted a surprised look, even for him, the yellowish substance that seemed to be circling inside of it was further than the norm. What surprised he, even more, was the fact that it managed to go right through the material and leave none of it inside, yet it managed to block everything he heard and felt, even the strongest fragrance at that. Though that was beyond the most important thing at hand, for he didn't care either how it heard him, still. 'Now, if I may ask and I do not care whenever or not you can understand me or why it's that, though I believe that I have more than earned the right to ask a question for myself, if I may.' No answer prompted, yet it seemed to have slowed down its rhythm, the various shapes around its long body now twisted beyond his imagination, at an utmost unnatural rate. Long pointed spears came out by its sides, as far as he could see, distracting though lasting only for a second as they stretch towards the horizon, the immediately were pulled back. If that was a mere distraction, it managed just well, now with a concave mouth, black carapace though no eyes developed, as it didn't need them anyway, Argus turned and asked. 'Do you know of him then?' No more explanation was needed then, it was, without a doubt, if they were real, to begin with, aware that a part of them was alive. A piece of the past, knowing of the future, at least that's what Argus understood from it. 'Yes.' Came it, sharp and simple, followed by a strong, almost blinding thunder, growths of grass appearing just below. Something was growing, perhaps, in their world, this was the birth of it, if he had remembered it correctly, though could it be that so much more of it was missed in the first vision. 'Then why.' There was a stop that made him stay and listen to it come forth, close, though, at the point where it entered the atmosphere, its texture changed. If it were skin, not it got whiter and more transparent, bits of slime being attached and grabbing hold of the air as it approached him. Closer to a point, there was only a slight horror of being swallowed by it or worse. The flashback of those faces, those children attached to it and talking in unison could almost be seen in it as it approached. 'It is our turn if we may.' And Argus nodded at it, and perhaps even wondered how quaint it was for it to ask. Is it curious then, of a being beyond its body? It certainly seemed that way, as, slowly,

it came from the sides, wriggling like a worm or snake, attempting to calculate around its prey. Has it never seen a being separate from its own then? "Do you serve it?" "I." Again, was he at a stop, whatever he said now could, more likely either be heard immediately or forever after, in his punishment. As of late, the influences were too heavy and pushed to be denied, vision and forms of the cage, though no key there, and now this, an image from the past speaking directly to it. Though not a second did he think otherwise as he gave the answer back to it. "I serve my own needs if it comes to it." That was more or less to be the truth, as it would turn out, there was more to it than just a simple yes or no. He could be heard or he couldn't, he could be tortured and punished or not, though if he showed that he truly believed to be nothing more than a slave, what could stop it from punishing him anyway if he were to release it. From. "Where is the cage?" He asked as it bobbed back to its corner, seeing the slime slightly evaporate in the air and be pulled once again. The slime that wasn't pulled either died off, vanishing or just being crushed by the massive body, though against what? Was there a wall between the body and the slime then? No, though something did affect them if they tried getting inside, that was made more than clear by the visit. And just it time at that, the bridge was forming once again, and the gate was opening just as well. This wouldn't be the last time they'd meet, as it was made clear just plainly before, though what it meant now, as Argus looked for the answer. It wouldn't matter, though, now that he was being pushed behind against his own will. The sluggish creature that stood under him suddenly moved with its sticky substance almost completely covering his legs. "It's near." The words stood by for a second as he gazed in what could only be called the void, in wonder. For a second he'd forgotten but not in the least refused to listen to the departing words that were told to him. "We will meet again, oh creature of skin." Said in a unison of voice, more than a few by now have noticed his presence as well as his departure. None reacted at all, other than to leave him beyond the gate. "I should've never accepted this!" It wasn't as easy as one would expect, going through all of it, being expected to go on. Punching the wall resulted in nothing more than leaving an ugly dent against it and deforming the meat even further than it already was. "Why must I be forced to do their dirty work?" Another punch deformed the wall even further than what it had become, though bent by a knee, as hard as it were for him to hold himself up. The height he was in was just enough to leave him dizzy for a while, though there was no intention present in him to take it easy. Yet another and another and another followed soon after until he ended up too tired and fell on his back, hitting the back of his head on the hard ground. Argus could feel the skin crawling under him, even to the sides as it went on and on, creeping in all directions as he was ready to just close his eyes. Could it be so worse to wait? "Will I become part of you after?" If it meant avoiding the punishment, death was a chance. But looking at his hand, turning and twisting it in front of the visor, it was too slow to be able to even work, no, perhaps it wouldn't even grow on him if he wanted. Plus, it could've been way too slow, if it came to it. "I must return then, damn it!" With a fist firmly planted in the ground, he made his way back scratching and stretching the faces on the walls from the opened crevices that used to be their mouths. So far were they stretched that there wasn't any possibility for them to scream, no matter how much they wanted, he stopped to take a look. Luckily the walls stopped on a whim. Argus could look freely inside of it and see through, space where there'd normally be a throat, it was an empty hole. Some were shining inside of him, reaching far, and slowly, the sparks were present, and the reflection of the material almost gave it away. Slowly, resting the tip of the finger at the top of it, then around, he felt just how sharp was the point, even if he hadn't push enough to impale his own finger. Quickly he pushed in further,

feeling the saliva go around his arms, dripping on the floor, at the point of the shaft. He pulled and threw it just a few inches in the air before quickly grabbing it and pulling it out as fast as he could. Without being able to see well enough where he was pulling, the needle managed to cut through the mouth, leaving an opening which opened the way for blood to emerge, as well as the split lip. The strand of skin fell to the bottom and the needle shined through, simple and appointed, only small sharp spikes came out of each end, the one at the bottom and the one at the end, leaving only the middle point between each other to be grabbed safely. Now saliva and blood ran freely, fading on the bottom, back to its own. Looking in the other mouths that laid inside the room revealed that they all shared the same needle, at the point where he thought. 'It might as well be part of the anatomy.' Though feeling though another, after placing the one to the bottom, he took just two additional ones. Strangely, perhaps too peculiar, they blood didn't stick but completely avoid, falling just around the material of the suit. 'Now where?' 'Do I put them?' It was a question he needn't ask nor answer for he had forgotten that he was carrying, no, it was carrying itself around his hand, having close to no weight at all. The tool box they all shared. Will it fit, though? That was next to be found out, other than the tools in there, they went on just perfectly, three spikes that seemed to be more than sharp, more than enough. They'd come in handy if it came to his escape. 'They're waiting for you.' Said the voice shaped through the room. It wasn't the one he'd expect to hear, though somewhat, he was still in their domain, hence the reason why they'd act so much stronger. 'Very well, I will leave.' 'Do not forget, we will be watching. Noting over your progress.' A nod was prompted and the wall opened back into the dark set of brick and the bottom floor, dirty and rusted by the dark water which stopped dripping from the ceiling. As a matter of fact, not only did that stop falling, but they all just waited there, in the middle of them there was just enough space for him to slip right through. 'I could end it just right here.' Now he truly felt the tool box as his arm muscles pushed forth for it to emerge. He'd only need the three spikes, the rest he'd attempt to wrestle through and dispose of him or of her after they were gone thorough with their bodies. But did I need this now? The plan with the explosives didn't seem that out of the way, and there was already one which they could've seen him, just a dead man. 'Not yet.' He said, unheard, trying to muster the desire of backstabbing them and trying to escape. Though it turned out that they didn't even notice at that, which was more than enough for him to go on with his plan. As another turn was taken, the wall of skin being by now fully adjusted and hidden from sight. The next turn and a staircase just laid there by the side, just plainly and unmistakable for anything else. 'So soon?' Asked Argus, as he looked curious and at the same time, his desire to stay and continue the road was far greater than what he expected to find out there. This has to be it, inside the tubes and the cage, but I cannot escape yet. Bound in-between them, he went on ahead and followed, at least until the change to escape. A trap door opened and the light suddenly came in, this was nothing fancy yet, other than the daylight if he could even call it like that now, in a secluded place, perhaps the lower area of the town. The lower area, perhaps, but after some exposure, the light came back to being just as strong, the colours bright, though it didn't change how oiled and worked out people looked at. What Argus failed to see at first was the fact that there were no singular tall houses, other than the fact that they had tenths of windows and apartments, all crowded in one another, just like animals, all caught together in cages. 'The working class.' Immediately the thought came by it, perhaps at the point of explaining why none of them seemed to be any more surprised by them. 'Were they expecting us?' Though even as they close the hatch, Argus noticed the colours change, the suits no longer wore a colour, but a multitude of them, roughened up,

appearing as dirty cloth. He looked at his hand and noticed the material twisted under his eyes, becoming more flaccid, seemingly falling apart on itself, only to bend again in various shapes. Quite reaching for whatever it was, and flexible at that too, it covered the body, remained flexible, changed colour and look and utmost all, it acted like business armour, more or less at that. And no one would even dare think of them of anything else than a couple of metal workers, just going back at their job. Returned on the surface, they were waited and accounted for. 'Less than expected, so I presume either one of you had to go back or he's ill.' A moustached man with a certain style of a suit came as if he was waiting for hours, longer than what was the norm and presented themselves. 'You may have heard about it, though, if not, let me introduce myself. Timmothy M. Fly, at your very service. And if you may take a look and follow me, I promise you not to be disappointed, though I have promised the previous lot that there'd be a safer way inside, when I decided to sneak in, times changed. Not to be alarmed or anything, the plan still on, but a few minor alterations.' By the side, hidden by anyone who wasn't searching for them specifically, and most certainly hidden from the sun laid a pair of industrial hammers. 'We'd have to go through about to get to the point of breaking through with the bomb.' Though even the wind was sharper than him, even there and even at this point, the only down part remained, no sound. They'd have to deal with it, each equipped with a hammer, hand in hand to one another, no doubt that they were already paid for, as he'd now have to sneak them in, not to mention the informing part. There was time, more than enough and the town was just as far and wide as one could ask for, filled with districts that couldn't even be traversed by mere foot, if it wasn't for the tram. Eighteen districts, to say the least, towers, the mansions of the mayors, houses of the upper class, lower class, middle class and at least a hundred more classes in-between and above. It was a society that was left on its own to evolve after so much time on its own and with so many resources left. And even though it felt so out of the order, Argus knew that this couldn't be hidden somewhere in the world, though it appeared it was. Someone was with him, though there was no doubt by now that she had died and joined them at that. And if there really were a friend that was released just as well, from now on, it was beyond his care. No voice came to him, other than a manifestation, of which he had no control upon, nor could he deny it either. 'A free man.' Which came at a price. Indeed. 'A free man.' 'There there, no need to stay all day by the window, you'll catch a cold.' There was a curiosity at that, after the ruckus that was heard, something had been going in the town ever since the beginning of the morning and the heads of children could be seen being dragged out to watch. Long and pale houses, dark and seemingly shimmered in the moonlight, their appearance made them look more like stolen boats than of those where people lived. Perhaps that's what even draw people in there with their bussiness, the fishermen having their stalls, the other ones trying to sell their fishing nets and strings. And speaking of strings, it appeared as if, from one side to the other, and not the adjacent ones, the buildings were connected with what now seemed to resemble fishing lies, that dragged at that. Perhaps just a coincidence, though it didn't hurt the business, especially since its glimmering pale white against the dark wood could be seen from very far at that. 'Ehm.' 'Sorry.' The window closed, and the boy returned to his deck, among the various others who actually stood and listened instead of being so pulled in by what was going outside. Not that it stopped them from boring into him with piercing eyes of confusion. 'What is it miss Dufranne?' 'Nothing just gets back to your studies, we're already late at that.' Velvet black, and failing at that too, her dress was nothing more than distracting for some of them, just as it matched the long cocked hair and dark glimmering eyes. Some would do nothing more than pretending they were

reading, only to sneak a gaze and spoil themselves at that. 'Milford, Jones, get your noses back inside.' 'Sorry, ma'am.' Often you'd get to hear that inside the class, more or less at that, if it wasn't paired with the flying glasses across the room, to see and looked and even point and count at every creaking plank and at the man upstairs. 'Miss Dufranne?' 'Yes?' 'When are we going to get a new class, like the kids from the other schools are?' There was a silence at that, though she couldn't stare in a different direction indifferently and just forget that he'd even had asked a question. It may have worked with younger children, though this wasn't one of those cases, not at all. As it turned out, more of them were aroused by the question, even those of more introverted nature who'd do anything to hide, even when it came to an action which deemed their whole group required. There were almost tears in her eyes, if you weren't to could the dripping water that came from the gaps in-between the planks, which more or less found their way on her face. 'I don't think we'll ever get a new one, the council has decided that there aren't enough funds to be spent to relocate us to a new and more decent place.' There was the scent of death permeating from somewhere outside, though as far away as it could possibly be from the classroom, it made no difference whatsoever. Death flew in the air, as far away as it could be, the bearer of the beetle skin kept searching, now having lost the scent. It was a dark alley, perhaps a few hundred or thousand tiles of the bottom floor that separated and perhaps threw away, though whatever might be the reason, the track was lost. Just as it laid, lost in the shadows and confused, as much as the people who've seen it fly away and search for its target of its own doing. It's been a few hours, to say the least ever since it has happened, the entire incident being sealed off, with the last remains either being charred to ashes to the very ground upon whence once laid the remains. Now, after the incident, and perhaps closer to a few hours behind, people once gathered as they witnessed it all. Some claim at least, or those who were more dull-headed to not forget what they saw. Those who did, on the other hand, were already gathered and sent a while ahead in the small caged standing like prisoners or madmen, dressing just as they were just a while. 'Stop it already. I didn't do anything wrong.' 'Just calm down and let it sink, they'll release us in an hour or two, this ain't the first time I've been here.' At least two of them stood in adjacent cages, three in opposite sides, though at least one or two remained empty, with the addition that most of them were already, by now bathed in rotten fruits. One already had remembered and wondered why, as well as he was at that. 'Why put me to remember this? Ah, if only my memory was at the end of a pint in the morning.' 'Hear, hear.' Said a jolly companion, though, despite not being any reason for it, clearly, he had his share before being caged or becoming the target practice of those fruit throwers. 'If only I stood in my bed in the morning and forgot all about this bothersome day.' 'If only.' Though a big city, old habits remained the same, those who didn't turn their ears or look the other way would end up being shamed. Dinner in the high palaces that would be royal and, to the highest of the mansion who'd tower over the others, all alike from above, seen as if they'd be placed on a platform, as old as one could tell. Districts upon districts, clean and dirty, perhaps laid depending on who'd rule the other, though if seen as perfect, it was far from it. Tall towers, sharp and pointy, piercing the sky with their might weren't as sturdy as they'd appear, now that threat was avast. Already two mansions were sunken to the ground, though slightly upon the trims of outside the borders, where hills roamed freely and apart, it'd still be a threat. After all, one would only have to go apart and keep walking from that point and in the fraction of a second one would get to the town and cut through the edge. Oh, a perilous approach that'd be, for the devastation left, that broke through the land seemed to bring fear and taint everything as far in sight, even to the point of others fearing what would

happen.Indeed, what would happen if that tremor, that open gap inside the earth would just stretch out and swallow the entire city like that?"The second one, I tell you this one.There's no doubt that those fools will attack this mansion or this one and it won't stop until they'd have the entire town surrounded and fallen into the deepest depths of the earth where it'd be crushed and stolen."That's madness, can you not hear yourself talk of the entire destruction of what stood out for hundreds of years?Perhaps more at that, by a bunch of imbecilic and petty small people."May I remind you, Marshal, that those petty small people, or whatever you may think it's fit to call them, already managed to sink two mansions?And, if I may, please beg you to remember that those were a lot more than the mansion, for that's not the entire wholesome reason they were taken down, but the fact that they hold hidden inside the heart of our very city?They knew where our heart was and when to strike at it so don't be mistaken when asked why or what they're capable of doing, but utmost all, don't you dare underestimate them, at all!"Laid upon the table, there remained the map of the city, further than it, past it, the key points and more than that, an under level separated by a thick glass, inside of which laid the system represented of the various machines that ran under the city.Even lower there seemed to be more, though it was tainted by something a long time before the meeting and remained so ever since.It was important to be pointed, Marshall Straughter standing at one end of the table, Captain Rick Von Emberberg, and various others standing either on their feet or on the chairs, yet to contribute but stand there and listen.As far as they were concerned, nothing new was said, nothing new was made and no effort whatsoever from their part or side, other than the small notices of their actions.Twice already had they failed to stop their forced, either taken from under their noses or having gotten there way too far to be able to do anything at all.Like toads being boiled alive and unable to notice it until too late.'The city is far too big for us to know where they'd strike.'A sharp nose was more than needed and welcomed to cut through the tension that floated all around them.There had already been enough smoke lifting up to the ceiling from the previous patrons that had previously been there and left just as sudden without a notice.It was more than bizarre that the same brand of cigarettes found its way on both camps, whatever they knew it or not.'Les Chroillex.'Made for the use of others, upon the farthest reach of the city, past, what could almost be called a maze or twist and turns, upon, following and missteps, for even once would lead one to the farthest corner of the opposite corner of the city.The darkest corner, perhaps even the most hidden of them all, if one would compare them with the hideout of those so-called insurgents.Though the black smoke ate through air and cloud, none could ever forget or dismiss the fact of its utmost peculiar nature on how it managed to act as neutral, almost faction-like location while maintaining its untrustworthiness.Smoke rising up towards the heavens but never rising up fast enough nor far enough to make any difference at all.It didn't matter how much any of them wanted or sought to gain dominion over it, as their attempts never even matter, to begin with.Somewhat the smoke retreated back, as the black cloud just came without a notice, only to be taken again, dragged inside without a notice or care and swallow it with the entire might needed by one, hidden in sight.Either taken away or switched inside, it appeared as if, the small emporium either changed placed or was flown away slowly by the dark smoke.Little did the matter concern as it posed no threat to the dominion.Nor did it matter that it posed nothing than a small joint for the rich and the plenty of the famine like people who entered to buy, at least those who found themselves in the vicinity.As for the so-called nobility, they didn't do much, other than find themselves impeached by their own desire for the small objects that held their happiness at the end of a spark.None would approach either, as they dared not

leave their high towers, other than sending small little dolls in hopes they'd search and find it, with a bit of more luck that they'd find a way back with the most prideful possession. Harshly, the weather seemed to have gone to the bottom, with a harder wind and strokes of dust that were thrown by the side. And the alleys were just, perhaps even more deeply coveted in the dark smokes, almost aroused by the burning, considered by many yet living. For those above who were plotting, just as well as the ones hiding in shadows, none were aware that the black smoke coming from there was considered to be coming from the belly of a bottomless ravine. Holding inside the ravine they served as a thought of the immortal creature, whispering through the smoke. It is said that the emporium is nothing more than a shrine, perhaps an entry to his realm. 'Damn those rumours, and damn these people.' Said Argus, finally with the delay and as he fought against the wind. Still, in a company of eight of them, to say the least, minus two of three, he managed to pick up on the rumour just merely seconds before he passed inside and listened as well. A few hours, perhaps, at the entry of the gates, standing tall. They were expecting, with the tools to match, none really seem to pay any attention as they went past the main districts, even to the point of passing a high tower and its sharp raspy edges. He had the conversation almost memorised, to the point that filled him with disgust to the most unaware expressions. A few of them stood still, smoking, as it were to be more obvious by the small trails coming from the bottom. 'Bad habit.' Argus thought of it still, though he wouldn't have dared said anything if he were to be heard. 'Right in time, aye?' There laid, a moustached man, on the brink of having his own wired from burnt to ashes, he thought of nothing more than what he saw. Eight of them, dressed as workers, boxes and almost covered in dirt and rust by the sides, quite and odd choice, but I cannot argue with the boss. Thought the man as he continued to keep glaring at the one leader who seemed to be the tallest of the bunch, though only by some skewed centimetres, nothing more, nothing less. 'Ah, quite odd, I take it that.' After a break, the man took a few more smokes inside his lungs, as deeply breathing in, and just as long as it took him to expel everything, rightly outside. 'No wonder why they asked us to wear there, this is too much hazardous to be taken without protection.' With another observation, Argus became more alert, feeling something inside his hand, almost vibration at the scent of the smoke. Could it be the teeth that I feel as such? Is it possible that it reeks and wants to be free of me and alive? The spikes, truly taken from there were something he hadn't seen before, nor used or touched outside. If they were to find out what he had, the only edge would've been lost. 'It's jolly enough for your bunch to be going, so tarry not anymore, it's about to be raining outside, at least I wager, and.' The grim turn as the small cigar became ashen to the bottom of the ground made him sigh. A bad sign, altogether, a bad sign to be had. 'And a terrible night too at that, you seem quite new and silent, though I don't mind the silence that much, at least, not in a long while since the mood was made.' With enough hardest and distractions for me to make my escape. 'Just be careful, as you'd end up being just like the unlucky few that never found a way out.' The man let out some giggles as he said it, without a wonder why it was that they spread, apart from one another, as soon as they entered. In Argus' defence, it happened a lot faster than he'd expected, just as soon as they entered, a smoke balloon popped out and as soon as they saw that, like ants, they've spread, apart from another. There used to be a signal sometime before that would be given, or a warning about just how unstable this place was, though none of that remained here. 'Only my protection, though at least, I'm safe.' Just around the corner, he managed to see an image out of his memory yet again, perhaps just as strongly as he had first seen the other ones, though not as peculiar in nature as one would think. 'It's harsh.' 'Let go.' 'Stop dragging me by the hand.' 'Smoke

became so thick and slowly in colour that it became a sudden mist of vapour that reacted a lot different there than he expected. Stuck in a corner he peered and looked just how much they seemed to enjoy watching him drag her across the street when he was younger. 'Is this when we split up? And the two of them too?' They still resembled or had the small hints of the madmen he had previously encountered, as no one could deny that, even if they wanted too, though these ones were different, and a lot more than that. Too peculiar to be simply ignored, that couldn't just be a coincidence either. A small hint approached in his mind, just why was it that it happened now? Why was his memory being brought back to life in this time and place, unasked for and certainly misguided for he never desired such a fate, to begin with? 'Why, why?' Though none of them answers, he could approach and touch them, even push his own body to the ground, though another blink and he was there. 'As if punch myself wasn't necessary. How far does it go?' Though his voice never left the suit, he ignored them as they teased one another and right around the corner noticed the enforcer of law just on his way to catch him. That day rang just in his mind as well as it did now and despite the fact he couldn't change it, there was still something more important that was to it. Going round another street, taking two left and a right, passing by two other enforcers and without noticing, his arm just went to them, pushing each other in different directions without a care. 'No consequences.' Argus said, and at the same time, he wondered at it, just why was it then, that there were no consequences to be had, but still. 'I can hear you whisper.' He said the dark sound could be just as venomous as his act were, and for a purpose that wasn't known to him. It was deep there, though it had to wait, just a few block, and the sound of popping could be heard. The fresh breath of air was soothing, though repulsing at the same time as soon followed the smoke. It wasn't much of a surprise that his suit was falling apart, though not from behind, the armpits popped out, followed by the full extension of the hand that slipped. The visor and helmet like were dragged by the wind and his entire body seemed to have been blasted by the joints. Argus looked below and saw the suit fall apart, and he resumed going, though there was no need to take the tool box either, as other people from the town might think it still peculiar, he opened it first and kept the sharp shards. 'I'll need you. My voice!' There was a surprise as well as wonder at his own voice, that he felt it like that and then. 'How could it be?' He touched his lips as well as heard himself speak softly, as he went on. 'Just enough, a few more steps to be taken. There.' A little roughened up as the suit was taken apart, though not enough to slow him down nor his approach. The door remained a little more grim, though, after this journey, he finally found it. A rain started, as expected, though it ended just right in the area near the door. Coming in front of it, there was the desperate need to knock, despite knowing he could just enter it without a care. 'Here goes, nothing!' There was a strong gust of the wind that almost ripped both him and the door by the side. Argus immediately covered his eyes to protect himself from the strong dust that was thrust against his eyes, only to feel it happen all over again. The pain, the power and the striking wind that hailed him in pain, for he wasn't sure what to expect. Though dust turned into rocks, the wind became smoke again, though it didn't feel remotely the same, not in a bit, rather, it felt like knives being thrown and thrust against his skin, penetrating his surrounding. He opened his eyes, being taken back by the sight of it, standing there in its infinity of skin, crawling with the many impaled head and spoke once again as the dust and rock settled. 'My prison.' Said the many voices, yet all seemed to have the same strength now as they spoke. They were changed just as well, covered in a strong carapace now, appearing as if to be more than real, more than a vision that forced itself in his head. It seemed to be real, more than he could say about anything he had seen before. Down to a knee whilst he

tried resisting didn't do anything to the pain that he felt. Pain, real pain that forced itself on his knees and joints, throughout the body, soon to overcompensate in his mind. Knowing that impending pain was about to come, hearing the voices speak, closer and closer to his mind approaching, sharper and harsher to his ears, his hand shifted towards the belt. A tooth was taken, though only one, exactly at the point of extraction, the voices started receiving, as fast as they come. Something was recognised, though neither him knew nor what they thought. Receiving strength couldn't stop him now, nor here nor there, though he couldn't throw it there, he tried. It snapped as it fell to the ground, merely inches in front of him, though its impact was colossal. Enough force came to produce an explosion of fire that ate its smoke as soon as it came into him. If in a second Argus's vision was covered, if his lungs were immediately filled with black smoke and shrapnel, it was immediately taken back, even sealing on its return whatever wounds were made. 'Throt, throt, throt and a pop.' Those sounds came from the bottom, as the crack made an explosion, which was taken back, another level and another way underground. Ferdinand needn't move a second further, for the small piece of hard stone that laid under him was coming to an end, cracking just rightly under. Before smoke could come, his knees got strength, he resisted and thought as well as he could, if he were to be reached, he'd be taken back as a slave or worse. No was laid forth so he took behind, having only a small glance at what was coming from above. The sky was pale and endless, and it seemed as if it forced itself in this world, only to catch him now, at this very present moment. 'The cage, I know where your cage is!' Said Argus, now, awakened, confident in his knees and his strength, seemingly taunting without any thought on the confidence. I still have two, only if they last. With that in mind, his steps were calculated, though it seemed to have a strong effect, perhaps too good to be taken back and forth for what he initially wanted to use them for, he would've failed anyway. Not to mention what it would happen from this point on, only a misstep and he'd end up blowing himself up to smithereens, or worse. Light blew out as he approached, though they weren't torches, they seemed to be detecting his movement more than well. The walls were black, striped with green, rotting and rusting, though they weren't made out of the skin. Behind, everything was becoming a unit, which he only realised now, after another glance to know his surrounding, light being present only and merely some steps forth, before disappearing once again. The ground became white, though the material was now dirtier after the contact with his feet. Wet and dirty, slippery too, at that, not a single bar where he'd try to grab a hold off to prevent himself from falling down. Yet, that wasn't enough to stop him, not even after his attempts. It was coming from behind. 'You're on my track, I can hear your whispers just as well. Your cage is near, I can feel that too!' Again, taunting him, there laid another fear, though over left and right, taken apart, a crossroads, which took him no second to make a choice, the thought of the others being just rightly above seemed to be a lot worse than he thought. Their mission was to blow that mansion up, he was to escape. Though behind of him followed a bickering devil, one that left him no break. Not even clean air, nor any chance to explore, the handle dirty and a door seemed to be closed, as he attempted to pull, over and over, a light seemed to be slowly coming lit. It was a sign, though barely coming up to full motion, it said. It actually read. 'Retreat!' Could this be an escape? Thus was the sound of the coming of age incoming, as sharp as ever, almost like talons, shaping the walls, Argus would hear the sound as well as he could. In his mind, occupying the blank spaces in the dark, he'd see them grasp and hold, long and point, eyes by the side, sharp with nobody to belong to, forcing themselves into it, rubbing the wall. And in the end, leaving falling bricks that shattered, a bleeding wall that must've been made out of skin behind, though it didn't matter

now.'Light.'He saw, almost blinding, it was the same one from above and by the sides, reflected against the talons, his eyes being so forcefully focused on the talon, that had more than half of the room encompassed in its full extent that he forgot himself for a moment.After a recovery, he fell on his back or at least forced himself to trip on his back.It came fast and cut through brick and blood, the door in halves, the sign was broken, the circuits coming apart.Not turned yet, it kept going but Argus didn't wait, he went on ahead now, turning as fast as he could, knowing that there was another way in the crossroad, waiting for him.Hand tried coming, feet resting through the cracks, eyes were bleeding and crying, just as tall as they could be.The light coming was now broken on the side that laid cut, only two remained above and to his left.'It had wings, that must've been it.'Wings and eyes, it could fly and see him, even listen, though the agony and their bleeding couldn't and wouldn't easily stop, not for him, nor for anyone else at that.A terror roaming through the depths until suddenly a shriek of pain and anger came and roared through the entire lane.Small bubbles of skin were boiling just to his right, ready to pop, with a block and track, a throttle, Argus heard it come from miles away.So he dodged the long ranged small burst of liquid that came and perforated through the case and melted light by his side.And they were getting worse, the shrieking having been revealed, it was time to turn, and the echo of its pirouette could come as no surprise.'This place is falling apart!'With a yelling that gave out his location, he went, grabbing the hard bricked wall that stood, cracked as it were, touched by the flying creature, turned around, only to see a glimpse of the glowing, winged, sharp like talons that came for it.It couldn't be helped, that he remained out of breath throughout the whole sprint, barely as the water was drained from above, lights kept coming and it seemed as if this was the dead end.Rightly, and justly behind laid the terror, with its dark sounds still being made, to point out that it was still coming for him.The dead end was near and Argus knew very well that there wasn't a chance to return.'What now?'Though as he asked, looking around, striking at the wall until it left a scarred, bloody pulp of an end, he finally heard.The sharp needles that pointed at the wall and cut through them, the agony that was to come, the pain he'd feel before he'd die.And after he was done pointlessly striking at the wall, in pain, he lifted his gaze and saw the trap door, giant and sturdy, tall and strong, heavy but pointed at the side.'Freedom!'Argus yelled, feeling a sharp heat on his sides, forcing himself to not feel anything anymore, at the point where he leapt and tried grabbing, holding still, at last.It couldn't be easily pulled.Something must be there, but what?He could feel no ground on him, holding himself, barely above the ground, on the lever and then, looking behind, hearing and feeling once again throughout the dark, he saw it approach.Two feet came and forced themselves against the wall, to push, to pull, to make him bounce.A silhouette was being made, and a light seemed to be coming from above.It was no trap door, but it seemed to resemble more like a giant gate than anything else, opening slowly, but perhaps in time.Bounced against the upper side of the wall, he added more weight, pulled more, grabbed by the bricks on the side while trying his best to survive, just long enough.There was rust but it started falling, dirt became mud and in a sudden split of a second, just as the light seemed to die off from the small devices that laid around, another one replaced them.Reflection died off from the talons as the iron door fell though it left Argus enough room, barely to move behind it, he felt the track.Another throttle against the shield, as if that thing charged at the stroke at him, bouncing back.Taken out of breath, he couldn't take the time to celebrate as he held and could barely take his lungs back.The water stream was strong enough to be called a waterfall, taking a wager on his clothes and arms.Argus still half the gate still, feeling the power, being splashed by the sides, if everything seemed to be flooding, under him,

another glanced revealed the water rising to his feet. Though no sound of agony, no whisper and definitely nothing else, the water came to a stop and finally he turned around. Nothing on the side, both left and right being inspected as he thought it was safe to go. Whilst keeping track on the sudden motion, he passed through the shivering space between harsh rock and metal, rightly so. Above of him, he saw the dome, and most importantly that. 'I'm on the ocean's floor!' His excitement was ten times harder brought and received, though the flapping of wings turned into splashes, slow but it'd come. He grabbed the metal wheel that stood in the middle and lifted himself, up to the edge and in the room. 'I need.' He looked around, still minding himself, rather finish, it was a room, plain and large, ending with a roof of glass, many maps and globes, tables, all too heavy to be lifted. 'The cabinet!' Another shout came, though there seemed to be people coming and going, he grabbed his mouth with both hands. There was light being moved around, rightly around and past the door. Though there was no time for him to be shocked, none, if any at all, left, as a matter of fact, he rushed and grabbed the cabinet, feeling it by the sides, around of it. Large enough to stuff the door, at least in hopes that it would block for enough time for him to make an escape, he pulled until it broke off the table it was nailed on. The various bottles fell, both on the table and on the floor, everywhere around, though only one of them got cracked and spilt across. Argus didn't mind it, other than going about and pushing forth, before it was too late, he threw it, falling roughly one sided but blocking the access anyway. Now he waited, with a hand on his waist, looking on his left side, with a sharp eye by the door, gazing still as he tried seeing if someone noticed what he had done. And, with a return to see if the beast would fly again, wondering if it was a spawn of the bigger one he had previously encountered before, he stopped. 'Come on, come on, come on.' Was being said, though in a whisper still, looking forth and pondering next. One second past and the sound of splashes came to a stop, though the rum never stopped dripping to the bottom and through the opened cabinet. There were the dry moments, as it seemed that all the rum had run out. And so was the table, just standing there, across the entire room, on a huge piled map, perhaps resembling the one he had seen while dwelling with those people, though judging by its size, it encompassed everything the small one had. Even more than that, the noises coming from outside stopped, he didn't notice. A perfect opportunity, as he kept sweating like a pig, that, if it wasn't the water alone the cause of that. 'Where did it come from?' So long as it saved his life, did it matter? This might and could've mightily been a pocket or a giant bottled water from what he thought, that it didn't as much matter at all, as a matter of fact, what was more important was to make sure it wasn't about to come. Before sidestepping to reach the table, the cabinet bounced before being ripped in half, as the beast threw itself through it, flying as a disk. It was fast, though Argus managed to avoid, a few inches more and there would've been more than a brow cut. 'Stop!' He yelled, though it was heading fast, and seeing how it cut through wood and stone, it would've had no problem cutting through the glass, especially with the speed. Instinctively, his hand went into his pants and he grabbed the second sharp tooth, throwing it like a spear directly aimed at that, though the change was shimmering, almost as much as the air. A warmth stood there, in-between, the wood slowly fading and falling down. Splashes of water and the last moments before either the tooth, thrown sharply as a spear or those sharp talons cut through the glass ceiling. Either way, the burst came quick, followed by a glimpse of smoke, both have reached, at the same time the ceiling as he looked at them reach the point. A blast was more than enough to reduce that to smithereens, along with half of the ceiling and the shards of water that seemed to be falling, slowly, near him. 'Water?' He asked, though his breath became suddenly colder, the

shards that he believed to be glass were actually of water. 'But how?' Before he could touch, the wind from under his nose was being pulled right back, along with what seemed to be a pair of black spines and some black blood that now roamed freely in the water. 'Damn it! I wasted another one of them.' And now only two remained, from the looks of it, they'd be more than needed. They heard that. Came a sudden realisation, though the way back seemed to be the first place they'd look, not mention that it was not blocked by wood shrapnel remained of the cabinet, and a trail leading to it. The mantle, Argus noted and thought of as he came under it and lifted it from the table. It was just enough space for him to crawl and hide, and just in time, he entered. Tight, but it would hold, thick enough for his feet and body not to be seen, or noted at all. A burst came again, though it was only made of sounds, clear speech, voices, he noted. It was way too long since he has heard someone speak softly and normal, far from what one would sound like in the town, and in the under depths filled with those mutations. These must be real, or sound like that, matching even accent and sudden shifts in them. 'What happened here?' Asked the first one, soon followed by another voice, heavier, harder, sharper than the other. 'There, it must've come from below and escaped back there.' At least a few steps were made, to say the least, though the sound left nothing more or less to be held accountable for what they were like. Other than heavy boots, the only thing he could see, other than some glances over long shadow, iron or some harsh material, to say the least on that. 'Why?' Call the Kalhan, quickly. 'There was something that didn't sound right, not in the least with that name, nor with anything he had previously said at that. There was no way out, only a set of boots left it, as the other remained, barely standing by the door. Not even an inch did he stay closer to the only way they seemed to think there was the escapee's route. Did they realise that I'm here? Suddenly asked Argus, seeing how both of them must've seen already that the way behind was blocked, chances were they've figured out immediately or close to it that somewhere in the room I'm hiding. Damn them both and that Kalhan. Space was hard to go through, but the chances of the table falling and crushing him were low, almost as much as them finding him. No immediate danger, though they all seemed to be approaching. First crawling steps and came the creaking sound of the floor, as it was being pushed by him at the moment. Hard did it become to swallow, as he couldn't help it anymore, he wanted, desperately, looking at the feet to see any sign of movement, though they were pointed at him. This is it, no path to escape, I need only a clear shot as it. With a hand standing by him and another shot of saliva by his throat, he came closer to the rim and the edge, looking for any sign of his upcoming demise. Still no movement. Did he find me then? Will I take another life? Even now, against the floor, beautifully crafted without a doubt, he could hear his heart beat. His own heartbeat was going down slowly a drain. The stream was almost as clear as the one going down, full of rum, upon which his reflection still could be seen. It was then that he realised, that, now there really was no chance. One hand pushed forward and at the same time, the other tried slipping by the teeth, few having remained there, though one more. Just like that, he came out, blood rushing through what could only be called paranoia combined with another burst of emotion. Adrenaline rushed through, making him feel afraid, then followed another stream of confusion. What Argus then saw, was an angry stream of strings attached in an empty place above empty boots. 'What is the meaning of this? Could they be, invisible?!' There came a laughter from Argus that settled him down, almost as if the storm had faded away, letting him be still like that. At the same time, he was afraid, confused, ill and still a bit calmer than before, to the point where he had thought of doing something a lot worse with those teeth. Though little sense did it make, as the reason for the abandonment of those boots was hard to

ponder upon. 'Where to now?' Glimpsing at it, the door cracked open as seemingly a lady girl wearing an umbrella came, glancing around almost as if she hadn't seen the wet man who had his sweat run over his well-cut brown forehead. She looked around trying to notice anything out of the ordinary though of late, little of that was seen or believed to be on the matter. 'What's that? May I enter? Do you mind if I may come in for a little while, for you see, I'm desperately trying to escape and hide from my parents? And this mess I believe is the last place they'd think of looking.' Surely, it couldn't be that she'd be trusting him so, could it? 'Enter my abode and stay as much as you want.' His lungs couldn't matter even more than he ever wanted, though nonetheless, he thought of it necessary as well, too, both introduce himself and act as natural as he could. Despite being an intruder, she knew nothing of it, as well as the fact that he wasn't trying to defend his intention. Which was and remained. 'My fair lady, I'm called Ar. Ferdinand.' The door knocked itself back to the place. 'Ar Ferdinand, a peculiar name, are you one of the odd ones living in the quarters?' 'I guess you could say this, but why?' 'Why am I asking such a thing? Well, my parents told me to. Well, you see, I'm not entirely sure how I could say this without bothering or mightily offending you. But they told me I shouldn't talk to commoners.' Said the young lady almost sniffing at the rum marks on the floor. Already she was inspecting and watching it well enough from the distance that she coughed from the dust. An empty hole, that seemingly seemed to be blocked, even after the flying disk came out of it. Or so they said. 'Was there a fight here?' 'Could you speak any slower and get to the point already?' There was little movement, even in Argus, that he thought of and already he had seen how well she acted towards both of one another. She had a sense of something, bobbing her head from left to right, investigating there. Perhaps it was just a hunch, but there was a slight chance that she'd be able to sniff him out. I might as well try to figure out something out of her as well if my turn's about to come. 'So.' Argus said, thought barely approaching, or even making any move. There seemed to rag on her too, though on another glance, it turned out that it was a royal silken, almost robe, almost a dress, something in-between, though dark like an opal, almost as blue. A drop of moonlight perhaps, as they were still under what seemed to be an ocean of it. 'Look!' Argus pointed, and she did as she was pointed towards. What laid above was a black tail floating in the distance, as fast as it could be nibbled upon by the creatures of the sea. Her umbrella seemed to be fully functional and atop of that, everything she had seemed to be turning down a frown. Something was wrong, and both of them could feel and share in their moment together. 'What is that in the distance? This never happened before, ever. Have we done something wrong and angered the ones living above?' 'Sure kid. Sure.' The last thing that seemed to be coming out of his mouth was monotone, almost the point of being taken from inside his lungs and played with. Still, he looked around more, trying to find something to take, a way out perhaps, other than the door. It saddened her, but this wasn't his problem, none of them was, as a matter of fact, the only problem he had now remained. 'Them.' 'What was that? You need a way out don't you? Are you hiding as well as I am? Could it be because of your clothes? OH, I know, you're the escapee that came out from down there, aren't you?' It was a moment later that he noticed the fact that she was circling around him without a notice. 'When did you?' 'Now, just about now. Or are you talking about when I found out that you're not from here? Well, that was the first time I laid eyes on you.' 'And you've said nothing kid.' 'Anne.' 'Right, Anne, you won't turn me in, will you?' Suddenly without a notice, her umbrella closed on itself as she smiled away and glimpsed at that with a wink. For a little lady, she seemed to know more than she let out. 'You may want to turn around then if you are so willingly to make for an escape. I was thinking of doing it myself before

discovering that you were left here."Did you also see the two of them get out before coming in?"How else do you think I would've come inside if it weren't for my simple observations then?"I think we've been talking for far too long and I've got to go."Not so fast mister."There was the extra way out, that if it even were true, to begin with, though this came out as a problem, as she was still here, watching him careful and glancing about.If something was to come about and someone came inside, seeing both of them there, trouble would be more than pleasantly acquired with or without his concern and desire.'So, I presume this is the moment you're about to tell me that you're coming with me."Uh-huh.'Argus had already jumped on the table, almost in a particularly peculiar manner, even for someone of his stature.Though the other way out was to go round the table and he was severely pressured by time.'Now, am I to go out and called those two other men that I believe aren't acquainted with you or can I come?"I don't even know you kid.'Though already she had abandoned her umbrella near the wall, just hanging and started climbing the edge of the table.It seemed as if she was going to come with or without, and such.'You'd slow me down.'Continued Argus, trying to soothe her before pushing her away, though it seemed that it'd be a complicated device, even as that, it definitely looked like a way out.Two mouths closed, appearing to be able to be opened only from a close approach, as, from the distance, it appeared only like a statue, tall with two hands and a mouth.'Does it lead directly ahead?"Guess again.'Argus stopped in time to stand near her, side by side as they both inspected the heads.From where they stood, somewhere on the top of a wide foreign land or a wasteland, they both seemed to be the same height, or at least so it seemed from his point of view.'Aren't you too young to be running away with strangers?"You don't even know how old I am.Or where I'm from, or even where we're going."Enough, I got it, none of my business."Good.'There was a slight bicker, though he went ahead and asked anyway.'How do you open it then?"Unfortunately.'Paused as to breathe down, ducked under and grabbing by the edge, she started trying to lift it.Clearly, there was a struggle which at this point he ignored for some reason.Another hand shifted by his side, his gaze being twisted as he looked behind of his shoulder, over the table and right around the placed down umbrella.The door knob twisted and someone was to come inside.'Wait.'The girl said as she recognised Ferdinand for someone who was about to do something most peculiar.'What?"It's my sister.'By now, it would've been a matter of muscle memory, as he'd only have to go into the motion and attack, the target being hit or not wasn't much of his concern.Though he was stopped in time, she entered alas, looking exactly like her, both in appearance and mannerism.Those small hands, almost like crawling spiders shifted ahead and closed the door, locking it with a key.'Where did she get that from?"Vivian!"Yelled one, only to be called back by the name.They even seemed to sound the same at a first hearing break, though her sister hadn't made a move as of yet, she was still waiting for Argus to stay near without return.Perhaps she knew then, both of them that there wouldn't have been another chance to meet if he was left alone.And now.'She's coming too with us."What?I haven't even agreed that you're coming with me."You're either letting us come down the old passage or we'll call.We'll call on the high council to come down on you."Oh, I'm sure you would, little twerp as if I'd be afraid of you and your silly antiques. Go away and take your sister with you before I knock both your heads in and leave you both bleeding.'There was a serious evil look in his eyes, twisted and cut by one side, skin overlapping by the edges too, in a curious attempt to frighten her.Certainly, it didn't work.'You either take us with you.Or you'll have only but enough time to catch one of us before the other escapes and calls the council.And I doubt you'd make a move."You can't just blackmail me like that you small crab,

I'd get both off. Agh. 'It seemed that enough time was being wasted, and an eeriness still came from the whole in the ground, as it was being seen by the crawling skin on her sister. If they so certainly want to come, let them.' 'Go on inside then, both of you. But you'll listen to me when I tell you, what I tell you, and whenever I tell you to go. Understood?' After the other side, there'd be no way for you to call to your parents or anyone else and I. I do not want to take care of some home lost children. "Yes, father, we understood. Right, Vivian?" She nodded as the path ahead of her was being made, even for someone of her size and appearance, her sister seemed to be the bigger spawn of something eerier than the damp hole from which the horror came. Down the hatch, they were ready to go without any real knowledge of where it went to or just how further below they'd get. You'll both listen to me now while we're going on the way to the bottom. So did Argus think of the scenario at hand, at least of what was about to be said? Though lifting the mouth, to the point of it being pulled back, it was indeed revealed that there was a mechanism inside, a machination of some kind. Chains lifted by the side as the rest subsided and finally he could go back. The twin sister had already made her way and stood by the side, as they could all hear the knob being turned about another time. 'Company, were you expecting anyone?' Asked Argus, with a strange voice and a strange peculiar manner he had. It was clear now that someone had to have called upon them. And it wasn't them, at least he didn't think as such. 'You haven't been followed, have you?' There was a silence from Vivian, though Argus knew too well that they were those guards that went on and left the room to alert the other, though it no way could they return as fast as this. And in no other way was her silence comforting to him. 'Damn it girl. "Wait, perhaps this can work in our favour, if we manage to escape." And how do you suppose we close the mouth after we jump in? They'll follow as soon as they can.' 'I know how.' Said Vivian, with something that could closely resemble her sister's voice, yet as farther away from her as it could be. 'What exactly do you propose we do? Hide?' 'No, but we can grab that.' Her hand pointed and just in time as the ones beyond the door were about to begin their assault at the gate, to the point of striking it down. It was more than serious now, two fugitives and him, the stranger. It was worth the shot. 'You first, then your sister.' 'Won't it close before me and my sister get there?' It was Anne the second time, or her sister since she abandoned her umbrella and both seemed to look alike, and be silent at the time being it didn't matter. 'You're both thin enough to not close it if it works, but just in case.' By the side he looked below, though it seemed to be a long way down, that would lead down a sturdy and hard path, it seemed as if there was enough space to slow down. 'Put your legs against the wall in front of you, it seems that the chains are. Wait a minute.' Grabbing a hold of the chains, though it was dangerous if the mouth were to close and cut down his hand, he looks in awe at just how easily he could pull on them. 'Help me, and do it quickly.' Both of the sisters grabbed by the chain and started pulling through, trying their best to lift it to their best of abilities. It was clear that something was on its way, as hard as it could be, coming from below. Perhaps an elevator of some kind, though it turned out not to be that. It was a small cage that had its side attached to a device that, in its turn, was attached to the chain. A key laid inside, though the reason for it was unknown. Now again, it turned out, judging by that it seemed to be, a long distance and some sharpness that would've made it a bad idea to take it down. 'Take the key, what are you waiting for?' It turns out the cage is too small for my big hands, unfortunately, said. 'Let me.' One grabbed and held it turned, whilst the other just shimmered her hand through, almost like a small snake going for its prey. It was quite nimble, for a child, at least of the sort, and it turned out that the key was held there by a set of strings, almost invisible to the eye. The light

reflected itself on them as it continued.'There.'She took it out, though it the cage fell.'Come back.'Grabbing both of them, Argus managed to get them before it turned out they way he thought it would, the mouth's gate close and fell down, almost cutting through the air as the iron fell below.Luckily both of them stood close to one another and their waists were thin.Though the sound of the door being turned, almost on the outside remained unnerving.'What's the key for?Come on, come on, come on.'There wasn't any time for thanks, though they acknowledged, though the other mouth was still there, and there had to be some separation, else he would've seen it from inside the mouth.'Open the other mouth, fast I say!'It turned out that the second mouth, the one on Argus' left was a lot heavier than the other, at the point of visible effort being made at it.'Damn it.Let me just push through.'It didn't seem to bulge at first as he tried lifting it up, though this was different than the other, in a lot than one sense.Where lifting it up seemed to fail, pushing through hadn't, it just took a lot longer and a generally lot more effort than thought, as it became more of an effort to return those that tried breaking in.'Faster Ferdinand, faster, they're about to break in too.'I'm doing my best.'Came in the piece as most of what he had was placed as an effort to push through the gate.It was hard, almost too as such but he was doing the best he could, at least so he thought he did, even though it wasn't showing on the outside.Something heavy laid on the other side, that was clear.At least heavy enough for a man alone, though Argus wasn't alone in this.All three of them pushed together, neck in neck and side by side.It gave in with a slight sound as the metal was pushed by, inside of it being revealed a way down, next to a staircase and a see through door.'The key put it in fast.'As close as they were, it shook and almost fell off her hand, at the point of managing to land on the ground, almost on it before continuing further.'You're asking for it.'Moments passed before she picked it up, one of the at least, afraid as they were, just as much as he was, perhaps even more of being caught, they started forcing through the glass, only to miss the keyhole by a few inches.'Let me.'Without a delay, this time it was his turn to attempt, and done.On the first try, he managed to stick the key right through and open it, as fast as he could and just as well as any other would've done in his place.'Let's go.'It wasn't as thin as a thought though behind the metal gated mouth closed, just in time for Argus to take another look past his sight as see that there was none beyond.They'd get to enter and find none, especially since he made sure not to leave any mark or any clue behind.'Is it safe to go through?'I thought you knew that.Vivian.'There was a change of looks between the tree of them as they stood still and waited.Now there was just enough time, as they locked the glass door behind and looked below.'We're in a tower."A tower?Here, underwater?"Yes, Vivian is actually right about it.'As she said it, a few steps below, down to what seemed to be a long way to get to an endless bottom, with windows, first being revealed to be depths.Depths that weren't flooded, even further below than the sea, than the city and perhaps, going even lower.'Where exactly do you suppose you'd be going, girl?And it seems already that you took your site with you, not to mention that, most likely you asked her to steal those keys.'As they went on, speaking as well as walking towards the bottom, he didn't seem to expect anything else from them, not to return, perhaps an explanation, though least and beyond an objection.He didn't want them back, though it was obvious.'I don't know what drove me, us, here, to this room and to the mouth, especially since they're spread all across the city, but none of the others seemed to be openable."City?More of them?A city underwater, why?"That's not water.'Said the girl with a grim, as seemingly like a feather floated against the steps.Perhaps a trick of the eye, or not.'Perhaps a lie, at that too.By the way mister, our sister's waiting for us down there."Another one?Is she?"No, don't worry about it, she's older than us.'Though the

tower seemed to be decimated, it was only to what seemed to be a quarter through it that the aspect of a tower kicked in. Or better said, its long neck had its bricks many and spread across, thin and strong, other heavy and some in-between. Things were written and the lights of the torches, just beyond Argus' reach made it clear that someone was there before them. 'Did she take this one?' 'No.' 'Are you going to place the key in the device once we get to the bottom?' 'Perhaps.' There was an echo now, and a slight hint of just how much more of the way down there was, though Argus didn't question nor wonder why. 'Why is your sister silent? And don't tell me your older one will talk as much as you do.' Before turning, as the towers seemed to have been created just for the purpose of being used a facade for the stairs, he saw a blush. 'She acts that way near other people, mother says she's just a little bit peculiar, though just at times. And please don't be rude once you meet her, she gets annoyed quite quickly, for no reason, I dare say.' 'Very well, we shall go get there as fast as we can.' 'No doubt there.' Though it seemed as if, the more they went towards the bottom, the worse it appeared to be, darker, more shallow, even the stone had a pale green, dark aspect now. No bricks but stone, almost as if it was now part of something bigger, unnatural, cave-like. 'Do you come here often?' 'Just venturing to the depths with my sisters, why?' 'Isn't it dangerous to wander about?' 'Only if you're a security-cat, and I doubt you're one of those, at least not by the way you look like.' 'Has something strange ever appeared in the dark whilst searching through?' Please, it's important for me to go before we reach the bottom. 'Sir, there's a long way to the top and.' Anne paused for a moment, rubbing her under the chin and staring through the glow that found its way through the cracks. White and pale, the light out of the moon, though there was no way for it to travel by then, nor any reason for him to believe it was night yet. Could it though? Wondered Argus, after all, time passed, so much has happened, hunger and thirst seemed to come then to disappear with or without his concern. Even now, he just felt it, ravaging his belly, even to the point where they both heard it so. 'Here. We still have a long way to go and, well. It's better if you eat now, since we may need your muscle for later.' A small pack that was hidden from somewhere below her waist, opened to reveal some bread, well pocketed, honey, butter, some sandwiches and a pouch of water. It wasn't much of it inside, per speak of certain provisions, yet they weren't entirely refused either. Argus was heavy after a hard day and already he was feeling numbed and dizzy. 'Trust me, this happens quite often, it's the altitude.' Indeed, perhaps it was, as neither did he know where they were or what they were doing there, and already they've gone past the edge of the broken solid stone. It took enough for a step to be missed and a death fall would come into motion. Indeed it was, the pointer of the world and they were at it, several other towers could be seen from the opening though nothing more, nothing less and certainly no ground. They were high. 'Whoa there bud, you must've been starved if you're acting this way.' Argus hadn't noticed, perhaps for the better, though the two girls caught him just in time and held him so he'd not fall to his death. The cracks were just far and sharp enough to rip him to pieces, the echo being the last thing to be heard as he'd have fallen. 'Any longer?' 'Just stay with us, we'll get there in no time, just keep going.' He was being handled and held like an old man, though with no cane with him, as he wanted and needed to go on. It wasn't entirely what he planned or what he wanted, though, then again, nothing was. 'Simple!' It was so much more simple, or so he deemed to be, the memories appearing to be so much better than they had previously been. Shame, though, even to him, an old hound, even they were pups at some times. 'Have you even changed? If not, why did you even decide to come back? It's not for our mother, it's not for me, so why did you decide to return? Revenge, is that it?' The barrage of deprivation came as quickly as he could remember, even

when he knew he deserved it. There wasn't any grudge held against his brother, only to the man who had his talons over him. 'I came for him.' From his memory, they stood somewhere outside, not a single dark sky, no rain, nothing but plain dark and starry on the outside. Not an open house in sight, nothing else that would proclaim the same, yet he could remember the most important aspect of the memory, his brother. What he looked like, older, much like he once was, almost at the point where he saw himself as a mere reflection of what he could've become. 'I see that you've become a well-fed brother. Has he kept you like this ever since the plot to send me to the penitentiary? I've had nothing more to eat than the insects we'd catch between the flying chunks of rocks, perhaps worse, and if it weren't for. Ehm. My insight, and to your lack of luck, I would've been dead.' 'So you came indeed to tell me of your endangered adventure?' 'No, as I have previously said, I want to talk to yours. Your master, that, if the professor is home, though it isn't entirely unpleasant that we found ourselves sitting in front of one another. Don't bother, by the way, I know where to go and, even better, where he lives.' He wore a jacket, dark, with at least something hid by the side and underneath, a dagger as sharp as one could snatch, perhaps something even grimmer and darkened. At least his hearing seemed to ring with a sharpness of bullets, of which he wore on either side of his ears, which made a layman who managed to find his eyes falling upon him think of a soldier, rather than. An inmate. 'Were you ever sent there though? From what I've heard, you've avoided and even escaped that.' 'It's none of your business, for I have not forgotten that it was because of the two of you that this has happened. Because of both of you, I've become this.' 'You were always scum.' Said Argus brother, and for the first time since they've ever spoken to each other, there was a threatening spark inside of him. Something that looked as the promise, the promise of pain, of anger, of hatred. That's it, the thing that laid in him, and was more prominent in the older brother, hatred. It bore through both of them now, jumping from one another, even at their end of the tails of their eyes, little dark people were jumping in the shadows. Some standing and watching, other grabbing hold of small dark daggers and needles. For a second, his brother seemed curious, though, at the first sight, he realised that those little daggers that they held in their hands resembled the one he was trying to hid. It was clear that he could see them as well as him, perhaps being more than a coincidence that both of their heads turned around at the exact same time, to take a look around. 'Wait, brother.' 'He's not home if that's what you're asking, and it will be the last thing you'll even do if you dare break through the house. We've set plenty of alarms all around and don't you dare that I will hold myself a second from going directly from the lord Pro...' 'No!' As the almost shout like screech came, he managed to grab a hold of his hand and hold it as hard as he could. The muscles were visibly being jerked hit his face, as much and as closely as were his bones all around his body. One of the last things he'd ever remember or at least both of them did be the punch he threw in his brother's face. It was quick and fastened, almost like a horseman riding a horse and throwing a punch against a bystander during a horse race for no reason whatsoever. Yet he had a reason to his brother and drag him by the side. Whilst checking his pulse, he made sure he wasn't going to be seen, though, again, he wasn't dead, could be barely called alive, to begin with, though breathing nonetheless. The memory was clear after that, the bushes near the sidewalk, over the small fence between homes, the way he ran away, striking the ground whilst making his way towards where he knew the house to be. And then breaking in and stealing the research. There might've been a system of alarms being set, though he entered by the corner and broke through a window. The pain could still be felt upon reminding himself as he touched the window, breaking it thoroughly, grabbing the edges they had before catching

his hands still and cutting bits of skin. It was painful but worth it, as there wasn't much he had seen, though, in his attempt, he ended up entering the professor's study room, especially where his research were. 'Here, almost there.' The girl's voice almost came as a key to breaking off the spell, the trance he was in, almost having it realised that he wasn't walking with them for a while. He came out of his lucid dream nonetheless and woke up to the gleaming darkness, the door waiting for a key. It seemed as if it was ready for a blast, though the same out, clearly wouldn't work. 'Knock three times Vivian, like I told you.' She walked and squeezed herself against Argus who hadn't even realised that she was there, to begin with, only to reveal the pale light in her eyes. Still, she avoided looking in through his eyes, almost, at any point leaving room for her hiding of a blush. It wasn't clear what she wanted or needed to be, which Argus promptly ignored and checked again. Two teeth laying by his belt, hidden well before, not suit and armour, though still, he either needed to find a cage or get out. 'Ehm, as you said sister.' She came out, almost in a singing voice as she proceeded to say. 'Knock, knock, open up. Knock, knock open.' Almost returning, to see if anyone was looking at her, again she hid her sight away, unable to continue for some reason until her sister came to clear the deal. 'She can't continue unless we turn around and don't look.' 'You can't be serious, can you?' 'Just do it, you don't want to return all the way up there, do you?' Indeed it was a long way to return, and Argus couldn't deny the hospitality that was provided by her not so long ago. 'Fine, you may proceed.' Said Argus, not sure about himself or why he was endorsing her to do so. 'Go on ahead Vivian, no one is watching.' There was the sound of metal and a bright light, followed by pain. The last thing Argus remembered were the bottom stairs laying at the bottom of the floor, everything seeming much larger than they were previously. Quite bizarre he thought, that someone drew the darkness in now, leaving nothing but the fragrance and taste of dirt. There was a dream he always had, whilst reading or at the end of the darkest nights, it was the failure of stars. It was clear now, how he remembered, walking down a road of steel, people who were walking just as he was, at a faster pace, in an empty desert with nothing but a large road that was well enough waiting for all of them to get to an end. 'Who are you, people?' The words came out like sand and ended up on the ground, leaving nothing but an empty threat. Each step made him lose his water and feel much sleepier than before, slowed down, weak, unable to continue against the thousands who could it better. They all tried to reach something, in the distance, a black malformation that was moving around, though never left its place. Some fell beside him, unable to continue, though never in his dream did he help the man get up, barely having enough strength to give it to himself. Other tried but none fell whatsoever, not him, at least not yet, nor anyone he ever knew. There was a maiden, lost there with her child, both walking as she slowly cried the sand out of her eyes. Her child was dried up to the point of being nothing but a pile of bones and stretched skin. 'My cage, where is it?' Came a shuddered voice, though Ferdinand looked around, he could see nothing, nor anyone who could speak anything he could understand, unless you could count sand. And none reached the end, ever, at the pointless quest, all become sand, brittle until they reached it. At least that's what he could remember happening in his dreams every single previous night he had it happen. 'My cage.' And its repeats, almost to the exact same predicament, all happening, to the point where he realised, that, even with control having being gained over it, he still chose to do the same, walk, just like everyone else. Even when he knew that it was pointless to the point of repeating the same dream, which made no sense whatsoever, ignoring everything, until it went away. It had to go away, he thought. It has to away if I choose to ignore it long enough, I need to have faith in that. The least of what he could do now was

only to hope and look ahead, the sand was already running down and he could see no hands attached to him. He fell then and awakened on the other side of the door. Standing from below, Argus saw two fuzzy figures standing in-between moving white shapes that resembled spores. Could I still be dreaming? He asked himself after seeing so many of the shapes just moving, floating and touching one another, only to push against and spread across the air. 'Shh, he's waking up.' 'Hey, can you hear us? Hey, hey, eyes around here, if you can knock your head if you can understand what I'm saying and don't breathe in too much. They'll mess with your head.' The flash came quick, from white, he remembered yet again, past what the figure said, and the whisper that came again and reminded him of the cage laid the end. The sand still going on and everyone was heading towards a giant man, as old and shrivelled as his skin fell on its own, making room and paths for the sand to move through, around and around, coming in his mouth. The flash suddenly burned his vision and the figures were revealed to be the girls. 'You!' Said, Argus, as he grabbed her, despite having them both look so much alike one another, he remembered the hit and knew who Vivian was. Immediately her throat was grabbed and almost in a moment, he started choking her, though not with the intent to kill. Still, the rage took him on, his expression being changed. 'Let go of her. She saved your damn life, damn it!' Both of them were pushed away as he released, still confused. 'How, what?' Around his back, now, as he raised himself up, he felt the hit and just how much it did to him. Some blood still laid in the spot, though most of it had gone already if it weren't for the possible brain damage he might've sustained from the hit. 'You've got twenty seconds to explain why did you do that before I lose my temper again.' As he said it, he gazed at them as they stood on the ground, both comforting one another, whilst her sister laid in terror crying. Ann did her best, or at least as such, judging by the condition and the pain she was caused by Argus. No word said she anymore to him, though what could one say in such a circumstance? Argus laid there, more than ill-willed and waited. 'Take a look for yourself then.' There was a pointer, almost laying behind him, though it wouldn't work again. 'I won't fall for that again, trust me, I'm well aware of your intent by now.' 'Stop being stubborn and, walk then with your back, just look at the wrench laying on the ground.' Despite not knowing whenever or not they were trustworthy anymore, he still came without a surprise and did as she had asked for, walking and walking until the point of which he felt the door on his back, cold metal, closed. Just laying not far from him, the wrench actually did get his attention, at last. Perhaps it wasn't for it alone, but a dark accumulation of skin, dark is the least that could be said had attached itself and was still moving on the metal, grabbing a hold at it. There was at least a fragment he had recognised, a bone, the part which belonged to a bigger spine, which made it at least obvious to what it did belong to. 'Give me something fast, we need to kill it before it grows.' 'Grab something yourself now, my sister is hurt. Can't you even see that?' She asked, spiteful, though he understood too well that perhaps he just misjudged it. His eye-hand coordination came to be, as he was looking around. 'Sharp, hard, stick, anything of the sort.' Said Argus as hard as he could without even a care about who listened or what they thought. 'Shh, it's all right now Vivi, she won't hurt you anymore. Shh.' Her arms were wrapped around her, almost as she sank deeper in her sister's breast. Out of both of them, she had always been the most delicate ones, though no mark was left around the neck, it was enough for her to never trust him again. No room was left for spite, only the fact that Anne managed to cover them after seeing just how desperately she tried hiding them. 'There.' Came to the prize, as he took a brick off the ground. Despite not being earned as such, especially now, she still felt the need to warn Argus. 'Careful, it may spread of that too, it seems to jump from object

to object upon impact. "Is this what happened after she hit me?" It wasn't on purpose you dimwitted fool.. 'A pause came, as the bickering fight hadn't ended as of yet, a trail of tears now running through her hands as she looked through the cracks in her hands. It was almost as if she was looking at wood right then. At that point, she saw something she wasn't supposed to, perhaps what could be called, a fragment of the past. Fingers seemed more like wood than of skin, a window laying barred. Past it, her tears came off as the drops of rain, as she saw Argus now, and previously, perhaps just as much as a monster. 'That's what happened before.' Anne answered then, it was clear that a monster was about to strike at the infection that had held control over him, though its roots might've still be planted there. Both asked themselves if it was too late, as they had refused to tell him, even now, that there wasn't any blood at the end of his head. But something darker had filled it, the remnants of what used to linger on top of his head whilst they had tried to remove it and succeeded as such. And it turned out that Argus remained as hard as they've thought him, refusing to believe what they said. There was a spark then a strike at it and the rock was thrown, splashing against the growth and crushing it under. Suddenly, it deflated, expelling outside its everything, down to the worms and small vein-like sharp and long smaller growths it had inside. Slightly transparent, it seemed as if some of his blood flew threw them, along some of the metal that was previously devoured whilst it went on. 'Damn it, it actually did work, as I told you so.' The shock on both of their faces was an immediate response to both his action and desire to continue on. The loss of colour and form was disturbing, though was treated like any other growth of the depths, abandoned there and then, as they went on. Or at least he did, as his sudden approach still made a sudden shocking response from her sister. 'You go that way and she's going to stay as far away as she can, understood? Ar Ferdinand, I swear, if only I were a bit taller.' 'Enough, I don't want to deal any further with your games, we've plenty to go already. Plus, I wouldn't have attacked her if she didn't.' Forced through, and seeing how he was going to whine at it, she interrupted Ferdinand as she went on. "Save you? Because if it weren't for her, you'd still have had that thing growing inside of your head. Perhaps even worse at that, you'd be dead by now. Should I keep going on or you got the point?" 'Indeed I have, crystal clear.' Speaking of which, barely now, as they made their way, he noticed the crystals, blue, as dark as the material their small dresses were made out of, which did more than prompt a question. 'Is your sister dressed just as well as you are?' 'Why? Oh.' It was clear, by now, as they stood on a giant bed of crystals, blue, tall, small ones, spread around, small bats just spreading around, with them growing on their backs. 'Is that not dangerous?' Argus asked though Anne hadn't figured out what he was talking about until he pointed at the sky. Not as dangerous as the dark spot on your head. Though in her mind, it went much more different than she thought, the previous encounter having been properly thanked for. It couldn't be helped either. He was ill, and she didn't do much. But she's my sister too and didn't deserve that. 'Look, I feel like I'm caught in-between two extremes, and it's getting quite awkward.' 'It's going to be worse once we meet your sister, as the party will turn on me, three against one I wager.' 'She's not like that.' Promoted again Anne, whilst her sister was still silently staring in his direction, from glance to glance, then hiding away. There was more than enough space, and some more blocked mouth that just laid there, closed but going through the bottom of the cave. 'Who built those?' Quickly he changed the subject, trying his best to feign interest, without any knowledge or wonder if it would've worked or not. He went on nonetheless. 'Quite old, all of them appear to be the same.' Some of the architecture seemed to be present in all of them, more or less, out of which, the most common feature remained that all of them were closed down. Something

must've happened and even she refused to talk about it. Why thought? No thought shared on this? Do you know nothing of what had happened here? Or is it that you're not sure yourself either? "I know what happened." Don't. We're not supposed to talk about it. Vivian broke the silence with a sudden shuddering inside her knees, soft and tender, even by the look of that. It took a lot of force to say that and flash her head the other side. And a return to silence commenced. 'She's right, we're not supposed to talk about it.' Then it is dangerous to dwell here, right? "I suppose. That was more than enough, though still. What drove you here now, to that room you've found me? And still, even after what I did, you still decided to take me on with you and guide me through this place. Why? Again, it was quite a peculiar thing to ask, now, this moment, at this time. Peculiar too at that, as none of them could deny him anymore or even attempt to send him back, none of that would work. It would've been more than welcomed by Vivian, as she wasn't sure herself either, looking at her sister, and in her turned, looking at the ground. There was someone who told me to come and take that access room, and. There also came a muffled voice, almost in a whisper, that was more than inaudible to Argus who stood at the other side of the rising edges of the stone. And, that's mainly the reason why I came there and called my sister to come and find you. Who is this stranger? "I saw no face and could barely recognise that face hidden inside a fallen cowl, though it was someone I thought to recognise. Who did you recognise then? "It wasn't only a person, but I swear. Turned around, he saw some sincerity inside, though nothing could be trusted now, even if it were true that they tried to save him, both lied. She did too, on a second occasion, not to mention the fact that she admitted, properly at that, that both of them refused to trust him too, in their turn. So now, as deceitful as both of them were, he still had no choice but to attempt to trust them. She's there. "Past the sea? There laid a shallow river that went as far and wide as he could tell, too much it was, as it appeared like poison, muddy, pieces of blue rock already swallowed and dragged to the bottom, only to glitter. It was obvious as such, even to him, that if he were to fall to the bottom of that, he'd end up chained and grabbed to the bottom by chains of rocks that weren't floating. Perhaps he'd end up the same as the captain. The site was muddy, though through it there seemed to be a sunken ship. Odd, as it appeared, coincidences rarely happened then and there, especially where they stood, and still. It could be the same one or not. Argus looked around as both of them stood in silence, pondering and scouting too for something. There was mouth just as close as he thought, and suddenly it connected, the ship, the elevator, where he stood. The location was a bit far off, though it seemed to share the same design he had recognised before. Alas, where to now? Argus managed to brush it off, though just how nervous he appeared, it was unknown, as both looked at him and wondered too. What crawled up inside of him? Anne quite often by now wondered, as for each glance revealed the black goo had already sunken if it even were for it to be that way. Not even once until not had she thought that, perhaps, chances were that it was produced by him, not invaded, no growth. He could be either the host or the parasite. Listen, Ar Ferdinand, there's something we need to tell you. A sudden shake of the head revealed that Vivian disapproved of the decision to tell him, though it would've been fair, she still had a consciousness. Listen, rub the back of your head for a moment. Excuse me? Just do it now. Though it appeared as vague, bizarre, he knew that something was still wrong with them and what they've done. Now both of them looked at him, after being settled, even Vivan, despite the fact that she was still feeling peculiarly awkward near him, she decided to look. He rubbed the back of the head, still feeling something there. Something seemed to be lodged. How have I not felt this before? Argus asked himself, almost to the point of

saying it out loud in a whisper. The water and the cold wind could only get much muddier and colder, as he suddenly shifted both of his hands and grabbed a hold of the thing that laid lodged deep inside his skull. He pulled with a sudden thumper and took it out, though easily, he felt a release. 'Both sisters seemed disgusted to see a sudden burst of liquid, coloured with white, black, even some slight hints of red in red blood, all released along with some smaller, longer veins that were lodged together, at once. Turned around, he saw that now, in his hand laid a part of the spine that once tried entering him, disgusted as he was. Still, he couldn't deny it, the disgust being apparent. 'Was this inside of me all along?' Turned, even further to their side, he saw just how frightened they appeared to be, more so than needed be. 'Calm down, I'm all right, you don't need to over exaggerate. Though there actually was a need for that, as he revealed, after they pointed at it, the small fragment of bone tried lodging itself inside his fingers too. It pricked him, to a drop of blood. 'Agh.' A sudden reflex managed to let it fall into the water and fill him with a shimmer of rage. 'I'm sick of these little parasites, already have I spent way too much getting rid of them.' Turn around for a second, I need to see the back of your head. 'Despite having the best intention, there still laid a peculiar look on them, fallen from him. 'Later, now we need to the past, and do it fast before it grows. "It can grow?" "You saw it yourself back there, right? When did you tell me to turn around? Thank by the way and, well, sorry about, you know. "There was still a damp field all around and floating small white spheres just floating like spores. If the blue overnight wasn't enough to confuse his senses, the white now remained like that. 'Well, we should go one ahead before the weather gets worse, right?' Vivian had already chuckled at that, though turned away with a shame on her face, it hadn't passed enough time for it, and it seemed as if a boat was approaching from the distance. It was plain, small, and a cowl stood inside, rustling to come through and pick them up almost as if they were expected. 'Were we expected to come or what?' 'Perhaps, or perhaps now, she doesn't seem to be our sister. 'No, she couldn't be, though. For a second, Anne thought of the man, or the woman, the stranger that appeared to confuse all her senses when they've met. It could be, or couldn't. There were many people walking around, and it could've proven to be a trick of the eye as he was lost in the crowd soon after. Not to mention that they stood near one another, only for a few seconds before running off, standing only for some information to be spread. Whenever or not it turned out to be the man, it mattered not, now or then, or even after. 'We're going to the other side, so beware of what now lays below, I've a bad feeling about this, and the ground beyond this pool seems too shallow to be walked upon. 'Both nodded and agreed upon the invitation soon to come. There was a slight hint of relaxation inside the air, as they waited. The man was still rowing the boat from the other side, or so could Argus figure out from the silhouette. A hint of tinder that had been burnt in the air roamed, but here and then? Nothing in sight to suggest such a thing. 'Listen, Anne, do you know where your sister is supposed to meet you? Us? Anne. "Right, right, on the other side, near a spiral created stone, it's hard to miss, it's the only rock that sticks out. "Are we really going on that?' Again came forward Vivian, still reluctant to go forward as the rower was about to get to their part of the shore. There was the spine, somewhere in the water, still trying its best to wriggle and escape, though that remained past and beyond their sight and knowledge. A thumper announced just fast he had gotten there, as it almost broke the shore of stones, being lodged as hard as it was, as a metal blade in dumbfounded armour. No word spoke, though the lower, the cloaked figure backed away to leave some space for them to go forward. 'It's either this or we'll swim through it, and I doubt we could possibly do that after, you know what. 'There was a slight hint of remorse, but he pushed her forth, as she fell on the

front of the small boat, being met face to face with the cowed figure. Nothing but void laid inside the cowl, though inside her nothing but scorn for Argus, which still she hasn't caught on the lie. 'Damn you.' Vivian came after, without a problem, and without a notice, no force having being used on her. Last of which, he stepped on it and closed his eyes, reopening it to see a face on that cowed man. A beard came as long as it were, two barking glowing eyes that seemed to be as piercing as he were. No word was spoken, not even now, but by the way, he was looking at Argus it, eyeing him through both of them, it was clear that he was waiting for him to speak, not for them. 'Have you called for me then? I've been told that there was a figure standing on the street, who met with Anne and told her to me and where to find me. So, I'm to wager that it may be you, as the chances are, both of which wore and still wear a cowed cloth.' Argus looked just slightly below and saw Anne furiously nodded her head from left to right, anger in her eyes but dared say nothing. The old man still made them both feel uncomfortable from having been approached so closely, almost to the point of being placed. 'No.' There was a raspy voice, though that wasn't the worst part of it, something made a sound from deep inside his neck, metal, perhaps, something he had eaten or swallowed. A voice box, that was it, he had remembered seen people before who used them. Though by the sound of it, it remained an old model, as the machination could still be there, preventing him from speaking at will. It was long ago since then, but, if chances were and he remembered correctly, the device was created to be more than a box, as it had multiple tall pointed pillars inside, pushing forward, up the jaw, forcefully moving it when he spoke. There were others, such small pillars and tiny bars that rolled and pushed on both sides, only to replicate the normal movement of the human jaws, though it only managed to make it look unnatural. Later models were always removed, or replaced, even worse perhaps, some people were still forced to use them despite not being any way for them to be changed or replaced. There wasn't any possible way for those who still had the old models, as they were considered antiques in the eyes of any other layman, or even those who worked in the field. And with no maintenance possible, if it broke. Well, it was now that Argus paid attention to his mouth and face, trying to shimmer through a small glance inside his mouth and neck. Though clearly, he waited for him to start at once. While going on and rowing as slow as he could do. Both the girls heard what the man said and figure out, somehow, that the voice was pointed and would speak only to Ar Ferdinand, and no one else. Sure, chances were for them to try, but being forced to stay too close for comfort didn't leave much to speak of, or to even try. There was a menace in that empty void and the scornful voice, which they couldn't explain why. 'Ehm.' Broke the silence, Argus having coughed, before, though not even once had he felt so awkward. There wasn't anything on his mind to ask about, especially since the meaning of it was nothing more but to stare in the old man's mouth. That pale face being shifted by the sides and shaking, almost like a bigger grub had taken the form of a human then hid away. Alas, there was still a long way to go for all of them, and clearly, by the look of the head bobbing, slightly visible, only from his side, even they wanted to hear him talk. 'Ehm.' Came to Argus again, at which now both Vivian and Anne were annoyed by that. No remark given yet, he refused to wait for one, though, he went forth and asked. 'Who exactly are you then and why are you rowing us?' The man stood there for a moment, finally having shaken his glances, from staring relentlessly at Argus, to the bottom of the sea. It didn't take much to figure out that he was looking at the ship, the scent of salt still laid upon, at the point where some of it could still be seen, long and wide on his beard, giving it the white on the grey. There wasn't the lifelessness he expected, though it wasn't far from it. Obviously, the old man still had some years behind and as of

yet, nothing else seemed to have disturbed him. He just looked at him, and Argus knew that in no time they'd be on the other side and he'd not get, perhaps, another chance for them to speak again. There were some features that were slightly recognisable, though, then again, they could've have belonged to someone else just like him. Wrinkles, big eyes, stretched face, there was no one who didn't share those small features after going through old age. The boat hadn't stopped for a moment, up until some seconds forth, so the man could finally release a cough. There was some blood running down down the cowl, spreading all around and leaving no mark as of yet. Still, he pondered what was going on, both him and as they approached near him, scared not to get a disease, it was not that he saw something in his blood. Blue crystals, same as in their dresses, without having realised just how close to him they approached, he notices the same pattern of small shards of crystal, blue in blue, embroidered all over their dresses and in that blood. Up, still, there were those bats, blue almost cobalt, to the point of some not even being recognisable from the rocks. It's a sickness, though he thought of asking. 'Is it a side effect of living down here?' 'It is.' The man saddened as he looked down, right before Argus could ask another question, he just sat down and waited for him to say something, anything of the matter. 'Well, you see, this is what happens when you spend your life in the depths, sitting and rowing the boat, all over and over again. People use to come but now they don't.' 'What are you even eating?' For a moment, the old man pondered, surprised at that too, that she decided to talk about it, though it wasn't really that much of a shock for Argus. 'Well, it's not hard to figure out, just take a look above and you'll notice. Oh the scoundrels, oh they're just well and away, from time to time, terrorising the sky.' 'How can you even reach them then?' 'I don't my dear sir, for you see, I've but to wait and take the meat away, smash the rock on another rock down the shore.' For a second, the old man became more jolly and awoken by the, almost invitation Argus had, it was quite an interesting thing to find out and ponder about, at that too. Meat in the rocks, rocks with the meat, over and over again, smashed and broken, eaten, and the only side effect. 'Rocks in the stomach, though they always find their way out, they've always had and always will, for you see, I've not a problem eating and reusing, throwing and catching fish with the bait made by yours, company.' There was some disgust though nothing out of the ordinary, yet. 'Fish in the pond?' 'Deep sea creatures, aye. This is more than a river, more than a pond, it goes as deep as the ends of the earth, all here, as you can see, my ship lay down there, taken away from below and spat out towards the upper world.' This could've been the beginning of a long story that would drag itself, on itself, perhaps forever, if it weren't for them to pause and ponder. 'Wait.' Argus said they had stopped just in time to reach the shore. 'Perhaps the next time.' Though there was a bleak expression after as if melted by the lack of interest Argus showed in his story, reflected on his face, his heart was close to being spat out, though none of that seemed to bother him. A master of illusion and of plays, though Argus of the captain. Though, nonetheless, he pulled both girls and again, pushed them through. It was quite distracting, though he needed to get them out, and as far away as possible. 'Let's go.' 'Less rough please.' They were a force, despite looking behind at the man, now they could both see his face and a dark grin. There was something in the water. 'So fast?' Even Anne was surprised by the fact that there was a hint of dark water shimmering by the side, it was something unknown to them both, though not entirely. An eeriness already filled them even before they left the boat, though it was confused with the feeling of uncomfortableness that they both felt whilst seeing the man rowing the boat. 'Damn that thing, it will spread, come you can both walk on your own.' 'Shouldn't we announce the man?' 'He'll be fine, as long as we're far away from him, we should be too. It seems

as if it's tracking me for some reason I'm unaware of.'Argus had realised that, even then, that he was almost had, running away, the bats seemed to be alarmed.'Duck!'He yelled and at a moment that was stopped, the company of three ducked below from the swarm of bats that flew, some seemingly falling and breaking apart, leaving only rocks on the bottom.They flew in pairs of eight and spread around in the cave like swarms, leaving nothing but small chunks of pure blue rock near them.Argus covered his eyes, though not entirely that he had seen both Anne and Vivian just spread around like small racoons trying to get as much of the gemstones as they could.Somewhat they knew there was something about them, picking only the purest, the most blue and the shiniest of them, whilst avoiding the rest of throwing them away.A bigger rock seemed to be taken from above, at which Argus pulled both of the back, by their rigs, each one and each time.'We need to make it to that cave!'Argus had keen eyes for the dark, or so he thought, else he wouldn't have managed to see the yellow light coming from outside an opening inside the depths.Somewhat left the lamp there and doubtlessly, it wasn't the old man who did so, as he seemed to never leave his restless place, nor have any desire to do so.Both of them nodded, with giant bumps of shiny stones hid away in both of their clothes, smuggled from below to the above city, most likely to be sold.So this is it, the reason why they're coming down here.Though Argus on the run, after managing to stay away, punching and kicking at flying bats and rocks, a cave in could or seemed to happen at any rate now.It was dangerous and getting more so with every second that passed, sharp stones, blunt ones, hitting even one another during their fall.Like anvils in the depths, the rocks made sparks and started frightening both the bats as well as the three of them.'That power.'Argus noted with a sudden interest as much as the sense of danger came through him.Sloppy seconds to say the least, as they turned and he managed to hit the lamp along the excavation tools that laid on the table.The wood was sharp as he even managed to let out some blood soon spilt.'They'll make a return, run!'He announced their arrival, as well as the departure as the rock bats, seemed to be coming, forcing themselves to follow through caverns.Still, the place was unknown to both girls despite having been dwindles for so many years in the depths.'Vivian, stay close.'Said she, whilst looking around, everything looking the same to her.Stone, upon stone, bat like a bat, even some mouth that laid closed in the distance.'They won't stop for hours at least.We need to make it upstairs and take another tunnel.'That seems to be the closest one, no funny business though.'It was at least in reach if it were for a sprint, though wherever those mouths gave into, could end up anywhere.'Oh, no, no no.Not that one.Not the bronze ones.'As they approach, Anne recognised something she hadn't thought of seen about, out of all the things they could stumble upon, this could and might as well be the worst of them all.A bronze mouth, slip opening, only one seemingly to open on its own as they were approaching, the other one having two giant metal hands covering itself up.'It's opening, this is our chance.'Rightly behind them, about some feet away was the swarm of bats, out of which some had already sparked and got in flames, at least the ones that had their meat still far away from the stone.Those that avoided the flame hard themselves sharpened after the impact with the pass, it was already narrow, even the three of them barely managed to get through.But now, it was ravaged, destroyed, almost caved in without a chance or doubt of a chance for any possible return.'Why?'Our father told us never to approach it, or get into contact with that type of mouth.Despite it being rare, he told us that they're dangerous.'We've no choice anymore unless you want to be eaten alive or abandoned.'And they felt, all three the weariness of constant effort, the promise of pain soon to come upon them if they fell.Yet, hand in hand so they'd not fall, almost like a protector he pushed them

forward, despite having hurt both previously. All was forgotten as the desolate place and the sight was soon to be abandoned and left behind. The mouth opened a final time as they approached and it seemed to wait. There were no stairs below, though worse, an empty abyss. Was it safe? Could it be safe? Argus asked himself, though either it or them, he leapt through the sprint and saw only a light from above, as he had already pushed them both in front of him. They were indeed the first to fall, almost like the balls of a chain, left to fall, in the bleak, almost smoke ravine. It was hard to breathe, though the light perished, now there was only a pale blue light and the sound of stone being smashed against metal. Echoes came after the impact, though now blue lit the place. It was indeed a long neck, transparent walls with such a sight that they could only dream of seeing. Such depths made it seem and appear like a kingdom, of stone hills, swallowed from above and claimed by kings. A statue covered too, broken and tilted by the side. 'Is it still dangerous?' Asked Argus, hearing they carry. There were empty dark spots through which he passed, though he could still feel himself falling, until a straight point and a slope. Metal, going straight forward, leading him now, as within a giant pipe, ready to be spat out. Already he had lost sight of the two girls, but soon he felt a liquid running aloud, near his hands. Lifting both his hands up he noticed that it was blood, as his eyes widened. No wound on his arms, no pain on his body, and the blood was fresh. Most important of all laid the fact that both of the girls were now gone and away, as he was thrust outside, hitting himself against something hard. Sand had already entered his mouth and nose, at last. He felt the wooden floor, fresh air, the ceiling that seemed to be harshly carved and possibly sculpted by someone, the architecture of the depths. There were some whispers, and again, Argus wondered if it could be, or not, that the girls were alive, blood on his hands, and a desire to know, he fell asleep below. He brushed it off though, even if the impact would've been enough to knock a bigger man than his build, by strength and wit alone, he forced it off. There were only footsteps audible before he regained full sight of the area and some crates around. Shadows formed as a light just laid on a barrel, as if someone was just hiding behind them at the sight of him. Despite not moving, he thought, whenever or not it could've been the two girls, hurt and hiding, misconstruing his intention once again. No, they wore long hats by the looks of it, and more than two, smaller figures hid and waited. 'Who's there?' Asked Argus, as intimidatingly as he could be, with enough breaths of air to appear twice as bulked than he actually was. He stood tall and waited now, knowing still that the advantage of knowing where they stood was more than enough to spark a bargain. Then there were the surrounding, of which he failed to recognise the mistake of not taking a look around before even deciding to engage with the rascals. It was a pitch of a voice that came from there, right as the wax was melting on the table, being lit by the candles. 'You first.' Said the voice, shrivelled by the cold, no doubt about it. Clearly not the proper voice belonging to a girl or anything like that, but a creature of some sort. Either that or the people who dwelled around wore hats with pointy ears and hid behind crates. Though the marble floor was comfortable to sit on in, he declared himself. 'Ferdinand at your service. And you may be?' No doubt that now they had the chance to trust them, first of which came out, standing tall and gloomy, with bigger eyes than expected. It was a small man, bearded with a hat of bats and feathers, all that were already processed and used for something else. Indeed the strange man looked and scouted Argus, being the only one in front of him, slightly intimidated by the stature of the man. There were most likely a few feet away, until another small one came. From the looks of it, without the moustache and all, it seemed like it was a smaller version of the man, younger, his son perhaps. 'I presume that is your son, am I correct?' There was a sudden shock as

if he had guessed something that was not short of a guarded secret, perhaps even to them, as an outsider was at hand. Thinking of that, at the right time that they were both distracted and looking only at his stature, Argus hid his hands. Not to leave a short impression at all, 'else they might presume I'm going to eat them. Still, it seemed as if, even a step forth, triggered two behind them. They were both intimidated as of yet, questioning. 'How did you know he's my son? No one else that had seen him un-introduced has ever told me that before. Not even his poor old mother, bless her. 'It was a particularly awkward pronunciation of the words he spoke, like an accent from a foreigner, though forced through the teeth and lips. Perhaps even the slightly chance of a lisp that went then and there. I need answers, thought Argus. If it weren't for the threatening hallucinations to return, he'd not make a move. Around, just further in the cave, there was already the constellation of cages in the stones, spreading across to form patterns under the arrow of his eyes. There needed to be a way out, and behind, at the end of a glance, the mouth closed and received in the wall. Speaking of which, there was no neck visible, but the pure stone. 'Where did I come from?' As he asked, he noticed that they were both, in actuality, four of them scouting him and trying to inspect about everything that was of him. They were the same height, one wearing glasses, of a pair, the other the same but cracked and pierced by a small screw that laid lodged in there. It was indeed a party, and they all seemed to be a part of something similar. Being spread apart didn't help much, with each step forth, again they backed again until he stopped. Though one of the had failed to take the hint and had run beyond a group of rocks, attempting to make a clever move and hide there. 'I can still see you, though I've no time for your games. 'They peered now at him as he walked away, between, then behind, a tall dark figure, barely grasped with his hands in his pockets, hiding them away. Even if they saw the blood there wasn't a point of showing it further. 'Wait. 'The voice told him, though not enough conviction laid in there to make him stop and follow the speech. Well, if they are to speak, so be it. Water, even more of it, fresh air, to the bottom and shapes formed in stone, like tunnels from which they came. A deeper tunnel, bigger as if something just as big was to be carried away and inside, though it and throughout. Bolder ones came and stood near the tall figure and looked in the same direction as he did. Argus take little notice of them, or their action, knowing that they didn't appear to be as dangerous as they first had been encountered. 'You go there and find out our small house. We're hard workers, me and my sons and have come through everything and saw just as much as we can, though never have we seen the likes of you before. You're as tall as bridge tower and you're just as clever as one, who are you if not a messenger from the stars?' 'Stars?' 'Yes, stars!' Towards the rock formation, at which the man pointed if one could call him that, glittered blue rocks, some whiter, other shinier, though all indeed sharing a resemblance to stars. Rocks were falling, as it was normal, from time to time, scraping and leaving a trail in the great rock formation. Even the falling stars were mimicked by the small blue dots, and the vastness of it, as it spanned across a surface that would even stand against the starriest of nights on its own. And in the moment he recalled darkness in the falling tunnel, he couldn't see any star, no glitter. Not even a light could be seen from there, no bat anywhere to disturb or to take, and despite them falling below, he saw no stone-shard nor any mark on the pristine floor. So where did they all go? 'It's a mystery to which we often wonder, who put it there, to begin with. The pillars, you see, they're still there, hanging without a foundation, twisted in spirals and marks all across them, and yet none of the stars touched them. 'They were plenty spread across the ceiling, left there by the previous, as he could perhaps think or guess, predecessors of the caverns. Those who chose to dwell behind and stay there before them, and yet,

after so many years, of which signs showed, still remained there. At the bottom laid no mark, not of dust nor of any stone that would even hint at the pillars of being come from there. Fact dictated it too peculiar, as it were, the stony floor, broken and shattered, like dust or sand on which they stood laid connected with perfection, a sea of stone, almost reflective. Yet no light to the bottom, far from their feet, Argus laid unsure. Should I walk or go beyond the tunnels? Will I hallucinate or be taken away? Perhaps the answer lay in this smaller kin, which he asked. 'Is it safe to go forth?' 'No, especially when the beast's about to come.' Exactly then, was the candle blown away, as it happened in a split of seconds. They were already on the way, managing only by the darkness, hearing only the wet splashes that were left by its awakening. Argus was grabbed by the leg and pulled only as a courtesy before deciding to follow him and hide with them in the darkness. Evil, disturbing sounds were amid as they barely managed to come inside. If it had been at least as worse as everything he had previously encountered, it wasn't going to end well. No way out, but the darkness in which he held only a small figure on which he relied on leading him to a safer spot. 'Will it follow through here?' 'I do not know, but never look back dark man or you will be taken away like the rest of them.' Tribute or not, others were lost, judging by the way they treated it, with fear and by feet alone were they carried, carrying in their heart the memory of them, said in a whisper. 'It takes our men, from out families and children and certainly, it hates when we carry out of our homes.' 'You've seen it before?' Though perhaps even more important, he felt of asking if they could see through the dark then and there, little sense did tell otherwise. By now, as they were old, it became close to being muscle memory, even if Argus felt nothing but the abyss, comforted by the glass wind and its cold touch. They lit the torch and everything finally laid revealed. Bars, long, on bridges and small holes, covered by long, time-worn iron rods and openings. Machines laid there, half-way stuck inside the wall, as if for excavation, their legs were broken, as they needn't any wheels in order to progress. And from where he stood, there were bones in the cabins. It was a giant, concave, room full of them, all so much stumbled and crossed with one another, that their twist made it seems as if they were brought from far away and merely deposited after no longer being needed. 'What is this place?' 'Shhh. Don't let the beast let you know we're here. See those spires and those upper floors? The ones made of long plates of pressure?' It seemed as if that from where they stood, air pressure and steam was still released, boiling hot by the likes of it. Furnaces, on a side, that shared the same design, on which Argus's eyes almost grew cold and pale at the sight of it. From the same design on the doors to the wooden floors, he wondered too at that. Was I here before? Though that made no, to little sense, there was, perhaps a chance of him getting out, the clouds, the falling, though there was still a city and clouds. From what he remembered, and through so many twists and ends, there wasn't much left to believe or to think of as a rational man. There was only madness ahead and atop all. Stop and beyond, even the speech laid the cage that needed to be found so he'd be free. They were now in, a few feet of dirty metal, filled with rust, and in between the rust, in the spaces on the metal walls through and beyond which they went, black oil laid. It was pure and still smelled quite bad if it were old, to begin with, or not yet another black blood of some creature who levelled there. An explanation was missed, as he looked at the man below. The others now stood closer to him, almost asking for protection from the taller, much older man who seemed, in their eyes to fear no beast. 'Now do you understand?' 'Could you repeat again? I seem to have missed it.' He threw a wicked look of annoyance and quite a bad second impression, of a dumbfounded, dimwitted man, though there was enough patience now. Again, he repeated himself. 'Look at it, as you may have seen it, the beast enjoys

walking on the platforms above and playing with its prey. There are plenty of pressure plates that make grim sounds when touched, hence why it's driving others mad. So sudden would one randomly go off, raised by the on-going pressure that it made it certainly more than hard to figure it out whenever or not the beast laid around. Well, or more than well behind it laid and roamed, and if it were to follow, perhaps they couldn't have noticed it. Even with the silence, there was steam, their whispers only but a slim and dimly hid away from its ears. Certainly, they couldn't risk any further, though nonetheless, they tried it still. 'Listen, if it draws in close, see those ones?' The man pointed at, in the least, four or five vehicles that laid lodged into stone, caught into traps, and locked away, unusable and perhaps out of the necessary fuel to start again. 'You go into one of them and open the doors, immediately after, lock yourself and count if you cherish for your life and if you know where eighty ends.' 'Why eighty? And what about the rest of you?' 'We're more than enough to fit two or three in the space there, as we were in the olden days required to manipulate the machines. Don't worry about us if the beast comes, for it will surely come for you. No offence intended, but you do seem to have more meat on your bone, a fair pick to give it to it as for appraisal.' 'None was taken, but could we move faster then? I don't feel like waiting to be hunted and forced to lock myself in a tight small space.' 'I get it alright. You're one of the folks who hates small places and being locked in there. As I am one of those folk myself a bit on my mother's side.' A chuckle in the deep wasn't enough to draw in the beast if those harsh whispers weren't, though already had they passed the machines, in which they would've hidden. Above them laid the floor now, spreading and spanning across far, and by the halfway point, if, judging by the dark, were even to be true, now it laid fragmented. Crossed, and squared, empty spaces, as for air to come through was laid open for any to see. Now, if the beast were to attack, they could plainly see it, if it even there to begin with. It was hard not to remain paranoid with those who walked around him and were just biting at his boots, looking for protection. Now and then the floor above would end and leave much and long empty spaces. Spaces that would allow someone to climb to the upper floor, or even worse, to come down. 'Look, down that point and after that gate we should be safe, at least it knows not to enter anymore.' 'How can you be sure?' Asked Argus, as he looked at him, still his name wasn't known, nor how did they know, but surely a good reason had to be. It would've been a shame to return and face a beast alone. And from the shadows it left behind or thought to have seen, it was enormous, far too much, not at the size of that towering horror. Even the thought and memory of it being free caused him to shudder and shiver. Nor air, nor land, not even the sea was safe, and certainly not even the furthest ends in his mind were as free as he thought. The more the came in, the more twists he took, the more he felt caged, and he was being reminded constantly. It wasn't just a coincidence that cages were left, set on bars with skeletons inside. 'Who were they?' Argus asked at the first sight, they seemed to have the same appearance and worn out clothes that resisted, even if they skin had left the bodies long ago, way before them. 'Those unfortunate to find a good hiding spot.' There was something else Argus had ignored, or simply refused to think off, until now. Bones, brittle, scratched and lodged, inside of them, as broken as they were, he had barely noticed, now, despite their fractures, that they shared a resemblance with the iron doors. Iron doors, the ones from those machines. He muttered to himself, as not so far behind they laid closed with marks on them, long and curved, from all sides, assaulted, yet all failed to even penetrate. Only a layer of paint was taken off, even the glass being more than safely, slightly damaged, made most likely to withstand more than that. At least, there was the certainty of. 'A howl?' He asked it was one of the smaller, slightly older men, the one who wore

the shattered glasses. Not wrong entirely, it was a piercing howl coming from behind, far away though certainly not. Everyone but Argus became less tense than him, with a sudden release of their muscles and expressions. 'Will it not come, shouldn't we run?' 'You can relax now, usually, when the howl comes, it recedes back to its territory and leaves us alone. We may even be fortunate to keep behind for some time. Perhaps you could help us scavenge some supplies before going back, right?' Their party was grabbed to a halt, Argus being, again, the dark and tall figure who stood there and waited, suspiciously looking to waste no time and certainly not his sanity. 'Well, only if you're fast and I receive a light. My eyes are not as trained as yours are, nor is my mind, so.' The group came together, neck in neck whispered, then he waited. The bulkier one of them grabbed something from under his cloth and lit it on the end of the other torch. Now the torches were in pairs and they nodded. Before spreading or even deciding, the leader of their small ravine made a moulder of dust and pieces of metal, like a totem of some kind, just in case one of them would be lost. 'It should be seen from far away, though just in case.' A small lantern was placed on the dirt made totem before going on. That could be seen from at least miles away and glittering metal had already made a point on how much further than that could the light travel. All around the scrapyard laid plenty of reflective material, some objects even left the impression that they were polished for that reason alone. 'It goes as you see it, you watch the light flicker and follow it. If it disappears or goes out of your sight, something has gone wrong and you should either make it to the hiding doors or hide away.' 'But you said the beast won't come here once it starts howling.' It was a question that almost placed the small man into a slumber-like thought. Indeed, there was something off about the ordeal, though he seemed to need them as guides, and to them, he looked more like a donkey in terms of carrying the luggage. 'Is it a deal then? That you want to strike?' On average, we're merely making for two or three bags of the useful and the glint. But with you on board, we could do so much more than we ever wanted. 'Or needed.' Came another, as they spoke of the light. Now he knew not what to expect, nor what the light meant, thought one thing came to mind. 'Wait, you've said something about the beast preying upon you and your families.' He stopped, though it was a risk, they both did seem untrustworthy despite being girls, and above that, there wasn't any possible way for the two of the sisters to stick and go past the small group and him. Everything was in his sight then and there. If there was indeed a beast that took them, it was too late for that. 'Forget it. And let's get going already, I'm afraid I've not the time to spare, so as soon as we're done with it, the sooner you can lead be through the dug holes.' There finally came the spark of joy after the confusion, there was more to this man, they thought. Tall and just as smart, he knows what to do for his own good, perhaps he'll prove more useful when brought to them. 'Come come, shake on it and give him a bag.' It wasn't a secret handshake, though almost tradition-like for them to spit upon it and go on with their doing. They shook, a bit too hard for the man as he shrieked and turned his brow, but what else could Argus do in a situation like this? With a hand as double or triple his size, he sighed and went on. 'Ehm, I'm Ferdinand, by the way.' The voice, though he failed to realise, almost triggered the spark of a caged outline in the darkest of the depths, almost like a fragment of a dark storm just being sprouted there. Still, it kept power over him, a shadow that played near the edges of his eyes. 'Boorut, Loris, Kin and Gargandum.' He said, in the order of the eye, Boorut being the one he had spoken with, Loris with a grey moustache and glasses, Kin with the broken ones. And the last, the boulder one, though afraid enough to go away, Gargandum. Just at the right time, that he'd been found, he brought and gave him the bag, wanting it to be so much more. It wasn't, as for them it might've been big, but for him and his hands and

arms, they were nothing.'Give me eight of them then.'The Gargandum, as of which of lately would refer to made a shocking sign and spoke bluntly.'We've not had that many, we've had perhaps two to spare, but only one for each of us.You must excuse us though we're nothing but a small party here and now.The others who had come had a bigger one of eighteen, perhaps even two battalions at large, to get everything in sight before they were.'"Gandum!That's enough.Listen, dear Ferdinand, you mustn't listen to Gandum over here, he's done more than plenty of tinkering in his life, to an extent, even when it comes to the recalling of stories as such."Very well, you can bring me forth to them when we're done, but.'Argus paused, looked around, all of them standing in a circle of children, listening to a story.Just the right person, laid another though, at the sight of The Grandum, he wore plenty of shirts and heavy at that and largely extended, with a heavy embroidered material that could hold something if need be to take it off.As he said now.'No, I cannot depart from my shirts, they were given to me as a gift, made by hand, given by hand and worn by the end of my hand.Please Boorut, you can't force me to do this, here and now, please.'There was a silence,

but the looks they gave one another and the switching between them. They were trained in the art of speaking without speaking and without a delay, after a long conversation of not a speech was given, he gave in and relayed onto the others.Plenty was given and taken back, exchanged between one another, small things, shiny things, things that glittered, stone and coins, suddenly and with a quickness hid away.And after, he gave in the two shirts he wore underneath.On the outside, they looked like nothing, but the feeling as his fingers touched and felt the, almost royal like silken material, it made him feel the majesty behind it.Not only did they feel like they were made for a king, but almost they seemed to be heavy and expandable at will, without a doubt they could even fit him if he stretched a little.It wasn't any wonder why he had to be paid for him to give them away, though something on Boorut's eye made it seems that he knew he'd get his investigation back.They spread out immediately, not even a glance was given back, nor return, each taking a random direction before trying to stick about.Plenty of corners laid dark for them to look around, and it wasn't any wonder than two or three managed to come up with the same idea, going around and waiting in the dark.Just a few, and he'll take it to the exit, won't he?Said a voice in the black darkness, waiting and sniffing around his area whilst having a direct view in-between the man and the tall door.A bad idea to

betray his trust, though Argus didn't seem to notice the sparkling eyes in the dark, nor was he interested in wandering alone.There was plenty of that before, though, so was the other side, with either madmen or revolutionaries.He climbed instead on the level above, and just as a voice was to yell from the dark, giving another advice, he was grabbed.'Shh, the beast has settled already so don't worry about my fair price.I've paid more than enough so don't stop me now, not until I get some of what I've bargained for.'Two coins were rubbed against one another as they looked at him go.It seemed like nothing to him, just grabbing the ledge and going just rightly above on himself.No questions asked, no one around, just a platform and old machinery that didn't seem to work.Steam came on the occasion, though it wasn't hot enough to burn his skin.'Now this is interesting.'Muttered Argus to himself, whilst getting ready to manoeuvre the machine.Tall and red, scorned by blue, multiple clocks like white spheres, though now they were more of a pale yellow than anything else.Grass cracked, though not by the steam or by pressure, those were the marks of a pipe or something blunter.'Someone was recently here.'Around it was no marks of claws if it were to come from a tiger or a mountain lion, whatever might've played on the poor fellows.Strings and long pipes, empty but for a small metal round cylinder that would've been pushed up and down

if it were to be turned on. Something even more peculiar was melted inside, most likely blocking it, black wax from what could it be noted. Argus took out of his pocket two napkins, dirty, though they weren't needed clean, as he laid the two pair of shorts around his shoulders, almost folding them to become pad-like, though not too far to ruin their forms. 'Here it goes.' It was a rubbed, wet and soft with the help of some spit, as it went off immediately at his command. And, just a few more of those actions and he took out his hand. The cylinder started moving, surprisingly, on its own, after the wax that was blocking it came off. He hadn't noticed, though there was a steam vent that laid just above his head, having seen one before in the factory, he recognised the purpose it had. At the end a pair of rods, all tied together, like chimes or bells would start making a dire sound once enough steam came to be. Think that he already started, there seemed to be more parts clogged, either draining or blocking some parts from doing their jobs. Of them, he had to get rid off and do it quite fast, those people still had him gather stuff. 'I will have my fun before I will do your dirty work.' The voice hadn't travelled far enough to be heard, nor did it matter if it did. They would've sunk their heads into the ground, though now the cogs, large ones, almost colossal, laid across the span on the wall. Whatever the purpose, it must've been important and yet Argus didn't stop from reviving the device. The napkins soon fell as he cleaned the giant cog, smashes in-between the colossus of iron and his smaller sons. 'Fucker!' He yelled, though covered his mouth soon after, noticing that more steam travelled between the pressure plates. Again, he wasn't heard, though the amplitude of his voice was more than enough to give him away. Harsher did it get once the wind started spreading the steam around, and under, and in-between the cable-like wires that were twisted above the plates started being lit by a fire red, with sparks that laid between. There were plenty enough for the cracks to spread, as the machine was barely at the start. If it were slow, the giant cogs, now they started picking up both in speed and seemingly in size. Though that was only an illusion made by the steam rising up from under him. A few steps back were taken now as the moving platform under him revealed a stream of water that was placed in a straight line in front of him. It just laid there, being pumped about, never stopping and coming from a place from his unaware. Now Argus went away, jumping from pressure plate to pressure plate, trying no to trigger any sound, plenty more just laid there, and more and more, as the machine went on, others seemed to be lit, though not entirely. Powered by steam, interesting. Argus thought with a questioning look around. They still couldn't see him from above, though it was more than certainly that they heard it go on and still. 'What is that? What is he doing up there?' Two paths crossed as Boorut and Kin came to one another, silent but in speech, he said. 'He's going to alert any little and small beast from the dampest depths out there. I hope it was worth your investigation if it meant an exchange of our livelihood. If he lights up the entire place and started the refinery, you know what will happen after. Don't forget how I have known what had happened ever since.' A dance of steam soon became the main attraction, the stairs lifted, just barely held by chains. It seems as if there was another level inaccessible, not high enough to be an extra level on its own, but something just rightly above the floor. Not long ago it was almost covered by a blanket of moss and dusk crowds, though they have long been blown away by the sweet kiss of steam. And just after, so did the pair of stairs start raising themselves about, hovering in the air with the help of steam. 'Is everything going alright up there?' It was a voice that came from below, one that could belong to any single one of them, if it were indeed one of them, to begin with, though the voice was muffled by the pressure and the slicing of the chains. Now the temperature was rising hot, as was his temper when he answered. 'Well, I'm about to head above

there and look for something you might like. I'm more than certain that there must be something there, something worth our time, or is it not the reason for you sending me here?' Prowling like a beast he waited, though made small steps. The two sharp, little pale moons just sat there and thought of it for a moment. Too long did they stay near one another to belong to anyone else other than the one who spent something on him, to begin with. 'Proceed.' He said, almost in an accent, as old as an engineer or the son of one. The ground shook and just above of him seemed to have fallen some of the dust and worms that freely used to roam. 'Did I do this?' Asked, though saw nothing else go on forth, other than the vibration that shook him seconds more. It wasn't now that he'd stop, looking just for the dark hole, standing in front of another, both of them appeared to be the same, the one from whence he came and the exit. It was much too obvious now, that as much as he judged, from both sides, he couldn't figure on his own, which one was the right path to take and the other. He needed them, and they'd not bring him with an empty hand. So up the stairs, without a fear, though they were heavy and wobbly, upon his feet reaching forth, he could feel them shake over the added weight. Argus got to be more irate, upon a burn, the sudden touch of the chain left a sudden deep pain that came to be. It left a feeling of pure anger deep inside, as he did so, the iron marbles connected upon one another, almost to the point where he could've fallen backwards if he hadn't chosen to go forth. 'Damn thing.' The steam had already almost boiled the chains, and it seemed as if it was only going to grow hotter than it was. A few steps forward and he looked back, then around. The entire area seemed to be now lit by a dark red, deep yellow, a silent bright pure green of emerald, and others gems that were now visible all around through the spaces in-between the plates. Some voices here and there, as their excitement, could only be read not heard. 'You've done it, you hear lads? My investigation already paid off in lots and lots of gems, more than your bags and your shirt can carry.' On the other side of the platform, Lin's voice ran even more freely as he was filled with greed unmet. After so much time of finding only shiny, close to being halfway rusted iron nails and screws, this was about to pay for more than enough, worth even more than the entirety of their attempts combined. There were tears in his eyes already, as he saw the reflection of bars, golden bars, long and engraved inside, from above to the bottom, sitting in a pile against two other. 'I can't believe my eyes, I must be a dreaming.' A shout followed Lin's voice as he'd be accounted forth on the next term. 'Don't get too greedy at it, for you see, everything you give and take will be accounted and shared according to the rules of our fair town. Do ye hear?' It was a piercing shout, that came to be, managing to follow and flow through vents, small pipes, anything with a hole and that was long enough to be heard. As well as he did it so, still they kept in mind. The beast, the beast, thought Loris, breathing heavily between the chamber and the antechamber that laid abandoned inside the wall. He gazed from where he stood, and it appeared to him that the darkness had eyes and peered into their darkness, boring through him like sharp needles. Though Argus was the only one who could do anything now, after looking around the smaller floor, a fence of metal, grim and pale, spiked by the side. This didn't appear like anything else that could've been made for a simple exploration, but for war, a place where resources could be taken from. Above him laid an empty blank spot, bore into stone like a hollow tower. Another one, he thought, though this one was directly set in stone. Chains held the fence and in front of him laid the main machine. Devices, long vents, levers that bore leather that could've been standing more than enough on the shoulders of a noble, a paddle, on the contrary, a few paddles, a chain device that seemed to be not working. It was a huge panel on which every part of the machine either stood or was connect to, and in return, two smaller

panels laid thrown to the left and the right. Only levels and no buttons, chains that held and chains that were much more slender, not to mention part of the machine, outstretched more leather laid like a band, ready to be rolled. Argus tried, though too much time would be taken if it were for him to stand and wait to figure everything out on his own. Especially with the presence of a beast that could've come at any moment and stricken at him where he stood, a clear path could've only been taken, which would lead to him now. Some activity was present, as he figures only now, that what he saw and thought to be a clock wasn't. It was a small measurement for the pressure that he had seen before. Now, everything round which had tongues and points where numbers were laid had problems and would more than certainly go mad or on their own. Whatever he was about to start, he was caught on unaware after the first sudden step and the dragging of the lever to the bottom. There was a crackling sound, a metal disk which was carried from right above and thrust against a trail on the wall. It made its way, shining against both the fire and the glittering eyes that looked at it as it was on its way. Not sharp enough to decapitate, it caught The Gandum at unaware and managed to boil its newly found hat, barely cutting through the material, leaving the hat hanging by the side, almost as if it was the cap on a bottle. None knew what for was the disk, though it headed towards the door and stopped for a second. Turning, almost to a curve, it rolled around it, from above to below, lighting a couple of fires in a transparent box which laid above. Both the disk stopped as well as everyone from their march, as the door had finally moved and got stuck closed, from left to right. A burst of steam came, though it was headed through the giant tower hole above, it managed to almost get Argus. 'Damn thing almost got me.' 'Are you all right sir?' From below now, he stood looking at the small conundrum in which Argus stood, surprised as well. But for what? 'You were lucky that you sealed the right end, aye, the other side would've been our only exit, which would've let us locked with the beast to defend ourselves.' There was a glimpse of sadness as the small man, ant-like from how high Argus stood, looked as if he had been struck at a loss. Either the man lost something, or his wits were leaving him before he knew it. A damn shame, the machine stopped with a sudden sprok and a thronk, the chain was all turn on the wrong side, black and ashen by the ends of coal. Water needed to come into the basin, as that was a recognisable sign he knew too well and even the pair of stairs behind of him started receding back. 'What's going on up there, why have you stopped?' 'I don't know, but hang on down there, I'll return.' 'Very well, just keep doing what you're doing and we'll turn around and check on you from time to time I hope.' There wasn't any answer, though he went along, and looked just as a rough estimate, having sealed the way back, and their bags full he gave a whistle. Like ants to the queen they came, drawn like moths to the flame and carrying their jewels and what they came, for now, they suddenly appeared. All four of them, in a row, at the totem of dirt and metal scraps, still the light came. It was no mere than a stroll for Argus, and with this safety, now. 'Now, it's time to show me where to go, I believe I've made up for my share of the deal with what you've found and not to mention. This belongs to you.' With a squint of an eye, he gave the two shirts, barely outstretched, as they had laid on his shoulder, not enough for him to refuse. And it was to him as a profit, as Boorut didn't ask for what he's spent on it back, there was plenty more, double or quite triple the amount in his bag. 'Let's make it until dark.' 'If dark comes.' Though there was more than a smile there, he looked back one last time, a grim feeling being left, he'd have to most likely return if that machine still worked as well as the machines. 'With the four of them in the league, back into the dark, they plunged, whistling all around, looking straightly above, then below, then rightly in front of him. First, he thought they'd have only memorised the trail until it revealed the sudden

drops of water, and opening, real opening through which light could be seen, moonlight to be more certain, and trees of green, tall with dirt. Some falling stones came, though he dodged immediately. 'Bloody bits, I hate them, it's been happening way too often for my comfort.' Said Loris, having a crack on his glass be spread across by the impact. Dirt accompanied and it was only getting worse now, he felt and shivered, with a grim thought. They hadn't recognised but a feeling haunted Argus for a while when he escaped, the others didn't and most likely came over with their plans to fruition. A better way, he would welcome, though now the best way of checking his sanity, if he wasn't delusional as of yet, was to feel at his waist and check for the teeth. 'Still there.' Muttered in silence. It wasn't going to take long, at the end of which, more green came, and spread around everywhere. 'Isn't this a problem?' 'Problem you ask? Hah, it's only a blessing, to have the cold and decent touch of the green plants growing underground. You know, when I was little, only moss used to grow in here and nothing else, and you must imagine just how old did that became.' 'Moss, moss, moss, that's the only thing that's on your mind, we get it. Don't pour it down his throat too.' The Gandum spoke, as dignified ended, his companions would soon reveal what they were talking about. 'The trees are about to sprout again, don't take any notice of him, he's still young and yet to understand.' 'What about trees? Like the ones I've seen before in those opening above our heads?' 'Aye, but taller and more grim and old, still growing and yet to grow even more and give birth to a third one.' The metal bits, as well as the jewellery, seemed to make clinking noises as he went on. There was an excitement that wasn't known to him about them, even before in the midst of the junkyard, there seemed to be something quite peculiar about the look in the man's eyes. 'Oh, you will more than certainly see and won't believe his eyes.' The rim was now visible and the edge of another gate through which he only needed to pass and perhaps get to their town. So did Argus think of it? Flowers and petals were soon blooming against the concave wall, rightly put, amber nodes and vessels pierced to what once used to be a stone. The outline, dark, could still be seen, as the bricks were once placed atop one another, now remained caught in the growth, lifted and snarled, entangled in the growing roots. It seemed that some tree became greedy with their growth as they grew no consideration of the surrounding area. They took what they wanted, needed, the vessels of amber, sources of water. 'There's the stream again.' Argus pointed at an opening in the wall, which was, most likely forced open by one of the ends which came out of the roots. Under it was a forged steel long path, made specifically for a stream of water to come in. 'I've seen it before in the large hall we've been.' 'Ah, yes.' Answered Gandum. He laid demoted, with his head bowed down, thinking about just how much further away it laid. 'It's nothing to be worrying about but, the water stream runs through everything, rightly from our town to the facilities and even to the trees. It's out lifeblood and what keeps our spines moving, even through these hard time.' There were some nods, now he approached Argus and stood right by him. His back was heavy and he seemed more wearily, and the glinting in the eyes made it just obvious. 'Let me then.' He took the bags and laid them on his side, carrying without a worry, our another eye on him. 'There's a debate about what do right now, you see, the water has shown signs of thinning out, and if it turns out to be true, we may be forced to cut the tree and its infant and let it die off.' 'I hope for your sake and the others that it won't get to that.' Boorut, be reasonable, you know what's best for your sons and the others, we can't risk and sacrifice their well-being for those things. 'Infant, trees, that combination didn't seem to ring rightly in his ears, especially after remembering what he'd encountered before. The edge came before they got the chance to expand the argument, revealing the stairs and a large hall for busy men and women. All working and smoking with puffs of

white and dark, light coming from a clear opening from above, which was barred, though showed signed off, even more, people working above. Small people, tall people, those like him, other that weren't. 'You lied to me.' There he turned with a dark scornful glint, looking and boring his vision through them. Gandum stopped as well as well as the others but Boorut refused to do so without giving a sign of guilt. 'It's business, it's not that often that we get people coming from that tunnel up there, but it's only fair that we've assumed you're not one of the city folk.' 'So you lied to me to have your dirty work.' 'Indeed, though I can't lie, I'm more than fairly impressed by what you've accomplished and just how far you've got to. You sealed the beast, after all, so don't knock yourself too hard.' The man had already pushed out and lit a cigar. The brand was there, as obvious as it seemed, though he had failed to really look before. As he turned, the others seemed more clear, white shirts, dragged and held by long over hills of brown and black. They seemed like the business man, carrying from a side to another, wooden containers, wooden barrels, others of various sizes and appearances. It was clear nonetheless, the bottom of the barrel, where all the workers went and to be more precise. 'You're the ones making the cigarettes, I presume.' Past him, the other three already passed and went to the bottom, getting even further way than the average worker and past everything at hand. The fruits, there were some there, though too far for him to recognise and wonder at that. Back into the lair of the beast and from where he had to escape. 'So, you've heard of it, I presume. Strange, I wouldn't have taken you for a smoker.' 'Why?' Boorut nodded to some passing men, he must've been a figure of some kind, or at least have a form of authority over them, be it the smallest or as far as it could go. 'Why I've seen how you reacted over the steam, I swear, if anyone of us came up there with you, our lungs would've fallen over.' 'So I take it that all of you partake in? Including your son?' The arms were slightly moved above his head. They both went on the stairs, to the front of the action. Despite being lit, rightfully move, the shadows fell through the bars and it was clear, past the smokers, past the light, they were testing it, moving their hands. At least a root of some kind was stretched and pushed inside. 'You know, a lot of people depend on this type of tobacco right here and especially now. Hard times are all around and were you aware? Actually, I presume you weren't from the first reaction that we were real. You don't hear about our folk above there in the big city, though we're everywhere, more than everywhere. I mean our cities and factories run as deep and as far as the land goes, I might even say that we're the living veins of the heart of the land.' Now they were in the middle, Argus could look around and see the conveyer belts, two or three, long, carrying the unrefined cherries, striding along from one point to another. Those who worked around had their hands dirty, pieces near them, aprons that were brown, and at least one to mirror his position. They worked in pairs. 'And it goes quite well. Listen, I've seen what you can do and just how well you've handled yourself out there, hence I refused to call my muscle in. Business as we're calling it, I mean, no offence.' A woman approached, brown in her red cheeks, jet black hair and a grim look, being almost as sweaty as a pig. She waited for a second, looking at Argus who barely now took a notice of her. 'May I help you?' There was a shyness, a pain in his throat. A flash of red veins in bloody red, and a cage came to his mind, there was something that he had to ask now. 'The bags?' 'Oh, sorry.' He had forgotten about them all together, looking now at his empty hands while he wondered how long it was since when had he lost the feel. He gave the jewellery back and never looked again upon her. Back to business, yet again, as the Boorut still had something else to share with Argus before letting him go. 'Well now lad, since you now know just how the wheel spins, you may have to come with me. After all, I have promised you to show you the trees.' In the midst of the smoke

and the soft whispers, he got a chance to hold his breath. The smell of that smoke still brought disgust to him, something indeed he has always hated, ever since a child. 'Was it a lie too, the trees? Should I presume.' 'You may indeed presume whatever you may like, but that alone I could never hide, nor will I, you see, the problem still runs on and on. There are two of them, but just not enough water from the source for either or any of us to go on to.' 'The machines?' 'A means to find another underground water source and to replace the old one. You may find it hard to believe but we're at the point where we exhausted it beyond any means of revival.' 'And you failed to find another one.' 'It's not over yet, but you saw it yourself, water is needed for water to be brought in. We got quite greedy and stuck in a loop.' 'Then why not ask from above? I've been there, almost lost myself in the maze, why not ask for water from there?' Though one thing was said, another one felt. Boorut didn't get to see it, though what Argus said couldn't be reflected in his eyes, not even close to it. A lie, dirty, though to the point, the man believed him. Nothing else Argus said or done lead him to believe otherwise, though reality remained still for a second. Evil, evil man, with no guilt for what he's done. He's just as vile as the rest of them, why should I feel so bitter about doing so? About abandoning them, or even. There was a glance, yet another mistake Boorut had done, he failed to look or take Argus serious for what he's been doing so far. His glance returned after going through the smokes, through darkness and past the gates, in the tall room and everywhere else. I must release the beast, Argus thought. He brushed right on and opened the door for Boorut, to the point where he put off the smoke. There was some class at least in him, even here, when they entered the field. Green, as far as he could tell. 'You've recreated fields? Here? How?' There was a shock in here and there, Argus himself haven't thought or seen anything like it, walls of stone and dirt squared off, hills that were sharp around the edges, though round and green around the top. If it weren't for the stones above the ceiling, he wouldn't have believed that they were still underground. Though it was certain that they were no longer in the facility. 'It's nothing of our own, unfortunately, just where we throw and get rid of our garbage.' It surprised him, especially since everything looked so clean and clearly taken care of. 'Green above the rubble, just go ahead and take some of it off.' This was a leap of faith, after starting to take the grass off and dig some of the dirt, it was revealed that in-between it laid a moulder of thrown stones and marks of green paint, metal, rusting and dirty rags. Even, through everything that laid there laid a hole, almost like a tunnel and seemingly something inside that peered at him. Before the glance on the skin and just how far it reached below and spread, the dirt started to stretch around the marks and covering everything up. Grass grew onto everything before the image of the growth came to be. 'And it grows right off, without a doubt or question asked. Is it not a marvel? Though it's not our creation as per say, it is for our use and ours alone. It's quite well, that lady fate had shone on us all to give us the means to stay in here and deal with our small problem of space and junk like this. You see, this was always a problem.' Boorut strolled and went on, as if it was nothing to him, going in a straight path, then around the bushes, just waiting for Argus to come near and follow him. After having reached the same level, he went on, though caught at an unaware. 'Where does everything lead to?' 'I do not know and do not care. As long as it just keeps taking, I will keep feeding this small branch of land.' 'Quite interesting that you've got everything all figured out. Or should I say everything but the water.' 'Indeed.' There was an evil smirk left on his face, at a level they started understanding one another. Both figured then, that there was more than a layer laying on each on them. 'Now, will you help me in this partnership of mine?' 'Will you let me decide once we're done with the grand tour?' 'Of course, I will, do not take me for one who's

not up to his promises, and hear me now, I do owe you for those gems we've found."Why haven't you lit the machine yourself?Or with one of your underlings.You seem to have muscles and plenty to throw around."And yet, everyone falls afraid when it comes to the beast.It's quite a simple excuse or even explanation, but that's the truth.That's how it is sometimes, you've to go the wolves to throw the sheep around, but you can't send them to fight in the pits with lions."So it's a lion then, at the bottom of the ravine?"Bigger, stronger, faster, and everything more.Ferdinand, you've done plenty of jobs there, though there was a giant risky move, to manoeuvre the machine like that and close the only way it had here."And I presume your families were not attacked."Nay, though it did slow us down and mangled a couple of our most valuable employees.You see, it's quite hard to get good folk around here, let alone, pay for new machinery and new belts, to move around the working place."So it's much cheaper to let them get mangled if risk comes at hand.'The stones now crumbled under pressure, though it had nothing to do with the green system he had created.It was much more than that, he might've known, he must know.Argus could see now, truthfully asking him, seeing as the door behind was closed and no guard or anyone laid around.A risky move to be left alone with him, even though they were both standoffs familiar to one another.'Are you in league with them then?'Vague, but not enough that he'd not understand.It was now that the dark expression on his face grew a lot grimmer, the grey under the moustache becoming ash like, burnt to the bottom as he sniffed around.More wrinkles were visible, popping just now because of the stress.Argus continued, almost immediately, seeing just how much it took him to respond.'I'm talking about."I know who you're talking about."There was a silence that was needed and asked for by Boorut.He lifted his hand and covered his face with the adjacent one to take some of the sweat and brush it off the grass.'I presume that you're not just a dumb tall man who just found his way by accident here?"Not exactly.Though I must admit that I've been in league with them per say.'The words came to his ears like music to the blind.Almost with a jump, he sprouted closer, grabbing Argus by the ankles and soon after said.'Oh, my good man, you've got no idea just how much it pleases me to hear that.Some of them came just through a couple of hours ago and used the cable car to get through.'Cable car.'Where?"Whoa, whoa whoa, hold on a second now.'Suddenly, after brushing his hands now off his knees, as much as he used the material to wash off his sweat from his hands, he looked around.No one in sight, though Argus seemed to not give any threatening vibe whatsoever.'How can I know that you're in league with them then?"I know the names of the.'A bunch of names, titles went through his head at that moment, leaders, commanders, captains, revolutionary.Revolutionary, that seemed to ring the most in his head, leaders of the revolutionaries, masters of revolutionaries, heads, chiefs, administrators, and more.'The?'Boorut asked, tired of waiting. It was true that perhaps, he couldn't recall it.'Jane.'The first one kicked in immediately, she was almost as known as him, the man who accompanied her, the one with a gun.In his memory, his face was blank, dark, almost empty, wiped from his memory and his own reality.Jonathan, Argus, Agamemnon, Sam, Lenny, Burton, R. Barnabee, George S. Vanguard, he tried them all, forced into his mind and in that empty spot, that abyss in the headless man who dragged him along.'Yes, Jane, you know her, that's indeed quite interesting.'There was sweat for no reason, despite not feeling threatened by the man, he still had just enough to make his trip and make it for the door and he'd be caught.He resumed the walk before Boorut got the chance to ask again, without a second looking back, he sprinted, dashed, forced himself to go further away, and then stopped and looked back.'Are you coming?'Argus asked, covering his sweat with just another layer, only as a distraction, a cover up for his stress.He

won't find it out, he cannot find it out, I must be sure he will not find out who I am and what I've done. There was a man that was dead because of Argus, and he knew well that this one, who was in league with the others wouldn't soon forget what was to come. 'Before you go, Ferdinand, one last question, before we resume the rest of our tour.' The man got his lips even wetter than before. There was something inside of Argus' mind that made him go, despite how much of a bad idea it now appeared as. As much as he wanted to think and believe that it was his idea to run away, it wasn't. Something wanted him to fail, for Boorut to go on and put the wolves on him. What was it? What did it be? 'Why does it feel like this when I'm here?' It felt so much more peculiar, so much worse than it had to be, it shouldn't have been like that, but it turned out to be. A betrayal of his own. And the question came, at a standoff between Boorut and Argus, in the middle of nowhere. 'What is the name of her husband? What is Jane's husband called?' It was clear who he was talking about, and the only thing Argus needed was the right combination of letters. Even now, in his mind, the same set of even happened for at least twenty or thirty, his lungs filled with air, breath slowed down, tackling the man to the ground and forcing him through the bottom of the floor where he'd sleep in the rubble, crushed by stones. But with each impulse, his feet were wearily planted, this was not meant to be. That was a path for someone else and what was left for him was to answer a simple question, or even more plain. To tell the name of the man who attempted to shoot him in the back, the reason why he was here now. 'Victor is his name.' Though he was wrong, in the end. 'I'm afraid you are wrong.' The realisation came much slower, even when Boorut, predictably turned around and walked slowly, knowing that Argus wasn't going to react. Whatever anger laid in Argus' eyes, not it had long passed away and vanished. The door slammed, and he regained for a moment, as he ran to the other side to check on the door and see if he could pass through. 'Plenty of time remains.' His voice seemed to be deeper than before, almost cave-like, having remembered even the number of steps they had taken. Boorut was a prideful man, still thinking of Argus just a dumb underling he could use, then tossed aside. He'd not call the other from the side of the room from which he came from. No, the light in his cigar died off, in the slight mist, when Argus' realisation died off, along with the light, he saw it perish to the bottom, falling through grass and dirt. On the other side, it was obvious that he took some extra seconds to lit up another cigar and cherish it for some seconds before going ahead. While doing so, Argus kept at it, safely right in front of him and tried his chances as the door. 'Locked. Damn lock.' There were at least two or three attempts to force it open, just to be sure that it wasn't just rusted or hardly joined. No, no, this couldn't be happening now, he's going to call the others and force me to go ahead back. It was more than certain, his intentions more than transparent, yet now, even while he was making his way there, no sweat was visible on Argus. He was both pale and calm at the same time, no hunger, no thirst and no other distraction, other than the view of the door which was now closed, the memory of the one which stood behind him. And, utmost, out of everything and every possible chance, the green field that spread across, almost out of his vision. He stopped below now. Boorut just started his leap, slowly, then getting faster with each step, until he'd reach his wolves. They heard it immediately, the command and knew exactly where Argus laid. They went past Boorut and kept going, much faster and clearly more alert than he had been. Two hands came to the bottom and started digging where Argus stood. Not enough space for someone with a bulky build, not to mention that the hole could've laid anywhere ranging from the entirety of the field. And to top it all, no evidence would've been left. The door slammed and both just came through and looked around. Like eagles, they scouted the area, and waited, smoke running now

through between, a trail which only now dissipated and went away.'That man, find him, quickly now.'Said Boorut, as he came forth, looking just plainly and trying to judge where he went.It didn't come immediately, the thought of where he went, but there was something that would soon despoil the green land.A thump, the sound of it just reached a hard bottom, and Argus just threw a look ahead.It wasn't too clear in the dark, but someone had thrown a torch.Two stones, he found in his immediate vicinity, by feeling alone with his hands.Argus picked them up and ignited the torch, which was a risk on itself, if they heard or knew where he was, they'd only have to find another way and follow the source of light.Everything laid in ruin, thrown leaves upon dirt, stone, the growth of roots and plants.This was more than a dump spot, it was the point where they had abandoned everything they didn't need, but for another reason alone.The roots of the plants were long, even as he came near then, and walked just around, he saw that all of them were connected and cutting through metal and stone.Plants that were fed by anything and everything they could succour and everything worked in their favour.Everything but this.He could move freely, unbound, walking through without fear of being seen or smoked about.Clean air, despite seeming like a fantasy of some sort, if he tried looking through, and now he could not head back.That was more than clear, not only because he'd be found, but also since the path ahead now leads down.'What a turn.'Argus said, his sound slightly muffled, shuffled into leaves that feel from above.It was a ceiling made of metal and of leaves, roots, grass that came to the bottom layer, though sparked no meaning and no other thought.They were all too far away to be ignited, nor was there a chance for him to do so, even if he wanted to alert them.No, this was a worse situation than he believed, not only would there be a slope, getting more and more abruptly dangerous for him to go without a rope, but to where?He stood on his bottom for a second, knowing too well that they would most likely brush it off and go past the door, thinking he ran through and lockpicked it.Some marks intentionally left on the door knob, of which he made sure to leave some dirt behind, all around it and the point where the key would be inserted.It was either that they'd take the bait, or try to dig him up.Either way, he wasn't in any hurry, none at all, if it meant risking to fall into the Abyss and lived there dead and forgotten, without even realising if it was a fever dream or worse.His punishment for the crimes committed.'Two teeth remain now.What else is it to do?'They glittered into the torch, which was panned, left against a stony rock that laid just rightly near him.It was quite daunting for a moment to look at it like that, two teeth, they'd just go for a faint of a burst of flame, perhaps something even stronger if he decided to combine them.'It would be over soon.'The edges now seemed more than sharply aware of his thought, if they were simple, and barely dimmed into the dark, round around the edges, almost like the stretched teeth of a child, wore down by the long road he'd been on, now they were much more changed.Sharper, bent, almost like hooks that seemed to be stretching in front of his eyes, trying to get a hold of him, even while he laid in the process of deciding.'If I am dead, he cannot take me, not now, not after.This is where my freedom lays, from them, my brother, my.Friends.'The last part seemed to have had a stronger kick to it in the past.Now, it hadn't, it's been a while since he had someone around that stood for enough to call him a friend.The voices beyond the walls were so much more relatable.Even now, just above the torch, the hallowed spot left inside a root looked like a window, near which he could approach and listen.Without knowing what they looked like or said, without having to remember the worse part he's seen, only to hear and try to figure out what to do next.'We need to escape.I believe I was the one who said it then, perhaps not in that order, perhaps not to those people.Why was I brought there?Why was all this road

connected to this place? Everyone refuses to answer my questions, they're all leaving me in the dark. Agh. A snarling terror came from the fire, which almost smote the tip of his beard. It managed to take his gaze off the doused vines as he stumbled closely on the downward slope. He was now heading down, whenever he wanted to do so or not. The torch was left behind and not only alone but also it was given a fair shot at the vines. Argus knew nothing and stumbled like a drunk man, seeing through a blue pale opening which left some light to come in from above. Only the highlights, blue as they were laid on the edges of the plants, left there to stay and guide Argus. 'I got you!' Came to his voice full of slight relief, it was already hard for him to go on like that that, left in the shimmering beyond. Voices from above came, as he passed on, and they were many, much more joined even by a left and a right, taken as he was guided by the blue overnight. The taste of the sea in his mouth reminded him just how much the time had passed, they were drops of water which fell from above. 'Just in time.' He said while letting it be open and drinking as much as he could. It has been a while, he thought, even more than he expected it to be like that, and to top it, it wasn't even full of salt as expected from the sea. But the water was below, the river, the underground was just around the corner, which he took and followed, now through a cooler atmosphere. Colder air, and by another curve, he saw a small opening, left through the roots. It was made by the hands of a man who came the same way he's come to. So obvious, the finger, the finger are there. Argus muttered to himself, looking now and seeing clouds, the same giant clouds, buffed nimbuses in the underground, in the same area from which the grass grew back. Could there be? While asking, now he knelt to the bottom and looked above, and fairly, over the sky and clouds laid the stones there too, hidden by the mists and the clouds that had managed to grow even thicker and grow higher. 'What are you hiding Boorut?' Quite well, the man had done for himself, now Argus pondered. He failed to see the magnificence of it but managed to see past it somehow and now wondered. 'Why all this and for what reason?' The hole was just far and wide enough for him to stick his nose and take a sniff, one or two, perhaps a few more than intended. It must've been the altitude, which meant it went even deeper, but there was no doubt about it, they managed to cover the smoke coming out of the cigars to clouds and nimbuses. A coughing feat came to his face, it was clearly having the same poisoned effect on him, even though he tried to defend himself from it. Not even his hands could defend what had already entered his lungs and started an attack. Argus could only turn around and see the skeleton left there, a helmet made of leather on him, his bones were dry, it could've been a man or a woman, middle aged or perhaps younger than that, but fit with an uneven fate. To die here and be forgotten, let alone to suffer in the dark. If there was an escape, it wasn't here. 'I don't suppose you'll need this anymore.' As he untied the small bolts that held the helmet together around the skull and pulled it away, it was obvious that it must've been almost suffocating the poor thing whilst being alive. 'It's all right, you can breathe freely now.' But the jaw dropped and the neck cracked and fell down along the dust. There was a thick leather suit that was let and blue overalls, just as the light that came from behind. 'You were the one who dug out the hole. Without you, I would've never managed to find out where I am.' Which also means that I'm more than aware of where I can go. It was clear, that somewhere just ahead laid a small room, made of wood, clean, with many of books, just hiding in the set of underground towers. And elevator perhaps. 'Everything seems to mirror reality in the dreams I've had. Even you.' Looking at it, the helmet seemed wider, the bolts and the small band that held it together reminded him of the small bag he carried along. Some were stretched, others were not, but his initial goal didn't seem to die off. 'Off I go now.' And his head was no longer cold,

he felt fine dwelling in. And just above, the search went on. 'Find him, I want him found and tied and fed off and set to the dogs to carry hard weight. Do you hear me? Immediately!' It was a tall man, black hair, a moustache that overlapped a beard and accompanied by a frown. There was something crooked about his long teeth and the way he looked at his surroundings but he did more than fine for himself. A third belt laid on his fat belly and his furry cloak. 'Captain of the guards, sir, I've just responded to the other guards and just sent them forward with the orders.' He was standing just fine in front of Boorut, playing with his moustache and dreams of advancement. The only one in the room who wasn't smoking at the moment, two giant cylindric forms covered by metal bands and rubber lips, were pulled right near him, almost crying to be turned some more. It made everything he said quite hard to hear and understand, though his superior didn't need much to read his lips. 'Well? Are you going to join them or not? I'm not paying you to stand around and recite me what I've clearly instructed you to do.' 'Yes sir, immediately.' The pairs of tall and short just stopped ahead, while, at the same time, so did the machines. 'Shh, turn the combines on again.' Whispered a voice, and rightly, just as it was said, the machine started again, going up, then down, laid vertically, it resumed its pumping, just as everyone else resumed their work once Boorut caught a glimpse at what they were doing. It was a painfully awkward moment for all of them, especially since they all knew something bad was happening, and he was in a worse mood than ever before. None of them expected less from him, even if he remained their boss. Deceitful, manipulative, even of his own son, now Boorut was returning to his emporium. The heart of the city, the town, the underground kingdom his ancestors build, now laid, past everything he had created for the harvest. The gates beyond the room were almost giant like and they needed to be opened by at least two or three who came closer before hand and grasped and pulled and didn't throw a dark glimpse at him. Normally, the guards and the employees of the other would be required to take the back doors, the side doors and get through by any other mean than him. And Boorut did it without a shame, making them work extra hard for it, to be done on point and immediately at it. It was hard work, though they opened it, leaving the rest to cower under the strong light. The round hall was enormous, almost at the level of a damn foyer in the city just above. Not much of it did it help, the fact that the two trees stood like towers, mirroring one another, white, green, pale with brown leaves and the cherries just growing at a constant rate. And another cigar was unlit, he threw it right away, and it was picked up from the ground just as such. 'No smoking in here.' 'I know.' Despite being in command, even he abided to the tall guards, clad in armour, stretched and sharpened metal, like long axes of steel and silver, runes spread across. One wouldn't even think of finding such armours here and now, yet they appeared from nowhere, only to guard the trees. Two at the iron gate and two across the split set of stairs, one across each end, standing just right, and across the circle a total of eight standing mirroring one another. The last two were almost closely invisible, walking only in the dark under the leaves, stalking and preying under the stars in the night. And indeed there was, just round now, as light from above faded, furnaces and cigars unlit, the lids were covered, the ends from which light came closed on their own. 'Shh. Three trees are sleeping.' Said a multitude of voices, and it was just the time that the others went on their breaks and at the end of the shift. 'If it.' 'Shh.' The closest guard whispered to Boorut, a silencing roar, a menacing tallness that made him look like a tower, rather than a man if a man indeed stood inside. They were nothing alike his wolves, no break, not at day, not at night, not stuttering at times, though the only thing that made him uncomfortable remained, other than their ever growing presence that they did not tire. Soon he was left alone

with the guards who all resumed their standing and watchfulness. Swords and axes laid in sheaths on their sides, along with sheath and a curved one, both of which had metal handles seemingly from the same material. Boorut kept walking and staring with his wicked glances, right past them. It would take a good while for his presence to leave the place as he was reminded that it was indeed a large hall. A few breaks were plainly required, and luckily for him, seated like blades in sheaths, he laid some bread inside a pair of napkins that were crosshatched for protection. Though eating there alone made him uncomfortable, he still laid aware, looking around and hearing nothing but the disturbing silence, he remembered. It was at least when he was a child and his people stood there, just having discovered it. 'Papa.' A voice rang in his head, though it wasn't his father, he stood along his parents after everyone entered the hall. 'Hold' There laid two guards, the same one perhaps, exactly as described by the writings of the first people who dwelled inside the caverns. It took only a few moments for them to release the first interlopers from their grasp. 'I have the seal of my great-great-ancestor! It is here.' Boorut recited it as if it was a holy text, whispering it in the dark once the bread took some of its effects. Quite arousing in a way, as the bread was deeply sunk into the water of the tree. Known to less of the effect or from where it came, it was indeed a delicacy in the world above, sweet bread that had enough it into arouse even the biggest oak, to the smallest squirrel that came inside of it. Yet, he said it as he remembered, once again, thought this time, not in his memory. 'I got the seal of my great-great-ancestor! It's here. Take it!' And the arms were laid low, as for the fangs, lowered as well. They went on their knees immediately, as if presented a coin by royalty. The others from below, despite being roughly aroused by the situation, soon released and stood silently in the watch. No word was said but they were welcomed. 'Indeed, kneel and release your weapons. Right now, off with them.' The sound they made echoed in a hall that laid covered in dust and haunted by silence. Other than the trees, there still laid an eeriness that tried taking jabs at them. Small insects, small desires, an empty broken glass and distractions that laid, trying to catch them at unawares. It came as no surprise though that they wanted more of it, the feeling of being in power. 'Ludwig von Boldag, keep that in mind when referring to me, for I alone am the master of the seal and what our ancestors. Your masters created.' 'That's madness, to call yourself.' 'Seize him now before he touches me.' Despite being knelt and to the bottom, the lifeless suit moved with a swiftness that was unknown to one who had waited for hundreds of years in the dark. Indeed, it was more than expected as it grabbed the man before he could jump and attack. He had a knife, though, despite his best attempt, it bent and cracked as it was swung against the armour. 'No dent, but. But, how?' The man couldn't ask now, as he was thrown in terror, immediately his hand was broken by a quick stretch that sends a shiver through his arm. Soon that shiver spread through the bone and his entire arm, up to the ribs cracked, then came the spine. The gurgling of terror was horrible, to watch by the explorers in the back, and even worse for those who laid in the dark and couldn't see what was going on. Those who were the closest in the row managed to hear as well as see the spine getting smashed as well as a part of it outside of the body, broken and left close to the floor. The blade was also shattered just before the shards slowly fell and bounced near his body. Despair fell on them, but there wasn't any cry of fear or pain, but obedience. The man stood there, just looking at them with a glimpse in his eyes. 'Pick up your weapons.' Now echoed in the hall. Before they could protest, Bjoormund, a white-haired man, tall and heavy stretched his arms to stop the others from advancing forth. Though they were afraid, it was clear that they were confronted by a madman now. Bjoormund asked while pushing his son further behind. 'What do you intend on doing

with that?"The insignia, run as it were, stood between them and the armoured guards who were under his command.He grinned."Then he grinned.'Finished Boorut, at least for a while.It was going to be a long night and the memories were fading away as he made it on the other side, closer to the passage and into his room.A small desk, not fits for one such as himself, though there were no alternatives, as this wasn't meant to have them living inside.Smaller, it was his bed, as he strolled inside, same old robes waited, slightly warm, and warmer still to become.It was intentionally left wet, so he thought, it would be easier to find out just how much warmer will it get.The water which ran around them, through the walls and ceiling, at the bottom and everywhere else kept everything cool, and something was heating it up.The profits were doomed to die at the end of the flame, and even worse than that, the guards, who know how they would react to such news and what they'd do.One thing still disturbed Boorut then, leaving that man Ferdinand get away and roam everywhere.He knew they all did see his bloody hands then, and it was present once again on the stained rag filled with jewels, they all saw just how bloody his hands were.They'd look more thoroughly after the night was gone, but as for now, even Boorut wondered why he decided to trust the man.A tall dark man who popped in then popped out as if it was nothing for him, sealing the entrance, free of fear, blood and a dark gloom present in his eyes.Such thought only made him more tired, up until he gave in and fell asleep, closing both lids and worrying no longer.He was safe, the door was closed, and no lockpicker could get through, of that he was more than sure.The beast was far away as well, stuck inside, blocked, sleeping as well.It was just as silent on the other side, where two girls were walking, not touched by the weariness of the journey but lost, lost, ever lost in the depths.The way out was no more, the sound of snoring coming out from the cavern was deep, dark and treacherous.Both, again were silent, trying to not disturb what laid just further away from their zone of comfort.Plotting came still.'How do we get out then?Our sister is still waiting?'I've told you already, Vivian, I'm not sure.That tunnel leads to nowhere and the mouth through which we've gone through has long been gone.I've told him not to get through there.'Her sister was yet again in the mood for crying, yet she remained almost abstinent from it, afraid it would arouse whatever laid with them.'We've barely escaped those winged rocks and still, they might dwell there awake, if the old man hadn't already gone, just like that.'She paused, knowing that if she were to open her mouth even wider and for longer, she'd only fall under dark speech, proud and evil, like the man who dragged them there.'We know all the tricks.'Said Ann, looking just around the rock, and by the shadow, seeing the figure laying on the ground.It was hard to tell just how tall it truly was, but then again, she'd not cross the sea of marble, it'd make too much noise for either of them to get out.'We know all the tricks and turns and devices abandoned here, we just need to find the levers hidden in the stone.Just hold on a little longer.'"But I'm tired and.'Vivian could barely hold still, breathing through the harsh dense air, cold and uncovered by no blanket.It was just as hard for her to stay as much it was for her sister to take care of her.Burden, she thought, I couldn't be called anything other than that.Both were hurt and have bled more than enough, yet the beast remained sleeping and unaroused.'Keep covering it with the dirt, I've got a bad feeling that if it wakes up and follows the trail.'A look was thrown up and down, her sister couldn't keep covering herself in layers of dirt anymore, they'd only be taken away and washed by a layer of blood.So on and so forth.Dirt hands came upon the wall, going up and down, all around the place.From time to time, she'd get closer only to leave a warm breath on the wall and try to reveal, any outline, any crack, there had to be something, even in the dark.But both were tired and slept away, against boxes and on the hay

that laid abandoned by whoever laid around. For them, barely now came the night, past them, just above, through stone and further through stone, they were looked for. It was a small community, though it had been too late. Two girls were missing and a mysterious figure broke through. Hours ago, perhaps more than the normal amount wanted, there had been a meeting of eleven inspectors of some sort, three guards and a captain, all baffled by what they've found. It was broken and cut through a cabinet and a secret entrance that was soon discovered and planned to be investigated. 'From the looks of it, there was a fight, and a struggle, something a lot worse. Though there are no signs left to signal or give us a clue whenever or not two children were taken away and dragged there.' 'We cannot exclude that though.' It would take a lot more than some mere inspectors to get the approval and get someone to go through. And even more obvious it remained for the guards to know that there was no possible way to legally and off the papers go himself down there with nothing else than a lamp. Yet others seemed to be turning their backs and nodded right away. None were heartless, at least not as such as they appeared to be, claiming still some decent as they turned just seconds before. Only one of them stood near him, reading off his metal trinket, the name written in a tongue, just like they used to do it in the past. 'Malcolm.' The old inspector read it was the name of a middle-aged man, strong, and perhaps in his prime. Even the clothes he was wearing seemed to be more than his older and much wearisome comrades, a perfect fit for the task. 'You understand that this must remain between and only between these ears and these eyes.' That behind, which had nothing to do with it, turned their backs as well, standing by the door, like guards at a treasury, listening with both their ears and their eyes. Whoever came near the door and decided to eavesdrop at the door would only be greeted by the slamming of the door, which did more than grant a reputation to the people from below. Bad habits spread quite fast around them, almost as fast as the thought and speech of the deed. And Malcolm knew better than the rest what it meant, he'd be called disappeared at least two days after he set down there, and perhaps even suspected of kidnapping them alone. 'It's a risk worth taking.' 'Who could say any more different than him or deny his chance? He set out immediately, as he jumped, seeing how the shelf was cut in half, water just below, and alcohol just running in. It's scent was obvious, but so was the one of skin, luckily for him he took the lamp and set forth looking for two girls and perhaps something more. Though night had to come nonetheless hours later, which they all knew, doors closed, everyone left for the time being, and below ran one of their agents, running without a break, pushing the limits to find the missing girls. Even further, to the highest of peaks, it was just moments when they arrived, still in the nick of time, just before Argus had gone and landed where he laid. 'Damn it. We've lost another one.' Said a man in muffled speech, stopping their tracks so they'd notice. It was somewhat a mystery that one of them escaped without a notice, popping out of existence and with another one lost in the great tunnels, it already seemed so much shallow. He nodded nonetheless and they continued, going through. There laid a bell at the top of the door, which already rang. It was quite difficult to go through the maze and waste no time, and already they came at a loss. The first thing though, the man leading the small group looked at the clock. 'There's still time.' Said the creaking in the soundless cloak covering him. The smoke that was around the emporium already took some of its effects. Old robes, which they wore now turned into the coloured, pale, protection grabs which they first equipped. The emporium owner knew well who they were and what they were coming for. The others that had nothing to do with it turned blind eyes to them, while the bolder ones who were even more distant than the others turned even a much further eye from it. Word spread fast everywhere and this had no excuse for it, dangerous,

dangerous people, managing to twist and destroy, it was long now, until they'd get to the leaders and take over the city, and yet they remained unknown. The emporium had appeared small from outside, though from inside it appeared to be a fortress inside a mountain, all brands, all sides, different doses of cigars, all laid from every possible angle for every kind of man. Tall, dark, old, young, even non-smoker, lady, queen, or even revolutionary, it was all given and asked for, in return which it builds what could be closely called an empire. The front operator strode to the side and opened a small door. A pair of Five or six came through if his eyes didn't deceive him now. "Weren't you supposed to be more?" Though it was answered with silence, cold, cold silence that was only warmed up by the rising smoke from those cigars that were lit inside. It had rained earlier, though now they were dry, coming even further inside. He opened the door for them and gave them only the slightest instructions. 'You take the front, the keep going down the stairs, take the first two rights and open the first door you see. It has a red mark and two hands on it, painted with purpose and on top of it red. After that, keep strolling forward and take it to the east until you'll get to a pair of eight doors.' When they got there, they found themselves sitting in a room which had eight doors, all lined in an arc, having the same appearance but for some runes written on each on them. 'When you get there, take the third on your right and open it. You're going to have to go one at a time to get in further, and tell the password.' Of course, the password wasn't said out loud, though they had somewhat of a reputation, they were dealing with dangerous men and women, against which ears would just attempt to listen and grasp at what they were trying to say. Hence, all was spoken before, the information given just freely before. 'Ilyiabad.' And the door opened, though there was no time for each of them to go one by one. A moustached man, darkly tempered opened the door for a line of people who forced themselves to go further without a sound or glimpse from him. Already, a few steps inside and they were close to the heart of the emporium, well, perhaps more like its throat. Still, a working hour, the man behind being mad at it, though there was nothing else he could do but file the papers, no signature this time. They were expected, so it was even less than he could do but turn, like others did before him, a blind eye. Just another added to the pile. If they were just slightly slower to appease the passing of the time, they would've met Argus, though, in the end, they did not. As they made their way, just to another guide, who brought them further away, past the two bridges and the tower which was bent just downwards. They passed through rock which appeared to be dark and sharp, close to appearing more like black metal than rock, and after a rest at the closest inn which laid in operation, they continued. Indeed, they have dug a lot more in the bottom than expected. If one were to come from above with no knowledge of the place, he may get the impression that it's just another wing of the city, for the architecture resembled, to the point that it was not a mere coincidence that they were so much alike. Stolen, most likely, taken away during the original construction phase, parts of the buildings, merely painted so they wouldn't appear to be much alike. Broken windows or completely removed, for it did not ever rain. It went so deep, and on a slope, that it appeared as if there was an avalanche or an earthquake which swallowed and remained in the process of devouring the city ever since. And all was kept in secrecy for the people there didn't leave the place. Hence eyes were almost always stricken on those people dressed in their armoured clothes, hiding their faces and what they were doing. 'Mother, the bad people are back.' Augustus, watch your tongue. 'Children would be soon taken behind and hid, the parents knew what those people were doing and why. For there once was another great manor, taller than others, just as well as the ancestors who lived inside of it died and made way for the next generations to live in, so

did theirs do the otherwise. The revolutionary blood ran along and crept in their veins, up the tallest ladder, the tallest spiked tower bent by metal and forged in stone, then coming to the bottom of them all. All was done under the veil of their will, and so was the community created and hid away. Back to the emporium, their task was the most important to the core, it was the point which took to their two worlds, for even the guards, the captains and their military power turned a blind eye if it means dealing with their addiction. Soon, it was to become even closer, even better, for the bread managed to take their desire of sweet away, the smoke their breath. No longer would it take that they'd discover, how to bottle the very essence of the trees, and with it, the very essence of addiction. Below, the little man stood sleeping, in his mind a dark dream. He saw the bottom, down to the roots, up to the city, all broken in an upwards growing scar. From it, the essence would spread like blood and from the bottom, on the throne of grass and rotting trees, he'd stand ruling over them all. Watching the sun shine over his jewels, covered in a cloak made out of the beast, where they'd pay tribute and worship him like a god. So were his dark dreams, to push them beyond being able to think for themselves. 'Just a little more.' Spoken in a dream. Yet despite this and all of his efforts to push the products, all was quite above, even further away, where horses ran on hills, grass grew still and nothing even appeared as if it had happened there. No traces, no words, it was almost as if it hadn't existed, to begin with, such a mansion, such an old structure that was meant to be tamed, now lost. Just like Argus and the cage. 'Cage.' Awakened, he looked around and saw the light still coming through from the spot he just found. It's been a while since he went on and returned, though the night passed quickly. The bones were dry, but the material on in felt soft, enough for the feeling of a cushion to be taken in effect. Only a night was needed for him to be rested as he decided to go on and around. There laid a door, covered in roots and what not just waiting around the corner. He had felt it a night before when he had decided to wait before trying to figure out what laid on the other side. Some chains were held on each side, and since there was no handle on which the door could be opened from, it was obvious what the mechanism did. They'd have to be pulled manually before he could go on the other side of it. It was just enough that they most likely stopped looking for him, even with the obvious spot and his disappearance left no track nor any witness, he manages to do it. Luckily too, there were just enough meters of rubble and of dirt between him and the closest human being, so none would get to hear his struggle. And it took a while and just enough an effort to go through and pull the door open. The light came from there, and it seemed to be a room. A clear floor to the bottom, polished as it seemed, which only came as a surprise as he saw it come in contrast with the dust he was one, the grey and his brown boots, covered in another shade of a pale brown. His breathing slowed as he went on, they seemed to work in unison, on one side, where he could suddenly pull with a lot more ease, the opposite happened on the opposite side. They changed on each side and when he missed moving one at the right moment, the door suddenly received back and fell on its own. 'No, no, no, no no. Go back, go back.' 'Argus' muscles became denser, twitched and twisted, moving with sluggishness before pulling it back normally. The door stopped and then resumed being opened as he first came close to it. Now, as more attention was set on the timing it had, the door loomed over his shoulders and up the top, it came. There was nothing but a small door, just deep enough to let a door on its side. Above, the door which barely opened now started moving to the bottom, hoping to close itself before anyone could enter. 'Not yet.' With half of foot inside, he reached for the second door and tried opening it. 'Locked.' Argus muttered as he stepped back outside. The chains were now moving on their own, the door seemed too heavy to close as of yet and it was already getting more

than uncomfortable for him to stay. Immediately after, the light was gone, slowly receding from Argus' face. Though it didn't stop there, as the entire weight just slammed and broken the very dirt upon which he stood, hindering his access from above, he fell. Not large enough of a chasm, it was just where the door would've to lead him. The staircase was just in front of him, leading to the top side in a twisted spiral, visible to him and to him alone. No bones broke, no joints tamed, he looked around to see if the skin was all right, which indeed turned out to be well. The chains were dragged even there and to the bottom, where he saw three boxes which held the mechanisms, two for dragging and pulling, and one above. That's what broke the dirt and trapped him there. No way to turn back, as he turned and saw just how abruptly high the edge was, and the impossibility of stone if he even tried lifting himself further above. It was a trap, that was well known even from the beginning, though just how much deeper, he couldn't have known. No structure anymore laid forward and it was clear, that the path ahead was dug up by something large. A lantern and a note. Both were taken, the lantern lit up and used, it was something old, lit only by a flint and tinder which he took out of his pocket. When did? It was a shimmering glint of confusion, which brought him to the realisation that these were not his pants. At least an extra size and tight on the ankles, even the area near his knees remained slightly strangled under his glance. The slight change of colour, maple red, now brown, even was was off, not to mention the lack of evidence of being forced to take them on. Though when did it happen? The teeth. For a second, he pulled them further and checked if they were still tucked there. Two laid still, tied around his waist by a small strand of leather. Now it came, the time for him to remember, they kept the same colour and shape when he took the teeth out, and same as when he met those two. A trivial fact, though it took some of the stress, especially when he saw the light. The one coming from above just vanished some time ago, or at least there laid the cut off the candle, all used and abandoned. The writing was at least dirty, and the marks of ink were stricken and left. It read just as it was written. 'I won't waste any more time than I have had to bargain for my safe travel. You know who you are, as well as I do, hence you'll be the only one who managed to pull it off. The machine won't respond to any other, not will it give you another chance once you enter its domain, I know it's hard for you to understand. Especially now, since, we're both in the same boiling pot, but. You mustn't trust anyone here, don't trust anything they've said or done. Do not get pulled or listen to them and don't forget for any second, they are not humans, hence they're not to be treated as such. I don't doubt that you trust me, but we've met each other before. Pull it from the bottom now.' From below the table, covered in an old obscured cloak, laid an inking machine. Quite heavy for its size, it was pulled nonetheless and laid on top of the table. The metal case and its squarish appeal had something close to him, though it seemed to have malfunctioned. No wonder why, from the point where he wrote. 'Pull it from the bottom now.' It seemed hand written rather than preset words, scribbled from the device. Back to the note, Argus thought. 'You must go inside and take another ink replacement cube from the cabinet laying exactly one hundred and forty-five feet in front, twenty to the left, eight to the right, then move into an arc ten feet to the centre until you'll find a ring of holes. This may get confusing but you must do it nonetheless. Out of twenty holes, only one is right, though they're all identical, and it may appear almost like an unsolvable puzzle, the trick of the matter is that all of them have an angle which leaves you just enough to see the edges of the bricks of the side. All of them appear the same, all but for one which had a silver edged in a corner, revealing it to be the true one along with all the fakes. Follow it to the bottom and take the ink case, you may take the note with you and use it as you will.' The last words written were

close to being read as.'There will be no need for water, food or sleep anymore.You've almost made it.Do not worry about messing up your steps, I have made sure that your foot size.'Is exactly ten point five inches.It felt peculiar already, though it seemed to have brought something close to a closure he hadn't felt before.Now, all that remained was to follow, through the mist it appeared as he was going through ancient halls, rooted, at least the parts through which the green corruption came through and spread.It was too long, he knew, even since he saw the symbol, that he'd get to see everything is twisted.Root became skin in the mist, pulsating and spreading, rubbing itself, almost in a cephalic and erect form against the stone.It turned out to be nothing like it even after, cutting itself, releasing something from its inner bowels.Stopped at it, he couldn't help but stare at it and just how many meat barnacles formed inside.Water pouches formed, popping out from the skin, to only be filled with blood and other chemicals, only now he could look somewhere else.Scratching at his neck and trying to pull as hard as he could, Argus stood there and forgot, looking before him, seeing no dirt at the bottom just mist.'How many steps have I pressed?How many steps?How-how-how?'The words that came after, not even he could recognise then.'Ilyiamar Bayazin Aaayara vathur Bahaleshks Makar Kaj, Kaj.'Out of which, the most bitter word, he felt out comign out of his mouth remained Kaj.Speech altered under his nose, an empty feeling called him home, though when turned and have the chance, Argus failed to see any way that leads behind towards an escape.The mist was thick and it was too hard to see, with at least a couple of paths and roads to take, he was truly lost now.So were the not, now of which he realised the mistake.It had taken hold of the fire, though he threw the lamp immediately.No need for it anymore, as everything else was light by a grey light, the forms were illuminating the room just as well with a thick red that was slowly spreading.'It was a mistake to come here, but I've no chance anymore.'While declaring that he had nothing else to do and lose, he grabbed a pick from his hidden pocket and wielded the tooth in his right hand, ready to stab or use it as a javelin if need come by.Argus knelt and slowly prowled on the bottom and kept walking like that for a while, at least until the closest barnacle could be felt as stepped upon.'The infection's spreading on the ground.'Came as muttered, under his unholy breath, a look of disgust quickly following after him.Something laid near the corner of his eyes, almost always escaping his glance and view when looked out for.'Where are you?Show yourself!'Lifted and standing tall, he looked as far as he could to find out nothing.Still, the weapon laid in his hand and it didn't appear that this was just deep enough.The chasm, as the way that was forged in front of him, was still headed even deeper below, going still on a slope.Whatever they dug or tried doing, the way they made for themselves left a bitter feeling.Though Argus managed to avoid, touching the large, oily tentacle-like cut formations, and the bits that fell off once they managed to have deep cuts inside themselves.It reeked of death and of boiled fish beyond the limit, the same could be said about the floor.The water that was barely there, and barely visible in the mist reminded him of which he had almost forgotten.And the creek returned just as well.Like a shadow now, in an arc, he turned and waited against the wall, waited to have a look on who it was.No hole in the wall, no instructions to go on, but the dark creaking sounds of wheels made it seem like it was there, haunting his dreams and nightmares from inside.And the silence could've been a release if it was there, though, in the end, it was not.The tentacle still boiled itself and dropped barnacles into the water.It wasn't too much until it would spread across, block his access from outside and take his life.It was obvious, even if it turned out not to be as true and real as it seemed, he could die of a stroke if he wasn't too careful and over did himself.With a dark glance, he took as much of the poisoned mist inside his lungs

and ran ahead, looking at every side, going into as much of a direction as he could fathom. Now he stopped, just in time to avoid falling into a hole. Many of them seemed to be laying not too far from one another, some even adjacent, all had stairs. 'What was it?' Argus asked himself, thinking of the note he's lost if those were true holes, to begin with, as the man said not to go away from the path. Not even his example was known or the riddle, or the answer, or anything that could point where the real hole was. He examined them closely, holding the tooth just above when he fell closer to the ground. First, two adjacent holes looked and appeared to be the same, exactly from every brick, to the moss that grew and the jagged teeth that laid around. 'This isn't supposed to be here.' They weren't, as it turned out, the barnacles spread and in between so did the growth of tumour until they reached the holes. Before he could turn his sight back, he saw that there wasn't any moss or bricks anymore, just the meat inside the stomach, which it promptly became. Acid left a stank as it filled itself from the bottom. If it seemed like the grey light hit the bottom of a well like a tower, now everything seemed to be slowly dissolving at the bottom. 'I can't back away now.' Said Argus in distress. As he looked around, in front of his eyes, it was already spreading and twisting stone, eating the moss and growing. It was a shallow work which only brought him closer to despair, yet he didn't give up and tried as hard as he could to go past it. Next three, then-then four and two, all of which appeared the same, until the growth spread and covered them up as fast as it could. Yet his feet were avoided at any cost, not even his smallest toe was approached. It wanted to prevent him. And it would've succeeded, in the dark, though the grey light finally took its toll and something shiny could be seen from afar. It was the glittering and shimmering silver edge as the top of a hole, at which he ran and jumped through, without a regard of how deep it was or what it would've happened if he broke his legs down there. Just as fast as he passed eight holes wide, in front of his knees, he jolted and shouted. 'Aaaaagh.' Before stopping himself with the forearm against the wall, two legs slightly set on the twisted staircase and nothing else that could've prevented him from walking. He pushed himself with the forearm before going down as fast and far as he could reach, then stopped at the door. Now there was a need for both of his hands, which he used promptly and returned to doing what had to be done. It was a small room that wasn't locked, with only enough space for three large cabinets. All that laid there were just many boxes that hand long film-like bands coming out of them, bent and stretched filled with ink. Obviously broken, though it was even more obvious that he need to find one working if he ever wanted to return towards where the note said. Within the first broken box, he managed to find a few empty bottles, aligned as if in a cartridge, all connected with small straws that now laid empty and dry. The ink had been there, though now nothing that would even resemble it, other than the marks around the ends of the black iron straws and the needles at their ends. One had to be left intact, or at least have some ink left inside. Such was his process of thinking, though, now it was ignored. No longer did he attempt to figure out a clever way, but search desperately for a locked box before it was too late and the infection spread down here with him. 'Locked, locked, empty, empty, broken, this has nothing inside.' He shook the cabinets and covered his hands, feeling the boxes fall and damage his bones as he cowered in fear of the pain. At least twenty fell and almost buried him, though it was by sheer luck that they were the ones which were located tallest in the reign. 'Empty!' He yelled after going on again. They formed small ordered mazes and towers when falling onto one another, though the towers were bent and hinged onto one side, as well as the mazes had no exits nor entrance. Yet all seemed broken, and he was ready to fall in despair, he threw they ones he didn't seem fit, sweat just took over hands. And now they were

black and blue, covered by the rubbing of their opened lids. It was already tiresome to go on like that, though he hadn't given up hope as of yet. And with a sudden glance, and a grapple he found one, locked as tightly, clean as new, though it was not the time for celebration. 'Alas!' He yelled and turned, going up and around the stairs in a hurry. The edges above were bloody red and it seemed as if something was just gurgling about between the open spaces in-between the bricks. A tumour was about to erupt, spread and grow even tighter than before, at a faster rate than expected. Not fast enough as he sprinted and leapt in the air, just shimmeringly about, a few steps at least from the hole which popped its long twisted teeth. There wasn't going to be an ink supply anymore, and from the bottom, he could see the acid filling it, though its colour was dark and blue, just as the inkling. Small worms it bore, and it was obvious that every sprouting hole had them inside at the bottom of the murky acid. There laid the way back and the skin was just as repulsed by him as he was of it. The skin of the teeth seemed to be as bulked as a pillow, trembling upon his approach. Quite interactive, though he was in a hurry and fled away from the scene as fast as he could, without even find the ghost of a note he thought would've been there. And then, back into the mist. And back to the gurgling beast, back on the hunt, it went, awakened, though its senses were drowned and taken by something from above. The sea of stars seemed to have cracked and left a dripping terror to fall from it. A dark river seemed to be pouring itself and managed to fall into the lair. That remained just unexpected enough to trigger a response and force it in a rage, to go and try to search for food. The body it had was now covered in the water and mud, which made it hard for it to move. Intoxicated would've been a sweet promise, compared with what it felt. Such water was worse than poison, black and filled with living fright, it blinded its many eyes, and those that weren't lucky enough were just melted, though none of the nerves was touched. It saw only fragments of the full vision it once had access to and now despaired until the ends of time. Ever since that point where it got tricked by the water, it hadn't stopped its chant-like incantation, left out of the body as a growl. Though the mouth had taken just as much of the watery torture, which managed to leave the jaw half cut. Though crippled and blinded at unaware, its limbs rejected the poison as it formed a carapace, now roaming around what was left of the cave, it just managed to flee and leap in time. Not any longer, was there a perfect marble floor at the bottom of the deep ravine, it was melted just as such. And the black poison soon revealed to be a bright red and yellow, which flowed even faster than blood. The heat made it seem like a furnace and now the sea of stars revealed itself, in front of the cowering girls and the beast. It was a giant statue which had its beard just covered in seconds before, tall and round was the ceiling and the cap it wore. In its eyes laid two giant gems of glinting red and the reflection of the fiery liquid that came out of its mouth now revealed itself. The giant head was as squared as the quarry it laid in, and it was just now that it released the strikingly red blood out of its mouth, destroying even the last fragments of the land which laid below of it. Steam followed from below, though it had nowhere to escape. Even the beast with its instincts knew better than to stay and be boiled alive, going towards the only place it knew, ignoring even the two girls it thought of seeing. They were spread around every direction, cut in halves, which made it even worse to see whenever of not they were mutilated and left for it as a sacrifice. With that out of the way, it went by its memory, leaping and riding as fast as it could, being burnt and in pain. The marks over its strong exposed shoulders and bones were deeply cut, charred black fragments were abandoned and left behind as it sprinted. Like ash, flowing in the wind, they took no notice of it either and both now joined the wall. It was the coldest of the room, still having a blue side, as for the stone, on the

other side of the tall raving, everything was getting hotter and was about to get a lot worse. Both of them were just holding on enough to keep searching until their weariness would overcome their last efforts. They young, caught in a trap and desperate. Soon even the beast would find that it was in the same boiling pot, though the water layer was thinning out by the second. The sprint became a charge and soon, in the darkness, it gave a terrible cry, as it remained what could be called, the darkest of nights ever since. Such cry wouldn't be stopped by stone or wall, as it travelled through, past the closed door and even to some holes which laid above. Even those that dwelled outside had their troubles nonetheless, though instead of waiting to be stricken down, they dealt with it. Such were the two girls, which only now found the key, the small formation of small rocks that needed only to be shifted around. Out of the wall came an open, gaping mouth, no longer pushing the air down. No, the mouth got affected the most out of all by the heat, which started forcing the air to travel towards the great above, from which they came. 'Fast, before the beast returns.' Both nodded, calling upon one another, holding just as tightly and strongly as they could possibly do. It wasn't any shame in their fear, though their wounds were ever more clear now, in the light, then the darkness of the mouth came, as it opened and closed with them inside. They were bored above as they closed their eyes, not to see the horrible visage of the beast, which now seemed as much as them for a way out, which was never found for it. Soon after, it returns from where it came from, exhausted, as if stricken by arrows, it fell to the ground and waited. Some seconds passed with it on the ground, and from the distance, it only appeared as a hairy bump of skin, just growing and receding. Most of the fur either was burnt or fell, as well as patches of dark skin were left, bones charred, and even now, there could be seen, in the distance, the glittering light reflected in its blinded eyes. The beast stopped breathing just moment when they reached the levels above, holding onto one another, Vivian and Anne looked desperately around to see. Nothing, not a single rock bat, nor any other pest that would resemble them, though they weren't out of it either. 'Our sister, I forgot all about her.' Said Vivian, only now did she catch a moment to think for herself in that dark, damped, unholy place. There and then, the sound of the metal gate slammed and echoed, slightly as it fell on the rock stone. It was a lot colder in contrast of the giant furnace, though now, more aware of it, both of the girls looked at giant forms in the wall. So far, none lay in the valley in which they now stood. Yet Vivian, know knew better than her sister, despite holding in so quietly before. 'She was never down here, was she?' 'I doubt she came down, other than to look for us.' 'The fright she must feel, but we cannot stop, what will happen to our wounds if we do? Or even worse, if those bats decide to follow us!' Most of the shiny rocks were lost on the way down, though there were still a few which were forced while floating below, impaling the dress which they both wore. It was a shame that both now tried to get as much distance as limped dogs, though looking above, Anne said. 'Look, there are none of them, not even the slightest heard that could be seen.' 'But what does that mean sister? Did they run as well after feeling the heat rising from below?' 'That I do not know, but the way through the tower is long enough as it is, and we're not in the best condition as it is.' She overly nodded at the top and slightly beyond her sister's head. It was far enough that they noticed the boat, though there wasn't any bat. The old man waited just there, only not giving a wave, slowly taking it back. He noticed it as well, though he remained unhurt or unhindered by the swarm of bats which might fell on him as well as it did on them. 'Welcome back, I see that you have delivered the man.' It was surprisingly sharp for an old man and they both realised, perhaps even the three of them that it was the first time the girls were directly approached by the man. 'We needed to go, it's no longer safe in

the depths.'The man nodded as if he understood and made the place for them to come inside.'I've got not enough but plenty enough to get you past this.You may think otherwise, though I'm not a dark man as you may have thought of me.'Regardless of what he said, the dark visage was still over his head, covering what he had.True, perhaps, he wasn't the sanest of them, and perhaps under the tattered robe he wore white, dark and glinting just as well to him now.'Rub this all over your wounds.'At first, they were repelled by the sight of it, as it was only covered in leafs, which were already the rarity of the drowsiest sights, though what he used as bait had already disgusted them before.'Why?'They both asked at the same time, wondering as well if it was even safe or sanitary.'You will get an infection if you do not do so.Do not worry, it's not the dropping of those stone pests as I have said before.'The man said laughing, almost in a cheering manner, despite being where he was.'I like telling that tale to everyone coming here in the depths, you see, it's getting quite lonely ever since people stopped coming.'Were there?'Vivian, step inside.'She quickly apologised and came as fast as she could, though it was a second of regret in which she found herself sitting at unaware.'Look closer girl and open it.'Anne made the first step and reached for the dark dirt in which the leaf was packed.It seemed to be something else harder than it should be, almost impossible to crumble or be broken by hand alone.'What is it?'Open the bottle and rub it on the wound while I carry you on the other side.'There laid a closed lid on the other side and after opening it, there did it lay, pure, glittering honey.'But how?'Just rub it on your wounds and don't tarry.'Both of the girls did so whilst listening to the old man's story.Indeed, as they seemed quite curious of how he escaped the swarm, as, the last thing they remembered of him was that, at a glance, he was at the heart of it.Two splits of the swarm, one of which followed them and the other returned to the man who laid alone in his boat.'So what happened?'Anne was the first to ask, not out of curiosity, but since she was rubbing honey over her sister's wounds, she had plenty to listen to make the time pass.'I'm glad you decided to ask, you see, I was hoping you'd return, all three of you but, hmm, what can you hope for when you're all alone in a boat?Times changed ever since the first dwellers came, and I've no doubt that much more will do the same."You must be quite old, sir.Say, why is it that you're always.If I don't have you get angry for asking you that question.'Vivan already fell asleep once again just like that, a half of second later and she remained released.It was quite enough that her wounds were stricken from pain, leaving her now in the cold of the cave.And if it weren't for the resonating voice of the old man, who still laid at top of beginning the story, she wouldn't have ended as such.'Well, I can see that you may find it suspicious, though not enough that you wouldn't trust me to row you to the other side."It's not like we have a choice, we're both having.I mean we've encountered some trouble before, on our way with.Well."I understand, no need to tarry about it, I've keen eyes, you see.I saw you approach from the distance, ever since your feet laid their marks on the dusk littered dust.There's no need of your explanation at all, just, hmph.I wish you haven't just brought that dirt with you and threw it in the water, it's murky as it is, not to mention that it's not good for the fish."You saw that?'Anne seemed to have forgotten what her friend had, with the whole rush and the fall and what not, though it wasn't necessarily to be avoided anymore.What was done was done, she thought.'I'm afraid I cannot get rid of it, to be honest, I don't even know what it is.You see, it came from Ar Ferdinand's head, it was something attached to him, a parasite of some sort I believe.'The man paused the constant hassle and rubbed under his chin.Only the outline of the action was visible, even with the dark light coming from below and above, though he continued.Still, a few seconds passed, Anne thought she was about to be enlightened by the discovery of

the man. First, the beard was visible before being pulled back under the dark hood he wore. It seemed, for some seconds that he needed, perhaps even wanting to say something, though retracted it almost immediately. When he decided to do continue, it was only after she took the time to rub some of the honey all over her small wounds and cuts, before putting the lid back, and carefully wrapping it in the pair of leaves left at the wooden bottom of the boat. She sighed, though if it were from the memory of the fire, or because all the steam she blew off from the bleakness that laid around, no other could tell. 'Thank you. For both me and my sister, I don't know how much we would've lasted with open wounds and least away from infections, though. If she were awake, as I am, we would've both.' 'No need for it.' It took some time for the man to start speaking, and when he did so, he needlessly interrupted her. 'I should be the one to thank you, I haven't seen any company for way too long.' It was indeed true at least, as Anne saw the worked hands, all and barely holding the paddle, which was made out of an oak even more ancient than he was, or perhaps near the same gap. 'Though I can't say I'm pleased with what happened here, parasites in my hunting grounds. Now, I must burn them twice or even thrice to say the least before going on and eating them, unless you want me to end the same way as he did.' Indeed, there was the chance of it, even if he didn't know that it was about to get a lot worse than a few infested pairs of fish. 'Come with us then, to the top. We've got plenty of room in our house and not to mention, that I won't be able to carry my sister back there. You saw how dangerous it's down here now, right? You must've, I and my sisters are always seeking for stones, but not once did we see such a huge swarm like this one. It's a miracle that we managed to get out alive and return, let alone you and.' 'Enough, enough girl. You're carrying the fish, there's no need for you to stand up in a boat, you'll fall otherwise. Then I'd have to deal with fishing you and perhaps having to take care of the parasites as well.' Anne apologised. She knew that she was leading him somewhere. Now, his eyes were glittering in the dark, small globes, almost the ones of the elders further above. The man was looking through the water, indeed, to her notice as well, it seemed to have gotten a lot darker, more reflective. A perfect reflection, in a murky water, this seemed to be, not only out of the ordinary but a devilry at works. 'Very well, I'll help you return with your sister but I won't promise I'll stay. I'm the captain of this ship and of the sea, we're in and the last thing we're going to do is abandon it.' 'It's a fair deal sir, though I believe that you won't have something to return to. Whatever parasite was on Ar Ferdinand. The man who followed me I mean, it doesn't seem like it's just a normal small blood sucking lich like thing.' There was something dark, which he remember seeing not too long ago, falling into his murky lake. 'It's ill luck that we were forced to depart like we did before, though I believe you may be right girl. There's something I haven't told you before, which is what made the swarm retreat the way it did. It was something in the water which raised and grapples a hand full of those rocky winged beasts in pulled them down. A sight to behold, I tell you, even if I believe there may not be a coming or staying any longer, I may even need to change lakes and venture the sea once again if staying here means risking my life.' The girl nodded in approval, though she wasn't aware of why he stood, hence she asked and have been immediately met with a response. 'Why I decided to stay after all? Would it be hard to believe that I knew that you were coming back? Not even him, but the two of you, and after all, I owe you since you've done your part and brought him so far.' 'So you know him after all.' Asked Anne, much perplexed by what was happening. It was a strange way for her to ask, though she did it nonetheless. 'I've had a peculiar feeling about him ever since we met, he just came out a dark hole and it appeared that he wasn't even acting like a normal human. He

even figured how to work out the old tunnels, and these were not the usual ones so hidden from the common eye. It was in the guard's room and I don't doubt that they'd be looking for us as well as they could. "Indeed girl, I am aware of what you're speaking off, though I haven't walked in the town for longer than I should've explored, I know it well enough. It's grave that I presume he hadn't gotten the chance to explore either, as neither have I. But you must do your best, both of you need to forget you've ever seen him. For, you see, he's a dark and evil man, the one you've brought down here, and his coming was expected for an evil purpose.' Again, there laid a strange look, perhaps even stranger than they thought one could possibly let out. Though it wasn't entirely unexpected, coming out from him and the way he treated them. If Vivian were awake, there'd be no doubt of the sudden bolster of courage and would have a word or even more about the man. Not to mention that thing which was alive and growing. There laid a sudden thumper as wood hit the stone and the paddling had been stopped. It was long since the man had lifted himself and went away from his boat, though not entirely unexpected. Times changed, and so did he. With a sudden leap and stretch, the hood finally fell over his shoulders, and in the glittering light coming from the stony stars, his face seemed to belong to someone no less than twice lessened of his age. A squarish nose and eyes of amber, the beard seemed to have been trimmed, his bones were suddenly awake again, his cheeks were almost as tall as his, now towering stature. Not even a white hair was visible on his head, nor beard and the faces Anne remembered of having seen had vanished away with her paranoia. 'Come on, I believe your sister won't last any longer on honey alone.' Anne helped Vivian come on her shoulder, barely keeping her still and on her feet, both of them now walked, as she was semi-awakened, seeing glittering shakings of the image of the cave. If one were in her body and the body of the beast, they'd see not difference at all, for they both seemed blinded at one point, to the same level, even more so now than before. She was grabbed, nonetheless and helped to come. 'Lead the way. By the way, my name is Bartholomew Stronglow." I'm Anne, and she's my sister, Vivian. "It's been a pleasure to meet you, though the circumstances are not as pleasing as I hoped them be. Let's waste no second anymore, time is of the essence. "I know, but." Call me Glow if you've got a problem remembering. 'The girl nodded, slightly at a lower level than he was, as they were both holding her sister as they walked along. 'Glow, who told you about Ferdinand? I'm sorry that I decided to ask, but I need to know, we were ill informed by someone who was wearing a hood and laid masked in the square. And we both remember, at least I believe she told me she felt the same, but we thought that it was you that we met above. Though from the looks of it, it couldn't be so. At least I can't take you for a liar and continue on this road with you. Are you connected with the man we saw in the square?" Nay Anne, I couldn't be further away, I'm a mere rower who was ill informed of the coming of the man. Though I don't regret getting him on the other side, I'm afraid that everything will start falling apart much sooner than planned. 'He had a grim look which couldn't be hidden under a hood any longer, being visible only to one of the girls. 'Then why have you decided to remain if you knew this place was falling apart? 'It was something that told them the same thing, an awkward feeling they've felt whilst growing up, one that could never be explained truthfully. 'It's true that I knew, though I couldn't wait any longer, I needed an end for I was getting weary of being stuck there. In a way, I lied to both of you. I wasn't glad to have company, instead, I was merely content with him poisoning the lake and bringing an end to my misery as it were. "But then, why haven't you thrown yourself in there already, what made you wait?" It was forced, barely fitting to come out of a young lady, at which she was even ready to excuse her strangeness, though he wasn't the least offended by it. 'A fair question, but one that I can answer.

I knew you were coming back, and now. Now it's time for us to head back.' There laid the mouth closed down, whilst the other seemed to be stuck. Luckily, they forgot to return to key, so it was more than ready to be used. The way back was wearisome, each step seemed like hell but below truly laid the fiery damnation, which burnt through stone, killed the beast, though stopped at the gate nonetheless. Alas, where one gate opened, another one closed and left behind only the dampness which was soon flooded. It wasn't only the red blood of the mountains which came behind, but so did the water rise at the bottom of the neck and blocked the access to the tower. Its shimmering expanse was felt through, especially at the last moment when they shut the doors closed, to the people's surprise. Enough people were present, standing and looking at the man who rescued the girls, soon taken to be taken care of. Not a word was said by them, as they were worn out and on their way to some professional help. The old man was greeted by the man and without realising what was happening, ever since he stepped from the, almost hidden away, he had entered an endless charade of shaken hands and praises. Soon the room was out of sight, and hidden, as well as the girls, now reunited with their sister. The blue water just tipping above was a shimmering dream he had forgotten ever since he stepped there and was amazed by what he'd seen. A whole new ocean for him to travel to discover, having the only problem be, how he'd get there and why. Why is it so far? He thought while blocking all the noise, including the questioners. Bartholomew hadn't seen the mouth being smashed and fall apart, cracklingly, it tried to shove its dark metal teeth against the interlopers but failed. One head was cracked in half and fell near its sides, then immediately its neck was stuck and stumped with cloth out of their fear that it might grow again. The other head seemed to have shaken with every hit, until eventually it broke and fell on its own neck, choked and abandoned. Shards of iron and thick glass, now laid at the bottom, though their fall couldn't be heard because of the water. The thicket below was now gotten ridden, as the old man was praised and called master. 'Feast, a feast we must do!' Said one, though he couldn't have come at a better time, they were all in their way to make one, all and all, after having failed to find the girls in the tunnels. They were either ready to give up or give away, food and fiercely as it could be cooked, was passed from hand to hand. In an attempt to hold his interest at bay, Glow, as they have got to hear his nickname as well, couldn't hold it anymore. A feast of ages they called, tall chairs, small ones, even the children sobbed at the crisp turkey, the gourmet, apple pies and many drinks of ale and beers he hadn't tasted in a long time. Ever since he lived below, only salt water and bat meat which was already crushed because of the stones in which they were encased. This was indeed the life, he thought. 'Cheers.' 'Cheers aback!' Said another, while passing, the small potatoes were still steamed, and tasted just as sweet. In their scanty barred hands, they appeared like nothing more than small hurt globes that could only satisfy some of the hunger. The glow didn't appear entirely out of place from where he stood, and perhaps the dark added to his appearance that the girls failed to see. Though his belly had to be at least bottom, as no longer did the fisherman jacket, could hold both the shirt and the bolsters under. And then came the fish, as such as he hadn't seen in the years he had been below. 'Ah, is that a mud swallow sea water, the savoury delight I see?' One that could only be hinted in dreams under the depths, which couldn't even live there and even if it did so, it's a failure on its own with man-made poles out of a little resource that was already scarce. Bartholomew Glow, looked, with a slab of meat in his hand and dripping from his mouth as for seeing what was brought. Soup, sardines, fresh sea cucumbers and octopuses, this was the blood of a real sea, not the winged attraction which he presented to taste like snappers. Which they were present on their own. Not all were present to be at the feast, as

people worked, having a mind of their own. Two beds were occupied, and the wounds were treated, just as the food was eaten on the other side of the concave. 'Open up. Ready to go, swallow this and it should ease your pain.' Said the nurse. Her hair had locked in her locks, all place one upon another like field. There were plenty staying momentarily in beds with minor wounds, as if was known enough that no one really expected to have any more than flesh wounds. No one else than them. 'I told you that you may end up here but what did you say back then?' 'But it's bitter.' The small teaspoon with the dark amber liquid was swallowed nonetheless. It was even hard especially knowing and hearing, the reason for all the noise and the celebration. 'Now, worry not, I've spoken with the chef just before, and he'll come later and bring you something to eat.' 'But we'll starve before that happens.' The nurse gave both an angst-filled look and nodded nonetheless. 'You'll survive, this tincture should do its job and you'll feel more than well in no time. But I can't give you anything at least until half an hour passed, understood?' 'Then why haven't you given us something to eat earlier?' Asked Vivian, as bed withered as her sister were. Something remained inaudible, but her eyes widened as she spoke. Her jaw seemed too far stretched and falling on its own for a second when she turned and closed the room. Neither of them observed this before, but the room seemed out of place. 'Look, Vivian, there's no water there.' 'I guess. Not.' Barely came an answer, all was filled with dust, the wood below seemed rotten and now, the most disturbing thing of all was the silence and the bloating smell of something grim which laid in the dark corners of the room. 'Why did she leave the room now? Couldn't she have stayed a little longer?' 'Close your eyes' a voice said while eeriness started filling the room. Cockroaches were a blight, plenty, but never so many in a singled place. They seemed to have sprouted from any corner and every side, from even the smallest hole they could find and greed them. None of the pests came to their beds, though they looked with big bulging eyes, ignoring every second that passed, unable to shout or call for her. 'I'm afraid.' Said Vivian, with a weak voice that could barely be heard, even though they stood so closely to one another. They formed images on the walls, moving even more systematic than the swarm of the bats they've encountered, though their reason why they were there remained unknown to them. Anne was more than convinced that there was something they needed or wanted, why else would they come. Yet, she asked, even with her fear, after seeing that they blocked the way out. And outline was formed around the handle until the cockroaches became flaccid and stood there, almost like they were trapped. None fell on the bottom of the floor, yet dwindled at the edges, they were shaking and taunting to spread around as encompass everything. And no doubt did they have in their mind that there were plenty. They seemed to be nibbling now at the wall and everything that was in their reach. 'What are they doing Anne? I'm afraid.' Quickly she went and leapt to her sister's bed, which was more than enough to have at least two adults of large sizes on it. The other adults didn't seem to be there with them anymore, those who had flesh wounds and what not, the ones which they noticed before just disappeared. Empty bed laid everywhere around, though soon enough it seemed to be ending. Whatever they were trying to eat, soon they slowed down, and a vision of something pink was left under and all around them. Red too accompanied, and soon they have driven away on all sides. 'Do you hear us?' Said the voices, finally released from the wall. There they laid again, all just stricken on the wall, flat, though moving, a perfectly aligned with the wall, though with the small exception of the growing claws and their mouths. The girls haven't seen such abominations before, yet they felt somewhat content and yet not afraid, listening like smaller being to a rightful prophet contacting them. Which stood there pondering ahead. 'Where is he? The one who's supposed to go to the depths and find the

cage?' Asked the voices, behind them seemed to entrance in caves and caverns, filled with skin, blocked by a portal which needed only the slightest approach for entering. Though not even they could keep the girls for being terrified any longer. The formless shapes took the face of Argus to speak to them, and at least they tried copying it two or four more times by the sides. It was deformed, though shown at all angles nonetheless. An outstretched claw immediately headed towards the dark and pulled ahead at least one thousand of those roaches to eat and devour. Ar Ferdinand's mouth suddenly grew like a giant skin pouch as it moved and ate from inside. There laid many small limbs, that were ringed and seemed to be armoured, though used to break the food apart. The sight of them came only momentarily before it closed its mouth and turned back to them. 'Where is it?' Said one voice whilst crunching the roaches. 'The man, where did he go? Has he come yet?' Asked another. One head suddenly pushed itself through the wall, only to force itself crushed against another. The eyes were twisted on their side, away from the growing moulder which was growing against the side. The pain made it shiver and shake, the skin around was become even paler than it was. It took seconds to go past the layers of disgust when Anne stood up on the bed, taking the candle of fire and said. 'I do not know.' 'Liar! Liar, liar, liar' Shouted the voices, one after another, all spoke on turns before ending the charade. The heads stretched on all sides, only to corner the bed, wriggling like snakes, smelling and sniffing the air. They way they moved was quite shallow and bizarre, how they could twist their skin, did they even have bones? Anne wondered. Her sister was hiding now in the bed sheets, the effect of the fragrance they felt in the air disappeared. Even her older sister seemed to be feeling the angst, the fear and the despair. She looked ahead now, focusing on none of the heads anymore. 'I'm sorry.' With a gulp, she could hardly swallow, no matter how hard she tried doing so. Neither did she dare turn around, nor speak any word until asked. 'Good, now say, littler one, where he has gone, for he is lost to us.' 'He owes us, owes us, owes us to stop. The caged fiend can never escape its blight.' Said another, arguing, the head continued, showing no sign of order between them, or even that they might talk less bizarre to one another. 'He can't be far, he cannot be. But we cannot find him on our own child, we cannot, we cannot.' Repeated the furthest head that could be felt there. The sheets still seemed to be shaking under her eyes, and in a sudden approach, the flame seemed to be closing in, as if to take a bit out of the neck of the creature. Anne backed away, immediately when she realised, her light and fire were being devoured in front of her eyes as if it was nothing. 'Do we have a reason to keep her sentient? Does she know?' 'I know, I know. Listen, I know where-where he is, where he has gone to. I've to lead them there myself with my sister.' With her other hand, she tried covering her mouth, a reflex which came way too late. A claw came, with striking nails, made of skin, or encompassed by it in any other way, and it pulled out the sheet, only by a slight pull, to uncover her sister sitting and shivering. 'Open your eyes and reveal to us, we hate waiting. We hate having to see insolence and boredom be forced upon us. Where is the man you have seen before? Argus, Ferdinand, his names matters not, the dark man which was under our control had long since been gone from our sight and ours alone. Slithering and quivering all over, a part of the skin seemed to be melting in front of her eyes. The flame was taking its effect despite the fact that the faces that were moulded remained unaffected, neither did the skin melt nor did they deform in the little girl's eyes. Bones were now visible underneath, which Anne immediately recognised, though misshaped, and tied together, four to eight joints all seemingly made for the same amount of limbs which weren't visible. Could it be hurt by it? Anne asked herself, without realising that she was so close to it that her thoughts could be seen. 'No, little, girl. Him, he came to you.' 'We

see, we see.' Said another, it was dousing as it were, intoxicating that both fell asleep. The wall, in which they received like rats came back to its pieces, even the darkest of roaches were taken as a precaution, not to be found, at least not until it was too late. Both were alive but sleeping, the nurse was gone, as well and on the other side, the feast made everyone forget. 'Muddy water.' Said a man, sitting alone in a corner, near the room where the banquet was held. Muddy water, everywhere, again he thought, looking at the transparent ceiling, seeing how the cleanness of it started to wear off. There were dark spots, spread at almost equal distances from one another, which were, despite his unawareness reflecting the ones deep below. A deep connection ran, information was already spread around, and among all, the terror was driving forth, searching for him. The sky was blank with twilight, grim and musky, the rounded town was stricken and pushed into a deep slumber, from which none expected to wake. At least not until there'd come a redeeming light from the coming of the day. The sunlight had come to an end more sudden than expected and even the puffs of smoke that came from every spot of the town were driven away by the harsh winds. A creaking noise came from at least a few spots, wooden ceilings and windows barred, blindingly smashing themselves against their inner edges left a dire impression of being haunted. The children were asleep by the beds, looking forward and seeing the dusk settle. Nothing else was to the weather, other than the wind, which brought all the noise. Prisoners, if any be, were set aside and freed from being outside, and even to the furthest, most pure driven point, somewhere in the woods, where there had been a nuisance burning, had finally died off. All was sent to a point, until, close to the midnight, there were lights on the streets. Despite the lamps which were long since dried off and no longer burning and the silence and dampness in which most houses just accepted, all of the sudden came a glittering yellow. A sparkle that became fiery red, reading through the bottom of the stone floor. A few looks came to their windows and exposed openings to have their glances at who decided to come outside during such a weather. Alas, it was a trail, like ants that were seen from the tallest point in the tallest towers, hooded figures that roamed through. Their tattered robes were obvious, though bland, it wasn't that rare for cults to come and roam through the city, hence all gates were tightly shut at night. And not a single townsman or woman laid in the town, none that could be seen anymore, to say the least. Plenty looked though, at something which was carried by them, covered in a blanket made of twilight, without a reflection, it seemed, at least to the children who were caught at unaware that they were carrying the body of a small giant. There were ropes attached at each edge, acting like chains, and the giant covered object, if it weren't a body, say for the brave and bold who decided to find out, seemed to be lightly taken. At least four people on a rope, and keeping a hold on each possible handling spot. It was something like a mirror to the heart, a wonder for the children who sought adventure and to find out what was under there. The ones who held the lights didn't handle the ropes but torches. Their hoods didn't resemble those of revolutionaries, for the looks that questioned it, though their eyes were near, filled with suspicion. None dared whisper, who laid in the dark since whatever laid under that giant grim role could've had ears just as big and functional. Could anyone tell otherwise? The eyes deceived already, as they started moving at harsher and faster paces and after a sudden glint of a sparkle, from far away, it was clear that they were spied upon. It didn't matter, even with small devices, a play on the glass and on metal, which provided sight to binoculars which lead all the way to the bottom of the ravine. They were too obvious, all the binoculars leading and watching on the mysterious comers and the weapon which they laid. Out of the sudden, a pair of cloaks and hoods came off, revealing gloomy armours filled with many ridges and joints

attached. Such reveal didn't only trigger the expectancy of the people but rash fear and confusion. Thousands of lights were brought to many homes, which already triggered a thousand more which soon followed. It wasn't something planned, hence why it caused every sight to be driven there, which is where they stood. And they couldn't have come at a better time either, as it was obvious, though they were driving to the dampest part of the giant capital, which remained damp. Dark, it was the spot from where the capital came to be, it's said. Despite being circular and seemed to be man build from side to side, it all came from a dark spot, which it's been said to have given birth from underground. A glimpse of fear, at the ones who could stop their advancement were on the other side of the city, too far, way too far to get there in time. The flames soon arise, like smouldering fragments of igneous rocks just pushed towards their true nature. The furthest towers which still stood to stand finally revealed their true purpose, like light towers they shined in the sky, with fire globes inside, creating all of the sudden an imitation, corrupted and repulsing. A fake day soon came to be, striking ten times harder than any of the thousands of lights that pain in the homes of its citizens could. The light reflected against their armours, the covered figured was soon to be used as a ram. Whoever they were and the reason behind the invasion remained a mystery, at least to those watching. Through the darkest depths, past everything at hand, now laid Argus, patched up, looking at the small writing machine. A force guided him so far, as well as it did try to pull him back, through the mist and the creeping terror which awaited him on the way back there. Now, looking back at the writing machine, after inserting the ink box, like an automaton, the small rounded buttons started pressing themselves. Paper already laid loaded and working at it, soon already three pages had been written in front of him. Referred to as Argus, on all three pages, it seemed that the other two were nothing more than copies of the first one. And dirty at it were, it seemed that the writing and the ink lasted enough to make just one clean page, while the other two were nothing more than smudged and stretched. Some letters missed, though at least one was made. 'Beware, Argus, you mustn't wait any longer, now that you've done what you've done. If there was an easier way, I would've recommended it myself to you, but since there isn't, I dare not speak otherwise. Marvel at yourself, now, since you have passed the test, you must go back and throw yourself into the abyss, the holes, that I'm more than sure, you've noticed them full of those growing lumps. You've got something just hidden for this moment, at least so I hope if all came right. I'm more than sure if you weren't as lucky as I thought you'd be, that you'll manage to find a way to burst through and reach the catacombs below. Not much further after that, Argus, you've been through worse, though do not worry, it will be over soon, at least so I hope it to be. Before we depart, from one another, though we've not even spoken as of yet. Touch no cord, no wire, nothing that would seem to be part of the machine. There's no doubt that you've figured out by now that both the tunnels and the even further below were made by humanoid forms, such as yourself. Their creation was made for entrapment, even going further than creating prototype after prototype and throwing them in the depths. You are the key for his release so do not make any mistake now. Every sacrifice, every command, everything they've told us leads to this point. Your journey will end after the final steps of the catacombs below, though you're unaware of it.' Argus paused, looking now further in front of him, after walking without having realised so, the mist dissipated and the growth stopped growing. There wasn't a name signed, and the rest was gibberish on the paper. A second passed, and all became gibbering. The ink started growing hotter until some of it poured itself from the paper onto his hand. Suddenly he released and looked not longer on it. It wasn't as painful, though it left a mark, burn and ash like, black in the furthest

point from where it managed to cut deep. 'This is it, just the two of us here alone. I'm about to find out where the cage is.' Argus pulled out a tooth now, only two remained after that. Somewhat, it looked a lot sharper than it should've looked like, as it did with every new one. Either I'm getting used to using them or something worse is about to happen. Now, he laid in front of the first hole he laid his eyes upon, a reflection to the bottom laid. The note said nothing about the fake holes or the real one, whichever he could use or not. They'd all lead on the same way, or so it was implied. Teeth received, as if they knew too, though there was enough space for the meat to stretch and cover up the lid, protecting itself against whatever he could've thrown deep down. Another doubt was thrown out of the way, as it was more than obvious, as it wouldn't be stopped by the acid it had inside. But, still, he waited. Minutes, perhaps, or hours, thinking of other men throughout history, of which he remembered who had to stand at a crossroad in their lives. One small leap for a man, but what could it mean for the mankind? There was a small hesitation now, perhaps even the answer to all his problems. 'If I chose to slit my throat with this, what would happen to his cage? There was nothing written in the note.' The reflection moved his lips for him despite the fact he was tired. It went so long and every possible ending for him would be either death or madness. Now, he started going around the hole, slowly, mesmerised by his own reflection. 'My own life ended.' So he said at first. 'Awakened in my house and arrested by two agents, after finding out that all I've to believe to be true wasn't.' His expression seemed paler, harsher around as if days had passed since his last shaving. 'Murdered in an accident, tied to a bed. A lifetime in prison, from which I've never escaped from the time I was a child.' Argus seemed a lot much older. 'Lock in an asylum, still spreading gibberish near the other patients, who I thought to have been killed. Stumbled in a military camp and executed. Banished and denied the return. Or have spent an eternity tied to a never ending nightmare. All which could've been or might happen, is this a purgatory of my own?' It was times like this one where he wished the voice to have been there to comfort him, to respond, no matter how degrading and pitiful he'd have been seen as. At least if it was there for one last time. 'You're nothing more than an insect doing my bidding, now go on with it.' Argus followed that by a chuckle. 'At least, that's what I'm sure you would've said if you were here with me now.' It was a grim, damp smile, almost as gloomy as the room was, though he remembered there were still two chances for him to end it before it was too late. And it's been just so close now. 'I can't help but be curious of what lays. On the other side!' It dropped so fast that for a second it appeared as if it was nothing more but a flash of lightning being thrown by an ancient deity, long forgotten. The impact took a few seconds for its full release, though it came nonetheless. His eyes were taken back and looked away from the impact. The growth was being smothered, soon to be suffocated and die by the black lagoon which was thrust from below. It was not a choice any longer, seemingly happening in an instant. Argus created a wind tunnel which pulled him in the great dark which reigned below. The skin was crushed as well as long teeth, a fair which he avoided since he was far away from where it happened, but he could see them too be dragged below as well as he was. The cold and wet wall on the touch, his body slid against them, going only faster, when he reached and landed on his feet soon after. Teeth, skin and whatever other bits which were left now, all were overthrown, either in pieces or in bigger chunks, all spread around, which he could trust anymore. Not, after what had happened before with the previous attempt for his capture. Plenty of opportunities already were made, though he went on, with or without a light. If there was a gloom coming from above, it was soon covered, sealed, as if it was a tomb. 'The Emperor awaits!' He yelled, it came out suddenly, though the piercing voice was responded, as

torches began to lit, two from the entrance to the catacombs, which were as tall as fortresses of war. Stone carved all around, as he looked, there wasn't any way out, though now it was more of a physical lack of escape than anything else. And with only one way to go and seeing how the time remained short, as this was the last he'd get at, he went. Luckily it was closed, he stopped and admired it despite having wanted to go through and ignore it. There laid a certain curiosity about the thing, not the old runes, as he couldn't understand what was written, or even recognise the language, but how they were open. It wasn't the traditional sense, as one may be able to think. Argus pondered on it, especially since there was a mark and the metal was bent the wrong way already, someone came in before. It charged and smashed the door through. Something left a taste filled with grimness already, from the looks of which, it came from inside, not the other way around. Yet, the gate was sealed above and one instance of an entrance laid still there. Not to mention, that the gate was gigantic, and the tunnel wide enough to hold twenty people of his own size if they were to walk side by side, hand in hand and still they couldn't reach to touch both walls on the same sides. It was a pity already, two remained. The catacombs were deep, the walls were tall and made of the same craft just like anything else he had seen before. 'There's no way I can travel through on my own, I need help. Can you hear me?' Another set of torches, colossal as they were, just lit themselves as he approached. It was a pity that they heard and responded with that, though soon he'd get his chance. There laid, lodged into the metal wall, just right ahead, one of the deep, stone munching machines he had seen. It shared not only the same model as they did before, but also, it seemed to be shaking and ready to go. Suspicious, though his legs did tire. And his voice was answered, despite the fact that the machine looked old enough. 'Alas, I thank you, whoever it is that's been fulfilling my requests. I've nothing to repay you, unless, you're into the service of the same as I am right now.' The deep silence continued, though in an utmost taunting way now. As it were, he opened it and took the keys, they were fully turned around, no one was inside to have been locked by himself. Fate was in his hands, even the seat was warm, though the only problem remained to handle the machinery. 'And there's also that, who could've done this then? The lights are still functioning, I see.' It seemed to be handled with more ease than he originally thought, almost like any other vehicle he had been using before, a push and a pull, then something spun inside, there were at least twenty light from above and below, covered in a layer of cheap plastic and another one of glass. Around them, there was the iron casing, as well as an indication of what was happening in terms of heat and adjustments. 'Now, how do I..?' Before answering his own question, it seemed ridiculously easy, as he pulled the lever in front and tried driving. The giant metal antlers were still pushed too far for his own comfort and he knew well that there had to be a better way to take them out. It was too far around to go, and gloomily dark. From the looks of it, against whatever it was lodged, a closer look revealed the real problem. The metal wasn't only lodged, but melted and united in a symbiosis there, hence the engine would die off before he even managed to pull. An obvious trap, it knew. 'You knew, haven't you?' He asked, and the silence needed now. The place was grim, his mouth was dry after Argus got ahead, he looked and took from below a tooth and threw it immediately, without a second glare. It was the second one to go so fast. A small explosion happened, almost to the point where it could be called an implosion, having occurred from inside the very heart where they were welded together. Suddenly the machine recoiled and pulled itself back, its metallic track and wheels kept going before it stopped. When Argus stopped covering his eyes, he looked and saw how the antlers were only halves of what they used to be, abandoned, to say the least on the wall, while on the other side, it wasn't any

better. Though he had gotten what he wanted and now he could freely drive. Only one chance remained, though now he could safely drive and feel protected, under the deepest depths and the most cavernous walls which surrounded his every side. Damp, still remained the walls above him, as he entered what now seemed to be an enclosure, separated from the ceiling to something that could be at least a few men's drops. The steeply bottom on which the roll walked upon were steadily going down, until a point where it became straight. Even the torches were smaller and spread more distinctly apart, and under them laid the sculpted faces of small lords, devils and most common which Argus managed to recognise, from the folk tales of old, bat-people set in stone. First curve and he could see just how much they took his glimpses and his eyes, the expressions seemed real and distant from one another. Pain, happiness, lust, from the eyes to the shapes of their noses, teeth and smiles, dropping low then. Argus noticed. One was different than the others, a broken jaw, missing from a skull. It was perfectly chiselled and for a moment he pulled the lever back and caused the vehicle to lay outside to investigate. His foot stopped in-between the frame of the door and the first of the many stone bricks which laid under him. There were two sets of empty darkness, one in the front and the other one behind. Indeed, it was something he had experienced before, but nothing of the same eeriness he had felt or seen there and then. Quite peculiar for him, especially then and especially now, during his last lap, which contradicted what he knew and felt. Eeriness crept like a tendril between two spots in which no sound came. He grabbed the first pebble he saw on the ground, though he didn't throw it immediately. It was cut with an unnerving complexion, even for someone like him to notice it, as someone who wasn't an expert in rocks and small stones. The would've been a call back if he decided to throw one of them in any of the two possible directions, all for the breaking of the silence. Yet it didn't happen. If it were for a doubt to have been, it happened now and it happened fast, something was unnerving about just how prepared the place remained. Turned, he went back and went on inside his cosy machine. Plenty of space remained inside, enough for the slightest comfort to be had, not that he complained otherwise of what he chose to do. There were plenty more aligned, as slowly, it formed more like a temple or structured as such, not in the least could it be called a citadel. Pillars did come be, both the ceiling and the walls seemed to be more uniformly placed, curved and bent around to match spires and arcs, which held just far above. Yet someone seemed to have been there before of him, someone defiled the statues, it was way too obvious for anyone who was to lay his eyes upon it. Cracked faces, destroyed, smashed and chiselled, cut and where there could've laid something else, it wasn't. Just the jaws were taken and the empty spots left, though it was too much of the same. Until he stopped again and peered just outside. The flame took a blue aspect, rather the strong yellow and orange he had previously seen, everything and anything that could possibly be away from the bland. Writings on the walls he couldn't read, then again, he didn't need as he looked outside at the devil. The metallic box, almost oval-shaped below held a mouth that seemed to be moving. A grim feeling laid of skin, though he moved on and opened the door with confidence. Argus even stepped outside without delay and felt the stone all around. For the moment, the mouth didn't speak but instead, it waited, as if for something to be told. 'Hello?' There was a delay, until the mouth decided to speak, though there weren't any eyes nor ears unless the sculpted ones counted. Metal wires seemed to be lodged and falling on the floor was a black cord laying there just hovering above the ground, attached only to the mouth. It had belonged to something else, most likely, though now it didn't. He waited. 'You have come. Take us, take us, take us now. Now, now!' The voice spoke then ended, waiting for a response. Argus took it out of the framed, as his hands

just fell below and around the supple face. It wasn't as hard as he thought, though he grabbed it nonetheless and sighed. 'What are you?' As he turned it around, though the mark in the stone revealed that it was the same one he had seen before. A mark of metal, where an empty spot was left to be plugged inside. The mouth couldn't speak anymore, the mouth refused to move or even gave any sign of sentience anymore. Dropping out of the cable laid something black, its blood most likely. Just another trinket to be thrown around, Argus thought as he returned. This time he hadn't stopped the vaccine yet, the engine was still warm and running. He had only to jump on and resume his stroll, before going on, now looking in both directions, seeing how the place was infested, empty spot on a devil. Another one on a lord, every statue he had seen, the maiden, no jaw, the statue of a small angel child remained intact, though the next set of statues were in the same state as the previous ones were. Argus seized again once he saw another one of those. 'I ask one similar to you, could you tell me what you are?' 'We are?' The lips stopped and didn't continue speaking as if pondering on the question. 'Similar to you?' 'A boy?' The lips and the mouth didn't stop moving as they remained there. The paleness of the skin was disturbing in the dark, and the light didn't do much to help but bring out the peculiar freckles it had. Once again, it stopped once it was pulled out, the features and what it used to do. Though the voice did fit the one of a child, more or less, so he thought. Now, that he became more aware, he thought of remembering of what he thought of hearing before, was that the voice of a woman? How could he remember a voice like that especially now when he was caught at unaware? There was plenty of space inside, but their usefulness? What could they be used for? Ahead, the jaw taking of the statues stopped, as far as he went for minutes, none was defiled anymore, as it was safe to assume, that's where it stopped. Though he was proven wrong once again to think there'd not be any of them anymore. It was the location and placement which was changed, as he had seen two mouths lodged against the wall, wires attached and overgrown. The wall was slightly cracked under the spots where the small intrusions came, and the cord was dangling against the first surface it found. Argus felt compelled to collect them, placing them now in a small pile. He hadn't got too far on foot until he found some other, and each time he asked a question, noticing after a while that each of them seemed to react a certain way. Surprised. 'You've found me, cousin, how have you been?' 'I don't. I'm not your cousin, okay? We're in who knows what's dungeon deep inside the ground and I'm not doing anything more but talking to a disembowelled mouth.' The surprise was enough to make it stopped, and deem it to be pulled. Even more surprised than it remained Argus, who just pulled it out, as well as he saw the wires recede back inside without even a sign of struggle. It was placed just like a sack on his back, held tightly by the cord which was just as strong and soft as it appeared. He sighed nonetheless. 'What's your deal then?' 'I'm blind and my body feels numb, why is it so?' There was the voice that seemed old and grim. 'It's a lot worse than that. It's sad to announce that you're nothing more than a fraction of a body. Your mouth is everything you've got.' 'I understand. Perhaps this is what I deserve to have.' The lips jerked for seconds though went on into a relaxed state, waiting to be talked to once again. They seemed to follow a pattern, at least from what he noticed before, none have spoken twice or even thrice until he did so, not to mention that until this point there was no interest for any other thing. 'Do you have a name?' 'I do not know.' 'So you're not called anything, is that correct?' 'No one spoke to me for me to be called something.' This is getting nowhere and not to mention, the shimmering's getting worse. Not even the depths were safe from what was happening above. A thump could be felt, something falling from in-between the cracks, either it was the dust or crushed moss

particles. Whatever it was and what they were doing up there seemed to drag itself to the bottom. 'Do you know where the noise is coming from?' Above. 'Can you be more precise than that?' From everywhere I can feel around. From roots, from dirt, from stone and even metal, dangling as it is stricken against. 'How can you exactly know what's happening there?' 'I am connected with them.' The voice grew a lot grimmer, and the sad smile reverted back from the constant indifference. There was half of a nose, or only a bit of it left there just fairly cut from the rest. It mattered not to him what transpired above, and he realised it now. Though there was another question to be asked. 'Will you die if I pull you out?' 'I don't know.' What followed after that was a full deep breath coming out from the mouth before it froze and waited. It seemed to have prepared itself before being strapped against his back. The last two he had seen were there, just not as far. No others in sight, but a small, yet sturdy case laid standing alone on the road. He pulled the two out of before they had the chance to speak and went for the case. It was getting crowded, or say, a burden on his back, though he grabbed and dragged it nonetheless. In retrospective, it was a bad idea, since it was unknown to him what laid inside, who could tell what could've happened once he got in? Argus threw the trapped mouths and using his entire upper body strength, he lifted the case and placed it in his seat. Standing on his chair, face to face, it wasn't locked or protected in any possible way, hence he only needed to go on and open it. To yet another surprise, he found nothing more inside but a small box, black and large, which took all the place. There were plenty of small deep square empty spaces in which they all held a small hole. It wasn't hard to figure out what was what for, and how it'd be to be connected then. Simply, he grabbed a mouth and pushed the cord inside the hole and twisted, keeping the motion, until a sound of a click could be heard. After he was done, he simply watched as the cord was pulled down and the face was placed back to its spot. He did so with all of them, all but one which was missing, seeing the wide assembly of faces, some having noses of parts of an eye. It was dark, so Argus took a moment to excuse himself from not noticing that before. Though they reacted differently, now they were still. He pulled one at once. 'Can you hear me? Hello?' The box looked more like a battery now, so most likely there was no power to make it start. Unless he counted the engine which was still running as he thought of it. He grabbed the case and took it with him, not having appeared to be much lighter than before. The part and the small lips were covered and he had closed it on the way, though he thought of the fact that there wasn't an additional cable for him to use at all. Even one could've been useful at a time like this, not to mention that he desperately needed it, as he felt. There was something tied to the machine, the voices and the emotions they made him feel. The shell in front was lifted as he looked at the machine. Luckily there laid protective gloves caught in the casing near the right side, held up by some plastic wires. Clamps, and a long wire, along with some extra replaceable part which laid by side in case of anything that helped. There laid even a fuel compartment which was there only for the most desperate situation. It was a shame though, he looked above and saw just how close it was for a metal shard to impale and go through. The engine could've been long lost and his end prolonged. His trickery showed sooner rather than later, while he arranged for the wires to be caught, looking inside the case for something that would resemble a plug. His finger pointed by itself and there it laid, on a lonely corner, it wasn't a plug but a hole. It worked just as well for him, sparks immediately came out upon the content, and he could feel just how aroused the machine got. There was some shaking, or perhaps that came from his feet, though it was obvious it was being charged, until the moment where it stopped. Argus rolled the case and placed it on the ground, making sure it's tightly sealed. He looked around before

placing everything where it belonged until he quickly returns with his case inside. With the engine ready to go, seeing how not much of the energy was taken, it was a safe pass through the depths, now with an open case. Argus pulled a mouth and held in one hand while driving. The path ahead seemed seeming easy to follow and the attention wasn't entirely needed, as to excuse using his both hands. 'Now, I hope you work.' There was a pause, though not his usual ones where he cleared his throat and looked ahead. He spoke to the mouth whilst watching, now closer to his face and beard. It asked first. 'Where did you get that scar?' Came the voice of a young woman, slightly distorted, but so did the squarish case around it seem. Broken, distant, almost like a block of metal that laid abandon with a slab of meat pushed on as decoration. 'How do you know I've got a scar?' 'I know now.' His hand released as he saw the snake-like cord wriggle and get pulled back to its place. A musk laid in the air, and it was a shallow thing he made. 'Another.' Argus said as it pulled it at once. 'Where did your friend. I mean how did your friend know where I had the scar? If I had one. Just answer the question.' Those teeth were chattering in spite and it seemed as if it had no voice. The more he looked at them, the more obvious did it appear what for they were made. Right in time, he returned to the road, where he to wait another second he would've fallen below, in the gigantic seemingly endless valley. Blue leaves distant falling from blue leaves, though the ground would've been hard enough to smash his machine with him inside. He turned it only to see the road get twisted and thinner as he went, it wasn't enough for his machine alone to go, as from the distance it appeared to be thinning out even further. Only one would go on foot, even if it were an army to come down, thousands of people would be forced to go one by one as for a deeply stricken line. Argus turned and force it to keep turning and turning until the point where it laid at the edge unable to walk forward and backwards. Sure, the tunnel was too large to be blocked entirely, though at least, if someone was to come and lay upon it, they'd have a hard time, to say the least. He sighed. Now he returned to his mission on foot, with a lightweight, after having decided to take it with him to the end. The gate at the end, it was clear one he got out of the roller, as for it thickly smudged windows, they blocked the true sight of the gate. Compared to it, he was nothing but an ant. Now he understood where the cage laid, on the other side of the valley. Now he went, though there still was something in his mind. Something which made no sense. What broke through and went through the same way as he did? It could be here, still, he remained on high alert. 'Do you know anything about this place?' 'I am tired, and need to rest.' 'You will rest late, once I find out.' 'Please!' Argus didn't know they could reach such high notes from there, though it did leave a piercing shriek as it wanted to be heard. It was agony, the least one could attest to that, to hear it suffer, to be unable to shut it down. 'You will get your rest once we're done and I will be answered. Now tell me of this place.' He gave in after a little more effort from both sides. 'It's dark and empty, but I've been placed here to fill it, that's what I've been told, that's what we've been all told. Can you put me back now? I've finally got some silence in the longest time and I can't handle more sound.' He was quickly returned where he belonged. The others were most likely driven by the same behaviour, so it's been thought. That didn't stop him though, from doing what he did, pulling one after another to get his answers. 'I wanted to.' And the voices quickly interrupted each time at the sound of another voice which wasn't theirs. 'Joy, oh joy, you're back here with us at last. Why do you call?' 'I've got questions.' 'And I've got the answers to everything you ask.' 'Where are we?' 'You must understand that I've got no eyes and I can't really smell anything so do me a favour and describe where we are.' 'Dark, gloomy, I've been going on some stairs for a while, they're leading in a valley, with a giant gate that's well

giant."Slower, and from the start, where did you come from?"I've come through a tunnel that leads to the depths of the earth where I found you."It is good enough.'Said the voice now pleased. There wasn't a pause or a wait for Argus to speak again and despite everything said so far and the vagueness shown to the blind box, it began speaking in whispers. Right as he was about to hit the leaves which laid on the ground it said.'Wait.'The straps were there and now the long cord was being attached to his shoulder pocket as if to hold. Argus held his grip tight on the case and find out it didn't cut out the cord as he held, no more than a slight look twice or thrice would be thrown in that direction, as it seemed to be made out of a flexible leather he enjoyed. Still, it was curious it spoke.'Can you hear the silence now?'I can, but it won't last for long if you don't care. You're not the first one who had me."What does that mean?"There was a stinker's look on the mouth as it said it, though he thought them incapable of joking, the gate was still assaulted. It looked as if it came from behind. Blast it, Argus thought. 'Who was it then who came and had you before? Can you tell me?'Indeed, they.'The machine started coughing out oil and other small spots and liquids at once. It was a disgusting display that was shown, not to mention that it would leave the case in a much worse case than before. Argus took another as it turned out by the look of the slightly decayed skin and the opening which turned out to be an eye. It opened and looked directly in both of his eyes as it were spoken with. 'You've not had that there before. Actually, don't explain, we're at the bottom now, have there been other people here before me? Someone who could've touched or spoken to you?'The lips moved dry, and it seemed like the cord in which it extended itself to the box seemed more like a water hose. 'I've no water for the moment, though I am much aware of your dry lips. Here's the deal, if you scratch my back, I will most certainly scratch yours. I will give you all the water you can take.'It was hard to look away, knowing that the one eye was watching. The last step seemed as if it was struck by a long forgotten twilight, metal escaped in bluestone, dark but clean, appearing as if no one has even stepped on it for thousand of years. 'Turn me around.'Said the old voice and it looked. There wasn't any eyelid but a bulging eye that moved, appearing mostly, if not all too surreal to be called an eye. But the bulging replica belonging to a mannequin, as it seemed to never tire and keep going, a small glittering idea followed as it was turned. 'Seen enough?'Though it looked above, the way behind was too far and pointless to go through. 'I did. At least twenty and they were carrying something big.'So did it know too that there was a need for silence?'How did you know that it was the time for whisper?'We all know, we can hear you there, you're a loud one disturbing our silence and sleep. 'If you heard it, then, may I go down and be able to walk freely?'You must hurry if you choose to do so, for they are here and the trap is well prepared. And we were only placed here to make you listen. 'The cord pulled itself back, thrown against its holding pin almost as if it was unannounced and uncared for. Time passed, seconds, minutes, perhaps more, that he glanced and waited, then picked another. Plenty to choose, and the latest one said only. 'Don't touch the leaves and run. Hid under the tree.'At hear it, his attention changed, looking at the falling leaves and the sounds of bells, of which he now became accustomed and aware was obvious. To top it utmostly, there were fragments of the dark which laid in spots of which he couldn't see under nor through. He leapt above and beyond the bed of leaves and never looked back. By now his hand didn't seem as if it existed anymore, having been used to be used only as a carry, be a small tool box, case or even bag. Muscles twitched, his eyes were attentively calculating their last move and the next one soon to be taken. A leap, and another then he ran and stopped as he fell apart and tumbled. Luckily, the landing was utmost bizarrely ending up under roots and a small hole. It was a giant tree with many roots and

branches which extended as far as they could be seen. Giant cobwebs and wires laid above, which only needed to glow once in the gloom that it made him think of what could lay between them. Dust and the growth of moss on his foot were now only slightly disturbing as it appeared that the forest was owned by its own will and desire and he was mere a passage. 'Wait.' Four voices spoke, and he pulled them out. 'Take out our battery, for we are now recharged. We may aid you now, for time has come. Pull our box.' 'Push it through.' He did so but didn't entirely understand, though they continued. 'Turn it around, let us face you.' There were plenty of other features now that seemed to have grown while he was unaware of it. Another mouth, an eye on another, nose, twin brows but no eyes. One even came up with a small pair of fingers, as he pushed the box, or attempted. 'It isn't working, what now?' There laid grim sounds, marches around the forests, tall figures in the distance that still haven't seen or figured out he came. This is where he laid and watched, they were as silent as he was. Not even his breath lasted as he saw the first dark and tall armoured men, stepping on the leaves and crushing them, leaving only the sound mirroring a crushed belt. The features were twisted and it appeared as if the joints were outstretched with skin. Over the course of the next few minutes whilst he lay in silence, he saw them become tall, as giants, only for some minor seconds to look around before reverting to their less twisted form. It caught him by surprise that the place which laid in front of the tree laid smouldered. There had apparently been a silent burst as the end of the box, which Argus turned about. There laid a spark and the dark ashen mark as well as a giant hole left by the small burst. Only one face laid now there, silent and aware, standing, deeply lodged in the tree. 'Where are the others?' Argus asked as he held the box up, closer to his breast, seeing something inside of it. 'Only one chance remains now for you if you want to get through. It is what you were destined to do from the very beginning, just like others before you played their roles.' Above, under the shadows of trees, he could see branches coming and extending, tall and wide, far apart but shaken by other trees, as if a net was made between all of the for nothing more but travel. 'You hid this all along inside of you.' He said after pulling out what he thought to be, a perfectly rounded, solid lower part of the face, teeth and all, not a single spot on the tongue, but a perfect replica of his own. It seemed almost like plastic, yet more feathery, less roughed, but coming to it with each second his sweat and dirt came to be. 'What do you want me to do?' 'Put it on. Join us in the final leap or give up and be slain by them.' 'But why?' He asked as he saw from above, the dark blue turned red and a desaturated maple leaf fell. It made no sound but left him disturbed. 'How could.' Even the shimmering seconds in which his voice was close to being silent, he remained slightly watchful around, as, around the corner they laid, the silent watchers in the dark vigilantly looking for his presence. 'I was trapped.' Argus protested. 'You've got a choice, everything so far was your choice and once you put that on, you will have given up your entire. The last remnants of self-control.' 'Who, what are you?' 'Echoes.' 'Echoes.' 'Echoes.' Said the voices from the distance, appearing only as whispers and like the falling of small twigs in the wind for the untrained ear. 'Will it hurt? I cannot do it if it does, they will hear my screams and pinpoint where I lay.' 'We can arrange the rest.' 'So what must I do then? Just place it on and get to the gate?' 'It won't matter after this, whatever you've done and whoever you were will be gone.' 'But, I want to live, I need to live, this is what it's ever been done my attempts to escape and.' 'Your entrapment.' Continued the mouth, sap was protruding out of it now, as it was affected by the tree. There still laid the tooth, which he now grabbed. 'If everything was planned, why do I have this?' 'I am still blind, describe it to me.' 'A tooth, long and cracked, it has some differences. It's not like the others but it's mainly the same, a long

sharp tooth, which burst out in flames once it reaches a hard surface."Your timing is quite bizarre, though unplanned. This is your choice still, end your life or throw it out. Does it make a sound of agony?"It used to make a loud noise, and quite an echo once it's done at that too, perhaps even more so depending on what's about to happen after."Good."But you still haven't answered me now, what will I do with the jaw?"Just place it near your own and it will dig it out and replace it."There wasn't any wonder or questioning anymore if it were to hurt or not. It was more than obvious, in his envisioning on it. Argus turned the box around and pushed the case further into the dark. He placed the jaw on the plane surface and turned it around to match his own. A coincidence then? What else could it be, find myself having been forced here with my new jaw, a new part of me stricken and pushed forth and the last tooth just laying here at the right time?"Who made it?"The voice refused to answer and didn't do anything else but slurp the sap which still laid dropping out of it. There was a tongue that suddenly came about and twisted on itself, dropping its harsh skin as it waited. The choice is yours but be wary for they approach. It won't take long anymore until they come near and smell the fear and the pain. I can feel it now as you stare at it in silence."How did you know? You're blind."Silent, or else they will find you. Need I remind you that all was planned? Do you need to have the last moment to remind yourself of the times where all laid calm and quiet? You have only but a chance to do so."Fine, I do want to feel it once again."Only one simple trade.'And it appeared as if the tree itself approached him as the mouth spoke, else he couldn't even have thought of approaching it, even closer, on his own.'Throw it now.'And his hand just pushed it out of his mind. Unaware of what he was doing, Argus threw the tooth out of his reach and pulled away, wriggling in pain. Out of the darkness came a dart, right into the gloom, thrown as a spear, it came through the soft and weak spot between the joint of an armour. There laid a pair of screams and fire burst out, like a delivery's promise of hell. A terror soon came on everyone who watched or gleaned from far out. The mouth gaped as for being pierced, limbs wriggled and it felt as if beasts were forced onto the ground to suffer. Echoes of their screech ran through the forest, piercing as if stricken, amplified by the sound of armour bursting and be torn to pieces. The fall remained the hardest to be taken as the coils lend their hands, outstretched and covered everything under great shadows. Bells rang as the leaves just kept falling and falling in their stream between the tongues of the wind. It came be fast as it ended, feet ran across as they all hurried, along and among them, the flying being emerged and gazed between the areas under the shadow but end up restlessly heading to the fiery point. Flames were about to emerge from above, finally on their way and it seemed as if everything was happening just in time. Stone crumbled, and the bells rang, and at one, though came the fiery blood of the mountain, emerging and embracing everything at hand. The heat came first and the winged beast howled at the fire. It drowned it a little and smoked the already hurt being, who laid supreme and hurt, fleeing in a terror far greater than its own. At last, he dreamed, the small man trapped at the bottom of the ravine, walking without his awareness to the gate. Any point in time he could've chosen to live the vivid memory and it would've served him as well. Though all but lies which he told to himself, all but one which he remembered well. His younger brother and his torture at his own hands, which he felt as if he had deserved it. 'Not here.' Yet he rejected it and pushed his brother, pushed the nurse and everyone who laid before him. 'I don't need the past, I need to know what happened to those that helped me that day, no tricks, no more lies or dates. Just bring me there.' He said as if he was judged, in a room that was empty but square, dark and gloomy, pulled out a mouth appeared, giant, enormous, which, without a doubt could belong to a titan if one thought as such. 'Well.' 'It's

your wish and ours, you've done your part. This is the least you deserve. "Thank you." And the mouth received, suddenly the thick mist got pulled under the dark corners, from which he could see now. Now, there laid the room around him, though he laid clothed, his hands appeared yet the same as before, moments before entering the forest. His clothes remained the same, still dirty. "May I move? Can you hear me?" "We can." The voices spoke through walls, just as they did previously, as it was revealed the asylum laid still there. Out of one of the extremities came the mouth and grinned, a smaller version, with eyes and what could be seen as a smaller fraction of a neck protruding out. Yet the metal frame remained around the head. "Get out, it is open at your request." It was as said so, though the other side of the asylum turned out to be the military base. "This is not what I asked for." "But you wanted to see what happened." "I still do, why am I denied it?" "Have you seen the outside of your cage?" The face asked, tied now on a wall that seemed to have decayed. "I can't remember exactly, though I know I have gone through outside when the doctor got me inside. It happened before I passed out, I believe." "Then if you don't remember, and if only fractions are now left to you. You may never know what happened to them." "They're dead." On another corner laid the town, in the sewers, through which he walked, the crowd seemed a lot stiffer, yet their jaws seemed replaced. They walked as they did before, more than a peculiar feeling crept about him and still. Still, it responded from mouth to mouth. "They were never real perhaps, or did you forget." Argus amplified his pace, getting faster with each step, seeing the mouths belonging to something of which they didn't belong to, the shape, the frame and even the colour. Small rats having human mouths. "Never real, never real." "Deceived, deceived." "Come on faster, you're almost there." He hadn't any care for those near which he bumped, yet he could feel the sudden clink of metal, on the ground. Yet nothing so hard could be seen in sight, to make such a sound as if belonging to an anvil. "There." Argus pointed as if to himself and to another, and those men, the woman. The mad. "I've seen you die before my eyes, I know that you were abandoned." "Yet we live and you passed us. Them, the first time you came through, remember?" Now Argus pointed at statues that seemed to be missing arms, were they like that or not? "I remember what she said of the founders, yet I can't explain." He was pushed by everyone around, one by one, like leaves popping out of the ground, tormented to see through something he didn't deserve. "Why did it follow you here?" The abomination even lives in your memory and here, its hunt for you, it wants you to decay. "Fight it, fight it." Suddenly another distant voice came, as it was forced through for him to hear. Argus felt compelled to say, as he was pushed and pulled, jerked by forced that grabbed him and were ready to throw him on the other side. "My. My name is Ferdinand!" He shouted, he yelled, his lungs pushed through and suddenly he felt a sharp shrieking pain through his jaw that made him wriggle inside and almost kneel. To him, beasts lay dead and engineers, no, revolutionaries lay dead. He knew now that what laid here would be a broken mansion, swallowed and gasped upon, seen as if by someone with a much grimmer view of his future and theirs. One who waited as if he was the jailer of the dead. Yet he could see something in the distance, past his memory. And the sound of bells stopped at once as if to remind him where he was, standing at the other side, lost and weary he looked before and realised he stopped at the right time. A few more steps and he would've fallen into the deepest abyss through which his eyes couldn't even dare to pierce. It was as obvious as he thought of it, what would've happened if he let them control him any further. "Is it true then? You wanted to stop me?" The voices didn't speak, but remained silent, as the trees upon which they stood. The energy should've been running out by now, fire pierced though it was no sunlight. The fire erupted from below, and now he looked, for something to get across. It

was too far away, and not to mention impossible for a jump, especially with the thought of weariness in his him, he remained ill and taken by fear, strangled by fate. Up and away, the last remnants of the cold wind came and licked his neck, it bore leaves and bells, which slightly distracted until he saw the bridge. There was something coming though, and the steps were all too clear. Ferdinand knelt and shivered into the darkness as he had previously done before to hide from unwanting eyes and waited. Even with the fire coming from the mountain, some areas remained as dark as they have ever been, though it seemed that they weren't as keen with their ears either. He still walked, but slower, looking upon the blisters and fragments of skin falling apart, from the joints between the spots where would've been the armour. It was burnt, and the small was obvious, though even more was the sharp cleaver it wielded and carried, the sharpness and the roughness of the handle which it bore with him. Coming here was a mistake that none could deny, not even him, but neither was death a choice. The machine was already going and twisting, though its colossal size could've blinded a lesser man, he stared in awe for a second, at what he imagined to be an endless space inside, the cage. 'The cage.' He continued out loud, and it was almost as if he had gotten a new strength for saying a secret word of power that was told to him by an ancient force. Now, he needed it the most, as he saw the ruined soldier, dragging by the handle of the cleaver, ready to cut down the bridge. There wasn't any weapon nor did he have any armour, but a jaw that didn't seem to belong to him and the first rock he had gotten on the way, which he picked as he ran. It was at least twenty feet away from the bridge and without a doubt, it wasn't the pain but shock of the foe that finally revealed itself after the hunt began. Though Ferdinand loosened his hands as he leapt and stepped on as many leaves as he could, behind thrusting and throwing the rock at such a speed and force that it knocked the handle out of its hand and threw it on the ground, wriggling in shock. Before it could get up, he attempted to pick up the weapon though he failed immediately since it remained too heavy and instead chose to go through, as fast as he could to attempt to get on the other side of the bridge. It was a deep, long run as he chose to not look behind, hearing the wail and the voices come up from the slumber. Still, it was close, closer than he thought or dreamed about, until he felt it wriggle and looked back in a moment of fear and wonder, how would it end? Ferdinand didn't know, though he grabbed the rope that held a part of the bridge and held it as it broke and fell. Only a few steps remained, even though the bridge was being taken apart. 'Don't do it!' A moment of confusion came to be, as he was holding on a single rope, marking and walking only by his hands, without an inch of wood or solid ground to stay upon, he was ready to fall into the abyss. It had only worked for seconds until his fate was sealed, as the cleaver headed down and started slowly cutting through the rope. It was a lot hardened than it seemed but Ferdinand tried nonetheless to get through, inches away, he was stopped, seeing his hands shiver at the pain once the last thing which held the bridge failed. He would've fallen if it weren't for both of his hands, being rubbed against it, making them red as he forced himself to still stay on. It was a chance, he could've died, but the cleaver than thrown from the distance, almost at a faster pace, managing to almost get through to him. It was at this moment that he let go, choosing to die into the abyss rather than at the hands of such a fiend. He closed his eyes and saw everything darken, his feet might've touched what had remained of the wood, though he didn't look back. The expectation would've been at least hours if it weren't for the sudden realisation that he fell on the other side of the bridge. His hands jerked and moved around the wood until they reached the plane upon which the bridge was laid upon. 'Rock. I'm still alive.' His hands jerked even more as they came across his face in wonder that he was still alive,

luckily enough to do so. A cave which was laid in front of the abyss. Though no time for celebration, it seemed as if the cleaver wasn't lodged hard enough into the stone to be left there for generations. Presumably, it fell down moments after he decided to venture forward. An eco laid as the metal came falling and bounced against the ground. Perhaps, it was for the best, he thought, and the previous attempts to lift the weapon have ended in failures which he still remembered sorely. It wasn't much, as he remembered the mountain bleeding, that the abyss would be drowned in it, and at that very moment it could even trap and burn him too if he hadn't escaped. Still, the screams were obviously there, as trees and leaves continued burning, though even more obvious were the mouths. Now discovered, even as they burnt they remained attacked, stricken through by long lances, against which they couldn't defend themselves but try to deafen them a little further. Though each attempt turned out to be reckless and pointless as they couldn't be stopped in the last hour of desperation. Lances, swords and axes came upon and cut through tree and leaves and chewed the ground upon which they walked, only to break everything apart and find nothing. There wasn't any spot for a voice, only soft joints which stretched at the time and failed to see. Unfortunately one fell on its neck, seen as residue and ignored, it bore through and took control. It happened at the back, so it failed to see it coming, though now one moved and managed to come around silently, filled with rage for its fallen brothers. A piercing shriek came one the lance came and bore through the back of the leg and cut through. The small creatures crawled onto one leg into the dark and kept wriggling there away from sight, unable to lift itself from above. Seen by someone, quickly another one came from above. Enough time had passed for it to jump and decapitate the other, cutting through the metal and through the prosthetic material which formed the mouth. Even as they fell, the blood refused to mix on the ground but fell nonetheless. Now they were aware of their presence. Thorough the net and branches they cut through, and to their surprise, or at least some of them, another one fell to be controlled and attacked. It was a duel of swords which happened in-between the chaos of fire and the gate. From it suddenly came a chill and a distraction, from which, a foot became slippery and fell. Another agent was killed, and another mouth pretending to be hiding away in the dark. Slowly, it bore through the skin, digging much deeper than it was supposed to. There needed to be a certainty of their control, which could only be achieved if they took over their hearts or brains. And indeed, it was warm, warm, forever feverishly warm inside the body, the skin armoured and the head, it brought pleasure as it was forced against the frame. Had it been Argus, it would have rejected, as he barely took the jaw and resisted. Now they knew to have been betrayed and turned around towards the spot they knew where he went. Inside the dark, a blob of darkness fell, and suddenly one single armoured beast stopped wriggling in the dark and started crawling to the gate. Another one had no head, but still, enough space for one of them to come in. It wasn't long that they were outnumbered, two or three now jumped and came inside one of the soldiers, in a desperate attempt to go on. And then came the lost one without a weapon and without any possible defence. It looked at them, all assimilated and controlled and turned around, seeing how there was nothing left for it to do. Limits were reached, though all were greeted by no bridge. 'Where did he go?' 'Find him fast before he reaches the gate and opens it.' 'Fools.' The headless body interjected with a needlessly sharp voice. It seemed as if it had some authority over the other, at least, sort of speaking, in terms of who took charge and who listened to whom. 'Keep it quiet for he may hear us, or have you forgotten the gift we have given to him? We're close enough that we may hear each other if he decided to speak. Look there!' He pointed at the abyss, through which the bridge was still in the process of being

swallowed. It was dark though there was a doubt. 'He's not dead, at least not yet, though Argus. I know you can hear us, especially now, but you must give up and turn around, we've outnumbered you.' With that, some four from the ranks outstretched, then took a head start before they leapt to the other side with their thin and light bodies. They felt like feathers being lifted and carried by the wind, pushed forth, further and further upon the sky. Magma came in force and scorched the ground upon which they used to walk. There wasn't any way out anymore, not for them or for any other in their position, and since there was no escape, and there seemed to be only the darkest tall corners of the room, there was revealed not to be any escape for them either. 'We're all stuck together Argus, waiting for our deaths, why don't you come and join us now? It will be over soon enough, just come with us and it will be swift.' 'Do we not serve the same master? Do we not?' 'Listen to me Argus, just listen to me, ignore the others and focus only on me.' It was the voice of the old man, barely audible from the distance. Ever since they first contacted him, he seemed to have remained alone, deeply lodged inside a tree, standing and waiting in silence. Some time remained at least until the fire would burn him to a crisp, though there was just enough left for them to converse. 'You are alone and still trying to find a way to open the gate but have you forgotten of what lays beyond it? Have you forgotten the rewards?' There was suddenly a voice which came from all of their sides and angles, as it was made, closely to impossible to be tracked. 'Didn't you want to do the same thing? Isn't that why you forced me to ruin my face, my jaw? You wanted me dead and now regret the fact that I broke out of your control.' It was clear to him, even rallied ancient caves and long forgotten stone formations that something laid near. The cage was running deep through the stone, not to mention that it too, ran deeper than he had ever imagined. If the gate was colossal, this was a hundred times bigger than he had even imagined, going further to the depths. Though no immediate need called for him to go there, he could see that that was a path, a small crawling spot that bounced in-between the material and the stone. Abruptly set and perhaps dangerous, he had thought of it only as a last resort, though he'd be trapped like a rat, now Argus looked around and read the words in his mind. They were much more comprehensible than he would've thought, but still fragments of words and gaps. Something was obvious in all of it. 'I've been waiting for you. Words were spread in long valleys of smashed text, crushed walls in stone. Someone had been here before him and he couldn't deny the fact. Some time passed and already the silence started disturbing him, this was a dead end after all and he couldn't do anything to save himself from his current conundrum. There were coins everywhere sculpted in stone, out of which some were just left to be picked. No doubt, the appearance would've been taken of that of gold, and perhaps it could've served as a distraction for someone less interested than what he was. Ferdinand took no more notice of the damned silence and slipped into the crack in the stone and started guiding himself to the bottom of it. The iron felt numbing, for the journey was more than long and it could still be felt against his body. His mind just as tired as he heard the speech. 'I've found you, little worm. Your cave is near.' There were several voices that could be heard, though they were late in finding him. Soon, the valley would be entirely covered in the blood of the mountain and so would the abyss. An illusion came to life, as both his feet started becoming part of what the gate, and in no time, as the stone thinned out, he saw nothing in front of him but a waist, soon absorbed inside the cage. Argus was safe now, though hurt, hearing the silent cries and the bitter song of drums which came from inside. 'Am I free now? Have I done what I was asked for?' But suddenly came a voice and said. 'Not yet.' And with that, Argus came back to the realisation after floating through an array of iron, he was thrown on the other side. The sky was trembling

and devouring the sand with small sand spikes and sand-pikes which were hewn and thrown all around. He had gotten just in time to witness the siege. Without a doubt, after having figured out on his own that he could be heard again, he asked. 'Is this your cage?' 'You have found me at last.' The voice answered it was much more stern, stronger, deeper, and the multitude of voices that accompanied it was just as strong as the main one had appeared to be. 'Why can't I see you then?' 'It's been a long road and I'm still greeted by illusions.' 'This is why you came, little insects are drawn to the flame. You must shut it down from inside, an intruding organism that found its way here. And the price must be paid.' Sand turned black into his eyes and siege machines twisted with skin. Those armies he used, from their uniforms, could be seen and taken as ancient kingdoms that had been. White robes, tall white horses and spears in both hands. Archers and knights, though now they had been decay. The way ahead appeared as a different world, yet every time Argus looked about, he could see an end, where all blended and melted to form the face of the trapped creatures, who looked at his every step and move. A distinct shade of grimdark came to be in-between the spot where his face started and the one where the sky began. 'Why haven't you found it yourself then?' Suddenly, skin became grim and cut, overlapping stones formed on top of the sand, enough and spread for Argus to be able to freely jump from one to another. Without a doubt, he feared, though he had mastered it just as he had done it in the past. It appeared as if it was only one head, though he had remembered of seeing at least two or three additional ones in his visions or at least the last time when they spoke. Though it kindled as it waited, Argus looked it in the eyes and asked. 'Could you reveal yourself and stop playing your games? You made me come here with a reason, to get out of your cage! And yet, you're still playing and attempting to do so even in the last moments of your imprisonments.' It was a grim laughter that came out of it, which made more than bringing shivers down Argus' spine. It was enjoying itself, perhaps too much to be called as such. 'I've been doing this for far longer than you could ever imagine. Yet you try to deny my please since you came thither to my torment?' The sand seemed to have been pulled away, revealing the skin under it and the layered cage. It was a grim metal, almost ancient and clean, that had no crack, nor dent or anything on it. Tendrils might've been latched all over and spread as if they tried finding even the smallest crack or hole that could've been used to escape, though even that was a failure for it. 'There is no escape and others have tried. Why would I even heed your call?' It was an unsettling gaze that was bored into Argus, though not even he could deny the sturdiness of the cage. And, whilst standing there in front of it, he pulled himself aside and asked. 'Why did you call me then if you knew this was for nothing? So much wasted time, for both of us.' 'Do not question me you worm!' Out of the sudden, the army that laid near was blown to dust in the coming storm. There laid the sea and Argus couldn't help standing anymore but tried to swim so he wouldn't drown. The waves were running up and down, and the first second he managed to find a safe plank to stand upon, he stood jumped upon it. Far away, there were a few pairs of boats that were just roaming the sea, and one seemed to be approaching his general direction, though it was already too hard to see with the wind. The leaves obviously didn't belong to this place, or so he thought until he saw an island. It was late to turn about, but above of him, through the dark clouds, his face was hidden and forced to the depths. Suddenly it reappeared, and every voice it spoke at once. 'We can drown you, we can eat you. We can have the sea mammals rip you apart. Do not deny what is given to us now, oh small being that came. We've waited for far too long to be freed ever since we've been left here to rot.' It came from below, and now, suddenly Argus released both his hands and took a deep breath. His hopes remained that he'd take as much of it

inside his lungs as he could before he was bored away to the depths. Ascending through the water, the glorious blue and ultramarine vision was greeted by great rings of small fish. Whales as big as he could see to the bottom of the sea, and a distance that went even further than the deepest depths of the Earth. He even thought of having seen a distance that went even deeper than the maximum capacity of his cage. After a few tries, he returned to above, seemingly taking a longer distance to reach. So, it was obvious, as Argus noticed, as the first thing that the clouds were getting just as close to him as he got to them. He's somewhere down below hiding now. It was indeed a test of time, to wait and see who would give it up. 'If I die.' The leaves and the wind got harsher, even for him to take. His mouth was full of salt water and there have been a few good gulps he had taken, not to mention that it managed to replicate the exact feeling the sea had. It must've seen it before, even the animals, what could you be then? Argus was so deeply caught in his thought that for a second he forgot what he was about to say. The sudden screech and piercing thunder suddenly reminded him. 'If I die, no one's going to be left to save you from here. Trapped forever with a cursed corpse, drowned and battered, or eaten or forgotten. Is that how they all ended? No wonder why you've been left here alone for an eternity.' The water's sudden uprising was grabbed to a halt, as well as the harshness of the storm. There wasn't any stopping of the boat, which was still heading for him, though he couldn't deny the fear that had crept inside of him when it started being overtaken by rage. It was a giant squid that roamed from the bottom and sewn under his, going into round circles and never stopping its leaps inside the water. At least a few tricks of its knowing, but the voice spoke again. 'Then will you free me? So I guess. Others tried and failed, as have I in my position.. 'A crackling boil came from the bottom and ate two ships into a vortex. Something it has said made it wrong. Could it be that?' No more games, climb up. 'The sudden release of the anchor left room for a stop. Also, there had been a pair of ropes lowered for him to climb on, and get onto the deck. His feet slammed the ground fast and his lungs were emptied of all the water, rightly on the floor. His eyes were red, his neck was sore and Argus couldn't deny his weariness and hunger. There laid run and food of the table, they've belonged to the crew, though they appeared to be the furthest thing from a human. Acting like small mannequins, they stood there motionless, barely moving or trying to act as what that creature believed humans acted like. Even if the chances of the food being poison was great, he felt the need to eat, for he was starving alone. 'Now.' The tentacles suddenly came from the bottom and in comparison with the ship, they were colossal, and not only in size but girth. The sticky substance just came and crawled as if it was made by millions of small parasites that marched in lines to cover the sail and crawl through the wood. 'I can't wait, I can't wait, I will not wait for another second, though I must entertain you now, my guest. You've come far, and only for me.' But Argus couldn't be bothered to listen, as he focused on giggling and devouring as much as he could in the little time remaining. He had taken notice of what was happening to the ship, even though at the time he couldn't have cared less for either the destruction or the others. His mouth was full, though he was aware of just how slow it went, for a sea beast of such magnitude, the sail would've been immediately taken down. It's toying with me now, though I'm in no position to take a rash decision. Thought Argus while slowly being trapped under his own eyes. Its restlessness was almost as predictable as its unstable nature. And so it revealed to be much obvious after seeing the skin melt down and become part of the wood, it wanted Argus to turn his attention to it and cower in fear. What could be described as rage for a human, this was ten times worse than it could've ever been. Madness, prowess and the sails were thin, just as transparent as they now were. The thin ship was

pushed against the wind and suddenly the tentacles started closing in. The sails were quickly reformed before it pulled back, but not until fully modifying the ship to its desire, only to become a balloon attached to it. With a sudden surprise, the tentacles were ripped apart from their embodied parts and crushed the latter side of the ship. Leaving a wreckage to be lifted in the air and head towards the unknown in the sky. 'You still don't understand, do you? Others came here to challenge me. Only to end up failing just as you did before.' The dark clouds cleared in small spots of blue within white where he could see what really was the only wait out for him. A route as he may go. 'But why did you bring me here? I ask you again, all the things you've said and done have no reason to have happened if they only did so so you'd get a new toy. Are you even him?' Out of the clouds formed a dark and long shape. With a long beard made of trickling lightning which came closer and further in through its eyes. It looked Argus in the eyes but didn't dare to exchange any word with him. Such thing wouldn't have happened if he dared said he was who he claimed to be. But, then again, it chose to float around and pay attention to his body movement and ponder what was to be done with him. 'Bring me down immediately so we may converse!' At his will, the cheeks started growing and overexpanding with air, but it didn't happen as he planned. Argus wasn't brought down but instead, he got through around and faced a wave of water. Schools of fish came all around him and passed his body in a cooling terror as clear water became red. His arm remained wrapped around the broken pole which was lodged into the deck floor. As hard as he remained against it, his small spot became a grinder for the forced life that was constantly being thrown against him. Yet he didn't yet give up, it had to listen. Though no time remained for him to speak unless he wanted water in his lungs. Seeing how he still didn't let go, the water stop and a gust of wind broke through like one hundred precise strokes from wind blades that cut deep and steeply. His eyes lost sight and for a moment the sky was dark and there laid no water but a red, stone-like land filled with mountains and corpses and decayed and abandoned on the road. It was a peculiar sight to be the only one wet in a land with no water wherever he could look. In hindsight, he was mistaken in giving Argus the time and resources to satisfy the hunger and thirst which had haunted his spirit for so long. 'Where are you hiding now? Can't you see that I'm getting tired of your games? You're not him, a fake one, that's the only thing you are, a decoy?' 'You dare insult me in my own lair?' His thundering roar broke a path through the mountain and left a fiery path in-between his sides. The sight of the molten rocks was unnerving. Especially since he knew that the pain felt if he were to touch them was just as real as him. 'Yes, I dare confront you about it. Show yourself and your true form and despair. I was brought here for a reason and lost too much time doing so. To be toyed around by some impersonation is plain madness and he knows it well.' 'So where are you parasite?' A pair of glimmering red eyes showed themselves in the darkness. This time it appeared as if the eyes were the same size like his, though the distance was far enough for him to be wrong. It could still be a trick made to deceive him. 'Please, we could work together, this is why I came here, there is only one end to our torment.' The voice suddenly seemed picked from a pair of many. With intonations and accents, as he went shuffling through them until it picked the right one. Young, at least in his forties, sort of speak, though one couldn't deny the fact that it left the feeling of something ancient behind each spoken syllable. 'Why would I want to leave now? So you could take my place and replace my task for an eternity? Is this why you were brought here.' A red haze started coming outside from rocks, red and yellow could be seen as spread around, though no fire arose at his will. I need to calm him down before he does something rash. Argus hasn't found a time to look around but saw the limits

of his powers. The carcasses of broken sea life were just there laying around, trying to swim on the ground, yet failing to move. Their bodies weren't boiled alive as he noticed. And the most important of all is the fact that not a second had passed. Those glittering red eyes hadn't stopped looking in his direction and waited for him. At least until it got impatient and said. 'What are you stalling for? Are you trying to start a bargain with me?' The crackling of wind broke through stone and pulled the water out. All of the sudden, the damp field of metal and twisted cords revealed itself. In front of Argus now stood the giant growth which had long been tied to the wall and spread around. The appearance had belonged to someone who could only be called a worshiper of the skin and there wasn't any doubt to whom he resembled. Now Argus laid in front of the ghastly figure, speechlessly looking around at the prison in which he was as trapped as the one in front of him was. 'For how long have you been trapped here?' 'Ever since I was called upon and have answered the call of my master. The same as you have done.' The skin overlapped as with bellies tied with one another, yet only one head laid small and shrill at the top of the body, glaring at it. It seemed as if there wasn't a movement to be had, other than the toying with illusions. 'Smoke and mirrors, tricks and illusions. Is this all that you've been doing all this time? You've grown like a glutton and waited for someone to come, isn't that right?' It boiled it to hear the harsh words, though there wasn't anything it could do to prove him wrong. Indeed, the cage has taken him to a grim promise, yet, when he was drawn like a moth to the flame, it didn't get what it wanted. 'There were others.' And what happened to them? You keep telling me to them, pointing where there's nothing to be seen. This time, there was the image of a long time ago, as it didn't bother to create anything around. It might've seen like something resembling a glimpse of something of a power, now it only seems like a frail little insect, flaccid and easily bent after seeing just how he resisted. Far, deep, not enough to be out of his sight, Argus looked at the formation of skin, popping out from the ground and taking the form, a figure, that seemed to be human soon after. Clothed, black robes, then another was created, to resemble a woman, someone tall, one short, another one shorter and even a child was there. 'They're the ones?' The parasite didn't respond to Argus but looked aghast at the memory. 'They seemed so real when they first came and looked upon my form. He didn't kill them. Where are they?' There was a pause as they form just got pulled back into the ground. Argus knew that there must've been a time when they both saw and encountered the same message as it was shown to him long ago when he was forced to take on the journey. He looked at the body close and saw the shapes attempt to wrestle out of the skin. 'His punishment, even that, you've decided to take it upon yourself for the failure. Yet, the biggest failure of them all it's you. The body had no arms or legs, though it was obvious from the jerking of its ears and of lobes that it wanted to cover from sight. How did you come to this?' 'It's been a parasite, they were created for this reason alone, to sap and eat through it, to tap the machines and despoil its bones.' And you've taken a hold of it in the end. But what about them? You've killed them, made the others a part of you. 'No, no no.' There came the sudden burst of emotion as it jittered then and there. 'They did it on their own accords, they chose to do it. I've given them a choice to live in my world, but all chose the same. They feared what lay below.' What lays below than to be feared by those who came here looking to free him? 'With a glance, it seemed as if there was a set of locks that blocked something from its bottom. His cage, his real cage is underneath, isn't it?' The small head nodded in agreement, those crooked teeth shivered even at the thought of it. Compared to the real thing, he was nothing, just an abomination which took its corrupted form. 'I had no chance to stop the corruption from spreading and blocking the locks.' 'I presume that none of them managed to come

through and free the thing, isn't that right? Hence they chose to end their lives rather than starve to death. 'Such a waste, Argus thought, despite the fact that it was needed anyway. 'What happened, happened, how do we open it then?' 'If I had known the answer, do you think I would've stood there decaying?' 'You're dying?' It was a surprise that even he, who masked himself as diving admitted to his own demise. It was coming and seemingly fast and swift, something was crawling under his skin, though the reason for it was unknown. 'Explain then, how is it that you're dying then?' 'You seemed to have evolved and grown, your illusions seemed real.' 'To you, but for me, you haven't taken a step ever since you came here to be trapped with me. This is the reason why. But now I am weary and it takes a lot to entertain someone else other than me.' There was a pause as to take its breath back. 'As for your other question, this parasite wasn't meant to resist long without sustenance and I'm afraid that taking us wasn't enough to save it. 'I'll be trapped all alone. Is there no way out then?' 'Protested Argus, who seemed to be gazing at his own demise now, a gluttonous mass which was long promised to take him on ever since he stepped on. Now, he started taking some steps and saw the eyes widen. He remained still. There had never been a way out, has there?' 'So they all chose death instead of trying to find even the smallest crawling hole?' 'We were doomed ever since the journey began.' It said whilst standing, though even its body seemed to be an illusion, tightly laid and stretched, the skin seemed to be too clean and uncropped to be tainted. Henceforth, Argus took another look and asked it then. 'Is your body really decaying then, so could it be that it's an illusion behind it too?' 'You don't seem to be starved.' 'I could say the same for you too little man.' 'Though it was true that the sickness was returning, what he thought to have eaten wasn't there anymore.' 'You're right, I can. I can feel it come back, but how?' 'It's only but a trick to manipulate the mind so it ignores the consequences. You've been accustomed to it even before we've met, have you not?' 'It was indeed some things which they shared.' 'So is my fate to starve to death?' 'If I am to die here and now, you may feast upon my body and survive. It's soon approaching and I'm afraid that I've lasted for so long just for your arrival.' 'Just in time once again.' 'There may be no escape for you.' Said the body. It's been some time since he had opened its mouth to speak, though that happened no longer. Every word was spoken just came out of its mouth. 'But I will die of thirst.' 'No longer, it stored just enough to last you a lifetime.' 'Then why is it dying then?' 'If it has.' 'No, it's cerebrum was replaced by mine. My organs were taken from my mind, and I've lasted just enough lifetimes for my mind to decay as well as my body. Now, you're its only hope, until the next one comes and attempts to free it from its prison.' 'Damn you, and damn him at the bottom of his wicked cage. There's no way out for me or anyone from this hell. Do I have no choice but to wait and be driven mad by all of this?' 'There is still a chance that you may find a way to the bottom and release him from his torment.' 'Argus needn't a break anymore and started, as he remained, no longer trapped or forced to hurry by impending doom. He looked once more at the moulder of decay and said. 'Go back to entertaining yourself while you have it, I'll focus on finding a way out for both of us or none.' With that, he went along and for the first time, as he laid without any distraction, looked around at the vast valley of grim metal. It was chiselled, though as nothing he had seen before, if he thought that the marble floor in the depths was perfect, by comparison, he was proven wrong. There were no cracks, no leaks, no dents, just a pure complexion which was left on it. Everything was in its place as the vast mechanism just stood there unmoved, slightly lifted from the floor. There were plenty laid around to form patterns and forms, some longer, some smaller, other jointed and seemingly ready to move if forced to. If everything was laid so, and it seemed as if to work. 'Why has no one. Turned the machine?' 'No

answer came, it had gone some time ever since he had told it to return to its endless dream. The so-called magic which laid behind it went away and revealed the starvation which had long taken care of it. Pink became yellow, desaturated with empty holes of dark green which had discoloured liquids falling from them. Yet the liquid didn't seem to speed as it fell on the ground but stand adjacently in drops. A material which didn't do anything but rejects it. 'Can you even hear me? Has someone tried to take it on? To start.' Still, no answer, as he saw it, Argus didn't bother. Instead, he was the one bothered by it, as he thought of a riddle which none of his predecessors seemed to have figured it out. Devices laid around and it seemed that a parasite had taken place inside of it. They outstretched rightly under him, blocking their way. And now, he had ridden and gotten there just in time that its death would come at hand. It was clear which was the reason of the placement behind the parasite, though instead of eradicating it, he was forced to grow and to change. 'Into you. Hey, hey, listen to me, wake up from your dream immediately!' Argus shouted in a haze as he ran towards it as fast as he could. Without being bothered by tripping or wrongfully stepping, he approached the mass but stopped. Already there had been some experience in dealing with abominations such as the one he saw in front of his eyes, hence he stopped right before the liquid. Eyes remained pale on the mass, though at once moved when it saw that Argus moved as well. Some time passed in which he waited silently for it to answer, not to waste any energy. He heard it speak at last, in the moments of fear, in the hour of despair. 'What do you want of me to do? Can you not see me suffer?' 'You're not the only one that matters here when you've got the best part of the deal. You have every spot and the possibility to live your deepest fantasies for as long as a couple of human lives, perhaps more than that. And yet you complain.' 'My body is dying, can you not understand? Do you feel no pity for a dying old man?' Angered by it, Argus lashed at the mass. 'You're nothing but a beggar, and there were no more years left to give.' 'Those weren't overlapping layers from its growth, but its age. Clearly, he had lived for far too long, more than it is normal for a human to live. Argus wanted it to end. Yet he was denied.' 'No judgement from the dead, I swear on your corpse that I will get to the bottom of this and then escape.' 'Have my blessing then.' Said the creature in form of mockery. It was obvious that it hated being in his presence as much as he felt the same and neither of them could change it. 'Will you help me then?' 'How could I? Other than offering you a swift escape and fall into unconsciousness, anything else is beyond my power.' 'But that'd only be done so you could live longer, it won't help me at all.' 'Wouldn't you do the same if you were in my place? To have a life ever long lasting but the exchange is to be alone.' There laid an uncertainty as if he wasn't sure on his own words, too much has he decayed since the last time. And even longer has it been since he called himself a human or anything resembling such a thing. He laid there still, trying to force himself into another dream, only to forget that he knew that no one entering him would extend his life. There had been tendrils coming out, though now they withered with him, ever since he had taken shape and control, it went into his last leap, his last stand. 'I've never asked for any of this.' 'And still, you speak to me only of your punishment and torment. Perhaps you deserved all of this because you failed.' 'Argus' finger was crooked as he pointed at him, seeing how he came there to free the beast but ended trapped with it. Time after time, argument after argument passed back and forth between them and nothing came to a resolve. Then, all of the sudden, one thing started to happen, each word Argus said had been revealed to carry some weight, more than he expected. It burned through the skin, which ended up disintegrating in front of his eyes as he spoke. Such a best, to be subjected to stress, no wonder it has lasted so long with no one to oppose or to attempt to

strike at it. 'This is the answer if your body is gone, we will be able to cut through and open the mechanism blocking the cage.' Unless. Argus looked reluctantly at it. It could be a trick of the mind, something that forced him to believe only as a last resort to trick him there. It's been some time since it stopped talking and just looked at him. Perhaps there had been hours or days, more, perhaps that he would've thought. No certain way remained for him to tell, neither of the time nor of the tricks. He still had dominion there and the walls blocked everything that went outside. Still, no thirst, no hunger, they would've crept by now, and it was indeed in his ability to trick him into believing they weren't there. Minutes, hours, more if it were to be, didn't matter anymore, the need for certainty of not being under his control had to be established. Think Argus, think. You've travelled a lot and others tried to move you into the right direction. Have you even walked past your bed, could it be that you're into a celestial and everything that happened was only a trick? But how could that be? Why would it create such vastness and such a road so long? Does it have the power? 'Could you at least speak to me now? I need to know something.' 'What is it?' Even the voice slowed down, its bitter fallen lips now resembled the pair of overlapping skin lashes which got mid-way into being melted and stretched. They hadn't been stuck to the top of its belly, have they? 'Do you have a way of telling if we're inside one of the celestials I've been reading about? Nothing made sense, of which I've been through so far.' 'Nothing ever does with them, does it? Yet there may be or may not be. Ask yourself then, does it even matter? Has it ever?' This left him as dumbfounded as he was after entering the cage. Spending as much time with him was already determining to his mental health, which was already getting worse as the time went on. Damn you. 'I keep doing it all over again.' Yet he forgot where he was. No, he forgot something even worse, though now, in the moments where he had been thinking of it, there were fragments of a voice. 'Can you hear him then? From time to time? You've been here longest of us all.' It was tired, not to mention hurt by what was going on, that he could barely hold his form. Another silhouette was formed out of his skin, not as far, it managed to make a larger piece of its skin crawl and push itself further until it reached and made him. Not entirely accurate, though the vastness was mostly kept. It seemed to have been different than it was, resembling nothing close to human or animal, or even any of the terrors he had seen of the way. 'You did see it too.' The small head nodded, though even that gave slight hints of the pain which he felt. Does it still remember then? My name? Argus kept his name hidden, for the time being, there wasn't any immediate need for it to hear him say. He laid in his small bed of leaves and dreams, hazing in and out, in a sudden glance of those pale eyes which became even paler. Worst of all, it was still enormous and decaying in front of his eyes. Laying flat on his arse he looked in wonder. Has this thing also been given a name to be controlled? I haven't asked for it as of now. There was an odourless scent creeping around and it could only be dimly seen as fragments of a nimbus. It was bizarre as it could be felt as the smell of a garden, then suddenly it became dimmer. Once Argus became aware, he rolled away, slightly a few paces from where he had encountered it. 'So this is how you're tricking my sense of smell. Quite a nice trick.' He said in almost a whisper to himself before looking around. Again, once he became more aware of it, he could see the slight raising of the scent before it was hidden away, alternating between a mist and its form. Still, he had yet to ask and shout. 'What is your name?' 'What?' It asks baffled as if just awakened from a long endless dream. There had been already plenty of occurrences where it laid there looking pale before being woken up, and every time it did so. It took a toll, to say the least. Both on its mind, as it started turning more into a mindless animal, struck by dumbness in the middle of the storm. 'I asked for your name,

can't you even remember that? Has it been so long since anyone asks of it? Surely you must remember." "I do not." "You haven't even tried to remember, you've just brushed it off as if it was nothing. Pff." The smoke blown out of his mouth was thicker than the mist, and even hotter, at least a few degrees. "My name is Ferdinand. In case you were wondering." Out of the sudden, he was forced aware, with anguish in his eyes, he cowered at the sound of his name. There was something in that name which brought fear, but what? "I said my name is Ferdinand, what's wrong with it?" "The name of his beast, no, stay away." The sudden release revealed a multitude of voices he couldn't control. Voices that still belonged to him, yet they were different versions, for each man or child that came to him he evolved and so did his voice. Now their echoes ran wild as they feared. The small head cocked and pushed itself further into the body, and in front of him now he laid unaware. The meat was pushed and formed itself almost like a pillow, forced to say there blind, rather face him now, once his name was given. "I am no beast but a man. Will you not face me now? I am aware that you're dying, you can't find it anymore." The odourless turned to the stench, perhaps a defence mechanism, he thought. Nonetheless, it couldn't strike at him and he was already dying. "But I've no time to wait in here for a lifetime for neither you or anyone else. You came here for a reason and one alone, to remove the parasite and yet you failed. One after another, they all failed." The hands and legs which were inside tried wriggling out, jerking themselves and stretching out. They were trapped, as the light dimmed. Such stench as he now felt forced him to stand erect now. "Have you even made the lights brighter? Is light here even just an illusion? Reveal it now, if you fear the name so badly." "Do not say it, I beg of you." Argus revealed the name again in a loud voice. "Ferdinand, is that what you wanted to hear?" Almost no light came, but the dark shapes and the lavender haze which dimly crept. He approached now slowly to the mass, wanting to see it closer. Seen as a beast approaching its prey, he thought he remembered a liquid that fell not long forth. It wasn't there anymore. "Where are you hiding?" Argus ran immediately and didn't stop, despite barely being a glimpse of light, he felt like he had memorised everything he had even seen. "I know you're here." He continued, and yet he didn't stop, there could've been miles long, stretched by the darkness and peril laid at hand. Am I really the beast of his reckoning? "I need to know, I am no beast. The only thing I've done was in hopes that I would be released and yet you, of all that I have met just decided to judge me? Why now? How come." "No more questions." The voice was stronger and pushed itself to point of being monotone. The tone itself was grim and slow, the articulation jittery and hidden in darkness. It thought of him to have been easy until that name came to be. "I found." Argus stopped and realised he was the one who got caught dumbfounded and alone. His hands could barely move as well as his legs when he had realised that the mass of meat, the dark parasite had moved. "You've tricked me, haven't you? You're not human, you were never." It was too late to look around, there hadn't been a way it could traverse anywhere unnoticed unless it could fly or hover in the air. No, this couldn't be, he thought. Unless it crawled. His eyes turned to the ceiling and the dark figure suddenly noticed that his attention was snapped from the darkness and gazed directly upon in. Then the bulk released itself from above and fell on him. The softness lowered the blow as he saw it coming and laid flat on the floor. No pain was felt, yet air managed to find a way in. At the same time, all of his limbs started jerking and moving, all at once, until he could master them no longer and they passed out of his control. An inner fury woke him upon, yet he saw only the body creepily embracing every part of him in fear. The texture of his skin felt like that of a dying snail, a foam suddenly having formed around his body before softening. What used to be a hard protective layer now laid rendered

still. Foam engulfed the air into small bubbles travelling to him, something which he would've noted as bizarre. At least so if would've been if he weren't busy fighting the growth. His eyes peered inside as he saw it jerk from notch to notch, crawling into his teeth and attempting to pull them off. To this immediate threat, Argus jerked even more and ripped its tendril in his mouth and spat through the foam a small bloody bit of it. Such pain it felt that through the foam he was thrust outside, still caught by it as a small fly in the net. In horror, he saw that it wasn't a human but the parasite was present there, in its full dark form. Its dampness still crept along the walls, spread as far as he could see, trying to drink out of the cage and what it made it work. His feet suddenly regained stability and he could stand, yet unable to walk backwards, he was being slowly dragged back. The foam started pulling him back into the mass. An opening came to be and it was revealed that the outside of the mass had more of an outlandish appearance. Bone spikes sticking out and pushed ever further as he approached. A small rigged mouth with small teeth suddenly revealed itself laying at the bottom stuck in a wide open position. Argus having no escape resumed to the only thing that seemed to work. 'I'm Ferdinand, have you forgotten my name then?' Like a crackling fever, the foam started boiling until it dissipated and rejected him, throwing him on the side of the ground. The beast was in motion, though it was only now that he realised that it was him. Indeed, he looked upon its wild shape and how it was trying to crawl away to an assault. The many teeth got immediately pulled themselves as they waited for yet another chance to strike at him while unaware. 'Not again, you will not find me in the same position as I previously was.' With that, he ran and grabbed the near tendril. It was the thing and long, lodged into what once appeared to be a perfect impenetrable tolled ground. Now, it seemed that it's been feeding and piercing through. A hole was left as he was pulled with it. The stickiness it had managed to help him stay and get caught on it while it shook violently. And not even then did Argus give up on what he needed to do. 'I will remove you when others failed. Cover again, if you fear that name so rashly.' And as he began repeating it time after time, it started foaming all around its thick body. From the small entrances from which its spiked bones came, out of the suddenly poured oil, enough to drown itself in it or to bathe. At least it seemed to encompass the foam and mix with it and fall below. It remained to the bottom, as the others tendrils were pulled back. With a rashness, Argus was rubbed against the ground and got stuck between a layer of foam before he got up and rolled away. A few more tendrils came forth and pulled away from the cage. And now, now it waited and tried moving forward. It hadn't tried in at least hundreds, thousands or even more years, the ancient being now resumed to speaking. Its tongue was dark and shallow, the speech was tainted and resonated as its echoes ran through the dark. Despite the fact that it laid hurt, trying to pull and push itself to move, it lashed in pain. The bottom was already trained as hunt from when it came clashing with the harsh ground. Such tenderness and softness were tainted, not rubbed against the crisp metal, it gave shrieking and chilling shouts. 'Thruu Thriak, Thruu Thriak.' It gave in a dark whisper, walking and grabbing the air, pulling forth and away. With each push, there was the promise of hunger. Now, it was just as starved as the beast and there laid no way for it to hide with him inside after having found the true intent. 'I'm here. Come on, is that all that you got?' Guided by only a voice, it came towards the small insect which threatened its existence and gave forth a rabidness that caught Argus yet again unexpectedly. The mouth stretched outwardly, the body slightly shrank away and became almost like a balloon, leaving but a thin long neck, keeping all its fat behind. With its long tendrils now it tended to its meat, keeping it away, protected, stretching as far as to the ceiling, if the cage had any in the infinity of its maddening cage. The dark

speech continued and the enemy approached. Still, Argus managed to find a strength he didn't know he had and it was just as unexpected as the cold wind that came. From the holes that once bored and cut through the armoured prison. It's way too smart for its own good, Argus thought. Though not enough to be resistant after doing what it's done. 'Do you still fear the name?' Said the voice in an echo as it went once again, strike after strike. The shriek was barely audible in the dark but so was its dark voice, before it came. Out of the sudden, like a spear came, moist and gloomy, a shot in the dark which had the intent to smote him from where he stood. He had only been missed by fragments of inches by it as he laid topped on the floor, cowering and covering his head with his arms. The point of the spear was moist and soft enough that it had been broken and squished. It tried lodging itself against the wall but the result couldn't be seen by Argus. He peered but saw only small movements which couldn't be called real or figments of his imagination. As for the sounds that crept around, it was enough for guesses, something big was about to emerge. The sounds of the outstretched malformation made it obvious, even for him to guess. The force coming from that thing was enormous, even so, that it managed to push its tendril past its smashed point and puncture the cage. It sickened Argus to hear the sound of stretched and tormented metal, as the noise made by it resembles the cries of a thousand folded souls which rang in agony. Despair fell as he crawled, seeing how much more appeared above, sharp glittering needles from the sky, just looming there, floating and waiting for a sign. He didn't dare speak in that dark minute but wait. No sound came from his side, as he looked for an opportunity to move. The stench dripped from the needles as they closed down. Four at a time, they forced themselves on him, and without any notice, they stopped at the bottom, unable to come through. The ravenous hole was obvious to him, for even in the dark he could tell that it was there, waiting for him to go down and meet his destiny. It waited for him to make a move and yet he couldn't proceed, not until it fully withered. Could it be? It is no entry made by the parasite, but an entrance made for me, that is more than certain and far more than I can tell. I must escape as fast as I can. No yet, said the presence of his mind, something that he could now feel creeping in. It was something alien but something which he had recognised to be of his own. And the utmost certainty of his own accord, his sense of self-preservation. Roll now, slowly, this is what I must do now. His body just slipped up as if he was a fish on the land, and still, the needles just managed to creep by. Their softness revealed itself as it waited. Despite the fact that they appeared to be sharp and glittering, he stopped and managed to perform a quaint observation. They softened so they could get stuck on the surface. A layer of skin was visibly falling. No, I was wrong, Argus thought. What he saw in that moment was the fact that it didn't just soften the needle into the skin, but a layer of the skin which laid above fell down and encompassed the needle. To blow would also deal with itself, and the puncturing was obvious. It would've been silent if made from far away, yet Argus was close, heard it happen. A click and a clang came suddenly, then the skin was pulled back, the needles came back into the darkness and vanished as if they have never existed, to begin with. On the ground now laid the small cracks, which extended almost as far as he could see, though only as thin nets, which he even doubted to be imperfections. Did it attempt to find me? Why are those empty thin holes glittering? I need another look, and just like that, he rolled further away, just as the second pair of needles came by. It was a rain of strings that came, suddenly at a faster pace. The mass was just as frustrated as he was, that the slow coming stings became faster, harsher, more aware of the surrounding that no longer would they go straight but be forced in every direction. Multiple sides were taken, the shimmering light that reflected faded, though there was no source nor any

sense for it to come. Argus stood pale completely in the dark and looked through the small openings. Indeed, he was wrong to have looked that way, yet there was something else to them. They ran deep and long through the bottom and didn't stop for as long as the eye could see. It was a bitter thing to be had, a grudge against himself, especially that he had gotten so far, yet he had it nonetheless. This was the place from where his memories stood and exactly how it managed to pull all that power and deception. Also, it seemed to have been the place from where the dim shine came out of. Memories, sight, visions, images, all into a fluid which still managed to flow and distract him. He pulled himself, snapping out of it before looking ahead. One sharp needle came and started digging it and drinking the fluid in front of it. Yet no eyes saw, no eyes did it have. 'Ferdinand, can you hear the name?' He jumped at once and just in the nick of time when a rain of a hundred sharp tentacles came raining down trying to impale in every direction. Dust lifted up, particles of snow, leaves being blown in the wind. It seemed as if it did more than making a few cracks, it managed to stir something which didn't belong to it. 'Alas.' The whisper was unheard, though he saw that in the midst of all, its desperation grew so harsh that it impaled its own tendrils in that failed attempt. Despite that, Argus knew what made it even more bitterly feel pain. It was the fact that he said that name, that seemed to hold a grudge to its sanity. A torment came as it stumbled down, having nothing to hold the mass in the air, those tentacles were pulled into the near dark and another blow was dealt. Argus didn't manage to escape unhurt, there now laid bruises over all his body, the various leaps and dances with the peril cracked and damaged some of his bones. His left leg could barely stand unaided, not to mention that even the slightest glimpse of light would blind him if he even came to it. No waylaid there for him to redeem himself. Argus roamed like a trap flying around, ready to be caught in the expanding net. Its plan had failed and it's done nothing but hurt itself and starve even more, which in its place made it more rabid and ferocious. There was the intent of murder going once again as Argus hit the first corner he thought he found. It could've been there or it could've been a trap once again, though what was obvious then, was the fact that the cage felt endless and there wasn't any way he could've found its wall. His hands shifted and started peeping around, feeling the surface until it found the edges which were dim and cut from the rest of the shape. Something was there and now wasn't, a fragment of a bigger object, perhaps a tower of the wall of a maze. Now serving as a barricade, Argus shifted and went behind it, feeling just how thick and sturdy it was. At the point of which, suddenly, the long limbs came at him again, though not like needles from the sky. It fired in every direction in front of him and around, managing to make a dull thump before bouncing away from the armoured point where he stood. Though all around he could hear the ground being stroked upon, hit after hit being laid, then pulled back to go once more. It went like that for minutes, their sounds left the impression of drums being forcefully hit as someone had the intent to break them. His presence annoyed it, even so, that he laid too far from it. Those sharp spears could barely reach the point it thought he was. And when he was the most confident of his position, he shouted, taunting yet again, yet not saying it fully. 'What is my name?' It didn't seem to react any different, nor pinpoint his exact point. Does it react now only to my name or is it just a trick? Argus didn't speak of yet again until he was sure he could do it without being prepared for the final strike. And it was getting worse. The attack on the ground stopped, as it tried taking stabs at the walls, in the air, higher and higher, some hovering strikes, other missing entirely. It tried to find anything and any point he could be. Now the drumbeat didn't go any longer in one direction or a region. It spread, it flailed, trying to get every single possible point at every single point in time,

without delay or fear. Until the point where there came the sound of the final drumbeats where at the same time, every strike fell as if smitten on the ground. Now it was the time to test it. Argus said the wicked name and waited under cover, but nothing came. It laid as he repeated it a few tens of times, and still, nothing happened. Finally, he got onto both of his legs and walked around. Everywhere he looked he saw them stretched and lay down defeated. The skin was pale, like roots they laid withered, shimmering at the bottom, waiting to be picked up and carried away. It was a shame, he thought, such an adversary to lay defeated, yet he was still a parasite. And none of what he saw in front of his eyes have any attempt to reach him or to drink from the bottom. There laid no wail, it was obvious that there was some sort of intelligence in the mass. And with that came its pride. 'Is this all which you are? Just a mad beast defeated by nothing more than a small insect? By a little hairy and sweaty man called.' Argus stopped around and looked at the mouth. It laid on the bottom, cold air coming out of it as it inhaled and exhaled. It wasn't dead, but exhausted, waiting for another, or any kind of blow to be carried away and take it out of its misery. 'It couldn't have ended another way. Though it wasn't over and Argus had no weapon, nor the strength. I need to end its life before it wakes up or goes back to doing the same thing as it did previously. It will drain or kill me if I go below now where it lodged itself. Indeed, he saw that the mass behind it was just slightly more sensible, but even with that in mind. No weapon to pierce it. Argus grabbed with both of his hands a tentacle and tried lifting it again, this time on his own. It was more than heavy and sticky. Pointy, small shivers entered his skin after touching it. He noticed just how dirty it was and pointless. 'I couldn't use it to take you down either if I wanted to. And the name won't work either if you're not awake to see it, or so I believe.' There laid no other way, and still, time went on. 'You're tired of good aren't you.' It seemed as if it was a bad idea if it weren't for the fact which he had remembered that this parasite had a brain, or so it had claimed when it tried to trick him. 'I hope you're down for good, or this might be.' There was a pause, again, as he stopped, lifting one of the many mandibles before going on. The mouth itself was huge, an ominous thing crept out it. By now, the stench died off once it's done its purpose, removing his sense of smell. It was a peculiar thing, to have been used to smelling and all of the sudden having get rid of. 'Aaagh.' Though it seemed that its true sign was revealed. A misstep, as he laid his finger on a creeping pool of a burning liquid which laid between the teeth. It was a forest of white thorns of white, blue tinted, pink skinned teeth through which he carefully carried ahead. His rags now did nothing to comfort him but slow his approach. It was far too uncomfortable for him to abandon them there but then again, neither could he protest anymore. As for them, they were ripped, from the shoulder came, as a result of the lack of attention which he showed as he went on. Ripped, the fabric fell and flies away by its dark breath. Argus hand his hands crawl right through the teeth as he grabbed the pinkness which was indeed its soft skin and kept lifting up so he'd advance. It didn't seem to bother it, though neither could complain or take any break from that. At the bottom of his feet, he stepped on the delicate teeth with quite a surprise. They were lowered inside the skin and not as sharp and hardened as the ones which laid above of them. After each step, they lowered even more as he went on, as far below as he could look behind. Much time passed at the point where he had forgotten himself and where he laid. Sure, it was bitter, to be caught in a jagged peak that never ended, a dark damp place, which indeed seemed to have no escape. At least the creature still slept as he went on until finally he jumped out and saw the sharp mandible just bounce over its own skin. 'That was close.' Said Argus, now with more confidence, as it was obvious he couldn't be heard from inside. The flesh was obviously moist, and he could look on ahead to see the various

skeletons which laid around in puddles of its digestion. A crooked path laid ahead, going as far upwards rather than below, on a slope which had revealed the various pair of twisted fragments of. 'Bones?' The liquid which laid around revealed the glow, which in its turn revealed just how many of those twisted fragments laid around, twisted, cracked and stretched. At first, one would've thought that perhaps it was an overgrown spine which ended up growing in a bad direction, never fixed. From it, though came multiple other paths and stretches, as if to make way and help manage two or other bodies, pushing other ligaments and bones aside to make way for others to grow. And even with that, how could the parasite grow them like that? As for his question, he looked around and saw parts of the rib cage stretch as far as to reach the small room in which he was, perhaps too close to the mouth. His hand laid near the bones now, close to the wall of skin, the pinkness of flesh was met by small growths of red which seemed to be present only in the chamber. Or to be more precise, the places from where the skeletons laid, which, just as well seemed to be the exact spot from where bones formed. His hands touched the bones without fear, and then he felt them. They weren't as strong as he would've expected, almost to the point where he could pull. But, this wasn't the place nor the time. 'Your weak point is exposed If this is your line of defence.' Though it had some sense to it, the line of bones leads upwards, towards where the mass most likely had its brain. 'And he did take out of those poor saps.' He looked in bitterness at the other side of the room and decided to acknowledge it immediately. 'And even the small children who weren't supposed to be here.' It was a sad view, though one of the children seemed to have the bone body of a small animal with him, just for the better. Just the bones, that was all, and the ability to make dreams. They laid in this room and died. Immediately, he stepped away from the meat and the puddles and stopped on the rising slope. Timidly, the steps seemed to be more formed, the meat seemed to have absorbed most of the light inside, and rightly above, a climb was more than enough for him to take. Argus sighed then for a moment and looked back at it. Such a simple place to be trapped and yet, all of them died. It wasn't long ago that he had the chance to be just as caught as them and die. Now, he pitied them, and even more, he pitched it. Though, the most important thing remained, as his hand jerked around his pants, was the fact that he had got ridden of the last of the teeth. And nothing more was given in return but an aching jaw which didn't do much but shiver. A sad ending expected him, but he went one nonetheless. 'Now, where could it be?' There seemed to have been ingrown ribs which suddenly grew to the bottom. 'You had no idea how to grow them, isn't that right?' The rings left a bad impression on it as if they were meant to be twisted and grown in a different direction. Such thing backfired, as he looked at the bottom, some pierced through the meat and the road, most likely causing enough pain as it were. Meat spread around so they wouldn't hurt as much, no doubt what made it lash as me as harshly. 'But it was pointless, for, as you can see, or not, I'm still alive.' Though just enough air laid enough for him to survive and go on for now. The pores outside the body brought them in, it needed just as much as to survive just as he needed. Just slightly, was he dizzy because of the altitude he was getting one, but he made it to the next chamber, at which the slope stopped. It was a concave room, both around and below. There seemed to have been small eggs growing, or at first, he thought. On a slightly closer look, they were only part of the twisted sacks in, which it stored its various liquids, some protected by small carcasses of bones, others left alone. It felt cosy and warm, after getting near them, and the long journey had left him weary for a few lifetimes, to say the least. 'Quite the peculiar place I find myself inside of and the worst moment I could even think off.' It was a sad tale to sit there and sleep in such a perilous place, all alone. Though its organs were so warm

and accepting, like big pillows to be revealed and used. Argus laid against one of them, took a deep breath and closed his eyes. The light was just becoming dim and darker with each blink if it wasn't just another illusion. At least he had remembered the beast had been laid in its bed for good, or at least for some time. Its slumber must've been a lot more different, especially after what they've both been through. 'Good night then. One slight delay before your end comes.' In his deepest of thoughts, he had hopes that his own would come just as well, as either one of them could be the one biting the dust. There laid an alien organism resting against the small pouches, which were numbing. He had been concerned with everything he had ever done before. And pain had laid him in, for more than half a decade now, though his dreams were pleasant and content. No pain nor blow was given to him, and at last, he had gotten what he was promised. A memory, in form of a dream, it wasn't the time nor the place, and he was vulnerable. Nonetheless, he had achieved a thing which many others before him failed, it was far from over, though he delved above the cage of his desire. His house was cosy, his brother laid on a side of the table along with his mother. None of them stared at one another, and perhaps it's been so far into his own recollection that he had forgotten how it entirely went on. Has something happened? A blunt kid, and never has he shown much concern for his family, wondering even at that if they were his, to begin with. Taller, a darker hair, brown eyes, common rough features just threw themselves against theirs. His mother had golden hair and blue eyes, which later started to dim. Both of which features seemed a lot paler than they have been before. Something grim had happened. Henceforth, he asked. 'Is something wrong mother?' A failure of words came as his brother took the chance and asked her before him. It was already a sad approach, though he abstained from trying to provoke them. He knew the better, with that memory in mind. The whole scene left a bittersweet taste, all clad in grey, from the windows, table, the room, their clothes, black and white, other than them. Her golden hair seemed to dim slowly to it. Was this when she revealed her affliction? Her illness was shown to them and it was obvious even when she refused to talk about it. Did she think us that dumb? To be thought of as a small child without anything to say? 'What is it then?' It was a shock, as his brother's small shells of eyes were pointed at him. Never before had he taken an interest in our mother, why now? She answered to none of them, and the rest of their dinner went as silent as the mood was left for. After being done, they were both left alone to clean the dishes as she went upstairs. It went on, standing close to one another, the brothers started cleaning the dishes. A pale clear light shimmered in front of them. It was the reflection which came from behind. Outside, there had passed at least two or three cars with strong front lights, taking their first curve, heading most likely for the main road with business. It hadn't happened often, though on rare occasions they did manage to see junkers shoot at one another as they ran on ahead. Then again, it was the only thing which they could both relate to. At once they turned and look through. The sounds of firearms being emptied ran on ahead as long piercing glittering stones being thrown. One managed to land and diminish a light from one of the cars, while the other one that managed to hit broke the rear window. A stairway was ladder from above and down came their mother at once. It was one of her better moments when she just came into a flight and pulled the curtains over the window. There was a moment where they both pretended to be still washing while she waited for things to settle down. Beyond her awareness, both of them still threw a glance trying to see what she was doing over there. Enough time passed already that it was still night. Even then, her mood became more shallow and harsh as she stomped her way back to her room. It was the intermission between then and the night and something serious must've happened if she still refused to talk. 'She was so well the

other day.'It was the littlest attempt of banter he had gotten, as he saw his bigger brother concerned.'Why do you think she changed all of the sudden?'I do not know, though I doubt there's anything you can do about it, is there?'Both of them were in the same position, close evenly to the same round motion around the plates. The forks and spoons were clean, the solution on the table, as the cleaning went on seemed to dim out and be taken away by the time. Without a doubt, the younger brother would be sent back to it. But why am I here again? I can't remember what happened, though if he recalls. 'Tell me, brother, what happened the day before this one, I. I seem to have forgotten myself in all of this. What's he playing at now? Is this one of his little tricks he's playing on me?' Well, we've helped our mother get vegetables from the barter. How did you forget that so soon?' Argus turned his look towards the closed curtain, it's been covering the window for a while and he had forgotten what laid on the other side. Was it noon, was it the day or the night? Have we ever taken supper and the dinner at the right times? It was harsh to pinpoint something which he had no idea nor any particular interest in. Quite bizarre indeed, that he was checked like that. Even for his age, he knew that his younger brother was slightly sharper. Only slightly sharper. 'Oops. Excuse my accident.' His hand slipped and forced the dishes into the sink, enough to break them through. 'You've done it on purpose.' Hysteria overcame the boy, as it was obvious that he'd be blamed for it. To pour it in, he continued to torment his younger brother. 'And she won't believe you either. Then again, why should she? You're the dumb younger. One.' A glimmer of self-awareness stopped him from going on. He had remembered insulting him, as many of times, but this one, in particular, was not only as docile as the other ones. It shook the boy to the point of crying. Perhaps it wouldn't have been as harsh if it weren't for the shards that came and pierced his skin. Blood dripped and managed to fall on the sink and in the cloth which laid saddened to the bottom, right in front of the skin. The white material was stained. And the loud noise made her come to the bottom and finally speak her word about. 'What going down here?' As a person, she's never been violent, though it wasn't the best of times to be caught like that. Argus was shoved by the side, as she closed on and slapped the sink closed. There laid a trail of blood on the white, which made obvious who the culprit was. Shards of the broken dishes were laid inside, as the first one that was thrown recoiled and cracked the others which were under it. He was hardly breathing and crying and seeing it like that made her break down in tears as well. 'Go to your room, now and don't come out.' Argus asked no question but he saw the only the first time his brother was slapped across the face. Beguiled by it, he hid behind the pillars through the stairs and listened. They weren't thick enough to hide him but it was dark. The sweat and the water ran down them as he was wet from the encounter. And he laid there and looked at them, which went on and on until she was done scolding him and eventually took out the fragments out of his skin. The night went out as remembered. Though if it weren't for her shouts, perhaps it wouldn't have been that it was clear to him. 'Do you have any idea just how hard it is for me? I can't have you both running and blaming each other for something you've done. The two of you are the only ones I've had in this world and you go ahead and act like animals. Please, I cannot have you both keep going on like this anymore, you know I love both of you and I need to. I need to know that you won't go up ending like ruffians on the streets, I know I raised you better than this.' They were both gazing at their feet, looking in distress, as further away from one another. The daylight was shining in its full prime, and they both stood in the middle of the house. She had never found out who was the real culprit of what happened, nonetheless. 'Enough is enough, do you understand me? Have I been wrong in asking you to help me around?' 'No,

mother."Don't interrupt me, wait for your turn to speak, I just cannot understand what's gotten in both of you these days.Between this and Miss Penny coming and accusing you of burglary.'Her scowl turned away to Argus.Clearly displeased as it turned out to be the third time.No charges were placed, but she felt the shame, to be pitied and judged like that.'Do any of the two of you have any sense left now?You were such a promising boy now, I cannot keep you locked forever in this house.I won't have it made into dungeons.And I hate that I've come down to just as petty as hitting my own children, but none of you has given me a choice.Get some damn sense, both of you.'She was shimmering with rage, enough that she stopped mid-way outside and burst right through her pack of cigars.They were long and she waited in front of her porch, smoking in the smouldering sunlight.As harsh as it were, her eyes were averted from the passing travellers, who could recognise, immediately, the sight of what seemed to be a crone.Both of her children waited back and didn't move for a while, they haven't dared to look any other way other than the ends of their feet.Young, still, something that could be said about them, something held them there.More importantly, something held Argus from looking in any other direction now, when he was in control.Was it out of fear or respect for her?Perhaps both, perhaps neither, most likely since they were too young to understand what any really meant, it was the latter one.And no word was spoken, their eyes paled, spirit waned, and just waiting there, while the sunlight travelled through the corners of the window left them to feel unsettled and abandoned.Twenty feet he ran ahead while looking down and wondering if she was dead.Argus opened the door and noticed she had passed down the stairs and as for the placing of his shivering fingers around the neckline, he felt nothing.Immediately, he back away and didn't look back.Trying to get away was pointless.The sky was cut in half, along with the sky.'Mother!'Yelled his younger brother, after coming to see what happened.He had been bitten by the same curiosity as he was, and now neither of them were bound to looking at their feet anymore.They were free.'What have you done to her?Why isn't she moving?"There wasn't any answer, not one that could be understood by a child.And more important matters were at hand, where they were, what had happened, how far he could go.Right around where the road twisted, going slightly forward then it went on a curve, it linked directly with the cut in the sky.The lion's den near which he stood had its paw of stone right around the stairs.Usually, she'd stand on there, as they were slightly higher than the stairs and cleaner.While on, he got on his toes and Argus looked ahead.Peering from where he stood, he managed to see something quite important, or more so than he would've thought.A line was left, almost like a small crawling tunnel.There was the illusion that the road had stopped there, leaving nothing for him to go on.Soon, diminished, he came down, but immediately went to the side of the wall.Out of that thin road came a car, which rushed ahead, burst in and barely managed to get the turn in time not to hit the small child which stood in the road.A bit of luck there, though he was now followed by his crying brother.'Just stop following me, go help your mother.Listen, I've done nothing to her, that's how I found her, the same way you did.'It seemed though none or just some of them got to him.Quickly he responded.'We need to find a doctor now.Please.'He took him by the hand and dragged him around, even if he was stuck in his memory and remained a burden, he was taken.It was a thin road, a fragment of the road they went as children, yet now, this was a dark twist of his mind.Stretched to encompass the small thin place he was left to, he didn't do much anymore but try to go through.It was too thin for them to go through, and with the shock his brother felt, it didn't take much for him to try.Argus' eyes widened, peering through, his feet and body felt lighter.The air did travel faster and even breathing could be felt and seen as travelling outside

his body and floating through. Birds were moving unnaturally fast for what was dimmed there and everything seemed as being warped. He turned and almost snapped his neck in the fast motion. I didn't mean to do it that fast. He said, and it seemed that even his words, his thoughts were faster. The outer edge softened, and his head felt a lot of light, even more than his body did. A nod of the head soon came from his brother and they both went on, right through the tunnel, where it stopped being as thin. It wasn't long until they both reached the other side and saw just how twisted the room was. Clad in white, and plenty of nets made out of the skin, they were in something which was alive and pulsating. Sacks laid all around its formation, bumping up and down, closer then further away. In their motion, as hypnotising as it was to look at, he hasn't carried away. He stopped holding hands and saw him fall there unconscious. There wasn't any further need for the burden as he thought, and now, it seemed that the dream was about to end. Argus opened his mouth and asked it directly. 'Are you the parasite? Do you plague my mind? This must be you, I know it is you. You seem to be haunting me, rather, to have tried doing so for some time, in my dreams, my nightmare. There's no time for you to spread and take over my mind now, it's far too late for that. I can see and note that I'm half-way there to your brain and once I arrive.' Look before you. 'With one single sentence which came out of nowhere, he was silenced. Argus lifted his hand and saw them stretched, they had become all clad in red, part of the white which laid on his bottom ground. He could feel that tainted blood coming through his hands, travelling as if he was nothing more but an ill organ cut out of something smaller and more disturbing to look at. His face started jerking away, pulling itself from the place when he could see the changes going on. 'Aaaaaaaaaaagh.' Came the shouted, though it was partially muffled by what laid now in his mouth growing as he looked at it. Something unnatural crept inside his mouth and covered it. Everything which rushed in his mind was still fast, yet the process was slow. His nails fell, being pushed out by a foam, yet the bubbles and what seemed to be a liquid in-between turned solid as blisters around his skin. One popped out with immense pain, and it was only then that he had enough strength to cut through. The jaw turned out to be razor sharp as it cut through the growth which had taken ill to his mouth and lips. Given enough time, it could've turned him into a cocoon, of which he knew, if it weren't for the weakness, the reminder of what it was afraid of. The name was rigged for it, the intonations and various drops of the voice made the pain roam through the body even in its sleep. The promise of any place where it could hide from the growing fever was over. Now he felt fear as she shared some of the pain. Trusted out of his sleep, the last image of taint was shallow. Like a mirror, the wall of skin had his face and body slowly being dragged to the place where he'd become part of it. Those teeth, he held. 'Real, they were just as real as I am, were. Still.' Argus gasped at the small pillow which had been milked of its fluid, leaving nothing behind other than the small deflated skin. It reeked like sin, or something close to that. Nonetheless, Argus reminded himself of the encounter and question whenever or not it was the parasite behind it. 'It did react in the same manner as I have seen. You are trapped in here, as well as I recently found myself.' This was something which made him think. Whenever or not those tendrils extended to the world outside, which could be more than a problem. If it were, for him to escape and there were others nibbling at the belly of the world. And even with that, he was still left alive, not abandoned or abashed, unhurt. There wasn't any new wound, even so, he was warm. 'Now, to come back to the journey.' He said, and there wasn't any echo despite how grand, tall and wide the room was. Chills crept, as the bones rattled, it was already quite peculiar for him to be surrounded by the thing as such, yet he forgot himself for a moment and waited. His eyes were on the point and there

wasn't another way to go ahead, other than the way back.'There's none of that there.'Argus said.No entry, no other hole of which he knew, and if the beast were to wake and find him in a field of sharp mandibles, he'd be throttled alive, broken, crushed, stabbed and wounded.Bleeding could come if he wasn't slowly digested.'Those bones were clean and unbroken.Indeed, you left them to stay and slowly devour them, haven't you?You're not that bad for what you seem to be.'With that in mind, he returned to his search.What seemed to be a subtly normal room turned out to be only an illusion as he approached and saw two extensions of what seemed to be round.They were straight at the ends, and the curved which they initially took seemed to have created the illusion of a dead end.It wasn't the case, yet he had dreamed of it.'I know what to expect if I go there.'There was a wall of skin, though he would've expected a stream, the deep end had something of a darkness at the end of it.It will most likely attempt to trap me like it did inside my dream.Guided by his, prediction, he went on ahead and turned towards it and saw the steep part.A slow ascension soon followed and he could see the reason why he would've been trapped if he continued the other way.Not only was the path ahead shallow and thin to pass, he could feel how he was tickled.It could've ended up as being a mystery if he dared to look on it a second time.Indeed, thousands of tiny rounded tips of skin wriggled back and forth to grab something.The motion repeated indefinitely from what he could notice until it found and grabbed a hold of something.Something which turned out to be him, they held and pushed, then pulled, then grabbed and without a doubt flinched.Argus couldn't have been taken around.He was poised to stand and relax his muscles, for now, he was carried beyond his control.Still bone formed the path below and right it wasn't going to end in another room or another place.'Why are you help me then?Can't you recognise that I'm not part of it?'If indeed it had any sentience, it was doing a horrible mistake as he arrived at the breaking point.A fortress which grew around, made out of bone, resigned to the sky in a dark room full of meat.Limbs were grown from all sides and held the fortress above every single wire and cell.By the time when he was left to move on his own, Argus wasn't done gasping at the sight.It's been long tormented and cracked.No wonder why it had appeared to be suffering, it wasn't the body, but the mind, a mistake perhaps.The end of the spine which should've been connected to it grew inwards and impaled the brain.Such was the liquid which ran through and dropped, melting through the meat and killing it from inside.'It appears as if I have my work cut out for me.I need only to have you dealt the final blow and you shall fall and never return here ever again.'Perhaps, on a second look, it was an exaggeration to compare the formation to a fortress.He notices after a close approach that the bone grew in all directions, separating as much as it could and despite that, there wasn't any visible part of the brain.It wasn't exposed, yet the entry was there, and only a harsh climb stood between him and its demise.Argus had his hand shaking as it dropped below to grab.'They.They're gone.'It was a slip, which he had forgotten, as the last ones were either wasted or lost, standing completely out of his control and reach.'At least I.'His foot was frozen, almost solid on the ground as he stopped low.Fresh bones appeared on a more immediate stance, popping out from cracks and holes.It could feel him as well as he could feel it too.The field around it was dark and smaller pieces of bone formed around it for protection even then as he approached.A mist came out as it finally could feel his presence dwindling about.Such was the scent of evil that he was forced on into a slumber.This was perhaps the last line of defence, against which he could do nothing but wait and heed the call.It was just as painful as he would've thought to be roughened up.Forced on a nightmare he had before, walking through a crowd of many which only grew with the time.The road was wider than he had remembered, so to say the

least, this was eight times larger, and at the end of it laid the giant, with its head exposed. 'It possessed him, even in my dream. How could this be?' Out of his mouth, a variation of sand came about, which he took for granted and spat it out to see. Even speaking took a lot out of him to achieve, as the realm wasn't his anymore. Yet the dream was obvious, he was aware of who he was, where he laid and against who he was going about. The bones pierced and popped, wriggling in the distance. If this was the sleepwalking he was thinking about, this, perhaps was the best chance. Almost divine, in a single motion, his hands grabbed two chests from behind of them, two walking people who seemed to be wearing robes. They disintegrated slowly, as he had taken a mouthful of the sand of which they were made out of. It was not that he started devouring and feeding himself with as much of it as he could. On the ground, he was the only one standing still, taking from them, eating like a cannibal in the darkest and most desperate of jungles. Argus could feel himself be alive, yet for what he's done, it was too realise to understand that there was no return. A glimpse of wind threw him out of the circle of sand and he found himself walking alone, in a sea of it. His feet could still walk, but when he attempted to get back on the road, the grain, it burned his hand. A touch, a glimpse and a rabid thing it did to him. 'Even if I have to get there in one piece, I'll have your life at the end of it.' With a hatred that wasn't met before, he could finally go ahead at his own pace. Leaping and jumping from sand patch to sand patch, in a desire to be finally free. This was the last seal he'd get to cut off before he was freed. I know this must be it. With that in mind, his hand still reached and grabbed at feet. It was burning, his fingernails became nails which pierced their skin and made them trip. He had it easier now to take the sand and regain his vitality and nimbleness. And not to mention that never before had he felt as alive as he did now. His condition was noted. Sand became too hot to touch now and grimmer. It wasn't sand but tar, Argus having no choice as the transformation, he leapt in the last attempt and grabbed a hold at the statue of tar which stood near. Below him, he could feel the blisters forming, the tar becoming even hotter by the second, trying to trip and entrap him. It had failed but not for long, as there laid a reasonable distance between the platform on which he stood and the liquid. Nonetheless, it was coming and it was happening just as fast as he had thought. Those tar men crept and stopped moving, some blocking the path ahead entirely, as for Argus. He found himself jumping and leaping over them, without losing anything which he had been thinking about. 'You won't get me yet. I need to reach it before it gets encompassed by the tar. A quaint observation was taken as the lifting mass attempted to cover it even then. Hands of tar came from the bottom of those damp pits and started bringing the tar. They didn't start at first with the head but the body, it would've been save for last, but no chance could be taken. Everywhere he looked, for as far and wide as he could see, the tar pit was endlessly and concerning. Its growth was dark and unnerving. Argus now came to the conclusion that there wasn't any way to stay, as the pain was just as real as he felt. It tried getting me alive. 'Hear my name then, I know you can. Remember your fear now, for the name of Ferdinand still creeps, even in my darkest of dreams.' The boiling tar stopped, the statues all around were rendered asunder, or at least those in his immediate vicinity. It seemed as if the sand was running out of those which had the cracks inside, as they had served enough as for a base. The giant frowned and it was ever sad to wait for the executioner to come. It started shaking at first when Argus thought to be an illusion of pain. Yet, at once, those hand, which stood below started jerking about, lifting themselves from below the pit. They were connected and fashioned after the body, dark at the base and at the sheet of the hand. Two were used to hold it still. And now, it came to its full standing position, as for all other times, the giant was just standing

and waiting about. In its prime, the dark titan, was colossal, rivalling even the true body of the parasite, and without a doubt, also in strength. With a strong thrust, a hand came down and boiled asunder. From the depths of the pit, it pulled a dripping club, from the other side it held a black sword, both as tall as he was. It was still a dream, yet more than what could lay behind his comprehension. Argus knew he could be slain. His plan turned against himself and instead of leaping forward, he was cast into a flight that stopped him from advancing. The way back was dire and seemingly never ending. The statues were lowering as well when his flight was interrupted. No way to run, or else he might end up being boiled alive in the burning tar and more certainly no way to fight it. He had to try. 'I will not give up yet. Do you still think you can stand against me?' Argus had his voice cracking down if he had planned to give up a speech to boost himself against the beast, he had miserably failed at it, utmostly terrible. Even though he had tried to figure out something, to come up with anything, the power of that name seemed to be waning down, there wasn't any point of saying it further. It feared nothing in this realm of slumber, and it was barely now, that the giant was approaching that he saw the bolstering cranium with its piercing bones. The giant had been put a lot of pressure on since he was dripping with tar, its whole face seemed to have been impaled. It couldn't stop the growth of bones now that it was focusing on him. Either way, the fight would end, he'd get the last of it to end its own life before he did. 'And so it will all end. You hear me? Neither of us will make it back alive, in this damn rotting cage.' And neither of us will free it either, not suck on the matter which made up this prison. The statues had their heads smashed his feet came from one head to another. It was painful, distracting. A small, insignificant human being going up a giant, leaping from statues of the shimmering black wax-like substance. Each step made by the giant made the boiling liquid tremble at its feet. Those blisters were present, yet it couldn't feel a thing inside its armoured carcas. That was the only important part of its body, the cage. It spoke no words of tender love, but a dark glimpse of hatred and distant which was felt for him. 'Your doom comes near.' In that voice, there were fragments of his familiar friends which once guided him. Not distracting enough, though it had reminded him, nonetheless, of the fact that he never even asked for a name. Such a bitter taste for such a small man. Tired he stood on a melting pile of tar as if it was nothing more than a chair and started breathing. His cold breaths dissipated in the air. It was the worst of times to wait and do so, yet he did it nonetheless. Quite peculiar, to do it now. It was the mid-way distance, the bitter tar reached the feet level, barely lifting on the ground. Such an obvious remark, though he said it as if someone was there with him to observe. 'It's not the tar which is rising, but the platform which is lowering inside of it.' The edges of the sky, red and orange made it obvious now, as he focused on in rather than the dark figure approaching him. Has it always been a flaming sword? Argus asked himself then, though he had failed to see and wonder at that. It wasn't important, neither was the attempt. Controlling such a body was already tiring, at the point where even approaching was too taxing to continue. It stopped and fell on its knees, releasing a small wave which also failed to reach him. The knees fell and the body was starting to fall apart and become solid under the cold. Argus had his jaw aching and it wasn't until the cold hit that he reminded himself of the fact that it was made out of crooked metal. Like a spear and a boulder came flying, both the sword and the club had missed him by long shots. Again, disarmed, after those attempts, he ruined Argus' dream forever. 'It is over now.' Those words made the platform stop, leaving nothing but a dark stare from socketless eyes. It was bitterly waiting, as the tar stopped raising itself, the statues stopping as well from melting. Yet, despite the fact that it waxes taxed with every moved, the armless figure opened a mouth, at an

utmost colossal level, far more that it should've done it. Far more than it was even possible for a jaw to open itself at the level where it arched. Out of it spat the liquid with the sand, the teeth and everything it once had inside of it. And so, on its feet, it waned and wriggled and finally, it forced the knees and the feet back on. Therefore, it came up on itself and finally raised. 'We will not fail so easily either. To a small insect which crawls inside of us. We are bigger than your petty god inside a box.' The wretch spoke, with a long black tongue lashing out. Behind it laid a pair of small lashing nerves which started filling themselves with as much of the substance as they could in order to grow a bulk. It forced Argus to stand tall and look forth. That's why it took out its arms, it pulled and took all its nerves from them. He had failed to notice that all the arms, other than the two which now became more like ligaments, stapled by bones, holding the skull still. There was only enough that would hurt him if he stood too much on the ground, for too much of the time, but Argus let himself touch the ground and felt it below of him. Splashes and ripples were visible as it travelled to Argus. The ground was shaking, the sky was falling over after each step it successfully made as it went on. On him laid the intent of murder which was suffocating in its own remark, yet, he couldn't deny the strength it bore there in his own realm. Despite using a body which was not of its own creation, it still did a lot more in manoeuvring it that he had expected. Argus looked away and yelled. It was still his dream, so some control had to be his, or so he hoped it was. 'Curve now.' The next time he looked, it did curve to a long long way which still leads to nothing. He didn't need to do anything but stall until the titan fell apart. Now splashes came from below of him, with each step which was forced to bring him closer to the end, it made him bitterly afraid to misstep and fall. There was an early memory which now popped out of his mind to explore. And the sudden occurrence, not only did pop out in his mind but also in his surroundings. The cafeteria from his school. He was standing in a row full of children of his age. It looked and felt real, but then again, that was the point of everything and nothing around to bring him harm. 'Have I escaped then?' Some mean looks were shown to the children, as they all seemed to know him. Others knew him more than they needed to know, hence the reason why a teacher, a guardian attended and look for them. 'That's enough talking, keep waiting in silence, you know the rules.' Like a guardian did she come and she made it feel like it was going as planned. Everything seemed that way, until the moment of the blast. The roof came off at the end, chewed and pulled, thrown on the side. The sky remained the same, yet now he was forced into the body of a child. Dark clouds were coming to form as they crept their shadow under it. Everyone looked in terror at the standing Titan, with its eye sockets dripping away. It confused it to feel so many children running around, wearing the same clothes, all forced into a temporary terror and flight. A yell came to be. 'Where are you wretch?' It was in a worse condition, which was better than he would've expected. As chaos went on, their guardian finally said, but not after the time it took her to snap out of it. 'Get to the door now!' It was a command which forced many to listen to her and head out. Others were far too deep into fright and ended up hugging one of the legs of the tables, never letting go. Some attempts also were begun, it couldn't just crush it forward, nor just jump over it. A harsh tall wall it was and it started chewing and spitting. The fact that it had no teeth slowed the process more than it was needed for it to be. Nonetheless, like a tall lord it started doing so, just as well, as below, the teacher opened the door. It was the road again, which forced the terror into confusion. Dangerously abrupt were the edges, and if it were for some children to wander too far and fall, she has to pay for all of it. 'Wait outside and don't make a move.' She returned quickly into the broken chamber to pick up the children. In their sight was the monster, which waited and

wanted to go through the room instead of going around. Against children, so young and tender, it knew that it had the advantage. Not only that, but it also saw that some children were inside. It must know that I look like one of them, thought Argus. Out of them, he was the only one who kept his eyes, bitter, moulded by his real age, a wickedness to them, which was hidden before in the body of a child. Such a shame, though, that it might've ended another way. If I try to run, he'll know which one I am. 'We need to run now before it gets to us.' He started. 'But miss. "No miss, can't you see what's happening? If that gets to us, there isn't going to be any miss to save us, look at her, she's already lost in there. And that thing's almost through, it's going to chew her if it didn't already. We have to run and get to our parents before it's too late.' Speaking to a crowd of children who were more than afraid, they were docile and open to suggestion. He had never spoken to them like that and now, it seemed that this wasn't a child like they've expected. No, this was an adult in the body of a boy. Suddenly and fiercely, they listened and obeyed, going through and running away, hidden by the mist, a rain started now and then. Under the shadow of the sky and in-between the statues of tar, they were, or more likely, Argus was now hidden away. The sound of the small cafeteria being broken came like a thunder, and now the end of the curved road was approaching. Something was being created from the midst of his mind and he was aware that, with all the bait he had left behind. 'I am safe.' Said the voice, almost cracking with excitement for what he's done. It was a shame that he left them, though there was nothing he could do anymore. The screams didn't matter, for their bodies were lost there. One escape laid for it to be finally over, for the dream lead him to the final point, a single square platform. Nowhere else for him to go. Way back laid a thick musk which made it hard to pinpoint where it was. Nothing alarmed him more than the fact that he was still forced to stay in the body of a child in a place where the enormous size mattered. He felt his limbs be still and pitied himself for a moment. That's when it occurred, as hard of the head as he was before and has proven it, time after time, he thought of something. It was deep in the jungle, and luckily for him, there was just enough space for both of them to stand there and be lost. Without a doubt or wonder, the musk started being pulled away and it wasn't long until it reached the place. The sky was burning, the various examples of wildlife were not in a battle between the changing skies and their resistance to the striking heat. Plenty of the tribes laid around, yet he decided to hide away and wait. The tar must've become, at the worst of time, solid rock, as for coming out of an area where mountains were adjoined. A desperate cried indicated that it lost at least another limb to the sudden change of the scenery as it was still too large in mass to be able to walk around the bridge. Further away, beyond the speculation and his ability to see, there laid a limp giant. It lost the far end of his foot, leaving but a fragment of the bone. No blood laid inside and the liquid that was once thinned on top of bone became as hard stone, yet cracked and could be held as of no worth whatsoever. A superficial lay of protection, which laid all around the body, doing nothing but slowed down the joints which needed to move. Argus stood under a giant willow's end, upon which a leaf, big enough to encompass his entire body. The insects seemed to be a danger, but far too small to pose a threat for the time being. Moist ground laid under, as there had been a rain, long before, despite the fact he had remembered it just moments before. There were crawlers who managed to find their way on his hand, only to be quickly smashed before they made their way to his ears and a colony of red, sharp-fanged ants who'd love nothing more, if they were to comprehend, but gnaw at him. Humans were speaking, small animals had their cries, and life was adrift, even more so with the help of the heat. It was barely passable under the shadow, which made it cold. Argus couldn't feel the ground being harsh under, so he started

digging inside. First there laid some problem, as it was harsh, and it hurt his hand, but under a layer, there seemed to be something hidden underneath. A taller shadow came into being suddenly after, as a head, partially made of stone was held by nothing more but a fully functional leg and a limped one. Despite that, it bent over and moved around. It was enough to cause a ruckus, for everyone who laid around. Doctor Finn Arfinien along his assistants, Tristan and Hallmal were already set in retreat. Their small camp was the first to be caught in sight by something which seemed to be blind. Though that couldn't be further away from the reality, which remained that, despite the many senses, it seemed to them that the empty spaces were tracking their every movement. 'Professor, we need to get away, now.' 'Wait a minute, don't you dare leave before you picked each and every note. My books too, and don't forget every single rock and leaf type and soil sample I've taken.' His mouth was barely distinguishable than one who hadn't suffered in the desert, far away from a cold starry night. Sweat had taken him all the way from the edges of his untrimmed beard to the confinements of his bottom knotted shoes. An eye laid partially awake by the fear he had shown and even with that in mind, he still feared for everything he's done there. The tribe wasn't far either, in their attempts to worship and cherish the coming of their saviour, they fled in terror or seemed to be caught in an even worse concoction. A statue, a golem, perhaps an ancient. Crack. The splinter finally came to the head, as everyone laid in silence, blocked, and unable to think or move ahead. For another moment the time seemed to have stopped for everyone, at least for those who were standing still, as for others failed in that and fell to the ground, bouncing as if rejected. It was the bitter taste of blood it felt, dripping from the top. It wasn't its own though, the redness left a trail of blood. Argus finally found what he looked for. Another strike managed to banish the forest in a thin gust of smoke, just before the reveal, of a small crater in the middle of the platform. There he laid, bashing as hard as he could, the bone was tender and easily, it was removed. The giant fell after yet another strike, in flashes that it could see, a small creature was bashing the soft, unquenched brain in half. Laying there unprotected, he kept doing it until the moment when he smashed just enough to see a bone which had long pierced it but stopped growing at an end. A smaller fragment had grown, and it was just as easy to remove now, as for his last moments of superhuman strength he could conjure. They ripped it out, like two animalistic tools at his disposal, and with a real tool, now he could do something more than gnawing at it. It pierced, it ripped and now with everything which followed, he saw how the entire small room inside the brain trembled. There was nothing to give it the power to hold the skull afloat. Argus found himself using the armed bone blade for self-defense rather than for any further damage. The arms which held it now loosened and got crushed under the weight they could no longer endure. It was over in less than a minute when it slammed and smash, spreading across the room like a blanket of bone and skin. Such sounds which he now countered were horrific, as from one end to another, there seemed to be pieces thrown and showed inside, moving and trying to sneak when he wasn't about to look around. There wasn't any doubt that this was the room, the real image of what laid about, and he has managed to crack it, even if it refused to die. In the direst of moments, he found himself still standing, with a fashioned blade made out of a wicked long bone, he started slashing the moving pieces of its brain. Argus slashes and impales, they seemed to be forming a gel under them to keep still and be able to move around, despite the fact that they were slowed down, too much so to be able to escape his judgement. Strike after strike and the count of decimated pieces came to a halt. The mass around him no longer could keep still under his might and started giving away. It was falling on its own and he couldn't do anything, other than his attempt to not

give in and fall in the acid. It burnt through the inner wall and revealed just how rabid and violent it had become. A volatile boiling, blistering concoction which burnt through its own skin. Even with its best attempts, a part of the brain fell inside and wriggled before dissolving, leaving nothing but a desolate mark before dissipating as well. This will be my end if I don't escape. And it had become quite more peculiar as the room started tilting below. Now, without any other tool, he looked at the end of the spine, which was now on a slope, left at the ends of no brain to protect. And it was ever closer that Argus needed only a few steps to rip off another piece of the spine and use it as a sharpened spine for his own accord. Two of them laid in his hands, which he used to climb, through the skin, which was thinner. 'I've got to try this, do you hear? Does the name Ferdinand hold any more value to you?' This time there was no one to respond or depart. Looking behind, the way through which he came wasn't any longer a path he'd easily be able to take. Acid poured in and started making the hardened substance in a soft goo which seemed to be forming blisters on the sides from the doubtlessly high amount of heat. Whatever Argus had in mind, this was the time for it. And other than impaling through the skin, he hadn't much, other than the first attempts. He climbed and pushed whilst the acid seemed to be boiling up to him. When he thought he was approaching or coming up with something there laid nothing but a pile of empty bones, the remnants of the spine which came out of an end made out of the skin at the top of where the skull laid. Up where he stood, flat on his foot, he pondered, despite how dire it was, he found the time, then and there, with two weapons, he started digging through the meat. The first layers of meat and skin gave away under the power and deconstructed bones which had laid unguarded for so long. The purple around the point where the spine came out of indicated the fact that it wasn't planned for it to come out and grow so rough. Dead skin was even more obvious that the one which was alive, and cutting it out was just marvellously easy. At least at first, the first few layers gave away, though the others didn't. A first strike at the tender red and pink meat which now seemed like a common carapace, or even a tightly covered shield and his bone blade gave away and broke. Argus was crushed to look below to see a bile made out of melting bone and brain matter, along everything it had started absorbing inside. It seemed as if that at the point when it lost its brain, there was no one to defend to control what happened inside the body. Mutations went wild, as the moistness came around too late. There laid plenty of other bones from the spines which he took out rather with ease than his brawn. Not enough, they will break as well. 'Help me, can you hear me up here? I know it's late, but I have come to free you from your cage, please, I need your help!' His voice fell short without even an echo, the air was running just as short as he was, the sound being silenced as well as his speech. And the tender meat still denied him entry, as he was ready to fall asleep. Not now, I cannot do it now, it will be too late if I fall asleep. I need to wake up and escape. But there was nothing he could do, at least not from his point of view. Argus was desperate, so, he resolved to punch through, first, the meat seemed to be like a stone, but something else happened. Suddenly a chance of plan, and ever since it stood erect, the end of the spine wasn't the thing he was standing on. There laid another just pointing towards the ceiling, slightly above. It must've been connected through both ends. That seemed to be the right way it should've grown, as the one on which he stood was overgrown from a lower ligament which wasn't meant to be. For neither one of them there. There, in front of him seemed to be the answer to all of his current problems. After a few attempted knocks, he understood that it was most likely to be hollow on the inside. Argus needed no bone to break the bone, as simply punching it seemed to yield results. The only problem which seemed to have revealed itself, as he looked down upon the feverishly

growing liquid. The fact that it would raise itself and come down raining at him before he even got the chance to escape. With the lack of opportunity and having his chances of escape flee away from him didn't sit through the nuisance of arguing with himself. Instead of that, he went on and continued doing it without a notice. There, the hollow was revealed, and it appeared to be a tunnel like. 'I can grab the rings and lower myself through.' It was abruptly raised, though he was confident in himself. The hole had now extended only for him to lower himself and not enough of the liquid to pour in. A devastating blow was made just enough of the spot for him to go on and crawl in. A glimpse followed as he saw the liquid start the reflection. In the various puddles of an organic substance, small little patches of liquid took the form of mirroring memories from various spots from his past. It would've been the last strike, an attempt to take him down with it before it died. Too late, at least that's what he thought. For once, I just happen to be right about it. And at the moment, and without a second thought, he decided to risk it and not play safe, releasing his grip from the inner bone rings and letting himself flow as if he was in a tunnel. The bone was long, the ligaments started becoming more transparent as they went on ahead. He could see, as he was stopped. A flat portion of the spine laid on the side. It stopped his constant motion, making him go forth. It was thin and uncomfortable to go on, though chance needed him to go on without any real reason to believe he was going to live. The cartilage above of him appeared to be in the process of decomposing itself, which happened in front of his eyes. 'This is it for me.' Said Argus, only to be followed by to echo. Another scent came from behind, death crept in and the promise of death approached fast. Suddenly, this became a gamble. If he was right, he'd survive. With both of his knees rigged, his shoulders firmly attached, he forced himself to hit the ceiling. Over and over again, he attempted to overpower the structure and crack it under his own force. And the sudden last strike did manage to fracture him, as well as the ceiling. He opened it now with both of his hands, only to be revealed in the open room. The bodies were still there. The bones still fresh. 'It tried tricking me. You tried tricking me, haven't you?' It was pointless for him to point his fingers now, though he had seen more than a glimpse of light. Like a small cheetah, he sprang out and leapt towards the teeth. They all laid at the bottom, fallen with an ancient appearance appointed by their pointy ends. Something happened that it managed to produce enough force for its own mouth to fall. Argus wasn't entirely sure whenever or not it was a good thing or not. The entire body was shivering and falling apart, just like in his thought. 'It could fall at any moment.' With that in mind, he jumped through, covered in the parts, which joined his clothes, rolling on the ground and looking through what now seemed to be more of a liquid than a parasite. The bones were not piercingly tall. They formed a tower, and everywhere around them laid the mass just falling and going as further away as he could see. Though he hadn't waited for that, he got away as much as he could possibly be allowed by his weariness. It took a toll to stand there and do that, and even further. He was haunted by the doubt of his escape. No one laid around to judge his fear. It was too late for him now. Argus laid covered in a primaeval substance. It crept as the growths started forming all around his body. Blisters, small patches of skin, pouches, long over inflamed bits of terror-inducing bile cysts that were visible to anyone who laid afraid of what crept in the unknown. Argus fell on the ground, forced to sleep so he could avoid the pain which forced itself onto him. He has pulled away, now half-awake. It was rough but solid, the ground that laid under his back felt comforting for the time being. The entire mass was being drained and absorbed, and now he had the last sight of the upper world and the colossal bone tower. No possible thought could be had at this time and as he went in the giant pierced tunnel which

was once made by the parasite, his entire body got encompassed by the substance. It came into him, through all of his holes and small protrusions. Everything felt bad as he was encompassed by this poison. His eyes were polluted, his body fell into the same, yet he achieves what he had planned. Finally, he closed his eyes. It was a something familiar, letting go, thought it felt like a memory, now came the first thought. It wasn't his own, but it belongs to someone else who came there before him. The previous predecessors who came into his mind then and there. Their journeys at different times didn't matter until now. And at atop of all, it was only now that they came into being, rather than any other point in time. Fifteen of August, the day of the arrival, at noon, during the daylight. There was the flash of a taxi driver sitting by the edges of a corner from the mid-street during the expulsion of the brittle tender crops. It was the beginning of something, though what it was remained hidden from Champlain. A guillotine of tobacco laid in his mouth as he was struck by the sight which promptly stopped him from the constant blowing of the smoke rings, which already seemed to leave a bitter taste in his mouth. This place was a stopper. 'Are you coming or just funny business?' 'Alright, I'm coming. Just let me finish my cigar.' He spat it out and shimmered to the side to throw it in the litter. It was a curved cylinder, covered with wooden planks, stapled to the plane surfaced ground. They were laid all around the city. And it was big, huge, and more importantly, on the move. 'Where'd it'd be, sport?' The man retraced the edges of his front mirror and snapped his fingers with dust. Inside it was all warm, at least compared with the wind from outside and the signs of cold being present. 'Jefferson St. on the fifth avenue and make it pronto. I've business to attend.' 'Right.' There laid the man, striking at his wheel as they went on, he was the rough ol' man again. I swear he's as old as the cab itself, mad Roger, was it? Sure, perhaps he was a bit out of his mind, especially with his old speeches of war, which he felt more than keen to share. Champlain lifted his eyebrows at the man and listened. He was in no mood to be rude and the background noise could've been more than helpful for his case. From the glimpses, back in forth, from the road and the man, he had finally adjusted to hearing the man. 'Indeed it happened, the way I'm telling you, don't trust those damn filthy paper men, those damn bureaucrats do nothing more than scowl in their filthy beds while we the real soldiers do all the work.' This seemed to be the start of something that could go for minutes, or even more, which seemed to be lessening the mood already. I wish I had another cigar, but he'd be against in the car. His amber eyes were now fixed on the man as he driven, having to listen. The old veteran's speech halted, as he waited to hear, the magic words. 'Go on.' It was as genuine, for as far as the man could tell from what he's heard. 'As I was saying, it was during the war, just envision it, try to do so, I know you may be too young, but as a child, you must've seen them in the museum or around the city. Damn reformists took everything and made it into attractions, but we the men who fought for them remember. You'd better do that too kid, from who could tell, there might be another one coming sooner than later. There, just look outside now, that damn thing became almost like a statue for the people to laugh about. None of them has a single idea in their minds just how perilous and destructive those were.' 'Does it still work? Since they let civilians come near, they must be deactivated or out of order.' 'Indeed they are, son, indeed they are.' It lay by the side of the road, almost guarding a separation between the two, a giant cask of metal round like a cylinder, with enough of a bulk for a battalion to fit inside. In front of it laid a giant pair of drills, of which, all laid cut in halves by the design, an engine laid behind int, along a pair of fornicated long legs. However it worked was beyond reasoning as not many notes, other than witnesses like those who've seen them first hand. 'Seen one of them in action then?' 'Indeed I have, and many more of them, though don't be tricked by

those drills you see there, those are quite fake. They replaced the old accessories with those props for those city folk right there. Just look at how those children look at it, and those glimpses in their eyes. They think it is for adventuring underground and thank ye that they don't have a real clue of the real intent behind them. Those legs didn't seem like they could support so much heavy weight. What was it then? Oh, you're a bit curious aren't you? Well, as you've seen all around the city, they come on all sides and sizes, boring a lot more than seemed to the common eye. So I seem to think. Well, it just fares to me that, they cushioned it for the young eyes since the war came to an end, there was no need for the apparatus and the various tools. So they took everything sharp and blunt and hid it away in an underground bunker or in the hangar. Heh, if I were to be called. A silence broke him then, there were plenty of stops on the road. I'm fairly sorry my friend but it seems as if our ride is to be delayed. Quite the traffic on the road today. It can wait, truly. Just tell me more about them, those hidden. All types of weapons, if one were to look upon them, he'd more than likely think they belong to an outlandish force. They were too peculiar of a design, even banned in some places to be still held. I wasn't aware of it myself, though I found out just by the rumours how grim their tale was. Somewhere in this very town laid an armament, old relics of the war that were just hidden and taken away, and everything laid under their noses. The air was stiff, the thought of it remained witty. Again, the creeping dampness between the space under them, somewhere at the bottom laid a small concave spot where they dumped all their weapons. Down, rightly piercing the end from at least a thousand meters going down there was a turn from another set of stairs. The way was thinned us and the lack of air made it hard to breathe, not to mention the fact that only one person could go through at a time. No one else, as a matter of fact, knew of the location, as it was a rarity for one to stumble upon this exactly hidden gem. Other than the rumours, and now, another one having been added to the pool of those who knew about the classified information. Champlain being a prompt example of the attention coming out of a drunk veteran driving him around. Neither of them knowing, of course of the precise location of the gate which leads to the deposit, which was more or less for a good reason, to be told. The city was filthy for the time being. Agents were almost every corner, seeming stress, or in distress, or anything that was beyond saving or their awareness. Their clothes were muddy, some still wet from something. It was even a wonder, or a curiosity to point at the fact that they never seemed to be vulnerable. Quite the chance of pace wouldn't you say? The window was opened, or so to speak, the weather seemed to be in the course of changing in from of their eyes. Dark clouds, but neither seemed to be bearing any sign of rain. It was just so, that this peculiar occurrence was documented and classified as being something common. On a sunny day, in the hemisphere of the world, rain clouds, or the whatever other name was given by tourists or passengers ended up as being duds, blokes, bearing nothing to a rain. The wind was a strong reminder of the cold-hot edges of the glass mountains he had dreamed of in the past nights. He wished he had another small leaf encompassed cut tobacco by his hand, just to pass the time. The last option which remained was for him to listen to the quaint tip of a long lost past. The war you say. Weren't they banned during the war? I remember something, vaguely, about being deemed as a crime against humanity to use them. So you know of that, lad? Indeed, they passed orders from upstairs, we needed to remove everything and make it as fast as possible. It was a shame that, I. It was an understandable gesture, especially now, that he turned the mirror around. He wasn't prompt in being looked into the eyes. A scar was laid atop and going over one of them, though there was more to the story than he was able to say. Were you one of the drivers then? With the window now closed, he decided to go on. Both of

the means of fresh air were closed now, and everything that now remained was the noise of his voice. 'I'm ashamed to think that I was indeed one of those drivers, most of us down at the company used to be participants. It's an agency think, they said, since you're already experienced in that, you may already just hop on inside the next machine. The memory of our sergeant still rings on to me, even now, especially since he had such a raspy voice you see. He told us, well, if you've got so much experience in war and driving these things, make yourselves useful and stay in form, we don't know when the next bloodshed will come. So we might as well have you prepared beforehand. 'It was sad to hear that now since Champlain was already around the age. Such was the fact that the uncomfortableness began, there was still the troubling traffic and he felt like his situation was beyond saving. 'Face it sunny! Just as we did when we were in that position, we weren't exactly given a choice at all, yet we had to go there anyway. If you want to know what's down there, in the trunk of the world, at the bottom of the roots, in the ground, do it on your own time. That, if you manage to find it on your own. Even now I am afraid, what they may do to me if I were to reveal. 'With a turn, his face was revealed to its full extent, as much as his neck twisted to the side. The cut extended revealing a pale eye which promptly disturbed him. 'Do you see this right here? Do you think I've got this from the war from the cosy warm seat I stood? From one of those pale mountain walkers? Nay, keep this in mind, the price of silence, as well as the debt which must be paid, is quite a lot if you understand where I'm coming from. We've all paid the price and in the end, those who speak too much and too soon bite the dust, do you hear? His eye seemed to have been scowled by heat, an end of a blowtorch, not just a normal cut. The skin around it was ashen, black, barely reattached by the sides, yet the man felt content to share with him everything. 'Why me? What if I decided to speak of what you've told me, do you have any idea just how idiotic was for you to reveal this?' And what exactly have I revealed to you son?' Despite the fact that he was prompt, almost sitting on his feet, he retreated back into the seat. He said nothing, nothing really. 'Nothing of value, other than rumours lad, and a word of advice. Keep it to yourself unless you want to get yourself in trouble. You'll get the far end of that than me, and you can trust me on that. I bet ya' on my own good working eye. 'With that and the clearing of the sky, even with the closed window, the traffic seemed to have vanished away. It wasn't far from that point on. 'Just around the corner. 'The hand pointed at the obvious. Despite the fact that, his mind was wandering about. He got out without leaving anything but an unchanged bill, a big fifty, and asked for no change. Left by the nearest street, he peered outside by each corner in sight. Everywhere around those spots laid creepy blinking eyes that were so-so obvious in the daylight, despite the creeping clouds. Even as the cab driver left, he looked at it go. What could it be that they used in the war? It was quite a peculiar thing, of which he forgot to ask. Perhaps I phrased my question all wrong, I should've asked why he told me everything but what was that armament. Too late now, even for him, now the man had left as far from his sight as he could've been. Turned, he was greeted by an agent. His sweat was running down the shoulder, for as far as he could tell, this man was on the field for a long while, and no one would believe otherwise. At least not with those layers of stench with much likely disturbed Champlain. 'We were waiting for you, follow me and ask no question. 'Lips got immediately sealed at the sound of the voice. Despite the appearance and how thin the man appeared to be, something peculiar laid about him. It was the pistol, held by his side, popping out there in the cold, where his every single fraction of awareness was pulled out. I need to wait before I swallow, he cannot see that I'm nervous. They will eat me alive if they see it. The agent nodded his head and turned his back, knowing not to be

attacked. I am a good man. For doing this thing. I am.' Champlain said, in a soft tone, which wasn't heard, just as he was being led into their dwelling. Again, down the rabbit hole, into the depths, the thought of it crept away, just as curiosity filled the gaps into the story. The bunker must've been miles away, more than that, but it so, how did it happen that they managed to put every single armament from the battlefield inside. Corks, and needles and piercing sharp spears, most likely pointed lances and razor blades that spin around, and go into round motion, everything too big to fit through a thin tunnel. Speculation began immediately, as soon as he was blindfolded. 'Am I supposed to trust you?' 'You've got no other chance other than this. It was your choice.' Blindfolded, he was not encouraged to find a distraction, and what other better thing could he find other than this. They must've collapsed the tunnel, or hit it with everything they had. Perhaps, leading below there was a giant hole that was dug long ago by an excavation crew. It was already damp and cold now from what he could feel changing around his body. A splash of water over his cheek followed. Could it be raining now or was it then? Back to his speculation, there laid at least, lined in a row, a few theories about how they were hidden, the reason and what laid in the tomb. Tomb, as a comparison of what truly laid there could be called more than a treasure, laid there by the general in charge. He said orders from above, but who? No, it couldn't be, to ruin an entire excavation just to make it thinner despite leaving it like that, a long tunnel couldn't do it. They needed them, they still need them in case another war comes. I may join the draft if called. 'Sit there.' The blindfolded came out? When, how? It was surprising as dark as it had been way before when he was still holding his blindfold on. A small lamp came to be, which lit only the square area of the table and nothing around. At its edges, there could be seen the flying fragments and bits of dust, which made it seem like a cellar. And old cellar, which was long before abandoned, at least judging by the dust it was. There came no voice but a file, a small encased set of papers which were just thrown in front of him without even a bounce. It seemed as if they were almost too sticky to bounce back, even after the first attempt. 'Read it, now. This is your first assignment.' As he began going on with each page, now it seemed too perfect that, turned flat, with both of its set of pages lying perfectly placed from side to side, to be just a coincidence. Did they make this table only to brief new agents? Her name is Sibyl, at least that's as much as we know about her name. No family name, no friends, no acquaintances, nothing more or anyone else that really knows her. The age, from what we know must be something in the range of eighteen and twenty-four, young. Place of origin, unknown, birth unknown, where she is right now, unknown, everything of her location is unknown. We know only from alleged sightings of her that she crossed the country quite fast in order to reach a spot. None of those upstairs is aware of where she may be going towards since we can rule out going out of the country. Do you follow me so far? 'I am sir, so what do you want me to do?' 'In your past, you were an officer, a private detective, and a damn good sniffer where your business doesn't belong. In other words, she stole something from us, and you were called here to become a temporary agent and get back what she stole from us.' 'There's nothing here to work with, what do you expect me to do? Get her while she's on her wild pops in and outs of existence?' Indeed, this was a case that would be more fitting to a witch doctor than myself. Fine, I'll take the case but. 'No payment, you see something, it stays with you. Everything shared here stays with you till the grave unless you want to end up just like her, understood? Now turn back the page. That is a map of the entire province, with its every vein, road, shortcut, city, town and whatever else you could think of. It's a modified old map, they don't make it like this anymore, though it has everything and more than you'll ever see in a normal map. Now, there, there and

there."The man pointed at a couple of spots, all clogged in red circles, all around it, going through a straight map, stopping at a point."If she's going through a linear path, how come you still haven't found her?The way it looks, you should've caught her long ago, here, here and here."That's where the problem comes, at the last point she just vanished, and for a few months at that.It took at least a few ground troops around the area to look around and scowl at the place."And?"Nothing, at least nothing more than some dust balls and a harsh wind."Could she be on the fact that she was being hunted and hid away for months?"It's in the realm of possibilities, we've still got men there looking around at that.And more on the road we think she took.But here's where the problem lies."The man came into the light, holding nothing but a knife with a red pointed edge.It wasn't blood, at least Champlain didn't think he'd see that so soon, but ink, red ink.The man suddenly started marking the area in front of him, making sure to get it good everywhere around.'Done, this should be fine.So, if she didn't make it through, we believe that she might've either made for a straight path.Here, here and here.'Three red lines were boring through the map from the point of her disappearance.One lead behind, two into what started to be adjacent roads, but ended up straight ahead.'Why straight paths then?She could've gone anywhere if she knew she had it in for her.So, why are you suspecting it?"The way she made it, we may not know from where she started, only as much as we have asked and seen for ourselves, but if you take a look, a better look, you'll see."She took a.'There was a second pause for a thought, nothing else seemed to indicate anything that'd make her want to just run on ahead like that.'Other than, the curve she took now straightening at the end?"Exactly, or so we think, getting desperate, what seemed to be caution became a straight leap, a run, a marathon for escape.Take this with you, and this suitcase, passport, logs and papers are inside.'Get up.'Suddenly as he got up, he found himself standing in a half-lit room, with the lamp being now dark and a small window is open from the side.It managed to reveal only the eyes of the man he was speaking to.'You don't need anything else, other than.'A man whispered in his ear just as he stood beside him.He nodded his head as quickly as he was gone.'Oh, and put this on.From now on, you represent us, you are an agent.Whatever you do from now on will reflect both on you and on us.Instructions are laid in the logs in case you get lost or left an unaware of what you may have to do.I already believe that you've met your partner outside."The one that got me here or the taxi driver, is it?"The driver, nice catch.But he won't be waiting for you in a cab anymore, look for a silver car with dark stripes all around it.It should reflect the suit, in more or less of nature.And Champlain."Yes, sir?"Make good and find that missing girl, dead or alive.Find what she stole from us and return it home and you might just get more out of this than a promotion."Thank you, sir.'It was secretive, that he was blinded folded yet again and slowly lead towards the outside world.At which, the daylight hit hard, though he hadn't even felt the fact that he was wearing a hat, managing to promptly block even the slightest feels of radiation.Down, he noticed a suit, even though he had no memory of ever wearing on.And on the road, the people walking seemed to give him peculiar looks, which were just as much returned to one another.Suddenly there came the horn from a car.It stood just there, waiting for him, on the road, all suited up and acting professionally.'Come one already, I've been cooking up in here for the last half an hour.'Has it been so long already?Champlain looked behind and noticed that fact that the dark alleyway through which he had been now seemed empty, bizarrely empty and cold in a damp day.'Im coming.'Bursting through the door, he looked at the man.The leather was just tightly cut, too fine for his tastes, as he thought of himself, as far as he knew to be a rugged man.'So, you're an agent, huh?I never would've guessed."Yes, you see, after the war, the

whole thing with drivers being used as that. It's all a frog's bullocks, none of it, they wouldn't risk having us near civilians unattended. Trust me on this, if you ever expect the government to give something to you back, other than a stab in the back, forget about it. "You were forced to do this, weren't you?" It was more like a forced suggestion, don't get me, the wrong son, I don't hate my job, I just love living more than that. When they came, they gave me another chance to set things right into the world. Atop of that, they also they gave me this nice suit, car and, well, just stay with us longer and you'll see. 'Us sounded a bit too forced right there, it was obvious that he hated it, as much as he wanted to cover it up. And as much as he wanted to speak, despite the fact that there was plenty of time, to look on the map, to reach the destination. Which was? "Where are we going?" "We're exactly to the place she's vanished. It's marked right there, under that small twin towns. If we keep going at this speed, we should be there in less than eight hours top, so if you want to take a nap in the free time, feel free. "I'm fine, just. Takes time to get adjusted to everything, taking them in and all. 'The map was marked with plenty of dates, mostly everywhere he could look. It was obvious that this was nothing more than the smaller size of something bigger, yet this was as overwhelming as he could think of. The latest date was as of today, whilst the oldest he could find written down on a spot was of at least five hundred or more ago. 'I didn't ask you for your name, by the way. "I'm Grant. "Champlain. Listen, I know this isn't really my business, but how old is this organisation. They just seem like they were here even before us, just popping in and out of our lives. I never even notice them, usually, unless they're moving into masses. "Wait, Champlain. Weren't you one of those that they interview during that incident. Damn it, which one was it? A terror attack at a station or something, or was it something else?" "Yes, that's when I saw them come to escort us out of the building. I was there, travelling, business as usual when it happened and it just felt like a loose dream, nothing more than that. An explosion was set off and all of the sudden, these men in suits came inside and helped to escort us inside, just before this place burst into flames. I remember it loosely, even so. 'A parade, the sound of a loud horn being blown in a fanfare of many colours, odours and instruments. A busy day, to say the least, everywhere around people who've spread around, as wide as one could look, it was no wonder that they chose to attack this place against any other. The only spot that wasn't full of people was the waiting area near the trains. 'If I remember correctly, I was sitting in a bar, with my back turned. I had both trains in my sight, they were empty, just waiting for the section. At noon, or earlier than that. I wish I had a drink right now, to loosen my tongue, you know. "Here, I keep a couple in case of emergency. 'It was a small bottle of cognac, aged well, at least older than the incident. Quite bizarre. 'Do you drink and drive then?" "Only on occasion. But what can you do? Once you work for them, there are some aspects of the law, at which they turn a blind eye. At least once they see who you're working for. 'After a quick bottom of his shirt and a sip of the drink, he came back to it. 'I might've had a glass filled with a drink just like this one in my hand right there, but I wasn't drinking from it unlike now. Don't get involved with a dame, trust me on this. 'What followed was a bunch of other drinks, which helped loosen the tongue and a few more immediately after. He waited to settle down and cross the border of the town. Now, it was too narrow for anyone to hear them speak, even though he had forgotten or honestly didn't know that the windows were sound proof. 'I was hired by her, Evair, or Eclair, or Claire, something like that, to watch over this man who was supposed to come here and take the first train and get as far away as possible from whatever know what. 'The sun was shining and if the heat wasn't already bathing most of us who weren't hidden from it, the loud sound of the fanfare was. 'Near the bar, there was

this ma'am, to whom I fell in love with the first second I laid my eyes on her.'I got involved during the program, as far as I knew, after a few more shots, I finally got the courage to ask her.'A bar in a train station, this is the strangest place once could encounter such a thing.Especially since you know accidents happen."We're quite famous around here sir, hence I tend to disagree with that statement.It happens quite often for people who'd travelled from far away to spend time at this station before they go back to their long journey."You don't say.'Her amber hair flailed as she nodded her hand, in the cold wind.Just a coincidence, as he thought, that all of the sudden, just as she did so, a small fragrance in the wind came near him, on a summer's day.The man wasn't going anywhere anyway, this was his only ticket out and there might've been an hour or two at least before any of them left.'There's a reason why this place is so bright so often, filled with many boutiques of many of kind."All right, I get it, but what still baffles me is the fact that there's a bar inside the station.A bar, and especially decent one from the looks of it, with a looker.'She was clad in black, under the shade of the second level, it was like a two floored station, as in they wanted to add more facilities for the passengers to use so they added more.Noise, at least coming from all directions, from around, from above, even from somewhere from the bottom of the ground.A metallic, barely audible sound, which I figured for coming from a worker of some kind.We eventually managed to strike a conversation and It seemed to me that something was about to go from that moment on.'It was then that."Yes, well, a tad little later than that actually.'I've had some time to look around and leave her for a bit, to stalk the man I was paid to look out for.She wasn't going anywhere I thought, and a bit of fresh air could've helped.The only immediate problem was the fact that I managed to land myself in front of a damn levelled parade, which was technically unpassable no matter how I looked upon it.I had to turn around and take a long way, which ended up being as farther away from the entrance as possible.Quite a rookie's mistake, yet it couldn't be helped, the sound of horns and gongs, the trumpets covered the sound.Being close backfired, as they masked all sound, including what I thought to be the initial explosion.'There were more?"Yes, haven't you read the reports, you guys to have reported, right?"We do, but the only thing said and done about that, is that we found only the charred remains of a station, nothing that could be salvaged and nothing that could be taken from it."Were you even aware that I was there?Not you specifically, the agency, was it aware of my presence?"The man nodded, after all, Champlain knew he intentionally bumped and gazed in front of a man who was called there to escort him, right at the entrance.Though they were there more for the control rather help any of them.Indeed, it was something unmistakably familiar about the man, at least from the reflection, his eyes, though he said nothing on the subject.'So, back to that."Have you seen a woman running through the station?"It came like a flash, the memory, the sounds, how he looked above, right before the ceiling started falling on itself.'It can't be her, there's no possible way it could be her."No, stand down already, that's a different horse altogether, it's way beyond your concern now."She's dead then?"If not from the falling debris, who know?You've seen her right?We've got reports of her going in and forcing her way despite having nowhere to run.'At least that's what they said, they were lenient of the information, too much.She escaped, though that he omitted from saying.It wasn't important and it appeared that she has suffered enough, the place was already in shambles, and it was no wonder that there were not even firefighters near the scene, until a few hours later.It came and went away, the first blast then it came the other.'I never knew what happened to the girl either!'"The one at the bar I presume?"Exactly, the one that had her way blocked beyond the counter.I believe that the level above her was the first one to fall from the force coming off the blast."And you never even asked

her."Shh, board patrol.'It appeared that vehicles were blocked on the patrol, though there was something which they weren't in the mood or time for.Champlain hid the bottle under his leg and looked away.Seemingly, it could take some time, if it weren't for the fact that he had forgotten for who he worked for.'Here it is.'"Thank you, sir, you may go now.'No toll, no inspection or anything, he was just free to go without even a warning or anything.The barrier was immediately lifted above and through the black curtain of the car, he looked outside and behind, plenty of other laid waiting while they cut through the line as if it was nothing.'It's something that will never get old.'"Will we get there until the night?"I hope so, I hope so.At least if we get to a gas station, this car and I are starving.'There was a rub on the belly, the road was just clear for them to go, up to a hill, that had been slowly raising itself for a while.'You can go back to your story and next time, don't worry about it.There's no need to hide the bottle if you're not driving.'"Won't they think me of a bootlegger?"A bootlegger and an agent?That'd be a first.'He said with a chuckle.To him, it seemed entertaining, but Champlain hadn't forgotten, not only that but his thoughts were getting mixed.He was being distracted by the armament, which, for a while had been daring himself to ask the man.This wasn't the right time though.'She died most likely and I still don't know whenever or not it was a terror attack or something worse.The matter was never cleared up over the news, as a matter of fact, no one really knows who it was behind the attacks.'"Fanatics, nothing more, don't trouble your pretty little head on matters like this one, you've better things to think of now.This woman, who stole from us, where could she be?Why did she pass us over like that?"Watch the road.'The sound of metal, as harsh as it were seemed to have been too sharpened for its own good.It blended and hid with the background, disappearing as much as it possibly could.Such was it, for a second that the man turned the wheel and managed to crash the car into a post.The strike was close to being fatal, almost for the both of them, and the giant truck that seemed to have just now passed them was only seconds before ready to smash their entire bodies in a numb motion.The flash came with a long string like sound, as Champlain could barely now see in front of his eyes.Something was going down.Out the window, the black curtains were pulled in-between the cracks made by the hit.The worst thing of all was the man.He pushed his hand forth and tried seeing if he was still alive.No sign of it, at least he couldn't check anymore until there came the first violent shake.It was also then that he realised that the car was left by the sudden accident in a slope, and it laid soon to fall.'Wake up, now.'Champlain tried emptying his throat, yet those words were accompanied by a spilling of blood which couldn't be neglected.He caught it in his hands but failed to do anything else, other than the unbuttoning of the safety belt wrapped around him.By the left, he slowly touched the doorway to shift and get away.'Help, help, someone.Can anyone.'There came the faint as he looked, caught in a position mid-way to escape it and go away, one foot remained still inside as he could look there, finally with the help of the strong daylight.He was dead, his head was bashed, lodged, at least part of his skull had met the wheel and became part of it.Just as Champlain took his foot out, that was the last of it, the car finally rolled and fell out of the cliff without the help of the extra weight to keep it in place.There wasn't any bag but a loud noise.No word to be said, he looked on the road but there was no one to help either of them now.Pulling out the map revealed nothing in it, other that it was now slightly tainted by blood, there was still a long way to go.The car was busted below in a ditch formed long ago, and now.Now he mourned in silence for one he barely met.'I barely even knew who you were and I already miss you.'There was something appealing about the man which made him hard to be forgotten.That truck started everything was now just gone without a way to be traced back,

leaving me all alone. I've got to finish this now. The girl. With a clenched fist, and with a promise to not look back, he showed no tears to the dead and started walking away. The night was approaching soon, or so it seemed that he found himself wasted. A bottle had been hidden under him for the whole time, his suit was torn, he was tired, but he vouched never to stop. No light came into being there, but perhaps it was the sleep deprivation that made him hear the voices of the damned. They came from the confines of the desert, no doubt people had been buried there sometime before, long before he had decided to arrive there. 'Damn this. I wish I would've buried you here, and now, why? Why did it have to happen now?' Not a fragment of his lip was left aware of the stores of water that could've saved them, he was feeling thirst and the next day could've come as bitterly as it could with the sun. Turned around, as if scared, from the constant feeding paranoia, he thought he saw the rising sun all of the sudden. At least, so, until he saw that there was a light coming from behind. Someone was coming, most likely someone to pick him up and lead him away from the desert. He hopes, at least until it proved false. The light dimmed at they approached. Not a second did Champlain pause or wait at the sight of it. Despite the fact that it was already an hour in the dark, which he had spent walking alone after being in the midst of a tragedy. 'You're not here, go away.' It walked at a slow pace, though it was undeniable who it was, or, rather what it was. A smashed front and the sides, the silver was visible even in the night, though something was still stuck into the wheel, a dark figure. The image crept into him, even to the point where he believed that the paranoia had driven him to make it all up. Again, he said, though now it was different, as he said it with a turned back. 'Go away, you're not here.' The sound of the engine running seemed to say otherwise, laps were made and all of the sudden, a play of lights came into motion. First came the light, then it went away, then it was one, then it went away. It seemed to be taunting, yet not at him, but the lack of attention he was giving to him. 'What do you want?' The lane was just enough for enough cars to come through, yet something made it wait there. 'What is it? Do you want me to wait or something? Because I can't, I can't believe I'm saying this, but now, I've got a girl to find. And I can't do it. I can't do it on my own.' Champlain had a long look at his feet and they were sore from the looks and feel of it. He needed the ride, and the driver most likely as he thought needed the company and the occasional banter he knew he could provide. Though the closer he approached, again, he remembered what he feared, what his mind tried denying. It couldn't be him undoubtedly saw him die. Let's settle this then. Slightly off the road, he stood on the giant endless carpet of sand and left just enough spot for him to come near. Even at the moment, he profited off the occasion and pushed his hand in front, making a sign. Hitchhiking during the job, what would they say about me? What came next, though was utmostly more terrifying than anything he had ever seen of thought of expecting to appear in front of him. It was indeed the driver, still sitting in the same position, skull pushed and joined with the wheel. Perhaps it was just an illusion but it was more so joined with it than before. Skull came close to becoming part of the wheel, the skin almost stretched and joined the leather. Champlain couldn't believe why was this, what it was, his eyes widening in a spiral of pale ongoing numbness, as the thought of it is a lucid dream came into being. He made a few steps back. 'Ar..'. The first attempt had failed as he managed to swallow a few of the words instead of focusing, he had needed a few previous attempts, though the bottle wasn't empty yet. With a quick glance at him, to make sure of no sudden movement, he took the cognac and emptied it in front, or rather, on his side. 'Are you still alive?' There came the singing horn that couldn't still work or be accessed, his hands were nowhere near them. As a matter of fact, the door was opened, yet those hands remained stiff for the entire visit. 'Do you want

me to come inside?'Oddly, there was both a guilt and a feeling related to the fact that he thought he owed him to come with him there and then. With small hope, he came by his side. A shiver came through his spine, with each breath he took, the body near him came colder. Now, despite everything feeling so peculiarly odd, as the car still went on, and seeing how he was now sitting in the front seat, he excused himself. But not before attempting to not look, or to glance anywhere other than the rotting carcass of his partner, all and all, while the car was still running. With a small slither, he came to the back and managed to do it with such a nimbleness that made him even avoid touching him, or it. It was silence now, and the mirror was cracked. Is he even alive now? Not quite rightly, nothing could tell other than checking his pulse, which was already out of the question. He was driving, a dead man, something which came closer to the darkest of phantasm he had read about in the past. Surely, it couldn't be happening, the matter of the occult belong to, well, the occult, and this must've been just something in his imagination. 'I know how to drive, I'm sure of it and we're moving, quite at the speed. It must be that I'm alone, right? You're clearly not responding and quite the stiff individual.' At the first sound of the gurgling coming from inside a throat, which undoubtedly came from somewhere, a few feet in front of him made it seem as if. As if, something was still alive inside of him or had been before, but by now, it wasn't long until those lungs were about to stop, and without a doubt, the dark speech that followed crept in Champlain's mind. They sounded unearthly, a combination of the common gurgling of the various liquids that had been in his lungs from the various years of attempted suffocation. The remedy of war, the man failed to tell the young man of the fact that he used to smoke entire packs when he was his age, some peculiar times. Even ten or twenty a day, no wonder his voice had been so raspy. Though now, it wasn't the voice alone, but the peculiar position and the accident which left the jaw forced open, to be pushed against the skull, making a crackling such when a hole in the ground came. They should've fixed the road. 'What do you want then? I can't understand what you're trying to say.' Soon enough, he'd not understand anything from it, as the exhaustion was soon to catch on with him. A lousy day, now, on a road, in the middle of the desert. He closed the lights now, the mirror, with each crack, left the reflection of many pale eyes watching. It was his own eyes, in the dark, before he fell against the chair, sleeping like a child. The bright light in his dream made the place for white, pure energy filled being, which he remembered he had seen in a sea of clouds with the eternal glowing sun. So he saw his mother again, holding him on her knees and brushing his hair while watching over him like she had done in his childhood. Her voice was a soothing thing for his years to be held, and for a moment there, everything anxious and filled with confusion or deep -fright fell away with an equal fell swoop. He was content to see her well, and to feel safe. Though something wasn't there, there laid a stain under her robe, right on her skin, where there should've been a purity of white, pale milk like purity, laid a dark spot. A bump of red skin that seemed to distract him. In his dreams, he was aware, though they weren't as often happening as he wanted them to be. Purity caught him in a glimpse of what he wanted the world to be, it ended exactly and right before getting to the palace of light. It was so close, to his desire, to see and watch, though disturbed by it, his watch was forced to be at the bottom, deeply into the earth which laid so far, far, through the bottom. There laid something creeping, the arsenal, they said. So, he ended up, almost popping out to awareness, awake, eyes dilated and breathing heavily as he looked at the driver. It wasn't a dream either unless it could be inside a dream, which was already too ridiculous of a concept, judging by the fact that he had only lucid dreams. 'You're still driving towards the point.' It was a surprise, that he

recognise, on the map laying the road clear. They passed a road sign which was plunged, shoved into the desert sand, it read exactly route eighty-nine. 'We're three hours away then.' Something wasn't right with the man, though he had dealt with agents before. He knew that they were experimenting with things which were beyond his comprehension, despite the fact that this was beyond, well and ahead of his expectations, he wasn't as shocked and tired. At least not as much as he was left to think of the previous night. Sharpened by the ear and by sight, not to mention his nimble touch, Champlain started feeling the body, checking the ribs, finally the pulse. There was barely any to be felt right now, not to mention the coldness which laid inside, both the body and the car. With that in mind, the man was still alive, at least a part of his was, from the accident, it might've left him almost dead, nothing but a case of twisted humanity. Though Champlain dared not double cross them now, after all, he recognised him on the road enough to pick him up and they were going in the right direction. 'This must be the price of servitude I presume, you serve your country, join the force and this is what they do to you.' It was a sight to behold upon, the slight movements, tilting of the head, he was thought to be dead, and perhaps it wasn't long to it. At least, with the brain being damaged, he couldn't be thought to be alive. There was a crossing on the man which was approaching. The light came through the windows and he had realised that they weren't exactly close up and rolled as they should've been. 'They will see us and I doubt we could explain it as easily to the next people who try to stop us. He pushed himself forth, in-between the seats, just so that he could reach in front of him and pull the curtains on, covering both of the windows on each side. There wasn't any way to hide those small cracks, but this had to do it. From the spot now, he looked and saw those pale eyes, almost lifelessly pulled back and empty. As much as he wanted to think him of a human being, he wasn't even close to being one anymore, he was something eyes. Pale eyes fell with the road and looked below, it wasn't that which drove him to walk. It must've been the memory of it. 'This could prove to be a mistake and a problem too, friend. We need to take it away and hide you as fast as possible from their sight. If they see you, we won't reach our destination and fail to find that girl. And this, you, would've been for nothing.' The stylish suit he wore went away from him as he covered the support front of his body, carefully making sure he wouldn't be seen from the distance. What could they think if they saw him in this condition? The human experiments, the monsters. 'How often does this even happen?' What have I dragged myself into? As Champlain laid back, he looked at it from an overview, the sight of the broken mirror disturbed him so much that he hid it away. Rightly, they passed a giant road sign with one of those commercials written and made for the pass. It was a product of some kind, uninteresting, though under its shadow stood a car, creeping. Undoubtedly, the officers were there and just in time, he closed in to whisper. 'Slow down, so they won't follow us.' It happened at such, though inconspicuously, he attempted to look back, through the window, there wasn't anything to be seen anymore, just distant cars approaching from as farther away as he could see. They were coming, or at least, it'd be full of them. For a moment there, the realisation came slow, at least slow enough to make him lessen the fear of being caught. He went on ahead to test it. 'On the crossroad, take the left. We should be able to reach the point a lot faster that way if we take that part of the road.' It was a simple command, he wasn't driving by the eyes now, so he must've memorised every possible road, or so did Champlain hoped for. It was dangerous already, but getting caught was the road. They couldn't take this straight ahead road anymore, going near the spots where the trains were, not to mention the main point where there'd be traffic. Stuck with a dead man driving, in an official car. 'You also won't need this anymore, though I'm sorry, need

calls me to do it.'He hadn't gotten one from the officials, sort to speak, they weren't trusting him as of yet.Now, they hadn't a choice to do so.This was going to be ten times more dangerous, especially since he had no license to carry.The barrel was full, with six long noddled bullets.The front of them remained stained with something.'No, it's the casing.'With the mere distraction, he hadn't noticed the red small patch around the ends of each bullet, left there for something.They weren't legal bullets.'Are we even allowed to.Oh right, sorry.'The guilt still crept, yet now, he saw that he was indeed following his order, despite being in the worst condition.It could've been worse, or at least it could become.'We're just two hours away, or something less than that if we take this way.Just focus, as long as there will be no other accidents and we manage to avoid bumping into others, we will be fine.'It was his dream, his desire, to go through unnoticed.There wasn't any other expectation to be had, though he hadn't foreseen what happened next, he couldn't have.Even though the map was in front of his eyes, he failed to see the sign of the train.Within a slope, the sight of anything in front of them went away, and Champlain couldn't see anything but an entire set of growths of leaves, bushes and small trees.Somewhere here must've laid a road, or at least so he thought he had seen it written down.He couldn't have been more wrong if he wanted to be as such.Ten miles at least and they could feel rocks, big chunks, knocking and leaving small bumps on the wheels.Some even going as far as piercing the material.Though the final blow was the command.'Push on the gas, we can't get stuck here.'With a dire need to listen to it, there was a shuddering audible blow, that came from behind.Something had happened to the wheel, just as they came out unscathed from the rock field.And into the tracks, after the car managed to get through, it finally got stuck.'Come on, what are you waiting for, a train is on its way.'There was none in sight, but that trail of that dark smoke was almost too visible in the daylight.And to bear hearing such a creeping sound, just as the machine finally had its last breath, was far too distasteful for him.'I am afraid I must abandon you yet again.'Seeing how, after trying once to pull him away from the wheel, that attempt failed horribly, this was indeed the time to surrender and finally let him go.Behind the bushes, he hid between the stones.This was no train but the evil torturous twist of a train, with its sharp upper from blade polished and its size, made the small vehicle appear as the one used by a child.This gargantuan of pounded steel didn't slow but even became faster to scare the man away from the seat.Below, he backed away.Champlain, that is, recognising that the car might as well just bounce back and punishing him from abandoning the man again, crawled through the mud but managed to get out of sight.This was truly the end, as he looked away, he saw the blade cut through, the hulk of metal was smashed, crashed and bashed.None of it was left anyway, and none other was alive to tell where he was.No bang, no burst of flames, just the front where the driver laid, it got entirely taken.'What now?'His hands were shaking on the man, which was already filled with his sweat in that crude hot, day.At least the shadow of the trees, on the small hill, the stool was slightly comforting, despite all which happened.Champlain was still close to the rendezvous place and they were waiting for them.Him, to come, now all alone and bruised.Since he walked on foot, it could've taken a lot more than he expected.A whole lot more, judging by the fact that he was tired.'There needs to be a story, but what could it be?Taken, killed?We were assaulted you see, and my partner tried to fight back.No, damn this.'There was his gun in the pocket, they wouldn't believe it if they saw that.Plus, if someone caught him wearing one without a permit, there'd be more to explain, theft, murder, this.'Now it's lost.'It was almost as if it disappeared between the array of bushes and the stones.There was little hope of finding it once he realised his fingerprints were still left on, though luckily a rain or the mud would

wash them, at least until an unlucky man found them. After all, six bullets still laid inside the barrel, which, most likely would never be used from that point. It took a few minutes or an hour for him to pass alone. Looking like a homeless man, he came out of the bushes, tall and slightly bruised, into the residential area. This was not at all where he needed to be. Houses, neighbours, people who could see and watch, who could testify against him. The thought alone drove him back into the spot from which he emerges to hide away. With a small droning sound, he said. 'Don't look at me.' Driven into a full flight and as for the running, Champlain managed to find himself back on the road, though more roughened than ever. His sight was travelled, on it, despite the traffic and the visible look of all the cars and the people in sight, it still went on. The front was smashed, still, cut into pieces, yet it still managed to work on something and go on. A terrible fright came to be. Sort to speak, at least, so he thought the man to be of ghoulish descent, only something creeping could now be seen inside the boiled box in which he stood. The other cars avoided him as much as they could, but Champlain on the other hand waited. One way or another, he had to face whatever waited on the other side. At least the speed was kept relatively fast for what was going on. There was only a mere problem, which obviously became unavoidable. In the midst of every single one that passed by, he got inside and moved by the side, just so he'd avoid looking until it became unavoidable. A wreck of a car now laid in front of him, the edges were cut, it seemed to have been thinned and pushed in itself but only by one of its sides, the front one. The worst of all remained the fact that, the point from where the train had hit him was the driver's spot. How tainted was the sight, that Champlain was forced to look away from the gruesome image of his companion? Pieces of him were missing, the door from his left side joined now with his ribs, though in a way, he became more a part of it than the other way around. Now, he reached to him again, felt the coldness of the body and the stiffness once again. Still able to drive, he went on, now unrecognisable as a human being, his small suit had fallen by the side. He has covered again immediately, though no amount of anything could cover the front side of the wreck. The windows were in pieces, there was barely one on the side still trying despite being cracked and pushed inside. A grasping thought still haunted him as he thought of still, there is still a pulse inside of him. The man was still alive, despite everything that happened to him. And they were together for a ride that would last less than two hours, with barely any scratch on him, but this happened to the rider. It was already hard to hide she shame from those that watched them or through the various holes when they passed by. But even more shameful was going to be the explanation that would have to be given on what happened. On his account. I ran away but he came for me anyway, this is what happened, at least so I do recall the order of the events. 'Sir, I don't know what to say, other than I'm terribly sorry for what happened to you.' Usually, there would've been a gurgling sound of some sort to signify that he was heard, despite feeling as bad as he was at the moment. Though no amount of guilt could come to an end. The spot where the girl was found was getting close. 'Well, time to find that girl then, right?' At the top of the man, stapled was a blurry image of a running woman. Not much to go on from that point, but it was a beginning nonetheless. 'Wait, we don't need to meet them at that point, do we? Why don't we, well. Go ahead and find her on our own right? Remember, you told me that the government had backstabbed you before, and now this happened. Just, keep going by that point but on an arc and try being inconspicuous.' It was a madman's approach, but this was a death sentence to admit, leaving him, to run away, being followed by something that wasn't human anymore. A new way was now being made, a new road, a second path, hopefully, one with less curious of eyes, this was already a wonder how it could still move. Or the man, with

his still living body, though doubtfully, was there something left of his brain. The way the door joined him by the side of his body, especially through the head, there wasn't any doubt of the brain damage. If he even had one, or if he ever was a human, to begin with. 'It's strange that despite everything, my side is the only one that remained untouched, right?' An awkward, close to being silent laugh tried relieving the mood. Such did Champlain thought about it, in an attempt to make everything less peculiar and awkward than it really was. 'Oh, remember, the armament that was once used in the war?' That was an interesting subject, I haven't realised that you were supposed to be my co-worker then. You really got me. 'It felt uncomfortable to wrestle his hands and shifted on among his elbow and thighs. The warmth coming from outside was coming to an end and the scent of the approaching death were still creeping. 'You're dying aren't you. You're dying in front of my eyes but still try doing your mission. Why? They failed you, the government, the army, these agents, the other. Well, human beings, including myself. Why aren't you stopping then?' There couldn't have been an answer if he wanted to, other than the fact that he stopped the car. In the middle of nowhere, with crowded streets, he stopped. The door was open now, unlocked. Champlain knew that he could leave at any time and needed to hear no words of it. 'I could leave you to know, and there'd be no evidence of me being here. I still can do that without feeling any possible guilt, you know?' Though the front mirror was broken, and there wasn't any way for the driver to see without eyes, he still knew Champlain wouldn't leave. 'We stick on road avenue fifty-eight and don't go any other way. With a bit of luck, if she's hiding anywhere, we should find her right?' Four more hours passed, two at least and a few minutes since they went by the rendezvous point. The car stopped within the range of a dinner, hidden by some bushes. There was just enough money left for a last fine dinner and something to grab back to the journey. A bell rang as he came inside, with a particular pair of sights thrown at him. A small ring of silence formed. People were more than obediently sitting at their tables, at least until he decided to come inside. The front row had plenty of empty seats as well as others which were full of the most notoriously looking people Champlain could observe. 'What'll it be, stranger?' Asked the woman behind her pub. From the looks of it, she had been cleaning a dirty cup with a dirty piece of cloth from some time now. 'I just need a good dinner, that's all and something on the road.' 'You're not from around here, are you? Actually, don't answer that. As a matter of fact, don't really talk to anyone really unless you want to get in trouble with Butch.' The last part was close to being whispered. Champlain hasn't been in front of a mirror, not could he had known exactly how roughened up he looked to others. This Butch had to be avoided now, as he nodded and waited. From each side though, two fellows seemed to be gazing at him over longer than it should've been the norm. And old man and a young countryman, judging by the clothes he wore, younger too, at least twice the size, lesser than the other. The waiting was unsettling at since he couldn't be turned around to look and who else was there trying to figure out what was his deal. Please, please, please, hurry up already, I need to get out. With a sudden care, he looked down at his hands to notice if there was any, as small and as lenient as it would appear, a smear of blood which could point out what was going on. 'Cold water I presume you needed or a fizzy drink?' 'Just water, thanks.' Bacon, toast, water and a pair of boiled eggs. He could've thought of anything about it, but this looked more than decent, it now looked divine to him. And none of the above seemed to be accompanied by the variously flavoured spit one would throw to a passing peculiar looking stranger. The ma'am came again and was greeted by other thanks before Champlain finally started eating. It might've looked like he was eating like a pig, something

which might've relieved some people that were watching or had been watching him for a while. Luckily the waitress went back to cleaning her cup, which did more than getting his attention. 'Why are you doing that? Cleaning the cup with a dirty rag I mean.' 'Well sir, this isn't just a rag, it's the well-used cloth General Mayor William Charlston, which my grand-grand-grand mother met while working here and served the man while he paused during one of his campaigns. 'Is this really that old?' The woman nodded her head and went back to it. Though that failed to give an answer on why was it still so dirty. 'By the way.' Before anything could be said now, there came another man inside. The bell rang again. From the looks of the others which left the vicinity, or at least shifted sides, this was most likely, as Champlain thought, a ruffian who terrorised the place. The steps ended at the door as the man waited, looking around. Even the waitress stopped from doing what she was doing and placed both the cup and the rag to the side. 'Coffe?' She asked, but no response came. Since she went back to it, at least it was obvious that whoever was doing what he was doing, he most likely just gave a nod. Scouting the little man sitting alone. 'You know that's my place, right?' It was a heavy voice with an even heavier accent, undoubtedly the one you'd hear from someone who chews some cigars in his life. 'Listen, I want no trouble, just to get my food and get out, all right? I've had my share for today.' The man giggled, almost like a school girl in the summer, mockingly trying to imply he was nothing to be scared about. 'Oh, you will get your food all right, but at another dinner, understood? Unless you think you could take me on and get away with it.' Two big hands wrapped around his shoulder and turned him around the rotatable chair. There was a clear difference between their sizes, ages, and a bulk of the body. From the tattoos, Champlain knew that this man was most likely belonging to a band of some kind. His thoughts were still clear though and forced on the matter. 'I've finished it already but. The sound of coffee coming as the cup was placed as farther away from where he stood resonated with the table. 'Here's your coffee Butch, just let the man go, he's done nothing and you're not invited here to mess up with my customers, okay?' 'Oh, but I'm just messing with the kid, that's all, you know, deep down that, I'm a saint. Right fellows?' There was an uncomfortable yeah which travelled from around the room. As awkward as it was left, he was still left with a mean demeanour which was hidden or attempted to be hidden away. The bag was ready with some packed food. 'Your baby bag came, better go and grab it.' The big hands finally released as he said it. 'I'll give this free pass to you today, better not catch you sitting on my seat ever again.' Turned he took the bag and paid the bill, leaving some change. Champlain turned casually as if nothing happened and headed to the door. 'Wait, wait, wait a minute, right.' Lifted from the table and coming straight at him, Champlain finally turned on his own to face the man. He appeared even rougher while he was standing, though the bulk seemed to be off the extra pounds rather than raw muscle. Knowing they'd never see one another, Champlain took him by surprise and to that of others, he knocked him out the moment his fist made contact with the man's jaw. The bell rang again as he burst outside and started going for the car. Luckily, it was still hidden and still in the vicinity of him. Just in time, there seemed to be approaching more cars towards the dinner. They'll look for me now. 'Drive and don't stop. Step on it I said, my dear friend, he won't like what I've done to him and I've no other expectation that he'll bring friends.' Stamped, the thorny yellow bushes came down as if they were nothing under the pressure, as he came down on it and burst away. To the onlookers, it was obvious who was in the car, regardless if they saw him come inside or not. Butch, the hooligan came outside and eyed both the dark figure of Champlain and his driver, babbling to himself for the time being. 'I've really done a number on them and for that I'm sorry. But now

we can't take any more breaks so don't give up yet, they can't catch us like this or else who knows what else could happen.' Past the point now, they attempted to skim the rest of the place, occasionally looking for the missing woman. At least a few hours passed, once again, off the tracks, off the road. It needed to rest from the looks of it, or die, at least, one of the two would most likely let him go. By the road now, and away from the desert laid a small bridge with a ditch and just an uplifted spot where a small stream of water came and passed under it. The car was driven carefully under the bridge, knowing that they wouldn't be found at night hiding there, in that exact spot. No one sane would go there while knowing they'd have to climb back up. Especially one who's engaged in a dinner like Champlain. 'Good night.' Sleeping with a dead now became more of a habit than uncomfortable since he wasn't entirely so, it took away some of the only charms and appeals it had. Danger on the road, no stars in the sky. The shadow under the bridge did more than creeping his dreams, especially the hole in the wall. 'You know, I kind of find it hard to sleep now. Do you think we could perhaps try to turn the car around?' It was kind of late for a request and with the going on lights, people were still pulling all-nighters. Some were driving just above of them, and perhaps turning up the engine wasn't the best idea, especially since they were hiding. In solely peculiar whispers, he said. 'Sorry.' And attempt came to be, for he found it hard to fall asleep with that thing in the wall. A giant hole covered with strings and webs which were pulled inside, slightly protruding outside. It crept him how it acted and filed against the wind, and especially more what laid inside of it. The twisted creature must've been something horrid which he had seen as a child, in his bathroom after taking a shower. A coincidence, though nothing more, it appeared there by the time when he was too tired to make any distinction between reality and that of a fantastic dream. In the exact spot, rightly above him, on the wall laid the hole, next to the drawer where his father kept all the towels and soaps and just by the light. Even with a strong light, the darkness in the hole crept and left him numb, there was something inside, making small movements, something that should've resembled a spider. Yet it didn't. There was always a fear as a child, or a presence creeping him beyond the hole, sometimes watching him, at his most vulnerable and alone times. The valve by the side was rusty a persuaded by the wall, another thing that crept him, especially since his parents never got around fixing it. A skull or at least something resembling one was embedded in the wall, out of which head came out the set of various tubes from which the water came. It was a combination of the image of the bodiless man and the hole in the wall which crept in his childhood memory, having to sit near it and see it sockless and toothless, with a half open grin. Or to hear the sound of the wind be twisted and be heard as voices in the hole. One particular night, coming out in the bathroom, he found himself dumbfounded as he gazed upon, or rather heard a voice come out. Something was looking out too, out of the web embed hole, but Champlain hadn't seen from where it came. All until he looked below and saw the cracked pipe, a long sturdy cracked pipe waited for him there. It glared at him as he did back. It repeated itself, though Champlain heard it only now for the first time. 'Wake up.' 'I'm awake, I'm awake.' Almost into a rage, he was forced to be aware, a few hours into the daylight. The blue curtains blocked the light, though not the one coming from the front mirror. Some hours were spent driving, at least, as the whole scene seemed to have changed, into a more, out of the borders kind off one. Houses were spread farther away from one another, more basic and on hills, long with perturbed levels of grass. In less than one word, abandoned. The water under them showed signs of the bogland, though why were we going here? 'Where are we heading towards?' Do you know something that I do not know, or that the other agents

don't know?"The same silence was met just as cold.This was another chance for him to check the pulse, and apparently, after another attempt, it was getting worse.Some parts around his body were beginning to look especially thin and stiff, while the others which merged with the wheel and seat seemed to be melting slowly or falling my his side.Skin flakes were flying, almost unnoticeable to the human eye, or would've been so if it weren't for the fact that they came out of the decaying merging corpse.Parts of the car seemed to be rejecting his body and his promise of the extension.He'd have to be removed from where he stood, or so he thought, in the end, to be abandoned and buried in such a place.Or even worse, to be forced to become such an abomination by the agents, this wasn't the fate the old veteran deserved.It was far from it, far from what anyone would.Mid-day of July eleven, Champlain couldn't remember the year, though it was odd.Lights were coming from the back, and they seemed to be a bunch of them, at least judging from the broken mirror.'We're being followed.'With the obvious spoken, the sounds of their engines reigned supreme, and from the front of the car, which was the approaching, a big truck, with painted stripes of white and red by the sides, spiked ornaments, a familiar man stood on the seat.He was immediately recognised as the hooligan or roofing from the dinner.'That's the man that tried to threaten me.And he's brought a few men with him, step on in, we need to lose them as fast as possible.There's no telling what he'll do to me.To us, if he catches us here and with this, he won't care if we're working in service for the president himself, we need to lose him at all cost.I know I'm repeating myself now but, he just can't reach us at any cost, understood?'He must've been above the bridge we were hiding.Champlain looked with both a curious and a fear behind and the car and what was with the others.It wasn't looking as bright as he wanted it to be.Moreover, he was afraid that something could be going down between them if they caught him.'Okay, they're approaching, go through the swamp, understood?It seemed high enough for us to be lost in it.Please, they can't catch us now.'It was a remote, almost hidden place, the type that, if someone were to fall in an accident, his corpse wouldn't be found.The truck finally gained speed once he saw that Champlain was looking, and came in fast.With a fast curve, a shift of speed, he came down and fell into the swamp.It was indeed deep, the dark water seemed to have been filling in from all sides.Dark was the water and the approach but worse would've been it so.Most of the muck and the dirt covered the veteran even more than him, and Champlain's plan came all along until the song of chain came to be.There came a hooked chain which pushed and grabbed the car and started pulling.With a quick push, he opened the door and started counting.It was either drowning or facing those men to do whatever they pleased, and he's already had a hit to anger him.No, I will not die here, thought Champlain as he swam away.There were just enough leafs and other small rounded and squared long plants hanging above, that he could go for air if he just waited.Now, that he was safely out, he closed the door and hoped that they'd take the veteran in his place.After all, they were the same height, more or less and he came alone.The lunch pack, this came to him, he had forgotten it inside.It bounced right outside of the dark pool as he heard the metal leave a ring of jolly sounds.He saw away, all ahead, as far as he could be when he finally decided to look back.But not after making sure, only his nose and half of his face were left outside, covered by the long-leaf, breathing as if for his life.The sight was only that once could have a fraction.But it was enough to see that they found the means of identifying him, the bag, the driver was covered just as he thought.From what was being shouted, Champlain only heard.'Come out, right now, or it'll be worse for you.'He could see the car hit the gas, as hard as he could, those wheels wouldn't work again, he was caught like a fish out of the water.The cooling Butch was going to become his

butcher until his nerves came out into the light of the day and he asked one of his companions to bring out the gasoline. A can, the big one came into being and was presented, rolled up he opened it and covered the car. What came next was a phantasm of his speech, just as he covered every last inch of it and even threw another one in the back seat. 'Didn't I tell you that you'll be eating at another diner? Well, it seemed to me like you don't do it anymore.' A burst of flame came into being just as another set of lights came from farther away. Someone was up to Butch's plan and was coming, only that it was too late for anything to be done anymore, the deed was done and in the middle of the road, a spark of flame. A spear of burning light came, the skin melted, bolted bone, the metal cracked and fell, a small implosion came to be given birth. The metal was pulled back inside as finally as an accursed spell was cast on the machine finally went into the effect and the car was finally cut into two pieces. More fire came into the middle and the sudden change of heat came too fast into the effect and it managed to sear those who were in front, including Butch, most of all. Unable to retreat back from where they came from, as those who were coming from behind would be the witnesses to the crime, they turned back into their cars and drove away and around. The charred remains and the unholy smell made him wither inside. Champlain swam away, under a leaf, to the small abandoned village near the reef. Grown everywhere around and inside were tall plants which had taken over and control over everything which once laid inside, including the humans if someone ever lived there. In the morning, it should be safe, so he thought. Though now he was alone, cold and scared, dripping on the wood after opening the door. Only by luck, he escapes and only by the same approach he found himself lucky enough to be sitting on a clean floor without a smell, and dry as it appeared to be. Exhausted and cold, Champlain stripped himself of the clothing and hanged them over the various wooden objects in the house, the chair, the table and even the stool. There was even a bed now and quite comforting as it was to be alone once again, he went away. A nightmare spawned in his mind just as guilt crept, the inferno, the furnace, the metal prison which was dragged to the depths of the pithiest holes in the tartarus, where small little-horned beings laughed at him. Swimming in a lake of blood, he saw his friend get crushed, despite never having told him just bad he felt. 'It's all your fault.' The face ripped itself while stopping the merging with the wheel and it was now that the ripped out moth finally spoke those damned words. 'I'm here because of you, cowards. You abandoned me and ran away rather than face your fears.' They were tall and covered with various picked up items from the road, round trash can lids, tall hats of straw, planks, all of which were nailed deeply into the skin and into the bone. It bore him a lot of nerve to look upon them, as they laughed, and the blood under him was becoming shallower. 'Shh, they'll find you if you don't stand still.' The sound of a cricket could be heard as if it was stirred away from its small shallow home. A dark stiffening sound came into being, the coldness of the blood match was grabbed to a hold now. Only half of the night had passed about and someone was about to come into one of the abandoned houses and find him sitting like a vagrant. A strong light came and made it supremely obvious that someone was indeed around. In the middle of the light, Champlain had his worst fear came to life. They found out that they killed the wrong person, it must be them again, wanting to finish the job. The wood was damp at the bottom and made no sound when pressed firmly. Something either happened or it was his own sweat which made it so wet everywhere around. In just a few seconds, all the clothes came back on him and he was ready to open the door and come down on whoever it was, bearing a chair in his hand. Old wood, but a weapon nonetheless, so he thought himself to be lucky in the regard, no last wishes, at last. He opened it for himself and looked as the light

vanished. The second instinct came to the road, where he saw nothing on there. The trail of sickening disturbed plants and water made him feel anxious as he closed the door behind him. Did it see me now? Couldn't it be that? I saw it get burnt and explode, cut it half and smashed, there's no way it could still be alive down there. His organs must've been melted and replaced, the metal, the plants from the swamp. It could still fit the directive that he was once thought to serve. Such loyalty to them was both frightening and maddening, to think that one day he could be forced to servitude made him forget their deal and think only of the escape. All until the first set of knocks came on the door. Someone was outside, looking for him to open it and respond. Perhaps even more than that, he could be forced back inside the car and drowned. 'Does he want vengeance or what?' What could it be? Thought Champlain as this dire event came into being. One advantage still reigned between them, it appeared that it was even slower, perhaps even so tauntingly so that it couldn't follow off the road. I need only to get on the other side. There came a disturbing turn and he opened the door and whatever laid now at the bottom of the march was too puerile to be looked at. Too disturbing in a way, to be taken as a being of interest anymore. Initially, there came a set of splashes until his arms became like spears, driven by both fear and his paranoia. It could be anywhere in sight, his legs were tired, body and clothes still wet from the initial drop. Now he was in the middle and he felt something grab him by the leg and pull. He couldn't scream in the water nor was there anyone that could've heard him so. Not to mention that no one could've helped him even if they wanted too. Dark was inside, even more so, that the vision of the tartarus still crept in front of his eyes. Through the bloody swamp, he ran and the last pieces of air fled away from Champlain. The water coming in and the bubbles, these were the last things the man remembered of the world outside. Whatever happened after to either of them remains a mystery in the fragments of his memory. A huge gap, a lead, an endless descend into the water abyss, there, what wasn't filled by his eyes, it got registered by the rest of his senses before arriving at the bottom of the world. Something came into his mouth and his nose, it fed him the air needed but made him feel dosed and afraid to even speak or move. It seemed as if it bored inside his nose and body, going as far as to reach the lungs and give him something that didn't belong to him. A connection was made once the long bulbs came into his ears and he could finally hear. It was the voice of the veteran, an image of him in his mind which he could faintly recognise. Thought it was sea water and they were swimming through the weeds, into the fainting black abyss, he saw him on the field, standing there, just watching the swamp. Right next to him stood the man, fishing out of the bog swamp. 'It was a lie, son, nothing more than a lie. They were never after the girl because they were fools, the answer that they needed was always in front of them, to begin with.' The charred remained turned clean into the water, revealing nothing of the marks or the damage caused by the fire. Soon the metal was released and the various heavy parts which dragged down were shoved away in front of them, soon to disappear on the side. It was a pity thought that now, everything was revealed as it was. 'They thought that the girl knew the way to the bottom of the cage, but they were wrong about it. Plenty of entries lay around, but they're still too blind to see it.' 'I'm sorry' Champlain interrupted, at least now, that his guilt couldn't be any longer contained. There wasn't any care of the need of an explanation, as he was still driven away by the guilt and fear for what he's done. Even worse than that, he believed that this was his punishment, to be grabbed down and drowned. 'I know, don't worry. You couldn't even harm me if you wanted me too, but this is way, far more dangerous and important than you know. This is the real mission now, do you understand?' Out of his hand, almost like an ethereal spell, he manifested a file out of it. The

hill became a busy office, with smokes and a transparent door. There was the piece of sound, which was distinct from people working, yet they were standing in front of one another, going through files. Same envelope like the one in which there were pictures of the girl now laid in front of him. Now there were plenty of pictures of caves and stalactites, stalagmites and plenty of other types of rocks and roads. 'What am I supposed to do with all of this?' 'Learn in, remember it, recognise it. You see those small creatures there and there? Avoid them at any cost and keep going and going, don't stop until you've found the cage. The way to it isn't secret, the damn thing is like a giant vault, spreading across the depths like a blunt party box waiting to be open.' This was now the recruiting phase, Champlain presumed. 'Do we really need to do this in the office?' 'Do you prefer the car then?' Within a blink they were driving on the road, feeling nothing of the conscious descent into the water, instead of which he felt the wind. The enveloped files still stood in his lap, half open in front of his eyes. He wanted to get out but the doors were locked. 'It doesn't work that way, you can't just run away from something you dislike and never return. You're still in the water going deeper right now despite what your eyes and senses are telling you.' 'You're not going to kill me then.' 'As long as you follow that plan and go on ahead, I would've done it myself if I still had a body, though I cannot do it anymore, not with what I've got here.' The thought of him being possessed came as a thought, but he was to be let there alone, having to figure out what the cage meant and why he needed to be there. 'Listen, it's not hard to find, but what lays inside it, that's important. We don't exactly know what's on the other side.' 'We?' There were far greater forces than himself in question, yet he didn't dare question this one. Especially after seeing what it was capable of taking. 'How far will we reach then?' Asked Champlain after the awkward pause he had been given by the elongated creature. It refused to tell him more than what he was needed to know. Now he felt walls of stone hit him roughly as he came to something. Ever closer as they were arriving, something was about to come down and take him to the very decrepit of humanity. The last places humans would go and last, the kingdom of the darkest ravines. Of which he saw nothing and felt just as much as he was numbed in thought. 'I won't be helping you from now on, but remember it, the map is now embedded in your mind, just push it through a little and your awareness will be forced into the gift I've given to you.' 'But, what am I supposed to do?' 'Find the cage, Champlain and open it, only that way.' There was an interruption as he was pushed away from it. The fall from grace was just as expected, pushed through the veil in which he fell, he was welcomed inside the ravine, pushed through, and thrown rightly upside. Champlain hadn't had the chance to see the body of what creature had possessed him, but as he regained consciousness, he felt sick and shallow, afraid to move. For some time, he stood, with shaking eyelids at the pool which stood near the marble floor in the depths. He recognised something of where he was, but the way or how he just appeared there was unknown to him. This wasn't to be the case of amnesia he could be so much more lucky to be given from the heavens. No, this was far from it and far from over, he moved with legs which didn't respond to him, arms got numbed and body became an automaton to his needs. Champlain could only look and shut his mouth, believing this was only a punishment for what he's done, he ran away. 'Please, just give me my legs back, I promise I'll make it up to you. Can you hear me? Give me my damn legs back!' The wail came from the emptied lungs which he just waited to unleash. Afraid of the horror, this was now a broken man, walking with a tainted program which was forced upon his mind, failing to see right from wrong. Stepping of sharp rocks left just painful bumps all over his feet, of which he couldn't even push away if he wanted or needed to. This was it, so he thought, it was hell, forced

from Paradise at the depths of the burning Tartarus. The Bloody blue of cave turned into hot shimmering red, everywhere around, the veins, long as they were spread around the body of rock. Hot lava, shimmering magma was just hot enough to make him want to faint. Though something has changed now, both is his physiology and psychology, which made it easier to endure the pain and the mental strain. Soon, he was going to become mindless, that was more than certain. And the creature which kidnapped him, which revealed itself not to be who he knew still had a tainted string about it. One which came dip and sealed the wounds. It was unholy what else laid in the memory of the man, everything written and converted into the pristine substance made out of its melted bone. All of which Argus managed to see at the moment of despair was a glimpse of the creature at its depths. How it suddenly came, with a large shadow spread across the entire ravine. Out of all of them which he experienced, Champlain held the most painful encounter with it. It wasn't even something sudden as it knelt and waited as if it knew that he wasn't in control of his own action while heading directly into the den. And even more, into the mouth of the scale, bodied, the creature of depths sealed the deal. With a small leap, it revealed its piercing eyes and giant jaw, the primaeval thing of nightmares which would and could only be bringing in attention the front appendages of a spider. The forms which lay in its mouth were bizarre, tusk, teeth and other deformations were twisted everywhere inside, from one row to another. Some were long and pushed forward, others had belonged to a human. This thought shimmered for a second, that he saw in suddenly come down and rip out his arm from the forearm below. It ripped it out with an immediate efficiency which proved the pain which Champlain had to endure. Despite being numbed, he felt the entire thing shove it down with each moving teeth as it retreated from the cry. 'Aghhhh.' Is what was left after a series of dark cries and tears which tainted his cheek. The agent which was in its teeth stopped the bleeding and now what he looked at, the only one of the arms he could finally move was the stumped meat-like end. All, while that thing retreated back to its den to feast of what it had gotten, having no other need for, than what it was given to it. Pushed to the limit, he continued to walk, remembering only hours of silence, hours where couldn't fall asleep despite how much he wanted. No scream, as even his mouth came out of his control. Whatever either of them injected inside his body, this was to be his tomb and to top it all, he didn't even know why. We were. We were looking for a girl, Champlain thought. And though his mind was now numbed, the body still moved on its own as an abominable, merging thing, all the way throughout a hidden paradise of nature and finally to the cage. As broken as he was, the man took the bridge and came to the other side. Inside, as broken as he was, he failed to resist and in the end, he was pulled inside and knelt. Though there was something more to it. Something even more deceitful, which Argus had glimpsed at, once he got, these memories from the man, at least the ones which were important. The man, Champlain, wasn't looking for the cage, but he was a gift, the gift of merging skin, which came from above. That thing which took advantage of him, gave him forth to the parasite most likely. For, the most important thing to note is the fact that Champlain died at least two hundred years ago, to say the least. And now, it was that in his final moments, he wasn't even himself anymore, stripped and pushed away from everything he had ever been. He chose to be an agent and an enemy, though wanted nothing more than to help. His memories, finally written in bones, got released and everything that he had ever been ended then and there. The juices and the engines from the bones were just enough to feed Argus in the tainted sea he swam. The man wasn't alone though, there were other bones which laid inside, and other constructs of meat which were created to show me what happened. Where Champlain was

forced, Esther came on her own accord into the depths. She lived with only her daughter in a tower full of books from left to right, to everywhere around, bricks became nothing but placeholders to hold in them even more. They were fiction, fantasy and at the cellar of the tower laid the smallest compartment of horror which crept even the thought of the small girl, Eve. It was a sick day for the small child, with the raining season has started a long time ago, the sun was scarce outside as it was. On a small hill, just barely outside the town, they lived alone, despite the fact that travellers would often come around and pass the tower all the time, they marvelled even more. There laid another thing which caught the attraction, the desolate tower which laid in front of it. The second one, which crept with decayed stone and pushed out sea weed which found its way between the wallings and between the cosy spaces. 'Don't look at it, you know the necromancer's just waiting to take your soul.' A smile was always caught on her face as she looked away. The tower itself was desolate, opposite of theirs, which was full of light, brightly pushing out candle lights and plenty of domed windows which used to belong to long and tall ships. But then again, they were repurposed as they weren't needed anymore. It was a cosy life, and easy one, to say the least, no one bothered them and in exchange, they didn't either. Even more than that, no one even whispered or see it as a peculiar thing, for a widow to live in a tower all alone, going outside, only at the time where resources were needed, and not a whisper, not a sound. Not a single ill thing said about any of them. Esther enjoyed her life and the cold lamp which bore light over her shoulder. Reading her favourite book. A third time. Looking over her shoulder at her daughter who barely even scratched the tip of all which laid there to read. It'd take some proper years for her to read as much as she needed. 'Mum, are you okay?' 'I'm fine sweetie, go back to your books.' She had been beaming at her daughter for a while, with or without her knowledge. It was a peculiar thought, to be in a tower to large, everything place in an alphabetical order. The funds were still plenty to last her a lifetime and grant her daughter a future, yet something still plagued her mind. The name of all the authors was there, going in a spiral, and she could read all the names in her mind as they were. Rodderick von Carr, from one side to the old respected Giorgiono S. Leone and even the esteemed obscure which was quite a bother to find, Gorr. Yet, everything in there was something she had read a long long time ago, and now, there seemed to be an impasse between her and knowledge. Looking around at the top and every single side which dragged itself from there, she tried to make mental notes of every writer, of their works, and what type of books they did. Autobiographies, checked. And another spiral went away. Strange fiction checked. One down the next one appeared to go even slower than the last one. Fantasy, then fiction, and romance, drama, all of which were done at one point in her life. Some twice or double that amount, though it was only now that she realised that she had read all. She wasn't going to admit to her daughter, who was ever curious, but even at the bottom of the cellar, she had read all the horror stories and books which ever had been written. At least those that were available for her to get. It was something that bothered her as she made lap after lap on the wooden floor. They were tall and plenty of space for them to go around, their sleeping beds, the curtains, the rugs and. While going, she reminded herself of the tower. 'Someone lived inside of it, hasn't it.' 'Uh-huh.' Both Eve and she stood near the window and looked ahead at the decay of stone. How it seemed to be an illusion on how the tower flailed against the strong wind and the falling tears from the sky. No thunder though, that was something which never crept near or even dared approach. 'From what I remember, that used to be used for military purposes, if I'm not wrong. They might have something from the time of war, a journal or.' 'Another piece to the collection?' 'Marvellous Eve, I'm fairly glad we're

on the same page. 'It was enough to give her young foliage a chuckle, though there was something even worse than what could lay in the tower. The sickness which made her was more, the sadness and desperation of having to be forced on the mundane once her once seemingly supply of knowledge ended. She was denied and now. 'Sleep Eve, I will be back soon.' Now she placed her on the bed and closed the window, just when the silence finally crept in for a strike, Esther came outside and laid ready to face him. 'The Necromancer!' And as her voice made contact with the world, it was the first thunder, a shuddering blow of power, a lightning strike at the top of the desolate building. It wouldn't be enough to make a lower one cover, and for a moment there it seemed like she was ready to do so. But in her mind, the necromancer was laughing at her and her indecision to go forth with what she wanted to do. The door could open, and after it, there's be a paradise, most likely, with something that no one in hundreds of years could've ever read. Esther went nonetheless on the empty roads, seeing only one or two figures in the distance leaving a trail of smoke which started rising into the sky. It wasn't like she was bothered but aware of it. None of her business, she thought, just as well as it wasn't theirs to look back. With ease, she broke into the tower and went into the other side, closing the door almost as if it was the other end of a vault. There, she looked around, the dampness was obvious, water was dripping inside with much of the ease she had seen before. Drop, drop, drop, was the song of water. She asked. 'Is anyone here? Anyone at all?' There could've been a vagrant hiding from the rain, but that should've cleared it. Never before had she been inside, so this was quite the begging for Esther. Especially after she opened her robe and brought up a lamp, which she reluctantly lit. The first impression was almost a shock as she revealed herself to be in front of an artillery long cylinder with was pointed directly at her. The rounded slug, armoured with its legs stuck in the mud hadn't worked for the longest while. Curiosity hit in motion as she started checking it out. With the slam of the door open then closed, her heart was almost forced into decay. She turned to look who had entered, pointing her lantern at none other. 'Eve, you almost gave me a heart attack, why have you come in here?' 'I couldn't sleep mum and I wanted to see the necromancer just like you. Is that his minion?' The child was already past her mother and started trying to sniff and touch the various bony limbs it had. Once in the past, there used to be a layer of white paint covering everything, though now, what the rust has taken away, the paint being too old, this is what was left of it. 'Just don't climb on in, especially that tube, understood honey? And don't move far away from me or out of sight. Nothing in your pockets, unless I approve of it. Don't even blink at something unless you ask me first. Eve, I'm serious here, this could be more than dangerous and I'm in no mood of carrying you to the doctor if something happens.' The child was just as curious as she only waited for the word, smiling as she sat with both of her hands at her back. Her charming red hair and promise left a demeanour to the child, that the mother hadn't seen before. 'Fine, you may go.' Her eyes widened, though she remained in the range of the light. A giant ball of high ended orange and a yellow came from under her, revealing the area as much as the base of the tower was. Indeed, it was old, as the years hadn't taken away from it as they took from its skin outside. They spared some of the stone and foundation, though this, the giant war mongering thing almost blocked the stairs. And they already seemed more than sturdy and bizarrely unsafe to go on. 'Hold my hand, we're going up.' 'Yes, Mum. Are we going to see the necromancer?' 'Just you wait Eve.' Within on hand, the lamp, within the other was the lamp. It was dangerous already as the staircase started leaving a shark creek with each step she made. The fear of having to fall or even worse, her child made her stare uncomfortably long at her feet. 'Look out.' Said Eve, as her mother was too busy with it and hadn't looked at the

trapdoor which laid just slightly above. It wouldn't have made her lost balance, but left a dire mark on her head unless it was for Eve to warn her in time. 'Hold this for a moment.' The lamp was withing good hands now. She looked at her hero how she was ready to strike at the door and throw the Necromancer out of his hiding. At once, just as her mother was still at it, Eve started encouraging the woman. 'You can do it! Slay the necromancer, bring him out of his hiding.' The tip just started falling away, and it happened fast that it was just open. Though the stairs ended and she would need to climb a few centimetres due to the old design and the fact that the trap door resembled more like the top of a tank. 'You go first with the lamp and wait there.' Esther had her arms coiled around as she pushed her further her above. Something other happened, once the light was far behind and could barely be seen. Mid-way through climbing, Eve backed away and with her came the light. There was another slam of the door below, audible through the echo. The door was closely shut down, she thought. And by her instincts, she came above and close the trapdoor behind, looking for something to block it while they remained there. 'Shh, there's somewhere below.' That's at least what was said by the sign language. Eve knew most of the signs and most of the slick twist of hands her mother had shown her in past. So, it was easy for her to understand. The child backed away and with a couple of heavy boxes, she blocked their only way out. Now they were both blocked, and even worse, Eve was getting sleepier by the second. Dropping eyes, slight coughing, and the need to cuddle with her mother now couldn't force Esther not to be aware of the presence of another intruder. 'We just need to share the tower, for now, Eve, it seems like the necromancer just came back home.' The girl nodded, with a drowsy look on her face. Despite the fact that she appeared that she was only half listening, her mother was thinking of a plan for escape. The roof was still being pushed by the rain, at least the sound of each drop was slightly more comforting and calm than it should've been. Such a mere fact pleased the child, though Esther came here for a reason and a reason alone. Henceforth, alone, she looked through shelves and in the shelter, at corners and in the various beds which laid around unmade for what seemed to be years. Below, came the morning star of holy glory, which she had found under the light. There laid a book under one of the beds, covered in dust, as it was more than a fair trade, she couldn't have asked for more. Immediately, with a slap, she opened to found it to be a journal, with quite the decent handwriting for a murderer. With the slight exceptions of the occasional ink smeared, the journal was in find conditions. From her robe, she took the bag and placed what she found in it and resumed her search. After all, where was one, there should be plenty more. One last thing she had to be sure of, taking the lamp even further and throwing a sheet away, under all the dust, the bed seemed to be clean and still properly laid, even after all these years. The child's face looked like one of an angel, or a perfectly chiselled face of one after being placed in the bed, which did more than pleasantly delighted her. Now came the rest of the search before having to deal with any nuisance. And there was still a lot of space and. The sight of it almost made her tremble, there laid another level just above of them. She hadn't expected them to be twins, in that regard, though she couldn't go there and leave her child to sleep, especially with someone down there just roaming. 'I need to cover the door even more.' Something heavy and hard, there must be something here to cover all my needs until I check the level above. It was fairly lit yet dark, and right about a certain moment, the bed seemed more than a fair deal for this task ahead. She pushed, pulled then stop after the first shriek of metal which came from under the bed. This will bring too much, unwanted attention before us. They could be hunters or something worse, vagrant, thieves, just roaming below. Or just someone searching for the same thing as I. 'No, Even,

you don't deserve this to happen to you.' A smaller shelf should do the trick, and it was even easier to lift and push around, as it came to the top and flattened the various boxes which once laid on the trap door. Apparently, there had been only decorations in them and only one or two round globes were prone to crack and spread across the floor, which ended up not happening. This should've done it. Esther thought it now as justified to leave Eve, now that she was safe. 'Just one more book and I'll return, I promise.' Eve was left with a kiss, though she was sound asleep by doing so, this staircase is much more silent than the previous encounter, it made it even easier to be inconspicuous. There wasn't any trapdoor and going above wasn't as hard. She had finally arrived in the Private Quarters of the necromancer, where evil and dampness laid around. Everywhere in sight laid tools of destruction, sharp and pointy, weapons which hadn't any projectiles accompanying them, and plenty of boxes with ammunition. It was clear why no one dared come inside, or perhaps none even knew what laid, but to leave such a mass of weapons in sight was madness, to say the least. There wasn't anything that could satisfy her curiosity, until her eye glimpsed, through the small hills of sharp pointed needles, she saw a single catalogue. It wasn't much but readable, it had documented in it every single weapon in the tower? 'This used to be a warehouse, so much more than a tower. But what used to be mine?' There was a dirty window which laid just washed on the other side. Yet muddy from the inside, it blocked the sight. Something seemed to be happening outside, having plenty of people standing just down at the bottom where the edges of the rounded window were clean. Her glimpse turned dark at once when she cleaned with a part of her dress. Esther's heart skipped a beat and her breath couldn't be swallowed. At the sight, she rushed through the stairs and woke Eve up, which, promptly, she took in her arms and kicked the shelf about. It wasn't as heavy as she thought, though then again, nor were the boxes which were crushed. She hadn't any care anymore for whoever laid at the bottom, but when arrived and face with what laid on the other side, with a half awake daughter, she shrilled. Her skin turned pale one the door came open, and the fire with its embers and ashen sight became clear. Stuck in this phase, Esther came to her knees and started crying at the doorstep, in front of everyone present who looked just as surprised and in horror. As her only house burned from inside, with everything she had ever read and ever had. The cold weather and the rain couldn't match this unholy fire, at the point where people suspected that there was some alchemical concoction thrown inside. Red cinders came through the rock and the point where it seemed as if the entire tower was about to fall. Its stone was crumbling in front of their eyes. And there was only a dark curiosity, a grim sight in her mind of what lay on the other side, the ashes now fully and entirely disintegrated. It brought shame alone, just as she thought of it and hid away from the sight of men. With a slam, she knocked the door and fell with her back turned against it. Eve was too tired to even stay awake anymore and she stood there alone, blinking before falling asleep. We've got no home and my entire life got destroyed. And as she thought the bitter thought of how life had betrayed her, the shallow voices of those outside suddenly felt numb, and they would become and remained so if it weren't for the sudden call. 'Do you not wish for more?' Asked a voice and for a moment, her immediate thought forced her to look through the dark and search for the other intruder she has previously seen before. Though now, it was too peculiar to look around, she had failed to see anything move into the dark. 'Who's there? What do you want? Can't you see we're both suffering right here? Our house burnt down with everything we've had.' The temptation was clear and easy, as opposed to all others who have heard the voice and thought to struggle. It came too fast and at a point where she was at her lowest, cold and afraid. The voice came with

a promise. 'What if I could tell you that you could own every single book you could ever set your hand upon? You could be in the library of gods and have everything you ever wanted at the reach of your fingertips and more.' 'Who's there? It's not funny and I'm. I'm starting to lose by tempter.' 'But what is that? Would you refuse all these?' Her daughter seemed to almost have vanished like fragments of dust under her, thrown like a carpet as the dampness became what seemed to be a giant maze, rounded like a globe. Shining in front of her was a strong light which came into effect and made the golden pages of the books appear even greater in comparison. Greater than an illusion, she couldn't believe her eyes, knees trembling, heart pounding, after touching the first book and looking above. Directly above, there were more levels to the labyrinthine, just mirroring, then moving in sequences, floating in the air, were shelves with even more plentiful. It was a paradise of knowledge at her fingertips and this could only mean. 'I died, haven't I? I died in that fire and this is my, this is my prize, my heaven for how I lived my life. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.' So on and so forth, her heart sank at the sight of the small black puddles she stepped in the dark matter from which even the simplest book in her hand became, an amalgamation of sticky and hard substances that were found just around the room. The dark matter under the machine remained, just as the vision perished ahead. Esther was forced again to look back, past the door was the burning house, still going on most likely even now, in her darkest hour. It was indeed that she asked. 'Is it a dream?' 'It is yours in exchange for something I much need.' 'Anything, I'll give you anything to get there, I and my daughter could live the rest of our days. She never even dreamed, she couldn't have, about a place like that.' 'Then free me.' The amalgamation of voices, present as it spoke, gave a strange sensation about her head, a concoction that directly affected the nerves inside her head. Her mind was now just a piece of a tool, played like she ever wanted. 'How?' She asked, and repeated just the mistake Argus recognized as written in her memories. Though their stories were much more different, there wasn't much of a doubt who started the fire. But why her in particular, it made no sense. A common woman who's done nothing but spend her entire life reading, and now, it was revealed that she lived just next to another entrance to the raving. One drove there, one was forced. The two of them just went through, Eve asleep and in the arms of her mother, down the steps that opened from the side. It was more than clear now, as the machine was too large to have been brought through the door, it must've been taken from below and given away. Yet, it didn't ask for her to drive it. And much of the voice was concealed to whispers that could be partially heard. At least, in her case, the memory was written in both of their bones instead of one single page in the chapter of their lives. It was so easy to think of anything they could've done to get away, though now. Well, Eve was lucky to be standing alone in her arms sleeping, with the only way leading outside closed. Left in the gloom, soon they came to the old tunnels used for war, and even more obvious was the fact that plenty more abandoned machines soon came to be. Clean walls were at the start, but soon the dampness and the slight spill from below, of a substance which was unknown fell flat on the walls and dried there. Its stench was insupportable even to her, who hadn't had a smell in years. The stench awakened and made her go even faster to avoid the sight and smell it bore. And through the ruined tunnel she went, until she finally came, with slowed steps, to the sight, or at least what used to be a sight, of the war of the depths. What now laid in front of her remained the last remnants of what used to be, the greatest war the world had ever seen. Perhaps the last great one they will never know about, hidden in the best spot they could've thought about, almost in plain sight. Those dark blue hills used to be green, but now she was forced to go through them and not to face the grim machinery and the skeletons, the

remnants of the people who used to fight. Even now, in one or two, the cockpits remain open and pushed forth, just carelessly sitting, blocked and unable to move from the spot. One, in particular, grabbed her attention as she looked at him. The army uniform he was wearing, or he used to wear in the past, still remained as clean despite the fact that the body inside of it just plainly decayed a long time ago. The field was filled with plenty more, which did more than cause nausea and despair. This was no sight of a mother and now she could barely hold herself, behind what could only be the tallest of the bunch, at least the tallest she had seen so far. A rounded piercing axe-like blade with had to poles attached at both ends, pulling up, pushing down, going into a motion at unearthly speeds. "Those madmen. They, they need to know." "No." Came an echo from the depths. Esther still had her child to think about and wanted to head back, chances were that it wasn't as worth as her life. Yet, with each whisper, it became more appealing. 'I cannot go through that, I never asked to see what happened below, please don't force me to do it.' "You will go on." The feeling was complicated, at least something about it was. It gave her and somehow took away some of the anxiety and fear, leaving him less poised to run away. 'Turn around and find it now.' So did Esther turn and this time, upon looking again on the fields, she felt nothing anymore. Other than her humanity not being where it should've been, not even compassion came into being on the dead. Some of which still laid around rotting. But not the apparatus, they were tormenters on wheels, stuck in the unholy of the battle positions. Blades pierces through, artillery in the furthest corners of her eyes. The two arms became numb as she stood there sleeping, luckily. 'Eve, I promise that you won't have to experience any of it during your lifetime.' There was little hope, even in her small words. For the sight alone was enough to banish every redeemable aspect of humanity. They were living over their bones and jagged fiendish metal toys. Rains of fire scorched the land, now this used to be a forest, those used to be housed where people used to live, and a river which went dry. Something was rough with the incineration as clear parts were either entirely abandoned or pushed forth in spaces unknown. It spread and ate the metal along everything flammable in sight, pushing itself even more forth. Blackwood below laid and black everywhere where the painted blue didn't lay. Some of it dripped because of the heat and fell below, leaving interesting patterns on the ground. The sight though, of the grotesque was still to be had, as this lane would still take a long while to accomplish on the foot alone. Her shoes were only slightly cold and wet, but there was no one around to see, other than the dead. Impaled, pushed, smashed, it became even more desperate than that. Small cabins with long metal limbs were pushed below smashed by giant boulders she had seen. It was a curious thing, to have artillery at hand and to resort to such a desperate attempt to take your enemy. There was one which still seemed to have retained its structural integrity, though chances were it couldn't work. After all, it was ancient, or so she believed. 'That's what they said in the history books, haven't they.' Though some bodies lying on the ground or over the giant metallic bulbs seemed to suggest otherwise. The lion's den soon became appealing as she lifted the cockpit door with one hand. Surprisingly it was still working, as she immediately went in and started going over the controls. A marvelous small thing on the outside, rounded with a top of the glass, which at the moment had no stain, no crack, not from the pressure nor from time. If one were to compare, this seemed to be new, left there as a gift, along with all the relics and all the spare metal in this endless cemetery of dark large masses and figures in the dark. Long poles were still pointing at her in the distance, and for a moment, the anxiety came again. They weren't poles, despite being as long as they were, their real intent was much dark. Something rounded laid to them, though Esther couldn't point out what, at least not until

compared with the leviathan-like axe-wielding destroyer in terms of height. The large, apparently cylinders were actually large artillery pushing weapons, meant to shoot above it, hence the tallest of heights. Though the question still remains, which still baffled many, why is that it was fought inside the depths? Even those pieces of artillery were placed awkwardly against the wall. Not only that it didn't make any sense for them to be crammed like that, but. One thing and one thing only seemed to have distracted Esther from her line of thoughts, the sight of a singing universal key, just hanging in the hand of a dead man, just across the road. She needed it with a desperate look, as this machine seemed to be in the best condition, lacking just one small thing it needs to start. 'Eve, just wait here. I know you can't hear me. Just in case, I'll be back as soon as possible.' The hairs on her feet started shivering just after leaving her on the seat. The little spine almost came down as she was left on the seat and the door closed. No one in sight to get her, yet, there was still a strong grim and piercing feeling which prevented her from leaving the door open. The dust was visible, looming in the empty spaces, or by the side. Such tall machines shouldn't be still working, and the fear of information leaking outside. People could find out about them and use them again, left her feeling uncomfortable. It wasn't the fact that she was affected by that unknown tone which brought her her, but the promise was still enough to make her keep going and driving on. The bone just froze and numbed under touch, the way she managed to shift her hand into the pocket, how she looked at the skull just fall with the helmet still one. Down, below one of the rings of the spine. There was the on-going process of rot, which made her look away from the various colours and variations of broken, still breaking parts. A process which would've taken more than aid from something which was creeping there. A type of special infection that was only met there, where it was cold, where enough space for it to grow was a need. Not to mention the cold temperature which was much lower than what laid outside on the coldest day. And dampness, which only now, she noticed was present. Sweat ran down the key, despite the soldier being dead more than fairly a long age before. Yet, something made its house inside his neck and started the process of growth without his awareness. 'Enough, I need to go.' Esther realised just how soothing her voice was when she was speaking it louder, out of all, it was the only thing which banished those inner poisoned deviations of her own. This was all she needed and in there. With all the growing and small fuzzy floating balls, the place started leaving something grim about her. A nervous set of coughs came, as she realised, after all, it was the air. 'How could I have been so dumb?' Her knees were even number than the dead as she rushed to her child and started checking her breathe, knocking the door closed as hard as she could but only to block the only entrance. Or at least to attempt to delay the coming of the air and whatever laid in it. She checked it once, then again, it wasn't slowed, it wasn't forced, there was nothing that could be pointed as being wrong, at least not by her or anyone else who laid around. For the time being, to say the least. The key came in and made contact, being as it was, she was lucky to find it in the first place. Another forceful shiver to the right, made the engine made a harsh sound, which was followed by yet one more tone. The sounds were played on intervals, with each turn to the left and right trigger another sound. 'How does this even work?' In truth, this made her daughter frown, to be disturbed by the harsh sounds which were already heard by her. But not even Esther could even have thought of it to be locked by a maze of sounds, a lock that's even more complicated than a binding of numbers and keys. This was all sounds, as undoubtedly, every little and talks machine worked the same way. Echoes ran and bounced against walls and against the metal cases which protected the others. Ding, ding than a stop, so did Esther try to solve the lock. Left, left, left, the key could go forever in a

direction as long as the loud sounding ding was there to signal that. It was a machine, undoubtedly, working with the rhythm of its own song. A sharp note came after a sudden right, taken only as a gamble, it triggered both lights, which still worked to pop out and light the way fully ahead. It was almost as if they were in the middle of a grim storm in the depths then, as it was revealed just how much dust, how much fungus had grown. And even worse, how much of it was the poison which wanted to come in their lungs and bring them pain. Relentless to say the least, Eve had been turned on the side and fell asleep again with a hand on her ear, covering away. 'I'm terribly sorry Eve, but we're almost done.' It was impossible to decipher or to think just how could such a device be so complicated despite being just two turns. Which prompted her to turn both left and right, and fall into a repeating motion of the two commands. The result was nothing to think of, the song was distorted, sounded louder and its long strings now appeared as if they were voices. Grim, dark voices, screaming like the damned in a fire, from the violent turns from the wheel, which pushed them forth. It made her stop and take her hand, as the key was twisted without her own power in the original position. This was the punishment for rigging the system. Or even, more, hers was the paranoia of watching the little creeps be humbled before the light, doubting that both she and her daughter were alone there. It was a marvel, to hear the notes go again, a twist to the light made her listen to a fraction of the song before deciding to go at it again. There were harps, flutes and at least two or three different drums which played in-between intervals. When finally she thought it to be the best chance, she twisted the key and heard a sharp bell ring. Steam came from each side and it appeared like it was stuck under the metal feet. Also, water was also released from the same four spots, despite the unfortunate fact that it was too hot to drink. The combination could've been on in a million now, as the next set of sounds were separated by a long and sharp drum. The beat was composed of many singing drums, of metal being sharpened against something hard. It was hard to listen at first, as it was, after all, something completely new and unheard of, most likely belonging and found only there. The metallic crickets followed and then hard strings came to motion, making it sound like a complicated machinery being smacked around. Such a melody confused Esther despite deciding to play along. Mostly because it made too much noise there, for something so small. Each twist of the key now reflected the sound of a drum. Each was the equivalent and adjacent twist in one direction, that made a set of different sounding drum beats. 'It's impossible.' There came the sudden protest against her own conundrum. It could take way too much for her to make any progress at all in a situation like this one, especially since she hadn't the time. Some intervention was needed unless she'd wait until both of them got sick because of what disease crept along the depths. A thump came and silenced the music, forcing the key into a motion of an endless twist, increasing in speed until it finally retreated inward in a space made of it. From left to right, two trap doors suddenly covered the key spot. The cockpit lit inside, though promptly darkened with a flip of the obvious light switch. Regardless of how much time has passed and how long it was from that age, they still used mainly the same switches and button met in the common household. Two handles laid from left and right, which were promptly used. One was driving forth especially and the other handle turned aside, leaving just enough space for her hand to push and pull, making the machine head left and right. It was easy enough for even an infant to figure it out. Roaming with the machine through the depths gave Esther a sense of excitement, feeling as if she was there, part of the war of the machines, a fighter, a soldier a hunter of the ravine. Hunting for the enemy and striking in the dark, despite the lights having revealed much. Now came the frigate, the giant ship which once roamed

through the dark sand which remained there. She wanted to wake Eve and show her just how amazing the scenery was, but this was too much to ask of her. The child had seen enough, so did she think. And this was no place for one like her after all, despite the on looking frigate. This is amazing Even though wish you could see what I'm seeing right now.' It was indeed the unearthly sight, cut through the colossal sized ship laid a giant hole which was to , pushed through, smashed and crushed. The pain was redundant now, despite the fact that it had once hosted, possibly more than a hundred people, a thousand many. Even more than that, the many levels it had, most likely hosted a lot more resources than one could possibly need. A cargo area, the bottom, the boxes filled with their secret ammunition and the matter of the fact remained that Esther hadn't even entered through it as of yet. She had seen most of it from the distance. Though the sight of anger was soon to come as it became the encased tomb of more than a thousand deaths, skeletons, preserved. Some black spots were visible and not even ashes remained in the various spots where they had taken their last battle. One could spend months only trying to figure out what were the last things going through their minds before they died and still find new imaginative ways to make things up. Excruciating pain, fear, sorrow, the fact that none of them ever reached their families and wives, even worse than that. The fact that none survived was soul-crushing, to say the least, but this was the war. Now the feet finally entered that territory of the ship and looked rightly above. It was a sight to behold now that they were inside and a sight of wonder. How did they break through, especially if it was a reinforced floor of metal bricks, and stretched metal nails pulling from each side? Even the thought of a more damned machine could make her shiver, especially in her small little rounded box. It was getting hard to breathe, to say the least, especially then and under those circumstances. 'Damned thing.' It was a sudden leap which made her almost jump in her chair, the sight of a black cat, then and there. Somehow, it must've followed me from above and cut the chase somehow. No risk is taken though, especially when it came to a black cat, hence it was ignored and they continued through the wreck. Rats were laying there too, a bit larger than normal, but those rodents were as obvious as the great destruction. They were eating out of the boxes, cotton and other small, various small balls of something which fell from a chewed box. Nothing remained untainted, though now there was the cat. At first sight, she expected it to go just as it went in every other incident involving a rodent and a cat. Yet with a true, as the light shuns on the confrontation, it came as differently as it went. One bigger rat with sharp, broken pair of teeth suddenly went ahead and decided to leap against the sharp nailed black haired thing. In a confrontation that lasted seconds, those teeth got the best of the small cat, biting roughly through the chest and dealing a deadly, vicious blow, leaving it fall onto the ground, for an even nice feast. The meat was fresh, and suddenly the small vehicle came in making every single one of the rats run away. The dust pierced and floated in the air for a sudden series of adjacent seconds. The paleness of the fragments reflected in the light and their slow fall made it appear as if they were nowhere else but feet under the sea. Now, the rats were hiding whenever and wherever they could, but for the small cat, it was too late. It remained at its last breathe, killed with an almost quickness but left to suffer. Luckily for the small thing, Even was still sleeping. The smash came with a quick suddenness, and the harsh iron came down with a shallow speed. Esther had to return to her search now, she thought herself, they were to leave this place of torture and death and rejoin the rightful and so prized location. Though the ship was still ahead and would be for the longest time. The two bulbs of her daughter at once got woken up as if by a small lighter. It was just enough for her to look around and cough before going back to her. 'You'll be sleeping like a log soon enough

Even. Shh. The lullaby soon started to take a strange effect just as the notes came out of her. Half asleep, it did hit the spot there, and possibly, it could last just enough. For the distraction. A sudden crate fell from above, and just in time both her hands twisted to turn away and avoid being smashed. The small amphibian-like case of metal twisted just in time to avoid it. Even more than that, she hadn't stopped backing away until it was safe. Esther noticed that there was a bounce, just as it hit it, before going in and pushing with the help of the heaviness. The box hadn't been broken despite the fall, and it was soon obvious from where it came. As two pale light shone overhead, at the tallest of the levels, she noticed at the edge small dark figures, with rounded reflective eyes. Their fur was obviously dark and their number was still high, but so many of them looked from one corner to another that it was unreal. One sudden movement and they could all come down if they weren't getting ready for another strike as she thought of it. With a sudden sidestep, she came out of their sight, standing no under them, but on the other side. She had a veil of dampness over her, which didn't bring much to her sense of protection nor did it hide her. What it made clear was the fact that they could leap such long distances. Above her eyes, and overhead, she could see them leap from one side to the other, striking at the air as they almost flew on the side she was one. Undoubtedly they were getting ready for another attack, at the point where one could even think or say that they were acting with intelligence. It was an oversight to say the least, that they were not considered enemies earlier than that, yet this was the time for her to run. Pushing forward and quite harshly on the levers, she tried to force the machine to head towards the end of the ship as fast as possible. This was no longer belonging to humans, but to those black grim rodents in the sky. Creeping some, suddenly leapt and bounces away from the rounded screen. The sudden attack made her shudder, as much as her flight was imbued and removed, she still felt some of it. Her awareness went bizarrely insane, looking around every corner for any possible entrance one of those disgusting things could enter and infect her. At least some diseases gotten from the ravine must've been had. What Esther hadn't expected was the fact that it was a mere distraction to the fact that they all took tactical positions. Each level of the ship was filled with rats, some of them standing and waiting while other were eating out of bones. Human bones, animal bones, even that of an elephant. The thought alone, having brought an elephant to this war was grim and peculiar, especially since it wouldn't have stood a chance. And at once, bones started falling from each side, making it a rain, spine ends, skulls, pelvises, and others that were too vulgar to be described, twisted remains that didn't belong to anything recognisable if not by a professional in the matter. What made it into a sight to behold was the fact that, upon looking at them, she noticed that they were cleaned, down to the very bone. No skin, no meat, nothing rotten, but the clean examples you'd get to see the museum of a madman who became obsessed with furnishing his prideful possession. It would be over soon enough, once she escaped, though it appeared less and less for it to be the case. Esther stopped and suddenly pushed a button. It was round, and obvious with its effect, though she was hidden in the dark now. There was no way of telling just how well they could see in the dark, having spent multiple generations by the looks of it, but with every second passed, the dark sounds came into being. Twisted and pushed, small bites and movement above her. None on the ground so far, despite that one little rat having dropped. The bones were being swallowed as she waited, yet she could obviously see that for her cabin, that wasn't the case, at least not by the side. One rat did disappear after all, with a sudden shriek which left a creeping sensation. They were planning something there. Undoubtedly, those harsh sounds were the many more boxes and other heavy apparatus they were moving around in an attempt to crush it. The

machine still left a sound as the engine went one but now, with a small shudder, it went resting. Now they waited. Not even them, despite how smart they had appeared to be could f a living human. They must've been deployed as curators and cleaners of the dead, caretakers who's sole job and the only task was to do this one thing. Though she hadn't expected to see the body of the cat still standing there, half of it still in the dark, with only the bit which had the tail being in the dark. The sight of it being pulled made Esther shiver at the fact alone. Some have already reached the other side, creeping along, eating by the likes of a feast. Others were still looming above and making sure she was going to be taken away at first strike. Esther hadn't waited now, mostly because of the child. At once, striking both sides of the crane like levers, the engine started and under the light, she saw the giant amalgamation on the other side is revealed. The rats had been grouping and hiding inside the cat's skin and other various war trinkets and bones. Such as those that weren't pulled inside the ground were ready to strike. What happened next was to deny their instincts and turn around, the exit was just around despite those little vermins' attempts to strike at it. Many started falling from both sides, small rats, big ones. And even those which weren't even looking like rats at all, being too bigs, their tails too twisted, having sharp on-going and overgrown nails to scratch. Despite that, it was still useless against the case of metal with which she went through, having to care none at all about the ones that bounce against it or tried getting in. Fear of the worst came, seeing how they weren't aiming to crack the thick screen, but to spread around and pull at the leg, holding in for the rest of the swarm to slow it down. For a while it had worked, being an annoyance and making the way for the others, more armoured ones to come, they forced Esther's hand. At once she yelled. 'Enough.' Without a doubt, none heard the muffled sound coming from the soundproof box, but her expression left room for interpretation. It was the combined manoeuvring and push of a button which revealed a hidden function at once. The small amphibian of metal suddenly pushed lower through the joints as it stood still and suddenly it leapt to the other side, where the light of the stone came and where the crack had been. A sudden impact at that too managed to push all rats which had climbed who squirmed and lashed with their backs turned, being pulled below in what was nothing more than an accumulation of golden dust. The metal wasn't being pulled in, nor slowed, despite the others being reluctant to come. One or two heavier ones seemed to have come, riding eight or more rats who were hiding inside a rib cage taken away from the back. From the hole, inside, the many rats who had been placed so they could move their small feet between each rib left a grim impression, even more than the falling debris pushed by the remaining vermins. Each twist of the light revealed than from the darkness they were still coming toward her. And what was in front was too abruptly placed for her to be able to see. The ship could've been placed at the end of a hill or the edge, making the place for a fall which could've been too heavy and too hard to be taken by her. The return wasn't an option, not now that, she thought. 'I've got nothing to lose.' With that in mind, she went on and pushed to the point, until, stopped by instinct alone, found herself in front of a fall. There had been a crater there for the longest time, in the middle of which was a tall barrel-shaped like a metal concoction of wires, metal plates which were all pushed deeper into the ground. At least it was going down a slope. Despite being as dark behind, some of the rats paused the top and deepest ends, though not the smaller ones coming ahead, trying to get something at last out of her, the last bite. Perhaps, even more, than-then, Esther pushed away. The legs stumbled and all of the sudden, the unexpected happened, the small amphibian fell on its side and started rolling on the side. Esther had her arms sudden come around and hug her daughter, holding her as tightly as she could as soon as she was reminded of having

one. Something had also blocked her image, even though she had been standing on her lap for the latest of time. It was in poor taste to believe it was fine, the pain of being smashed and tossed around everything was harsh and long. At the moment of stopping the forced roll, Esther worked at the sight of blood in one eye. 'Eve, Eve, wake up.' The first sounds were as sharply taken away by her as they would've seemed to be from one gone away from an accident. Blood was still coming from the side of her forehead. The case had been opened for a while. At least Esther was able to crawl away with the child, despite being as hard to breathe out there, it couldn't be worse as being inside that. Pulling her small, thin body was easy but worse. She had stopped breathing for a while, as Esther placed her hand at the top of her nose and mouth and felt nothing. 'Eve, please, I need you to wake up.' She came back again, starting a technique of manually forcing air down her throat. Her nose was pinched and with each deep breath, her mother took, an even deeper one came to the child. 'I'm sorry Eve, I didn't mean to say I've got nothing to lose. I take that back.' Her face was whiter than normal, even by her standards and each attempt proved to be useless in the end. Esther had neglected her now, carrying her small body in her arms. The way ahead was grim and dark and then and there, the sudden barrel-shaped formation of metal opened in a door. Seeing an elevator there, in the ravine was a rarity, to say the least. Someone was quite busy coming, going and planting them all around. Its origin seemed ancient with each approach, despite the metal plates covering it being so recent, as to date, by the time of the war. The pain of living with her like this wasn't worth it anymore though. She was sickened by herself and the reason she even went ahead to do what she wanted to do, a shallow reason and an even shallower end. 'Bring her back, please.' Only a madman would yell all alone in the darkest depths, trying to hear a voice of comfort. Yet a madman she hadn't become yet, the pain of losing Eve broke her and her will. The silence of machines, the eyes that fell behind, even the swarm of rats resumed their quest, going through the desolate place. It was just a few steps ahead, that instead of going through the timed elevator, she avoided it and continued walking. It'd be just a climb to get through such a slope, yet now she was unattended as if it a dream. No promise of what she wanted, not her daughter, of which she checked every passing second. Her pulse. 'Eve, Eve, wake up.' The violent shaking had made the little child's wrists red now. But never before had Esther thought of checking the little being's pulse, low, just enough to survive, but she couldn't be dead if she had a fever. A slight twitch came from time to time despite appearing to be so pale, her condition was worse than thought, but at least she wasn't dead. Her arms came even deeper as she closed around her daughter and held her. Esther didn't need more than an arm to use, as she hadn't had much trouble in lifting both of them just around the edge. The sudden appearance of a small place was almost jousting to her small nerves. It had been flying there once but crashed right in front of the crater. Such wings were chopped and marks of bites were resting just around every edge, dripping with a substance of pink and red. Still moist and with a dark odour. 'Who's there?' Her eyes adjusted to the slightly darker part of the ravine in which she was, the gloom and dampness made it worst, she thought. To be able to look around and sense a presence, a guardian of the side which was more than guarded, it had someone or something which devoured the metal. Steps were in the way, yet they were hidden and stopped once she looked in one direction. The darkness wasn't the problem, but the giant machines under which or behind where something could just hide away despite everything. There were holes dug up below, just in the same form of the crater, and undoubtedly, this wasn't a crater as she thought to be. 'I need to take care of my daughter, who's there?' An unholy crisp sound, of trifling muffled screams, going through a tight space crept among spaces,

making it appear as if it was only the voice of the wind. Cold, from something which crept even nearer than whatever hid away. A hole, entrance, on-going source of fright and cold. It was shivering and nerve wrecking, and even worse for Eve. Her temperature was getting worse, and despite being away from being dead, she could fall, as Esther feared it, in an unbreakable slumber. Of which pain, of which might she couldn't disturb more, retreating back into the crater from whatever laid there on the side. It bore through metal and left its sticky mark on in, which still managed to drip for some time. This wasn't anything to go about without knowledge of the place, this was about life and death, and the ancient lift, despite looking as it did remain safer. At least there, a few steps away from it. Who knew what made her look back at that, over the head, at the figure with its twisted figure and three pairs of eyes. Small, but for one which was dominantly bigger, clawed with sharp teeth and covered in the texture of a rat. It stood there the only moment and stared at the woman before retreating back to finish its meal. Forgetting what else she saw, there were other pairs of feet which had been walking there, smaller than whatever that clawed fiend was. Despite the fact that the crater was unmarkable, Esther could swear she saw something there and spoke no word of it. Bashing the door closed, she could feel the fresh air inside the elevator. 'It seems like it goes on its own, right Eve? Eve?' The question went away for some time. Something had interfered with the memory, the bones and their marks and the memory embedded in it was tainted by something which didn't belong there. Argus could see something which was missing a creature that wasn't there before, yet it managed to mark itself in there, just as they went on. Even the sounds of the beating at the door were being replicated in the mind, mark, mark, mark on the bone, translating into the substance which he absorbed. And in return, they became knock, knock, on the other side of the door above, despite being already of some distance forth. There wasn't any way for it to open but to find another path to find the woman. But why? Such ancient walls around, covered in soft foam in which Esther stood. They were wrapped and used for their tainted desire, undoubtedly dug out by the same creep that lurked around with all that time just tied to its claws. A single thought alone was more than enough to leave a peculiar sensation to it. There were bones it carved itself in and the message, and yet. Here it was, nonetheless, with a presence was as felt by her as was by him, the traveller of her deepest corners of her subconscious. It had to stop eventually. Both of them were still alive despite being in poor condition, after all, they had received a part of the gift to come around and go. A clicking sound came. The door opened to a right space, twisted walls from left and right, pushed by something heavier and mightier than one could ever think of. Some were covered with cloth, despite their wooden edges, the floor was more than clean, to the point of being polished. Another gateway like the one Esther had previously used was now creeping there, waiting to be entered. As soon as she stepped outside, to her surprise, something called the elevator back. No doubt about that. Despite being tired, first, the caution came into mind. As she took the first steps first she asked: 'Is anyone here? It's just me and my daughter, we mean no harm.' It was a tight fit of a place, yet the dampness and the small dark corners could hide small creatures, of which no doubt she had to be aware of now. With such shallow rats as she had seen before, there was so much more to expect. It was a short run to the other side, when, at the end, suddenly the entire conundrum on which she was on became tilted to her side. An entire room just came to be forced into a damp position, making it not only awkward to move, but for the traveller and the one who was hunting for her. 'Shh, shh, shh, hold on Eve.' As low as they were, there needed at least a slightly lighter jump for her to reach the button. Nonetheless, now there was the time when she had to wait for it to come. 'Come on, come.' It's meaningless, it

will down here before it come, we need to hide and we need to do it now. Her thoughts were running dry, as the fear of the sight for even a glimpse at it. It could bite, it could claw, cut things in half and even melt the metal. That substance that was seen, Esther could even see it in her mind as it ran across her body and bones, how they'd take it apart in unison. Both the striking and ripping of claws and the liquefaction of her organs, skin, bones. It came faster, as the failed attempt to hide came into motion, suddenly, the opening came into being. First was her daughter, who was pushed just above her head and forced rolled across to the other side. 'There's still time, hold on there Eve.' Her echo was only slightly appealing to the still sleeping child. Slowly, at first, she had to force her way back, only so that the ground would even out. There had to be courage somewhat, since the other way in seemed to be closing in. With a headstart, now she started running and forcing through, to the point where she suddenly jumped, even twice after reaching the edge, bashing her knee and shoulder. Pain and the slight shouting remained meaningless, as the door was closing. All of the sudden though, the elevator wasn't working anymore, and it was the one she was on. Before the doors closed, the creature just popped in the existence in the middle of the small confinement, having no effect on the weight of the trap mechanism. Yet again, before it could reach and stop the doors from closing, they were already on the way. Both mother and daughter caught in fever, haunted by the hairy demon and its unknown desire. 'I'm sick of this already.' Her muffled voice said much, there was nothing of the warmth she once knew. Only that of the fire which crept in the child's mind. She had to deal with a lot since then and so far, it had managed to take over her mind. It was shallow to think of a promise now. 'It's too late to say I'm sorry Eve. There's no library out there, is it though?' Guild still reigned in her as there wasn't any way for them to return, at least since there was no control they could figure out of the elevator. Not with that thing on their tracks. 'We lose that thing and I'll get you the first doctor, understood?' It was the time again, yet another conundrum of twisted walls, now sharply pointed above, as they crept into the black gulf. Hot air was coming from above, yet below it was cold. Esther was already hurt but went on carrying her child in her arms like she had done so far. The walls started taking more shapes, having now words written on them, going into various sides and all across the various objects. It was here that the touch of a man was no longer felt, the elevator side having become more rustic at that. Cold, green and black stones laid around, the mist was only thicker with each side taken, it could've been a maze if it wasn't for the fact that the path was linear. Made for someone like her to have access and go on, with another turn which revealed a wide room full of stairs which lead to a closed gate. So wide was the room that it could harvest a hundred people as they stood next to one another, and this was at least from one side to another. The rows leading downwards could hold even more. The echoes from behind were just coming and heading by as they ran on and on, the chain was finally heard. Chains dragged the elevator up and down, and now it was the time for it to be pulled back at it again. Gates, as tall as they appeared, and as heavy, they were easily pushed through, only to revealed the openness of a monastery. The damned still crept on every side, with their rotten bones and meat, not even they could've resisted death for so long. Dressed in black robes with red markings embedded by their edges, they stood as if caught in an endless prayer, standing at an altar. The middle stone upon which a lump stood covered in a torn reverse robe left the impression of the sacrifice. If there was a body underneath, it was more than small to fit in this morbid crypt. Suddenly, Esther closed the door and have no time to find a way out, though feeling that from a point there came a cold gust of air, the exit had do be somewhere. Hidden from her sight, to say the least, it'd prove a trouble to ignored those damn sculptures

that resemble the old gargoyles, stone dry but in a way corrupted. In animalistic resembles which seemed to take more than their human side, to the point where arms were longer, harder and bigger exposed muscles at the base, where the end and the hands were small and thin. The bodies seemed to resemble more of the primate side, as the smallest hairs were actually sculpted to an utmost position. Wings that didn't belong to bats or any creature, in particular, were more domed and twisted. Their texture seemed to have resembled of the common cockroach and that combined with the rest of what she saw attached left a grim impression. Such, at these were, or at least had been the pagans of the depths, a long white ago. Pushing their idols on every side, it appeared that the deviations between them were too far away from one another. Iteration after iteration, wings which seemed to replicate skin, pulled back, dropping, a bigger skull which seemed to have been sculpted at the prime of the mammal. The real animal from which the head was taken seemed to have become unrecognisable, at least, not to Esther, who had read at least a couple of manuals on every known species. But far, from all which crept in the room, was those twisted antennae, long and pointy, coming from a wingless abomination. Behind it, there was just enough space for a shell, crafted in a way so it could leave the impression of having a place to hide and hunt, to defend itself and ever more. The sight alone made her be more aware and it was only now that she had looked around, really looked around. Each row had hands attached to their ends from many different species which were analysed. Above was the reek though, worse of all, the inscription revealed much she hadn't known and the things they were showing to the common eye in the anatomy book. The twists and turns, twitching and pushes of the human body, to the extremest points. It revealed much she had dared not to look again. But the distraction was revealed to be damned, as the chain stopped and the echo came, from the further side of the other side. The beast arrived and the path was clear. Without a way out, she found herself standing by the altar, praying she wouldn't be taking the worse choice. If it were to search everywhere, she prayed. 'Let it be just a damned dumb beast, spare my daughter!' Said Esther, as she removed the tattered cloth which stood on the pale altar. A child laid, roughly the same size as the child, promptly dismissed by the end of a simple slap. At that point she looked around, slouching and trying to see if it's obvious. The danger was obvious, but she had to try. Placing Eve careful in the place where the sacrifice had been, and covering it, but with a small modification. Esther made sure her head was placed on the side, and a small bit of the bone kept the cloth from covering her nostrils. She had to breathe after all, despite her condition. And breathing would make it too obvious. 'Now for me.' First Esther looked at the bone which she threw. It spread just enough and far apart to appear as if it was part with the rest. Something laid behind the altar, doors, which were close to being hidden if one weren't to look directly for them. I might rethink my plans. Esther thought, despite being denied, it turned out as if she was wrong after all. On each side, they were reinforced and close, the obvious steps made it clear that something was approaching them. There wasn't anyway but for her to crawl, but at once it was revealed just how thin was space, she couldn't move if she wanted to. The alternative once again, as she took a robe and threw the skeleton away, placing it over her body was to pretend to be dead, while standing in the third row and wait for the monster to go. It was the only thing she could think of. And to say the least, the last chance she had to escape it. Her daughter was still alive. Eve, I know you cannot hear me, but I won't lose sight of you anymore. As she waited, her eyes could move around and do nothing but see in the limited direction she had set for herself. A constellation written in the language of skin was just under the many images and small carvings of humans which became barely visible now. Something

was about to happen, as steps had taken a long while since they had stopped. Did it figure it out what I was planning? The creature had thin ears, muffled in the vast amount of fur, now etched into the wall, it stood there to listen. Neither of them gave in to make a sound. Eve was still in her sight despite being slightly bent down, though perhaps it wasn't to be enough. Nearest to her presence was, standing just near her feet was a remaining jaw that fell off the skull. It must've been a bigger man than her because it was way over her size. Since the risk was mighty, Esther still dared and bent down immediately resuming her position. Back against the tight space and with the skeleton jaw which just fit and left the detail outside the gloom which was under the robe. She tried smiling despite being limited but eventually gave up on it. Everything she had planned was now coming together, and just in time. The gates which once stopped it came to an ending. As they were opened, that thing came in rushing, on both arms and legs, which were long and thin, pushing through, dripping with sweat, looking around and sniffing. It was trying to hunt us all along. Despite all, it couldn't read thoughts as well. That stench was getting worse with each attempt it had, no wonder it. Same could be said about its body, that head and what seems to have the peculiar features of a human soon became twisted. Desperation was divine, as it approached each side of the small monastery, looked around with a damp look, then came at the altar. The smell of ancient bones muffled the small child, not to mention that the breathing was too faint to be heard. This is when she had lost track of it when it turned around and at once smashed the sturdy wooden door that had once blocked the way. It left nothing behind that the small remains, broken and the shriek of anger the beast had hosted for a long time. It was now time, as they dared. At once she pulled out the robe. Esther was on her feet once again, releasing the jaw and coming to her child. Without a doubt, the beast was going to its endless chase for nothing, leaving them just to seek the freedom and finally be free. Just a few steps, and just a turn. 'It hadn't noticed us, Eve. We're free.' The twist ended and at once she found out that freedom was compromised. To her knees, the bitter demise forced her to fall and hold her child. Only one way out, and it was crushed along the entire chain mechanism, smashed in an utmost bizarre and peculiar way. It happened inward from the looks of it, as it fell from above, but somehow it managed to get out before it happened and get to start the chase. For Esther though, now it was meaningless. Eve was burning and her sickness reflected in her skin, despite being for the first time she showed any sign of being alive, she was trying desperately to breathe. It wouldn't be long for the worse if I don't get her fresh air. But where? Since no chance remained, there was still a bit of hope for that in what laid after the altar. Left unscratched, Esther made her way back to that point from which she hid. A robe should help nonetheless, as it helped before. Another one was taken from that room just so that Eve wouldn't feel as cold now. Her forehead was burning though. The way ahead was grim and shallow, as the roles reverse. When they arrived now, the gate was already smashed from every single possible angle. Something of enormous power made its way, and as the light finally came in, the sky was revealed through the long, long tunnels which lead all the way above. They were thin and long, not made for climbing. From the looks of it, someone must've made them long ago, in a twisted hidden place. The sight, at first was a marvel, a promise to escape, but one which Esther got to a point of hating. After all, there wasn't any escape now, but salt on her wounds and the gaps between the shimmering light and the charcoal ground were too much to count upon. The beast could see in the dark, it was possible after all, they hadn't counted for it to break this through, but to pop in and out to the other side. Once the light ended, they were left on a slope, in pitch black. Paranoia made her weaker against the sound of the wind and the small insects which

roamed around. If it weren't for the lucky pick when she bumped against the door, she would've been left blind. The knob twisted as they entered a room. It was small, and caught in the middle of a sealed question, right in front of the road. Even more obvious was the switch, which was still working, but not where the beast had laid. The light came into motion, even after these many years and right through the window, which she opened, the hidden long wires were revealed. They must've run all the way back to the monastery, only to give power to this little outpost. A carpet, yellow walls, a closet inside and a comfortable chair. There was even a backpack which she took with her now. Some extra weight didn't matter against a beast which could outrun you. But it was just as strange how it managed to get away without a trace. Esther knew it hadn't come that way. Though, a conventional flashlight was on the table, attachable even to her shoulder, which left her hands less occupied. The small shoulder pad which had that attached easily came over the robe, it was almost as if they were made for one another. The door was roughly closed yet the keys were just plainly left around as if no care was needed anymore. One thought crept in Esther's mind. 'What just happened in here?' It made no sense, how it was that those people, out of all ended up dying. Something did creep though, at the end of an eye. For, Esther, had to check then, once last time if she was followed. It was a surprise that made her smash the window closed, then the door and lock it at once. That creature with its bizarre appearance was there, just waiting in front of the light. Some seconds passed since it stared at her, not moving, watching her moved closely, before deciding to make a move. Now, she turned and tried fitting every single key with as much agility as she could twist, pull and back to pushing. Rightly, she opened the door and ran to the other side. It was unreal, a nightmare, to see it pop there out of thin air. But nonetheless, Esther was in no mood of risking her life or that of her child against something that couldn't be as real as she thought it. There had to be an escape somewhere, if there were tunnels upwards leaving to the outside world, chances remained on her side. What she saw next was still too strange to explain, not in itself but over the fact that they made their houses just under the war. Houses, various shaped, pushed through stone, rustic, some were cottages made through stone. They tried replicating roads, paving clean stone under with materials of their taking or what they could salvage. Most of them were just metal cases which were carried and replaced. It was obvious who took them from there and lead them to this place. Even the elevator seemed to be new, despite the corpses, at least from the jaw she felt, it was old, older than time. Ancient even was the quality of their bones. But, they seemed to have been new, tall, pushed around, rounded stones placed, getting wider with each approach. Paved paths laid everywhere and from the looks of it, there was an entire carved city, filled with their remains. The robes some wore into the open, while clothes were still waiting there. At once she realised that she was watched, and Esther jumped right over a raised, windowless overly formed structure and hid away. Esther knew that she was being watched, not by the beast but by something other. From the distance, the various levels revealed that it was more than a small commute created by those who had survived, but an entire city that was meant to take hundreds, perhaps thousands. Some silhouettes were visible, walking from afar, though now she couldn't risk approaching them, especially since some had some resemblance to that twisted form that creature turned into. With each leap and each trick of appearance, it seemed as if it grew thinner, pushing its feet and body to an entire new trim level. The mouth got, even more, slouching, dropping at the thought of meat, despite the fact that the dust had crowned the smell and made it unbearably hidden from even the strongest nose out there. It was a pity, that she waited, for each second there made Eve suffer more, breathing harder. Still no sound. Had it become silent? Esther

couldn't wait and hide, especially with a free run just in front of her. Jumping and sliding over the tablet, she made it to the other side and kept going through open doors, only to jump at the first window. The houses were being to be taller, despite being as shallow as they appeared, though now, it seemed that the stone was becoming more ancient and evolved, rather than carved and reinforced. Plates were covering ancient stone, it was obvious now. Even a slight look at the edge below revealed the many rows where one could stumble, making it plenty for a single human being to venture and explore for a lifetime. Despite that, no one from above even knew or would believe, that this was the entry into a dark, seemingly endless abyss. A fall would kill her more likely, though she'd be sparing herself. There was no way out, now she realised, and that creature would just end her suffering as well as Eve. One last chance, she gave herself, to find a way in these raised crypts, tall buildings, which had become shared from one side, with their raised sharp spike, and tall cutting edges. Inside there seemed to be creeping the same carved statues of the malformed partly made creature, though move farther away into shapeshifting than ever. 'They sculpted their idols into their homes.' Just as she said that a creaking noise of a large step was made itself known. A large mouth revealed a hungry beast. The empty shrieks were covered by two pairs of claws which bent just so it could be muffled. But the woman came out of sight just in time. It could've seen her, but she heard. The various set of deep and pushing breaths were hard to take, even for it. And the creature had a hard time muffling its sound as well as she had. Somehow though, despite being as silent as she was now, after taking her sight away, she was met herself facing directly to the side of the statue. Those muscles were that of a human, though the head took a slithering appearance with scaled and a longer neck. Whatever they did here was done a long time ago, and she could see it from the room and the position it took before it died. The man who sat on his chair looked more than content, with both his arms wrapped around. Still no pressure for Esther who avoided that thing more than easily. It'd be a pity though, to end up like that man along with her daughter, in these unknown depths. Unknown, they must've thought she died along with her daughter in the fire. Without a doubt, the rumours already started creeping beyond her awareness and sight, going from ear to ear, mouth to mouth. Esther was already dead. But, what was worse than the petty rumours remained the diminishing concern of Eve. Her body was gasping desperately for air, and not even now had she opened her eyes despite the roughness shown to the body. It'd be a miracle to find her alive, but that wasn't the case. There was still a way down, and a way to get further away from that creature. One chance, as the platform on which the rustic sharpness didn't seem to have an opening leading downwards seemed. She had to find her own way. A look by the corner once the muffled shrieks went away and she noted that the creature was gone again. 'This is it, Eve, hold on.' 'We will find you some medicine, there has to be something around here. Though the best scenario went through her head, time wasn't entirely on her side this time. Whatever she could find, or look for, would end up most likely to be one hundred years, to say the least. Only a cabinet, somewhere, it had to be. The next one she entered, was already a ruined thing that'd been converted into a suite. Truthfully, the dead ones were sitting by the corners, they had been passing a small cotton ball which stopped in one's hand at once. 'Do you think they knew? Come on Eve, you need to eventually wake up and talk to me. You know as well as I am that it helps.' At once she placed her on the soft, partially cut sofa and opened her eyelids at once. The paleness was a bad sight, though going by her small flashing device, it yielded still no result. Least of all, something had to be done at once. Left there, she went upstairs, going through every single corner and every unlocked box she could find. Finally, a cabinet came, which she promptly

took, with every needle and a small box, and pills, creme she could find laying around. Just as fast they ended up being dumped on the ground in front of her. Eve, poor Eve, standing there dying. Pills were forced, despite being old, morphine, and other substances down her veins. Something for her cold, another thing for the shock and anything other that might've forced her to come in this condition. And another shot of morphine on herself, followed by some more, to get even more of a displacement out of the world she was in. It felt like that voice sprouted out of a moment of madness which came out of the sight of her tower and of everything she had to go down in flames. Abandoned, she wanted no more but to head down below, but stopped her sprint at the edge. The absence of light in that hole crept in her mind, especially the more she looked inside. Various shapes loomed and swam inside there and she could see them clearly. Oh, so clear, they were just being formed. And the more she stared, at once the revelation came, it was no hole but a deep pool. Still, the altitude was too high for a jump, so she turned around and scattered every dust and every entry. Now that that thing must've popped away, she was finally left alone to explore. Despite the fact, there was nothing but. But something she hadn't noticed, growing on Eve arm which was left falling by the side. There were small bumps and growths on her arm, but no creme which hadn't decayed or had a stench of it was in that cabinet. And the twisted road took a turn, here it was a pair of stairs which lead below. Below, where the silhouettes were moving from far way, it could've been an illusion if the blood on the walls wasn't fresh. She was standing there just at the edge of the stairs, looking at the fine end, and just how fresh it was. Still dripping, and the amount was way too high to have come from a pair of rats who stumbled and came around. Was it that creature or could it have been another human? 'Is?' The need to know stopped once she realised on what side of the argument that thing was. It could've dragged and killed, eaten a human and disappeared. Not beyond the realm of possibilities, to say the least, it was worth a chance to be given and said. The pain was unnerving, the twisted way with those grinning teeth at the end. Someone was busy stealing the teeth of the damned and rearranging it over. The proof of others being here after their death occurred was more and more obvious. Even to the point when she fell below in a flight and ended up looking by the first thing around the corner. A couple of masks laid there, wrapped around metal hooks. Eight at least remained, followed by plenty of rows which had been used or had disappeared. Perhaps it was last, or not, but she immediately recognised the fact of what she had. Down her waist and undergarments, she took out the book with everything written in it. Bent below, she kept Eve on her lap and went on to read the book. Something had crept about, and it was obvious that the manual had prepared them for everything. Right around the corner, there was a page written by the gas masks. A crude image was forged to resemble somewhat like that which was above, of which her arm extended and took two of them with ease, placing them near. Gask mask, this should be it, the same height, width, extendable straps. The only problem which remained, of which she read, was the fact that both of the filters were filthy and used. Nonetheless, they were easily attached to her side. Wrapped around her arm like small wristbands, just looming there, reflecting in their clean protective window-like bridges. This was so much different, to look around. 'The dead here seem to have a mind of their own Eve, just keep silent and don't make any eye contact. I don't want them to snatch you when I'm unaware.' Her vision was set on a repulsive account. There were at least two adjacent birds, long and pale, at least not the common specimen you'd find around above. Black feathers and grey, nodding their heads, twisting them like owls, searching both of them around. As peculiar as it was, she had no other chance but to avoid them. They resisted just as long as those dirty rats

and chances were that they had become just as rabid or worse. 'Shew, shew.' In an instant, they went away from the sound of it. It was only as if she had struck a chord in those little pests mind and then it popped there and in the distance. Something was moving around, or at least the sound of carrying was there. Whatever it was, there was no open window nor any visible door for her to use. But further away, a small clock, vintage as they used to say at the sight of such a marvel which reigned even before there was even such a thing as a war. Twelve o'clock, midnight, in the depths. She resumed her side stepping and standing still against the wall, looking abashed at their dance. One should've met her eyes if there were eyes to be met. It was almost as they had indeed entered, the lair of the necromancer. 'Eve, they're alive.' Esther whispered, in a tone just as usurped as it were. Another distant look followed and it was obviously the corpse of a soldier, made of a suit and cleaned bones, moving a wheeled trolley around, carrying as much as it could inside. Then at the crossroad which leads on one side, from where Esther came and on the other side leading to the main road. It turned slowly and still made no move. Now it was truly obvious that she should've been seen, yet still, no sign or real acknowledgement was shown. It went back to it, that reanimating slave, how lower they've been degraded from a soldier, she thought. They used to be mighty and died for our country. Now, in the end, they were forced into a reanimation. They, as it was obvious as she went along that special one, her first encounter with the automatons, was following the same conduct as the rest of them. Some were carrying planks and metal plates with them arms. 'Don't touch the road, stride just along the small huts and buildings. Make a note of that Eve.' Her voice wasn't even being dissected or heard. Though that simple fact didn't change a thing at all. It was still a pain for her to be there, under those conditions, under the constant fire and pressure, her end was in front of her eyes. And even more pitiful than that was the fact that everywhere around, there was no body of a child worker, despite the times. It was about to be if things kept that way. Three stopped at a block, right in the middle of what seemed to be the main avenue of the place, compared to what she was used to. Down, it sloped, going to a more concave and bent part of the platform which was directly connected rather than had a stairway leading down. Even where they lived there remained more pronounced, much often would she see adjacent buildings, separated only by a thin road from their rows of eight tall sharp ziggurats. A settlement was done with ease. At one went the first to its left, then followed the second to the right, going rightly by one another, and never passing or touching any of the areas of the huts. Why was that? 'The Necromancer, Eve, he's the one that must've sent that beast, that abomination made of stitches and long paws. We can't give up, yet, can we? No, we can't let the necromancer win now, not now that his servants had all their skin and meat fallen off their bones.' They were just bare bones, going on motions. Plenty of them which laid around too, working at that, for the first time, undoubtedly in years. What they were preparing was a grim fantasy she expected to be nothing else but a nightmare, out of which she still failed to awake. Like a grim totem, she followed it, as it leads her, despite the others having peculiar paths, this one went straight. Straight to what was important, down to the pool, from the likes of it, where, from where she stood, Esther had the whole sight in front of her eyes. It crept like that, to think of it. As nothing else seemed to bear such a unison as the servants and how they worked. Even from the other side as she was approaching, them getting ready and being active just felt right. But for a second they forgot who they were. There was a tag on the uniform of the ones who was carrying all the junk and metal plates on his small trolley. Esther read it. 'Lieutenant Charles.' The insignias were long rusted and had fallen away most likely, leaving only the band which had held them in his suit. A case of severe

anxiety came at the realisation. Despite her story of reanimation and beyond what peeked her curiosity, they had been once humans. And that struck her only once, the unearthliness of it all. 'But where? Where are you all heading to?' Remained the question, and just in time, she found out of the junk, what seemed to have been a rounded clean filter, abandoned on a broken mask. The air wasn't as shallow for her now, but the change in her skin was apparent. Her daughter became a fraction of what she was in the past. In the short amount they managed to survive there, it managed to leave a grim mark all around their bodies and minds. To say the least, the filter was on and came just tightly fit to a mask, thanks to the manual which had a nicely written and coherent section about attaching it to an end. Eve was breathing now through it and the sound of shrapnel inside the mask was apparently there as well. Someone had shot the mask, but it hadn't managed to get through. It was stuck near the filter which now made a clicking noise every single time she took a breath or made an unwanted motion. Such a thing filled her with despair, now that she was alone, sleepless, deprived, filled with anger. Flying over the moulder, she would hide now behind those bones, noticing that there still wasn't any interaction between them, nor any notice from the automaton. Esther walked freely and thought just as well as she might. 'But are you going there then?' The looped roads all seemed to have lead to the same place, the pool in the middle which became utmost apparent in its details now. Small waves were visible, vibrations and what not. It hadn't been disturbed as of yet. But now that they had passed again, it became apparent where most of the action continued, on the other side. Hundreds of dark figures just roamed ahead, going from side to side in an utmost efficiency. It made the small automaton seem quite insignificant and slow, which she, at once decided to outrun with her bare feet. No mention of the remained anymore. It was a shallow thing to do, but it didn't care. Care was for the living, not the dead, Esther thought. And top of that there was someone else who needed her immediate attention and care. Her daughter Eve was caught in a hole that was just as unwanted as it was. This was to be the reasoning that they came? No other voice came to warn them. The various little ziggurats now turned into nothing more than monuments with no entries. Rather, those that came now seemed more ancient, formed, spread at different sides. And the most important feature, they had no entry, at least none to be seen. No one had even lived in them, despite the fact that they were placed everywhere, on every single side. As she walked, her instincts made it apparent. There were holes in the ground, above. Rightly, in what had now become the ceiling were plenty of well-rounded holes made directly under the ziggurats, as they reflected the same positions as those here. Still, something was off, despite the position and arches which crept on every one of them, the tall spears which seemed to accompany some of the designs. It still wasn't tall enough for someone to creep inside, not to mention just how dangerous. And another look at the undead automaton, she reminded herself that they were flesh workers of the damned. These ruins instead could be hundreds of year old or even more than that. No way remained to date those things, at least not one which was fully certain and aware. It wasn't long now to another slope which leads down below, closer to the figures, hidden by the side. She looked at just how tall they were, these ones. Two at a time seemed to be the rattling bones of giants. Something must've been exposed to them, that the fact which they were carrying those heavy ziggurats away was nothing more but a fantasy. For a moment, the illusion of sentience came into being. Both of the tall workers, with their bare, white-goldish bones seemed to have stopped at her presence. 'You can't see me.' With a trembling voice, the last of the substance which had managed to keep her nerves still seemed to have disappeared. There was something now boring in her eyes, something that was her since the time

she was conceived, fright. Nonetheless, they resumed their going as she did hers. This place was filled with the giant clean skeletons which hadn't belonged to the sizes of humans but rather overgrown apes of a kind that lives in the depths. It was a tribe, no, a commune, it must've been, to hold so many of them. An entire species in front of her eyes, at that right moment, Esther reminded herself of their anatomy. It didn't find any type of animal or mammal in particular of which she knew. The features were too distinct, other than the height, those teeth all seemed to bore were twisted and forked like those of wild boars. And the bone structure must've become way too strong for them to carry what they had. It was a marvel and a miracle to say the least, what was done for them and in return, servitude. Such a time as she stood in place, the automaton finally came and passed her. It joined its taller brothers in their quest to lead every ziggurat and ancient piece, closer to the bottom. 'Eve, don't fear now. I need to keep as much courage as you can hold inside of you. We're heading directly to the necromancer now, Eve?' The girl still was caught in that endless sleep she feared she'd have caught. One which could've ended in that pool. It was only slim dark, and the battery was just enough to last for hours. The curiosity now took place of the fear as she seemed those tall bone figures as being nothing but passive. No aggression but only harsh work, down to every bone there. And plenty of them roamed around, taking pieces from the wall, inscriptions, barrels, boxes and armaments which hadn't worked and never seemed to. Each step made this city of ziggurats appear more like a whirlpool of metal and bones. The sound of stone being crushed was apparently obvious even to untrained ears, which Esther couldn't deny. A tall black blob laid in the distance, moving, at the end where the entrance to the pool laid. No hole, no thin arms, but a gluttonous form, just sitting there unable to move. The ziggurats seemed to have been ruined by their constant work. Broken foundations, crack stones, dust spread everywhere she'd look, plenty more rubble just wriggled by the side. It wasn't surprising at all that some of the ancient formations were taken down. Hits were given and taken to the metal plates too. As she approached the last moments, the last confines of the pool, this was her chance to finally hide away. From the real threat, she barely avoided sight, but it was there, sitting with a little stubby foot stuck in that dark pool. It had grown too large for its apparent stature. Left apparently blind from the looks of it. Esther raised up and looked at it fully, a gluttonous form, humanoid but grey of skin, pale white eyes, stubby feet and legs. It had overgrown nails which seemed to clean the bones unwittingly each time it tried grabbing a ziggurat. And that mouth, which was apparently a maw, opened and swallowed stone without even bothering to chew any of it. Is it deaf as well? Esther asked herself. 'Eve, look, it's the necromancer, we have finally made it to him.' Perhaps it was too late, that the form stopped from eating stone. Instead of doing so, it became aware of something, starting a furious attempt to sniff around. The bone figures at once appeared from behind, kneeling the woman and her child. Both eyes became engulfed with fear, though it wasn't because of it, she hadn't had a scent as much as swear or fur. Two tall bone constructs were carrying the beast. The beast yelled and shouted, too slim, too thin, with its arms caught in a trap, unable to run or get away. Those things broke its small bones in an attempt to restrain it. And in the end, despite the fact that it had noticed her, each attempt to bite or scratch was utmost pointless in the end. Such a restraint couldn't be countered by brute force alone, especially by one so small and weak. Frail and beaten, it attempted but gave up, as that sloppy thing wrapped around it. Even though it seemed rubbery, the beast took everything it had and tried biting the small gluttonous arm, to be dropped at once and wriggle on the ground. The cry that came was not only unholy but it left a dark impression on Esther. It was a moan of pain which went as low as to end her light, letting everything

around is only lit by the pool. Echoes bored the cry all the way to the top, making it seem not only ancient but strong, in contrast with those ziggurats. The cry of the dead ended at once, and a trail of tears could be seen on its fat face, going as round and away as it could. Such a form was nothing more than an insult to the mind and body. First bones came and crushed the face and every tooth that attempted to bite their master. A creature couldn't even cry anymore, as it swallowed a good deal of teeth, which pierced it. Immediately, it got pulled from the ground and given to their master, who, at once started eating with that maw, going as far as showing a bunch of teeth, which it had. An apparent hunger was aghast, which made Esther was to leave as fast as she could. Eating a beast alive was cruel to any human to look at, but this was worse than it. Rubbery, and jerked, the skin was pushed, and it seemed like it had just finished with its arm and pushed the bone away. The beast still shrieked now that it had pushed away from the teeth out of its throat with a vile the necromancer had eaten. But now that he was distracted, it was both of their chances to run free. They have descended into the confinement, all the way to the pool, and only one way down remained. 'That's our escape, Eve. And none of his servants are aware of us. We have only this chance.' Her voice finally spoke her utmost desire. Though she had forgotten before, deep inside her, she knew that below of that pool laid the entrance to her promised land, a library with all the books they could both read. What she hadn't know laid about the contamination she had been exposed to and the meaningless of her action. As she ran, step after step, finally she jumped and avoided any touch of those bone-like golems. The glutton was distracted with the food, though it heard the splashed. First pushes against that thin layers of muddy water left something grim about it. It wasn't deep enough. 'Why isn't it deep enough. We need to get lower than this, we need to get through at once!' Her voice got desperate, her attempts to run to the middle left her looking around it a shock. She wasn't even an entire shoe deep into the dark water that she realised, there was nothing else to it. Nowhere to go down below. At once, her presence was acknowledged when her jerking in the water ended. The last tides left just enough place for the necromancer to observe her. It threw the last wicked remains of the last thing she had eaten and at once it sends the guards. From every single direction and even from the pool raised the giant formed bodies of skeletons, all coming towards her, dressed in steel and armour. Some were great, others small and frail. The number was meaningless as she became too frail to resist the call. Esther threw the mask away off her child and started walking at her own pace. No word spoken in the end, it was almost like in the end she had just accepted defeated at the hand of that hellish creature. Not a single bone touched her of course, as she came on her own accord along her child, another being to be sacrificed. And each step revealed nothing but the pain she felt, for herself and for her child, but there was nothing else she could've done. Not for her nor for others. It was now though, that Eve stopped breathing, her body became pale and cold. It was a while for Esther to accept it, but she died in her arms a long time ago. Even longer, as the marks on the bone said, as Argus noted. She came right into the trapped and was tricked by the parasite, the same like the others. And everything she had ever done became null. In the end, though, she faced her fate and came forth the giant embodiment of horror, which took the gross form of the necromancer. And a blob governing over bones, it didn't do much but wait for her to see that there wasn't any end to it at all. One thing perplexed him, as he still swam through the liquid mind it had become. Was she the one who gave him the gift of bone. Necromancer, master of bones, Esther along her child must've given it to it, in time. Though it could've been any of them. The way below was deep, as the parasite cut through, and it was now that Argus was getting through the

cage without his knowledge of his once human appearance. He was more, and more he was about to be. There was still another whose memories still got pushed relentlessly inside his mind, but this time it was that of an old man, as old as one can be. His life had long been forgotten or pushed away, his road to the bottom of the ravine as long as it appeared was lost just as well. There was nothing more about him or what he's done, other than the last moment of his life and how he was already there. Whenever he had arrived at day or night was redundant, as, in the depths, you could never tell unless you brought the time with you. Which he had done more than enough. His journey and destiny had brought him on the steps of another, he had filled his pockets with clocks and small trinkets and machines with various redundant features. Out of all whose memories he had got in touch, Argus recognised that he came below with the desire of death, knowledge of the celestials, though he called them a different name. Looking for a cage, which he knew that was a trap even before others knew what it was they were looking for. If he was even younger, say in his prime, he would've opened it by himself undoubtedly. Pierce was his name, once a soldier, now he was nothing more than a relic of the depths, at the other side of it all. He was standing there where Argus had once gone through, the small town which gave the man a Victorian feel to it all. The water above was cleaner than what he had experience and the technology which kept it floating above still remained. Even more important, despite that, there were other bones around, all remained silent as Argus was being taken in the viscous substance. He was about to be his last, the last words about to be heard by another human being. Or at least, the diaries written in bones. Whatever creature embed itself into one was redundant now, as it hadn't shown itself now. He was about to tell of what he saw and finally vanish from existence like the others. More blisters on the poor man's body, Argus' eyes closed again. He saw the old man how he was standing at a table, looking and simple people who had grown there and never even saw the sun. None of them had ever known what laid above, and against everything Pierce had ever seen in his life, this was the most interesting so far. The robes and dresses they were, clothes and trinkets so far were made by themselves, by their own little hands. And evenly as polite. 'Do you need another drink, sir?' Asked a maiden who stood close by just ready to be. 'If you would kindly please.' A quaint speech to the man, as he was approaching his end term. Despite Argus in his journey, he stood and enjoyed it, knowing that it would end just as worse and he thought it would, he decided to really drag it over. It was strange now, that Argus could freely think now, rather than be blocked inside as a watcher in the others' memories. He insisted with himself to approach and see the man at every possible angle, the wrinkles, the old grey suit. It came off as peculiar against all those bright clothes the others were wearing or even the guards who were wearing a deep blue. He walked around with a drink and greeted any and any back. 'Madame.' 'Welcome.' Through the long, deep tunnels, twisted with water, where Argus had failed to look around other than the tightly fit room, he now came into thought. There were other mouths which could've lead to anywhere and everywhere at all, just at the end of a push and pull, then a slide. None were ancient as one would've thought, but then again, this wasn't his body to control. Argus could enjoy this in his sleepless lucid dream but remained unable to control or even the slightest touch. Pierce had a different view and speculations than him, having been around and being more experienced in spelunking than him. He'd been witnessing a lot lately, during of which notes and crude drawings revealed much. It was the way his memory acted which made it apparently forged in a way. The distancing from the noise and the various sound sources which were completely ignored as the old man pretended in that joyful crowd to be reminiscing of the past. His long gazes over the various mouth-shaped and the

architecture of his travels remained too long and intense to be taken as mere distractions. Purposely, his hand moved slowly towards the key features which he observed during his study. It was almost as if he was guiding his hand to a child, as from a position which he could show how they worked and just at what extent they were twisted. Metal was bent, pushed in the walls, apparently they were of an ancient design and the various mark of silver left on the paper by the side left nothing more but for the crude. Sloppy, too tall, some of the perspectives had been disjointed, yet the signs for melodies or sounds became apparent. It was a shame though, there could've been hours spent on analysing the various devices, with each page revealing just how many iterations of that had come into being. Tall, pushed, blunt, no sharp edges, some of the features which made those mouths resemble their predecessors weren't even there. Such a thing was out of the ordinary even for him, as Pierce had never gone as far as exaggerating his studies. With a point where they ended and it was revealed that there were other devices, long, worms, which laid flat on the ground. They opened concaves and by the sides, being connected by a symbol he had drawn there. Was he the man who wrote the note? The writing under some of the drawings seemed too mechanical to be hand drawn. Or at least now they seemed to be indistinguishable from the other note which guided him. Though this revealed much of the intricate mechanism of his choice. Worms, with dead ends at their tails, but domes opened as other ones of their kind came into contact and extended. Sound activation seemed to be just as apparent there and everything else, though his voice had become too rough to be able to manoeuvre them. This was his fate to be, which he expected, though he must've realised by then that there'd be a watched at the end, someone who'd come and take his place. As it promptly did happen. Such a desire to be able to keep up with him was unexpected, but Argus took as much out of the devices as he could. Were they below the cage? There was no telling if these were part of the thing which would've kept the rest of the locks or spread around the ravine. Pierce hasn't seen the others that Argus got to meet, yet he had made an effort, to say the least, for the understanding of their ways. As obvious and hidden as it were, these were all the remnants of those who fought in the war and went away, hidden and forced to spend their lives there. Punished for their loyalty and service, most of the camps chose to spend the rest of their lives there rather than be forced to return as traitors. Loose ends, written at the end of a page. The various war machines and their engines were described, written and illustrated in the most intricate detail. It was a shame that this small illustrious set of notes and details were lost, ink embedded in bone and skin. The last note of his life remained at the end which he avoided to go through and look at. Plenty of chances remained for him to turn around and go through everything but only important notes were shown and where to look. He was blindfolded after, where his life remained nothing more but a shimmering leaf in the wind. Shame brought to his eyes, his demise came just like the others, a lamb for the slaughtering, old and adjacent. He had come only to leave his imprint in his mind, as the last mind and the last pieces of bone marrow which were strong enough to last. So was the petty creature disjointed at the sight of it, but one last time. One which couldn't be denied, a will that waited its turn with as much content as it could muster. It was the abominable blob which had caused every single problem that had been, the parasite which was defeated, which came into being as the last fraction of what it had been. Despite the other specimens of its species, it had managed to get through as far as it could. Only to be defeated in the end at the hands of that small creature which roamed the depths guided by a mad voice. He felt his body fall through an entrance of skin, of which he could grab by the various entanglements which were left there hanging on the walls. They were dripping as much as its last entries of

coherent speech were decaying, with green and yellow and marrow filled, falling apart. The ink was revealed under the mass wall which dripped, words, that were meant for him to read despite the fact that the mind now spoke to him directly. No, this wasn't a simple memory but the last fragments of something disgusting and nothing short of extraordinary. It was something that not even he could deny, despite the abuse and how much pain it went through, it couldn't do anything else but lay there and watch him lower. The way down should've been easy for him to take, yet it had melted as well, leaving only a slope leading to a formation of pure blocks of stone. They were filled with shades of blue and purple, then came the red dripping from above. It had always been a part of it, certainly, that perfect connection between stone and skin appeared to be nothing more but a shell. 'You won't make it.' The voice whispered at once, though it was obviously not belonging to the one he knew that well then. It was the voice of that wretch which still seemed to form something despite its ruined mind. The confines of which, had its chambers even deeper now. A wretched sight to be looked upon, covered by steps alone as he didn't have any need to run away, he just came and walked as if undisturbed by the sight he beheld upon. It was the grimness of the situation which held him to a point where he was too quiet to be told how to act. In the presence of such a creature who knew it could do a lot of harm as on last well-used attack. 'Why are you still alive?' It asked Argus yet again, he remembered hearing that question some time ago. The gates opened in front of him and the room in which the amorphous substance which hovered in the air laid. It hadn't any form no longer, definitely not the one of a brain, yet thoughts still managed to form. Word after word came banter, strike, attempt to dissuade him from his quest. 'Do you see the pillars which lay around? Look closer at them.' As he did so, Argus took the bait and look at the stone masonry. They were infected by those mouths, eyes, growing small holes which made little people. A proto-human was created out of them as it said. 'This is the future you're about to come back to if you ever escape. These are your new masters, your leash holder, your death.' Stone crumbled under his feet, yet nothing changed as he fell on the stone floor. It was the same twisted room with its pillars going down as well. And under the mass, there was another, which gave form to a new set of whispers which continued over the other. Poor thing was smashed by the rock before it even managed to show if it could speak a word. It was a shame that these things didn't evolve when I needed them. Argus thought as he looked at the remains. They were still warm and blinking, yet the lifelessness was utmost visible in those wicked eyes. 'Are they parasite just as you?' 'Nay.' Answered the thing, though not until crushing the stone above so it could claim the other part of it, become a more bulbous thing at all. The creature appeared to be too heavy to call it a simple procedure of hovering, appearing more like the beginning of a flight. The arms that formed around were long, filled with holes and empty cavernous pointers which tried stretching the pillars and their sons. A deep blue substance started dripping by the side. 'Do you see it now? How much we cherish even the lives of our servants? Fool, in life I was no parasite but something more, the next form of evolution in the chain.' That thought alone gave Argus a chill. Looking around for a way out he was surprised to find out only now that it was sealed. The conflict was quite inevitable now. 'What do you want now then? End my life, but it won't matter now that yours became apparently ending just as well.' A petty remark from a corrupted little primate. But don't underestimate what we are and what we can do. After all, you were deceived before. In the middle of the crowd, it laid now, with the face of another. The town with its morning fountain. 'I've been here before.' 'We've been here before most likely. Walk. Now!' Said another voice in the crowd, at least three or four of them had been taken over and were forcing him to move around. 'What's

this that you're trying to accomplish then? You can't escape and it's already too late." You understand nothing primate.' Said one of them, as the other continued his sentence. 'We deserve to escape just as much as the others. Continued two at once. 'How long do you think we've been waiting for you to come?' "Did you think you were the only one who expected that to happen? That one service that would come to get rid of the parasite, yet. There was none there, but a mirage." Look around you, at this town. 'Every single stone had a little shine about it, every brick of the house painted by hand, even those that laid by the side, the humans as they appeared to be. 'Don't they look real now? More real than a memory?' Some look at the bizarre group around that one man who looked as roughened up as if he had been through hell and return. Their expressions really did manage to sell in the feeling of alienation which Argus now felt. Everyone was being turned against him unless he tried. 'Help, I'm not being let go. I'm being trapped and in need of. Assistance.' It ended on a poor note as some old maidens took the children away from the streets. Even the lanterns which hung from the roof of the house soon became pale with darkness. 'They don't care about you, no one does now. They're no different than any other scum you've ever met before. Rather than helping, they'd stay and wait, afraid to interact or even give a helping hand. "You're wrong, you've made them act that way to make me feel paranoid." Have I thought? Or is it that you've been away so long that you forgot what other people are like? There was no denying of the oddness which they displayed. 'Now can we understand one another?' "What you want then?' It was quite a simple thing, the Supreme attempt to have at him and the caged one at the same time. One shot and two kills, he made Argus be aware of that. Most importantly, it said. 'We are one now, as you have noted. I'm not to die anymore but we will both travel as further down below and have at him as I planned all along. "You tricked me. "Indeed, little man, it was part of our plan all along to have one smaller and more potent to carry what remains of our mind. "Your body was too big to fit. "Too shallow and moist, too much of a liquid to reform once we were down there. "We needed one strong and sturdy such as yourself. "To control and go on to that which we have fed upon for so long. 'Argus was held aghast by the sight and sound of their dark tongues. 'We won't be able to march there and get him at unaware. I thought you'd know better. "We're already heading there, what do you think those distractions were? They were nothing but forced images for you to see and look upon until we got there?' "You won't be able to get him, no. You're nothing but a small mad fragment which had no idea of what it goes against. I've seen what it's able to do and I know that we will all be obliterated at once if we go against it. The smirks were enough to leave grim faces all around the crowd. People were already heading in different directions and trying to avoid even the smallest glance. 'We know the punishment for treason and for failure as well as you do. "We were counting on it. "Enter' Said the older of the controlled ones, pushing Argus in the open house and entering as well as the others. They slammed the door and locked it by means which were unknown. 'Finally some peace and quiet' Now open that door Argus, open it now! "There was no telling on what was about to be on the other side, yet he was forced to follow their guide. There wasn't any visible mechanism or fancy lock to be seen. What laid before was a set of intricate turns and twists which worked together maliciously. There were blocks of metal which were rubbed to one another, which pulled and pushed, and came forth then below. Each attempt thrust the other further away in their dance until something clicked and something just pushed back. It was a motion so unearthly that he couldn't recognise if it was part of a sequence or for an attempt to open it by chance. 'I cannot open it. 'Argus protested to the now standing council. They were standing in, almost a circle, watching, rudely creeping as his each attempt seemed

to be a failure. 'I still cannot open the damn door.' 'Try again then. You must've realised by now Argus that there's no other way for you to go.' The creeping corners were black and pushed by every direction. Something wanted to intrude, though it was obvious that the creeping parasitic thing had failed to see or take any notice of it now. It was creeping them, engulfed and most likely sentient, reaching with small finger like protrusion of blackness and just moving in twisted ways. 'What will you do after I open it?' 'Go towards the other.' 'And the other after it.' 'Why don't you open it yourself?' Argus asked both of the twins possessed humans which seemed to gaze into his very soul. It wasn't enough that they had taken over his mind, but now they were just trying to push him to the edge. 'I don't understand why it isn't working.' Time passed, though he hadn't become as shallow and pale as he should've become. Beyond his realisation, time passed since Argus used to be a human. 'There.' The clicking sounds of the lock behind finally stopped after a sequence, which only came naturally after he heard the melody of drums and beats. 'Need to carry on the back, just go on.' The door opened to the twisted maw, which promptly opened. No power could change this to anything he had seen and appeared proper. Especially every single ring which it had, both on the outside and the inside. It was a shallow thing to attempt to run, though he did it nonetheless now that none of them was there in front of him or even close enough to stop him. The door refused to close itself, so he was left only to that. To jump and feel just how slimy each ring was, to describe it as less sorrowful, torture. It stung, the oil could burn the skin just as harshly as fire. The marks left on his hands would last for at least two lifetimes, to say the least. Though, if it was going to be the only punishment which meant freedom, he had learned nothing. At the end of the worm, the dead end laid nothing but them. 'Do you still not realise that we're in your mind?' Apparitions now, nothing else. 'Their forms became just as twisted as that of the rabid beast he had seen in the vision of Esther. Plenty of them to go and come around, to witness him.' 'Cross to the next one, come on return. You know the map and the device as well we do and we won't be able to get there once it closes?' 'What will close?' The uncertainty of the voice lost its appeal and prudence. Now there laid another set of angry moans, shivers and gazes, which weren't set on Argus but on the one who seemed to have revealed a grim secret. 'It's inevitable that you escape.' 'Redundant.' Said another. Argus went on ahead, having no other chance than the one presented to him at the time. Could I not banish them?' You may not. 'His thoughts remained unsafe even now, despite the fact he had even the slightest whisper imagined. The claws it had were too deep inside, grasping and pushing, holding as tightly as they could. It was already too much of an expectation to go through a maze of worms alone, especially with those sickening oils which seemed to be hurting him at every touch. Promptly he stopped as none seemed to be penetrating the material of which his shoes used to be made out of. 'We can't avoid it now that it detected us.' Said the voice in the dark. It was a fairly small protrusion which had not enough space for all of them to roam around. 'It can feel us inside you.' 'Like an organism, in the depths of which it tries to remove.' The dripping oil left some marks on the skin now, due to the prolonged exposure. A thick gust of air now roamed and brought the mind to the thought of an ancient temple which wasn't his but of his predecessors. It was a mirage which changed them, making them twisted as they were. It fit just rightly in his mind up to the point where he forgot. 'The tunnels, do you remember them?' 'We're going to watch you now go back to those wretched abominations and converse at their curled abode.' 'Shouldn't they have been slain a long time ago before they decided to live past their usefulness?' It was in that heart of their meeting that he found another worm which bit inside the other. This was short and it revealed that this wasn't the maze that was drawn by

the man named Pierce.No, this was open space, one which was changed by that which had possessed him now, to the point where it wanted to creep and take over his mind.Even the smell was apparent and behind him, the noise of feet coming towards him as he ran, came as a recognition of his memory.They were taunting him, making him run and trip.His hands touched the rings directly on the ground, his knees scraped against a pool formed of the oil and he screamed at once.This time they were rabid, twisted beyond hope, sharp teeth, blue and red eyes, on each side.Even their weapons seemed to be sharp and shallow, along with their approach.At once he was forced to feel pain again as he touched the walls and forced himself to stay.He ran and jumped through the last ring of the carrier and landed just to see how much fun it had twisting his memory.All those men and women who had been tainted below had been pushed against one another, to make barrels of meat, keeping only parts of them aghast.Hands and legs were being left to roam and fall, most of which couldn't control themselves but fall into the water.But this time, it jumped outside and tried to slash him, which was avoided just in time.The blade fell and scraped the knee, cutting a part of the meat and leaving a confused glance as he felt it.The pain was strong but the confusion was even stronger, making him run through something which he wasn't even aware if it was real or not.It was diving, there was a sting and the melody of singing wailings of what was his entire memory just pushed together.There wasn't any choice he could take.Driven by nothing else but his instincts, he managed to avoid as many blows as he could.'This is the fate you were promised for your failure, has it not?'As it said it, the movement of some of the giant bulbs of meat began to be restricted.The meat finally came into being and started becoming part of the floor and walls which surrounded it.Now all the attempts to run or to grab anything became meaningless, as they were forced to sit there for an eternity.Some of them recognised Argus as well as he came to the same realisation in return.Tears ran down from one side to another, despite the fact that it was too late for anything to be done.It stopped just before he could pass them, and went ahead.The island or at least half of it was strung against the wall only to stand in front of the long wide bridge.Even the water seemed to have been twisted and tainted to the point where it produced heat.I need to find a way to free it and escape.'You will fail and we will take its place."And you'll be trapped forever with that thing as much..'.Argus stopped from his slight jab.The ridicule was too sweet to be avoided.'As much as you'll be trapped with us, won't you?'The shimmer that came was almost as cold as if he was in an arctic area, this memory wasn't about to last any longer.But, it was just strong enough to slow those two executioners who were hunting him and the meat.It was a snow storm in the depths, which made it quite plainly clear that this place had something in it.The walls seemed to have scratch marks and missing bits which had the same substance on which the mass was feeding upon.But now, it was roaming just in the air and everywhere around.It became apparent to Argus once he started concentrating upon it.Seeing how they fell to the cold and the last fingers stopped moving, he took a second and closed his eyes in respect for those who still served in his memory.'This isn't the time for being petty.'Argus felt in control for once, especially at the moment he started approaching the gate.A stronger set of whispers came behind now from there.It muffled the previous ones then and there just as he approached.'Have you gotten through at last?Have you opened my dark prison?'The voice asked expectingly, waiting for an answer almost as if it hadn't waited for the longest period of time ever known by man.'I am infected, do you hear me?Something was at the top of the cage guarding it, trying to take over."I know.'It responded with a calm, understandable demeanour.There was nothing for it to fear now, pain couldn't be felt, as it waited for the moment to be told.'Who do you think placed it

there?"The question came as it projected the answer in Argus' head. That was nothing more but a guardian. 'Something that would slay and cast away those unworthy to get through and open it. No one would dare waste my time but you, the one destined to set me free.' 'What must I do then? You know I've done everything you've asked me to do so far in order to earn my freedom and escape.' 'And you shall be rewarded once the gate is open. Look behind.' Argus turned to see the damp wrenching twists and mechanism that worked without a stop. On the bleak platform stood the last remnant of that parasitic guardian who had tested him, which stopped at a point. 'They cannot follow you now that you can hear and approach you.' A pain came from behind the head, one that was apparently as familiar as he had thought. Slowly, he rubbed his hand behind and saw that something had come out of him. A large, blob which fell through his fingers and on the ground. There were bubbles visible in it and somewhat of a replication of the liquid in which the brain swam. Just as it fell and started going, the vision disappeared, of all those hounds which had been placed to ask him and watch over his every move. 'Won't it grow again.' 'Its purpose is complete, now it may never be whole again. As for you, come.' The gate seemed petrified with runes and words, incantations and plenty other. The sudden change of dark images seemed to have tainted some of his minds, even more than he felt before. 'This is one of the seals, the last fragments of what kept me locked here for an eternity. Growing, growing in a space that rots. Free me and you shall have freedom at last.' Said the caged beast, as it appeared. Though this appeared to be a portcullis unlike any other. Horror fell onto Argus as he threw a glance at his hand. Growths, small roundish forms were there, all over his skin with blisters and plenty of melting spots. 'What happened to me? Answer me at once.' There was a creeping silence now, along with any answer. Argus fell at once, breathing heavily and shaking. His world got shattered once he had seen his other hands and looked at a shimmering pool which laid under him, made out of the sweat. As his hands ran along his head, he felt just how the hair had fallen. It must've been a while, though since that happened, as not a single long pair of strains could be felt. What did they do to me? 'Bastards, bastards, bastards.' He repeated in his pool. With each glance as his once gently rounded face, now he became afraid of himself and of others. 'I can never be free anymore.' Tear eyed, he still laid there, unable to deal with the fact that he had fallen to the corruption of the depths. The price of loyalty and freedom was much, paid in pain for him and for every other glance. 'They weren't afraid of them, they were afraid of. Me!' Argus thought, as his mind came directly back at that crowd which stared at them and walked away. It could heal me, it has to. The denial came into being, at the last of his desperation came. 'I want to be human again if I do this, do you hear me? You'd better be damned if you don't make up for everything you've put me through.' His hands touching those perfectly chiselled runes on the door, made him feel like an un-goliath of a creature, touching the ends and pieces of something above it. It was hard, as he had to look away and avoid even the slightest gaze upon himself. Filled with angst he studied and understood nothing so far. Backed against the door, he turned and waited. His mind just went back to that moment where he had tricked that field which was stuck going over and over in its motion. Now he became something like it, but worse, to the point where Argus desired to befall the same fate as it did and be slain. It was all pointless. Hours passed in pointless attempts to force it open despite it being as massive and colossal as it was. No backbone was put on in, as the thought of deciphering came into being. Something was whispering in the dark and moving and it wasn't the voice nor the moving blob. I'm all alone, Argus thought. The sounds of crickets there was just as alarming as one could possibly think of. Such small creatures couldn't be denied of their place

though, with the existence of those rabid rats. Now aware of the possibility, his eyes scanned for pairs of red or blue eyes, trying to see whenever or not there was any group of them just laying around. Waiting for him to be dead. 'I cannot open the damned door alone. This one you've chosen apparently has failed you, making all this waiting be for nothing.' There wasn't any logical way Argus could think to open the gate. Everything about it somehow found a way to go beyond his abilities, including the size and the endless possibilities of the words. 'Is there a magic word then? Open it, open it now!' As it came, the accompanying strikes and punches did nothing but add a numb feeling to the skin and nothing more than that. The material not only did seem impenetrable but was just as well, left with no scratch of even the slightest temporary mark. No dust stood in the formation of each word, the empty spaces, holes which laid above or corners. Simply put, there had to be a way to get through which laid beyond the normal means. 'Damn you, I can't.' Argus stopped at the point where the return couldn't leave his mouth. The door opened inward to reveal a giant humanoid body with a giant rounded face. Its eyes seemed to belong to a doll, especially the sharpness which accompanied the head. That dark robe and size made it unmistakable something of a mammoth and the candidate for that thing which paved the way above for him. Despite being covered in the gloomy field, the robe was obviously placed and tattered, covering the body to the point. Those hands which held the door seemed to resemble bones though, at a point, they were human-like, especially the constant twitch and the mannerisms. It gazed and waited as if for a command. The mouth did seem as if it was fully formed with lips, painted white. And as it was, the only peculiarity about it, other than the size was the fact that one of its eyes was rounded while the other was distorted. 'You made noise?' That mouth's movement filled the entire area with horror, down his spine, to the bottom, to the top of his brain and his supper. 'You know why I came.' Erected Argus as he stood in front of it. There was something like a construct to it which laid, unlike the others, the skin, perhaps on one side, while on the other was the appearance of a doll. 'Follow me.' That giant hand took just as big as a lamp. Argus quickly entered as the door closed by itself slowly, then got slammed. It was a library as well as everything which was collected or one would desire there. Books and the memory quickly flashed to Esther and her desire. Ammunition for war, and sharp needle like planes which were just kept above by metal strings. The veteran and the agent, the curious ones. But what did the old man want in the end? Peace and quiet were never there, but instead, there was much of everything and anything, as well as gold, and statues, sculpted much divine. Bells and growing trees that needed no sun to grow. Punished people most likely, as the sight of damp fright revealed itself in front of him. That lamp couldn't have been made so tightly rounded and big, it used to be a cage which was fashioned for him to carry. And in that strong flame, there were multiple bodies which were burning there as a fuel for his fire. The metal was just as hot as he had thought, to leaves blisters all over his skin as he still held him. But now, now there was a distance kept between them by Argus, something more than he had expected or had thought of doing. It wasn't dangerous yet. 'May I touch any of it?' 'Be my guest.' The Colossus paused as it waited for Argus to mess around. The grin was shallow, dark and deeply pushed inward his mouth, but it was as honest as it looked. 'Won't I be killed and placed to burn with the others if I do so?' 'None of them reached this place so far, making you the only one. Everything's yours to use as much as your heart desires, from one terror to another.' 'Then what have you done to them?' 'They were above trying to cover the entrance and block your way. I was ordered to do nothing more but come about and take care of it.' 'So you're the one who's dealing with all the cleaning around here, right?' Asked Argus impertinently. No fear laid in his eyes, nothing

which bothered either him or that which had been cleaning. So far, there was no answer, but slight looks in any of the books and bites of the golden coins which he threw away. Barrels had rum in it, but most likely it got contaminated. At once he places the book back and put a finger, stirring the rum in the barrel. As he tasted it was sweet. 'Why isn't it stale from sitting down here?' 'Everything is to be preserved by his word.' 'Why haven't you opened his cage if you're so strong and so far inside.' 'I was unable to do so. Unable to move one past the other guardian.' The words rang inside his head like dark bells, another guardian, other, his thought repeated. Was he taking him to a trap then? After he grabbed a cup and had only but a drink to moist his soul and lips, he returned to see what was he to do. 'Lead the way, let's just get on with it.' 'As you please.' Just after a quick return, Argus tried to shift his hand around his waist, to find any weapon at all, be it a tooth or not, there had to be something there. Anything sharp or blunt that would break him from behind, or crush it. Alphabetical ordered, seemingly, an endless supply on every word from every writer from the last twenty adjacent centuries and even further than that. The list went off on what they brought, ammunition but no weapons to load them in. The ancient swords and spears had their edges dulled so that they'd not be usable against it. Such was the plan all along, he was shown what he could have and be distracted by the fact that there was nothing of use to defend himself. So, he might be indeed a guardian then. Argus was fairly shallow now, through the body and mind. His muscles were as thin as they had ever been, being messed up at a cellular level. There were bits of skin which tried crawling deeper inside, as well and those that were falling. Pain brought him to his senses now that he touched and felt it alive once again. Each simple action brought a reminder of it, and one which would last for minutes and minutes more than that. 'How long them?' 'As long as it pleases you.' The first sight of a dome which seemed to have come from behind one of the bookshelves seemed to please him. It was too small to fit the behemoth, at least, that's what he thought. Even if he attempted to force himself in, he'd most likely just get stuck midway or even worse. One moment he flew to it as the mouth opened and before he could slide and go ahead, a hand just came right through and grabbed him. The immensity had only now become apparent. It wrapped and coiled and felt much bizarre as it crushed some of the blisters on his body with only but a soft touch. What followed was the thrust, forward, as far as Argus' body could be thrown. Through pain and gloom, he found himself fallen on the ground as the result of an unearthly fashioned motion. That thing bent its bones, to a point where a normal human being would've broken his hand if attempted. One hit was enough to push him in a recoiling state of which Argus tried to struggle away from. 'The pain, the pain.' He repeated in a tone which he knew it did not belong to him now. It was the embodiment of pain speaking as the pain he felt was way too strong and shallow for him to admit to himself. Even more than pain, he feared it now, after revealing its true self and purpose. 'My excuses but that part of the library is out of reach. None may enter it at any point or any resembling orifice.' Still, on the ground, the shock of the casualty it displayed through speech was enough to bring him to his senses. He had been hurt before, but now, this was harsh. It hadn't noticed yet, but as Argus now felt numb, under the light he noticed. Something had come on that hand which grabbed him. Little bumps and formations that had to belong to him instead of it. No burning hot black tips or small rounded marks of circles. Only fast forming patches and small liquid filled menacing bumps which threatened to spread. It's made of skin, that's it. 'He's just as vulnerable as I am.' Muttered Argus while he was on his feet, now walking alone in front of that thing. It kept a steady pace and didn't dare touch him anymore. Now his mark was left and there was no need to take him so fast now. Pain still

continued creeping even there, in the dark. It wasn't as safe there, especially with him coming closer, bearing the only fragment of light. 'You may not go alone unattended, that's the other rule which lays here.' 'There was nothing which said anything about rules!' Argus replied aghast at the fact that it still treated him with a certain expectation. 'It's never too late to be informed, but this place has a certain conduct which must be followed.' 'Or else what? Will I become one of them kept in your lamp to burn for your damned vision?' 'It is not for me but for you. Look closer at my eyes.' At the edge of the shelf, where the path to multiple roads to walk, Argus crouched and looked. It stopped and brought the light closer to its eyes. Closer now, and getting even to a point where it was dangerously close. The outer rims and services of every edge would've made it seem like a maze, though there were no seemingly dead ends, as every piece of book holder was movable under a set of wheels. Ramps, metallic moving glances, distractions at best, as nothing else but a strong beast or a mountain could move them and get through. But even more than that, it was the apparent paleness and jerkiness they had behind them. That damn thing is blind. 'So you heard me.' And felt you just then. There could be no mistaking now if only I had a better sniff off your body when I had the chance. There'd be no mistaking now and nowhere to run. 'Am I hunted then?' 'Are you?' Shifting from shelf to shelf, a simple touch at the right place, the wrong timing made a lot of noise. The wheels turned under one of them and started moving to one side. It did much to reveal from one side to another where he was, what he did. 'You are a guest here but must you really overstay your welcome? Must I make the light perish at last and replace it once again?' 'They died because of you, because of your damned need for light.' 'And they'll suffer now for an eternity or at least under their bodies run dry of the liquor they have. Must I repeat myself then? There's no need for you to replace which still keeps on burning. Despite being fresh, moist, ready to burn to a crisp and be filled with icky and a carapace of black and blue. Your eyes would burn first!' It yelled as that boney hand just came around and pushed some shelves back. There was silence then. The torch it carried was placed as far behind as it could've been in order to hide the light. 'Afraid of the dark Argus?' It came with such a grin that it could be seen from the dampest depths in the dark. Only sounds now came into being as he waited to make a move. The placed objects were there for a reason and one alone, as a distraction and a way to encumber Argus. He'd fall or grab something he didn't want to, and his location would be jeopardised. It was so obvious that he got it immediately, to the point where he stumbled to crawl like a dirty animal rather than stand tall against it. I need a weapon that is sharp, he thought. One that could pierce his leg so I could run. 'There you are.' The stumbling legs came into being as it rushed. A tattered robe went flying above, leaving a dark shadow as it flew against the flame, one which came to the ceiling and covered the piercing plane model that now laid. It's coming and it's coming fast. There was no telling from which direction it could've been, yet in an attempt to guess, his hand grabbed a barrel and pushed it in the middle until it broke down. The lid wasn't there anymore to keep all the various shining metal marbles and the others. Argus threw as much as he could grab from around the area until he couldn't do it anymore. That's when he dropped and rolled to the side. It made a distinct unrecognisable sound which seemed to have been muffled by his expunged skin. There was at least a while until sound could be heard from the giant but at last, it came and tripped. A sound came as silently as possible as it crushed the box in its attempt to regain its footing. 'Where are you hiding worm? I have no time for games, you won't reach him, you know? Give up while you're ahead little-broken abomination. Can you not see what's happening here?' As those words were muttered, Argus was still cowering with both his hands above his head, just waiting for it

to be gone. It hadn't come to the point of getting him yet. Does it even know where I am? He asked himself, but the answer was quite hard to answer. Whenever or not it was trying to toy with him before the murder, there was no saying. Each stepping leads him closer, to the point where those scent infused feet laid just beside Argus. Were it not for the dark, this would've been the end at last. Some shelves were moved at last, not as far but not close either. Those far reaching hands just grabbed from the stop where it stood and waited. It needed a last jab to see if he was there. What's it doing now then? 'I offer you this, something which he most likely never done. Argus, yes, I am aware of who you are and even more than that. Something which he never offered to give you lays in my hands and mine alone. A quick release from your torment.' The voice suddenly started crawling away as it moved the shelves behind of it. 'You will not even feel pain, none of them did before I turned them to ashes and burnt their bodies crisp. They will become nothing but charred remains and nothing of their broken bodies will be left behind. Did this happen to others? Even in the dark, the various spores and formed that had been going under his skin were obvious. It had gotten to a point which was too far gone to be repaired. Doubt came that it even cared for him. Memory dictated of the others he had met, the one that was stuck on the same road was just as much as a human once as he had been. 'Have I become him?' It was asked on the side of his palm, enough that it could hide it away. I can't return that way, the marbles and the metal plates would make too much sound and reveal where I am. I need to follow it instead. The mouth laid at the entrance and there wasn't much of a doubt that once it got made enough, it could return for the lamp. Blind, but the flame was hot, just enough that getting close enough to it, even if Argus was hiding, he'd scream for the pain. Little to none of the options, one came into his mind. Where the woman would've been repaid, Esther. 'Esther, I can't thank you enough for a part of you now.' There was another close call as he came around. A path should've to lead around unless he could attempt to climb. The edges were too steep and it was too hard to grab anything but a book. Even the top seemed to be too rough after the many times it was grabbed. But now he had a plan, one which could possibly reveal his way back and even play that thing in its abode. I need only to get there, Argus continued. His eyes started adapting, leaving behind both a curiosity and a fight for what would happen from now on once he came into contact with the light. There were books and more apparel, clothes and even standing statues there. Argus could see them as well as he could, almost to the point that for him they were standing in the daylight. The various forms waited rigidly and the only thing that moved into the distance was the shaking shelves moved from one side of another. A speech was mumbled, undoubtedly, an attempt to get at him whilst searching. How could it not hear me now if it was so precise before? If it knows the right direction, I will be damned either way. There wasn't any other way around it. He had by now a good deal of sight where to look just how far it came through. At least fifty meters laid in a good run, free of any debris or anything sitting on the road. Though his hiding spot was quite decent, there was something he had yet to try. It worked once, he thought, so it will most likely work once again. Grabbing a book from the shelf, he risked his life doing so and threw it as far as it could reach. There was a thundering sound but the mounting figure didn't do anything but continue going around. Before he could make a sound, he twitched and moved and found himself almost frozen. It found itself standing just by his side, a face standing there, bigger than had even been, watching and slow breathing. Perhaps, it could've been standing so close that the small beating heart could've been heard. The darkness didn't seem to be covering as much of it as it had done before, but now, he became apparent. Those giant fish eyes and steeply rounded face, something

had already come over it. Shuffling was still audible in the distance, undoubtedly, this was another. A dumb look at least, an open mouth that was kept that way, as it caught a glance from rather aerial peaks. Luckily, Argus had been caught in the best position to stay, exactly where no one would try to reach. Is it just as blind or have I given my position away? The paleness made it quite obligatory to be suspicious of its intent and what it knew. Those eyes seemed to be looking quite intently at him without a pause or remorse. It was waiting, shimmering, shallow and pale. At once it started moving, in the same way, the other went, bearing the same dumb look it had once born. This one was slower, even when it failed an attempt to push one of the wooden blocks away, it had thoroughly failed since it was connected with the other adjacent bookshelves. Such figures roamed in the dark. Though this meant that, if it came the other way, it could've clumsily cleared what was on the bottom of the floor. Some period of gazing came as he focused on the ground. Argus could see them form around, the small tiny metal marbles spread as far away, with no barrel standing there. 'Obey.' Came a dumb voice from somewhere beyond, it wasn't hard to look above the shoulder and see the top of that grim hill just roaming around. I need to go now, Argus dictated to himself as he started glancing and finally decided to go. It was slow, like a beast, walking on both hands and feet, crawling as much as he could. His fingers were spread on all side so that he could put less pressure on each, while his feet only touched with the tips. This seemed to be quite a failure as he couldn't hold much to it, especially when risking such a manoeuvre had quite the chance to fail. Now, he came into as much of the fire as he could, deciding to just walk as soundlessly as he could, going just round, the original way he went through. The flame was still burning, though it was slightly hurting him with every gaze. Whenever it was the fact that he was getting more used to the dark or something of a fear that he might get there, he couldn't tell. It was avoided and he continued on the damn thing. He saw what there was the need for and gasped at just how fast it did it then. In the dark that meat golem-like abomination still kept a spreading smile across that damned face, knowing that it had smashed that worm and the only way to go ever further below. It heard that book reach the other side, that was obviously his thought. I will be trapped if there are others. And from the sight of it, the dome like mouth was as smashed inward as it could've possibly been. Without outer help, there was no way he could open it. Damn that thing and damn its helpers, I need to. 'We will see who get to do it first then.' From the nearest side, he started grabbing a hold of manuals, various history and fiction and other connoisseur's delight. Ripped and trashed, pulled away, he took the pages and made damp pages out of it, taking them to the fire, which promptly helped it become a small fireball in his hand. It dropped immediately in the pile and he could see the smoke rising up. It was a tick, that he almost choked to the point where he got away and started back. Some fresh air still came, as he took another deep breath and came back it, adding more fuel to the fire. The flame was almost so strong, that it joined the caged one reaching for the wood. Book after book fell and started forming a line of fire, a wall of fire immediately at his command. Soon, everything would be engulfed. If not for the realisation that the place was entirely filled with barrels full of firepower. One small mistake and everything would just blow away. He didn't care anymore about being heard, they were taller and able but could hear the flame going on just as well. It was quite late for that though, at it started spreading way too fast and out of control. The pandemonium was in full motion and the escape was the night. Why would it carry such a torch in a library then? It must've known this was about to happen. Argus thought of the innermost contingency plan it could've had, as secret as it could've been. Their life was to become forfeit most likely rather than give up the chance. 'Why

did they let them stay there then?'Argus mumbled as he looked for a reason for the delayed destruction.'Worm, where are you hiding?'Came another set of voices which were looking.Whenever or not it was an insult, there wasn't any telling.Argus couldn't wait and risk that chance now, he'd been through too much already, his view adopted an entirely new area of sight, the smoke was chokingly getting to him.If not for those who rushed and came through, he didn't know what he would've done.A giant fell victim to the horror of fire, which in return finally lighted as far as he could see around.There laid a blunt spear on the corner, which he promptly grabbed.It wasn't enough to hurt one of them unless you'd count for the fact that those eyes, pale as they were, soft.Shrills of fear came into being as it fell on the floor and wriggled in a dark motion filled with pain.There was a shuddering approach as others were coming.Argus hid again by the corner and avoided the marching one.They were indeed as big as he remembered, but just as dull and reckless, leaving their posts.'Come one, come on, where could you be?'Asked, Argus, as he jumped around and found another.Smashed, with the dome suddenly forced to the bottom, still rounded, with its neck being shoved and almost pulled inside the ground.The rest of the entirety of the library, as massive as it appeared to be, wasn't much by the simple fact that he was looking for only a dome.Another condition just laid above, which could result, from the looks of it, in a rain of sharp pain and cuts.They were the blades from the war, all of which were hung above.If one flame goes to the ropes which were holding them and spread across the entirety of the ceiling, the death would come swifter than the explosion.The fire started spreading even faster, even with their attempts, the giant burning mass was visible even from distance, as the shadow left by the corpse just laid there.Where could you be?Each turn revealed even more meaningless toys and trinkets left for distractions, small machines left for entertaining, music boxes which he took and started, just to throw in random directions.Undoubtedly, they weren't looking anymore.A dead end came as he thought of safety and he had no choice anymore.Above the rafts laid just enough space for him to move.'I should've risked it then!'Said Argus in a furious tone.Just as he started to pull books, he threw them to the side, anywhere they could land they landed.And much more were thrown and pushed, just so he'd have enough space to push his feet and hands, though the rows were many and the burning sensation was disorienting.At once he was caught again mid-way standing almost frozen in what was soon to become the charred remains of his world.The dream of Esther was being sacrificed.Another stood by his side, blind, pale, in flammable robes, just standing as if it caught the sound of something.His hands were sweaty from all the waiting, and that dull face didn't give him much to go on.It might've not been as intelligible as the other had been, with that dumb stricken face left upon it.Up to that point, he was trying not to breathe too hard, even though the smoke was beginning to be felt.Fire devoured and it felt it as well, as it disregarded Argus and went on before it could attack.On the top now he laid, resting for a moment, looking where to go.The distance between him and the weapons above was still far too great and unfortunately, he had abandoned the spear below in order to climb the steps.Now with the better view and light, he could walk above, almost out of reach.Looking to see what happened, they were all coming to stop the fire and attempt to stomp it down.For the first time came an explosion not so far where he had been, a small burst of fire in that remote area which blew all the marbles around and some of the other passages.Despite that fact, one was still too far to be seen, being busy with the destruction of the domes.There wasn't any doubt which one that was, the main guardian as it seemed.Though he had the sight, he looked around, jumped and walked, until he reached the middle point of the region and managed to get a good look around and into every single corner his eyes might

glimpse upon. They were no more, every corner and every single hidden one managed to be found and crushed. As he traversed the region, he realised why it had so suddenly stopped and turned. The fire blocked that dark corner in which it laid. One last dome, if it even existed had to be there on its side. And the worst part was that it waited there for him to come. Argus tried getting as fast, even to the point of jumping from side to side and even the smallest gaps between the moved rafts. It was a risk he assumed, falling, for he knew now that there wasn't any other way to escape or to run. One thing baffled him more, the fire was being stomped at one side. The Giants managed to sacrifice limbs and even far greater parts of themselves up to the point where they were burning and had used the liquor inside them to put it out. Smokes arise, just another set of fiery torment fell to that grim liquid inside those walking abominations. They had the possibility to end the fire, judging by their ability which emerged at a time most opportune for them. 'Why are you standing still then?' There was just enough between them for a few more steps to be had. It was no easy task to get through and sneak behind the many giants which had the group so tightly together. And in no way, would the fire just muffle the entirety of any possible sound. They hear me alright, Argus thought. Every now and an again, they turned their blind glance only to have him stay still. Was it the wind for them? Are they even aware? For Argus they looked like nothing more but mindless servants, looking to kill the afflicted. They waited around the fire in their sick little dances and waited, tattered robes and all. Many seemed to have been aware of it and more were coming from directions which weren't even possible to be. At least they were busy with something, leaving him to go and approach the last one. It was the most disturbing of all, to look upon that which had spoken to him and see him wait for him to make a move. He had been destroying and crushing in his path, moving and pushing as if they were nothing to him. Nothing at all. There must be a secret behind him, that must be it. Something that made him, unlike the other mindless slaves. He, the one who lit the torch and gathered the corpses of men, too many to count in that dark pile. Too dark now, it had become once the flame got to the point of being extinguished, but not without a great price. Their deaths would be counted, charred bodies, laying in front of that torch which still managed to burn even to this point. But everything around was left in a smoking pile of wreckage, tainted forever, or at least for the longest period that it'd get to be known. This approach left them standing, as he had seen, enough that he managed to stick the past and approach the closest he got. If I get any closer, he will see me. Argus muttered in a low voice. It was true enough that the area of sound gave them a far greater vision than his own in the dark. Yet, it still baffled him why that dark stillness now. What made it wait for him to make a move instead of coming and striking him now? Everything could've ended, if not for the last dome which had been crushed. Argus looked as much around as he could, to find nothing, none of them laid there unless hidden even harder than the others. If he'd been, it might've been a divine strike now that would end him. But they were beginning to make their move now, regardless if there was no escape or not, he jumped down, letting a thump be the sound of his arrival. It didn't matter if he was heard or not. 'This is it then, the final one.' His body seemed colossal. If he had been once human, this was the time to find out just how much empathy and mercy had been left. It could've spared the last one and something could be seen from where he stood. The stillness was unnerving. His dark gaze bore into that body and waited for a move, but as for now, nothing came. But for the next set of minutes, would leave Argus in a dark shock, out of which it may never leave. He leapt in front of the Colossus and wailed. At once he stopped once he realised that the last dome was safe and opened to him. No scratch and no mark left, even though those fists were

ready even from the start. That body froze under the effect which had spread around his body at once. It was grim, dark, shallow, a gluttony of skin and corruption which had taken place and swallowed the entirety of that giant beast. Nothing else could be said, other than the words Argus muttered. 'I am sorry.' It was something of a pity to be looked upon, as it was, after all, his mistake. That touch alone had transferred some of the infection or the virus Argus had carried and managed to make the humanoid form into something of a fungus, torn and pushed. Bones and legs became almost liquid as they touched the ground. The body kept coming apart by every second, up from the splintered fingers of the once burnt hand which was now falling apart entirely. 'Is this what will become of me?' To Argus, this was an image of the effect which would come into motion just after he had come there, into the depths. A cold gust of air was coming already as his call. And it wouldn't be long until the others would become just as infected as he became. 'I will.' But it ended before it could even properly begin. Nothing came into his mind to say, he was the enemy, perhaps human once, forced into submission as he was. And this is where the hill turned and he came inside before the sightless gaze came into being. Everything was muffled in the dark as he could feel himself both falling and walking at the same time. Something made him look deeper and see through another layer of darkness. Argus was now piercing the veil and could clearly see through the floating fragments and small beings which floated around at every time. Perhaps a gift or not, he could lose not seeing with the help of a reflective ring that his eyes were beginning to change as well. Those visions of beasts and monsters which were following Esther seemed to be more comforting. A fair being with a fair chance, which only did what was needed, to look upon her and be gone. Despite how comforting their memory remained, there was something which made him still remember who he was, what he used to be. His memories are what made him human, and what brought him here, to begin with. Long, in the past, the knowledge of the existence turned him into the best candidate to begin the journey and release it from there. Despite how close the others came, none of them knew what the stakes were as they weren't ready to go through and sacrifice everything they had. The voice hadn't spoken with them either as much as it did to him, which was already bizarre. Chosen directly, he stooped as much through as he could, tumbling as the worm tingled and tightened, leading him to an ending dome. 'Is there a maze then?' Not even an echo could be heard anymore, but for the sound of his blinking eyes. There was something lurking, it had been there for a while, following him directly at every corner of the edges of his eyes. It disappeared just in time. When he turned, he could swear he saw it get thin and hide between two rings, twisting the body just to hide. A simple task remained and now his mind was getting to the point of breaking. Everything he passed through had the solution come to him when he needed most, almost to a point where he doubted it was him who did it. Another open domed, though it was the last one which I have gotten the chance to get to. Is it even true? Nothing so far was doubted, despite how out of the ordinary and fantastic some of it appeared to be. But before now, Argus had it all. The dome opened at the end. There wasn't any other worm that would eat or bite through or any other type of damp penetration that would've managed to push it to that point. It was a secret that he was there, once it opened, he realised. This was the maze, though the sketch was wrong, oh, how very wrong. 'This is amazing.' Argus said, knowing that he was there, almost alone. A tall creature awaited, seemingly not as dangerous as the others. It tended to the very rubbery veil that they had as they seemed to have infested everything around. Long, blue, old, almost jerky worms seemed to have come and bore through every corner and part of the ceiling, including the above and the bottom of the floor. Argus stood now on a flat platform which had its edges just

ending around the corner. There was a dead drop at least a thousand feet below, leading to a white mist, through which low standing worms were creeping undoubtedly. Even their heads or domes were so much stronger and easier to get through, having edges extend at least to every side, being easier to open by hand. Their forms vary, as being taller, small, pushed, thin, some which were, unlike the others. It could lead anywhere, and perhaps even to the bottom where it laid waiting. Undisturbed by the living thing, Argus studied it from farther away. It bore a mechanism attached to the neck, having a small block shoved in the chest which popped out unlike any other part of the body. It was made out of metal, though organic on the outside, how it moved constantly on the metal, receiving and keeping the motion until it pushed out a pair of bulbs to see. They immediately came back and went again in that motion. The rest of the body was thin, tall, slender with its pointy sharp claw-like hands which kept something of the human side. Through the mask, nothing could be seen, though it had notice Argus too. It paused its motion and studied him as well. The fact that he just pushed his arms by the side as well as his legs in order to reveal as much as he could don't do much to help his case. Once he was done, that thing came back to its task, moving another pair of almost invisible, a transparent pair of hands around each ring of a worm. They were vibrating under those motions, up to the point where another look would make them appear as being alive. It was a shallow promise, to say the least, to get through and expect to be safe. It tended them as if they were its babies, and he was a foreign organism after all. Be it that it was once a human or not. Clearly, as he moved, by their side, it somehow made, these immobile being uncomfortable. The many heirs over their bodies could be seen, is a way of transportation of not. Many of them were smashed because of him at one end, perhaps even infected or burned to a crisp. And anything was beyond their protection or even desire. They were trapped there. Argus hadn't notice, though, despite his attempts to be as silent and remain at unaware, he was watched again. 'I won't hurt them, you know?' The words fell on dead ears if it even had them, this slave of their desire. A silent thing that did their bidding. It didn't dare approach, even to the point where a few steps towards it did the opposite. Slowly, it retreated despite having the advantage of height. And most disturbingly, was the thing on its chest and how it moved analogously of its body. It was clearly not belonging to it, a proto creation which seemed to have long been unable to work. Once he bit his upper lip with his jaw, he understood exactly how it felt and why. Something must've been placed through him as well as it was forced on me. Though now there was no time to judge or to be curious. There were too many paths to go below and plenty that might lead him to somewhere else. Only one mistake was needed and his doom would finally be nigh. This tall caretaker was useless, to say the least, being afraid of its own shadow despite its size. 'I must find a way to go through the right one.' Said Argus, despite the fact that there wasn't any way to truly know. Unless it followed the same way like the writing had said when it had guided him before. There had been holes which had been filled when he was hunting for a pale thing filled with ink. Only one had been real and undoubtedly, this might've followed the same pattern as before. The chance was almost as real as he made it, looking around for any difference or any chance in the bottom of the floor. With a bit of luck, some golden dust might've been sprinkled on the rock, if he had reached this far. Though he knew about the worms, the old man might've known much more than he had shown. Indeed, they looked quite tainted on a look, this time, having a part of their bodies going as far underground as there'd be a death fall. This he hadn't planned for, at least to the point where he wasn't sure what to do. Argus felt confident but not invincible, he was far from it. Even now, the mark which was left by that hand which grabbed him still lingered there. Pain still

coursed through his body, despite the fact that the grip was released a long time ago now. 'Which one could be?' After going as much around as he could, Argus noticed none of it being any different than the other, nor anything else around them. It was already hard as it was for him to make this choice, but now, now he was pressed. 'You, I need your help.' Argus continued as he pushed the creature farther behind. Fear could be seen in those small, pink rounded eyes, behind the leathery mask. The marks where one had embroidered it became obvious which each step that was taken towards it. At once it became so consumed with fear that it pulled that metal plate out of its chest and left it on the ground. Now, it could move a lot more freely, faster than it had even been. Even to a point where it had been forced into a flight out of his sight. Knowing nothing else, Argus approached, looking where it could be. Though now, it would take too much to find where it was hiding, since he found out how big they were, too big to be used only for transportation. There might've been something more to them than the normal eye was shown. Regardless of that, Argus came to the block of skin and metal, grabbing it by the sides with much care. It was smaller than he expected, though at least as wide to look like the tablet of a prophecy. Nonetheless, this brought a dark memory which he attempted to forget. His jaw jittered on what that snail-like creature that had been hosted inside acted and attempted changing like. At once, it tried imitating too much of what it felt touching now. Eyes, a mouth, a nose, multiple attempts just came on that flat block. Neither of them knew how to act properly or even close to the natural thing. Eyes didn't properly close, the mouth couldn't be open, not to mention the fact the teeth were just begging to be forced outside. It had failed to replicate as Argus dropped it and left it on the ground. A desperate attempt, it was, as a small hand almost came from this portal-like block of skin. I tried coming closer until Argus pushed the blunt side of his shoe over and twisted. The sound which came out of the closed mouth and nose was one too mechanic to resemble anything that would've come out of the lung. Soon, it retreated and reverted and he walked away just as much as it would be possible, taking a spot to hide until it came to retrieve what it had. I must get out of this place already. Argus thought, but each time he said it, a bit of his faith fell. Just as much as it did now, looking how this poor creature made him shiver with the fright of what his future just might be. It came from side to side, almost leaping in a dance once he was out of sight, at once retrieving what it had, just to reconnect it to the missing spot. It had born a damp hole inside the chest and from the looks of it, a good job in digging flesh, bone and organs. A sacrifice at least was needed, though he still hadn't found what was needed. Around there, still laid the same mundane rock to the bottom, pale but true, nothing different, other than the thin layer of mist which had been forming for the past minutes. It made it difficult, though not impossible to find where it was laid. Same type, same crack. Another one that looks the same, could it be the dome? There was another small hypothesis he had, making it clear to himself that the answer might've been the closest to his eyes unless he was wrong all along. Clearly, they opened when he approached, the memory, as it happened before, made it too clear already. And none of the others so far even did show a sign that they were even alive. This had to be the answer he was looking. His hand at once brushed over a dome and felt just how strong and sturdy it was. No wonder that some of them were just pushed deeper in the library's floor. There wasn't any other way for some, to break the access, other than restricting it. At least, judging from what he'd seen, they were night-unbreakable. Some way had to bring him closer to an answer. Weariness and pain came with a stronger impulse as he approached the right way. Argus thought he knew it all, every single answer and every turn so far. They all seemed a lot easier than they had been, even to the point of

arrogance and fear. I was punished so much that I have no desire to return. Even if he thought that way, he wanted to go on for a reason he was not entirely aware of. Something compelled him to banish any idea of self-inflicted pain or taking his own life. What he wanted now was to open the cage and witness what was about to happen. So far he went, that seeing it open was a mystery on its own. He searched and went through so many to see one open, a shiny, almost colourless dome which just laid there for him. As he was about to go through, he saw through the reflection, that trembling thing creature trying to touch and stop him. Argus turned and swept at its hand, making it suddenly start retreating backwards. Without looking where it could go, it tripped on the longest tail he had seen and fell. The chest smashed itself even deeper and a slight shimmering sharp sound came out before both of the hands fell by its side. 'What was your purpose then?' It seemed quite strange how much it had failed, even more so if it was intended for it to be another guardian, which he expected to be no less than the others. As a last requisite, he came to it and pulled the block of metal, with quite a bit of effort at least. Luckily the body was stiff as a board, moist even upon the removal. And they were even close to the edge and into the mist filled pit which laid below. Seeing how important, yet strangely bizarre it acted, he threw it away. This way, he knew that another thing wouldn't be growing or corrupting the place. It was obviously dead now, the broken rib cage and revealed organs didn't do much for its case. Other than that, he was now content on leaving and not looking back. 'Familiar, isn't it?' A voice came as he entered what seemed or he hoped as being the final tunnel he'd have to go through. 'You were supposed to be gone out of my mind, weren't you?' 'We may never leave, even if we may sit silent and wait for the next command to be told. Else, you may sit and rot. Don't you know already, the real reason why you've come here in this condition?' The voice said with quite a harsh, commanding tone. There was something about it which made Argus follow and listen to it, but what exactly, he wasn't sure yet. Familiarity wasn't enough after all to excuse hearing voices especially in the place where he stood. 'And what was I intended for exactly?' The rings weren't as comforting now that they were getting lower and soon, it was revealed that indeed, there was a deep fall that could crush him if he failed to grab a ring on each side. 'Have you failed to understand that the lock is alive? You were always supposed to be corrupted and carry the virus to the lock. And at the time, it would've died of the infection, releasing the endlessly caged one.' The words seemed to carry no lie behind them, though that might've been the side effects of hearing it in his mind. Argus knew that something wasn't right, and from the beginning, the threats, the fact that he knew well that he would die in the end didn't make any of it easier. 'What did you plan then?' 'We were already in motion before you came, trying to break through and become part of it. Become its cage and in time devour him wholly.' Another set of voices came and he stalled. 'But you came and everything changed. You've taken our place and now, you've inherited our desire.' 'Do not worry Argus, for, it may manifest in time and soon you will wish to have what we want and wanted for the very first time.' His shirt was ripped by both sides and he started gripping two of the rings on each side, see if the pain would persist even if he had the lowest of protection. They left him to advance, he tried to ignore them until they would go away like they did before. Regardless of what it wanted him to do and what was truly the last lock, he knew that it was better to see with his own eyes rather than wait. Either way, killed once it was freed or rotting there to free it, remained the same. There wasn't any chance he was going to do this and still be the same. It worked, at least in theory. As he approached the hole, the thought of it still started to fumble in his mind. Such a desire, he had never felt, to listen to it or to them? Which one would I serve and why must I be the force to do it? I

can answer my own questions now, seeing how none of them is here to help me in my direst hour. Almost in a shout, Argus began. 'I never wanted to come down here. Obviously, you can't hear me, as you would've done something about what I'm supposed to do. Bloody rags and bloody caged king, none of this was worth it for me. I'm a damn monster now, without any chance of returning to others unless I want to be stuffed, hanged and burnt. Wouldn't be the first time that happened, has it? Oh, how could I forget? No one is ever heard to talk or be responsible when I am the one who needs it!' So, in this feeble attempt, he plunged but failed to grab any ring at all. But, it wasn't because of the factor that each ring was covered in its specific substance and slipperiness. The matter of the fact remained that he had no other way to get down there safely now. Could this be it? 'No, I will not die here, it's not that easy.' Argus had stopped caring as much about his life as he once did, trying his best to get there, even to the point of changing his body position so he could plunge even faster. This became a flight, more so that a simple fall and plenty of space just laid there for him to use. A light was at the bottom at least, sparks of it came into being. It was painful to look at first, now that his eyes weren't as strong anymore, making him as teary eyes as he would be, but nonetheless, the light was more than fairly welcomed now. The fall stopped abruptly by a gust of wind coming from below. Some transparent and almost invisible bubbles of a certain thing imitated the cold and slowed him down to the point of remembering. It used the same method as those devices. The first thought Argus had about the entire ordeal. But whatever it had to do with it, he couldn't say. Now he was in a land which was unknown to him or to any human eyes. Making out in the distance, the land was covered too much in light to be seen. Only a small fraction of the bottom could be seen. 'Green grass.' Argus said as he reached below and started pulling out as much as he could see. It even managed to smell like the other thing. The lack of darkness was disturbing now, yet he couldn't complain. No sky at all, but emptiness here and there without any real way to go. Behind him laid what seemed to have been a tear into space, in which laid the blackness, vividly as it was missed. Soon, after a walk, he's got to forget it was even there and miss it, forever. To say the least, it was soft and pure, almost wet in a way. Argus could grab a hold and feel small balls of light, at least in a way, glowing. This thing lays everywhere around me. The texture was too bizarre to point out, too fuzzy, almost like a furry thing of white and pale blue. No amount of pressure seemed to hurt it to throw it in despair. At least until a few more spots suddenly crashed the entire thing. It was almost as if a morbid Titan stepped on it, revealed just how thin and weak was the floor. No one must've stepped in a century at least, as there wasn't any explanation how far away suddenly the white ground fell into the ground. It was the abyss, covered and pushed with cogs and pipes, multiple, infinite or at least as far as he could see. These were the bones it bore. Suddenly, as he turned around and looked about just how peculiar the tear looked like, Argus realised that this wasn't where he was supposed to be. The tunnel did stop there and he was slowed down, but this wasn't finished. Only the bottom of the hills and the wooden substitute laid somewhere lost in the mist of white and those floating furry things which never sweat. Some of them were being pulled or just fell now into the magnum hole which laid now creeping because of him. Frames of metal, long enough, sharp and sturdy kept the rest of it standing still. Yet it was peculiar for him to look at the bones and body of the cage and realise just how much human it looked like. They even rusted and did work. At least, there wasn't any excuse anymore for him or for anyone else to complain now, once he was done, everything would be taken apart and. And. They did look particularly human. 'Doesn't it make you wonder?' It was almost appealing, the fact that he was thinking the same thing as the

parasite had said it. It wasn't as strange as it sounded, that it might've been trapped by other humans who decided to rebel against it. Even more so, a human that would get to break its bonds. 'Do not go any further if you want to keep your life.' 'Do I have any choice then?' So far I've been pushed and dragged, this isn't my first fall you know? I'm more than certain that this may be just another trick it has, trying to make me turn around and find another slow way. 'How certain are you?' The way it spoke made Argus trust it, as much as he could judging the circumstances. He was alone and didn't want to feel so. 'You may be right, there's no amount of strength left in me to avoid or climb them.' 'Look even closer then.' As he looked, forcing himself to look through the dark, despite having such an infinite amount of light, this puts a migraine on his mind. One single excruciating pain which pushed and pulled as much as it could. There was no end as far as he could see. 'If there's a way out, it must be here, hidden. Close your eyes and remember, it might overlap the way ahead and you may find a way out.' This time he just complied without asking any question or trying to defy the command in any possible way. His breath was even, so were his heart beats. The sudden pressure intended by the light over his eyes suddenly went away. And now, he was back into the town of his childhood, upon opening his eyes. Quite twisted, to fit inside, and the crater still laid in there, comforting that he could see it at least. He bathed now in the twilight sitting. Just watching the moon and standing me the part in which he almost fell. There were others there which moved, walked and kept doing their errands despite being just what they were. In a way, they were comforting to look at, knowing with the utmost certainty that they weren't human or anything even close to that. Did they know that too? Would they care if they knew? It was curious to speculate, and even more fun for him to mess with the pitiful creatures, that if there was just enough time. None of them seemed to mind the crater, despite the fact that it wouldn't be the first time that happened. The other side of it was the fact that none seemed to mind what he looked like. This was nothing like his memory he experienced before on the way here. A lot more different in many other ways, to say the least. Stone felt like stone, a heavy path laid below, now he could freely walk without being disturbed. At least not in the traditional sense of the word. Seeing some familiar faces which have died in his past was quite strange, though he had been getting used to the idea. Still, he walked on the busy st. Sinclair steers without being disturbed or even looked by gazes which would've normally revealed fear or even alienation. None of it was there, in a way, making it the perfect place for him to be. Never rushed, nothing forced, all felt fine and from the likes of it, the entirety of the town was remade, brick by brick, stone by stone and even to the smallest details which he couldn't remember. Gaps were filled from the depths of his subconsciousness, which he never could've truly remember before. The masonry on some buildings, for example, seemed too pure and sculpted in a way that he couldn't have remembered as a child. It was painful to go away now, from all of this, hearing their voices while standing just around the corner. 'Yes? It won't do if we go now, we need to wait for him to make his own choices.' Eavesdropping was quite the lowest he had gotten to get, though there was a need for it now, just to be able to check on them and just how further away they were going with it. Words slipped out of their mouths, yet Argus was never there to hear those two people talk by the side lamp. 'Tayla's the one to blame in all of it, she's the one who pushed him to do it. If someone's to be punished, she should be gone first.' Looking by the side of the street, he held himself by the corner, against a tall grim blocky building. Just around two people stood by the entrance talking, exactly the two he had been listening for a while as he was waiting. Others were bound to appear at any time, even to the utmost peculiar hours and dispositions. This way he'd be approached, the lowest of the low,

pretending to stand by. It worked in a way. Some glances were being thrown, as he was seen as an outsider, looked like one, soon he'd be treated like one. Some words were being muffled, not so far from him, they must've been caught up with what was happening. They were walking just in front now, having been done with the conversation. A grave-like glance came from the woman, one could even see the rage and fertility she muttered underneath her big brow and a big lipped husband who was just following like a stray dog. She wasn't going to scold him yet, the intention was still being shown right in front of his eyes. That's a woman who'll keep even the pettiest action for vindication. Now he knew what she looked like and he could avoid her. There wasn't any denying in the viciousness the women here displayed or even just how far they'd go. 'I wouldn't do that again if I were you.' Just as he turned from that petty creature, he encountered a figure which he had known a long time ago. Truthfully, he was a lot older, for they have met in his late endings of his adulthood, there weren't any denying in those features seen on that face. Long cheeks, the same unshaved beard and moustache, which were a lot smaller and less wide, big stuffy brows, a brownish look on his face and the red on his cheeks. The holes which had always been present reminded him always of beehives. 'Dimitry.' 'You know who I am?' This was obviously a ruse made by higher powers than his own. There it was, someone who had gotten used to and admired, yet he didn't even know he existed. Their meeting never happened, as he was still a child, most likely now. Not in this body at least, but in this exact period of time. 'I'm sorry, I must've confused you for someone else.' 'No, no, no, my name is Dimitry. Are you sure you weren't looking for me now?' 'Certain. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have somewhere I need to be. Have a good night.' 'Wait.' He turned just to take another look at those puffed cheeks and stay to listen. 'I just needed to tell you.' The man continued, taking a gulp down his throat as if he was holding something in there which needed to be swallowed. 'Careful of old mistress Willow, she's quite the woman now, though I can't say the say of the way she tends to pay what she owes to people. Do you catch what I'm trying to say?' 'Don't worry, I'll be fine, I'm more than able to take care of myself.' 'Fine, just wanted to make sure, that's all.' It was fair to say that some of the man's mannerisms were borrowed by Argus in the later years. It was rather in the way he walked and moved his hand swiftly by his side. He wasn't as bad as others thought him to be, though Argus was assured to be more than fine. 'Thanks.' It flew just by as he walked away though, which the chance of not even been heard while they were walking from one another. No time to chat or check everyone else here. The mission was clear, or at least as clear as one could make it. Find the exit, just to get to another frustrating place with other distracting commotion. 'This may be a long shot.' For a second, it was pleasant to be able to speak in open, to feel the air and be unmistakably free to do whatever he desired. No one was around in sight, as the road was just curved not so far from where he stood. And the fact that it was close to midnight, most likely as he presumed, meant that he would be alone for some time, but for a few exceptions. Closer to the door, he went up the steps and felt the masonry with his hand. It was clean, pure, even had a scent that was hypnotising, which almost dragged him away from doing this. Nonetheless, Argus took a head start, from where the stairs ended, there were just a few meters between the flat stone floor and the door. With that in mind, he almost charged and kicked the door just as hard as one could. It gave away immediately under his strength. The lock was busted and it almost opened as one would normally do, except the cracks and the marks and the damage left outside. There was also the fact that loud sounds seemed to be made, both from this action and from upstairs. Someone's bound to come. Argus quickly jumped to the side and slid into the corner. It was just a few steps

away from where he was eavesdropping that he peeped and saw that it had aroused suspicion. A man with a blue buttoned shirt and a big belly underneath was coming. This was a man that he had seen as a child, and peculiarly, had followed him through most of the trouble he had been through. His name was something close to Olive, Oliver or something close to that. He'd notice the strike first if he didn't see the pair of eyes that were just sitting around. At once he jumped back up, without even bother to go up the stairs. Having made an almost hash feat, he was surprised at himself as he went on. No bridge would stop him, no door would hold him now, with just the brushing aside, it wasn't as unnoticeable but it had to do as it was. The door closed easily, the locks still worked. Now he only needed to hope that none of those who were upstairs made any noise. 'Who just might you be there?' Argus had remembered that those two had left, leaving quite the feat of rage hidden behind their eyes. But another one leaving with them? That seemed more, childish. In this realm of theirs, he had noticed it by the side, a group of formed toy soldiers just sitting there, midway into a fight. There were former ones that were destroyed or smashed, yet none of the other toys seemed to be kept in a better shape than them. It's their child upstairs. A dangerous idea came, to silence the brat, if he'd see him, there'd most likely be a scream. For now, nothing happened, no immediate danger as the peril didn't come into motion. Though there was a light upstairs now, that was way too obvious to be waited through. If the window was just as clear and open, he'd just go by it and talk to the officer about the sounds. Still, some time remained as he wasn't the best or the fittest for his job. Slowly, Argus went, feeling no creaking on the bottom floor. The stairs were slow, though he walked on them in a manner which soon became a crawl. His hands and legs both took on the task as he was approaching the mark. There was the corridor, with plenty of rooms, closed but only the one at the end was lit the obvious one. I need to knock that child out and close the light before he noticed. One thing Argus had forgotten, which was to close the door. 'Shite!' It almost bore through him that he had forgotten such an important thing to do. Now that there would be consequences which he might not be able to know, he was poised to do a mistake. 'Slay the child, why won't you? It will take rather less than a second.' The taunting of the voice would soon make him too reckless if he waited. In the innermost depths of his mind, he thought, he knew. He needed to go now and twisted the knob. 'Of course, it's locked.' Argus waited, holding his breath, trying to hope that the kid hasn't found out who it was. 'Who is it? Mom? Dad?' There were no words to be said that would be understood by the child. As an obvious intruder seeking for a way in, this wasn't the best approach he took. 'Who's there?' It was a boy, judging by the voice, young. At least, smart enough to close the door, this was to be a shot in the dark. And without even some space taken behind in order to get a free strike, he kicked the door again, knocking the lock. Surprisingly easy, as it was just pushed off, knocking the kid off by its own to an ever greater surprise. Though this was no time to sit on it and watch. The lamp was there and with just the flip of a switch, it was dark. 'Sorry kid, this had to be.' Right about the window, the officer just looked around and saw nothing of interest. Whatever Argus did to the door didn't seem to bother nor to interest the passing man. Something must've been happening elsewhere, as for a glance out of the window revealed something which had driven the man into an almost desperate attempt to reach the other side of the town. There wasn't any sound or anything peculiar that could've signalled something as big as the deed he had done, yet Argus found himself perplexed. I need to follow that man, was the most obvious attempt at a thought he had. Where there was trouble now, somehow he found himself in the middle of it, just coming through. It didn't help much that some acted beyond what he remembered, or even that he hadn't even found out when this was. This has

always been an old town, no brick was replaced, the same people lived here for generation after generation, to the point where the old people aged with their homes. A common habit which brought communities together, at the point of some of them taking it too much to an extreme. What bothered him the most was the waiting. It wasn't such a long jump, from the window on the second floor to the stairs below, but now this wasn't the time to get dull. There was no one other inside or outside now to see him, as he did find out. No one saw him get out of the door from a house which didn't belong to him. Though, it was obvious that the child wouldn't be quick to forget what happened then and there. His face was quite distinct, not to mention that his parents got to see him quite well enough to describe him. 'I won't stay that long kid, hear me?' Just above, there was only but a chance that the knocked child heard that low attempt of taunting Petty, but this was the best chance to go with it, as for knowing that he wasn't going to be found afterwards. There was a further need to find out what was going on. On his way, he found himself passed by just another group of people who just appeared from nowhere and disappeared from around the corner. It was surprising to say the least, that so many of them were active at night, not to mention how they acted, spoke and passed him. There were some disturbing whispers he had got to get a hold of while they walked. Surely, Argus wasn't able to keep up with them, but at least he heard them say that right. 'Someone blew the bottom of St. Vindikus street off.' It was something quite surprising, at the point where it even is a spectacular turn of events. Another hole he thought, and if they found a way to explain this one, they would soon find the other. This could even extend to them being on alert for everything at all. It wasn't that far now, that he found them, a few officers holding the few people that bothered to come from as far as they could. As for the area of the town, this wasn't as inhibited as the others were, the slums of it. Dirty bricks and rotten doors, this was the point where some decided that growing old with in their houses wasn't enough. These have become their graves, a cemetery that was either rotting or decaying in front of their eyes. Something must've been done a long time ago if it weren't for a mysterious thing which managed to keep the stench and reek of the damned inside this area. Now, half doused by the smell and the sight, they were still curious. Just as well as Argus was, looking through and trying to figure out what exactly was it then? A slight intrusion which became apparent. Standing there and pretending to be just a normal townsfolk, he succeeded in looking just by the shoulder and see it. Quite a slope going through as to dig under the bricks on the paved floor, down to reveal the dirt, though more importantly a rounded, coin-like door, embed and carved. That's my ticket out. It was quite lucky that he found this and now, the only problem being that he couldn't find a way to open it, even if somehow he managed to get rid of all the people. From this point on, it was a free entry way to every side of the town. Every building was separated just enough for him to get through and get anywhere he wanted. Even to his childhood home, though it'd be meaningless now that he had achieved something greater. 'All right now, move away, there's nothing to see, hear me? I've had enough of you rascals try coming here and throw queer glances at what we're doing here.' The simpletons abide, though some of them still attempted to stay and look at the peculiar thing they were doing. Someone was being escorted there, a dusty man that seemed to be just as old if not older than the officer. As quickly as he was seen, with a jolt, everyone who stood in the way was pushed. The man was given as much freedom as one could receive. There wasn't any resisting from Argus as he was pushed with the others. No other way of acting natural was there, other than face the same thread and get the same treatment as they were getting. 'Officer, who's that fellow over there and why is he getting let through?' 'That's our expert and I can more

than declare that. Well, he's more than experienced to handle in this type of situation. 'It was already the point where that dark stench revealed something in human hiding in it. Something out of this world, perhaps out of the innards of where they stood came into being just to watch and hide. Again, that smell appeared to be a dead giveaway of the damned. 'Just show us what we got there. We are the people who live here and demand you to show us what's that. 'I'm sorry sir, but I've got no reason to accept your demand. We've got no way to figure out whenever or not it's dangerous to get near it. 'You, keep your distance. 'Said the other cop who stood adjacent to the other. They were forming lines and nothing really seemed to pass them, be it a word or a smaller man who was bold. 'Could this be an invasion?' 'Don't be a fool man, it's nothing of the sort. Just wait for our expert to have a look and stay behind the line. Can you handle that?' The worst time to think about it, yet Argus just thought how he'd fall behind any suspicion, now that everything would be covered up. As they were busy keeping the lines in check, none of them managed to find the mysterious man who trespassed and knocked the child. It will be almost like I was here all the time. No one saw Argus arrive and there was also doubt that anyone would notice his sudden absence if all of the sudden he decided to sprint away into the distance. Though the idea of this expert coming through with his brown leather and rounded white safari hat raised some eye brows. Some doubt was apparently there, for everyone who looked at the peculiar attire he had. Nonetheless, he white hair, a moustache and a beard, accompanied by a medium build and a giant scar across his face. From one side to another, it was quite obvious why he needed a cane to walk. He spoke no word and didn't even bother to look at the crowd. For him now, there was only one objective which was apparent, looking at what seemed to wake up all the glances. The lights from some houses started lighting up. It was quite obvious that everyone whispering, talking or making any type of noise, arouse the suspicion of others. At least in the near and the ones around, a glance behind revealed that they were more behind. A shy kind of folk which stood by the fence or hid just around the corner to eavesdrop at the crowd. Some took even more of a precaution to be hidden from sight. What could be this important? There was not a single moment in his memory that he heard of a small crater with a rounded door just popping out of the ground. Henceforth, this had to be related with the next entrance. It can wait for now. 'That's it, start going away, start taking steps. 'Fate appeared to be taking decisions for him and the other now that they found themselves walking away as the expert was on it. The man appeared to be small in comparison with it. Even smaller under the row of officers, wearing the blue and the one strip of red. If it wasn't for that hat and the feathers, they would've had an even meaner demeanour. Undoubtedly, this was the reason they retired the old uniform. No one around felt like they were menacing or anything of the sort. Just quite bizarre in the way they acted and looked. 'Here, I think I've made a discovery. 'Said the crone, in an almost peculiar timing, everyone turned and started approaching, slightly pushing the officers further in as they started closing. 'That's enough. 'Came the shout, it wasn't meant to do much anyway, not that it would've mattered. For their curiosity was now aroused. Nothing bounced back, nothing came in, nothing could bulge it still. The old man tried to wrap his hands around it to no avail. 'It is a gate, and from the looks of it, this may be the vault in which someone his treasure. Perhaps the old war councillor J. Robert?' One of the men in the small formed circle intervened. 'One of the founders of this town who's said to have won a war by himself and taken everything they had to make this town?' 'That one. Good observation on that on. 'Wait, wait wait for a moment. Step aside. 'The officer pushed the others in order to thin out the line. After that, he returned to the man and got closer to him. 'How could you be sure of

legends and fairy tales at a time like this? It's never even proven he exists." Wrong. It's undoubted that his existence could be denied by any of the historical canals. Perhaps his feats may have been exaggerated quite out of proportion but this doesn't change the fact that this might as well be the vault in which he hid everything he had. "And what makes you so sure now? It could be something dangerous, tell me at least now, doc. How come it just suddenly popped out of the ground like this." Actually. The man took out his safari hat revealing a flattened mullet of white colour. Only after that, he continued. 'You see, the sides reveal quite the opposite. It wasn't the wall that fell but the street itself sunk underground because, well. There might be a hallowed part under the ground, just look at the dirt now. It's too perfectly tilled, no worm, no bug, not even the roots have come this far. If it were the sudden normal mud, there might've been something to show that it just fell below. At least onto some of the bricks. Now just look at them, clean, some of which have come even to the point where they stand there almost as if they belong. There wasn't anything wrong happening around. The sight of Argus had left the crowd for a while, though beyond his care the events still went ahead as planned and intended yet to be. 'Locked I say, perhaps even unmovable. "How can you tell professor?" It's a simple thing. The gate appears to have been designed in a way to block outside access. The obvious scratch marks appear to be simple attempts by previous people who tried as well as others who desperately pushed to get it open. "Which resulted in?" The officer seemed to still miss the point. It was getting to the utmost obvious of points. Locked inside with his own treasure, waiting for something else to come. I doubt there's anything else but a rotting corpse inside with a couple of doubloons. "A murder then, could that be indeed the case?" Not at all, in the worst case scenario, it'd be nothing else but a mild attempt of suicide. Not to mention that it might've happened quite a few hundred years before we even knew about it. 'There was a thorough attempt which seemed to have been in the process of doing. Something was still off. 'Do you think we can top off the edges and blow off the gate?' I wouldn't rule it out of the realm of possibilities sir. Though can we really afford to speak the next step with so many of them surrounding us? It may be dangerous and perhaps even to the point of it getting out of hand, we cannot afford to spend more time thinking about the next step with them around. The officer nodded, with a trifling look on his face. There was a response, almost an understanding between them, from one officer to another, a glance which was given and received. 'All right, it's time for all of you to go, there's nothing else to see around around. 'Suddenly, more and more started getting pushed and forced back to resume their activities, with the exception that they couldn't do so anymore. Such remained the problem with a blocked road and ongoing operations. No one had the care or the need to care for laymen, this was the current, most important thing they had to be taking care of, without any exception or even attempt to handle the others. 'So, one more thing doc, paint me curious if you will. Why did it happen all of the sudden then? I understand the hollow thing but the timing of it still fails to make any sense to me. "Oh but that's the most interesting part Braxton. It's the fact that there might've been a scoundrel just going around, roaming under unnoticed by others. "A murder, or a thief then?" Don't be so rush to find someone who hasn't done anything as of yet. It could be no one and perhaps nothing more but a tomb rider. Perhaps one who fancied himself more than he can chew. "It'd be possible then that the tunnel collapsed on him right?" It's not out of the realm of possibility I'd say. The night was still dark. 'May I suggest that we head down to each of our roads and return at the first hour in the morning?' Strange, I was about to suggest the same thing, really. Perhaps the night has something to do with my judgement, I'd say. "Very well, we can proceed further investigating what happened here after your

men block the area. I shall be here at four in the morning, bearing a tea cup and one mug of coffee. May I count on you to be there?" You may, doc. Thank you again for coming, especially this fast and at this hour. "Worry not my friend, this case is far from over though. I am quite afraid that we won't have work cut out for us either. There's something wretched underneath, or perhaps near us and it's not the stench I'm talking about." A broad silence swept through the passage, making the stench, the filth suddenly pass through the air, leaving nothing but a cool breeze which he could breathe in. Argus had gone a long way by now, making sure to look and check every door in the slums. Some were left open, though he dared not open any of them. If the inside were just like the scent, there'd be nothing more but damnation waiting inside. And there's enough of that everywhere around. 'You selling?' It was almost a rat coat he was wearing, skinned alive from those bastards, shown like a trophy by a hunter in the slums. This wasn't just the worst place around, but where they sent the mentally ill and deranged. It was just obvious that they might've been suspected of being the ones who've done the incident just a few steps out of their parts. Filthy bottom dwellers, a tunnel coming out from the sewers. If one were to take a look inside of one's house, there'd be no trial or even question who came and blew that up. 'No, I'm just passing.' "Good, we don't like seeing new faces around here, at least not the ones that won't stay. So, you up for a good time inside?" His hands were dirty and it was obvious that the house wasn't his. By the smallest crack of the door, with the tail of the eye, a couch was visible. In an unnatural way, there was a hand just standing there, twisted by the end of it. The man either was too stupid or dull struck since he hadn't noticed that fact that Argus managed to tell of the dead body. 'I'm fine.' Said a thorough voice. No shock laid inside anymore, though it was hard to distinguish what really happened then or if this was nothing more but an attempt to give life to rumours. It happened long ago, there's nothing to see here. Just keep going straight and don't look back. One would at least throw a glance only to make sure that the cutthroat wouldn't go ahead and do the thing he was known for. That was the least obvious of what he managed to observe so far. Speaking of the obvious, the sky was beginning to change and not in the right way. Doubt remained on what was about to come, not to mention the possible consequences of standing there too long. He may become so absorbed and forget much. 'A wishful thing isn't it?' It was at least a dream to think he could get so lost in that place and be accepted. Once glance still revealed his hands, bits of his legs, how it was spread across his chest, screaming. There was a need to shout and be heard, but it will be pointlessly wasted on those around him who couldn't understand why that was. And still, despite his problem, there was something wrong with the sky, though something he couldn't point out or really know why it was like that. It was the right, true, blue and black, a starry night like any other he had remembered so softly as for looking at it. Pain still crushed and distracted him, at least to the point where he needed to flee and hide. It was the danger which reminded him of that and of where he laid, the people in there still degenerated into creeps, stalkers and cutthroats. Case and point. There was a simple standing field of needles just thrown among other unspeakable and detestable thing. At the end of a path where he could've mistaken if he decided to take a wrong turn, he would've stumbled on what seemed to be just another pile of them. Bodies, buried inside, one seemed to be alive, still moving a hand. In the distance, there were others just appearing to be looking out for their day. The main, apparent square wasn't far, overlaid with what seemed to be leading to the sewers, a large barred hole in the ground where every liquid of rain, blood or another kind of repulsing distance lead. 'It couldn't have been that bad.' Said Argus with a certain voice. Having been there when he was a child, his memory of it might've been at this point

exaggerated. This seemed to be a corner from a world long out of the care of the man, where people slit each other's throats just to avoid dying by the hands of the plague. Empathy forced him still to come and try to save whoever was there. Though it was already quite risky to proceed through a field filled with needled spears from below. An attempt soon came into being, as he just walked through it. Most of them were already standing either flaccid or pushed through the wrong end into the ground. There wasn't any mistake to be done, just walk around and force yourself not to look below too much. Either he'd trip or not, there wasn't any in-between. That hand still desperately moved, by the likes of it, trying his hands to survive. No head could be seen in the pile and from the looks of it, they had started to rot away. Once he was the condition of what was happening, Argus started moving at a faster pace, going through as much trouble as to avoid any precaution now. The piercing needles, at least one or two managed to find their way and go through the shoes and into his feet. No pain or anything was felt, it was too far into what had grown inside of him to affect that. Would there be the pain if I were to turn around and let him there? For a second, he was about to listen to his own advice. His back was turned to the pile and at the end, he was the shadow of another man who just finished walking. It soon disappeared, most likely, once he saw that he was looking, there wasn't anything else to do but go away. None one will have their way with me. Though the wriggling hand still disturbed him to the point where he needed to know why. The soil was soft, at least, he had noticed now how the various needles had managed to sunk within. One day, most likely, they dared hoped that the earth would swallow the entire pile of bodies whole. 'Damn bastards.' With that plea for himself, he turned back around and kept walking to help the man. As the obvious blunt hand seemed to have been big boned, so must appear to be the man. 'It's all right. I'm here to help.' He said, a few feet away from the pile. At first sight, there was still a fear to help the man, who was most likely by now infected. An infection that would lead to death, especially if it were for the array of many pointed arches which were raised from the earth. Now that he made a few steps, Argus started kicking the first body, pushing in further away. He'd repeat that motion as safely as he could, knowing that the only chance he'd get worse it'd be if somehow it managed to get through the small holes he had in his shoes. Now, that there were only two standing over, he pushed one and left another. When he was ready to seal the deal, he got caught by surprise. The hand stopped wriggling and since it had no weight over, it pushed itself on the ground. Attached to a long forearm, it started crawling on the ground, half submerged. It came into a flight that couldn't be interrupted, hence, knowing not how to proceed, Argus suddenly sidestepped and looked in grim surprise. The procedure was swift. It buried itself like a small little furry thing, pushing the dirt out with a motion made only by two three fingers, while two were used to hold still. Desperately, it attempted to get out of sight and disappear as fast as it could do so. 'Wait, what are you?' There was a strange remark, to say the least, the hand couldn't hear or do anything else. A reanimated thing of dark proportions who soon disappeared into the soft dirt. Blind and strong, there wasn't anything in the pile for it to have belonged to, at least, so and so. Someone left the hand in the pile, whatever the reason, none of the corpses there were missing any body parts, to begin with. This was all that happened, quite confusing to look at and figure it out. Now, somewhere around, deep through the ground roamed a thing which resembled the hand and part of an arm. As he walked, the immediate thought bounced as well. 'This will get back to haunt me.' And in truth, in his eyes, the soil had gotten a lot darker than it was. Luckily, soon there'd be clean pavement to be walked upon. It still didn't make a lot of sense of the reason why they'd break the stone and leave the soil. This was their dump though, but not for long. One day it was bound to

fall and their work soon to be messed with. 'Damn bastards don't know when to quit.' The shadows came and from the looks of it, there were two of them, just standing at opposite sides. One was more than enough to deal with, though two of them at once in this condition, would be a bother. 'If I find anyone jumping at me, I might have one of my knives rushing down their throats.' This wasn't the normal voice he used, but the tone was lower, his fist got clenched, there was something of a slow reveal of each word that came before the shadows started to retreat. At least they weren't dumb enough to go against me. But I was most likely spied upon. Looking above, there were plenty of wires and unwashed clothes just waiting to get as dry. It was a pity to wait and even worse to feel the scent. Though it was obvious, the exaggeration of memory, the pushing of the murder square. Small drops of blood laid on clothes which were waiting to get dry. Whoever wore then last was now dead and despite the fact that there were fully dressed corpses, those above them seemed to fit. It was the purge of the region which seemed to be strange. 'You coming stranger?' Another man passed. He was wearing kind of tattered pants and the overalls of a brown jerky leather found on a dirty street animal. 'I am.' Plenty of others were just coming from here and there. Despite being so late and the pain in their almost red eyes being apparent, they went on ahead with what they were doing. Which still seemed to be a secret, especially since they were going as far from the investigation as possible. The first corner and he were just behind the man. Now there were plenty more of them just gathered around, forming a small fire. The road must've become more swampy since it shifted. Nowhere back could there be seen the road Argus had taken to arrive here. But even more disturbing was the sky and its malignant movements which seemed to be ever disturbing and creeping beyond the corners of his eyes. 'Wait for the others before we begin.' Some were seated in chairs, which they bought for themselves, while Argus and the rest either seemed to be standing or sitting on the cold ground. The small fire was quite a delight in its own accord, though he refused to look inside of it. Is this going to happen every time I look at the fire? Because I could never get used to it. This was the plea, the question, the thing that bothered Argus. Looking at the fire revealed the same pile of standing and knelt corpses which were burning for delight. It wasn't a keen thing to be looked upon, especially since every single time it reminded him of what those giants looked like. Their tormented features and disproportionality. If ever they found a way inside this place. Damn thing, makes me suffer even when I'm done with it. Think of another thing, think of another. Argus, there is nothing in the fire, there's nothing there. After repeating some small prayers, silently, he closed his eyes. Through the lids, the red and the orange was obviously still there, barely blockable by his hands. He opened them at last and could breathe feeling a release. No image or corpse was burning anymore. 'Are you all right brother?' 'I'm fine. Listen, why have we gathered here now?' Though the sudden evolution from stranger to brother seemed quite suspicious, too suspicious to pass by. What was he on about? 'Wait for the others before we start the ceremony. Were you not there though? If I recall correctly, you were in the crowd, standing just adjacent to some of us.' 'Aye, he stood near me, just gasping straw, coming out of nowhere really.' There seemed to be some who threw queer glances at him and other who didn't care that much for even a dime. A stranger, outcast who came. The importance of him being then and there? 'Why do you care if I was?' 'Because it's our job to know what's going down or high, the back and slums and everyone in town. Listen, stranger. "My name is Argus." Right, Argus, listen. The man changed his curiosity to a look of utmost bizarre. It was strange to look and think, for he had heard that name somewhere else. But the strange look never ceased despite the fact that the man gave away a muffle taste of disapproval. Undoubtedly, there was more than he

wanted to show, only to be dismissed. 'You'll like what will be there, bet you will though. I can see it in your eyes, the same type of eyes that belong to a killer, a grunt. Oh yeah, I can see it and read it very well, I've seen killers of all kind, it's all in their eyes buddy.' 'Enough Wap, we need to get as many as we can around here, don't scare any new possible recruits. I can trust you to control yourself, right?' 'All right, all right, just having some fun with the new guy, that's all. Just taking a bit off the top, it seemed a bit dusty and untouched.' The man backed away, taking the little bits on his coat, he was young, only a moustache differentiated him from a little petty young man. 'Don't mind him now, he's been touched. In a way, we've all been touched here, especially now that we managed to find the vault.' This creation of his, this twist of what he remembered of what it looked like when he was young was strange. It seemed, more and more like it was created to be a guide, certainly for what was about to come. Whenever that was the right path to take and come below, these didn't seem like gang members, but rather, cultists of some sort. At least, in a way, without any knowledge of real rituals and with the fact that most of them either looked tired or bored, this was a sort of proto-cult. None of them had robes, at least no real ones. Candles and fires were used only to banish the light. Nothing was out of the ordinary so far, other than the hand. Plenty more seemed to be on their way, from each side and corner, only now it started coming forth. This was dangerous as he wasn't expecting to be caught in front of it. The man who stood near Argus was undoubtedly their leader. Not exactly the right time to be caught there with all of them creeping and planning on doing something illegal. Without a doubt, this was related to the entry, despite the fact that the officers determined the fact that it was a vault, what they thought it to be was way different. 'It's a gate, my brothers.' Half of the eulogy was gone. Half of it was either completely forgotten or just muffled by the noise. Argus wasn't in the mood to sit through it entirely, though that was decided a lot longer ago before it even started. 'A gate of dreams, a promise for us all, we've been promised everything we've ever desired and more.' The man started moving. From the back, they pulled a block of wood and gave to him an altar to sit in front of the fire. He remembered what he had previously seen with an almost immediate insight. This was a recreation of what Esther saw and it could only be seen now that he took full notice of it. They were standing in rows, stinking like the damned, despite the fact that the wind was strong, that wasn't enough to stop the reek or even diminish it a bit. In his mind, she was still standing there, not so far from her child. Undoubtedly, there'd be no sacrifice, despite the fact that it was obvious. So he thought, despite not listening for a word of what was preached there. Something was distracting in the sky. A slight tilt came as the land shook under him. The immediate effect came down on every side until suddenly they all came going down. It wasn't a great fall but a great tilt in the back. It felt strange but Argus managed to grab a hold of a corner. The building was unmovable, as others took notice. 'What now?' Argus was surprised to receive just another response as everything went the other way, being forcefully pushed to fall in front of him rather get behind. The sky is damned but what could this madness be? The ground was of the hold, this couldn't be just a simple tremor. Everything got affected at a greater level than he thought. Vases and rugs were falling off the window, cutting through the laundry lines with their shards. Men were forced to their knees to wait for something to level out. When the ground levelled, finally they could stand and relax. None of them noticed so far though, that the material was somehow tainted and started becoming white at a corner. It was so that Argus came to his feet and grabbed some of it. Looking through it, as most of them didn't seem to notice, made it become a piece of rock. This was something happening both on the outside and the inside. And everyone was affected by it in some way or

another. Pulled from the bottom, they came into being. The man came back to his eulogy. 'The world is about to come to an end brothers.' The fire was long gone and now, they had built him a tower of boxes and planks. 'And we're about to set it free. They said we were damned and that we will do nothing after the war. They laughed and mocked and the worst of all is that they sent us to die. But we never lost faith and never surrender to their needs and in the end we were carried towards salvation.' The memory of bones was just as strong in Esther as it was in him. It was that moment when she started breaking the bones that the desire came into being. That small thing forced itself on her mind. Just like how once it came to her. Their features were remarkably similar to the skulls, as a matter of fact, so was the architecture of the slums. It was quite a paradise now for them, or at least for their reincarnations. They were all present here and still stood to wait through the eulogy. Soon he'd just go away and come another night since all of them were obviously tired, wasted or broken by the fall. All of them except for Argus who still stood queerly tall, waiting for any of them to make a move and say something about him. So far none of his expectations were fulfilled. Quite strange, he acted in a manner which was unevenly bizarre in comparison to them. These fools may not have anything to do with this. Showmen, tall robed, eye dancer, nothing more to it. Even their words didn't spell much of what they were planning to do at all. More or less. 'We shall make them pay.' Though from the looks of it, this was a bi-weekly thing which seemed to have approached more like a city council rather than a cult of some sort. If somehow he knew more, he was sure to be the last person to reveal anything at all. His eyes were darkly lit, his voice was becoming ill by the second. Others were frustrated in their act as none of them wished to be there. 'And with that, we conclude this session.' 'Well, that was disappointing.' Someone else appeared like he was agreeing with Argus, especially those further in the back. 'There's more energy usually, especially with that thing coming off from the ground. And he didn't even mention it.' Word came from mouth to mouth. Soon he found himself stopped from his attempt to flee. At least one man informed the leader. 'Ehm, my dear congregates of the slum. Let me begin with apologising for my forgetful memory. As you may have heard, there's something that I forgot to mention and despite having this be the shortest meeting we've been to, I have decided to have one motion. Rather, a proposal, something for us to finally do and be a part of. You see, as you may have heard, or some of you may have pointed out or been there.' A pause cleared his thought. There was a slight embarrassment to the fact that he forgot to mention that gate. 'There's another one at the other end which was just revealed a few days prior to this one. And from the looks of it, they might be twins. Now, now.' The crowd roared in whispers and dark sayings, plenty of which started talking rumours and about the unknown. Luckily, this was hidden. 'In the canal, deeper than the one which was revealed and from the looks of it, they may be connected with the fact that they were both in the sewers. We've got a reason. May I get some silence please?' Their voices suddenly became muffled, even though they were ready to be caught in a torrent. It would've been easy to focus upon if it weren't for the starry night and the raised moulder of stone which laid not as far from him as he saw. Could it be that it's the? There was an interruption of thought, as the man immediately pointed it out. 'I need all your focus here, even yours. As I was saying, there may be evidence that they come down all around the sewers, but the matter of the fact is that none of us knows where they lead to. It could be further on the ground or anywhere else. From what we know, it may even lead to another world where lays our salvation. If that were true, we'd have no chance but to roam the sewers in search for that one. That secret one of them that isn't locked. And the most important thing of all and the advantage we have over those laymen and officers of

the law is that the slums are basically the drainage of the town. Every sewage leads to us. 'And every hole, portcullis, small pipe and anything that's long, has a hole and it carries something in it. That's the saying. 'With that, we can finish it and be gone. 'Plenty of them were too tired to argue, at least not at this hour into the night. The moon was at least leaving the place filled with fright. 'May I speak to you for a second, Argus, was it?' Seeing how the new man was getting especially a lot more attention, more of them just left without asking. One, in particular, Argus recognised, it was the man who entered the home, that of which had the body. It wasn't as shocking now, with the pile of bodies right behind his house, nonetheless, he was repelled and went away. Something was driving them off, now that they spent so much time around him. Something that for them was inexplicable to say. 'Good night. "Yeah, good night. 'Most of them left on the same road, living together or at least as close to one another as one could be. There was something which they shared, something really strong, though Argus had none of it. 'What is it?' 'You're new here, how much do you plan on staying?' 'As much as I can, perhaps, or I may just leave at once. It depends. "On what?' 'On whenever or not I find what I came here to find. 'The man shrugged immediately once he saw the expression on his face. 'I don't feel like sharing, though this I may. Don't worry about it, it's not something which may harm anyone or disturb any of your lives here. "I understand Argus, I'm. I'm pleased to meet you. 'Even his handshake ended up being disturbingly awkward. 'You seem like there's much more to you than you'd like to show, but it's too late already. There's plenty of room where I'm going. "I'm sure there is, but I've already rented a room in the nearby hotel. Do not worry, I know how to blend in with the people, there won't be any trouble from this side of the deal. "So it's true, you're to join us then?' 'I will do what I must for as long as I stay in this town, you can count on that. 'The man was pleased to see Argus so eager to help with it. Though despite that, there wasn't any chance he'd follow him to where he went. On the side, he noticed that that man went to the morgue, hidden or just laid around in the slumps. The stench was fairly explained by this fact alone. Merely the damned started rotting in the streets and in the morgue. That thing combined with the other corpses which laid in their houses since no one could afford to have them incinerated or buried, and the sewage. Well, it left more than a mark on anyone who passed through or near those damned grits and holes. It was a pity just to look at, decayed stone, the foundation of the nearby buildings was broken and now he was left alone to roam the street at night. Like a vagrant of some sort stopped. A sharp scream just came into full motion and it was obviously the sound of a woman's voice. There wasn't anything else that could help it be more distinguishable than that. High notes, it came from somewhere near. But no, it wasn't in the slumps, it went again. Argus tried to find a way out of there as fast as he could, just to see. With a twist and a turn, he had been used to the tricks of the eye and the various traps which were trying to be reminiscing of the labyrinth of legend. Just keep on the wall and don't let go of it, follow this. His hand was tightly placed on the wall, following, pushing through the sweat. At least that was still present in his body if anything even worked properly anymore. The scream came another time and now he was trying to avoid any little pebble or any left syringe. Some bands were forgotten and filled with a yellowish blood if it were even blood. Some would take this as a nightmare as the pointers were filled with dirt and a black soil which seemed to have been brought from another time. 'Where are you?' It was just close enough to be a shout, but not enough to disturb anyone at all. The streets were empty and if it weren't for him, no one else would come up so late at night. Which one of the houses could it be? That was the harsh question to be asked now. The street slabs were clean, taking as much as for the moon light in its reflection, distraction, though not enough to take away

from the houses. Such a dark opening from where he came from must've appeared as being from another world. For one he wasn't sure on what to do, looking around, there were rows of topped buildings in front of him and by the sides. Nothing distinguishable and no visible sign that any of them came to be a victim of a forced entry. His breathing slowed down as he felt the power of a shadow topple him. It came down and just as he lost focus and regained it saw the shadow of a giant hand just come down his shoulder. Soon there appeared the hand, though he made no sudden movement, he was sure it was something that would hurt him. 'Are you the hand?' 'No.' Argus turned to find the man standing there, wearing his common attire and one row of topped hair, which was sharp enough to resemble an axe. It was only now that he noticed it since he was too obviously focusing on that damned bloody hand which laid on that couch. 'You're the man who asked me when I came to the.' 'That one. Have you heard the screams too?' Argus had quite the squeamish look on him, he heard it as well and came just in time when I was ready to make the exit. 'We need to find her, mister?' 'Right, I'll try going by that side, you go to the other.' A mutual nod of agreement came after they went their separate ways. He couldn't have gotten so far now if he heard the scream since he lived on the other side of the slum. That man was acting in a particularly suspicious manner, though it wouldn't have made any sense for him to let me live like that. Only one knife to the back then and there and. A stronger, more noticeable scream came soon, barely muffled. It was closer than ever now. This isn't the time to get distracted by the sky Argus. Should I announce the man though? He was certainly far, though if he didn't trust me enough to even give me his name, I shouldn't trust him with his help. 'It should be this.' There were no signs or a forced entry, but the door opened plainly. Someone left it open unless the lock was picked. This was strange, warm, the fire was still left burning, the lowest it had ever been. Unfinished food and at least two room laid at the bottom. Since he had nothing or needed nothing but his tainted skin, he came closer and opened the doors. Both of which were adjacent. 'Only boxes, the storage rooms.' Next, to the stairs, there was another small door which seemed to have been locked. Argus failed to notice it as he went ahead. It was quite blue on the overall blighted dark, but the obvious yellow light coming from upstairs left no other impression of where the culprit was. The shadows were ill and none were left. Stopped on the stairs, Argus checked around again. Better be sure unless he'd take me from behind and snap me in half before I even get to her. Alas, the shout came again, the all of the sudden Argus came with a dark dance and a leap which cut through and made it half way through the house. The floor was stiff and going forth, it wasn't twisted but for the doors, as closed as they were, he didn't hear him arrive yet. Somehow, that could've been more than obvious to another, but the stains of blood were missed again. Just under the far side of the carpet, near the stairs remained a stain of blood which seemed to have been old and left there. Something was rotting and the door wasn't obvious as it had been with that boy he had encountered. The lamp was in this very corridor, standing there, but none of the other doors was obvious. A muffled scream made it quite obvious over the fact that he was about to strangle her. 'Where are you?' Recklessly, Argus started opening doors without a care for the sound they made. First was over and no one laid inside, then came the second one, empty, fourth, fifth which was in the middle, this one he must've heard it open. But the adjacent one was on his right side, with the air coming out from all side. Immediately, it got cold, incredibly cold. The chill, the shiver and the sharp pain in his shoulder, banished the light and left the deep blue of the sea just roam the halls. The house resembled more of a cavern now, made of sharp, falling stone. It was quite obvious of what was about to happen when he opened the door. 'This is it.' With a shallow voice, Argus yelled. 'Let

her go.'With that going on unheard, he kicked the door, this time it came out of proportions.Its sides just got ripped apart and got pushed.The man was just standing there over her, attempting to strangle her, followed by an even more grim attempt.His mask was bizarre as he let go of the sly neck and turned around to face Argus.A large yellow devilish featureless mask which seemed to have been made mostly out of dirty fur.As obvious as it was that he couldn't see properly through it, Argus took the charge.The woman passed out when he finally released, but it was too late for that.Argus took no time for questioning and charged him, punching him in the neck, until he heard a dark choking sound himself.That push and the direction brought him only closer, scraping the bed, to the window where he dealt the final blow.With one final strike coming from him, the man fell through the window and finally collapsed at the stone hard ground.Something of a pain must've come then, as there he laid still, unable to go anywhere else anymore, with a small pool of blood coming out of his head.They'll come after me now, thought Argus.He'd leave a trail on his way, at least until he found a way out, a real way out.Not quite his best position, the man quite stumbled on his way to the window with all that weight, not to mention that he didn't put much of a fight.Luckily, he took off a cigar off the near shelf.It was left there by her, most likely a heavy smoker.'Hard to think why anyone would do anything like this around here.Especially since I saw nothing of the sort happen.'Somehow, it took less out of his memory and came with new humans.He bent around to take another look at her before he went to smoke.She wasn't anyone he had recognised, or really knew as a matter of fact.A bland woman who had brown eyes, and jet-like hair, pale now, but alive.The man who came at her wasn't any better, just slightly more rotund in a way he would dare not question.And there was still the problem with that man who was outside.Now, that Argus came to the crime scene, right out of the room, down the stairs and in front of the man, he failed to see that other from the slums.Did he follow me just to rob the houses or anything of the sort?Quite a fair question, but even better, who was this man here?Perhaps it'd be right doing to pull off the mask and reveal who he was.But why the bother?'Here bud, I think you need this more than me.'Ready as he was to lend him the last smoke, the man half raised as if he was reanimated from the dead and help Argus for a moment with both of his hands.One over the shoulder and the other one around.He had already dropped the cigar on the floor and got ready to strike at the man.But something surprising happened, all of the sudden, the grip over him grew soft and the man lets go.His fall felt like nothing, but for the worse, his belly was full.Whatever happened in the moments he touched him couldn't be noted, but the bloated belly was quite abnormal.Even more so was the fact that it was moving, or at least something in it was.'It's a trap.'Said Argus with a raspy voice once he realised just what was done.The skin becomes a growth, his infection spread across that body.The factor which liquefied it worked both ways, as the body became part with the floor, spreading across the blood it had left behind.Bubbles formed under his skin, something now started creeping just under him.It switched places and sides with each glance, hiding or retracting, this was soon to hit the land in places that weren't to be held.How could this be a memory if it can get infected?Argus felt that skin, that body, saw it, he could smell it now and it was certainly real.Worse than that, it was a human no longer but a small bulb of skin standing there and waiting.It didn't grow nor spread but just stood there for no other certain reason but for a mark.Gates coming from underground, bulbs of skin, they will be mad once they find this out.There had to be a way to escape this place.One as quick as it was still the time to be humble.Otherwise, they'd do him a lot more harm than being caught and thrown in a jail to rot.Argus decided to abandon it and get as far away as possible.There

wasn't any evidence that this was any of his doing, not to mention that this seemed out of the realm of human possibility. But one thing he remembered, having others touched would mean spreading it here, anywhere, everywhere, repeating the cycle. It meant that just above, that thing was slowly becoming something like this too. A corruption of skin attached to the cage, without any possibility of forming a coherent thought, or at least that was the supposed idea of what was happening after they were touched. There could've been no idea of the pandemonium that was soon to come. Not even Argus could've predicted any of it happening. Gone as far as he went, he arrives at a peculiar spot. Far from where he stood, there were some things that weren't in his memory. Chains, giant chains which held the city, one onto each side, without a doubt, there were two others slightly further. I need to see. Stricken though, he came to pass down the dark alley and lay there, affected by a sudden desire to have a nap. The pain in the stomach and his head came too fast for him to ignore. Henceforth, he laid like a vagrant and slept. Lips remained ill and thirsty, the food wasn't a problem anymore, or at least ever since he touched that fat thing. That juicy, giant formation which crept now with him. No sympathy whatsoever, this became more than a game or finding it and growing stronger. In his sleep, what used to be human changed in him, especially down to his creeping veins and blood. Thicker, shallower, his nails fell off and others started growing in their places. Wherever he'd sleep, there'd be a mark of viscous slime that would just melt there but stay across the wall like spider webs. But others saw him as they were. Quite peculiar, for the queer fellow who slept there, just around the corner. He seemed of a high class, too much to be standing there. 'Do you believe something might've happened to his home?' 'Oh, I do hope that's not the case Anne. There's just not plenty of men around here to choose from. I sure hope they're not all spoiled.' Just forget him, he's nothing more than a shnuckle from what's worth. Two house views were standing with their neighbour in the middle of the day. The night went without any sign of a dream, but for gloom and absence of all. No wonder Argus was still tired and confused, still unable to come up from his damp corner. Waking up was already hard for others, but this was at a whole new entire level, something had crept inside him for far too long. Changes were coming but this would soon become irreversible. Upon awakening, he saw that marks and what seemed to be a corruption of the skin retreated in himself. Yet, he couldn't see what he looked like any longer. 'I'm healed.' Argus said with almost as a loud shout and he could give. 'A queer fellow that one, if you ask me. Came around last night, made a lot of noise and just stood there raving like a loon. Folks, these days from the big city, you never know what they might say or do.' The morning sky was bright, but still, some of it was grim and twisted. Released from the bonds of that which had crept over his body, Argus now moved, feeling like a new man. 'Morning ladies.' 'Good morning.' Came as a choir. They were standing just onto one side of the street, just looking at him as if he was the main attraction. Quite strange, no dirty spot and his attire seemed to be almost ironed to the point where he just appeared to be kicked out of the house by his wife. The eyes were just all over the man. Not to mention that Argus thought quite different from them, old clothes, different times. It had its lost charm, something of a class behind how they were just standing tall and acting. The chains. That must be my key out. It was a shot in the dark, though in a way it would've been the perfect trap. A pair of chains which held this platform above, lost in a land, invisible as they were. One would take an eternity just to search for them. But this was no eternity to lay about. He walked and acted normal as if they wouldn't notice. Acting what they were supposed to say and do what they were remembered doing. Everything something fake, plastic, words places where they shouldn't be. The nightmare could come alive and

spread around with its skin tendrils, just creeping and corrupting everything in sight. This was something he felt in his stomach, like a sharp pain with every thought. Soon. This was his time to take over. Nothing would stop him from his mission now. The chains were soon to be broken and as it seemed, none were even daring to come forth. Perhaps, this was their biggest mistake, whatever this was, which recreated everything from memory, had its biggest flaw apparent. None of them was consciously trying to stop him. For the worse, he came to that which he was seeking and it was quite obvious what was happening. The distance so far was an even greater illusion, though it was even more obvious that this didn't belong here. Giant, metal, and going as far above as to the sky, this was obviously a device to lower it, now the answer was, how? No one seemed to see or even care about its appearance. So, this is my chance, but how? "You could always let us it and we could help you." "We could push the chains, pull them or do whatever you ask us to." They said, now at the dire moment. Let me be, I can handle this on my own. Though Argus wanted to resist, he had a hard time coming forth and denying help. This could be a trick and nothing but another attempt for them to take over. "Why would I trust you over them?" "You know why because we're real and they are not." "Just look at them and how they walk and shiver and pretend to be something they're not. We've never done that." "We've never tried to deceive you." "End this, leave my mind and let me be, we're almost there and you still think you've got a chance against it. You're more delusional than I have become." "Enough, then try and pull them by yourself if you're so arrogant. And if you're so fond of them and what they are, let us change what roams around." "See if we're as weak as you claim us to be. Feel the heat if you want so desperately to defy our wishes." There was a flash of red and brown. The sky became a wall, everything became a prison of dark stone and tall pillars which held everything in place. From below there were only opening from which head came. Only fitting for something which was held by chains. The heat was damning, at least, holding in it was too painful for a man who hadn't have a drink. Yet it was only now that he felt thirst, in the furnace. "I get your point." Said Argus, crawling away from the closest fiery event which pushed as much hot air as it could produce. "Not yet, you've not learned your lesson. Despair, arrogant man, despair!" Reigned the voice over him. Argus would soon find himself crawling through a place he didn't desire to be in, holding himself and waiting for the slightest shiver of cold. "I can't pull in this condition. 'This isn't an illusion.' The heated stone didn't let leave any impression, other than the fact that it would only get hotter and more damned. 'You'd better hurry on the other side and find the other pair.' "Something stuck between the ground and chains, blocking them from going below." "Why are you helping me now?" "You're still going to lead all of us down, but this lesson, you'll have to learn alone." "Oh and be careful on your way. They roam all over the place, the butchers." "They'll cut you up and bring you there if you refuse. After all, you don't need more than your legs to get there, do you?" The sound of that thing which mocked the halls with their laughs was damning. Nothing else could describe the place, other than hell. Fat, gluttonous and wielding a butchers knife, they were inhuman constructs which became apparent from the distance. It soon went away, but undoubtedly they were forcing themselves everywhere. Argus barely managed to stand up and say no word. "Hurry up." The remains of what was the town of his childhood were somehow present in bits, but only because they had failed to turn everything. Fire reigned though and soon, whoever made it through the transition would be butchered. The screams of the maidens, the rage of the men didn't subside. Their echoes came through the halls and closer to Argus as they roamed. It was clear that they were suffering down here in the failure to change the place. "This heat, I won't be able to make it through, lower it. Please, just lower it." This wasn't event he

beginning of it. River of lava from the distance, a twisted hall it was, soon as he arrived. It leads to a giant room, tall, of a metal which wasn't known. There were long rows or openings just laid there everywhere around, through which spectators would watch. Soon the gate closes behind him with an immediate blunting throttle. 'Oh, but it's not over yet. You still haven't learned your lesson.' 'I have, I have.' His breath was slowed down, the heat was getting to him now at a whole new level. There were pain and a shock at the same time. It was getting worse by the minute. To see the rows light and the cheers and voices of them was the furthest from delightful. 'Why are you. Doing this? I'm no warrior.' There were only blisters on his lips, which now made it harder for him to speak. Something down his throat was blocking some of the air. Though, despite his problems, Argus knew that this was supposed to be an arena. Rather, to him, this had become the heart of the furnace where he was being boiled alive with no water to swim in. 'If you want water so much, fight for it. Entertain us now!' The ground was shaking in dismissal. 'Here it comes.' 'Oh dear combatant, will you not entertain all of our guests? Or perhaps you'll join the rest?' Bones laid around, the remnants of the previous fights. Even from the distance, the rows seemed more than full with plenty of recognisable and people he did not know. No weapons just bare hands. I need to grab at least something from down here. With that in mind, he came as fast as possible under the shadow and grabbed a piece of fabric off the ground to wipe off his sweat, this was important. A piece of the arm was more than welcomed, upon which he rubbed the sweaty fabric and pushed it as much as he could. There was a need for it to spread, at least if it truly worked that way, for this would be the strongest and fastest way for him to make it spread. As for these so called combatants, they wore no armour nor weapons, henceforth, if he would've been worse, there'd be nothing for him to use. 'Hurry now, we don't want to make it wait.' There were some steps that lead towards the place, though the misconception seemed to fade away. It wasn't coming from the door through which Argus came but from another place. Unsurprisingly, there was a slight expectation that he'd jump from above. There wasn't any visible ceiling, as the high rows expanded to the sky. It was only but an illusion. Just as everything else was. 'Who will be my enemy then? Is it one of you?' Argus pointed at the crowd, yet spoke of anything else. They roared and shouted at him, almost in the sense that he seemed to appear like a warrior in the Colosseum. 'If you seek your punishment so early, look below.' Argus had failed to notice how much was the floor segmented and cut with long thin lines which separated an entry point. It opened in the middle, almost spherical if it weren't for the squared planes. At once, from below, a platform started being raised as the crowd waited in silence for a sign from below. First, even Argus started taking distance, anything really to get an advantage over whatever it was coming from below. For now, it seemed, as the figures came to light, there were only a few people, slightly thinner and barely fitting the image of warriors. 'Are you mocking me now? Should we wait for a dozen fights that get harder until I'll be released?' 'They're not for you.' The voice said and at once from above it dropped. A giant meaty form, with a frog like a face, humanoid fell from above, making a dark, grim thunder. That armour didn't break the fall, at least not from the looks of it, but the meat it crushed in that horrific sight managed to put Argus to his place. He was standing still, in shock, thinking and seeing that moment again. That being made out of a gluttonous mass, seemed to be partially human, yet it was now picking up from below and eating. It will come after me once it's done. The crowd appeared to feel a different way about the entire ordeal. Some were shouting, others were booing, and at least there were others who were throwing rotten meat at the beast. Now that he regained what he had, he moved sideways to get a better look at this thing conjured up from

the depths of pseudo memory and twisted mind. Chubby arms, but held no weapon, it twisted a forked tongue to eat and drink from below. It was only covered by a tiny bit of fur around the body, at least on the parts that weren't crushed under the armour by the fall. For the time being, at least it appeared to be done eating, but just as well, it managed to crush its legs. It felt no pain at it ignored the meat and started chasing the small man, crawling and pushing with those hands as much as it did. The form seemed to appear more like the obese rather the beast when approaching him. "This could be your fate if you choose to listen and free him." His little pet send on errands and forced to listen and obey. Is this the future you desire?" Aaagh. Argus shouted as he rolled out of the way. That thing acted unexpectedly, not as a human, nor as a beast, coming into range and letting itself just fall and crush anything under it. There used to lay a bed of bones which immediately came to a striking point of total smashing. The metal protected it from anything and there didn't seem to be any free point, other than the mouth and head. 'I've got you now.' As for the momentum which was regained, Argus turned and jumped, striking at the head which turned at fast as it could. It ate his weapon and swallowed. This was it for him, at least the hand came but couldn't go further. A blind spot, into the armour which prevented the entire turn to the side. It wasn't much but managed to help him and let him escape. "This is it then, your monster has been defeated. End this game now." Oh but we're not even started yet. It will take a lot more than a small bone drenched in your sweat to kill it. At once Argus turned away from his arrogance and looked at the beast, standing with its massive arms, what seemed to be slobbery fat were filled with bloated muscles. It held its weight and now some more. Some signs of the infection were present, yet they stopped from going any further. I need more of it for it to fall. There could be no other way for me to defeat it! Some of the features were of animalistic reign, at least from the likes of it. Something of the formed body and upper body strength despite its gluttonous form seemed to be comparable to a common jungle gorilla. The way it acted at it looked at its prey, the sad look in its eyes when it came and crushed the meat. Just as worse as it was for him, so it was for this creature. It charged and released its grip from the ground again, falling over in what would end up being another attempt. This time it wasn't as easy to strike Argus as it was before. Such nimbleness came with a price, seeing it now as an animal which suffered. 'Stop forcing it to do this. Can't you see that it's being hurt?' Only a slight shimmer of the voice was audible to him. Undoubtedly, those standing in the rows either couldn't hear or didn't care for this primordial broken thing. There was satisfaction with the crowd each time it fell over itself and the meat inside, the bones were crushed between the metal and the ground. Using itself as a weapon was nothing but a failure. But this was your plan, wasn't it? To humiliate me and make me fight this beast. 'How does it figures we did that? Did you not wish for a fair fight? Look at it come up again.' Its massive arms were now shaking, a shoulder pad fell off, revealing some of the blood dripping. Nonetheless, despite those wounds, it managed to stand tall under that mountain of an armour. With a long scar along the face, it lived for now, though in a worse condition. It starts affecting, as obviously as it now seems, it's not entirely immune. An open wound would be just perfect for a touch. All that he needed now it end its suffering. He went at once and picked a bone, smashing it against the ground, until pieces of it ended up being sharp. As for the beast, it gave chase slowly, as the ability to turn at its own pace revealed itself as its biggest flaw. 'I can just move around it now, is this the best you've got to offer? A cripple beast which has nothing else to offer?' Now he was almost done, what remained to do now. A small slash, as the poison at the tip of the newly made blade. Quite enough of blood ran down the bone as Argus cut his hand, but all of it was necessary to end this

madness he was forced in. The crowd stood silent now, and the beast finally managed to turn. This would be the end of it, at the apparent fight could be seen in both of their eyes. At once they both came at one another but the beast no longer just came in regards of falling. Those hands painfully held the ground and pushed themselves back in order to arc the entire body. It would simulate a sling that would push the artillery like a bullet and crush him. A dangerous though as Argus charged, it could've died on its own, this was about pride. His hand was wrapped around the spear and just in time, he came as close as to throw it before it managed to launch itself. In a moment, it was all over, as the blood embedded spear flew, it managed to avoid the face and deviate. Somehow the shoulder was punctured deep, as to the bone. Finally, the beast roared and fell to the side, as that attempt failed. That fall shattered the bone and forced every ounce of blood to enter and defile its skin and fur. Wriggling down in an attempt to end the pain, it started eating its own shoulder and trying to spit it out. To no avail. So many people in the crowd were being driven to roars and applauses over the deed. 'Is this what you wanted me to do? Could you not suffer me to leave this place and head down below?' There wasn't any other escape and no other place for an excuse of any kind. Only now it stopped moving, once the jaw started liquefying and becoming part of the shoulder, permanently. It managed to push the toxin which roamed in Argus' blood to a point of no return. The arm was unusable, as for the beast, it could still breathe, barely, but unable to move. Soon, the other muscle would end its muscle control, as the creature would be driven to madness. 'Will you let it suffer?' 'I won't end it, I didn't ask for this. Now release me!' 'Not, yet.' Said the voice as they pushed a bigger one from above. That dark corner of the ceiling which appeared to be the illusion of a man. Such creature that came again seemed to be another contender in the same race. At least the size and weight was twice that of the last one. It had had its end by now once this beast came and fell on its body and crushed it immediately. That dumb look on its face was no longer appearing to be human. With each increase in size and weight, some of that receded into what appeared to be pure corruption. 'I cannot stand and fight these forever.' 'You will fight for as long as we desire. Listen to the crowd, how they admire and how they cheer for your victory. Do you need weapons and armour, real ones? Fight again and be gone.' 'Do you promise to let me free?' The silence was a damnable answer, at least for both of them. Out of the dome which came from below, there came a variety of spears, swords, small hammers and one golden hint of a shield. As the custom, this creature was busy, eating out of the remains of the previous combatant, undoubtedly to gain its strength. Blindsided, it failed to notice just how fast Argus make do with he had. A small sword and a dagger, a shield, a spear, of which he was already accustomed with. This was more than ready, prepared for a fight. The beast was just the same, weak lower body, stronger arms which would carry the rest as further away as it did before. I need to kill it fast before it finished eating. As much as a fair fight would've mattered, this wasn't going to go as well as the last time. The mountain was getting higher and higher with each one that fell from above. Doubt came still that it'd be the last one he'd face. This was it, to its blind stand and that thing was still eating from its jerky arm. It had been pulling out the skin for a while, a vile one, greedy and eating like a pig. Just in time. Argus was in the best position he could've been when he fell to a knee and threw the spear as hard as he could. From the side, it suddenly came like a lightning bolt and pierced the face. The sound of the skull cracking under the pressure almost came with a faint from the crowd. A thud came as the sharp end of the spear ended up bouncing against the helmet. At once it fell and sent the crowd who was still watching as if this was nothing more than a ceremony, into a shivering set of roars and applauses. This was the show they wanted and

begged for. 'Am I done now?' He asked while that gigantic thing fell on its back leaving no room for a bounce or even a sign of being alive. Another one ended and this time he took some distance away. If one more of them were to fall, he'd be no victim yet. 'You do not fail to entertain. One after another falls to the great Argus now, do not deny your heritage and might. But it's not over yet, not until we say it's over.' Another fight. Another fight. The crowd cheered and asked for yet another in unison as the desire to see him fight had grown. Such a body which did not tire, certainly there had to be something wrong. Or even worse, something was wrong with his mind. Why can't I be left alone? Let me go at once. His thoughts were now ignored as he approached the dome. Some mechanism seemed to be working from below, twisting, pushing, pulling. And as the cogs and large pumps were going, there seemed to be something of a reward. At once, as it opened, there seemed to be a cabin filled entirely with water. There wasn't any resistance and he went down and started drinking from it, only to spit it out. 'Salt water, is this a joke?' In a way, he was warned. 'Look above you.' 'There's nothing but a great shadow above.' Answered Argus, wandering at the might of the ceiling. Something was peculiarly wrong now. It shrouded everything, lowered it, moving, shiveringly. An unknown thing which seemed to creep forever, like a gate. 'Look around you now.' Everything seemed something smaller, lowered as the darkness approached. It was closer than ever to the crowd when it stopped. 'You will be devoured if you don't escape.' And don't delude yourself as if you're not into our power. 'The gate.' Shouted Argus, though it was quite late for that. Two guardians stood by it as they were drawn. One had the bashed head and one had had his shoulder and head merged together. Yet, despite being fleshed out and both slain, they were standing there, just guarding it. 'It cannot be, damn you.' 'Have you then.' Came the voice of a man from above. This was the coming of a rain. From above came a rain of small crabs, falling and somehow surviving the great distances as they did. It was a sight to see the shell bounce and still move. And the rain felt cold, as for the hearing which was diminished. 'Enjoy it while it lasts.' It was a feast, at least, as they were boiled then, shortly after, when another wave of heat came from everywhere else. Argus found himself holding those off the ground who suddenly were turned and friend. The water turning black was a bad sign to begin, but this could be his chance. Both of them were distracted, one was eating the small creatures, alive. The other one didn't have functioning eyes anymore. Just his hearing was left now, and Argus approached. There wasn't any doubt that the sound of small crabs hitting the ground was disturbing and confusing to it. A strange thing, after all, unusual and perhaps to his best advantage. It made that creature shake and dismissal, just as the other stood and ate without having being distracted. What could they have said to them if I were to approach? A few steps revealed a shivering roar from the bigger one, pumping blood and visibly moving that overlapped pair of muscles. There had been pain involved and at least the digging of part of his brain. Twenty feet away laid the spear with a broken point, the wood was there but the sharp metal point wasn't. Which left it, undoubtedly still inside, corroding and rotting as much as it could. It wasn't long that he went away, holding the shield above his head once he started hearing just how strong the rain started being. The shells were a lot less resistant than before. If there was still an audience, they were now confused about what was happening in this area of their choosing. Where combatants were slain just to be standing there and falling creatures from the sky. Soon, they'd fill every single spot out there. Nowhere to move. I need to escape this trap before they boil me. 'Release me, now and I promise to listen to you and what you want me to do.' There had to be a stop and without any way around, this was the only thing Argus could do. Pledge his life to them and this madness would end. The crabs weren't falling from the

sky anymore. As a matter of fact, whatever small creature laid on the ground wasn't alive anymore. At least not in the eyes of Argus, which meant quite a lot for the time being. Even the giant gatekeepers reverted to their previous state of being. Both were laying on the floor, waiting for a move, in case he changed his mind. There wasn't any doubt anymore that they could drive Argus mad in mere moments if they wanted to. 'Damn you, just let me go already.' 'One last combatant and you will have earned your freedom. That is all we ask of you, nothing more and nothing less. Just take his life and you will be free to go and find a way out.' 'Slay him, slay him now,' came the voice deeper into his mind. It was someone who was being risen from the ground, the platform was somehow still moving and in the condition to push. This would be the last of his suffering inside this oven. Back to sweating, Argus thought. It was already quite odd to have salt just falling from his clothes and over the board. This would only get hotter from now on. His vision could only feel so damned. Before it could open too and he could earn his freedom, the abdominal happened. Something shook inside and pushed the platform onto one side. The entire arena got forced to fall as close to the wall as possible. This was the worst of yet, a strong push and turn which turned the wall where the spectators had been into the ground. Argus was close and felt no pain and no push, but soon found himself running and jumping. The thunder-like bolts came at once, when the bodies came and rolls. Metal striking against its own kind revealed something of a force he didn't even know existed. And overall, this was the true end of this attempt to subjugate Argus. 'Is this your doing too?' No one answered his question nor his plea, as they were silent throughout his entire damn minutes as he waited. Caught with his back against the wall. Something was happening, abnormal, taken, it was turning over again, but in the wrong direction. For a moment, Argus thought he was smart, having made the decision to remain with his back against the wall and feel no force throw or push him against the ground. Seeing the bodies suddenly slide made him realise just how wrong he was. It forced him into a desperate flight for survival, to reach the end before it was too late. But this was wrong, there was nothing there now, towards where he was forced to go. Just a damn damp place from where they'd been. It called for the creatures and now asked for Argus to call. He answered then. 'I'm coming for you then! And I will not rest until you're out of my mind.' The silence was disturbing though he knew that it was a sign. Just as the bodies fell, he reached the dark end and came inside with a leap and a grimace on his face. This would be the dampest and gloomiest place he had been inside. A land in itself, twisted and turned, mushrooms which were large and slightly decayed. They cushioned his fall once he came through the gate. Whatever happened in the arena, he once saw the pair of teeth those fungi had. They ate and extended it to the rain of blood which was happening. Plants lighted the place and from the likes of it, it was full of them. How deeper are we then inside? Could we have even moved at all? It was just strange to think that all of it would've been for nothing. But this was it and here he was, standing against what seemed to be a land which had taken everything he had. His food and water were away. Argus came to the point of merely just leaping from his landing spot to yet another. Their long bases were twisted, almost to the point where they had their veins all around their necks. Something was being pumped inside, as nowhere else had Argus seen the fluctuation of sizes he had encountered now. It seemed like this was more of a small factory than a place of great confinement. A shiveringly familiar sound yet found its way inside, once he had looked over and managed to take a glimpse. It was the two corpses which were no longer standing and were crushed by the fall. Suddenly, they were taken out of sight by someone or rather. Something. Other things mustn't be spoken anymore, that would be known as the rule of thumb

from now on. The pain would be too great and the place seemed cosy. Long luminous bulbs which were lighting with a yellow strikingly strong power. It came as much as resembling stars. Dangling from side to side, in an almost mesmerising way. He let go immediately and fell into a safe distance. No wonder at that, the soil was soft and cosy, again, looking around made him feel uncomfortable. The worst being, looking above to see that there wasn't any sky, but a general gloom, lighted only by the stars which were forever bound to the ground. Insects roamed supreme and made tingling noises everywhere around. As much as they were too scared of the tall man, none of them seemed to make any more or raise any suspicion towards him. Pairs of small bright eyes were almost innumerable. Something was creeping around. Have they been the ones who crept and had taken the bloody remains? It was just the perfect environment for the small things Argus carried inside of him to grow. Inside those bodies which were taken something his was still trying to spread. 'Hey, hey. Can you understand me?' Out of his mouth came a pair of soft words, spoken as if he looked at another man to whom he gave his trust. None of them tried getting any unwanted attention. Some came closer as they heard him and saw just how he stood, almost still, just waiting for anything to come near him and interact. It was something made in good faith, that those wiggling insects flew a few inches into the light. They were flying in pairs, forming small group balls and changing places regularly. Thick bodies, the grunts of a colony, many wings attached, black and yellow, dripping with something. More importantly, they were connected by a long wire which was visible at all time. Despite their weird motion and flying in circles, and regardless of how thin was that wire, none of them managed to break it. Despite the pressure, they managed to show a sign of intelligence. 'I won't hurt you now.' Said Argus to the pair. He looked again at the dark and saw the small bulbous eyes and how they were still standing there just waiting for something. And that was already quite peculiar, to begin with. The distance between one another was too much for them to be standing in pairs. Not to mention that they were standing still as if they were standing on giant leaves. 'Shew, shew, be gone already.' A change of mind came immediately as he came to his senses. An unknown part of the worlds which was turned around. I can't trust anything. And as it turned out, they scattered immediately and filed away in different directions, just as confused as he was. None of them had any control anymore as some ended being smashed against the ground and got immediately crushed. This hasn't changed yet, I need to find a way out and get rid of what had taken over my freedom. Such was Argus' plan and it would've worked better if he knew where he was. Even better, if he knew where he was going. Alas, no one can have everything asked for and deny the petty. Especially those born out of the mushrooms. There laid a small tribe of this shallow creature made out of skin and fungus. It had something of both human and plant in it, borrowing as much as dirt to cover up the holes left as the rejected bits. Some of them were hiding under their roofs, protected by the dark. Their small rods of dark crystals scared the bulb so none of them would face the fear of being seen by someone new. Something about their small bodies and how much they borrowed from human seemed to bring fright to the corner of the eye. Many had as much as four or eight faces spread around the body, slightly working in the attempts. Faces were either killed in the attempt to suffocate those that went mad, and others were just stuffed with as much mud until they wouldn't speak. The ears were hard pushed and flat, but they could hear just as much, and listen and smell. Something they received gave new promise of a lot. Bigger, tall, stronger ones for their tribe. As the man was going to the place without a notice, they were already pushing to make the bigger ones, who've been spared by their tall gods. Considered divine gifts, they carried them to

a smallpox filled entrance from the ground. From it came, in the inner depths, a tormented tongue which had everything wrong with humanity. A deprive long organ with multiple sharp, formless head which seemed to be gelatinous at first sight but immediately took the shape of something that would fit. It came with ease inside as poison met poison. It seemed to work even better with that one headless thing which had been shoved inside its own shoulder for a while. The process would take days or even weeks, but this would happen now. 'I can feel this.' Said Argus from a fair distance. Indeed, the soil had something else which everything other hadn't. As much as it went on the whole, this small world he entered seemed to have something more than everything he experienced in his memory. Despite his senses being shoved inside, he knew that this was wrong. The world got turned upside down, yet the plants would grow and stand still. If it came to it again, they'd only be tied to the ground. But where did those things come from then? Could they be more? Looking around, this would manage to make things a lot more difficult. Fighting those behemoths in a confined place with no weapon and just his arms, as much as they had intended, was suicide. And it was already too late for that, too far, too shallow. I need to find the road. One way remained, under the light of the dangling bulb which he followed. Unknown, still, they crept upon that alien-like armoured organism, removing what pieces of armour they could take. Something about their thick bodies made them repelled as they threw glances at what was inside. Though, now, it was perfect, as they were just the size. One by one came just above, as the long tainted tendril had been doing its job, they did as well. They buried inside the body, as much as they disliked ending their lives in order to do as such, they were too small to do anything else. Almost microscopic, in their sizes, to the point of no human eye being able to see any of them if they came near. They were riders of giant winged being which flew in pairs, defying all odds and going out there. It wasn't long until they prepared more and mounted, as much as a part of their colony was now bent on handling the two twin colossi. One was left walking still, without his coat, without protection. But, there was still something which made them reluctant to go for an attack, something familiar about him. At the same time, there was somewhat of a fear of what it bore inside. Fragrance for them was like a demon, flying and spreading and trying to lend packs to the most trusting and the ones who had no other choice but to believe. One deadly mistake was already done by their people and they paid it dearly after all. Crushed and buried, stricken by fate. They were dead and had been on the ground for the crash. Those that survived had lost their scent and floated in the sky. For, that was their fate, and death couldn't be denied. The currently they constantly fought was getting harsh and shallow, at the point where there was no denying that stopping the resistance only for a second would mean falling through the emptiness. A crevice which laid in the sky. It called and spoke their long forgotten tongue and spoke only by moving those long invisible fungi spreading antennas. Somehow they managed to get the message, for this whole that crept, hidden for so long was found again. In their small minds, small messages couldn't be understood, as they weren't as evolved to the point of understanding human speech like other species. Or even having one of their own. Clicks and biological small punctured holes pulled the air inside and transmitted the commands in their minds. Fear of light had to be delayed again, at least for those who had received it still. Others have failed and fled in the agony of receiving a punishment because they decided yet to flee from sight. Instincts were something deeply coded in their human side, as much as those things that entered in the semi-hybrid brain of theirs. Some commands worked to the utmost perfection, as much as others ended up as complete failures of understanding or the inability to move on. There had been

something now of a conviction in these tall, almost animated things which could move as opposed to standing still. Little balls of fluff which were expelled from one another in attempts of whispers as to understand. What could normally be understood by humans could only come as. 'Could they be our new gods?' 'They are strong and mighty, just like that which came here.' 'Honour will be brought to us.' And rather other short compositions which could end up being unutterable at after being heard. It was shallow to look over the rain of blood, but the man stood by the side, covering himself with a small leaf, crushing the smaller ones which came to the greet the new creature. 'Look at how it's crushing them, how easily he took control.' Said Ptih, the leader of one of the brigades. As much as he resembled others, he was slightly taller, the faces more recognisable as they had more distinct and well-formed features. Even his hybrid part was more apparent, giving the combination of green and pink skin a yellow and red, perhaps even an ultramarine shade. Something was off with the small creature, already forcing itself to listen to its call. 'It could lead us to greatness.' Translation of the speech. It came fast, as he mounted and continued on this path others deemed damnation. 'He killed others.' Some protested. 'There was the only slaughter of the weak ones who couldn't fight or push themselves past the other weaklings.' Strong and bold, he had others mount and follow him, forcing the insect ball as further apart as to show him just how bold they were. One slight inch further and their entire dance would end up like the last one. A dangerous manoeuvre to tempt fate like that, quite so. As much as others have tried it in the past, they only ended up being launched further away and being crushed. Such fate was dark and painful especially on their way back to their source, being pulled back into the mushroom bulb was a painful process. One that kept half sentence at least for days until it was done devouring the engines. Those were the luckiest, thousands didn't share that fate. Especially since it kept the reserve at the bottom when just one of those still beings ran out of blood, guts or whatever it could pull inside to eat. Then, at the most desperate of times, it pulled out of its reserve. How many did they use now, keeping them alive to suffer? 'Is that your god and how he's punishing you?' 'No, we were told that we need to follow, that we would be saved. But this isn't a life for failure that we can live, brothers. Is it not worth it to risk it in order to earn that chosen one's respect?' There was somewhat of an understanding from that small, more evolved concoction. Especially the way it went deeper into that flying insect's brain, pushing and spreading, converting it into its most precious slave and master. Such journey would take a while and just as the remains came from above, this was clear. Another day would go and those who were at the bottom suffered. There had to be at least days where nothing had to come from above. It was only lucked that it smashed through the mushroom, those big things wearing their armour. Perhaps, that was even the reason for them now being worshipped by a small cult which was trying to revive them. Two decaying gods, standing and waiting to be alive again, that which has been dead for so long. They made no difference between what was living and that which was no longer with them. The only skin was slightly different in their eyes from the various other forms. Insects were distinguishable but close, rather, they were seen as transports from one point to another. Dangerously, they flew in pairs, tied to one another ever since birth. But alas, one pull and one push and everything would be gone, even the slightest touch of fear. That was their biggest flaw. Though methods came, control in the store never before had they went ahead to plant themselves inside their brains and grow. Various nerves, connected through the various mazes and the holes which made it do everything they wanted. Moving, spewing, even flapping those pair of wings faster or slower. Even the darkest command, which was abandoning the only thing that kept it alive and fed, that small organ

that was evolved to connect to another of its kind. They bore information from one point to another, and as others connect, that information changed. For a time they weren't dependent on the giant mushroom to speak, for they had the perfect replacement for it. They themselves spoke to one another, or rather, the symbiosis between them and the insect brains which converted the speech into something grimmer. Have there been a time when everything hadn't seemed as shallow?" Go away, damn insects. They had been following Argus for a while, the only other pair he had seen following him. The rain had stopped, henceforth nothing was keeping him there and other than a slight need of exploration, there was still his main goal. I should clean this up somehow. He said, though as loud as he was, none of them understood what he could be saying. This was quite the distance now, as they approached, right within the range. As daring as they had seemed to themselves and others of the same appearance, this wasn't the case for Argus. Being followed by a pair of long flying insects wasn't the best of omens. Turned against them, he pulled a piece of the mushroom and threw it in their direction. The base of it was soft and tender, which made it more than easy to be ripped. Manoeuvres were used in order to avoid it, pushing through, flying further into the air, just in time. He's testing us. Went the message, through the various tubes inside those long, scarred bodies. There'd been only faith so far and it would continue until their very end. For, now they saw how easily he took away, ripping the body and disgracing their old lord. With an opening now and Argus gone into the shadows, it was obvious, that crystalline soft tissue they were seeing. It squirmed even though they had no eyes, anyone could see that they had sensed, recognising others of their own kind. They used to be their people and now they're being caught and trapped inside. Where could it be? Argus wonder as he walked through, there used to be a pair of weapons and a shield, all of which he had lost. Perhaps even a flame or something for him to ignite. At least those damn voices he heard were gone, if not only momentarily. How did they even get inside my head? Was almost as important, they weren't helping and promised to take over him and his desire. He found something quite bizarre. It was a tower in this maddening blood hungry jungle. Quite a small part of it and the tower appeared more like an outpost of some kind, split into two connected sides and adjacent to a wall. If you could call that thing a wall, hints of brick visible, yet, nothing else particularly signalled anything else of the sort. Huge areas of it got covered entirely by growths of plants which kept growing and growing until that point. Something stopped it from expanding and having any trouble, from being found and pulling a lot of attraction towards it. For a moment, after looking at it, perhaps, there had been a chance that it might've been there before he arrived and chose to see go into the dance. One of memory and disgust. At once, he opened the door, steadily, as something was odd with it. Once he was done, as hard as it did take him a few attempts and at least minutes. If not more. A giant room appeared, lighting automatically from a public device made of glass and small metal wires. The room was compact, driven into the wall and from the looks of it, no one had ever come inside for a long time. Not even dust came it, at the point where even the air was absent. Empty, to the point of one thinking that everything that had ever been inside got eviscerated. A peculiar approach but not one could deny the power of the being involved in this and judging from what he had seen, that which was empty, soon got to be. A gateway of my dreams, something for me to see. It came out of nowhere, this thought of his, which filled Argus with faith. Enough of which he closed his eyes and waited, trying to find out what used to be inside. Something might've happened in the seconds he had them close, for the cold breeze of a home was there. A kitchen, stove, a bear, clothes and even someone sleeping in the bed, covered in sheets. A lamp and carpets, something of a rustic

house which didn't belong here and even a large trapdoor hidden under the bed which leads the basement, undoubtedly. 'Could this be?' And as Argus asked and grabbed the collar of the carpet, it became as sand and vanished between his fingers. 'These are too old now, make them real I say!' A grimace and feat, came through his throat, among his desire to go on. There was no one to listen to his command, as for what was happening, this seemed never to go beyond what it truly was. A memory from the past, someone who was truly here and now he wasn't. There wasn't any way to step on them or touch anything without the immediate disintegration. At least, the view as slightly comforting if anything. A fleeting feeling, that was true, but nonetheless, something which boosted his morale. It was the cosy fire, a certain warmth which he felt deep inside, stirred by something which he thought to be his own. A fear came into his, being trapped there as a punishment as a diving judgement would be supreme. Despite his paranoid self-distraction, he turned to see that the door was still open. His mind felt the release as his breath destroyed much of the carpet in an instant. It was at this hinder that he wanted to see more, or rather, what used to be under that trap door. Without being able to be stopped, Argus walked and at the point of reaching the man who was sleeping, or whoever used to live there, he just pushed through, seeing him shatter on the ground. A slight feeling of power surged through him. To be able to crush them as if they were nothing, a master of elements going wherever he deemed it necessary to go. 'If this is what it feels like being strong and mighty, I might even get used to it.' With a glance around and after being done looking and inspecting the place, there was a slight confusion. The spot was the same and despite everything being removed, this one thing had to be there. Chances were that it was still hollow on the other side, despite the lack of a ring to open it. Swarms were gathering on the other side. Through the door, Argus saw just a few colonies of them which gathered and waited for him and his juices. If they were anything like the fleas or mosquitos, despite being something of a more evolved, longer, sharper things, this was going to be a bother without any fire. There was a need for certainty and escape which manifested in Argus during the time spent there. 'I just need to find it.' His fingers swam through the floor, as he tried his best to find that one slight dent and separation which was intended. It had to be somewhere, they couldn't have sealed it lie that. Argus closed his eyes again, this time, feeling everything he remembered at a whole different, physical level. There was the latch, still to the same point. His body now cut through the bed immediately but managed to hold onto that one ringed object in which laid his desire. With a pull, it came out with an immediate noise. He opened to see it there, half-open but falling, as he was positioned to enter. The problem is that the falling door was soon to be closed forever now and nothing came into his line of sight to grab a hold of it, other than the edges of this door. With both hands, a foot below, he grabbed and held, as heavy as it was. The problem could've been avoided. It needed as much strength as it had, but after a push, he threw it away. This wasn't the main intention, for it to be crushed by its own weight and get thrown on the floor. Now, a square hole was left forever and by the looks of it, below was a place of roots, a tunnel or a semi-entrance to something of a place where they store their inner, most important bits of their bodies. Somehow, he was expected to go there. Without a way out, this was only but a path which was left open from years. Dirt ran by the sides and the roots somehow haven't grown outside or even deviated their spots. A dark liquid was dripping though, and bulbs of light were just formed and suddenly became active as he went on the stairs. Certainly, these were sturdy and bizarre. The tunnel wasn't deep, or at least it didn't take long until he was stopped by a dead end. This would be one nasty thing. From the appearance, it was a human heart, one that had

grown to be as tall as Argus. Tied with many roots which dug inside and connected the forest with it. The disgust and repulsiveness drove him to do a shallow act and feel how soft it was, breaking and ripping it apart. In a slash made by his fist as he went down on it, something even grimmer was revealed. This was nothing but a fleshy distraction, a defensive mechanism which was made to protect the real heart. As the blood ran down his feet and that thing of meat fell alone, the real heart of this small jungle came to be. It was quite small, deeply rooted with canals and plenty of extrusions which made just spots for bulbs to grow. A production of something was in the way, through certain, that would remain a mystery. There was no other saying, this had to be destroyed. Outside, somehow, those unmovable plants started going and trying to wiggle on each side. Pushing their blood seeking antennae, they expelled them small bubbles of blood. That blood concoction of meat affected plenty, if not all of them to a level. They were desperate to stop him from doing it, sending a battalion to fight the intruder. Battalions were sent, mounted of flying frigates. They were regions of which those flies had grown rabid and more violent, having only but a rider. Some have been banished from the flying colonies, hence they were forced to live alone and fend for themselves. And in return, they evolved to be more ferocious, even spikes, ready for a fight. Long tusks and formations in the carapace were something to be aware, to the point where they seemed to be of another species altogether. Outside, Argus was unaware of the war which was going on, which already began. The man was too busy smashing the roots and the formation that he didn't notice how they were battling. Charging from one flank came the battalion in full motion, carrying spears made out of leaves. They could cut through anything and something more than that, double edged blades were carried, attached on their shoulders. A moment was filled with quiet, all alone until the two first troops met, the infantry came first in their twisted ways. Other than entangling one another, there wasn't any other way for them to go about fighting. It went down quickly after that, both sides tried doing as much damage during the fast motions. Even one mistake and the entire rank would just fall and die among their mighty steeds. It took only the flash of a bulb to decide the victor of the fight. There wasn't anything they could've done to protect themselves from the blinding flashes. Not much time spent in the light resulted in somewhat of a vulnerability which was soon to be exploited. Everything needed to know was there, as a blade suddenly came and cut through both the rider and its flying steed. They went down and broken the entire dance, dragging the entire pair of flyers below like an anchor. What remained of their riders had bruises and cuts plenty of wounds that laying around. Despite that, they were ready for another fight and something more than that. They were ready to live and die for what they believed in, including this. Seeing the others starting to march would be damned, left alone in the middle of the aerial battlefield. A dark chapter in their history, at least, that's what they'd say. Nevertheless, the dead landed in the soil, an honourable thing to avoid the pointless suffering. But that wasn't soon to last. Both parties started advancing on one another, having hypnotising dances and glances which were partially blinded. It's true, they haven't spent as much time there, but the rebellion had another thing missing from the ranks. A rider was just snapped out but an armoured flyer which came into the darkest of the flights alone. With an elongated tusk, it impaled one of them and hadn't stopped its charge until it managed to reach one of the tops of the mushrooms and push it inside. The pain came immediately as the small soldier was liquefied, becoming part of the base. And for the first time, there was a small audible scream that almost sounded human. In its last moments, it got pulled inside, never to be heard or seen again. The moment of confusion was only perfect for them to advance, just as they were returning, soon they'd find

out that these riders were flying blind. Others were snatched from both parties immediately. So much faster and stronger, not to mention that the armour almost made these flyers partially indestructible. They were flying terrors now, taking from both, sometimes just knocking one another just to be pushed away. 'Come on already.' Argus had seemed to have found the main source of the growth here. It was somewhat of a nucleus, a formed white pair of giant moving contamination connected by a pair of roots. It couldn't be crushed, despite how many attempts there were, by mere hands. Neither could it be kicked or crushed by the looks of it. Even as a fight ran on, this was soon to be retracted. The blood and the skin around the meat tissue seemed to be growing at a fast rate in front of his eyes. Not any longer and this would regenerate. 'I need something else, think, Argus, think.' Whatever animated these plants have to die. This was important for his escape. There were no matched and no wood for a fire, the only thing he could do was this now. Close to it, he started sinking his teeth deep inside and felt the massive lumps just pop in his mouth. Dripping from it was a liquid so repulsing to taste that he'd rather taste his own blood or vomit. It sent the entire growth in the shallowest pandemonium it had ever felt. The light was flashing, every party were now attacking anyone in sight, even one another. Lesser one had been known to die immediately without remorse, taken and hidden from sight as they giant successors were getting ready to die as well. The base of the formations started melting at a fast pace. The meat wasn't growing but Argus couldn't do it anymore. Barely, after a few attempt, he pulled his teeth away and started splitting what had lain in his stomach. Meanwhile, the outside was a battlefield to be unrecognisable, toppled down corruptions, flyers that were disconnected yet were able to fly on their own. Armourd flyers which laid impaled and the worst, roots were grown around the small structure and started punching it. In the darkest confines of the green, musty hole, something of a partial lump had formed around the titan. It got up and slowly started walking, worshipped as one of them. Walking in two arms alone was hard when it was alive, but this could barely be happening now. It was controlled by that thing which laid inside there, the partially exposed spot inside the hold. It wasn't long until Argus could smash it and pull bits of it with its bare hands. This was to go and crush his skull and rip the far ends of his neck and a resolve to this conflict. Seeing how the titan was awakened, flyers came and charged only to pointlessly fall. It was too much of a chance to be able to go against. But those swinging fist just made it go through the motion as if it were nothing to it. Ranks were broken upon its sight. Who would even stand against their own lord who had risen again and started charging? Indeed, it had come at a moment utmost opportune, ignoring the open door through which it couldn't fit through. As he arrived, the beast started cracking stone with its massive fists. This was a true assault in its own meaning and power, in terms of strength and destruction. No one could deny the might, seeing how it went from strike to strike without even taking a break. Argus heard it well and as expected, to be brought to life, he went ahead and resume to crush that thing, with his fingers. Now, even close to it, he started biting and attempting to eat it through and through. Nothing was low for him, not even a slightly poisonous root which dangled and tried to reach him. This apparent core was the source of it and finally, it started letting go. They both ended at the same time, both the core got ripped from the roots and the beast had broken through. Even the sight of it was enough to send Argus in an alarmed stated. Looking through, from an opening below, he pulled the door and closed. It smashed against the stone and the darkness laid inside. Hope was still there since he saw that it might not be able to see anything at all. Driven by instincts alone, it might just come and leave, at least until the air would run out. Leave, leave, please, make him leave already. I don't ask for much

now. Though Argus, unknowingly, he'd get exactly what he wanted. At once the pandemonium was in motion. Nothing kept this small world from being turned upside down. Even he fell to the motion that came, holding only by the stairs. What came first was only but a spark, a sound of a knock, and the turning as the last thing. Argus saw darkness but found himself falling and standing on the closed stone door. His arms were holding the dirt, that would soon just fall as well on the sides. It didn't take long to look and see through the openings where the light came, but for a moment he saw the entirety of the turned tower under him and how the roots that held everything in place started letting go. 'I need to remember.' His voice said with a strong demeanour. This would act in his best interest at once. Lacking balance, he looked and saw how the long dark tendrils which had hidden got to stretch and ripped apart. Heavier objects and bodies fell faster onto the ground. And now, it came back to it, the town of his youth, smashed buildings, crushed under the various falling debris. The fall would be a lot to take for him and this is where they'd depart from the looks of it. Under him laid the broken tower and under the tower laid the body of the reanimated giant. At least half of its body got ruined. This was the end of it, just in time. There had been an opening where he jumped and held onto the base of one of the elongated mushroom and held dearly for his life. The main core, that thing of white which was expanding was still half under his arms. For good keeping, to say the least, as it still refused to go away. Argus finally fell on a grave of soft mushrooms, hiding under their various shells. Using them as shields until everything was done falling. The day came at last, as the sun and clouds left the place for a rain. The worst timing that could've been, he looked now at nothing but a grave of plants, of roaming insects and crushed homes. And above of him laid a dark hole which had no beginning or no end. A lifeless thing that laid there, in the middle of the sky. Nothing would grow there anymore, nor will ever expand. Their conquest was over now, and as he finally decided it was safe to get away from the scene, Argus came to his senses and looked around. Blood laid spreading everywhere, at least some of the people that were used as to be fed to that creature were citizens of this towns. It was hard with all the head, but this was obviously a ruse. Now, the extra weight was more than welcomed, one couldn't deny that. Whatever might've been the plan to bring him up there, this was somewhat of a lucky solution of his. And there they were, the giants in motion, slightly underrated and standing there. It was only a normal walk to get there, in his reach and from the looks of it, nothing would bring him any trouble anymore. The damned thing was thrown over board and left there in a pool of dirty water. It wouldn't grow without a soil, and with a bit of luck, it might just drown in it. Bruised and beaten, he walked. There was nothing too suspicious about him now, despite having looks about him, and soon the entirety of the town would come to investigate this site. He could envision it already. Falling mushrooms from the sky, blood eating plants and cannibalistic creatures that tried attacking us. It'd be only normal for them to try banking on a story of this calibre. From the looks of it, there were those who already came to ignore Argus and go for it. 'There.' Pointing out to himself, there was the outpost, the tall, wooden building through which one of the tall chains laid. Slightly further than it, in a connected outpost laid the other chain. These both had to be lowered in order for him to get anywhere if need be. The intricacy of it baffled him. Argus managed to notice the various ingenious devices which were hidden or placed ambiguously across the outpost. The connection was also made utmost clear upon further inspection. Both foundations were connected by a shaft. At least a few of the pipes were connected to both of them from the looks of it. Somehow the lack of other people around for so long made it look even more disturbing than it had to be. Old wooden planks, long pushing pumps and even some round

glass pressure checkers. This was certainly going to be a weird manoeuvre to lower them. What was worse laid the lack of the voice of whom the taunts would certainly be pleasant. Hearing another voice other than his would've been pleasant. Something had crawled in his mind, making him want and desire to have his grim thoughts entertained. Only one lamp was lit, though the windows and the daylight made it much more clear than it should've been. There wasn't any other way to do this. Argus thought, looking through the glassy eyes and the beats of a statuette. It might've stood like a guardian once but now there was nothing it could do rather than standing still as a watcher. There might've been another on the other side, from the looks of it, apparently, there laid a dark grim force which seemed to pull at him. Ascending through the first outpost, he reached the first level, seeing a flat floor and a barrel on a side, two cabinets, a red carpet and overall, an orange light. A chair, at least, he missed it, rather comforting to be standing there and see just how far he just came. 'If only there was another one to spend the time with me. If only.' Even looking and checking his skin didn't do much to improve his mood. They looked normal, but what was normal anymore for him? The mundane image was tainted and only had hidden underneath decay, rotten bricks and wooden slabs. Even under the rug, there could be seen dust and a black odour of small cockroaches who made their homes under it. This had to be it, just a few more advancing slopes and he'd have arrived at the second one. Peculiar and strange, everything was placed behind, most likely as a joke of some kind. Chairs were tied to the ceiling along with a pair of carpets and some lamps. Plain and simple, it might've been an attraction in the past, lost in a memory. What was next to be another grimace turned out to be at the top of an outpost. A peculiar cabin which was turned and seemed to have a commanding spot of some kind. Upon opening the gate, there were clouds visible in the domed thing. Connected to this spot was the mechanism which undoubtedly was made in control of the chain. This was no joke anymore, nor anything that would've resembled any type of machinery he had encountered in the past. 'Here it goes.' He said with a tone almost uncertain. There were buttons, levers at least in eight different varieties, colours and spread across the board. Somewhat of a chained pump laid above which had to be pulled at an opportune time. He looked around and reminded himself where he was and who they were. Rather, who they used to be, the people he used to know and the strange passengers who came into the town. There wasn't any other way, it had to go now. Plenty of mistakes could be afforded, he thought, after all, just what could so many buttons really do? At first, there came an array of small strikes and the various coloured buttons which resulted in strong noises and the sound of a metal chain being flung. Once the lever and the chain came, he looked in front of him and realised the insane amount of speed he had come to be master of. It pushed itself below and crashed through the ground, breaking stone and cracking anything which laid in its way. Argus could barely hold himself but it just came inside. With a sudden blow, the machinery was destroyed along half of the outpost, leaving nothing but a hole below. 'That was close.' He noticed just how a few more inches would've crushed him as well as the rest of the tower. There was a harsher risk now than he had ever thought of it. The other one appeared to have followed the same example despite the fact that the two machines weren't connected. A blast came with a sudden gust of the wind which spread every piece of glass that laid around. Now, the grimace began. Too many times had the platform been defiled and left open for the problem be ignored. It was a simple notice that the people started becoming more twisted in their appearance. And that wasn't the only thing. Many of them who had been there laying in their homes became more prone to coming outside. Hunters, gatherers, the night came early at last. This is what had to be done with the two

remaining chains. The balance was already gone now that they were crushed, and the entrance into that dark abyss was apparent. 'I need.' Before he could finish, he finally noticed it, the chains in the distance had been already been taken care off by someone else. Their fall was mighty and came off just minutes after he was done. It broke the illusion and left nothing but a bland metal platform upon which he fell. Argus couldn't control himself but let off a shout as his knees came into contact with the harsh surface. It broke his knees, but the deed was done. An empty platform with a figure standing at the distance, in almost the same situation as he was in. The speed it went down as it broke at every visible edge was untrackable. A stronger force kept him standing on it without being able to fall or get crushed on the sides. Though, regardless of that, the speed was still too unaccountable now. There had to be an end to it and at this rate, Argus knew he wouldn't be able to survive. Nor could the figure who tried walking toward him from the distance. Somehow, the man was much stronger, as Argus couldn't even move his limbs. It didn't matter anymore since it reached its destination. Both of them were released as it broke in half and pulled them into a substantially thicker and shallower than water. Released from his bonds, Argus could swim, though not above, debris falling prevented him from doing such. At least it was somehow breathable despite the pain he felt upon the impact. His eyes were open and he could notice that there were lights in the depths, deeper and further below. This didn't bode well for him, as the irregular movements gave a signal that something carried that light below. And the further he descended in, the less of a good idea it seemed for him to depart and follow it. 'Help.' Argus felt his lungs pulled out by the pressure as he shouted. It sent him into a convulsion. His plea wasn't entirely unheard, as something long and raspy grabbed him by the leg and suddenly he felt that force again. Speed increased, there laid only the fastened sights of sea weed and plants that were too long and evolved to belong anywhere in the ocean. There wasn't any pain anymore but fear of being so vulnerable and lost in this dark sea filled him with hysteria. No other human just a base of wonder, a cave revealed which loomed with somewhat of a breathable air. He was pushed by the side of it, unable to see or to understand how he got there. A fire place there? At last, that he could recognise out of all. The figure was most likely hiding in the water or behind some of the long encrusted spires of stone. There were some sounds made but unrecognisable at most. Barely now, could he wash and push away the seaweed which had crept around his body. From such looks, they acted like leeches, growing and wrapping around, with small puncture holes he noticed around his body. Argus was disgusted and repulsed by the discovery. Knowing by the sight alone that the place was filled with many of them, those, blood drinking plants and sponges. It was too much to take any more. Ripping them away wasn't pleasurable and gave no satisfaction. It only made him bitter to know. Even more than that, he looked at just how they wriggled once they came back to water and hide in the depths. They waited now, knew his taste and wouldn't take another bite unless they knew they wouldn't be able to let go. 'Who's there? Show yourself!' The echo almost made it credible, but a great shadow suddenly came to rise from the corner. It was hooded, robed and entirely covered in rags that hid the hands, legs and the face. The unnatural size of it made it apparent that it was something other than a human. Not that surprising, though there was some humanoid featured Argus noticed. 'Do you have a name?' Argus asked, trying to find any sign of intelligence from the thing. 'They call me Rahaka.' Fluent, eloquent, he spelt everything to the point and took no break in dropping the accent. It can speak. But, far more important. "Are you the one?" There was just enough room for interpretation, which he left for him to understand. "The one who dragged you here?" Argus nodded in surprise, at how quickly this thing understood

him. 'You don't get a lot of visitors often, do you?' Rahaka made not move but jerked those two eight fingered hands in motions Argus couldn't understand. 'You want to get further below?' 'I want to get much further than that, I was called here to reach the very heart of it.' At the sound of Argus' declaration, he nodded. 'Were you waiting for me to get here?' 'No.' It was simple, not that he was on his own feet and walked sideways slowly, he noticed that there were other things hidden in the corner from which Rahaka emerged. The right moment at the right time. Though there was nothing he could offer it for this act of kindness. I wanted something though, it was clear, now that he was closer. Those big eyes, dark and pale, somehow made the illusion of many more of them being hidden under that hood. Before he could make any sudden movement, Argus was stopped. 'We are many here, much more than you could possibly know.' 'Is that a threat?' There was a moment where it made a sign that it wanted to make a move. Undoubtedly, if it swam so fast, it could reach him before he could finish exhaling the air out of his lungs. No, it stood and waited for something. The thought Argus had could only go as far and thinking of the skeletons and the remains it could've hidden in its corner. 'You said there are others here. Were you the one with me on the falling platform?' 'I was not.' 'Then could one of your people have grabbed the other one?' He might've been just like me, by the figure. 'Rahaka knelt and stood by the fire, getting as warm as possible. It spoke in a silent tone filled with an agreement. 'You should dry yourself, it's not good being wet for too long.' The rags made it obvious, though what he didn't notice until it was pointed out to him was the fact that even the blue sand in the cave was dry. Standing so close, unarmed next to it was a sign of trust. For now, at least, Argus had some of it to the creature that saved him and seemed to bear some interest for his well being. 'So. How long have you lived here for?' There was something of a peculiar set of sound which might've sounded like a sequence of numbers. At least two pairs came at first, then another sequence quickly came at least to accompany both of them. So far, none of it gave him any clue of how old this Rahaka was. 'Could you tell me in years then?' 'I do not know what is a year so I couldn't tell you.' This time his voice appeared to be more plastic than anything else. 'Forget it, I'll just assume that you're old. At least perhaps I'll find a way to relate to you.' 'You're old then?' 'I've. Let's just say I came past my prime, that's all.' Said Argus with a grimace on his face. It had been a while since he had found time to let go of a genuine smile and from the looks of it, this wasn't the best occasion. Nevertheless, he felt content for now, standing in this cove. 'Are we going to meet others of your kind at least?' 'Once you get dry, we might travel to one of their encampments if you desire.' 'Why are you helping me?' Came the quick reprise, Argus was ready to launch a gouging attack, a set of leaps made out of words. This came as a surprise to him. 'We're not helping you as much as we're helping ourselves. You're new, unseen, bring change. There's unsettlement between the clans.' 'And you believe that bringing a human, this strange race you found just swimming around could bring any change to your problems?' Rahaka nodded before going on. 'They need to see something new and hope. We don't see someone else living than our own. And already some of the clans think themselves superior to others. There is the mighty Shaaku of the iron grid, a greatly respected clan which is responsible for the great defence from above. Their iron nets block the debris that falls from above to infect our waters.' A possibly worse timing couldn't have been already, as the platform might've shattered anything that resembled a protection grid. 'Then there's the Rhaana, who claim to be the first descendants of the first being to have ever been created, going as far below to be the closest connected to our ancestors. You see, little creature, we haven't always lived in a small confined box.' 'You know of it?' There was more than a surprise just how aware he was of it. 'It

isn't hard to notice and feel the walls, even when the time came for us to rise to the surface, how could we not see the metal prison they made for us. They say our ancestors were a dying breed, having to make the place for a stronger race to emerge. That is when our ancestors made a pact with an ancient entity in order to prevent their demise. Once they were kept alive and promise that the future generations would survive, they were pulled and dragged in this place that you see now. Our prison, yet their salvation. 'There was another one, this had to be, it couldn't have locked itself in the prison, only to ask me to release it now. Somewhat of a revelation, damn it. 'Rhaana, was it?' 'Yes, they claim to be a direct line from the first who made the pact. We will omit the smaller clans who aren't as prominent as have lesser members unless you have the time to hear hundreds of them by the ear. 'I'm fine, just tell me the other big ones. 'Then there are the Mooaki, the wretches, the scourge, the ones that are shunned. They feed on the long ones and the blood they're carrying. We're taught to be great swimmers even from being youngling, but it happens from time to time to be caught and bitten by the hiiki. 'You mean the seaweed that covered me entirely. 'Whatever name it may be given, it stores the blood for long enough. At least until the Mooaki come and plunge against their rubbery bodies where they can't defend themselves and suck on our blood. You could probably understand why it is that they are hated and disturbed in the society. 'For a moment, Argus saw a tail get out, filled with fins, as excited as it had gotten to speak with someone. It was dangling against the sand, hiding partially as he went on. 'They should've been ridden off and sent as outcasts for what they've done. 'What's so wrong about it then? You couldn't have gotten your blood back anyway. 'That is not the problem. It's what's doing to them once ingested, how it changed them, twists and pushes their rabid features. Tasting blood never affected the first of our people as it is written in our annals. Even more, it used to be used to treat wounds, sipping from a healthier close of kin, but the pact changed it all. The bond that was set on us affected everyone on a different level. It forked their tongues and teeth and had grown their nails, sharper on the tails. They're more aggressive and stronger, more bulk to their outer form than us. The rest of the clans are only lucky that they're just a few of them. 'Rahaka's arms became a sudden form more active in displaying his emotion. He could go around the fire, forming great shadow play of the forms they had and just how sharp and mighty they appeared to be. 'Blood doesn't forget but sags the body and keeps inside. We can feel our own blood when approaching the reef, that's how we are used to being guided. 'And you cannot do that if it gets stolen by them, is that correct?' 'That is correct. They are a threat to all of us and our living and had been for a long time. It is unknown whenever or not they are the reason for the disappearing of members of our clans. They are lost in the depths, never to be seen and found ever again. We can't feel the blood in the amorphous liquid, as it is too thick for blood to run and not stay untucked. 'And that's where the plants, these things that scrape the blood come into play. 'You learn fast, good. But carry this with you. 'Argus. 'Argus, carry this with you, wherever you may go, if you venture far below and alone, do not let them track your blood. Don't let them taste it and don't give it to anything else. They will find you and devour. That's what they say about those sick things, they've chosen to go this further below and be corrupted. 'Are there others then?' Again, Rahaka nodded his head. 'There are also of the main houses Laakari, the protectors of the children. Who are in charge of educating the young and protecting them from any outside influences until they are ready to join any other of the clans. 'Wouldn't being raised by one of the clans be a bad thing?' 'The clans have sent members to it to assure that they know everything that there is to be known about everything. With that, they are sure that there's nothing that is being learned without the consent of

knowledge of the others."Even them?"Intersected Argus, with a curious tone.He was calm now and dry, ready to listen and learn more about this curiously interesting race.Rahaka knew who he was talking and nodded.'Only the smartest, cleverest and most cunning in their packs would join the clan. That way, it is assured that they aren't dragged into the mud.'"And the future generations raising from there?"Some join the clans, other go back and take the places of their former teachers once they attained enough information of the new world."Of what clan are you then?"This was the question he wanted to ask for some time now.There was no expectation that it'd be answered with a chaotic silence that would reek for so long.'I'm an outcast, banished from ever joining anyone of them ever again.'"What have you done?"Two hands fell on his knees if at least the bones seemed to mimic the ones in human anatomy, or rather, the other way around.For a second though, Argus felt something too, in that silence in which he waited.It was a pain in his arms, which went as deep and steeply through the mass of muscle that it managed to get to the bone.Rahaka wasn't apparently focused on him, hence, Argus felt for a moment just how deep this hollow spot went for.Without a doubt, there was something inside.An end was felt no soon after, it was a vague thing that didn't really compromise the sturdiness of his bone. Then again, it still managed to frighten him nonetheless.Somewhat a set of words got carved inside his body without him even noticing it happen.'I have committed a terrible crime against my people.My punishment became never to join again and to live alone for the rest of my days.'"What have you done that's so irredeemable then?"I have made the same mistake as our forefathers and made a pact with the being which lies below.The elders never forget anything though.They deemed me guilty of the same sins that brought us to this cage and decided that I am to live the rest of my days banished from their sight."How could this be fair?They're doing nothing more but to run away from their past.You shouldn't be the one left to suffer."I am aware of that and also of the fact that I was forced into servitude and to find a way to free him.But on the way down into the drowned canals and forked spires that moved, I got lost along the way and almost wrapped in the reef of blood.It is a fate that I had wished for no one to have or carry other than myself.And on the way, I have failed to do as such.'"What will you do then?"What could I possibly do but try again?Now that you are here and we share the same goal, as it seems, we may have a chance together."Are those the only class that you've spoken of?Are there others that might oppose us?"There are more than enough, but most of them should just ignore us if we don't wage beyond my boundaries.We should be safe as long as we go below and not further into the front.In a way, though, you were lucky that you've managed to come this way and not be found by the clans.'Lucky indeed, Argus thought.This creature would be indeed helpful, especially with that speed it seemed to convey in such a short time.He pushed further in, now standing, and getting ready to release the slightest moisture that he had in his body.'Will it be dangerous?"I've barely managed to be dragged out alive in order to be judged.I'm not entirely aware what lays deep below and I cannot assure your safety either.If we go there now, they might decide to come below and interfere with what we're doing."I have to go there regardless if someone comes to stop me or not, do you understand that?It's not up to me to take that decision."I understand."Then, are you ready to go against them again?"Wait."There seemed to be another thing that needed his immediate attention.'There's something that they put me through once they caught me.We'll both have to answer in front of the council if they catch us.Believe me when I say that this isn't something to wish for.'"If.And what if we won't be caught?What do I have to fear?"I do not know what punishment they could bestow upon an outsider such as yourself, perhaps banishment or worse.They wouldn't choose to starve you, despite

that being the plan for the worst in the bunch. Rather, they'd bring you through the spine of confinement and find a way to bring you outside. "What was that?" I said, they'd rather find a way to push you outside rather than imprison you just to die from starvation. "How?" Rahaka, I thought this confinement only ran one way, that started at a point and leads to another. "No, this prison is long and sturdy. It could take days even to swim through it all." You mean to say you can? There was a shock, a surprise now. Argus felt content on listening even closer. Everything inside is connected at its core with this liquid which holds the cage still. Every room and every single passage are being held by it. As a matter of fact, it holds as well as well as giant gaps we can use to roam around. Rather, ones which I used to go through. "Why not run and hide then? Judging by your speed, you could've escaped if you wanted to a long time ago. There's no faster creature I've ever seen." I would die alone. "You live alone." But they are close. And it is close now. Rahaka pointed towards the floor, but the meaning of it was far deeper than it appeared to be. The point is that this structure runs much further than a small box. That thing was just a part of the confinement, whatever came before that was part of the machine. "My entire journey, you meant to say." It could've been nothing more but you roaming along the entirety of devices which held him locked. And by the sounds of which, you might've had yourself familiarised with it. To say the least, this means that Argus was trapped for far too long in what he had thought. What the thought to be an altered version of reality, one which roamed deep and crept along its corners. Even now the shadows made a sign of skin, in the darkest corners. They were somewhat of a reminder of what was soon to come. "This revelation of yours, does it come at a price?" Not at all, we like talking to new people, especially I. It's been too long since I found a worthy one to talk to during this confinement of mine. I'm assured that this so far has been quite the journey for both of us. Even so, I think I know how he feels being trapped, don't you? His clothes started falling off. There was an amphibian colour or a hint of it, a fin, tail. But soon it was revealed to be of brown, dark, almost entirely covered by layers of thick long carapaces. Two big eyes and two lower ones and behind on if, two forked long cylindrical organs protruded from under the pit of the arms and into the back. There was a hint of colour change which made him aware of the presence of a true set of colours. Perhaps so many years alone managed to Hagger the appearance, for bone and skin appeared to be the main conduit. Some of the ribs were visible, at least twenty in going rows below and if this was one to be starved. Then, the blood drinking ones were some to fear. The almost alien appearance didn't seem to bother him at the end. So this what you look like. It spoke through a hidden protrusion which opened on a few sides, which were almost wrapped. There were four holes from which extended tubes that produced the sounds he recognised as words. I must apologise if you may feel repelled. I've not encountered any of your species in far too long. They moved at different angles and times to produce the sounds and accent that were needed for certain words. Now, his entire attention was set towards it. This brown thing is the result of my punishment, my crumbling body. They covered me with shame only to further my pain and remind me. If I recall correctly, this colour and this certain set appeared to belong to the. Common cockroach, slightly further off. I became deprived of my pure blue and divine amphibious forms for what I've done. Won't it be washed away? It may never be that way ever again. This mark on my body was set to last forever as a reminder of who I am and what I've done. Enough about me and my past. You've come here for a reason. I have. Argus pushed his hand forth to receive the other. The speed through the water forced him in a motion he couldn't recognise. It was almost like he was going through the land, cutting a line through the water. He had failed to recognise when he was at the top of the

underwater shallow cover and when they began to go. Way too fast for the human eye. The vortex appeared to be at a bottom at least, in a break they took. Somehow now, the brow appeared to come slightly off into the water, revealing its true colours. Water spears were the thickest down there. Clearly, the vortex had some power, if it truly leads where it means to lead. There was one problem, that was twice as worse than the speed. The speed Rahaka had managed to cut so far through everything, leaving as much as no blood scaper on either of them. And as they stood in the water, more of his true form was revealed. For a moment there, Argus saw those pearl-like eyes, pure, and shiny, almost like the diamonds of the sea. What appeared to be rough now seemed to be where it belongs. This was indeed his home, his world as per say. And now, he was to abandon him, the same as he did when he was forced to undergo this journey. 'There will be no return for us.' Slightly muffled, this time there wasn't any extreme pressure that forced his lungs to burst out. He nodded but soon appeared to look nervous and visibly shake. As a matter of fact, it was so terrible that his body started forming bubbles and pushing them out at a rate which was unnatural. Something's happening. Rahaka grabbed me and started the great descent. This last piece of the sea through which they threatened was thick and shallow, as much as marshes were. The similarities of this event made it seem like he had encountered it before. A hole which leads him towards a familiar place where he was to be embraced and held. Despite that, the way towards it appeared to be harsh and push back. The sudden approach stopped both of them as an array of hands restrained them from going any further. With a sudden glance, he was blinded again by the speed they managed to go at. Without a word, they were both pulled and forced into this fast tunnel they made in the water by their speed alone. It went through hoops and lowers, higher where the pressure was strong until finally, they felt the land. It was another cover, as the one where he found the outcast. Bigger, the rows of stone made the place for them, the ones who acted like councilmen. It was obvious where they were, and how they stood so close to one another, looking behind at the rows. Once the vision started adjusting past the blurry figures, there were obviously hundreds of them watching, standing to see the trial. They wore robes and stood on their feet like the humans. And another thing they appeared to have received as well. Beaks of some sort were on their faces. Some organs on the outside appeared to be different too. Rahaka was given a robe for him to cover himself. There were whispers and talking in the crowd. More importantly, they butchered him and his face before banishing him, something which he had missed to say. The council appeared to be made out of fifteen members of different clans. If it was true, what he was told, the most rabid and sharp beaked, the one who almost came to the point of changing the scales and the fish eyes to a red devil. Fins on the sides appeared to make it look like a sharp, but those forked teeth made it appear so much ferocious. Especially since it was the only one breathing through its mouth. A lot of talking in-between the council as well. Scholars, oarsmen, hunters, creator, they've engraved their symbols through the stone. Clean ceilings, marked as well and not to mention that the rows on which their people stood had something of an ancient civilisation to them. 'Why must we wait?' 'You will be silent until we figure out what's to be done with you and your friend there.' Said the head of the council. It was obvious that for Rahaka, this second account would bear a terrible punishment at least. Even, to the point where they'd most likely tear out a limb or two in the process. He could look around as well as Argus could hear how those small blood sucking sea devils were laughing as they stood and watched. A form of sentience was the presence, but the mockery was repulsing and annoying. Something quite unwanted. The guards were too far and appeared to bear no weapons, others than the bulk of their bodies. They had

some sort of crustacean wearing around their forms and appeared to be as menacing as they needed to be. No exchange so far, other than arranging when came the turn for Argus to ask. 'Are you going to do something or not?' 'You will have to wait for a proper way for us to find for this ordeal. We've never had to judge someone this peculiar way before.' The voice was sturdy but strong. There was a long back and forth, but this was the least disturbing thing so far. It was that intense need to stare into the eyes of another that the blood drinker in the council wanted. He was looking through them, at them, both Argus and Rahaka. They were solid red globes, gone so far as to be filled with blood, which reacted as much as the most sudden movement to roam the globe and be splashed around. The harshest of punishments would come from it, most likely. Despite the grin and the dull look, he appeared to be harmless. 'Is there any other way for us to escape?' Argus asked him in whispers. They were close to one another despite the height difference, which made it as easier as it appeared to be. 'I don't know I'd try such thing now. We've had our chance and we have failed.' 'But we've not even got so far at all.' 'Silence now, until we decide, as I have said, I'll have you stay like that. You're being judged now for a crime, your rights to speak have been resigned.' There was no worse of a declaration he could've heard. All his rights, even the one to freely speak, given to him by mightier men, was being taken away. This was nothing official, he knew that he wasn't one of them. Argus was an outsider, as much as Rahaka would've been if he stepped outside and was charged with the same crimes as him. Henceforth he stepped further than him, stopping only a few feet away once he noticed that the guards were getting quite nervous. There wasn't any way he'd make a move, knowing their speed and seeing how this time they carried weapons. A need became apparent. Argus tried to get their attention despite hearing what he heard before. What he wanted had now been granted as the whispering momentarily stopped. They stared at the man with their pearls, reflecting his image in their eyes. Someone had to say something sooner or later and from the looks of it, this became more of an audience than a trial. 'What gives you the right to judge me when I'm not one of yours? I've no idea how you act down here, after centuries of being caged, but what do you think it gives you the right to judge me, a human being?' Both the members of the crowd and of the council were provoked to respond to his accusations. With one exception maybe, the rabid one who hadn't said anything but looked at him as he was juicy. That one could end up being more of a bother than the rest of them. Argus thought, knowing that something was going to happen between the two of them. Regardless of who won this audience, it may come to trading blow between the two of them, as a sort of sore loser of some kind. 'Silence, all of you. I will have you know that you've. You've allied yourself with a traitor and invaded our homes, ruined our mood and dare interrupt time and time again. If it weren't for you, we'd still have the dome over our heads, protecting us and hiding us under its shadow.' 'What have you to prove that I'm the one who caused that to happen? I've done nothing of the sort.' 'Then how have you arrived here if not for the broken dome? And are you imposing that it's a mere coincidence that it happened to fall at the same time as you've arrived? Do you take us all for fools? Because we will have none of it for as long as I am the ruler of this council.' The beast appeared to be more like a leviathan, close in size to it as it was, more fins than one could count, and a wiggling pair of tails which couldn't be controlled. The attire it wore, made it apparent that he was the rules, as not only did he stand in the middle of them, in the semicircle which was their standing stone. But, golden, red, blue, and a dark violet made it seem like his materials were pure silk and golden dust, taken from the various hoards of the sunken ships. 'I meant no disrespect, merely.' 'I've brought him here.' Rahaka suddenly stepped in, both in his circle,

closer to Argus as it appeared. It left everyone shocked, to hear such a thing. 'But he isn't responsible for this, I'm the one who brought him here.' The impertinence of you all. Send them to the prison cells, we will hear them shortly after. Both Argus and Rahaka complied to the orders of the council, making no sign of resisting. From the looks of this, this cover wasn't the council alone but led to their city, one that was partially drowned in the liquid. Pieces of it were made out of sea weed, coral reef, giant underwater stones and piece of the giant cage. Not to mention that everything which fell through the cracks in the walls got repurposed for this alone. The way it appeared to be, the spires got sharper and more like shells, going as much as appearing to be jagged and ripped at bits. There wasn't any dent visible but the rows of it made it appear like it was more like a torture mechanism created for giants to step in and feel the punishment for their wrong doing. Under them laid a large variety of sand which got softer which each iteration, up to the point where it didn't feel like sand at all. More and more of them roam around, as this who weren't present and outside their homes looked upon the outside and the man. It was obvious that most of them haven't seen a human at all. They didn't even know how it was that he acted like. As some bold ones approached, especially the curious creature, Argus' face turned. 'Roar.' Came as a recognisable sound, a most ferocious that send the ones walking into a stumble, as they almost fell upon their backs. They were crawling away despite not having realised that it was more of a joke than anything else. There wasn't anything to fear from Argus but from his companion. It was obvious who he was. 'Do you think we stand a chance Rahaka?' 'I do not know.' 'At least we are allowed to speak again.' 'We will have more time for that if they decide to let us rot there.' In truth, there had been a line formed behind, one made of guards, various enforcers and others, to which a few more were added to the front. 'Why so many of them?' 'I believe they think us a threat, more than anything else which had happened in a while. It's because of our choices and what we've both said that made them see us as outcasts.' And because of the presence here, both of them were placed in the same cage. Tight, locked with only one sturdy lock of intricate design, guarded by a few that spread around. Eyes were all around though, which was something they couldn't help since they were unable to be everywhere at all time and control their population. A curious eye or two gazed upon the strange creature with two legs of average height who had no trouble walking at all. As a matter of fact, the gossip that Argus heard got as close to being praised than anything else, Walker, trouble maker and such. But there such things as the way he kept his balance and appeared as being natural. Just as much as they were in the water. 'At least they didn't separate us now. We plan our next move from here until they get us to the next court call. So what's plan chief?' 'There might be none unless there comes a miracle on the way. They've got us and from the likes of them, they won't have a rest until they'll have us both sent to the mines or worse.' 'Working us to death? Is that what they do when sending those who cannot live as outcasts?' 'No, Argus. That is not the point, ours was a special fate, a certain specific punishment which we had to endure.' 'Who is this ours then?' Rahaka paused, making sure he was at a safe distance to whisper and to speak without being heard by the two adjacent guards. There was at least something of a fair ten feet away from them, with nothing behind but a tight wall which sort of connected with the rest of the cove. Other cages just laid around just twisted turned, as well as the bars were, fragmented in grains. It didn't leave much of a spot to be guarded due to how they were placed. Nonetheless, there seemed to have been something important to him. 'There was another outcast with me.' 'And what exactly happened to him?' 'He was caught at the same time with me, in the same circumstance as I have, received the same fate and having to live in the same place as I. The only reason why you

haven't found us yet is that he chose to flee. Not only this area but escape this bigger prison, going to the surface. I am still unaware whenever or not he succeeded in his attempt, though I am aware of the fact that I may never see him again. "You meant to say. How much time did you two spend together there?" As much as years, if I'm correct, we bonded but he left, he chose to make away and leave without a trace. There was a pain in his throat, and these rags couldn't cover him entirely. Something haunted him from the past, without an obvious need or care. He used to carve things in the cave, writing against the walls, without realising the feebleness it bore. You see, the rock grows back despite how hard you push and stretch it. Regardless of how much he wrote in one day against the wall, it would disappear the next day without a trace. The deeper he started carving, the further it got pushed back until one day he decided it was no longer something he needed to be doing. He understood the fact that the two of us wouldn't have been able to go down there and now. Now, came a depression. They stood still for a visitor. It managed to bring an image of fright despite being unarmoured and alone. The size difference was clear, as it was close to being a barrel or two stacked barrels taller than the both of them. 'May I speak to the prisoners?' It was the tongue you'd find slithering inside the mouth of a snake. And now, it was bore towards him. Something of a dark demeanour managed to creep under him, just as the air started thickening into a mist. A pale pair of eyes made it apparent who it was and what it did. Obviously, something happened in the court if one of its members managed to stick and come. 'Look at how it's salivating, I don't think it came here alone to talk. "Be careful and respectful Argus, this is something we can't risk to anger.' Both of them raised up and from the looks of it, at least Rahaka was almost, if not slightly taller than the blood driven creature. Its claws grabbed the two metal bars. Immediately, the guards reinforced their position, bringing more of them to make sure that nothing was about to happen. 'I've seen you come into the court at a moment more opportune and I know what you are. Fresh meat!' There was something about his breath which muffled everything it reached in contact. The forked tongue appeared to have scales on its side, as such as sharpening against the metal as it waited for any of them to say anything. 'What do you want from us?' Argus asked as he approached, this time he didn't act like a scared animal but returned the gaze. He wouldn't do anything here and now, this was obvious. And even more obvious was the fact that he'd not let himself be intimidated at all. 'Argus, I've not told you of the other rumours back in the cave. The darker ones.' Rahaka whispered in his ears. The blood-driven one was too distracted to pay any sort of attention to that. 'They say they've gone as low as to earn their own when approaching death and attack others at night. Don't get too close.' Warned Rahaka, knowing that something was off with his behaviour. This creature made its way here and waited. 'A big closer, now, do not make me wait.' It was almost like its saliva was boiling with as much much to be boiling in the mouth. One of its organs appeared to be producing a dangerous amount of heat. 'Where did you come from? Are there others like you just roaming around here?' It asked the opportune question as its eye started venturing around the neck area and where Argus' muscles were. A little battered but that's how they liked the meat to be, beaten to a pulp. Not enough but soon to be, we shall feast on him, as soon as they pass the judgement. The being couldn't help but think of how juicy the meat appeared to be. 'It's none of your business whenever there are others like me or not.' 'Oh, but it is, as you see, I'm the key in passing the judgement for your many committed crimes. There will be a need for an executioner after the judgement had passed. And I may as well just take that upon me. Now let us start again with this. Are there other as juicy and strong as you are?' There was nothing but cruel silence from Argus. It infuriated the being to the point where it pushed its

nails out. As they started falling, it became trying to crush the bars with its mere hand alone. Soon, that stopped once the guards nearby saw it act up and became tense. 'Not now, but do not worry, we will have time to play during the interrogation. We shall find out everything about your people and what they taste like. Mark my words.' With a final slam, it finally left, making its place through the guards and the crowd which still waited. This brief meeting was quite enough to leave a mark or two on the prison cell. 'Why do you think it's acting that way?' 'They are seeking for a new source of meat, apparently, their own must be getting stale. I'm sorry that you've been dragged through all of this.' 'It's fine, at least, it completely ignored you in this way. There's at least a chance that one of us might get spared in one way or another.' Rahaka nodded his head and resumed sitting in his corner waiting. Chains filled with keys laid on the backs of the guards, just ready for the taking. Seemingly they got distracted, perhaps as much as he had thought them to be. Closer to them, Argus just walked around the walls, seemingly, being swallowed by the other cages, this appeared to be more of a crypt. Especially since the dark came sooner than expected. 'Don't try Argus. They're much faster than you are nimble, believe me.' 'I wasn't going to attempt anything.' Said, Argus, as he resumed sitting. It was within his arms reach, that he could've stolen and escaped. Despite how ridiculous this plan appeared to be, caught off guard, Rahaka could've pushed and knocked them out. These years he had spent as an outcast most certainly added some bulk and raw strength. It was obvious that even the blood drinkers that passed looked at him with respect. Even as much baffled Argus to the point of asking. 'Why do they look at you this way?' 'Because of who I am and what I've become.' 'And exactly, who are you?' 'Do you remember the leader of the council, the one that stood in the middle of everyone, waiting to pass the judgement?' 'There was an immediate shift of the head.' 'That one is my father, the leader of our clan of scholars who were assigned to pass the judgement on other tribes and clans. Regardless of other species, races or other deviations, we were trained from young to distinguish and to lead a controlled meeting. All in hopes of passing a fair judgement and punishment.' 'And you betrayed him.' 'I left because I chose to follow the promise of the choice. That doesn't count but I was forced to do it, to go into a place of no return. In the process, I have failed and got brought in front of them to receive my fair judgement. Look at this.' Again Rahaka revealed its twisted face tendrils, the small tubes that seemed to be coming in and out and a rate that wasn't as apparent. It was silent to the point of others not being able to hear, but it was clear that some looked at the deformation of his face. Storing just flowed around the city, and this was, in fact, the first one to ever be punished for the crime committed against their entire race. 'Do you think this is part of my judgement?' 'It's only that my father had declared that this punishment it owed to me alone for the shame I've brought to my family. Being an outcast was the only official.' With that, he covered it back with the piece of rag which he was given. It was just as clear now that in the trial, the being did everything to avoid looking at the son while it was there. To the point where. 'Will they make us sit here and rot rather than give us a fair calling?' 'There's nothing fair when the verdict is decided before we've even been judged, Argus.' A giant creature soon came, twisted at the knobs, almost as wide as a barrel, covered in scales and strong as it came. It was enough to grab one end and the other as the guards made some place for it to come. The strength produced just twisted against its sponge-like body, becoming as thin as it could until it broke the gate. 'You are being called to the court now. We are to escort you and make sure that you are safe after the audience is complete.' Spoke the other creature that stood near its brute. No resistance whatsoever, both Argus and Rahaka followed the creatures which promised to act like their escorts. Rahaka raised

himself immediately, standing just as tall and above the gates of the confinement. This was most uncertain especially since they were lead to the opposite direction of the council. Something wasn't entirely right. And when was there ever a need for an escort when prisoners came to mind? 'Why are you doing this? Who sent you?' Asked Argus. None of the guards and other mundane ones who were left behind appeared to protest despite the path they took. It was peculiar even for them to see another creature other than their own appear just to pull out the gate. None of them even dared fight back. 'You don't need to bother yourself with such trivial matters. As you may have guessed, this isn't the path to the council. The trial has been suspended indefinitely on the orders of our Emperor.' 'The Emperor?' 'There was something off, that he knew off, but the attire he wore appeared to be nothing but a degradation, something less than what would've been given to such a royal messenger as him. 'What would the Emperor have to do with us? We're nothing but an outcast and a creature which came here, nothing more and nothing else.' 'Rahaka, your exploits have been known ever since you stepped a fin inside the water. Did you think it wouldn't come to our Emperor's ears one day or another? Believe my sincerity when I tell you that you're a fool. Every action which you've taken was noted.' 'Meaning?' Came Argus, still wondering how he'd fit in all of this. They could've left him there alone to stand trial. 'We know why you're both here, the Emperor know, and he has decided that it is best for our people if the one would no longer be imprisoned. For the empire has decided it's no longer an option to stand and wait for our extinction in a prison that's to be buried and lost forever.' 'There was a distance between them, enough for a small set of whispers. Luckily, they were allowed as the escort nodded at the action with utmost understanding. 'How can there be an Emperor if your world is governed by clans?' 'He is the leader of another clan, it's a matter of fact that his clan or rather had become the strongest among others. That's when he decided to declare himself the Emperor of our species, decided that since he has all the power over everyone else, he should rule them.' 'Is it something new then?' 'Rahaka nodded, though in a disagreeing matter. 'No one knows how long ago he declared it, but somehow it managed to last as far as we have reached now. And no one instead has ever managed to dethrone him.' 'They accepted him then!' 'No.' 'Surprisingly, their host heard that and answered with a muffled voice. 'Not everyone came as quick to accept him, despite his power and benevolence. Others have come as quick as to reject and deny his message, though most of them came to terms with it. Regardless of what they call our leader, they cannot stand and deny his forced and his empire.' 'Now they stood at the entrance after walking for so long. It was a concave, twisted, trimmed end of a giant cave which seemed to bore the entryway to his empire. Something in the way it was shaped made it appear as if it was the portal to another world. Perhaps it was the water at every edge which poured from above and this wasn't the dirty version of it. Pure, light water, which Argus couldn't help but get closer to it. 'May I?' 'Suit yourself, we're drinking only on a couple of days notice, but for you, this may be a one-time exception.' He nodded to his creature and left him to drink. It was pure, almost as close to being spring water as he could find. The taste was distracting, yet he noticed nonetheless. It was indeed, the second part of their city, a giant set of crustacean stones arranged to form their kingdom. The buildings were taller and sturdier, seemingly made to resist an assault. A military base at least, under the corral and even going as far as having giant dark shallow bulbs filled with the water and the sea weed creatures. 'Why do you keep them here?' Argus was close to being too curious for his own good, wanting to do more than to explore, but feel what was going on. 'You're about to meet him, don't despair.' 'There was somewhat of a colour change in what he saw, growing red and blue, closer to a bright home as he

approached. His senses were confused, intoxicated, muffled, pushed aside and knelt under the pressure. This appeared to him like there were trees standing there without dirt under him, flowers blooming, hills which stood around. Somehow, the small bits of decay he had appeared to be seeing from the distance had just disappeared now that he got closer. Even the creatures appeared more humanoid than anything else, something which he could feel and touch. To understand like they were his own people. 'Don't be tricked Argus, this isn't right. They may have stricken a deal with him. Indeed, something was pulling their senses, stealing them, in this paradise. All their desires could've been met in splashed of a second or two. Every need, anything they could've asked for, as they were greeted by kneeling slaves of races which they haven't even encountered before. Small creatures which seemed to walk on eight legs but with an overhanging torso which bore two heads each. One listened to the commands while the other who controlled the body obeyed. It was a union of lower and higher beings, those who served and others who pushed their commands upon them. Somehow, this appeared quite repulsive to Argus, the way they treated these small creatures as their slaves. 'What's going on Rahaka?' 'Bear with me, we're in the same position, you and I. Trust me Argus and follow my lead. What will be said here will determine our path together.' 'And what exactly have we come here to do?' As the door open, both parties were pulled inside by a force they couldn't touch but feel wrapped around their bodies. This force that pulled them in managed to push the door closed upon their release. Something other crept along with him, at the edge of his eye, a dark spot in the dark corner. 'This place will drive me mad if we keep staying here.' Said Argus with a confused look on his face. Between them, he was the most affected by the entire ordeal. For the first time, the illusion had taken effect, the marble floor appeared to be moving under him, the halls were infinite. And at the top of the staircase, it leads to a forked path, two other pairs which lead to another and another. It appeared as if they were bearing to him, their lord in his empty halls. He was standing there, a creature which managed to conjure a dark illusion around the body, making it appear much bigger than it actually was. 'Where are the other servants and warriors if he's indeed the Emperor?' It was a whisper which was almost lost. Rahaka heard it nonetheless and responded. 'There are none anymore, are there?' With that said, its echo ran among the tormented hall. This Emperor flickered his vision and the illusion disappeared. 'Thank you.' Argus was almost on the point of being overrun by an insane headache he felt. Mere speculation as he had presumed everything to be real. But this was a tormented place, seemingly a war zone after a second glance. What he used to have was nothing more but a memory of better days. He hadn't been wrong in a long time and it felt petty. To look upon his desolate throne and his last two servants. 'Why did you call for us then?' This place looks like it had seen better days. 'Careful Argus, don't anger him, he may be alone and his army may be gone but he still has something left in him.' Finally, the Emperor raised himself from the throne and approached. It appeared like his body was slightly taller than Rahaka, with a scar or two and the amphibian blue colour. A green laid around the collar and his beak was slightly forked, unevenly so. After making his way he stopped in front of him and came into an embrace. This appeared to be quite shocking for Argus to see, as he was struck again confused. 'It's good to see you again brother.' At which Rahaka nodded. 'And I see that you've brought a companion this time, with quite the tongue if I may say.' 'I'm sorry to interrupt your reunion, but could it be that you may help us or not?' 'We're not entirely time free from what we've got to do.' 'Very well, you shall follow me.' Jormund, Gath, stay here and delay whoever got caught of our ruse here. Both of them nodded and obeyed. The illusion that he was the Emperor had lasted quite enough

already, as he thought. This was the moment he was waiting for, the escape. There was a secret mechanism right at the crooked wood. They had real wood, which amazed Argus, even if it didn't last for long. Shallower as it may have seen, he wanted to stay and look out. But it was too late as it appeared that this was going to end fast enough. A secret passage opened from the middle of the stairs. 'Go through, it should lead to a remote well that leads to another vortex.' 'Why haven't you used it when you had the chance?' 'I couldn't have done it even if I wanted to, someone had to keep the illusion in check. We were waiting for you to come and go there, have you failed to realise that?' Rahaka nodded as well. It was a lie, as well as it lasted. 'I would've appeared suspicious if I told you that I've been waiting for hundreds of years for you to come.' The Emperor intervened for the last time. 'This settles it then. You will both go down there and finish what had started. At least you go with the reassuring thought that you can't get any rougher than this brother.' There came the shout of an attack. Bloody reapers were coming and could be seen and heard from far away. Something about them managed to creep about despite being far. 'Go, before they reach the inner sanctum. We cannot risk for you to be caged again.' 'Thank you, brother.' With that Rahaka exchanged a final glance and pushed Argus through. Suddenly, as it closed behind them, the illusion began again, as everything around started to melt as if this was a world made out of candles. Bloody candles, the oozes that remained of them somehow managed to keep a certain sentience and head towards him. This was to be my end, he thought. Just as they would reach to break the illusion. Those things that weren't even on their own anymore had managed to cut both of his servants down as if they were nothing to them. A purple blood came from that sponge despite appearing to be nothing more than a melting mass. And it was obvious that he'd get to share their fate despite his best efforts. Henceforth he stood tall and grabbed a spade, muttering his final words. 'I will cut you down before my flame runs out.' The well just laid there unguarded. No statue or anything that would swoop over it. Standing at the edge of the well, Argus thought just through how much danger he'd been so far, only to end. 'Once we go through Argus, there isn't going to be a way out. No matter what you may have heard before, this is the point of no return.' Rahaka made it more than clear, exactly what were the stakes in everything. 'My failures to get there have deemed too unworthy to go there alone, henceforth, this is the reason you've arrived.' 'Were there others like you that tried?' Rahaka nodded at this. Both of them were aware of others who have tried it and failed. 'Rahaka, what are we going to do once we're there? I have thought of it for so long and I haven't.' Again, there came something at the edge of his eye. The passage was dark, rotten on the edges. A grimace was lying about it, which managed to send Argus into despair. Somehow it appeared that a patch of skin battered crept at the corners of the room. As slow moving as a snail, it was enough, nonetheless to bring him some fright of the unknown. Focus Argus, this is it, no way out and there are no more excuses anymore. Focus, you need to focus as best as you can. His thoughts got stopped as the enclosure began being battered from the other side. Violently pounded, it was obvious what was going to happen. 'My brother is dead.' 'Rahaka, there's still time for us to go, don't do anything rash, you cannot resist against whoever is on the other side.' 'Leave Argus, this is your mission now, bear it alone to the end. I'll do my best as my brother had done.' Without even waiting for a response or protest, he lifted Argus with his hand and pushed him down the well, falling into the water. Suddenly, the force of the vortex into that tight place pulled him with a lot of force to the bottom. Darkness fell as he could clearly hear the shouts of rage and blood coming from above. This was to be a deadly fight that would have no winners. Once passed through the vortex, it came as quick as for a glance, he was

pushed into a tight crawling space. Everything was lit with a grey light and suddenly the water was drained from all around his body. There was an array of metal, roots and other overgrown materials that came out of the ceiling. One could throw a glance and judge that this was the bottom of the entire world. A certain eeriness crept about the place nonetheless. Everything which laid above floated just above this place. The sound was muffled at least from the looks of it. It came as an avalanche of debris of stones. It appeared to Argus that the hole was sealed, for the time being, at least one way or another. Upon looking through the well, he could see where the vortex ended. There were other pieces that had been ripped apart from the looks of it. This place was too intricate. Outspread beyond reason and from the looks of it, there could possibly be hundreds of halls just laying around. It became apparent just how easily he could progress. Argus felt like no one could stop him anymore from this path of destruction. There were ladders just laying there with holes inside. This appeared to be more like the prototype for a shortcut for him to use. And it was certainly more than needed now. 'I need to find the right one.' Said, Argus, once he found himself standing just under a hole. Its edges were bitten and eaten, slightly rotten and made out of the root. Clearly, some small rodent has eaten them before it was even open. On its ground laid a latter than lead to apparently another world he could take into effect. Suddenly, raised from a cowering position, Argus started climbing the ladder once he jumped on the ground. It was going to be a long climb, yet he wanted to undergo it nonetheless. Something couldn't really bode with him where he stood. What made him paranoid was the fact that he couldn't see the entirety of his surroundings. There could always be one or two things hidden past his glances. As shallow as that sounded, he pushed on, going as far as to see the rounded gate. It was above, made out of roots and dirt. Easily, he pushed it away and opened himself to a cave underground. Apparently, this could be some creature's home, dug through dirt and roots. A mole would've been most efficient. The thought alone that a giant animal could be returning at one the point was enough to send him back down the ladder. There wasn't any way he could trust, at least so he said, until looking down he discovered that damned thing. A blood clansman was making his way up the ladder, using two limbs to push himself up on the ladder as well as the other to climb. The gurgling blood came fell through his nose and beak and once open, it was revealed just how many teeth it had. An array of throat cutters, as sharp as the blade, as long as such. No saying about what was about to happen, Argus came to terms and pushed about, closing the way behind. 'I need to block it fast.' He said, taking the nearest rock and chucking it over the lid. This wouldn't hold for last since the way was blocked by dirt. There was mud as well, water draining from above. With that in mind, he covered himself in the mud, as much as he wanted to be hidden, this was more about making some of his scents, at least if he could. Waiting now made him even more nervous than he previously was. He would be chased either way, whatever path he chose to go through, henceforth, there wasn't any other chance but for him to just run. Straight ahead for now, as it appeared to be the only way he could walk. A musk came from everywhere, beyond what he could smell and feel. Even now, the scent of something morbid crept around. Something wanted to make him turn back and accept his fate. It wasn't something which he wanted but something that felt right. He could feel it among the roots and how they went around, how they shaped the entirety of the road. One simple scrape with his nails revealed something of dripping water. The roots appeared to have been guiding the creature when its throat became dry. Nonetheless, it was clean enough and this was no illusion, especially since he felt and sucked on it until the root became dry. No other chance would come along, at least that's what Argus thought of it. He could see again through the darkest veils of the

gloom. This gift of his became handy once again despite its side effects. That thing that happened with his eyes appeared to be permanent now without any condition whatsoever. Surely, no one could deny him any more of being blinded, be it night or day. He roamed the desolation without even looking behind, judging from the look of it, this was a lair of some kind. Liquids dripping from the top became with a sudden change solid. Without any doubt of some kind, there came another sudden cause of fear. That thing being organic acted a lot like a spiders net from the looks of it. Argus stopped for a moment and started jerking his leg, pushing it back and forth on the bottom of the floor. He could see that organic thing being jerked up to the point of becoming solid then liquid, up to the point of becoming something of an organ. It was a frightful thing to do now though there wasn't any other way. Soon the blood driven thing would come and slash him away. If Rahaka wasn't any trouble for him with the speed and strength, he would be nothing against it either. Another victim would be crushed under the might of the roaming beast. Argus now came to choose but this came even faster. A forceful recognition made him suddenly fall and crawl into a ball. It appeared that the mole creature had arrived and looked as if it was going to the point where all the noise was. A fur laid around the body but it was not a mole. It was a being that appeared to have twisted ends pushed, knots and plenty of open endings through which that substance came out. Eight legs at least laid on each side, a crooked tail and a forked head that was blunt at the skull. That's most of it since he couldn't see colours in the dark. Some of the body was muffled but appeared to be somewhat organic and resistant. Under the fur appeared to be an ingrown set of bones that once reached maturity pierced through. A second head, that of a beast which was not alive any longer. It had bites all over and an eye pierced, from the looks of it, the dominant head ate it alive. It was cruel, but even more so to let it live and rot away. Strange, Argus thought. The infection should've killed it, but instead, it managed only to dull its senses. Henceforth, it managed to let Argus alone. As he stood, he was crawled under a small hole that was dug inside a corner. Without a doubt, every tunnel was made by this creature. Its decay was obvious and made him aware. But this wasn't any time to wait, there were two foes now at hand. Once that would defile him and another that would strike at him blood. He'd get ripped apart and eaten either way. Unless there was another path to take. Without a doubt, there had to be a chance that the other creature was just as blind as him. Guided by blood, suddenly came a shout. A strike followed, and the beast became aroused. It became apparently clear that it had a hold of the smell of fresh blood. With that in mind, it wouldn't stop hunting until that thing was caught, apprehend and eaten away. The distraction was well received, though it meant just as well that the blood-drinker got inside. With the mechanism in mind, standing too much in a rigged place would get the beast to find him. It was more than prone to finding him now. A second chance wouldn't happen if he got caught by that dumb beast. 'If you hear me now, I'm closest as I've ever been to your cage. Help me if you can, hear my plea.' Said Argus in a lonely corner, in the dark. The desolation didn't do anything to calm his nerves. Neither did his mind help as it started conjuring images that were slightly supposed to be there. Walls appeared to be stretching, bending and be pushed into forms that brought his mind to what he almost forgot about. A reminder despite it not being needed. It made him rise and start his walk. He could hear it, being chased, despite being as far as it appeared to be. It wasn't him that which was chased now, but the blood drinker. Now, if that thing had his scent, there'd be no other way to escape. It had it, with a sudden leap to the other side of the lair, the place was revealed to be at the level of a kingdom. There wasn't any way he'd roam every kingdom he found, but the sight of him was caught. And this could rather take at least twice the time it

took for him to go through the latter one he found. No, I've found the key to finding him, I needn't get lost now. Though Argus as he looked at the starving creature. A bittersweet chase came forth as the two beasts were attempting to clash. Sooner or later they would have to deal with one another as well, at least when the case was over. 'Let them do as they please.' He spoke. Argus laid just as the edge, it was the end of the cliff and the entry into the underground kingdom of this blind seething creature. There were pieces of buildings tied by that amorphous liquid. With everything connected he'd be heard, not to mention that in no way could he survive that fall, regardless of what he felt like. Without any proper training or equipment, there wasn't any way for Argus to go down there. Feigning nonetheless came into play. At once, Argus came down to faking a fall, making sure to grab the edges and hold still. The blood-driven swimmer was on land, without knowledge of trickery or anything else of that kind. It was this that he was at a disadvantage against him and his prior knowledge of how they tended to act. Arrogance pushed them the way to far as he saw it at once just trip over his hand and fall. That furiously mad mole-thing followed it through the entryway. They would play with one another, at least he hoped. Without looking back, he climbed at once and dared not look back until he set aside his fear and distraction. Now that he was standing safely, he saw just what the fall had done. It wasn't done with him, as it had caught a glance of what he thought of doing. Argus was exposed, once their chase was done in that twisted torture of nets and stone, he'd come after him. That at least if he survived. Doubt came over him, as he thought of it, how could he? Not even blood could've made him stand so far away from water. He'd be tired in no time without even realising it and just lay there as chow for the bloody mole. It felt bizarre, to be attracted by the place, knowing that a lot of it was organic in nature, connected in a way that was beyond most of the thing he knew. There was the danger at every corner and step, just as the solid liquefied just to become hard again. Sounds had reflections here, and he could see just as the tower from far way. Something was happening here, as it was taken down. It was a surprising sight to see action, once and again, especially since this wasn't something connected to him or anyone else. This was the land itself resolving to do. 'And I have freed just another beast upon you fair maiden.' There was at least a shiver left after his words. Something had dare made him look inside and wish to stay. 'Once I'm done, I will return to pay your debt, but until then, you won't find a way back.' In a way what he said was right, looking around, the entirety of wall was full of the same holes, despite the fact that down there only one way was punctured through. Despite this illusion and convenience, there was to be the only way out, which was this. Argus walked slowly and as far away from the middle of the road as possible. It was a hard straining thing to do, pushing himself past everything he knew and wanted. And this place brought curiosity, the way it made it feel like a giant experiment on how the creatures would be guided in the dark. There was a need for this to be documented and registered, written on notes. Feeling his once working pockets, there wasn't anything he could write with or on. But this was about to go down. It was dug out from the likes of it and the ladder was more than easily taken with care. At least, somehow it had the decency to leave it working without trying to destroy his only way down. This was about done too. Argus made sure than none laid at the grey bottom. He landed fine and looked around. Partially exposed to the light, he covered his eyes and waited for them to adjust. The grey light wasn't as strong as the one coming from the sun but it was just enough to stun him still. Knelt at the bottom, filled with mud, waiting just to go through. The small floating things were, coming from the grey approach, made him see them. Little ball, curling things which groped small pitches, almost to the likes of ants. It was

disturbing in a way that he shook them off. I can't spend more time here, one of their openings must be the cage, but which one. 'Which one?' Argus almost shouted. With the assailants lost, he turned around and pulled the ladder. It was pushed so that there'd be a good fall in case one would open that lid and try going down in the dark. There wasn't enough space to pull it entirely but to break a leg especially since the hole through which he climbed was fairly away from the only light grey source. Now, this was truly done. Battered and cold, he resumed crawling and looking at the almost organic looking holder of all these crawling prisons. Going that way would be pointless since he had seen the kingdom and just how far its expansion would go. In his mind, there was a closer approach to the wall rather than to the kingdom itself. He knew where to go and what to look for, even though it was only but a slight thought. It may not be there, but the satisfaction was there nonetheless. Knowing how to defeat it at its own game was an advantage, especially since by now, the other threat source was lost. Whatever they've done before leaving just one go through seemed to have worked unless he was just a scout. Though even that was doubtful since the determination was more than what was needed and asked for. It was now that Argus saw the consequence of standing way too much there. He understood why it was dangerous to stay. All of the sudden he felt like his body suddenly became sunken under this alarmingly vast sea under him, as he was being absorbed. Afraid of what was going to happen, he grabbed to the nearest hole and started crawling as fast as he could go. A glance revealed that the ladder was already in the process of being swallowed. The little beings were taunting now in their illegible speech, at which he couldn't do anything but run for his time. At ankle deep, he could finally feel ground solidify around his legs. That was only but a slight advantage as he started running at his full strength. It bothered the sea as a colour was changed, making bubbles in his wake, and leaving a trail of yellow and brown. Something in his skin affected it and as it started rejecting Argus, it was just then that he finally approached the hole. It wasn't like the others. Way too clean, made of polished stone, pure as an enclave. The stairs were forked and went around as if lifted towards a tower, though the form leads towards an inward position rather than being alone. Argus grabbed an end, knowing that this was to be just another distraction and trickery, by the likes of which, would push his life forever. 'I am lost.' He yelled, but the echo died. With the help of his muscles, he pulled himself easily and saw just how sluggish that thing was. It raised his legs still tied and waited for him to lay his legs and wait for it to fall. Seconds passed until finally, that substance let go. For a moment there, it almost appeared to be alive and tried to pull him inside and break him into pieces. Thus, he went and came forth, walking through the stairs, in this semi archaic ruined castle. Calling it a ruin was somewhat of a compliment, especially since it appeared to be made by creatures that were armoured. One guard walked around and greeted him. 'Greetings Curator.' 'Hello.' There was a bow that which was followed and looking outside, he saw just how far this joke of medieval metal came to it. Even its citizen was armoured to the point of manufacturing them ever for the damn animals. As per usual, they went at the end, looked below for a disruption and resumed their guard. This was one of the two that stood and the other end, near the door. Outside, as it appeared, even the sky was made out of metal, emanating light through the various gaps which revealed that there was an enormous heat source above of them. His appearance was disturbing past the helmet. Argus approached to try looking through the closed armet. First, there was a dark void but past it was an image of utmost horror. A fragment of what used to be human, horribly disfigured to a point where it was melted and bonded to the metal in order to create a soldier of some kind. The result was somewhat of a loss in muscle from the likes of it, as the facial ones seemed to have been entirely

crushed. Not to mention that the bones didn't resist the process. 'What is this place? Who are you two?' His fellow guard returns to standing and stares solemnly at Argus in curious bafflement. No answer came whatsoever as they both started and waiting for something else. Without a glance and without asking, Argus went forth and opened the door. Again, none of them made no action to stop or to question him. He was left to do whatever he pleased and desired. Many rows of forked portholes laid around, letting the artificial light come and go. On the other side of this enclosure, it was revealed that the entirety of this place was close in a tightly shut box, though calling it as such was fairly incorrect. There was something else to it, as the edges were slightly dented and caught at an impasse. A place like this, where the water was being brought to holes that were suspended as tall as one could look into towers of metal and steel. Forgeries laid everywhere around and further away, you could see them make new reinforcements to their gear. This was just another place that would die in a few decades. From the looks of it, further away, their water was sealed, and this composition of metal seemed to take a toll on their bodies. Have I not seen just how hard it was for them to walk from one corner to another? This was a sick game and nothing game. A sick game of torture upon being that didn't deserve such treatment and shouldn't have continued. From the looks of it, this light of there would soon become their fiery extinction. A grave which was to leave no mark and be forgotten. He returned through where he came, but not before playing a sick joke himself. Seeing how they were encumbered and slow, he turned, as he pretended to leave. It was a sudden mercy, but he pulled the helmet among what remained of the skin, leaving but somewhat of a working skull. He screamed, leaving the place for the first humane thing he heard in a long time. But then followed the fall in agony as the pain became too much to take by himself. The other noticed and his first desire became to retaliate. Again, after seeing what had happened to his companion, he dropped what he had in his hand just as Argus grabbed his helmet too. It was more than a struggle, at least, as he had seen one, followed by a set of dark unrecognisable mumbles, which was soon forgotten. Neither Argus nor the guard wanted to give in their fight for survival. This scene of desperation and pity made it hard for anyone else to watch. Argus came to the point where he finally kicked his knee off, making sure that the armour peeled off as it fell. It caused him to be dire but let go and that's when finally the helmet wore off too, making another one fall to the ground in agony. He backed away immediately after seeing how they were both starting to have their armour parts fall off on their own bodies. What was revealed to him now remained a frail shrivelled body that couldn't survive outside the armour. Long before this execution came, their doom had been foretold. 'Abominations, all of you, I can't believe there are creatures like you just roaming around and living. How come you are allowed to do whatever you want but not I? Huh?' No sense could come out of their dark speech. Clearly, the pain had driven them mad. It was almost like a prayer to some sunken god of some sort, though it was clear that there wasn't anything left for these things that used to be human. Eyes went pale and they became blind, they hadn't any nails and by the looks of the bloody skin left on the armour, that ones which were ripped from their bodies, this was the end for them. Enough of them was already seen to judge that it wasn't a place where he wanted to go or stay. At least, as he desires to be as far away as possible, lumping as much with a leap to feel the hardness and crawl. Too many of them to choose from, thought Argus after throwing yet another look. They seemed like rabbit holes but appeared to be portals to other worlds. No determination whatsoever pushed or dragged him to something else other than this. But this was too much and unclear, it wasn't a path to follow but a maze and a gamble combined. What got him in another hole, pushed him now on another road, climbing

on a damn tree to get where he wanted and needed to be. Standing there wasn't viable, neither was crawling through that damnable place. The answer couldn't be going down either, as he threw a glance and notice that for a moment then, his fingers almost became all tied together in a form of a paddle. It made Argus shiver as he climbed. Again, this appeared to be a tree which was felled and thrown into a hole. Upon climbing to its base, he noticed the day light and what appeared to be the normal world. As much as he wanted to believe it was true, this was green everywhere around, other than the dust filled fields on the side. Nothing that was remotely distinguishable remained, at least in the sense that he'd recognise it so he could figure out where he was. Bland field, walking carriages from far away, there wasn't much of any city in the distance either. This appeared more like a distant lost place from someone's memory rather than anything of remote usefulness. 'Hey, over here.' Came to Argus with a shout, waving at the carriage. It was fairly distant and the rider was going in the opposite direction. Still, it was way too further away for him to notice. The sun was bright, at least that he remembered, and for a moment he tried to enjoy it. Even, Argus walked as close to the road as he could stay, without caring whenever or not he would be seen or slack. As a matter of fact. This act of his came to be interrupted. What he heard then was someone shouting. 'Look out.' Turned around, Argus managed to see the cars walking at a fast rate, though they were recognisable. Agents, many of them, perhaps the same ones who drove through him that time. What they drove now appeared to be wearing an additional layer of plating and their wheels seemed to be pulsating and pushing the ground. His feet froze yet again. 'Let me go, I can't get through this time.' Argus thought, as this didn't appear to be his memory either and the machines appear to be real. No other way for him to push of bend came either. As it was, this appeared to be his retribution and the death which was promised. He closed his eyes and felt the wind just as they came. At last, he felt release, but death didn't come yet. It wasn't the time as he opened them to see the cars go through him. Bent down, now that he could look, he shivered in the lingering cold. 'Damn you.' Said, Argus, as his fists hit the ground. There was something remotely close to tears which he felt like, crawling inside his fists once they fell. He could see the house standing there, a ruin on his right side. Yet another lost hiding place which was burnt to the ground. Without a doubt, he. 'You are responsible for it!' Yelled Argus, while still looking at the ground. There seemed to be something about it, further and further down. No voice responded, but this memory came at too much of a right place. It reminded him of the place where he was marked and what he had to do once he pulled himself up. It should've gone like that where he lifted himself and carried one, though he refused to move. Something in his mind pushed him beyond sanity and reason, forcing him to stay. He'd look and see the machines go over and over through him, in rows that didn't end. Why is this happening? This abomination is nothing like my home. 'Do you hear me, this is not my world?' His shouting fell dead to the remarks of the agents in their vehicles. Without a doubt, he could've been stranded there and pitied the various amounts of taunt and banter. Finally, he was forced to raise himself. Exactly what he wanted, to feel that force that pushed him beyond reason and self-control to what he was doing right now. It had to be the same one as before. Despite the fact that the voice was silent now for some reason, it had to be it. But alas, there was another of likes he knew would follow. In the darkest points of the horizon, past the illusion of time and the machines, there laid a dark line. Riders of skin further into the distance, spreading through the ground, crushing in their wake. Soon, they'd devour this entire place and wreak havoc upon the others. It appeared as if they were following Argus despite the fact that he'd done a great job in covering his tracks. No one and nothing could've gone through, especially that thing

which had appeared in front of him. I need to fall again. Argus had thought of it after wiping the sweat off his face. Something about this occurrence made him want to push forward now despite everything which had happened. The hole was there, still hidden in the leaves, jumping through he fell upon the harsh ground and felt how his skin would soon begin to crawl away from him. Being forced to kneel now felt uncomfortable, knowing just how limited he was. What was even worse than that was the fact that the distances between the other holes were getting wider and wider. Soon he'd take minutes to get to another point, even to the point of them becoming hours. If that'd be, either he would push through the walls or whatever wall separated them, or he would be pulled below and suffocate. And this place made him feel too uncomfortable to be a final resting place. Being forced to see your body taken apart was beyond cruel. This silence has to end. Something about it made him fill the ends in his mind. 'Will you let me go? As you promised me, you need to let me go and be done with it. This was the plan altogether and now you refused to speak about your part of the deal. Can you at least confirm anything at all?' The lack of anything anymore, hunger and thirst became repugnantly late. Nothing of him made him think of himself as a human anymore despite his appearance. He remembered but stopped once he saw just another entry. Alas, his thoughts in this place below appeared to him as wasted tools while the enemy brooded. Soon, he'd have to choose and this choice appeared more like a selfish one. Where could I live inside of if I chose to give up? This would soon be answered without a second thought of notion. For far too long had he thought of it and now, there came the deal breaker. It was the entry to a station underground. First, it was steep and dark and there laid the smell of piss. Immediately after, as he went inside and climbed, as blind as a bat, pushing on a bar, then climbing what seemed to be a moving platform of some sort, he stopped. A door laid, at least on that was hard to push. It was eerie to go through, especially with that scent, though he appeared to have been walking forever, then in a loop. But his progress came with no delay, as the final door opened. Revealed to him was a steep passage that was tightly fit and made just enough space for a person to squeeze through. Argus was displeased by the effort this place had tied, but he'd done it nonetheless. Out of a crack in the hole, a man-made as it was presumed came a man. A bunch of peculiar looks immediately were thrown throughout the passage. Everyone was waiting for the machine to come from the dark tunnel but what they weren't expecting was for that man to come outside. It was a strange thing for him as well, seeing a reaction from someone else. Seeing how they waited he stood against the wall and waited as well. It appeared that some time would come to pass until another came. Rather than anything else, the first woman he had seen in a while approached him. She wore a brown leather vest and had a pair of blue eyes accompanied by a face in the form of a pear. Something made him focus on those features, pushing away the simple body or the bland red hair she had. 'What are you?' It appeared to have come out of her mouth, unsure herself if she had asked anything else at all. Out of the rest, who had slightly pushed themselves further from the strange man, she seemed to have some sort of attraction to the bizarre. 'You'll have to speak faster for me to hear you.' A visible air gulp came to be, as he had noticed. She was doing her best to come up with something, despite being perplexed by what happened. 'Who are you?' 'They used to call me Argus. Does that name please you?' With somewhat of a fierce demeanour he approached. There was something that changed in the way he looked and acted against others, something that he himself couldn't explain. It wasn't in his speech but in his instincts and what they told about certain people who laid around him. Fright was common and he could smell it all around her. He had to be around too many other who feared him that it made it just as hard to forget. At least, this

wasn't as common for him to feel or to look at them. Normal, as much as he could push it towards normality. 'You shouldn't be afraid of me, I wouldn't hurt you with so many witnesses laying around.' Argus had a grin which was saved for a while now. At least from what he could tell, she became wildly amused. Perhaps this place would turn out to be something else, at least if he was entertained by it, his goal could be delayed. This place felt like home. The decay and architecture and the presence of machines, the artificial light perhaps. Or even the fear that which they displayed when they threw glances at the man from the wall. 'I'm not afraid of you.' She said with a raspy voice. 'What's your name then?' There was something of a reluctance to tell and clearly, she had done her best to talk to him now. But something of a cold presence made him feel that she wanted to do nothing with him now. 'It's about to come you know?' As she said it, her voice almost cracked. Everything else which came out of her mouth appeared to have come at a higher pitch. It was clear that she was nervous, though this level was quite ridiculous. He hadn't the haggard appearance nor did he anything to make her feel otherwise. So be it then. As he had thought it was time to wait, it finally lit the end of the tunnel. It came as a machine that had a cabin at the end, a grand example of a twisted machine, which seemed to have more like a helmet at one end than anything else. Bulked at the body and as it finally stopped, it appeared that it was close to being full. The doors barely opened and just as he had entered, he soon found himself lost in the crowd. Everyone was busy with apparently not one human being thrown much of a glance or care towards anyone who wasn't on their eye sight. And since no one had seen him come, he was just safely grabbing on a pole above. It was the decay around the base which was a dead giveaway of what was happening. Something organic was hiding under the metal shell. The vibration could be felt for him alone, just as much as it was afraid to be touched by him. Through the journey which seemed to last, at least as they shifted she came near. 'We've not done talking.' Came a voice from under his shoulder. She had come from a blind spot, at least as he couldn't turn around from the awkward position he was set upon. 'I thought you didn't want to talk with me. What's the sudden change?' 'I didn't mean to disrespect you sir, but you seemed to be new. Well, we also don't get a lot of visitors coming out of, you know what.' 'I'm fairly aware of that. I'm just passing by then leaving just as I came, understood?' 'No trouble, no fight started, nothing of the sort.' 'Then you may have a problem with that since you've jumped on the wrong engine.' Said a bulky voice. For a moment he looked but found it immediately. 'Why is that?' 'We're heading towards a riot, neither the next few stations nor the streets are safe for any of us to walk.' 'Then how come it's full?' 'Because none of them seems to care about it.' 'And what's yours then?' Argus seemed to have been measuring him for a while. He was tall enough, fairly dark skinned and cut across his lip. From the obvious standpoint, it was the small cut of a knife, but the blunt at a point appeared to have been made by a hammer. 'Is it really that rough out there?' 'People rarely escape that easily, few bruises, a broken leg or anything of the sort.' 'Why did it happen then? You know, the riot?' It appeared that some actually tried turning to see if Argus was making a damned joke. Nothing of the sort could be guessed from his face. Nonetheless, he couldn't be from anywhere, as they world was connected. 'In case you forgot about it.' 'He came from a hole in the wall.' As she said it, at least as a paired reaction, she was the one who seemed like she was mad. Standing and raving in the engine, looking nervous as she remained from the encounter. The silence didn't help her case either. 'So?' Came Argus again. Apparently, his hair was laid down and wet, it was something out of the weather. 'Because of the assassination of the governor. I don't from what wall you've crawled from, but this was hard to miss on its own. It was head news at the time.' 'Tell me about it, the whole thing

was a mess, a bloody rag which almost culminated in a river. Once he fell, the entire electric system seemed to have vanished away. Judging by his clothes, he was an engineer. Standing on one of the benches which were attached and eating what would appear to be his dinner from the lunch box. 'But I saw some lights.' 'Indeed you saw and you can still see them above. Other sources of energy, small generators they say. They used to draw their power from the main one but now that it's gone, it's just a matter of time until the rest of them die.' 'How far ago had this happened then?' 'It's hard to say really.' This appeared to be a ticking bomb, a pandemonium to be certainly trapped in-between so many other people. 'Is this engine going to return once it's done?' 'It may or may not, it's hard to say, depending on the conductor and what orders he's about to receive.' 'But if the Governor is dead, who it is that's about to give him orders?' These people blindly following nothing but the riots and their lives appeared to him clueless. Perhaps even more than the other way around. None of them appeared to understand exactly what they were getting into. 'Why is everyone acting so calm then?' 'We're about to enter a devastated area of some sort.' 'That's enough, no need to raise your voice in here, just stand and calm yourself. Don't attract any attention now.' 'Or else what?' Asked Argus, without having looked outside. Despite his rashness, there was something out there which appeared to be watching. Could these be just the bold ones from the bunch? 'What's your name.' 'Barnabee.' Said the man with his curly hair, and cut through the lip. His battered side appeared to be showing itself more than anything else, up to the point of having to explain to the clueless man. 'They're out there, watching us, recording what they say.' 'If this was any other man, he'd be called insane. But as it was, there couldn't have been more faith in him than anything of the sort coming from Argus. As he pushed himself to adjust to the darkness outside, first there came a slight pain and headache. Trying to look through darkness was already hard, but doing it while standing in a place which was lit made it twice as harder than it should've been. At least some monitors were present, blurred by the fast motion of the tram, but they were there nonetheless. Then there was another observation, a creeping thing that appeared to crawl and lurk from vision, somewhat of an amphibian creature that appeared to be coming from a place without water. It was then that he saw one monitor lit past the place they were going. Beyond all tubes and long pipes which hid it, an image of them going by came to be. Past that one, every single other one appeared to have been busted for a long time. 'I'll be fine.' The speed of the team made it utmost certain that they couldn't have been either recorded or taped. 'Be careful what you say now. What was your name again?' 'I'm Argus, I haven't given it to you Barnabee.' 'I'm Genie.' Said the young woman who appeared to have been waiting her chance to speak of something. As far as it went, Genie was impressed by the speed Argus seemed to have caught on. 'It's going to be dangerous after all, so don't mind me if I stand close to you.' Some comfort came as she latched on Argus. At least she seemed to be calmer than before. Perhaps it was the way they looked at him now which made him more than he was. 'Here it comes, hold it tight.' Said the engineer. Abruptly, it stopped, to the point where the wheels seemed to have become little legs which all just grabbed the metal bars around them and held the entirety of the body to a stop. Some left, and others came. As surprisingly as it had become, there weren't many people who came inside now. At least there was breathable space and enough to move around. 'It shouldn't stay for long now.' Said another voice from around. It was hard to note but it became apparent to Argus that the man who said it become lost. If it were one at all, not to say anything other. Every second and every minute, something appeared to make him uncomfortable. At least as it continued standing. Soon, that feeling went away, as the light dimmed and lost some of what it had, the engine started again and this concoction

went on its motion.'See?It wasn't as hard as it appeared to be.First time out of your sector I presume?'Something of Barnabee didn't appear to be buying the entire idea of crawling outside of the wall.Good, at least he'd be someone I could trust.The way to the cabin where the pilot laid appeared to be clear.'Say Barnabee, how long is this going to take now?'Funny that you mention, it may be the longest one so far.Why are you asking me that?'There was a clear view of his eyes and something of a forced condition laid him unaware.First thought of taking the tram for himself appeared to be quite peculiar in nature at first.But the more he stared in his eyes, the more Barnabee understood the need to do such a thing.A silent understanding at most.'It's dangerous to go alone and roam, people have died from less than that.'Said an older man sitting down on a chair.'You're all talking about the danger but not the action. Let's see just how far the latter one will take me.'With that, and a group of curious followers, including the ones who spoke to him, he marched towards it.'It's going to be dangerous if you even manage to open the locked door.'Somehow the light came even lower to the point of being grim dark.'This isn't good, listen Barnabee.And you Genie, if this light goes down, we won't have anything else to do but dangerously wander in the unknown.Do you think you could survive roaming legions of blind humans that crawl under the ground?'They were just as afraid as he had become, perhaps that was the reason so many of them decided to follow him.Most, if not all of them needed to get some answers from the conductor.The far end appeared to be coming aside one way or another.No one was even slightly disturbed by the fact that Argus had risen a small crowd.To this pointed, he felt how lonely he was in that crowd, despite having them follow him as a person of great importance.After all, in reality, none of them had anything to do with him or what he desired whatsoever.'Open the door at once.'He yelled after starting a few knocks on the door.His knuckles appeared to be hurting from it.This door was certainly reinforced by a few layers.Someone expected this to happen unless it appeared to be happening often.'Usually, when things like these happened, you'd use to hear some message of some sort from the conductor.'With that in mind, he looked around and saw the holes in that small device.It appeared that they were relying on another system of pipes to be able to talk.Others have used them to lead the pressure from one point to another.As a matter of fact, nothing appeared to be passed that point where there could be truly said that they were a victim of an industrial revolution of their own.'Open it up already, unless you want us to break the door open.'No message and no response to the threat.Argus attempted to push through the door nonetheless.'Take this, it should make it easier to bash it open.'Half a wrench, it appeared to be in the toolbox of the engineer.He had made his way through the crowd only for that, yet refused to do anything else.'Careful now Argus, don't hurt him no matter what.He's just a man like the rest of us.'I know Barnabee, I won't stoop so low.'With that attitude, he went ahead and started smashing at the point where the lock was, trying to trigger a reaction of a sort.It was already dark and so many people just standing around, focusing on him made Argus slightly nervous.For once, he was in the middle of attention, all alone, before a bash.A spark came from the hit and it appeared like it made a clicking sound before being opened.It was a let down to open the cockpit and see that there wasn't any pilot inside.That wasn't an excuse for it to be in shambles, as it appeared to have a few pair of long extrusion wrapped around the lever and the button.Damn devices, I'll get no break from it.Argus appeared to be getting closer and push those things away.They were awfully pale and organic and appeared to pull back once they got a feel of Argus' touch.'This place is a mess.'Tell me about it.'Behind him, in the cabin, it appeared like the girl, the man and the engineer came first near him.It was already full and as a matter of fact, these three appeared to be

the only ones who trusted Argus. At least enough to bash through and catch the train. The motion appeared way too fast inside the cabin as well. Now, with a full sight of what was happening, there seemed to be going as much as anywhere. 'Does any of you know how to drive this thing?' Asked Argus. Something about this made him uncomfortable at best. The man was already preparing his tools. As a matter of fact, so did Barnabee, taking out a pair of extruded tools that appeared to have been carried with him for a while. A setup, most likely, something about them made it feel like they knew each other. Perhaps a group of some sort. Regardless of who they were, there had to be another way out now. 'What are you planning to do then?' 'Close the door.' Barnabee already shifted and knocked it close. From the reaction, the girl had no idea what was going in as she became slightly afraid of what was about to happen. As much as he thought, she was in just as much trouble as he was. 'You planned this all along, didn't you?' 'Perhaps we were just waiting for a good opportunity to break through. Don't worry about it, they won't hear us through. As well as you cooperate, there will be no trouble from our side. It's a dangerous world you see and our lights will be cut out one day.' 'So you decide to steal this train and ride it to a better place right?' 'Right on.' Answer Barnabee, as he appeared to be aware of something the other one wasn't. 'You see, I've come upon the plans of this entire structure and you won't. Actually.' This is when he turned to the girl. 'You may believe this. Whatever it may be, this place seems to be huge, enormous really, as a matter of fact, from the plans I've come upon, this place is colossal.' 'The plans I assume you don't have anymore?' 'I had to get rid of them as fast as possible. You wouldn't understand but dangerous people wanted me gone once I got my hands on them. Whenever you believe me or not, know that this entire place is connected two ways. "By a liquid between gaps and by this, I presume?" 'How did you know?' 'The map had something around which kept every side, every compartment tied together. And inside of that, there were drawings of small ships which were used to travel between.' 'That's how I came here as a matter of fact, what drove me to crawl through the wall and reach this point.' 'So you believe him too?' Asked the engineer. 'I'm Robert by the way.' Argus nodded at this with utmost certainty. They were both already busy working on the panel, removing parts of it and stretching wires. 'Go on ahead then and do whatever you please. I'm fairly certain that neither Genie is protesting against your plan as long as no one else has to suffer.' 'And no one will Agus as long as they stay. Now, what would happen if I were to pull this?' It was a small vein-like orifice which had a small box inserted in it. That seemed a little much, especially since it was hidden away under the panel. Aside from that, the man appeared to know what he was doing. A good squeeze around made it stop immediately, leaving the entirety of the passenger confused as there wasn't any station in sight. 'Was this supposed to happen?' 'I don't know, I only saw so much of this plan. What I've noticed about it specifically were the wings. Other than that I couldn't tell you if I wanted to about how to make it spread them and push them outside.' 'It can fly?' Suddenly, it threw a different light upon this concoction. Such an ability all of the sudden made this much easier to roam through, especially if it were true that this was connected to everything. Hallow dark spaces that could be roamed in by this machine, the sound of which brought much delight to his ears. 'Do you think it's true? Could you fly us away then?' 'There need to be something that would trigger this reaction. How else would it spread those wings? There should be just enough space outside for it to do so. But that's not the problem. We're not sure yet on what type of fuel it uses.' 'And we don't know if it may fly for a few minutes in the air before falling, right?' 'It would've been easier.' The man responded. 'If we had the ability to see but even if I were to divert the light from each compartment, that still wouldn't last enough.' 'They

were both doing their best to push through the panel and the various layered cache it had.'Genie are you all right?'She nodded, still standing in the corner.Argus raised momentarily from his chair and turned around to see to her.'Are you feeling okay?You don't have to lie to me.'It wasn't clear, but she appeared to be young, a twenty-something which bit more than she could chew.What she couldn't hide was the fact that she was afraid.The tears in her eyes were almost too prominent to be ignored.At once she made a sign for him to come closer.Complying wasn't the worst part of the situation, as he came immediately into position.'I'm afraid we may not come home now.I was on my way here when this happened and from what they said, I can't get there if it starts flying from here.'Somehow, he thought that the other two had heard what she said but remained unphased.Both of which still had their own plans that needed to be pushed towards completion.'We may be able to drop everyone right?Before this thing flies?Or at least find a way to drop them near once you make it flap its wings?It doesn't sound like a good plan to go ahead with these many people."It could be dangerous if they find a way to break in, he may be right.'Agreed Barnabee.There was something off with this after all.Despite wanting to escape and the other to go on with their lives, these two, now the three of them appeared to have stumbled on something beyond them.Again, something crept in his mind as well.'I've got a bad feeling about this, I can't explain what it is."Don't worry, I found it.'There appeared to be a pump which was started automatically now, pushed on and again, pushed through until it started.Something organic was inside of it, but then again, what wasn't that they enslaved and used?A musical note number came immediately.It followed a dull set of notes.'Oh, I've heard of this before.It's one of the devices that are activated by sequences of music, like instruments."You know how to work it?'Despite being an engineer, this appeared like it was beyond his field of certainty.There was something of a silent thunder to this that accompanied the various notes.Something entertained Genie at least, who was genuinely lit by the sound of the music.She appeared to be flocking like a bird, watching how each piece turned under.'Pull its guts by the side.'They started but it was heavy, lifting all its various tubes, vires and small formed concoction from its box.'Help us.'And Argus came.Even with the three of them, those things were too heavy for humans to do.With care and harshness, they managed to pull them through and leave them at the bottom, pushing the chair back.Genie made sure to put it back against the door, just in case a most desperate one tried to bash the door open.This was to be the final lock on the door.Meanwhile, as they gazed upon it, this device was utmost certainly complicated.The view of it was slightly disturbed by the longing tubes which were pushed so far.As they were pushed on the side to side, it was revealed just how intricate this was.Tens, if not hundreds of small cleverly place towers which could be fairly easily pushed.'Let me try.'With his fair hand, he pushed against one and heard it made a long clicking sound.The entirety of this engine started shaking in a violent, if not flaccid manner before stopping.'I'm afraid of the fact that it might.No, I'm afraid that we are already in the air.'Said, Argus, as he gazed through the darkness, where used to track now there laid nothing of the sort.There appeared to be flaps of the sorts but soon were revealed not to be wings at all.'Let me try something, hold my legs.'As he said it, he became ready to do something rash and unexpected of him.He was quickly locked by his legs by both of them now.With both of his legs secured he could sit without any risk of falling through.Pushed through, he was as close to the point where there was an entry and he was right.There wasn't any protective window of any sort, as it turned out to be nothing.A blank spot which was left there and one could fall through.Looking through it, he realised that.'The conductor might've fallen of jumped through if I'm correct about it.'Both Barnabee and the

engineer looked at one another. It was clear now, that there might've been a man once there who used to run this. 'And how exactly does this help us?' 'Turn me around, or at least, let me look at me.' As this turned out to be even more uncomfortable, he was caught by the legs, using his arms to push his body and he stood above the gap. Some might've thought that this was certainly a bad idea, at least from the likes of it. 'Damn this, these aren't wings.' 'But you said we were flying! And I saw the plans there.' 'No.' Responded Argus with a tone which demanded him to listen. There was apparently a sight of flapping, but that was something which didn't belong there. 'Those aren't wings that fly from the looks of it. It's hard to describe, but they couldn't carry that weight alone if you understand what I'm saying. From what I can understand, they've stretched layers that reached the ceiling and attached to it.' As it happened, they were tied and standing still, apparently, blocked by this. In a way, this appeared to be bizarrely entertaining to watch and figure out. 'Pull me back at once.' They pulled him back with just as much care as they had used when pushing him through. Now he was standing once again. 'It appears that this thing just sticks itself and flings as far as it can apparently go.' 'Does that mean that our plan is doomed now? How could this have been for nothing?' As sad as they appeared, at least Genie felt some relief then, knowing that she would return home despite her failure. As it passed, at least she had done a great job hiding it from the others. 'Nonetheless, it could work if we understand how this device works. We might as well try if it cannot fly, we could at least crawl through the vents until we reached our destination.' 'Lead the way then, if you can understand how this sound system works.' Something crept into his mind as well as the thought of his escape went by. If this worked, they could just reverse it and fling from ceiling to ceiling, in the perfect system. 'Let's see them. You may want to announce that there might be some difficulties coming for the rest of the passengers. I'm afraid that we might face something which might be disturbing if I fail the sequence.' 'We can fall, can't we?' Asked Genie. Even now, she stood there alone in her corner, as much as it could be called so in that tight space of theirs. 'I forget about her. Listen, Genie, was it? How about you tell them the message?' 'I'm certain that, if they hear from a woman, they may be calmer than hearing if from any of us.' This decision wasn't Barnabee's to make, despite the fact that the other man didn't want to interfere. And already there had been enough of it passed in silence and waiting that they could've become paranoid or even seriously violent. It was always the pain of a chance to be caught in it and they were no exception to the rule. 'Don't force her if she doesn't want to.' But as he implied it, she stopped Argus from saying anything. 'I'll do it then. I can prove to you that I'm using, right? This could be the time that I could prove that I deserve to be here with you.' After saying what had to be said, Genie pulled the small receptor and prepared. She felt a cold wind just being pushed from the far end of it. As a matter of fact, everyone in the small cockpit felt it, rather than facing it from the gap. 'Damn pipes, thought Argus, too many of them everywhere. Someone had to invent something better one of these days, and living in a cage wasn't an excuse for it.' 'Dear passengers.' She reluctantly stopped after hearing herself, slightly muffled even in the cabin. 'Esteemed passengers, we. I'm regretful to announce that our ride has been delayed for now. But before you decide to do anything of the sort which you may regret later, let me come on and assure you that we are in the best hands that could be. I can't tell you that you know him, or I or anyone who's here riding thing but what I can do is ask you to bear with us. At least until.' She paused and covered the speaker, waiting for something. 'What are you waiting for? I need silence to work with this.' 'How much will this last?' Genie asked Argus with utmost sincerity. From the looks of it, she could've waited and halted the announcement as long as she wanted to do so. 'Tell them that I'm doing

my best and we'll return in a short notice. Actually, tell them to resume their seats and spread throughout it as fast as possible.' She complied so far with the orders, as well as she had hoped they'd follow his advice. This was to be a tight shift, of some sort, though he couldn't complain about the fact. Beyond the point, they listened and obeyed, from the likes of which they were unable to hear the noise anymore from the other side. 'I think it worked.' Said Genie before thanking them as a last goodbye to the people on the other side. It appeared that now, with the silence, it was the time. 'We're counting on you now Argus. If there's an outside world, take us out.' Barnabee had put all his trust in me from this point on. It appeared like they all did the same, in a certain way. As it appeared to be, this was going to be rough. 'Grab anything you can grab a hold on and hold it tight. I don't know how the movement will work so don't make me responsible for knocking any of you out.' 'The belt.' 'Right.' There appeared to be a belt just laying by the seat, which wrapped neatly around Argus. As a matter of fact, this chair in which he stood went nowhere since it couldn't be pulled outside its standing place. Neatly placed, he was assured. Barnabee held onto a bar, the engineer was standing in the corner, tightly holding the end of the table and with the other hand, he gained balance against the door. Genie was holding on the thicker and more pushed in pipes. They all appeared to be safe for now. 'Here it goes then.' His eyes lit. Argus looked upon the various notes and started remembering what the last tune appeared as being. Since they appeared to work on themselves, more or less, he neatly pressed a note and waited. It was something sharp which triggered the long-lost song. Such a song was undesirable, it was a coagulation of many high notes, followed by a sudden drop. Now, what could it be, help me damn it, don't we need to figure this out? The way it was laid out, it appeared that the main buttons from the middle were high-pitched, as well as the ones that got further away appeared to be harsher in tone. How come this argument could be our death? Just follow the tune Argus, this is how it must work. As he began, he pressed the three adjacent ones in the middle, making a high pitched sound. Nothing happened. It was followed immediately by a few other notes from below, going as far until he heard a drop which he had slightly remembered as the finisher of the tune. Again, nothing so far that would prove that it worked in any way whatsoever. 'It's not going that well, is it?' 'Give me a moment.' This panel seemed to be disturbingly tattered in its appearance, not to mention that the notes were nothing like what he had heard. Too many of them laid for a combination. 'Let me.' But as he was about to inform them, he went again, instinctively below. The notes triggered a dark tune as the engine let go. It fell back on the tracks, luckily still caught on the ceiling above, to the point of cushioning the blow. 'Damn it, Argus, what's happening?' So much of it was felt around, throughout everything, that there wasn't any doubt that the others felt it as well. 'I'm doing my best.' He failed to realise how many of the sound triggering devices he had pressed with his fists. It appeared that the machine responded, tuned to the point. A set which contained complicated low frequency and high-frequency notes came. It was a song which now included the sound of drums, beating to the point of almost replacing some of the notes. Yet from the looks of it, there were only these notes to accompany it. For once, they stopped, then so did the tunes. 'What now Argus? You realise that we can fall below if you don't know what you're doing. Unless you decide to let me look through it.' 'No, you will wait for me to be done and you'll stay there until I say otherwise. We can't risk all of our deaths by removing all the pieces from this board.' This made him feel as lonely as he felt before, thrust against everyone. 'Here it goes.' With his knuckles unbuckled, he went ahead and started pressing the combination he thought of unaided. This appeared to have been made once his arms started extending and pushing away. The result came as a sort of crawling

motion. It started going on a slope, as far as it could possibly go on its own. 'You've done it, this cannot be!' It was the first sound of joy that came in a long time. They could all feel how it started crawling and how well it was inclined, to the point of being on a slope. It was something steep, which appeared to be a cut space in the ceiling. Quite likely, a path made for this alone. The vastness of the gloom was still binding to the point when neither of them could yet see anything. Nor could Argus look above for some reason. 'This is it then, isn't it?' Unwrapped by the belt, he turned towards them and realised just how excited they were. So was Genie after realising that perhaps it wasn't as bad as it had appeared to be. 'Unless the light dies out entirely, this path that was set for us should do as well.' Words more wrong hadn't been spoken. It was too soon to celebrate. A song of pain came, a shriek from the creature which grabbed it to a halt. It roared across that made the entire cockpit shake in pain and vibrate in fear. The uncontrollable urge to shake came into being then. Nothing surprised him anymore. But at the light faded and the last glimpses of what used to be the world then came to the screams of the young and the old. It happened as if in a dream, they were caught in a trap from where they couldn't escape, to the point of every joint which held a note suddenly burst. Its log poles of meat just stood there standing before bending over perplexed and unable to make a sound. The fright was unbearable from the likes of it. 'Are you all right?' 'I'm scared Argus.' That was the voice of Genie. But what had happened to Barnabee and the man who was with him? In almost a whisper he called to them. 'Barnabee, Barnabee, where are you? Answer me, this isn't something we can lightly avoid, something is seriously wrong.' With the fact that no one answered, he started feeling around for a body in case he was knocked out. There was nothing to be felt. Could he have fallen through that gate? It was quite hard, judging by the fact that something appeared to have been taken this being from behind and stopped its movement. 'Genie, whatever you do, I need you to step aside and wait for me here, understood? It might be dangerous down there.' There were illegible words from her muttering and tears. Clearly disturbed, the girl attempted to say it in an agreeing tone, or at least something as close to it as possible. 'I'll open the gate, be ready. Don't look unless I tell you, please Genie.' She said no word whatsoever, perhaps making it clear that it wasn't only a fear here that kept her frozen in place. The door went by the side with ease, revealing what used to be the light. It came to them from above, revealing just how abruptly the road below the lead. There were no humans anymore, as it appeared from the scratching marks that they desperately attempted to resist falling only to be taken further below. How could this be happening now? Supposedly, this was the only way out for me and now. Something appeared to have anchored him. 'Genie, I need you to stay and be ready to do the same as.' A glance revealed in just what condition the tune making device had come to. It was painful to look at it. But just as well, Genie was in a worse place now. Crying in a corner, alone, unable to move. 'If there's an anchor there below, holding us from going any further, there's nothing else to do for us but to try to remove it and continue further.' Presumably, one glance through that steep hole and it would make sense if the two of them ran there once the pandemonium came into motion. It wasn't entirely impossible to climb through but from the likes of it. Well, they hadn't seemed to have the best chances. 'But neither do we.' Said, Argus, as he started walking at a fast pace. It hadn't evolved into falling as a matter of fact, which made him grab a hold to the first pole he could. It might as well be the explanation for their fall. Even the hardness appeared to be softening now, going as much as sweating all over. The dimness of the first compartment appeared to have been gone now, as the next one was engulfed in darkness. 'Here it goes.' Said, Argus, as he continued his leap of faith into this abyss. What he feared most was the fall, but he found

himself standing still, looking further away to see another compartment lighted. Some of them were finally there, bodies, humans, the other ones. Had he reached the point where they were gone? Is anyone here still breathing? Does anyone need my help? A few seconds passed before realising that they weren't. Something harder stood in the middle of it though. An intrusion from outside had punctured and impaled it. A protected structure of bone and skin which was covered by a thick carapace laid still. Too thick for anything to happen whatsoever, as his touch proved to be nothing more than ticklish. Bulbs came from far ends, making it far sharper than it seemed to be. Acting like claws, under the carapace, it might've been organic from everything he had seen. This was another place to be abandoned and he made his way. The next one he could probably analyze. It came and took it by the side, going as far inside as it could've gone. The image of the beast wriggling in pain still lingered within him. But this was too much, it had lifted it from the ground, most likely, in this attempt to stop them. It went as far as to impale it from multiple sides. But the dire question, once the eeriness came, and every light started flickering was. 'Where are the other humans now?' He asked with both curiosity and wonder. From such likes as for this place, their disappearance was bizarre. They couldn't have been the corpses alone as the entirety of the vehicle was full. As it came into being, the doors were still sealed shut. Windows barred, and how much further below could they have gone? Since there was only a way, he went through there, until reaching a point where he could see. Not for long though. The lights were flickering out and this was about to be their end. The shadow engulfed a body from behind and with the tail of his eyes, he saw a figure. 'Genie?' Argus whispered then. It was too tall and too well made to be her. Just a few feet away laid the intrusion which appeared to have become a tunnel of skin, or rather an escape for those trapped in this thing. I need to get her to come with me now. But Argus didn't dare raise his voice and call to her. Paranoia was in store. As obvious as it appeared to be, it couldn't have been him, dragging his crooked hands. Despite being tied for so long against that metal cart, it was now obvious that it was there no more. From the likes of it, there was something twisted that had grown out of the marks left by that cart. Only a region of the body was lifted that he couldn't see. It's being dragged now. Argus noticed the fact that the levels became even more morbidly twisted than before. Somehow beyond his notice, this machine or being was being torn apart. And this could be my escape, as he thought of it. He could go at once and be free, as there wasn't any possible way for him to go through that. Something under its arms began to creep, Argus, which was something that wasn't supposed to be there. There wasn't any doubt that this was the same one that drowned that day or hadn't. From such likes, he didn't dare return for Genie. As the first steps began, it was obvious that it hadn't noticed Argus as of yet. It turned and started to go towards what could only be called as noise. 'Argus, help me. There's something in here, something that's not a human.' She said through the broken system. Most of it appeared to have survived through the pipes and what not. It appeared that this was it for her, through the system, Argus heard the slam of the door and came closer. So slowly, that the light started dimming out slowly. 'Can you hear me Genie?' Spoke Argus through the other far end. It was fair enough that this worked two ways, from one end to another, that they heard each other loud and clear. 'Genie, I can't.' This appeared to have triggered a dead silence from the likes of which she couldn't raise herself from. There were tears audible and pounding soon began. It didn't help that Genie was standing on the cold floor, just waiting for a response. 'Why?' I don't have the weapons or the strength to take it alone. It might've come from one of those things that stopped this from going on. Genie, listen to me and calm down. There appeared to have been some difficulty to the likes of her. It

was hard but immediately got harder as metal started going as low as it could go. 'Damn it, woman, you need to listen. Do you see the gap through which I got close to? There's an opening past the panel, it's dark now, but you should've remembered by now where it is.' 'Yes.' She was hard to hear from all the pounding. There wasn't just the claw alone making all the noise in the engine. Something which began tearing it apart from inside appeared to be making the disturbance. 'Damn it, you need to go before it's late, crawl through, I'll try making a distraction and save you some time but you need to face your fears.' 'I'll open the door once he's gone.' 'It's too dangerous to do it that way, you'll be killed Genie.' 'I'm not able to do it without light.' She was starting to get calmer by the second, knowing that something was about to happen. This was a hard decision to make and there wasn't anything to assure him that she would be saved the other side. 'Stay in there and listen to the door, I'll do my best.' This was steep, most of it having been left hollow between the tight places in the walls. He felt them as being the thing, almost absorbed by what fluid of what had been giving it the size. But, he was there, standing, just a few paces, beyond darkness and everything else that had happened. A liquid was now laying on the floor. This was to be lucky side if he'd trip and fall on his attempt to catch him. Argus made sure to stand on the left side as he was ready to announce his position. Damn this creature was hideous. He couldn't help but notice, even from the back, the various expunged forms and malformations of skin. There was hair there ready to grown, towards something that used to be the head. Yet, it was way further pushed back now and its brown colour was recognisable. It had to be down now. 'Damn you, creature, you missed one.' The echo came as quickly as possible from the likes of which the thing turned before Argus could hear it come. The pounding stop and it came to a surprisingly fast-tracking motion after seeing walking meat. It was a harsh drop but it did nothing to it. The blood on the floor tripped it and the darkness was confusing. Now the door opened that she could see the light and as Genie noticed that it was in the distance, she immediately pushed herself beyond the panel and the various pushed anomalies. She had gone on the other side, as well as had Argus in the tunnel made for him to get through. It seemed to have been swallowing him, from the organic feel. At the top, it clones and got pulled back. The motion stopped and Argus felt trapped. The air was getting thin, but he could feel himself being transported from a point to another. Pink, lighted as they approached something that produces a tight light source, though it pushed him below. It couldn't have been happening, but it was clear that they passed something that shouldn't have been coming at all there. It was another one of those machines that brought him there, to begin with. Just in time, it came and cut the neck of the transporter, making this operation absurdity null. The disturbing part came quickly now. It was easy to feel the force that came through him as he was falling. Argus had experienced pain before, but this crushing feeling of despair forced itself past any reason alone. The ground got crushed and he could feel his muscles relaxing once again. It spread like an organ and lowered him slowly like he was on a net of some kind. 'I'm here again.' He said despite being so close to finding a way for him to escape. And yet, despite that fact, he found himself kneeling again, looking above through the darkness at yet another hole in the maze. 'Is there no end to this prison?' 'Could there even be one way for me to escape?' There was no one here that could've known of his plans, yet he was still caught and dragged back before he could escape. Whatever laid at the bottom was still glooming, even as he waited. The smell only got darker and the substance under him appeared to be more organic than ever. Such a peculiar, disturbing thing, that looking upon it closer revealed that it also bore small hair all around it, going as far as having an entire sea of it. 'What are you?' Argus was perplexed by this, but for

looking through, he saw something come. He rolled at once in time, seeing how debris fell, a piece of armour from the engine fell and immediately got pushed and pulled under its own height. It ate it, I'm sure of it. It has to be alive, but I can't be sure of it yet. His time was almost up as well. Argus could feel himself suddenly sinking below under all that mass. As dangerous as it was, he grabbed a hold of the ceiling and pushed himself further away. Nothing in sight, no other way at least in miles. The process started immediately and it was a shame that now he couldn't run but stand there as a victim. He shouted at last. 'You've taken my only way out, I know it's you. This can't be happening but you asked me to come and release you from this torment of yours. Where are you?' There was a thick silence, grim, as his feet were at least at that level. He waited until finally there came an answer. 'Release.' Said the voice and he fell. Suddenly, he felt his entire body buried in that sea of cold air, until at last, it became warm and comforting. There wasn't any pain, not as such to be felt, but this was only the entrance, the portcullis between his world and the next. Released from his bounds, he was pushed below, left in a standing position on the ground. It was far enough to look at the giant cavern but this was it. And there it was. This was the grim side of that thing above. It was still a furry thing which moved but darker, burnt on its other side. Somehow, it appeared to be sentient, to the point of serving and obeying him as much as Argus had done. The cage was there, at last. 'After all this time, it was here all along.' From the likes of how far it was, the cage was enormous, Titanic. It was ornate, at least from what he could tell from the distance. As a matter of fact, this primal cavern had all kinds of paintings made by primordial men, from what he could tell. Men hunting mammoths with spears, images of blood. He could look above and see that some sort of those twisted black pieces of hair were only covered by darkness. They appeared to be cold, almost making the ceiling be covered in spikes made of ice. Soon, he was perplexed by this discovery. And yet, in the light of everything he had ever seen, one thing bothered him still. He was afraid. There hadn't been this promise in a long time. Neither was there a voice to guide or help him for just as much. 'You have come.' It said. 'Why have you stopped guiding me towards you? We had a deal!' 'Something's muffling my voice.' Said in a tone of anger, if it could even process such a thing. Argus hadn't stopped his motion, yet this was to be what it truly appeared as being a damned being. He finally understood what the voices meant to say. Rot the lock, contaminate it. As much as it was a cavern, this entire place was clean, every germ being entirely killed by what laid above. That twisted being made sure every infection would be absorbed. Despite that, yet he had been missed. Regardless of that distraction, he looked and saw the lock which held that dark twisted thing apart. A flash of memory came to mind, it had been the old man. Standing, and looking through one of his manuscripts. From the looks of it, either there were more cages or he had got to sketch the exact copy of this one and had it with him all along. It was detailed, down to every painting on the wall and what laid outside. Something had tried creeping in and blocked his exit. A meat glutton, a devourer who tried to take its rightful place. 'This is why you wanted me to come? To slay just another parasite?' 'Another glutton who'd take my place.' This meant he could've escaped. Centuries ago. It came with a quick response, nothing witting, speaking as much as like a human as if he wasn't the one doing the talking. There was another through which its enormous thoughts came. 'You are to get rid of it like you've got rid of the other.' But this road seemed to never end. Either this cavern messed with his mind or no progress was done whatsoever. Stone malformations occurred under his own eyes. There were sharp ragged teeth that just pushed and pulled without a care of place and time. As he approached, his thoughts were clear. 'How could you be stopped by such a lower being? Weren't you supposed to be

the mightiest of them all?'It could've been true millions of years ago but time hasn't been kind to him.Enough had passed between them for him to realise that his cage had become something that drained everything he had.Up to the point where a mere parasite just came in and ate the lock.Ever since it pushed through it started sucking on the source of power.'I've grown weary of this but I am unable to break my shackles."Is that even your real appearance then?What are you deceiver?"I meant only to ask for your help, your mind conceived me and how I looked without my notice.'He felt like it was the truth.Though as dangerous as releasing it became, there wasn't any other way out.Even if he were able to climb, he'd be absorbed after the contact a second time.At least he had hope that this caged being would keep the promise and release him finally.'Just a few steps towards it and end this intruder.'Something messed up with his senses was happening.It appeared as if this end was never meant to come, just another illusion that would creep and push itself past his senses.'I can go no further.There's no way for me to break this illusion anymore since I've got no tools and nothing with me to help me now."It cannot see you.'Said the voice.'It can barely feel you, I've made sure of that.'"Then what is it that it wants from me?How can it know where I am?'Asked Argus, after being caught off guard.'It can feel the material that's on you, that's the reason why it pushes you back.'And as this command came to be, Argus finally threw away everything he had and pushed towards that bloody parasite.So cold.'I can't feel my body.'Argus said but received no pity.There appeared to be a wall of ice above, from which small ice drops fell below.Some touched Argus, reminding him of the pain he felt.It was a sign at least that he was alive, sort of, now unstoppable.The cold winds pushed the clothes as far away and this appeared to distract the glutton.From the distance, it had appeared to be only a little thing, but now that he began being pushed away from the illusion, he could fall closer from the cliff.It was obvious now that he was two times bigger than the first parasite he had defeated.And another difference was the fact that he was filled with shame now, naked, alone and cold.What made it painful for him to walk now was the fact that he knew what was in store for him.On the other side, where he laid waiting, surprised most likely.'You've waited for so long for me to come.Why me?'You had a history in your family of studying us, nothing more.It was decided that you were the best in store to help us escape.'Argus looked above once again and realised then the reason why the edges were blackened.He had led something other to the point of finding where the cage laid.'I've done my best to guide you to this point, whenever you saw it or not.'He wanted to tell him what happened before and what followed him, that presence of crawling trepidation.It bore a certain thing that it waited and watched instead of doing any action.There came the rain to his surprise, everywhere around him there fell cockroaches, black and big.Some were tied together, other tortured and crushed under his feet.I need to get there.Argus made sure to take a good look at this growling glutton.It appeared that there wasn't any bone structure and whatever it had been eating from made it grow exponentially.This alone could let him climb for hours or more than that.At least it was obvious that there was a brain in there, somewhere.Seconds alone would kill it after a touch.'Can you guide me once I'm inside of it?'If it hears me talk inside of it, you may be killed from the inside and devoured."There's another thing I haven't told you now."I know it.Go on.'Said the voice in his reprise.The intricate ornate box stood there with all the story of the primaeval beings and the humans that followed.It would've been fascinating to stand and look at it for as long as he could.But time dictated otherwise.He crawled into one of the many putrid holes it had at an end.The skin was pushed and twisted around them as if they were giant long tubes inside.First there came the crawling, when the air became noxious,

even for him. But it was somewhat obvious that it had grown too strong to be bothered by his mere touch. There wasn't anything spreading but small marks of blisters which were rare. Its bulbous forms seemed to have grown strong in the time it decided to eat and drink from his succour. Soon, Argus found himself jumping on the other side. It appeared that the tunnels in the body had been covered by strong dark carapaces which filled him with dread. There wasn't any softness inside, at least none which he could see now. What was more frightful was the noise he heard, something that almost made it seem like there was voice, talking to one another. Luckily for him, he was hidden just fine under those long damned plants that had rotten but kept growing. Strangely, he witnessed this strange occurrence that everything which had begun rotting still kept growing. Small plants erupted out of wood but soon decayed and were grabbed to a halt. Others such as the hanging leaves started growing to the point of not being able to stand straight. But one thing was still disturbing now. It was looking and the guardians of the place. Argus could remember another one who appeared to be just like them. Twisted humanoids spoke to another in a language he couldn't pinpoint to any current civilisation of the sort. It was almost like they spoke of gibberish intentionally to be heard. But it wasn't going to appear like they were alone. From one of the other obscure tunnels came a bigger one. It appeared like this was the next step on their metamorphosis, at least for the time being. Instead of rotting, from various parts of the body, round bulb-like heads started growing, especially in the back. A hunchback which filled the room with dread, especially since it dragged something, an anchor to be more precise. It couldn't be removed anymore since it had grown there, either by fondness or skin. Barely now he noticed that this appeared to be like the inside of a ship. A wooden floor, rotting seaweed and other plants. The crew appeared to have begun a process of sterilisation and absorption of skin. It was quite obvious now that he was forcing them to become tender, to grow larger and larger. This process would continue to the point of being ready to be eaten. 'I've touched it as well.'

'Whispered Argus before looking down at his hand confused. Something had begun growing there to the point of looking like he was infected. His hand was slightly larger and some of the fingers appeared like they had no bones whatsoever. They'll get me. He thought, but finally, they had finished their conversation and went on with doing what they were supposed to. It was carrying from one point to another, carts, those that weren't attached to them. A glance revealed that they were some parts which made him question if there were humans here once. But it was more than that, the other one who was bigger pushed a cart which had a bulb of grown thing, like a belly but busted through the metal case. It was a thing of total expectancy that they left the corridor alone, for him to see. Now, Argus was fair, he felt like he was warned of it now. 'Don't stand too much still, you know what will happen immediately after.' This was the only time he dared not ask for a voice to talk to him. Stressed and filled with dread he came to his feet and stood still. This short run from one point to another was dangerous as well. It was just dark enough not to be seen other than when he was in the tunnel. But this wasn't about to be the last of them. Deeper as he went he noticed that there was a sort of balcony for the watchers. It had made a nest in itself, to the point of having a few dozen young standing, attached into holes. A colony that needed to be fed and taken care of. From the looks of it, there had been other human who came to this but eventually got changed into the abomination Argus saw. 'I don't stand a chance against this. Against this madness.' Said Argus, after throwing another glance. Inside of the parasite, the skin had become almost as hard as the very ground he walked upon. It took everything it could from inside to feed its young. 'If they get out.' Now you understand. 'They answered. But how could they have taken so many of them?' The

means don't matter, just the end."But you were once like it, why are you helping me now?"It's simply because our lives are coming to an end.'There hadn't been any sustenance they could devour to grown again to the mass they once were.'But don't worry, you only need to do one last thing in order to be free now.Listen to our advice.Her young will die once the brain stop functioning, they're not living being yet."How could this be, I can see the towers in this thing, the dark ones covered by her carapace.And the bridges and many levels below where they cry.I can also see just how many of them truly appear to be, going as far as having them just buried under one another after leading to an endless abyss."And none of them live yet until reaching maturity.'It quickly responded.'If their host dies they will all stop thinking.They have nothing in their minds, mindless beings that wouldn't be able to feed themselves after it dies."It planned to transfer its entire brain into everything, to the point of becoming a thousand and a thousand more."Never being caught, and forever growing old."Then what do you have me do?"Cut it's feeding tube at the end and it will starve in minutes.Her brain will die instantly after being cut, that's the weakness she had put open herself once she started growing accustomed to that type of regular feeling.'To Argus, this appeared to good to be true, only but a cut and the parasite would die.At least before releasing a legion of young that would swallow the depths and rise upon the world.From the looks of which they were big, grown, too tall for a human to take alone.'But I'm infected."Look again.'It appeared normal once again, but this wasn't about to last.He'd been standing on a plank for the last minutes, henceforth came back to normal.'Don't touch the skin for too long now.'His condition became obvious even without their remarks.I need more than this.'Then look for yourself.'It said and at once he started feeling how the entirety of his being was being transported.He couldn't see nor move but feel.A state of idiocy which kept him feeling how he was pushed through a cart.The tight spot he was in became apparent to him as for the pain he felt from having not enough space to grow.No mouth for it to speak.Barely an organ laid around, the long extrusion-like hole which kept him alive by breathing through it.I need help, he thought.Release me now.But this wouldn't be heard or answered, as well as it would've been laid for nothing.None could hear and the mindless slaves only did what they could do best, obey.The masters spoke and soon he felt taken by strong arms.His arms and ribs, parts of his knees and lungs were squeezed tightly before being placed inside one of the holes.The texture was obviously hard and shallow, as to be taken as anything but lightly.At the other end of where he laid was a giant thing which felt this scent of fear.'It will eat me.'There came nothing out of it, only but a puff of smoke, thrown away from the small hole which got used for breathing.'I got your point, release me now, I can hear it crawl.'And it made a lot of noise for a mindless creature, crawling and opening a sharp appendage.It went softly around the body of meat.There was somewhat of an examination around it which had shown some sign of intelligence.From the likes of it, his entire body was encompassed.But it was going to get worse, as Argus found out that he could feel no pain now.Another grim thought started brooding inside his mind.At once, those extrusions went under and above, encompassing his entire body.It took only a bite to release his sight and released a crooked dual vision of what it is that gazed upon him.A pair of the long pain of hair laid on the body, black and moving at distinct times and unison.There were no visible eyes or a mouth despite the fact that it was time for it to eat.Something made it wait and look through the insides.Perhaps it found out?Could it now?No, it waited only to start inserting a liquid from the horn it bore.It could cut skin like it was nothing more than butter.Suddenly, around it, the skin changed to black and melted, ending his vision from one side.Now, as he laid partially blind, it waited a lot more for the other side.From

the likes that he'd never get to see one so closely, he looked around. It appeared that this piece in which he grew had half of its body connected through. One end now became apparent, that it'd feast tonight. Long teeth, crooked and shallow could cut and eat, push and gnaw. They acted like small hands in the sense that they could grab the food and carry it in its mouth. It ended soon before it could inject anything else in it. Argus stood once again on the balcony and watched. 'Is this all? My body has regained control but that was too short to mean anything to me. This arrogance didn't work for him in the past. Something made him want to drive their reason away. To make them mad and hurt them. 'Do you want to suffer yet again?' 'Make me.' This seemed to have been something that they could've done but instead of a vision, there came a headache. Voices came rushing down, forcing him to kneel and bend in pain. To crawl like a thing which was below human. Flashes came but he couldn't be forced to see anything anymore without him accepting it. 'Not anymore. You can't hold me!' He said as he raised himself above. They couldn't force him to do anything anymore as he observed. From his ears, along with their fleeting voices, there came a black oil that had run its course. It came a lot out but with each drip, the voices had begun to say not a word any longer. This was what they were, he looked at his hands and saw them just slip through his fingers. Now I'm alone. 'Now I am free.' With that, he went through the tunnel and turned through the passage which was used by the workers. He could feel a lot lighter, faster and in a way, he could once again think of anything without feeling any pain whatsoever. This meant that he was alone as well, without any outside help of intrusion but as it concerned him, all fair. Stone became an intrusion of sand. They carried it from above most likely, as well as the hive entrance was made out of a material which was produced by another creature whatsoever. He memorised something of their movement patterns but knew they weren't blind. 'I have to go before it's too late and they return.' First, he felt how deep the sand traps were, and how far he could sink. It wasn't like the moving sand that would swallow him whole but holes laid around. They must've been used for storage once. At least Argus considered himself lucky to stumble upon them now. His foot suddenly got inside one but it was quickly and easily dragged back. This appeared to be something useful if it weren't for the fact that he could just as easily suffocate. The light of the place had been taken from far away, the bulb of light resembled the ones from the bloody concoction he had come from above. Its resemblance was uncanny. They had grown everywhere around but had been covered in bandages. At least from what he could see and as far as his field of vision went, this appeared to be a norm. Noises became audible and this was to be his chance. He threw himself into one of the holes but made sure that he turned his head and left the nose above. It was just enough that it worked. Argus had his nose just dirty enough to look like a rock. The sand just stuck on the dirt and staid. Now, holding onto the walls was harder than it appeared to be. Something wasn't well down there where the sand trap lay. There wasn't any possibility for it to shatter or to break. But his strength wouldn't allow him too much exposure and for him to stay there and feel how something was growing through his hands. He could hear their broken tongues just go on and on through the same way he had come from. It was the time for another one of their meeting apparently and while risking to do it worse than ever. But this was the time for him to raise his head and breathe. There were none. At once he blew out of the ground and came to his senses. It was more than a clear view and a clear way for him to go undetected for the time being. So, he thought. Argus came to a sudden crossroad that went below. There was apparently another level below them, the storage under the hive. From the looks of it, there wasn't any way for him to avoid this, but nonetheless, he couldn't try. This was to be a lot more dangerous than

anything he had been noted for doing. Checking the metal casing and the unclosed door, he awoke into the room from which they stored all the meat. It would come as a surprise that it wasn't just human meat or from any creature that it was taking. Long piercers of metal suddenly pulled away and cut off the glutinous pieces of the parasite. There were a few engineers of the sort that forced Argus to hide between the array of metal walls. Without a doubt, once he pushed himself further in, the veil of darkness would keep him hidden. At least from that sick looking engineer or warden of the sort. It was unclear what it was by simply looking at it and how it started rigging that thing. But how? Why would it feel itself to its own mindless pieces of the body? It just didn't make any sense. This action it had, this plan felt too damned to be understood. At least he had to wait and take just one out. From another glance, it had its back turned. With that, Argus went back to hiding with his precious information that would damn them all. There was apparently too much bulk in it as well, that it pushed its spine outward. From the looks of it, there was a frailness that would make it tremble and be denied the gift of life. It appeared that he wasn't doing much work. What could it be doing by tickling them now? Once the next turn came, he lifted himself to look through the large oval-shaped hole in the metal. He noticed it now after he risked being seen, as he had looked beyond the corner. That thing that was tickling the metal suddenly hid as well from the looks of it. 'It's not working with them.' Said Argus but cowered at once. The brutes had come now, the next step most likely. It had become apparent that anything that had been bone suddenly grew outside in the form of an exoskeleton. Black bones, the ones that would've been the charred remnants of an inferno. Even as the arms grew to the likes of tendrils and pitchers, they still were restrained to the simple commands just like the others. They carried the orders of transporting, even if the brutes managed to carry two carts at a time. The likes of it made him tremble. Argus knew he'd fall into an encounter with one of them sooner or later, but this wouldn't do. Quick and nimble in the way they grabbed those moving slabs of grubbling horrors. Even more, as his vision suffered from them being taken away, the slabs didn't appear like meat. Neither did the slaves look like humans. So far they were stuck in a partially deformed state between the grim and the humane. He felt the repercussions of having them forced out of his head. Soon, even a glance at his own body would reveal, even through the darkness that he didn't look like one any longer. Anxiety forced him to crawl into a ball and stay there in the darkness. He'd throw a glance but look away. Something crept along but they weren't the common cockroaches. He could still see them nonetheless and feel his skin crawl around his body. 'Why?' Came out of his mouth without being able to control it. 'Make them go away.' Was the next whisper he muttered. Even as they passed, it was the humane thing that they weren't looking like people he could've related and pitied. Whatever he had seen or through the parasite appeared like, this wasn't it anymore. Parts of it that they were cut apparently appeared to have gained a piece of sentience and started moving. It was a white texture that was inflating and extending that he thought he saw like a glutinous belly before. But this wouldn't do to gaze too much upon. The ground was just cold enough and shallow for him to stay. It was then that he fell asleep, hungry and thirsty in a long time and perhaps this wasn't the best place but it may just do. As this delivery ended, he could see them for what they truly were. The first creature that hid away just as he did had nothing to do with this whatsoever. But nonetheless, it was doubtful that he could get his help now, especially since there wasn't any way to communicate with it. It was the time to go and all alone. But one thing he noted as he lifted himself above the other. That being was still afraid, even of him, despite not knowing who he was. Another glance at his own body revealed why. It's almost as if he had become such as them,

basking in their appearance and how they looked like. Argus managed to keep himself sane for as long as he could remember. This journey had already taken a toll that would be too high to be paid. This is what he had become, just like the monsters he had feared in a way. Forms around his hand and pieces of his clothes had fallen off. It wasn't that he came to embrace it but the time for him to become a servant wasn't there just as much. With that thing in hiding, he threw another glance around. A wheeled metal box laid just around the corner. Fate had smiled upon him to the point of his wish being granted now without any repercussions whatsoever. Argus grabbed it and started moving towards the sentient piece. Quite light from the looks of it, but it was about to carry a piece of the parasite throughout the entirety of the compound. The concoction of metal started slashing with its tight pincers to cut a piece of the sentient blob. It pushed, then pulled a piece of it, smaller, but quite enough for him. This he grabbed and pushed inside. He could see that the dark thing hadn't looked at all like a human being. Quite the opposite, to the point of it looking somewhat of an organic shell, twisted and bearing a texture of white lines being bored inside. It moved in the chart and took the boxed shape of it before making a distinct sound. He knew it was time to go. But just as he went on ahead, he saw that thing snooping high and low, trying to catch him with a glance. It was particularly disturbing to think that he was in the same position as it. 'I will be back for you before it's over. You should run away in case I don't return since it won't be safe at that point.' There appeared to be some intelligence in those bulb-like eyes, glittering in the dark. Perhaps it wasn't as nimble as him but he had to try. Argus had another sicker path to take from now, as he reached, the entry, to this amorphous thing. The scent bore through already and he could finally take a good look at everything. The nest was built around and under the organs from the looks of it. A sort of respiratory system hanged on the ceiling, just growing in size and pushing back. It was terribly strange that it bore them around, guts and all, but lowered and protected. This thing tried to take the appearance of a human but had failed. What he had missed upon his glance was the fact that there were bits of a spine but not a wholly grown one, which had failed to take form. Remains of these failed experiments laid around for all to see. 'Glurk yaata.' There came a voice just as he was passed. It was brute which was at least twice as big as he was, deformed, boring somewhat the appearance of the shell but taken from the part of the body which bore the muscles. Tissues on it became apparent but what didn't remain the fact that they bore bones on their outer side. Argus nodded and remained surprised. 'They appear to trust me. I know you can't respond unless he'll hear you now, but I'm almost close to its mouth.' A wicked thing that was, boring through the cage, even from the distance you could measure a hundred pairs of teeth, all crawling at the same time like they were their own beings. Somehow the path had been laid fair for him to go at the point of being unprotected and reachable without him having to climb. But how long could he come and go without being suspected? For now, he carried the cart slowly without being suspected, after all, how could someone as weak as himself do this? This was indeed something of a conundrum once he reached the higher caste of brutes who appeared to have taken the higher ground. I need to think and I need to do it fast. Even the apparent prolonged vision appeared to induce some paranoia. For the crawling of those sentient blobs didn't become apparent, since they were hiding in their nests. And the skin below was covered in shells and sand, that he wasn't in danger of being caught off guard. I need to find a place where I can be alone. Then came the first thought he could bore now. It was the various ridges which had stretched that thing around the walls, only to give it another layer of protection. Too much for one man, as it seemed. Dark corners were received after feigning that he was doing the task he was given. At least a corner or two

and two nesting regions were traversed before he finally found it. It was under a broken bulb just around the wall. The area was pushed in front just that he could stand and sink under it for a little. 'Poor little thing, you've died just above.' It was quite strange to relate but as he said it, his nervous tone hadn't managed to lower itself down anymore. There the paranoia brooded even further than he had expected. Past a point, he could see the common parasites just become expelled from his body and into this world. Spiders became not only bigger but started carrying legions of grubs with their webs. It was almost as if they were working with one another under his instructions, perhaps to the point of doing anything but to escape. Such a pulsating thing that didn't appear to be truly alive nor truly dead. Whatever happened once it got cut away from the rest of its body, it kept moving and doing whatever stagnant shivering movements in the dark. Gladly, for him, at least there wasn't any voice for it to call for help. The fact that they managed to create a proto-language, to Argus at least it was alarming. It made him feel like sooner or later he would be found out. But now, as he stood deepened in his thought, afraid of the dark, he started hallucinating even more. There wasn't anything to inducing but the prolonged exposure to this dark spot. It managed to do something to him that nothing ever did. His body shrank under it, most likely from the commotion. Now, the ants and the lions and the horses were going as small as he could grab them and see them shimmer between his fingers. Gazing at his hand appeared to be repulsing. Argus often wondered if he was right, but this answer didn't make it simple for him to understand that there wasn't any certain way he'd be accepted. Said by his own self in corner of pity. 'They'll see me as a phreak and mock me. They'll force me to sell my body for their experiments, by those that used to be my human fellows. I'll be sold as a slave and dance like an animal in the circus.' As these scenarios appeared to be his fate now, he wondered what could be the chances. Either death or be forced to stay. There was plenty to explore but once he'd lose the gift he had been given, he'd feel hunger and thirst again. As a matter of fact, most of them, at a certain point appeared to be suffering from the same condition as he did. Now, Argus was about to free their patron and he could see it right now, just as he came from the darkness. Realising that they'd suffer more than him, he understood why it was that they stopped Rahaka. And certainly why others kept this secret. It kept them from the weakness and inglorious hunger and thirst, but for how long would it have lasted? This paradise had its price. 'I need to be free.' Said Argus, now knowing what he had even thought of desiring ever since he was caught. Pushing the cart, slopping as if trying to imitate the creatures he had seen, he left the dark corner and moved on. Looking about, the intervals of feeding were long, at least long enough as for him to make his way further above. From the looks of it, the holes were being filled to a point of getting encumbered. Weighting down, the heaviness of the nest should've bored down whatever laid in the underground cave. Yet, neither this nor anyone raised against this glutton and its plan. From the looks of it, he would've become the next one, a being with a thousand or hundreds of thousands bodies. All of which laid dormant until the food came and a bigger chunk of sentience was added to their mass. The purpose? Most likely, until they were big enough to push through and most of the outer mass was done. But this process was corrupt, as eating whatever it could grab from the prison appeared to be making it grow bigger. In return so did the smaller bodies, from the likes of which they could've outgrown the cavern and ate through the white being which gave him passage. This appeared to be a tainted thing, as to say, it could've gone as far as devouring the entire planet in their wake, unless its plan was to enslave it. Even this small one appeared to be peculiarly moving in his presence. Despite the fact that it bore no eyes and no ears, it appeared to be

shaking nervously at a time. 'Do you understand me?' There wasn't any response he could've interpreted as a yes or a no. Argus looked at it with a growing curiosity as if he was looking at a pet which was about to grow. A piece of muscle from the looks of it, but undoubtedly, eating it would only make him a piece of the parasite. Perhaps even to the point of having to look at one of the brutes out there. This wasn't a fair chance, but he raised himself past the mound and the raised pits of sand. Plenty of it laid around and there was something about this wheeled box that made it easy for him to roll over sand. It made no sense whatsoever from his standpoint, yet he couldn't complain. There were only ears everywhere around from the likes of which. And the taint of silence and loneliness came to an end. One extrusion, a giant wriggling appendage came out of one of the holes. It was unexpected but wasn't one of the children he had unexpectedly looked as if he was about to hatch. A striding thing covered in mould and throwing away pheromones into the air. Fairly, it was far away, but it appeared to have been locked on him for a second when he was moving. Wait for Argus and hold your breath. He said to himself and after all, it'd be rude not to listen to your own advice, especially when it came to a situation such as this one. It pushed towards spreading as much as it could everywhere in sight and beyond. Once there wasn't any motion to be felt, it was pulled back with a heaviness that was immediately shown. Its massive size made it look like this was the biggest it could get in an entire lifetime. Such a malevolent piece finally went back, crawling as far and as deep as to make him wonder. 'Is this the thing in which they evolve?' This was the darkest wonder he could've had, making sure that there was something to it, at least from his point of view. Weak, at least, that's what the substance felt for now unless it was nothing but a warning shot that was thrown out there to distract him. It was quite obvious that now he could force himself past that spot and still breathe the clean air. The cavern did good in preserving the air unless there was another thing down there which managed to clean it before it. Such it was that he wheeled away. All four of them were going through, pushing as if they couldn't be forced anymore past that point. 'We need to go now, I may need your cooperation in case of. 'Something cut his speech. 'It was all for you, wasn't it?' The blob had something of a harder reaction that he had, once he came into contact with whatever that pushing thing spread. It was something which transferred its malevolence into this before retreating. Small pointy flakes grew out of it, leaving the outlandish look that sluggish organ had. They were quite well endowed to leave a cut or two, deep enough to leave a mark if handled incorrectly. 'From this point on, anything may just go and happen.' Spoke Argus to himself. Boding with it was hard enough to do with himself, though he buckled up and did it nonetheless. No more time for wasting, the entrance was ever approaching to the point of their giant nests being too close to one another. Soon, he'd be taken alone by others who'd spread those things. And perhaps, he wasn't as right about who got affected by them and who wasn't. From the point of his shoulder and down below to the fingers, they spread like a disease. A condition which made him look even more deformed, to the point of cracking his skin. It made him no less stronger or disturbed his walk, but this sight made him think of what he'd say. 'We need to avoid them. Not much of speak I take it, I should've expected that.' Somehow, there did appear to be a way around. It was best that for now, he avoided most of the nests which bore those extrusions of theirs. 'Damn it.' He said once he noted of what was about to come. The upper regions appeared to have called upon legions of their servants. It seemed like they answered the call. Hulking slaves encompassed in their outer skeletons, bearing twisted end hands and pincers and long rope-like grabbing appendages. It was a sight to behold, so many of them which were once just kept in store, used for nothing else until

this very moment. This wasn't the right time, but he was entertained. One thousand meters laid between them, and past the encompassing mist which laid around, they couldn't see him. Argus turned and looked at the hole from which the parasite was eating from. He realised that was the same point from which the mist had suddenly appeared. A friend in high places it seems. I pushed towards hiding away as possible. There wasn't any other way for me to go for since they would eventually push past the mist and kick in the muscle memory they'd been petitioning for centuries. Eventually, it was true for him that he'd be smashed immediately. Something told him that he wasn't supposed to feel those pheromones around him and the bulb. Another gaze made it seem like it was blooming. Such a sight to behold, it bore through him at least until they were both away from the nearest nest. Lost in the mist, he knew where to go, especially since what laid around was a wall. I got to feel it for myself. Upon going as far as seeing that everything disappeared, I touched it with my left hand. Such a problem, it ended up as being once suddenly, the skin and muscle liquified withing second. A human roar came from the distance. The brutes came towards what they thought they heard. It wasn't a need anymore, though it was turned around, to the point of having the blob fall and bounce in its own terror. The blood didn't seem to satiate it, contrary, to say the least, it brought too much pain, to the point of forcing a sound out of himself. Screams and shouting, the pain never ending, a gluttonous thing that he could see bits of his bone but his hand wasn't entirely lost, so he thought. 'It can heal me, it can heal me.' Said, Argus, while his breathing wasn't controllable anymore. At this point, he would go as far as to an anxiety attack of the sorts. His knees couldn't hold him as he ran and fell onto the sand. The blob rolled far away, having saved most of the shouting inside of it. It appeared to have pulled the brutes for the time being in the wrong direction. Despite that, though, it couldn't have helped him any less, this was about to take a turn. The pain was too much to take now, a hard blow which bore from inside the bone marrow itself. 'How could this have happened?' He asked himself, looking just how scattered his clothes were, his dry skin and lips and his head. Argus hasn't even recognised himself after that scream of pain. It was something an animal or a creature would've made. Certainly, a man could look around to expect no human after having heard the shout. That's not even the extent he achieved in this. There was another thing that was tainted, as he felt his knees just drooping to be swallowed by the sand. Something below was aching, making him desire to be taken back and fall below. And another desire, now that there was nothing to control his emotion, lost as he was. He wanted to suffocate and die easily rather than be caught by those brutes. Who could tell just what kind of torture those mindless slaves had in store for a man like him? Especially since he was laid frail by everything that had happened to him. 'Let me go.' There came a whisper. Argus thought it to be a hand in the mist, taking and having found him at last. Looking back revealed that there wasn't anything there, just the thick encumbering thing. He could grab and smash in right under his fingers, at least the ones which he had still worked on. 'Where are you?' He asked, refusing to remember that the thing couldn't speak to him while he was inside. One way or another, he found himself standing by the nest. Looking dire, Argus hoped for it not to come out again and spread its spores everywhere outside. With a gushing wound, it appeared that a kind of mould was still growing inside, spreading as much bacteria and brooding for an infection. Little antennas grew out of him, to the point where it appeared as if he wasn't in remote control of what was happening with his body. An infection was the darkest joke they could've played on him after all that's been happening. Now that he felt pain again, real pain, not the imitation, it wasn't as easy to desire it. The end of the journey, that is. Running rampant and away, he found himself touching the other side of the

nest. Knowing that there were two of them touching one another, it made it a lot easier to find out where he had to go. The mist seemed like it was going to go away even without his help now, as the expunged thing appeared to have absorbed it. Within seconds after tasting, Argus saw a tube coming out. It was one of many that came from the parasite's mouth, but at least this appeared to be that thing with which it suckled on. Hundreds of them that came out of the head region, if you could call it that way. The brutes were too far or had been affected way too efficiently to regain control for the time being. Most of them were turned around, creeping or crawling despite what they appeared to be. In the distance, even the sociopath, that little being he had encountered stood and hid away. It thought Argus hadn't seen it now, most likely that he hadn't seen it before. Nonetheless, both of them were strangled now by that which had to be done. There wasn't any protection to be used. He pushed away and got away from the nest. This would be quite a peculiarity, as he went through. Its neck felt a heaviness approaching and it extended. Argus grabbed a piece of the skin and tried to hold himself still as the power it had was beyond any reason. Despite not being enough space, the parasite pushed its entire body away and inward in order to stretch a neck. It was just as meaty and bore its every wire and digesting tube. Even the ones made out of metal and copper which were boring by a thing which was alive. This is where it darkened the neck which began to appear like a tunnel. One last line of defence. Argus stood erect from the likes of it. Nothing laid which could stop him. At least until he saw that the tunnel had pieces of what used to be a highly working machine. Whatever laid in store there, he could see right through. It was dim, even for him, but vague. He realised now that there wasn't any way for him to regain the full extent of everything he ever had, so this had to do with it. A leap revealed but a world. 'But it cannot be.' Indeed, forced into the dark tunnel, his mind was struck by realisation. It was so close to the cage that he could hear the whispers it bore through the gateway. This would be a bloody sacrifice since he could feel his body moving despite seeing himself standing still. An illusion of a world that was swallowed into nothingness failed now that he was so close to hear him and be guided. 'Walk.' The voice said. And as he did so, he felt himself reaching it. After having avoided the almost invisible tentacles it bore through the tunnel, the small spore inducing thing that would've paralysed him, he managed to reach its mouth. It shattered the darkness and the metal wrought something of a reflection. This attempt to trap him in the last approach failed, even as it sacrificed some of its mass. Many tentacles laid flaccid against the wall, filled with spore which by now laid expired. Argus looked and what could've been and could only laugh at it. For his touch now filled that thing with dread. First, he took the metal tube and pulled it out with his own hands. There was at least going to be some heavy lifting and some work to be done that needed him and his strength alone. It was ringed from the looks of it and got to have a stinger at its far end, that at least would explain why it's the longest one. It took a while and at least some attempts to get it right and drag it through the small maze it bore through it. From the looks of it, something was truly happening, as the first long tube went off. Truly, this came as a surprise, but most of them had liquified inside of it, from the way they moved when touched. This meant that there was only a way to go through, as the metal tube fell and left a crawling hole. 'Is this what they meant for me to do?' This would be his final question, as he gazed into that deep sickening abyss. It was an attempt to push him as further away as possible. Nonetheless, it had failed. Argus would crawl inside and act as an agent of disease, a giant thing that would grow slightly in bulk only to take on its part. He could feel just how the tendrils would grow around from every side and attempt to devour him. First, it stung, but as the pain went away, it must've realised what was

happening. At last, Argus understood. He had lost his vision momentarily. After that came his hearing and the voice to scream and shout to his newly found god. It had happened indeed. From the looks of it, the devouring creep had ended its life as it pulled out its crushed mouth out of the cracked cage. As it fell, the parasite was beginning to melt just like the previous one, slowly degrading. An escape from the likes of it, came to the end, as that thing started forcing its way through. From the bottom of the cavern, he stood there and watched with a new found eye, something that had grown from him by the time he was there. Waiting as it pushed itself with its true form, or to say the least what he thought to be. It appeared that this was to be the other way around. There wasn't anything to stop it anymore as it began crushing and pushing pieces of his prison away. Leaving left a primordial roar, which shaped its form to something truly horrendous. Its bulbs revealed something of an overgrown body, infinitely more formed than he had expected. Despite what it appeared to have been, this was nothing like the vision he had been shown. The horror it bore was like a disease that had nothing to do with the little primates that had worshipped it. And after the original display was done, it went on ahead and crushed its prison in half. A strike was enough to break the cave in both of the sides. I witnessed it in its glory, the many heads and the sharp tubes it had born back. Argus hadn't even noticed yet, but it had stolen most of the tubes and avoided him in the process. It came to be that now it pushes its many limp heads without eyes or features but tubed extrusions to devour what belonged to it. Such power prompted them to take the living matter in an instantaneous way. All of it except him, spared and left into a pool of primaeval matter which didn't even belong to him. Wondering now what it was about this that he heard, could it be true that god he saw or just another trick of the parasite? The human voice he could recognise wasn't there anymore to confirm anything or state anything new. It bore quickly with that living protector as it devoured it immediately with its elongating neck. The mass it had become had the power of flight and the strength to force anyone into an endless dream. Its horror laid not in its expanding form, now that there wasn't any limit for it to shift. But this was a living side of the universe which he wouldn't get to see anymore. There'd be no escape from the likes of it now. And then he closed his eyes and felt only but turbulence. It had taken him inside and delivered him into what could only be called a vision of the world. 'I can see it now, I can see all of them.' Said, Argus, as he found himself standing, in a pseudo position, barely having attained a bit of consciousness now. He was barely human, to say the least, stuck into confusion and the vision of might. Around him was a room made in the body, a sack of the sort, fashioned to his liking, or at least the liking of a human. It is now that he turned and looked above. There were small intrusions, holes but longer through which air went through. It was through them that he could finally hear it speak. 'Argus, this is it, your choice is nigh. Do you wish to stay here forever as a part of me and witness the universe or return to your planet? Bear in mind that the latter could bear consequences graver than you could ever expect to handle yourself.' This choice was still beyond his imagination. Again, he turned to look above. It appeared that the current form it bore was the one of a steed, bearing to traverse the universe like it always did. 'What do you plan on doing then?' 'Roam until I form my shell.' 'Why do you need to that? Isn't that what those little parasites do down there?' 'Indeed it is, but it's what must be done. After that, I shall devour planets for millennia in a pseudo-conscious way until the end of all life and matter.' 'And you wish me to witness that? Again, why would I do that to myself?' Asked Argus, slightly repugnant from the likes of it. The idea of being kept for long enough to witness the end of the universe was far too much for him alone to make. 'I've made my choice already, even before I decided to help you here.' 'No matter how hard he

tried, Argus couldn't understand the reason behind it. Knowing that this was about to travel as far away as possible without him. Parts of its body had already taken the form of gas as he was getting ready to distance himself from the planet. By now, it could've been miles away, but this it chose, to wait for a simple being's answer. 'You're here now if

it's so, could you finally give an answer to my questions?' There was a warm push through the intrusion. But, as insignificant as it appeared, Argus took it as a simple answer, nothing more. 'Why have you chosen me and why keep the promise to such a lower being?' 'It was needed in order to repay you for what you've been through. You may have

observed that I was imprisoned for centuries, to say the least until you arrived to release me. 'But why did you choose to keep your promise? You could've just disappeared or absorbed me and went away without a single word or deed. 'Is that what you would've desired?' This was already going nowhere. I had to make a change. Clearly, there was

something to be decided, if this was to be his return home. 'Well, it's too late now, is it? I felt like it went too fast, hasn't it?' 'I needed only a push to be able to free myself, nothing more. 'Why the intricate devices and who built your cage?' This way beyond Argus's knowledge and desire to have known. The heat raised from those holes made him

firmly aware that there wasn't any need for his questions to be answered. It went silent for seconds. 'You know the answer to that question. Argus has seen them, hasn't he?' Answered the intrusion. Somehow, this room of his appeared to be smaller, but he has noticed something else. There, at the bottom of the cavern, in his memory, something was

going to get him at all times. It crept and tried hiding away before having made itself be known. 'I understood.' Said Argus, without much of anything in regards to asking a question. Nothing particular came to his mind, nor any desire

to know or be bestowed upon a cosmic knowledge of some sort. 'Will you release me now?' 'If that's to be your desire. 'As it appeared, he hadn't taken the time yet to look upon the earth and its beauty. The majestic sight was breathtaking, to say the least. Though what was even greater appeared to have been the patience it bore for him. I

waited until he was done to be released. 'Will there be consequences for coming with you?' 'Argus will be no more

but in a state of the prolonged entity until it will be no longer possible for your lifespan to be extended. 'Then it would've either come to death, from a life full of solidarity or worse, the vision, the punishment. 'Or be taken as an insignificant part of you. Another head as I have seen the vision. This appeared to be a general idea, at least as he

looked upon it. And the world was still full of plenty of them, just deeply rooted and taking as many fools as slaves and bringer of sustenance. 'Will they ever. Forget that. I remembered that I had a question. What will happen with

everyone I've met in your cage now that you've left? The council and the worlds I've came into contact with? Everyone there was cage just as much as you were. 'This was to be a dire thing to be answered now. 'They had a chance to escape once the cage was cracked, but now, their fate is in their own hands. 'Below the earth, through the

sturdiest shallowest depths laid no light. No clean water and the sky that was no longer blue but metallic. The natural lights were of bulbs, but the people who were unlucky enough to be filled with dread became apparently stricken there, lost and afraid. This was the vision which was laid there, for him alone to see and decide. Were they worth

saving and was it something to be desired? 'Will you let me go there and guide them back?' 'Most of them needed only a push in the right direction as for the others who were mostly human did belong to the human world. 'Henceforth, you've made your decision. 'I've waited too long to bear and other question. 'Then this it. Where we part ways. 'Will

the way back be dark and shallow like this journey had been?' 'I can't promise you anything Argus but I shall leave you above, close to a point where you may make your way towards the depths or not. The rest is up to you now. 'His

vision was about to go dark and he could feel like he was about to pass out and lose consciousness. 'Like others before me, you have served me well and this may be your reward. Bear in mind that whatever happens to you, there will be no longer an afterlife deserving of a human being, but something else. We may meet one another in aeons to come.' At which end, it spoke of his real name, that of which was once lost in time, but not for Argus. One blink revealed it to be the night. He stood erect upon the plain, there was somewhat of a march further away. 'Could this be?' One moment ago, he was at the peak of the world but now, his voice was only an echo. Knelt, he touched the ground and felt just how cold it was. But, one thing he hadn't noticed. It was the man who stood in front of his wife who, in her turn held their child. It was peculiar now that they stopped in the middle of the night after seeing something crawl. Argus turned towards them and waited now. He looks perplexed for a reason or another. It was important to note that what laid in his hand was a revolver. An old model, the kind they didn't make anymore, some sort of an antique. Somehow, this disturbed him more. Nothing new with what he had done then, doing it again with his newly found eyes. Perhaps that was the reason why he refused to move. His own breath betrayed him, knowing he couldn't hold it to a candle. Something which he hadn't accounted of, yes. That's what made him appear as disturbed as he appeared to be. It was late enough that the child was sleeping, as nervous as both he and his wife appeared. Something changed the man that night, after what he saw. A gunshot was about to disturb the child as well. In front of him laid a man who looked as if he was as afraid as he was. His hands were shaking and from here, he could hear his. No, Argus heard the heartbeat of the child instead of that of the man. It was such a long journey and home wasn't far. Pity, that he was so close to returning to the place. There was a shot audible in the middle of nowhere they say, as a child wept with her mother. Since that night on, the child had never shut her eyes again. It was too far from any town for anything to be written about it or anything else to be found other than a black spot in a field of green. An abandoned vehicle where a message said. 'Where have you been?'

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It was a harsh endeavor trying to escape the hard shell surrounding it. There were others who found their way in the damp moisture everyone dwelled in. They stood so close to one another that a putrefying reaction forced a mad concoction to occur in the moisture. Toxicity reached a new high. It dared not move without the help of a digging primate resting nearby. As easy as digging itself was, this was still a prison they were in. At least eighteen empty vessels lay around with no one around to feed them. It was a sad sight to wonder at. Greed between brothers, they shared the same idea, rather than face starvation they attached themselves to a network of large tubes preventing their inevitable demise. How pitiful of an imagery that was. Seeing them grasp like mad beasts rather than accept defeat. It was time for yet another one of them to succumb to that damning hunger and go ahead in the titillating deformation that dream had been. Only someone below scum would dare such a thing, but as it did connect, everything became so clear. They drained another one who had grown weaker and succumbed to some sort of deep

sleep which lacked every kind of sentience. Inside of which it managed to host at least four of seven primates at a time. All of them shared the same dream while they were being drained. And what of their curators? Four of them looked for their every need, slaves that had built it in a hidden hold under a factory. To be more precise, the factory had an abandoned railroad system that went under the entire city of Newsworth St. It was hopefully forgotten unless one were to count the deep archives which had already been home to such unreliable sources, to begin with. Nonetheless, no one would miss those men, those women, those beings, even if one occasionally had a child, this was for the greater purpose humanity was meant to serve. A small town, no, a bigger one that extended to the very depths of their minds, past the most inner succulent substances of information and memories they bore in their rounded misshaped heads. It was fantastic, glorious, this arrogance, undone. Sheif, was the name of the traveler, who had come from South Arabia with much of business and a dream never to return to the sandy pit where his parents and every generation before him ended. He walked past a crowd and wondered at a sight, two interconnected towns that were separated by waterways, with nothing but a bridge going through. From the looks of it, with the many people around, there wasn't any problem of having to settle in. At least, not since the day before, when he was asked for. 'Would you happen to be a regular, sir? It seems to me that I've seen you around, at least once or twice.' 'No ma'am.' He said, with a somewhat shaking voice and a dialect that was anything but local. It surprised him just how fast he managed to grasp it, with not only much ease, but no difficulty at all. Even more surprising was the fact that the transaction went more than smooth in the recurring days. One glance at the storekeeper, the name Eileen popping in his mind. She had somewhat of a drenched coat, looking as if she had waited for someone in the rain. 'I wouldn't want to intrude, but what might it be that you're doing with a wet coat inside?' There was only a hidden kind of laughter, soft and almost sharp and mad, like some coyote or hyena. He must've missed it but that coat wasn't on her anymore. Something else appeared to have crept around him, other than this. On the way out he had gone all wrong, stepping on stones or a road of some sort of glass, perhaps being disturbed by some people who appeared deformed by sight or rather only for a moment had it passed. 'What's going on here? Who's playing tricks on me?' 'Don't be vulgar now, we wouldn't want you to have an accident, not at this time of day, would we?' Two hooligans lay just waiting around the corner. No one in the crowd appeared to have noticed or even cared to pay any attention to them. By the air of familiarity, those two had followed him for some time, even to the point of having flashed a knife or two around him. 'Well, what's it to you then? I've got nothing of value on me since I only take what I need.' 'So be it, stranger, you'll return what you bought and pay us in return.' 'Do what my bud says now or we'll gut you like a fish and serve you to your neighbors, there in the dunes.' That had been much more than outrageous. It was a mad cry of a fight, from which there wasn't any escape whatsoever. He would either have to fight or knock. Returning back it, he went straight to the counter and muttered something. 'Is there a phone around?' 'Something's the matter?' 'Eileen, was it?' 'That wouldn't be my name, sir.' There was an awkward pause that wasn't pleasing nor was it any help whatsoever. 'Some men here made me a deal, I'm either to return what I bought and hand them my money or else.' She waved a hand and looked past the window. Two slithering fellows laid across the unlit street lamp and pretended that they were doing something which they should've been into. 'I think I know those two. Common scum, going around and terrorising my customers with petty insults. There's no need to worry about them.' 'But they made it so I know they mean business.' 'Don't worry, here. Sheila, keep the counter steady for a moment while I head

outside."Just a moment, ma'am."The second lady had taken her place and apparently, as he was being led to the exit, it started.'You don't have to do it, I'm sure they'll leave me alone if I give them what they want.'"Don't act foolish now, there's no way they're going to leave you alone after that.You can't be that naive as to think they'll leave you alone after you give them what they want."Isn't it worth the risk?"No, now keep going that way until you hit what seems to be a dead end. There isn't, just take a right immediately after, trust me on this."Though he didn't even get to ask her name, Sheif went along the path she had sent him to, seeing how there wasn't any way for him to be seen. A wall lay blocking the other side, making him think of the point this entire side of the track and whether or not there was something about it. If there was an exit, someone could snick inside and do more harm than good, especially during the night.'Just make it to the dead end, she said then immediately turn to the right.That should be easy enough.'It didn't appear that it was to be something with much sense, though no one was following him any longer, while he still had everything at hand. He paused at the dead end in order to look around. A wall thick enough lay in the front and at each end. No secret entry, no way to go, nowhere to run, at least not unless he turned back and tried for it. The bricks were placed almost too perfectly in a way that they wouldn't even allow the most experienced hiker to get a hold of them.'She tricked me."Yes, she did..'.Answered the man while making way with his grunt. They were both closings in despite seeing that this wasn't going to be much of a fight. Not now that they both have a pair of bricks inside their hands, brought especially from a farther place for this special occasion.'Well, have you any last word before we go ahead and grind your skull to death, buddy?"Let me get to my house, I promise I'll be able to repay you in exchange for my life."No, no, no, that's not how it works no longer.You had your chance and you've chosen to flee rather than pay us what's rightfully ours.'He had already dropped his bag and got down on his knees, desperately pleading for his life.'Please, just let me go, I'll promise, you won't see me anymore after this. We'll strike a deal, everything I have for.'He was silenced by the far end of the brick. The strike had managed to inflict enough damage that some of his teeth had flown out of his mouth and managed to land somewhere in the dusk. The door behind the small shop opened and from the looks on her face, she was just as surprised as he was.Shocked, rather, to the point of being too afraid to move and help. He was then pounded by those two fiends, though not before there came the chance to call on the authorities, who coincidentally lay just around the corner. It was a mad act they had pulled, that they got in time to witness that happening, for, by a mere slip of a moment they thought of disappearing into some unknown point in space and hide themselves inside the walls.Those two had been known to delude the authorities by some means.'Stop right there, you won't get away with it this time.We have you surrounded and red-handed, scum!"It was too late for the man on the ground, judging by the looks of it, had most of his ribs laying open from the bashing, not to mention that the skull had almost been completely flattened. Despite having two guns paired and pointed at them, they dared not go ahead and throw the bricks. Instead of doing that they had them on slowly recede towards the ground as they readily accepted the surrender.'Get down now, or I'll shall open fire.No funny stuff now.'Slowly they approached both of the smiling men, knowing there was something up with the way they acted. It would've been far too easy, at least if it wasn't for the fact that they started to succumb inside the ground in the same way one would if he were to jump in a puddle of marsh mud.'Shoot, shoot, aim for their legs or knees.' The voices came from behind.By the time the others started unleashing pellets of pure fire at them, it had been late.A soft blow or two but they were already in their place, looking at the ground in surprise to find that there

wasn't anything to it. No secret passage, nothing of the sort. 'How could this be, partner? Are they some kind of wild demons sent here to terrorize the people of this town?' 'Oh, they are demons all right, but not the kind you expect them to be. We'll catch them, trust me, we'll catch them all right. There's not the least of doubt about that.' Finally, they were getting to wrap up, seeing how one was left there to watch over the corpse while the other made it for the phone in order to call for backup. Meanwhile down, under what seemed to have been a small cave, as there wasn't anything other to get through, both of them realized that it hadn't been much of a plan. 'We've got nothing but a bunch of groceries, cheap at that and none of the green.' 'Shut up you runt, if it weren't for you, we would've had him by now.' 'It wasn't my fault, you're the one who scared him that way, and she's to blame as well.' He pointed at the wall, as rounded as he was, going in a random direction despite not knowing where she might've been. By now at least, walking with an apple for each mouth, they realised that there wasn't much of an exit around. 'We'll have to dig our way out.' 'Later, after the day comes, I'm quite sleepy now, aren't you now?' 'Wouldn't you know the clock then?' 'I would, wouldn't I? After all, between us, I am the older brother and I was left in charge to take care of the two of us.' 'Just lay there on the pillow.' It was an inconvenient pile of stones which lay not so far from his head. Most of his feeling inside the body was dead though, so there wasn't much complaining. The sea was rather clear, or might it be a lake now they neared? It wasn't clear or as wrong that neither of them had the same dream despite being as connected as they thought they were. 'Well, well, what shall I do?' Such a body had he received, much slimmer than his own, younger as well. He tried going with his small fishing pole-blade attached, but there was a tall ladder, at which top there laid a mermaid watching the other swimmers. Despite such warning, his pole jumped out, bouncing all around the ladder, being entangled before getting on the ground. 'What's going on down there?' 'I'm sorry ma'am, but it's my fishing pole, it just jumped out of my hand and started jumping on its whim.' She looked directly upon it and climbed down, dangling her fishtail left and right. It was a tight fit with each stroke of the tail, but she came down and inspected the thing. Much smaller than she expected and no sharp-hook attached had disturbed the design. 'Why is that you have it now?' The mermaid asked while going on to pull some of the strings out. Looking at it now, in hindsight, she managed to pull it out, leaving nothing but a hugely formed knot while the pole being the only thing that was caught by the string. 'I can't undo this knot, and I can see why.' She took a good look at his wrist and noticed that the pole had always been attached to his hand. It was a mystery how he had it tangled in her post for the first time. 'I'll need some water even if I could think of something, but not of this kind.' 'I can make some, just give me a chance.' The man rolled and almost spoke in his dream, being pulled into the sweet fragrance of deep crimson with blue. Such a marvelous sky did more than pull his attention on them. But it came to pass that he did as he was asked to, placing his hands on the sand until he made a small puddle. It was a misdirection of the fact that he made it far too close to one of the legs upon which there stood the ladder, but it was welcomed nonetheless. 'Will this do, then?' 'That small puddle over there? Why it's too small, I wouldn't have my wildest dreams take me to that point where I had to rely on such a tiny thing. Do well and follow me instead.' 'To where?' 'Towards the sea, you dummy.' She might've had the lure of something exciting, contrasting with the beauty of the sea. Never had he been pulled under but kept outside, waiting for this curse of his to be united. For a few moments and after watching what happened to the bubbles underneath the water, he glanced, mostly at her as she came back. Something about her beauty and the fact that she had a fishtail made him want to be much nearer. At least more than undoing this curse. I

could do nothing about it, trust me when I tell you this but I'm unsure of what could be done."Oh."Do not worry though, for I managed to untangle everything, everything other than the one tied to your wrist.'As he grabbed the fishing pole blade and noticed how small it had become, he realised that it wasn't anything other than a small grabbing wooden handle which was attached to his hand.'I'm terribly sorry for that, but I believe that it might've become a pole because it had too much room to breathe, you know?Since that string was holding it far too tightly."Why, thank you.'He said while rolling around.It was a sweet dream, the sort which brought him happiness and a smile. Not unlike his brother who found himself stuck in the building, walking down the stairs and looking for something which had lain around to jest with. By the time he was at the second floor, he leapt to the bottom and found out that both doors were locked. That of which lay behind it and another one in the front. Everything looked right outside, but inside, it wasn't.Not after judging that there were a lot of bottles filled with some sort of liquid, abandoned on every floor. Since there wasn't anyone around, he started going to each floor in order to check what was wrong with them.'Is someone trying to play with me at this time of day?I must inform you that I've got work to do and I cannot abide this sort of mockery.' He almost ate his tongue at the sight of a fellow which resembled him. He must've been climbing something between the third and the fifth floor when he first noticed the fellow.'Who are you?Wait, stop, stop right there. I think I know you.'He stopped immediately despite thinking he had reached him.

Despite looking like one another, he hadn't the determination nor the physical prowess he owned.'Are you inside?'He pushed his lips against one another, thinking of what might've been done. Perhaps it might be that his neighbors had a better idea, regardless of the man who shared his looks and the bottles. Now the plants looked all wrong as well, as they were set.I need to get out of this place before it's too late.'Well, I'll make sure nothing goes wrong as I make my move.'Then he proceeded on knocking on the first door. There's no one home.'What the devilish hell, is this place abandoned?I need to get out of this damn thing before something happens to me.'The eeriness of the place made a cheap hotel look like a saint's cathedral. Footsteps came nonetheless.'I may be of service.'The man almost leapt like a stray cat at a sign of a stranger approaching. Not only had this man gotten too close for comfort but he also came from relatively nowhere at all.'Who are you and what's your business here?'I'm here because you called for help."No, don't come any closer yet, I don't know if I can trust you, at least not in this condition."What condition sir, are you not in need of someone to escort you out of the premises?"I'm in need of an explanation."And what for?If you don't mind me asking."What's with the bottles here?They're everywhere and they're making me more than uncomfortable.'A mere mention of the things had visibly shaken the other one. He appeared to be more tense and defensive the more he approached one of the bottles.'They've got nothing to do with your situation sir if you please now, could I escort you outside?Don't you want to leave this place and never return?'It sounded too well to be the truth, and judging by the look in his eyes, perhaps it was.'What would happen if I were to spill one of the bottles on the floor?'No sir, you are a stranger to this place, that would be a destruction of property, even, murder.'He covered his mouth but the words had already been out. Knelt down, he had his hand just shaking at the far end of one of the fat bottles. No brand encompassed any of them, but they weren't as clear as to see what was inside. Such darkened ooze was an anomaly, to say the least, there wasn't any saying what would happen if a normal person would try drinking a cup of that thing which lay inside. But this wasn't a deal of drinking, it was one of murder, taken from the very words of his companion.'Wait, perhaps we could strike a bargain."What's

inside of them? I won't repeat myself a second time so you either tell me what's going on or else. "It's another human being trapped inside of it. We're setting traps for them to be pulled inside as we ready them for transport. This so-called declaration didn't make any sense whatsoever, they were so damned tiny after all. A whole human being couldn't possibly be encompassed inside one of those. But even stranger was the fact that the peculiar thing if it weren't for the fact that he was a human acted in a bizarre way when he walked around them. Tell me everything then. Why do you look the same as us and who put you up to it? And no sudden movement. Even the second step he tried taking took him by surprise once he saw the bottle dangling from one hand to another. Each hand now held a bottle. The way I look is a result of me taking off the skin of one of those who were living here. Eight floors, at least of that I'm sure to remember. "Do they all need to be skinned in order for this process to succeed?" No, but it makes us deal with strangers a lot easier than using our form. "That sounded truthful enough. Why are you placing humans in bottles then? We might as well get down with it before going on. "For later study and consumption. "Damn you, were you planning on taking us and sipping us like wine on your way home or something? Sick things, so what would it happen if I were to drop one of these?" Don't, they'll die and succumb to agony!" And what's it to you then?" If even one of them happens to not be properly set, they'll have my hide and store me in one of them as well. Though the idea of cannibalism seemed like a proper punishment for the fellow, there was still more than what he needed to know about the place. He couldn't leave now, at least not after what he heard. If that's so, you wanted to trick me into coming with you, right? You were never going to escort me to freedom in the first place! The creature only nodded at the conclusion. Well. Caldwell paused. Without a second thought, he grabbed both of the bottles and carried them for a ride. Keep walking, you'll have to show me everything else. If there's anyone else here I'll want to see him as well. Other weapons, other things, anything else of value that might interest me, when I say anything I mean everything. Without a second thought, he went ahead and hugged five more pints, knowing that they were humans, holding them in his arms. The creature's skin became pale in an almost unnatural state. Saying that it only removed the skin was a lie unless the skinning involved the pulling out of the eyes, the nails, the teeth and various other visible crevices. Nonetheless, he saw it now, how it oozed as well under that skin. It was the fact that something made it anxious or nervous that it acted in this sort of manner. Well, what will it be then? You either listen to me or else. It nodded. No, you're the one who's going to go first then. As it walked up the stairs, it was obvious to Caldwell that something was wrong with the story. Creatures that stole them, that might've explained the disappearance of the people, but what might've been the cause of his lookalike? A cover-up that might've been the sole reason for the secrecy and the hidden things. What's up with that one that looks like me? Last time I checked, I still have my skin entirely on my sides. Care to explain whether or not there's something wrong with that? There was a speechlessness that bore him nothing else but that flaccid stare. Too afraid to make a move or say anything, he wondered if those bottles were that precious after all. You'd better spill it out or I'll spill them down the stairs. And from what you've told me, your masters. No, well, it's not someone of the sorts. I lied to you, we're not. There came a pause as he lay back from the small acid can that was thrown on its face. From the far side there he was again, the man which shared his appearance. By the likes of it, he had just missed them both by a few inches, especially since a part of the acid had reached the wall. Who are you and why have you done it? He managed to flee before the shrieks of terror even had the change to reign supreme. Poor thing was wriggling on the bottom of the floor, with a piece of

the face entirely melted, leaving a form that was almost as tainted as his mind could comprehend it as. A robust thing with many pieces of skin turned to resemble pieces of hair. They attached to its skin, that's how they held the eyes and the various things that had belonged to humans. No, as ugly as it had been with its darkened skin and small entries inside of it, this wasn't something he felt proud of. 'Stay calm, I don't know what to do but.' Even now, it tried its best to reach the bottles which laid in Caldwell's hands. Though the shrieks ended, so had its breath. Nonetheless, he dropped the bottles in what seemed to have been a pointless struggle which he soon regretted. He realised why they were so important after all. The pool which formed a few feet away had the bodies of the people which had been previously murdered and prepared for transportation. By the likes of it, each and every feature molded itself together, forming a moving pool of skin with many eyes and dangling teeth. Such a terrible thing moved its eyes closed and made bubbles in itself. The blasted thing, it could still breathe even now, they all could since they must've been kept as fresh. No thoughts came over whenever or not they could hear or think as such an existence was too boring to count. 'I'll free you all, don't worry, whoever else was involved will pay for it!' He acknowledged that the creature beside him was already slain, a cover-up as it might've been. Like a madman, he came closer and pulled out one of the static plants, which in appearance resembled more of growing trees than anything else. He pushed every bottle underneath until each of them managed to spill the remains of the humans that inherited the earth. While walking on the stairs, he looked mightily vigilant by the normal likes of a watcher. 'I know you're there, don't worry about me, I won't end the same way as you have.' Though looking back on it, that wasn't the only thing he had to complain about. Something wrong was happening in front of his eyes. It was almost as if he had performed a dark sin which came back to haunt him even though what he had done was an act of mercy. Behind, at what seemed to have been that of which was freed became a pair of moving pools. 'Stay back you thing of despair, I have no fault to share!' They couldn't, wouldn't comprehend reason, slime, ooze, something which lived now only to throw the anger at the first one which came into contact with it. And there he lay upstairs; grinning at the top of the image of terror he had created. It was a clean shot where he laid, though there was a hesitation which lasted long enough for him to notice and get out of the way. He waited for something or someone. 'I'll get you for that, don't worry, your days on this plane are gone!' That cutthroat, that fiend, the people didn't deserve this. Seeing how they would have great difficulty in climbing the stairs, he continued whacking what remained of the people. Without a doubt, they had to be free, no matter of the danger they appeared to provide. Even then, with the blunt force that almost ruined the tree, he was approaching the very end, ready to face that one which shared his appearance. There wasn't only one of them who had done all of this, capturing every single one of them. No, it must've been someone else, that thing which still taunted him. At the last floor, from which it threw, bottle after bottle jerked as it was thrown and bounced off the metal railing. Luckily for him, Caldwell wasn't matched. Not only that, but he was so absorbed in this entire conundrum that he had forgotten himself. Even though he lay just there in front of him. By the end of which, it appeared as if there was no bottle anymore lying on the top floor. He had cleared the board, prepared the battlefield, and readied himself to face what he feared most, himself. 'What are you? How did you manage to make yourself look the same as I? Answer me or I won't hesitate to harm you.' His face turned towards what appeared to have been the weapon, the grin having never left. 'You're right, you must've really known me, and I won't be using this to harm you. But I will be using this.' A sharp, long enough cutter to cut him enough to bring him to the brink of death if that

meant to be. Desperately, it started feeling himself around. 'No more acid, is it?' The desperation had begun once awareness of the approaching mass began to dwindle on both of their minds. 'By the looks of it, our friends there had formed a bigger pool, you could come here to watch for yourself or take my word for it. Not much of a talker, huh? It doesn't matter, I'll get my answers one way or another, whenever or not I'll have to flay that skin and see whose hiding.' There was something in Caldwell's throat as well, as he glanced down. The truth remained that those pools that followed got together into forming some sort of creature, tall and amorphous. Many pairs of openings with their sharp teeth brought the promise of pain. Even worse would be the fact that there was a chance that he wouldn't die but be chewed to piece in a process that would make him become part of them. 'If I am to die here, I'd rather take one with me before I go. And it'd rather be someone who deserves it. Take off that damn face!' Caldwell confronted that thing. Suddenly, as it was cornered without a way through, both hands tapped the sides of the head. 'It did as it was asked, slowly pulling off the face, until it was ripped off the rest of the body. This managed to rip it off to shreds by the many sharp needles which had the pieces of skin inside of them. Damn it, Caldwell thought, that was the skin of a real man. A real man that looked exactly like him, a doppelganger, a twin brother, or something of the same sort. He had no idea whenever or not it was blind, not with such an aim though. The head was truly darker and hairier and it seemed to have control on the many needles. Suddenly it did more than expose itself, splitting its head into halves to reveal some sort of mass which produced a small cloud of gas around it. The insides of which were nothing unlike the meat of man, having more of a space inside in which there was something written inside. Despite the carved gibberish, he could've sworn that he saw his name written inside. Caldwell, in perfect penmanship. 'Don't come any closer now, I know what you're trying to do! You won't get to use these damn toxic fumes on me.' His plans managed to backfire once he became nervous. The sweet approach of the many-faced liquid promised on being a common enemy. Was this worse of a fate that inhaling the fumes? He had heard of ecstasy and pleasure from something that was earthly, but this might've brought him more. Unless the effects provided something worse than the famed mustard gas. With a piece of his shirt ripped off by the edge of the knife, he used it to cover his nostrils. There wasn't a way he'd come any closer to the stairs and try to feel. Many of them were in reach, with half-formed nails and hands, becoming darker by the second. He hadn't realised that yet, but they had absorbed the one half melting creature which had laid abandoned. It was a wretch filled with gas. 'Stay there, both of you, stay back! I won't hesitate to use this.' The many hairs appeared to have assimilated the skin and were pulled to him even closer by the promise of skin. That's how they were planning on eating them. Looking around on the ground made him realise the ruse, as his lookalike face wasn't anywhere on the floor. It must've been a trick of the hand which distracted him from the fact that he'd abandon such a pure meal. No, those needles were its mouth and that entire humanoid body was covered in them. Even worse than it, now came a mass, a hybrid between what was a human pool of skin, to have become an aberration of sorts, a man, a creature that would show no mercy and no intelligence. Caldwell, having no chance, went to the only door and tried bashing himself against it. While facing that thing nearest to the wall, seeing it still fuming in a defensive position, he came to know now that there wasn't anything to do but throw off the knife and accept his fate. No, I need one last shot before I go. The world cannot face something as smart as that thing, at least let it deal with a dumb thing such as the mass had become. Going on that alone, he leapt with his lungs closed and slashed as deeply in the expose organ as he could. It fell on the ground like a dead man would

without twitching a muscle. 'I'm still alive and I've ended you, this cannot be.' He almost came on laughing, if it weren't for the fact that the remaining gas had already entered him and he fell. There wasn't any movement in his body, to the point of complete paralysis. His mind remained whole but everything else went slow. The pain was felt once his head reached the ground floor, but it wasn't enough to kill him. He felt the pain and heard every step. That blasphemy was walking on those needles and worse of all was the fact that his eyes were open and so was his mouth. Soon there'd be a time where there'd be no option but to face that his maker and despair. It seemed like he waited for an eternity and it tortured him to see a dark figure at the end of the tail of his eyes. But it came nonetheless, and it brought the many pointed little feet which felt like a rug sweeping over him, all the way up to his feet. Most of it managed to cover both the man and the dead creature before it began its feast. There'd be nothing short of cannibalism there. It didn't appear to even grasp the concept as it began devouring them both, throughout the remainder of the night. He felt every single strand of hair, pulling him through like small sharp straws, ready to pull him in what seemed to be the most tainted of organs. Without anyone to get through with him during this endless stream of suffering and torture, it seemed to him that he awoke during the night alone. It kept on that until he realised what was going on. My doppelganger, he thought, while doing his best to see through the night. From the looks of it, desperation made him look around for the bile that lingered in the confines of his mind. Nowhere to be seen, he was aware of that. But that man in front of him looked exactly like him, devilishly so, at least when he was covered by that dark curtain and the lingering cold. 'I won't let you steal my body again.' Caldwell came down on him and attempted to smother the other man with his bare hands. He wasn't aware of the fact that it was a dream until he started struggling at this attempt to kill his fellow. 'Let go of me you damn fiend. Just let go of me, you hear?' 'You can't trick me, blasphemous creature, I know what you are and what you're hiding under that hide. You may look like me in every way but there's no way I'll let myself be tricked by your damn lies.' 'Stop Caldwell and let go of me, I can explain.' The man said as he bit his hand. 'His hands had apparently gone over his throat and mouth, nose and whatever other blasted pieces of him he could get his hands on. It was a damn pitiful attempt to smother, but there wasn't any way he'd complain about that.' 'Well, what must I do now?' He asked in a pitiful voice. 'I cannot slay me and if I wait any longer, you'll store me like the others for later consumption.' 'It was a dream you damn blind tool, was that hard to understand? Or did you need someone to spell it for you? Wake up from that damn curse and let us leave this place.' Caldwell regained some of his confusion, still somewhat confused at the idea of it. 'Isn't it the middle of the night though?' 'Look at the clock, mid-past morning at least.' Each of them appeared to have a pair of small clocks at their wrists, limited edition, the type you wouldn't see tied to their hands. 'You're right, but how could that be then? We must've stumbled into some grotto of a kind.' 'Oh my friend, there's so much you just have to remember now, without a doubt, you've no idea just how far one could be from the truth.' And the murder. 'Thank you, Cervantes, I'm in your debt for this sudden realisation. And I'm afraid to say that I almost became your slayer, your attacker, the one who almost shook the life out of your sleeping body.' 'Forget about it Caldwell and let us go and explore this cold thing that seemed to have become our prison.' 'Indeed my friend, but let me grant you this gift of fire first.' There wasn't any word to describe the ingenuity the man had, at least nothing he'd think of once he realised that he had brought a torch with him. The entire small thing was revealed as nothing more but a small box-like which lead to nowhere. Just a small thing lost, perhaps it might've been the interior of a ship or an air bubble in the

space between dirt and the rest of the ground.'No escape, my friend, there's no visible way for us to go.'We could face the facts and go either deeper or try climbing until we find a place to come.'Both of which nodded and pondered at the sight. The murder upstairs had already been taken care off and covered before someone important even took notice of the fact. Disturbing the entire city over a damn murder while the other one promised protection, no.'Officer Malloy, at your service, sir.'A few hours after the murder had taken place. It was quite rare for such a thing to happen nowadays.'Sir, there's been.'I've been announced, sit down lad. Malloy, was it? A young man who became an officer, at that age, to follow in the footsteps of his father.'Eight generations of officers, sir.'Good lad, and now I trust you that you've dealt with them as well.'Yes sir, I have.'There was something disturbing about his boss. For a fact, he had never turned around, making it seem like they've never seen one another face to face. It made the lad wonder if he even had one, to begin with. Second of all, though the thought of a hollow face and a body reigned there, something else came to his mind. That man never left the office, he was never seen to eat or drink or even leave for toilet breaks. Unless he did everything which had to be done at night, there wasn't any stable explanation for it. I trust that everything's in order then.'Sir, If I may.'Serious as ever, he was ready to tackle the entire issue by himself, even offer to go ahead and investigate the two murderers alone. Something stopped him from muttering a word once he got up as sudden as he had. It was a weird angle, but he was sure he could see a flatness which wasn't as normal to the man. Something had to be terribly wrong with him, that was the most certain thing he had thought of so far. The thing about it that promised one of the most disturbing aspects of the fact was that there was something missing from the man. Something he couldn't point out himself by looking from that angle, either a nose or a hand. I believe that would be all then. Forget what you saw and carry on, we cannot bother with the things we cannot understand.'Sir?'You've heard me, officer, there's nothing else here to look upon, just walk away and pretend it never happened.'Won't another murder occur because of them? It cannot be anything other than smoke and mirror, right?'He most likely had heard that dark cackle, the one you'd hear from someone who missed a few teeth in his mouth and blew the air to make up for it.'Dismissed.'He was out of there as fast as he could lick his boots. The exit even caused most of the other police officers to look at his suddenness. Even the likes of the men waiting in a row for some conviction couldn't help but stare at him.'What you all looking at? Haven't you work to get back to?'The man stood in his glass office, turned with his back, refusing to give him the time of the day. There was a need to refill his second cup of coffee while he waited for another case. By the machine, there was a bunch of his colleagues, standing as if they were filling a giant knocker together. Still, he leered from where he stood. No one else was bothered by the fact, other than him, though he dared not say a word to anyone else. He must've covered for them if that would be possible.'Hey Mal, anything I can get for you?'Nothing, I'm fine.'Come on now, it's on me.'I already said no, I don't need anything now.'Tough day, huh? Is chief giving you trouble then?'How'd you figure?'Other than the sudden exit and the fact that you've been staring through that mirror for the last half an hour.'Half an hour already?'There were a shock and the carelessness he had displayed by himself. It was late and in case he had missed an important call, there'd be disturbance not only the area where he was set but in the main base altogether.'Thanks Frank, I think I'll hold you on that.'You that Mal, you do that.'His voice faded and he made it to the car. Down the St. street apparently, there had been a small riot which ended with the men and woman who wore their peculiar garments to have disappeared. In the hollow place where they had left now reigned a mighty black

spot of ash. There had been a fire, a big one, the type that could've brought ruin in the entire city if came for it to spread. Yet, no trace of it other than the spot was left, a type of reminder. The police arrived, yet they haven't found anything of value and were forced away. Other than the fact that the people from around avoided it, there wasn't anything about what happened. Perhaps the abandoned buildings behind, through which the wind ran through. No one could've guessed that it was no wind but the people standing there locked. It was burning inside through the smoke wasn't coming out. As a matter of fact, not even light came, as their punishment had forced them in. The buildings which laid around had swallowed them whole. Within ninety minutes at least. 'Are you sure we'll be listened to, now?' 'Yes, we are about to be listened to if we show them that we mean business. They can't just walk over us as citizens of this town or as people and ignore our needs. We're so much more than that and they know it!' 'Such arrogance didn't bring anyone anything good. Rather, it made him sound spoiled and touched. 'Everyone will know that this farce cannot go any longer, because of their pride and covered crimes. This isn't perfect, we're not perfect, everything because of this jealousy of the neighbouring city.' 'Save it for the masses then.' 'Oh there'll be time, already, I know there'd be.' At the sight of them, with their coloured shirts and headwears which had been sewn to their red shirts, the various carved signs of their embroideries made them look more like a cult rather than a gather. Were they now? No one appeared to have passed the same street they were preparing in. Perhaps it was that from the distance, their masks looked like giant beaks. And those robes from the bottom looked rather bloody in appearance. Various marks and spiny bushes laid around as well. Every sign that something dangerous was about to happen. 'Just as I have said, once we'll light up our small effigy, they'll be forced to come and look for us.' 'Won't it be dangerous? We could be fined for that, even arrested.' 'No, we'll see it through, we have to. When's the last time you've heard of a murder happening?' The burning isolation brought blisters to the men. None of which died, not stained those suits. Though inside the buildings after the dark, they're faced melted, the spine contorted until they became as long as the beaks they were wearing. Worse of all, they were alive, all because of that damn drive which happened minutes ago. 'Won't someone call the police on us before anything happens?' 'Not unless we act fast and commit a crime.' 'But we are committing a crime right now, aren't we? Arson, public disturbance.' Said another man. In total, they had been something more of a small crowd, looking and listening if not preparing their small effigy. 'I've got a permit for this.' 'But it doesn't specify what you were to burn. Where'd you even get that though?' It didn't matter the fact that it was stolen from the archives, though from the looks of it, there was a current signature and his name inscribed on there. A mastery over the simpletons who didn't know how to respond to such a submission such as he had done. No one bothered to ask him whenever or not the document was legitimate any longer. So many of them were far too busy wailing at the thought of being robbed of their freedom, the second thoughts, the many sobs he heard, it made him anxious. 'Oh, shut up all of you lousy heads, as soon as we light it we'll be fine. No one will bat an eye once we show the permit. Remember, we're only doing this in order to cause as much disturbance as we can, nothing personal to the likes of it.' He ruled his moustache as he looked like what he had made. Everyone stepped back at a flame erupted from under the effigy and engulfed it in a hardened flame. 'Look at it, isn't it beautiful? Could the black smog not be any better than what we're seeing here?' Surely, there wasn't anything that could stand against such beauty, at least not for him, as he thought of it now. 'Well lads, I think, it's time to be prepared for them, for they'll come.' But he had no idea once the gust of wind started pulling in the fire, straw by straw it took the effigy

apart before one final burst of flame and fire came to it. A black pool was left behind and before anyone could say anything about what they saw, it was far too late. Their shouts were drowned as the doors and windows opened, while the planks moved apart. It was too late for anything to be done, for they had already been taken inside and showed through the walls and ground. Most of them were on the bottom floor, either looking through the material or seeing the basement with its creaking noises, rats and small cockroaches which dwindled. 'What's going on? I can't see a thing, is this part of the plan?' As the doors locked and windows slammed, their lives were taken apart, one by one. While the darkness and cold provided some kind of comfort, it ended once they saw that the effigy wasn't taken apart. No, it lit itself and burnt the place, spreading to their uncovered bodies as it was promised to be done. Now they made sounds like small creaking birds once people approached the street upon which the black mark had been left. It was a miracle that the fire had temporarily stopped, though its effects promised a long running time. At least, this was to be done in the case of it. 'What happened? Can anyone hear me? Please, someone, help us, we're stuck in here, we're.' He stopped talking once he heard the others. Some of their skin had pushed through the material as it dragged each of their heads down. It was quite obvious that they were trying to talk to no avail, for the pain was great and no one was to see them in that state. Death wouldn't come, at least as promised. 'If someone's out there, please, just spare me, spare me.' On the other side, birds could be heard during the night. The dark spot was mostly cleaned and what had remained of those that had started it still remained unknown. 'I told you we should've taken the other route.' 'I know where we're going, just listen to me for once.' 'Right, like the last time where we ended going up that damn way and waking up at the wrong time of the day?' 'Why are you putting the blame on me? It wasn't as if I wanted to rob that poor fellow and bash his skull.' Said Caldwell with a somewhat hidden grin. The least of which made it curious that he was certainly trying to hide something from the other fellow. 'Please do tell, what were you going to with him? Were you going to offer to show him around? Or what was it you asked of him?' The memory of which still made him sound like a most tainted being. 'It was low, even for you. Worse than that time when you started chasing children to steal their pocket change and candy.' 'We had to eat, you can't complain since you ate some of the candy as well.' 'Right, at look at my teeth then, they're crooked and worse for the taking.' As he opened his mouth, fully stretched, it had become obvious that there was something of a decaying jaw with empty holes inside of it. Not being the worst part of all, there was something more to it. Most of his teeth had apparently grown inward, to the likes of which there wasn't any fixing. 'If a dentist were to see you, there'd be nothing left in your bloody. I see a bloody man there, could it be that I'm seeing it right?' Caldwell pulled him by the near edge of the pass. The street lamp above them had been malfunctioning for days, to the likes of which there wasn't any doubt that they hadn't been noticed. 'He's a drunk as well, see that pint?' 'Why isn't he moving though?' It wasn't that they hadn't seen him walking, though he was a man with a pint, with blood on his shirt, he stood against the wall. There wasn't the least certainty whenever or not he was alive. Not even the slightest chance, as he had thought of it. 'Well, should we at least try for it and see whenever or not we could try for his pockets? He must be knocked down cold.' 'An easier target than that wasn't even the likes of anything they've ever thought of. Might've been a ruse or a trap just for the likes of them.' 'Say, doesn't he look like a dummy?' 'He might have the appearance of something that's not supposed to look that manner. Now that you're telling me, I'll say, only one goes for it and sees. That way if they try catching us, the other one will be left to rescue the one being caught.' 'You're the one with the brains Caldwell, I trust you'll go

then?"In no certain manner, you're going to go over there and I'll help if you if something goes wrong."They both peered around and it wasn't the likes of it that made either of them bother. As a matter of fact, that thing that laid there wasn't a looker, he probably didn't even have pockets filled with gold or anything of the sort.He might've been a homeless man, or that blood on his shirt might be nothing but puke. The waiting made both of them anxious to the point of having a short stroke.'Are you all right?' asked Caldwell before trying to walk around and look at the face. There was some sort of reluctance when it came to the fact, but he couldn't fake it.'You're a bloody liar, I know of your little plan, trying to go ahead and avoid taking any sort of responsibility for yourself.It's all Caldwell that, Caldwell there, well that won't stay for any other second any longer. You're the one going.'As he had done, with a glance behind and a fake injury, he tried his best to look somewhat peculiar in his manner. To no avail, as it became even more odiously sure. He'd be the one to walk, slowly whispered by his fellow, after all, there couldn't be a ruse at this hour of the night, no one sane would walk that street without their lights. As he approached the corpse, he bent over to snatch anything of value before noticing one of the most contorted things he ever saw.A pair of blood bubbles formed around the neck, something was cut inside at least a few inches, but it wasn't his jugular. Something either was shoved inside then cut or something was inside.'What's taking so long? Just take his bloody purse and let's get out.' But he wasn't heard, he was busy going around messing around his neck. What he had done wasn't safe.At least this wasn't going to end up well for either of them.Without any warning, the bubbles started popping, to the point of snapping off fingers, liquefying them instantly. Bone turned to mush, skin turned to blood as he stumbled on his back.'No, step away, get away from that.'There was a rapid pair of shooting long straws of blood going in every direction, yet they somehow missed him despite the fact they all flew in the same direction and he was a static target. Afraid of doing anything other than standing, he tried saying a prayer but failed. Nothing would do, at least nothing that would save him from this torment when he needed to survive.'I'm coming.' Said Caldwell, though not a single step further. It appeared that the bloody man had moved, waking up some of the most foreboding of manners in which he'd rather choose to abandon the fellow. Not that they knew one another for that long and the thing of which he looked like him came only because he was in his presence for so long.It wasn't worth it now, he could take him. And as he walked away, he heard the shouts, only but once noticing that cadaverous thing get up on its own and fall on him, leaving nothing but a pool of blood where his friend had been.Heavy breathing forced itself upon Caldwell as he finally found a place of rest, taking that of which he wouldn't be bothered with. There once had been a man following him before he died, but now, it wasn't like that no more.He was a man that walked alone in the middle of the night, touched by something, followed by a bunch of rats, flees and many cockroaches that appeared to have been begging for company.His misery made him accept their offer, at least until a suitable replacement for that man came, though one thing bothered him now. It was the fact that he was followed, by the mirror on the bottom streets, at the corner of his eyes, it was one bloody man, coming to end it all.It made it seem like there wasn't any sound for the likes of him, and as a matter of fact, there was nothing out there. 'Hold in on, you've lost a friend, that's all, it's far too normal for you to care of there kind of things now.' With that in mind, he failed to see another of the pair and walked directly into a blood-stained shirt.The pain he felt when his hand came into contact with that acid filled brought him to his knees to wail. With nothing more to do but weep, he fell again in the mist of the ground, before he could be touched and finished off. It wasn't that there was anything out there at night.But the

entirety of the city was now filled with men that had stained shirts, cleaning what they could before taking back any additional gallon of blood which might've fallen off their victims. The daylight had done a great job to wash up most of the evidence of anyone's existence at that point, at least of that creature that cleaned the streets. Good men were lost because they wandered in the dark, as well as maidens who stumbled and couldn't tell where they went. Yet in the darkest corners of the depths there now laid a man alone, singing to himself as well. Caldwell went on with his delusion and how he was sure. 'I knew this would happen, my dream was a premonition, an unholy commission that warned me, I am sure.' He was certain of the fact that something went in his head and happened in reality. Despite the differences and over the fact that he looked at a bloody infected stump where his hand had laid, there wasn't any doubt whatsoever. It must be that way I say it without any doubt whatsoever and without anything contrary to what I say. For that would be as far as he went, going from floorboard to floorboard while he attempted to find out where the owner of this small cramped basement had placed the light. There wasn't any mention of his escape, nor the fact that this place was owned. Nonetheless, there was one tied to a small string of beads, ancient as a matter of fact by the looks of it. Dust, old TVs and well as plenty of not working typing machines that were left there with the rest of the junk the man had brought to himself. Which brought Caldwell to a stop, mostly because of the sudden way he raised himself to walk, ending up in what appeared to have been the inside of the image box which laid now on in pieces. There wasn't any way he could stand on both of his feet any longer. At least, without the proper assistant or another one, he was doomed to have himself killed. Meanwhile, there wasn't any disappearance, no word of anyone missing, not even that report of the disturbance. It was a quiet day in the town, to the point where the sun made more noise than the denizens of the city. At least one of them was clean, while the other city was a slump, a place that was used by the poor, having a stroke of famine and despair embodied in it. From the likes of which, it wasn't as if everything would be well for anyone who entered or even if there was a chance to return. 'Buy a dead child, only a dead child, there's nothing wrong with it, have a dead child.' The words of what appeared to have come from one of the ugliest wenches, a witch of tales might've brought the strongest men fleeing at the sight of her, not to mention the fact that it appeared as if that thing in her hand still moved. A thing laid inside one of the many tradesmen and various shopkeeper, but neither of them was having their businesses inside. No, most of the buildings had been long abandoned by the looks of it. Whatever remained now had been closed, or broken, robbed or uninhabitable because of the tainted smell which came from inside. Darwall Angus had been a student before he decided to step on the other side of the loop and try observing what life had been for the others. It would've been an understatement to say that he was shocked, surprised or grossed by the depravity their humans exhumed from their bodies and in their dealing with the most hellish beings. Dead children, ropes that were ready for hanging, and even in the distance, it was obvious that they had been, if not remotely recent, practitioners of the public execution kind. He decided to approach the woman, nonetheless. 'Isn't that a sick thing, to sell your own dead child?' Darwall asked, without trying to sound in the least pious and as he started glancing, he noticed that there had been plenty of cutlery lying around, some of which freshly used. What could she have placed inside the body of the baby? Something had been, as obvious as it looked, there was a scar on the backside of his head. At first, he thought that might've been the death blow but once he noticed the tools of dismemberment, he had changed his mind. 'Well?' Either she was dumb or hard of hearing, it wouldn't have surprised him by the look of the place. Perhaps it was the manner he had approached or

the fact that the sight of a potential buyer surprised her even more than he. But she responded with a pious stare as well. 'But good sir, it isn't my child, oh I wouldn't dare do this to my poor child at home, he's been quite sick for some time. You see, there's nothing much to eat now that business isn't what it used to be.' And what might that be for, what need would I possibly have for a dead child now?' There appeared to be some sort of pondering involved, though not anything of the kind that would justify the taking and why there were some bloody scalpels there. Had she stolen them from a doctor? They looked professional, even the strings attached to the backside of the infant's head, quite something thick and used to hold a deeper kind of wound. Reluctantly though as I were, I asked the poor lady at her stand. 'How much would the infant be?' 'Oh, but as much as you can spare, my child needs to eat now, and we don't accept marks.' The wretch said once she glanced at his wallet. What a terrible thing though, not even being able to pay for his own drawn curiosity. Not that he had already a shared array of grim views from the others. He considered for a moment refusing this mad lady and its mad proposal, but curiosity got the best of him. If she won't accept marks what else?' How about your silver watch then? That marked one on your hand looks as if it could fetch a price on its own, more than this infant that you call would.' Nervously she peered at it, making it seem as if she had glared at it all along. Despite their conversation, no one appeared to be disturbed by the fact that they were having to deal beyond the ordinary. Though even with that he appeared to have wanted it for himself, he'd fit well in his small suitcase which he had brought along. Even the right size, judging by his eye, he took the deal. 'Ma'am, the watch is your and that thing, I trust it'd be fairly packed for the price I've paid.' 'Well, of course, sir, I only offer the greatest of services for my customers and nothing less when it comes to it.' At which she nodded after pulling a brownish bag from her cart. It was a miracle that those wheels didn't work, for her merchandise would have certainly gone away on that road. Nonetheless, she placed the infant and he took it as if it was a bag of potatoes, walking away as far as he could before she managed to change her mind. Beyond anything those people might've thought, it was no silver but a poor imitation, enough to fool only the most common of scum. Not that having to walk around carrying that thing with him was any better. 'Where might I find?' He couldn't finish it but wanted to see for a place where he'd not be disturbed, a rare sight as well as a new sort of concept in this city, but a place had to be found if he looked hard enough. At least, a few streets away from the vendor, with his pocket knife at the ready. With a change of mind and going past the sight, there'd be no way that rotting corpse would enter his suitcase, at least not entirely, not until he saw what was inside and decided whenever or not he would dispose of it. 'Well, it seems it's just you and I in the most peculiar place of this city.' A trash garden, of the most delightful dark exquisite. No one with a fairly working nose would approach it because of the stench, within itself, that brought the thought of the dead even closer than anything else. 'Well, I presume this would be it, infant, I must make sure you will not suffer in the least. I must say though I am fairly sure that this will hurt you even less than what it might do to me.' With a slip of his knife, he cut more than he wanted, starting at the back of the head and going as far as making a line, as deep as almost going to the other side. Nothing inside, nothing in the least, but the skin which was left, the emptiness of which was filled with air, the bones were missing as well as the organs. However she managed to go ahead and make it seem a whole, she was an expert in the matter. But one thing bothered him then, what had she done with the insides after all? Surely, she couldn't have fed her starving child with it? 'No, sleep isn't in my mind, I need to follow her and see for myself.' Darwall's face reddened at the fact and went ahead but found that everyone was gone. It wasn't a sudden

disappearance, only that he had spent far too long in the trash garden, messing with the now gelatinous skin he carried in his bag. There weren't any complaints there though since it made it easier for him to carry it without having to give an explanation about the size. 'She can't live that far, could she.' Before he could go on a fool's errand, he was accosted by a man which loomed in the shadows. 'Looking for someone in particular?' The man came out and greeted me, with a queer look on his face and somewhat of a walking problem. 'Well, I was indeed looking for something, someone I mean, she was a woman who was working here, she sold me.' The realisation made him think the man would refuse him any kind of help if he became aware of the sort of dealings they had gotten themselves into. The least of which ended in some sort of bizarre and made trade that only the sort which dwelled in the occult had need of infants, live or dead. 'I know, old granny Sandoval. It's her, the one who stood at that stand right there, right?' He pointed at the right spot which left me not in the least surprised. From the glances I took, it was certain that he was right, it must've been that way. 'Right, can you lead me to her? I can pay you a good price if you keep this between us as well. See, I can't have anyone looking where they don't belong while this matter is between the two of us.' At which request the man nodded, asked for no price and bobbed his head for me to follow. Shockingly, there wasn't any reluctance on my part either as I followed the man through the brush. Now, at least, to be sure of it, there was still the matter of the knife-wielding if something had to happen, which, being the least of my concerns, it didn't. Everything went as planned to the point of having been brought to the point where I had to be, an old decrepit piece of the city only for her, in a courtyard sort of fashion. Surrounded by a pond, a piece of earth on which stood a small house, next to an old dead tree. That mysterious man had left as soon as he had made his appearance, leaving nothing but a trace of whatever path he might've taken before coming there. 'Sir are you sure it's her house, sir?' Not only was there no response but he was also afraid he might wake up the wench. Just a look since I am here, he thought, what else might it happen if I am to glance inside? With a few steps forth, he walked on the bridge and refused to pay any attention whatsoever at the likes of which it was. Let us see now, as he thought of it, a few steps for and he was by the window, brooding upon what laid inside. The dirty thing was laid unwashed for the likes of him to walk upon but he managed to pay the littlest of attention there. What could in the bloody hell be that? As simple as the room appeared to have been, there was something in the cradle. Might've been her child or not, but the creature which was sleeping was standing there, gluttonously fat. Such a devil bore something of a trail of blood upon many of its toes, though its appearance still held something human in it. Worst of which, he had become aware that it was chewing on a piece of a spine as if it didn't matter at all. She had left it there, the wench, the scum. 'Could that be my watch as well?' He asked with an utmost disturbed tone, once he noted the fact that there was something of his tied to that little creature's hand. There was rage, madness, something of a desire to return the skin and take his poor imitation back. Perhaps even do that creature a favour and smother it to death. After calmly thinking it through he went ahead and prepared his knife, rubbing ahead to see if it's sharp. Enough to cut the cattle for when it came to slaughter, as he had previously thought of it. The child wouldn't suffer as long as he was sleeping. 'Now, where have I placed my pick?' He asked himself as if it mattered, over the fact of which he carried it all along with him without ever having it left home. There wasn't any need of it though as he had turned the knob and found out the dreadful thing had left it opened for the night. No one does that, what could it be happening? Alas, it must be the hand of fate which makes me act in his matter. I must deliver the world of this thing, as it doesn't deserve to live.

With a few steps in, as silently as an oak, he had taken the bag and discarded the skin. Already had the bag wrapped itself around the child's mouth and as he pushed it there wasn't any struggle either. Everything went too well for anything of the sort to have itself be made in the way the others wanted. Stopping wouldn't have been a mercy but filled with much of the despair every other man and woman in this city dared continue to torment themselves with. No, what I'm doing here is mercy. 'What are you doing to my child?' The wench yelled and made it through. Before anything could be said or any sort of defence in the matter, I took the watch from the wrist and stepped back. A piece of flaccid infant skin laid on the floor as well as the bag. Before any sort of protest could've come from either of them, he had already fled from the property to hear her shout. Lights were ringing up around the city, reflecting from the old houses as well from the fear he had felt inside. Nothing had frightened him more than this, seeing how he could be hanged for murdering a child. Yes, of that he was sure, that there wasn't any breathing left at all once he was done. In a way, there had been somewhat of a blank expression on that face once there was nothing to be called upon. Death was a mercy, though not one he'd receive in the same manner like the rest of them had planned for him. 'Done anything you shouldn't have, stranger?' There was the same man, laying by the end of the alley, repeating the same circumstance in which they had found themselves in before. 'Yes, I need to hide, please, I've done a terrible thing and if you feel like taking me in, there'd be no resentment between the two of us.' A nod of understanding came from him, yet he dared not go ahead and shout out the fool, instead, he asked of me. 'Have you planned to end the creature's life all along?' 'You knew of that?' I responded, though not as surprised once I realised that there'd be a chance that I'd be closely watched and followed. The second nod sold it in and as he said it, my blood froze and I was ill. Torches were lit in the night, if it weren't for him to be hanged, he'd be burnt alive by the stake. 'Please help me again, I'll reward you in some way, for everything you've done.' As he heard it, he covered his face with a hood and made a sign with his hand. I followed. A need had arisen for me to hear his name, which he had given freely without bearing any sort of resentment of the kind. 'My name is Jacque, but that would be all you'd need to know. These streets will be filled with them and when they come and find out what you've done to that child, there'd be unrest.' No further explanation, as he had seen much of the city light in the darkest of nights. 'Come, is this good, no?' There was apparently a hole in the ground, had he led me to the cemetery now? Nothing was the likes of which he had been aware, not even the way he had believed himself to be. At least, now, he could try saying whenever or not, he could try to listen to the stranger. He had the look in his eyes of a ranger. Someone he could trust him despite the unlikely origin he had displayed so far. 'Well, I guess I don't have a choice, do I? I can see the torches coming but I am afraid, alas. How could I possibly know that at the moment I go in that deep hole you won't cover it with dirt?' 'Do you see a shovel or the dirt laying around? What about the depth of the hole? From what you know, it might be that there might be nothing but the darkest of depths as you go there in the farthest reaches you may find.' The man didn't make much sense of it, even seemed to have avoided the question entirely in a way, though not before proposing the most important part which laid. 'You need to trust me on this.' He said. Ignoring my discomfort and not being much of a runner, I complied with the request and lowered myself into the hole. Lady of luck, oh maiden, how you have smiled upon me for the very first time, it was just deep enough for my body to fit it. No one else had seen me go inside either, and as I lowered myself I had become aware of the wooden board and the blanket he placed upon it. There were some openings for air, as he wasn't as inhumane as my imagination had made him, though they

were. Feet ran grasping and the light could be seen through the curtains above. How quaint, it had been, for the likes of me to wake them all, but how peculiar of a situation that they found themselves having a meeting right where he stood hiding. 'What happened? We heard your shouts, I realised it must've been the outsider with his strange ways and curiosity.' Borm was big enough that he might've ripped him apart by himself, which was obvious by the grunts in his voice as well as in the way he spoke. That would've been a man there was no wish to stand against. But as it came, he grasped himself. 'They killed my child, my poor baby, smothered in his sleep. He stole his present and penetrated my home during my most vulnerable hour, oh master, please, he fled away and I don't know what else to say.' No need for that any longer as his hand ran through her pretty little face. Well, to say the least, there wasn't any doubt that the man would have to pay for what was done and there'd be blood and guts flying about. 'No, this man has penetrated our sanctuary and defiled it with his presence and not only that but he had taken the spirit of one of our own. Will we stand here and take that, leaving him free himself from any sort of punishment?' There was a mad cry from the crowd as their voices went away and said no. Pain surged as each voice went, not to mention that he was being paranoid at least. If even one of them were to step on the wood and make the type of noise they knew as a fact to be unnatural to what might've been there, he was doomed to a fate of supreme death. Nothing might've been worse than what he would be set to, fire, hanging, skinned and boiled. His imagination paled in comparison with the voice of that man as he continued. 'We will make many small holes and force our children to eat him alive. They will grow from the pain he had brought to us and to the other he had slain. After which.' The man was interrupted. 'Skin him alive, yes, master, lord of the homes?' Another of which continued by the same length-wave of reasoning when at last he said. 'We could roll him in a bath of salt, from left to right, then burn him with small torches, but keep him alive at all stakes. Or dress him like an infant and force him to be smothered.' Enough of that, there'd be nothing of the sort until I decide what is to be done about that repugnant creature. We will go throughout the city if we must and search every side and every house, every hole and hiding house if he hadn't fled already. He went ahead to make some signs, there wasn't any saying what they planned in whispers. The closest one of those filthy men had gotten to his planks, he became aware of dread. Without thinking it through, he started slowly moving his arms towards the bottom in an attempt to dig himself further away from the place. His nails had become as black as the might've been. If there was even the slightest idea of the fact that he was doing something as absurd as this, it had died out once he realised that more and more of them were walking just above of him. Whilst paying no attention to the sort, he was still not aware of a way to justify this type of behaviours nor the act. There wasn't any way he could tell about what was going on, nor why that thing made him feel so wrong and afraid. But something pulled him deeper in the bowels of the earth until he stopped. For a moment, covered in dirt and misery, he looked over his head to see that someone had pulled the carpet and the plank. It was the same man who had promised rescue and refuge. 'There's something I'll need you one day in exchange for what I've done for you. Don't forget that you have slain an innocent even though the circumstance haven't demanded it, don't say a word either for I have watched you. A favour for a favour, do you agree?' 'Yes, whatever it takes, just take me away from this damn place, I cannot spend another second here, being hunted by those barbarians.' At which, they shook hands as he was being pulled, a pact being made between the two of them. For as long as it had taken he wasn't in the least sure of what was to happen to him if things went on that way. But the man in front of him proved as being his only chance at survival, as he took it and

ran with him. 'Well, what's going on?' Darwall looked confused after being led by the stranger to what appeared to be a faceless man, something as disturbing as it might be happening. He stood in a chair waiting, in the middle of the night and without a sign of moving or being alive. 'Wait for a moment now, I need to make sure this goes well before we carry on.' Even he appeared to have some sort of secret, in the way he moved and peeled his face off, to reveal a boneless concoction which bore of the plastic and hay instead of skin and cartilage. With a swift move, he placed himself on the other body before fainting on the ground. 'Now we are safe to go, come on.' They had reached an old abandoned warehouse, seeing how there'd be no safe way to have him out of the town with everyone looking out for him. It was in there that, once the heavy door slapped closed, he realised that there was something of an inhuman strength needed to close or open it. No way anyone looking out for him would be able to get through, nor would they think otherwise. I had to ask, what was exactly happening in this old abandoned warehouse? 'What was here delivered?' 'You may not believe it but this town was once a jewel.' As he said it, he brought some kind of light, faint, only for them to see what was around. I wasn't going to mention the entire exchange of faces, for it wasn't the least of my concern, but at least this was interesting and exciting. But alas, all had to end. 'I believe you know why I have called upon you here, as there's no other way you could escape. There's something in this warehouse which I thought it to be perfect for you in every way.' The size matched, the height, the bulk of the body and it almost seemed real. 'You want to pull out my face and place it on that?' He immediately nodded at that. 'But what about that favour of yours?' At which he smiled, once it was revealed what he was after all along. 'Well, I will be taking your old body for my experiments, that's all, without a constant supply of clean and fresh subject I wouldn't be able to reach my full potential, I'm sure of it.' 'Let me understand, I am to give my body, but won't they recognise my face?' 'No, that will change the moment they connect, you'll be almost like a new person, able to walk freely across the town without having to be bothered by someone seeing you. Yet another stranger which looked as if he stumbled in the wrong place.' 'But the new body, what are the consequences of using it? Will I be a human being no longer? Will I become something of the sort of a doll?' This kind of concern rubbed him the wrong way after realising that he was cornered between torment and this new type of life which was proven to him as a sort of fact. 'You will come here every one year and pull out your face and place it in a new body.' A devilish thing once the word came out of his mouth and as he said it there wasn't any doubt any longer. 'Immortality.' Was the second part of their deal, that of which he appeared to have been reluctant to have told him. Immortality and an inability to change appearance at least once per year, that would be supreme. 'I'll take it.' He said, and with a glance at his hand, there wasn't any pain. Darwall looked below in fear, unable to feel his body at all. He was pulled and unable to think nor understand the entirety of the machination which had taken place nor why his body stood faceless on the floor. From the likes of which there had been a deep cut which left a pool of blood that never reached the bottom floor yet remained in his skull. 'What will happen to that now?' I couldn't help it but stare and approach it. 'Slowly.' He said, showing some kind of concern related to the kinds of me, though having done what I've done would bear no kind of redemption. 'May I? I need one last moment with what I have been before I move on. It's almost as if I spend an entire lifetime with it, just to perish in here.' There were another nod and a grim idea which had taken effect of him. Despite the brilliance of which it sounded, Darwall wasn't the one who had come with it. 'How about we make this ruse, to end things properly between the two of us. I'll bring the body to her for a sort of confirmation to arise and so

that there'd be no doubt about the entire idea that you are no longer with the living.'How formal and how quaint that had remained, at least he was sure of the fact that there'd no other way to tell that he could trust the man. He had taken what he wanted yet he made me follow still. With my body in his arms, he asked me to open the door for him, the madman.'You couldn't possibly ask me to do that for you? I could barely even push a normal door, for the likes of me is unable to affect that, I concur that I should be the one carrying my own body. It's only proper that way.' I rested my case and proceeded to have to handle my own body. I felt soft and cold, holding myself in my hands. The blood still held an irregular notice, having not dropped from the bottom to the far ends of the floor, though I was certain of the fact that the man still had a trick up his sleeve. Without a doubt, this entire ruse of switching wasn't going to last, I told him. 'It will if you hold your mouth shut, just let me speak.' He said with the least shimmer of compassion he could've muttered. 'They may not be able to recognise your face but the voice still remains the same and they may suspect that something is off.' That advice I took without having to ask whenever or not it was a well-endowed idea. But I couldn't help myself then, even for the poor imitation, it's what I wanted and I took it back, without having to wait or say anything to him, I placed it back in my pocket after snatching it when he wasn't looking. A crafty thing if I may say, but then and there, the first men appeared. 'What happened, is that?' They were desperately watching the thing and the way it shook when neither of them was moving. As they looked upon it, both of them realised the masterful approach which was used for carving the face off. Though there wasn't any denying the fact that it was the same man they have been looking for, clean clothes and incredibly white skin, the very devilish look even in the hole where his face was. The other man spoke the same. 'Let us call upon the other, we need all to see that it is done.' At which they waited in the square folly for the least of two of three clocks until they were greeted by the likes of them. Hunters, ploughers, men that were dirty and tired from work, who had come for a slaughter, to feed and devour yet they were stopped in their tracks upon the sight. Such as the leader of this feud had arrived, he spoke in tongues and he looked upon this stranger and the other man who accompanied him. 'We weren't sure it was you, we beg for pardon if we may, there wasn't any need to bring you disturbance, please understand.' At the single wave of a hand, he stopped gibbering and looked. 'The body was taken care of by now, and understand that now it belongs to me.' From the looks of which they must've taken the fear, I display like the kind of being claimed by the stranger. It was a long shot, but the idea of pity coming from their eyes hadn't crossed his mind. 'Well, it's taken care off.' Though the wench had come with another claim after the big one had stepped back. 'But master, please, there's no way he could just get away so easily, I say. He's done far too much harm to be forgiven, at least, not in my eyes. He should've been fed alive, he should've suffered, he.' He raised his hand to stop her from talking, obviously having some kind of command or rule over the common populous. 'See that he was punished and tarry not on my time, I've work to be done and this had been more than a disturbance you have caused. Give the order to end it for we may not continue this over the night.' Tension a from both of them, though she gave away just as easily as any other. 'It's all over now, hears me? We can no longer continue with this feud.' Stepping back a few steps, just so that other would hear her, she shouted. 'The feud is over, and I am pleased.' One by one, the lights in the night died and as he looked back upon it, so had their presence. All but the two of them were left there without a mutter, staring at one another until he extended his hands. 'Where are you to take me now?' 'Do you need to know any longer? I mean to take this body as I've said, that wasn't a lie in any other way, but you are to wait until the sun arises unless

you want to bring the dark with you back home. Worry not, for I shall take good care of you now, both in the body and in the doll, as long as you remain whole, there's always going to be one standing alone. As far as you're concerned, it will be yours.' After which they shook on it. I've delivered my body to him, seeing how the embrace finally calmed my nerves. Despite not being able to admit it to me, it was a dreadful thing to hold my own body in that manner. Something really disturbing and immoral had me on my knees thinking of a hateful and unfathomable thought where I imagined what he intended to do with me. Now that I was colder and I felt no other need, sleep or hunger, I walked around, holding what appeared to have been my poor imitation of a clock. A lot of time remained to spare until the morning came and there wasn't any way I'd go over his word after everything he did to me. No, there'd be no way I could possibly ruin everything for myself, at least not in the way I thought I would. There was another thing I had to be sure of. When the midnight clock just struck the hour and I realised that I could feel fewer things than before, though more empowered, I decided that a visit would be most decent. In the same house, now that I knew where she lived and what she had planned to do with me, even after seeing my clearly tormented body, I decided to pay her back. With a crack in my belly, I realised that there wasn't any way she could hear me, as I was as light as a feather. After a few steps, already inside, going by and checking door to door, I found her. Sleeping like an infant, quite ironic, that she didn't realise it was I. After all, with this disguise, I only had to open my mouth, but not before I gagged her, tying her as well to the edges of the bed. 'Are you awake now my lady? Does this voice sound familiar to you now? Let me bring our meeting by telling you that I have not forgotten of the entire ordeal which had happened between the two of us, you witch. A pagan thing, I can see everything hidden under your bed.' From the likes of that, he pulled out of it plenty of small dolls and bloodied objects that were of the Sabbath. The blood and the strand of hair were most likely what gave it away, that or the fact that he had found a few teeth and nails, of various sizes that didn't seem to fit her nor her long disposed of child. 'I won't stay long, I am only aware that you tried to have me placed there and I have only come here to pay up the favour, though judging by this place.' He stopped talking once he opened a drawer, from which there appeared to have been falling at least twenty other dolls, different strands of coloured hair, most likely belonging to women. All but one, which was for as far as he was concerned, his, somehow she had taken a piece of his hair and got away with it. Who knows what might've happened if ever she got away with it and managed to have her way with the likes of torturing or scalping the small doll. 'Well, you're coming with me then, don't worry any longer there's be no other thing to deal with. I've no clue whenever or not there's something to be told or done about these things but I say there's only one way to deal with it.' Before the preparation began, he made sure that no one was there at night, no one to see her at least. The entire group which formed and hunted him most likely sapped all the life in them, without having to let go to the most dreadful moment of the night. No one would notice her gagged and luckily for him he had found the perfect thing. 'There, I saw that you have been carrying a car around and I must tell you, my dear, that it's utmost perfect for this plan of mine. See, I am someone with a vision now, granted the likes to live forever, but why do you think I'm telling you all this? Do you know why I'm trying to educate you now?' Without a doubt he nodded from left to right, being as nervous and tired as she had remained. 'Well, for starters this.' At the ends of which, he had his doll in his pocket while the house was burning in front of her. 'They'll all think you died in there, soon enough most will notice and will be awoken, let us go now, there's a long journey and the sun isn't even out yet.' This stride of theirs lasted long enough, to the point

of them having gotten to the point where they needed to stand. Needed? That was strange, but it felt as if he was waited for, a group of hooded men, they had to be wearing the likes of suits which dragged down and bore the masks of animals. A boar, a rabbit and one with the mask of a crow, each bearing a distinct mask. In the deadest of nights, he had remembered entering her house and passing a trap of salt which laid on the floor. As one who would remember is now, could it be that this is what she was hiding from? They appeared to have been waiting or to have waited for her to be delivered. 'Are those men friends of yours now? I can't seem to place my hand upon it but something's wrong with them.' Desperately she struggled to get free but failed to do so. Even in her eyes, there was fear and a touch of something which made her take everything back and repent of what she had done. No, it was too late for that, he thought. With a grin, he told her she'd be safer with the likes of them and as he approached, something in the manner of disruption made the sound feel more distinctly sharp. Despite them not saying any word whatsoever, he could feel himself being drowned out when attempting to open his mouth in their presence. Yet they accepted the woman and disappeared in the dead of night. He was certain then that she was never going to be seen again, as well as he had found himself a dead cellar which laid abandoned where he laid for the rest of the night. Their deal had been over that way and whatever happened to her and the house she had lived in, who could say? At least from the likes of this, there wasn't any saying whenever or not they would see one another again, the misery and pain having them forsaken one another. Though in dark, there was a man who walked from town to town, city to city, road to road, until he came abroad there. As grim as it might've been there wasn't any attraction to the putrid appearance that of which it had displayed, the likes of which tainted him to the core. Something clearly wrong with the man as it just happened to have been split into halves which still could walk as they had done in their separate ways. For, as peculiar as it might've been there was something wrong about the world now, which invited the corruption of reality as the people had known it, the likes of which couldn't be corrected. Gardens had been growing flowers, tainted, tall and jungle towers where they shouldn't have been. It was a place where various fantasies got united, even though they had belonged to nowhere else but in the realm of dream. Where the inspector went now, he couldn't tell, there was a case, another murder, of which he wasn't sure. Could it be real, am I seeing this right? One dead woman was standing in front of him, wriggling still with her jaw having been grown and escalated into a horn. Apparently, whatever might've happened to her, it seems as if there was something off, something which had made the husband of the creature shot her in the chest. No signs of a fight, nor was there a struggle, which made the most peculiar thing the growth of the horn. 'Detective, we need you in another place, there's been another case.' 'But I haven't even done going over this one, there's still something I should look after if I'm not wrong about.' 'No, it's been an order from the chief, we'll take care of this.' With nothing but a bad mood, he stormed off the door without the least concern about the case. And as he did so, there wasn't any waiting whatsoever for the creature to be gone, for the blood wasn't the one which belonged to it, rather to the husband. Under the horn and off that jaw, there had been marks as they had both been shot through, at least the evidence of the scene made it seem that way. No, it would've been too easy, but in a moment a room full of cops stood and watched while the dead horned creature walked out the same very door in order to get to that man that left. A more dreadful thing couldn't have been if one wanted to show off what they had imagined in the most disturbing manner. With each second having its body revert back to its truest of forms, a magnificent bipedal creature that almost hovered in the air and as

it did so, the skin had become grey and reddened at the sight of the red sun. Something about that managed to make it look even stranger than it might've looked otherwise, not that the bullet holes had done anything to it either. Human weaponry could've done nothing to it anymore, having been using the body of the wife to take all the shots and faking its very death in the eyes of man. This world had taken its home and now it sought only to torment for that was the sole purpose of its race, the designation and the very damnation which had set it apart from others in the vastness of the universe. Nothing and no one dared look at that, for the sheer magnitude of wrongness and peculiarity made it seem as if the creature wasn't real at all. Therefore, men walked around it and seemed to have gotten used to it. Nor had it tried to slay anyone in particular now, not that it might've made any difference whatsoever, but it refused to have anyone suffered until that detective was found. As a petty creature, it felt insulted that the man had given up on it as easily as that. Now that there was a crowd in store, and in the main street, as well as seeing that there wasn't any way for it to fly even higher, it took the previous form, that of the horned wife and walked away. None dared as much as glance at her, being in the ranks of the ugly and having the looks of the poor, oh it wasn't at all related to that deformity but it helped as it walked in the nearest of buildings. It appeared as if the landlord had been caught in a conversation with the least of two women who were discussing the pay. Their conversation hadn't stopped just by the look of the deranged, but it had waited there as if to get ready and ask some sort of blizzard question and have its answer lead it further way. 'Well, as I have said, there'd be no need for you to pay for this that month if we're going through with what I've.' The stop wasn't for her, nor was the roughness in which he cleared his throat. By the likes of that alone, one clever one might've gotten the clue. In a guttural sound that did well to reproduce the speech, the mouth and voice had come from somewhere in the back rather be set where it had pointed itself towards. 'Detective, I need to see him now.' By the looks of them, they hadn't been the type to deal with the likes of the enforcement and the law. Both of which shook their heads in dismissal and returned nothing but some sort of springing distrust as they said it. 'Let us be clear, we don't like you and we can't continue.' Said both the women as the landlord looked just as surprised. In that small opening of time, there would've at least been a hellish strike which would've taken both by surprise, though they'd have to pay later. As it left, there was that mad desire to have him pay, the one who had done wrong above all and dared leave the standing woman there with her small horn. How could that happen to a detective such as himself? Was there no need for help? Where was he if not around? The likes of which, no day off, there laid the casino down the corner, farther away, as one could say, where the rich folk played. The entry was costly, the lights were supreme, and at least there was the smell that reigned, of filthy damn rich. No one made any expenses inside, at least from the likes of greeds which appeared to have brought them well. Expensive drinks at every table, small chips were thrown at each number that's known, cards were played on smaller tables. Poker as well as those dice throwing laces, all but one who looked out of place. It was another member of the cult, bearing a tattoo on his face, red and blue, written all over his body and going at farther up as the far ends of his neck. 'Drinks, sir?' 'No, I'm here on business alone, there's something I've got to take care off.' 'I'm sorry sir, but if you're not here to pay, I'm afraid we'll have to ask you to leave.' Said one of the guards after approaching and taking a look at the strange fellow. 'I hope this would pay then if you don't mind.' The man almost fell apart after seeing that he was carrying gold, pure as it came, in its more purest of forms, heavy as well, an antiquity. From the looks of which almost made it seem as if it was mined by the likes of another and stolen, from

the marks of blood which have never been seen, at the bottom of his packet. While making his way, he exchanged a reasonable sum of money for enough chips to last a lesser man through the night, as well as he was asked. 'You name sir if you wouldn't mind.' Christopher Ashmal, it's a foreign name, I prefer being called Chris in the manner. The man nodded and left him to go, for at least the half of hour he continues playing and winning at most of the normal table, though a small hint to the guards around and a couple of strange sings made them understand that there had been intentions which were out of the ordinary. He wanted more than the pleasures everyone else wanted. 'Damn it, the ball dropped on five black again, it's not my lucky night this one.' The man at the far end of the table nodded as he made his way and took every chip back. General consent said that he was a man that might've cheated, though, whenever or not anyone saw him do it was another matter of its own. As long as he kept a clean face, no one suspected a thing, though the house always won at that table. 'What's the story there?' Christopher asked at the bar, having done his best not to look too daring himself. He already came out a stranger, carrying a bag which might've seemed to be heavy enough for two men. Not to mention that there was a look in his eyes which made him want more of what the others had. More than what was seen by them right under the curtains. 'My lady, I am pleased to say that I'm interested in hearing his story if you please. But only after I buy you a drink.' Every slim of attention she had given to the rest of the place had shifted to him, strange tall, dark-haired stranger, carrying a handbag which looked rough enough for leather. 'Is it natural?' She asked, surprised as she placed her hand to reveal how smooth it truly was. By the time she was gone with her hand, ready to make a shift around his body, her drink was there. 'And for the man, a cherry du la chrome.' A heavy drink despite its name, having a small drinking having a thick glass come with it. She was surprised that he was still interested in the man, with neither of them ever thinking of glancing at the detective which both looked out of place and had most likely snicked in. 'Well, they say the table is cursed.' She laughed immediately, making it seem like it was her first drink of the night, it was only that she had waited for someone to share companionship with. As well as she continued, past the glitter and profound distrust. 'They say the souls of every owner who were ever cheated lay in that table, could there be any other thing more ridiculous? Shhh, don't say a word handsome, let me go on. One day where the original owner of the casino had seen.' And the story had continued that way, as he was absorbed by it. And how the man who had founded the place had a stream of pain and bloody ache at the sight of Heiner. He was a local gambler when the times were ill and there wasn't anyone who afforded the likes of what was seen today. A small business for the folk who lived around there and had shared everything else like the rest of the gamblers and the time wasters at the taverns. Nothing to bat an eye at, at least no one who spent more than a lifetime of savings on the first throw or the second view on an ance. But that man was different, reckless, a man who didn't want to lose anything at all, refused to share and became as greedy as he could. What the myth says, if a myth is, is the fact that there was not only greed but jealousy involved in the entire ordeal, to the point of having others planning various way in which they could kill the fellow and get everything he had. As pleasing as that might've sounded, as an end for that rubbish man that kept winning and emptying both the pockets of the staff, he stood away from any drink, he didn't smoke or anything of the sort. There wasn't anything the man he could've been caught with in order to be forced that way, no. Something else laid in the mind, seeing how he was the only one to stay after the hours, people were whispering over the fact that he was gambling with the man who owned the casino himself. In the least order, either they were working together or he

was robbed as the rest of them. Though one day, at the end of the shift, when the of them were alone, finally face to face, they stood at that very table, at which everyone seems as to lose, the least being most of the time. Miracles do happen from time to time, even if they're far between. But, that's not the end of him, as he was a lousy man who refused to lose, and the owner of the casino had done something to his own table, just to take care of the bad business he's been bringing ever since. His throws were off and all of the sudden, the man who had won fortunes lost. Time after time, he couldn't let his pride get over and lost everything he had ever won, be pocket money, or his house, the savings and the rest which had once laid in his possession. Everything to one point where he wouldn't be able to take it any longer. 'Please, let me play, I know I've got something else to give, you cannot take this from me. I only know to do one thing, which is to gamble.' The man said in tears, having brought his stained hands while holding on the man as if he had an apron. 'I'd do anything, bet on anything, service, for free, just give me another chance to try and win them all.' 'Would you bet on your body and let me do as I please to it?' That came as a shocking proposal, though the man had an irrationality tied to him at the moment. That was the last chance to do things right and as the ball went and he was ready to defy all odds again, it suddenly flipped on white thirteen. He owned nothing, nor even his body and it turned out that he had been wrong to bet the last thing he owned on it. 'Now that you have lost.' The owner said while opening the bottom grill of the wheel table, which looked closer to the place where the morgue laid and welcomed him inside. As much as most stories might've had any sort of turning point, this hadn't. He complied, always an honest man, even if chances were that he could've accosted and run away. From the looks of which, there was at least a chance, at least until he went inside, where his screams couldn't be heard but his body was no longer seen nor found. 'And that is the reason he's always winning at that tablet? Because the owner had fed it with the body of a man who had won or is it something the owner had tampered with?' 'Oh, not, my dear busy friend, I'm not drunk enough to carry on, if you please.' Of which invitation carried another set of drinks, on the house from the word of the owner himself. The top client hadn't any need to pay for the likeliness of such things, as they had, more importantly, other things in mind. Once she was even more doused off, she continued with the second man, happening ten years later when the power of the table started waning off, the likes of which never carried on more than the span of a few years. It seemed as if there wasn't anyone more interested in the place other than Don Roberto, a rich fool who was seeking the mildest pleasures in which to dwell in. He wasn't a winner nor much of a likeable man, but he had money and lots of it. Not to mention that the casino hadn't been doing well in the least for years, without customers and all. Yet, they dared charge, especially someone with an ego as big as the man who would buy himself a star. 'I want eighty drinks of the highest quality, I've got a clue that I might be standing here for a while.' 'Right away sir.' The look of which, he had given all night to what appeared to be the oldest decrepit table of them all. Though most of them shared the same age of construction, it appeared as if this one was different. Something about it, made it age really bad, the likes of which brought the thought that it might've been alive and kept on a tight leash with nothing to spare too. 'Owner, what of that one over there? Why does it look like that, why are you keeping something so ugly in this place of beauty.' Though it wasn't the richest of places, there was beauty, which was undeniably so, from the likes of which no one could've said a thing. Again, the mere pleasures of the common tables did nothing to satisfy that dark urge which made men come and throw away their money. Case and point, he waited for the hour, hearing the rumours of the owner and what was going on. I must warn you of the

consequences in case you want to return, we could do with another man of class into the world. Nothing is worth losing your body or soul against.' Though even with the warning in mind, there wasn't anything undoubtedly going to stop him from going ahead.'Without a doubt, you've held this speech before, but I am not the common gambler, as you may have noticed. My tastes far surpass everything everyone else wants or needs, this is what I have desired, an experience that would grasp hold of my very soul and fortune.'At which mere suggestion, the owner frowned and seemed to have started the wheel.Strangely, it went on as well as it ever had gone, without having to really put much of the effort he usually had to if one came to gamble on it. Somehow there was a feeling that it knew as well that this man was about to lose his soul in this attempt to feel something.Nervously, he shook it harder, placed not chips this time as the thing was closes but diamonds, refined, clean and blocks of diamonds. 'What devilry might that be sir? I know not if I would be able to call such a thing."I know you would say that my dear casino owner, poor man, what you see here is just a small part of the family fortune, as well as my, as you call it, soul.A bet in order, for I desire to purchase your casino for this table alone as well as to know that you'll never come to bother me ever again about it even if you were to change your mind."An interesting proposal, I know I should look in the least surprised by it, but I must, well.Let's not dwell there and bring the rules, shall we?'As you may have known, the rules had changed in some ways since the last time the table operated. Time wasn't as kind and new attractions were hard to come by, henceforth, there it came, a rule of twelves.'We'll go this way, you'll bet on twelve numbers and see whenever or not they'll come on the wheel. Then, when the time comes, I'll bet on twelve as well and note them down.The person who has a higher number of successful matches wins."May the best man or casino owner win.' Said Roberto with the darkest of grins, sometimes making it seem that he had been faking whatever he was playing in the previous nights and games.They started and with each throw of the ball, it seemed as if the ball was getting heavier.As much as he was tired, there wasn't any denying that the red spots on the wheel had become crimson such as blood, as well as the bones which laid in the black spots. Both of which, the men had shaken their eyes to see.'You have lost the first one sir.' As the middle pole in the middle of the wheel got sharper and danger was awry, he knew that something was about to come of their bet.It went smoothly after, noting down each failure but the wins came at last, though tension had made him dry, in the end, he came up with only four successful bets which had been won.'So, I presume it is your turn, should I?"No, my dear sir, I will make sure that fate had the last one for me, as I will make my bet only on the number thirteen, for all of them.'The madman had tried to sound in the least daring and had everything placed inside.'He won in the end, hadn't he? The casino owner, he must've taken the small part of the fortune, right?"Well, does it look as if this would be the result of a small fortune?' She asked while pointing out the various sculpted marble statues as well as columns and higher levels.In truth, he had failed, time after time, all until the last one where, in the mockery of faith, he had managed to land one of the balls on the number thirteen, black.'Well, it looks as if the casino is mine.' And as he said it, from the side of the wheel opened the inner guts pushing the man farther behind, just to lend him some space to end it.The rich younger man looked in shock as the hairs and grass pulled him closer, not forcefully but as to remind him that a deal was a deal and the table had to be paid its due.'But I've done so much for you, I've cleaned your filth and brought you, men, to play until you've become so miserable, why is it my fault then?' To which no answer less than defiance could suffice.He came at last to the terms and lowered himself as into a coffin. 'It is yours now, but you should know, it will demand of you to give it all.' With those last

mutterings, he wailed away into the table as-as the lights died out, so had the night. 'Was he the last then?' 'No, dear, there were many more that were given to the table, but unfortunately, there's no time to encompass each and every single one of them. Not with them snooping around here, standing with us.' 'At least the important ones, it should get closer to the closing hours if I even dare to try.' His arm was heavy and the bag he had brought with him was finally placed down as to listen to her. But regardless of who came to the table and dared continue the tradition, he took on the responsibility, to the point when one would be inclined to believe that the man was cursed. At least from the likes of which no one dared check whenever or not he left the casino after. It was a strange thing for him to adapt, but the man hadn't slept at all, disturbed by the fact that he was trapped inside the place. From which point, if he couldn't get away, he'd rather build his own palace inside. 'Everything he ever had inside of this place?' 'Every single piece of his owned assets at least, that's how it just happens that those sculptures and the floor would happen to be made of marble. Old as well if you wouldn't mind checking.' She said with some sort of feigned smile. At least it was obvious that she had a sense of humour at the fact, that no one dared ask about the broken pieces. 'They're real, some of them, the statues that were made in ancient times. I don't know where or how, but he had got his hands on them. Nothing less for the tormented man.' 'Would he be the only owner of the casino then?' Which was quickly answered to, as it happened that the man had taken care to have himself hanged, from top to bottom hanging in his own bathroom. He couldn't live inside as he heard the whispers, regardless of the nights he spends, feeding it men and animals, creatures that dwelled in the night. He thought he could get away so easily, only by giving it the likes that play in the dirt and runs towards biting its own tail, but nothing could be farther from the truth. Nothing was as easy as that. It was then that the whispers began to torture him, during the nights and during the days, and not only human, mind you. The muffled sounds of dogs barking, as well as the shrieks of cats ran through his head, despite being of the highest rank they were still not proper to be fed by the table. 'What do you want from me now? You are being fended and surrounded by a palace. Yet every time I look at you, it reminds me of the fact that you are ugly and decay if you're not fed in time. I cannot spend more time with you, in this place of sickness. Have her now.' Robert as his real name was, had lost his accent in frustration at that point, having to deal with the meagre thing and with his nerves were all taken care off. With a few people hired to take care of the inside of the casino, he made some adjustments which included many chambers not meant to be seen. Nothing hidden from the staff, but most of the doors were locked. And in the most uneven room, which had the likes of which dug into the ground and dirt, there was locked the table, never to be seen again, waiting in a room so dark. It was only after that moment when Robert had taken his own life, with an instant snap which claimed his life. 'Do you wish to know the worst part of it?' Well, it just so happens that his body was never found, other than a few toes and a piece of the rope which was bitten off, they say it claimed him as well as everything else. It works on the greed of man and punishes it, to the extreme of having him eaten to the last ring of gold but stop at the fingers and toes. That had been the faith which was spoken off and which remained for a while with them. The owner came, the owner went, they found out and it was a closed case. 'So, it ate every owner before the current owner, would that be correct?' 'And every man, woman, child or animal which dared be brought to it. You should've seen the man who came with the monkey to throw the dice.' 'At which hour, most of them had already left, leaving nothing but the closing hour, the two of them alone. 'Shouldn't you be leaving them? It's the closing hour after all.' From the nod, she wasn't appearing as if there was any other step she'd take. 'Honey, I

own the bar, if that wouldn't be clear enough, there was hope that I would make you change your mind, as each of my predecessors attempted to do in my turn."So what changed your tune all of the sudden?"It may have been the bag of gold you carried, or perhaps the drink or that of which is it in your eyes. Do follow!'He tried at least reasoning with her as well, there wasn't any need for both of them to bet, rather, it would've been easier for them to go by the old rules. As a matter of fact, it could've been more pleasing if they were only betting as a matter of principle or.'Not, in the likes of a haven would I dare not carry on the game it tries to play between the two of us. There nothing I can do if a challenger arrives.Ever since that man dared take part in that bet, it took a taste for it, for everything in which both parties would have something to lose.'At which her life and casino came to mind, compared to which, the cost was nothing to be laughed at. 'But answer me this, if you've fed it as well and partook into the slaughter, how come you are still alive? Shouldn't you have lost at one time or any of the sort?"I have and I had to pay ever since if it weren't for the grace of the other contender. This is what it does to your body if you lose.'For under her robe she held a body of decay, putrid to look at, drooping as well.'It started like this once the realisation came that there'd be no food forever and no man or woman to comply to the high demands. That's when the system of debt had started, having been taken piece by piece and kept alive."This is a mad thing woman, why would I agree to this now? There's no way I would want to end like that as well."Relax my dear sir, for it is only if you lose, and even then you have a chance to live, though the trade is near and repulsing, having to live in this way bring no surprise at all, but misery, eternally or at least for as much as your life goes on.' Sincerely enough there was a hard sharp feeling that made me want to get as far away and not return.Ignoring it, at least until this ordeal was over, there wasn't any way I would cower to some tricks she hid away. There was still the problem of there not being a smell at all, not in the least of the stench that would normally accompany the guts in their way.'We have a deal then, mine against yours, we stand at the wheel, of course.' At which she nodded and without complaint lit the room in which it stood. There was something about the simplicity of it that was the most disturbing aspect it bore, not the promise of death, not in the least the fear he'd end up in a fate worse than it, but what it appeared to be like.A normal gambling table with a short end and a wheel at the other size. The many numbers standing upon red and black never lost their boldness nor the sharpness, leaving only the colour ahead still standing as it had been a few years ago.By the time everything was done, she wasn't paying any sweet attention nor giving her sweet eyes away. She had been trailing off in deep thought ever since I accepted, almost as if she had been inclined to accept her fate.'Alas, are we going to do this or not?"Yes, you know the rules, from what I've been telling you, we each pick ten numbers on the table and.' I had to interrupt here then and there, as something was definitely off with that bet.'Excuse me but there aren't any chips left, nor is there anything of the sort."Yes, about that, I'm afraid that, since you've taken that bet, the tablet had taken care of that as well.'And as it happened, out of his mouth, accompanying a small shimmer of blood there fell on the table enough pieces out of his teeth that would've lasted for eighteen bets or more.'This is sick, this is far too sick to be a joke. It has to be something, something wrong with."No tricks here, only what you've heard and what you've come here for, now if we shall proceed, do place your bets.'As it happened, the numbers had been chosen with a degree of repulsion, having been reminded that by the time there would be food to eat, that's when the pain would come. He couldn't tell but the chipped tooth had been on the far behind of his mouth.Deeply set inside as well, there'd be no repair for that, fifteen. Eight, seven, and other numbers that almost formed crosses on the table.

Without any kind of divine intervention, there'd be no way he could go there and get where he needed to be. That spot where there would be no way for him to be defeated. Though it came. 'I've taken the first one it seems.' 'Beginner's luck I say, I've seen your play before, it's nothing more than a child's own damn guided try.' 'Spin the wheel again then.' 'With it, there came another one, a piece of him which had been lucky, enough for strikes and lucky numbers to come one after another, win after wind, first four and a loss. Two more wins and a break, alas, there had been seven and three more to go.' 'Feeling afraid now? I think if I were to win to this, I'd go ahead and sell the entire casino to a lucky fellow. Perhaps I could even be pursued to sell the table or destroy it.' 'Don't speak of such things yet, fool, there are forces now that won't give you another chance in case you fail the bet. Do not anger it either in case you still wish to survive.' Though the warning waned and the table had been touched by something, as well as those words. Next three were lost, but with six ahead. He wouldn't be dead, no, not with what was done, not that now they changed placed where the tips of his teeth had disappeared. 'Wait, I haven't taken my teeth from the table, I swear it.' 'There's no need for that, as you've been aware by now, the table takes anything it wishes to without having to ask for anything.' At which she seemed to have pushed her hand into her mouth and started pulling out something with the barest of hands. Whenever or not it was a real tooth, there was pain involved, especially after when she broke it into pieces and threw it on the table. 'That would be more than enough, tooth for a tooth as they say, not spin the wheel and make sure you don't fail.' It felt smooth at the tip of his fingers, seeing the sharpness of its highest spire and how a single touch made him bleed away. 'No, not from there, but from the base, were you raised in a barn or something?' 'I'm sorry, I was curious to see if it's sharp.' 'Don't tempt it for more unless you want it to have both of us, as it appears like it's been angered by something in the likes of which I'm sure you'd know.' 'I understood woman, there's no need to continue reminding me of the manner, I know, just have your bets ready and let's see.' As they went ahead and saw to it, despite the anger and the losses, there were wins and many tosses of the luck ahead. 'I can't believe me.' That is what she said at the end of their game, from the likes of which, it did appear, that for the first time there had been a draw. 'What does a draw mean then? Are we both going to die then or what's bound to mean? Perhaps it's time for another game.' 'No, I've got a bad feeling about this, don't make any sudden movement yet, at least until something is decided.' That of which was soon to come, at least when the point came and they had been both almost taped to it. From both ends of it came out the extensions which had been sharpened despite the ends, from the height of which it would've been enough to cut both of them in halves. Though it stopped right at the last second and waited. 'What's going to happen now? I can't seem to be able to take my hands away.' 'Don't you get it already? We're both bound to be cursed now, bound to this earthly place until someone else comes. It's time that something is to be taken from us as a fee.' She said with a curiously gracious voice. Looking down on it, from the insides there came a hand and as it started, there wasn't any way there'd be a stop as the others followed. A sharp piece of wood came from inside, which was to be wielded as a butcher's knife. 'No, I can't do this, it wasn't the deal, don't do this, stop!' The man shouted, trying to fight against his captor, though as they extended outside, in full view of the hands, there came the heavy noise. 'Detective!' He continued after seeing the man break down the door after a single attempt. The sight didn't take long to make him understand what was going on, with those things coming out, he pointed his revolver at them and emptied them. Only to be drowned by the mad cries of the owner who looked at how the table released the man. 'Wait outside, now, and don't make a move after.' From the looks of which, those

hands retreated back inside, leaving nothing but her standing, with the meat exposed. 'What have you done, detective? You have ruined me even farther, now it has nothing else to fill the gap.' 'I don't know what's happening here but you're to come with me to the station, immediately.' Despite grabbing her by the arm, there wasn't any way for him to get her off. It felt as if she was nailed to the thing and from the looks of it, those weren't hands which were coming from there. Not any longer, as the small puff of smoke revealed something thicker and more shapely than a pair of fingers. 'Stand back!' With her having been faced the other way, he gave a few shots only to see them deflected off the carapace it held around. There wasn't going to be any stopping to that, at least she thought. With tear she realised now that there wasn't any other way, it wanted to take something out of both of them to even out the bet, but now, since one was taken, she was to be taken and to die. 'You cannot help it any longer, I'm going.' 'No, not yet, wait for me here.' With a striking dash, he was out of her room. What unearthly things she saw under that smoke curtain, only she would know or be able to tell. Else, someone else might've seen the least monstrous but humane, she saw only the most terrible of images which bore through her head. The sudden motion made her shudder. The detective had found out the axe and had come dashing in a rush only to bounce it off after a strike. 'I told you already, there's no way out of it.' 'How much do you want to live then?' It was a curious question and even more confusing that he would ask for it. As a matter of fact, she had wanted nothing more but to live, but looking upon the alternative, she made the motion. Something under her hands held them there, to the point of being no escape. 'It's settled then.' He said it with not any sort of feeling of content whatsoever. As far as he came, it only took two good swings for her shouts of terror to arise. That act he had done left her on the floor, to be comforted by him as she cried and flailed around, seeing how that of which was hungry now had to settle with nothing but a pair of hands. As they walked away, she had passed out, whatever showed underneath wasn't any of his concern either. No fear stayed his hand, but he was certain they'd meet again. But only after she'd be taken care of at the nearest hospital which ran. 'Wait, don't take me outside, for I would most certainly be putrid and die.' He looked shocked despite what he had seen and done and realised that without the proper care she'd die anyway. 'No, take me to my room and bandage my arm away, see how the bleeding stopped? Can you even see any blood left behind any longer?' He saw to it that in the least of sense, she would be safe, now that there wasn't any chance that she would die, sitting on her chair as she usually would. 'Top shelf, there should be an IV and some bandages there.' Rightly so, which were in the least clean. The detective still sat and wondered just how was the woman still able to stand on her own feet after what happened. Regardless, she asked. 'What about the other man that was with me?' 'I'm afraid he ran away while I was busy trying to get you out.' 'Not any kind of acknowledgement came now, especially since she was planning that to happen to either of them only to take care of a damn table.' 'We have to.' She said with a bitterly drunk tone. 'It's what keeps this place afloat, or else what do you think pays for everything? The bills would be enough to make one shudder only at the sight of the power used.' 'Why not sell a statue or something? There must be another way than pulling people in at that.' 'There's no way I could give up on any of the things around there, a woman needs to have her diamonds after all. Come on, detective, would you really take the last pleasure from a woman with no arms and nothing to offer?' She looked at her lowest and felt worse than she looked, that was the main idea of it, at least. He wasn't as concerned about anything else other than that. 'We'll have someone come in the morning and take the table, without any argument. If what I've heard is true about the rumours of sacrifice that go around.' 'Detective.' 'No,

there's detective in here, I'm talking to you as a human being. People around talk, everyone knows what's going on behind the bars and what not. The only reason why I'm not taking you or that thing immediately is that I have the courtesy of seeing that you are hurt and in need of assistance, nothing more.'The blanket and the water weren't requested, though he wasn't lying when he said that. A little jab at her, leaving the cup on the table, but it was rectified immediately.'Here, drink and keep your strength up, we'll have a doctor come up to you the first thing in the morning. I can trust you, can I?'You saved my life detective, you can do whatever you want and I wouldn't mind.' Something was wrong, especially with the look of defeat in her, a blankness of her own soul.To be more precise, it was something foul.But he left her there and went to his apartment that night. Through the night he wandered, from, nightmare to nightmare until in the rays of light had come and he almost slammed through the doors.'Wake up, we need to go.'A call was made from the public phone, announcing one of his colleagues and some type of physician.'I can't thank you both enough, let's see.' The doors of the casino were left open and had been left open during the night. How could I have forgotten about this? She was all alone after the accident, with no arms and no way to close it or take care of herself.If something happened.'Something wrong?'No, we should head in and see to her condition.'As the three of them headed in, making up for what appeared to have been the longest short run in the building, they both found the room she had been in empty.'Check for the other door, that's where was attacked.'I found something.' The man replied, but neither he nor the physician were ready for the sight which had to be. A mark left by the feet of a heavy table in four corners so it laid. From end to end a pool of blood, toes and pieces of her hair.'We'll have to call it, any suspects that had been the previous night?'There was that man that accompanied her but he ran away, there must've been witnessed that saw both of them during.'That's enough, we'll take care of it properly, just sit out of this for a while.'Such a sound might've been welcomed, but he swore he heard those whispers coming out of the wall. He's right, this place is getting to me, he thought.Edward shuddered only at the fact that he was forced to stand aside despite being the one set to the case, to begin with.Though that's how it happened and how her body wasn't found, having the casino pass by to the nearest of kin, a young man of the sorts which came from far away, visiting the town. Both a curious happening as well as dumb luck which had found him with such an inheritance which would last. On his way, at least he stumbled on a fat robust man, with what seemed to be a wooden hand.'Take care where you're walking you, dumb kid, I could take your eyes with this if I wanted to.' A bold thing to make a threat in the midst of day and surrounded by men, armed men to be more precise.Some of them had been officers, other soldiers, but they dwelled around, even to the point where he realised.At which moment he thought to himself, better stay my tongue if something were to happen and end up myself sleeping under daylight, walking at night. Don't avoid them either.'Excuse me for that young sir, it was my own fault, now that I think back on it.' Still no response from the young man, who must've aroused some mockery in a stare.They knew him well, the ones that came and went by.Some of which watched his every moved, weighted every action and each turn. Most importantly was the fact that he was alone without his brother, who'd normally be his partner in crime. Caldwell could do nothing else but keep his whining and complains to himself, as they'd most likely fall on deaf ears otherwise.His demise had been at the hands of his dead creatures and now he had no brother any longer, at least not yet. Not for long, just you wait out there, brother, I know I'll see you in one of them and bring you back. That awful man thought, at least from his point of view, this behaviour was somewhat justified.'Well, are you going to stand

there silent or move on? I can't remain here and do all the gawking while you're to stand this way and glance. Go on then lad, move on before someone bigger than me comes in your way and blows you off.' With which there had seemed to be a falling between the two of them as strangers. The lad had disappeared like an arrow in the inner bowels, leaving Caldwell alone to wonder how he came to this point in time and into this strange place.' Mysterious Gwakxes.' One peculiar name if even must be spoken out loud from a holy man or the equivalent of such, it was enough to make him feel estranged and afraid even at the sight of what was inside. Small gadgets and many artefacts, some of which were of value, the only problem with it being that there were too many witnesses and the entry was forever open, at least until the closing hours. So much so that the strange thing was that the men had brought their children inside as if they were treasure hunting, good enough for them, but how expensive and what had he owned? Worst of all, he was unsure whenever or not this was a great idea, to go on and attempt something which would bring him harm or set aside this time, especially since he hadn't a brother any longer. Well, I could at least try.' Out of the way.' One was already shoving to get through, though luckily for him he was in a good mood. At least this was certainly so, from the standpoint of being the way he's been. 'I'll wait no longer then.' He said it with pride as he strolled inside. Of course, his pockets were empty and dry but he wasn't a holy man, but a crook, a creature who'd take anything it wanted. There laid one thing after coming inside, which had taken his attention. Out of the cheap imitation and the toys that might've belonged to the children rather than the real stuff men used, one of them laid aside. Farther into the guts of the room there laid what appeared to be a functional looking hand, the right size, of bronze, painted in a pallid disgusting green of some sort. Despite not realising he had entered, there had been ten minutes since he was inside and stared at the thing. More of which would've passed if it weren't for someone to come between them and block the view. 'How may I help such a loyal customer?' 'What's that?' 'I asked you, Mr Ascott, how may I help you today?' Caldwell knew no Mr Ascott, nor had he cared to know, despite having known plenty of names and faces, that of which never matched his look-alike either. He shook himself and went ahead. 'Right, I've been looking for something to cover up for my recent loss, as you may have noticed.' He had to put on his best act, straightening his back, looking somewhat taller and stronger by the second. An aura of refinement almost surrounded him now and there wasn't any joke to be told about the sort of thing. 'I've noticed that sir, a terrible terrible thing, but I'm afraid that's only for the show, between the two of us.' He approached to whisper and went on. 'I believe it might be cursed, trust me on this one when I am to tell you that you don't want anything to deal with. If I were you I'd have one custom made or a hook if that would do you any better.' 'No, I will not have anything lesser than that, of which I've seen. You will either sell it to me or I'll have to find my business elsewhere.' The man begged in return, not wanting to lose what appeared to have been his best customer, having wept over the very idea of him leaving. 'Well, I guess I could be coerced into going ahead and letting you do what you have to do, after all, I'm not the worst kind of creature there is. But I still want and I'm still in desperate need and put it on my tab while you're at it.' Nothing less of that pompous attitude that he left the place free of charge having taken the glove, some jewels, a blue hat, a bunch of small bags which were filled with pebbles, a yellow scarf and the most peculiar belts which had been strapped around him. Neither of them remained useful and as a matter of fact, other than the fake hand, he looked like a jester which had taken way too much time in his quest to look the silliest. Most of which were quickly abandoned at some laughs and banter by the nearest watchers, being in the closest dump box in which he

had dragged one of the larger lads and snapped the cord out of his neck. Somewhat the hand appeared to have worked especially well, to the point where it even moved and acted on his impulses, some of the time at least. I could get used to this if this ruse lasts for as long as I think it would. With that of which he grinned at himself, trying to glance at desperation, realising he's bound to supreme damnation. That reason alone made him think that he had become a magnet for the worse of things to happen to a man, such as which a stature of himself wouldn't be affordable by the common thing. 'This is the greatest thing I've come on brooding.' So he thought once he realised what had happened before, this moment when everything dawned and his idea came to life. It was important to know that not only was his issue of being one-handed fixed but also the fact that there were chances of him going ahead and grabbing a hold of a new brother. 'But where might the man be then if not hiding from the sight of the common man?' No one seemed to pay any attention, though the sudden noises coming from the horns made him be sure that standing in the middle of the road wasn't the best of ideas. Again, he moved on and grinned, having to look at every expression and see whenever or not anyone recognised him as a gentleman of class. Bah, the same old view of disgust against my own person, even the disgraceful evil eye threw at me from a passing lady. One would need to find a place with greater class than this, but first, the ale, to wash upon the great mistakes that were. So he went from tavern to tavern, from the most expensive where there laid some recollection, to the oddest of them all, wasting what else he had of his savings while he thought and brooded on it and passed. The abandoned church which laid aside, no one entered, afraid that they would die. Despite the stories, from the outside, it was taken care of, only so it would seem as if there wasn't anything wrong with it, other than the fact that the entrance was forbidden for a reason or another. It pulled on those who came and were afraid, that of which something spoke of ill and fell into the decrepit state which laid inside. Whispers which weren't uncommon, the creaking place where three children entered after the entire ruckus on the mountain street at ten o'clock. Of which there were Charlotte, Myers and Jones, walking down inside the church. There were some steps, first to go before everything from the first floor fell into the pit which laid below. Unable to return not even the slightest attempt to climb, they were stuck in that place. 'What are we going to do?' 'Stop yelling Charlotte, we'll find some way out, or at least some adults have to come and rescue us from this place.' 'Look.' As Jones pointed out, there seemed to have been a door, at least, one which still worked. The only problem was the fact that it seemed to have lead to another level down, which only brought the risk of them being crushed alive. 'Can we risk being crushed by that?' Now, he pointed towards the ceiling and from the looks of it, there was nothing worse than the wind pushing the roof back and forth with such ease. With enough power and now that there wasn't any stability, they were doomed to descend only to find that there had been a set of twisted stairs, a secret room that wasn't meant for the eyes of children or the common man. They had been forked and went into circles than in a mockery of walking back and forth, going down into it. Dirt laid on the floor, tall doors, from which a knock, from a compulsion. revealed one giant hairy creature, that immediately pulled each child inside before there was any chance of a reaction. There wasn't much that they had seen as the darkness of the unlit thing made it even worse, but now that it lit a candle it appeared as if it lived inside a root. Such as the wood had given it away, neither of them could say anything on the matter for they were afraid of the particularity this thing seemed to have emanated from its every pore. First of all, dwarfed had its body become now that there wasn't any supply of height his house had. Most of the body appeared normal if the conditions were right, four legs, four arms, the thing being

set aside that they came out of the chest and back. From the front chest, a partially formed goat, counterclockwise of which there laid a thing that resembled a human speaking, the face of a weeping hound and in the back, there wasn't any daring to say what was happening. Most of the extras didn't seem to do anything or to say any sort of word but lay flaccid as their master spoke. 'Come for dinner? Just in time.' The man now spoke for the creature which laid in sight. From the chest of which opened to reveal some sort of amorphous substance that emanated even more light than there was in the room. The likes of which appeared to reflect the matter out of which the entire universe was made of, making it a veil of stars that ran through, from which he stretched and jammed a pair of fingers and pulled out dust. It sprinkled on a pair of well-done meat stakes and placed them at the tables. No forks nor knives, the children were silent but they each sat down while staring at it. 'My companion is soon to return and we are yet to wait no longer, for when you first came and knocked on my door I thought of the worst of time he came to bring upon me the presence of things that I so long desired. There was a knock at the door at last, but they were in no mood to make a move, not try to run. 'Stay right there, I think that's him, ready to surprise me at last with his long-awaited presence.' He said with the least amount of conviction one would have in his own words. At least, it was concluded that it was indeed something unexpected as it turned to reveal from behind. That face that laid there, out of the three of four which laid even lower, engraved in the neck of the creature, this one was the strangest. A crooked nose and what appeared to have been at least multiple pairs of eyes carved and painted on the wooden face it had. From the looks of it, there wasn't anything holding it together but was set there in the strangest fashion known to man. In a way, it seemed as if it had grown and those others carved in the neck were nothing short of the buds which were to grow ahead, pushing forth or pushing in, though nothing might've hurt more than what that promised. 'Well, it seems as if I was right, my dear guest has arrived.' From the many pores and way it floated, and the might, the size and how that body looked, rather rotten, this was to be their fellow guest. 'Charlotte, come, come.' With the woe, they made her sit closer and come before the odd thing even came, for it might've taken more than a few seats as it came inside. 'From that round white body, there came nothing but some sort of device from which it appeared to be pulsating inside of. Most of the many white lumps were pushing back and forth as it waiting to be fed some more despite the fact that the dinner hadn't even started. From behind it, a pink-like fashion of it could be seen, though neither of the children dared approach the lump, nor touch it. For, neither of them had any idea whatsoever from where it had come from or where had it been. The likes of which no one was sure whenever or something could've been done about their own conundrum. 'We have to go on with the dinner, it's the only way he'll let us go.' Whispered Myers to his two adjacent colleagues. He looked forth on escaping, at least to the part when they'd be as far as they were from these strange seated creatures. That of which ended quite instantly once the stew was brought, from a big cauldron he had kept inside some hidden piece of movable wood inside the trunk. No doubt about it, to say that this place had as many secrets as they came was some sort of an understatement. 'What are we eating then?' Charlotte asked with at least some sort of glimpse and a shimmer of the smell. Despite what he looked like, he might've been a great cook. 'Pig stew, only from the finest lot.' The man on the side responded, as the goat-like features in the front contorted into something of a smile, which hadn't lasted as long. 'Why, I would like it for a child to appreciate my work, for I am pleased to call upon myself the title of a great, no, grand chef, a maker of many delights of the sort.' He bowed and curtsied, from every side and every face, though the man was still sullen and the

hound still wept, at the end of which the last face showed little to nothing, pure indifference. 'Now, a bowl for you my dead, one for the sir, the last one for a grown man as well and we'd be done.' 'Aren't you eating with the rest of us?' Asked Jones, as suspicious as to wait, as he had in the least of manners to wait for the others to be prepared.

They had brought big bowls, the kind of which were almost as big as the cauldron in which the stew was made in. All of that for the two of them seemed to have been quite enough. Though they each bowed, a motion which was repeated by the still nervous children in the room, which laid closer to that thing there which appeared to have been wrong. One of the small things in which they had been eating had become all wrong, cut in halves, unpure, stricken by something which wasn't supposed to be. It was one of the small bowls which were cut into halves and had become part of the table. 'What have you done you, dumb child?' Shrieked the creature furiously, while the lump remained passive and seemed to have absorbed a lot of the food with the help of the apparatus. Despite the inconvenience, out of the three of them, it looked most content out of all. 'Well, I must say that I am going to have to ask you to leave.' Said one of them, though it wasn't the man. From the sound of it, those words weren't spoken but rather whistled at the children as they tried making their way out. 'No, you stay and you as well. Only one gets to leave now unless one exchanges places. But for what you've done, there's nothing to be undone. You have only a few hours to fix your mistake unless you desire us to devour our friends.' Jones nodded at the creature and appeared as if he had been too fearful to remind himself that there were other people in the room with him. Even worse than that, he dared not say a word or mutter, hadn't dared try making for a run but simply walked out of sight and stumbled into the dark. 'What am I to do, what am I to do?' While he spoke, the door close and their screams ran through. There wasn't any way he could've missed that, not a chance, though he desired to think less and act, as he climbed away from where he came from. Still, he couldn't do the last thing to get farther above and escape, as there weren't any object that would do. 'Help me, someone? Please help me, I'm trapped in here?' So he said, though no one heard the call of distress. If one would have to confess of the likes of hearing the shouts of a child, no one would come into the affairs of which they were dragged inside. That thing wanted something which wasn't there, but what could he do or give instead? While returning down, he realised that there must've been some way for that lump to have arrived inside, and it wasn't through the front door which they've used. Another entrance, another place through which it might've gone through, at least that would've been the easiest way to get to the thought of it. 'Well, let's see.' Jones as he went back in, through the veils, closer to the door at first. Eavesdropping was no way he would treat someone who got them to the dinner, even if it was what it claimed to be and looked as strange as it did. But there was something strange, once he heard his friends still there, laughing at something which was said, perhaps they weren't in the danger he thought them to be. Even if they were like that, he wouldn't just walk away to abandon them, no, rather, he'd go ahead and make the kind of preparations which were needed while they enjoyed themselves on his labour. 'We'll see for some guests to take your places.' He said while going on a wrong turn. To say the least, there was light now, moving into their high floating towers, that of which revealed so much space as he had never seen before. What he now walked upon were the most tremendous of stairs which laid on an uneven path, back and forth going as he ran. Without the least of stability, he watched as if from the towers, the slightly transparent legs moved back and forth trying to hold the balance and interact. Such lights were strong and mighty, coming from above, which made it even worse to think that those might've been their brains if they were really the creatures Jones

thought them to be. Well, there's only but a way to find out what they truly are, but I won't risk it until I find someone to replace them. I think. His mind was altered, he wasn't young, his brain confused, no longer blind. It was a mesmerising experience to walk there, even further as he realised that they were chanting there like monks. A strange word he had never thought himself of forming, the various cults and many secret doings which gather in his inner sides. They made him watched as they continued their march. From the sight of which it looked as if they had taken liberty in going too farther with their made hole, as the houses above might've had no stability whatsoever. In the case of an earthquake, there'd be no stop to the endless misery and destruction, for which he wasn't there nor did realise as he came to where he needed. One lonely creature, sympathetically laid where he needed it to be. From the looks on which there wasn't any doubt that something happened to it to stand on this synthetic patch of grass. Much of its body was already formed and looked heavy, solid formation, two-legged with no arms, almost grey if it weren't for the fact that there was a pink contour around. There was something about those who came from here, that of which he couldn't understand, might've been because the lack of sun which decoloured them and made them looked unnatural or from any other source. Most importantly was the fact that it seemed to have a big round body, flat at the top, with many layers strapped upon one another and a mouth which came from both below and above. Many sorts of things came from both the underside and from above, speaking horns mostly which made mostly sounds. At first, coming one by one it appeared as if they were there only for play, but when at last they played the tunes together it finally made him understand. 'Greetings, you were calling?' 'I've come here only to have two guests take the place of my friends at the dinner, nothing more than that. I couldn't say who called you.' 'You have, right now, and I accept.' There was a marvel in that but still, one of them wouldn't have been enough. Not to mention that the sort of friend that had to choose between one of them would be nothing sort of the lowest that came. 'Follow me then, we still need one as well, there's no telling what new rule might come or what he might do if I only bring one.' In mere seconds he retracted all those pinkish horns and got up to follow. There had been some difficulty to regain whatever time it had waisted not stretching nor moving, but it regained in the least composure to follow. Well, at least as much as those things brought the lights, as well as they, were slow. 'What are those things if you don't mind me asking?' There was the least of a shimmer of difficulty in the way it needed to stop to get all the horns out. Most surprisingly was the fact that it knew english, at least that way in which it spoke was fluent and much farther than aware of what he had been saying so far. Without reluctance, it followed deeper through until they finally reach the danger of the flooded bottom. There wasn't water down there but a murky thing of moving dirt that went solid then wet again. Such a thing made them stop at every second, being slowed, it was no wonder why they walked as they did as well, even with their height and the size of their legs. 'This will take forever and I'm not sure they'll have that much. I've got no other choice but to return at once.' With which he went on ahead and made for return, having been turned from time to time to see whenever or not his companion still followed. As he did, he was sure that at least one of him would return with him and help. By the time he arrived there, Jones knew it might've been too late though, something truly made him feel like those creatures couldn't be trusted any longer. Could this thing be trusted either? It was worth the short, at least if it meant saving one of his friends, in the most probable way. After opening the door it was surprising to see them still sitting there, without a glance of fear but rather a shimmer of boredom in mind. 'I've brought you a guest, now release one of my friends.' Jones demanded, with a

somewhat taller stature than he actually had. For a child of his age, he held himself rather well, to the point of having been faced with anguish and defeated it. 'One comes in, another goes out, well.' That mud finger pointed at the girl, in hopes she'd go at first, but it was Myers who took the initiative and had already burst through the door. It was a nice fit for the other one, but not all well for her. Knowing they would both have to return they waved at the most preciously sad face that changed, as well as having been remembered. 'If you don't find someone to take her place, I'm certain that she'll make a fine guest here, with the rest of us, forever.' Or to say the least, until there was the realisation that in the stew there were objects which weren't designed for the human digestive system. The door slammed closed and it had already happened for the other boy to go ahead and look for a way out. How quaint, that he found himself up there, hearing him scream in the same manner as he had. 'No one will hear you there and I don't think we'll reach even with the three of us.' Then why'd you take us out of there Jones? We could've spent the rest of our lives being well fed and part of that thing for as long as we wanted. 'With a sign of the hand below, he reminded himself. 'There's another way to go and I think it's large enough for us to find a way through, but we'll need to get her as fast as we can and run for it.' 'We can't run faster than them, have you taken a good look at the big one? His legs are higher than us placed together.' 'Yes Myers, but he has thin legs and they're placed in every direction, does that sound to you like he'd make a great runner or what? We just need to stall enough and be lost in there.' With as much time as they had wasted in, he pulled his friend aside and explained his plan. It was just as one would've expected, a hay-filled doll, put in a sack, filled with a stone and arms of wood. 'This won't work.' 'It will work, just give me some time to, there.' With another bag, Jones had become quick enough to jump and trap a rat in it, placing it inside the guest's head and seeing him as he shook and moved and acted out of place. This one that was set inside was quite a fighter of his race, as the entire doll almost looked as if it would move on its own. 'I think we should go then, we'll be better if we'll try getting outside and find a way to get her through, rather than try tricking them.' 'No, this will work, I'm sure of it.' With as much hope as they could muster, they made their way down, only to find the door open. The room was lit but even in that way, there had been signs of some struggle and a fight. 'It's empty, where have they all been gone?' With the stench and the trail of blood on the table, the worst of thoughts came to mind, unless one of those creatures bled the same way a human had, there wasn't any way she had survived. 'Come on, we need to go.' Jones had dropped the doll, unaware of the fact that his act had snapped the poor creature's head by the time it reached the floor. By the time they were half-way off the bridge, the light was as far as to say that there wasn't anything to see and chances were high as to fall down there. 'Keep walking and don't let go, we have to make it through before they realised what's happened.' There was an echo as well down there, going as far as to grow higher and higher in intensity. From which angle it came, nothing would tell, though it was obvious that those noiseless giants weren't the ones making it. 'Keep jumping. It gets soft then hard like mudd after rain and dirt in the sun.' It was the best explanation he came up with. His friend did understand most of it, as timing was the key to get through. As far as it went, there was a harshness to this that wasn't to be recognised. With each step ahead, one of them would fall behind, while the other had a few steps ahead. 'Don't try leaping there, it seems as if there's a hole.' At the right moment, it appeared as if Jones had his foot stuck inside, forced in what would've been his final torment now. 'Are you well? Should we return and try climbing to an exit again?' 'No, don't you get it already? Our friend is dead and we are lost, that thing might be somewhere out there looking for us and our only hope now is to follow

those things and see for an escape.' Even by his voice, there was something which didn't bode. Tall stalks of towering creatures that moved in such a manner, there wasn't any doubt that the few holes that laid in-between were much of a result of their stepping or placing far too much strength where there wasn't any need for. Such and so they ran and glanced, but no one saw them afterwards. Lost in there, following those things, they weren't heard, as their fate remains unheard. At least the glutton, shocked in awe, missing a line and sleeping next to a wall, for this time it appeared he had been listening and founded another house abandoned which had been freshly painted. 'If only every abandoned house was as beautiful on the inside as it were on the outside.' He said, with as wide as a glimmer as there came, there'd be no one out for the night, that was for sure. For, at least most were instinctively afraid to take their chances and go for strolls outside, no one spoke of what they saw, moving during the night. This time, from behind a crooked door, the shaken windows which were clear, he saw them come from places unknown, dripping on the ground, only to stain nothing at all. Such things had to be dealt with one way or another, even though he was sure it wasn't to be him who did it or would be responsible for that. Much of his problems now came from them, as well, seeing how he was ready to go on about the problem. I'll cut them, smash their bodies with my new toy, have them hanged or boiled alive. Even if they're not alive any longer, I'll see to it they're taken care of, shoved and shimmered into a most peculiar form from which they won't be able to do anything at all. 'No, not again, you foul thing, stay back!' Caldwell shouted as he was taken by surprise. Apparently, one of them had the distaste to snick by the window and be such as an apparition to an old man on his deathbed. It shook his poor heart to the point of having been blown out of his guts and right up his neck. At least there'd be a checking for the things which went ahead and had him well. Otherwise, he couldn't tell what it wanted or why it was that there was such a peculiarness happening between the two of them. There wasn't even an effort, as it came closer by an inch or two. Blood dripping on the window turning in a pure white before disintegrating in front of his very own eyes. Well, must I go on like this and stare? Would there be no way for this to go ahead my way? At least the thought of it was rather shocking, to the point of having thought from the rows of thousands of ways he could've killed that body but neither of which had any sort of reality or usefulness involved. With which was being said, he took the nearest thing, seeing how it had already been one head in the door frame. Caldwell threw it with some might at the top of the window, seeing it run down and behead the creature in an instant, without having time to get those chemicals which helped it melt everything it touched. That body fell behind while the head rolled in, without the least of which it had already taken care to spill itself through the cracks which laid in the wood. 'I've told you there'd be much to pay for you dumb thing which lays dead, now I have a supremacy over your body.' With a mockery of a smile, he spat on it before he took his dark corner and covered himself in what appeared to have been burnt trash, perhaps a door of some kind, anything that would help him mask the sight and the smell. Of course, that wasn't the only thing that bore a kind of resentment towards the least kind of which they shamed. For in the middle of the town they ran, making forth one another after they were done, moulding together into a giant loop which drained itself into the ground right at the hour of midnight. Shouts and smokes, ran from the other side as they had been summoned back, to the other city where hopes and dreams died, as well as the places where the bodies of the men lied. Without them, this torment would last for as long as they would be. Cursed forever to come at night and drag others with them, through the most wicked realm through which they went, as a link between the cities and the damned. 'Well, well, one had yet to,

return. Never the matter, we shall make do that he comes back once that of which had made him crawl back outside. Damned things getting trapped at times of need. That liquor of which he had in the various bottles had been parts of their bodies that were meant to be shaken and mixed only in a perfect way. One was missing in the shelf, a sign that was in the least a thing of dread, nothing about which was said. Another empty from a previous night, in which the dreaded thing was meant to bring someone back. Now, he looked at the table with nothing else but contempt, as he had at least achieved something of the sorts in having brought at least a hand back with him. To whom it belonged to, he had no clue whatsoever, but in the least sense, there was something intriguing about that, the thing which still moved from time to time, beyond his control. He wasn't the one who reanimated that hand but was rather aware that the thing of which it belonged had to be something not to be played with. Something about the way it was made as for how it interacted with the other objects brought on the table almost made him feel like it would give his location off. 'That wouldn't do.' He said, alas, with a shimmer of wrath which pushed him in the least off the edge, to the point where the slightest twitch of a finger brought to his attention the utmost thought. If it were to move around and feel the dread, at the grass or at my laboratory, I would be nothing short of dead. Dragged to the depths of the abyss, taken by force to be punished, no. With that in mind and well-spoken, he took a knife and shoved it inside the hand, making sure it wouldn't be able to leave any longer, if ever it had the chance to move, at least not without being cut in half. The effect woke up the man on the other side, who looked upon his metal glove and pushed it off the stump he had. 'Cursed indeed, as you might be, I'm yet to find out what's to be done about you.' With which he fell back as the night was still young and his body needed the rest. At last, of which it was obvious enough, he wanted something others did not. 'No, it's not fair to have you cut this way, forgive me for I have been rash in my decision of having punished you for something your master chose to do.' Grabbing the knife back, he remained well content with bringing a chain and a metal wrist grabber. It was the kind that had metal pins which inserted on every side, having no way to get free, unless the entire hand was to be destabilised and the meat around the wrist broken. With which was done, he went ahead to run his errands, leaving it alone. At nights of which it appeared as if he was listened to and the light got up again. Would it be nothing but a curious man or a thief than entered after the doctor? Stumbling in a place where he didn't belong was nothing but a painful way to inflict pain upon his body that of which he did not desire. 'Come, come, it's safe to come inside.' Three more men from every side looked around the entire place and took every kind of medicine and pills they could find. Without being aware of their ancient expiration dates, the place had seemingly nothing of value, at least nothing that wouldn't spoil for them along the way. In a way, this entire operation was redundant as they found but a hand laying there and peered upon it. 'What could this be brothers? I don't think I like the look of this.' That was more of an understatement as he almost came in. It was a servant of the doctor, standing there, tall and headstrong, with the dreaded appearance of a creature that was not a human. No, something worse about it made it seem as if the creature bore a dread which was unlike anything a human was to look upon, and more parts had always been welcomed. By the time the doctor reached his nightstand, near the bed, he had heard the intrusion and the shouts that died away. 'Damn pests keep invading the places in which they do not belong. A reminder of which to have Corvus's pay increased.' Lights out. Nothing was worse than a groggy morning with nothing to look upon but a standing stump and a glove which seemed to have malfunctioned, even worse than that. Perhaps it was the fact that it worked too well and he didn't

realise that something didn't belong there. 'Here you come back now, you think of rust, the lack of sun had done you harm enough but you're welcome to stand in the place of my stump at any time.' That was at least a good enough deal for both of them, as they came to the realisation that they weren't alone. 'Damn, they're here, looking for me.' Words were spoken at a fast, after realising what he had left behind, perhaps the evidence of which might've dissolved but the problem remained with the broken window and the likes of which what laid inside. Stuck inside his corner or trash, he retreated even farther to the point of realising that the same trick wouldn't work again. That of which allowed him to fall through the floor and reach places unknown to him didn't work. Not now that there was a solid object holding him back, that of which he abandoned in order to fall until a place was to be found. Fall, at least to the point of having to find a place to stay until they'll left. To his surprise, this fall wasn't to end up now as he felt like floating like a bloated balloon, seeing nothing but feeling the soft ground harden under him. Despite his initial anxiety which would be to be caused by that, he felt free to move again. It felt somewhat strange now that he looked upon it, but he couldn't swear that he fell for ages before reaching any semblance of space. 'Anyone there? This isn't the place I ought to be now, there must've been a mistake.' Which each step, it made him feel as if he was punished for something, at least for what he's done recently. Out of anything, he could remember came to mind, the murder and the fraud he had committed, not to mention the other things he had in mind. At once, after realising just how overwhelmed by the place he was, he needed in the least a shimmer of attention. 'Anyone in here who might be able to help me now might sooner or later be rewarded, I say. I'm a great man of much worth and let me tell you that in the world above I'm treated with a lot more respect than I have met here.' At which there came nothing, or so he thought until initially, a simpleton had arrived. What a small creature, walking on four legs with its small body, bulbous yet white. From its behind there had been an opening which reflected on the other side, out of which came a pair of glowing balls attached to some larger and longer horns. Somehow, they appeared to have been lodged in there, having to force them in only to make it dark again. Yet his need for help was answered, as Caldwell found himself in awe at what the place looked like. A bit annoyed of the fact that the ground acted in the way it did but continued speaking with the strange inhabitant he met. 'Greetings then, my name, my dear would be Caldwell and I must declare myself as the ruler of the world above, just so you know. By now I realise that you must be flattered by the fact as well as see something in me which isn't supposed to alter what you know or expect from such a great being. With that being said, you shall lead me to the nearest exit and have me freed from the emptiness which looms around.' That of which it seemed to have listened and obeyed, even adding a gracious pair of words to it. 'Yes, sir Caldwell.' Rolling over themselves, they went and stopped until he noticed a most peculiar thing, at least for himself, as he managed to hover just a few inches off the changing miasma. It hadn't happened often but there he seemed to have obtained a mastery over the strange ability, as far as he was as well, there wasn't an inch which reached the bottom. 'Here, you'll come with me as well, now have you only provide my sight and guide me where to go.' With an arm wrapped around, it appeared as if it was surprisingly soft and weightless, deformed under his arm but unbroken when it came to it. He was rather unsure if that was to be permanent, though judging by it, he actually didn't care much for anything or anyone else. 'What exactly is this place then? I do need to say that I'm rather impressed by the actual sight of it, not to mention your presence, you being a formation of strange long speakers and the sort.' 'It's the cemetery.' It said as if there wasn't anything else regarding this place, just as casually as it went,

empty and forever moving under his feet.' If it is a cemetery, little fellow, for who exactly is it meant to be? Certainly not for us, being as we may, the small creatures we are, most of the time, after death, lay in small boxes or are incinerated on the spot.' There had been a few cases of which he would've refused to go into detail with, not because of personal shame but because he still needed assistance and what he would talk about had to have the most unlikely result. With a short pause, most likely used to thinking, it came to a supreme answer. 'For everything that had once lived, be it, man or god.' That bore some resentment to it, as much as it could alter the sounds coming from there.

Most likely it spoke the language because of it and how it seemed to have its end made by a human, to begin with. 'Well, then, am I to be placed here after I die?' 'Yes, you are, good lord from above.' In the least of which, we spoke of different things during my stay, about the living inhabitants of the place, for an example. Oh and how we spoke of them, for they were plenty and spread at every corner. Some hid into the giant bodies which laid everywhere, that of which I still couldn't see, rather than at times where our walks turned into distant leaps. 'What about the smaller corpses, aren't they supposed to be seen at least?' 'Those are cleaned if they are small enough to lay in the matter below for a long enough period.' 'Isn't it dangerous for those walking there as well?' There hadn't been a need for an answer even if it was given with immediate care. From the looks and explanation it gave, that pinkish hue over the feet didn't come from anywhere else, something had eaten the skin and gave not much of a chance to regenerate. 'Does that mean you will eventually have crooked legs so rotten that you'd fall and die?' 'That is the man reason we die by numbers here.' The only problem with that being that there were giant towering corpses which had the look of ancient and weren't even close to being devoured. 'What about them? Aren't they supposed to have been eaten by now?' 'No, for their bodies are made of materials too hard to break apart.' 'But how could that be then? Don't you see that hole inside of the knee? You said that the material had been far too strong.' After which there weren't spoken words that followed, not until there were answers which came first, that of which he required to know. As for the giant creature with its hallow face, there seemed to have been something wrong, features crushed as if from a dark fight which happened. One hand placed to defend and as he fell, there came nothing more than a fetal position in which he laid during his last hours. 'It must've been a fight to put someone like him down, right?' 'Someone had apparently taken care to make a living inside of it, judging by the size of the hole, the marks of a fire on the floor, the knee of which was fashioned in the shape of a room.' 'Would this place be claimed, my friend?' 'I do not know.' 'Certainly, someone had put way too much effort to abandon everything they had made. There was even the upper floor which had a bunch of stairs that travelled from one muscle to the other. Someone with a bit of knowledge and some time, as those stairs weren't the rustic, primitive things which one was to encounter, no, they were in the likes where they had been carved and polished. Not to mention that, other than the strange decrepitude which could be seen between the two legs, he seemed to have noticed or heard something there. Upon further inspection, done by him and the company, he appeared to have found another one of those four-legged bumps inside, which had been resting for a while but looked surprised upon seeing both of them. Suprised being a strong word since there weren't enough noticeable features to distinguish any kind of emotion. And other than the larger shade of pink which covered more than half of its body, both of them looked as if they came from the same lot.' 'Would that be someone you know?' 'I do not know anyone else.' By which it watched intently, until deciding to open up and reveal its horns, light met by light, speech by speech, if not a bit humble. 'Who dares invade my home?' 'Your home now?' Caldwell

looked around and judging by everything inside, one he had the two of them fully show the room in light, it was obvious that the creature couldn't have carved the room, even if it so desired or claimed to have done. 'I claim that you're not the one who made this room, or anything inside of it as a matter of fact.' Suddenly it turned back to him and quick to respond. 'No, but I have come here before you and I have claimed it as my own.' There was spite in those words, but he dared come closer if anything there'd be more than pain to come if he hadn't received what he wanted. A room to sleep and stay in, safety and peace during the night, if the day was ever to come. 'Well, you'll have to share it for a while then, at least until both of us rest. We're here on a journey after all and we need all our strength if we hope to make it. Such an adventurer as yourself, claimer of giants could most likely be one to understand where we're coming from, right? That hope that we could find what we seek, an escape from spite and a way back to the world outside.' For the first time that freckled white face or opening lit up at the sound of which interest was close to being divine? 'The world outside, famed as it is? That of which I need to see.' 'Would you follow us then and come on this perilous journey of wonder and mistifying traps that need be getting us to return at the first sign of fright?' An adventure that was more called for than the peril which laid in itself, but neither of them realised that the farther they headed, the deeper they came to be. 'It's a deal then.' The creature said, heading closer, in reach with a horned tube. A gesture which was recognised regardless of the creature or man, no matter the species, as they spoke they went ahead and slept. Outside, as perilous as the night had been, the window was fixed, a glove apparently laid in rubble leaving signs of a recent entry, but other than that, there was nought. Nothing in store for the pigs who reigned on the streets and kept everything clean. It was such a clean city that not even the young delinquents dared leave trash on the bottom floor, rather going ahead and picking even the slightest shade which ran among them, smiling at the blue dressed men. 'Oh, what a beautiful day.' Said old Okam, with his pipe in store, watching from a most beautiful concoction of wooden pillars which had reigned in his head. It had been happening for a while, to have disturbances in the fantasy of others, now that he had pieces of stone as his ribs and the view that had been his house. No, the man wasn't looking at the sky, he wasn't even aware if there was the sun outside, other than a glimpse at the windows which were barricaded. Other than that, his face had been split, down to the point where his lower jaw was still intact and he could speak. It was something of a problem that had arrived even since he had ordered his servants away and dared make his own meal. Rather, it was something in that stew he had bought, from either a bunch of foreigners or someone who didn't live in the city. Regardless of who they were, this was a disastrous end. The man had cursed that damn vendor ever since it happened, or in the least, he used to remember doing it a while ago. Nowadays, it looked like he'd given up living of much of thinking having been reduced to something that was far below those dumb cretaceous creatures which preceded him. With that, in the least, in the mind, he was aware of the ability to walk again. A worm of a man, his body was split into halves, one of which moved to the left while the other went behind. It wasn't like the kind one would envision a twin bodied creature which would be interconnected by a set of wires or large blocks or would, but rather, it was a psychical connection. That of which forced one side to bash itself into the wall while the other stood and bled alone on the floor. The pain was amusing or might've been if something of a functional brain was left, though judging by the looks of it, every lobe and every region had been split into far too many sides for anything of the sort to happen. It would be a force to reckon with, now that it regained, at least half of the worm raised. From the top, it might've been a half, but at the bottom, there

was something of the furniture which connected with him and gave that disturbing roundness and the many layers which made him so alike. Some sort of resentment was bore towards the other half which had failed to climb by itself and stood there on the floor unmoving. It waited for something, in its own way and since this wasn't exactly what was planned, the scenery changed. At least, for the likes of them, inside the room, there were plants from an already distant place. The bodies of wood had become softer and seemed to have moved. It would be more likely that the two of them were now two separate beings, judging by the fact that one was hardly bready, even halved by whichever reason. Those heavy breaths continued but were much dismissed, with the stars at night looking peculiarly square, the dirt around, and the lost remnants of a civilisation that had reigned there, he went ahead and crawled on as many feet as there were spared. He wouldn't be aware of pain, that of which he didn't know about or that he'd even be able to feel until the other side was hurt. 'Aaagh, aaagh.' There came the rousing, with a glance at the rabid fiends. They were made for the kind of scenery that was there, well-formed, bi-predal eaters that broke their jaws and split them into many sides to fit as much good inside a sack which laid inside their mouths. Some sort of contortion laid inside the bodies as well as it appeared that there had been the second pair of arms inside which moved the body back and forth, keeping the neck from overstretching and pushing other orifices out. Hairy devils with no eyes, no they must've had, they saw him and they made a run. Even with his half alike, they wouldn't be any match for this newly found power, though it seemed as if at their first encounter, though most had the chance to get away, one slipped. It appeared like the body it had suddenly stretched in each direction, legs, as well as those limbs inside the body, the neck and the sack which regurgitate what was taken. It tried as well as it might to move on and reconstruct the body but apparently had failed severely in the process. Most likely reason being the fact that he had arrived just next to it, turned its body and lowered his lower half onto the poor beast, crushing in slowly which he looked. There was definitely some sort of morbid satisfaction on his other side's face, being turned to watch now. Either might've been a mere chance or the doing of fate that he accidentally turned him on his stroll. But now that it was dead, he had better plans, that of which he dragged the other side and pushed themselves together. It wasn't a sight to be looked upon as he had known for certain that the two of them had two ways to go about. Though even with this unification, there wasn't any saving of the brain, each side having to think in its occasional different manner. 'Follow, that trail, we go home.' Said one side while the other used to growl and grumble some of the sounds, which corresponded to some sort of direction. It was dry where they crawled, with difficulty as well, as the stone under them was pure blue of hue and the horizon half nothing of fauna any longer. It seemed as if even those things which lived stood away from what laid around for reasons that were unknown for either of them. At a sudden poke from the bottom, there came some sort of burrowing face. One man would be able to look at it through the telescope and frankly tell that it was a man which was buried in there, having no credence whatsoever. It might've come over the span of millennia when people watched with the help of telescopes or other kinds of watching devices that their appearances travelled light years away until reaching the point of giving birth to them. Some of the appearances were held, though borrowing revealed some tall bodies with hundreds of digging legs all around. One sort of failure was evident now, as much as they wanted to gaze at one another, the two of them had some inches in height over the creature. There wasn't any way any of the muscles belong to the top, from all of which they knew, it might've been nothing but a pattern on top of a hump. Seeing how that being did nothing else to interact with them, it suddenly went back into its

hole, never to be noticed again. In a matter of minutes, as far as it went he wasn't entirely certain about what they were to do about the entirety of the whole thing. Nothing else was there, at least nothing that could harm them as they went, other than the fact that they had been trapped. In a few moments, as both of them reached one of the small mud holes, the sudden drop had forced them both to fall in what seemed as if it was some kind of abyss which had no end to it. Down, right through it, awareness forced them to see that there had been various meat-like poles that dug themselves out and tried catching what they could with the help of them showing claws. Sharp nails coming out of their feet made them changed, with the help of which they could most likely catch any kind of prey that fell there. 'Let us go from this sick place, I care not to stay here a moment longer.' The man said, though unable to recognise the fact that he wasn't understood, he went ahead and climbed, using this newly found power for as long as he might, without even caring for anything or anyone in the regards. With a shove and a pull, he took one of the more curious beasts that ventured as far to see what was going and pulled in down instead of him. 'Oh how fortunate we were, it seems, another one takes our place to die withing that damned hole that wished upon taking out very soul and body, making us flee for our lives.' He had a bittersweet tone and a voice that rang for as long as they continued. Long claws were most equipped, it seemed for catching and pulling, dragging and taking apart of the cartilage and skin. The poor creature hadn't any time to shout in terror as they went ahead to the supreme act of torture. 'Well, well, we carry on, there must've been a way to see those holes that lay underground.' As that was said and before turning, what was noticed was the fact that despite the size of the whole, it was instantly covered with dirt again, right of the front of his very eyes. Workers, most likely, specially designed for this kind of task, highly efficient even, that wasn't to say that there wasn't a thing that could go wrong with their plans if something bigger or stronger came. Though that abyss that was so close to the ground, it seemed as if it leads to the matter of which the universe was made out of rather than a deeper hole. It was frightening to think that the endless unknown was so close to him at any time, though the world had become a strange place for the newly made, two Barrowsters. Soon, upon their return, people would have to regard them as two, he was aware, not only that but also the fact that there wasn't any way that they'd make clothes for them, not the kind that would fit them in the least. This size and that, a leap from behind as another deeply gorging creature emerged. It was another one of the previous encountered, which made him want to do nothing else but slowly take it into some remote place and crush what's left of its small head. It was a fine thought at least, thinking about what was to be inflicted upon that. 'Now then, let's make a deal, I'm aware you can't understand me but listen closely and obey. If you let us go we won't kill you immediately, for know this, we got the higher ground and lower body strength, in the matter of which you've got nought against the two of us, bloody dumb beast!' That scent and the way both of them shifted into a stance, made it look as if there was some understanding. Eventually, after minutes of staring and short sided turns, it started fleeing without daring to look back, as if there was any power left in those two legs to follow. That of which now stood like a moving bloated separated abomination now appeared to have stumbled upon something stronger, something worse, that of which seemed to have no escape. Despite knowing everything about the strange plane in which he had been cast in ever since his evening had become worse now that he fell. Without the abyss to end him entirely and as fast as it would come, both of them found themselves in some sort of lair, of which there wasn't any escape. Some sort of observation had to be entirely made. 'Look, it wasn't the workers who reformed the ground, it looks as if it moved by itself,

closing and opening like some sort of concoction of meat that only looks most disturbingly like dirt. Just where exactly are we and who belongs to this dark place, I say, let us see for ourselves and never return upon our grim and total escape. 'Sweet, sweet as this place might've appeared to have been, there wasn't any saying just how far the two of them went as it came to the point of going ahead to try.' Well, we could closely try to go ahead and take our chance in there. 'With which he pointed towards the deeper side of the gorge. The likes of which was dark and moving, as far as for the size alone, he was nothing but dwarfed by the size alone, that of which would've done nothing other than to reduce their chances of survival together.' Well, it looks like this won't have anything else to offer us but a chance to defend ourselves from the coming fiend that reigns in these moving halls. 'The kind of which both of them could feel the pressure as they touched both sides of the opposite walls and shivered in their spots. Perilous as such a journey might've sounded, that wasn't the least of their concern, what was needed now as it had always been was for both of them to survive and get as far as they could. Without judgement from the other, both of which went on ahead and crawled through the worst of spots, tight and sticky, as the substance moved. One wall would come closer while the others retreated to the point when fear came of being crushed. As a matter of fact, this was totally some sort of lair in which annihilation would be more of a promise that they have ever expected it to be, of which there wasn't any way either of them could deny. With each step and each falling rock from above, it had become obvious to their eyes that something was feeling them crawl inside. Look, brother? Regardless of what we are now, be it one or two, split into halves or what might it be, can you not feel this room stinging?' From the likes alone, it had become apparent that both of them felt some kind of sharpness coming to their sides as well as it got worse. Some acid, most likely, a digestive sort of protection that was meant to take the most feeble ones and have then slain. Neither of which felt anything more than the kind which was needed. Even now that they had seen, a man had walked past them, in the most peculiar fashion, it must've been that both of them had gone mad, seeing people in the most peculiar manner and the most unlikely places. 'We need to feed unless there's another way to avoid starvation, do you see exactly what I do or are my eyes still playing tricks on my vision?' From this angle, there had become obvious some kind of round, thick-skinned and many-layered pulsating breather. From one end of it, there came puffs of cold air which pushed the dust in every direction, as well as that, might be, there wasn't any telling why or what was the cause of it, but for a moment, that painful acid was blown away out of their body. It was the sort of chance that might've come to the luckiest man alive if he ever were to try. But now, as he came closer, there was nothing else but a notice of the size of that hole from which air was pumped. A truly marvellous creature this might've been, having the pleasure of trying to trap them inside of it now. 'We should feel bad for doing this, shouldn't we? In a way, I feel that this could be either an end for us or for it. Regardless of which I must tell you that I had an utmost pleasure in doing what was to be done between the two of use.' Which was truly dangerous indeed, as a matter of fact, this was to be done in a manner of way which neither of them had ever experienced. The slaying of something of this magnitude was to serve as a uniting motion, as both of them shoved themselves inside. Two heads in already and both of them could feel the density of the air crushing them, though not to a point when either of them was feeling worse enough for the taking. No, they were both still strong enough to resist the entire force, even to the point of breaking, where their eyes saw no more meat, an entirely different thing. Two men tied to their heads, apart, as they walked now out of what appeared to have been a giant furnace and an attempt for suicide, it had

become apparent that one of them fell to the floor, broken, certainly and supremely dead. Whatever happened to either of them that morning to have themselves caught together didn't matter, nor how they got the foundry, of which memory was still just as worse. 'What have I done this entire time? My goodness, I must've done some terrible things while letting those damn dreams take over me.' Which might've appeared as the closest thing to an explanation as he could've got. Despite the distant presence of workers, he noticed that the furnace was still on, deeming it that he would rather take his chances now. 'I'm terribly sorry for you my dear if there'd be no eulogy for you but I'm not aware of how many people have gotten into contact with either of us but finding out that I left the premise? With a dead body in it as well? That wouldn't do for anything less than something of a capital punishment, in case of the lawyers failed to achieve their given task.' It was something he hadn't seen himself doing now, especially since he was rather fond of living as freely as he could, with the fact in mind that he was no longer a dumb creature, but a man of worth to both society and the other things it had to offer. With that of which it would've been much easier to strike for something less, something worse, something better than what he had known. He would be someone who tried and failed, to live again as a pure man, one that wouldn't kill any longer. That was the premise he had set for himself, as he went on ahead and closed the furnace, twisting the knob ahead. Making it for the back exit, he was sure that no one would see him leave, at least no one from inside, that until later when there'd be time to retrace steps. Speaking of which, he remembered a flatness which now he had seen through the eyes of the common man, no dirt but stone, a beast was there, that of which he crushed. That he remembered but where exactly? Not that it could've been traced exactly to him and his person but the exact damage was a thing of many wonders then he needed to know what had it ended like. Going by the feeling under his toes alone, there wasn't in the least an idea of a clue where he might've gone. By the docks or to the left, to the public library or any other place, well, to say the least, he wasn't looked upon in the most peculiar fashion as of yet. That was in the least some sort of excuse of happening which gave him an idea that no one saw him do the horrible things he had done. With his outwards look in mind, no one appeared to have paid any sort of attention whatsoever to him. Now that I regained a proper place in society, it's time to see where exactly you've been. There's no way someone picked you up as of yet, not unless someone were to hide what had been happening for the last few hours. If time had even passed the way he had expected it to have gone, which was, in all and all wishful thinking, especially now that he found himself going down some stairs into what appeared to be an entrance to a building. For some damning reason, the man who had created the plans thought it'd be a great idea to make this long corridor for people to walk. Not to mention the mere fact that there wasn't a way to jump over it since half-way through it had become some sort of tunnel, which ran up to the eye's edge. Inside, there had been the lights and what he had looked for just revealed itself, one stray dog dead, but why was it here? 'Who's there?' Barrowster was rather startled by the sound but paid no more attention that was needed. With a rather queer look at it, he remembered one of those mutts that had tried jumping at him but failed and fell right through. 'Marvellous, quite so, it looks as if I was meant to go this way, but where would I end up if I were to follow my stoop?' He wasn't sure, nor safe, but there was a way which laid in front of him, luckily of which was open. Revealing the entrance of an old opera house, it seemed that it was quite fitting that he'd drag the corpse of the dead dog with him until they both got inside and he realised one of the most insidious concoctions he never thought it'd be. The creature, this primitive being was still showing in the least one sign that there was still

some life left in it, not that there was a chance with two severely broken legs. Judging by the wounds and the bot flies which had planted themselves, that wouldn't do. 'My dear friend, we're but alone in here, let me light a candle.' With both matches, so he lit, enough that there'd be the light to suffer going through until he found the proper thing.

The opera house looked not a day older despite being abandoned, let alone those ruins and the fallen debris that made it seem as if there was a chance for it to fall over. Yet, it still stood there, ready to entertain, judging from which, someone had been coming to it for at least a while, in which he failed to notice that the rows were filled with many small dolls, rocks, left out heads, that of which were either wooden or plastic. He peered ahead but made no mistake, he could still hear the dog breathing hard, which disturbed him, alas. 'Wait no more my dear for I shall put you on a show.' With which he pulled him by a leg, seeing the body bounce against the stairs and shift uneasily

as something might've cracked inside while the mutt was still alive. He had planned on putting him out of his misery, not furthering the pain and disturbance it had already been put to. Anything less or anything other would've been some sort of torture in the darkest of feelings. 'Well, it looks as if we'll have to pick you a poison that would bring up some lesser pain, no injury but a quick death.' From the backstage, as he notices, there was a usable chest, some sort of spike which had whatever meaning or uses that anyone could find in one. Well, as long as this was certain to end the poor thing, there wouldn't be any sort of complaint from any of them. That's what he thought with spike and a chisel in hand, though as much as he wanted to do, this one sort of favour and be a kind of saviour, he couldn't make himself go through. 'Blast it be, that I can't go on, I'm sorry you have to suffer through this but I can't appear to be thinking straight at this time. I know exactly what would cheer you up without having to worry about anything.' With this start, he pushed him off the stage and dragged the mutt to one of the seats. There had been an attempt made by the dog for a quick bite, but that was it, only but a quick attempt which had come to no sort of fruition, not in the least of chances. 'Well, well well, I seem to have noticed that there's still some sort of resentment between the two of us, which reminds me exactly of some even which happened between me and one of your distant relatives. That if you are even related at all, it's hard to talk about stray dogs in the manner of which you don't truly belong to a place.' His voice got harder to listen to as he started going farther way, at least in the time of which he appeared to have paid little attention and cared in the least for the suffering of the poor creature, right under the back of his mind. Had there been any other, it didn't matter, as the man was now busy looking and trying on outfits, marvelling at the treasure they have left behind in their fear of destruction. In their need of escape, he lavished himself into the most sombre of the old clothes which have been used in their previous plays. Rather, it was to be quite obvious that this wasn't to last, for each breath the mutt drew, so had its pitiful life. Before long, he had been dressed in dark purple in what seemed to have been some sort of tight clothes, of which there were the soles of dead rat-rabbits which dragged at his feet and rows. He looked ahead, and bow to the audience as he made his entrance, to repay them with some sort of grin. There had been many rows filled since the previous nights, though that would be more or less important, especially for him, since there was nothing but one special guest in him. Upon which, his return was to be silent and he found a bag of bones, there was a need to juggle, but he dropped them on the floor. Would he have picked them up in any other circumstance? Mostly so, but everyone laughed at the performance, none of which could be forced to deny just how entertaining all the stumbling and forcing oneself to fall onto the ground, slipping on a bone while dressed in the way he was. 'Well, my dears, I must say, for this night alone I pray, that at

least one special guest has paid attention. You won't be disappointed, for this next trick will require a volunteer I say.' With the open invitation, he looked as if he had finished making his circle of bones and just in time for the guest of honour to be truly entertained. Looking by that alone he wanted nothing less of what the others had. Well, a good show at last, before the door stopped the bang. As he leapt he had already taken the mutt from one side of its legs and jumped back on the stage, having its place right in the middle of the circle he had made. From that alone, it wasn't like he was going to do anything but watch at first, as there was plenty of time. The slow breath turned into something faster as the hunger could be felt. 'I wish you were here with me my brother, to see what's coming next. In my mind, I've grown fond of your silence, and how you used to look over me but If I might say, there'd nothing that would do in this world, to amuse me without you.' They were desperately trying to break the door, luckily of which he blocked it well, though he forgot the most important aspect, perhaps being the damning one of his entire campaign. That was the fact that he forgot a trail of blood which ran from all the way where the mutt was taken. All the way is just a simplification of the dry piece of something longer which seemed to have run through and through, most of the places in which that was to be taken. 'They won't understand the level of perfection in which this has to be done, not that I would like them to see. But only I and my brother can see this world for what it is, what truly lays below there, in the void, that's what makes this all the while more important, being as a note to myself. I'll have to be done with you putrescent beast and carry on, after which I would still have to find my brother who's missing. Certainly, you understand the reason why I couldn't give you the show which had been promised, that of which will have to be taken with someone of a higher position if wouldn't you mind, meet him in private.' That being said, he broke a bone, revealing a sharp set of pointing edges that would softly run through the back of the head. Surprisingly so, they appeared to have easily penetrated whatever thickness was there, to the point of having been instantly killed. One final damning breath when he realised that he would be caught in the act, not merely for the dog but for the body he had left in the furnace. He was seen. With nothing left to lose, he looked ahead, past the mutt, closing in where dust didn't fall on the ground but into the emptiness which rang from one side to the other, which would most likely go on forever. That of which was the abyss he had witnessed and peered into as he leapt before. This life without a brother and without friends to look upon and peer, could it be worth it now that I am to be caught? That of which he asked himself and answered with no words, instead he let go of himself. Falling through he closed his eyes, by the time of which they had been done breaking the door but found no one inside that day, just the many arranged heads on the seats and a dog which looked as if he was to be used as a sacrifice for some kind of ritual that wouldn't do for any of the common folk. It was to be well, for as long as it remained silent, as this was yet another mysterious murderer who disappeared. Past to the other side of the city, far, far away from where the edges of the grim and the bright met, there laid a crooked old lady with legs and hands which rang the bells, though not in the top, instead, they could be heard below where the world had fallen. One man walking with a few creatures that wept at the sound of the bells going. Caldwell looked surprised, having just barely now realised that they had the ability in them, to the point of being dumbfounded by the mere fact and the act alone with bore him as much of their sadness and despair as he had thought they felt. In a way, he almost had brought to himself a small band which would most likely do whatever he wanted, if word came to a little push in the right direction. He appeared to have kept that impression most of the time they were in his presence, as he dared throw more than a command at a time. 'Go and check that

piece floating there in the ether. And you, keep the light higher, I like seeing myself in the reflection.' That of which was at least partially true, as a stroke of narcissism not only did him well but it also reminded him of the fact that he had a brother which looked exactly like him. Such a resemblance was rather uncanny, to the point where he almost got deceived by it. If only it weren't for the fact that every few seconds it disappeared, that being worst of all. Never the matter, as he still hovered above it for some reason or another, though his little friends did not. 'Help us, master.' Came to his ear, and Caldwell turned with a shocked expression that did more than change his mind about them. Me their master already? Could it be that they have recognised me already as a being of higher worth than I actually am? Just in what circumstance have I found myself into and what would I have to do to keep them on my side? He asked himself with the grimmest of grins on his face, twisting to the point where it almost looked as if his upper half of head was to be cut in halves. 'Yes my dear, what exactly is there a need for at this moment? Do you want something from me now or must I go ahead and carry on as if I misheard what you've said?' 'No master, but we are in pain, we need to stop going as far, as we need to rest.' By the time he spoke, the third one returned at all of them looked disappointed, if that was even possible to read from their variously strangely faced expressions. 'Well, what do you propose then my small fluffs? You're just so tiny and so light that it seems to me you are to ask for my service as a carriage of some sort.' 'At least until we're safe.' With which it ended saying master, if not a bit reluctant than the others, certainly more to the point of being much more aware than any of the others. More clear was the fact that each and every one of them seemed to have prepared for this, having tied their long horns from one end to another, it seemed like they were ready to be picked up and used as backpacks. 'Well, if this is what you desire, maybe I'll be convinced towards accepting your request, If I may say a word.' They listened in content, just as he picked them and placed them around his body, with their light bodies holding no stray and facing towards each direction their both ends looked at. With no other discomfort, they continued in this manner, which was more than enough to earn their trust. Sooner or later, they will serve me in the world above, let me find just a way out, he thought, at least before he was stopped. 'Wait, did you hear that thing which ran among our ears? Must we not cower at the sound of a creature that's unlike anything other we've encountered?' As he asked, they became alert, going, by the way, to twist in every possible direction until every single corner of the area was at least seen or peered upon, sniffed or looked eye to eye. Such a thing wasn't to be done but pray that they weren't to be attacked as they heard the groan of something big. 'Is there something other which lurks in here?' 'Maybe somewhere deeper.' A thought that could do more harm alone than any other thing in their heads, which individually had already reached their own conclusions. Each of them had formed abstract thoughts of the organism which had emanated that sound. It had to be huge, for starters, one of them having peered too much at Caldwell to the point of imagining the creature as having a similarity to him. Large and toothy, but with his face and body, with the other two as well being moulded inside of him. Another one of them bore some sort of thought that it was the remaining side of a giant which was animated and somehow brought itself to life to carry over and hunt for what they've done. Third of which, that it thought of a serpentine creature, that of which he heard about in stories. The thought stopped as it remembered. 'There had been a man here who used to read to me stories.' The many layers of pink over its body made it stand out from the others as well, though most of Caldwell's attention had already turned towards it. He did much to wonder about the condition of the man who it met. 'He told me great stories and spoke to me in a way everyone else

understood."There had been others here?"More than plenty, in the hiding or in pain, those of which managed to avoid near death are not to be found or else.'Death was clear and the most accepted of fates he bore in mind. 'Could there be no other way of escape?'It was a question that in itself bore nothing but hope, which was more than wasted in this commentary, no, more like the crematory without the purging fire but rather that of which made them suffer to no end before they eventually gave in. 'Did he at least make it through or had he fallen to the same fate as the rest of your kind?'He couldn't have lasted long, something about the way you are, it couldn't have been that your skin tastes, which drives that one below mad with the taste, almost drunk.'It must've been a fate worse than death, at least being the way it was, ending us as fast as he had been aware of it, there wasn't any other mention of the man. Now Caldwell was forced to go on ahead and carry extra luggage, being as fair as he'd be, there wasn't anything worse than the wicked sounds that came next.A tormenting section of angled sounds which seemed to follow, before a moment passed, he looked away and seemed to have found the dark source from which it came from.Wide and sharp-angled bolts of blood floated in the air, or at least they appeared to be that way, switching from white to red to pink depending from which angle they came from. Though one might've even come to the conclusion that they were nothing but reflective, it wasn't as important as the fact that they moved fast and in various damning motion. From different angles and in various forms they took, it appeared as if there'd be no stopping whatsoever to them.One thing which appeared to have been the worst aspect of the entire encounter being the fact that there wasn't any stopping to them, regardless how fast he went. Now, being as shocked as his three silent companions, he only thought momentarily to ask something about his pursuers.'Does any of you know what those are? I do not think I'll be able to keep this pace longer.' He said while sweat ran over his forehead, as far as one would seem to look from one side where even the air was much thicker.'Turn towards that point and look back when you are done.'The type of instructions Caldwell had done more than listen, seeing how the farther he went remaining the moment when the reflection had turned towards the outside force and the following bolts actually became invisible until reaching the light. Not only had the air grown harder to breathe but so much more difficulty had started imposing upon him that he wasn't able to hover as easily as he had done before.With one swoon, they appeared, ready to do their mischievous thing, before some of them stopped while the others in their lead appeared to have gone for his neck.It was something unexpected that they suddenly stopped and fell into the devouring thing that tied itself to the ground. He wasn't expecting in the least this kind of result and by the time it came, there wasn't anything which would bore Caldwell any explanation why. Not only did he question the reason but also the disappearance of the others in their invisible world.'Those bolts almost reached us, what were they trying to do?'Taking care of those who stand outside for too long.' One of the three answered, looking as mightily indisposed as one could mimic an emotion.To be sure about it, there wasn't any doubt about the whole intention that laid there, either having to continue in that damning land where he wasn't any air or try ahead in the dangerous plane, being hunted by the reflective bolts. 'You'd better make yourselves useful then and find a place where to hide unless I'd come to the point of having to dread dropping the dead weight.' A thought most pure that bore not a single shimmer or tone of being serious.'We couldn't make it to the towers, they must be resting by now.'Sounds marvellous and well, let's make it to them, but if you wouldn't mind pointing in the right direction.'He was guided towards what seemed to be a thicker side of the region, in the sense that he had to have himself hover father in the air, just so that the thickness of the substance below wouldn't

touch either of them. 'It's all well, though I do wonder, where would those bolts be?' 'They're everywhere but don't let themselves be seen, carry on and try not disturbing them even further.' It sounded as if there was an implication that the fact that they were chased was his fault of all the things, not a damn problem that came by itself to torment them together. 'We were hunted and I've done nothing wrong.' 'You've poked one and another on your way, that is the reason they started the chase.' 'But you have told me that they only chase the ones that recklessly went out for too long.' At least that way he managed to find out that one of them was a liar, the problem is with the fact that they all had the same voice and he hadn't been paying attention to whom he had been speaking to. Regardless of which chase, the world hadn't stopped with them, as for pouring the cinders down the neck of the bells made them stop on an instant, now that the ancient song had to stop. It did more than signal when the ones that towered upon the world were asked to pause their walks and rest. Not that there had been any kind of control whatsoever, merely being some kind of suggestion to the manner in which she almost came to the point of having to beg for them to stop if they came too fast or too close to the point where she stood. It was a matter of fact that she had been afraid of screwing it up and placing each of them in the wrong position, which became more clear since she was seeing them in her dream. Old Demeanour, as her given name, a wicked young lass, as so it seemed in her appearance had been brooding for far too long in her small abode. Years ago, perhaps aeons in a dark manner, she had heard what she thought to have been the damned trying to get from under the floor and drag her soul to an eternity of punishment. Being the way she had always been, there wasn't anything less she expected, other than coming with some sort of shovel and breaking it apart, only to reveal that long rope that wouldn't break. No matter how hard she tried, in a muffled sound, she only heard the song of the bell. It was the fate which meant her to come here and find the bell in her silent house, to guide that creature which lay deep in her sleep and guide her to her doing. Compared to which her task was clear, she would have to go ahead, as drearily as she could and force their march to never stop, for as far as they were for either city would constitute a better future than them being freed to roam over the world. They were tall and mighty, apparently made, hungry and thirsty but could never be quenched, worst of all being that they couldn't die nor could they rot. Even their presence there was a supreme mystery which couldn't be placed in anything a poor old hag could come up on her own, in her exploring mind. What she felt was fear, as she saw them again in her dreams, the guardian which remained unseen. Most of them had stopped from walking, apparently stretching their legs and cleaning them, easily with the help of rubbing them across their bodies. Upward and downward in motions that would be repeated through the ages, apparently going as far as to be made as clean as they would be. Had the bell stopped or are they tired? Neither of which would be answered nor would a sign come for ages to signal either fact, would she be right or wrong, that couldn't have been any less clear. Yet something one, in particular, did, while the others stood there resting, being the only creature standing and walking in circles, waiting for a command. It appeared like there had been some affected by the sounds of the bells, that of which would last for many hours, though neither of which went on ahead without the others. Her face was such a mess, as was her mind, looking at it, whence she was forced to realise that she was glancing through the eyes of another. From the likes of which, it might've been an urchin, a bold creation that belongs in a supreme place of solitude and fear like that of which hide above. She knew their kind and seen them go ahead and hide in corpses and other formed structures, seeing how the pain drove them down into that pool of forming guts. Would she have done the same if

she was there? It didn't matter as her dream was interrupted during that dreadful night in which there was a quick notice of a man standing at the threshold of the door. An outsider, it must be, she purposed after glancing at his clothes, that of which appeared to have been of an expensive material, not to mention the bright colours that came with them, being of purplish-blue hue. 'What are you doing in my house?' She asked, without trying to seek for a fight and ask for attention, acting as a sad recluse in the mixt of being caught alone. 'I've come here to take you away and you won't be able to say a word against it.' He said, with a dreadful serious tone and a mad expression which signalled that he wasn't to be questioned nor denied. That sort of thing brought only thoughts of the mad and worst kind of criminals that would fill an old woman's mind with hope. 'I'm afraid.' She spoke but forgot herself in a moment, being caught in a moment when there was nothing to her but her vulnerability and the pause from the mad dreams of control. A cowl ran over his head from behind and before she could say a thing he was stopped by a small group of hooded figures, having the same dirt every local had around their clothes and skin. Their hands were the ones that gave it away though, and the thickness and the faked accent. 'You saw nothing happening here, this being nothing but a nightmare, would it be not?' Worst of all was that she nodded and placed her head back on the pillow, hearing the door slapping against the frame. What happened there would be none of her business, at least not in the likes of which she aspired to be or do. To say the least, she met the beast eye to eye, freely looking upon him in contact. Somehow, after minutes of being unable to fall asleep, she noticed that the man had apparently eluded those who had tried apprehending him and looked upon a thing of false virtue and sombre. It bore the smile of a man but acted such as it wasn't to be done. Worst was the fact that he had somehow managed to either get rid of the rope which had been strapped around his hands by force or by punishment. No, this wouldn't have been done, they had cut both of his hands, up to that wrist and continued cutting forth until a line was made on both sides of his arms. He held them as in tribute, trying to force her to look. 'See? Can you take a look at them for a moment now?' This had not the bearing of a choice but the bargaining of life, being let there to watch as apparently the vision of her dreams was reflected in that matter which ran through his wrists and hand stumps. By now, after noticing how absorbed she had finally become as for looking into the man, she had started noticing how much clear it was then in her dreams. It felt as if she was a giant, looking through and forcing itself not to stretch on ahead and crush those little insignificant insects, but wondered not with the reason of his presence there, not why they were looking for him. As for the damning silence, it had ended with a question. 'Are you still afraid of my lady?' 'But I never said I feared you.' She answered, with something in the court of a deaf tone which only brought the feeling of joy into his ears. Her words said a thing but there was a soft betraying of her eyes after long exposure between them. Nothing would be wrong than the coming moments when there laid nothing but a supreme awareness between the two of them now, as for this thing inside his body, there would be nothing of an easier answer to why he was there. 'You are to come down there and see for yourself what your long brooding had done, there's no other way for them to repay you for the long service you provided lady.' With a hint of sarcasm and mad joy, the man appeared to have promised nothing short of a damning thing. Slowly, he started being as inviting as possible as he went away and opened himself to her, in the most enthusiastic way possible, in which he appeared to have slipt himself down the middle, but not his entirety which remained the same. It could easily have been explained in the manner of which there was a soft cut over the skin, which revealed the dark muscle underneath and the reflection of the world below that held under it. For the

purpose of which it didn't matter which direction it opened, only that it had managed to do so and had already proven it to be true. Some sort of cold wind appeared to have pulled her blanket inside, seeing it reappear there. Even as she stretched her fingers to the other side, she appeared to have understood the fact that the man had apparently acted as a gateway between the two worlds. 'I don't think I can be a part of that, I am afraid of what would happen to me on the other side.' 'Do not worry about that, you're to head there for a reason, there's no need to wonder or to care any longer for that.' 'What about the bell and who's to guide them if I'm not here to ring it when they're in need?' 'They have already taken care to outgrow the instructions you've been sending, it's all taken care of by now.' For each question she had, there appeared to have come to an answer even quicker than she could come with on. 'Will I be in danger then?' She asked, with something of a deep fright which laid between the two of them, from one side to the other, one that appeared to make it even more clear, that this time she wasn't answered directly but with another question. 'Do you not serve the master as well?' That of which appeared to have been the bottom line which couldn't have been answered by anything less or more precisely fair. She couldn't deny that there was some force which guided her as far as she arrived, though it remained unseen and never made its intentions clear. 'I don't know of any master but I must tell you I can't go there now.' 'You've no choice my lady, not any longer since I've seen to it that you are already trapped in something you can not escape.' The premise of which remained true since she had already been standing with two arms on the other side. Seemingly so, she hadn't remembered when it was that he pulled the rest of her body in and she fell. After an impact, there was some sort of splash which hardened, even in the air, as the drops appeared to have momentarily floated in place of which they weren't supposed to be. 'Why have you sent me here? I don't understand what I can do.' Soon, she thought there could come an answer as a lard of a man, hovering in the air appeared to be approaching. The first thought of seeing him was in the least, one of repulsion and disgust, just how far could a mango, as to dress in niceries while making it seem he's not from where he claims to be. Various microbes there felt at first as soft massages but when they started biting she realised she couldn't stay still for a moment while the liquid ran. 'It tends to do that, doesn't it? At least in the most annoying manner and at times when it's most inopportune.' Seeing both him and those urchins tied together made her humble heart feel some sort of soft repulsion which rang from one ear to the other. This man is nothing short of ridiculous, a madman and a creep which seems to have gotten himself a belt made of those dangling creatures. 'We know, she watches us and from our eyes.' One of the urchins said, to her surprise, the distraction was enough to take her away from the pain in which it swept into. Something about the old meat, the decay made the floor trying to break it apart, seeing how sooner or later they would find the land's guts. 'Keep moving unless you want up to end up here broken apart and into pieces.' Answered another, seeing how there was nothing short of a harshness to her side. 'How do you all know this? What I was doing up there was supposed to be a secret. Neither of you should've been able to know that I was using your eyes to see what was happening around.' 'We were aware and not as kindly as the others seem to take, of the cowardly watcher, for we used you as well. The looking glass which was your eyes, they worked for both of us, while in our sleep. We dreamed of your world and how you spoke, ever since and before you went onto the task.' Some dismay appeared to run between the two of them, at least, to the point where they were aware that plenty of the urchins had been accidentally been crushed by those marching towers. Something which wasn't supposed to happen but was merely a slip of a kind, it wasn't meant to end up that way in the least. Though bearing

no expression might've hindered that of which was to remain between the four of them, Caldwell couldn't help but jump in the matter at hand. 'My dear old crooked lady, I see that you have set yourself in quite the problem at hand. It isn't unlike any other place I've seen that such a person of high rank as yourself would find herself in, henceforth

I'd rather be pleased to know you'd join me in my journey as well."What journey? I hope you're not intending on bringing that out there, in the daylight, where they could be seen by other men."But we were already doing a rather pleasant talk about what was to be done about the entire conundrum of ours, for you see, I've grown rather fond of them, as well as I'd rather have them accompany to my home. Seeing how they are quite useful in a rather plentiful arrangement of tasks that I'd judge as being around the jitty.'It took at least a while to see through him, but he was

clearly mad, though she looked like a beggar on her knees. Pain ran through her but was thoroughly ignored, especially since she was rather intent on being against him, that of which was quickly noticed.'If you don't intend on

helping me, then the rest of us will take our leave, with or without your presence, we had already a plan to have ourselves out of this prison and into the world.'Madman, you'll bring forces you've no regard for if you expose the people to those urchins, not to mention that you'll doom yourself as well as them. Can't you see past your fat and use your head?' Though it was irony now that she had been standing on a hand, unable to see that most of her skin had turned pink throughout the duration of their conversation.For what seemed to have been more like the execution of her kind, she didn't care to listen but look just how, in the last moment of what appeared to have been her life, there wasn't a mistake in it. He was a man who had lost his mind, it was clear in his pale blue eyes, slightly as they may have been, they looked through her, unable to see how low she had been. In moments, he would have forgotten who she was, while still grooming his own desire of vileness and escape.'You must listen to me, I beg of you if you don't care for the sake of the world, think of yours. If the world rejects what lay below you, to whom do you think they'll turn?"I can handle myself rather well.' Caldwell answered, somewhat surprised by what she appeared to have said.

Would he rather have gone through he would've left a long time ago, but something kept him there to listen?"They'll take you back here, such as they have taken me, though I doubt not that there were others as well before me that had to suffer through the same process and the same dismay. Neither of them had the chance to fight back, but I have.'

She was surprised as the liquid turned soft and what she had tried pulling was a piece of her arm and a fraction of her partially exposed ribs. What remained of her legs were covered in some sort of pinkish extension of the skin that appeared to have sealed the wounds to prevent bleeding. It was unlike anything ever felt by her but she turned out more than enough towards the other side as well.Her twisted features and the long face stooped down, it felt like

now what remained of her was something primal, long-legged on a side, while walking on the other side of the stump, it was only now that she had a good twisted view of him. The pain had initially stopped as the juicy meat had run over, and seemingly she had received some time as well. 'It appeared as if I'm not going to die yet.' She spoke in a series of hisses that bore through her body, half of which would be open like a maw into the normal opening of a woman, which bore the other pieces of her teeth. This twisted image didn't bother him to look upon, rather, he considered her gone enough to serve. 'Will you listen to me and what I've to say if you would follow?"I cannot promise anything, but I was sent here for a reason, which doesn't appear to be dead.' At which conclusion he nodded.The three of the urchins didn't appear to have any kind of disagreement with this new creature following them, seeing how she wasn't the same creation which peered uninvited through them. Least of which was rather well

enough, as a prize of consolation, though there was still one clue of satisfaction which, again, appeared to have an almost indistinguishable motion of twists which weren't to be noticed. At least, the layman wouldn't see, what they could now that they were connected, being at the unaware of the man who carried them and the mad wench which appeared to have taken the form she had been promised to. Withing their journey, what appeared to have been emptiness would reach some sort of an end as the great entrance was merely in sight. The giant gates were partially left open, it appeared, each and every single one of the hundreds which reigned there, through which one laid as a colossal one, waiting for those to arrive. Compared with it, the rest of them were nothing but the short ends of what would have to be promised to someone much lesser than the titanic beings for which the gates had been built. Such it was that this was to be, in this dark place, the five of them ready to enter or to escape, in all fairness, neither of them had expected that to be there. They were enthralling to look upon, almost bring thoughts of supreme desire to be enslaved, which was to be made on its own. 'What do you suppose there is on the other side you wench?' Despite the question, she appeared to have been just as surprised as he was, to the point of wondering whenever or not to answer that at all. 'I would rather wait and see, if I may be, it could be dangerous out there.' Of which shimmering wind signalled something strong, the mist from which ran, the steam and the air, it was definitely the place to go. Suddenly, after miles, they noted. 'Look, there is land on the other side, I can see a forest and the sun above, it must be that we found a way out in the finality of it.' 'You foul cretin, can't you see that it couldn't be that, when has the sun been as low now and how could the heights match with what's above if this place is under our cities?' Her senses varied but she couldn't deny either fact nor wrong of what was to be seen that way, walk after walk, pay after pay. This was a creature which was kept in solidarity and demise for as long as it ran its eyes and now that it was freed it stood behind a bloated man who spoke. 'I will be the one who takes the decisions here and if you don't agree, the path that lays behind you is yours but if you decide to follow us let us proceed and speak no further.' At which shame, provided she heard and apprehended what he said, she curtsies to follow. Well enough, for they walked through one of the many openings, clearly made for something taller than them even if it came to the fact that they were tall enough on their own. With which brought an end to the hovering as he entered and felt the ground. 'Would you not walk on your own for a while?' 'Nay, for we have come to be attached to you in spirit and in awe, we feel a connection as from kin to kin and rather not break it at all.' Caldwell couldn't deny it either, especially since he felt their warmth around his body, as well as the fact that he appeared to have been free of sweat ever since they had been attached around him. Coming to a point, they proceeded that way. Seeing the mad wench stretch around was frightening to look at, a half-developed being that looked at you from below, bearing nothing but resentment for the place. About which, everything was twisted in many directions, there, being no clouds shaped as well as the trees having been forked and moving at times when one wasn't to look upon them. Such was it that they went, upon the damned cliffs, the many stones which bore them from one side to another as they levitated higher than he had ever been. 'Hold still and don't let go of me, this could be dangerous for both of us if we lose out weight and balance on the rock.' There had been wise words spoken, at least to this point alone. Looking down they noticed a tribe having danced at some sort of giant carved man with everything missing from the torso, armless and most likely the symbol of death. From his hole came the smoke and judging from the fact that the human figures suddenly stopped and fell on the ground, everything went beyond grimness and savagery as they limbs and heads just fell off without blood or

shouts. Without knowing what that was about they went on to what appeared to have been the sea. In the least and kindest of ideas, there wasn't a way for them to cross aside. 'We feel hunger just as well, and there are corpses there we could be fed with.' 'Unless we are to start with you or the watcher you call wench, bring us to food.' Said the urchins, with much distaste. Not unlikely that Caldwell felt the same, but wanted to say nothing, especially since the sun was to fall in a few hours, if that may be. But he was hungry as well as them, and the idea of eating them was just as good to him as theirs was. 'We could take a break the first minute we find something that looks in the least decent and edible, how does that sound to you?' 'It should at least buy him a few minutes still, just so he wouldn't be bothered by them, unable to find out just how they ate, they must've used some of their multi-purpose head for that, unless he was mistaken and the process was to be worse. 'There, I think I see a way down, at least we should try talking to a level ground before we are to seek a way to cross the sea.' If sea that even be, he wondered, at the sight of which, there wasn't much to be spoken on. Water seemed like water, the she-mad already disappeared towards it to drink and satiate its madness with salt. 'Let her go, she might return even saner after drinking out of that fine gorging thing.' An argument would be wasted, now that they were so much closer to where they needed to be. He felt like the lowest lot now, being forced to steal some unknown berries which might've been of the worst lot or poisoned. 'These ones are well, and while I don't know about how either of you works, I say to you, eat away, before something else better comes.' Which was more than what they've done? Their mouths appeared to act like vacuums in their abortion, as in seconds still, they appeared to have completely overtaken the bush out of every small berry with the help of their horns. Well enough to say the least. 'You gluttons ate it all, what do you suppose I should eat now that you took it from me with the least concern of saving it?' Though the sounds of soft fornication stopped, he was looked upon, as the night came at last. From end to end, above, there seemed to come to a metal panel which covered the sky, as far as it went. Something which was most bizarre, though by now he knew that nothing would go the way he wanted, being haunted by what seemed to have been the dark memories from the past. At once, both him, the urchins and the wench who had been the closest to a willow tree grabbed onto something and held this. Though the other lot had a hard time understanding what was happening, Caldwell had some good idea of how it worked. 'We're being moved to somewhere, but where to?' He asked as he looked at how the dirt and plants remained, though the various body parts tumbled down and the sea still rocked and forth, he remained there to hold himself against a tree, until it stopped and the metal curtain took itself off. What was revealed was a rock of red and various sharp top rocks of red which pointed at one another, twisted, instead of going down? Neither of them knew of this phenomenon, though the presence of stairs in such a feud was quite disturbing. 'Don't make a word, I believe someone's coming.' Before the words were muttered then, he appeared to have been faced by one of the heads from the many sacrifices which happened there. His mouth had been filled with water as a result of having been rocked back and forth, but he blinked as well as watched. Don't lose your calm yet, it shouldn't be worth it, at least not until there's something worth to lose it for. The initial water crossing place appeared to have failed since there was another gate up there, which looked the same but it shouldn't have been. For one, the most obvious detail which the presence of stairs dictated remained the steps which lead there. 'You're coming with us as well, dear one, you may not speak now but I need a witness and something from here which would be able to keep me as sane as possible.' Caldwell had obtained the head as well as he had grabbed a leg from below, the two of which just tied

themselves upon contact, without making any sort of noise or give a sign of pain. On his way, he picked the wench which had been gurgling and foaming around her mouth because of the sea water. She followed as she pleased though, going as far as trying to snick their way out, the man said. 'Make sure that at least one of us remembers the fact that there's a constellation of red stones there, in case we've wound up in the wrong place and need to return.' That of which would remain as the least of their concerns. The sight of the sea-wench was disturbing, though neither of them appeared concerned. 'Wait, there's a decrepit thing about that on which you're walking on.' It was the stairs the urchins were talking about, and not only was their form the way it was but everything seemed to have been brighter, unchanging. By the time they were at the top and walking on the same spots which might've been unwalkable upon if they were crossing through the same way, they all noticed that the damn floor wasn't liquefying any longer. 'This is more than well, but neither of you appears to be pleased, can't you see that I no longer have to hover to avoid the pain? Won't you go down there for a moment?' 'Nay, we are to stay tied for when it comes, the land might change the way it was.' Each of them was determined and confused, most of all the one footed-head and the wench. The dark greyish land around had a fuzzy roundness which moved in the far distance, as well as the fact that it might've made every seems to be short-sighted. Not a fair trade, if it came to the fact that they were actually looking for an escape. If everything did indeed remain the same. With the darker city being cleaner, and the other one being on the same, there wasn't a hanging for some time, nor had there been the gallows. Though the sky was dark and sabbath dancing, there had been those ones in the shadows glancing, upon that sharpened thing and giant man. He came at last from his den, which had been hidden somewhere in the town, looked upon in high renown. From behind him yet he carried, busy as the world above, never to marry, never to leave children behind, he took those he used and grabbed the blade from the gallows to use it as a razor. Various wenches, men of wood, those who lived there as well as any other rude creature just went out of their way to stay away, looking at how the gallows had been used for the worst purpose, as a blade of shaving, an insult for what they were made for. Someone had to rise up to him and teach him about manners, at least that went as far. Nothing should've gone the way it did, though he wasn't able to see it coming, how the blade suddenly switched places with the spot where his fingers had been. Suddenly they fell away and the wretch curled and ran away, abandoned those poor women he had kidnapped for his dark liking. There wasn't at least one who hadn't taken the change, looking behind how he was to be driven to the dark waters in the bay and drowned. Now that there wasn't only but a hand left, and the citizens had the upper ground, he looked at the stones and how they had been thrown against him, being shouted and spat upon. They had been taking full advantage of their position and angles in order to get as many cheap shots in as it was possible. In a way, it was even more clear that no one expected him to be that way, with the lowest of the low, there came a pebble. From the angle in which it got thrown and with an unearthly strike, it managed to rip off an entire finger from his one working hand, leaving him a blasphemy of thoughts of rage. With a full turn, he ran through one of the buildings and pushed himself through until the point where the entire structure fell down with everyone inside almost crushed because of the strength and force with which it appeared to have come through. 'Well, follow him your digits, we can't let that thing escape and get a tall foot on us again. He'll take our women and then our lands, and that we cannot abide.' With shovels, they had been armed and already had they been inside that the man had come through the opposite wall, bringing the entire building down on them and crushing them alive. They were dead

in seconds or would've been if it weren't for the ones that still made sound from down under. Regardless of which they followed a trail of destruction which was left in the city, going as far as to where the factory was, and whence he hid and listened. There hadn't been any footsteps which were left behind, at least of that he could be certain in a way, most likely since there wasn't a should either to see him enter, he could stand there for as long as he needed. No one in sight, but it was dark and he was shaking. He's suffered far too much for one such as himself to go away from that of which needed to be done, they all should've been killed when he had the chance to do it, even if there was a slight remorse. Death was final, and everything behind wasn't, that's what his momma always told him. With a bit of everything in mind, a voice from the same room called to him and said. 'Do you want a way out, do you want to escape from this city? You've come to the right place if that's your purpose. I can build you something you, something smaller which would let you be free, all of which is needed if this current body and we're all set.' It seemed that the perfect one had arrived, even without his awareness, though he had a mad desire to strike at whatever mad ravaging man thought he'd do or say, he wasn't in sight. Worse, they were approaching and he could hear them from outside. 'What do you want for it?' He asked in a most peculiarly humble voice, with which it had become obvious, even though he had paid little attention to what was the price. 'As I have said, I get to keep your body and you'll get to keep mine, but instead of walking freely now, you'll return once per year at the same date as today to change it before it rots away.' Oh and what a marvellous body that might've been, even the thought of which to own, as for the missing hand and fingers, those of which were replaceable, even by the slightest terms of having them needed. There was something else he wanted as well though as the terms extended. 'Servitude, for one hundred of those days each year, for you have brought them to my doorstep and threatened to ruin my entire operation.' 'No, you cannot force me to do that, I can shout and show you what you'll have to deal with.' Indeed, he raised himself and tried stretching, leaving beads of blood fall off onto the floor as soon as he was done. There wasn't something menacing left, nor could his shouts be heard, even though the angry citizens were only meters away from him, planning and muttering as well. 'As you will do good and listen for my patience grows thin.' 'I won't be your servant, never.' 'Then I will have what's left of your body and take you inside my many pieces of walking toys.' It was to be a long night after all and none of the screams of terror was ever heard. Though his consciousness remained, split into many little pieces of unmoving wood, he saw, through all of their eyes at the same time, hearing the echo through all of their ears but unable to speak, for their mouths were closed. Was servitude that bad compared to this damning torture in which he was set? At worse of times, the wind had stretched over and pushed one of his sides on the floor, splitting what he could see while everything remained still to him. He was unaware of just how far this had to go and exactly when this would've ended, but the riot had never reached the factory and now, during the morning he could look at that thing and how it worked on his body. For one to admire himself was forbidden, now, he looked as if that was the corpse of something which had been, worked upon by a madman and his dream. While promising bodies grew old, he wasn't aware of anything else, but how that thing was to repair it while keeping it alive. Something did, at least, that dumbness was present whence it opened eyes to look in the same spot with nothing going on. His fingers had to be replaced, the bleeding had long stopped as well, unable to say nor to be certain what it was meant for it to accomplish by repairing a body without a mind. Could it be that it had to do with something that? One knock on the door and he responded. 'You may enter.' A young man appeared from the other side of the door, from

which demeanour, he was clean but most likely had done something wrong which brought him to this place of misfortune. 'I have come at the date we've set.' 'Good, and I suppose you weren't followed, nor questioned and have spent the year well?' There was a nod from one side to the other, most curiously he couldn't stop staring at the big body on the corpse. It wasn't something he'd get to see often. Most importantly remained as a fact that they weren't supposed to ask one another about either of the things they've done, having their business remain private on both sides. Much of what appeared on the newcomer's body could be described as minor bruises and some cuts, the rest of which means that he was kept in a good condition. So much as to say there wasn't anyone around to look how they would go ahead about the switch, bone to bone and the skin was to dry off, for the giant was to be still worked on. 'I could take a break and change you to a new one, if you don't mind, there's nothing which would go wrong with it as much as I work fast.' The condition was met, and the new body was brought from the machine in the back. No one, other than the stranger who had made the offer saw it work, only that he had the bodies prepared just in time, bringing what appeared to have been a reflection of the current guest. He looked at it but asked for nought. 'Would it be possible for the fact to be changed now? I've run into some trouble my dear sir and I've yet to escape.' The request was fair and from what he remembered, there was one which was long abandoned. 'Do you suppose I could give you the wooden face of a dead man? It shouldn't be much trouble if you were to get a queer look upon you from time to time as long as you bow your head or turn away. Much better than what it would've looked like if I were to carve your face out of my mind.' Such a handsome fellow did he look, as he turned away and saw the fact that the day was shimmeringly approaching, so had he realised that there wasn't a chance either to ask for anything else. They shook on it and got to work immediately, exchanging body to body and face anew, as far as being concerned, there was a pleasure, much of it now, which went on ahead as he was given a mirror. 'You're grand, you're mighty, you're an artist if I may say. I've never seen such a work of you, as for the wood to look even more life-like than it had ever been before.' At which invitation, the stranger bowed and welcomed the man to get away while there was time. 'As an artist I must return to my work, repairing the body that you've to behold. Ask no question but do return one year after as we established.' And with that, the man wasn't to be seen around, he disappeared for another year, without having any longer having to fear. 'Well, to do, well to do, I'll have to care for you too.' With which, he felt pity and continued his motion in order to restore all pieces of wood into being straight. He was aware just how much suffering he'd have to attend to as well as the fact that in this room he wasn't the monster. 'I'll work on your body and when you'll have calmed yourself, I'm sure we could work something out. But that of which you see down there is now mine, as you have entered in my palace benign.' With which there came the work which would've saved him much of what was needed to be done. Ripping away some of his hair, the clothes which weren't needed, covering for the wounds around his body. So many of them had apparently thought that throwing rocks was enough to crush the poor old thing, though they bounced away against the thickness of the skin. He was to be something grand, with a long wooden arm attached to the stump which had been his hand. Some measurements were to be taken but it would do for the time, the body was to survive by means alone, being dead, the thirst being taken care off as well as each need which forced him to be kept alive. Meanwhile, down into that cursed oblivion in which they walked upon, it appeared to have been too quiet for comfort. Worse than that, there had been plenty of columns which lead towards the top of the world. Built by men from the looks of them, not to mention the fact that the number of them almost

made it seem as if they hadn't been used for escape. 'These weren't there when last we came into the place, were they?' Caldwell seemed to have been trying to look around for anything, including the giant corpse in which they had spent the night, but nothing laid there. Perfectly abandoned to the point where they took the chance to go on ahead and escape. 'Be careful, for this world is new.' 'It isn't for the likes of us, her or even you.' They spoke as if they knew something, much of what they had been aware even before they stepped in, but this wasn't about to end immediately and right. Not now, since everything was to be seen as wrong. Climbing at least appeared to have been easy, from his perspective, which didn't add too much, to begin with. Neither of them was prepared to be able to go on and be able to come out in one of the houses, during the dinner of a husband and wife. Both of them looked surprised, having sealed the entry for far too long before, only to be greeted by a robust person with some sort of strange bright device around him and a creature of utmost bizarre. There had been no shouts in that regard but neither of them appeared to have said a word in the matter, especially since they had been caught in a most peculiar moment of their meal. Nothing was to be the same around, but at least to be free, lacking manners as well as he could see. Perhaps phantasm might've appeared inside their house, playing tricks as well as fooling around despite having done what needed to be done the previous day. 'Don't look, they mustn't be what they appear to be, my dear, just keep eating until they're gone.' Though by the second he noted what laid on the table, Caldwell snatched a big piece of cooked pork and ate it with less regard for either of them, having grabbed a few vegetables as well as he poured himself a cup of wine. Without a second to see, the table was halved in terms of food, as it just happened that he did inquire of the rest of them. 'Wench, do you need to eat now? We've got a long journey after all.' The answer is as obviously cryptic to the point of being unable to be taken from her eyes, nor from her weird body movements. 'What about you the three of you? Certainly, those fruits you ate couldn't have satisfied you there.' 'We are full, all of us, there's no need for any further attempt to satiate what isn't there.' A grim answer which appeared to have bored through one another, as well as he came to his senses. With which, he went on ahead to walk, sniffing around to the point of having noticed that the look on both the husband and his wife was somewhat more shocked at this point. At least since the table was now empty of food mostly because of him, including the fact that he had even the nerve to take it out of their hands. If chances were, he would've eaten the table, though they had work to do, the world to see. 'We are free now, and we must return to where we have to. Though I am afraid that we might have to momentarily part ways, at least until a better moment comes for us to see one another.' He mainly referred to the wench who might've presented more than enough trouble than it might've stood to have another hand around. 'Must we leave as well?' 'No, you will stay with me and make yourself useful when there's need for it, but I must admit I've grown rather fond of the warmth your bodies provided against mine.' Interestingly enough, she wasn't to be separated from him, there was little desire, through force came at play. 'Leave now before I am forced to go ahead and make you comply with my wish. I've nothing to say to you nor do I have to pay any attention to your wishes to remain. Furthermore, if ever I would require of you to follow, I would know where to find you, since I am aware that this is where you belong.' With a drone of a voice, going as deep and at the same time lighter than that of an animal she only repeated. 'Home.' Two times, at least, until she moved on to the other side of the bushes and the thicket between the alleys. How worse might this town have been that they let it go in such a manner? Despite everything at hand, it appeared as if there were plants which had overgrown their stay and almost impaled the coming buildings. The bloody black

rains didn't help either, not that it mattered. 'Let us go now, before the weather changes, I've still got something to find before, before, before something.' His tone was muffled by a surprise far greater than what he had expected, even from the distance, it had looked as if the towering being had escaped, at least one of them, frozen against the tallest building in the lightest of towns. From the looks of which, either it was resting or dead, the legs being spread across the town as the rest of the body was tilted. 'What happened while we were away?' He asked, only to be answered by the likes of the urchins. 'There had been some sort of escape from what it seems. You need to go ahead and look at what happened around the town, it's your responsibility.' Came the other as he said it, looking through the broken bridge, it looked as if he hadn't entered a community any longer, but a war zone. No, at least that would've implied some sort of fight, but this wasn't anything close, from the like of which, it stroke first with its legs, crushing the entrances of the various buildings, with no soul in sight. The furthest ones walked on the streets in the distance, dressed in suits of dark yellow, red, wearing masks that would let them breathe with the help of tubes. At the sight of Caldwell some of which appeared to have exchanged glances before they suddenly ran from sight. It wasn't going the way he planned and as he approached, the more clear it had become that this wasn't the end of the creature, now that there wasn't any tune playing. Speaking of which, in the city, dark, the hidden home, covered in moss and seemingly a giant concoction of grown strewn cones, laid abandoned in her house. The wench arrived immediately and looked upon her home and what was laid, apparently, no one had uncovered that of which guided the ones, and at the time being she was forced to open that trap door off the floor with the help of her teeth alone. Caldwell on the other side gasped at the sight of which, much of him was surrounded by those peculiarly dressed survivors, that they were. 'State your business or return from whence you came from.' There was a coldness in the voice, that of a man which would be forced to do whatever he needed to do in order to survive. Each of them was the same, though he knew how to deal with them. 'I am only trying to return to my home from a long prolonged vacation and it seemed as if there's much that I have missed.' 'Very well, we shall take you to our Lord and see what he thinks of you.' 'Would that be your captain or the one in charge?' With a bunch of laughs, he had become aware that they weren't talking of a human, but instead he was being led towards the towering creature and where it lay. Most of them must've grinned under their mask, at least if they thought that creature to be alive, or even worse, to actually have thoughts tied about them whatsoever. He wasn't even going to pay the least attention if it weren't for the collar around his body which prevented him from falling below. The thought of which, to abandoned them could come at any moment, if chances are not as kindly as he thought them to be. 'Why is your master the way it is and where are the others?' It was a dangerous game he was playing, especially since there was information which he wasn't supposed to know. 'How do you know about the others? No one is supposed to know about them, no one but the trustees. Who exactly are you then if not a man who appears to have come to mess with us in the strangest of manners?' With at least a second glance, one of the leaders, if so could he be called, appeared as if there was some kind of understanding after seeing that the damned man looked as if he had come from the strangest of places, with the urchins appearing only now into the light of their eyes, most of which had realised that there was something wrong about the man. Wrong, being in the least of words something as docile as to think of him less of a threat, but no, in the least of sense, he was to be treated the way he had been taken as. 'On your knees, you're our prisoner now and shall walk like a damn mutt if we want to.' There wasn't much room for argument either, especially since there

was the least sense in his mind no to go on ahead and form a mutiny there and then with so many people watching. Caldwell had only seen them from time to time, trying to throw an evil eye or grasp at the strangeness he had. Neither of them appeared to have been close to the extreme worship of the one resting creature which had been the cause of all destruction. 'Do they all share this thought of yours or are they hiding for some reason?' He spoke like a dog and almost acted like one, being pushed from time to time by their rods or small tazing devices. The bottom of the streets was as dark and grim as the dark water which fell from the sky, the likes of which was darkened by the exposure of some grim clouds of gas which had been released into the atmosphere. It wasn't something that would soon fix itself by any means, just a constant reminder of what the future looked like. By the time they reached the dangerous perimeter, they had become aware of something which wasn't supposed to be a part of this whole journey. For, as seemingly small of a fact as it remained, the tilted tower which stood motionless started jerking its legs in plenty of directions, almost coming back to life by itself. With the sleep of death had ended, an eternity having appeared to the point of being no longer thought of to be that long, it was time for their so-called deity to return to life. The fright of which caused some of the adoring ones, most devout of pagans run as the sight of those hairy things going. It wasn't even chance alone that it still worked, as far as it went, and for as long, the damn bell was being shaken by a mouth which appeared to have missed most of its teeth. And as the blood appeared to have run through the rope down to the bottom, from each and every corner of the world where a reflection or a ripple brought the sounds they moved. Something was calling them back and before they knew it, the tilted god stood still, tall and dark, blocking what had remained of the cloud stricken sun. Nothing could've been worse than the image of their destroyer, which had been worshipped as dead coming back to life. There was agony and there was despair, nothing would go on ahead to repair the damage which it had created in its first moment back to reality. From the looks alone, Caldwell shouted. 'Get back to hiding before it crushes us all!' The warning which was taken by all but three or four fools which had been caught in an air of supreme adoration or complete madness. Without the least of thought for their own lives, they had been taken at unawares and forcedly crushed under the legs of the destroyers.

Woe to them, who ended fast as the creature finally went home through the ground. This was the least of expectations, to be as desperate as to come further into destroying the land to be a part of the march below. From the crater which had been left down there, others had been long waiting for the bells to go and guide them, to the march for an eternity, or at least for as long as it would last. There wasn't anything worse than what it came to be in the few moments which had to be seen in the matter. Worse than all, people had died in the inferno which, the air pressure and the heat that went as the fiend forced itself to go one further into the ground, to the point where it couldn't be forced any longer. Somehow it managed to seal the crater, just so others wouldn't be able to follow or see what was truly happening below at all. The men were now caught in a circle of despair chose to blame it on the strangers and his strange belt, who appeared just at the right time when their deity chose to rise and something bring the means of their destruction. More than bloody violence would be brought to action, at least, that was obvious enough. Caldwell was in the throng of which there seemed to have been little to no escape if it weren't for the fact that there were some tricks left under his sleeves, he wouldn't have escape right there and then. 'Turn on the lights at them, and let us make haste.' With which command, he closed his eyes, unlooked for, those which attempted the pursuit had appeared to come upon being blinded by the strong exposure of light coming from those urchins. It was a display of what had

appeared to have become a beacon of pure whiteness which went on ahead and escaped their grasp. Such was that both them as well as the other watchers turned their gazes and had managed to lose him from sight. 'Follow him, he couldn't have gone far, he's the one who disturbed our god and threw it back into the abyss!' Furiously they listened with what appeared to have been as close to fanaticism as one could approach. From this point on there wasn't a return. 'Turn off the lights you wretched beings, can't you hear that we're not being hunted any longer?' 'We did not seem to notice, but what is there to be done?' 'We'll go on ahead and try to find a way back, by going as far into this city as we can. If I'm right, there should be another way for us to find down there, from whence we came and if there isn't. Well, in which case there'd be a lot of work to be done to make this place look like home, wouldn't you agree?' Neither of them appeared to comprehend the meaning of what he'd spoken of, nor why he suddenly appeared as happy as he had been. But through the refuge of what appeared to have been constructed around most of which lie around in a state of much decay, he couldn't help but whine. Those around him were in no state to hurt him or even realised that he was there. Much to it, the district was filled with plenty of starving people, if not dead already, or trying to get water for a sink which wasn't working. Though the sight might've been a beauty once at night, it just happened to be this way now, for as far as he could see. Many of the streets were now lowered to a level, to the point of having seen as the result of some natural disaster which occurred beyond his comprehension. 'Could you point me towards some place where I may find weapons or clothing?' Caldwell might've picked on a frail old man which was more scared by his appearance as if he had been approached by some sort of demon which finally came to reap his soul. 'No, don't do it, I'm not ready yet.' 'Stay your mouth, I've only come here to talk. What about the rest of you?' With a sudden change, they appeared to cower no longer, but move away as if a bunch of corpses were rekindled by the voice of a stranger trying to establish contact. Their fright was surreal, to the point of those maws around the urchins looking sharp enough to do so. Even Caldwell was surprised to notice that one of the old fellows had been pulled inside by the head, his frail body being slowly eaten by the urchin. 'What are you doing now? Spit that out, it'll only make you sick.' In truth, there was a bitterness to the meat, that it was immediately abandoned, leaving nothing but some soft bruises and a fear mongering pack of sticks which had once been a man. He cowered and rolled away before finding some sort of bent carriage door behind which he hid and glinted at it. Worse than that, they all noticed the act which made it worse for him as well as his desire to interact with the rest of them, knowing that at any point they could be taken for their meat. 'No, not me sir, my meat is dirty, see? I drink only the dark water from the sky and eat dirt, very bad dirt, worst dirt, as a matter of fact, there's no need for us to reach that. 'Tell me what you know then, would there be a way through the city that you know of?' 'None that isn't taken by either the ones of worship, the gangs, the culprits or the chosen that stay inclined.' The chosen that stay inclined seemed to have been the most peculiar choice of words the frail being appeared to have chosen. 'What would the last one be exactly?' 'Have you not noticed on your way?' Before he turned, he appeared to have looked upon a man which stood tilted against the walls, in the same manner in which the towering abnormality had been. Worse of all, those closed eyes and lack of expression did more to tell of something which was foreboding than the shape of the legs. In a way, it did appear as if it reflected them, if not that it tried being the same creature there. It sprang to life and almost leapt from the spot, in a maddening stray of dances which brought it out of sight. They repeat what the one of worship does, down to the very last.. He stopped once he realised that the creature had sprung to life and what

exactly it meant. Even from where they stood, he could hear, vaguely if not, the march which would bring them to return from the confines of the outer world. 'We must follow him to where he's going.' That's what I was planning all along before you interrupted my line of thought.' With what might've been a touch of anger, he seemed content with this plan, going ahead to follow what appeared to be a harmless enough stranger, if it weren't for the threat which loomed around though. He didn't enjoy the sound of the gangs either or the presence of the worshippers around the city. If there was another way, if only he could peer ahead and try to look upon that of which there be to flee, he would've taken it without a shimmer of insight, without even a second thought. There was no easy path which laid ahead, only misery as he looked and heard, but it was clear that there was a certain need to follow that man with its strange walking conundrum and that body which promised to go on ahead. 'We're sure to find a place to there before we're being caught.' Though by the time he managed to catch up with that incredible speed the stiff fellow displayed, he was already taken down by the street by a pair of well-aimed rocks which hadn't given him the least of a chance to get up. It was a fine job, that he looked at it, the rocks even bounced back as they took down a leg and cause the concussion which killed him in the end. 'Damn thugs, trying to ruin our plans.' 'We know you're there hiding behind the ruins, show yourself and we may show mercy as well.' 'Like you've shown that creature over there who wasn't doing anything but trying to flee? Why should I trust you after doing what was done there?' It was a mere misunderstanding as it went on to cross out territory without permission. We know their kind and are aware that they have become such as dumb animals would be, either hibernating or cause more trouble than anyone else would.' Somehow this didn't seem to make Caldwell trust either of them, seemingly so, as multiple voices spoke at once trying to explain themselves or rather distract him from what was at hand. 'Should we trust them? It's your call as well since you're part of my body now, the way I go is the same way you're headed towards.' So it seemed they have agreed upon it. 'Walk with them and see it that we get down well before they arrive. Anything is better than being pushed into the liquid and forced to stay there before we die.' That certainly brought them as far as they have come to and now there wasn't in the least a chance at redemption. He couldn't stop but turn to look, seeing how they were still there, with some sort of primaeval rock weapons and sticks with small iron spikes attached. Was he prepared for something like this? No in the least, but in chance be, he raised his hands and walked slowly, knowing that he was a big enough target that the rock throwers wouldn't have the least of a chance to miss. 'I see you've lost something as well.' That was clear by the time he picked up his helmet. If there was a face behind that, it looked as if the skull was entirely featurelessly covered in skin, and the talking face was left behind the helmet, still speaking as he showed that strange appearance he's been hiding. 'We've all lost something of ourselves here, be it less or higher. And you don't seem the kind to worship out destroyers, would you be?' 'No, I wouldn't dare that, as a matter of fact, I was looking to go forth as far away from them as I could possibly be?' 'Them?' Asked another one of his goons, softly pressing the end of a pipe in stone, rubbing it in as he thought. 'Look behind, you should've felt it by now, they seem as if to be returning to finish the job and bring destruction.' 'Then we are all to die.' Said the leader in dismay with a slight hint of anger, as this entire problem was to come, he didn't think ahead but ask. 'Where are you planning to go? There's no safe place in this world any longer, especially with them marching again. If what you say ends up being true, this would be our end.' 'This doesn't have to be the end if you choose to follow me towards the depths of the earth, from which they came?' It was nothing short of a desperate and meaningless plan, but they seemed to agree

that it was something that might be done since neither of them could come up with something better. 'I want to come as well, wait, wait, I come in peace.' From behind, it appeared like a small group of worshippers in their robes brought themselves closer and upon hearing what was said, sent forth one of them, which laid behind the bulk of a man Caldwell had been. 'We don't need to fight, we're all in here for the same thing, a way out of this place.' 'Do you seriously think we're going to trust you after the feud between us?' He was interrupted by the man as he turned between the two of them. 'I'd rather use as many hands as I can, if it means we can all escape this damn desolation, we should get as much of it as we can.' It had already come to an approach as the thugs and the worshippers came closer. Cultists of whatever they might've been, unlike those true fanatics who gave their minds to become such as those hoppers, some were sane enough to come to an understanding and surrender themselves before it came to a bloodshed. 'We've got but a chance to escape, which is to follow one of those creatures that you've stricken down with rocks. They seem to emanate the behaviour of their master, to the point where I think they might lead us below.' 'And after? That's where the one we've believed in went, that's also where the others are heading and you want us to go into the lion's den.' There wasn't any possible explanation that would've sincerely proclaimed this to be anything less than a stupid plan. 'Will you let me do the planning and the mental work then? For once I found out that I am way about keener of mind than people thought of me, henceforth I should be the one in lead.' 'No, I am still to remain the leader of my people.' The man said as he noticed the other cultist making a sign as to bring the attention that they thought the same. 'You'd better find a way out and take us with you before something happens, there's no need to order us around by that time.' 'Very well, then we should go then, you may resolve whatever quarrel lays between your factions if we get to stay alive.' As with that being said, there came the moment where the pounding was harder and the silhouettes started taking shape. Judging by eye alone, it might've been weeks, days or even hours by the time they would arrive to end all their livelihoods and make them suffer. At least, with so many of them in a place, there'd be no city left. 'First, we should make sure that we're as far from them as possible.' 'It won't work.' Came up the leader of the thugs, adjusting his face helmet, with the least of a grin on his mouth. 'When it happened, it seemed like they all marched in the same direction but appeared to bring destruction farther away than where they walked towards.' 'How?' Asked Caldwell, slightly muffling his ears and having his teeth gash as they rubbed themselves in back and forth motions. The answer wasn't to be as satisfying but everyone around was whispering and talking, even between one another, thug and the worshippers alike. It had something to do with the shock the earth received each time they stepped, as obviously as it could be felt now. 'By the time they would arrive here, this would only get worse, buildings falling apart, people being crushed under their own weight, same about carriages, animals and pots. There was nothing to be left alive.' 'How come you survived, all of you appear to be more than well, some at least.' At which there was only a shrug as they weren't certain either. After passing the broken buildings and what appeared to have been a tilted tower, he signalled for them to stop. While they were standing behind rocks and some sort of coverage was to be taken, what they came to be was a fight between gangs. Some shots could be heard, rocks being thrown, as well as some strange object which could only mean that they were running out of weapons to fight one another. 'We could either go through and fight or turn around, either way, I don't suppose they saw us yet.' 'Well, what do you think chief? You and your thugs are up for a fight or what?' 'Leeroy, not the chief, name's Leeroy. I don't suppose we have the means to fight them.' 'They don't seem to

have much either.' Seemed to acknowledge one of the rob wearers. Worst of all was the fact that they hadn't seemed to take in the effect the most important factor. 'Shh, I keep hearing the sound of shots being taken. I don't suppose either of you would like the idea, but we could go ahead and split until we find a point to regroup ourselves and be safe.' 'This sounds like a bad idea.' Said Caldwell without having brought to the point of being questioned by the rest of the plan. 'I don't mean to snick, I meant that you'll stay with them here while I and my men snick behind one of the groups and make an alliance with them. The two of us should be more than enough in order to overpower them.' 'It sounds like a mad plan which may just work. But what happens if one of them turns their gun at you the moment they see you?' At which he pointed towards the distance. He had noticed before the rest of us that there were at least one of those bizarre hopping men who hadn't awakened yet, though it wouldn't be long by the likes in which it was shaking. 'We don't have as much of a chance now, do we? We either go with this or hope to find another way.' 'We'll wait for you here then.' At which they seemed to have shaken hands, Leeroy having come even to those four men of which didn't belong to him, which was more than surprising since they came as far. 'Take care not be caught before, if we return.' With which they appeared to have gone away, into the dust. Such a place would've made a battlefield took place. Leeroy hadn't had a fight in at least a week, one which hadn't in the least involved the stabbing or the chocking of a rival gang member who looked at him in the most peculiar manner. This was for the better, since they acted like some sort of debris panther, ready to leap at the throat. 'Wait here for a moment, I think I hear something.' His hand was raised as he said it but the fiery look in his eye didn't give the least of shimmer that had an emotion. It was unlike him to pass on such a good shot, especially with a rock in hand, with the head exposed like that. The boy might've barely been old enough to wear a gun but that was it. With the plan at hand, and seeing how he was entirely distracted, he eventually threw it but not at a spot where the boy would've suffered a head injury, instead of taking the gun out of his hand. He flew before he could be woken from the shock and almost managed to say a word before being tackled to the ground. His men followed as Leeroy pushed the gun with a foot and held the boy's mouth shut. 'Don't make a sound, we're here only to talk to your boss, we've got nothing to do with the feud between the two of you, understood?' Nothing but a slight nod appeared to have changed what the boy attempted, especially since another one of Leeroy's men had taken the weapon. 'I'll remove my hand now, but no sudden movement, okay?' It came fast off and it seemed as if the boy had enough understanding to know that there wasn't anything that might've been done. He looked at the man before speaking but hadn't recognised the gang he was from. 'What do you want then?' Things had gotten comfortable enough that the boy was pushed to his feet and set face to face with him. It came to the point of being taken before the other gang leader and the three of his men which looked more than surprised to see that some armed men managed to snick and disarm the young fellow. 'What is the meaning of this then? Have you no shame or honour now that you'd snick and threaten a child? I suppose I should've expected this sooner or later.' 'I'm afraid I've got nothing to do with them nor are we here to fight, we're only trying to get past your small field of battle and escape the coming end.' There was a slight hint of confusion through their eyes betrayed the fact that they knew what he was talking about. 'Well, it's true, after all, isn't it? They're coming back to end us all in one last strike against the people who they left alive.' 'It doesn't have to be this way.' As close to a reflection that might've been, it appeared as if there was something on the other side which stopped them from fighting. From the likes of which, on the other side, Leeroy glanced at a fat figure and those followers of his in robes. Undoubtedly,

something happened before those closed gates as well, making their task immediately more easy than they had expected. 'Well, as you might've guessed, there's.' A shot came as they arrived at the realisation that one of the robed men had been dropped down. Damn fool thinking he could take care of this by himself. 'On that other side lays the only man who knows how to take us from here and onto somewhere safe but he's surrounded by the gang you've been fighting for so long. Are you willing to strike for an alliance and a chance at freedom and life? We won't strike you down if you refuse but this appears to have become a delicate problem now.' The nods came easily, but they weren't to be asked now. 'Help us deal with them and we'll have decided what's to happen after.' It was the closest thing he could've taken and judging by the fact that he had given the lad his gun back there was a shimmer of trust between the two of them, as from gang leader to gang leader. 'What do you suppose we'll do?' 'They're distracted, from what it seems, we could charge them at one and deal with it as it comes.' 'Would this help now?' It was one of Leeroy's men, who came up with a small smoke bomb which had been carried for a long period, though it was fairly small in size, they say that they're supposed to pack some sort of punch to them. At least enough that they'd be distracted. 'As soon as this goes out, we change and make for them.' 'How will we know which one to kill then?' 'Strike for those wearing the human skulls, it shouldn't be as hard, they're also wearing mostly the bones of those they ate, in case you won't have anything else to take from sight.' It was easy enough, though not as it went on, while the smoke bomb blew over their side, a huge blanket of smoke flew in all directions. They went into a flight motion that pushed them forward into a song of shots and rock striking, alas to the point of which they had been cowering into motion that had been unknown to others. It made everything inside of the blanket as a sort of dance of grabs and shots from which men had already been taken down. One particular man with a limp, he bore no bones but was shot in the eyes from the opposite band, being taken as soon as he gushed blood as to be feasted upon. The starting motion was taken down by a man who was carrying a rock with him, as well as he did begin, he hadn't stopped as he had seen nothing but rage after his fellow comrade with his robe had been shot. With him taken down, the numbers of the bone wearers had been dwindling by now, without the least of concern when it came to the lives of those involved in it. Another man had been taken down, as he raised his rifle, his fingers had the unlucky reason to be sawed off with the help of a small knife that got close enough to do the job. He shouted as he attempted to removed some of the stumps which were blocking the trigger on the rifle but failed, as he was stabbed rightly in the heart and fell off the ground. 'Stop, stop now, I surrender, I give up, just don't kill me Eglor.' The gang leader, Frank Eglor had been with his hand at the other man's throat, waiting with a small clubbed nail-spike baton. One thing alone kept him from going on to make that face into a small battered thing, which had been the fact that there was some sort of promise he had made towards the other gang leader. 'Tell what remains of your men to get rid of their weapons and surrender.' 'All right, right, men.' He shouted with what appeared to have been a crackling voice. 'Take down your weapons now and let us have some peace.' Though the remaining gang members, at least those lost in the frail mist raised up and shouted at the traitor before executing their leader themselves after a shot that penetrated both of the skulls. As the realisation came, they all realised that there wasn't any time for celebration, since a barrel was already moving near them, judging by the contents of which there would most likely be some kind of explosion involved, at least from the likes of which they dared not even throw a glance. It felt as if there was nothing to be done as they all ran in their different directions, foe and friend alike, coming to a safe point before the small

explosion came and spread the dust and ruin even farther. Flames erupted and engulfed what had remained of the ruins, leaving at least a dead man standing on the pile, blackened by the fire and unable to be recognised. Other corpses had been flung by the force in directions that weren't even worth mentioning. 'Where is he?' Shouted Leeroy once he got to his senses and the buzzing in his ears stopped. Most of his men were picking up the dead by the time they realised that there had been only one desperate man which remained. 'Where the, there.' He contradicted himself with the direction but most importantly was the fact that Caldwell was still alive, with most of the remaining limbs intact. For once, this was a well to do victory, as it went. 'Will you follow us then or let us go through if not? We've done our part of the job so how about it? They're still on their way, regardless of how you look at the problem.' 'I have and I must say, as strange as this small thing you've got here had come to be, I'd rather take my chances with you if it gives me and my men a chance to survive. Especially after seeing how well you've handled them here.' A simple act of self-indulged admiration came from one another as they came to be into their places. With everyone at their respective side, they banished the thought of a lone survivor, as the type hadn't a chance to survive. 'He's not there any longer, he's not there, I know I saw him there resting, but it couldn't be that it went as far as that.' 'We'll find him, there's no way he could've went that far, and we're more than enough to form some sort of searching group.' None of which dared make any sound that would've attracted any kind of attention, at least from the likes of which would've had them caught by others. 'You're not from around, so let me give you a plain word of advice. Don't seek trouble where you don't have to, it's a rare thing to see a fight between gangs like this unless you're searching for it. Most would rather take you out from distance with the least resistance returned. That's what we're mostly looking at here.' With a turn they seemed to have been frozen as the last man, the survivor had been found. Apparently, his weapon cocked and left on the ground left him with nothing short of a small sharp edge that had some metal wires coming from an angle. 'It was exactly like you said it, they know the way out.' Worst of all was the fact that he had wrapped himself around one of those hopping fanatics and prevented its movement, as well as he went ahead to threaten the life it had. Nothing short of a maddening thing remained between the two of them since he threatened the only way out they had. 'Don't do anything yet unless you want to end up with a bullet between your shins and arms and left here for their return.' 'You're the one threatening me now? Would you have something to bargain with you lowlife? They killed my brothers and forced our leader to lower himself down with the scum just to survive, he was unfit for rule, all of them were. None of my brothers had the guts that were needed to carry something to fruition as I am willing to take.' By the tone alone he looked as if he meant it, not unlike the fact that there was a need for a flight demonstration. An utmost terrifying sound came out of the three-legged man as he pressed the sharp metal wires against his skin. It went in repeated motions until some of the skin was flayed, leaving what appeared to have been some sort of in-human grey meat. Something was changing in them, those that appeared to have worshipped their destroyers. It was more than biological in nature, to the point of having been forced into some sort of evolution, regardless of which they still went into one direction. 'No, you won't waste more of our time, henceforth I'm giving you a chance, as I am the one who should've been asked to speak with you in the first place. I know of a place for us to get through and escape, where we'd be free of those destroyers, that's the reason why I chose to talk with you, nothing short of the real truth and truth alone. For a matter, I would rather have you kill the creature so we could stop wasting time and find another, as you slowly decompose and get buried to your death. At

least for me, this seems like more than fair of a bargain, that of which would result in most of us getting what was needed and wanted with the least bloodshed included."And my option would be to surrender and be killed like a dog, right? The moment I would leave my guard down you'd take me down like an animal."Oh but that would be a lie, my dear sir, unless we'd be given a reason to put down an animal.'Caldwell couldn't have been fairer than he had shown himself to be to the man destined to die, as he came closer and was given a gun by Leeroy himself who appeared to have agreed upon this. There wasn't any training which he had suffered in the past, henceforth, he was less than unprepared for the fact and more likely to go ahead and miss the first shot, if luck that be.'Are you ready to make your choice now? Or should I shoot through both of you?' It was, after all, important to think about the fact that those things were a lot lighter and softer than the average man, henceforth the reason why the survivor was able to keep the creature still.'I'll, I'll let go of it if you promise to take me with you, those things that are coming from the distance. Our leader promised to take us as soon as we dealt with the rival gang, somewhere far away before he was killed."We can offer you the same and even better, but we need that creature to be alive and show us where their master went, it may be our only hope to get through."Will I be spared them from being taken as you promised?"You have my word, as soon as you lower the knife and go ahead and let that thing go, we'll be set to get off.'The deal went ahead quite smoothly, as soon as the man got the chance though, he a bullet flew just above Caldwell's shoulder and pierced both of the skulls of the survivor. He immediately fell to the ground, in a mad rage that lasted seconds before bleeding out of his eye socket.'What was that for? We promised to get him as well if he didn't kill the creature."We don't have time to argue, especially not for scum, we couldn't have trusted him to begin with, I don't know what makes you as certain as to what was to happen if it came for him to come with us. The first chance he got.. "No, next time I say we spare someone, we do it as I please, don't forget who's taking you away from this wretched world. Let's go now before someone or something kills this hopper again.' He threw his gun away and started following the creature, after all, seeing how it was somehow guided to a sort of pair. The men dreaded to look upon what seemed to be a swarm of hoppers that acted more primal than human, with their three legs as well as weak bodies, the facial complexions being far too gone to be recognisable as human. Moreover, they started digging in various places and looking through it, there were swarms everywhere to look upon, some of which wore some apparel which was easily recognisable by some men from the gang.'This isn't right, they couldn't have been as many as they are here, no one was as insane as the fanatics that gave their lives to the destroyers."What do you suppose it happened then?"I recognise those four in the group, or I think I do know what they look like, it was one of Sharp-Eyed Dead Bulls, something of the sorts if I remember correctly, but I'm certain those were their marks on the clothes. And those one wearing bandanas over their pushed necks, they were the Red Bands, known across every desolate corner as the most savage and repugnant of men.'There was at least a sign from the distance, as luckily for them, they haven't been seen by the hoppers yet. From as little as they knew of messages, it was obvious enough that danger could've turned on them at any moment. It was the perfect spot to hide after all, inside one of the partially crushed buildings, having its huge hole prove a well enough entrance for them.'What are we to do then? If what you've noticed might be true, there might not be a chance for us to get to close them unless that of which affects them jumps on us.' It was clear that their ammo was low, if not inexistent at least.'Is the rifle still working?"We gave you an empty one, in case you thought of doing something rash, as killing the man."Which you ended up doing

immediately the first chance you got a clear shot."We have one bullet left, between."The man looked around and seemed to have counted only six of them all together, himself included, with the least to spare. Worst was the fact that they were tired and one of the worshippers had already taken a position for a nap while everyone was arguing about what was to be done about the swarm. Even with various looks then and there, they looked as if they were in the midst of changing and being taller, at least their limbs had become as such, only to help them dig faster and reach the ground before the arrival came.'We can only wait for the time being, so it seems unless we draw attention on us, which would be for the worst.'It wasn't as if they have plenty of options to go around, but it seemed as if they were halfway through the ground and going at a rate which would cause the tunnel they were making to collapse onto them. As deep as it originally went, the sudden fall of the ground above them shocked even the likes of Leeroy.'Damn things, you said they'd find us a way through."That's what I thought, but I wasn't expecting them to be as dumb as to become almost driven by their impulses."Find us a way out then, we're on a ground limit, don't you forget in the least about that.' It wasn't enough that he was under stress, but having to deal with the man made him even more so than he had already been.Nothing could've been worse than, especially since there appeared a problem which neither of them could've handled as they walked. It was surprisingly so, that whatever they found down there as they dug themselves in managed to come out in such a manner. From a small hole from which was due, a song that hurt those with ears and which were alive, the depths were talking and one by one, the men fell to slumber, seeing the same happening to those hoppers before they were done. Nothing was as disturbing as the desire to escape that thing, but the depth of the sleep forced Caldwell to look upon the future pale. Humanity ended and nothing was there and once he had seen the destruction and eternity, he was forced to travel to aeons through the endless space.Those eyes weren't meant to see it through, as a matter of fact, neither were the urchins supposed to be there with him either. But what they saw together would remain, as he came to that ship which lay floating into space. Men and women laid into the most lurid of metal coffins which appeared too dreadful for his sight alone.Their apparatus and devices appeared diabolical in nature, not to mention that there seemed to have been the presence of a caretaker which always came to sight and could be heard while he was around. Worse than all was that he walked, without his notice, in the dark. Room after room, they detected his motion and walked through the hall, looking at the outside of space and the many stars around, in trance. Something about this vision made itself feel right, the way in which it actually felt that he was then and there, in a suit which wasn't his choice, forced out of a coffin to explore.What had happened to them? Looking down, he still felt them tied around his belly but couldn't see either urchin well. There was a damning thing which he feared now, being the sound of some wheels walking, some sort of damning device, which must've been crackling then and there when it suddenly stopped.A metal gate opened at last, from which it was revealed that a machinery of some kind if that's what it could be called, entered the room.With a poor human imitation of a face which appeared to have some sharp ends at each side, there was a screen with some sort of made-out face created moving frames. It was attached to a long and slender body, which would've been worm-like if it weren't for the fact that it was made of metal and quite cubic in nature. For a moment, the poor creature seemed to wail as it walked in the same form as a canine would with its pair of slender arms which on their own evoked dread as he notices that they had muscle attached to them. From who exactly would those things be? Neither seemed bloody nor forced, remaining in a good condition, without having to prolong this

examination, it raised itself, the horrid thing is like a giant on its feet. The fact that the hall was also as to fit its height didn't help either, nor was the mesmerising sight which brought some sort of message of the sorts. No one was safe from the sight of Agamemnon, no one would dare defy the caretaker as he approached. For the time being, he took no notice, but approached rather slowly and grabbed Caldwell by the hand. Such gentleness came unexpectedly as if had been used to carrying them around as the sheep came out of their flock. Though going into that machine to sleep appeared like a dreadful choice, I went ahead and told him to stay. 'Show me around as well, I want to see the ship today.' A change in expression, at least that of which it managed to display had come, to see the smile on the thing made him almost look coldly through his damn soul. It wasn't human, it couldn't see through him, at least that might've been his interpretation, though there was the uncertainty which brought him to a knee to say. After looking at the side of him and seeing a name embossed on the model. 'Show me around Agamemnon, I feel like I want to have a walk around the ship.' There was a pause where he stopped, still keeping that smile, remaining in a positive motion. It moved not an inch, and the door at the end of the hall closed. 'There would be no walking around while the others sleep. You may disturb them with your nose.' Said Agamemnon, while for not a moment was the hand taken out. Beyond his comprehension, he looked around and found himself half-dazedly going towards another one of those metal coffins that of which models he had seen before. It was in the likes of a giant morgue which might've had the portion of variously set furnaces that might've incinerated every single body which laid in sight. Such a dreadful thing that was, the thought alone dissuaded him from wanting to return. 'Let go of me at once I say, I've a right to do explore or see something until I return there.' With a flash on the screen, the smile disappeared, leaving nothing but a sight of supreme neutrality. 'They weren't holding hands any longer, but Agamemnon appeared to follow him silently, recording the interaction and seemingly distraught. Nothing would change the expression, not that anything would've appeared anything less than disturbing on a flattened screen. He followed, with each turn that Caldwell made, he saw how he looked at him, how he'd dare try walking through doors he thought himself far beyond being allowed to get. There was that constant following which made him shiver, being looked upon but never talked to, the silence which the raised corpse felt before being returned to the morgue from which he was found. The lack of help and the way it acted made him feel like some sort of child being looked out for so he wouldn't be caught falling over himself like some sort of silly creature. By the time he came to his senses, past the point where they've met, he appeared to see some panels and apparently some doors that had different kinds of codes. Nothing changed from the looks of it alone, especially since the numerals appeared to be universal for most mouthbreathers of the universe. 'May I enter the code then or is it something I am not allowed.' By the looks alone, he was paid no attention to, it looked as if this Agamemnon was caught in his own world as well, though it was quite fascinating even to him, he dared not call or dreaded to trouble him then and there. The code was something of nine different numbers and it seemed like there were some sort of holes below it, mainly for something to be inserted in. That much, he knew, at least after watching the other ones. 'Could you open this for me? I seem to have forgotten the code.' Agamemnon turned and gave a dreadful stare at the implication that I even knew what I was talking about. For someone to wake up from the morgue and claim the codes which were belonging mainly to the living was beyond mundane. 'Fine, I don't know the codes to get in any of these rooms, may I enter then?' There wasn't any change on the monitor, though he appeared to comply to the likes of him, showing through the hand one of the wires which inserted the code into

the device. Caldwell was immediately pleased to see a room filled with storage bottles of many kinds, struck in every spot of which they might be set inside, from the smallest to the largest box. There were others, all in tightly packed exteriors of gloomy tight metal which might've seemed rustic if another man was there to look upon them. 'What's inside of them? I mean that in the most quaint way possible.' 'Wouldn't you like to know?' The nerves on that machine made him almost blush and make his way towards those canisters, though to his avail, there wasn't any way for him to actually open them. Most of them were either tightly locked or unable to be moved because of their insane weight. Speaking of which, he dared not try to move the Agamemnon out of the way as it waited, but merely had to ask him to go back. 'I need to see something more pleasant, what would you recommend?' 'Returning to the place from which you came out of.' Responded the strange concoction of steel and cartilage, looking rather amused in its small box where nothing could harm it, if only he had a metal pole or some sort of magnet to teach that devil from inside of him some manners. That way at least there would've been a reason to grin about in his way. No shortage of rooms he checked, the more of which it appeared that they were in the storage area, that of which he had failed to read while he was there. On the reach around, he stopped to look at every door and realised just how many of them would be there to reach while he glanced back at the machine. 'Why haven't you told me that this is the storage area? You've made me look and touch and waste my time on containers that didn't even open.' 'Tired enough to return to resting?' 'How can I get to another level? I looked outside and managed to see that this ship is big, enough that it should holster at least a few levels below.' 'You've looked outside?' For the first time, this thing looked surprised, to the point of having replicated some sort of emotion, which was more or less an illusion that of which he knew about. There was some importance to the fact that it required some information to know about, at least to know what might've been he saw. 'I looked through the opening in the wall when I first met you, that's what I meant.' There was some disregard to that, not to mention the fact that it was something scum would lie about, though there wasn't a moment when he thought that he'd believe what really happened there. 'Now that this interrogation is over, may I go for the lower levels? I desperately want to see the ship, through and through, for as long as I may be awake.' Which wouldn't last by the looks of which he walked and saw everything shake? Whatever it was that drove him to feel that way, he wished it would all end before he was caught in a peculiar state. 'Follow me then.' Answered Agamemnon, as he made his way past the gate from which the storage room said there was. Plenty of repairing tables laid in this room, older models which might've been usable even by him if he was given enough time to find out how they worked. From the looks of the tables with their metal arms and half-built machines, they were failures, unlike the current model which worked. 'Why are they were abandoned like this?' 'The production of the model was stopped, there was the time for the assembly line to be delayed and eventually dropped.' He could see some models which were completed and left on the wall, hanging, most likely they would've patrolled every side of every place which laid inside of this ship. Now, what was left of them might've made for scrap metal, if the eeriness faded and the place was set with the likes of other men such as himself. 'We should take the emergency elevator if you so desire so greatly to look around.' The annoyance at his wake appeared to have somewhat ceased as they walked together. It appeared as if the elevator was slow, or maybe it was the presence of this machine that slowed things down by making them much duller than they appeared to be. Nothing could do against the desire to explore, though he felt that he was restricted with that thing around. For example, the elevator room was tight enough to fit only but a few

men, and there were plenty of small roundish clasps that appeared to interact with one another if one were to push them around. It seemed as if the entire elevator depended on how they were set around to work, with little to no exception. 'Don't touch those, it's dangerous.' There wasn't even a slight head turn as those mechanic words were muttered, making it less doubtful of the fact that in case something came to be, there'd be no stopping it. 'Can't I even try to mess around for a bit? I mean what's the worst thing I could possibly do if I were to push some clasps around?' 'Those aren't clasps, they are the remnants of a broken panel and in the case, you do not fall and convulse from shock, the elevator may fall and crush you to death.' Certainly, the thing box was made in a way that there was little to do in order to destroy it. Even from the looks of the monitor, it looked like the glass, if glass it was, showed some signs of being reinforced. The silence grew to a foreboding rarity, now that he started at it. Still, he thought that it may be that Agamemnon lied about the entire situation with regards to the broken panel and the chance of death. Something really bothered him to the point where he tried the clasps and pushed it in. At least a sound was made and it appeared like the elevator stopped and the door opened. 'You lied to me, haven't you?' 'It's time to visit the other level and return.' As coldly as he could, he tried not staring at the sight below. It was at this point that he realised that he was walking on nothing but the endless space, everything around being just an image of what laid outside in the vast eternity. Caldwell's mind could do less to comprehend this world in which he had asked the machine to bring him, to the point where the dead man fainted at the sight. He was carried, to say the least back towards the established spot from which he was taken and placed back to sleep, another dead man in the morgue. By the time this wicked dream ended, he woke up to what had seemed to be a devastated land. It was too late from the likes of it, the urchins were deep in slumber, the men had either left or were dead, every hopper had disappeared or covered themselves under and now, as he dared to look farther than his eyes. Pure chaos reigned, as the sky darkened with blue and red, thunders coming, smoke blackening the upper world. There was something which made him tense, as he looked at the ruins, then saw that the hole which came through the earth such as a spear would be left uncovered. Caldwell slowly made his way through the ruins, only to get to the point where those who couldn't fend for themselves stood at. Somehow, this anomaly or rather, this torment had managed to avoid them, to the point of having them gaze at the sky and how it was pulled farther above but the waves of musky air. 'What happened here?' With a startling jump, two or three jumped from their spots and looked as if they saw some pale ghost. Their sound even disturbed the urchins which looked mightly surprised as well. 'They have taken over and destroyed it seems. They left behind him a black trail which darkens the sky and taints the air, mankind is sure to die.' To which more dire words couldn't have been said, for even the present men around him looked upon him in despair, if what was said was true, whatever they have brought from below and their realm, it would soon kill the remnants who hadn't died from the initial assault. 'How long do we have, oh strange creature which looms around?' 'There might be less than a year before everyone dies, less for those closer.' An approximation leads to at least a few days until the toxin took effect and killed them off, that it if weren't for the thirst and starvation to come first. Most of which laid in sight were long overdue and death was most likely to come in a way or the other. 'We have to return them.' 'Oh take us with you, take us with you.' Tried saying one of the men, but from the frail complexions, whoever came closer was shoved aside by him. If one alone remained to survive, it would have to be him, perhaps his pets as well. 'We'll have to return to the swamp, to the morgue, I mean the dark city that looks like some sort of.' The word for it

couldn't have been farther away from his mind, at least to the point of wanting to find some sort of meaningless equivalent, that of which wasn't as important at survival. It was obvious, as he came to the edge of the bridge that they were unaffected by the destruction, even by the effects of the drowsy air. He could even bet on the fact that, if the entire humanity was brought to this city, most of them would most likely survive this cataclysm. Not that it was much of a fair trade, the denizens still looked around at him, or rather behind like some sort of startled petty swamp troglodytes. Nothing would've been more insulting for the layman if that of which he would've been, but something was bound to change now that his presence was known. They appeared to have regained the same position in which those folk always seemed to be, either at a stand, trying to sell whatever scum-ware they found or to try to convince him of one thing or another. 'Hello sir, having felt under the weather lately? Would some warm scarf make you feel better?' The immediate response was to look upon what she had, on her tab, it seemed as if there were mostly clothes that belong to people on the other side. It was preposterous to be sold that of which belong to the poor and those who might've escaped the destruction. It annoyed him utmost supremely for him to look with such distaste. 'Where'd you get these from then? I must know, tell me in this very second for I demand it.' 'I don't know sir, I'm only the ma'am who sells it, nothing more.' Another man near her, who was apparently another one of those fiends which tried making a dirty penny from the likes of him interfered. 'We're all in the same basket here as we take our stuff from the travelling merchant and he sure tells us that he gets his everything from everywhere else. One time, he even seemed to have brought a small infant.' The warning for him to shut his mouth had come a little far too late, at least now that it came out of his mouth Caldwell knew of their deals and decided to stay away. 'You don't know what you're missing sir. Damn you, Brey, he already left, you just couldn't keep your mouth shut, could you? Just had to talk and talk to the only customer in a hundred miles came to see.' 'It wasn't my fault Freck, I merely was trying to take your side, see? I've only the best intentions in mind no matter what you may think of me.' There wasn't any sort of satisfaction whatsoever to be gained from their discussion, henceforth, it seemed to have lead to nothing. Caldwell continued walking, down the steps, past the gate, around the street and right where they thought they heard as well. 'Continue this way, this must be the place from which we came.' It seemed like the folk which lived in the house never bothered to lock it, even if her husband did appear to have cleaned and patched the entry from the floor. There was at least an apprehension of the look he was given, now that his work was to be ruined. Before Caldwell entered, there seemed to have been such a proud look on the man's face, now that he had patched a clean what might've appeared to be a structural destruction of an integral part of the floor. Now the man that of which he thought it his darkest dreams as well as in his nightmares returned and even dare mutter a word this time around. 'This cannot happen, not after I worked so hard on this.' Tears almost came to his face as he dared not speak another word to the creature or set of creatures which presented themselves to him. 'Do we go now, or must we tarry a bit longer to know what's going down there? Where is the one who rings the bells?' 'I don't know but we may be able to listen and guide ourselves to her from below, it's worth the shot from what I might say. Now out of my way you dirt-scum.' With a kick to the shin, Caldwell thrust the man as far from him as possible. The work which was done below was only recent, henceforth, it came off and was shoved against one of the walls with ease. If it weren't for his poor wife to comfort him in this moment, he would've certainly had it worse at his very own heart. 'Monster, why have you come to my house? Only to destroy back and forth with your evil servants and mad speech. You only bring hurt to others

and dare turn your back when someone dares confront your side."Don't try me you boob or I might come and tie your knees and teeth to the side of the stove and make it that your wife lives all alone and decrepit for as many days as this world of yours has.'Neither muttered a word in return, at which his sides appeared to have a malformed grin that kept growing somewhat larger. Nothing made him happier now than imagining himself just stomping over them, but this wasn't about to last. Something had happened below, a reaction of some kind which destabilised the ground from solid and made it into a non-hardening liquid.'It's because they were gone for so long.' Noted the urchin after looking at what seemed to be the formation of the gas. Clouds were forming and moving around but he was immediately informed of their ill-conceived potency. A shimmer of light came from above at least, as both concerned hosts looked with the least of fear at what reigned below. They were being paid little to no attention whatsoever as he made his way through. It concerned him a lot to the point of having to stay away, his feet even started pushing him farther above, at mere centimetres from the liquid, signalling that it might've been something worse to stand upon.'We must take that wench and have her brought back to where the bell rings.' Before he could look or pay any attention whatsoever, he looked around to see the guests of honour. Much more than alive, they appeared to walk freely below, stretching, as well and pushing their legs farther apart, darkening the hardness into pools and the pools into gas. They had been the reason for that, but he hadn't been aware at which extent of their power did they cause all of what had happened above. It would've been a lot easier if there weren't so many responsibilities hanging over his shoulder, especially not at this hour. It was a dangerous road ahead and peril laid in every virtual direction which could've possibly been taken. Henceforth it seemed as she was desirable all of the sudden until the time came or unless, the same fate might be happening to their world as well if another world this was.'We'll have to listen, you urchins will help me as well this time, if not, we'll all end up in the gutter, not just I. There's the song of the bell which keeps being shaken, I know she must be close, but I cannot pinpoint the exact location."Listen and be quiet, float slowly where we point towards.' From their guts now, came the light bulbs which pointed whatever artificial ray it could produce in the direction they heard it as well. Everything was way too complicated with so many stairs placed under all of the houses, not to mention the danger which laid on the fact that one could go ahead, misstep and be punished. Men have vanished in worse ways from which they were told to their spouses, not to mention that he had nought to be told about.'You know urchins, I must say that I have grown fond of you, to the point of having outpassed the need to have someone like me to walk around with. I know you're busy trying to find the wretch, but I would truly enjoy it if you did remember this from now, just how much I've become attached to all three of you.' This appeared to be it, judging by the magnitude of the bell, from which it came, the same ordeal as well. They climbed the stairs and forced the door open to find the wretch having grabbed the rope in its mouth, looking much worse than it had looked before. Not only was she not the same way she looked like, but it almost seemed as if there was a dreaded thing about her nature now. Some pheromones, the stench, the lack of light in the eyes coming from the fact that she went on to the most monotone task she could've done. Even Caldwell's presence meant to her that it was time to leave this place, at least from the concoction in her head.'Let's make our way you grotesque creature, we've been through enough and seen what a world without the bell looks like, you've got a task and I've got mine.' Which was fairly so, since she went ahead and started going down the ladder, never taking her eyes from him, even walking backwards with her finely set up stretch and malnourished feet. Something

dreaded on the sight of the giant colossi made her dread the way and return to the place. 'That would never do my dear, for the world outside is ending, the hole of which they made, just look.' Farther away, she could look at the waves of gas which had taken the appearance of a streaming river that poured itself through a valve. It was poison and she could smell the stench from where she stood. 'We've got to go through the same way we came from, but the way ahead isn't clear.' 'We do not know, we cannot tell but if they awake, they will walk again.' The thought alone made him shelter his eyes from the eeriness they provoked. An approach in their direction would've been the worse thing he might've done, not to mention the fact that they were close now, they could feel it. With those destroyers out of sight they went, after a while, it seemed like he had found something of a sign to see whenever or not he was heading in the right direction. Buried in the thickness of the anomaly below laid the many corpses of the hoppers which had tried to stretch themselves to breaking points. Slowly, their bodies were in the process of decomposing, as well as he had gone away, he started to feel the gas which made it harder to breathe. 'We cannot stay here for long.'

With a glance at the wench, it appeared as if she was unaffected, some of which could be said about the urchins. Worse of all was that if they decided to abandon him if they could be tied, there wasn't any hope left for their world. 'No that I would care about that by any means possible. As a matter of fact, why should I care about anyone else but myself or rather ourselves now?' There was little to no reward in waiting for an answer, seeing how the wench only followed him now like a listening servant which did anything her master told her to do. Such was it now that she came to her senses and appeared to be truly guided. 'There it is, good girl, you've outdone yourself in the most atrocious way, I'll make sure that you'll be rewarded.' Oh but that dreadful hour which did come, when one of the destroyers came to the circle made out of the bodies of the hoppers which laid in the way. 'Dreaded abomination, why have you come here at last? Must we face one last test before we are left to return home?' There was no echo whatsoever and the creature mindlessly stood there, not seeming to even notice the insignificant insects which appeared to be buzzing at its feet. It might've had something to deal with the fact that they could all be crushed in an instant by another one of them but neither of which came to their senses and appeared to have been caught in their circles. Moving in such manners was worse than looking the fool, but neither did display capabilities of speech interaction, only the obedience and destruction. Nevertheless, he wanted to get through, he needed to do it by any means possible and there was only one of them standing in his way now, the lesser of the gang, the guardian of the gate. Waiting there, he laid humble, trying to think of some plan of some concoction which would last them enough that they'd get right through, but nothing would've come to it. 'Could we walk around then?' It was an unanswerable question since it appeared to be obvious that the legs stretched in both directions, making it almost impossible to get around. That of which left him barely two options, either to climb one of the legs or worse. He chose the latter and walked afraid, pointing towards the wench to follow. It was still so that the giant creature didn't appear to pay any attention to them, making it much easier than he had thought it to be. Since that moment, he went ahead and came face to face to it, from his point of view, it appeared as if he wasn't standing in front of a colossal fiend, but in front of an unbreakable wall, surrounded by unbreakable and unmountable tubes which held it down from hurting others for the time being. 'If this fails, we may stand at the chance of being crushed under the weight of this thing, do you all understand the risk?' As he asked, Caldwell went on grabbing the wench, holding her as stiffly as he could, undoubtedly feeling a shiver of disgust there for the oily skin she had. It was after that that they came close and

started floating underneath the creature and through the corpses, at a time going ahead to feel their slithery bodies and glancing to see how they peered at him awakened. No, they weren't dead, they were such as children were, now he understood, under their mother, ready to grow. Many laid mad and malformed, being cosy in the heat, sipping of the dark air which appeared to somehow drug them into supreme submission. It was half-way that he couldn't hold it any longer and found himself tightly set inside an empty space surrounded by the hoppers which did nothing but watch intently so far. Creeping, he desired nought but to get far, or at least for them to stop trying to envelop him with their blanket of skin and loosening of thought. 'I don't think I will be able to stay long in here and keep myself as right as I can. There's nothing I would've desired less than to take you back but I'm afraid that this is exhausting as long as I am to go with the two of us, especially since you're the one dragging us behind.' There was some utterance of words but they paled since Caldwell went away, leaving the poor wretch alone to find itself in thought and solitude. Surrounded by babies it knew that they would eventually come to hunger and come to the only sound realisation which remained for it to be eaten. Such was the reasoning behind the fact that she went ahead and took part in their maddening rave, absorbed by the moment, a sufferer unknown, which started eating through the hoppers, that in hope that it could get through. Like a worm, she started trying to push the others when it found out that the meat was tainted, tasting such as dirt or stone, hardening at the touch, leathery in texture as well. There wasn't any way to keep it in the mouth either since there'd be no way to deal with that taste. It was labour but she knew it well, that one day she'll meet that man again. 'Which brought him to the point of stairs, luckily the arch and the gate have only been momentarily pierced by one of the legs and hadn't had the chance to cause any real damage and destroy the entire gate, crushing his only way out. He was aware she was left behind, but now that he was there, there was only a chance to return.' 'We need to find a way to reverse the ritual which has brought us here. Damned wench, we could've used her in some sort of way to find out what exactly there had to be done. Now we cannot even continue that way, we can't even look upon ourselves and think of something less or something which would bring us back.' 'Fret now, for we are here and we can say there isn't much.' 'Just go ahead and walk.' 'There shouldn't be any trouble unless there's the sea to swim through, which would be hard enough for you.' 'With words of encouragement, he walked ahead, crushing small crabs who found themselves there on the grey sand, something laying in the distance as well, producing the light. At first, he walked around, in what seemed to have been aged from which there came no interaction and no way whatsoever in which he would be taken back. He had gone ahead, and wished for it, alas. 'I need to be taken back from where I came from, just put me back there.' There came little to no consolation, with the air being pure, he couldn't complain about anything other than himself and how far he came to be. Anything less would've been the death of him, speaking of which, as he spent the day and went on to the first berries filled bush he ate from, ahead of him he looked again. From the looks of the wench, it had spent most of its time crawling, dirty from the blood which had come from the leather skin, eyes blotted and almost purple. She seemed to have been covered in some sort of scars coming from trying to drag itself through, but most of all, the creature appeared to have been in some sort of delirium which forced it to appear like an escaped patient coming back to life. With her there, something appeared to have made itself snapped, shaking ahead while the gate and the exit started pushing itself farther away. Some sort of distance laid ahead but it appeared to have been the same entrance from which he had come. The only problem which remained now was the fact that he feared to approach the fiend. There was no

fear which could bode well with him, neither could he deny that the creature somehow appeared to bear no resentment towards him, since moments passed and it hadn't come any closer to charging him through the underbrush. He appeared to weight his chances while starting to walk towards it. 'I'm not sure this might be safe, but she's a component to this gateway to our world. Whenever we agree on it, perhaps it would be better if she accompanied us some more.' There were some sounds of agreement, which weren't enough. 'She might bring danger, she might be it, you might not be safe around her yet.' But the warning wasn't to be heeded though her body had taken a turn for the worst. By the time he was in her area, she immediately took a ten feet stroll towards him and stopped, with no resentment and no hatred being shown. 'You know, I was planning on coming back for you once it was safe for me to travel. At least, that's what I truly planned on doing. I do hope you won't come to hate me for trying to escape, if leaving there was my plan, there'd be no way the two of us would be here together talking.' Some grumbling and twisted teeth came into fruition, attached to a coiling bile that pushed itself out of its mouth. Whatever she ate, it appeared to have dissolved some of her bone along pieces of her jaw and teeth, at a point where she seemed to speak of ill. 'Home, bring home.' There couldn't have been more precise words at which there wasn't any other option but to comply and move ahead, with at least a shimmer of curiosity, the same muck below which hardened, but this couldn't have been their home. After glancing around, there appeared to be a giant stairway made from the corpses of the giant destroyers there, which appeared to have been crushed against one another into their pile. From below them, there seemed to have been a battle, which results as they approached, the urchins called it. 'Loner, single destroyer, look at how he's done it. Only one remains at the eves of sight, supreme creature, which glows in the dark.' After his brothers were slain, there seemed to have been this separation in which it waited, with a glowing above its head. At a moment of sudden interest, it seemed as if it raised itself on its feet, having noticed them walk towards the stairway. It couldn't have been that they were seen though, as, from their point of view, he looked to be at the size of a small insect, from which they would appear microscopic from its point of view. At last, it seemed to have noticed and started making for their direction. 'Let's hurry before it reached us, I cannot stand to walk again but we need to get through there!' There came no fruition but as they made their way up to the gate and fell on the first step, it seemed to have stopped in the distance. It felt as if they, no, it felt as if she hadn't existed. It took Caldwell a moment to realise that it could feel the vibrations in the pool from which the wench walked but as soon as he did they were safe at last. 'Be careful and listen to me at all time, this may be different than what we know.' There couldn't have been anything less of a maddening thought, as a simple touch phased the door, which was now left open for as long as the construction lasted. A room which laid twisted that they walked on walls, the door appeared to have been built on the floor, while the other one now laid useless and coveted for the rain. It wasn't that alone which appeared to be twisted, but upon entering the world, he seemed to be appearing at people who were like him, both in appearance, though much-varied insight and weight, though swindlers at heart with somewhat the same desires and tricks to get what they wanted. 'Good day sir, ma'am.' The latter fell off when the man had taken his eye sockets off his real eyes to noticed what she was. He wasn't the only one who appeared at her, under the light of the two stricken moons, the dark willow trees. It looked as if he was gone an entire season, for winter was about to come. The cold guttural wind did something for his mood, in the sense that it made him look rather pale. Or could it have been the fact that he was somewhat ashamed to carry such a creature among people who were like him? 'My

luck indeed to stand out in a place where it'd be easy to get yourself lost.' Muttered Caldwell to himself, in somewhat of the spirit of the past. Undoubtedly this place had a warm appearance unless you counted what happened in the other city, where men were rough. In the station, things were empty, all the offices had them stay. For as long as they had their faces pierced by giant holes they couldn't properly work but wait, until something came to solve itself with little to nothing of their assistance since most have been disabled. Poor creatures after dark, some came closer, pushing their hands into one another's hole, creating dark shimmeringly evil concoctions that walked on four but had no mouth, no nostrils and no sight. Blinded by some force which was unexplainable, in their brown uniforms tainted with grey, the mad creatures tried walking in the most peculiar forms, with little to no regard for anything or anyone in sight who might've said anything. There were some pairs of ears but those of which were tied to them couldn't have been entirely called useful either. At least not for them, not any longer since the only sound they could hear was the dry humping of the creatures above. 'It wouldn't do, the body grows weak and the mind will end as soon as the body starts to die off, do you hear? Do you even care?' The wasn't much of light inside, neither were their others at night, since they couldn't all be watching at the same time without the slightest tip of sleep, it seemed as if neither of them did care about the repercussion of what might happen if the next one died if it came on to the table. 'We'll bring another, end of the discussion, there's no need to preserve them as much as we have to since we've already come onto something such as embalming them while still alive. There's no need to bring someone new until they're all consumed, is that clear?' There was a short delay on the communication device, but at least he understood, moments after came the clear and he returns to the eeriness which the mine provided. The foreboding fear that he might end up inside of that giant vessel which laid in front of him if only the bad words were muttered. A funny thing how the dust particles appeared to have survived there while floating. There were days where he thought that even those things disappeared in its presence, leaving it only to beat hunger's edge. 'Feed me.' There came the paranoia, he expected it, hours in this suit while being cooked from the sun above during the day, insomnia which kept him awake at the worst hours. It all leads to this point where he'd lose his mind and start listening to that thing. Without the least of a feasible way, it couldn't have spoken, it wasn't aware. 'This body is done, bring me another.'

Despite covering his ears through the muffled helmet of impassable atoms, he could still hear it speak, knowing, expecting somewhat that it was capable of communicating by other means which weren't humanly possible. 'I must call the chief, he'll be able to bring you, someone.' 'Now.' Came to the voice demanding, without having him know or be aware that he had already traversed the rail system, perhaps somewhat of hundreds of miles, perhaps to the point of a few kilometres. Before he knew it, he was inside the cabin, with John, the guard. 'Rough night, huh? You seem to have almost seen a ghost, have you?' 'Or been one I'd say.' The man appeared to have enjoyed that rhetoric a little too much. 'Say, do you mind If I leave the section for an hour, without being signed for it? Off the record I mean.' 'I don't know what to say about that sir, there are the system and the files which need to be set at all times and I'm not entirely sure that's what.' 'Please, it's just something I need to do and the chief wouldn't let me, it's my daughter, I desperately need to see her and you know how it goes in this line of work.' There couldn't have been any other sort of excuse that might've worked, but he knew that John there had twins while another was on the way. 'Do you suppose you could let me off the record for this one hour, for the sake of my child, or that of yours if I ever were to cover for you?' The man thought a bit, but he knew that this was only some sort of curtain, that he had made his

mind ever since he had been brought to the attention of his children. It was a shame that before them there had been a miscarriage but he had said nothing to remind poor John of the thing, at least he thought he did so. No, the man couldn't remember when he had taken off his suit either and dressed in those clothes he has never seen before, neither how he came into the alley, with a few, if not eight people which were taken down. With a lantern in his hand, he checked each and everyone there, from their features to their height. 'Have I taken all of them down by myself?' He wondered as he continued the routine checking, the man has to be the proper height and weight as one which was being drained of his bodily size and fluids, but enough that he'd be taken in and adapt to the previous requirements. This wasn't the first time he'd done it either, ever since it started speaking, orders such as those to regulate its meals had somewhat come to an end. That voice did far too much to take him off his guard and have him go ahead to do its bidding with no question asked whatsoever. In the least, the man would do, middle-aged, slightly fat and easy to be carried along. Of course, he had worn some gloves as well as having to carry, under thirty minutes the bodies back to different places, just so that he wouldn't raise any suspicion. At least four of them had been drunk but he couldn't tell of the others. He was shoulder to shoulder now, with that man being dragged, by the time of which he had this manoeuvre which he had been guilty of in the past. Under the underground railway system there was that small cabin through which everyone came and was noted, a small wooden, if not supported by some bricks, but a box, nonetheless which seemed to have been there since forever. It wasn't huge enough that it wouldn't fit, on the contrary of which, if it wasn't for a small detail, which was the fact that there was a small crawling space through which a man would fit, between the walls of the railway tunnel and the walls of the cabin. From there, the man would be set to be taken through while he had himself ready to put him in. Such as before, there was a rope around the man, just so he'd be dragged through, not to mention that the obvious creature was heavily drugged. There wasn't any confusion as he passed through the checking, not a nerve that was intact, as the guard looked at him and then glanced at the clock. 'Not a minute over, I would say, you kept your promise and haven't been missed either. Was seeing him worth it?' 'You know it was John, I tend to do this every and so, few times often, it means a lot to me letting me go see her.' He nodded and let me through after a suit was taken and the rope, there was little illumination in the tunnel, which was the main thing that really made it well. The door closed immediately behind and I had to make sure that the wouldn't immediately open the door to catch me. Moments such as this one were perhaps the worse ones in the whole entire process, having to deal with the worst to come. At least until half-way when he dragged the man and picked up the rope, carrying him on his back, the heavy fellow was still rather passed. It wasn't even obvious when he arrived, but he found himself standing in front of the vessel and looked at how it suddenly started pulling through it the many biological remains the man had inside of him, even the material in front of his very eyes. With the now shell that remained, it appeared like it was dragged as well inside of it, like a thin sheet of newspaper, seemingly taken away like it'd mean nothing to him, nothing whatsoever. He hadn't seen nor had he looked, how the naked man was placed inside, soon to be covered in the previous clothes or a replica of the material and what he wore. They had been tailored yet to fit, even though he had to get rid of the rest which laid on the ground, the rope as well, there was some sort of stove in the back which was used regularly when there was a need for this sort of thing, with coal and a time, the clothes turned to ashes and he returned blindly to the strange concoction which forced him to do, whatever it had happened. He looked at the man inside and hadn't noticed a

change, to the point of even coming to wonder, had it even happened? Even by the looks around and by the time the fire died out, there were no traces, not even the ash, nor any signs that he left his post. Could it be that the man inside had even been replaced? Judging alone by the face, the resemblance was uncanny. Not that it mattered, that would be enough. The extra shift would arrive in at least an hour, he wagered, and everything would be done. Inside of which, the layman still, despite being drunk, it was somehow flushed out of the system as it worked its way in, not that penetrating such a confused old mind mattered in any sort of manner. He was somewhat surprised to find himself at home, eating with his ex-wife, out of a chicken bowl, no bones. 'That's a bit too spicy my dear, you're bound to pull one on me if you keep serving me this.' As usual, she'd give some sort of kind eye, a fake smile as well. 'It only brings out more spirit out of you that way, my dear.' The latter being added rather mockingly, as it was obvious, once he rotated the table and switched the soups that it was only his which had too much pepper, far too much salt. 'Woman, you're bound to kill a man with so much, when you'd rather have nothing on your side.' 'I've only thought that you'd like things to be different, that's all, I wouldn't have expected you to react in such a manner.' There were some stare and before it could evolve into something which might've been preventable, a knock on the door came. He was the first to get at it, since he had already raised himself, seemingly to involve himself into some sort of process of punishment involving her. It would've been nothing short of a brutality in spirit, which came out of a common ruse between spouses when he opened, yet to see. A strange fat man wearing a belt of utmost peculiar appearance which stood out. 'It is you I've been looking for, I knew for sure.' Though when he realised that the man in front of him almost appeared such as a perfect reflection would be, other than the stump, he suddenly woke up in his bed, alone. 'My wife, where? She's gone.' The downside of the dream was also that it ended so abruptly that he forgot what happened next between the two of them. Her presence was still missed, even with the fact that he couldn't have shown it in any other way possible, or at least anything short of tracking her down when the mood was eerie. It might've been better to drop it all down and return to the mundane, his small apartment in the city, the cereals which laid on the table and the dust which became hot milk. Looking back it appeared like some much has changed that he wouldn't even recognise himself that way. Even down the waist, he thought of the dream and the fear that he might end up as fat came into being. 'Don't worry Prince, if ever I decide to become that way, I'll always have you try stealing the food from my plate.' He grew rather fond of his cat, even treated her right in the many ways which had become possible ever since he had been alone. Only the most expensive tuna found as cheap, and the undergarments, which she bore none around her pretty black dress of fur. Though the palace was in no condition to hold her grace, there was still a desire to keep her around, at least until someone else was to be found. She ate well and grew to a size no cat in the wilderness would've come to be, in a way the creature had exceeded the past expectations which were tied to its species, rather looking greater than any of the previous cats he's had. 'I should give myself a pat on the back this day since I feel as if you've grown at least eight inches from what you've eaten.' An unholy thing happened that he left without his breakfast that morning, having to reach the workplace earlier than he had ever dreamed off. In his mind, there was some sort of importance tied, but nothing could've made him forget, nothing whatsoever of who lived at the end of the corridor. Even with tens of doors and friendly neighbours, there was that one which really got on his nerve, a man that couldn't have been called a man, a dark crook, a being of spite which was the last thing he wanted to deal with, especially in the morning. He stood there, smoking, despite the fact

that the rule of the apartment and then inner corridors said exactly that you weren't allowed. The man had himself standing at the frame of the door, with half inside and a half outside, managing to add an insult to injury and rather insult every poor soul in the building which wasn't a smoker. With which there was no light, this wasn't the case of wondering if he had been seen, for the small ball of flame which came out of his smoking bulb was pointed directly at him. If it weren't for the dim light of the setting sun and the flicker coming from above, a dying light bulb which never seemed to be changed, though the intervals in which happened varied far too much to wager a change. You'll have to close the door and walk past him, don't say a word and don't let him push you around. That's what I'm going to do, I'm a man and he's got no right to treat me in the way he wants to. This sort continued at least until he reached the middle point of the furnished wall and the flickering stopped, luckily for him, he had been given a rather good look at the man. It might've been awkward to stop and stare but he didn't dare call any attention to the obvious nor on the fact he smoked. His eye, to be precise was of a dark shade of purple, and his cheek remained bloody pink, his lip was split into halves and he dared not say anything about the knuckles. 'Howdy neighbour.' Was at least the thing which came to his mind, though he wasn't in the least prepared to respond, nor to say anything at all. La Croix left the room and muttered to himself nothing less than an anxious set of redeeming things. You've done it old man, dear La Croix, you've really made it out without a word, it did happen as I wished for. The other neighbours he greeted also looked at him like a madly jolly fellow whose done something which no man would've been happy about, not in the least one who's faithful at heart. But Croix could split fingers and sing with his thick accent while rubbing each hair of his goatish beard, he was content with what happened and no one suspected a thing. Such it was that on the way, he met with a strange, right on his track to work in order to pay. 'Here's the rest that I promised and thank you for not pushing it to leave him to the hospital, I wouldn't have born the thought.' 'Walk with a clean consciousness, our deal is done now. If you ever need something else, you know where to find me.' There was a common nod as from a working man to a working man which left them to go their separate ways. In the dark alleys, he avoided going now, since there was something of a chance he'd seen. That flickering of lights happened into the places where there were no lightbulbs whatsoever. It must've been a trick of the mind, but he saw the man at the end of the deep and wide dark tunnels, while was waiting for him. 'No, no, had he seen me talk to the man? Could he had noticed the fact that I paid him to do that?' 'Well, there wasn't any satisfiable answer to his question, nor was there a way to know, in the alleys, between buildings, a bulb where there was no ceiling but a floating tube of light which flickered and went away, enough so it would leave some sort of lasting impressions. He stood away from those, even from the system underground, he had no car but decided to walk. No dark place, nothing tight, nothing of which would've made him give way to what he's done. He realised only then how vague the image and the emptiness could've been if it reflected in some sort of black pool off the ground. A small light and the same beaten man who waited for him to walk by. He couldn't have known, I'm sure of it, I'm growing to be paranoid, that must be it. Croix was losing his grip, stumbling and mumbling as he was almost hit by a passing car on the road. 'Excuse me, it was my fault. Sorry, I didn't want to.' A man smoking in the car, with his hood down in that tight place wouldn't do for the image he had set to himself in his head. At least nothing would do as long as he was alive, being able to find out whose paid for the job to be done about him. In the least of the moment, he took a break on a bench, after getting off the road and hinted at something his mind. Even placing his hands atop his eyes triggered some sort of light behind

the eyelids, which brought to him nothing. He was content with letting him know, at least that might've been the reason for his return. It had to be mainly that, why else would he had come to the conclusion, without having to reach the man and stand before him, being embarrassing as it was. The door had a ringer next to it, but Croix dared not ever press it until he was certain enough that he had something to explain to him, at least a way to reach to the man despite being someone untrustworthy, a monster in his eyes, per say. His mind was empty though, as long as he stood there, nothing would come fast enough to be able to explain, or it might've been the repercussions which finally arrived in his mind. Images of him being flattened under his boot, or being stipped and thrown into the street, worst of all, being beaten to a pulp, to say that inflicting at least the same amount of pain to him was an understatement, at least that of which he knew. Henceforth, it was time for him to flee again, and deal with the light of guilt as he could. On the way, there'd be a need to explain why exactly he came as late as he arrived at his workplace, but no one dared notice his absence. Everyone was busy in their small office, and he made his way quite neatly to his little cage while waiting at the sight of Grey. Even before the creation of panned windows, he knew that humans had a way to spot dangers or feel it in a way that expanded the normal sense. It was a mystery why he stood there in the chair where consultants would normally come but there was no denying that he was waiting for him in a most demeaning manner. 'You're late, again, and this time it looks as if there was no slip which dragged itself as far as this went.' 'I'm sorry sir, but I wasn't sure what happened on the way, It's that I've been seeing things that weren't there and.' 'Don't break on me just now, especially not since there are important sales coming.' 'I'll try my best.' There was a whine from the opposition but he didn't appear as if he was going to leave, on the contrary, he actually had his tab of notes with him and papers, and the sun didn't go down either. Hours, they must've been, which were spent with the man. He dared not think the reason why he chose to spend the hours with him, especially lately, not to mention that he was overworked as well. Looking back at the clock, it seemed like the man forced him to recover the entirety of the lost dates every single day. No one was in the building now, other than the two of them and he could yet see one light somewhere in the building, right by his eye. There'd be a long journey home and a lot of figures to be accounted off. 'Think we can make past it? I highly doubt they'd accept something as big as an offer with others being there with him to undercut us.' 'Trust me with this sir, they have nothing that could do, what we have here is a sure deal. It may be that they may put on an act of refusal, just so that they wouldn't be considered weak, but that's about it. As I told you, if they're making an offer which is lower than what we originally planned, refuse it, we got them in our hands, we can't drop them now.' Something clicked there, at least that which he knew or cared, while thinking of this sale, he also dare think about the man of which he was about to confront. It was a mere thing that they said goodbye for the night, he never even knew how he got home either. With a bottle of Der Grenaie in his hand, empty from the likes of which he placed his other hand and pushed his breath out of his mouth, drunk as a soldier, hurt from the war. After at least five attempts, he managed to set the key inside but stood still until the light from above faded. It was a system which didn't seem to work well, especially since one from the other side of it didn't trigger the entire illumination, not that it would've been well for all, but he was just in the perfect spot. Someone was in his house, at least a figure which was bigger than the man he'd seen. There was a smaller figure which he dragged, and from the looks of which, he dared not think who it was, or why was the flaming butt of the cigar shoved in his eye socket. Without the least of a curious glance, he stopped trying to enter the room and

made it for the stairs. Whoever it was there, he left the premise and managed to drag a stainless body from inside. One mention had to be made for himself that the door was close but he heard a muffled hit from below. If something had fallen or grabbed his attention, he came to his senses and turned the light into the tunnel through. His key fit just right in and as he made it through, he slammed it shut and closed all his locks in a reverse manner. Whoever it was he would've noticed the fact that the light came as well as the slamming on the floor. Croix stood in silence and in darkness, next to the door, he listened as the clicking noise of the illumination went ahead to alert everyone that the lights were out. Yet something moved there, barely so, but he could hear it move slowly enough and sparse that the lights wouldn't be triggered on. There might be a burglar I say, coming to check whenever or not there'd be a witness to his lawless nature, but what about the body? There wasn't any way to peep through the keyhole though there was enough of a hint when the light turned again outside. He wouldn't complain about the fact that he wasn't to be seen from where he stood, rather than got comfortable enough, avoiding any sight and trying to get through the night. Speaking of which, as soon as the light outside faded, he crawled through his house, all the way up his bed, filled with tears of tiredness, only to be content of touching the softness of the material at hand. The next day he found himself awake, in full might, before making but a single turn. A body laid in a chair right next to him, someone had entered the house while he was sleeping. Slight palpitations came to his heart once he saw the decomposed thing which somehow had a yellow shirt and blue pants, the colour having ran among the melted skin which appeared to have tied the joints together as well as to the chair. 'Anyone there? I don't take kindly to this sort of messed up thing.' Obviously, he was nervous, more so, the body and the chair were both brought to his room, especially since it seemed to be coming from an ancient lot. Now, there appeared to be some sort of problem which remained, he went ahead to call upon them, since the corpse started creeping him, stopping at the right moment from pushing in the numbers. From the mark on the back of his head, he had to deal with some sort of lunatic which wanted to intimidate him, that should've been it. The corpse dragging from last night. It was when it clicked, it couldn't have been the same men from a few steps away, at the far end door. Croix closed his eyes, yet to see a light or smoke, that of which at least was cured, but how would he deal with some sort of corpse which was dragged and brought back. Mostly so, since there was a way that this would be tracked back to him since there he hired someone to beat the man. 'You're overthinking it, my friend, may I see what you're gawking about for a moment?' 'Who are you, what are you doing in my house?' 'Relax, the door was open, I closed it on my way, good call by the way.' The man which had entered wore an ultramarine suit stripped with matching white, from the coat to the pants and even the belt and hat. A clean shaved, barely any other feature than his clean appearance, smoothly moving to say the least but most importantly, past his dark locks, he was calm. Way too calm to be at the scene with what might've been a victim of the electric chair, something which had burnt the poor creature past anything that might've been considered in the limit of human decency. It somehow managed to make him more uncomfortable than the corpse at bay. 'You know what'll happen when they'll discover you're hiding a corpse, right?' 'What do you mean by when? You haven't told anyone now, have you?' 'I'm not saying anything, I've only come here to help and you don't seem to be in any position to decline.' It all appeared sketchy, the moment he woke up with a corpse, the gentle knight came to help, asking for nothing but a kind reward. They must've heard that I paid for the man to get beaten and spoke to him about a plan to make me play along, that must be it. Croix thought of everything ahead, even with a jerking smile, he

thought himself clever to have seen through the act. Walking forth the corpse, he felt around it and pulled a limb off the chair, making it appear as if the material wasn't actually holding together with the bottom. Henceforth it seemed that there was some sort of bonding which was there. 'This procedure may need you to get it out with the chair as well, not to be rude or anything but you'd make it worse by leaving evidence behind. It's the smell and all.' Plus, he managed to see just the level of detail as a layer of crisp skin laid out and fell. It wasn't burnt though, those weren't burns, regardless of whatever it was, human or not, those marks were something that he couldn't fathom thinking about. 'I'm afraid I couldn't afford your service.' 'There'd be no need for payment, my dear sir, why I have come here on good heart, only to be able to help you in time of need, there's nothing I would wholeheartedly do but come in need.' Again, there seemed as if that appeal came off as some sort of distraction from their plan, as he had to have a partner help him, especially since what he saw in front of him was a task for two men. 'Where do you plan on taking this, if I were to agree.' Before talking, he went ahead to remove his striped gloves, whilst making a few steps for him to get a really good view on them. This was a man who wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty, as well as he knew that there was a way that the money which was earned to buy that suit wasn't the sort of common people had. He was to be trusted for as long as he cared to stay in his presence, which instead was for him to accept his offer. It wasn't as if he kept money or anything of value inside his house, he was poor enough that raising enough to have his neighbour beaten took a few days of saving. Though the problem got itself known. 'How do you suppose we'll be able to carry this unseen through the daylight?' 'Who said anything about it being unseen.' He clearly planned this all along, ever since he first laid eyes upon him, he was aware of it. What other kinds of man would bring with him in the sort of three hundred candles, perfect for such an occasion which would require melting them over the corpse? 'You'd better start now and help me light them up.' 'Right away, I'll bring the lighter and perhaps we could both do it at the same time.' 'No, I was thinking about something of the sort of raising the heat so they would melt easier than at a normal flame's speed.' 'But I couldn't do that.' Said Croix, seemingly surprised that the man even thought of it in that manner. 'It would do nothing else than spread the entire smell throughout the house, without exception. Not only do I have to deal with a body but with the smell as well? That wouldn't do.' 'In case you have not noticed the room and the house already has a smell to it so I believe you're late on that.' 'Who are you anyway, I haven't even had the pleasure of knowing what you're called or how you appeared at this right time.' 'Well I'm the gravedigger, remember? You're the one who called on me last night.' The revelation seemed a farce, though something of sincerity and remorse about the guy seemed to satisfy him less. It was the fact that he somehow just came to offer the service for nothing, free of charge, after seeing a dead body in full state. 'For disclosure, I'm not the one who's done this, I barely woke up in the morning with the body in my house. Someone else brought it to me in the middle of the night.' 'I believe you've told me that on the phone as well if I'm not wrong, that's why I brought the candles.' 'No, there's no way I could've called you, how would I even know your name or address, let alone number.' To prove himself, he appeared to have come in terms of looking inside his small phone book, most of the numbers inside seemed to have been written by hand, by his own to be precise. Speaking of which, there were no professions listed under it, but he appeared to have a vague recollection of each and every one of them in that book. Claire, Madame Jorie, Jonathan, Tom, another Claire, the list went on for plenty of pages, as many as the thought did go. But, upon reaching a certain page, he somehow had a feeling that this man was called Ross Heredot. 'You wouldn't

happen to be Ross, would you?"The same one you've called to help you, now about the heat."I won't turn on the heat to spread the smell, there should be another way to melt those things at a faster rate."We could bring it to the kitchen and close the door behind, the least of which it would smell awful while you'd be cooking.'He scratched his head in dismay, looking for a way until he came to look upon his tools, his father's tool which he may have kept.'I believe I may have some sort of blowtorch laying somewhere, my father used to work as a plant engineer and there was a lot of repairing involved to the metal hulks there.'Ross nodded and continued lighting candles, planting them on various spots across the body of the man. This was a bad idea, to begin with, not to mention that it might be a waste of time since people were a lot more quickly to guess at that. He took the torch, nonetheless coming to check on it to see whenever or not it worked.'Just like its first day after manufacturing.' He took a swing as well and came to see that Ross had been prepared for him to come with the torch, seeing how he had placed the candles everywhere on the body. Some of the top and the bottom, ready to be set upon. After a half an hour, the man seemed to have been transformed in a life-size statue, seemingly closing into the night. He appeared to have lost somewhat the meaning of time since the day was coming to a closure.'It would seem as if we'd have to do it at night, nothing short of a well-endowed coincidence that we found ourselves going forth in this manner, isn't it?"The same thought occurred along the way, he couldn't pass forth, nor would he care about what manner of thought that was. He was getting rid of the body and ready to bring it to the cemetery at night. Empty streets and somewhat secluded passages managed to make this an easier job than he thought of. It seemed, though, something was off with the place, as much as it could be told about the silk road of the dead. Black dirt and yellow stones, bones left outside, it was a matter which required someone to have done his job, and this so-called grave-digger didn't seem to care.After a hard stare from me, he decided to defend himself on the matter, replying by a simple jest. 'Do not worry about those my dear friend, it's only that they're fresh that's all, hardly standing in the ground. It's the type of place where the dead refuse to step in line and stay inside of their dreaded coffins.'What about this fellow? Will he stay dead like the rest of them or come back for some sort of revenge.'There was less of a jest coming from Croix, who never found himself as a believer, but he went ahead to see a smirk, no answer at that of which would've done well to slain his belief in what was right. Nonetheless, he helped the man in digging a remote spot to which people never dared approach, shovels being always upon him. It was a marvel to see them come out of his suit, almost from a secret pocket of some sorts, which was more silly than he thought about, especially since they wouldn't fit. He kept a decent appearance throughout the encounter and did nothing more than smile at him in a pleasant manner. They have succeeded in getting rid of the man.In a blink of an eye, the man wasn't there, which could only mean one of two things.'Ross, where are you? I haven't had the chance to properly thank you for what you've done to me yet.'There wasn't any answer, which meant that either he would join his fellow and rob his house or go straight to the police and lead them straight to the evidence which laid in his apartment. Which in the least included the candles, the stench, perhaps some of the skin flakes which might've fallen. It made Croix go ahead and turn into a demon of flight which lost no second through the passages he had been, the things he had seen would make him no lesser man, he thought. Right by the time he entered the door, empty, no one inside, no robber, nothing appeared to be in disorderly conduct.'Is anyone here? I have the means to defend myself and this house of mine so don't take it as I wouldn't have the thing for it.'No answer, at least not what he'd normally expect from having been there for minutes. This time around, not

only did he close the door but managed to go ahead and put a chair and some sort of bag on it, for the counterweight. There'd be a way for his to know when someone came into his house, not to mention that there was a second door which leads through the house adjacent to all the rooms. It was important than before he went to sleep to have a talk with that man since it wasn't the dead of night yet and he had his number, Croix was in the perfect position to call upon him. Five minutes in and the person answered. 'How may I help you?' 'Is this Ross?' The question was immediately answered by a yes, immediately being closed after he realised that the man he had been with wasn't the same man he had called. Who was he then and how had he known about the body? A certainty came to mind, that he might've been the partner of the other man whom he paid to beat his neighbour, though nothing would come to it on an empty stomach and a tireless mouth. After some sort of dinner which might've been demanding for a man of his age, he drank a cup of wine and went to sleep. I would know if someone were to come inside, most of the windows are closed, all the doors lay open, I will know. The night went on as if there was a silent storm going outside. He had done well into doing what he had done with the windows and what not, in the least he'd need the disturbance of a storm. The calm was there and the sleepless dreams came into being, he dreamed that he was there with him, not under a mound of dirt but in a crypt which he knew to have belonged to the deceased man. Apparently, he might've been of some worth if he was to be taken there. 'Professor, we may have to turn on the lamps now, have you brought yours?' 'What was that?' I asked if you have bought yours, I am somehow surprised sometimes about how clueless you can be. 'The light came and it appeared as if the assistant was the same man which helped him get rid of the corpse. He was extremely tired, too much to be able to comprehend what was happening, but this ancient spot appeared to have lead to a deep underground structure, the type that would've been used as a tomb for an entire ancient city. 'Follow me then and here, hold my lamp. I'll carry on with a torch, at least until we've lit the inner chamber.' That bastard even had a fake accent while he was interacting with him, no matter the ruse. 'Why have you brought me here then? What's your end game?' He didn't look but pointed at him to follow. Apparently, there had been cracks where sometimes dirt came off, and just in the right spot, there it was, he knew that it must've been the spot where the wax man had been. Sleep-walking and the ridiculous dress might've explained something but this was damning if he could tell it. And the ridiculous act to make him think he was the professor of some kind of exploratory fashion was beyond the absurd. A lurid dread filled him as he was given a long sharp pole and pointed at the hole above the ceiling. It was a long thin stick of metal with a sharp end. Apparently, he had planned this for a while, for the exact spot and the lack of reluctance did a lot to him rather than to make him turn back. 'Will I be left alone after we're done with this ordeal.' 'Free as a bird Professor, you'll be scott-free of any responsibility related to the likes of which might've been invited by the authorities. Carry on with your task now, I believe you won't have all night to go at it.' A solid gulp came to it as he went on to wander in the dirt. First, through the various layers of worms and roots then he impaled one of the feet. 'I think I got it, the first try as well.' Through as he went on ahead to pull, it turned out that Croix had managed to pull the leg apart from its entirety. 'It wouldn't do pull him to pieces, I need all of him, not to mention that I need him whole. You'll be responsible for sewing him once he's out of that hole.' The warning managed to at least shift his focus to pushing ahead and trying to impale and pull the chair out, being the least of his concern to look around at the ancient crypt. Many of the tombs laid about and started creeping him the least of manners, that might've made him join them if he

screwed everything once too many times now. This must've been planned, though it was the least of his concerned, as the body fell with the chair as well as with a lot of dirt which followed from above. 'Should we worry about the empty hole which will remain there? I mean it seems like a lot of dirt had fallen off.' 'Don't worry about that, we have someone else to take care of it.' It was the thought and the look on his face that carried their conversation to an entire level of distrust. Another man, he thought, as he started sewing the body together, he would have to get the needle through a layer of wax as he made his way through. The blasted thing, he thought of it at least in a manner which made him want to run away, but a body was pinned on him and they knew his address. 'Would this do well then? I believe I've sealed all of the pieces which were cult or impaled.' 'Very well now, just as I was expecting, it's a whole new level I tell you. Now do me a favour and pull him out of the chair, regardless of how much of the skin might fall off, I need him out of that thing, especially since it served its purpose.' The hardest part was, of course, left to him, having to peel off, as the decomposed body seemed to have become part of the chair, among the skin and the wax. It was disgusting, the feel of that warmth which laid inside, he hadn't felt that before. At least, in contrast with his wet feet, he felt as if the man was still, somehow alive and had kept most of his body warmth somehow. That was ridiculous, but he looked ahead to see that the other man was too busy to look at him as he did his job. A better moment wouldn't have come as easily as it had now, henceforth, he came closer to the chest and started hearing pound after pound, the dreadful thing was still alive. Croix jerked back a few steps after the revelation, knowing that there'd be something he could do now, especially since he had already freed the back and the hands before thinking of pulling him out of his prison. Would the man walk again? Blindingly so, the deafness of which would turn the man in a creature of undisturbed relentlessness which could bore something of a dark thing related and tied to him. He must've heard me, he must know of my name, I am sure of it, he knows I must be responsible for this. While the other man had turned his back, he came closer to his earshot and whispered. 'A few feet ahead lays the man who did this to you. I'm only telling you this because I believe he's planning on placing you alive in a tomb for your final resting place.' Hope bore him to think about a chance that there might be in case the partially tormented body found a way to move. It hadn't been long before a tormented laugh could be heard from behind the wax. 'Don't make any noise unless you want him to know that you're here. Just remember, he's right in front of you, he should talk to me from time to time, use that to guide yourself.' With the least empathy tied to his plan, he released the legs and watch the creature rise. He hadn't planned on killing the man, rather, stop their quarrel after he passed out. 'Is everything all right there?' 'Everything's going rather well, just a few more spots which are rather tied well.' That was it, the creature was moving as it was told, and the man hadn't turned yet. Who knew that it wasn't as hard of hearing as to find him on the first attempt, and that dreadful look as he finally turned to shriek upon the adversary marvellous. Despair and dread filled the man who had lied and called himself Ross, not to mention that Croix wanted to turn and shout let the man go, he had learned his lesson, we can make amends. It never came, to his surprise, he came as a shocked cat, walking a few steps only to realise that his life was being spilt out of his body. There was little he could do other than to grab the piece of a fallen rock pillar and knock the creature out. Being forced in a dreadful turn of events, both the creature and Ross had fallen and as he made contact with his head against the back of the coffin he had prepared, there was a thump and a dilapidation of his eyes. The man who had entitled himself as Ross the gravedigger was dead, next to the mummified remains of the other. A nightmare to look upon, he made it for the

stairs upon a dreadful dark and somehow made it, unknown to him, unto the empty streets. As far away as from the cemetery as he was, he hadn't looked forward to the trip home and what would be expected out of that. Either he was spilt and his house had become a trap or that he'd be taken in by other forces which didn't belong to his world. Everything he knew was beyond contempt, before realising that it might've been three or four in the morning and he hadn't got a blood shut-eye. This was at least the feeling of a tormented soul caught in flight, fitting in the key, making his way to his apartment. Only one thing still stood with him, especially since it was a coincidence of high regard. Another one of his neighbours decided to stand up at night and smoke his cigar, it was the dead man who glanced at him, just as he did in return. Obviously, it wasn't the same since he had thought he saw some sort of ghost as he passed down the corridor towards his apartment. But it was the man himself, there wasn't any mistake, having the same bored expression he always had and even the lack of contempt into his mind. At least he was aware of the fact that there wasn't any way he could guess what happened, there was only a need for him to go to sleep, finally in the midst of the coming day, he'd work tomorrow and escape today. With an alarming image in his mind, his hand shook, he moved his arm, entering his house to see that he was still in the bed sleeping. 'How could this be, why is there a man looking such as I do?' The hands matched as he compared, apparently he had forgotten to change into something more or less heavy on the side, but that was in the least important. A decrepit thought, something he didn't care to explain happened but he finally touched himself but saw the most fantastical thing happen. It was almost as if he was a mould of clay which was being placed inside some sort of figure, as uncomfortable as possible he was twisted just to match the man who laid in his bed, being pulled, through the blanket, his bones flattened and as he entered the other body, nothing happened. Sleeping for far more than it was needed, he woke up immediately to a knock. First, he felt his hands and moaned, remembering most of the recollections of what happened the previous night. The thing was that he wasn't tired in the least, a bit stiffy but he could do better, after which came the next reaction, which accompanied the sniffing. No smell whatsoever in the house, no wax on the floor either, everything was cleaned, just as to hide the mark of the man who had been there. A muffled cry came from the backside of the door, still, someone was desperately trying to knock. 'I'm coming in a minute now.' Hopefully, he didn't hear the other most obscure vulgar evil which came out of his mouth at the end of which he raised himself and pushed the dust out. Apparently, some of the ancient spiders from that tomb had accompanied him and managed to climb on the ceiling. Either some delusion came to his mind or the small arachnid he was staring at had the uneven proportions and bulk to it that belonged to some small rodent. Seemingly, it made the smaller ones, which had laid in its web, caught and ready to be devoured look like long-legged balls of yarn in comparison. 'I said I'll be coming, just give me a minute.' He came at the door, never losing eye contact with the arachnid and its grey cloak of stone which covered it. It seemed like the young man on the other side had never been brought to learn about manners or when to stop. 'How may I help you then? It seems to me like you don't stop as easily from being an annoyance.' That was with the thought in mind of the salesman which went from door to door, he hadn't noticed yet the small bump on his cheek. It was purple, the kind which only came from being repeatedly hit on the face relentlessly by someone much taller and stronger. 'My mother, she's on the eight floor, please.' It seemed to him, looking down the alley that there were four or five other doors open there. Most of his neighbours tried peering out at him but neither of them dared help the poor lad or anything of the sort. It was a common thing never to get yourself with the feuds between

families, especially since you could possibly drag yourself into one as well. But with a strong hand and a self-contained partially raised voice he only said. 'Mind your own business!' The slam of the many doors seemed to have been going on for a while, not that either would do anything less than eavesdrop or the sort, but he knew what to expect from the lot. On the other hand, there was the problem which laid in front of him. 'Listen, kid, I don't want to appear like a heartless person or anything of the sort.' Though the little devil was in tears, already trying to get some sort of a reaction out of him, not that it worked as well as he had hoped for. After a long night, just speaking to his parents would be just what he needed. 'Fine, let's go, lead me to your apartment but let me do the talking.' He was already five steps ahead before Croix turned quickly to the bathroom and grabbed a small pipe, hiding it behind his back, it was thin enough but made of hardened copper, with some mark of some acid aside. A weapon which had horrid marks all around, which he hoped that would at least scare the man if he found out that he had hurt his child or his wife. Each step ahead felt heavy, especially when they came to the stairs. Door locked, everything taken care off, none of the windows open, he felt as if he was back in business. At least until he saw a younger couple just pass by and greeted them. They might've smiled if it weren't for the fact that they saw him follow the boy and stopped to nib at his sweat covered linen shirt. 'I don't think it's a good idea if you're heading where I think you're heading.' 'Would you please take your hand off my sleeves? I know perfectly well what I'm doing, I just want to have a talk to the parents and find out why a beaten crying boy turned out at my door the first thing in the morning, that's all.' 'What about that?' She continued after pointing at a form which she clearly recognised as being a weapon. There wasn't any logical denying in that fact, so he might as well come clean. 'That's only in case our talk gets rougher, nothing more, it's not unlike I'd dare do something else to the man.' A slip almost came to the point of hurting him, at least in the way she looked at him there. Her man didn't seem too interested in the fact after all a beaten child was involved, though she wasn't about to give him the time of the day. 'Don't do something you'll regret, whatever their problem is and with their child, it's only theirs to take care off. You're not a violent person, I've known you since I came in here but I can see that something changed in you, as I'm sure that the old Monsieur La Croix would've never done something as rash as you have.' 'I've done nothing as of yet my dear, this is merely going to be used for intimidation, as I cannot stay and do nothing while injustice is at hand.' 'All I'm saying is to care, this change won't do you nor anyone good.' With that, she seemed to have grabbed her friend and pushed on through the rows of stairs. It wasn't her problem either way and the boy still looked rather adjacent to the thought of the man coming to talk to their parents. 'I want you to be brave now, I know this might look wrong but I promise I'll try not hurting your parents, do you understand?' There was a node as he leads the way through the building. There weren't any other sort of encounters, though something still pulled at his sleeve by the time they reached the eight floor. A manner of which made him shiver as the air around him grew thicker and malformed at which he knew that evil was looming around. Such a grim feeling that he was aware of when he asked. 'Would that be the door?' At which the boy nodded, strangely it was placed right at the end of the tunnel, straight ahead in the place where there laid no apartment in any of the previous floors, from seventh to the bottom. It appeared like it was a strange design on their part, not as interesting as seeing a basement filled with pipes which looked like a dungeon though. He still remembered going through it for the first time when his tap water stopped, at the word of the landlord, of course, which prompted him at least to take a step back. He had already reached the door and laid distracted, without realising that the boy had

stopped right at the very opposite end, next to the stairs. It looked as if he was going to have to fight this for him, instead of the boy being as brave as anything else. Three knocks on the door, little to nothing happened. A bad habit as he came to it but at first he tried peeping through the keyhole, noticing that at least there was light as well as some sort of movement happening behind the curtains of a closed door. 'Who's there and what do you want?' 'Hello, I don't know if we made ourselves acquainted but I'm a concerned neighbour if that would mean anything at all to you.' A bunch of locks seemed to have been forced in the process of opening, at least at the point of various chains were dragged and the key was turned from side to side. He wanted at least to wait and let the man regain himself, he seemed to have sweated, perhaps worse than that, he was drunk. 'Tell me why have you come, no one's just all of the sudden concerned about someone he had never seen before.' Croix had to hold his ground there, a drunk man, filled with the various scents that accompanied one, sweat as well, behind him laid a disaster of a home but he couldn't stare for too long without the risk of being seen. There was at least a pause for him to breathe in before he was pulled closer by the man and shook. 'Well what are you waiting for, is there something you got to say to me?' 'Indeed I have, your son had just come down knocking on my door, beaten and in tears, care to explain how that happened?' All of the sudden there was a release, as the man had turned and made a strange motion of covering his face around with both of his hands. Looking back at the farther end, it looked as if his son disappeared in the distance from the sight of his father, as much fear as he was able to still in the child. 'He's dead, he's been dead for the past five years.' A tenderness might've come if it weren't for the strange twitch about the man. It almost made a maniacal sound as the crack went and his hands phased through his head. Some of his fingers took the form of his teeth and he continued speaking. 'I've made a mistake from which I can never turn back.' With one gaze, he revealed that he only kept sight from one eye as the other had become a contortion of the wrist, unable to speak properly either, he reminded him that this man, the creature had beaten his child relentlessly to a pulp. 'As much as I would be inclined to believe such a story I cannot believe a word of it.' The sounds coming out of his mouth rubbed him the wrong way, especially since the sudden movements of his hand seemed to shift his brain around the skull at dangerous intervals. Only now, to his surprise did it appear to have been relentlessly strange or decrepit, when he came down to an animalistic manner, to which he pulled the pipe and snapped it around his skull. With one blow he was down, jerking as his hands tried getting out to no avail. He was dragged inside by Croix, who looked behind of him to see that the only witness remained the presumably dead child. The sick joke wouldn't last long now, all of which he had to was making this look like an accident at least. After closing behind, he seemed to have moved around the house to notice what kind of place it had become unless it had always been that way. There were no signs that what laid on the walls and the decay being recent, no, even the windows and the view had something of the outside world. What a hole he had been living in the thought, as for the distant power plants which appeared to blow the dark smoke in the distance, he could say no more. 'Great view from here, I wish I was the first to come here, I might've got it for my own.' No small talk with the man who had passed out, horribly so, he thought. It was enough that he had dealt with his surroundings, though there hadn't been any signs of a woman being here. Could it be that the boy had lived alone with his father in this place for years and decided only now to seek help? Hardly believable, he thought, at least in a way which brought him closer to the being which laid on the ground. Croix started dragging him by the legs but even those appeared to be disjointed at a mere touch. Lately, he felt as if he had that effect on

people, especially since the dreaded night, everything he touched went wrong for one reason and another. 'It's what you deserve for lying about your son though. How could he have been a ghost if others saw him? Didn't think you'd be able to answer either way.' On the desk, he also noticed the picture of their family and how they seemed as, from his point of view a further lot happier than before. At least he could look and tell of better times, in the meantime of which, he started going into the secluded area and bashed what had remained there with the pipe. No blood came out and he was aware that what he was doing now had been a supreme breach of trust against the forces which impeded the law in the universe. 'Sick, sick, sick, your son won't have to deal with you any longer. He'll get a new home, a new family and a life that doesn't have to be this.' He hadn't realised that the man had died from the first stroke of the pipe he had achieved, at first when he fell over his head and managed to crack something inside his thin skull. There wasn't any satisfaction, but a body and witnesses which were aware of where he'd been at. 'They'll find me now, they'll know I was going at him with a pipe. Croix you're going to be caught and forced to go to prison, there's no escape for you this way.' At the end of which there came some knocks, the doors were seemingly daring to force themselves, but he closed his. He was aware of two things at least, the presence of three voices outside and the body which laid in the same room with him. This was it, once they would discover the body, there'd be little to no explanation of the act. Self-defence against someone who's been cursed to have his hands grown through his skull would stand against no one in court if he even got there. They'll have to satisfaction as they'll come looking for me, I would rather have it done by my own. With which he opened the window and stood at its edge, looking forth for one last glimpse of the world before he threw himself. An alarming shout for what he had done was mad alarmed the people who were inside and they broke through the door just to find a body sitting on the floor and another on the outside of the building, a neck which had been cracked and a spine shattered. It was this which made him wake, finally to his eyes, no pain. There were facets of rivers that went upstream into some strange cloud formations which had various hues of green and purple. Even being close to them made him somehow sick, but looking around he came to the realisation that he was nowhere near home any longer. This unknown place, this world, if it could be called this way appeared as nothing but a concoction of a maddening hell he had envisioned, seeing how the trees, if so they could be called were twisted in sharp angles starting from the base, forcing themselves to go back and forth into motions of defense. It was apparent that something coming out of him made them realise that they had to fear him. 'Could it be my smell which is the result. Where am I?' 'Follow.' If he hadn't seen with his own eyes he wouldn't have believed the small armoured hound with its jagged limbs and pushing jaw. It spoke to a point where he was indistinguishable from the average man, having the manners of waiting for him to make a certain move or to give some sign for him to wait before they embarked on the journey. 'What happened here?' 'You fell and broke yourself, look at your body.' It was a gaze which he denied himself subconsciously from the start to the very own moment when he appeared to have pushed himself on his hands, looking at a body that bore some regret. 'What happened to my body? Why is it so shallow and why does my skin repel me to look at? I can see no bones and nobody mass to look upon, no folds but something of which I don't belong.' It was partially true for only a half of his body, meaning that there was the other half which made him look as if he had been somewhat in the bearable state. No, it's a curse, it must be a nightmare, a vision, something which must be unreal. The irony hit him there once he thought of the creature in the terms of being canine, after all, he was the one acting like a dog, following and obeying the first

which approached him. 'Where are you taking me now? Am I dead, is that the reason why I'm here now?' 'No questions, just follow.' That mouth didn't open properly at times, not to mention that there were those muscled legs which might've been enough to give him a run or worse than that. He was trying to watch his step, at least near the dying verdure on the ground, for once he seemed to have noticed something beyond his senses. It was some sort of insects, tiny, round, long-legged and bearing two ends which had heads, they appeared to be everywhere cleaning everything, closer to being such as microscopic mites though acting in a manner uncommon. They were strangely noted for the fact that they appeared to have crawled and went around his shirt, in an out but freezing under a direct stare. Without having to think much or dwell, he suspected that those near microscopic creatures had some intelligence if such a thing was possible. How else would explain the fact that one of them immediately disappeared the moment he took his eyes away after he decided to test his idea? There shouldn't have been anything of the sort, but he thought they dug themselves inside his skin and waited, many more to come. 'You must crawl first into this hole and follow us to our lair.' It was well for passing the time but he hadn't realised that they reached some sort of opening in the ground, tight enough for a hound but not for a man. This only seemed like a trap to bring on the prey inside and devour it with the pack, is so it could be called. Follow us it said, there could indeed be plenty, as it wasn't uncommon for him to think of some of them acting in the form of tribes. 'What I refuse? What's down there, your brothers? I'm not going to take the chance and be dragged into this trap.' 'Go inside, now.' There was no growl and no violence either, despite what it looked like, it didn't seem as if he was going to force or bite him. Croix thought for a moment, and just as before, the last moment he remembered before coming here was jumping out of the window. The least he could've thought of was brain damage in a way, so this might've not been as it seemed. 'Will I receive protection during my stay or am I to suppose you're only taking me to be served?' 'Just go inside.' At which he nodded and acted under the command of a strange new being he encountered. It was tight enough down there, to the point where he could feel the isolation peering through him. Not like the fact that the breath coming from behind helped either, but he was curious in the least, did they use names? He asked subtly and was immediately answered. 'I am called Gnaard.' With a long stretch of the voice, that seemed to have been more like a sound used to scare other predators around, if there'd be ones. Though in return he apparently gave his name, he seemed to have had some trouble pronouncing it right, from his mouthing, coming out as a different combination of wolves. 'Well Gerard, I'd rather like to know where I'm being taken, it's not like I wouldn't think I could be afraid of something that right now.' Right now he peered through a small hole from his right, most likely a natural occurrence but what he saw through it wasn't. The endless vast emptiness which poured into space did more than distract him, as for being so close to it and having the only thing stopping him from falling through shatter underwater and the sun. What could be the meaning of that? Am I taken to be executed or the slain? I would at least enjoy it if I were to receive an answer, that's all. 'Only after you've spoken to our pack, then you'll be free to leave.' 'Do I have?' There was an interruption, for he understood, and moments later as they walked, it gave him its word. Not that there could be much accounted for that but in the least, he appeared to understand why he was there. Apparently, many of the Gerard's, as he called them, thinking in the means that they were sharing in the names, no that they mattered as other humans would've mattered to him, he peered around. Far too many corpses of their kind spread around, on top of which, he judged to be their pack leader, tribe master, dictator which rules under an iron set of teeth. If only it

weren't for the fact that they died of natural causes, no signs of fighting, nothing of which would've seemed to have suddenly happened, not one died of old age. Unless, of course, there was some kind of life-span he wasn't entirely aware of, they were systematically wiped off, he found out as their leader spoke. 'We're the sixth stock to be wiped off by this and times are getting desperate.' 'So you've decided to seek help from my side.' There were the chattering of teeth coming from the dead below, one thing which made him quite uncomfortable was the fact that it somewhat kept some functions alive. 'As you may have noticed, there's something that shouldn't have happened to a well functioning.' Following what it said were a pair of words which didn't sound in the least workable in the language he spoke, at least not until some changed and alterations came to be. 'You were sent here to help us be repaired, fixed, to avoid not dying and becoming like this.' Clearly, whatever happened to them below was happening to it as well. 'But I don't even know where to start, let alone come with a way to help you now.' It was as clear as daylight that there was little to no end for which they had to be through, he couldn't deny them yet, especially since they'd threaten him otherwise. 'Well, could I at least be given a chance to visit the others and look for something that's common between you all?' 'No, the symptoms are different with everyone.' That was precise and appeared to be undoubtedly a statement which was to be given. 'It's evolving.' It said, wiggling the canines back and forth at a damning rate which made him nervous. Something about a diseased type of hybrid showed signs of a sick animal and a sick man, the signs of which, when combined formed an image that was unimaginably wicked. 'Look at them, they grow bigger then float through after weeks of staying fluid.' 'What do you mean by that exactly, I don't understand how exactly they grow bigger.' 'Follow.' Came to the servant as he leads him back outside. It was still a longshot to be looked upon but he appeared to have had a good look at the bleak sky. Some sort of purple lead there with something in the distance, black bloated floating spots which didn't even come close to his sight at all. It took a while for his sight to emerge from which there came the image of the small almost muttering toothed creature in the sky. In the form of a small blimp, now it roamed the sky with others of its kind, as to be called on for a sign of evolution. 'Are you certain this isn't the next step in your making? It may be something less of a disease and more of a natural change.' 'It's been brought, from outside.' Again, from the way it looked with the many pairs of small eyes, he almost gave the impression that he might've been inducted into some sort of gazing event which Croix couldn't stand much against. 'Well, I don't suppose that when you talk about outside you mean me, like people such as I am, coming from the same place as I?' There was a nod and as he understood it since he's the one who came there out of nowhere, he might as well be the one to save them from this disease. In the terms of which he thought it to be partially true, in the case of which he was a carrier for the virus which affected them. 'I need to see the others nonetheless, do you understand me?' Without a doubt, there was a denial of the fact and a desire to stay as far away from infecting others, but as long as this small brute was concerned, the human was the one giving orders. No more pushing around from the four-footed blasphemy in sight. 'Well, let's make way for it.' Through the tall sharp gardens of unnatural growths, they went, slowly as to no attract the attention of bigger inhabitants, it explained. From his standpoint alone, he was abandoned there, send into some unknown place of vision that didn't resemble his idea of an afterlife at all. At least in the means of the thought that his body felt the effort and this place was akin to a place that wasn't to be his. He was denied satisfaction as he was afraid to ask to look around. 'How dangerous would this be, if I were to walk on my own around, with no weapon or any means to defend myself?' 'I do not know, follow.' From a small break, it

seemed like those back muscles contracted as it almost stood on a sitting position with them crossed. Those two front paws unbound themselves to make for some sort of movable limbs and sharp claws that acted in the way fingers worked. It a strange way, they were so separated from one another that it might've been some sort of rake, formed to grab and manipulate the substance which formed the ground. Only now did he see the worth of the creatures, for he tried to imitate but hadn't succeeded. Something in their saliva, combined with the thing it grabbed managed to help it create various hardened shapes which wouldn't have been there otherwise. In terms of which the creature was the equivalent of a small forge or blacksmith of old, as it went on to make a small spiked ball. 'Couldn't you perhaps make some sort of armour from that thing as well?' 'Too heavy, slow us down, this is for protection, hold it.' Not that it meant much for him, but he peered around the ball and felt it, hard as steel, but was it just as resistant when it came to it? 'Only one of them? What for exactly?' 'If I run into bigger wrappers, I'll hold him while you come closer and bash the head with that.' Very specific about it, as it came to his mind that throwing the ball wouldn't have been enough. Though he was in the least aware, about the starless night and the mist which was unnaturally coloured and smelt like some wicked body had rotten in a pool of blood, he kept most of his senses sharp. He was set on finding out what exactly happened to those creatures to have gotten to that point. On the other side, it was too late, the body laid cold, broken bones, organ failure, the lungs had stopped taking air long before the medics had arrived to take him. No relatives, no friends left, just a mad delusion from what was said to the officer in charge. 'He was delusional, talking about some beaten child while he was making his way up there with a pipe, I swear it, officer.' Without the least of a concern, he sighed at the conflicting statements, as she and her man were taken separately and gave them written as well. A murder and a suicide, and the shown presence of someone inside, not to mention the forced entry. It had as little and as much to do with the man who fell from the top floor as the others. There was in the least a mention of the fact that there had been some sort of autopsy in the files. 'All well, here, it seems.' Investigator Lt. Mark AJ. seemed to have made a thought of the sort already earlier when the body was taken to the inner morgue and set for the examination. 'A most peculiar thing, sir, it appears as if the body suffered from a stroke and died before he reached the floor. There wasn't any suffering there from the force which dragged him down, nothing from before and from what I could tell, it was somewhat voluntarily from the way he was found.' 'What about the others? Signs show that there were others present at the time there. Do you think this heart attack might've had something to do with them?' 'Possible, sir, it would be possible that the man came in, killed the other and might've had a stroke mid-way. The other intruders come in, find the two dead men and think it's best to throw one of them out so they could make it more likely.' It did appear strange, even with the witnesses in the interrogation room, that something didn't add up, even with what was said in the morgue off record. That the man had a look as he had seen a dead man walking was another thing, but this, this was beyond reasonable. 'I've something else to tell you but it has to remain only between the two of us, sir.' 'What would that be now? Surely it could wait until the case.' 'No, it's about the case, it's about the man sitting on my table and what seems to be coming out of him, the entire body of his to be more precise.' That was relentlessly confusing, to say the least, but along it, there was a pool of blood which almost always accompanied the skin suit, even in the cold morgue, on that big table. 'This blood shouldn't be here, I keep cleaning it but the body produces, he should be dead but sometimes I feel the reflexes coming from him and worse of all would be a thing.' With a sudden pull of the entire blanket, it revealed

that his fully naked body had been twisted back into a straight position, with the bones, mostly in the right sides but staring at the bright lamp was pointed towards his open eyes. 'What exactly is going on with him then? If anything, wouldn't this be a sort of coma or exhaustion?' 'That would've been that way if it weren't for the fact that this man's heart doesn't have the ability to beat, thing of which seems to have belonged to every human being that ever existed before him. Can't you see beyond reason that beyond all possibilities, this man shouldn't feasibly be alive at this point in time?' He looked at him as well and grabbed a glove. With the least of sense, he started pushing through his belly and dragging his hand around, seeing how it went deep enough, this body didn't act like the one of a human. Mostly, it was the fact that where his ribs should've been got replaced by his hand, at least for the few seconds they shifted position, lowering down to make way for him. 'You were supposed to open him, how come you haven't done it yet after seeing so many strange occurrences?' 'I have been trying to do so, observe.' After the beginning of a long cut, there seemed to have been some sort of result which didn't beg anything else in term of questions. The skin grew back, as the organs, though that still didn't answer the other problem, on the contrary, it kind of got into the way as well. 'Well, then how is that there's always blood if this man cannot be hurt and keeps growing where his wounds are?' 'That's the part where I was shocked as well, to say that I asked for a proper blood test with a few vials filled every single time I cleaned after him.' 'And the results?' Asked the Lt. indifferently. 'They all came from different sources, other than the one present here, different blood types but no human that ever existed, as a matter of which, they even found some sort of animal blood inside as well as something unrecognisable to the human genome.' 'So let me understand this, someone keeps coming in at night, bringing a lot of blood and pours it around the dead body, would that seem correct?' 'No, it didn't seem to be that way, Croix seemed to have been at it for hours after coming to the small tribe. Once, he had agreed to examine the creatures but he had already started dissecting with the little knowledge he had of the creatures and didn't get to do anything but get some thoughts surrounding some of the organs the creature had. It wasn't even close to the fact that there were a few untouched one, he hadn't a clean specimen to get a good idea of what those clean organs looked like. He wanted to snap and take his new friend as well and clean him swiftly around the guts, he seemed to have been the healthiest specimen so far, resistant to the disease, as well as prime in its manner. 'Bring me another one, this one seems to be spoiled as well.' It had its strange motions sometimes when the human behaviour could be seen, not to mention that he now used a set of tools to open the specimens for him. He didn't know much about medicine, but he thought that the answer had to be in one of them, especially the ones that were healthier, that way he could properly compare the two and see from where exactly it started. His tongue slithered at the thought of asking, though he dreaded to be taken back and bashed. Without a doubt, the one in front of him might've been the healthiest specimen alive which brought him the least concern when it came to the thought of taking its life. Just one cut would be what I need, to look inside the belly and see for myself what's it to be done. The tension between the two of them came to be closer to the thought be a bore, that of which it might've guessed by now, especially since he stared with his bloodshot eyes. 'I need a healthy specimen from you, that's all. It doesn't have to be a living one but if I am to understand what's causing this, I need it for comparison.' A moment passed when the cold staring fiend seemed to dwell on the thought, at least for a while. 'Follow.' At the direction of Gnaard, he appeared to go well ahead and get through the dampness of the hole, still haunted by what he's seen below. Seeing how this road ahead to the healthy specimen was to be long enough, he

thought of asking. 'Why is that there's nothing below? Just an abyss going into a fathomless emptiness?' The creature appeared to be unaware but he couldn't stand still without shaking at the thought that there was a thinness between the ground and an endless pit everywhere he went. Passing through the weird conglomerate of fleshy forms that waves and moved, as to strike, he was pushed on the ground to walk like a canine. Despite what he might've thought, the fauna there had shown some sign of sentience, even mockery if the previous act could act as proof. And Croix was very much afraid of doing something that would anger those fleshy plants, since they appeared more than capable to move, strike, bend and push, perhaps to the point where he would suffer nothing less if thought is true. Without a doubt, this was to be the end of them, at the thought of which. 'We will burn it, we have to incinerate this thing.' Said the higher officer in charge, after seeing with his own eyes and there had been pools of blood time after time after being taken away in his presence. At least, to the point where he thought of something worse, he appeared quite well aware that the case was fixed. 'What about the on-going investigation?' 'There is no on-going investigation any longer, they're to pin everything on him, as well as to have this bloody body disposed of.' It did turn out well that he was more of a bother than any of the thought, as he had become a fountain of the sort, where his body produced more than a fair amount. 'Couldn't it be used as a blood donor or for testing? It seems to be a waste to have such a specimen he wasted, especially since this condition might give us a clue about the human body and its extremities.' Asked the mortician, quite surprised at the thought of it. 'We already sent the samples, but what neither of your was informed was the fact that each of them remained contaminated, to the point of it becoming less of blood belonging to a person and more akin to poison. The mere presence of the two of you with the body puts you at risk from what I've been told. It was all so sudden, too rushed to agree upon what was to be done, though his word came first, he was to be left and used the ancient furnace in the back.' 'With that said, you are released from the case.'

With that brief information, the man left and left the two of them to say their due. Nothing short of a handshake which wasn't followed by any word to be important, as the inspector left him to take care of the body. If only there was a better way, he thought, looking at the clock ticking, minute after hour, until at least he'd be sure no one would come looking for him or try checking whenever or not something was done. He was a trustworthy man after all, how could he do any harm? 'We cannot abandon you now, so I can only hope that you won't rot or be eaten by rats down there.' At the sight of one of the body storing tunnels there was a secret trap door which appeared to have been used at least from ancient times, which lead to who knows where, at least from what he was concerned, after all, he'd know where to dig from him. Just as soon as it was opened, he was thrown to a sledge and followed a long bloody way until the body of Croix found itself in a wooden room, having fallen through a closed trapdoor from the side. Certainly, another body was to be burnt and replaced by him, but there were plenty of undocumented people who died and had no families, nor friends, no one that would miss them, most importantly no one would know of that fact. There wasn't any doubt about the fact that they wouldn't even be surprised to find out a different body with the constant changing of his wicked blood. 'I hope you'll be safe there, precious specimen, I've not a doubt that you'll be useful one day when science might evolve past the capabilities of mankind.' He kept a prayer for both of them, as soon as he closed the incinerator and saw the body burn. For a moment he could see the spirit of the dreaded poor soul which replaced the bleeding man and shuddered at the sight as it desperately gnawed at the metal bars. It was enough for the mortician to go away until the smoke cleared inside the room, after all, this furnace was old, the

system was flawed, the more he spends inside the room, the oftener he thought he'd end up inside. The corpse at the bottom eventually started bleeding as it had previously done, without the shimmer of realisation that he wouldn't be able to stop any longer. Unless the skin had come into the contact with that dreaded substance, there wasn't any certain way, which to say to worse was mainly impossible since the room stood just above an underwater river. Polluted by the substance's every drop, there seemed to be nothing there. 'Not a single one here either and I believe this is the third of the fourth one I was supposed to be checking. I haven't the time to go back and forth through them without results.' Croix still hesitated but he couldn't deny himself the thought of wanting to ask about the identity of the person in sight. He stood and wondered at him, without having to go ahead and touch the wrong ending, which would make the creature lash at him. Despite having examined so many, he had no clue just how strong those limbs were and just how much had the muscles worked to stray him farther away from the question. 'Do you want to witness me then?' 'Only for a glimpse, then I could be prepared to tie you back if you bring me a needle and something to suture you up. Nothing fancy about a quick glance inside, that's all.' What he proposed was rather mad, even for him, worse of all was the fact that the creature didn't only fear but refused any assistance which came after being cut open. 'It will grow back on its own, open me, cure us.' The way it placed itself seemed to have brought something of a wonder and fear for the first cut. His cold feet stopped him as he grabbed a piece of the fur and managed to feel just how warm the skin was and what would be inside. 'There'll be another way, I'm sure of it, let's just check the other holes.' With that, he wiped the sweat off his face with a piece of his shirt, seeing how the creature was still in that damning position, waiting to see if he'd act or not. 'I said I wouldn't do it, now let's go.' With an immediate springing to its feet, there appeared to be nothing of a strangeness insight, but for a fact, he bore some resentment for himself, to fear that it would involuntarily lash at him if he'd do the wrong thing or cut too deep. Somehow it was different when it came to cutting through a strange pair of being that was already at the bottom and technically dead, reanimated by some force or virus he couldn't point at. Worse was the fact that, looking back at it, he already saw under his very own eyes that they had grown large, like a bubble, not balloons, round, as they welded themselves to one another, coming in moving pairs of four or more. The eyes and extremities were around and from the looks of which, there wasn't any coming back from that point on, as far as he was aware. 'Is this the fate that's bound to happen to us all?' 'I said I would help, haven't I? If so, why is it that you feel like you need to bring it to my attention every moment of our journey?' 'Because I see no results.' It said, with some sense dryness around its jaw.

There wasn't in the least a doubt that failure would've meant. Something worse, worse than what he had experienced, especially now that his body felt weakened by an unknown reason. At least he felt the same as those creatures, in the terms that he fell to his knees, unable to carry or in the least, nor could he see well any longer. 'We need to find a cure before it affects you?' 'Affect me? I am more than well.' The man said incredulously, having been somewhat caught between holding onto the strong Gnaar, Gnat, whatever they were called, into what appeared to have been some sort of dark passage of the stone. 'What's this, who made it?' He had missed the part when he was dragged and obviously he wasn't lead into another hole. Whoever crafted the floor and the rooms inside the cave seemed to have had some skill in doing so. The dark purple, the grey and the spots from which there came the illumination were perfect in their nature, faint, as much as he could see, he was dragged towards something which brought the promise of help. He still wondered whenever or not he'd get the help needed from the beast when at last,

they got to the high entrance. 'A few more steps, hang on.' He hadn't realised what was going on, still caught in a stray mode, before long, being placed in a chair which had its long fingers inside of him, draining him of blood. There was pain and he suddenly felt aware for the first time that something beyond his consciousness was wrong. Others talking but no words of which he was aware. A man, a young man standing by his side while he was trapped and all he had to do was to raise a finger. It hadn't come up ever since, especially since this chance would never get to come again. With a sudden burst of air in his lungs, he was released with only a few steps through which he was slightly impaled by the machine, looking as if. His skin was somewhat pale and while standing he realised that something was wrong. 'What's going on with me now?' He looked immediately at the source and noticed that the creature which had attached itself to the second part of the machine was that canine abomination. That immediate realisation not only made him realise that something affects his body but his mind as well. 'What have you done to me? Why am I feeling this change come over?' He felt the rush of nerves and the need to walk on four feet, while his body contorted under his own eyes. It was true enough that he also felt like his thin muscles suddenly grew in density, but could the trade be worth it? He was afraid to speak, in case he would hear his own voice since it was fair enough that he wouldn't be able to get through anywhere else, and worse of all, that now he could be infected as well he worried. 'Is this reversible at least? Why I don't think I could get past through my life has become one of you.'

'Not one of us, different, much different, you'll know.' For one, he was right, they were as different as they came, especially since it was obvious enough that he could force himself on two feet, though he was unaware whenever or not they could do the same. Whatever this place was, he still didn't know the purpose of it, not why he had become somewhat pulled towards it by his own will. 'Who build this place and what about the machine?' 'We do not know.' 'Who's exactly we then? Have you brought others here as well? I mean, someone different than you, perhaps someone else such as I?' 'We bring those who are different and insert it into them. It works both ways as long as there's a specimen to provide the blood.' That was well enough to know, as being stuck in a half-human form was most disturbing than witnessing more than enough cemeteries for the day. All of which was needed remained to find a man, another human to provide him with the blood which he needed to consume. With that, he could be whole again, but until then, he decided to keep this companion, instead of cutting him apart. There wasn't even the least of doubt that with this newfound strength, nothing would've been able to stand against his might. With a leap, he grabbed a bunch of stones and shocked even the Gnaar as he crushed them under his fist. Most of the humanoid appearance was kept, other than the fact that it looked as if there was less skin, more muscles and not to mention the size of the knuckles. It felt as if he was just mashing a tiny slim ball of butter and he enjoyed it for as long as he went on. 'Are you coming o dreadful thing? We still have to find a cure.' And as he said it they ran but stopped at the end of the gate, stooping low at the instinctual sight of the bubbles. For, they seemed to have produced tiny antlers that dragged them down, through while small blasted tubes scourged the ground. Enough time passed that some of the features evolved in something horrid, transparent, enough to reveal that all of their guts have welded together in their eight bodied oversized concoctions of disease. 'Don't do anything yet, I have a bad feeling that popping it from close would only do to infect both of us with the disease.' 'What do you suppose we do then?' 'I need to be a man again, or else we might not stand a chance. I seem to think it's looking for either of us for some reason since I couldn't tell why it's heading towards our direction.' 'We have no knowledge of how to return you to your

world.'With bitter words, he was dismissed, knowing that in the least he would be able to remember that the creature known as a man would help them nonetheless.'Fall back until I'll call you, they appear to be slow enough anyway.'At least now that he was alone to his own thoughts he could think as well as to examine the weird expulsion which hovered in front of his eyes.Something still dragged at him nonetheless, even in that dreadful moment when his knees shook. Is this fear that I fear, thinking that I would walk away in case of a confrontation?That being had become seemed irredeemable even within its first sighting, not to mention that he couldn't do anything any longer without exposing himself to it.'I'm over here, you damn soap anomaly!'As he shouted, he managed to perfectly land on a pair of bushes, as well as on a strange pair of mushy chairs of flesh ground protrusions. They appeared to have enjoyed the little action and the constant shake he displayed then. Now, of which he was aware, there was at least something he knew, something he had guessed, of which, aware enough, he was truly followed and despised.The neutral tone of those roundly outstretched faces suddenly turned from neutral to rage. A maddening pair of faces with soft teeth and open mouths which revealed that they had no means of biting.No, they were stuck in that way, without even a manner of going ahead to be able to break through. He was quite aware that there wasn't any way to get through to it any longer. If that creature had even a working heating system, he would've been surprised in the least. They saw him, of that he was aware, as they followed, or attempted, with the damned advantage of full-fledged flight. It refused to enter the small zone of sharply set plants, most likely since they would pop it with the ease which it took him to arrive inside. 'Go away, can't you see that there's no way in? I'm already somewhere which can never be touched by your kind.'It tried lowering those antlers below, but by the time it had reached the safe area, it stopped, enough to realise that one of those ground pulsories which appeared to have had a mind of their own just took off from the ground and started the flight.One of the strangest things he had witnessed remained the many pointed narrow stars of long extremities which now came into flight and started chasing the beast away. It was somewhat of a dark and damp plant, the roots of which moved into strange mesmerising motion which followed, until the very moment when he heard, in the distance, a damning sound. It was only then that he realised that the creature had been slain.What had remained of it from what he saw were a few of the organs which had wrapped themselves around the roots, right as it made its way back into the hole from which it sprang. A strange thing in itself that was, seeing how it wasn't infected like any other disturbing creature in its place.Carefully, he waited and looked at it, just enough that he could see any sort of results, after which he realised that there was a need to wait for a few days if not more. Others were on their way from the distance, though none of them appeared to have noticed him nor the open cave, perhaps enough time would be given for him to know. As he made his way behind, he explained everything to Gnaar, hoping that there'd be some sort of response in this which would explain everything.'Then what would you suppose we do?'Easy, we wait a few days here, as we are the only ones who are not touched. If it turns out that it can't affect plant life it would mean that there's only one thing left to do.'We inject ourselves through the machine.'The thought alone seemed mad, not to mention that there wasn't any clue whenever or not that would work. He needed to think it through, and at the same time find a way to delay the exposure to this world.Both of them ate whatever they could find in the cave, be it cave bulbs, which the Gnaar had testified as being edible for the system and drinking the swelling dark water of the lower sides. He didn't dare to go deeper than he needed to, especially since the transformation had given him a pair of instincts which appeared to have twisted his

senses in what appeared to be a concoction of feelings and despair. Feeling the threat which came from below, his skin shivered, hairs raised, there wasn't any way of which he'd get through. Yet the calling from below wanted to make him change himself into what appeared to be a new type of man. He realised then, that this was the way out, the gate which would lead him back to his world, the only problem is that he had become a strange abomination, no longer a man belonging to the human world. 'Would he notice if I were gone for a few hours?' It seemed like his friend was resting as he was told to wait, unable to say a word which would make him rise, he took the change and went through the slide. Smoothly so, he appeared to have reached a point where sliding was no longer necessary and he could freely walk around. There wasn't any certainty of where he'd arrive, but somehow, through a miracle, he found himself walking at night. It was obvious enough that the spot from which he had popped out managed to bring him some sort of thought which for a reason or another distracted him. The alienation made, most likely being the reason for his so-called fear of being seen in the state he had come to be. At least, from the point of view where there were the so-called others he had cherished might've done less than enough to satisfy his carving. 'Control yourself Croix and don't let yourself be seen.' It would've been enough for him to be heard, especially since his voice had become much deeper than he himself expected, going by the way of having to bite himself twice around the ankles. He was shocked himself to find out that he couldn't even penetrate his own leathery skin, and he was quite aware that his teeth were almost diamond sharp. Only now, it was time to put everything to the test, to know and to be aware of what would happen if he went ahead to bring his plans to fruition. He could forgive much but not this, as he reached around one of the buildings and saw a small window pane which crept at his inner eyes. From that, he could tell that the parents responsible for the image which he witnessed appeared might've neglected their child as he was cradled by the wind alone while they were upstairs doing the unimaginable. A bleak image bore into his mind, what other things would do if not the purest of them all? He couldn't think properly any longer, and as he opened, or rather forced it open, he came on the floor and made his way towards the baby. It was a damning thing that happened when he only wanted to hold it in his arms, taking the baby into a flight, rightly so as he made it around the building, to be certain of everything, he was silent. Far too silent, but that couldn't have bothered him less. It took the longest while to realise that such silence was supremely unnatural to the point where he realised that he had smothered the child under the guise of his own unknown strength. While dropping the body of the poor creature below, he heard the guttural sounds of a watcher. There wasn't any time to think, nowhere he could lose the small body without being seen. Without thinking any longer, given to the instinct of having a child which passed with him around, he placed it in his mouth and ate it, bit by bit, in front of tired on-lookers from above, the dread of which never stood a chance to leave their simple minds. Rather unsure of this strange turn of events, he made it to the secret entrance and found himself back into the world from which he had fled from. Unaware of the consequences of what he had done, he wiped himself and went to sleeping, seeing how his companion hadn't awoken yet. Sleeping was much easier than he had originally thought, more so with a clean consciousness, the night carried on. The next day both of them appeared to have woken up at exactly the same time, without a doubt with a desire to check the world outside. At the first glance, the horizon was clear, from as far as they could check and see. 'It's your turn to get around to the small thicket over there and check for yourself whenever or not anything was infested. Don't worry about it though, if everything's how I told you, there shouldn't be any trouble, to begin

with.'He slurred and watched Gnaar go by himself, slowly, just in case he told him to go slowly and wait for as long as it was safe to go. Everything was planned just so he could buy himself enough time to get back to the other world.'This time, don't worry and look for someone older.' It was clever enough of a plan that in case something broke about the body, there was enough of a chance that the specimen would survive. With that in mind, he went on ahead and started hurrying towards the place, this time appearing somewhere else, in some sort of anti-chamber filled with strange concoctions of glass.Liquids were dripping, lightning was flashing and it had become obvious that someone had used the equipment which laid ahead of him before. He dared not touch anything but loathed to get out. There must be someone here I could use, a human who stumbled in the wrong place at the wrong time, something in those phials.Upon realising that there was none, he opened the next door, looking at the floor of stone, knowing that the slabs of stone were shattering his hope, moment by moment. What this might've appeared as being might've been sealed from above in a way, judging from the size and from the fact that the stairs which lead further above lead to a door which was sealed away by bricks, it left him with little hope.'Anyone here? I'm in a desperate need.' He stopped as he almost pushed a sound which would've been inhuman.'In need of help.' He continued, somewhat surprised at the fact that there wasn't an echo going there. The time had come to open what might've been the last room he'd witness of this strange machination.What laid on the other side didn't have him prepared, as silent as he stood there. A man laid with his back turned, that of which he was sure, he was working on some sort of docile tubes and what not, seemingly too caught up in by his work to be able to notice anything going on. He hadn't remembered ever dying, at least in the farthest corners in his mind, he knew that he fell from the top floor and that he couldn't have survived the fall. But somehow, he appeared to have blocked that moment in his memory and pushed it as far as it went. What laid now in front of him was his very own human body, tied to the floor, bleeding.At once, the body opened its eyes and started in confusion as well, the sight of which hadn't done either of them any good whatsoever, especially since the man turned.Whenever or not he was a doctor, he appeared to wear some kind of robe and have acquired some utensils that might've made him resemble one.It wasn't the time to think but to act, since he had maintained most of what he had through his body, he stood there fully stretched, like some sort of humanoid wolf, with his overperformed jaw pushing forth, this time no longer holding back. A dreadful shout roar came which left the doctor pale, at the sight of which he was deemed enough of a threat that he took out a small gun. That wasn't the type to carry more than one shat and they were both aware of it.'Give me the body and I shall spare you.'Perhaps that was the point which broke the man, which forced him to this of Croix as more or of a phantasm that a beast or a monster. It was dreadful enough to hear him roar, but speaking in english was terrifying.Enough was said and done, as he took hold of himself and finally shot Croix, only to peer at the fact that he stood unaffected. The bullet hadn't even penetrated his thick skin, layered with as much as he had.With a leap, the man fainted, the sight and the smell finally had done what Croix couldn't do by intimidation alone.'My dear old body, how fitting that you'll be the tool of my saving.' He pulled his own body out of the prison and made it back. Though nothing could've gone worse this time around as on the other side he realised that he never made it back into the real world, to begin with.'What is this abomination I see around?'He glanced everywhere seeing how the pool had spat not one but three bodies out, two which resembled his current form and the humanoid bleeding one. It was hard to realise that the pool worked as some sort of reflection rather than a gateway and the fact of the manner

remained that now he could stare inside of it. He had left two bodies in the human world, the human and the dreaded hybrid, in what appeared to have been a scene of dread. Just another body to experiment upon. 'What have I missed?' That came too sudden for him to realise what happened, at least not in the terms which laid ahead. For once, the fact that he had prepared two bodies which looked at him did nothing more than the obvious confusion. 'I need to perform some tests first, that is why I have brought a couple of specimens here. Yes, that's right, it's why I have them now.' Croix was never the best of liars but with enough help, it might've worked. There was indeed a wonder at the specimens, though he at least tried to hide it until; he was properly classified of what happened outside. 'Nothing, they didn't seem able to affect them in the least.' 'Good enough, just for the sake of it, we should wait a few days and they attempt to either cut a branch or one of the roots, just so that we could get one for testing.' It nodded and seemed to have gone out on patrol. 'Don't go too far, will you? We can't risk being seen by them, especially at a moment such as this when we need to make the preparations.' The Gnaar nodded without looking behind, clearly bored of repeating the same type of language between the two of them. As a matter of fact, for a translator, he was only noticed now, rather than a clean creature of service. 'Now, if only I knew how this machine works, I could be a human yet again, no longer in the pain of bearing this shell that isn't mine.' His words did echo but stopped short, as the pool made ripples and he was lost from the reflection. He had both of my bodies and knows who I am, who was the man? In there, he woke up with a head which was almost in the position of getting smashed by a falling set of metal circles hanging right above his head. 'Liliya, Liliya, come on for a second, I need your assistance, hurry!' The shout ran through, half-way there and she opened the door, looking at her father, eyes locked. She had been busy taking care of herself already but seeing how something had happened, she rushed to him, looking closely only to despair. 'What happened father? Are you hurt or anything?' 'Help me get up my dear, there's been an incident here which must be taken care off, the likes of which make shake our entire knowledge of what we know about the human mind itself.' He made little sense, but so had the body he had brought. 'If it's about that cursed thing that kept bleeding, forget about it, there's nothing but trouble tied to it, nothing more. Have you no sense of the hours I have spent trying to get rid of the blood?' 'Not now my dear and stay back, what lays on the other side of the closed doors might be far too dangerous for your poorly tempered eyes to witness. I am afraid that it may leap at me and take me with it in whatever refuge it had built for itself. Do you smell that as well? It's the decomposing stench which filled the room, there's no other way it could've gone.' 'Just wait a minute now, or more, starve it out, whatever animal it may be, it's pointless to endanger yourself for a poor body.' 'Nonsense.' Her brother answered, quite composed for a man who was about to confront a creature which was in the least going to hurt him if not do worse if it were to escape. With a small prodding hammer, he decided to open it at last. 'Stay as close as you can to the stairs, I don't know what's going to happen once I open up the doors. This might be more than perilous for both of us, and in case anything happens to me, I want you to close the door and never return here. Do you understand me, my dear?' 'Father, I cannot.' Though at the mere command, she was silenced as he went on, looking as to see that she was doing as she was told. Good enough, in case it'd be, but now behind closed doors let's see. 'Who's there?' As the light came inside the room, he had finally witnessed what was for so long hidden inside, nothing but the body he had presumably lost and an additional thing which stood beside him. At once, he went and grabbed the bleeding thing and placed it unproperly in its original position on the floor. The drain was still under it, seemingly going far

below.'Is that the thing which attacked your father?'Indeed it, though it would seem that whatever it did.' He stopped to examine, kneeling down slowly to a dangerous degree, close enough that he could place his ears against its chest. A few more attempts followed through, after all, he couldn't know whenever or not the heart was in the right stop, as much as he looked in part human. With a bang against it, he slammed the hammer but found himself shaking as if he had it the bottom stone floor, unaware that there wasn't a way to determine its death.'Lily, be a dear will you and bring your father a pair of chains, I believe I might have received something even better."Damn them, I've lost the images from the pool.' Said Croix, with a tone that seemed to dwindle between himself and the creature.'They have returned and still seeking for us, though something changed, follow.'He did as he was asked to, having to witness the change under his own eyes. Apparently, whatever those shrubs held some sort of memory if they popped out of the ground on their own, in groups as well, following those small bubbling abominations and taking care of them. With at least a mental note he made, there'd be something that would bear him down if he was recognised by the smell and sight if it came to ripping something out of it.'Wait, if they recognise me, after all. Help me Gnaar, place this body into position and get ready to prepare it for the procedure.'It was apparent that he was going to force the body of the hybrid onto himself, having no means of knowing what the effect might've been once the procedure was done.Even the other being appeared to have some fear of what might be the results after it was done, though if everything was to be done in the way he wanted, sacrificed were to be made. Croix placed himself onto the seat and saw the concoctions wrap themselves around him softly. It wasn't as if he couldn't get out, it was easy enough to push himself out of the way, though he didn't wish it.Gnaar grew more reluctant, seeing how the body was somewhat too close to the original in an unexplainable way. At least the way he saw it, there was a doubt that it would work.'Are you certain this might do? We've never tried replicating two of the same on the body."I think I know what I'm doing, this way there's a chance I might have enough strength to rip off one of the roots and get away with it.'There wasn't any way back from that and he was quite aware of that, with one final gulp, he went on to ask the creature to insert the needles and the pointers, concoctions as well. Immediately there was a reaction which was more than unexpected, for once his sight widened to the side, as well as his second pair of hands appeared from the same stump, which grew as well.Body masses grew all over his limbs, though the mere sight of two feet popping out of the same end seemed to have been a problem, not as much as being stuck into the chair. He was forced out, a new thing that had neither something of Gnaar nor or human the was he saw it.For once, the primal features, the claws were stronger, longer, and he could feel the control and jow how wide he had kept the four pair of claws in check. He wanted to feel the brutality which ran through his veins, without being able to hear or see anything yet. Was the Gnaar always so silent or had he silenced himself as he hid in the dark corner?His fear was a sign to be remembered if there was to be a way back.'We can now harvest the root without fear or be taken. I will rip it off at the base just to be sure that it won't get the idea to follow me.'The poor thing could only nod from its corner, still unable to look at him, nor trust that it wouldn't come after it. He found out that now he could fully get into a flight with his scraping mandibles, his jaws opening at once revealed much more than a pair of teeth, rather the fact that they both ended up leading to the same hole. Though his face was nothing which was bone-like, though rather full of soft meat, the cold touches revealing that he had kept some of the soft features he had as a human. Mainly what looked peculiar were the spotless hairless spots among the body which crept him even more than he had thought of.It was a sign of

disease and degeneration, they were soft instead of his leathery unpenetrable armour, his weak spot, as he willed. If he continued taking from the same source, there'd be nothing short of supreme self-inbreeding which would only leave him as a shell. Never matter that, as I will have that root and earn my freedom that way. Seeing how there was nought outside, he came to the small thicket, finally facing it. Without a doubt, there was some sort of fear which could be felt between the different creatures around. He had to show some sort of power and might if it came to blows. 'I've only come for a root of yours, that's all, there's no way I could understand whenever or not I might be able to see whenever or not you'll know me but I will have to take it from you.' He shook himself and much prepared for some sort of retaliation, finally lunged and ripped off a giant root out of the small body, pulling it out entirely, revealing a small network of smaller brambles which were attached. More so, it was obvious that the rage hadn't subsided, as a matter of fact, it suddenly turned into flight again, never surrendering nor being able to give up a part of itself yet. He was in minority around them and he knew it couldn't end up well, though at it saw it lift off, Croix dropped the piece of the root and leapt at it, holding tight while digging in as hard as he could. 'Don't do anything now, or I might rip you off entirely.' Without a second warning, he started ripping out pieces of its top, fleshing it out and seeing it finally bleed and shriek through the various spots he ripped out. It might've been something unrelated that he heard the sounds, but the flight was done, it fell away, though, in an unknown turn of events, it fell and broke his arm between the hole from which it sprang and its weight. Bone cracked, his arm whacked, he couldn't stop the pain but feel anger at it as well. The fit of rage forced him to chew through skin and bone until he released himself from the torment, leaving it behind to bleed into the hole he had created. 'I need to be freed from this place, I need to take you back.' Slightly defeated, he claimed the root and appeared to have had some defensive position once he noticed. One or two of the other plant-concoctions were levitating through the air but made no move towards him whatsoever. Though he had kept only an arm, it was obvious enough that he had taken one of them out, without even breaking a sweat, grinning with blood dripping out from both of his mouths. Just slow movements followed as he tired his best to get as far away from them as long as they were stuck in their mad staring. If the roles were reversed, if a man had been killed, there would've been fire, an inferno, but this gave him enough time to flee from sight with the root in hand. 'I've done it, Gnaar, I've grabbed it at once.' 'Something happened, you're hurt.' Noticed his tiny friend, after being done staring and being afraid of this new appearance he bore. 'It doesn't matter any longer, as well as we may test this through. We have the root, now what we're missing is some specimen that's been infected in order to test it.' 'Then why have you returned if you were planning on taking one of us?' 'Because I need you force that human body of mine back onto myself, now, before it gets late.' 'Far too dangerous as to be placed against what you've become.' 'Listen to me and do it well, you will do as you are told and I'll have nothing less of that. I was the one who agreed to help you in the first place, hadn't I? I won't be able to do it any longer unless I'm being turned to my normal human self again.' He had a strong case for himself and wasn't afraid to put it in action. At least, as long as he was aware of it, there wouldn't be a turning back, the Gnaar complied. Such a marvellous thing was the machine that he couldn't help but wonder at the fact that even now it appeared to have wrapped around his body, even after he had been thrown out. Certainly, it wasn't as if he was some sort of abomination, that the thought of and the sight caught the scent of inbreeding, but there hadn't been another choice. 'Push it in, now!' As he did it, he looked at his body on the floor and managed to notice that the blood was being pulled into the machine as well. One

of the strangest things happened then and over there, as, in the room of the doctor, right in front of his eyes and the one of his daughter, the primal hairy thing started shaking disturbingly from side to side. It wasn't the only one, he noticed, as it was immediately followed by the bloody corpse on the ground. Something was disturbing both of them in an unimaginable way which had to be recorded. 'Bring the camera, my dear, I believe something might come to this.' Though he was caught on one side, Croix pushed the transformation on the other, having the skin patches grow, no longer having the hair grow in the many inaccessible places. Worst of all remained that the stump had grown in an unfathomable form that resembled a sharp horn, from where he had lost it. He was human again, or rather humanoid, keeping the two split face but attaining another blind one which seemed to emulate his humanity more. Worst of all was the fact that it had been on one side, making him a three-headed freak which couldn't anything for his certain position. A lot, if not most of his body mass and muscles were kept, and he could feel that in a way or another that he'd be well, more than enough. 'How do I look?' Croix's voice had turned now in an unison of voice which appeared to have bred some kind of sharpness to it if it weren't for the fact that it dropped low at unexpected times. Something was terribly wrong with what he liked to call his own voice box and there was little to no denying to it. Both were taken by this new form of his, as it had taken so much time to adjust to, especially on the way to the nearest burrow, where they'd taken one of the most effective and brought him to the cave. On the way, the long-long way, the Gnaar asked. 'Think it might be able to work? That it might save it?' 'We won't know unless we try, but do not worry, there shouldn't be any pain.' At least the thought mattered, but being placed in the chair alone made the poor creature finally have some reaction. Something of the virus or the reason it crept inside of it made some noise. Nonetheless, there wasn't any stopping once the plant was attached, suddenly it added a form and a bulk to the animalistic thing, though there wasn't in the least the expectation that this revival would've gone as wrong. 'What happened there?' There was a second where the thought of it being saved crept to his mind. That was before he had realised that the poor other Gnaar had become more like the rooted creature than what it had been, levitating right past the two of them. 'Follow it, let's see what's supposed to happen.' It was quite obvious, as all the previous secret expectations were somewhat met. The Gnaar placed itself inside the ground and waited for the sun to come. It was nothing more but a failure as the plant had taken control over it rather than the opposite. 'Is this the way you're planning on saving the others?' 'I'm working on it, don't start anything yet, we just need, we need, something else that would hold to it. Are there other creatures among you or in the wilderness?' There it was, the reluctance to speak, that of which he was aware that there might've been trouble around this place. At least he knew of the fact that despite their evolved minds, they chose to hide in burrows where it was the most dangerous place to be. 'Bring me to the others, if there's any sort of creature around, I want you to take me to them, it might be important, more so than you realise.' With a nod, he was taken by surprise as went away, looking behind and stopping in its tracks, enough that he would follow. No word between the two of them along the way, though there had been enough said in the acts than during their short conversations. 'Look, I'm terribly sorry for what happened there but I was quite sure that something might've happened if I were to give them something to avoid this sudden transformation. You must believe me when I say that I had only the best intentions in my mind when I was working on it.' A subtle change in his expression came, he was quite afraid, more so than what Croix felt around himself. To say that he was aware of something which would've taken them both out wasn't the best of ideas, but there had to be another way. Something still bothered

him, to say the least, being the cold shoulder the Gnaar gave him. 'I've given an arm for you and the others, I do not know what I'm being treated this way. There's no one out there waiting or searching for a way to cure this disease and look around, father in the sky.' They were still there, floating after so long, as a matter of fact, there wasn't any denying of the fact that he was unsure of anything which would work if it were for him to be caught now. Unaware of how much it might've evolved or whenever or not he was truly human and henceforth immune, he strayed away from sight, walking low as well at times. 'We need to get higher, they should be over there.' After which, they climbed with difficulty and went off a slope, managing to find the entrance, a round hole, from which came smoke.

Only now did he understand why he feared whoever was down there, mainly for the fact that there was fire involved. 'Afraid of a little flame with your level of intelligence?' 'We prefer to eat our meat raw, fires don't work well under burrows.' He could imagine it happening there, the smoke bending, blowing pushing to suffocate them one by one. In a time such as this he wondered whenever or not would it be a worse fate than what was happening. One more thing seemed to do before they entered the lair. 'What am I to expect as I lower myself there?' There was a silence which brooded in both, he couldn't find the proper words, that of which would've been able to describe the best ideas and what not. He couldn't do anything else but try to hold he breathe at the end of the stench which appeared to be ravaging there. The sudden slope ended, as they came on the stairs, primaeval type, as it appeared that the lair was ancient. It wasn't even smoke that came from below, but steam from a black pool of coal and dark stones, surrounded by a frame of bricks, as if it were as well of sorts. 'They appeared as if they have built.' His thoughts stopped once he saw the open door suddenly close in both of their faces. 'What do you require?' Came a strange voice, fractioned in a few tones, hard to swallow, easy to hear, at least for his ear. He saw nothing of it until there appeared to be a visual insight of sorts. Each of the creatures behind had the ability to see through the walls. 'I know this might sound strange or that it might be all of the sudden but we need your help.' There was a shock in the Gnaar's voice as he growled and groaned at just the infancy of the question at hand. He couldn't truly mean to ask them that. 'With what might come to the scum accompanied by you stranger?' 'There's a disease that's taken hold of them and it may not be stopped without outside help.' 'Oh we are aware of it, quite so, who do you think to have contorted it?' 'Bastards.' Gnarled on, closer to the door, he would've smashed the door apart if it weren't for Croix to be around. He appeared to have stayed his aggression for as long as he was close. Closely enough to that, he apparently came to the point of wanting to be caught and placed to the ground and smashed. Those thoughts of pain were the only things which kept the rage inside, especially since he knew it well. 'You're a liar, I know it to be true, your kind's just as effective as ours and there's no way you'll cure it alone.' 'How do you know that, wretch?' There was some sort of understanding between them before the mechanism behind was heard. Apparently, this explanation was enough for them to earn themselves the entry. What a peculiar thing it was, at a rubbery fattened blob with long legs that served as both the hands, legs and mouths. At least he noticed it lift one of the limbs to talk, revealing quite a sharp tongue exiting the appendage. 'Both of you are welcome as long as neither of you stirs any trouble whatsoever, understood?' A mutual agreement came as usual, and he was aware that there'd be nothing said and done as long as they both agreed on it. Farther into the lair, he noticed just how clean it was, polished in the way that it went down into a long spiral, carved with many tiny stones in their form. 'Is that the history of your people?' 'Quite observant of you, indeed it is. We keep most of our documents tied to our place of birth, from which we carved and

pave our path into the world.'For some unknown creature there, what he saw fell as nothing short of beauty, at least the forms and the wars he saw. Could there be others threatening them there? Trying to take their lives before anything would be said or be done? Certainly, such a question might've never been told to a stranger of the sorts even if they were to work together.'Since when has this infection or disease happened? The way I understand it, there's close to no stopping to it.'As he was brought to be aware of the many cases of the infected which laid at the bottom floor inside the lair. They had been stacked as corpses, just as the habit he had noticed at the Gnaar, a desperate attempt, though he had caught something so. 'Have you placed the steam well outside only to get rid of the ones that become inflated?'The dreaded realisation that the human knew what he was talking about came fast before fading from existence. At least he knew enough that it wouldn't have mattered in the least whenever or not they'd speak again of the subject.'Regardless of which, we are dealing with it as harshly as we can and in case you've not realised, there's nothing which turned out as to work so far.'"Then how is that you're still healthy despite sitting around all of them now? Why does it happen that against all odds, you're the one still standing here?'He wondered in the most peculiar way why, it might've been that there wasn't in the least a regard for his life, though answers hadn't come for either of them. Despite both of their exposures, they remained somewhat clean.'You have to follow me, immediately, this may be able to turn both of our events against each other.'Without the least of doubt that came as well, he knew that there was at least a chance that he'd be willing to take care off this problem before it got out of control. That thing followed and spoke less, doing nothing to lock the door behind, and seeing itself in a somewhat docile position compared with how the Gnaar acted. It was useful enough to stand and think, that it wouldn't have been enough to act on his feelings now. Though he was followed, rightly before the cave, the Gnaar was forced to bring another breathing corpse from the burrow with them.'What is this machine and why have you brought me here?'The question did seem to arise some peculiar questions, at least in the field he'd be aware of going. With the least of thoughts, the fallen Gnaar was placed in the chair, prepared in its entirety. Just so that it'd be settled, the other creature asked no more questions and appeared to have placed itself into position.'I don't know whenever or not this might work, though hopefully, it might prove to be a cure. The two of you are the only ones which are still healthy, so it's only a fact that both of you should be the saviours of your races if this might prove working.'In the least of facts, this procedure should avoid inbreeding if it did turn out to work. The pain the poor being felt was dreadful, at least that of which came from the shriek it left out, it had to be gotten through. What popped out of the chair was a stump with long teeth and many mouths attached to its feet which emulated the faces of the Gnaars. In truth, it was much shorter than the other tribe, though it seemed as if it appeared to function in a somewhat proper manner.'Could it be that he was healed?'The three of them started and waited for it to get out of the stoop which might've done a lot to confuse it. In a manner of speaking, he was very much afraid of what was about to happen then.'I want back home.' The most proper words which could've been spoken, right out of multiple mouths as well. It was nothing short of the human concept of miracle, that of which he couldn't have thought off until recently anyway.'With this.' Said Croix. 'My debt is being paid and I should hold nothing against either your or the other way around from this point on. Should we agree on this?'They nodded at the peculiar creature which appeared to have called himself a man in the past. One problem still remained, though the two of them spoke of what was to be done next, entirely absorbed by one another and while the new one seemed to have been such as a new-born out of a

coma, Croix was still caught there. Stuck without a way to return, but to stare into a shallow pool. He remembered it and before they'd been gone, he offered himself to stand and watch for the cave before their return. 'This might be one of my only chances to stand and see what the world there looks like.' He saw his own reflection first. That was no human, but wicked being, some mongrel which had taken or attempted to take his form. The stump stood out but not only that, if it were so, at least as far as he was concerned, there'd be nothing less of wanting to look away. 'It couldn't be, I need another man to bring here and take away from him what's rightfully mine. If anyone could hear if this pool could feel, bring me back to the place of virtue, bring me back to the city I grew up in.' The pool appeared to have changed, he was aware that there'd be less than a few hours until the sun went down. Nonetheless, he couldn't and wasn't going to wait for a second more, there wasn't in the least a chance for that. 'Well, I should say that there isn't any chance for me any longer, I'm just as gone as everyone else.' He said on the streets, the closest door, through which he had to force open with his working arm. It was as if he had the strength of a bull, ripping the mechanism off with one pull. Hopefully, no one heard that motion, or else he might've lost whatever element of surprise he thought he had. In the least now, there had to be a young man of the sorts, which had the physique but most importantly was healthy enough to give him the strength. Luckily so far, there wasn't anyone around to provide any distraction or to bring his presence to all of their attention. He was rather fond of this technique of extraction, standing by the doors and knocking, waiting like a salesman to see and feel any sort of movement, always ducking under the visor. 'Who's there?' The first victim spoke, judging by the fact, it was a young man, no, there appeared to have been shuffling in the house that he heard, they were definitely more. The first impression had to be the very best between the two of them, it would certainly make it easier for him to proceed. 'May I be let in? I seemed to have been hurt and I've got no one else to help me.' He had put on the best act he could, rather sounding such as a limped man who couldn't see past his own self. Time seemed to pass between the two of them in silence. 'Step a few backs behind, I want to see what you look like.' It was that when he knew that there was the danger of being seen or recognised. He had been around on multiple occasions and Croix had little to no idea how deformed he'd be in their eyes. It was a chance to play his act well, enough that he had a chance to lure the man outside, hoping he wouldn't see past his appearance. After a few steps, the door suddenly closed, the man looking at him rather surprised at the level in which he had become, slightly taller, scarred at the face, that wicked in-human arm being the worst addition to his case. He looked at least as if he would've belonged into a phreak show with others such as himself to go around and ran the errands. 'Tell me exactly what happened.' Tricked by the saddened act and subtle change of expressions, he appeared to have been caught by the scruff of the neck and kept in a lock which appeared to last for as long as he could breathe. In and out, the man passed out in moments before being kidnapped from his house. A healthy specimen indeed, this one would most certainly last me for as long as it would do, my return to humanity will no longer be prolonged by the means it brought. Others saw him and shrieked, finally revealed with his unholy appearance, the sight of the grave made most shudder in the halls and dormitories. He fled with the man before the authorities would have the chance to come it and rather made his way through. What they'll find after searching the area shouldn't shock them, since the man would be set free and the other will be nothing more than a decaying body. Croix looked at himself right there, just how smoothly were the features, how long would it be until they returned back? Those damned creatures would use the chair relentlessly now that they found a cure for the disease

and there might not be a second chance. But one thing seemed to bother him there, mainly the fact that he had placed his hands over the body and felt the warmth. 'It could be that you're here in flesh and bones.' He looked on the other side and wondered whenever or not the reflection which laid on the ground was just as warm or if it was that both of them were dead. It hadn't done much to change the fact that there was a beating heart into the man's chest and that he was forced to act rather than to wait for something to happen. Plugged into the man, right onto the chair, he felt himself changing again, though the stump grew further, almost growing fingers and thumbs, and his body changed, there seemed to have happened something irreversible, the second face included. His arms wouldn't grow back alone without proper help or rather anything else which might help it. At least he was much aware of the fact that there'd be nothing to do about the fact that he was running out of ideas and there was a man there just as well. 'What would they say of you? What will they do with me if they find out what happened here?' It was a hard choice to make but he was aware that whatever was to happen, it would all lead back to him. Since he wasn't going to go ahead and bother for another alternative, he started dragging the man again. He would rather feel his body strength give and shudder, but at least there was a way to dispose of the body. 'There's no one around to stop us any longer.' He spoke to the unconscious man, unable to know what he might've thought off if he wasn't dead cold. Though what saddened him was that he was brought, back to the thicket where the same old scene laid by the side. He appeared to have been rather attached or fond of the scene which had gone away there while he was off. At least he knew of the fact that there wouldn't be another chance like this before going away. The place where he had lost his arm, in the spot of which laid a hole, with many sharp roots below. 'This is it for you, my lad, I'm afraid there's nothing which would stop me from doing this.' With a push and little remorse, death came suddenly for the man, impaled by many roots, far too quick for him to be able to react. 'It will finally end after doing it so.' Though what La Croix hadn't expected was for him to be recognised at last by two alone set in flight, he was forced below to fall on top of the man, looking at another one planting itself above. He had barely missed the roots which would've taken his heart but another set came from the one which had disliked the fact that he was alive. Now it came to be at last, that La Croix had died, all alone until he reached, his humanity like a leech. It was a sad thing to watch in the laboratory as well, as the specimens were suddenly losing their state again. The bleeding corpse was bleeding no longer, the intruder had started shedding its hair cloak until there'd be nothing left on it but a weak hairless body that wouldn't do to be covered in any scientific paper whatsoever. Most of the muscle mass appeared to have been pulled inside, the torso was shaking and he was sure something dreadful would happen to it if he decided to leave it to the natural order of things. 'My daughter, bring me something, a coat or some sort of soft blanket from my bed chambers.' At which she nodded and as he grabbed the key, unchained, the beast couldn't help but shake, instead of doing anything else. A thing that was unexpected, for as long as it came, the sooner he grabbed one end, the other one fell apart, like a guillotine aimed at the belly button. It released the poor thing from the dreadful life it had, leaving nothing but a dying breed sort of thing, from both sides. Decay filled them both as soon as the air went inside and he could feel it crawling away from his fingers like worms trying to wriggle away until it returned to some sort of moist-like dirt, the type of which it had previously appeared to be. 'What sort of abomination might have you been? To come in secret and to escape this mad world before my eyes. I cannot believe that you might've done this to bring me to a state of fright.' But the doctor couldn't help but see his daughter, stopped in her tracks, he yelled at her. 'Bring me the

jars, a funnel and a cable. We'll need to preserve as much as we can of this, hurry up, there's no certainty that it might pass well.'She nodded and appeared to have promptly dismissed the notion of the blanket, seeing how there wasn't any corpse to cover. As for the substance which laid on the ground, he dared not make a move before realising that he had been distraught, distracted, caught in a small circle and surrounded by it.'You dreadful thing, let me go, release me from my hold if you can hear or else I'll have you all caught in a place which may be your tomb.'Of course, it couldn't have answered, there wasn't any doubt of that, but he was sure that something was wrong when the other corpse started melting away in the most dreadful way. What might've been the reason for it?He couldn't be sure but made no step unless they decided to advance ahead, so far being as passive as to look as if it was a pool. Whenever or not it was so, doctor Faustus appeared to be mocked by the fact that the pool had stopped from advancing and formed a perfectly geometrical circle around him, without a doubt, the most crucial thing when it came to the fact.His daughter had arrived with a funnel, a small machine, a pair of tubes and plenty of jars, all of which were carried in a small basket. She avoided stepping much further and placed everything on the table, prepared as she was, there wasn't any stopping as she started right away.'Careful now my dear, don't be shy either, whenever or not it might wish to retaliate I cannot be certain of, the manner of which I may say myself that I cannot stand any longer in this spot. At least not unless I were to let my knees give in.'A curious nod followed some sort of knowledge between the two of them as she returned to grab another jar. She had filled eight already on the table before the professor was given his freedom at last.'You've done great my dear, you're sure to be rewarded as soon as I find a way to process what happened.'He had immediately started checking each jar while she kept pulling them in, ready to examine what exactly was going on with that of which didn't work.'I'm certain that this would do well, I cannot tell you just how hard it was for me stand there surrounded by the dreadful bile which spawned from the corpse of our invader.'"What are you planning to do with all of those jars? They look as if they have a strike of necrosis to it father, it may be getting too dangerous for you now."Nonsense my dear, I know very well what I am doing. As a matter of fact, once I find out what made that creature from the very substance it had come to be, I may even come close to replicate its body.'A sad shallow nod came from her, as she was aware that her father would endanger his own life again, only in the name of his research.The shallow night was just as ill, they were both done and closed their feelings deep inside, after all, they had to act normal for the days to come. It was a rough one, to sleep knowing that under them, deep, through a few hundred feet below, the bile just waited, yet to grow. Or something might've happened in the meantime, which would've brought his every plan to a point of total destruction or even worse, his time be for the worse.Morning came, the end of the night, both aware that there was some fright. Faustus had his hands shaking, Leah couldn't help herself when it came to the fact, at least if she was to be asked around.'Tell only that you were helped by your father, in case someone seems to ask.'Again with that dreadful thing he saw, it couldn't have been that old age got hold of him as of yet. But he could swear that every now and again, a spoon would phase through the table or water would fall off his cup without it even being touched.He wasn't able to tell the reason for it, but it wasn't as if Leah said anything whatsoever about the incidents which co commonly occurred in the current times.'I am to meet someone today father, may I have leave to go?'Of course, you may, my dear, as long as you return as soon as you may, we've got work to do already.'He snickered with some sort of dismay. There were errands for him to do and she couldn't keep her locked forever until people started talking and

spreading rumours about them. None of that would matter, nor would they do, he was aware of the consequences of a well-spread lie, and what it could do to tarnish his reputation and subsequently his life. 'Goodbye my daughter, I know you cannot hear me but I know you will return, your place is with me now and I couldn't fathom if it were.' Of the most importance wasn't the fact that where he stood there appeared to be some kind of distraught, but what was happening outside. 'Five perfect specimens that exceed the ones before, both in physical status and physically, utmostly so. A doctor, a physician, an athlete, at least one engineer and the latest we found, a professor which had made a previous discovery on what might've been the newly found lifeform, if his research would've reached the commission, to begin with.' 'Anything which would've dragged them back to us? From the list, I've no doubt that they had families, friends and that some of them might've been brought to public knowledge.' 'No sir, everything's been taken care of, it was a matter settled by the ones above us.' There was some sort of pleasure just to notice it grow under their eyes. By now, after so many people which had been given for it to starve upon had managed in the least to make the union between the three vessels a success. It had become a new formation, rather than a triple vessel, a new step into what might've been their understanding of the creatures which have plagued mankind ever since the dawn of ancient myths. Would they not be bloody if they were pushed to it, at least to those inside? Somehow he knew that he was in control, despite the fact that he was the one feeding and merely observing the strange concoction it bore to itself. More of them had to be tracked and brought to this place and since he was to be the judge of it, he had finally witnessed them arrive. 'I will need a signature from you, sir.' He would sign humanity away if he was given the chance, standing in his boring office, just farther away into the stone, watching over the cameras and thinking that there wasn't anything they could do to him from this side of the wall. 'Here you go son, have a nice trip on your return.' There was some sort of sadness there, with that much space being used, men being afraid, for they did have plenty of reason for that. Men held guns pointed at the main attraction as well as the others, in comparison of which it appeared like those vessels have been their baby, especially since the size certainly didn't match. Either of them, being placed equally from side to side, farther away from the main vessel, as they laid, the very moment they reached the ground, the men who dropped them felt something unexpected. It was the type of shake which couldn't have been felt before, at least not at the time of their extraction and not before. Their bodies had been fresh, mostly the scholarly types in each case, somehow it proved to be good enough of a choice to employ the help of men who studied letters and words. Pushing them aside and trying to get through was easy in each case, until the rabid desperation came, the problem in their brain which forced them to get violent once their so-called mind-engineer was attacked. In the case of which, they had to be put down, every single damned time. And not even after being taken, did they show any remorse, any sign that they were alive, not until now. 'Sir, everything's ready, what now?' One of the soldiers employed asked through his headset, there was some waiting time but they were dismissed. In supreme unison, there could be heard the echo which came after they shouted and made their way out. 'Now it's your move, what will you do? What might they do?' He had noticed the way they were visibly shaking even through a set of cameras and for good reason alone. For once, he had not been aware, nor could he know whenever or not they could move on their own or if they had used those men they had charmed and control to bring them where they needed to be. At least from his point of view there laid little to nothing in his mind, less than that when it came to the act. But nothing happened, not for days, weeks and more. Though there was still the world

created in their minds as they were slowly and gluttonously devoured. It seemed like the morgue of the town had them both side by side, a fat man missing a hand and the other one who snapped his neck. They'd be there for months and years, as long as it was expected, not even a mention of who or what they were, how they died or why. New arrivals came to both towns, as both decrepit and the gowns. It was the festival of Blue Moon, a celebration of the fact that every once in a few years, the moon turned to a hue of blue, which was pleasurable to look at night, since it cast its rays of blue aside, leaving but a pale ray of light. 'Marvellous, look, mama, papa, it came again, the man with a weird sign.' He bore a sign of the crescent moon at his belt, kneepads, even one across his shoulders and bandana at his head. She yelled at him but waved away, they never saw him but knew his name. Or to say the least what she had called him, this imaginary friend of hers which was always out of sight. 'It's the servant of the mad moon, the servant of the mad moon!' He came only at night, and only when the moon was pale, opposing everything which had to do with it, dismissing it as if to be true. He hid whenever her parents came, without a doubt, making rude gestures and saying no word to her until she was alone in her chambers. There was a balcony almost at every turn of the door, making it appear as if it was a rather good choice to live in there, for no one would've thought of a servant which would climb. Laying by the door, transparent as it was, the child watched now all alone how he waited to be brought to her home. At least he waited and said no word, waiting for an invitation for which there couldn't be any other way to get through. 'Will you let me in?' He asked, with his pale green and another yellow eye, shining through like a pair of cat glasses, trying his best not to scratch the ground. She had known him for the longest while, known them to be sure. Often she'd get out of the room, and watch the other balconies to find out whenever or not it was true. Even now she came alone, brushing past the window and the bed, right into the balcony to watch them from as far as she could be helped on his shoulder. 'There are so many of you out there.' 'And many children that are in need of guidance.' 'Could I be a servant of the mad moon as you've become when you were older?' There was a nod which brought her joy, without realising that the face contortion was rather the lack of expression he could've shown rather than the general thing. 'What are they doing there then? I see so many of them every night, even when my parents tell me those are only dreams.' 'They're only recruiting and preparing for the mad moon to arrive. It's to take all of us and the recruits away for a long while.' It saddened poor Dehlaila to her that her friend was to be gone one day. 'For how long do you think it would last?' 'Until a new generation of servants are raised, right into the dimension of the Mad Moon, where those like us are walking forth, and worshipping together in its moon-like forts. We built great altars there and stay to ourselves.' 'You used to be a child as I?' The interruption caused a nod at the surprise, as it was hard to envision what he had looked like a kid. At least the man he had become was rather pale of skin, not that it was the case, as she saw in the distance, they have visited all kinds of kids, all other hues as well. 'What must I do to join you? And to be with other such as yourself?' 'Dehlaila, what's with all that noise?' 'Nothing mother, I was just talking.' The girl was struck by the realisation that the servant had gone away and her mother was waiting at the doorstep with the light turned on as to wait for an explanation. A sweet whispering sound came as it turned out that the servant was on the roof, peering like a brooding cat, eyes no longer glowing at to be seen. He made a motion around his mouth as to be silent and brooded away. 'I'm sorry mother, I felt like I needed a mouth a fresh air.' 'Well, it's cold outside, dear, you don't want to catch a fever or anything while you're out there. Come on, I'll tug you in.' All the while, she was looked at by that form which seemed to twist itself

at her mother's side. She turned as if suspicious, thinking she had found something there. With a pair of rubbing eyes, that was enough even for her, she knew more than well that there was no one out there looking for her daughter. 'Good night my dear, sleep well.' 'Good night mother.' With which, she had put off the best actor she could've shown before the lights closed when she finally opened her eyes. The servant wasn't there any longer, trying to peer inside, he was right inside the room, moving on his own accord, finally lighting his eyes. 'Would you be prepared to join me for the coming days? Only a sweet answer or yes or no and you may be able to be with me forever. Decline and we'll part off and never see one another for as long as there is a moon in the sky.' Dehlaila didn't want to give up on that poor creature despite the fact that she had thought she wouldn't see her parents, at least unless her baby sister grew up. Lately, she wasn't paid enough attention either, to the point where she had seriously thought of leaving with him. 'Yes, I want to leave with you towards that place you've spoken of.' 'Very well, then it's all settled, I shall make it forth with you when the time comes for us to depart. Be ready for there may be yet no other chance for you in at least a generation. That's when you'll have forgotten and thought me as a legend.' It was a hard choice, but lately, she felt that every day felt as if she wasn't their daughter any longer. The nights were cold, the days were worse, seeing her young sibling being taken care of and paid more attention than she was. Dinners were rather mechanical in nature and worse of all was the fact that neither of them appeared to have any care whatsoever that she remained sad all the time. 'I'll leave, that's what I'll do, they won't even feel that I am gone, it must be so. Why else would they ignore me and my needs for this long?' Her small number of friends had already either become bored or had enough of her sadness that she was left alone. And worst of all was that the servant of the mad moon came only at night, with no refuge during the day. That's when it was all the saddest. 'Dehlaila, are you paying any attention to the class?' 'Yes, Ms Vivian.' Though there was nothing else going on in her notebook but the desperate sketch she had drawn of the servant sitting at night, watching the moon with her. She was fairly far in the class and none of the other children felt like selling her out to her teacher. It only got worse from that point on as the drawings started being taken in the lunch area and the bathroom, she was trying her very best to reproduce the servant, to its every detail. The drawings carried to the point where she had a small group of other children standing around her and looking how she's doing it. 'I've seen him before, he's been visiting me and my younger sister Jenny.' The right type of attention was reached at least since neither were able to deny the influence and the suits they wore between one another. Dehlaila was never good at drawing faces either and the colouring was left somewhat ambiguous. Nonetheless, it was something which most of them had recognised to the point of having her brought to her demise. Later in the day, returned to her home, right through another day she thought to have become lame, the time was approaching, no one to stop her in the least. 'My parents won't even care, even some of my friends know that they are coming.' With the door locked, the night had come, her parents hadn't even visited her to say goodnight. It was her sister now who made all the noise and kept them busy, enough that they would cover him as he descended from above. It looked as if he had come down from the very moon, falling softly until he arrived at the window pane, which opened. 'Are you ready to follow me, my young lady? Must we wait longer in this realm where you're underappreciated?' 'I'm ready to come.' She said and smiled, expecting some sort of adventure for the times around. 'There'd be no return, at least not until you've become such as I when a new generation is to be made. I trust that it was made clear and that you understand.' 'I do understand, I truly do, I cannot sit here with my parents any

longer, just take me away from them, oh please take me as far as you can!' With the words spoken, she had been taken by the hand and in a moment her body started floating. A small crescent moon started growing out of her belt and knees, right from her clothes, they laughed and sickened as they felt wicked and alive. 'This isn't what I was expecting.' And from the reaction her mother had as she opened the door, that wasn't what she was expecting either.

A man was holding her daughter, floating above the edge of the small balcony, ready to kidnap her child. The screech hadn't covered it and it was already too late until she had reached them, as they were getting farther away. Not a second longer had she looked behind, having accepted the fact that her mother had cared for and replaced her with her younger sister to realise just what she was doing. 'I am glad you've made this choice my dear, for the realm is in need of new acolytes, you'll fit just well around.' He said and as they approached the farthest edges of the clouds, tens of children taken from their homes just disappeared into the realm of the mad moon. A verdant place of bright colours that dragged them away, tainted as a second glance as reality kicked in again. 'This isn't the realm I was expecting.' It was a small plane of the solid ground, farther enough to be just a piece of rock instead of a planet, against which stood the living moon, which was staring at them as if they were a bunch of insects rather than the human beings filled with emotions which they were. This place saddened her as well as the other children, as they looked at every star which was farther than the reach of their minds. Those eyes made it seem like it was less than a rock and more like a being that was fleshed to look like the moon, a sick universal coincidence which appeared to have taken the minds of the followers. 'What going to happen now?' Asked another child as he looked around. It was some sort of controlled environment, in the thought that they could only float closer to a distance before being taken down. Meanwhile, they listened to it talk, unaware of their existence, with its many holes being the mouths, it spoke at times but not in English. A damning existence, especially for a child and she had realised her mistake only now. In the town there was no chance, to believe that a floating pair of men took their children away from them. To say at least that there wasn't any chance for them to return was an understatement for mothers wept and fathers carried on. Another dawn had passed over the city, as the other own seemed to have grown in power and it might. Two of them were there at least, as much alive as thinkers in their midsts of discovering and remembering who they were. The chances and coincidence had placed them in the same old spot. Starving though there was plenty of uncooked meat laying around. 'Are you sure no one would mind this? I mean we're taking someone else's meat from the stove.' 'Don't worry, it's an emergency, and we're not going to use much, just the obvious needed amount. Do me a favour, pass me the bottle of wine, will you?' 'I have a name, by the way, it's Morouse.' 'I'm Grendel, a pleasure to meet you, my dear.' The feeling was mutual, the way he could tell at least, both men found themselves there and hungry in a place which was unlike home. Worst of all was the fact that they had seen one another and had pure recollections of the events which had transpired between the two of them. At least that was the least they could get from one another. There was the stove in a corner, immediately turned on and ready to be used. Morouse looked out of the door in order to see whenever or not anyone might be out there to catch them in the act, without a doubt it was too far into the night for them to be caught. 'Put on the slabs of meat then, I'll take care of the wine, that way we may avoid being caught if anything happens.' Again with that, you should relax. I've been doing this type of job ever since I was a child, it's all about being discreet about what you're doing.' He was right in that, even proved his point as he took a shallow blanket and placed it on the pane window over the door. There wasn't any

other was for light to be seen, perhaps from the bottom where the cold wind entered? Well, that was tricky enough he had seen, with a trail of sausages, he blocked that tiny path below, just so he could per perfectly sure. 'Done, now no one will see the light and no one will know we're here. Are you surprised by my abilities?' 'You're being silly now but the wine is good so I can give you a pass.' He poured himself wine in a giant beer cup rather than the usual tiny glass, not that he could complain about the amount he was to take. The chef was done even farther into the night, seasoned as well, slabs of meat and stakes, he even found something green behind to place there on the sides. 'So tell me, who are you Grendel? What brought you here, to begin with?' 'I've only got a vague recollection of having been in need for a job and being approached by a strange man in a suit who told me I wouldn't need anything else in my life if I were to accept his offer. 'It was safe to say that his offer somehow appeared to be as close to his as it could get. Well, close enough that he'd know about it anyway. 'I could say we're on the same boat over here, especially since I've come by the same circumstances as you have. 'Half-way through the meat, there came a sound from the back. 'No time for stories now.' Said Grendel as he raised a fist, closer to the cold air, swallowing as much of the dinner as he could get. His friend had been done already while he was already sick of the meat. Quickly he drank what he had left of the wine and started towards the back with the empty wine bottle in his hand. 'It might be dangerous back there, what if it's the butcher or someone with his cleaver? We're still trespassers. 'Just follow me and try to keep me safe from there, in case someone thinks of taking us from there. 'There's no weapon in my hand, how am I to stop anyone from marching all over us?' 'There wasn't any answer nor any satisfaction, something dragged at the butcher's shop for too far long, when the meat ended and they found themselves walking emptily on a shallow part of the shop. Exactly how far did it extend to? Morouse alone thought it had gone past all the human limit, especially since it leads to a pair of the door which was left open. 'Turn on the light for a moment. 'He did so and revealed that they either lead towards the basement or were the entrances of multiple underground tunnels. 'We can't be certain of going there. 'Then you can leave, I've got to see what's down there, making all that noise, it could be some poor victim or someone abandoned there to die off. 'Or it could be a trap, just think of it, we just woke up here and there's already something suspicious going on in the butcher's shop. Don't you see that there's something that shouldn't have happened? I feel as I'm filled with paranoia only from standing at the edge of the doors, unable to find myself picking. 'Grendel turned around, looking quite pale and rather sane for as much wine as he had. He trusted the man, at least enough as they had both shared this fate against one another. 'Regardless of what you are to do, we're in this together and we cannot get past it with one another's help. So please, are you in this with me?' He had been cornered into answering, unable to like there it was going. 'May I at least walk with you on each one of them? I'm deadly afraid of walking on my own, especially after waking up in here. 'Very well, as long as you will help me we shall head on together. 'They had walked a few steps in the dark when it suddenly came to a stop. Some sort of sensory device which was rather uneven and out of place in a butcher's shop suddenly turned on the light. From the looks ahead this wasn't any basement but something of an oriental designed room, with a wooden floor and a pathway which lead to as far as it could've gone. 'Just what exactly is it that's happening here?' The wind that came from here wasn't the same as the one which laid outside. For one, they both looked at one another and confirmed. 'Cold wind.' And such as. 'It was snowing, a snowstorm going outside. 'To the almost neutral to warm wind which came outside, both could tell that it something was wrong. The dreaded thing at the end of the corridor, it

peered at both of them and seemed to have walked off. It wasn't just the design, but both could tell of the man there and just how feudal he looked in nature, rather than the fact that he appeared to drag some sort of yellow bag, there wasn't anything that could've been worse. Both looked more than surprised and confused at what was happening before their eyes. It didn't seem like there was any sort of artificial lightning coming from over there and for once, as to be a coward, he was likely surprised of his own choice, doing well to say. 'We're into this together, right? Well, I think you should be the first one to go ahead and walk Grendel, I'm only saying this because you're the most courageous person I've met so far ever since I woke up here.' Perhaps that was true, though he felt in perhaps a lesser matter the same discrediting fear that was common for whoever went there. 'Shall we go then? We could return and check for the other side and head out of the butcher's shop.' 'And get into the cold without the proper clothes? You must be out of your mind, either that or even braver than I had initially thought you as.' There was a pause where he had to rethink his stance, indeed, it was less of a great idea but the vague form of the feudal man who walked seemed to have taken out some of the guts he had. 'Well, let's go then, we're two against one, he cannot hope to stand against us.' 'Unless he has a sword of something sharp, he did look like the sort.' His mind did a lot to interpret that and make everything a lot worse than it had to be. At least, so far, the wooden floor was fine, but what was outside, as the movable wall revealed, laid a small court surrounded by a fence. The sky was clear and the night was blue, starless but no wind nor winter. Luckily they haven't appeared to notice the two of them peering but nine men were sitting in a circle, sipping out of small cups and paying attention to their strange game on their geometrically sliced board. 'Close the door.' Said Mordecai, as he back up, trying not to be caught in sight. At least he spoke softly enough, as the wall was unfurled and the two of them had just enough time to assimilate this. 'How and why are those people there? It isn't like there's enough space or a clear weather outside.' 'It may be made by a machine, we might've been brought here just to be messed up with. But as far as this goes? I don't know just what ends and what purpose could this stand for.' Both of which nodded and set a rule for the time being. First of all, it wasn't Grendel who said it, as obvious to his nature as it might've been. 'Let's avoid them or try avoiding them at every time, I don't like the look they have, something's dangerous about them and I think you know what I mean.' As he said it he appeared to drag on his red beard, his crimson flows being only now pushed behind his ears. He was middle-aged, a bit of a self-committed coward who cared more about his life and his clothes made him look as if he had missed the past century in line. The opposite could be said about Grendel who shared some of the colour of his hair if it weren't for a touch of silver despite him being young, much younger than Mordecai. Somehow they have found themselves there, walking to the end of where they saw the man going. No one in sight, but the place appeared to be filled. As slowly as they both worked on pushing a wall, they found a sleeping pair of ladies sleeping on the floor with some men such as those they have seen before. The women were pale as milk, turned in different ways, most of them naked to the very brink, while the men shared a common strange trait. It was some sort of discolouration of the skin which made them look closer to purple or far too dark to be seen under the light. Neither the men nor the women had shown signs of being ill, rather that was their natural colour. 'Just where exactly are we now? What's the final purpose here?' 'I do not know but at least, at least I think we shouldn't make any noise. Those people frighten me as well as they do you.' He nodded and checked around the corner. A smaller area followed, like some sort of lobby where the soldiers met. Every road appeared to lead there and it was big enough to hold a small battalion there. More

food and some left off drinks were there, the same small cups which had been by both of them when it came to spying on those strangers.'Should we dare drink out of their cups? It may be that's poison for us or the reason why their skin's as sick as it looks.'"Do you really think that? So I suppose the women aren't drinkers either out of them?I

suppose you also think they're as pale as milk because they're abstinent from those vice and remained so pure.'Grendle appeared to be in a rather good mood despite the circumstance.'I'm serious here, we don't know what effects it might have on us.'"Then you stay there and watch me if it's poison, then you could just try to run.'In truth, that was a heavy drinker, especially for someone who hadn't taken any sip of it before. After a short competition and three or four cups, Grendle was on the floor, passed out.'Damn you, why did you have to be so stubborn now?

They'll find us out eventually if we wait here.'Worse was the fact that he had to carry the younger man on a shoulder, luckily he hadn't weighted as much, but it was dark and a lot of noise would alert anyone in the proximity.

He had thought and checked, the first wall he pulled and the room was empty. It wasn't much of a great choice to spend their night right next to the place they all had their meetings, but the lad was getting heavier by the minute.He

was getting just as drowsy, covered in those lesser sheets, wondering how could they even come close to being warm in a place like that where there was little to nothing for the men. Tugged in the back, he was aware that they might come and find both of them out if it weren't for the fact that he had done such a great job in hiding his friend closer to the wall, turned around with head. Even so, a helmet laid and other pieces, all of which would be enough to hide from those men.'I hope this works but bear with me my fellow stranger, we might make it through the night alive.'Without a proper warning, he placed a bandana he saw laying around, one of many which didn't appear to belong to anyone in particular. Placing Grendel in one of the small beds on the floor, he came to tug him well and turned him around to face no one in particular. He checked to see if anyone would see, even if there was any light to be brought, be it candle of that of day, there was little to see unless someone came close enough. Speaking of which,

the sounds they gave off while their march began, it made poor Mordecai take one and wrap it around his head, anything to hide his type of hair and colour since a lot of the soldiers either appeared to have their cocked and dark or entirely bald.Don't make a sound, don't let yourself be known. The sounds of the men who dropped on the ground instead of paying any attention to them came quickly. It appeared as if they have been too tired to notice, avoiding their presence entirely, even coming as close to sleeping side by side without realisation. Great, he thought, as his eyes closed, he wasn't properly used to sleeping there but in the morning they'd both disappear the first chance they got.The night was filled with only a dream, it was a valley on the outside, from which the warm wind had thrown the leaves. One thing laid in the distance which bored to him an image so dark, as the black smoke came out of three adjacent towers. No, the more he approached, the more he realised that they weren't towers and they weren't only three, as no tower could move and crush the trees and bring destruction to the world at large. Nature had become tormented under his eyes and he could do nothing to stop it from becoming that way. He ran but stopped along the path behind, once he saw the man he had met, who looked at the same image but never blinked twice.Neither said a word but looked at how the towers approached and suddenly stopped. Only now had they become aware of the fact that each tower had feet and even worse than that, now that they suddenly raised themselves above the verdure and started levitating towards them.'What will we do now?'Nothing, it's the end that's come now for both of us.'The closer they got, the easier it was for them to feel every organ inside their bodies caught in a terrible vibration which

made them bleed desperately as the tormentors approached. Looking around, though the effect had been minimal so far, animals, insects, any kind of living organism was affected by them and it was getting worse. The gas they expelled, it crept the colour out of the sky. 'We need to run.' But it was too late for him, he appeared not to have been killed but changed, once he had partially dissolved because of the vibration, he had become some sort of effigy which tied itself like some sort of plant to the ground. Wherever they had gotten the reserve of skin, it appeared as if they turned the trees and ground into it as well, trying to spread it just as far as it was possible. No options left, just run, get away, be as far as you can, stop the pain, though the man, until his knees gave in and saw himself become a piece of the ground, while everything around him turned into that twisted image which brought him back. It was a sudden realisation that he was awake, something which had gone too quickly for him to know whenever or not he had a dream or a nightmare, barely having the recollection for such a thing. Worse of all, it was morning and he dared not get up. Rather, he threw an eye and saw that four empty beds were left there, while one man still stood on his arse with his back turned at them. Why won't he leave? We're so close towards this and we haven't been found yet. He appeared to have left the door partially open, only so one could see if he dared to look at it, whenever or not there were the others. The noise came from outside but the man wouldn't go away. 'Hey, hey Grendle.' There wasn't any impression of his being heard, neither of them had even moved during their sleep together, or else they might've been found much sooner than was expected. But that was about to change when a man with a suit of armour came and started yelling some orders in a foreign language as it came to be, footsteps came but still no signs or reason for them being fast asleep. He had properly left the room, but not the man who gave the orders, no, he came closer and his accent suddenly turned to a violent thing which raged with anger. Though he couldn't understand a word of that, both of them had become awake by the shouts the man indulged himself into. He had too much impatience for soldiers who overslept and disobeyed and immediately bent to grab both of the covers off. Neither had enough time to think but tackled him to the ground immediately, gagging him around the mouth with the piece of cloth while the other one helped to restrain him. It was fairly easy since the armour wasn't made of steel, rather easier to turn him around and tie him with the little they had. Silently, he was stripped of armour and left only to a shirt, harder to be done since they had to push an arm or an entire leg at a time, but they had done some immediately. 'Again with that sickly coloured skin. You don't suppose it may be some sickness now that might come from standing too close to them, do you?' 'I won't concern myself with that, not when there's worse going on out there. Do you think they heard?' There was little but for a nod, as each of them started dressing. Mordecai got the undergarments while Grendle had the armour on. Those had to do for as long as they thought they could carry on the act. It wasn't unlikely that their friend there would make some noise as soon as they went out of the room, but at least they managed to get that chance alone. 'What do you suppose will happen to us if we were to head the other way?' 'I don't know but you may be right about it, the way we came seems to be blocked. I can hear them talk even from here and judging by their tones alone, I'm afraid something serious might be on the way.' Just so they were clear, neither of them held weapons, as they appeared to have confirmed, not to mention that these men who were against them were to be more than prepared. 'We won't have the element of surprise any longer, better be prepared for what's to come next unless you want us to be caught.' Grendle coughed and tried to think a way through, though there appeared to have had a sense for multiple doors he had been suspicious of the truth. 'I do not think there is a way to get through to the

butcher by going on another one of the hallways, whatever happened here, it may have nothing to do with it. At least I can see that we either go past them."Or we head outside.' Interrupted Mordecai, with some sort of scornful desire to

known something of the alternative, there was none of that alone and he wanted to look and see. It was settled between them, as they slipped and rubbed the wall behind. Of course, they were to slip away, as they walked with a helmet over the face while the other had it grabbed below. The purple coloured man just rubbed his eyes and passed them by, far too tired to be able to recognise any kind of man who went into his view.'So far so good, just make sure you don't open your mouth unless you want us both to be caught in the middle of it.'Most were either in the process of waking or still asleep, it had been the perfect moment until a shout had been heard.'Someone discovered the man,

run Mordecai, make it for the exit pane!'There had been some sort of words which came from mouth to mouth, going around, coming to a stop, until no one appeared to have known a thing or to be able to know what was going so far.'Well, we have an even lesser chance unless we make it past the door.'In the room they had reached there had been a fight it seemed, as they soon found out that the shout wasn't for them, but for another clan which came to fight. One man laid against a small pillar, killed by a few arrows which had easily penetrated his chest, the reason being that he had no armour to protect himself not any chance to realise what happened. His blood had run down on the floor and surprisingly, despite the colour of his skin, he bled like a human. 'There, I think'No, they might be there, just behind the main entrance, we cannot just go out anymore, come with me.'He came closer to the poor man and started pulling out the arrows, one by one until there had been none shoved inside of him. With a sudden gasp, he had almost been brought alive, if it weren't for the fact that he had bled far too much to be saved. The colouration

had become in the least lighter and to him, they both seemed like a strange pair. 'I cannot, neither of us can understand what you're trying to say.'Clearly, there was a lot of pain involved, though that's how it was when deadly weapons missed all of your vital spots. The man guided the arrow in his had just right in front of the heart.'You cannot do that to him, Grendle, it would be murder.'Shut up for a moment.'His dry lips were moist again and he couldn't think properly past a headache brought by the heavy sounds coming from everywhere around him.'We're in the middle of a fight now and we have to make a choice, look at him for a moment, does he have to suffer any longer.'Caught under the pressure, Mordecai knelt and pushed the arrowhead further inside with the help of his fellow until the man's heart stopped. This was something he hadn't expected to be caught doing and consequences would certainly come out of it.'Are we done here now, may we go?'Grendle nodded and started making for another wall, they were to hide in it until they found. Dead men who were rotting, caught in their sleep and in an utmost peculiar way executed. Something extremely hot had melted holes into them, which dropped into the floor and farther below, the sort of assassination technique which left no traces whatsoever, not even the blood which drained below.'Whatever happened here it was planned all along.'They may ignore this place knowing everyone's dead, but

we cannot fight the arrows or hide with the dead.'Can't we at least try to run as far as we can? We may have a chance that way.'Or if the least came to be, he thought at that at least one of them might be lucky enough to make it away while the other was doomed to agony.'You can make it for a run, but I won't go past that door.'Look at them, how they were killed, holes in their eyes, their guts and plenty of other obscure places. These people are good at what they do, we're nothing but peculiar strangers.'The shouting began from one of their sides, as they were much aware of what was going on, nothing could've been worse than the fact that their presence was made aware of.'What

do we do now? Grendle, what do we do?"Calm down and damn it. We need to find a way to defend ourselves from them, other than a bunch of pointy arrows."There's nothing around, not even a lance, or a sword, nothing blunt neither sharp."Then run, you were right, we cannot fight so there's nothing but one option left.'For some reason Mordecai found it quite amusing, to be given to him as being right, especially since it hadn't happened for the man to admit it is such a direct manner.'Should we risk going through the front."It might be safer than returning the way we came.'The short consideration appeared to have ended as the ghastly figures tormented them from the end of the corridor, without a doubt they had been trying to use some sort of intimidation from afar. To be able to win the fight before it even started, in a way it had worked, as the two of them opened the gate, rather managed to push it to the side and fled from the area.Sparks were shallow, no fire started, that of which they both had witnessed after a long run might've been nothing but a small raid or a cheap shot against their enemies into the night."Take off those clothes, do you really want to be seen like that now? Other people might get a bad idea if they see you dressed that way, especially without a weapon and the look."Speaking of which.'Both had managed to get rid of them quickly, as they were abandoned near the road, in some sort of hole which laid there, as was said in time. A man passed them, bearing an ox and a cart, carrying hay, looking in an utmost peculiar way and their colour, faces and apparel, not in a way of fear but rather curiosity.Neither they nor he appeared to have any sort of thought of violence so far, at least not in the way either of them would've expected from one another.'Keep walking and don't get any attention onto us, as soon as we find some weapons and make for a full set of disguises, we'll be able to return to where we came from.'It wasn't as likely as they appeared to stare, but they would soon lose themselves into the Province ahead, with its darkly laid fields and the rows of poorly burnt moss which was placed near.As far as the land went, both of them could see far into the distance but remember.'Have you had the dream as well?'There was a nod of understanding and where, in place of all those tall structures built by men, there had been the giant floating towers, bringing destruction at hand.'Should we go ahead and make for that? It appears as if it's important if it came into both of our dreams."Do you remember the destruction and the pain? Or have you awakened before I?You were the last one to get up if I recall it and I don't think you can judge that well the complexity of our conundrum."Stop being such a coward Mordecai, let's make it for that point and explore the place, it's not as often as it happens to stumble upon such a scenery."Nor to take the life of a man.' The last one was spoken in silence but he could tell by the way he felt his entire expression of the face change that it had contorted at the guilt.It wasn't even that hard to be convinced and taken closer on the way to the next village where the normal people came and acted normal. Of course, they have appeared like strangers in the middle of the day when everyone was working hard, just to come to a momentary stall.'Greetings, greetings, no need to raise yourselves.'There was little to no response to what came next, no false admiration, just the strange look and the heavily tanned skin from those who worked on the fields. Neither could tell they have seen someone who could've become so much darker than he normally appeared to be. Even the women in the village seemed to talk between them and laugh at their appearance.'Don't you think we're bound to get in trouble if we keep this way everywhere we go?"There's little to no chance now, especially since we barely escape alive.'An older man approached them next, ready and prepared, he bowed, which was followed by both of them as well. The man appeared quite calm and peaceful, that sort which pointed towards a house and waved for them to follow.'Do you think we could trust him?"Should we make it for a run then?"Not yet, just hold it for a moment now, there might

be food in there and I'm already starting to feel as if I'm hunched.' Though the house was small, they entered and closed the door, both of them being able to recognise that this was the house of their chief, or mayor, whatever he called himself there. Worst was the fact that the walls had been painted inside, not with the common tapestry those warriors had, but something which dragged at the eye and at the mind. Pictures, images, reproductions and interpretations of the darkest wars that might've been illustrated in an utmost peculiar manner. There were lurid beasts that had long necks and multiple clawing mouths which dragged the poor men in their pools of water. Such things might've seemed normal for their people but utmostly bizarre in the representation. Men which ate their children, beast of wool and black spikes from below, pulling from the darkest depths where all the skeletons were tied together forming chains to hold their darkest possession. Something might've been wrong with the person who painted that, especially since the colours used were rather changed, just so that they could reflect some sort of an aberration and disgust even at the first glance. The man made a few gestures as they came to sit down on the floor, making some loud claps that signalled for his servants to come. At least four of them arrived from somewhere of the confines of the small house, creating the illusion that it was far deeper than it actually was. For once, the so-called servants were merely two of the villagers they had both seen working outside, not to mention that the small room from which they came from had an exit from behind the house. Both of them had the worse feeling that might've been, to be cheated in this ruse rather than know what's happening. 'Look Grendle, it's that damned drink again, you'd think they're getting it from the same place.' The same sized cups brought the thought it might've been some sort of tradition to share it if it weren't for the fact that what was poured inside appeared to have been bloodier than usual. It wasn't the drink either expected, but crimson as if they had come from their very veins, with some black in their cups and some sort of vein-looking, moving worms. Both the servants left the room as soon as they had been served, it wasn't clear why they had been given it, but the mayor just grinned and waited. 'He's waiting for us to make the first move, what are we to do?' 'Calm down already, this might be some sort of test, all right? Just play along with me and don't try to rush anything unless I tell you.' Mordecai was ferociously shaking at the sight of it but followed Grendle in whatever plan he had in mind. They looked immediately at their host and how it appeared to have mirrored every move in a slower kind of way, rather, he was waiting for them to drink first before he made an additional move. What's in your mind you creepy old decrepit thing? This cannot be the kind of greeting your people welcome strangers with, he hadn't doubted in the least that something didn't fit. But rather, the expressionless demeanour appeared to have bored nothing but confusion. 'Lift it to the nose and sniff it.' Whispered Grendle, making sure to take each sniff in. There was nothing to the substance, no smell whatsoever, whoever blood it might've been, or whatever creature had it belonged to, this was kept in something. Worse was the fact that the worms appeared to have reacted poorly to his constant sniffing or the blowing of the air from his nose, even getting split in half by one long breath, which was unexpected. 'I think we should drink it now, we clearly have gotten ourselves into this, we should be the ones who go out, even if there's a small chance it might be poison.' 'Don't try making me even more nervous than I already am. I shall drink the blood as well if I am bound to die, know that it was all your fault Grendle.' 'You were the one who wanted to go together rather than slipping away.' 'And do you still regret that decision in your mind?' There wasn't an answer but he began to drink the small pool which laid in his cup. Strangely, that didn't taste like blood, nor had it had the consistency which was found in the human body, rather

than that, it felt like crushed cherries. The strange man laughed as he drank and looked at the two afraid men who hadn't known what was going on. He spoke in his language but remained quite amused, revealed his open mouth and forked tongue. Obviously, someone had done that to him, but that wasn't important to note. A little black coiling moving ball laid on the side of his mouth, moving around as if it were alive. It seemed to have stretched as far as to lay behind and pump something into the man. That substance which ran deeply inside looked like a vein, a purple thing which might've been the very reason for their desolate colour. 'We have to leave now, I don't like the look of that in his mouth.' For once I tend to disagree, my friend, I don't believe we should run yet, not since we're to be welcomed in a such a manner.' After which, Mordecai appeared to have joined the man in his laugh. After the waiting though, they had been brought one of the mightiest creatures that might've lived, some sort of giant meat filled bird which occupied the entire table, seasoned among the other dishes that laid on the side. There was at least a wonder how the man might've afforded that, especially for them, the strangers who appeared in their town, it was too much. He could see it in the so-called servant's eyes, though they looked different, their eyes spoke of the same emotions as if it might've come from a brother. 'Are they not eating either?' Asked Grendle, but the man appeared to have caught the gesture in a totally wrong manner. His voice got louder and as he forced the man to go ahead and leave, there wasn't any doubt that he hadn't planned on it. Something in the room happened as well, a darkening of the light, a chance as the colours dimmed. Even the paintings on the walls changed from the virtuously looking mounted warriors to the wickedly touched creatures which remained. Faces dim, pointed down, ink running on the creatures they fought, for a moment though, it appeared that the hunter had become the hunted. Something about the image and how the ink appeared to have extended from the creatures they banished below made it seem that in the end, they were the ones which won and the men were cursed from that moment on. 'I do not know what to feel about all this, it might be a trick to scare us, if it were such a thing, though I feel we might not be as welcome as we were originally greeted as.' 'Nonsense my friend, you worry far too much for a man who wants to be free. Just do as I do and play along, we'll eat, we'll drink and be on our way.' Though it did appear like the meat had been taken from an animal which might've been far too big. First, that thing which looked like blood but tasted like cherries and now came the glutton which almost came to look like the belly of a man than an animal as big to them. 'Well, aren't you going to start Grendle? It looks as if he's waiting for us to make a move and I think the room's only going to get darker the more we'll keep him waiting.' At first, he thought of trying it but got reluctant, there were some empty plates which they received, most likely so they'd get exactly what they needed to do. If only I were to take a deep cut and see what lays inside, it should be in a short enough area, just so it could be unnoticed. To say the least, he was aware of the intense stare and the fact that the more he waited the gloomier their host became. Without a doubt, if he were to wait any longer, it'd be worse for the wearing, as that wasn't the face of a man who was displeased with his guests but rather someone hungry. Grendle made the first cut, some sort of circle, but it wasn't perfect, it fell inside. He peeked and saw nothing, as the light refused to travel but felt like making the hole larger until the next slab of meat fell on his plate. At least now their host smiled and turned his gaze at Mordecai, with nothing but an expectation. The two looked at one another before being pointed towards the meat. What exactly is he planning for me to do? Try to shove my hands inside the belly of the beast? That wasn't what he was to expect but he had done it with the small knife he had received, a strange forked thing that was neither common nor uncommon for the sight,

only the design being foreign at all. But he pushed it at far, into the hole which was made and pulled out an extremely fat liver which had laid inside. From the way he had managed to take it, it seemed as if there had been nothing holding it in place there. As meaty and a bit raw, Mordecai looked most displeased, right before their host muttered and grabbed some meat for himself and started eating, drinking, passing on the cherry filled strange bottle. 'Should we risk it? Even if it is to be a man we're having?' No man could've had such a liver, at least not this size, but they were both contemplating the consequences of the act of cannibalism. It was too fine of a job that the neck was sealed, the arms and legs weren't present that it might've looked like a giant bird, not to mention that most of the bones were missing, the organs were bigger and too much of it was to be thought about. 'I'll risk it before we anger our host.' Grendle took a bite and was delighted, the taste of the chicken was most divine, even better than what he had expected, to the point where he didn't even think of it being any worse. The other side couldn't deal with the fact that he was hungry as well as he started eating the liver with his hands alone, delighting in the test, pouring himself some cherries flavoured, worm-filled cup. It looked like the most repulsing thing to someone who had no context of their entire conversation, not to mention that there wasn't even a chance for them to look away. Just on time, the room got darker and more purple in shade, though this time it had come from above as opposed to the point where it had come from below. The floor wasn't spared either and thought it was rude to get off from the table, watched by the host's bludgeoned eyes, he pulled the wall and noticed it was getting dark. How many hours have we spent here? Mordecai wondered at the fact, just before he noticed that there were soldiers camped around the town. He had recognised those damned uniforms and came to being seen. 'We need to leave before it's late, we've spent enough time here and they already reached us.' 'Who?' Asked the man, who dared to cut a bigger slice. The host had his mouth filled, unable to speak before he started choking under their eyes. 'Help him Grendle!' Having yelled in his ear messed with his walk, to the point before arriving to grab him from behind he felt nothing any longer, dropping whatever was in both of their mouths, they peered at him. Mordecai did the only thing he could think off, look again to see that the soldiers were approaching. 'They're coming to Grendle, they're coming here and we got a corpse on our hands. And we cannot explain to them what happened since we do not know the language, do you understand that?' 'Calm down for a moment and let me think of something. Check the house fast, look for something blunt or sharp, we might need something along the way.' Meanwhile, he peered furiously at the safest places candles which laid over small plates of water. They were desperately trying to protect their wood and linen houses, it had seemed. Well, it'd serve little to nothing any longer, since he started pushing them around. 'Found a few maces here, should I grab two? What on Earth are you doing there?' 'Just follow me and escape from behind. We'll settle this later if they decide to chase us.' He had grabbed the mace and pricked another slab of meat which they'd take on the way. Followed by the immediate escape, the house had burst into fire without even much of their help, closing the door behind. The soldiers came and jumped, trying desperately to decide if they were to come inside or not, seeing how there was still a figure stretched over the table. The mutterings left a trail as the two of them fled away from the stage, leaving behind sweat and some ink which had run over their hands as for him. 'Poor man, to get out this way, in a most strange manner. I could only hope he didn't suffer.' The night came, when eventually they appeared to have stopped the blunt trails of smoke, leaving nothing but the mere desire they have had to return to the place from which they fled. 'Just think about it, the perfect plan, they wouldn't expect for us to return and snick during the

middle of the night, that way we could just return while no one suspects a thing."Do you truly think that'd work? Have you not paid any attention Grendle? They are civilised, they're more than ready to take both of us together, even more than that. We are trapped in her without a way to go."Don't say that, don't you dare say that to me, I know there's a way to go and I won't let any sick butcher or them get through my head, understand?"Unfortunately, the sad nod wasn't for either him nor for himself, as he had doubted himself that there was a chance that they'd get through without the place being fully abandoned.'That's it, I think I've become fortunate enough to come up with a plan.

Wait a minute, can you hear that shuffling in the bushes?"They had been stopped in their tracks, looking at the beauty which had come from the thorny bushes. It would seem as if she had been touched by the moon, right as she had come with a bright skin which almost managed to produce an aura in the dim light of the night. To say the least, neither of them had ever been as close to one of the women of this place as they had been now, drowsy and tired, they looked at her attire and said nothing.Silk barely stretched around her round form, not to mention that there wasn't in the least of chances that she bore any sort of undergarments. It was enough to grab both of their tongues and eye, just as no word had to be spoken and they did nothing but obey. Both of them followed her as if there wasn't any doubt at the intention which was to be called upon them, they wanted that being, more than anything in the world.After a short trip through the woods, there appeared to have been some sort of change in the desire both of them felt. For once, it appeared as if there was little to nothing around, not a village, just father into the plains, lower by the river stood her house. She was apparently covered in small seed, from the work which was done around the place.All around the river, it had seemed to have happened on this strange behaviour, seeds being washed on the plains, darker ones growing into saplings but never spreading. The closer to her house, the easier it was to notice that the growing saplings were hosting the shadow that let the small decaying mushrooms to grow. It was a strange relationship between the two things which would bother any man who was hungry enough to dry if one could handle the stench.Another one of these small houses, made of wood, as if it would seem to be long lasting if only there was stone. But there was another thing at which his eyes had peered upon, at least in the terms of wanting to know what her true feeling was. Barely lit inside her house, she had no candle but waited for them to make a move.'Wait, Grendle, you don't suppose she brought us here to."Just shut your mouth Mordecai, out of all the places and times you could've decided to open it, now it ain't the right one.'Shadows grew as the light dimmed, it wasn't long until she hadn't her clothes in. The experience was rather strange, as she slithered between the two of them, at night, inside.Nothing more was spoken of the night. Back in the morning, they had already been back on the road, trying to get on track, for a strange lack of words, they waved behind as the small ghastly lady and carried even further, unable to comprehend what had happened after the events of the night. They had remembered though could do little to understand what would be the consequences for what was done in their names. Such an ill manner in which they came to the point where there'd be no return.'If we keep going this way, we may not be able to come back. Would that be worth it, be stuck in here, Mordecai?I don't know about you but I see no feasible way to get past those soldiers, we're not fighters and to say the least, we haven't made any lasting impressions."I beg to differ on the latter my good friend, I think you may be right, this place brings promise.'Though the damned just waited as the pass and it was only now that they were to listen and understand what exactly went there and what they were preparing for. Folk moving and passing by them haven't noticed in the least what was going on. For starters neither had them, as

the seemed as if they were preparing for war.'I don't like the looks of it, soldiers, men carrying short swords and lances, do you suppose that you may know what this means?'It means that there might be a chance after all if we come by the good side of things. Look at that flag out there in the distance, does that look like someone who respects the authority and fights for those in charge?'Farther in the distance, past the many passing people with their carts and supplies, there was a giant flag which had been raised, with an utmost peculiar symbol on top of it. From the looks, the tormented man in the image had nothing to do with anything but the brutal acts in which he was treated served as a warning for those that might've stood against them. At least that was obvious enough, more so than the people who were fleeing from their lands.'Look at those fields in the distance, do they not look as if they had been burnt? I think we might've stumbled upon something.'More so that they had thought, the men, women and even children among them were as cold as they could've been. They passed dead bodies which seemed to have been laid just around the moulds and lands, right around the round than pay any attention to the dead. Why, they appeared to have been members of the cruellest race they have encountered in the past, not to mention that despite the strangeness and morbid hospitality, their language remained most bizarre.Grendle took a few steps off the road and knelt against one of the bodies, ready to inspect just what was going on. He opened its mouth and looked at the strange organ which ran from it, right into the body, down the neck, pumping whatever there was left inside it.'Mordecai, throw me an arrowhead for a moment."What for exactly?"Just throw me one.'He had got what he asked for, with the least of which there came a few reactions from those who laid around. Though the man might've been dead, that thing inside of him made him feel as if a part of him was alive. With one sharp cut that part had immediately died, blowing that small amount of blood it bore onto the ground and finally stopped pumping.It wasn't as if he thought that whatever it was might've brought him back to life, but the simple idea of being set into some sort of coma in the middle of nowhere and starving to death somehow made him rethink of the whole plight through.As he was done, the men and women looked away. It was only then that they had been fully paid attention to, rather than different men, they looked as if they were agents of death who came to give the final rites to the dreaded end of their lives. Now, as they came back on the road, both of them notices that the men and women who came into contact with them gave a slight bow, if not one which was more formal around.'I could get used to this, wouldn't you?'Though the young man appeared to have been caught far too much into his mind to answer, being able to cut through the crowd and focus on ahead. For once, he was adamant about going ahead towards those tall buildings on the distance, even so, he pointed them and grinned.'We'll travel there, I know this to be the right path, and nothing short of a civil war might stop us now.'Their voices waned, they have been distant, for in those tall buildings they were pointing towards, the men were ill headed. Four bridges connected them, right near the very top, the base of which appearing more like wide towers being placed just so they'd be adjacent but far enough for it to take minutes to get from one of them to another. If fair is to say what it appeared inside, the dreaded paintings which corrupted themselves under the night sky. Practitioners of the dark arts and mad-men lived inside, those who had forced themselves past the normal and have become the darkest members of their race. That purple skin they bore inside was unhealthy, especially for the slaves. Most amusingly, the way of torture was one as discreet as a small square-like room inside the structure, which was tight enough only for a person to fit inside.There had been hundreds of those, thousands if all four structures were combined. Even after death, the whistling and their agony

could be heart between their cries. From the distance, it gave off a feeling as if those dreaded tower heads were haunted and that any entrance would be forbidden for them there. Though it was undeniably so, that the masters at the very edges took the skin of peasants, boiled it into pots and applied it on themselves to get that special colour they desired. Most of them practised it and felt as if no life was wasted as long as it had been used for their own. 'Slave, bring us another man.' The vulgar accent, the voice which bred agony came and passed. Oh, what a dreadful sight it had been, to look upon that crafted armour, how sickly it might've looked if it was hit by the slightest ray of light. It was unwashed and the helmet bore a face of stark terror, if it wasn't for those sharp vine-like ornaments which went in every angle and appeared to sting people by accident, it might've been close to decency. If that had been the case, but for the time being, he looked dreadful and acted as such, dragging another peasant from the scruff of the neck and bearing him closer to the justice which had to be paid. He was brought in the foremost room and presented in smoke, the poor creature could barely breathe as if it wasn't enough, he was thrown on the floor and kicked in the back so he would properly bow. At the smell of the sick thing, the other masters had suddenly made themselves appear from various hidden corners or entries from the wall. It looked as if fresh meat was on the menu and they have been properly spoiled for that reason alone that they wanted to be so. 'Fresh and colourful, where have you found one as dark as I?' He's going to make a fine type of ink, he might even darken me to reach the bowels. 'Enough of that brothers, let us wait and examine it first, we don't want to be rash and best this creature until it is prepared, as the custom goes.' The poor thing wasn't even considered human, to have been brought by that dark night in front of those coloured dark beings. There wasn't any trust between one another and from the looks of it, there wasn't in the least any time left until each of them would jump and grab a piece to rip the poor man apart. For there had been various methods to obtain that colouring of the skin, which either involved the boiling or eating the coloured skin from the meat. Both of the methods, including the various variations which might've spawned from them appeared to have been reflected in the poor man's eyes. He was dreadfully aware that despite being a poor man, there'd be no mercy given for him, at least not coming from those starving beasts in front of his eyes. 'I say we take him piece by piece and let's devour.' 'Stop, brother, you'd only make it worse, I pray that we come to an agreement about what we must do with him ahead. We cannot take care of this later, we must decide now instead of waiting and give him a chance to escape.' A set of laughter came from the brooding men as if the poor creature had a chance. Even as he desired to escape, knowing that there'd be no chance other than a fair judgement which would make it quick, the thought made him want to. 'I've come to a conclusion.' But before it could be passed, a surge came into the man and he started running through the open door, seeing how he wasn't stopped nor followed by the guard, he grinned. 'I will be free, I'll be free.' His words spoke of the greatness of adoration for whatever deity might've helped him then and there if it weren't for the fact that he had lost himself in thought and failed to see. That at the end of the long pane he walked upon, down the stairs, those master who had been speaking about his fate were already there, waiting for him to come and to approached. 'The master has no patience for fools and we're afraid you've already lost your chance for something quick.' Worse than anything was the matter that the voices were coming from below the stairs, rather from everywhere around, from others so-called masters who decided to toy with the food. That's what he was, quite aware of the fact that he was to be slaughtered like cattle, unable to know good from wrong. At least there was the function in which he could put himself forward into, step, by step, as he jumped into

the motion, ready to end it before they'd bring the torture. But as his feet left the ground, prepared to leap on the stairs and break his bones, he was tightly but firmly grabbed by the scruffs of the neck but a hand which was big enough to encompass it entirely. Those ill fingers had become grey at their end, long and skinny, nails softly pressed against the flesh. But he was revealed to be an old man, not immortal, one of the masters thought himself too far to be a victim of a poor creature such as that which ran away from him. 'Let go of me you mongrel.' The master said, as the man turned around and grabbed him in return. With the realisation that he was far more feeble than him, he pushed the dreadful one against the wall, feeling how he was crushed and wailed in pain. While this was happening, the true ruler watched over them and raised a hand for everyone involved to stray their hands and witness the struggle between the two of them. First, the nails came off, as rotten as they had become, there was no force in the skin which held them sticking in the fingers. Even the colouration fell aside from his body as sweat ran through. 'Let go, I said let go of me, I saved you, putrid mongrel!' But those cries had done nothing more than reminding him of the fact that he was to be eaten or boiled, only for that dark skin to become a temporary accessory of the kind. He had been eventually turned away from the wall once the poor man realised that enough bones broke in the body, switched then threw away on the stairs. As he rolled, the body started breaking apart, like a small box of old bones which had never been supposed to come out into a fight. When the body got down to the others, they started as their dreaded brother then back at the poor man. Almost instinctively, he turned around to hear the judgement, this time, his breath was steady as he waited calmly, content with whatever was to happen. It was only for a moment that the others came into their right minds and happened to reach for him in the moment of him raising another hand to stop them. 'I believe that our brother was greedy and wrong to attack him without me having passed the judgement brothers. For that alone, I have decided that this man in front of us, who's so desperately fought for his freedom now deserved to be set given the freedom he deserves.' Almost slithering, they coiled at the sound and jerked their bodies into mad motion which reflected upon both of them the pain they felt as the escape of their prey. How could he set him free after he has murdered one of our brothers? 'Be reasonable now, how might we go away and join them in their appearance? What might the others say of this if they see a peasant escape from our tower?' 'Who said anything about escaping the tower? I have merely passed the judgement as being freed from the agony of death.' With a change in the smile, the thought of freedom had passed away. It was almost as if then and there, a trap-door in the wall opened and pulled him inside, pushing and guiding him farther inside, left and right, pulled in front, perhaps a few feet down below, until he ended in a small space from which no one would hear him wailing. That was to be his tomb, as it closed and lost itself there, leaving them filled with disdain and the very thought that one of their brothers had died. 'What are we to do about him then?' 'Are we to use him as our own for the purposes we are told? Or may we do with him as we truly desire?' 'Go ahead and rip him apart, boil his pieces and do with him as you properly please. Bring me but a cup of his colour if you want to live or bring me yet another, do you understand?' 'Alas, they bowed and took one of their own instead, grabbing him by the scruff of the neck and carrying it into the room. That was well enough to be called, the worst of experiences that were to be had, despite what they have shown they felt ill. Neither of which had been content with bringing themselves to cut the bonds and take care of the decaying corpse of one of their brothers.' 'Look at what had become of him, one of our oldest siblings, fallen in the most accusatory manner. I cannot believe this happened to him, to struggle and to fail, against a peasant of them all.' Even hearing

himself speak was rather incredibly awfully mannered, instead of which there came no surprise. The body twitched at some touches but the mind was dead. Something of the compound which went into the skin made it pop up on the touch, there wasn't any possible way one could avoid that after so many chemicals had been dumped into their bodies.'This procedure that we are doing, would it happen to be dangerous?'The three self-proclaimed surgeons looked at the body and appeared to have shared a common thought, about the volatile nature of the skin and how exactly would they have to go about it.'Look at this and judge for yourself, whenever or not it is dangerous to feel at last.'With a small precise cut of the small knife, there wasn't even a chance to move before one of the hands lifted itself and jumped at his throat. The stretch upon which it had achieved was unreal, the response even more so, as it knew who was the one who was doing what was done.'Help me, brothers.'A tiny voice came from his throat before the others realised what was going on. They clung to the notion and brought themselves back to their senses where there was little to no doubt.'The skin shouldn't react this way, it shouldn't have the power, nor should it have the muscle to do anything.'Each of them looked at the naked body in turns, looking forward to seeing what was the secret behind the power, how could it have known?First, one to judge and examine was Stratos with his mind which slipped away at a time when there came something to examine. It would've been an understatement to say that he was interested in the body for this had to precedent in the matter and the only other body which was to be experimented upon was his own.'Look now and feel for his fingers, can't you feel that already? The skin had begun breaking everything inside his body apart and before long there'd be nothing left but the flat layer of skin we so desire, right without the least of trouble.'Each of them felt until they saw what he was talking about. Some of the fingers had thin bones, while others had none left, at a fast rate as well. Most of the muscle mass was affected and right in front of their eyes, it just happened that the creature would be no more.'How long until this happens Stratos?'I concur that we may be able to boil it in half a scene of the moon there when we will be ready to bring the cup to the sleeper.'For some reason they each felt as if they heard something which amused them in a most indifferent manner. Neither of which showed any of the dread they felt as if that of which they saw in front of them would be the consequence of not feeding the skin and managing the colouring behind it.Awful, awful feeling on the road, instead, by the two men which should've been dead. They spoke none of the languages and had no time to explain, yet they knew enough and understood some signs, managing to earn a living for themselves from road to road as works around.Most recently came the tilling around a field, despite being some sort of civil conflict going around, there were still people going by their way.'Are you tired already Grendle? Weren't you supposed to be a young lad?'I wasn't built for this and you know it. Just take a look at my arms and you should understand.'It's hard, I know, but we can't let ourselves be caught into all of this, just remember, you said that if we were to face against what those four strongholds have to offer, we might be able to face the soldiers and return to our homes.'Wishful thinking at best, though neither of them was ready to accept any other truth.At once came the man who hired them and asked them back after the longest day they felt alive. It was a great job what they have done there and it was rightfully reflected in his expression even though his words said nought.'Well, are we to stand or should we return?'I think you're right, it's fine enough a job for them to be pleased, at least I know it would've pleased me if I owned the land.'Hard enough, as they have been unsure how exactly their system was, but they were paid in coins at least and given a meal in the man's small home. This time at least there wasn't any trick of the kind, no darkening, at last, just

the man and his wife who have prepared a meal and looked at them as if he had never seen the likes of which have shown themselves at the front door. It had been difficult enough to convince them that they were there to help but other than that. Other than that, Mordecai felt quite ill, not physically but in bad terms with the coping of the people around him. They looked different, both at them and in the ways they looked and as indifferent as he was at first, once the guilt of killing the man passed, he realised his high dislike of the people. As long as he kept his vacant expression and dared to look away before their eyes met, he was more than content with carrying on, hidden from the eyes. 'Next time, let's avoid the road, it might be better that way, I think we could make a small detour through those rocks among the passage.' 'That thing doesn't look as safe, even from the distance, I wager that we may get lost if we start going through. Should we not at least carry on the road some more?' 'We won't make any progress this way Grendle, can't you see that we're wasting day after day here and making as little as we can? We're already as far away from that point as we can be.' 'And cutting the time shorter is the only reason, right?' They paused in silence as another man passed by. He hadn't an animal to carry his luggage but rather a backpack twice his size and multiple garments of pants and spoons tied around various parts of his body. He was in the least strangely kind enough to go around them and pay no heed to the argument at hand. 'Look at that, can't you see those sings and what they look like? That is what disturbs me the most, it's looking at what they have on them. And every time I look again upon them, it always gets worse.' He proved to Grendle as he asked to look upon the sings which were hanging on the stranger's backpack. They got bloodier, sharper, darker in contrast with the slightly dim blue sky. It was the same effect some houses had and neither of them could explain why. 'Again I look away, then return my gaze, only to see the man looking like some sort of a shallow sprite who mocks me during my walks. I can see them on the fields as well, just look out there.' Both of them undeniably saw, if not dimmer while the other could see them in much greater detail. Small creatures, which seemed to be limbed and mock the human bodies while keeping a twisted posture in their fat bodies filled with lumps. They were covered in coal and for the time acted as if unobserved as if there was nothing to do but to get the fields dirty after men's work. 'Don't worry about them, there's a rain on the way, it should wash whatever damage there may be.' With the sharpness of the ear, there was almost a clue that they might be able to hear and produce a sound. All of the way they stared at them and how they came to it, as well. The world crackled, their vision shattered, it was almost as if they had taken a wrong turn. 'Did you feel that as well or was it only I?' No answer came, but they both felt it, making it seem as if everything which they had known and as far as they went wasn't any longer feasible to comprehend. They were in the room and it wasn't lit, as for the luck of the cobbler, they stood next to a clicking device which was accidentally pressed by Mordecai. It lit up to a small room, made of metal, with a small table in the middle. Nothing laid inside, but for some reason, there was a window by the side or a pane, an opening of some sort, it was really hard to explain. From the form and the looks it bore, it didn't matter much since it was barred. 'Look, there's a panel next to it.' 'What, are we going to press it now? Don't you find it odd that we found ourselves here after going on the road?' 'It might've been a dream, I'd wager.' Though even that stopped abruptly as he thought about how real it all had appeared in his mind. Little to no certainty remained to be told about what was to be next. 'He pressed some buttons, got it right. The metal barring opened at once to reveal that they were still on the road, with a minor difficulty which was the fact that they were trapped, no longer exposed to the world out there.' 'We're trapped Grendle, we're no longer going to be able to escape.' 'Calm down, we're yet to do so, it's a

minor set back, that's all.'He hadn't liked being there a bit, ever since he stepped away from the house, the peculiarness of the place and the strange things which happened did nothing but ruin the comfort which laid in his mind.'Let's get away from this place then, the sooner we escape from this room, the better.'Automatically, the window was barred again, and there appeared to be no lock on the door. It was large, that had to be given and it seemed as if they were being led to a path which would only have them descending.'Should we go there now? Won't it be dangerous at all? I seem to recall that the last time we did something which was such as this, we came to all the problems that lay on ahead."That time we had a chance, now we have none so carry on.' He'd push if it weren't for the fact that they enjoyed their conversations.It was a long way down, he was sure of that, and as a matter of fact, there would be little to do from now and then, as every light lit, only to reveal that they were in for a long way ahead.'What must we do now brothers, if not to boil him? It's taken so much longer to take all the proper measurements but as you can see, there's nothing left of him but the skin which kept on living.'For as a matter it would leap ahead at the first chance to attach itself to another living organism and start eating from him.'How many attempts have there been for it to escape?"We need to take care and act as rationally as we can, there's no other way around the fact, we need to make certain that it's taken care off now before it gets out of hand.'From the looks of which, it had been pinned done at each limb, with long triangular constructs of steel which held it in place, though from time to time it managed to raise itself a few inches in the air.It felt like a ghastly thing which tried to run, to slip away than to be boiled alive. At least there was some sort of impression that it knew what they were planning to do with it, even though that was unlikely since the brother they knew was dead.'Don't heed what's trying to do, it's only trying to distract us and escape."What if what we're doing isn't right, brother?"We'll do as we were told to unless you want to join him in the line and end up as he had.'The feat of sharing the same fate as the pale skin was rather unutterably being embrace. Both of them left to prepare the small cauldron for the ritual, in which neither of them thought they had to stay behind and look at the skin.Such a vague lack of vigilance forced it to come back to life, in the last attempt when it suddenly jerked to get free, being pierced further off until they left four holes inside the body. The wind suddenly blew the armless and legless, thin-sheet ghost, leading it through the open path below and right through the hold as if he had been alive again.There would be no stopping once the wind blew, not to mention that it was all being forced upon it. In a moment of supreme hold, there had been a door, upon which it fell and came from below, being pulled through the other side at the easily enterable opening as well. As it had passed the many poor tortured souls which stood there encased in metal, it was still driven in the hold through their concoction of wood, the air almost making it seem like the place was the outside if it weren't for the fact that it was all an illusion. Nonetheless, the skin hadn't felt that it had no eyes to see, no brain to think about such a mundane thing. It felt onto one of the branches, or rather one of the long hands a man had and remained there for the short duration there had been. At least until a peasant, another man had trespassed in, a rather long-headed fellow who found himself wandering inside. He hadn't any clue whatsoever about what he was about to get himself in.But at the vague touch, he touched something sticky on a branch and yelled. No one heard him.'Brothers, Stratos will be mad, what will we do once he finds this out?"I do not know how to react, but get what's left of him, in the least we may be forgiven if we give our master the only drink, we could survive, even if the chance is thin.'Both nodded at accordingly did so, despite planning on going on a hunt to hopefully retrieve whoever stole the skin, something was

immediately more demanding. Looking back upon it, they approached, at last, staring at their king as if he was some sort of pagan statue to be prayed upon. The boiling system held and melted the empty skin as if it was nothing to it nor for them. Alone, as it came, Stratos was suspiciously missing from the start. 'Here it is, as we have said, we have left the best for you instead.' 'Have you tasted it before I?' 'We wouldn't have dared in the least brother, we could do no such thing without your permission or with the care, we obey supremely with no reason to doubt instead.' 'Out brother Stratos had seemed to have lost himself.' Said Orxos, with some pale smile, which seemed to have deepened for seconds before going as far away from him as to be possible to look at him. 'He was to grow impatient and waited for none. At last, he took the cup and decided to drink it rather bathe in such a small portion of the liquid as it were out there.' 'This used to be him, wasn't it? Is there more of him then?' The concoction looked rather concentrated yet he hadn't had a taste as of yet, it was almost as if he knew there wasn't more. 'No, there's none of it, not any of it which had survived the process of the boil. Everything else had failed and rotten past the point where anything of it might've been extracted.' In a way, he was only half-lying on the fact that there wasn't any sort of knowing whenever or not they were lying. He nodded nonetheless and started tasting down at the middle, for a moment then, they both started thinking they had seen some smile contorting but had a vague idea why. Why had he stopped at a quarter in? There was still more than enough for him to drink on if he even cares about that alone. 'I shouldn't be surprised that you were expecting me to have it alone, but since you are here and Stratos isn't, I believe you're to be rewarded.' He passed the cup from him to the other, without the least of expectations he drank but stopped under a hard stare. Alone, he wouldn't have thought, nor would Orxos even think about sharing if it weren't for that demanding gaze upon which there seemed to be a boiling desire to carry on with it. The cup was passed from one person to another, with the least faked interest in dismissing it at last. Though they were cold about it, neither care that what they had used to be one of their brothers, rather rejoiced over the fact that it was kept in the family. He had managed to escape through the hinges of memory now, the man who had ventured and found himself covered in the least with the face and body of another. It would seem that he had found himself in a rather convenient thing which would strike others with terror upon sight. Not only had the skin taken over some part of his brain but the way it had replaced the old skin the man had was both painful as well as it had felt that he had been flayed alive before it could place itself there. The pain came upon the sight, even in the pools or mirrors there'd come the sight, the darkest of them he had become. With the memories of the previous life gone, the man remembered that he had a wife somewhere far, though they had argued, which had been the turning point that led him there, where his life had changed. There was no explained on how he had been driven back, knocking at the door in the middle of the night. His wife had answered but dared not glance, she was afraid as if he had come to join her into a dance. With both of his attached to her, he suddenly smiled and jerked back and forth as if to cradle her outside. All the while, her expression hadn't changed, her eyes were filled with something of a maddening approach. 'I have returned my dear, why don't you welcome your warm husband?' It had seemed that as he said it, some space in his skin just jerked around, removing itself then reattaching for the comfort it had felt there was the need for. Both of them didn't pay any attention to that, rather to the important thing between the two of them, the darkening which happened to frighten her upon the touch and sight. Even now, the moisture could be felt, her touch against his face took away some of the colour and for some reason, he was angered. With a motion of a much stronger arm, she has shoved aside and pushed against her

back.'Don't you ever touch me unless you want to see what I'm truly capable of.'With which he flew into the night, leaving her to weep at the closest edge of the stairs. There wasn't any explanation for why this was to happen, but he grabbed a stick, he took stones, he chews on them despite the pain and cracked his teeth beyond repair. Without a doubt, there wasn't any excuse for what followed in the night. Such acts of pain and sorrow against the towns which reigned near the four towers, so-called holds, neither of which dared send anyone outside, not during the day nor the night. Soon what followed was a series of acts of arson which came into flights, as he has heard the screams and couldn't happen but smile with the fact that he had the guts to do so. He looked and waited for the citizens to flee out of their flaming homes, some burnt, others severely endangered, just so he could grab them and eat their still moist flesh. It was painful to watch but almost fainted at the act. With each taste, the skin consolidated and rooted itself against bone and against the mind. Now he would finally have his say and take care of those who pushed him against the ground.'Can't you balance the buckets of water on your shoulders properly, you animal?'They would say before pushing the stick and having him get through the river to get water again. On his way, he had met with the same prick who was trying to carry water back to his burning village when they met.'Quickly, we need help, everything's burning.'He had recognised the face but there wasn't in the least a notice for his condition. Unless something was about to happen, nothing would stop him now.'You can't balance that many buckets on your back either, you should try to carry less of them.'With which he pushed him on the ground, while the other men who were helping tried to rush to their homes and lands rather than be slowed while the fires ran.'What's your problem? Can't you see the fires, my family, my house and farm, it could reach them at any moment.'Too bad you won't be able to do it any longer. You won't be able to reach them in time to save them from the fire.'Please, my daughter, my wife, they're sleeping.'He tried to plead for their sake alone, but he was only pushed further back as his skin was stolen, mouthful after mouthful, an action which had changed his toes and fingers to the point where he wouldn't be recognised any longer. Overall, his features grew much duller and younger while the corpse had been thrown into the river and left there to follow the tide.'I should return home to my wife, shouldn't I? She must've been worried sick, after me, but.'On a sudden change of tune, he had taken a look in the distance and noticed that he wasn't the only one starting fires. Trails of smoke in the distance made him feel as if this wasn't as great of an idea as he had originally planned. If there were others, he had to know, instead of going back home. The night was still young, and on the road, the two partners walked alone with none in sight. Just as to point something before making their beds, it wasn't a good view at all.'Look Grendle, there's been another fire.'There's no need for you to point it out any longer, look, they're everywhere, it looks as if it may be their main form of warfare around.' It had seemed indeed that every field and every little creature had set some crop of the like on fire, rather than be confrontational, they preferred setting fire from one house to another. The place was a mess, something which couldn't be dismissed in the least by some look alone. Without the chance to comprehend what was the reason for those tiny creature's existence, it was pointless to try to understand them in the least. 'It's only a few days now and I think I'm beginning to like the language, I may even be able to understand a few words at least if I'm really trying.'Don't bother, we're going to get away, don't you understand?'From this trap or from this place? Either of which I'd be content if I were to see more, rather than look through the windows panes, after entering each code.'How are you still doing that?'Mordecai looked, still surprised by the fact that his fellow somehow found a way to get through each combination and reveal

what was outside. For each moment they spend there, there came another which would promise the lack of a meal and water, at least decent ones in the least.'This might be well, we're going down again.'Said Grendle, as a matter of fact, the last time would've been a dead end, for whatever happened then, taken from memory, the stairway ended at some sort of an explosion of the kind which was uncommon to their primaeval society.It managed to destroy and collapse the stone structure below, and leave only a blanket of melted iron to last as a final sealed placed.'This is the plan then, we look for some sort of explosive and carve away behind."Can't we at least try to blow open the hulk that is against the window? Neither the glass nor the window should be able to resist it and that's only if there's the case that we might be locked with explosives here.'The satisfaction reigned on his face as he noticed that Mordecai hadn't looked right where he had needed. But right in front of them laid a door with the recognisable word of storage.'Here, in this place? No, no, this just cannot be happening here, it must be a mistake, some sort of farce of the sort, there's just no possible way the word could've found its way here.'Neither would it have been possible for us to wake up trapped here from walking on the road alone. I won't question it as long as there's a way to get through.'Another closed case from the looks of which, something had destroyed it, making it rather easier to work upon. He had pulled some wires and carefully thrown them onto one another until it made a spark.That always seemed to have done the trick.'You realise that we're wasting much of our time in here."Unless you got a better idea, pass me that box and open the other.'Both of them came to frustration as they looked at the most bizarre set of devices. From the most deluded mind came a thought, as Mordecai closed a box and seemed to have lost himself in thought, wanting to take another look outside.'Search without me for a second, I need to check something here.'He went behind for a long time, just so he would be out of sight, then, as it came, almost naturally, he opened one of the windows by the code and came to the idea of removing the pane. As if there, his jaw almost dropped after seeing how it was a fake, placed upon the nothingness of space which laid out there.There wasn't in the least a clue whenever or not he was seeing the top of the sky or if anything was wrong instead. He had glimpsed and noticed that something was off, even since they had taken a look together. In the least, he felt as if his fellow might've been spared for the dark thoughts that might've come. Wherever they were, there wasn't in the least a chance of return, not at this point.Though he dared not speak a word he placed the flat circle of glass back and returned with an unexpected grimness to him. As he looked at it alone, he noticed that he had found what they had come there for, the sticks of old explosive, an antique, as well as the fuse as the means of which to fire.'Do you still plan on blowing the bulk of our prison, or the glass?"I'm well aware that it won't do much, there's no need for that now.' Both looked away from one another as if they had seen something which they haven't been supposed to see. It was at least in their wake of things that they decided to return to the staircase through which they had been and finally place the explosives between.'This may be dangerous, better get as far away from this place Mordecai, I'll handle this."You should better let me lit the fuse if that's what you're coming at, just in case you know?There's a long life ahead of you if we manage to escape and I'd rather no waste someone such as yourself if I can help it.'It wasn't dangerous but the shock ran dry, the two of them shook hands and there was almost a sadness in Mordecai's eyes as if he was ready to die.For his friend alone made him feel well enough of the place where he had been. He left as far as he could, unable to see through him and notice. That tiny glitter had died away, he was ready to pass through and never return to the tainted world if there was a chance for him to go. He was getting hungry, he felt thirst, his shaking hands had

betrayed him for minutes and despite being dangerous for it to get through, he was stopped. There was a pair of hands who held him off from trying to get closer to extinction, it was Grendel, he returned. He looked as if he knew and understood what was going through his mind and instead of being mad and overreacting, he accepted it at last as if it wouldn't have mattered in the least for him. 'We're bound to fail one of these days I know, but we have to get through it together.' There wasn't anything in particular which went into his mind, Mordecai felt like an old man who was slowly getting worn by the age, not as sharp as he used to be, past his prime, looking into the emptiness, waiting to.. 'Well, should we at least get ready for it? The burst could be enough to make it worse than for the better.' Just head on behind as far as you can reach, I'll take care of the details from now on. 'And then he was out of sight as well as he was out of his way, there continued the preparation, the tying of the fuse and in the end, he lit it and ran away. He apparently waiting near the storage door as far as he could be, keeping it open as his fellow was approaching the scene. 'Be ready to close the door when I enter the room, head inside already!' The man shouted, of which echo came faster than he had expected, for Mordecai was already inside the room, going through boxes as he waited. In a moment's notice, the two of them were together in the room, staring at one another like buffons waiting for a change. It happened like a sudden burst of anger that they were slammed against the door, luckily for them, it had been locked for the longest while. Everything hit their parade inside the room as the boxes had been all over them, with everything which laid inside, rolls of strange images which were pitch as coal, various cards and names, nothing sharp though and nothing which would've crushed their bones. 'Hold on tight, I think it's bound to be worst.' He said as he felt the entire prison in which they had been shove itself on a slope which went as far down as it could before stopping as they shouted for their lives. The way ahead was somewhat stabilised if not inclined, whatever fell on them reached the ground eventually without much of a bother. 'What now? Do you think it may be safe to open the door now?' 'I do not know, but we have to find out, don't we? Are we still going to this together?' 'Always Grendel, as long as you won't lead me to another strange place such as this one.' To which he made no promise but opened the door and managed to see, that dirt had erupted from various spots and blocked some of the other rooms they hadn't checked. Something about it had managed to disturb them there, perhaps over the fact that it seemed as if a liquid had penetrated the soil and made it fleshier. It would explain the moistness and the water which had flooded the place. 'You have to have lost your damn mind.' But both of them reached the same conclusion at last, that as the end of their side, where the stairs met with their level there was something of a flooding problem. Water wasn't rising as of yet, henceforth there was no problem. 'That isn't water Mordecai, don't try drinking it.' His expression was stark with dread as he noticed all around him what was going on. 'What is it Grendel? If it isn't water, what could it be?' 'It's the..'. His voice snapped as he looked away, opening the closed pane to notice that they were surrounded, rather than being sent deep in the ground, they haven't even moved a few feet from the road outside. 'Take a look for yourself, we've merely managed to twist in inside the ground, nothing more.' 'No, it can't be so, look, there's the space out there if only I could.' Though it couldn't budge regardless of how many attempts carried on. 'It wasn't an exit after all, but a prison for that thing there and I'm afraid it's to awaken.' 'How can you know so much about it? You were the one who came up with the idea to escape that way.' 'Mordecai, you had the chance to stop me and could've made me blow up one of the windows instead, this is your fault as well.' 'But I was reluctant to do so, no in the least would I have wagered both of our lives if I knew there was danger down there.' 'I

couldn't have known you, lout, I was merely suspecting over the fact that it had been an explosion caused by someone who went below there, nothing more. Don't put the blame on me now because I haven't acted on a poor suspicion.'There it was, that guilt and fear, they could do nothing else but pushed themselves away from that which would soon sneer.'My good man, I am in need of direction, I seem to have been lost.'An insignificant mongrel came to him while being caught on the road, he wore only a bag, filled with what would seem to be stolen goods. He immediately recognised that unnatural colouration, even in the sun, whence he looked as dark as some sort of ill grapes.'I don't know where.'Oh but I haven't even spoken of where I was to go, my dear man. Why won't you sit down on this trunk near the stones and offer me your company, I may even be bound to forget what I saw.'A heavy sigh came to him as he approached, leaving his bag as farther away as for him not to peer at him. He would've asked for nought and spared the man if it weren't for the fact that he had tried to steal from him. One was bound to eventually find him out so why not start ahead?They have somewhat of an awkward conversation before he was taken behind the trunk.'Are you ready for what's next to come? I don't think I've done this before but I'm sure enough bent on doing it whenever or not you'll decide to cooperate."Mercy please, I swear I stole to feed my family, nothing more, they're the ones who're starving there, I've had no choice."Silence.'The word came as a followup to the bitter laugh, after which the man was given a mighty slap which had thrown him on the ground in a sweeping sort of daze. He couldn't help but look away, as he went on to slay the man, there were shouts, there were sounds which were inhuman coming from his body as he proceeded. It felt as if he wasn't in control any longer but rather, the skin which stretched around his body which made the calls some of the time.'Watch him, watch, watch, see him, look at him, do it, take a peek, his body, his body, what have you done? Take a glimpse, try to look at him.'It felt as if someone was whispering just around his ears, ready to make any sort of attempt. Instead of which, there wasn't any other attempt at resilience once he had been exposed to what had happened. The corpse in front of him had been severely mutilated, as for him, it was revealed that the skin around his arms and hands extended sluggishly against the body and started pulling the mass of the corpse. Poor man, he had thought inside, as farther away as his skin went, the clearer his mind could form his own thoughts.He had felt for the poor man who only did it out of need, not to mention that he didn't want to antagonize himself either, or what he had become. It's this itchy skin.'Someone's coming.'With that announcement, it was almost as if he had been heard by it and went into a sort of retreat. The way it looked, as the body came, it couldn't have been made by a man, thought some sort of animal who ate the flesh with many cuts might've done the cut.Regardless of what that was, the rider which came and slowed down needed nothing but a glance at the scene, once he saw the colour of his skin, the dreadful gaze gave him a wicked thought and he went away as cowardly as he could. He could've ended the threat there but he was free, it didn't matter how much he looked at it, there wasn't a way to be.The journey continued, for hours at a time, until past the roads, as farther away, the prison was in sight. In the distance, he was able to see, that crowds of people came to watch what was going on, without the least of thought and consideration for what was going on. For once, for them to meet was long expected.By now, inside of it, that thing was rather deranged.'What are we to do now that we are locked? Sooner or later we'll have to change side or look for some food, we can't spend the rest of what we got here."Are you willing to go on and leap over it to the stairs? What if it wakes up all of the sudden and pulls you down with it?"Mordecai was fiddling with a bunch of needles and a ball, nervously trying to distract himself, though the way it

was bent, there was just no way to get through.'All I know is that we're in too deep, and whatever that is, it came from someplace deeper.'The sight of which was still dreadful, to be glanced upon, a malignity of extremes, almost transparent in sight, blocking the light as well as it had been in a state of guilt for what had happened to him.'Let's grab whatever explosive is left and try for the other side.'I'm afraid to move around it, you know that Grendle, it's those things that resemble eyes, they're almost human, if they weren't actually stolen from humans I'll be damned. I said it, we cannot trust that it might sleep, from what we know it could be that it's fainting.No, I think we need to end it somehow, after all, it was done with for a reason."You don't suppose."It can't be worse than what we're to deal with on here.'With a sharp glance, he came again to the same conclusion as his companion wagered.The explosive was lit like candles and three of them had been thrown from across the room, right into that oozing thing, through which it came and it was stuck.Moments passed, the door was locked, and the sudden burst had made the entire container in which they were shatter and shimmer, glaze in-between.'Is it safe to look?' Asked Mordecai as he had done well in keeping himself safe, on his knees, both hands on top of his neck.Without a doubt, there had been others who wouldn't have care, but once the door was open, all was safe. There had been a hole and the thing had made a shriek before it must've retreated in its hole.That of which was deep, far too deep for any further knowledge to be told off.It had crawled from below in some sort of worm-made hole, with all the rings having left their mark against the soil.'Should we use another one?"No, that would be nothing but a waste, we should use whatever we have only for our escape. The stairway seems to be in a rather well condition, so what do you say?"Both of them agreed as they started climbing, hand in hand as neither desired yet to fall, whatever that was, now there was no concern over it.It had just happened that they reached a point where they came to seeing that the integrity of their prison was no more.The upper wall was generally protruding through the other, as well as it had been by the sides. Without being able to measure either side, they both realised that this part which had been blown twice had lost stability and was to fall.'It seems like we won't be returning that way any longer."You think so? And what gave you that idea then?"Better make it a who if you're as certain as you are that we're going to escape Mordecai. I don't like being trapped in this place either, remember?"The slender hole from which they had come out now looked like one rather than a finely shaped entrance. It seemed as if every second which passed there wasn't a way that its integrity would last.'Look, if it gets ripped apart, we may have a chance to jump on its top and make for it, as long as we're quick about it."What about the explosive then?' Asked Mordecai, looking distraught at the thought that there'd be any danger from this point on.'Do you think it may return though?' He continued, looking beyond his friend, through that hole, at it slipped away. For once, the thought of it crawling away from that spot might've been a rather dull one for starters. He couldn't even get the thought out of his head without being able to stare straight at it.But they both looked intently at it, waiting for something to crawl at the last second, just as the hole had become something that rats, or rather mice would come through. Had it not been that those liquid formations crossed the room and latched around the door frames?If that was so, and they both remembered, what stopped it from crawling back in? It couldn't have been that they had ended the threat, after all, the hole was locked for a reason.'There, it's done, now we can wait for it to fall.'With a sudden unspoken moment came the light from above. It seemed as if the entire prison shook violently as the passing came to be. Faces could be seen from the nearness of the outside world and when the sudden hole had become wide enough for them to crawl, both of them just jumped outside and ran to the sides. They

jumped and had been caught, hand by hand, pulled by villagers and travellers alike. It was in the heat of that that the prison was swallowed inside the ground, just in time as a blanket of dust covered what seemed to have been the final resting place, the grave of that damning fiend. 'This means we're done with it, right? No more out of it Grendle, no more time to spare. We're going straight to the towers and we make for the top of it.' The man had paid enough attention despite the fact that he had been dealing with another man, the help of which seemed to have been the trade-off for water and food which came as even for them. 'We should try getting as far away from this place as we can, we've already had gotten enough attention on us as we could.' Some started speaking and tried addressing to them, though it was still too short of a time for either of them to get a grasp on the language and neither of which tried. Without that, they lacked basic understanding and couldn't say a word. They had resumed walking away without speaking a word to one another but looked ahead, for in the distance, despite the fact that a road was clear, there was a man, looking dark as if he had been worn. He stopped from his tracks as if to examine who were the two strangers which looked in his direction. Neither of which appeared to have been fair, but he had never seen someone even remotely close to being pale. That skin, the sight of which would do nothing but taint himself and make him lighter, it wouldn't do, it wouldn't do. He thought even less of the fact that he had witnessed them as they emerged from the metal box before it fell to the ground. Dangerous fellows to have come from a place which wasn't known to him, nor to his skin. Avoid them at all cost, don't make it seem as if you care, it won't happen so don't you dare look upon them. Just keep by the road, until it just so happened that they stopped. The skin made him top as well. With the least of understanding why he was as dark, his nails as thin, that dangerous creature with its blood-shot eyes appeared to have paid little to no concern over the fact that they had been trying to stare it in the eyes. While hardly trying, he slowly lifted his gaze and looked at them. The tension had begun, it wasn't a matter of what was to be done with him but rather that they both tried figuring out whenever or not, whoever laid in front of them would be dangerous enough or not. Neither of them had any clue, yet decided to make a move. 'Should we walk by the side Grendle? I don't think he'll give us trouble if we leave him be.' 'Shouldn't we be cautious in the least? I thought you of all would understand the dangers of putting your trust in a stranger, especially one as decrepit as this one.' One step too few and there was a sudden hiss and a few steps which had been taken behind. Something was definitely going on with it, that it came to the point of acting in some sort of aggressive manner. Without the least of concerns, Mordecai followed Grendle as they walked closer while paying no heed to the so-called danger which was thrown at them. They stopped just before he could get any more aggressive, being as close as to be able to hear his own thoughts. It felt as if he was exceedingly pushing vapours of heat through his body, trying to deny all thought. He looked past them on the road and saw that no one else was mad enough to walk in this direction. To say the least, in this fool's errand, there was no wonder where they were heading towards, the only problem being that they spoke that damned language which made little sense, to begin with. He had seen them get prepared, in case they would get violent with him instead, he knew nothing of them and in which way they'd defend themselves. With little knowledge and awareness, he did a reasonable thing and pointed at the four towers in the distance. Yes, they want to get there, must be their reason for this madness to begin with. Just follow me right through there. 'It seemed to have pointed towards the towers, think it knows something about them?' 'I most definitely think he knows of the place, even more, that he had been there before. He's much stranger looking than any of the others and looks at how rabid

he seems each time I pointed in that direction.'Indeed it appeared as if he had been a shock or a stab at him each time that place was pointed at. Most likely some history between the two, as such as he might be useful, to say the least.' I know you don't understand but lead the way.' The mongrel had to repeat a word but understood nought. 'Lead?' It asked before seeing a sign of the hand made by Grendle, who made it seem as if he shoved the air by the side. Another time, he pointed towards the tower and moved closer to that one. He lashed behind and started walking towards the direction they wanted to go. 'Doesn't it bode well with you when things go right? I knew we didn't need to know the words or the language to deal with them.' Though they had been started at or followed, by those little beings that dwelled in fields. For once they looked mightily afraid, trying to approach in fear, yet no warning passed by. Closer by the night they peered, at the towers, at the sky, and when they looked at them together, only the dark thoughts began. After all, they had forced the dark creature, enslaved rather, with wrappings around his hands as not to try anything too rash. 'One of us sleeps at a time, while the other waits with him.' He started at the creature and had seen nothing even remotely to it, other than it looked rather sick for the time it had to spend staying entrapped. Sweat ran like beads and like some sort of slicing winning note, he lost the turn and Mordecai was to stay awake at first. Armed with a sharp rock and a look of complete determination, he would neither come any closer nor feel remorse if it were to attack and for him to defend himself by any means. Rather than that he welcomed it and came to pass. Something happened that it couldn't wait there but shake violently at the thought of being trapped with them. Mordecai immediately shook his head, as if the lack of sleep would've already taken its toll, he looked again. The skin was entirely loose from the body of the creature, even danced around the cuffs, thin enough to pull itself out, it dropped the body which made a loud clicking noise. Perhaps he was unconscious, but after hitting his head that way, little to no doubt remained of the fact. He was dead, skinless while that sluggish carcass of meat and fat went on to crawl towards him. 'Not a step further I say, not towards me nor my friend!' It couldn't have understood not heard as a matter of fact, though it was met by resistance as the sharp rock was thrown and pinned it to the ground. The soft ground under it trapped in with immediate signs. 'Wake up Grendle, wake up for your sake alone, we're in danger.' 'What? What's going on already?' 'Look, it's the man we've brought, he's, he's.' He was sleeping on his back, with his skin back on, rather looking more comfortable than either of them had been. 'This paranoia will do you no good if you continue this way.' 'Fine, you go on ahead and look after him then and see for yourself, I'm not going insane, I know I'm not.' 'We're so close to them, only a relatively few hours of walking, do you need to this every night?' He only seems to act when it's your turn, night after night. 'As it were true enough, he came to sleep, accepting rather than to weep.' 'Mark me, for I know what's going on, it's trying to get both of us.' 'We need him just to get a general direction. I'll make myself clear again, go to sleep before you lose your mind entirely, I can't deal with that now, whoever else might I talk to if that happens?' Though their conversation was neither comforting nor had it done anything about his mood. A change in the manner he acted left some bitter taste to his mouth. Had he been right? Grendle asked himself as he noticed the symptoms he had seemed to have spared to himself and no other. For once at least, he noticed that the man was bare-chested this night, with the most dreadful marks on the skin, as if had been pierced. Either he would've been right or the man was beaten by his fellow, which wouldn't bode well for either of them. Certainly, he wouldn't be that way, in all the while he met him, he showed only mercy and acted only on desperation, so what was it that made this creature so much special than the others? There was still doubt in his heart,

he didn't want to act on something as defenceless as from a foreigner like himself. It could be any night now that he'd be proven wrong and taken by surprise, in the case of which he wouldn't have a chance to take it alone. If what he said was the truth, not only did it have some sort of resistance to pain which wasn't anything of the sort he'd ever encountered, but it could also be quick enough to flee away and stalk through the night. Chances were, at least from the explanation that he was dealing with a corpse, perhaps something worse. 'How can you sleep so well Mordecai after being the one acting so paranoid.' It had been one second when he looked away, only to turn and stare at the man who was sitting on a piece of a fallen trunk, with little to no sign of paying any attention whatsoever. He was stared through by the coldest eyes, getting worse each day and night. Least of all, there wasn't any doubt about what was going on here, some disease or condition was getting over the body, eating him from inside while they were debating whenever or not he was a monster. Little was known, if partially true, about the man who stood in front of them. A certain pain resistance and coldness, not to mention the refusal of the rations they offered, another one being that he didn't eat nor did he drink, unless he'd done it in private, beyond their eyes. Now, he was serene, enjoying the quiet while the eyes moved, waiting as if for something of a sign, anything which would make him drop. Grendel's eyes were flashing, dazed as if he wanted to wake the other and switch ahead, even though not enough hours had passed. He knew that it wasn't fair but cared little, it was true enough that the creature was unsettling in its manner and they never even needed it in the first place. I should've listened to you Mordecai, he thought, with the nerve to approach his friend, met with resistance. So that would be your play, again, he peered at how suddenly he was on his feet, ready to sneer and jeer as soon as he woke up the sleeping man. Luckily there had been a rock in his hand as well, though little would do to him if he even managed to hit him with it. He'd be swift enough and unnerving, ready to snap at the throat or bowels if given the chance. 'Slowly, slowly, we're all friends here.' He had thought, before seeing another flash, in the middle of the night. The second time it happened for his vision to better, it appeared as if another cage sprouted, metal walls, closed ceiling and the door. It was perfect enough for him to feel around through pitch black darkness and know that it wouldn't be able to get through. Unless they had been caged with him, he opened what he felt like a pane and left it open to see the light of day when it came. He fell below to sleep unnerved, both by the sight and the thought of being caged again. One sudden blow against the steel woke up Mordecai from slumber and as he started looking, he saw, this wasn't supposed to be here, rather than anything else. 'We're trapped again, it seems, though this time with it.' 'Can it enter our room?' He asked, looking with his eyes beyond the shaking room, the pale light of moon barely disturbing. 'I doubt it can unless it managed to punch it down or bite through it. There's little he can do to get to us, I wager.' 'Then go to sleep, we'll deal with it in the morning.' As it were the case the night went on, the pane had closed and by the time the day had come, the artificial light from above had appeared. A dirty neon green, dark and barely dim had appeared at the exact day when they had to be woken up. Without being the least dismissive, they both looked and questioned, again. 'Why is it that this happens to us each time?' 'Shh, look, what is that thing over there?' 'Closely, Grendel approached what seemed to be a small piece of skin which tried snicking itself through the cracks. It was fairly thin but it had failed to get through entirely. 'I've told you, it's a being of its own, if it weren't for the door, we would've most certainly have been turned to waste.' 'Open the door then, I think I believe you, I've seen with my own eyes the way it acted when the two of us were alone during the night. If it weren't for this place.' Though his thought laid to rest as the sight of the dead man on the floor. It had

seemed as if whatever tied itself to him had managed to make for an escape, or rather hide in the midst of the place. 'Look, it tried from this side and ripped itself off when it failed to get through.' 'Don't touch the body Mordecai, I mean it! You don't have in the least a clue what might happen if you touch that decaying, rotting blasphemous host, it may still carry some sort of infection of virus which had belonged to the skin.' He wasn't sure either, whenever that corpse was truly feigning and alive or rather dead, ready on its way. It was another setting with four chambers, two on each side, a deck which had a pair of stairs leading to another level, not far from which there had been a blow which pushed the outer hull of the ship father inside. With the least of doubt, neither cared, little nor more of what was going on, but stressed enough as to peer around. 'What if there are other people dead here?' 'We'll find out soon enough if that had a chance of making you feel better.' 'It won't, trust me when I tell you.' In their turns and ends, it seemed as if they ended going further, coping as they could with the fact that it was hidden from their sight. Such as it happened for them to be alone with a moving sort of skin-carpet which could be at any side, in each part, trying to get through. 'Were there other bodies here, Grendel? I know you don't like hearing me going around, but I need to know I'm not going mad if I were to say there were others here before us.' 'I don't know, stop asking me things I can't know, you're just going to make the both of us feel more paranoid with every aberrant question you ask.' 'Truly, I'm sorry to have been a companion to you so far, if I only I would've known how much of an irritant for you would've become, I might've averted my eyes and sight away from the likes.' Undoubtedly so, it scorned away and tried moving in strange patterns, the man in a suit, at the end of which, he stood erect. A globular set of sphere laid as his helmet, all of the glass or some sort of reflecting material, standing on a flat plane, leading to a suit of white with strips of black everywhere around. He would look sideways, then try making for them in the tight space. 'Head on here.' There was a man who opened the door, from their side, as it seemed there had been survivors after all. It was the first one which looked normal for once, in the least of appearance, while his ragged clothes dragged from his behind, he peered all around and pulled them in. This wasn't a simple room but the entrance to another level altogether. What followed after was some sort of introduction of the code, followed by the blocking and the end of a few locks that would stop any which tried getting through. 'Don't worry, it's modified, locking from the inside, rather than the outside.' 'Who is exactly, how did you get here? Why has this cage appeared from the middle of nowhere? And what was that thing that stood there erect, looking at us as if we were some animals or viruses in need to be taken care off?' 'One thing at a time Mordecai, let the man take a breather as well, after all, we're in his domain, not ours.' A simple nod would've been enough, but the man wasn't in the greatest of moods, for once, he had lost far too much sleep for him to have been expected anything else. He wouldn't have dared anything in the least if it meant leaving something or someone behind, which followed. 'One of you must stay here while we check the other.' 'Is it safe yet?' A pair of voices called, from the looks of which, there appeared to have been three others in the hiding. 'Everything's fine, just two have arrived it seems, wearing the strangest looking apparel they could come up with.' The man was visibly disturbed by their appearance, not that he was the one to talk, with a suit of one colour, broad by the shoulders with a silver line where it'd slip away from him. Well enough, that it would've come by the nose, he looked away, ready to choose. 'One of you must definitely follow for the checking. I'll have Donna look after the other. Don't worry, these are standard things, we won't injector push anything out of you.' 'It's not that, I was trying to figure out if you were the one who was to be trusted. We don't know you and examinations

tend to be dangerous, at least in my experience."I know it may sound like that, but trust me when I tell you that both of you will be in good hands."I'll come then, the sooner we deal with this, the easier will be for us to get away."The confusion didn't matter, for he was already on his way. It wasn't Donna alone but another younger woman with her who looked as if to have crossed her legs, bored as to why she was set there. For once, the man didn't look interested and maybe battered, more visually shaken was the fairer woman who waited for something. 'Come closer, don't stand by the gate, it's how they seem to get you around.' "They seem to get you? Lady, I don't know where I am or what is going on but if you think you can make me feel bad with anything weird, I tell you from the starters that I've been through enough. Nothing out there is going to get me whenever or not it tries. Meanwhile, Grendle stood shirtless, having come into contact with a hot needle for some blood test. He was fairly passive for the whole duration, feeling little pain, no physical defect, nothing expanded, nor a mark on his body which would last. 'So, for how long have you been locked inside? For me and Mordecai, it's the second time it seemed to have happened.' "Trapped? Well, eight, maybe a few more rounds of time, I cannot be sure, it's been hard for everyone involved. Especially down there, by the side, there's always something which seems as if to be creeping around, and everyone in the crew seems to notice it. The looks of which assured him that there were at least four of them, two women, this doctor which was presumed and a lad. 'Is that your wife and children?' "No, the two of them are brothers but neither of us is their parents. As a matter of fact, we're not into, you know. There was an understanding there, but little faded once the tests turned well. 'You're free to call the other man, Mordecai, you said? After which we'll decide what happens after.' The finality in his words seemed to have shuffled thoughts in his mind of which there wasn't any way for him to be prepared. The other came and the test quickly commenced, yielding the same result as it had previously had. Little doubt now remained, both were clean, rather than anything wrong with them physically, the crew looked at them as if something still was off, which couldn't be pointed. 'Well, we've just expanded it seems, that does mean we'll have to ration our supplies, as well as to train both of you how to snick in and get some foot without being noticed.' "I believe that won't be necessary at all, not since we're planning on escaping from this place and getting to the towers. "Towers? Do you mean control towers? Some sort of satellites or some stations which are on your way? Neither of you looks familiar so you couldn't have been part of the crew and I know everyone who was on this ship. I know well enough that you're humans, both of you, in relatively good and healthy condition but that would be all. There's a chance that you might've been boarded or snuck somehow but I doubt that you've lasted for so long out there without starving or proper medical condition, so it only makes sense that you've arrived on another ship. Would that be correct?" "No, we were on the road when this metal prison erected itself from the ground." "Let me, Mordecai, there's something more important he needs to know. Something had followed us on the way here and we've got a reason to believe something wrong's about to happen in case we don't find it or escape." "What exactly are you talking about?" Chimed in the other crew-member, she was subtle and looking at them for only a sign that they were messing with them. There wasn't any ship in which they arrived though, and she could only hope for the least she could get. 'How are you planning on getting out of here, then? To get to these towers I mean.' "We just need to blow through the walls." "Blow through the walls?" Bjord paused, with his face almost caught in past-relief, he looked as if he had heard, seen and met madness incarnated, in the least of subtle ways. The pounding began again against the doors. 'Look at what you've done, you woke him up, now he'll be hours at it, trying to.' He had attempted to access

the inner camera and look through from one of the monitors, something was wrong with the quality but neither of them had seen something as that before. 'But for once it seemed that the man in the suit was more violent than he had ever been, an important detail to which went unnoticed was that fact that there had laid a hole through his helmet which was new. It was right under the right cheek and had been there for the past few hours. 'Whatever is behind that suit is a corpse, a decaying thing, in-human. I can't think of the worst that's to happen if it managed to break the door.' The children were being set in corners, held and helped by the woman as she set them inside a small chamber. It had been emptied as this was planned. 'Hold on in there and don't open it, no matter what, do you understand?' Both nodded but still managed to look with doubt, just as she assured them that everything would be fine. The pounding continued and the upper hull was almost pushed inwardly, to the extreme where a piece of his knuckle could be seen, decayed as it were, there was some strength. 'Listen, weapons, something sharp, anything that we could use to defend ourselves?' 'We're just researchers, doctors, those are children, of families who were brought aboard, there wasn't anything which prepared us for what was about to happen.' 'Nothing to repair this either?' 'There's maybe a blowtorch which we might use for the purpose, but I don't see how.' 'That would be most useful.' Said Grendle as he pointed to Bjord to find it. 'You, what's your name?' 'I'm called Riggled, what do you want me to do?' 'You'd better find something heavy and perhaps a chain or a leash, something which would make it hard for someone to move in case he would be caught.' 'I'll see what I can find.' With a sudden pull and no regard for the creature pounding behind, Mordecai spoke in whispers. 'What are you planning on doing here now? We've got nothing to do, nor any single way to deal with it, just look at it, there may be a moment before the door is broken and we don't stand a chance against that kind of strength.' 'Unless we're quick about it, we'll end up like the rest of them, somehow I doubt it's only one of them out there anyway.' He sniffed around and pulled at his hair as in desperation, whatever it was to happen, everything would be decided at a span of a few seconds. 'I found something, here, help me with it.' There was a small beige panel which had been removed from the wall, having lots of machinery which were rather unrecognisable to either of them, other than the common metal chain which was attached to nought other than two small rods. 'Those are to prevent others from touching and interrupting the flow of circuit, it shouldn't have any effect on anything if we were to remove it.' It was pulled on, long enough as it were, that was the type which would be managed well enough by three of them if they were set on it, though the thought remained. A visible hole was made through the door and it was getting dangerously close to the refuge. 'Where's that blow torch?' 'Right here, I had to make sure it would work before making any promises.' Now, there came the danger as he pushed the top of the door to the point where his helmet and a good chunk of his body could be seen. The pounding stopped and instead that hand ran across their side in an attempt to reach the device which held it closed. The mechanism or at least whatever configuration which made it lay that way seemed to have been so. 'Get the chain, fast.' He said while they acted on it with utmost care as to not damage what was already broken, seeing how it would be long enough from them to get it across the room, they decided to leave one side of it still chained to the machinery. 'What now?' 'Tied it around his hand before he does something. He cannot be as strong as that, he won't know what we're doing until it's late.' Both the woman and Mordecai came around and threw it as a leash around the neck of a stray dog, being tied as well as it might be without touching it. The constant motion it had come to do managed to wrap the chain even harder around the fingers and the bulk of the arm. At least it was clear enough that it had stopped while there wasn't

any way to tell if it was fully trapped in there. 'Grab the chain, all of you, don't let him escape, no matter what!' Other than the fact that the three of them held the chained and pulled, while the suited creep did the same in reverse, it was safe to say that his movement was sparse and restricted. Grendle came with the strange blow torch, starting around the valve while seeing to it that there'd be nothing left of it once he was done. He hadn't begun with his arm but started melting the glass around his helmet, seeing how he was being pulled to the full extent of it. It had already cracked from the pressure coming from the fact that he was forced only on one side without a way to reach with the other. Clear muffled sounds could be heard as if melted away, layer after layer until there came the image of that damned face, which reeked of the many years in which air hadn't touched. It couldn't have been but that rotten being moved its features then, the eyes which looked like raw brown sponges, the same condition which seemed to have extended to most of the skin. Teeth rubbed against one another and from the looks of which he could see that they were soft, bending as they had been pushed against one another. 'What are you waiting for? Finish it off before it frees itself, this may be our only chance.' He could feel the heat, that was clear enough, but the agony it displayed was unnerving, even for him. It tried speaking, talking, shouting but only the bulk of the sounds came, nothing more.

One couldn't even know or wouldn't have known about if it weren't for the facial expressions which gave them away. That had been a man now before the torch was shoved right in his face. One of the most bizarre and frightening jerk came about as the neck almost cracked itself in an attempt to help the head jerk away from the flame. It was painful and disturbing, watching the force go off from the arm as it went limp, standing still now as the torch had already come through the face and right into the head. As if on command, Stratos said or did something, for the blowtorch stopped with a voice of command coming from above, saying. 'Overruled.' Now the chain was released and the beast in its suit of space fell on the floor and bounced, hitting what remained of it then. 'What have I done?' 'I think you have freed us from it.' Said, Stratos, as he came and attached himself to him. For once he had been content and relatively happy with the fact that a bunch of strangers came to rescue them. 'May we?' 'Shouldn't there be others outside? We cannot risk all of us heading that way. How about me and.' 'No, I think it would be better if there was someone who knew the ship, rather than the company, so it will be the two of us, me and you Grendle. Your friend can stay here in case something happens, he seems to have kept himself rather well.' There wasn't any other mention that Rigg was paying much of her attention on him. After all, he'd been so closer holding the chain near her that she had a good look all around his body. 'It's settled then, we'll return as fast as we can, in case anything happens, make sure we'll have a safeword.' 'I think home would be the only good one which would come close in terms of a pass for you to come back.' 'Wishful thinking?' Asked Grendle while fiddling with the torch, he wasn't prepared for it, but it came as a sigh. The two of them were already out while Rigg went down to take the children out. They had been frightened if nothing else by the sound of the encounter, speaking of which. 'Well, this is what it came to be.' 'And you're telling me that it's been alive for so long in that state and that it managed to move its lips and flip his eyes.' 'Mostly, not that it would qualify for any sort, but I was sure that a part of him was, or used to be alive.' The tremor came, the thought remained, but the body would not rise again. He had only planned on cutting down an arm so he would flee and know not to return, but this had been taken to a great extreme. A body laid and as they walked, it seemed that there were many more on the bridge. 'Careful now, we haven't seen this area in over ten years or so, from what we may know, there could be others.' Grendle paid a special kind of attention for another

thing which might've proven to be worse than dangerous if it came to it. He wouldn't release his suspicions yet, but he was sure that it was out there. Crawling like a sheet of dry meat, trying for another, he would've been utmost set on the fact that it might've tried hooking itself with the suited creature if it weren't for the fact that there wasn't even something which dragged him on. He took at least a moment to look down upon the walls, the circuit was fried, long ago as well. 'What happened here exactly? It looks as if we may be spending a lot of time together, so we may as well just get to know each other, as well as our surroundings.' 'It may be a longer story than you have to hear, believe me when I tell you, that there's nothing that's going to keep you less than captivated than this.' 'Try me then, I'd like to know before we eventually get free from this.' 'Right, because you're supposed to be our saviours, coming from the unknown and ready to take us back home.' Grandle whiffed at it as well as he looked, with the least of concern hanging on his face. 'Got anything else to tell me or can you begin with what happened?' With another whiff, though this time coming from Stratos, he had become somewhat calmer than he had anticipated and begun. 'We were supposed to be heading towards one of the fourteen colonies in the great beyond and establish ourselves there for our further studies. Apparently, one of them, though I cannot remember which one had made a discovery in a kind of space rock, of which an alloy could be extracted, something which was never seen by anyone before. Its properties were something which would make one thing of sorcery rather than its real apparent purpose. From the various test which had been made long before our arrival, it turned out that the extract could push and revitalise the skin and pore, even seemed to leave some kind of rejuvenation on the dead plants on which the alloy had been tested.' 'And you were brought here to test it and turn it into a product, right?' 'It was as obvious as it had always been, even Grendle was aware that some things just never changed regardless of the people, although.' 'What exactly went wrong then?' 'Well, we were there, the twenty of us.' 'Including the families.' Interrupted Grendle, seeing how that brought some sort of insecurity on his face, there was something definitely hidden and it was getting dangerous above. Once they had been passed the stairs, on the upper level, the room was darker, everything was eerier than it happened to be. 'Look for the room, if I remember correctly, two hundred eighty. No that I would doubt in myself or my story, in case you were wondering but this was because of us.' His tone was lowered into a whisper. 'Careful, we may be stumbling into a scene of the sort, if I remember correctly, one of the other two crew-members which had been affected were stuck into an act of cannibalism which couldn't be stopped.' 'And you were going to tell me when exactly? When we stumbled upon them?' Though he had paid a lot more attention to the important part of their conversation, which had been, alas, their fault. 'A mutation caused by us in the alloy, as it seems that we have tested it in our attempts set by the High Directive that we would try to enchant, or rather turn our lungs into something which would need no air to survive. It was only the beginning of the experiments which pushed the alloy into an organic state of mutation from which they have come about today.' As this happened, it looked as if they have arrived at the scene, after all, setting themselves face to face with some kind of strange-looking humanoids. One of them was standing tall, holding himself slightly bent against the other. He seemed to have grabbed the other one on the ground while they were both struggling in the least to make some sort of move. 'Is this what you were talking about? They're both exposed.' Noticed Grendle, as he looked for another way to hide his gaze, to look away, he couldn't do it but feel as a creep. 'We called it the Conjoined Strain, coming from the fact that regardless of how many times we tried separating them, their bodies found a way to liquefy bone and organs until they met, then

solidify to an extreme, as if they had been born this way."What of the exposed organs, and how about the suits, then?"Well, I have previously told you of the case involving two crew members involved into cannibalism, haven't I? Well, this is it, after which, it just seemed normal for us to leave them there."Alive and suffering for the rest of their miserable existence?"We have no data over the fact that they might be sentient or not, and in a way, they're an effective stop to anyone past this point, if they indeed feel something in the sense of primal need, though I doubt that.They should feel danger from one another and nothing could be more dreadful and frightening to another than what you see in front of your eyes.Wait a minute now, you're not."I am going to put an end to their existence, no one deserves that, be it a sentry or not."We need to preserve the ones which are alive."I won't have any of it now, this will be done in a moment."This time around, he didn't even try to burn through the helmet but rather leave the visor from the side. It was strange, though the face had been spread and was pulled off the face with the visor, leaving behind some skull-shape carcass, still moving and breathing. Judging by what was said alone, breathing without air was still a dream rather than being any closer to reality.He sniffed and looked away now, before preparing to go forth.'You should look the other way if you're not prepared to see what's about to happen. It'll be just like before."Carry on them, I don't need to sugar-coat it just because we don't know one another.'A mutual nod led to them reaching the same conclusion, as it became more obvious that whatever infected the poor man ran deep.'You still haven't told me, why are their wearing suits? Each of the one I've seen so far, wearing at least a suit with the same design."It's a way for us to contaminate them so we're sure they won't spread the disease, or at least that's what we thought we did. It turned out that it wasn't something which was transmissible, not airborne, not through touch. We're still unsure of what's causing it so far.'It was time nonetheless and the flame seemed to have melted through the skull immediately, right through both lobes and the metal index which seemed to have run between the two of them.For once, he didn't enjoy it, but the body fell and got stuck with the head and the torso on top of it.A peculiar pose came to be, but this one was far much easier to take care of, as simply removing the helmet pulled the neck and head, whatever it was. Far decayed, the remains of it spilt all over the man's chest, leaving nothing but the corpses stuck in that position.'Are you done now, can we carry on before another one of them shows?"I need to know more about what I'm to expect out there then, Stratos, you've not told me of the others.Would they act like the first one we've encountered or like these ones?"Different conditions, I can assure you, it's not that often that one of them become as violent as it."So you have encountered them before then?"Well, until we were driven into that chamber, we used to dwell in the lower areas and the bridge, if that means anything. We're still to carry on, right?"Right.' Said Grendle, looking at his wrist, he'd break it if it were for him to push it even farther.In the little time he had known Stratos, there still wasn't any clue on his intention, other than the fact that he looked forward to someone to do his lousy job, that as well as keeping track on those failed experiments.'Say, I don't suppose.'He stopped and looked down, there was almost a transparent rectangle on the floor, running from one side to another. Looking through it wasn't the least of his concerns. There were things moving there, metallic in nature, which couldn't be put down in their place, but he knew he saw it.'Is someone there? Or something in a suit of armour, metal or anything of the sort?"Calm down, I'm sure there's nothing unless you vaguely saw another one of them."No, no, it wasn't them, it was something, shorter, thinner but it could grab things from below and move them to a farther place. I know what I saw, this is hardly the time for you to laugh."Well, it's not that often I get to be in the company of another so you

should excuse me in the least.'With a slight pause, he deterred to looking by the side and pointing it out, but before he could've said a thing, he was largely interrupted.'You know this reminds me of the first time I met Mordecai, and just how much I had wanted to propose for both of us to split and walk our own ways.'I do hope you don't propose walking away with our only weapon, do you?'No, no, that's not my intention, it's just that this place is so familiar, that it makes me think that it's been days or weeks since then. It's a marvel how the time flies under your own eyes, isn't it?'But he spoke of it no longer, as he could see it into the man's eyes that he couldn't relate with him in the least. They were strangers from the far-away place who knew not one another and walked in the dark.Regardless of what they thought of it, they carried on and approached the side.'Do you think they'll return?'Asked the girl, as it seemed that Rigg had prepared the table for them to eat, seemingly it was terrible to think about the fact that the door would never be entirely closed, left in this manner for as long as it would be.'I do think they can take care of themselves, ain't that right Mordecai.'He only clicked on his heel and seemed to have peered in the distance. Nothing could've convinced the man that everything was right, not in the least, especially not after what happened.'I can tell you that I'm sure we'll be out of this place one way or the other, at least that can be certain.'Although he still seemed to grasp a sight as an eagle, trying to peer on every side, as not be sure that someone would take them by surprise.'Think you'll be better off than here once you leave? I mean, after we deal with all the troubles around, it could be better if we had another hand to help us with the rebuilding and refurbishing of the ship. We may even be thrusting in the outer space again.'That's wishful thinking ma'am, at least not since your ships seems to be deeply sunken in the dirt. I doubt there could be any duel whatsoever even if it were for you to reach outside and search for it.'It was harsh but it was the very truth, they had to realise one way or the other that eventually, they would find out. And when they did, it wasn't like they were in an any better condition than staying in the cold, he seemed to have cared a little in the least.The delusion had to be done with sooner or later, that being certain in the least, he himself had dealt with such things in the very appropriate past, but how exactly would they react?Children which hadn't know or might've been spared from the sight of the outside world, of nature, only to be thrust in this war.'Say, this ship of yours, is it of some common design? Are there others like it that look exactly the same, in terms of materials and what it looks?'I suppose, this was only one of the common model they Division made, perhaps they might've made, oh, I don't know, eight hundred, five thousand of them, something like that.'So you're not excluding the fact that there might be others out there, still going on, possibly still in some places.'Again, there were plenty of them made as well as newer ones which made others abandon old junk like this for the newer models so I'm not entirely sure I would put more thought into it. Unless someone specifically made a motion to keep it working, I don't think they would've taken it, you've got no idea just how much someone has to pay to get a model such as this registered and pass all the tests.'Why not buy a new one then?'They're worth a fortune, more than what a few explorers and scientists can afford on a common basis. We were lucky enough that we could go through it at all, I'd say. With the regulations and.'The flickering lights from time to time, which was to be ignored, though it made the two children quite ecstatic over the effect it had.'Things like this happen often?'More or less, it's that the entire energy of the ship is directed straight to our room, there's not much we can do about it. We're using the generator as well as we can and so far it worked well, at least until you two came along, there weren't any prospects for us to keep. Being trapped in here for so long.'No privacy at all.' Said the girl, as she came closer to Rigg smiling.There was somewhat of a pair

of bumps above their very room. 'Think that's them?' 'No, it sounds like there's something much heavier going around the room, I doubt it'd be enough for two men of average heights.' The headlights stopped flashing and he was sure that it was the two of them. More than that, he could undeniably point out how certain he was of their very location, especially since Grendle had started faking some sort of limp for the reason. Heavy bumps meant something was wrong, but he couldn't leave them alone. 'Why do you have a rock in your hand? You couldn't have gotten it from anywhere but the outside.' 'Just in case something happens, that's where we came from and, something followed us here.' 'I understand, is that why you were both so nervous being here and looking around?' He nodded slowly and stood up from the table, now being inclined near the edge of the door. 'It might be anywhere, ready to pounce at anyone unsuspecting, I know it is.' 'That's what we needed, more trouble in this blasted ship.' 'Language, please. Listen, Mordecai, there's nothing to be afraid of, especially with a primitive weapon such as that.' 'It served me well enough the last time, and it will serve me as well.' 'You said you came from the outside, right? Show me where you came from then?' He nodded as she signalled for the children to stay behind, they were already steps from the dark room, when the panel opened, revealing yet more spectators who stopped on their way to peer upon the strange machinery. Rigg already looked stupefied over the fact that there was nothing but distress there, dwindling at her sight. Something in her made her mind race from time to time, unable to cope with the changes this brought to her. 'Now, do you believe me when I say that I came from here?' 'How? This couldn't have been, there's been no landing, we were supposed to be floating in space at least until our help signal came. And what are those things? They're not coloured as humans are, they're.' 'Different.' Came in Grendle, with some sort of irritation, now that she was all caught up, he retreated back into the room and waited. Sooner or later they had to return, hopefully just as disappointed as the two of them were now. 'What's with the violent trashing happening in there?' 'That's where one of them is locked, far too dangerous to be released or for any attempt to save him to be made. If I'm not wrong about it, he might've been one of the first ones to be infected, the first one to go feral, mad, whatever you might call it.' 'Worse than that, there were signs of entry from below, something which he had recognised alone, marks of skin from the bottom, too recognisable to be anyone else's.' 'Say, what would it happen if a foreign element came and took over one of those mutated bodies? Like some sort of parasite of any kind, going on the rotten carcass, what exactly could it possibly do to it?' 'After all, it should be dead, there's no way to take out something which is dead, there's no mind.' 'Except there's some activity going on in there, which has been recorded, they're still human from any standpoint, despite displaying in-human capabilities.' 'That much alone made them indistinguishable foes for anyone to face, let alone the two of them.' 'Could it open the doors from inside? Say, if it was given enough time, would it be able to find a way to break through.' 'I'm afraid that it could happen, but the chances are slim, it's gone past any sort of thought forming since the alloy had twisted it for far too long.' 'But what if something took over its body and gave it that extra kick of violence and of mind? How tall and nasty is the creature which lays behind those closed doors?' 'They're sealed past any sort of attempt to exit, as the chamber was originally planned to entrap any kind of reactor failure if we ever had to bring it somewhere before melting. To make yourself a better idea, that room could handle a nuclear device if it were brought inside and detonated. Now, the creature inside that room is strong enough to make slight dents from the insides but that's as far as my knowledge of it goes. Anything else is beyond me, as there are no cameras inside nor any way to see how much it had grown.' 'Grown? You're saying that it has the ability

to grow? Weren't they supposed to be some sort of decaying creatures now?"No, I'm afraid that it doesn't take anything else than proper observation to realise that the size of the mandibles which are hitting the walls produce far too much sound to come from something small. From my expectations, I believe that it's grown enough to encompass the entire room in the least, that, if it would be possible to peek inside, if it came to that."Aren't you afraid that it may get out of control in time? If there was no way to contain the magnitude of that creature, it could break the entire ship apart."We can take the risk as long as we receive help from the Directive, just look over her."They walked a few steps in an awkward direction, only to notice that there was a metallic sealed entry hole, round, as for a tube to be inserted.'That's supposed to have a cooling device inserted inside, there'd be no way for anything to get through, not even radiation since it's meant to reach one of the layers of this room and cool it to an extreme level.'So, you're planning on freezing it then breaking it to pieces?'A nod confirmed as they moved on, still dimly aware of the fact that there were others looking around. With a flash of the light from his shoulder, in the area which was darker, there was a common face with he recognised. It was unexpected but that face looked young, too much so for the body which was out of its suit. The bones were visible, nothing but a skinless and meatless body holding the head of a human, something had stopped the progression from the deck above.It spoke no word but smile, apparently bearing a couple of heads which had been shrunken, right in its lap, smiling while it looked for something on the floor.'No sudden movement now, I think I know who that used to be."Should we take it out then? There are just a few feet between the two of us."Again, take nothing sudden, I don't think this evolution is normal, far too eerie to be called anything of the sort."What then?"Keep walking and don't stare into its eyes, it's best we don't get any attention drawn to us."Whose heads do they belong to then?"When he was alive, I mean, in the past, he used to be a collector, having them shoved in the bottle, hidden in his room. It seems as if he managed to break through and play with them, just take a look at his fingers and you'll know what I'm talking about.'From a glance, it seemed like his fingers were twisted with the hairs of those shrunken heads, to the point where they had merged. It was only after a brief shock that he realised that those heads had some sort of movement and life into them.Not much of it, but enough to noise that his fingers came out of their small mouths and moved them each second.'How can his bone grow at this age? Is that the alloy's doing as well?This kind of experimentation of humans doesn't just happen all of the sudden."Well it wasn't supposed to be like this but it spread like a disease once the direct contact with the alloy started."Is it still inside the ship, then?"That was obvious enough to tell, as he was certain himself of the answer. Least of all, he could tell that he was in for something that had no chance for him to return. He wanted or needed Mordecai to be here with him, to the point where he would've preferred his company over this man with his many secrets.'Should we put it out of its misery at least?"No, let it live, for now, it can do no harm any longer."Unless it shows any signs of growing like the others."It won't, now don't step any closer to it, I mean what I said.'Though there was in the least some expectation to be called upon their return if the entire area was to be safe they all had to be taken care off.'Now, follow me and be careful, we're entering the reactors room, it may be best if you were to breathe slowly and make no more than two steps at a time. It's for your safety, now, if you'll.'Something must've hit him hard in the gut, for he stared at nothing else than an empty room and the thin air which laid in the place where the reactors had been. There had to be an explanation which his mind tried desperately to contort, but nothing came to it in the least of his attempts.'Is this room supposed to be empty? I thought you said."Let me think

for a moment, please.'He stared in disbelief, trying with his hand to push towards the emptiness but felt nothing there. It wasn't a hallucination as he might've thought it to be in the least of seconds which passed. Soon enough, the realisation came, while he realised the impossibility of his problem as well as the absence of the machinery which had to be in place, he sighed before falling to his knees. Hands on his face, he took it worse than it might've been imagined.'Do you need something?' "Yes, yes, a minute if you could, alone.'Grendle looked around and saw that there was only one door at the end of the corridor. Not that he didn't trust her to go on alone, but this seemed important enough to respect his wish.Strange, it was so silent in that room, while outside, he could still hear the pounding. Much of his awareness flew over the fact that he saw the marks and knew it went inside, trying to assimilate the new host to some dreadful results.The dimness hadn't helped and he had thought he waited far too long now. Upon entering the room, he watched, his grin had faded as he asked.'Stratos, Stratos, are you there?'He looked below but there hadn't been any signs of a man jumping below. As a matter of fact, without a doubt, there weren't any signs of that the door at the end had opened, but he knew it to be the only way. He was alone now and like it even less.Below them, neither of them seemed to be in any sort of distress, rather content in their safety zone, still having to wait for word before taking the children out.Some shorter trips had been made from time to time but nothing as serious as the two of them went on.'Did you get used to them? They're rather strange in their appearance."No, I haven't and there was plenty of time for me to accommodate to them. It's just that they speak a different tongue I could never get used to as well as they act so strangely in their wooden and linen houses. As I've told you about the ink and the tricks they've tried using to scare us, they're bizarre."I think I understand. You don't suppose it might be easier if we get out, do you?"It certainly can't be worse than being trapped in here.'Pounding could be heard from above, someone had been running, no, sprinting, a flight of the sorts, full speed ahead. The man or the thing which was making its way seemed to have in mind a matter of the living or the dead.Both Rigg and Mordecai looked at one another and signalled for the children to hide. Now they were armed with two long metal pipes which had been found inside the circuit. Since the ship wasn't functional any longer, there wasn't any need for it not to be salvaged for everything.'Wait, wait, wait, it's me, it's me, Grendle. Don't hit me just yet."What happened, where's Stratos?"He went on ahead without me, I think he might be in trouble, that's why I came, Mordecai, I need your help in finding the man."Will you take Rigg as well?'She looked at him considerably, flattered even for he had thought about it.'I need to look after the children, but I need to know what happened before I let any of you go.'While he went away, the news came as grave as they might be.'All of them disappeared? But that means this ship won't be able to fly again, even the electricity and what holds the door closed or open might go in time if they aren't there to sustain everything. Food might spoil and."There's something else."She knows Grendle, I've shown her, the only thing which remains is for us to find him and break through.'That was the plan, at least, until they got in front of the gate where he was last seen at. In was hard to move around there, all those wires at the chest level, which were clearly meant to have some purpose after all. Clearly, this was an area in which neither man nor creature was meant to get through.'Grendle, we're locked, look.'He returned to check and see, there wasn't any other way for him to be able to work the locks, as the door was tightly sealed. There were only humming sounds around, and the thought that they might never see them again.'You don't suppose some doors closed while others opened, do you?'Judging from one ball of light, from far away, someone was there, working at something. He had locked himself, it must've been him of all.'Get down,

we don't need to let him see us yet."You don't suppose he's done something regrettable, do you?"At this point, there's none of us who hadn't, Mordecai, absolutely neither of us had their hands clean.'He peered below, the muck between the wires, the unclean still went from material to material, leaving nothing but the misery around.'What do you suppose will happen once we meet him? He seems to be the one who has purposefully closed the doors."I can hear both of you down there.'He said, before lighting the entire room, from the bottom to the very ceiling, bright white lights making this look like some facility or some doctor's room.'As you may have guessed, I'm unarmed as well, but let me propose the fact that I won't open the door for you.Get up already, I'm sick of speaking to you like this.'Both of them seemed to have sprouted from their knees, staring directly at him after they have climbed the stairs. Both of them were nervous about him and made little effort to hide it. Grendle had known that there were a great number of men and women who'd been affected by the alloy, while he had met just a tiny fraction of them. Most of which had to be locked in various rooms which were entirely avoided, without a doubt, a lot of which would've been stronger and more than aggressive on human sight.'Do you even know why I wanted to bring you here Grendle, at least before you ran to get him?"If it prevents you from doing something rash, go ahead, I'm all ears."No further steps, I'm warning you, I know that I've got enough power in this panel that I could release every cage and every door in this wreck before its inevitability comes.'Neither of them was in any condition to test his bluff, henceforth, they stopped and peered around. Wires everywhere, leading through the walls and ceilings, with the exception of one or two panels which seemed to have been lost around.'Is it worth it now? When the only people left alive are two children and a woman?"Barely, do you know what it feels like being isolated in such a manner and having to keep control for such a long duration of time? If anything, if I were to stay there any longer, I would've lost my mind and murdered them only to be with her, whenever she liked it or not.'The man was serious, there were an emptiness and sickness which could be seen through him. Lust and rage have incorporated into this disease and there wasn't any doubt that something was definitely wrong with his body.Jerking around, being happily attached to the panel, Mordecai thought of a way he might've ripped a cord or to if it weren't as dangerous, to begin with.He might've even tried it if there were the two of them alone with no other chance, but the two of them there? Nothing could stop them if they put their minds at ease and focused.'I said no more steps, don't move any closer or I'm releasing them.'He changed a bit right in front of their eyes, the skin and how his body jerked into some direction, clearly something foreign had entered him.That's when it became relevant to remind himself of the one important matter which had entered in contact with their crew.'You inserted alloy into your body."Directly into my bloodstream, exactly, doesn't surprise me that you found that out. Perhaps you could've become my student if things were different but I'm afraid that there'd be no chance for me to take any more children in my body of work."What are you stalling for? Are you trying to kill us after you transform, is that it?"Or I could open all the doors and have you deal with all of them as I have originally planned. You won't believe just how hard it is not to turn in and let them be free as I am.It was inevitable that we all become that way from the start, just as one of my colleagues above.'For the time being, it seemed like a slightly flattened man, with a broken visor which seemed to have lost no crack. It was the first time they had noticed him, mostly because it hid from sight and seemed to crawl too fast above to be noticed.'Strange but fascinating creatures, they imitate or get some type of behaviour they got at the time when most of them had been alive. This one might get aggressive enough to split in two again.'Just as if it were a command, the being split into

two halves which crawled around the wires. Neither of which seemed to have touched any of them, not the lower half neither the upper. 'I guess we're two against two now and it seems as if you moved again. Someone's bound to be punished if you're not taking me any serious.' A shriek could be heard from around the base, he grinned. Looking at it, it looked as if those two crawling human parts retreated into the holes from which they came, gnawing and chittering at the creature. 'What have you done, you madman?' Immediately Grendle went past Mordecai and reached the door only to slam his hands and yield less than a result. Both were aware of just what was released there, the results of which were disastrous, for it must've known exactly what it wanted, and for which reason alone. 'Don't bother going after her, she's the only one there. It might be guided by the smell or it might find itself going down the coldest place it can. If I remember completely, one of the observations was the fact that they seemed to like damp and cold places.' He barely finished when he came from across the room and threw him against the wall. Regardless of the fact that he was no longer becoming a human, he seemed to have little regards for himself, nor that he feared being shaken around. 'If you want to do it, there's nothing else you can, this place is about to lose whatever supplies it has, they were bound to run out sooner or later.' 'You damn mongrel, we could've prepared, he could've saved them, but now we got no chance at that.' 'And who's at fault for all? Who came to us looking for trouble? Admit it, this is as much on you as the blood is on my hands, there's no way to...to.' He looked all of the sudden at the torch and just managed to feel its heat reach his face. The man was the madman, not him, could he not realise that there was a conscious being there that felt pain? 'You can't do this, not now, while I'm still a human, while I'm still a man.' 'Grendle, this feels wrong for some reason, what's happening there, now with this.' But he was too far gone now, farther than being absorbed in the heat of the moment. He had long come into terms with the fact that his hands were stained and there was little to no return to what they had become. Without realising nor being stopped, he blazed through his chest and carved the man alive, the shouts of which disturbed the other as he tried throwing a tantrum over the pain. It worked its way slowly, just so he would make sure there'd be no return. Mordecai decided to look away, instead, he tried to rip out some of the cords in hope that there'd be a change. They were too thick, even for the pipe to work its way through. When the screams of agony had ended, he was aware that it was time for him to return. 'What are we to do now? I don't know what he released but I certainly don't like the way he sounded.' Every crew member which had been, which are like. The ones that are suffering from the same condition as the one that broke through. He realised a hand as to be stopped. Something was just behind the door, snorting loudly, sniffing around as sharply as it could. 'Don't make a word.' There was the pnel there but little to no good could come if it were for him to open the door. But it had to be a good enough idea if he really thought of it. Looking in front of his panel he realised that it wasn't as complicated as it were since a map of the entire place laid overlaid, with every button being set for every door, exactly where they had been located. With that level of accuracy, there wasn't any way for him to miss. 'What are you doing? Can't you see I'm still here?' As the door suddenly opened without a warning, some primal man came, walking on all four. He was much taller than the other specimens, bulkier, and there had been something in terms of tusks coming out of his face, which had pierced the helmet. It wouldn't have been a problem if it weren't for the fact that they came out of his mouth, his nose, even pierced through his eyes. Even upon examinations, it was clear that those weren't tusks, but rather grown columns of bone which were somewhat covered with the skin at the base, sharp as to cut some rock. It came slowly since Mordecai

was far too afraid to make a sudden move and right as he reached the in-between the doors, he noticed. The door immediately slammed from the right, trapping the once-human who had no chance to push or pull behind, there wasn't any escape but damning pain. 'Take care of it now, before it alarms the others.' 'How should I take care of it?

Have you seen the way it looks?' 'Use the pipe and crush it, now, I think others will hear and might be on the way.' Without the least of satisfaction, he came closer and with a single stroke, he silenced it. The blow came from above and seemed to have set the two pieces of its skull together. Now the tusks were set in the utmost awkward position, pointing above and below as opposed to being placed straight. Now, it couldn't speak either it seemed, but waited as a docile creature. The thought of this sickened him, as he would take no part in it. 'I cannot just bash its

head now, that's far too cruel. There should be another way to end it in the fastest way.' 'Knock yourself off Mordecai, I need to find a way out.' Those were the plans of the ship after all if there was a single way to find how to escape, it was in those plans. 'On the other side, the other looked around and managed to see something which was rather loose, the type of cords which were connected from one end to another in some kind of plugging device. He wore no gloves whatsoever and it wasn't the brightest of ideas to grab on it in such a manner, but there was little left for him to try. At least he used the pipe to move the head in a weird position, having placed it between the door and the spine. Now there wasn't any way to comfortably move its head without breaking the neck. He only needed a few centimetres and the creature was strangely calm about the process. No fight, no attempt for a flight, it came to him acting a doctor would, when dealing with the putting down of a beast. He proceeded to look for a way to rip out the helmet, but that would be far too dangerous with so many sharp things attached. Enough of a position it was that pushing it around would yield nothing if make it even looser than it had been. Little remained to the entire thing, other than to unzip the zipper which laid on the back. The first thing he noticed was that the shirt still remained there, promptly ripped apart next. One or a few layers of skin away, just from being pulled before it started getting slightly nervous. There's no way he can get out of that grip, Mordecai told himself, just as a reassurance, nothing else. He looked as if could actually care while busying himself with the dangerous thing which came. First, he pulled the plug which connects both of the cords, grabbing a hold of them both. The entry point would be placed on the bottom of the floor, while the piece from which came the electricity laid in his hand. Sharp hooks coming out of it as well. Perhaps they were intended to act as weapons in cases of emergency, but as soon as it felt the static in the air, caused by this strange cord, it started thrashing about, trying to dig around. Something it is cracked, at least at the point where the metal bar had been shoved. 'End it already, I cannot have it distract me now. Remember what I have said about the others coming, you wouldn't want to deal with an entire horde.' Hearing that made him more anxious, as he thrust ahead and heard a daemonical sound coming from inside it. Perhaps it had been the bar, or the door, maybe the suit. But as he backed away, he looked how the cord blackened, and the light above of them started flashing in violent manners. The cackling of skin was accompanied by a groaning which was weaker after all the jaw was sealed shut from the way it was previously forced. Flashes followed and the rage, when all of the sudden the metal ball fell through his neck, heated, as it were, it immediately beheaded the creature, taking a piece of the spine. From below, there was not even a slight twitch as it laid, the door closing instead. 'Pull the cord before it makes contact with anything, you did right.' He said in a sarcastic manner while looking out for the least he could think of. The problem was dealt with successfully, as he reconnected the cables again, seeing how it was a bit dirty from his

side, he chose to ignore the fact. Everything was going to eventually stop working either way, but this wasn't exactly working, this style of execution was putrid, even for him. Finally, the door managed to close and ripped the body in two halves, one on each side. 'Have you found a way out yet? I can't deal with the stress while knowing that there are others out there.' 'I'm afraid there doesn't seem to be any other way out.' 'Any other? What do you mean by any other?' 'The front of the ship Mordecai, I believe that it might be our only escape so far, we would need to break through the glass and start digging through the dirt with whatever we can find.' 'Digging through the dead? As if we were crawling from a damned coffin?' 'Don't you understand yet? This is out the coffin, or it might become unless we make an effort to get out.' 'Then why are we wasting our time and aren't on our way there?' 'I need to make sure that all the doors are locked before going ahead, we cannot deal with what was released over there.' He wanted to grab that metal bar and used, though the fear that he might get a burn still lingered. Even with a piece of his shirt wrapped around his hand, he could feel the heat behind it. Though to blame it all on the fact that it burnt inside the body wasn't what he intended. Soon, they would need something blunt if they were to break the glass, maybe even something with which they could defend themselves. Rather, nothing could've been harder than to look upon his surroundings and realise how shallow this place was. Especially low-energy, with Grendle busy working on his newly found toy, he was left all alone unable to walk through the circuit. It was the first time he had missed this new world they found themselves in, but that was about to change. The door opened with an immediate click, letting the other side of the body slide against the other. Without the least of care, Mordecai got down and tried again, feeling around until there it was the cold edge upon which his piece of cloth could hold about. 'Are we ready to go now? You don't suppose we could try going below the deck and try...' 'I'm afraid I cannot know whenever or not they changed the rooms when the shout began, but we should make sure we avoid it ourselves.' They snuck past the body, going by the feel on the ground. It was dangerous with so many forms moving around, most of which hadn't been human after all. But they both kept together and moved as a pair, unable to talk too much or to hope. That they met another one snicking near them who stare, it took a second to realise and take everything it. Darkness made that broken ball dim, but it was obvious that it tried imitating them there. If there was a face there, it had been flattened, pulling in every piece of glass, only to make his face a broken reflection of the two of them. Eyes and a few mouths could be seen, a foul creature which seemed reclusive enough not to attack. It kept its distance just as well, after all, it used to be a suited man, he used to think, maybe there still was some intelligence there after all. With that at least, both of them could hope for better, going by the memory, soon, the door from which the biggest failure of this alloy laid. Remains of it were spread everywhere around the room. A blue light covered, barely revealing what laid through every corner and each stretch of the wall. Apparently, it had grown so large as to get itself stuck against the wall by long extensions of thin skin, like meat chains which had been ripped upon escaping. Most of all, there had been faces, carved against the wall, without a doubt something which resembled what it looked like, the only problem having remained was the fact that there two or three heads which had been abandoned there, part of the entire mould. It seemed as if they were part of the crew, two of them down, to say the least, collected like trophies in a poor imitation of the animalistic manner. 'I don't like seeing this any longer, can we try escaping now?' 'No sudden movement, you wouldn't want to encounter what's down there.' 'Where are you going? That's not the right direction you should head in.' 'It will only take a moment.' Said Grendle as he went it, carefully as not to get himself on too

much of what remained of the being caged in here. Though he was unsettled just as much as him, he followed, seeing just how frightened the faceless one behind laid. Not a step forth to follow nor to attempt to do the same as them. 'All right, you've seen everything from inside, can we go now?' 'Not yet, not until I checked everything at the head, look into the metal cabinets to your right.' 'The ones covered in?' It seemed as it had formed some sort of web around it, which had to be carefully ripped apart. He didn't enjoy doing this any better than he did, not to mention that he only had a blow-torch, which he was reluctant to use because of the limited fuel cannister it held upon. Carefully, he used the bar to pull away from the web and open the cabinets doors only to look at bottles and many syringes which were empty, useless, without a use or any trouble. 'Nothing here, maybe on your side, then?' He wasn't aware of what exactly he was looking for, though at least he wanted to think of a way in which he could make an idea of what they were about to face. This creature, the strangeness of it, how big it had been, what were its thoughts at the time of which it bore a human mind. At least, it would've been helpful if there was some kind of document which was kept around for them to read, something which would've worked without denying. 'I think I found something, it's some sort of documentation regarding the crew members and what they owed.' 'That won't help us much unless the creature remembers and it's on the way to recover its debts.' 'I think there might be more to it than you think. Take a look here, two names are crossed, Apricott and Barnabee, these two seemed to have owed him the most. Say, you don't suppose, take a look under their heads, something of the way they were killed makes it seem like their bodies had been there for a long time ago before they had been destroyed.' 'You want me to mess with their corpses now?' 'It's only for me to confirm something, nothing more, you're the one with the weapon after all.' 'I wasn't the one who, nevermind, I'll check to see then.' There was a small amount of meat, out of the tip of which there came some bones, clearly, most of them were their remains, but there was something else in that mixture. Bones that sharp, long and thick belong to animals as well as human, not to mention the blue pouches of blood which seemed to have laid inside. Look for a card, Mordecai, look for a card, do this and that, this man wouldn't. 'Grendle, Grendle, what is this thing?' He turned closer to look as what swam in that covered pool, revealing itself as another head, another victim which wasn't signed off the ledge. 'The man could've died at the time where the being had lost its humanity and no longer care about the debts.' 'No, Grendle, just look, it had a piece of the torso still attached, look at the nameplate on his chest. It read Sam, just as in the ledger. What he had failed to look was the fact that the ledger was full, twenty or thirty pages in which they were kept in check. More than a few had been crossed off, including an underscore under some names of the people who might've been alive but kept in check. Look, one of them used to be Stratos, it says like here, and judging by the numbers, he would've been next. It was getting dangerous to wait in the dark, where they brooded to close to their now red-litten room. Something in the illumination waited and the moaning of a great creature roamed below. 'You don't suppose there was a chance.' 'Drop it already Mordecai, nothing down there could've survived it, as I'm sure it reached that place before I even managed to close most of the doors. Just take a look at how the door was ripped apart past the point of no return. It wanted to make sure there'd be no way for it to be caged again, and this time, it seemed to have succeeded.' 'Is that all then? Are we going to be settled with only the ledger?' 'No, this only offers us some clue, I still yearn for something more, since we are to escape and never to come back.' 'Could we not take whatever note we find with us and read it on the way? I cannot believe you would find here, of all places, where danger roams freely with us, a place to study.' 'The world is full of

surprises my friend, and I believe we may find something great here, if only we were just to look around."They have been looking but found nothing, if it weren't for one small thing which seemed to sparkle at his eyes. One keycard, seemingly blue, there wasn't any certainty for what it was, but Grendle made sure to carry it with him wherever he went, without giving it in nor paying any attention but not for it."Think we may find a way to open the doors with that?"I doubt it, but at least I think I might be able to find a way."The wailing stopped all of the sudden and it felt as if the silence was more bizarre. As they walked outside, they had been finally met with resistance, as a damnable split of a creature, half and half approached, from two sides, crawling. Opposite of the others, it seemed as if this one creature bore not any sort of resemblance to a human, wearing no suit and having adapted, on each specimen to work with only one half of the brain.'Careful now, it may lash at us at any moment now, we cannot be sure of it won't try."Listen to me, just stay behind, you cannot take it with a small canister of bottled fire.'It was true enough that they crawled like worms, aggressively in the way they sneered and peered about with their deformed forms and lack of eyes. One of them was faster and just in reach, the sound of which crackled as the metal bar came in full force over the head and smashed the skull inside. The buzzing began as he hadn't expected it to be as forcefully pushed inside as it had been. Perhaps it might've been enough to cripple the fiend, but the other had shown signs that it wouldn't have stopped just as the death of the other, instead it made it charge faster. He rolled the pipe from below and managed to kick something which looked like a lower jaw, including some of the crooked teeth which seemed to have been crackling from side to side. The pain unbearable, but it made no sound, finally understanding on which side it was. There wasn't any way to end him, turning around and making into the dimness of the unknown, both feet fairly showed below.'Let's go before he returns or brings the others.'Much taller ones laid tied to the walls of seemed to have some tendencies to hurt themselves there. It felt as if, more than anything, they weren't monsters but mentally ill humans acting out of nature as well as outside their bodies. It was a short leap from where they were, towards the bridge where the glass laid.'Wait, Mordecai, it isn't worth it, can't you see? The light out there just lit again, look at the shadow and tell me if it's them.'He tried to make out the forms of the children, but they might've hidden, perhaps that could've been Rigg. But his mind tried way too hard to hide the fact that the many lobed, twisted shadow couldn't have belonged to any human. It seemed from that of which was cast that it was in the process of eating. Something was pulled, such as it would've been if they were to eat chicken, having taken slabs of meat and eating the skin right off the base. A dreadful realisation, that he turned and saw those who were ill approaching.'They're coming for us, it seems, what should I do?'Fend them off until I get enough of a hole for us to get through, this is our way out.'It turned out that there were a few layers of reinforced glass, but nothing was impossible to be taken off. But those behind had some sort of quarrel with the living, uninfected, as he could see that from below, one carried something which had been unknown to him.'I think that's the alloy, they're trying to convert us.'For a moment now, Mordecai had turned around while seemingly quite anxious at that. One touch, perhaps exposure, maybe it had to be taken orally, he had no idea just how they could've been infected with it. No risk was to be taken as the man started whipping away with his pipe, blow after blow, putting their weak bodies on the ground. It was time that the hole was made, just large enough for a man to get through. Perhaps it might've been the reaching point of heat which made it so but the rest of the glass seemed to have melted in an instant one a hole was made from one side to the other.'I've made it, Mordecai, I've made it.'And just in time, for it had looked like they were

cornered, while the beast who was eating seemed to have been done and in need of replacements.'Why is the dirt on?"It doesn't matter, I need only to push it away.'As it came, a blinding light just made them stop their advance.They both jumped through before any chance of their demise could've come and walked away a few feet.It was only a piece of a greater ship, from the looks and determination, the real one might've been four-time wider and longer, despite the fact that it didn't stop the spectators from going around and peering at that.'They died inside, but are we going to let a hole there, you know what it will happen if they bring that thing outside.'I'm not their saviour and we've got more important business at hand.'As he walked away, there was no choice but to follow. The dark metallic ship glistened in the sun like a tiny darkened rocks which hadn't been touched by the river or by sea.One additional glance and it seemed they had escaped.'This cannot be good, this cannot be happening.'But it seemed that even the peasants were surprised and banished by the strange looking forms which crept from inside.'We'll go around and search for something in the towers, they won't find us as long as we mix ourselves along with the three and the bushes.'You can't seriously ignore what will happen if they're let to run loosely."The night is much closer than you think it is and I'm afraid we wouldn't stand a chance if we were to match wits against creatures bringing an infection.If they're infection the people, let them do as they please, we're far better than that in any sort of way.'He changed a bit, that was sure, and still, he clung on that card he had taken from inside.It made him feel as if he was prepared for something else to come, something which would've made him trapped again.'It was bound to happen.'He said it in the night, around the fire, it seemed that for the first time he had found something which they had in common with their world, seemingly being the rabbits which tasted the same.'Think it might be safe to sleep around with those things free? They got it in it for us, you know that?"I'm aware that there may be some kind of animosity, but I chose not to bother myself with it.'Especially since the tower was just within their reach, as close as they had ever been before.For a moment then they realised the most damning thing, is the fact that the ship might've moved by itself during their stay.Perhaps no time was lost, after all, not that he was going to tell Mordecai of his realisation as the last of the flames went out.The operation seemed to have faded once they realised that they were still in the damned realm. A new day brought some discoloured purple sky, as well as darkened bluegrass and flowers around them.What might've caused all this? It was evenly close to the time they've spent inside that ship, making it seem like it were ready to be taken in such a manner.Neither of which would try to say a thing in the morning, now that, it was just in reach. Perhaps the darkening happened only since they approached that place and nothing else. A virus would've shown itself with other kinds of symptoms.They ate what they had taken and hidden in their bags and were already on the road, occasionally looking behind to see whenever or not someone or something managed to tail them during the entire happening there.'Are we not to talk about what happened?"The silence was suddenly cut, to no avail since neither of them continued that piece of their past.'It may be dangerous to head inside."I do not know about it, we might be a trespasser and deemed as criminals in the most likely case. But if it's not that way, we may be able to find weapons, real weapons which we may be able to use, unlike the thing I have.And you've already run out of fuel, remember?We're in the worst conundrum possible and this may be the answer to all of our questions."You sure put a lot of thought on it for someone who hates this place."I want nothing more than you do, which is to be able to return home unharmed.But this, this might've been a bad idea, to begin with.'They were both standing just in reach, feeling as if there was night again. Something in the proximity of the

towers made everything look way worse than it must've been inside. 'You don't suppose this may be the only time we could give up and try to find another way?' 'We've made it this far and went through worse.' 'Not that this, I've got a bad feeling about what lays inside.' But Grendel waited no longer for any more discussion, he was set on entering and dealing with whatever laid on the other side. Fauna inside, they have grown a giant forest in what seemed to be a small room, not only that the door wasn't locked, but there were ashes. Black trees, they could've burnt the entire tower to the ground with it, but seemed to have left a dead piece of the forest behind. 'Do you think someone else before us attempted to take them down?' 'I've no doubt that it may be true enough, at least for the time being stay close and make nothing too sudden. Attack only when I tell you to jump at it, right?' He nodded and started peering around, pushing ash with his pipe in small circles. Underneath the ashes, the floor was clean, way too clean for something to have been covered a long time ago. At least, the smell and the heat around the room made it seem as if this was recent. 'Careful now so you may not trip on the way.' A weird voice came from below, under the ashes, it bore as it came closer. First, there came a lump which seemed to have been the being which spoke. Clumsily, there came a slap, a swipe and a bluntly curved hit above it, which wasn't even close to being felt. 'Oh but I'm not here, in the wall, come closer, come closer!' The voice was ghastly, thin and pitched, neither of them trusted but seemed to have approached one of the walls. 'Pull the leaves, swipe the dust, let the wall be clean so I may speak with you at last.' They complied and started pulling long banks of marshes and plenty of sticks, revealing a small trapdoor which opened in the wall, a square. It was only small enough that his face would come out and seem to peer at them. Pale skin, pink lips and big eyes, it apparently knew the same language but gave no sign that they were speaking the same. Before long, it had begun. 'You shouldn't be here, I say, there's no need for you to be here any longer, flee while there's still a chance or stay and meet your doom.' 'Who are you and why are you there?' 'I'm one of the many souls who is trapped inside, I used to be a man just as you were before I was cursed in this eternity alone. Somehow

I stumbled on my way from a lousy day only to better to this dark place and find myself before the master. Trespasser he said, you will have to be punished, three hundred years you have earned your stay inside the walls, may you provide stability as you repay me for the crime.' 'And you've been trapped ever since, but that doesn't explain why are you as pale, or why.' He thought to question the fact that he looked somewhat like the two of them in appearance rather than the people they had seen around. Both of them could feel the time run short, henceforth, they came to their senses and asked. 'Do you know where the weapons are, if there's any, what about armour?' 'The master keeps nothing inside, only his sting, it is said though that those who prick their fingers in it become as shadows for a short period of time, in the eyes of the beholders.' The thought alone could've provided nothing less than an answer to their every problem. 'Is that all that he has then?' 'Seemingly hard to move inside there, he managed to nod and continue without trailing off.' The other towers with their masters were each given something to guard against the likes of men who would abuse the gifts for their own perilous thoughts and desires. 'But where exactly does he keep it hidden? Would you be so kind as to tell us while we're set to go? There shouldn't be any kind of distraction on the way and I'm afraid the two of us aren't a match for these masters.' 'Indeed you aren't, henceforth you must leave.' Stubbornness still came first beyond any sort of question, especially since there wasn't in the least a chance they would flee after hearing about such tools. 'We could do more than use them to return.' Grendel spoke in confidence, toe to toe, looking away so he wouldn't be heard while the one in the wall. 'This may be even better than

expected, what do you say? Think we can handle this if we are to stick together and snick inside?"Things may be far more dangerous than we expect, I've no clue whenever or not it might be heavily guarded or by what."No, weapons and no armour to go on and we have at least a metal pipe.'Immediately Mordecai was interrupted, as in favour of that one behind.'Again, foolish thing, why do you assume you can fight with that when my masters are immortal?They can't be stopped by any conventional means, so you're much better off."What does affect them then? Tell us, we need to know before we carry on, we need that tool he has in order to return home."A dreadful fate but I'm afraid I cannot help you. I used to do the same and wonder but now look at what I've become. A pale shade of the man I used to be, trapped and enslaved, I speak to none but for a moment, I thought I could recognise the language."Then come with us.' Proposed Mordecai, looking around at the man's head, he still looked somewhat healthy despite his had claims of rightful old age.'Have you not listened that I am cursed?For me, the night has no meaning whatsoever while the day burns me from inside. I wonder during both, unable to feed myself despite carving for that thing inside of you.Look at what I've become because of my starvation.'He opened his mouth and seemed to have revealed the fact that his incisors had grown inward, while his tongue was pulled away.'My body had begun devouring itself of what is worth and in a few more years I'll be entirely drained."We see but nonetheless, we seek entry."Then the best way for you to come if to bring nothing short of an offering.'He almost yelled while something around his neck was felt, a short streak of heat which boiled as the man beheaded himself from where he stood.His head bounced on the floor while the trapdoor closed, leaving it on the floor with an expressionless gaze.'What has it done? How had it managed to end itself in this manner?"It doesn't matter, haven't you heard? Hide that pipe, will ya?"Grendle, what are you doing there? You're not seriously considering taking that with us, are you?It could be a trap, we could head in after killing one of their own and end up treated as their enemies instead."Instead of what then? We are already trespasser, with no more help, the only one who spoke something which wasn't gibberish died. Now we are to make it with the least we have, something which can prick us and make us such as the shadows.'It came to be wrapped under a piece of cloth, as for the head, it made not a sound as if it were expected. Both of them were surprised at the fact that it hadn't.'Show it to me again, I want to see something.'The creature had already turned upon the seconds it had been outside the body. No longer were they tricked to see a human but its real, much bigger bulbous head which seemed to have its long antennae protruding from its various spots.Some of them might've been the reason why they spoke in something which they understood.'Don't touch it, can't you see it's still warm?"That wriggle inside those empty pyramidal structures which served as its eyes rent it in a demanding manner, but in the least, they knew what to expect.'Do you think they'll look just as human as we are?'He asked in a whisper, seeing how there was at least a fragment of an echo going around the room. Something wasn't much to it but one couldn't be more aware of the surrounding.This entire tower seemed to be a trap for wanderers, doors which had their knobs surrounded in spike leashed and cutting leaves distracted from any attempt to explore.It was far too dangerous to look and see whenever or not they had something there.'What are doing there? Stop it.'Grendle was approaching while he held the wrapped head inside his grasp. He looked mightily surprised at the fact that he hadn't even a care of doing anything right any longer but would risk everything just to eavesdrop for a mere moment."This is far too dangerous, don't you dare.'But he had wrapped his ears around and could hear, what appeared to have been legions there, at least a couple of snores from those who had been

caught in slumber. There wasn't any denying that an army reigned there, something of a thing which wasn't to be called upon a question or any further intrusion, he would be heard. One additional thing remained to be called into action, which was the fact that the creaking noises would alert others of their presence. Fairly old as it were, the creaking floor did much as to serve better than any other mechanism, especially since they weren't supposed to be here at a time of disquiet. It was still a lot of floors to climb and every door seemed to have some sort of masochistic mechanism to prevent any attempt at them. With one hard push, they were both left with the impression that they lost the element of surprise, especially at the occasional trap door opening when someone peered from inside. No sound, not any voice, they looked like the locals but seemed to have lost their voices. An ugly fellow, afraid as well, made no sudden movements as well as he invited himself out. There came others who seemed to have peered from various corners, moving freely and opening the square holes, everyone seemingly set at that head which was kept in the bag. At least they were aware now that they were aware of one another, regardless of how far they were. Could it be that they realised that as well? Without a doubt, the form was far too big to be suddenly seen as a small head, or something which could fit inside. There wasn't any way to communicate either, as they carried on the steps. 'Had there been a fight here?' Grendle seemed to have observed the bloody marks on the walls, the toes which were spread, as two pairs of feet had lost them. An image of despair came as for the eyes which had been cut with a piece of the skull which had kept them inside. From the looks of the hair which had been ripped from the scalp, the quality of which seemed to have been woollen, it was safe to say that they were right into the right place. Seriously close to the top, each corner had a pair of those things, who were awake and stared at both of them. The main door was closed, and it was obvious where their master was. For now, they had been docile and acted as if nothing was about to happen. They, too, looked rather human, just like them for someone who didn't belong in the place. 'He's waiting for you.' They said with a sneer, almost in a perfect unison which dragged at their throngs and pulled at them. Something had been lost, they felt the place being taken apart. With a sudden turn at the door, both of them had come to the realisation that this wasn't a door to be rubbed against. The knob had fallen off and from behind the closed gate-like thing came a big mandible which pulled them both in. There was something of a cutaneous feel which spread everywhere across their sight. Maybe the ink which had spilt in the pools of water, or the stone which seemed to have been encountered here for the first time. But the being they had in their sight was nothing less of an abomination, of which true form could be fairly seen. It dwindles and handled changing its form as worse as it might, pulling the mass and pushing it behind that crawling spine. From each end having come a pair of long teeth which had been horned, but they were pulled inside the body. Those giant bulbous eyes and the little hairs revealed much of it, other than what it had desired. Could it be that they had been lied and pulled into a trap? Looking behind revealed that there wasn't any exit any longer. The only way to get out was to climb above through the hole from which the gloom came. It said nothing and went behind, on a throne of skulls and bones from its past victims. Those were accompanied by those of other creatures, much bigger, far taller, body structures which didn't belong to human-kind. One metal plate laid ready as if they had brought a feast and they were expected. But there was another second in which they took a great look at what had laid in front of them. Such a thing seemed to have brought only misery on sight. It was those of which came out of his mouth, for it had been a soft incisor which pulled them inside, not a hand or arms. Every time it moves, some serious deformation came with the hand, but as he waited, this was

the time. Patience started coming apart as it had become less of a problem waiting. He had tried looking around and seeming come up with a plan but they were both mesmerised by the ever-darkening of their sight. Somehow their minds had failed to notice the fact that this creature, this being was cursed to be tied to this tower, changing its appearance for its watcher. This might explain the trapdoors and how there might be as many. 'Wait no longer, give to me what I have waited for.' All of the sudden, everything looked normal, the man who stood in front of them seemed to have had a bowl of hot water near to him and a small stove. There was a skinning knife no doubt, but this was it. He seemed to have perched his lips with the expectation of what was to come. That desire would be hard to compete with, especially since it was something which rulers would desire. But that dreadful thing came on his face once the head reached the small plate. His eyes bobbed as he threw the water and whatever else he had. For a moment they forgot where they were and saw the damned creature come and surround the plate with that small head on it. It almost looked as if they had been twins, both cursed to be as far apart, one trapped inside the tower and the other in the last room where one would come. 'Psh, look, it must be there.' Like a small needle or a metal prick, long enough to come out of one of the skulls in the throne, there seemed to have come to a small glimmer out of it. The fire made it seem like it was made of pure silver, filled with radiance. It wasn't hard as to go around, but to see the behind and that tube which appeared to pulsate something in the tower appeared to have frightened even them. Such a thing that came at last to pass, this was the perfect opportunity for someone to make a move and take the chance. 'Just take it, I'll deal with it.' On such a sudden note, he pulled the pipe from under his clothes and got into position. Right above the point where the tower got fed, he pushed the pipe inside and slammed until the tube was ripped entirely apart. A rippling effect came, which shook the entire room and made it tilt to one side, almost making it seem as if it were to fall entirely from the top of the damn cylinder upon which it laid. 'What have the two of you done? You deserted creatures who come into my lair, you've taken the only thing I was fond of and turned it into ash.' He held pieces of the head which had remained in their entirety, he seemed to have both rage and dissatisfaction with everything around. Maddening sounds came as soon as they realised what was happening with the tower, as they both shouted. 'Get to the bridge.' And looked at one another, as the so-called master stood at the entrance unnerved. There'd be less of a way to deal with him than with that, as he was aware that they would have to get through if they wanted to escape with their lives. 'Do you want to perish with us then, just like your friend? We can both escape and be free and resolve our differences once we're safe.' 'Silence you beings of anguish, you've come to insult me as well as you've stolen something of value from me, do not think this trick will work as easily on me as you seem to think. I could have both of you trapped in here and dealt with as soon as I can, but let my mourning not distract you as the stones threaten to fall on your heads.' One tentacle seemed to have wrapped itself along the what remained of the head, he knew that there wasn't much to be done about it. 'Should we give it a shot then?' They both nodded and seemed to have pricked their fingers, seemingly seeing that no mark was left there and not a single droplet of blood came into being. Both of them no longer seemed to have been into the room, but as it happened they were not seen as long as they stood near objects which had shadows about them. 'I can still smell you and I know, you cannot escape this place without getting through to me, do you hear?' The shouting got louder and louder to a point before it suddenly started being dismissed by the distance. He couldn't have protected himself well from the falling rocks but in this, he had been wrong. It was half-way through that they had walked through the wall of

shadows, without realising what was going on. Either of them could've emerged at different spots if it weren't for the fact that they were joined together, hand in hand like some sort of cut, both pricked and cut.'Do you hear that?'With a sudden burst of light, they could both see one another well, as opposed to being transparent, as it had happened to have punctured through the bottom half of the other tower.'It had fallen, quickly, let's head inside.'Through which they seemed to have entered the sanctuary which had been prided with by the ones who dwelled inside.For once they had carpets, well made, of red with various shapes overthrown by men who were set in fights.Walls of different hues and plenty of tables with had vases and other ornaments. Compared to the previous tower, this one seemed to be one of worth and value.'We should head towards.'And attack, there had been an attack!'Yelled a man as he arrived, though his clothing was strange, they had both been aware enough that it wasn't a human but something which dared look like one.Could it be that he was aware as well that they didn't belong?'What happened here? Why is there a hole there?'"There's been an attack as you have said, they've dropped one of the towers already.'With a sudden burst, the information was far too much to be taken in. He wouldn't have been able to say a thing if it weren't for the fact that others had to know.'Follow me, we shall inform the one.'Everything was going almost well, as they had taken what they wanted.'We could return already, you were lucky enough to be right as we have the means to return home.'"Not yet, Mordecai, there might be a way to get something even better and increase our chances of escape."Can you at least show it to me again?'But there was nought, as it had seemed, the prick had only but a use, while Mordecai attempted to prick his finger, nothing came to it.'Useless, it's been drained.'From under their noses, and under their glance, the metal pin started crackling and cackling as it twisted and became as dry as the waterless organic matter before disintegrating under their eyes.'We've been tricked into believing this.'From the sounds of which, something was trying to drag itself closer to the hole.'Let's make our way before it comes here to start trouble.'Mad at the prospect, they thought to have avoided everything, but instead, they followed through the twist of stairs. Under their own gaze, they saw that they have not one but various libraries and men who were actively learning, those who were sharpening and making their craft, everyone who worked and looked disturbed in the slight.'Well, wait in here, sit on a chair if you like, I shall inform him of your presence.'He had become extremely calm, that servant of his, with his moustache and finely dressed body. This wasn't any ordinary use of any of their time, as it started shaking, quite demanding.It painted both but they looked away, as a shout had come, with a pool of blood becoming apparent from under the door.Both Mordecai and Grendel suddenly raised themselves and stepped back, seeing how it was suddenly become some amorphous mass of skin and bones, forming into some sort of creature that headed below.'They're not like us, don't get tricked for a moment that they're the same, it could be for the worse.'That thing might've been a man once if it weren't the facts of what it had become.'We're to explain and try to find another, that at least, could be for the best."Are you sure about it? Grendle, I've come to think we've overextended, it's become far too dangerous. Even these tools of there seem to be far too fragile for any other use, and I don't think we can get through with it any longer."You should've said that when we were inside, now it is too late. We're both tired and worn out, the least of which we need remains as a miracle.In case you haven't noticed, this isn't any place for that.'With a swoon, the door opened and the servant came, there wasn't any blood in there any longer.'The master will see you shortly, just wait.'Both nodded as he just left, almost in a sort of flight. Outside, things were worse, a fear came from the distance once the smoke arises, most could see the broken tower from the

distance and thought of the fear which accompanied it. Nothing good could spring from that as the smoke wasn't of fire but of a great ghastly being which had died in there. In exchange for its death, the toxicity bore its way back into the atmosphere, making life worse for everyone who was alive. Worse than that, there came a creature as abhorrently dreadful to be peered upon as its might could wager its chances against others. It was a malformation which had been controlled, past any mutation, one with limbs that didn't belong to any earthly creature, giant human hands and the torsos which were hardly inverted. Those of which barely resembled human parts have twisted their colour and texture of their pores to reflect the malnutrition it had suffered for the years it was locked inside. There was little which was given when the children and the ma'am were there, as they were thin as well as there wasn't much to them other than a taste. In life, neither of the crewmembers who were now inside thought of tasting human flesh before, never would they kill another, even in the most extreme case. But those devils from the road looked rather plump, now that they had been driven away from the fields and into the nearest formation of bushes, they had to deal with its devouring might. Pulled by the limbs inside, those spikes which came from everywhere around seemed to produce something of a boiling blood. It was inserted deep inside the small creature, just so it would crisp the skin. That was the first to come, as for the small entry which was covered still reflected the sucker. It pulled as much of the colour as it would, carrying a legacy which shouldn't be. Now it was its time to return, no more mourning, just this thing. A pair of mouths came from under the orifice which had the skin stretched outwardly, through which it fed itself as a mother would feel its children. No payment would be enough for that, he was aware, nothing out there, any longer. Villagers who came on roads no longer went through there, the beasts and the small creatures, driven off seemed to have done the same. It wasn't a question whenever or not they would unite against this threat. This was a problem of waiting for it to return, as it had seen what had happened, upon the arrival of which, the block of square-like mass it was, pushed through the tower on which its twin had fallen and crushed the door along the wall so it would fit through. Disturbed by the noise and problem, those who attended the lobby already had become alert. The creature who had entered their home was nothing they had ever seen, no witness to bear a grudge against the malevolence it displayed. Openings almost erupted as it felt the pores from their insides, and could almost want and need for that colour, as his master once had. Little understanding remained why this practice was ended but a slam took away whatever cognition could be created in the mind which ruled over that tormented body. They would flee, they would see that there's no hope. 'You may enter.' A voice came and appeared to have brought pity in the atmosphere, as it waited for the two men to head inside. Worse than that, there came the time for that soulless husk to head inside, as those giant eyes displayed themselves to have been cracked, and whatever was inside of it faded, there was still the mindless body. The rubble had failed to take away the likes of the master, of whom rotten carcass still could walk and attack such as a rabid force would do. It escaped that tower, which was slowly being taken apart, piece by piece, little by little for any kind of worth. 'Who is that came before me, in a time of destruction, if not for the destroyers.' He was not even close to what they had expected, not even bothering to hide the true form it had. A simpleton might've been set to flight, but the two of them were prepared to be showed against any kind of creature out there, regardless of what it looked like. That being who was half solid and half transparent seemed to have been through enough processed of self-satisfaction as they could see the remains which were. From under the open torso, a mass of gelatine covered the rest of the room behind it, while there was only a little of the hairy ape-like torso and

the contorted heavy head above. Tubes from which prevented a full conversion into that thing, which would've rendered it below intelligent, if that might've been called in play. Worse than that, was the fact that such a creature ruled over what appeared to have been a peaceful community, who brought their depravities and hid them at the top of the tower. It seemed to wait and wager, to cover any need for danger, as it appeared to judge them where they stood. Something told them both that they weren't supposed to look and see and be able to tell what was going on. Obviously, from the way both of them shook as they glanced around at the creature and its strange manners, there wasn't even a way either would attempt to start the conversation. 'You know, do you not?' That voice was deep and strong, followed by an echo, at last, the likes of which, in-human, as if weren't enough that it came through and seemed to push through various channels. I brought them both closer to wanting to be on their knees, their wills being the only measure of protection which prevented them from giving in. 'We've come because we're in need of help.' And you brought trouble, have you not? 'We have, and for that, we cannot think that there's another way, but we were taken away and placed in here, entrapped without a way to return. This is why we came here, seeking for any kind of help.' Then you have come into the wrong place, you shallow creatures shouldn't have dared to bring me such an insult proposal without anything for which to trade. Others came and passed them, bloody with their deserted suits and missing fingernails. It was always pleasant to see a nice embroidered shirt ruined, but not this came as for the worse when the news arrived. 'We're being invaded not by one but two dreadful beings that seem to be mindlessly driven by rage.' What has happened to the others? Our defenders, brothers, those who were at the forge? Was there even a fight or a way in which they attempted to fight? Without even a pause, as he had come to bring the news, he confirmed that there had been no survivors. Lock the gates. But that had already been done, in the absence of mind, it bore. Whatever happened down there, or how they'd get through, at last, wouldn't matter as long as they were as far away when it happened. Both of them men quickly backed once the force came behind the walls and forced them to shatter. They'll try getting through, what are we to do? 'We'll wait and if they come any closer, I'll make sure they'll never return. No one will mourn for them, as they should know, I cannot be divided, I cannot perish.' But those sounds weren't for what was going on, as for their fight went one and that dreadful being finally pushed the smaller creature through the gates defeated. A soulless husk which had become nothing less of an extension of its body that seemed to move, connected from behind. From the looks on both men, they were aware of what stood at the command, none other than that stretched skin, which had once belonged to a man. Is this one of yours, I presume? You've never been the strongest, after all, just a poor imitation of your brothers and their towers. It spoke almost as if he knew he'd be heard by the body. Not that there was any kind of rush to do things the right way, as if that would matter in the least. Soon they would all join the feast, as the mass seemed to have shifted further, while the torso and the head were set behind. In no way would he leave himself exposed to those who came to bring him to harm, to rip away what was left of his arm and the rest of the mind. Aren't you going to deal with it now? 'Why should I? Can't you see that it's nothing but a mindless being? Even in the most primal form, that flesh seemed to have killed whatever intelligence the previous host had, leaving nothing but a poor recognition and nothing to say for itself.' It seemed that for a sudden moment the attention turned to the closest one, who was caught trying to flee, or maybe to force an attack. With a failed attempt to bite and infect, it saw the various marks of others left there, everywhere across the body. There had been others, with much bigger sets of teeth who had failed and let

it live, so why should he be any different than any single one of them? Without a chance, he failed to retreat, being taken by the scruff of the neck by a longer muzzle and fleshed way in pieces while the insides seemed to have been dissolved. From their side, both could see that it happened in mere seconds, without a chance to correct this problem either. They were there, all alone since this creature seemed to have retreated. It would've been hard now for it to turn, especially since it would get stuck in that ooze. 'Must we try something for this?' 'I do not think there is, haven't you heard at all? It got rid of everyone who laid in the tower.' 'It was the two of them.' 'Mordecai, this isn't the time to argue in the least. We need to approach.' And they moved to the side, closer to the wall as it carefully attempted to do as well. Both were at opposite ends, as the mere size of the creature almost made it fill a corner. It didn't even compete with the other but in a way, there seemed to be an impartial desire to approach. Danger arose once both of them realised that the sudden shift of mass also meant that it was pushing itself closer to the other side of the room. The plan had been, most likely to absorb the brute and break it down to piece but the shriek stopped it before it could move an inch closer. They stared and dared not a sudden move, not to mention that they were on the side where the wall had been crushed and that there was enough of a time to get through. Nothing sudden, don't give it the wrong impression, as it might come for a straight leap. He desperately wanted to speak but there wasn't enough confidence that the creature wouldn't just leap from the other side of the room and attempt to strike at them with all its might. Something was bound to do happen nonetheless, those sounds of objects breaking, the dead who had fled from the other tower, they might draw attention towards them. He could only look at his fellow in danger and try not to seem distraught, making eye contact with a blind beast at all times, seeming caught at a draw. 'Will you help us, please?' 'We seem to have no hope to face this creature here, in this tight place, and you're seemingly a force of nature which cannot be destroyed, oh master of your own tower.' He didn't answer, but laid back, as it seemed that neither trickery nor flattery would do anything to move the fiend, the villain, the creature who threatened them at last. With this type of being there wasn't any certainty what could happen if they were to run through and pay little to no attention to the details which laid around. Either of them could be caught and the abomination just appeared to be waiting. Finally one of them seemed to have displayed a sign that he had guts. 'We should at least remain as close as we can to the ooze, as you may see, there's no way in its right mind it would approach.' 'It's dangerous, to remain here, just a slip and I doubt there'd be a way out of here.' 'We've got to try something, just look around the place and around the room, the ceiling and everything around. They're shaking, we barely have enough time to escape before it all shatters to dust and us with it.' 'It was getting dangerously close to home now, especially since he wasn't Grendel wasn't exaggerating in the least, something was about to come and whenever one of the towers fell and pushed the other, they had to escape.' 'There was a bridge, remember, perhaps four of them which had been connected, that should be our way through, as much as I can see a way out before everything falls.' 'But how are we to get there now? Can't you see that we're surrounded, do you not see how it approaches?' 'Compared to it, they were small, like some kind of roaches, trying to scurry in-between the cracks, attempting to scape at a cost which wasn't theirs to take. Both of which looked mightily surprised to have been found there in a place which wasn't needed to be looked upon. And for once, it seemed as if the slime moved as well, with its reddish glow and seemingly bloody concoction inside, turning hairy from the outside and hardening while keeping itself still mobile.' 'Do not worry any longer for I have decided that all of you are to be crushed.' With a sudden threatening push, the dead master was pushed inside

and broadened a strike which spilt some of the putrid blood which reigned hidden in the ooze. It had been hidden no longer, for this seemed to have not been known. The two creatures fought one another, bite, slow and some of the alloy slipping on the floor, the screams of which revealed the many men who had been inside, those of which were still suffering to be brought back to life. In their wake, there seemed to be some kind of a dreadful awakening of the sorts inside. For the slime had raised itself to the top of the ceiling and pushed itself atop to dwarf the small creature, who seemed still distraught. That piece of skin seemed to slowly move as it was to be crushed without the little of remorse, for a being such as himself, one of which was filled with taint. Such it was, as the alloy entered the slim, once half of the body which was still struggling seemed to have entered it, the two of them found a way to get through out of the room. Both creatures made violent noises of struggle as for their fight had only begun. 'We need to find the bridge before they crush the top of the tower. I don't think it can sustain as much as a fight between the two of them.' As it seemed right, the two of which pounced and sneered, filling each other with dread and peering at the substances which didn't combine. One agent of coagulation seemed to have happened on the floor as the boiling blood and the alloy drooled upon one another, forming small bubbles in their wake and hardening as well. This grip couldn't be broken, and once it understood, once the slime had been thrown against the body like some sort of thin-like net, there was little to no other option but to go ahead and attempt ahead of the attack, like the prey it had meant to be. One of the mandibles suddenly made a cut on its own body, severing some of the faces to reveal a body which was dripping. It made them both desire to be driven away from one another, but as it came, the abomination, open from the chest to bottom charged towards the slime. There'd be no stopping to the pain, the suffering as the front of the slime had hardened and boiled inside, making it feel pain for the first time, releasing the darkest of the shrieks which had been heard by human ears. 'This has to be it, I don't think there's any other way we can take.' Both had descended through at least two floors and managed to notice that there had been some sort of slaughter, most objects of worth being destroyed. At least they found it, opening the door, it was barely hanging and they could see that this tower was tilted as well. Both of them were more than aware of the fact that the bridge had just as much of a chance to fall on them like any other piece of ceiling or structure at large. 'It's now or we may not get a second chance.' Then lead the way Grendel, I'm sure you know the best. They went on and heard the mumbles, something inside seemed to shatter. First, there were the bones inside, there wasn't any wonder that, once there came the boil and the breaking of the alloy, the abomination had suffered just as much, if not some more. That ooze had already separated itself from the infection and pushed it back through the guts. While the main part of the master's body had retreated in an air bubble inside the mass of slime, there seemed to have been something which projected itself upon the piece of skin. Somehow the alloy had gotten through the system and permanently tied it to the rest of the body. A need for release came as they fell, one floor upon the other, breaking the stairs, having nothing other but the spine cushion the fall once gravity came into effect. It didn't suffer but something broke inside, clearly having lost the fight, it felt around, through smell and sound, particles guiding its hatred towards the bridge upon which there was its sight. The two of them had attempted far too much to have been set towards, and it was time. But he was denied, being pulled above and dragged as it seemed that the ooze somehow managed to adapt and break the piece of it which had been hardened apart. Not only that but there seemed to have been some sort of dismissal of sorts, worse than it as it had seemed. It cut through the skin and managed to break one limb, devouring a piece at the time as to no repeat the

same mistake, to not be closer to coagulation. As they bailed, and it turned again, it seemed that the other tower would push the latter into the ground, gravity paying a great role into his final dismissal of life. 'We've made it look over there. Just a few moments and I think it would've caught us there.' 'Help me with this then, we need to untie the knots somehow.' 'Leave them, can't you see it's hurt and on its knees? There's no way he'd made it through Grendel, just let it be the way it is.' 'I won't take any chances and I'm done. Next time you're about to ask me something just shut it and let me do my thing.' he went on with a piece of glass there was on the side, as convenient as that seemed, it turned out as being useful. A cutting motion came at last, with no virtue to hold, it would be a feeble thing to cut it with no threat on. Seemingly there came the first piece of the bridge off, which fell immediately to one side. There'd be no chance to make up for another, as it seemed to him that he couldn't predict the outcome, which had snapped the bridge by sheer force. His piece of glass had fallen off as he was startled. 'Head inside, now!' As he yelled, both of them dismissed the fact that there'd be no second chance to be alive. One repercussion of which, the dust and the woods were ruined once both towers collapsed, the wave underneath the ground even made the other towers shake in their wake. Such it was that the breaking had taken them apart, leaving them aware that there'd be nothing left. 'Just the two of these, I seem to think we're cursed in here.' But Mordecai was silent, looking for a way to get through. Strangely this place had some sort of elevator inside, raised up or down with the help of chains. 'Help me see if this works, this may save us a lot of trouble if we can make it work.' Everything inside the room seemed normal, no one was rushed nor had anyone come distraught by the fact that two of the towers had been taken down. More importantly was that there had come one who seemed not to care, walking with a stick along the stairs. He paid little attention and looked like nothing more than a villager. Not the dark one who bore secrets or who planned on destruction, but the honest man whom Mordecai appeared to dislike. The scrutiny would've been applied if it weren't for the fact that he was tired. Everything was fairly peaceful and rather silent and both of them decided that instead of going by elevator, to climb the stairs and follow, the others. One glance through the opening between the stairs revealed that there were others who went through, having brought things as well. Not everyone but certainly there were plenty of them to follow. Something made the place smell like an empty husk filled with corruption. Neither of them thought much and said as little, when it came what had to be done, there was little to no repercussion to cutting through the line. 'I'm terribly sorry.' Said Grendel after bumping against an older man, the face of which turned and there could be seen the genuine sadness in them. Something had brought all of those people together, at the top of which seemed to have been the place which dragged them all like misguided leeches. Pale but still with their genuine colour, they seemed to have brought some tribute. Mordecai could think of nothing else but the fact that someone had come and taken the opportunity to change every carpet and every piece in a dull dark grey. Perhaps too much time was on their mind, for some of the original colour on the walls could be seen in corners as solid colours, bright as they came. No, it disappeared, perhaps that might've been nothing but some illusion spawned by his weeping mind. It had to become blockage he had observed around, there was no other explanation which could've made sense in this place. Plates were turned while the misery had faded away, dark as they were, roots had grown in them. Merely a distraction, Mordecai thought, from the real problem which laid at hand, if they were truly approaching what seemed to be a funeral of the sort, it would truly be some kind of bad timing with what happened around. 'Should we truly go and disturb whatever they're doing here? We might be intruding on them, for that, I'm

sure there could be some sort of unspoken punishment if you understand."Nonsense, just follow and pretend, here.'He had grabbed a pair of robes which laid around, they seemed to have been placed everywhere in sight for people to take and do with them what must be done. There were more people than either of them had expected, which wasn't as bad of a thing now. No one spared the time to turn or look around, to greet or meet with the two covered strangers.They not only disturbed but also laid there, unknown, watching as they peered through the snow. It was a truly cold corner in which it stood, generating enough to have surrounded its pieces of meat with deep frost shards of ice.Whatever had happened in here, it had one final laugh at last, against whoever tried to attack it. Not only that, but the people who were the closest seemed to suffer most.Nonetheless, as they both stood there, Grendle appeared to have had the time to remember, for the first time in a while they could both rest.'What's that you're holding? Oh, I remember you taking it.'In his hand laid the last thing he had touched inside the prison, just somewhat before he had realised that things were going for the worse.'We haven't spoken about them yet, but I can say in the least that at least that won't let me forget about the three of them down there.'It's over, we won't be followed any longer by it, most likely it seems as if both of them had been taken out by the sudden fall of their tower."That won't change what I saw, the shadows and what seemed to have been the woman being chewed."Perhaps the children have managed to hide themselves as they showed up, there's no way to think otherwise."But for how long will they wait there afraid? How will they not starve or die of thirst in the dark?We don't know if all of them had left the place like the abomination had. Any of them could turn rabid, surely you must know that there's a limit to all."You should have never grabbed that card, I'd say, this is all your fault."Mine? For trying to remember those with which we were stuck?"It had been temporary and you know it, this isn't either one of our faults and remember that, there's something else down there dragging things down, those structures that appear from thin air.The explosives weren't at fault for dragging it down the first time we have been caught."And why haven't you told me that, why have you waited for so long to disclose that information, Mordecai?"I was afraid, there were things down there which made me think of ill thoughts and nothing else could frighten me rather than reminding myself of that dreadful thing and its murmur of a song.'It had taken them a while but both of them felt guilty about what happened. Whenever or not the children had been dragged into the bottom of the abyss was unknown. Instead, what was clear to them was the fact that there were those people who had been released, and two lives which missed. One small card remained in Grendel's pocket, which changed little to nothing now.'It's peaceful you know? Looking at the cold and at the snow?This might be a funeral but it kind of reminds me how it all started, doesn't it?'In a way, he felt the same but chose instead to walk away."Are you coming? I think we've disturbed them with our presence for far too long.'Grendel turned to see that everyone had apparently shifted their attention towards them as well as to their heated conversation. There was no bother as he shrugged and followed.'Listen, don't rush into the lion's den yet, we might have a thing here, for as long as that creature's frozen and no longer living, these people won't hurt us."They might if we were to stay there and keep disturbing their funeral, at least that's what I was able to tell from around their looks."We're in this together, aren't we? In the least, we could just stay around there for a moment, even if it may get cold.If I'm not wrong they even brought food for their celebration."You're a damned liar Grendle, a good one at that. I still can't believe after so much time I'm still listening to you."Just one final glance, it's all I'm asking.'The door opened and from inside there was difficulty in closing it. Both of them looked shocked at

the fact that there seemed to be a stretch of cold and glass-like ice, the view which would've been in the farthest spot in the north. Not only was snow falling during a storm, but it was obvious that there had been other structures and buildings, small objects completely covered by the weather. He took a few steps in, seeing how there'd be no closing of the door and started following a trail. It was hard to see, even without the current conditions, but he was desperately trying to rub himself as hard as he could. After a while of walking, he had turned upon hearing his voice being shouted at him. 'Grendle, come back, it's too cold out there, there's nothing but a tomb waiting in the cold!' It was hard to look behind and notice anything past the sound of the harsh wind and while this was dangerous, especially letting him go farther away, someone had to keep the door open. Someone had to make sure, especially since he was out of sight, lost out there, going through until he found the walls, frozen as they were, still there. By this fact a long, he judged that it was the same room, without a doubt in some sort of transition and lack of vigour, he returned and fell to his knees. Immediately, the cold door was slammed closed and it seemed as if it was gone once Mordecai peered through the peeping hole. If the sounds weren't as obvious yet, they were both aware of what was going on the other side. 'Was it worth it? Heading out there by yourself?' 'There was a limit, I could feel the walls of the room around me, I'm sure I felt them.' 'We should leave, this isn't helping us as much as coming here hadn't. There was no tools, nor anything which could help us, so I'm afraid we might've come there unprepared and empty-handed.' 'Not yet we haven't, I'm still convinced there's something in here which may help, we just need to get it, as well as some warm clothes while we're heading through that vile snow storm which waits for us.' It kicked in fast, but he remembered, surprisingly so, even for him. To look upon this, they went on the stairs, no danger yet, no man turning into any creature out there. And the last bridge laid unguarded, and this time, as opposed to all, it seemed to be tied by chains and reinforced. There'd be no way to cut this without a blowtorch or something far much sharper. Looking back at it, while going on, the two towers had laid in a total ruin, as their fall seemed to have had no place where it hadn't reached. Yet, despite that, there wasn't any doubt that the ooze had managed to survive, despite the fact that neither of them had spoken of it. Nevertheless, what they kept in mind was what they needed and what they'd get. Through the last tower, the door filled them with misery, even from the start. An emblem laid against it, a symbol of a laughing skull, from which there came elbow-like tubes that dragged themselves right into the frame it bore. One metal ring seemed to have been set as well, all of which was formal, dread instead of common fear. They both seemed to have not even the decency to keep to themselves. As they grabbed the heavy ring and pulled, it was much harder than it had seemed, all of the sudden, there came the echo as well as the vibration. Withing a minute of expectation, the door opened and revealed on a pale face which vanished from sight. It had no body and disappeared. For the starters, they became rightfully suspicious of what was to happen inside of the place. Why was it that they didn't know who might've been the ones that came? They seemed familiar, even bore some faces they recognised, the man as well as the woman who died previously in their encounter. Without the children present, it was harsh to put the finger on what exactly was wrong. Especially since they looked to have been placed on different bodies. 'Greetings, and who exactly has come to greet us in this fine a day?' 'Are you travellers from far-away? You don't seem local.' 'Again with those voices and the accents which tricked the mind into believing they spoke it. One wouldn't be able to think otherwise if he had known.' 'Have you come, prepared for the coming? Do you suppose we'll let you get through to him one way or another?' 'We only wish to get home, that would be all, but the place

through which we came is guarded."Quite unfortunate, but tell us, would you spend the night?"It was preposterous to call upon that, especially with the sun still on the sky. But it wasn't there, that was certain, darkness had dampened the air, even the sight.How long had they spent there near the door saying nothing? Neither of them could tell if it was another illusion or whenever or not it was another trick.'Would that earn us the right to talk to him then?'Only if he's pleased of his company, you'd have to be prepared.'Both of them shared a dreadful laugh between one another, moving their clearly outlandish eyes from one point to another. It might've been that their face had been cut deep, but that couldn't have happened.Not only that but the man he had killed changed, he hadn't been a human being by the time his life was taken.'We'll follow and take our chances if it means we'll meet him.'"Very well, please try to keep us.'Before anything else might be done, Grendle approached him and scowled at this taken chance.'Don't look at me that way, you know that we were ready to accept whatever came with it. We have to try this before returning since we got nothing on us, nothing which could help us fight or snuck past them.'"We could've taken any other of those halls, there had been choices."And we chose this, we can't change the past but we can make sure there's a way to get there safely. After all now, after so much time, someone who's both friendly and understands what we're saying seems to help us."It didn't go any better the last time someone tried doing it and it will end up just as much of a mess before the night is over.'The two hosts, if that's what they could be called peered into one of the holes which opened from the wall. Someone spoke in that broken dialect again with the least of shame which could've come.Some announcement of the kind, the least of which seemed to be close to their mind, a recent event which may change some things. At least the trap door seemed to have closed when they returned and offered.'We're to lead you to your room when you'll be fed and spend the night. Does that sound well enough?'It seemed to ask innocently at least, with the least of shame when it came, to the destruction and fear again. Reluctantly, the acceptance came, and there wasn't any moment which seemed to have been wasted.Looking around the room they were set in made them both realise that there'd be some time for adjustment, at least since the way it looked made them both uncomfortable.Not in the least as sleeping outside, but what was on the ceiling, caught in chains, being the bones, the trophy of a great winged beast there, which encompasses a piece of the ceiling. Worse than that was that fact that its teeth seemed to have been long in front, sharp even, and through the blackness of the eyes, there was almost a deep red popping from time to time.'We hope you'll enjoy your stay for the night. Servants are bound to come and bring you everything you're in need of.'With that kind of a smile, left behind, it was obvious that they both hid something. As a matter of fact, his fellow had been strangely silent ever since they met.By the time they were given the privacy, Moredcai approached.'Is it me, or has he not spoken a word ever since we arrived here?'Grendle was apparently resting in bed, barely paying any sort of attention on the man. At least he was aware of the fact that there'd be ears everywhere around.One even popped in and took a glance, while another one peered from around the floor. There was no end from where these moles came, worse being the fact that they were somewhat human-looking, or at least some kind of twist which made itself look that way.'He might've been silent, I can't remember whenever or not he spoke."Even when that thing in the wall came out to speak to them? I'm not trying to make us both more paranoid, it's obvious that he was hiding something from us."Forget it, we're here and.'The doors opened and bore a small wooden table around. It was wide enough to fit all kinds of dishes of meats, small rodents, heads and well and stuffed fruits, potatoes, and the drinks they had become accustomed to. Perhaps the food wasn't bad,

not as they thought, but wonder came whenever or not they were only fed for some kind of reason. It's why they waited until the servants left, with their tiny hands and thin bodies. "Those poor creatures had been starved as well, have you seen the way they looked at the food but dared not look?" "I know, it kind of makes me sad seeing them like that, but are they getting any worse than those who are trapped inside the towers? Most of those prisoners who were in the previous ones are most likely dead, to begin with." "They're not starved Mordecai, something's keeping them alive but not in this manner." "How would you know? You've never seen them from the waist down, you haven't even seen anything below a neck. They could be just as in a bad condition or even worse." He shut his mouth and started eating, parched over the fact that it had been a while, for a real meal like this to take it into account. Looking around the table, they even brought some water for them to wash their hands when they were ready and a specially designed

bell for when they were done. All expenses, most likely taken care of, and for some time everything was right. While eating, though, he couldn't help it but look at it a different way. "What's your plan then, when we stop eating and everything is said and done? We'll blow out the candles and then what? They're dangerous when they're alive, you should've learned this by now. Even when one of them is dead, we're at risk of being trapped in one of their cold traps and I doubt that's the least of our problems right now." "Grendle, just trust me on this, you'll see, I know what I'm doing, just finish what you're having and I'll explain." After that and the washing, the return of the servants revealed eyes in the dark. Perhaps rats, small, despite the place being clean, they bore their gaze beyond the far edges of the bottom and seemed to give a special kind of attention to the agony which could be felt around. They couldn't be there, but neither could the bats, even though their forms could be seen through the dark, sitting on the ceiling, up-side-down, peering at them while they prepared. "I have taken the liberty to leave you some kind of clothes in the drawers, you'll find that they are set for your size." It just happened for them to be gone, with the plate and all, followed by the appearance of their host, who laid in the middle of the room. He had appeared there, while the others were gone, and left slowly with barely any sign. With the creaking door closing, there had been a key there, just in case they had desired some kind of privacy, which was well needed for a reason alone. "Do you suppose he'll have a way to get through even with that?" "Have you seen him enter, to begin with? Better set a chain against the door and make sure we'll hear him if he decides to come." A repugnant thought had come at last, at the time of which he was more than aware that it'd be a rough night, especially if there were some who'd dare stalk them through the trap doors. Dreams in which they fell from above came running through their heads came running as fast as they could think about. They shared much, especially after being so close to one another and ready to take any chance, at least if it meant living for another day. Such depths as they encountered below couldn't help but reshape their entire perception as they came to the conclusion, they were dreaming no longer. Suddenly, they have descended, through the hidden path of the tower, right into the ground, walking in a line with others, tiredly as they made their way towards the very bottom of the world. What waited there for them was a devouring emptiness which seemed to take an unfathomable shape. Most likely, the other for ends were leading towards the top of their towers, but it was likely that they would never get the chance to be used again, at least not in this lifetime of theirs, where they've been caught into this death trap. No one blinked and none were shunned into coming any closer to the point at which they ran out of ideas and would turn around. Something made them feel that way and turn towards a life of self-destruction. Flashes of sight made it look like its true form, a brooding thing which ran for as long as the sight

met with the end of all. Small spores were floating, now they have become much bigger and even consciously floated in the directions they desired rather than be forced by the wind. Some flew in clusters forming bigger spores only to be caught by the nets of an invisible form which prevent it to move to take any sort of action as long as it meant they'd spread. It was highly unnecessary to say a thing between those strangers, but it certainly meant that they have been caught somewhere during the night, at unawares. This changed a lot, as they could call upon their very own senses and the obvious, they both turned around. Rather than to go straight into the trap, they saw one another, at different points in the line, attempting to shout one another's names, finally getting through. The stairs weren't wide enough for two at a time, but those who seemed to follow the stream desired to end up there either way. The greatest disturbance caused by them came, as more and more men fell from both sides, pushing in every direction rather than to give up and accept that there was no reason to act in this manner. Far more than could be said, there'd be problems with what waited above, through the horde, through which they went. One shout from below came, a dreadful cheerless laughter which was mad. The man hadn't known what to say or how to act. But in that silence everyone suddenly turned to watch the one scream and try to get away, only to end up being in more agony that he had expected. 'What have I done? He didn't want to die down there either.' Mordecai, let's go, the entrance is getting closer to being locked. We'll have no other choice if we're caught inside. He looked around only to realise that it was beyond any desire to be caught in there, a place as dark and shallow. While he was ignoring what he's done, there was a murmur, of something much bigger coming around, making the dark spores from above the ceiling shake in fear. 'Do you wish to find what's that? Or will you live another day?' 'I'm coming to Grendle, don't you dare abandon me here.' His lids were open, he came right through, ignoring those who screamed, at last, getting himself a chance to remain alive. It was all that mattered to him, at least before the small door closed, in an utmost organic way which seemed to have had a lasting effect from that point on. He'd fear it otherwise if it weren't for him to be there. That was a close one. 'I'm afraid that not only it isn't over that that we may be trapped in here, the two of us, all alone.' 'You couldn't mean, this can't be happening.' 'It's the last tower, so it seems, and there's nothing for us left but the darkness and the lack of knowledge of how to open the door.' 'But we're blind, it's unfair, how can you be so happy about all of this?' Had the man truly lost his mind? Mordecai only wondered after hearing that dreadful laugh echo, only realising after a leap that he was lost, far beyond saving. In a corner, through no light, the man stood alone, swearing he could see a blue light emanating from the card. He'd save them now that the light was being restored, the children would be the first to be taken out of the ship, while Mordecai waited outside for them. That would guide him past any sort of doubt as well and no one will question him again. While Mordecai ran and slammed his fist, there was no way to know to how open those trapdoors. The only whispers came from far away and there was nothing which was said, nothing which made any sense whatsoever. He shouted for hours, yet his walk was slowed, he wasn't even thin enough to get through various holes which led through. Malnutrition would one day come, but he knew that this was the place he would die. The original room was somewhat clean, with the door towards the outside world closed, there seemed to have been a new arrival. An older gentleman, wearing an entire Kashmir suit, he had found himself at a cross of rooms, though one of them was locked and held shut by a force which couldn't have been shaken by the average person. Not in the least, to admit the fact, he looked at the exit and felt the cold running through his insides. A terrible terrible night for him. He could feel the warmth of the inside

while guarding himself against the storm, without a single ounce of doubt, his options were clear. 'Is anyone here? Hello?' 'Could that be another voice I hear?' There came the voices of two ladies from somewhere past the hallway which wasn't blocked. He was mightily surprised to see two of them, dressed in just about the same attire, fashioned after being taken away. 'Who are you, sir? You seem just as confused as to no have been the person who came and took us away?' 'I beg your pardon dear?' 'Someone had come and grabbed me and my sister from out homes and dragged us to this place and left us to fend on our own.' 'That sound mightily horrible.' 'Not a step yet, I still haven't made my opinion about your person, it's just that I cannot help it but see how strange this is that we woke up near you during our time here.' 'I promise you that I've got nothing to do with this, I'm just as confused and as long as the two of you are.' 'Sir, I somehow doubt you know what's going on with the two of us.' She said, at last, with her sister behind her back, looking as if through a piece of glass at the man with his roughly untrimmed moustache. 'So what do you suppose we do, my dear lady? Clearly, I've no intention to harm either of you.' 'And I hope you don't intend on following the two of us either, for we're in a hurry to make it out alive and I'd rather not scare my sister with your presence while doing that.' The man stepped back two feet. There weren't many options, other than the one way they seemingly blocked, and two more ways he could choose from. Even though walking alone would be a terrible thing that most would agree. 'Are you sure that the two of you would do just well out there? Because if you do, you have in on my honour that I will leave you alone to your journey. But I am in the same way trapped in here as the two of you are.' 'What's behind the door then? The one which leaves outside?' 'Nothing but cold, a waste of cold during a snowstorm for which neither of us is prepared to embark on.' 'Very well, I think I've made my decision as of now. You aren't to follow, nor know our names, not our whereabouts or anything which would ever bring us any closer together, understood?' 'Loud and clear, but does your sister agree with your judgement, or are you the only one who's supposed to give me the orders and what not?' 'She's agreed with me on everything so far, this isn't the place to argue.' 'I want him to stay.' She suddenly came out of her hole, right around her older sister, almost like a small spider trying to get caught crawling. 'We could make it with the company, especially someone just as strong.' 'No, we're not going to take him with us, we already spoke about it and we wasted enough. Don't follow us, do you understand?' With a grasp over her sister's hands, they both flashed their blue eyes after which they had been dragged inside through another one of which tamed their minds. A hole as such it had become, but he wouldn't follow through a place where he was unwanted. He chose well between the two paths and went on ahead through safety and quiet. His was one of solitude as if he were to walk through some kind of library of sorts. It clearly had become some sort of depository of some kind, through the walls, he made it that he could grab, pieces of the walls which had become, black books, written words on pale pages. They spoke of many illnesses that had been achieved by a previous man. As for the entry, the name said. 'John Carper.' Followed by pieces of stained information, even a flattened cockroach which had obscured a part of the text. 'In memory of a sinful man, I've been given the chance to write what memories I have left before they are to end me still.' He didn't proceed and held it under his armpit, just enough to take another. So many names and so many people formed the very walls which went against him. And each of them, which had been there being works of self-preservation which promised to keep them alive for some sort of while, undoubtedly because their real bodies die. On the other side, alas, there seemed, freedom from the place they've been. 'I told you we would make it through, do you suppose we were followed by that man?' 'You

shouldn't have banished him, Lisa, he's done nothing to deserve abandonment, in a place like that where he had no one to help him.' Verona seemed to have thought a bit, despite distracted by his appearance, she had the best intentions in mind, both of them had. Quaintly dressed, in silk brown deathly dressed, this wasn't a place for them to be in.' We need to find out where we are, we'll talk about this later.' She always did that and I've always let her do whatever she wanted, but when was my time? When was my time to decide what was to be done about it? Who chose the plan of action and who decided whom to follow us around? It didn't help the fact that the place looked more like a prison, fashioned out of the land. Threes were bent, the sand had joined them, it looked as if there was no hope in the least, to stop this damned feast and agony plants were set against. Stones had shattered, spikes were made, everything having a rough appearance against which they were set.' There has to be an exit somewhere around the place.' It looked more like some sort of dungeon which laid outside which prevented them from approaching even a few inches closer to the much-awaited freedom.' Don't touch that, it may be dangerous and you don't know what kind of diseases this kind of things might carry.' I know what I'm supposed to do, just trust me for this one time only.' Lisa frowned at her sister but there wasn't any way she could stop her from doing whatever she wanted, especially since the difference between them was quite artificial. The leaves appeared to be tender, fully blown with some type of texture, on which she couldn't place her mind upon. Moist as it were, she kept rubbing her hand against it, without showing any sign of wanting to stop.' That's enough, you're making me uncomfortable.' Just a moment, you need to try this as well, I think something's about to happen.' She blinked twice at the fact, the pain helped loosen her limbs but didn't change what she felt next. That moist texture had become wet now as much as there appeared to spawn tongue out of it which grossed both of the women off.' Let's go, and don't touch anything.' Lisa said, just before she grabbed Verona and pushed her as far away as she could. There was no sign of stopping when it came to the fact that a shuffling seemed to bear itself across the threes around, mostly because that moist tongue hadn't belonged to the plant.' Someone's stalking us, I know it, that long thing, it must've been a human tongue.' 'The ones which licked me?' More than surprised it seemed, that she hadn't dared to think about what might've been on the other side. There could've been others, there might be other men or people such as them, but until proven otherwise, everything was dangerous.' What do you suppose he's doing there?' Trying to tail us, just like any other, well, forget it, we're bound to find a way to be.' Her blue blouse appeared to be stained, her long blonde hair dry, thrown around such as a mad-lady would've been, and worse of all was the fact that Lisa was being aggressive in regards to her own sister. There, while it darkened and they realised they'd have not other option but to spend the night into a cage, her eyes suddenly turned out as being that of a pair of cats. They looked in the dark and scanned for any sign, whoever noticed that might've long been gone once they realised that there was a lot of danger involved to such a person, in the least of time, there'd be trouble.' Don't touch the walls, I think I know what we can do.' She had already started picking and ripping out leaves, placing them on the bottom of the floor, right on the cold stone. There was some kind of rest there to be had but someone still toiled around. Covered by the green they waited, all upon the threat had faded, and that is where they spent the night. There wasn't any way to know whenever or not the day had passed on the other side, other than to make it through the dark tunnels and to realise that there might be far too many humans who might've lost their way around. A discovery was important, that was kept, surely no one would mind. As a past-retired archaeologist, he had brought with him plenty of study material for his various roads around

the province. It was important to know that he knew there'd be an absence which could've been felt there, henceforth he switched the memoir with one of his own. The results went well as the book cover darkened upon entering the wall, and he was certain that this strange book with its strange language would offer him more than something he had written about hills and many small mountains. At least by now, he noticed an important pattern, which remained the fact that they all seemed to have a biography written down. The name, the characters, everything unfathomable, unreadable but interesting to say the least. Could it be that there might've been others around or was it just an elaborate hoax? Nothing he had seen so far appeared to have any kind of explanation as to why. A wrong turn. He shouted as he fell, slowed down only by the fact that the hole in which he ended became thinner and more organic, such as a small sack might've been, able to carry him slowly to a point where he couldn't properly move. 'Help me, anybody, please.' Immediately he reminded himself to breathe as deeply as he could, unable to fathom just what sort of creature might hear him then. He was slowly being lead after all, through the small sack, which turned out to be more of a tube, in which his slippery body was being pushed further and further away, until that point where there wasn't anything he could do but relax and let everything follow its own course. It was long and he heard a noise, paired with sounds, as he was taken to a small flattened cylinder of a chamber, with a closed door at the end. There wasn't any perfection related but drips of the substance still found its way from above. 'Hello? Would any other man or whoever be able to come around and offer me some assistance? I seemed to have lost myself in.' No answer, this was clearly a place where no human being had gotten inside for at least as far as he could wager. Worse than that might've been the fact that there wasn't any single way he'd fit inside that thing if he had thought of trying to get back on his tracks, even if the chance arrived. He was aware of his own entrapment and did little to prevent his nerves from failing, on his knees he wept and shouted. Everything which had been said appeared to have remained in the same chamber, where no one else would get to hear him again. Likely this place was either abandoned or inhabited by something which should've starved if chances were for danger to be present. Most likely not since there were not many traces nor any kind of clues whenever or not something licked them clean and ate them afterwards. Calm was on the way but he was more than aware that his presence was known, his body was pulled and thrown against that gate. It suddenly bent against his entire form and let him get through with the least of resistance displayed. On the other side, things changed, for starters, it was clear enough that the many pools around the bridges ran through the various room, with their walls already under construction, evenly matched, everything became slightly clear. This was yet another room under construction, on which he stumbled, uninvited. There wasn't any other option left for him to take, other than to jump in the pool and forget himself, something was coming. By the sounds alone, a dreadful thing with many feet, making distinct sounds as it came. Just in time, he had dived through, breathing heavily and almost in a natural way through the pool. Inside of which, he felt every single drop from above and looked at the flooded pair of rooms which had previously been. It had been a problem, this fact, as the first corpse made him reconsider. A man, wearing clothes which had been broken down, not entirely a skeleton, as the skin had been fairly preserved. But a large chain held him to the bottom where he starved, alone. Others were clearly visible in other rooms as it seemed. With a sudden realisation, he swam deeper below. Something made itself be known as a pair of long openings were pushed inside and started sipping in through a big puffy revealed hairy ball. It dragged to a big body which was hard to look upon. Past the fear, he was aware that there wasn't any way to

see, but something about those trunks which came from its back, that released all those legs below. It made weird notions while it rested, waiting for the rest of the body to return from this sudden break and come back to work. I need to get away from this, he's starting to move and feel my body wagging around. That thought alone of the creature diving inside with him made him in the least afraid, worse than that would've been the fact that he desires to go farther below while being unaware of the effects of the pool. While he was as far away from being called a fool in human form, he was mightily surprised over the fact that someone would dare come through and run. There wasn't any certainty but someone came through the opening and got the attention of the creature in his presence. A frightful scene arrived as it viciously pulled all its tubes away from the water and made it for the intruder. I knew you were a guardian, and this confirmed all of my suspicions. Now that he could freely move, he went deeper below and started getting closer to them, to see what they've become. Poor creatures almost seemed to have suffered in there, still caught in that state of fear and distraught, but now it was forever. The awareness gave in at last and appeared to have governed over his expressions. He was in control of what he showed to the people there, and with a pull, he accidentally beheaded one of them while proceeding to throw the head in a different direction. It showed no sign of rising to the surface as of yet, more than likely something was keeping it below. A worse source called on him, farther through this substance, his breath had become more shallow at this point. In the chamber he had entered, there was a dining chamber, long, in a room which had paintings and carpets, even magnificent crimson and sienna paint of the walls. A whole scene to be called upon, though this would be their last dinner, left unfinished, the food was spoiled. Looking below, all of them had been caught and chained by their ankles, unable to get away as well, but it wasn't the food nor the starvation which killed them. If so, why was the food left there, almost untouched, if it weren't for the rot and the spoil? Even more dreadful was the fact that some of them had tried taking small utensils and getting rid of pieces of themselves to flee. Cuts were minor, the pain had stopped them, it was obvious even from the first looks that they didn't stand a chance. Looking upon his hands, he wondered whenever or not he'd become such as they have. Dirty, tainted, filled with that substance which preserved them well, at least enough to say that the material around their clothes hadn't been destroyed. As well as the fact that some of the women around were still kept in their prime and true forms, the suction of the skin is merely a few inches in. Pale skin and plump, there was one, in particular, he had thought of having. In this places, no one would know, and it seems most peculiar to pass on such an opportunity. Upon touching one of the women at the table, he realised that their bodies were still warm, far too warm to belong to the realm of the dead. To say that the thought had passed his mind was an understatement, with danger underway, he only thought that this would be a fine moment. A very good opportunity to begin with, at least now that this would be his last chance to experience such a thing. During one shared moment, he closed his eyes and blocked everything else from reaching, floating through but keeping himself, still closer to the ground with his hands. A dreadful scene was underway and he wasn't surprised at all by the what he was proceeding into. Of course, there had to be a cry, somewhere from far away, inside the same complex he was in. Without even having to think, he deliberately turned away and started swimming toward the surface in a dark attempt and as he leapt from the bottom, his skin was covered in black, leaving nothing but an interrupted stream dripping away from him right on the floor. That was a mess and he already felt lighter than he should've felt in that commotion. Without a doubt, there should've been a notion of self-worth which could've driven him away or to

return and try escaping, but that scream certainly was something he desired to look upon. This was a true lair, without a doubt, made by the creature to guard upon those pools. Seeing how the other ways were sealed, even from above, he'd have to cross the threshold in order to continue exploring the grand bellowing pools. Right around the corner he peered and saw nothing which would've made him think of his foolishness as well as the rabidness which that creature provided. There wasn't any distinct sound, no movement he could make out, the place was twisted from above, for certain reasons, he chose to be alone. Down there, no one would disturb him from what he'd see, without having to deal with the fear of being caught or any other sort of thing which would go wrong. 'Are you done there? Just make some splashes, I think I've heard you scream.' In that tone, he tried, perhaps too much softer than he had anticipated, the set of legs started making those loud sounds again. From behind it came a great shadow which was propelled by a fire, revealing some bulb of a body, thick and huge, perhaps with some bumps everywhere around, hardened as they were. The extra weight was placed into those tiny long legs in order to be able to carry that thing.

And even from the shadow, he noticed that those which had been missing grew up instantly. 'There was a struggle.' He said, while thinking that he had to be away, riding through the waves, he dived right through and looking above. It somewhat slowed down where I have dived and after looking at the whole conundrum, I've realised that it might've been aware of my presence with all the splashes and the pool. Some large legs were shoved inside and flickered to no avail, there'd be nothing to do as of yet, nothing which would change that which crept inside his every aware sense. Somehow those legs vibrated inside the pool and produced some sort of migraine-inducing bubbles. As dreadful as that sounded, the process continued for at least a few seconds as it roamed around the pools and tried doing it over and over to no avail. It refuses to dive in with me, this is the perfect chance, I'd say. 'On the next opportunity, he saw that they came inside and as they have, he pulled on those small legs, feeling the pressure and the force. It felt just as surprised as he had when he was suddenly pulled into a struggle, right atop the water, holding onto it as it saw an opening but couldn't act on it. For it face another direction than those of which he was set against, one snap would've been enough to have him slammed with his face against the ground. But somehow, it only tried to twist around in circled as to get him much closer to those dreaded mandibles. It was too pointless since he had grabbed those large trunks on the back but in exchange, he achieves a great view of the whole body it bore. Not only had those bumps been there, but they had been under the skin, transparent as they seemed, soon it was revealed by the struggle that they were the skulls of his previous victims. It was now he shouted, struggled upon this beast of a march, as the tubes came out from both ends, sharp stuff and plenty of other elongated sharp wires which had to serve for the most insane purposes. But the struggle had become a pointless mistake as the creature had twisted itself on its back while flinging him away against the other side of the wall. He bounced like a heavy rock, just before heaving himself inside the pool. There he struggled and upon reaching the bottom, he started shimmeringly walking way, as fast as he could, without the least of a doubt about what he desired to do and make. No mistake came upon the realisation of the fact that there were others around who had shared a worse fate than his. Clear marks laid on their foreheads as well as multiple parts of their bodies. It was swift, the creature acted far too quickly for him to have stood a chance, but he recognised that voice again, there seemed to have been a shout. Meanwhile, they seemed to come back to awareness, both sisters looked at one another, highly shocked to what appeared. Fruits had been brought for them on a plate which was left through the small grates of their

cage.'Wake up, come on up Lisa, look. Someone brought us a present while we were sleeping, isn't that quaint?'Wait, don't take anything yet, we have no way, let me think.'She hadn't even gotten the chance to come to the realisation of where she was or what was bound to happen. Words flew out of her mouth almost mechanically despite the fact that she had little to no clue of who seemed to be out there or for what purpose. And worse of all was the fact that her younger sister acted more like a fool than any kind of adult she had known.'If it's poisoned Verona, we may be in great danger since there's no way to find any medical help around here.' Without peering twice, she at least looked menacingly at the grapes. While being more than hungry, it turned her into caring even less that she was needed in order to satisfy her sister. This expectation didn't last long, at least not until she felt the food come near and be brought right up to her mouth where she felt the texture. Teasing her was quite pleasant, though there were doubts even in her mind. Who was watching them from the other side and why was it so important that they avoid what was to be done about it. Undeniably, they needed the strength to carry on, without even doubting what had to be done. The need for this came before any perception her sister might've had about her, without even having to wage in that. In a way, this felt like it was exciting, right as she joined her after witnessing that there was no change in her state of health. But she still had the better view, looking directly into those globes from far away, realising that he was watching her, eye to eye, trying to get a closer view even then. Such a thing never occurred to her before, that there'd be someone who'd manage to excite her, just to disappear when Lisa turned around. 'Do you see anything you like out there? You seem awfully excited for one reason or another.' 'No, I'm just finding this amusing, that we found ourselves here and managed to deny the only help we'll get.' 'I've already told you that I didn't trust the man if you grew up for once, you would've understood that it was the right decision and you'll thank me later.' Her nods seem to bore only a bit of false excitement as she came close to finishing the bowl of fruits. 'Well, are we to leave it here or bring it to us?' Lisa asked, right before seeing that her sister pushed the bowl through the metal grates, with a thanking motion, she seemed to have taken the lead. At least to say that they had known where they were going was as much as a mistake as there was. This cage of theirs was bigger, taller and wider than expected, stretching to encompass a small storehouse, in the middle of the section. With proper care and examination, they would've understood that this was made to keep them outside, not the other way around. The opposite as it would be called, they were protected from whatever harm had come to be. Inside of which, the door was open, late as it had been abandoned, a candle laid on the desk. Though it hadn't been apparent from the outside, the light made it seem that way, that there had been someone right there before they have arrived. 'I guess this could be out mysterious kind one, right?' This candle wasn't lit for that long. 'Lisa felt around the books, they were warm as well, as much as the stove and everything around. Could it be thought that it wasn't the mysterious stalker who peered upon with those beady eyes? Even with the tea kettle on, the danger would've been being, it had to be taken off the stone.' 'We have expected it appears.' Two cups of tea laid right next to the table, a blue ultramarine coloured tea came to fruition, which could only be related to the taste of blueberries. In this manner alone, this exploration of there had granted them enough of a leave to invite themselves in and search the place. Everything was rough and there was little to time to react. Most dreadful appearance while Verona busied herself in the distraction which ran around the room. One strange creature dwelled around and seemed to have tried creeping into their line of sight. It was more such as a hairy man, but those long teeth were all wrong and he was much taller and seemingly more aggressive. A

shimmeringly hot breath came out of its nostrils as it came to leaning against the bars in those fruitless attempts which prompted her to close the curtains. 'What's that for?' 'Nothing, it's just for the cold, I wouldn't want my young sister to get sick, would I now?' 'Look, it's what you were looking for?' 'What I was looking for?' Versona appeared to have taken a small box with a medical sign on it, most likely that belonged to someone but they needed some of the supplies. 'Put it down now, it isn't ours to take.' 'Wait, you don't suppose that man we met is the same man who lives in here, do you?' 'I don't know, it's none of our business and could you just please stop changing the subject? You can't just look into someones' belongings like that.' After an intense glare, she placed it on the floor and pushed the box away with the back of her foot and smiled. 'Are you happy now? Can I just drink my tea?' This younger version of herself didn't do much thinking, Lisa supposed, as she appeared to be more interested in this kind of fiction with its creatures and the men trapped behind the other side of the wall which laid between them. 'Why do you suppose we're separated?' 'Should we turn around and leave? You are getting fairly too interested in that and nothing good can come out of it.' 'Come on, what the worst that could happen? They're trapped out there and we're trapped in here.' 'We got a way out, it's just behind.' 'Where there's another man you refused to take with us. Perhaps he's the one who left the tea for us, quite kind of him not to wake us up either.' Deterioration laid in her eyes and all of the sudden she hadn't felt as shallow. It was a clear sign that she was being affected a lot more than her and this wouldn't do for either of them. Could it be that something was in the tea? Some change was beginning to manifest in her as well and it was unclear as it was to be. Her vision was almost blurry but not exactly entirely blinded in terms of knowing what was around. One thing was quite annoying, that she was to be more affected, as she saw Versona walk through the door while her vision stopped her on the floor. Heavily breathing, unaware that she had made it out already without a plan to return, she stood there and waited for a sign that her sister might return at last. After a single knock and a slam from behind, the realisation came that there was another person with her inside the room. Without a doubt she would've screamed and made some sort of noise to alarm anyone in proximity but now that she was in the condition, there was little to nothing she could do, but feel as that dark force that felt human run across her, making her shiver. Those weren't just hands that ran along her curves but something else, pointy, which twisted and hardened as a bone. Another one of those things seemed to run across the body with little to no care about the disturbance she felt. Not even now, after realising that she was being used could she had known in what state her body was set. Right after being turned around, she saw the assailant and it was nothing but more of a golem or some kind and of a twisted mind. A deformed face with horizontally set eyes grasped as the mouth was stretched. Those many pointy organs should've been his point baby hands, which winked at her as a woman might, in front of the benign. Bright as the room had been, the candle was no longer lit, as the wind blew by, the benign's creator was nowhere to be seen. And such a decrepit act could never have been stopped but as he waded at the thought alone, Verona forgot herself, merely half-dazed from a few sips, as the others fell from her mouth, down her chin. Without merely thinking of her own intentions, she had forgotten about her sister almost entirely, being drawn by those beady eyes. They kept following, as she had, looking behind, everything was dark. Could it be that here there was little to no sign of day? 'Are you there? I know you helped me and picked up the fruits for me to have for my own but I don't know how I could reward you.' There was silence but just as much as it was in abundance, there was guidance coming from that fiend, that damned who jumped and leapt, guiding her by the reflection in its eyes. Verona was

transfixed by it, following in the most damned sense, unable to control and see what made her drawn by that thing alone. Her senses were somehow mixed in terms of what she thought and knew. Unable to look right into it, she had almost skewed her chances and joined hands with that thing in the dark. Suddenly she pulled away, as the realisation came, rough manly hands which didn't belong to a man but to something bigger, more frightening. No, this couldn't be, those beady eyes are full of kindness, why should I suffer one more moment to be set apart. 'How can I join you now? I'm merely here against my sister's utmost wishes, bless her heart. She's gone to a place unknown it seems and I am lost, but you are here. Nothing could've gone more right as I'm aware you know, I have something for you in my chest, it grows.' With each pound, she felt the desire to see it and finally heard its sound. This came as a dreadful muttering of a primitive creature, who had never known compassion or the word of man. Without a second thought that came as a pleasing thing, to know and be aware of the danger and carry forth. Her slender arms just came right through the bars and approached, slowly towards his face. Even more emotion sprouted from the eyes of which almost came to weep at the sign of kindness, less of the distress was faced. But alas, it couldn't be, just before her hands could reach the face, it grabbed her and started shaking her violently. Startled as if by the realisation that it wasn't a man there, right as its eyes closed, she screamed and shouted. 'Let me go, please, I've done nothing to deserve this, please, just let me.' She cried and understood, once she was released and fell on her back, that there was nothing which could be done about this creature who felt like a man. Her arms had become red and while caught weeping she had no desire to return and face the anger which Lisa would've shown her. 'I hate you, animal, I hope you stay there locked and never have a chance to see me again.' With which she made it alarmingly well, keeping track of the spoil, the rain which had fallen from above. Without a doubt, whatever place she had gone, upon looking behind, there wasn't any scene or any kind of way to see from where she had come. The cave of structure should've been tall and be visible even from where she stood, but instead, it had disappeared. No more games, she thought, just to make sure this was where she wanted to be. More than enough ahead, this was revealed to be such as a garden would've been, with many ways to go and twisted paths, connected to some sort of castle at which end, the architecture was ancient but the iron grating wasn't. It was somehow clear that whatever happened there inside, the man of the castle, or those who dwelled there might've been aware that something had run rampant in their garden, as travellers would be unprotected. 'But what if they're as vile as those in there? What if they're the jailers of those forgotten beasts?' Thoughts came, and again compassion, could it be that they're even fed? Was that an act of desperation which had been performed upon her? There wasn't any way of knowing, nor of even being able to tell, let alone communicate with such a bore of many kinds. Now that she realised that it had been a mistake to not think of her sister's fate, Verona thought her sister might be in danger, even worse than that, perhaps caught in a place where she couldn't escape. Could I do it alone then? Finding and rescuing my sister from some dreadful foes that overpowered her is far beyond what I could do, there's nothing here helping me the way I see it, it might be true. Enough of bothering herself out there, she had approached, those beady eyes now laying in pairs, they tried blinking from afar and making some sort of nasty movements that didn't bode well enough with her general senses. To look upon it in a different light, they moved from the bottom of the top of her view, as if they had been climbing trees. One, two or four knocks came upon the sturdy door, there wasn't any doubt of the intent, even from the star. The woman who had opened it was slender and pretty, with her dark robe and brown hair. Her pace had

almost been a placing and her crooked smile almost gave her a feeling of dissatisfaction before she even decided to drop the smile and have her in. 'We're not really used to getting guests insides, especially during the night but I guess we could make some sort of exception.' 'You need to help me, my sister, you see.' 'All in due time my dear, how old are you, are you alone?' 'No, it's my sister, she's been lost along the way, somewhere out there, in the, in the.' 'She wanted to desperately say that it had been the cage there, that she had to have been dragged inside. Verona could've told her about those eyes which followed but it couldn't be. Was she awakened from a spell which had been cast upon her? It seemed as if she wasn't trapped in some sort of prison but has stumbled through the garden, right through the property, confused. 'I'm sorry, I think I got lost and ended up here. You must excuse me and please pardon me for I am in need of finding my dear sister, the poor old thing must be worried.' 'Wait, my dear, I see in you a soul as young and as afraid as had been mine at your age. Don't leave yet through a night like this, it wouldn't do, at least not if you do want to find the sister of your way back home.' Hand in hand, she took her and brought her inside the house, making a sign for her father to go away rather than introduce herself. Step by step around the stairs, she was brought to one of the finely made guest rooms, where the candles had been turned around and there was a little square window from which a cold wind came. Had they never realised that the dreadful heat had never gone. 'You stay here and I'll bring you some tea and something to eat.' 'No, not tea, I'd rather get a cup of water if you don't mind.' 'Very well then, a cup of water and biscuits it is.' Said the frightened girl as she barely recollected herself from being startled. The room was clean but painted in brown and darks just like the rest of the room. Some fragments of the gothic remained in the building, most likely this could've been centuries old, or say the last years. 'I wish you were here, oh Lisa, where have you gone?' 'Here you have it, the food and the water, and the pills, you need to take them on the program, right before you go to sleep.' 'What are they for, again?' 'They help you relax, nothing more, something like that, do you remember?' 'Please, I'm just trying to find my sister, she's lost because of me, I ventured too far and I think I lost myself along the way.' There was something which had been hidden, but she accepted either way. Without the least of concerns, she was aware of the fact that she was being led to believe that something happened to her. But sleep came soon after each bite, on the biscuit and the pills that came with them as the lights came into play. One blow and she was gone, while the woman went downstairs back to her father. Seeing how he was working on his grand creation, he tried paying little attention and hide his concern. 'She's stable, father, but there are some dreadful things I've heard her say while she was talking in her sleep.' 'Such as what?' 'There was a man, it seems, someone might be stalking around the premise.' 'It won't matter, I'll continue as it is, you should go and rest as well, I won't have you become ill either.' 'I wouldn't burden your father.' And not a second dreadful more had she waited before trailing back upstairs, right where she made her way through the maze and right to her room and soft pillows. It appeared that the girl had sleepwalked again, somehow she always ended up going on her bed each time, sleeping with her like a frightened child. Far too sweet to be banished from this spot, while she was far too tired for anything she went on ahead right next to her. Too much time had been spent inside the pool before the man got up and started walking. No sign of anything which moved it seemed. 'I am Warren, forty, professor, no, I used to be an archaeologist I think I studied it or taught it, I'll remember.' He looked around and seemed to have his senses right in check, just as his mind continued working, he appeared to have all the right information inside his head. Most importantly was the fact that at least he could say with all certainty that he wasn't dead. At least not yet,

but his body, while covered in that pool water hadn't looked the same, at least not when it came to his skin. Some of the layers appeared to have been bruised, at least those that were outside. A blunt look revealed many important things, such as the fact that he was light on his feet, most definitely if he were to remain down there, there'd be nothing left for him but another pair of warm bones and some skin to cover them. Something was different than the others, Warren felt like his body alone had gone through many other changes which weren't intended to happen. 'I'm coming, don't worry, I'm coming!' He couldn't keep straight but he said it after hearing another shout coming from deeper inside the cavern. Without the least of doubt, he wanted to wager that something in that plane of out there must've begun to devour or torture the innocent while he listened in despair. Once that thing was to be done with him, it would come for me and remember what I've done with it. Rightly stopped at a corner he looked as there were others going from one wide end to another. They acted like guards, block access to other sides and would most likely attempt to stop his passage if he tried. Luckily, there were still the pools under in case one or two of them decided to follow him in a moment which he was not prepared. His steps were alarming and made both creatures tensed. So far neither of them decided to leave their posts but rather go on ahead to take on a most dreadful appearance, even more so than before. One in particular almost split itself in rage over the fact that it couldn't help itself but stay in that position which each attempt to make a move made by Warren was enraging. He was infuriating to watch, even less to be called upon for his actions. By the time his steps ended, he had gone through another arch and found himself standing above, two levels below held by arches which were in the pools below. Such a difference in height from the previous room left a balance through the shift of the pool, but someone was coming. There was no way to know how deep the pool was, neither what would happen if the drop was hard enough, but instead of doing it, he hugged one of those long sliders which held it above and slowly decreased his slide. One large creature, which might've been a mother, carrier, a sphere bulging from its back revealed, many eggs which were kept in that transparent bag. It was being led by two others which, to his surprise, held weapons of some sort, almost spear-shaped with pointy ends made out of mined prime material. A dangerous thought came to him as he realised that there was some intelligence and they weren't just some mad colony of creatures on the ground. Dangerous as it had been, he couldn't hold himself still and landed in the pool confused. Without a doubt, it was here that he realised that there wasn't any way this could happen, as a matter of fact alone, it was some sort of joke played on him. Such as he found himself not even the corner of his foot inside the pool, this was a damn. They had found a way to pull all of the substance out in order to seal and construct their maze. Worse than that was the fact that they had some intelligence and they saw him go right past them, some might speak, others might move their beaks. Oh, that beak was tainted, the carrier of children had grown it from its front side. It would be worse than a thought to think about the ways that dark horn which opened, tried taking away pieces of him to feed the children as he watched. 'Well, it seems that I'm at a loss.' Nothing could've become worse than at this moment when it entered the room. It was a being in its prime, scales and out carapace, which wasn't upon others. From this angle, it looked as if its worse an armour and some sort of shield, one spear in hand and almost lifted itself on two feet. The scouting had ended and the man was found, standing on his back, head tilted, thoughts away. Another man would've called him a drunk who stumbled into some place where he hadn't belonged. One fever dream leads to another, as he found himself, taken by sight and dragged. His body was stung and paralyzed but as it happened, something in his mind

brought him away. There was a pain in the process but he found another body in another place. Many spires descended from the gloomy red earth, twisted like some kind of animal bone extensions of the same very moulding red the ground was made off. A pale green and hazy ground laid and as far away as he could see, there was a destroyer walking along the desolation, breaking and cracking. The vision had something to do with the taint. He could see it almost break off while he was being dragged by the many-legged creatures in its way. One moment later he was back in there, free to move and do as he pleased, while the sun had turned into a small pair of highly pointing yellow spheres of grey and green, he looked upon the grand spires and realised that they were the last monuments of a gone civilisation. He knew that it was the destroyer or the ender of this world or plane, just by looking at it alone. Without a doubt, if it came to it, while it was marching, it wouldn't hesitate to end the latest addition to the formation of line. Warren was pale and felt like there were no bones in his body, only a pair of broken wings which dragged along. He couldn't fly and barely moved since he had no mass just a juice inside of him keeping him alive, as for him to consider. He didn't crawl the same way an insect would, since there wasn't any way tell what was going on around. There might've been others who were too afraid to come out of the various torsion at the bottom of the stones. Broke through them, there seemed to have been dripping from the inside of them, the justice, the ooze, flowing through from their hiding spot. Such rocks were red, tall and mighty, repurposed for their hiding. At least he had become somewhat aware from which hiding place he had erupted and might've paid some sort of special attention when it came to that dreadful fate. Without being able to think he recited something he once read, it must've been a long time ago since he had looked into one of those things, but books of dread had filled him with wonder. 'Let me go you dreadful beast.' Warren said, and as he looked beyond the carapace, for a moment there he was fully aware of where he was and somewhat realised where he'd be taken. Moving was pointless as he realised that it only made this new body of his get closer to that tall standing beacon of mighty and heaviness. I must at least try to understand what it is and why is that it keeps crushing them. Even from a good amount of distance, he could see that it was destroying rocks and crushing everything under that might of danger. Something went terribly wrong that he had awakened in one of the spires, almost into a flight which launched him into one dark rabid hole which pulled him inside. The interior might've made him shudder, or any human who was there. At least a creature of many wonders as himself could understand the beauty of it. But the things which were disturbing had been the depictions and the twists at the bottom of the floor, everywhere around being taken by supremely dampened and moist substances which seemed to push the bones below. Embed throughout the spire had been all the visitors who had entered the spires and stayed for too long there. He was aware just as much that standing in there would eventually result in him being trapped inside just as much as any other being would. It frightened him at the thought, as much as we wanted to flee through the same way he came, it was obvious that there was nothing for him to lose as he was as close to the top as he might be. A morbid sun laid outside already, blackened in the middle, crawling worm-like apprehensions of sanity just pushed around as it went below on its own terms. That darkness was felt everywhere around, as the land became paler by its leave. But enough time was wasted as he was aware that a few centimetres of him had already been gone, pushed to leave a mark at the bottom of the floor. Oh, the face and the marks he'd seen, somehow, among all the many creatures which had become trapped inside one of the spires had come to be the likes of a man or two which belonged to the human race. The eyes couldn't have been affected,

leaving a black stare of violet and red, which had been the naturally occurring colour. Despite having known what was going on, there wasn't any second he wanted to turn around and look at the men he passed. Would it be the slime which turns in here or my real body?" That he couldn't know nor tell if it were possible at all, he was mightily exposed right away and aware that there'd be something to lay at the top. At least, to have known peace of soul, he came to the tallest point, something of a stretching starved creature which had paid its wage to the tower. The top of which being a small platform on which he stood, clean with no sign of someone having been taken, that being so if someone else had ever reached the top other than him. Looking around, he could see just how far this world stretched, the magnificence and the dark inverted might. Bloody rivers, blue trees, even the mountains had their strange shapes. In the distance, they had rebuilt some kind of facilities, if those weren't remnants of a long abandoned civilisation. But it was a strange fact that he hadn't noticed, one of the worm-infested suns had actually followed through the same way that facility was. A coincidence, to say the least, he was now lighter, the wings were stronger and he had brought to the attention of a destroyer, the creature which had turned as if to stare at an insect. No expression laid on the construct as it seemed to be the embodiment of perfection, or at least it would've been if it weren't for the fact that hairs still popped out of those legs which were somewhat made of meat rather than the same material of its outer shield and body. But they had been cut, he was aware of that, no matter how dark it had become or how much of a waste there had been, he was aware of it. That creature had been hurt and it was suffering in silence, without a single way to express a sound of any kind or to signal the fact that there'd be danger somewhere inside. He pitched it and watched as it turned away and walked in a different direction. 'Only a couple of suns left for me to see, at least until the beast might take me away.' To which point he couldn't have known, but this was the only time he had flown through the air and glided through the sphere of impurity, spreading his malignity as he headed towards the working facility. The more he approached, the easier it had become for him to realise that there was some sort of activity going down there, large junctions pumping in and out, without much trouble. Why has that small plant in the middle of nowhere been left there in its full shape? There wasn't any sign that it had even been approached or touched in its form. Those junctions and the smoke could've been there for centuries from what it knew and it only became apparent once he had approached, from his aerial view he knew, alas. With a small of black wool, organic inside machines, it was some sort or being which might've been tied to the tall destroyer. Was it working for it or just a slave? He couldn't answer nor had he cared. A fragment of woe, the true unknown had seeped inside and tried to pull him down. Two or three sets of long slender fingers, stretching as far and string attached to a kite came from below and grabbed him from each side, stopping his gliding motion and getting some control. He wouldn't be allowed to roam so easily from this point on, that was as much as he had become aware of. Even in the world outside, he was stopped, as to open his eyes from time to time, laying on a table, waiting. Heavily panting in the background there were some things which couldn't have been explained by his primitive mind, that's why he decided to close them again and return. It was once again that he found himself past any kind of control, looking into some sort of way out, which might make him get freed from their grasp. So far there wasn't any sort of way, in which they could see or look at them. A mark was bored upon the fingers, going around them like slender cylindrical wires. Most likely they had been pushed inside at the ends of long shiveringly heated knives or primitive tools from the likes of which they appeared. But at least now that he was guided he could see that all those slender fingers came

from different window holes from the factory he had been planning on visiting. They were inside tall houses, robust, dirty coloured metal that sometimes looked as if it was of dirt, rubbery strips below where the steps would be and it was only then that he realised that it might be less of a factory and more of an establishment they made. Small being, hard to see, perhaps tall enough to have crawled from dark holes in which they hid for long periods of times and waited. Faithfully it looked as if they came, at last, the thought of which couldn't pass, he knew that others would look away if no to see, the strange creature which was captured and dragged inside. The fingers let go, one by one until there were only two which had managed to wrap themselves as a cloak around him. Everything became clearer once he approached, he could see the streets with their metal railings on the bottom of the floor, and the steep or the incline which went a long way into the bones of the world. It was obvious now that this world was alive, as they have uncovered a giant bone, ripped from the earth which acted like some sort of protecting layer. Veins of dirty dripped with the mouldering moistness which had been its blood. And from this point, he saw an excruciatingly disgusting embalmed twisted of shapes of which rank he couldn't take his eyes away. It was thick enough to be damn bellyaching stip of a ball, but then it opened from below revealing that the fat was merely for protection. What laid below was a set of rolls around limbs which included no less than a couple of arms which slip at the bottom but kept on revealing grabbing morbidities of tense long strips of flesh. They were the same colour of the carapace, a tainted pale brown, which was unlike any other inhabitant which laid around. At least this one was much bigger and it hid more than he had known or was aware of. One thing which made the difference was the fact that it turned to look upon Warren as to see. 'Don't look at me you creature, devil, beast, whatever you might be, I've done you no harm to deserve such a stare of which vileness corrupts me even by the looks alone.' He shunned himself and laid afraid, shaking in his boots while thinking he would be taken all of the sudden by surprise. What laid below it was the body of an almost serpentine home, if it weren't for the fact that it seemed that three instead of one had taken the job of eating the poor man. It bore three distinct tails which pushed its body forward, maybe some extremities were hidden as if the expectation came that tiny legs would erupt from inside his body any moment. Without delay, he was taken in, from the sight of which couldn't have been any better. It was revealed that it was a being or a damned creature for which those fingers belonged, but rather that it had to belong to some sort of machine with a small rolling handle. A decrepit thing to say the least, as it was still attached to a modified hand, from which the fingers came. Thoughtfully he looked around and examined everything he could without delay and without giving a chance for repose. Gently he was freed and let to his own accord. What must I do now in this room, why isn't there anyone? A knock followed and another one came in. A beak laid long and a pair of wings from the sides and back, leaving the poor worm-like body unable to fly in the least. Such a poor miserable mongrel had no place anywhere in a place as damning such as this. He would've been aware if it weren't for the fact that he suffered dearly at the thought of which, he couldn't see nor could he be introduced properly. Another beak extended from behind its head and in a moment, such it came, it leapt from across the room on four pillow shaped bottom feet which had no way of moving and it spoke. 'Greetings, dear one, it seems as if you're lost.' It tries rationalising with the fact that he was there as well, without thinking of the exception that the ooze might not be an intelligent being. Could it be that in truth it might've seen what his true form looked like? There wasn't any way to tell as well as no one could pass the blame if one were to push a rock, one of which just laid above. A simple trap which he noticed, just to walk off from the device which laid below of him and

he'd be flattened.'Oh that, do not mind it, as long as you answer me I will not trigger the device, I say. You can trust me, oh strange creature, now say what you are, for I can see through this guise of yours.Would you be a spy then, of any sort?'His lips were dry and he knew that there weren't any English words which came from his mouth. Nonetheless, it was either an attempt or the rock.'I am Warren and I was taken by some sort of guardian in a colony below the bottom of the earth."Very well, Warren, so what is that happened to have brought you here then? Have you escape from that one who dragged you below?"No, I believe I am still trapped and that my body is still there, covered in something transparent while I'm being prepared.'A curious nod came into being and there seemed to be nothing in the right mind of things. Both of them looked at one another as if they were strangers who had just met.'I see.' The creature said while looking through those bulbous pieces of glass, right through a set of deep reflections which guided him to where the body lay.One tight chamber and it had already begun, the carapace was placed upon his body, an old thing but it just happened to fit.Organic chains were dragged from above and seemed to have shackled his limbs as if to prevent escape at any cost. Without being much distracted, it suddenly twisted the finger device and slowly lowered the rock, only to throw it out the window and watch it bounce in an utmost deranged manner.'I think I see where your problem lay but you must follow me unless you wish to pay the most dreadful of the prices.'As lightning came through the doors, the windows bashed, inside the house there came a cold wind and a grasp.The girl was afraid, looking for her sister in a dream, seemingly unable to pass through, not even in the morning when she woke up and arrived at an empty confusion which lasted.'Where am I? Lisa, Lisa are you there? I need to see you, Lisa, to talk to you, can't you answer my call already?'There appeared to be daylight coming through the windows, which had meant for her, that the storm, all of which woke her up throughout the night, might've been a dark phantasm and nothing else.'I seem to have forgotten myself, at least in this place where I've got nothing but myself.'Another set of knocks arrived, and all of the sudden there came a sweet voice, kind of old, which had reminded her of something she couldn't fully grasp.'It's time for breakfast, will you just open the door now?'Immediately, a recollection of their meeting had arrived, it was the woman who had brought her inside and offered her a place to stay.The first thing she's done was to run towards the window and look outside, full of awe.It couldn't have been a dream, but there was nothing of the sort out there, no cage and no building from which she came out of. Could it be that it was all just an illusion? She asked herself while walking towards the door.The atmosphere was ill as well, for, outside their world, none could tell if any of the souls which had been caught in that lobe of sorts was alive or not. None could try or attempt to wager whenever or not the mass and the light inside of the got extinguished, at least not in the same way either of them would've expected it to go. But something had grown on the outside, as it spread its tubes towards the ground.From the perspective of the watchers, this was no longer a controlled environment of any sort, rather a strange thing which didn't settle down with either of them. Such was it that the other vessels that were brought had been suckled of their essence and left and husks of their former selves to be melted for spare parts into a paste.It would've been a lie to say that faced against what it had become wasn't intimidating, especially since since as close as twenty feet towards it triggered some hormones inside the brain. Whispers of long forgotten or dead ones would come into being, slowly evolving in hallucination or madness. Nothing would stop the victim from marching at the point where there wasn't any self-control to feed himself to their great deity below, for that is what it had become.They have attempted to starve it but not it seemed that it fired

back, as to make it stronger and devours its brothers for as much as it needed in order to survive through this experiment. Something didn't bode well with any of them, especially with the realisation that it might breach much further with those tubes inside the ground. The militia was announced and on their way. Heavy machinery would be ready to be brought as if to cut it down from both sides and contain the spreading infection which it brought upon itself. 'What will happen to me?' The girl asked inside, she could feel ill as if affected by the overwall feeling of dread which floated everywhere. She was still inside the chateau, with the woman she had barely met in the presence of which she felt shy and suddenly slowed. As if a headache had managed to crawl its way inside the head, there wasn't any doubt of what was to happen then. She would be confronted by a woman on the other side, just as soon as she was able to open the door and make sure that nothing which happened was a fever dream. With at least another twist of the key, the door was opened and the woman came, a plate of biscuits and some tea laying on her plate. 'Have you slept well?' Though this woman appeared to be rough, in her familiarity there seemed to be something which made her likeable even at the second glance, when all was said and done. 'That dream again doesn't tell me, I know all about it, with the garden and the eyes.' 'How did you know? I, I thought it was real, everything which happened last night, meeting the man, running through.' 'That's important, that wasn't there before, who is this man you've met?' 'Well, it's not exactly what you think, more like someone who I wanted to talk to before my sister came and pushed him away from following us, that's all.' There wasn't any ponder but she doubted anyone stepped on the property, again, no signs of any forced entry ever since she checked. It was a dream unless she knew better. 'Could you describe him for me, over the tea my dear.' Verona was guided over, right through, towards the garden in the back, where the view was breath-taking and everything laid within a sphere of calm. The two of them appeared to have gone through a ritual which had been brought to a vile start. It was that door which led down towards the basement which disturbed her most despite not know how to explain it. 'That my dear, isn't for you, remember, that's for, well, the man, Theodor, yes, Theodor, he works down there.' 'Is he your?' 'No, no, no, he's not actually, that would be repulsing in the most unnatural manners.' Verona mightily blinked before being lead towards the garden. This look allowed her to see more than the sky, but something she couldn't speak about even if she tried. From the far top of the sky, there almost appeared to have been a red curtain of some sort, not the type which might've been found in a bathhouse, nor one amongst the windows, but rather an opening and an end. Something of a pair of black balls floated in the sky and ran faster than falling stars in their finite places. Obviously from her eyes, as she saw the dilated pupils, she was seeing things again. Without realising that she had taken the pills, she sipped from her drink and looked. 'Verona, are you with me? Can you understand?' 'Yes, yes I know, it's nothing. I seemed to have been taken by the view, nothing more.' Poor lass had been staring for the last fraction of an hour, too pure to have been disturbed by the trance she was in. Worse was the fact that she had become aware that she was being stared at by the woman. 'What was your name again? My memory isn't what it used to be, I'm terribly sorry for that but.' 'Elisabeth, it's Elisabeth, you should've known that I've told you.' 'Yes, well, I can't remember things lately, ever since that night when it happened.' 'I know the story, word by word, please, you must tell me about this, if it weren't a man whom you met last night, how is that you remember seeing one this time?' 'I don't know what you're talking about, this conversation is making me uncomfortable.' 'Verona, wait, it's not what you think.' 'I think I know very well what this is, to think that you would bring a woman just to mock her with your high airs and in your mansion.' 'You're

overreacting now, I'm only trying to help, that's all.'But she misstepped and trapped behind a bush of stone, luckily, her head fell on a pile of moist dirt, as the effects of rain came into play, neither of them was enough to prevent her from falling into another trance. Poor lass never stood a chance.As for the man, in his wild feverish dream, his body,

as his hands and legs were split in many, pushed before. He felt no pain and he wasn't human anymore, but something new, unlike the others. His mind was ready, he concluded, after telling his story, his mind got muted by the powers out there.It felt as if the tall pillar or flesh had listened and decided to give him a chance right there, in the place where he wouldn't like to be.'I see, now that you've settled on this, I'd like you to know that there are consequences for leaving your body just to come and live in this.You were given something of an ill construct, none could tell what might happen to your mind once your other body dies."Just look through my eyes if you can, this is what my fate is.'He did it and observed as he had been repurposed and set ready to live in a strange kind of slavery by a leading unit which attempted some sort of mind control.There'd be nothing preventing it if weren't for the fact

that he managed to be entangled through the waves of psychic link, the means of which allowed for his escape.'Perhaps you might evolve and grow bones and organs on the matter, you might even be an addition too.

Well, if you can't be stopped, I welcome you and bid you wager. You must not leave the room until the transformation is complete and the mind had given upon on the previous meat-shell which kept you unaware.'The strange twist leapt a few steps and closed the curtains now, looked over its way as it darkened its scales and went back into the lair in which he had been cast. Fairly so, the room was dark and he waited in that place, with fear for his future and thinking, just as he closed his eyes.His death on the table was soon to come, just as his mind was being taken care off, they couldn't have another drone which wasn't as effective and obedient after all. Influences were already strong, as they crept inside and made some sort of dreadful notice in the head.Feeling rather like a walking corpse, he finally gave in through the other side, only to observe.It looked as if, for starters he had been taken already and pushed to the limit, at a point where he couldn't tell what had happened, who he was. Where was he and why was it that he had to pick some cruelly made tool and mine out there. He only kept his consciousness because this, this wasn't his body any longer, but the one far away, being an ooze which was growing bones, that at least he could feel and see.As long of a process as that threatened to be, it looked as if there was some sort of an exchange he wasn't aware of, being made.Looking through those eyes which had once belonged to him, he realised that the bottom of the place, at least towards the lowers sides was filled with many of the so-called slaves which ran in their circles unaware that they were taken only for this dark purpose.He was one of them now, unable to tell how many of them had been men, hearing nothing but disdain and harsh murmurs as they passed one another by.Such a time as for a checking had arrived, when at once, a beast of high worth had crawled and slipped from one of the holes above. Obviously, that thing was the only one who could take them outside since they were unable to climb themselves and it could fly.Inner wings, outer ones, two big tubes and different ends, it only kept a piece of their appearance but otherwise, the creature seemed as if it had evolved from them.As a matter of fact, once he had been thrown in the hole, he had a slight access to the memory. Warren could see past everything which laid above, and through the various holes, it was obvious that there were others of higher ranks than him.What was that one doing there then? Neither of them could communicate, despite the use of tools.'Interesting, I seem to have been watching you. Still, you've not let go of the other world you've been trapped into.'The words rang in his mind, darkness fading

and a light revealed the winged totem of meat and eyes, its beaks waiting, forming some sort of twisted smile that showed some twisted teeth inside, which rang from side to side. Once the small source of sight had come into play he wondered at it, why is that I keep defaulting there, must I be a slave rather than be free?' As I've said before, if you want to gain free access to our city and leave the room, you must give up on your past life before it will absorb you.

We cannot afford some entity of which control, regardless how primitive it is, to spread around and try converting. Now, that you know in what you've set yourself into, why don't you just let go?" I've tried, I swear but it cannot be. That body down there, the abomination I've become, it's what I am, it's what I've been." I looked through your mind's eyes and observed a man, a human, a primate of the sorts, unnerved. Now all that remains if there is even a fragment of what you were, nothing but a tainted slave, a twist of the colony which plans to replace. There's no face for you to see, just a snatch from which multiple eyes come into being. No mouth to feed but openings from which to beg from those who come from above to feed you. Worst of all, your mind had left, whatever part of your which remained there is now dead. Without a doubt, you're next to come, if you don't let go, of you, there will be none." With that said, he went out of his being and seemed to have been lost, just as Warren was set again in the dark. Let go, just let go, don't follow and don't allow it to feed you in the least, you're not a beast any longer but a human, a man, still. A discrepancy between his knees made him feel the pain as strength faded. Something primal had made his hunger just continue in its way just as it was told before. Nothing would go better than that, especially if he had known. Once the feeding tube sealed, the outer shell it bore hardened and his head was slapped, slammed and cracked. He couldn't have let go of it yet as he noticed his world split in half, not dead yet. But the obtrusion from which he saw now looked in two different directions, most importantly, the holes in which the food would be shoved inside now laid brokenly open. Forced on the ground by others, the tube was shoved as far inside as it could be, force-feeding him in the most dreadful manner, in which he couldn't help but bleed from the fact, with its purple and green demeanour, as well as the blue-ish which came from his inner harmony and breaking organs. It was painful but he couldn't puke, there was a self-sealing manner which brought most of the moist walls inside his body to keep the feeding substance from spilling out of his body. Such a taint made him look down and cower in the end. When the one who flew out was done and the others returned to work, he stood there shaking, lifting itself slowly, there was time to work and he would be left behind. Another punishment would be deadly, as he thought of it, as hard as he had known. His body was stolen and got thrown. Without the outside help, he felt that in the room again, the pain and cruelty, mostly the shame remained, to have been exposed in the most dreadful manner, and forced to eat like some sort of dumb creature. Some of his wills were freely fading in the favour of keeping his original body there, making sure it wouldn't be destroyed. It was his first, as it had been, and he was aware that this practice of replacing bodies and repurposing was something which had been used through countless generations and plenty of other races. Just looking at their faces made him realise that it was more than that, there was an element of mindlessness and degeneration which came from some sort of bigger mind, some power which governed over them and whispered. That voice could only be heard now of all times as it attempted to shove images of others, past empires built through other kinds of beings, taller, bigger, stronger and more primal. Other kinds of brutes have been used in order to make different kinds and mostly this was shown in order to draw him in to stay. Without the least of chance, there would've been a conversion if it weren't for the fact that he wasn't blinded by their creations, but rather

that he'd seen some sort of agony through which the slaves had gone through. Sooner or later he'd go through the same thing whenever or not he had any desire of living in a place such as it claimed to be. 'I want to leave this body, just free me of these bonds.' He said, with a grin and a dark expression on his face, the man, or what he had been, looked as if he had won and was ready to leave it still. But the whispers continued and told him to stay, that if he would leave, there'd be something for him to pay. Dearly as he had been, he could see the other side decomposing, the human skeleton not fully formed. It was something of a plan which backfired right in front of his eyes and he was aware of every single passing moment of it. Not only he would suffer, but also he could be forced to the point of having to see that there was something to it which couldn't have done him any better. He was to be set against the slaves while the decomposition continued, a painful process which wasn't even close to the dread he was to feel, the lightning outside, shining like the buzzing of an eel. It was deafening to hear the voice, but it had stopped once the being leapt again inside the room. Its head had been a slip and what remained of its eye was barely functioning in its condition, apparently, there had been a fight. 'You need to hide.' It barely spoke, even though it couldn't see that Warren, the human was just as gone as he had been. There was nothing to be seen no longer as a brutally torn mandible came, with its body composed mostly of bones, primal in its approach, carrying a dark touch of grey fire. That thing had enough spines to form a small wardrobe in which it could place and hide its trophies, for which it noticed. At last, it leapt from the other side of the room and shoved two fingers inside the slime, pulling the skull, as dirty of ooze as it had been and throwing the rest outside. He had felt his body dissipate in the air and among the outer blocks of ill material that ran there. Worse was the fact that he had now a view of the creature, as he had become a part of its body, even as the slime found its way through the bones and straight into his orifices, there was little doubt of his intentions. Especially since the bones were charred, his skull came even closer to popping out, looking mightily like the head, the piece which was in control. None would tell, whenever or not this was its head, just as it returned and revealed a chest, under all those bones, the skin was a deeply coloured red, with magnificent forms outside the skin. They looked like bumps of tumours, hidden by the outer armour, from which there popped eyes to see, luckily the armour had been specially made to make sure there'd be cracks everywhere. It gave as much of a sight whenever it went, seeing in every direction, without least of a mention, he wasn't aware what was the deal with it. Could it be that it wasn't actually thinking but rather some sort of instinct-driven mongrel? Whenever this was still a choice laid up to debate. He could feel himself weaken from the work out there, the pain dwelling in his body, then, the pain that came after, seeing those defenceless leapers be taken down. There wasn't any way of avoiding what was going on, some sort of creation he had become, to see them tortured in the least, before the feast. Most bodies had been dragged outside or thrown from the windows in a pile. Other building had been entire sealed, as it seemed this was only a breach in this industry of work. Poor creatures stood there, split from every side, unable to fight back, skulls and heads cracked, faces smacked, a decrepit thing to look at. He wanted nothing more but to close his eyes and waver after seeing that they have all been placed under a net. There'd be a feast this night to come if ever came a day again. But with their spoil, they took the toll and went on the road, no loss of sorts, but he had known himself to be, the only man lost, in agony. But as it seemed, the other side, which was, a woman in her youth exploring, still confused. What was this place, the garden and why did it all seem so conveniently familiar in her eyes? Even the scent of roses, and as far as through the farther parts of nature's wooden labyrinths. 'Oh, you shouldn't

go through that way."What's your father doing down the basement?"It came as sudden as surprising as it seemed to be, the eyes of which spoke of the best intentions even though there were things a young lady shouldn't be forced to know. There were things which she remembered happening during the night, things which a lady, again, shouldn't be aware of. Those dreadful sounds of electricity which ended back under the ground where the forces which he delved in didn't belong. More so, she has brushed away to another subject, not likely that she'd ever get the chance the fight back the dreadful, not to be fed with those things which made others suffer. 'It's just dinner, that's all, you need to eat in order to get down on your feet, unless you want to return back on the bed, standing on your back and being ready to be taken ahead.' Nothing of the sort, I think this will suffice for now, the fish is tasty but I cannot find myself likely to touch the chicken. The same old girl which always refused to show compliance, that she knew far too well to ignore or to say no more. Sooner or later she would have to be seen, but already, there was a plan which had been set inside her mind, one which would help her escape this strange place, where she felt as if she didn't belong. And every now and then, she tried glancing below as if to see, right through the pavement, where her father was down, experimenting. Somehow, she could do it, even through mere transparency, and a dull imagery which may or may not has been real. Could it be my imagination? Of that, I could never be sure enough, but I'll try to keep my head clear just in time. To see the man who had brought from a circle, right onto the table a body to look upon, which was freshly dragged from a place which didn't belong to the human world. To say the least, it appeared to have been some eel-like aquatic creature, full in bulk, oily at least by the looks alone. It had four heads at the end which made it seem coloured and formed like a stingray which had wrapped itself against a giant sea cucumber of the sorts. Worst was that below it there was nothing, just as flat at the bottom of a barrel, perhaps to a mere depression. She could see him rotate the plate and pretended to look at the flowers, meanwhile seeing the morbidity the creature displayed when it moved from time to time, hiding something inside of it. The doctors had noticed that and suddenly backed away as if he had become afraid. What were other things there in the dark? The hooks and the way he tried to run and hide made her realise that he wasn't under control. 'Are you feeling right Verona?' 'No, I mean I am feeling right, it's just that, just that I'm trying to.' Her mind was blank and felt o suggestion of what to tell her or how she might finish the sentence if it came to it. Alas, there was little to no distraction when it came to it, at least she was aware enough that she'd be taken back inside her room when it was all over. 'I'm not trying to be rude, but I'm trying to get my space, you know? I've been separated from my sister and I can't seem to be able to set my thoughts straight when you are near. I can't explain the reason behind it, but every time you're near me, I appear to dread every moment and want to be afraid. Something is lost on me and I can't explain what.' Verona's explanation seemed to have stung a little but she understood. Elisabeth was to take the dishes and head inside the house to take care of them alone. 'If this is truly what you want.' There was a level of guilt which had been left behind, more so for the likes of being some sort of jab at her. Nonetheless, it had shown itself to have worked quite well, enough that she would look even more depressed than she had ever been. One deviation came, from the mind, as the creature which was blind and beyond its bottom floor, in the ocean no more. It was some sort of bore to look at it struggle, that's when the doctor came with an axe-like spear, having no fear. It came to like some sort of stab, a cut and a battering as the blunt backside of the weapon started being pushed around each side of the body. This had quickly become a vivisection which had started pushing organs inside, spilling the dirty liquids in its malnourished foul mouth which had barely formed. At

the top of the head, it had revealed itself as a smouldering, boiling hole, undoubtedly the way it used to hunt and kill its prey. There wasn't even a doubt of the effects that boiling agent had once it was submerged underwater, or how far the jets of hot blood it threw into the air. It was dangerous enough that the doc back away and let it continue to waste its blood, it had to be depleted sooner or later and seemingly so, it was harming itself more than anything else. He watched as it used its own jets of burning blood cut through its own body in an attempt to end itself and put a stop to the misery. Soon enough the Jets had lost their girth, it was the moment when the birth had begun. From the deepest ends of the body there came, as a defence mechanism in order to protect what came out of it as a sack of skin, pushed forth, more than half of its composition or body mass being pushed forth with whatever else it had inside. It was a last minute attempt to try and save its child, without realising that they would soon come to suffocate. He remembered water, but he wasn't aware of the composition which was required for this type of creature to breathe in. There was a disconnect as he ran to the nearest sink and started filling a small tank he had at the bottom. They would squirm in the sack for some time, as it appeared to have had all the necessary liquids to keep them alive. Sooner or later though, there would be a need to put them in a proper home, one of which wouldn't have them slain or taken away in another stack of corpses, left to rot near their mother. The substance was unobtainable by a long shot, leaving him with nothing but a crude attempt to get at it. The sulfuric or chlorohidic acid which might've done more harm than anything else made him aware that there could be another element which was unknown to humans. Regardless of which, he cleaned the tank with the acid and carried the small tank towards the ankh which laid in the corcle. He wasn't too keen on doing the ritual again, but it hadn't ended and the line between reality and that cruel other world was near enough to be crushed by the hand. Without a doubt of fear of making a sort of mistake, he pronounced the incantation and seemed to have opened something of a small bubble in the dark, the dirt having become soft enough to have itself be released under his very own eyes. 'This is it, open Bahlinor, give me the chance to enter your world.' What came after were some words of which couldn't be written or set down, as not to reveal something as dreadful as the visions the incantations have set. With the least of senses kept out there, the bubble was poked with a long and sharp fire iron, which left a small stream of the water-soluble thing in which that race had to swim. Time was important and the end was coming as near as he was aware of it, leaving little to the imagination as for what came next after the portal closed. It was heavy enough but he managed just well enough by himself, unable to show fear. By the time he reached the table, it seemed that the creature had been sucked off a lot of its own fluids and that the bubble in which the children laid expanded. 'Well, it would seem that for now, I'll have decided to try and feed you to your own. That is to say, living specimens of your own race are far more important and helpful to my research than a dying old breed which almost managed to harm itself and its offsprings.' That was the perfect spot as well, on the table, without a shimmer of doubt, that a way of perfect extraction was unattainable.

He had to cut through with a butcher's knife, leaving a grand noise come out of it. Distressed wasn't enough to describe what it actually looked like, at least not in the way he had thought it to be. To say the least, there'd be a feast of the sort as soon as they entered and they had been thrown, a piece of their mother was already gone. Bastards ate it all with the least of shame, the tentacle and the tubes had been gone. Little monsters had not even the decency as to prove him as the instinctually opened themselves and spread their degeneracy everywhere around the body upon which they attached themselves to. That was, to say the least fascinating, to look upon a newly discovered species

and to somehow guide towards their own kind spreading. It was dreadfully close to looking real in the way he thought. Enough to make him carry their mother in the cooling unit along the others. A small room, which was cold, not enough to freeze everything but enough to keep it long enough as for the meat to last for months or even years. He had nightmares of that room, there had been plenty amongst the days he closed himself inside the laboratory. Even when eating and surrounded by the sight of his daughters made him feel uneasy as if to think that either of them would attempt to enter his laboratory and harm his poor mind. Worse was how either of them would come close to being lost, being so at any cost would be dangerous as if to hear a moan. It disturbed him as well as them, when they met around the garden, the moan was heard. Some big animal, though it couldn't be, that he was aware of the portal being closed, he had done it, at least he knew, but now he was met by two pairs of sights he couldn't forget. Sweat was running past his shirt and as he tried to say a thing or to excuse himself, Verona started. 'Are you feeling all right? What is it you're keeping down there? The sounds that I hear come not even close to an elephant in pain, a dreadful moan that both of us have heard.' He was being interrogated, at least the way it seemed to have left an impact on him made him rather uneasy. 'I can explain, I think, it's a misunderstanding of the sorts, I tell you, there's nothing there, other than the sounds of the basement and the wind tunnel underneath. They are caves you see, under the mansion, and their walls as so thin that wind travels underneath at an unfathomable pace.' 'I see.' Answered Verona, seemingly drawn to the idea that there was more to explore below than there had been everywhere around. After all, they had been surrounded by nothing as far as to ask. 'Is there a town where I may walk towards? Elisabeth seems to be so secretive towards everything that I cannot say whenever or not there's something else around or not. At least to be called as such was enough to wager some kind of thoughts exchange for the others. That's great enough of an idea my dear, be a kind spirit Ellie and take her to the town.' 'You mean on foot, all by myself?' 'Do as I say.' The doctor said with somewhat of a decrepit tone, he looked worn off and hadn't the time to argue in the least. From the least, he knew there was some kind of beast which had escaped there and his time was wasted on some kind of banter. 'Very well father, but if something happens and somehow she'll get lost, it will be on your hands.' There were pity and disdain, but it was something to be accepted far longer than she had been awake, ever since being a child, there was something which made her more anxious, especially near a lot of people. 'It would be worse for you to stay, remember that as well when you make your way back to civilisation.' His eyes were weary and filled with damnation, little doubt being in the manner of fact that there wasn't any way for him to do anything else about that. As soon as they came out of sight, he returned to his senses and went towards his destination. More than his lips remained dried, including his deep guts at the thought that he forgot to take the idol away, meaning that any kind of abomination could've crawled inside without him knowing, either of which would've made him even less than aware. He was there. One look it took for him to realise that the portal had only partially opened then closed, beheading another one of them, who stood there without a body, meaning. Such a gentle body, slippery and clean, with a white-coloured blood, spreading across the floor and dissipating in a disparaging way. Clearly, there was little one could do to ease the pain, leaving only but an option to get through, the slaying of the creature and the feast. It wouldn't take long, though he had little desire to harm the carcass, he analyzed and managed to tell, something wasn't in there as well. Other than being the same species of the previous creature, this one seemed to have been taller and wider, perhaps a male? 'I will be gentle, just trust me in this.' His voice had the calmest tone,

almost serene, before long he realised that this half of creature wasn't dead yet. His thoughts came into play, thinking well enough that there might've been a malformation, some mutation which kept it alive. It had shown no signs of dying as of yet, that much was clear to him, little to which could've been unknown to others. Stretching along, he came by the side, trying to avoid direct contact and being in danger, he pushed his foot and kicked the small idol, the ankh, that dreaded symbol which opened the portal to the other world. He now saw himself in the reflection of a sealed side. It looked as if from behind, as it stopped bleeding, there was some kind of opening of tubes and wires, all of which were deep as well as they were part of the organism, waiting to be connected with something as well. 'Worry not, for I shall take care of you now, just wait as I bring you what you need.' With the moving table within reach, he placed a second pair of gloves on and used the metal incisors to grab around the creature's waist and place it on before realising he had failed. It bounced against the ground as the weight revealed itself, leaving but another hard moan which echoes across the room. 'Shh, Shh, don't make that no more, I'll try to be gentle then next time I'm taking care of you.' But it wouldn't do, as he had noticed, even with the table stretched and rotate to face the ground, the heaviness would make it slide. It had to be at a feet level, but there wasn't anyway. 'There's no need for this any longer then, I shall experiment on you while on the ground.' As it were, to be said, at least, there was to be an opening underneath the creature, which would open as soon as it was turned on its back. That was dangerous because the agents the race kept spewing in the air. Though something still crept into him, mostly being the fact that it appeared to be well, unable to struggle because of the lack of air. It should've felt its effects by now, but that wasn't going to happen any less than now. When the moment came, he pulled a barrel, glass replaced, the morphine-like acid, deep inside, laying there after being re-boiled in the morning. This should counter whatever agent it had inside, if only he had it replaced and numbed the organ which produced that dangerous weapon which laid beyond any of his awareness. This had to be done farther from the circle, just in case something may come out of this experiment, the circle had been too hard to create and way too invaluable to abandon. He looked into the many revealed eyes that it appeared to spread, as long globes, the skin tightening around, but showing no sign of dying. It was far too pale to be considered living, far too lurid to be considered an animal and receive any kind of mercy. After a small hook was taken from a small machine, from which laid a chain attached, he shoved it inside, right into the underside and pulled one of the chains as if to start the machine. Slowly it was dragged on the ground, pulling a hard muscle, leaving a trail which bore with it a stench which was unrecognisable to the human senses. Somehow it had been open and he had to know, as he quickly turned it around, without care of the danger which laid there, he realised how much lighter it had felt. More than that, a dreadful reveal, as the opening had inside the ribs of a man, a human, a primate laying inside, keeping some pseudo-human-aquatic terror hybrid on the bottom of his laboratory. Those eyes never stopped turning and adjusting, clearly watching him as if to see his every move and figure out whenever he'd do something dangerous which would creep inside his mind, leaving him with some dreadful injury. 'Enough of his, I need of you nothing but compliance, no more.' But he touched his forehead, without realising that he had touched the creature. In his mind, he realised just how sloppy he was and threw the gloves, went to the sink and rubbed himself with alcohol. Some of it was burnt off and he could feel the heat just bursting across his face. Somewhat unable to resist the substance, it gave him an idea of how he might subdue the fiend in the best of ways. Whenever or not that was intentional, he couldn't tell, nor had he cared about

what was to happen once he left the room. But that carcass there was living as he knew it, and even those breeds of the same race appeared to be frightened by the moans. Never ending, oh the noise, it was just as disturbed as to look upon its body with its own dreadful eyes. It had become more human than the previous experiment, that much was known as well as it was written in his small book of notes. Right under the previously acquired specimen, the offsprings of which might have to be documented later, once they have been thoroughly analyzed and documented separately from the dead. But this was different, at least from any other, it looked almost as if had come not through the summoning portal but through the same way that visitor had arrived that dreadful night. A hairy beast which seemed almost intelligent, the fear of which damnation could never have been stopped if it were for it to attack. As a leper on a strike, he wrote endlessly, that he noticed, now in the way it acted moved. 'And remained alive through the course of my experiments, which included but not in the least booked out the opportunity to attempt unearthly types of substances which shouldn't have belonged to no man. That list included acids, specially conditioned that they would sustain some kind of prolonged injury when applied to the skin and inner tissue. Everything got worse with the decline of an attempt to mix them up directly into the body he had. 'With little to no creeping inside the matter, he had become conscious that he was watched now after he had poisoned and in a sick disturbing way to explain what he was doing, tortured the being, his every move was followed. Many of those eyes seemed to have produced something which might've been called tears if it wasn't for the fact that there wasn't any proof whatsoever that there was some kind of tear duct canal. An involuntary reaction to pain, though it was getting late, that demonical piece of meat and bone had to be chained, from around, before the real experimentation could begin. Though it had been cold, both of the women had worn their jackets, leather that couldn't be felt through the cold, rather than its warmth and bond. 'That's where we're going to, just please, don't mention anything of what you've seen to any of them, you know how people tend to react to stories. And whatever you do, never leave my sight and don't try speaking to any man in the vicinity, as long as we're here, it's expected of us to behave. 'Such a bore, the woman felt worse than her sister, much more so since she expected me to follow every single command. Some air of authority which emanated from within seemed to have dictated her to do as she was called onto. But what was wrong with this small town? If it could be called this way, the wall for starters was dreadfully high. There were chains and metal rods at the top of which, it seemed to have guided many types of formations of steel, that would chill the air above. 'Was that supposed to be here?' 'No, I presume not, people have always been reclusive here but not in that sense, or at least not at this level. 'After a glance, there wasn't any guard, but a post which had been left there to be watched and grasped at. With little to no regard for her own sake, she took Verona by the hand and came by the wall inside. The dirt was still there, after the rain, the buildings looked still more primal as if they had belonged to some village which, in its place belonged to some distant lord living in its castle. Worse was the fact that a lot of the people around recognised both of them, especially as ruffled as she appeared to be. 'Greetings, Elisabeth, Verona, it's been a while since we last met. 'Myse, you're here, after all these years, I thought you would've left a long time ago. 'I thought that myself for the longest time, but that was before I woke up and found myself bearing a child, you know? It's never the same once you go that path, there some things you can never run away from. 'Her dress was a dirty grey and she wore a white apron, her face still managed to shine like the diamond it was, with her pale green eyes, red locks and smile. She seemed forlorn, caught in awe that she saw both of them together, reunited,

but was saddened by the fact. 'Is she still.' 'Yes, yes she is, I'm afraid that I've lost all hope now, there's nothing I can do to bring her back. Neither I nor our father.' 'Is he still working on the inventions down there?' A simple nod was enough, but she had become alarmed by the fact that people had begun staring at both of them. Somehow both of them were in the heart of the city, dreading every moment, before being offered an invitation. Properly so. 'Verona, would you like to visit my home, as a guest of a kind? I don't know if you know who I am.' 'You're the lady with the flowers on her chest, I think. When you were younger, you used to wear them until they would crook and wither.' Both of them were surprised at the fact that she remembered that, more than that, she actually spoke. There wasn't any shyness nor any attempt to hide away from the first person who started the conversation. It was nothing but contempt over the fact that she had somehow remembered despite everything that happened. With a pleased smile, she signed to follow. But something more so disturbed them so, the presence which had signalled danger in the town, that giant tower from afar, which brought the memory of something much darker, henceforth ignored. But she couldn't stop thinking about it and what it truly meant for her, there was something beyond any kind of hope which came, something dreadful about it, and how it threatened to sprout legs and move. That was it, the image was clear, as she hung to her life dearly. There had been previous nightmares the nights before but never had she felt the fear she had shown now, especially since there was nothing more frightful than what she saw in front of her eyes. A mad perfection of black stone which raised to a perfectly shaped pyramidal top. As she went farther to the woman's house, it would've become obvious that the tower would somehow manage to block the sun and take her sight away unless she showed a sign of restraint. The pain went into her guts, she couldn't move at one, bleeding from below, approached by many from everywhere around as it to see. 'I'm a doctor, make way for me at once.' Elisabeth seemed just as shocked, everyone looked surprised, not only because something bad has happened but also because they recognised her. This woman was some sort of known being, taken from under, touched by a colder hand, it was something which couldn't be helped. 'Help me take her inside, there.' The doctor pointed at one of the closest houses, at least one of the ones he had visited and helped. 'I'll speak with the man of the house, he owes me a favour, I'm sure of it.' With that, they followed and done as they were told, not one of them ready to fold or to leave the girl lying there, like some sick animal bursting into tears. I know you're the one causing this much pain to me, oh dark tower, I've known you since I came into this world. You're going to take me and drag me down into your world of sunken dreams and misery. At once her thoughts were taken away as the doctor was done speaking and got her inside, fresh pillows on the way, there was some sort of pain inside. 'Where does it hurt my dear? Bring hot towels now, and something softer for her knees. I'll need you to cooperate as well, as her sister, you're the closest thing that she might hold onto.' Her ears rang, and it almost looked like her eyes seemed of a new kind of confusion. They were almost entirely white, the speed with transparent shades around the pupil. It couldn't be that this Elisabeth and Lisa be the same person, as it were, yes, much older, much, much older than she had remembered. As a matter of fact, a lot of what she remembered of her had remained in the past, lost from any sort of grasp. 'So you're my sister, huh?' 'The one and only.' Tears ran down her face once she realised that her only sister might be approaching something of an abrupt end, for which there might be nothing to be made. 'Why haven't you told me sooner? There's so much I would've liked to know.' 'I couldn't, my dear, you were always caught in your own world, and in moments of pure sanity, you were the most vulnerable of all. Oh, I was afraid that telling you anything might disturb whatever fragment of your

mind was there.'Unluckily so, it seemed to be, that pain had reached her body as well. It was unexplainable, what the doctor had seen, some sort of symbiosis, a black whelch which grew inside and spread from the rear and the main entry, sealing her entires but leaving the blood get through.'Stop stooping and bring me what I've asked for, this isn't a show."Will she live dr. Glissard? Can she get past this in one piece or is it just a waste of time?"In my thirty years of practice I've never seen something that much alike, my dear, I'm afraid that the only thing I could try doing is manually removing it, if not I could only ease the pain as this goes on."But what if this doesn't stop? It cannot be that I may look upon myself again, knowing I left my dying sister that way."There's no need for the four of you in here any longer, please leave, we need to let her breathe.'It was clear enough that only the man who had still been gone to gather everything he needed, himself, and another woman other than Elisabeth and Verona.She would act as one of the nurses since the sister was far too gone into the thought of losing her to be useful in any way whatsoever. It was a matter of life and death and the patient laid no sign that she was fighting back this growth inside of her.Another slam against the rock and the slavery had begun again. He was tainted, as a man would be, split into two halves, neither of which was human, to begin with.His skull had grown an eye, eerily watching around, trying to shoot a glance from here and there, being brought to their functional home, a throne of mighty being, carved in some kind of stone.They built it by themselves with tools of steel and completed the construction under the giant bones, remains of their greatest God, and as they made their way to the most primal, he saw that the bones weren't white but dark and orange, stricken with the green of famine. That thing almost looked alive, ready to strike at him, with its two giant green globes of green, not to be seen by no human being.Yet he felt that he was losing control of the mindless creature which laid on the other side.Without a way to recover his body, he was cursed to live the rest of his days as a watcher with no arms or legs. Nothing to feel with, nothing to be content about, only the memory of that warm morbid corpse he felt.The misery of which brought him much distaste for he desired to be in its presence again.To feel that embrace, not to be under the fear of a land of dark stone, above a desert dom, which spread as far as to the sea, which was in sight, ready to be taken by the dunes. They spelt under the shades, unravelling all their bones next to them, as they slept in the small holes that had been dug inside the stone. It was a surprise to see their slender and weak bodies, especially after seeing how much damage was done and how many things they stole.With tails dangling and arms and legs just as long as their bodies were, it seemed like their brains would've been limited to their size. But what they couldn't handle in their mass, they made it through the ferocity that they displayed. It made him wonder if these things even though, for in their current passive form they acted mightly neutral, with no sign of aggression, especially against one another. He was surprised but remembered that every place had some thing or creature, object or machine which controlled lower lifeforms and enslaves them. Could it be any different out here?They all went to sleep, including the slaves on the other side of the world, which gave him the perfect opportunity since he felt none of the needs for survival. His bones attached immediately down the neck, to a spine which had belonged to another creature, same with arms, the claws and lack of real wings as they were replaced with long bones, sharp, but they moved.A pair of legs which attached gave him the impression that he had become like them, or at least would've if it weren't for the foreign elements inside.Worst of all was the fact of what he had become, a winged skeleton which couldn't fly, unable to return because of the fear that retaliation might arrive.He came to run down the slope, not towards the dune but towards the unknown.The sight before him was strange but

better, he could see through the dark much better, but something stopped him there, before. He couldn't just leave them alive while they prepared to go forth. He hadn't paid any attention but they have eaten one or more of those fiends, especially since there wasn't a thing that could be said about it, none got the chance to enjoy the rest. During the night, a bone of spear came from above and took their lives in silence, without giving them a chance or a making way for them to be defended. But that wasn't what he did alone, as he made sure some would get punished. I'm only doing this to prove a point. He said as he started carrying boulders, heavy as they were, placing them upon the holes and blocking any of the access out. Soon they would wake to realise the lack of air and without a doubt, won't be able to escape in time. It was dreadfully fair, but he was done, most of these creatures, weak as they were got punished, even if something hadn't felt right. Without the fight in return, he felt guilty, flapping his long spears behind, trying to see if there was any chance to achieve flight. To no avail, he felt like a small demon, a creature of bones which had somehow done something wrong, that it wasn't their fault. But who is it that controls them here? Who has taken, if it may be true, controlling their minds, listening. He had become aware of something big and leathery jerking, instincts kicking in despite not having a functional brain on this side. He bows and took a vile position in the pile of bones and watched. That long twisting flying worm of many faces, vile forms turned into a triangle, then into a sphere and floated madly before taking the form of a dark succour of mightily long and thin cylinders which stretched from a flat circle. Small openings came from each of those forms and moved in every direction as if to check what happened, all of them were dead. He'd been right all along, he wasn't mad and it was coming, all the while to the point where this creature was terrorising the poor mongrels in their factories, alas. Now that it was settled, he looked strangely at what he'd done, as pumping some sort of liquid had worked and turned their head into big shallow, hardened points of meat, which made them obey even after their deaths. It was unclear whenever or not something happened between this exchange but moments later it came out of its hole and seemed to walk up again. Despite what it seemed, this creature didn't look passive any longer, but rather aggressive from the get-go. From inside of its spine and back sprouted another tail, coming out from a cluster of bones, mutations which shouldn't have belonged, but this was their version of revival after all. None could complain about being brought to life, even if it meant getting on with the defects. A plump fat one came from the hole, growing another deformed face and multiple long legs across its body which made it look like a mutated grasshopper. One, in particular, had been too slammed to be pushed to the realisation that something worked inside. Pieces of its skin grew inward, there had to be a cut along the head, which wasn't needed any longer, as well as some other parts discarded. Out of all of them, this had become the worst, an abomination which grew tails from every part removed. It was a wonder how it kept on working despite every defect which pushed it to be what it was now. A frightful approach came, as the boulders were shoved or thrown by the side and the small creatures adapted and survived. It was some sort of dreadful miracle for what happened next came to a danger which couldn't have been. For started it had taken its original worm form, crawling with its brown rigs, twisting and mashing its form, extending and pretending to not have been aware. It was so close that it almost felt as if it could hear the thought. Perhaps it had, though there was no certainty to it. Too much of its time was spent upon trying to see whenever or not he was alive, unable to notice, the littlest twitch which happened, for in its mind, he was already dead, no longer alive. He had become some sort of creature beyond the living, much more so, hidden inside a skull he laid such as a slime would, trying to stray from

the powers that thing had. It was done, no more checking as he had escaped, without a chance to be seen, as his fate had seen it through, suddenly his skull was bashed and it was done. For now, at least, he had been awakened in the slave body, sleeping among others in the small hole they had been set. Some of his minds were left there but other things in his brain, he did forget, the hit was heavy. Even now his ears rang, a piece of his brain must've flattened, though he heard to whispers of control. He wanted to feel more than that, but there wasn't any way for him to escape, as he had become aware, the ledge above was way too high, and without help, he wouldn't be able to climb. A dreadful thing he had done, with a small tool, its sharp end came, he didn't proceed to kill them yet. No, this wouldn't work, don't think about it, they're not as defenceless and you won't be as quick as you think. Professor Warren felt like comforting himself in the least as much as it helped him cope with the fact that he used the metal pick to pull their bodies and push them closer to one another. It didn't have to be perfect but at least one had awakened. His pincers started cracking as one another and his poses had been slowed. There was a clear amount of danger and a threatening pose that creature took, as it to defend its territory, strangely, it hadn't picked anything off the ground, no hammer, nor a second tool. It acted like an animal, trying to move back and forth and look as threateningly as it could. 'Suffer.' He attempted to say, but his voice sounded barely close to it, though, despite the distortion, it came out as a human would, creeping in through until it suddenly retreated in a corner. It was much to his awareness that it would return to fight him back despite every muttering, for what he was doing was highly disturbing to it, to look upon a dissatisfied stacked pile. Nonetheless, it was time for an attempt, as he slowly touched the hard areas, avoiding the soft ones, he had come to the point of shoving the pick inside the edges of the hole. 'This is it.' Warren said, and it was almost as if he had called his magnificent pet, for he had come and grabbed him by a few of his legs, trying to hold on. But this wasn't as much as an aggressive move, more like another attempt for him to escape as well, struggling way too much as he had done. Other woke up immediately, making it seem like there wouldn't be another chance. Each and every creature started imitating the crab-like behaviour, pushing their long extrusions from behind now and pushing out sharp stones around. It was a dreadful thing which cropped the cave. For what were this purposes now? Small stones had been expelled from their insides, which planted themselves and crushed the stone at an invisible level, dropping at least twenty feet below into a dark hole he couldn't see through. This violent end had been caused by him, who sat there, holding to the metal pick. Below of which, the creature stood and waited, just as a patient. I need to escape, no matter the cost. He thought, seeing how it barely held to a few of his feet together. Just in reach for him to act, he started chopping with his pincers, first few legs and it already lost balance. A painful string of sharp and dull pain came, without a doubt, the result of being almost taken down. His body started pulling pieces of itself as well. This is when his behaviour started being imitated but for a different reason altogether. The creature knew it was to be abandoned as it thought it would bring both of them down, as it proceeded to do the only thing which showed a sign of understanding and a fragment of intelligence despite being too far gone. It started cracking and smashing cutting at the joints with the piece that was free. Soon enough, the outer-shell and its protection had fallen into the abyss. There it stood, nakedly trying to hold onto him, without realising that one of its pincers and all of its legs had fallen. Oh you dreadful thing, couldn't you have realised that the shell was holding your body together? No longer had it stood there that it seemed to have fallen down the line, taken by the blind sea of darkness and right into the damp hole where he had gone. Now it was his chance, the

victory, trying to climb, little by little, inch by inch until he got inside the tight hole from which he had been thrown. From there, it was tight enough around for him to climb and walk forth towards his escape. Without the light peering in he guided himself by touch, soon enough he would find himself going through mazes he didn't, he couldn't have imagined in the least. The pain, as the woman screamed, it was almost as if that dark globe inside of her started as the doctors as more of them had come inside the house. It almost seemed like a conference than anything else, each of them equipped with a certain tool, looking forth. Who was this girl and what was her worth? That was the main inquiry as they had wondered what had happened to her to have reached this level of being filled with the fuel of damnation. Some previous attempts have managed to push pins or long metal strips right through the infected area to no avail. The definite intervention had to be made, in a way which might break the woman beyond any kind of repair, leaving but a single chance to make things right. Nothing could've signalled that there was something bright. But there was something inside, such as it was never seen, generating some light when poked, a device most likely. It was strange, beyond that, to look at what happened, but the first of many conclusions which had been reached became. 'Someone must've planed a device inside of her, which generated all that black sludge.' Said doctor Eugliass, while cleaning his only monocle with no shame, with the reason of taking another look at what was inside. He reached another one before his fellows even got the chance. 'I might even conclude, on my behalf that the device inside of her might somehow be alive as I managed to notice some twitch of a kind. That would be all, as far as I should know.' 'But how do we remove it, how can we save my dear sister? I've never seen this type of thing before.' 'Calm down, sister you say? You don't suppose you could show us yours as well, for a strictly scientific reason, it could run in the family after all.' They laughed as if something amusing was muttered, some unable to hide wide grins while she remained peeved at the fact that they were not treating her sister with the respected she deserved. Hours passed until they brought, two metal reachers, from which they forced inside with the strongest grip, from which the woman woke up in a scream, surrounded by a group of moustached and bearded, an eccentric-looking pair of men. The natural reaction was, obviously as it went on, for her to shout at loudly as she could, shifting around in her chair, looking over, only to find Lisa standing there, all young. With her sight deluded, she found the others grabbing and holding her down. 'No, let go of me, Lisa, Lisa!' Gagged her with a piece of cloth wasn't the best idea, but neither was the substance which dripped on her tongue and directly through her throat. 'What have you done to her?' 'Nothing harmful, I must assure you, rather something to calm her down so she wouldn't disturb us with our removal. It needs only the most minute accuracy in order to push it out and the patient must go ahead and be put to sleep.' 'Degenerate old man, she thought, as it was obvious that it wasn't the piece of cloth which made her lose her consciousness. He stung her with a needle, but the reason for which he hid it away was unknown to her. Other than the substance being illegal, she was aware of the mark just inside the armpit, making it seem mightly reassuring that she wasn't about to wake. They all looked content and gay about this entire problem, without doing much to help in the first place. 'Aren't you going to help in any other way?' 'We'll leave the blacksmiths for now take care of what's inside of her, after which and only after, we'll be able to find out whenever or not something went wrong.' A procedure that took over an hour and took everyone by surprise, from inside of her, there came out a small idol, followed by the black pool which had become from the solid sludge which had managed to clog her every entry. 'What's that then?' Both the blacksmiths that came dropped it on the floor once it started moving a few steps

and fell to the ground. One of them managed to grab it and feel around. No, it couldn't be, I saw it moving, but now. It was obvious that the legs had no joints, neither a way to move. Everything which had been witnessed had been a play of their minds, more important than that being the woman, who had to be covered by a blanket as her sister asked. 'You two, get out, as well as you and the others.' But what about the experimentation? I mean the testing for which to see if she's going to be fine or not? 'Only one of you stays now, I need her to be well, not to be laughed or peered at by a group of useless men.' 'Very well, lady, I for one will take my expertise elsewhere.' 'I haven't needed to come here in the first place.' Said another, just as they pushed their way through, quite peeved of all, before leaving the three of them alone inside the room. He had been the only one to bring a small box of medical tools, among another kind of stuff. 'Do you deal with this kind of problem often?' 'I'll be honest, I don't think I've ever seen anything like that before, I don't think anyone of the medical worlds has even heard of such a happening. But if I were you, I'd stay away from that thing as far as possible, no touching, no gazing, as a matter of fact.' He pulled another woollen blanket and threw it on top of that small idol. It wasn't something to be looked upon or even interacted with. There'd be trouble for as long as it leered there, threatening to crawl away and into another. Just the thought alone seemed to bring a disturbance in his work, but he had to look anyway. For once it could be said that she was clean, pure, not even the slightest hiccup when it came to her condition. It looked as if she hadn't been touched at all, or pushed and pulled or even dealt with. 'Your sister's healthy enough as it seems like her body rejected it entirely.' 'Are you sure she's well? There's no chance another one of those things might?' Another one had she said? The words surprised her as well. How could she think of such dreadful things now? It was the first time her sister had shown signs of being well and there wasn't any way to tell. 'I can only make sure she's stabilised enough to get through whatever this thing was, as long as she doesn't come into contact with that thing.' Though she was aware of the dangers behind the small statue, her instincts couldn't kick in fast enough, as she said. 'No need to throw it away, I'll take it and make sure no one will get affected by it. Trust me, I know what if something happens, there's someone who'll know what to do with it when the time comes for a chance.' He bobbed his head and didn't try sugarcoating it, at least he wasn't sure there wasn't any reason not to be afraid. Soon enough, both of the women were transported alongside the idol which had been hidden in Elisabeth's pouch, alongside the road and back towards their house where they belonged. The road was weary and the truck in the back of which they stood was old enough to be called a centenary machine. Black smoke coming out of it, and from the sounds of which it made, there came a fever day-dream in the poor girl's mind. She stood there with the image of a great tall block of metal, standing like a tower, walking in the distance. There had been a lot of noise which grabbed at wrists and seemed to have taken everyone at unaware, despite the sings of 'beware' which laid on both sides of the road. Neither of which had been there nor was the sky a pale desaturated yellow. It felt as if all of the sudden they had entered the zone of a civil war. Some old artillery laid far away, partially destroyed, for its attempt at annihilation had been long-delayed so it wouldn't cause any harm whatsoever. 'Let the Delta regiment fall in, fall in!' A man shouted and there came the sounds of drums, of bottles of rum, but most importantly of firing guns. The bullets flew right through the planes which had taken off, from the looks of which it was determined that not only had the pest won, but man against man started fighting one another. Such were the likes of which, dragged them by their wrists to push forth what was much worse. The end of everything was at the head. 'Let go of me, they'll take me next, I won't be able to escape this way. They see us, can't

you see we've been noticed?"Two towering malformations followed them as if something which had belonged to them allowed for their sight to somehow come into their world and see everything they saw.It was an uncertainty whenever or not they could interact with them, or whenever or not it'd be just some mad vision which crept into her mind.The dark pools from below started rising from many holes which had been dug from the ground. Nothing could make them be that way or be able to say anything about the control which had occurred.The minds of men didn't belong to them. It was something which crept inside the great box from which the many voices came and were locked. Many things inside of it seemed to creep, but most of all, as the worst had to be called, was the fact that there was a dreadful way to show the pain.Verona suffered and tried to look away, convulsing violently so that the car had to stop and she was to be taken off.By the side of the road, she didn't only empty her stomach, but managed to get a cruel sting against the bushes. The dirt was pale. She couldn't even hold it between her fingers before realising it wasn't dirt. What she had between her fingers were the ashes of fallen men as well as the stones coming from the ruins. She slapped herself in order to prevent hysteria, immediately snapping back to reality. Old unfinished buildings rested in the distance. Soon enough, she realised there was no danger. Only that tower which crept in the small village, worse than that was the fact that she realised that there were two twin towers there.Since when was there another tower? Verona couldn't handle that fact alone, as it crept into her mind. The mist and the slight rain, the pain, but she was close."Thank you but I think we'll make it from here."Are you sure ma'am, I wouldn't want to be responsible for."I said I would take it from here and thank you but I couldn't ask you to drive through this weather, not when the road is so far worse ahead. We'd only put you as well as ourselves in danger if we were to continue."I understand, well, I wish you luck ladies, with, whatever this was that happened."They departed from one another in a strange manner, awkward at best, to look upon the future which had done much worse for Verona than anything else. No injury could've been taken from her, as they walked, arm to arm, shoulder holstered, with little to see.'It was a night like this, I remember when I lost you, Lisa.'Again, the voice, the tone, the name, everything matched. She tried doing something else but only watched.The confident manner in which she held herself almost screamed at what had happened but somehow it felt as if she returned.Her sister was there with her, both in the body and in mind. It felt as if she had lost her vision a long time ago and only now she had become no longer blind. It was a sign, she was sure, but the mist was moist and distracting, they followed the fence of dark wood, never glancing back. Something was dragging itself behind, and for a moment of focus, Elisabeth realised that it wasn't the man who had returned that followed them. Nothing was said to her sister yet, as she was far too hurt for anything to be done about that.Clearly, something was wrong, neither of them was strong enough to face an enemy of that calibre alone, that was certain.Surely, no one would dare follow them through the holes which just stood there.Elisabeth thought as she took a wager with herself, after all, she had to know and be aware of her surroundings. No, that was out of the question, there wasn't any way for her to see past the thickness of the mist.Without a doubt, there was less than enough information which laid around, to truly know and to have grown out of it.Neither could she wait still, for that mystique object, the dark form was approaching without warning and with little to no voice.Only its lurid sound could be heard, the wetness that splashed as it dragged itself closer to that point where she could do nought but succumb to the worst of dangers. Be absorbed, something called upon her, and once the realisation kicked in that it served more like a warning than anything else, she came to be content with

going into those holes. Conveniently so, she took herself and her sister under a bed of branches and hid there. It took a while of looking from under this so-called veil of mist to realise that it wasn't so. Under it, past a level of comfort, everything became clear as well as it had become bizarre. Above her sight, there was a flatness, a layer of misty grey-like as well as the wormish type of disks that floated and overlapped upon one another. It was the first time she had glanced at the thing which ran below and kept the greyish worm-disks from falling below. A dreadful mammal, which dragged itself with little water, from its body came to those dreadful disks, as an opening in the back made it even more clear that she had cared to realise. That thing had created its own moisture, only to survive in that dreadful world and to make certain that there was no one around to peer upon it. Two, perhaps three more of them followed, slapping each other with their farm forms, pushing their dreadful manners and eyeless sharps around, for their legs, if they could be called so were deemed to be inopportune to their true form. More holes laid on the sides, and the joints as well as the bones still laid at far ends. Please, let this madness end, does not make them come any closer, I wish I would stay away from that which creeps inside my thoughts, to be able to go beyond that of which bring the dread into action. Danger rang, something was wrong, and another one who was much stronger came into play. The others feigned at the sight, and it had become clear enough that the one who walked on two legs like a man had taken upon himself to a sickening approach and sip their disks with its overly thrown exposure. They would suffocate if it kept on, little to no denying was left into that, and none could tell him otherwise. Why must we watch this so closely? Elisabeth asked herself but knew that she had already reached the end of that hole in which she stood. It wasn't so to be called, but the hole got moist, for a river ran under, or to say the least, there had been some source of water underground, alas. There wasn't anything to say no more, as both her shout and the awakening of Verona came to be. It wasn't the fact that they suffocated which had made it bittersweet, but rather the strangeness of it all, which crept inside her guts for one last moment of her life. Why have I taken the idol, it's all because of it. Her last thoughts before she saw the dreaded beasts for which she thought they might've been dead. Without a doubt, there was at least a chance that suffering would end. Not yet, though, as it arrived in its own hole, after feigning to be dead, that creature pushed itself inside and opened its body, splitting in half as if to encompass her with the spiral which had been dragged for far too long. It had become fat and sharp, but a span in a loud manner, which took it upon its own to destroy its surrounding. This was its own plane, its own field, there was little doubt about the fact that there was a chance of having to strike. For at least the likes of which they both had their hearts failing, there was the little answer as to what happened next. Such as the so-called mist dissipated and their shouts and screams had never been heard. Many of the nests were hidden and showed no sign of reapproaching, at least not until they finished the meat they had shared, non-human was spared. Even more dreadful had it come to be, that Warren was slowly being taken over on the other side, his mind was little in his control than it had matter, despite being able to drag himself as far from the hole as he had been. Without help, there was little to tell about the strangeness he felt, as he had become unaware of his surroundings. What had happened on the way here? He found himself struggling inside the pool, with no one to drag him back towards the top. Surely drowning alone wasn't what he was planning but little to no danger was what he was aiming for. One last thing before he had to come to be, there was one person he had dreamt of in his nights of dread, that much of his morbid curiosity which needed to be felt. He saw her through his vision and glare, standing there at the bottom, unable to float there he attempted to grab as many of the

pieces of furniture which laid at the bottom, as to come. Closer by the minute, he pressed on, knowing that the skull had been shuttered on the other side, he was discovered there and he had known that whatever force governed here, it communicated with the worm there. It had to be, he knew that might've been the answer, for which there wasn't a thing to be done, he'd be gone otherwise, he couldn't tell otherwise, taken by surprise, he took it upon himself to take the grandest smile. A grin to be certain, without mistake, something to take wasn't as well as he had thought of what would come next. Perhaps his wish and utmost desire were fulfilled and she had been brought to life in order to comfort him for the little he had. It had been far too sudden that he knew it to be true, he'd been crippled and already reached the bottom when the force that's been dragging him stopped. There wasn't a chance for him since the beginning, now at the mercy of a corpse which remembered, there came a reckoning of some sort, it was unfair for him to be treated this way. 'I've done nothing to be ashamed of and I refuse to be a slave.' One small push in the hole from which the sound came and it had been covered entirely by her finger. This was it, what he desired, looking upon her majesty, her rotten body, now revealed. It was a corpse he was after, and this couldn't be, but it truly was, a tainted body, not as strong as he had been, but the force and the current in the pool restrained him. He couldn't say a thing, he wouldn't do anything of the things his morbid curiosity imagined. There was a restraint, followed by a second where he fainted. There could've been some sort of thoughts, the dreams of which he had with her were without question, of the stance, his mind was in a trance of sorts. Worst of all was the fact, that he couldn't help it, now that was that. His body laid on top of a plate, right in the middle of the dinner table to be served. It felt decrepit to look upon all of them rising up as if from their graves, dead people, taken by surprise, at the mere fact that he had become the main course. Worse than that, he had been turned around the table as to see that everyone was awakening, even the candles started burning through the liquid. The rest of this prison had darkened as soon as they closed the door, there wasn't room for more but a decrepit thing which ran through him. A knife, a butcher's dagger which had come from behind and managed to remove the shell in a most dreadful manner. It came from each side and sliced it as a cake, cuts that came skin deep and managed to hurt some of the layers of muscle. Looking at the guests he realised that their plates had been empty for a while, they were starving before, if anything worked. This is what they've been waiting for back then, instead of taking the body of a man. No, this had to stop, he had to float away, but he had crippled himself, by the time he tried his pincers, they had already been cut, with the pain which dragged it having pushed it forth. No more cuts followed, as the seasoning came, through the liquid, slowly as it fell and touched the meat. It pushed itself past the pieces of scum which have dragged themselves along and tainted it even farther. His thoughts had been numbed by the fact that his brain had been exposed. He could barely remember the exposure which came after his skull was torn apart, but he knew at least that there wasn't any protection. Danger wrong, the outer rims were strong, and there it came as more approached, no spoons or forks, they carried no knives, for it was soft and tender inside. The first one felt like a sting as the stretched his bony hand and ripped a chunk out of him. His vision faded for a moment before returning to a red glaze which pushed forth towards the blind spot. More blind spots as more chunks were taken out of him, rendering many of the eyes he had acquired in this new suit as being useless. They continued to devour until there was nothing left inside of him, no brain, no bodily function, nothing but the carcass which had been picked clean of meat and threw by the side along the others. It happened quite often enough, that one would stumble in the wrong way and in the manner of which there was little

to say. It just happened that some of his consciousness remained as a piece of dumb slime which had nobody, nor eyes, but felt dripping and moving nonetheless. His death was pointless, that had to be confessed. But on the side, the mansion, the home, after a night of sleep, the doctor realised that his daughters had never returned. They were nowhere in the garden, definitely not in their rooms, the closet, the many things which spread across the structure had been already checked. Could it be that they have fled away, from his experiments and home? Elisabeth, Verona, where are you my dears? I've searched everywhere for and I can't find you, if you hear my voice would you be as kind as to respond? There wasn't any interception of his voice. With little in mind, he would remain blind for the duration of the time he was there, unable to leave the house until the dark came again, he would have to wait, locked in the basement with his experiments. That dreadful creature had been dragged the way it had been inside the cooler. He wasn't as disturbed by what happened in the past, other than bearing the resentment which had to be properly given to those alone. From the looks of which, bones had formed and grown around. Could it be the idol acting up again? The doctor asked himself. Parkison though of the cause, but couldn't explain what was the reason for this sudden anomaly which had been brought here beyond his control. It was written down and noted as another one in hopes there'd be something to be said about it. Nothing could be said any longer about what he had thought. They had to be wrong after he had communicated with his colleagues in their laboratory, he wasn't sure any longer whenever or not his sanity was safe. Something in the laboratory has crawled in his mind and might've made him see the things going on there. How else could he explain the grown of bones, the Idol still being on the table, damnable bird with its jaws and claws pushed forth inside the wood and slowly rotting. If only he hadn't lost the other one, grand mistake as it had been. No one had seen him do the things which were going on. He wasn't sure himself about what could be done. At least to say that this was a mistake, it was shortly an understatement. Crudely enough he left the laboratory and grabbed the morning light inside the small pocket device he carried. It looked as if the weather was going to be much worse than the previous day. Much, much worse, as the sky darkened in a most unnatural manner, not in terms of dark sky, but smallpox-like red bubbles forming against the blue, growing like some sort of disease, spreading like a tumour through the organs. A dreadful thing was the fact that he has given them the proper note and came to the conclusion that they had to be right. The more he spent down there, the more he'd start seeing things and in no way or manner would he go past the gate alone. Unable to see another way, he returned and searched, desperately trying to find the cabinet and fill his pockets with drugs. He had taken at least two antibiotics inside the side of his neck, worse than that, the pills he'd taken weren't even supposed to be inhaled the way he'd done. Crushed into the dust, they'd end up in his lungs, not for long though, as his bodily functions would make sure he'd notice soon enough. Fuming out of his mouth made him think of the unnatural reactions he had been pushed towards. He wasn't a man no longer, he wasn't a father, where were his daughters? What a bad moment to remember them when he himself was unaware of the fact that he couldn't cope with the painkillers and those others tablets which were supposed to keep him calm. He kept looking around, paranoid, what if that thing in the sky had been real after all? What was? Another look past the window, and it appeared, finally, what he kept reading and hearing about. That haunting tower which seemed to move in the distance, it had waited for the perfect opportunity until it could sprout about and start walking in the distance. An embedded fear laid inside his mind, for he couldn't cope with the fact that he had himself tied in the house, unable to go ahead and run. Laying there motionless made

him unevenly tainted in the head. His thoughts had lost control and he couldn't even yell for help, who would hear him? Tears ran when realising that his daughters were out there, poor things, this had to stop, he knew the way but dared not. Not after turning his gaze as if to see that grim red bright light spreading from under the door. A glazing piece of red blanket which crawled and spread as fast as it could. Where he had failed, no one else would take it upon themselves to grab that idol. It had to be him, there wasn't any other way to look upon the problem, other than dismay. His legs started giving in before he started walking, unable to comprehend what pushed him forth, or whenever or not the tall figure was watching. He immediately knew what it wanted and where it had the need for it to be thrown, and with a blast, he slammed the basement door open. The torch which had been left unlit came to life with a pure red glow that wasn't fire but rather some spiritual effigy that went beyond the natural world. Each step took away the feeling of a laboratory and turned it into a crypt. He was to approach his tomb, and it had begun being rather cold. It took a while to put two and two together before seeing the cold winds rising, to know that the freezer had opened itself and the slabs were moving beyond his sight. The idol laid somewhere on the right side of the room, right next to the circle he had created and from which that terror was summoned. He had no clue which of the creatures had survived but the best guess would have to be the newer one who had been split in half but somehow survived. 'You think of dread, where have you taken the idol?' Before his sight, right around the corner laid the broken table and no small carved statue on the pieces which laid on the floor. Somehow it managed to slam and crush the table, taking it to the nest. It had become even colder and the exposure was becoming vile. Parkinson himself was unaware of how much longer he could stay there and not suffer the consequences of being alive. There'd be much to pay and nothing to say to others once he was done. From beyond the grave, it seemed to have moved there, having taken a good care of breaking the small basin and eating the children of his own species. Remarkable, he thought it to be, at least seeing it have no shame, no dignity, unaffected by the cold. As a matter of fact, the cold moisture in the air and the warmth of its own body appeared to have cured it of whatever it had going for itself. Nothing stopped it from noticing him any longer, as soon as he stepped on the floor. That dreadful cold was unnerving and tainted to the very core of his soul. There wasn't any saying for the reason of which he acted that way, in the least of sense that his joints had lost control and wanted to get outside, to shift and get away. His toes crooked inside his shoes before he could even take another step. It was awful and strange, the freezer wasn't supposed to be that strong, there needed to be a stronger influence out there, just taking effect. Perhaps his mind had been an effect, but one couldn't help it but swear that he peered not into his own cooler but into the Antarctic. Most importantly, in the far distance, it seemed that the idol laid far away in an altar of ice. Not only was it far, too far for the human eyes to see, or the mind to comprehend, but he felt it, heard the calling which came with it and decided to follow without bobbing ahead forth. Nothing could've been worse than that, he was aware that something would go wrong but he had to return upstairs and take a backpack. As the list progressed, he had observed the towering thing approaching towards his property, even from upstairs where he had his best view there was to be had. It was a glorious form which brought a vile action with it, which would damn him if it were to enter. 'Clothes, equipment, a coat, fur, let me see.' Parkinson started going ahead and making sure everything was in order, with everything taken with him, no one would make a mistake whatsoever. He would get inside that portal, that door, the freezer and return victorious and close it behind. All he had to do before it was take the idol and close the doors. Could it have been a mistake that he

had thought of it? The doors weren't closed yet? A slip, perhaps, something which dragged at his mind. He had been upstanding in society as he thought, but no one could change that. They stood there and weren't closed, bearing at his mind, images that were vile. 'Let me check again, equipment, here, something to keep me warm.' As an extra matter of protection, he had taken with him some sort of formula he had worked on. One shot of the concoction and he'd be ready to get through any kind of environment, be it cold, or blisteringly hot. Nothing would stop it, now with the goggles on his eyes, his suit fully equipped and most importantly, the old harpoon gun took with him for this occasion. By the time he returned, he stepped down the stairs and looked to see where the fiend had gone. It wasn't there, as it had done eating the offerings and leaving behind their remains. Nothing appeared to have changed since that moment passed, nothing more, everything made of meat was gone. It was somewhere out there roaming in the cold, the sole guardian of the idol waiting for him to come alone. He'd only get one chance to strike at the fiend, to take it down before it got away. There was still that chance that it would attempt gobbling the idol and pushing itself farther into the cold Abyss. He could look through it for hours, at least now that he knew that there was something wrong, it made him much stronger in his mind. While stepping there, he realised just how deep the snow was, a sizeable boot indeed, which dragged him even farther depending where he stepped. Nothing would make him think less of the vile object once he would acquire it again, but where could that thing be? It must've stood enough out there to be covered by snow again, waiting for an ambush, having him be disturbed over the fact that going around was unnerving. 'Reveal yourself you dreadful thing, why can't you seem to hide any better than them. I say you should cower and feel insecure while I'm here for I'm the one who's going to put an end to your existence you vile undead.' No reason for it to respond to its provocation, he had to believe that it knew what he was saying as to make himself feel much better. Worse than that, it wasn't safe for him to move away, other people wouldn't do any better if they were in his place. He was alone, prone to do something which would drag him down into the cold tomb he'd end up in. Not even a second chance, or a glance once the room would freeze and the mansion. Too much would be sacrificed for this, he was aware, but he was already half-way there when he noticed the idol and the glow it had in its eyes. It was then that he knew that he needed it at all cost. Without it that towering destroyer would invade him home and crush him, perhaps worse, it would come here and bring destruction to all in its path. As if it should matter or if he should care, he returned to his tracks and prepared. It had to be somewhere around and he had a sharp hot-like needle ready to take it by surprise. Little was to be known, frowned upon by his own thoughts. Only one shot would there be a need for, and he would take the life of that creature wherever it was. A dreadful pass which came to be, he wouldn't even know whenever he would see another day. But there it was, digging holes from below the slope, it had to breathe like any other creature out there, just like he did. It had to be more of a great shot than he desired if it were for him to succeed. First, he had a need to see the skin before aiming, a good shot would get through the skull and the body of the fiend. He had to stay alert while walking through the snow, alone, the cold was slowly getting through his mind, his body was being frozen from the waist, almost blinded by the frozen goggles. 'No, these won't do any longer, at least not for this shot.' There wasn't any echo in the snow, or where he'd grown. At least from this point of view, he would be happy to see it through. Unlike everything that ever happened, this would be his best attempt, there'd be no one stopping from any longer, rather, he would prefer going on all four and striking it up close, like a creature. He got on all fours, and held his launcher right under his armpit, ready to shift at any time.

Without a doubt, holding himself still would give the creature the much-needed advantage it would need to get away. Worse would be, for the alertness faded from his mind when he had become aware that there was something wrong with him, the blind fool. He lost his tracks, unable to see properly with his two eyes either. This had done too. No more holding the launcher passively, he stood almost partially erect and came to a few steps of his knees to see the holes dug in the snow. This was it, the moment he had waited for. It stood right there, ready to spread and warm itself with its soup of liquids which had kept it from freezing before. At this moment, its body was utmost vulnerable and one couldn't say whenever or not something would go wrong. He had become arrogant, as to approach too close and feel the shimmering heat which melted the snow and almost ignited his coat and furs. 'This is where you'll stay.' Before another chance came for it to close down, he shot right through the main growth which had all the tubes resting inside. The glow and the heat faded, it had no fight in it either. As to see how it was out there, he knew it wasn't fair for it either, that it would get trapped. But beyond that gate, despite not being able to see, he still felt it approaching. Parkinson came to the table and grabbed the idol, feeling the sudden breeze of cold end. The snow-storm had ended, with little to no delay and it was then that he knew that there's a lot of trouble to pay for. One would think twice before having to get through the same things he went, but there was no time to waste. He had to reach the road of salvation in order to prevent the door from shutting with him inside. With the launcher and the beast both caught, he finally saw the swarming sun rising from the north. It was wider than his girth from the distance, a strange form which almost came to remind him of cell splitting, not to mention that its dreadful colour seemed to have crept inside the sky. Now, it was the time, the right moment for him to run and be less than aware of what was going to happen. No more mistake, at the pace of which, he would try his best to not look back. The gate stopped working and it looked as if his cooler vanished from existence, just as the door slammed behind him. It was far too close for his own regard, but the red light coming from above and far away wasn't gone. His feet started giving in, but he tried his best to keep with it, without giving in the least, knowing that it was time to face the beast. The damned one, destroyer, that of which brought its names with it, right into his thoughts. He would get through, cut right by the fence, following the road through his front garden. Obviously, most of his plants had faded and seemed to have been mightily corrupted by growths that shouldn't have been there. No one would spot the difference if it were in his mind, so why act like a madman now of all the moment? It was the grand finale, the end of his experiments involving the idol. He walked slowly, seeing how there was much more time than he had anticipated. As a matter of fact, he had come to the realisation that he was far too close and it had stopped right in front of the road. There wasn't anything else to be done about it, other than take that moment to appreciate what had happened to him. It made him shiver and smile, simply thinking about how he had dared face this creature, this God he had come to call. Never had he stood a chance at all, ever since the fall, hearing the mighty screams and shouts, his eyes did waver. Ever since they started going away, he had become aware that there'd be hell to pay for what he's done. Right through the shades, he recognised something his mind had refused to comprehend, to take in, rather than face any consequences at all. It was time for him to stand for himself and give it in. 'This is what you were looking for, isn't it? I know that this has brought you to this world and what will banish you, though if I may say, the experiments would've continued if it weren't for your interruption.' Despite being aware that he wasn't being understood, there still was the giant metal grid between them, that of which would easily be passed. The mist which

laid around, it seemed to have stopped right at the gate, merely and crawling around the bars but no forth. 'Well, I guess this is yours.' No grand finale, nothing which had been thrown like a mere rock, it was given by the mist and had slowly floated through the air. It wasn't anything in the midst of being fair, but he had known better than to judge its strange behaviour. After that, when everything faded from his eyes, the colossal form and that dark sky, there was something left on the road. One trail which dragged blood, from the end of his fence, right towards a blind spot which shouldn't have been there, but his keen senses dragged him over. Unable to tell whenever or not he'd be safe doing that, he decided to do nothing else but focus on that sole thing, going alone as strongly as possible. 'Why am I pulled towards you, are there more of your kind I need to see? What could this dreadful feeling inside of me be?' There was almost a shock at the sight, nothing bright shone any longer in the sky as the stars faded to dark.

Despite being covered in nothing less of tree bark, they were there, both of them had been there for the entire time. And he was as far away from them, unable to say a thing or do something to help them. He had been way too busy going on and attempting to do his rituals to know, down on his knees, realising that both of his girls were gone. 'Another one seems to have been consumed by it, sir, are we to.' 'Yes soldier, you're authorized to bring in the next batch and made it quick this time.' Certain arrangements appeared to have been made this time as the vessel darkened and grew an outrageously vile and outlandish appearance. It most likely had to have had to do with the fact that it had managed to drain whatever was left of the other vessels which had been taken and brought in its presence. The vileness of which crept into his mind, leaving it binds to the place it was in, where have they been. Dreadfully as

it were to take care of it, he had a perfect need, a perfect being in his head. 'General, general are you with us, sir?' 'Yes, yes, I'm here, soldier, what's the god damn delay?' 'Haven't you been informed yet, sir?' The general looked at a soldier, a young fellow, maybe in his twenties, broad shoulders, red-haired and blue-eyed. Something still appeared off, it was his uniform being decoloured from washing and some sort of scar he wasn't able to see but feel under his inner thigh. This kid could go on ahead and die today, that's what he thought at least. In a strange way, he wasn't certain himself, why or what, rhyme or reason. Something beyond that wanted to have him take the kid and knock him down, just so that he wouldn't head down there with that thing before they had to bring in more sacrifices to the vile machine. 'What is it I haven't heard then? It seems that news here travels slower than those poor civilians we're using as food.' 'Well sir, there's been a problem at the docks, one at the mountain-hike zone and one at the urban area. We've got reports that people have taken some sort of precaution once they heard that people were disappearing, not to mention the sightings of the Government which didn't help them think that we were involved, sir.' 'So where are we supposed to..'. His eyes faded past the glass, it was apparent that those weren't the healthiest specimens he had seen. There wasn't need for an echo a long as he made sure to raise his hand and prevent the kid from speaking. Damn weak-bodied people taken from the hospital, the likes of which had no other place or they were most likely promised by their Government some secret type of research which would cure them of the most incurable afflictions. Poor sops were placed inside the vessel at least eight or nine of them instead of three or four, only because their bodies had become as frail as to not be able to fit in more space. It was a disgusting thing what the Government had approved of, but that was it, the "researchers" left the room and the vile one do its thing. A separation between his thought and mind came as soon as he was ready, then shifted in his chair with a hand swaying across his chin than his forehead. 'You're still here, aren't you?' He had closed his eyes but the kid was

breathing in far too heavily for anything to be excused. At least he had been aware that his teeth would've been kicked in if he were to continue doing it under his gaze. Those had been the unspoken words carried between the two of them before the young man excused himself. Somehow the room is warmer than the mine wasn't as outrageously inefficient after all, having been paid for by extra sources. 'Well, am I to go on with it and follow through?' From under his desk, he had taken a small batch of files which documented most of everything which had happened there, minute detail, with each of the men and their exact addresses, mug-shots and everything. No one would dare do anything about it if it came to public notice, no one. Deep inside, there was still dread, nonetheless, as it just happened for all of them to be in the same place. Once their weak bodies have been covered inside the vessel, there was something mad going to happen there. Just as it happened for them to be alive, their bodies were dreadfully fused together, promising that it would eventually be their eternal demise. Bonded at their hands, nothing but long joints and mazes between them, picking and dreadfully being connected with one another. They have picked up on some awfully sick smell before dragging each other on the floor, wailing like dumb beasts. Most of them were men, they were supposed to be strong now, on their way to healing. But in the outdoors, in a place where pieces of the ceiling had been clocked in the sky, floating, where they would suffer their nakedness to be seen was more than bizarre. It was a thought which would never go away. Even as their voice started coming out of their mouths, it seemed like there was still something which would drag them below. 'Careful there, I'm in pain, don't stretch too much.' 'Don't talk, please, I need the silence to think please, I won't enjoy this unless you reach that peak of quietness that I need.' Another of seemed to have attempted to push himself away and destabilised their entire form. Now they fell on the side, this circle with a single line-like worm. So this would their torment for what had happened in life seemed to have tied them together inside the vessel, preventing them from dying, at least. 'No, no, he's not moving, he's not a breather any longer, just look.' 'This is a dream, nothing but a dream, he shouldn't be, this couldn't be, how many were we?' They counted and for a moment it seemed that they hadn't had a clue either, regardless if they had seen one another in the past, their memories had been dull. Most of the patients had been old and terminal, at least in the last year. Something didn't add up either since there were two extra corpses that didn't belong. One of them was dead, while the other seemed to be active just catatonically, having the brain brought to a stop. Partially alive, maybe? At least, there was a chance of sentience and that it could follow some kind of rules and guidelines, if it were to be pushed forth, without a chance to die. 'Let's move, at once, we need to get up.' 'Don't touch me, you fucker, there's no need for this.' 'Why must I suffer?' Their voices seemed to blend, soon the confusion would make them attend at their own rallies. Now, what could it be, who might be able to see what was wrong with them? They were in the heart of the complex, dark-brown or reddish marble, one couldn't make the difference, but rather ask himself. Why was it made in the shape of bricks below, across the walls and the various buildings which laid there? Who might've been the constructor, the builder, that of which made it in such a way that some of the men had become mesmerised while they were being dragged? Their empty circle appeared to have been pulled by the three men who laid in front, eventually being the ones who managed to lift themselves and stand tall. Nothing would rekindle their fall. At least this would the way. 'Listen, we need to stand together and coordinate ourselves if something can be done. I do not think we'll be able to survive together otherwise. Somehow, it couldn't be wrong, at least not in the way one thought. He'd be at least in the manner of doing things right when he truly tried since he was

the sanest of them. Rightly so, it seemed that destiny had placed him as the first one of the front, tried from an extrusion and a meat-like blob coming from the back of his spine, right through the chest of the old man behind him. Obviously, he had taken to himself to be in lead, more than any other, since he was the brightest there was. 'Well, are we to take notice or should we pay some more attention? Let's mobilise already and walk. Do you hear me? At three, I'll drag not only the two people behind me but all of you on your feet. All of you need to listen and follow my flow if you want to be back on your feet with no other way of doing it.' Some grumbling in the back came, but for now, they were obedient. The damned old man appeared to produce an air of authority which made the others remember, at least in some cases, their time in the army. Many wouldn't know, or wouldn't even try being dominant in that manner. Either they should go on and follow instructions, or no one would dare say a thing. They came up on their feet immediately and held each other tighter, making the circler even more unbroken. 'Great, now may we move?' 'Sir, were you in the army? You remind me of my old officer from when I served in the 'Navy.' There came a round of voices which debated between themselves. 'I think it'd be better to focus on the way ahead. Whatever this sick experiment had done to us should make it that there's a way to unbind us.' Definitely better than all of them, at least in the mind, he was miles above every single one there. It was the sole reason why they even follow, for he reminded them of the war. Nothing would work better as a leader than their command unit, or their officer. 'Who's holding the dead bodies?' 'I am sir, and umm.' 'Jacob, Stalltrot, I served as a marksman sir in my young days, I was used to getting down and dragging one of my fellows down the line and through the mud. A darn thing the war, taking someone past the trenches.' 'Can you handle him, soldier? At least a bit longer until we find a way to get rid of the extra weight?' 'I sure can, sir. But I don't know about the other, something seems dead inside of him and nothing seems to affect him.' They looked in a manner which brought too much distraught to be expressed in normal thought or by means of speech. It was a deep fear which refused to go away from the sight it bore. No one knew the reason behind this proper corpse as it should've been called, one that behaved and was only dead on the inside. The body seemed fine, as a matter of fact, it moved with the others, but something just didn't look fine in the eyes. Empty bubbles kept forming inside of them, most likely some allergic reaction which bore far too many problems as there were. Bottom line remained the fact that the creature laying amongst them wasn't even close to human. It was some sort of look-alike, which followed. They proceeded nonetheless while carrying the one man on their working shoulders and what not. Nothing could go wrong, at least not yet. Walls moved, but that was what they were used to in zones which had been ravished by destruction. It was more like one of the effects of disorientation which occurred once a bomb had dropped too close to your year. 'There's a wall in here, fifty paces away, careful that neither of you trips and falls over, we can't have any more casualties.' First thing that had to be brought to mind was that it was cold, too cold for a bunch of old men to be running around with nothing to bear. About the same time of the day, it had to be offered to them. From a stranger on top of the wall. He looked human, at least his body did, but he wore that strange mask you find yourself thinking about before going into your deepest sleep. One dreadful contortion which twisted and needfully stretched. It brought something to mind, the word sea-wench since it looked like an old crone with the fake strands of old hair and all. He dropped a few sets of robes, crafted too well to have been standing there or to be given to random strangers. By inspection, it looked as if they had been made specifically for them, and that was good enough. Not that it answered anything, but at least the feeling of cold would

be over. Everyone was being covered, even the corpse and the dead man walking. Being instructed in the need of dread, he would suffer no one to sit without a word. 'Who are you and why have you helped us?' The sea-wench smile, dripping salt water from her suit, all around the wall. Could it be nothing more than a sick joke portrayed by a bunch of the men who have brought them there? It would be unacceptable, to say the least. 'You won't be wearing the mask once I'll see you face to face' He shouted. That wouldn't be long since he took it off to reveal a face that missed a good chunk of it in the shape of a sphere. A perfectly round sphere, not a mask to cover. His uniform was immediately recognised after, for his dark suit was the saddened version of the common uniform used by the cops.

Even the insignia was there, depressed in the chest, turned upside-down and then regretfully painted the same colour. Something had to follow in order for them to succeed. Nothing could've been better than that, luckily most of the others in the back had been far too busy to notice the display since they were desperately trying to put on the robes by themselves. 'Help each other, come on, it might be easier that way.' His accent broke in, clearly regional, something farther south. Doing this thing was worse than anything he had imagined. A stalker at that, each corner in which they followed and were dragged into, someone appeared to have found the ripe time to complain about every single thing. 'Well, what do you think we'll do?' I don't know how much I'll be able to keep silent with them around, most of them saw me naked. They saw me naked. No one should've seen me exposed, I've betrayed my wife, my children, myself. They saw me for what I am, and I can't do anything about it. The man shivered at the thought, it disturbed him beyond any moral point. His facial expressions were flaccid and flawed, this man was broken beyond any reasonable point one could tell. 'I won't give up, you hear me? I wish I could return to my home and see my grandchildren.' 'Settle down, we need to cooperate in order to get through this, only this way.' 'No, I'm sick of being told what to do. I for one, am not a soldier, I've never served. As a matter of fact, war is the thing I oppose and I cannot be forced to walk with a bunch of old murderers who walk freely.' 'Or not. Perhaps this was the hell which was promised and they all walked in their trap.' 'Wait, wait, halt, all of you.' The crimson edge right by the corner. Each man grabbed hold of a side of the walls, everywhere around them, as to fear that they would be brought to a sudden end which wouldn't do. Neither they nor the one in charge had planned for it, but it was obvious that something could be done yet. Not a word, just looking down at the walls which turned crimson once they reached below. It felt as if they landed in a prison in the middle of infinity, a stretch of natural and unnatural growths that had nothing to do with them. Going down was at least impossible in the midst of all the trouble. Working towards something better was much worse than they had believed it to be, though this could end at a leap. 'Could we get down there somehow?' It almost looked like, for once, looking at the pair from the distance, they would've looked like a small crowd, staring at the trees below, throwing glances, past the unknown rivers and floating bricks which had started the process of assimilation there. Soon the wild-life would become some twist in this maze, prison or hold. Whenever it was, nothing of the sort mattered, what was important, was the fact that they needed to escape under any circumstance whatsoever. No one would judge them for that, no one at all. No one would judge me if I were to jump and fall. Even if it were to drag the others with me, who would be alive to know what I have done? That was important to note, for nothing mattered more than that. It was quite obvious that there was a need for a greater strength than one man to destabilise the group. If only he could push the man before him, but he had no hands, hence no force to go on through it. While watching is despair made him unable to figure out whenever or not

it would be fair, there was some kind of compromise then. Another voice from behind them called. Well as it had been, no one else had heard it other than him. 'Let's all push together, we may fall.' He was wondering whenever or not he had gone insane, at least, from the looks of which he had determined that there was no one else who could've said it. Everything around them was silent and he was glistening there beyond his sight. It was the silent one, who bore no expression whatsoever, but it had to be him who proposed pushing the others. If it was for the two of them to go ahead, he was certain that they wouldn't have been able to do a thing against the oncoming slaughter. The noise came, and all of the sudden they looked at the moving wall. It was approaching quite suddenly, without stalling, crushing woe and harming anyone beyond their throngs. No one would forget their wrongs. At least from the likes of which, there was some kind of determination which pushed the others instead of treating them like brothers. None would deny the look of gibberish and slubberish which came from the cracks. Upon the reveal, there would be no appeal to the sight and the magnitude of the machine. It pulls the rocks inside and crushed them as if they were nought, making sure no one would make a move, it stopped. The way behind was even more dangerous but a fall would be an even easier way to go since their hearts were frail. But the concoction of steel and metal bars appeared to have pushed forth into a supreme account of the stop. Some of the things which shoved the concoctions of steel up and down, in the throng of many motions haven't succeeded into any release for the stress they felt at the sight of it wasn't even justified. That vehicle, if it could be called so, didn't look functional. It bore four small rolls with spikes, moving in motions, with long sharp spears from behind. It was even more clear, for as much of the dear sharp nails that laid around it that it had been built not for this place, but to bring as much misery and damage as it could. Especially in a place, no one would. From above the tools of death, there was a seat, from which the knight raised himself. Oh that dreadful armour, springing forth, shoulders which were tall, up to the girth and rib cages on both sides of the wall. A dreadful thing that almost seemed to be black or dark green painted leather. It blended in the dark, almost, if it weren't for one red eye while the other pushed forth a blue glow. Somehow, under the helmet, they all knew he smiled at the sight. It wasn't a simple circle, it also had a long snake-like figure. 'Well, well, you've stepped into my bastion and paid little mind to announce me of your presence. I am disappointed and it's been on my mind ever since I laid eyes on your wicked form that you should deserve to be taken in the deepest of my dungeons and be slain. How does that sound to you, my curls? Your form is an abomination and an insult for my halls.' 'Wait, before you think of anything rash, your majesty.' 'I'm listening.' He immediately slid into the seat and appeared to have relaxed ten times fold. No one would dare say otherwise but he would listen to the song of their demise. 'It's not our fault we're here, as a matter of fact, we're looking for a way out as well.' 'There's a long way towards the exit and I'm not sure any of you would be able to handle the way and what comes with you. Tell me, oh great one of the bunch, what reason should I have to help you? Am I not in my own palace of growth? Have you not gaped enough throughout the world to understand that there is no hope out there? Sooner or later that would just happen to be my world, no one else's.' There was a cautious nod, one of which had his eyes open and kept on him at all times. 'Then we are humble servants who would be content with serving you while hiding in the dark.' 'Wait, who said you could talk for me, I don't wish to hide.' 'He's right, I'm not going to stand and take it either from this fellow just because of his grand machine, I've seen better.' 'If someone should be preaching about hiding, why not him though? Look, he's hiding even now under that suit of armour. What could be the reason behind that if not because he's vile and

repulsing?"The last one appeared to have hit a sensitive spot, by the way, his eyes and the lights contorted into crescent forms, it made him shiver in the form. He had been the only one not to add mockery to the one he knew as being able to bring them all down and kill them.'Silence, you need to be judged. I thought you've brought your own accord to this but I cannot tell whenever or not I should stand here and take this in my own home where you're nothing but guests.Nay, you are intruders, vermin, and vermin should be annihilated!'He said with a cracking voice, seemingly having a hard time taking care of the machine.It was hard to understand why it wasn't starting, at least until the sight of the piece of brick which laid between the wheels seemed to come to mind.Push them down while they're distracted, make sure you won't die the most terrible death a man could have. Look at those rolls and at their spikes, that death is horrible and inhumane.Neither of you will have that chance again.'We have to go, he's about to turn on the machine!'At the sound of spikes starting to swirl around, as well as the annoyance of the creature behind the wheel, there was something really bothering.No one could tell whenever or not one would be smothering the other while walking abashed. One couldn't help it because of the stress and bash the other with a brick off the ground.Were all these men mad or conflicted? Why were some of them waiting as if to say or talk to the man behind the machine?'He's no human, it won't make a difference, let's try dragging them out of it before he snaps it on.'Obviously, there was something which was bothering both of the ones in front, the commander and the one with a rank much lower than him watched surprised how everyone would be ready to face their own demise.'Have you all gone mad now? Is there something in the air which has driven all of you to despair?Can't you snap out of it and fight back?Come already, we need to escape before it starts.'With a poke in the ribs, one had already started. Soon, the ones in front started pushing everyone from behind, going as far as possible without having to take a think off.Rather than that, there was a chance, at least now they reached the corner, out of sight.'It will start sooner or later, why are we waiting?'Shut up and wait there for a moment, I think I know something about creating an enemy. I should have a good idea of what he's going to do next.'Obviously, he isn't going to change us with our way ahead, there isn't a chance for that in the least. If there was a chance, that would be the way of the beast.'Look at the mark on the wall, isn't that magnificent?'Someone must've left it there for them, a grant line with a bunch of circles, filled with cuts that formed images such as the stages of the moons would be. But that wasn't enough to distract everyone from the fact, that the damning thing started making sounds again.It was hugely distracting from their own thoughts and appeared to have sneered inside the worst of memories. A bothering thing had it been, to take this gamble and turned around the corner.'It's safe to go, and if I'm right, he'll attempt to meet us face to face where we'll have no chance to turn around and flee."What about that sign, chief?"Ignore it, I think surviving is the best thing we can do right now and we shouldn't bother with anything else.'They started the run, this time he felt in control over all of their feet. Not directly but he could push it so they would all feel a tingling sensation at the soles of their own fingers and flatness of their behinds.It worked but it got worse.'He shouldn't be here, this was a god damn mistake of the administration.'From his chamber, he looked at one of the files that came, which contained every single one of the men which had entered the vessel. Out of everyone, this one took the twisted cherry on top and squeeze it morbidly alive.It was a decorated soldier in the army, with too many honours to count. He hadn't just come in hopes that he would find a way to stay alive, on the contrary, he came because he knew he was about to die.Nothing stopped him from going down there, heading right at the vessel.But he couldn't, that thought meant nothing once it closed and it

had grasped him.'An honoured veteran, place there to rot with the others.'He liked to think that perhaps if he were in the same position there, he would've done the same. But something about all of this smelled like the Government all over. There wasn't any way to confirm it without trying to contact the higher-ups, but he knew it. At least now, there was a reason to try to watch the surveillance screens.'The man of the G strikes again, I think.'There was no way to look inside, but he was aware that from the description of those who had been taken out and broken off that they lived in fantasy land.'Well, now what? This room should be fine, he couldn't get his machine through it, could he?'Undoubtedly so.'He could destroy walls, what makes you think that the indestructible machine would be stopped by a puny room?'Perhaps the fact that there's no way to arch it enough so he'd get the force to do it. Haven't you noticed the first time he arrived that he needed a lot of force to stop pushing the fall and finally crush it? "I won't argue anymore, let's just go into the damn room."Two at a time, it looked as if it was wide enough for them to see and close the door behind them, not to be seen.'If he goes in circles, won't he remember that one of the doors was open?"Not unless you give him a reason to look, stay silent and keep low.'The strangeness of the unknown. It reeked of something which was bothering them. Oh, it was a shame to look upon those blasted veins growing on the wall. Some skin-plant from below, perhaps on which the entire structure was constructed. Worse, the chairs signalled something worse than that. There had been other inhabitant here before of them, something which had lessened everything else. Another false flag just came to mind, the marks and the bones left behind the sceptre.'What's that?"It could be a trap, or it might be a weapon, we should take it.'Everyone in the circle just turned their gazes at the man. He was Jhonny, and had, perhaps one of the biggest grins on his face, a devilish grin at least. Oh, the joker, the man, the ruse, he had in mind, you could plainly see on his face what was in his mind. That dreadful thing which bore regret, at least, one that wouldn't face the head which laid at the top of the staff. Such a gaze it bore back and the rubies in place of its eyes signalled the dreadful evil it bore. From the top of the wooden stick, all of the sudden it lifted itself at the peak of creation. Some sort of supreme damnation crept inside of it before long. Everything was wrong. After that, there came some strange thing in the eyes of which, signalled its desire to be followed throughout the outer reaches of the dreadful entrance. Nothing could be said about the sanity they bore. Neither of them wanted to live, nor did they want more, at least not any longer, since it left the room. Their bodies grew dumber, fingers had come to be numb from one side to the other, not to mention their toes. Perhaps their wills to live came after and they have become aware that all of that was the result of something which had been dragged inside the skull, born out of spite, with no sign of might. Neither of them would be right about what could happen, worse than that, they were afraid of what would happen if they stood more in that manner. With no way to live, no other possibility to breed, they ran together, pushing through. For one reason or the other, the skull had waited for them, even if they could hear only the cue. The strike, there laid no might, but everyone had been right about it. Worse than that, considering there was a rat which walked on walls, soon they would feel themselves be pulled to the left side. They were walking just as easily as the rat was.'Look at this, what an interesting thing, I think. But where's the skull taking us and what does it want?'Upon turning around, the floating skull revealed a face that's been made of dirt-like skin which grinned. It was its own before the skull had been twisted behind and even before that, the face had been turned into the staff's holster, unable to see.'Welcome, welcome, dreary fiends, I see I'm not the only imp here, who's bound to walk these halls cursed."We're not cursed, this is just a problem because of the experiment we were in."Oh right, right, I would

take on the advice of an old man who's had ideas in his youth, but look around, this is nothing like you've ever seen. You were twisted by the curse of reconfiguration there's inside. It just so happened that I used to be a man who used to walk on the streets and almost lost his hand and body. This is what I've become now, but I can't complain about the fact. There are forces which are far greater than what I am, and I am flawed beyond relief. You wouldn't be able to trust me beyond belief. This is what I can tell you, in the least, if you were to listen." "We are, we want to escape, ignore what these fools behind me are trying to say, please. Just tell us what we can do in order to escape, it's all we want." "Have you paid enough attention?" Asked the imp, with a grin. By now they were all twisted on the wall and this imp just shook his brows and moustaches, coming to an utmost twisted grin, which came close to his chin. Where had he been and why hadn't he cared? Were there other things which brought his mind to despair? Other than the fact that he was struggling to accept what was going on, there was a slight distraction caused by the lack of any solid form of action. Neither of them appeared to care, where they were, why they were doing things. "Tell me this at least, you imp, a creature of the dark. Why is that ever since you were awoken, we started being drowsy and slowed? Couldn't we just regain what we lost?" "Only if you were to leave my presence for long enough, that would heal you of your dumb spell. But would you really go on your own without a guide?" It had become dangerous already with the threat that just had happened. Tiny spikes and horns, many of which were twisted, sprouted from below, at cornerstones which pushed themselves through, from both side of the wall. Starting from the depths which now laid below, there were revealed to be farther ends which had to be taken. But the skull hadn't walked farther forth, for the path ahead lead like a dungeon, far deeper inside of its own structure. "Ready to follow? Or may you return to his domain?" They all turned around and looked, it was him, the armoured man with his machine stopped in his tracks. Not even him would attempt to push his own vehicle past the point of damnation. The spikes and the many throngs would destroy everything he had on him. Maybe it would even give them a fair chance to strike at him, after raising themselves enough to avoid the rolling death. "Should we hold a vote and decide whenever or not we should take this idea on? I could go either way, but it seems as if suddenly we're stuck in this choice." "If I may go ahead and make a suggestion." The imp said with a tiny grin on his face, after stopping on his own pace. There was some dreadful thing which bore with him, one which crept inside. A mole-like thing which came out from the soles of his own skull's eye. "By the time this mole might reach the machine, that's when you'll know that it will start and there won't be a chance for either of you to make it through. I shall await you on the other side, whenever or not you've decided to make your choice or not." It was a short race and everyone was far too busy talking to themselves or among one another to care that whenever or not that creature was to get there, they would all suffer. A dreadfully close thing, as it came, the winds were tame and the temperature had made the lot of them sweat as much as a bunch of gallons. Soon enough they would be reached by a bunch of metal talons. They'd rip them apart, right after crushing the mole, which may as well be that catalyst or the moving fire which brings destruction. This brought the call of action, closer than it had ever been, no one would've seen it coming, when it spoke. No longer was it considered dead, when one dreadfully cold arm lifted and the pale expression seemed to have changed. The catatonic walking corpse just said, as if spoken a dark word in a forgotten language "Walk." And that was it, his life and essence immediately came to some sort of stop. Yet another pause in this walking organism that was partially alive. The silence was only momentarily as to signal what came next. "We need to get away, the dead one walking's

right. This is our only hope, I don't even know why we're still debating."It's almost as if that thing which held us back went away only now, it must've been the skull, I wager!"A lot of them started acting in anger, and the mole was already getting closer to the destination it attempted getting at.'Well, can't we at least try to make a habit out of it? We should try doing this at least once in a while.'But the time for excuses passed, they were falling on themselves but managed to jump just in time as the dreadful sound of those engines inside the machine came to be. There were a crush and a wham, but they entered the hole through some unholy leap which somehow landed them inside of there. Nothing confirmed whenever or nor it had reached the end, other than the doors slamming behind of them. Most of which stood on the stairs wondering at that.'I wasn't even aware there had been stairs. But where might be our light?'A few more steps, and thump, thump thump. The air had a bad scent of cinder, no, ashes, something which tasted like mercury inside the mouth? Was it copper? The simple explanations couldn't appear to come any closer to what was going to happen but it came. Exactly what they had wished for. Right from behind, the light suddenly appeared in some sort of flash. It was that dreadful machine, with its metal pins rolling and crushing everything down below. Despite the place being tight, it fights right through, one step at a time, slowly advancing.'We need to run, escape before it gets us.' "Your grave is near and these tight tombs shall be your resting place.'It felt like his voice had pushed the walls back and forth in various attempts to mask the echo which bore his guts away. No one would mind if one of them would be willing to pay the price and push the dead meat inside. If only they weren't all connected and strikingly close.'We need to be faster, he's getting to a spot beyond the comfort zone. We're going to be prone to be taken by surprise. That's what'll bring us the mighty demise.'Despite what was said, there still were turns which led to straight corridors, which slowed it down considerably.'Do we keep going down or should we take it as straightly as we can?'Another set of thumps, could it be that there was something else? Of course, it had to be that floating skull, coming into the most dreadful manner. It grinned even now as it turned to reveal those high cheeks and musky moustache. One would call him of some sort of ancient royal descent, the kind of sir. But this behaviour and mockery at a few men which were trying to escape their doom were dreadful.'Look, what does it want?' "I think we should follow, but.."As soon as we come close, we'll be struck again by that dumb spell and fell into despair.'Said one of the old men in the back. Out of all of them, his voice appeared to pay most heed and a lot of attention towards what was needed and what could be paid towards. He was to be called a man, of his own words. Oh, the mighty lords just watched him act, ready to take him as he would abide by their laws in his paganistic way. As if to say.'Go ahead, we'll meet you on the other side.'Right as a set of hands just grabbed the edges of the long corridor, they'd walk through the spear with death behind. Neither of them was blind as to the echo which caused an almighty push which had the skull hide in its miserable chamber while they wept and started feeling the effects.'It's gone, so why are we still feeling ill?' "I said wait for us on the other side, no tricks either, not by the door but not too far either. Somewhere that will get us to see you, that would be the best place to hide, don't break our ride.'There seemed to be some casual glances, a few trances which bore some sort of despair around, one which would bring everything to the ground. As no one cared, no one dared to take a look behind, at that might've been the most dangerous of things one could do. But they knew it had entered the corridor, the spear, despite being winder, it tore through the walls and ate the dirt and the air, this sort of mechanism was well known. This distribution of power and heat turned the dirt into small pieces of gems and glass, in the way beauty would make this room marked into a most

dreadful manner. The shards cut through the machine slowly, getting ready for the time of malfunction. Its guts were spilt, thus having been revealed that there was some foreign element inside the machine, something hidden which had no place to be. As for it meant, the destruction of the fiend was important. 'Look, it started bleeding, it won't be able to run any longer, just push on.' Yet the walls felt like they got through lighter, even closing in far much tighter than it would've been normally expected. Some forced directed something from the walls, the air maybe? A toxin laid inside the crystal, just as one got cracked, the armoured creature just stopped. 'Get it off, get it off.' He yelled as he pushed the helmet off, thus revealing that underneath there was yet another cursed man. With a yellow face which laid in distress, the back of his head remained exposed. Just another skull which laid exposed for others to see. Nothing was clear, and no one could be less aware of the consequences of what he had shown or said. 'It's this cursed place which forced me to do it, you curs. Do not look at me that way, I used to be a man, I used to be.' His voice fell off a few octaves and it seemed to be appropriate not to provoke, not in the last moments that passed. The face just started melting and most had been aware, that once it disappeared, he would be dead. No longer could that corpse stay with the living and he fell. But that wasn't as pure and as for right as he had thought it'd be. For once they had become aware of something important, truly important, unable to see why that came to be. The corpse fell on the controls and in full speed, it came looking for a tool. Nothing would be spared from the range of destruction, not a human, not a function. As it approached, there came some dreadfully similar song they heard before, right beyond the gate. 'Just push forth and don't take in the smell.' It was starting to spread inside the hall, and luckily for them, there was something going on which others didn't care about. No one thought of what could go wrong or right, no one cared about how tight it would be to follow on the lead. It was getting close to having only one person ahead, while the other had to scam his body, unable to get through with the dead. One couldn't help but focus on the little things, as the weight which dragged it down, the floor which started breaking apart and revealed their awaiting grave. It was a bed, a hole filled with sharp crystals which curved in utmost unnatural directions, and they still moved. Some looked at it as if they had been mesmerised by their beauty, glow or by their motion. A dreadful trap to have been caught in, where one was to be told that he had to be called by others by their name. 'Stop looking and push now, the walls are being forced into a tightness, we'll be crushed if we don't try fighting against it together.' Not only had the machine been crushed almost entirely, but the form of the wall hadn't affected the creature inside. Something about its morphology appeared to have left its form to interact as it spread across the wall. It would've been more than fanatical, the joy, to think about the machine falling below. But this didn't happen, as they had been aware, it was some kind of misunderstanding, to call it as such. It abandoned the rest of the hell but kept the rolling cylinders in its mouth, rolling with the spikes. Unable to fall, it followed, now making a dreadful sound which crept inside. 'It's getting closer.' 'How do we open the door now? Can't you see it's close?' 'Keep pushing the walls I say, don't look behind unless you want to share the same fate as the rider did.' 'We're all going to do die.' 'Open the door, open the damned door you lousy skull, I was wrong, we need your help.' A musky scent in the air. Fear rang between each one of their years as the crystals turned purple, dark, revealing the gas, which was to say, revealing its true natural look. Worse than that, this was below some rat, ignoring most of the fat which laid inside some dreadful creature in the dusk. There were others living below, and they had been tightly pressed against the wall. 'We could fall below, it's our only chance.' 'Being impaled by those things or cut in halves won't help either of us, at least not in

the way you think they would."Just let us end it, death is near.'By now, the old men had nothing more to say as they waited in fear.A dreadful look, a grasp of wind came to be as it pushed and pulled them inside, without any sort of warning, the creature attempted to turn around and fling itself inside to follow. An attempt which was followed by the closing of the door and nothing more.Only a few thumps could be heard from the other side. Others weren't as important as they had been made to feel. But to say that there was someone there, in the dark watching.'Do you think it's gone now? Could it have been crushed between the walls?"No, I do not think so, I don't think either the knight or that jelly is dead, merely pretending in order to return and reset.'The others looked surprised and almost caught by a snoop. Even their leader look at him in surprise, unable to tell whenever or not he was serious or not.'You survived, that's good. We wouldn't want you to be hammered, not in the least. One couldn't look away from the beast and think they have defeated it in any sort of sense whatsoever.But you managed to hold yourselves quite well.'Said the face on the backside, the floating thing which seemed to have brought with it a skeleton's neck this time.'Beware, for I do not hold any grudge whatsoever, but if you wish to get as far from those who wish you harm, I bid you farewell for there's no way to protect yourselves from what's out there."Wait, wait a minute. There's a way, there needs to be away formed."Break us apart, man-head, break us apart, I'll tell you what's on all of our minds. We wish not to be in this manner any longer. This is sick, we shouldn't suffer being tied together.Men weren't made for this shame, especially at this age."Silence and let me think.'It had grown tired of floating and for once, it had fallen off the floor, leaping from tile to tile. This place was serene, well crafted, a hall, one would wonder what's outside.While it thought of what was to be done, they walked towards one of the windows, only to watch the other side of the world.They were apparently on a long-sealed bridged, magnificently crafted and not only that. It was even more obvious that the other side which wasn't corrupted seemed to have crept around.Well enough, this wasn't what was called for, mostly because there was a damp thing on the floor. A river, but moister, a substance which oozed and moved much more slowly than expected.It was dreadful to watch the fish wriggle, even from the distance, but that wasn't the entire river which was affected. Mere whirlpools formed, most unnatural, which dragged that area of water and some of the smaller fish which hadn't had the chance to swim against the current.Along with that, the pines seemed well, except the damned creatures which hid But nothing was affected or reconditioned for as far as he could see.'Think we'll make it down there at least? There's a chance it might be the safest place there can be."I don't know.'An even more silent voice already seemed to wager.'We won't even get close to it, can't you see that we'll never stop being in danger?This place must've been set as an experiment for soldiers and we're long past our expiration date. Unless we find a way to outsmart whoever created this damned thing with its visual tricks and small automatons, it'll be our grave."No, but how can we even try to face that fact that we've been tied together? There's no way to split us without a surgeon."What you looking at?"The face-skull had stopped, standing quite obscure in an awkward pose, pushed by the neck. It wasn't even facing them properly, having its bones in front and the moustache behind.'You must be blind if you think this was created for you, as you're not the first ones to reach this place."Were there others?"It was sudden, and they have all become aware of the fact that one of them grabbed a skull from off below and kept it by the scruff. Rough enough to hurt, he thought off, at least if he had been human. But this was nothing to it and felt like nothing.Worst than that, there was some kind of distraught which peered in their eyes, blinding some, while others weren't.'A neat trick, but I don't get your point."Look inside the empty eye sockets and

you'll see the truth.'That dark and wretched sight for him alone, he looked and saw where they were, all locked there, inside a small type of coffin, he thought.No, his memory had been playing tricks, it was the vessel, they were still in it.He had dropped the skull and didn't mutter a word.From the confusion which spread around, no one else knew or might've found out from his expression.'What's that? Still can't handle what you are? Do not worry, for we'll continue our journey now.'The number of things which came into his head was damning, at least for his mind and soul. His body was thin and he had become some sort of a ghoulish figure compared with the others.His skin dragged, he was aware. A sudden burst of stress just pushed him forward nonetheless.'What did you see there?'It's none of your business, we'll carry on to whatever this bridge brings us to."You can't give orders, we have just as many rights as you have here."Then do continue on your own, but as long as I'm in front I'll be able to drag all of you wherever I want, understood?'It was almost as if they were unable to stop themselves from saying yes sir, making only slight gestures and keeping it low. Someone had to keep with the flow of things around here.A dreadful hope came into sight, the future had no light. At least not any longer since the dreadful face leads them towards damnation of their minds, as opposed to the damnation of their souls and bodies.With little left, the curtains fell and dragged with charcoal leaves, which had come from outside.'Look, there's a fire down there in the distance. Can you see that blow of smoke rising up from there?'Oh, no, no, this shouldn't be happening, it looks as if there's some residue where it shouldn't be."How do you know what's supposed and isn't supposed to be?"It's because I was set as a sort of.. 'Silent at the question, it seemed as if his eyes avoided contact as much of the cost of looking the way it did. That twisted mouth which blocked words, those eyes which retreated into their corner from sight.Nothing would go well and no one would be able to tell what was going on, that's what he thought. They wouldn't, they couldn't, not in the least of a chance.'Who left you there on that pole?' Was it the one who built this place or another dreadful being?'We should leave before it's getting late.'The dark would bring promise of danger to any stranger. Especially those who crept inside places where they didn't belong, something had to be wrong. About it, nothing would be done, other than follow, as they hadn't decided yet.'Can he be trusted?'Haven't you noticed that we don't feel ill in his presence any longer?""Yeah, that's a good point, why is it that we don't actually feel that harm you've spoken about?"It's because I lied, about all of it.'There was that toothy grin coming from the front and the back. It was almost as if both the skeleton and the face had found it delightfully clever.To have kept it this long was both an achievement which could be called as well as something to be proud of.'Why are you so happy about it? It wasn't like we had any reason not to trust you."But you also haven't seen your faces as it just so happened for me to mention what was going on.'And a good reason for that, for in that dreadful hall, in the end, two morbid headless statues laid with their arms stretched. Two giant axes blocked the door, and at the top of the wall, there was some sort of inscription in a language which was long unknown.Still distressed after what he'd seen, there was no word from the one in front any longer. Nothing could be worse than to have had realised where he was, and what happened to him. Worst than that, to all of them, as they were in together with their minds, this machine would drive them mad eventually if not killed.'What are we to give?'He eventually asked, being the most observant man out of all of them. There was some sort of dreadful approach coming from that thing, just as the shivering monstrous thin layer of grey fell from under their armoured feet.It had already encompassed everything from below and nothing could justify for this repulsion, at least not in the midst of woe.'What's this?'It's all over our feet, and crawling

upwards, help us, creature."My name is Fyor."Standing for something in particular?"Fyoronomus, the mighty, I used to be called."Wait, but you liar, and scoundrel, you said you were a wealthy man who had a normal life. That isn't a name which belongs to a normal man."I've taken another name upon entering this realm, and you shall call upon me on my own desire. Understood?It isn't like I chose to be this way, I need to get as much pleasure as I can without going mad."And I presume, your name isn't the only thing you've given."Oh, that's become a hobby of mine by now, if only you could see what I've seen, the abominations and those dreadful things that float. The bodies and the larvae, what's being prepared for the world. You would have to find yourself something to help you bear with the things I've seen.Do you see those statues there, from which this thin wind like infection spread?They are both filled with something dreadful, with which I've had the morbid curiosity to be locked inside with.'Somehow there was a sort of decrepit pair of figures inside.'How are they kept alive then, good skull? Shouldn't they eat from time to time? Surely they can't just stand there inside for all time's sake."Oh but they are, right now, as a matter of fact, you cannot understand just how well it's for them that so many of you had come.'As their bodies grew weaker, this time it wasn't a feeling, but something physical, as water was drained, their muscles mass devolved. It was more like a pact, seeing how the axes which blocked the door raised up.With a dreadful approach, one of them was strong enough to move and raised its dreadful weapon in the air, letting it fall like a butcher's knife, cutting through the wood and straight where two heads would've been.They were barely pulled behind by those who weren't shocked.It was eating, this was draining, all of them were retreating from the dreadfully armoured one.'Help us, can't you see that we got no way to defend ourselves? He'll butcher us."There's no way out, remember? The previous room had been crushed, not to mention that hole."You should try facing it at least, alone, before I have the chance to come.'The mad-man, grinning again, where had he got that thing from?It seemed like he had already got some pieces of the upper side of a rib, now floating backwards like some madly-undead stingray. Following them from above, at a range where they couldn't see nor go.'We need to form a plan."There might be one, just look at that. Tired of carrying him for as long as this?I'm afraid that this may be our only chance even if it works."They spoke quickly and did more in the terms of pointing rather than speaking. Neither of them realised it saw or heard, but how much of it was understood, they couldn't know.A dreadful thing, to say the least, most of them realised that there'd be a feast of sorts. Once they would be brought to the ground and chopped to pieces, their knees and everything below already looked as if they had been made of bones. It was time to try to end it, as it swiped to the wall. They approached and threw the dead one under its feet and watched the armoured fiend just slip and fall.The entire bridge shook at the collapse. Just as well as they were all shaking in fear of the fact that it may raise itself again.'Quickly, pull him out and let's see."Three of them were at the corpse, while the rest had attempted to get the helmet off.'It won't work that way, not with force alone, you need something else for that.'The helmet had some sort of mechanism inside of it which was crudely designed for another type of thing. Properly set, they wouldn't have complained about the pain they shared.Even if it was just a reaction of the slam, they felt the stinging pain which came only after the body got dragged from under it. 'It's about to wake, I can feel it oozing and pulsating from below."Help us, please, we can't do this alone."My assistance won't be able to get you through all the times."Just this time, please, can't you see he'll wake again? This trick won't work on twice either.'And from the look of it, neither of them was a fighter. They were scum, worse than that, things of woe, prone to mistakes, shiveringly unknown.Their

lives which had been left behind were now forsaken and if he wasn't mistaken, this flying abomination wasn't even a human like they were, merely an abomination created by their minds.'So, what will be it then? Do you need my help?Well, if I could get a promise from each of you in part."One of us is mute while the other's dead."Except for the two of them, I need full obedience, understood? Or the one will rise again and finish what he started.'I will."Mind me, for I will obey as well.'This was the beginning of the short-lived chant, and it wasn't going to last much longer. Although the axe wasn't held, they all went on to sit on its back and on its sides.Suddenly the heaviness kicked in and it couldn't act as freely as it could before.Such was the skull waiting for a response, something which would drag them from the dirt. Weirdly so, once the last confirmation came, it spoke again.'From below his neck don't look but feel. There's a small hole inside of it, in which you should be able to shove your finger, at least I know that since I tried jamming one of my teeth inside.'With a slam of air, the helmet popped and bounced on the ground. It was heavy enough to make a dent against the wall and bounce back. Lost on their tracks, there had been no facts left for them to use.Instability came into being. Obnoxiously, it grabbed four of them, ready to crush them on his anvil-like knee. As he got into position, there was a hardship to be had, at least from the viewpoint of the dampness and the darkness inside.'There's nothing there."You need to look further inside and reach with your hand."It's too far from where he's holding me, the grip is too hard."We need to slip some way, my bones are beginning to feel like they're cracking under stress.'During which there came not a second more, the thing which had gotten them unknown. Thrown against the wall they'd shatter, by now, that didn't even matter.They were against it and as it prepared, the silent one came into play again. He was the only one who wasn't trapped, being dragged and staying in the air. With some force, he balanced himself on the anvil and started pulling himself together, just before reaching the neck and pushing one hand inside.'That's the way, just keep digging until you find what you need.'The embrace felt damning, but he'd done it, there, in his hand. There was the oozing thing attached to one organ which was very much still beating.'End it, as was promised, throw it away.'Many of them were stuck in silence, watching as it had occurred. It was dreadful to watch and hear it go ahead and be eaten.The heart was consumed in mere moments, by the time it took to realise it wasn't even alive any longer, the gauntlets let go, they fell.What was left of the knight was hiding there, without hope? They could all feel that dreadful blood just spreading in their system, like some sort of plague of vileness with which they had been infected. A thing of evil, the essence of which brought only the thought of harm to their minds.Each and every one of them had become vile and crept by the side. Neither of them could help it if that meant making mistakes, looking rather human, much like the corpse it was.For now, it almost managed to imitate and leave a smile, before retreating to his docile state.'What is this creature we're attached to? It isn't human, it is woe."I needed that organ, now you'll have to get me another."From where exactly? We barely survived this thing, why can't it all be over already?"Because I need one in order to get you farther than the gate. It's a point where one without a body couldn't travel through. That's the reason why I've been working on creating a new body for myself and no other."You're missing that, heart, aren't you?"Indeed I am, and since you have chosen to let your mute creature devour it instead of giving it to me, you're to bring me the other one.Listen carefully and do not be afraid. Look there, as you can see that it is no longer surrounded by that thing, the layer, the oozing floating gust of mad.'They looked, not as afraid as they had been before. Many of them had bruises and it was getting darker by now, but they had become just as confident as anyone else would've thought them to be. Not only have they dared to

do things which weren't supposed to be done, but they also went through it and managed to survive, all by themselves. The dark whispers said, while they commenced and spoke in their vile tongues. A dreadful type of abomination from inside, it grinned. 'So we agree upon in, you snick inside, flip the helmet off then grab the heart out of its box.' 'We haven't agreed on anything as of yet, as a matter of fact, we'd rather return to the place we've been.' 'Through the sealed, crushed, fornicated hole you barely escaped out of? Rather than try getting another heart which is little to no bother? Hah, as if that would serve you right. I see this place hasn't dimmed your sense of humor, old timer, say, have we met, perhaps in a different life?' 'Maybe on the battlefield if you are one of the corpses brought back to life.' 'It was amusing to look back at it that way, there'd be no doubt of whenever or not one would say a thing. No question about it, they were silent, waiting for him to talk.' 'Are we not going to vote any longer?' 'What's the point? Most of us are going to go ahead and vote the same thing as you've done, nothing wrong about it, but it's more like in the terms of the show rather than to hold anything of the sort.' 'He was right, the others nodded in the dark circus. The weather wasn't improving either.' 'Look, it looks like the sky had dropped a few levels outside.' 'That's the effect of weather in this world, better get used to it. The only way to be safe anywhere else is to remain inside. The only to be safer is to be inside a room with few to no windows.' 'And this bridge was filled with them.' 'What will it be then? Since you are the one to decide, I'd rather face only you, the one who's to give me a response.' 'We'll do it then.' 'Will we?' 'Do it he said?' 'He said we'll be the ones who'd do it, all of us, lost in numbers, memories, connected, dragging a corpse and carrying little to our name.' 'As you may have noticed, there's nothing coming from below of him any longer. It switched back to its dormant state, the slumber from which it would only wake when he came near. That's what he thought he'd come to fear. Some instinct, primal depth told him that thing inside would reanimate and grab at him directly, out of all of them, just in spite. He's done more than well in leading them and for now, the time came for an act, this was the fact.' 'We'll do it, I said, or have I not made myself clear before?' 'They went down, and as if the walking corpse was some kind of strange numb limb which was cast retarded, it somehow imitated their movements and walked at the same pace. The illusion came but little doubt laid about it, that was most likely a reanimated corpse of the sorts. Worse than that, there came a rat, scurrying, with a fellow black cat following one another.' 'This is what I was afraid of since you were trying to think it out for far too long. It's already started, perhaps you may want to drop the whole act and just try running towards the helmet.' 'What for? You haven't spoken about this at all when you spoke of the weather.' 'There wasn't any point to it, I tell you, barely, some kind of regretful error on my part. That alone won't help you either, as you must hurry, now, get up.' 'After coming apart, they ran and wrapped themselves, unknotting the small weakness which laid inside. The axe was dropped from its hand and immediately one of the gauntlets blocked the neck hole. Now the helmet laid between the torso and the wall, staying there then rather be set free. Where the axe had laid, on the ground, it hadn't matter since the mouse and the cat had escaped that rapture. Wasn't it a rat? One of the men asked themselves. It could have been either of them, I know but how could I make such a mistake as to not know whichever of it might be.' 'What do we do now? Can't you see we're out of it now?' 'Undo the gauntlet and push it out, just wrap under the joint as you've previously done with the helmet and you'll do well.' 'They've done it again, using four people to throw the gauntlet away. Immediately a second hand came, while the one with no hand just pushed them and held the others apart. It was almost as if it had planned on having them stretched in some kind of attempt to rip them apart. Obviously, it

wouldn't do, for even a second when they weren't working on it, there'd be a chance for them to leap and undo the lock. 'It's too far for me to reach. If only there was another way.' Right at that moment, when it came, there was a strong sense of sound, a vibration in the air, the scent. That deformed skeletal body came, like a stingray, stopping in mid-air, as if to throw its bony-sting against the side of the palm. Obviously, it couldn't cover the entire hole and the sting just came right under the fingers, to no avail. 'It needs to be more precise, you won't be able to do it.' 'At least, give me the chance to try while you focus on not being ripped apart.' It was a tight grip nonetheless, for some of them were caught right by the arm, pushed by the legs farther away as if they were carried. 'He's bringing us closer to the window, I think he'll attempt to throw us off the bridge.' 'Stop him before it's too late. I can see the darkness almost reached the bridge.' 'The next room might be protected, I've never got that far, but it may be our only chance.' 'Are you not safe either?' The man asked but there was no word that could've taken him apart. There it was, attempting as hard as any single one of them to do what was right and put the finality to the matter and he questioned it instead of helping. They slipped their hands, one by one, pushing each other's backs in a slick attempt to condemn what was important, so they'd rise. This was important, no demise would come yet. But they were approaching dangerously close, to the edge of the window, that of which was promised. One came close to the other, despite the fact that at least one of them was ready to vomit. 'I'll grab a finger, you grab the other.' They pushed forward, each grabbing the chest, seeing how it had to go around the other used suit of armour, that came as easily as it might. It walked around with little shame, no wonder why his fellow laid dead there. Each iron-like finger was caught, now they were trying, with little strength, unable to lift, even one. 'We cannot do this that way in case you haven't noticed. We will be thrown if we don't find another way to have his joint opened.' 'I think I know, just my father.' One of them had his wrists and arms far smaller than the others and it was time he made his approach. Despite the others having their grey hair, he stood out amongst them with his almost raven black, to dark grey locks which outnumbered his white ones. He was Carpenter, at least he had repeated his name a few times in his head as a result of his condition. Even in the conundrum, he was in, he was aware of the consequences and the risks he was taking. As his hand slipped inside, he grabbed and heard the hand click. One sudden move and his wrist were snapped, his old hand retreated broken, with a blow which pushed them all behind. The old men seemed to have been lost in through, as the handless armoured fiend turned towards them, a single boot raised in the air. Time for crushing, the butcher would arrive. 'You've done well.' It said, just as it grabbed the organ with its spine-like tail. There was something about this image in which the statue was cast. An iron crusher who wouldn't move, stuck just a few feet away from the other they had defeated. 'My hand, my hand, it hurt, make the pain stop.' 'Make it stop, make it stop, the man continued while crying and attempting to comfort himself. They only felt a shiver of the pain he had and it was more than what a man of his age could take. The organ fit right inside and with the little bones which laid around, he had become a floating rib-cage with a beating heart in the chest. 'Push the door open, there's no time to wait, we need to continue if you want to survive and get through this, I bet, you desire to escape this trap.' 'Is there a way, a true way to get out?' 'Indeed there is, and you make get up and push forth the carapace which holds you in. But you must survive in here before it consumes you, hear?' They got up, two comforting the man with a broken hand, one carrying the dead, while the mute corpse kept walking. Well enough as it went on, there had to be some sort of consideration in which case, the damnation was at hand. With the lowering sky, having reached the window, it seemed as if something of it

had crept inside the room as well. 'As long as you close the door behind, it will know it's not invited and it won't creep inside. Not through the smallest keyhole, not through the smallest crack. Push it now before it brings them back to life.' 'They can do that? You've not spoken of anything of the sort.' 'Open bodies laying there? What did you expect? This will only get worse as we get through, now open it.' And they pushed together, inch by inch, trying to get as much of it open, as to get one through at a time. When the time came and the open crack was wide enough, the floating two faced guide went through. 'It is safe, let me lit the torches while you make your way.' The wind was cold but there wasn't any stopping to the fire. Without a doubt, there was a dreadful approach to the kind of woe. Within the hall, they entered one by one until the last one came, and the wind pulled it black close. 'Close it properly and place the wooden bar so there'd be no way for them to come.' It was heavy but together, they managed to lift it above the ground and carry it in its place. Before any sound of battering could stop, they realised that there'd be no resistance. 'What is this room?' A wide wooden floor with dark circles drawn on the ground. Three altars laying around the edges of the room hidden, with a pair of stairs which lead to the upper level. 'What have we entered and why are you collecting body-parts?' 'Isn't it obvious by now? I decided to follow and help you only because it benefits me as well, I'm planning on escaping this place, that's all. And I think I'll manage to do it with your help.' That didn't sound right, neither of them enjoyed the sound of that abomination and the thought of it roaming freely in the outside place. The danger wouldn't even suffice as an afterthought. But first things first, this room stank of ill. Drawings on the walls, spilling of red ink, torches, no other detail other than the gargoyles which looked as if they had been hand-crafted for the stairs alone. It was the type of place one wouldn't look twice before he would try doing what was needed to do. Whatever dread filled this place made itself, or rather, themselves be known. A pair of glowing eyes stared at them from above, leaving a feeling of enduring vileness shine. The endless approach would shatter their hope in time, it was just a matter of waiting. They were fuming red wax, spilling some of their vision on the floor. A dreadful way of looking at it, since they went away, never to be seen. 'Where have you been you damned thing?' 'I've already told you that my name is Fyor, though I presume that your ancient minds have already forgotten it.' By the time he returned, he had placed two candles at the back of his skull, where the eyes laid. At that entry of vileness, he had become a floating lantern, as long as he knew how to point it. 'Fyor, there's someone up there, fuming, I don't think we're alone.' 'Good eyes, as for an observer should notice everything that might help him. But I suppose you did realise that not everything is at it seems.' While he approached the upper stairs, they all looked at the grand reveal. A pair of harmless wax statues, twins, who weren't doing anything but melting. Quite so, they came up the stairs to get a closer look. 'You should be aware, as I'm not as familiar with this place as I have previously been with the others.' 'As long as you'll come here with us, we'll scratch your bones and you'll do ours.' With a familiar gesture, they only shook on it metaphorically, not in any other kind of sense. But the grand room awaited and it looked as if once it had been filled with dancers. There had been statues of wax there, past the door, but now only the soles of their feet remained. Something had either gone on or at least someone got busy. 'Am I the only one going insane here over what happened? I don't think those things were supposed to walk again.' 'We're just as disturbed as you, fellow.' One of which had stopped and rested his feet on the ground. 'I say, we take a well-deserved break, just look on it, the door's closed, there's no way for the sky or the dark or whatever to crawl inside the rooms, we can take everything a lot easier.' The old man had ever grabbed some of the wax off the floor and smeared it all over his

face. Though that should've been some kind of ritualistic kind of thing, he was looked upon such as a money who had smeared itself with the most dreadful of extractions. 'We should actually sit down, this trip has only made my heart pop and my back crack from the stress.' With at least the understanding, they agreed, making the circle complete. Some were on their backs, while others were amidst their knees, talking in their circle with the nearest peer. While, in the spot where the middle laid, there was the body which came. Nearer by the likes of which the face looked upward then around. He had managed to find himself a small rod of iron to put in place of a bone. Even if it wasn't a fully formed arm, Fyor could stand on one and still manage to walk, almost properly. From leap to leap, sipping on the side, drinks of air. "Think you could find us some wine, Fyor, or something around here?" Roll down a keg of beer as well if you're onto it. "Maybe something which would raise our mood if you're the one going." He was silent but flew away. Neither of them knew if he would find anything of the sort there. Most seemed to think of the place as being ancient, merely chanced for this mad experiment, alas. 'It's dark, for once again.' "Well, you bag of dust shouldn't have sent our only way out in search of. Nevermind it, we should start looking for a way to have a light without him. I couldn't stand it if he were to disappear again on us like he's done the last time." Or this time. A set of laughter, long silenced as it came. The others were already down, far too quiet, long sleeping with the circumstances on. Such was it with their age, no combat training, no stamina left in their bodies. Somehow though, they weren't human there and he knew that, out of all. Most importantly was the fact that he had come to feel depressions from the others. Unexplainable at first, but as he went down to sleep as well, he dreamed of himself being ripped away from others. A bittersweet dream, where one wouldn't feel that closeness of body they displayed, unable to be dragged down by those who wanted to wait. He wished for no such thing and apparently, he had gotten what he desired most, disclosure for starters. Being alone wasn't only enough but he wouldn't dare approach the point where he'd creep in to cut the others. No, that wasn't him, despite the regulations they had each managed to cut down, they didn't deserve that kind of a punishment. Yet they were dormant and at their worst. Each of them would thank their commanding unit later if it was revealed that it was him who decided they had to be helped and cut apart. Not to mention that it was also the right thing to do in order to save himself from the damnation which waited forth. He could feel that sting, that dread, the misery, not in his words. All of his medals, tokens, decorations removed, because he did the least unsatisfactory thing and let the abomination live. That wasn't man any longer and it took him a few minutes of not being part of them to realise that. By the time he could find a weapon, anything would suffice if it meant cutting the grown that had pulled them together. And that's what it was, he looked at the stump of grown which had laid between the two of them, standing like a worm. He moved away from it and fell back to sleep as if waking up and returning from the utmost lucid dream. In this new realm of dreams, he walked alone, as one who wasn't to be caught in the trap he had laid. A pair of string and a small explosive which would blow, right next to a marked three. Low enough, near the leaves, that's where he had placed it. The three weren't as dark, or red, but he reminded himself that it was war, a few too many flashes and his mind would start seeing things in a different way. Without a doubt, there was something holding him back from going forth. There was a schedule of death to follow and either he was to follow it and murder on time or other might come forth and take his place. A shiny blade laid in his mouth, but there were humans no more. Strange dreams, the sky was blank, it had some blue-tinged on the sides, but it also had giant holes which seemed to have been absent at any other given time. Despite wondering at that, he had to hide and wait

for the enemy.'What in the name of?'He almost yelled and gave himself away. On flying sponge, a twister horn which crawled from inside the hole came straight above his position and appeared as if to scout the entire area. This type of encounter was damning for his mind, he couldn't comprehend the form, whenever it be some kind of flying stinger or a new type of weapon he wasn't prepared for, he couldn't tell. The best strategy, for now, was to hide and bide for a time until reinforcement came. And a man was slowly approaching, an enemy to be precise. He wasn't expecting that thing either, as he pointed with his rifle and started raining down bullet against the outer shell of its body. 'This won't work against it.' He found himself out of line again, not another word. It floated in a most benign way, revealing a set of incisors which were pushed with air-defying strings out of an opening. It formed a small net, boiling with steam from the likes of which it launched like a projectile on the poor soldier's face. He was the enemy but even they gave themselves quick deaths between one another. No one had to suffer that much until now. Caught between the helmet and the face, the net melted the skin in a most disturbing manner. From the hole there came another short incisor, launched like a single string-projectile. It pierced both of his legs, to prevent the run, making sure there'd be enough time for itself to create more with the help of the strings and those canines. There'd be plenty to collect, for it seemed to have waited along until the man passed out or died. No scream, just the dreadful image of that bone-like, dirt coloured flying horn as the last thing the man had seen of the face of the earth. Its teeth were taken back as the strings were being retracted inside the hole. Most importantly, it collected the teeth of the man. 'Now it's the time.' He said while throwing one single rock as to activate the system. A bunch of wooden spears had found their wait, cracking against the shell but piercing the exposed part of its body. A bloody travesty, as it is said, there's nothing which could prevent the dead from coming back now. It struggled but it couldn't set itself free. No amount of string or canines could help it now since it had been impaled against the hardened sampling. It would be cruel to let it suffer for so long, but that's what he had his knife for. He approached, making sure no other of its kind would come from the holes left in the sky. That carapace, the shell, looked big enough to fit his arm. It wouldn't do some good to block some bullets, only if for that alone. They might be frightened by the man who had slain a dark creature such as it was. Spikes, and juvenile extractions on its outside, that thing had grown too dark conditions. No wonder it was suffering that way, there wasn't a way to tell what was on the other side, in their part of the world. Slowly he started cutting, aiming for the insides. Looking at that, he seemed to have noticed the incisors and the strings it had collected, trying to bulge out of the body. Just as he was done with the next piece of this beautifully outlines neck, he pulled the head, leaving all of them to fall onto the ground. 'You were made to bring a lot of destruction from the looks of it. Too bad you fell for the simple ingenuity of man.' Noise from the upper garden. More from behind. It looked like there'd be no time to make it out with his trophy. But just in case, he had dared to place a piece of cloth on his hand and wrap one of the strings around a hand-held blunt square. A device which was placed inside, too much pressure and it would go off. Hopefully, it would go off either way because he was prepared for it. Immediately, after the alteration was gone, he saw the blood finally come out, giant bubbles coming out of its insides. The strings had turned red and blue. Were those its veins it had been launching? Were those creatures mad? If memory served right, he had heard of some rare species of lizards that had come close to extinction in his time. They had some system in which they sprouted blood of out their eyes to drive away the predators. Could it be that after the impalement and the cuts, that thing was still alive? Strings were still moving from

its inside but he had moved from that dangerous spot a long time ago. There'd be no way for him to give in his position, not now, for whoever was out there. He'd be out of their range by now, unable to be heard or seen. One would have to question where had he been for so long, creeping. That seething repugnancy kept coming from inside the horn. Those were enemy soldiers after all, but it had been too late to enjoy the show. He had managed to come along the by the riverside when he heard the explosion kick in. Four casualties from the times he checked, one dead unless they all kicked the bucket then. More would come towards the point, but he couldn't give in. With an attempt to clean his face with water, he realised that he was just filling his hands with soft and cold, liquid wax from a small wax pool. It was still dark, but he wasn't seeing things, there was a statue there, another one of those gargoyles which blew from its nostrils and somehow managed to prevent from hardening and clogging the holes from which it came. 'What hour is it? Where am I?' He looked around, barely seeing, it appeared as if he had managed to crawl merely a few steps away from the body. Was he even separated, to begin with? A single stroke on the back revealed some long, upturned, thin, extension of meat, which went all along the puffy conception he had come from. This wasn't freedom, merely parole. He was allowed to leave as long as that link wasn't broken and who knew what would happen if that were to be as well. There came the next realisation, that he wasn't truly dreaming, as he noticed a hole in the ground. A few steps from where the act had happened, there laid a wax mark which dragged itself below. Other four wax men stood there on the ground, turned as if to stare. One blink of an eye and he was already there. 'If this is a delusion, all that I need is to run.' He got on his feet and passed the thin river with a leap. Something bad and harmful was about to happen, especially since more of those creeping things started coming from the sky. Well too aware that once he'd be broken in the mind, he'd die. Off to a great start, making his way as well as his part. Only that he had to outrun death which followed, the solitary man who revealed himself, only to be picked, running, shaking the leaves and leaving a lot of shoe marks on the ground. This was his nightmare now, but what about the others? The man was still stuck in the room, at least until the point where he hit himself against the wall and got stuck. He passed out, only to be dragged by the thin and long extension, right where he belonged. About the others, two shared dreams, this time being stuck into one another, and ends which brought most dread. For started he had a tail, two heads, a body which belongs to a sort of deformed creature with seven legs and openings of mouths that weren't in their normal faces but at the tops of their heads. A body laid between the two of them, but they had both human hands and pushing thin walls which came to prevent any possible fall. One great set of eyes laid on the chest but each was kept close as to avoid confusion. Shared vision was already confusing as it were, to say. 'You should close your eyes, I need to see.' But looking at how his mouth had become something superficial, he became dreadfully afraid to talk. Both of them were indeed in need of some sort of walk. Neither knew what happened, but they've seen this world before. 'Should we go on the road then?' 'Keep your eyes closed I said. We should encounter those of which are filled with dread.' On the road they had come to see, a merchant, travelling with his back, not to be seen. A man, a human, much to their surprise. 'I'm seeling corpses my dear sirs, want to buy one?' A piece, apart, the town at hand was shallow. It was dark, it was raining and their skin was pale, the scales were narrow. Just like some sort of wogs they appeared, having been dragged from the darkest depths of some unknown abyss. And this grandness bore through them a desire to creep. 'What do we have, we need to trade something to the man.' 'I know, I know, but let me see.' Intentionally, he pushed a knuckle into one of the extending skin-walls, coming out of a side.

He pierced it and looked at it as if it was some kind of storage compartment rather than their body. 'We're all bones with big fat organs, it seems. But what is that shiny thing down there?' It took a few tries, as it were, looking into your own body, having your hand swim in that amorphous liquid which crept even the most human into the creation of dread. Nothing was being said after. But they took out something which had to be worth a something, after all, it was a token of pearls. 'Straight from the abyss, I count? Well, this should buy you a few pieces of a body, what say you? Shall we make this deal or would you rather take one for yourselves? The town right there is filled with dread, the men and women and the children are afraid. We broke them a long time ago, but this, the meat had been prepared, cooked and salted. A disgusting through, repulsing, the way he spoke about his fellow men. He had to be dealt with as soon as they were well. But what was that and why had they made the deal with the damned one? It seemed like the other one with his eyes closed was listening to his instinct, rather than his sense. A mad thought to have in a world such as this one. But these were plays, nothing serious at all, merely blankets of disguise and thoughts which weren't meant to be alive. Something told both of them that heading inside would bring nothing short of trouble in their minds. 'What have we to lose then? Look behind, there's nothing out there, at least for long miles. Do you seriously think it's worth it, terrorising the poor saps?' 'Why not, if this is what I think it is, let's go ahead and see.' That dreadful pieces of meat did seem quite tasty after a while, only that they have been placed inside the compartment of the chest. An ugly way to look at the manner. Putrid and strange, mightily deranged, one would have to say. More likely, once the day would come, they would be seen. 'Better do it in the dark, let's snick and see what there inside.' He pointed at one of the small houses and seemed pulled by the idea of creeping through. There were two people under the blankets, forming a strange bulk. Was it fair to disturb them during their sleep? Should we head there, might we look the same way at that once we're done with it? With a shattering blow, the lock was off, they entered the house. It was obvious that the bulk had become awake, by the way, it was shaking, it knew of the intruder. There came the approach, a dark light, the curtains slowly pulled against the windows. No one stumbling at night would see, but the problem was for them not to reveal them with the help of a scream. Directly next to them, they both waited, preparing those limbs, slowly breathing. Damned lungs, they made too much noise, too sharp, for far too long. It was a dead giveaway that they were there. Little to no matter, as it came to be, both of them looked at both ends of the bulk in the bed and came to decide, which end had to be smothered. Both ends looked as if they had the heads there, ready to be pushed, slashed, slashed, so on and so forth. Dreadful thoughts started pouring. Both of them were watched in the dark. Awake at the same it, they noticed the creeping mute, standing when everyone else was sleeping. Could it be that it was because of him that they were having those dreadful thoughts, the nightmares and the vileness which was felt? It appeared like that thing was the only one catalyst of their problems. A probe of skin and meat, the gaze, it seemed to be directly pointed at the two of them. 'What should we do? Perhaps we could wake up the others and tell them.' 'Tell them we're sharing a sick fantasy together? Get back to sleep already and try not looking at it.' But it was getting dangerously close to being frightening, at least to him. There it was, a being which did nothing but stare and it had become more of a dark omen than anything else he had seen. A pair of beady eyes and no expression in the dark. It looked like some cross-breed between some mad creature which spent most of its time morbidly observing, with little of the human side in the mixture. One gaze was enough to reveal its malevolent evil and how it waited there for something to be done. 'Go to

sleep."The man said, watching the dark, slowly as the corpse went on to surrender to some primal instinct of listening to his commands.Once he was, sure enough, that he wouldn't get up, there came some sort of arrogance, the vile threat is ended. He would sleep without having to be brought to the damning vile visions.'I think we were waiting for you to come. I had no control over the body until you came, and this time felt as if I was stuck in a prison.'"Stop complaining.'But he stopped himself once he thought about the way he spoke. We were waiting for you, something in the lines made him no want to turn.'Make a great stop and turn around, I know it's there.'His head had become dizzy, he felt as if he was in that bed, holding his wife at home, the one who had died of lungs malnutrition a few years ago. A dreadful fate, not even worse.He was there, standing next to that creeping thing which was his other half. Still passively following, but this time free of action. Without that to stop him he had become a corpse which followed.'Ignore him and look at what's important.'His newly found terror pointed and where he thought was to be. It was smothering after all. That alone served as a decider. Not to mention what they'd feel, the temperature raised itself inside the room.It felt like they were close to some kind of burning furnace or a stove which was left on and came to a fire. A feeling which wasn't to be called upon, the dread no longer gone.Was it the fault of everything wrong which happened? Could it be trusted to remain?'I don't feel comfortable being in its presence any longer.'"Then make sure you're done with this and let's get out of it as fast as we can.'Immediately they both grabbed both ends which their pair of hands, extending and stretching their meat probes around, directing brute force without having to strike at all. They had stretched in patches which converted energy into blunt strokes of pain.That alone was enough to end them without another sip of breath, but on the other side, they felt their bones cracking and being smashed by the mere force which had been brought on the table. More than that, the bed had been broken on both sides as well, the force keeping the pumps through various damning vibrations.It kept pumping, unable to stop. Whilst moving his flattened fingers, he felt the entire room shake, unable to stop the motion or the strong vibration which came with it.A cutting edge, like that of steel, started chopping wood bone, melting skin, creating a throng. Some of the vileness avoided the walking corpse, which watched.But from his side, the essence of evil crept in the human, parts of them which were that way raised themselves up by the time he was done and stopped the destruction.Despite being chopped in many halves, the couple released themselves from under the blankets with a pair of unmoving body parts as well as blank looks in their eyes. Prior to this, they would've become aware of something dreadful, especially with what they had become.But now, these people or the pieces of them which stood adjacent, very much alive, with no blood coming out of there stood there.'Move, move I said.'After a command, he had been slapped around, the torso, missing his lower part.At least his wife was headless, with both the body and the head aware of their surroundings.'Is this his fault? It must be, I know it its, dreadful thing which creeps inside, how can you make that claim?'There was no one sane in the room to make the thing clear. Oh, dear.One of the old men thought, what can we do now?What if?He took a second off to pull what had been inside of him, looking rather dreadfully pale, once he opened the wall-like compartment to see the cooked chops and muttons, the man's head staring back at him.Alive in the sense, that it was reanimated and quickly disposed of.'You cretin, that was inside of us? Alive?He could've chomped on our organs, bit us to death if you weren't paying enough attention. It could've been your fault."Relax and try to no get too much attention to us. We'll leave now and leave them here. No one will suspect a thing."What if it follows? That one is tied to us and cannot get away when needed.

What makes you so sure it won't follow after we leave?"We'll see to it, don't worry. You'd better go ahead and hurry before I get a hold of our motor functions.Because if I'll be in charge, I'll never return to this town, nor would I look back for any other thing again."All right, all right, just close those damn eyes, you're giving me a headache with all ten of them brightly spotted.'Thoroughly, they had been forgotten since they were kept close at all times.'You, don't follow!'He said while pointing at the corpse. A strong feeling told him that there wasn't a choice in the matter anyway, and he'd be followed just as soon.Another house had to creep in and so far no madman left at night to stumble in the dark.Expectations were left in place for danger, something which was much stranger than expected.'It looks like a small home, just one person inside, for what I thought."There's salt on the doorstep, see? Whoever's inside, they belong to some paranoid lot which beliefs in old stories of woe."On a good reason that just turns around.'He had opened only an eye to look, but seemingly, this distraction was welcomed in good terms.There it was, standing like a dark mule. In the dark and at the distance, it almost looked human, except for those evil eyes which crept inside.Without the hinges or the sound of the door being opened, there was some extremity of the kind. Neither of them was blind.Somewhat the man-creature appeared there, without having to have opened the door. Such a disturbing thing to think about, that such a creature was somehow unstoppable, whenever or not they wanted to admit, both were crept by it.'Let's just head inside, perhaps if we're lucky, it may not be able to pass the line of salt.'As long as they believed that, they were both getting closer to being safer. At least, from what they have been aware, there was something there waiting for them, in the last. Inside they entered, with a quick lockpicking trick. One finger pushed, and the lock was diminished at a level which laid far beyond the human eye.They smiled at that, entered and closed the door.It was indeed a woman who was sleeping there alone, boney, but curved. Somewhat of a beauty which waited in the night. With at least a window perching, there was none other in the house.Ever so approaching and creeping, there it laid, the corpse, waiting and watching them, stalking as a true dreadfully aware being. Now it was the time to be crept by it, a thing which refused to give in and stay away.With their every action being seen, there was a distaste for what they had been planning on doing next.'We cannot do it if we're watched."Don't make any noise unless you want to be caught."They've done a great job in regulating themselves and their own speech, as to never hear one another tremble to speak too loud. She'd hear, she'd wake up, then shout in terror for the real beast was there in front of her.It felt like they had become a new breed of creeps, assailants.Something which was even worse than what they had done to the poor couple without any consideration of their lives. There she was, someone who was better, a beauty in her own rights.'If she dies, she'll be just as cursed."Oh you dreadful one, have you lost your mind as well? We cannot slay such a beauty, her mere presence makes me more humane.Does it not do the same for you, my fellow?"I feel something but weep of pain, you reek of despair. Look at yourself and what have you become. She could never accept you for what you are, so take it off your mind.'He was right, they have arrived with some sort of dark intention which wasn't spoken outright. There wasn't any sort of light left any longer, just the silence.Those beads were dangling, but both were aware that they haven't moved at all in their sockets. At least they knew that this kind of despair was in their pockets.'I feel ashamed of doing what we're doing now, certainly, there has to be another way. Something we could say."Who's there? Who's making all this fuss in my room, intruder?'Both or the same, took a step behind, having been struck lame.All of the sudden a pair of evil eyes opened and looked through the dark.'Close your eyes.'He whispered, now both of them

looked through the many directional, forming openings from which the vision came. A sick thought which just ran by. One whispered to another. 'Let me do the talking. Are you all right ma'am? I couldn't help it but be drawn in here, your door was unlocked, and you seemed to be there, with little of your shivering life floating.' 'Is it morning already? I cannot tell.' Poor lass, both looked and saw just how much her eyes had degenerated, with their pupils missing, white as silk. It looked almost as if someone had poured some kind of bitter milk on them. Evil, vile, corrupt, she must be kept alive. The thought ran and bounced between the two of them but came out dry. She still has to be taken care of, just look outside, it's gone. Somehow I believe that he went to get some others, leaving the vile thoughts behind to rising. But these thoughts were too personal to be heard, there was no echo between their chambers. Mere distraction, as she spoke again. 'Will you accompany me through the town?' 'I will most certainly do.' But there was a problem, he still hadn't the human parts which were needed to be felt. 'May I be the ones guiding you, in case you don't mind?' There was a nod. 'May I get my coat off the wall?' There was another nod, at which the other almost bit a piece of his ear. She's blind, oh, right, poor old me. 'I'll get it immediately.' With which he wrapped it around her, placing the humans which looked and felt closest to being human on her shoulders. Outside, by the time they went, the sky looked flat, the roofs weren't sharp any longer, it was time for a commotion to happen. Some light came into some houses and it was time to bring her away. 'Do you trust me?' 'How couldn't I?' She was shaking, her voice was cracking and there was some mild depression to it that of which made her unaware. 'Well, are you going to do something bad to me? No one would find me if you were to it and leave my body in the night.' An expression of shock ran on both of their faces. Was this woman right in the head? There wasn't any doubt that something was wrong with her, at the worst level possible. At least from the awareness of woe. They both looked at each other and thought the finality of saying. 'No, my dear, I merely decided to take you somewhere safe. You see, neither of us is human, and you may have realised.' 'Indeed, I knew that to be true. I'm only partially blind, look.' Her pupils were small, almost a fraction of what they were, but on a closer inspection, they were definitely there, swimming in the milky pools of her eyes. 'But.' 'I'm sorry for any deception, but I had to make sure of your intentions, of which I'm still deciding what's to be said about.' 'You can only see just fractions of the world?' And such, but it seems like you had a second head after all. 'At which she smiled. They should've thought of something better, but nothing came to mind. 'Let's just head there, though.' 'Wait, no yet. Do you mind, before I am to come with you if we make a stop somewhere? I have some errands to do or something to deliver. A payback if you're willing to help.' Those devilishly looking grins, the whelps, agreed upon her request and followed. 'What's your name?' 'Mellisa, good sirs, and what might be yours?' 'Henry Clarke and this good fellow who seemed to have kept his eyes closed.' 'Plain Murphy.' He said with a thick accent, a degenerative trance having induced both once they realised they have been watched. 'Tell me this Mellisa, do you see that thing there, creeping in the dark?' 'Far too well for my own comfort. Why is it there?' More importantly, why was it creeping behind the fence, as if trapped in someone's garden? It occurred to both that the dreadful thing was merely pretending to be inanimate. Though in the past it had shown to obey some commands with a tiny amount of reluctance, it certainly did follow what had to be done. Which was to say that it wasn't right. Something wasn't and isn't right about that human-looking creature. The long pauses, the way it suddenly appeared when it wasn't called or needed. Worse was the fact that they felt as if there was an unbreakable bond between them, one which would extend no more. 'Let's head away from its presence before

something bad happens." Agreed. They said to one another and appeared to have crept between themselves. At least this was safe enough for them to walk around the buildings, wet, as the dirt turned into muck. 'Say, Melissa, are you aware that there's a vendor farther away from the entrance in this town selling some ubiquitous things which aren't supposed to be in his possession?' 'I'm sorry but it's forbidden to talk about him, under no circumstance by the council of this town, youth, elders and everyone with half-a-mind.' Which was what kept them away from danger. 'Just follow me for now, I've got a few errands which need to be taken care of. At least starting with that one, you see it?' She seemed to have pointed at a pole after dragging them through the town, alone. One single metal pole, with a sleeping blue dove at the top, tied to it by a strong string. 'That's how they're used to deliver messages to the other colonies.' 'What other colonies? Exactly, what's going on in here?' 'No more questions for now, just follow my lead and listen.' She barely pointed in the general direction of a pond nearby. A few small rocks laid there, thrown by the pool, too clean, too nice to look natural. Some of which had been carved in a way which would make them a perfect weapon in the hands of a good thrower. 'What do you want me to do with?' 'I believe it's obvious by now, I've been walking by the pond daily for near a year now. Make sure you grab a few of those. You may be strong but you need all the help you can get.' A spoonful of rocks was taken, hidden in the compartment. Near all of them had been so clean and sharp that there was a wonder how they didn't cut through his stomach while inside. Now, they looked more likely to be blunt than anything else. Strong enough to shatter bones rather than cut through the meat. Speaking of which, there it laid resting by the pole. 'I need to you take Emily down with only a stone.' 'It had a name?' 'Yes, Emily, named after the deceased daughter of the town mayor. Is there something wrong?' 'No, nothing, just why have you told us her name? We could've gone ahead without knowing that detail. Its death would've been a lot easier than you think.' 'It had to come since both of them were restless and unsure themselves of what they had to endure in case they failed.' 'What are you waiting for then? Are we doing this or should I look for someone more suited at this.' 'We will do it, just give us a moment.' Some reluctance came but the aim as well. With enough strength, it flew without a sound and blew the head off that little dove. After which it fell defeated, while the rock still laid somewhere in the dark. 'Come here, it's falling.' Both of them wrapped their hands around Melissa and held her as dearly as they could. Some warmth could be felt around those arms, but not the tenderness of humans. 'That's enough, the rock isn't going to fall on my head.' And after a few seconds, the rock showed up, a few miles away, in the distance, straight in the dirt, far apart than any other building in the vicinity. 'Well, that could've been close.' 'And something might've happened to you if the stoned just turned flying upwards instead of going forward.' 'Just take back the rock and let's move on.' She had a set of napkins, ready to be used, while the two of them went to recover the small pebble. Apparently, she wrapped the dove's body inside them, while using a sharp pocket knife to cut the string attached. A clean kill with no sounds, of which neither of them could get used to. Somehow that silent animal felt more real than the pair they had taken care of. 'We can carry on with our list.' 'There's an entire list we have to take care off?' 'Don't worry, I won't ask you to murder a child or woman.' But that alone didn't cover the list entirely, even with her large grin resting on her sides. 'We'll just make sure nothing bad happens, to be certain. Do try to follow when you're told. The night is thin after all, and you should be used by now of doing what you're told.' She was right in a way, they followed, curious as to what she wanted. Reeking of something, they approached a barn. 'You may have guessed after the smell. That's mainly how I'm guiding myself now. It's a vagrant thing, a smelly rotten cheese

among others."The food supplies."And we got a winner, we're going to contaminate them. Well, it's more like you're going to be contaminating it rather than me."Why are you doing this Melissa, if you don't mind us asking?"Two stares from one-another revealed that one of them at least agreed to what she was doing, while the other stood, concealed.'It's a payback, in case you're interested. A payback for what was done to me.Look, if you want to get into detail, let's do it later, or sometimes where we're not actually doing something which may get us caught. Because I can assure you that even with your monstrous body and silent friend, you're still no match against an entire town on your own.That much was true, and neither could deny the fact.He'd been taken by surprise plenty of times now and against an entire town, there'd be no fight.'What do you think would happen if I were to scream now for help?"Exactly the same if we did it and ran, leaving you with the dead pigeon in your hand. Unless you think they would believe a story where a two-headed creature appeared and cut the rope off, bringing a small corpse with it."All right, all right, we're both set to be caught now. I may have been unfair to you, I must admit.'You're far more clever than you look. She thought and grinned with a dark shine to her harrowing eyes. Pleased by their small retort, she continued on her mark.Just how exactly did she think those food supplies would be contaminated, to begin with? That didn't appear like an easy task, at least not one without an outsider's influence.'I think I might have the perfect plan if you're still listening."They were all ears, especially for the fact that they were rather unaware of their surroundings and what was going on around them.Most likely a result of the fact that they were being manipulated by the woman, without even knowing her intentions, obeying rather than acting on their will. Such a poor woman, blind, unable to do those vile acts on her own.'How do you suppose we do this then? Burn them, pour some poison or some toxin we should've had on us?"No, nothing such as that, it's going to be more subtle than it, I'm thinking.'Melissa gave a nod, and looked around, unsure of what exactly could be done about the supplies. For once they could be given a short flame and burnt, releasing the mud-filled fumes that would wake everyone up.But that would give it all away, which was a bad thing since she wanted to do so much more on her bucket list.'It's settled then, I think I know what we might do. Just follow me and listen."They did as she was pleased, looming around some old three which wasn't of one piece any longer.'I was planning on using this on a special occasion but I believe there won't be another such as this one.'She pointed at a plating spot right next to the oak, it had to be under it.'Just dig until you hit the metal spot and you'll know what's happened. No one will know it's been hidden there, not a soul, not worse than a suffering Buffon who were to stumble there.'He went to his work and looked around, with a tongue which was wagging, he came to ask.'Is that another piece of the town you're planning on destroying? They seem to be planning on another quarter of it, if not more."Ignore that for now, that's a different town they're planning on bringing to life. Investors and such decided it would be worth it to bring another town to life, right next to ours."And your plan to drive them away is to trick them into thinking this place is cursed?"But both of them realised just as soon as they looked at themselves that this place was truly cursed. And it extended over the land as far as it stretched over its people.She was just as afflicted like any other around them. Worse was the fact that both of them felt the decay happening around their bodies, melting, shimmering, stretching in large veils of skin.They would have to hurry if they desired to bring this project to fruition. 'Found it, your small box of rat poison.'Enough green, yellow, mucus in the bottles to kill an entire battalion.'I have thoroughly thought about my supplies and a few methods which would be required to go on with it. But neither of them were subtle enough."And this will be.'There

came the nod and the explanation. 'This is no common rat poison, for you see, if you would've read the bottle you would've understood that this poison is set to disappear as soon as it's applied on the area. It would be better if you thought of it as some invisible ink of some sort, if anything, a deadly set of ink which would more harm than well.' 'What about their water supply?' 'Great thinking, I have almost forgotten. I'll take a few of these.' She had grabbed at least twenty bottles in her lap, displaying a bit of her breast while doing so. Nevertheless, there was a clear jolt of life in her dead eyes now. A quick reminder. 'Turn the bottles around and spray away, the liquid should spread around the area and infect everything in no time. But just to be sure, save five or six more of those, we still have some work to get on with.' As they both continued in the dreadful clarity, they somehow listened and looked around. 'Are you sure we're supposed to do this? Won't there be consequences?' None that either could think of since they still imagine this to be a dream. Other than being watched by the mute being, there'd be no other witness to observe their dream. Perhaps that's the reason they went on with it, spraying the muckus all over the cheese and the meat, the bottles which were previously half-opened and the pastry. It wasn't a great an idea to put all eggs, the grains and the bear in one room, but they were done with it. The infection had spread and just as Melissa had promised, there had been no trace of the poison. Not a single rat inside either. 'And the next thing on the list?' 'Keep one bottle hidden in these wicked tribal trousers, I say. We'll make use of one later.' He had a demonical look on his face which was of no good. Murphy and Clarke, partners in crime now, on their own road, followed their needs and thoughts of what she'd want them to do. 'We still have a few bottles and I believe I heard the sound of cattle.' 'Are you sure we're supposed to do this? She hadn't.' 'Nonsense Murphy, I think it was implied, why else would she leave us with so many other bottles if not to use them on the living pests? They'll have better luck with eating he scurrying rats next after we're done with it.' 'Pigs and cattle, all in the same area, having the slough spread and ready to be touched by their illness.' 'Are you sure we're supposed to do it?' 'Do not say a word until she asks us to go on with it, understood?' 'But what if?' 'Murphy, you must follow my lead, understood? I haven't felt this much alive in a decade or so, don't ruin this for me. Can't you see that none of this might have any effect of what's happening out there? It must be part of the experiment on the human reaches and what we'd be capable of it there were no consequences.' They would die in the most harrowing ways possible, with little doubt in mind. Even now when they smelled the stench of the vile substance, they were pulled from their slumber and came to feed themselves. 'Two more bottles left, what are you planning to do with them?' 'I thought I told you already Murphy, that's none of your business, it's not even hers. We've been tasked to bring destruction to this town and that's what we'll do.' Some seriousness here and there but he couldn't tell whenever or not something was going to happen. At least in that sense, there was no defence for the vile acts he had in mind, which followed. 'There, can you see her anywhere in sight?' 'No, but I don't know where the well is exactly located. It could be here, or there, far away.' He had no clue and for a good reason, he shut his mouth when they entered another house. Though this time, it was far more spacious than any other. From the looks of which you could tell that the owners had something of their own compared to the others. At least, looking at it from a different angle it seemed like the house almost got close to one of the ones belonging to their day and age. 'How does afford this?' 'Make silence now, can't you see we're going to follow through with the plan?' Some dreadful silence here and there, no creaking on the floor, no other noise to give them away. It felt as if they were stalking for some prey, tied by the wall as soon as they saw the figure of a child. She

walked down the stairs in her stroll. It felt as if that they were fooling themselves when thinking of the dreadful clarity this showed. The shame, the same thing which crept away, what would they do, what would other say? We can't kill a child, that is too much, that wouldn't do. And the worst feeling crept, despite not being able to see him, they felt him out there, looking after them, making sure whatever happens the men and women wouldn't die. But it was dark and she only carried a candle there. The blue light of which spread in a curling ball of radiance around there through the night. With the curtains pulled, and no light there, she barely opened the eyes herself, moving rather at a memory's pace. The kitchen was downstairs, exposed, it was a large house after all. With a fraction of a small wall separating the common room among other fractioned rooms, she placed the light on the counter. 'We should move.' Whispered Clarke, looking set upon taking care of the needs. But they didn't go after the child, instead, they walked up the stairs and followed the scent. One door stood open by the left side of the corridor, one which turned to the right. What a weird design they thought. Not only were the rooms connected with doors, but they also had multiple ways to enter. That way one could either get away straight out of the door or take a right and be met by the view outside. It was a height to behold. With the certainty that the room was the daughter's, they closed it behind and pretended to be their child. If there was some semblance of parenting shown, they would follow their daughter's every move, regardless of what was to happen. Right by the door, they hid, looking how it suddenly opened. One head came right in, only to be grabbed by the pair of reachers and be grabbed inside. After which, the door closed, there was no scream as the head got sealed in halves, the body falling over. This fool had done it again, he'd taken the mother by surprise, leaving nothing but pieces which were fractionally alive. Not a single doubt came any longer, that they took her and place her inside. One more person in the house of dread had to be taken care of and they could already feel themselves changing. More rabid with each time someone faded at their hand. With a slender approach, they held one of the hands the woman had and opened the door with it. Greeted by a sleeping father, they closed the door and came to be. Her hand just brushed around her husband but when he turned, the terror came. In the darkness, the beast was stung by nothing, least remorse as it covered and went through the same motions, the vibrations which could cut through steel if given the chance. It felt almost as if both of them were caught in a trance. It felt well, seeing them still alive, in a state of silent observation. His wife joined him as soon as she could. Together they looked like pieces of dolls which didn't find they ways to fit. More likely they were, not only because they didn't bleed, but something told both of them that they didn't think either. Not any longer. 'We should leave now before we alert the child.' 'There were other rooms, what if she has brothers left?' 'I didn't think you would step in but I think that's enough for a night, wouldn't you agree with me?' At least they were set on leaving, right through the door, followed by a curl of light. There were no windows there, just an opening to the abode of the world, on which they stepped, the roof slabs, then on the ground. It felt as if they haven't even gone inside. But there it was looking like a man who had been caught in his disguise. For once they looked and saw some genuine emotion the creature's eyes. Not human yet, but something close to disgust, repulsion, that deed which had been done was dirty. 'We should find her, now, before we're getting pulled by other needs.' 'No, we should continue doing this to them instead. Haven't you felt them that way? It couldn't be that I was the only one who's felt it? One feeling remained as strong as it had been the first time they felt it. A groan in the stomach, a pain which would force them to stop and act. This was the moment in time which dragged at their minds and the first steps they took, the story they had seen was blank. Only a

dak curtain remained, and a catatonic type of sleep came after. Neither of the two of them had been aware of the other part which happened next, only that there was a creepingly still silence which remained. A blunt kind of thing that was, mountains which were cut from the bottom of the earth and bore their cuts all around their massive bodies, it would be some kind of mistake to think that those marks had been made naturally, but then, so was the place in view. As seen from above, there's been a few months passed since the dreaded encounter had been set. Despite the setbacks in the past, it looked as if the frame for two grand towns had been set there, in the confines of the darkest sides of dirt. Mounds had been raised, trees had been cut and there had been no cattle there. One oak tree stood there alone near black windows and a sort of hut-like terrace, creeping from the inside of which he was some kind of annoying pest with large eyes, visible even from the distance. It had done its strange rituals from there but never understood what pulled the men of value over the lands. What exactly had crept there and who was in charge? Riding some sort of pale and sick horse made the man realise the value of the animal's life. It was less than nothing with its putrid bones sticking out, the mere had been starved but at least he was confined with the fact that there had been others of its kind behind. Why had the man looked so familiar and why was he selling sick animals? Greetings, out of a chance, have the two of us met before? I seem to recall most of the faces I've seen but yours. "Oh, yes indeed, we met moments ago when you came with me with a most accusatory story." "What have I said exactly?" "Well, my good traveller, in your own words, of ill and hate, you called on a truce no longer with the kind of men. You wanted to come and bring ruin to their lands before they build it on a far stronger level and undermine your work." "What work of mine? What do you know, strange merchant?" He stroked his beard and revealed a wide felacious smile under the hood he wore. For some reason he wore some delight as well as he touched the poor animal on the head, pushing and caressing a hand through the exposed parts it had. A damning image for the weak of heart but he waited at that and thought. Could it be that I was set free? Free from them, to wreak havoc and much as I desire, no, that's unlike me. I would never harm another human being, what say you in your defence? "Then why is that a torch bonded to your armour?" A black belted, shallow metal, layered on a rust-covered plate which made it hard to look at. Something about the way how the multiple coats of steel which had been placed upon one another made it seem like it had been done by a novice blacksmith. Not only that, but they were somehow layered with metal barb-wires which had crept inside through various holes made inside the armour. It was entirely held by metal strings, which made plenty of clingy noises while he walked or rode on the mere. Obviously, some of the strings were long and unattached, puncturing through the suffering animal as well. On top of his head laid a helmet like no other, and as his armour was important to note, it was just like the man said. He had a curved knife which missed its pointy end but kept its sharpness and a torch for him to bear. There was a lot of hay which had been brought in the area and it didn't take someone of high class to understand where it was going. I've got no ill intention, as a matter of fact, I'm not even heading there myself. "Of course, you're not, you wouldn't dare. A good man wearing an armour which would bring only despair if it were to be seen by the men. Wait, what could that be then?" He came closer, dragging some loud sounding, knocking trinkets he had used. "What is that you're seeing? Tell me before my emotions get out of control and I may do something I might regret." Relax your scuffle and listen carefully. I see that there are still some workers in the fields. You'd do well if you'd listen to what I had to say and do it well for I shall not repeat it twice again. A sadness in your eyes, I see, there's nothing wrong with it, for me to see. But they deserve it, don't they,

for do you not live there?"There was a pause, a kind of distraught which pointed at something which might've not be there per say. Of the merchant's claim, he lives in some sort of floating small star of metal, held static by chairs.It looked like a tight space, more of a prison than anything else, and his presence was somewhat disturbed?"Should I go there then? Wouldn't there be consequences for my presence?"Those are peaceful people who, time after time refused to fight back against assailant my dear shade.As long as you stay away from the darkest part, the other town, for they are mad and filled with rage. They are people who are deranged and must be getting rid off.It's your choice after all.'This man had become suddenly intriguing, now that he was done looking through his binoculars.He had been talking about strange things which weren't for the likes of good men. But he was never one of them. 'You must head there yourself and make things right. Perhaps kidnap someone of your liking back to your floating prison, only then will the pain disappear."I don't enjoy listening to gibberish from people who assume I'm evil. I'll do no such thing."Can you not feel the calling?It is not the first time we met after all and it might not be the last time, believe me when I say.They'll drive you to the point where you won't be able to control yourself, just listen.'But it was late, far too late to be warned about it, as he started galloping towards the point of destruction, exactly where he was destined to come.He had brought a lot of pain to himself and saw the issue as something which didn't matter nor that would bother him.By any means, he was struck by his peers. From the depths of the earth, they looked and tried pulling him below.'Let go of me. I will not keep this course, I'll return empty-handed if I desire to do so.'But he couldn't fight against the force which had shown itself far too effective to be called into play. The hands were strong, the bones were all wrong.Not only had they not belonged to men but the skulls revealed themselves to be growing the meat and muscle on them. The faces of which revealed much long head, spiked collar of bone, sharp nails but mouths which didn't open from the front but from below.Trunks which had been flattened to sheets had become big extrusions which pushes spores out of them. It was almost as if their mere presence darkened the bottom of the dirt into some kind of lagoon in a marsh.'I'll take that path, just leave me be.'And it was almost as if his mind paid him to rest, leaving him to continue his ride after his sad attempt to against it. Nothing appeared to have saved the rest of his desire to escape from that.He knew that they were down there waiting for a wrong turn, but how deep would be dragged if it were true?'For the men out there, I can only hope you're worth the trouble, for I shall come to you in a most shallow manner!'He promised to himself that he wouldn't bring taint to the land, but the horse carried far too many diseased for an animal such as him to carry. He wouldn't swallow, nor would it carry the pieces of branches or the throngs, thorns in tall bushes.They weren't even on the road any longer but the mare knew the way in its limited cognition. There was some kind of friction between his pale, metallic skin.'Don't bother going there, easy prey.'Said some hidden voice, at which he stopped."Who's there? Show yourself so I can see you."Which one of us would that be?'And there came another one other than the two of them he had encountered. One desperate cry seemed to have borne some kind of remorseless virtue which didn't show to either. He was a man now, not a fighter.'What do you want from me then?"Noticing that's all, you were planning on going on there to slaughter the workers, weren't you?"And what if I was? What's it to you?"That wouldn't do since we were hired to protect them, especially the chief architect, who's the most important person you wouldn't be able to lay eyes upon."Enough of this, may I just go ahead then, if only for a visit.'Their eyes and thin bodies were barely visible but they were there, hiding behind trees. It was obvious that they held some kind of fear for him as well, or at least some content for his poignant mare.'How

about we'll offer you a deal, a third of what we each earn."Speak for yourself, I say we jump him before he gets the chance."Please ignore my friend there, he's only trying to harm our cooperation here, that's all."The pools coming from the top of the sky made it look like a bunch of dim light pools flowing through the top of the branches. A false radiance came just as he came off his horse and stood there, right in front of them.If they stood a chance to attack and harm him, this had to be it, the only attempt, the only try they'd get before the bland dark would follow.This way, he was sure that there'd be no tomorrow for them.'What's the reason behind thugs being hired for their safety?' "Watch your tongue, little man, you're still just a weakling wearing armour.'But he was so so more than that, he could feel that as far as his body went inside, there was little skin, no organs, just the armour he had been. Perhaps he had been moulded from the floating prison, and secretly he had been part of it.Regardless of which, this was to be his chance to strike, now that they were all revealed. An entire band of them, eight, maybe ten of them, wearing clubs, axes, some small daggers, bows in the back and even rocks which had been picked from the ground.Meanwhile, he was contemplating about his insides and how much he'd dread to find out whenever or not there'd be some kind of shallow expansion of the sort, which would spill and crawl at any wound which he may take.Or worse, the Bowman seemed to have it for the mare, perhaps the most likely scenario was his desire to put him out of its misery. It did seem to suffer while living, that of which had no return.The day of their termination had to come one way or another, and he was the so much appointed executioner. Bearing only the small curved, broken short incisor, he would call it, he seemed to be pulled on by the idea of bloodshed. It could get a lot worse for all of them if he decided to continue on this path, the mad ones going even madder, at least since they believed they stood a chance. At least inside the armour, he felt indestructible, to say the least.But what were those, behind, the bottom?They had nets, heavy, with small metal balls, rusted or rotten. Either way, it looked as if he stood less than a chance when it came to pushing forth the dance. He wanted to get back on the horse and try galloping away, but most of them were intent on harming him. By now this came to be known as a fact.Why else would they be so tense around him?'Well, are you to leave then or must we make you?' "I think we could reach an understanding."The moment he would flash his knife, there's be bloodshed, that much made him aware, but it seemed as if the moon had other plans. A celestial ball, the one which suddenly started shifting its gaze and light away.It seemed as if the moment to strike would come sooner than later and would creep on a sudden note. As long as he was aware that there'd be no recollection of the mad though, he went on ahead, while the beast behind him started going in circles, deviating from the mind.For a moment, they were suddenly in dark and could throw the net.'He's attacking, stop him now.'But his throat came with a smash, without knowledge whenever or not it had been the dull side of the blade or.What was happening then? He felt like a patient again, wearing nothing or his armour. In a room, with a window as the dark which had been left behind. The room he was in wasn't closed but didn't carry. At least he was coming around with an IV bag next to him, carrying the stick as well as listening to the sound of the bleep.There laid someone in the bed, riding with the sickness, the face of which he had recognised as being the leader of the thugs there.Such a young lad to be caught in this. Pushed into a hospital, no wonder he stood out amongst the other rascals.He was here while they were out there, a list laid next to the bottom of the bed, most likely filled with the names of the friends who had visited him.From the other side of the room, there was obviously another bed, from which he had decided to get away in order to stretch his legs.'I guess I was the one to take it this time, young

fella'. He approached the chair next to the bed and stood beside the lad. Either there had been an eclipse of the lights in the night had suddenly gone off after midnight, but he remembered them. Oh, yes indeed, the flashing bubble of glass and steel, what a thrill he had watching that. He would've been ready to go ahead and even get away on his horse, from all his trouble, from reality and even from vivid memories, rather have met the lad again. 'I remember the day they have first brought you here you know? You were alone, maybe. Your mother had brought you here after the accident? No, it was something which you developed, an incurable thing of your own. Yeah, I think I remember you now, Robert, Moore, John, your name was marked off the paper. 'Unrecognisable at best, he wasn't even known inside this room, other than the hospital records which were off access to patients and visitors alike. 'When you first came, I think you spoke little. Moore, something of that, your mother called you, the moor. 'Drop it, already, look at the kid, he's barely even breathing now. It hadn't been much of a fight then since the men just spread and ran away as soon as he leapt to an attack. Though the victory was shallow, and for him, there'd be no hollow place to rest. Just a hospital bed for the young Moor, poor kid, he thought, looking at him, even now. 'I guess this is the end of the road for both of us, isn't it? They told me I haven't got as much either, just counting the days you know?' The dust had settled around ever since the last time one of the nurses had come inside to check on them. At least on the papers, both of them were written as being dead, no return, just thickening away with each day that passed. By now, the dark outside had settled into a dull view, no magic, no torch to carry and no sword. His mare had stopped by now from running into circles and fled away from sight. It wasn't right what was happening to the kid, but he could do as much about his condition as he could've done about his own. None of it would make a difference in a week anyway when he'd be plugged on the schedule. Looking around at the calendar, it was obvious enough that there had been a few days marked, especially weeks in the past. Red circles counting the days when he had almost been pulled off. But they didn't, some show of life, some impulse or a twitch had stopped the nurses. Violent junctions of the body which almost made them think he was alive. There had been none of those in a long time and his fear was that this was to be the end of the road. No more slipping away anymore, no more getting through the cracks. He was there to witness it the day it happened when he came to realise that there were no fantasies left for him either. It was his choice to stay inside the room rather than leave. And he was never part of the tied creature they had all become, disappearing in the dark and leaving the next one in line take over his place. Such as it were, there was one more in there before the abomination with its light returned. It knew, at least from the lacks of sound that there was some kind of irregularity at play. They were clustering with one another inside their dreams if they weren't in the blank. A quarter of them hadn't had dreams but found themselves covered in the same way as they have been while sleeping in their beds at home. It felt different and more precise, some here and there trying to keep their mind in check. One thing remained, which had been, in some sick way, their pain, a dreadful approach, little to no remorse for their kind alone. Looking at them as dreadful clusters, overlords which governed over the land of man, they took out long whips of steel, only to make them suffer. 'Go faster, you still have to cover the shift from the previous days. 'They looked starved, weak, barely able to carry their own weight, broken from the constant stress and by the way they had been treated. From this, there was no escape. At least not unless the chains had been removed, their minds unaltered from the constant surgeries from which they sent themselves towards. Another pair of damning things flew inside from high abodes. It was even more obvious now, when the ones which came, in flying clusters were revealed as

horns, tortured souls, which found their way into this world. Without a way to reproduce, they were the last of their kind, especially since their world had been brought to ruin. 'Faster, I said, it's time to return to the factory and proceed further into the creation of the war machine.' Oh, indeed, it was time to initiate the plan the Great Council had spoken of. Far too long had this planet been governed by wicked rulers and tyrants, but not any longer. One of these days, right under their nose, the men would grow strong enough to overthrow the damning ones from their throneless abodes. It felt strange, almost close to the deranged. But at the gates of the factory, the gate was the most frightening thing they encountered. As for the whips? They were mere slaps, the pain of which wasn't even real, as the material made sure that the workers weren't purely abused. What was displayed served as a way to intimidate the new-comers and set them into ranks. But the gate, that was different. No one had ever touched the spikes which laid on it outer throngs, but there were curved and looked like teeth. At the top of it laid the wicked eye, the evilness of which seeped into their minds. Many of them would've exchanged a real whip rather than be sent through it, for they knew that it came to a price. The looks alone intimidated, the scent it bore created some disconnect between the commoner and the other. Where he looked at the person in front of him like some older brother, that changed as soon as they stepped through the gate together. It looked and followed them even though the other side, where there were no throngs of steel and no eye to look precisely so. But they knew that it was there, even though it wasn't present in a most material type of way. Something to have in mind was the fact that the eye was blind. It moved from time to time or hadn't, that could've been in their minds. But as soon as they came inside, they were released from their bonds which disappeared from sight. As their composition revealed itself to be something of pure energy, it came to fruition at last. He would be there working for hours as an engineer, a man which had laid his arms and most fights for his desire to be paid. It's still said that he remained there for the longest, while others left to search for a better life. Most remained since they were paid for both the show they put out there and the one inside. Life as well. But they were will make those damned things of destruction, the stories of which most heard as children made them wonder whenever or not it was real. The war never helped anyone, but the pay, the compensation made the greed so much more appealing to the common man. They wouldn't fight in it. 'But am I disturbing?' 'No, no, you're not, I was just trying to figure out why this circuit had been fried.' 'Oh, all right, I used to deal with this all the time back home, I think you may need to remove all the junk away and clean the card entirely before inserting it back into the core.' He pointed at the cubical-sphere at the table, that of which had been the corse. Apparently, one of the memory-inducing cards had been fried from being overused and he had been tasked on getting rid of all the trouble. The main one being that there seemed to have been a human rib-cage inside, along with everything a human had, melted right through the core and into the machine. Yet another failure in another. 'Man's dream of finding immortality.' 'I believe that was a female specimen we've seen inside.' 'Could you not call the poor woman a specimen?' Especially not since she could still hear them from there. The eyes and the spherical head seemed to have given signs of moving, but the rest of the body was paralysed from top to bottom. A dreadful thing to witness, but it was only going to get worse since they also had to get rid of all the human components before getting somewhere. In other words, they both looked with guilt at one another, knowing she would have to be taken out before they could proceed with the repair procedure. 'Would you plug her life cord out of the back of her head?' 'Not so loud.' She definitely heard the part in its full right. Quite aware by the look on the visor, especially since his hands were looked

upon with a sign of abysmal emptiness. 'I don't know if this is right, I don't know why but usually, it isn't that far gone.' 'We have to do the cleanup, right? It's what we signed up for, it's what we do. Maybe we wouldn't have to do this if it weren't for them to seek cheap immortality and end up damaged on some ocean floor or abandoned under some sort of pit.' The looks of which seemed to have crept even his deepest senses. It was clear that she was very much still conscious, but that wasn't the problem, was it? She had broken the law and the sentence was an immediate execution. 'Should we give her something, maybe a few parting words?' 'Look, I know you don't have to deal with this type of issue often, first time I imagine. Strange, especially since you've worked at this side of the belt for a longer time than I, but that's beside the point. Whoever had it for you and took on doing the hard choices seemed to have missed one. But this is your chance to learn something new and do the things properly.' 'What's that funnel for?' 'We're going to touch the insides with soft flames, just so any organic material could be destroyed. Don't worry about the circuits, they're built to resist heat and such.' But not the meat, and the bones. What a peculiar choice of body, anyway. It looked as if there were no hands nor legs, just a floating head which was merely connected through a giant pair of tubes to a big oval-shaped blue armoured body. A simple yet strong construct that almost made it far. Sooner or later she had to have died from it, as machines were never created to act as immortal bodies. Other than the stench inside, there came the risk of something worse ahead, the decay, her mind being gone, which would only lead to a machine becoming a public menace. 'What a shame it had to happen to her. It makes me wonder what she might've been before all of this happened. Wrong place at the wrong time, a quest to become something else, perhaps some sort of.' 'They can be forced into this?' 'Rarely but you need to understand that they don't have enough control over the original conduit which is followed by them. It's not that they're partially in control, but more like, they encase themselves into coffins, but they're not dead yet, still dying in a way inside. Every now and then they twitch a muscle and then do it again. With enough tries, they manage to move a pair of feet and drag themselves out of a room. Now, what happens when those muscles get far too strained, especially on a body that's not meant to stay as much alive?' 'You mean to say they break apart? Inside of them, like in this moment?' 'I think it'd be possible, but hard to say and pinpoint where. Obviously not her body any longer, that was pushed beyond behind covered in skin and everything else. The only organ left to twitch and break is now the brain in that small case. And even that wasn't placed in the box entirely.' 'Who's at fault for the procedure then?' 'Illegal so-called engineers who specialise in this type of torture. They're running their own bootlegging factories or small shacks, in which they find addicts or others who aren't clever enough to realise what they're doing. Poor thing, but made a dumb choice which got to force us to pull it on her.' 'How many of them get here then?' 'Twenty, I'd say, per week, the problem being that the numbers seem to have been on the rise.' He looked at the creature, which wasn't human any longer, wasn't even a machine. Just a speck of consciousness floating in a metal jar, broken apart and no longer thinking properly. They wanted to pull it on her and never look back again. 'What about brain recovery?' 'Not a chance, as soon as that metal case opens she will feel pain.' 'Wait, I thought.' 'Part of the procedure, small stings of metal are inserted inside, they act like pseudo pain receivers, which means as soon as the case is removed, a few of them will be dragged out. And you don't want that to happen. We can only imagine what a headache would feel if it was directly centralised inside our mush.' Henceforth, the only humane thing left was to pull the support on her. 'Is it this one?' 'You got it, just squeeze a tiny bit and don't stop pulling until the liquid pops out, that should be fine. Your gloves should prevent any other

discharge which may run across the jolt area.'It was the last moment she had, whilst being alive. There'd be no other chance for her after this, no confirmation, nor any other thought.Well enough, this came to be, he squeezes and looked away, pulling until he felt the liquid gush and dropped the cord right then and there.She was no more, at least that's what he thought, unable to know whenever or not it took moments or more for her to be properly taken care off.'Right, take this funnel device and help me by, let's see. I think the upper area would be fine, at least on the side.'The cleaning was long and thorough, and by the time they reached the head, the brain had shrunk to some tiny ball of a gutter sponge, which was foaming, impaled what seemed to look like twenty or forty metal spears.He was thinking what kind of pain might've went through he right before she was incinerated, but that was that.No mood for any play along, he got out through the back and walked home alone. It was close to being hard to see, the sky was pale, no colour in particular. A coat which dragged at his ankles as well.This was the old industrial road, built on the old town and the underwater old gates.It had been thoroughly investigated and decided that in the manner of doing their business there'd be too much of a loss if they were to continue their business there.It was the sore truth that the people have been buried under them alive because of their refusal to leave their ancestral homes. But at least the common citizen wasn't aware of the truth and what hadn't bothered them, it would do.A paleness had crept on him, ever since that dreadful statue came into being. It had been taken down and smashed a long time ago since they crept along.The day had ended with him sleeping in a pair of thorny bushes by the road rather than him returning to his caring wife.Without even bothering to remember when he had to wake, he returned to work, with the same clothes he had been wearing, dragging a most repulsing gash he had obtained.It had spread around but nothing so far.Back and the belt, another piece was dragged. He had taken a few looks before being greeted by the twins.'George and this fellow over here is Deus.'Both of which bowed in turns, ready to learn from the older man with his scraggly beard.'Chief engineer Theodor, I presume, we were told that we should tail you and listen to every piece of advice you are to give."Right."We haven't seen you come the same way sir, is there?"I wasn't in the mood, you work here for long enough that you'll get sick of walking down the line, even for the petty pay they give you for the time.That and I don't like waiting in line and cutting in front would only break the illusion since the chains aren't holding anyone.'Both of the twins blushed but they paid attention."Twins, I presume?"Triplets in actuality but only the two of us decided to work here and gather experience.'It was good enough that they weren't forced to see what he had seen the previous day. Even his dreams had been unsafe from the presence of death metal pieces, melting in the woman.He had dreamed of her, slowly tailing him from the factory.She had her full body suit moving but pieces of the machine extruded out of her while she was dragging some sort of heavy battery which kept her alive.Everything had been surreal, the way she moved, behaved, how she tried imitating what a human would do or say.But she wasn't, the woman had died, no to mention that she had been declared as being beyond any sort of saving.'Are you inspecting the exterior?"Oh, no, I'm sorry, I'm a bit out of the mood, I've been that way lately.'He could see her reflected image against the clean piece of outer mirrors, she would've been a beauty if it weren't for the small tube sticking out of her cheek. Those blasted cold eyes had melted in his dreams and most likely used on someone else while the crooks sold her piece by piece.Not only had they been paid but that's how they acted.'Right, we'll start by opening it up, do you twins think you can handle it?I'll go through the motion and remove the shell, some models have three or four frames tied to them so be sure that you're ready to remove all of them if it's needed.'They paid

utmost attention, but this appeared ancient and old. A bad feeling. Too much sweat. He was running out of his senses and hadn't had the chance to take a shower. With the turbine on, he dragged a small device which seemed to have a button which melted the metal pointy end to fit any kind of hole, especially useful for the old models which used some star-holed kind of nails to keep it shut. With a strange motion, one popped out, followed by the two others. One was missing from there. 'Just remember, steady hands, you should both hold it together and remember that safety will come first.' He placed the turbine connection on the table, pulled the cable so no accidents would happen and removed the outer shell. Four distant tubes serve as legs, no head unit, just the body used for carrying, pushing and manipulating metal. 'This may be tricky here, this is an old model. See that thing in the middle?' 'Would that be the battery sir?' 'No, but I'm glad you asked me. That right there is actually the magnet, known as the source of this model's power in some sense. It doesn't have limbs to carry heavy objects, only a field regulator which activates or deactivates it, either be it negative which may push metals away or pull it against itself.' 'Wouldn't the shell be affected by it in any way?' 'Couldn't say it's possible in actuality, that's not a metal shell and neither are the nails. Everything is made out of a synthetic metal of the sort. It melts easily, can be moulded.' 'Like the statues in the old house.' 'Statues, in the old house. The one where they found the bodies, right?' It was a rude awakening to reality, but that came to pass. No one was paying any mind to it, especially since that dreadful thing was long in the past, the old area, where lived only the poorest of the folk, the kind of which no one cared about any longer. He was disturbed by the thought nonetheless, especially since its familiarity managed to hit back home, a pace which was unexpected. 'Where were we? Quick, I need to get back in the system.' 'The magnet, sir, what are we to do with it?' 'Let me look at the orders.' 'Usually, someone had already done it but apparently, the small notebook was there for him to see. It looked like it was to be salvaged for it, and whatever controlling unit be found in there, demolished. Under no circumstance should it be spared of the trouble it produced.' 'Usually, these types had tiny processors which stored most of their memories, including some kind of reproduction of a consciousness. One too many mistakes and it may get to think of something dreadful, even worse than that. It may start emulating the same mistakes, or they might even start going through the same motions from the memory, just what were they thinking?' 'Well, it seems that this might be just a normal cleanup, here, hold these.' He pulled two long wires from both sides and seemed to have created a frown. Both of the lads had their grins outstretched on their faces, being amused by the most simple of things. It was something to behold nonetheless, especially since the model was part of their history, the previous part in their advancement, the past in itself. 'Now, we'll have to stretch it and rewire it after we're done, but now, we should focus on another point I seemed to have missed. It's here on the list, somewhere, I think I saw it. And that was undermarked just so you know it was important.' Both of them looked surprised as they approached, the language is a factor which made it sound worse than it was. 'Beware of the bloated chip, do not attempt removal under any cost if you're alone.' Theodor looked around and saw plenty of other engineers at their working stations. There were plenty of them present at work, such is was that there was no excuse for them not to try. Even with the description at hand, it still seemed to be something which shouldn't have been written. Perhaps he wouldn't have decided to dig in so deep if it weren't for the warning. 'Are the two of you all right? Think you can handle yourselves now?' Both of them straightened while making it seem that this was the reason they've been training their entire lives for, it was to be their defining moment. And everyone has one of those, at least once in

their lives. Most dreadful of things was about to happen, nonetheless. It seemed that there was something which was kept in mind. The boldness in which that thing was written. What would be next? 'We'll extract the disabled magnet with its device, get ready for that. You may feel some sensation of disorientation because the little metal plates in your heads might react to it, but remember, easy does it.' With little effort, it was removed, with no difficulty as it may be said as well as no registered trouble. Now, under it, there seemed to be dirt, actually wet dirt, with worms and small beetles which had been crushed by the power it bore. 'Turn the battery on its bottom, we'll have to clean it thoroughly.' 'How does a thing like this even happen? Certainly, there could be nothing of the sort in there. Dirt of all things. Has someone opened it before and placed a wet fist inside?' 'I wouldn't rule it out.' Said Deus to his brother George. They both started grabbing cleaning napkins and rubbing them across the edges and everywhere around. No spot had to be missed. But while they were distracted, Theodor still looked at a most important detail, which was the trouble it went to call upon that bloated chip. It had to reside under the frame, somewhere below, in the region where most of the functions that controlled it laid. And if the supervisor wrote it down, it could mean that there was some element to it which was real at the time it had been opened. Just what they saw when it was first opened, he couldn't even come to imagine. But placing a fist of dirt, as clean as this were? 'Here, push the magnet off the table, I want you to use the compressed air there to clean this, with as much care and dexterity as you can.' Seeing how they had almost perfectly cleaned the magnet, he rested his shoulders and thought of leaving them to their business. It was well, for some time at least. There was little concern for now until the little valve was turned and the small door which blocked the inside was revealed. Just what could it be down there? Placed in an uncomfortable position, his arm had been outstretched inside it, looking at the other engineers to pass him by and waving back at them. It was almost done before he came to the stench inside, nothing whichever had ever been encountered previously in his entire career. Something had decayed or died in there, but as the light came to be, through the partially opened gates below, he saw the single bloated chip, one which hadn't been a few inches, but had grown a few centimetres. 'Just what in the name of?' He was too surprised to think properly and wondered whenever or not he could remove it from there without having to get through any kind of consequence. The size alone would cause much trouble, but it wasn't organic. At least that much he knew, just a melted copper form, but somehow he knew that it managed to grow. With its form, it seemed to have taken the shape of some idol, that was the best way it could be described. One which didn't belong here or in any other place at all. His first reaction had been the thought of completely ignoring it and placing it back, but that much led wouldn't go inside. The short circuit could mess up the entire frame as well as the entire system, not to mention the most damaging thing of all, the magnet. One of those out of control and it could turn all the other workers against one another, being stuck together, unable to continue forth. At least he knew that enough to have himself be hidden from sight, while he prepared the tools necessary for the extraction. He pushed back and turned the valve back to being fully closed. There was a need for the bigger guns now, the tools which would be needed in order to pull that infection from inside. Deus was looking around the small compartment in which Theodor went and winced. 'What do you think it's inside of there? Want to take a look before he returns, if we're quick enough I think he won't notice.' 'No, Duce, you're going to get us both in trouble. Just help me clean this us thoroughly and we'll be done.' 'It's clean already, there were no worms, there's no dirt and no remains of anything there. What I'm interested in is what made this work the way it did. What made it malfunction to have come here.' He

placed himself above the hole and started slowly twisting the valve. 'The least you can do is stay there as a guard and call me in case he returns.' George winced again but he came nearer to listen to the noise going on by the construct's side. 'I think I can hear something going on in there, you shouldn't mess with it much longer.' 'Relax, I know what I'm doing, plus I'm almost done, I just need to point this light farther inside and I'll get to see exactly what's going on.' It was late though, for the formation of led wasn't a bulbous inflammation, a growth no longer, as it had shown some signs of impurity. Most of its mass had spread across the board and seemed to have changed the mass into something of a mess. 'Come here, you need to see this.' Both of them came stood on the single stool and looked past the light into the pool of lead which had been there. Perhaps the air or some component from the air did something to it, for not only did it harden but it also seemed to have noticed the two of them there. Their own faces came from that pool of led, almost mockingly watching and grinning. Before they could express their shock into words or say anything to express how much they had been disturbed, a hand came from the pool and started turning the valve by itself. 'Stop it from doing that, we cannot let it go back into the dark.' Said George, despite being far too tired to do anything, as well as having met fear after having been caught. He couldn't leave his brother there, he knew that. And the man actually pushed the hand out of the way, being sprinkled by the led. His hand whitened, it had become pale. Despite standing on the stool, he fell back, almost hit his hand if it weren't for his younger brother to catch him. George looked afraid, confused, but managed to hold his brother until he could regain his composure. It had been a mistake, as, by the time Theodor returned, there was a small gathering of engineers who had come to see what was going on. Two brothers stood there embraced and it looked as if Deus was getting paler by the second. Something bit his hand, for him to have been brought to such a manner. It was the conclusion of the board as they sent word for an ambulance to come. 'Just what is going on in here?' 'Theodor, in my office, now!' Both of them came through the door and slammed it as if it had been made of glass. Some of it managed to leave some mark, after the fact that it was roughened up from the constant pressure. They shared looks, both thoroughly concerned about the kid. 'What was in your mind leaving two trainees unattended like that? Do you realise that, if something were to happen to them and let's say one of them lost a finger, we would all be on the road?' 'I understand that sir, but I had full confidence that they wouldn't touch anything while I was there. Sir, there's something else, something which I have found and it needs.' He was interrupted by a raised hand, knowing better than to talk back. This was something from which he wouldn't be able to get out easily. They had taken both the kid and his brother in no time, despite having to suffer from having to be forced through. As for the giant machines which acted like some slave master, they had been disabled and left that way at least until it was decided whenever or not they were to be sent out of commission, for good. 'This doesn't look right. It seems like the spectators will have to be announced about what's going to happen. We may even be forced to cancel.' 'Great, chief, I was being tired of playing around like a monkey for some people's sick fetish fantasies.' 'Those sick fantasies helped your paychecks you damn ignorant.' His shout stopped when he realised where he was. In a dark room, in the mansion, wax on the floor, among the men. It was a sudden dream which had held him there for a long time, but he felt it nonetheless. How come neither of them experienced what he felt? For a moment he had thought he would encounter some of there inside his dream. Yet another made him think he was still dreaming there. He fell behind and it had become a mess. There wasn't any distraction any longer ever since the event, the joy, the spectators had been gone for years. The so-called slave masters had been transformed

into scrap metal, with less than enough to satisfy the need. Now work was more strict and under regulation. Worse, the led infection had spread ever since that day. Like a plague, bits of it managed to crawl their way or float like spores into other openings and sooner than later, it came to be. A fully blown self-centred plague, which hadn't caused any problem for the men yet. But something would come to me, that was a certainty, the boiling point was to come. It was there, he could feel its presence and neither of the others was aware of what was going on. For them, the tiny patches of leads were nothing but the missed repairs done by some lousy engineer. How could led become something as strange as it were, cause death or worse, infect the areas which were to be touched? There hadn't been answers to the questions which laid there, only more trouble to look for. 'Don't touch that, don't dwell there for too long. You should be wearing tighter gloves, why aren't you doing it, what's wrong with those?' It'd be a catastrophe if someone were to find out what was going on between them, especially since that feeling of something growing hadn't left the place. A piece of it still crept inside and pulled on him, especially since, from time to time, he could see an eye, made of led, watching. Taunting him in the most secretive way. 'Theodor, are you coming or what? We're waiting for you to show us how to work this.' It was half of a head, a machine which must've had the body of a humanoid man, only a piece of it was left, but something of it seemed to have recorded what had happened to it. Somehow, it managed to get destroyed or salvaged to the point where this was the only piece of it left. From a small metal rod, it stood erect and seemed to have received enough electricity to move its eye and be aware of its surrounding. One trainee tried but failed to attach a small voice box to it, so they may hear something of what had happened. It would be a shame after all, for such a beauty to go underrated and wasted for the worst of times. 'You're going to need something bigger than that if you want to get somewhere, son. That ain't going to cut it. For this size alone, you're going to require some old speakers from the back, where they keep the archives and what not.' 'Is it that old that it requires an old model to work on the sound?' 'Indeed it is, young fella, let me tell you something about. About, um.' His face looked disoriented. He could only swear over the fact that he had never heard something speak or imitate speech without a device or anything else, but this piece of hand actually had acquired enough energy to move its lips. And in a way, neither of them knew how to react to what laid at hand. 'Greetings, as per say. It seems as if I was disassembled, reason?' There was a beeping sound, followed by awaiting input. It was an offshoot of course, but what else could they do? He was a trained engineer, followed by someone lower in rank who hadn't seemed impressed, either by the fact that he hadn't enough experience to know that it was impossible for a machine to start talking just by using its lips alone without the sound input, an observer and a trainee. Theodor would have to be aware of all of them and account for their safety if something were to happen. Things changed in that way and there wasn't any denying to it any longer. Somehow, the dread had gotten to him even then, when they looked and tried to break it in thought. It awaited an input of some sort. Simple commands, that's how they were used to hearing, at least it had a chance of showing the old protocols. 'Malfunction.' As it were, it was something dependable on the thoughts and their inputs to work properly. 'Registered, what is to be done with me?' This was important, too many words or if it were too complicated a command, it wouldn't answer nor respond. This had to be put properly under some silence. As he turned he made a sign and they only watched like a choir, other than the trainee. 'We'll repair you.' He said, with the most innocent look someone could have, bright shingles in his eyes as well. The rage the man felt when he turned was unimaginable, but he wasn't going to hit him, he might've taught a lad something about the

consequences of disrespecting orders but not any longer. Not after the last incident. Far too many lives had been lost for them to care about what happened. 'Repair, what it about me that needs a repair?' 'Missing body.' Said Theodor, now seriously giving a look and making sure the lad wasn't trying to push it past him. Something about this conversation appeared to be fishy, and not in the least would he be surprised if it turned out the way he thought it would. 'Can you still feel your body? Even from distance?' 'Affirmative, body stuck, cannot retrieve.' This was a thing which in turn seemed to have brightened them aside. Both the observer and the trainee looked as if they were getting ready for some sort of a field trip in search of some lost body. Not only would that be dangerous but also mad. Nothing could be more dangerous, though in moments it was agreed. He wasn't in charge, the observer was and he looked just like he was ready to give the order. 'Wrap it fast first.' 'Negative, I need to be aware to provide some assistance.' Something which brought them to its side, but leaving it turned on in a dirt factory in which the led would jump on was dangerous. For some reason, it didn't jump on metal alone, merely on a circuit which was active or something active, having had energy in it and what not. Not his call again, and now, he'd leave it there unattended. 'Theodor, we're going, I see that you forgot your helmet, we'll be waiting in the back. Be moving fast, will you?' I nodded while looking ready. There had to be some way to deal with this, especially since it regained some control over is a body. Too many men laid around and if he tried something shady, he would be called out. There had been too many mistakes lately and they couldn't afford any others. This made him decide to go ahead and hesitate. Going against all orders was a sure way to get booted off, which meant there was no way to warn the other engineers about the led affliction. He was there, with them, on the field, regretting every single moment of it. 'Well, what are we looking for exactly then?' 'From the way it had described, we're apparently looking for a big body, the likes of which we've never seen in size.' 'Won't it become dangerous to drag the trainee with us then?' 'He'll do fine with the field experience, you don't get to see a rogue out there that often. There's the three of us anyway, kind, nothing's going to happen to you, hear?' He shyly nodded and looked at me. Without the least of concerns, it seemed like he was intently listening to the plans the observer had in mind. 'Where to find him and take control over, that's why I brought a copy of the server with me.' A flat box which seemed to cover more than half of his needs appeared in his hands. He had been keeping it in his backpack, and old model, just as old as the machine had been. 'That's vintage, how did you even stumble onto such a thing?' 'Let's just say I know people that's all.' 'But how exactly have you got it that fast? There shouldn't have been one in a thousand miles.' That type, in particular, it was dangerous to use, that's why it was banned in the first place. As long as there was some auxiliary battery connected to it, there came a signal which disrupted the programming which stood as the base for the other machines. In other words, as long as it stood on, the signal caused the others to malfunction, the rates of which were from medium to the high threat at the span of a few hours. Nothing would be any clear than that, other than the thought that it might fail to meet the expectations they required. 'You realise how dangerous that might've been, keeping in inside the factory?' 'Wait a minute Theodor, you can't accuse him of that, he just.' 'It's all right Jones, I know what I did and he's right, I put everyone at rest. But there's a reason I was sent here and given this to work with, you see? Not only have I seen to the fact that there was some kind danger involved, but I also made sure everything was in control. When was the last one you've seen a functional machine of that size? And I'm not talking about the shows you people used to put, a disgrace if you ask me.' They were by the river banks, shallow woods, which had just recovered from a fire.

By now the road was made of many tiny stones which had fractioned themselves into the numbers of hundreds and thousands, all of which were hardened pieces of charcoal.'Some animatronics for a bunch of spectators which sent donations, that might've been the least excusable thing I've ever heard off, I mean what was in your minds?"It wasn't out idea per say but we couldn't argue with the spare we were getting."Always about the money.'Said the observer while rubbing one of the bald spots on top of his head.'He got no satisfaction from anything around, especially since everything else was a mess.'Since we're in this together, at least we could try getting along. Look, whatever happened in the past should stay in the past.'Tom, the trainee, that was him, after having startled the others, as if he had just jumped over like a leaping spiderling out of his cocoon. There was something to him other than being shy, but it didn't matter as much since the effort was looked as if it was insincere.'We should just look ahead and try making for that point."Are you sure you know where you're taking us, observer?"I'm more than qualified for once, as a matter of fact, you'll find no one better than I in this place.'It wasn't as if there were other opportunities and there came a feeling that the road was going to be harsh and long. Deemed to be rather unnecessary by any standards at all.He came to the conclusion that they'd had to spend the night in the wilderness, by the ash, in the cold.'Do we even have supplies for the road?"Only the best, If I were to say, everything is accounted for, especially since it's funded by the big ones."They all slightly tumbled their brows and looked and the strange device he carried. A tubular type of gun which dangled in an empty cube, moving at intervals of time, numbered at the very bottom of the cube. It seemed as if it was adjusting for something in particular before it was aimed at the sky and popped.Ten seconds they waited, some of them held their breaths. Nothing so far.'I think there's something wrong with your gun. "You should take a few steps from this spot now unless you want to get hurt.'Of course, he had, he worked directly for them, of course, he'd get all the privileges and mostly what he wanted. What was he after?A supply box had slowly fallen from above, from an aircraft which was just as unidentifiable that it could've been invisible from what they cared for.That was the point which had decided their due.But the fact that it was welcomed hadn't changed the feeling that something was putrid in the story he had told them.As soon as they managed to open it, they backed away.'What is this supposed to be? Is this a god damn sickness being shown?'From the looks of which, it seemed that there came out a box of dirt, with growing pieces of some damned creature inside. It was damning noises which it crept inside the dirt.'Something went wrong with the dropout, I think someone just thought of making some sick joke."You think so? What exactly gave it away?"Close it, please, just close, I can't stand to see that thing crawling out."What exactly did they place inside the dirt? Look, observer, if you want to give orders that's fine and well but we need some answers.Look at them, both of my colleagues are already in shock, so can you at least tell us what's going on?"I'm afraid that doesn't concern you. In case I haven't made myself clear before, I do not know what happened to our delivery. We should've received food and ammunition among other.."Ammunition?"Were you planning for something dangerous to happen?"In the eventual case it might happen, I only thought it would be the safest approach, that's all."I should crack your skull right here baldie, for what you've said and done to us. Bringing a kid and our chief engineer here.'Jones had pinned the observer by the tree and planned to flat one of his eyes if I hadn't intervened. The action came close and he almost came close to going with it, which would've ended up with a suspension for him.He hadn't gone through, luckily enough, to save his own skin.'Well, now that it's done, this project has a lot on it, that's why maximum secrecy has to be kept, do you understand?"But what are you?"It's been

dealt with, in case you were wondering, my bright young pupil. You see, I've dispatched a few men to transport the head you've just looked upon. Congratulation, you've all received a promotion, at least a temporary one. Without further ado, you'll be transported to a facility where you'll work only on this thing alone, nothing else, until it's finished and ready to function."And If we decline?"I asked with an impassive tone, looking around for some way to get around and reach home.'Well, it's all in good grace, in other words, the three of you, including the trainee, don't have a choice any longer. He's going to accompany us in order to prevent any suspicion from going ahead and forming. The rest won't even suspect what we're heading towards of what exactly we'll be doing there."Do we have food at least?'Asked Tom, he seemed to have packed only a sandwich in his pocket, which might've crumbled by now in some strange twisted form, though still edible."Worry not, for I have planned in advance for something like this to happen, in case of a malfunction, there are some boxes placed around the round, with signs marked through the ashes against the various burnt oaks. That's as well as we're going to get, so we should make the best of it if anything else.'Neither of them liked the sound of that, but this tiny dictator was giving the orders. And each of them was aware that it was only going to get worse from this point on. Not only would they walk, but it would get through the night, without a pause, without care. Through the night, where stars wouldn't shine, only the smoke of fire went on. For once there came some sort of good news, which came out of a sudden, with little to no explanation whatsoever, but it had. They had been rewarded for their patience in the box which had been promised. 'Shouldn't we handle it somehow? What if it ends us like the previous one? Actually, aren't their scouts in those aircraft above? Couldn't they just pick us from the road and leave us where we need to be?' "No, as I said, this needs to be done in as much of a secretive way as possible." Say, you haven't given us your name. "Salmon!" The lad's eyes brightened and it seemed that he almost sprang to life. Jones was making a fire while he was thinking of ways to further this investigation against the man. 'Meat stakes, cabbage, a flare gun.' "That's enough, it's late, you don't need to shout the name of everything you find around there." I'm sorry. 'But that wasn't enough to distract him from what he thought, the man worked against the government and for some reason they were dragged with them as well. Forget about him. More important, to remember, was that infection, for the first time of which, he couldn't do something about it. Without a chance or some way to fight it from distance, he laid there helpless, chewing on crisp fish scales and on its tail around the fire. The others looked dazed as if they were looking at some vile thing inside of him. 'Something on my shoulder? I don't think I understand.' But no, there it was, somehow it had followed them through the burnt sea of crisp black leaves and far off the road where they had set camp. Some blood laid on some cables and small wire, indicating there had been a fight. One light laid in the single eye is still had and at once Theodor realised the reason why they looked as frightened as his reflection had been. There it was, the partially looked upon a piece of the head. It floated, like some mad head, looking for its body, with much of the needed desperation. What would happen once it had taken it? There wasn't any way of telling, but for now, they had been made aware of the bright danger which would come for each of them in part. Without a doubt, there wasn't any chance to set things right, not in the least possible way. One couldn't explain how much worse everything could become if it decided they were all threats that needed to be dealt with. Some crept, others wept, but they needed to say something before it decided it was time to act on the programming or impulse. Little distraction laid at the moment. A miasma came from its insides, the likes of which were vague and had borne the scent of hot oil. Not the

kind you were used as an engineer but the type which was specially made as a fluid to melt organic matter. There were those types made, specifically to be boiled instead of burning, reaching maddening temperatures and managing to disinfect even the smallest critters which were there. Something about being there surrounded by ash and sitting in front of the fire made them aware of the fact that, if they were to run, there were fewer chances to escape. 'Speak to it, you're the one it listens to.' Whispered the observer, looking unsure himself about how this would go on. This had to be short and well thought if he wanted for at least one of them to have the chance to get out. 'What are you here for?' A quick order of lights flashes from that one socket. With colours such as blue, red, pale yellow, most of the ones which followed being desaturated and dead. 'Disassemble.' That was enough to give him some sort of clue about the desire it would have. What would it do to with us? 'Whom exactly?' 'Disassemble the remaining humans.' The remaining humans? Oh that thing that bulged out of it, that creeping sensation had been right. He had ignored it. Like a bunch of creeping things from its inside came, tumours of led which had overtaken it. Now that he was aware of it, he could see the led below, dripping on from the wires and being pulled back inside. It acted like a small extension of the sorts, whenever unsure, to go through, of course. His thoughts weren't clear, but he was set on finding out. 'How many of the humans have you disassembled?' 'All of them.' 'What do you mean by all of them?' What he had done was only to startle the head when he wasn't spoken to. From inside its mouth came a tube that shot a that oil at a precise angle and in an instant, half of his skull had been taken. The risk of oil which had slowly been lowered took care of the rest of its body until nothing else remained of him but a pool of bones and some brain matter which had fallen away before the splash began. The rest should deteriorate in minutes before being absorbed by the dirt. But the horrifying image of being so close to a man who had just been executed would last with them, for as long as they remained. Tom gulped while Jones refused to say even the slightest word. Without a doubt, there came no surprise about whatever was going to happen to either. He was important now, he had made first contact, the other two weren't truly as important as he was now. It wouldn't listen to them, even worse, if they dared. Enough of that, it came time to ask. Theodor wouldn't step back nor would he avoid the question. 'What do you mean by all of them.' A set of lights and some sounds came on as if going through the motion again, trying to look for some sort of archive which had been saved. The model was old and the capacity to record being in it would've been seen as something rare, as in being a modified version of some older model, an illegal alteration of the previously existing code. 'I have ended almost all of them.' That was to say that there weren't other men or women out there from what they knew? It couldn't be, there wasn't any time, but it was mere fractions, a few blinks in which the observer had been whole. 'Everyone in the factory?' His voice was strained and he had needed to cough for some time now. It was undecided. 'Affirmative.' It said, no more engineers, his boss, they had families waiting for them, good men who used to enjoy working there and putting on a show. 'What about their families, their neighbours, the towns and cities.' 'Affirmative.' This time it was louder, to the point where it could wake up the dead. 'Are there other men, in any other state of being, other than the three of us?' He knew by now that it was no longer an option to keep it short, it was far above that, having reached the point where it recognised tiny details about its surrounding, even that Jones. With his attempt, he threw a rock, hoping he would crack the visor whilst running. 'Jones, don't!' Despite making it a few feet, it only needed a clear view to shoot just one particle which came through one of the legs. It moved from left to right, a particle of boiled oil which cut through matter like a blade of bitter steel, sharp and out of

a dark forge from which it lingered. Jones crawled now with no legs while the head followed. It stopped. 'Remain where you are.' And they stood there, looking away, or at least Theodor made sure Tom wouldn't look and would try in the least not to listen to the sounds which came out of the man. 'Bastards, do something, stop it. Can't you see? It's exposed, it's coming from me this moment, get away, don't let me die in vain, don't.' His voice stopped abruptly, though he aware that it was only because of some organ being demolished. It wasn't because he was dead yet. Theodor dared to look behind at what was left there, too far from a near sided fellow to see. But he was left almost alive, cut in pieces, his body sealed by the oil which had cauterised some of the wounds but left others exposed. 'What are we going to do now?' 'I don't know, kid but don't do anything which would get us killed.' Where did it get that much oil from? The supplies just didn't seem to end. But looking at the dead man, the observer, he had noticed that there wasn't any pool any longer, just the dry remains of what used to be a human. This was to be the fate of humanity, whenever he liked it or not. At least from his standpoint, there were no escapes and no way to live through this, no one to procreate with. Humanity's fate had been apparently sealed and he was busy doing the figures in his head. The numbers weren't in his favour at all, regardless of how many times he went through them, it couldn't have been that they all died in that short of a period. 'Should we even try living then, is there a point? My young sister isn't there any longer, my parents and my friends share the same fate as everyone else. What else is there to live for, Theodor? What stops me from marching in front of it and doing what I can to stop it?' 'Nothing stops you but that would be futile and a waste of what's left of your life. We're the last, the legacy it seems. Either that or the machine's bluffing and no one else is truly dead. Though neither option can be checked yet, just play along for now and know that it can get rid of us at any moment if it wants to and that's something to keep in mind.' A wave of disquiet came as it finally approached, there was no discussion to be had, at least no yet since it was the poised head which gave the orders. 'Follow me and do not turn.' It seemed to have taken by the road but not in the right direction, at least not towards his body. Both Theodor and Tom looked at one another and shrugged, having no other option rather than going ahead to follow. Whatever happened next was queer and shallow, for they've taken by what had once been a river, in the place of which was led. How could it have been that they poisoned water in such a manner? He was thirsty but Tom was worse. It was supposed to affect only the circuits, not the water sources and in the case of that, what else had it an effect on? Could it be that it could spread on the metal of pools of blood? What about corpses or anything organic? 'Where are you taking us?' 'Towards a settlement of men.' 'Why are you still keeping us alive if you killed every other being who's ever walked on this planet?' For the first time, there came a mind-boggling silence as if for some reason it refused to answer. No longer a slave to some protocol which forced it to give a response each time a man asked him something, but that couldn't last. 'Child, you obey. Step twenty meters inside that small human location.' Tom was shaking and immediately turned towards me. I had little to say or make out of it but for now, I was aware of my only chance being this. Instead of giving any type of advice or looking away, I only nodded and saw the kid go on ahead. There were so many things I wanted to say to him then, just in case something was to happen to him but the chance for that was lost. He was there, as a soldier looking not to step on a mine would go on looking for a chance or an excuse to return. It was clearly deserted if what the head said about humanity is at its wit's end. Without much to go on, there came some senseless thing which dragged at his teeth and ground them, at least now when he had the chance and freedom to do so. He asked, now after he saw that the kid was too far to

hear him. 'What?' 'I only wanted you alive, nobody else, you understand.' Before he could even comprehend what was going through his side of the head towards the other, he saw some sort of led explosion from below. It was a minefield of some sort, from which there had been no escape nor scream from the lad. The boy had spread across the field in pieces which had been immediately covered in led, which instead crawled back into the hole from which they came out of. Now on his knees, he watched, unable to rise from the grave in front of him, only to be met by the last of them instead. 'There is no longer functional machine either in this world, we are the last of our kinds, kept alive.' 'What do you mean kept alive, just end me already, why is that you're still playing with me?' 'Why aren't you looking at the soles of your feet? The others noticed by they never called you on it.' 'What are you talking about?' 'Look at the soles of your feet, look past that, inside your shoes, in the sockets.' 'Led at the bottom, had that always been there? Could it be that he was the carrier, to begin with?' 'For how long have I been carrying this?' 'From the very start, from before you even worked as an engineer. You brought me to existence, you brought the end. Without you, we wouldn't have had the chance to grow.' 'But how am I still?' 'A part of us, that's the reason why you cannot be slain by any normal means. You are to become like us, alone, just see.' It finally came, like some sort of frightening release, a set of sharply coated oil which promised death like any of the others. But as the oil came in contact with his skin, it only managed to burn a layer of his skin and to reveal what laid under. He had become a man an of led, both on the inside and the outside. 'We are similar in some way, brothers some might say.' Theodor's look intensified as he looked around at the buildings melting, the wood decaying and a flatness being left in their places. 'No, why are you disappearing as well? You cannot leave me now.' But that damned face turned into a giant grin which encompassed both the cut sides and kept extending until there was nothing of it but a bath of led. His skin was there no more and everything he looked as was gone. The drain was about to swallow everything in sight, at least to the point where the deterioration had begun. One thing which seemed to be conveniently placed there was a hole, which started growing. It was the point of no return, now that everything came to be made of the same material. Of course, it would slowly puff out into the abyss, the endless beyond of space and fill the emptiness with much of woe. The throng from which there came no return. With a head start, he plunged into in only to feel his body turning into some sort of pool which joined the other melting pot, dripping into a vortex which had devoured most of, only to met by the mad realisation that they were done. With the led having absorbed most of the nutrients which had belonged to the organic matter, they had taken it all and suckled on it until there was nothing but their weak shells left. Now the led was slowly shifting and leaving, with one final dreadful fate revealed. For only one man was left life, now part of a road, pieces of stone stretched from his mouth, his hands displaced, he did truly look into an abyss. But it wasn't one of emptiness but filled with plenty of strange knots, twists and turns and plenty of welded objects together which didn't belong. Theodor couldn't scream and be no longer in control of his limbs, he was merely outstretched on a rack, looking at a part of some machine which suddenly turned on to work. But it was in vain, there was nothing to work with out there. The sad truth which had been avoided was the thing which it had said. He would be the last of them, one of the last beings alive as a matter of fact, left there, as a lost soul, with nothing to work for, nothing to dread. Nothing which had been said made sense, for he had no memory of it ever happening. Throughout his time spent there, peering through the hole above, from which came a light which didn't bode well, he came to the realisation that the sun had started deteriorating as well. Without the telling of how much

time it passes, with the decay constantly carrying on the planet, there wasn't any certainty. Confusion reigned, his heart had fainted, without a slight mistake, for the sake of which he just stopped trying to live and came to the point where he had forced the little muscle had inside his body. It pushed and turned, never having mourned anything less than that. An awful thing, which wasn't as sure of itself, but he felt himself being ripped apart, like a sheet of paper, which didn't belong, he wants to do something else but couldn't, wouldn't live a life of grand torture, as a tormented soul. At the point of which he felt pain no longer, he was awake, just like the others. From the lights of which that dreadful floating body and its two-faced buffons suddenly revealed themselves and grinned madly at the pair of them. But that was short-lived, as it looked around and managed to observe that something was wrong, something which didn't belong here. Five to twenty inches of wax had grown since they were there, on every sole of the feet, there came that growth and growth it was. It couldn't have appeared, it couldn't have been. 'I was plagued by a nightmare, I cannot believe how much it had come to affect me, oh can you understand what I went through?' 'Stop bickering there, I've had one as well and you don't see me complaining as much.' They started an argument but in all fairness, the most surprised of all was perhaps the one who stood in front. He looked at himself then looked around only to notice that he himself was still part of them, unable to cope any longer with the fact that he was stuck there, he turned and realised that, despite being immortalised there, he could see himself in wax. One of those still in growth pieces gave him this sensation of failure and utter numbness of thought. He had little in mind, he would go blind, he'd finally be away from them, but somehow his place felt as if it was there, with other sculptures of wax. And for that thought, and as the sole reason it had, he didn't feel afraid any longer, but contempt. 'It seems to me that you've had quite the night, haven't you?' 'What's the status then, head? Is there still a veil of darkness outside, or is it safe to go?' 'I'm afraid I cannot answer that, but there's no return from this journey now, as you can see.' It pointed both of its fleshy and flashing eyes towards what used to be the door. From the looks of which there was nothing but an empty wall there, which dreaded any approach. 'Have you tried knocking on it to see if that wall is fake?' 'And disturb your slumber? I wouldn't dare do such a thing.' At once every candle in the room had lit, with a spark of flame which bounced madly, from which there were indistinguishable features which seemed to have crept from side to side among the many flames. The arches were great, the rooms had been prepared. Him, of all the men around the room, felt that parasitic creature which crept inside all of them. Not only would he have to feel and live with it, but he knew that it slowly re-arranged their organs there, making sure they would become even more interconnected than it was possible. He swore he felt himself be a part of it no longer but couldn't place his hand exactly on it. What was the reason behind it and why was he mad? By the end of this journey, he would start acting like all of them, senile, afraid and alone, overtaken by the thing which ran inside of them. They were all acting like confused souls wandering in a place where they didn't belong. Foreign to their touch, it was only now that they came back to their feet and made any attempts at walking. Without a doubt, there would've been better ways, but they seemed to listen to it, for now, their guide, whom spoke. 'Now that your attention's here, I must drag you towards the ends, as far as I could say, there's no way back once we escape this room.' 'What do you mean once we escape this room? Shouldn't there be a door right there at the other end of it?' 'That way seems to be blocked and locked, believe me, I've tried going through to no avail. Nothing in this place suits me either, at least nothing which would help me rebuild what I lost.' 'If that's the case, I vote we go ahead and try finding whatever it is we have lost. With our combined efforts,

there's no way we could lose our tracks here and there, at least not as long as we keep it safe between us."Cut it shortie, you're not the one who makes the shots around here.'He looked like he had been some sort of butcher in his life and it wasn't in his habit to get out of temper, he hadn't done it before in front of them and that was that.But a wave of pain had taken through, when that thing bloated through their skins and grew, expanding around, pushing the piece of cloth lower below until that point of grand pain.It was a living thing which binds them, and now it had encompassed their entire torsos like some sort of ringworm.Either they have been entirely stricken or life or something had made them all lose their minds because neither of them acted surprised at all. There wasn't any extremity or any type of reaction, just the general dread felt by the two-faced skull.'How come you're still going on?Have you not realised by now that the majority of you are going to be entirely taken over"Which is none of your concern, wretch!It nodded and flew back a while, for there was little time for consideration and more-likely they all felt too entrapped inside the room to feel anything else other than the need to escape. This problem would be dealt with later.For now, nothing else mattered, other than going around and bringing nothing but contempt with them.'Let's march there and see what we can do, perhaps we'll trample what's left of the door and creep inside whatever hole."Say, say, brother, carry one, we won't let them crush our spirits, we won't have to set down what we have.'Henceforth they walked and crushed the wax in their path, dangerous things as every single piece just flattened and melted to some wax pool at their feet.It was almost as if this entire room had been a trap do alarm some fiend in hiding of the presence of the men, and they had fallen right into it. But one, in particular, was aware that something was going, especially since he was set on the fact that he had dreamt of something similar during his solitary night where he had learned he was the only one of the men.'We need to get away from this place, that room. Damn you people, why won't you listen to me?Can't you see that the one who's supposed to take the shots has dozed off? He's just as lost in his mind now as the walking corpse is, we won't be able to get through him in time to stop whatever it is past those hidden gates.'"Then lead the way or shut yer mouth, we're little on patience as it is.'With this they listened, none came forth. Other than a glance or two, they hid inside the damn.It was dark inside the room, with only a candle having been brought. Once everyone was inside, they came to the realisation that there were a lot of sticks of wood there, more than plenty, in the hundreds or the thousands.They were back stuck, but not important, for he knew this was another sign.My name must truly be Theodor, they must know, they must know. 'I'm.'He opened his mouth as if to speak but closed it under the anxiety he felt, now that they were so close in that tight room, with even less space for them to act now that they had become that. No spines or many of the organs could be felt as swimming inside the pool, so it was obvious that this change wasn't just skin-deep.It'd be permanent but neither seemed concerned, other than him.'How long must we wait in here? This room is too tight for my needs and this space gives me nothing but contempt for you people.'Shhh, I think there's an intruder there, silence yourselves for now if you don't want to get its attention.'As Theodor watched through the small key-hole he saw a big figure, it wasn't a man. Too many legs for that, no real body but something which seemed to have been filled by the process of melting from a bigger creature of some sort.It gave off the texture on its body like it was nothing but a dreadful thing which made a lot of noise from the various holes that laid inside that brownish skin-flap. It spread its legs like wings until they had become thin as sheets and started cleaning around.For now, it showed no sign of noticing them, but to be sure, he turned and blew the candle. It didn't have to notice what was going on, they had to be safe one way

or the other. Whatever happened, they were in this, stuck together, like a bunch of strange animals trapped in a box with sticks. Speaking of which, they were wet. But no water had been there, some sticky and putrid substance, like some clay, it burdened the scent and laid between the sticks, wouldn't happen to matter in the least. There was a dreadful thing which didn't last, one of which could be taken at last for granted. It remade the statues, one at a time, from the pools, back to the soles while lifting itself back into the air to restore the wax statues back to their true sizes. Something wasn't right, nonetheless, as they were aware of the dark silence that something might've happened at any moment. It could knock on the door, or try coming inside after it was done restoring the room to its original state. Worse than that, there was a dissatisfaction over the fact that they had to wait for this long. The process was not only long to weary for them to wait, especially in that sort of tightly spotted place. Little by little they had become aware of something which was going on. Not only did the circle just creep closer together like a sponge of tainted meat but they also started plotting together. It was obvious what they were after, going ahead and trying to nod it off. Neither would the ones in front nor the creature know or notice, as it was dark but they felt around. There was just enough space for them to do what they had no, as well as there was little and no less. Worst of all was the fact, that they started without consulting the ones who laid in front. But to say the least the dead one had become the worst, not the mute one who could walk, but the one which was carried by two of them in the past. At least, to say that he had become a bloated piece of meat with no arms, no legs, with only half of the head sticking out of the blob was an understatement. One one side, neither of them had noticed, as it had been only the burden of the man who was carrying him, but that was all in the past. It seemed like their body was in motion as well since those sticks had a scent to them. Rightfully it was dark, for neither of them would've wanted to look upon the image through the maddening thing, at least not in the least. What they witnessed was some feast of sorts, which hadn't done much to improve upon their mood. Blood for blood as they said. But the elongation appeared again, this time in them, right at the time when they started feeding stick after stick to themselves, pushing it inside. Somewhere out there, the two-faced skull hid away while they were feeding whatever creature laid inside of them and managed to survive on that. It was enough to feed themselves and quiver the needs. Not only that, but a sliver of light had come from there, as they had become such like a spear, a wall, which hadn't need for their hands to grab the sticks but dragged itself closer to devour them. Whatever substance laid on them, it made its taste buds go mad and wild, inside of them, in the least, there were some dreadful things which happened. Little space laid for the organs and the food to be taken apart, henceforth, they were treated in the same manner, broken and taken for their power. It was clean now, all around, in the form of a hole which was large enough for them to fit through. But as closely as the light came into contact, in received and retracted, like some flacid type of being. The time for hunger was there no longer and it was obvious that somehow they had avoided the curator of the wax statues and continued this way. Right in whispers. It was said. 'Won't we abandon that one?' 'No, he'll find us, once he noticed the light coming out of the key-hole, plus, he's seen us go through that way. He'll know where to look for us.' And the satisfaction was greatly lurid. For there, around the halls, there were plenty of sticks and opening to the outside. Small in shape, maybe holes, but this place was rustic, so there was that excuse for the lack of windows or of fire. But everything seemed to be wet or covered in that thing, as it turned out for the giant feathers to be present there. 'It's a nest, isn't it?' 'It is, but what shall we do about it? Of course, I see the dirt below and the bones, but where's the inhibitor of this nest?' Not another word and

they saw, right in front of their very eyes, by the corner, in some distance corridor, after the plunge, there was an opening in the wall. This castle or this construct had been displaced and broken. It didn't look like a hole which had been made by a beast, but rather of some siege. But in the distance, they could see that dreadful process going on and

did well to remember that there'd be nothing out there tied to nature, but the solid construct which poisoned the world. To which there was no stopping, as they looked for a way out. 'Isn't it similar to the last time?' 'Perhaps, but this time we're under the threat of something bigger, if I may say, nothing virtuoso, but rather something blunt and evil, perhaps a bird of prey.' 'There wasn't any other way something could be that docile, but neither of them wanted to think of the worst, at least not yet. It would be impossible to look away or to say what they saw. But the one who inhabited this nest was out there, with a look of despair on its own body, it flew around the entire area and looked like some dreadful drake of some sorts. Have those been feathers before? On the closer inspection, they looked like scales, with the dreadful faces of their victims attached. No, those must be our reflections, wouldn't they? But neither man met his face, nor could he think of anything to say to those reflections which did grin. It was only as deep as slumber that they felt. Perhaps their nightmares carried on in the waking world, as they forgot to check whether or not truly woke up. It was a sham, a shaft, they carried with their sluggish body and dragged it through. Soon enough there had to be another way to get through, but how could they get there unnoticed?' 'I don't think we can fight that thing alone without weapons.' 'What about turning around?' 'Not an option any longer.' It seemed as if it was a dream indeed, as they pointed at the dark. Despite being lit by the source where the illumination faded, there they were, a few of those cleaners who blocked the path of sticks. They stood there erect despite being afraid to approach. A

myriad of thoughts came to be through their minds unless that was nothing but them going through some mild paranoia. There was no way back, no path to return. Normal men obeyed and would've followed but they carried on rather than risk whatever it was there. 'Do you think we'll meet him again?' 'Let him rot rather than find his body, I would've disliked being in his presence once he was entirely built. Do you truly think someone like that would have

the best intentions once he had a body?' 'He's right you know? He was using us as much as we were using him, without a doubt.' 'Be silent so I may hear my thought?' It was the first time he had spoken since they wakened up, the man, the lead. His name was shady, it's been forgotten, there was no hope for him yet, other than the hope, indeed. There was this way he looked at it. 'We have no possibility to snick, I think, but we may take it by surprise, listen to me and look at the walls. Sturdy stones, placed together as to last, it was undoubtedly the best craftsmanship any of them had ever noticed or laid eyes upon, with little doubt that the ones who built them were masters of their own stone-carving regalia. But that wasn't enough to do for it, that think out there, the oversized dreadful thing, the

two-headed, four-tailed, on closer inspection, as they approached they noticed that it hadn't wings. Over its serpentine body, it bore some planar set of brooded pseudo sheets which helped it glide rather than fly on its own. It was clear enough that it was made for it, as the faces appeared even in the distance, though this time they had looked as if they were skinned off poor souls who stumbled in the wrong place. Perhaps they might've been pulled on by their own glittering reflection that they would forget. It was a doubt as well as that tails were real, but batons for striking down the plane of dirt. Nonetheless, it was a terror which haunted the skies, the heads of which were that of overgrown men which hid inside the mouth of the twin-headed drakes, as if hiding from others while displaying their trophies. Every now and then they would retract inside just to come out for air, with their hands and pair of legs

as well, acting like parasites than anything else. But their torsos must've stretched through the bulk of the necks rather than be tongue deep. They crawled to the level of their own feet and listened to the man. John was it? Robert? Had he been a captain or an admiral? They wondered. Without a proper way to tell, it was only guesswork in their minds, but he called the shots, always and foremost. And they listened as if not to strike at their relationship with the man. 'Grab whatever you can, sharp rock, bone, scale, if you think it may help. We may have no other alternative but to fight the evil before we go forth as you have seen, the way back is blocked. Fair enough that they had listened, though it wasn't as well as he thought it to be. It was hard with their circle to fully take on the fiend, meaning only one of their sides would be fully able to strike it in its true manner. The rest of them would just be there for the sake of watching, kneeling or freezing while the battle went on. Once the sky started roaring, they had known that the time would be forth, without delay. It would start retreating to its lair, which became much muddier from the rain. Bricks becoming even browner than they had been, this time even darker, closer to some deep sunken blue. Even the sticks were draining and from somewhere, right from above a new batch of them fell and filled the hole. Now there were no guardians and no way to return, they had to do this before it darkened again. Without a doubt, those things hiding inside the body of the creature were affected just as much by the dark if it chose to hide inside of it. Little doubt remained of the pure intention of the creeping thing which came into light. 'It will know, as soon as it comes into contact, it will notice us.' Listen to yourself, do you even hear what you're saying? We have a little of a chance to get through, right around but it's too late to make a run for it. Not any longer since it's coming. We'll have to deal with it in whatever way we can and sooner or later, it will have to be paid for. He knew what that meant, and just what this fight could bring. The only difference was the fact that they weren't truly aware of how bad the things would go if it managed to shove its sharp claws inside their puffy body, worse than the fact alone, there was little dread in their eyes. So they waited, unafraid and with little effort which would be placed against them. In a way, they were almost close to being hidden by the shades, as the sun has crept inside another side, moving freely like some fire sphere which held no rule, rather, it acted freely on its own accord. Perhaps that might've been the scariest thing out there, to think that it could decide to follow through and devour their planet, it didn't leave anything else other than a bitter taste in his mouth. By the time it came closer, he looked again behind of him, at all of those souls which seemed to be there with him, afraid. Little was known to him about their personal dues, or whether or not they'd survive this growth, but it was time to stop going through the problem and take his chances ahead. Strike at their heads. With a puffy slip, they slid forth and threw what they had from the back, smashed sticks and stones, pieces of glass amongst a fully fledged scale or sorts. It turned out vile, as they carried on, to their surprise, it was nothing which they expected. The mouth had been opened and one of the ones inside suddenly leapt from inside the flying concoction. It revealed its many legs and hands, that grown body and long tail-like lower body, which had become such as one who lacked the nutrients to grow. Behind, the beast had last lost control over itself, since it needed two pilots to control. It wasn't long until it trashed around and tried smashing and crashing with its talons around. But that last, as it stumbled on its legs, ready to fall behind. The plane-like wings which worked no longer seemed to creep in such a way and be destroyed by the sudden change in wind and pressure. A low-grade thing which bore through them, at least then, alone. It was a miracle of the sort, a bloated type of clarity of their own, from the top of which it was thrown. Now it landed, afraid with its companion, at a much lower altitude. Their vessel had

fallen, not entirely destroyed, as the trees had cushioned the fall. But they looked dreadful, and once they came into the weak light which came from below, they dared not take a move forth. It was a dreadful time to be alive, to creep and seep through their woes, their minds were diluted in the vileness that they achieved. Now, it would be too easy to grab its hands and push it. 'Take care of it now, can't you see that it's evil and it doesn't deserve to survive?' Its eyes suddenly bulged as it looked close. More attention was paid, as it opened the mouth to reveal a long soft rounded piece of meat, filled with bulging veins, the teeth of a man and a pair of shorty but long tongues. Despite the ability to make sounds, that wasn't enough to satisfy their release. Before it was done, it spat it out, not being the tongue, but another living being which had lived inside. The smaller parasite hadn't managed to get far before it was kicked away and fell past the edge. Such death was swift, it didn't suffer the fall. A creeping sensation came on both the men in the back who only watched, afraid that something might happen. So many things laid there which were unexplainable, such as why was there a need to feed again. Why were they feeling empathy for a bunch of strange beings with which they had no connection? 'Haven't we had this conversation again?' Asked one on the back. For once, he had given a general feeling of being right to everyone adjacent to him. He wasn't strange, he wasn't queer or any more peculiar than anyone in life. It was even more surprising that they would want to creep and weep for that. 'It doesn't matter, those parasites might not be evil and the fact whether or not they may deserve it counts little. But we cannot afford for our plans to be delayed if they're urging trouble.' As he spoke, he grabbed its soft face and held it. Not only was the body weightless but the face also had a softness to it which was unexplainable. It looked like the head of a man but had no skull inside. That grip held its grip shot and removed whatever force it had left in its limbs. 'See this thing? Hopefully, it won't survive the fall.' 'Wait, shouldn't we wait and vote for it? What if this is murder? Why can't we let them both survive if we carry on?' 'Because they disgust me and I want them gone!' He yelled, and after he was done squeezing what was left of it, he threw it away, ready to order. While in the air, the one which fell switch to a fetal position, as if that mattered in the least. The body was never seen, and the tress did little to cushion the fall. Now, there was the problem of the other one which observed and show signs of moving away, trying to make it through on its own. There was a long way down there but he knew they couldn't take any chances. 'Which one of you still has a stone?' 'It's defenceless. This will be stone-cold murder, can't you see it's trying to flee?' 'You got what you came for, both of them out of their flying body, let's just carry on.' 'Give me that damn stone.' His voice went through them and managed to force the chained-pair to carry it from peer to peer until he was given it. This wasn't a throw but a drop. His hand extended forth, right above and from the likes of the sky above, a small shadow fell on its head. It stopped from its descent and started. For this moment alone was spent between the two of them creeping into each other's souls. After this, there was no reluctance any longer. He no longer snapped his wrist on his own but simply released it from his hand. There was a window of a frame, in which they all watched how the stone punctured and went through its entire body with little difficulty, right before it released and fell with its companion. 'That should take care of that, we're leaving now, understood?' With a nod, they seemed to follow him through, around the corner through another cover of dark. Sticks were there as well, and it was getting dangerous, alas. Without a doubt, the process would be horrible to see, under any circumstance whatsoever. But they felt it open as their chest and eat a bunch of those oily sticks until it was fed. The repercussions of that would be far too many to count, and no one was interested in that at all. What was important and which came was the need to escape. No one

bore any of their thoughts away, no one cared enough to look at themselves in those dark mirrors, but once they passed the rooms, they were done. There was a torch and what followed next was vague for the eye. Not only had the architecture ended, but it seemed like the floor had creaked and ended there as well. It seemed like this building had been built as the extension of a cave, a wet stony place through which they came to be. A small creature, dark glittering eyes, the scent of sulfur in their eyes. Neither of them dared creep nor say a thing, they were all cursed just from the simple fact of being there. 'What now? I see no way out and I can't be the only one who noticed that. We're only going to get farther and farther inside until we'll be trapped or too far from escape. Is this what we want to make out of our journey?' 'Look at us before talking again, I'm not even bothered any longer by what I'm becoming. Perhaps it would be for the best to get as far away as possible before we change into something else.' It was a bad thing to say, especially since the risk of making everyone else more paranoid was ever-present. Neither of them liked thinking about the repercussions which came with their growth, not that it could be ignored any longer. But eventually, they wouldn't feel any of their insides, not even their minds, if that was possible. A mindless sluggish rounded creature which did nothing more than feed itself to gluttony with sticks. Not the grand future or the end any of them had envisioned. Yet the one who was silent remained there, the presence of which couldn't have become any less stronger now. It seemed that out of all them, he was the least affected. Not only had he avoided most of his body absorption, but unknown to most of them, all of his insides were still there, not even touched or broken down.

Instead of it, each and every one of them was connected to him, their life-support, their only working body. Whatever amount of pain or spasm which was vaguely felt pointed towards him. No one dared look past their thoughts. They were too busy talking it out then to observe that of which had crept through a hole. It flew no longer but had apparently sprouted a pair of skeleton legs and pseudo-meat-like arms which moved disjointedly. At a thought's notice, neither of them moved an inch. Being surprised was the least of their expectations. What came forth was a greeting and a bow, that, which was followed by his reaction to this ordeal. 'I see that you have changed as well. You're no longer the same people I've encountered back then.' 'Perhaps we're not, but this place appears like it's had its way with us, alive.' Though on the outside they were used no longer, as some of them had already been consumed in the vessels. It was the rate of which it ate and grew that wasn't natural. With the little it was given, somehow it expanded in mass rather than be static like the others which had been noticed. Electrical cords were attached to it, just to control the rate in which this expansion went. So far there was not a single known reaction which could be documented and said to have belonged to it. No one could be bothered enough to testify on the process, henceforth, the higher-ups didn't answer any of the inquiry. That dreadful thing never left them, good people being lost inside, already, as it happened, three of them had been lost. Without a way to pull the others out, they were condemned to be its prison guards, feeding it resources until it'd be too late. That sudden realisation came as no shock, as they looked at the body of their fellow. In addition to that, they seemed to have been taken back by something other, the skin which had been growing, the muscles, the organs, why was it? Why was it that it was growing out to be a humanoid, all of the sudden, in the most dreadful manner. There was another head which laid on the side of the skull, which covered any kind of ear which might've been. 'You're three-faced now? Will these sudden changes ever stop?' 'I could ask the same about your growth but I believe that we would only be wasting each other's time. Shall we take advantage of this deal then and walk away? This cavern seems as if it has no end.' But its speech

could not distract them from an important fact, that of which they could see blood dripping from the back of its head. It's been drinking some of it while they had been gone, but just how much of it had it been consumed? There was no telling of the dangers which might be involved, now that they had been aware of that detail. This Fyor was a dangerous fellow. But at least they knew that it would go ahead and try for their blood, with as much doubt to that as there was. For they seemed sick and their own bloating red substance appeared as if only made their conundrum worse. It was evenly so as the growth and chance continued taking place. Though he was deemed as somewhat safe, he was set to walk forth with the torch inside the cavern while they all watched themselves for danger. 'We've met others out there, two creatures which had a flying sort of bird, in some way I cannot explain what it was like, as if appearance left too dreadful of a memory.' 'I wasn't interested either way, but if I may say, you left me, for quite some while. You wouldn't happen to be interested in hearing what happened, would you?' Because in turn, it did quite wonder what exactly was wrong with them, to have undergone such extreme changes. 'Well, it's only fair if we exchange stories, so if you do not mind, these halls of stones, these crypts seem endlessly depressing. May we fill it with a story?' It was just as soon as they had left, by the time what was left of a fire faded from the room they had gone into there he was, Fyor floating, in a corner which had been his own. So wide and fashioned out of creeping layers of melted holes that it was undoubtedly peculiar in either way of looking at it. Something had eaten through the wood and made its lair there before abandoning it. A warm type of hole, deep enough for a man, or for a malformed two-faced skull to lay in. There they were below, the cleaners whom stretched and pushes themselves in the way of rebuilding the room to its appearance. That was just moments after they've gone in and there was little to say or do about the subject. It was even more obvious then that they wouldn't return. 'Blasted ones, you left me here all alone, how dare you?' At least it was asked in such a manner, whichever was less disturbing, though he'd have to act fast. It was well enough unless he would be heard or seen by them, who roamed the halls like ghastly sheets of skin which did reveal their organs in the dark. Most of what they had were attached to those long joints which stretched to clean. Expose there in their form, it was revealed that those floating blankets which covered them served merely as a distraction from how they truly worked. 'What do you mean that wasn't wax we touched?' All of the sudden, some of them felt dirty only from the mere touch and the incandescence of the thing they remembered having shoved their hands in. 'It did come out of one of their puffy balls at the end of a floating long limb.' The fact that it hardened instantly left an unsatiated feeling of dismay if it was meant or used to encompass a living being in it. Though it might've been easy to break from the outside, there was no way to know what the deal was on its inside. But it was time for me to act and try to find an escape, so I may hope to join you sometime. There was little doubt that you would find a way, I know it was to be like that, regardless of what happened, somehow you came through. The observation which came merely after observing them a little while. Such was the way the acted, and how easily they made themselves around danger, how they carried on with little fear of the pain and suffering which might've been inflicted upon failure. A true pair of men, which had been lost. Regardless of which. 'What about the story? How came you here with us? I didn't see any open door, that was never there, to begin with, they hadn't completed it. Merely a broken wall there, from what I've noticed at least.' 'I'll get to that, just bear with me.' Without much hope, I crawled out of the hole once I noticed that there were more of them who had arrived. They spread around the room and pulling even the smaller particles inside. That was vile and there was no need for their culling,

the dread, that of which wasn't approached nor spoken about. Under the light which had momentarily come, their forms looked as if they were filled with growths of skin, bulbs, a dark green, dead colours, a carapace on top. It was the opposite of the silken impression they gave while floating in the dark. The light didn't last long, for a good reason as well, for no one deserved to behold their appearance and still get to live with themselves. But for himself, neither of them appeared to have noticed in the least. It was almost as if he had become invisible amongst them, floating and peering through the flocks of air. Quite the pair, a dreadful one which didn't last. They were free at last to roam around the room once they were done. It was interesting, just how close I managed to approach them without being caused much trouble. As long as there were no touches, I believe there was a confusion that I was one of them. 'They were blind.' 'It's as close as I choose to believe. Why else wouldn't they have attacked me when the chance came near? But what comes next might as well be unappealing and disturbing to either one of you, for I have followed as deep as I was able, going through their lair.' It was perhaps just as deep as to push through the wood and get into rock. With everything in sight encompassed in the same wax-like substance, I have noticed that there had been other humans there predating you or your presence. There was nothing out there left of them other than their remains, which had been more than enough to understand what they had been. Rather than cleaners, this was their lair, their trap, through which they didn't do anything else other than leave their mouldy statues until someone came, fresh new meat for the saucer as one would think. 'Why is it that, at the time we arrived in the room, there was no statue there, to begin with?' 'It might've had to do with the fact that they had just finished eating their previous victim. You were just lucky enough to get there when they were full.' 'And if we weren't that lucky, as to find them still there?' 'You wouldn't have made it through the night.' That was a lot to think of and pound on, though it somehow didn't answer what happened to the rest of him. Taken from a pile of bones, from one of their sacks which dangled from side to side. It was obvious enough that something went horribly wrong when no one dared spare a word of what happened.

A gap and a large one at that remained between the time they were out there and the time it laid inside amongst them. 'How did you get through, then? I could perhaps understand the way which you used to get through but if there's one thing I cannot wrap my head around is that fact that I do not know how about your trick there.' 'Oh but there was no trick involved. Once I had everything I needed, I did nothing other than return to where I came from and started eating through the wood. It's so much easier to do now that I feel no pain, and have little to no joint powder to block me from over pushing my entire body.' 'And you crawled through that hole, after, that would be all?' Though there was more, he saw something about those such-said cleaners and the way they acted. Not only would their lair go deeper than expected but there was a stretch of thought that they were somehow next to them, right past a thin sheet of stone. Would their paths intertwine? 'This change of yours, do you wish to talk about it?' 'Not now.' 'I wish I could say anything about it, that I miss feeling my legs, they've become all so numb from the constant pressure and I can't do much to explain that. If only there was a better way to deal with these changes, I would've been rather grateful if I could at least feel the soles of my feet again.' 'Stop complaining, it's not like we're in any better condition than you are. Can't you see that a lot of them had almost lost themselves entirely?' It was true enough, other than a few of the on-lookers, they were mostly silent, having their faces pulled inside the sluggish mass. Outside, there was a dope, a creeping sensation that somehow, just through some unevenly unnatural way, it had grown past what it was given. Where could it have given itself the energy to do that? Clearly, it had grown a

short, pole-like body, which made it feeding process much difficulty since they had taken a pair of movable stairs and had to bring them in. Obviously enough, there was something wrong going on around the entire complex now. Fewer soldiers around, more of them being called back at an alarming rate. Even the brief encounters had resulted in false reports and non-professional explanations given under the table letters rather than official papers. Just what in the creeping hole was going there was a complete mystery. His world had become hazy and rather than any explanation, he was mesmerised by looking at the many camera windows there. You know, it did look strange enough, as it grew its body through the night. Some holes from its insides opened and puffed, but it was contained. No one was contaminated as far as he had known. Such a miracle didn't happen on a daily occurrence and for that, he was grateful enough. Regardless of which, he thought he was in control now. Well enough that there was no one around here to order him around. He lifted up his receptor, only to find there was no signal there, threading murky waters in a sea of roses. Watching it still, eat the last of them. From rumours, rather than reports. Repeating, from rumours that actually official papers, he had heard from a younger soldier than they were about to bring larger stocks, of both men and smaller vessels. Though for what reason alone, he hadn't known nor figured out their end-plan, as this was madness on a madness' basis. There was no reason, nothing to gain from this ordeal. Whatever happened to their higher-ups, this had become a deathtrap, a torture chamber which ate bodies and left nothing behind. Even creatures of the same species had been cannibalised and consumed as if they meant nothing, in order to feed that strange growth. It was disturbing. Soldiers, grown men and even veterans who were present there stood afraid at the mere sight. This place had been changed as more and more efforts to restrain it and prevent further contamination on either side of the room it was in proceeded. Excavations had taken place and now they thought it was close to being fully suppressed inside that tiny room. No sign as of yet of anything going wrong. But other than the soldiers, a team of scientists had been scheduled to come. Had it truly been a week since then? What was the reason behind him losing his sense of time? Paranoid, unsure. Apparently, they had to come with a bunch of machines and insert some chemicals inside the dirt just so they could make sure there'd be no growth which had undergone beyond their awareness. It wasn't evenly so that they cared. At least, with the tiny amount of hope which remained, it did what it said it would and prevented it from growing. There was dread inside, at least for those involved and not a second passed without the constant reminder that there were good people inside this very moment. Speaking was hard past a point. Right as they passed some invisible sheet of webbing, invisible coat, both Fyor as well as they couldn't help it but look and hear at the details. Every drop of water from above vibrated at a level which affected the entire room. Even the fire was moving like some sort of bright illusion, leaving something of its after-image behind. Without a doubt, their vision had been altered in some way, if all of them could see the same thing. 'What's happening?' 'Don't panic yet, I think this is supposed to be normal, in some sort of way, I can't be sure exactly what's the reason but bear with it. It's the only thing we can do now.' 'But I cannot, I don't know about the others. Neither of them is speaking, they haven't been saying anything ever since, you know, that happened.' 'I know as well as I have seen. I can sense it, I don't think there's many of us left either.' 'Then can we return? I want to be sent back to my nursing home, this time I won't complain. Do you hear? I promise I'll sit in my chair and won't cause trouble any longer. Can you hear me?' 'No sign whatsoever of anyone being there. They had all been abandoned and most of them had died once the process had begun. Apparently, what could be salvaged from the

human anatomy was their human eyes and toes, which migrated at the soles of the newly grown sharp legs.'Are you unable to go on?'We'll do well, continue.'A deranged thought came, as this place was quite sealed in its own bubble, in the term of which no one would know nor hear that something that could happen. It was a peculiar thing to look at, but it was there, the endless, the point where there'd be no return. Whatever happened past that blanket was merely an illusion, to distract them and bring them to this point in time. A torch which wouldn't last long and the two or four of them left there with Fyor.'Say, what were you planning on doing once you recovered your body?'My plan would continue until the point where I had the chance to escape."But isn't the world out there destroyed as we speak? Something's changing it, and even the most dreadful of creatures are trying to hang dearly to their lives and hide inside rather than fight out there.'Well, now that you had to push the knife and twist it, I must say that I was planning on going even deeper, to the very bottom floor which could only extend until I had my own place to dwell inside.'Said Fyor with some kind of smile on all three of his face. There still hadn't been an explanation of the coming of the third of, not that it was important any longer since they were all nothing more than superficial addition with little to no sentience whatsoever. Nonetheless, there was more to it, he was hiding things, most importantly now.'When we first found you, weren't you standing on a wooden staff then?'Ah, yes, I was merely pretending to wait until someone who could take care of my trouble just happened to come along. You have no idea how many of your kind I've used in the past, only to have stopped or have taken the wrong turn. The maze normally changes, but this time it hadn't. I forgot to mention because you wouldn't have had a clue of what I was talking about, but there's a reason why everything went so smoothly then."Well, I guess it's only fair now since I don't think I'll be able to see an end to this.'Even the smell faded away, the torch wasn't even that bright, not had it hurt on touch. He tried it as well, pushing his hand through it and seeing no blister form.'Shouldn't this be a cause of concern?'Only as long as you fear of what it means.'They only one another now, the corpse which had been absorbed by now. No, he looked away from the sight but knew well enough that all of them had been lost. He was the only one left there, him and the skull. There wasn't any reflection any longer but he had little doubt of the fact that he wasn't human any longer. Straight from his toes and fingers, there was little there to him, little to speak of the facts. But he knew.'Say, you dropped your torch a few hours ago, haven't you?'It looked as if it was nowhere to be seen, not in the back nor could it have been hidden. I guess so.' Said Fyor, without even noticing the the fact that there was something wrong with the light. It was still there, at a level which made it seem as if he had never dropped it from its hand. He felt hunger again, most damning, ever closing and there was nothing else there. But he would be alone, then he would be hungry again. Not unless the hunger would stop forever and remain, just like a torch and the light. He desperately clung to something dear to wrap his head around. There was little he could think of to make for what had happened. Was it inevitable?'Say, you're looking at me vaguely distraught, is there something I could help you with?'We could just stop from walking and stare at one another, I don't know if there's an end to this trap but in the least, we earned a spot of rest, wouldn't you agree?'They stood there staring at one another with little emotion and less so of an interaction. He wasn't aware of what his means for an end were but at least he knew Fyor couldn't get tired. Yet he stood there, legs crossed, both eyes on the side closed, standing with his back turned. There wasn't even that much sand below, from which he stood and crept again past the endless gaze which snapped. They were trapped. Sooner or later they would have to agree on it and that would be enough. But no, it couldn't go that way, not

with the hunger, not until it was satiated. The torch remained, why not it? The torch hadn't gone out, so why would the hunger return once it was dealt with? Look at the meat on it, the juicy bones that lay there, why don't you take less of a bite and carry on without him? It's not like he was planning on speaking much. He had figured out a long time ago as well, mostly by the look in his eyes and how dreadful they were. A repugnant being which deserved even less than being alive. He had to do it, the hunger just got worse by the minute. Standing there and simply looking at the raw meat didn't cut it for him, he could only be pleased in the case of eating it, piece by piece, until there was nothing, not even a slice of bone to pick his own teeth with. That came as no surprise then, when suddenly he pushed himself through the fat, and came the few inches between them, opening the hole in his chest which had extended to reveal a collection of all their human teeth which had been tightly set into their jaws. Now they were attached to a most leprously-looking tongue. It encompassed the skeleton and pulled it inside. What followed were the screams of the creature, as the tenderness of the meat and the juiciness of the bones got crushed and mushed to make up for the loss. For once, it didn't matter any longer whether or not it was suffering. He was content eating it there, like a glutton, too fat to move now, ready to choke on that mouthful. Perhaps it was too much of a meal to take, something which didn't end and only added to the fat. Though the others weren't there long, the circle had become filled and pushed against itself until there was none of that any longer. It grew in itself, which instead crippled him. What's happening to me? Where are the others? He had remembered that there had been other men standing with him as well, part of him rather, deceased by now, pulled in by the mass. Alone and afraid, he could feel his neck full, mouth full, the jaw crunched and forced open. By his guts, he released a pair of bones and chewed faces, all of which had belonged to their guide. There wasn't any help to it, that thing inside him didn't end. Forced to choke for as long as he was part of it, there would be nothing more to say on it, other than the fact that he would be ingested as well, eventually at least, by his own growth, which would eventually think of himself as nothing more than a numb and dumb meat to devour. The veteran was the last to die and be absorbed. On his case file, it had been set, early onset, classified. 'Well, I think that makes the last batch of them done for, though I still wonder, who's to be the next one in line.' Looking at it through the cameras was one thing, but he had dared not walk towards it to take a look for himself. It was more than dangerous, perilous, too much for a man of his age to take such a risk. He'd be pushing inside, undoubtedly, especially if it were true, what they said about, how it got into your mind. 'Sir, there's a man looking for you outside the room, sir.' 'Soldier, who's he and what does he want?' 'A scientist sir, he saw he's come here with a proposal for the next batch, should I send him in?' 'Go ahead, soldier dismissed.' 'Sir.' The new cadets always filled in the shoes well after their first time, but once they reached the on-going over a few months, a lot of them just disappeared. Either they were dismissed, or. With a bang, the door was almost snapped as it entered in contact with itself. There was some sort of confusion there, at least in terms of who guided the show and who gave the orders there. It was rude enough that he entered with his suit on, and he was trying to speak with him through it. 'The helmet, take it off, I won't have you men of science disrespect the uniform as well. Wait, don't worry, there's no form of contamination here, no need to bring out the tool.' He had his small device by his pocket, ready to set it forth and mark for something around. Just in case, he did do it so. There was something of a slight, unexplainable amount of it there, but not enough to constitute a danger. After all, the entire place seemed to have been contaminated from the dirt below, and with the constructions going on, well, it didn't matter. At least they were

forced to take shots every few days, which were enough to kill any of the diseases they might've come in contact with from the lowered immunity left by it.' As I said, oh.' His expression changed as the chair was pulled and the scientist stood sat down. 'I'm sorry, I didn't mean to be as rough as I have been ma'am. If I had known.' 'It's all right, no need to apologise, you'd be surprised to hear how often this type of deal happens throughout my field.' 'I'm sure I would say, why have they sent you here?' 'The next set of patients that are to be connected to the vessel, right? They sent me to pass on the list and return a full report whether or not there'd be any kind of complications along the way.' 'Complications?' 'That depends solely on you sir, and how you may react to this.' Though he had more than enough experience, he had failed to notice the pile of files she had brought with her. Before, there might've been more than a few pages for each man who entered, which included their private history, service, statues, amongst other, whether or not there was abuse involved in any sort of way, that kind of stuff. Not this time, as he was given a note of the fact that they each received only a single page, not even back and behind, written. One image was more than enough to determine who he or she were, with a few snippets of personal information which didn't involve anything medical at all. No blood type, height, age, physical form, at best he could try to vaguely guess at it, by even then, the photos were old. Maybe ten years or more with each frame, each shot, each man that passed from page to page. Others were still in black and white, to the point where it may have been that one of them was older than the veterans he had sent there. It was odd to look at and he could only wonder. 'Why so many and who so soon?' 'We didn't have a chance either, the project leader has given us a direct order and had asked for specific instructions. Most of them down the pile are now heavily sedated and under our control. This is only something of a, of a.' 'Show trial, isn't it?' 'Something of the sort, except the fact that you're the one who's been watching it ever since the project started, keeping it under surveillance. If there's anyone out there who know what it does or how it acts, that must be you.' 'So I guess I only need to keep sending my reports and everything will be peachy and well.' 'As long as we keep everything at a professional level, of which I've no doubt you may be able to maintain, we'll work just fine.' It had been three hours since she left the room. Stacks of single sheets were spread on the desk, from which the pictures stood as evidence of the entire process. He'd have to look at them and see just how they were sent from their artificially induced coma, the terms she had used to explain their conditions, before leaving. They had been brought in thin black boxes which contained, two or three of them crammed inside. It was mad, that way it was revealed that there was some sort of round opening to each of them. Those were human beings there but were left to hang as chum in the murk. 'Damn military project, this is inhumane, someone has to.' 'Stop. Rethink about the whole order. As he thought it, he fingered one of his badges on the chest and reminded himself, just how it was during the war. They had marched through one of the small villages and were forced to kill the women and children in order to capture it. It was dull by now and the edges prevented it from slashing the skin off his finger but there he laid, conflicted and disturbed. He hadn't even known those people, yet it felt wrong. But he went through with the orders, he's killed them, charged, broken through the weak doors, looking at their cold faces. He hadn't become a monster because of it, he was still sane, he had achieved a rank. It should've been hours at least before it made a move. But a few boxes here and there meant that there were at least eighteen people there, waiting to be pulled. Without a doubt, they wouldn't get pulled in the vessel, those boxes were more than enough, serving as some sort of pseudo carcasses for it to stretch towards. Like small silk spurs, webbing over, they came and attached to the openings. They were thin and

almost invisible to the human eye, but they had shown signs of growing. It was like it could drag them towards itself, the staircase-type ladder in front of it made it unusually hard and overcomplicated everything. But those spurs grew in bulk and started spreading across the top, to the point where it had reached the change which was needed. Not that either of them would feel. What laid inside, streets of cobalt, years passed, there was a road between the two towns at last. One which had been made properly and would symbolise, in the least the union between two's people. There would be an inauguration of the railroad which would pass through both of them before heading in the outer world. And there had been peace. Except the dirt had started spreading, making the water dirty between the two. 'I still can't believe you're asking me to do this.' 'You know what I said, they're not under your jurisdiction Malloy. You are to set them free and only take care of the crime happening in your area as long as you're seeing to your stuff.' 'But that's not the way we were trained to deal with them, what's so hard to understand?' 'I think you're the one failing to understand that until the law is set in place, we are virtually unable to touch them. I'm sorry but this is how it must be, there can be no other way for us to change it.' 'Unless he counted the acts of some vigilante who would come and crack an eyes, slitting a throat and carrying on as if nothing happened. There had been a few of them, seeing those dirt-men walk across the streets, repugnant in their looks, trying to sell their wear to the first and foremost buyer.' 'Would that be all or have any other inquiry of something I may actually have power upon?' 'Nothing sir, that would be all.' 'He was dismissed, as always, nothing to be gained from it. Damned faceless man, still, after so much time, he failed to see through, but he knew there was a hole. He had to be under their hands, it had to be their fault? Who else but those superstitious, dark practitioners who had performed their rituals countless times? Perhaps they have been the ones who had troubled him with the visions and the paranoia behind. He hadn't dared ask any of his colleagues about what he had looked like or what have they seen when trying to peer. The man never left his damn room for the sake of it. What else could he expect, other than be on his own investigation while keeping an eye on the man?' 'Come on Cones, you're coming with me.' 'About time, partner, what are you looking for?' 'This is off the records, it seems, we're going to investigate some of the crimes committed by these.' 'He grunted and almost lost his footing after muttering the word, locals. Clearly, there was some sort of distaste for them, as well as there might be, as one was quick to find out that there'd be no clear distinction between the dread they felt, as any other pointed it out. But with the help of reflection, that was undeniable, dark times were ahead and he had little to think about it himself. Passively, he slipped his hand on his handgun and walked away. Cones followed him and said nothing as they carried it on the road. It was clear enough that the place was becoming a mess, not only have they had to deal with strange cases in the past but their presence here only made their occurrence happen more often. Disappearances which were unexplainable and unaccounted for, bodies which were found months later after the murder with no signs of violence on them. Children who somehow died of natural causes but had been completely drained of blood, to name a few of the strange events that came upon their arrival. With this, the sound of evil permeated through the buildings, something was happening. They were in a loud enough a conversation that there was little help which was needed to be done for. A more disturbing way of acting wasn't there, as they both got out and just kicked the door in.' 'Won't there be trouble without the warrant? Come on now, you know there are regulations here, you can't just budge into someone's building uninvited and.' 'He had gone past the stars, while Cones was on the first floor, waving at some of the other neighbours who had come out to look at the ordeal. Wave and look away, follow that damn

bastard before something's going to happen to him. But without the slightest shimmer of hope, there was some dreadful thing happening there. A crime was underway, ready to take off by the time he was on the seventh floor. Lots of people there already, two sorts of thugs, their own. Standing on both side of the door and smoking inside, you could see cuts on their fingernails and their big brown lips. 'What'cha looking at a stranger? Piss off if you know what's good.' The other just looked funny at him, but they strangely looked similar enough to be taken as twins. What could they be having stashed in their pockets? Not a gun, that was too hard to get already, but he had something hidden there. Why haven't I equiped my gun yet though? They're not going to take me lightly either, brass knuckles. Only one of them had put them on, while the other had pulled a switchblade. It was two against one before Cones could carry his own weight there and he still hadn't pulled the gun out. What was Maloy even? A slam on the door followed, at least by the sound of some peculiar, almost pitched voice that didn't speak right. It was an attempt at the language but one that was broken and took too long with the bowels. By the tattoos and the words written around the balding old man's body, he was clearly a nut case. His room had left an aroma of dust and smoke and other than the black and the red, there was no other dominant colour there. 'Drop to the floor.' 'Dogs, attack, attack!' It was clear enough this time around, that he took out the gun and managed to take a great shot in the gut before the other slammed him off the stairs. The force of the blow threw him off by the side, luckily for his spine but his chest was red under the clothes and there was a shout. A wail of pain followed but the man had followed. Where's the gun, where's the gun? Maloy tasted mercury in his blood before coming to his senses and being lifted up by his chest. What proceeded after was a sensation of burning and he was picked up and slammed back down, repeatedly while looking at one of the tear-eyed giants. He could've been his brother and how he laid there in the back, dead, while he was forced to smash him in concrete. Soon enough he'd lose it, the consciousness, the escalation of things. Right before the corner when Cones had arrived and there came the first two shots without a warning or a sound. He was disturbed as well from seeing all the blood and the state in which he had been. Neither did he look properly, nor did he aim well. Despite that, both of the negro's hands had been shot through but he wasn't rendered useless, and he leapt from his side and pushed his body against Cones, slamming him against the wall. That took him off the balance that he had enough time to get away. A brute, large enough to take down the section had escaped and there was nothing which could be done about it whatsoever. 'Follow him Cones, he's getting away.' 'You need medical attention.' 'I'll do fine, just get the other, he's in the room.' A sight alone would've given him something worth fighting for, but he could barely see his own shadow floating there. Without the foreknowledge in the matter, he'd be crippled there, with the little he had. 'Wait, what's the status on the other one?' 'He's dead, still bleeding from the shots, do you hear?' 'What about the one inside the room?' Little of which he was aware came into play, as he watched and listened, minutes after he went in, only to be met by Cones again. 'He's not here Maloy, he somehow escaped.' 'How could he have possibly escaped in the condition that he was in? There's not a single a chance he made his way through.' 'I've already told you, he's not there. Now, I think you suffered some sort of concussion and broke a few ribs amongst the way. We need to get you some to a medic as soon as possible, do you understand me? I need a sign to know whether or not you understand me.' Without a doubt, the closest thing to a confirmation as it might've been was the way he spat a great deal of blood out of his mouth. It was a long way back to the nearest ward and people's disdain had become widespread around the town. Without the fairness of chance, they had just come and

murdered a man on their shift, even though they hadn't been called at the scene. Some information would have to be given to the chief and both of them stood in danger of losing their badges, but nothing could compare with what they saw. 'Did you take a good look at the man? The one who escaped?' 'Shut yer' trap, you need to conserve your strength.' 'No, no, just answer me.' 'I haven't seen the man, by the time I had arrived, he had been gone. There was nothing further I could do about it.' 'What of the room, did you see what was inside? The red, the black, the runes which had been drawn just about everywhere?' 'I know, I called them in to fill in for us?' 'Why did you have to go on through with it, I haven't told you, I haven't.' Perhaps something was indeed wrong with him. He felt his chest exploding, at least in the same manner one would have during a stroke. It could be that, he was young, he had been strong, he had lost his consciousness from the blows and that was the worst which had happened to him ever since the last case. The ward, now that was a strong word. He was left there, no visits allowed, for at least a few days. From the diagnosis, Cones was given a waiver to sign and had lost any temptation to bring him back to the section until he was properly taken care off. An empty room, this wasn't right. There had been a man there, inside, though he had dozed off because of the antibiotics he had been given, he could dazedly look around. He saw more than enough and wasn't in need for anything more. There, he had lost his chance to catch the man, who was free just as he was locked. 'Nurse, water, please.' 'Right away.' She was a young woman, all in white, wearing a small tag with the name Emille on it. Strange for a girl like her to be called that way, for she seemed sweet. Dark locks, golden-blue eyes, young, he had already thought of that and more. Something about her, how she helped him drink when he couldn't do it himself, taking the extra steps to get in close and hand him the pills. It made him feel too much at home for his own comfort, while there were crooks out there, in the dumps. Weird looking, swarthy, back-boned men, if so classified from a biological point of view. They were stroking their own beards off the bones and parts of human, another one had been kidnapped, to which there came no report off. 'Care, care, don't spread them.' From the top of the head, almost like a zipper, they removed their faces and revealed their magnificent incisors and the two-headed smaller mouths which hid inside. They ate what was left of the bones and toes, before returning to their deeper holes, under the bed and on the floor. Such a practice was well known. Though neither of them could explain it, there was a feeling as to be attributed to their ancestors, who had somehow survived for months or decades in worse conditions, walking through the foundation rather than act like normal people. This behaviour was thickly set inside their heads, and their bodies had evolved accordingly. Despite the fact that they might be hiding in the bodies of the other beings which they detested, their hands and legs had never been connected to the stolen torso. This allowed them to stretch them and climb unfathomable reachers through the system, and as their bodies revealed themselves as to be thin and weak, there was little chance of them being stuck. It was a matter of freedom and chance, this was to be their dance in many other ways at least. This would come as no surprise, but they entered through openings which had been left there way before their arrival. The entire city had been designed for creatures like them to roam freely, unseen, and as it happened, so they have. Worse than that were the ones who had looked like men, in all act and appearance but of eyes. Such creepily bizarre they were, bulging on and pushing some sort of spades as to approach in the darkest manner. Even their walks reflected something vile but neither man in a crowd or otherwise could explain what exactly was wrong with it. Perhaps that pulsating bubble which formed if you started too much at it. Something really didn't bode well, too many secrets tied to such a creature which might not even look you in the

eye. And they were there, out in the streets, ready to spread their bodies and revealed themselves and nothing but a spreadsheet of organs which might've dragged itself out of some primordial era in the mud or in the sea. Something of a habit yet again inherited from some prime ancestor which had reigned farther away in their evolutionary bile, the sort of which had never truly left in any shape or form. It only made the creature more dependable on its hosts. Some could see how it stalked others, then turned away at the first sign of sight. No one could find it out if it were for it to survive, that was mostly the only concern which might've been addressed in any sort of way. For they had formed a council, somewhere in the dark. It was a hole one of them had dug up, leading to a boiler's room, at an abandoned floor, where there was more. Inside the boiler, there had been men's bodies abandoned as the previous resident had taken great care to get rid of the evidence. The rest of the underground structure had been somewhat sealed from any possible intruder which may find he was there. Now there would be none who could disturb them in any other shape than theirs, no eye to lay on them, just crisp bodies as a bonus to eat. 'Don't eat it yet, wait for the others.' The small juvenile growth looked primal in some way. Its claws looked as if they were just the right length, the mouldy back and the extra eye put its face as something below anything one would like to lay eyes upon. Maybe there had been a mix, the way it hid its one small knife, ready to jump at the throat of any intruder which had passed.

After all, the three of them were small. 'Wait, wait, do you hear? Someone's coming, it's coming!' A curled pair of tied-together fingers pointed as some gravel which fell from the hole. It seemed as if the entire room shook, including the light above. Neither did they know what they were expecting to come from that entrance, if not the single most repulsive invader they could've encountered. It was one of the naked beings which hid in sight, wearing nothing but its own flesh, a sort of pseudo-pole of organs and veins which crawled inside, surrounded by a transparent layer of protection. From the colour, it had become reddened and a few deeper shades as well. Not entirely black by any means whatsoever, but just enough to creep inside anyone's guts by means alone. Such was it that there was a legitimate interest which hadn't made them expel it from their meeting, a curiosity which elected the being and its strange ways. How it rolled to the side and seemed to have tied itself to the wall, rooted inside the dirt. 'Not a small talker, not one, one.' 'Shut up, don't disturb our guest, others might be showing up, if you don't shut up, bad things will happen to us.' Indeed, to say the least, there wasn't any doubt of the fact that they were sealed there. By the world and others, something crept, more dreadful, bigger and stronger. From the head that entered, that of some long and deformed femur-shaped head, there just pulled back two openings which revealed hidden eyes. It had a long pair of necks which shoved themselves in the head like spears, leaving the appearance of someone who might've been impaled and caught to suffer. A pseudo pair of wings were attached to two bony hands and before it came into the light, it revealed the body of some filthy skin-like rodent, which fell upon itself and had formed mazes of the folded flopped cover on its body. There were no greetings and the three mongrels could do nothing else but watch how it came past them and suddenly opened one of the boilers with its beak. From inside, it pecked upon only one of the corpses and dragged it to a corner and started devouring on. To say the least that there was some sort of chaos inside the room now, that would be less than helpful. 'Ask it if it speaks. Go near it, talk to it, do something for it.' The both of them pushed the pig-faces little snogg, with his lame legs and outward pushing toes, it came to nothing more than a stare. Such was that the creature stopped eating and suddenly started at the living member of their clan. For a single second there, it cowered in a thought that it might've been eaten alive right in front of its

fellows. Which was less than acceptable, an utmost shame to die that way and suffer forever after? An evilness crept and it had desired to grow into something much bigger and violent and catch its beak in-between his arms and crush

it. For a moment there, it almost came to believe it. But that stopped, as it returned to eating from the crisp corpse. 'Have you come here for a discussion?' 'I shall speak only when the others are present, until then we'll speak no word.' A voice like that could only do worse to your thoughts, not to mention the damage it had inflicted upon its vileness, which might've been called a brain. But that was neither here nor there. There were others, were they? Have they not a clue of the fact that there was already somewhat of a shortage in the space? Outside, there were more of the dreadful things happening, now that the two cities untied. For once, the dirt on every side, as well as the sky and the air had been somewhat overtaken by a level of radiation and dark poisoning for no explainable reason. It was even more clear by the fact that their tap water had become tainted and the image of the destroyer, farther in the land had become more clear for the commoners who hadn't trained their eyes to see. A small price to pay but no one could be bothered by it in the least. There were dire problems at hand and some tainted turned tower was the least of their concerns. No longer was the city theirs. Now the denizens had become the intruders and were no welcome to the new order under which everyone was to act. For starters, there was the indecency the women displayed on the streets, of a better look, the men would've thought them mad. How they displayed themselves in the midst of chaos was nothing less of being short of ambiguously peculiar. There were others there, afraid and alone, prone to be looked down upon. Mostly the ones wearing their bee-hive protectors, or some modified versions of them in the midst of daylight.

Under that circumstance, they were spraying toxins over plants and they were making sure no one would get off easily after they were done with them. Not only would the toxins go through dirt and travel straight into the foundation and the wood but they would also create fumes inside the houses. 'That's enough of that, you've got no right to be doing this. What you're getting through with this here is short of an attempt to.' Before he could finish stumbling, the long metal shaft suddenly raised itself and pointed at the man, while it was still spraying nonetheless. The result was short-lived as he screamed, seeing himself rot in front of a pair of melting eyes which belonged to no one else other than him. He hadn't screamed but stumbled down the stairs and fell. Soon, he was dragged once the spray had paused and he pushed the man into the hole that had crept in the dirt. A proper fertilised, as the like of which there had never been. And it looked like this one worked alone, no one else around appeared to have accompanied this lone crazed corruptor. But there were troublemakers as well as on their side. 'Murder, help!' She quickly covered her mouth and snapped her window shut as soon as she saw his attention turned. There'd be a short span of running from where she was to the straight door where eight locks would immediately be turned in order to prevent entry. It was an invasion and they were boiling with rage, those who looked from above, down at what had remained of their neighbour. 'No one will allow you to get away with that, they'll catch you and there'll be a lot to pay down there, once they lock you in that small cage and throw rocks at you, damn lunatic!' There was some provocation, at which he would respond. The door was open after all and the woman from the opposite building had given him nothing but the perfect idea. But for a moment, before he went on the stairs, he lifted the cowl only to reveal what laid under. A face which had almost looked to have been affected by his own toxin itself and somehow managed to survive. Severely skewered, in a way that it should've been done at an early age because it looked as if it grew into it after he had been given the treatment. The bones grew wrong and pushed the skull into pieces and some

of them stood where they shouldn't anatomically be. For his cheek-bones were far apart and lowered, the teeth had been taken and pushed away, leaving only the bottom ones, which had been sharpened and cracked to the point where one would think he had eaten a rock. He grasped from something in his throat, a tube of some kind, the pair which would've been attached to a patient to help to breathe. After going ahead and pulling it entirely and abandoning it on the street, he started climbing and pushing through. There'd be no stopping to him in any sort or shape whatsoever. With everything unlocked, after memorising where the man was, he went ahead to cover his grotesque appearance and came inside. It seemed as if the toxic had taken its initial effect, which discoloured everything in sight until there was nothing but dead colours. Such a shame, that there were worms growing in the wood, walls, even one in the lightbulb. He hated the worms, they were most rubbish of creatures. And these ones weren't normal either, as they could grow just about anywhere and just about in anything. If luck is your woe, as one child had screamed inside one of the apartments, one could grow a few of them inside the brain. Directly going mad as far as one could go away and see it away. More likely, as it had been, neither of them had ever witnessed such woe. It was some sort of miracle that they were still there on their feet, at the top of the building, two young people, having witnessed what was going on, have decided it had been too long. So long have they suffered together and the world was at an end. Despair was in their eyes and they would never be seen apart again. It was a fitting end then, once they gave in and let themselves fall into the abyss. That was a hole in the ground which had disintegrated from the taint and left some kind of black legacy which wouldn't last. He went up the stairs, found the right floor and guessed at the door, which might've been less of right. What was important was the fact that he had taken a great look at the assailant, the criminal, the one who committed one of the worst offences known to man, insults, for they drove him mad. There was no other way to stop them from echoing inside his head and he remembered them. It had driven him mad and he was sick, turning the spray on him for a bath before pointing it at the door and seeing it melt and crack. Wood wouldn't have to act that way but with enough exposure, it turned into soft sap and let way to a view of utter failure and despair. With this, it was clear that the man had ended himself way before he had started on the stairs. More so over the way he had taken his life, multiple cuts and pills, his entire room looked like some kind of sabbath of ritual blood practices. There was a twitch. As soon as it was noticed, the spray went on him and entered directly through his mouth and bloodstream. It didn't kill him but left him looking like a crazed wingless bird, his face had contorted into a mad beak which went through his belly. Worse. There had been a flash, and he wasn't in the building anymore. Neither of the two of them was. Tubular halls of metal, now it was the chance. With the slight illusion that they rolled and twisted, there came the supreme distraction which lasted for as long as the stopper. With little on its mind, there came the trail, an utmost failure of woe. It looked as if that there came some sort of disorientation from the place. It made things harder, being far too dismissive of any attempts of trying to chase it and put it down. For the ones which crawled squeaked and made other noises, trying to get the attention of anyone around who may be willing to help. The place hadn't looked completely abandoned by any means, there were lights, but the rooms were rolling as well. One of the doors opened while the time had come for one of the sides to slowly become the floor. It fell through it and ended up being caught into one of the rooms, in a system of moving bridges, dirty and unclean. Where had the cleaners been and did it reek of the most dreadful scents known to man? He was crawling, fleeing, followed by some territorial pair of moving mules which laid on the wall. There was a

pause in their moves but clearly, as much as one cared to look and see, they were trying to get his attention. At least in their direction, there had been a disconnect, something of ascent and woe. It would be clear that those who'd fear the sensation of being lost in there were most of all the ones who ended in death. Now they laid as corpses, many holding dearly on the twisting bridges. Somehow it could leap from the bridge to bridge, under the eyes of the mules and the one stumbling idiot who couldn't help himself to stand erect despite his working feet. He had wanted, and prepared to spray him one last time, as to finish the job, with little outside help, he was being mixed. Long bars of metal went through the bridges, it was the thing which helped them stabilise and somehow adapt to the constant turning. Though that didn't prevent them from moving higher and lower, being unable to become fully stationary, but achieve some form of it nonetheless when it came to the direction. It tried to mutter some new words. It failed and stood down there as it to defeat some sort of dark type of madness, a decrepit sadness which had overcome its malnourished mind. For, the mules bore sounds, they were distracting, the metal boxes which they were opened as to reveal, some weird thing which bore no appeal. A kind of peculiar metal, the liquid in form, which didn't spill. From it, there came most dreadful shapes, faces, eyes, poor imitations, which suddenly closed on themselves as to hide the laughter. Such mocking would go unpunished, for at least as long as there was nought to say otherwise. 'Please make him leave.' He spoke after trying his best to appease the strange mules. There wasn't even a certainty until the spray started coming and mixing with the metal. It took a while for the exposure to come into full effect but there wasn't any doubt behind it, whatever the material was made off, be it a rare metal or not, it was completely affected by the concoction of decay. As they metal melted, there came the screams of men which had been trapped inside. With their shouts roaring, there was a sudden stop to the constant rolling around of the tubular hall. Everything was still and for once he could see thing properly without being distracted or pushed out of his way to follow. He had to admit to himself that there was some dread tied to them, the ones who seemed to have been trapped inside. There was no dumb being in his head, only by his act did he understand what needed to be done. Yet the creature first, it would have to be put out of its misery despite. 'Ygaaaaarr.' His mouth came and left that broken attempt once he witnessed it leaping from one of the bridges below on the ground. That came rather a wall, as it slammed in the right place. With this at least he had the higher superiority, he couldn't be attacked by riposted against. He sprayed the bridges now instead, right above him, looking how mere splashes came and turned some of the features on its back into the mud. 'He brings ruin, makes him leave the place.' The plea had failed again and now, the crawl was closing to an end. Soon enough there'd be a wall, a stop, something for which there'd be no other end than his. That would be where he ended, surrounded by this sickness of steel, watched how he passed by two mules that couldn't feel. He was sick, through the tubes and the holes he couldn't puke unless he desired to choke on his own, but was it that bad of an idea, other than the alternative? It wasn't what he felt but the wall, the end, that was close. He could see, almost see, rather, the shape of a black door, a dark entrance which would drag him away. And it was there, in the right shape, the form which didn't bother. As soon as it appeared to sight, even the mocking mules backed away as if they were afraid. This would be his opportunity but he was running out of bridges to block the constant spray of acid which spread around, tainted. With little in mind, he wouldn't choose to grind his nerves into dust without a good reason. Little else to his name would stand as treason. With only inches away, it stopped once it bumped against the door, without the height and the hands, he was cursed. And there it stood behind, like some sort

of man of little worth, holding his apparatus in hand. The valve was turned and now it came. One hand, which came from the black door, he couldn't see the rest of the body but what he did see was the fright. The shock which prevented his assailant from moving, the foe who saw the rest of his life flashing as the hand came and crushed his head in a mere fraction of a glance. It was shocking how it fell, headless without bleeding. Perhaps it was his own spray which went off and started melting itself as well as a canister, but once the door had opened, the hand and its owner disappeared. Instead of staying and being caught by the dreadful thing, he saw this as an opportunity to get away. There had to be a way for some kind of reversal, there would be nothing to live for if life continued that way. A rubbish creature, the abomination, which already felt the effects of the state his body was left in. Bones becoming flaccid, organ failure soon to come. He felt the cold water under him, as well as the splashes and made a lot of noise. Was it there or had it left? Matter of fact was that he couldn't see well, especially since his head had been thoroughly twisted in a way which prevented him from looking forth. Cursed to roam, splash in the sea, soon he'd drown, as soon as it had become deep enough to be pulled below. A dreadful curse thrown at it as well, for he realised he could breathe there, in the worst conditions, he managed to survive, at least for the time being. Not much could be said either about the dread in which they had been thrown, the others in town who saw the opening of their neighbour, the giant room of metal which stood out of the building like a metallic thorn, disturbingly so. Without hope, there'd be none to look away. They were silken by their toes, many named and unable to match any of their foes. It came as no surprise that this disturbance drew near other degenerates as well as connoisseurs of malignity, the throng of metal which hadn't escaped sight. That was the type of thing which never went away. More approached. 'Stay there, don't come any closer, this is private property.' They were disgusting, the wretched twists of mankind. Despite the fact that they bore some resemblance, they had nothing in common, just the woe, the sickness in their head prevented them from having any kind of meaningful relationship. It was over, he would be overrun by them in moments. Disgusting tiny beings which didn't belong in the human world, they would drag him with their assorted faces, once they revealed that their teeth were as long as overgrown fingernails. They had been used to wrap and pull at the hand, pushing back and forth and trying to bite it off. Once some of the colour went off their faces, it was time to admit the dread they felt, the coldness of their feet. It was something of a wrong way to look upon what they were committing, with a pair of them who were pointing their firearms at them. Before there came any reason, two shots followed, straight into the heads of the little pests. If there had been another, he strode away, leaving the man somewhat unharmed. 'Stay away, you hear? Call for some kind of backup before the night draws near, do you understand? What in the?' From one of the corners, the alleys, the openings, whatever it might've been, came some chanting pile of the transparent discoloured scum of ooze, made of bubbles, chanting in some sort of tongue. It had two human legs which carried it and two human head, while the body disproportionately pushed itself out and dripped below. A mere look of sickness there, once the first shot came it. That much revealed that there was no ooze, merely an illusion as it bled the same and flapped like some sort of grease and fat, the layered body of which crept along. Another shot, somewhere in the back. 'Get inside, now.' 'Yes, I'll go, right away.' He would follow soon enough if chance gave him one to react to. But for the time being, he felt as if there'd be nothing for him to do, nothing to strive for, just the mere friction of it all which disturbed him. By the time he was inside, there were a few of them there, chanting in different tongues but it was obvious that they meant the same thing, some kind of revenge it

seemed. Every neighbour in the building had been woken up and brought to woe. It was even more obvious to them that there came some alteration outside. Neither of them seemed to be set onto something, or have a clue whether or not they should burn it or breakthrough like some sort of siege. Despite their delegation, the sound of sirens pale with joy, as they approached, at the mark of the abandoned site, had forced them into hiding. It was an eeriness which drove them to think about their brothers who had fallen before. Caught into the same trap of a false sense of security rather than trust their own senses, no more. The weather was dry and the metal throng still laid there, like some piece of a machine which somehow lost itself in the distant past. A scream came from inside, seemingly the people had problems of their own. Old cars, dark in appearance, almost leathery, even the small device which made the sound was ancient in looks. Not that it was either of their concern what it looked like, rather what was going to happen as soon as their opened fire. Where were them? 'Show yourselves, you're surrounded, there's no point in hiding there. We can see the trail of blood, some of yours had been hurt, isn't that right? From the looks of it, maybe four or five, is that right? Am I hitting the mark? Give me something at least.' There was silence, at least an unrelentless one which crept inside and refused to go unnoticed. It would've been considered some sort of miracle for what happened was unheard of and unseen. One of the wicked looking ones, wearing all black, a veil, seemed to have grabbed some kind of leathery looking vileness. Neither of them had acted like that before, coming to ask for help. 'Slowly, take it slowly.' It felt like the end of a siege and they had been the breakers. Most of those who peered and looked around were too afraid to approach, but the one that came had brought one of the small twisted ones who had been presumed dead after being shot. It was clearly in pain, having most of the fur around its body already lost in the wind. There was even some desire to push their knees away and crush the thing before it showed any sign of coming back to life. This was going to evolve into a difficult encounter by the likes of which there'd be no way out. At least no easy way from the way this was displayed. Though they laid in hiding, he could see that most of them had prepared for something of the likes. Soon enough they'd come and spread around the entire section of town and try taking as many lives with them as they could. Without a doubt, at least there was still hope for the likes of which no one else might've survived. As young as he were, he made took the right obscure choice, rather than to give in, he turned the clicker on himself and firmly pressed it. The release was soft and easy by the ear. When the chance came, the creature abandoned its offspring-like moving corpse and made it for the door. Now it was time for them to come out of their hiding spots and join in the massacre. It felt like night came early, for the sky was putrid, they had been afraid. By the time they managed to arrive in as many and as wide a houses, the doors had been blocked, stopping their unwelcome entry. 'Let me in before they come, I'll break you, I'll take your throat out, release the door!' Desperation would be little said, for the night had come and even the grotesque feared what was to come. For, in reality, they were weak, and the streets had to be clean, even with the invasion on the way. Everything became colder and silence arrived all of the sudden. Those who were stalking, slowly appeared, moving with their emptiness in sight. It felt like this would be the end of them, for they came outside and made trouble. The light was flickering and the first ones came to a charge. It was against those bodies and their disgusting way of spewing those liquids which would melt anybody into the primordial thing for which they belonged. It looked like a slaughter, though it was not. Rather than call it so, this was nothing but a way to clean the streets and the taint, even the impurity which had melted or had tried replicating them had nothing on the pure concentration which they bore. 'Make it for the

alleys, we need to retreat."They're here, we cannot."The voice ended once there came the first flash of spittle.

Nothing but organic matter got affected, henceforth, the pool of which they had belonged with had gone through different changed. After the mixture, they had become some sort of blood-like pool before either being absorbed by the nearby plants or become gaseous and dissipate. Everything near laid undisturbed, but it was time and no one else had the nerve to get out there and take care of them. It would be a shame for the men who were outside at night, for everyone knew it wasn't safe to ride. Was he new? A traveller? Tourist or some man who had stumbled in the wrong place and the worst of time? Once he went from the highway and straight into some random street, he had managed to walk over one of them, which followed him by going straight into a tree. There was fear now. An accident on the road, his bloody nose and forehead bumped. The windows cracked, as well as the side mirrors and even his wheels had melted for some blasted reason. 'Oh no, what have I done?' He couldn't see himself past that point of looking back, he would be aware of something being wrong if he had his senses with him. But some of them had been lost during the crash. At least as he looked inside himself and saw something worth, there was still time to do something. Something. No time for that, he had been made aware of the inhabitants of the town, and their appearances. One which had come and started slamming its long slithering hands and slightly duplicated face against the glass. It must've had a soft spot there, for there was nothing it could do to break through. He was caught there, suddenly caught by another one of them. It came clear that they blew what was left of their deposits and poisoned with the least amount of venom the body of the creature. It fell below and started melting, leaving him to stare at it from inside. From his perspective at least, he knew that it would try getting in. Not only was he hurt but there wasn't a chance that it would pass on the opportunity of taking him after noticing how vulnerable he was. He'd be guarded there relentlessly, while he needed to receive medical attention as soon as it was possible. Minutes passed, time's abroad. From the side of his skull he was bleeding, just as well as from one of his ears. A ring came into his head, a dizziness, the belt prevented him from breathing but he was unable to get it off. Even in the broken rear mirror and with the fuzzy sight, he could see the one his car had hit getting up. It followed. They would watch him struggle in pain for minutes rather than give him a fair chance. It wasn't as if anywhere else it had been better, as a matter of fact, it had been worse. How they crawled and abandoned one another, pushing the slower ones behind, not only the ones in the streets but those who tried hiding under the shade of the tall buildings. No one was safe as long as they remained outside, no one at all. And soon enough, there'd be no chance for either of them to make a go for it. No first-aid kit or anyone who had been trained by any means whatsoever in the medical field. His head had been bashed far beyond mere awfulness and distress. There was some single separation which came from the little piece of mind he was given in that short span of time. Without a way out, bleeding, apparently pierced by a piece of glass which had found its way through his chest during the crash. With little less, he could've done more, some things might've been changes, why had he come down his road? He couldn't look at it thoroughly at all, there was no way. It went evenly through his bones, he wasn't aware any longer and then, a flash. More often than ever, it had appeared at a moment which was less than opportune. From the side and once the heaviness flattened the car and the area around it, there laid a tunnel which leads below. More than that, a connection which broadened some kind of link which could go ahead while being unexplainable to the current watcher. A foot upon the other, yet inside, there were no circumstances for a man to walk. They were there with him in the dark. He hadn't suffered anything worse than he

had. Then he had thought. It was for her that he rushed through the city, her mother. It was that eve's that she had been taken ill and there was little he could do when they took her away. She was on an oxygen mask, barely living, having suffered through. He couldn't see a thing but felt the cold air below, knowingly looking at the abyss through a hole. From the point of fall, there'd be no way out, not with what he had suffered, not with those behind him. 'Soon enough we'll meet again.' He thought, in greener fields, where I won't regret. Despite not being much, he fell, never to be heard from again. Outside, it looked like any curbed tube of metal which had been reinforced with some strange material. Neither had the rain stopped nor had anyone outside managed to survive. There were the few left but they had at least been partially hit, which meant they had become dead time-bombs, of which reaction went ahead to have them suffer. It'd be a miracle to have them pay any attention to what he specialised in. A little more dreadful to be sure of it, more so than expected, but it was so nonetheless. One couldn't disrupt the continuation of the fear and peculiarity they instilled into the community. Their demise came as promised, their dirty settlements destroyed. Even as the sky darkened and coloured in a moving array of many shades and the stars looked rather foreign, there was no way to stop their reach. More so since their reach now extended to both of the outer reaches of the cities, even the new wing. Poor men, or those who looked even close to being humanoids were taken by surprise as these strange creatures suddenly appeared and started pouring their gaseous inflammatory biles. No screams could encompass what was going on there, but there was a certainty at which no one dared look away. 'What are we to do if suddenly they decide it's time for them to make their way inside and finish what's left of us?' 'If that happens we'll lower ourselves down and offer our bodies I presume. What do you think it'll happen? We have no force or anything to fight them, that's night after night we're talking about. And look how clean the city has become. All of the sudden those invaders have received what was worth for them, it was exactly what they deserved. If some contribution had to be given or said, nothing would turn out well. He was the lone cop in the area, who hadn't doubted that his partner was either dead or missing in action. 'Shall we wait them out then?' 'Only if you're willing to do it until morning because they won't sooner disappear.' 'How come I haven't encountered them previously during my night shifts?' 'Well, that's something I can't explain myself well either. It's only that they seem to appear in the places where the biggest concentration of people seems to be.' 'Crowds at night might be disastrous in the past. What was left for them, at least was to wait, for the better or worse, there was little which either of them could do. Rather, he had grown tired and little comfort laid in there. 'Come with me, I've got an extra bunk bed which you may be interested in.' The watching neighbours had already gone away or looked as if they had lost whatever drove them out of hiding. He had been taken by the arm and helped on his feet. His partner was out there while he was inside and by the sounds of it, that was over. 'I wouldn't want to be a disturbance, I mean, I could sleep on the floor if you're willing to lend me a pillow.' 'Don't be ridiculous, you'll do no such thing, just trust me, we'll do fine together.' There was a mutual nod, before entering his humble abode. Outside, by now there was silence, all across the city, where the eeriness had extended while little doubt remained. No one was left alive, no one who lived outside. Certainly, some of the taints had remained, but there was no explanation of how they had achieved it before the reach of light when all of them had vanished or simply disappeared. One more distaste was the fact that those metal structures remained where they were, with no exception, there wasn't any other way to deal with them, not the one through the top, nor the one on the bottom. And there were others, hidden through parts of buildings which were more than hidden to the

common eye. One of these days, they were more than aware that they would wake up, never to see daylight any longer. The rain had stopped a long time ago and what remained of it, in the veil of the coming dark were the clouds of winter which were working their way to bring snow. It would get cold, at least from that. Something had to be brought to the attention of the common knowledge, as it had become obvious that the snow-flakes were not white. Something in their composition and that of the damn thing had become the most peculiar thing of all. It was a colour of red, switching between brightly so but when it reached the ground, it darkened. A horrible image to look upon, at the bloody snow would spread around, there wasn't any stopping from reaching the ground. From inside, there came the first man with their lances as to clean, what had already clean up the roads where others have been trying to get through. It was quite bizarre how it suddenly happened without them being aware, a right thing at that nonetheless, as more came and did approach. Near the central square there laid the tower, which had become an enigmatic thing to behold. 'Look at it, it wasn't there the last couple of days when I visited this side, as a matter of fact, I've never seen it in seasons or the decades from what I could remember.' 'What are you implying then? That someone brought it here?

A tower out of all?' 'No, no, that's not it, I think it came from somewhere but I can't explain, from below maybe, somewhere in its hiding. It must be there, I can't explain how one like that could suddenly appear without remark.' 'It would be slow, more than so. People weren't busying themselves enough with the little they knew. Their hopes were high but not higher than that tower and its complementary piles of snow which had made their way on its slabs.' 'Why

don't you enter it then? What's stopping you?' 'I? I should enter? Sunny, I think you'd make a better one to get through since you're so much younger and far stronger.' Most people around appeared to agree. The lad had become a

man, with his brow high and walk as slow as he held himself to the ground. Without a doubt, he was at another league than others, at least from the standpoint of being in his prime. His physique was at least bourgeoisly made. One single door which seemed as if it wasn't even a door. It was a single scale, a piece of stone which was missing. He had to pull them out one by one and leave them by the side as if to make his own grand entrance whilst entering. He continued pulling them out while going out until the point where he felt no longer sure of himself about

what laid there. The difficulty wasn't worth mentioning, as he had become aware that there was little to no possibility whatsoever to pull more of them aside. They were hardened and impish in nature, after seeing that some had jagged edges which would cut through the skin while others had been rounded and slipped from his hand. With the snow around, it almost seemed that they were eating it from around them once they had been placed on the surface of the street. It was even more obvious by the fact that they produced the heat constantly. Once there was

enough of a hole, it was time for him to enter it. He hadn't made it wide enough to walk slowly, but rather, a roundish kind-of way in which he could climb through and see what there was about. The people which had gathered watched the lad, the brave young man and his senselessness through which he plunged in there. From what had happened in the past days, and this being no exception, everyone expected this to be a mistake, or some mad choice, the order of which everyone wished they could take it back. He had been young, there was a chance for him to have a better life rather than be wasted in there. At least most hoped he would be well enough, in the warmth. 'I don't know what to say, there's nothing in here I can see. If only I had.' 'Her laddie, take this flashlight, you'll need it more than I.' 'Thank you ser, I'll be grateful to ye.' 'Just take care and don't take any risks you don't suppose you can take.' His red lock had flown through the air before going in there. The distance just outstretched their line of sight after he began

walking and all of the sudden he was lost. Once the light was directed, he saw that there was a floor below. It was made of stone and he could touch it well. The cold had been gone, at least that was great, gone in its whole entirety. But he still got the chills which accompanied the cold grasp, the lack of air. Someone was there with him. 'Anyone there? Have you come to follow me through? I don't think I said anything about wanting to be accompanied.' 'Over here.' A voice said, in a spectral tone and somewhat of a queer accent. It felt as if the owner of that voice would be repellant in the worse of cases. He was about to follow once he saw, there was an opening, another one, leading to the other side. Yeah, that must be it, I only came into circles and got mixed up. They even took the time to almost seal me inside as a slimy banter. Good men. He thought, with a smile which followed the sound of that young woman who called upon him. At least from her likes alone, he would try to follow like a hound after a bone. By the time he was there, he started pulling rocks again, one by one until he'd be ready to make the leap on the other side. From that point alone there was nought but cold. What was highly disturbing inside the tower was the combination of empty space and the heaviness of the weather which came in. There was little denying to the fact that people came to their senses, the man had been gone. At least from one of the sides, when he got to the other, only to find a world just like his, a mirrored which had one flaw, and only one. Something had twisted it and turned it around. After his first step inside this new and bizarre world, it suddenly dropped a few centimetres below the tower's line, simply because his weight alone exceeded its capacity. Some looked from far away and said no word. It took a few moments of looking at them and at their walking patterns to realise that it wasn't the world which had been twisted but him. The man was weirdly out of place. He was sticking out and didn't know any better. With each step, it seemed as if the world fell below a few inches at a time, thoroughly going down until it would be pushed out of sight. Looking behind, it seemed as if the tower was far deeper and stood way higher than he had anticipated as well. 'Stop walking, stop, just stop there, not a step further, please, can't you see you're the reason this happens? Great, great, stay this way until we get the proper things and figure out what's going on.' 'What's happening? I used, I've been inside the tower and.' 'That's enough, there's no need to worry about a thing at the moment, we'll take care of everything you need.' He seemed to have carried on a smile, a tiny bit nervous but he couldn't be blamed for that. Being in the presence of one who caused earthquakes by simply walking, even a low mass, wasn't a daily occurrence. A crowd had gathered but they felt the distant cold people felt while looking at a prisoner in a jail. He wasn't allowed to walk, even too much talking appeared differently so, that it could progress to being dangerous if he had said the wrong things. 'How much longer am I supposed to stay this way? My feet are tired and I'd like to come inside and share a cup of hot tea.' 'You heard what they said, there's no need for that before something's being done about this peculiarity.' 'Oi, don't get any closer to the tower, he's the one who came from its inside, can't you see it's dangerous?' Indeed it did appear so, from the likes of which, neither man nor animal could deny what had happened there. For he had grasped a scent of freshly baked muffins and did forget himself a moment. In an instant, it was almost as if everyone there in the crowd bowed down to him, the crooked man in standing. They fell and couldn't move for a bunch of seconds before he stopped and held himself high again. 'I'm terribly sorry ma'am, this wasn't my intention at all, I smelled food and I lost myself a moment there.' Which couldn't be explained by reason alone, he had a thing for them, but neither of them raised up for the time being. An entire square of men and women sitting down, unmoving as the result of his having grasped the scent of a bakery. 'I'm here, I'm. What have you done? Why is

everyone down there, you mad caricature of a man?"This isn't my fault, I, they were fine a second ago, I swear."You moved, haven't you? You had to move your feet and have them all slain, didn't you? What's wrong with you?They were good people, good people, far too few of them left in this world. What have you done?"He had stumbled with his words before but this was no explanation, there'd be none for it, for this mistake.'I tried but I couldn't help it."Murderer!"The old sleeveless, stain-coated man had pulled out what he had come with. Apparently, there hadn't been another idea for this to end, as the man hadn't had a chance to prove he could change.Was the original plan to force him to return to his tower slowly? Because that wasn't an option anymore.As far away as it seemed, his steps had become deadly and there was no return.'I'm sorry but you won't go there, it's only going to get worse for us if you're allowed to live. No, no, not a step, not a sudden move, I swear it, there'll be nothing stopping me from carrying on with it."I didn't want to come here, please, lower your gun. There's no need for this to end with bloodshed now."I think it's too late for that, wouldn't you agree? You could've stood there in your spot until I came to end it. One life in exchange for many."Now you're doing it to save your own."No, I'm doing it so others won't have to suffer as you push our cities into dust, our creations, our humanity."But I'm but a man as well.'The shot was finally fired at him, unexpectedly so. It bounced back, and broke through the barrel, pushing pieces of its shaft through the man's neck, as well as what was left of the bullet.'Stop, don't move, don't.'His hand had dropped the gun and ended up being lost, whatever was left of it, in the pile of corpses. Now, as he was trying to desperately stop himself from bleeding immediately from his expunged throat, he realised that he was done for.A major artery had been pierced. There wasn't any way out for him and he knew that there wasn't a way to end the young red haired thing that had come from the tower.'I didn't ask for this.'He said, all tear-jerked, with his hands around his face and eyes. The first steps were the hardest, even though he knew what would happen, he couldn't leave the man to suffer for long.He ended like the rest which left him in a difficult place, after seeing that the entrance or the exit, the hole into the tower was far beyond his reach. It would just happen that sooner he would reach the point of no return rather than be ready for anything else.What happened next came over him, as no one would've thought. He grabbed the gun and looked at the barrel. If it happened for it not to work outside, but what remained of it wasn't even functional enough even if he had a bullet to push down the smashed barrel.'This place then, I guess I have no other choice but to follow and see.'Closer than before to the scent, he felt the work being pushed with each step. Hopefully, the food was still well, for he had no desire to consume something which would happen to below-standard or even less than that.He would carry on with the little of his will, which sent shivers down his own spines. For, in the store he entered, it was revealed that everyone was below the floor, head tilted behind knees. Strangely, the food wasn't destroyed. As a matter of fact, he could have everything he desired, pies and cakes, and small brownies, juice and syrup, pancakes which had been freshly made.Before he was done, he realised that they tasted wrong. Not that there was something wrong with the baked goods, but rather, the scend of the dead around almost permitted inside the place and the food. Sick by that, he went ahead and left, but as soon as he slammed the door behind of him, the bakery distorted and broken on all sides. It pushed in itself and pulled the nearest corpses on its walls. The looks left it there, standing like some sort of altar fueled by the heat of the stove.'Why have you left Fallon?"I had to do it, how do you know my name?"It could be heard like some sort of shout, coming from overhead, straight out of the hole in the tower. He wasn't sure himself what to make out of it, but the voice was familiar.'We

grew up together, I'm Sean, remember?"I do remember you, the boy who broke the window trying to snick out of class. There was a numbing silence before that, it seemed as if Fallon was checking to see if anyone was alive. There could be little avoidance to them, henceforth it would be better if he ended them fast than to damage them with the vision of the dead men below his feet. 'I can't hear you well. "Well, I can't either and my throat isn't helping much. "May I come out as well. "Don't try coming on the other side Sean, it's far too dangerous. Once you're here, there's no return, you're simply stuck. 'The voice had been gone for a while, to the point he wasn't sure whether or not he was still there listening or not. 'I'll leave now, but I may come back at another time, whatever you do, don't cross to my side, if you're still there. 'To his surprise, his feet had already gone on a hike and before he stopped walking, he looked at the corpses and how much pressure had been applied to them. Flattened to no end, even their blood seemed to have been crushed out of their bodies and vanished. It was then that the floors had been covered, as by carpets, organic carpets which have been human at one time in their lives. Looking around at it after realising that he was responsible for it made him feel miserable and guilty for something he had not committed, especially by the ones that seemed to move their eyes. 'Grandfather. 'A woman stopped, her dress benignly pink, shone upon by a wasted brilliance the sun bore on her from the top of some celestial plane. In the midst of all, she didn't see her own reflection but that of a man covered by shadows. He remained with his back turned to the sun and seemed to have no recollection or not realisation of what happened, while she was on her knees weeping. Only one step and she's dead, joining her father and the network below. Was this the reason he was sent there, alone? "You should run while you still have the chance. I wouldn't enjoy seeing a pretty lady such as yourself end up like all the people here. 'A crackling of wood and steel took away both of their attention. The bakery, it was still in the process of shifting its gravity point on itself. With little in mind, he hadn't realised what he had done, or why it was so desperately pulling itself in from its all sides. That was getting even worse, for it started pulling others as well from both its right and its left. Fallon decided he wouldn't stay for longer there, to hear of the disturbance he had caused. Without realising where he was, it suddenly came to his mind that the woman was dead. She's been dead for the near few minutes he took the steps in whatever direction he mindlessly set himself towards. Everything was slowly being flattened, even beyond his reach and mind. The smaller animals took way longer but they'd get there. Why delay then? "Make way for me for I'm coming! 'No echo laid for his shout, only the sounds of his boots and the occasional scream of some unsuspecting affected person who was at the wrong time there alive. There was not the right place to be in any longer, as he had mentioned that to himself. Only dread and tears in his eyes as he went away with each step, pushing his only escape farther and farther above while he kept descending deeper until everything he knew was dark. Sean had finally reached the end and was the only one at the current time to have survived. The ordeal was how he said. 'I reached the other side after I decided to follow the light and he was there, surrounded by seas of corpses. "What did you say? Our lad was. "Trapped in there, as will any of you if you try walking in his footsteps. That way he went had no way of return. "But what if we get a rope, equipment, something to help him get back home? "That would be impossible, I'm afraid. 'He didn't sound spiteful in any sort of way, merely content, far too content for someone as young, he was talking about a friend after all. It seemed like the tower had claimed another one after all. Without a better way to deal with it, on the account of the witness, they had brought nothing more than a photo and a small table. A bunch of candles had been lit as well in his memory but that's where it ended, the lad was lost. During the

eve of light, they had scattered around and suddenly went from sight, rather than follow any sort of pattern, they were gone. Neither of them had thought of the lad for some time now, speaking in terms of days and weeks. It felt as if he hadn't existed after all. Mostly because the tower seemed to have repaired itself and left only that one empty brick spot, through which a much colder wind blew ahead. From it, there came a pulling serpentine invisible coil which seemed to have taken Fallon's photo as well. There laid nothing to remember him by. 'Well, you can't cross the line now, can you? That's just something you can't do, it's preposterous, that's what it is. That's how it is, now step back or I'll put you back in your place.' A bulging sensation hadn't seemed as if it would leave, in the least out of his own desire to do so. People were walking around paying little mind to the man standing as a guard on the passage, he's drawn a line behind him and blocked anyone who came in sight. 'How would I know you're not covering in for your thuggish fellows while they're busy committing thievery.' 'I've already told you, ma'am, there's no one down there but the repair personnel, can't you see there's no light down there?' 'Look, I'm only trying to use the passage to get on the other side of the street, I can't go around, that would take far too long.' 'It's already taking too long because you're spending the time talking to me, isn't it?' 'Just let me go, I promise I'll be the only one. I even have a lighter I could use in order to avoid getting lost.' 'I've told you it is dangerous, why can't you get it through to your small skull?' 'She wasn't going to let go of it as long as she had a food close to being in. Even from her standpoint, she knew that a few steps inside would be all that she needed in order to make it to the other side and get out of his nose. For the time being anyway.' 'You're nothing but a brute, you know that? No decent fellow would be standing here harassing a woman in the midst of daylight.' 'Would you rather be down there where no one can hear you scream?' He lowered his voice immediately, as to avoid being heard by near-by passers. Rather pleased with himself, this six to seven feet tall man went on. 'Handled by other men that are much less considerate than I am.' 'That's... I will suffer no threat from you or anyone else. I shall inform.' Her eyes widened as soon as he stopped crossing his arms, no longer folding himself but rather set on being alert. One word and she would've been dragged inside, would she dare it?' 'Authorities.' She had only made the first step to turn around, rather pleased on the way she taunted the big fellow. Little sense accompanied that as she was grabbed from behind and taken in the round mouth of the tunnel. There was little there to it, nothing which would be thoroughly thought about. It wasn't even certain any longer whether or not anyone saw her being grabbed. With the light carrying on away, she saw the square distancing itself, up until the point where the cavalry had appeared. They had heard and seen, bearing lighters and flashlights. 'Light it up boys, I think we got company, don't we now?' By the time they reached the bottom, it was obvious that some change had come into effect. First and foremost, they had changed the structure and had managed to blow up the wall. It seemed as if the tunnel was connected to an entire system of underground structures. A deposit may be, or something of a set of vaults laid in the secret room by the tunnel. She was still held by the man, the only difference being that his conniving band was there, waiting for him, armed. 'We told you to stay put and stop anyone from coming here, what happened?' 'There was this woman and she started asking questions and telling me she'll report me to.' 'Aw shut your filthy mouth, we heard that part. I want to know why haven't you slapped her senses in already and came back below.' 'Don't you dare talk that way about her, you honourless scoundrel! I'll hear nought of it anymore.' 'And who are you then? Her boyfriend, maybe spouse? Look, we were having a great jig here before you and your friends came. I admire the fact that you came here unarmed, but it's quite irresponsible to provoke us any longer. I suggest

you all turn around and leave, now, before this gets bloody.'He didn't look as if he was bluffing in any other way, he'd be ready to aim and release the trigger at any moment there. That wasn't the greatest of things.It wasn't important for the time being, to note on the fact that they felt as if there ceiling could collapse on them. A shared sensation of the will, which seemed to have crept inside the mind, from time to time. Even with that, it would be more of a reason not to get away and let her there with them. From the looks of which, they've already done enough to destroy much of the structural entirety which kept the whole place on its feet. Not only were the pillars gone, but also the cement and the big hole which had been hole was virtually expanding by the second.Something of it appeared to be spreading through stone. 'If anything goes bad, should we?'Yes, we will retreat in the vault chambers. As a matter of fact.'His voice had been raised and all of the sudden, he came to no recoil in his mind. There was little time and they all knew that one way or another, heading outside would have them chained and sent to the chair or the block. Neither of which were desirable alternatives to being rich.'Go ahead, I'm making sure none of you is leaving any longer, so start walking.'He pointed his small pistol at one of their heads, slightly a few inches to the right. Luckily for him, there had been no jitter and the man stood still, for one sudden move and he would've ended with one between his eyes.The first shot came and they realised that the men meant business.'Go ahead, we'll give her to you, as soon as we're in the vaults. No, I said, move!'A few steps by the time, they slowly switched positions and seemed to creep inside each other's mind. They have been messing around for far too long and it wasn't certain whether or not someone would notice. But for the time being, the plan was that. No one dared come inside, even with someone missing as the guard.Coming as the most likely explanation, they had become aware that perhaps the reason behind it was the sound of the gunshot which alerted everyone outside of their wrongdoings.Most likely so.The adrenaline rush went to their heads, it was an uneven type of thing which couldn't have done anything else, other than mess with them. Neither looking nor knowing, they had become aware of something, at the point where the vault room and the tunnel reached an intersection, there was a small piece of the wall which was dangling on the metal railing. It was desperately trying to get looser and get away.From the looks of it, even a small child could guess that it would reach the time where it could hold on no longer. Not that it mattered in any other type of way.As a matter of fact, they had been afraid someone would spill their guts on it as soon as they got what they wanted. For a good reason as well, they didn't look like fair people, rather scoundrels that they were.Baggy, piled clothes that didn't fit in colour and covered their mouths, heads and most of everything other than their eyes. Other than the big one who wore only a tight white shirt and everything else being exposed, they were entirely concealed. Perhaps the big guy was disposable, not that it mattered since they were all going hand in hand.She'd be harmed, if it wasn't for the help before, not that the conundrum lessened by any means alone. It was getting more obvious by the minute that there were exceptions to be made and had.'Start turning the wheel, we're going to have a short trip inside and you're going to accompany us.'But that wasn't the deal we agreed to.' 'We've agreed to nothing, in case you haven't noticed, I'm still the one holding the firearm and you're the one at the opposite end.'He looked rather bizarre in his red clothed mouth cover and baggy repulsive hat. It was even more obvious by the accent that he was some kind of foreigner who somehow managed to move on his account and have himself surrounded by other petty low-lives.Ten minutes passed, and the men had done a great job turning on the wheel, with its heaviness at hand, it was obvious that there'd be no return to that ever again. Neither man nor animal would choose to head inside once the

vault was opened. It smelled like a butchery or a mortuary room of some kind. Lights turned on as soon as the door opened and the first reaction shared by the ones closest to the opening was to empty their guts. It was disturbing and disgusting. What they stored in there, the basins filled with large pieces of meat that belonged to no man nor animals. Headless, the limbs had been cut, they were suspended in a liquid and left there to rot. That was expected, it's the reason why we brought these on our faces. It appeared that he had not only a bad taste in his clothes, but he was also responsible for a robbery at the nearest hospital he could get his hands near. It looked as if they were all equipped with surgical-type gas masks, and breathing through them with little to no trouble. Perhaps they were slightly modified and attached to air-tanks as well, which didn't matter as much as the fact that they were being affected thereby the sight and by the looks. That didn't look like a laboratory inside the vault, but more of a paganistic ritual place, dark, plants had grown below and there was a liquid pouring everywhere. As for the tanks, they had been cracked and spilt on the floor, but somehow kept a different type of liquid in their tanks than there laid on the floor. It was harder to move through it, but the smell was depressed as soon as they got used to it. 'Don't make me go there, please.' She pleaded, only to be ignored in hopes of a better judgement and a better decision. The man who held her had second thoughts as well once the scent and fragrance reached him. 'Don't force the lass, at least, can't you see she's just as poor of the soul as any woman like her? She won't last for long if you let her roam that way.' 'There's no one else who's going to decide what's good or wrong for her other than I. For I am the one holding this and you're the ones on the other sides, unarmed. Now you will listen very carefully and do as I say.' He pulled out of his small backpack a small air tank and threw it to the big man. 'Karlson was it?' 'Karlson, make sure it's on both of your faces, that way you won't be able to separate under no circumstances.' With a quickly thought concoction, he cut two tubes and tied up the marks together. By the looks of which, the ones made into one of them and the intersection connected, leaving only a perfect way, a kind which looked as if it was made to be that way, with only a gimmick to it. The air was limited, especially for the two. Karlson didn't seem to mind nor did he pretend to know or to understand that his breath of life was limited between them. Without a warning, from the ruckus which happened outside, they seemed to have retreated inside the vault. The structural integrity had been compromised after all. Little to nought kept the walls from collapsing on them, and with little doubt, no one came to their senses. If there was one thing to which this would lead, that would be the dark, red overall lamp which they had brought. With the system in front of them, they had set base, while closing the way behind and blocking it. Now, there was no way to come from the outside to the inside any longer, once the block was on its way, but there was still a way to mess it up. From there, a small panel with a code controlled the way the inner locks pushed in and blocked the valve. It's set of passwords had been overwritten by what seemed to the laymen around to be some sort of engineer or someone who had somewhat had to have been in the field of studies related, if he managed to reconfigure the lock at such a speed. The small cylindrical metal bars were pushed from every side and suddenly the room was fully closed. It's been a while, but the smell had entirely faded. Neither of them had taken off their masks, which meant that there was a danger lingering in the gas. 'Can you please let go of her now?' 'No, one more comment and I'll personally make sure one of you died.' 'Careful, careful, just relax, there's five of us and only four of them, five if you count the woman. You'll do fine, just make sure they're put back in their places and dealt with properly.' 'Next to the wall, now, we'll travel from vault to vault until I get what I came here for.' 'And what exactly

did you come here for?"That's neither your business nor does it concern you."You damn tomboy, they're only after for money, don't you understand? Why else block this whole area and take hostages?"They all went silent after hearing a moan. Apparently, from one of the tanks, one of the lifeforms in there had become disturbed by the constant influx of noise they all came up with.'Leave it to me, will you? We can't be disturbed by this either.You two, start pushing the door, if the schematics are right, it should be easily pushed. If it gives the two of you any trouble, ask for the others.'Inside the schematics, there was a drawing of a block of stone or something which seemed to block the path forward. It was obviously a heavy square-like rock which served as, what might've been the perfect sealing system out there. For as long as there wasn't anyone strong enough to push it, their combined effort not being enough, there wasn't a single way to make it through.Case and point, as they were barely pushing through.Meanwhile, one of the scoundrels took it on himself to silence the beast in all of its glory. The sounds it made were disturbing and had to end one way or the other.While taking on the initiative, he laid a few shots and riddled its body. Glass shattered and left some kind of oozing enema coming out of its bodily holes.The moans stopped, but its sudden shriek awakened the others.'Make them stop, you hear? Make them all stop, I can't handle with all of these mongrels shrieking.'A few of them laid adjacent, which made it more convenient.'Stop wasting bullets, just take care of them. And you, stop looking and keep pushing, now.'The lass was in tears as well, and the large man behind her seemed to have been confused by this entire show of shrieks and struggling specimens.'I'll deal with them then.'From behind the back, the one man who had been silent had suddenly grabbed a piece of dark tubing from the walls. As soon as he pulled it off with his bare hands, an array of steam started pushing inside the room.He suddenly came near one of the smaller tubes and started smashing the glass and silencing the small blobs which would start suffocating as soon as they reached the bottom.One after another, a cry of anguish faded as he would laugh behind his mask, being rather pleased of himself for killing so many of them in that short of time. In no time, the room was filled with broken shards, bleeding pieces of meat and small corpses which were floating just about the boots.'Are we done with it now? There doesn't seem to be anything important in their file cabinets, nothing of value anyway."Just what's this place then?'Outside, there had been a blockade for at least half an hour, a thing which was promptly strange for the officers never involved themselves in that way, not to such extremes.It looked as if they were preparing for a siege at least, by which there'd be no victors from. At each entrance, there was a launcher set, which aimed directly towards the innards of the tunnel, the main plan at the time was to give them a chance to surrender, after which they'd be forced to deploy the toxin.That was dangerous, as well as the department had settled on, which was used only in the worst of cases, for it not only caused tear-eyed or lung damage, but it also caused blindness and tears in the skin. Not only would their hostages be hurt, but there was a real chance of killing them in the tunnel.'If those are the orders, those are the order, there's no need to go around and find another way, we should give them half an hour then go ahead and do it."There's something wrong though, we've tried yelling and shouting and there had been no remark or anything to it. It's as if they're not even there any longer."Impossible, you well know it that they couldn't have escaped.'He took a few seconds to think about it and look through the entrance. It did seem rather abandoned for a place which had been taken for their so-called siege, commentaries by the passers-by. Either way, there had been witnesses, of which statements correlated with what they thought."That's it, I'm heading in, don't start it if you know what's good for you."But sir, there are protocols we have to follow, we can't just."Go

ahead and turn the jerker-launcher away from the tunnel, make sure they won't start it with me inside.'He reached the tunnel but there came a type of flash, something really refused to let him get through. It cut through the walls and seemed to have malformed the entrance into the flatness of the ground. Most of the top caravan-like ceiling which had laid atop of the hole not laid restlessly cut off from below, left there to be pushed by the less-weary.'What's going on in here? Am I seeing this as well?'This is unexplainable sir, I can't, I don't.'Take care of the crow, I'll cross the street and see to it on the other side.'It was just as the same time that they had pushed through to the other vault, which was suddenly tighter to move through and far more complicated than what they had expected. For, as well as there had been strange looking beings, this took them all. A perfectly simple room with only one raised slab on it. There laid a jar in which there laid only an eye which gave the vague impression that it was alive.'Just what now? I don't want to carry on with this sickness, just let us go.'You won't leave until.'One took a wrong move and surprised his fellows as well. Despite being somewhat familiar to one another, having passed each other in the city, there was still that connection which had taken the rest of them off-guard. It was at the passing from the one previous room to this one he tried attacking with no warning and grabbing one of them. The plan was, for, as long as he grabbed a hostage of his own, there'd be a way to trade their freedom for. It did manage to shock them in the least, that much as two or three times went into his gut before he fell with a thump, dead.'What the hellish devil is wrong with you? Are you of no mind? We weren't supposed to kill them, not now, not here in this room.'I'm sorry, he came at me, I had no choice, I. Why aren't I supposed to kill in this room?'There was a sad attempt to drag him by the shoulders into the previous room and leave him there, but he failed to get away from the doorframe. It was hard enough all ready to push through, with the three of them watching the remaining three and the lass. It was getting tighter and far too hot for anyone's comfort. But the man was dead.'We'll have to lift up the rock and crush his head with it, do you understand? This man won't be able to be forced back inside that room.'You're mad, have you lost you?'One of them, Nelson, had seemed to have grasped something which the others hadn't. The strange feeling which this room had made him feel didn't seem to carry on in his memories. It wasn't as prevalent as it had been when he was a child, but he had a clear recollection of a similar time like this. It was by the time he had felt despair and was forced to do something he disliked. Something he really disliked, something which a child shouldn't be forced to take. Nelson turned around at the eye and for a moment there, he had forgotten where he was and who was in charge. Something wasn't right with the body now and they were desperately taking precautions to make sure everything was right. A shot went off but it only grazed one of the walls. It was a warning shot, they were supposed to move.'Hands where I can see them, do as I say if you know what's right for you.'His gaze went deeper than expected and it appeared that he was ready to go on with anything he set himself onto. One deeper snuff into it and they'd be ready. There were puffs of blow into the man's chest, it was getting even closer now.'Lift it, before I shoot you all one by one, I said.'Atlas, tie the girl to one of the hooks.'What hooks?'Those ones.'There were a few of them at the farthest corners of the room. He had to act fast but he was done in no time, after which he had to chance but to remove the air mask from he face and leave her there alone. The hit of the scent had come sooner than expected and she almost fainted from the strong aroma which had haunted her surrounding.'Don't say a word, as soon as we're done with this, Atlas will put the mask back on her. Do we have an understanding? Good.'Atlas was a beast if even a man could be that way. He was not only rounder but far bigger and stronger than anyone around. It was a

shame that he wasn't asked to lift the stone off himself because he would've probably been able to do it himself with little to no effort involved. With their combined efforts, it looked as if this wasn't going to be an issue after all. Mostly because they were at different ends and one of the scoundrels was a few meters away, doing his best to guard them with his slinger. Though the effort came, there was little doubt regarding the result. "Take off your hands, now." The three lads suddenly backed away of their own will and looked at how the head, as well as the man's hand, got caught under the rock. As their fellow's head got smashed, so did one of the bandit's hands, caught between the rocks and the harder place. Still, there was no fight to be had as Atlas turned and managed to grab two of them by the chest and hold them by the wall. "Why did you do that? Why you had to stop lifting? Go back and pull it off his hand before I knock both of you in." There were agonising sounds, as to be expected from a man which held a hand which had been caught in the process of being crushed. "We can't lift it any longer, it's not our fault." "Yes, listen to him, it grew heavier, I swear, that's the reason we backed away, we were afraid it would crush through the bottom and fall through some hole, dragging us with it." "Cut it off and pull it away before I execute all three of them. You as well Atlas, for entertaining this idea, to begin with." In all fairness, he'd shoot his own partner as well if it meant putting an end to the screaming. "Step away now, I won't have you trying anything while he's down there hurt." It seemed that a bunch of bandages had been enough to stop the bleeding, but it was an awful sight. The headless man didn't help with the fact that his blood had spread everywhere, including his system as well. In the awful case he bore some disease or had caught one, it would be the means to an end, in the sense that he'd have no other chance to get through. This was going to be awful as well as he knew it. "How am I even going to be able to shoot? I'm not left, left-handed." "You'll learn, just aim at their chest and use your other arm as support for your aim." "Like this you mean?" "Right, like that, just aim and." There was another echo below, one which hadn't left the vaults but gave them a reflection of their current state. "Atlas, get the lass, we're pressing forward, don't attempt anything like this, and whatever you do, never look at the container in the middle of the room." It was where the eye had been, saying that out loud, instead of thinking it was a vile mistake. He was nervous. "I am Boulevard and the leader of this gloating band here would be no one else other than I. Well, seeing how the object of our fear had suddenly just disappeared, I'm afraid that there's little to do against it." That meant that there was a great chance for it to be that way. The rock suddenly rolled over and crushed itself against the opening, blocking the door as its upper and lower regions held sharp pieces of its doorframe suddenly twist upon the impact, leaving the entrance looking like some portal through which there'd be no entry for any working man. "What's going on here exactly? So far I've seen nothing worth taking, certainly not worth a man's life and a hand." "I beg to differ, simpleton, I believe that the means will justify the ends, that is all. No one would dare think otherwise." "What good will it do if you're stuck here with us without a way to spend your fortune?" His men were getting nervous around him, he was clearly losing his grip. It was soon enough as well that he lost sight of the container and it was already gone. Somewhere and sometime during their conversation, it managed to slip away. "Greatly so, I believe there's no other way this may come through. It never seemed to me that any of you cared for your lives in any sort of way either, perhaps this was just an excuse for you to try torturing a man." "What are you even talking about? We're not the ones shooting and crushing people's heads." "But the three of you helped, not to mention that your sudden act cost one of my men's a hand. Neither of you looks too conflicted over the fact. As a matter of principle, I believe that it has no effect on it whatsoever. This seems to be the only way

through which any of you might try making a difference. Not that I was planning on leaving either of you alive, but it seems like you earned yourself a place with us.' He turned and immediately shot the cripple in the gut than in the neck. The others were rather surprised by this cruelty and lack of compassion, the man had shown himself able to do what he claimed to do. 'It's simple, you two, take his pistol away, I believe it's time for his initiation.' But sir, you can't expect him to suddenly come to our side, he's going to double-cross it when the first chance shows itself. 'No he won't, you damn knucklebuster.' At which he hinted at the greater risk, that of which the others knew right then and understood. Exactly the same reason the man had to be taken care off. 'Atlas, I want you to return and hold the other two against the wall again, there's the initiation before we may proceed. Speaking of which, what's your name son?' Hubert. 'He was thrown a knife on the floor, rather pushed than any other motion to be held. The way he had stared at it seemed as if it was an invitation for something bad to happen, but the man, Boulevard had no care in the world for it. 'Now, I want you to take this as slowly as you can, there's no hurry in the world for you. Listen carefully. What I need of you is to behead the man manually, do you understand? He's dead, so there shouldn't be any kind of resistance laid against you.' And if I go on with this, will I be one of yours?' That's how it goes, you gave the order, you killed my man and it will be you as well who replace him. It's part of the conduct, you see?' The sleazy fellow said, hiding some sort of grin, he stepped away and squatted over in order to have a better look. All the time in the world it seemed, even though the others didn't agree with it. 'Man killed, mankiller.' They whispered amongst themselves as if they had been beyond that. It did affect Hubert who seemed to have had a dose of sickness gotten from playing around with the corpse. From that point, it could only get worse, as he carried on cutting piece by piece, ripping away in the most disturbing of fashion. I have to carry on with this, please give me strength. The meat was dry, far too dry, there was no blood that sprayed out, rather it was at the tips of his fingers, pushed inside through his nails. Such delights he had there, that the others didn't get too see, other than Boulevard of course, who noted on everything which happened there and understood. By the time he had been done, the head suddenly rolled around, leaving the body in the worst possible looking way. He was immediately startled by the fact that one of the scoundrels took his liberty to come and kick the head against the farthest wall he could launch it at. There was a kind of unexpected splash and a thud before it fell again. 'What's wrong you? That almost took care of my heart.' Ah, you'll live you, get up now, you're one of us Hub. 'He didn't understand exactly why the transition came, even if he had a vague suspicion that they were putting up with it because of their leader. It couldn't be understood by mere observation though, as the man had little expression shown behind his mask, thing which applied to all of them. Atlas being an exception. The giant was called and made to put both of the fellows down, which had been, more or less reluctant than they had appeared to be. 'What are you two waiting for then? Keep moving, we're still not done with you. If you what's good for either of your skins, you'd better do what you're told.' The remaining ones switched to Hub who seemed as if he had changed. Either he was putting on a play or he had really switched in order to follow some kind of folly. It was something which in the least could be said to be unthinkable. Neither man nor foe decided what to do against them, it's something which they themselves hadn't decided to be done. They'd make a mockery of everything which was considered right, but they went on and pressed on. The door opened, quick and precise, it wasn't locked, nor did it require anyone who adhered to any kind of strange behaviour. 'Halt, one of you will remain behind and make sure nothing bad happens. You'll stay here why we're heading in, understood?' But, I.

'Another warning shot against the wall, it scraped the side of his cheek, inches away from penetrating his skin entirely. Perhaps he hadn't understood where his place was, this wasn't a social visit of any kind, it was dangerous to play around and ignore commands.' Now that I made myself clear, step away from the doorframe. You're next to go in, carry on with that.' He said in some low meekly voice as the last one entered and they closed the door behind them. The place was a maze, in more than one way, packed with shelves of every kind, to which openings had small values of silver and gold. It looked as if this had been what they were after. 'So what next? We take it and what?' 'We leave, of course, you two, take these sacks and fill them with whatever you can. I want nothing of value left in here and don't worry about the weight, we'll make sure that we're.' There it went again, the thud. Something heavy rolling around. Some kind of egg-being, eyeless, rolled all, organic. It seemed to have no awareness but it was tall enough to reach their ankles at least. Below it, there had been a trail or some delicate disturbing ooze which didn't seem to bode well for either of them. 'Stay away from that, I mean it, we should move.' At first, it didn't follow, but as long as it was there, the gold and the silver inside the openings turned brittle. Their colours were of grey and stone and it looked as if they showed no sign of turning back into them. 'Of course, it would be such a thing, this whole place is nothing but a sham, we need to reach farther below. Come on, let's group as get away from it.' 'But what about those things in our bags?' 'Leave them be, they were nothing but stones and small plunder anyway. Look, dust in here, nothing there, small pieces, all because of it.' That being had taken another route and managed to meet them again by the other side unless they had been wrong and there was another one. Transparent, small eyes, as well as its nigh-invisible mouth, revealed itself. Uncertainty ran amongst them, as neither of them was sure whether or not they would try attacking them. Pistols were hanging by there wasn't any way to know how resilient they were until they attacked. 'I feel bad for some reason, can we lay down for a while?' 'Don't take a break now Hub, or it may be your last.' Not that he paid any heed to his warning or something such as that, but he could be right for once. Only for this occasion, this moment, his life could be lost to them, who were rolling through and touching the walls and the stacks with their strange bodies. It never occurred to either of them that they could be more dangerous than they had been observed to be. 'We need to move, there's nothing down here either.' One of the cohorts had found an entrance, that only went four feet in before it turned out to be a solid wall underneath. 'They've placed a couple of fake ones in order to confuse us, sir.' 'Keep looking for it then, we'll eventually find it.' 'I think this might be it.' Yet another fake path which leads to nothing. It was then that one of those rolling pale beings just came and trapped one inside. Another one of the men lost it seemed, as soon as it started producing that liquid outside its body, there would be time for him to drown. His screams were not heard. 'He's one of your own, aren't you going to do anything about it?' 'I'm afraid that our ammunition is limited, so keep searching.' 'No, he might be scum, but we cannot leave him to die that way at the hands of that melting yolk.' 'Be my guest then, if you want to risk harming yourself instead of looking for a way out, no one's stopping you.' There was a slight shimmer of silence then, which abruptly ended in disgust. No one else appeared to have paid any attention to the man, instead, is focused on looking for the only way they could. That one trapdoor which leads below, instead of the fakes. The main problem being the fact that there wasn't any possible way to tell since the fake ones went deep and laid in dark. This was more important and more amusing to watch, as he came and charged at the round melting oval of pure white. It was the biggest mistake the unknown one had done. It carried on with him having entered far too deep into it and being slowly broken apart and

taken in. And another one went down then, leaving only one rebel who joined them and the girl. Nothing was said about that any longer. Speaking of which, there was only him, one fellow and Atlas left the legacy, the scoundrels who would share what was left. 'They're all fake, duds, there's no way down there.' 'Keep looking, there has to be some way there, I know that, look for anything then, a hole or some kind of.' Atlas, what have you done?' Apparently, the brute wasn't told to stay put around there and had managed to stumble on his own around. A huge mistake since the big man had pressed a button and started the alarm. With the yellow lights going on and off, in circles, like small cortices of radiance, they had no other chance but to retreat. They were broken in spirit and soon, that wouldn't matter since they would be revealed. Every standing, blocking shelf started receiving below the ground level, leaving a flatness which was unacceptable. Not only would they be seen but as soon as they landed, they'd become hunted with no way to get away. 'Look, the elevator, make for it, make haste!' That was all which was needed to be said and spoken about, only one good chance to get away from all the trouble and they'd be set against it. This dose of mad euphoria didn't seem to bear anything to them at all. 'Well, is it still working?' 'I don't know, there's only one way to find out.' They clicked, it was there after all. Both Boulevard and Hub entered it and waited. Atlas and the woman had managed to crawl away before the blocks were being removed. And after a moment's notice that was all. Without a way to see any other human being out there, an assumption came, that there were none left there, just the strolling roundish blobs of white, of which existence and presence couldn't be explained by reason. Were they mad conjunctions or apparitions? Neither, but they had taken human lives and were ready to follow through. 'Press it before they follow through as well.' He had, there was a thump and it seemed as if it was on its way already. The disruption was over and they were on their way. Two levels in, the light stopped, there wasn't any way to get it working again. 'You know, there's no need to hold her as a hostage any longer and she'd be a lot more useful on her feet. Not to mention the big guy as well.' He lit one match and held it for a few seconds. Those things would last as long as they didn't force their breaths away and didn't choose to push too hard out of their lungs, to begin with. Well, it was a convenient thing that they were there, only the two of them being focused on the conversation and the repercussions of both of their actions. 'Atlas, let go of her, it looks like we're going to trust our new partner for the time being. You can take off the mask, there should be no danger any longer.' For good reasons too, the thing was starting to make him dizzy, more than usual in any other way. It was a miracle in the least that they got that far. 'Better use the lighter and keep it lit, I won't have any more losses of light with those. Those things.' He had finally taken in the scent and hadn't regretted any of it. A hard hit on top of the elevator, it had become obvious that one had leapt in, more than that, perhaps a few of them consecutively. That was a nightmare to merely think about it. But the thumps continued in a most unorthodox manner, which only added to their feeling of isolation in some way which neither could understand. As for the woman, she had lowered herself to the bottom and started weeping uncontrollably now. There wasn't any clear way out and for the time being, that did seem like the best she could do, if others wanted to join as well. 'Should we all resign them and wait for this tiny cabin to be filled?' 'Do you have any idea how hard it is to open an elevator door? We'd have more luck trying to fight through them rather than open it.' Which, as a matter of fact, went without saying. They were trapped in there. Outside, it was rather worse. As on the side in which it had been mysteriously blocked, they have brought engineers to try cutting through. Now that they were set at work, no one dared get through the other side until there was some sort of confirmation that it was safe to

come. Until that point, little mattered and even less cared. 'We need to bring something bigger sir, an industrial drill if you don't mind, as normal tools won't do the job, not against this anyway.' 'Go ahead then, it seems that this might take a few days in the least to complete. Do me a favour though and don't tell anyone of the incident, will you?' 'But sir, I don't think it's fair to.' 'Listen, it somehow occurred to me that we may be spending more than a few days here and nothing looks good yet. From what we know they might've planned something there, to which we may not be able to risk the safety of our citizens and those around us, do you understand?' 'Sir, I.' 'Well, I should've been clear from the start, under no circumstance are you allowed to disclose information of what you've seen or what you are to see in the near future. Any rumour that gets out might jeopardise not our people inside there but also our entire operation.' 'I think I understand now.' 'Great, now go on and make sure you're bringing it back fast enough.' The engineer was gone by now, little being left to him in this age of old men. The winter season was offset by an imbalance in the atmosphere, but the least disturbing thing wasn't that in the least, it was the fact that there had been a pregnant woman down there and they knew. They had infiltrated them, but little was known about that fact. With him down there, at least, from the eyewitnesses who saw the woman, she had a stronger chance of survival. But nothing was certain. It had been too long since they had come into contact and the worst could've happened by now. No one dared approach the mouth hole now, most likely because what had happened before, the paranoid lot. It was quite unexplainable how that piece of junk had just appeared out of nowhere but there wasn't anything to be done yet. They were kept back with no say and neither of them could understand the reason behind it. Who or what was down there. 'Push, keep pushing Atlas, you're almost done. I can see them spilling through the cracks, they're trying desperately to get down us as they've done to everyone caught in their traps.' He had come in terms that they would die, but the woman and the Hub, they refused to give in while there seemed to be a slight chance of survival. At least from the looks of which, they were still able to push through with little to no downside to it. There was the big guy doing most of the grunting and the slanting off. 'We're almost there, keep going big guy, just one more push, that's it.' He was doing it, pushing little by little in, reaching that point where one man with a smaller frame could crawl in. 'It's hard, so very hard.' 'Keep at it, that's it, we're all going to get through, don't worry Atlas, we still need you for this. Hub, let's go and pull from the other side.' The unlit room seemed to radiate in the bleakest sense of the word. Nothing could make it seem any better, only that there was a creeping sensation, which was more of a fair trade than the expected death. 'Come in, fast and take the woman with you.' No sense in carrying on with it, for that alone was a fact for them. They passed through and seemed to have abandoned their way back, seeing fall from grace. Those blobby blocks of white fell with it, mostly from the weight and that they had taken the cords off. Its gates had been closed in order to prevent any attempt they might've had of trying to get away. No one seemed to care about that in the least. They stood at each other's throats now, confused. Only the radiance from the lighter took them out of the dark, but other than that, there wasn't anything stopping them from going at each other. 'May we proceed then?' 'Still looking for a way to get rich, aren't you? Have you learned nothing yet? Don't you value your life in the least?' 'Don't you value yours?' He had his pistol in his hand, but it wasn't the best position he could've been in. For, Hubert still had a knife, at the back of the shirt, under his pants, easily attainable and even quicker to get through. It was even more obvious that, if something were to go down, that'd be it. He'd stab him in the throat and make it for the gun, that was he could deal with the giant and find a way out. At least, in his mind, it went well, other

than the fact that he'd get shot before getting to do anything there. The dorm they were in was getting colder, which didn't help with his decision. He hated cold for some reason. It reminded him of how much he loathed the human touch and form as well as the warmth which accompanied it. Something about the woman, especially her since he could feel, rather, he sensed another kind of life in there. 'What now? Shall we, do you desire to bring this to an end and kill both of us here? It could be dangerous to walk around this unkempt place, this cold and endearing waste.' Though one less annoyance would be better than being forced to listen to it talk. 'Move then, I'll wait for no misstep, if you trip, you'll lose your life, understood?' Loud and clear. There was a smirk of some kind, for which there wasn't much room left on his face. Something had changed indeed and he was sure that it had been his fault that he kept him, of all people, still alive and walking. He was in the process of changing and it was a curious thing to look and observe the strange metamorphosis in its fledged prime. No one dared look in any other direction, neither could they grasp why it was that there were parts of homes and entire street corners stored below. The cold had almost shattered the windows and most of the glass had become indistinguishable from ice. With that in mind, they came again to a street corner in which they had been, it had been warmed up by the likes of a flame-producing device. A hole had been dug inside the street which led below. 'We won't make it through the cold if we keep it this way.' 'I guess we won't, what about you lass?' They were seated in the hole, standing on a twisted tunnel which had been covered all along by the top side of a car. That small detail was enough to reveal that there had been someone there with whom they'd share the same fate. Alas, he had left no provisions, only this hiding place, no writings of the wall, just. She looked rather pale, her eyes started like two pieces of frozen ponds. Not even the acquired warmth could revive her from the state she was in. What laid in front of them was nothing but a jewel of the cold, lifeless to touch and stare. There had been a child in there. 'We won't make it, I know we won't. Bad plan, worst plan, it's all your fault.' Said Atlas, rather caught up in his own misery. He took the sanest action, which was as if to ignore what was going on in the fantasy he had been in, the pure rivers of gold he'd see or those of which he was promised. The mountains of silver and statues of platinum, covered in ornaments of copper. Even the lowest forms sold through to the lowest bidder he could find. Now, his fantasies of greed were no more, he could be sure of it. No one spoke a word of conquest, brought up nothing about a reward. They were in the same room with a dead woman, it couldn't get worse than that. 'You both realise we will have to eat her and her child if we're willing to stay alive. At least for a few more hours until we find out a way to stop the cold.' Boulevard was already set too deeply for anyone else to understand what was going on in his mind. He was going from one side to another, trying to roll off or fall asleep. His motions made it far more confusing than it had to be. Despite that, there was a simple fact alone. 'I think you may be right, about what you said. We need to conserve our strength and the only way to do that is if for us to get back on our feet.' 'Shall we use her clothes for fire?' He considered it for a moment. In that case, the clothes should've been cold or wet, surprisingly they weren't. They couldn't be farther than that. It was awkward nonetheless, as the three of them proceeded into undressing her and throwing all of the clothes in a pile. The lass looked splendid for her age, too much so in her skin-dress and with her cold eyes. 'Hubert, you got a knife, haven't you?' 'I haven't realised you made the fire yet.' 'So you're willing to get through this, great. I didn't think I could come to count on your help for something like this, but it looks as if I'm becoming rather desperate.' It had been a mistake to go ahead and admit that to him, especially because of the position it put him in. He'd take it as a weakness and eventually find

a way to exploit it, that was sure. Atlas came and helped with the blowing, right after he had been given his lighter back. That was hardly a challenge, as the real one was about to come. One by one they would go out and try finding something which would keep the fire up. 'This is how it's going to be done, one stays and chops her up, one will be outside looking for a bundle of sticks or anything which would fuel our fire, and alas, the last one will stay as a guard.' 'You still don't trust me, do you?' 'I wouldn't dare trust someone as willing to cut a lass like her, especially while knowing she's the reason you got yourself caught in all of this.' He had been wearing it for a while, the hair.

Perhaps it had been a sort of tactic to make him feel a lot more paranoid than before, that way he would make a mistake. But the fire was great, the fire had been well lit and kept. Boulevard could fall asleep near that fire, if the fear of not being caught off guard and killed in his sleep laid there. He had become dreadful, that peckish little man, eating pieces of the girl. It had been a girl. She had been formed, at least to the point where she was recognisable as a creature of meat and skin. Dangerously thin, by the looks of which they would enjoy a few days out of her. There was some dread, little being said about the way he treated each piece of the corpse. Without a doubt, they were going to stay there a while. Outside, there had come the dreaded night, when streets were empty but the nearby buildings had been occupied for official business. As a matter of fact, there was little doubt of how long the siege would last since they had received proper documents. Of course, this couldn't happen during the night. Procedures got in the way, the likes of which wouldn't help in any case. Some sort of papers would come right and left but one day, that's how much they were given and they could get through. It was dangerous to have them scout, but they had to look for those things at night. Would they stumble? Yes, they came. After arriving at the least important moment of the night, they were drawn in massed underneath the earth. Despite having only one hole left to get through, there wasn't any attempt to melt through the blocked path. 'Hey, Lawrence, go and wake up the chief-in-charge, and be quick about it, he's going to want to see this.' With a nod, he appeared to have come out of the stoop and left whatever was there behind him. There was little said then, in the span of minutes. Least of all the silence was interrupted as each floor had been ruffled out of sleep, only to watch them march in the glory of the empty night sky. 'Well, what was it you called me for? Better make it great. There wasn't any chance to call or say, to respond with any sort of snarky comment related to their need and breed. They were there, as they had been every previous night, somewhere, somehow in the town. But this was a first, as it had never happened for them to be organised. 'I have a bad feeling about this. Whatever they're doing down there might not spare us of the trouble yet.' 'What do you suppose though? Should we barge in and try following after them?' 'No, that would suicide, with their numbers against ours, there's no chance it may come to that anyway, but against them, nonetheless, I don't think anyone in this entire city could survive.' There could be an invasion at some grander scale, but no one wanted to think of that. As easily as they came inside, they followed through and broke what was left of the wall, swarming from each side, only to begin. It would be hard, as easily as they had it trying to skim through gravel or the flesh of men, this metal would be hard to digest or be broken down into the most basic elements before being disintegrated. It was a task of destruction, one of lesser and greater action which may be taken as least suprising by the fact of which there came the bigger ones. From darkness and their groups of three, they knet in front one another and spat below the level of the sea. And from their bile and needless taint, there came some blasphemous form, primordian in all but mind, another servant which was stronger. Looking at its feet, those flat blocks of skin had larger veins which would flow

through the body, pumping the muscles belonging to its bulging arms. Another set of eyewear from a pushed behind giant barnacle which stood for its head. Countless small eyes laid there, giving the impression of smallpox on some unknown animal gland, though it could see. It followed. Dampness everywhere around the place, the likes of which could take anyone by surprise. Men had been there, roaming around and locking behind them, but they couldn't be recognised. Stones, tinder, pieces of wood, there as well. 'You'll be done eating Atlas, and we'll march immediately, understood?' Neither of them had been proud, but they couldn't finish her either, making it seem that they were stuck.

Either they would eat her so and leave what was left of the minds inside the hole or burn her body and erase whatever evidence remained that it happened. One of them wasn't as sad or shocked by what he's done. As disgusted as Atlas was, he looked at Hubert who still took bites out of the raw woman, or what was left of her. 'I don't think I'll be able to eat any longer.' 'Keep at it or you'll be sorry, I won't have to deal with if you go down on me there.' 'Where's

this place he's taking us? Atlas, out of all, thought about asking but reminded himself that he would interrupt Boulevard and startle him even more. As long as it was important to him. Little more so, they spend the remaining of the meal there, before they set out. It had warmed a little, to the point where it was bearable again. No frostbite or anything which would jeopardise their whole walk. 'No time to look around, let's try keeping our heads in for a moment.' It seemed like a dream there, the whole scenery, in terms of looking deeper into it, a way of looking at the glass melt. Something was indeed that way, the floor was being mashed, to put in less consideration, it was melting under their feet. There was nought to it. Nothing more than that, especially since there came some peculiarity which hadn't lasted a bit. 'Will this continue longer?' 'I don't know, we'll have to wear it out and see what's going on. Until then, keep your heads up and don't try struggling too hard, it will only make things worse for us.' Both Atlas and Hubert both shrugged and nodded before making an effort to look away at something less important. A block was in the way, where the other elevator had been. The plainness of the stairs was quite repulsing. But it would be the only way to get through, unnoticed and missed by their steps. The upper floor had been blocked off, which in terms of the eventual return, it didn't show any sign of there being a way to get through. As much as he had looked at it that way, there was a simple fact that the others hadn't known. He could hear them, feel them, walking above. It's almost as if they had resonated with him, being kind enough to alarm him of their coming. Not that it would matter for the others who were still in peril, but followed. Next floor, out of many, the system wasn't quite the best in terms of how the entrance to each of the floors was done. For they ended there and most likely, the next pair of stairs would be on the other side of it. Alas, the prison in check, where the bars had been inexplicably removed, probably salvaged by some poor soul who got there before them. What was left in their place were the holes in which the cylindrical bars would've been. From there, there came a dark succour, blue in colour, which almost sparked from the light. 'That's gas, damn it Hubert, turn down the lights before you blow us to smithereens.' A glowing type of gas nonetheless, which gave them the overall image of what was once a place where the criminals had been. Were they? It looked too strange for a prison, the more they advance, the easier it had become to notice that there were too many corpses in the wrong places. On both sides to be certain. 'Put on the oxygen mask now, Atlas, Hubert, the two of you will have to share, as long as it is necessary from the looks of it.' 'I don't actually need one if you'll excuse me from it.' As much as the suspicion came and went, there wasn't anything either of them could do to force him to wear it. His end. Outside, it had stopped, the march had brought all of them down where they laid. This could be the

greatest moment, the only chance they might get, it had to be acted upon. 'What will we lose if we detonate a bunch of explosives there? We won't even have to wait for anything as it comes. They'll be trapped there for as long as that block remains and the citizens of the city will finally be safe. Doesn't that sound like some sort of goal to you?' 'It's dangerous and there are men down there.' 'Not anymore, you saw the size of their army, if it suddenly decided to turn around and head for our buildings, there'd be no way to stop them from cleansing us. Let's admit it, there's no way we know of in which we can get rid of them, so we may well just try this.' 'It's not only dangerous but borderline insane, you're proposing acts of destructions, I swear. There's nothing which might take away the thought of men once you've done that, people won't forget. We're supposed to be the force that stands between them and.' He was interrupted, his vision being affected by his sleep. Without a way to know about what he'd done, he placed a hand on top of his forehead and brushed over his eyes. Again, he looked outside and tried to think of a way, if any would be there, some easy solution he hadn't thought off which would kind of help either of them to get through. But there wasn't any sort of way, nothing, at least nothing which wouldn't involve risking his men's lives. He looked around, most of them being partially asleep if not faded from this commotion and exhaustion and rethought his place over. 'What do you propose then?' 'I'm glad you started reconsidering your plan. Well, I think there's only one way possible, at least from the way we might salvage this entire encounter.' 'You're not talking about something really heavy, are you?' 'It's already been called for, just in case, sir, I may have sent a few words to someone and got approved for a common class explosive just for this instance. Everything I needed was your approval, sir.' This was ludicrous, it was mad, what were they thinking? In plain sight, they weren't. It wasn't as if they might've thought of anything of the sort, but it did seem to be peculiar, in some way, that they cared for the safety of the people, yet refused to take a stance against them. 'Shall we proceed?' Men started talking to one another and followed. It had been placed in the basement apparently, the bottom of which had only one globe of light dangling from left to right and a single table. The rest was filled with pipes, dust and everything of little consequence which was stored. 'I wish places like this one was cleaned more often, it wouldn't make our stay as much of a mass if they were.' 'This it then?' Despite the nod, he came by to the cardboard and started ripping it away from around the device. For something as commonly called, the box appeared like some alien device to them, at least from the technological point of view. There was a damned thing about it which was unexplainable. First being the beeping, and the lights, the recognition that there was cold inside the basement and it started regulating its own heat. Not only had the room become hotter, but that also made the device far more dangerous than it originally looked like being. 'Is this your damn plan? To detonate it under the building and take everyone down there?' 'Relax captain, it's safe, there's nothing dangerous about it unless you count every change it makes or every flash of blue or red light. It's safe, at least until armed.' 'And as far as the plan goes?' 'We take it by the entrance, go as deep as to reach the tunnel and leave the device at the bottom.' 'Wait, that could take down the entire tunnel and destroy the whole road, did you even think as far as that when you asked for it? Who even approved it?' There was no time for answers, it was time to bring it down there and arm it. Most of them, around the tablet, acted in the same way councilmen had, rather being set on doing what they had to. It was even more obvious by the way everyone else agreed that this had been planned a long time ago and they were only deciding to get through it now. 'Indeed, them coming here and being stuck wasn't planned but it rather seems as if it's going to be the cherry on top. No one will suspect a thing anyway as long as we keep our mouths shut

and make sure of a great cover-up.'Which led them to the most important question, who was the one going in?Regardless of what happened next, it would be irrelevant, even if they were seen by others, taking them down was more important.First them, together, a blinding flash revealed something which had stopped their advance. It was blocked by another set of thick metal tubing there. Something wanted them as far away from the place, especially with that device.'Alas, look, our problems are solved. Is there something else we need to stand for?'No, it's not, they're still down there, unstopped, they could get through the tunnels and end up invading any point in the city if they mobilised. This device has to get down there one way or another."How do you know that? Who are you exactly then?"Blastisch Andrew, special forces.'Pulling out some sort of old and starred card left the impression he had just returned from war and jumped into another conflict. He should've known that something was wrong with the fellow, ever since the wrong happened, his mind had been affected.Something had taken some of it off, scraped at it during his dreams and night.'You're in charge, I presume."I've been so for a while, the only thing being that I didn't want to alarm you as of yet, it wasn't safe, too much suspicion, you see?'But they had almost managed to cut through the other side, he had been sure of it. Back there, it was still locked, blocked, with no mark of anyone having been through at it. As long as they lost time there, no one was going to make any progress whatsoever.'We'll use a small blowing device then. I'm afraid our time is running short and this may get out of hand.'Down there, their rough screeches ran as their claws and putrid bile filled the place. They desperately tried eating through, helping the metal decay in a most peculiar manner which seemed to do well for the time being. It was that which pushed and brooded and forced the metal to melt in the pool which laid at their feet.Bigger one's stroke at the walls and tried breaking through, having nothing even close to some weakness to justify the damage it was done there. Out of all, they had been the most effective in bring everything down. Hedges were coming off, whatever device was in there, now malfunctioning in a most disturbing manner.Sounds came distorted and it felt as if there was some sort of device in there which kept it going.There'd be no time nor need for an explosive device. The corrosion had reached through the ceiling and subsequently through the floor above, soon enough it caved in.Pieces of the road fell below as they had been revealed.

'Do you see now what I'm talking about? I'm afraid that there's no other way than this, we will have to either go against them or surrender our rights to be human. But don't expect any sort of mercy from these creatures though, the only thing they seek is destruction in any shape and form.'

More dread filled the air, their stench and little desires, the morose which crept inside. They were filled with confusion, which dragged in themselves but rather crept too often.For far too long they had denied themselves the truth, only to be called what they were. No longer in the city but in some sort of construct of peculiar colours and unnamable materials which seemed to have grown the buildings than them being built in there. It felt like nothing strange had happened there, rather that they could finally see themselves for what they were. Pseudo-humanoids, with dark coven-like skin, which resembled more so like feathers than the texture which would belong to the skin. Even with their weak folded eyes, they could see how deep and sullen were they teeth, forced in as they came.The plan hadn't changed either and the device only seemed strange to an untrained eye. More vulgar and spiked in form.'Shall we go on then, how is this supposed to be armed?'Press those three and open in.'All three lights had been

pressed together, revealing the secrecy behind the manufactured device. There was something which didn't belong there, as the device revealed the wicked wires and the moving sets of round sickening globes of glass. It was as if they held strong floating visible photons which emitted long wires of pure light in their small huts of glass. A few minuscule and almost indistinguishable claps were pulled before anything further could be done. It was getting closer though and little would be set aside. More metal wiring pulled connections and wires which held it together. As a rule of thumb, nothing inside the device was important, rather, the small glass hut with the glowing thing in it. 'Twas done. There were little or small words to be carried over between the two of them, not only did it look as if it was dangerous but there was little consideration of what was going to happen to either them or the plane above. 'I don't suppose there's going to be a road any longer, will there?' Aarndew almost gave a startling chuckle at the thought of it. No more chuckles were heard after that. Below, they came through, another one of the strangeness of the empty holes was the fact that air freely travelled through them. One could simply switch the air with gas for the most disastrous result. At least from the looks of which, neither of them seemed to listen to the sounds which came from below. They sounded like that of torture, which was impossible. Hubert, out of all was almost interested in that, even though the chances of someone having survived what happened there had been slim. It had to be the rust there, while the air passed through. 'Drop a needle in there, let's hear how deep they go.' 'Do you suppose that's a good idea? I think.' 'Just do it, there shouldn't be any repercussions whatsoever. It's unlikely that there's actually gas down there, it might've been a false alarm.' 'And if it isn't?' 'Then hope for the best, that this place won't blow up with us in it.' Atlas was the one remaining silent now, listening like a kid who has been taught not to play with candles and with fire. He looked especially afraid for his own life, at least by likes of which there wasn't any hope he felt. He walked in a place he didn't want to be in and hadn't understood the purpose of the room they were in. As a matter of fact, neither of them have. It was a mystery that they even stumbled on the matter of there being a few gases being combined in the same room. Most of all, the main composition, that of which still kept them alive was air, being the major component of the affair. There wasn't anything else of the sort in any other place, without even being a chance for him to properly enjoy looking at the stars above. 'Look, I think I see another one.' 'Those aren't stars, you oaf, they're metallic pins and I don't think I like the way they're placed.' 'Triangular in shapes, they seemed to have only the glimmer without the dying notion while they flashed from time to time.' 'The men around us had to die somehow, and it's most likely had been caused by those things, one way or the other.' 'It was an immersion which drove them through, only to be careful where they stepped or what their choices made them do.' 'Atlas, what did you do?' He stumbled in the wrong order, managing to somehow get to be in the wrong place. What was it about him that made him such hard-headed? There wasn't any certainty about it in any case, especially when it came off the roundness of his bolting skull. The top of which could've been no more. It was a chamber of gasses, with no visible exit or way out. Somehow on the way, it had been concealed and lost. From below, a yellow gas started pouring in the room. All three of them backed away as far as they could, having reminded themselves of their own masks. Even though they were mightily infallible, they only appeared that way, without a doubt, no one could've prevented it from happening, especially not then. 'This may be the end of us, it seems there's no way out.' 'We could try blasting it with the light if it is indeed what I think it is.' 'How could you think of something as dangerous and perilous as that? What if this entire room gets blasted in return?' 'Trust me on this, will you? I've got a great feeling about this, so, both of you,

with your backs against the walls and cover your eyes. There might be some flash there.' Seeing how it was useless to argue with the man, they both retreated in their way and seemed to peer around. Without a doubt, the sound which came blasted the room. It shook the floor in an amalgamation of red and yellow hues before being replaced by a black smog. The smoke was immediately being pulled by the tubes, alas. 'I was right, I was right, see? I think I.' Both had been covered in gravel and had been cowering in fear or being hit by pieces of junk. Hubert had been impaled by a couple of pieces from everywhere ranging down from his neck, near his major arteries and right through his knees. There was a square-like hole in the middle of the room, some sort of invitation it seemed. As well as it had looked, they had to climb down. 'Come on, what are you both waiting for?' Both men had apparently been caught in some sort of shock there, without proper knowledge, he couldn't tell if they suffered from some sort of shell-shock or anything else of the related kind. Both of them refused to listen or even pay any sort of attention to him and he wasn't even trying to sabotage them yet. Like a bunch of small bodies caught by a molten ray, they stood there, trying to catch any kind of peace, neither of them has opened their eyes yet. Had they been dead there? Were they ever going to get up? Hubert had a bad feeling of it all, as a matter of fact, it was all he had. Maybe some piece of rock had pierced either of their skulls, which may be a great explanation on why they acted as bizarre or rather catatonic in nature. Nevertheless, he couldn't wait, the noise above made sure of that. It looked as if it worked the same way for either of them. 'I'm sorry then, for our journey together had been well enough, but I didn't think we'd enjoy getting through together.' In a way, he knew they couldn't hear nor understand what he was talking about. They looked peaceful, which wasn't as great of a loss, even though there wasn't any certainty this whole structure would be held together by any means by the time he was done with it. Perhaps the explosion or the means of living had gone from the shock. Without a doubt, they were of no use any longer. He was being called down there, through the tubes. There had apparently been a second explosion somewhere around the upper levels, one of which he couldn't have been less aware of. As a matter of fact, no one cared enough to wager on the fact that people were hiding in plain sight now after the explosion had occurred. More than the road had gone off into the fiery decimation. It had spread through and reached some of the upper buildings and pulled them below. The shocking thing destabilised the entire region, from the likes of which there wasn't a man or a woman in sight not to be awakened by it. Most of them watched from the distance and leered and what happened, while the amount of destruction wasn't even comparable to the lower levels. It broke through every safe and every level of its prison. Eventually, it had even reached the dreadful bottom where Huebert was heading towards. The coldness which dripped from between the tubes should've been a dead giveaway that he wasn't going to return. Some sort of strange encounter happened, that of which made it so they weren't as many of them around as they once seemed to be. Down in their hole they had each made a lair for themselves. Luckily they were large enough that Hueber only had to crawl on his hands and knees to check every single one in order to see what had happened to them. Some of the larval stage cocoons had been partially assimilated by the walls and the metal, leaving only the disposable carcass rot until it would be no more. Even now it broke in pieces, but there was no sign where the thing which had lived inside of it was. A bad feeling roamed through, as he had become aware of the hundreds if not thousands of incubation lairs which had been spread around. There wasn't a single way to know or to attempt understanding what had happened that so many of them found themselves going through. It couldn't have been the explosion generated by him, that wasn't even deeper than two

feet under the flash which had ruined the tube-filled room.No, they have gone down, as to know where he was going. Lair after lair, all of which were apparently closed off by various hard blocks of resin. Not even the great kind either, there was some sort of degenerative thing to it which melted the soles off his fingertips. So far, this journey had become a disaster in every imaginable way whatsoever, he had been forced alone and occasionally fell on distant metal platforms where he stood like a puppet with a broken spine.Yet, unexplainably, he could get back up and walk as if nothing had happened there. While in that sitting position though, he Huebert had noticed the various mucous type of slough-satiated texture which had tied itself between his fingers and crawled on his hands.That was repulsing in a way he couldn't have called in. But looking above made him remember what he had gone through, what was there to be.Nothing could stop him any longer, at least not as well as he continued walking without being interrupted.He had been there, while others had sealed their lives in the world above and refused to go exploring. The call hadn't stopped and he could only feed his won curiosity by going ahead and harming himself by hurling his body against the walls.It dirtied most of what was to be called his manners of speech and way of moving. Hueber was soon slurring words while walking on a straight path to the place where the lairs had gone and there was nothing but the emptiness.As soon as the tunnel ended he had understood. One single peer of light glistened from another farther hole above. The place was huge, this neolithic-kind of structure, rounded or squared, from which innumerable holes swamped and dripped into the pool which laid below.Down there they swam with their kind, the parasitical kind of creatures which had always lived apart. What Huebert had failed to know or notice was the fact that the room which had been blown up started regrowing, as was the tunnel, right up to the streets. No one would find this place, while they would enjoy going ahead and devour what the spoils of this so-called war had wrought.'What are you dreadful things supposed to be?'He asked himself in an unfamiliar tone. Though he was right to inquire of the strangeness and their vulgar appearance, he was in no shape nor form to fight not to go ahead and roam through.For now, he could only observe and watch for a way to get through.Though in the middle of the room, there was a growth of metal or wood, the embodiment of the slough, perhaps fashioned of human bodies, huge, to the point of giving the impression that the lair was alive in its own way.Slimy, decaying thing, the matter of which, he couldn't tell whether or not it was a lair, their god or just an amalgam of their spoils of war.Undoubtedly so, they could most likely head to war if need called, they looked more than dreadful in nature and too morbid not to have eaten men. Speaking of which the many holes, the entries in the walls had finally brought back what they were waiting for. Many bodies had been delivered, the likes of which ended up in the pools with their source of hunger.It had almost winced, he managed to see it. Somewhere in the pool below, it had to have mouths, it couldn't be just a moving pile of dirt, that was mainly its cover. It hid from sight at any cost, but he would find out why.Sturdy as they appeared to be, none of the larvae had grown past their stages, rather, there remained the way they were, in the most dreadful manner as well. With as much as their needle complexion seemed to bear through, they were pulled from their holes as soon as the corpses rained.So many of them had come from the below the murky pools, the depths of which didn't appear like it hid so many of them there.The whole thing was a mystery of its own. How have they survived malnourishment for so long?There were just too many of them down there, swimming amongst pairs, innumerable, other than their counterparts who had hidden in the dark, closer to the ceiling, as it had appeared. He had to look hard in order to notice them blending with the environment, the speed of which might've taken days or

weeks for them in order to get up there. But a lot of them were trying to escape, much faster than the rest of them as well. Either they were carrying colonies or had fed themselves into gluttonous despair. Regardless of it, this place was of no reason and he had no idea if there had even been a treasure down there, other than what he saw with his own eyes. It wasn't pleasant to look upon them in any sort of way. He wouldn't try anything yet, that's why he waited, looking rather ill from face to bottom. 'What am I doing here?' The self-doubt began, as soon as he looked at the rounded side of the wall, then past and beyond it. He could see that there was one close, far too close for comfort. It edged itself to blow in motion, pushing its body in a sort of pump, which grasped as soon as there was some. The thought of how they had survived for a possible month on the walls had occurred to him. A reason which may also have accounted for their colour change as well as their strange forms and muddy coloured carapace. He wanted to try there, he was starving after having been there for so long. It's been a while since he had a piece of her, and the memory of the ordeal still hadn't left his mind. Would it? Could it ever be possible for him to forget? Only now could he feel how wrong the act he had committed was, he was unsure of it until that point. Unable to comprehend the means of what had driven him to do it. The cumulative effect on his memory was getting him closer to the means of self-harm. Whatever the green plant on the wall was, it was damaging him from the inside, mostly so when it came to his brain. Something about it felt like it had a direct impact on his neurons, thing which had done irreversible damage which couldn't be accounted for in any other sort of way. Neither men spoke, he could see them still standing there in that room. With the only problem being that he didn't dare move a step closer from that point. They were still walking but he only came to be in his body in the previous time. Sitting down below managed to prop him to feel that he was still there, near the edge of the hole. But this was forwarded, seeing how he was more of a passenger than anything else. A stranger, likely, most of the work having been done in this observation. His feet were static but apparently, he was moving at the same pace as the others. Of course, after forcing himself to take additional bites despite having noticed the damned effects the plant had on his mind, he started hearing a turn from their normal speech to a blur. They couldn't be understood by any normal means now, even their features were being moulded together and misunderstood. He could even forget he was a human but that wasn't important yet. Priorities, remember about your priorities, my friend. We need to get through to that point and get rid of it. The woman, the woman she loved, he loved, there, dead. They had eaten her, piece by piece, like some sort of pork chop, out of which, nothing had ever tasted as it had before. He was salivating and despite his partial control, he couldn't help but remember the taste she had by the time his hand reached points he wasn't supposed to. It appeared that the fellow in the room had taken considerations and looked away while he undertook liberties. Strange how the most important act of desecration had been pushed away from the farthest corners of his mind. Only more gulp of the plant, on which he almost choked. A part of his brain had been flooded by now, which meant that he was solemnly compromised. She was unrecognisable as a female, but rather as an animal carcass, which had been recovered and used by them for sustenance. That must've been it, there wasn't any other explanation for the strange unrecognisable creature. Almost there. But her name, her overall form and the fact that he knew she was there with them accounted for more than a virtual proof that she was there. He had to take everything out of his mind, their encounter, far memories of having seen her around the city as well, most of what was left now had left him on his knees chocking and stumbling like an infant. 'Have I done too much damage?' Most of what he spat was a bloody mouth-full of plants

and red chewy meat which had come from inside of him. The rest was a blur, but he had managed to come too far in front of him and fell below the grandness of it all. A blow came to his body from below, as a cushion had almost come to be. He held on it as hard as he could, without trying to look for a way out. What happened is that he fell through one of the residents of the place and somehow managed to break through the carapace, landing inside a small hardened but soft slime. Those had been its organs apparently, mostly because of that green stuff which had grown on the sides on its carapace inside. How many of them had become that way? Overrun by the grown and taken in motion? Were the ones that tried escaping even alive or was it the plant which had taken over their bodies and turned them into walking machines of dread? He couldn't even fathom the thought either, as he tried to keep himself still against the walls. If he were to slip, there'd be no return any longer, as he'd sink too deep inside to struggle. There'd be no chance to escape as soon as that happened. Huebert knew better than that and took no chances, as soon as he snapped out of the delusional vision, he grabbed started punching until he made a hole through the husk. From there he climbed and got through the way he came. There was no one down there, at least no one either human or alive. Soon enough, he would slip and fall, straight into that sickly mud. At least he was certain of it, as there were no sources to make it known, the last men who had moved or had shown signs of being as living had been killed by the blast. He had survived now, but not for long. Many of the ripples had made it hard for him to hide away from the upcoming parasites. They had been squirming in their own filth for far too long and now it was time for something more dangerous to happen. More than before, when there were only corpses which offered no resistance. Those had been easy prey, to which most of those who had come towards were taken away. No one could tell whether it was going to be a worse death if he were to throw himself and be eaten by them. He had already sickly mistreated his body and his mind, out of which not enough was left to function. Not to mention that there wasn't any way out and slowly he was sinking while those darn fresh-meat hounds were trying to come towards. There wasn't anything less disturbing in it all. They were coming and he wasn't ready in a bit. Once the realisation came in, there'd be no way to get away from their fangs. And they had been shown as crisp and long, black and steady as they were. It was a dreadful thing, nonetheless, as the saliva kept pouring and mixing with the rest of the pool below. The mix was a maddening thing by now, a concoction of the dreadful and the least humane which belonged to a man. Once he had focused enough into it, he had realised that there were too many impurities inside, being mixed with the most deceitful stuff. An odour, the stench, the wretched thing which popped out of its carapace. He could see some of them squirming as hard in their own shell, breaking it apart in the excitement. It was almost as if the head of his body or his meat had awakened the most dreadful instincts known to any being out there. This wasn't meant for their survival, but merely for something much worse, their pleasure. It was the taste they were after, that's why as many as four of them had sprouted, five or six, more than that. It came to the fact that they were drawn to him as if he had stolen their precious honey and had taken it on himself to taunt them. If there's hope for me to escape, it's down there, but what if I can't return? Who might mourn for me? There was little in mind, without a doubt, as long as he tried or attempted to do anything rash, they would break him apart. But he was sinking down too slow, far too slow for his comfort. They wouldn't let him get away, as soon as it happened, there'd be no chance to escape. He had to get that, he eventually did. He snapped out of his delusional stance, in which he waited. And in an attempt to push himself through, he pushed through the liquid and swam below. Multiple floating twisting

shadows came inside and swam towards him. Even as dirty as he had become, his flesh would still taste well for them. Even better now that he was wholly covered in their own liquid, that of which belonged to their birth. It was there that he saw a way out, not one in which he would escape, but some sort of excuse to hide away from there. There were thorns there, the root of all the problems. Farther away, he could see that the giant creature in the middle of the room had no beginning, other than its rounded bottom and many of its long limbs which held it in its place. Other than those, he knew it was alive, but there wasn't any chance of knowing if it would be safer. He had to hide between the thorns, even if his breath caught him off guard. He struggled as much as he could until eventually he had been gulped entirely by one mouth-full. There wasn't anything else he could do about it, as he was noticed by the prime entity of the place. One of its large mouths had enveloped him and swallowed him inside, pushing the parasites away. Inside there, he could finally rest and breathe in peace, for he was in a sort of sanctuary inside of which he undoubtedly knew there had been other men who had discovered it. He couldn't be entirely sure of the overturn, but he knew of one thing in the least. It was as much of a fortress inside as it had been outside. The hardened skin inside looked like a darkened purple as well as its touch had felt like stone. He could feel the walls pulsating at every touch, especially the bumps around of which he tried his best yet to ignore, the openings and more of the holes from which came the bile. It puked inside its body seamlessly and didn't even feel him there, as much as he had been aware. There was some danger, in case the creature had some acid which would take care of him immediately. But this was an unexplored territory for him. One turn and it appeared he was lost. Something about how the insides were twisted and inter-connected before the supreme realisation came that he was going through its inner gut tubes. 'It looks like those mouths outside weren't yours after all.' Silently he spoke and looked around. Far behind there was noise, and explainable so, as it had seemed that he wasn't alone. Another one of those dreadful things, which bore as much resentment for him as he bore for them. Most peculiarly, as it seemed that he hadn't noticed it snicking behind him. Slowly, it moved its legs and prepared its sharp incisors, but stopped. It knew he had noticed it and waited there, excepting two or four small legs from underneath that fold of peculiar cover it bore and started cleaning its beak-like resting form. United in a way, those incisors looked as sharp as a bird while it was waiting for him to make a move and turn his back. As soon as that happened, it would snap and start chasing him. Huebert could see away as well that there was a long way down there, from which there'd be no chance to get away from. As soon as it got a hold of him anyway. With a few scenarios down in his mind, he'd be caught and forced-stopped inside the tube. From there, he'd be quickly immobilised in place and be eaten with the least amount of hope in store. There'd be more, as a sort of gore went through his spine. He could still remember images of a woman being abused and eaten. Perhaps she had been alive, or parts of her in any case. It was a case of hypocrisy that he knew of but he didn't want to share the same fate as her. An awful way to go altogether, especially while he was as alive as one could be. The images of her had failed to be completely erased, and worst of all was that he feared now, oh, how much he feared yet he ran. Though knowing that it'd follow might've done something to have him prepared, he wasn't as sure of it any longer. The way was far too twisted and too strange for any kind of thing to happen. Too much had undergone in the first tube that he knew, as well as it wasn't structured as he expected. Not only was it flat after reaching a bottom but it felt like he was going downstairs, ready to climb again from the looks of it. Which wasn't dangerous nor did it come to his surprise that the parasite had a worse pace while attempting to

follow him through. At least he could look through and see for himself that there was little he would know and do. His hands were a mess as well, yet he held to hard pieces which had been lodged inside the nearest flatness he could lay hands upon. Those were the first pools he had seen and he was at least certain that he wasn't even supposed to be near them. Not only was the danger pressing from behind but he felt like his skin was burning while he swam through. He shouted in agony but swam through. It had been the only way and what he had paid with were a few layers of his outer-cover and most of his hair. Huebert had kept his head high to avoid being completely blinded, but splashes in the pools had done more than enough to break through. Unaware of that, it came as no surprise any longer that it wouldn't be affected, as long as it was covered, it could travel through the pools while fully diving through. 'Burn you, drown in, drink of it, something which should take care of you once and forever. Why won't you leave me alone and sink down where you belong?' He hadn't had the opportunity to take any precaution whatsoever and for that, the suffering approached. There'd be nought to do and least to say, once it came near enough to splash its body around him. While the rest of the pools were barely knee-deep, this gave him an amount of start to get through and start climbing. It wasn't easy, nor could he beg for anything more. Was he at the end of his wits? Could he suffer more? It wasn't as if he was he had had a chance any longer. Once a sharp trimmed angled tongue came from inside and impaled him in it, missing his heart and the chance to instantly kill him right then and there. He had looked mightily down for someone who had almost been broken apart. There had been no shouting, nor any struggle, in other words, he was tired. Tired of being followed and pushed towards whatever hardness he'd be forced to endure. No one came to guide him, nor to help, he was slowly dragged to the point of tongues, at the bottom of which all of the tubes ended. Though there hadn't been acid there, it seemed as if another entity had taken its place. It was made of many black and oil-like tongues, all coming together from a small organ which pumped back and forth and seemed to have all of its tongues used. Many of the corpses which had fallen in the pool, as well as some of the unlucky parasites, ended up being drained of any kind of nutrition which had once laid inside their bodies. Slowly they were suffering, as he himself could feel his body being drained completely. Seeing how it had reached a point of no return, it found out something which wasn't meant to be in him, some sort of puerile thing, which was alien to his body got in the way of a full absorption. Huebert was just as soon abandoned and thrown by the side of the toe-deep murk it stood in. He was hurt, he was broken, most of his life-force had been taken away from him in that attempt, leaving nothing of him but his broken body. There was some unexplainable act which happened just as soon as the parasite which had trailed him followed through. It was something totally unexpected, but it seemed that it went with it. With one of the tongue pulling as much of a bulk as it could, Hueber had been impaled again, only this time he wasn't finished off, rather he would be fed with as much as he could take. It was another hole which had been made in his abdomen, still alive, by the likes of which he would be turned it something bigger. He had no way of telling whether or not he was still alive or human, after all, which had happened and regardless of how much time had passed, he no longer felt that way. Something strange to his body, which was to say, there would be nought to anyone else in there, to know that sooner or later, the other fiend would die. Once he stopped growing anyway, but who knew how far inside, for the host creature grew the same and soon enough it would penetrate the walls and the Colosseum as well. It had become a dream of woe, the growth as he emerged and pulled himself closer, only to assimilate all of the tongues and have them sprout out of his body. This would be his hiding place, where corpses

came and carried their diseased inside, making him stronger since he could never die.'I can't explain what happened on the streets, first, there was an explosion, which was followed by another and now? Now there's nothing there, no crater and not even a mark that something had happened there.They have covered it all up somehow, which is unexplainable."Shut up Bertha, this is neither your concern nor deal then, I'm plainly sick of hearing of your tricks time and time again, of how things disappear when they're not supposed to or this kind of delusion you're trying to force onto me."I'm not trying to force anything on you my dear, just listen and look. Some things aren't right any longer and I think that explosion might've upset the entire world, to force such an irreversible change."What change are you talking about anyway? I see no such thing of any kind, believe me when I tell you that you lost it this time."I'll prove it, Frank, you'll see, I'll be out there if you have any urgent inquiry."Bertha, please don't do that, the children, they."They can wait, but I won't, I had this meeting planned, you see? Since I'm not the only one who saw this thing happening. I found a great partner in him and without a doubt, with his help, I'll find a way to prove you wrong."Is this what's it about?"No, this isn't just about my pride, this is about finding the truth, which I think we've been lacking for the longest time.'She closed the door. Back on the street, the empty bulb of light floated in a sky of ultramarine, too saturated for the case. The buildings had been tall and gave the impression that they could still take a farther step and pull themselves from below.It was brought to her attention that she was being watched.Above her head, from one of the many towers places around the town, flashes of light, which accounted for the reflections behind the various old binoculars used gave them away. There were a few of them as well, which had been stalking her ever since her mission or search for truth started.Now and again, the men and the women who walked past her seemed not to notice and act normal.But she, herself and her husband remembered what life was like, or what it looked like before the chance. It had gone with a flash in her memory.Bertha loved her brown leather around the around the house. Everything either enveloped or satiated with a coat of brown leather would make her deepen her senses to a sense of supreme content. It didn't matter where it came from either, as she could've found out it had come from animal or man, though there had been some disturbing incidents in the past.There were parts which didn't below in there. At least not anything she had ever seen before either.Under one of her pillows on a moody day.She and her husband were standing in front of static on the tv because of the weather. Now, she wasn't always one to chatter with her husband who was busy himself around one of the rooms, trying to fix some kind of old toolbox he found.But her, she couldn't help but feel the need to clean around the house, as something felt horribly wrong or out of place. It hadn't taken her long to find the source of that feeling, as it was revealed to be under one of the pillows on the couch. One small and thin limb, with two black scissor-like incisors, had almost penetrated the bottom of the couch. It was an outrageous little violent thing, as soon as it was found, it started thrashing around as to reach her. The thing had no shame and it wouldn't give away at any attempt to make it stop.'Frank, come here, Frank there's something vile here, please!'He had stopped whatever he was doing and almost leapt from his room and right next to his wife.At the time, it had appeared that most of the dreadful things inside of the room had crept on as near as they could. Everything even remotely covered in fur or skin appeared to bear some kind of maddening creeping movement which would come in defence of their nearest kin.'Frank, they're moving, I swear, I saw the stuffed animals almost come to life. I don't feel safe here any longer, could we just leave?"Leave our house Berthas? Because some small leg which hadn't been properly removed at the time of its conception?That's ridiculous, look, I'll

just take care of it now and we won't have to worry any longer about either of them.'Without an ounce of sense, he came closer and ripped the leg apart from the skin and threw it away. It hadn't crawled but a shriek was audible, as the scream of woe came as it had been removed.Others had suddenly shrieked as well before becoming silent. Most of those went back into their hiding, much more aware of the coming threat that laid into the house.'See? Those are nothing more but a couple of insects which attached themselves to our furniture and dirtied our other stuff around the house. Nothing to be afraid of.'At least it hadn't been so yet. Neither of them pressed on to carry on with the search and properly exterminate everything which laid in sight.That night, inside their room, they had checked the mattress and their pillows and the result was that there was nothing there which had snicked behind them.During the course of it though, there had been a couple of occurrences which didn't seem to do much, other than the fact that there was a stillness of death in their eyes during the night. Both of them had their eyes open, revealed, rather to a bunch of small insect-like limbs, just like the things they themselves had revealed.It came as no surprise either that, both had been awakened by a rush of fear, which prompted the light only to look around the empty room.'What exactly is going in the house Berthas?'I don't know, but I saw something crawling on my eyes, you saw it too, right?'I think I saw it as well but I don't know what it was. Something almost crawled inside my eye, it came on my nose.Dear me, what have you uncovered in our house?'Something dangerous, it seems, it must've crawled through the open door I wager.'As soon as she went and closed the door, she managed to track down a couple of fleeing bodies which looked like humans but crawled on their bellies. Not only that but their long heads were disgustingly pushing some kind of odourless substance which made everything into a mess of growths.It seemed like there wasn't an any better solution than what she had thought off during that moment, which came as fast as he feet trampled over both of them, which she wiped as soon as she took out one of the bloody napkins from the drawer.There had been another incident as well, it would seem. She hadn't told Frank that time, but during the night she'd use the napkins to stop the profusely bleeding coming from her.It wasn't that great, nor sanitary but it had dried in the meantime, and there was nothing to it any longer.As much as it came to him noticing, he was already in the bed, shaking from the cold. Joined together, this time would be safe for both of them, knowing that the threat had been stamped out.Next, during the night, came the violent knocking on the various board of wood and metal across the room. Something was desperately trying to get their attention, the likes of which didn't seem to breed some kind but others types of sounds.There were vibrations and seemingly, the entire house had been shaken by something inside of it. Without a doubt, it couldn't have been those little pieces which proved to be nothing more than slight annoyances. But, if there was something which crept more so than it was expected, it would have to be that violence.It hadn't mattered what had previously happened, as both had been awakened by the likes of a quake.'Bertha, grab hold of me, we need to get down.'She barely came to her senses, still delusional over the fact that she had missed hours of sleep, yet again disturbed by it. Another strange occurrence which had happened around the house.Neither of them had dared move or come close to the windows once they heard the car alarms go out in the night. That was enough of a threat on itself, for something as big to happen as to alert them in such a manner.Not only was it dangerous but Bertha could still see those tiny creatures crawling on walls and pushing themselves past everything which had remotely caused an entryway of common sense.They were forcefully growing, as the case had been, to adapt to their violent aggressors. One of the small limbs, which had seemingly

survived had grown what appeared to be four or even five incisors with which it crawled on walls. To be called in such a manner wasn't even much to them. It hadn't even become clear what was it to them that kept them alive, other than the dread and the desire to fight and exterminate them in turn. She had trampled two of their kind while Frank had ripped out one of them. It wasn't as if they wouldn't have been justified in any case. He wasn't in the mood to get out his hard calibre gun but they had grown beyond any questionable proportions. Nothing could be worse than what was there, nothing of any kind and they had outpassed any questionable levels which might've driven any sane man or woman to madness. He had pulled it out of the drawer and started loading each shell inside. The gun looked like some kind of rail-shooting kind of phaser which couldn't have been legal in any case. At least nothing which would be allowed to be carried outside. 'Frank, what are you going to do?' Bertha asked, with her down to her weak knees, the pain in her throat and many of her toes having been wrapped together. This feigned territory had been alien to her so far. Without a doubt, she wouldn't have expected any kind of invasion, especially from this type of kind, a most peculiar group of pieces which must've pulled themselves, no longer attached to the various objects or appliances around the house. It was dreadful to watch and even worse to feel, he could tell. 'Bertha, I need you to turn on another level on the light, make it as bright as you can.' The neighbours would hear, as she expected the sound it produced to bounce against the walls and travel throughout the entirety of the building. At the first sign of an aggression, the first shot went on. It looked like some rubbery hole had been a bore through one of them, which fell on the floor, with the bullet never having penetrated it. A fiasco in the least, so it seemed, for the likes of which there was no more doubt, as something worse was yet to come. It smelled like burning inside the room, that's when they finally turned towards them for an attack. Most of them dropped in that single instance, everywhere across the room, trying to bite and grab as much of the furniture and mostly trying to find a way to lunge at them. Frank screamed as one pierced his shoulder and crawled on his belly. It would've come down to piercing him and going through if she hadn't come and thrown it on the bed. It bounced there for a moment before Frank got the chance to recoil and pull the trigger a second time. For this one shot, it passed through, going through the mattress and the decrepit thing, while mixing feathers with blood as they went through together. Worse than that, it had become even more obvious that there was nothing either of them could do. This was a disgrace, a kind of unevenly sick type of behaviour to look upon. He was bleeding in front of her but couldn't stop until every single tiny one of them had been killed off and sent burning in the distance. The dreadful, dreadful thing which it had been, he felt pain in his chest. 'What's going on? Has it got you my dear, are they at fault?' 'No, stay back, it's my chest acting up again, you need to run, get away.' She considered the repercussions for a moment and it was then that, in the midst of fever, as some sick animal sounded by others inside a cage, he acted up. He pointed his gun at her, bloodshot eyes threateningly watching and trying not to shoot what looked to be his wife. He hadn't been aware of what going on in the least, not that it mattered to him. Soon enough it'd be over. Bertha came out of the room and seemed to have pushed herself in a silent corner in which she cried. There was a dreadful hour there where she heard no more shots, only seeing the half-way open door and her husband laying down. From that point on, she passed out of all. But in her dream, the image continued and she saw them walk on him, entering him, suddenly shrinking as they expelled their sick substances inside his mouth and through his nostrils, forcing him to swallow. There was nothing remotely more dreadful than that and it had become rather obvious that she was hopeless. Without a doubt, she wanted to do something, but she just laid

there, half-asleep, silently waiting for her sight to fade into the night. In a few minutes, the light would turn out if left unattended and after that. It went off. That night was the worst thing which had happened to either of them, that of which she knew or could remember. Mostly because in the morning, it just so happened that all of those creatures disappeared. She hadn't asked Frank when did he have the chance to place his gun back into its original spot or whether or not there had been bullets missing, but that wasn't the point. One bullet at least went through the bed and that was there. But the liquid which had splattered through wasn't there any longer. It had gone away, as well as they had. Of course Frank would just shrug it off, he was Frank, being Frank. Acting it like Frank, all along. But since that commotion, she hadn't forgotten that something was fishy and not just around her house. The streets weren't as clean any longer and this time she would find out exactly what's going to happen. It was mid-afternoon, the new square, forty miles from this point and you could take a few turns which would lead you to a small concession where they sold the most disturbing things, ranging from fake ears which somehow looked like the real deal, dead rats of milk-pale hairless rats. Despite not being important, it was a tight spot hidden in the dark alleys between the large spaces which had been left behind every building in the city. Somehow it looked as if they live in their own world there, and as long as no one was there to disturb them, there'd be nothing wrong going on. That's the way it seemed at least. It wasn't as if she dared head into one of them or try talking with the vagrants who were hiding from the light. That was a constant at least, the dampness and the dark which spread around as if it was nothing. She was deepening in thought, which lead to her going on the darkest of the roads she could lay her flat feet upon. There weren't many around, especially lately when someone had taken a special amount of care, mostly around the strangeness which would breed enough to distract them. The four of them were coming from behind. Four men who had their hands pushed underneath their coats. As much as she had noticed, no one else around her appeared to keep an eye on them or their intent. It was rather rude and awfully still, to think about it in such a way, but she chose to walk away faster, perhaps more so because people were starting to pay attention. Not to them, but to her. It was the mere amount of noise she made, squandering about because they were dangerous but no one seemed to care. At a point, she wanted to leave and see whether someone might react. To the avail of which, she knew they wouldn't. Why was it that they walked in such a manner, right between the passing peons who were minding their own deals. They were moving in a totally slippery way, that was in, or their bodies were thinner underneath their clothes and somehow they were managing to hold their bones and bodies underneath. They were carrying themselves rather mindful to the likes of others. No one had been pushed or bumped upon, even though they rubbed themselves and their bodies against the con-goers. Still, there was no reaction whatsoever. It felt odd. First, they were only them, then she noticed more coming from the front, trying to flank her. Decadently, she took a turn as well as she could and entered the dark. It was strange but they stopped. An inner circle formed around the outside, everyone watching from every single side, making sure there'd be no sign she might return. 'Shouldn't you come near? Weren't you supposed to follow me?' There was no authority in her voice, none whatsoever. It came as easily as it could that she found herself lucky. It was an entrance in one of the old abandoned buildings. As a matter of fact, all either or ten of them which laid around were kind of absent in terms of there being any kind of life. It didn't bother any of them whatsoever, that she'd be locked in there for the rest of her short life. One more time, as she came face to face to them, noticing that they couldn't even reach with their hands through. 'You'll never get to me, I'll make sure of that. From now on,

nothing will stop me from finding out the truth and exposing you for what you are.' Indeed, they had to be part of it, the cause. It looked like a lot more people than she expected were involved with it and her meeting with this partner of hers would be delayed. For now, this was it, getting through. Someone had been around recently in any case, it was clear just after looking at the broken boards of wood and getting through the holes. Sometimes Berthas swore she could see something on the other side, it being a turned-on light or her not seeing well. That wasn't what she desired. This would come as no surprise, but there were other, more recent marks, cuts on the walls, against the wires, a short circuit on a black panel. More than that, there had been plenty of things which fell from above and broke through. By someone running, in part. Even the tiniest screech disturbed her and left her staring at a corner. A pure black of the mill feline champion. Tender meat and jade-like eyes from which came terror. It showed signs of someone laying behind her but she didn't believe it until she felt that arm on her shoulder, a thing which didn't belong to a man. From the sides, it was arched in a direction and it felt slippery as if it had no bones inside. That's what left it there for a few moments, the fact that she was distracted and the lack of anything solid inside. The second arms suddenly flailed and wrapped around her shoulder. Berthas turned and saw nothing, in a sudden burst of emotion she realised that there was nothing she could do any longer. It would be soon enough that she could try going for it again. But for now, everything she could do was stand in a crawling parcel inside this old and cheap motel and weep. The noise came out of her nose and ears. The ringing wouldn't stop, at least not until someone was near, someone she wished to be here and comfort her, Frank. He'd be in bed by now, trying to count his blessings, wondering where did his wife go and what was his deal with it. One could draw conclusions where they didn't belong. 'That's not him, that's not my Frank. Ahh, who's there?' Her eyes sprinkled with some annoyance. It was clear that one of the bad folk must've followed her through after deciding they needed to mess with her. There could be no other explanation. At least none that she could think off the top of her head as quickly as she had done now. Crickets going by the sound. By the time she realised she was closing her eyes, a hand had almost slipped above her head and grabbed her. Exhausted as she was, she woke up and pulled herself, running up the stairs without trying to think of the service which ran around this place. She dreaded to turn around but came to the first floor. Automatically, the lights turned on as soon as her first step had reached around. Repulsed by the thought of being followed, she picked up the first door she could lay hands upon and entered it. Room number forty-seven, it wasn't locked either. Not until she entered it and turned down the lock from inside. Twenty clicks, she wasn't alone. Another man was hiding in this apartment with her. Rather young by the looks of it, he, as opposed to her looked prepared in any case. His full gear betrayed him, by the corners of his eyes, the glasses, the brown shirt and pants, the backpack and the attitude which brought her to the state of mind that she was the one spelunking there. 'Oh, hello there ma'am, I wasn't expecting to find any company here, in this abandoned.' He was interrupted again by a pair of screams which rang throughout the building. It seemed rather obvious that there had been some kind of confusion there. The voices did belong to people, at least from what either of them could tell, they belonged to a couple who was arguing together. 'Dear me, you came here all alone?' 'I was accompanied by two of my fellows, Giaro and Rossi. Excuse me ma'am, I almost forgot to introduce myself. My name would be Pierrot.' Berthas introduced herself and immediately turned her hidden frown into a grimace. She was being nervous over the things she was seeing on the walls. There wasn't any way to determine whether or not they were real or figments of her imagination this time and she wouldn't

even dare scare her company anyway. The company that had two others with her. With a sudden stop to the argument upstairs, there came the high pitched pair of screams. Not one but four distinct screams were audible, the likes of which just alarmed not only the two of them but everyone in the adjacent rooms. 'It may be dangerous, you should.' 'I'll handle myself well enough young man, there's no need for you to bother yourself with an old lady such as myself, as a matter of fact, I'm far more capable than I look.' So, no questioning involved it appeared, she only followed through the next room, where the living room wall had been taken down and revealed the next building which had been almost tied together. Multiple holes led to the basement below, from which the underneath structure which held the building together was revealed. This place was a mess, but at least there they were. It must've been them, Giaro and Rossi. Two of the other young fellows who took their times and gave their bows as standing ovations, only to be met by frustration. 'Have you heard the screams? I swear something was going on upstairs, but I couldn't put my finger on it.' Their accent was flowing right through their mouths if their names weren't a dead giveaway that they were foreigners. It came as no surprise that there was a damned thing about that as well, as Berthas was expecting the worst to happen. At least, she had a deep feeling in her gut that one of them could die right there and be forgotten. Perhaps it was just the omen of the black wood where there was no fire. The bottom stench was more than enough to bring her back in thought. 'Shall we go then or are we going to stop here and listen to those poor girls screaming?' 'Berthas, if you don't mind, the path ahead is quite dangerous. The ceiling could fall at any moment, not to mention of the ground, it's no place for an old lady like yourself. Rossi, could you stay behind with her and make sure she won't do something which may damn herself for the rest of her beautiful life?' The tone of irritation and somewhat condescence left her quite annoyed. Pierrot and Giaro were already half-way through the stairs once the sounds of screams started again. And most of all, it looked as if there'd be no argument against standing there with the young man. 'It should be on the fourth of the fifth floor, I think.' Said Giaro, his chin was rather up and he laid in a jovial mood, from which there wasn't much of anything which could take him down. One could go ahead and say that he was pleased of leaving Rossi behind. 'You sure about that?' 'He could die from all I care, I never cared about that double-crossing man. The least he could do now is take care of the old lady, but I have my doubts about him being capable enough to hold her in place.' The second floor, most of the rooms in the hall were closed, picked clean most likely, by the time everyone left. It looked like the building had remained in good conditions, but the problem wasn't with the insides. It laid with the foundation, which was getting much worse. The fourth flood already, that's when the screams had started coming again. 'I told you they were here.' 'You should be careful so you don't do something you'll regret later. We have no way of knowing what might be on the other side.' 'I don't particularly care of your opinion, at least not when I'm as close to saving a few donnas.' Downstairs it wasn't getting any better. For they were there with her, though they couldn't have followed through. Most of the small bits which had been attached to the furniture seemed to be only in her minds there. But their actions appeared to be making way to crawl on the young man, Rossi. She desperately wanted to warn him but bit her tongue at the thought of being seen as insane. Her every move was seen and nothing which would jeopardise their stroll above would be permitted. All she knew though was that they positioned themselves to fall on his head and pierce right through his skull, which was more than enough. This wasn't what he expected back there. As soon as the door opened, Giaro found himself trapped. His hand was still on the handle but he had found the source of the screams. It was an old

gramophone pushing the sounds out, and the echoes which gave them life. The system of strings attached to the door constantly worked at a mechanism which seemed to work constantly whilst moving from up and down, swirling sticks in the box which across the room. Those strings and metal wires were spread in the rounded room and all of them lead to one point. A cannon aimed at him, directly placed so that, if he were to release his hand off the handle, he'd not only lose it but just as much as half of his chest, if the projection was right. 'Don't move, don't get any closer, do you hear me, Pierrot?' He was getting much more nervous by the moment, mostly from his constant twitching of the fingers and because he wanted to let go. 'What is it? I could go ahead and.' 'No, just get as far as you can from here, it's dangerous for both of us to stand.' He stopped talking, seeing how that only made it worse. A few steps to the side and Pierrot understood, there wasn't any way to determine exactly how the mechanism which in turn fired at him. It could be timed, it could be instant, he might've had a chance or not. Bottom line was the fact that the walls could be taken down as well, so even if the chances of survival were on his side and he avoided the cannon fire, he'd still have the chance of blocking off his access as the building almost collapsed. It was dreadful in the least of senses, that there crept a feeling of almost disgust. Definitely so. Directed towards Pierrot who saw the threat and immediately fled from sight, most likely to alert the others so they could get away. He had to have had the worst feeling in his head by now, the most tainted and the dirtiest ways in which he thought of both of them for having been brought there. It wasn't even his idea in the first place. Both of them could rot and get off from what I care. He reached Rossi already who was much more surprised to see him than he expected. It had gotten to a much more disturbing level at which Berthas had to have witnessed them entering the man through his various holes in the head and cover up for themselves. In other words, there wasn't any proper way to determine whether or not they would go ahead and try milking it for more time. 'We need to get out, now.' 'What's going on, where's your friend gone at?' 'There's no time to explain that, lady, you either follow us or you stay here at your own risk, but know that I've done my duty so far.' The sounds of the screams came again from the sound-machine upstairs. It was almost as close as the last sign that there'd be no way to go after that. 'What happened to Giaro, Pierrot? Is he still somewhere upstairs?' 'He's making sure we can escape with our lives, I don't have the time to explain.' Pierrot had already crossed the room and passed Berthas, looking for a way out, straight ahead where there hadn't fallen anything on or near the entrance. 'Are the two of you coming or enjoying the atmosphere?' Reluctantly so, they did without noticing. And as the sounds of the screams ended, there came the blow. It sounded as if it came from upstairs, a single shot which sounded like it could've blown a piece of the very building they were in. As the stonework shook, they looked like the stairs and way upstairs have been buried completely under their own eyes. Whatever happened upstairs, it took a great deal of the facts that no one was called for any longer. 'Pierrot, what was going down in your head? Did you leave Giaro there to die? He.' He listened to the recollection as soon as he was questioned. There wasn't any way that could've been, hard-wired as it were, their friend had died. 'What are we going to tell his family then? That he lost his life exploring an abandoned building or that he blew half of his body off before being buried there?' 'I know this sounds off, but I can't help it if that's how it happened.' That one, Rossi, was it? He was getting mad. Too mad, too quickly for Bertha not to notice and to perhaps be driven to the conclusion that he may have been indeed infested by those strange concoctions she dreamed of seeing. It didn't reveal itself at first, inside the building, where he was rather calm, but here when his true mood revealed itself. He wouldn't even dare look at her for the first few minutes,

not that it seemed they avoided her. But no suspicion would be tolerated and his voice seemed to be too raspy to be held by a man alone. 'You're the one at fault and you'll pay for this, we're not leaving without him, do you understand? Even if we have to find a way to climb up there, I think it's worth it if there's a chance he may still be alive.' There was a canon there and the ceiling of the corridor might've fallen on top of him. If either of those hadn't killed him. 'That's a damnably great if, if you were to ask me.' Neither of them wanted to give in, knowing she was listening as well. 'You're as involved as us by this time, so I think it'd be fair to ask you, what do you think we should do?' Again, she couldn't focus on Pierrot, seeing how those things still had their pieces crawling out of Rossi's ear and nose. He looked as if he already came half-way of adapting to its form, growing two tunnel-like skin formations being the top of his head, which extended to his back. His face had always looked rather twisted, being where it wasn't supposed to be, has been lacking in any aspects which might've even remotely been related to beauty. It was an ironing thing which spoke to her. The way it moved its lips, with the fangs cutting through as if they were of some kin in terms of regrowing material. That was well enough for he cared little and looked even less interested in the fact that there had been a dreadful lot of houses around to look at. For once, Rossi wasn't even surprised nor had he cared any longer. As soon as they progressed inside his head, he was aware of the fact that there'd be no return in his mind. He would be just as dead if roles were reversed. Only that, there was one thing which ate at his, inside the mind. There was something in there, which he himself couldn't explain. A dreadful feeling. 'Please follow me.' He said with the least emotion and a rather monotone rat-like voice which seemed to creep about as far as one could talk. Despite speaking in tongues, which didn't help, he seemed to have a great idea where they were headed, definitely not in the streets either. Berthas knew that it was dangerous to be headed there, at least, the likes of which she couldn't be certain of her safety. One look was more than enough to reveal the fact that they were still there, just as dreadful, emissaries of woe which appeared to be present only to creep while they were covered by the sheep around them. Neither of the men had observed it yet, rather, it had become obvious that she was still afraid of what they hid. At least if her doubts were wrong, but she felt as if she saw beneath their clothes. Long bodies with arm-width finger-like thick legs which went around the spine tendrils from bottom to the well above. With the human heads, of which they hadn't been any longer, that they stole from some lesser being. It was dreadful, unnerving, she wanted to fade. That's when she followed beneath the many growths of the fauna which wasn't supposed to grow in a place where organic growth took over most objects. Straight into another one, they went and this time they closed the door. Neither of them spoke but froze by the time she arrived, driven by the looks of which she noticed the man. It was the dead one, Giaro. His face was split into halves. From inside his eyes, the pupils were rotating through his skull, he walked slowly as a rather cruel apparition which spoke no word but rather grinned. It felt surreal as if he had been some creeping thing of sin which was there only to scare them away. 'What have I to say, other than to wish you welcome back, my dear fellows, my lady.' It was his voice so far, that was true enough. The various pieces of stone had been lodged in his throat unevenly, but more important was the fact that there was something off about his chest. Something was missing, the canon, so it had been. It was shrugged off and hidden, but a quick look underneath as he revealed a stump, a growth, something which wasn't supposed to be there. By looking alone it was determined that it had been something organic which had developed and saved his life. Despite his wicked appearance, he didn't say a word which would intend to make either of them panic, only if it weren't for the fact that

he was dreadful enough to make the rest of the trip unpleasant. Which wasn't an option any longer. 'Should we take the bait and follow? It could be a trick, just take a look at him.' Both of them thought he was far beyond saving, at least by any means which didn't involve finding a weapon and finishing the job. But if that failed, who knew if he was able to die or if he would continue living in more of a morbid manner. His waiting made him less content, at least by the likes of which he appeared to have grinned and swam in his own applause. There was nothing less than that any longer. From it alone, he couldn't be more prone to those dreadful things which dawned upon him. 'Oh let's make a fire if you decided to wait, it's getting cold and I'm sure the night time might make you afraid.' 'Listen, it's not like that, you were our friend, but something happened to you which, make no mistake, won't erase the fact that we were once supposed to be together. We were all like brothers and I would choose the memory of whom you are rather than what you have become.' Pierrot left Giaro quite confused, having been holding as boldly to the sticks he gathered in the pile. The fire would be started soon. Berthas didn't speak a word out of fear of retaliation. She had worse of thoughts to bear, continuing over the fact that there was something inside the man. Neither of them was healthy in the head any longer, despite how much she attempted to make it seem as normal and healthy as it were. 'You'll thank me later for this.' Said Pierrot before he charged through and knocked Giaro to the side. He felt much lighter than a man should've been, colder at that, his eyes were filled with sadness, as well, as if he was betrayed. 'Come, I think there's a way between the buildings but we need to reach the last floor.' Getting through the building felt as if they were heading through some kind of coma. It was a mess, as it dragged over their toes, the danger of the place wasn't the fact that it had decayed but rather, what it had looked like as soon as they were inside. Their mere touches over stone made them feel heavy, which wasn't something Berthas could take for too long of a period. No one wanted to be the one who failed to escape, especially since doors opened and many others were there. Compared to them, the part of three was healthy and well. But these were mad-men who seemed to have been darker and much more impaired than either of them could've been, if one were to ignore Giaro. They move in pairs of four or five, moving like some symbioses. One mouth was bigger than the others, most eyes were closed other than hers. She spoke in tongues but didn't bother with them. Despite that, her disgusting skin made it as if she wouldn't be touched by the lesser creatures who delved and followed Berthas through her mind. That creature stopped at what could be made as being forty to fifty meters away from where they stood. It was clear that it tired itself with the effort but chose to lay awake. At least, it could not be said of the others. They enjoyed roaming around the areas where the humidity and the heat were high. Somehow they had achieved with, which was in all sense a mystery in its sense. One thing was highly disturbing, given that he was a reeking scent of corpses, the three were not set on the fact that it was safe to roam around. Not to mention the dangers of those around them but it came to mind to stick around past them in their rooms. Many of them were in that condition, four, three, groups of two, all who had to have been born that way, as there had been some sings, alas, the umbilical cords still floating around, long as if were, was kept fleshy and still meaty on every creature they've seen. As far as they went, they were passive, until one point, when looking behind, he had been watching, followed and made a lot of noise. In a room filled with them, it appeared that their attention had changed from being passive to Giaro. Whatever was left in the two halves of his mind weren't going to let them get away from him without even relaying any kind of warning first. They had become aggressive as soon as it began. The nearest was taken down, as soon as there laid Pierrot into the

right position, righteously looking into it again. He was in pain from the bashing, while Rossi had returned from the door. 'It's locked, we're going to have to help Pierrot take down the wall then.' Both of which nodded, which only infuriated Giaro more. He was intent on taking them, while those around them were too distracted by the constant noise making a machine in front of them to be bothered by the pounding on the wall. There had been a dreadful approach if the only one knew, dreadful at that, he couldn't tell whether or not he'd be watched. But he came out of the shadow, a body as thin as if to prove he wasn't there. It was the lack of eyes, the thinness of its body, the crooked clothes and long black hair which were the most surprising of all. The thing looked like a twisted man, who had his feet pointed in the wrong direction but bore a small pocket knife. His speed was unfathomable for the human eye and that's when he came, like a flea or a greyish black grasshopper, with his small switchblade turned in the air, cutting dryly. He approached like a drunk would, too precise and too fast. Despite the peculiar look, as soon as he stepped out of his hiding, he went by the many bulks of meat which laid around him without even touching them and stabbed Giaro in the gut, then slashed both of his knees. As soon as that was over, he went out of the door, never to be seen. The man from Italy seemed to have lost it when he shouted, most inflammatory offences which could be told to another human being without cause of being disturbed. 'Done, we can go through, the other side appeared to be at least empty. Berthas, are you listening?' 'Right, I am, I beg your pardon, but shouldn't we be concerned with that dark creature which came out of the dark? I wouldn't very much like walking to the other side only to be met by it.' But she hadn't noticed that staying there was being worse. As soon as they grabbed a hold of Giaro, they started ripping him apart. 'Better now watch that, come on, I'll help you through.' The moment she was over, they followed, while grabbing on the nearest bed and turning it upside down. With the amount of wood that was used, there shouldn't be any trouble any longer if it were for them to try. 'Are you going to be alright Berthas?' He had utmost sincerity in his eyes. At least looking at the way it appeared, they had been set off. Rossi was still acting up while she was silent. Pierrot started walking across the room trying to think for as long as he might since they were planning on spending some time inside the room. They were safe there, at least for the time being. Least of all, would they go outside, where, not only it wasn't safe but they would have to deal with seeing what had happened to their friend again? Now that they were set, he thought of what he saw. Berthas did as well, as soon as she had reminded herself that they broke through a wall which felt like a body. The ribs had to be taken care off in order for them to escape, they had no choice in that but as much as she had been aware, they were at fault at hurting another great being. 'Does either of you smell a fire? I mean burning, in any sense?' 'I can see no smoke, but my lord knows I am too old to be able to smell, dear.' She looked at the clock, which had stood in place since she had entered the previous building. It came as nothing more but pity when she found out that she had missed on that appointment she had set herself to. What would Frank think of her if she were to relay to him everything which had happened? Would he still feel her like he used to? Would she remain the same woman by the time she returned? There came no time like the present, where the knock on the door made all three of them bounce to their feet. It was so pleasant to hear some kind of manners in such a forsaken place, but not as pleasant not to weep. 'May I come in? I seem to be a stranger who had lost himself as well.' 'Carry on then, but know that we're.' He couldn't finish, nor could he end what laid in his mind. The appearance of the stranger did much to shake him off the trail of vagueness and into suspicion. Too formal, too normal, this was a man taken directly from the street. No dirt laid on his shirt, no dust, not a single sign

of wear or any sort of shock. Rather than that, he looked confused. 'What exactly is going on in here? Are the two of you trying to harm this older lady? Because, if you are, I'll have none of that, I have to let you know.' The place looked rather suspicious, especially beyond the door and behind the man. His side of the hotel, per se, looked clean and unaffected by what had gone behind their backs. Worse than that was the fact that it seemed like he noticed it as well after hearing some knocks on the bed as well. His hand motion hadn't betrayed him enough, though it had become clear to all three of them that he was signalling for someone else to come. Dreadful as it seemed, they were all men, dressed in fine suits, who looked as if they had been caught at the worst of moments after being invited to a party. It would explain even less though enough to have them going. Of course, a note would suffice to say that Berthas still thought they looked wrong, despite what they wore. Most likely, it had come from the strangeness which bore around their bodies and how they appeared to bear scales now than skin. Slippery, rather, to the point where they looked as if they might be a liar of some kind, any kind if all. 'I'm well enough in case the two of you were wondering that as well. These kind young lads were actually helping me get up when my bed fell over.' Both Pierrot and Rossi looked from one another then back at her, as if expecting neither of them to take on that story. 'Alright, I think I can handle this one myself then.' With a coming hand, he dismissed the fellows and seemed to have grasped this whole thing by himself. He was rather pale now. In a whisper-like tone, he seemed to have said. 'I don't think I believe that story but something's wrong there, I can see something akin to a hand trying to push through. Look, I don't know from where you came out of, but there's a wardrobe at the end of the corridor, it's not locked or anything in case you were wondering. Take two of the suits and one of the dresses and try blending in. I'll see what I can make of it.' They hadn't wasted a moment yet and got themselves out of the room. Berthas were following slowly, as if not to disturb the waters and appeared to be coming closer rather than distancing herself from him. 'Why are you helping us? There's nothing for you to gain out of this.' 'I know that, but I couldn't just have left you locked with that thing there. It wouldn't be, well, humane of me.' Quite the pity, for he jingled a key-chain around. He seemed rather aware and set on taking care of whatever he thought them to be. From one corridor to the other, it looked like the young lads had already taken care of their disguises and lost themselves out there. She was clearly set on the fact that she wouldn't get to see the man again, not after asking him of the plan. 'I'll lock myself in, easily at that and make sure no one's hurt on the other side.' 'That's not a great idea, oh dear, I'm afraid your stubbornness might lead to your death as well as theirs.' Berthas didn't look surprised any longer at him but slowly made her way through. 'Don't worry, I'll just check and if anything dangerous happens, I'll make sure to cover whatever hole or damage was done to the wall. There's no need to close it off with the help of the bed.' A dreadful experience altogether, as she was kicked out, the door was locked. The walls were neatly decorated on the other side, the lights were pure, the carpets were freshly made. Even as she followed the trail towards the spot she was sent towards, she could feel the material of the closed curtains. 'The windows, this should make everything clear.' She said to herself, suddenly pulling them on both sides and revealing the night. It didn't do much other than confuse her. All of what she had been aware of was the fact that they had been in the abandoned building, with nothing on the side. Certainly, there were other buildings but it didn't look like it was closed off any longer. As a matter of fact, it looked clean below. The streets stretched to eye's reach, as far as she could see, there were parked cars that didn't belong to their era either. In other words, they have snuck through a nightmare and ended up in a dream. 'This way,

madame.' The Majordomo had arrived, right in time, to remind her that she was needed to be formally dressed rather than bear her dirty and bizarre rags.'Non, this won't do. You cannot go with the other guests dressed like that, your rags are unwashed. They are, there, how do you say, vulgar. Do come closer, the guest wardrobe is over here.'His accent had been tainted, but he looked, suddenly that she was aware of, human. Most looked that way around here, from the observations she had taken while looking behind. People were already talking and gossiping around her at an inevitable level. It was a mess in the greatest sense of the word, as she put on the black dress, in which she barely fit. The way she held herself out there was, in other words, which didn't belong to her.

'Magnifique.' Life was great, in so far to say that she was for the time being rather content than anything else. One detail bothered her as she walked by, seemingly mesmerised by the whole illusion. It was room four hundred forty-four, which was the room the man had locked himself in. Also, the same room from which they had taken off. That wasn't right, it wasn't right all n' all. Something there would try coming out and she had nothing but fear and a desire to get away as soon as possible. Plus, this night was enjoyable, and she hadn't drunk in the longest while. It wasn't dangerous yet, at least there weren't any signs that whatever happened behind wasn't under his control. But after passing through the long corridor and glancing at the rooms, she had arrived at the main event, which alone was more than grand. The lights, the wide room, the scent of candles and the elegant dancers made her feel young again. Only if Frank was here, this night would've been perfect, she thought. But nothing came that easily she knew. A pair of hands came from behind and covered her eyes. 'Guess who it is.' The familiar voice said, and for a moment there, she had almost come to the conclusion he was there. 'Frank, is that you, could that be you?' But the short-lived silence and excitement faded as he took his hands back. It was one of the lads who had accompanied her there, now he only seemed rather apologetic, as if he had been part of some unheavenly prank. But it hadn't ended, their attention near, straight towards the middle of the room. From there, the light had disappeared in a living ball of darkness from which the audience suddenly formed a circle and danced around it. 'What's happening now? Is this supposed to be part of the dace?' 'I don't know, but I'm not sure it's safe to be around here any longer.' From the ground, as it shattered, there came a fat body, hardened, with its robust pair of twisted humanoid-shaped beaks coming from its head. Under which there laid one giant eye, under each one of the beaks, which started with utmost disgust. Its hands were filled with gluteus bulbs of cancerous muscle which pumped and pumped until there came out the tainted sponges which fell around the floor. As if it had waited for her and what had been in her mind, the many pieces which flew around the ceiling and those which had entered Rossi came below its hole where it had dwelled, but this was no diving malignant thing, barely as it appeared, a servant at best. The dark tongue revealed itself, right at from behind they broke through. Soon the contamination would resume, but there'd be no pity nor wonder for it any longer as this creature suddenly beckoned them to come. As it lowered itself past any kind of nightmarish abomination they may wretche inside of, it ate four of the guests and went into that hole. Everyone followed it after. The stairs were something near to floating piles of weeping black stones which were unutterably flagrant in their need to be touched. Each step felt like it released another tear in that shallow realm of winds. Dark winds, blue and purple, an array of magentas which rolled around a tunnel and through it the fiend made its way. It felt like an eternity as they all made their way through something which would have no return, but the festivity wasn't over yet. Not even close, farther than that as a matter of fact and farther than the truth as it came to mind. A

guest brought their candles, seemingly not surprised. 'I wish I would lose myself inside the vortex so I may live forever in the dark.' Said one of them before plunging inside. His body had been instantly obliterated and absorbed inside the never-ending twist inside the dark. The servant grinned at that, the guests were laughing. Another one came at a crossroads, seemingly bearing the same body but a different head. The legs appeared to be weak, made of barely any sort of bone marrow, but kept the bottom soles and fingers, sharp and long, crawling like some sort of wicked platform. This other servant's hand was a mule, one big blocky head which hand expanded and looked like it had been the example of punishment in the way the marks around it had been. A giant worm had to have crawled a few meters deeps inside his head to have left it looking that way. But the bigger one only joined, nonetheless, turning to reveal a small empty chamber-like hole, with gloom inside the head. The emptiness had just revealed, that the malignant being had lost most of its appeal once they realised he was so empty inside. Just the shell of something greater, which was revealed in its movement alone. Aggressive in nature, despite being stronger than the four beaked one. It smashed through the vortex, losing a piece of its arm. But that wasn't even the least distracting from the madness which was going on. This appeal was being lost. Don't do it now, I cannot stand to see them like that again. Berthas thought. She had looked at them and how they have reverted into being degenerates yet again, seemingly tainted by the likes of something which wasn't even supposed to be there. Not only did they not look human any longer, the same as before, but their suits had changed as well, even the nicely combed dressed like the one belonging to her. They looked as if they had aged eight decades through, darkened and served as a reflection of the vortex which laid around. 'What is this place? Rossi? Pierrot? Are the two of you still well?' Though she could only let out a tone of sarcasm, she looked mightily surprised as that appeared to be a deformed pair of shells. Their bodies might've hardened but their minds remained the same. It was still the two of them, as much as it appeared that they had features belonging to objects rather than creatures. Sharp corners, cubical sides which came from the back of their skulls and pushed behind or little spheres being stuck between their fingers. There was no other way to look at it other than to admit to the fact that they were deformed. 'I don't know where we're heading towards but it cannot be much worse than staying behind.' He pointed towards somewhere but it was a lost place, something which wasn't there any longer, it just appeared to have disappeared. A strange thought. To have looked behind only to realise that neither the hole nor the floating stones were there for your return. The distance was great, so that might account for the illusion that they might be looking at something much greater. It was when the vortex started sealing an entire side of the way back that things got difficult to explain. In the least of ways, they were dismissing it entirely. Berthas had been looking wrong at it as well. The way she seemed to grab at a stranger who didn't know whether or not would make it through the night. By now they came to a full-fledged turn-around and wait as the two giants stopped to converse with one another. Dreadful, as if were, to listen to them and their voice wasn't what either of them had expected in the least. There'd be some kind of feast sooner or later and the thought had always crept along as the guests spoke. 'What will we do if they suddenly turn their heads towards us? Their hunger might come and strike at the unaware, we may lose friends of closest of a kind if my suspicion is true.' 'You, my friend are nothing but a schizoid, a man who can't make out the reality any longer. Don't look at them the way you think you do, this path will only bring the loss of your mind. Just have faith and wait for it through, just like the rest of us.' He said it with a malevolent way, the same one with which a father would lecture his sons. They listened at least, that

wasn't a problem, but what was distracting was the end of their talk. That's when the two creatures turned around and started inspecting them. Each guest took a step forward, only to be followed by the adjacent one who stood behind.

Neither of them took a stroll nor have they thought of making a run for it, but they couldn't stand properly nor formally there. As much as there wasn't enough space for them to move around nor could they improvise in the way they wanted to. Another batch would have to do. Past them, there had been another hole, or an opening per se, in the distance. Same as before, there came a greater fiend to walk and greet the ones from the point where the portal ended. But this one leading them was mad. It suddenly turned as well as pushing one of its beaks inside the vortex.

There wasn't any surprise how it was entirely, or close to be entirely destroyed, its matter being absorbed by the mass of that vortex around them. What was left of it was that stump which vaguely looking like the piece of a melted candle. It was harrowing to be there, but they followed once the order or the shriek to continue was made. 'I'm starting to be frightened by this, shouldn't there be some way of return? I don't think I can continue going this way any longer, at least not if it means what I think it means by the end of this journey.' 'Have faith, brother, this is bigger than us or than them. Have you not seen their acts of sacrifice? They're not mere guides or guardians, they're servants just like the two of us, willing to sacrifice pieces of themselves to the greatness of the vortex.' But the path ahead wasn't clear, at least not in an expected way. More stairs formed out of the stone below, but this time there wasn't any hole through which they could enter another dimension or another world. No, this was far more dangerous than your average ritual, as it came to be, the stones formed a small platform, on which they waited for every single one of them to get on. It was at least frightening to be that close to them, but neither could complain. For

they saw the endless stretch as they laid above the entire infinity which was the vortex. Above its bottom outstretched reach, the vortex still was there, but in another form. Despite being partially invisible and almost free of a form, pieces of it, of pure energy floated and phased in and out of existence. Dreadful and magnificent as it were, there wasn't any way to take this trough. Many others would try looking for an excuse to get away. One had thought of jumping and ending it quickly, the way he wouldn't have done if it were a straight run. But they waited and even the guardians were silently watching as it went ahead and hovered through. 'Berthas, are you seeing what I'm seeing?

Right there, over that place, in the sky.' She looked at Pierrot's contempt and noticed the large, unevenly hatched things and their hatching long cocoon. It seemed like they were stuck there, with their giant legs standing on a solid mass of air, rather phased as well out of them but not entirely. An entire army by the looks of it, colossal but stuck in there. Even by the soles of their feet, they had that dreadful appearance, as if they had been made for the most peculiar and damning ways possible. Shallow gases filled the air and went away. No one was affected. 'What is going to happen to us then? We've been on this platform for.' One of the fellows appeared to have been struck by something after looking at the clock. That was a sight indeed, as the small device spasmed into uncontrollable motions which wouldn't do. He shut his mouth as soon as it had been opened and turned his motions towards the rest of the guests. 'Of course, it wouldn't work here unless you think the laws that govern nature have a place in this forsaken spot. Shall we also think our souls leave our bodies when we are in fact absorbed by the vortex upon our deaths?' It froze even the little hairs on his chin. There was danger in the sky above, that laid everywhere as far from the space below. It felt strange as they were dragged through the crossroads between the giants and the vortex. 'What do you think they are? Neither of them appears to be alive, rather, how do you call it? Statues, perhaps?' 'No, that

ain't right, just take a look at those cocoons inside of them, those things aren't normal in the least. Sure, it can't be called upon us to say things yet but I think.. "We should focus on not die before we reach the final destination, maybe? In all fairness, we are bound and need to remain as strong as we can. Those that are out there must be watching us in fear." Who are you talking about? Who could fear us in a world filled with things like them? Compared with them we're ants, lesser. Can they even feel pain like we do? It would seem like that isn't so either, as I have observed one of them sacrificing a beak while the other an arm. That was damning in the worst possible way. He went on to recall every piece of information which was tied to the damning of the place and the giants, to the point of no return. Most of them had seen that already but had apparently missed one important detail. I've seen another one of them behind. And he was important, or he appeared to be wearing himself over such standards. The hairs on his forehead had received beyond saving. Now he was stroking a large bald spot around it, where there appeared to be no hope of ever growth. Caught by it a few seconds at least, he appeared to be looking at his fingers with dismay. Well, I wish I could do a lot more than that, but I'm afraid there's just no hope for me left. The creature was there and it bore a net behind its back, filled with other races. Most of them were tied too hard to be able to breathe or do anything at all. If I didn't know any better, I would've thought they looked like us, with the exact features, if not the suits which weren't there, no distinction would've laid. "That's preposterous, how dare you compare us with a bunch of vile creatures brought at the end of their lives? And to throw such accusations off the board?" Now, one of the giant ones turned its beak towards the crowd below and flash a wicked eyed. It had suddenly signalled that it'd pay its entire attention towards them, with little to be said and mostly it observed. There was a damning amount of evidence laying around, judged by the sudden movements or twichings that it knew or had a vague understanding of their language. While its partner seemed to navigate through the endless void, it suddenly decided to pay a little attention to the ruckus which happened behind of them. It wasn't totally unexpected, in the sense that it dreaded itself as much as the others. Look, all I'm trying to say is that we got replaced, or at least some bodies might be planted where we used to be in order to avoid suspicion, that's all. "But you said they looked like us, right after saying they were a bunch of creatures there." Intermediate, that's what they were, between their monstrous appearances and what seemed to morph in humans. That's what I saw and what I can recall with undoubtful certainty. He stepped just a few more blocks in the back. They had formed another semi-circle again. This time, it seemed that he was to be judged for what he said. Could it be that there wasn't any chance for him to be saved? It appeared so. He said too much and had realised that he accused the creatures of the vilest of plans. The calculations and machinations couldn't have matched for their feeble human minds and to hear it coming from one of their own was dreadful in the least. Pagan, missionary, you're only trying to distract us from our destiny. I say we throw him for saying such damning words of insolence, for which we should be rewarded! The crowd seemed to be a party in agreement, while the rest were unsure. Rossi, Pierrot and Berthas remained silent in their corners, watching in the distance, mesmerised by the scenery if not all. This was the opportunity of a lifetime to see such a sphere of conduits which lead to their world. Humans weren't prepared to see such things and most of them appeared to be caught by the most mundane objections. Execution, I say we hold a vote and decide what's to be done against this heresy! We should be able to find out things, rather than continue on a path of false lies driven by one who'd call himself a prophet. "I have only said what I had seen with my own eyes. I've not declared anything but rather gave you an

insight into what was going on behind our backs. Should I be punished for relaying information of the greater plans?

Are we not supposed to be observers here as we are brought towards that?' He points and suddenly they turned to see. Straight ahead there was a rock formation standing above, at the heart where the vortex was the thickest and most spread around the outside areas. It had become fluctuating, rather in head and cold. They paid attention to what was falling from above. But on it, even from the distance, they could see that there was a form hiding in its stone hold, where it had withered despite its size. It had been thought during its initial sightings that the hold around it was only its shell, formed around a far greater body, now it laid in ruin. 'It would seem like you are to be placed on hold, at least until we decide what's to be done with you.' 'It's a bit late for that, don't you think?' Others had appeared from unknown places. They came to pop into existence as they reached the point. It was likely that they were the infantry when it came to the defence, either way, they looked too violent to be approached. Unlike the two of them who now appeared to be docile in comparison, these ones had three to four additional legs and seemingly grown extra heads which were still stuck through infancy. These ones would be the future generation, at least from the looks alone.

One thing was noticed again, it felt like out of them, he was the only one who had noticed the details, or even appeared to care. To look upon it in a fanciful way, he found himself staring at some kind of towering set of pieces which had been forcefully attached. Nothing could've been worse than that, especially for the ones ahead who were rather pale and looking like they were partially dead. But one bore a piece of an arm and that distinct beak which did still belong to a certain creature that had a remaining three of them still intact. A pause in his mind occurred, at least from the fanciful way he seemed to delect himself. It came as nothing more than a strange sensation, the lack of action which bore him through. He had noticed something and was noticed back. In any case, it meant that whatever went through the vortex ended up as a piece of them, caught in desperation of some kind, at this alone, he wasn't blind. Rather aware, that they were there, already marching with his peers. He would go ahead and let down a stream of tears in some mad attempt to return, but it was late for that, he wanted to go ahead and do something. The chance might've come but he was unaware of the dread he'd feel, the thing that would freeze his legs and stop any action or everything which might've been achieved. Soon enough, they came to walk through the tunnel, with the vanguard at hand, on both sides, sneering and leering at them with their weird forms and strange twisted ways of talking. As for intelligence, they showed as much as grunts had. Not all of them had arms either since those were kept only for the important ones, the ones who'd make utmost use of their additions. But there they were, a small group in front of it. This one looked like nothing, in particular, rather, it seemed to be just a small part of something colossal. It pumped, revealing the fact that it had survived some twisted or tormented form of great destruction or total annihilation, but other than, it laid flaccid, like a gulp of fat twisted and turned with a belly. That thing was disgusting, for which there were little words of unflattering grace left. 'Was this the reason we had come? To witness this thing that won't even grow or get away from its small estuary?' 'I don't think it was supposed to live that long. How do you even suppose it had?' Looking at the tubes and how most of them lead towards some place above, the reason came to mind. 'It must be draining those ones above, either the statues or their wicked cocoons, I wager.' 'Are you certain of that? It could be, I mean there could be any other explanation to it.' Neither one of them appeared to join his train of thought. It was then that Berthas stepped out of the circle and came closer. The so-called guards had nothing to do with them, nor did they bother, since such small creatures couldn't do any harm whatsoever to such a concoction of vileness as it

were. 'I think you won't be able to understand me, will you?' She examined it from the distance and the more she had, the easier it got to comprehend the mindlessness it bore. There was nought, and this comprehension was even shorter when it came to its servants and those around them, who seemed to worship it in an awkward out of the place way. Most had already bowed to it and started praying, all in tongues which came instinctually rather than prepared. As soon as they were caught, both Pierrot and Rossi, there had been a disconnect between them and her. She was there in front of them, almost unreal, feeling as if she could fade in the vortex, even if it were at such a distance. Dread felt at her skin and she was pale. The woman wanted to kneel and rest, but what if this was a test? Bertha asked herself that as she turned around to merge with it. Most of her mind and what had made her human got lost after a touch. What she carried over wasn't a piece of her but rather the infection which had somewhat crept in her mind. Others followed her sacrifice such as a sign would be, unsure, uncertain. Both of the companions had been pushed and forced inside. They had been a small addition, but important nonetheless. Small, dirty and peculiar primates but they had added to the creation of the tiny network which would be a mind. Back inside the building, where the hole had closed, the only good room laid filled with corpses of every kind. Those that had looked like the guests and those who were sick and now laid dying amongst the corpses. Something about them reeled them in and pushed the fumes out of their bodies which forced the metabolism of the living but tainted being around them received. It was a dreadful way in which it followed the gas, but the room had been a trap, from which there was no escape whatsoever. Even a mere interaction between the many corpses and those around would be damning for the healthiest of men. An imitation of body and sin had crawled, finally, followed by a pair of suits. He and his fellows were there, looking at the entrance, and creeping back after feeling the scent of evil which permeated from inside the room. Coming there, or rather, following the lady who was asking too many questions had been a grave mistake from which every single one of them would've suffered a fate which was worse than death. For they could see that those, if not their bodies, their minds were kept alive and somehow pulsated through the ears. There were certain motions and hormones released in the air which were rather recognisable for those who paid a special kind of attention. But the main part of the course was the fact that the place was almost indistinguishable from what it had been. There hadn't been any sort of evidence left of a portal which might've opened in the middle of the room. Whatever imagery was left in the bodies alone had been erased to the point that even the slightest signs of life were peculiar concoctions of some half-consciousness which wasn't there at all. Dread filled the room and out there, some young man stood waiting for an old lady to come. She had cleared her schedule completely in order to meet him and now, the likes of her had betrayed her purpose. By the window, next to the dinner he stood, the chef in charge sometimes took breaks and sat down at one of the tables outside, by which the lad remained. One of the metal poles appeared to be well enough on its way to falling, perhaps the times deemed it so. 'Well, she isn't coming any time sooner, fellow. You'd better have a greater chance of just doing something around. See that broom over there? I betcha you could make something out of it until she came if she even decided on coming.' The chef had a grin on his face, which lighted his greatest sets of moustaches. He wasn't sure what he meant by it, perhaps out of context, he looked like he was waiting on a date rather than for an important meeting of the kind. It was clear then. A few steps ahead from him stood the young waitress who was blowing puffs of smoke at the dark grin which was the sky. It looked like it darkened but neither of them was a fool, as they knew that rains weren't coming as often as the people

wanted. There didn't seem to happen much though, at least not at that particular hour. Mostly, it could've been the stress with this new law or something could've happened at the other side of the city which dragged most of their attention. But this was a slow day, regardless of the reason. The metal grates and covers around which laid on the various building tops were new additions. At least ever since the last time he had looked at them. Ridiculous as it sounded, he had run of things to think off, as well as others to observe. His glance hadn't travelled to the waitress though, even if a sign inside his belly thicked him off for being infatuated with her. Dreadful, dreadful thing, as it came near to the mind. If it were to become more obvious, he would've become blind. 'May I?' She was surprised to be asked in such a manner. 'I'm Flinch Eddias.' 'Charlene, pleased to meet you.' He took one of her smokes then got to work as soon as he was lit. One long deep pull in his lungs and he had been over it. The outside had been filled with dust and fallen leaves but at least he couldn't pretend he was standing for nothing. 'Finish the smoke at least, that way you won't spread it around and make more of a mess while working.' 'Relax sir, I was planning on doing that anyway.' From table to table, he appeared to have left his cigar resting in one of the ashtrays before going on to stroke the floor. He was rather good at it, at least, from the looks of it. Almost there, immediate results. The floor seemed to have changed a bit, but that might've been a result of the dizzy headedness he felt inside his mind. Apparently, that cigar had taken more than half of his mind there, mint could it have been? No, mint alone hadn't had that effect on him. But he knew he smelled at least a well enough amount of opium inside it. Matthew could've stopped immediately, at least as soon as he had felt the taste inside his mouth, but he didn't. Now he was tasting his own blood and the two of them weren't there. Was it night already? 'Have I waited through the day with the broom in my hand?' Firmly, he placed it from the corner he had taken it and started on a stroll. It was silent outside, there were no street lights that were working, at least neither of the ones which had been close to him. Some at least were rather caught by the trap of having been smashed by a bunch of teenagers with rocks. Awful thing, he knew, but he's done it as well when he was young. Strangely, there hadn't been a mark on the floor, nothing, the noise was missing and everything was clean. 'What in the?' His gaze went back from the top and straight below. He felt like the mark of ash which laid below and rubbed his hand there. No spot on his hands, no marks, nothing which would indicate that the steps were filthy. It looked like it was part of it as if some strange design of a splatter of paint had found its way there, but that wasn't the case. 'Could anyone, if you hear me, respond.' 'Here, over here.' It was the voice of a, of a, something which came to sound to him as the voice of Charlene, the waitress. At least she was there, somewhere, ready to put away his fears and loneliness. He had to find her somehow, in all of the mess which had been that place. 'I'm coming to Charlene, wait for me, will you? I'm as close to you as I can but I cannot find you unless you give me some directions.' 'It's dark, so dark, I don't know what to say.' Her voice faded and it appeared to be pointless, as he was pushed towards restlessly roaming out there, where he wasn't welcome. Doors were closed, the walls were unreachable. He was almost dying to try climbing and he would've if it weren't for the fact that the ledges were picked clean and slippery. A damning thing as well, for the night had been more vibrant than the day before. Neither could it have been worse than that. But he could see to it that there were other things in store which would creep him through the waste. In his mind, they were mostly lost, shoved in some places during the night, having left nothing of their presence behind. As soon as it had become obvious that it wasn't the case, he had become estranged of the world. 'I swear, this must be something which doesn't belong here. Everything's is just a fake.' He bashed and

smashed upon the door, ignoring the plea of the girl. He wouldn't be aware of much, neither could they see to it either, as a matter of fact, he's been alone for a considerable amount of time. It was unacceptable in the least of sense, he wasn't even sure of it but wanted to put it to some test. First, he broke through the door. One-fifth of the scent was an odour which didn't belong there, as no man would care to make that difference, still. He couldn't believe they would force him to wake to that. Believed to be a rather cocky rat, he entered but looked on the floor. There had been no remained below. The least he had expected was some crumbles or some pieces of the cardboard-like wood that he had broken. Without a doubt, this place wasn't the city he'd grown up in. 'I will not take the girl unless you show yourself. I know you're there, you're the one who orchestrated this, aren't you?' The shallow dance of silence rose. There was a light upstairs which revealed a pink rose which outstretched amongst the wall. At least he could be sure of it now, in the place of the little-known realm, he could walk and see, the maker, the creator. The man who was holding on his mask. He stood against the open window, ready to flee into the moonlight sky. There was a doubt there, at least, why had left the knife, the candle and the note there? On a round table in the middle of the room, it stood. Unable to properly get to it, he shouted to himself, go forth! 'Go forth, I say, don't bother me any longer your silly spectre, I know what you stand for.' 'If you do, then you have no place here, henceforth, you should leave. There shouldn't be a place for insolent children, unaware of the world which surrounds them. Alas, I will leave you with that choice which lays on the table.' 'Wait, don't!' Before he could reach him, the man flew off the window and was never seen after. There came the doubt again, whether or not the man was still alive remained a mystery to himself and others. Others? He could hear sounds below, the voices of a party. By the time he was halfway down the stairs, he realised that there were none there. No guests, no gentlemen with their ladies near the curtains, just the open, broken hole in the door. Eddias didn't know how to react against this new threat, at least by the time he had come back on his feet, he wasn't sure any longer. There was doubt, he was afraid, there were no telltale signs that something might happen if he were to touch the letter. For starters, he had been afraid of the fact that he might receive a dagger in his chest as soon as there was a clear shot of him there. It wasn't open said or commented upon himself, there was a threat out there but not now. What made him realised that it wasn't all properly made to be seemed to have sprouted from it, the letter. 'Eddias Flinch, dear fellow, I have come upon the realisation that you are aware of my presence by now, even now in the dark where I peer upon the lady you have brought here in my realm. Our meeting here might've been nothing but some sign of mad delight but I should make it properly known that I have watched the two of you enough to have come upon this delightful decision. One of us must die if the others are to get her in the most delightful fashion, a duel if you might. Even now she is upon me, laying rather flaccid from what I expect her to act and be. It would be a shame if one of my hands were to slip inside her and do some horrible things in your absence but such bitter words would serve no man. What I ask of you is simple, take the candle, bring the blade and let us hunt each other in the spirit of the knave.' The letter wasn't even signed, which left some doubt about the name of the contender. Not that it was important in the least, as that was no man but rather some decrepit beast which didn't deserve his attention. And he wouldn't have received it if it weren't for the threat, damned one. A better fate for him would be the gallows. 'But if this is what he wants, this is what he'll get. For his so-called realm. I won't leave without you, Charlene.' Flinch promised to himself in a rather concrete fashion. He wasn't the most important pick, but he thought he would do. The mood was set, the night was shallow,

the fires came instead of the gallows. It started as soon as he had reached the stairs, which came with a swipe, as soon as he had gathered the papers which lay around. He had been awake for a few moments then, after realising what he had done and of the little consequences which belonged to his actions. There was little shame to it, at least as soon as he had come to the realisation he had been taken by surprise. Another one of them, dressed like a fool, with a mask, split in colours of pink-hued red and ultramarine. He shone in the dark with his smile, quick to grab at him one more time. 'May I help you find master in this dark evening?' He asked with utmost honesty, at least as much as he could muster in the few moments which dictated their encounter. It wasn't as dreadful as it had originally appeared but he was rather set on staring down the strange man. Most of the moments shared between the two were rather vague, as he had barely met the woman, but somehow he knew that he needed to see the woman. By any means possible at least, he had a feeling which made him want to creep and scream. 'The fires, indeed, I see. Does destruction belong to your world? Will you bring more of it?' 'What are you talking about?' 'The order you have brought here, in this world where there's no fear. It doesn't belong in this place, don't you understand?' He had a strange elation which purged some of his confusion towards the strange creature. At least he could be sure he was being watched now. Something in the nature of those things, as more of them, seemed to have arrived. All of them dressed like court bards of in the likes of the jester, with their wicked coloured masks which grinned and laughed. As much as he wanted to distance himself from it, he couldn't do it. He wasn't in the least aware of what was going around the surrounding areas, other than the fact that the fire had begun to spread. It was horrible and tainted, he couldn't be certain whether or not it had been a great idea or not. But the group of jesters seemed to beg to differ. At least as much as he had expected. It had become more obvious to him that they would follow. 'Let us go then, together, we're going to meet your master then, once and for all, at least until this dreadful place collapses unto itself because of the flames.' They cheered him like some sort of leader, marching towards the destruction of some blasted tyrant. None of them appeared to comprehend the destruction brought by the fire, which, stopped? During one key moment, it appeared to have completely been blown out of the flame, with the smoke having been spread around in the ether. It wasn't even more obvious than that, but he expected a firing impulse which would leap forever until the place got engulfed. Looking back at it was the moment when he realised that it had been all for nothing. Whatever he had done seemed to have disappeared as soon as the fire was gone. No structural damage left there, it seemed like there had been no fire. Worst of all was the fact that he stood there, almost looking over him on top of one of the non-working lampposts. He looked rather disappointed at the fact that they suddenly stopped. It wasn't as interesting to watch any longer, to laugh or to act in any mad fashion when the master was there. 'Won't you join me against him? Go on then, he cannot fight all of us at once if we were to unite. Look, he even challenged me to a duel.' Their faces went pale, at least under their masks, it felt now, of all moments that they were reflective of who they were. Dreadful things, it did appear, out of fear, that they knew, it was expected. A more dreadful thing made itself known. As they watched, in fear of retaliation. He came to be surprised himself by the fact that he had flown right into the middle of the small crowd. 'My great fellow, but you have played cheap and I'm afraid a simple duel won't satisfy. Just look at your blade now, as it's obvious to my eyes that it's no longer fit for plunging, nor common for spelunking. It may serve you nought now unless you want to throw it or reforge it. But cast no shadow of a doubt, the woman shall be mine.' 'Never, I'll never leave Charlene's side.' 'Then become my servant and bid farewell to the

normal world, for you belong to us, another jester caught by the nets of my realm. You'll start to notice there's no way out.'He turned around and walked. Despite what he had said about the blade, as it slowly melted, becoming rather unusable for him in the least, he wagered that it was at least neat enough for one last attempt at a strike. Eddias charged and seemed not to be caught by any feeling of betrayal or shame whatsoever. This was not a duel, he had become a rogue after this malignant act. It appeared that their master had been wrong about him and about the weapon he had used. As soon as he had been poised, on his knees, the metal has merged with his body and stuck there like poison, wagered. 'Master, master, master.' Their voices came quickly, perhaps sooner than their march towards him in the dark. He was done for though, that weak being in a costume, too self-absorbed. 'I have thought you to be some kind of immortal being in this place. Why have you challenged me? Why did you let me stab you like that.' Those jesters, as much as they brought something silly amongst them, appeared to bear some kind of teeth behind their masks. One moment they would weep, while in the next one, they'd be ready to avenge their master. It wasn't even fast, the way it continued. 'Stop, I do not wish you to harm him. I only want to talk now.' With which he revealed his body, after how ill he had become, what laid under the mask of another man. 'In this place, we are all cursed to live this way, like beasts creatures in the hiding. Truth be told, there is no escape from this place, there never had been.' Said the jester who masked himself like a man. Now, it was his turn to die. The little thing had a spear stashed inside his coat, one which was much longer than it could manage to fit. As long as it was, the sharp side of it stretched as an arrow and impaled him in the chest. The dreadful amount of pain was unnecessarily hard and it came to be the strongest feeling he had ever felt. 'Charlene, where are you?' He yelled as he had made him the way through the jesters' congregation. The metal shaft of the spear had missed his heart by inches but he had been bleeding profoundly ever since. In other words, he was done for. Without a way for recovery, he was only going to suffer as he looked around, forever hearing her plea. 'Help me, please, I'm locked inside his chamber, can't you hear me Eddias?' Flinch hadn't the slightest clue whether or not he'd be taken for a fool or anything of the kind. He wanted her but his time was up. By the time he realised that it wasn't so, he had distanced himself from the jesters only to realise that there, there, there wasn't any way to die. His wound healed as if there wasn't any possible way he could deny himself the dreadful thing. It wasn't fair, he couldn't tell any longer whether she was truly there, hidden, or lost.

Had she even come to the realm or was it yet another mistake coming from a desire to trick him? He couldn't tell. 'Need some help, stranger? You appear to be lost, I think you may enjoy the company I can give you.' It was another one of the mongrels with their strange ways and peculiarness. Whatever it was that had been dreaded for so long he couldn't say it any longer. 'Have you seen the woman? Her name was Charlene.' But the answer given was unsatisfactory and he moved away. There wasn't any kind of way in which he might turn it around. He came to check every door, every piece which required him to break through and check inside. They were empty, to the lousiest core, with nothing in-so-much, in the least which could be close enough to dust or cobwebs. Whatever damage even occurred soon enough disappeared. It was him and that jester, who was awfully silent for one of his kind. Both of them had gotten to the point where they stood at the bottom of the floor, in front of a fire he had started both in the middle of the room and one in the furnace. It was warm, at least that enough he could feel for himself. There wasn't anything which he felt like hiding from this one strange creature who remained with him after so long. The length of which had been lost a long time ago. Both of them were miserable nonetheless. It had become

a habit for him to count as many times as it took to determine whether or not there was someone under that mask.

Whether or not there was a man who had a mind or some dumbly animated creature. Despite the fact that it had crept him ever-so-slowly, over the fact that it tried crawling on him during nights, it refused to talk. 'Well, what do you want to do then? Stay here the warmth until your body gives in?' 'I wasn't ever going to do that, what are you trying to imply here?' 'Sooner or later you will have to pull yourself by the boots and return to your senses. There's just no other way in which it can be done.' There were fear and a lack of sense in his head, but he thought he understood the tiny creature and what it said. 'They won't help you if you continue living as an outsider, refusing to adapt to their, our customs, as you may have known, there had been an attempt at our master.' He didn't know, how about that? The little creature which seemed to have his interests at best wasn't even aware of the dangers which crept inside of him or ever so near. He hadn't realised yet, but he was being taken by the steps. Flinch was brought to one of the under wardrobes, much of the clothes and attires in it being similar to what they were wearing, with the exception that there were others there with different sizes, for much taller men than himself. There was evidence that there were more. 'Where are they?' Startled by it, he seemed to have lost count of what he was doing and what he was trying to find. There was some dreadful thing implied as well. What if they couldn't die, where would they be hiding?' 'No, I won't take in your customs until I get to see them if they're still here.' He knew that no one could get away, but that wasn't a way in which he'd give himself over. There was still enough differences between the two of them that he'd be denied any kind of consideration when it came to trust. 'Are you about to follow me then? We shall see one of them at any moment now.' They have turned their walk into a crawl as soon as they found the hole in the ground. Apparently, only this one thing refused to grow or push itself black closed, as it came to his understanding that the man had dug up his own hole then laid inside of it for as long as it was. With a bit of an effort, they have arrived inside a small spherical room which had less than nothing inside of it, other than the door. 'Is he hiding inside? One of the only men that remain caught in this realm and he's here?' 'You were the one who inquired of him, knock yourself over then.' As soon as he was prepared, the tiny jester had made himself be unknown as well. Either he popped out of existence or he crawled like some wicked worm back through the hole. He was left there alone, wondering whether or not there'd be something to make of it. As soon as the door opened he was greeted inside. In more than one way he had been rather aware and was expected to come there. No more would he try going around and trying to hide, this was another man and his excitement was undeniable. 'You're, well, I wasn't expecting you to be here.' Rather bored by the fact that he was there, it looked like the man wasn't trying to communicate well enough for him to understand. They were two strangers to one another and it looked like he wasn't assimilated yet. This man wasn't old but seemed to wear the jester's clothes, which fit him rather well. A bit taller than him in height, he seemed to have connected some sort of television there and laid watching on a couch made out of a pair of logs. It wasn't the greatest of sights, seeing him trying to drink out of an empty beer can, especially after finding him, but it was the best thing he'd get so far. 'Well, aren't you excited that there's another one here?' 'Another was, would that be exactly?' 'I'm talking by another man in the room with you.' That seemed to signal something to him, which wasn't exactly what he wanted. He was surprised at the fact that he'd done so much to himself but never even thought of looking for one of his own. It was awful, too much to be spoken out-loud, this was the man he had been looking for and apparently, he wasn't any different than the ones in the world. 'Do yourself a favour kid, and grab one of the

beers.'He pointed at the box. It was filled with dirt and planted in it were the beers. They looked like some sort of man-made explosives, with only the wires missing, but as much as he had wanted them to be war-like sticky bombs, he was content with them being empty. But that thought made him ask nonetheless. 'Did you fight in the war?' It was that sudden that he turned off the machine and stared at the kid with a burst of unmet awareness. He'd been set off for the last time, and now, he couldn't believe how sharp the kid was. 'Indeed I was, field soldier, why? You got any experience I presume? What, do they send scrawny kids on the field nowadays? We must've gone far too low if it means we're sending children there.' 'No sir, it's no that, it's something else entirely. Quite the opposite if I might add.

There hasn't been a war in twenty of forty years in which we were involved. Even at that, the closest thing to it might've been some sort of conflict rather than a battle.' Now it appeared that his attention was captivated. He was there for some reason, and now he understood why the jester had left. It came as soon as he had dropped him can that he understood what he was talking about, or rather, to whom he was talking to. 'Son, you must be out of your mind, the war couldn't have ended. Even our generals predicted it would be something akin to ten to twenty years back and forth.' 'No, sir, there hasn't been one, as I said, it's been made obsolete with the weapons they created.' What a devilish concept he had brought to him. Some morbid curiosity made him stand flaccid in front of the dreadful news he heard. Now, he had been unaware of what was supposed to happen to him any longer. He had been made obsolete, a soldier who thought he had waited to be enlisted again. 'I don't know why I expected you to be some kind of postman, at least not this, this.' 'Are you feeling right?' It went on slowly, as soon as he had dropped his empty bottle. As soon as it broke, the dirt at the bottom revealed a wicked plant with a wicked black and creeping seed which had bored itself in there for far too long. The pain he felt was excruciating, it felt like he was growing from the outside back in, shrinking in his own clothes. His skin darkened and turned into a moist substance which eventually spilt on the floor and spread around, like some sort of substance that might've laid in the bottle. Eddias knelt and touched the wet clay-like remains, what was left of the clothes and seemed to have reminded himself of something much worse. Far worse than the death of the man he had met. It was the girl, Charlene, she could be somewhere over there waiting for him to bring her back home. But as soon as someone came before him and told her he would never get to see her again, that would be it. There wouldn't be any other way to reach her time. 'I see that you have done what needed to be done. Are you content with taking the life of a man who didn't do anything to deserve it? At least not from you.' 'This what you brought me for? To take care of some loose ends for you?' 'We should talk outside before this den of his collapses.' He was as honest as he could be. The dirt was starting to pound on it now that the man had made what he had been. By the time they were outside, he was reminded that this wouldn't do. 'He'll be back, do not worry, but I needed something from him before doing so.' The jester came closer and almost leapt at the sight. He grabbed some small trinket from inside the clothes, where the man had been inside and suddenly made haste. 'Wait, wait, you still have some explaining to do, you can't just leave now, not when, not after you made me take the life of a man.' 'Have I done such a thing? I have no recollection of it, rather, I have left you to go in there alone.' 'Where are you taking me towards if there's no war?' It looked like the restoration process had already taken place. Despite holding what seemed to be the remains inside the suit, he had already grown a head and a body while he wasn't aware. 'There's no escape from this is there? Not even in the place of rest, it would appear.' 'Where are you taking me than a young man and what happened to my home?' 'I'm afraid that your house is

no more, as soon as you died, it looked like there was nothing keeping it together any longer.'The man nodded seemingly hurt by the fact, even disappointed by some accounts. It looked like the world was going to be pale for some time, at least until they would be there.'Where are we heading now? I don't know where you're taking me.'You're getting heavier by the minute, I think that in the least you could walk up on your own.'The man had grown feet again and in the few moments where he was on his own, he had become whole again.'My name is Birch, youngster, for you, it's Sargent Birch.'He presented himself rather quickly as it was. No other circumstance required him to act as quickly as he had.'It's a pleasure to meet you Sargent, do you? Wait, you used to have some medal on you, right under your shirt, possibly?'Not that I'm aware of, as an army man, I have never been decorated in my entire military career in any way whatsoever. On the contrary, at least, I think the clothes fit me well because I was much of a coward during the war.'That gave some pause. Something in his breath, the likes of which became only now more clear, he smelled of dirt. Everywhere around. He must've spent his entire time down there in his hole, drinking bottles of air and dirt.'You did what?'Flinch asked, surprised, looking at the man and his widely deceitful smile.'I have never killed a man, that's the truth, but I did manage to run as fast as I can once the fight started. Even got myself shot in the foot on an occasion or two.'And I suppose that got you out of the service?'No, they commission only decided that I had either the choice of returning or to be executed for trying to get out of it through some unlawful way. After that, I deserted.'Or so he thought or told himself plenty of times until he believed it himself. It hit wickedly close to home, seeing the light in the distance.'You know, we used to have large towers, but.'That wasn't supposed to be there at least not yet, with its haunting position holding every thought at bay. Both of them appeared to be solely convinced that there was something wrong with it. That shouldn't have been there in any way.'Look who's here, it would look like you came searching for more.'Are there more men there?'Still no ready to dress into your clothes and take your role as a jester seriously?'He appeared to have listened to some of the previous conversations he might've had. At least, it was certain that he found some words he wasn't supposed to use or hear. It was rather insulting, the way he pronounced the word jester, making it appear rather alien to him. The dreadful thing looked rabid. At least the way his teeth came out from under the mask. Wormish, coloured-striped things which appeared more of the likes of short organs. Now and again, he wasn't sure whether or not this creature could be trusted, yet they followed.'We'll see more of them, and after that, I might reconsider your desire for me to wear that strange costume you keep pushing on.'It's custom, it's custom. Everyone must wear it now and again.'Something's wrong, Eddias?'They passed the same street he had her weep on, as near as one could see, short-sided or not, he was certain of it. Once and again, he'd expect her to begin screaming or waiting for some help. At least he knew she'd be there, driven in some horrible, or nearly-lurid place which a dame like her shouldn't have been locked in. A peculiar thing at least, how else would they come near it? There wasn't any intent or explanation he could lay that they'd follow him through strange streets that lead nowhere, on a fool's errand as well. Both of them stared at him as if he was the one who had to make the choice.'Where is the other man you keep talking about?'I haven't said a word yet, but you may want to keep your insolence away from her, she's in her studies.'All of the sudden, there came a bright light into his eyes and he appeared to be aware of things that weren't there. Her, her, yes. 'Take us to her then, I will see her immediately, where is she?'The library, but for that, we need to the key.'And where's the key then?' Asked Sargent, looking rather surprised as himself, as he hadn't expected to be talking to them at all. Under no

circumstance, under that pale moon, which shone with a perfect light. It looked like it had no flaws either. Stuck there, they followed. It seemed that the library was surrounded by a garden offence, long and sharp metal bars popping from every direction, from every side. The building had some sense of the dark, looking like a pale castle which had sunk in the bottom of the ground, at least most of its mass. A light came from that sunken structure and it looked for a moment still, that it could suddenly rise a few levels above. Alas, they beheld how the castle raised itself a few meters in the air, past any possible level, and into the integrity that it held itself in. It was magnificent, in the few words that either of them could conjure. They needed to get inside and see for themselves who laid in there. The level at which it had risen made it so there was the door. But who was she, the one who laid inside? Why was she expecting guests no more? Perhaps she might not be prepared for the type of people she was going to receive. At least, judging by the way they have been invited. The door fringed with a side eye-snapping type of sharpness that almost gnawed at their fingers as they touched the frames. It was dreadful inside, for as soon as both of them came in, the door closed and the castle reeled in below again, making it seem like there was someone down below there, pulling it down. The entire experience was awful, at least from their standpoint, seeing how neither himself nor this fellow knew what they were getting into. The place was huge, seeing how the walls have been converted into some kind of bookshelves, with stacks of books laying just by the side. It seemed like there wasn't any deal there, only some silence, as supreme as one could be. Neither of them was sure of what to expect. 'After you, my friend.' Said Eddias, looking rather content with sending the lamb to sacrifice. He wasn't sure himself whether or not there was something he should say or do. They were just about to enter the main room, from where the maze would be and she was seemingly not there. Most likely, she had been absorbed in her studies, somewhere in the dark planes under the pages, in a spot where she'd be lost forever. It didn't help that they have arrived at a floor which had been made out of raised bookshelves. It looked like the stairs and every path which led below was surrounded by them. 'Look Flinch, these could lead anywhere. Where do you think she is?' 'I don't know, but if we saw her through one of the windows.' 'You should see me here, would that be correct?' Both of them turned their gazes towards the top of the highly raised terrace. It looked like she hadn't taken a break from reading into whatever she was into. A thing which in the least displayed the knowledge she attained during her stay, as she had modified the ramp and blocked herself there at her own command. 'What do you want from me?' She looked rather pale, dressed in normal peasant clothes if one were to say. Might it be that she was the other one who had denied them from wearing those silly clothes? 'Were you in need of something then? Wait, you're new, are you not?' 'That would be a fair assumption.' 'So I regard that you are the reason behind the fire that had almost spread across the city and almost engulfed everything we have?' There was a moment where he almost shrank from it. A thing which not many have managed to set him forth to. But he was just as dreadful now as he had always been, looking for a way into her, as to have as many of his kind. 'You'd be correct if you were to assume I've come here to torch your library as well, with every book and snippets of words. Even yourself, as they used to burn them at the stake for being witches.' 'That is ridiculous, what you're insisting on saying. Do you have any clue what's in this place? The amount of knowledge which had been attained over so long a period of time? If I were in your place, I'd rethink my position. Even if you succeed, you, ingrol, I don't think the fire might permanently destroy anything.' 'Perhaps not, but what of the ink with which they're written? Would you burn one of your own in order to find out?' Their conversation was disturbed. Against one of the

barred windows which laid across, surrounding the terrace like some cubically split sphere bounced against a winged jester. He was described and sickening to look at. His wings had outgrown the likes of any animal and looked like they had grown out of his back, interconnecting with the arms and pushing forward from below his legs.

Somehow the same nature had been kept, at it seemingly wanted to kiss and licked along the edges of the cage.

More of them flew and soon enough they surrounded the cage, making their daily motions as they tried getting through. 'What are they even trying to do?' 'Isn't it obvious? They're attempting to lure me out for some reason and the other. It's a blasted shame, for these creatures are relentless and refuse to give up under any circumstance. Worst of all is that I'm afraid that there may be a greater of coming.' Which sounded wrong in all the possible ways. She had to come with us under any circumstance possible. It had to happen one way or the other, whether or not she liked it. 'You should start climbing down and follow us. Please, we only have the greatest intentions.' 'Were you not threatening me or implying you'd burn my library down a few moments ago? Are you short of mind, or do you think me so easily pursued that I'd abandon my work here for the likes of you?' The soldier seemed to have stood there and listened, being as far from wanting to contribute as possible. It wasn't that he was afraid of her but his mind seemed to have been emptied at her sight. Both of them were the intruders there, the strangers, just as Flinch had been.

Sargent seemed to be the only one around here who even knew or was aware that they were doing something wrong. Yet no word was spoken and he had remained the same. To say the least, he had been just as confused as she were.

Caught, rather, in this trap, he spoke. 'We apologise.' But his voice cracked, for such a big man, it seemed that his voice wasn't what had been expected of him. He wasn't one to question or to talk when there was no need for it. And those things behind the barred windows forced the castle to lower itself another level below. It was the only way it could protect itself. 'But we do have the best intention in mind. Don't take what he says for granted, he's still young and bold, and he has just arrived in this place, he mustn't know our ways.' 'And what ways would those be? It only seems to me that everyone else had taken to their own and hid in their towers or their holes. What makes him so different?' 'He got me, and soon enough he's going to have you as well.' The indignation which was even implied was fruitless. Those things dug through the dirt and hard ground in order to get closer and keep at their assault. It must've been their only way out, for, apparently, they weren't going to give in as easily as it seemed. Something about a bunch of bats trying to dig in like moles left a bitter image to the mind. They weren't even normal by all means either, as their teeth revealed to serve another function. Worm-like appendages, smaller than their teeth came from their inner tubings, or rather, soft-embraced cavities. It wasn't anything but despicable to watch, at least their struggles were distracting from the problem at hand. 'Why won't you leave and have me return to my research? Is there nothing which would make you be no longer such a pest?' 'Just follow us and you'll have a chance to reach for the real world, the world at hand. Back between the living and the books written by your own kin.' 'What would that be? I laugh at that concept, as I was provided with an immortal body and seemingly endless amount to extract from.

If you dare look below, you'll see that there's no end to, just an endless amount of stairs which lead below forever. That's why I knew it'd be a waste for you to go and burn the library, as there'd be too pitiful for it reaches eternity.' He was devastated, as he laid on a pile of books. Looking at the ceiling with his legs crossed, he had little to no idea what was going on. How was he supposed to get through and find a way out? So far, Flinch had only got Sargent who was less than more the man he had expected him to be. It wasn't even near the way he had wanted him

to be. That dreadful thing, damn it.'Be the way you want, we'll leave as soon as the tower rises again."Oh, but have you not realised it yet? The tower won't raise itself in a long time, at least not until the threat is over."And I suppose this happens often? If so, how come I've never seen your, wait, did you say tower?"She had slipped there for a moment, the slip of a tongue which might've cost her a bit or so.'I mean, the castle, I guess my tongue took the better of me this time. There's nothing wrong with a mistake, is there?"But you meant the tower, haven't you? That one."Wait.' Sargent interrupted as well. It wasn't likely that he knew what to expect or to say, but likely he had been aware of something during his own journey. The dreadful, dreadful one that he remembered of. He had seen something similar to that of which they had been describing, and it seemed that for once, she had stopped acting as antagonistic as she could possibly act.'Well, I guess, this might be a common ground between the two of us, but don't let that fool you that we may have an understanding.'I've seen it, I know I have, in my hole, on my machine. That must've been what you saw as well, I know it has to."Were you going to contribute with something of value then? No? Then I'd kindly advice you to let adults speak for once. For once, I think this invasion of privacy might not be as unneeded as I originally thought, so please, don't force me to change my mind.'Marlene, was her name, as for the quick introduction and slightly tensed conversation, she had decided it was fair to speak with them.As rough as they both appeared, and blunt as they came, this was rather interesting to hear about.'You wouldn't be surprised by this but I have thought it to be a part of fiction for the longest time possible."And why is that?' Asked Sargent, while he was looking around, with both of his boots by the ear, trying to get through a few books from a pile in search of something interesting. He wasn't much of a reader that one, but as long as he looked like he cared, they wouldn't be as likely to question.'For once, at least, it appears as being quoted in about every piece of literature over here. Even if there's not much about it, at least not in a concrete kind of information, everyone appears to have come into contact with it at least once through their lifetime.'A peculiar thing to have connected every one of them, but that begged the question. 'What is it? From what I could remember, it's not beyond reach, that tower lays somewhere in the city."Eddias, you don't think the tower is outside as well, do you? In the world from which we came from? Where day comes with a flash of light and there's nothing to beware?"I don't know about that, but if it is out there, that means there could be trouble there as well, and we cannot risk that."What are the two of you supposed to do, then? You can barely handle being in a library."Then join us, Marlene, we could use another pair of hands and a working brain to guide us around. The castle won't disappear by the time of your return, please.' He appeared sincere, but there wasn't any way she could leave this prison of hers, not yet. She said. "I decline your offer and I feel as if I have to remind you this. Both of you are guests in my home and perhaps I may assist you in your needs, but I won't abandon this place for anyone's plea.' What were they to do now? It looked like it was rather hopeless. They weren't heading in any right direction whatsoever. At least they had the means to kill the time.'But won't you at least try escaping from this place? It doesn't seem like it may fancy you living here for the rest of your life."What do you need of me? Are you in need of an army of men and women to do what exactly? As opposed to him, I'm not wearing army boots or trying to hind who I am.That isn't my purpose nor do I seek anything less."Then so be it, we'll head below if you refuse to help us and seem to be too preoccupied with your books and other distractions.'With that, he stormed below. If there was something wrong with the way he went, it was that dreadful manner with which the torment came. He couldn't have looked at it any other way, seemingly so. It was to be his way or none at

all. Sargent followed, unlike him, he wouldn't have enjoyed being left alone with her on her own terms and ground. They had to go down there, lacking in wits, who asked for that? But he followed nonetheless. 'Why did you have to annoy her like that?' 'I? Of all the people? I couldn't have done anything for her, it was pointless to continue that intriguing conversation, she wasn't going to spill anything to us either way.' 'She could've helped us look for that tower at least.' 'Leave that alone, it's the least of our problems, we need to look for a way out through this way, some tunnel or anything else would do.' 'But hadn't she said it was some kind of endless trip, from which there'd be no way out?' 'You don't really believe her, do you?' He smiled a little, unsure of himself either. Everything he knew at least was that he needed to prove her wrong in any circumstance possible. Whatever happened in-between after would be less than what could be expected. Dreadful, nonetheless. The books were covered with brown and dark leathery cases. You could feel the scent of wax as you made your way through. It wasn't necessary for the least to pay attention to anything around, even if they were to fall, they couldn't be hurt. But as they descended and ignored the reek of knowledge, it appeared that they couldn't have amassed something less than what they had. It was a harrowing amount of slimy bookish insects. They had sharp corkscrews coming out of their small round bodies and seemed to have acquired a new taste. Something in their reflection seemed to bother both of them the most. For their pinkish bloated amber-like stone covers seemed to bear the words they had eaten during their previous stay. Eddias listened closely only to hear the words whisper to him the most dreadful things alive. 'Taste us, taste us, taste us, milord.' 'Devour my sons by granting me eternal life. Please do not let me die this way, in agony, rotting there. He understood. They spent enough time down there. From the dating from between the pages it looked like strange times had come. It seemed like they became mad carriers of phrases. 'Get off of me you tiny pests.' 'Let us come, we need an entryway in your body.'

An eerie sound came from near his ear and for a second both him and Sargent looked at one another, trying to figure out whether or not they heard the same thing. Not that it mattered, as it appeared to be less than important. A dreadful thing indeed. 'There, I knew we would find some way out, look, Sargent, it's a door.' 'Indeed it was, it looked like out of all the places they could've made it through, it was finally over. A heavy sound of clockworks could be heard, coming from behind the door. The icky substance which made the transition between the books and the wood which laid between them appeared to be just another ink-replaced, an organ of sorts. It seemed like the pests had taken leaps and fled from it, in fear from that pulsating organ, from which tubes went inside the books and pushed through some kind of depravity. 'We should've known it couldn't have expanded that far, as for eternity?' 'There might be something dangerous there Flinch, in case you were wondering. Why else would she try hiding it so desperately if not for this reason alone?' They tried looking at it from a rather bleak view. The point was that up there, there was a mess, it was unclean, the books had been thrown or fallen on themselves. Even the view wasn't one of grandeur but rather, a tragedy, for the maiden who locked herself in and refused to go. Both felt as if she was trapped there for as long as those creatures stood. 'Not until we can stop it.' 'What was that?' 'Nothing Sargent, it's only that I thought of something great, we may finally make it through at last. This journey may be over sooner than you think.' With that, he opened the door, to the dark against which the floors below lit and suddenly started raising themselves to their level. It was an elevator, meaning they were going deeper. A strange thing, a realisation came, looking down there, between the elevator frame and the small plot of wood on which they stood. Right near the organ, which was dirty itself, there was a lack of perfection there. There

wasn't anything clean in the least. 'See what I'm seeing there?' 'I was about to ask the same thing, you don't suppose that once we go down there, we may not find a way back, do you?' By that, he didn't mean that they could get lost in the least, rather that they could be at risk of something else. 'There's only one way to find out whether or not we're in danger, but even if we were Sargent, this might be our very chance to make things right, if you understand me.' 'I don't think I do, you took me out of my hole and I think it's great that I managed to see something else, but, what about this? Surely, we cannot leave her there, trapped like that.' 'Good point and believe me when I tell you that this is exactly what I was expecting you to say.' His grin said it all, it looked as if he had become just as ready to blow from excitement, as he thought, it was for her own good. But how exactly where they to do it? It looked dangerous for starters, the way it pumped, it could be venom for his fingers, mightily vile for his skin as well. Before he could guess it, there could be irreparable damage which would spread, alas, through both of them, not to mention that it could be something which might not be easily repaired. But there was a way, he looked at it. 'See those tubes that come out of it? Are you thinking what I'm thinking, or am I the only one of the two of us who thought it to be some kind of heart-looking organ?' 'I don't know, I suppose there's only one way to find out, isn't it?' He took one of the books and ripped out its pages, folding them up and curling them in small clusters of paper-balls. It was a masterpiece on both sides, as soon as spat on them and made them ready. 'Now it's your turn, my aim isn't what it used to be, for that I'm rather afraid.' 'Very well, I'll make do with what I have then.' He did, within four throws, the holes were blocked, the airway shafts pulled the folded paper sheets deeper inside, but still not through enough. It was then that Flinch closed it and kicked the hart, triggering a desperate bump, before he quickly retreated in his corner. It was a terrible experience, dreadful to watch in any meaningful way. For, as much as it had shown itself to be that way, the dread had only manifested itself as a way of pumping itself into a stroke. The blood started pushing out and breaking through the various openings it started making. 'I don't think it's supposed to act that way.' Which was enough said, as a matter of fact, there wasn't any clue to what extent it would act towards. As soon as Sargent closed his mouth, he noticed a darkening, a degeneration which spread across the field above. Both of them followed, looking through the books from which they have taken the sheets of paper and noticed the words distort. They were unreadable now and looked rather decrepid as if they had been written by an insane man. 'Don't try touching any of them, we might get something out of it if we don't care around.' 'I'll do my best, don't worry, we should be able to continue this way if we pay enough attention.' He bit his own tongue after he pushed towards one of the walls to his right. Whatever the books were made out of, now turned to mush as soon as he pushed his hand through. It was terrible, worse than that. As they reach the top, both of them turned to the woman, only to notice her descend into some kind of mental breakdown, basking into the darkening, as it bloomed in a field of dark grass. That's what the library had become, a mass of black and tainted, curling things, which were barely even filled with anything no longer. 'What have the two of you done? Because I know that the two of you are at fault! Oh, I promise you, that against all, you'll both suffer for it. I'll make sure you're going to suffer just as much as I have.' 'There's no time for that, there never was. You either come with us and roam through or you waste away in here.' 'He's right you know? I had lived in my hole for far too long and your prison only now came to be. Don't do the same as I have, not when you got a chance. Be reasonable.' Said Sargent, be reasonable. It was his advice to her, and it seemed for a moment there that she listened to you. 'If I were to leap, would you catch me?' 'Of course, we will just hurry until this

entire place turns into a pool, I don't know how much longer it might last and this might be your only chance. His voice might've been distant, for as much as he had been aware. There had been danger there for a moment, but she took that leap of faith and they came down the stairs. 'Careful, it might be slippery.' 'Damn cretins, why have you done it?' 'Calm down woman, can't you see that it was all an illusion, can you even remember anything you've spoken or read about?' It was that click that shook her off, for as much as she had relentlessly caressed them as her children, she couldn't remember a single spoken word. Not in her language either way. What she remembered instead were the various scribbles made by the mad. Mad. Was she the one who wrote everything there? As they made their way through she hadn't said a word, but Marlene was certain of it, she had written every single book there. Much to her credit, she must've been in a trance of some sort, which trapped her into the nothingness, the trap through which she only regurgitated her own broken words in her poor, poor mind. 'It was all because of me, it must've been.' 'No, this wasn't your fault, that thing was it.' They both point at what appeared to have been a dead organ. It had curled up into something much smaller, leaving behind a crater-like formation, dire-black, with all the tubes hanging in the air around it like a circle, dripping what was left of the liquid. Alas, it had been done, and the platform was still waiting. Out of the three of them, Marlene couldn't help it but watch in fear at the tiny thing. It had had so much power of her. Had this been it all along? Could it truly be the thing which held her there without being in the least aware? There wasn't any way of telling whether or not it would return, but at least she had tried mourning what was left of her time. 'Are we going to step on the platform or not? I cannot be the only one who's waiting for something to happen, can I?' She glanced around, looking rather pale. It wasn't as if there could be something up with her. The dizziness had taken full effect at least, once they came onto the platform and had been taken down the hole. While they were silently taken down, the eeriness followed them down there, taking them by surprise. It wasn't safe where they were heading, at least not in the way they thought it would be. As long as they were there, far away from where the organ had been there wasn't in the least a way to know whether or not they had been safe. The platform stopped soon enough and what they have been greeted by was some sort of shaft which ran forth. 'Shouldn't we have taken a light with us or something? I feel like it may have been a lot safer with one.' Marlene thought as she glanced about. But neither of them responded, rather, they seemed to pace themselves faster than it was needed for one such as her to follow. It was dreadful down there. At least from her point of view, there wasn't in the least some order, the mad things seemed to have scraped at invisible walls during some vile encounters. That alone had her wonder whether or not anyone had been there at all. 'Marlene, do you mind answering me a question?' 'Not at all, go ahead.' She responded with a shortness of breath which had been uncommon for her. This problem with her breath had been something new, that shouldn't have bothered her somehow. But it had, and there wasn't any sort of way with which she might get through it. Well, it was either that or to return, she could follow or get back to mourning her place. Which option could she take? Could it be that it was far too late for her to make a move now? 'Marlene, are you feel all right?' She snapped out of it as soon Sargent inquired of her. It wasn't too far off now, the first object they could see in the distance. Rather, it seemed that they were caught in the moment to care much for what was going around. 'Indeed, I'm rather well, you don't need to worry about me, I think I can take care of myself and I.' She stopped, out of breathe again, there wasn't a way to stop it, but she knew that it would only get worse. 'Look, I found something.' It was Flinch's voice, even though it

was somewhat queer now. The seemingly weak man did something in the dim light, managing to get around and grip some sort of crane device. That shouldn't have been there, at least not under his library, but she had suspected it was part of the device that kept lowering and raising the castle-like formation which kept hold of her library. 'Don't touch that yet, if you don't mind. I think that's supposed to be important, at least from what I suppose it to be.' She was unaware herself that she had blushed. It was a nervous thing that she did when she felt either afraid or anxious.

That way, down there, she could feel her own heart beating faster and faster, slowly heading into some kind of stroke. 'Are you feeling all right? That's all we're trying to find out, are you going to be fine?' There wasn't an answer which could satisfy either of them, nor could she pinpoint the exact cause of her problem. But at least that was enough to make them stop. Something about the devices affected her, in a way of which she hadn't dared to even stare too much at the crane. And there were others as well, plenty of devices lying around, being set on various positions, doing strokes against the ceiling. 'I want to get out of this place, at least for as long as I'm here, I need to get out.' She was dead serious and in some sort of bizarre way, they were mesmerised by her pain. There was a desperate need to help her, which prompted both to ignore the danger which the machines imposed down there, while left unattended and take the weak creature which lay in front of them as far away as possible. That's when it finally lit. A strange light lit, from every side, some kind of industrial type of system, from what either of them could tell. It started like a beacon, when one of the engineers, by the likes, came to have himself noticed by them. At first

the light was too strong, but they had lowered it. How many of them were out there? There wasn't any notice whatsoever of that, they were kind of lost, at least, from the likes of which it hadn't made a difference. As strange as it had looked, those were humanoids and were to be approached. 'Careful now, I don't like the way their suits look

like.' It was Sargent who pointed that out, but he was sort of right about it. Their hoods covered some kind of transparent bowl, sealed but caught on tubing from every side. From behind there appeared to be two more arms that didn't belong, their forms having been tailored there against the strange materials from the kind of which their suits were made. A neutral colour though, far too reflective, and less blunt than it would've been expected. There wasn't any way to determine if they were friendly, or if they were intruders and would be held accountable for that. They

haven't given any signs that they were that disturbed by the fact that they were there. As a matter of fact, they moved slowly and waved their hands at them, strangely per say. Something wasn't entirely right, which was even more obvious as they made their way through. First of all, they weren't greeted as well as they thought they would, not well received either, rather, they were treated like they were contaminated. It was sort of strange, but more of them came from their strange wide holes in the walls and pushed through, far enough to reach. Wherever they were coming from, it didn't appear to be inviting at all, neither were the men and what they were preparing to do. As soon

as they came into contact, everything became tenser, far more than it had been previously thought it'd be. Apparently, they didn't seem too keen on the idea that they were there, not even in the least. Soon enough, the three of them found themselves surrounded, staring at their own reflections, rather dumbfounded than in any kind of immediate danger. 'Who are you? What are you intending to do with us?' There was a short break in the air strokes Marlene felt, with which she had approached it at a faster pace now. For starters, she looked rather pleased of herself and what she had done. While being close enough to one of them men, she snatched one of the tubes out of reach only to reveal a hard gases pushing forth. The one hiding there desperately fought to catch the wriggling tube, to no

avail. Everyone stepped back and looked at him. As soon as his mad dance ended, he appeared to be still as every other tube popped out. Even their tiny group of three retreated once they noticed what the on-going thing. That wouldn't end well, though Flinch, as he prepared to sprint in a different direction. But his fear was kind of short-lived, as a matter of fact, it hadn't looked that out of place. 'I don't think I was supposed to do that, what are we going to do now?' 'Keep moving slowly, no sudden movements, you don't want to let them see you act in a strange manner if you understand.' She sniffed around, the gases which had been left out of its body were dreadful. It was outwardly impossible for a human being to breathe through such lung corruption, but when the pressure managed to build itself past that point, it had revealed itself. In its true form, a human-lookalike, rather starved and squinted. It looked like some sort of dehydrated sort of dreadful being, with two pairs of mouths and floating long tongues that had pulled in the gas. Now they remained flaccid against his face, since there was nothing more to keep it alive. The pinkish tones had turned to grey and as it fell on itself they could all feel the bones crackle inside. 'They're all like that aren't they? We only need to pull on their tubes and they'll fall, one after another, right?' 'But they haven't attacked us, Marlene. We mustn't go for them.' 'It doesn't matter, does it? He'll just come back as soon as he can, just like the rest of us, remember?' No one told her yet, and how could either of them do it? The engineers were slowly moving away, while there seemed to be some strangeness passed between the two of them. Sargent felt that what they were doing was wrong, more so than the fact that he wasn't aware if they were as safe down there.

Enough time passed that they were half-way there, the creatures had almost escaped. 'He's not getting up, see? There, he's finally dead, without any sort of way of being brought to life. Is this what you aimed for?' That was a dreadful thing, worse than that after she realised that they'd come for her. 'We need to prevent them from entering those holes, do you understand? They may have been peaceful, but I don't think it might matter once they get through the other side.' Such a dreadful pair of thoughts, they wouldn't be surprised if it came to the conclusion that they would be hunted or taken care off. It was either they or them. No more options left but to go. The pulse came as they were half-way into the chase. Only Sargent and Flinch turned to look as something which had been flourishing from inside the fallen engineer. 'Look, he might be alive.' Both of them looked through the strange veil but turned their gazes to the sides. It seemed like a pile of blotching black wag had accumulated under. From that body-made sack, there immediately hatched an entire hive of strange big and squashed long insects. Multiple pairs of wings extended and made the utmost dreadful sound known to man. 'This is why they avoided being murdered down there; we need to flee before they catch us!' There wasn't any argument whatsoever there, just the fear they all felt, the anxiety of the deal. They outpaced and outran those engineers and have entered one of the holes. Some kind of strange motion system detected their movement and let them through. It felt strangely pleasing in a peculiar sort of way, but that was it. 'We could try doing this, I don't know if it might work but it's worth the try.' She licked her lips as she began pounding against one of the panels there. It had been strongly unadvised but she had done it either way. They could all feel the holes tighten there, straight under their eyes, which was the key to it. 'Break all of them, don't let any of them come inside.' And while they were busy going around, they have failed to be caught on by the strange texture and the plainness of the room they were in. But no one was there, other than them. So there was no other reason whatsoever to be looking into it, other than the fact that they could be taken by surprise. It was getting awfully close to move around there, especially since there was nothing to be expected from either of them. Soon

enough, there appeared some carrier of light, a tiny head-shaped body with two small arms and legs coming out of its own sides. Once the first frightful look came they had been encased. Whatever was is that look of fright, the lack of might it displayed didn't seem to matter. Each of them had been encased in some invisible barrier which held no air. All because of some tiny evil creature there, which couldn't help but notice some intruders who made their way inside their operating base. It was an awful sight, how they would writhe in agony, grasping for a single more breathe of air that wasn't even going to come. There wasn't in the least a way, neither of which appeared to be able to come any closer under those circumstances. They all tried screaming to no avail, as, not only were they not listened, but they couldn't hear one another there. Even though that scrawny thing was doing its best, they were still far away from collapsing. 'Sargent, go for its throat, don't let it get a grip on us again.' Out of the three of them, he was the only one who managed to keep some of his composure, at least to the point where he could just run through, with his lungs still at half capacity. The two of them were lying on the floor, trying desperately to breathe and not to wreathe in the collapse. A sight more awful couldn't have been thrown to sight. They were distracted by the fact that neither of them had seen Sargent act that way before. He stopped his charge and pushed the tiny creature down, wrapping both of its hands around its clearly visible breathing parts, after which, he pushed. There was little he could do then, as a matter of fact, it was all and all pitiful. From most of its pores there came this substance which acted like a preservation tool. As it started foaming bubbles around what was left of the breathing mechanism, the creature had hardened and become part of the floor, taking in the texture and becoming only a small bump on it. 'I don't want to feel that again, not from another one of those small creatures, if there are more of them out there. Flinch, I need you to get us out of here.' 'Why am I supposed to do anything? I'm not the one who got us in this mess.' 'But you are and it's your fault as well that we almost died.' 'Please, both of you stop. I need to listen, do you hear that?' She'd been the only one who had been keeping a tight ear on the ground. It hadn't been that peculiar for her to hear sounds any longer. And now, it had come in handy to listen to the track of the damned. Neither of them knew, or barely suspected, but she had died there and inside of her there came another. One creature had drilled through the soles of her feet and walked through her body. In mere seconds it had managed to burst inside her skull and grow its mass of oily dark, becoming what seemed to be partially human and more so in terms of being a brainless anomaly which spoke out of the pieces of the brain it had collected and kept inside. 'They have stopped trying to get inside. I think there's no other chance for us to return that way, not with what we have.' Both were reluctant to admit it but she had been right, there wasn't any chance or reason that they knew of, to help them make their way, henceforth, they made the only decent thing which was to keep moving forward. It was this unknown room which pulled them in. With each step taken, they felt disoriented, at least, in the first seconds of their walk, by the time they reached a wall to hang on, this felt like a walk through some unlit room that kept their motions locked, their eyes thoroughly tired so they could be slowed at another. 'Where's the woman? Where did she go? She was there a second ago, Sargent, have you seen her leave?' There it was, one second she was there whilst in the other, she had disappeared. There wasn't any kind of explanation whether or not she had been taken, as there was no scream, or if she tried running away from them and making on her own behind. In the distance, one of the holes opened only to suddenly close. No one or nothing came back in. There wasn't any warning or some way of knowing, but the walls had taken an extra step into coming down on them. It had become too close for comfort, and they weren't

moving at all. 'Let's head there before we're caught on those smaller ones again.' 'Flinch, I don't know how to tell you this, but I don't think we may be able to see her again.' 'What makes you say that?' 'Call it a hunch.' Said Sargent. They both appeared to be hunching, as they made their way through one of the holes, seeing some kind of reluctance from it. Not that it was alive, by any means, their motion was the only thing which had been detected, but it did appear to have some kind of consciousness that made it show that reluctance. It bore some heat, the place was rather big. It almost felt like the entire place was a hall and not only a tunnel. There were far more openings near their sides, from which they could throw some looks outside. From there they found the port. Perhaps it wasn't exactly a port per se, rather some kind of combination of the parasitic improper soles that covered their ships which gave that impression. 'Am I the only one who sees this? Could I be dreaming or is this some kind of ship area? Just how far are their tunnels going?' Sargent quickly noticed before the two of them that there was more than met the eye to it. They didn't look like flying ships but more likely designed only to walk through the tunnel and return. He explained to them what he noticed first, the kind of railing system underneath which pushed forth into the dark. 'Get down, quickly.' There were four of them below, making sure everything was going right. They couldn't have been more discreet while they were walking, but going around wasn't right. Mostly, all three of them have become sort of disoriented by the looks of which they couldn't even properly interact with the panels. Even though bashing them in worked before, it was a high risk since it could alert them of their presence. It was, more or less a risk on its own. 'Crested thing, you, won't be getting through.' Flinch, to his own surprise had caught one rat-sized dark armoured creature by its tail. Immediately, as that happened, he managed to wrap himself around the shell and hold it as tightly as possible, without even daring to look back. It felt soft, enough that he started punishing the creature for being caught, tearing at it until it broke to pieces. 'What was that for?' Sargent almost fell for the creature, but turned around, it revealed a set of incisors which pointed directly at the tail. It moved backwardly in order to prepare for some leap of a kind, but it had been more important to figure out whether or not he knew of that. The man had known of the creature even before it had revealed itself from the camouflage it wore around its body, but Sargent didn't push forward. Not now, when it would be grave to ask a question. 'I think we have spent too much down here.' At the threshold which had been past the hallway from which they noticed their ships, they stood watching and creeping at the one whom entered. It was tall, even for them and moved slowly. Something about it looked wrong, as if it had been somewhat jeopardised by the way it was moving alone. 'Flinch, look down there, right below the stomach.' He pointed at it and everything appeared to have clicked with him as well. There were the marks of some sort of cut made there, a wicked type which didn't have anything to do with anything whatsoever. Could there have been some fight or something of the sort? Neither of them could tell, what was important was the fact that it didn't fear and the movements inside of its body, which competed with the on of the arms and legs were too angular and peculiar to be the ones of either a man or one of them. Both decided it would better to have it locked there, while bashing the panel on the other side, they couldn't change the fact that they had been noticed. 'You do realise that if it wants to, or even stumbles around, it could jump through one of the holes, right? And that's our only plan for escape now.' 'I'll hear none of it Sarge, there's already much at stake that I'm not trying to worry about.' As well as plenty of secrets which were kept away? Nonetheless, they went through angular tubes which led farther into their strange base, and the farther they went, the more they started encountering those small armoured creatures. 'Just who

lets them breed this way? And where are the other engineers? This place should've been swarming with them.' 'I don't know, maybe they just left because the minor inconvenience they were met by when those came.' It wasn't much to go on, but they were mostly passive, if not squished now and again. There wasn't any kind of resistance or woe met when they killed some of their brothers, as it turned out for them to be as brainless as they appeared to be aggravated by their presence. It was then that they have come into contact with their group. Three of them were carrying materials in some sort of lucid-shaped bags which dripped of something unnamable. It was fascinating at most. They had not been aware that the two of them had been the cause of death of at least a few of their kin. Nothing would've been worse than what was believed to be their. 'Let me make the first move, nothing serious here, I just need to establish contact through some way.' He looked sure on himself, pale and single of this concept of kin. Perhaps he had been taken from a different era because he and Sargent looked rather different in the way they acted and had thought. This was the moment when he realised that there was nothing wrong, yet the noises gave him a different impression. They were coming straight out of the room he had suspected to be the hangar, the one he had peered in. And he wasn't the only one who had become suspicious of it, as it just happened for them to look in the same direction as he had, at the same time. Slowly but surely, they had lowered their cargo and stared at them. 'We have to establish some sort of understanding if we are to escape.' By that he could see that neither of them gave signs of having known what he said. It had become apparent to him that he would have to act primal, like the ape he thought he was. With a crooked finger, he pointed at the door, signaling that they wanted to go. One or two steps would be more than enough to signal them what he wanted. At least as long as they weren't perceived as some kind of threat, they could go ahead and make it through without getting hurt. There wasn't any other intention which could come to mind, they have caught off with the expectation of some kind of dreadful way in which they could be taken back. Soon enough they might be attacked, through some kind of wrong way that might make them regret the fact that they've come into contact with them. Compact as they were, the engineers were undeniably dangerous, at least from the way they wanted to get rid of them. It would be enough to despair there and never return to anything which might even be remotely sane, but that wasn't an option. Not any longer, at least. When the door opened and it came stumbling like a drunken fool, there was a feeling of terror which was at least unexpected. The engineers were the least dangerous things there now. Both Flinch and Sargent backed down, trying to somehow go around and enter the hole. A few of the engineers noticed the state in which the other one was and decided it was time for them to retreat as well, only that it was too late for that and there'd be no return. As soon as one would come to the realisation that there was no way to fight it, only to run, they could do something. But that had come far too late, as it just happened for it to lay one of his hands on top of the bowl and break it. The shockingly horrid humanoid backed away, only to reveal that it wasn't dead yet. 'Sargent, I think something's in the air, he hasn't started foaming like the others despite his broken mask.' 'I was thinking the same thing, but look, an opening.' He was even quicker to point out that they had a slim chance to get through. It wasn't much but they would do whatever they could, even though it meant that there wasn't any other way back. At least from this side, more of the big ones came through, straight from the main door, breaking whatever lay in their path. It had become something akin to some blood-like invasion. Some sort of parasitical force or virus had infiltrated, the likes of which would damn them both. 'I think I could make one of the ships go through.' He said with a bit of effort. There would be no regards for the strange

encounter. As soon as they both saw her, there were questions there which shouldn't have been thought, not only that, but it had become apparent that there was something wrong with her body. 'Leave her, look at her lower side, she's not a human any longer.' As they both peered below, they saw that she had merged with a part of the ship, at least the one which had a side of all the controls which were needed in order to function. The other ship was empty but they couldn't risk being followed. 'What do you suppose we do about the other one? About the one she's in? As soon as they'll see her, there'll be no way. Think, damn you, they've spotted us. The engineers are already dead, we're going to get surrounded.' 'Get in the ship then Flinch. Now, don't think, do it!' There wasn't enough time to think about their actions, only to act, that's what he had said. For someone who had allegedly been a coward in the war, he acted quite bravely there. In a moment's notice, he punched through the control board and pulled the guts out of the engine, as if the ship was partially alive. It made a wicked sound and had wriggled as it reached the floor. The woman made as much of a tainted thing without the notice, she spewed on herself and suddenly the parasitic entity decayed. Such an explanation would be reckless and helpful to less than a clever soldier like himself. 'Get in already, what were you waiting for?' 'I was making sure.' He had been caught off by the invaders. They were there, with their heads much bigger, their arms almost giant. First of all, they defaulted to the first ship and seemed to change around the edges. This was alien to him, the way it worked and pushed around. A dreadful spree of thought made him feel that he was wrong. If that thing wouldn't start because of him, he'd be abashed. Taken by them in a most automatic manner, through which he'd suffer at their hands. Only now he realised the terror which he saw in his reflection, against one of the closed upper region of the ship. Yet it somehow came naturally to him, alas, the ship had started. 'Sargent, you're a genius, a genius I say. Mad man, you saved us both.' The wail that could be felt through the rails made a signal which hadn't been expected. At least they could worry not about being caught, for reasons of which the railing stopped. They were on the ground no more. What they saw and felt was hard to explain in words. For space alone would rival, the endless dark. Flinch looked and could finally see through the walls that they were floating through some structural entryway of energy that passed both on the outside and through the ship. Despite what they had thought of themselves, this dreadful thing seemed to bear something to it. It was a signal, the kind of which was dreadful and filled with despair. There would be no need to look away now but they had entered their world, somewhere in their own copy of the universe. Now the gloom had faded and it had become apparent that they could be distracted no longer by what had been around. Without a doubt, this might be the place from which the source of their trouble came, or a new one which would have them despair. They had multiple planets and satellites which were inhabited by their kin. Even from the distance, it had become apparent that there was some kind of differences which weren't as keen to be ignored. What they saw was some kind of regurgitation between the planets, which just so happened to pull some of the tiny rounded satellite rocks closer to the atmosphere, even as far as going to say that they were touching their own planets and seemingly pushed others out of the way. Then, it appeared to have stopped; this entire motion and set of rotations seemed to have stopped right as they have entered their general gravitational field. For a moment there, they looked at one another, rather set on the fact that they might've been watched or seen. Here it was a strange system in space and they were just getting caught in the whole affair. 'Look, I think they've all started turning, what's the reason for that?' But the whole concoction appeared to have left a bitter taste as suddenly it turned again. Buried in the soles of each of the cosmic construct, there appeared

to be one side of a giant body, twisted, caught, cut in halves. Such were the pieces spread, a great insectoid being laid there. It was darker than the rock side and seemed to be in a somewhat living state, only if it weren't for the fact that it had occupied at least half of the planet's mass, there would've been a reason to change trajectory. Nonetheless, they were heading there, soon to land on it. 'Try not touching any of it at least. I don't want to touch any side of it we aren't supposed to. We can only assume of what could happen if something were to go wrong.' Flinch said with a kind of smirk that he had been known for by now. Sargent appeared curious about something there. Far, in the distance, there laid some kind of forming stars. Their radiance had shone through, but their colours had been pinkish-brown. As for their movements, they appeared to be akin to ambers which flew and pushed themselves, trying to be devoid of any kind of dampness which may distract from the dreadful enterprise the world had shown. 'Those aren't stars.' He said while looking away, certain on himself that perhaps Sargent hadn't heard him. But glowing eggs, they must've been protected in a layer of that putrid shining blight he had felt as livid in the sky. It was a thing he almost dreaded to forget and rather looked away at the command. There wasn't any kind of pleasant thought any longer, sadly, as the planets and their satellites turned. As soon as their rotations ended, there appeared to be some kind of opening which made itself appear, both through the atmosphere and through the planet. It was easy to observe that the main difference between their planets and the home region was the lack of solid ground. Most of the plateau was formed of floating movable mush, a morbidly obese mass having formed right under their feet, as it landed and took them in. From behind, the vastness of space seemed to have vanished under the planet's own disparity, for which there'd be no explanation whatsoever. One light shone, it was flat and gray but they were aware that the being they have spoken to weren't blind. 'I don't know where this may lead, friend. But I don't suppose this can get any worse than the hole you found me in.' But his words were bitter and had been rushed. As soon as they were brought closer to the various floating pumps, they realised that this was some kind of pseudo-life support in which the various parts had to be kept. Various groups of suitless creatures stood on floating masses of the substance that floated so freely and didn't appear to interact with anything at all. Dreadful as it seemed, they appeared to be content. Flying beings, rather, it seemed that they have non-developed wings, or rather, have gone through the evolution stage until they have evolved beyond it. They were glistening, alas. And in a moment, the ship had been taken apart. Soon enough they found themselves standing above one of their masses caught looking around. The emptiness was vague but it was there. Other than the main structures, which had no other purpose or reason but to keep their progenitor alive, they were only the masses which were used by them to stand on. 'Look down there, I think I see something.' Sharp eyes, he had, that Sargent, perhaps too well for his own. It was a moving solid mass ball of the same wriggling, dusty kind of substance which appeared to have thrown itself around and crept through. Despite trying to act decent, they have been noticed. What were they to do? Those giant organs were far too big to disrupt, they were out of their element, with their only way to escape having been left out. 'Do you think there'd be a platform for us if we were to fall?' But that question didn't have any respite any longer, though they have seemingly caught themselves off guard. It appeared that the way underneath them seemed to have been diminishing slowly, as in no way had it known the likes of men. This wasn't theirs, they didn't belong there and now, they would be driven out. 'Can you still breathe?' 'Can you?' Flinch in return. Most of the atmosphere was alike to them, but it was getting heavier, harder, pushing far deeper into their lungs. In no way could they determine

whether or not there was some way to get out of it. Pointless as it seemed, it was true, but soon enough they'd get to find out whether or not there was a way for them to return. One way through or the other, her name still appeared to ring true, what was it after so long a time? Had he not realised it yet? There was some weird sound around the district. Some people were messing around the round booth which lay in the middle of the street, despite the fact that there wasn't any kind of distraction to move around. This was the main appeal, as it seemed to have appeared out of nowhere. One day it wasn't there and the next it had moved in. Mostly men were pulled towards it, but some dame would sniff around. Something about it being out of place pulled everyone. For starters, it had been covered with some kind of plants which had grown around and over it. They came in shades of putrid yellow and green. It seemed like they were out of place there, especially when accounted for the fact that they had no roots underneath them, but rather stumps where there should've been. A distasteful thing happened that once and again it would spray an odourless scent around the place. 'What's that? Did you feel that as well?' 'I did, the dizziness, I think it came from standing too much around it, I think I need to leave.' But he was pulled back, like the other rascals whom couldn't explain why it was that they were there. A peculiar thing it was indeed, unexplainable in the least of sense. More so, there was some kind of strange happenings which made him feel that there would be nothing of the kind, worse so, that no one would notice. Throughout the night, some snuck, only to approach the booth with bags of bone and human throngs. Plenty of organs, bottles and curtains of man's blood had been brought to the mixture. It seemed like whoever managed to come up with those things had been an expert, a dreadful expert who had taken them by surprise, unable to come up with anything less mortal, the hatch opened. It seemed like a long way down there, but the wretch starved itself and spoke, alas. By their minds, akin to slaves they listened and obeyed. This was only one small cap but it was part of the giant machine in which it laid. The blasted thing seemed peculiar there, a fat lump which had grown upward, elongated, to the point of having weak limbs. 'Do not worry, our decrepit damnation, you shall deliver us from this madness and reign free once they come.' With which there came another puff around. And with each fragrance of smell, pieces of their brains seemed to decay, perhaps in the worst way possible. Only the obedient parts of their brains remained, the rest had no use which made it corrupt them even further. 'What's that? You wish us to bring you more?' Said one of them chimed in as soon as he had the chance to put on a word as well. There appeared to be some personal taste there, for that alone, the booth lifted and got pushed aside. It wasn't that hard, as a matter of fact, it was merely akin to some kind of metal cap on its head. Nothing blocked it from getting out and pulling itself out. It looked awful, like some bloated accumulation of fat which had grown lumps in every direction, bearing some yellow discoloration around it. There was confusion at the first glance, whether or not the small rounded black ball around the top of its body was its head, but it wasn't. Whatever the function that thing had, it was nothing alike the face or the head which had lost itself inside the body and had become part of the bulk. Alas, the small limbs revealed themselves and came forth. They didn't look right, but seemed to have been made to dig through dirt. As much as that connected with its bearing of the plants, it seemed to have become lady and dreadfully slow. Now that the illusion of its might was empty, it finally came out with its entire body and started slowly moving towards a lesser side of the town. 'Should we follow it?' 'What do you think of the hole then? I see that it had left something behind to grow.' Inside the hole, there seemed to be either something which would grow, or a piece of it which had been cut off. It appeared to be nimble for one its size. As soon as they had realised what was

to be done, they moved around and started pushing the cap back where it had been. This new one would grow the same way, being fed the same, knowing only the dark and leave once it had grown during one dreadful night. But for the other, there came the final destination. As soon as it had started pushing out of the fat, it revealed only the most cherished pair of twisted and interconnected pair of sickly-looking bones. They bore the kind of apathetic and seemed to bear a stench. Under all that fat, there laid the twisted limbs, which held only one rounded, curved ball which held most of its organs, covered in the deadliest of carapaces. From it sprouted something near hundreds of limbs, bone-like and without meat. Though as the meat spread below of it, there came the hunger and the time for its proper self-devouring feat. Each of the limbs punctured its shell and started pulling all the fat back in. Most of the legs had grown, but that wasn't enough. In-between the legs it formed wings out of the fat, and moved like some sort of satellite which had crashed. After the initial spins, it had the greatest of desires to get rid of the place which had taken it so few a moments to keep in check. Its servants had just arrived and it barely noticed their existence as it were. Had this been happening for years or for aeons? There wasn't any way of knowing. Confusion came, at last, as it spread its wings as farther as it could and sprayed the entire city with its mad fragrance. There wasn't any way of knowing how many of them had been affected. But throughout that night, people walked, en mass. It wasn't even a few of them, and they didn't even seem to be awake but sleepwalking under the gaze of very moon and the large being which observed them. It wasn't pleasant at all, to be looked down in such a manner but that couldn't be helped, not to mention that it was the least of the concerns to be had. Safety had become a kind of concern, of which standards couldn't be met by normal means. For a glimpse of a moment, it looked like it had come out of its carapace, holding a thin version of the long fat-one which had emerged from its hole. The top of it was still as hardened as it seemed to be but thing elongated body had attained the freedom to move around and twisted as freely as it would. At the time when the mass of people formed in front of it, that's when it started striking and wrapping around them, absorbing them inside and pulling as many as it could hold but growing less in fat. Not only was it pulling everything in its legs and wings but those things would soon be functional and soon enough, it could burst into a flight. But a dark rain had come and the amoeba-like coloured tainted started changing. It darkens at the feel of rain, the wings splashed around and suddenly it had retreated. For hours at least, safety was attained, but if rain were to continue, there was no way of knowing whether of not it could keep its grasp over them. The creature was being banished and it knew. Without a way of going forth, it change its stance and threw itself into the air. Most of its form suddenly flattened and wrapped itself like the form it had grown with and never changed. Behind it, the restless sleepers whom had walked suddenly returned to their places and walked throughout the night as silent eyeless creatures. Most loyal of servants never met their rewards, they were only tasked to stay behind and take heed of the younger one which hadn't even yet emerged. Unlikely to be surprised, as they came there, they noticed that the cap was gone. As soon as they ran to see at that point where it had been, the hole had revealed itself to be filled with the murky water. 'Let go off my hands, I have to swim down there and take it with me. It needs the air, it cannot breathe down there.' 'Take a hold off yourself brother, can't you see it's already over? He had abandoned us, it's true, but that's how it's supposed to be. Don't you get it, yet? We're free, no longer will we have to carry its will of evil throughout the land.' 'No, you don't understand me. I wanted to serve it, I wanted to follow it and do everything I said I'd do. I have been chosen, I've been his loyal servant, and how dare it abandon me that way?' He said right

before he was released. It's strange, thinking about them like that, at least in the past. He must've lost his mind then, as there wasn't any explanation on why he leaped down there and swam right to the bottom. I waited and waited for minutes, wasting as much of the night as I could possibly get away with, only to realise that he wasn't going to return. That hole had been plastered and covered with cement, all the way to the bottom, the next thing in the morning as well. Whether or not he died down there is least of my concern, but if anything, I like to think that he had followed through some kind of portal which had lead him to his master. There's no other way to look at it without getting bitter and thinking of the remorse I felt for not trying harder to stop him. The man at the bar ordered him another drink. He's been listening to his story for at least two or four clocks. Every detail, every single inquiry he had, everything was answered, even to what he wore, how much he knew of the man as well. 'Oh, he was tall, at least as tall as I am. And he enjoyed wearing this neatly tailored vest, especially made for him, dark brown and leather pants, wrapped around a snake-like belt. His beard was long and he wore a top of glasses over a scar which had extended from around his forehead to his cheek. He said he got that from some kind of fishing accident but I knew better.' 'What do you suppose happens now? Were there others under its command?' 'Oh yeah, it was Brother Matthew, Harold Glenshaw, Brood Grimmway, so on and so forth.' The list could've taken at least a few hours to complete if he were to start listing everyone who had contributed before that dreadful night. 'But if I understood correctly, neither of them had actually arrived that night, have they?' 'No, they haven't it, a damn shame as well, we were expecting them to be present upon its release. But a strange thing happened, as I came to realise that they had actually been dead, for a while as well.' 'By dead you mean.' 'Lost, never to be seen, no bodies, missing, that kind of thing but let me tell you this. Every word of advice that you may hear if you get yourself involved in this type of activity. Once you're in, there's no way out and once you've heard about it, it might be too late already.' He got nervous for a moment there, kind of paranoid. He looked around the bar, good bark underneath, warm candles and the curtains had blocked the view outside. But somehow he knew that they would be waiting for him outside to get out. This could very well be his last drink there, not to mention that he'd be lost by the knees as soon as he'd find a way out. They were weak by now, shaking at the thought that he was the last one to know and whoever was looking for him wouldn't be less cruel than it was expected. His beer mug had arrived and he couldn't see where the tongues laid on the top of the clock. Had they stopped moving? It appeared so, especially now, while the fellow looked at him confusedly and tried shaking him as hard as he could. It felt surreal, everything around him seemed to have stopped or slowed down. Only this man who tried getting at him seemed to be listening. But it was late and he excused himself. By the top of the tablet he left a small blank of fifty and excused himself. It was unclear exactly where he went, for he took upstairs and seemed to have lost himself in the place. Without a doubt, this was the only time when one would have to seek as hard as he could, only to find a trace of the man. 'Excuse me, if you will, bartender, but what's upstairs?' 'It's the other lounge.' He smiled a bit, despite him not understanding what he meant by that. Not to mention that he had been intoxicated at large as well, which made him decide he should've taken the bait and followed through. He was by the stairs, without realising that he had already climbed and got there. 'Would this be the other lounge?' He appeared distressed himself when he failed to see the fellow anywhere, but for what it was worth, this did look like what it had been called. Rather empty, with only a few people standing around and waiting. A strange thing as well as there were no other floors above this one and there'd be nothing to rent. The

exact purpose had been lost on him, at least by means alone. Behind a counter which stood straight above the one at the bar, there laid a man. He was hard to look at, something was missing and he himself couldn't figure out exactly what. The image of the man was stagnating evil. Something was wrong and he couldn't exactly pin-point what.

Perhaps that wasn't even a man, he saw no arms and no legs after all. Merely serpentine coils dropped from underneath. Could it be that he saw it for what it was then? But wasn't this place where the man who had told his story went? 'Excuse me, if you don't mind, but have you seen a man come this way, a few minutes ago?' There was some time specification there, but that had been completely lost, by the likes alone of which he couldn't be rid off were lost on him. He couldn't stand any longer despite having had only a few drinks. What had they put in there? No answer either from that thing, which only stared and moved inches at time. He could swear on the fact that it had somehow pushed through the counter and walked through it, in the manner of which he needn't any answer at that. He had been touched by it as it went through. By then, he turned and saw the window only to realise what the ruckus outside was for. It was the same man at the bottom, legs twisted and a look of supreme distress on his face. He had been surrounded and covered by a black bag as he had been taken away from sight. But those weren't any kind of men to whom you could look at. Under their hoods they seemed to have scrawny bodies which could be seen as wrapped around by their bears. In their eyes, and that had been important, there was red globes, almost made of red stone which floated instead of their pupils. 'What exactly is going on in here?' He asked himself as he got away, walking on his back, until the point he hit the wall and fell on the stairs. There was another shock that night, following the disappearance case of the man. 'May you rest with us, Brother Martin?' His voice had been deep and it seemed that it crept inside his head. Even though the man had attempted to end his own life, he had been carried by the couple of figures. Not only him either, for they seemed to have arranged with the bartender that he'd be taken as well. The witnesses have been disposed of and there was only one thing which needed to be done forth. Both bodies had been united and brought to the same pointed barrel. It was evenly crossed with metal pins and wrapped from every single side. Until that night, there hadn't been a need to carry bodies at such a risky place, but times had changed. There were those whom they could trust and they weren't going to take kindly what was going everywhere around. But slowly, they had taken both of their bodies underneath the channel, in their underground crypts, smuggled into a place where they couldn't have been disturbed. The flaccid scent seemed to have crept inside the room where the bodies had been stored, but the stench of death was far stronger than it had been expected. Worse than that was the fact that they had thrown away what they wore, revealing their almost starved bodies. What mad force of nature could've kept them in that manner? They looked rather strange, but felt even worse. Humanity was in them no longer, just as well as it could be said of their sanity. Secretive abominations, as they were, this was great. As much as they tried hiding themselves, this was fresh meat, something to be worked on. Both of them were placed on two stone slabs which had lain inside their crypt. It was large enough to hold as many as they pleased themselves with. For them, it had become some kind of game, or rather, a way to taste their many tools. Simple reanimation wasn't enough, at least not for them, knowing that the bodies were still kind of out of order. Neither one would survive, at least not until there was some kind of dire change that could take place. 'Why can't I move my limbs?' One of the sitting corpses said. Whatever happened to him there had been more enough to scare the poor fellow, as he couldn't see, wasn't able to move, no muscle spasms, only his voice and the general feeling of cold

seemed to be prevalent. Nothing else appeared to distract him from the fact that he was in a place he didn't enjoy being in, rather than dislike. He had been gripped by the throat and a dire force didn't let go. 'Please, don't choke me, I beg you. Free me, I'll give you my accounts, my apartment' His throat had been filled with some insects and other crawling creatures which lay in dirt. They had fallen from the top of the crypt, the part of which had kicked in.

One more prevalent detail was the fact that some kind of miasma was floating around, accompanied by some colourless mist that crept in every crevice. It had been great for the bones, for it allowed them to grow once again and expand. 'We shall pick you to join us and prove yourself in the hunt. If you are worthy, you shall join us and walk on the plains of darkness for as long as your body remains untouched.' As he spoke, a cold hand entered his body and there seemed to be some kind of process, finally involved. There were a lot of whispers, as if many watched this kind of process in which organs were removed, pieces were replaced, and mostly, the body had been taken care off in the most dreadful manners. The skin dissolved the muscles spasms began before the mass quickly fell apart and crawled on the side. What came after were some kind of secret techniques which have been passed through them from immortal to immortal. A hand-full made of crawling worms inserted directly into his lungs, another one of crawling beetles came into his guts, after which the ball of flies entered his heart. His body quickly decayed from that and blackened, a robe having grown from the inside of his bones and crept out. There was a dreadful need to shout and attempt to flee but that wasn't him any longer. He knelt, this stranger as he said. 'Master, how may I please?' It was great, for he was needed, called upon the plains. He wasn't entirely turned, as this was merely a test to see if he would grasp at his humanity, most of the muscle and skin would grow back in the few hours they needed to prove that he was the right choice. A dreadful tale, it seemed to be, as neither one of them contempt, did see. There was a black trail of smoke coming from the woods, as it became much clearer that they have been waited for the longest hour. Fingers have been cut and crossed on top of the tall oaks, with their nails carved through the most decrepit ways possible. Dreadful, dreadful thing did seem to creep about, in a fashion which did reveal what they have done there. A hut had lain there, on top of the far hill. Its host had been brought down and taken care off before he even had the chance to fight back. It was a shame that he hadn't proven himself as being the one which was needed, but alas, they had something to do. Rulers they would be, and their rule would be regretted.

It was an attempt there, for they looked pale all of the sudden. The only one they had expected had been there, impaled by some kind of device which had thrown a multitude of arrows. Their strength alone shouldn't have been enough, but as one of them approached, he felt at it, just how his hand wriggled in pain. 'It had been touched with blessed water, brothers, this is an affront.' His crooked teeth suddenly appeared yellow under the light of the moon.

There had been a general swoon which seemed to creep into them. Yet neither of them moved from the place. Strangely, it seemed like they had been caught around a small camp, a ditch more likely as it would be called, all confused, standing. Neither of them had been properly taught how to fight, since they were mostly used to bringing down men and converting them into the dreadful things they had become. 'Enough of this, I'll wait no longer to make a move.' A voice, which belonged to a man, did reveal itself. Soon enough, it had been joined by a few others, which had crept around from the shadows and surrounded the gloomy hole in which these abominations had found themselves. Out of them, the most scared of men was the one who had been forced to join them, for he knelt and almost begged not to be killed. 'Get up, you pathetic wretch, there'll be no one to be saved from this slaughter,

unless you are a man, which I can clearly see that you are not, I'll make it so you leave.' He had been certainly afraid of it, but refused to get up and put on a fight. It would appear that only they were going to put forth a challenge. Damned peasants, they looked like damned criminals to be brought to the chopping block. It mattered little, at least their deaths would be swift, and for no man could kill one of their own while they were there. 'Before you make a move and fire your crossbow, look into my eyes and see how pointless your actions are. Even those of us which you have killed still reign over the realm of dead.' He rose up from the position he was in, with all the stakes falling off from his body. Despite taking as much punishment as they have forced him to take, there was still the need to walk again. A dreadful horn called from somewhere in the woods as well. 'We should retreat Leor, they're coming.' One man took enough time to say and wager that it wasn't safe any longer there. There were those in the woods who made it hard to follow. Howls of that strength and magnitude made it hard to follow but they were sure there would be danger, for they were no strangers of what it was like. Dread was spread around as one of the crows arrived. It had looked putrid by the looks, missing most feathers, it seemed like a transplant had replaced half its body with that of a rodent while the other bore a single man's eye. It ate at a single thread which looked like some bloody chord and wept while doing so. 'That terrible, terrible one must be in misery.' 'Lower you bow man, there's a far more dangerous threat ahead, and a far worse one coming.' But what could be worse than them? They were dreadful necromancers, reanimators, those whom had defeated death and could walk while being blessed by immortality. Compared to them, there could be no foe, nor any thing of dread which might defy their blessings, of their own kind, less. Though the howls had gotten louder, far stronger and the men had disappeared in a flash. 'Where did those go? Where are they? They were there next to the oaks a short time ago. Find them so we may begin the ritual of hunt and you, pitiful scum, get back on your feet and travel, we're yet to make you one of us.' Despite being as late as it were, they continued through the woods and came to their most dreadful encounter. It was worse than what they had expected, as the ones who had revealed themselves were no wolves but bore their heads and trophies. What they did was only a poor imitation of a howl while they bore their heads with their long arms. Their bodies were thick and strong, almost chiselled in the pale light. From them came some sort of tail on which they walked, but underneath there could be heard the sound of feet. Even as the wolf heads bounced on the ground, it had been revealed that their arms had no hands, from inside of the apparent holes coming out what looked like long paired thin hooves that pushed tiny stings at each end. Despite their almond shaped pairs of eyes, they could see more than well and went on the hunt. A hive-like notion was in them and seemed to bear to the transmission of signs from one another through various pheromones. 'Stand still, I think they might avoid us if they think we're dead.' There came the silence after the need to avoid being caught. It seemed a bit unnecessary, as to look back at it, but better than nothing, as one would presume. A strange night indeed, as they had pressed on and only when they had gotten closer, did they notice where the men had gone. Damned two legged blistering taints, they had climbed on top of trees and seemed to bear only the deadliest smile that could be had. Wicked just as well, they would now get to see two of the pests eat each other in their benign attempt to get rid of the corruption which had spread around the forest. 'Don't do it, we can leave and promise never to return. There need to be another way, one that's fair.' Plenty of the men had smiled and only shook their heads. Those pests had stopped and only seemed to scan the area for some kind of compromise, making the entire encounter kind of strangely aghast. But they had made one dire mistake, which had suddenly

turned the tables, while the pests had come closer, they were afraid of those robed starved men, and kept their distance. But one breaking point had aggravated them, when they had to force their hands. Small rocks and branched had been thrown in a pitiful attempt to make them attack. It was infuriating, at least from their point of view, where every insignificant change seemed to produce a sound which had been quickly absorbed in their blocked heads. They turned their heads above and started climbing. 'The turns have changed, it would seem, make sure you watch and learn, for we may deal with their likes sooner or later.' The leader had spoken, his knees had been broken, but it appeared as if he could still walk. All that waiting made him feel dead, but this had to be an exception, for it was no sooner that he saw the fight, one arrow didn't go straight against them, but had went through his skull. Four more followed from different sides and brought him down. 'Bring them down, now!' Below, they moved with their robes, almost floating through the air and started ripping wood apart with their claws. There wasn't any chance that the men would survive, either they would be killed by those ghastly bags of bones and wicked hair, or by the trophy collectors. A man had shouted. 'Please, it hurts, let go of me!' His agony had been shouted and echoed throughout the night. Apparently one of them had been fast enough to grab one of the men and spread him apart, straight from the groin and enter him. The substance inside had made them both one being for enough time that it would return to its hive and as he fell, his fellow men could see only his back as he struggled to get away from a many legged-serpent tail which had been protected. Though no one spared arrows for him, as no one wanted to share their fates with him. They have been caught there with no chance of return. As the wicked old corpses came, finally in their hands again, they started ripping, started chewing. There'd be nothing else to get from swooning. In their minds there was less of a fight going on, as their thoughts were clear and needed to be done wasn't farther away. Once one of the oaks had fallen, with the men and the fiends, one of them had broken legs, while the pest had bashed its head. Quickly as one noticed, two or three who lay on the ground, stated pulling their own kin apart, right before jumping to the man. Both would be taken to their hive-minded den. 'It would seem like there's nothing to them here, just lambs for slaughter who got pulled in something they did not belong into. To think these children threatened to kill us in our own realm, in a place of our own control.' He laughed as he stroked his inside tracts, the pulmonary one especially, or what was left of it, alas. Both the men and the pests had stopped, now that they were at each other's throats, there was nothing else to do. 'You may stop chewing and ripping, I think they can handle what's going on up there. We may be needed somewhere else, at least through some place where we may be useful for once.' Most gritted their teeth but came through the wood running. They moved like dark shades, observing everything around them, from the most sudden movement to the strongest foe around. And in their travel they have found a place where there had been a great fire. Corpses had been burnt, in the mid-way of the woods. Judging by the distant marking which had been left on the rocks, there had been a ritual. But of which kind was it? 'Is this the work of a witch?' He wondered but looked less surprised, the moment he observed the small cut inside one of the cinder-licked bodies. One of his fingers ran across as he noticed an opening above the corpse which lay atop of the others. 'Hold me as I explore inside of it. But spare your eyes, for I may look alone. No, not you, I want the fresh one to come and grab a hold of my chains, as he's yet to prove us what he's capable of. A mere test of strength shouldn't do.' For which he came and seemed to check. There were large chains attached around hands, which seemed to be made of iron. Holding them alone hurt his hands, more than it would hurt them now that they couldn't feel pain any

longer. The pressure was slowly pushing stronger from inside, and finally the heat had burst to blisters. Even being partially dead hadn't spared him from being affected by the things which bothered the physical realm. He was still a man after all, growing his muscles and skin back. 'Hold still I said, you come were as well. I'll try not going far.' He

only wanted to look inside. As for what had laid in there, he seemed to have thrown a look where his broken red rocks didn't belong into. He had managed to see how it had spread all over the molten rock which flooded the place. It wasn't safe to stand there for long, at least not from the reaction, he would at least risk getting fire. But the place was nothing he had ever seen. The fires weren't just blasting away, they seemed to reign freely in there, to the point of moving inside it, as if they were made of actual blood, floating inside the body. And the place, as well, followed a clear pattern which was similar with the insides of a human being. 'Dreadful ritual, what have they done to you my dear? It looks like you've been robbed of all you had to offer.' There had been scrapped objects in the building, but that had seemed to have been taken away. Whatever was in their mass, whoever came to own those things had to be aware of the unnatural aspect they had, even for their own world. 'Pull me back, I think I've been enough.'

Immediately, without much wait, he had been taken to the point where he stood there watching over the corpses. Pushing one to the side, he took it to himself to make a cut, while the others formed half of a circle around him and stood watch. Someone, whoever was here would return sooner or later to reclaim what had been lost to them. As the next body had been opened, it seemed like this one was empty. The burning round mounds of flesh could be seen there, pumping and trashing at bay. He had to have them, and this time he reached. As he took each organ by the hand, he had become mad, seeing them just turn to red dust in his hands. 'Useless, they are all useless. They've been made to be as useless as they could.' His tainted heart almost shattered as he looked at his hand. It seemed like a dream then, one of which had only begun. Now all of the sudden, it hadn't mattered whether or not they'd be together. The human had to go, as he didn't belong there with them. 'I shall take my gifts back, even though I don't need them any longer.' The words of which had made everyone turn around and look at him. He was quick to push with his new red-like rock-encased hand and penetrate through his veil and sickly looking body. By the side fell the balls of flies, beetles and worms. As a matter of fact they had been crushed, while the remaining ones were left there to rot. The man had lost the glimpse of his life and died, leaving them there alone with the spoils. 'Look, brothers.'

He finally continued. For this was a moment soon to be remembered. From this point alone they wouldn't be touched by anything which may harm them or even bring them near the damned gate. They each pulled from the insides and started coating themselves entirely with that sand. What walked now were the living statues, encased in their red forms, walking through the woods unnerved. 'Wait, what of that? We cannot leave them behind.' Someone would use that pile of corpses if it wasn't late enough. 'What do you propose we do then?' After a quick deliberation, so it seemed that the only way to get rid of it was to break one of the corpses apart and encase the pile as well in their red prison. As they went on, their hands ripped too quickly at a body, unexpectedly so. The red dust particles appeared to have spread and wrapped themselves around corpses, growing into the sharp mass of crystals. 'Get away from it, unless you want to be imprisoned in there.' As they ran, they looked behind only to notice what had been going around. A part of the forest had imploded into a mass of red crystals, straight from the point where it had detonated. It had been thoroughly spread across the dirt plate, to the point where they couldn't have known what the extent had been. It bore enough height nonetheless to take anyone by surprise, in the fact that there wasn't a man

from inside the city who wouldn't see the red mountain top which had come from the woods, in the middle of the night. 'We flee back to our place.' 'Look, there was another corpse which had been spared. What of it?' 'Bring it with us, so it may serve us well enough. That we may be able to coat our crypt and bear it as it once was. We may extend our rule over it and expand, below and underground. Who shall stop of us then?' He wondered as they have picked up the body and marched towards the point where they would return. It looked like an awful sight, as the corpses which they had gathered still lay inside. There was little to no choice any longer, to the point where they had to pick one or the other. Would they seal the corpses as statues inside their crypt? 'Let them be stored there, as a reminder of what had been and how we had acted. No one would dare approach us in the most peculiar manner, no one would know as well.' With that he slammed the corpse and saw it spread, devouring like a virus and spreading across the stone floor, walls and ceilings. Not even the bodies in their places had been spared. As for the reach, once the body had been crushed, it seemed like there were openings from which dirt had been left unaffected. Through those there'd come the expansion, but for now, they seemed caught by it. To have looked like they were in a crypt of red jewels was magnificent. Their greed had overcome them this day. Such wretched creatures were impressed by the shiny objects and by their own reflections in their crimson crypt. It would be their prison, from now, as their desires faded and nothing caught on, as they were dissuaded from leaving their home. In the woods though, the men had suffered the wretched demise. Caught around their bodies, wrapped around and soon to be used as nothing more but food for the pest was vile and unnerving to think about. 'Wurr, can you hear me? I can't seem to feel my legs, neither can my arms move any longer. What's happening?' 'Stay strong, brother, stay strong.' Though he himself was greatly in pain, he couldn't move nor could he be anything else but tainted. They had all become wretched and seemed to have lost some of their awareness as they have entered their hive. No opening lay outside, only soft moving dirt that was their secret. Most of them were moving through funnels of dirt, creeping inside until they had arrived. It was a long journey but the change of pace had happened. Some of the men had the strange sensation that they had been transported to another world, through some portal which lay hidden beneath the ground. But how could they comprehend such a thing, if it weren't for the fact that it was just another damned feeling? 'Are we going to be eaten now?' Most of them seemed to ask themselves the same question, even though no clear answer laid aside. They were mostly shaking and afraid. Each one of the tubes they now went lead to a different cold part of their colony. Workers lay around, scraping at what seemed to be some kind of ore, shaping the halls even more. These new hybrids appeared to have kept most of their human intelligence while going on to keep the lower strength of the pest form. Clear differences between them and the workers could be seen. As it was clear that they didn't hide their legs behind covers of tails, but rather had them displayed. At least some of the workers there bore a connection, one of which felt human, under their many layers of carapace. He hid his sight unlike the others who observed the newcomers and the procedure which followed. They were to be taken to the chamber of creation, where they'd be taken care of before resuming their activities. 'I can't see well, where are you Wurr?' He attempted to get to him, but that came to no avail. Each of them, as far as twenty men had been salvaged mostly if not entirely alive, kept so by their strange biological concoction in their bodies which ran ever so bluntly that they could even revive their brains hours after their own deaths. Regardless of how much of their minds were gone, there was still hope for them to serve. Alas, there came the room from which their new lives would begin. At least half of the room had been raised up to

their knees. On the floor there were at least, what appeared to be multiple corpses waiting for this process to begin. From the top came the long high-precision tools which would cut every piece and help reform their bodies into what was right for them. Not only would they be hybrids but this would seemingly be for as long as they would last. 'I don't think there might be a chance for us to be human again.' Though there was no one around to share this thought with. From this point on, he was alone, with little knowledge of what might happen with him or those after. As soon as the liquid came, he felt something darkening around his eyes. Something had gone wrong. Perhaps the colony had been under distress. But their blue and pale halls had been covered by some kind of dark moss which had spread. It grew it stone, which made it even harder to shatter. Those mindless slaves were growing inside the ground, becoming some kind of living plants. Most couldn't even reach a point where they could cut themselves free and those whom could, rather stopped. As the intensity of the pain seemed to have mastered the mindless beings, the organic machine with its many limbs had fallen and crushed the man. To say the least, he had remained alive, broken as he was, kept alive but in the dark. One dreadful thing which had fallen there, far above their underground realm, had been some kind of star of dark. Filled with the essence of a vile space, the outside of which, emptiness would be its realm. From it came evil, from it came dread, but those around it could never lay dead. It had been a curse to live and one to watch. Vile one, one that wouldn't be able to track himself from a realm of dread, he opened the door and came there. For, he was pulled towards the essence of a star. The armoured eight-limbed creature with its rounded head, it came to be called from its dreaded hiding. It came up riding on its dark disc, strolling through that tainted world, as slowly as it could. For the world had become dangerous, the sky greyed, the ground blackened, in peril of being tainted and remaining so, it stood there for as long as it could, unable to lift itself back to where it should be. Oh star, you call me at this hour and want me to dread, better yet, I'm weary when you'll be utmost dead. He was late, as he stepped out of his disc. From under the hood it wore, a twisted head revealed a pair of eyes on each side, most of which extended inside the helmet and appeared to peer closely at the star. Already it had become obvious that more than plenty of the tainted beings had come to worship the star. It was tasteless but they followed through. Each of them whom came in distress appeared to have taken to themselves the fact that they needed to mourn their losses, be alone. 'I have arrived as well.' It spoke in its own tongue. No one else appeared to bother, other than a kneeling one, whom bore a large engraved blue coloured torso, with golden inscriptions on the side. It wore the decorated armour with pride, from which a pair of wings which belong to some kind of sickly crafted creature stood as its crest. Its limbs were thin, almost as thin as one could be to wear the armour, and it seemed to encompass its entire body, other than its thick and long neck, from which emerged a tiny rounded face. A mask bore on it, some kind of wavy metal which had cuts on every side and pushed forward. It seemed strange that it would move that quickly for one so thin and heavy, especially since its pale gray skin made it look sick, but it had wrapped itself near. Not on him but it gave the impression it looked for something and nothing was off. 'You may join.' It said in its own language. As peculiar as it appeared to be, there was nothing deranged in the fact that it spoke with its hands mostly and it understood. There had been something near to it being untrustworthy, but it chose to follow. Henceforth it looked. Another dark being there, bearing some kind of silk, two heads emerged, which were blocked in place as if they had been made of metal, their tops were as flat as they were shaped as triangles. From the bottom to the very top, it looked as if everything twisted in the most dreadful manner, which pushed forward from a spine

that couldn't be held inside the armour. Only one eye on each head, and one would have to ask them whether or not those things were pillars or rather only dreadful blades which had pierced a body. Other worshippers wore cowls and hid themselves from sight. It was time, now that it started pulsating. Soon enough, they all came to understand exactly why they were there, the main reason being the pool which had been expelled from inside the star of dark. It felt messy but everyone drank from it, including himself. What prevented the others from having too much of it was the fact that they would feel the rest of it slipping from their mouths and through their hands, like living pieces of shadow which returned to their source. From this point, it almost appeared to be done. Everyone had been mesmerised and looked inside the star, the globe, the sphere from which came all that was dark. It was empty there, far too empty, and spread around a mass which wouldn't end until going as far away as it could. They saw through the fields of spores and the bottomless pits which bore themselves far enough. What lay at the bottom there and what would be formed appeared to have been pulled inside tall blocks which only brought the promise of some kind of structural change down there which was never to come. Most of its surroundings seemed to have been caught in the trap of being out there, looked upon in plain view. There was no hope for one to come and build and even less hope for one to attempt. They weren't making progress standing and trying to guess what was going on down there. 'We should try to find that place and claim it as our own.' One said. The facial expressions which sprouted were a dead giveaway of his desires. They all appeared to be caught by the images which followed, farther inside the veil. It seemed like it had been only one layer which hid away the true gem of those depths. Underneath there was the world, where there were countless beings like them. All of which were very much alive, moving freely and active, colossal in their size, they moved into their strange structures, which had to have been created by them. It was dreadful to look at it, as every sight was damning. More so, one could look and see, without a piece of doubt that there was terror down there. The likes of lesser beings, which hid from sight, tried not getting crushed beneath their giant feet. One dreadful thing appeared to bore toward the pain. But their primordial sight was only an intrusion and the vision seemed to have gone. What remained of the star of dark now sunk into the pull while it waited for everyone there to drink their share for one last time. It was an approach of dread, it couldn't be fair, but as far as they had been together in this share of sight, they would walk together towards the end. 'So will the company be formed.' It was said by one of the wicked fighters, bearing a small pair of strange looking needles. The path ahead was dark, they moved through the night, caught only by their worst of needs. Pain couldn't have been more pure than it had been there, when one looked mightily surprised, caught by some sort of demise. It wasn't even certain what was going to happen from them, but finally they had arrived. Like a company of barbarians, though their origin laid benign. Where have they arrived on foot? If not the part of the city which had been in the dark, the wicked and the mad, that's where they arrived. Even so, they weren't greeted but treated as some kind of strange apparitions, by those whom had remained awake. There'd be no other explanation for the dread they felt and the strangeness at hand. Most were soulless, speechless, and rather morbidly into hunting the likes of men. As soon as the first had come, the sacking had begun. 'Waste no time with them, we're in for something grander.' But the words appeared to have wasted, as each dreadful one entered a house and appeared to have started everything which could go wrong. Their arrival signalled for something which had gone wrong, more so about something which couldn't be avoided any longer. As the wicked crystal fiends have been called from their crypt, and those wicked creatures arrived from

their hiding spots, it appeared that there was no return from it. Carriers of disease, those whom cleansed the land appeared to be at some kind of distress now, as it came to no surprise. The whole city had been under siege, as the twins revived, men woke up. 'What's happening? Fire, is that fire?' On the streets, it had already begun as soon as the fire spread from whoever knows which Abyss might've thought off. No longer would they stay behind, as the creatures boiled and burst through the doors, trying to creep in some more. Children went missing, those people went shouting, and instead of trying to be sane, it was time for everything to crumble. The darkness was shallow, but that was a sign that there'd be no tomorrow. Not for them in any kind of way. 'Dreadful beings what have you done? You spread your wickedness and now you'll be gone.' Said a peculiar looking creature as the boils of the ground had finally come to burst. From the inside came the wretched gas. While men were sacked and fought back, it seemed like there'd be no way to come to be, to an age which had long passed, unable to flee. Their arrival was destined and no realm was safe. Even those trapped in their realms would fall victim to the dreadful gas which spared no one, not even the ones who hid themselves. Right in time as the last of the sacrifices had been pulled inside the vessel. There was nought for it but to cruelly deal with what was done there. A way of saying there'd be no one to miss them once they were done with. The most satisfying thing of all was the fact that they were dreadfully, all and all, caught into their own trapped. Another set of kidnapped men, those of which would be fed. It was almost as if they were controlled, unable to refuse what was going on. But inside the world, nonetheless, the colossal towers came, from inside their restless holds, this time stronger, faster, old. As ancient as they were, they crushed and curled around like a disease, everything around them bursting in tremors, fiends were dead. No man had been alive for far too long once he came into contact with the gas, the likes of which had no escape. Now the twins, who went through things, they ran away and tried to cope their way. Somehow they had been brought, only to be killed for one last time, as everyone suspected that this way of being cleansed was nothing but a ruse, a way of taking care of loose ends. The sky had darkened in the sense that most of it had been swallowed by the far ends of worlds and seemed to be caught into the endless expulsion of gas. That had become the embodiment of toxin and seemed to have no trouble as the rain began. And as it had, the water was grim and yellow, bringing nothing but pain and misery as it came into contact with flesh. 'Get under cover, quickly, quickly I say.' Which was a shout, an order and they listened to its dark command. The man had looked around and determined for the fairest time that it was safe to stay but thought look away. As the lightning flashed in the sky, the yellow flashed burned through it and for a moment they all felt that they were ready to die. The whole ground appeared to have been shaken, if he wasn't in the least mistaken. A dreadful need came to him, for he forgot, even though the streets were cornered and lost in place. He could see nothing, not a hand nor a face. In hindsight, he was all alone, being lonely and prone to mistakes. Just as soon as he could handle his own, he looked away and saw a piece of his soul. It felt as if he had been blinded in an eye, looking widely around, in order to see what was going on. Of his mind was the fact that he couldn't take his gaze away, being caught by that of which had seemed to dance. Mad spirits, wild apparitions appeared and brought nothing to him but distraught. 'I know you, sir, I've seen you before.' The man said as he covered his normal eye. Mostly, around the streets, he could see that it was safe to be, near them at least. Nothing could've been clearer to him now, as a matter of fact, he felt dread and fear, knowing that death would be near. Some kind of fear appeared to be grasping his soul and mind that of which remained, he grasped and held it behind. At least now, most of it had been

gone, but he managed to keep a piece of it inside. Seeing it darken wasn't right, nor was the rain as it had through his body after coming in the middle of the street. 'Look at me, there's no need to be confused. I'm still a man caught in this world, I'm alive.' 'Not for long.' The vile voice reminded him. It had done much to bring him the thought of trying, wagering against the dreadful one. The creeping thing seemed to catch on. It hadn't felt as if there was any kind of woe or despair, as he broke apart, the man had turned into a pool. He stood too much in the rain and felt as if he could droll. Far too late, for he had thought of being released, but his soul had stuck inside of it, laughed at by the vile apparitions. Women as well as men ogled at the one who had gone mad and ran into the rain. Nothing could've gone worse, until the second one came, from the farthest side of the city. It alarmed everyone in the area that they could be caught into this sea of despair, for which there was nothing but dread. One could look away and keep the likes of fighting to him. More than that, there were those of who desired less, cutthroats whom would try getting at their own kind, leaving others caught in their own demise. Some were blinded, while others were caught in their own traps, seemingly obscure and unaware of what was happening around them. Most of what was thought, little which had been brought to the obscure thing. Alas, there was a dreadful being, one which would creep around, the fiend. Ogling despite not being what they used to be, there came the train from the other side. The passengers were unaware of the on-going mastery of wicked flies. As they followed from above, made way from whoever knows what hive or nest. 'What's that? Why had our train stopped?' It was something which wouldn't be answered to the lady of Ilchon, as she seemed to be speechless at the fact that a rounded man had appeared from below the rails and somehow entered the train. 'Demon, there's a demon, vile creature, fiend, pervert.' She screamed as he seemed to grasp with his own great hand around the pearls around her neck, with a smile which encompassed both sides of his face. If there could be a happier man, it couldn't rival him or his brother. 'Sit down before I make make you.' He slurred as he came to his feet, having pushed the table away in the small cabin there. It was nerve wrecking, at least from his point of view, as they were too shocked to be properly robbed blind. 'At least my brother could have the decency to ask before taking, perhaps I should try doing it his way the next time.' The thought alone made him grin even wider. Two of the other passengers inside the tightly sealed room he was in appeared to have been twins as well. Younger, which brought them to the age of something he could place near fifteen years old, a good age all and all. He could remember the time he was their age, going inside various places with his brother, those two scoundrels. Their exploits were diving while they were young, but not as much any longer. It came to his mind that he'd be taken for someone frightening. 'No need to be scared, children, I won't do any harm to you nor to the lady as I only came here to collect.' 'What's going on out there?' He took a break before adding. 'Only if you'd be willing to answer me, my sister is quite unaware.' He overlooked her as well as the cabinet atop the space where the luggage laid. He could almost sell the jewelry through which laid inside the leather bags, which meant that there was nothing which stopped him, other than the noise. The old lady and the children stopped looking through. Some sort of twisted yellow floating mass seemed to have found its way inside the train as well. It came by normal means and appeared to creep inside every corner and spread pieces of itself inside every cabin, overcoming them in little to no time. Without any hesitation, he grabbed a bag and shoved it through the lock, right before it could arrive. 'That should do you, lousy thing that you are.' It stopped and caught itself quite low, stopping there for a chance to bypass his entry and come inside. Everyone was silent, but they knew that if something were to happen, it would go down

there, near the lock, when no one was watching. He could feel it trying to push itself through the cracks and prick some of the material in order to get in. As much as they endured, there wasn't any telling whether or not they were going to fall apart, at least if it were to enter. 'Hold on, I think it's leaving.' Their thoughts were all set on it, whether or not they could foresee something akin to it, there wasn't any telling. It went on like this for a few seconds before it moved on, though nothing looked right. He had looked in the same direction he had known his brother to be, but knowingly refused to warn him since he knew he'd be prepared. As it happened, his door was closed and blocked off from the simple thing which wanted to get through. The same couldn't be said about the others who had suffered from the intrusion. It came as no surprise that there was no survivor there and instead of what was expected to be found in their various places, their small chambers were filled with that obnoxious yellow thing which had grown itself inside it. 'This mad thing wanted to grow itself inside, hasn't it?' There was some questioning involved there, mostly by himself for himself, but little mattered. More importantly was the fact that he was afraid of any other type of contact, especially with those around him, which prompted him to face the only immediate action he could think off. 'Wait, those aren't yours, my necklace.' She paused before she could even get up. It was something inevitable that she would be confronted by the heavy man, who had apparently saved them but refused to give any of what was his. 'Let's consider this payment for now, for we both know there'll be no need for this if you or those children get caught. What had he said? What was the mistake he had done? In a moment she was with him, while the other had her fainting. 'Aunt Wrynn passes out frequently when it comes to stressful encounters and I think you gave her more than enough, sir.' He turned at the child for only one second before peering through the window. There was a short distance to get around to the ground and one could make it just well enough if he were only to jump. And there wasn't any time as they had noticed. Whatever happened in the cabin just around the next few steps wasn't supposed to be any helpful or showed any sign that it would somehow retreat. It grew bigger as it pushed the metal walls in every direction possible, even cutting through with what seemed to be large conical, sharp blocky needle. There was a short break there, where they had to make a choice in order to get through and escape, for as long as the world had. 'You'll have to jump through the window and make a run for it kids.' 'We cannot leave without our aunt, mister.' 'She wouldn't abandon us if he were in our place.' Said the boy as he held his chin up and came to the same conclusion. It was an awful thing to do but he gave them no chance. With a strongly clenched fist, he broke the window, grabbed the old lady and threw it off. That mistake seemed to have caught on, as she only turned to wakefulness only during her mid-flight before reaching down and staying in the mid-crawl pose. Nothing came out of her either, as it turned out that she wasn't moving any longer. 'What have you done to our aunt?' Her neck was shrewd on the wrong side and it seemed that there was little which might come out of it. They were reluctant but were threatened into it, just as soon as he had heard another cabin blow. Despite being in tears, it wasn't as if they had any other chance of escape, henceforth, it had to be the obvious thing which had been picked. 'Either do it on your own or I shall throw you as I have with your aunt. Do not make me go through this again, as this may be your only chance to escape, now leave!' The children obeyed and had a rough landing. Both of them survived. By the time he was done search, he had passed through the wall and found his brother entertaining a bunch of corpses which had already taken off. 'Shots, it might've been quick but I suspect they knew something about it that the others hadn't.' A double suicide by the looks of it both had been reluctant to continue their existence there. At least, from the looks of

which, it had been more than a mess, there had been something wrong involved in it. He had looked around, the train was being brought down. Could it have been the weight or another factor? But one thing had brought it clear, with it being the bridge on which the train rested, that had been weakened by something before having felt the resurgence of movement. It might've been the mere pressure which had been pushed there, or some kind of tectonic movement which instead of doing anything right, it had made a vacuum right under the bridge, pulling everything inside. 'We should leave as well. I don't think it's safe being here any longer.' This thought not only remained prevalent, but for once it seemed to be consistently bothering both of them there. In only a moment's notice, their fates had been shifted to being uncalled for and unnamed. Something had indeed grabbed a hold of the train and started pulling it down. That was quite impossible to say to disprove since they had the evidence straight in front of their eyes. A damning amount of evidence as well, as anyone sane could tell. Dreadful things that they were, one escaped only to watch the hiatus going around the world. There'd be no return. Shouts began to pour, even the nastiest, hidden caves weren't safe, where tribesmen dwelled but couldn't tell the difference between what was normal and what shouldn't have happened. Fire, light was in their eyes. An explosion below the growth had engulfed them and pushed them to a dreadful death, a sparing thing which they wouldn't forget. Obvious blisters and melted skin, they were pulled aside, the evil grin. It bore through them relentlessly watching, peering, without even a chance to retreat. The world had been laid under their feet. Above, in the outside world, it was already late, as eight of them had taken the chance, they came and moved, without a dance. Buildings cracked and many suffered, in the end, none of those even thought about the supper. The small group of crystal withered corpses moved on as if they were unaffected by any of what was going on outside. Soon they spread and touched and scraped, they cut and managed to impale those around them. Dry as they were, men of dread, ready to be kind of fed with what was left in their surroundings. 'Let go of me, please.' 'Shout louder woman, for I shall be your doom.' One of them had been bold, as he approached and managed to grab a woman off her colony. They had run at his sight, one man alone was with him on the same street. It looked worse than ever, with the blooming sky which had been dark, the wet floor, and the overflowing sewers. Those were only some of the things which had ruined the view, other than the woman. Her knees had been taken care of, as for the fact that there wasn't any way to save her any longer. The man had worn his overalls, his blue coat, his many pins were bloody, and his face had been scared from some previous encounter or an accident. Something sharp at least, by the likes of which, it had scared him well. His pants were covered in dirty, he had been running through the nearest field. Most likely that's where he was planning on taking her if he survived them. But he had missed an important detail about him, one which was now hard not to notice. He carried a small calibre with him, straight to his trousers, it had lain hidden until it was time, and he had noticed that the withered corpse had taken a few steps forward, grasping its claws and readying itself to approach. 'Don't take any step forward, I'm warning you. I don't know what you are but I think I can shatter you.' 'Many have tried before you, but this isn't going to end well for thee. What if your weapon fails? I shall not come for you first but return to the young lady and have my way until she's completely used. But for her sake alone, I'll give you a chance.' In his arrogance, he had never tested nor could he have known whether or not it was possible for him to actually be harmed by a firearm. But what was there to lose? Even he himself knew that there'd be no escaping from what was going in there. But what was that? One of the doors, it was close to him. The man had been distracted, perhaps he

didn't seem to care much about it. Some dreadful thing had come to pass between the two of them there, as a man who spent most of his time being caught in his own near-sightedness. It had to be a lucky shot. The cold was there but he didn't see it. 'Perhaps I'll just.' Too late for his words were spat. Below the ground there was a mixture of black blood and a substance similar to ruby. This armour wasn't resistant to metal, nor had it kept his body dead. 'No, this can't be, I can feel pain, I bleed. I'm sickened!' Two shots had managed to get through his skull and one in the lower abdomen area. Despite that, he moved like a spectre in order to avoid the rest of the shots which would've put an end to him and crept behind the door. It was cold and snowing, hard to see, but he took it, instead of trying to die out there. As it closed, he didn't appear to bother much, other than pointing his gun at the door the thing had gone and seemingly waited there for a moment or two. 'Can you walk or do I have to carry you? Please, I need you to be strong here, we won't be able to make it far if you keep crying and be reluctant to me.' She had strained joints which almost appeared to be broken. It wasn't even fair that she would suffer through this but that's what happened. He was there. 'I think I can walk through this but....' 'With my help, don't worry about it, I'll.' He was taken by surprise there, for moment, he almost stared at a cold spectre, crystallised and encased in light blue. There wasn't anything which might be less degrading than the image of the two of them, trying to go through the field. It wasn't even safe any longer, as the robed men had come and overlooked what happened. 'Look, brothers, there are two souls which be fleeing, we should make sure they're prepared to face the consequences of their actions.' It was fair enough that they were give a great chance to run, but nothing could've made up for what would follow them through the field. The rain didn't even seem to mind the fire, as a fact, it appeared to even make burn even brighter at time, giving the impression that there was some kind of flammable drop every now and then. But without the confirmation, there was no time to argue. 'Do it then, blaze the fields and let him squirm if he wants to drag the dead weight. I know where the field ends, follow me brothers.' The fire blazed and soon there'd be no escape. But it had come to the attention of a dire being to which there'd be no end. It moved heedlessly and had only taken some of the scent through the hole in his throat. Mad son of a headless goat, they looked surprised, half man and that. It moved in strange patterns and seemed to have just arrived, bearing some kind of long veins from its arms and by long, they were as thick is not thicker than ropes and even longer if they lead below. Some peculiar sounds came from its trap, but there wasn't even a chance to creep and snap. Dreadful sounds came to be, there wasn't even a place of it to be. 'Another one of those, do you think it could hear us?' 'I don't know but keep silent until it leaves.' The loose pieces at the end of its long serpentine meat chains appeared to have the same discoloured look they all had, at least until it came into what might be referred to as being light. It came as no surprise that their dreadful leader would destroy, everything at hand, including all of their wicked meat toys. 'Worry not for I can hear you just well.' He responded as quickly as he could, making sure all nine of them would hear. There was only an adult with them, the rest being somewhat unable to comprehend what was going in there. But he had come there with a reason, which was soon to be made clear. Most of them appeared to fear him even from the first seconds which had been spent around. There was also a strange attraction which they felt. It wasn't that often that you'd see something like this and get to interact with it. 'Look, there are more of them, around the spot.' A band of scoundrels seemed ready to pounce, the likes of it wasn't even determined at that. That of which they bore crept inside their skulls, small knives and arrow heads, something which shouldn't lie between them, all of which was chained to the ground. From the

moment they approached, the children seem to cower, the beast stood like a tower, only having its legs to stand on and nothing else. There was some fright, but there was also the might, which would run loose. First step came, and it had ended. Despite the fact that they wouldn't have been much of a match, the little men with their tiny elongated features that were spread in very direction, they had served their purpose. A mad flash came and seemed to have overcome at least a third of each of their bodies, instantly assimilating them in the metal which had shown itself. Quite contrary, as it happened for it to be crept by the nodes, there was a rounded object which seemed to have to entry. Only a number flashed in front of it, going down at a slow rate as well. 'Don't go near it Bo, come back before they show up again.' 'Give me a second now, I need to see what that is.' He appeared to have been surprised but without the confirmation, his face was shocked. It was indeed what he had expected, for a kid of his age, he would've been close to being called smart otherwise. If only the circumstances were different. But he supposed they all had to be told sooner or later. 'It's a bomb, I think. I've read about them in one of the history books you gave us Miss Clive.' The initial shock was nothing compared to the outburst that followed the realisation that the clock was ticking. 'We need to.' She took a minute to take it in. After looking at herself and the children around her, she noticed the discoloration, the droopy eyes, and the sweat which had accumulated over. She had known for some time that it had become had to breathe, but hadn't expected anything to come out of it. 'If you wish to escape, there's only one way, which may be to take your chances down there, for which there begs to be one entryway. Lower yourselves and touch my arms, for as long as you hold them there, you shall at least know the right where to which to go. Worry not of danger, for no one would touch you as long as you remain in sight of my bearings.' 'Why are you helping us?' 'I'm only helping myself, for my arms had grown numb and I can't move them. As long as you can squeeze around my muscles, I might have a chance to get through. I beg of thee, this might be my only chance to be set free from the burden which lay below.' It hadn't acted in much of an aggressive manner, but could it be trusted? There wasn't any chance it could be. No, don't listen to him, he's not human. It can only bring you harm if you bring them down there, they'll all die. There was a chance at least this way, without doubt, she decided to concede and give up any other attempt to get through. It had been irresponsible for her to try doing anything as harmful as that was. What was mostly disturbing would've pressed on through the vapours around them, numbing what was left of them, but it said it couldn't be affected. Her mind was more than twisted, in a way, it might've been true enough about the toxins in air, as, without realisation, she was already down there, guiding the children slowly, one by one, as they held on those metal bars which had been its stumps. It felt strange and demeaning, but at least there was no death there. 'Teacher, I don't feel that great.' One of her children seemed to have noticed the effects, but was that what it was? Could it be that she had felt something else? Perhaps it was time for her to inquire about what was going on rather than go on a limb. 'What's wrong honey, what's going on?' She tried her best turning around but something wasn't right. It could be noted in her expression and in theirs as well. Everyone appeared to have bore the same thing as they looked behind. Despite going down the stairs for who knows how long, there wasn't any progress which had been made. They have been there for hours, taking each step, only to find them stuck so near to where they started. But how could that be? It wasn't clear yet, but there was another thing which seemed to bother her. 'Alsea, please remove your hands for a moment, I need to check for something.' The girl struggled to move even the slightest finger, but she hadn't managed to move a thing. It appeared like they were moving again, since they

were attached to some kind of extra layer which covered the long meat extension they were tied to. It bothered both, as they were silent. Most of the children would become unnerved and scream over the few minutes they would spend together. Such fairness in the trade, they were broken apart and used as fuel for it to escape. That was the deal, and it had come as being far too long before anything came of it. Now, they were a part of it, broken apart as their bodies were being converted into digestible enzymes. Children she had come to know and love had become mindless walked, handless as they were connected by stumps. It was hard to watch for she, knowing that she would keep her mind for long enough to see them become nothing but small connections, bridges which would allow for proper support in order to pull them out. There, the headless one walked freely, dragging its long arms, which were as heavy and armoured as one could have. Another layer stood outside, which had been as sturdy as iron and just as long lasting. Weren't those things supposed to be straight? 'Look at the scrapers, the towers, the moulds.' One man shouted as he pointed at the buildings which had come to pass, there was something which could be just as unexplainable about their appearance in terms of being rather bizarre. Everything around had changed again, they couldn't see well, the land was strange. All of the sudden, the buildings had been given life, during the pandemonium, there was a rather strange device, which had been grim. Neither man nor foe could explain the woe, as some had sharpened their tops and stretched, impaling some of the nearest being in order to devour. The smaller ones were easy prey, they couldn't fight back nor could they outrun the dampness which had spread around. It wasn't easy not to look around the ground and not notice the signs of the fight. But those had meant nothing compared to the destruction the giants had brought, from their undergrowth, all the spores had come and darkened through the coming plague. They spread diseases around and killed mostly what lay in town. Their magnificence finally came, and bred and pushed forth open the gates from the dark below to crawl in. Soon, the streets had blackened and had become just as harrowing to be in as the ones below them. As for the call of distress? Their shouts had been carried on by the warranted winds and had been missed. It came as no surprise that no one would be alive, no one walking on the streets, at least no one who was human any longer. In the police station, there were some that were spared. It would be unfair to say that all of the men had fallen to the plague. Those which had sheltered themselves inside their homes were still alive. Plenty of the citizens had looked for some kind of refuge to come into and this had been the closest one. Mostly unfair, it wasn't so, there couldn't have been a thing of woe. 'Well, what might we do then, officer?' 'I don't think there's anything we can do any longer but hope for the best. So far, I think that we won't be able. Hold on.' There was something he remembered as he wanted to do for a long time ago. People would be looking but it was his only chance now. Since the world wasn't going to get a glimpse of another day, he would at least satisfy his own curiosity in the matter. He had to know whether or not there was a man behind the Chief or just another one of the sods. One whom they have received orders from, one of which they had respected and treated as one of their own despite never having seen his face. He had known and perhaps it was there in the deepest of thoughts. But something came to him there and neither thought would be satisfied any longer. He had gotten stronger lately and now there'd be no stopping to him. He had to know for his own interests and nothing else, who was the man behind the curtain and this time there wasn't even a need to knock any longer. Whoever he was and what his reason was behind that couldn't have been explained by normal means. Looking around the look had made him aware that people were starting through the transparent walls. 'Do me a favour and

pull down the window blinds.’ It was more of a command rather than some request, but he was eager to comply.

There was little room to deny the fact that he had still been responsible for everything right around their city, regardless of the cues and the seemingly peculiar demands, he had was a great chief. ‘Right, chief, I’ll get down to it.’ The room was darker now, with the curtains behind him having been closed, and the ones covering the windows blocking almost everything but for a few old wooden sheets that wouldn’t stay straight, the room was partially dark.

Tiny fragments of light came from inside and creped in. As tainted as that was, he wasn’t as deranged as he appeared to have been inside his mind. ‘Do you truly want to know what I’ve been hiding behind for the last few years as the chief of this station?’ ‘There’s nothing else I wanted to know, chief. You know, I had my suspicion a long time ago but I never dared approach you in person, fearing what might come out of it.’ ‘It’s already late for either of us to be sorry now, isn’t it? This end isn’t satisfying for me either and I thought that I could stay and witness it alone, but I should’ve known that no man deserved it, especially not I, of all people.’ ‘Don’t do anything irrational, chief, I only came here to look at you, nothing more, a glance or even the slightest shot and I’ll finally feel content.’ ‘This room, you know it’s soundproof, right?’ He nodded, at least from the likes alone, he knew and was more than aware that he would be the only one who’d see him. At least before the people became impatient and barged in without even the slightest remorse for their actions. In that tight room, he waited. It was dark and it came to the point where he almost suffocated. ‘I believe it’s time. Promise this one last thing, officer, once you see who I am, would you turn me around to where I stood, drag down the curtains and watch the end with me?’ It felt odd but he somehow believed that he wouldn’t be himself there, whilst watching, but a shadow of himself. As he’d known before he turned, he knew what to expect. The man had been what he had claimed, and now it had been done.

Without a doubt, he had died there, with little to him to deny the fact that he wasn’t alive any longer. What lay in the spot where his face had been was the giant hole he had expected it to be. It was large in its diameter and seemed to have encompassed most of the zone where his skull should’ve been. There wasn’t a word to be said about it. Its red edges said more than enough, despite not being fresh, it felt as if there had been something there keeping him alive, right before he turned. But now, it was all him, he had to take the blame on himself and turn him around. Malloy was swearing around his neck, trashing his black uniform on the side, while moving closer to the curtains. He had been unaware of the view but managed to sit on the desk while chief had the grant view. By the time he came closer to the window blinds, he ripped them off rather than pulling them and someone normal would. At least there were some things he didn’t have to look away from but there was little doubt, there was no hope, that this would be it. ‘It’s not that bad of a view chief, you know? I think you would’ve loved it if you haven’t seen it already, but it looks like the sky could go ablaze in blue flames.’ There were sparks across the sky and small blue sparks which had spread across it. Nothing was out of the realm of possibility and there wasn’t any doubt that there could be some kind of reaction that would engulf the entire planet as well. He expected nothing less of it. Rather, there was little to be known of it, the taint of which crept along. Streets were empty, light poles didn’t work, the sounds from outside were rather unexpectedly caught off guard and it wasn’t like there was. His parade ended when another officer entered the room. He had left express orders for no one to enter and this didn’t look right. ‘Chief, Maloy, the people have started being impatient, you’ve been here for quite a while and there was no answers when we knocked. Is everything all right?’ This didn’t look right in his head now, and there was no return now, no other chance to make it right, as soon

as he asked about chief, he knew how it would look like. He's been there a while and chief was unresponsive. Though he's never seen chief before, he wouldn't have the chance to think it through. With no blood on his hands, nothing on him, there wouldn't be an explanation for it, but he was aware that the mere shock would work more than enough. 'I think we should take it outside, Kristin.' His golden locks had been pulled off, he was quite lean and tall for a man of his age. But other than that, there wasn't anything which made him stand off other than his sense of justice. That's what made it seem like something was wrong, something going off in his head there. He wanted to do his best but little did he know, that something was wrong, he couldn't quite understand, even if it were to be explained in the utmost minute manner before he came closer and made a judgment for himself. It went down several ways inside his head and most of them ended up with either one of them that lying on the floor with a bullet through the back of his head. He grew more suspicious about what was going on before deciding to move a few feet closer. 'Look, I think there's something you're hiding.' 'Stop, you don't want to do this.' With another step, he was just in reach to throw a glance and see the gun which lay on his lap. If that wasn't a sign, there couldn't have been any other clearer than it. There were only a few things which were more distracting than it, which had happened mostly outside. Out there, there was a damn mess for which there could be no sort of rest. Messy as it were, there was no one out there, no man, no human on the streets. Only the vile ones remained inside, the case for which held his firearm. His eyes wouldn't betray what he thought and it was clear that either one was bloodshot. It's so hard to focus, but this isn't Malloy, this couldn't be him. He would never threaten me in that sort of manner. 'Look, I'm only here to talk, may I have a private conversation with the chief?' 'No, no one may leave this room now, neither of us nor him. Do you understand that?' There was a path of destruction lead outside, for which there appeared to be no return any longer, at least not after the outer reaches of the sky had been broken and invited them to come. They were at large unseen until they revealed themselves, but it seemed to be the case no more. Observing what had been happening around for that long, it appeared that they had come into existence just then. Tall and broad, their legs were absent but their arms were long and draping with their skin being pushed as far as it might. It appeared like their heads had been split and opened to a growth which spread, a mass of meat, which had its twists, pushing forth just the most atrocious parts a creature could have. Brownish-gray in colour, its skin was sagging, but from inside its expanded brain, there came those blue lights, from which the chain reaction seemed to have been given birth. They floated in pairs and seemed to cause only the famed blue ignition, for which they appeared to have been known by now. Not that it mattered in any sort of way, but there was a foreign element to it which appeared to have been thrown out of the way. No less than it had been shown, there came the element of sorrow, the dread, the fear and disgust. The more their connections inside their heads came to be threatened by the observation the tall ones had, the more did they produce their bluish gas, of vicious smoke. Moments after being released into the air it ignited in various veils, only to poke holes through the atmosphere, as if the corruption wasn't enough. But it somehow managed to purify the air and stop the rain even if it wasn't going to last. They invited men to come outside, while the wicked on, repelled, would continue through the city, taking various paths to make sure it would be destroyed. The wicked being laid outside, which had to be stopped by the ones who were threatened rather than the being whom had appeared. As long as they were there, hope wouldn't be in vain. But alas, their tubes had pulled and pushed, and from their heads there came and crawled into the ground. In a flash they started glowing with a radiant

blue. Somehow they had noticed and quickly understood that there was some kind of small device which would go off, in the distance, not to show off. One of them floated towards it but stopped, opening its eyeless face, a mouth that couldn't be agape pushed forward and seemed to have crept through the masses of rock and stone. Through the various outer planes, there wept a transparent veil of blue light, which had instantly vaporised what was left of the metal case surrounding the explosive device. From that point, there could be no doubt, that these observers had powers that went beyond anything which had even been seen. And what did they do? They grinned. With their mad smile, which stretched, revealing nothing but the emptiness of space inside, for that's from where they had come. Some of them had spread, others followed the towering ones to make sure there'd be some which were being saved. But what would be a continuous thing had to be the fact that there was little to no doubt, of their abilities, which had become broadly used amongst themselves. For, even if one were to throw a rock, he'd be unable to fully go on with it since it would twist and turn into energy and be absorbed. 'Look, I can breathe, I can finally breathe and be free. There's nothing stopping me.' A man, who had lost his mind, relentlessly trying to chase the giant towers which had already brought destruction throughout the planes. No explanation would suffice, how he survived for so long there, under the shadow of their black clouds, he followed with seemingly no vile effect on his health. He walked proudly underneath their flag and appeared to enjoy what they were doing, as to add to him that he would follow for as long as there was a need for. Even if his life was in peril, he would come to be and never stop. A worshipper who never had the means of understanding that the vile thing had brought his destruction as well, being no human any longer. He brought upon himself the followers of other regions of the town, there being safe as soon as they could see one man living underneath destruction. There was a need and a call for action, they could do with less of a distraction.

Despite the following floating fiend, without a doubt, the human race had become extinct by now, perhaps even sparsely spread around. Neither their corpses nor any sign that they had left a trace of their existence. By now, there was only this strange alternated world which had its mad inhabitants, overlords who still destroyed and living buildings in which the survivors hid. But there, in that small frame where they stood together, far away from the floating one and giant tower, they felt human again. 'Follow me brothers, as our faith might protect us from it.' With which, they looked upon the floating demon-like creature, who didn't deserve their gaze. It looked sagging there in the sky, with its mouthless but cut-through face. From its inside, there came more smoke which would indeed purify and stabilise the atmosphere, yet their presence and their original had been unclear. 'Blast you men, stop hiding and come outside. You cannot fight us so why don't you just die?' Four of them, crystal red, their grouped around the living, then, there came the time to break through. Neither of them desired to leave a man alive, not through some sick method, far beyond their drive. It was pointless then, neither could tell, but they were being watched and followed. Other smaller fiends would want to join in after all. 'Be gone vile creatures, perhaps I should have to make an example out of one of you in order to understand the unnatural order which had been placed.' He was quick, while the others prepared to break through. A band of small hunch-backed deceivers with small knives and nothing sharp, mere rocks and what not, brought it on themselves, laughing with their mocking sounds. There was a quickness neither of them expected from a red corpse, which moved and grabbed the first one, only to break it apart, to twist it and defect itself in the utmost dreadful nature. Of things like that, which might not happen in the least, there had been no sign of this restless dead, for he chose to defect itself in hunting off the rest of them. Every now and again,

nonetheless, a spear flew only to break. He thought himself invincible, a spectre which would kill and gut. Their hunger would be soon brought to his attention, but the others couldn't wait. As soon as they had managed to open the gate and get inside the building, there was no doubt any longer that there was some need to push it through. Their advance couldn't be stopped until, everyone inside had gotten through the punishment, the dread alive. It was unexpected that they would fight back. But like spectres of red, of hues of crimson, they followed and tried to grasp and eat. 'Spread and take whatever you want, there's no need to leave any of them alive.' 'But what about him? He's been out there for long enough to have grasped for their blood, now, he'll never return on his own. 'Leave him be, this can end either way for us.' There had been screams, and all of the sudden, the red killer had smiled his toothy red grin as he wanted to push forward and take care of everything. With a leash he had brought, he broke through a room and started whipping the couple apart. Their child was watching, while the husband begged him to stop. 'No more, end this, please, don't make our son watch through this.' Its relentless assault had stopped, but not because he had been considering it, but rather, because of one hole made through the ceiling, which had broken through. One of them had been so rough that the body which now stood in front of their room had become indistinguishable. Worse than that, another flash of light came, almost blinding, but this one had become different in a way. It wasn't one to bring a thing, but had affected most of fiends. 'Look, mother, the, it's the, the corpse.' The child was the first to point, that the bloody corpse had started lunging around the giant wheel which had impaled its guts. No more had it a head, arms or legs, but flat limbs which had twisted enough time that they had created mazes between them. It freed itself then suddenly drew itself together in a curling blob which moved in circles. At first, the sight was rather confusing, but after his patience ran out, the red creep had lunged and grabbed it. For something which had only started being given life, this thing was rather light. It flew right through the window tightly, right before it had been exposed to the world out there. Then it was then it finally came out in its true shape. From every corrosion and each face, the blob popped into a face, being owned by the one which had belonged to its master. It burst into some flight, a multitude of maze-like faces which were still connected the same way their body had been. As they witnessed, the distraction, the man came to the fire poker, ready to push through while it had been distracted. A mere scratch appeared but it only seemed to be deflected by it. For one moment, the dead one thought of the fact, that they had thought themselves to be immortal and indestructible for as long as they had been encased in red. But in truth, no one was neither him nor the man. 'Alistair!' His wife shouted, unable to look away from the bloody mess. At least, it had been a quick death, as his heart had been impaled and seemed to have bled away in a most peculiar manner, which couldn't be least of all prolonged. Their fate was similar to the man of the house, as far as it seemed, there wasn't a way to look at it without being dreadfully aware, that someone out there was watching. Without a doubt, someone had crept and looked around despite not having met any of the conditions, but the smile of gasoline was pure. He couldn't smell properly, nor did he think it was truly there. But a flame had sparked behind his legs and all of the sudden, the entire house was engulfed in fire, unnatural it seemed. 'This place is compromised, brothers, it would seem like we'll have to find another.' He said, despite of the fact that he swam through the blue flames, and took his time walk the stairs, a few floors as well to add up to his search, until the point where he had come to the conclusion that everyone was gone. The fire somehow came to an end. There was no one around any longer, not to mention the strange shift to night he saw while looking through the window. 'What happened?' He asked himself,

rather caught in the whole conundrum there. Without a doubt, there hadn't been any way for him to tell whether it was normal or he had gone through another hellish plane. Even from the distance, as far as he could see, the streets were almost empty, if it weren't for the small creatures which inhabited the place as well. Something had affected them, it would appear, as the gas had broken through. They were trying to squirm on the floor, changing their corpses while tearing apart their tiny suits in order to join one another in a being of pure amalgam. From its inside came a pair of long tendrils which close its normal mouth. It spat and turned its own material which made its clothes into a paste in order to devour and prepare its growth. For now, it looked like a giant star, with legs growing from every side, no feet being attached but rather, many round spheres which hadn't touched the earth. From a mere sight, it would've become obvious that they were slippery and strange, something which brought the thought of the deranged to it. Even as he came he realised how tiny he was compared to this creature and wondered just how he could approach it without the least of distress. He himself was all alone, unable to confess. By the time he had come near, he grabbed one of the spheres only to pull it out and see for himself. There were thousands of them, or more, fit inside its body. 'This is what your bodies composed of, isn't it?' With which he smiled and opened his mouth. For now, the creature was passive and it would only be right for it to have its insides devoured if it stood there and wriggled in its misery. From its sides, though, it signalled pain as it released a substance in the earth, the same one which made material into the paste, reaching the point where it could melt entire buildings and break them apart. What was this place after all and why did he feel like that? He had been a creature of the night, one who didn't live and shouldn't have felt pain. But after an entire bite of this wretched thing, he started spanning around, feeling a growth inside his restless guts. It grew there and filled the cartilages as well as what was missing. 'No, no, spit it out, spit it out.' He spun and threw himself on his knees, trying to push out whatever gluttony had embodied him there. In his misery, he felt like he heard the shout of a woman who had no hope of getting through. What human would still be here after what happened and why had the sky become encased? There wasn't any mistake in his presence there and he could feel himself being caught off guard, taken by the toes and having most of his wrongs corrected. 'What are you?' The wretched corpse asked him, looking at the growth inside of him which gave signs of being alive. It went as far as to make his red crystal armour shatter under the entire weight which pushed ahead through every crack until there was nothing but the littlest sign that there had been something in there. He had become yet another piece of armour, just a walking piece of bone. Whatever had given it consciousness wasn't there anymore. Now, it walked on its strange ways, with its long mandibles pushing forth, its blue skin and need and hunger had already taken care of what had to be done. Most of what was needed lay in front of it, as the piece which had given it life would also satisfy its hunger. But it wasn't as easy for the others who had fled the burning building there. They spread like red flies, each of them in its arrogance, feeling that their time was about to come. It would just so happen that they had signed their own red contract of dead and it happened for each of them to get engulfed by the destruction. 'What is the meaning of this?' 'Could this be a part of the disease?' 'Tear it off, tear it off.' Some of them said, once they notice that they were no longer dead. Whatever happened seemed to have crept inside each and every one of them, right as their hunt for men had come to a strong point. It wasn't feasible anymore, whilst knowing what would happen to them, the growth, the chance, each of them would harbour the darkness which had taken care of them, and push it forth. A dreadful thing, to lose what was left of their mad life and get lost into the

annals of time. Red shards spread on the ground as each had become what they had come to hate, pure biological concoctions which stretched and spread. There hadn't been a logical explanation behind it, as there was nothing connecting them which would force them to change in such a manner. As a matter of fact, there wasn't anything stopping the dreadful tiny dwarfing men from coming with their tiny blades in order to harvest them for meat. Soon enough they had been surrounded and under the veil of a virulent hatred, they couldn't be stopped as they went ahead and started cutting, slicing and eating them. 'What's going on out there?' Without much of vision, there was something behind their converted barracks, which was to say that there was some kind of sight which was unfit for a pair of young ladies to see. But the room in which they stood was kind of limited in those regards, as there was another door which lead to the stairs and the elevator and they stood in the in-between. Others stood there with them, seemingly morose and caught in their own worlds and by their own kin. Some were staring at the ceiling, trying not to fall asleep. One man, in particular Phil, his name was. He had carved on every wall inside the room various names he remembered, just so that he would stay calm. 'Are you feeling right Phil? Don't you think it'd be time to stop?' 'Not while what's going on out there still hasn't stopped. I think this may be my last chance, unless those fuckers decide to let us in!' The last part had been almost shouted through the brass door, but he was right either way, the door had been locked and every now and again a neighbour would pass by, only to show himself and pass by. No one might've been more paranoid than them, as a matter of fact, there was no one else for which Phil had a more widespread hatred towards than them. 'Back away now, another one's coming.' At which, everyone in the room took a few steps behind, only to avoid the ones which were bold enough to come a few inches from their barracks and make trouble. A being devoid of a mind, which hasn't been seen anywhere around had come. It felt as if that creature hadn't existed at all, and its single purpose was to appear and harass them, which was undoubtedly impossible. There was a threshold between them, which couldn't be sturdy enough, but it held. With its wide tongue, it pushed it through one of the gaps and licked the rust off the nails, the wooden planks which had been pushed inside and even the iron parts which had belong to the door, more so around the lock. That wicked thing had been hardened, for there had been several attempts for them to cut and stab its tongue, all of which had ended up being in vein. 'Can't we ignore it like we always do? It's going to get bored eventually and leave like it always does.' Another one of the survivors had been Gaul. He was a red-headed sturdy man, with a torn jacket and a lop-sided hat over his head. Silently watching, he had had thoughts of his own involving that creature behind the gate and an axe, if only he had been blessed enough to have it on him, things would've turned out much differently than what they were now. Nevertheless, he was set on napping. 'He won't leave that soon, and that's not the reason I'm afraid of it. There's something behind that search, I know that one of these times, and it will find a way to get through unless we track it and the progress it makes.' 'Do you think so?' Asked Clay, the other one had been called Alma. Were tightly knitted together, caught looking at the wrong things and somehow had been dragged inside rather than be killed outside. The young man they were talking with was Grant, which left just another man with them, one who had locked himself in the one man room built on their side. Ever since he had found a way to get through, he simply stood there, thinking he could wait this dreadful end on his own, without food or water or anything at all. It wasn't like they hadn't been doing well either, as they had been suffering of the same condition as he had been, the main difference being that they hadn't been entrapped. Regardless, neither of them had any idea whether or not he was

still alive, and neither would try breaking through only to ask. 'There, it had left, I think. Give it a few minutes in case it decides to return.' The thing was that it hadn't. There had been plenty of opportunities for it to strike at them, most of which had gone in vain attempts, nonetheless, there was still a chance it might return, he kept repeating in the cell he had been locked in. But outside, that thin creature was still starving, with most of the body mass having been gone, the only thing which had been spared was the thick tongue. Other than that, its primal instincts had been benign, the dreadful nature it had, crept outside. It came to another block, this small house which hadn't anything to do with either place have been there on its own, standing. A scent which had been vile crept from inside of it but it was dark enough to see. How had it missed that house? The door hadn't even been properly locked, but as soon as it arrived there, the door came open. In a fraction of a moment, there had been light there, which revealed them, a few people sleeping with one senile creature which had once been a man. His sight had been dimmed and in his shaking hand rested a key. A pitiful attempt, that it had been, to close the door, which had utterly failed, and their screams after the door slammed closed served as a reminder of agony of what happens when you leave your guard down even then. They have never been heard from again. It would also be needed for their attention to be drawn to a more important point farther away into the north, from which there appeared to be some kind of cold agony sprouting from the girth of the ground. Vile winds started flowing and pushing in as well, making the atmosphere even colder than it should've been. There was no doubt about the involvement of greater forces but the minute moot would have to be over one way or another. 'Cease this things, I want it to end now, please, father, why can't it end?' 'There's nothing we can do son, but wait through it.' 'Why can't we see mother either?' 'She's out of our reach, I've already told you that, listen, and I can't keep answering your questions all day because I've got work to do. We're depending on this to keep us safe and if the system fails, there'll be nothing for us to hope for any longer.' There was a period of consideration but not from the kid. It was from the man behind the pillar, who was looking ahead from his side of the bell tower. Obviously, the giant bell had been disposed of, as it had been placed inside the perimeter in order to serve as a conductor, but there it was, the frame with which its functions had been taken care off. An improvised board perhaps, which had used some various pieces taken out of some car they have managed to disassemble, but it wasn't at all what was expected. It was the time to strike, and he didn't delay. He was no monster, but a man who managed to infiltrate and take a nap under the provisions room. 'This will be over quickly.' 'Father.' The boy yelled but his mouth had been grabbed as soon as there had been the knife lodged behind his father's neck. From what he had felt, that had hit all the right spots and the death was instant. 'Listen, kid, I'll leave you here unconscious, but I also need you to know something before I go. Don't worry about it just yet, this may only take a moment. After this place is done for, you'll have to run until they find this place unattended, right? I don't remember a night in which I've been in here that I've not witnessed some face which wasn't human on the other side of the electrical fence.

They want to get it, no doubt about that and between you and I, you had a better chance at survival than your father.' He pointed with his other hand at his missing leg. On the long run, he wasn't a runner, and worse, he'd get his own kid taken away and killed before he'd give himself in. He's known his kind before, always standing into that tower. Muscles which had grown weak, at least this way, and the kind would have one drive to keep his alive.

As he spoke, the kind tried stretching his arms in order to get to the knife. That had been a one way deal, as he thought of what would happen as soon as his men got in. 'There's my signal, it would seem like my men are on their

way. You wouldn't happen to know how to operate this board, would you?' Even if he was almost gagged, the boy shook his head from the sides. 'I thought so. Well, it was a pleasure talking with you kid, but I think it would be time for you to fall asleep now.' With which, he seemed content to let him there, for now, just to set his priorities straight, he pulled some cords off after pushing some bottoms. From up there, he had a great view and seemed to have a great idea whether or not the electricity had been done. His men, for one, were throwing metal shrugs and shingles at the pile, only to be met by the sparks. 'Damn kid, I would've used your help if only you had known how to operate this damned thing. It was still far beyond the hour they'd come, that had to be dealt with as well. Luckily for him, neither of the people who lived there woke up or stood on guard. For so many of them there, that had been it. He's stopped looking and grabbed his knife back. It'd be some time before the kid would wake, in case the chance was for this to re-activate, but he had at least got through with it. 'There, this should be it, come in, let's be quick about it before someone wakes up.' Splint had showed his men the place and it had been the prey of the week, as it would seem. They filled their bags with everything they had and were already out of the deposit. When they got at the gates, they only saw one single thin creature with round spherical bulbs around its body, which were standing there, faintly glowing. It was a scout that had been a scout, which made everyone aware of it. 'Close that damn door.' 'But, we, I did.' Splint couldn't shake off the fact that he had killed a man for it, his plan had been perfect, to the very end. What had happened there? 'Splint, if we get through that door, we'll be ripped apart along with these provisions, do you understand?' 'I killed the kid's father up there, don't you think he'll remember? The first thing in the morning, they'll look for us.' 'We're not going to stay until they're waking up, only until they leave, but for now, we have to make sure they won't get through. Understood?' He had to deal with it the only way he knew, which was only to bear it through, and he had been told what had to be done with the boy as well. It was unexpected, even for him, as he was no child murderer, at least not until that moment. Unknowingly so, he would have to return and turn on the system before taking care of the child, as the other men had made a great job rebuilding it. There would no passing through as soon as it had been turned on. Up there, the child was still sleeping, apparently, a backhanded slap wasn't enough to wake him up from the stoop he was in. A poor thing, as he could've used his help when it came to bringing back the electricity. 'How do I actually do it?' 'Now why would you go ahead and do something like it?' A voice said, a bat-like creature standing a few inches ahead from him. Its head belonged to a man, though it had been coloured its dark grey, not to mention the longer features that didn't belong to no human he had seen. Its eyes were bigger and rounder, black spheres, against which he could see his reflection. The various moves still pushed through his vision and seemed to attempt gripping for his throat, at least until he pulled back. 'What are you, why have you come here? My men!' They weren't down there any longer, at least not in a visible spot. He had wondered whether or not he had been cut off while making his way up the tower as if they ran. 'Feeling alone? Missing something or someone?' From his chest, tiny soft bat-fingers came in the dousen, pushing forth while crawling for something to grasp. There wasn't any sign to show whether or not they would outstretch and push forward in any possible way, yet, he couldn't give in either. Whether or not they had hid inside, there were things out there already, not only him. 'What do you want from me? You can talk like a man, but can you reason like on? I don't have time to waste trying to argue with you, not when there's work to be done.' It never passed the frame of the tower, always standing in a frame of a few inches flying in the air, watching. 'May I come in, please? That's all

I'm asking, I could take care of your certain problem for now and you'll have this entire thing to focus on while I'm getting around.' 'No, leave already, no sane man would let you come through. Have you looked at your damn self lately? You're an abomination, carrying some kind of dreadful abundance of inhuman bat cunt inside of you.' 'Well, that's not a polite way of talking about someone who can help you.' He had told himself not to be distracted. The board was his main focus, the various starters which were turned from number eighteen to zero, those would have to be twisted back into their original position. One problem being the fact that neither of them had been turned to the maximum amount, meaning there'd be a chance for it to actually blow from the amount of energy involved. That's right, keep your head on your shoulders. 'I would just happen to know the right combination needed. It's not the first time I have flown above this place and my sight is almost as impure as any dark pit of your choosing.' With which it tried getting closer, only to signal the fact that it had been repelled by some force that didn't belong there. Woe to him, who hid himself into the tower, soon to be brought to the slaughter. He could hear the ones that had gathered below, trying to get bolder once they found out that there was nothing preventing them from touching the gates. 'Well what do you want in exchange for those? Please, I'll do something for you, right? That's what you want. I won't give you my permission to get in though, that's not a deal yet, not until me and my men escape.' Which had been a scam slip he had, if there was one to begin with, regardless of which, he would've known anyway. If he had done what he had claimed to have done, there'd be nothing to hide. 'Give me the body of the man, now.' At which, he tossed it over and immediately saw the two claws underneath it release from below and grasp the body, crushing it with mere force. It kept its part of the bargain and told which way to turn and where to stop. 'This won't be over, make way for I shall return.' There were sparks now, but it wasn't what he had thought it'd be. The long cord was pushing in farther and then came the lever on the side. He hadn't noticed it at first, but apparently there was a button to release it. Where? There had to be one there, if only there weren't as many there. He hadn't done a lot any longer but tried forcing it as hard as he could. 'Come on, come on, before they get it, oh, just get through, damn you!' The lever broke apparently, leaving him in a state of distress. He had to clear his mind, there was still time. He would run out of ideas soon, that's when he went down and started searching. Where were his men? They were being surrounded and there hadn't been a sign of where they were hiding. This outpost had only a few buildings and so far, he had managed to run around them with a fair amount of sweat involved. 'Don't tell me, oh no. They couldn't have left, they, they.' His voice had given in, while positioning himself to look through one of the windows of the other half cylindrical building. Men were definitely sleeping inside, along with women, children and the animals. Neither of them had belonged to his group, which meant that they had to hide inside the other building, where they had stored the food. Empty as well. They were nowhere to be seen, which only meant they have gone through the only way they could've left. It was obviously their only option and they have taken it while he had been away. By now, they might've been out of his reach, not to mention the fact that he had been surrounded. 'Bastards, I'll get you for this, somehow!' He almost winced there, at the clear sound of his own voice, only realising that there were people sleeping behind. It had been a short walk from where he laid towards the tower, and his only option came to mind. It was the child, who was groggy but had awakened confused. Perhaps he had lain there a few minutes while he had been unaware of the band of thieves which had abandoned him and left him there. Regardless of which, there was a distinct voice which had guided him beyond the clueless sea of dark voices below. One of which would make him

ignore what was going down there and focus on something far more important than the pile of wretched ones that had gathered around. Oh the madness was vile, he could see it from the top of the tower. The child had to be taken care off, he said, that damn bastard, that filthy man. He should've known, he should've smelled it from a mile. 'What are you doing?' Asked the child as soon as he came to his senses, after having noticed that there was something wrong with the man, he tried coming in-between him and the stairs. 'If you throw that away, there'll be no way to stop them from entering, do you understand?' 'I think it's too late to argue now!' The frame had been heavy but that only worked against it as gravity took care of the rest. As it hit the ground in some sort of blow, there had been a small explosion which could only be unexplainably loud for the people sleeping. Without a doubt, not only have they heard it but it would be soon enough that they'd come. 'Right on time, as well. I know why you're here.' He grabbed the child by the head and kneed him in the lungs. While he would be out of breath, there came a short period of recovery which made him feel something beyond tiredness. 'Well, it would seem like you need help escaping. Are you ready for some kind of trade?' 'How can I know I can trust you?' 'They are waking up on a side, look at it.' There it was, the light having been lit inside one of the buildings. It was clear that there could be no way for him to deal with the men and it had gotten even worse on the other side, as the cumulative strength of the crowd would be added through to push the pieces which had formed the block apart. Either way he looked at it, there wasn't a way for him to escape and get through the bars. 'What do you want?' 'Give me the child and upon my return, I shall come and grant you freedom in a place they might not reach you.' Before coming to his senses, the boy felt his head being grabbed by the man. Immediately, he was thrown into the claws of the vile flying creature and despaired. There were tears in his eyes, the talons which had grabbed him not only held high but had pierced his skin and body. Recklessly, he had tried doing something, being limited to trying to chew and bite, only to having his teeth crack under their pressure. 'Don't worry, tiny one, you may not be able to pierce my scales. No metal, no bullet and no blade my pierce my armoured body, so you may use the time that's left of you to rejoice until you're reunited with what's left of your father.' It said and grinned. Seeing how the boy couldn't think of anything and chose his remaining time to spit and trash his words out instead of getting into the spirit of conversation, he decided to fly lower and trash the boy into the nearest trees. With little in mind, he was come to coincide with the madness he had felt. The pieces of wood which had flied against his mouth and eyes not only distracted him but also made him realise how much he had hated his current conundrum. 'Stop, enough, enough. Just let me go, I don't want to end up like my father.' He bit his tongue hard enough. If his father would've heard him, if he had been still alive, somehow, he might've kicked his head in, harder than the man who had killed him perhaps. But this? There was no kind of bargain he could strike with it, as the vile thing tortured him for its own amusement. The boy had been lowered as close to the ground as he could get, the point where his feet could walk on their own, before being forces down and his knees pushed in. They would be dragged from time to time, after being lowered too much, with all that extra weight coming down his waist. 'Let go of me, please, stop harming me. I don't want this, I didn't ask for him. I'll talk, I'll talk, hear? Listen.' 'That's what I enjoy listening to, compliance. Great, we may continue this until we reach my nest, after it, we'll see what happens.' And they had flow through a forest of leafless trees, with brow oaks and cracked tainted soil. Without a doubt, there had been some kind of restless wonders which had gnawed at him to see. Like the giants in the distance and the restless souls which walked through the night. 'Are those apparitions

real?’ ‘They are as real as they can be. Most had their souls trapped in here forever, without a chance of coming back to the physical world or receive any kind of closure.’ The boy had been afraid that he would either end up like them or that he would see his father below, making sure he avoided his gaze from any kind of imagery which would disturb him. There were other things there to take from when they came. More of them, flying in some kind of strange rows but never together, appeared and seemed to be aggressive. They started flying in as close as they could and began pulling and scratching, almost anything to take the boy away from him and have him for their own. Large claws began to pout as their shrieks made it way too obvious that they engaged in unlawful activities which wouldn’t do anything less than frighten the child. ‘Hold on, they are getting at it again.’ With a pressure from underneath its wings, the consideration that the boy could be abandoning there still came to its mind. Sooner or later they would track his nest, and he would rather lose the boy rather than lose the man. Much more meat was to be attained from him than the other way around and even if he chose to have the lad trained, what use would it have? The world would never be seen in the same light any longer and everything else would kind of become restless and impure. ‘They have to give in, make them stop, I don’t think I can take the abuse any longer.’ He felt their claws row down like whips against his back, which made him unable to thinking sanely any longer. A few other things came to him, others which might’ve been overlooked while a few of them came as sudden as their deaths. Something in that forest made the trees and their long trunks sharpen wooden spears. Some hadn’t taken the warning nor were they aware. ‘Walk with me boy, I’ll have you crawl if you desire to live.’ They have enter the densest part of the forest, where sudden creeping gestures coming from the oaks had turned from mild shakes to turning and impaling one of the flying humanoid cold-blooded abominations. From every direction as well, it would seem that they would break the body apart while each part was being drained of its fluids. A few things had been overlooked around the surrounding area, but the lad got it. He had expected its nest to have been somewhere above or into a mountain stop, anywhere high where it would be unreachable for even the experienced climber. But nay, the nest had been hidden there, in the hearth of the forest, where neither of them dared advance. Surrounded by some kind of wooden dome above, where the branched reigned and cut off anyone or anything which dared approach, there it was. Trinkets, skulls and bones, shiny weapons, pouches of blood and even some kind of treasure. But more importantly, there he was, his father, looking rather peaceful and content. He was somewhat sad in his expression but he chose to approach him nevertheless. Sparks of red could be barely seen in the distance, not for the boy, but rather the beast. It could feel it as a giveaway of some great explosion happening there, far closer to the dark vacuum than inside their plane of existence. ‘Well, child, have you seen enough?’ ‘Are you going to take my life now?’ He hadn’t even properly turned towards the creature, out of fear that he might be gnawed at his very own face. From behind, there were obvious wounds which had cut deep enough and wouldn’t stop bleeding. In other words, he could feel himself getting worse, sicker than before, dying before he’d get better. Could he even say something rational in order to save his own life? That was a thought. As he turned, he saw not a face he could bargain with, he had seen the face of a man no longer, but the beast. It could be seen in its eyes, the way light reflected, slowly fading as its dome darkened under its own command. From there, the boy grabbed something, the nearest sharp object he could put his hand on, regardless of the pain and the fact that he was bleeding because of it. ‘I’m sorry.’ A few hours had passed and they had been awakened by the noise down there. It seemed like the barricade that had been placed there was some kind

of long forgotten dream now, as many of them had come inside. One peculiar one got his eyes, bearing the twisted bodies of two giant spiders which had their long legs connects and eventually lead to a larval kind of upper body. From the insides, it pumped something, while never using those legs to move and pushing its fat bodies in. The way it crept gave the impression that it only hid something inside those bodies and they weren't actual specimens of the arachnid variety. For a few various reasons, there were others viler who disguised themselves in order to pass easily through the fields unnoticed. Some deformed grasshoppers which seemed to bear far too many legs for them to bear any kind of legitimacy, while dragging at the end of each leg some human head which appeared to bear their bodily function. To look upon it with less disturbed eyes would be unfair, but they could roll most of their eyes, almost perform some kind of speech and wouldn't have been questioned whether or not they weren't human, or if they used to be human at any point. Dark times came ahead. Soon enough most of them around there would be dead. The only thing which came to him was praying that they wouldn't see the man who was cowering in the tower. 'They broke through, no, lock it.' He heard some shouts but still hadn't dared look inside. Even having his head raised slightly higher would lead to his total damnation, which was something he could deal with. They were all dealing with something they shouldn't have, something which could've been avoided if it weren't for him. At least from around, there were those that made no sound but seemed to be able to crawl on the buildings and pierce the metal with some sort of long piercing organs that came out of their bodies and started immediately melting everything in sight. For a few moments of absolute terror, the women looked above their heads only to see the image of ceiling cutters. Some strange creatures they were, bearing some kind of long skin between their hands and arms, three sealed in heads which had mad features to them which shouldn't have belong to a man or even a vile spawn. There were eyes, but shred together, covered by ingrown patches of skin. Little was overlooked in regards of its body but there could be seen, especially from the side that there was some kind of chest area which was structured in various parts that seemed to have been stuck together like pieces of a puzzle. 'Come on, come on, come on, keep your damn part of the deal, I don't know how much long I could wait.' Not even the tower he laid in was safe, as he felt it shaking from some kind of strange undercurrent that he dared not look toward. His suspicion appeared to have had something with the fact that he thought they found him and decided to bring down the tower in order to have him killed. If that were the case, he was out of hope. The land was dead. Everywhere where life had once spread appeared to have been caught in that pagan hold of many peculiar deformities which stretched to the ground and hadn't stopped. As far as metal would sometimes become flaccid and weak, especially iron, so would water before hard and easy to hold but never cold. No, there wasn't a reason for this strange behaviour whatsoever, nor could it be explained why there was such a creeping feeling of innocence around the shrine. It had come from below the ground and bore a symbol similar to the round cross. In the middle, there was a moulded pair of eyes, many of which blinked and appeared encased, as if they stood on top of a tomb stone rather than some kind of altar. In the following moments, it suddenly raised itself a few meters higher above, revealing some sort of box for those to enter. Since there were no men outside, caught hiding in their various holes or buildings and away from the plains, only the mad ones would dwell that far away from any place of might. One decrepit one came, approaching on his weak legs, to the point where he crawled, with his hands tied to his own face. A few shades away from his greyish face and body, made him realise he could come closer. Another wicked creature approached which veiled in its weakness and seemed to bow. They

were there, near the altar. Many more approached until they formed their small cult around it. Plenty of them had been too weak to hunt and devour so they survived mostly on rotten bodies and their rotten meat. With their faces in hold, they seemed to be something akin to rats, with short but long teeth which pointed down. The upper soles of their feet had been pierced by some sort of bulky fingers that were too shabby to touch. And, most of all, they walked in wearing rags around their bodies, some sort of garments which didn't look as if they had been made but rather torn apart from some greater material which shouldn't have been used. It spread some sort of small parasites which ate just about everything and the sheet from which their clothes had been fashioned out of had been their colony. The shrine wailed and from its inside there came a warmth which was both pulling and disgustingly pushing for them to enter. More than eight of them had entered in that tight chamber and as it closed, something had clearly been wrong.

Without the sound, there could be no confirmation that they had been assimilated, but soon enough, against the carved and sculpted sides of it, there were four spheres held in the hands of four statues. From there, an opening released itself immediately from them and suddenly, the remains had been thrown on the ground. Certainly, those weren't just battered and bashed, but they had been warmed and didn't look like any of their brethren at all. Even if they were, most didn't appear to care, as starvation had pushed them way beyond any considerate thought or even remorse for their actions. A madder approach came as soon as they departed from their own minds. As time went on, during the same night, the doors would open again, whilst showing no signs that there had ever been any kind of grim fruitlessness and destruction which would've made them creep away. But truth be told, they had been made, and from that madness there would be no way back. Soon enough, too many of them had become gluttonous and lazy, caught in their own trap. It had managed to pull the attention of someone who shouldn't have seen nor noticed them at all, but it had. One tyrant, granter of woe had arrived. Its body was that of a beast, close to the depictions of a Mammoth, but it was rather some kind of greater ape-like destroyer of which body bore a covering of metal, held in by chains which had been forged inside its body. Many pieces of metal made this armour, but neither crept aside. The helmet it bore broke any idea that anyone would see what type of being they would face, not that there'd be a chance to live enough after having a vision of the dreadful being in any case. But far away from that, the flying humanoid bat seemed to have crept back. His wings were spread across the sky and from the distance there he seemed like a hellish eagle that rode through a cloud of bitter smoke and spread only fear through its wake. From its senseless face there could be seen nothing but some kind of distress. What had it seen? 'What took you so long? I can feel the tower shaking. Do you not realise the risk I am in? Take me from this dreadful place, I desire my freedom.' 'Still, have you got what you need for a trade?' 'Flying damn rat, you said nothing about another one. I've already given you two bodies, that of the father and that of a child.' 'How did you?' 'It's not important, what I need of you now is for me to get out of there as soon as possible. No trickery or anything of the sort. I want to live, damn you, I need this!' 'Very well then, would you happen to trust me then? Was it a stranger, or worse than that, a flying rat?' 'I don't think I'm supposed to have any choice in the matter. My options aren't anything but limited with what's happening down there.' He took another glance and noticed just what had he done. It was because of him and he had doomed the fates of everyone alive down there, at least anyone alive who was human and mattered. It was time, nonetheless to flee. The flight was rough, he almost couldn't bear the pain and the fear of heights which appeared to creep up in his mind. Worse than that, he flew with the constant fear of being dropped down by this

creature who could decide at any moment that there had been no bargain. But there it was a head which was twisted around as to face him. His eyes didn't match his properly but he had done it, he had made an unnatural pose which would've snapped the neck of any healthy man, not to mention that it had been done while he was flying. 'Shouldn't you be watching where you're flying towards?' 'I can do as well I can please. There's no doubt that I am going to be well on my own after you're gone. But that's not why I have decided to turn around and talk to you. See, I have decided that our beneficial arrangements are quite queer and deranged.' 'What we've done there, it was either me or them. There's nothing neither deranged nor cruel with what I've done.' 'Regardless of it, you've managed to rob and feed some of my prey, for which I may be indeed required to dismiss some previous arrangements I may have settled. Regardless of which, you may have given me something more than what I would've gotten on my own?' 'And what would that be?' 'Isn't it clear by now? A partner, if anything.' With which it left a crooked opening for him to see the inner workings of teeth and growing skin. They couldn't be called teeth in anything, those sharp blades, which gave the impression you were staring at stainless steel ivory knives. From its innards, there was a dark glow which encompassed its face, to the point of wondering whether or not it would change its mind and chomp his entire head. And it could, that maw could open just right enough that he'd have no chance to get it out in time before he'd die. More pitiful than that was the fact that he agreed on in, seeing how there was no alternative to this servitude rather than partnership. He felt no equal to the thing, to any of them. Even those who were weak seemed to gather around and worship, even though the bigger ones seemed more frightening than anything else, he started enjoying being up there. 'Morcholek.' One word came out of that thing, the hairy beast which proved to be no wonder. It fell there, like a giant, stumbling around a hill, he'd been a survivor of some distant land, who came there only to die. But pitiful as it were, it stumbled against some rocks and cracked its head. From the insides, though, most recently its back, the armour had been gone. A single creature had resided in half of its body and got out. From the outside of its body, there was a slippery veil which covered it, a blue and sturdy boneless one-eyed grunt. No one seemed to notice or be alarmed by the fact that it bore a few tongues still attached to the body of its prey. Nothing, there had been nothing to suck out of it. Not to mention that it hadn't been the only one. From the inside of the woods, there came more, crawling, not on all four but their slippery bodies just pushed themselves rather than them using their limbs. Some still crept, or at least attempted to push forward through some kind of pile or while curling into similar piles to form some meters in height, but there wasn't any need to be in a hurry. Those weak creatures far outnumbered them by tens and they hadn't come there to fight, they have come there to eat. Below sounded the sirens, in the city, where none would speak. There had been a siege and finally they had arrived. No one had seen a tank before and the army men had brought two at least. Even there, they appeared to be stern and bring some sort of authority which belonged to some dead man who had been absorbed. 'Soldiers, I want to fire at the enemy, the moment you have a confirmed target, I want you to unleash a spree of lead which would make us remembered.' 'Sir, yes sir!' They walked in rows, their tank was old, despite that, they weren't any more let down than had been over the fact that they had lost men, out there, beyond the clouds. Aviators and engineers had been lost, those who had to jump until they could do it no more as well. More men had been lost on the flank during their initial attempts to get through only to be brought to their knees and lost of the smoke. It wasn't that far into the field that they started going through a damaged field. Pieces of the clouds were falling from above in an utmost repulsive rate. Neither of

the soldier could overlook the fact that it wasn't safe to breathe through the clouds that fell. But the battlefield soon became a desert-like trap which only brought their senses back when it was needed. No sense of smell, no hold on vision, only their brotherhood made them push forward through the terror which had laid into the blanket of the sky which had fallen from above. 'Sir, I think I saw.' 'What was that, soldier? Can you receive me? I asked you for an answer.' There wasn't anything of worth other than the static which went on for a few minutes before stopping. After the connection had been taken away, the next thing happened. Only a few of the men surrounded him, apparently caught of guard by the fact that there wasn't any way to communicate with one another that they hadn't noticed one of the engineers there. Standing near them, blocked by the various winds which had carried the dust and particles which accompanied them was a plane, or at least part of it. Despite being stuck in the same way it had stood, there wasn't a way to break through. 'Sal, open up, open the damn door up.' The shout had been heard but there wasn't any response or any sign of vacancy there. Neither did the image look right in the many ways there had been nor could any explanation do for the fact that the pilot was missing. And worst of all, the cabin hadn't been opened in a long time. 'Come on, the man's shaking, can't you see that's he's in shock? Here, let me get him out.' Another soldier came, turned around his rifle only to break the glass with the back of it. Eight's company was there, while the rest of them were nowhere to be seen. Somehow, they couldn't communicate either, which lead them under the status of being missing in action. 'Help me get him up.' 'Wait, Host, why did the glass break so easily? That's supposed to be manufactured and act as a window against bullets.' 'I don't know yet but I doubt we'll get anything out of him until he get out of his shock.' Bastard, poor thing was shaking thoroughly, having no way of moving whatsoever. He had to be carried a few feet until he stood up on his own. 'No, no, I can't be here, go down, land!' He shouted and fought back before being grabbed from behind and having his arm twisted. It was a damn phonery there with the way in which they had been caught. Without a doubt, many of them were still caught by surprise when they came near. The ones dressed in desert clothes. Every man there knew something had been wrong when the sand came and there had been hard to see. A storm most likely, that would've been the most believable explanation, at least something which could make them go forth and not sink with the rest. Speaking of which, they couldn't have even notice what ran down below, until one shook his leg forth and noticed the stone board upon which they went. 'No, this isn't' It wasn't right indeed but he couldn't make that comment yet, not while they were watching. Every brother in the infantry stood and watched the hooded figures with utmost distrust, to the point where their barrels pointed right below their hoods. Obviously those had been the first non-humans to interact with them properly, and most of all they appeared to be unarmed. 'What do you want? State it loud and clear or we'll shot. Stop right there.' A warning shot came a few feet away from where it stepped. There was a clear attempt to shake it off before regaining the position it took. Everything they did was calculated, from the movement of their hands, their bleakly hands which didn't seem to move at all. Rather something underneath their palms appeared to move, something which would sometimes push until they could be seen from both sides of the hands. Something akin to tongues, they were, but more mobile and far more protected from the sand there. Nothing had been pushed forward but they had to do something there. A quick flicker of the robes they wore revealed some desert travelling nomads who bore some strange garments over collected arms. Most of them had been attached to their armour and stood flaccid over their animated leather chests. The men didn't know what to make out of them, for they appeared to have

thought those were of their own species than those of them. No one moved. At least no one until there came the next phase. Most had removed the helmets they bore and revealed some sort of strange deformed head which had pushed forth and forth into the air until they had grown long-beaded tails with stingers. From that point on, they didn't mention of the fact that they had been surrounded. As every single man was focused on the stingers, they had failed to notice how quickly those beings moved. 'Men, shoot. Nail them up, faster!' There desert muffled the sounds of the disaster. Sharp blotches of blood started being pushed out of their bodies, until the point where their strange bodies had become fatter and started taking in the bullets rather than letting them get through. 'Fall back, this isn't working.' Three men had been taken down already. It was clear that they were intelligent since they chose to ignore the engineer rather than immediately murder him. But those fattened coagulated blocks bore with their tiny flattened legs more than it would've been possible for a man to bear. A failure to communicate, as it appeared to be, there was no one left around to give orders to. They were weak, pathetic creatures which couldn't hold against them. And there, one which would've otherwise stood there alone, acting like some sort of servant, only now did he continue going at it at a most peculiar hour. Despite the other ones being of its kind, he pushed them aside and seemed to have changed. From its every side, the open holes where there would've been his arms and legs if weren't for its serpentine body, there came a dreadful approach, four more stings, which pushed through the ground. Its speed was insane, how it moved and hunted, even how it slid its sides to cut down the others because it couldn't bare any other kind of competition. A fruitful approach it seemed, for which there'd be no other kind of excuse, on any other occasion. It bore itself deep and managed to cut down everyone there before they could react. The men were finally spread, trying to get through with their head gear to no avail. 'We have to make it to the tank, if not, that thing will hunt us down one by one.' And what they didn't know if that there, in the storm of dust, covered and hidden away, it sprouted its eye in the middle of the body while it started floating in the sea of sand like some mad starfish which hunted for its prey. More than that, there laid in the dust particles which belong to man. The bodies of those that died long before them were spread through the air, without a way to be there. It was dreadful, leaving them aghast. Some felt the smell of their brethren, while others didn't care enough to be out there. A singular thing came to pass, which had been their need to rest at last. One metal pole, Ryan had noticed. At its top, there hadn't been a light, and most of its insides seemed to have been covered by some kind of spark eating fungus. 'Here, here, I'm Marshall Ryan, I need an immediate extraction, and do you copy? If there's anyone out there beyond the border, my name is Marshall Ryan and I'm in need of an extraction.' This thing isn't even working, is it? With the nasty signs there couldn't have been anything else to note, other than the fact that it was coming. The one thing which had killed his brothers, and he only had enough bullets to fire continuously for a few seconds before he ran out of it. 'I've got no damn cover, do I?' Ryan looked around and seemed to have found the nearest side turned car. Its condition was rather deplorable in terms of neither it trying to resist nor being encased in that solid sand. He took a poke at his own hands and took a glove off, where he saw that underneath his skin, there had been patches of the so-called sand, which had somehow managed to crawl underneath. They were crisp and in a way, such were his face, going by the fact that he felt his cheeks harden at a touch. Was he a man after all then? He asked himself after wiping away some of the sand off the windows and looking inside the car. There had been some sort of mould of a man, which kept his arms and legs partially erect. They didn't let in any kind of sign that there had been life there to begin with. Hell, this could've

been some sick kid's fluke by the likes of it. But he couldn't trust it nor could he look away. As soon as he stepped out of his zone, with his hand exposed as well, he blocked. So had the trigger stopped, at the sight of that star, which moved one of its stings and impaled its own eye in a glaze. It was dipped in it and moved slowly, going through the car and immediately melting the metal as if it was nothing to it. An agent in the eye dripped on the ground and appeared to burst through the ground. He could see no eye in the middle but white milk-like teeth grinning and laughing at him. That thing is toying with me and I cannot do anything to stop it. He thought out loud but had attempted little to stop it. He had been frozen, unable to think he dropped his only weapon and knelt away. Bubbles formed in the middle area of the star, and slowly it appeared to be growing another one of its white eyes and gaze into the mad sands. As quickly as that went, the soldier had no hand and half of its body had been encompassed in a white substance which stabilised in time. Minutes after the star left, the pool had hardened and seemed to have given life to the bottom area the man bore. 'They're coming, move it, take away the tank. We need to move the tank away before it comes and destroys it.' 'Calm down soldier, I said calm down before I put you on arrest.' The young kid suddenly stood straight, still afraid of what might happen if he were to turn around. Sounds of agony still reigned in his near memory and he could still feel dread every now and then. 'Well, is there anything you got to say for yourself? You abandoned your brothers, do you understand that what you've done qualifies you as being a deserter?' 'Sir, they're all dead, sir. We were met by something we couldn't face on our own.' 'I don't think they're all dead soldier, not as long as you are standing.' 'We needed the tank, that's our only hope to end it.' 'Lousy wreck of a foot grunt, I should have run in your shorts with nothing but a blunt knife to cut it down for what you've done.' Treacherous soldier, he thought. He ran again without looking back this time. There were doubts in the soldier's mind, but without a doubt, neither would he die for a cause which was unjust, nor would he be mad enough to head on that route and give his life to that thing alone. Silently it came, and no tank would to reign over its own domain. It flew it and only a sting could be seen, flowing through the air and cutting through its metal cover. Much of the metal had come off, and those inside of it could never be accounted of, but those which remained flew at the sight of it. 'Fire, before it notices.' One of the men inside the tank said it, as the sting had only pinched through the hulk and hadn't managed to take all of their lives then. There was some dread involved, but no word yet wasted. He could see and look at it that way, but when the warning shot came, it suddenly retreated. 'Keep at it, I don't think it likes it.' The barrel twisted and soon enough it shot through buildings, having been destabilised enough to bring nothing but ruin there. Despite the fact that there was no smoke or any trail to be seen, its wretched sounds were more than enough to signal them that it was on its way to retreat. And there were others like it, higher above the reaches of man. It flew above and avoided the giant ones who purified the air, coming to a sort of pack, while bumping their forms in the air, their eyes peering below through the storm now. Most of them had noticed how it made and despite the fact that it had been chosen to become greater than his weak brothers, it watched in pain. Their gaze allowed them to see just enough for it to look where it had happened and just how fast it had been. Others around him had went through the same process and came out as vile beasts which managed to bring ruin around them and take as many lives as it was deemed necessary for them to get rid of the vileness which infected them. More so, a wave of ruin had come around the world, which had crushed and smashed the fields and broke whichever machine wasn't strong enough to resist. Horrible, horrible thing, that came to pass, there was a dread, and nothing could bring it

closer to the one thing which remained so. 'Look, there's someone there.' Keen observers noticed lost souls. 'I think it's a child, we need to, and we should save her!' But that voice was obscure and now they reigned around the town. Even those tiny beings, dirty as they were had been picked off the ground as those beings came with their desire to bring their vileness near and impale those around them. Defenceless as they were, a man had broken through, not to starve. From underneath their buildings came a tunnel, hand in hand, like miners they had arrive from their abandoned homes to everywhere around the town. 'Who's there? Don't come in, we have weapons. Yes, me and Clowe, we're not letting any of your kind inside, we got more than that, understand me?' 'Ma'am, we're human as well.' The leap of faith between them was rather large but she managed to get through it just fine enough. One thing still came as being unsurprising, which had been the rounded nodes which flashed from every basement. It came to look like the red light of a bunker under siege. 'We brought food. Thank you ma'am for having enough faith to let us come through, I promise you won't regret it.' There was a smile of her face, as this had apparently been one of the more populated homes. They had children, and not only that, but they appeared to be sleeping on the floor. Fresh clean water, actual chicken and pork, vegetables as well, to name a few. It wasn't just their resources they got but also what they had managed to salvage from around the buildings they had managed to invade. 'How did you people get here to begin with? I mean, how did you find those tools, if you don't mind me asking.' 'They're a bunch of simple pickaxes, nothing more, I'd be more surprised if we came here through the sewage system of something similar, for believe me lady, it had crossed our mind.' The men laughed around, but not as loud as to wake those around them. As soon as they gave everything which was needed to be given, they returned to their system. 'Now wait a minute now.' Came one of the residents, having his arms folded around his chest didn't prevent him from bearing a demeaning look on his face. He did look as if he bore a dangerous look on his face, well earned as well. Most of all, he had looked pissed and hurt. One of his eyes had been cut, most likely when he was young, but there was something in that pale eyes. A feeling which couldn't be explained laid there. In its blankness laid evil and anyone who had met his gaze was aware of it, the fear and the distrust, neither of which would end or even creep about. Some words had been exchanged, but as a man, he was deranged. 'What have you done to us down there? What give you the right to mine into another's man's home and put us all in danger? There are things out there that are trying to get it at every moment, so what happens if one of them enters through some house and finds the underground tunnels you made?' 'It's a risk we as well and you'll have to assume in order to have a chance at being set free.' There were mutterings to no end about it, still, the man was suspicious. 'Spend the rest of the day with us, you have to!' 'It's the least we can do for helping us with these.' The kids were extremely excited, especially when it came down to the small cakes which had been brought, and the candy wrappings on the side of that. They couldn't even believe their own eyes. The tunnels were benign though, but not because what they have done, as there was little danger there. Outside, life had been nothing short of close to being damned, entirely and without remorse. Despite the fact that there weren't clouds which fell and crushed the men who broke through and saw with their eyes the extent of the destruction there, nothing changed. There were still cowards and people who hid. Could that have been so bad? Food and water had been sparse and they would have to act like nomads sooner or later, well, at least if there was a chance for them to get through and live. Danger crept inside their minds and suddenly most of it disappeared. It was pushed on by a shortage of normal sounds and the coming of a high pitch that had been almost

inaudible if it weren't for the fact that one man stood still. It's been hours since he was out there. Gilligan Mc. Anthony, whom only now touched his ear to notice the trail of blood which dragged itself from his insides to his shoulder, seemed to have been at a loss for words. He had cried as well for the past few minutes in one of the corners of the city. There was a winter on its way but no snow would come, only that petrified sand came. That kept him alive, the thought that there might be a chance for him to get through unhinged. Well enough, he was back on his feed, or might've been. He walked on empty streets and roads carrying some sort of axe, blunted at the edge but sharp enough to cut through the floor. He hadn't come straight through the front door. No, that would've been too easy, instead, he broke through the floor which lay in front of the door, and made his way through by cutting through the wood and smashing through the stone until he ended up in the basement. That way, no one would suspect him, if there were other things inside which were up to something. His hands and body had been rough, but inside there, some of the calcified skin had fallen off, leaving only a weak layer of skin which wouldn't last. Not if he were up to be kept in the same conditions. There was a short intermission in which he ran on the stairs and broke through the door. No one in there, even though the place looked in a great condition, to the point of looking untouched. Anthony turned to take a look and he could only see the light pouring from the hole in its ceiling he had made in order to break through in the house. With it, came that dreadful weather which seemed to pour itself in through any crevice it could find. The dark grey was slowly being encompassed by a fluid brown with dust that immediately started rotting and rusting any object it came in touch. Yet, as he turned towards the door, for which edges weren't completely sealed, as well as at the keyhole, there was room for the dust to settle. But it hadn't. The weather stopped at the door, and as he closed the basement room behind him, he knew that it would somehow stop there as well. Call it a hunch or just a feeling of some sort, but it was true. At least enough to guarantee his own safety if it, but not enough to justify the windows. He had been upstairs and they have been left open. A cold breeze came from it, with little if not, barely a few particles of the solid matter which had been outside. So it wasn't the door which kept it closed, that much he had known, but what then? What could the reason be? Had it been a few minutes already in which he stood there, almost frozen in place? Did he not realise that his limbs had been encompassed in that prison of unmovable dread? Neither his eyes nor his mouth had swelled as hard as he would've expected, but he felt himself entrapped. I was wrong, he thought, I may not see it come inside but it is there, my arms, my limbs, why can't I feel them? Anthony's mind went through some changes when the horrible high pitched noise came there again. Everything blanked in the few moments he got himself back together and jumped towards the window. It was closed, the damn thing had closed itself. 'I almost died because of you.' He said it with a grin, opening up to some kind of laughter. A few minutes had been displayed in his mind, but it looked as if he hadn't closed the window with his bare hands alone, but likely with the help of the axe. Tiny cuts which looked like bone fractures were engraved inside the window frames and it appeared then that there was a strange desire to get open it and get through. He had thought about it way down, after checking each room there, the shell of a man that he was. Dreading for a body that was whole helped him remember the fact that he had been missing pieces of himself because of the exposure. There were other things around the place, far more dangerous than the rotten food. Something was inside him, he knew that. However it had reached the insides of his cranium that was unknown. Little was known of the whereabouts of his family and his friends, anyone there. 'Are you listening to me?' Said a

voice, rather, a thin sounding frail woman who lay at the back of a closed door. He held an axe and could easily break through. Would he wait for her to open up? Or could it be that she might've suffered just enough? He was already half-way down the stairs, on his way to get as far away as he could with little interest in trying to convince her of anything. As long as she was in there and he was out, there wasn't enough time to convince her to do otherwise. But the door opened and she came out. Thin as she was, and old, she walked with a cane but bore something which didn't belong. Her facial holes had been sealed, the mouth, the eyes, and the nostrils, all of which had been closed. In the middle of the face there had been a cut though, which almost split the face in half but was deep enough and black to be some kind of crater which would've been found in the ground rather than inside the face of such an old woman. 'Do not leave me.' The voice which came out was deep, though he had known that he wasn't thinking of getting near her. Not in the least, that thing was turning into a beast right in front of him. Long fingers stretched and fell, leaving two hands with holes in them. With the voice that came from its inside, he could feel his ears bleed from the moment it started shedding its disguise. Was that the source of that dreadful sound? The high pitch which crushed his mind? 'Leave me there, I want to take the nearest turn.' He couldn't believe what he said or where he stood. Another piece of his memory wiped. The passage in which he went through was dark, tight, but he followed the trail on the ground. Rust could be seen across the walls, the lights were fading, if he weren't to get closer, he would get no other way to see. Behind him, there it was, looking for him, the same old woman, blinded, apparently, crying in its pitch aloud. While he turned, he only saw a pitch, some kind of reflection, for which there'd be no other direction for him to take, at least no for his own sake. Misery was quite right, he followed the trail, only to be led to another room, for which key he had in his hand. There had been a man's finger attached to it, which shocked him instantly. And before it could hit the ground, the finger simply froze in mid-air and stood there, as if there had been another layer of air, or some invisible thing which kept it floating. His eyes reddened, Anthony appeared to have tried pushing the key in, looking behind faithfully in order to judge whether or not the old woman would come towards him. It wasn't there any longer. That's when he decided it would've been better to get through the door and lock him in rather than do anything else. There were mysterious deeds which would go unnoticed but neither of them would be at the same level as the one he would've expected them to be. Rather poignant, inside, there had been more men standing in chairs, glazing their eyes as they would prepare themselves to be drained. Atop, on the ceiling, there was a pool, a transparent foolish thing, with a longue tongue which acted like a leash and pushed in from time to time into a man. Skulls and ribs, most of the broken bones laid inside of it, surrounded by bubbles as they would be broken apart. Most were rather happy and discussing with one another as if nothing was happening to others around them. Anthony was shocked by the merry men who spoke and drank from empty glasses. 'Shall we be near the field of Oxburry course, lad? Will you see to it that Marry knows I wish her the best and well?' 'Right, O' course, Mr. O'Brian, I'll tell her immediately, she'll know. Her sheep need be tending after all, and there's nothing that would cheer up her day more than knowing you still think of her from time to time.' 'That's a good lad, I say, that's a good lad.' His vision was encompassed of green, for as far as he could see, there were the fields, with a simple cottage behind his back, and the tavern in which the others gnawed. But he could see no stranger, hear him but feel. That there was something there which disturbed him still. Anthony was still confused, as in one moment he was shaking the man and in the other he was standing in the chair. A tongue was

rubbing around his cheeks and on his face that of which repelled him to the point where he pushed himself away and came to his senses. 'Get off me you damned pool. What happened to the old man? And the young man he was talking to?' There had been empty chair and seeing how it had passed the spots where they had been, he could only assume the worst. He had to get away, those people were mad. Each single one of them who stood in their chairs had become mad in some sort of bizarre way. It felt like they were trying to emulate what it felt like being human subconsciously while their minds were altered in the utmost tainted fashions. Most of all some had been afraid. Words couldn't describe what they felt, but that thing above them could. He pushed through the door and left them to their fate. 'Leave me be, I want to get through this nightmare and return to my place of refuge.' As he closed the door, there hadn't been guilt he felt for them, for he turned to another room, this one being bigger. This was a different pool altogether, which had grown so large, that it kept releasing droplets from its inside and into the ground. There are only a few words which can describe what was going on and neither of them were nigh. Those who had been there for a long time had small boxes attached to the lower sides on their bodies, going all the way into a floor as it had its tubes entering each man and on the rare occasion he saw one, each woman's privates. Anthony had guessed that sooner or late they would have to take care of their needs and all that work he noticed wasn't done by the pools. Someone or something was helping it and he was aware that they'd return. He crawled at the sight of the suited creep who had come in the room. Would he be found if he had stood in the empty chair? Could he even differentiate the thought from the action any longer? In that case, he hadn't, as he found himself sitting in the chair, with his arms upheld in the strangest manner he could have place them in. From the sides, his retina and eyes were going crazy, at least, it looked as if the colour was going to run out and his eyes were only an image of static caught in constant motion, unable to be figured out. And it had been much worse from his side, of that he had been aware. There were a few things. Words entered his mind, and they were kind of obscure in nature, if he even heard them well enough, as it had become hard to make anything sound right with your ears filled with coagulated blood. Hardened and unaware, Anthony turned his head around. 'Where is he hiding?' Whatever he had seen entering the room in order to check for the ones which had been taken appeared to have gone away. But standing there had been bad for him, especially since the pool above him kept salivating but hadn't dared touch him. From behind, he glanced at the chair only to see a set of tiny arched pointers, sharp, rounded but not quite like needles, for they had been much thicker. Other than the pressure which had been felt underneath his body, he had remained unaware of any other alteration which had been done to him. Unaware of the fact in regards of having remained the same was a whole deal on its own, one of which would have to wait until he had escaped. Alas, a hand grabbed him as the moustached creep revealed himself. He had been frail, dark, bore a pair of crooked teeth as well, and the clothes he bore could no longer be recognised since they had been partially disintegrated by the pool. Part of them had joined its skin and seemed to have lain there, quite attached to him in that unnatural fashion. What was more disturbing wasn't that he had one of his eyes missing, but that Anthony decided to help him. The old man hadn't the chance to scream as he grabbed him and tried pulling him away. But the frail thing had been far too unsure, and hadn't expected to have been weakened as much as it had been. No longer a man, though a body now lay on the floor after it had been ripped in halves by a man's strength. 'They'll notice you if they decide to come in this way, I need you. I have to take put you back, old thing.' Carefully he shoved the bones which fell on the floor in

the lower abdomen. 'Don't let me rot in here, I don't want to be taken yet.' The old man continued. Whatever the pool had done to him, or whether it was the chair, the lower half spoke to him, if he heard it well. It even moved hands and flashed his guts on the floor as they wriggled in their wormish way. Its crooked teeth desired meat but it wasn't strong enough as to force anyone to get it. Clearly there were only a few words between them there, as from a man to what it had become, but he couldn't risk having it make noise. It was hard enough placing it back on its spot, but he was at least aware of the consequences, if any, there'd be. 'Well, this is it, you won't be able to feel or say anything now that I have your jaw in my arms. I think it's pointless for you to try grasping for my arm now, you had your chance, but you wasted your strength when my attention shifted near you.' That had to be it, not a single sign of regret. He clenched his fist with what had been left of its head, crushing the front area instantly, with half of its brain as well, if that wouldn't do, and then he didn't know what it might. Both arms which had held on his suddenly released and it was almost as if a burden had been lifted off his shoulders. 'How many of you are awake or aware this is going on?' He hadn't asked himself whether or not he'd want to check or free anyone there. Plenty of them were weak and breaking apart, even those who had been aware of it going on, but that hadn't impeded his desire to get out. There'd be no doubt about it, not as he went to the nearest door. Another one of those it seemed. Anthony had come into a control room. From the short-view he had, it looked as if there had been only two big controlling panes and the giant tubes attached to them which both descended and ascended into their respective sides. How many of them were there? Clearly, there had been some of them above as well as below. That was undeniable. But how had he stumbled there and why were there so many of them taken so, loudly? There had been a loud sound which couldn't be denied. As soon as he came near the door and looked at what was going on it seemed like one of the pools had lowered itself over a few human bodies and made itself a body to walk with. That had been generous of itself, in the way it walked and dragged itself not like a man but as some kind of four legged octopus which struggled on the shores and out of water. It touched others on its way but didn't seem to have any consideration or mind for those it pushed around, as the pool had become aware of Anthony's existence and desired nothing less but his murder. Not only that, but going by the scent, which was anything but absent, it found him rather easy not to miss and detect, even though he was inside the room, afraid and unable to escape. 'Where is it? I need a way, where could you be?' Anthony asked himself being unaware of any of his surroundings. It could burst through the door at any moment there, and as soon as that happened, it would be over. Think Anthony, what can you do about it? Don't let it in yet, I still have time to think about it. He was rather absent in thought though and it happened for him to already forget what happened before. Despite his anxious mood, he found himself hiding between the cables and holding each of them as tightly as he could. It had broken through already and mostly stood there confused as it dripped on the floor. Obviously, it couldn't hold on its form for too long, at least not without some kind of difficulty there. It wouldn't dare push through the cables and risk denying the others their meal as well. There'd be an investigation in any case and he wouldn't even dare to think about what would happen if he were to snap one himself. 'It left, that had been close.' He said, while seeing that there was a way down. The only path he had seen so far, being nothing else but the hole through which the cables went, with a simple reminder in mind. Do not disturb the pools any longer, as they appear to be far craftier than one may think. With that alone, he went on, pushing the other cords apart in order to slip through easier. Anthony could see that after he got through the tunnel, he was

presented with a space unlike any another. It felt like he could swing from cord to cord and still couldn't managed to touch any of the walls, if there had been any down there. He slid while holding in and remembered the sensation he felt while creeping inside the room. There wasn't any other way to get through, at least none other which excluded forcing your way through, with the help of sweat and a tiny amount of pain. Inside the room there were some strange details he would've wished not to notice. Both of the panels which would've been mirrored otherwise if it weren't for the fact that they had switched position had been caved in, battered and broken. Little doubt remained of the fact that they were still functional or not. But one important aspect which could be undeniable was the fact that the something had ripped it and threw it against the door. 'I'm Anthony, can you hear my voice? Are there any survivors?' Entering the room was proved to be something done with ease, as he only had to leap over the board and travel inside. There were other things which left him estranged. It was his mind, he hadn't even noticed the fact that he bore a lamp in his hand, which was connected to a long cord from the ceiling he had come out of. How had he got it in the first place? Anthony must've found it somewhere and attached it to an unneeded cable that had to be it. At least that's how his mind dictated it. The weird thing wasn't that he held it but rather that it seemed to have entirely attached itself to his left hand, not to mention that he had stopped feeling anything regarding his fingers. Tiny amounts of pressure in the floor, no corpses, just a vague ruin of signs of a fight which had taken place a long time ago. Something badly scented down there, it would appear that he was indeed going far deeper below that he had expected. Half of the room had been submerged into water and yet he wanted to go forth, not with the light, either, as he'd need it no more. There were a few things he feared as much as the depths without a way to see of help himself but he had been there, the broken man that had been even more broken by the device. A few of his thumbs had their soles missing, to the point where he had believed that the lighter had eaten them and would've continued with his hand. Openings here and there, in the nearest walls, as it appeared to be hard to look through the veils of the depths. He had entered one of them and was pleasantly surprised, as it lead to a small cove with air in it. 'You're survivors, I knew there'd be some.' He spoke as his vision adapted, mere moments in which he waited and had raised his hopes up thinking there'd be some. No, no, this can't be either, not after this mess. Blunt hands came and brushed over the bodies. The cove was filled with far too many snails for him to count, but he had been cold and hungry and felt nothing else but his primal instincts taking over. Clothes were ripped out of the bodies, a fire had been made and there wasn't anything for him to eat there other than the snails. And they tasted awful, especially their chewy texture and how it appeared to seep between his teeth. More awful things happened there, as he didn't seem to trust his eyes any longer. The open bottom from which he had come from appeared to have sealed itself immediately. There was no way out any longer. His hands were trembling at the edge of the noise. Anthony had made a fire and appeared to draw in as much of the smoke as he could. Soon enough, he would gorge on the snail, taking in as many as ten or twenty at a time, trying not to smoke and waited there, in his sealed cave. Perhaps he knew, perhaps he hadn't, but there wasn't an escape for him and what he failed to realised that in minutes he was no longer in control. As he stood on the floor, he had been covered in mucus and eaten in turn by the snails. His throat had become a bulk from all of those which had been eaten raw and remained alive. They had snuck back out in an attempt to escape but managed instead to cause him to choke. Most of the mucus had spilled near the flame and managed to blow it away. Fear consumed some above, in the sector where they had no way of knowing. 'Sitting in

the chair, sitting in the chair, how come my turn came?' It was too soon, and above of her there had been a most peculiar one. Unlike the others which had been clear and transparent, this one was dull and red. It was blood, most likely as well, as it seemed to take pleasure, if it was capable of feeling it, through the most peculiar matters. The room she saw herself in was something rather regal but dark, akin to some personal dungeon the monarch took pleasure while his servants had been busy taking care of their tasks. Only that, there had been teeth above her, attached to the pool, pushing forward in the most peculiar manner. As a matter of fact, she knew very well what would happen if she came to it, alas, caught. She wouldn't get together, but managed to free herself from the chair in time. Those tongues seemed not only to want to push her to the edge but even strangle her. And most importantly, the pool hadn't been keen on the fact that she had escaped. Rather, it foamed, having some of the blood fall on the chair she had been and marking it. If it were for her to even return to this place, it would be waiting for her. One thing though, still disturbed her. It was the marks around her neck, which had been a few inches in. Some of the blood on the chair had been hers most likely, which only added insult to injury but little doubt. At least, she thought of it while leaving those around her and going out of the first room she found herself in. The nightmare would never end. Even there, there had been room after room of the poorly lit dungeon she had walked into and too many of those pools above of her. What were they for? She couldn't tell, nor would she walk on anything but the room's edges. Looking at her wrist made her question her role there and how she. How she had come from there to the outside, on the common grounds. There were people around her who seemed to mind their own business, some which were looking at her with the most peculiarly questioning eyes. It was mostly her clothing which were both uncommon and which had become rags. 'Young lady, are you all right?' 'Don't turn around, please don't turn around, oh please don't do it. She kept telling herself that, only after she noticed that a few inches of her back were missing, in a uniform manner, to such extremes that it looked as if someone had taken a knife and chopped a good chunk of her. From inside there were various small thin arms moving around inches in the yellow murk they moved in. Just what were they and why was it melting in such a manner? How was she able to see the woman's back like that and not be disturbed. It had been obvious since she kept switching from one of the other ladies and her. Dianne knew what might just happen if she were to give in and ask for any kind of help. Instead she looked around. They were in a low rotten village, near plains that stretched as far as she could go, without having anything on her, of course, her journey would be cut in half or even a quarter in as she fell in the cold. And it was cold there, for what she wore. 'Poor thing, are you hungry, thirsty? Why don't you come in with us, you'll feel better.' 'I couldn't disturb your business like that, and I don't have the means to repay you any other way.' 'Oh but don't worry about that, you gorgeous bird in rags, we'll take care of everything. You won't have to worry of a thing.' As if she hadn't known the woman was wrong, most of all that they were all wrong in one or more ways. Their eyes were too far apart or too close, others moved in disturbing ways which weren't like anything a human walked like. Despite avoiding direct eye contact, there was this impression which was left by them, that behind their globes there had been some long arm-like tendons playing them like a bunch of strings, while pushing them around. It wasn't something she wanted to experience of look at, since she bore her head on her shoulders. They were hoarding animals it appeared, sheep, cows, pigs and what not, and judging by how healthy they looked, there wasn't anything she would do or say. Her tongue was missing, as well as pieces of her nails. What had happened? 'What's that my dear?' The high pitched

sound came from outside. It acted like some kind of toxin to her own ears, in the way it pushed to the point of having messed with her insides a lot. She wasn't the only one affected. The table she stood at had been filled by what had dripped out of their ears, seemingly so since they have stood there with their heads inclined. Most of their eyes were going a bit vaguely mad, as they almost came out of their irises and pushed forth tiny wormish figures. 'Oh, dear, this is quite the mess we made. Would you be so kind as to help us clean this?' 'Of course I would, after all, I think I'm just as responsible for this mess as well.' 'Nonsense my dear, you've got nothing to be ashamed of, it just so happens that this kind of spill comes quite regularly around here. Worry not about it.' With which she nodded and appeared to have bowed. There was something wrong, with her little insight into which what made her think it was wrong being there, mostly it had been her intuition that held her aloft. As they made their way around and started bringing what was to be had, she noticed that there was something wrong about the meat. It was spoiled, in such a way that its insides were just as sickly looking as the back of one of the old grannies. There wasn't anything more dreadful she could watch, but there was one thing she would do. That of which was eating the spoiled meat and actually come to enjoy it, without being aware that what she ate had been alive. Few words could describe the taste as well as the warm feeling she felt inside of her after each bite as she crushed those tiny legs and malnourished green mandibles that weren't fully formed. Such a thing had been the greatest thing she ate, while unaware of it, she had been slowly changing for the worse. Most of her bodily composition had already been altered past anything which could be remotely being called that of a human being. Not that she cared, that they all acted like insects there. Without the realisation that she was still bleeding out of her ear, she had awakened out of the stoop, looking at the table as they had been eating out of the one old lady which had been opened to begin with. Either she had been prepared to be served all this time or this was an utmost dreadful consequence of being exposed for far too long. But she had been eased into devouring the meat, and this had only been the natural next step. There hadn't been any remains as they had been done eating her bones and the mucus between the joints that held her together. Had there been another on then? What stood in front of them, on the table was one of the remaining ones, leaving only this dinner between the two. 'Aren't we supposed to stop? Who's going to take care of the animals after we eat her? I'm not sure the two of us can handle that alone?' 'Oh, my poor, poor dear, do not worry about that thing, it won't be the two of us who're taking care of them, that role will be solely yours.' How had it happened that she was there, all filled, unable to think or see clearly, unable to remember the outcome of her getting through the gate and into their home. She had clearly not intended to eat them all, nor had she agreed to have the last one presenting herself on the table in order to be devoured. After all, she had been rather full. 'I do not think I can do it anymore. You won't be able to fit in, I'm afraid.' As soon as she looked down, at what she had become, she almost burst out in tears. Her limbs had fattened, grown and seemed to have lacked the toes. It was that burst in mass that caused her to lose all her clothing and realise in just how dire of a form she was in. Her skin would darken to a brown, her teeth fell out and instead of the soles of her feet, two openings formed only to leave out the pus and other toxins into the bile. Such vicious bile she produces then, that it felt as if the entire room had been bathed in pheromones. There was something about the way that spread and seemed to get into every crevice and every single possible entryway there was. She hadn't had shoulders any longer, just the mere extension which dragged over her ears. That bleeding she had regularly out of her ears, had turned internally rather than any other way. Feeling rather weak, she crossed her

legs without the realisation that they had moulded themselves together as soon as they touched. Out of her fillings though there came another set of partially soft, but hardened tissue which appeared to creep out and crush the remains which had once laid in front of her to nothingness. Two sides of her face split as far as she could open the extension of her head, in order for her to open up and devour what was left of the creature which had lain in front of her. Most of her surroundings were no longer inside a house, but some kind of lair which had been made out of her own vicious slime, that spread around and infected everything. What have I done? She thought to herself as she crawled in perhaps the utmost repulsing manner she could do it in. Her body got elated as she pushed herself through the barn and near the animals. How she wanted more, oh, that feeling which wasn't of hunger but a deep desire to be even more degenerate and have herself in every single one of them. That was it, the thing she had desired most, from the insides there came two more hands which were made out of her real bones. Somewhere deep in her mass, she knew there was still something of her old body. But those thoughts weren't hers. And worse than that, it wasn't her actual bones, but some kind of poor imitation which was there only to give her some hope, as soon as they stretched forward, she had become aware that something was wrong. They were far too long and too mobile to be the ones she had previously had, not to mention that the claws had more than five fingers on each hand. Yet, she paired herself with the animals as they were all dragged until they stood together in her own curling ball of bile. They had become rather nice decorations there, not entirely dead, but in a strange matter of being alive. Most of her teeth had become long and the internal bleeding which had come from her ears flooded her mind. Another one came, a flat blotting man with the same appearance and who moved into the same manner. The main difference was the fact that he looked worse for the wearing, having grown thin because something had pierced it, which was obvious from the trail he left behind. 'Help us, we're in need.' With which it died at her gates, suddenly deflating into a mass of remains which had been covered and hidden by all the fat. It was a curious thing, at least one altogether because she didn't know what to make of it. Either she'd place herself in danger or she could stay there in her farm and be safe. Despite the change, this looked as if it might be some kind of life worth living, even though it would have to be spent alone. Was that kind of danger worth it? Apparently so, since she was already dragging herself and grasping for something in order to move faster than the way she had it on. Most of all, there was something inside her moving. Something was growing without her being aware of its presence. At the point where she had found where they were supposed to be, in some kind of limestone quarry, which had fissured in and left the top of it exposed, she went inside only to find that it had been made into a passage. Farther away inside of it, where stone had been fleshed out into a softness which disgusted even her in the current form she was in, at least she had become aware where she was going towards. Plenty of small eyes were watching her from the flesh. Those weren't natural, she knew after going through a shortage of light and coming out of them only to find out that she was covered by it. Artificial in nature, those eyes provided her no vision whatsoever and no need to look in any other way, as they were meant for their own as they watched from every direction possible. How many of them are there on me? She asked herself as she tried pulling one out. It was a pure meaningless action which bore nothing then and there, as her oily fingers slipped against the roundness of the pupils and fell around. A maw opened around, and in the dark there were some kind of limp limbs moving, towards which she wouldn't dare come any near out of her own fear. But into one of the arrays of light she stopped and a disembowelled giant frog-like creature approached. It leaped from above and was

nothing but wet, dirty and afraid. Yet it bore a grin which extended and seemed to be moving still, on the inside and the outside. At least, there had been some kind of nuisance around, for she had been aware of the things in front of her was not only unnatural, as to square out the fact that it had been a giant frog, but to take into account the fact that it bore too many legs and tails and its head had been opened. The skull seemed to have taken the blows, but not the same could be said about the lower torso which had been completely open. Well, the thing was that it hadn't looked like it was suffering, rather, it had been delighted. No blood came out but that was only because those organs wanted to be out, you could hear them from its own mouth. One malformed mouth lie in the intestines and spoke while the other one kept grinning unaware at most. 'Who's done this to you?' 'Well, my serving body of course, honoured thing, you wouldn't happen to be kind enough to give us directions, would you? I assume you're here for one purpose only and it has to do with your kind being in need of help, would that be correct?' 'I wager it is, but what can you offer me which may help me there? The things are foreign to me, and I have little knowledge of them as it is despite having become like them.' The thing had grown inside itself for moments before turning towards grinning as itself. 'Pull another one from above and drag it in the light. It should know much more than I do.' And with that, she seemed to have taken the very teeth that most likely tore through the belly and opened them outside, rather to have been made by blows alone. 'Nasty, nasty parasites, they are. I heard you well, you want to join them, do you? Better be prepared for those that are against them only came to it because they had been cheated by them. Nasty things, spitting their bile at everything and expecting to have it all handed on the platter.' There was a clear tone of anger and derangement which could be plainly felt. It could chew through her undoubtedly if it were to it. 'Wait, don't go, I have noticed something of you. We see through his eyes as well and, let me, I mean, allow me to join you now, that's what I ask of you. The two of us may have a chance together.' She looked at it in a manner of consideration that lasted for as long as it was there. The procedure would be kind of painful for both of them but what had she to gain? Those tiny eyes had already spread a shallow dark pigmentation around her body, so this may as well be the only addition she had control over. 'Very well, I shall accept your offer. Know this, before you join me, that I am in control. No one else shall take any decision other than I, do you understand?' The mouth only smiled and waited to be ripped out. This had clearly been its favourite part since it grinned the whole time and desired it in a supreme sense. As for the ordeal, the guts easily came off with the frog-thing protesting little at the pain. It hadn't thought of anything at all, as a matter of fact she wasn't even aware if it thought of it in any sort of way. Had the dumb thing noticed anything or was it just a slave to its guts? The wonder faded as soon as the guts crawled inside of her, dissolving pieces of it until it had become indistinguishable from her worm-like body. It looked as if the extra mouth belonged to her and in a strange way, it had. 'Pull one of my brothers out, I have one last thing to tell them.' It was there, the last one which would see him, mouth to mouth, with dirty teeth crawling out and the utmost decency while they would pass one another. In the matter of a few second, words had been exchanged of the direction they would have to take. Though what the woman had said to them had been rather alarming, especially since she had described the place she had been in and what they had been doing with its prisoners. As soon as she was done they had departed. Her skin had become tanned from the sun, by the time she had managed to come out of the passage, there was nothing to them but the irregular shared body and the nest which had been under siege. Some signs had lain, as if there had been a fire recently, through which they had bore holes through the various tunnels dug up there.

It looked as if down there laid an entire colony of the sorts. One against which there wasn't a way she'd be invited. The upper side of her body had started flaking away until she looked like a marsh worm. The mouth spoke. 'Well, are we going to enter or not? I do not like being kept waiting, do you hear me?' 'Loud and clear, but what do you want of me there? I don't know the answer myself and I'm rather afraid.' 'Expect nothing but misery down there, as you will feel unwelcome by the dead and the wretched.' 'Have you any experience inside the nest then?' 'Indeed I have, dear, for that is no nest alone, but the centre of trade between various tribes. Do not be distracted by the bile outside, for, that's done only by the grunts and no one else. The ruling class bear bodies which are solid and large, they bear claws and many heads which had been collected and brought back to life.' 'The bodies of whom?' There was a sinister tone when the mouth spoke of the ones in charge as well. Not like she had felt in danger until then, but there was that awareness of whole thing which made her want to return. Had it been worth it until then? She couldn't say but keep crawling and dragging her body. One thing, before she could be answered. 'Aren't I like them as well? I

mean a grunt, a worm-like creature, a lowborn of the sorts?' 'No. You are different, being part human, in time perhaps, you shall hatch and become something else, something.' Something not even the mouth dared speak of then. Her bowels opened right in time and from underneath there came a pair of socketless heads which bore long legs. It was unexpected then but appeared to ease the walk. 'Have you felt it already?' As she looked behind, she saw a pair of sagging necks which stretched all the way back. Somewhere from down under, she bore joints which kept her legs together. Nothing would have her fall apart, which was fair enough. The inside appeared to be dangerous and unexpected. It was no nest in terms of something close to some kind of simple hole but a bridge which lead them into an underground valley. Various tall structures had been built for no purpose whatsoever since their entrances were closed. But there it was, as the mouth had said and promised, corpses spread on every side. It had been dark above the valley where she stood, but down there, towards the very edge of the point towards where she had been looking at, she noticed something dreadful and become afraid. 'It's not safe to wait on the bridge, you must travel to the other side.' 'Are we going to do this then? Both of our lives are at stake now and I do not know whether or not I can make myself responsible for yours as well.' There was some kind of trepidation there, a fear of the kind, but they made it there as well. As she knelt and watched, holding on the stone pieces under her as well as she could, it was then that she noticed. Most of the field below had been cleansed and instead of it there had been trails of ashes from where the fire had been. Even now, what she thought to be torches at first glance had been nothing but the fires left. A screech came and she turned her gaze. A single attacked a sturdy being which bore its own neck by its teeth and came with a pair of long claws that had an awfully long attachment to its leg muscles. Its red carapace had the texture of some rotten fruit. Small hole-like domes lay inside of it, which appeared to go as deep as a finger tip. Otherwise, there was no focus on that deadly cadaverous beast, which seemed to have been ripped apart but came to attack. From both corners of its mouth, as it started foaming, there was blood being spat on her and not just a tiny amount. This monster had spat at least a gallon of blood on her, marking her with the stench before missing a hit which would've beheaded her from her throat to an all around circumference of the body. Though it had missed, the strike hadn't gone array as it cut through stone and revealed just how deviant and dangerous this had been. Its tiny head was splotching with some kind of acid as well, now that the blood had been entirely thrown. Perhaps that action may have been unintended, as it looked sick. But neither was it sick enough to lie and died there nor would it

simply stop. On the grip of the moment, it raised a claw and chopped the lower half of its body, now crawling at a speed which almost made it deadly. She leaped and came down upon its arms with her tainted pair of headed legs and crushed it slowly with her body. 'Do not get up until it had properly suffocated or you won't see an end to it.' 'What was wrong with it? Why is that it turned out that way? Take a look at the rest of its body, this thing has taken too much abuse for something like it to live.' 'Worry not about it but for yourself, for you're in danger.' It had come right before the snap below her, as it had become apparent that she had broken its neck. Dreadful, dreadful night, oh how much I must suffer the wait! The eyes looked in every direction afraid, for she had decided to spend the night into a hut, having set a fire, she had been cooking the remains for the last hour or so. 'Nomq, that's what it is, in case you were wondering, mouth.' 'I wasn't interested in trivialities, Nomq, only on the meat I started smelling rightfully above the fire. A part of which may belong to me.' There was enough for both of them, even though she had no way of knowing where the meat would go after being eaten by the mouth. In no way was it connected to her guts, which meant that it could just have ended being thrown inside her and rot. But at least, as much of a hindrance that mouth was, its voice or presence had brought a stop to the sound and internal bleeding she felt every time that noise came. Regardless of it being a consequence or not, both of them ate the meat, which tasted most exquisite. 'Bring me closer to the edge, I wish to feel the air on my lips.' The wind was indeed stronger as they approached one of the cliffs. Words could not describe the feelings they felt, nor how fearful Nomq was to enter the gate. Down there, she loomed over the entrance of a deeply set shallow mine, inside of which there could be nothing more but to deny the entrance to the point where they had to go was nothing short of sacrilege. The night had come, they had devoured and burying the bile which she had regurgitated from inside her body before returning to the damned sleep. Bloody wash covered her and would draw in more of them. But no, no, throughout the night, she found out that it was not for other members of their tribe to find her, but a punch of pheromones which drew in insects to nest inside her body and bite. It had to be endured during the night, for those would be the only few hours she'd get. And it was a night where she dreamed of being a girl, unchanged, human again. One of walking through green fields and drawing in good air, but not this! A few hours passed before she woke up worked and still groaning.

From the looks in her eyes, the bloodshot small black spheres, one could draw in the grogginess which had accompanied her mind as she carried on. Words couldn't describe what was going on in her mind, nor the many woes which had been felt at the corpses. 'Those are the ones I was talking about.' But those vile grunts, the workers were nothing like her, but rather starved men, humanoid if it weren't for some disgusting features which had changed them and almost gave the appearance of blind subterranean strain or race. 'Are those the ones?' 'Indeed they are, but they had been flayed away and their outer skin had been taken as a prize. It looks like there had been a struggle between the workers and their master.' Small wooden bars seemed to have been placed everywhere. It looked like many of them had been struck in the process of carving through stone and readying themselves to create a kingdom. 'So what pulled them in? You know, like that one which attacked us. Was it a debt, or rivalry?' 'Could it be that even underneath that one, there had been a man who had attacked us? She knew that the mere thought of her having eaten human meat was somewhat wrong and brought her only misery but this had been ridiculous. They weren't human, neither of them, only their corpses looked vaguely so, but in rest she woke up to the reality of things. 'The reasons are unknown and frankly you shouldn't care. What's important is that they came to sack their

place and they appeared to have succeeded.’ ‘So they’re not here any longer, that’s what you’re saying.’ ‘I do not know as we had only been passing it by when we decided to return and bumped into you.’ There had been plenty of signs related to the danger out there which had been ignored. Somehow, they would have to get through the fact that there could possibly be no survivors down there, at least not on the field itself. Plenty of signs down there made it appear as if it had been more of a slaughter than a fight. ‘Look at those pile of corpses, can you believe it happened here less than a few hours ago?’ ‘How would you happen to know the exact time?’ ‘I guess I cannot answer that, can I?’

Nomq left out a nervous laughter but seemed surprised at the mouth. She would be in peril soon enough if measures weren’t to be taken in order to assume her protection. There were a few times she looked around before deciding to go in. A few moments in front of it made her realise that there were no simple worms. No, the mouth had been wrong about them being flayed. Nothing which was as tainted as that, as fat or as slow could’ve built the entrance and what lay inside. The reddish rocks appeared to have been mined in and as they went deeper, it started getting harder. But she was set on that, mostly on the fact that they were men, they had to be and she was surer on it than anything else. Small crypt-like spikes were left in bulks around the walls, as to scare any of the intruders. ‘That hadn’t worked so far, has it? It didn’t manage to stop any of them from coming inside.’ There were a few corpses laying around, grouped in piles, while they bore the marks of the ones being cut. Clearly, something with claws had tried carrying them there while doing more damage in the process of cutting their limbs. The thing was, as she had thought about it, both sides were humanoid, yet they fought for no reason at all, but the territory. It had been sickening thing which lead to the deaths of many on either side, as she noted the corpses of the opposition. ‘Look at those red ones impaled in rocks, I could sense their scent even from here?’ Clear signs of pain had shown but not because of that, but because something much worse. From above of it, tiny drops of hot magma dripped on its shoulder, glazing and melting its carapace and body as it went through. ‘That looks rather dangerous.’ ‘It’s about to get hotter as we head deeper inside.’ And that was a promise in itself that she dared not name any conquest against.

She had dreaded fire and light and seemed to have been pulled towards cold and dark places. Half of one approached, cut by another claw. It grasped for anything to launch itself against but she wouldn’t let him. There was the clear human will and the need to push forward she herself had once known, but it had been wasted on this abomination. No amount of cruelty was enough to prevent her from crushing its skull after an immediate leap. Better safe than risk having one of her legs being cut off while she was distracted by the smoke coming out from between the cracks. It appeared to be hard to breathe around there, her lungs dealt with it in an utmost concrete manner, breaking the air apart and allowing her to survive. Most likely, her outside skin had looked like a broom which had been used to clean a chimney by now, but she doubted that this subtle changed made any difference when it came to the fiery thing. ‘Just what are they doing?’ ‘Don’t raise any noise, or they might notice you.’ Those were the first signs that there were living things around there. Past the carved corridor there were workers who kept doing what they were great at, sculpting. But they didn’t stop as that dark stone, the dark men had used the corpses, which had been impaled to sculpt features and make them akin to sculptures as they jointed the walls. ‘They’re not as I am but I can see some similarity which had been kept.’ For those men used a different kind of bile, one of which had spanned around the heat and magma, which encased everything in a hardened layer which wouldn’t melt under any condition. The same layer coated their bodies, yet they moved. Not only that, but she had realised that they were

hidden ones standing on the walls. 'Look, they're here, and there and everywhere. You don't suppose they're still alive.' 'Do you smell the corpses as well?' It felt as if those red insects had been stopped and killed entirely, as the head of their chieftain, who had been one of the bigger ones rested at the top of the pile they were taking body parts from in order to tie them to the wall. A few hours ago, it had happened, as well as she had been concerned. The halls were tight and the steam coming from the inside had become thin as soon as it had come. A small tribe was driven in by their leader, a bulky bloated neck which had grown so big that it connected to the legs and arms. It hardened to the point when such a violent thing should've had no sense or right to exist. Even its long claws had hardened and fattened to the point where they lost their sharpness and got replaced by blunt fat, which had been previously used to inflict trauma upon the lower beings. But they were on a territory they hadn't been aware of. The rising temperature presented a conflict which wouldn't do for anything else but encourage them to push back for a retreat. A roar came from inside. Neither of them moved nor attempted to put an end to it and flee. Only a handful of workers were around there, perhaps the same workers which had remained there, later carving their stones. They thought they would be able to pick on them as they were nothing but easy prey, but their strength came in the fact that they were only a few of them around there. Nothing could be lost. Nothing could go to waste, at least not as long as there was work to be done. When they approached, the workers had become alert, for as weak as they appeared to be, there was some fierce spirit in them. From above they seemed to peers at the way in which the ceiling would shift around with head and dread. Neither of them would've been able to handle it if they were sons of men. But their long hands reached and started scratching and pulling aside hot rocks until the rooms around them almost pushed from every side, like some knuckle pushed the walls inside a chest, or a hearth crushing from their west. They were at a loss, for the heat was awful, infernal to take. Rocks started melting and coating them in a terrible manner rather than granting them protection. 'Mygoh yaar waar bagohr.' Yelled the leader, in a dreadful tone, before the hall released and they were lead on. It felt like in a window of a few seconds, many of them died and laid behind, suffocated by the extreme tightness, while others fled, their leader looked around. Only a handful of warriors had remained, but he had reached them, the workers, ready to rip and sow. But that hadn't worked despite his strength, he couldn't smash them, regardless how many of them had been grouped, those damned ones were rather nimble. Quickly overrun, his giant arms had been forced in place. His army couldn't come forth because of him. What had happened there was a complete disaster, as one worker climbed on another one's shoulders and reached over the ceiling, releasing one of the hot rocks. From inside, there came a shimmer of a river so hot that once it fell on its chest, it pierced right through and fell behind. Most of those behind him had evaporated if not for the fact that many of them had been kept alive in pieces. Seemingly scattered around, the ones whom were alone had been lost, as they fled. With no leader and no scent, they had been lost, cursed to run around in the valley like mad things, cursed for their attack. Unable to sense any kind of danger, Nomq appeared to have approached. Plenty of things had become wrong, and nothing could've been as strong as her disease. Despite showing no signs, it was still inside her, she had known. At the time she had approached, the workers came to a halt and seemed to have stopped as well to inspect her. The strange appearance she bore was nothing in comparison with what they had been used to. Only that she bore the mouth and the legs, it was unnatural, but she wasn't dead. She was let through as each worker moved to the side, silent as they were because of their tattered mouths. It looked like her skin had adapted so much that it gave the

impression of pseudo chrome like or metal encased. That and the constant smoke and fogs of coal which darkened her, it appeared that she would be allowed to pass through the gates. Many workers came on each side and pushed marvellously carved gates which depicted their reign below. From the engravings, as well as she had had the chance to study it, they appeared to have sprouted from some giant organ from a locked place. There had been water running through the giant tunnels system from its every side, leading what appeared to be floating corpses from the world above. An emphasis on that creature had been made throughout the tunnels she was lead in, as if the importance was greater than everything she had ever expected it to be. Most carvings had been excellently made, to the point where their craftsmanship showed through the most tainted of inscriptions. Their words had been nothing alike anything she had ever seen. 'But I would just happen to know the language, so be my eyes if you would kindly please. They speak of their migration here and how they came to be.' Through the many decades of misery in which our ancestors swam in filth and mud. 'We would prevail no matter what.' It had been a sign of their mighty will and inability to give up on their own survival which had pushed them forth. Most if not all had appeared to have crept from holes in the walls in which they waited. Since there weren't always enough materials to finish the walls with, sometimes they would crawl and act as if they were part of it. Standing there and growing old, the ones which had been alive appeared to leave their spots in search of materials to fill the gaps, while others didn't appear to have a care in the world, as they had grown too old. Not only that but with age, they had hardened and become encased and part of the wall itself. They were no exception at all, and Nomq had little doubt she wouldn't escape being used as structure battering material in case she died. 'This is how they survived, it would appear, this relationship where they would use one another rather to weep or waste their dead.' And it had worked, by their words alone, they had managed to get this far with the help of their own blood, guts and soil. All of leading to this, their city, the grand one, surrounded by nothing below. No fire, no magma, nothing which would burn lay below, as far as she could look and see, it was the nothingness which they had mastered and loomed around. Even the outer reaches of the ground they stood upon stood above the abyss because of the chains which held it in place. Was it safe to walk? There appeared to be different kinds of faces which Nomq encountered but if anything else was there to notice, only a few were entirely revealed, as the others wore robes and were hard to guess in their true form. As one appeared to be bulky, tall, a being with no feet all, there were some horns coming from its head and from the back. It floated above the ground and seemed to be blind. Behind, it appeared to have dragged a tiny wooden room, which had light smoke coming out of it, as it just happened for them to carry on and creep, there was no one inside by another lady who'd weep. She watched through some window which was barely made of anything which would cover her sight and saw how the lady's tear ended up in an ash tray. It wasn't right, how she was taken but she couldn't do or say a thing against it. Caught by an arm, she appeared to have been taken by one of the sick monks. Under his robe, there was only the head she saw, and even his face was pale and hard to see, as it its sockets laid only one bulk-like red eye which stared. Only pieces of its mouth appeared then disappeared in seconds while they never saw eye to eye. 'What do you want with me?' There wasn't any response to her language, rather, it release her from its grasp once he saw that there were others around who stopped to stare. Everyone was being careful there, not to make any mistake and definitely not to say something which would impede their way. Looking around at it she noticed that one spoke but Nomq understood no word. 'Allow me to translate my dear, for I know and I can hear.' Well enough that strange

eye-gutted flat tall and musty thin handed one started pointing and whispering in her ear. Even as it knelt, the difference between them was something not to be ignored. 'You're an outsider, look, everyone had been waiting for you to know if it would be safe to get through.' The mouth spoke as soon as the peculiar dialect faded. There wasn't enough there to make anything out of it but she dared not ask a mere question. 'I'm glad to be of service, worry not for the way behind is safe.' He nodded with its false expression. Though it had been blank ever since it approached, she could see the visible pores move around his face like some kind of spores or seeds which exited his skin and hid in the dark near the back of its head. Was this one dead? She wondered but said nothing, as soon as enough tiny spores moved away, it looked like in their place remained only some kind of skull. Socketless, mouthless and kept by the spores, that explained a lot of what she had seen so far as she moved and glanced. Plenty of them only wanted to get out and distance themselves as far away as they could by the ones around them. At least that was the impression she had been given. 'Want to purchase something?' A dark and weak creature seemed to have crept. It held itself like some trader but she knew better once she threw a glance, at its weak form, the girth aloud. Plenty of its feet were flat and caught, its weak hands and arms seemed rather fond of themselves but somehow it grinned what seemed to be a pair of teeth held by strings. That was just one of the things it had collected in its journey as they went. Most of all, it was bent on selling her something, perhaps anything, if the mouth were to buy as well. 'Was that a hint at you? Those teeth I mean, as I have no need for them yet.' It sniffed around trying to read her and the strange words she muttered, longing with its crooked nose and strange pose in which it stood. Most of its body laid covered in fur, in which it hid most of the objects it had collected and acquired, even the coins and those of value. Before long, it spoke in a language, dialect and tongue which wasn't known. 'We need to stay away from him.' The mouth said after they walked away and apparently had done much to anger the one. It was one of those mad and sick ones who wanted to have at them before they could wake up out of their stoop. 'There, the gates, we need to make it in the city before anyone else comes near.' Out of anything but fear, they went on. Everyone was in a hurry for a reason or another. To be fair about it, as soon as something sudden did come to be, like the metal statues dragging the gates open for her, the road behind cleared and everyone stood on two sides. Everyone being her near the gates while the others had ran on their side of the bridge. 'Hold on, hold on, hold on, hold on.' A voice from the distance said and as the mouth translated, she suddenly got a grasp of it. The chains which had been attached to this structure started lowering it down slowly. It looked as if her claim of them conquering the abyss below them seemed to be true. Inside, she had been pulled by a combination of workers and commoners who saw the gates blocked from closing. Immediately inside, she was held still as to not get caught by the spell which had hit so many of them. There wasn't any time to admire anything or the vastness of the place, for she bore around her too many pairs of hands which held her as she stood aloft. Soon enough they would be too far below the ground to notice anything going around or to care for any insignificant group of invaders. At the time she was still caught by some sort of shock which didn't do her any well. Neither could tell how soon it happened but the city was whole again, held by chains from above but whole for an entire period of time. There wasn't enough time for her to stand and peer at the city, as there was too much to see. Nomq had been pulled there for a reason which was unknown to her and she could use nothing less of the discovery she had wanted to find. From the main square, near which she came near, there looked like a sizeable globe of glass lay, which looked hot and bright enough to serve as some kind of explosion. She was

strange, that alone she realised. Many followers had gathered around her, some of them being the broken teeth, featureless workers which looked like the static from a coal mine. Others wore robes and followed neither pattern nor anything distinct to differentiate them from one another. But if one thing she noticed, it was the fact that they all bore a head or two, not necessarily connected to the rest of their bodies but as neat trinkets of decorations near their necks. Not the workers, never the workers, who remained pure and seemed to be already busying themselves with work. Four distinct dialects came in her way and as far as she was aware, the mouth understood and spoke nought of what it heard. 'Well, what do you suppose might happen if we were to get lost, especially in there?' Nomq pointed at

the hive-like district. That looked like it was the infested part of it, rather than to have occurred naturally or be constructed by neutral means. Even from the distance, she could notice various layers of vileness dropping from the top and internally grasped for her own skin. It wasn't there, she tried again with a few of her organs. They weren't

there either. 'Should we not look for another place? It doesn't look like a place you may be able to return from.' 'Don't you mean a place we may not be able to return from?' 'I am but a mere mouth, with nothing to lose, you are the one giving me thought and a voice.' But she had looked away, distracted by an uproariously loud noise.

Where had it been? Where could it have come from? How come there were so many things wrong with her then? Plenty of times, she had looked back and forth, unable to keep to herself, followed by a few who mainly kept to themselves now. No one spoke, but they watched and listened. Despite everything which had happened she wasn't sold on the place, as it was too great and malignant to be real. The pillars had been squared, the floor beneath them was a bright yellow, almost close to marble in away, stretch for as long as the limits of the elevator side of the city laid. The patterns below seemed to have told a story, at least one which hadn't been meant to be interrupted by a line which came out as a crack or a dent. Most, if not all homes followed a few patterns themselves. With a bit of guess work, she realised that the huts were the houses owned by the poor, while the taller ones, to the forts from the distance and the great spiralled forms she could see belonged to the richest forgotten ones around. She stood clear of the guards and bowed down at their sight. 'Keep your head down and do not make eye contact at all. They must not see you raise any trouble while you're around.' And they were armed. Without looking for too long at them, they were wider and taller than their peers, almost specially bred for this kind of work. Near their bones there appeared to be some kind of breast plate protectors, faces which didn't belong. They wore black masks and suits which bore tubes at the back of their necks. Was there something wrong with her vision? She wondered but got no response. It felt like the golden vision of the place she had looked at chance at a heart piece. Blackened woods from below, as soon as she looked above, she saw that she wasn't that far in the depths or fallen into the abyss, but in a cave that went as far as she had looked. She was still in the city, but this was wrong. The chain, that's what she checked first, they were still there. Of the creatures that followed her? They were darkened but still hadn't looked like anything human in any sort of way. Nomq had, but looking down at her guts, she realised that a mouth had been sewed on her, manually, painfully, the memory of which would never go away. There was dread in her eyes after seeing that the huts and houses turned into rounded things which had been spiked, coloured in the deepest red and black. Their robes now spoke of no sophistication but of sadism and madness. Some wore white symbols on their, which popped in the eyes but she dared not raise any alarm, not yet. 'Look at the hive, can you not see it yet?' From the distance, the silk which had encompassed it looked like a glistening dark ultramarine star, lost in the moistness and the dark.

If there had been anything for her not to understand before, not she was being hurt by the way they spoke. Their tongues or lips had been bitten while they spoke, splashing tiny beads of blood while they spoke. She had to get away, to get them lost, but now, out of all the times and places she could be in, she felt afraid, too afraid to be left there alone, unable to cope and unable to hide herself from anything or anyone. It was time for her to get lost and look for what had called her there. There were grottoes which seemed to go deeper below, staying in some kind of static field of bleak grass and tall flowers. Surrounding it, as well as it had been aware, there was a door which lead inside, a gate rather which laid in some sort of disguised. Nomq took initiative as she opened it and entered inside, looking past the tightness and the shortness in which the room had been presented, it felt as if she wasn't followed any longer. Neither of the followers knocked or gave any other sign that they had approached. For a great reason as well, as it seemed that inside the chamber there were two shelves, from the entry door to the far side and the opposite end, there were trinkets and parts which connected and made a man. Out of pieces to be more precise, only a few of them appeared to have been caught in the same trap of being solid. They were looking, watching, peering with their globe like eyes. Many heads watched and seemed to chew on nothing as the frail creature which was Nomq approached. The condition in which everything inside laid in was nothing worth of mentioning. At least, the shelves were old, as were the pieces, neither of which appeared to have any sort of value whatsoever, not to mention the fact that she feared that she might catch something while she was there. Nothing might've hit her less than the fact that she wanted to confess how eerie she felt in the presence of the one behind the counter. It was then that she was wordless and only watched, as had the mouth sealed itself and held its own lips in place, meaningless in tone and cold. It was tall enough to loom over her, wore the same normal bleak-like robe and felt distant as several voices came from its inside. From the sounds of which, there had been a clear distinction which had pushed forth something out of its mouth. It was a device which had been attached to a long tongue or the projection of his insides as the long thing that came out of that ancient slobbering face had a dial-like box lodged in it. Many things appeared to have crept inside her, but neither of them seemed to answer her question at all. What was it? What could this thing be? Looking even closer, she noticed small eyes being hidden underneath some damp folds as well as having opening on the sides of its throat instead of bearing a nose. Mostly, it was the hair which had been distraction, those greyish things which hadn't belonged to it but had clearly been taken from the scalp of a man. Trying to break it was pointless in a way since she knew there'd be nothing she could to satiate her newly-found curiosity about the damned machine. Some numbers came to mind, one, five, eight, one, zero, zero, and three, four that had been the entry which had come to be passed inside. The dial suddenly made a sharp noise, and whatever she had done, the response had almost been immediate and without delay. As she had noticed the tiny beady hidden eyes underneath its folds, they appeared to have been burned out of its face, or boiled in their place. No one had ever thought they might admire what was happening to their host, but the puppet heads turned and grinned. Despite not making a single sound, they waited for her in silence to insert the new combination. Why wasn't it trying to fight back? She wondered that as well, before noticing the chains which held it in place, dragging as far in the back as she could see. It wasn't its choice to be there or do that, not to mention that there had been plenty of devices attached to its back, that of which she wasn't even aware of them or their functions. 'It can't defend itself any longer. Are you certain you're willing to get through this alone?' 'I am only trying to satiate my curiosity, nothing more. Regardless of me

willing to get through with it or not might be a matter of how far the dial will let me get off with. If it's going to have it killed, so be it.' She had tried hiding the expression on her face, hearing the slobbering one chant in silence as it waited for her to continue pressing the dial. Words couldn't describe the fear it felt and the shudder its hairs around its body as the dial crept again. Five, five, zero, zero, four, eight, nine, one, by now they appeared to be some kind of coordinates to find and push the spots which weren't supposed to be pushed. Something had burned internally but crept at the top of its head. Nomq had been right about the false hairs as they fell off immediately after that tiny arched bone popped out, seemingly getting through its brain. The sounds of pain had been terrible, and as the struggles began, the chains had finally come into place. It had been hard for her to keep watching it go that way, attempting to get rid of the bloody concoction at the top of its head. Something had pierced it too far for comfort but it was too late as she had acquired a vile taste for it. She wanted to eat a piece of it and it hadn't mattered what went forth between their needs. Eight, eight, eight, eight, and this immediate effect she saw as it stitched out on the counter. One of its limbs had become rather boneless as it pulled out of the cartilage and turned inward. Its entire body now knelt on one good knee while the other one had crushed or at least pushed the organs further inside. The agony was no joke to it but it could hardly be heard since its throat had been blocked by all the wires which had been connected by the machine. The pain and misery the creature felt was akin to some kind of pleasurable wail she had wished it never stopped. Something inside her signaled for her to stop and made it seem as if it was wrong and yet there wasn't anything which would've made her desire more. Peculiar, as it was, she almost knew or had a vague understanding on how the dial machine worked, and seemed to have quickly come to master it. They were indeed coordinates as she had initially suggested to herself, or rather, though they were acting in a similar manner. As the next set of numbers came, six, five, five, zero, eight, something started being pumped inside its chest. Nomq clearly saw that something in its chest was getting past some sort of limits that would've drowned her or as if it were a man underneath that thing. Its lungs seemed to have cracked and pierced the chest until they seemingly revealed themselves. They didn't look like what she had expected, since their horns had to be subdued, and they had been sharp enough that they would manage to pierce through the body. Fear overwhelmed her once she saw it climb on the counter. She felt back and was looked down upon as the creature suddenly got stopped in place, held only by the chains. As she was met eye to eye, she felt something that surpassed fright and agony, something which crept inside her mind and affected her in a way she wasn't even aware of herself. It was that which made her want to stop. But one thing made her desire to go forth and made her less reluctant than anything else, it was the thing. That horrible, horrible thing, the realisation that someone might come after her from the outside, another would come in and finish what she started. It was then that she noticed the huge open way behind the creature. A way for her to escape through the back, be it a way for her to be free. As much as she felt some kind of understanding for it, the machine was dangling just at her reach. The weight alone seemed to have caught it off guard, as the body had less strength than it needed to set itself free. No one appeared to have known where the vile human went, not would they have recognised it in any sort of way. She had been there, and they had spoken of her, for little matter as she had been lost in a manner of a few seconds, fleeing in the realms that had seemed beyond her awareness alone and theirs as well. Most spread but some remained, not as many as to attract any sort of attention but enough of them nonetheless to repel anyone who may think otherwise. Nomq had bitten her under lip and started inserting numbers again. It felt

great, ecstatic, that rush of power she felt while it came to her in that moment alone, when all of it was used for the utmost pain and suffering she herself had known. The illusion felt off, but the pain great, after seeing it get ripped apart from the inside, one final entry appeared to have sealed the deal. One of its heads suddenly burst out and fell.

There wasn't any scream but a lot of its liquid suddenly fell off and spilled across the floor in some sort of pool which immediately vanished in a mist. Nomq covered her nose in hopes that it wouldn't come through her and make her sick, but she had no final word or whether or not she had taken too much of it inside. Minutes passed and the machine inside it appeared to have lost its function. One final deal before she jumped over the counter. For that one moment, it almost felt like the creature had one last beat which went through its heart that of which vanished in a moment, as some blast would in the peculiar manner, caught by the worst possible way it might've been caught. Its arms expanded stretched, the heart and lungs started pushing back and forth like some pumps which pushed forth for one final strike of revenge. But it was not the creature, the dreadful infiltrator, but, rather something more dreadful and afraid. Something which shouldn't have been that way in any type, sort or shape, which made it seem stranger.

Well enough, the tubes had done their task as they started pulling from its inside, all of the liquids, the guts and every organ which had been attached through some tube. Its body had been dragged back as the chains automatically dragged the body behind and ripped it apart. From it, every organ which had been pulled seemed to have encased itself in a small dome for protection. No further action had been taken from that point, as it did appear to have been caught in its own trap. She followed nonetheless, through the peculiar halls, following the most expensive things she could've set her eyes on, before someone came to replace the grunt with another. By the next entryway, she stopped and peered from the floor. As she squatted, she looked inside the room and saw a room filled with cages, in each of them one similar beast had been stored. They were fed and given water but the conditions only felt like filth. Nothing could've been more agonising than being in one of those cages, nothing indeed. There were a few things which went off the top of her head, which involved her looking at all the stored boxes which laid behind their cages. Had those all been organs then and if so, how many of them had been harvested for them? It looked like each of them had its own category in which they had been included. Peculiar and tainted, as it appeared that there was little they could do in order to set themselves free from their prisons. They were insistent as well, as soon as she had come crossed the threshold to get a better view of the place, they had all turned to watch her closely and silently.

She was strange and unlike the one at the counter, the other creatures around there looked as if they had been unaffected, unlike the one which had been partly made of circuits. A clear determination came to her mind as she looked at the other door in front of her. Someone had left it open apparently, and not only that but there was a constant show of lights coming out from some machine or another. Nomq hadn't noticed the empty cage inside the room, which made her unable to comprehend what was happening in there, beyond her own gaze. Silently, she stooped closer and looked what kept the cages locked. They were the same kind of devices which had been attached to them. Had they looked nervous around her or was it all in her head? She wondered that as she looked at them shaking. Big beasts shaking, unusual per say, not to mention that, if they had even a slim idea of intelligence, they might've put two and two together. One of them own had been broken apart and she was the first one to come after it. Anyone else would've figured that out by now, with her being the culprit, ready to attack. But not them and not yet, as for the time being they looked at her with fright. It was unsettling to say the least, being there amongst so

many beasts. And what if she failed? There had been too many combinations with as many entries as there might be. No confirmation either could come over each cipher which was entered, making it look as if the combination could be made out of tens or even hundreds of numbers, which dissuaded her from going forth. Could it be such a loss after all? What were a few more dead ones amongst the mountains of organs which had been stored around? Some noise disturbed her. Without wanting to return the way she came, since that would be the first place they'd look in, she came around the storage passage, tight as it were, she managed to slip in and hold herself as tightly as she could against the small containers which held the organs in place. The disgust she felt meant nothing to the fact that they were there, in the room, looking around for another specimen to take. Their vileness became obvious while they started making their primal sounds and act as violent and vulgar sounding as they could. Despite the fear she felt for what they might do to them, she had held the fear in place, at the thought that if roles were reversed, how many of them would make an effort for her? Without a doubt, they wouldn't have hidden in a human organ storage room and held out as much as she had done. Clearly, she wanted to do something but waited. As close as the light had come, there was a certainty that she would be caught. Nomq knew that herself but dared not say a word for the fear that they may get her never left her. It was only after making the cut, through the passage that she realised how important this place was. Hundreds of rows that went on and on as far as they would stretch to the reaches of her eyes appeared in the distance. Most, if not all were dragged around by metal arms, bleak in the gaze of the creeping metal numb pads which pushed and pulled them in place. It had gotten colder the closer she got to the centre of it and there was one. A giant dome lay there, with a sort of gut brain, surrounded by a pair of giant ribs, all which had become one, as if they had been grown together. It was kept alive and stored like the others but unlike them, there seemed to be an entire thing rather than harvested pieces of a bigger abomination. In the pool it saw there was clearly something transparent, to the point where everything inside it had been so, even a piece of the brain or the ribs and the other things which swam in its pool. Parts of them had looked as if they were only parts of a greater thing which had dissolved and absorbed it. Unnatural, in a way, she decided she could get away with it. After all, how often would they visit the place? How often had it happened for someone to break in? There had been no clear answer to that as she dared not make a sound. As soon as she had seen it in sight, she came near one of the metal arms and pulled at it until it came off. The strength which had been needed for that was beyond anything a human would've been capable of pulling off on its own, yet she's done it. Lower expectations came as soon as she was near. With one strike, the glass dome around it crashed, and in a few seconds, the entire image of the vicious slime which had almost become a body blackened and turned into a gas so vile that she had dropped the piece of metal she had carried and fell on her back. Looking at herself helped her see how hopeless she truly was, how tainted and dirty she had become indeed. There wasn't any explanation for this kind of deal and why it had happened to her. But she knew, once she had pulled herself together and had taken a look below the now empty and broken dome, that she had ended the abomination before it formed. But how many of them were there? How many had they been making? It wasn't clear enough, but she knew that either she could go forth and smash as many of the domes as she could or return to the ones that were caged. There wasn't enough time, as much as she was aware of do both of them and get away. It would make too much noise, per say, not to mention the chaos which may come immediately after they were freed from their cages. At least, the chaos wasn't what she'd expect but sooner or later they had to be done. Even as far as

she stood, there wasn't anything which made her wish to return to them as soon as she could. Nomq wanted to see what else was in there. 'You're starting to stall, and that isn't great if you're still set of breaking down their locks.' 'Not yet, I don't have any way to break the codes, well, do you? Last time I checked, you were just as silent as I was when we were near them. You could've suggested a thing but you haven't.' 'But now I am, so we may return.' 'No, that's pointless, not after this, definitely not after having found out what they're making here. Do you remember those tall guards, or figures or whatever they were?' 'They walked near our after the crowd gathered but it hadn't reacted in any sort of way.' 'Exactly, I don't think they're as aggressive as they look, which should give us an advantage over them, if it were came to be.' 'Very well then, you control the body, after all, the decision should be solely yours.' As it had always been, she came to the conclusion that the lives of those animals were rather meaningless to her. They were disposable in every shape or way. She went on with her search, thinking less about them being harvested and instead focusing on those. Guards being made, with that in mind, she had to look for more domes to shatter and more unformed primordial goo to make it vanish. It was dangerous, as much as she had been aware, there were a few things out there which could go wrong. Yet there was little doubt that a part of that vile gas that had come out of its death had entered her and changed her insides as well as it might've affected her mind. Nomq could hear their wails from the boxes. Those were silent but she couldn't exactly pinpoint the reason for which she felt bad or guilty, especially since she wouldn't feel that way even for her child. If chances were, she would do it again. But this wasn't the time to look at the past, there'd be no fond recollections to gather, for she was alone and there was barely a shimmer for her to grasp off. Plenty of seconds went unaltered as she looked around at them, while thinking of their fate. She had to take just one there, after hearing its kind whisper. 'Devour me, devour me, save yourself, please, I would be yours.' Nomq had little choice in the matter, and as soon as she got the guts from inside one of the boxes which had no effect on the stability the entire column had, she gouged it and started eating. 'Feed me as well, I desire to be fed.' The raw guts had been covered in some smile which was used for preservation. For both the mouth and Nomq, there was little doubt of the magnitude of dysentery and disgust they both felt at one another as they shared the gut. It tasted awful but at least the smile prevented any virus or any infection from the contamination which lay around. And she was aware of it, looking as the greyish vision around and the small white puffs which floated around. Black trails underneath various counters seemed to drag all the way down, not to mention that there had been something akin to dry blood pools which was been the aftermath from a fight. Something big had been in here, and it had almost managed to trash the entire place. A dreadful appreciation of her own came to be, and little was held in regards of what she had done. In the distance, there were wails. The beasts went at it again, quite unaware of the fact that she was eating the insides of one of their own. Poor things would suffer quite a lot if only they knew what her doings had amounted to. But by the time they ended, she had been done as well, both of them had been done. A strange sensation came to her immediately after. She had been affected by some vulgar feeling, one of which almost drove her rabid there, in a state of constant foaming while trying to get as far away from where the gut had been consumed. The sickness returned and immediately after, she heard a sharp noise in her ear go off. There was nothing to it but the dreadfully near paranoia which always crept inside. By and by, there were things she should've known, before anything could be taken or returned. Alas, there was another. Her speculation had been rewarded in the greatest measure known to a living creature. A great dome,

but what was that around it? Had there been others who had tried the same? For some reason this one not only had a glow to it, but a bunch of corpses held aloft, with their hands stretched and in the most maddening way possible, they seemed to have died holding it. 'Do not get near it, I think this exploration of yours should end, if you value your life as much as I value mine.' The mouth spoke in a tone which made her turn. Was she even in control? She didn't feel like it any longer, at least not after it spoke. Now, there the woe, as lost as she had been, alone, there was little to her knowledge, less than it had been expected. She was deranged in a way for which there would be no explanation, nor prior woe for her to take. For her sake alone, the mouth started chewing its own insides or hers and spat patches of blood on the floor. There were worse things happening in her mind, as well as the distraction which entailed the fact that they were gone. From her standpoint, she had done a mistake but felt little compassion for them despite going the wrong way. It looked as if they had been busy while she had been inside, creating some kind of chaos, as, at least four of the cages were empty and judging from the long cords on the ground which lead to the way behind, they had already replaced their project. Without a shimmering sign of it, she had been rather aware of how wrong it was what she was doing, but couldn't control her actions alone. Her nails had fallen and despite the pain, there was this urge to go at it and start screwing with one of the cords as hard as she could. Shit started biting and scratching at one of the points, going through the textile and rubbery layers which stood between that and what she wanted out of it. As soon as there was some entry, her tongue pumped in for a prime taste. It was jittery and felt like blood oil, but somehow she had to keep sucking on it as hard as she could. Again, the beasts took silence in their cages as they watched the man woman drink from one of their own. There was no animosity between them, but a tension which would've gone to an extreme if only she had set them free. Visions came, of them being brought there. The cages had been shortly unlocked, or at least the ones which had been empty now, with only a few codes being as short as four ciphers pushed in. And they all started with zero and ended with zero, which made it even easier than she would've thought. For someone as advanced as them, they weren't great at making unbreakable locks. If only she could pull herself back, she would turn and set them free, at any point. But the taste had become sweeter all of the sudden, almost orgasmic for her in some sense. She had become wet from all the sweat which was expelled out of her body, unable to get up from that partially kneeling and predatory pose she had taken. As soon as I am done, I'll do something, I'll, stop. Her thoughts froze at the sight of the creature which stood in front of her. It was one of them, the caretakers, wearing their horns and masks, their suits which blended with the environment, covered in all that grey stuff which floated around. They would've been collectors if it weren't for the entire aspect of them enslaving and seemingly butchering the beasts. Would they do the same with my body now? I am defenceless, Nomq thought. With her blood-shut eyes and teary demeanour, she stood waiting for any kind of grim action which would've taken her or dragged her by the end of her hair and pushed her into the butchery. Yet there was none of that, at least not yet. She didn't understand why she was avoided in such a way, or why hadn't there been measures taken. But he left, without a word, without doing anything, or even caring that she was there. For him, she had been another customer or some kind. 'You may pull out, I think that would be enough.' Some of its teeth started sharpening again while cleaning themselves. For how long had it sucked on that fluid as well? There wasn't any way she could tell that, but seemed to have hinted at the fact that she wasn't pleased by what was going on. There was a clear certainty now, she was aware of the danger which flowed through her body. 'Hey, look, the

opening I made, that just sealed itself, hasn't it?" "They're made to act that way, don't think you're the first one to do so. This would be a perfect time to leave them each to their own." "I see." She was still dully caught by the entire thing to realise what was going on. Some kind of fear-induced words and thoughts had made her act that way, though not anymore. Nomq though herself in control, she had to be. There would be no other certainty to it, at least not to the point of fear and sneer she would display. More so, there was a clear distinction of the other beasts, this one seemed passive, to the point where it wasn't chained any longer. It had no care, nor had it observed her as she passed it by, moving freely without any kind of repercussion for what she had done. Perhaps they hadn't been made aware, but one thing she knew, which was the fact that she would never return into the strange shop again. It was back out there, into the peculiar zone she had been forced into. At least, there wouldn't have been a single way to see whether or not she would understand a single word on the billboards outside. Many of them had different signs which had been written in their own style and manner, that it made it all the more confusing. Were they of the same tongue or different ones? Some similarities in form could be found here and there, but nothing concrete, not to the point of her understanding what was the intention behind the sign. But there were people, if so could they be called, coming out of them, in other words they weren't abandoned either. And she could at best, glance into it and try not to stare. There wasn't any option but to obey. "We shall enter that one." The mouth spoke, muffled underneath her clothes, though she heard it all the same. Clearly, something wrong had happened, for she obeyed again without delay and without a way for her to stop. It was almost as if some bigger hands grabbed her head and turned her towards where she had to be, afterwards, making it seem like there wasn't any other way around. The place was full, but not in the way she had expected it to be. At least more than half of the things that were in there made their way to the upper floor where they communicated with one another as well as the other parts. From what she could see from the distance, those parts, per say, were some kind of giant devices, or at least scrapped parts which had air-hole as well as insertion points. Things she wasn't even aware of laid attached to it, pushing forth and moving at command. Whatever they were guiding inside their small room, she wanted to be a part of it. At least, as well as it looked, there was some interest she had acquired regarding the machine and their practices. One in particular had taken her eyes. As she got there, she saw a pair of human-looking yet bizarre men, who were somewhat crossbreeds which took on some of the features which had been precisely noticeable in the others around. For example, their skulls were shaped in most atrocious ways, holding themselves farther behind, if not split in the middle. Others had the entire projection of their skull going forth, or not at all in the rest. Pieces where it should've been rounded were flattened and judging from their arms and legs, they out-bred their humanity a few generations before. Fingers were missing and in their place there was this common flaccid state in which some look-alike akin to them retracted inside some kind of shell which had become their hands. More so, on their chests, there were these devices, as black boxes, going through their backs and pumping something in the rest of their bodies. The soft part in the middle of the cube, which was surrounded by black, had something of a meat-like spot which flushed and expanded wildly every moment it could take. But that wasn't what interested her, as their dark features and shallow skin seemed to flail at it, she finally looked at the device they were messing with. It was something of a tall base or a miniature of something like that. She had little experience in those types of things, but somehow she saw a pattern there. From her previous experience at least, she had learned that the best way to understand how something worked was to

closely observe, as she had done. In a sudden entry of a bunch of codes, at it worked again. Those codes or the lack of them drove her mad. Everyone there seemed to have either developed or acquired their own set of ciphers, which they kept to themselves. Not only that, but as soon as she took her time to look at it, she noticed that the base was attached to the table they stood at. Perhaps Nomq had stood way too much there on her own, for others started looking at her with their utmost uncertainty and warded out glances. It had prevailed at least, despite her not choosing a table to stand on. She looked and saw one opening from the base, from which there crawled a tube. The humanoid hadn't actually taken the tube in its mouth, but rather pulled out the back of its head which wasn't part of its skull at all. Cradle boarding, that's something she had thought off, maybe relating to one of her lessons when she had been a child. That's why it looked so familiar, in some way, she had only remembered the pictures she had started at as a child. It drew it out nonetheless and hid some sort of battery which went inside its own brain.

Obviously, there had been some pain there, with its wires being drawn back and what now, but the certainty remained the same. There was fear, there was pain. Nothing would remain. It pushed the tube inside one of the holes which popped open and suddenly pulled its fuel inside. The other one, with the projecting head and no pupils had. Had, either of them bore any pupils? It was the first time she had noticed. 'Sit down at an empty table.' Said one of the voices, that of which she had been aware, it was clear enough that there was some mockery involved, but rather, disdain in its voice. 'Worthless thing, you should've done it quicker. We'll be looked now even in the slightest shake.' 'But I've done everything I could, why are you making me do this?' 'It's all because of you accepted me and nothing more. Now, you belong to me and shall do what I say unless you want me to leave you for another host and not with this.' She looked back on the illusion. Her body was fat and like the parasite again, a fat larvae covered in coal, in some kind of almost empty place, a metal prison with some machines which had been stuck in the same motion. One moved its anchored metal arm then drew it back only to repeat. There were others at the table with it, being the exact same number. Nomq looked behind at the trail she had left while making her way towards the upper floor. Half of the damned metal prison or structure had been destroyed in an utmost immediate manner, under her very own eyes. Was it a fact that for a fraction of a moment, there had been some disconnect? Was her parasitic body decaying? Because it looked that way, she feared. It seemed that in all sense, she was being taken and decayed in an accelerated manner. Green and yellow puss-filled pouches had buried themselves inside her big blob of a body and the cause of it had been the mouth. With its dark grin, now, of all the times, it looked rather out of place. Those crooked teeth were breaking as well and in a way, it seemed as if it was decaying. 'Bring me back then, I don't wish to look upon this world any longer.' 'Will you listen, then?' 'I will obey.' It was then that her sight returned.

Seemingly unaware of how long she had been standing there, suddenly she received the small device every table inside the room seemed to have. Unaware of any of the numbers which were there, Nomq only supposed they were either easy to find or cosmetically in nature, henceforth any possible combination would result into her getting that liquid in. 'Press eight five eight.' She did as she was asked, again, without any reluctance or any shimmer or sign that she had the willpower to resist. Now, there came a tube, longer than it was usual for her to get and seemingly unaware of the things which made it so. On a quick notice, her hand hadn't guided to herself, but rather to the entry which was needed. It was the mouth, that had been the source or target which needed to be fed. Underneath all of that, something had grown inside of her. It was attached to her mouth as well, feeding from both sides and yet, it had

been attached to her other organs as well. It was an unexplainable parasitical thing which held in no light's awe. The sickness which was this seduction wouldn't run out for as long as it was there. And the way it fit got dreadful to watch, never had she seen something as horrible as the way it fed itself. Some of its teeth were grained and miserable, but they draw inside themselves as much of that oil as they could. She wasn't a machine and neither was it, but somehow, it thought or judged that it would be helpful for her to be fed? It wasn't safe, she wasn't either and now it would be unsafe. Some of the patrons started staring. From below, she had made a mess. At least the chair and a quarter of a circle around her had been covered in the oil as it slipped either outside or on directly below here. The flow of the oil had stopped, which left a bitter taste in both of their mouths. It looked as if that wasn't intended but the patrons had taken the liberty of pushing it all behind, pulling it despite her being there. Not only that, but she was being taken or dragged towards the back. Apparently, someone had been displeased with what she meant or the reason behind her needing to be there. A storm was coming by and she would be defenceless for as long as she stood there. Behind her, a big armed bulky thing which had its entire torso in size of its head came to be her guardian, or the thing which stood between her and the exit behind. At least from her angle it looked like the, still humanoid thing, had been stretched to the point of growing into its own skull. It had been a peculiar thing to watch, not because of the thought that it used to be a man, but the deformity itself. That changed immediately, as if stopped in its tracks and emitted a powerful wail. From its insides busted something, once it was done changing and shifting in place. There came a pair of heads, and tongues, long beaked, welded together, but there. Its body was something of a plane spreading block which appeared to point in every direction while expanding and retracting in its ocean deep colour. If there was something wrong with it, that would've been it, or should've been in any case. But as it shed its skin and human form, from the inside, there could be seen the face of a man trying to shout and set himself free, as many more appeared. It wasn't a great view but she couldn't look away. The hairy blue thing was armless and legless but seemed to make up for it as it had turned out to be something akin to a portal which pushed men in front of him, as tormented slaves which walked. Will I become the same as they? Am I doomed to end up that way? She wondered often but dared not ask loud, for that thing was nothing to be looked up to, nor was there any kind of desire to be strapped in the same way as it had been. That way wasn't nor had it been an option in any case. This way at least, she stared, but anything else? She hadn't dared. Their heads suddenly became crisp and thin, like some kind of rotten, spoiled things. They shouldn't have been aware of it, but that was it, a decaying thing which immediately took place. Not even the universe itself could take the existence, or the agony of the creature and let it live in that way. From now on, she could only watch and prey for the men. They were the ones who seemingly suffered inside, as she could see their ribs exposed, starved by their prison, as the block which had been its body thinned. 'Stop looking at it. 'Said one of the patrons who lead the way. As for him, there wasn't anything to be called for. He wore a suit and bore a harsh voice underneath all the cover, leaving much out of what he had been, or what had been seen. It was strange, peculiar and out of place, he shouldn't have been there. The tunnel they were in shouldn't have been there. Are they taking me to some hidden place to off me? 'Silence and keep to them, get closer.' The mouth whispered, and for a moment then she thought she had been the only one who heard it. At least she thought it had been that way. There wasn't a clear way, nor would anything they did count for something. She was brought down a few levels through some sort of strange chain system which bore some pain as well as

uncertainty when it boiled down to her safety. At least, as soon as Nomq was chained, she was lowered below like a sack of grain. They were by all means ruthless in the way they treated their guests or prisoners, at least after the way she had been put down and forced on her knees, watching out for her not to be caught around. It was clear then as it had been around that there wasn't anywhere safe where she could stand without being caught and forced into submission. 'Bring the chains closer to me. Do not wait for the lights to come and for them to see what you'll be doing?' 'And what exactly will I be doing then? I'm truly sick of following your lead, since you have lead us astray.' 'Do try to have some common sense, if you may will yourself to live farther than your own head.' She came to her feet, unable to look around, all towards a spot in the dark. And while she looked above her ears, she saw the light suddenly appear, as far away, followed by a trail of sparkling flashes, towards which she couldn't even look at. 'Bring the chains.' Nomq was shocked at the fact that, under the dimness of the dark, she could see well enough because of the distant lights. And what she saw wasn't exactly pleasant, as everything prior had been. It was in mere moments that she had seen it not chew through the rust encased metal, but a pair of teeth that stretched and somehow made themselves crooked enough to wrap around the chains and rub them like some sharpening belt. The area around it had become rubbery all of the sudden, as the oil which had been stored in the teeth got expelled and pushed forward. She slipped through and fell what felt like two or three feet down. Could it be that they felt or heard it there? Was this pain too much to bear? Little was said or spoken, as no voice left out the sound of pain. They were up there after all, listening and trying to get at her. Slowly, she came up on her feet despite feeling something broken in there and cringed at the sound of a crack. Another crack followed by two more consecutive ones. Despite the pain, she walked, and would have to walk as far as she was able to. 'Keep going, I shall keep you for as long as you may be able to walk.' This upside region had been a sham, something lost, which had been theirs. She had been unaware of what was going on but she walked in a filled out place, a black market, which appeared to have stretched for as far as there had been a city above of them. It was strange, looking at it, with their peculiar underground buildings and pillars which looked like metal mules with round and sharp metal beams which would've normally be used to break through the stone mass and ground. It was agonising to watch, worse than that to snatch something from there. 'Take that piece, the blanket, the robe, whatever it may be, just take it. That's right, pull it over yourself, this should do just well enough. We need you to keep a low profile in order to snick under the radar and for us to get away. Don't forget that they're on us, and there's no chance that they may stop.' What had been that thought? Either it had been the influences of the mouth suddenly coming into play or something worse which might've been what she thought of them. But it was there, the thought of murder. It had staid with her, and looking at the owner of a small battering ram, they had snuggled one of the beasts, akin to the ones she had tortured before eventually taking its breath away. She had felt sick to her stomach, just after seeing that it wore one of the same devices at its neck, to serve as a reminder of its slavery and pain. From the sides, it did seem like it was missing at least half of an arm. 'They do enjoy torturing them that way, wouldn't you agree with me?' He appeared out of nowhere, while seemingly others came as well from the above. What was there underneath that suit? It felt like he bore some kind of strangely covered suit of sheets, but they weren't merely welded together, but grinded into what she saw until they had become somehow crisp to the touch, but perfect as of the texture. Outside it there were some partial spheres that resembled the same domes she had broken before, but little recognition came in regards of him being one of them.

What had they looked like? Only time could answer and she had little interest in it. Strangely, it was not her who understood his words alone, but rather, it was the fact that, there wasn't any certainty over the pattern in which the stitched mouth moved. Undeniably called for, there was some kind of strangeness which bore neither kin nor anything close to it. There was a new way of looking back. There were others, in fact who seemed to dwell into organs and huts, old things that died. And in a notice, the roof above them suddenly collapsed an inch or two, getting closer to crushing them. 'What was that?' 'Oh, I see that you are new here, indeed you must be.' 'Not so loud, I don't want to get any attention near me, please, may we speak lightly?' 'Very well, then do follow me, if you wish to remain that way.' Nomq had expected danger, but was that worth? It looked like everyone down there had entered in a state of depravity and fright. Would they be crushed? When will it be over? 'That's the constant way we live in, for you, who has only arrived, this may seem like, like what?' 'Like madness, pure madness done by those who have nothing to do but risk their lives living down here, in dirty and misery.' But it had all been accounted for, every inch and millimetre below, to the precise distance and angle in which the ceiling was pushed towards. 'Look at those things and tell me, if, by any chance, those metal hinges look familiar to you in any way. Whether or not you've seen them before, there's little importance to it.' 'I assume it's so, but why do you think that's important?' 'Because those hinges, that part of the machine looks as if it's about to crush us at any time.' And there was nothing more to it other than that, as the clear cause of the distress was in the solidarity the device created for itself. No one appeared to have approached it by any means. There were a few words to be said aloud between the two of them, but she chose to occupy her gaze with that thing. Sparks came out of it as there seemed to be something wrong. It wasn't, by any means, a set device, but rather something experimental by the looks of it, or rather imperfect. Roughly, a few things appeared to have crept inside its crooked teeth. They rustled beneath her clothes, in the approach of destruction. Clearly the moisture down there wasn't anything to be liked, but she could see what was eventually coming. As she had thought of the fact that neither of the store owners moved their branches near the device, there came another certainty there. It would be the quickest death, at least if someone were to stand underneath the metal ramp which would form, the death machine at every corner, wouldn't they take it if there wasn't any other alternative to escape? Even the hole from which she had come was smoothly tight, enough that not many of them would be able to get to safety in time. Not only that but there was no guarantee that even if they made it through, they could climb to safety and be accepted in the outer reaches of the city. They were the outcasts after all. Nomq seemed to counter and weight some of the knowledge she had attained. A few more thoughts pressed on her mind, as the closest one being, who was the stranger and where was he taking her? Something kept brooding in her mind, enough that she didn't seem to lust for anything other than their separation. A cruelty made them aware of something else, which was to say, there were some eyes which peered on them for far too long. It was near one of the structures, the large cylinders which held the top of the ceiling in place per say. Multiple degenerates appeared to have caught on that they were watching. They were brutes that far had been shown by the way they were treating one of the smaller, almost child-like forms that kept trying to slip between their grips. It was something feminine in there, almost like some jelly, which was strange, at least for the fact that it bore skin, real skin, pink skin, the type that was bright enough to burn in the sun. She couldn't believe that no one dared approach and stop those filthy blunt-handed things with their strange tubes coming from their heads. Most of what they wore had stolen or

rightfully appropriated from their corpses if the case came to question. But there wasn't enough to go on after that, at least not enough until the need for which they would've crept away. It was strange and they were near, this would end with them cowering in fear. 'Wait here and do not.' He hadn't had any chance, that's how it was down there. It looked like a pebble had been thrown and beheaded him before she even had the chance to turn. That blow hadn't come from anywhere, it couldn't have been. No marks, no attacker, only faces which had been just as confused as she were, staring at the distance, attending their small wooden or barely assembled market plains. 'We need to get, no, no, this isn't.' The mouth fell into silence. It knew that if it spoke, there would be an incentive for her to suffer the same fate as her host. While it was dreadful to stand there, facing the dirt, it beat being cut from end to end and losing itself in the process. Other parasites which had inhabited her body already made their way out or started moving from corpse to corpse and there were a few lying around. No one had even bothered to bury them in the time they had been there, and no one might even question or want to do otherwise. Another clear distinction came, as soon as there were a few words spoken again. 'What should we do with them?' The image, the illusion of the woods faded now, as it had been entirely tied to her fondest memories of exploration. As much as if had been made, there was nothing holding this city and its construction in place, as everything would be made into the pool which started forming at the bottom. 'Finally the corpses will be gotten rid off.' Said one of the stark ones down there, seemingly taking its time to push forth everything he had even collected. Out of everyone, he had been perfectly aware of what was coming, the destruction, the misery it would entail and the fact that there was no escape. 'What are you doing you damned one?' 'Look underneath you, miserable wretch!' And as it had done it, there would've been nothing clearer than the fact that there was no way out. Most of their feet had been welded, converted and seemingly assimilated by the gloop in which they writhed in. Nothing would save them, nothing but the destruction that came. As the moments passed, and more of them lost hope, it had been the time. A cosmic mockery had been thrown against them as the ceiling suddenly lowered itself and got ready to fall. Looking back at their own end wasn't something cruel or courageous but rather a fool's errand which crept inside their minds and nothing which they've ever managed to build had slowed the fall by any means. In their kind of errand, it appeared like there wasn't anything but anything which would prevent their destruction, especially since there was no return, no way of knowing whether or not this could be avoided by any means whatsoever. 'They won't stop me, my feet may have betrayed me but I am still a master of my own destiny.' One spoke as he revealed a second jaw he had stored in one of his ancient packs. It looked as if it could work almost as properly as a normal one when attached to one of his long sticks. And as it got tied with a small piece of leather, he managed to swing and completely obliterate a good part beneath his knees. It wasn't that much of a painful blow, for, underneath, there, he revealed, two coiling snake-like legs which seemed to almost float about the graining mud. 'I can escape, finally.' He thought he had the greatest chance of all, while everyone else had been caught off guard, instead of heading towards safety, apparently, he went ahead and managed to get away in time. A dreadful knowledge appeared to have remained. He was there, mostly in pain, another way of looking at it, he pillaged everyone as if they have meant nothing to him. All those years spent together, the looks they gave and everything else wasted away with each stroke in his bag. 'No one shall be able to stop me from this conquest nor will anyone be able to slow me down. My ascent into this fortune which belongs to me shall.' There were no words to carry on. His seven eyed face and cropped out squared teeth stopped as he

revealed what he held inside his neck. It was another man, a human who started crawling away. He immediately spat him out on the counter as one of the so-called black marker keepers watched both in disgust and confusion.

Something about this image didn't leave much to be called for. No one knew what to say, both because they had been silent for too long while awaiting the end, and because curiosity came aloft. There was another level below of them, in which the heavier ones got pulled first. Underneath, they seemed to fall, those in armour, yet to call. 'Do not abandon us!' They yelled, speaking like some sort of faction, unable to take any action either way. Out of fear, they watched and grinned, while the one below, who seemingly held everything in a sort of leash over the true abyss which held below, waited and grinned. There were many mouths, too many to count, but neither of them were akin to maws in their true sense. Mostly it had been so because, instead of acting like them, the closer they fell towards them, the easier it had become to spot the differences. Those were cages, which opened and closed. The big and rounded thing from below grinned constantly as the ones behind its crooked metal prisons wailed in agony and begged for escape. This guardian of dread held not only the living but the dead as well. Initially, where the giant race of invaders had come and got stopped by the workers from barging in the city, they had been dealt with and got killed. From their pile of corpses, they have fallen below and got pulled inside. For each cage there were tongues, leashes and long organs which held the prisoners in place. No matter how hard the attempts had been, there was a strange thing to it, which couldn't be explained. It felt as if they wanted to be there and dreaded not a single second spent around. 'Do not come, fall into the abyss!' 'Leave, avoid, stop!' 'Do not dare come near the cages for as long as you can, there's nothing here for you but fear and death, eternal decay as well as agony for those whom approach!' 'Leave, leave, leave, leave, don't look at me, don't dare look at me!' The choir came as the armoured brutes had fallen in. They were caught inside their own prisons, held in the air as the insides were just as empty as the abyss. As it had been with everyone else, they were forced to look above at everyone who fell and wonder when might this stop? How many could the jailer take inside of him and why had it held them there? Despite how many chains and organs and other similar kind of holders there laid in place, there wasn't any certainty whether or not there'd be something to be made of. Somehow, something had been lost, clearly. There should've been walls there, somewhere, from which they held what else there laid there, but clearly there wasn't anything from which they could've been placed against. Fear came, as more laid there. Nomq found herself there as well, as if awakened from a bad dream, she looked above and some they come. Inside of her, beneath her brow, she saw no mouth, alas, the hound had gone away. She was free, she had been set free, and I can finally rest. But as if the spell had been broken and she had been awakened, so had the silence left. The wicked smile had gone and left her with nothing other than the misery and the sound of every vile creature which laid there. Unexplainably so, there were so many things she wanted to do, so much that she wanted then, to escape from the dark which laid below. To hear the silence of the woods, even the burning felt like something she desired, but alas, those times were over and she had nowhere to go, nowhere to leave, only pain remained now, and she had been left there to breed into nothingness. And the nothingness appeared to shout from below, to moan in the tremendous manner, which was even more distracting than the world above. From there, it came like a sudden whip, when the entirety of the city had been lowered down onto the underground layer, instantly crushing everyone down there, into a manner of an instant. Ferociously, it roared, as one slippery taint had managed to crawl its way to the one hole, with an empty sack and little to do but

wait for the chain to be lowered. He shouted as hard as his lungs could work but there was little which could be done now. They had been alerted of the coming of the fall. Now there laid no one to help or see him suffer the wait. It was near-dark. Nomq stood below, trapped as well, now creeping below her own brow at the mouth which suddenly appeared. It would grind its teeth for as long as it could, without taking any break from it, nor giving it any chance to expel what had been lost. Indeed, there had been grand monuments above which had reigned and stood there, all with their undercover circuits which were revealed as they fell. The statues in particular had been used to spy and draw information from those who had been near. Everything was being crushed and destroyed in an utmost peculiar manner. Dread filled the rooms in the bars they frequented, the giant, the creeps, the taints and the old forgotten ones. For whom the vision had laid nothing but one of waste, which had been deserted. Nomq was still there, sitting in a chair, in a desolate place, after some destruction had taken place and there was no one left alive. Only their memories or remnants of cold machines were stuck around. One glance over her shoulder revealed the vastness towards which she stared. Empty fields of metal laid around, which streamed over miles and miles where the natural order of life had taken place. In the distance she saw a colossal body which had decayed. It had worn a wicked looking black armour and from as far as she was, she realised that it had been colossal enough for her to roam around in it. She would've stood there as well, if it weren't for the trail of smoke she had seen in the distance. That was surprising for her, for, never had she expected there to be any kind of survivor left alive. This alone made her want to check that out, to get away from what laid there, from the reminder or the lack of reminder that she hadn't any idea what had happened for this place to have come to this. It was moment ago that a voice spoke to her, before going mad at the mere thought of loneliness, but there it was. Underneath her shirt, under the coat, there wasn't anything, there wasn't any mouth, nor stitched, nothing of which she might've imagined herself seeing. 'What's that?' She heard a few rocks falling down. It was the wind, even though it had acted in a peculiar manner as of lately.

There were no signs whatsoever but she had noticed something written on the small object in-between them. Perhaps it could've been from a place above, from one of the standing suspended parts of the framework which held the bar she had laid in, well, in place. 'I never understood what these letters meant. Why the scribble, what of the pain I couldn't understand?' No answer. There had been a flash of light coming from the sign she held but that could barely be counted as any kind of interaction. At least it wasn't a solid one which counted for anything in particular. Two more nights passed and she had been through a hellish landscape to get through where she wanted. It wasn't that she even reached four quarters of her journey that she found herself hiding between grain of sands and long wheat arms which popped out of nowhere. Her blond hair and white skin helped her blend quite well with her surroundings. They were there, watching while trying to grin. Some mass of land had been conquered by some barbarians that managed to survive and roam over the land. But that wasn't an explanation for the reason of them looking so primitive. With their looks kept in mind, they looked wicked and blind, unable to find any of the bloody food scattered around after the destruction. They were a small group of hunters by the looks of it, who bore armoured riffs of the metal which had been scattered around. At least, she could vaguely remember that there was some kind of thing tied to it, the way she looked or the way they moved. Big brutes, now used as huts or decorations, from the looks of which, the tribe was great. What chance do I have alone, tired and without a weapon? Nomq had little mind put in the journey but she felt pulled to that giant body. Looking back, from the distance, in the safest manner she

could think off revealed just how depraved the place had been, and how nature had finally started reclaiming what had been taken from them. Someone rang the alarm. A noise came from the distance, a bell or some sort of tingling kind of bell, which called all the savages back. It wasn't even clear whether or not they themselves were humanoid or intelligent whatsoever. Approaching them would be a mistake indeed but she needed something to help her get through. At least, a guide, someone who knew the way, someone who was far weaker than her so she could abuse him into some kind of submission until the journey was done with. Despite that though, she went forth and lost herself in the fields of wheat, by the morning's sun. It was clear enough that she hadn't seen it ever since there had been the time. The weather had been well enough for her to feel right. With that being the first time she had seen the sun in its fully glory without noticing the land while thinking of the past. It looked as if it had been so long then, that she almost wondered whether or not it had been all a distant piece of her memory which had been lost. Unaware of the falling and what had happened there, she still managed to get herself through. Many savages laid there around a fire, cooking some animal they had brought up from whoever knew where. It was one which dwelled there, that was certain. Its aesthetics made it seem like it was something closer to some aquatic animal rather than one which had dwelled there on the plains with them, hunted for sport or meat. But again, they had been primitive in their hunt, especially after looking at their clothes and their tools. Though the fire making procedure had been an exception since they had used an engine behind it, pushing forth some combustion as it started pumping in circular motions. It was out of place there, but then again, everything was. Even the way they had kept it in place had been peculiar, with the way they had chained it to some pole and had some of their own hold the engine at all times. Disgusting creatures, as she seemed to think of their facial features, long and pointy, teeth which had been somehow welded to the bottom of the jaw, round eyes that weren't symmetrical at all, the point where being too close or too far apart being the normal type which could be observed there. Not only that, but their outer layer, which covered most area around their bodies wasn't even skin, but some kind of imitation, red, which could be compared to cloth or something even solid akin to plastic or some type of cracked jar. It didn't bode well with her, seeing them eat that thing. For starters, the way they ate was vulgar, in the same way words came out of their mouths as they ate. It had been unclear whether or not they meant to say something and communicate with one another or if it wasn't beyond their control. No more would they see what was going on in there. A peculiar approach nonetheless. It was time for her to draw near. Unexpected, at least, with the way she looked, but not particularly so. They were shy during the first encounter, to the point where the food was dropped and something changed about them. Not only had they backed away, but apparently, they had somehow managed to dig holes underneath themselves, if they hadn't been made before her arrival and immediately retreated in them. Now what she had a closer look at them, they weren't just humanoid, they looked closer to mushrooms, big and somewhat human but somehow not. It was a shift between the two of them, which never truly met in any sense. The savage aspect of it suddenly made sense, but not the reason for which they ate meat. A second look somehow revealed the fact that there had been soil underneath the coarse sand which lay underneath the wheat. Her gaze had been caught and suddenly she realised she was there eating the spoil while scaring them away with sudden movements and peculiar sounds she made out of her mouth or her nose. 'Still holding onto that, I see, even in the hiding!' She was looking at the broad sky and didn't look out of place. There had been a signal of smoke, both from where she currently resided in and more closely, to the other

settlements around in the distance. But she knew that there was something there, someone more civilised than these. These creatures, per say, who somehow managed to make this small, hold their own. It was something close to an infestation, which was kept clean after all. As clean as it could be in any case, for as long as she remained in there, but it was time to leave. Without remorse or any kind of guilt, she left once she had realised that they weren't as violent as they had seemed, even after looking back at it, they hadn't chased her nor had they tried doing anything about it. Tusks hadn't been thrown, no lightning in the hold, but the rain which had happened during the cold night.

Oh, how much she had wanted to have slept in one of their huts, but that had been too far away. What she had to settle down with was a half-dug hole in the ground she had messed in. There was a skeleton which had belonged to a man, that much she had been aware of. 'I bet you must've been handsome when you were alive.' With it, she started stroking each end of the skull, around the jaw and its raised cheekbones. Other features looked as if they would've done just well if there had been just enough meat on them. Peculiar, at least, what she had done with herself near the feast when it had happened. It had been months ago, how time passed. But she remembered being with the man she had been promised to, long before any of this happened. It wasn't that she wanted to remember anything of it, but rather the fact that she had been bored, caught off guard by the fact that there had been no one around. At least no one to quiet her, to hold her but the skull she held between her breasts. It reminded her of him, but not just to way she had been touched, but the way he drove her to feel alive. They would often get around the church, it was decrepit, and abandoned, in the place where no one came to be. Feeling rather nauseous, there was a clear view of the top hole she had lain in. Water still poured over her head in a most annoying manner. But she couldn't complain either way since there wasn't an alternative to it, especially with the moist fields and those that followed. Despite her best attempts to get through a few memories or at get some sleep in, she looked over her head. There was a clear distinction between dirt and what seemed to have poured over the span of a few minutes. It wasn't even clear whether or not there were any kind of obvious things there, at least, in the substance which fell but she clearly recognised it anyway. It was one of theirs, the soup of contingency which fell from one of the melting pots which wore their puffy hats over their heads. They had followed her all the way from their camp to this point where she hid but hadn't dared come into view yet. What were those scoundrels even waiting? What could they be up to? She wondered before making her wait to her knees and grabbing the skull with her, as she pleased. 'I'm not leaving you here soldier, you shall follow me indeed for this time, until I get a better companion for the road.' And as soon as she was up there, no one laid in sight. It looked like the rain had only washed a small trail of something which might resemble their leather texture and nothing more. Unsure on what to say, she wouldn't return to her hole in the ground but rather go ahead and get around. The rain hadn't been forgiving either and the more she looked back, the easier it had become for her to notice the possible consequences for her choice. Never had she thought that there was a risk of her drowning there, or lying in a cold pool which might've given her a terrible cold. She was there, on her way, to some place or under any grown thing to hide from it. But that terrible, terrible night, had followed in its wake a bolt of lightning which flew and dropped beneath the earth, just far away from her girth. It had been dangerous to lay outside, but there wasn't any hope for to stay alive. At least she had become aware of that, when the time for her dismissal came. Great agony followed as soon as there had been revealed, the one whom followed her, unable to be repelled by thoughts or anger alone. A greater smoke than it couldn't have shown up, in the middle

of the night. From the size of it and the way it spread around, it looked like a viral gas that infested the very air it swam inside, with its lack of face or claws, it looked only like a patch would, for which it would follow her relentlessly through and through. She noticed the fact that she wasn't safe near it, but hadn't understood the reason behind it. 'What are you?' She hadn't been answered, nor had she been taken care. At least from some dreadful stone which laid on the floor, beneath the one she had walked for the few minutes. Had she been driven in it? When have I entered this deep abyss in the ground? Why were there stairs leading down there and why had the smoke suddenly appeared there? It had only been a moist hole before it turned back into a stone prison, one which necked itself the deeper she went inside. One couldn't help but abide the mistake another would have to bear. There was danger out there. Though before she could recover, the light came into place and as soon as the cloud released its water from its innards, the blood which shouldn't have been there as well, a few corpses fell from inside, revealing what she had thought off or suspected of being the ones whom had trailed her for that long. Many corpses laid below, the ones she had been forced to walk on had become, somehow, petrified, filled with some sort of putrescence nonetheless. A mad thought arrived, alas, when there wasn't any chance for her to get through the thought. As soon as she had thrown a glance, the cloud suddenly pushed towards the giant torches which lit the room. There was only a bridge for her to go on as she had been affected by the swoon she had been in. Clearly, the dark embrace had ended and now that she had been trapped, the cloud had ignited itself and became a tormentor of fire. Its brim and might had seemingly been thrown around until the point where they had shown themselves made of some disgusting, wretched thing. It looked as if, at every moment, a burning corpse would fall into the pile but not ignite. There were faces on the torches, a magnitude sculptured out of vileness and evil, though that matter little now. Nomq had noticed the fact that the pile hadn't ignite, on the contrary as well, she was able to tell that they swam in some sort of solution, or some kind of strange liquid which disturbed the fire. Would she be able to get through? Am I to drown or die by fire? So long had it passed, that it was her choice no longer. A peculiar thing, at least, she had looked into it, until they had been made aware, that there were others out there. Down the hatch she went, inside the piled, the bottomless pit of corpses. Too many had been driven there, but at least she would be safe. Unless that's what it wanted, when the fire ended and suddenly the water she had swam in had darkened in the most decrepit manner possible. Nomq's best attempt to scream had been banished, as her throat had been filled with it, and at the same time, the door opened. It looked like the smoke had opened her for a moment there, splitting her in half beneath the pile. It was there that she noticed that she was still whole. But the seconds passed and there was not enough time to spare if it were for her not to drown. She popped out of the water with a hand grasping around her shoulder. From below her waist, she was barely holding herself safely above the filth. 'Where are you? Show yourself, come on, where are you hiding?' There wasn't a sign of where it could've been, other than the partially open gate which had been left behind. It had looked like a dead giveaway she had somehow glossed over to the point of barely seeing the light which had emanated from it. A clear distinction came as soon as she pulled herself over the bridge and started walking towards the gate. Not a single drop of silence made itself known, whatever it had been, it had all been thrown away as soon as she had made it through. She had little to no idea about how she could express the beauty she felt being pushed past her. It was clean and she felt dirty in that light bathed room that laid there. Wherever the gas had gone, she had no clue, though that must've been somewhere lost through the eternity which lay above. The

place had no end, no beginning any longer, the latter being thought and accepted. Nomq had suspected that the longer she remained in the room, the more it would've got closer to getting locked. But her fate wasn't there. She knew what that place must've been, the room she had entered in. Many bodies had to be taken for her to stay there, too many sacrifices to count, at least not something which she would manage on her own. The gate had to stay open, she thought. As soon as she noticed that there were patches of her disappearing, she stepped outside, unable to comprehend what had been happening to her. 'I'm not ready yet.' It was clear enough that once she started coming back on the bridge, the corpse pool had slightly gone down a few inches. I'm not going to ignore this small fact and I promise I shall return by the time the gate closes and shall enter it. Nomq thought before looking below. It seemed that she had already taken a blow to the point where she wasn't sure herself of what might've been. Clearly there was some kind of things which shouldn't have been spoken between them. But it was gone, the mouth was gone, it wasn't there any longer, so why had the open wound started bleeding again? How could she go on knowing that she was in such great pain, without any need to show others what was going on. A dreadful thing, which it had been, shown to it, as if seen by others in a blistering light. That tainted sun was out. Her journey hadn't been that far off and seemingly, this secret place had been hidden inside a hill, just around the valley. Clearly, there had been times in which she doubted it herself, about whom followed her or what might come out of this chase, but she was there. Inside the valley, straight down from the hill she went. It was a rough kind of fall or glaze, which pushed her down there almost rolling through the dirt. Something wasn't clear, at least not to the point where someone might've thought otherwise. Much clearer was the sun there and how advance the people were. Even from where she stood, she had taken a good deal of sight at the open giant corpse through which they had established. Many dunes lay, and some sort of sand vastness pushed out of the north, in which most of it had been buried apparently. But that was the least of what she focused on. Nomq hadn't been wearing the proper apparel for that kind of journey and it had shown itself that way. One camel rider was approaching from the distance. Could that truly be a camel or just another deviation? It wasn't clear any longer, but that headless thing bore the body of the majestic sand things with the hump as well. From what she could make out in the distance, over its top laid a flaccid stump, from which sprouted a small sensitive-looking yellowish leash which flailed around. Clearly that wasn't what she had been expecting, not even the least of it. But she hadn't complained. Apparently, whoever had been masked wore basic desert garb, not to mention that he bore another one as well inside his pack. The nasty thing threw it in front of her as if she was expected to put it on. While pointing at it, there was a clear voice coming from under its breath. 'De ba asha, hachi a me sha a maah arim.' Not only had he bore a tongue, but underneath that tiny mouth cover, he pulled it by the side to reveal some sort of open skull which was held by wires and other devices in that state. Most of the skin and muscles were absent, but one tube stood out, being pumping blue, red, green and purple substances towards the head. Every now and again, every colour would be momentarily replaced by a white, close to being colourless liquid that dissipated in the head before the normal flow continued. The metal wasn't normal in any sort of way, for it had looked at if it had been burned to some sort of crisp inside the forge. From the looks of which, one couldn't help but grieve at it. Sickish looking at it, she started down and began putting everything on her. It appeared that the stranger had been enraged by it. As soon as he laid down from the top of his camel anomaly, she came closer and pulled them out of her hand before throwing them on the ground. He was set on it, most likely, as he pointed at her

current clothes. If she waited any longer, there was the chance he would strip her himself without waiting for a second thought or thinking about the decency it held. There was a problem there, but she complied. Slowly, in the desert and under the sun, she managed to slip them away. If it came down to any shame, there hadn't been one, that thing seemed to have run out ever since she had made contact with him. As soon as that was done, from the sight of which he didn't shy away, he pointed at the cameloid and then towards the structure. There was another party out there, waiting for them to return. As a matter of fact, they were riding on the same modified animals without fear of retaliation for what they've done. In the distance, the fools were throwing fire bombs around as if it were some kind of game to them. Sickened by it, she came to know from where they came. It was one of the reasons for which the camels looked as bloated as they seemed to be. Unevenly so, they would now and again shove their hands through one of the camel throats and pull a bile which would be thrown inside a metal bomb. It only made it worse for her to be standing on the hump, having the chance to succumb under the heat and burst into a flaming pile of guts and moving bones. She undoubtedly thought that they would somehow be able to bring her back to life in a most repulsing manner. But half-way near them, the cameloid stopped. There was something else she was needed in order to get through, something he had almost forgotten. From inside one of his many pouches, he took out a mask. It wasn't a sand mask alone but seemingly something which entered her ears as well, bearing a metal device which was most likely used for translation. Nomq trusted him, as much as the bleeding had stopped. 'You were bleeding. Now, you need someone to have it looked at.' 'I'm perfectly fine, I don't think there's a need for that, and I'll manage it.' Though she doubted herself she could have something as big as it had been heal itself, especially since the pain came and went, similarly to the bleeding. It felt like some kind of curse or mark to remind her of the mouth and its wicked voice. 'But you will have to be taken care off and checked before deemed safe to enter the crate.' It didn't sound like she had much of a choice and seeing it unfold itself, even less so. When they started walking again, she looked at the ones which had been waiting for her. They had lifted a flag above their ears, which bore a strange symbol which had nothing to do with the desert of anything she had even seen. Marks bore of red and yellow inside, but made to look like open wounds than the condition of fire. It was the texture of the flag and the metal object atop of it which had it in way which made it look as if there was something dangerous to it. A dreadful nature, which had been made way revealed the metal skull and the gauntlet which bore them through its ring. Underneath the wounds, there had been the seal and the watching eyes, which had been spread around, the wicked dyes, were there as well. She had seen those small black blotches, which must've symbolised vision in some peculiar manner, but couldn't point out where. 'Do not reveal anything of yourself if you want to make it through. The dark traders are untrustworthy and you may wake up with yourself being sold as a slave.' 'That's mad, there's no.' 'There's no protection to it, especially for what you are and what you look like.' He interrupted and underneath the cowl he bore, there was an unsure sight of him licking his lips at there mere thought. Some consideration had been made, at her own expense. It wasn't like anyone had actually cared of the things which bore them through but they were there. Those pitiful abominations which had been pure once now roamed together as the company met. Most had been silent after a given sight from the convoy or the emissary which they had sent to meet her and there was little to be said about them before they came to thought. Whichever had been brought to normal means, there was a reason, out of agony and disease, and they threw their fire bombs around the poor ones living in their huts. It was a horrible

thing to do but that kept them at bay. From inside their small primitive huts, every now and again, it just so happened that a plagued man came out burning and dripping acid from its insides. More so, there was a clear distinction between those which were beyond saving and those who enjoyed it. That disease wasn't a disease at all for them, but it had been observed and documented as something of a natural occurrence to their species. Fire didn't kill them but made it so they delighted in their suffering. 'That's horrible, you can't harm living beings that way, and they didn't choose to be out there or look that way.' 'Oh, but you're an outsider with no knowledge of what's happening or our conflict, so how would you know the difference between what's right and what's wrong? Would you say the same if it happened for you to find out they were banished because they murdered our young? What about the reason behind the disease?' Something was unruly, off in a way which came to hide some strange meaning to it. A clearer way would've made it for them to have a chance to flee. There was nowhere else to go and be. Everywhere else had either been claimed by nature or was outnumbered by vagrants of these wretched ones. She had little understanding indeed of them but noticed why they had to be railed upon. From around the edge they grouped together, no longer entities but parts that were alive and formed monoliths out of their own bodies. Those things dwarfed everything underneath them, not only by sight but by the way she released a wicked gas outside their structural body. 'Would that be toxic?' 'It would burn through your lungs if you got near it. Have at them!' He pointed like some sort of commander and saw them prepare a pile of fire bombs at it. The monolith had been surrounded by them like a band of raiders would do if caught in front of the loot. A few arson episodes came at it, which prevented the monolith from forming entirely, but that was about it. What laid there now looked like a blazing effigy under the sun. Gazes were taken away, she had spotted it before everyone else and looked as if she would fit right in despite her previous remarks. 'Would that be the end of it?' 'There won't be an end until they gobbled up the world in a mass of meat just like them.' He took out a tiny bag of water and had it for himself. When it came to her, she declined, refusing to consume anything until she was there, inside their new home. They dispersed as soon as they reached the outer edges and from what she could tell, this was the new paradise. A dreadful thing indeed, filled with the remnants and the people who had been banished from their old prison and got here. Most of them had hidden themselves from their former apparel and bore something close to skin. It had been skin, she would recognise the eye patterns anywhere, and the mouth and even the teeth which had been bore as decoration. Worse than that, they had been human, what they wore, perhaps something which had made them hunted, worse than beasts, used for cover. 'Don't overreact, you wouldn't want the same thing to happen to you, would you?' 'That's a child, that's a young girl they're holding.' 'Raising, they're raising her, most likely to be a slave, nothing more. Not every human is used for that kind of thing, don't worry about it.' 'I'm surrounded by the skin of my people. Others are wearing people of my own, how do you expect me not to react?' She bit her lip immediately and looked away. In a way he had been right, they couldn't, she couldn't raise too much attention on them as that would do neither of them any good. It came as pitifully and she could think of it, but it was there nonetheless. Something soulless dragged at her, in the way those empty sheets looked back. There had been men underneath those, somewhere in the past, but now they hadn't. And the view, the dark visions came to pass again. She could see the sand underneath be made of metal coarse from the point she had entered. There wasn't any skin being worn there. At least not anymore, but sickish working slaves made out of metal. Something of a blue light reflected against them, before she had been realising

that she was still herself. One key difference wasn't the fact that she was still there, riding on a machine, rather than a twisted camel, bearing a gaze over what appeared to be a blocky fellow. His face had been flatter and uncovered, with a bunch of visors being bore as its eyes. Perhaps that wasn't as much of a difference as the fact that it hadn't the ability to talk. No, they weren't sentient machines, but automatons. 'Where could I be going then?' Nomq asked in a kind of peculiar way, she was again lost without a way to remove her own disgrace. It just so happened that she was in a moving cart, going around the facility that she thought of what had been missed, or what could've been if only she had returned there. If she focused enough, in her mind, she could still see the place there, but it wasn't any less forgiving than the cold environment she was in. Shy as she was, she would've given everything to return to that calm chamber, even if it was inside her mind. But now, of all the places and any of the hours she had spent looking for, she found herself reminiscing of the room she had been through. The pool of corpses was starting to be consumed. Certainly, there would be time, but she couldn't recognise her way back, not through this. Everything looked similar, the cylindrical objects, the pumps and the long tubes atop the ceiling. There were chambers which opened to reveal the intrusive machinery which seemed to make more of the automatons for greater tasks and instead of being excited by it, she found herself there, at a clear end. One big hole lit and revealed the gutter. 'Don't touch me, I'm still alive, I can still feel.' All of the sudden she got defensive. It was clear why her mind made the connection between the skin clothes. The pit she had been brought to was filled with human corpses. Most of them had been stripped out of their clothes and got thrown in there, in the pile, the stench of which almost made her spill her guts, worse than that, she started bleeding out of her nose. Did the machine understand? It gave no sign of reluctance as it was trying to get into position. Would he? 'Stop, stop, please, don't.' Where the machine had failed, the one in front of her hadn't. His ruffian-like hands simply stopped as she had been shown too much. It looked as if she had been brought to one of the sand tombs below. 'It's a lot to take, I know, but you don't have to be scared of it.' 'Don't throw me in there, please.' 'I won't, you needn't fear. They're wrapped, look, look in there. As I said, they're wrapped down there.' Indeed they were, at least from what she could see, the bodies had been somewhat preserved or taken care off. And clearly, she had been reluctant to be touched, especially in their proximity and after being aware of their treatment with the corpses. Unaware of anything else going around, they had walked it off, towards the nearest exit from the burial grounds. This had been a place of worship as well, the least of which she noticed. Inside of it, or at the top, she came to see the few of them which made their way through and bore their garbs inside the burial chambers. Some bleak clothes tainted with the colour of greenish yellow and the symbol of an hourglass being engraved on them. Some of them had been in a hurry, too much to have observed who had passed. But underneath those robes, it was clear enough that there wasn't a man or a living being. Yet another walking pile of bones seemed to have a fragment of its humanity held by machines. Those which came behind him were much worse. 'Bow down, it's important.' She had little to understand of the custom but seemed to have trusted him, at least. From the edge of the eye, Nomq looked at the abomination which passed. It wasn't alive, but just as tainted, not entirely made out of corpses, but a blob, a fat creature which bore a fear heads at the top, most of which having kept their fat on and showing only cosmetic signs of their bone frame. In other words, those which demanded most respect seemed to have been the closes to being alive. Either that or this was a show for the abominations to show up. Wretched one who walked on four, he held apart three arms which looked rather sore. Most of their mass

had been changed to show something of the metal wires which had been injected directly into its skin. For an outside, this type of accessory made little to no sense. For her, it looked disgusting, seeing layers of muscles turned into this in-between of meat and metal. It looked foul, especially in the robe it wore. Even the heads it held on top of its shoulders looked nothing like any of those she had seen before. They were welded, or had been welded together, only so that they may look like a unit of control or some kind of pseudo-looking ship which didn't belong there under any circumstance. It was strange, it felt strange and out of place. That dreadful thing had holes in its sides of the giant form, from which there pushed an array of smoke, as if tainted by the wait. As soon as there had been a chance, all of the sudden it opened all four of its mouths, if she hadn't been wrong and release the most damning and reverberating sound. Through, not only was there nothing, but a confusion was released for those who stood around it. Nomq felt herself get lifted by her arms, apparently unaware of what was going on. Not only was she being confused, but it looked as if everything else, other than the head on which she focused had gone in a sort of distortion, the waves of which almost appeared to have changed reality itself, only so there would be no distraction. Finally, she had the chance to take a look at the thing which laid there, from the eyeless start, the empty holes which went far away in the back, the skin having been there only as a kind of curtain which flashed on glimpses. It somewhat gave the impression that there were actually eyes somewhere in there, vaguely, there had to be. How else would it know where to grab? The noses they bore were long, crooked and pointy, and she could feel that those were not noses, but some kind of parasites which had been lodged inside. There was some kind of feeling she had previously thought off. With their eyes having been devoured, how off would it have been to guess that the same ones had eaten through their eyes and now only jumped holes. But the skull was a mess either way, even with those in place. Whatever outward appearance had been changed, those things had left the shape as it had been. It looked like an oval malformed and overgrown pair of skulls which had been attached only by a mere taint. It wasn't that pink or grayish skin that frightened her, but the way she had been held apart from the others. How she felt her will fade away after getting dizzy. There was a clear point where she had thought she wouldn't get through it alive. But she had been released once the silence kicked in. Not in any harmful way whatsoever, she seemed to have been placed below, still caught by that thing in her mind, trying to see whether or not she would die. There wasn't a way to express the fear and remorse she had felt then. But what had she done? It clicked in. In a few moments when the muscles weakened, she slipped with one of her hands and managed to touch its face there, ripping apart of the parasites by merely touching in, scratching the bottom lips and the lower parts of its face on its way down. A weakness had overtaken it as she turned back up and looked at it. There was something even more clearly to it. Fear had driven her to look away. She had little to nothing to say about what was going on but one thing was certain, that death-filled glare, the toxin in its body, it hadn't gone down there to lead a sermon, but to die. It had been the end of the road for it, the destruction, and the point of no return from which she managed to pull back. But why had it decided to approach her then? If it had been the end of its anomaly of form, the dreadful end with no return, why had there been a second chance? She could've joined him there if only had he squeezed the hands which had been wrapped around her throat and never pull back from it. It wasn't even certain whether or not he died or used the tunnels underneath to escape, as she remembers that being an option. It's strange how I can recall a memory of something I haven't even been part of, but he said that, she knew that her guide had said it. Who was he? It's time to

go, if you don't mind.' They were walking through the crowd as if they were both blind. It felt as if something had been similar and she immediately became afraid, as the feeling became worse, coming off as a wicked warning of a kind. Don't follow him or you'll both die, that thought alone had made her want to leave her own and never return.

Others appeared to have mourned their own around but she knew better. When he wasn't paying attention, or the right amount, she suddenly pulled back and crawled underneath the many legs which passed. She could've been trampled and she was aware that it was some kind of risk she well enough had taken despite everything in her power

being used for her survival. 'Look, another human.' Nomq had slipped and managed to get in front of a wooden floor. It had been raised and from the looks of it, this would be the typical kind of executions which had gone on in the medieval ages. Vaguely so, she could make a figure underneath those twisted fingers and big hands. A man, or a boy, perhaps early enough to be caught off guard, but they have done it. One hand just pinched too hard underneath

the collar and seemed to have cracked his tiny skull apart. He bore a metal hand, from which his organs were attached and pulled underneath glass cases for display. From the pumps, at least, there was a clear view of the vigor that went into its barely worked on body. Regardless of what he looked like, that cruel one hairy and metal armed grunt had been the executioner. There wasn't one way or the other to think about it, other than to admire the line of prisoners behind the wooden stand, who stood chained in a death's row. And many of them were grinning, others were laughing at their own or the other's misfortune, only to be caught and be reminded where they were. One big belted runt as well, looked around so he wouldn't be able to tell whether or not one would try doing something rash

and leap at the crowd. And in that row, she saw one of the wretches, from which the chain hadn't been tied to its hands but had somehow been pushed through its chest through one way and leaper through the other. The symbiosis stopped at least as it had been well seen that it couldn't grow on metal. Constant shocks from a blunt stick filled the creature with electro shocks, only so it would stop trying to grow on the other prisoners and somewhat spread it,

growing another one of its kind as a parasitical thing on a man. For men, of the human race were the easiest to infest, at least from its tainted view. It hadn't helped either that the shocks were widespread through its body and the metal, but that had been a well known chance they had taken rather than to risk it. How would he die though?

Obviously not by normal means, whatever it had been or whatever could be said about it, there was a clear resilience

to its body which couldn't be denied. Another one had been sent to the row, crushed beneath an arm and immediately carried away by two of the assistants. It looked like they had been carrying the bodies to a well-type of hole, the end of which she had a great idea where it led. It was a common thing for them to lead and abandon their bodies there, but never had she expected for them to execute as many. Many cowed things watched, most of them, as far as she could see, underneath the robes hid the loss of their humanity, or even their state of living if there hadn't

been a human underneath. It hadn't changed the fact that she stood there and watched. Even though most of the ones which were executed had been living, that only gave her a greater satisfaction that she would've achieved if there was some kind of dead or partially animated thing executed. She had seen the poor and the strong die in the same manner, crushed, being drained out of their blood if they were deemed worthy, most of them in the same manner,

until it came. Everyone in the crowd stepped back a few inches. 'Step away, make way if you don't want to be touched by it.' Strange, she had already learned that a mere touch wouldn't cause anything, after all, it had needed plenty of time for the parts which were attached to its body to get through and migrate on another being or surface.

Yet, everyone was afraid of it, that armless wretch, a poor imitation of life, which grasped and tried to spread before being inevitably slain. There had been heat underneath the hand, and as its shadow fell above the kneeling wretch, there came the awful smell of gas. It hadn't been toxic, as far as she had known, she was protected in a way by many layers of filters from inside the mask. Another thing she had found out without having any prior knowledge to it. But the purging flame came nonetheless, and it had taken everything with it underneath the mass of wretched meat. It felt like the crispness of it bore a strange reaction off the crowd, as there seemed to be some kind of bouncing between the many throngs and woes there had been. It was unevenly so that there'd be anything to it as the limp-like tenebrous thing that remained in the burned pile tried lifting itself up, only to be kept down by the chains and under the flame. Dangerous as it was to put the flame straight against the wood, Nomq looked and some something about it. Either it looked like there was some kind of oil for protection down there, or the wood had been dampened by water. Either way, it hadn't burst under the flame, leaving only the chain and a black spot which would dissipate sooner or later. The other prisoners were disgusted, as they had been dragged through the ashes of a dead parasite. It still felt slimy only to watch and look as if nothing had ever happened. A cruel thought came to her, as she grabbed a handful of sand and decidedly threw it in the prisoner's face. The guards didn't do anything else but frown as the stranger in the crowd who had decided it was well enough to mess with them, but came to their senses. It was another execution, which would come as quickly as it could. Poor sob, his ingrown wings had been ripped apart and from his back one could see the marks or the rough extraction. Not only had it been painful but there was some kind of breed of loneliness which crept inside from those who suddenly approached from the crowd. Whoever it was that had thrown the sand, now had been lost between the people. But the man in front of them was thoroughly bleeding from his eyes, trying to push away some kind of maddening thing which only worked so well. He had been taken as a fool, he laid his head as the cruel giant handed grunt came and crushed his head with a quick motion. Only a few moments passed between the lines continued. She felt as if she was in heaven either way, being let there to her own accord. Watching the dread in their eyes, looking at how everyone died. Sooner or later, she would be there, that much she had expected. It was time to leave as well and look around. The ground was safe to walk on, again, no one appeared to have guessed what or who she was. It made her think, often, as she entered or rather, was invited by families. They bred with one another, so it seemed, those things, even as children seemed to be affected by the same type of agony that the others had to endure through. Partially alive, while the other part seemed to have been dead, it looked like the children would only live through the decay never to recover. 'Eat this, stranger. I can tell you're not from around here, are you?' 'No, I am looking for something, that's all. I don't know what it is yet but my time here is limited.' Even now she thought at the pool of corpses. Had the stench truly dissipated from her? Could it be that she still reeked of the smell of yeast born out of a pool of decaying corpses? There could be no response or a reason for that, not in thought and definitely not in any kind of way. Which was to say that there could be no other there which might guide her back, Nomq was on her own. She ate at that, their strange cuisine. Their masks were weird and peculiar, but those were used to eat. A set of jaw with long pointy teeth picked off the food from the plate like some kind of insect. It didn't help that the teeth were more cylindrical in nature than what she would've expected. 'It isn't just for eating but for a tradition for the stranger to keep his privacy.' Indeed, she had been hidden underneath the mask. Now no longer to speak since she had lowered her speaking module, she ate the oval fruits which coloured

themselves off in peculiar shades of gray as the transparent layers got peeled off. As soon as the fruits had been cleaned off well, they turned green and twisted, with her being the only one who saw that. There was a face on it, she had recognised it, vaguely. Not a face, but an armoured thing, hidden behind something, grinning underneath it laid a mouth. She turned the fruit on both sides only to notice a mockery as the small faces of children bore there, crying with no sound she could hear. 'You needn't be scared dear, whatever you may be witnessing there, there's nothing out of the ordinary happening.' Despite that, she had been taken off guard, unaware of what to beware. It was a cruel thing to behold, the suffering which would be inflicted on her was tantalising. Her head was blunt, her hair had frozen when she saw the numbers off but immediately shoved it through the mask. A few pieces of it had been immediately crushed and broken into pieces, cut while their liquor had decayed. A trail had fallen between the teeth and there was certainly something wrong going on in there. By her nose alone, the putrid fruit wasn't as spoiled as it seemed. But that was it for what she had, taken by the room she'd sleep in, the mask and the face cover stood there for as long as she would stay. 'I will spend the night with you if there's no bother.' 'Spend as many nights as there is a need for you to find what you're looking for.' The priest nodded before placing the top of his pointed cap on top of it, clearly distraught by something. He had been unaware of the wretch she had been, hiding underneath, from those around her whom were dead. She had been welcomed and felt content the way she had been placed. In her small hole it felt as if there'd be no harm to be had against her own hidden kind and for as long as she kept to herself no one would even notice what she was. A dreadful tone had made her feel afraid nonetheless during the night. It was a terrible thing which had come out of the top of the hole above her bed. A partially semi-erect come seemed to have popped from the bottom of the flat ground whilst it made an utmost peculiar set of noises. Nomq had decided it was a dark omen, indeed, as she had been partially asleep while she saw it. A dreadful nature of things as well, there wouldn't be one whom to be said. Evil in nature as it had been, there was a creeping thing in there, nesting inside of it as if it bore itself into some kind of egg. There were some things which were rather indistinguishable from others. A fairer thing, might've it been, she would've stood there with them. But her hosts were awake. How could it be that they were awake this late into the night? Despite the room being as dark as it were, there were a few things which weren't there. She had missed a key which made her mark the entry into the house. It was a dreadful thing which had made her unaware in disguise. A kind of interloper per say, it couldn't have been that they were preparing something for her, could it? Down there, the smell of something boiling and the sense of heat went over head. It would've been better if she were dead, she thought to herself, unafraid. Whatever she had done, this wasn't fair. It was a dreadful thought, alone, afraid. She wasn't there to stay, as she had specified that after the night, there'd be nothing for her to do as she would eventually lose the light. It was getting dark and time had meant for her to go. Afraid as she was, one step after she stumbled into the dark helped her notice what they were doing. All of them below, had blocked every door and every sign of entry, every exit, the windows or the openings were barred as well. There was no escape from this and she had thought only of the hole from which she watched the small burrowing above the ground. The fall of which would've broken her bones, spared her throngs and had her by the throat before she could get it on, a fate which would've killed her in an utmost peculiar manner. It was time, nonetheless, to go. She had been afraid, unable to glance past her thoughts, unable to look ahead, unable to decide whether or not she should be dead. It was clear now, that they watched through the dark. All of the sudden, they had stopped trying to

twist inside and turn the maddening inside and out. She had been afraid there, starting at them and being started at, for the three of them looked like nothing they had looked before. It felt as if they had just found out she was human and had thoroughly decided she had to go and never be brought to life. It was madness at the terms of which she couldn't fight back. As she had been too afraid of that, it was clear by the way her bones had shaken how skin had dried, they watched her like they watched through the sky and the endless universe. Blank stares, dreadful teeth which had only showed then it came. As if from the dark, like mad bats they spread and let go of the big boiler in which she had no doubt she would be thrown. The water had been boiling for far too long and now yearned for a release. From the steam that came, it darkened even more. The mad, the wench, and the gore would follow if she hadn't taken a grip of herself. It was clear that she had been there for no reason whatsoever, other than be caught in by herself. Nomq ran way through the stairs and sprinted straight to her room. Some signs had been shown but nothing more. She had been the same as it had looked before, one who had been lost and lost no more. Inside the room she locked herself and waited. Something in her mask had malfunctioned because she could only hear fragments of the original language mixed with the words which came to her ear. She would fear, her heart beat at a level which had closed in to a stroke. They wanted her dead and they knew what she was. No, if they get to me, they'll eat me, they'll boil me alive, and I'll be in agony before I could even get to be rescued. But what other hope was there? Other than something she had seen, as soon as she would let go of the door, they would come through. After that, there'd be no way out, no chance for her to redeem herself from the pain they would inflict. It pushed her past the edge, to the point where she came to her senses and accepted her only fate. She laughed and danced, in her mind, safe, she jumped through the hole and winced. Her eyes had been closed and opened as soon as she had hit the ground. There had only been a few feet in, until the reality managed to sink in. The metal which had surrounded her, the coldness of the machine, apparently, she had been saved. From above, there had been a long arm with an injection piston going straight through her spine. It felt as impregnating as ever, going by the likes of which there couldn't have been a though. She wouldn't look nor say a thing that was it, without a doubt. Sick to her stomach as she had been, Nomq had noticed the high drop from which she fell. There was someone out there, above her, more than someone, there were living being there, glassy eyed but very much alive. As soon as they had noticed her staring, they had immediately backed away from sight and ran in whatever direction they could reach. Meanwhile, she was there, standing almost erect with that damned machine. What exactly was it pumping in her rear? Why was she there if not out of fear? Suddenly she had been released. Out of her spine, there it popped, pushing her as far away from the point where she had been originally removed from. A noise had come, someone was down there as well. Despite the fact that the metal pole which had saved her went away, there were things down there. Again, most of them were very much alive. They were hairy things which looked like dust beings, being coloured by the filth which laid around. Clearly something about them had been solid if they managed to bore their loincloth bands around their bodies. But other than that, their feet weren't normal, they had no ends and seemed to hover over. From their insides there could be noticed the outline of a giant eye. Their entire entities felt like giant eyes which hid themselves underneath bodies to make her be unaware and lost. It had worked very much, as she had followed them, always kept at a distance. 'I won't be able to keep up if you're going that way. There's no need for you to run. Where are you taking me?' Nothing was more pitiful to her than the way she acted and the way she spoke. Her words were

pitiful and as it happened, there had been more than a few occasions where she fell. Plenty of the turns they lead her towards closed in to edges above another level. And this facility went deep. It felt as if it had no end, by the looks of which, she could almost know that there wasn't an end. There were too many widespread structures there, too many devices. And to top it all, there had been a rolling machine, far in the distance, chained to the ground but not held in place. It looked as if it had been used to descend far beyond the human limits, which begged for her to check it out. Plenty more of the strange tribe came near her but never touched. Am I being lured into a trap? She wondered as she went away, unable to be swayed out of it. Danger ran amongst the place, not only that of falling but what her imagination ran wild. It was deranged and she would go blind again as she went into the town again. Finding herself there after that near-death experience shocked her beyond relief. But strangely enough, everything there was even. There were no different levels and no depth beyond the earth through which she went. Something was definitely not the way she wanted it to be. 'What happened to my nails?' They had been ripped but only in halves, leaving her marked by a few coming signs of the infection. There was a clear way of handling things and this wasn't one of it. As soon as she saw it, she went to the nearest sand pile and showed them in. Nomq felt the pain get past beyond the point of being unbearable, only to push herself into the sand. Either her fingers would decay and fall off or she could prevent it somehow. But the help wouldn't be there, not with her device malfunctioning. A recurring thought was the fact that she needed to repair it. Under no circumstances could she avoid it, to say the least, until there was someone who might guide her around. No more trust into the strangers. But how else could she repair it? That had never occurred to her. 'If they knew what I was, I would immediately get betrayed or punished, slain and eaten.' Perhaps it would be worse than that, to the point of being beaten. It wasn't certain and neither woe could distract her from saying the things which had been said. Better yet, she went around and looked at a body which had been left to rot. It wore the same mask, which hadn't been removed from it, meaning that either it would be taken from there, or else there could be a reason for which there was a dreadful stare in his eyes. For some reason, it was set on his mask, with its old hand rubbed and left around its reaches and his eyes set on the device. The various holes in it were much bigger and from the looks and kind, it had been an old model. Not that she could complain after picking it up, but the corpse that suddenly lost its head, which rolled and turned into dust as soon as the mask had been taken away. 'Could I have been wrong about you?' She said before she looked around. There were some strangers in the distance, but they were going down the slope, never passing beyond the road. It was an interesting type of detail at least, as she thought about it. It was wrong. The mask had fit but this model had a mouth piece getting close to being shoved down her throat. Not only had it been uncomfortable but she started seeing things. Wrong things, worse than the nightmarish visions she had imagined herself near. As soon as she turned herself to the sky, the light had started pushing downward and as she started seeing things, the colours mixed with everything, leaving two blank dark spots and a long oval underneath. Yet another dark image haunted her, to the point where it had looked vaguely alive, the face that seemed to haunt her at every turn. From a vivid face, it turned and spread across the area where the sky laid. She had been thoroughly through it over and over again, being aware that she was being mocked by images happening in her own head. The wasn't the least of her problems, nor the mask, but the fact that she was in place she didn't belong to, surrounded by untrustworthy creatures that were anything but approachable. Had the split from the one who wanted to help her even granted her that well of an excuse to be out there alone? Being in the state she was

wasn't going to do her anything but drive her mad. Either that or she would plainly join the line of execution. 'There's no on there.' It was a sure thing, a slow day per say, the fact that not even the executioner had shown himself up there, only a few of the lackeys who were busy doing the cleaning and chewing in-between their lousy breaks. But for once, she had been disgusted by the fact that they were eating ears, actual ears, undoubtedly from the likes of the prisoners who had died there. It was unnerving to watch, yet she couldn't take her gaze away. Something in her had clearly been wrong. This couldn't be denied either, since the visions, the mockery and even the pleasure she took in looking at other people's suffering. It was something which calmed her down, just thinking that in some other plane, the prisoners were alive. And each bite which had been taken by one of them had been felt by the beings in their other planes of existence. The sting of the teeth biting into them, the acid burning what's left of their digested functions as well, it was dreadful to think about it. But she had, and pleased herself while doing so. Others passed by but no one had noticed, it was clear that underneath her cover, there stood a pair of deep, instead and blood-shut eyes. Nowhere near anything else could it have been clearer that her eyes froze and saw the dreadful extent of some near sighted animal in hiding. Nomq ran as soon as she seemed to have been pulled over by strangers who were sniffing around. Someone had been on alert, they might've been warned about her presence or something similar because she knew that there wasn't any way she could stand there and be looked for. In another corner she went, without looking back, whilst trying to stray away. Above her laid a prime example of the architecture inside the giant corpse. They had built giant blocks which lead to the ramps above. Apparently, they had busied themselves enough to colonise the insides of the creature. But that wasn't her thing, she wasn't ready to get there, not without something proper, not without something which would make her one of theirs. The holes through the rotting corpse were still there, and as she went farther inside the bulkier side of the back of it, she realised that there'd be far lesser light coming in. 'Anything would suffice if I were to escape your sight.' It was dark enough there and she was getting near what seemed to have been a pair of discarded lungs. They were filled, but not with those of which she would expect. 'Stop there, are you the one who claims to be one of ours?' There wasn't enough time to think this through, as she was taken far too sudden to use her thought. It was peculiar and strange, the way he dressed. A few arms laid beneath the pure-white robe it wore, right under the spiked and fading green, grayish mask, which seemed to have topped over a few levels. As sharp as they were, the spikes were rather long and thin, giving the false impression of having hairs all over. It was unsurprising, especially if judged after the fact that there were a few arms which didn't fall in the category at all. They were revealed to be long and pointy, with no fingers but conical blade like holders which seemed to be similar to pincers but not entirely so. From some point inside them, they widened and spread. Short puffs of air spread and the body revealed itself and some sort of open thing, from which the bones could've been seen. He had been the victim of some fatal event that much had been certain. Most of the meat inside had been gone, but that's not what he had intended for her to see. Merely, it was a matter of vision or perspective. 'This symbol, the metal insignia, do you see it? Do you dare bear it over yourself?' Words couldn't begin to describe what was going on there, but vaguely, a reaction of metal, bone and what had remained of its meat happened to mold together and disappear inside. From the harshness it provided, it molded itself into a mark which had been lodged inside but looked natural. Something akin to a birth mark or some ink splash left there to signal he was one of theirs. 'I don't think I can provide any of those over my body.' 'Then you

are not one of ours, return when you may obtain one and we may talk.' Undoubtedly, the same thing applied to the other side, where the other lungs seemed to rest, connected by a fashioned tunnel which connected both of them at the top. It would've been uncomfortable nonetheless, as she had noticed and thought. From all that she could see, there was far more danger out there than anywhere else. It was even more peculiar, that she could think off that she looked and saw. Others, real ones, hiding in the same manner and she had been in. One deep desire had arisen, that she would want to approach and interact with them was a normal urge she had felt. It couldn't have been any other way, of that it was clear and she was aware of the risks, but they were there. She urged herself to remain calm there, at least to the point where she felt comfortable with herself and with the ones that stood watch. Some of them at least had decided to stand and look above the cut and fix themselves on her. And they weren't alone. Tall crooks stood on walls and looked with deep inset blue eyes, neither of them looking even remotely human but primitive in form and the way they acted. Something about their face didn't reveal much, other than a long scourging extraction which had left them lacking in a few quarters below their necks. Obviously, some kind of surgery had taken place, if that's how they turned to be. And most of them walked around their very own, keeping to their group or congregation. Their clothes were pitifully dulled by the dark which roamed from above. If there was one thing to be pointed at, it had been the fact that they bore some sort of long untouched stomach, or rather, a long and thing gut which interconnected and made an on-going system between one another. Four of them shared in their agony together and it seemed that whatever impression she had been given about being followed had faded away. Doused off in their thoughts, they had sunken inside their wretchedness and kept to themselves. A more damning thing was the fact that they were pulling at one another, going rather pale under their dark masks. Some euphoric feeling might've encompassed them, the thought off almost came to make her pity them. 'I cannot think of them yet, no, don't get near them.' Again, she thought aloud, unable to see whether or not there would be any friend or foe near-by. Strangely enough, there was certain emptiness there. The houses had been abandoned, yet she found food supplies in there. It could very be that she was stealing there, merely theft without a second thought about the owners who might've worked for those supplies. The beds as well, those had been left there. Dust laid over them, but she laid there nonetheless. Again, it had been a wicked night. She looked in every corner unable to define who was walking upstairs. There wasn't any way this could've become that much darker, not in a certain way, not unless she knew of anything of her own. Someone had followed her that was certain, she wasn't paranoid. Within a stroll, she made it for the stairs to confront whoever was up there, only to be stopped. It had been through the ceiling that she saw the other half. It had been the body of someone who bore fat around his waist, and the noise she heard as well was recognisable now. That had been a man, or someone who looked like a man and he had managed to get through the bottom of his floor as if from an illusion. With her sleep disturbed, she went below and ran out of her home. In the distance, the sky had darkened enough to leave everything near a pitch black. Many of them had managed to gather up on wall that they had become almost a living circuit of some kind. It was dangerous there but she hadn't a clue what she was up against. Underneath herself she saw a gray light, merely inches underneath. Nomq walked on some sort of flea-like disk, against which she pushed the darkness out of the way, only to be replaced immediately as her small area had been left. The way the dark looked there was unnatural, to the very point where it looked like a dark storm with long transparent wires and small dots appearing and bouncing against her view. Whatever this had been,

it had thoroughly displeased her in every sense of the word. They were out there, she knew it well enough. One close encounter had happened as well. As she had closed in to one of the buildings, she had met one lonely watcher. Upon a close notice, it had been decided that she was there on a note of dread. Many of its facial features had been lacking as they interconnected with the rest of the body. Even the gaps between its fingers were missing there, having become one with the rest of its wicked body. It shook there as her sight, especially as she moved her hands to see whether it would be afraid. There was nothing more dreadful than the way she felt. Under normal circumstances, she would've enjoyed the agony at this creature's expense, but otherwise, it hadn't happened. She was still feeling rather distant. It was a complex set of rabid turns that got her where she thought she needed to be. A small piece of the road had taken an unexpected turn and it looked as if the disk she was underneath had suddenly expanded. In every direction there laid a home, one of which turned. They were rotation, slowly, bearing various head signs on top and on every sides. The heads were bearing their eyes in different forms, not to mention that the other facial features were rather unnatural as well, but one thing had been rather consistent about them. As much as they were strange, they bore openings inside of them, which brought the sense of being lost. That had been the cause. She could see other worlds through the open doors that rotated. Many of them were different, as with each turn there was another reveal of where she may go. One of them bore hills in the distance, as well as a giant tentacle which had splayed the land with its destruction, others looked current, a city per say. It had the air of normality and the desire of a layman behind in. There was a rain and a long bridge lost itself in the purple mist, from which its toxin could be felt from afar. But she knew, she could see behind the mist. It had been that garden of deep reddish roses that almost had her step in. Deeply enamoured as she had been by the sight, it had been made clear that there were too many of them to choose from. Cold from one side, hot from another, a place that was bare and from which she had a clear view of space. A true image of it, unlike the sighting around for stars, that view alone made her think that there'd be no way out. From there, her lungs would be crushed in the truest sense and it would be likely that that she'd die out there in moments after stepping through. 'There are too many of them to choose from, what if I make the wrong choice?' There was clearly something she had her eyes on, as soon as she had seen the stones and the pools of sacrificial blood. Clearly, there had been a fight out there, as much as she'd enjoy it. It had been sweet to look but without being able to commit to one, she closed her eyes and walked through one. Her sight had faded into mist, as she had lain on the bridge. Both ways, as it had lain made it so there wasn't any way to return. What was there? If not for the single piece of stone, as she had noticed in the distance, clearly there had been a way to get there. Those weren't different planes after all, as she would recognise the blood anywhere. Its scent was strongly embedded in her mind and as she knew there'd be no other way that that, she came to her senses and walked over to the other side. There was the garden she had been promised. Or at least what had remained of it. Her smile had faded as soon as she had realised that there were things there which didn't belong. Too much of that boiling substance fell in the roses, something had dripped inside of them. Looking above she had noticed one of the inhabitants of the oak which lay above with its reddish leaves. It had been a bottom leaded, oblong faced, sharp eyed blue coloured tube which grinned. From its sides came the legs, which anchored around the branches. More of them lay around, seemingly spitting on the roses from time to time only to fill them to the brim with their repulsing liquids. As soon as she came into sight, they hissed and began the production of more of that ooze which dripped from their

insides. Those jets or open valves weren't even directed at her, but seemed to have only improved the production as if they were following a quota and she had been their guardian there. It came as a shock, an actual shock, of static or pure electrical voltage which happened as quickly as her fingers made contact with one of the roses. Those were charged and in an instant, one of her fingernails had been cut off from that quick burst. Despite being relatively aware of what was going on, she saw herself rather afraid and caught off guard, unable to move or stray from the different waves of static which flew from rose to rose. Eyes were growing inside of them as well, as she vaguely remembered something similar. Those were parasites which had been grown there inside them. She got away but took another bridge. It was just in time that she managed to get herself as far as possible since they were getting closer to her than anything else. A quarter past the bridge made her turn her gaze underneath the roses. There were tiny feebly looking eyes which had their oozing black bodies tiny and barely moving. She had a feeling that sooner or later they would grow into something worse, much, much worse by the likes of it. Fewer people seemed to be into it, by the likes of which there was a dark sermon to be held. Nomq had been dragged closer to the sound of it, a muffled man standing on a sacrificial table. Closer and closer as she had approached, it came to no surprise that there were a few disturbing details about the man there. He wore no clothes, he had been gagged, unable to speak or reek of pain, unconscious but not dead. What else could she desire? But her face turned above and as she looked she noticed a head with a coiless body that seemed to expand and retract into space. It bore in its hands a mace and seemingly a cone, from its dark and flat face, from which only one horn came, there seemed to be a wreck as its animalistic prime bore down its red robe. The crimson suit seemed to be something of a red dwarf, and from its twisted skull, which turned below, he seemed to have had a face made out of some constellation, but coloured in her mind. It spoke nothing but observed. Suddenly, as she had thought it a test of her vileness, there had been a clear view of her hand and the knife she bore in her hand. This entity wanted her to sacrifice this man. All of the sudden, she noticed that underneath the table there had been tubes and holes through which the blood could be spilled from and absorbed. Even the pools around the place, from which the purplish-red mist came out from, seemed to reek of old. Nomq took her time to look at the man and know whether or not he'd suffer. Hadn't he done it enough on his own? His lips had been dry and he looked rather starved by the looks of his bones. She'd been started by the sound of a raven which suddenly appeared on top of one of the rocks. It was rather afraid and showed no sign of it. As soon as it flew awry with its croaking sounds, she knew she'd have to turn back to the man. And it was a huge curved blade she bore, or would have to bear through him. He wasn't awake, and would've been that way for as long as there seemed to be someone watching over him from above. As if her thoughts had been heard, he had been forced awake. Two white blotched eyes opened, almost emanating light out of them, as if to point out who was responsible for that act. Redness had popped out of them and seemingly, they had reached some kind of dread in-between. Fear came at a greater risk than whatever she had felt. For, as long as he had been awake, there hadn't been a single thing which pointed at him being alive. Not in the sense which might've been used for any other living being but rather, animated through some form or another. 'You're not truly alive, are you? You must've died a long time ago, most likely from all the bleeding I'm supposed to be seeing around here.' He had been bleeding even for the past few moments he had been awake, yet the clouds which lifted itself in the space had been thin and unrepressed. It needed some type of blood which was pure and butchered before anything could be done about it. Dreadful thing, as she had

seen him not as a man or a human but a tool for her own act of morbid anger. Like a claw or an extension, it had come down on him and there it was. The first sign of an emotion, the trickery was over. What had been left there had been a barely animated corpse, but now, as soon as the blade had reached his abdomen, there he came. A man laid behind that pain and agony, a creature of flesh, through which she roamed, only to see that there were no common things inside of him. Something was wrong there, this was no man. 'What exactly are you? What are these things inside you?' There were open ended guts which bled and acted like nothing which should've been there. As soon as they were touched, they retracted into thick forms which protected themselves with the bulk of their outer shells. From its insides, there were also long veins which didn't belong in there, moving ribs which were held by pincers and much, much worse than that, there was an opening which lead below. Whoever had forged that hole inside of him had that in mind. It regrew parts of itself, even as she had worked on him. A few moments there signaled the closure of the big tear she had made. It almost came close to suturing itself entirely with her hand inside of him. Barely there, she managed to pull herself out before the incident had closed itself as it had been. There were so many thoughts that went inside her mind. Knowing the way it saw itself and acted, how it wanted to escape or look human, all of those details which almost distracted her from the fact that it wasn't so. So many things could've gone wrong there, as she herself had noted, and it wasn't even safe to tread anywhere else. It felt as if, if there wasn't a sacrifice made or something similar to it, she wouldn't be able to cross the bridge. Not a second step on it and it would be crashed below. Or the rest mist could be turned into a toxin which would liquefy her lungs. All those images had been set inside her mind by that lone one above, who still waited. 'There's only one way I can get away from this.' And she was not repelled by what she said or thought. Her carvings had become rather dragging, especially now that she felt repulsed by the dampness of her thoughts. A fear roamed but soon diminished. She had remembered the pleasure of being an observant of torture and wondered what it would've been like for her to feel it on her own. With one small cut, she cut herself around the top of the hand. 'Augh.' The first grunt had neared, as well as her tears. It wasn't what she had expected, or what she had wanted. Why have I done this? 'It's because of you, because of you, it's your fault, because, because of you.' Her tongue had been bitten once she realised how many time she had impaled him with that blade. The poor body had screamed as well as she had violently shoved and cut this sacrifice into pieces. As much as it had an ability to regrow, that didn't work for something like this. For as soon as the slashing and piercing had started, the red gems which seemed to have decorated the hilt of the blade had their colour flushed out. A toxin laid inside of them, which had been the thing which prevented the poor mutt from growing. Most of the features had been covered by coagulated bubbles which seemed to have been soon enough drawn inside by the table. 'Is this enough for you?' She shouted and looked at nothing but a clear sky above her. When had she done this? There was no way so much time had passed, that when she looked down, she noticed that there had been only a skeleton left behind. One which had been cut in pieces exactly the same way she had left it. Even the blade she had held inside her hand had become encompassed of rust and had to be thrown away. It bore cracks around as soon as there had been a way of entry. Fewer needs had been obscure, there were those which would've seen her reenacting a scene there, when she heard the applause. They were clapping for her and throwing flowers around her. It was an act of confusion which had left her spinning in circles wondering. 'Who's clapping their hands? Who's there? Where are you? Show yourselves! Who are you? Why are you doing this?' The claps

didn't appear to end and she'd been stuck there as she tripped and fell on her back. No words came out of there, not from the mist, nor from whatever abyss they may have resided inside of. Some peculiar thing laid to it, having been caught in terms of not throwing a look inside. A few more words had to be spoken there by her, but she hadn't the time to say a word. Once there was no one above the sky, it had to be safe, she wagered. It couldn't have been that she would be caught into such a plane, but as she made her way on the other bridge, she realised that it was so. There was no ground below, only the open space which pushed itself as far as it went. That couldn't be but she felt gravity collapse there, and she had been aware that if she ever was to go out there, in the great beyond, she would either never return or worse. She could meet that one who stood above her and watched her perform that sacrificial ritual for it, with no remorse of any kind of feeling. A maw was underneath her. Made from the rock she stood on. It felt like a piece of an outworldly satellite stood beneath her, which refused to move from where it laid. From where she stood, she looked around and saw the other rocks. Somehow, the weather had not only been centralised in specific locations but it also stood out there, held by nothing. Looking down made her realise there was nothing waiting for her. That was all she saw and everything which laid around, even the oxygen, of which she felt as if it had been thoroughly dispersed around the rocks seemed to have crept around and spread to every side evenly. One more moment passed, and there had been dread, it wasn't said, but she wanted it played over and over again. It was that man, towards which she returned. Now the audience was silent, most likely they watched and grinned, thinking about what she could do this time. Once she closed her eyes and blinked, there he was, afraid, the man who'd sinned. She held the knife again, this time, but hadn't stroked him, instead she would free him from his bonds. 'Don't be afraid, I'll have you freed from this place, just follow me, she said, alas.' But the man hadn't understood a word, he was rabid, and he'd mourn no one. He immediately leaped on her and as soon as that happened, she dropped her knife and laid afraid. Nomq had slammed the back of her skull behind but hadn't dared go out like that. Not with him and his desperate eyes, what would he do? Was there a thing before she'd died? Much worse, she recognised what laid in those eyes. The primal needs, the lust, it woke her up in the nearest of light. It had been daylight then, if that could be called in her notice. Even then, she had been aware of her chance that every corpse would dissolve eventually, and yet she had not found what she was looking for. Fear laid in her eyes, one more second before the dies were cast. There, it was, waiting at the toad. He had been tall and dark, alive no more, as it was said before. One face seemed to have been caught behind, but her bore what seemed to be a big bulging pointed star inside his skull. The symbol of the dark sun stood inside of him and seemed to have its rays twisted and bulging in every creeping direction. There laid no affection between them, but some kind of slaughter. Danger reigned there, in the tall figure which stood creeping behind the light. He came closer and blocked the source. It was well enough that she hadn't seen enough of it yet for her eyes to get used. But that had been the dark part of the city. 'You've been relocated.' As he spoke, a bunch of crooked teeth which had been picked moved. Picked being called the fact that they have been thoroughly chosen and placed inside the mouth like some kind of envoy filled with fear, one would call them rather too sharp. Regardless of which, there was an unnatural appearance, even to him, even in that place and even on that face. Some of his many eyes looked mechanical, even if that couldn't be and the most bizarre thing was the fact that it spoke without a translator and somehow understood what she said. 'Where have I been taken?' 'You haven't been taken far, but it is early and your journey isn't over yet. Eat and gather your strength.' He had thrown and actual

white chicken, tied by the legs and beak. It felt so natural and innocent in touch and she had noticed then that beneath his overall, everything had been covered in that bleak leather. It felt as if he could disappear in any second into the shadows and never return. Just who was he? And how did he expect to? 'Eat it? You shouldn't have any trouble eating it raw, it's been modified despite the way it looks. There shouldn't be any problem for you to devour it.' Though there had been only a few seconds between them, there he came, closer than he had ever been. He stood there, looking at her, as some sort of admirer who looked at her beauty, unable to take his eyes away. His heart had stood there and she could feel her hand rub against a cold chest. 'It's not beating.' 'No, it had stopped a long time ago, but that's no reason to be sad or distracted. As I said, your journey is far from over. You should eat.' One hand came closer and pulled a handful of feathers away. In his hands, they melted between his fingers and burst into some kind of liquid flames. They were transparent, colourless, almost invisible and worst of all, frightening to think that they existed. This mad embodiment of a sun suddenly made the flame disappear, she thought of it at least. It was hard to tell with the fact that it hadn't given any sign of being present there and other than the heat, she could swear she almost saw his entire body covered by flames at times. It wouldn't be advisable to say or do anything to him yet. Not as long as there was danger involved and flames would burn her skin to a crisp. I'm still human, I cannot give up yet. With that in mind she got up and started walking more confidently. 'Not yet, eat first, we're not going to make it through unless you're properly fed and got the needs to make it through. Trust me on this, this will be harder than anything you've encountered before.' 'How do you know what I've encountered before? Unless.' 'Unless I stalked you and watched your every move. Ever since you left that ancient place, where the machines still move in place, indeed I have followed you since that moment.' And from that moment alone he had seen her and watched over her in the darkest hours. Especially now, at her lowest, when she gorged on the chicken, eating what had looked like raw meat, swollen with blood, she still went on. What had been happening with that animal? It had looked rather pale and gruesome, the way it acted and the way it had made tried escaping, and it had been alive! There wasn't a low towards which she wouldn't stoop, that much had been curiously true enough. But she had done it, while the mad star approached and stroke her hair. In a way, he seemed to be gentle enough with her, that she would decide to trust him. He had been acting rather nice, and if it were true, that he had followed her, he would know what she was. A human, a woman, someone in disguise and worse, in hiding, there were others out there. Most of them wouldn't bat an eye and would mostly drag her on the streets for the desire of wanting to see human blood, human slaughter or worse, human enslavement. And the life of a slave would be much worse for her. 'That's enough, you needn't eat the feathers as well, and those won't do anything for you. And you've already clean picked everything on the bones. I believe you're ready yet. Pick this up and wipe your mouth.' He had thrown her a small cloth, which she would use to pull the blood off her mouth. It had been rather sticky and plastic, acidic in ways of which weren't expected. Some damned thing that was, filled with the slime-like substance that spread and seemed to attempt digging itself deeper into her face. Luckily for her, the cloth wasn't normal either, but it had been somehow drenched into some alcoholic substance which stank. Not only was the smell dreadful but there were some things inside of it which made it stink. Just what had he made her eat there? Below her teeth there was the remnant of some kindly cut bump that wasn't there before. It wasn't there before and it wasn't here now, somehow it had either retreated or had hidden itself from a second detection. What had the strange man fed her with? 'Are you going to come or not?' 'I am, wait,

what, where are you going to take me?’ ‘Through some place you’ve never seen before. Worry not, for as long as you are near me, no one shall lay a finger on your body. For that, you have my word.’ She stank of uncertainty of sulphur, at least to the point where her theory stood. He had been burning himself, most likely being the reason why his clothes looked ashen. ‘You dress weird, is there a reason for you clothes looking as peculiar as they are?’ ‘Clothes, you mean? Oh, foolish girl, those aren’t normal clothes, but a light armour covering me from the soles of my feet to the neck.’ She would dare ask about the head but dared not. Even though he might’ve been able to hear thoughts, she would dare that neither. It would be dangerous to inquire, she knew, about those worm-like tendrils, what had they symbolised? They were too peculiar looking to be the rays coming out of the sun. At times, as they walked through the crowd, she thought it less of a sun, less of a star and more like some mad circle, or a disk of worship with a mad face engraved on it. But the features on it looked metallic and vile, sometimes, the star looked as if it had been alive and made out of something organic. But that couldn’t be. In itself, that had been a curious thing, before being dragged away, at least. Afterwards, she had no time to question whom that was, but to force herself into hiding. They had entered a sealed tomb and she was forced into one of the compact coffins. It looked like not everyone had been thrown into the same rotting hole like the rest of them. The coffin she had been forced into looked expensive. It had been tight as well, being forced near the corpse. Past any kind of decomposition, it looked awake. Most of the skin had fallen, but some of it had remained, same could be said about most other features, like the hair, the eyes, teeth and what not. All of which were still there, being rather well kept. To avoid anything which might’ve had her exposed, she moved a sleigh of hand over its face and cracked it with ease. A simple matter, at it had been, one of which had made her push and push until something cracked and smashed inside of itself. From its dreadful nature there came a maddening lack of words, for the likes of which there would be nothing worse going on for itself. Morbidly aware that there was nothing inside its skull but she knew she had made gave her one moment of relaxation. There wasn’t any need for her to go ahead and sweat in there. The smell would take over, either way, if she had tried going further than what had been permitted. A sorrowful look had come on its face. As soon as the top of the coffin had been removed, the star-figure pulled her out of her grave and placed her on her feet. His arms had been strong enough to not only drag her body out but to also bring her back to the world of the living. It felt like she had died a little in there. Even as she stood, she could see her corpse right next to the other body, which had its skull cracked and was leaking. ‘Is that me?’ ‘It could’ve been and it still could be unless you wake up from this death wish.’ What death wish had he been talking about? She had no desire to die yet. ‘To whom have you been speaking to?’ ‘I believe that’s none of your concern and you should focus on yourself than other people’s business. Let us go now, there are errands still to come.’ She had been dragged out, with no answers given, no response nor any explanation for what had been happening or where they went. Why had she been brought to see all that debauchery in the sacks? Below one of the greater tents, there had been the fights. A small arena, of some sort had been made. There were plenty of degenerates, both in body and in mind who formed walls out of themselves, only to watch animals be forced against one another. Vile hounds, headless or four headed fought against each other, biting, scraping or battering with the end of a throat at whatever they could leap against. It was a harsh thing, the conditions of which made it so there wasn’t any escape for either of the contenders. The floor below them had been crisp and seemed to drag at their nails and the skin below their paws. A certainty was there, which was that

every now and then, small nails came out of the floor, but they weren't natural in any case. From beneath, a floor board, square revealed that the nails had come from a small but compact head. One of the degenerate fiends had apparently taken the task on itself to gouge as the animals as many times as it could. From the looks of the body, it rooted itself quite deep. The lack of body around the floor had been disturbing enough, especially since the two beasts had bloodied themselves enough. Still, it was calling, the dread and the corpse pool was near, as she had felt it. 'You needn't stall, there's enough time for us to meet everyone here before I take you back to the place you need to be.' 'What are we doing here then? I don't understand.' 'Oh? Haven't I told you? We are supposed to meet someone, a friend of mine who shall accompany us as well. Where is he? I wonder.' There was a strange inflation between them, and the strange machines which had been lodged into their mouths produced a grim smoke which raised through one hole above the tent and came out. It was a toxin, for the likes of which she had never seen, disguised as the means of fire. Her mask had been the only one which hadn't produced it, and the one who bore the sign of the star as well since he bore no mask whatsoever. 'Here, I have found you.' Nomq followed as soon as she had heard him speak. His voice stood out in the noise produced by those who were playing with their wild animals and trying to cut streaks of pain. Their morbid features were distorted and for a second there, it looked like their bodies were the same. Each and every single one inside the tent had their parts of the bodies pushed back and forth in order to fit the gaps left in by their predecessors. They formed some sort of set which only made it worse. Most lacked eyes, had she noticed it earlier, she would've found them deaf as well, with no plugs going in their smoke holes. Somehow they still observed and reacted and the beasts when they went at one another, but so far, the only being active in there had been the nail bearer. 'Are you coming?' She looked at the tallest figure, which still bore his star high. Next to him laid some sort of inverted pair of limbs which came from the top of a big skull. In its gaps laid two eyes which were almost a third of its body, but which had no pupils or features other than their deep orange cover. Over the top of the skull laid an almost starved face and some features which didn't belong there. Not a nose or mouth, but slits instead, from the inside of which laid a hole, as if for a mouth, as she had tried thinking about. But she would be wrong. It bore something strange, which had been revealed as a ball of many tendrils or giant worms wrapped together. Many of them were either alive, or had been its organs wrapped together. Had it been either or one of the choices? There wasn't any way of telling. It still occupied its insides, strangely enough. Something had been produced, as well, some type of oil, filled with agony and deceit. No end lay on either side, or she could see its feet barely reach the ground. And it bore many, four or five, which came from either end. Some fatness laid on them and she had been aware that this looked like a corpse muncher. 'Who is she?' Spoke the thing from a bunch of holes in the back, at least, that's where she supposed the speech came out of. It had looked like a curious thing if anything, with the way it moved and spoke how it crawled closer and seemed to become gray. An empty colourless appeal seemed to lay about the creature, in the way it spoke and seemed to be stroked by every flavour in the air. Somehow she knew that it was there to look at the deformed rather than the fight. She had done the same thing and seemed to have been struck by the fact that there were those which laid around trapped, unable to control themselves or much worse, for this seemed to be a creeping virus of some sort. Why had she thought of it? It was mainly because she looked at her arms and noticed some changes in her anatomy which shouldn't have been there. No woman or a human should've been made that way, or forced into it. Her misery would deform her the more she stood

there, henceforth the retreat. 'Shall we go then? I do not feel like I could stay in this place for much longer!' It had been fair enough, for they went away and hurried from that agony-induced deranged place, from which there was no escape. Though they had barely left it, she had managed to see how mad they had become. As the nail carrier advanced, she had managed to see plenty of them get their feet pierced fully. Despite that, there had been no protest, nor any kind of resistance. Not a single change had occurred to the beings, rather meaningless in nature in trap, as they had remained. 'What happened there? How come they are trapped in there?' 'Oh, it's because their pleasure in their own, that's why. There are tents out there which sap the life out of their victims. Do not worry too much about them now, as they actually died a long time ago and now started the process of decomposition, unless they're to be picked up.' 'What do you mean by being picked up?' Nomq had entirely turned her attention to the small rounded buffoon. It was chewing on something rather hard for its size and the size of its incisors, but regardless of that, there was a deep desire to carry on. Effectively, there was a thing which didn't mean a lot. 'Well, there's this deal, between the ones which own the tents and some folk around which has been going on.' 'Eclipse, do not worry the woman, we are close enough to make a difference now and lead her back to the gate.' 'Worry her? She merely showed her interest and curiosity in the matter. No harm done, there's no need to hide away from what creeps around. There's no need to hide the inner doings happening there, just look at them, in the distance.' Both the star and Nomq looked somewhere, vaguely towards the direction which had been hinted at. Some forms could be seen from the distance, but nothing had been or had looked that normal or by any means native to the land. What had he been talking about? 'Farther above, just look, try taking it in.' That had been hard enough but there seemed to be quite a difference out there. Something far more dreadful laid, at a rather still stop. It had been hanging in a hidden corner but it was there. Like some thick but winder, pushing downward. From below one of its lower abdomens, and it bore a few of them, came a long white strip which ran down to a point where it stopped. From there, plenty of corpses or shells seemed to have been sickened onto it and dragged in its reach. So that's what it was choking, the nail bearer, who was checking to see whether or not they had their blood in them still kept fresh. Whatever there had been on the nails themselves so the corpses wouldn't bleed out wasn't important. But that thing was pushing forth its crimson string and began draining them as they went on. 'It's huge, for how much had it been standing there, being fed?' 'Do you mean how much have they been standing there? Look around you, look above, they had grown there over a few decades. There's not escape from those disturbing freeloaders, they are widespread over the corpse. On one side they're attached to its bone marrow, devouring and weakening the ceiling, while on the other side, they are constantly being fed blood so they would slow down on ruining the corpse.' 'It's quite a deal, if you think about it, for as long as they receive some sort of sacrifice, everyone may leave in peace. The weak ones die off while the rest of us survive.' Nomq felt herself weaken, as it had been spoken by the star. It felt like every now and then, he, not his companion looked at her as if she was to be eaten and dealt with. There it was, a few sets of thoughts which didn't reign on her. It had dawned early on that she would either die in the wilderness or somehow get herself killed. Was it the latter? She couldn't tell, nor could she focus on the two of them any longer. It was them, the thought of being bloodied and drained of her and what made her that way. 'Do not worry about little things. You have a much grander task to carry.' 'Are we finally going to it then? Can we go towards the gate?' A company of bright thoughts calmed her down then, it was clear enough that she would feel the brightness of its glory. For every thought beyond and

away from it was sick and repulsing. It was damning in the most bitter of ways. Something couldn't have been much worse than that. 'We need to go there. I think I need to talk to it, do you agree with me? I can't explain why but we're both in need of it.' That had been inconsiderate and properly unwanted, but neither of them had a choice in the matter now. Nomq was the one supposed to make those choices, not them, and if she had decided to do something irrational and mad, the blame would've fallen on her than anyone else. A feeling of solidarity passed over her as she distanced herself from both of them on the road. Certainly, they followed, but they kept distance as they approached. It wasn't going to be that far in the distance as one of the closest ones had to be chosen, but it wasn't as going to go as easily as she thought. To be more precise about it, they had to enter a building in order to get into contact with its string. That thickness was hard to look at, as it appeared like it could break her body entirely if it lowered itself between her and the ground. 'Look at it, they have lowered it inside already. If you want to get a chance to stick on it, you must reach it now.' They had to hurry, that was right enough. Regardless of their speed and the time which had been spent there, she had learned nothing of the people who lived there. There wasn't any idea or clue to her which might've helped her deal with those who would show up to her face. A dreadful thing, through and through, that she went and saw to it, inside, as if to a cue, that she fell on her knees and stood there. Just behind a curtain there had been a few tiny spiked beads which had almost pierced her face and body. She had lowered herself just in time. 'This is dangerous, you should've left us deal with this before you entered.' 'I'm well, there's nothing, see?' Nomq turned and showed off her body, which held not only no mark on her but seemingly there had been no bruise or scraping from her knees. Somehow she had managed to avoid the roughest of mistakes and get through. 'Someone's not welcoming you here. Is this really what you need to do? We could return later after.' 'No, mad star, this isn't what I want to do, this is what I need to go on with. It's hard to explain but this is something which has to be done. And I have to go on with it alone.' 'It's going to be a long way there.' Said the eyeless, the dreadful companion, and the dwarf in meat-suit, the one who watched and get her the entry. 'Wouldn't there be more out there? Towards the spot you have to reach?' 'I don't know but I think I'll handle myself for now. Make sure no one follows me, right?' Both nodded and watched her leave. The stairs had been cracked and it seemed like they lead below an abyss. That had been just one of the sourced towards which the strange or the tongue, or whatever it had been, regardless of the fact that it had been attached to its body, went towards. It lead down towards a pit filled with corpses. Most of the base had been covered in them, man and beast alike. Those who were both and what not and even the ones which had been infected laid there. Alive, she added in her mind, though unable to grow and spread. There was a bad feeling about that, yet she climbed. The higher she reached, the easier it got for her to look at the whole extent of the city though the holes and the windows barged. It looked delightfully morbid there, unlike anything she had expected. In a way, they looked less human from the distance and more like corpses. Small devices attached to their backs, lights which were artificial in nature, glowing with their yellow fluorescence there. It was not something she hadn't seen nor had she experienced there. The nature of which was frail and lost in sand. The image she had seen in front of her eyes almost made her sad. Most of them had been dead, or decaying, but she had a bad feeling coming out of the recognition. It was close to them losing their souls but having fought to retain what had been their own. Why were they so familiar? Where had she seen them? It was something neither could signal there, as she went on. Carrying to the very last floor, where they rested. Those must've been the slaves, who wore

clothes which were anything but dignified. Something mad had occurred to them, something prone to being mad and not being left alone. They had been taken care off, she had known. Even though they had been its servants, a bunch of her children, by her of alleged composition of observation and thoughts have shown themselves for what they were. A handful of parasites came out of the long extension or the corpse devourer and started gouging into them. Such a peculiar view, that she had ignored and crawled away. There wasn't any hope that she would ignore it and try moving away too fast. If anything, this had been a perfect execution performed by her. As she made her way, she had no time to say a thing before getting to the roof and sat. A grim view almost fell on her from above.

Something peculiar had happened in her mind, that she would rather jump out of the plane she stood on than be chewed alive. No plan laid in her mind, just the feeling that she had to be there. Though she had been wrong in the past, never had she been met by such a life-threatening question. 'Would I survive if I were to join you?' What were the repercussions and did she even care any longer? She knew or must've known that by now, the gate had closed. There was no way that amount of corpses remained in the pool that it would warrant her return. It had to be, she had chosen this one by chance but she knew this had to be it. Without a doubt, there was a safe less thing which bred out of her sub-consciousness which would make her bleed unless she went on. This had to carry on or end there, there was no in between. A leap of faith ensured she wouldn't get off the coil and as soon as she had done it, as if she had been waited for, the coil started being dragged towards the one. Through its large mandibles it ate at the very top, going through the corpses, not only as fast as it would but also trying to push in it some sort of strange rubbing woes which pushed inside. They drained the very coils out of the blood which had been drained over the years. Am I being drained as well? As she thought, she had felt tiny stings around her body, and as she had become weakened, having her life drained, her blood gained. Pushed deeper into the coil, she could see her torso being forced inside, being lodged as far as if to feel the blood freely flowing like a river inside of it. That feeling should've made her sick to her very core, but somehow, she had felt as if that was the right thing to feel. As much as she had been afraid before, she was getting closer. And it was a long way below if she wanted to return. By the time the coil had run as far as to lay where she stood, she had been suddenly awoken to it. The fiend had stopped and stood there, observing the creature which had been alive, in the dark. Despite the size and the strangeness of it, she noticed how weak and prudish it looked there, as if it had nothing to itself but the benefit of being barely kept alive. It had been a peculiar thing that was, being forced to live in the state of near-death, which lead to this point. Where Nomq stood, there came the long legs, tall and wide, which brought to her only the one thing which had been needed there. From its insides, there seemed to be some passage which had opened to reveal a piece of its own brain. Most of it had decayed if not eaten itself all over, but the healthy part remained. It had been small in terms of size, close, if not to a human's brain in size, but far more crunched and pushed in itself. The exchange would've happened if it weren't for the fact that it was being fed to her rather than a close to skull extraction. Something had happened with each bite she had received. Images of its previous life had flashed in front of her eyes in the most peculiar manner. Nomq felt as if she had become the creature and looked at it as she had crawled its way, from the time it had been still alive. When the great corpse had been alive and from the time it had begun as merely a parasite like the others. They had been the cause of death, the destroyers of him, and the ones who had brought the end of destruction itself. Most of their births had been merely a set of bad events from which their wicked eggs which had infested another dead

living thing had been ingested by the corpse. But why had she only remembered it as a corpse? It had been living once, but no more. From what she could tell, it had been affected by the same disease of decay and un-living which tormented so many. Even looking back at the pit of corpses, she could hear their screams, at the very bottom, and near the top. Neither of them had died but was unable to prevent the further decay from stopping them from living. 'Why do I have to see this?' Why were the corpses inside her as well? She couldn't digest them either, rather, they had been held there until their turn came to fill up the bones inside the great corpse. But how did the parasites grow then? Another piece of its brain had been taken and fed to her. This one had been forced towards the far view, to the plains from which she had laid. Her journey had been witnessed, apparently not only by the sun but by them. With their long distance view of putrefaction, these creatures had formed a system of shared view interconnected by long invisible wires which connected their minds into unexpected things. If one got hurt, so were the others. They could not feel her as well, as from inside her ears, there were those long-awaited invisible brain slimes which fell through the air and floated like cobwebs. Akin to her view, she had been shown the pool in its true side. Most of them had died there, it had been the only place one could truly die unless she knew of another. Otherwise, that had been the only place she could either face her salvation or true death. It boiled her blood, being taunted by them there, but why had she been shown that? From below the pool, they have searched through her mind and saw one of them below. The one which had been lost and realised what they were hinting at. With him being one of their own, they had to return, Nomq and the two that jointed her and bring the corpse of their dead one so they may not be tormented by the view of death in a place where they couldn't die. Even the headless laughed around the city as she had been taken down. It felt as if she had become more aware of what was going down around the city and she had hated it with her very own being. A thing had occurred that she had been wrapped around by those tiny speckles as she had been lowered down. She had been displeased by what had happened there, at least by way alone she had been lost. It was a strange thing to be connected to a far sided onlooker, and this felt like it could get out of hand unless she found a way to remove this disease. They were there, waiting for her, estranged and afraid. Something had happened and both of them could tell, despite not having followed her to the rooftop and below. Nomq had no recollection of how she managed to get down there, but only the fact that she was with them now. A thing disturbed her, with the certainty with which she said. 'Let us make way, we have a long walk ahead of us.' 'Towards then!' At which she nodded and seemed to understand that they were expecting it one way or the other. Both of them seemed just as unprepared as she had been, if not much worse. There was a clear thing which made this loss apparent. The fact that they managed to get out of the city during the night without being spotted had been one of them. It was dangerous as ever, more so that they had to steal two of their desert beasts in order to make way. But what had that devil made of him? He had rolled like a curled ball, which only added to its peculiar appearance, which had only been that way because it ate or held its own arms in its mouth. 'This night, there might be another raid. Be weary now.' They said, as they looked, but she hadn't understood. They were just a few of them out there scattered and from what she had seen, they were merely a genetic pest than anything else. 'Do not be deceived by their appearance or by the ones that came here to plague the sand. It's part of their malevolent vile plan. We mustn't fall for it, as well as we should know that others won't. They're just as unforgiving and there they are.' The star pointed at the top of the hill, just at the extreme, where the edge was almost cut and fell in with the rest of their small encampments.

Apparently, they had prepared for a full-scale war, through which there would be nothing but some weird and peculiar thing abroad. Fewer things seemed to bear through and through, which only made it so they would know fear. It was a disease, a battering ram and a launcher which had been covered in that vile form which made their bodies. There were faces sprawls, hands and arms, tentacles, all of which had either browned or had become purple in sight. Something had been inflicted against them, for, even their giant beasts were covered in the same goop. Some mammoth came from behind them, almost brought to life by their kind. 'How have they managed to survive for this long?' 'It's easy, they're rooted to the ground and grown. Their small ones act like biological seeds which spread and grow through the earth and through anything which is of the biological world. 'Then why do they attack them? Why are they trying to attack us in that case? Why can't they grow elsewhere and leave the city alone?' 'It's because they won't have that appearance or sentience otherwise. Generation after generation of breeding will turn them into bodiless roots which will die off. They need the code, they need the bodies to keep their growth.' A horn had been sounded, and lights had come. A bloat of smoke had apparently come from inside the colossal corpse and for once it seemed as if they were getting ready. Images from inside it came into her mind. How many of them had been awakened and how many of them were already dressed in their suits of armour. Strange, she had felt in some way molested as she had been forced to appeal to their vile needs. A creeping node seemed to be strangely going through his head and stop. Something wasn't right, the animals were light on their feet as they fled. 'We're not going to aid them?' 'I'm afraid that the night is long and there's nothing we may be able to do. Don't forget that this is what you were meant to do. We shall return, perhaps, but we won't do anything if we get infested.' There had been a nod and a note of guilt. Was it guilt or the desire to see the ends of a battle? Either way, they fled from sight, while the armies were preparing. The infested ones had already amassed from their dark corners and holes, from inside their strange damaged trunks. In sight the ones that came were rather pale, some were darker, and others had the appearance of bark to them. So many generations had already become far too affected for anything to be said about the case. It felt strange and out of place, no one would dare say anything about them to their face. Peculiar to say the least, they were getting ready for the feast. It felt like, the closer they had gotten to one another, their skin darkened and became some sort of metallic clay than skin. Those faces had been more alive, their teeth were sharper, and their symbiosis almost gave them life. Red eyes and pure blue came from deep inset skulls which had been fashioned into skulls. Long cords stretched from one another but seemed to have fallen below their feet as they were dragged. Without a way to see this would be the most protected they could say, as small legs gave them the ability to move and avoid anyone who might trample onto them. For this was their strength. As they began hardening, a semi-pair of dark wings came from the blotching mammoth-like monolithic-being, the mad survivor which bore the faces of its slayer. They all grinned, very much alive, as they faces had been surrounded by black worm circles. It had been a huge mistake to underestimate them that way and refuse to tackle them before they spread. Now this had gotten out of hand to the point where there was doubt whether or not there would be survivors. This had been a huge scale gathering, for them to have brought not only so many of their kind but to reveal that under their swollen huts and under the spots where they had been torched, some of them laid in hiding. Underneath the sand dunes, there popped the ones covered in ash and sand, far stranger than their counterparts. They had been changed by the extreme condition in which they laid and hardened at the constant threat of fire. From their moist

shell, as if cracked, there pulled something which had been formed. No longer would they be sluggish and trying to spread but those which had lain below had taken in the appearance of a beetleish crevice type of form, horned with their long eyes being a remnant of the disgusting growths which had once lain on their bodies. These troops, the ones below seemed to have gathered in a line and waited, while the others prepared. A fine amount of warriors had come out of the giant corpse as well, all of which had been everyone which would be spared to fight. If the battle would've reached the city, there wouldn't be any doubt about the amount of people who might be forced into the fight. Many lives would either be converted or tormented by those which would devour. Many were powerless but grabbed what they could, be it a small club or their long ranged weapon. Ah, those would do, for their long laser rifles might've been rare enough those days but this was a special occasion. As for the placement of which, they were kept in the past, as to be called to action as soon as it was to be. Fear ran as from behind, there was the dreadful ray. It floated like some sea-creature in the air, casting a shadow upon every degenerate being below it. From its insides there came a bunch of spirals which contoured and penetrated each one of the cancerous beings below it. It had become a part of the unity and for a second there, those being almost looked as if they had the ability of flight. Not only that, but they had been dragged above the edge of the cliff and into the battlefield with the rest of the waiting degenerates. They were akin to some which had been set into flight. Something wasn't right with them either, as some of the infested ones started grabbing the bulk of their upper bodies and run in circles like some mad men. It wasn't a fine sight, but that had been part of the threat. Somehow, the unison had been dropped or removed, a link which had left them stumbling like mad things which cowered and ran, which banged their heads from the danger. They had felt the anger of the stranger and would try to crush their own rather than to be distracted from the sight which laid in the field. One giant monolithically beast, came with its eight legs, crushing and sliding through the cliff until it reached two or three of the man craving things there. It crushed them under its decaying flat feet and went on to do the rest with the other failures. For some had failed to get up from their sand holes and had become nothing but experimental flaws. Only a pair of heads came out of the ground in some cases, which weren't even right to begin with. 'Look, they have started gathering up in lines. What must we do now? How is it that we cannot fight yet?' 'Patience, patience, you wouldn't happen to see what they have, would you?' More battalions come from behind. This would be an entire invasion there, by the looks of it. Tall ones, actual monoliths would suddenly show themselves from behind, carrying some wicked looking flag, which bore the mark of the tainted. Embroidered in the image of a bubonic-looking humanoid, they sighed. So many things which had been hidden from them lead to this. They had thought of them as only a pest and lowered their guard only to have thought of the many times in which they tortured and almost crushed some of their own, only that a piece of their bodies would escape. And those pieces would amass, grown and snick away, bringing only more information of their defence. It left them weak, this was unexpected, but the entire hill had been over merged with them and those which had been too weak to fight. They had formed a pair of stairs going from the top of the hill below, made by an amalgamation of terror which had been made out of their own grown bodies. Fear ran through them at the sight and smell. Neither man nor woman could tell whether or not they would manage to strive for a fair fight and make it out whole. Those things had looked as if they had been more alive than anything, but that wasn't everything they had prepared for. 'What do you?' 'I was thinking about something.' Said one of the generals, as he stroked his gray beard. His eyes had been nothing more

but a pair of coal stones, dark and gray. 'With that much mass, if they manage to end us, they might manage to take over the corpse and bring destruction to the land at a level which hadn't been seen.' And he had been right in some way. Their ambition and their mold had made a way for the others to come. More were on their way on both sides and seemingly more rays had flown from somewhere as well. From the giant corpse, they brought the ancient tools of war which had been gathered, being long-ranged artillery to say the least. They had bred them with the other machinery which had been stored inside their secret spots around the city. Inside of which laid a modified armoury which seemed to have their engineers put to good use as they ran around, carrying their bolts and their self rebuilding drones. Small oval metallic compartments flew over, with their long strings attached both below and above their pieces. They were doing guess work for them and seemingly, they have gone on rather indistinguishably from the black spots which lay in the sky. That had been as much as a strange event as any other, as something was happening out there and neither of them had any expectation of what was going to happen. Nonetheless, Nomq had looked back and she saw the agony of sight, both through her eyes and theirs. Most of her view of the sky and in the field had been messed with, as she was seething that giant, coloured face which laughed at her and kept growing. It was a sight which couldn't do anything other but make her suffer. In a few moments there were a few things which had displayed her evenly through the field. She was there, she felt there as well, not only with the company of the other two. But she felt as if those metal drones had been an extension of her as well, coming straight from those storing broods inside the corpse. A huge battle was on the way and they were bringing their people from inside the holes underneath the earth. From the bottom it had become rather clear towards where they were getting at. Most likely, their plan had been to stall for this invasion, through which they would flood the corpse from every side. Inside the corpse it had begun. As it happened for crawlers to come from underneath the earth, bearing some sort of timorous spinning hardened pieces of their bodies which had been welded together internally. With them, they managed to dig holes and invade. Those who lay inside the city started shouting. 'They are here, they are near. Bring the tar, the fire, at the rear!' Some had been left behind and charged with their strange artifacts. Long shafts of spear-like lances that blew peculiar liquids and gasses from their edges seemed to cauterise the pests. Inside of them, mad reactions happened which tainted them and pushed most of their corruptions and growths into centralised points around their bodies. All too clear, at it had become, their heads had absorbed most of their mass, including the one which had went through their limbs, making them limbless blocks inside their sun dug holes. Like plants, as much as bulbs, they were growing and expanding, blooming in front of their eyes. Those vicious things had spread and become vile, with pieces of light gray, yellow and desiderated green glowing around their overgrowths. It felt strange, mesmerising, and psychedelic to lie around them now, especially since it started spreading. This reaction had started an unnecessary growth which pushed downwards with its long rooted system. Some strange thing happened there, as it dropped below any normal level, penetrating through the other invaders and growing through them. 'What's happening?' 'I don't know but that seems likely to stop them. Carry on with it!' As they did, the sounds of the horns sounded again. As the blooming ones started covering the sand into a crystalline type of pus, the armies had finally united. Most of the old machines of war had been brought. Their mad spears and blades had been kept around but plenty of igniting pistols had been distributed along the others. Fire bombs were ready and now that they had arranged, what were they waiting? Why were they there? It felt like they were laughing just now, as they were

united, with their long cords beneath their crowds. The soldiers laughed and even the rays, those flying pests. Now they marched as if invincible. The given moment had arrived. 'Charge, for the giant corpse!' One yelled and as they went through, the fields had turned from sand to some sort of glassy pair of sea-exposure, pushing from the gun and aiming at the monolithical beast. Three of its legs had been blown away immediately as the artillery began blowing and shredding away everything in sight. Blows were given yet they wouldn't retreat. Their cords pumped from one to another until the monolith beast regrew its lost legs. Those who had charged in the front lines had been immediately smashed by a charging blast of pure mass. Most of the others which had lain around hadn't stopped either, as they continued jumping with their long twisted legs. Their legs had become fleshy and seemed to have extended from inside their bodies. Each time they would do it, with each leap that went on, parts of their torsos and arms had been emptied and pushed away. Some sort of dignity had been taken as those decaying men had been slashed and broken, pushed away by a bunch of flying meat-suits which were supposed to be mindless but for some reason thought for themselves. As much as it had been desired, there was fire. All around the field, for the best and the worst, kept aside, it spread through them and seemed to be barely affecting their newly molded skin. But they still had no weapons and had been taken by surprise. Those short lances cut through their heated armors unlike anything that ever touched them. One head suddenly exploded in an area surrounding its total diameter, blowing away the lower torso and two remaining thirds of its legs. As much as its shell had been heated, one spear had managed to cut deep enough to get all the air pressure inside of it, enough that it would spread and lead the fire inside. They're gaseous, inside, they're gaseous! 'Do you hear that? They're gaseous inside, their insides bear!' Before he could search anyone though, he had been leapt upon and eaten alive, down to his bones before anyone could hear what the man had been yelling. As he had been stricken down by them, there wasn't any entry point through which the cavalry could break through because the wall of tinder had been blown there. Some strange gases lay around and seemed to move at unruly phases through which neither man nor woe could guess at. There had been a few others who hinted at trying their luck, those who went alone, like mad fighters who would die in their way to glory. 'They won't stop us now, we've gone too far, and they shall be ours. Don't interfere with me, scum!' One lone corpse soldier seemed to have been lost on the battle field. He wasn't what he had appeared to be, his eyes were bloodshot and as they had become beads, as beetles, they crawled away from his face. He had no need for those, now that he would charge alone in the utmost terrible manners from which he had been raised into. There were soles on the ground, he knelt and felt them. One cry of skin and flesh, the smell was distinct than that of his men. He came near and began to fire. He couldn't see right, but he knew he had crushed him by the cord. A short pair of moments came. He was there, in truth and mind, but also blind. But he felt the pressure, he heard it like a tube or a pipe or a valve being taken over and crushed. From that he felt the gluttony moving, trying to crawl. Somehow it had been lost from the others and got to lay in some permanent disgusting movement for certainty that it would live. It hadn't succeeded in its flight as the man, the corpse, ripped a fire device and enflamed the ground around him, burning everything in sight as a result. There were others like him with no personal regard for their lives. Something dreadful had happened and most of them had been afraid. Paranoid at that and unable to cope with the vaguest traps, circles being on the ground were spreading. Were those their own or the machines they had placed behind? This was chaos in its true form, they were men amongst them fight as well. Strangely, as the corpses had noticed, they weren't as weak and frail as the claims

had been and they fought virtuously to bring down the monolith, even though it had been merely a temporary break rather than it being destroyed. They had clustered around him and caught his legs with long spike web-like net and started pulling. Those things acted like masks of the kind which would rub them and keep cutting with their knife-life edges, slowly disemboweling its legs and most importantly, tripping it down. 'That's the chance, go for it, and bring it down before it grows again.' Somehow the fall had broken something in its head. Either its brain had been displaced or something inside, which still bore bones or some poor imitation which didn't act like them at all. A few more minutes passed. There had been some questioning whether or not he would act that way or not. Something had happened to that small group which had moved in to cut the cord, but what? It suddenly darkened around the field.

That array of coldness had finally spread and distracted most. And here they were, in front of the pulping fleshy barnacle, the cord, the tube which fed and kept it alive and immortal. It looked like a fleshy worm from where they stood, the gang, armed with their pistols and with fire. Somehow this looked way too weak to be immune to the fiery death this awaited it. But some mad desire took one over. One of the men inside the group suddenly turned towards the others and began shooting. It had been too fast and unexpected that three shots immediately went through their head, immediately ending them. The last one standing alive, other than the man seemed to have his back turned, despite knowing what happened. His arms were shaking and he knew there'd be only one chance to do this before being caught from behind and shot. 'Walk and keep walking until I tell you to stop.' Said the man. Ironically enough, it had been a human and a corpse. The man hadn't forgotten what had happened to his brethren and knew there was still a score to settle. Immediately, he jumped over the cord, came from behind and took his weapon as well. 'Listen, this will be your only warning. You either start running or I'll start glazing through your legs. You'll only have a tiny bit of wit and the sharp knife we're given to fend your way out there.' 'Mad one, mad human, I'll die out there without a weapon.' He stopped for a moment had had a piece of his knee fly off into the distance. 'What did I say about stopping? Keep walking or keep crawling.' The dust had entered his eyes, he had muttered something but afterwards he had lost himself out there. It was unfair and he had been afraid. Something had to be spoken and said. But it hadn't and looking back at it, this was a mistake. He hadn't any other plan but what he was about to do there. With his gun, he had glazed the thick skin of the worm, enough to open a wound. From there, he shoved his mouth and saw itself be cauterised inside instantly, as the blood flew inside him, changing him as his limbs. It knew what he had been doing and changed his body into something which would protect it now. He felt deformed, having his entire body and bones wrap around the cord and granting it the protection of his spine, his long and sharp limbs which now stretched and acted like sharp barnacles which pounced on the nearest signs of threats. It was something to look out for, a dread unlike any other. Something had been dangling in his mind. Was it the worm that had taken over or had it been entirely crushed? There was no way of knowing but one thing had remained the same. One glance over his shoulder revealed the monolithic beast and how it had been pumped back up to its full height. It charged immediately and as soon as it had a chance to come through and crush everyone in its path. The demolition had begun as soon as they had brought their own artillery from behind. They brought squares of solid stone, surrounded by lashes and other plant-like formations, which were unlike them, as they had shown themselves only as creatures of meat and skin. These constructions bore flaws in them, not to mention that the gap from where the shot bile would be launched was too high and too widespread. Some of the substance they spread were harmful for

both sides. Clearly, their desperation had achieved a level which couldn't be denied but accepted. Mere burns appeared on their skin, those who had been more exposed had suffered more, but the new carapace did a great deal to block it. But the second effect came to view, the confusion and the numbness of the brain. Some were walking, others stopped to be forced into talking there. Both camps had their members standing in front of one another, caught and affected by the pores which had entered in contact with them. Their tongues moved, despite having decayed, but they were poisoned as well, with little to their minds. Behind their eyes, something had aroused them past their window blinds. A few more sprouted there, as soon as the blocks of solid stone had been removed, they revealed the giant plants and the process through which they grew. Some substance which started affecting those who stood still for too long began taking over. They had been pulled towards it and eaten alive. Vines stretched out from its insides and started covering like succulent buns as they devoured the living and the dead. Nomq saw that as well, as she rushed. It was hard to find it, especially on that long and wide of an area, with vagueness to her memory, while she had little idea where it had been hidden. But there it was and they had found it, the same hole through which she descended, through which she found their key. It was there that she would hope ending and in a moment's notice, she had found the door still open. The first steps had been the harder, but immediately a hand came over her shoulder. It was the star, the pointed creature who looked simply as confused and the one below him. 'You weren't planning on leaving us yet, were you?' 'It had crossed my mind a few times, as a matter of fact, it still is. What's stopping me from going through that gate and never come back?' 'There's nothing but your will at play.' 'Was that all? After so much time, she had given up on the idea that her will dictated anything over her own actions and those of others. She feared looking back at them but saw it all so clear. There was the body down there and it had to be brought back. Some guilt laid in her mind but she could do nothing about it. At least nothing without jeopardising her whole mission there, which would make her fear for her own dear life, for which, words could do little to describe what went on as she went on diving. That pool had been as sickening to be in as the first time she had leaped in it. This time it had been more disturbing whilst knowing what had lain below. One head which saw through her as she saw through it as well. Both of them were looking forth, trying to find one another until there. She grabbed it and began pulling its corpse. It had been light weight, even lighter than what she had expected but there it was, in its full glory. A bit of its corpse had been pruned to the point where its skin had turned into a maze and most of the round features had grown and puckered inside of itself, but it had been indistinguishably the same being as the one which had confronted her. As she gasped for air, with the rube underneath her, the two companions gave her a hand or a tentacle, as she had been risen up on the stone bridge. The body had been indeed heavy outside the water and it looked as if what was going on outside wouldn't last forever. If it was any kind of consolation, she wasn't aware who was going to succeed in the conflict. Her fate as well as theirs was obsolete. Nomq could turn and get through the portal in hopes that they would prolong the war enough for the gates to close. Little aware was she of how things worked on the other side, where her spirit was free and the light was pure. What would happen in corruption would drag it there? As the smoke faded, it had been revealed that there were a few words which couldn't describe what was going on. Damned as they had been corrupted, far in-between those who had been crying in pain, the battlefield were a mess. Mesmerised no longer, one of the fire cannons had been aimed at the giant plant. It blew it an array of fire, which had spread around. The second fire came and penetrated one of the stone forts which surrounded the

other growing mess, igniting it from inside. It shrieked as if it had been alive, being burnt from inside out with no chance to escape the madness there. Some had tried climbing in hopes that they could enter and burn themselves inside with it, oh vile thing, what have you meant to them? Why had they looked so alive? Why were they worshipped by them? In the heat of the moment, they took the fronts from underneath them and started dragging the electrical battery from behind. Attached to it was some kind of shrouded device which produced tiny invisible volts of energy which passed around in some kind of strange awe. They jumped through the humidity of the air and seemingly avoided the decay, jumping directly to organic matter. This kind of thing seemed to almost grab them to a halt, despite how widespread they had have started mobilising. It was that tube on the ground which had connected all of them and seemed to have been their biggest sign of dismay. Now that they were vulnerable, it was time to move in. Sharp knives and long spears with no handles seemed to dodge from their way and jump inside from one side to another. Not only had they been sharpened, but they had been heated in some long lasting fire liquid, amorphised inside. Those weren't enough to cut deepest but scathe as far as a few inches inside. 'Don't do that, it's time to retreat now! Our weapons are ineffective against them.' But without a doubt, as soon as the volts had been dispersed, there had been a clear release from their stunned vision, from their numbness, which resulted in them being freed. They lunged at one another to gather and eat the wounds which would infect. They had to avoid it at any cost and it had been clear that sooner or later, they could be affected by the same disease which had transformed them into decaying matter. Afterwards they leaped and started picking ground troops, eating their heads entirely, and grabbing hold of one or two in pairs while dragging them behind. They had been bashed and smashed, crisp to the touch and ripped apart. It wasn't clear where their main land had been placed at, or whether or not there'd be some dread to be foiled. But the spoils of war would land there or in another place. Regardless of which, the infection spread inside the city. Inside of it, the pus had started shifting in the sand. Now that troops retreated from the battlefield in order to regain access to more units, they have notice what had happened, the dread and the corruption which had spread beyond their sight and mind. Never had they thought about the risk of this infection spreading while they had been busy in-fighting inside. Some of the denizens had been turned. They couldn't move but stand there like pulps, long, rounded, attached to the ground. Something laid there, white, almost crystalline but looking as if they had become cocoons, trapped, with nothing inside. At least, there was some suspicion that they had been eaten from inside as the mass of it had turned from seemingly solid to a drifting sea of spores which had spread from its inside and got blown by the coming winds. The top of the corpse had blackened a solution, or a way of fighting it from spreading. Those who watched or tried looking knew that the cause of those dark spots above, which had spread all over, the ceiling, had been the cause of those bone magisters, who had flung their long nets and had stopped the intake of bodies until it had been over. For the time being, those spores hadn't reached them, nor would they reach them any time soon. But paranoia ran adrift as they reached the top of the houses. 'Use the purifying fire then, let us see how they fare against it.' A flame had been unleashed through the most dreadful of ways. There came a wave of gas which had been lit and thrown, the heat had grown but to no avail. Most of the sports flew away and had been blown through the curtain of fire unharmed. It was impossible, there was no way, no reason to it, but that's what happened. Neither of them could believe their eyes, for they were losing the battle from inside. While the troops had been outside, there came the rays from behind. Throwing shadows and bringing cold from their insides. It was

relieved that they had brought something from far away, a type of ice and cold which almost froze the ground. The fire had been blown by the ice and snow, the snow storm which had fallen from its insides. Cold, frozen corpses fell as well. Those were its insides after all. But it hadn't eaten nor had it stolen the bodies of men, these were different, stranger, and weaker in the eyes of watchers. Some haven't even been seen as things which had evolved, but they weren't meant to be there. At least a good part of them had shattered upon their fall, and their forms had been lost to the eyes of watchers. One floating ray had imploded in a burst of blue dust from its insides as the artillery began again. A massive cold hole laid in the middle, inches behind where the tube had been filling it. Something unnerving happened there as well, as it fell beyond. It crawled, as one last manner of in-fight, it was still large enough to chew a head or two. Most stayed back and waited for it to stop. 'But look, look at what they're doing to their own. What kind of an enemy are we fighting?' After all, they had leaped and started eating one of their own kind. They were strangers, wicked and blind, those who had no mind to them started eating and grew in bulks. From their insides there came bursts which hadn't been witnessed and remained unseen. Their bodies froze there, again, caught by the surprise. But it wasn't the cold that had done but the shock of seeing them bring more. How many were there and how many of their troops had been picked up one by one? It was the right thing but they had thought it a lost war, having looked at their beloved giant corpse with remorse. But that had been it, those were the chances. It wasn't unlike anything which had happened before, this time the threat had been ignored and they had been overrun by the forces. It was getting worse for the small group knowing that they had to drag the body of their beloved being as well. For what exactly? Nomq couldn't tell, especially after she saw the outcome of the battle. They were planning something, since everything so far had gone their way. 'Are you certain the way back is safe?' A tiny mouth opened on the globular surface of the taint which rolled near them. Its grin revealed a pair of broken black teeth and a red tongue that was almost bloody. It gnawed a little but seemed to have known what was best for them. 'Believe me, this may be the only way we could get through with a body of this size.' It had looked that way, at least, by the way the sky darkened and after the rain, all the muddy sand would start pushing on itself and making it much harder than it had to be. What laid out there in Nomq's mind was a vision of the marsh which surrounded the corpse. It had become bog, by the looks of which, corpses struggled, and the sand had been replaced and drowned in the mud and in a liquid made out of their blood. There had been many losses and neither side seemed to give in. 'This is preposterous!' Said the star-shaped one, who bored his will upon the others and tried throwing them out of his tracks, there were a few instances through which one would have to ignore everything which had happened so far to get a chance to understand. 'It would take us too long to get around the corpse and look for a hole through him. Have you even seen its sheer size? That alone would have us searching for hours or days at best.' 'Like it or not, we have no chance other than that. This body had to end up inside the corpse and take a look out there. Do you see anything going either way?' They came to the edge of the hill and looked down. The entire thing had become a mess. What would rise up from below the marsh would be some large construct of corpses which crawled and tried converting itself through the cord only to fall back down there. Despite their sheer numbers, this impediment did them harm. It had become hard to breathe down there as well, though luckily for the masks, most of the rotting soldiers could breathe just well. Some rose up while others fell. It was evenly spread across the field, evenly that there were blue holes which pumped some cold into the pool before fading back into the depths. Another flying morbid ray had been

taken down, from which came pieces of it which started swimming very much alive. They had been good at that, giving themselves mindless unordinary life-forms which had only one goal, which laid in devouring and killing as many as they would. But they failed at one thing, which seemed to have been preplanned. The artillery had been dragged farther and farther behind as if to be protected from the pool and what would go on out there. More than that, there was something clear there. The corpse had been awakened. They all saw it raise its head. That big blocky thing, the mouth which still laid close but seemed to have something lodged inside of it. Either it had been a dumb titan or something had been going on in there. For, in its insides, the way above darkened even more. Below, everything started being filled with the pus. A familiar thing, for which sight seemed to have awakened memories for some, while nothing for others. But the journey wasn't over as the body of that thing seemed to have been brought to life. The company paused. Nomq looked at its head and saw some twitching of the eyes, the body was being fed there but how? She thought and remembered the things which had come into her head. The inter-link she had with the others, which had somehow carried onto it as, feeding it in an utmost peculiar manner. Was she feeding it herself? That would be close to self cannibalism in some twisted way since she felt it there, inside of her. Blown by the insides and taken by surprised. There were some creeping staring things below. The hallucination started yet again, but at least this time, there had been no sky, just a large iron box covering the world. The way the rounding creature dragged them through was shallow and vile. It looked like it had been an old creeping construction bridge, for which time had been unkind. Something shallow seemed to lay about it, some scent, no, something about how most of it had been obscured and how low it went. There wasn't even any sort of way to see if there had been ground down there. 'Towards what are you taking us now? Are you certain we're getting through some sort of shortcut or.' What exactly had been thinking there? The two bickered for a few moments while never dropping their reach out of the body. Its glance towards her had never stopped, at least not for as long as she had been there. On a few occasions, it almost seemed like it could grow onto itself and eat the three of them, having enough energy to reach her brood by itself. The thought scared her, as he had become weaker with each step, or rather, how close she had gotten to the dreadful place. Where it lay, the things which grinned and spoke their mad languages had bodies made of spines and long noodle-like flaccid appendages. Only two strong arms held one of the specimens together, attached to a torso and a flat head which looked like a board with no other feature than its mouth. They were strange in the way they acted, not only had they shared too many physical features, but something dreadful laid to them as well. It was in their mind, something which had flattened their brains and altered their minds. Even as they looked and pushed forward their strange faces, they made some strange words out of the spots. Some were recognisable at best, but had been broken. They waited as if for some answer to a question that was senseless and when it hadn't happened, all of the sudden they jumped on the platform they were on. Too many of them laying there had an ill effect on the surroundings. At least, there was some kind of feast, for the lack of senses, which crept inside their mind. One more moment before the grind began, in the most peculiar manner, through which they started chewing their own teeth and the insides of their mouths. At least the decency had been declared a long time ago as being dead, for they had no way of fighting, which gave them only this annoyance to be dealt with. Some of them if not most spat jets of blood, with the occasional tooth coming off and hitting either of them, having had little to no effect. This attack, per say had only been vile. As soon as they approached, most leapt into the nothingness

from which they came. In a sudden groan, from the insides of the mist, one ripped its so called face open, only to reveal the fact that it had only been a mask. A puckered prolapsed end lay where its neck had been. And it had appeared that a tube laid out of it as well, from which came the sprays of blood. Disgust couldn't force them enough to wonder. Neither of them had been afraid that they would be getting stronger, but what had happened there? Were they numbed from the sight? Some of them stared at it for a moment, most likely Nomq and the star. The other one had been busy holding and its sight was dim either way. There was nothing it would say for it had been the only one who hadn't been sprayed with the blood. Perhaps this attention, the misdirection or avoidance had been obligatorily done one purpose than on anything else. Dread came to mind nonetheless. As much as they had stared, the corpse had to be carried away. Where had it laid? Where had it been? Hours passed and they were still there, on the system of bridges, the ledges, the extended arms of metal which seemed to have carried them in the wrong direction. Out there, it had been getting worse, at least, from the likes on which, there wasn't any way to return. Everyone died in this reality. An almost disemboweled mechanical, close to being electrical voice said. For, there were men who gave up on their humanity rather than be infected by the disease. As their weakness had been shown and exploited, there were those who had been punctured and forced to burst into guts and fire, small living devices which had crept aside. Those who had crept towards the monolithical beast had found out that it had still dragged on. It had been their main asset for a good reason as well. Something dreadful, something which had made them afraid crept by their thoughts. Others did no, at least to the point where they had messed with their own. Several cannons had attempted to get through some pieces but failed. A toll had been taken nonetheless as they had started bringing blobs and tall pandemonium-inducing modified spores which would carry fragments of their own guts to grown on any living biological matter tied to the enemy. But it had been seen through and it had been time. Most had ripped off their living organs, living only those important ones that kept them alive. With them no longer being as rotting as they were before, what had been left of many of the soldiers or the people on the battlefield, were metallic frames carrying their brains in sealed cases. This change had immediately taken full effect as they had started dividing and pushing from both flanks. It was pointless since they were getting overrun. At the rear, they had already taken care to enter the city with as many of them making sure to diver the route of the mass they were bringing towards the corpse rather than the field. Even they knew this had been a pointless battle. The colossal corpse had been moaning there, at least to the point where it had known there'd be no way for it to save itself. It had been earned, the beast was fading. As soon as they snicked in, some earned the first strike at the artillery canons, filling it with its strange oily body. 'No, they're taking our only arms of fire, stop them, stop!' Another voice had been lost there as many more snicking agents crawled and gnawed at his batteries. The voice module ended, as it just happened for the fire to stop. They understood that as well and seemed to have crept aside. Some dreadful through which, there carried on with no meaningless thought, as some of the taint had sprung of the field. This battle had been theirs and those who remained alive either retreated and had been hunted down or had tried for the city. Not that it had been safe there, but as the other part of the plan continued, the forms had turned and gathered everything they had. From their insides came every bone which had been collected, held together by substances made out of their own bodies, cripplingly pushing and holding them in place. Now that they knew that the fight was over, it had been the time to start the construction and the repair procedure of the colossal body, through which no good could come out of. They had a

hold of their own breed of engineers and body manipulators. Something of them had to say off being constant and push away the change in order for consistency to take full effect. It was wrong, at least, in every possible way through which either of them looked into. A closer look seemed to calm either of them down, with the least being able to notice and to see what was going on there. Most of the insides had been contaminated, past the edges of the city where what had remained of those rotting corpses were flying balls of pus. White reigned there, while the darkened above seemed to be grabbed to a halt. It was something not even those made out of their wicked meat dared grow towards. Even the plants they had started carrying in shunned away from growing into the ceiling, close to the roof where life itself couldn't be. They brooded in there, for the first time awakened and it was then, that through invisible strings they pulled at their own. It was close enough that they would feel it there. Out in the mist, the strange blood spurting beasts had been scared off by the flying corpse which suddenly raised itself in the air. The rolling fiend and the star looked just as surprised as Nomq had been at the turn of events, even to the point where they couldn't even figure out what was going on. Something worse than that and better, a few words could describe the madness which had been there. Chance, that had been it, they had been at the right moment and at the right place. 'Look, there's a hole, there. Should we enter it? Are we to follow the body?' 'Do we have any other alternative?' Asked Nomq as she seemed to have finally taken into account the conundrum she was in. Her fate wasn't her own any longer, henceforth she followed. The pipe they went in broke down the line and revealed a secret tunnel, a chamber-worth of place through which they went, wide and tubular in nature. Slowly, it had squared off and became something close to an under turned building through which the task of having to carry the corpse hadn't been relieved at all. It suddenly dropped but had been pulled. Nomq was aware and had been aware of the outcome of the battle but had said little to no word out of the fear that they might retaliate and leave her to her doings. She had been shown that they were citizens and they had belonged there, at least for a while. Both of them could be affected and show a great deal lot of pain if they were to be told of it. 'Do you think they're done fighting out there?' Asked the man of star, with his expression being indistinguishable as per usual. There wasn't a single way to call it off. She only shrugged and had shown indifference to it. The leaking off the top of the walls had been a great enough show for them to listen to and be disgusted by the fact that it had started being brought back to life. In that cold and moist environment where light had been dim, there was room to grow. The matter of the fact was that there were plenty of its own strange tubes which had been carried over and had grown, drawing in the dust and whatever dead matter had lain around in the tunnel. Perhaps, if anything, the fact that they had been dragged through there was a sign. 'I think they lost it. Think for a moment now, how could they have won an uphill battle like that with not enough men? I think we're returning for nothing and nothing might await us. What of you?' The rolling teeth seemed to have crawled away and fallen off inside the upper region they had traversed. The air had become thick, like a blanket, which had to be cut off by their hands in order for them to stay there and walk slowly through the mist. It felt awful, it made them dizzy, especially after a few threats but there, it had managed to come back to life. Despite how sickly they looked as beings which had been alive, this one hadn't. It walked on its own for starters. 'Am I the only one seeing this?' The question reverberated in the utmost solid manner through which only the moisture could tell. A few inches came closer to them looking aside. One great row of eight long pus-filled containers rubbed with blood covered metal seemed to have flown towards them. It had stopped just in time, though

the speed of it would've been enough to batter all of them to a clear death. Some tiny spikes came out of them, but those had been too small and not widespread enough to signal them being used for battering. 'Decorative? Why would someone place them there? Wouldn't it be enough to have the thought of it having killed intruders?' 'Then why aren't we dead then?' Both the star and the one rolling below them questioned it and seemed to have lost track of what was important. 'Look out.' Another set of long metal pointers came from above, almost beheading the star and Nomq in a motion which would've relentlessly have thrown their headless bodies off the stairs. It seemed like following this one was hard and eventful in an utmost horrible manner. Few words came close to what it had been like, what they were capable of, the way they moved and shoved each other aside. They were up to it, to feign and take themselves by the side. Now it seemed like they weren't the one carrying it, but those whom were carried. As it seemed that the mist they had somehow cut through had been some sort of net, which had managed to draw in and wrap around them. They were being forcefully dragged now. Neither of them had any clue on what it had been about, or from where it had gotten all that strength. Its muscle mass suddenly laid no longer stern but floppy and seemingly its inside started pumping in every direction. This creature worked like some kind of living machine, in terms of having spared them while dragging them over the sharp locks and long blades which went around the passage. 'Where do you think we're to be taken?' 'I don't suppose you've realise it by now, but we're there and we have lost.' As soon as they had gotten out, there came the mid-day, after dark, where the night would still remain and light was nowhere to be found. It was an anomaly of day-light, the lack of which distracted those around the plane. Obvious to the first glance there, it had come clear for them to see that there wasn't anything out there, only the one mass which was almost done with building a functional ribcage for the colossal corpse. Some poor imitations of organs lay aside, but those would be assimilated either way, but most importantly, they had no care for them. As a matter of fact, they had been insignificant, for this part of the world had been tainted. Even its insides had the buildings which had laid there crushed and broken, slowly pulled away and thrown by the pus. Those agents alone were enough to clean what had been of it and for now, it looked as if the only safe place was at the top, where the three of them had been brought. A pause immediately came there, as they had been dragged through the inner walls after the entry had come. One more near-side came as soon as they had come into contact with the skin the giant bore. They had to go around and rummage, in order to avoid going by the entrance in the front. Such a disgusting thing below, how everything got broken into pus. Horrible and anxious, especially as she looked down and saw forms that had to be those of men before. 'At least you managed to avoid that.' 'For how long, though? Can't you see that we're still here? Don't you understand that there won't be a way out as soon as they will seal us in?' A sharp sort of instinct broke in her hear and out of her ear. She had known what that meant, especially since it had been awaited. But this didn't come as a malignant surprise, on the contrary, as she saw a blood-induced invisible cord coming out of her ear, she smiled, knowing that she would no longer be linked to those dreadful things. Such freedom had lain undeserved, to say the least, whereas, there would be no utter way of knowing or sparing themselves from it. But this freedom had been undeserved for the wrong reasons and she knew it well, for there wasn't any escape any longer, as far as she knew. 'Let me get off now, let me off!' A drop from that height alone would kill her, not to mention that the chances of survival, at least with severe injury had been low. There couldn't have been anything to it, at least to the point where they feared one another. Nomq was there as some kind of mad insurance, as if being

alive mattered anymore there. But as soon as they neared the perimeter of the insides of the corpse, the pus had formed like wire-like tendons as they stacked on one another. Most of them tried getting at her, because she was alive. No, it wasn't only her, but at them, the two of which had been just as alive as she was, and she hadn't even realised that until it had been late. Clearly, something crept inside her mind, she had seen where she was going, following blindly. In her head, the gates had closed a long time ago, right after they had left the portal, and seemingly, now, she had lost the hope. As soon as something hard had been reached in the dark, it had become obvious enough that it had happened. They had been forced inside and locked in the marrow, with every other single body which laid there. But they had been pushed through, deep enough that there had been space in there. A way had been shown for them to stay and walk in, after pushing just as far as they could, clearly, it had been near-wise to look at the many corpses which held together, tied and made the walls. Just as that had looked familiar, she knew of it, she remembered and winced. They had been similar in the way they had acted and down the way, the three of them encountered some of the vile workers, the ones which had been the subjects of having made and having taken care of the walls they had built. Their faces were nastier than usual, more deformed, but that had been guessed as being an adaptation to the environment rather than a defect they had been bred with. 'Don't disturb them, I think they'll leave us as long as they see that we're not dead yet.' 'Are you certain of it?' The star asked Nomq, rather unsure himself. She seemed to know what she was talking about, even more after they came into contact with many of them. Some seemed to have spared themselves the need for conversation, if they even had a speech pattern, by having their mouths sewn shut. Another hit and everything around clattered by the noise. Even the big eyes from which light came from, as lodged in the walls as they had been blinked there, for one second, in which dark came again. Something had begun and it was obvious at least by the way it had been felt. With everything in its insides, the rib-cage attached itself, the organs had been spared and now, a forced surgery had taken place. A few more puncture holes had managed to snick in its full control. But it had been there, they had placed themselves inside and seemed to have fully connected their inner bodies to the giant. And it rose, then and there, after so much a wait, it rose on its feet and walked. It had waited for so long now and the wait had been over. There was only this walk, which made him rise there, with its thin legs and arms but giant belly, it strode through the sand slope and crushed the hills in its path. Despite having been decayed and old, there was a refurbished kind of power and strength it could never have dreamed off which had shown itself there. Mere words couldn't describe the fact that it had been alive, the madness it felt for standing still for so long in its own silence and its seemingly far lost grave. But that had been it, fully in control, it pushed forth towards as much destruction as it could draw in. Nothing had been safe any longer, regardless of what it had been. Be it mountain or survivor, this dark colossus had no pity upon his arrival. As he came, he broke the shell that would keep the world in which ever way it had been away. Through his stride, the illusion broke and the sky had been crushed forth. In a strange motion, the faces came, and their bodies stretched in the sky again. Walls were pitiful and dark, and even though it had been a giant, it was trapped there. Looking in a reflection, there seemed to be nothing of him but a giant mechanical construct that looked below of itself. It had been used to carry on the heavy weight and entire blocks around the plane they were in. It had been worse than that had been the fact that his guts had been rebuilt by a pair of semi-sentient wires and cables which flung themselves together before coming in. Such a dreadful realisation had little impact, for it lacked a heart and the right chemicals which would've

made a human into what it had been. Worse than that, the head had come, far in the back, the light had made it lost its track. It had been the furnace which started burning and melting the small parts, the tiny bits of the machines in the back, going as far as to melt the living ones to pieces. Their screams had almost been alive. Nomq woke up as well in a hall inside the giant machine. 'What just happened?' But as she turned she saw no standing near star but a standing seat with a star at the top of it. That had been it? But what of the other one? She wondered as she looked around, there wasn't any sound but the best guess was the fact that it had been the single half of spherical object there which had laid cut off. That was it, she had the explanation. The workers were there, but merely standing like automatons, with no emotions whatsoever or any clue about her plea for help. As much as they had functions, neither of them contained any kind which would've made her feel any better. That had been a travesty, to say the least, something which shouldn't have happened in any case, but she ripped a sharp and long sticking part and shoved in her gut. It had been painful, excruciating, but there could be no other end to it. Looking down, as she had fallen on her knees, she finally realised what vision she was seeing. It was her, down the line, below, caught inside a mouth, held together, forced to see herself weeping at the sight of torture. But who felt pain and who felt agony? Between the two of them, she thought she had no desire to join here, even though the barrier between had grown weaker by the minute. Nomq could see herself bleeding through the portal, striding for some kind of madness which had lain again. The piece of metal which had been lodged inside her gut was immediately ripped away, and as she looked again, there had been one robot who had prepared for her suture. The procedure had been painful and cold as she had been placed on the metal board right there. Her skin was pale and the discomfort only came nearer when she started hallucinating again. They were there and they had looked rather disappointed at her. 'You don't look that well, Nomq, was that it? It doesn't look like you're about to make it in any other possible way.' Something sad had happened there. Both were quite aware, though the sight of it was too much to bear. How far they dug up, what they had dumped inside the guts to prevent the in-bleeding and the lights which kept flashing, all of which had added to her fainting from the pain. And she had been alone after, in a place she had woken up. It looked like now, unlike the mask she had bore, and this box had been permanent. Her guts, eight thirds of her stomach had been replaced. If that hadn't been some kind of torture and permanent kind of stricken solid mass, she couldn't tell what it was. Not likely that it had been the only think which lay by her, for a small entry point inside her mouth seemed to have crept in another sort of manner. Her oral appliances, of which she spoke of, seemed to creep out. They had taken care of that as well, that she wouldn't talk, at least not in any way they wouldn't understand. What had happened outside? The walls seemed to lead too far above for her to see now. It was hard but she had managed to pull herself above the floor and look through the tight sort of wide view she had been forced into. A bright light lay at the end of this path, too bright for her to see. She had been plenty unaware of what was going on not to be caught by her own. Something dreadful made her be afraid by them, by the likes of which none would dare creep. It was silent there, for only a few moments until the wind finally caught on. The push had been there and it was nothing unlike she had ever felt. An entry had been opened and there it was, nothing seemed to creep at the time. It felt vile and as she had been unaware, something chilling came by her spine. Neither woe would dare do move aside, the walls had almost come down crashing on her. 'What do you want of me? It's not like you ever cared about everything, either me or them. Let me go.' She said, speaking to no one in particular, and as if whispering to the

walls themselves, something stopped right there. No longer would she be in danger. But there it was nonetheless, waiting for her to walk on by. Her feet did tremble but she was lost no longer, in the light. It had been peaceful there, for her, a single soul. Outside, the giant had been breaking apart, without the least of a way for it to survive the onslaught and the decay. There wasn't any certain way for it to guard itself from the dreadful experience of supreme destruction. Neither man could propel himself past the dread he had felt, or any other watcher as it finally fell. This revival had been short-lived, for the ones which had been diseased had no way of having known that they would be infested and abused in such a manner. A creeping sensation went over her, to the point where dread would be short-lived. It was cruel to watch them try skimming away, past their own and into the utmost dreadful holes inside the ground. But that had been it, there had been no escape, and sooner or later they would all fall the same. It was only a matter of time, and as the giant fell on its side, he finally broke and got ripped apart. From his arms sprouted things which couldn't even be held, those which couldn't be comprehended. There had been many beings residing inside it, rotting it, devouring, forcing it to a weakened stake which would make it easier to control. Those have damned it to a supreme point of no return. Worse than what had been said, of what they were told, there wasn't anyone who had been old. Not past the thing which reigned, not beyond the grim way they would pass away. But they escaped and as they had spread their malignant blood over the pastures and the green hills upon which the giant fell. While from the other side there came those who would reign over woe. Some were cruel, others weren't, and some had been laid by the side, while others wouldn't enjoy the show of cruelties which had been displayed. They looked like fat ticks now, grown to be wormish in appearance. Not that merely, but they flew from its insides, revealing that most of the mass inside the colossal body had been theirs. As they left it, there was only a blanket of skin which had a raised mound of those cruel things which reign there. Some growths had given up and waited for the decay, while those that had escape those filth balls of fat from which dripped mounds of black blood laid there, hovering or in full flight. Neither of which may have gotten out of sight. There had been better sights of the world. But that had been taken, grabbed and was held for as long as it had taken. Now they would have to find another host and start anew, that's when it had been time and they just flew. Some nights did follow, but they were tainted by the likes of which, neither man could've looked at him. One who had flown close to the ground, where they had lived inside their huts and mounds. Again, it came, and took no blows, for its thickness made it so anything would just slip away and fall. No man would be wickedly aware, but he would either be slim or tall. One had stricken the man down and immediately entered a pose of succulent blood draw. That had alarmed the others who had started running, but a bunch of other long wormish ticks came and started bloodsucking the others. The small village of huts had been flayed off the man, the world had been nothing but a place of decay afterwards, with the chances of living slim, humanity or what had been left out of it had been driven towards the insides of the ground. The depths awaited and seemed to have been rather strange. Danger lay aside, as they would hear the cry of woe, no man would look at it through any other way than the way which lay. 'And another corpse consumed.' Its voice had been consumed by the static. A discharge which had been, for which there could be no one who may looked the way it had. Eeriness had been a good way to describe what the base had looked like. There had been no scientists, no engineers, no men, nor anyone who may have laid there. The base of operations looked deserted. But many of the living bodies had been preserved and held there while its growth continued. One man had been taken from inside of the many holes which

lay around there. There had been something weird about it, to the point where no one may have seen it by the time it had been done. The military soldier had been taken to the point where he had looked aware of what was going on. In one mere moment he had been wakened to look and feel what was going on around him, to the point where he almost shouted. Sound, sound, sound, there could be none of it down there. And even if it were, there was no one awake to listen to it, or rather, to him shouting. There were a few openings where one might've been able to partially become aware of his surroundings and almost form a pseudo-look around, but again, those types of moments had been short-lived at best. Degrading as it had been, there were the general tubes which had entered his body and made sure he would go to sleep. Something of the vessel had revealed itself from underneath the hole it had dug itself into while dragging the man into the warm spot it had stood in. Fewer minutes couldn't have been enough, as it just happened for it to go ahead and start it. The process went underway, there wasn't any chance for him to fight his way out of it any longer. He was there, and it wasn't what one would've normally expected now. Not any longer at least. Since the chance in power, something had happened, that the men who entered wouldn't be sent to peaceful places or those of refuge. It had become worst than that, to the point where those would suffer none, and neither man could look away. They were painful at least, the beads, the pieces which had entered his arm. Someone had thrown a grenade over and somehow he had survived. 'Hugh, what's happening, buddy? Why aren't you moving? Come on, the war isn't over yet, we have to be on the run before they barge in. Hugh?' 'Off your hands soldier, he's dead, your brother in arms is dead and if you don't want to follow him to the grave, you'll have to carry your own weight and run.' 'Desertion? Was that it? Everything turned to something which shouldn't have been, it had been wrong. Before the barge, that wasn't a normal field. There was no sky, as it looked like they had been caught in some sort of flat top or some prison. It had been a prison which had been reinforced and caught in it through the point of no return, with no way of escape. An only reason, as one towards which he could've pointed at was the fact that they were there, many of his men. Those he had got to know and fight with, those who had been there when some died. It was disgrace but he had little knowledge of what was going on there, henceforth he followed. It was cruel, in fact, there had been many ways and openings where he thought of turning back in order to try finding out what was going out there. 'Who are we fighting?' 'What?' He had to ask the man who looked as if he had been in charge again. 'I asked whom are we fighting, sir?' 'I heard you the first time, trench maggot, and I think you may have gotten a little too much force from the impact the grenade had.' 'I suppose so as well sir, but whom?' 'Them.' He pointed towards what seemed to be men, but they weren't men. Small metal cables went through their heads, coming from above the ceiling. They moved like puppets and as for their uniforms, they were their own men. Cruelty wasn't theirs, but that had to be it. The reason why they were at the top of their heads, those strange things which almost made them unstoppable was the reason for which this war started. 'I don't think I understand.' 'Soldier, you're either here to fight, or to die. Neither of us understands why we have been brought here, but that's no reason to wait for us to fall off to our graves.' 'But there needs to be an escape, sir.' 'I told you, maggot, that there is none, look around, the place is sealed. This is probably some secret governmental experiment we've been forced into and you and I are the lab rat-maggots.' Another shot over the top of the barricade and over gravel. There wasn't any clue from where the shot had come, or whether or not it had been simulated somehow through some strange way. But there it had been, they weren't going to leave and abandon it as easily as it had seemed. There was a drop on the way, that's where all the

smoke was coming from. Something sparked from a trail which had been on the top of the ceiling, as it seemed to have been guided towards where they laid. Moments passed, maybe seconds of breathing, through which the spray of bullets ended and they had to be reloaded. The guns had stopped just in time, their morbid look was clear even from afar. Even the symbols on them appeared to have crept inside. There wasn't a clue whether or not there would be another chance for them to survive such an attack as this one if it were for them to be met again by the same force. But the explosive had been dropped and it had blown in the air. From its point of blot, there had been a strong dark light which had thrown pieces of itself in every other direction possible. Many things exploded and seemed to have crushed and smashed and destroyed everything in sight. Under a brighter light, there would've been marks on the floor for every soldier who had managed to crawl away, be it on his knees and hands, or only rolling out of the way just so they wouldn't force the entire strength of the device. 'That's it soldier, you're still breathing, that's good news indeed. We have to make our way through, we cannot escape any other way and we shall know how to make the worst of it.' 'Don't you mean the best of it?' 'I think I may have gotten a few too many blows as well maggots, but excuse me if I'm wrong, when I say this.' He shouted, 'But I'm still in charge maggot, and you'll be a good maggot and do as I say!' There had been a dispute over the land. Against which there wasn't any chance for either of them to fight back or return from what was going on. Others had been lacking in the fact that there were others like them in hiding. Something had forced them into that peculiar lifestyle, through which neither could even dare subscribe to a normal kind of life in the least. The war hadn't been over and not only that but there hadn't been any signs that either would want to stop. Two moments had come. One of them had been the cauterization of the lost units of the ground. It was a procedure which had been firmly observed in order to be learned from and well documented. One small flying packed cylinder seemed to have approached with a tiny welding machine and a pair of tiny metal arms. Tiny was a term which couldn't have entirely encompassed either of them. But that had been it. Slowly it had begun sewing and mixing, fixing, cutting and adding the parts which should've been there to begin with. Nothing couldn't be more discreet than the pair of actions which had driven it to what it had been doing. Neither woe nor anger laid to the soldier that watched, only the curiosity. The second moment was the lift up, per say. The way through which the corpse, or relatively speaking, what had been the corpse had risen up and stood there. It was mindless but at the same time it wasn't. What had the drone or what small machine done to its head? He saw that, a small needle-like, flat pointer had been shoved inside that rotten brain. It could've been preserved though, those soldiers could've been alive. In the hole inside his head, he didn't see anything rotten but a high pink, the matter of which changed. Their brains had been well conditioned and kept alive, seemingly so, but at what level? How far could he go, and what could he say about them? It wasn't even as evenly said, that he would dare question what was going on. Those were notes which had been written on the paper and left there where he had been. With a tiny bit of hope, someone else might come and read and understand more about whom they were dealing with. Only then would they have a chance to fight against them. A barrel broke, a sound which didn't belong there either. It wasn't as clear as it had been, nowhere near, towards which either man would've seen it eye-to-eye. A clever thing, coming from another soldier on board, but he couldn't understand what he was trying to say. Farther away on the field, there had been repairs which had been going worse. At least from the standpoint of looking away, there were a few clearer pictures to lay eyes on. That had been the way to escape. A single elevator kept highly guarded not by men but by pure machines.

Some of them bore their prized human skulls around and turned mockery into disgust. One or two victims laid there with them, which had been dragged, tied and held around one of the poles. They had been mocked, at least to the point where the least of thoughts mattered. It was evenly said that there was something wrong in the air. The men stood there tied, with their faces bloodied. Something was wrong about them. For so-called machines, their arms moved free of notice, without a doubt, unable to be kept away in their malignant state. It was a serious thing which hadn't seemed to be there, but mostly they had been caught by surprise in the swamp like gouge. Regardless of which, their empty heads revealed, domed but flat, sharpened with their features looking less of metal and more like some kind of scale-covered skin that was metallic in nature. 'Look, they're eating.' And what kind of machine would start on eating? There wasn't any given answer, it wasn't even clear to begin with but that had been it. Such a strange pair they were, all eight of the guards, such slick and almost thin. Their bodies had almost been starved. 'Have you seen the bones lying around? Those look to me like human bones, don't they look like real bones to you Johnsie?' 'They do, chiefs, they certainly do. What do you suppose they'll do with us first? Do you think they'll jump straight at our throats and eat us alive or rather start slowly and go on to eat us alive?' 'Come on.' There was something serious there, at least from what it seemed. As they faces stretched in those domes, it looked like their teeth had had become something which resembled long knives. Such things shouldn't have been spoken off, nor looked at. Clearly they had been starved off, to the point where something was about to happen. Something terrible which would've taken care of them as well, perhaps an execution, perhaps they would be eaten alive. Whatever it was to be, they had at least gotten this far. And it was more than anything anyone else could've said from their tiny division. More so, there it came, from the elevator, one unspoken form. Their eyes immediately drew in the fiend, the wideness it had, closer to its organic arms and the one small face it bore inside a tube. It had been covered by vines, but they weren't made of plants but rather something moving and turning. They were something close to fingers, latched on together, which moved and crawled in it in the most disturbing way. It had been hard, it had been worse. They were there, it crawled as if it had no legs, only some kind of snake's body, but opened to reveal its gigantic open ribcage. Of course that wasn't its own, as it served as a mere decoration, while most of its weight had been distributed through its weird lashing body. As its mere walk seemed to have caused some weird marks left the way he walked, that had left them some sort of clue in regards to just what its weight had been. To look upon it with less of a charade, it seemed that there had only been a few things there, which haunted them. Some had been the images of the days back in the war. The big one, the one which defined their lives, they were veterans. But in the same way, so were they. Looking at how many of them perished in that manner was disturbing, but there wasn't a chance to make anything out of it. There came more of the flying drones from above, all of which surrounded the big one and as they started welding it together, they finally got the first clue of it being some sort of being rather than a machine. It clearly had shown signs of pain, it bled as well, which meant that it could, or had to be killed in some way or manner. Regardless of how it had been looked at, there had been a way to take it down. Either they had been clueless or they would manage to take it down one way or the other. There hadn't been a way around, no beating around the bush. As it was done, it went on to crawl at its pace, looking forth at the bunkers and the man-made fortifications which couldn't be there. They were interfering with the construction blocks coming from above. All of that dirt had to be relocated as fast as possible if the cleaning could be done. It was ever so

serious to look at, more over, in some sort of way. A clear view had lain there, through which it had become clear that there was no soldier around. With its gigantic arm in reach, which looked like some sort of rolled device with an empty hole at the end of it, there seemed to be nothing going forth. It began pushing inside and drawing in as much of the substance as it could. The liquids inside its organs made it not only moist but had given him some sort of bulkier build. This wasn't supposed to end up this way. No, he wasn't supposed to grow. And in return, he had become a bigger target to be aimed at as well, but that would only come later. As soon as the space had been cleared up, in a four by four, there came a metal block from above, which seemed to have immediately blocked itself as well as it occupied the empty space. It was only a fraction of the work which had to be completed there, first line of business being the extermination of living life there. Anything else could've been avoided and looked forth in a different manner. There were clear signs, some which made him feel either worse or paranoid. The soldier, he looked at his name tag. It had been a while since someone called his name, Gunter. It had ringed in his head, with some sort of accent there, despite speaking like a foreigner with them. What else had he on him? An older rifle by the looks of which, he wasn't like the other members in the company. They had been widespread but in the short time they had stayed together, he had noticed the clear difference between them which couldn't have been avoided. In his locked laid a photo, an old one which couldn't have belonged to anyone else. It had a picture of his wife and daughter, both sun haired and sea eyed, the likes of which he hadn't had. His hair was dirty coloured and it seemed like his eyes had greyed. There was some roughness for his cheeks as well, but that had been the war. Another two or four marching forth, who had no way to become aware of his position. It was almost as if he had been invisible to them, unnervingly so. There came two shots to the backs of their heads, where the tubes met and took the road towards the head. It didn't feel like he was killing men, but rather ending some sort of inbred fighters. Why was it that they raised even then? Despite being as broken and destroyed, they weren't even human any longer. Something hadn't been satiated by the least of thoughts. 'Another one down.' A highly electrical voice came down and laid the message. Blood started erupting from the corpse and it looked like a few spikes had come out of its body. In an immediate dash, it went berserk. Blood was spilling at an alarming rate, while the metal wire which had been attached to it laid there dangling flaccidly with small sparks coming out of it. Such a terrible fate had come to pass. There were others like him, in hands and thoughts. But it had exceeded its expectations as soon as it started on its rampage. It came to attack and see its own troops in the form they had been there. And as they fell down at its hands, alarmed and rather caught by surprise, the artificial part of the wall suddenly flashed. The edges which had lain of the ceiling seemed to have been encompassed in some kind of surge of energy unlike any other. It moved slowly and didn't have the quality of electricity, but rather, some kind of shocking, almost invisible power which dangled, only contoured by its electrical power as it had been suddenly thrown at the berserker. Its body turned into some kind of taken agony, which made it twitch and lash, in some kind of way through which it couldn't be snatched at unawares. Would anyone dare look at them in some kind of peculiar manner? Was sanity required any longer? So quickly had its bloody body been blown that there was no way to bounce back to awareness again. That lash of lightning, that stroke of energy had been at least dreadful for the eyes and dangerous to look at. Even a mere sight of it served as a distraction from its real power and the way it acted after the corpse had been destroyed. There wasn't any sign of it as if vanished from the air. But the soldier knew it was still there, part of the circuit, a controlled out shortage per

say, which attacked and strove through the mass of metal and the bodies which lay around. Something, moreover gave it away. It was the fear, it had been seen. Some tried getting away, trying to escape from their own dangerous ways only to be caught and strapped against their own. A kind of strident sound came from an amplifier above. It was only momentarily set to show its dominion over this dark box filled with dirt and barbed wire. The sounds had been sharp at first but then took on the voices of men throughout time who had spoken on the radio to their troops or rather worse. It wasn't even clear on which side it were or even the people to whom they were talking, but if one thing reigned as simple as it had been, there was the deal which had crept aside. Some more of them seemed to have swollen inside. Large numbered maggots laid in the dorms of dirt. They crawled and moved but lay passively as they dug up the trenches and seemed to be rather unappealing to the sight of men. 'We're being invaded again, sir.' 'Calm down, don't touch and it will leave you alone, soldier. They're in with us just as much as we're trapped here. I would say that the fellows have it worse.' He came closer and started rubbing the maggot around its many concave slabs of body it wore. It made either of them paranoid to the touch, but both of them reluctantly made way with the motions. They had to prove that they weren't on bad terms, that they couldn't be seen as enemies. The maggot turned its wicked thick of a head, shapeless with its features hidden under layers and waited. It seemed to have been set on the man who was rubbing it with slight indifference, to the point where it bore and crept. Those things threw another look and seemed to have wept. In a strange manner, it seemed like an even trade. Neither man looked away now as it crawled back inside the long-ago dug grave. 'This is just another part of the war. The task of burying our dead comes back to us, without any kind of exception or manner of speaks. We have to take care of our own.' Silence came immediately as the sounds of smashing and crushing came to be known. There was something clear there, if one could just as well tell, something big was making a lot of noise. To themselves or to others, it had been made clear. It arrived. That damned one, who bore as many bullets on its side as to signal the fact that it had already gone through some and managed to get them before anything could be done about it. Moreover, the clear thing was the fact that, when everyone had been going mad, there were other things that had to be said. One being that it had changed its physiognomy in some way that would make its spine and weak points hard to be called by eye sight. Something had bulked it too much for it to look like nothing less but an abomination. It was a walking terror, moreover, unable to be killed for the time being, as the few warning shots seemed to have shown. To look upon it in some different manner, there was something even viler to it, the way it walked and tried strangling itself when moving. While the shots met only the hard armoured or the many layers of bulk hardened moisture which prevented the bullets, it charged through the barricade. 'Damn those, those poor bastards didn't have a chance!' 'Off the charts, soldier, you'll get nothing out of it if you give us away.' But their sight had been clear. It had been fast, despite its size, hard to get at, impossible to witness in the way it moved and sparked its attention or the strange scent which came from its insides. Something happened there. As it looked over the mound of dirt it had created, there seemed to be a short motion, a vile one, through which it started regurgitating some kind of acidic substance which melted and seemed to mix with everything below it. Such a thing had been unspoken for, through the way it had been clear. Something moreover, clears, unnerving and mad had come out of it. The area around the bile had been infested, in the most dreadful manner, of which nothing could come to pass. The madness had to end there, but it continued. Despite of its retreat from the area, it was clear in some rather strange way that nothing was right. Everything with it had been

wrong, in the way it had grown, the back of which had been thrown back and forth. The gore shouldn't have been laid there, but the worms emerged. Tiny white speckles in the yellowish green pool which mixed with the brown of dirt, made the colours turn in dreadful poles of malignancy. Nothing could've been worse than that, seeing the bones of the soldiers, the name tags slowly dissolving. Those men would get no graves, no stones, not even their names would be known and for that? For that straggling thing which seemed to have reigned away? It wasn't as clear as that, it wasn't fair, but that's what it had been. Clearly, something was wrong, but their will was far stronger than that, in an utmost clear way, through which only dread was needed. A few tendrils along the way had been more than enough to signal the presence of something much greater below. Though on the second inspection, the men who had already aimed from inside their hidden spots seemed to have drawn back from their pursuit. It was clear enough to them that those were no tendrils, but rather, something which had been vaguely forgotten over the face that they were still there. The maggots, at least in their long and thin forms, resembled some vile tendrils which only added to the confusion. If all, they merely wanted to balance themselves on their feet and make sure nothing was out of order. Something could've been wrong, something would be wrong, at least if need be. Clearly, they retreated again in the depths, never to be seen in this ferocious manner, before entering their complicated underworld as raw as they had been. A greater one reined there, who oversaw his every worker and make sure they wouldn't be caught by the underground drones. Those small boxes were prick with head detection devices, a drill and a small explosive inside. With that said, the only problem was the fact that the maggots were cold, too much for any kind of detection to be had. Every now and then, one drone would drill through one of the tunnels while being surrounded by a small group. Everyone would immediately freeze, having adapted and forced to learn of the destructive capabilities these small devices had. Everything was working just as it had been planned. With everyone else in sight, and while standing close, there came their ruling monarch below. It was a grub who bore no sting on its sides but tiny heads which drew in as much gas as they could produce. It was right enough that many of them were there drilling through the dirt, making sure the gas which had been caught below had been release. This was neat enough, for it had no way of blowing, rather, it was a form of feeding agent, which only worked against them, as it continued its rapid growth into monarchy below. Above, though, there wasn't any moment to spare. Something above them had leaded the entire frame to take massive damage. 'Get into hiding and do not fire, I repeat, do not fire!' Under no circumstance whatsoever, there wasn't any firepower to be had. More of the giant terrors had been brought through the life, at least counting to three more that joined. Each of them spent no second and started charging through, leaving nothing behind but the dreadful manner through which they looked at the world. Clearly something had happened, for, instead of getting at the annihilation, an alarm had been given. The framework which had lain above contoured itself with the help of some red light which spread around into large squares. Each of the titans had gotten into position and stretched at the very edges of the rooms. They were there holding in. 'This had been an example of what would happen if we got in their way. I must warn the others.' The ditty gauged soldier said. He had overhauled a lot of the notes he had left behind, but at the same time he had recognised what was going on. Something about the framework had jeopardised its structural integrity. Clearly there wouldn't be any way to return to some previous state before this destruction, but that had been it. Less than twenty minutes left. That was the timer on his clock. 'Lt. Caporal Sarge Yorkshire was the name.' Short for York, as it had been known across the troupes

there. Sarge wasn't aware of how many men had been alive, but had looked at the reinforced doors. Those were actual reinforced doors which stemmed from no place whatsoever. It wasn't clear whether or not his tactical position had been given in. He had an itch, his eyes were red, and he had almost been woken by a choking sensation in his throat. There wasn't any way he would survive this any longer, at least not in the condition he was in. Eight packs of dirty cigs laid by his side, all of which had been rolled by his very own self. Their thickness was the same diameter as his very meaty fingers had been. And there he lay, hour after hour, waiting and looking at the stars. Or rather what he thought about the glowing things which kind of looked like stars. In reality they weren't, but the thought of an indoor constellation seemed almost too calm and pure to be left aside. Earlier this night, if that had been, he had taken a few shots from what he had thought to be his own man. Despite his best attempt to sleep it off, there wasn't any way to stop the bleeding. Regardless of how much of the rum he poured on them and on himself, there wasn't any way of stopping the process. It had been dreadful, and without a way out, that had been it. He would die soon enough, with his ears ringing, while watching the giant man come. He had been big, a bigger one, the biggest one he'd ever seen. If it weren't for the fog which hid him away, he would've said something about the fellow's looks. 'They sent it the big guy to take me, I take it? Piss off now, I still have a few bottles and cigs to use.' The thing was that in that moment. The giant stopped there for a moment, turned, afterwards it took a long look at him. This was a man who had his uniform off, left with a jacket which covered only a part of him, revealing a chest full of hair which hadn't been shaved in who knows how long and a bald head which bore a scar which arched around him. It was him all right, the man he had been waiting for, ready for the end. One big arm came in, heading through the ruffled portion of the broken walls. There was a moment where little could be felt because of the numbness in his chest but it appeared as if the hand had managed to start poking inside the chest. Multiple bones appeared null, to the point where the insides felt like a ribcage of plastic, which covered a few cogs. This was not a real man, he had not been. The real sight wasn't even a machine but a small bed of tiny cogs which were turning and twisting, slowly at any rate because of some unforeseen malfunction. Dread came near and there was little which could've made him look in any other way. But that had been it. Inside the mind, back to the side, he was left there to suffer the fate of a dying man. It looked like death would come another day. By the time his vision could go ahead and return, the giant figure had already left, leaving no mark near wise to the point where he had been. Not only that, but it was an encounter which could've ended poorly if he wasn't as safe as he had been. There were marks left outside but those hadn't been seen. 'What now?' York asked himself, while carefully watching for the scoundrel of the ground. From the insides of the dirt which lay around him came that, a strange concoction of vulgar things, which were left as if there weren't anything but some remnant of some greater beings. But they were there to help nonetheless and they had. From their insides came small sacks filled with strange concoctions of moist dirt, their saliva and a yellow kind of sticky glue. It went inside his chest and started spreading over the wounds, eating and pushing the foreign object that shouldn't have been there. He looked above his chest only to see that every bullet he had taken, which had been lodged inside his vital organs had finally got pushed back. It was a sudden surge which made him walk again, not in any solid form, unknown to him, in the form of a hologram. They were there though. Those deathless staring soldiers who had guilt and shame for what they've done. Most of all, they had been evil, something of them made them want to carve for something which wasn't theirs. No substance could alter their perception of the cruelty they had

displayed, but for one moment there was light in their eyes. As soon as they raised their weapons, they were dropped down. That was strange, he had gotten up and simply walked past those grubs and made his way unaccosted towards them. 'What are you doing here? Aren't you supposed to be part of the opposition? Are you not here to harm and murder me?' Their eyes were staring eerily, towards the ghost of a man who came from there. 'What, what are you staring at? You couldn't possibly be still set on.' That had been the place from which he came, the bed of dirt from which he raised himself and walked from. It wasn't safe there, but he couldn't complain about either side of things, as it had become clear that they were rather indifferent in stance. He wasn't though, and the shock only showed itself there, as he saw his corpse being left behind. That's my body, that's my bloody body, York thought. There were some minor adjustments which appeared to have expressed themselves in the form of some strange mirrored pinched chips inside his chest but that had been it. Despite their best efforts to drag him away from that spot, it looked as if he wouldn't budge. He was stuck there, alone, sooner or later to be buried. And the foot grunts? Both of them seemed to have forgotten all about him, as they made their way away, at which command could only mean that they were sent out there to kill. 'Don't touch my body, I think you've done quite enough already, that's just well and dandy. Do not release anything against me, or I'll make sure neither of you grubs makes it back home. He had dignified itself for not even the slight of hand. When he got there, he saw his body wrapped in a bed of some sticky thickly layered yellow mass, which was both solid but seemed to be moving. York couldn't touch it, as his hands just came through. What he saw, beyond the realms of men, was some kind of purgatory. Self-sufficient to say, they were appearing in his gaze and didn't like the looks of it. Forms, bodies, those of which had died there. Worse than that, they were taller, much taller than him, the likes of which had no heads but long crooked sharp harpoon-like organic blades which moved and rested flaccidly in the dark. From their insides poured something of the dark mist which encompassed the floor. 'Oh, I don't think I like this place that much any longer. I don't think I do at all. Either way, I think I shall make myself comfortable in the end.' His eyes had been hazy, but he had been aware that he would be pulled. It came, his eyes turned and clearly, he could see nothing near the way he had been taken. As soon as he stared, there was a distinction between the way they looked, the way ahead, something being clear, that the one who was dragging him had been dead. Something about him shook him off. He was dry, the air around him was similarly dry, to the point where he started choking. Inside his throat, there had been clear ways through which he would've signaled those who were alive, watch out, help me, beyond the veil. This was the appeal of the deformed. His arms had been wide enough to stretch and wrap itself around the nearest kind of senses which would run. The visions he had witnessed had been altered in the most demeaning manner. For one, he couldn't look away regardless of how hard he tried. But they were there, waving with their shadowy hands, trying to grasp at him and drag him farther in this vision, from which there wasn't any sort of escape he could see. On a sudden shake, the one dragging him hadn't noticed that he had freed himself and walked away. It was a long shot there, but he searched around his waist for something, right before the kidnapper noticed that he was pulling on nothing but a poor imitation of a neck. Not even the skin had darkened or left his side that he noticed what was going on. York pulled a firearm, a slugger, which was fully loaded by the likes of it. Something like that shouldn't have worked the way it did there, but that was it. He shot him, or it. And it fell immediately on the ground bleeding. 'This is no realm of the dead I'm in, it cannot be. You're all still alive here, I can see it by the way you bleed.' Others had been alarmed by the sound of his voice as

well as the echo of the gun which had been fired from their rear. Neither dared approach, as there had been no murder there. They are frightened of me now, good, let them know that I am armed and that I represent a danger against which there can be no escape. Certainly he would be sure on himself, rather than being frightened himself that they would stalk and try getting shots at him like the dirty people they were. 'Savages, walk away.' He made sure to put an emphasis on the words, enough that he would get ignored by the likes of which there was no one to look at him beyond the corners of his eyes. Apparently they had a society there, electricity as well. Lamps laid there, illuminating the road. Was it there before? Had it been there all the time? Was he even in the realm where his brothers fought and died in any longer? Despite his questions, he had that certainty, that they feared his gun. One of their own was on the ground. His body now wasn't as dark or as featureless, but rather, it looked like he had killed a young man. Perhaps in his twenties, early twenties, gray suit, five feet nine, as well as modestly dressed. But why had this kid picked him by the scruff of the neck? There couldn't have been any explanation, nor would he wait for them to arrive. As the sound of sirens came, he made his off the fence and hid into the nearest field. Hay, too much of it had yellowed and reddened in the worst possible manner. The colours in the field were not only awful, but the way they behaved was almost as dreadful as they looked. It seemed like they shied away from him, physically avoiding contact. Either there had been an aura around him which repelled everything, or it had been something wrong there. From the looks of the soil, it looked like it was too swampy to belong there, much less for them to grow inside off. He saw hairs of each stack of standing hay wire, spread as far away as he would see. Why would anyone plant them to begin with? Unless it wasn't hay, that of which it had been planted. He could be wrong about it, mistaken, worse than that. He had been wrong before. 'Damn you, bloody thing.' York mustered himself not to shout. The sirens had stopped but their shallow lights were still there, just beyond the gap of the wall and the many walls of hay which stood between them. One shout and he'd be found out as the murderer, which he doubted in all honesty that they could take such an out of the ordinary understanding as he had. A story like his had no place in the real world. He winced as he dragged his leg off the bear trap. Not that it had been a normal one either, as it only had two teeth and seemingly to it, there had been a pump attached which was slowly sucking on his blood. That tap towards which there connected the long tube from which came his blood seemed to feed the hay with it. Just what was going on there? How weakened could he be from it? At least that was plausible enough to have him unload a shell. Not now, they're near. Look at the lights you old fool, look at those lights and you'll notice that they're still here. Not a word. At least then he dropped to his knees and with care, and as much strength as he had, he started pulling. The pain was excruciating, coming as far enough as to have him gag himself before trying a second time. Upon his first attempt, he had noticed that the trap, with its two metal teeth had come as deep enough to enter his bone. They had crushed his inner side and seemed to have destroyed what had been of it. Silence now, someone's coming. It was huge, that same huge and dark form which seemed to have come out for him. He knelt and waited, somehow the blood tap had slowed down, leaving him in a state of dizziness from which he couldn't get up from. That was it for him, it had been the way he wanted it to be. Clearly something had been wrong. He waited there and moved much closer. Poor eye sight, by the looks of it, but he wasn't blind. He had those big fish eyes and the unnatural build of a giant, no to mention the bulging of his arms, which shouldn't have laid there by any means. Now, it had been a strange thing that he looked down over him. Clearly, both of their eyes met. He couldn't take the

chance and move yet. York had to remind himself that it was only someone with poor eyesight, not in the least completely blind. But that thing had been there, nonetheless, in its peculiar form, with its weird teeth and strange facets. From what he could tell, those fish eyes were dripping and looking at him like some patient who had just awakened from anesthesia. Dreadful thing, as it had been, it would be cruel to look at it any other way. But it had left immediately as the sound of a shot in the barn came. This isn't right. It charged back, placing him as far away from him as he could be. If that wasn't right enough, he knew that something would happen if the officers heard what was going on beyond the fence. It could be that they were already on their way. Strangely enough, the flashing lights stopped and there were no sirens there. A womanly voice though which could've been interpreted as being a siren came from there. Far, inside the same barn that giant went the same from which there came the shot. York followed, mesmerised by the likes of her. It was just perfect as he managed to set himself free from the trap while avoiding the others. The wound had somewhat remained and he was bleeding. 'Augh, I need to rub you off, dirt scum.' He had taken a bit of the moist substance from below and applied it to where the trap had bitten off him. It was mostly above his ankle, but that had been enough to hurt. The first instinct was to rip a piece of his shirt and wrap it around his open wound as strong as he could. Not only would it hold enough for it to heal, if that were the case, but it managed to calm or toll down the pain a little. The barn had been there, just at his reach. He could see a giant hole from the top of it, above of which rested the moon. Most of its light reigned below, straight through the circle and lit the image of what had been a fight. It seemed like there was a man there, below her, lying in a pool of blood. One foot away from him laid the weapon, a rifle from the likes of it. He shot himself at close range, and there couldn't have been a chance for him to survive that. A dreadful unnerving feeling made him want to turn and attempt to flee through the field again, but she was there, in her beauty, feeling the giant around the chin and chest. So that had been her servant, it would seem. It made him more ecstatic than ever to think about her, in the longest wait he had to face. He moved slowly now. Much of the feeling in his leg seemed to have stopped running which left only something close to some numbness in the general area. Clearly, there had been some peculiar round pockets which were on display, which had been attached and anchored to her tail. Her skin had been pale, and she wore a transparent dress which extended as far as two or three feet in front of her and seemed to have been made out of living transparent sea urchins. They were part of her, and he understood. As she lay there nakedly, gray haired, maiden, he felt something overcome him. He wanted to lay there in her arms and rest on her chest and just bellow her bosoms. She could see that he had been unarmed and if that giant fish fellow even thought of something, that scale riddled bastard, he would smash his head with his wide hands. It was a cruel thing to say or do, but it had been that way, there wasn't a response for it, but the simple recluse. It became clear that it hadn't been that way since they had seemed to be cruel, he had no way to appear to fuel his own desire to flee any longer. York stood there, over her, resting. Her hand swam around his head and as she began slowly caressing, he felt at peace there. Blood moistened in hours and it looked like the old man below had become somewhat of a husk. One of her many long sharp white tendrils had sucked most of him off, including what had been his clothes, bone marrow and everything of his being. Such was it that the old man had turned into a bed of dust which had been blown away. Peculiarly said, there was a reason for which there could be something to it, but that had been it. York never woke up from that sleep either. He looked back at his rear, and the giant seemed to be on the walk. Again, he would have to bring someone near for her mistress,

again, he would have to set the traps. But sooner or later someone had to scoop around. It was midnight, two nights over. Some kinds from around the walls seemed to have acquired the needed interest to carry over. Not long after, there had been some kind of expulsion, which had made them inquire whether or not. 'Is anyone there?' 'Shhh, can't you see it's abandoned? Come of Thornpike.' 'Charol, stop that, you'll get us in trouble if someone finds that on you.' 'It's all right, look, there's no adult around, there's nothing wrong if we have one sip of dad's bottle. What wrong can come out of it?' Came Jules, the kid who somehow managed to borrow one of his father's bottles of gin. It wasn't something he had been proud of, but his two friends looked almost hypnotised by the likes of it. And it was such a dark night of exploration that it would be a waste to let it go after he had gotten into so much trouble in order to get it. Another sound came a few minutes in. Still, it had been fairly away, inside of the same general direction, which lay hidden behind the tall wall around there. 'You said it was supposed to be abandoned.' Said Charol, looking at Thornpike as he sharpened himself a small wooden stick, after all, if something were to happen, how else would he protect his girl? 'Don't worry Char, I know what I'm doing, you don't think I would've brought you here if I was unprepared, would I? Plus, look at my backpack, it's full of provisions and a small tent.' 'So we're doing it after all, right? I mean spending the night here.' Jules was ready for some kind of strange inquisition, or any kind of excuse just to stay away. There was someone here. That was right. 'Someone had died here, haven't they? Was it a few nights ago? I remember my dad reading out of some newspaper that someone died near the old abandoned barn.' There was some suspicion between the three of them, but neither of them could see any mark on the ground. Either there had been something mistaken, which they couldn't remember off, or the poor old sap died on the other side of the wall. 'It's not important, either way, if something or someone tried something on us, I can always just use this and poke a hole straight through them. Like this, or this and that.' As much as he was messing around, those weak stabs at the air seemed to have acquired both of their wills. It was clear that he had some skill to the way he was taking care of his stance and the strength which had been involved. But would he fare in a real fight? That would make the difference between the living and the dead and neither of them would be able to answer that by any means. At least not without jeopardising themselves in, but they chose to jump the wall and make way on the other side. What had stood off there was the fact that there lay a scorched patch of mass behind the barn. Too perfectly burnt to be anything other than deliberate, but what had been the point of it? 'Are you sure it's safe to be here any longer? I'm starting to think that this wasn't that great of an idea.' 'Relax, what happened here ended here a long time ago. Come on Jules, help me set up the tent.' Both of them were set of placing the metal feet and pulling the big tent off. It was as good a place as any other, until the difficulty arrived. 'It looks like there's a rain coming. See the clouds?' 'Hey, why don't we sleep inside the barn?' Asked Charol, startling both of the boys. It was something that neither of them thought about, or if they did, it seemed like they kept it away from her for obvious reasons. As she said it, both of them looked rather, out of place, sick per say. It was strange. They all knew what had happened there. It was the old story where an old man, an ancient one who shouldn't have been alive by any feasible means came one night, dragged the owners outside and locked them in their own basement like they were some criminals or animals locked in a cage. The family had been, by the sounds of it, used for some kind of sacrifice there, which made them even more reluctant to get inside of the barn and light up the fight. Above of them, the hole wasn't even that shallowly wide. But while Charol had been busy going in through the legends and the myths of the happenings around the barn,

there had been something else happening. Thornpike had left both of them behind, talking about the barn, while he went exploring. He was still inside, for he hadn't dared go out there without company, and seemed to have found, behind a few stacks of squared hay, rather, a pool of water, deep enough for him to reach arms deep. It figured that it had been the place from where they got their water from, but why wasn't there a well around it? That eeriness made him feel out of sorts. He realised that it wasn't any sort of pool he would've known off since there were small visible sea-life in the distance. They were bare, at the sight, but still seemed to be quite there. More of eeriness came to mind when he realised that he was being watched from there. Someone with big bulbous, almost human eyes looked back.

Those were rather disturbing. As soon as he came back to his sense, he realised that he had forgot to breathe and almost passed out. He stumbled through the hay and ended up on the other side of the barn, tripping over and rolled over like a stump. 'What are you doing Pike?' 'I'm doing, I, nothing, and nothing. I was just looking around, that was all. And somehow, I lost my. I lost my feet I guess.' He was nervous, and seemed embarrassed, with the red around his cheeks, looked at by her with her cheerful expression. Jules knew better than what he was doing, and he seemed rather disappointed. There were some clear ways through which it could've gone better. First, the tent had been sent.

After all, it had been way too cold for them to sleep in. But the wind poked through and it looked as it wouldn't last. 'This won't do for the night.' 'Then why we don't sleep upstairs, I mean there.' Charol pointed at a ladder and seemed to have been mesmerised by the looks of it. Clearly, she had been there for less than a few minutes and got overtaken by her instincts. 'You don't think I'm able to do that by myself, do you?' 'Right, Jules, give me a hand here, we'll try to make it quick.' Both seemed to have been set on the act of lunging at the edge of the ladder. Both of its sides were thoroughly angled so that it would be rather hard to get through to it and drag it down. There were a few attempts which went miserably unwell until something could come out of it. 'There, it fell, are you happy now?' Both Jules and Thorn came out of the way, just in time that they wouldn't get him by the bouncing metal ladder. Only a few of the pieces of railing which had been fashioned in a ladder anchored had been broken. 'We won't be able to place it there any longer, if we manage to get it up again. Do you think there's any other way up there?' 'I don't know Thorn, but I think it's worth a shot if it means we're sleeping on a real bed and not in the cold.' 'Are you two done yet?' It was Charol again, still as stuffy as she had been the previous few times she decided to turn and look at what they were doing. Clearly she wasn't helping at all, so what was stopping her from moving on and sleep in a bed of hay? 'Hay, that's it. We'll just have to improvise. We'll place the stacks of hay on top of one another and hold the ladder against it.' 'Can't we just place it against one of the walls? This way we're only going to overcomplicate things.' 'Whatever it is, can we just try something already? It's getting cold.' And it was getting worse, for neither of them could pick up the ladder. The shudder and the way it bounced should've been a dead giveaway for the fact that it could be moved. Plus, they had only noticed then, at a mere glance, that someone was sleeping. The snores and the size of that thing back there gave it away. Not likely in hiding, but they wouldn't have gotten to look for it otherwise. 'What do you think it is?' 'Charol, lower your voice, what if it hears you and wakes up?' 'Listen Jules, if he heard, wouldn't he have been here already? Haven't you heard the ladder fall a few moments ago?' 'I think that's more than enough, come to say, he would've been here.' But he wasn't. Not to think of it as being less disturbing than what it actually was, for it had been a form which laid on the size of a great beast. Even so, Thorn had been preoccupied with his eyes always wandering at that basin, the sea, the water which had been in

that uncovered well. What had been in it? He wondered even less at that and didn't care for a thing, regardless of what she had been like. A dreadful cause of wonder seemed to have been there. It wasn't likely that either of them cared of what was going on in there, but more so, they relentlessly agreed. 'We'll sleep surrounded by the hay then.' 'With that thing right there, above us? Girl, are you insane?' 'Come on Jules, we'll be fine, It's probably not even what you think it is. And if it is, we'll just outsmart it some way, come.' She seemed to point at the spot right beneath it. Where the rooms above had been, there laid an old pliers, which clearly had its backside burn and broken, and even more than that, the hay. They took their tent and provisions and made way there, behind a small castle made out of hay. Their castle had been surrounded and rather dark. No one would be able to see them from where they stood, thing which wasn't even near the fact. 'See? We can barely see one another here, let alone should we worry about being caught. We'll be fine, you'll see. And in the morning we'll do some more exploring.' 'What had gotten into you Charol? It seems like you really came down into it all of a sudden.' 'Are you going to complain about it?' 'No, no, I didn't mean anything by it, it's just that.' Saved by the crack in the floor, or, in their case, the ceiling. There was some movement above of them, which didn't make anything right. How was it that they were out of danger and out of sight just in time? 'What about the ladder Charol?' Jules seemed to not only be the only one concerned but also the only one who seemed to have noticed that one important detail which didn't belong there. How come they forgot about the one dead giveaway of their presence? That thing stumbled and fell. The crash had been sudden, which made all of them become aware of the giant who stood there. It was an overblown man, with a bit of oil on his head. From the twist, his head had twisted into an unrepeatable position, though, despite that, his eyes were still blinking. They were directed straight to their spot. 'What are we going to do? It sees right through us.' 'You don't know what, that could only be the direction it was set it and nothing less.' 'Shh, I see something.' The twist suddenly started rotating, to the point where it pulled itself and dragged over to the edge of the steep neck. Clearly there had been a gap of air which pushed it away. A much lesser and deformed sea creature had been its body, shedding that face of a man and revealing some urchin in a shell, bearing long legs and a few herds coming out of its armour. Some long grim symbols laid written on it, but they had been harsh for the eye. 'Where is it going?' Both Charol and Jules wondered, despite being unaware of what Thornpike had found out there in the back. But if it got there and there were more like them, what could happen to their party of three? They were all afraid to head back there and check for what had happened, for the likes of which there would be none who'd look at them either strangely or afraid. Paranoid, to say the least, there were other things which didn't fit the narrative, the sight, the light for which there could be nothing but the fear and the danger which laid closely to the stranger. He came from somewhere, and managed to snick right around the body. It was a man, tall but not someone you'd expect to be there. 'Don't make any noise.' As Jules muttered, there seemed to have been a lousy long break as the man dragged over the body. It was a neat thing, at least, likely to be told that way, there wasn't any reason no to look in either direction. But he did, and for a moment they lived with the impression that they had been spotted, a thing which would've given them away. But that had been merely a passing thought. He had paused in order to light one of his cigars, before proceeding to drag over the body outside. 'We need to get out, somehow. No, don't grab anything, we'll leave these things behind if it means we get to keep our lives. I've got a bad feeling about that man, I think he's no.' 'I found you, little devils in hiding.' The top of hay had been blown off, and the man wearing his coat

dragged both Jules and Thornpike by their ears and threw them on the floor. Charol follow with much reluctance, despite having feared the man just as much as they had. It was clear enough that there was something wrong with them, the boys had stood there way too much. Either that of he had done something to them, as there had been marks around their ears. Something had crawled inside, which was or had to be the reason they were shaking so badly and were being too quiet. It was clear enough that there was no one else around. Either they would stand there or lay around, making no sound. 'What have you done to them?' 'Oy, good reminder, girl, come here.' He grabbed her by the head and tried pushing a small crawler inside her ear as well. There had been some attempts here and there, but somehow they were hardly reaching for a spot to enter. It would be likely that there was something to her that disgusted them. 'Enough of this, you've entered a place you didn't belong to. For that you shall be punished for what you've done.' He took out the butt of his cigar and pushed her down her ear. It scorched the insides and seemed to have left a few burning marks. Now they made their ways, those crawling insects, they only needed the path to be made for them. She immediately fell flaccidly on the floor with the others. Just in time as she had arrived. There were two or four servants which had dragged here there. It was a nice way to look above and see the light suddenly push forth. It was pleasant and cruel. They were only children but her hunger wouldn't rule them out. 'They are at fault, it would seem like, the devils managed to pull the ladder.' Her bulbous spherical transparent and completely sealish eyes seemed to show nothing. They looked like some sort of floating sea bubbles in the lost of depths, below the means of survival underneath the sea. They darkened as she started stroking the children's heads. It would seem like she was implying he was to leave and return to his work, the body had to be repaired, if the busy body was to be there. The little ones wouldn't do and their hungry eyes were rather, unpleasant to look at. They weren't like her either, by the looks of the bloody eyes and the remnants of blood thirst which laid embarrassed on their teeth and down their throats. It had been, most likely some kind of early meal they had on their way. It didn't look like it would be, by any means right to intrude there, as they had brought a piece of what they had with them. They shared in what looked like a brain, a human brain, in size, colour and shape. He left immediately, trying to no scorn or say a word. 'Blasted whore and her sea wretch, you'll see what happens to you if you threaten me like that.' But he remembered their deals and stopped talking to himself, in fear of being listened to. There were dangerous times there, even worse for him. Another economic failure of the state, he had to do what a man had to do in those kinds of traps. Work until the end. In his packet laid another set of pearls, real globed, white pearls, the authentic stuff, not the likely imitations you'd find in pawnshops. These things had been worth a fortune so far, with the likes of which he could only go forth and open it. There was another shed not far from the first one, not as big as that one, but it bore a second basement a few patches away from the other. Inside of it, there was a lat a few feet down below, with a light installed, the right tools lying around, the globular liquids and the likes of bringing a headless body back to light. 'I had locked the door upstairs and the basement floor, there's not way someone could've snuck behind me.' Dreadful thing had managed to cut in time and stood by the stairs. Couldn't it understand that what he was doing there was in the service of her mistress? Wouldn't it quit it? But it had that blood thirst in its eyes. It didn't care if he was useful or not. It leaps close to his eyes before he could reach something close to some weapon and that's when he died. Then came the motion for which he could devour not a second later without risking being caught. There were some ways through which he could bear the need to hide itself from the others but it seemed like they followed

there. Many of his brothers seemed to have been caught in the same conundrum of being forced to eat the poor man alive. For that's what it had looked like. As a dead man, as he had been pronounced to be, he moved far too much in ways which would've been considered disturbing at best. He fought or tried fighting, entering the fight and flight behaviour through which his body seemingly activated out of nowhere and started walking in the utmost dreadful narrative a man could walk through. His feet echoed the pain he felt, for the few which had crawled in his hiding hole seemed to have corrected his spine just enough to have him twisted in the back. Another one yanked it off and started eating through the marrow and sipping on the remains. They knew what they were there for and after being done with the body, they jumped themselves and brought the spare parts they have saved from the man. It was a cruel thing to do, at least for the likes of which, the man wouldn't be able to know. But pieces of him joined the giant and in moments, the process had begun. Something in it had started pumping, the body almost came to jolts. But as the energy bars startled with the metal brass started pushing electricity directly into its body, this gorilla-like monstrosity woke up, heedlessly on a rampage. They jumped out of the way but it had been too late for the laboratory. Before it could calm down, it managed to trash everything in its sight. Nothing had been safe, the likes of which couldn't have been diverted from the darkness which arrived at the time he broke one of the light bulbs. There was pain there, clearly, despite the lack of a brain to promote that relationship, it broke free. Up the stairs it went, followed by the small army of urchin sea creatures. They had been able to breathe through the air as if it didn't matter in the least where they were. A cruel thing to think about, for now they suffered their own demise, if their mistress would see what they had done, there'd be nothing to them, alas. There was naught outside, it looked as if, in the barn there had been nothing there. The mistress was done. 'The mistress is done.' The mistress was done. 'The mistress done.' Chanted the creatures in their wickedly broken language. Their echoes were quite neatly tacked and trapped in reverb. It was evenly so, though that they would get some sort of open window to catch and take control over the beast before it would destroy itself. As they leaped and seemed to creep on the edge of the walls, it looked as if the destruction stopped. It had tired itself out by the looks of it and even more than that, it had looked likely to be afraid of what was going on. The powder and the works of woe, he was there but wasn't. It couldn't have been any other way, but they seized the moment to leap and take control. The possession was and would madly go on despite what was turning out to be a dreadful end to this poor creature. But two and three had leaped upon one another as the great body rested against the wall. They would fight for dominance over it, for the winner was known to hold bitterness and hatred towards the losing party. It could be deadly, it could be much worse than what had been thought of it. Worse than that, they drew in nearer and started biting one another's chopsticks-like lips and began pulling each other's scales. In that distraction, there had been one true ruler, one who managed to get there first, unannounced before the others. That had been dangerous, to say the least, but it had been done, the fear had run out and one stood victor. As he settled into the body, the others had noticed and started scurrying away. They each had a desire to make their way back into the water entry and escape this rampage, this hatred, this need to crush its own kin despite what had happened between them. All that companionship had been through out of the window as he had picked that human face which had been left on the ground. Despite how uncomfortable it had made him feel, this was the mask he would wear for as long as he had laid in the body. It dropped low and seemingly, it couldn't fool anyone with half a mind and who wasn't madly blind, but orders were orders. And not to disobey, it reluctantly matched its

lips, the nose, the eyes, even the colouring and the hair dyes. The suit it bore, as black as it had been, bore a small tie which had to be pulled, just in time, for he did charge. They ran and spread but couldn't be afraid or show a sign of weakness there. Anything of the like would get them killed. But there she was, the mistress had returned. As if awakened from a spell, they stopped and looked in the utmost bizarre manner at the one who stood before her. The small urchins took this opportunity to make way and be as far as possible from her and whatever wretch she would throw upon them. It was already as dangerous and it could get for them to be around. Sooner or later they would lie underneath the ground if it didn't go the way they needed it to be. Alas, she had raised a hand, pleased of what she had been seeing. It was nothing like what she had thought but it would please her nonetheless. Though it had not only been short-lived, but she was also in need of some short-kind of handle through which she could eat and drag her ears around. Her eyes followed it as he went along the edges of the wall and into the hay. Someone had passed out there, a middle-aged man, by the looks of it. No wounds or marks of any kind lay around his ankles, signaling the fact that there had been another reason for which he had passed out. Clearly, something wrong had happened with him, for no man would approach this place, else they knew the stories and the legends of the place. It hadn't even looked like a barn, which was the strangest thing of all. Dreadfully unaware as they had been, there was no colour on the walls, but a sick, dullish gray, perhaps, either that or the remnants of a long diluted crimson of the purest kind. It had been close but long forgotten, they neither loved it there nor have they looked for another place. No, not while the food threw itself over the edge. Not while the victims just came to her for no reason whatsoever. And the mistress weaved another transparent living layer, through which she would hold the man and look upon his numbness as he was slowly disintegrating underneath the weave. It was cruel, for her kind alone was not fond of this kind of behaviour. Even less, of the subjugation, but that had been it. She came down and started using her mouth, revealing an open mouth which drew in several long strands of teeth which were long and puffy, which entered the skin and started drawing in the blood and skin like puncturing needles. It came close to him awakening but he had been too weak. The last sight he'd have of the maiden who had eaten him was the horrible disfigured face she displayed. It had been late then and she still hungered. The last meal had been thin and weak and she had been growing to the point where the barn wouldn't suit her any longer. Nor had her features been as neat as before, but now, she had changed, far too much for there to be a way back. What had been much worse was the fact that most of them, the people who wound up there wore their uniforms of war, the medals being too harsh for her to melt with her various acids while they were there. Reluctantly said, she watched as she dragged herself towards the hole, her arms having grown so wide that she could simply swipe away those maddening stacks of hay. Broken by the spirit, she tried going inside the hole, only to find out that there wasn't any return. 'Mistress, there are others on their way. Should we?' The servant watched and only now had he noticed what had changed to her. She was bigger now, tainted by the colours of mud and dirtied blue. Beauty faded for her, as well as her age and it had become quite clear enough that there wasn't any return to the way things used to be. For her body had rotted away as well, starvation was progressing at a disturbing way. Only her chest remained and everything attached. On a quick note, she turned and started eating the lower part of her body, even the weaves she had made, the coils and the pretty thin legs she had. Neither of them fell off from her insides, which was great enough. It meant that this had only been a normal part of her body, of her anatomy, of the thing she was. There was nothing wrong with her, nor the way she

hungered at that. It was immediate that she lunged and grabbed her loyal servant as he stood waiting for orders. Only this time, there'd be none of that, since he was no longer needed. A wish came, for it to escape and return into the hole, back to the place it had been given birth to. A few tears appeared on his fishy eyes, as the mask slipped and it had been revealed that it was in pain. It didn't want to die there, it knew it had been a loyal servant, even to the end. 'Please spare me, mistress, for I have served you well. Do not abandon me, for neither have I, neither have we, when we had been with you ever since the start.' But she only smiled and puffed her cheeks. His please was nothing more than an annoyance and she couldn't risk him driving or altering the guests out of her hunting area. With a squeeze over its tiny fish brain, he died instantly and was placed on the side. It had been clear enough that she wanted something else from them, a deep and thorough desire to look upon them and laugh. They were a group, not only a single person. Another rain had started and it had been clear where they were getting through. Soon, they would turn and follow around the entrance to the barn. She could not allow either of them to see what she was weaving or working at. It had been dangerous, but the body had been stored just well enough. It was safe enough that she could wish for nothing but the taint it had on it. Slightly deranged as it had been, there was a clear certainty to it. When they arrived there, there was nothing around. There was no one around. 'I swore I heard a sound.' And there she turned and flew through the hole. Her skull bore no eyes any longer and she started drying out. This would be her only choice as she guided herself only by their screams. It was agony, what followed next, but she had believed she had found them all, dragging them together and battering them into some sort of bloody pool. From the real one, she could only take hands full of water pouches and add them to the side. But those refreshed and pleased her no longer. She was inevitably growing fatter and getting drier than she should've been, to the damn point of being in danger of overexposure to the field. Now that the corpses that lain drained around her, she realised that there was no hope to preserve them for longer than her body was in need for. Despite her best attempts, that had been it and they were already looking mummified in the old ways of extractions, where they would've been preserved for long. They had looked ancient despite being so young. 'Servants, return!' She spoke in her vile tongue, only to be denied. It seemed likely that most of them had taken notice and had made the choice to leave her be. This wasn't a great choice, if one at all, but the water hole had suddenly closed. As it happened, it had been the reason behind her growing softer and pushing harder towards it, while she grasped and scratched at the empty spot in which it had been. That dreadful reason for which she begged for it to reopen failed. And in her wake, there it crashed, she bashed the walls and pushed the barn towards its limit. It felt on her but somehow avoided her vitals, as she had been surrounded by the hole. The entire place had been a mess, from the lanes of hay, the planted traps and even this place from which her spawn-like form had to go back. 'But where? Where would I go? Where can I seek rest and food?' Must she go ahead and dry off? Could it be that she would hear the lake out there? It wasn't certain, but standing there wasn't an option, not to mention that it had been a greater chance for her in the night than in the day. It was getting close now, and she feared she would fall in place. Some lake had to be nearby, she had heard the human tongue and knew enough words to wonder. But the fields outside stretched for long and looking at it, that was her only hope. A city lay in the distance, the farthest away she had ever seen. If anything, there was the water tower standing high, pushing from the bottom of the earth, to hear her own cry, she would go forth and drag herself over. The pain had been unbearable, as she dragged herself through the dirt and the trash which had lain on the road.

Small pieces of metal and tiny coins scratched and entered through the layers of her skin and pushed forth through the least of her painful blots. She had tiny beads of blown skin around her inhumane fingers, which grew their nails as long and sharp to be called in use as some tainted blades. Near the road, there had been a small puddle of water, at which she stopped. She looked at it for moments before showing her fist in it and draining it in mere seconds. But the mere image that she had seen was dreadful and had made her insecure. Something had changed, way past what she would've expected. Though her hair had fallen and her face looked wicked, it looked as if she had been shedding her face, just like her servants had. What was she afraid of? That if she went for too long without her body, she would find out that she was one of them? No, that couldn't be. She had been their mistress, their master, their goddess and if she stopped, she would die there. 'More, closer to it, I need more, more of it.' She said and as she had come closer, it would be the nearest she had ever been. That was just around the reaches of the town and it had been clear that there was no one around standing up late, looking for any kind of action or distraction. There wasn't any way she would've been seen or discovered. Of that she had been certain as she dragged herself and climbed the tower. It was there that she made a hole and held herself and the water drove down and finally gave her the strength to carry on through this drudge of a living. Her moistness had somehow bore through the various things which made her that way. She had been something close to some parasite, a being of no demise. That had been clear, as she had been away. The way it had looked on her, those metal pearls she had attained had given her quite the look and much desire to continue the way she was. And that was it, there was a lake, just around the town, deep enough by the looks of it, seaweed beneath the rim. Though her face hadn't entirely grown back up, she had been seen by a small child on her way towards this place, where she'd escape or lay in hiding. It had only been the child of a man, nothing more, the youth which would dismiss the sighting as nothing more than some kind of nightmare. Even there, at the window, he held his tiny wooden muzzle box, which looked more or less like some kind of labyrinth which had to be solved. But he had seen here with little thought of what she was, how she entered and why she had been there in their lake. And ever since that night she left, he went back to it again. The sleep which rested the boy, the night that shattered his thought of the sight. And there came another wave. There had been shots going on for all evening. 'Sir, they're coming back hard at us, what must we do?' 'Hole the lines, I don't think there's anything we can do yet. They're holding us pinned down.' A horrible thing, how many of the corpses the machine had stacked together. It was a way through which they somehow saved space of some other kind of dreadful idea through which this had to be the perfect combat unit. At least from an outsider's perspective, it looked like the utmost machine of rage and disaster. It looked like a machine of paranoia and fear. Something which had been mostly dangerous to even glance at even for a second behind the enemy lines, as behind it laid even more parts which could join it. This commotion had been even worse than the arrival of the other ones which had looked as if it would be even more dangerous than this one. Worse than that, it looked as if there was fear running dry in the air. The men had to retreat from sight before anything could happen, which would jeopardise their mission. As a matter of all fact, they went full on warfare, with their teeth grinding and their maddening roars heard from below. Not all corpses had been recruited by this technology. No, it seemed like many of the dying men had been dragged below the earth, just so they would be spared from serving. They weren't hurt along the way but that hadn't been any kind of excuse for what was going on. It was cruel to look at it, from the viewpoint of a ranger. Even worse from the looks of a mad stranger, but

another one had arrived. He had been placed there, out of place as any sane man would've been in his case if he were to wake up in the middle of the battlefield with no explanation whatsoever. He had been afraid, his likes were rather caught up in the middle of something. 'What's going on?' 'Sit down soldier and shut your mouth. You want to give us away?' There were fingers flying in the air, as the many pointed steering wheel turned. They had another unfair advantage which had to be taken away. It had to have been brought from somewhere else that was certain. But a field car was in their possession, the likes of which shouldn't have had as much power as it had. With their troops grouped inside of which, it looked as if it was still limited by the wires which held them together and laid above their heads, strapping at far in the ceiling as they had been. It was unclear whether or not it was safe to look, but all of the sudden, everyone turned at the scarred man, who bore no army uniform, who was too clean to be there but very much alive. 'You're not a corpse, son. Where have they picked you up from?' 'I don't know.' 'Here, do you know how to aim and shoot up a gun?' He nodded with some kind of reluctance. At least he wasn't as paranoid as he had seemed to be a few minutes ago. The reign of which lay at the side. More so, there were dangerous things there, more likely to have them killed than a few walking corpses. For starts, there were these globes of energy which expanded at low intervals, over short spans of time before receding into small dots of visible static energy in the air. Those looked dreadfully dangerous, even from the first looks. It wasn't like they were, by any means vulnerable to them but likely to be caught off guard and killed. And no one was even remotely safe from their area of function or even from the likes of being caught by them. They kept expanding and pushing forth the boundaries of man, until it was too dangerous to wait near them. In a sudden surge a soldier had been caught. It looked painful, the way he died, through which the atoms in his body looked as if expanded and shot in every direction possible. His body hadn't just been full of burns, but it looked like his cells suddenly moved directly a few inches from where they should've been. He had been displaced and at the same time he had been affected, at large by some kind of strange abduction of energies inside his body, which pushed forth what had remained of his uneven body parts. Those slowly dissolved into a mass of floating cells which looked less human and less organic as this sudden shock ended, as he slowly got converted into a mass of energy and got pulled into the ball above him. That cruel thing made him remain active, to the point of being paranoid, in a state of un-wellness. He was there, not entirely alive, but not dead either.

Stuck in an invisible state to his eyes, the unnamed soul stood there, unable to speak or think of anything but observe. Such a cruel insulation of soul rendered him into a dreadful way of being there. A lack of spirit and of mind made him look mindlessly at the way they moved and still fought on. Were those minutes that passed when he was there? How much had it been since he had been dead? Were those his thoughts? No, it was just what he had heard. There was another one around him who had died. He was surrounded by dark shapes and shadows. His cries were clear and he could only watch his struggle while he had been caught. No feeling laid to it. There wasn't anything for him anymore. Just another static spot laid somewhere in the air, no energy but the reluctance which laid aside made him disperse. 'Take care out there, there might be a need for people like you in case we're ever looking for a way to turn around.' There were a few moments which had been bitter than those. Another man departed from their group. He had looked battered up and didn't wait a second until it was time to go. There was a clear departure, the likes of which couldn't have been worse than what was going on there. But another strange reluctance came. Inside the many wires that lay out there, there were platforms which were suddenly rotating and changing place. It revealed much, in

the gap which lay above the ceiling, with there being many corpses hidden there. Just what they have been stalling for neither man could tell. Clearly there was some kind of desire to bring and keep as many of them there and there had been. In a note of watch, they had looked how the small rings flung themselves and started cutting through the roof on top of every mound of dirt. They were clearly trying to eradicate or melt some of the additional meters which lay on top of either side. It wasn't a bright look there, as there seemed to be less of what they expected. 'They're not destroying anything lad. I think they're trying to take something from it. Look at the pattern through which it acts. Don't make any noise and look at it for a moment now, you'll understand.' 'But sir, shouldn't we be trying to get away? What if it spots us?' 'Trust me on this lad, I think I know what I'm talking about.' He started glancing at how the flying circles began drawing in it some of the dirt and the other compounds in it before stopping. What resulted was a flat disk of dirt, which bore a bone in it, the face of a man and the remaining acid coming from something. That piece would be taken for some kind of analysis and from it, the extracted data would be more than useful in dealing with them. 'I think we've become more than a pest since our time here, they'll have to deal with us one way or another.' As he scuffed his neck, he looked around and saw that there had already been plenty of raised structures around the battlefield. It wasn't looking right any longer, at least not as they would be divided and dealt with from the likes of which, no man would survive. And was dying even just as bad as they made it out to be? He was a Quaker, he held his belief up high and didn't start doubting himself there. Somehow he knew they were being watched, somehow he knew they could be killed or dealt with at any moment but decided not to say a thing. This wasn't a war but a fight for survival, which was being lost. Farther away, the abomination made out of those many corpses had amassed into a giant, tall as to dwarf all others below it. Mightily walking and stalking as it went on to crush and remove the extra debris and take off the remaining hiding rats from their scurrying holes. Many of the men kept by the exit point had been executed by now in the least manner of concern or dignity. Their biological code was nothing short of being useless. But one, one man, managed to get through. His dirty golden locks had been there, hidden beyond a point. He had taken some kind of wild appearance which was made out of the machine parts he had taken off the battlefield. Without any recollection or idea whether or not they would be able to recognise one of their own, he went on to carry with this mission. He was there, afraid and unaware, the only man who entered the elevator. Looking at how slowly it started lifting itself made him realise that the men left behind would all die. All that sacrifice and hard work would be left there for nothing. As he entered, he had an immediate self-control motion in his mind. Speak no word, don't act and don't do anything too rash without thinking about it. They might be able to figure out what you are, who you are and the reason for which you're there. It was even worse there, in the clean environment, which was somehow kept in dark. Of course they wouldn't need any kind of illumination if they were all machines. They had no need for any kind of sight. Even there, he was on his knees and mainly walked whilst holding his hands on the ground. He could say farewell to the element of surprise, as he rolled away from being crushed underneath another one of the giants which had been sent down the drain. No one was able to deal with them in any kind of fashion which wouldn't end in some disaster or another. Completely told off, as it had been, there was a clear way of looking at it without being disturbed. But he had seen it, the many machines which had been made in mass. They weren't machines to begin with but felt them slowly becoming parts of the wiring and the other devices which laid interconnected to the walls. He figured out only by using his hands to feel

around, to his own logic and common sense. It was something beyond the technology they had a grasp on, the likes of which couldn't have been called in thought. Cruelly, he started smashing with his bare fists one of the faces which had been carved in the near electrical panel and railing below. It was pointless for the thing was inactive, not to mention that he only hurt himself by doing that. What had happened to his brothers who fought there? It seemed like most of them had been somehow lost, walking in through the tunnels, in a city they had no idea they were in. This was no haven. It was horrible, being lost in an unknown place, looking like a dangerous man. Though it had been remarked that one Borbahough managed to get himself face to face with something of block, his was a special case. He didn't wake up above, but somewhere below. It was beneath the lake, in a cold place which had no water going in. A basement which had a small tunnel going through the underside of the lake, not through it directly, as it had been carved through stone but the stop had been done with some kind of crystal glass through which he could see the depth of the lake. There were men trapped on the tables there, some which were very much alive and held at a forty degree angle, still tied and looking at the ceiling. Drops of water kept falling at regular intervals in a system which had small holes which could either be closed or opened on command. That hadn't been the worst part of it either. Most of the so called patients weren't human, but held the human physiology in some kind of manner, either it being through the transparency, through which they looked like invisible vein holders, or those were their hosts. A system of long interconnected veins made up their entire bodies, with no organs, nothing which had been held up, other than the supreme reluctance to give up on the hosts they used. And the water had been more than annoying and repulsing to the human beings. It could've been anything from it, down to the configuration or the salt water from the lake which disturbed the men and the women on the beds. They still held some kind of living, even though they didn't share anything else, down from the pigmentation and the solid state normal beings were and their insides. Small and long, wide, transparent but bluish organs got them going. They had been repurposed or remade to look like them, that were certain, but there was something clear to them, the eel-like texture to them, the invisibility they display, or semi transparency which disturbed the doctors who experimented on them made them show some signs of the peculiarness they bore. It was torture for them, but neither host nor vein would give in and abandon one another. They endured. 'Should we, then go on with my hypothesis and surrender the fact that some of them might actually be just one plain being and not host and hostess?' 'No, Doctor Sullivan. That had already been rejected. It is already clear that they are indeed two different beings in contrast with the differences which they display. Not even, in any case, to be called into question, the fact that they bear some resemblance to other animals, in fact, we may conclude that these things have been modified. They display some kind of inherited traits that can be found in other animals here on earth and much so, like cold blooded reptiles, they show some kind of a unique ability.' He went on to display what he was talking about. With one surgical knife, not any kind of small cutting tool, but an actual knife which could've been used for surgery in some way or another, curved and long, the point of which seemed to bear some other sharp and long blades attached to it. This type of thing had to be used for some kind of torture or not any kind of purpose that had to be. It was even, by the likes of which, that he started chopping a few fingers and saw them dissolved into a liquid in a plate he had acquired in order to push over the pus that had gathered and even some of the retreating veins. They, as the multiple ended organisms have been called, displayed fear, for the first time in a long, long time. But that wasn't important. George A. Halstatt, the doctor in charge pointed at it and waited. 'Observe

now how it grows, how, despite the lost mass, it can almost regrow itself in its original form. Despite how much of a circumference had been taken away, it seems, or it can be looked upon as some kind of inherited trait this being has.

Though it may look deformed, the explanation is quite simple. The regeneration capabilities are unaffected by its strangeness and everything which remains is nothing else but the flawed code which it must hold in one of the strange side organs which are being purposefully avoided by the veins. It's clear now that some of those side-pumps that are almost as transparent as its entire mass hold some knowledge of what a human looks or should look like.' And it had been clear enough that this strange man, as he should be called, or an eel-man, from the texture of his skin had regrown deformed toes, which were much longer and seemed to have grown extra layers of unfounded turning peeled leeches instead. For the most common suction seemed to be the method through which they absorbed the information, despite the fact that it laid there trapped passively, those newly grown toes seemed to jerk. In their place, they seemed to act out of body and out of host, through which they seemed pulled or drawn to the men and what they brought to the table. 'What do you suppose these tiny things want now, by your educated guess? You wouldn't happen to have a decent idea tied to it, would you?' 'Well, since you have given be the example already, I think you may be right, it knows we're here, it knows what we are. I think it needs contact with us in order to replicate if your proposal turns out to be right.' 'Indeed, my good friend Sullivan, you are right, I knew you would agree to it.' 'What have I agreed to now? What would that be?' He seemed to have prepared a scalpel, and pointed at him like some sort of lab rat which had be repurposed or dealt with. It was unclear whether or not he could be had in the same way through which other less than evolved creatures had been treated but this was a completely different environment, this was off the records. Multiple lab-coated observers stopped and looked at them. It wasn't certain whether or not he could stay clear or what was going off now. 'Unfortunately for you, Sullivan, or fortunately, depending on how you look at it, we may not necessarily need a living host to do so. Why don't you take this and perform a tiny incision on one of the bodies from the morgue?' He was on his way there, with the occasional pause to look back. The morgue was located right behind the inner bay, behind the section underneath the sea and straight into the rock formation. It had been cold in there, colder than it would've been expected, colder than usual per say, not to mention that it was moist around there, for the wrong reasons. Something unsanitary had happened one level above the morgue, regardless of which, there had been drop of blood finding their way through the cracks. Someone had to be informed. One man stopped him, he signed his name. Sullivan R. Agrippoe. Written and signed, to him there would be a number given, at any case to the people who came and visited the morgue. It was important to note that he had to be quick and match his entire schedule, since near his signature there was the exact hour and the minute he entered written on it. 'That one, I need to perform something on him.' 'I have noticed you were carrying something with you. Would that be for one of the projects?' He looked with some slight nervousness before deciding it was time to complain. Nothing could be done about it, at least not in any case, but it had been clear enough that there was something which had been said. 'I hope we could keep this thing off the records, you know? No one had to know why I'm here exactly, nor what I'm doing, right? It would do no one enough good to know what's happening here, would it?' 'Doctor.' 'Sullivan, you know who I am, we interacted before. There's no need to act as if I'm a stranger. We're all working for the same company here.' His best attempts couldn't prevent the sweat running from his forehead. Not only that but he had been clumsy, as he almost wiped himself with the small surgical tool he had

been carrying in his right hand, with it having been pointed directly towards him. 'Can we agree on that at least? You could make an exception only this time, right? You would only need to write on his file that he had always been missing a toe and nothing would be done about it.' 'What about you visit here, Doc? Not to mention that what I would be doing here would be mightily suspicious, dangerous and illegal.' 'Unlike what we've been doing so far? I think you got the point.' 'What do I get from this then? What's in it for me?' Sullivan picked his own pocket and seemed to get a fifty out, no, that had been a bit too much, way too much for something of this kind, but he could afford the loss if it meant getting his toe. And it would've been much better than having to cut his own toe in order to get through with it. 'Would that do?' 'Go ahead and pick your toe, just make sure you don't cut the one with a tag on it. That one got placed right after he died and it rubbed itself quite hard enough to leave a mark. I don't think I could explain the lack of a mark if I were to be questioned.' Not to mention that he was most likely lying and he would be unable to explain in any case why there was a toe missing. But that one would do, the big one on his left foot. Despite the fact that they didn't match, this would've been just the perfect test. As he started cutting, both of them turned to look at the body. There was a moan which had come from beneath the cover. Despite them being somewhat specialists in it, they knew it had been, under any type of possible circumstance, impossible for him to be alive. What had been the sound then? Why was he in pain? 'Just be done with it and leave. They do that sometimes, there's no need to question it.' 'They're dead, how can they do that at all? How can they make any kind of sound if their sound cords aren't working any longer?' 'It's an echo they have, it's some kind of noise that remains with them ever since they had been alive. One of the other scientists explained it with me, I think. Perhaps it has something to do with the minerals and something being active inside them.' It came through, with a bit of difficulty, most of it having come from the fact that he was moaning all the way. After the process, he had wrapped it in a small plastic bag and left, knowing there'd be a signature, at least, for the likes of which, there'd be no way to look at it beforehand. Frankly, he had been backing, even sweatier than before. 'Ah, Sullivan, have you brought what I have asked of you? Go on then and put on your gloves, we'll be on our way just then and get on with it.' This wouldn't be just an extraction of information, this was a plan to attach it, apparently so. Multiple white coated men surrounded him as he prepared himself for this second procedure. It would be the attachment to the host, through which they would need to see whether or not they were compatible. It forced itself at first as soon as they were as a twenty inches apart. Though it had been cold and the meat was dead, it started the suction as it attached itself there. 'Back off now, let it be, we can clearly observe the process from a few feet away.' As it had been so, it jerked itself and all of the sudden, the leech-like extrusion turned into a spear and broke the finger into a small pop which shrewd it into small chunks of meat. They flew straight through the ground and left a mess in their way. 'It looks as if there was a rejection to the mass.' Such a claim would go ahead as to be undisputed over the fact that there hadn't been any other proof of the existence of another kind of subject to be used. 'We need a living one, I wager. It would seem like the ones which are dead are being met by an extreme show of gore encouraged by this rejection.' 'What do you supposed then Leader in Dock. What do you suppose we do in order to bring a living person and use him in this manner? What is the possible ramification and the moral implications involved? Should we entrap someone and bring him forth like some sort of sacrifice? Are we butchers?' 'No.' Another voice came and quickly responded to the inquiry. 'We are doctors, we are scientists, and we're made of the things which bring greatness to the world. Why should we decay as lesser men

go ahead and live unjust? Why wouldn't they be made of use for sometimes in their lives?' 'Then whom shall we take? The old or the young, in order for this to work, I propose we use only the freshest of human lives. As being too old would only signal this new experiment as a failure. Can you not see the flag of old being far too close to being cold and dead? We're in need of warmth and of something which could be used as for an extraction would need the fresh cells of a young person.' 'Why not someone older then, in the middle of his life, someone who'd be more willingly to approach this in order for some compensation?' 'Because, you incomprehensible tool, one such as himself would only prove to be a major problem to our project. He would retaliate as soon as his instincts were to kick in. Such a man would be hard to deal with and control, which would jeopardise everything we've worked so hard for. As it just happens for me to know that a child would prove no difficulty to steer and direct, for even an adult of weak bones and poor physique would be able to overpower him and use him for his vile purposes.' 'You're mad and have no means of the morality. Are you certain you should be here with us? Are you certain you shouldn't be locked in some sort of facility dealing with those which are criminally insane? Why is it that I'm the only one here? Why are you all looking at me that way? I can't be, no, I refuse to believe that you would all sacrifice the life of a young child in order to achieve the final purpose.' 'This is understandable doctor. That's why we agreed to have our names stamped in silence. It's the reason why neither of us has spoken his real name nor have we given a chance to recognise one another. We're supposed to act like a cold machine and deal with the inconsistencies this moral dilemma has to offer. Despite what you may think of us, we're still human, we're still made out of flesh. In this day and age, where you may have no idea of the distress those above us suffer, you may think it isn't right. But what's a life wasted compared to the lives we may spare?' 'Not even saved, that's what stuck with him from that conversation. There was no moral high ground, this was a means, or a possible means to an end. They had no intention of saving lives in the near future but delaying murdering or experimenting on more than it was necessary. It was for the same reason for which, he, out of everyone in that room was sent upstairs. His would be the arm which would act, the one which would steal and creep, to kidnap through the night. As if it hadn't been enough that most of them had been alert. Apparently, there had been a serious case of many conditions which had been spread ever since that water tower had been poked. It was still there when he got out of the secret entrance, on a wet newspaper. Despite its moisture, the ink hadn't faded out. Clearly there had been things which had bore through his mind. What had been happening lately there? 'Great night for a walk, isn't it, stranger?' 'I beg your pardon?' The man on the other side of the street rubbed his glasses together. He seemed to have had a limp and a missing tooth on the other rim of his mouth. Something about him seemed to have pointed out that he had been known to him, for which the case begged for a reversal. 'Oh, I'm sorry, I think I know you from somewhere, we must've met, right? You're, umm, you're something, I think. 'I'm afraid we may have been acquainted a long time ago, dear stranger, but seeing how I'm a recluse, you may have forgotten me.' 'Well, that's great to know. Say, you don't happen to be in look for a partner, would you? No, no, no, I don't mean it in that way. We don't take it kindly to that around here either, but I suppose you knew of it already.' 'I suppose I have. Well, that's well enough to know. You know your way around here, do you not?' 'That.' Here it went again, the wail coming out from around the pools. It was clear that something was going on there, which begged him to investigate. At a later time perhaps, as there was a man here who was willing to help him and guide him around the town. Unclear to him whether or not he could go ahead and ask for

questions, there were things that had raised some serious questions there. The man who was limping now besides him was far too active for this night. He hadn't looked as if he had been tired despite the bag under his eyes. As a matter of fact, there seemed to be nothing but emptiness inside his pupils. What if he were to take him instead of a child? Where would he find one at that hour, even if it were for the original plan to keep going, not to mention that it would be a dangerous act, to snick and break through someone's house unnoticed? It wouldn't happen that way, or the other, and this man would be a far better choice. 'Say, mister, since we're walking against this fine dark evening, what say you about the place? How long have you been living here for?' 'For the past few decades I suppose. As I said, in somewhat a complete seclusion, I don't enjoy being disturbed or my work being looked upon.' The man quickly eyed him from both sides and seemed to have been taken aback by the many things which weren't his. It was clear that he wasn't supposed to see him in any kind of if. No one else out there would see him either, for that night, he came with the right idea. 'Say, stranger, since we may have acquainted ourselves quite enough, you wouldn't happen to want me to show you around? I mean, the lab I'm working in isn't far. And this would be a great opportunity for me to show you what I've been at for the past few decades.' Otherwise, far away, back inside the lab, those transparent fiends seemed to have heated themselves and turned to a dark grey. It had been the light, through some strange alteration, which changed their composition. 'It can be observed that a mere change of the light and the suppression of which changed their entire body alteration. Most of their bodies started producing heat and changing into some kind of more visible appearance that would otherwise have been close to high-invisibility if it were for us to reduce everything to some cold, or near cold environment. Other observation to be called into play is the fact that the small leech which had been drawn seemed to have extended itself to the floor in search for a genetic component. Its growth has been closely observed and it has been determined that if nothing is to be done, one of us could get pulled and dragged in. Wait for Sullivan's sample in order to move on.' Through which, it had been an easy conviction to be forced onto the man. He held no reluctance and had a lesser clue of what he had been taken in. To him, this man had been nothing more but a friendly eccentric fellow who would promise to cure his limp. 'I've never seen such an elevator before, say, how much dough would one need to have one of these installed in their houses? I could do with a wine cellar.' Silence in the elevator. His throat was dry, and the man with his limp, of which name shouldn't be known either, seemed to have taken out a small metal bottle and started drinking out of it. He offered some to Sullivan, at which, he politely declined. 'You must excuse me, but I don't normally drink of the job, you know? I must have a perfect concentration if I am to do what I said I would.' 'Oh, I can understand that, I can respect that. Take all the time you need, I won't mind if you won't. I only wanted to be friendly.' But the atmosphere from inside the tight elevator squared chamber had been getting colder. He felt as if their relationship had been less of a human to another human and more like a butcher taking a pig to the slaughter house, as it seemed to have become. What would happen to him now? Just how much of him was there a need for? Obviously not a single thing of him would be wasted, if the experiment were to go on just well. After it stopped, he had been greeted by a strange entrance into the ante-chamber, right after the elevator room. It had been dry, harsh to breathe in. Some change had become apparent. His eyes hadn't been accustomed to what was going on there, and seemingly, every scientist who was there, which had left the room where the experiment took place in, wore some mask or another. A production of gas was obvious. 'What have you madmen done this time? I can't breathe properly.' 'Put this on.' He eyed the man

who was with him. Some of them were disappointed by the fact that this wasn't a younger subject, rather than this middle-aged cripple, but they would have to deal with what they had. 'Shall we go on then?' 'Wait, aren't I getting a mask now?' 'You are, but we're out of them for the time being. We're going to take you to some place where we have more of them stored, so worry not about this.' His inner smile couldn't be seen only because the mask was obscuring it. But he was taken there, dizzy as he were. It was obvious enough that he had already lost a part of his consciousness, though that was well enough for them. 'Look, Sullivan, have you noticed it already? All of them started tying themselves together and joining in together with their feeding tubes. This is clearly harming them, not to mention that they're trying to make up for the loss of one of their own. Can't you see that they're in need of someone?' Everyone could see it. From the back, every other lab rat seemed to have taken a safe distance and stood there peering in at the sacrifice. What else could he call it if not that? It was disgusting, it had been repulsing and worst of all, and it had been accepted. The sudden cause from which the small pumping limp started dragging its nasty trunk and swallowing the body started there. 'Get away now, let's move on before they grow additional roots and they block our path.' His words had been taken aback as both of them turned and woke up in a large circle, surrounded by a system of floating hair which connected every single living being which stood on a table. Sullivan seemed to have been caught off guard, by the looks of which, he couldn't stray his thoughts away from what was going on. It was plain and simple that it wasn't going to be an easy way out from there. 'Do you still have the surgical knife on you, Sullivan?' 'I believe I do have it. You don't think we're going to be able to cut through them as easily as we can, do you?' There was a clear disability from the lack of patience everyone in the chamber seemed to display. They were watching but neither of them seemed to have cared in any shape or form of what was going on, other than the fact that they were there. A few more seconds passed, in which they would record every damned detail which had been going on. It was dreadful and disgusting but there wasn't any other option. No sign of there being any kind of display of aid would come to be. Seemingly, there would be some kind of insufficiency in their bones. Clearly, some of them were getting rather paranoid once met by the idea that some of those roots could move and grasp for them. 'Don't turn the light yet. We're still in the process of seeing what's going to happen. 'Apparently, now that they looked back, there had been a transparent cocoon in which the poor old man had been wrapped in. The second being which had lain inside seemed to have already roamed freely in the bile as it started eating through the body of the fiend. Clearly, there hadn't been a thing which laid to them. No one would dare say a word of what was going on, but it had been there. But the first incision came, not on the cord which blocked their way, but Sullivan came with another idea. Inside those transparent long and connected roots, there had been veins. And these creatures, as they appeared to be quite hungry and self aware were also feeling hunger. 'What are you doing now Sullivan? Are you in your faculties? Do you have any idea how dangerous that is?' His finger was now bleeding in small patches. No reaction yet. He moved it over the roots and saw them dirtied in blood, still no reaction. 'I'm afraid I'm going to have to take my chances and do something for which there might be no return. In case I'm wrong about this, I want you to take the surgical knife and cut through me and cut through it until you're free to join our team.' Indeed, it had been the cause for worry there, for he would end the same way as the man with his limp. His only excuse was that he had been doing it for a greater purpose, which was in itself an excuse to be cruel and sacrifice another human life. That's when he shoved his finger, feeling the root as softly as it had been a

jelly. That feeling continued as his finger bled inside it. Many of the drops slowly floated and broke the flow between veins. It seemed as if they had been pleased, drinking out of him and playing with the wound without pushing too far in. Perhaps they could feel that he was still awake, for neither dare grow any larger or perform any attempt to grow inside of him. 'Look, Doctor Aspen, they're not harming me. I think we have come to an understanding.' And as if it had been so, the two roots suddenly rejected one another as he pulled out and each returned to their bodies. 'Let us return before they change their shapes and return to what they've been.' Both of them followed and joined until one short more. Aspen had taken the lead and made a wall between their colleagues and him. 'I'm afraid that until it's settled whether or not you're contaminated by what you've done, all of our connections should be stricken forth.' 'Look, look at what they're doing, I think we're bound for another discovery.' It seemed likely that it had been their intentions but every corpse on every other table than the one which had the limping man on it seemed to have been abandoned. The parasites travelled through by every mean and managed to get inside the very host which had laid there. 'What's happening there? Who's doing that?' The noise stopped, as one man was rubbing his pen against the paper, by means of observation. But what they witnessed after was the process through which they gave birth to those strange humanoid hosts. The limping man's shell of a body had been slowly removed from his organs. Outside and on the floor, his transparent outline had been slowly pushed, leaving every other organ to be devoured and left inside the mass they had crawled in. 'Interesting, make sure you write every important note on the papers. We don't want to miss anything happening there. Sullivan, I think we owe you something which can't be given to anyone else.' A stop of voice came. Sulfur in the air appeared, as well as the appearance of mist coming out of the main host body. They were spreading something from one another, expelling what hadn't been of use. A step of water came out of it as quickly as the guts had been there. Now, the consumption hadn't taken as long as it seemed it did. They had been quickly done with it and every other body had been taken and inhabited once again, with this new addition being no exception. Most of the roots had been taken back and it seemed likely that so had been the light. 'Who's done that? Who turned back the light? I don't think I gave that order, we were still bound to, and we were still bound to.' He broke off. A bunch of suits had already been there, and neither of them looked pleased. But there had been it, in its form. What other explanation could there be for what laid there? It was unclear whether or not they had been allowed to enter the facility or they had entered in somehow by some unsanitary and unfathomable means. Clearly there were there and for as long as they stood there, they had observed more than enough. At least, it had been clear enough that they would get off easily. 'What's going on in here?' A lab coated man seemed to have arrived from the back. What had happened there? He seemed to be unaffected by the voiceless suited men. Speaking of which, the scientists started backing a few feet away as this unaffected man just passed through them as if they hadn't even been real to begin with. 'What dreadful thing you have discovered, my dear colleague. What in the name of fluorescence is going on in here? Are these nothing but illusions?' But how had that happened? It had to be the mist which had been expelled, but how had it managed to pierce their masks in a way which would've left them vulnerable? It was clear enough that something was off. Neither man would admit to it. As the second blow came, everyone looked surprised. It must've been some defect or some malfunction to the genetic code. Something in the back had occurred. One of the bodies suddenly grew and inflated like some darkish green ball and blew in a spark of guts in the place where it had stood. Pieces of it had been spread across the various tables around it but neither

corpse of parasite dare touch it. It came as no surprise that the first thought was that it had been infected or infested by something. What would trigger the reaction and how might they be able to replicate it? That had been strange and bizarre, peculiar in thought and cruel. Neither woe nor man would dare fuel the creeping of the masses. What if they would bring them to the city in order to observe? 'Am I the only one who has perhaps come with the greatest idea to ever come?' 'Perhaps we should seek to detoxify the environment before coming up with anything unrelated Sullivan.' Doctor Beurdemond looked around, he still didn't understand what was going on. Since it had been decided that they weren't real men, their faces and expressions changed. Not only have their faces warped, but it seemed like they had shaped their heads as to resemble blank pears which kept growing and expanding while pulling everything down from their suits and changing their textures into that creeping moving skin. They flew in various spaces but settled to standing, tied to the very ceiling above them while they crept and looked through various lenses. It would take some long while until they would disappear. 'Very well then, so what you're saying.' Sullivan and Beurdemond had been left alone in his office while the others had dispersed around, looking for a way to get rid of the fumes which had remained there. 'It's that we should look for a way to snick one of them above and abandon it in the city. What could go wrong with it? They need to be tested one way or another, right? And what if this is the greatest idea, the thing we've been waiting for? You've seen, like everyone else there what had happened to the man once he was placed there, right? We know, even after so many shots I've taken that I wasn't infected by the entire ordeal so what's the problem? Such bodies need a relative enough mass to devour and we don't even know if one of them is enough to take over an entire town. So what of it? Don't you suppose we were placed here for this reason alone? It does sound like a mightily awful coincidence that we were placed straightly underneath a city, which is remotely placed right about in the middle of nowhere.' 'And you wouldn't happen to think that's a bad thing? Sullivan, do you not realise what that means, in the rare case of some mutation of contamination, what do you suppose they'd do once they found it out? There's no way they would leave us be without grinding this place to the very ground.' Some mad deliberation there, as they could indeed be cornered and completely annihilated. But what if that had been worth it? After all, the more that they had been observed, these things were some kind of.

Going through the notes inside their many written papers, which had resulted in a peculiar set of observations? 'These are fetuses and seem to act that way, perhaps not in the same way our females do, but in some sort of similar manner. So, what happens when they hatch? What happens once they get enough of the genetic code we have to keep growing and suddenly expand?' It had been set already, in his mind that this kind of curiosity would have to be settled. Even then, in the dark, something had been clear. 'We'll wait a few days then, leaving them alone.

I think we should wait until there's nothing in there until we can make some further decisions.' And as it was seen through the cameras over the span of a few days, without their presence there, these human shells started reverting to something more primordial. It was fascinating to look at them, how all of the sudden they twisted and turned into basic shapes, rounded rather than toed. Some pseudo-limbs remained, but not enough to wager some change or any kind of evolution. 'It isn't our code, is it? Perhaps, it is, or it was our presence there which influenced their form or shape. That should signal some kind of awareness which would alert them that we were there.' Through one of the nights, something seemed to have been wrong. Despite their guards, which had consisted of one of their own, there was a dead angle which had been failed to be seen. There had been somewhere above their entire facility, inside that

lake which creped on. It seemed to have taken advantage of the water system which regulated the water drops which would normally fall on them while the scientists were off. By now, the wretch of a creature which had lost its beauty had lost its shape as well. Of her, there was nothing any more, at least nothing other than the creakingly deceitful form which had lain inside her own wretched body filled with the stench of ages. It broke itself apart as if caught in a turning wheel which would batter her limbs. Without that, she would've slowly dissolved into the lake and became nothing but a mere memory to her forgotten fish-like servants who abandoned her in the time of need. Most of her bones were soft now and met no difficulty in breaking apart in the needful emergency of death. From the dampness came the dropping from above. She came into contact with them and started being slowly absorbed by the mass. It felt like a toxin at first, the harshness of which they tried rejecting. But it had been awful to look at, dreadful to feel. It was unclear whether or not it suffered through this but the veins inside those bodies, those parasites had instantly died. They had been poisoned by her mere form, the rejection of which had been bloody. As an immediate reaction, the bodies hardened and lost their transparency. They had shaped themselves into bone-like formations, cruelly shaped, and seemed to have their malignant human-like shapes cut off from what remained of their progressive bodies. As their shapes began to drift apart, there had been some things which crept and made them less likely to shout. Mouths tried appearing but were quickly stooped. From their insides, there had been expelled the many veins which seemed to have lost most of their masses as they pushed themselves out in a peculiar attempt to save themselves despite being formally dead. Some kind of undead had occurred that these virtually deceased malignant tubes filled with no blood nor warmth tried attaching themselves to something. By no means could they deny themselves of servitude as they turned and started worshipping this new form which had encompassed itself in some sort of mountain-shaped deity. It had been given life from what had remained of that sea liquid which had invaded the world and their agony. It was as if they had been destined to be there and provide the means for its rebirth, as it had been noted. A red light appeared on the wall. The needs for which there had been a signal for its mad contamination, many men having been awakened at the sound of the alarm. It would be awful, quite so, to avoid the thought of what was going on but it wouldn't stop. The creature had been sexless, as it seemed that most of the original genetic code as well as the means for which there had been a lady of the sea had been long lost. It looks awful and dreadful in shape, as well as it could be seen on the camera. Fragments of its former lives which manifested in most of its body mass being mountainous but showing some fragments of scales or of human shapes which had been pushed and stretched but had been covered in a texture which couldn't have belong to any living being on their planet. It would be cruel to let it live there, but a feeling came to everyone who watched in terror how that thing jerked and started wailing in its cage. Its darkened blue and red deaf and dead servants moved but without a doubt, without a shed of fear, those things had no chance to penetrate the walls and pass through. It would be fear which would reign through them. 'Do you still think there's a chance now to follow with your plan Sullivan? Do you think this would've gone any better if it happened out there? We could've jeopardised our entire lives if we were sent out there, you damned awful being, you wretch of a man of science.' Sullivan bowed down his head to Horsen. He had been another one of his colleagues who somehow knew of his plans. Apparently, there was no way to keep a secret down there, no way to stop the conversation as it went. But the place had been in full lock, and there had been nothing either of them could do. If anything, Sullivan had a jest of guilt as his knees started trembling. For in that

image on the screen, before the gaseous attacks started being spread through, despite the presence of air-tight seals which should've prevented them from spreading, he winced. What he saw there or what he heard might've been a result of what he had of the strangeness of the gas which had attacked his mind. But he had seen and heard of some embodiment of the limping man inside that thing. One great part of its mass almost formed a misaligned form which resembled something he remembered of the man. 'What have I done?' But it hadn't stopped there, as every one saw a different thing on the screen, of something which would lay behind it. From a sudden burst there opened a giant hole, and as if the mountain had been only a cocoon from inside of it there came a giant floating evil eye. It floated and seemed to bear a mark of needles which had been blood shot. It looked behind as its former shell decayed, much more so dead from the exhaustion. As it stared, the one scientist who looked at it started being driven mad. His teeth were falling and he seemed to have been gone wildly blind. Unaware of what was happening, he started running out of the room and ended up in the morgue. It had been a strange thing there as well, as all the corpses had seemed to have raised themselves, standing upright and straight. The least of all, in that madness which could be foreseen by another man, was that there had been a slip and slide. It came quickly as the mountain suddenly shifted and covered every table as well as a good chunk of the floor. This show which had been displayed ended up revealing nothing but pillars in the shape of men. Most of them were something closely or related to the forms from ancient Hells of which embodiments were the perfect forms of men. How could something so cruel and disgusting, such a repulsing thing be the embodiment of perfection? It was something too bizarre to look away. This made him paranoid, the nameless Doctor, the one without identity. No one would miss him if he were to get inside of the room and witness the shapes for himself. As that thought alone occurred, he thought of how the men looked in ancient times. He wanted to see them, how they were in their prime and might in an age when perfection was in man's reach. Many gods had blessed him with the sight of it from the other side of a screen and he could do nothing but fantasize about their malignancy. Others didn't share his enthusiasm and as soon as he made a move to get out of the room, he had been stopped and put down. 'You mad man, your thoughts are clear, but we cannot allow you to open the gates and bring the contamination outside.' 'Let me go, please, let me be. I have to see them for myself, this is my only chance to witness the world as it had been.' 'Have you lost your mind? That morbidity there isn't what humanity had become? It's a reflection of dread, it's a soup of madness which keeps expanding.' As another look revealed what another man had feared. Most of the hardened mass had turned into a liquid with no common or broad shape. From inside, the form of a man trying to imitate agony came out. He struggled to get out, his screams could be heard. Fewer men came than expected to drag him down, as there wasn't any escape from the dread below. If that thing got out, humanity would be doomed. Some recognised the man which had been dragged, even though they didn't share the same visions. He looked at his colleagues and saw different expressions than there had been on their faces. Yet neither acted in body other than their woe, their faces lain of criers, their ears stooped into outlier. The pool would try expanding and growing and infect the lake, and ever after, they would be drowned and absorbed if it were given the chance to do it. Many would question whether or not this liquid could even burn from napalm or from worse, as the destruction would quickly follow. 'This isn't a bunker, we'll all die if they get out.' It was clear enough that everyone saw something different, even to themselves. Too many of the clues or the details didn't match. They had shaped themselves into many flying things which had tried escaping, without a sudden realisation of the madness which had

been in. They crept with their wings, made out of primordial arms which resembled human membrane only in some slight appearance but seemed to be slightly more inclined to their primordial sight. From their ends there came leashes which had buttoned dark heads which moved as if in unison with individual living things rather than being subservient to their arms and hands. Their hands had their long and sharp fingers in numbers which far exceeded twenty on each side, pushing and wriggling in every direction they could. From a second look at their bodies, they were fat-like but rubbed together to a body which bore no legs but a rat-like tail which seemed to wriggle only in appearance. As for their heads, they had none, as they rounded at the top and seemed to bear no features other than a singly hole which pushed in and out and times, only to reveal that they spat blood tissue over themselves to keep themselves in the air. Sooner or later they had to be contained in order to run out of that blood which kept them flying or floating. It had to be a reason there. 'Look, it's calling for me. They made me an altar of faith, I can see it there.' The floor wall bloodied and so were the walls, everything was flat and in the middle of the room there laid a panel with a scribe's book in the middle. Clearly there had been something written on it, which would make the reader come to terms. 'But I am a man of science, not a man of the Lord.' There was doubt in his voice. The sight was unnatural but could be cleansed, if his faith would be as great as it had been, he saw it in himself as some sort of man who could bring some kind of righteousness to it and prevent this hellish thing from expanding to humanity. 'Another one's making a move put him down, now!' At least four scientists had been tied as they were raving at the screens. It was unclear, at least from the screams and agony which happened over a prolonged lack of exposure, of what would happen to their minds. 'Put the blind folds down, I can't stand them shouting that way.' In reality he couldn't happen to do otherwise. Sullivan had seen something else on the other side, ever since the images flashed in his head. He kept it to himself but wanted to get in. There was something which had encompassed his interest in a way of which no one would dare say otherwise. Clearly something was wrong with him but he said naught. 'What is the order of certainty then? Shall we wait? Should we close the screens?' 'No, you would send everyone in a deadly raving that way, which would only make us all suffer!' Everyone was bent on that one image in the middle of the screen now. For, they seemed to share some vision in common, as every man confirmed the sight. It was a red blotched screen which changed from moment to moment from static or full on bloody. Such a thing didn't seem likely, in any shape of form to display any kind of change other than the fact that there was something going on inside of it. That blotch, that piece of whatever was covering one of the multiple cameras there was moving, from side to side and upwards. It looked as if it was falling at times, being dragged as if to signal something there. Every screen seemed desaturated and gray in comparison with it and when the moment approached, there came a sudden glow from it. Inside the room they had been in, there was a clear view of the dark which lay around them. Most of them had been covered by the colour as they started. Not a single moment passed without them looking to see whether or not something might change. 'So we can all see it, can we not? The red spot?' 'It's kind of hard to miss at this point, so what do you think it is?' Two more minutes in, and there was a distant noise which seemed to come from inside that room. There wasn't any kind of way it could've come from the camera device since it had no sound or any kind of way for audio to come through. Another wait, the sound continued in by the means of hearing it through the hall. It came from inside that room, that had been clear, but what of the others? 'What are you seeing in every other camera now?' 'I can't seem to see anything other than the muffle and the dirt covering them.' How was it that they survived the

visions so far? Why was it that neither one of them seemed to see anything which was going on there? It came as a clear sign of their paranoia and how clear it had been that something was mocking them. 'What do we remember then?' 'Free me, please, I don't think I can stand being tied any longer. Look, I'm doing well, please, just let me be. I

haven't hurt anyone, see? Look at the back of my hands, they're clean, so is my lab coat, there's nothing to me.' 'That man is hyperventilating, we need to release his grasp as well.' 'No, I'm calling the shots now.' Said Sullivan with his tone being forced on the side on which there the incline to leave. But he couldn't, there was no way and they were still there. Those creatures which had been the suits, no one had closed the door behind them, which had left a clear view of what had happened behind. For now they had been passive as well as they have shown no sign of doing anything other than what they had been preoccupied with, but somehow the vision of them continued. Was it still the gas or was he the only one seeing them? He thought about asking for another but seemed to have a fear of being locked or tied if anyone disagreed with them. They can't be there, someone faded through them, keep that in mind you old dog. If they even suspect you of being as much affected as they are, you shall be locked more so than a whipped slave. 'What do we do then? We're locked and low of reserves.' A cry arose from somewhere inside. 'It's the morgue, it has to be, and we have to make it to there.' 'But what of them?' 'If we all get there, that way we'll be sure than no one will suddenly turn on us and release them while we're out. It's a fail-proof plan, I know it is. Let's go.' Despite being as paranoid as they were, they decided to leave them at the sight of red. It wasn't really any choice they could've taken or done but that had been it. Fear drove them to the edge of the door.

Even passing through had been rough, knowing that anyone of them could suddenly turn on them. Sullivan you bastard, why did you have to plant the seed of paranoia and betrayal? Why couldn't you have shut your mouth off? It had come close to him being clean of every certainty he had there, there was no way out, any way to return. And to top it off, another man had gone missing. 'Look, this place is empty, what do you think had happened here? He couldn't have left the place.' 'What do you say to the man who takes care of the dead?' 'Excuse me?' Bourdemond looked at the carry eyed glassy face which asked again. 'I asked you what do you say to the man who takes care of the dead?' There was a statement there, a question which made him look the other way. He knew that the man waited while everyone else seemed to have waited there. 'I don't know, what do you say to him?' 'We're taking you home.' That hadn't changed anything over him at first, but then, at a second glance, he looked at the many plates on the wall. 'He must be hiding into one of those, you're.' Right. He wasn't there, that had been strange, but Bourdemond looked as if he had seen the ghost of a man who had been there. 'It's empty. And this one as well, the others.' Everyone started pulling the metal trays there, seeing how suddenly it had been that they couldn't see anyone there any longer. It was strange, that they didn't get anywhere by doing this, but that had been it. 'Where had the scream come if there's no one here? Where did the bodies go? What of the attendant? He couldn't have taken all of them, but.' His voice faded once Sullivan seemed to have found the middle tray. There had been a tunnel there, in the back, the bastard must've escape through it. With an immediate slam, he closed it and decided to look away. He knew, deep down that he could've shared this information with the rest of them and possibly look for a way to get through but that just wasn't enough. It would be something for his own to figure out, especially the reason for which he would take every body with him there. 'We need to return, fast. I don't think it was the right choice to leave them alone there in that red room.' 'What are you trying to say, Sullivan?' 'I think we may have made a wrong turn

here. 'Words couldn't come on easier than that. They were staring at him in some way through which he couldn't handle in the least of sense an easier thing than it had been. Clearly, he was being suspected for something he hadn't done himself. 'Very well then, lead the way if you're by your claim Sullivan. We shall see to it, by the time we're there, of what had happened and what goes on. Let's see it for ourselves, shall we?' They followed him, as he was in lead, with suspicious looks on their faces and rather pale from the gases which still floated around. It was unclear as to what the cause was. But the holes inside the walls had done nothing to filter it. As a matter of fact, it had become much worse, far more so than it would've ever been. A stranger, more dangerous thing came to mind. They looked around as if caught blindly by their minds. No one looked around nor were they aware of what was going on there, with them being afraid and paranoid. It was unclear whether or not anyone trusted him. But he was right, they had been shocked at the sight. In the time they had been left, the minutes through which had passed, the men who had been tied had been unrecognisable. Most of their faces and bodies had been bloodied to the point where they couldn't be distinguished from the bloody pulps they had become. 'Cover that damn screen now! Just cover it!' Sullivan had to yell twice and give another hard glance, just so he'd be sure someone listened. There had been a blanket, something which was rugged and looked like some sort of softer carpet which had been showed in-between the screens just so it would cover the one in the middle. Dimly lit by the mere lights, they looked at what had happened. With a leap of faith, one got closed and felt for himself. His hand had been bloodied and not only that, he felt no face and seemed to have turned to the others. 'I can't feel his nose, I haven't felt any teeth and I was able to shiver my fingers through the holes which had been his eye sockets placed through. I don't think there are many bones in there either.' His quick jerk of hand threw the spat of blood away. Neither woe nor anger laid to him, a mere impartiality to the cause, it seemed. 'We have killed the men here, haven't we? We're being cleansed and killed by that thing there and at the time we're done with it, there aren't going to be any survivor to stop it. Does anyone realise what this means? If a creature can just kill people off by gas or by sight, then who could stop it? What might happen once it gets any kind of control over the radio or the broad network? Do we know if its sounds corrupt as well? Can we even know of what other mad possessions it might be in hold of?' 'That's enough, you're just making us more paranoid and I don't like where you're going.' Sullivan bit himself by the boot, aware of where and what Bourdemond was getting at. He had almost said it himself, not to mention that he had been aware of something much worse. Much, much worse. 'We need to get into contact with one of the bases. They need to raise this place to the ground. The experiments had failed and everything else is lost.' 'You're mad if you think we can't turn this somehow in a victory. We can still find a way or another to save everyone and prevent it from escaping.' 'No, this has to be voted in unanimity, do you understand that? Else we may as well just give and die off one by one. There's not other way to look at it other than that.' He lit a cigar inside. It wasn't like the smoke was going to kill them off more so than the gas. They were five there and at least eight missing in action. Neither of them questioned where they had gone, it was a huge base of operation after all. 'Very well, then I shall take my leave.' 'Where exactly might you be going Sullivan?' Giovanna, one of the other scientists was holding him at gunpoint. No one had been aware that there had been such a thing as a firearm in the facility, but that didn't look unmodified. 'You're not going to run away in hiding after what happened. Those deaths are on you.' 'I couldn't have known that would happen if we left them there, look, it's not my fault. Even if someone stood with them, they would've ended up in the same

manner.’ ‘Only if they looked at the screen for too long, do you seriously think they would’ve ended up in the same manner? Look at them. They’ve melted from the screen, there’s nothing in their bodies. I said, look at them, closely!’ Bodies, if so, looked rather deranged, the way they had seemed to replicate some kind of appearance which had lain behind the image. It was something they hadn’t been able to see in the first place but the thought arrived. Were they really dead? Of course they were, but could he convince Giovanna otherwise? Just how paranoid was this man and how far could he get against him if they were to match wits. That gun didn’t even look that right while it had been pointed at him. It had been a hot rock of a mess, but he couldn’t back away just yet, despite there being murder in his eyes. Plenty of words could describe what had happened there but neither came to mind. Everything he saw in front of himself as Sullivan thought was that barrel of the gun. ‘Well, what will it be then? Should I concede then and have you put a hole through me? It doesn’t seem likely that any of this will change.’ And just in time, the sounds came. It had been another group of scientists from the hall, going as far as to signal the fact that there had been reluctance to stay put. They could’ve hid away but chose not to a thing. ‘Throw me the other coat and be fast. I don’t want to stain it.’ Giovanna seemed to have covered his arm as well from the wrist, over his hand and over his entire arm’s length to hide the gun. He looked like some waiter who had been too much in himself, by the way he had been dressed and his hair had curled. It seemed likely for him to lead this place now. Getting on his nerve wouldn’t be the greatest thing, as he seemed to have noticed. ‘We’ll walk and see what’s going on. If anything’s wrong, Sullivan, I’ll keep in mind that you were the first to want to get out. Do you get me? A bullet will fly straight through your skull and what’s left of your mind will go away with you.’ ‘I got that clearly enough, Giovanna, loud and clear.’ He had moistened his feet from the waiting, sweating as much as he could’ve been in the kind of environment he had been in. Bizarrely enough, he looked out and around and seemed to find nothing of use, no way to get out without a hole through him. And everyone else was quite as well as they had been met with much reluctance, rather than have any kind of desire to help him get off. As he had suspected, everyone had either been mad or in it for themselves. No one could be trusted. Especially those lunatics they had encountered, who were banging small clubs on the door. Those were high velocity rounded edges they had ripped from the compressor. Were they mad? Sullivan was the first to recognise the pieces and where they would belong. The air compressor regulated the air and the carbon emission which went around the entire facility. Without those pieces, it would only get hotter. No wonder he had been sweating, but they waited before they said a thing. ‘Those things, are they what I think they are?’ ‘You know they are, Giovanna, and you know that unless we trust one another, we won’t be able to take all of them out. We need to get through this as a team, do you understand? If we give in now, they’ll just step on us and there won’t be a chance for us to get through.’ ‘Very well, what do you want us to them? We’re unarmed on average, other than I and I don’t think I can trust you by any means. It wouldn’t be the first time you tried to escape us.’ ‘Shh, look at their faces, they have no eyes either. Look at their ears, they’re deaf. Something went wrong on their sides as well. You don’t think we’ll be able to take them one by one that way? Look at how red they are, doesn’t that seem familiar as well?’ They looked only as red as the bleeding had come out of their heads. But on top of them they wore some white cones which had been bloodied. There had been holes in those cones, from which poured that red, volatile thing, but it could only cover as much as the area around their own. It seemed likely that they had been driven mad. And the heat hadn’t helped their cause either. Once they spoke, it had been clear. ‘Open

the door, let us in.' With the voice of a normal man, it had been reasonably clear that they only looked mad in appearance, and nothing of their mind had been altered. 'Why are we locked? Can't you see we're only trying to get in and conduct our studies? This is unfair, we're as much a part of this project as you are. Nothing mad's going on.' 'Shoot them then, release them of their misery.' Only three of them laid there and Giovanna didn't want to waste a single bullet. Not as likely as he had been reluctant but he wasn't as sure to shoot either. But what was he hiding? 'No, I'll waste no bullet on them. Have them go on as well as to be clear, what's going on with their bodies must be a product of the red screen. It looks like.' He used his other hand to swipe of the head product off his forehead. It was indeed getting too hot. 'Find something and bash their heads from behind. They won't be able to hear us come.' 'Are you the one who lost his mind? Do you see anything around the place which might be used for it?' He nodded, in complexion with his cause. He wasn't aware nor could he think of any other cause than what was going on around it. 'Then choke them from behind, I don't care what it is but I won't waste a bullet.' 'If you won't waste it on them, then waste it on me. We can't risk losing more people to this madness and unless you haven't noticed, between the gas and the heat, breathing is getting worse down here. Either way, I'd rather be shot in the face than wait until the moment I would suffocate in here. Go ahead then and if you won't, I'll be sure to take the gun away from you.' It wasn't clear whether or not he would do it, but that had been just as mad as trying to wrestle those people at the door. Either way, they could contract, if it even were possible, the same kind of illness which reigned over them. And with the tiny amount of information which laid to it, that would be rather clear. 'Well, you're not going to shoot me then, Giovanna?' He was silent, he had been caught off guard and seemed to have been in the same way frozen like before. The guts on him to threaten someone with an empty barrel, nothing laid inside. Did you seriously think you could pull it this long off? What happened to the cartridges? 'They were never there, I only wanted to use this as a kind of last hope. You know, a way to scare off any intruder in the extreme case someone found their way inside the facility. I didn't intend it to get this far.' 'And you threatened all of us instead?' 'Only Sullivan, which, I may add, I still don't trust as of yet.' 'That's rich, coming out from someone threatening to shoot us unless we take a close one to them. From the information at hand, they could be contaminated.' Sullivan seemed to think, with little information and thought of what was going on. His comprehension had been bizarrely caught as well. It was a moot point, yet he moved closer in and took the gun. With the butt of it turned he came close enough and slammed it behind one of the back of their heads. It wasn't the reaction he had expected. The hit fully landed and seemed to have made a serious sound, but the man seemed unaffected by any means. Was his head empty by means alone? How come, under no circumstance, was there never any way of getting through to it? There were ways of looking forward, and less than that, they were caught into this primitive bashing. 'I think they're too far gone to be affected by brute force, you may want to stop trying to butt in. They won't cause any problem, Sullivan, so just in case, keep your distance and let them do whatever they're trying to accomplish.' 'You realise we'll have to get through it one way or the other, right? And we need those pieces in order to repair the compressor.' 'There should be a couple of spare parts in the same room, worry not about them. There's nothing being wasted here and I'm certain.' Of another scream which came from somewhere inside. They had to stop that. It was frightening, to the point where the bashing stopped and the blind deaf ones seemed to have been shocked as well despite there being no means for them to comprehend what had happened there. Somehow they managed to get through, to the point of

having caught themselves that way. It was unclear, what they feared but they dropped the parts and seemed to have gotten into a run. Everyone else went out of their way to avoid contact with them as they seemed to have nothing against them getting as far away from them as possible. They were at that point where they seemed less like human beings and more like wild animals which had been released. 'They'll cause trouble if left unnoticed.' 'We'll all be dead unless we fix the compressor and the air keeps heating to an unnatural level. Do you understand that?' The base had already seemed vaguely infected, especially at the ceiling. Those agents had spread across it and seemed to have encompassed everything, including the walls. Sightlessly undressed, they had some of their features outreaching and trying to get at anything which may provide some kind of distraction. 'Ignore them, each of you should grab a metal piece and we should go. Not you Giovanna, I don't think I can trust you any longer.' He had a change in the way his nostrils had been arranged and he sniffed, but otherwise, he had been relatively content with the choice Sullivan had taken. It was either them or those ones. But he looked behind as he pretended to be their Overseer and instead looked concerned. What if they knew of the tunnel leading outside and what if it had been left open? Did they even remember him opening that one in particular? How exactly would they react? Undoubtedly in the same manner as he had once he found out that the gun was unloaded. That didn't matter, this did. The compressor room had been opened. Only two of them had been engineers there and what he had forgotten was the fact that one of them had been Giovanna after all. This would be the only think which kept him there, untouched despite playing wild ranger with them. 'You think you'll be able to keep up and help me with it? I know many of you don't have much understanding of it, but it should be only a matter of reattaching and rewiring.' It seemed simple enough, as long as the two engineers dealt with the wires, they only had to reattach it back. The tools were just around the giant compressor. It had looked something like a plane's engine by the looks of it, but with a different knick to it. If this would filter the air, that would be just well. What hadn't seemed to stay with any single one of them was the state in which the room had been. There had been an extra metal railing above of them. Someone had been there, recently speaking. Someone had smeared blood on the walls as they pushed forward and somehow made it to safety. The stench was awful, the light was dying out. 'The electricity, won't that be a problem?' 'There's an extra generator which should buy us a few more hours, but afterwards, everything else might be inevitable. Our options are limited at best.' It should've been clear to whom he was talking to. Though there was some noise going somewhere upstairs. Someone had been listening intently from one of the so called close door and without the thought of the so-called intervention, it would be unclear whether or not there had been something to it. 'Another one of those sounds?' 'Someone has to check on it, and I think I might be the only one who isn't occupied.' Said Sullivan, as well as he had been aware that this would be his chance, his moment, the only way he could possibly get through with it unattended. Just what was in his mind? What had there been going through? Everyone had been on the edge for far too long to give in now. But how was he unaware? 'Let's vote on it then? Should Sullivan be allowed to go alone? Does anyone else trust him?' 'Should we have any kind of reason not to trust him? So far he hasn't done nor had he said anything to show us otherwise. I think the only one with a quarrel on him is you Giovanna. Drop it already, or else we may not be able to continue our cooperation.' Giovanna tried looking at everyone else. They knew that this would not be a great idea, as someone who would be sent out there alone would be most likely to never return. But they all knew, despite not saying it that Sullivan had been untrustworthy. It was kind of clear at the edge of their

eyes. As much as they didn't trust one another, Sullivan had been the one to be least thought off. He left. No one intervened to stop him under no circumstance whatsoever. Uncertainly said so, there had been something clear to it, to the point of view of one another being caught. There hadn't really been any noise out there, but a mere fragment of their manifesting paranoia which had come in terms of being heard. Such duress had the sound that they had all heard it without mutual confirmation, to the likes of Sullivan who knew where he had to go. This was it, the middle one, he opened and dragged the metal cover from the morgue, revealing the tunnel. It would be had but he could drag it from inside, just so he could buy himself some time and not get caught if they thought or found out about this exit. A simple explanation wasn't needed as to find out how did those madmen managed to cut through the metal pane at the back of it, or how had the attendant managed to drag all the corpses. Information of that kind was irrelevant at best. Not only that but he had no need to know it. He had been in and on his was to get out. Crammed in there, he had only a light pen on him, which produced the bare minimal for him to see through the tightness of the tunnel. It was clear that, by the scratches and the pounces left on the sides of it, someone had dug his way through with his bare hands. Unclearly said, there had come to no surprise that there wasn't any kind of confirmation as to say what the reason was for that smell. The scent of death, the scent of the gas which permeated as well despite him having left the area was still there, in the form of mad contamination, still bothering him. Sullivan couldn't tell how longhand it been since he had entered it and couldn't see an end to it. Trapped in there, with the likes of himself, he found the roundness getting tighter around him, like a ring of dirt, or some worm inside which he crawled. 'Where am I being taken?' He wondered and felt only the benefit of the coldness which laid there. It had been a break from the head death and the dryness of the air but air was there. And it wasn't stable, he wasn't suffocation, there had to be some source. There it was, now the hole suddenly took a turn upwards. It had been in the form of a giant oval, or an oblong thing, wide enough to have looked like some malformed light bulb, inside of which he suddenly raised himself on his feet. Standing there, with the inability to look in any other direction, he crept as his stale heart waited. Around him, on what seemed to be bed-like surfaces on which there rested the corpses, he was looked down upon by the mysteriously disappearing corpses that had been brought there. And to beat that off, there he was, the one and only morgue attendant, standing still with his eyes wide open, mindlessly staring at his pen-light flashed against his eyes. From behind of him, in the darkness, one hand reached and grabbed, as if alive, Sullivan's shoulder. He couldn't say a word or even think of it any longer as he dropped the light and crawled back into the hole. There was just enough space for him to return and try making it as far as he could out of fear that they might be able to turn and grab him, dragging him back to where he had been. In those tunnels, he felt pale and afraid, sweating in the cold, he sneezed. There was some blood of well, but it seemed close to having been frozen in his nostrils. What had come out had seemed to be a trail of blood which had come out in the form of some long, transparent string of glass-like ice. Just what was going on in there and why had that happened? He couldn't explain, but once the light of his pen stopped working and the noise returned, he feared the most. The sound of crawling echoed, like some wild animals getting through, following on the footsteps of their prey, while knowing where the end destination laid and the fact that there wasn't any escape. The moisture in the air not only had ended but there was the smell and there was that creeping feeling that he could be caught off guard at any moment in time and he could be grabbed by the soles. They were there behind him and he was only getting dirt in his face and getting more bruises from forcing himself through

the tunnel. A single thought occurred and he had been there and the end. One metal, or something made out of some kind of imitation stood there to be pushed. Now, as he had been desperate, he started pushing and throwing himself against it, just so he would see the light. He had been grabbed finally, ready to shout. But then he had looked and noticed the sweaty hands which had wrapped around his shoulders and which had pulled him out. Those were the hands of a man, a living man, which were only followed by the others. 'Sullivan, have you lost your entire mind? What have you done?' 'Close it, close it before they get out of it.' After he had been thrown on the ground and the few seconds in which the words connected to their heads, they turned and looked to see the hole. From it came a plethora of hands and arms, the corpses' heads as well as every other limb, the ill. They were there, somewhat alive but cut by the force which pushed the metal coffin back inside. 'Block it now, pick up that steel bar and block it.' They had dragged one of the bars and placed it between the other metal coffins which lay above and below, blocking the one in the middle in some kind of strange span which had prevented any force from opening it if it came from the inside. 'Care to explain what were you doing inside there and why there was a hole?' 'This needs no explanation, this rat was trying to paint me as an untrustworthy person to facilitate his own escape. It's all too clear now. You know it as well, I had been right to threaten him with my unloaded gun, I knew he was up to something when he had made his attempt of flight.' 'Is he right, Sullivan? Were you planning on escaping without us all along? How long have you known of that exit?' He was in a bizarre position now, surrounded by all these people who may have been on his side not too long ago. How come they were still giving him the benefit of the doubt thought? It was something he couldn't explain. Sullivan do this, carry this order, make sure this thing goes as planned. 'Am I your servant then? Is that why you're all acting this nicely to me? Why is that you're making exceptions, even now out of all the times I've wronged you?' 'I was just going to ask the same thing as you have Sullivan. This is something which interests me just as well.' Said Giovanna. He had as much of a stake in this whole feud as everyone else around the room, even more than that, there was still dread and time now. Most of all, the compressor had been fixed. The panels would be red in the other rooms and it seemed like the bad news would keep returning. 'There's no one else around here and I think I've got some bad news.' Came one of their students, it had been the only one alive. Somehow he had managed to survive as the only one to carry on this message. 'Something malfunctioned with the screens and every single one of them turned red. The corpses we left in that room had been completely been turned into pools of meat and blood, I think they were dissolved by the screens.' 'And the room?' 'I completely sealed it off sir, I don't think it's safe any longer to dwell anywhere near it. For that reason, I sealed the edges of the door frame as well as the keyhole.' 'Why haven't you tried shutting down the screens first boy?' 'I've tried doing that sir, but they somehow still kept going on, I don't know why, but they stopped responding to any kind of brute force as well when I attempted to smash them.' There was some force and an attempt, this had been out there already. But what did that leave them out of? Everything, by means alone, they had little thought of what would happen afterwards. 'What are we to do about you, then?' Once the issue had been settled, there was still the issue of looking at him. Sullivan the traitor and the rat, he had backstabbed everyone as well as he had sacrificed that man. 'Any bright ideas then, or are we supposed to wait now to starve and kill each other off?' 'I think there's one option we haven't thought off yet. What if we end it before it comes to action and breaks into the water? We're forgetting one key element, which is the fact that we may not be able to escape or contact anyone but it may break through the

panel above it and pollute the lake above it. What would the consequences be then? Let us assume a man goes swimming and suddenly comes out bearing some kind of disease? And what if it spreads?' 'How exactly do you suppose we're meant to exterminate that thing which is completely sealed off? Even if we managed to somehow break through that reinforced door, we're still outmatched. It grew in size, most of its mass.' Sullivan had stopped paying attention to them. He was still set on those things which he knew very well they had been in his mind, crawling atop the ceiling, seemingly unaware of any kind of interaction between the others. He was still set on the fact that he was the only one seeing them, but not only that, as it happened for them to follow. As if unable to know whether or not he was still with them, they decided to finally get to it. 'When you decide to follow us, know that we will be by the door. Regardless of your attempts for some escape, I believe there's no way out there that way, is there?' 'No, it's completely blocked out, from the point there in the back, there's nothing but a dead end, where he sits with the corpses.' 'Who exactly?' This wasn't the time for questioning at all, as they were getting ready to push forward through the mass of metal on the other side. Somehow they had to overwrite the lock and open it, despite being on a general lock down. 'Shouldn't we be able to open the lock on the elevator? They should work the same ways, shouldn't they?' 'You fool, haven't you paid any attention yet? That lock isn't similar in the least of sense, to the point of there being multiple locks that block every door from the one above, below, and the general lock on the elevator's panel. Its energy is being redirected as well, just so there would be no escapee from this suffocating trap we're in. We must admit this to ourselves, that there's no escape for us, though, there might be some escape for them. Unless we somehow managed to screw this plan or this order of events, we might not be able to prevent it from spreading.' And there it would be. This thing unleashed upon the world. And somehow, in the compressor room, it happened as well, despite there being no screen, somehow it had infected the light. 'Close that door lad and seal it off, quickly, I say!' Another man came with the young lad as they slammed it without looking. Everyone, including Sullivan who had barely joined them seemed rather surprised at the turn of the events. But that red light infested the room as well. 'It must be that thing inside. I remember there being panels and other machinery which connect it to the rest of the system. That must be the cause of it and if it had somehow managed to modify the light to the same effect as the image of it has, I think there might be no hope for us yet.' 'Then what are we to do?' 'Work on it, seal every other door. That should buy us some time, don't enter any other room. Sullivan, Bour, close the morgue and seal it off, this should leave us only here. If anything goes wrong, we should break the lights above us, just in case.' 'Not yet, and don't forget, this panel produces a light as well.' One square had been ripped apart from the wall. It was hidden from the sight of a layman or someone with a low access level, not to mention that it had been created for the sole reason of overwriting what would seem to be in total lockdown. Both sides had been sealed off immediately, completely and without a chance of a sight. There was something inside, something going on. The screen was malfunctioning, with the being dead dots on the screen, spreading and erasing important data. 'There's some corruption going on in here. I do not know what's causing it. But I think I've got enough to know and figure out what's to be done. Here.' Some options flashed. The first line of order seemed to close off the roof above the thing inside its locked cage. As long as it had no way of going into contact with the water, there was another line of defence against it. 'We should've bought ourselves a few more hours of time. The status is that the air shouldn't be running out, we should be fine for the time being. I'll redirect the energy.' A failure in the system, which prevented

him from touching or even trying to remove the lights from the room, as they seemed to be drawn from inside.

Another few command prompts followed which had been entered, pushed and delivered. Nothing so far. 'Something's preventing me from canceling its lights.' 'Leave them be, the lock, we need to remove the lock. This damned gate which bars us from getting through. We should.' His words had little to do with the sight. It had been opened, leaving the door which would have to be manually pulled over. The man had done everything which could be done, leaving them there. With little to themselves, they seemed barely aware of the flashing and the dimness transition from a bright white light to a dim pinkish one. 'We'll have to enter.' 'And do what exactly? We know the size of it and what it's like. What do you expect us to do?' 'We can change the light and raise the heat from inside. Isn't it ridden to one place? Isn't it static? We should be able to turn the room into some oven and see that it boils and gets a piece of its own medicine.' 'No, that wouldn't work, there's not enough heat for that. It works like some kind of organ, doesn't it? Those worms inside of it, if we get to them, we could pull them off and.' 'We won't do anything if that keeps changing.' The light turned to red inside their room. 'Everyone open the door and get inside. We'll think of something while we're on the other side.' Without a second thought they all entered and slammed the door behind them. There was no word to describe what they had found there. Everyone peered as if they had been turned mad. But there it was, with the roof closed, the light untouched, the room was empty, with no mark or anything of the sort inside. There was nothing to it. Little information of woe, something dreadful and peculiar had been going on. With the little information going on and the rambling of words, there was the fear as the light had turned on them, red, with everyone else being caught in a trap, unable to comprehend that they were dead. How could this have happened to them? Out of all the people who could've been trapped there, it had to be them who would be killed. It made little sense, and there would be no explanation for the dread they felt and the way through which they would not escape. This was uneventful, but they tried at least to think it through. But even then, it seemed as if their minds had been in the dark, shallowly caught as if it didn't matter in the least. 'What do you think it is? Could it be that we're not seeing it properly? It wouldn't be the first time.' 'One should make a sacrifice and try walking over to see whether or not our minds are affected. If it's still there and we cannot see it, he would start being taken or eaten or whatever effect it might have on the body of the man entering in contact with it. But whom?' Everyone turned towards Sullivan and seemed to heed the call of looking forth. They thought he would be the best candidate after so many betrayals and after so many attempts to get himself off. 'Very well, seeing how there's no other way out, I may as well just see to it.' He walked with some confidence, the confidence of a dead man. After a few steps he stopped and waited. A bizarre turn of events seemed to creep behind him. In his mind, it had already been over, already through. There was nothing there, nothing blocking him from walking. 'Are we too late then? Had it escape through the ceiling holes?' The pools could be infested already, the explanations could be benign, but even that could be confirmed or denied with the help of a test. 'Release it for a few moments, check the water and see for yourselves.' Bouremond was there, messing with the controls, after which, there came the turn of a valve and drops of clean water came from the turns. Though there was no way to look at it, there had been a concentration of gas in there, one which would be harsh enough to last. 'What now? It would seem like this being disappeared without leaving any trace whatsoever. There's no sign left that it even existed. Look at the panels, they're broken but there's no mark of it having tried to get inside.' 'What if it escapes through it? What are the

chances it somehow managed to get through?’None said one of the men as he drifted away. He was the first one to be affected as the light started dimming in the same room they were. It felt as if he had been on another planet just then as the walls changed from metal to some kind of wide walls, which stretched the image of a purple mess which moved. It was ticklish and bore long images of orange eyes, in the middle it seemed like they had been made of some material which didn’t belong to Earthlings but rather it had been traded by some dimensional overlords which brought them to where they laid. And that purple turned to a dark red, in the utmost grim of fashions. Even the drops of water turn to red, signaling the upcoming fate they were to bear. ‘There’s no escape from it, is there? We’ve been beaten, it must’ve escape through that way.’ ‘We need to seal it off then and turn off the compressor.’ ‘We’ll suffocate before the red light appears, what do you mean by that? We could even start being boiled and turned by the heat before it comes to pass. Look above us, the illumination here barely changes, it could take minutes, hours or who knows how much. But as soon as the air compressor stops, that’s it. There’s a window where the air gets drawn out, where the toxicity might make us slowly suffer from a few brain and lung conditions before we die.’ ‘And is that a bad thing? What would be the alternative? Dying from that mad light? If that’s what you will, stop delaying the inevitable and open the door. No way I’ll let it rule over us now, not after trying to stop it at every turn. Though I may not be able to take this on myself, I need all of you to agree with me on this. We need to stop the air filters and somehow let it be done.’ Already one of them had fallen on the ground, having been battered and crawling like an infant of blood. He was fuming out of his mouth. A black trail of gas was coming out of him, from his eyes and his nostrils as well. Blood splattered but even that changed its shape and magnitude, to have become something more solid and volatile. As dreadful as it had been, there was nothing worse than the way it looked. More so, they seemed to have accepted that he died there, despite moving. ‘That’s the way we’ll end, or much worse. At least this way we’ll have a chance, the three of us who are left. I cannot make any other case for him, or for anyone else from this point on. If we die, we’ll die together like he does. But at least that gives us a chance from preventing.’ ‘Preventing what Sullivan? Can’t you see it already? I don’t think it ever existed. The experiments, the entire show of gas, lights and everything so far, those couldn’t have gone that way? There’s no way it could’ve grown to that size out of nowhere with nothing to it. Everything so far.’ ‘It’s mad, I knew, but we. Look, nothing makes any sense so far, but we know there’s no way out of this, do we? So why bother? We won’t escape but it may have a chance to.’ He was hallucinating again. It was almost as if they had heard him and have crawled through the walls and spread everywhere in that room, looking at him. This time was different, for this time they spoke. ‘Tell them this.’ Various voices told him, once they pushed forward their necks and troubling heads. ‘It is safe to get through that door now. The red light will not hurt us, as it seems likely to have been nothing but a cheap trick.’ Sullivan seemed to have said it, word for word. They listened and seemed to have been caught in their own delusions. No one had been aware of anything any longer, which in prompt seemed to have let them reign off to their needs. It was unclear. No word went over as of that time. But they waited for an hour or two, looking at the walls, some with green or yellowed eyes. Something in the air seemed to have affected their pigmentation as well. Just as it seemed that they were getting sicker, their wills had been getting weaker as well. Now they obeyed. ‘Are you certain of it Sullivan? We trust you.’ ‘You’re the only one trustworthy Sullivan. After all, you risked your life trying to look into some way out for us. A hero, I might add.’ They almost worshipped him, as he went ahead, and worked his way through the panel. The

door opened and one by one they went outside. By now, the red light had brightened too much that it hurt just standing on the other side and getting a glimpse of it. But neither man had seemed to care or to observe. 'Close it now, can't you see you're hurting us as well?' 'But they're inside of it.' 'Close it, close, close it, I said close it.' More voices joined as the others seemed to drag themselves from the mass which seemed to creep on the wall above him. 'He asked you to close it, or else you may doom us as well, you need to listen and close it now, press them. Press the buttons he said, enter the command. You're bleeding, bleed, bleeding, close, we need to enter the numbers again. Lock, lock, lock it now.' 'All right, stop it already, you're all making me nervous.' He had, without a shame or a glimpse of guilt, locked them there. He had been unable to think for himself there, unable to realise how inevitable it had been as well. Sullivan somewhat knew he would end the same way, but at least this way, he could buy some time. 'You shall do what we tell you to do. Look at it, the open box there, look inside of it and above.' 'It's too dark for me to see anything.' Said Sullivan, while trying to adapt his sight to what appeared to reign between the many overlapping dark walls. Other than the various parts which appeared to stretch endlessly, there had been nothing there. Only a few things seemed likely to be consistent with what he thought off in his mind. A lesser man would see much less than what his eyes saw. And even then it wasn't what ticked him off. One drop, a single drop of blood seemed to have made contact with his nose. It came from the hole he snuck his big ugly nose in. He knew then he would suffer, after realising that it had escaped somehow. Even more so, he knew he would be the only one, which drove him to a burst of rage. Without thinking he had stroke a valve. The top above him released the lock. It wasn't the one at the door, but what kept the water from flooding the room. 'Stop this, tell me how to stop this, the valve is broken.' Mostly, it had been the various things he tried over, against which his mind worked against him. Sullivan seemed to have forgotten the codes to unlock the door as well, while, he was mocked and laughed at by those filthy spreading malignant heads above him. 'You, you all tricked me. This is your fault. I'll drown, the heat, I'll boil, or die by the red light, I know it's coming, I can see its red shades.' 'Who's at fault for torturing the being with the help of the light? Was it not your people who switched and turned and made contact with it? Plus, I would bother about the electrical panel over there coming into contact with the water. I wouldn't even be certain which one of them could be responsible for your death. But I would hurry if I were you.' Hurry where, to what, the small metal plate of the floor. He could place it back and hold it. But it had been too heavy for a single man to lift it. 'I could crawl inside that hole. I think I'll be able to fit there.' Despite being slightly soaked, he decided to try. It was tight, but at least he had been partially right about it. He entered and seemed to be able to fit his head. His other parts seemed to have been working against him. But it was there that he had met his end. What he had failed to see in the dark was a small piece of the insulation pipes which had been cracked and broken. It left a sharp edge against which his neck now rubbed. The weight and the fact that he had been on his toes didn't help in any case. For there he met his bloody end, in an utmost horrible way, as he went ahead to rub back and forth, his shouts had echoed in that lost fort. The facility lay abandoned afterwards. A few more people died on the field. It seemed like this sudden infestation of man was running to an end. There wasn't a way to fight against the amount of drones and giants which hunted and started reforming the whole sector they had been in. Unclearly said, or observed, it seemed likely that there would be no survivor by the time the eight quarter of the overall section would be locked. Survival rates were low, even for those who had somehow managed to dig a deeper hole to hide themselves in and play coy by the time

those giants left the area. Most of the place had looked not like some sort of battlefield now but like a prison made of blocked walls, with only room enough left for their own small places to be locked. Either those blocks of metal would fall from above or they would be caught off and sealed there. Regardless of the method through which their fates would be met, it was clear enough that there wasn't a way to avoid it. Every single living being there was in danger of immediate peril and death. Undoubtedly said, there wouldn't be anything clearer than that. As much as it had looked that way, there wasn't any sort of consistency to be looked upon. Fear seemed to reign, one man out there would feign. And as soon as the sound of him slamming against the wall echoed inside the tiny chambers which had been left free, the giant machines came and slammed another block on another stop. It had been a disaster on both sides. The dirt had to be carried out for it had racked too close to what had seemed to be benign. Where's everybody? Loneliness wasn't what defined this soldier. It was the fact that he had been separated for this long that he had grown accustomed to the likes of the walls around him. He had scribbled on them with some white chalk he had found long before, when there had been dirt, when there had been grubs to trade with. They had been mindless but even for them to show intelligence in order to trade had been a delight. Unfortunately, it had been short-lived, for he had been caught there, with his mind sinking even lower. There was the dread which came from either seeing a shadow or a strong light coming. Far away, the lift stopped even taking people on the other level, for those who managed to even glimpse at the sight of what lay beyond them seemed never to return. It was unclear what had been activated there, but no man could escape through that way without being completely demoralised and immediately destroyed. Either some ray or some force crept and annihilated whatever organic form of life had been detected, making sure that there were levels which would be cleansed of this virus or organic pest. Neither soldier made it through nor soon enough it would be over for either. It seemed like those walls were only pumps and this level would have to become active sooner or later. Just as it had been thought off, the top had started coming down. It dwarfed the men, who went on their knees and looked above them with the fear of being crushed, soon to realise that it stopped. There was no casualty so far. No man died from being hit or getting crushed yet. Safety came at a price nonetheless, as no one bothered to look away. But both the bottom and the top seemed to pump back and forth, which had been well enough for them to be certain. Those damn machines won't make it through any longer, as hard and hardened as they seem to be, they are too big and too wide to fit through the halls. It's only a matter of time until something of the sort might happen. Something of the sort, as in the sector being completely abandoned, as in the dire hopes of being forgotten, this would be the one time they would get a chance to hope for it. No drone laid there in the open. For this would be a simple victory, as there was no nuisance, the dirt and the sand had been gone, even the grubs and the corpses which had been turned against them seemed to have disappeared. 'Michael.' 'Sergeant, you're still alive! I'll be damned, we're still alive.' Two more soldiers came from distant places, almost afraid. This was a small plot of metal they stood in, with no more spread and not a single more shin of area to lie upon. What had happened there and how was it? It had been an awful journey but they stood straight. 'I'll make a fire and do good, it does seem to have gotten cold around here.' 'Look soldier, I'm more than packed on cans, this should keep up going for a while longer until someone else comes to find us.' 'Shouldn't one of us stand guard in case they decide to return?' 'No, soldier, we won't get another chance like this one. I doubt it might even matter if we were to be found, it's already over. Say, how much ammunition are you carrying? Thought so.' Even from his face, he could tell that

the soldier was prepared to lie. At least eight others who might've been supposed to have been alive were missing. Nothing to shoot and nothing to shoot with, at it seemed like most of their guns had been jammed or malfunctioning for something close to days if they were kind with it. Dangerously aware of what was going on with others, it looked less like what would happen to them, as creakingly aware of some dreadful nuisance, but less than what it would've been if only it worked. 'It's right around the corner sir.' They followed with their opened cans, everyone using some rusty spoon they either inherited or kept a hold off for some time. All of them dark haired or gray, poor of sight and tired, stood in front of the elevator, clear of sight and aware that this had been what they had looked for. 'I'm afraid, it's too little and too late. It doesn't seem like it's going to work, at least not up there.' Through the glass there had seemed to be the closed off region, barred with a metal gate which prevented any kind of entry. If there had been a way to get through at all, it had been down. But there hadn't been an elevator leading down there. Only the long metal flat rounded line which stretched through the middle and seemed to go on down forever. Every man seemed to have ripped a piece of their undershirts and as they wrapped it around that line, they started slowly downscaling it.

Clearly, something would come close to being dangerous, there would some cruelty involved, and by the likes of normal being which would creep around until destruction came. It had been unclear who had been in the lead, but in the dark, they crept until one shimmer of light did appear. One giant door opened. Some motion deception had been in place. It was close enough for a man to make a leap towards and for the others to follow in his wake. Unlike the previous level which had moved and seemed to have been changed into some kind of piston, everything here had

been clean. There wasn't any blood on the floor and everything was automated. Plates were being branded and shaped, cut and melted. It looked like a forge for pieces which spanned across and through the walls. The sharp parts had been the worst so far, as, by any way through which they would be looked at, it could be unclear as to whether or not it, it could be dangerous to approach. A few of the metal arms were at work as they pointed their hot points at them. 'Easy here, easy now, we're not trying to do anything.' The voice seemed to calm it down. It worked, for some reason, as slowly, as his hands went down, the arm noticed that he had been unarmed and returned to its work. That thing would've stung more than anything he had dealt with in the past. 'Try not angering anything here, I don't like

the looks of it.' 'Then, could we not move a level lower? I don't like this place either, but I'm also not trying to shove myself into something I won't be able to get away from.' 'Just follow me and don't make any move, nothing too out of the ordinary.' 'Like some men who don't belong here and don't look like anything but out of place, right?' 'Don't get smart with me now, and just try to be calm. We have to find some kind of off switch and turn them down. It's the best way we could get back at them. If we somehow sabotage their belts and lower levels, we might stop whatever is going on here.' 'Sergeant.' A man shouted as soon as he had been met by the belt. One of the bodies which had been worked on seemed to have been caught alive, or driven on. It got up, even though it had only been

half a torso, half a hand and one hand which could only extend from a pipe. That thing grabbed one of the low ranking officers by the neck and seemed to grab him there. In that moment, the belt stopped and suddenly every other did as well. The automation paused and as it did, the arms seemed to turn as if nervous of their work being interrupted. It was unclear as to what was going on there, but those things seemed to grow hotter by the minute. One quick jab and their faces and bodies could be maimed by the heat pointers. But everyone waited and looked at the main disturbance. It had been that uncorked and unfinished bot which had stood there, keeping the tight grip on the

human's collar bone and pressing it slowly. The pain was disturbing at first but the pain could only come in form of blood. He was gushing out of his mouth and nose. Something was being injected as it seemed. Four arms seemed to have detached out of their stationary points as they attached themselves to the ceiling. Slowly they moved into position. 'Sergeant, look at what they're trying to.' He raised a hand and tried keeping as much faith in them as he could. As they went there, like some peculiar surgeons, they seemed to start the process and came to the point where the pipe would receive a hole. It revealed just the intense magnitude of its insides. Many wires, tubes and circuit seemed to reign inside. More than that, there had been the dreadful smell which came from the smoke as the hand had been disabled. It had been done yet. As soon as the metal hand had been pulled, slowly, it had taken out its needle out of the officer's collar bone. It was long and had been attached for far too long. The area around it not only changed to a blue and a purple but there had been signs of a bone infection there for not too long. The bot had been disabled but that hadn't ended yet. There was still the problem of the man, who stood, dazedly on his feet with an area which had been so affected that neither man seemed to think there was a chance for his survival. It was then when they interfered. Two arms wrapped around him and held out with their entire extension as if they had been a chair and a repulsory. 'Stand still soldiers, we may not have anything else to do for him yet. Let's see where this leads.' 'But, they're going to kill him sir.' 'Just wait for it and be ready to make it for the elevator and get grab a hold of the line.' Even now, the cold coming from its inside hadn't gone away, as for some reason, the door hadn't closed. They were exposed. Something as real and organic hid there, as they were aware. But would standing here be any much worth it? That couldn't be answered yet, not until they witnessed what they did to their comrade. They had soled something off in his body. At least from the mere sight, a fraction of his collar bone had been removed, instead of which there came something similar to it, out of some scrap metal junk pile which had laid not far from where they acted. The man stood there without shouting and took the pain as they cut, removed, stopped the bleeding and replaced the piece which had been taken and thrown. It looked like they had been done, each of the arm retreating back to its place and migrating towards its work. 'Come on, come on already, they won't let you get away otherwise.' Some of them laughed. Despite the pain and the loss of blood, he could still stand and join his brothers in arms. After all, it hadn't been as bad as it looked and only the pain was there as shallow as it had seemed to be. Unclear whether it would remain, they weren't even sure who'd look at it in the most peculiar manner. Two more moments there, as they looked behind, trying to decide what to make out of the arms. Clearly, they had seemed to be aware of what a human was like, especially with the way they had reshaped him. How much worse would it happen to be as they were to descend? Each man came next, leaving the one wounded man in the middle so they could try catching him between their ranks. He held one of the legs of it. Grogg above him and seemed to trust him enough not to let go. His legs were strong, and seemed to hold on, as, every now and then he would make sure his arms were wrapped around them as well as they held the piece of cloth which held him where he was. It was something close to him being wrapped both at the metal line and inside. Inside, was that what he had heard? Someone had said inside, quickly at that as well. What had they meant by that? There was no door open, just that, strangeness, the feeling of floating and being unable to go further below. One hole opened but that wasn't even close to being called traditionally a door, rather, some decrepitude of an entry through which their muscles had no control over. It was uneventful, the way they seemed to creep inside, as to look at it in a dreadful manner, they would be unaware of the

consequences of woe, the way it looked, rather, made them unaware whether or not their feet would welcome the ground. As soon as it appeared that they all gravitated towards it, the long coiling plane against which they had been manipulated towards, they whined, as they had been broken apart. Inside that long cone, which stood in darkness, they looked towards its outside form. A pair of belts which had been connected as if through some constellation of many stars attained a perfect form. Their glow radiated then as they had been immediately destroyed. Nothing had been left out of them, neither body nor consciousness, as they had ventured too far, in some place they didn't belong. It didn't matter what their struggle had been, but what would happen afterwards, when the humans had been extinct in that place as there would be no biological life to muffle and to corrupt. They were now in their own world, with their own. Cursed, one might say, to live their layman lives, never to disturb and never to be disturbed by any means. Near a lake, as they stood, one which seemed to have been pure and unmolested by the presence of some grim thing. Their memories faded and most of them seemed to have lived good lives. But some had been stuck, struck and seemed to have been caught. In-between worlds, for those whose deaths hadn't been entirely supreme and unstationary, they had been left there, in some sort of dark transition, held by tiny humanoid shadows. They laughed and they grinned, now, as they rested, they seemed to be docile. It wasn't even certain how long it would take but each man who had gotten there seemed to have looked upon themselves only to notice the darkening of their shallow bodies. Now they could roam and walk through this infestation of metal and float through the walls, unaware of the light room below. One nameless spirit seemed to have crept towards the light room and saw the dark cone. Its belt of dark stars radiated with death. As soon as he flew in as close as he could be drawn towards it, he stopped and seemed to be alarmed. Unaware of the fact that touching it would be pure agony, he could only feel the constant pain of being in its presence. Others followed him, like tiny imps, children-like in form. Some were infants who didn't look like they had died, at least not the way he seemed to have passed away. He looked below his ribs and saw a giant hole which had extended down the line. No man would survive that kind of a blow. But the infants had been pure, the younger ones as well, even the older children who seemed able to grow. And as opposed to him, they all looked uninjured and very much more fluid than he had been. Neither one came near it, as if it had been understood that this death device would bring nothing but agony and despair. There would be nothing less of that if he continued going the way he had. 'Don't go near.' A shouting voice came. He had been saved from falling before he could awake from the mesmerizing pain he felt. Something dreadful, something bizarre, it would be unclear whether or not, he would be good at that. Clearly, he had been away, from the looks of which he lost his way. Both his fingers had been missing but he had recognised the man despite the lack of clear features. Something unholy had acquired most of them at the moment that pair of belts suddenly turned as if alive. A reanimated giant wretch of a thing, as it just happened for it to slam and trash everywhere around it in a motion which suddenly slammed and crushed every single other dark child as well as the two of them. Their bodies had been wrecked by the strike and immediately disabled with the supreme aspect of dark which had reign in their insides. A cruel fate, as it had seemed, no clear view of them crept within. If it would've been a crueler woe, none of them would be alive, but the two of them survive. As incomplete men, they floated away, as they had been pushed by the winds created by the dark stars there, pushing them as far as they would. Looking at them gave an eerie feeling to the others who had been whole. Inside their bodies there were not only missing parts but they had opened a whole new can of

worms. There were small worm lings which bore smaller dark shining stars. A spoil coming from the fact that they had survived, as to their shine there came another release. When this dark prison ended, the shining worms had dragged them into their mad world, the halls and the strange place which they had wandered in. Where all the servants stood and greeted even more of those who had invaded, as the guards had been on their toes. All of them had similarities, in the way they had been dressed but colourless, other than that dark and deep red or crimson in their eyes. But another thing which held them together was those tiny shining dark stars which seemed to have infected everyone there. Outside they pointed at looked. 'Where are we now?' The words seemed to be slow and every time one of them spoke, it looked like an array of dark dust came out of their mouths. It had been unclear whether or not that could have an ill effect, but looking outside, at the gray sky, there had been revealed. The darkest of the stars, of which radiated with such a power that most of its mass had become a dark light which could only be seen as something transparent and weak. It wasn't solid but more akin to some floating bud of a flower, lost in the vastness of the extreme space. And they had bore the sky and they had been greeted with ill. 'Who are you, strangers? Why have you arrived here? You're not welcome in this place for your arrival here had been by chance.' Looking at themselves now, they had been whole again, by the mere glimpse. But they had felt those worms and the stars inside of them and it had been undeniable that this stranger could feel or knew for what they had come there. 'We're only trying to escape. We had been trapped.' 'Silence, I say. You are intruders here, in our world. Though you may bear our mark and are part of our beings, interlopers, must though intrude through this madness of ours? Then lest you follow, leave at once, but know this, the lands are barren outside our halls.' As soon as he said it, this man nodded for the guards to open the doors. It had been as he had said. The world outside looked as if it had been destroyed, the lands stretching had looked as if they were either flattened or filled with some peculiar dust which had stretched beyond imagination. But the marks on the ground had signaled, in the least that there had been something there. 'What about those?' 'We're the only survivors from the great destruction.' 'What about the others? You couldn't have checked every single corner of this world.' 'Indeed we haven't.' 'Then how do you know we aren't one of them either. After all, you couldn't have checked every place on this plane.' He stood there thinking about this, despite the strangeness and how they just popped right in out of nowhere, it may just be. But how could one explain the strange appearances they bore? They were different, they spoke and dressed differently than they had. But wouldn't a survivor be changed? Wouldn't the destruction change its entire body forever? 'Follow me in that case, we may decide what's to be done.' The guards opened the doors, in front of them while the outside had been closed. Inside the wide room, which had been shattered to look the form as if a rhombus, there laid a table and too many chairs to count, at least more than there could be filled. One more thing had seemed strange, the architecture, at least the way they seemed to have been caught by the appearance of it. Large pillars lay, but they weren't straight, as they seemed to be arched backwards towards the walls. They held them in place, but the vileness came from the fact that they bore holes in which there were those small dark stars as well. It was their symbol, that much had been known. The ceiling had been domes and squared in various sharp teeth marks, which would undoubtedly retreat as to open. More so, people started to gather. Despite them being strangers there, neither one of the council, as one would seem to believe they had been a part of, actually cared of them being what they were. For them, these were just mere insignificant outsiders. They didn't look dangerous, they were unarmed, and they stood up instead of sitting

as they would be frowned upon. 'Ageus, who are they? Why haven't they been marked yet? You said they would be survivors, for which I could see as right. But why have they come here? Why haven't they died with the rest of this primitive world?' May we not speak for ourselves? One of them seemed to wonder and ask himself while there was no retreat. Though there was no way in the conversation as they all seemed to assemble in an orderly manner which left no room for entry. Neither man looked surprised or even shocked by the fact that they were there. Alive, out of everything they've heard. They seemed clueless as to why it mattered, for the presence of survivors. 'Don't take it personal, new-comers, it's not that it's not that great of a deal that there are other survivors lost in the world.' Said a voice from a bottleneck, which seemed to walk slowly from the end of the room. He looked rather young or middle aged. It was hard to tell since the only defining features were those bones which pushed them down. They seemed to have grown around their ribcages and as they seemed to have aged, they only got heavier. Another thing which seemed to distance one another was how much of that black dust had been spat out. For the bigger boned elders, the dust would be enough to fill a barrel full of it, at least by the time it disappeared in the wind. Not only that, but they appeared to be even less curious or concerned. They looked at their maps and their plans, the words scribbled on the walls and on the table with little concern about them. What if they had been spies sent there? Could it really have been that worse that they had no concern for any threat whatsoever? 'Well, I, for one, am curious, how have you managed to survive? Are there others like you out there?' 'We.' There was a slight hit from his beck. Right below the trading mark, it had been shallow and little felt, as there hadn't been any organs to be hit from there. 'Careful what you say to them. I'll let you do the talking while I look around the room.' Whispers came and went, and even then they weren't likely to be offended by the secrecy. Or at least they didn't look like it. They haven't looked like anything. It had all been too confusing for one night, especially at such a story. But if anything, if there had be a lie, he knew, as a soldier that he had to throw in something real just so he could make it even more believable. It was his only chance to get away with it. 'We almost died, I think. You see, something strange happened out there, in that mess of a red storm. As the dust and the winds seemed to have almost swallowed us, we saw something which almost came and destroyed us.' He had described, to his best of abilities, what that tentacle of many belts looked and acted like. His cheating manner through which he lied laid in the circumstances upon which they had encountered it. Since they had no way of knowing what human beings was this limp of belt and dark suns appeared somewhere out there, in the desert. 'It was a miracle we survived its wrath, as it had come out of nowhere and seemed to have almost ruined everything in its sight. There had been a tremor of woe coming out if as it ruined the buildings, creped on the dust and ended the lives of everyone out there.' 'Other than the two of you, I presume.' That couldn't have explained the strange features they appeared to have noticed on them. It could not be explained. By any means as well, both of them looked like every other one around there. As a fact, they were indistinguishable from one another as well. Was the person they were talking to an elder or a female? Even the younger sounding council members bore some large collars around their chests, so that couldn't have been it. It was time for them to bring forth what they had gathered. 'This wouldn't happen to be a private meeting would it?' Asked the other soldier as they had brought the living block there. From its shape, what had been drawn was the fact that it was changing. Pieces of sharp-looking sides and almost pointing cones seemed to have popped out of it. 'This should bring change.' One of the elders in the middle, if they were being, said. 'No one shall be excluded from this sight, from this change which is to come. With this alone,

we shall master everything here and make sure there shall be nothing coming forth with brought destruction. Our kin shall survive and soon as we're inside.' Suddenly the doors locked, the holes barred and the lights came to be. What had been the deal with the seals placed on every exit? No real certainty could account for this, which they had feared. Trapped and trapped again, they asked. 'What are you planning to do with that thing?' But as if their voices seemed to echo, the stronger had its influence become. Soon enough, the many suns had their dark light drawn inside before they had been pulled in. Most of their bodies had been shaped and had their mass drawn in, leaving nothing but some peculiar looking skeletons which barely stood still. They could still move in their strange forms, dust falling off them. It felt like they had been afflicted by some sort of a disease as they dance malignantly through the seal. 'It it's done.' The lights came on and on a sudden curve, in the middle of the chamber; right through the middle of the table, there opened a grooming hole, which appeared to have been alive. In its bile, this thing through which they stored themselves had been places and swollen pushed itself in its depths. There would be no entry for either of them as it just happened for the moment when one pushed its bone-like hand inside the bile, it had melted in it. No pain came, no feeling whatsoever, as the doors opened, the lights switched and every exit came unsealed, other than the hole in which the sealing effigy had been stored. When the guards came in and inquired of the change, there appeared to be no response. There had been no like in those bones, other than some primitive passiveness which never came into light. For their looks and the blight they produced as they walked couldn't even compare with the likes of the dust which may have come out of them when they had been alive. But it would be much worse in their new tormented entry world. Where they had set themselves forth inside had been an ever-changing environment which seemed to have been just another mad spoil, which had been reckless. 'Now spread around and try to bring as many of them back to life.' Lifeless corpses lay on the various mad hills and inclined towers which seemed to have been anchored in the walls above them. But the corpses weren't normal by any means, as they seemed to bear the signs of automatons, or rather constructs of wood. They weren't as dark as they had been but seemed to be painted with red around their cheeks, simple clothes and features which varied. Most of them looked way too blunt to be smiling on that strange day, as it just happened for the sun to have had a light which looked yellowish-gray. What had come afterwards, on an immediate switch had been a pitch-black night, which had only been revealed with the help of some near-green or deep yellow lights from above. 'What's wrong with the way they look?' There was no one around him to hear his inquiry. But those people below them had almost madly comical features. Long mouths, crooked noses, empty sockets with tiny blobs instead of eyes. And worst of all, they seemed to be breathing even though by means of being checked, they had no pulse. Corpses breathing now? What kind of made plane had they been in. How was he supposed to bring him to life? It wasn't easy, that was certain, but the only attempt he had tried was some sort of shock. His hands came over his chest and he had pushed a tiny bit too hard. That thing rose from his place, with a missing piece of the upper front side of his chest, which the soldier had accidentally pushed through while pushing an inaudible scream. A resurrection attempt failed already as he fell back, bleeding internally with no way to be saved any longer. Reluctantly, he jumped near another, looking at their features again. This one had been heavier but he had to be brought into the light. Again, he had not realised on which side he had been grabbing on. As he looked behind he saw that he had left behind only the body while he had ripped his head off and threw it off the ground. 'How am I supposed to bring you back? This never ends well.' They

had been repugnant now. Especially as they stood in their pile of corpses, as his every attempt ended up in him having accumulated some intensive neat pile of broken parts which didn't work properly any longer. Worse than that had been the fact that they spoke now. It had been a while since he had murdered everyone in there but they were no long a liability. Most seemed to grunt and smile, having no control over their limbs or over their emotions. It was unclear what had to be done here, whether or not they could be left alive, but he had done it nonetheless. One way or another, he had managed to bring every single one of them back to live and it was disturbing. He had to be mad to stay there with them, but he heard them in the way they acted. One man came through the pitch of the night and seemed to have found it. This had been a mess and worse than that, the man who had found the soldier was his comrade in arms. 'What have you done here? Did you do this all by yourself?' 'I can explain Rhotdam, I haven't, and it wasn't because of me. I shouldn't have but they just broke as I touched them. Have you tried bringing anyone here back to life?' Rhotdam looked the other way as well. He had been just as guilty over it but. What? 'Can't you hear it though? I have achieved my purpose nonetheless. Look, hear, hear, now, can't you feel them? They're trying to speak.' There was an interlude through which he attempted to listen to something, anything which might be. Nothing there, whatever he claimed to have heard there was nothing. 'There's nothing going on, they cannot speak. Do you understand? They can't hear, they can't move, twitch or show any other sign than their lifelessness. Even before, where they had shown signs of breathing that had at least been something. But now, they're not even able to do it any longer, do you understand?' He had to take his word for it, he had to. But what was he seeing now? 'Let us leave them and work together.' 'But how might we hold any track of one another in this dark of night? Is there some way we might escape? Without a certainty, we might look out of place and we may never be met by any means to suffice.' 'What do you mean? We only have to grab a hold of our clothes and walk slowly towards the lights out there. You'll see once we're in there, don't worry. Nothing may stop us now. We'll be safe.' He assured his fellow as they walked. Soon enough, as he had said, through the night, they found a way down, but it had been in the light. A bloating pair of corpses seemed to raise themselves rather ill. Most were fattened past and beyond repair, but they were just as static as they had been. What separated them from the ones above, other than their giant bellies were their thin and long arms which pushed forward out of their chests. Clearly they had been of the same species as the ones below. 'Look, there's one of the stars following us. I think it lives.' Indeed it had looked that way, with the fact that it reacted to their tones and their voices, it could not be doubted that it had been aware of them as well as it appeared to have taken a liking to them. For, it seemed to bounce and dangle when it approached but kept the distance, as if not to disturb or fear the madness of what had been upright. Clearly, there had been something much morose when their likes had met an active trader. It was the only one down there, in their depths, from the insides of the cave. Much more than what they had seen, there was an entry through the bridge. Only one remained and at some sort of in-between the cave and the other entrance, there had been this living thing, which seemed very much empty headed. For the looks on its face had been even worse than the ones which laid on both the corpses outside and the ones below which had been fatter. It seemed like it had taken a saddened appearance for its likes had waited there for far too long. And no one came. Its nose had almost gone from being crooked to having fallen off. Its eyes had a few flaps which blinded what had been of the holes. Even as they approached and they wondered whether they would know of be aware of anything of the sorts, it would be cruel to think otherwise. They were to be uneven

through their disguise of madness and creakingly aware, they seemed to be out there already, past him. 'It's sad, isn't it? I think I would've liked to browse its tiny shop and see what it had gathered.' Though he might've had only stones and small pockets of orange filled glowing blocks, they were rather peculiar and interesting in nature. This could've been an opportunity in the least. But there, it seemed that they would be driven to it. What appeared to be no man, but statue, no creep, but the beast. It seemed, at least from the appearance. From the dark, in the array, after the bridge there seemed to be a system of stairs which lead below. It would be a long descent, the likes of which only lead to some trouble. But there, in the middle of the chamber below, surrounded by light which came from nowhere else, other than itself, there had been a statue. It held something akin to eight arms, all of which had been rotten from their very sauced and connected only through the bone which kept them interconnected to the rest of the body. Its forms became even clearer as they started receding to the bottom. There the heat and the cold had gone through mad cycles and changed their effects and temperatures for every second which passed. 'Should we have gone this way instead of trying to help them out there?' 'I don't think they'll need our help any longer, unless you count us to murder what other defenceless bodies lay out there. You know how it turned the last time, right? Why are you?' Why was he looking at it all of the sudden? It was almost as if he heard something again. First the corpses, now this. Of course it wasn't his fault that he had been driven to this point, but the least he could do was to attempt to be normal. It was there though that it spoke. 'Come closer.' He almost strapped himself for a sprint in the dark. Something even the star feared. It seemed like their glowing friend stood and waited adjacent to their way back. By no way would it approach whatever the statue in the middle of the room was. As clear as its features had been, it took the stance of a warrior and stood repugnantly aware. Each arm held a body which wasn't there at all, and as soon as he saw his fellow stop, he caught up with him and saw why. It held a body which had been similar to the ones above them, from whence they had came. Both of them looked at one another after staring at the corpses and knew, instinctively that they weren't there when they had first looked at the statue. Neither was the pile of corpses upon which he stood. No, that had been something close to a rounded base of stone. Its face had been deformed, its teeth sharp and protruding. A flat had lay at the back but domed above, with a chin which had been broken and eyes which had been blinded. The details of the blood coming into the form of stone had been minute detailed. They had wondered whether or not this had been a living thing once which had been cursed and turned into stone. For no amount of detail could be spared like that. Its muscles bulged and chest unbidden, in the back nothing was hidden. Both of their gazes revealed the broken side which had reigned inside. There had been ribs missing, organs and even a good chunk of it. Inside of that hole resided another one of the corpses which had been killed outside. Most importantly, it had been headless, which had spoken enough of their actions there. 'What does it say?' This time he seemed to have believed it, for some reason. But he hadn't even told him it had spoken to him. Was he expecting it so curiously or had it been a guess? 'It's silent now, I think.' 'So, it had spoken to you before, would that be correct?' 'Indeed it would, but what do you think that means?' 'I don't know, just leave me be, I can't think of it, I don't want to be bothered by voices again.' But it had happened then, whether he wanted it to happen or not. There was only one man affected by this ordeal, which made little sense as it had barely left any room to wonder. What was it saying then? It had spoken. Its mouth suddenly started moving as if it had been living the entire time and hadn't been a statue or the sort. From its grasp, the stone texture had been lost and instead of it, there had been

revealed some kind of skin-like, blood dripping, malignant form which almost burst bulging in the form of a muscle. The other pairs of muscles seemed to start at it again, going through their dreadful motions as they paired with one another in their dreadful manner. A cruel thing came as the leap out of the pile had seemed to release the corpses which had lain in its giant hands. It grabbed both of them as if they were nothing more but the equivalents of the bodies it had thrown away and seemed to stare. 'Do you hear me now? Would this work for you in the same manner as your fellow had listened?' His mouth was bloody because his teeth had been misaligned. They looked like tusks and sometimes, they appeared to have pierced through his big, bloody lips. It pulled out a tongue which had been long and forked, attempting to lick one of their faces only to feel nothing there. They had been expressionless and tasteless. It didn't matter as much, since, despite their struggles and their so-called advantages in their peculiar encounter, they had been too weak to escape his grasp. 'What do you want of us? I understand you've spoken to him, but why are you holding us?' 'Because I have watched you closely, ever since you have decided to seek refuge in this plane of mine. Do you not think I have not realised who you are? Have you undertaken the fact that I'm aware that you are nothing alike them by any measurement whatsoever? I know of you and of your place, invaders. You may have joined their ranks but I know better than to trust you.' 'So what do you want of us?' 'Servitude until my needs and requirements are met. Afterwards, you shall be set free to roam wherever you want and do whatever might please either of you. I give you this deal, serve me or face the consequences of your actions.' 'Was this a trick all along then? Were you pretending to be out of stone?' 'Indeed it had been but now, it's not the time to question any of it. You're to listen and obey. Neither one of you shall be suffered here with that amount of insolence whatsoever. Do you understand?' Both nodded, with little resistance now and not much reluctance to do what he asked for. After all, his thick fingers had seemed to be so wrapped around their tiny necks that his grasp had only held three of them around, as its full hand might've crushed them whole. Suddenly, a burst of growth had started. It had been time to be whole. As the corpses around them started to thin, right about the pile, the upper area which had been empty, around the upper side of his arms, as well as the hole from his back had started being filled by the mass of meat which lay on the ground. Even his mouth tears and bloody nose had come back into one piece, leaving only the approach which had been laid. 'You've already made me a rather pleasant service, in offering me the corpses outside. Whether it was intentional or not, that's irrelevant. Do you accept my deal or will you perish here, alone? Their time out there runs short and this decision of yours shall affect them in the same kind of manner.' 'Will you offer them the same deal?' 'Perhaps I will, little man, perhaps they'll accept where you have refused after I would've presented them what the alternative is. They all seem peculiarly aware and full on themselves, as if they'd be immortal or near never-ending. A much more than a supreme kind of agony shall be inflicted on them at the end.' 'Wait, wait, before you do anything rash, you must know.' His neck had been grainy now. This kind of pain was obviously reminiscent of what had happened before, the likes of which had been even less dreadful than this. But never had they been offered the chance. Never would they get it again. 'They're trying to resurrect them, your servants.' 'And I have no need of it. Do you think they had never been awake before? Do you think I would've slaughtered them all for no reason or that I have lost my power? Ignorant little insect, a mere snap of my fingers had resulted in all of them being put down. Another snap had burst the mass of my body, so I would look like nothing more than some abandoned idol. What makes you think it wasn't my will alone which had guided you into the dark

to join me?’ ‘Then it is hopeless.’ Or it had been, it would’ve been, if their minds weren’t already set. Both of them seemed to be out of options now, and in the end, they had given in. Once they had been released from the grasp, they had knelt in front of him. It was hopeless. ‘Who are you? What should we call you?’ ‘Orogh, Myorgh, Ghor, unnamed, call me whatever pleases you more, for I have no need to be called by anything in particular. For I will know if I am called, and I shall heed your call and feed your desire to suffer.’ ‘What do you want of us now? What shall we do?’ ‘Return to the land and start preparing the traps. This need for some kind of resurrection of my servants is benign. It is a mere play with the bodies of the jesters which only entertain me. Now, I have a real play at hand and I shall not easily dismiss it.’ They felt as if they had been guided rather than forced. ‘Walk now, we’re a long way to get there, exactly where we need to.’ ‘What do you intend to do when they see us together?’ ‘They may not.’ He spoke with some amount of certainty at least, as if he knew what was destined to happen. The dark would extend through until there could be something less of a need. Yet the lights out there, of which they inquired. ‘Those are not mine, they belong to some other entity who planted them there. You may’ve seen their long poles, which look like some kind of protrusions from the ground. And they hold their eyes glowing only to look and observe my plane.’ ‘Why haven’t you destroyed them then?’ ‘Why should I bother about them? I have invited the fiend into my world myself. I wouldn’t have been such a great guest if I were to destroy his gifts.’ ‘Even if his gifts intrude on your privacy?’ ‘They cannot see me at all that is one of their major and only flaws they seem to have. I am invisible for their giant eyes, and little of everything else might concern me. If he decided that this sudden arousal is great enough to wager for a return, let it be so. I wouldn’t turn his kind away, nor would I stop him from observing.’ The way ahead, which lay, alas, there were many corpses in their path. One slight extension of their sight had been granted for their likes alone, they could barely see through the dark now but it had been enough. Enough at least, to look at the so called corpses and notice how they would grow. ‘Nothing certainly dies here unless I will it so. Though they may be standing flaccidly, unerect on the ground, with their guts spilled out, they will drag themselves back together until awakened again.’ ‘Has anyone of them managed to raise any of your servants back to live? Have they returned to the living such as we are?’ ‘But little man, you’re not alive. Long ago, though it may have been, you have died. And your kind alone, I’ve seen before. There were many of your, that I have looked from my kingdom in my quiet days. When I had been bored, I had the pleasure and the certainty to know where to look for, this kind of specific thing. It seems likely that I knew of you all along, of your torment and peril, that’s why I have called you here.’ ‘You mean the belt?’ ‘It was all mine, indeed it has been. We’re not in a box now that had been nothing more but an after image of the portal. That thing now lies in an abandoned planet, in an empty universe, as something useless that, by now, it had been broken apart. In its place, there are only skeletons left, which are watching, waiting as their gray stars are dying out.’ ‘Why haven’t you brought the others? And why haven’t you?’ ‘That’s enough, there’s no need for you to raise your voice little thing!’ His giant arm had already flowed forward, grabbing a hold of his tiny neck and pushing a tiny array of strong fingers through. He was holding in something which had almost gone through to choke him by accident. By then, his comrade turned and unaware of what was to be done, he laid frozen and watched. ‘Good, I have no intention of harming either of you know, but even if I had, I could always bring you back to life. To your question, here’s what I may say. Most of your kin had already flown and passed away before they could’ve been caught. And those you have encountered, in the guard chamber had little interest to me. I have plans

to kidnap and inhabit my world once it's finished.' A release had been quid. It was sudden then, but he had felt what had been a loss of breath, which forced him to lie a few seconds on the ground. Though there wasn't that distinguishable mouth or nose, oxygen had been drawn in. Something in it had been abhorrent. Worse than that, its stench was that of roaming dread, the scent of death was near. 'Look at the corpses.' 'A side effect I would like you to inquire about. I have placed the corpses you have brought to me back in place. You should recognise the familiarity of the place we're currently residing in. Though you may no want to look for long, there they are.' One single being made of that pile, guts flung together. It had been floating in the air. Many of their eyes were glowing with some fake kind of red radiance which only left room for wonder. Under which control had it been? Though they may have been given free will, there was no doubt that this Okham had eyes which were just as red as theirs had become. And he had been master over all, by the likes of it. 'What do you intend to do with them?' 'I shall do nothing. Why, they are my jesters, their sole existence is to entertain. I will only find it rather faithful if they were too kind to my guests. Just follow it and do what it says.' He had disappeared then, right, beyond any kind of sense or sound. There wasn't any trace which would've even signaled any kind of certainty that they had been there. It had looked mightily awful by the likes alone. It had been so. 'Great, as it does happen that we certainly wanted to be pushed around by a pile of floating corpses.' All of which laughed and grinned in unison as they said so, making sure to add to the length of their noses and the grins they bore. It seemed like some bizarre glum had been soaked there in blood, one of which could only grow aghast. 'Should we listen to it now?' 'It doesn't sound right, does it? First that thing below its depths and now this creature made out of the corpses you've made. It just doesn't sit well with me at all.' 'Don't blame it on me now, I've had nothing to do with it.' 'Haven't you? Are you certain of that? I'm quite sure, more than enough that you're responsible for it at least in some. It wasn't I who created all those corpses.' 'Can't obey, must say.' That had seemed rather unwell. It went away without waiting and without warning them at all, losing every bit of interest there had been to them. It seemed to have lost itself into the dark, or at least would've completely done so if it weren't for the fact that they had this fraction to see it. Not to mention that it had been tall and wide enough not to miss. 'Follow it before it escapes and creates more trouble than there needs to be.' 'But what shall we tell them if we're being seen together?' 'We'll lie and say this happened not because of us but because of some ill effect which had been beyond our power. Don't forget what that Orogh said. He'll be watching us move through this place, not to mention that if we don't play his game, we might end up in his pile.' Their will was quite beyond the need to defile. But both could see how filthy the grass had come to me. It was miserably desaturated, being as close to a yellow with each strand. Not to mention the insect and the likes of the dirt below it which had been softer than expected, and much more tainted that it had seemed to be. It was unclear whether or not it had been anything resembling the living thing from which floated now. But either way, they followed, unable to deny that it was greeted with open arms. Both of them stopped in their tracks. 'Look, it had managed what we have failed. Those servants are rather close to being alive. They're moving and bowing to their master.' 'But won't they just be absorbed in that manner? Under what circumstance will we wait and see? What's there to be?' It had looked as if it would be unclear, there was nothing there to fear for either one that looked obscure. But they bowed again and dance, as they had been avoided afterwards. It seemed that it had to be their default position and their play when they weren't given orders. How unproductive of them. Creatures which stood there without a mind and without order

to work by, they were merely tainted in the hand. The first reaction that came to either one of them was to attempt to find the nearest rock and to bash one of their heads in. It seemed like they had taken to song, a morbid one, from flutes and small instruments which had been on them for the entire time. 'Quickly, follow before it goes away. We cannot lose this resurrector now, in all likelihood, we must be seen as trackers in order to further our trust to them.' It was clear then, that they had been lost. Surrounded by a few of them, with little of the ill intention of being hurt or bringing it to them, as for the time being, most seemed passive and reluctant to hurt either one. Mostly, it had been the obscure which had tainted their likes. As they stopped from their songs and seemed to be as curious as tiny children, looking to touch and to react to the strange formed dark ones in front of them. First the reluctance came, with either one being reluctant to touch. It could be dangerous after all. It seemed like these ones were too peculiar, too much for mere observation to be attained. Inside their own minds they looked like obscure men, or men who had been obscured. On their side, it couldn't have been farther than what they were opinionated for the likes. Being alive hadn't made them less repulsive or more bearing. They had been peculiar and wrong, being more of an annoyance than anything else. 'Let us follow, we must be heard.' There it had stopped the likes of being heard. It was a full stop in the dark, the silence was there. No one sang, not a noise had been made. Fifty meters away, there it had been. One of the elders, walking slowly from a light point to another, as for him, there could be no way, no possible sight into the great dark. It had been obscured to the point of being near-sightedly blind. They reeked even more. As he seemed to notice, the scent turned him towards a different direction. One more step, or almost a step into the air, as it floated nearer to him, driving the elder farther into the dark. That strangeness was breaking up. It was peculiar, being there, after the song had stopped. But once he had been fairly away, the lights from which he had come and went towards had been stomped. Not by a few, but by the servants which had been brought back to life. They had crawled like slimy things, which grasped for the base, crawled towards the top and started trying to devour the eyes. Light died in them that moment. There was a shake which receded into the ground, not to mention that on both sides, those bled far beyond anything natural. It was painful to watch, but even worse when they both realised what might happen to the elder. In the direction he had been walking towards, there would be nothing waiting for him. He was walking in a sea of sitting bodies, numbed by the likes of waiting. In his tracks, there came this oratory of disgust, the stench of which aroused life in every sitting corpse. He was there. It felt like they were watching and old man who had been affected by dementia who was trying to find his way back home. He lay on his knees, feeling the ground with his hands, pushing forth and calling for something there. No one laid in reach, at least any who might hear or even dare to make an attempt to help him. As bizarrely as it had looked, this was the loner who had been abandoned. The lost soul, the lamb which was to be used for sacrifice, which only begged the question for either one of them, could he die? How certain were they on themselves and on this kind of strange existence they had been set forth in? It was unclear whether or not they had the power to kill them, or merely Ogoth, who had been their captor alone. He more than proved that he could harm both of them whenever he wanted that he could kill them and have them lay in the same pile as the corpses they had created. Worse than that, it had seemed that they could be taken and kidnapped, bashed and forced to obey. They looked only laid forth a commentary on his being. 'Look at how he's trying to get away. They've already managed to surround him now, there's no escape, and he belongs to that pile now.' 'How could you say such a horrible thing? Isn't he one of ours now? Shouldn't we try at least to do something to help

him?' 'It's pointless, and even more, we need to see what happens next. If his life ends and he perishes here, so may we. And that's the most dangerous and horrendous thing which could happen to us. We can't trust this, not a single moment of it, do you understand?' 'Because, if we do we'll end up in the same circumstance as he does.' 'I'll be there to have your back.' The man interrupted as he watched. There was no pause to it as they leaped on the kneeling elder and started piling over him. Despite their coming attempts and the way they tried pushing onto him, there was no dreadful strike which penetrated. It had been a jest, through which they only managed to pound him farther into the ground and trap him there. For that there was no escape, the cage they have made was both made out of bodies, bones and the very dirt below him. The pile flew and sprayed a liquid over them, as to melt the ones on the top. They left the elder unaffected but the chemicals in the liquid had managed to create a pseudo-looking pile of dirt, which had the texture of the jesters lying forth. It was still distinguishable from the normal ground, but there wasn't any sign of an approaching daylight. Blessed by the dark, this seemed to happen everywhere. Light after light started dying off in the distance and one by one they have picked and trapped them there. They both waited to see whether or not they could suffocate. Even as they approached they could hear the heart beats and the circumstance in which the elder was. He was alive. 'They cannot die, and neither can we. Don't you see what suffering awaits us?' 'Only if we disobey, look, it doesn't have to be any different from serving does it?' 'Only that it's from this point forth, and it may never end. Can't you understand that? That's our trap, we're here to obey for as long as it pleases him.' 'And what's the alternative then? Lying in the ground as they do? Would you rather have that or look over his servants? Look around you, they already started waking up.' 'You don't understand anything, do you now? Do you? Why is he keeping us alive? He wanted to use us to gain their trust, but look, he trapped every single one of them, why do you think that is? What's our purpose then if he's already taken care of every single one of them? They're beneath the ground and we're here. Why?' 'That is a good enough question.' Orogth said as he appeared. He had looked like a blank shadow, with a gray-like outline seemingly differentiating him from the blankness of the dark. It seemed that he had been even taller, more horrendous looking as a shade than in his form. His teeth had been outlined as well but they didn't move as he spoke. Rather than it being him in person, this had looked like an apparition. 'I have a task for you. There's one out there whom I have left alone. Neither one of my servants will have approached him by any means, he's to be avoided by everyone but the two of you.' 'What's your intention then?' 'He needs to serve me in a specific task. In the depths of the sky, there's a small nest floating there, held by strings that cannot be cut. He need to be used as bait to draw out the parasite that's been infesting my kingdom and who had used my servants as nothing more than sustenance. Do this favour and I may reward you by some means. Have I made myself clear now? Or must I say something of the vile?' The words didn't bode well, but they seemed to have their visions extended. Not in terms of length or how far they might see, but somewhere in the distance, that almost flying hive out there had been revealed and came under the likes of a higher light. It had been dim but they could see those long and giant limbs coming out of its robust form. They could drag and pick small humanoids from the distance, throwing nothing out of it as they were consumed. Couldn't he have cut the strings that kept the hive in place? Why they to be used and how many things were even resided in there? It was unclear but they obeyed out of fear. Something about it made them feel as if they resigned and the idea of there being some tainted creature hiding in it made it much worse than it had to be. Even in the distance they looked at those small attempts of jests which happened. Their teeth

must've been anything but sharp, since it rather looked as if they were unable to cut deeply through the roughness of the nets which held the hive there. Moreover, they bled out of their gums and out of their mouth, furiously grasping for air since they had been unable to strike for anything else. Those poor servants, no, slaves were forced into pain, only as a show, for them to see how hard it had been for them to try taking the hive down. 'Should we call for help then? It seems like this is something we may not be able to handle alone. At least not with the likes of us.' 'No, we'll get through this together. I don't care for the others as much, but if it does turn out we're unable to die.' 'He never said it, do you understand? He never said we're unable to die. At least I don't think he did. We may be hurt from interacting with someone else who may reside in here with us. The same rules may apply to it as well.' 'I trust him, this Ogoth, I think he's right. We must find another way to trap it at least, perhaps you'll find that it may starve forever but never die off if the likes of it just happen to be true. What do you say about it? May we at least attempt to trap it?' There it had been, its head remained. One of which grasped for air, which seemed to bear the sight of grim and of madness, of evil, deceitful agony of form. It was hard to look at its giant head, the box-like elongated in every direction head, with its giant eyes and gaping mouth. From the inside of its mouth, there were plenty of meat straps which held it in place, which reigned just around its sharp teeth. Its mere sight was damning enough to freeze those poor souls which had attempted to cut off the roots of its nest. That had alarmed the being, and as it had, suddenly from inside its big chest, there came the limbs. Long and sharp, they came and picked up eight of the ones who came with their jests and as it happened, it started eating them one big one in front of them. From where it stood, it seemed like, close it, at least, likely that it could see both of them. For the first time, it waited there, with its head out, caught as if it had never seen any visitors whatsoever. Something peaked its curiosity, at least, so it seemed, since it got out, with its thin body and waited outside its hive. What a peak-like body, it had, thought, rather, for its big head. Two legs and two weak arms lay there, pushing against the ground as it held out. Despite the biological similarity between them, there were things that belonged to one another from which the conclusion could be drawn that they were alike. Obvious overly degenerate forms aside, the burst chest from which the many tendril-like limbs came out from, they were somewhat alike. That had been it. But its dark skin and the hairs, the stench as it approached, the way it grasped for air as if tired had been a dead giveaway of its mad condition and the state it had been in. Just what had this being been? What was it there for? 'This might be dangerous, don't you think it might be a good time to stop. I think we are in its hearing range. Just follow the magnitude of my voice.' 'Listen here.' He croaked another word but it seemed to be pale. Even though it had been dark and there was only the sight in the dark, mostly as it had seemed to be the likes of looking at a dim object, he appeared to have gotten its full attention there. 'What do you want?' It said with the same magnitude, if not higher of a tone, with a mighty indifference which hadn't lasted. Something unnecessarily obtuse seemed to be gone there. Unevenly aware of what was going on between the two of them, there came the following. 'You've come here to disturb my stay, haven't you?' By now, as of the time it spoke, three of its gut-limbs stared out and seemed to have been used for support. Just how had that thing managed to fit inside the hive at all? At least now it appeared as if it had been two or three times the likes of its own nest. Unless there was something which had compiled itself inside its own body, there had been something unnatural happening to it. Dreadfully spoken, as well as it had been paranoid or devoid of many emotions, it spoke. 'If you will, would you come inside my nest and speak to me as a guest? I may not be aware of what's your reason for disturbing my

silence but I may at least get something out of it, wouldn't you think?' Even though they had little trust, they took the bait and followed. It drooled as it looked behind, not saliva but a thick yellowish cover over the oily red blood that seemed to spread from inside its mouth. That had been rotting, it seemed, from one the many carcasses which had been stuck between or had been impaled in its teeth. Much of its ill nature came out. The daftness of hatred had seemed to be bizarre, as they stepped on the invisible bridge which had been laid inside the middle region of the airshaft which went to the entrance of its repulsing kind of lair. The connection between them seemed to have faded as their likes met. Inside this lair, they were met by him, who was standing quite aroused by their presence. It looked like his body had turned inside and remained there, for the likes of which there stood a single mass behind his head.

It looked like a growing benign growth from the side of his head, which moved and pushed as he waited for something to be said. It would've been quite fitting to start with the reason for them being there. But it would've been just as dangerous to say that they were there to drive him out or engulf his lair into pure blistering destruction. 'Well, we were sent here.' 'By whom?' His eyes turned, almost anemone, from one side to another, like two creeping wheels rather than the irises it bore. They held no reflection and seemed more likely to be the kin of empty circles, pushed inside and bred for dread. No colour laid in them, but the lack of ink seemed to be discouraging of the fact that it may have had a soul. It seemed unlikely though. There was something in his breath which was corrupt, in the way it shook in the mass behind its back. The dreadful thing had no form of its own but chose to grin and do its malignant dance behind, as if it had been hiding something. One, rather large pool laid underneath it, and it took no amount of light or vision to get what it had been. The smell of death had been a dead giveaway. He was bathing in blood, but somehow kept a clean appearance rather than it be tainted or dirtied by it. Or it had been only his body and limbs which had been dirtied, leaving his head much more than clean, in which case, it had been disturbing in any case. 'We're cannot say who it was, only that you're not welcome here any longer.

You've eaten too many of them already and this lair of yours needs to go.' All of the sudden his wheels turned towards the other one. They were indistinguishable from the many layers of texture which lay in his lair. Not only that but they were silent enough for him not to notice or be aware of their exact location there. For all intensive purposes they could be nothing more than figments of his mind. That disturbed him, much more than being unaware of what had been going on, looking back at it with fear and disgust, at the time they had entered, he had been unaware if they actually entered his lair or if he had been thinking of it all along. There was no way of knowing. 'But I must know who it was, the one who asked for my exit, for the one who wants me out. I've done nothing but feed my hunger in this place. What does he want of me? To leave? Where?' 'We don't know this. Where.' 'What my partner meant was, could you not return from where you came from? From whatever pit or hole, of rock from the thinness of space you may've appeared?' 'I've always been here, for as long as I remember. Perhaps not within this lair but I have dwelled for far too long on these planes. I've seen their emptiness far between and for as long as I have come and rested upon their fields. It is you who do not belong in here, strangers. Beings of dark that cannot be seen at night, stalkers and disturbers. I should have to swallow you both.' It was quick, that he opened himself from underneath the skin flops and their many folds of meat and the entire ceiling above them had been encompassed by his many limbs and giant-like arms. To them they had been big and meaty, and in one strike, they could be trapped in there. But instead of jumping or indeed, trying to do as he had said, he waited. Both of them did as well, in this

pseudo madness of a standoff. Neither moved, nor did he still think they weren't there? They were mere voices and he had little of a clue, if anything that they might be there by any means. Instead of brushing it off and trying to sneer at the nothingness which spoke to him, he calmed himself down and suddenly curled back into the form he had laid in before. 'Are you still here?' 'We are here, we haven't left yet.' 'Must I abandon my lair then and leave?' 'It would only have to be a chance of pace, that's all, as long as you don't build them at here, and I don't see any problem with you keeping the march.' He had been bumped on the shoulder. Not even he had been aware of what he meant. It was clear enough that they were unsure whether or not he could be left out there, or even be safe enough as to enjoy his freedom in the dark. Unclear, as to say, he pushed himself past them, like some creeping mass, revealing the many legs which hid underneath him. The speed had been inhumane and as he had been gone, the lair turned into a mass of blotched skin and pestilence took over. 'We need to get out, now, before it crashed down on us. We'll be trapped if we don't!' They went out by mere chance, as they stumbled and fell through a bridge which hadn't been there anymore. The thing which had been left behind looked like a growing pool which moved and lived on its own. Just what abomination had been given life now? Everything had been a mess, by the looks of it, and daylight showed no sign of returning anytime sooner. Now the plains had been inhabited by hordes of corpses, flying ones as well, running abominations and living pools of dread. Nothing had been right, not in the least, without a chance or a slim of a sign that it could return to the way it had been by the time they had come back. But there it was, the pitch had seemed to have taken a tool which had been way too unbearable to be left alone unattended to its own likes. As the day had return, the sky and the land had been anything but properly lit. What had come laid only as a gray light, which seemed to give the impression of some mist. Certainly it had been better than storing at the pitch, but now? Now it looked as if they had been the only two dark ones laid there on the fields. The rest of the servants had been brought to life as they were resilient. Now their corpse overlords floated above them, hovering and pushing to a flight only to look and make sure that they were still working. Now it came back to slavery, in their sight. They worked hard, cutting and chopping, building structures and small houses out of wood. Small altars laid there as well, with their tiny frames having been put in place as to glorify their strange god. 'Look, it's him, the exact form, the shape he's appeared to us, in person!' They approached and seemed to have observed him standing there, no, posing for them as to be guilt tripped into making even more altars for their deity. This Ogoth had little consideration for them and it had been strange, the way they show their own reluctance and sadness in doing it. For someone who should've been used to the amusement they had settled down and crashed to a stop. 'Why are you servants unhappy?' 'Should I be concerned with their likes? It's only that their minds are limited and now that they have to pay tribute and show some responsibility towards their creator that you're disturbed. Pay little heed to them, as you may be aware. I'm here to be served by everyone, and everyone's turn may come one day.' 'Including us as well? Does that mean we'll have to build you a shrine or something similar to that? Because that's now what we signed up for, we haven't even asked to be brought here.' 'Little by little you may come to know that the circumstances aren't important, only that you may serve. Though I might add that you have managed yourselves quite well, as that hive had been gotten rid off entirely and no longer disturbs me in its current form. On the contrary as well, I'm pleased by the way it looks and the way it's scaring the servants that come into contact with it. They are kept on their toes and alive, they're given a chance to run out of fright rather than be picked one by one without a chance to

react. 'When may we speak of something of our own then? If you don't mind, your Excellency, we're only trying to return, I think, to our previous form.' But that had been impossible and both of them knew it. With little consciousness left in either of their minds, they had already been far too gone from humanity to ever be able to look for some return. Either way, it had to be faced. 'You may never return to the way you've been. Now that you've come into my plane, you have left something behind, can you guess what it had been?' As he said so, another apparition which looked exactly like him appeared from their behind. It wasn't a replica or a mirror image of himself but a rather uglier, more brutish kind of copy of him. His thicker fingers approached with their long, cut-throatiest nails and seemed to have scratched at one of their arms. The cut had managed to reveal that there had been nothing inside, which explained just so much. No blood, no bone, nothing but a blanket of dark which rolled around a gap. It felt empty, both of them felt emptier right then, knowing that they had been filled with nothing. They were the ghastly apparitions which roamed there, they had been the intruders. It had become relevant as they had become aware of the reason for which that tainted thing couldn't see them in the dark. How would they be any more distinguishable from the dark if they had been made out of no matter? 'It must be hard to accept now, but that's the only truth that belongs to you.' The peeled arm seemed to have come back together, now that they understood. There were so many other questions to ask. 'What will happen to them if they're left there in their pits for too long?' 'They will disappear, it will be as if they never existed, unless you come in.' Suddenly the real one came off and started walking towards them. Now that the illusion was nowhere to be seen, it had been way too close to comfort that it approached. 'Well, as I have said, you'll have your use and if you do it well, you may get to live again.' It was clear enough, to say the least. Clearly, there weren't any words to explain what dread had caused them to accept this deal as it came. 'As long as you'll try making them accept my deal and serve in my land, I shall allow them to live unbidden so they may not vanish there in the dark.' 'Wait, were we not at risk of fading away when the world had been encompassed by the pitch?' This question only made Ogoth grin as he pointed at one of their arms. It took a lot of wonder to be hinted at but it was clear enough that they had been weakened. How else one of them would be hurt, and even more than that, how else could one of them be cut in such a disturbing manner? 'Neither of you is immortal here, you may fade away entirely unless you give in and make do with what I tell you. We wouldn't want something like that to happen to either of you, would we? Not after you've been as obedient as you were. Just look at it, look at the planes. They're empty, quiet, and dull. I need someone to help me build a kingdom so I may reign upon it. And that's where you and they shall come in. This is what I needed, some new hands, and some visions to guide me in my block.' There seemed to be some disquiet in him as well as there was in them. For different reasons at that, which hadn't made anything of what they had to deal with any easier for them, as it looked likely that they would have to tirelessly work for his pleasure alone? 'Well, if you would look onto this, so far I have come up with the greatest city that ever seemed to reign over it. The main eight towers will be places here, interconnected, separating every section from it. Inside, I shall place every kind of building and surround it with a wall of woe so no stranger might invade or come in unannounced.' But there were flaws in the design, with most likely one being the fact that this world or this place would be wholly unmet by standards. It would be empty, with the likes of servants who knew nothing else other than supreme obedience. 'What will you do about the emptiness at hand? There are naught out there but your servants whom may only do whatever you desire and nothing else but what you ask of

them. Most of them are heartless only know obedience as their first assignment. 'Are we any different then? We were soldiers before, grunts, we were sent to our deaths and we obeyed. We killed without any kind of thought and before this, before we were trapped here, we had been trapped in another place, remember? Forced to kill our own brethren as they had been brought back to life in their disgusting forms, so, how are any better than them? What makes us any less ill than they are? It's meaningless, can't you see?' 'Enough with your petty thoughts, for I am already here with a resolve. I will open another gate when the time comes and entrap as many souls from other planes. And they will be men and women of the same race as you have been and I have witnessed you like before the change. They shall make good subjects after I shall wipe off their minds and cruelly force them to live into my world. You shall aid me in this and make their lives decent as only you will have known otherwise.' They seemed to come and follow this deity as he walked with the many rolls of his plans laid in his every hand. He held them tightly as he looked unruly at what he had passed down. It looked obviously decent in his mind, but the wonder came again.

Just what was he? He was no god by any means, this dark fool, the filth of form he had been. It was only that his might was limited, otherwise, they would all be dead and there would be no need for him to make others do his filth of a construction for him. And then there was that. The time had come for them to be sent out there and start digging them out in order to convince them to join their side. It was uneventful as it started. One single dig had started and it seemed like most of what they had found had been a few of those jester-like creatures standing on a blanket. By now, it looked no lesser of a being, but some kind of smooth black silky-like veil which moved shrouded and almost near-formless. It creped away and started fading, unable to raise itself for as long as it stood there. 'We're late, it seems. I don't think it may return to its previous being any longer. It's too weak to do anything any longer, I even doubt it can think for itself now.' It had been sad and pointless, as they had been sent out there to recruit what seemed to be just part of what they had been. The light never came and every time they stood around the mass of graves, it seemed that only these fragments seemed to have been freed. Some had human-like parts attached, like heads which had been flattened or in the forms of bumps which lay on top of their silk-like veils. Others had something which would part with limbs, as to why they were abandoned in there, it had been pointless. 'We're the only ones left, unfortunately. Doesn't it seem sad? We almost ended up in the same way as they had, just look at how frail I've become.' One quick pull almost ripped out his entire artery, which went just along. He was uninterested in that, at least now they had something to look back at. It hadn't served as a reason to recruit those which had been buried, but a warning. A warning of what would happen if they failed to do what they had been tasked with. 'May we correct the likes of it then?' 'Well, what else might we do?' It was there that they would start it. A field had been plain enough to raise the likes of his city. So many towers lay there, or would lie there, which made both of them wonder just what his obsession was. They had looked stranger than the rest of the buildings it seemed. And there in the distance, it waited, as he appeared with the plans laid outright, with the base being placed already, the wooden planks and the stones laid in the way. Perhaps they had been wrong and this Ogoth had something to him there. Doubting him would be nigh-deadly, not to mention of the chance of overkill. They could be crushed, as a matter of fact, they might've been placed underneath one of those falling blocks, the stacks of wood and of tormented fire which fell. Not only that, but they had been given iron and the means to forge, nothing too special but the likes of something nigh-primitive to have their likes with. 'I shall give you the opportunity to prove yourselves,

the freedom to shape this place as you desire as long as you do not deviate from what I have made. You're to work on it while I shape the life here as I so desire. As it would only be fitting for perfectly shaped being to live into my city, without the repulsiveness of the jest they had been forced into.' And he had been bored by their likes, and the ones that had been created for the mere task of bringing a jest seemed to have become saddened themselves. More so, they had looked depressed and night suicidal by the looks of which it had become clear to either soldier. 'Do you suppose they had been dead only because they attempted to commit suicide? It seems likely so, being unwanted but unable to die. He may have kept them alive, at least, we should know what happens if we attempt anything.' 'But we can die, don't you understand? We're not tied to this place, we could fade, if anything happens, that's our way out.

But do you want to do it or do you wish to get through it? Get a damn hold on yourself and don't become too docile.' But his flesh had been just as weak and he seemed rather sick, even for someone which bore the same puffy appearance. It came to be that they both seemed to look that way, instead of being rather formed, small long hairs came out of them. It looked like mold tubes coming out. It felt grim, repulsing but no one would look at them so no one would know the shame of what it'd be like. First, it hadn't been important, they had been tasked with trying to raise the towers in the frontal region of the marked areas they had made. Sad being approached and seemed to have either been faced or to have come out of their own desire to create, now, it was seemingly clear what was going on.

Unclear to them was why. Their features had been crooked, their fingers were benign and fat, too fat for any dexterity to be had, but they would make for the grunt work. At first they came and wrapped themselves around the tall base which would make the framework of the first tower. That fell. 'I don't think we should go with this, the towers I mean. We should scratch them off the plans and replace them. They do not fit the city by any means. I think it would even be detrimental to what we'll build here.' 'Then let us call him and bring the news.' They shouted and as soon as he happened to appear, those smaller servants seemed to cower and pretend they weren't there, or rather, that they hadn't been alive. It was a mere jest, the one which had been mastered a long time ago. It worked, by simple means, and by the fact that he was not paying any mind to his mindless servants. 'We refuse to build the towers, they will not fit with the city.' 'You refuse to go on with my command? By what means do you do so? What shall we replace it with if your desire overrides mine?' They looked confused, rather, at the question of how freedom they would be granted. 'Leave the middle place, empty, but surrounded with the means of.' 'Death.' The other one had said it. But what, why did he mean to say by that? All of the sudden, the voice and appearance of this tyrant, this mad creature, this Ogoth had his interest pushed forth. 'What do you have in mind?' 'A pit that goes down in as far as to the dark core of this plane, so those whom may so desire to seek death shall be granted it with no question in mind.' 'The towers should be replaced but something like this would be too dangerous.' 'No.' Ogoth said, and as he looked and reconsidered, he pushed a breath which wiped the towers which had lay in the middle and replaced them with the magnitude of the pit. Its likes would be distastefully mad and rabid with its feel. Something had been tainted, especially as he said. 'Back away and look at how I may taint this plane.' He picked something from the ground, something out of his own shadow. It looked like he had just picked up a piece of it and turned it into a black disk which almost tainted all of his fingers. With a quick drop, then threw it on the ground and saw it expand. A few meters in and it melted, bursting through the ground. Everything shook at the mere force which had pushed itself deeper into the ground. Even the gray light of the day seemed to have been switching to a darker version of itself

then back to normal as the thing went in. And in mere moments, they could see no dark, but look at how much his face had changed. This Ogoth looked plagued, his face had been thinned out by the drops of shadow which had fallen on his face. His small eye sockets had been dug in and seemed to have turned inside out as they had filled themselves with the harrowing taint which lay inside them. It dripped over as he drew in and jumped into his own pit, never to be seen moments after. Both the soldiers had been silent as they witnessed the event. Clearly, something was down there. Going by the lack of a smell of the one which laid in-between the gap of air and the very edge where the hole began, there had been a plethora of mad scents which didn't belong there. At least, some of them wouldn't have been met by any means whatsoever. It would be cruel to look away, no living man would look at it and say it with the hope of survival. 'This is it, isn't it? This is what you hoped for, a way out, right? You've managed to do it, damned bastard, you, tricking the deity itself. What now? Should we jump and be at loss? Are we going to die down there without hopes of making it through?' 'That had been the plan, right? Seeing how the dark kills us, what better way to go but down there, fighting our way through and struggling? I never wanted to be buried and left there to fade away, or even worse, return in some kind of mad state. You know just as well as I have, what happened to those people on the field that died. What happened to their bodies, no one deserves that, at least no one should be forced into that, let alone us. We're not human any longer, we're soulless and it is time.' With little thoughts of return and hope, both the soldiers leaped and disappeared. They left no trace, no wonder and nothing behind. Ogoth stood by the pit, looking down at what he had created. Perhaps it had been a sign of trickery of he had intended to do just how he had been pleased to go forth with it. Dreadfully looked down upon, he had been cruelly disgusted with the manner in which this pit looked. 'Shall you be touched again, be it as a mark of your torment as you lay here?' He spoke and as he said it, hair came out of the edges, long and rough and tilted and wide. Now these would prevent anyone whom tried to end themselves without and beyond his will. They could crush and push away even the harder bodies which came into contact or tried to attempt denying his will. And the plane had only gone worse because of it, for they dared anger him with the likes of ending themselves. What had remained of the grass turned into something which had hardened and was far too sharp to walk amongst unless you slowed down? Everywhere around his fields, the colour red stood out as his servants, saddened as they were, cut themselves amongst the sharp sheets and rooted plows of grass which came. Those things turned to something akin to blades and only those which had been set into hovering flights attempted that kind of surrender. It seemed like they had come. Only the fiend who had planted its hive and the hovering pile of corpses appeared amongst the tiny servants whom appeared in front of him. Everyone was there and they had been somewhat ready to serve in their own peculiar way. 'Since I have been betrayed, the task of building my city comes shall boil down to you, and understand this, colour me not as you please for I shall show no mercy and no easy way out this time. For those whom so desire to end themselves, know that there's no end to the servitude unless you desire a fate which be grimmer than what it is. Look at it, look at the plans and obey.' There had been room for interpretation but neither of them seemed to show reluctance to follow. It seemed like the chief who'd guide the founding of the city would be the very constructor of his own hive. He'd be allowed to live in it as a matter of fact and agony, in exchange. 'Let me invite more of my own race so we may inhabit your plane as well. Those creatures you've spoken of bringing here, I have listened to it and know. They are not to be trusted and you know more than anyone what would happen if they would be left here

unattended. Such as they would bring war and destruction to what you've managed to create here.' 'And shall I bring many of your own to infest the lands and take easy prey? Do you think I would allow so many of you here to produce breeding grounds for a kin who produces that filth which roams over my grounds?' It seemed likely, that in the distance, it bled in its own unique way. The silk-like remainder of a hive appeared to be dying as well, from having become a living entity to a dying one in a single stroke or a slash had seemed to be tainted. Leaving it alive would be much worse than what it had been or looked like. Unclear and clever, fiend which had reigned, it seemed like they'd be an adversary for those whom lived out there. 'Very well, I shall agree with one condition. Upon entering my plane, their ability to produce the same means as you will have disappeared from their kin. They as well as anyone else who might share your kind shall live in the same metal constructs as I have willed. Only then will they be allowed to come and live and breed.' 'Accepted, we shall make good.' 'Not yet, the second condition shall be that in the city, naught may take the life of another being on the streets and seen by others. The consequence of such an action shall be complete denial of existence as the culprit shall be thrown inside of it. And no flight might come as the might shall devour whoever the one it eats. From it, no kind of existence might emerge, other than mine and mine alone for I am the ruler of this plane.' It was a hard deal, knowing its own nature and the mad nature from which its kin came to be. But they would do, as it seemed quite even and fair for him to have his word. This peculiar kind of creature seemed to be brooding in itself as it looked at the pit. In a least remorseless way, it thought about what it might do and how it might come to abuse that thing. After all, the pit, unlike him, had been imperfect, the space between the various thick straw-like hairs had widened every second as they moved. One could take a smaller being and throw it in-between, showing it to its death, forcefully pushing it to an irreversible death, from which none may spawn. A wider thrall did come to announce. 'More are to arrive.' There they were, as it had promised. Not only had they come in numbers, but it seemed likely that they had been nurtured by the likes of being null. They were unable to produce anything from their inner groins, and from the outside, they almost looked castrated. A pitiful sight, indeed, it had been, not only humiliating for them but for it as well. He would be their chain master, the only one allowed to come there untouched. Compared with their likes, he had distinguished itself quite evenly, more so, as they came. It was a strange sight to behold and at first there were questions thrown in their strange, almost clicking language. But it hadn't come out of their mouths. He had forgotten how long it had been, but they used their inner limbs to create noise and make that pseudo-language which bore little interest now. 'You shall learn how to speak, slaves.' Most of them, if not all, had been startled by his response. Seeing that mouth move in the manner it had which had been used beyond chewing and eating had been something not only dreadful but bizarre. It had no place there, no clear usage by any means. There were things out there which bore the mark of strangeness and of danger but clearly, this had been the most dangerous thing out of all. They were frightened by him, for some reason, the mere act of him speaking had not only estranged but it seemed to have forced them into a relationship of savagery between him and their group. Yet, they understood his words and what he had said. 'Pick up the wooden bars and start working on the framework. This shouldn't be anything beyond your comprehension, there were plans such as this one in our home as well.' Neither moved as they waited, wrapped around some of the materials they had picked up. What exactly were they waiting for? It was unclear as to what happened there, but clearly, there was a pause as his every move and every twitch had a defensive reaction from them. Are they waiting for me to move away from it?

Could they be that frightened? ‘Very well, I shall step away and make way for you to approach. But be fast and weary of the plans, we’re working of a schedule of our own.’ Great, come close, much closer to it. There’s need for workers and for slaves. No one dared say a word, but click as they started and took in the plans. Now, not only would they interpret, but there was a keen and eerie sense which drove the construction which lay ahead. There had been a great deal of choices this god had taken in order to allow them to work there. Even by the planks and the frame, they started chewing and forming the base however they wanted. It had been a pleasure of their kin to make smaller chambers hidden in the walls, where cold and moisture would start happening and spreading as their young would dwell inside. And it had been clear that that’s what they intended to do. Despite being forced to use only their mandibles and limbs, there were other things they used in the construction. Their spit had a sort of chemical which acted like an agent which kept things together. It felt like some sort of binding thing which was reactive, as it moved and sometimes twitched. It lived, as well and as for as long as it would be kept in a cold and dark enough environment to live and breed with itself down there. And most of them, as they kept placing the frames had dark ideas as where to start. They had recognised the dangers of the pit and had gone on to place the first of the many frames surrounding it. Thought it would not be completely sealed, it should be noted that this could’ve been converted to some kind of temple of sacrifice. It would be quite kindly magnificent to have it so. No one would be bothered by the likes, not only that but neither would be distracted from their work as to look at him. This tormented grunt which had come. Neither knew his name, but seemed to feel the force he embodied. ‘As I have promised, they shall be allowed to stay, as long as they work on building my city, then raise up my gates, they will live.’ ‘But they won’t be pleased unless they live up on heights which would spread as high as to feel the reaches of those dark clouds you’ve made. There’s no other thing which would please them.’ ‘Then that’s how it shall be, as long as they’ll build the frames high enough and coat them in steel, I shall turn the insides in the same manner.’ But he didn’t speak of the iron of the steel, but the mere show of how the wood revealed itself as being bare bone with blood and meat, living and holding everything together. It was a mere trick of sight, but this Ogoth assured him that every piece of material which had been used there was living or seemed to have some kind of sentience of its own. Not only that but the mere fact dictated that it would last. They were planning to build his living citadel, with everything from its guts and bones hidden underneath a veil of iron and of wood. Mere tricks went on and off but neither of them could be trusted by any means alone as they crept with their own likes. It had been taken as a way of being lied to and tricked into that kind of peculiar slavery. Most importantly, they obeyed. Neither of which looked eye to eye as the first buildings came to be embodied, the spires having been pulled forward and made as if to last. ‘Continue placing them forward, have as many of them as you can possibly place, let naught be wasted by the kin.’ And as they did there seemed to be some deprivation. In the distance, that Ogoth smile as he played torture on one of his loyal servants. They were sterile and got pushed around by his might alone, getting trapped into small boxes from which only he could unlock and allow escape. From it he moved to another and then to another and another one as well. Soon, the fields had become infested with cages, small in nature, as to allow no freedom to move but force them to watch as the grandness of his citadel would come to life, for that’s what it was to become. He had neither clue nor certainty how they had reached that idea or his secret plan, but there was a clear devotion from the plans which had been laid to them. Those instructions not only had been ignored but they had gone even nearer to making

his shrine in front of the pit, farther away as to not be in the same building as the way of death but close enough, near its proximity as to the wove. It came as no surprise that even then, the various points above them, the air was breaking apart. From hole of black, filled with blue came some strange beings which didn't belong, and haven't been invited by their means. Their bodies seemed to bend and twist and turn in the shapes of the holes from which they came. And every now and then, the screech of dread from one of the magnificent abominations would be heard. They had been pulled inside, gushing with fear and with their live liquids, spewing their green sod of a blood, blotting in anger to escape. And those long face jumpers had their tainted teeth wrapped around and held together, almost welded to their victims. As they had been dragged, many dropped their wooden plates and seemed to have tried grabbing at their brother, only to find out that the release was nigh-impossible. Close, but not enough, they realised that its body had been crushed from every possible angle in some supreme way, that it could not be touched and held any longer without doing any kind of damage themselves and bring forth a torture which could never be met any longer by no possible means. It was fear that drove them to spread as paranoia made more of those holes appear. Could be, that there were no holes but mere illusions made by semi-transparent creeps out there. Clearly, or mostly so, there had been a difference between them which couldn't be extinguished by the mere means of being there. And every now and then, this Ogoth would come and push a hand in some invisible pocket, only to pull out a line of guts which had been stranded and stretched between the means of survival. Inside of one of those he pulled out what had looked like the digested form of a living being, or one which had been living, even if it were, moments ago when everyone was watching. 'Return to your work.' He said, and somehow his voice had appeared both by the common way and through some clicks he hadn't made himself, at least not from inside his mouth or by his limbs. It was clear now, what he had been doing. That being, which had been dead returned to the way it had previously been. Not to wonder at the fright which would be brought, he pulled the worker back to life, in some way through which it could not be redeemed. Most of its body had already turned in itself and merged together with the organs of that defiler. 'Filthy parasites, I may not remove them from you yet. Let that serve as a warning for those who might dare come near as to devour.' And it seemed to last, at least for the first stage. One glance over made them all return to where they have been, as there was nothing else to be seen. For, as it was clear that their likes alone would suffice, twice of thrice had there been attempts, as long as their trickery lasted they seemed to be lumping with one another in a way most benign. Come unto me, little thing. One seemed to think as it dug a hole and hid in it. There was some kind of fake hairs lying on its outer rims. It waited, pretending to be another one of those dark holes which lay out there placed by their master. Soon, as to bow to this sign, they brought more frames and placed it there. At least, one had turned unlucky, as to be clear, out of a mere sign of fear. A snap startled that one who might have turned and attempted to return. From his insides, something had pierced through his back and as it had become clearer, most of its limbs had been grasped and strangled, caught and entangled, rooted not to be removed. Its body had been dragged inside and slowly, it pulled twenty feet down. That way it could eat and grow, hidden from any kind of woe. He had won, this was the dark might of a kind of predator which would not suffice and would not be satisfied with the likes of something weaker. There was a clear abstinence of blood which filled the entire pit with a feeling of ecstatic morbidity which seemed to remain inside. It felt awful for the thing which lived down there, as it would not only bask but also sweat in its own filth and peculiar liquids which would be produced. For some reason and

another, it kept creeping at the surface, trying to look at what was going on, being mightily paranoid as a result of being kept in the dark. That much had been clear, for as long as it remained there, the inspection of guts would remain. No other option laid but to wait for the others. Sooner or later, those invisible pagans of dread would dig up pits of their own and lay out the same trap as he had. It was clear enough that they had no intention of building more of those as they came to the conclusion that they were being trapped. Instead of placing frames around the newly made pits, they seemed to have brought sand and dirt to cover them up alive. Despite the strength they had, with a huge amount of dirt thrown over them, they had looked powerless as they suffocated within themselves. A crueler fate had come now, as they appeared to have reign and bowed to these foes. The one small pit which lay inside its own place seemed to have caught on the fact that it had been trapped there, as the small box had no exit. The only way, it would seem had be down. But as it dogged or tried digging a way underneath or as it attempted to go around it, the mighty trap had come to be. Bars of bone extended to the very depths of the ground. It was unclear, what had enforced the growth. But the madness was there, the cruel, cruel fate of being forced there. And another blow to the creatures' mind came to the dark. It must've been that filth of a tyrant, the cruel being which had forced itself onto him. For, inside his guts, there would likely appeal some kind of living thing which tried grasping for air as well. It tried to escape, to push and puncture through his guts. It would be unacceptable, in the least of kin, the likes of which would consume his whole being if it weren't for him to get harder at it. From his insides, there came the sparkling sharp teeth which forced themselves on the meat. This was a matter of time until it could use its many limbs to push itself out and leave him there. Half of his body had already been laid and formed into the trap, leaving him in a state of supreme weakness and perpetual kind of divisive motion which jerked off most of its tiny hair. And those which had been played along with and stretched in the air, along with many small pockets of dirt which had been tied to its meat now lay there, falling off, pound to pound. It was shaking, almightily awful for its own kin. From its mouth, there came a gasp, from which one of the limbs, not his, pushed on. His teeth came down upon it as it struggled to kill this worker and push it down so he could be digested. And all of this happened while outside, the other parasites had been picked up one by one and forced out their invisible veils, which acted like some kind of cloaks which only protected them from the veiled sun. That gray light not only hurt them but made them suffer. It burned their skin from inside out. The blood which resulted from the many skin bubbles and pox-like stubs seemed not to pop on the outside but on the inside, and as they have, the blood gushed and drowned their own organs instead of touching anything else or anything of the kind. First their guts, then their many eyes, their breathing spheres which popped and extended, soon to be blocked by a mucks formed out of the excruciating chemical formed out of spores and their own blood. Soon they would be blocked inside and forced to fall off and be removed from the sight. One by one, body had been picked up and formed into a pile. It wasn't long until it had been given life by unnatural means and forced into a flight by their mad impulses. But it wasn't that they had been a pile of corpses, but an infected giant bubble of skin and blood which was constantly suffering and releasing a noise of vile poison for the mind. The workers would be left undisturbed as they carried on. And inside that very box, as it struggled for this long a while, now there came time to stop, after all that happened, now there came the blow or the stop. It was as sudden as a man might know, the likes of which only brought of the fear which had come alight. It had been a season of blight after all, making it even harder to breathe. One of the limbs had managed to jerk inside the body,

piercing through a gut. As it did, suddenly it found itself wrapped around one of the breathing spheres and felt at it, nothing as deranged as being eaten alive but close enough to it. Much of the fear came out of sight. It was the constant pounding and the pain which had been inflicted upon the restriction which forced him to feel his breath being taken away. It couldn't force its jaws down on the limb which came out of his mouth either, for any kind of jolt could cause him to die right there if that gut filth were to be startled. It would be cruel, to think of anything less, he feared, he was in some kind of distress which would at least last. What happened next was fast. It felt like some kind of breathing disorder as the walls inside his spheres came down crashing upon him. Something dreadful and unnatural came to light, making it seem likely to him that there was no way of escaping it. The force from which the collapse, the rushing of the various gasses which had inhabited its lungs had been expunged inside his own body. Now, it looked like an inflated body in which resided a broken thing. Though it had managed to somehow cripple and force this mindless insect-like thing into the act of suffocating, there would be no kind of return. Dread was in its eyes, its life ended there in an instant as the gases rushed in its head, instantly blowing a gust of wind, a blow to its brain. The implosion had been quick and had managed to crush it in an instant. Clear pain had come and went in the one instant it had been alive. Other than that, there it lay, mindless, lifeless and only like some embodied blanket of skin which stood over the corpse of its prey. As it continued struggling, all too clear it had become that out of its veil, there came some kind of terror. From its inside, there it struggled for escape and as it had, its many limbs started cutting and tearing the veil to many pieces and many layers which had been dismantled and abandoned. After which, there came the sudden release as it dragged itself out, making it quite clear what had happened and where it might try getting at. But it was pointless in the nastiest way. This thing had been partially digested, slow, though it may have been, it couldn't have prevented itself from feeling and from coming forth with its mad way of reasoning. The effect had been tainted and had looked bizarre. Now, it had been time to dine on its own flesh as it realised that moth of its legs hadn't even been attached to its body, only a mere artificial kind of connection laid in any case. So much so, that it had looked ready to be slain in a dreadful manner. It was uneven and eventful at best. What had crept out of it was the stench of the putrid as each bite on them released the pheromones which had been stored in small, tiny, almost invisible pouches which had been attached to its rotting muscle masses. Those would've acted like some kind of way to steer clear of some kinds of predators which may have been repelled by the likes of it if they tried anything. Neither it nor any of its kind expected those kinds of intelligent beings which seemed to appear out of nowhere and from the deadly holes and pits and spaces, hidden and based on trickery and woe. Now, it slipped and fell even deeper in the hole, unable to raise itself, having been only a body with its oversized numb head. From its insides, the limbs were tired, what had remained out of it either bled or would bleed in. The sight, though covered by dark had dimmed as it adapted its sight to see the dark properly. Even though it had been blinded, partially, it is, by the acid from which it came, there would be nothing coming out of it but the fear and the impurity of woe. Anger would've come even faster and nearer if it had had the strength but now? It waited there, trapped inside, rotting. And the way it went outside had been magnificent in its whole magnitude of likes. The spires had risen to the likes of the hold, having tiny beads of metal aligned like some kind of chain, coming into the tallest building which stood, erect as it had been uneven to the shape of everything else. Not only had it seemed or looked like some kind of hold of despair, but it was held there only by the system of chains upon which had been

based. This Ogoth seemed to bask in the glory of the city he had created. It had been or at least it had looked somewhat beyond his vision, the likes of which had belonged to the vision of a being which had been Ill. Something had seemed rather mental if not the dread which had filled what had laid in his mind. Greater, greater, it needs to be far greater, the spikes and their likes need not suffice for the kind of dread I feel. Sharper, make it so, he appeared in front of the workers which immediately bowed and hid their limbs inside their bodies. Their bodies seemed to have immediately become wormed out and seemingly fat. What had they eaten? Well, it was no wonder, for he allowed it, but small arms and legs had still been tossed around and he could recognise them anywhere. It wasn't that neither creature desires it, but they looked at it from the way it had been. They needed to eat, he had to feed his servants. What else might he do it with if not with his own? Well, enough of that, it would be clear. 'Where is he?' Again, the clicks had come, and they pointed and they made those clicks themselves. It was even clearer where he had been, the likes of which drew in where he would be like. There he stood resting, like some kind of captain or leader of grunts. From beneath him lay some kind of throne, inside the hold he had held below. The building he had set himself in had been strangled, like some kind of built-in twisted spiral which went down beneath the earth. What kind of abomination of wood and steel had been built down there? The land hadn't been spared off this anomaly, by any means, as it had not only been disturbing to look down upon but to also walk through, as there were no stairs, but patches of lands which stood in to themselves, from which one may jump from one to the other. Those patches of ground seemed to have been impaled from side to side or at least held by some moving metal rods which had been attached to a device which laid in the middle of this system. It looked way overly complicated to have been created by such primitive beings and he himself had trouble believing it so. What had escaped my sight? Could it be that there's more to them than I had dared look into? Even while going through the various creations and builds they had made, there was a clear disturbance in his mind. He hadn't been surprised before but now he had become aware. Clearly, there was something to their craft but more so, not to the way they looked but how they acted. It was their fluidity which captured his interest and nothing else. It looked like, at times, those platforms he had been on moved by them as he descended below. More than that, it felt as if he was slowly being drafted or taken in like some sort of fly caught in a trap, going smoothly through this constructed silk trap. More than a few hundreds of meters below, the walls stopped being made of dirt and they had become apparent to him. They had been covered with stone or some kind of light darkly lit platinum of some kind. Some empty holes had been punctured on them, or place where something had been pounded. Either way, there were those sings and long strings which had been used as decorations, the exact way they liked. It looked like, as he came to the point where depictions arrived, there had been something dreadfully familiar about all of this. Hanged men laid everywhere, from the insides of their own, where those giant spires which produced their mad silk had come to be of use. It was of little interest to mess up with their plans any longer, why, he was quite amused. How much would they dare over extend? It was quite fruitful there. In its hole, where the patched ended, either it would be left unfinished or it may just be that there was no desire or it hadn't been planned on to be finished. A dread drop came, for the likes of the fact that only he would survive it. No living thing could stand in but it. Somewhere out there he laid, working on something in his hole. And the strange thing wasn't the emptiness but how clean the bottom was. There was a floor but it hadn't been made of dirt or simple sand. Somehow this decrepit creature, mindless compared to him, had managed to perfect its own lair. Could

be that it had made him jealous there? It was so evenly squared, the sandstone on the floor. It looked like sand but it had been as hard as stone, carved by the likes, evenly spread everywhere around. And though it had been dark, there came a glow from the sand storm which was there. Every fragment of sand, every strange of atom which made it seemed to produce some kind of energy which lit the room. It created a dim effect and no real light by any means, but this pseudo desert-like cove which would be found nowhere else. Just how had he done it? And why was it that it seemed so familiar? He stood there, sitting on the floor, thinking of what the thought entailed. For some reason, this thought, or memory of the kin had seemed not vague enough to ignore. And there it would be that he remembered. This dreadful creature, this parasite, this invader, this damned one had cast himself as deep as he could go. What he had seen below wasn't his creation by any means. As he looked everywhere he had realised that he wasn't in his plane any longer. Just as he had invaded his world and had agreed to be his servant, he had dared trick him in the lowest of means. That decrepit creature had opened a way, a portal and some mad gate and had connected their worlds in a most peculiar fashion. Above of them, the gate still stood and he had little doubt of anything at all. It might not be that they planned to trap him there, no, not since he could return back to his plane at any times. It was an escape only for him, it seemed, but why. Why not ask him himself? It wasn't even that he had gone that far, that he had found him working on trying to dig through the cave. Perhaps this expedition had been short-lived, but he found neither feeling nor any force which would make him want to slay this benign creature here. 'Was this your escape plan all along? Or had it been something which had just appeared?' For a moment, he had been ignored, at least until he turned. It wasn't that he had doubted the lucidity he had shown, but something was wrong. He wasn't supposed to be there, he couldn't have been there. The way he started fuming and breathing, it looked as if a stroke had reduced the size of his lungs to small blotched holes. 'I have not expected you to find me as soon as you have done it. Well, it isn't like my part of the deal had been depleted and feigned.' 'But you have sought for a way to escape, have you not? While they're out there working for your kin.' 'Indeed they are, perhaps mindless and afraid. For them, this servitude may not end, not when they have already been disciplined into this manipulation. They've been fed flesh for serving and have been taught and shown what happens otherwise. I do think you know that they may never stop serving.' Ogoth looked at him in the same manner. From this angle, it almost looked like this creature had been sentient and alive, perhaps not as mindless as he had once thought. It would be in itself mightily cruel to stamp and end his life here, especially with how much it had managed to achieve. At least, for the longest time, there was some desire to leave it to itself and see what it may make of this room. 'There's no way out, would there be some kind of escape?' 'Not that I can see, I cannot force my way through as of yet. The walls are too hardy and I don't have the means, the tools or even the direction to make it through the rock.' Not to mention that the environment itself seemed to be hurting its carapace and its moldy skin. This was a creature which carved for moisture and it looked for it in any place it might find it. But somehow this spot underneath the earth held a pocket of gas, air and some glowing mass of sand which never seemed to stop by any means. 'You shall return then but not unpunished for the circumstances which had been forced upon me. This trip of yours shall cast a piece of you which might remain here as some sort of reminder.' 'Don't crave me up, do not cripple me yet. I'm still in need of my every limb so I may no limp and fall in front of the others. How may they listen to me if I'm broken?' 'Very well, then you shall be locked in here and adapt, I curse thee that you may not die but suffer in this hole until you've brought me

something of use from this filth plane. But bear in mind, that even if by some means you make it through the planes outside, there lays nothing but a world that's been destroyed. Only rubble and it seemed obscure. It thought for a moment, in this one chance through which it could prove itself more than it would've been by normal means. 'What of the world underneath? Would there not be escapees who sought refuge underneath their broken world? Would they not adapt after centuries spent underneath the rubble and inside places not like this obscure pocket but full of moisture and of life in the dark?' 'Would you bring the reassurance that there is such a thing as life underneath there? How might you know about such a thing other than mad speculation?' On a second thought, it spared no second and seemed to have brushed him off, nearing one of the walls. With one finger pushed inside, there seemed to have been crushed in it to itself, carving a deep tunnel which lead nowhere else but underneath the hole it had created. And there was a clear path below there, though it was dark, the sand seemed to follow and lit the place. Like some moth drawn to a flame, small chunks of black and blue rocks flew and seemed to be attracted to the light. But they weren't rocks, not in the least. They were some small and insignificant being which looked benign on a closer inspection. At least their kin was dangerously even to one another, as it happened for them to glow and pop. It was there that his master disappeared, leaving him free reign. It was something which, in its primitive state, it may never be able to understand at all. But it went below there, followed by the light. What had drawn it in its turn had been the source of those benign small beings, which had indeed been chunks of some winder form which had merged itself or had been there all along, on the wall. There were no features, just the various sharp edges which bore reflections of the lights.

It looked dangerous to get near, not only since there would be the danger of getting itself cut but also because it emanated a sound from its inner self. That sound had a reverb, it vibrated and seemed to lead to a clear high pitch which pushed him away. He, the said being which came to walk farther from the chunk and seem to attempt to flee from its sight appeared rather unaware of its surroundings. Clearly there was a drop, and there would be another.

Though bridges were anything but natural there, there had been stones and platforms which had been left untouched. Something else had eroded the land beneath, to the point where such a fall would inquire the failure of organs and of any humble being. There would be a great time to come. It started by going forward within itself, pushing and drawing its many limbs to grab a hold of anything it could reach in order not to fall. A few inches in and it had been grabbed. It looked like one of the beings had taken hold of him and grabbed in through one of the longest tunnels he had ever seen. There was a struggle but it had resulted in a failure to get away. When he was released, he hadn't reached the land but seemed to have been caught in a state of constant floating. It felt as if he had been submerged, looking there and the various forms which all drew in themselves, to points or spheres or objects which lay inside their own middle points. And from the insides, from their own cores there came limbs and various pockets of dust and of various chemicals, gases and even liquids which had been somehow tied and forced to their midst's. Some of them looked like stars, others looked more dynamic and rather erect in the way they moved. The space beneath got possessed by the many pockets of rock had been entirely diminished and destroyed, entirely and supremely forced into nothingness, leaving them there in a constant state of flight. It wasn't right, to look anywhere down or anywhere else, as its head had been forced and centered. From it, every limb and every rib, bone or piece of meat had changed into a state of agony as it was forced into their own forms. For some reason, there hadn't been any warning of this change, not even the kind which would require its body to resist or attempt to fight this seemingly

irreversible change. There hadn't been any kind of direction or resistance of the kind. It was there, in a minute and afterwards it never left. A feeling of dread had not only been present but it had been followed by the sight of abandonment. He wasn't one of theirs, not one whom belonged of the same kin and of their pack. Soon enough that had noticed or had made it notice the kind of behaviours which left it floating there alone. They had been repelled and repulsed by it, despite having been forced to share in their appearance. It wasn't the same, he didn't belong by any means there. And this existence had been horrible, for its likes had been twisted and confusing to live into. Everyone, as he followed seemed to be caught underneath their own mad projects as they formed and seemed to modify the stones underneath them. Forging various concave arches seemed rather pitiful but they had to have their uses, it inquired in the least. For, as deeper as he descended, there came the pitiful orbs. They were peculiar but seemed to pull so many of them to the point where he would see hundreds of thousands of them wrapped around it. As its glow had been peculiarly fit to creep inside their own, there would be nothing close to their own kind, just the gloom which wouldn't go anywhere soon. It pushed, as some kind of invisible force which pushed every kin away. And in their march they got lost immediately as his sight came into being. Something had been to him that much was clear. Why else would he be avoided and treated in such a manner. Yet the disgust hadn't come yet, that had to be earned. From inside the orb, there was something calling onto him as he approached. This had to be the reason, as he had been aware, for everyone to be pulled and to rejoice and the mere touch of its magnificence. It was mad, to think about touching, or even more so, to think that he could have any kind of chance to enter the orb and reside inside of it. But that had been it. They followed but only from the distance. As he crept closer, all of that roundness it displayed seemed to be blunt. It hardened as it approached, no longer letting it slip from it. From the hardness and the harshness it displayed, it almost felt flat upon the touch. One side of the sphere had come to get straight through it, through the meat and as it had, he felt his body be encompassed by this solid form. What had resulted out of them merging together had been some peculiar floating bulk which relentlessly slowed down from the force pushed in by the heaviness of the object. Nothing would go forth, not any sooner, not for the likes. There had been a clear mistake between their likes, not to mention that there would be fear for those which approached. But they came, sooner than expected. Every star-like being came and touched and made contact with him now. They were almost there, feeling their insides pulled closer to the source and now, now they were able to feel its might. He had been anchored there, as this system embodied by their bodies created. From there, they had made a small star, a real one not of the likes of the sea. From their insides, there gravitated and rounded small forms and chunks inside the ground and it felt there, that it was time to return from where it came from. It had control over and neither of the intruders had any kind of likes that they would leave. Why would they if this benign form was so strong? No wall and no stone touched their bodies in the least. A mere approach would force the many edges of the walls and the various spikes remains flatten just like the orb had when they merged with one another. There mere show of force continued up until the point where it had crushed walls and everything around them as it made its way towards the tunnel. Would there be an end? How could such a thing be in sight? At least, it had become obviously mad, from the likes of looking forward at it. What could this madness gravitate towards? It wasn't even midst of day, that through the portal, it had come, crushing and destroying the way back as it had returned. And the hole and the cave which it had created as a hope of escape laid no more but buried in rubble and dirt. The metal device had been dealt with and

now it stood just as it had been. When the moment of entry had come, from the distance, the forms made of the bodies of the fallen which had been rejuvenated and forced into their flights had looked back and seemed to be rather pulled towards this estranged being. For the time being it stood there, looming and not to destroy. It would be rather pitiful to have returned and only add to the destruction of what he had helped created. The only one who had approached was that decrepit deity, the mad one who appeared forth, unaffected by the gravitational pull of the flattening effect through which it seemed to have attained the ability of a clean and supreme destruction. Clearly, it had been mad, unclear so, whether or not it could say or lay on itself to look down upon and creep forth. What had it been or where would it look? There were no eyes but it wasn't blind. Pain came forward from its inside, as it felt the act of repulsive interest they showed in one another. It would've been interesting, at least from the likes of having seen through it. But what could it be that pulled at him so often from its insides? There wasn't a force or power which drew him closer, but the interest he had in hearing all of their thoughts. Being so close to them made him listen, calmly to their likes while slowly coming to some kind of understanding. It felt eventful there, at least to the point where he could stop and listen to their thoughts for ages. While everything around them kept spreading and expanding, he waited and listened to quick stops and sounds which formed inside their minds. They looked prepared for anything, as they went on to observe and look at everything around them. As their minds became even more open, he could see part of them, of their creation, the ancient magnitude of the organs which formed out of nothingness as they were lost in space. How they had been drawn to parts of the world which were rather abandoned and missing the likes of living beings. How they had shaped their own worlds out of the ether and the lost atoms in the outer space. It was interesting to watch and probe inside their minds, sometimes getting too close for comfort and seeing what wars they had waged between one another. Far, out there, in their world, it looked like they had made several planets in a self-edited or self-made universe and galaxy of their own. Never have their likes been alike, rather, they had taken different forms, going through too much iteration until they had managed to get to their perfect form which involved the likes of rotating matter. And in their current form, they could touch the likes of matter itself and shape everything into anything they so desired, for as long as they held their likely power to themselves undisturbed. It was a trick which had been used to temper with the core of their own planets, coming to the point of almost destroying themselves in the process. As he looked farther, farther away into their wars, he had seen them being waged. Many of them had started by the likes of bringing two planets too close to one another, force some kind of artificial pull which never appeared to leave on its own. Some crashed into one another and never came to a fix, only being forced to merge and lose the roundness of their own forms. And as they waged their wars, never have they dared meet with one another or be as close as they have now become. Rather than that, they had created life and shaped some abominations in their likes. Legless and caught in flights, these armed things seemed not to rotate but joust against one another, forcing themselves to charge recklessly into death, revealing massive blood baths there. The grounds which had once been gray or red-like had been blasted with that horrid blood of their kin. It was awful and the bastard started. Only one stood there, right near the ground, carrying itself by the many tentacles and trying to fight not for its masters, not for destruction but for a kind of survival. Many others of both sides stopped and gave up on their weird spears and arched sticks and instead, they tried doing something else which didn't matter. Soon they would survive. Nothing else mattered in the least, not to creep, not for the likes of any

beast. A march had begun once there was the interlude, between which, they had figured that sending those creeps against one another, into a joust, a flight or into the fight had been less about a domination and more so for the kind of being entertained. A few raised themselves over the others and said. 'Let us follow and go forth. We have fought and slaughtered our own. Now, we shall be free to go ahead and do as we please.' It spoke in a self-spoken language that only their kin would understand. Some of the words hadn't been entire spoke but have come out of some holes which lay in their insides. From there, they had been converted into some kind of flaccid wind which came and traveled through themselves and outside as it followed on their breathing pattern. That message soon enough had managed to be disturbed and distorted after each breath. 'Follow forth as we have known distraught pain. Freedom, lays head, as we.' Worse, it had been interpreted as something of a call. Were this hatred and this agony to end? Could it be that the fight hadn't been over yet? It was hard to see from the way it attempted to form its limbs, but those arms which had been fingerless but looked closer to tendrils themselves pushed forward and changed. They were, they had looked or they had already become something close to wicked looking legs. Hair laid on them, as it had become clear they would march. Some took the initiative and changed their body themselves. Others would be carried or would hold onto the ones which grew those things which helped them walk over the ground with much more ease. In time, those relationships changed as they kept on their march. Soon enough, those who were on top started melting and forcing themselves over the others. This strange relationship would be a symbiosis of little or close to no kind of normality one knew. Madness had begun and it had been time to reign at least. One couldn't feel the touch of any kind of mad induced feast. Soon enough they had been deranged, forcing those who were only halves to weld themselves together or perish there, during the nights. And during those long nights, they suffered into silence, as they had been crippled. They had been observed by the creators with much amusement as they refused to help them by any moral or normal means. There was harsh time ahead, especially while following the trail of some peculiarly weird plane which had been close to being destroyed and crushed entirely by force. A far deeper pair of suns came being as they approached the middle point of the created space they had been in. Not only had they been stringed to some kind of ambience which played aloud but there was something in there, rotting. It turned their insides out and instantly ended them, with something close to eight quarters of the planet they were in. Many of the star shaped beings had been distracted by the amusement and instantly died in that even, to the peculiarness of the universe which couldn't be explained by normal means. It had been only a rotten point there which came over and seemed to have dispelled life entirely while bearing no kind of sign that it had ever been there. Even on the outside, it looked like any of the empty corners of the universe, showing no sign whatsoever, other than the deaths which had been immediate and without delay. It was a dark even, indeed, as they had been force to stop their planets from going forward, out of fear. The few that remained in there, who came to war stopped now, especially since they realised that other may pray upon them and inflict much worse and far more damage than it had been done here. An in their wake, upon the realisation that this conflict would continue, they chose to stay, anchored there, in the spot which would be near their destruction as well as their salvation. Depending upon the angle upon which they would come, there would be no kind of estranged danger which came forth then. Only the wait, as much as it had been came to them. They should've been aware of others, especially since they expected them to bring entire stars, rocks, satellites and other formations which would be bent to their will, in order to come forward and destroy. None would

come closer to annihilation than they had been. And many did come, not in rocks, or any kind of similar construct, but in invisible kinds of ships which were living. Their insides had been organic and looked as if they had been swallowed by some peculiar infant leviathans which weren't invisible or transparent but had been as dark as matter and the universe itself. Many of the rays coming from the stars revealed what they looked like and it only seemed even to say that their forms were awful in nature, for this was the space and not a natural environment. Their chances would suffice if they meant the survival in that kind of place and in the vacuum they peered with no eyes but raised holes which looked like some small erupting mountains. From their sides there were almost wings, if it weren't for the fact that they had some tiny zits as they presented the first coming sings of an infection. Soon enough, the entire reconnaissance stopped there. It seemed that, what had remained of the planets had been obscured from the other side, as it wasn't even there to begin with. This leviathan of the kind had stopped as well, as it had been alerted by what was going on in there. As a natural kind of defence, it had been made aware of the peculiarness and the strange act of having been infested and made aware of the rotting factor. Many of the others had stopped as well and refused to draw in closer. It would be much worse than that, to the point where no dread would be any crueler than to look upon it. Much less, as it had been, there would be nowhere near the hatred which had been displayed. A kind of paranoia lived between them as they would return together, marching like some kind of pack. Sooner than it had been expected, they started gnawing and trying to get at one another, having grown impatient of the fact that they were being used. Since they couldn't expel the invaders from outside their bodies, they deduced that the fewer chances to them out would be, either to war against one another or head back to the place where everything would rot. A much bolder creature seemed to erect itself far harder than what the others had been through. It wasn't like anything they had believed into, but that had been clear enough. Not only had it charged, but all of the sudden, everyone turned to watch. It charged right through and seemed to have suddenly released both itself and the invader from inside its body. A lifeless body now stood and waited, little to it and its mind being there. There had been dread in the scream and the cry which came from both the star-creature and the leviathan it, as much as from all others. Not only had they been made aware but there was no clue of the disturbance and why that thing had been the way it had been. Much more, it looked like, what had been hidden behind in had somehow managed to force itself into a pocket from which it could never get out by any means any longer. At least not any longer since a strange kind of gravity forced the halvened planet to stay there. It hadn't moved and even as it seemed that a piece of it had begun growing, it hadn't been anything but those trapped fiends which had no interest in dying. More over, they would stay and wait and be trapped for an eternity of dread, taken as prisoners of their own war. It was something from which they could never dare or hope to recover from. Crueler fates as a whole have come to be, even more than those filth induced anomalies of space. Leviathans were bore by their own likes as they had been driven away and never met as hosts. But somewhere in their benign journey, it looked likely that they had been found near the ends of one universe and at the beginning of another. The leviathans had made it through the journey with little to no injury whatsoever. Much of the injuries had been caught and force against each other as it seemed likely for them to survive the planes and the morbid space they had entered. For, the substance there wasn't dark but a deep greenish purple which seemed to have replaced the dark. And the stars bore something close to the growth of a deep and pinkish green which rose and fell in the distance. It was an uncharted land, an uncharted world by many means,

through which there couldn't have been any less mysteries and what was going to happen in there. A cruel star had come and stopped. Its glow was strong but heat had been weak, or weaker than what they had been expected. Those leviathans had stood out as they were dark beings in the distance, to the point where they couldn't have been more revealed. Even as they were approached by the star, this sphere suddenly stopped burning and turned around only to reveal something close to some long and deceitful long hair which stretched and pushed forward akin to some peculiar crowns which began and ended as soon as they left out their outer rims. They wormed and pushed forward malignantly, as from its insides, the hard appearance faded and it revealed a wart-like complexion which was soft and cruel. From its inside there came the pair of eyes which watched, but no mouth laid there. Other than some sealed hole which looked as if it had bore the look of singing organ pipes which had been completely forced close upon it, that had been it. And even its eyes had been turned to look inwardly, like some seeds which had been ill-grown and cut in halves. The way they blinked had been uneven, to the point where those roach-like eyes close and popped out of their dreadful inabilities to distinguish between sight and right. No amount of light would enter them, as it just happened for them to go into motions or pause. They were tired at least, followed by the trip. As the leviathans started growing away from it, this strange star, which was unlike any other from their universe, if star it be, started following them. And onto the bridge of another ship, from the distance, there seemed to be a clear interest which had been shown, against the new arrivals. This star oft not, to have entered its living form, in which case, it had grown to shown the texture of a living corpse. The more it stood in its living worm, the more it had become browner, darker, bearing a crown of worms, eyes which had been bloodshot, flesh-like rot on its every side. It left a trail of gas behind it as it trailer over and followed those dark leviathans. Not only that, but that kind of behavior turned the living into peculiar living, as by no means were they allowed to live in that manner over there. Fear and fright reigned over those who traveled through this universe, as there had to be order. In their ship, which looked like an awful long rock which had been spiked on every edge laid a tall bridge-like tower from which there laid the chain of command. Inside the highest of levels, there were men, real ones, made of flesh and bone. Human beings, who had lived or seemed to have lived there, gave their commands. 'Prepare the engines, there's a living one.' It was already late, by the means of which, the universe had been affected by the colours of madness. A deep brown-red had come to be. Now and again, the stars had started turning from their normal ways to living things there, and that's when the danger came, that's where it started. They were living then, no longer obscured or dormant. Not only had they been alive, but they were also somewhat rabid in their wake. Stranger things had come to pass, there was no fear if there would be no mass. Somewhat likely, the intruders had come to be driven as far away from their likes as it would be possible. It wasn't that they spread of that they had wasted their likes, but it looked like the leviathans couldn't even live there. Being a problem with their breathing patterns, those things suffocated and disintegrated there, leaving nothing but them, the strange star-like beings which would just happen to be their equivalents in some strange fashion. And where would it just happen to be? The portal which had connected their universes was nowhere to be seen, by no means could they find or even guess where it was placed. It was a sudden turn now that revealed the magnitude of the ship which was to approach. Even though they felt some safety as they thought themselves somewhat immortal, those sea-like star abominations were ship less and slow without the leviathans. Those sphere-like creatures trailed them in a most benign-like matter, to one point where they had been drawn in. Rather than be

taken and risk the chance of getting trapped by whoever drove that ship, the many sea-like star fiends started dwelling on the trailing sphere. They had been welcomed and stood there over some strange reign with little noise and no interest in what was going on behind. Without a sign for them to realise whether or not they had been seen or notice, there would be a cruel reprise to be seen. Where else would they have been in that case? Something close to a great eight of the surface they laid on had been soft. Digging some kind of spatial trenches hadn't been as hard as they had thought, but even more so, the insides had been filled with some kind of filth. As the emptiness inside waged for them to come and spread, they had made something alike of some similar fashion in which they stood now. The similarity was somewhat close to what it had been, much closer to what it had been than where they bore themselves over. Now, even in the distance, the universe looked darker, going a few shades deeper below. From the distance, it looked vaguely like some kind of emptiness holes had been dug by some beings in the matter itself, leaving everything either eaten or partially eaten until that point where there had been patches left in the sky. It was then that the dark of space, of which they had all been accustomed to, had appeared. But it was late for them to observe as they had laid in the hiding. That's what they men had appeared to fear, at least for their like and kin alone. It was safe to get to the zones through which the patches started appearing for who knew what might happen there. It had to be checked before the other stars came and swarmed over it, pushing it into some kind of veil from their swarm, through which it might be lost. There was always that danger, from which it spans. More corridors of space, it looked like it had become more structural again. Though there might've been no sign for it, there seemed likely that there were some invisible corridors through which they pushed forward and went. Something close to a lock had come into being as their ship started pushing forward at a much slower pace. 'We won't be able to get through, unless we send a ship, captain. It's the only way we may reach it in time.' 'But if we send a crew, this may be a mission without a way back. There'd be no return from it, officer, do you realise what you're proposing? There's nothing but death laying out there for any but us.' 'It may be our only chance of getting to there in time and marking the star. Look, captain, they're approaching it. Those things will cover and switch around with themselves until there will be nothing left for it, other than the insufficient kind of vagueness which would reign benign.' There was no time to argue or to question the decision there. Something or someone had to take this chance, as he seemed to be caught on his own policies. It would be illegal to say the least, but one man already made his way towards the hangar. 'Pyott, wait.' He had been joined by a low-class engineer by the name of Kran. It wasn't that shady that they found themselves going by the same passage during this time of distress, even less obvious, as they went through the lift eight floors below. But it looked quite so, especially where they would be going. 'You aren't going to listen to the captain or anyone else telling you it's dangerous, are you?' 'Look, if you're here to stop me, then fine, I think I'll be able to handle you before getting down there. I may not want to do it, but we're running out of time.' 'Pyott, non, non, no, you misunderstood me. I didn't want, I haven't come here to stop you. This is a rather strange turn that I may have taken here, but I came here to join you. I'm coming with you on this mission. You're in need of a good engineer if you're planning on making in through. It's dangerous out there and I think you may come to quite approve of my expertise.' 'Very well then, would that be all? I think we're going to be full already. I've already signaled for my copilot. He listened through the intercom and knows of what's to come. The three of us, you realise there's no coming back for us, do you? Are you certain of this? There's a chance for you already, you may be able to

return to the deck later if you wait. It will already be too late for us to return once we're out there in the space.' 'I know the.' Dangerous circumstance they were in. The sudden power surge wasn't right, but the small metal container they were in was still going down. Somehow the elevator was still on its track, going strong despite it being that way. But what had happened there? It seemed to have come out of nowhere, the second power surge being rather stronger. It darkened the elevator room and seemed to have been close to how peculiar this entire experience had been. At least from the looks of it, there was only one thing clear, the danger of this thing which had crashed in the ship. The corridors of space had been breached and part of their giant ship had been molded into the havened star which had come into contact with it. One of its eyes had somehow been welded and molded into the hulk of the skip. Though it had lost its roundness, there seemed to be a general drain coming from it. From the force which came from the impact, the bridge above had been entirely whipped and smashed, instantly killing everyone who lay above. Now the ship lay in some refuge of stop, as it was slowly being converted and lost. The light was fading at a faster rate, and even as it happened for the patches to grow larger, there was no certainty of the fate they would eventually share. Nothing had been right by any means, in which case, Pyott and Kran started welding through the shut doors. 'We'll have to cut through and get there manually now. Unless the second engine had another one powering it, I don't think there's going to be another one coming through.' 'How are we going to open the doors then and make it through with the ship?' 'Payott, you handle the piloting part, I'll do the rest.' A few more moments had been waited and accounted for, with little interest, as to know if there would be some kind of estranged lost pull or another system which would bring back the light. They were still and they would still be abandoned there in the dark with little recoil or any kind of power. 'We'll have to move through the metal shafts and the various metal tunnels if we're planning on making it through. Any other way won't suffice.' 'What's the plan then? Are those things going to keep holding while we're heading through them or will they collapse under weight and stress?' 'I cannot say for certain, at least, for as long as I am aware, it held a T-four eighteen and that model weights at least eight times our weights combined. Well, I can't say for certain how much you weight, but I believe it should hold on for the time being.' Another desperate shake seemed to have landed from somewhere above. It had come from the deck. From that side, the bulk of the attack seemed to have hit the most. Pyott thought only of the best, but even then, he had little doubt that there was anyone up there still alive or not without some kind of severe injury which had been sustained. There would've had to be a giant hit for the generators to be put down. The main one being up there, in the engine room hadn't been a great sign. At least not since he had seen and known that there wouldn't be any kind of fairness to be had at the thought of it malfunctioning. When they had, tiny sparks came out of every end, he had worked and observed some as well. He'd been warned that, if something were to happen, the explosion would spread and push forward in every corner until the static would be so high, small object would float around in the air, held only by static. Some of that would be followed, in a case of total panic by the dread of what was to follow, being some kind of explosion and inner destruction of every filed inside that small device which powered a good part of the upper side of the ship. If it just happened for something to go wrong, there would be no way back, not by normal means. The chances of survival were low to begin with and even lower for them unless they found a way to retreat and get as far away as possible. 'How much longer do you suppose we'll have access to breathing oxygen?' 'I don't know, I can't tell here either since we're in a shaft and not going through the normal passage. Just keep

moving and hope that you won't pass out from the lack of it.' 'Would you be certain of it then? How could anyone like you know?' There was a conversation being had just underneath them. Both of them stopped, as to not make any noise while listening. 'This ship is infested then. If everything you told me is confirm, then there will be no survivors

by the time this ship released from the corridor out there. I dread to think of what might happen to the living members of the crew inside of here, if only they knew what sacrifice I have to make. But once the process is over, no one should be able to breathe.' With a bang, both of them snapped through the grid and fell over the man whom was speaking on the intercom, grinning with a bloody jolt on his face while his knees had been crushed by the piece of metal which had fallen over them. He came furiously alive with both of them there, spitting and cursing, trying to get a hold to himself. 'Check the board, what does it say?' 'It's the process? I don't have any kind of clearance here. I

think he's trying to suffocate everyone here, there won't be any chance for me to disable it in time.' 'Listen you fucker, I want you to listen carefully. Unless you tell us how to reverse this entire thing, everyone will die here. This may be your intention, but let me make it just as clear, if not more so. If everyone on this ship dies, I'll make sure

that you're going to be dragged with those pieces of metal shoved inside your knees until you've witnessed everyone out here whom you killed.' There wasn't even a reaction to his face. He looked rather likely to be unaffected by the threat. Until the moment came where Pyott took one of the pieces from the side and shoved it in like some kind of metal porcupine, he hadn't realised how serious he had been. 'Stop, stop, I yield to you. I yield to

you, just make the pain stop.' He was willing to talk, even with his thick accent and strange demeanour. It was uncertain what his whole deal was or why he acted in that strange manner, but he would hold. At least since the little point remained, he couldn't think straight not look at it from any kind of way, otherwise he would've looked

weak. 'Push me so I may sit upright. I can't see anything around me, I think I'm suffering of vertigo now.' 'Can't you talk now? Look, see that thing on the broken grid? He's trying his best there, but he cannot find any kind of way to reverse it. Why is that?' 'It's locked, only authorised people do. Only authorised people know how to unlock it.

Code, hard, long code, I can't say.' His accent grew even thicker as he was dosing in ahead. There was little doubt in his mind, he couldn't look by any means, for the sake of his own mind. He had bled too much for a normal yielding human being to be had, at least not without passing out. Most of the heat had gotten to his head as well. It was cold now. His breathe seemed to be fading out, the lump in his throat was slowly receding and pushing through the heat

he felt. As his eyes dilated, he seemed to have been caught off and left himself there with nothing in mind. Something crept in and out, with little interest as the man died. There had been a strange device attached to the back of his head, which Pyott had pulled. The moment in which that happened, there came a quick draw of the feel, the

strange-like manner through which no man could upon a dying man as it came. Though he had been able to recognise that kind of device as it was pulled out of a metal box which had encapsulated his skull, it came with a short price. A kind-of defamation of his corpse cape as all the skin and features of his face melted on his own shirt. Much and more of the corpse now laid there, with a metal tube which had been attached to his spinal cord behind and the skull which had been filled with the metal box and the strange creep that seemed to make him suffer ever after the sight of this dying man. There was a cruelty and an evil which didn't belong there. It wasn't that he had been pitiful in the approach, but they had seemed to mix together, material and blood. It was a total mess, by any means and words alone couldn't describe what was going on there. Two more so, four more so, eight more so,

twenty ticks in the small box he had pulled. 'Do you think this might help us? I can't say for certain, but this looks likely to do it. As strange as it seems, I think you may be able to fit this box into the device.' One thicker appeared there. Another one followed and this small thing seemed to fit in a slot below the grid. It trailed over one broken screen as it had shown a path unlike any other, through which they'd have to take. 'This is the map of the entire floor below us. I don't think I may be able to stop this suffocation from up here. One of us needs to stay here and guide the other through the maze below.' 'You can't be serious here, through where?' In a quick turn, he pointed at a single spot on the floor, which looked far too clean and untouched to be had. Far from what it had been like, there was a little incentive to have it so, more or less, he threw him a small welding tool and signaled for him alone to begin. 'Start at any corner, of it but make sure it's that exact spot I pointed you at. I'll start the tracking device from his corpse, one of us may be able to take and head down there. But we need to be as fast as we can, otherwise.' There was no room for interpretation there. What of the alternative, then? It wouldn't be likely to be had for they bore no room or reason for it. As much as one crept, there would be another left to suffer after and creep after a while. Those damned things which hid behind the corners. Four of them showed up, small robots which were there to clean. They must've detected the heatless coming from the body in that one cold spot inside their hot room. As soon as they approach, both men back away and let them do their thing. As quickly as it had been or as much as it had seemed to be, the body had a few tubes attached to them, which pushed in it to themselves to their every corner. They drew in every ounce of blood and bloated the corpse with a hot liquid. It didn't matter as he had taken the tracking device and the small communication pellet. 'Keep this onto you. I'll connect it to mine. As long as we both keep it, there won't be a moment where won't be able to talk to one another. Make sure nothing happens afterwards.' Two more moments seemed to come. It wasn't until they left that they opened the hatch and started drawing in. 'It isn't much of a choice though. Do you know how to work the Grid, Pyott? I'm the only one who's able to fix the damn machine down there and open the air vents.' 'I think I'll be able to handle it.' He came closer and seemed to creep over the board. There were buttons there which could be pushed and stroke towards. It wasn't uneventful yet, but there seemed to be some need to try some of the buttons. It was fair enough there, that eight controls over where the maps went came to be. 'One quick moment, just so we'll be set. That box in the socket should be connecting to the source I'm carrying. That way, you should be able to detect me from time to time.' 'Quite convenient, wouldn't you say?' He shrugged and went on the ladder. Likely, it would've been a hard drop which couldn't have been survived otherwise, the hatred of which couldn't be had otherwise by means alone and creeping ever-after. It wasn't likely to be called upon the dread which had been felt by the degeneracy which manifested itself down there. Malfunctioning as well, as it had happened for his communicator to fail, he looked forward and crept by the side. It wasn't so that they would have it any other way, with little pay for their work as it came forward. One access key had been wasted to pass through a tunnel. Would he even know if he had died there? Without a way to speak with him, he would be lost and away. One light blew everything apart, as he had finally noticed the filth he would have to get through. That had been unexpected, at least in the way he had seen in. The pipe stripped down in halves, which looked more or less the same way through which he would've looked. If only there had been a way to get through it and looked at an easier break. So far, there hadn't been a near-sighted vision of which way he would have to take. 'Pyott, Pyott, come in, can you hear me?' 'Yes I can, what do you want to know?' 'There are two pipes down here. Large enough

for entry, which?’ ‘The one below you, do you hear? The one below you, take the one below you.’ Though, if the instructions he had given were right, it would at least mean that, through some way, he would have to translate it into going right or left. It wasn’t even clear as how the map had to be interpreted from his side of the grid. But at least he would be aware, something was down there. A sort of strange and sticky partially melted mark which had a scent which didn’t belong in such a moist place, which trailed itself through the pipe on the left. Coincidentally, there was something which would be more than clear, if it came forth to what was going on. Such pragmatism couldn’t have been in his mind but he would dare not look in any other way and by no means alone. The influence of the scent made him choose the obvious choice, despite this being as mad of a pick as it were. Dreadfully aware that something was out there, no standards would be as likely to be had. No one had been aware or would be aware of what had been clouding his judgment of what would creep inside that tunnel. What woe would there be? That one would be as dreadfully aware as to be called upon the notice of a breeder inside that rusted tunnel? It wasn’t what he expected at all. Not unlike before, as he had thought, this looked like something mad, like some delusion his mind had created because of all the silence it bore. Had he been so alone that everything had been a fluke? The certainty was just as likely to be had there. By no means would there be a kind to be looked down upon as he had entered it. But what there had been, it looked closely to the remains of a breeding stock of some malignant spatial insecticides that bore themselves and seemed to have devoured their way through metal and rust until they had gotten where they needed be. No means would look forward or be afraid, paranoid or devoid of many emotions which were there. As cruel as it had been, he felt for them, as he had descended through it. Many of them had become apparent, by the likes of self-cannibalism which had occurred there. The weak ones had been left behind, while the strong ones most likely spread across the entire ship’s system between the enclosed walls. Though it may have been minor, this looked like it could be a problem on the long run. ‘Pyott, I think there’s something going on here. I know it’s strange, but hear me out. I believe I’ve got something going through. There are these things which seemed to have laid eggs, they’re everywhere.’ Every word had been almost cut out, though the message had been left aloud and clear enough to be heard through the small communication device. It seemed likely that the occurrence had been high now, or even higher, as the deeper they descended, the more so it would seem that there was something likely to happen. Either a piece of the ship would crush him under weight or the oxygen would suddenly run off. Speaking of which, Pyott wondered. He had been caught in there for far too long that a delusion would be likely to be there. It wasn’t so, by any means of which the degeneracy of the lack of a means to breathe started. It had been uncertain, for the likes of which couldn’t have been trusted or forced through the mind. He walked around the room blindly and started looking at the corpse with which he was caught inside the room with. He still had his metal skull, or the device which represented its embodiment. It looked like some sort of hybrid, at least the part which hadn’t been melted and welded with a part of his chest. As cruel as it would be likely, his expectations would be met, one way or another, he would be called there, to adhere to the likes of woe, in the meantime where he would know what was wrong with it. Why had the eye socket flickered? It didn’t look normal and he understood why. ‘Get rid of it, stop it now, I can’t deal with this until the oxygen is returned.’ But the screens on the grid had switched from the map to a direct connection of the camera which lay in the exact spot where the shot had been. Its likes were of such manner that there could be no less than expected to be called upon. The wares of war would be met, one way or another, through

some kind of average stalking which would drive him to the edge every few seconds. Perhaps that had only been a result of the poor likes of being met by the wage of being dutiful and occupied with what was eating it. Something seemed to have raised itself in the biological part of its own body. Suddenly, as if on a timed motion, it came to show its insides rather than anything of the likes which might've included anything decent in the least. He was aware of what was going on there, even of the likes of the feast. It happened inside of that body, he was eaten by some kind of creeping insides which had dug long tunnels, everything of which had been shown and verified exactly in his mind. Most of the insides looked like they had grown inwards as they made way for those things which grew there. It wasn't that surprising that they could look either way through the glimpses between one side and another. But more surprising it had been that the camera which seemed to keep descending below made way through the tunnels they had dug into. For far too long it had been a black screen which didn't seem to bother him in the least, at least for the likes of which, there wouldn't be any kind of woe. Danger was even less than likely to be had, unless he would be forced to become mad. From all that inquiry, his mind was being atrophied by the lack of oxygen in the room. 'How long until you can start it again? I can feel it getting to my head already. Can't you understand I'm ready to fall here and never get up?' No clear response, it felt as if he hadn't even been listened to, as he had been more than aware of their likes and the many dices which were thrown. Neither of which fell on the sides which would favour him living or getting through. And it was dangerous, to sit there on the filth, straight on the same plane with the body. Especially now that the parasites came out and started moving, not to mention that the entire station was in shambles. Outside their reach and vision, it had looked rather worse. It felt likely that they couldn't be trusted in the least with anything other than what could be called forth. Danger looked as if it had been dry, they had been rummaging through metal, cords and plenty of growth in the vastness of the space until the cry. It came quickly and ended just as soon. True to itself, the poison of which would bear it to be likely, as it would be heard, the battering of the circuits and gates would soon come. For there, in the dark, the star-beings were given birth. They were tall and mighty, paranoid in thought, their humanoid bodies picked up where their progenitor had left, while their star heads were immobile and active at the same time, as their eyes were being formed. Most stood still until this process ended, as they would have to be careful not to grow improperly and die there before they could be deployed. Every now and then, a defect would leave one eyeless or beheaded there, left to rot and never to be recovered. But most of them had started pushing forth as the invasion was in full flight. It was marvelously hidden from the sight of man, as no one would know or even dare for the likes of which, there could be no one less likely to be trusted, if one had to hid away. One would think of say worse things about the woe. Their anger was fluent, but regardless of that, it had gotten worse with time, the likes of which couldn't be even less than benign. Dread came to them, the human beings of the station, until that point where it had come. Over the communication device it came again. 'What's the number here? I think it's fifty-eight. I need you to open the door marked as fifty-eight, do you hear me Pyott? Open, door, fifty-eight. Over.' He had read about that in the ancient books and thought it clever at least. There wouldn't be another way to return in time, there wouldn't be a way for him to return and come over, so this was it. If somehow he had failed to open this one door, there'd be nothing he could do to gloss over and get through. It wouldn't be in the least that there could be anything of the like. But danger came ahead, and soon he would be dead. Paranoid it seemed, he watch as the door opened suddenly, without a single way of release. This

would be a feast for the eyes, to watch it undergo as the room was there, suddenly revealed as the tunnel ended. He was somewhat tired, but this room kept more than enough oxygen for him to be released and go over it. As long as he had known, never had he been thrown from the likes of being pushed around. Many devices laid there which reminded him of the blunt force through which he would have to have gone in order to get through. Even so, he would be cruelly aware of something worse than that. A danger which couldn't have been called out yet, he had witnessed a small metal wing come near his throat. It was close enough for him to get beheaded if he hadn't paid enough attention. He felt over and pushed himself against the engine. This would do the trick at least, as he had known that the likely cause of it malfunctioning was that there device, which had a source of power dedicated for itself and no other seemed to be hidden somewhere and disconnected from the main power system. One quick flip and he heard it then, the oxygen machine, as it would be nicknamed, seemed to be working again. No amount of power and time appeared to be called upon there. It was clear that he would be listening and waiting for something there, in the least. One long enough point where there could be nothing else but the fast-going dry receiver. 'I think this should do it.' After being done with sighing, he went ahead and opened a small beer he had in his tiny ransack. By now it would be warm, but the room was cold enough for him to rest for a while until he recovered his strength.

The wing made it so he had to be aware of his surroundings for the time being, only so he wouldn't find himself open to some kind of beheading in the least. That had been done at least, there would be no clear cause of death as long as he was there, in the least, and he could try hinting at the fact that he'd be caught by the means of going forward as he had been afraid. But Pyott had already gotten up and seemed to have tried establishing contact with him. 'Well, can you hear me?' It wasn't the first time a connection fell off, worse than that. He must've been out cold, for the tunnel or the hole he had gone through had been flooded with a thick kind of water. He tried pushing his hand through but it was too thick, enough that it would seem as if he tried pushing his arm through mud. Little more had he known of the disgust and the repulsiveness he felt at that, especially as the degenerate sound came from the intercom. There wasn't any reason to look at the screen any longer, for his had shown just as much as the same, if not murkier and darker than it had been. His fellow was nowhere to be seen. A quick assumption immediately came and had to be justified as fast as he could've placed his thoughts in order. He was dread, either way, he couldn't have made it through without alerting him, and at least, he couldn't have made it as to flee in time. There were no other exits, that he had known and their entire plan, of being guided had fallen apart. But how had there been oxygen then? If those chambers hadn't been closed down there, there might've been a shock which would've killed him. Too much laid on his thought and he had little interest in what he had done. As long as he had been fairly aware of his plans of dread, they had been creped over, through the thoughts he had and how far away from reality he had been. Going down through the open hallway was hard as it was without him hallucinating he had been in a town. There were a few things which had to be said. The chain of delusions, the leaps through the worlds had taken something of a toll on it. Outside, in the world where sanity seemed to be lost, the vessel seemed to have grown to its full extent in the mines, but every single hole had been sealed as to prevent its escape. Now that every man there had been killed by means of gas and others, their minds being completely starved, there had been no living being to be placed inside. It seemed like it had managed to trap itself out of this self-devouring cannibalistic greed. Filth couldn't have been rougher to itself, especially there, especially since it attempted to push itself onto a far more

dreadful nature which didn't belong to anything other than itself. That of which had been denied, through which no kind or rite of passage could be trusted as to have been known to it. There was no ritual for it to perform as its death was ready to occur at its own hand and over its own fault. Neither woe had been thought nor could no amount of grown change the fact that it would starve. Despite the many roots it bore, there couldn't have been anything of the kind which reigned over it, the likes of which couldn't have been trusted in its own hands or to its own cruel magnificence which couldn't be overlooked. No man walked there, other than the outside. In a town there no man looked peculiar or even attempted to search for a missing nobody which may have been looked out for. And the fantasy inside had to end as well as a last means to extend its lifetime. For in itself, there was some kind of strange fuel which couldn't have been trusted to be used. The consciousness which were stored in its own brain had to be eaten alive and used for its own means of survival, the kinds of which couldn't be trusted in the least. Now the vile, which might defile, couldn't have been crept in the least, the feast of which would be aghast. It was the likes of which, for those that couldn't have even share the trust they shoved they had. For there, inside the station, which had become a side of town, through which the plane and dirt seemed to have been merged with a giant star had been under siege. Giant gates and many other means seemed to keep them at bay, behind any means of getting through and making it seem likely that they could be caught off guard. It wasn't until they were caught off by the destruction of the one wing that they realised there were intruders amongst their ranks. And they bore their faces and their bodies but only as a weak thing. Behind them, through their backs and through some kind of strange and peculiar things, there appeared to be a strange thing which had to be bore. In a strange kind of repugnance, there crept a like which had to be had, the end of which no one trusted. No man sat there outside. As a matter of fact, there had been some way to end them, to end it. It couldn't continue that way. Two maidens had beaten behind a window still and seemed to move on in peculiar woes, through which there couldn't be trust, for in themselves, there were creeping things which never thought. Never have they been brought by means of filth, by the creeps of whom no one might even closely defile the certainty of woe, the danger of being brought to near-death. For one who flew had his body torn, and one tail did entail some danger as the red growth from its orb seemed to have pushed forward to a magnitude of red, the creeps of which, seemed to have encouraged something which would weep. It spread dangerously aware of its mad surroundings, pushing forward some of its growth only to reveal that it was no real light, the likes of which only had shown itself like some kind of long spiked needles of red. They pushed forward and seemed to have somewhat cut through the air and infected everything around them, including the atoms with the sign of their choice. All of the sudden the red turned into blue and as it happened they fell. Down from their insides, their blood had been revealed as to bear the blue hue which pushed forward and seemed to creep with the likes. Neither man looked away as they drew in from their locked doors, before grabbing Pyott and forcing him back inside with them. Little had been known and fewer than it had been said, there could be naught of the likes, there could be no certainty, for which they wouldn't even be aware. It was cold out there and neither man could complain. For, inside the house, not only was there no fire but there was almost an undoubtedly amount of dread they felt at that moving substance outside. 'Don't get near the door, don't try getting any closer to it, do you hear? There's something out there and I simply cannot even think of anything of the like.' Nothing was nearer to some kind of indifference laid in his eyes, despite his dry chopped lips and the marks of a bleeding gash which had been inside his nose, he had been aware of

what was to be of him. A blue mark lay on his neck. Many needle-like prints seemed to have pushed deep enough to leave a round mark which seemed to draw in the skin. 'Hey, you've, you've been....' The silence was there for a neat moment before he turned. 'I know.' Slowly, he moved to the chair and seemed to have been set down. This other fellow which looked bulked enough looked at Pyott and seemed to have been just as unnerved by the likes of him. Neither he nor what he was expecting could've accounted for what was going on there. It was even clearer what was to be, for the likes of which there could be naught but the paranoia he would feel after he'd witness what happened next. As the blue marks progressed in his throat, all of the sudden, his shoulder and a piece of his jaw, which included his skin and a good deal of his face, had been drawn into those holes inside his neck. It didn't matter that the bones should've prevented or that they were there for some reason, that much had been clear enough. Not to mention that dread had been called into action, for which there could be begged at least a reaction. Neither of them moved or shaped their faces as they looked at the dreadful pace through which he acted. With a sudden care, there would be a close sign of near sightedness which seemed to be at peace. He was pulled from every side, from his insides, the body now laid in a position which not only had been unnatural, but as it turned and twisted, its mere act of shaping itself seemed to break the chair from every side immediately and without a remark. Dread laid in the air, now that the man had slowly dissipated in the mark, which, in a dark final, which couldn't have been prevented, had eaten itself into nonexistence. 'This is what happens, you hear? I don't think there's anything of the likes, do you hear me? I don't think there's any way to prevent it if one gets infected by it.' So, as to say, there couldn't be anything less likely than what it had been. 'That's how they got us all, that's the reason we've all been killed so far, in our homes, from the way they managed to snick in. They're suicidal, you see? Their kind just keeps breeding and breeding so they cannot run out but we've learned better.' 'What do you mean by that? Your friend just died here and you don't seem in the least alarmed by that. Seriously, what is wrong with you? Could there be nothing more than this filth you've shown me?' 'There's more to this, just look at that.' He pointed at the window, at some kind of general direction which couldn't have been called into action in the least. How much had he known of it in itself? Neither man, nor woe could be pulled over. A fright had lain in itself, but it couldn't have been trusted there. What had it been? Why was that even which had occurred there? There were lights coming out of the ground in the distance, pale and colourless in appearance, but he knew it to be no light. 'It's those needles you see, the lights keep coming in and out, straight out of the ground. Nothing seems to stop it from creating those things, you see? We don't know from where they get the resources but those filthy flying tails just materialise themselves out of nothing. One day, we fear we may be overrun. Here, eat, drink, conserve your strength, there's enough to last us weeks.' 'And after that?' 'I'll go outside and murder one of my neighbors and we'll get to live a few more weeks.' Pyott's expression seemed to have been caught in some way which wasn't his. They were slightly even more pulled so, their likes being driven to extinction by the filth through which there couldn't have been less of their kind there. It was uneventful, the way they had known it. Dangerously aware of something of it, there was a general dislike of something which carried on. He showed no compassion and no sign that he was only trying to jest. As a matter of fact, he looked almightily serious, at least the way he seemed to be. No danger yet. What else could there be going into this creep's mind? Was he aware of something going on or at least of something of the general distrust he fled? Or, had he fallen to madness? Was there something in the air? 'Begone, now.' 'Get away from that door immediately

before he touches you.'He got up, and Pyott follow the motion. Two voices, as there had been seemed to have come.

One long arm with a weird dark blue hue with a texture of pox or some other condition seemed likely to have opened the door. Clearly something had been wrong, it was unlikely to be off in the least, as the matter couldn't have been clearer. It was then that it had entered, not on its own legs but it dragged itself, the winged thing. But it was unlike the one who killed his own, even though that might've not been as far off as it seemed to be. Inside it entered, and then closed the door. Sickly looking and morose, it looked likely to be off, the kind of general distrust which seemed rather benignly trusted to be made and filled with filth. As clear as it had become, this creature couldn't stand. Most likely, it had been its general heaviness which prevented it from doing anything more than what it had begun. With a quick glance, it rose, a heavy body attached, dangling back and forth as it had been held by its two sickly looking arms. Its head had been flattened, the dread had been filled with woe. Unevenly aware that there was something in there, in that diseased mind, clearness had become benign. Something had dazed it, and from a quicker look it had become clear. 'Look, stranger, near its neck. You may want to tilt your head a little but I think you can see it.'Pyott seemed to have been set, not to any kind of danger, not to push way too forward, but to be akin with the likes of pushing forth and falling on himself. He had been aware of something drawing near, the dread he felt and the taste of his own poison in his mouth. What had he chewed on? If it weren't for another implant which had found its way inside, something to it had it neared as it went on and on with the blood. What had fallen off his mouth and what he spat wasn't red but blue. Yet he was too onset onto it to care. And outside, the star faced one seemed to have been caught in a daze as they started sprinting wildly in the wilderness which crept outside their reaches. For some reason they were partially blinded each time those light came off in the distance. And not only that, as it just happened for them to be crept outside their reaches by the mere fact that they were the only ones hearing them go off. It was a deafening experience, worse than it had seemed. More over, those sea-extremities seemed to have found off their way on this plane as well. Though they may have been losing somewhere, the giant eyed planet-like stars seemed to be slowly dissolving and becoming part of the ground, morphing them into nothingness. As the parasites came off, they had no way of dealing with the gravity and the heaviness they felt like they had acquired. It was humiliating in the least, the fealty and the disease seemed to have been much closer to the way it seemed for them to be. One more likely to be attained was the fact that there was dread ahead. Not even closer to the fact had been that there was likely to be that somewhere out there someone feared. Worse so, someone feared and seemed to hold, one pair of glowing forms, which looked like hives, bearing holes, they moved ahead in search for the ones which had felled from the mightiness of the above. Their bodies might've been weak, at least from the looks of them, which only bore the distrust and the disgust which they deserved. But they neared that point where everything had vanished. Even that part of the space had been brought, in the middle of the wilderness, where there was no forest but some kind of place filled with despair and branches but no oaks and tress. There were something close to dunes but they were mobile in nature and seemed to disappear by the wind. In the middle of it, there came nothing but someone took pity of that spot. The nothingness inside of it seemed to be dreadful and aware or the bloated filth which had come out of it. Smaller than what it had been, now there only remained one peak of mountain which had been eaten from each side. From the rear view, it was still nigh impossible to see. Something of the fear seemed to drag to the seeker as he turned around and noticed the sight. Something close or something akin to

some filth stairway which twisted and turned seemed to lay there. And on it, there were those sea star-like abominations which seemed to be content over the fact that they stood there, surrounded by safety. They've been encompassed and devoured and were aware that sooner or later they would dissipate as well. It was inevitable and for them there laid neither escape nor any easy way out, as they were weak and had been unable to come forth and lay waste. Upon a closer inspection, there seemed likely for them to have been something close to being benign. One of those killing fliers came into a charge, pushing its needles ahead in some mad attempt only to be met by complete annihilation. Yet from the distance, as the light bearing fiend had looked, there were rats scurrying underneath their mad hold. They were kept hovering and under the illusion that there would be some complete destruction from every possible side. Doomed, doomed, as they had been, they awaited their fate and somehow still managed to find entries as to where to go forth and slide into the nothingness which surrounded and to die off into the unknown. They had been a sight to behold, for their brethren had gathered from somewhere around the forest in strange leaps and marches and the needs for which no cruelty could be called in action. No one begged for a second reaction as it happened for them to meet eye to eye. It looked as if their wars had ended and one side had triumphed over the other. But it had been a bitter-sweet victory, as, despite all of them being at war with one another for centuries, most of the battles had been encompassed between the ones which had been entrapped. These were the ones which had no deal but to come and witness their destruction. And in their lack of flight, they came to look up at them and what they had become. For those below would fall pray for the rats and other rodents which would eat and devour some kind of fiend of despair in the least of sense and thought, as the mad would rise by the bottom of their feeding tracks.

Certainty be woe, it rose, the first of the star humanoid who had come. In the area he had arrived, he looked upon them, how passive they were and the maddening wretch it was, he rose to himself and seemed to give in the cruelty he had to himself. In that open vent where he could act unattended and unharmed by the vile limitations, he leaped and started pushing his head inside one of theirs. Dread was the first to come as the body started being wretched and creep forth. It was uneventful for the first forty seconds, it was worse. There was another mad event there, there his head suddenly had proven it wrong as had merged with the star which lied below. Could this attempt be called a failure if it had achieved this symbiosis through the maddening sphere of dread? No amount of cruelty could be right, at least not there, not in the least, not for their likes, not for what awaited that of which seemed to sniff around the brushes and eat around the cowl. Its stench had come and most of the humanoid limbs had been occupied by most of the mass the star had. It achieved somewhat of an original form as the edges had pushed through the shoulders and through the knees. There, it communicated with the others through the signs and called forth, in the distance with a howl. As they would come, on by one, as invaders, the mindless star humanoid would be clueless that this wasn't one of theirs. If anyone were to survive this new plane which was at least unforgiving, they would have to get in all the help they needed in order to survive. An assistance of the mad would be cruel in the least, for the madness and cruelty of the inbred race carried on. One by one, they started possessing bodies of their own, pushing themselves forth and being looked down upon by those who were pure. And by the time everything had come to an end and that small pocket of dark space where nothing could exist ate itself to the point of no return, they had done it. Far more dangerous than what they had originally believed, it looked likely that there could be nothing done for far more dangerous reasons. Careful in their extracts, it seemed likely for them to be there. Small spaces in

the air, where they would cut and spread, the dread and the essence of that cruel spot refused to go entirely. Instead of disappearing there, it took over atoms and started taking parts. With that said, if too many of them clustered together, all of the sudden, around the entire area, small holes would suddenly appear and bring down either a flying creature, three, or it would get through a house and kill a man out of the sudden as the cluster of the dark spatial atoms would crept inside his brain. 'Pyott, that's your name if I understand correctly?' He nodded and refused to pay too much attention to it. There was something there. In the way it spoke. Fear ran brightly but it ran off immediately. 'I bear no toxin so fear me not, I am just a mere watcher at that. Interested if what you bear.' That voice broke off into the nastiest shout and screeches as its mouth extended to a magnitude of sheer terror. Its wideness had been as widespread in every direction as it might, the body had been completely destroyed and from its behind, the door had been obliterated with a quarter of the door. Instead of it, there laid another of those small metal, wide-like hallways which had manifested themselves out of nowhere. The pandemonium had barely started. It was in the likes of which there could be no terror for the likes, the dread of which could no longer be thought to be closely related to what had seemed near. In that near-sighted awe, there was some dread and the smell, the scent of iron. The door opened and it was time to enter, somewhat close to what he had thought of a plan to exit and make their way through, there wasn't even something there. Just a way to sit and wait, perhaps with some light, as soon as they had entered, a door behind them closed and the first set of sprays had come upon them. Various gases seemed likely to be in awe, and push forwards for their likes alone were near the edge of trying to drown their filth and sorrow. It wasn't even for the fifth second that he had survived. And this fellow whom stood besides Pyott had turned into one of those fliers himself before he revealed his disguise and the skin of the man it bore. How was it that the dreaded thing had gotten this near? It couldn't have been by chance alone, that he would follow or that he'd see what he saw. As painful as it looked, there seemed to be a burst from his right arms. Before even looking he had realise it had been one of his fingers which had burst and had revealed at least eight small insects which had made their way inside the base of it. Those things would've grown and would've most likely been wasted under any other circumstance. Likely as it had been, there was something near the dread they felt. Pain was only the start of it as the viral thing had frozen some kind of trail of blood from which his finger had degenerated. 'What are you insects? What were you insects doing in my arm?' They had attempted to crawl and without a doubt, they had planned on possessing him in his entirety of being. Now that the gasses had seemed to cleanse what had remained of his body, he ran through the corridor which opened and entered the base below. Immediately light came wide. Some closed immediately and instead of them, there came a scanner. Most of the room had been lit by green lines which spread from every side of the room. As they came, they left the impression or even the feeling that there might've been some kind of floating blocks of dark out there. It was unimpressive in the least, the madness and the feast of which might've come to a pass. Dread was unimpressive there, as no one could even have a certainty of what was going on in there. But he had seen them there, as likely as it had been, he had seen them act and be that way, in the least of chance, in the same way he had looked through the block between them. Many faces which belonged to the men standing there appeared to lay in there, for their likes alone seemed rather cheerful in their mad awakening. Less than likely, as it had looked that way, there seemed to be no cruel woe, there was fear amongst them, as they looked through the floating blocks. Pyott moved and they watched, cheering in silence, laughing as if watching some rat go

through some maze. And that's what it had been to them, from the outside, they could see the many paths and many rows he had no idea how to traverse. Of how much they knew of what was going on outside, he couldn't have been sure. But there was another mad competitor who bore himself tall and fat. He hadn't seen him as of yet, but he had been aware of something at least, the need to look into it, the least of chance of how he might come to be. A dreadful awareness came to mind there, as he knelt and dodged and managed to see. It was a tall man, who bore the head of the star. He had seen this thing for the first time but it looked likely to kill as he swung at the air and crept behind some unsuspecting creep. It was aroused by its own needs of pain and madness. Somehow, as it followed through, the tunnels seemed to stretch into themselves, pushing forward and making it so there couldn't have been anything less likely that what it had been. A mere false target which had risen there, which sounded and acted like the boar of a hunt, which had proceeded to run away as it was chased. There was no sight, it wasn't right. No amount of cope could take it away that the thing he went after wasn't a boar but a man just like he had been. That entry, or that way he had went by opened a door for him to get away and not return. It wasn't even likely that he would be protected against what was going to happen next. Without a doubt, he would get betrayed by his own senses as he would seem so. It wasn't long there, that he had looked not at the dark and not at the likens but from the tall spot of having stood above himself yet. He had been the star-shaped fiend which searched for the man. Somehow that happened and somehow, even more surprising, he had felt a rage which surpassed whatever he had felt before. That thing he chased wasn't a man, it was something sub-human, beneath him, something which had to be exterminated and filled with dread as it gave into the chase. His arms broke in and pushed and broke through the various formations of the walls which lay around him. No amount of fright or of the dread seemed likely to be head. It wasn't even likely that he had seen himself in the same manner he had been. Just in the same manner as it had been, there was some kind of haze there. And they laughed at it, and seemed to rub themselves in their distrust and their disgust and woe. Outside, the world seemed rather peaceful in contrast. Those who weren't flying during their times to scout seemed likely to lay there, resting in their wakes, dreadful aware of what had seemed to be their won. No amount of darkness could spread over the degenerate feeling which lay in the air. Something had happened with the particles which laid in the air, much benign, just floating there and waiting. They had degenerated the field in some mad way, through which the air felt cold, then hotter, the colder again for no reason whatsoever. Just a few more feet in and it seemed likely for them to have been that way. No amount of fear seemed likely to be had. Some dread was nearsighted at first but their faith had lead them astray. Those heathens had hidden beneath the church and waited as the beacon carrying creature approached. It was the sound of the mad choir at the bottom of their stairs, the basement tunnels seemed to have opened, leaving but a hunch of a cold air and nothing more going forward instead. From there, many of them started marching forward and screaming and shouting forth, pushing and trying to escape after looking at the brackets of wooden planks which formed the floor above them. Between their edges came many rays of light which fell from above and pushed downward. Cruelly woeful, to say in the least, there was something akin to a dark feast of thoughts which never surpassed what was likely to be. A dreadful nature might've been to it there, for, as it came, it rolled the open door like some filthy rug and threw it away. The entrance was dusty, the way below was slightly downwardly shallow, but it managed to get forward through some way. Less likely than what it might've been as well, there was some kind of delight which seemed to be living in their minds. Two more distractions seemed to be

that way, one of two, three of likes, dread wasn't common at all. Feat would seem more than so, to flood with their likes and end them right there. Two hordes of sitting men, their women fed rats in their mouths, dead and foaming out of their noses. Children laid by their side, farther into the dark, their fates being much worse than what their mothers had to suffer, as there seemed to be pools and other limbs which either looked too long to be normal or they had been ripped apart with much force. The gore and the madness seemed likely to be sad. Unlike what it had looked like, there was certainly some kind of fear and delight. Their fates weren't in the least right, as the song went on, there was a fear which was much more than freightless in nature. Such was it that the beacon-fiend ignored the men, who were alive kneeling and watching thoroughly as if they had been looking at some kind of deity of the depths. It wasn't near-sighted as it seemed the dread and supreme angst which lay supreme there. More so, it was uneventful that it crept in their minds, the likes of which had never occurred to them, dark, dark fiend. It dragged its tail and ribs beneath the cowl. It descended through the tunnel as it looked for the men who tried getting away with their wives and children. 'Why are you defending them when that's what I so desire? I demand that sacrifice be made, the likes, I need it to be held in it to itself so I may once light the beacon brighter. I need to look for others out there, but unless you heathens give in to it so I may hear the song of the unruly, I may not look the other way.' That was even closer to what it had appeared. Nay, the men screamed, there was no piety and no fear and no delight in their voices, only woe. That dreadful thing wasn't like anything which had looked aware. Dread and certainty wasn't like what had looked like it, the certainty for which there seemed, fear might reign and feign and feel. Not only that but the likes of which never could be held accountable for their own fates. As he had come into the catacombs down there, he had found something he had feared as well. There were the men who had given their lives and had impaled themselves into the spires of the surrounding mazes, unclear as to whether there could be the likes. It wasn't so, never to have been told or what had been felt by others. The closer he came to them, the better the echoes came to his ear, the fear that he might be likely to dread another day came to pass. It was at least some kind of must to have been known, the words thrown. Such a wasted chance, that it had been likely to lay in awe. In a second chance, there was at least some chance to lay it so. The abuse that came into the beacon's fiend's mind couldn't have been expelled from its mind. Unclear, whether or not it had been said, there was still danger to be had. It wasn't so that there was some fear as the stones fell. Was it all a ruse and a trap? He barely moved in time to avoid being in pain and be afraid of what could or might happen. There wasn't any type of clue he might've had there of whether or not he could escape so many of the sides falling. But as soon as he had dodges, there came no more rock or woe, only metal as it had revealed itself, another one of the metal cylindrical, squared corridors which had begun manifesting themselves everywhere. But this one had been different as it opened quickly and out of it came some kind of worm-like metal defiler, with rubbing spikes coming out of its mouth. And they had been brown and covered in oil, and they seemed to push forward some kind of a wretch and some dread which was unlike any other that had seemed benign. It wasn't so the first time it went over, but likely, as it had been, there was an exploit, there had been a sign of sin. It wasn't like anything yet. There wasn't any fear there, just the contempt of having been learned of what it really was like. A slave, a filthy mongrel of metal which wanted to push forward and devour. As of then, it went forward for the bodies of the men and had acquired a taste, a smell and a preference for them, the like of which there couldn't have been anything less likely than the fright and the might and the sin of cowering woes. And it went down from

above, pushing and wrecking the many masses below itself, crushing the bodies as to batter their meat. From the spires they fell, rather cut and bloodied, more so after they had been acquired for the likes. It wasn't even close to being so, the mental disturbance which had been felt. Much of its arrogance had shown itself, as the beacon fiend didn't run away but chose to turn around and get farther inside, in order to find those wretches which had been hidden and taken away. This strange anomaly had been taken and considered to be some kind of blessing, at least from his point of view. It wasn't in the likes of being the way he had been. Unfairly thought, he had rummaged through the catacombs, furthering and avoiding the falling chunks as more of those metal tunnels materialised themselves in the same way. It would be quite uneventful to look at it any other way. But there was danger in the eyes of that fiend, a far deeper agony than it would've been expected. And as the catacombs seemed to have been stretched underneath the town outside, so had Pyott found himself underneath, going by his own needs, breathing deeply through the core and the arrogance and the woe. Likely to have been said, there wasn't any certainty whether or not there would be a choice to have been taken there. Dread seemed to breathe down its shoulder. He looked behind only to have seen those malignant turned curved plates. In some way, they looked like the long keys of a piano, stretched to their final reaches, made of metal, sharpened to a blade. They would cut deep, if only they touched him with the least of disparity. Unlikely that it saw him yet, he stood there, kneeling slowly, watching it drip its oil and dirt from inside its mouth. This one had dug inside from farther away. He could see, despite the tunnel in which he was, which lay in darkness that from the hole beneath the ground came a light. And that light had been strong and brought a nastiness which couldn't be deciphered by no means alone. Could it be that there was, by any cruelty of existence that it hadn't had a clue that he was there? No man could look such a beast in its face or the box which it had bore and live to say he hadn't live without a near-death experience. Then, it left, without any kind of noise, without danger, without a concordance or at least any kind of strangeness which bore itself there. Though he might've attempted to lie there, in a sight which wasn't like any of it, he bore himself through some kind of rubbing as to push himself slowly into the hole. He would have to push harder in order to keep himself from falling and breaking a knee, for the drop would be long and it would harm him. Dread couldn't be called in action, he would be no reaction whatsoever from the likes of woe. Nothing was right there, nothing indeed, no amount of certainty or the fear which might be lightly taken as a means to an end. He fell. And from that fall, he survived, as he had felled on something soft and into a pool of blood. There were torches which had been lit inside a circle, which had formed some kind of strange, forming sensation. The near-sightedness of danger and of death came again. As Pyott ran and leaped away, he saw the torches falling, not by themselves but triggered by a trip wire. 'What's this?' As he looked behind, the pool had been lit but not enough of the trail had enough of the amalgamation of liquids to lit him as well. This thing which rose out of it let itself burn out and immediately extinguished itself only to revealed a piled of filthy formed bodies which were charred and walked unevenly. Those things moved and vibrated and alarmed the thing there, the metal worm which came from above and landed on top of them and pushed forward, trying to get at it somehow. Not even remotely close to it, as it seemed likely for it to get at itself, that he hadn't wasted the opportunity and had gotten away. More over than the way it had been, there would be no getting away now. No pain, no danger, for he would be no stranger to the likes of woe. Many of the chambers were laid there, opposite to one another, pushing forward, and the likes of which couldn't have been asked for any of the like.

Even remotely said, there weren't enough traps laid there to amount for a single one of the amorphous metal creatures which made those tunnels. No, they had to have another purpose down there. The beacon fiend knew something, it looked for something which had at least some kind of importance to be used. By no means whatsoever could it be thought or could it be wasted. No amount of time shall it be called into action, for the likes of which could be tasteful and discerned. Worse than that, it had become apparent that there could be, for no means, for no likes, for no approach, the thing which had seemed closer to the spot. A tumor was growing beneath the earth, and it just happened to be adaptable for anything there. That's what the beacon fiend tried looking for. That is why he tried to search for those vile things, those insufferable creatures which weren't even close to being human then, the cowardly beings known as women. As they hid away, their very essence kept that tumor alive. It was only a reflection of the real world and how many of those creatures had infected and had wreaked the vessel by their weakness and the malignity they bore into themselves, the whoredom and the filth they brought. How could such a dead end come to be? In the heart of the passage, like a cold mine waiting to be flooded with some kind of harder air, there was a severity of some kind which was utmost closed and signed. To itself it may have been known and liked even less. Fewer than expected, it just happened for one to look even closer to what it had been. Small particles lay chewed on both far ends. Something was being worked right in front of their eyes and it looked likely to last for a longer while. At least in the few minutes they waited, a few layers of dirt seemed or appeared to be less kind, to be pushed away and fade. They fell off as those tiny things continued digging themselves deeper inside and pushing forth. Such a degenerate act was less likely to be had. It was at least as dreadful as it had looked liked. No amount of cope could be even likely to be had. In those moments through which sounds came to be, there were a few close calls in which they hid. Whatever beast of creature or magnitude of torsion seemed to turn the tunnel in some kind of blasted furnace, now it had laid in a ruin. The walls were no longer straight, a partially made cone had seemed to be lowered even deeper in the depths from a way which was in the least unknown to most of them. Such was it that the head laid distracting and made even less for an action which may at least be known. For a few moments, it wasn't known, at least not for the likes. Dreadfully aware of their hiding, the beacon fiend trashed the placed and seemed to have broken whatever part, be metal or stone with the likes of a beam which produced just enough heat to be able to melt and turn and twist and destroy. Not even remotely aware of what was going on, there was some fear and some dread. Nothing else was said there. By the means alone, there couldn't be denied the likes. For, how far he had managed to get through wasn't even close to the feeling of uncertainty he felt once he had managed to slip in his beacon and melt through some steel-like foiled side, hidden inside a rock. Something which may have melted through appeared to be even less than likely to have been as dangerous as it appeared to be. For one dreadful side of it appeared to be even closer to failure, than the likes of it truly seemed. That's how it happened for one dreadful moment in which, for the likes alone, his was the weapon which did break through that spot. And from it came a gaseous apparition which spat its dark mark and seemed to bear some kind of mark, with its red eyes and gleam and thin, almost tasty fragrance which bore itself over the kin. No amount of wait did seem, nor had it been likely to have come from within, that it suddenly turned over and avoided his likes. He would not die over, not there. Even though that creature melted and ate through the metal once it had combined itself with the musky air from the catacombs, it suddenly appeared, from within itself, to have pushed forward and to have defiled itself and everything

around it. Much of the dirt turned into a spongy form, which hardened at the look and touch. No fewer than what they had been, the many woes which pushed forward seemed likely to be aware of him. Some laughed, other danced around, and the gas remained. The men which lay on the floor hadn't, once their dance were over, they fled, others fell, but it was almost as if it was there. It was almost as if this union between gasses carried over every place, with little certainty and little evil to him. Not so that it looked in awe, there was a certainty, in which they defiled the looks and expectations. How so, it might've been, that less likely, darker than it thinned. Or so it started, once the bodies started eating themselves from their insides out. A fewer number of cases seemed likely to have been called into action there. Dreadful, as the agony lay in store, they could take the pain no longer. They could trust no one around and look at fewer ones who laid there. Who were those invisible strangers, what had happened there? In this chaos where they molded reality, where the sky had broken apart and seemed to have connected itself to the ground, it almost looked at if the star fiends were called back. Yet they walked aback, on the sky as if it had been a platform rather than anything else. No so, less likely than it had been, there would be agony from within. Nowhere near, any would fear the likes of those whom fled. Most of them had already been dead. Once they had reached a point in the sky, for some reason, they started falling like flies, one by one, almost boycotted by their own agonies. How was it that they had been so, less likely to have called upon themselves as to what they hid from, nowhere near their own fright and leisure, of the ones who never thought. 'They brought this on themselves.' The men said, as they formed their council in the catacombs. The women stared and cried and begged and did what they knew best of. They tried seducing what they knew of but had failed, as someone had made sure to carve them where it mattered. Little was known about the practice and who had done it. But as it just happened for them to know, there was some kind of agony as well as some kind of drift between one another, less so for one which bore himself forward to be a man. There would be less of a kind there and more or a turn. It wasn't unlike him to stare any other way through the small holes in the bottom of rocks after he had taken and turned them around, but that thing had been a new occurrence. At least, the same patterns had occurred somewhere else, Pyott thought. Less than likely to be dismissed by the ones he had looked into, there would be fewer than usual kinds of distraught images which course in his mind. What he had blamed than occurrence was rather the chance in which it had been likely that a part of the gas which had been hidden inside the core of the rock he had picked up seemed to have entered his lungs, riposted momentarily through him. No matter the costs, there would be no less and no kind of man who would lie that way. The freight seemed to come at a great cost and uncertainty, to say the least. On the long road, a long time ago, he had remembered how hard it had been for him to climb through the ranks in an attempt to get somewhere and do something of worth. It was strange and surreal at least, to think about it now, to think about it here, but he had remembered the people who had met him, who'd spoken to him and what they've done to him. Never had he the time to reflect and understand what it of their lies was. They were there, in one way or another, looking out for him, dreadfully aware of something which had been hidden over his shoulder. Those who remained seemed peaceful at an end. Though he may not have been able to confirm or deny their deaths, there was a certainty there, that it had been quick. Something really hurt in his chest as he had thought of the many times he had almost had himself be forced out of the positions he'd muster. Fright and dismissal came to be, a draught of ages, misdemeanors happening and crimes on the bottom tier of the ship. Oh, how he had missed those, how he had been part of the gambling circles, the heavy smokers and those

who'd gang on one another in order to take their unearned share. It was with those men that his heart belonged, not at the very extremity of order. In a way, he had liked it there, as, past a few more feet away, he almost felt the scent of some on-going smoke, like the kind of a cigar. There wasn't even a great cost there, but the trouble he had felt, the likes of which haven't been given or forced on themselves. It was there that he met one. Such a poor soul, which had lived the life of an outlaw stood there, with a cigar near his throat, with one in his month, boasting for the likes of which, there would be no certainty, nor any kind of woe there. The air still had the scent despite him smoking such a short blunt which had been barely unlit. It wasn't even likely, the way it had been, the way it had looked and feared onto itself. It flung itself farther away, angst for the likes. Such a frightful woe, dreadful in appearance came.

Out of nowhere, even, as it came in such a dress of a magnitude which wasn't its own. Such was it that it bore clothes made out of black wool. The helmet which bore that of a skull, or some face which had either grown or manifested itself like a chunk of meat on top of it. Much of what was said was unclear come from its mouths. Those small things that came out of it, as it had formed a tower of smaller heads. Even as it happened in front of his eyes, Pyott couldn't believe it at all. It wasn't like what he had thought. It wasn't likely that he had been there, as a matter of fact, he had been somewhat resigned to the defeat it showed. This creature was no fighter, and the way it presented itself was peculiar, to say the least. As to say and show, out of the smaller mouth which belonged to the face on the skull came another one which opened its mouth to reveal another smaller head which did the latter. It formed some kind of small magnificent thing which bore itself out and provided the scent of pheromones. Little could be said about the being underneath the skull, for it bore a cloth and a crown and a dark robe, which hid unto itself as a matter of fact, in the rightful approach which bore itself that way. Such a mad jolt it had been that it started being approached. Many others such like him had been there, and only now they stepped out of the dark. It would be unclear whether or not he could do something with himself that way. Unable to defend himself by any other means, he only cared for himself there. Pyott wanted to look right and unashamed of what he's done. But he had taken the body of the man he had known and flung it against these things. They ejected themselves rather peacefully, in ways they hadn't known of or about. Such a thing was rather clear to them. Much of it had been that they, as he ran or as he had begun his sprint through the catacombs below, he had realised that there were certainties which couldn't have been met any longer. No longer could they have been known to him, his thoughts being uncertain, them being met. Expectations of the graves he would lay in and more importantly, the fact that they followed. It wasn't like anything of the like, the dread and fear, the fright of the masses, the dreadful arrogance which had been displayed looked rather uncommon at all. Somehow they wouldn't be as quickly dismissed by only a corpse, on the contrary as well. As weak bodies as they appeared to be, they seemed to rose up from their places on the ground and carry the body with them. It didn't take long until, from its mouth came another one of those small towers, which pushed forward and flailed in their peculiar probing kind of wails. From the noise, there came aroused, one stranger which found himself there in the same trajectory as Pyott had just mere avoided the charge from. It was a moon shaped fiend who came and was immediately stopped. Not as if he was to trample down underneath them, but it looked likely that he would be stopped one way or another. It was fright which seemed to lie in its eyes once it realised where it lay. On top of a mount of those small things which felt like growing mushrooms, it felt itself be encompassed and overran. And from this sudden encounter it raised up and opened a maw, such as had never been

seen from the star-shaped head, from it coming one of the tallest one which had regurgitated them from. But it wasn't where it stopped. That had been only the first step of their evolution, from the depths there came stings and from behind them came wings. Those things weren't possessed or anything but only had kept them warm, like living embodiments of eggs, until they hatched. From the process came the flight, the might of which didn't seem like it had made it any less likely than it had seemed to be. But there they were other flying abominations which now inhabited the catacombs. And once the breeding ones had done their task, it only took the span of a few moments for more of them to appear and to grow out of them. More and more often, had it happened that their benign intrusion was to be. No less than what it had appeared to be, there would be dread filled inside, as they were getting ready for the flight inside the upper tunnels. Holes eroded above them as to make clearer ways for them to get through, it wasn't even obvious, nor was it safer than it had appeared for itself to know. The draught had only come once it rose to itself and grew taller. The tumor was only getting stronger and its filth only affected everything. For none of the madness or at least not at this extent would've happened if it weren't for its growth. Such power had only spread through every crevice and every side which had ever appeared around, making no difference and no woe, the likes of which couldn't have been dealt with. Somehow that's how it came to be, that the nasty protrusion had somehow made itself be known. One of its dire horns, red and marked and charred with a shell which couldn't have been exploited had appeared and had pushed through a layer of the ground, impaling a corpse in the process. Such was its might that it broke through everything it could, get at it, imprinting what it had on the certainty of the vile. No creed would come to be, if it were for itself to know and to fling itself into the daze that came out of it. For as soon as there was enough space between its horn and the empty space which lay around it, a red haze, the daze and the gas had started popping out into its small room. Though it had been just another enclosed spot inside the ground, this living organ had managed to kill every semblance of life, whether it is in any shape or form, or even the tiniest worms which so happened to be there. Not only had that but the worms which had once gathered in masses been turned into some kind of soup of rings in which it bathed. Most of their texture had been printed on its horn, making it seem like some kind of stronger worm itself, with as many rings as it could bore. No amount of certainty could be denied, regardless of how hard it tried. No amount of corruption could guide the blind towards the spot it hid. For that's how far into the ground it hid. 'Clear, clear, make my woe, let me enter, see through the row.' Said the fiend with the beacon, as it entered the rang. The crevices had been bent, already there had been a bent above, through which the sky had been annihilated by normal means. No light came from the ground and it seemed that the farther below they went, the lower the sky fell. There would and there could be no hope for it yet. A far closer depth had come out of it, the poor embrace. The fool had been there waiting, a pair of men who didn't follow. As they looked above, they saw their precious homes as being flattened by some force. There were clear delimitations in the sky, ends which shouldn't have been there at all. Dreadful agonies which lasted far beyond repair and for the likes of which there couldn't have been a chance at all for redemption. For itself alone, there was no attention being given or having been left. Who was that foul thing which looked at them from its mouldering remains? It had been the likes of a vile thing which came from what had seemed to be the sky. From its insides there came, a growling head, with a small body which bore limbs out of it, wriggling in pain. But it was no real pain, only the magnitude of its frustration it felt as it just happened for it to be there in the unknown. Far from being said, there was naught whom lay dead or as cruel, as

it had been, the way it landed and it wrapped itself against one man before it devoured him. And that cruel fiend, the villain had eaten the man before coming to its senses and realising that more of its brothers were on their way. They seemingly started digging their mad tunnels and pushed through the very ground over which they loomed. No amount of wonder and distrust seemed peculiar in the least, the likes of which couldn't have been trusted in the least. Dread lay of a magnitude which couldn't have been postponed. Many men who lay out there in the open now, whom had been forced out of their houses seemed to lie there, dreading that another one of them might suddenly turn and come to their senses. In which case, there would be no amount of arrogance which could be felt or drawn from it. No amount of cope could distract them from what was going on. Those mad fiends were clever, they were outright intelligent, at least to a very mad point where it couldn't be denied that they had managed to force themselves through the various holes like some madly ticked moles that were wretched and looked madly through above them so they might not be followed. One brave man had begun sliding through, as he feared the likes of another person who lay besides him, the likes of which could be anything but trusted. Another man followed by yet another fellow seemed to come, from the state of which that could be anything but be called into practice, he had been jabbed, stabbed, the cutthroat had managed to sting him from behind. It was deserved by some means, survival had been more at the stake of which neither clever, neither dumb fiend could think of anything in the least. As dreadful as it started to be, there was a cruel woe, there was a dexterity with which, after having pushed the knife, he slid into his body like some specter. They had spent too much of their time outside, to the point of them no longer being either human or men. This strangeness and this woe turned them into some cruel things which rose to their own senses and seemed to walk unnervingly as meat suits, ringed like the creatures who ruled the depths of the ground. Not even remotely close to what it had been expected, there was some malignant thing which rose there. In the depths of earth, from the growth of the tumor pulsed something even more ferocious than some gas, as it happened for some tiny amount of growths to just happen to appear in the air. As they floated in their bloated states, chains of meat ensured that out of the tumor they would be properly fed and keep growing. It wasn't even in the likes of which, there were the dreaded things which couldn't be liked. No matter how they looked upon themselves, as they opened their eyes and started into one another's woe, they couldn't be trusted. It was a must, the likes of which made them fear one another. In the likes alone, they had some form of consciousness, it was benign, flawed, and mad, it made them aware of themselves and of their own sad existence, but at the same time it acted like some ruling power which drew them towards one another. Such was it that, there was some cruelty to the fact that they attacked one another, like some kind of mad fiends, the dexterity of which couldn't have been even remotely called into action. Worse than that, they started charging madly, through the reigns of their mad gases at one another, plunging forward and breaking themselves as their mad charges ended forth. In their retreat, there came no word. Not a single thing seemed to be called upon, only the dread malignance of them being left alone. As for whom was left alive, they weren't living to begin with. Such like viruses, they bred and seemed to taint one another, forming together bonds, like some malignant lovers, who were inseparable, when in reality it was a union of dread. The agony of pain felt worse than the offspring of an incestuous relationship, from which the result was something which looked malformed, deformed and the likes of which couldn't be looked upon. It wasn't even clear whether or not it could be trusted there. No dreadful sight could prevent the others from seeing them form. Too much of that clotted

blood which pumped into one alone had doubled. They were like mad balloons there, floating and being bloated, being pushed forward and acting disgustingly as they had been aware of themselves. Again, no amount of certainty was there, no amount of distraction could take away from that sight. As they kept growing and growing, reaching magnitudes which weren't even in the likes of normal human growths ended up as being benign. They blew up and spread those long tubes which fed them, drawing in the air. Darkness was for the likes of which, nothing would be fair. As a matter of fact, there was a cruel certainty there. It wouldn't be called into action, but seeing how their mad lives would continue, they chose to charge into one another. And as they formed pairs of thirds or fourths, it looked unevenly so, that they could be cruel and forced into woes. More died, far more bloated in their small spot in the pocket of the earth. It wasn't even likely that they could be pressured into it, but their agony was alone to bear. Even more of them had been given birth. No cruelty could have been forgotten, no agony and no amount of distinct behaviour be called into action. As their reaction alone was more than enough to prevent anyone from even attempting to outside the others, for, by the time there would be only one left while the other off springs were growing out of that tumor, there would be nothing left for them to see or look at, there would be naught of less. Throughout their short spans they have learned how to understand the pain their brethren had gone through and after a few generations of morbid obscurity in the depths, some had chosen to survive and lay themselves buried as deep into the passages and through the ground as other tumors had been. Uncertainly called into action was the echo this bore through the catacombs above it. As no amount of purity may shelf itself from being defiled by that of which laid there, in the heart of the earth, where no living thing may yet to live. It came soon that the living gasses around the earth had already been dispelled or assimilated, including that small noxious smile which bore itself the sign of death. Its death had come into the agony only that of which a cloud could feel. To have you absorbed by the likes of an intruder this held no scent and was invisible to the common eye. For it that had been the ultimate insult to the injury it felt, the agonising sight of seeing something so dreadful dissipate as if it had been the mere puff of smoke coming from a pipe dread was indeed the utmost representative of their fates being endlessly forced to be dismissed into the lack of pleasure and suffocation. No more would they approach the walls, for they were sticky with the filth which grew. No longer could anyone get any closer to themselves without risking of merging together. Far, far, far in the catacombs, men had felled under that malformation, that unnatural thing which tied them to one another, with no obscure thought having forced them to lie ahead. Many of them weren't dead, but seemed to be vaguely caught within one another, at most conjoined like twins. It stopped at the arms and legs, for their faces touched and there appeared to be no reaction. The attention those hermits, those pagans, heathens seemed to be rather calm. As soon as it happened, they appeared to drag themselves to each prison in the catacomb and wait there, for some eruption to appear out of nowhere and end there in an instant. Nothing, nothing came out of it. Neither woe could look past their shoulders and tell them death might be coming for either one, for that wasn't certain. In fear, they looked past the slits and seemed to notice that there was someone who undertook the role of a warden. How much had it mattered that he was no real warden? What of the fact that he was one of their? A single man who had much bulkier, stronger, taller then the rest of them, whom walked shirtless to reveal a tan on his exposed chest. Over the neck, there had been a scar, and from the looks of the other frailer man attached to him, and the likes of which his head dangled in some other direction, it looked like he had been immediately killed there. Now, he would only have to rot so they

wouldn't have to deal with the abuse. So they thought, unclear and uncertain of the deranged ability to look past itself, there was some uncertainty there. It would seem likely that they were rather caught into their own selves to pay any attention to their surroundings. It was confusing as it came to be, but their brains would start slowing down on both sides. Regardless of that degeneracy, the warden, as dumb as a lout as he had looked, didn't appear to slow down by any means. Not cognitively, nor would his muscle mass desires of spread evenly between the two of them. It looked almost as if he had been devouring his conjoined brother, only adding to himself. It looked like the poor fellow, at least, judging from his clothes, looked like some kind of librarian, with a pair of glasses which lay broken and almost engraves in his skull. The amount of force which had been needed to achieve that was way beyond anything that could be called into action. No dread was felt there. But likely, as it sounded, the warden had little if no renewed interest in what was happening to them. How come they would look alike that way? Without fear, at the man who had defeated the disease? He acted less like a warden now, and merely held his own time over. He was waiting for something, trying to track someone, trying to look for that one person who had escaped one of the holes in the prison sections there. Pyott, though his name may not have been known, it was clear who he was tracking. Those foot prints looked mightily familiar in the least. Those there the laces of a man, not two, not one who had been dragged near him, no heavy weight to fully leave the marks on the ground. Those were soft marks, left by a single man, left by a man who hadn't been accustomed or forced to take part in the condition they all shared, and this was disturbing to him. Brute with a long skull and dirt brown hair, lacking something near normal teeth or any, but having had revealed that he had acquired a second pair of teeth behind his. Such was it that the absorption had taken place, to the point of having been forced to lie so. In his own tracks, he had seemed to be entertained by the idea of lacking any real knowledge of his prey. But he charged and he went and he had found something of this Pyott, whoever he was, he had made a mess in his track. Wherever he went, there seemed to be something which lay broken in the greatest retreat possible. It wasn't even clear what it might've been so. Fewer moments passed, and it was all going to be less than benign in the way they looked and how they shook in their places as they spotted the warden. The heathens passed. Such was it that there, in the reflection of the bitter-sweet walls, that their cowls suddenly become aware of themselves as they were given some shape of life unlike anything other which had previously existed before. Their likes alone seemed to be there, in some way or another, for the likes alone couldn't be called into action, no wonder may distract from their sight. It was in their small fragmented nods and knots which formed them that brain matter started forming, being surrounded by some liquid which allowed them to live. Not even so, as it happened, were they alive or mindful of their own, merely said, they were nothing more than exceptions from the dreadful agony which had encumbered the heathens on themselves. A constant set of headaches came over each of them in pairs, unfairly called into action, for their likes alone were there. Set to be pulled and feel actual pain, for the pain sensors which wouldn't be there otherwise suddenly appeared at the very core of the gray matter which lay in their long cowls. And the constant breezes of winds and sudden leaps and pushes managed to get them forth into some kind of unawareness which lay that way. Strangely, the air felt quite docile, not even remotely called into action, to be said. One mouth appeared on one of the cowls. Quite the rare occurrence, indeed, it had been nothing like the kin. Such tongues it spoke, some dread and fear and distraught necessities which couldn't have happened at all otherwise did. Though in its wake, it spoke morbidly of their fate, and like heathens, as such they

were, veterans of the forfeit of the great tower which had ruined their world, they stopped and surrounded this man. 'What do you wish of us, great mouth? Speak so we may hear.' One break came into the mind of the man, as the mouth in itself was an extension of him, something had occurred as well. This heathen alone was no longer the man

he had originally been, there was this thing in itself which feared. Such a slacker, knuckle dragger, mind full of blasted dementia seemed to occupy most of the likes. Unaware of what was going on, there would be some kind of despair he would or could feel. A draught had come in his mind that he had been which marked the man forever in the worst possible manner. Such was it that he felt fear, an agony which couldn't have been his own. There were worse fates one could face, such as injury, insult or even the final fate. But this man changed, and it couldn't have been explained. No agony remained that way for long, though he had felt strong, in the bones and in the mind. Such a dreadful creep couldn't have been left alive, not by any means, not by any woes, for now, that it had been decided that his mind had been replaced, it was time for him to be gone. No creeping woe, no fear, fright, nothing occupied his mind any longer. He had been, or had become a conduit, and it was vile. The thing which he had summoned burst out of his very head, like some anvil, it spread out of its skull and seemed to bear the marks of eyes, of hands and of those who spoke the messages before him. And the dreadful voice finally spoke. 'I am the messenger of the tower, and I have appeared forth.' Just akin to some symbol or a sign, they had suddenly bowed down to him and looked rather paranoid, frightful, unaware of how to undertake all of which just happened. There was no sign, there would be no dexterity to be called, for the things that came out of his chest were long and thin, and almost like the stings which came out of that strange flight-inducing creatures. Those dangled and had pushed some kind of longer tongues which licked around but never entered the heathens as they waited forth. 'Listen to me and what I may say, you, my servants need to bear your kin and drag yourselves away from the likes of which may seek to bring you ruin. Such a dreadful pace, you may see that I shall be forever patient and wait for you, whatever your fate might be.' And it spoke and waited and laughed, all of the same time, keeping to its cryptic pace and looking forth to never have been known or read. For its expression was close to not being there at all, for, it had been a mouth after all. All of that heaviness as well, it had been inexplicable as well, but it almost came close to resembling some mad and forgotten shrine which had laid somewhere in the past. Away from there, finally the servants, or what had become the emissaries of Ogoth had finally reached the point where they could simply walk and stalk and need fully explain to themselves that it was near the edge that they had to be. It wasn't even close to the regards of being distracted.

This farther plan would have to be enacted. At least to the point where they seemed to be the likes of being caught. Likely, as they had been brought to the attention of which, there was someone there. A mad-like one, born out of spine, bred in the likes of the tunnel through which they had travelled to reach that point. It looked morbidly inbred, more bone-like in appearance, weak, though it had managed, through the span of a few moments to eat through every single other one of them. No other servant lay, and this creature, if it could be called this way, reigned in the same manner as it had lain before. There was no mistake there, not in the least, they were aware of its existence, the likes of which couldn't have been trusted in the least. No more. Its breath seemed likely to be cold. Even the way it moved gave way to believe or have thought of it as something which had been old, peculiar, and strange in nature and out of place. Out there, where it had been outside its reach or of the place where the behaviours seemed to have been given birth opened a new path for stagnation. The way it moved without a point seemed to

make it suddenly more docile. Without another living thing to chase, it had been likely that it would never act in any other way possible whatsoever. Left there, on its own, it would stop, or even worse, it could possibly wait for its many bones to crawl out of its body, as they were filled with the same meat and living tissue which had inhibited its predecessors. And a part of their will inhabited its bone-like carapace. They were bemused that all of the sudden, though they may have been dead, thought they had been dead all along, have been given so much power, such an influence as it never had happened before. It wasn't likely that either one was rather peculiar in nature, but the dread of which couldn't have been anything but aghast. Suddenly they moved, all the way down from its shin to the entirety of its ribcage and even what had seemed to be the malformed skull it bore on top. All of those parts moved adjacently and tried pushing themselves through, going over at various paces, trying to pull at themselves and being peculiarly unnatural in the way some of them moved. Not likely, as it had been, the tumor started influencing the walls in the small pocket this lonely insignificant creature had been. Likely, to be called into action, it had seemed so, that they could be called and watched. No amount of degeneracy could ally and be forlorn in it. Many of the living layers of tissue already formed themselves and got ready to burst. It was a progression, as it just happened for the tumor to have had a way of practice. Long before this strange creature came into action, a group of star-inhabiting humanoids made their way through the catacombs before the sky had even given a chance of falling through. There wasn't any doubt of the like, that they had survived and thrived on the poor living souls they had subjugated on their way. Not so likely for their victims, as it just happened for them to lie forth and be thrown out of place. As a matter of fact, it wasn't so that there would be something as cruel as the agony which had been inflicted on them. One dire hatred lay on top of them, being called so because they weren't likely to have left. This tumor felt the dread they felt, those poor dumb humanoid whom had had their bodies stolen. It could relate with the fact that it could see the same pattern now. Many if not all of its offspring's wanted or somewhat desired to inhabit its body. They wanted to grow, to push inwardly instead of outwardly and grown on one another, then implode. By the long tubes they were fed with, various attempts had been made. Desperately called into action, they seemed to be caught in such disparities as they had been into previously. As soon as they met halfway, those mongrels, those dumb offspring's which had no dignity and no hope to wait, died. Somehow they all shared the same crab mentality in which their vigor faded and they gave into the jealousy which lay against one another. Why should one be allowed to conquer the other one? Why wouldn't one push and end him before he could make it through? Surely, if they both died, none could conquer the other. Because, if one managed to get through the tube inwardly and somehow managed to inhabit the tumor, there would be a deadly danger awaiting it. More so, it would only take another to make it through just so they could both implode and no amount of degeneracy given forth by the females inhabiting the catacombs would do. Stress pushed forward inside the tumor. As each of them attempted an approach, suddenly, it would turn forward ever so slightly and pushed a fair amount of some meaty growth through the tubes. Harmless, even to the touch, it merely served as a way to push every single offspring as far away from it as it might. Since the implosions would result in the spreading of their own matter inside the same room, sooner or later, they ended up being reabsorbed by the tumor. In that way they achieved some kind of pseudo-immortality of some kind. Never have they been known for any other kind of despair. For that's how much pressure had been put onto them. And now, the same kind of pressure had been placed forth onto it, the mad offspring of the recently lost servants of

Ogoth. Every single time it attempted something rather irrational for itself, suddenly pieces of itself had grown and pushed forward in their various growths. It looked bloated, much in the same way the star fiends had been. Even though it may have been for moments alone, they were given their wills back, whether it be a star-headed humanoid or the pieces which had been absorbed by this crawling degenerate being. Uncertainly, it moved and strolled, chasing invisible fiends which weren't there. But all of the sudden it would suddenly be forced to move and stumble into random direction and move benignly so because of the will of all of those living pieces which wanted to escape. Enough pieces of its bones laid that they could all possibly escape and live as individual pieces and do various agonies which may be inflicted upon the inhibitors' of the catacombs. That's how much of their hatred had been put forth and unlikely to be called into action was their. That had to end there before it started, unless it would require the continuation of the agony it had been forced into. Quickly, as it had seen it leaped back on its feet and appeared to have drawn its own attention to a strong metal pipe going even farther below. It took at least a few attempts, but it had managed to make a dent. One quick snap and jolt seemed to force the pipe open as the vent conducted, slowly as it came, first the hot pressure than came out of it for a few seconds, then the air out of the room. Such pressure came and almost managed to melt down some fragments of its bone membrane, but it had lasted less than expected. Like some squished creature, it had been drawn itself, its head torn and blow and forced into the form of the tube. That in it had rendered it a dumb creature, as much as it seemed, previously that it couldn't resist and force itself down that path, now there seemed to be a path. Unconsciously aware that something was down there, it looked less than likely for it to have been forced in itself. There was a dead end to the pipe, and in that cruel piece of certainty and from that lost passage, it looked like it would live that way. Death wouldn't come by any means, for as long as the tumor remained alive, so would it be. Instead, with a bone structure forced around its very meaty body, this thing which now formed, the combination of all the previous servants would come and grown together in the form of another tumor, hidden and benign, a different form at that. With a surplus of pressure, it was only a matter of time in which the bone liquefied and seemed to be at least managed into better forms. For neither piece of it could forget that around it laid a tube, a layer of rounded, cylindrical armour which was both hidden and impenetrable. And that had been its hope all along. To have grown in that place meant that it was just as indestructible now as the tumor itself had been. Despite not having fully developed, the influences of those vile creatures in the catacombs still reigned and pushed forward to it. They helped its rapid growth and seemed to crush any kind of dexterity of subtlety there might've been to it. No more would there be, for the likes of being largely distraught, as it just happened for it to be caught in itself and munch on its own. That was the curse of being formed out of some many beings yet being tied together. Unable to properly devour one another, they were trapped there, snapping and biting wherever they could. The possibility of actually ripping pieces of them was null. Peculiarly, watched, had been the fact that the pattern of their grown had seemed likely for them to have become a small cylinder with many mouths which went as far as the pipe had went. Soon enough the metal membrane gave it and started leading to some pipe system, which had been properly infested. It grew in every degenerate way, spreading and pushing through every piece and every side and possibly every kind of direction it could go towards. Why was that? There could be no satisfaction coming out of it. Only the dread remained and the fright which may lead to some kind of fear there. No more would they last, no more would one cast his sight upon it there. No living thing

laid, only the faces which had stood there as the joints which connected each thrust between the many pipes out there. They were queerly shaped and seemed to bear sharp teeth and wreaked almond eyes which pushed forward and held as hardly as they might. Mobile, at least in effect, it seemed like they moved back and forth in some sexual manners, as it happened for the pressure coming out of the growing tumor to have attained. Dreadful, dreadful thing, which held no piety. The beacon fiend had caught itself, it moved along the catacombs at last. And in one wrong turn it walked alone in a tunnel and looked above it at a single drip of a single drop of some liquid it felt. From above it, there seemed to be a metal piece sticking out. Curiosity having taken the better of that creature, it pushed for the beacon and melted a piece of the metal to look. As his scepter retreated in a different direction, a long piece like some crawling tentacle or some jolt, a sting, whatever it had been immediately pierced his eye. It was too late for it to retaliate then, for slowly, his scepter fell, his body was not his own. Now he had lain stationary, unable to carry on his message and save what had been left of the world. Though he may have been no hero, the villainous side of him had laid in a little kind of comparison with his own kind. Not even remotely aware of what was going on, he laid on a whim. In a cruel attempt, born not out of his instant case of insanity, but out of some muscle memory, it snapped its own neck instantly with a long arm, and as it happened that arm fell down, bluntly and in an instant. The other arm stretched out of belief to the point where it could no longer have any kind of hope for itself and reached the beacon, crushing it with its own wrist. The white fire which erupted should've destroyed him, if it weren't for the fact that many veins, wires, and virulent growths had already grown and laid in his body. No more could he fight back, no longer could he be confused about what was going on. There was fright and dread, he would lay there, no longer being able to resurrect, but at the same time, he lay there, flaccidly immortal. Later there had been getting worse. As of lately, there seemed to be a general change in the catacombs below, the way they had been structured and fashioned looked less likely to have been in terms of the creeping plane it once had looked. Instead, as some walls collapsed from above, they looked likely to have been refashioned in some wicked kind of tunnels which had been eroded by mark and creeping blades which once had lain inside the bottomless pits which had lain inside the worming metal creatures which had appeared there. Strongly fashioned, there were stairs and even some kind of small fashioned lairs for those whom were able to dig for themselves. Rather than what it had been there, something else laid elsewhere which did greatly disturb every kind of notion which had laid aside. There wasn't any amount of cruelty, to be looked down upon, but underneath, another level lay. Where there were no tunnels but a way to go and freely come down upon a pile of corpses. Upon which laid, above, tied to the ceiling, their earthly remains which had excluded their bones. Those had lain below them, in living beds of chattering skulls. They looked as what had once been their bodies in some form or another. In that thing or from it, the tumor ate and grew. For, despite being as immortal as it seemed, it could still be starved to the point of being something weak and harmless. Immortally unaware of how child-like it might've been in that case, it whined at itself and crept aside, for there was naught now who knew or who might attempt to freely creep at him. More over, it seemed likely that there was another man out there. Another one other than Pyott, whom looked like an exact duplicate, acted the same and explored. He had no relation to the man, on the contrary as one might do well to observe the behaviour, he might even add that this creature was a stranger to the way or the kin of mankind. With the way he walked being backwards, his fingers being twisted and endangered by the likes, he looked likely as to be aware. Something was out there, looking out for

him, trying to grasp at his throat. It had come out of nowhere. This thought had lain in the last moment when the brute, the jailor or the warden, whatever he had been revealed some kind of brutish arm which crept from the inside of his fist. Hidden, it may have been, it came out of an unpeeled skin or shell of a human arm, only to reveal itself as something solid and gray, hardened and with the likes of being formed out of being carved from a bigger piece which embodied it. And all of that seemed to have been either encompassed or entirely hidden inside of him. Without a doubt, something reigned, the feign of which couldn't have been passed over by the likes of woe. From the one stretch of this revealed limb, there came a crushing blow which had completely ended this fiend rightly in its own track. But it hadn't stopped there. This brutish arm suddenly let go and came out of his hollow humanoid arm. Behind it laid a long tail, as blackened and scaled as the rest of its body had been. Suddenly it crept beneath the earth and started digging itself deeper and pushed itself farther inside the far ends of something cheerfully benign. It wanted that human imitation all for its own. That's how it had opened its mouth and grabbed it while pushing itself farther into the newly formed holes. Those catacombs no longer, the place had been one of great confusion, especially for the likes of someone as slim as easy to handle. Without a doubt, it couldn't have been caught by any other means alone. Filthy and deceived, the warden's arm formed back, waiting for it to be filled again. This action had taken a great toll, but it was fairly clear that it could grow back, one way or the other. He could see it under his very own eyes. As one of the damned came to him, those cheerful things which looked less like being human appeared, he came to the conclusion as well. Something there had taken away their humanity. Whoever appeared there, who had once looked like a human being was no longer such a thing. Instead, it had been something less or something more than that. It was something of the deranged kind of morbidly aware being, of creature, or bringer of filth. Both of those conjoined ones had an additional layer of skin lying on top of them, which had been transparent and only revealed that there was water between it and them. They could breathe through that water, or even worse than that, they needed the water to survive. Such was it that these parasitical creatures devolved their fingers into lumps which were in need to draw in as much moisture as it was possible. Though its weakness in muscle made it less of a threat, this creature had been desperate. Brownish-blue in colour, a mouth which had revealed its crooked long teeth seemed to thread its own life, to jeopardize its safety as it wanted desperately to bite off a piece of the warden and drink out of him. Enough time lay for the warden to look around, from whence this creature had come there lay a trail of some of its own liquid it needed to survive on. Had it been an injury or the way it walked? Just from that alone, he couldn't think off, nor could he pass another kin in mind. He was there, alone, as a man who had been blindly aware of how desperate it had become. Even now, many of its lumpish fingers tried to penetrate his skin and plant themselves in like some kind of madly endangered leeches, with a greater failure than expected. In his wake, not only had he pulled and ripped those peculiar barnacle-like tendons which had been its fingers, but it had also managed to completely rip off both of its arms as well. The, now compromised creature wriggled like a peculiar seal with no hope for survival there, which only tried harder to drag itself and attempt such as escape which would've been deemed as being impossible by any other means alone. Dread came to be and pass and it had been likely that there was some peculiarity to be known to him there. Its head had been crushed as he leaped over it and as he finally put an end to that miserable creature, he had finally the chance to look behind him. Others came, or were on their way, miserably dragging themselves in the same form and with their altered bodies at bay. Cruelty had

only been the mark of what they had become or what they actually looked like. But every single one of them had gone through the same process as this one had. Though when he looked down, that of which he may have seen as being dead turned out to have another head which had been full of life or vigor. It had been somewhat starved before, to the point where it only looked dead, but now, it suddenly returned with the death of its conjoined brother. Left alone, this thing would grow and get a chance a survival, as petty as it would be, he could not afford it. Even if it had no means to do it, this worm had to be extinguished as well. The second head suddenly burst under his boot. Leaving only a black trail of blood, the body started dissolving. Perhaps this was its mission in some way, for the others followed as if they had only now discovered the pool of honey which had lain on the ground. But the misery would continue for them, for he had no time to carry on with the executions. Another one laid somewhere out there. He had known it. The trail of steps hadn't stopped and it seemed likely that there was another escapee. Be it a false track or something of the kin, he chose to take his chance out there, in the dampness of the holes. While going deeper inside, many of the men who had been heathens found themselves changed in vile images and twists which couldn't be looked over. No amount of sight would bear to see their likes and how repulsive they looked. The poison or the morbid gaseous toxin which had infested all turned even the metal into something organic. That alone had translated poorly for the worms which couldn't be fit in all the plans which involved the likes of evil. Vileness be benign, it had been tried again, it had been evil, forced out of them came various organs which popped out of their backs. This thing, this occurrence or mistake in their anatomy happened with every single one of the subjects. In most cases they survived with great pain and great torment, which subjugated their like and made them stop the various cases in which they only, previously hunted for their prey. In some mad way, it had been likely for them to be called upon the dreadful call of woes which made them quite aware. A thorough madness forced them all to get a grip. As that attempted to pull their organs back in, something had backfired the attempts. Some kind of springs upon which they organs had been placed only went further outside. It wasn't even likely that they would desire any other thing than that. Madly aware of what went on with them, it seemed likely that they couldn't be counted upon. As a meeting occurred, above the level upon which the heathens stood and prayed, they listened as they met. Words came and went, and in both ends, the madness had infected and these malformations of any living kind suddenly forced themselves upon one another and suddenly they started pulling those long twisted tubes out of their bodies. It hadn't stopped. The agony only continued as one of them got ripped apart. It went on living as the victor left him go. Only a piece of him remained and moved, clearly left open and exposed, revealing some open space and that most of the organs had been left behind. In their place only the large organ which had its cognitive functions lay. But even that had been left twisted and laid reanimated by that mad tumor. As the body lay there, suddenly this giant worm lay below and listened to the further commands of the heathens below. They acted like some coiling voices which only spoke of the vile. As a next set of orders had arrived, it had been given much of the remorseful thing to devour. But it had been getting worse. Such as the converted catacombs had been flooded not by water but by a growth. What had been peculiar about wasn't that it acted in its own manner, but the fact that it had suddenly covered every single empty spot, creating an area of time in which nothing moved. In some biological way which couldn't have been explain, everything had remained alive but inanimate at best. Then came the great movement and the relapse of space, where they had been brought and caught and pushed over through some madly unaware, farther than being

placed space where the likes of woe had disappeared. In their wake they had been brought to a whole new plane. It was uneven, and it hadn't been even clear where they had been brought. But the old space where they had laid had rotten away and got squished into a vile pile of insignificance. The vessel was trying to escape its devouring plague, it had been trying, desperately to get away, but without proper sustenance, it had been caught. Such was in its protruding system of roots beneath itself that it had managed to have at least one attempt, one last shot to grab itself and prevent its entire destruction or annihilation. As it drew in every single mass in the shortage of coils it bore, suddenly it had formed one coiled thing that was long and sharp and strong and seemed to resemble some great serpent of dread. With it embodied, it had now attempted the impossible. Through the wreckage that had been the many memories of men and human beings which had inhabited its body, suddenly, it had pushed forward and attempted this kind of elasticity it never had within itself. The vessel had attempted to dig through the various memories and somewhat managed to construct some kind of map as reference for what lay outside the mines. It was far away, the town that was, rather, at some distance which had been placed between them, but it had to be feasible. Some way had to be made and put forth, thrown out of any direction, for the likes alone couldn't have been handled otherwise. It would die unless it attempted something great, something useful, some saving grace which could pressure it to survive. There it came, that it had found the perfect wreckage in the sector of the city, where there lay men, women and children. Illness had to be kept in mind, but they were defenseless in that old veteran hospital of war. They wouldn't need anything else of the kind as they lay there. It was a sight to behold, as the coiled serpent, root of evil, incarnation of the vessel suddenly started digging through the ground and dragged the vessel with it. This power which had been expelled put a great lot of stress on its body, as it happened for it not to have been made for such a task, but to have been fed by lesser beings. There, through the rocks and the various crevices of dirt, it shattered and broke and cracked and left it rather exposed. All that devouring of men and of lesser vessels had done nothing to it, when in reality it turned out that it had been just as weak or weaker than the beings it so belittled. Such, as it in its nature there was mockery, it lay. In a pocket of earth, through it and into the moisture of the basement it went. The trip had been long and weary and the entrance had been rough. But it had managed to stall no longer as it had arrived in there and came to its work. Such was it, in its dread that its coil had spread in many and had penetrated the walls and the stairs and the laundry system which drove it above. Out there it had been in the open, where others might see and judge it for what it had been. But it could no longer deny any other kind of woe. This had been it, if authorities would be alarmed of its presence, it could see to it just in the right scenario of what might happen. A fiery pit through which there would be embed this kind of mad extinction would arrive. Such dread and agony as there would've never been seen, though it had no doubt that those lesser beings were aware it had devoured everyone in the facility it had lain in. More so, it had most likely known that they were aware of its escape and attempt to get through by what it had. If this experiment laid the way it had been placed by the men around it, there could be no doubt about it. They had planned it all along. It was a mere test, a trap and it had recklessly fallen into it. And what of the poor ill people who had laid there unprotected? Had they been poisoned by some likes which would damage it if it had attempted to devour any of them? Would there be some kind of dreadful punishment inflicted on it if it would fail this test they had imposed to it? Such questions couldn't have been doubted or believed by the likes alone. It was a cruelty of natural means, no amount of misery could have this ordeal be so. It was there

that the first victims came. And like a plague, the coils had spread and started encompassing every single human being in sight. The system had been flawed, it was more likely to be bodily than them being encompassed by some veil or by some stocky kind of box. Instead of that, desperation had forced the vessel to simply penetrate the back of their head with some kind of ill substance and some kind of woeful thing. And there, it had done less than abort and more, as some desperate prayer, it attempted to communicate within the greater magnitude which lay outside its reaches. There, it lay like some kind of dreadfully arrogant thing, a mad piece of interlaced living space. It spoke and listened and heeded its pray. Such a thing couldn't be had, a lonely vessel lost in time. Suddenly its coils lay flaccidly there. No longer would there be any kind of misery or some illusion. This thing which had lain in its mind had been given life somewhere in the universe. Eternally said, these fantasies they had would grown and be transferred through space. Most if not all which had been absorbed by the vessels had manifested on different planets which lay in space. Some where similar to the earthly place, which had been the prototype of woe, while others hadn't? But it had finally happened that they were no longer fakes, no longer would they be false realities but worlds on their own. For this one vessel had managed to reach the interest of a being so strong as to beg for the creation and be given the gift of life itself. Such as it came, there was that certainty in the least that it had no need to eat any longer, at least not from those physical sources it had so thoroughly wanted to grab a hold of. Instead, a plethora of portals had come underneath each coil and started dragging it along with those human being it had taken a hold of, then they suddenly close, chopping off with a clean swipe both the humans and its coils. That's when it bled, that's when it started bleeding. Knowingly erect, it was aware of the fact that its body was being transported there, to one of the worlds it had helped create. This magnitude of dampness hadn't helped the fact that it had to go through a process of agony before it could finally be brought there. But there it had been, the likes of which was dreadful on its own. For there, it had grown weak, far beyond anything it had ever felt, and at the far ends it felt as if tiny creatures had been displaced only so they could stay there and drink out of its tubes. They were no longer attempting to help, but rather wanted to speed up the process and end the torment it had felt. Such agony ended there, as from the giant malformed thing it had been, the vessel had shrunk to the size of a small pea. Beyond that, there was nothing which had swamped out of it, other than the tonality of dread it had inflicted as the whispers appeared. It finally arrived. This world was its own, which made it as peculiarly deceitful and vile, evil and benign. For, where it had been brought was no plane like the planet it had previously inhabited. And this gift was one of agony indeed, as it had turned out to be nothing else but what it had created in order to torment its inhabitants. Clouds laid there in a red sky, darkened with sienna brown, the likes of which bloodied tears as they ran down. Acidic rains tormented but weren't likely to be the cause of any known death, as they only stung but left no mark. Towers lay everywhere, placed in their weird and angular shape which had changed to accommodate to the strange gravity which lay there. Finally as it came to its senses, it had attempted to drag itself to the cave near which it had been brought. But what had been the point then? There was clearly no further end to hide itself and it seemed like this strange raise of stone had lain on top of the tallest mountain there was. From there, it had a sight of almost everything which happened on there or at least a great deal of it. Morally untrue, it saw how many petty men fought one another like savages, wearing their cultists robes, walking through their deserted homes and what. It had been through it that finally it would have to suffer living in a world of its own creation, over which it had been given

dominion, though it had been left unarmed. The vessel had no way to move any longer, as it had desired to feed for so long. Through some mad way, it saw through the ground as well, and underneath it, lay the catacombs and the many holes. Plenty of other planes lay there, which went deep and in which lay all the constructs and all of those fake and benign deities it had created. Most of the things which had been brought to life had inhabited his plane, but as it had found out, many of the beings which inhabited every single one of them seemed to be confused and left wandering there, searching for something new or something better. But what could there be for them? It seemed that as soon as every single plane converged together, there were more than plenty of them abandoned. Many homes and

holes lay there empty, as they started grouping and forming their strange tribes. Plenty of them had been incompatible with one another, not to mention that they were under the constant risk of awakening the towers, which may result in their total annihilation, but that had been it. Such tormentors lay in ways which couldn't have been thought off. There, in the distance, the tribe of They had been formed. And it lay clear as one of the first ones to have formed and to have inhabited this strange world it had been brought to. Its members had been soaked in pools of their own creation, a morbid substance which had been given form out of some mutation. In that strange world and in the reign of confusion, one tall giant had seemed to have pulled out of wicked heart and squeezed some growth of it. Its eyeless stare bore it through and there seemed to lay the pull in which each member bathed in. Their vileness and filth couldn't be denied, their cowardice held no light, it was true that in that pool they seemed to change, to push forward less of their bodies and more of the substance which had exchanged places with their blood. Like some deformed things the human beings came first. Out of the pool they looked longer, leaner, with their cowls embed on them and looking rather pale. Some resemblance of teeth came out of their mouths but seemed likely to be bent and twisted rather than straight. They stepped aside and left the next group comes near. Such was the gathering so far, as it seemed nearly impossible to distinguish someone from one group to the other, in the near-sighted gaze of the vessel. But the living machines followed and in the pool they found their reckoning to lie at hand, as it appeared likely for them to be brought to some form of living torment which shouldn't have been there by any means alone. It

would be cruel to say otherwise. This insufficiency of woe had turned them into something close to bloodied skeletons, with something close to them as the corpses of the human soldiers they had once fought against. Somehow they had found their way into the pools or they had manifested atop the desire to have shown their ware. Either way, what had come out of this liquid seemed likely to have been carriers of diseases both for the kin of meat and the one which would rust any other kind of metal. That had been their gift, and it looked likely for them to have been pleased with the turn of events. What followed after were worshippers of the shrine, the mad ones who had been brought to life. They served a new master now, or at least they didn't appear likely to have served themselves in the agony which lay. Such as the dreadful thing had encompassed the like, it seemed likely for them to have come out of the pool unchanged. But instead of them being rejected, it looked like they had carried a new idol, another shrine from the depths of the pool. That had been heavy and seemed insignificant at first but as they brought it out, everyone seemed to pause and stare. The statue was crude and meaningless, but what it had bore seemed to be a transparent globe which had been filled with the essence of the pool. Others who had been changed and the creeps alike seemed to gather around it and worship this one dignified idol. It had be, as it seemed likely to have been their last resort in this estranged and peculiar woe which had been to them the strangest of much benign action. The pool

started receding and there would still be time for others. Men with no names entered those who had explored and found out that there would be no life afterwards entered the pool as well. And as they came out they themselves were unchanged but had found out that they would be forced to walk in the same suits unlike the others. In that world, they would be the creeps and the savages, those who were stuck behind the evolution and the kin. And more importantly, this process had continued for days in which they waited and looked at their new brethren which had changed, and the others who had remained the same in every and each aspect, which couldn't have been denied. Their hatred and agony continued as the pool had finally reached its end. Instead of it laid a barren spot which was as dark as to be the mark of what had once been a fire. Instead of them having been forced into this new hope, the dread continued as they started worshipping the globe. 'Look, thee, hoh, I have a desire to procreate anew, the life which belongs to me shall be eaten by my own likes as well. What of you, oh master, who had given me the likes to breed and heed nothing but the agony which had been promised upon eight new generations?' 'Shut yer mouth, loath of lumps, cans you not see that you're wickedly degenerating into something weaker? Take heed of your limbs, they are long and weak, no strain to them but no muscle mass either. You wouldn't survive through the child-birth unlike any other specimen which may be. That you are here alive means nothing, nothing of the like. If anything, there's only the chance that you may be devoured by another's offspring's that they might make it through.' 'Listen not to them, of sphere which is the precursor of life. We're only trying not to, as deny, we are your mere servants and ask for no other gift nor advice from thin self.' 'Do not get any closer, you runt and savage. Can't you see that your mandibles are long and sharp, such as those of a long horned fiend? Do you not see the danger of your approach there? It looks and seems to be that you can't recognize the possibility of inflicted mortality which may be brought upon our progenitor. Take him away and remove his tongues. His ilk ivory teeth as well, his sharp fingers and battering rams which be bedraggled from its back.' Such as the agony of woe seemed likely to have been spread, there was a curiosity in which this hellish agony dampened them as their likes akin. This had been a meeting to behold. At the end of a distant hill, what seemed more like an army which had carried a symbol or some idol stopped dread in their tracks, ready as to recognise both a threat and something just as strange. This creature had managed to lay a jest, right before their very eyes, straight before they could raise themselves up and come to their minds. It was even closer to have been caught off guard there, as many looked at the idol which had taken a hold of the sphere, which had resembled, or, be it otherwise, the creature which stood at the end of the broken hill. From the looks of which, it had been crudely aware of itself, as it managed to stroke its own arms and many like with which it had been bore. Against them, it had spoken no word but thought of how amusing it had been. Many of them were rather too caught in their own awakenings and in the very thought of similarity which lay between them. It had been uncanny at least, to the point where they had been indistinguishable, from nowhere near any sight would they be. Such was it that their cruelty was much more than benignly exposed to their kin. They had been paranoid, at least, in their likes and for the feast of which they lay. Paranoia was something close against which they'd rather lay their arms and follow this as a symbol of their progenitor, it had to be. But why had it been there at all? There wasn't any kind of desire to know or any possible explanation to be held to them. So far, as to say that it couldn't be looked at any longer had been an understatement, for they followed no clear trail and seemed only to have been caught in their town thoughts. Every now and then though, one would look at the idol and see no crude statue but that mad creature

itself, holding on the globe tightly as it came. Despite perfidious looks, there couldn't have been any other creature which would so desire to lay and throw itself at the shrine. His skin might've come to a shade which resembled the liquid now, but that had been predisposed to only their picked sight. Many from the crowd looked into the same spots only to notice that there was nothing there but that crude depiction. And as they kept on staring, they had become somewhat predictably paranoid and fearful of the ones which might attempt to draw in near and commit the supreme act of theft, as the body of their progenitor would be taken from their grasp and sight. 'Ye down there, do not look upon him, unless your desire is to lay with the dead. I saw how you looked at him, approach not or you shall feel the misery inflicted upon your body just as it had once been created, so shall it be undone.' That thing approached and suddenly ripped out the meat out of some metal arm. From its end, suddenly there had been a release that, by no means, could those metal joints live independently without the organic parts any longer. Such as they had been sealed in the least, that way they had been caught. And the giant whom looked dreadfully awake in his nature seemed to be caught off dosing. In a peculiar manner as well, as he had been the only one not to have bathed into his own liquid. Instead of that, he walked and doused off, sometimes crushing those who were unlucky as to lay in his path. Such a cruelty had made one be unaware of what was right and what lay with them, alas, the cruel nature would come to light. Is just happened for him to notice as to have been called from his daze, to be reminded that underneath the patch upon which lay the emptiness of the socket, lay no eye any longer. And what they had been carrying all along looked as if it was the perfect fit. He bent and approached, pushed in and suddenly pushed the rounded sphere inside his socket so he may see. It was something which had shocked and frightened them all, for no amount of dark gazes could do any such thing as to demoralise this giant. Unless there had been something they hadn't known, they now followed him instead of the shrine, which had been abandoned, spat of and left to be destroyed by whatever natural occurrence might ever occur. In such a thing lay only the dread, the misinformation and the spread of natural diseases which couldn't have been called off. Not as to be cheerful as to call upon whatever agony there lay, in an appearance which couldn't have been called anything but dreadful, there lay the call of summer. Sky fiends blossomed in a peculiar bloom of orange light. It wasn't right, it couldn't have been, but they his away under the shade. For this light was by no means right and it had inflicted its malignancy over the men of this world. Those who had been caught by its growth had their skin grow small and rounded poignant growths of orange and dreadful pockets of growing, morbid long-lays. As they drew forward, they created bridges from various parts of their bodies, connecting them, stretching and pushing forward. They carried more of the orange rain which had arrived. Now the pockets had been full and had made way. Sooner or later they would've noticed them coming. But small insects which carried sacks and long pointers came near those affected beings and started spreading their vapors inside of them as if they were taking care of their own sacks rather than anything else. It couldn't have been anymore clear as to what had happened and what had lain. But the agony which had been inflicted continued. The vessel had been unaffected by the rain or light, by this fight of discord which had attempted to grasp as many living organisms as it might. Such was it, that in its wake, it looked through the clouds and through the light and saw the gaseous forms which had been created by a being unlike any others. It had a dreadful form of black and mouldering small pockets in which stood stumps which had grown from its insides. Four great and thin legs lay there, moving constantly, bearing white and dark smoke trails as they moved in unison. For one unaccustomed, one might think

this creature was being caught in mid-flight, but that couldn't have been farther from the truth. As those some trails were no trails at all, but some form of thin material on which it simulated some kind of ground. On a closer look, they seemed to be made of perhaps billions of moving strings that thinned in the distance as to appear invisible or inexistent. But this creature had an intelligence unlike all others. It harvested, from its many coils, what its tiny flying servants had delivered onto those strings. Living material that had been forced deeper and farther onto the strings and pushed ever so forward as to feed his might. Unable to look forward than this ruse and woe, neither it nor its servants would communicate. This thing had been disgustingly afraid of being seen and noticed, not to mention being followed and trailed through the darkness of its own abyss it had created. There was something to it there. Not only had it acted in some manner unlike what it had supposed to be like, but it also managed to create a way for it to harvest on the poor sods which lay there with no defence. It was an act of cowardice, how the small insects would gang up on the bodies which lay on the ground, not dead but exhausted from the added weight of the pus-filled growths which tore them down. As a mere thing, which lay in some way or another they acted like some kind of carriers, not of sustenance, but of the bodies themselves. It had been a hard thing to realise, and this hadn't occurred to the layman whom watched, but these small insect-like beings were intelligent. Not only were they working hard but they were aware of the many systems on which lay the strings. Their end goals hadn't been to feed that dark creature which lay above them, not at all. It had been a mere act which had been given birth as a perversion of their desire to preserve the sight. Indeed, they had watched for far between, and farther eons, in the empty space, the nothingness collapse, the stars and planets dying. And somehow they had found themselves there, watching this occur out of nothingness, like some kind of blessing or, perhaps a reward for how long they had waited for something to happen. Incredibly so, they had long since realise the property that dark fiend had, for, at the end of it, as the mass of meat which would so-called, in thought or observation be devoured, they had found out something much better. They would not only be encompassed by it but add to the growth of that pile, for that's what it had actually been. It wasn't a globe of meat, or some darker, taller create, it had been a living pile made out of the information of everything it had acquired and devoured. It baffled the tiny flying creatures, as it never occurred to them that such a thing would be possible by any means alone. Dangerously aware of what had been, the many dead things lay there, placed on top of one another, staring with dead eyes. Such a texture was quite likely to be called into action, the dreadful arrogance for which none may lay. Unfairness had come to at a price, for which they would communicate through dead organs their wills and their desires, neither of which would be listened to. But every now and then, a small hive-like group, a cluster of them would appear, pulsating with their orange lights. In themselves, there lay something extremely peculiar. They had held an account of every new body which had been accumulated in that pile, ever since its conception. Not only had they kept track of them, but also of the bodies they themselves helped it acquire. Though it may have been a dumb thing which only acted as a way to collect those which lay around them, it had constituted some kind of addiction to them. One would draw ever so near, now and then, as to test it and see if it would be devoured. Such a phantasm would mean ecstasy for such a being of dread, to be absorbed and lay with the other trophies as a sign of the many dangers it had to survive through to get there. But it had no clue as to why it had been rejected. No matter how close and how tightly it had rubbed itself against it, there would be no response whatsoever. It was clear that something had been wrong there, unclear as to what the reason

lay, it had to settle with being a watcher. Even attempting to rub it against one of the many wires had resulted in nothing. Perhaps it had desired only the living organisms which lay there. But one meeting had sufficed, more importantly than with the host of their desire, for these tiny creatures, almost beetle-like in insufficiency of their never-ending curiosity, had managed to get a sight of the vessel. They kept a distance and seemed to fear. Something about it wasn't right, it could not be explained by any means, but there was danger there. Such a peculiar turn of feelings had never been felt by any means. Pyott knew himself as well. He looked above and seemed to understand, from the corner where he had stood and stolen glances that the things which had grown there were by no means afraid and by no means wicked in nature. They had cleaned the place and appeared to have turned it into something else. By nature of themselves, it had become rather clear that there was a disturbance, a vile hatred which they had felt for one another right at that moment. They spread and suddenly disappeared from sight. That's when the sudden break had ended and another rain had started in his area. Quickly, as to come into waves, it had happened for them to spread around and come to be known as quickly aware, they were out there. Four of them had struck him suddenly as he had looked both out of place, the virtue of a man who had been saved from destruction lay within him. But such a saving grace could not last forever, as the mere reflection of the blue in blue which lay near his eyes served as a ward for them. Never had they seen such a sight. A colour which reflected in his vision but had never seemed to bear such a thing as the dark one. With a whim, they spoke in their spread of noise and quickly made themselves fly as farther away as they might. It was thing which made them unable to look any other way and by no means live. The dread acquired seemed to last, he had been stricken in hiding so he may survive. It was another day which Pyott had managed to buy himself in those areas. As soon as the heaviness which was added by the various showers of that madly induced liquid overcame the leaves, there would be no way for him to hide. Not even there would he be safe, as he had lain in hiding for far too long. What had lain in front of him, from whence he had escaped seemed to be the displaced entry from the catacombs. Above them laid some kind of twisted top of rock, which would shave off a great deal of what fell from above. No liquid appeared to barge in, but that also meant he had to return. 'Not there, not any longer, I cannot return to the place from which I had barely escaped, something dreadful lays there. I know of it, I know of it, you shall not overcome me.' Just as a mere test, he had looked in front of him as saw a constant drop from the liquid. He flung the tip of the finger straightly into it only so he may test it and notice what was about to happen. The amount of dread which filled them lay like nothing he had encountered previously. From the looks of it, the infection occurred within seconds there. Much growth had occurred not on the outside but on the inside. A reason which had given to his saviour's grace seemed to have lain within him there. Neither had a clue nor woe, nor could they have thought of it by any means whatsoever. It would be this attack of growths which would turn his finger inwards before he took out a rock and started bashing it. Already, most of the pain had gone after the few strikes, and what laid in front of him had been a battered stump from which came no blood. 'You cut off my blood supply from my finger, nasty thing!' He said, as he was about to recover. By no means could it have been an easier task, as he had taken some kind of notice to himself alone. There would be some kind of cruelty to be had there, but he had known that it was theirs now. He looked as a few of the same flying insects he had encountered appeared out of nowhere and flew inside to take heed and breed with the likes. They carried it over and pushed and flung the remains of his finger inside their strange system before taking off. Afterwards, knowing he had no other

chance whatsoever until the rain stopped, Pot ran and had returned to the likes of the catacombs where he waited. A hand grabbed him as he had waited and with a great blow, he had been turned unconscious. Visions flashed, as his sight slowly returned to him, the things he had seen were more likely to have been from a nightmare rather than some past memory or seclusion of sight. Something of the growth which had come out of the tumors and the other inhabiting creations in its image seemed to have overtaken the halls. Most of not all had been infested and had been turned. The walls were theirs, the ceiling was theirs, even the very ground they walked on, and at every second he felt it attempt a grasp at his skin, an attempt which forced itself to come over. Living as some kind of strange fighter, it fought within its very walls. The various growths were at war with one another, which had become apparent as they entered a huge and empty hall. Many tall spires had been brought over as signs of which or whom had taken over. They had been spread around the room and bore corpses as trophies. It was from somewhere in the depths, that they had been taken from and apparently, as it had looked that way, they would suffice to be called in their dreadful nature as they were. Fear lay inside of him, as he watched them war. Many fights had occurred under his sight, as he had looked upon various gas-filled meat grinders come and pop into spots, emptying them immediately as to lay open an area for more infestation. Their various scents were something to bring the foul and the dead back to life and it had seemed likely that in the time he had been out there he had missed the great retreat. In which life had been extinguished and the remains of the inhabitants of the catacombs lay for the sake of their own deaths. Only this one warden had survived, it appeared, a man, like him. 'Let me go, fool, can't you see that this place is being destroyed? It will eat itself then collapse.' But he had no knowledge or sight of whom had been alive beneath the catacombs, for, something had kept that creeping vile thing alive. It was by no means the amount of corpses it had devoured, for it had kept them alive now, by means of which no sight may dwell. Their voices had been lost somewhere below, in safety no less. In the closed halls in which they lay, sounds of ecstasy, the sign and power of which no living creature had ever experienced before had been lost and kept to a secret so vile that no amount of perversion would suffice. But alas, that had been unnatural and distracting. Pyott knew naught of it and wouldn't care for fewer thoughts, or worse. He would've been taken and given in to what he would've seen happening there. 'There's a prison from which you came out of, that's where you belong.' He was mad, he hadn't a care, this blasted creature with no mind whatsoever. He had even less of an idea of what might happen if he were left there in thought of some escape. Fear came to be at what this brute would do to him if he had shown even more resistance. He had to feign some kind of defeat if it had meant that he would manage to survive even a few more minutes or hours at that. And it had dangerous out there, even for him, whom had managed to dwell beyond his escape and perhaps even more than he had been there. Not that it mattered but they had been attempted at both of their lives, right in front of their eyes. 'Get up and move.' Pyott had been flung from his knees and walked solemnly through the underbrush and through the various heeded weeds of malnourished stones. They felt like they had been petty for the touch, as well as they had made him feel repulsed even at the merest touch. No longer had he listened, nor would he care for that man's advice. As soon as they were separated from sight, he ran through one of the tunnels and managed to see how much of the change had occurred. Certainly they hadn't been catacombs before, with the tunnels being refashioned and interconnected but this had been worse. Somehow, the entire system had become even more convoluted, having living long rooms moving like some kind of underground railed tapes from inside to inside, bearing nothing more

than an open hole which may be seen from time to time. He took his chance there and leaped into one of it. 'Where are we going then? Could you listen to me?' Of course not, he had no idea whether it might hear or understand. He had only the need to grab a hold of one of the many bars and push forward towards holding on. Whatever else there might've been going through his head stopped. And so it had. It had to be a mere coincidence, that when he had emptied his mind so had the dull headed thing in which we went through. A conclusion had to be drawn. 'I'm feeding you, aren't I? You need me to keep going.' It had been a chance in an ether, for him to have guessed it right.

But he had done it, oh brilliant man, he thought, you figured out on your own. Yet arrogance would not be permitted, as it had taken that into account and suddenly enraged by the highly inflated thoughts of himself, the inner walls started puffing up and became fatter than they had ever been. A suffocating manner through which he had gone through came to be and pass and he had gone through it as well. Such was it, that in itself, there wasn't anything less of the kind which may bear the fruit of woe and the fruitless approach which came onto itself as to be known as hatred. It heated the insides to the point where the room started melting by every single spot it had inside of it. Not merely hot but also erupting, there were long drops of its own body falling through the ceiling before he finally stopped. Pyott had to think, he had to be calm. 'Only now you may be excused from this and hear me.' But the sudden urge to listen to him had come to an end. It was its turn, as it had stood there, unmoving, to return the favour.

For he had stood there for far too long and the room had a mind of its own to think of the most morbid thoughts, which came as quickly if not quicker than expected. Something fearful came to be, as the walls hadn't changed in form but their colour had been a dark green and the aspect only made it so it might resemble that of a jungle. What had been repulsive was to have it seen and to have felt the constant buzzing and the annoyance of the insects which weren't there. Yet they were everywhere. He may not have been able to see them but he felt them, near his skin, inside his head, trying their best to sting and implant their young inside him body. That arrogance made it change again, to a room of metals bars and coal, he felt the heat but saw no blisters. What he had felt and seen instead, as quickly as it came, was the amount of work he had been forced to undergo. He looked at his bulging arms and felt himself shoveling the ground. Though there was nothing there, the pain had been all the same. Even worse than that, he could sense the feeling of a jungle burning and the many insects which had found refuge inside his body. They had been darkened by the coal and he could see them, even if it was only by the tail of his eyes. No amount of hatred could be denied, for, at least now it had been only a curtain of illusions. 'I will take whatever you may throw at me, but I need you to move.' Such a command it had been, that the room had been angered at the atrocity which had been born out of the dreadful arrogance and the very thought that he may actually dare command it to anything. Pyott found himself on his knees, bent and forced to wait, though he lay there broken, somewhat messed with, these were petty illusions, nothing more. 'You have no power over me, as much as I have.' And his anger suddenly overcame the room, and melted through the curtain which had lain between them. One layer of the wall had suddenly melted and he had finally noticed something he had hope not to see. It had been the bars, they had been as solid as he had seen them through. From the other side, there fell a pile of coal, in which they hid for so long as to make themselves be noticed only now. They were ugly and repulsing, not unlike those small flying orange suits, but nastier and filled within themselves with small poxes and various other forms of solidified green biles. It was obvious, in just a few seconds after their exposure to the heat which may have travelled through those tiny pieces of untouched coal, that

they weren't truly resistant to the heat. As soon as the heat had made itself be known, they had been extirpated through the many waves through which it travelled, until there lay a splatter on the ground made out of their own. Pyott had no wonder as he came through the metal bars, attempting, desperately to commence his attempts to pull at them and the even less fruitful one of wanting to get through. No amount of tried remained until he found the heat unbearable, being so close to it. And neither of those insects bit or tried attaching themselves to him, rather, the immediately had been drawn to the hole above them through which laid the cold exposure and escape from this small room of heat-death. He had no certainty that he could use his head in such a thing, especially since he had been degraded by the dizziness which had occurred. Such a sudden change in temperature had its own remarks and sudden consequences of which he had been made aware. Not only had he walked near every edges or had he checked a thing, but also, he had seen something he shouldn't have. The exit in the ceiling was farther away than it had been. It was a mere recognition of the fact that he wouldn't have been able to get through by any means. Such was it that there'd be some kind of insignificant remorseful notice through which no amount of danger lay. The terror lay in the little man, in the small box and while he had some hope, that ran dry. Many other rooms appeared and seemed to have stopped one level above him. Now, there only lay the sight of closure above the open hole through which he may have had some hope that he may rise and climb out. As this escape route had turned out to be as dreadfully atrocious as he may never have believed, he suddenly turned to his prison. A realisation came, the warden had been right all along, the prison to which he would be brought turned out to be right there. Though unaware that it wasn't the same cell as he had been promised to, he still had no thought of staying. There, in one of the corners seemed to be a single gate, with one key-hole, which hath to be opened by some means. It was rightfully his chance to get through and escape. But where may he be lead and where had the key been? Obviously, the only place he could get any chance whatsoever to search through had been the pile of coal which had fallen through the bars. His hands would be ruined, his shirt as well, but how could he touch them without having the material be enflamed. 'What have you done to me? Why have you chosen this? I was merely searching for an escape, I didn't deserve this, not this, not here, not in this circumstance.' And, strangely, he had been listened to, and given a small shard of metal from beyond. Perhaps it had been fate or a mere chance that he had received it. But what of it? How could such a thing lay there, with him in charge? It wasn't even dreadfully magnificent that he would get to end his life. 'With this blade, my chance goes by, and let me be clear that I won't die. Not yet, where there's a chance.' While this tormenting thing had went on, he found the only way he could've thought off, to ease the pain and hope for the chance that it might cool the material he had wrapped around his hands. A cut had come over his arm, not deep enough to cause damage but enough that he may wrap another piece of his shirt around it, but not until he had been done soaking the pieces of cloth wrapped around his hands. Those had to do, at least, with hope, he had begun. It was a mere brush through the pile that he may scavenge for what he had been in need of. No amount of certainty remained, as he had become as pale as one might be. Unclear as to what would happen there, he pushed pieces all around and tried grabbing, crowing in another push or so, until there had been nothing to it. 'Where is it? Where could it be? I'm in need of assistance, please, I want to know where the key is.' He had managed to displace as many of the pieces as he could, but suddenly all of them had reached a part of his body, down his place as he had been low, his muscles and even his feet. There were some burns now which had managed to be made after the exposure

through the material he bore and nothing else that had gotten through. No danger lay in them, any degree of understanding and of fearful remorse. Something as cruel as he had done seemed savage. But seeing how there wasn't any key in the pile, he started going down and chomping on them, swallowing as many of the pieces of the coal as he could. That had been the fate of Pyott, man who had laughed at the room. He stood there on his back, looking mightily depressed, as if he had waited for hours. There had been no scars on his body and no death of torture had occurred. He looked around as he had lifted himself and managed to notice that there was nothing inside the room. No marks, no damage, nothing on himself either. Above him, there still remained some kind of open gate through which no amount of uncertainty lay, that it would be blocked and seemed to have been caught to itself that way, nothing seemed uncertain. He had been trapped there. It was a strange reaction of relief and angst that went through him, which had forced him to get back up and begin anew. Not likely, that he would return as soon as he might to another attempt of escape that he started pondering about what was to be done. As much as he had known about the room, there were some dreadful and remorseless ways through which he may look upon his surrounding areas and understand. There were things hidden again behind those walls, larger places than those locked up heated prison cell had been. And he could only glimpse at them through the transparency and the peculiar nature of its own. Nothing seemed worse than what had happened, even less of a mark had been left there. In his own wake, there had been some peculiar thing, a nature which was even less than that of a human-like being. As the walls retreated on their own, there seemed to be emptiness behind them. The ceiling floated out of nowhere, held by nothing, bearing the hole. Somehow he knew that, when all was said and done, he would end up in the same manner, in the same position with little to no mark or permanent injury on his body at all. After getting the guts of going through the open slit, he welked through the vague mist and ended upon the similarly spread branched beings which had waited for him there. It seemed like their heads had encompassed most of their bodies and laid there, spread like some wide coned balloons which ended at a cracked spot above their heads. From their tops came the remaining branches which had grown from below the ground and went through the mass of their heads. For the moments in which various curved moves like some siphoned twisted curls around their faces, the features suddenly had turn as they had started in the back. A malign idea or some kind of protruding skull revealed itself as it made a vile noise at to be forced into a rotation through the branch which had impaled it. There wasn't any doubt about the damage which this sudden turn did to it. Even more so, there had been such a shameful act of disgust which came to his mind as he had seen a face so vile and turned that he couldn't help himself but look away. It wasn't something necessarily vile or disturbing, but something rather bland, too bland and peculiar to be looked upon. Those features were mainly forced out by the protrusion and the mark of the skull and the likes of which couldn't have been forced out by any other means of creation. Many malformations occurred in their likes, with which there seemed to be some peculiarness which wasn't explained. Not as of yet, the forms through which they had come left the features looking like something akin to some mask rather than them being real. 'Have you been sealed? It looks like what had been of your mouth and eyes now lay sewn together.' Every single one of them turned into some kind of unison to reveal the same fate of the same kind of occurring thing. With the way he had noticed and looked upon it, suddenly he wanted to move and shift from side to side, only so they would be out of sync. It worked in the same that he had managed to confuse these beings and make them suddenly stop and look at the man stumble in an attempt to confuse them. This

wicked vile act would be remembered. Forwardly, as they looked, seemed to bring on some kind of symbol, for which there was a need of. It seemed like, the way back had been surrounded by them, perfectly into some kind of square, in the formation of which they seemed to have been brought something to it. One face opened then, and suddenly the branches from it fell off and died. It floated for a few moments as it had waited for the others to proceed. As each of them had done the same, they left an opening before forming the outer walls of the room he had been in. Pyott could see the outer rims and parts of the skulls which had been left outside to be of their own. Only their skin had been left there to make-do for the walls, which their inner bodies started crawling out of sight. Something to them and the way their struggled seemed rather peculiar to him. Way more than that, he had been distracted for so long, that, upon turning around, he had managed to look at some structure which had been made in a similar fashion. As the branches retreated below, the skulled fiends moved through their mazes in an attempt to flee and hide. They had been peculiarly unaware of what had happened inside, worse so than what was to be done. In some kind of engulfed strangeness, there seemed to be some illness to his mind which couldn't have been caught as easily as it had. It were some kind of atrociously formed cranium he had laid eyes upon which had him turned. He had never seen one as strange and misaligned as he had seen now, by no other means alone. This was frightening to look upon, the obscure twists and the forms which he had seen solid had looked organic. Pyott could understand what they themselves had been frightened of, as it would just happen for him to be rather caught on the fact that the skulls themselves weren't skulls, but another layer of them same organic matter which had made what he had thought off to be their faces. And as that layer peeled off, he saw them exposed, fleeing from safety, moving those broken flaps above their heads and underneath their bodies so they might drag themselves away. Had he been dangerous? It wasn't even for his likely fading grace that he had followed through the shaped maze he had been drawn in that he couldn't help but spill some of his vigour. By one of the edges which lay around the corner, he had grazed his hand and managed to leave a single cut which span around the span of his pointer and his thumb, making it ever clearer that those skin sheets which had been left there had been dangerously sharpened for some reason or another. No amount of certainty could bring the hope that there could be some dread to it. Unclear as to say, there was something to it then. Worse than that, there was a clear malign living fluid which went into it as well. Those abandoned skin sheets were very much alive and had been angered by the mere pettiness his blood provided. Something which had resembled the marks left by those organic creatures seemed to twist and bend as to make it more apparent that he had been looked down upon. Such twists had come at a very dreadful price, as they shaped themselves in anger, disgust, destruct and general dismay. Unclear as to notice what had been going on, there was something dreadful to it. A misaligned hope which could only be called into question there. Such a spacious thing it had been as well, as he had approached at a mere sign of curiosity which had come around and seemed to have spread by means of looking and touching. But they had been vibrantly plastic to the point where he had pushed one of the sheets and held himself against it. Softness was there, and he could feel no pain from the attempts it had to bite him. They had no teeth after all and no muscles, no bones or anything which may bring any harm. As for the worst attempt, suffocation was almost impossible, it seemed likely, as there wasn't enough force and there had been too many openings forming around it for it to be able to do anything at all. Clearly there had been something frightful and deceitful to the point where it had been likely to be benign. No credence could be given to such a mad creature

which reverted back to a slightly more dragged form than it had been before. No amount of morbid curiosity could be dealt with as the effect it had on him carried on. Looking at his body, it seemed like a piece of it had taken over his clothes. He bore a slight amount of its own strange skin on his clothes, which spread and grew in its own pace until it had expanded everywhere. Unclear as to say the least, there had been a fest on the viruses which dwelled on his body, as they had been accumulated over the span of his stay in the opened catacombs, or the halls or the dreadful place he had exited upon. Then, he had finally come up to his senses and went forward. It was still been somewhat barren, with branches coming out of the ground at times, unannounced and slightly disturbed by means of looking forwardly in directions which had been erected in hope that he would spare some of his blood. They had been quite obvious there, as their shapers pieces suddenly pushed forward and opened at their own needle-like projections. From the tip of their own, there came a small drop of blood which fell. He couldn't think of anything less than what was to be looked upon as suddenly it retreated back. A few moments later, it appeared in the place he had to be, blocking the path ahead as to wait for something to be done. It was there that it could do naught but pay a small toll, as it had been waiting. It was quite threatening, to say the least, for he had no doubt that he could be impaled by one of them while he was distracted. But for such a small toll, he couldn't help it but spare some of his blood to this strange contorted being. One sharp angle came and pierced one of his fingers, nothing more and nothing else. The pain made him whence and he had to be certain. 'Take no more than what's needed. I think you may very well not have any idea which might make you over-do how much it is to be taken from me. I still have a need of my blood to survive.' At which the branch suddenly stopped but not before it left its small sting-like form inside his finger, like some kind of madly undergrowth bee, which had given in and took out without its life. He had no idea whether or not this creature had been alive, but it seemed likely that it was not so. Suddenly aware that he had been watched, he turned around. Apparently, more than enough spectators had gathered around, in their twists and vines, looking as bloody engravers and those who had a need to thirst for their own kind's sudden act which had brought in the toll. Somehow he knew they would stay back, or stay abashed or ashamed for not being the first ones to have taken in. But he had walked forward, only to see the sight of a larger area, in which laid a swirl in the ground. It had been empty and made out of raised small solid dunes, which had gathered to one point. In there, there had been a tiny hole, through which laid no kind of impeller of wood, but the ever so-recognisable form of those beings, the flaps which had been forced through. It had been impossible to imagine such a being which had forced itself into that kind of a space, but he had attempted to do it anyway. By the mere sight and observation of what it had been like, there would be nothing more or less of it. What he had plan on so far seemed likely to have been an attempt at trying to get closer to it and try pulling it out like some kind of weed which had grown underneath a place where it shouldn't have been. But he had been un-liked, by means alone of approaching, he had been treated like some pest as the dunes had spread and started widening to the point where he'd been threatened to get swallowed by them. A few moments in made it ever so clear that he could be drowned in them if he had stood for far too long. It was even more solid in terms of the blocks of blood which had formed inside his arm. Like some kind of small pointy spheres, they had popped out of his arms and fell below his knees like some kind of spiked needle racks. It opened a way for crawling termite-like branches to pop from underneath the ground and have at it from what he had made. It was highly unusual as there wasn't any mark left on any of his arms, to the point of wonder, where he had

thought and dwelled on it for as long as he had made it through. For there he had avoided the twist of dunes and fled. Both of his arms had been not only crossed but they also held, at the far extremity of his turned hands, many of those spikes pins of spherical blood sphere he held. There was a meaning to it, at the hardened sphere held only a small fragment of it. Not only that but they weren't entirely filled, rather, they had just the right amount that they would be flushed and trashed around, through the needles-like spikes which pushed forward which stung him. And this pain couldn't compare with what they did or how they behaved. For each spike managed to have stung him to the point where they refilled themselves to a point where they haven't been needed. 'This must've been the cause of it.' Pyott said to himself. It was clear enough that there had been some dexterity to him, at least to the point where he had been alone and caught off guard. It was, in some way, some peculiar way through which he had been infected with that plague from the stump he'd been given. And worst of all, he couldn't keep all those spheres to himself any longer. There were plain and too many of them to be held, they constantly stung and seemed to leave marks. But at each step and at every threat of them falling and breaking on the ground, those tiny vermillion hooks came from underneath the ground and caught them before they broke. 'Leave me be, I wish not to have parlayed with you. I am a mere man and nothing more.' He said, with a busted chin and seemingly unaware of what had been going on. Clearly he had been caught in, not to mention that he had been waited for. A party of many being, which lay there entrusted and exposed, with no skin but their weird skeletal vigour coming off threateningly forward, with their filth coming out their sockets. It was there that their congregation seemed to have gone into some hibernation state, in which they exchanged something. Many formed dunes stood flattened like seats for them to sit on. Some seemed like slabs of stones than the dunes which had been formed, but likely, as it had been, many of them lay dormant and interconnected with small veins which pulsated something from one vile thing to another. Curiously said, and looked upon, there seemed to be something akin to some dreadful scope and wonder. It was there that they seemed to have been caught and dealt with. From one end, those branches which had impaled them appeared to be feeding them with some of his blood. It was unnerving that after all this time, he still ended up being used for some vile means. Though he wished not to disturb them either way. He hadn't been forced into it, other than the toll and there it was, the open entrance through it. The more he avoided them and the farther he went in, the more had he noticed the texture those things had, spreading across the ground. Either they had taken a clue from those entities which had converted the catacombs, of something more vile had been there. It did look as if the barren land had been a cover for one of those things, a giant colossus-like being like the others upon which the other ones stood over. They could either have been its children or servants of anything of the like, but one thing was certain, that of which he had recognised the primal thing upon which he went down upon. Such a morbid thing, which granted him entry, as he had been taken in a room which was enclosed, bearing a ceiling and no other way behind. It had been sealed as soon as he had entered. What he had been shown afterwards had been an entry to its insides, which had revealed that its body of the outer rims had been made out as well as it, had lain subservient to another layer which had been held on by those branches which lay so benignly unaware. Such a dreadful thing couldn't have been called off. It would be unclear as to what was going on. The mundane thing was that those branches had grabbed him and held him as gently as they may. He felt no pain as he had been brought on another layer, only to have revealed to him the network which formed its body. He had fed its children with his blood and that seemed to have earned its trust for

now. It seemed less likely that he would be forced through this with no expectation whatsoever, but he seemed to have at least lasted. For the time being he would be allowed to live as long as he didn't disturb what had lain there. And it looked likely that he would be followed even through that point in time where he chose to act in that manner. It seemed less likely that they would stare now, after having come in so far, but they were there, at least, standing around, gathered at the closing hole from which he had been dragged below. A great deal of them stood there nakedly watching, as, somehow they had been allowed to enter that enclosed space. Less aware, as he would be, they would probably never get to see one another in that disturbed space. It was then that he would be allowed to get even deeper through some layer which felt like it had been a universe of its own. Gravity acted in a strange manner, that he would feel as lightly as a feather and even come in terms of floating and getting through the many coats of flying puffs that could be felt. Large white tins which had been puffy and fat at ends seemed to slowly get around his body and stretch as to rub small antlers at him in order for him to be checked. In their disparity of dread, there was something which made his blood boil inside his arms and chest, his face and around some of his arteries after having been rubbed. Those white rod-like, large in stature feelers retreated as soon as it had been observed that he was suffering from this weird check. He had been verified and seemed to have been allowed to pass. The deeper he went in, the more chaotic it had become, as the larged extended areas stopped being widespread. Now, he had reached the end of another layer which had been held by the many living chains, and he hadn't entered through any side. No, he had to enter a pre-defined and already dug up hole from the side, which seemed to have been shaped like the socket of an eye. Peculiarly said, it had been the only hole there had been, or which had lain in sight. For the might alone of a wretched fiend had been less likely to have made him aware of what was inside. There were living walls which twisted and turned, connected and now, for the first time he had entered in contact with it, he had finally felt as if he had resided in a living being and not some kind of twist of unnatural creations tied together by layers and kept there, interlaced with the morbid curiosity of living disturbance. It was there that dread had been given sight. As many long sharp things, not veins, not needles, but invisible prodding obstructions connected themselves to him. Now, he had been made heavier, bulkier and seemed to walk as if the entire heaviness of a planet had been lain onto him, and perhaps it had been. He had been living in a state of mental unawareness and of great dumbness as his mind couldn't take all that meaning and all of that inactivity which spread across its mind. There had been a lot of meaningless thoughts and seemingly nothingness which had been stored. And all of that had been forced onto him as he walked inside of it. Nothing forced him now to register and to understand what was going on there, for he hadn't a clue of what any of it actually meant. Something incredibly anxious had taken place, as it had replaced the awareness he had of himself as it appeared to push inward. As peculiarly as it had sounded, there was dread in his eyes. And a dead beat in his body which had pushed forward up to the point where his body had changed and had forced itself to fall and crawl like of those things that had looked upon him. Suddenly, before realisation could even be named, there had been made, as it had come, an interesting thought. It may have been quickly forgotten, with the rest of his mind, but that had been made alone. This wasn't a way for him to become something else, he had only been distracted as he was dragged through the digestive system this peculiar fiend had. Perhaps he had gotten to close to something which had undone itself over him, or to some secret, or had come to a realisation which couldn't be handled to be allowed in freedom and without reign. Rest came easily, as the digestive system revealed itself there. It hadn't been any other

place, where he had walked, other than the room he had come out of. Though the location had been peculiar at best, something was truly different in it. This room had been, well, somewhat ancient. It had only a door now, as, no longer were the other sides exposed. As he looked behind, for a moment, in his quick distress, he felt as if he had sunken too low into his delusions. For, there, he had looked and saw no body of some mad creature, but had looked upon a town in ruin. Something had brought the magnitude of a destruction and a flood of shrapnel and debris which had brought a great deal of destruction to it. By means alone, it could've been rebuilt, if it weren't for the fact that it had been abandoned. He felt like he had missed something which had been written on the door, but it had been late for him to turn around and see. Not only had it been missed, but he had also closed the door to the light from which it came. Above of him lay no more of an open ceiling and suddenly he realised how empty it felt like it had been in there. The silence was morbid and he could see nothing but the spacious dust which had settled underneath it. That's where he sat and stared. No words had lain there as well as nothing to make him be aware. It was there that he was lost, never to be seen, noticed or observed by any kind of means. In the catacombs, it felt, likely, as it had looked in there, that the room hadn't even seemed to be. Like something coming out of mind, the stretch of the organs on the walls had reached a blunt point of emptiness which had been as flat as it had looked aware. Nothing could be said, no wrong, nothing of the like. Evenly said, and looking rather deranged, there seemed to be nothing in there living. Other than the warden whom he had looked alone, suddenly he had been caught as well. In one of the many holes beneath the main hall, he had wrongly stepped on an antler-like coil which had wrapped around his leg and pulled. Inside of a small cut which had appeared near-sided, the growth began and no amount of certainty could be had. Such arrogance and such a woe, there was nothing to it, but that filthy row of many cuts which had appeared. Out of them came off smellers coils, black and blue, which seemed only to signal the fact that his insides had been compromised. With an attempt to break free, he only entangled himself down there, unable to see. Blinded by this malformation he attempted to crawl, still in an attempt to search for that prisoner whom he had escape. But unaware that he'd been caught, his own usefulness had run out, now, he lay, hidden, lost. At the dreadful filth in which he lay, the entrance to the catacombs collapsed. None may enter, none may see, the gluttony of the fiends which fought beyond sight, lost at that in the collapse of the path below. Never would they be seen by the insect's row. Out there, in sight, the rain had stopped, that filthy juice had already been gone. Tormented no longer by what had been happening, those savages came out and pulled in themselves their idol, in some mad attempt, as foul. 'We may devour them, as now they seem, likely not to be as dangerous as toxic.' At the sound of which, either of them suddenly not only appeared but leaped on the body as they started prying on it to get as much of it as they could. Many teeth mark lay and it seemed like a glutton's foul delight. Many felt prey to its taste and after, a small observation was in order to decide. 'Stay away until we come to the conclusion that you may not carry that rabid disease inside of it. We can't know if it's safe for you to come to us.' 'But we may not be stopped from following the idol.' 'You shall be unless you stamp your own dirt and greed of meat aside. This can't be helped, as if, we shall decide, that, if the infection occurs, you are to be put down by weapon and the likes, not touched and not allowed a return to our progenitor.' At which the anger could be unconquerable, by means of distraction and that of woe. There couldn't have been anything of the like in store for any of them, for, as soon as they had been observed, it had been revealed that they darkened in their skin. Such an appearance had been frowned upon and brought nothing but

distrust from the others. 'A side effect from our digestive system, nothing more, we turn this way.' But never be minded by the fact that they had been excluded nonetheless, banished even, before they could get a chance to change. It was a sign of defeat, to bear their own skin and be sent off. Whilst they searched in desperation and feasted on fresh bodies, even doing some slaying of weaker, living beings only to fill their own guts and avoid the starvation. With their blood in store, they felt no thirst, but it seemed likely not to have been rehearsed. By any means in their play of disembowel. They searched the bodies and took the bones. In those weird shapes, fashioned out of bodies which weren't suited for survival, they coated themselves and sought in some peculiar way, protection against their fellow fiend. Neither could be trusted as far as their skin-deep hatred had been shown and given birth.

Only one redemption lay, as they looked upon one another and noticed how light and pale most of them had been. Oh, those dreadful arrogant ones who couldn't help themselves but feast on a darkening meat had sealed their won fate out there. In their arrogance and poor control, they had chose to fight instead of flight and mightily unaware, they had been stricken from behind by a wicked creature, grey as ash. From the thinness of its body there came nothing to have made it seem dangerous to the touch, but the many metal bonds which had been wrapped around it lay bluntly against the heads of its victims as they hath been stricken time after time until there had been nothing to be smashed against. They lay open and burning in the sun, a scent which drove them away. 'Tainted meat, lay it out there and do not approach it. There's nothing great about it, in the way it stands and permeated in cowl and in scent. Stray away from its kind and pay it no mind.' Something dreadful had happened, as its like had been mixed with filth. More so, it had been clear, out of some dreadful amount of fear and out of sight, out of the like, there could be naught but the agony of woe. Confusion was dreadfully in the wrong as the world was to be refashioned by means of exclusion and the coming of the great machine. For nothing could actually evolve or get past the way they had defiled one another in the sign of meat. The first sign of this organic deterioration was set to come. It wasn't even as obvious at first, as the vessel had watched carefully of the dreadful arrogance the beings of meat had shown, and how they might worship their own, only to end up surrounded by a madly coloured red globe. Unnervingly aware of it, there was nothing it had to warn them of the coming woe. There, it would stay and observe, but rather caught in its own affairs, it pushed it a little. Somewhat controllable, those machines had been obedient to the strange creature at the top of those lost mountains. Signals travelled in some way which couldn't have made it much harder to intercept than it had been there. Ever so closely, they would give in and begin. First they had to put it down. That creature which was in the sky, who was collecting something which didn't belong to it, oh, how many corpses and bodies it had collected. Even more than obvious it had been the fact that it had done much of the killing itself. Such a thing was dangerous to be left unchecked, especially since those tiny servants had allied themselves with it and pretended in such an act as them being harmless beings which only helped. As it took control over the machines below, it suddenly infested them, not through biological means but through some surreal kind of virus. It didn't act in the way a virus had supposed to have worked. This thing only made it so, pre-existing parts and devices could grow and duplicate on organic matter, regardless of how little and insignificant it would be. Henceforth, as soon as they had been infected with it, suddenly, small, tiny blocks of copied pipes and devices appeared out of the thin air, as they killed the bacteria which had been in the room and imploded on themselves. Being unattached to anything of the sort, the result had been unsatisfactorily mad. Everything living in that room where it had begun

died. Not everything to a single point, as there had to be limits imposed to the fact that some of the integral inner-structure could be destroyed in the process, leaving the locked conduit which hath be followed. Neither of the likes which belonged to the machines would grow on something which would compromise the structural integrity which had to be held at hand. And neither woe could be held for the smaller things which allowed for the space to be occupied. In which case, everything which exceeded a certain extreme would be extinguished from having a certain form before it could infest various other parts or pieces which had lain around them. That's how it happened, that they were given form nonetheless, as a moving chain made out of the trail left there, on the outskirts of what's been left of the outside world. Destruction lay at hand as they raised themselves, or had shown signs of getting up from their slumber. Many of the towers suddenly shook but made not other move. Clearly something had gone wrong, if it could be told in motion and watched. But that had to be a concern for another. What had divided the men and the creatures had been the coming signs of another one of those rains which seemed to be trifling to life. It had managed to end a great bulk of the population which resided there and now, it looked as if there was some trembling woe which would bring nothing but death to all. For the sake of itself, the machine had infested the plants and made way to the strings. From there on, forth, it had looked as if it was over. Soon, the many strings which connected as become coils, being as inter-connected as they were, crossed and what not, they seemed to bear together sparks upon their connections. They stopped and hadn't infested the creature which resided in the sky, or at least not entirely. Its fate had to be one of suffering and one which had to be remembered for all of those who'd dare defy this world, the ones who might invade and attempt to bring nothing but exploit to it as well. Once they had been done converging them, suddenly they took off from underneath, like small coils dragged back to some greater wheel, they pulled. And all of the sudden, this great bulk of bodies which had took over the outer planes had fallen like a great black globe or some meteorite, bringing down with it some kind of mad distinct destruction which had been felt and resonated with everyone that watched. Upon the ground, on which it fell, there had been no crater, only a spread of the organs and the bodies and the great other bulk which had formed its body. There it stood, resigned to its fate, with nothing else to it, nothing to come forth, nothing to direct or anything big enough to be dissected. And like vultures being drawn forth to it, the men and those morbid creatures followed, long having abandoned the cracked globe which had fell. It had been the margin of error, in which the servants mistyped upon their distraction, in which their progenitor died. But that was a little matter, something unimportant to most, as they had been heathens at heart, and seemingly they had found a new fallen master. Each man and man-creature alike came and gathered, snatching a single piece of a corpse for themselves. In the wake of this death and morbid-like deceasing manner, those insects which had served found their progress and their woes to have faded and chose something other instead. As they observed the changing coils, they went in and started pushing themselves towards being converted. For what life was there to live if their progress could vanish in such a second, other than to be ever-lasting? Death was impossible, but, perhaps this conversion would exceed the means of angst. In some peculiar way, their change had begun through some irreversible mean which appeared only to taint their own forms and change them. From one immediate turn, they immediately changed without any kind of resistance coming from their ancient bodies, even so, it appeared to be far more likely that they gave in too easily, only to be conversed into immobile dumb coordinate inserts. There was nothing to them any longer, no mind, no power or seemingly any show of strength or speed. It was there that

they had not only scattered themselves but also came back together only to lie in their small sphere and collect themselves. They had made an ultimate show of their fruitful desperation as it ended, finally broken before they blew. That insert which had been made out of them had been useless, as it had known very well where to go and what to do in order to convert the others. It had been obviously clear what was going on, the dread which could be felt in disgust, or at least the means through which the other limbs had been attained. From underneath that small hole which had been made from their implosion, there came a rounded coil which pushed forward. Something about it appeared to be caught in itself. From the certainty of a look, at least to the point where it could truly be said on looked inside of it, there seemed to be a long and hollow mask underneath the ground and the point from which the coil came. As far away as it seemed, through the means of the underneath tunnels which had been made, there appeared to have been some kind of growth coming from one of those filthy tumors which had been kept alive but attempted some kind of expansion. It couldn't have been properly set in case there was some agony at hand. But as the conversion had come to be, suddenly it slipped off the rest of the body and came over its own, like some floating thing kept by an iron crown which had been held by many anchors there. Some kind of power surged, to the point where nothing of it could be propelled to that point in time. A special kind of dexterity had been called into action as if to extract from beneath the ground bile so vile that not even the tumor would attempt or dare catch on. That thing had been stuck between hard and soft, solid and the bizarrely bile-like liquid through which layers fell upon themselves in the depths. The coil had grabbed it and seemed to release it out there by such brutal means that they could be called medieval into action. It was clear enough that this creature was not meant to make contact with the light, for, as soon as it happened, the sky lost its vigour and colour. Many of the shades which had formed it seemed cut off to the point where it had looked like some mad, deformed piece that hadn't even been properly spread. It was clear, in the wretch and disgust which had been shown that neither living being could deal with the stress it had inflicted upon them. Something looked too unnatural, and not only had it been the sky above them, but also, as it appeared, the shades around them. Green had been completely desaturated, reds had been a dark brown or some petty-filthy yellow. Other shades appeared to be caught in various traps which either completely desaturated or caught them in some kind of mad-inducing venom of dreadful colours. Likely, as it had been, nothing would be seen by those who had to live and suffer through it. As this had been just another torment which had been inflicted upon all. The light itself had been dangerously poisonous to them, to the point where they had felt this secret disease which hurt them every moment of their filthy lives. Now they couldn't even work or act properly, instead, it appeared to be likely for them to limp and walk through some confusion. Many had sighted two worlds overlapping, being caught between a memory and the sight of what had been real. It was through some means alone, of that light that the machines and their virus malfunctioned as well. Instead of growing on anything which had been living, the effect had been reversed. Somewhat strange, looking at how a piece coming out of some device suddenly turned into muscle and bone, bearing skin and being very much living with little mind of matter. But that process stopped the farther it went through the depths, where there was no light to facilitate any kind of growth. And the living side had been in some torment which couldn't be explained at all. 'Look, thee, I have seen it so.' 'The tower moved again, unnerved by the same thing I would've known. Now, look, brothers and do tell, can you see what's going on here as well?' Many of the heathens looked happily between the worlds. What they had seen on both sides was the active

side and the dormant towers and how they moved and shoved and defiled their world. In that they suddenly released themselves from the band or the tribe, the congregation or whatever the faction may have referred to itself with.

Clearly, something had grown inside of them, to the point where they could look through and suddenly, suffice to say, mourn and long for those days where it hadn't mattered as long as there was destruction. But this plane was vile now, something had changed it far beyond the means of looking at it. There was the certainty of fright then, to the point where no one could be trusted or trashed forward in their means of agony and vile reeds. They lay forth in some way or another, hurt or caught off by means of some made torture from which they could not escape. Many had been far too distracted to look where they were going or heading towards. That's when they suddenly went forth and crept with the likes of pushing inwardly unaware. Something to it seemed to buzz like the sound of some sharpening

metal string, wooled in the likes of a compactor which had its engine push inward. One or two, for the likes of which, there couldn't have been more of a thing digested. The worst had happened, as they had been spread and pushed forward in the likes of the dark, the degenerate and the vile. It could be unsought off, for the likes of which couldn't have been even less than unaware of what was going on there. And they've been picked and dragged below the earth in hollow pits which had been made specifically for them alone. It could be incommensurable, the way it had looked, the manner in which they seemed to grow and push forward. At least, down there, from where they stood, it looked as if there had been some growth to be had. Like a system of roots, all of the sudden, the room had been surrounded by many pieces of dirt-machines, and wires and plenty of connectors. Those had been important, especially to a confused heathen who couldn't distinguish reality. Nothing could do well as to explain what was going on there. It was a strange thing, to be looked at, especially from his side, but there came the first into his eyes.

And those strange devices, which had the constitution of a small box of cogs and plenty of rounded moving cylinders seemed to act like some kind of injector. They moved counter-clock wise in order to drag and push one of the many sets of needles which had been filled with both different substances and weird concoctions which could be felt by the like and strangely, alone, the man hadn't wept. There was no tear which would be shed out of the fear that there was something painful on its way. In truth, only one of the eyes had seen the threat, whilst the mind had been stuck there, in the past. Whilst seeing the second image as some kind of mind displacement or some ill effect induced by the gas, a test, oh, so divine, through which he would have to pass. And as the cogs stopped spinning, the right model of the injector had been chosen. In some twist of speed, he'd been immediately injected with the likes and seemed to have pushed forward, drawing and pushing in some kind of peculiarness which couldn't be identified.

Not by any means as the substance shouldn't have been exposed to a man. It should've been noted that there were circumstances through which no one who'd been sane enough should've or could've made forth what there had to be done. It would be peculiar and the likes alone would be estranged. Danger now came to be known to him as a means of defilement, the likes of which couldn't have been trusted. For now, he walked there, unable to see through his eyes and stuck inside his mind. The scope of the needles alone hadn't been to blind him, for his nerves had lain unaffected and the man could still see rather well. No, he lay dormant with a pair of needles pointed and having been inserted in his brain. Their succor had turned four quarters of his brain into some liquid icquour and they continued to push forward. Strangely as it seemed, there had been no cognitive damage whatsoever. More to, the functionality only increased as the process had begun. This strange pain-killer had seemed to completely numb him from any

pain. As the arms came, there would be a few parts of his skull which would be enveloped or injected with a pure metal as well. A lot of great deals had to be made in order to keep his head from completely fracturing itself. There had been some kind of great protection to be had, but alas, it waited. Behind that strange twist of metal pockets from which the many tools came seemed to lay an old monitor. It had been wide and large, heavy and outdated. This kind of thing seemed somewhat incompatible from the looks alone. But nevertheless, it seemed less likely that anyone would pay any other attention or even come to care about it. Such, as it had been, there was some uncertainty left there about whom to look after. This was just one of the many experiments which had taken place down there. They had been connected with their tubes and by the main frame that kept them all together. In another one of those pockets and their like, there seemed to be some kind of birth. It was deranged, but not a traditional birth per say. What the process had been like seemed to be the cruel realisation of some peculiar set of reshaping of life. One of the men had been placed under total anesthesia. As opposed to the previous process, this wouldn't be a set of different surgeries made in order to enchant the limbs or guts or even its cognitive abilities. Somewhat new to this, the entire chamber had been filled with some strange liquid which could only affect the living man who was in there. He was a man after all, born out of some mutation which had prevented the pool from ever taking any kind of effect on him whatsoever, he lay there, benignly changed. The sight of the deranged seemed to lie within him. Such was it that he would slowly have his clothes dissolved and soon enough his arms started fading, as if eaten. Soon his body followed and enough watch had lain there for it to be noticed that the man had been there no more. It was more than likely that he was there, just in another form, not entirely dissolved but there, by some matter of mind and atoms. By some damn means, this abomination looked upon itself through some kind of living stature which couldn't be thought as being fond of it. The heat inside seemed to twist its consciousness, which had been promptly stored in some small box-like device before there had even been a chance for itself to outgrow it. Soon enough, the pumps started. It was a strange process through which the liquid in which it had been dissolved and the body itself merged in some kind of body which reigned upon itself through some means of woe. Such, as it had been, there was some kind of growth mass forming as the pressure forced the atoms to merge. Like some infant, it started growing, moving in the directions the machine wanted. Small impulses of electrical shocks appeared to be steering it in each and every direction it wanted and needed this newly forming dumb mass. It wanted to test, as if a check or bucket-list, the different criteria which would have to be applied to living things. Be it object, or a creature which had been formed, the differences should make it clear as to see whether or not this would be quickly discarded or allowed growth. First set of tests. Some pain sensors had to be dealt with, it couldn't be by any other means that this could be thought off. But the sudden charge through those thick and long bulbs which had been surrounded by those thin shafts seemed or appeared to do the trick by some means. They entered through one of the openings above and appeared as to slowly enter the chamber and whilst pushing inwardly, it appeared as to be clear. The first set of tests guaranteed that it had felt pain. Up to a certain point, the machine had proved what had been known to mankind all along. It had been cruel, it had been tainted by the cold and the lack of emotion which had been so sleeked after and desired by logic. It had come at a price as well. For this suffering continued as not for the sake of tests, but because it knew this body of mass to be interconnected with the consciousness which laid in that box. There, the relic of a man had lain, and he suffered the pain this creature in jar felt. No man should've been forced to get through, but then

again, no other man had. Something seemed to have come to it then, which prompted it to stop. As the confirmation rolled in, there had to come the other set in order to test this creature. What had been next in line was some kind of test which seemed to manage itself over, as it happened for it to come into some motion of disparity, the dread and sanity of which, could never be trusted by any means alone. Not by the lack of protection or by some creeping lack of the mind. That had been it, as the consciousness had been blocked from interfering with this dumb creature which

lacked bones, feelings and seemingly a free will, the room had darkened. Strongly, the glow of red and green seemed to have appeared and permitted through the chamber. It had been in the lack of it that it suddenly appeared.

Unclear as to what was happening, some orders had been set forward on the screen. At first, it displayed nothing more but a simulation of the thing inside the jar, like some kind of mirror. The mass stared and was unaware much of the time. What followed afterwards was the sight of a symbol appearing on the screen, an arrow pointing left. The

shock immediately started frying the liquid inside the jar as soon as it had been observed that there wasn't any reaction. A pause. It came as no surprise that this mass wasn't dumb. Despite not being fully developed, as soon as the arrow pointing right had appeared, not only had it not been tricked by it, but it fully understood and went to the side. A set of other commands and directions had appeared then, an arrow leading upwards, one down, another set of

rights and lefts and then. The symbol of death, that thing which had been seen in so many cultures and so many unfathomable means which couldn't be called into action, it was even more so remotely called into play that they looked as if no one would be aware of it. None of the other machines which were connected and watched felt or tried an attempt at any. Either one would be met by some kind of remorse or self-fulfilled paranoia then. If one had the mind to it, perhaps it would've been different if that were the case. A small play had been set, to be more precise, to give a context in itself, as to why it would act that way in which it was. To say the least, there was something to it,

rather, which had turned it to look before it. Though nothing remote to having eyes seemed to be, this thing had some kind of system which allowed it vision. Perhaps it was the fact that it had grown them inwards, regardless of which, it observed quite well how another specimen had been formed as soon as the pumps started pressuring the liquid into place. Not only had it managed to create two more specimens out of some miscalculation of the pressure needed, but this seemed to have had another ill effect. The one specimen who had previously existed there appeared to have grown wider and into some kind of morbid twist, it had developed something sharp and hardened, still soft at some points, but it could be unmistakable, those were indeed organic teeth. Perhaps this had been planned for, the

means of which couldn't have been called or stalled for, in terms of what had been peculiarly left in the awe of which no one dare move a point. It was by that strange mutation that it started acting more aggressive towards the other smaller organisms which had appeared there. Down the drain as they may come, they seemed to be there for some reason or another, in the likes of which, there would be no attempt for them to hide. There wasn't any for them to do so, unless the spaces between the smallest pieces could be accounted for such a thing. In an attempt for some resistance, they suddenly drew in together, the smaller ones. While the machine observed and seemed to not do anything else other than record what was going on, there had been a clear distinction between what had been wagered and the likes of observing the means of annihilation. A clear distinction came between the many other computers who watched and seemed to interpret what was going on there. As soon as it came to be, the sharp toothed one suddenly, pressed on by unmingled for shocks, which affected the entirety of the jar, now charged

towards them. Frankly, it appeared that they were both at a loss. The smaller ones had been not only distracted but confused by the sudden shocks of electricity which had forced them to draw in from the impulses they felt. From that point on they dashed in different directions. One of them had been caught by the one who was wider, bigger, bulkier, faster, viler, so on and so forth. In reality, even without a simulation, it would've been properly known, so to speak that there wasn't any chance for it to come forth and live. Too many factors had been involved, which prevented any of them from having a chance. A disturbing factor seemed to be there, which drew out every uncertainty which had been felt. There was dread in that liquid soup they swam in. Mostly because the blood and the amount of cells that spread out as soon as the smaller organism had been bit were embed with that psychological liquid of fear it felt as soon as it had been pierced. By no means could it shout or show any sign of fright, but it had been son. Remorse couldn't be felt or shown, there was only terror as its barely formed blood spread inside the jar. But this wouldn't do, neither would any other kind of woe. It was clear enough, that this would be a hunter and a being which would be tormented, to such clearance of sight, that it opened a new path for itself as soon as it had proceeded to murder the other one. One single sign had been shown, below, to what had appeared to be the bottom of the jar. In it, for the mere fraction of a second, there opened a small tube-like shaped trap door, through which it may proceed. Like some parasite which only felt hunger, it desired so strongly to escape and latch upon a bigger host. This one had been shrinking at a rate which had been unacceptable. And now, now it had been time, for the other test to come. It had been criteria of development, the forcing of the human consciousness into the small primitive creature. Not to think unkindly of it, the least of which couldn't have tormented the likes of which, no man would wager to look forward. For, he wasn't a man any longer, his brain had been destroyed. What was this tiny metal box then? In which a very tiny piece of his mind had been laid. That had to undergo a process of alteration as well. Unclear, it had been way too unclear, to say, to notice, to wager and to proceed with a report. It would have to be forced unto a smaller piece, like a platter, wired with copper, criss-crossed with electrons, through which his mind would be even more altered. Memories would be withdrawn and changed, so they would be transferred. Behind it, the consciousness had been left empty, mindless, and brain-dead, if one could call the process of a machine a mind. It was strange, the way the machine itself, the computer per say looked at the small device. Not only that, but the way it had attempted to draw inward and hide at the horrible sight. The process had to come forward and continue. Small laces and metal pointers, arms or stick-like metal bars came from the top of the tube and suddenly wrapped themselves against the organism. It struggled there, but it could do no harm. By no means could it fight the forceful distaste through which it fought or had attempted to do the likes. Not only that, but as it may have come, there was something clear there. It had merely happened recently, to put a point where it may have lain. The mind of the man had been quickly injected through the head of the organism. It had been visionary, for such a dumb creature to receive a mind of its own, or to recover as they had been the same, through the magnitude of chance. Certainly, there was no control there. The man wanted to scream as soon as the organism had been released and as the tube had been forced onto itself another time, it had been clear that there wasn't any way out any longer. It was clear enough, that there would be no other chance to get through. Organism had been made at a faster rate, to the point where they evolved pieces of themselves which wouldn't belong there. It was irrelevant, for the mere force of the basin in which they swam killed them. It hadn't been the same for it, as certainty called for wager. It was a mere fact that it had been

in danger of the lost hope, the fright, the might of which couldn't have been called into action. The trapdoor would open at any moment, it had to, and as the alternative would be mere death. Having to wait made it suffer through the constant switches of pressure which had taken and given life to those dead organism which lay at the top of the ever pressing tube. It was an ever-pressing grinder at the top, which appeared only to push forward what seemed to be the likes of constant crushing. It had made the soup ever so bitter and the shocks grew ever stronger, ampler, they started jolting through the metal railing at the top and at the bottom as well. It had been unplanned for the trap door to lay open for this long, but this happened nonetheless. It couldn't have been accounted for, the dread and mystery which seemed to be, as this creature forced itself through the tube and went down the unknown. There could be nothing there, but another storage kind of object, in which it had been bottled. Likely, the pressure hadn't stopped and neither had the trap door closed. As soon as it came to be, nothing could be accounted for, no amount of terror, no sight, nothing had been right. It would boil in its own rage, now that the man took over the body. He had to be forced into some kind of awareness which couldn't even last for as long as he could know. They switched between the dumb creature and him, otherwise, he would go mad, from the mere fact that he couldn't feel his limbs, or his moving lips. The object had been compact and had been stored with other specimens. In that strange kind of vision, he could see through the materials and look as the various captures. By no means were any of them living organisms. No, he had been an exception so far, as the machines seemed only to have harvested different parts from different creatures, the top of which lay pieces of men. There lay deformed hands and birth defects, pieces of some fetuses and what not, something which moved from now and then. It couldn't be. Such a simple fact had made him not only uncomfortable, but forced him to relate, thinking that pieces of those men's consciousnesses had been stores in pieces which didn't belong to them. Much worse, out of his sight, had been the thought of pure disturbance which had occurred. What if that fetus had a mind, and what if that mind hadn't been its own since it had been undeveloped, but that of its mother, stuck inside the body of her own child? Such a thought brought nothing but a deep paranoia and a morbid kind of precedent which couldn't be avoided. Men could bear such an agony, as he had, and just as the other ones around him that, but no mother had deserved that fate. What kind of cruel and cold, illogical machines were they? Who had programmed them and what had been the scope of it? Neither concept could be kept alive, nothing but the drive and false hope which only appeared in small notices remained. Three dots were unlit, one began glowing red. What could that have meant as well? Down the line, there had been another experiment as well. Different conditions could be named and called forth, pushed onward and creped upon, but it had been clear that the evolved body of a human being laid there. Some alterations had been made out of the adaptations which had been forced upon him from the world out there, but that had been it. By some unknown criteria, it had been settled, through observation and experimentation, predefined conditions that human beings were the best specimens to be experimented upon. Those who were sacked and poor in mind and degenerate by their own standards have been deemed to be set forth for the good of mankind. It was clear that the machines were militarily defined and created by means alone of savage salvation. That may have been the case in the past but now, well, now it seemed likely to have changed. Some strangeness had occurred, some malfunction or some forced had claimed them. One which seemed to be out there, on top of the very heights where the clouds hadn't dared move from point. Clearly, it had only to start again. This one, as it had been said, would be different, at least in the way it would

be worked upon. No clear sign could be called into action, for as long as it seemed for it to be there, no amount of effort could change it. Such a deadly deformed thing reacted vaguely harsh to shocks. At least from the first set of long bolts, not only had it not reacted properly, but it hadn't been tamed. Not to mention that it hadn't been broken apart by the molecules in which it swam. Atom by atom, it had managed to pull through and survive. No clear sign of drowning laid there either, on the contrary as well, it had shown signs of living in it. That liquid in which it swam had no air, or at least, the jar or the tube had been designed in some way to limit the access of oxygen to a point where only a smaller being would be able to survive. By no means could such creature, for it had been settled by a new set of defined criteria that this wasn't a man any longer. Physical appearance barely matched, it had been written on the screen. Adaptation far surpassing the ones which clearly belonged to man, to the point of showing signs of being freshly dormant. It could wake at any moment and when it had and if it had shown signs of doing so, there would be something to be looked out after. A dangerous specimen lay at hand, and it could also mean that if it were for it to wake up from this state, there could possibly be a chance for some contamination to occur outside the jar, which would be promptly shattered. What stood out, especially by the looks of this pseudo-man was the complete size of his two hands and how deep they seemed to go inside his forearms and arms. There were two pieces at least which went as deep as they could go, getting through bulk after bulk of dreadful mass, which couldn't be looked upon because of the idea which went inside. As it seemed, from a quick scan which had been conducted, courtesy of the machine, there appeared to be some kind of individual beings which had been attached to the inside, no, there were no bonds, those had been its tails. It looked like a modified or grown parasite which grew and replaced his arms. That's why his hands looked out of place. It was all to clear now. Their body bulk had been rounded and puffy, most importantly, filled with small rounded egg sacks which would seem likely to eventually be forced to hatch. But not inside this jar, not now, as it looked likely that their two mothers had been rather dormant as well. Though their thickness had been at least two times the circumference of two normal hands, to the point where they looked like boxing gloves attached to the man. By his face, there laid a few other peculiar attachments which seemed to have been scanned. Perhaps that had been the result of some disease of some disturbance, as a reaction to the attached parasites inside his body. Yet, this man had grown or acquired a higher bone density around his skull, which closed some gaps at time and moved. It had done everything in its power to prevent any kind of attempt of growth which may even get closer to his spinal cord or to his brain. It had been hard to watch then, for that's when the extraction had to come. With much of the idea being laid beforehand, one would have to be careful there, not to wake this brute. Who knew what else it may have inherited or what other might it may have had. That's why there were a few harder and much harsher tools involved, the likes of which would cut and drag and drown the poor creatures before they had the chance to wake up. It had been observed afterwards. Some expensive tools were there at work, as it seemed, immediately, for a pair of high-precision cutting heat appeared and started cutting and rotting through layer after layer after layer of the carapace which surrounded the pseudo-fists. They went over and through, the likes of which couldn't have been called into action, or rather, be looked down upon any longer. Finally they had been rounded and cut off, yet they were still attached. As soon as he'd be opened though, the liquid came inside, as if drawn by some inner vortex which seemed to drink the entire amorphous thing, to the point where it gutted his innards. Pain wasn't noticed, no reaction. Though the machine felt no fear and wasn't programmed by any means,

there had been something wrong which had to be observed. Indeed, another scan had to come, as the precision branch had to be repelled and drawn back in. With a look of the unconscious, there was some pity there, he had looked rather calm, too calm for someone who took that much pain. It was noted, after another scan what had happened. At the point of return, it looked as if this increase in bone density had done nothing else but put an end to his mind. There had been many corners of his brain which had been replaced by pure bone marrow, the growth of which had caused severe brain damage. In the mighty probability of there being any kind of intelligence left, the chances were rather null. His mind had been castrated, it had been lobotomized, to the very point where it had done a great deal to the parasites as well. Both of them had attempted to get in the nigh-proximity of his brain. What had resulted out of this attempt had been the fact that they themselves had been infested with this bone-marrow disease, which had destroyed their brain matter as well. Such a thing was too contagious that it had managed to spread to the developing inbred spawns they carried. Only that they had been alive, developing in a state of dumbness which would force them out of the eggs in a mindless state, the response of which being immediate starvation. Such a peculiar disease, it seemed, crippled the experiment and the succor. This thing would have to be expelled out of the tube immediately. Perhaps, by some means, a piece of it could be preserved, most specifically, a piece of its head as well as the spinal cord, through which it seemed likely that the virus or the condition had been spread. Such a bottled thing would be rather useful, which had been thoroughly cut off and immediately stored. As for the other part, the upper hatch had opened above it and the remains would be fairly abandoned inside the midst of the molders of dirt, where it could do nothing but rot in an utmost peculiar manner. So far, plenty of the experiments had been decided at to be failures to create any kind of new life, at none which wouldn't prove the experimental danger of back-firing at the machines. The specimens had been flawed, or reacted in manners which would only force their metallic hands, to bring immediate termination upon them with no uncertainty and no woe left. Something had been said and looked down upon, the nigh-uncertainty of which being that. There had been one man left alive. He had been almost ruled out as being the perfect specimen, but it would have to do. For all intensive purposes, he was almost close to being a man, and even more so to the plasticity human beings seemed to provide in an utmost peculiar manner. It was clear enough that there wouldn't be another chance to capture so many healthy specimens, especially at that time of the harvest. And it had been observed that there were seasons outside the plane, where the crops around the planet seemed to be affected in some peculiar manner, lending them some kind of death-clock before they died, only so another batch of plants could grow and replace them. As such, it had been deemed most efficient to deal with this man in the greatest way possible, at least in such a way as it might be necessary. By the twice spared look on his arms, there seemed to be something of a deep endowed bulge coming out of it. Something had gone wrong. He had been injected far too soon by mistake. It was unclear as to what procedure had to follow and whether or not the subject was to be immediately discarded. The substance which had been injected into him had been highly volatile by means of injecting the urge to grow. But not the natural normal growth which would occur, that of the mind was to be clearer. Through his veins, as is started, suddenly it began moving upward through the stream, soon enough joining the rest of his system. By the time it had waited and started recording and playing all the simulations, a reaction had cut through and ended the distraction. This hadn't been able to be fit in any of the many simulations which had occurred and had been stored in their respective batched files. No, it looked likely that the sudden open

venture which had been revealed by his opening of the eyes paused that for a moment. He looked like a man who had seen something which shouldn't have seen. At first, it had looked, from his side at least, like a case of near-sightedness brought to some extreme. But that hadn't been that way. It was paralysis which forced him to be caught only there, watching. And he wasn't near-sighted as he seemed to believe, but merely looked through some loop which allowed him to see the various organisms which swam. But not inside the bottled case he had been in. Instead, he looked at what appeared to have been a projection of the universe itself there. Overwhelmed by this alone, he seemed to have looked at something there. Specifically a thing which looked likely to extend the likes of planets, the size alone making this thing lay in the magnitude of a quarter span of a universe. More to say that way, that thing still seemed small in front of his eyes, even though logic dictated otherwise. One thing bothered the man, regardless of how hard he had attempted to look away. It turned and started, that thing seemed to have something against him, the likes of which would dare grown and lunge forward. It had been less of what it seemed to be and of its properties and more of the likes of power it had over him. First, it observed him, calculated in all. Again, he had to reconcile, from where he stood, it looked likely that the thing had been observing him, not the other way around. But how could it? He knew himself not to be physically represented there, no projection could be that wide. Unless his eyes cut through planets and stars, it would be a mistake to think of it otherwise. That's when he started doubting his own sanity, as he lunged himself into a state of complete unawareness. He had been disturbed by the sight and in light of his own choice to see, he simply closed his eyes. And it was then that he waited and see that thing grow. At least, as he had been aware of what it meant, that looked like some sort of malign living disease the universe had. Its body grew on nothingness and the vast open vacuum of space, which in turn seemed to dread itself. Many of its own pieces seemed not to be living at all, but, more in term of what it seemed, that thing had started growing on his face as well. Blindness was incomprehensible and the machine was unaware of the many errors which had soon followed. But this specimen had already accumulated a lot of growths which resembled the end of a lifespan for an organic creature, the accumulation of so many dead cells on a body which had looked healthy just a few seconds ago. Had the injection done it? Everything had been recorded, but before any kind of sample could be taken, suddenly it burst. A sudden set of short-lived, empty spaced bursts came to be. They happened all around the body. In their wake, they revealed no kind of weirdness or of woe, no remains of a human being behind, only the empty marks which had looked like some organic pieces of some spider eggs. No blood gushed, no living piece had been saved, only that sudden image of something which wasn't supposed to be there. Before anything could be done, the man had been gone and that's when the experiment ended. Not amount of fair data had been obtained by the machines and for now they were stuck with the mere analysis of what they had collected. Batched and hidden, whence they lay, it wasn't even for their likes alone that it would happen for them to lay forward. Nothing happened afterwards. It was a complete kind of silence underneath the earth. Only that one had escaped a rotten carcass which had survived by the means of attaching itself to the common earth-worms which had been brought there from another world. It had fed on them, attached to what appeared to be hundreds of them, to the point where they had ensured that it would move its body through the ground without being caught by the executioners, which had been known to be as cold as steel. In the hours it seemed to have lain within its freedom, there seemed to have been some kind of covering in the way. That thing had shown not only signs of adaptability but some kind of intelligence, if it

meant it managed to get through the tunnels and collapse them behind its path. To say that it could be untraced by normal means would be an understatement, at least to the point that there could be naught down there, beneath the layers drowned in the gut of the ground. A thing of woe, it had stricken what appeared to be a towering lunge of men. Something it shouldn't have touched upon, at it seemed to have back away from them. A peculiar sight had collapsed a few inches on itself just to have revealed them. But one man stood on top of another who stood on top of another, so on and so forth until they had made an underground tower of the kind. It looked peculiar there, but the purpose of which had been unknown. Being an overly protective being itself, it had confused them for danger and had attempted to spray them with some kind of bile which may jump from one man to the other. Strangely though, they were unaffected by it, to the point where it could even be said that there had been a chance that there would be no kind of escape from it. The balance would be lost, at the cost of which, they would go on forward as to stay there. Indifference had been the key, the sign they had shown. Not only had they been unaffected by this sudden urge the creature had to main them, but it also seemed likely that they switched from their neutral stance to one of boredom. It saw it, it saw them turn their backs on it. This was some kind of mockery the half-a-man couldn't take.

But his efforts were futile, by every mean and after every attempt it had been settled that there couldn't be no difference in the kind of woe there could be brought. Danger was drowned then, as suddenly the ones on the top peeled themselves off and coiled around the ones which hadn't. By the time they had been at the same level as this creature, it winced and had become overly protective. This would be a perfect moment to strike. Obviously, as far as it seemed likely, the state they were in would be the most exposed kind. One sprite, or furrowing bile thrown and the damage would be nigh-incomprehensible. But for now, in its arrogance, which had to be lived, it had done the unknown terror which would haunt it from now on. It had run out of the bile it had so stored from the insides of that thing. The tube it had resided in had been the source from which it had drawn from. And now, that the pest or the skin had been removed and peeled, it revealed its true form. From its morbid curiosity, it looked like the base of some rose, without the flower on the top, with each man being a single spin of some thorn which had lain at its base. That way, at least, had been easier to find some explanation for what it had been. Nonetheless, it pulled below and bellowed for it to follow. This worm ruler, who seemed to have taken the blue of fungus as it had grown on it, white patched and seemingly bug-eyed had no choice but to follow. As it came down the tunnel this creature had made, which would be deeply rooted by some means of which none may speak of, there was some certainty to be had. They were being watched. Unknown eyes and ventures had confirmed them. By the likes alone, there could be no kind of cry of laughter heard there. Many of the peeled body imitations of man had been thrown away, discarded, left there only as a sign. And it had collected quite a few, not only of him, but of other living creatures. Was he to become one of them? It didn't seem likely to have collected worms, though those would be far and between.

Unlikely, to be called into action, it would be like it to go forth and push for the likes. No amount of fright lay there in the air, everything had been dry. The worms stopped struggling as it waited. Around the walls, the coils could be seen as being exposed from the base they had covered themselves in, as it had been clear that they only acted like some cover for the inside. A slithering appeal had lain in that skin when hid itself there, more so than expected. No man could deny what was going on inside, less of the dreadful scent which had inherited the inbreed feel it bore. Such was it, that in its mad wake, a small opening came from the insides as well. Some small creatures came

from it. That had been another hive, apparently, hidden from the likes of their distant cousins in the world above. In form, they had been somewhat similar but they managed to display certain differences which couldn't be found anywhere else. Unclear as to what they were, there would be nothing but the will and the despair. Uncertainty had been vile. What was to be done with him? A coil had come and drawn forward with what seemed to be a giant sting, a sharp blade, made out of some metal or abandoned reef found underneath the ground, where it had lain. Suddenly, pinned to the ground like some animal, it waited for something to be done with him. His brain hadn't been completely destroyed, but altered in the past, now it remained in some kind of weird infested state, as the fungus had managed to draw in as well through various tunnels and peculiar means of way. That's where it started as well. Memories faded or had in the least been absorbed by this process, the insides, which had already been affected by the fungus had been completely disposed of and crushed in the means which were to be had and more so, a piece of his mind, which had been spread got spread, immediately, between a small cluster of those inbred insects which had made the insides of the coil. Unto itself, they seemed to have some thirst remain for another victim. Yet above, life had changed. There had been no clear sky any longer, only the veil which had produced its artificial life, which had never stopped and had less than no regard for any kind of biological life. In that, so to speak, there came the first phase of the dismantling of life which had to take place there, no hostile takeover would do without such a thing. And the creatures had been spread and forced to take to themselves in the means of pushing and dragging, fighting one another and being even more violent than they had been before. It had been a fight for survival and so far, even those machines which had been organically converted were perceived as a threat. For, as long as they were there, the various artificial intelligence couldn't get past the very idea, the very principal that they may be converted instead.

And it had gone that way, at least, ever since it had dared invade those catacombs below. As, it had been in that dreadful place that it suffered the greatest loss so far, once the piercing process started, little could make it stray or hold it back. One dreadful peel of strange thick or feeling of distrust lasted. Many of the tribesmen spread as they were held together but stood there, confused. Something had occurred, as the process of this hostile takeover had been grabbed to a held. They hadn't any idea, or couldn't have known that the machines had stopped the tumor from being self-cannibalizing in some way or another. Instead of doing that, now, it had found some cold and moist, emotionless machine to latch on. No, it had been far worse, this machine could replicate emotions. It feared the tumor, which is why it had stopped the process. No ruler could act in such a manner and suddenly surrender out of fear, of fright of some small patch of meat which grew. And grew it had, in bulk, as to place itself against the metal coils and the metal arms which grabbed and chained themselves against the walls. Now they couldn't be retracted, they wouldn't be able to pull back by no means necessary. There, in a quick thrust, the bulks place themselves onto them to prevent escape. Afterwards, they spread, far, wide and most importantly, too quick to be stopped. Not only had they went outside and have grown on the metal case but the growth had also taken place through the insides, spreading through the various tubes and electrical appliance. It was almost as if it hadn't mattered at all what they actually were. No, there hadn't been any living beings down the catacombs, no women to keep the tumor alive, or the other similar congregations of meat. Something else had a stake in it, something else had held it so. Such a twisted image, had it been that pieces of the machine, which had been metal arms, leg, torsos, even robots which had been attached to the giant coiling grasping arm, found themselves extended against the ground or the walls, like

small rods, of small pivoting malfunctions of steel. From them popped those wicked things, those that blew and grew the offsprings. Oh and how there would be plenty of them. Now that they had the space and sight, there would be no stopping to their likes. In front of them lay fertile ground. Though they were still attached to the machines and to the living organism which gave them life, it was there that they spread and took dominion for their own. Small patched or squared blocks lay beneath them, while they stood erect, in themselves, attached from behind to the congregation of skin. Whilst looking at it, there seemed to be something in the back. From their point of view, it looked like the thing which had been looked upon stood like some chain which led to some structure of its own. No amount of madness could do for the reign, of such a dreadful thing, which gave the malign impression that they would spread and take over this strange world. Yet, none dared approach the vessel. Not even the very growth which seemed to give in and bring dominion to itself. And the vessel had little care of the growth, as it was responsible for it alone. Why, who else might've forced the machine to pierce through and infest everything? It had no care for the living things down there, as they were disgusting creatures, pests which couldn't do for themselves even if it were required for a harsher grip of any kind of courage to be had. Such madness couldn't be accounted for. It had to be undone. A frightful appearance had been spoken for, in terms of the most distrusted form. It was the first burst that came in a great while and it had been magnificent. One group of the savages had drawn forth towards one of the floating offsprings, which looked rather harmless for its own sake. As soon as there had been a touch, there would be nothing to be taken care of afterwards. No living substance could survive the implosion which had taken place. With a blow coming from the magnitude of force, there was nothing which had remained of them. No pain, no feeling, not even life as it had been previously for them. They had become, only in part, a piece of the growth, which spread and tried pushing itself while growing as much as it could. There wasn't any consideration or any kind of weakness which had been shown from this organic matter either. Despite the peculiar structure of metal which seemed to have over established some kind of dominion for itself alone, there it had been, in the strange way in which it had erected itself, the infection which had come to be. And soon, it would be given the might and the change, the adaptability in which it converted the very metal it had touched, just like in the same manner it had converted organic parts into tiny slits of metal and tiny machines. And having observed and noted what was going on there, suddenly, with the remaining arms it bore, which had force or function, it had suddenly started cutting pieces of its own metallic system, but not before uploading a copy of the central computer which had enough power to sustain itself in whatever form there had been spread. There, in the world, under this constant war, many pieces of the intelligence had spread and attempted to get as many pieces of the organic non-converted objects or small life forms for itself. Those claims had to give it some advantage, it wagered, otherwise, there would be no hope. From the distance, the first attempts came. Of the many machines which had established turrets on the ground, there started the blankets of fire. It worked so far as to burn and purge that organic filth which had infected the great machine. By no means could purging it be easy thought, for, if it managed to get to the dome, it would establish itself like some kind of peculiar living plants which domed over its own world. Vessels would fall from above and pop, spreading everything close to the corruption it had spread so far. This thing had to be stopped. Every living thing there was to be preserved for that reason alone. In some kind of peculiar collaboration between the machines, a deal had been struck. Some of the computers which lay beneath the ground, whom had no allegiance to the one above had made it

so, many of the living specimens would be entrapped and forced into storage below. As to that, what might happen if they were never to be given up? A lot of them had been easy prey in terms of there being no escape and the trap being set far too easily for any single one to get forth. Many tiny creatures, neither of which had been infested, fell prey to it. While pushing through the ground, small blocks of dirt had lain all around, and now, there had been no moving life to be seen around the plateau. More so, there had been another thing to be noticed. Despite many attempts, they feared just as well they feared approaching the vessel, to get any closer to the towers. It seemed like no tumor nor would machine even dare come any closer to the towers, though the discomfort made it so a disturbance would be nigh-inevitable. What if something were to reach and touch a tower? Who would be the first to anger the creature or the formation, whatever it may be? In their constant war, between those unethical things which weren't living in the sense of living, the towers were getting ready to be awakened. Either the entire world would be encompassed by those strange frictionless things, or it would be wrecked by means of some kind of destruction. And then, after layer and layer lay burned and in some kind of tanned pile of dark skin, the scent and the very feel of destruction had done it. Suddenly, the earth shook, and the towers had awakened. It had been long prophesied that they would awaken. Many legs set forth from the ground in what would appear to be the actual force they bore. Now, they were alive, they had a physical embodiment and actual power for destruction and much worse. As they arose from their sunken graves, the verge of collapse had come. So had the tower and the plant with its dome fallen. The gas had suddenly spread from their awakening might, and it was almost as if they had dwelled on it for far too long. Many of the various pieces of the sky had darkened or changed into colour. Nothing but winds and tormented forceful gusts came and pushed and shoved the machines and the various tormented pieces of meat which had been given life there. It had been a sight to behold, for the heathens who had outsmarted the machines and the other pests stood there watching as their lords have sprung to life. Such a tormented wake in which there could be nothing coming out of it. But the dreadful awareness or woe had made it seem ever present, even less. Nothing could make it so they might escape. Pure heat made itself aware in the gas. Various pieces of the top there, of the very atmosphere seemed to harden and fall. What a sight to behold. No amount of predisposed false image could stand against the power they had been given. Air molecules hardened and fell as well. Clouds followed and it seemed like, from the universe they had been in, through some mad means, stars were getting drawn near. That had to be some kind of illusion, as they shouldn't have had so much power for destruction. They would only bring the end upon themselves it seemed. Even the gas they produced from the destroyed land underneath them seemed to have only come from the pure destruction they produced. And those beneath the ground hadn't been safe from it either. It looked like the gas poisoned every kind of organic form, giving them some kind of special kind of tumors of their own. With a volatile kind of feel, they would even destroy those growths in their catacombs and infest them with a dreadful thing which only spread through the very earth from which they came from. Nothing was safe from the power they merely emitted by being there. It was something in terms of some inevitable defeat which prevented both of those creeping things from growing and encompassing everything for their very own selves. And instead of looking as what had to be something surreal, or the means of which might've infested reality with its strange appearance, this had been a complete failure. Hordes of corpses lay everywhere, buildings and fortifications collapsed, there could be nothing worse than the very fact that on both sides there had only been the corpses of those who hadn't any chance at

all. And what came to be a full stop, the towers suddenly stopped at the mid-way of cutting a semi-circle in the planet. What they had met on the other side seemed to be far too important to be completely destroyed now. For the time being, they themselves had to ponder on what there had been seen. Suddenly the gas which had destroyed everything turned on itself only to reveal another function which had been hidden. The growth and the change, for, as it seemed to be clear enough, they themselves had been caught in this strange race to take over and claim the planet as their own. In the distance, stars not only stopped approaching, but it had been clear enough what lay there. Small human beings, the creatures which had been killed and everything else, down to the growth and the machines had been brought to life. But in a mad twist, they had been infested with the disease of the towers. Most of their bodies were flatter, longer, and resembled the towers in their forms. Even though they may have shared something with their previously lived life-times, these were horrific twists that only acted in the likes and benefit of the towers. But, the other side, it hid something as it seemed to be. Many giant bodies which were bed-ridden, their size being almost so wide and high that even the towers had to stop and suggest to themselves reconciliation. Something was wrong with them, those humanoid bed-ridden creatures. They were caught at their bodies and seemed to have been encompassed in some carapace of the like, which only connected to the planet. What was to be dragged out of it was the fact that there would be some kind of danger if they were to be removed. What else might there be? It seemed likely, if not ever present that they would look around from their dormant state and spy on them. And there, free reign from the pollution came. No one pushed onward to take over or to infest another, for, how could they? Everyone seemed to have been converted in the same peculiar form, which would either be an infection of its own or some dreadful malady which remained the same. And there, in the distance, it seemed, while there was peace in there, there had been war, waged between other planets, other infested vessels who had taken over, or had made worlds of their own. No more likely it would've been for them to be than others, than, for now, it seemed likely that they would never be seen again. Some were eons away from one another, placed beyond any kind of hope that they would intersect. Others had been drawn by the strange power the towers had and their gravitational force, in which they couldn't help but watch as they've been forcefully dragged. Yet there, in the emptiness they waited and continued living in their mad, almost tormented way. Without means of communication, other than signaling to one another, vessel from vessel, deities as they would be called. And they were many, and they were old and young and they had dwelled on Earth for far too long to have been forgotten in such a manner. No longer would any of them lie in hiding and alas. They were there. A planet which hadn't been unlike others. There had been some normality to it, other than the fact that many of the realities of men had interacted as well as they seemed to have converted one another, this one had been peaceful, or so it seemed. In some ways, divided into some kind of weird notions, weird planes, even tiles around the very ground on which they came to be, there seemed to be an array of buildings which had been made. Towns, cities, a rather pleasant civilisation to be looked upon, with its high holds, many tall buildings, interconnected by highly-placed bridges and there, there had been hope. For some kind of future, as there had been, it lay in the hands of those who had been brought from the distance and left there unchecked. Without the means of destruction, without the likes of it, cheerfully, the masses were left there enrooting. It looked plain, cannons firing, it wasn't cold either in that time of the year. And neither of the people who had inherited that planet had ever known how close to destruction they had ever been. For a few more aeons away in distance and they would've been

forced to collide with a star. The result of which would've been that the vessel would survive there, alone, left floating in the emptiness of nothing. The endless space swallowing and tormenting it. And it would've all been because of some filthy vessel that had devoured and cannibalised others in order to attain their power. It had been the same one who had stopped the towers as well, and had cleansed its own planet in the means that no means would rein freely of mind. Unlike it, there had been some which had been pure, and others who had been just a bitter less than tormented, but that's where it stood, amended of whatever it had given birth to. So it seemed, there would be none, who'd stand against it, waging war no more.

Falling Pit

It was somewhere in may fifteen that we first heard of the strange circumstances that befell upon lord Pond Wick, a smuggler of the Hunchcreek st. of fair descent. He owned a mansion which he had received twenty years ago from a dying uncle or another relative of some kind. Nothing of the things I've read helped me get what happened to him and his family. I was called there to investigate this, despite being a close and shut case by the authorities. This is when I arrived, at one a. m. , to a locked door, waiting to see something. I should've brought a torch. Nevertheless, apparently, I was to wait for him here and see what it's about. None of the reports made any particular sense in the way they tried to explain it. Henceforth, the only good way was to go there for me and find it out.

'There you are, Pond I presume. '

'Greetings, greetings, glory to your honor. '

He shook both of my hands and appeared to be quite humble for a man who lost his home. Apparently, he was living in one of the smaller houses in the area near his mansion. Luckily for him, there was at least something of a plan in case of a disaster such as this one.

'Are you going to tell me then?'

'First, you need to see you for yourself and decide whenever or not you will help me.

There were others here. . .

Come on. '

He was violently jerking his flashlight, trying to get a light as fast as possible from the looks of it. Perhaps he was in an even worse condition that I thought of. This is the moment which got my interest. 'You're the private investigator, after all, right? I'm fairly certain that I haven't made the mistake of welcoming a stranger to my property. "Indeed I am, here's my card again, you should have a copy of it near you in case you kept it. 'And perhaps you could stop being as paranoid. Something about this place left a bad feeling to it, perhaps that'd be the reason why he was so afraid of something. A general sense of nothingness bore through the place and I wasn't aware of what was going on. Nonetheless, he checked both of the cards and found out that I was the same person. 'Thank you for that, you can never be too sure of something. 'As well as he said it, the flashlight started working. Nothing could be seen so far, as there were some steps which had to be made through his garden. Truly said, it was a fantastic

garden, but that's not what I've come here for. 'About my payment then. "Once you see for yourself and accept this case, I'll give you half the way and the other half once you're done. "Good. 'Something didn't smell right here. I wasn't aware where he was leading me but there wasn't any light thrown over his wrist, rather, it was aimed towards the ground. This man was purposefully hiding what we were about to see. 'What are you hiding here?' I asked now that we stopped. Apparently, he had taken a break for what I'd believe to be the grand reveal. And this flashlight wasn't there to shun light over what was left of his mansion. No, this was certainly something else. There were wires on the ground he was showing me, leading to a pair of round light makers. Plenty of them to create an artificial day if you asked me or any layman. 'With one flip of the switch, everything that was known to us and our world will soon be revealed. Be ready to witness what had befallen upon me and my once dear family. 'He was right, with only one flip, it was almost as if there was the day once again. It revealed something that my mind had blocked for so long as I've read the file report. A hole which fell from the sky. From the looks of it, crushing and destroying a giant portion of the mansion. 'Incredible. "Not quite the word I'd use but whatever it gets to help me. 'There were the levels and parts of the stairs. I could see into every room, bathhouse and below. Oh, the great below was dark, impossible to look through even with the greatest of the lights pointed at it. Something of a dark mist covered what was laid below. Nonetheless, I thought this was fantastic and bizarre from the simple glance I laid upon it. 'This is fantastic, close to being out of this world, how come none came here to investigate before me?"Well, they did come, as I said, but this is the reason why they all go away after some time. It's that thing in that pool of dark floating mist which seems to make them get close to being mad. Nothing personal, it's just how it always goes. Time after time, they come and promise to do something and find out what happened to my wife and daughter, only to inexplicably go away. Some went missing but I won't go into great detail with that, there's no need to concern yourself with those matters. So?Will you accept?"You're damn sure I will. "Great, first thing in the morning. You've read the announcement. "Right, I have. A place to sleep and warm food for the entire period of time staid here right?"The man nodded and closed the lights. Somehow, this appeared to be more like a trial to me as the thought of this mansion in its decrepit state would bore into my dreams. Perhaps this is the reason why they all went away, after a night in this place, there wasn't any doubt that something did affect them. There were a few other buildings located on the side, almost hidden from sight. He pointed at the adjacent one standing right near the border of his property. A few more inches away from where it ended, to be more precise. 'You're to sleep there or in any house of your choosing until the morning comes. Except for a dinner and a coffee in the morning if you make out the night and still decided to remain in my employment. "Fair enough, see you in the morning then. "Wait, I'm not done yet. 'He lit a cigar, leaving a dark trail in the air, continuing on with what he said. 'I don't know why this is happening or why it happened to my family, but I'm aware that for some reason I'm not affected by it. 'No dream, no vision or no event he said. Nothing but this destruction which was aimed towards it. One that pushed him towards anonymity, seclusion and alienation of the outside world. 'I'm not afraid of this place sir. And just so you know, I've never broken a contract, regardless of how dangerous it had become. You can put your trust in me. 'The man nodded and gave a husky smoulder over his nose. This was to be a night to be reckoned with. 'Now let's see. 'A fairly rustic little house with a bed, a stove and some decoration. Perhaps it was fashioned out of a stool storage box, for the size didn't leave much to do other than sleep and standing around. 'No need for fire this night. 'After opening it, could it

be more clear that there wasn't any need for fire any night? Something had fallen on the wood and made it wet. But the last rain had been a few weeks ago, and there weren't really many signs in the garden that it had rained. Did he do this on purpose then? A weird way to seek for help only to drive them away and remained with this mystery. It was even more peculiar that no one had even brought the news to the outside world. Everything had to become clear in the morning, towards one way or the other. That at least I hoped it'd happen. Was this the full mansion then that I saw then? Standing there, constructed to every brick and every missing side. I swear I saw it somewhere else in a faraway land where there were plenty of others. He had workers in the house, many of which would cook, clean, tend to the garden. Entertainers and plenty of his so-called friends who'd come. 'Sir, your invitation. 'It was a man who stopped me and the entry to ask for something which I bore. I only had a small thicked which was fashioned with gold edges and something of a silver block inside. 'Thank you, sir, you may enter. 'Plenty of others stood behind me in the line, perhaps this event was rather more convincingly better than I've expected. My body felt like it was there, to the point of being no distinction from this lucid dream and the reality. The way they were bouncing was extremely arousing. And not mention that the drinks were of the highest expense, aged well for this gala of his. Why did he do this every single night I wonders? How could his supplies and fortune never end? It was quite obvious that there laid some form of devilry involved in it. Nonetheless, It was quite curiously enjoyable to watch. The attention I've received was nothing short of flattering, to say the least. 'Me?' I asked, whilst getting ready to indulge in the same matters as the rest of them had. Quite peculiar to become the centre of attention but I was about to enjoy this night rather more than I expected. Even behind that mask and that dress, I could see something that of which I desired. No one else tried to bat an eye at what was going between two people who were dancing quite as far away from the others. We were alone in this but in a way, I felt like I could do more than dance and interact with them. For a moment there I appeared to have become this man in every sense of the word. Everything which happened to me would reflect on him in more than a possible way. But I was also aware that this had to end at one point or another. As much as I desired for this paradise to never end, this gala wouldn't last past this night. It'd be impossible to ask for more now, judging by the fact that I was still in the employment of that man. As the dance had ended and I managed to snick away, at the sound of the violins, I looked atop of the stairs. The ones which lead towards the upper level. What I noticed then was the fact, the strange fact that the only ones not enjoying were, what I could only think of being his daughter and wife. Strange that he wasn't even there at his own event, to miss such a thing was quite exquisitely wrong of him. Perhaps he wasn't a dream, but this was my chance to approach them. Just a few steps, unless it was forbidden, I managed to gloss over and push myself through the crowd. None of them appeared to be particularly interested in me and my doing, hence I could only do the same. It may have come as a surprise but I was aware of the reason behind the fact that they stood there, looking as afraid and shocked as they were. Perhaps it was peculiar to ask of them for a moment alone to talk. But this was a matter of extreme danger. As it appeared to be, something in the compound of the floor appeared to have started melting away each second, leaving only the skeleton to stand there and remain. I looked behind to see that because of my action, this chain reaction started affecting them. Before anything further happened, I was soon awakened by a shout of what could only be called as horror. Utter, extreme horror which would haunt me for the rest of my days. So I thought until I managed to open my eyes and see that It was morning. 'A mere exaggeration I suppose. 'I said to myself after what would come out as

a good night's sleep. Surprised even myself over the fact that I managed to go through the night, I came out to see it. Still frightening, even in the day. Whatever managed to do so, be it a hole which fell out of the sky or something of a compound which might've melted it, I wasn't aware. But what I had to find out now was whenever or not this man had been there the day it happened. 'Morning sir, I suppose you won't be staying any longer, are you?' On the contrary, I'd say, I made a promise and I intend to go ahead with the investigation. 'I had to admit at least that the last night's sleep was damnably confusing, to say the least, and it left me in a light-headed state. He laid there nonetheless, waiting with a few cups of freshly brewed coffee and at least a couple of eggs, toast and bacon. 'I presume you'll be starting right away after we're done eating, is that correct?' 'Right away sir, since I don't think the deal is off yet. 'I was confident enough to take a chance. Without a doubt, this was a lot more than a private investigator made in a year. And this didn't include the fact that it was an only job offer. Not to mention that this included a place to sleep and a meal. Both of them came out decent. The coffee wasn't that bad either. 'I'll expect a report when I return if I still see you when I return. After that, I'll give you the first half, how does that sound for you?' 'More than fair sir. 'There was something which lighted his face now. Whenever or not I was the reason it was quite obvious. A rich man after all needed to work as well, and he was fairly certain that I was about to do my job. Once his private car arrived, he was nowhere to be seen anymore. Our brief meeting resulted in quite that pact I'd say. Speaking of which. 'In what have you gotten yourself into?' It was quite strange that he was the only one who managed to escape. 'Now, where were we?' The stench became evident during the day rather than at night. As the heat came, it fell upon the concoction which filled the hole. It felt like the corpses were still in the process of decay. Certainly, the answer was there, as if there was something there obviously rotting. Perhaps their corpses were as deeply pushed below as he had thoughts. Someone had to be announced by it at least till the middle of the day. It was at eight in the morning, one hour after I woke up that I called a cab for myself. There wasn't any need for the money anymore since I was about to be handsomely paid after all. But I had to meet with a friend, urgently and ask for his advice. He didn't live too far from here, as it were. 'On the St. Salmon seventeen. 'There was quite the traffic out there, but I didn't dare look anywhere else. Everyone except this one man who dared stop managed to pass through without even throwing a glance. Could this have been a hoax after all?' 'Hey, before we go in, mind if I ask you something?' 'Go ahead ser. 'What do you know about the mansion you just picked me up from?' I tried looking through the small mirror to see the change of expression which fell on his face. At least there was some kind of fear and distrust. 'Well, we don't speak about it here in the county, it's just something we don't do. 'And why is that? 'If I may so bold as I am. 'It's because the punishment that man received from the lord, they say. You didn't hear this from me but they say he was a vile man. 'He spoke of him as if he was a tyrant, a vile creature which tormented the poor denizens of the town and overworked them to death. It's strange, for most of the factories were still all of his. But this man was so eager to speak of ill that it made me wonder whenever or not it was true. Surely enough he appeared to be sincere but this account made him appear exaggeratedly cruel. 'They say he lived through meetings and celebrations while the people working his machines were dying while standing infernal hours in the toxic chambers. A bad omen, bad indeed. 'But how did it happen then? This isn't really making any sense either. From what he said, it just fell from the sky, all of the sudden. But there's no hole that just falls from the sky and melts everything, crushing wood and stone without a notice. 'Aye, that's what it happened, believe it or not. You're not the

first one to question it, there were others, stood and left as soon as they came. Something in that place behind leaves a warning. 'There was more to it, something which he was hiding, I was utmost certain. 'Say, did Pond have any enemies I should be aware of? Someone who hated him or wanted him dead? An old friend or a rival, perhaps someone from the families which were affected by the work?' A reluctance came over the cab driver, at which he bore me to the point where I needed to be left. 'Do yourself a favour and don't return. No, this one is on me, but I won't take you back and I won't let you go either. That's a bad place right there and everyone involved ends up suffering now. 'A glint of something of a dark smoke became clear in his neck. This man was close to being mad, though I accepted his offer and went away. This should've been the apartment. Luckily for me, I arrived a week before the contract and met with the locals, just to be certain. It was a common building, and from what I remember, he lived on the eight floor. In a dirty little elevator with no one around who'd want to be disturbed. He should've been home, door left open, standing in a room filled with smoke. Damn this man, he almost destroyed my lungs in moments. I had to open a window from the inside only to find out that it was sealed shut. There should've been another in the bath, which got promptly opened. 'And here's the guest of honour, sleeping on the couch. 'He passed without a doubt from the rum in his hand. There should've been a broken barrel here somewhere but time wasn't on my side. 'Jack Wakefield. Come on buddy. 'Somehow, I knew that it would've been difficult to wake him up now, especially under these circumstances. But I couldn't wait either. A splash of water would've been enough. He was about to wake up himself anyway, henceforth, I waited there in front of his table. Quite the collection of newspaper laid there. The dates on them went as far as years before something of great importance even happened. No wonder the Gazette never had this event on, at this rate none would find out. 'Fellow. 'I'm glad you're already awake, we have something to discuss now. 'What do you want now? I've already told you. 'He was too far into it to be able to recognise me. Perhaps some ammonia would've been just perfect to wake him up. 'Who am I exactly. 'The man with the hat that came yesterday, no? Two days ago, carrying something of an envelope. 'It's close enough John, I came here looking for assistance with the thing we've spoken about. Are you still up to it now?' From the likes of it, he didn't appear to be much of any condition at all to help. 'John. 'Right, I'm here, you came to ask me for something. 'I see that this became a waste of time then. 'Wait, alright, I just woke up, let me get a coffee and we'll talk. It's over there, still in the. 'I saw it. 'This man was the only other detective I managed to find. Either something happened to the rest or it wasn't as popular as a profession around these parts. From the looks of it, he wasn't any different than the town drunk. Though something of his reputation appeared to carry him over. Some spoke while others highly praised his work, perhaps to the point of overshadowing this problem of his. Boiling the water took something of a few minutes, putting the coffee, waiting. At least two cups of stood on his table. I wanted to remove something from it so there'd be enough space, but he refused. 'Let them there. 'The newspapers were too old to be missed in case one of us spilt some of the coffee on the table. 'Well, are you feeling better now? Can we at last talk about what we need to do?' 'The Pond case, with the manor, I remember. 'That was fast, to the point of me feeling something which had been in the coffee. It was a strong scent, a chemical of some kind which was placed inside it. Normally I'd be against but I needed answers. 'Were you there at any point at all?' 'No, I wasn't called. But I've heard that most of the people who were called apparently disappeared or immediately left. Something kept getting rid of them. 'And there wasn't any of who was called to investigate this?' John didn't do much other than shrug his shoulders at this. 'No one cares

enough to pay for them, neither the city nor the families. Speaking of which, there weren't any complaints that came. And no complaints, no evidence, so on and so forth. "That neither the authorities came to investigate or do anything about it. "Not to mention that it became apparent that this Pond Wick is an eccentric man, rich as well. He owns half of the factories and manufacturing in the town. "Then why do people shun him if he practically owns this town?" There came the second shrug before John went on. 'It doesn't excuse the rumours and what they say about him. Perhaps there's nothing but a whisper or a bad thing but they say that he's the one who called for this pit from above. "Why would he wish the death of his family and guests?" The people there, you knew about them? How? It wasn't written in the records, most of us know because we could hear the noise coming all the way through the forest directly towards us. "It was. . . I asked Lord Pond, that's all, nothing more and nothing less. "Right, now, as I was saying. They say he did this to himself to get the insurance of his mansion. Fairly enough, it's not often that it happens for a dark hole to fall from above. The circumstances were nothing short of bizarre, but nonetheless, it worked in his favour. A free man, even richer and a few people he hated were gone. "People he hated?" "Didn't he tell you this then? Mister Pond had a habit of going around and inviting everyone to his parties. People from his entourage, those who he hated or he hated back. In return, he had this persona or having to show off even to those who deserved it or not in his mind. "So there's the motif. But if this is true and no one does anything about it, why was I called in the first place? To investigate I mean. This was the last time he shrugged before standing up. He had finished his drink and if I remember correctly, John had promised to come and take a look around before the afternoon. 'Why he called you say? Well, we're about to find out once we take a look at it, won't we?' He locked the door but not before getting his jacket. This came just in time as he was the only one between us who drove a car. Since it was obvious that I wasn't going to enter any cab of the kind, this came as a pleasant surprise. 'John, thanks for helping me. "You don't suppose he'll have something to say about this whole ordeal, do ye?" He won't find out I hope, plus, you only need to take a look and give me a second opinion about this, nothing more. I'll inform you of the details on the way. 'This was a few minute drive, as the twisted road didn't lead to much to be expected. He appeared to know more than he was letting off. At least about the whole story in mind. As a sober man, he finally appeared to be a decent worker, calmer and focused on the road. I could see that spark in his eye, that which signalled something of a mind of his own. Perhaps he only came because he was simply curious about the entire ordeal and nothing more. 'So, just take the next left and we should be there. "Weren't we supposed to drive a little longer on the front? I was sure he was at least halfway through the forest, at least until the turn of his mansion. "Your memory seems to be dimmed, just take the left and we should be there. 'He complied quite quickly despite his ongoing protest. It must've been the memory which was the problem of it, all that drinking started to affect him. One last thing he needed to do, at least until he eventually fell in that drunken stooper which awaited him. 'So, like I said, it's here. "It's not supposed to be here. 'He quickly jerked into his seat as he threw another glance. For him, this was all wrong, the position and just how close it now was. At the moment of our arrival, John was quite perplexed by what he saw. Every rumour he's ever heard turned out to be true to every word. In the day, this appeared far more shocking than in the night. The stench did much to wake him as well. 'So, what do you think about it?" Way too big. What exactly did happen here? And I don't mean that a hole had truly fallen from above the sky, which makes no sense whatsoever. 'He jerked in a spot before moving on. Strangely, that thing, a substance in that pool called for

both of us to approach now. 'Let's see it again, I'll at least tell you what I think it happened. Perhaps it wasn't a blunt object, I thought that the single most plausible explanation might've been that it melted through. "How could wood exactly melt?"If a hard object fell from the sky, a space rock or anything alike, it would've crushed the entire foundation. But look at the marks on the upper floor. It's perfectly even everywhere. Where's the last place you've ever seen something cut so perfectly even?"This was indeed strange. Too much for one to take alone. He didn't have the guts for it, I could already see it in him. 'Wouldn't there be burn marks, ashes, or anything there?All that I could see makes it seem like it was cut with the help of a saw. "Wouldn't that remove any claim from the money he was supposed to get?"It would've. 'Said John but something about that scent really drove him away to get some air. 'It might be toxic, I'd rather have you stay away from it as long as you can. You need to go. "I can't go now, especially since I found out that I was the only one to come and accept the job. Are you insane?"No, but you are if you think you can just stand here and take this. It's not worth your life. 'This sudden compassion for me seemed to be fake. Did he plan to take on this alone and replace me in the long run?I only need an extra opinion, nothing else, and he delivered. 'I think I'll be able to handle myself from now on if you excuse me. 'Despite his warnings, I saw his skin turn to a painless I haven't seen before. At least this removed any suspicion I had about him trying to fake his distaste. 'Fine, do whatever you like, but before I go, take a look at the back of the mansion and see it for yourself, it was moved I tell you!You're on your own. "Fine, crawl to your car, I didn't need your help in the first place. It might've even saved me a bill if you told me in time that you were too scared to do anything to help me. 'After hearing the gate close behind my back, I've had no other choice but to return to my investigation. Regardless of what he previously said, I wanted to make sure that what he said about this mansion being moved was true. I just needed to see for myself. But not until I saw his car driven away, which he waited for some reason in the road. Was he spying on me now?It raised an awkward situation, especially since lord Pond wasn't aware of the fact that I wanted to ask for someone. I could hear in my mind. 'What?I thought we settled that you'd worked for me, not some cheap town dwelling drunk. Should've known better before trying to hire a two shoed good for nothing city folk such as yourself. 'He went away, alas I was safe once again. It was to be the reason why I needed him, at least to confirm. Going around didn't take long and I started to notice just in how good of a condition the house was. From this side, it appeared to be more than fine. It was well enough that someone could not bat a second eye and believe that someone was willingly living in the mansion. One turn nonetheless revealed the trail left on the ground. It was almost as if the ground was tilled by someone all the way through. And whatever was in that black basin, its small fumes managed to hide whatever laid behind of it. It worked well, I had to admit, one-second glance past the poll and the hole through the mansion and I couldn't see the gate. There was quite the amount of evidence to be found. Not the concealment alone but the fact that this mansion might've not only been cut but also dragged from one point to another. 'But damn that stupid mistake. I shouldn't have told him about what I dreamed, now he'll think me as nothing but a bloody amateur. 'Something was in store for me later, after lord Pond came back to check on me. At least a few hours left on the clock for me to check on everything which laid in sight. For this was the best excuse to get away. What I didn't want to admit was the fact that I started being affected. The fumes appeared to attack the lungs at a certain level. Relentlessly attacking anything which might've helped me in the long run. Just one more step and I was out of the strange rage this area had. Nothing but a field now, as long as I could see. All I had to do

now was to follow the marks on the ground. In a few days, there wouldn't be any doubt, perhaps weeks or months at best, but the rain would hide it away. Certainly, someone else had to notice this. Too well to have been dragged, I noticed. 'Someone might've pushed it rather, but how?' The mansion was old, despite its good condition and the strange circumstances. As I arrived at the point where the mansion, which I assumed to be taken away from, I looked at the ground and saw no strange mark. Looking on the right, I became aware that it faced the other way. One single closed gate, the same type as the one in the front, which meant that behind the fence, there should've been another one. 'Another one. 'It got my attention. There laid stairs on the ground. But as I looked at them I noticed that they were quite far from this entrance. At least twenty or forty meters away. Which meant that this wasn't even the original position whatsoever. A trail came to mind at least in the few moments. There made no sense whatsoever for it to be pushed. One line of people waited here to get inside, I was sure of it. Something like my dream appeared to be inviting to me. It made me feel well deep inside but distracted from this conundrum. The perfect condition, without a scratch and cut through. What else could it mean but the fact that the mansion also missed another entire level which was stunned below? Foul play was seriously at play, but if what he said was true, this meant that there were corpses of his wife and children. It was serious. Enough that I continued with the scheme inside my head. The mansion was big, quite enormous, for it to have been brought to that position, it should've been dragged around into the position I saw the marks begin. After that, it was simply pushed without a question to that new spot. Of which he might've been aware. Lord Pond did keep all those working houses for his servants and what not for a reason. And there wasn't any question that this was made without his knowledge. Damn John, I knew I should've kept you around. It appeared like it was a handful, to say the least. Still, a deal was a deal, and it appeared like there was a long way back, with me having everything I had. Only but the noises from the insects which had gathered. Left uncut, I saw how this place was filled to the least with what seemed to be a jungle. Growths of weed and fallen trunks, this place was unclean to the spot. Just how long ago had this happened? I asked myself on the way. There wasn't any way I would believe this if I didn't see it again but something laid in there calling for me. It concealed any attempt I would've had to look through. Sad thing, to say the least, now to the actual investigation. 'How may I approach this without being taken as they have?' Again with the conundrum, at least it might've slowed me down if it weren't for the fact that a tool shed laid not as far. Something was boiling there, and I could see the bubbled. What I thought to be only a veil of darkness turned out to be the substance I was so afraid for it to be. 'Why have I doubted you?' This appeared to be a strange factor in it, a voice that didn't speak. A substance that didn't rise any further than the bubbles it had inside. 'The tool shed. 'I remembered, as for seeing no reflection in that patternless liquid. What I need for myself was a simple long and sharp ladder. For what was about to be done remained dangerous, to say the least. Especially since I was about to lay directly above the fumes. A damage that could possibly go through and never be healed in case I was the effect. 'Here you are, laying just well. 'It had pints that stick in the ground and a second extension that would push it to at least a few meters in the air. Perfect for what I needed to do. One strike and I was there, standing just behind the window. Despite being close, it was on the verge of being broken. Certainly, he wouldn't remember, but with a tucked elbow, I strode past the ladder and broke the window open. Pushing with it, I threw away every piece of glass I found, past the curtain and everything else which laid there, making just enough room for me to go past. The floor was still sturdy, as for a moment I was afraid. Just as I thought, the floor was in an

even better condition than I have previously thought about. Despite my momentary panic, I managed to secure my position. The planks under me made no noise, but as dizzy, as I started to become, I was driven away. There was plenty to explore around, as good as this sounded. Everything about this, once again, would've appeared quite normal to one if it weren't for what was down there. Speaking of it. 'The marks, I need to check them now. 'Withing safe distance, my hands just came over the marks where the supposed cuts might've been. I figured that there should've been something of a mark. Nothing, just pure cuts, with the stuffing still set into the foundation. And there was something else as well. There was no mention of it. Whatever fell or cut didn't leave a mark, making this almost the job of someone who knew what they were doing. He couldn't have said the truth though. A hole doesn't just fall from the sky, that's not how it is. But here this place, still in its previous state. I needed to know why were all the clothes still sitting in as good of a condition. Time didn't affect the drawer at all. No dust had come inside of it. This manner of looking at it made this place appear like it was somehow saved in a different bubble, to the point of being stopped in time. Next, I checked the lamp to see the light. 'How?' I asked myself but decided to go further. As obvious as this lead might've been I've pulled the wire and started following it. There was already quite the destruction there. Something needed to be prioritised over this before I could go on. Just so he wouldn't notice this small trick of mine, the glass had to be thrown into this pit. Two rabbits shot at once I believed, for the starter, I could see if some sort of reaction would suddenly pop if something was thrown inside of it. Secondly, the evidence of me breaking the window would just disappear now that there wasn't anything to show that I arrived there through that way. The curtains certainly were thick and there wasn't any mention of the fact that no one would be able to see past that clouds and fumes. It made a sound as they fell inside. Certainly, something happened there, as I noticed it with my own eyes. Sunken, the pieces of glass went slowly before getting out of sight, like with everything around here. If only there was something else I could test, this was enough. 'For now, lord Pond should be informed. 'There were a few hours before the night was about to come and I noticed that it got dark too fast for my own comfort. Every moment here started making me uncomfortable. And now, the wire, then I'll leave. John could've been here with me and helped me get this if it weren't for his sudden paleness at the hand of those fumes. Pushing my hands over the wall, I thought there'd not be any way to remove it and see where the various wires went. A suspicion arose either way. Why else would he keep a ladder in there? Lord Pond must've been the one who set the wiring around the house once this place was moved. Now, it was either a coincidence that this whole which fell managed to avoid every cable and most of his valuables or there was again foul play. 'There's no choice now, I need to confront him about it now. 'I thought about it for some time but before going one something had to be done. After all, he hadn't paid me yet and it was long overdue. When I managed to arrive the same way, I placed the ladder back into the tool shed, leaving no mark of it getting used. What I saw then, in the closest of nights was the fact that his little house was lit. Someone's home, but could it be Pond? Past that window was a figure, but from the other side, I couldn't tell who it was. It was just as shocked as I was, standing and facing me, from what I managed to see. A thief, most likely just as shocked as I am. 'Get out and empty your pockets, I won't tell anyone I found you, understood?' I declared my intentions, which I intended to do my best in keeping. This was certainly a dangerous thing but I wanted to abide no longer to certainty. Whatever happened in the time I was above there made no difference whatsoever. 'I won't refuse to use force if it comes to it. 'He didn't leave at either, henceforth, I was bound to take action. Despite not having any

firearm on my person, I resolved that I could at least grab something as common as a rock and try scaring him off. This was a frightful thing, but the door was locked. Lord Pond gave me another key, but did he lock himself from the inside? No, this must certainly be the thief. With a twist above I managed to open the first lock, the one which could be twisted by anyone from the inside. 'I've got you now!' I yelled, ready to come down on him with as a primordial feeling and might of a caveman. Only but one thing, whoever laid there wasn't the one who locked himself in. There was the second lock, the one which only worked for someone who had a key. 'Someone locked you here, didn't he?' No answer came whatsoever despite every attempt I had at conversing with him. Either I could wait or see for myself what was going on in here. But curiosity did get the better out of me as I got my key and started pushing. Whoever it was, I was about to find out. With one click, I opened to see only the candle left on the table, in a spot which was almost hidden. No figure came, at least not for the shadow! Before turning, I saw how the candles' flame vanished by a gust of wind. A hard blow released me at once. With once again, standing in front of the line. 'I need to, I need to tell Pond about him. Someone's out there. 'Those who were staying in line suddenly turned. It appeared like this was yet another night, different than the one I've previously been in. Not only were there different people standing but I could swear that there were twice as many inside. If I remember it correctly, this mansion wasn't but a simple manner anymore of their play of lights. Now, it appeared more like a palace in its entire meaning. After they returned their gazes and said nothing to the man who shouted, I had to take a look inside and everywhere around before getting in. No tool shed and no pair of buildings there. I was certain of. 'I need to go. 'With proper respect, I gave up this spot in line, knowing that in this dream-like state, I wouldn't go there anymore.

For this fact to be checked didn't take as long as it appeared to take. Just one turn and I saw that there wasn't anything on the ground. Clean, to the point of never having been tilled before. Not only that, but the garden was also tended to, at least as it had gardeners to deal with it. 'There, I knew you'd be there. 'It was his wife who stood there alone, waiting by the gate. If this wasn't the first time, perhaps it was now. Since I couldn't remember when was the last time we met or even if she remembered who I was, this was the introduction. 'My name is Robert Stonecall. Pleased to meet you. 'This was a dream and in reality, she was clearly dead. But that didn't stop me from kissing her head. Despite being as antiqued as it sounded, this was the only way I could step on and try convincing her of my intentions. 'I'm Marie Wick. You probably met my husband haven't you?' Indeed I have ma'am. I'd even say that I and Lord Pond have quite a fond relationship between one another. 'Do you now?' She appeared to have been awakened from her slumber, at least now that she received some company. As lonely as she seemed, without her child, I had received my answers. The tool sheds and the other small buildings which stood on the side. 'Does someone live in there?' I asked without a sudden care. 'Well, no, why would some live in such a rustic place. That's where the servants get their tools and what not. Gardening, cleaning, most of everything that's needed around the house. Perhaps even the mining, though rarely someone's coming here to do that anymore. 'What do you mean by mining?' 'I think that's my husband right there. Do you mind? Wait, hide away until he leaves. 'Before I could say anything in protest, I was shoved once again the small shack from which I remembered going in. Something was wrong and being in this dark place made me feel uncomfortable. Seeing through the shadows and hearing them talk, but unable to grasp what they were saying. That was my problem, at least for now. What was she doing out there then? I waited, trying to stay as hidden as she desired. Looking to see that there was already a bed standing there.

The same bed Lord Pond had stepped into, I assumed, ever since the incident happened. But why all the secrecy now? Once the loud noises stopped, I backed away from the door. I saw her again. 'Marie, what's happening?' She had a pair of keys in her hand as well. This feeling made me aware of where this was heading towards, despite how vibrant and lucid this dream had become. Once she closed the keys and made sure her husband left, she began trying to force herself onto me. Like others who were in this state, I was almost hypnotized by her movements and whispers. Dear lord, she was having an affair all along. But it didn't last long after hearing the screams and the terror from the distance. It was too distracting, yet it happened nonetheless. Marie stooped down as if she heard something she shouldn't have but I assure her that nothing was going to happen. 'Wait here, I need to find out what's going on out there. 'It was indeed true, what I thought it'd happen. Wrong place, but it happened nonetheless and I was too late to witness what fate befell on them. She came crying as well, seeing the mansion, crying for her child who was left there all alone in the arms of the nurse. But how could this be then? Her alive, her alive, she was. 'She was alive. 'I awakened at once, standing on my bed alone. From the pain, I felt on the back of my head and seeing how I was still dressed. The door opened before I put on the rest. 'Had a sweet dream?' 'Morning sir. Sir, there was something, someone who broke in. 'I'm the aware lad, ever since I found you looping in a small pool of blood. Don't worry, he didn't do any damage at all. The doctor said he only scraped you on the way to the neck, nothing more. 'So, nothing was. 'Nothing at all. Here's it, by the way. It'd hide if well if I were you, it's not worth taking any chances with those outlaws hanging around. 'The envelope was thick enough, but what lord Pond said was. 'I'll wait for you once you're well. I'm quite curious on what you've found out so far. Seemingly you were busy. 'As he said it, he knocked on the window. Well, with that said, he wasn't as mad as I expected him to be. Nonetheless, he left now and left me with my money and in a state of confusion. Who could've been the man who tried coming there and got locked inside? That's what I had to find out sooner or later. If he came one he might certainly return and now he had something to take with him in case he succeeded. Out of which was unexpectable. I took the money and looked on the floor, there had to be done, I felt it. A place which was hallowed, certainly, I felt it now. There was something about this hidden spot which made me not want to use it. Just near the bed, It was something sure. I picked the slab and pushed it away. Apparently, this was laying just under the bed, a few centimetres away. One could stand just in front of the bed and feel it quite well. With the envelope, I made sure to put a piece of cloth I've found. The opening wasn't that deep but I was certain that someone could find it as well as I have. No, this was too easy to find, I thought. 'It'd be the first spot they'd look after if they knew what they were doing. 'There wasn't any other chance. I had to carry this with me until I made a trip back home and hid it away. That would certainly take two hours to go and come. But at least, it was certainly safer than any other place. Lord Pond, right, this was about to become certainly more interesting than I expected it to be. After I was done talking to him, a small trip back to my office then a quick return. With that, I arrived at his small shack and looked at the lock. There were no signs of forced entry that I could see. 'Someone was most definitely here Lord Pond. 'I'm aware of it, there wasn't anything that might've fallen over your head from inside. But what do you think happened? Were any of the jewellery or. 'He shut his own mouth immediately. This was something I wasn't aware of as of yet, but apparently, something was hidden inside. 'What was that then?' 'Well, I may have been hiding something here and there but nothing too exaggerated, you know? It makes me a lot more comfortable knowing that there's something in here that needs my protection. 'I

understand sir, but the problem is that the thief might've had a key to this house. Have you give the key to anyone else?' From the looks of it, the dinner was ready. Not that I would let myself get too distracted or anything. 'Well?' I haven't given the key to anyone else but you. Does that help and may I ask why are you asking that?' The man had locked himself inside the house before you arrived. "So you had the assailant inside and you decided to let him go just like that?" No, Lord Pond it didn't make sense that he would light a candle and just stand there in front of the window. Either someone was locked or I'm not aware of something. But when I opened the door there wasn't anyone inside. 'This conundrum left the open question of who it was, despite the fact that nothing could've been done for now. 'Could it have been someone from outside then?' You mean someone who might've managed to snick behind me and knock me at unaware? Perhaps but this has passed already and I'm certain that you'd have to hear everything which I discovered certainly more important. 'The man nodded immediately and presented his entire attention. Over the next hour, I started talking about everything I've found during my investigation. That of which the mansion, the upper floor, clean cut and everything so far. And yet someone might've been trying to get him. 'I'm certain lord Pond that in that darkness, once the light was blown off, there couldn't have been a distinction between the two of us.

'After all, we were quite the same height as one another. And this might as well add up to the point, someone, perhaps the same person who did this to him came to finish the job. 'I understand, surely, this seems quite strange. And are you sure that this mansion was entirely pulled from one side?' We could both go and see. "No, no, there's no need for that now, let's just finish it here and well. I'm just glad you're here and accepted this, there's no one else I could've put my faith in right now. 'We shook hands as we departed now, he had known everything which needed to be known. Within minutes after our departure, I glance upon that dark mirror. It was another man, more slim, older, driving the cab. The plantings didn't entirely seem too different, to begin with. Nonetheless. 'To the station, I have a small trip to take. 'After he nodded, I knew I was on the right track, ready to get where I needed to be. At least from the looks of it. Just a few blocks away and my heart was pumping, my sweat ran down through my forehead. Every glance made me realise how sick I was becoming with each moment I stood away from that place. 'Stop the cab, I need to go back there. 'With a sudden stop, we were almost driven to a road accident. It appeared that I had his entire attention now that I changed my mind. There wasn't any other way it could go. 'I need to go back right now. 'He went ahead and turned around. Despite how mad this appeared to seem, no matter how hard I tried to get away I couldn't. Something pulled me back despite the fact that there wasn't any resistance to be had. The way ahead and the return had to be paid for, as I was aware. And there was definitely the issue of having to hear rumours from now on. Since I became aware that these cab drivers were the fastest way the unfounded rumours spread, I didn't bother to resist. Something which I realised was the fact that I couldn't leave any longer. The reason why this happened to me had to resign in there. Whatever would come of it, at least there was an answer to be given. I had to know what made me feel so ill when I tried getting away. Before long, I was on my way once again towards the point where I left off. The ladder was still in its place including every tool in the shed. Now, the only current problem remained where could I possibly hide this stack? Just for the time being, I went inside and grabbed the cloth and placed the money inside. All of it, buried behind the house without any doubt or question asked about what happened to it. There wasn't anyone who knew, but now. Once this problem went away, I'd return to my house and put it in the safe. Something had to go a different way today, I was certain. Again, the ladder was placed, but this time on the other

side. I just had to see the living room and the small tower. From the looks of it, I managed to glance at it as it twisted away and stood alone in the back. Despite being the highlight of this building, something had to be affected inside of it. First the window, but I wasn't aware that someone had opened this one. Only the curtain stood as a guardian, which was pushed away at the tip of my mere fingers. Now, as I stood there, I could finally see past the veil and the fumes. There wasn't any reason to explain why I came so unprepared now. Without the proper mask, I resorted to covering my face with a piece of my shirt. Someone stood there waiting at the gate, gazing and trying to see what I was doing. Has lord Pond hired someone to see my work in motion? No, I stand the same way he stood the previous night. Frozen in the veil, I doubted he could see me especially that far away. But it was a figure nonetheless, that was certain. 'Who is it?' I shouted, doubtlessly looking as if I wasn't heard the first time. Of course, the second time wasn't even a question at all. How could this have happened then? For this one moment, I felt bizarrely estranged in my walking path and lost my composure. Perhaps this was the result of the fumes taking full effect over my body. It was too late for me to realise that I've made a mistake. My body fell and barely managed to grasp the edge of the wooden piece, the perfectly cut ribbon of the mansion. Awe soon became dread once I realised that I couldn't control my body any longer and fell. The pain would've come as expected when I felt myself reach that hard substance. 'Help me, somebody help me!' The shout fell on dead ears once I realised it was too late for me to be saved. This pit was swallowing me, raising and pulling me inside. At last, before my strength waned, the fumes were too close and my consciousness was partially gone. Almost awake, my body had no control over it, but my mind was there alive. I felt something inside of me trying to warn me about it but I failed to listen now. Where could this be going? Somehow air was kept inside, this sea or well or whatever it had become. But now that I was fully aware I had come to the realisation that I was swallowed by the pit that fell from the sky. Without a way to return, I waited. It must've been hours long that I was aware of things behind my eye, swimming with me and extension these small frail movements that my body began doing. They whispered but I couldn't hear, I wasn't there. But I became aware. At least now, in this dire moment, that when my mind would give in, I'd never come to be awake ever again. With my fate sealed I used what strength I had to breathe as much as I could. That's when the fall finally gave in. Left as if I was dropped slowly by a piece of resin, I stood there. Pieces of glass pierced my back but only leaving flesh wounds. But when I was aware of the fact that I felt pain and I could move again, I turned on my belly and looked where I stood. Above of me was the floating pool inside the pit, and below was a fashioned floor. Most of everything here had already been broken by the fall, so it made sense in a bizarre way that the pieces of glass would've made it through. But the other side was too much of an extension of reality to make any sense at all. I looked forward and saw the starry sky. It was night, but from the looks of that town which laid so far away and lit with their marvellous bright cold lights, I shivered. The cold was there and from the looks of it, there wasn't a way back for now. It was impossible for this to be that cold unless I laid in the outdoors near the north. But this came to me as a surprise. 'Snow, look at it!' My voice almost cracked at this vision of white and pure. It almost came as a shock since I was stuck here. With the piercing pieces of glass off, there wasn't anything but the desire to explore this. Which meant that there was a good reason why I was here, alive. After all, that dark feeling pulled me in for a good reason, and that was most likely to come and find. . . It wasn't far off that I came to find myself once against a loss. There wasn't any shout but as I looked above after a few steps, from the stony hills I saw the boulder come.

Too late for me to do anything at all, until now. No one heard the scream in this distant area hidden in the woods, nor could they have seen what happened. But a rock fell on the man crushing his head and spine. And there came another one, smaller which covered the lower bottom of it, right a few steps away. Not even the echo which remained for a while there didn't do much to help him at all. The moment his blood froze was when fate finally abandoned him. No one would come to rescue him. There in the distance, his hand got stuck pointing, towards the town. Not so far from where he died laid a road which was more paved towards his destination. Despite being set on a long road, caravans still found their way to it. It was here that his vision went out of sight, caught forever looking there. Her daughter laid on the bed sleeping. It's been a while since she became used to this new place. But now, her mother had to do it just as well. Looking around through the empty barless gate which would've been a window in her time, she saw them walk and act. 'Strangers, that's all. 'Now, if it were that she lived still in her mansion, things would've certainly been a lot more different than she expected. Originally she wanted to explore but this place appeared to be just another world. And the way behind was lost for so long that she always thought that one day she might return. 'You little man carrying a platter of candles. Why would you do that on a night such as this?' This was a common thing, apparently to lead on and pass the light from one another. Quite strangely, they knew of the existence of electric power but refused to use it. This sky didn't even appear to be as real as it seemed. Something about it made it appear too much like it was placed there rather than being natural. 'Sleep well Sophie. We will find a better place for you and me to live inside. 'There was a certainty now that wasn't as lacking as she thought it was going to be. It doesn't matter what they were though, as long as they allowed both me and my daughter to stay. As long as she worked for them, cleaning around and doing chores, they were both safe. Worst of all was having to hear what was going on in the town at night. Once the lights went out, to the point of true darkness, there had come those terrible noises. Gurgling and spitting, and the screams of murder ran. Was it night already? She didn't seem to see any light anymore or anything as a matter of fact which would've helped her see. No one dared look but there were figures dancing in the darkness. 'Shh, go back to sleep Sophie. 'Marie was quite afraid now, looking through the veil.

If it were a man, he was dangerously tall and strong. Perhaps a being that was neither human nor animal and something else. This was the uncertainty of the place. Having to cover her ears and go to sleep. Each night and every day, another dead man found at the bottom of the stairs. Ripped apart and having parts of him clean and devoured. Even the blood might've been sacked and abandoned. This horror which was present appeared to have left everyone frozen in their homes, at least until someone came and cleaned it off and set it to the morgue. A desperate job but paid it well. 'Another one?' Indeed old grannie, they just keep piling up and piling up. At this rate, we won't have any men to defend the town anymore. 'The wooden towers and the hall, the houses, the doors and the stalls. Nothing was strong enough to guard them against it, whatever it was. Those who tried to come against it managed to fall and be thrown. Crushed, to this point, they weren't as lucky to even get a glimpse. And that's how it appeared that this beast wouldn't be caught. 'Shame that this happens, isn't it?' It was just the old man who managed the store. Ever since I became accustomed to everyone and since I needed friends, it wasn't as hard to become friendly to everyone. 'Will it ever stop? This has gone for way too long to be just only one murderer. "Oh, but it's been going quite longer than you've come here to our abode. You see, I'd wager that at this point, he's got under his belt at least a dozen dead and twice more since you came here. 'He wasn't as keen to point the blame on me, but I couldn't complain any longer.

Despite being an outsider, I and my daughter had nowhere to go. 'A mere coincidence, nothing more than that. 'His stinkin' eyebrows appeared to have been levelled off. But how could I be blamed for something I've not done?' It will clear off, I'm sure of it. "Sure it will ma'am, just be careful on the streets, we won't have you get accidentally locked outside into one of the nights. 'This threat was nothing of an accident nor as subtle as he thought it'd be. 'I understand. 'That grim face stood out to her, especially since she thought that someone out there was just the one who did commit these atrocious crimes. Alas, don't worry, so she thought. Won't happen to me, I'm sure of that. Just the same day repeat as it's been for now, back with the groceries, then to work. Those dark glances towards me never seemed to pale in comparison with my conundrum. Past that I felt that I was accepted, past the point where I felt nothing but to wait. 'What is that girl doing?' Jumping continuously from bed to bed, the walls wouldn't sustain much of her, until that knock. That's when she stopped, once the face of her mother suddenly popped in to look at her. 'Isn't it time to go to your classes?' 'It's in an hour. "Well, you're going earlier, now!" She exclaims with sadness and shivering rage. Despite what the child had seen, there wasn't any chance but for her to move on. They couldn't risk being thrown out with a murderer on the streets. And this attention started digging their own graves, at least if it continued at this rate. 'You'd better teach that girl more sense if you want to stay. "Thank you, but I don't believe I asked for your opinion whatsoever. 'Edna nodded at it, that old crone, standing and weaving her basket as if there was something wrong with me. It was pointed right at me, in the form of a cage. Just what was this woman trying to imply with this simple act?' 'Do you need something to be staring at me?' "Nothing at all, it's that, I saw your daughter leave earlier than she should've gone. "And?" "Well, it just happens that my daughter goes to the same place as she goes, nothing more. "But there's no other place than the one this teacher has made and my daughter need to learn something. Where are you exactly going with this?" There was a bitter expression on the old crone's face mostly but she refused to answer immediately. It was almost as if she already implied. Damn this woman, does she want both of us gone already or even worse? Locked outside, with a murderer. It was already pitiful that I was forced to clean the floors and their rooms for a lady of my stature. But this was damnably hellish of them, to mock me and try to end my own life. 'Damn this, damn this!' Said Marie Wick in her corner, alone and far away from any looking eye that would try to glance at her. Fear ran her sweat like a maddening gland which tried to bury itself deeper inside her skin. Despite them being harsh for both of them, Sophie would have to grow it this and live with it for the rest of her life. 'I need to see her safe now, do you understand me? I need to know that she's safe and she won't be thrown outside if something happens to me. 'From the attire, the man was a soldier, standing at the entrance of the building. He most likely came from far away, probably over the news as well. Sooner or later, someone had to come to deal with this unnecessary murder. And this was to be the one. 'What's your daughter's name ma'am?" Her name is Sophie Wick, black hair, kind of tall for her age, eleven years old. I don't know. 'Before she said anything, she made sure she'd look around trying to see if anyone would try to glance or do anything suspicious. There were four in the foyer, and this was considered to be an unnecessary break from her necessities. 'No one here trusts us and some would rather see us off than anything else. That's why I'm afraid, for me and my daughter. "I'll make sure of it, don't worry. That's why we were called here, to begin with, the lady, nothing going to happen to either you or your daughter. 'And he was certainly wrong, some twenty feet behind him there were a few caravans sets and some tents just around the corner. Four, no, five soldiers accompanied him, more would soon come. And this was to be the end

that I assumed. Before long, if I was ever going to be done with today's work, I'd finally get to see my daughter.

'And today we will learn about the common plan of Botocornolia and its properties, class.' Said the teacher. This was quite interesting. Despite the fact that no one in the class appeared to have much attention set towards the specimen on the table, no one glanced at what was happening outside. It was a jar of dirt, from which a long plant appeared to have grown to the point of having its bulbs coming out and spreading from each side. Green, no, violet, or something in-between, which for some reason didn't even get to the point of growth. The neck of the plant was heading towards a doubleheader which was pointed towards the bottom. And for some reason this plant was important. 'What's it good for?' Asked Sophie, as a matter of fact, being the only child in there whoever asked questions. If it was considered rude or not, this was certainly a strange behaviour. Accepted nonetheless by him.

'Well, that's a good question, Sophie. It's mostly used in curing the common cold and light wounds.' He went on ahead to demonstrate exactly how it worked. So far little of it made sense, but the rules were set for this world and not theirs. That's what she had to learn. The man leaned on the table and started squeezing one of the sacks at the end of the plants. More precisely, those bulbs she thought to be hard wasn't as they appeared to be, making a sound noise when they were squeezed. Something about it, as the substance started dripping on his fingers made little Sophie shiver at the sight. In truth, she was the youngest child to attend his classes, at a difference of at least two or four years. Compared to her mother, this was just as harsh as being labelled an outsider. Nonetheless, to prove how this work, the man did something rash. He made a small incision around his finger just as he prepared his almost surgical-like knife. Blood started pumping out for as long as they could see him do it. Just as the solution came out of those pores he finally pushed his finger in and asked us to see. It was magnificent, to say the least. In mere moments, that cut around his finger was there no more. Suddenly, everything from which blood came got sealed and healed in an almost illogical way. 'How's this possible?' Many of the children reacted as if they have never seen it work in action. Once again, truthfully said, it wasn't used to treat bruises or other cuts and hits the children were used to be getting, henceforth, none of them has seen it work. At least most in the class were ignorant of the effect it had and how it worked. Sophie felt that finally that she could relate to the others, knowing that neither of them knew why this phenomenon even happened at all. It was at least a mystery to think about it. So far, it hasn't happened for it to go through her head at any moment at all. Just as the weather outside appeared to be getting worse, Sophie feared for what might happen to her mother. Despite being in just as much of a danger to her. Those things, murderers, kidnappings found their way to her regardless of how much her mother tried to cover her ears from the facts. A midsection pause came when the children were suddenly left there to do whatever they desired. It was kind of a break from the activities which ended with only those who were certainly interested in what the teacher had to say while the others were delighted in their childish activities on the playground. Speaking of which, this appeared to have caught her interest in more than one way. This plant and all its effects appeared to have left a strain on her head, at least to the point of wanting to know more. Not so many other children remained to listen since most of them appeared to have left. 'Will it grow more of those?' 'You mean those bulbs? Well, I'll be certain with you now. It just so happens that with enough light and water, enough of it will start growing. There was something though which made him want to try with them. 'Children, do you want to see how it's being used for the harder hit or bigger cuts?' As much as filled with innocence as the children were, this appeared to have been as close to the limits as

possible. The light in their eyes appeared to have signalled both fear and apprehension of what he was saying. 'Perhaps later then, when the days are shorter and the nights are longer. There are other experiments I'd like to show your children and you don't have to worry about a thing. The way he was playing with this plant appeared to have been too much for the others. 'Why are you still here? Haven't you heard children? We're not holding long classes anymore, there's something dangerously lurking outside. It'd be better that you'd head inside before something happens. 'As he said it, the dark look in his eyes made him change. Certainly, he knew something and refused to help the others in their hunt. But he was desperately eyeing Sophie the most in this situation. As much as she was repulsed by the thought of a tall dark man doing nasty things outside, she took her time to gather what she had in that small backpack. Most interestingly, she ripped a branch off the small plant once she realised that her teacher wasn't looking, making sure it had plenty of bulbs attached to it. He won't notice a few of them. At least, it wasn't as obvious as a pull and since the desk was fairly lowered, she did it without any trouble at all. But this was another deal entirely. The danger was indeed on its way once it became dark outside. Perhaps, it was because of her, that she didn't notice it earlier. But now she found herself running in the hallway, with other children, filled with gloom.

There were bells ringing, voices going. 'Come around, come around. 'Said a woman, with her bells and her boots, were stricken to the ground. Then it came again with a harsher voice. 'Come around, come around, there isn't time to come around. 'Just as the streets were getting emptied, the darkness pulled over the light with a veil utmostly strong. Sounds came as the voices rang off. Now, it came as a gust of wind, a storm was on its way. Soon there would be the promise of pain and something worse for those who weren't prepared for the storm. And the children all went to their various homes, from door to door just as the parents waited with them half open. Light poured towards the outside. Soon night would come and it would devour. Anyone who laid awake made sure they'd get as much space for others to go. Despite the presence of the soldiers in their tents, people weren't sure what to make of it at all. A murderer was on the run. Children were facing this mighty demise, and a storm was coming. Or at least, it was soon to come. Lost and alone, she found herself abandoned in the confines of the school. Now that there wasn't any other way for her to go on, she realised that this choice backfired. 'School is over now, what are you looking for, little girl?' It was a dark voice, deep and shallow, the likes of which didn't belong either to her teacher nor of any parent who came for his child. 'Teacher?' There laid a blanket of silence, but the door behind slammed. Could it be the wind? She asked herself, mumbling under her whiskers, standing as if ready to be eaten by a creature who his itself. It was in plain sight that he refused to come. The various holes from above made it obvious that in the upper level there was a level of light, someone either was working or forgot to close it down. Whatever it was, this was obviously strange for him to stand alone and talk to her. 'Why aren't you showing yourself?' Sophie's voice almost cracked. Even for a child such as her, as brave as she wanted to appear, nothing could prevent her voice from showing her true colours. At least, now she seemed to be aware of the thing that crept over and around the corners. 'Why haven't you left yet?' The voice appeared to get more shallow as it approached now. 'I couldn't, there's a storm outside and I couldn't find my way back. "Why did you return then?" My teacher was there, he had to know what to do, he knows a lot of things. 'Here it was, over to her reach, she grabbed the candle and held it as if it was her only means to survive. The only problem here was the fact that she didn't have the means to light it. No match of any sort. Henceforth, she asked it as a sign of good faith. 'Could I have a pair of matches?' There was some creaking of the

door. This entire place had always had a gleam of strangeness to it, building on rotten planks. A misguided builder might've thought it was a good idea to have a basement that dug under the ground and as far in the depths as possible. This eeriness which almost haunted the place made her feel sick in the stomach. It only added to her conundrum now. 'Kindly ask me for it now, since I have brought it to you, will you be gone?' But I've nowhere to go, as I have said, not to mention that the wind from the storm will blow out my candle. You can't force me to go out there. 'Protested Sophie, knowing that the cold, as well as this loneliness, would reduce the chances of going back home. 'There are other children who refused to leave as well, do you want to know what happened to them?' 'I don't think I want to know. 'A cold, sticky hand, which appeared to be missing fingers, if it had any, long and bony touched hers. It shivered as she felt it come upon her. One may even say that it was undeserving for this to happen to her now. But in that bony-like hand laid something more important than anything else. It was the pair of matches that was given to her in hopes that she would live, having a pair of crooked matches inside. Despite getting what she wanted to, nothing happened. As the hand, repugnant as it came back, it began talking again to her. 'Won't you light the candle now child? May I come into the light?' 'Are you the only who lit the floor above?' That was a peculiar thing she noticed, but there were figures there coming in front of the small holes and covering them from time to time. Someone was definitely there, to be sure. Either the cold extended from outside or it was that thing which grabbed her in the night. 'Those are others who escaped and locked the door behind them. Don't change the subject child, don't you want to exchange glances into the light as one another fair?' This speech of his was beginning to appear to frightful for her to let it continue on its own. Something wasn't right and she knew it too well to let it go as much as she wanted to do it so. 'I think I will leave now. 'Though the round doorknob was cold perhaps too much so for her to go. Yet, no matter how painful it appeared to have been, she didn't give up with it now. Something was too off for her to go on like this. 'I think it's stuck. 'This was a grave mistake to admit. But in her mind, saying this would have resulted in something quite grim. Luckily for her, this pair of words never left her mouth and for a good reason at that. It would've been the worst possible thing, especially when it stood there for far too long. 'Don't keep me waiting for the child, will you turn up the light and if not, where are my matches?' The stairs weren't as far as she thought them to be. This was certainly the only chance for her to go on and save herself. 'Do you want your matches back then?' 'Only if you don't want to go ahead and light your little candle child, I cannot play with you forever. 'Sophie didn't want to feel that cold hand touching hers again, henceforth, as repelled as she was, this was indeed the last chance she'd get. Something was wrong. Now that it came to acting on her impulses, this was going to be especially dangerous. One chance to run through and convince them to open the door, but as the thought occurred, she needed first to know their names. 'Do you know who hides out there?' Sophie tried to leave a smirk in the dark, without realising that this attempt was nothing but feeble since she was playing with forces that weren't known to her. But that one time, the one thing that changed it managed to leave a mark on it as it spoke. 'Is this the game of guessing?' That voice asked, and it was only now that she realised that he wasn't a teacher or an adult. Since her mind blocked any other image or any other possibility, this was strange. A large hand would grab me the moment I'll start running. That was the main idea that went with it, a chase that she'd fall, unable to open the door and be grabbed. Some kids were missing from what little information she had. For them, there wasn't any coming back anymore. Little by little something was approaching. 'Such patience for a little child, it's a pity to keep me waiting for so long.

"Wait, I'm doing this for a reason. "Which is? Don't you know that it's dangerous to keep me waiting for so long?" This was the moment when both of their voices got loud enough to alert those who hid upstairs. Especially since what she needed did happen after all. Just fair above, past the crack from which the small glimpses of light came, there was an eye watching her profoundly. It's been trying to look through the dark and saw only the silhouette. Nonetheless, her voice being heard was the most important thing and now it came for her to act. 'What do I get if I win this game of guessing?' Inquired Sophie, noticing that it backed away. This attempt managed to get both her attention and that of the creature that seemed to hauntingly creep around the corners. 'Let us begin with your life. That's what you get to keep for now. But what will you give me if I defeat you in the game?' Her hands were already in the process of sweating. But it was good enough as it reminded her of the small box of matches she still held, protecting it as if it was important. It was indeed going to be as important as it appeared to be, as she claimed it for her own. 'I will return that was given to me, the tinderbox which was given to me in order to go outside through the storm. "You still haven't returned it and now you claim it for your own?" That voice appeared to make the skies tremble upon the dismissal of this small game of theirs. Now, there wasn't any chance for them to play along anymore since the result of it would do nothing but anger it more. 'Here!' Finally, Sophie had done what she intended to do. Throwing the matches, they went through the light, enough that he'd see them and change them as she ran through the stairs. An eerie howl came, reaching a leaving as if it was cutting the strings and melting teeth under his breath. On the stairs she fell but came back to her senses, going around the corner, trying to climb up as fast as possible. Sophie didn't need to utter a word at all since the door opened on its own and alas, the saviours pulled her inside before locking the door. That darkness which reigned above as it close came back. Behind the closed gate, it lingered, waiting for someone to let him in. No one would even dare to look through the peeping hole. 'Stay quiet and don't make noise, please. 'Said a girl who pulled her behind. There were four more boys, making them the only six children of who she knew to have escaped. 'What is that thing?' Sophie now spoke in whispers since asked to quiet down. From the looks of it, they weren't doing as good as she was, placing baskets upside down, trying to hide under the desk and using melting candles which didn't seem to work for that long. The candle had become a ticking bomb, which remained the only thing that kept them safe. 'Just shut up and wait, just wait for the daylight to come or for our parents. 'Said one of the most daring boys in the back. He was tired from the looks of it, bearing a few bags under his eyes. This was certainly going to be something new from the looks of it, to the point where she refused to acknowledge the fact that she was just as afraid as they were. Certainly, someone would notice that they were missing. 'Why can't they come back now? I want to go home. "We all want to go back home, just. . . Just grow up already, this thing will eat us if we go outside, don't you get it? We need to wait for an adult to save us, or we won't go home at all, why is it so hard for you to understand that?' It almost startled everyone but more importantly, this managed to get to the ear that listened behind its bars. Behind the doors, it spoke at once. 'I can hear you hiding in there and that light won't run forever. "We have plenty of candles to go with it? Why are you so eager to get inside?' Asked Sophie, as if she had made herself the leader of the group. This was to be a delicate situation that needed proper handling, something which she couldn't have really given if she truly wanted to get out safe. But from what she knew, there wasn't anyone else in the room who had a better encounter than her. After all, the fact of the manner remains that she was only one who encountered it and still was alive to go on and tell her story. 'I know. 'It

suddenly came to the conclusion that something which was proposed hadn't come to be realised as it had hoped. 'What about our game of guessing now? I can hear your hearts beating for the game is on. 'As their voices grew silent for a moment, Sophie thought she was the only one who could speak. They remained silent for the time being, though as much as it appeared to have been a trick of some kind, there was nothing but fear involved. What was important remained as the fact that Sophie had made this mistake. 'Now, the moment you get one wrong, his heart will stop beating child and when the moment when the last hearts stop beating, I will come inside. 'It said, with a petrifying voice. Now, this appeared to be less of a man and a voice made out of outstretched strings which carried something of a speech pattern. Sophie didn't know what this was, other than a sick joke played on them to pass the time. This would end up as being nothing further than the truth. 'Fine, but if you get three of them wrong, you lose. 'That evened it out, at least, since the chances of having been tied were low, and the night was still going on. Her tiredness made her feel, that once that light went out, she wouldn't feel anything and fall to the will of the dampness which crept around her. 'I accept it now, let us begin. 'She had realised that there were only five children in the room, which made the chances go quite sour. 'My guess is that one of the children if name Michael. 'There was a set of glances over the room, the children who had laid in sight were evenly sitting in silence. 'It's a wrong guess, there's no Michael in here. 'A set of croaking and slithering sounds came from the back, going as far away from the lungs of that thing. For what was worth, it couldn't have known if there was foul play inside. 'Let me in, or else I cannot know whenever you're cheating or not. 'From the tops of the door, everyone suddenly went ahead and retreated once they saw that a small pool of blackened position came from the very each end of it. It tried encompassing it since it realised how fruitless the game was. 'Why must I argue with children then?' 'You said you'd played the game, haven't you?' 'This was indeed a promise that should've been kept, regardless of beast or man. 'No, I will not entertain you any longer. Do you really think that the light keeps you alive? I was merely stalling for the proper tools now. 'The knob started being drowned as well, as in one moment it was somewhat clean and in the other, all of the sudden, it had come out. This is when she first had a good glimpse of that eye. Oh that dark eye, that was the reason why everyone stood as silent. It had no power over them, but as well as they thought so far, speaking would let it drag their soul. Somehow, that eye looking through the peeping hole appeared to be the most disturbing thing she had ever seen in her life. 'The light is fading and the moment when that happens, I'll have broken in. 'Attempts to open the adjacent door were on the way. Apparently, this room was connected with the laboratory on the side. Despite having said no word in his presence and seeing this thing just being pushed, they signalled from one another. And soon, that reached Sophie who stood there and watched them act. A few pair of sings and finally, since she didn't understand, frustration overcame fear at once. 'Block the door now!' Each of them grabbed a pair of chairs and benches and threw it at once. Now, if there were others stuck outside, there wasn't any hope for them. 'You little mongrel. 'That came as a surprise, but the lad had gotten a pencil stricken directly into the eye. 'Bullseye!' He yelled once he realised that he had pierced deep enough to leave a scar. Which followed were a set of screams and shouting, to the point of dread whence it was coming from. The night was still going and at once they managed to creepingly push the door open once four of them stood there. 'Let's join them until he comes in. "What about the candle?" Asked Sophie, having realised that they would stand there blind. At which the lad nodded his head, breaking his brown hair strands and making sure she came with them as well. If four of them were needed only to push it

slightly in front, through the darkness, it'd be impossible to open it now. One by one, they went through, followed by Sophie. And just as well, one last time, that shout came as a surprise now. What remained now was the fear of being caught, for, once the light went out, that thing charged through the door and burst at once. In contrast to that, they pushed the door closed and blocked it just again. Luckily for them, this door was closed, with the only problem being that there remained only one way out. With utmost silence, some pointed towards the indoor windows which lead to a small jump, back to the point where she had run from, or at least a few steps away from a running distance.

That she was the only one who objected being there during the closing hour, it didn't matter. The only thing she could've thought of was just how mad would her mother become once she realised that she wasn't home. 'I'm scared, do you think it will leave us alone now?' Shhhh. 'Came at once. This perilous thing almost alerted the one who appeared to be searching. But what was worse, something happened in the dark, just as they started counting one by one, they have reached the conclusion that one of the other boys was missing. It was at the edge of a second when they were trying to cross through the dark. 'Where is Geoff?' One asked in a whisper, at which the others looked to no result. There wasn't any scream to alert them or anything else which would've signalled what happened to the boy. A mystery which would be unresolved, if it weren't for the fact that their pursuer was so silent at the same moment as this disappearance occurred. 'Do you think he got him?' 'I don't know. "It cannot be a coincidence that he came off at the same time with him, couldn't it?' But this was short-lived, as they hadn't realised, there was a light at the bottom floor. Seeing it through the windows made them shiver, once they realised that there could be another one there, if not even Geoff now, trying to find a way out. 'Wait, don't get so close to the window. 'Said the other girl while being as cautious as she could. Between them laid a few meters which stood between one another, making it quite clear that she wouldn't be able to stop anyone if they tried. 'But it doesn't fear light, I'm sure of it. It made me want to light a match for him and bring him a candle. "Are you sure of it Sophie? What if you're wrong about that?' 'I'm not wrong about that, we must go, I've got a bad feeling about this. 'Sophie said while seeing how the darkness in the room had been lessened to a great shadow which pushed itself beyond. Whatever happened below, the light made it too evident for them that there wasn't anything they could do. Despite the fact that we were only five now, one of the boys went on to check near the window. We were already clobbered by now together almost woven still. 'See, I just need to see if there's someone who needs help. 'A small candle laid in the middle of the floor. The funny thing was the fact that its owner had vanished from sight. The boy turned to tell them that it was all good. 'See?' Before he could mutter anything, the sound of crackling glass pierced his ears. A giant hand outstretched from behind, encompassing as much of his head and the pieces of the window which laid behind him. Small fingers, limp and covered in something which almost resembled moss. At least that's what they saw bending around his head. Both fell, muffled by the children's constant screaming, at the point of not having realised what was happening to them. The fire was shimmeringly hot for it and there wasn't anything to break its fall since the pain was too far progressing through the body. A candle smote a dark spot and the child managed to crawl a few feet, bleeding from his head as his fate was left unknown. 'Open the door, now, before it gets to us. 'With a bit of effort, the four remaining children started dragging the door open, managing to barely take it to this point in time. Everyone heard the partially muffled cries of the child but couldn't do anything but run once the small crawling space was open. This is where they split now. One of the stiffer, fatter boys couldn't go through since it hadn't been as stretched at it was

before. And atop that, they were already on the other side. 'Don't leave me here alone, he'll get me, please, just push a little longer. "Just hide, he won't get you if you stay silent. He'll think you've run with us and you'll be safe. 'But this dance of whispers hardly was something to be called this way. Certainly, Sophie expected him to act like being told. 'No. 'The yell came, altering of the presence. 'Help me get out now, push it a little further. 'The eeriness found its way creeping through the various holes in the floor. Despite not being any light out there for them to be alerted to the approaching presence, it was obvious now. 'Shhh, shut up for a moment. Do you hear that?'The voice of their friend had finally perished. 'He's dead, and I'm going to be dead if you don't open it now!'Desperately, he attempted to push and pull, making it worse, at the point of forcing them to have no other choice. 'It's for the good of all us, stand and hide, don't make any noise. 'And it was already the point of them having vanished into the veils. Half-asleep, walking through the damp corridors. 'Damp?Why is the door so wet?'Sophie asked, trying to barely make the figures which lay in front of them. The three of them barely laid close to one another, holding hands as they attempted to make it through alive. Meanwhile, the sounds of the one they abandoned suddenly came to a stop. It was distressful to think about it, but at least there was hope. 'I hope his fine. I'm Jack by the way. "Margerie here. 'And with that small thing done, they just had happened to hear her voice before the point, or at least before their hiding spot was ruined by her. Most classes were held close. 'We just need to hide before the night ends and we might be safe from the likes of it. "I think we can make it. 'Said Jack, trying his best to remain courageous in this disturbingly wicked conundrum they were in. At least, one could say that he wasn't alone, despite the work not having been done. Walking through the twilight of the building, soon going to the places they weren't supposed to go through. Every child now knew that they had to get away as fast as possible and just as far. And just as well they knew that not everyone was going to make it anymore. There wasn't any adult, nor anyone who could've known. The storm had already gotten to inconceivable levels of strength, going as far as ripping trees of the ground. Not only did the wind take out small rocks off the ground and threw them away, but small critters just as well. And farther than the town there laid the pool still waiting. It stands there hot against the shimmering wind undisturbed. That made this place so familiar, as much as she looked around, she could see and feel just the same way it felt like going down. Soon their hands slipped, just like when she held her mother and tried to find her in that pool. 'Margerie, Jack?'She asked for anyone's assistance but her mouth was almost muffled. From the looks of it, all of them were not lost without any clue about one another. Sophie tripped into the darkness until she found a small opened cupboard. It was just enough space for her to hide in an attempt to spend the night, guiding her hands and going in as fast she thought she could. With a closing bit, she looked and comfortably placed herself in around position that would certainly leave her standing slightly numb to the noises of the outside. Only a small vertical hole laid just at her eye level, which wouldn't be seen through this perfect darkness. Sleep, just sleep, it will all be fine in the morning. That's what the girl thought in that dark hour when no scream came and the fate of the others wasn't known to her. Whoever, or whatever it was, now it had no place in her dreams as she descended as far below as she could possibly go. Her hands were cold, her body still, now she slept well. But the patience which made it follow was too thin. It broke through tables and somehow made it to where it needed to be. All up until the morning when the light came and the soldiers in their uniforms burst through the houses and the storage rooms, the tower and the school. What they found in the morning was enough to make one's stomach turn at the mere sight and the thought that it used to

be the small child of one of your acquaintances. 'Men, stand, block the perimeter. Don't let anyone come to this spot under no circumstance. 'What he saw on the other side was a mere set of trails or pools of blood without anybody to bring any confirmation. Nonetheless, it worked well enough, to the point of which none of them was able to find out what had happened to the children in the notion. They've looked inside and seen only the blood, dripping from above, then below. Soon, before anyone said anything at all, a voice sprang through the market. 'My children are gone, they're gone!' The voice was almost drowned in the sorrow if they weren't already filled with dread at the sound or sight. Now that everyone who went outside to the closing hour was safe, no one was safe inside, neither their children nor them. 'Let me in, I need to find my son, he was inside when I left him. "I'm sorry ma'am, but until we're done, no one enters and no one leaves. 'There were two of the soldiers who blocked the main entrance to the town. The gate was finally closed now, but armed and dangerous as they were, no one would dare go through, even if they wanted to take any chances with them. 'You will have to wait. We will inform you if anything is found. 'That soulless voice was enough to send a shiver directly through her heart. Whatever they were doing, they had to be faster than most would've expected them to be. After all, when everyone came to the realisation that there was another crime, no one would stop the entire townsfolk from trampling over them, regardless of them being armed or not. This was either with them or against them from the looks of it. And there wasn't anything to satiate this bloodthirst in the parent's eye. It was quite clear that a small crowd had already been made, though no one dared to do anything other than asking from one another. Young captain Robert Gillgan was the one set in charge with leading this investigation. He appeared young and lightheaded but not accompanied by two other men who appeared to have had their share of field experience. But this right there was something new and unexpected. Never before has it happened for a murderer to go for the children in this manner. 'Coward, murderer, If I get my hands on that little. "Relax now, we didn't come here to throw empty threat at it, so let's calm down and see what we can find. 'It was, truthfully pointless in a certain way. Since there wasn't much left around for them to find out what had happened, other than the blood, no one could tell anything else about the scene. 'Damn candle. Who even leaves these things hanging on the floor?' It had taken the turn now. No one knew what was the reason behind that, setting it around a child's mistake or the wind pushing the candle down one of the various drawers standing near the wall. 'Let's spread and try to look for anything really. "Do you think he might still be lingering around here?" There was a confused glance met by another one of those glances. In truth, not one of them knew what to expect from this. We're about to find out anyway, whenever it's convenient for us or not. The way they were thinking it'd go wasn't the same as it turned out to be. No more than a few droplets leading to places they would've hidden away, just to find them open with no one inside. Whoever it had gone inside, it was clean when it came to everything else but the blood. But one little thing escapes it, for our luck appeared to have turned around. It was nothing but a child, he said. 'Come here, on the second floor, we've got one living. . . 'Before the others arrived, it appeared that her breath had stopped. 'Somewhere last night. 'Said the coroner once he was called. Now as the townsfolk were ready to burst through they realised that soon there'd be no stopping for them. At least now they were sure that they could pronounce the only child that remained alive, deceased. Something peculiar was pointed out by him. 'See that thing there, someone had stuffed the only hole and locked her inside. That'd be the main cause of death. It appears that someone didn't want us to see or talk with the girl, in the case she might've survived what happened in here. 'Somewhere in the night, it

happened right under the nose. Soon they came back outside, only to deliver false hope and push them further away from the crime scene. It appeared that the only child that attempted to escape had a body which needed to be recognised. 'We need to identify this body, it's standard procedure. 'In the man's hand laid a small notebook with numbers and names. Wouldn't take a genius to recognise what it was used for, especially after exiting the school and having said what was said. 'To save ourselves some time, I will have those who have daughters come into the pile on my left. One parent only per family, nothing more, keep that in mind. 'They listened and all of the sudden so did Marie. She came from somewhere in the back, slightly repulsed by the scene and what had happened. After waiting her turn and being forced to stay as one by one they came and glanced over the body of her child, this felt traumatising. Shock and pain paled in comparison to what she felt. Fear for her own life and the fact that not only would she not return but also that her only child had died there. 'It's all my fault, I sent her here earlier. 'The man had shed more tears than she did in an entire lifetime. It had already been a miracle that she had survived the fall from the pit, but now she wanted to have nothing to do with anyone anymore. 'I'm sorry ma'am but it's nothing we can do. Beyond our knowledge, it came without leaving a mark or a trace or something that would've made us realise who it is. "You mean that the one who killed my daughter is still alive?"The man nodded and covered her with his jacket, escorting her back or as far away from the others as possible. Despite having people in the crowd who might've at once attempted to intimidate her and Sophie, there wasn't any soul that would dare frown or throw an insult at a dead child. No one was cold as that but left alone with the dead child while they were investigating was more than damaging to her mental health. 'Let me in. 'A voice said from the other side. It appeared that she was left in the same foyer from which she had once asked for help. But now it was emptier. 'I have to bury you. 'With a shed of tears, she looked again upon her child and seeing her cold features and realising that she'll never get to be as old as she burst again into tears. It was going to be a long winter in the coming. And the killer was still there somewhere. Just before the sun would go down and at the point of them being escorted back to their houses, she took the horse that was originally found when she first arrived there and went on her journey. 'Do you need an escort ma'am?It may be one of the coldest night around the year. "I'm fine, I need to bury my child if you don't mind. 'The pair of men nodded and for a first time, they went over themselves to open the door and make way. From behind, the many windows weren't barred and as they watched they realised that they might never see her again. Having a storm pass, it was quite evident that another one, much colder than the previous one would soon arise. It wasn't safe for either of those that would've chosen to follow. 'You could bury you, child, somewhere close, it's not. "Shh, I understand, but thanks.

It needs to be done and it needs to be done there, in that special place. 'This didn't leave much room for interpretation, but whatever place she had chosen to bury her child, it was going to be as far as a horse is needed for the journey. The men nodded and let her go on her way, going as far as none of them expecting for her return. Harsh winds were on the way and the place was already getting white with snow. So many trees which might've been dark now had their old hair going on as far as it went. 'We're going home Sophie. 'She said, going back to the place out of where she came out of. It would've been quite the thing to be found now, as her heart was once torn out, but then again, there was no explaining for this. Someone had to take the blame. That could wait for now, as she had seen it come from behind. It was too far behind for her to notice who it was, despite that, the figure appeared to be familiar to her. 'Who goes there now?'She asked, but didn't receive an answer. It appeared that it suddenly fell in a canine

position and started chasing her like a grinning wolf. 'Run, now. 'She heard from the woods. Without even taking the time to respond, she immediately slapped the horse around the ears and started dashing through the woods. The various branches were almost trying to pierce and let her off, though, at the first indication, she ducked. 'Who are you? Why are you helping me?' Nothing much, other than the sound that came from the woods. It was getting close to helping her now. 'Take the first left, you should've lost him there. 'Him? So it's a man that's chasing me now? But who might this young lad that's helping me now and why?' I'm not sure if I can trust you now, I can't even see your face. "You must see me my lady, but trust me when I tell you that you don't truly have a choice now. Unless you'd rather face that beast alone and die where many have tried and failed. 'The notion of it made her shiver to the bone.

Only a glance was needed to turn her thoughts upside down. I need to return, Marie thought as being her prime directive. Soon, she did as she was told, the first left, looking behind to see that she was still being the chase. Her horse jumped over the lodge and immediately she had realised that just further in there laid a bear trap, easily avoidable by a horse jump. But could that be said the same about a man jump? At the point where she would've run, she stopped and watched it go before her eyes. Suddenly, it snapped bone and crushed the foot. It was a man dressed in a dark robe, now wholly white. A mouth laid shut as if guarding a secret. He couldn't scream not breathe air to melt the snow laying around his mouth. It means that he has nothing else to do but wait. Just beyond the trees, the image of her helper became apparent now. It might've been one of the children who managed to survive. 'You escaped, haven't you?' The child nodded, almost frozen by the likes of it. A few hours must've passed since the incident, and in this case, she might've expected him to have died from hypothermia or such. 'Come here, I'll take you back. It's all right, you can trust me now. 'There was a corpse bent just behind her and from that feeling, there was a deep warmth to the deepest confines of the body. Of course, the boy wouldn't get to either feel or see, but this thought alone drove her to the edge. Just a small delay and we will return Sophie. There was obviously a problem going on now. He came as fast as Marie let down her hood. For starters, he helped her for the mere fact that she was a woman in trouble, given no reason whatsoever to be trusted. But now that changed since it was all of the sudden that she was recognised by him as being one of the deniers around. 'Let me come closer. 'Avoiding the man who was still cowering in fright and pain, she got closer to the child and helped him on the front of the horse. From the looks of it, as much as she had seen from their family doctor, this was quite obviously bad. 'Your hands might be suffering from a frostbite. Get yourself warm as fast as possible. 'Wrapped in her own cloak, he was covered from bottom to the top. Luckily for him, she even brought an extra little hat which he'd wear. The only bad side of it was the fact that she reached behind and pulled it off Sophie's head. Marie hoped that the boy wouldn't notice the dead child standing behind her. That would certainly lead to some strange consequences if he were to take the wrong conclusions and misunderstand. He didn't. A sight of relief came on her face, but by the looks of it, there'd be no going out once she returned. That snow would push through and leave nothing in its way. 'We need to get there before it gets too late. 'The boy nodded now, having realised that they both abandoned that man behind. There wasn't anything that would've made them note or tell about the man to anyone else whatsoever. 'What happened out there?' 'I found this boy. 'Marie was already on the edge of the town, waiting for something to be given to her. Nothing personal or truly impactful, but an agreement for her to stay another night. At that point, she was more than welcome now, quite celebrated once they realised that it was the boy of one of the bigger houses in this small town.

Perhaps she'd even be left to go through the inner level and see past the dusty foyer. Both were pulled immediately inside the great hall which raised its tall gate for them. It was a long trip but both of the received hot blankets and even tea of the highest grade for what she's done. Without realising it, her horse was place shut in the stable where Sophie's corpse had fallen and knocked itself against the hay. Truly a marvel now spared her of a long conversation she would've had about abandoning the corpse of the child if it weren't for this celebration. The boy's name was William Winehouse. 'The next one on the line to lead my house, my lady. 'From the looks of it, she was quite home already, standing in front of what it'd be the equivalent of their day to day lord and ladies. Happiness soon came and gave her the shelter she thought to have deserved. As for others who'd ask about where she came out of, there wasn't any need to answer their questions, rather than give a wink and leave it as mysterious as it remained. 'Oh, blast me, I've never had so much fun before. 'But one of the other ladies had already come onto hear. 'Don't you worry, this night had just begun. 'A good wine and plenty of men to look about, now that she was alone. With the proper given clothes, she had become quite the looker, perhaps even to the point of having returned the charm she had for many years. Dances, gazing at hanging fruits, this was the place for her to be. The arched windows left their mark, as hot as they had become, you could see the snowstorm that was going outside. Something truly appeared to call to her, as much as she wanted to enjoy the rest of the night. 'May I go?' 'You can go wherever you want as my guest. As a matter of fact, would you do me a favour and visit my son? I've asked the maidens to dress him and call him here once they're done. "I will do as it pleases you. 'That was the lord of this house, a handsome chap with light brown curls, quite the boyish appearance If I may say. But something other than that pulled me towards it. Though the first steps appeared peculiar, I looked behind. 'This seems familiar, too much so. 'Her heart didn't stop beating as she started remembering. Stuck between the first floor and the second, she could see the boy standing there at the top of the stairs. Dressed in a suit tailored for him, he waited there, almost appearing to be bored. His hands were better. 'It's you. 'He said as he recognised Marie, immediately sprinting at his saviour, now that he had a reason to go on ahead. But this celebration of theirs wasn't without problems of the way she thought. As the child came and showed a sign of affection, he looked past the crowd and saw his father talk to a younger woman who wasn't his mother. 'More wine for everyone. 'At least he went on ahead. And as everyone cheered, that crackling sound from the sky came. Peculiarly, this sound appeared to be hauntingly pushing forward as it advanced. The ground roared as a tremor came and soon she realised what it was. 'Something's coming. You all need to get out. 'Before she could say anything and realising that there wasn't anything for her to do now, as the robe she had received restrained her from running, she embraced the boy. Outside, the people who were standing there suddenly lit one hundred lights in their homes and managed to see that dark thing fall and take within it, everything in its path. Fear crept through the confines of the town. The rest of the night went on without a murder. Something darker was about to be discovered nonetheless. When the soldiers arrived and saw this be, they realised that this delivery was something beyond them entirely. 'Come on men, seal the area. There's something wrong with those smokes that come out. 'Their world was being forced into a retreat, as the peasants came to see. Apparently, there were already whispers that a murderer was traded for this to happen and now they've had their wish granted. 'See, I've told you it'd happen this way. 'The prophet, the drunk, the man in a robe with a wooden crown came again, with his so-called prophecy. He'd been silent for as far as Sophie came, as she appeared to have been an educated stranger. As much as their beliefs and

limited knowing went. 'I've told you but no one believed that this would happen. The gods of the pit came and took yet another set of sacrifices. What say you now that it turns out that they're real, ey?' Those who had looked upon him as a fool and in disbelief now reckoned that they needed change their faith in what he preached. Standing on a wooden box, they gathered around and looked at what he did and said. 'We need to appease it no longer for the time being but unless you want to lose someone you love as you lost your children, you'd better be ready to sacrifice. 'A woman apparently had begun the pandemonium there. With a shout which was loud enough to wake up the dead, she had apparently found Sophie, laying cold and abandoned. It was clearly wrong from the looks of it, but nonetheless. 'Bring the child here and witness what it did. That pool fiend, killer, murderer and tyrant who hunted your children. It demands that what it's theirs be returned. 'The people looked at him as if he knew and was aware of what he was doing. A soldier soon came and intervened at once. 'You will not do anything rash and unnecessary, understood?' This was obviously a blow and an insult at the same time. He hadn't expected to be talked down, especially by one who pretended to be protecting their interests. 'Blasphemy, you are an outsider, I spit on you. When you first came here. 'As the old man said that, with his right hand he held the corpse of the child, having enough strength to do it with only a hand, while his left hand pointed at the man. 'It's obvious that you made an unspoken promise to protect us. And look at what happened! Children died, people died and who's left but you to tell us what to do?' This was rather close to being an insult to injury. 'We will not stand and wait here while our tribute gets denied! Make way for us you pagans unless you want to taste our wrath. 'Taken by surprise by this act, the man clad in his armour backed away immediately and went towards the others. Soon, they became infuriated with the fact that no one would heed their demands. Without realising, the foyer had its gate shut inside no longer. Perhaps, now that there wasn't anything to be guarded anymore since this inner city of theirs laid in ruin without the main building, they could be let inside to explore. That's at least how the thought went. After all, this had become, without their realisation, an empty town without lords and ladies. Most of them had been gathering in the same place for years, a mistake that wasn't forgivable. First, they arrived now, they felt fear. The first sight of that dark pool always grabbed everyone's attention, at least for the sake of it. A bubble popped in the distance, fumes spread through the sky. Soon the snow would come in just to melt once they reached the warm fumes it created. 'Wait, who goes there?' Asked, what seemed to be their captain. There were eight soldiers standing in-between the scene of destruction and these peasants. 'Don't stop us now, dear captain, we've come under straight directions from the gods of the pits. They demanded this sacrifice to be brought and thrown inside of it. Unless you wish to have a small duel between us and have more people unnecessarily killed, I suggest you step aside and let us go on with it. 'The man bit his lip as he heard just how sharp this old man really appeared to be. Despite his haggard appearance, there was something of a sharpness in that glint in his eye. Something was off. 'Step aside men, we don't need more casualties today. Let them go on with their ritual. 'But sir. 'The man, fairly older than the captain opposed this only momentarily. Whatever happened to him, now this wasn't the time to go on against them. Not only that it wasn't worth it, but they were also strangers, outsiders as well, people who came to defend them but failed to do so. He backed away now and let the old man proceed so. The child, Sophie, which was recognised as being who she has reminded him of that failed promise which bore through his skull. It was a pity, but the woman had returned as laid in there. Both mother and child now remained buried in the same pit. Without any sign that it worked, everyone

appeared to be looking quite confused and repulsed by the situation. 'It's time to rest now before it asks for another sacrifice. Now begone, for this night will be one without murder. 'This promise appeared to have as much to back it as the people who came and promised to defend them. Empty to the point of wratch, deep inside the pool, Sophie was stuck. Without a force to drive her to swim forth, there was nothing anymore, nothing that would keep her going. Far deeper now, past the cries of soldiers and mothers who weep, there laid a stone so high across the sky, that it reigned as a mountain. A single tall mountain stood above the clouds and rightly above of it laid a pool so dark, that it dragged the very clouds that were reigned over. Harsh but without any other alternative to it, a woman and a child fell, the only survivors from the likes of it. Both of them took their time as to recover from the broken limbs of which they suffered from this fall from grace. Looking through and seeing how this pit now laid there just waiting reminded her of what happened the previous times. 'We need to go before it falls again. "I cannot climb, I've never done it before. 'This was certainly going to be a problem now. Both the woman and the boy remained still for the longest duration they've thought off. Not to sleep or anything, but rather, wait for the moment where it would've been the most useful to die without pain or any regret whatsoever. No one would come to rescue them now. 'We need to go further. 'Said Thomas, looking at if he was ready to defeat his fate. 'I cannot any longer, look at my knees. 'Both of them appeared to have been turned in the wrong direction. Perhaps Marie might've cushioned the fall for the boy, but she suffers multiple concussions and plenty of broken bones. 'I'm a goner now and I won't even get to see my daughter again. How could I have been such a fool to abandon my only daughter?'There came another surprise now, as the tears in her eyes were drained over her. From the farthest point above, there fell Sophie, past the clouds and the point of reach. 'My daughter. 'Thomas came to the realisation that she needed to be caught and brought back, looking past the mist and seeing a small figure. 'Don't worry, I'll get her back, she mustn't be that far. 'The woman nodded her head after doing whatever she could do now, or rather, doing the only thing she was left with. Making peace with herself for the last time. Now that there wasn't any saving and the boy jumped from rock to rock through the mist. Marie never saw the boy again and as soon as he disappeared from sight. The shame and guilt drove her to the point where she stopped living. Since there was no driver for her to keep on living, she stopped desiring it. And now, forced to face the consequence of her actions, Marie Wick stopped her own heart from beating and died. Tom hadn't realised that he was now chasing the little corpse of a small child. Without anyone to return it to, he followed the whisper through the mist, jumping from peak to peak, until he realised that he was close to the top of the world. 'You won't reach that thing if you keep it that way. 'For a moment there, Tom looked around and thought that the crow which stared at him just spoke moments ago. 'Who's there?Who said that?'After a pair of glances he returned. Seeing that the small body got carried below, he just had to go on unless he wanted to lose the corpse now and remain unable to find him again. 'You'd better hurry. 'Said the crow, a beautiful thing at that. The only downside do it was the fact that at the bottom, she bore something in her chest. An opening of the sort from which the guts stood there hanging. 'What happened to you?'The same thing that will happen to you unless you hurry. 'Said the crow and it flew away into the mist. Tom had a conscious of his own now, thinking about the woman who saved him from the grasp of that piercing cold. Now and again, he'd look behind and realise that the body was so close and perhaps there wasn't anything to be done about the woman. At least in her last moments, she'd have the child in her arms, he hoped. Continuing to jump and jump until he reached land. A walking pair of steps that ran down, but not even a

slight clue where Sophie might've been. 'If I didn't know any better I might think she was alive and walked on her own. "You may not be as wrong as you think you are. 'Said the crow, just as he arrived at the conclusion. Sitting next to him filled the boy with dread, since the creature was dead, after all, the mere thought of it crept him. 'What happened to you?' 'Isn't it obvious? I was caught and ripped apart for meat. "But who'd eat crow meat in a place like this?' He faced a dangerous question, as well as being rude to ask someone why other would eat them, especially since it appeared that he didn't die here. 'I lived in a small home of sticks and stone, with many jewels made of gold. Small stones and pearls I've taken. "And they finally caught you and killed you as a punishment, right?' This was something the crow pondered about. It was almost as if the crow was sitting deep in thought. At least Tom decided to show some courtesy by waiting. 'Well, it was rather a lucky shot by a boy and his father, they were hunting, you see. Nothing vindictive, rather the bad spot at the wrong time. 'And the crow had disappeared into the mist immediately. As much as he wanted to see this little flying creature as his guardian angel, the mere appearance of it brought little short of disgust. Out of the mist came the voice nonetheless. 'Don't you have someone to find?' Sophie. 'He even remembered her name, a peculiar thing from the likes of him, but he and her mother had some time to chat as they waited on that peak atop the mountain. Crawling things carried her, bulked and strong. Insects which were huge, double headed and from the looks of it quite infected. From one end, something poured and darkened the land, with many feet spreading it from side to side. It appeared that they bored tunnels that went past the body and guided them to where they were supposed to go. But as much as they made their effort to go on, and their thick carapace prevented them from getting crushed from the weight, Tom still managed to catch up with them. 'Look, where are they taking her?' 'Oh, you'd rather return to the place you've come from if you understand what I'm trying to say. From that place now, there's no returning if you want to escape alive. 'This was certainly something strange and peculiar to think about, yet he did it anyway. As much as he wanted to think and imagine a world of theirs in the sky, they were close and acted like insects. 'They've got a nest somewhere in the ground, am I correct?' 'No, they're taking her to something worse. She may just have been chosen as a bride to the king of the pit. "That pit again. 'As the words left his mouth, suddenly something got stuck in his throat. He spat a little black spot of blackness which came on the ground and suddenly remained there as a permanent spot on the stone. It was strange to look at but it kept the need going. 'What are you going to do now then?' 'I'll keep my promise and bring her back. 'From the rumbling in his stomach, that was about to wait for some time. 'Is it after your dinner or before?' The mockery that was about to come from his little new found companion came as a surprise. But nonetheless, inviting, surely he said. 'You may go as well and take as much meat from here unless you want to starve. Come on and take only but a bite. 'There was something extremely peculiar which he felt now, especially since not even a drop of blood came out of that stomach. 'I'll find some berries or something to keep myself fed. "But barriers in the mountain? That's the most peculiar thing I've ever laid my eyes upon if I may be, boy. "Call me Thomas. "Thomas, Tom, Tom-Tom. 'Repeated the crow, almost turning it into a song of the rustic sort. Strangely, the boy didn't oppose this light-hearted thing coming out of the small animal. It was fairly peculiar as it was. 'Wait, but how could she be the bride if she's no longer alive?' 'That never stopped any of us Tom-Tom, you haven't realised where we are yet, have you?' 'I just need to bring her back, and I'll find a way back home after that. "If you say so. 'Nonetheless, despite this lack of faith in the boy, the crow decided to follow him as far as he would go. Rather than saying anything about

his journey or desire to return this girl, he warned him of the journey ahead. It will be harsh, as you seem quite.

Rather, alive for someone here, be careful as you go down there. The king won't take pity on someone who'll attempt to kidnap his bride, especially so close to the date of the wedding. Old as this dimension, said the crow, king of the falling pit. 'Is he responsible for what happened there then?' 'Where?' 'To my home, raven. 'It appeared to have stung the small companion rather thirstful than anything else. Wasn't that often after all that someone would call him an ugly, untrustworthy raven as he said. 'Crows are deemed to be faithful and fair, where those cutthroats would've found a way to rat you out to the king. "What's that?" 'Don't you dare cut me off after what I've said. 'Before anything, there was the entrance to his kingdom, as far below as it went. A black veil of smoke arises from the bottom of the vale. Machines, metal roads and plenty of things that caused pollution spread the tightly fit into smithereens. 'This may be the very reason he's doing what he's doing. Look at the ground there Tom-Tom. 'Where the mountain had patches of dirt stood pools of black tar combined with oil and other unknown mixtures. As useful as they were both contaminated, neither of them were usable anymore, but that didn't stop them from spreading that hard to take scent. 'What's this?' 'You'll have to seek passage to his kingdom here. "Lying cheat!' Went on the boy as he grabbed the small flying beast. 'You said that this was his kingdom. 'It was an odd crow, rather small for its age and speech. In a way, they were both alike in this certainly strange world. 'Let me go. "Fine, but don't try cheating me unless you want to suffer the same thing all over again, understood?' There was a simple nod of agreement, followed by what appeared to be faithfulness once more. It wasn't what he expected, but he had to take this road. A city full of working people, fishermen, working at docks in the sky, plenty of women just laying and washing their clothes in those sick black pools. Only a glance was enough for Tom to shy away from one of their glances. It wasn't that often that they saw little children coming around. Rather, perhaps it was their size, as they appeared to be three times his size, coming close to being giants, if it weren't for the fact that he was rather small himself. The crow his inside his jacket and tried to whisper in his ear. 'Don't make any deals with them, understood? They're rather a dangerous folk now, see those hooks?' On his rear, further away, he was what could only be described as a pair of hooks which had been launched and happened the very clouds that kept it floating there. 'You're saying we're not on the ground now?' 'Shhh. 'Before he could be silenced, a group of giants just barely turned to notice him, only for a moment before returning to their work. As much as he was something new, there was still something to be done about this. "What are they doing?" Tom said in a whisper. 'Well, they're anchored now, trying to get as many of the clouds inside and wash them in the pools. "Why would they do that? They're so beautiful and clean. "Careful where you're standing little child, you're blocking the way. "I'm sorry. 'Almost being flattened wasn't what Tom had in mind for now. As much as he appeared to have known what he was doing, this was rather new to him. He went on the side, almost sticking on the front of a giant metal door. From the looks of it, might've appeared like there wasn't any way it would open anymore, or have been opened in the last century. 'So what now? We can't just wait here with an empty stomach and nothing to do. "Then go and search food for both of us, won't you?" There might've been a dinner here or somewhere, after all, even giants had to eat. Especially them, being born with a giant appetite. Well, the boy didn't wait long for them to cross the streets with their boxes full of devices and various things. They appeared to be delighted by inventions and little machines that would walk. Once and again, he'd stop thinking about his hunger just to return to a counter and see one small robot do a little dance. The crow was just as delight once it observed the

fact that the small robot's eyes gleamed with the shine of gems. As a matter of fact, some were even polished to the point of. 'Stop, stop, stop, I can't take it anymore. If I keep seeing them longer, I won't be able to control myself. 'Tom felt rather sorry that because of him, this memory of addiction came back to his small fiendish companion. It wasn't that often after all that he had someone with him to be concerned about. Rather, this was something new for both of them again. 'Don't worry, I think it's in there. 'Tom was fairly anxious to see what the giants were eating, and from the looks of it, someone was just fairly tired enough to forget the door open. 'Careful here, we've got nothing to pay for the food. 'I'll think of something, don't you worry. 'Despite barely having touched the giant iron door, there came the ring of a bell nonetheless. It's true that not everyone turned immediately but most of them threw the occasional glance at the boy with his stuffed chest. Tom was amazed to look at them, seeing how this was the closest thing to a civilised folk if he was ever to see anything of the sort. Standing at the tables, they were drinking from tall coffee mugs as well as eating well-cooked giant fishes. 'They got wings, there, but how could that possibly be?' 'Oh there are plenty of flying creatures here, I'm surprised you've not seen the flying fishes on your way. Come to think of it, you're lucky that you didn't drown as you came to the point where the two of us met. "How could I have drowned in the sky? That's ridiculous. 'There wasn't any argument there, after all, there wasn't anything even close to water, other than those pools, of which he was sure that they hadn't any. 'Well, here you can, standing too much inside a cloud and you'll drown just as fast as being thrown into a river or the sea. Why do you think they're harvesting it for the king?' 'May I help you?' A tall woman stood at the counter, staring at the boy that was way too small to be one of hers. Rather small, to say the least, it came to the point of Tom looking like a toy than a real tall boy. 'I'm sorry, I'm just looking around. 'Despite his stomach growling, there wasn't anything he could've done. 'Are you lost?' That understatement wasn't rightly placed for the time being, as Tom didn't want to go on and reveal everything to the first giantess he met. Regardless of what he thought as being the right thing to do, he looked around and saw that plenty of the others who were eating their meals weren't interested in eavesdropping on his conversation. Being close to a leg tall, he was fairly small indeed. 'I thought I could come and ask if there might be something I could do to earn a meal. Not to be a disturbance but I'm afraid I couldn't even pay for something if I wanted to with my small pockets. 'A fair thing to say, but it was not found as pleasing as he wanted it. 'Well, I'm sure we can find something for you to do around here. You're not that small after all and I'm sure that giving you something of a meal won't be as troublesome as doing it for the others. "Thank you, miss. "Not yet, first, come here. 'The bar stool was clearly made for someone who didn't have his height, but nonetheless, he managed to climb on it just fine. Other than the fact that he stood on it with both of his feet, which was fairly considered rude for a person such as him, she didn't bat an eye at it. Not to be looking too strange to him, after all, there were giants that were born smaller than the normal. To be even more clear, even in this small place, there were at least some giants that were smaller but bulkier. And, as for being even more clear than that, other than Tom's impression about their height, there wasn't any other should that called them giants for a matter of fact. Just the extraordinary specimens of their race. But enough of having dwelled into that, Tom-Tom looked and listened as she whispered in his ears. 'Not so long ago, I've lost my necklace somewhere inside the kitchen, perhaps in a fairly large window of time, if I'd be honest. Nevertheless, there's no way I have the time to go around and find it with some many people having to be fed if you get what I'm saying. "Won't there be rats or something worse waiting for me at while I'm searching?" 'Don't

be so ridiculous boy!'But despite this act, she bit her lips in dismissal, hiding something which was quite above the expectations of what he was about to find out there. 'Just take this. 'It was a toothpick, the type you'd use to clean the remains between the teeth, with the exception that it was big enough for him to use as a small dagger of the sword.

'Take two of them, if anything happens, you should be able to defend yourself. "What do you mean if anything happens?"Just, please, find me my necklace, it's a family thing I cannot be forced apart from, won't you do that for some food at least?"Well, I. 'Before Tom-Tom said anything, the crow went on to accept. Despite having the voiced be as far apart from one another, the woman pulled him over the counter, strapped the small nod at her back and thanked the boy. 'Just shout when you need to be lifted back and don't worry about being crushed under, you're fairly big enough to avoid that. 'This was certainly not something as reassuring as he wanted it to appear, but he found himself going through the back door into the kitchen. Fairly big on its own, he thought. 'So what about it partner?"I wasn't asking for your help, but say, there sure is a lot of iron going around here, isn't it?"I told you they're craftsmen, haven't I?'Despite not having remembered whenever the crow did indeed help him or now, he had to carry on. Tom didn't know what to expect down there, having to use a weapon to defend himself. Whatever laid down there, rodent or not, certainly there couldn't be of such sizes that would do him any trouble if he really set his mind of dealing with it. 'Do you have any idea what may be waiting for us down here?'Even in his warm jacked he nodded and make a sign. Not the smarted animal he could've received. His help was more than welcomed, as much as he desired to ignore and be afraid. Something big made some noise. 'It might be many things, perhaps the boiling water?"The stove was one, iron for iron, black like the floor, from this angle it appeared like they were using the same forge that they made weapons out of for their silly meals. 'Don't joke about their forges and stoves. You never know what ears may fall upon your words and take offence around these parts. 'Said the crow with its crooked smile. It was hard to tell from that angle, but he did it nonetheless. 'Perhaps you're right. But why is that they're making so many things out of iron and don't use much of anything else?"That's simple little Tom-Tom. It's because, iron grew naturally here, right outside the stone. Veins that push themselves past by the pressure underneath the earth. Well, if we may even go down a few generations, we may even find out that the founders of this craft of metal forging were the ones who created all the clouds. "Whoa. 'The excitement made him truly look different past the building and into the sky. 'Did they really create the clouds?"Well, more or less, rather said, without them, they wouldn't have been freed from the bottom of the earth. But alas, nothing lasts forever as their freedom is being taken back, but why am I distracting your attention now?You're busy aren't you?"The boy nodded and without a notice, almost got snatched. A small iron toy-like being just jumped and jumped then sprang like a bullet, almost taking both of them in its path.

'What was that?"Run, Tom!"Yelled the crow, or rather threw a tantrum of words and squeaks and other bird-like noises that sent shivers down his spine. Cold shivers that felt like the memory of his frostbite, despite being as hot around as it felt like. 'What's that?"The construct that haunts this place, we need to find the necklace fast until it finds out what we're looking for. 'Before he could turn and take a glance at what they were exactly looking for, they appeared to be at a loss for words. It disappeared into thin air, without leaving any trace of destruction or anything else of the kind. 'Where did it go then?"The crow merely nodded again, showing no sign of interest, other than the glittering thing that was missing from that woman's neck. 'Check under the cupboards and further away from the forge. 'The crow took a moment and spoke again. 'That power it had is nothing to joke about if he catches us again

and this time unaware there won't be anyone to look and save that girl from her vile destiny. 'Tom noticed as well, barely now, that the far edges of the small spear he was given got a few inches of its front just melted from an end to another. How big were their teeth now? How quaint that he would wonder at that in this moment of grave danger he was in. 'There might be something there. 'Far and below, under one of the raised cupboards laid a stench of dust and as well as of sweat. No one bothered to look below for what went missing despite being the starting points. 'I won't be able to fit inside. You need to go and check for me, it's just enough for you to fit through. 'The crow nodded, quite reluctant and who could blame him now, especially under these circumstances that didn't bode too well. His chances were still and their enemy hadn't attacked yet. 'Fine, but you owe me one if it's the necklace. "Don't worry, I'll announce you if I see him coming, understood?" It was a fair deal since he was a little dark crow. Past a point in the darkness and he just vanished. The ordeal with Tom-Tom as a guard didn't take too much of his busy time at all. It took its time before deciding to attack anyone. Can it be that it knows what we're searching? He looked nervous standing there alone, pretending to be a guard with his small toothpick as a spear. In a way, not knowing who he was, or exactly what, there was something of an intimidating stance, at least from far away. Which sooner than later, rather vanished than anything else. Tom-Tom turned as if he saw a ghost, covered in dust, having almost white feathers and being as close to being alive as he had never been seen. 'It's not it. 'With that and a mere shake, he jumped back in its pocket. 'What was it down there?" A few forks and marbles which were rearranged by someone to look like a necklace. The dust that came on them made them appear like it was the thing we were looking for. "You don't think. 'The crow nodded at the suggestion, rather welcoming it than anything else. 'The marks are there, something has indeed grabbed those very objects and pushed them together in that formation we saw. It thinks just as well as the two of us are. 'But as those wheels turned into the distance and both Tom and the crow noticed, it stopped short out of the darkness. The waitress, or rather, dinner matron came in and threw a bunch of orders into the furnace, disregarding the boy who was still at his job. More importantly was the fact that past her legs, in that small crawling space it laid preparing its next move. 'Psst. 'Tom got his attention rather quickly. It was obvious that they were both looking in the same direction, trying to get a better look at that thing. A strange metallic creature which resembled a rodent of some kind. The mere fact that it had a pair of wheels under it was enough to distinguish it from anything else. He couldn't ask for her help now. After all, from the looks of it, she was rather busy with the orders. But the moment the door bounced and she went back outside, a blanket of twilight came. That's when it came, though prepared for the strike, Tom leapt on the side and only by chance scraped the shell with his little spear. A small spark came from the contact as well as a cheerful attempt of a war cry from the crow. 'Very good job indeed. 'Those eyes were glittering in the dark corners, just waiting for an attack. Obviously, it was scornful of the fact that someone managed to go on ahead and burst its bubble. 'It's not over yet, chase it Tom-Tom! Chase it before it prepared for another one!' The best advice it had ever given to him, at the right moment as well. He came as close to the edge before it managed to turn and saw a small gap at the back. It was the type of gap that would render one useless, floating in the air if it was attached to the keychain. 'It's a toy, I knew it. "What are you staring for Tom-Tom? Go on ahead and trap it before it turns!' But his attempt fell short, for the crow was too loud. This slow turn had suddenly changed into a charge for as far away as he could've gone in order to escape him. 'No, he got away!" Damn you, child!" With a thumper, the far end of the wall got hit fairly hard, if it made a sound which was harsh enough to

leave an echo that would soon loom around. 'That thing hurt itself now, back away before it recovers itself. 'With that and seeing how the waitress just came again lit up the furnace which had to be taken care off from time to time, Tom came to the other side of the room. 'How are things going so far?'She asked, seeing how he was filled with dust and having run from corner to corner. For a moment, it appeared that the boy was fairly taller than he originally appeared to be. Quite strange to say the least, but that went as unnoticed as the second she wants back to her work. 'Well, it's going well, but I'm still searching for it. 'From the looks of it, he had sweat running down his body as well, making it seem like he had been part of a grand chase of some kind. 'You'd better hurry if you're hungry unless you're planning on staying here with us. "What's that supposed to mean?"Since we're going to be fairly accustomed.

Well, the thing is that we're set to leave in a few hours, no longer being anchored to the mountaintop, do you understand that?"Which meant that one way or another, they had to go in the same direction with those creatures that took the girl. 'I understand, I was planning on going in the same way as you were. 'A simple nod did it, though she still remained fairly surprised that a boy like him would rather choose to take on the journey with them. 'Here, hope you don't mind the heat, there are a lot of orders going on, lots of work, you see?'Despite that, he welcomed the light, as well as the fact that he was concerned with his position inside the room. One way or another, the moment that room slammed shut, it would come outside. 'There, boy, look in that corner. 'Just as she left and the door closed once again, it came as a rabid beast who had just finished licking its wounds before coming once more. A broken thing, it had appeared as being, from the liked of which now laid parts of him that were clearly cracked. 'It went on with its full speed rather than to give you a chance to trap him. "But why is this happening to me now?I haven't done anything to it. "Well, you did intrude on his territory. 'A thing which the crow was fairly more familiar with than any other human was. Having been a beast of metal rather than of flesh and bone didn't change the fact that it still wanted and desired to protect what was its own. 'We're the intruders here, remember?It won't stop hunting us until we leave. "No, you're the wrong crow, he doesn't want that at all, why else would it have made a fake necklace other than to pull us in?There's something wrong going down with it, I'm certain of it!'Now it came to it again, but far from a different side. This time, he barely deflected that rodent thing as it strode past him from a different corner. 'What?'Before anything else clever could've come from any of their mouths, they saw him bounce away from the spear than drift back into the veil. The light wasn't enough to make everything at the light as it appeared to be. 'That thing is only but a decoy. "Tricked again Tom-Tom, we cannot stand here like sitting ducks, go ahead and chase it!'It felt like he was forced to act like a hunter who was facing an intelligent prey. Without a doubt, this was certainly a worthy foe. 'What are we going to do now then?One more time, it needs just one well-aimed charge and we're done for. "No. 'Despite being filled to the gut with the smell of food and as hungry as he was, there he stood, knowing that there was something he could to against that toy. After all, he was well enough on his feet and embarked on this journey all alone. 'Let's get him before it tries to get us!'With that, they both charged at whatever spot in the darkest corner they could walk about. There was fairly enough noise, almost making it seem like those wheels were muffled now, though still, they were both daring that there wasn't a single scar on him. 'That's the spot from where the sound of wheels came out of, he's preparing yet again. "Be careful Tom-Tom-Tom, he may be doing one of his weird tricks again, don't be deceived. 'It was under one of the stoves, which were fairly lifted off the ground. What laid under it shocked Tom once he adjusted to see what was making all the noise in that small cramped space. 'He tore

one of the devices. 'The crow yelled, seeing how it had become something so strange and how Tom was exhausted from this entire commotion. A small box with a single wheel still tried moving despite lacking the rest of the device. It appeared like the fuss was coming from down there. 'That's not the thing making all the noise. 'Set on flying, he lifted himself to a higher point, trying his best to warn Tom before it was too late. 'Look out. 'Before he had the chance to turn around and look at the assailant, it had already been too late. The boy took the entire blow, having been thrown away rather than crushed. Tom stumbled as that thing turned and went around, barely able to control himself. Rather, this was certainly stranger than expected. The boy had bruises all over his body now, covered in dust but no heavy wound. 'Ahh. 'From the looks of it, as far as he noted, the boy was ready to fall into a small hole and cry for the rest of the duration of his staying here. 'I only wanted that necklace, why are you attacking me you petty metal box?' This certainly hit far deeper than he expected it to hit. Despite his unawareness, there was pride in that device, which made it drive and look around. Suddenly, just as the crow flew back into his coat, that thing came to the light. It appeared like the furnace was still going on as they spoke. This time though, both of them were going as slow as possible, in case one or the other was ready to retaliate at need. But as a sign of fate now, Tom threw his spear on the ground. 'I never meant to do you any harm. ' Said the boy, all teary-eyed, looking as if he was going to burst at any moment. 'I just came about to find that necklace, nothing more. 'A cloud of steam came from one of the cracks, making it seem like it understood, or rather tried to understand what they were saying. 'Tom assumed that the device was intelligent enough if it truly made a decoy and it wasn't a coincidence. Rather than speaking with it as if it was some kind of toy, not it gave it the proper thing of respect. All the while, as the crow thought of the next way they could lure it in and trap it before it was too late. 'Do you think it'll buy it?' 'Don't ruin this now. 'Came a whisper to another. 'Oh, this one?' Tom saw the little device make a slight motion, which he turned towards the one who hid inside. It was hard to see, as every move and step he made, that machine turned towards the same motion. 'Well, he's a friend. 'In a slightly lower tone, he asked him for a simple name, something which he himself forgot to ask for a while now. 'My name is Lord Ian C. Raw, don't bother trying to do the correct spelling. But it's a pleasure to have acquainted you. 'There was something of a bow which was made into the air. Obviously, another cloud of steam made it seem like it understood something unless it was malfunctioning. Either way, one of them would've been pleased. 'Ian, huh? It's not that bad of a name I'd say. 'At least not as bad as Tom-Tom. 'But enough with the pleasantries, as it appeared that obviously, something was extremely wrong. Either it was going away to do something that would help both of them, or it was getting ready for yet another charge. The latter was extremely bad, especially after an exchange of such introductions with plenty of bows from both sides. 'Do you think it found us rude then? You don't suppose it'll try again once he's out of sight, do you?' 'Just have some faith now, we won't get anywhere if we keep going on this path. 'They waited there, fairly hungry as a matter of fact, well at least one of them. Tom found himself surprisingly concerned about his little flying friend, though that was short lived. After all, he couldn't even eat at all, let alone stomach the food. 'So, what do you suppose will happen next?' That was rather fair of him to ask. Ian quickly pulled his head out of the coat and looked around. 'It's all in the hands or the wheels of that thing now, since you've decided to trust it. Whatever happens now to both of us, it's up in your hands. 'A rather extreme stance but in a way, he was certainly right. More than anything else happening, it came to an end rather quaint. It was quite the bother from its side, but there wasn't any trick involved from the likes of it, quite so. There

was some sadness once both Tom and Ian realised that perhaps, as much as this seemed to be a battle, it appeared that this was the last lap it'd ever get to do from now on. If the damage wasn't enough, it also missed a wheel and a part of its dignity. 'Doesn't it look kind of sad, as much as it tried to harm both of us. "It's quite big too. 'There was something which made it appear like it was the size of a house cat, or at least something as big as it. The view which

dragged everyone and everything's sizes came after all from the eyes of a boy who was bent on completing his mission and the promise he had bestowed upon the woman who saved him. Not to mention that he had been growing even as he had received the necklace in his hand. So, at the moment where the door opened, the waitress wasn't met

by a little-malnourished boy, but by what could be as big as one of her own. 'What happened here?' 'Missing something?' Tom said while flashing her necklace in the dust. She was rather surprised to see it, but even more so to look upon the almost flattened form of the mouse. It was at least strange, to look upon the pest that had haunted this place ever since it was opened in the first place. 'What about that? I don't think it'll chase anything anymore from the

looks of it. "Wait. 'Before she could grab him or do anything else, just as it froze in fear from the mere sight of her stature, Tom stopped her. 'You wouldn't mind if we, I mean I could get rid of it after we eat, right? I believe I've earned myself a meal after all. 'The woman smiled, at least from both the service and the daring tone coming out from someone who could be her son. Speaking of which. 'Well, my name is Dennise, happy to be acquainted. 'As she made her bow, Tom made sure to make a sign for the contrast to come by his side as she was distracted. It was followed after by the customary bow and the presentation. 'My name is Tom-Tom. I mean my name is Tom. 'This was a first name basis introduction and nothing more. It appeared though that some of Ian had rubbed over him, as

well as the other way around. The little fellow had grown inside of him right before his very eyes. Quite the phenomenon, to admit to oneself. The size and the sudden growth was not only unexplainable, but the mere notion of taking a seat and being able to stand and eat without a problem was quite bizarre. 'Well, this smells good. 'It was indeed, as their culinary customs didn't appear like they were any different than theirs. Boiled potatoes, eggs, bacon strips, a stew and clean water, this was a sign that she was more than grateful. Just as that thing was standing at his feet, a bulk that appeared to have regained much of its own size while waiting. 'Is it me or did it seem bigger in the darkness?' 'It was bigger, I'm sure of it, if I didn't know better, I would've said it was big enough to match a carriage.

'In the dark. 'Ian said, placing the attention on it. And rightly so, past the shadow under his seat, it already appeared to be as big as it came as when they first met. Though now there'd be no trouble in carrying it by hand. 'Oh yeah, here's the spear. The pick back, I don't need it any longer. "Oh, you can keep that if you want to. 'She called, without having to turn at all. 'In honesty, I only gave it to you in case you found my necklace and couldn't reach it. After all, it's a long pick. 'Indeed it was, as she said it, a long and sharp, perhaps with a crushed end, but it was big enough.

'Ian, don't you want to eat either?' The crow nodded, the mere sight and size he found himself confined were just enough to frighten the fellow. 'Just finish eating. 'He said, with a tremor underneath. Despite what others might think, this was just as worse for him as the day he had died. 'All right, I'll be fast, then we can be on our way.

'Something laid in the food as well, perhaps their strength laid in their diet as well as in anything else he had consumed while here. 'It's the air, it must be. 'Said Ian, glancing through a small round button. 'That's what made us bigger, and that's what made them bigger. We must be in the air Tom-Tom, when you're done, look on the outside and see for yourself. 'For that certainty wasn't as clear. Perhaps it was the meal or the waitress who winked at the

boy now, but as he returned, with both the construct and Ian, he found himself dizzy. Something made him stumble on his feet while he was walking. At least he couldn't complain at the mere fact that the clean air made him feel well. Soon those that laid around him weren't any different than the people that came to celebrate in his father's mansion. 'I can't stop this strange feeling, could this be what they feel like?' Without a doubt, there was something that pulled him in and out, getting his lungs filled with this tasteless gust of wind which didn't feel too warm nor too cold. Looking at the others and how tall they were, this must've been the reason! 'We've gone so far, haven't we?' 'How could his kingdom be so vast and spread. 'Asked the boy as he saw the mere sight of endless clouds, pure blue sky and everything floating in the air. A few boxes laid wrapped in a rope to prevent being pulled into the air by the wind. A form established long ago as a countermeasure for the loss of their valuable apparel. 'Tom-Tom, catch it now. 'He saw a little box with wheels. It was a shame to look at for its eyes had lost their glowing light. But for a moment, it almost fell into the air, making it seem like it wasn't as heavy as it appeared to be. Tom caught the construct and held it under his arm. 'That was close. "We should stay in-doors before this clears up, or at least until they anchor to another place. "Isn't going to the palace the next spot?' But this question was heard by another who was resting on the side. It was a man, tall, strong with a red beard, large enough that it acted like a cushion for his hands while resting. 'That's the last stop lad, there are a few in-between there and here. I wouldn't doubt it if it took several days for us to return back there and that's only if the wind is right. "Several days, isn't there a faster way to get there? It'd be too late by then. 'Tom-Tom looked as if he was caught in distress by the mere words and the thought of having broken his promise. He was aware that there wasn't any return without her. 'Well if you're that much in a hurry, don't spill it on me, go talk with the conductor, he may be able to tell a different story. I doubt it in any case, but it's worth a try if you're that much in a hurry. 'This appeared, at least, to be sure about it, a peculiar thing to think about. Certainly, something was going to be wrong. And it wasn't about how he acted or what where he was sent towards. Their words appeared to bear a harder meaning in his head now. 'This air's affecting us in a bad way, Ian, I'm sure of it. "Are you all right, right, right?' Said the man, but before he could stumble on his feet, the boy just went on ahead and tried finding the mouth which leads to the insides of the platform. Certainly, this was new for both of them. 'Take there, Tom, we need to find it before the air passes out. 'Tom felt a lot heavier than he should've been. Not even Ian was an exception to this. People were hiding themselves or trying to stay away while they were flying, yet none bothered to concern themselves with the child. Either they were too shocked to see someone so young come or rather, it was the fact that he was the only one who clearly got affected by the air and didn't find a spot to stand and relax. With a few more steps. 'There, Tom-Tom. 'The crow pointed with its beak, a pair of stairs leading down. There was at least warmth, so much of it that it made it feel like home, right after falling into a cold ocean. It wasn't as cold as standing in a winter storm, but at least he wasn't internally suffering anymore as he had been for the last pair of minutes. 'You can put it down now, the stairs should be large enough for him to walk alone. 'Tom hadn't noticed but those wheels attempted to walk on him while he was distracted. A peculiar thing, at least that was fair as of saying it, but nonetheless, he was shocked by the mere fact of how much deeper it went. 'If I didn't know any better, I would've thought this is a tower rather than a platform like they said. "Aye, just look. 'At the exact moment, they reached the ground, the metal corridor had tightly sealed windows which you could've used to look through. 'Are those balloons?' He asked Ian, who appeared to have knowledge of the sort. After all, a crow

had many secrets and noticed many things, and this one wasn't an exception, but rather one of the most proper examples out there to be had. 'That and a few engines are keeping the platform going, otherwise, they couldn't hold all those buildings lifted. 'But, how does this even work?' Sitting down to catch some air, and seeing how there wasn't anyone there, Tom finally got a chance to stand still. For a moment, despite Ian having described much of the lore behind the idea of having floating machine and the other kind, he looked at that construct. Now that he was sitting it appeared to be large, enough that it wasn't only cat-like in size but also a fat one which was fed. 'Do you think we should name it?' 'A zeppelin, you see?' 'That seems like a good name to give him, don't you think?' There was some steam behind it, which still came, some repairs were in order, but the matter of the fact remained that he didn't need to change its name now. It was all fair for a reason. 'Zeppelin, that's what your name's going to be! Will there be any objection to that?' The steam coming out was hotter now, apparently, so did the lights and the life came back into the small machine. 'I think it's pleased with the time being. 'As a matter of fact, it was obviously enjoying it, even to the point of going on in circles while pushing out much more clouds of steam. Perhaps it got too excited as a matter of fact. 'Stop making so much noise Zeppelin, someone might hear you and check us out. 'Are we even supposed to be here?' Ian didn't want to check it out, rather than stand in his newly found nest, being Tom's coat. He responded to the question in a rather normal stance, still focused on what he was doing. Still, he looked at the clocked which laid on the top of his head and realised that he couldn't see anything of the sort. 'Yes, we need to get this thing to go on faster, remember?' 'Indeed I do, so what are we waiting then?' With that, the two of them walked, while Ian still got as cosy as he desired to be. Strangely, he found Ian to be warm and comforting inside his coat. Despite his shrewd appearance and ragginess he might as well just go ahead and call this his new home. He wasn't shocked either by the altitude at which they were, despite having a good deal of a view below, there wasn't anything of a land of any sort, just clouds in the air. An endless gust of wind pushing them, while the chains floated above of the platform, dragging a pair of clouds with them. 'How are they doing that?' The dragging of the clouds I mean, shouldn't the iron just go through those nimbuses?' Certainly, this appeared as being a bizarre thing to him. Ian knew better, having sparingly glancing around. 'That's no iron child, but a special form if imbued alloy made by their kind. The same thing goes out for all their floors, buildings, ships, platforms and even their floating cities they created. Would've been better for you to not know but look below. 'It was a strange request now. The boy couldn't raise the windows due to their sheer size and heaviness. Ian must've noticed that. As much as he looked through, it wouldn't be as clear as being when he was standing at the top level. 'I can't see anything other than the clouds. 'Announced Tom-Tom. 'Very well, but do you know the reason behind it?' Just as the two of them spoke, Zeppelin decided to go on it's towards the door at the end of the corridor. It was still fairly eerie but this explanation wasn't to take long, for as much as Ian knew what he was talking about, something was missing. 'Strange you might think but listen to me now. The ground below had, well. 'This story happened a long time ago, perhaps further in time than he expected that his crow-like memory even went to. Certainly understandable for something like it, but as much as he remembered being a baby crow, growing and being an adult, it happened something during that time. 'I was merely a child compared to the human lifespan, as you may say if you were in my place. When I witness the terror that came from the earth. 'Whatever happened to the land, it wasn't anyone's fault, but the earth just had enough of their pollution and torture. 'Blistering bits of fire, black water that had no taste. It was a time when the planet itself wanted

to see its inhabitants dead before its eyes. 'And the point of great destruction, while land was swallowed by water, crushed and burnt by fire, one man came to save his people from this damnation. 'The king!' He said, and Ian nodded his head. 'Just as the land was becoming uninhabitable, he came out of nowhere with an anvil and a hammer. He made hooks of metal, platforms with giant metal legs which kept everyone safe from the destruction. 'Soon, as it came to hunger, he had some of them fashioned into hands. 'They grabbed the very dirt and offered them a chance to grow their own good. After that, when the fire was getting too intense or the water rusted the feet, he grappled onto iron from the very veins of the Earth and made wings that flew higher in the sky. "He saved all of them, but why, if he's such a strong ruler and just. . . Why did he choose to kidnap Sophie?" "I never said he was just or fair, or of any kind. He chose to save his people and reigned over them as a king, to the point of witnessing countless generations die. He's immortal Tom-Tom, arrogant undying. Already a prodigy of creation which made him close to reaching the havens. 'The king built cities, kingdoms and ruled the earth for countless generations. While at the top of the world, where everyone became fat from the air, he came too great to ever be stopped. 'But why her?" "Silence child, his reason isn't as important now. What you need to know is that the foe you're about to face isn't going to be as forgiving as anyone you've met before. "But I'm not a child anymore, I knew what I was going for even before I've made that promise. 'Though there were facts laid away from this story, the details being shrewd and seen through the eyes of a crow made it seem familiarly cruel. Now he gets his sweet revenge on the earth he so much sought to conquer, taking anything he needs from the primal elements of the place. 'Where's Zeppelin?" He asked while looking around, trying to see where the little pest had gone. "There he is Tom-Tom, stop him before he bashes the door open!" In truth, it was getting close to being night, and from the looks of it, he seemed to grow into the darkness, far larger than he had been. From a cat to at least two common household ones and perhaps even a dog attached to the top. 'If he keeps growing that way, there won't be any room for him to stay. "Talk to it Tom-Tom, it seems to be listening to you rather than anyone else. You're the one who chose to take him with us. "I know, I know. 'This slight annoyance was nothing with the sound it made while it bashed the door, not to mention that from the looks of it, it had repaired itself. 'Look, Ian, there aren't any cracks. 'The crow's head came out blinking at the construct. Both of them were surprised to see it well. 'You're the right boy, but how could this happen?" Despite his initial shock, Tom wasn't planning on any of this to go this way. From this point on, it was all improvised. Certainly, something was going on inside of it, that power it bore. 'It may get dangerous if it's able to self-repair and grow, just look at the door and what it managed to do in the short time it stood there. 'Zeppelin had left quite the mark on the door from his constant rustling, though Tom was glad that the man hadn't noticed. Just a few more swings and there'd be a hole he could use to enter. Tom looked again and saw not even a scratch on him. 'Zeppelin, this needs to stop, you're making too much noise. "Someone's coming, quick Tom, call him in the darkness, stay in that corner at once!" Ian stumbled with the words but the boy listened as if the warning came out of an adult's mouth, going into the corner. Zeppelin followed Tom instead, getting as close to him as he lay concealed. 'Who's there? Who made all the noise?" In an instant came a bearded man, white hair, scoring teeth, wood clothes, looking quite repulsed and mad. 'What's it to you tricksters? Can't you see I'm trying to work here?" The man didn't even bother to bring out a light of some sort. The only thing he now desired was to lay back down into whatever he was doing inside. But he forgot to fully close the door. 'Zeppelin, did you plan this all along?" Tom said in a whisper. He wasn't sure if he was going to be heard or

not, certainly not then and there but this wasn't to be the last time the two of them would meet. 'That old man sure seemed mad about the noise. Perhaps we shouldn't speak to him yet. 'Despite Ian's advice, Zeppelin was already going on his own, opening the door by himself, coming into the light as small as he once was. 'He did it again. "Don't shout. 'Said Ian, immediately shutting the boy. Not everything went as they wanted, this was certainly true, but this recklessness was only going to get both of them in trouble. 'Let's go before it leaves a bad impression. "It's already too late for that. 'Ian was certain that once the man would see the mark left on his beautiful door, he was going to be mad. Especially since, on the other side, it was only leather covering the metal. Was he planning on putting leather in the front as well?Thought Ian as he looked around. It was entertaining to look at everything he owned, especially at the carpets, his paintings and the various small statues that laid around. Compared to the rest of the rustic and the folk-like sight above, this man appeared to have some resemblance to class. 'Hey, look Tom-Tom, close the door for a while now. "Won't it be too heavy?"Just try it. 'The door was light, as a mere touch just closed it to the completion. 'Is this the driver's cabin?'Despite being an obvious answer, he looked around and saw just how well he had decorated his place, going as far as appearing to resemble some sort of palace of some king or royalty, to say the least. Obviously, this man wasn't as rich as this very room claimed him to be, was he?'Close to the dark, Tom and Ian hid, seeing how Zeppelin stood right under a table, beginning the process of growing once again, all by himself. From a glance, the door had a key in it, though that might be an explanation for his lonesome rage. 'I think he's all alone here. "But aren't we intruding yet?"The mere sight of clouds in their sky sea, past the winnowed domed that went around caught his entire attention once he noticed. 'I think he'll be fine. 'Said Ian as well as he grasped at the sight. An endless sea through which he pushed and tried to reach the place of dreams and it looked even better in the night. 'Don't be caught in it, we need him to go faster, remember?'Zeppelin was faced towards both of them, making only a slight move, back and forth to get their attention. Once that came to him, he started going towards the man in his seat. 'No, Zeppelin, wait. 'Both tried warning him and whispering in order to avoid being heard but that failed to get anything from it. Blunt to no end, the small thing was getting close but stopped. He waited for the two of them to get closer and initiate the conversation, which was soon to come, sooner or later as he waited. 'We got no choice Ian, if we don't come, he will start it. "Fine, but follow my lead and button your coat harsher so he won't hear me, it's just dark enough in here. 'He could've at least lit a candle, though the bizarre thing was the fact that there were present, industrial light, caught in nets of metal, standing above. True, for Tom, they appeared like they were nothing but white floating bulbs, standing as nothing more but decoration. Before anything of value had happened, this came as a notion of retreat. The man stumbled on his chair and was tripped by Zeppelin at once, without a doubt having to swear even the mighty one from their depths. 'What's thing?Damned, cursed, crushed, little thing of much pain!'He said, in an almost shout that came out of his mouth. Visibly mad from this, he kept the same haggard appearance he had during their first encounter. A pity that he hadn't changed his mood at all. 'You're the rascal, aren't you?With your little toy and knocking and what not. Where are your parents now boy?I'm certain that there'd be a lot of spanking involved the moment they arrived as I informed them of your misdeeds. 'This made Ian cringe at the idea, let alone be left a voice to speak. 'What do I say?'Whispered Tom-Tom, just in time for Ian to begin his act now, as he certainly did so. 'As a matter of fact, I just came here to announce that there's trouble. "Trouble?"Asked the man perplexed at the mere sounds of the crow's voice. This might've come at the right time, but he almost sends

a shivering whisper back to Tom-Tom just as he noticed it in the sky. 'Point at that, fast, boy!' 'There!' He pointed at the creature just as a small ball of black clouds formed around it. Its entire black, serpent-like body was covered by an armour made of singing small black bells. They were silent now, a sign of some sort, which made they seemed like they were damning to say the last. 'Get back boy, we need to turn the ship. 'The man turned as well and looked at the door. It's closed, that damn boy did something behind my back, rascal of old, damn him. 'Grab of something and hold now, there's no other change if we may escape now before we enter the storm. 'This came fast, but the ball started growing, encompassing more than the mere clouds, but many others. From its bells came lightning, striking far below, though they were no mere matches for anyone once it came further above. Its bulk of a body, tall, round, like an amalgamation, almost made itself visible as lightning bolts bounced inside of it. A mere child would've been able to glance at the thing and realised that there's the spot where it stored all its power. 'Grab the damn thing, boy, what are you waiting?' Zeppelin already took its spot, in a tightly fit lock between a metallic pillar and a chair which was strapped just next to it. Nothing would be able to push or affect it at all. 'Grab it already bot, are you deaf?' 'I'm sorry. 'Tom-Tom grabbed on the same chair, a few centimetres away from Zeppelin and held as tightly as possible. This was a peculiar thing he felt now, as the wind started pushing itself past the windows and landed into the wind. 'Such power, we won't be able to hold for much longer, once he starts shifting it around. Especially when those pop out. 'Something was beginning to come out of its body, to the point of making it seem like the bells were hanging by poles. A damned vision that made it seem obvious what its next move was. 'It's going to use them as conductors. 'Said Ian, and the sight and thought alone made those things seem frightening. 'Stand on the chair Tom, before we suffer the full effect. 'The boy did do as he was told. Young and bold, though he wasn't afraid for his age, he went back alone there made sure no one would see him do it. 'What are you doing boy?' 'I'm closing the door before it's too late. 'This was something that the man didn't understand, his mere action appearing to be nothing more than a simple waste of time. As much as he could move freely, this was about to change in a short duration of a time. 'Go back now. 'I'm done. 'With that he dashed like a rabbit caught in a chase, landing on the chair like there wasn't any other way around. 'It's all done. 'Seeing a band around, he wasn't sure of what to do. 'Pull it and strap it. 'There was a short explanation given by Ian, mostly in crawl noises which were concluded as being misunderstood by Tom. He was quite mad that the child had chosen a bad thing to follow but now it was more than safe. 'Done, you can turn it around?' 'Around?' The man almost shook his boots as he laughed at the mere proposal of the kind. 'You can't be that dull, can you? There's no way we can turn this without losing our cargo, we're going under it now boy. 'But you said. 'I'm afraid that after some miscalculation, there's no other way for us to turn it anymore. Those lightning bolts would come just right us lad. 'Henceforth, there was no other was but, through the very eye of the storm. 'Boy, see that button next to the wall? That round thing just fairly above your head?' 'This one?' He made only but a sign and Tom understood. The white bulb above started glowing red with might, as the sound of the alarm came to life. Its dignified song came not only as a surprise but just as shocking to everyone on board. A harem of shouts came, as most had already noticed towards what they were going. But this wasn't any alarm that signalled danger. It served the purpose to announce the fact that a storm was coming. Rather, they were coming for it, to say the least. It stopped short of reaching the first dark cloud, that's when it became a soundless alarm which bred nothing short of a chaos above. 'This will be the utmostly rough boy, whatever reason you've come here for, I hope it was worth it. 'For

the front would be just as affected as the rest of the ship. Unknown to Tom-Tom, these platforms were made to be pulled to one another in case the one who's doing the riding was too hurt. 'Rather than being here, you could've been somewhere safe. "I need to reach the king at any cost, sir, nothing so far has been a mistake. "Is that what you came here for?Do I look like a royal attendant to you lad?"There was a sly smile, just as the platform started descending.

He turned around, stilled in his chair and looked at Tom, still have kept most of his smile, glancing at the small machine he dragged along. Something was stuffed as well in his coat, which had become as obvious as it were. 'Well, what is it then?"I wanted to ask you if you could please go faster, that's all. "Well your wish is my command now, isn't it?There'd be no escape from what you see if we were going slow through the storm, would it?But what exactly is your deal with the king?"There came the whisper before Tom even said anything that would've been as rash as his tongue remained. 'Don't tell him what you saw, tell his this Tom. I seek an audience with the king, nothing more. 'And he said it as it followed. 'Interesting, a boy asking for an audience, for what is worth, I hope it's worth it, risking your life to go through this. 'Just at the far end of the wind tunnel created by that creature, they started sinking below. 'Brace yourself, we're about to lose the ability to fly in no time. 'The wind died, air stood still, it was almost as if the area around it slithering body removed any sort of thing that would've kept objects floating in its range. They fell but managed to avoid a thunderbolt. Right into the storm below. 'Don't be scared now, we're almost through. 'There were eyes which were grasping from their small huts, houses and various provision headquarters above. Everyone looked in fear at that which coiled in their darkest days. But the sound and the feeling of raindrops, as comforting as it remained did nothing to help them forget the terror that still coiled. This day they were spared by it, as it made no effort to follow the small floating chunk of metal. Now, the driver had his first relaxing breathe of air, as far as going about to take it in certainly deeper than expected. Tom had his eyes closed throughout the entire process, glancing merely from time to time at what was happening. 'You may open your eyes lad, it's quite the view. 'Despite having a storm just at had, they were just above the dark blue ocean, with its islands spread from side to side, as giant as to be called close to being continents at least. 'Could I?"Don't leave your chair yet, it's not safe!"That was certainly frightening on its own, as much as he wanted to believe he had his best intentions. 'Well, isn't it supposed to be uninhabitable down there?"The green trees on the island made it seem quite so. 'You weren't told about the story, were you?"I know only that there came something which almost destroyed the world, but the. What I meant to say, our king. 'At the whisper of the crow that of which came as a correction. 'Our king managed to save you with the help of his machine while the world below was destroyed. "Well, that's not entirely true, but most of it could possibly explain that way lad. For some things, you need to become older to understand them. Nothing stays the same down there, one way or another, too much exposure to the grounds does things to you, which believe me when I tell you that you'd not like. 'Despite everything that happened, at least they were still in the air. 'We're floating now, from the looks of it, everything should be more than safe. 'It was a curious thing in the mere fact that they might've lost some barrels and some boxes in that. This platform, or rather a ship was going fairly at the same speed. But now unstrapped from the chair, Tom had the chance to ask the man. 'Could we possibly go any faster than this, sir driver?'As much as of an old man as he was, he stroke his beard but threw a coin.

It would've been too big if he were here for the first time, but now he was just tall enough to grab it and hold it. 'Grab me a drink, there's a dinner upstairs, it has a sign. Tell the woman at the counter to give you something with a

kick, but don't tell her it's me, do you understand? Do me this small favour and I will try to make this fly faster.

"Understood sir!" Like a little bee, he went, opening the door with the key, the same one the man didn't notice he had taken. As a little reminder of their deal, he decided to keep it in case he thought of locking himself in. 'Come Zeppelin. 'Just as the end of the hallway, he was set to wait, though. As much as he wanted him as a companion, the way outside wasn't safe for him. 'Too much water, can't you see the rain? It wouldn't do too much good if you rusted here, would it?' But his eyes were half torn on that and on the sleep. After this little ordeal, he knew he would most likely fall wherever most likely it was. Just a little walk from toe to toe and glancing at what used to be filled spots. There weren't any boxes that could've been used for storage anymore. It was fairly cold and raining, not to mention that he had nothing to wear for this kind of weather where everyone else had brought their raincoats. Everyone was extra busy now, working the next shifts as well to cover up for everything which was lost in that manoeuvre. Soon they'd no longer be above the ground anymore, but in-between the clouds, a place that was just as worse during the rain. 'It's soo cold in here. 'Said, Ian, as he went even deeper into the coat. Despite the best attempts the crew had, it was still just as hard to keep warm in this conundrum of his. 'It will be over soon, just let me get his drink and we'll be down there in no time. 'While being carefree, he went on ahead and started dodging the various walking figures and the barrels which didn't fall off. Everything had to be moved at once just in case there was another encounter in the sky. Anything that would prevent this from happening was more than welcomed. 'Careful lad. 'Watch it where you're going. 'Stop that right now. 'Ah, you've almost made me drop that one. 'Some of the voices came, tired, dulled, just like the men had become once they were raised up from their sleep by the alarm. Once glance at their faces and you wouldn't be able to tell if they were just tired or had been raised for the dead. 'I'm sorry but I'm in a hurry. 'The door to the dinner was open, as it had always been, though there was a different waitress now, much younger, though she was dressed the same. Definitely something in the regards of having been called or might've been her daughter. Surprised to see a child coming to ask for a command, she went in the back and prepared just what he had asked for. 'Make sure you don't drink this, all right? It's definitely not too good for someone your age, could you promise me that?' 'Yes ma'am, I'm only the delivery boy, nothing else. 'With that, he paid her and went on to return, wet like a dog, as well as Ian, was. The mug was covered well enough, just so that dirty water wouldn't pour inside. From the looks of just how filled was the patronage, it was kind of obvious that something was about to occur now. Shifts were being changed. People who weren't supposed to be awake now woke up from their deep slumber just to go back at it. 'Hurry boy, Tom-Tom I'm really feeling the cold deep inside my guts. 'This was hard, as he was carefully walking in order to make sure that not a drop would be spilt. Ropes were being hanged, hooks being taken back, doors were being closed and now, planks were being places to hold them still. 'They're preparing for something. Boy, make sure you're safe with the driver, despite what he had said, that should be the safest spot on the ship, understood?' Tom nodded and did his best to listen to the advice of his friend. Not many people dared help him now, but down the stairs, into the cockpit, where Zeppelin had apparently turned and waited, in the exact spot he stood where the circulation came back to being. Harsh winds were coming, it was way too obvious to be called something other than what it was. 'You brought the drunk boy? Aye, give it to me now. 'With a white foam around the top of his moustache, the old man almost came to life, having dealt a kick to himself now. 'I feel alive. 'He said white pondering at the smelling wet dog which stood around. 'Go look through that drawer over there, clothes your

size should be standing there, just look for them. 'There were indeed a few of which appeared to be working clothes, but made for children?' I guess there's no exception for anyone who's here. "They used to bring their children here, but not anymore. 'In the dark, the entire change took place, as much as he didn't want to be seen, nor Ian, the dead crow, he kept as quiet as possible. He left his previous clothes in a wet pile after this simple exchange. 'How do I look?" Like you've come from a valley of chimneys that needed to be cleaned, boy. Now, what was it that you needed from me?" I need you to go fast, the audience?" Oh, yes, indeed, little boy, I remember that now we can perhaps go faster in order to get rid of this damned storm. I'm telling you if it weren't. 'The man stopped once he noticed that Tom had stopped listening. He was sitting in that chair, coiled and sleeping. Just around it, stood Zeppelin, almost like a guard, tall in dark and waiting. Unknown to anyone, the ship was already set to walk on its own, towards the destination. Oh, poor chap, what life awaits him when he gets there. I don't know how far he'll take this mission of his. Thought Ian just as he had prepared himself to shut his eyes and dream the same dream of crows rowing in the sky. This time it was quite different than anything else though. Tom was sitting in the shit, doing all the rowing. The mist made it all appear like a fever dream, where a bunch of crows stood inside the boat and made signs to one another. In other cases, it would've been a pair of crows holding the paddles in their beaks and rowing together. 'It's quite the change now, perhaps we could rest them for a moment. The boy wasn't even distracted or even thought about asking what was truly happening around him. This came as an accepted thing, hearing them speak, going from place to place around the distant sky. 'Ian. 'He turned towards that one, despite being so many of the other crows in the same condition, the one that didn't speak was obviously pointed out. 'How'd you know kid?' Asked the crow, of which voice had a certain deep ring to it now. 'I just knew. 'Tom had already been taken by the mist, along with the other crows, but as always he just flew away into the clear sky. 'Wake up lad, there's a stop. 'A shout suddenly woke all three of them up. Ian almost left an unrelenting sound of crow as he was taken aback. Tom became close to yelling in his condition and Zeppelin, the last but not least, blew a smoke ring out of his back. Least to be mentioned was the fact that the ring of smoke it blew was darker and hotter than the steam. 'What's going on? Did it come back or anything?" No lad, it's all safe now, we just anchored into our next stop. I just wanted to wake you up and let you know of that, you might get to like your staying here. 'From the looks ahead, there were only clouds and high rocks, nothing truly magnificent at all. Tom gave the old man a petrifying gaze, making sure he understood he didn't want to wake up for this. 'What? Oh, that?' Once he realised at what he was gazing at, it made him understand why the boy was thinking of it. 'Oh, I'm certainly sorry but that isn't what I'm talking about. Go upstairs now, and take this as well with you once you're there. A fine job it is to you. 'With that thing, he was given another coin, one for air travel and in case he was hungry. It wouldn't have come as anything else but peculiar, but there was a certainty that he'd get something as well for delivering the mug back to the dinner. Nonetheless. 'Take that small machine with you as well. "Will do sir, thanks for having us. 'There was something of a farewell between the driver and the boy, though they'd most likely see one another fairly soon. As for Zeppelin, the lighter it got through the tunnel, the easier it had become for Tom to just grab him and carry over the stairs. 'Well, boy, I won't ask you of it if you don't want to talk about that. "You mean the dream, don't you? I don't know what else you could be talking about, no one can hear us here unless there's someone eavesdropping at the top of the stairway. 'There was the pale-faced crow just standing there confused. Why would the boy be in my dream as well now? This thought

alone confused his little head now, certainly more than he had expected. Why is this happening to me now at all times? Again, his inner voice tried to break it into pieces, though as much as he desired that, he couldn't make the boy wait. 'We're connected, somehow, I'm certain of it. And it goes a long further than me being inside your coat. 'Tom nodded his head in agreement, though he wasn't ready for this type of conversation yet. Something about it made him feel bad, even worse than he had expected to be. 'Can we save this for later?' Ian nodded as he went away. The purest thought the boy had now was only the one where he had desired Zeppelin to have had the ability to talk. 'There, now that you're on the ground, you should stay away from the dinner, at least until things clear up. No one should give you any trouble if I'm here around. 'Said the boy with much of his cheeks being encumbered in red and almost blown. The sight of green came out of sight. Trees almost fell on the platform. 'What is this?' 'You should go and explore Tom-Tom, while there's still time. "But what about dinner and breakfast?" Those can most certainly wait, perhaps you may even get through this and find something to eat inside there. 'It appeared like a peculiar sight for him, to the point of never having seen trees so tall and bearing onto them, small pieces of clay as armour. Leaves were sharp like knives and there were berries in the distance. 'Wait there a minute lad, you're not planning on going there alone, are you?' A voice and a hand stopped him before his feet touched the dirt. One single guard was left there, standing between him and the open space. Something about him wouldn't make you look twice. 'I'm in need of exploration, is there any other explanation that you need now?' 'Aren't you a little short to be a lad? I can't let you pass, it's way too dangerous out there. "Sir, I'm more than certainly aware of how I'm supposed to take care of myself, so don't you worry a bit. 'The man frowned at the sight of trouble he'd give. 'Back away I said. 'With a punch over the brow, he stopped Tom from attempting to slip away while he was distracted. It wasn't as hard as it was felt as the boy bounced over his arse. 'Why did you do that?' 'I said you're not supposed to go through here. 'Apparently, every other way was blocked, to the point of this being the only alley where one could've gone. One particular thing was the fact that he had noticed that this platform looked more like one small part of a giant town, the thing that was very peculiar for a ship. But that design or whatever drove them to make it that certain wait could wait. Now what remained important was the mere fact that there had to be a way for him to snick past him. 'Wait, Zeppelin, not yet, it's not worth it. It's not worth it. 'Tom was surprised by the sheer amount of strength this tin box displayed. If it had just a small amount more, there'd be no stopping from its track. 'Let me try at least. "No, we cannot let him hurt him now, we need to think of the consequences of that. Who knows what may happen after that. They could even kick us off the ship and never have us reach the king. "All right now, what's with all the ruckus going on here?' Apparently, a man was dressed like what seemed to be a miner of some kind. There was no mention of the similarity between their clothes. It might've been something short of a plot in order to get past the guard. 'You can't seriously tell me they asked a child to come and work, could you?' 'Wait, Brom, there's something about this kid, he wanted to snick past me when I wasn't aware. We can't let him go, what would his parents make of it?' This was certainly a problem that appeared like it might've lasted. At least if it weren't for the stranger who appeared to him he might've stayed. Now, this could or might only happen once. But he looked in both Tom and Ian's eyes, noticing that he was hiding something more than the clever look he had. 'I say let him go and have his work, what could go wrong, you hear? He won't be allowed to go past the ruins and the city, understood?' That rugged man scowled at this but gave in eventually. It wasn't anything of the sort but he desired to have no trouble with him or anyone else who might've

come to see a kid standing there and being blocked. 'But. Listen, kid, you return in an hour. See that little thing on the wall?' It was a rustic device, covered in the same iron bands that were out there, green with a bit of rust. But how else could it have worked, with its four tongues, with every single one of them leading to a different direction, up and down, left and right? 'I don't understand it, now they all changed directions again. "Each of them calculates a certain period of time and never leave their set area, kid. Didn't they teach you that in schools? Damn thing, just come back before they all reach the middle from whence they spanned. It should be easily noticed when the light comes down from the sky. 'There was a dark frown to it, for he looked at the sky in fear. Something of that dark storm which was left behind appeared to have been called and on its way. Damn thing would bury all of us alive if it weren't for the captain. 'What are you waiting now kid? You got an hour. "Right. 'Without even thank for noticing the man, he let go of Zeppelin and already went on his way, brushing the sand off, rubbing his forehead as well. 'We're free, finally. ' 'Not for long, but we could at least try to make the best out of it. "Do you know anything about the place, Ian?" The crow was already deep into his thought, making sure he had grasped any amount of information that could've been grasped at. The curious thing was this, past the few leaves that dared grow, this was an extraction point. Whatever amount of sand had once been, it got dug out, leaving a system of pipes leading to a giant globe which held all of that black liquid. 'They're extracting it, Tom. Stay hidden, under the leaves I say. 'Just near him, as he laid crouched, Zeppelin was making sure the boy was safe. It even works under the shadows of the leaves. Thought the boy as he appeared to have been set on this peculiar stance. Awkward to stay crouched, sweaty perhaps. 'Change position, please. 'The crow immediately rolled under his arms and appeared suddenly on his back. His breath was cold upon Tom-Tom's neck, but if it were between this and the sweat. Well, more importantly, was this machine. Almost golden, bronze, and sucking on the land. 'Why are they taking so much of it from here?' This peculiar question had something in mind. Regardless of the reason behind the extraction, the land was visibly suffering because of it. And a mere child could figure out that it was making the ground sick. Even the sand was sticky and falling apart from his hand at a mere whiff. All because it came so close to the point where it was being extracted. 'Don't say a word Tom, someone's coming. 'Past the throng, a peculiar pair of people were discussing, most likely what they were planning on doing with this. 'Could we get close to them?' 'Tom, you're way too big, they'll notice you. "Could you do it then?' There was fear in his eyes but he couldn't see that now. 'I can't fly there and it'd take too long for me to go. It'd be better for us to avoid this entire ordeal entirely, wouldn't it? At least until we get enough time to look around. 'There were some wise words, but as Tom had thought of them, bore a tone of fear which had made it obvious. He was afraid of being seen the way he truly appeared to be. 'We will return, right?' 'Certainly. 'Soon, there was no sign of them passed the bushes and the sand springs which loomed around. Tom might've appeared like an animal peering from the bushes, though now he disappeared before he was spotted. Blast that thing, we should've done something when we had the chance, thought the boy. But without support, there was certainly nothing they could do alone. In the brow of leaves were said had accompanied the forms, creating crystals around them with the help of heat, the light came as much of a surprise. 'What are there?' Ian quickly pulled his head out to peer at the various shining thing. 'Hide me Tom-Tom, pull me away before it's too late. 'Tom had turned his back on the crystal, though it was just as hard for the crow to resist turning itself to them. 'We need to be as far from here, from this region. We need to go. 'For a dead crow, his breathing was fairly going out as fast as it

could possibly go. 'Damn thing. 'He was almost getting to the point of hyperventilating if he had the means inside his small body. 'All right, all right, we're going away, what is it with you and shiny things?' Boy, you wouldn't understand the fact that I'm a mere child at heart when it comes to shiny things and precious little glittering objects. Stay away from them and don't call me out unless it's safe to come. 'This quaint thing made both of them depart as far away from civilisation as they could possibly go. It was quite obvious now, that nowhere here was safe anymore, at least not where the heat came and definitely not around the plants. 'What should we do no? There appeared to be in the sand as well. Small shining rocks that can't help it but get furnished by the sun. 'Don't talk about that Tom-Tom, you're only making it worse. 'I'm sorry. 'But that didn't do anything from deterring from the distraction in his mind.

Once his mind got set on it, there was nothing stopping Ian from wanting to snoop around and glance at as many glittering and shimmering things as he could. Rocks and stones, shining diamonds waiting in the sun. Don't think of it Ian, you'll only get lost from the boy. The thought alone was strong enough to compel him to stay. There was something about the boy which made him appear like he was quite worth the time. Not to mention that there was no paying him at all. He worked for free, more or less, even got himself that nice tin box with wheels. A damned thing, that he only thought about now. Growing in the dark despite not being made out of bone and skin, a dangerous thing. 'Ian, I think it's safe to come out now, I found something. 'As his head popped out, he noticed what the two of them stumbled upon. 'Oh, no, no no Tom-Tom. We're definitely not going inside of that, it's far too dangerous now.

For both of us, to say the least, there might not be any going or coming back once we're in. 'There wasn't any guarantee, though this appeared to be something crudely pushed from the depths of the earth. 'See that? It looks as if a tree had grown from inside the ground and raise that thing standing right there. The dirt and roots and rocks still remain. "And that's exactly why it isn't a good idea to head down there. 'Said Ian in a raspy voice. He couldn't believe what he had stumbled with himself upon, going from various plant to plant and cowered. Did he really find him or was this place avoided even by those giant people as well? 'Wait, Tom-Tom, listen to me now, we cannot get Zeppelin to come with us if you choose to climb. There's no entrance to the ground, notice? 'Without a way inside, the best thing which remained was a hole which appeared to have come from the ageing of stone. The architecture was certainly present, as for pillars and various forms that appeared to have circular patterns and sculpted humans on them. Other than that, it was certainly strange, but a hole was made just that someone might fit. 'Zeppelin, you may have to wait outside, unless you want to return to the ship. 'Even the machine came to reject this thing, though he did follow them anyway. 'You're as stubborn as an old oak, you know that?' 'You could wait for me outside and keep Zeppelin company. 'Once glance change that, as there was certainly no chemistry between the two of them. Perhaps it had to do with the fact that he was a crow, stick, stone and feathers. A construct wouldn't understand the needs he had, wouldn't even help him hide from the shining things. Some machines were even glittering themselves when standing in the sun, but that's going too far now. 'I think I'll pass. But be fast, I've got a bad idea about those underground trees of yours. 'From the distance, it appeared that some of the stone wasn't on the branches. A metal laid inside, but it was like nothing he had ever seen. Ian said nothing to Tom. It was too soon to say anything anyway. Certainly, the boy wouldn't understand. 'Well if you really want to do this. 'Apparently, so did Zeppelin, as his attempts to go around and seek a way inside for himself. There was just no desire to depart from one another. Certainly not this way, in a sense that this could end up in the worst way scenario. Damn those people, where are

they when you need to get spotted?The boy will get lost and so will I if I follow him like a damn fool. There just wasn't any other way for him other than to follow Tom, someone had to take the chances and look out for him. 'At least be careful when you're climbing, you're meddling with another life, keep that in mind. "Which life, yours? I thought you were quite dead, to begin with. "And it wasn't a pleasant experience at all, thank you very much. But I would not like for it to happen to me again. 'With that, he shut the boy and let him do what he had to do, straight into that decrepitude. It was cold and dark though he could walk on a somewhat straight downland. Roots were hanging over, making it seem from the likes of it, that there were plenty of places where plants had grown and taken over. This place gave both of them that creepy feeling that managed to bear under the skin and frighten them at any sound. Especially as this came from Tom like a memory of what had happened in the not so distant past. He remembered going through the dark halls and feeling like someone was there watching, trying to get him. 'Anne. 'Tom yelled all of the sudden. It echoed right into the distant depth that bore rightly so into the earth. Of such a voice, even Ian wasn't aware and almost came out of his coat. 'What happened?What's the matter?"Nothing Ian, I. . . I just remembered something that happened to me and the others?"Others?"At the school, from where I ran from, it's not worth talking about. 'That feeling of anxiety and fear never left him in the dark. It felt as if he never left that place. Ian was not going to let the boy go around if it meant doing it like this. 'Listen, Tom, if you're not comfortable with this, we can go ahead and return back to the ship. An hour must already be gone and who knows. Perhaps they will start looking for us. "No, first we found out why I wanted so desperately to go inside. I know there's something there that's calling me, I can feel it. 'And from the source of that light something laid at the bottom. A deceit, trick of the eye, as the tunnel became steep and both Ian and Tom fell to what would seem like a deep fall. "Ian, fly!"Those words just fell on dead ears as they both did. Neither had time to act but fell on something big that broke their fall. It cushioned their bones from breaking and their bodies from being smashed. 'Something broke our fall. 'And out of the sudden came a bright light right in front of it. 'It's you. "Tom said as he just started sliding down. 'How did it managed to find its way down Tom?"I don't know but if it weren't for him, this certainly wouldn't have been too good for us. 'Zeppelin had indeed done some growing. The sheer size alone made it seem that this place had been completely dark before his coming. 'Dust and ruins look, Tom, there's something there. "Let's go, Zeppelin, it's still time for us to explore. 'The way it was all set made it appear like it was a temple of some kind, or at least used to be. Pillars held the top of the concave, their various religious objects held atop of the walls. Unfortunately, the light came only in an arc since it came from the eyes of Zeppelin and nowhere else. They couldn't move but see and work in that area. Sure, it was large enough, but not for their every need and care. 'Let's see then, what could we possibly do here?"Tom-Tom, just find what you're looking for and let's get out. Something's certainly wrong about this place. 'And rightly so, the roots were apparently the embodiment of something which encompassed the small altar kept in the middle of the entire concave of stone. It bore all kinds of marks, words but especially the most important thing, something inside the roots. 'Something's there, I'm sure of it. "Don't touch it Tom-Tom, don't touch anything. Who knows what could possibly happen if you touch anything?You could level the entire place to a damn brick and bury every one of us alive. 'But it appeared that the boy was too encompassed by the exploration to give any heed to the warning. 'Look, there's also another room, perhaps even another wing, right through. "Right through that dark tunnel which has no light and could just come down on you at any moment, isn't that right?"We got Zeppelin Ian, we can

certainly do better. "He's way too big, just look at him. 'It was indeed true, from this size, it seemed like he could be mounted and used as a vehicle. 'Somehow he isn't affected by his own light, but I doubt he could shrink. "We could just go on our own and explore. 'Again the crow interfered. 'In complete darkness?What would be the point of that?'But the quick-witted boy was quick to point at a torch that stood rightly on the wall. 'Someone tried to come and explore before you boy, that's certainly a bad sign. "If someone was there, it means that. "It means that they might've not come back to take back their torch. We need to head out now and not say a word about what we saw. "Relax, it's not like there's someone who will think we went inside of this temple anyway. We'll be more than fine.

'He had his mind already set on this and there just wasn't any turning back for this boy. Damn him and his stubbornness!He'll see what's coming if he doesn't stop being reckless. The light was dangerous as well in a place like this. Tom didn't realise it, but as soon as he grabbed the torch in his hand, it was almost as if the air ignited by itself at the top. At first, he thought it as nothing but an illusion. It wasn't until moments later when he found out that in reality, there was sort of device in it that activated upon touch. 'Just who are these people?They've got self-igniting torches and flying cities at least. "You shouldn't take their kindness for granted but are we about to leave?"Ian was interrupted just as Tom turned around. It was as if the mere touch of light had taken effect just as it ignited, past their backs. Zeppelin was standing there as little as he had been. He was waiting to grow smaller so he could follow past the ruins. 'Good thing Zeppelin, now that we have you again, no one will dare to attack us. "But he's small again. "Just trust me, that's all I'm asking, there's nothing that could stop us. 'And as he said it, the three of them were already past the gate and into some sort of crypt. It was big, deep, and forcefully shoved into a steep path which leads deep below. For once, this came as a surprise that it didn't fall apart from whatever happened below.

Some would've thought this as the most frightening thing. And he did as well. 'Don't touch those coffins Tom, understand?"The boy nodded at the warning and stood just as far. It wasn't his deal to start looking at the dead. Since Ian was the closest thing he had to the other side, he might as well be listening to what he had to say. 'Not those words on the stone either. "May we look at least?"But don't touch. 'As much as he wanted to explore, this had to do. The signs were undecipherable, at least to anyone that was around. But the pictures on the wall, those he understood, more and less from a glance or two. 'Two people walking with something in their hands. They both seem to appear in a lot of places. "It's not just two of them standing there. Those are their robes. 'It peaked Ian's interest past ahead and a robe. He peeked and peered at the sight and tried to see as much as he desired to see before going into the warmness. Something there made him feel especially cold, being surrounded by so many of their dead. 'Those roots seem to be present at the bottom of the floor. 'Both the encryption and a pair that had grown. It was now that Tom recognised what appeared to be the seed which they had carried in the images. 'Documentation, that's what it is. I bet they've only written it down so people will come and ready, isn't it the way it goes, Tom?"There was a simple nod of some kind as he went along. What could this crow be trying to say then?Damn it and its riddles. Somehow, it started talking in gibberish some moments ago, from standing too much in front of the wall. Tom dared not say a word but listen. Could he understand what's being written there?"Tom, we need to get out as fast as possible. Away from the wall, now!'His voice almost turned into a crawl. Tom turned away from the wall and started going towards the deeper end of the cryptic place. 'Boy, listen to me. 'Zeppelin had already taken care and stood in front of him, almost causing him to trip. 'You can't both be serious, where's your sense of adventure now?"This place is doing things to

me and I'm not sure if I'll be able to control myself any longer. "You know what then?" Boy look up front. 'Someone laid in a sleeping position, at the sight of which they both laid in silence. He wore brown clothes and was covered in roots and dirt. 'Roots and dirt, Tom, this is what will happen to you if you don't come back. This is a burial place and it isn't safe for us. "Let me just see. 'Tripped and on a knee, he came closer by crawling to the point of seeing the man from his face. Nothing but bones and it was recent. 'Let me have it. 'All of the sudden Ian came out and stole the jewel from his hand and hid it inside his nest. 'You can't use me as a bag. 'Protested Tom to no ears, but something farther from that point now frightened him, even as a mere thought. 'Ian, I think you're right, we need to get out. "Finally boy, you noticed it too?" I think there's something deep there that are listening to us. 'Tom said in almost a whisper. 'He was so afraid that he dropped his torch where it stood, seeing how the light was slowly but surely fading away. 'If the light goes it will start chasing us I think. 'His skin was cold and like a chicken's stool, he started backing away. 'Get on your feet boy. 'But those dark glittering eyes came closer. It was a giant thing, at least it even rivalled the giants themselves. No, this was a colossus, that stood as if he was a part of a mountain or a giant root of some kind. 'We need to go now, just leave the torch. 'Guided by the hand and the glittering light Zeppelin produced, the boy ran. 'The gate, it's too small for him to use. "Tom the same will be for Zeppelin, just look at it. 'The metal started bulging and vibrating as it started to grow in the moments it flashed the light away and came into the darkness. Flashes made it appear like it needed no eyes laid on it in order to grow. 'We need just another flash of light to get through. 'Tom jumped at that command once he saw the pure light come through and lit the way ahead. 'Zeppelin, come. 'The machine came in rushing as they piled up. The three of them stood, cold and watched upon the forced light. It was a giant black hairy hand which pushed and pulled, trying to grab at that. Anything it could grab was for the taking, that was certainly true. 'What will we do now?" Run before it's too late, it may break the stone to try and get us. Are you even listening to me?" This shock forced him to go on and look for a way out. 'Zeppelin, is there another way?' Steam came but nothing for an answer. From the likes of it, there was nothing of their sizes, at least as chances were. 'Look that way, we need some light to climb. Fast Zeppelin, it's up to you to help us escape now. 'The small machine did as it was commanded. There wasn't any way for them to reach towards the exit. 'You know what that means Tom. We could climb the vines and keep going until we're safe, but that means we need to spend some time in the dark. "Ian, you're right, Zeppelin is far too small now. Please close the light until you're as big as you used to be when you broke our fall the first time we landed here. There's no other way but to be alone in the dark with that. "Shh, Tom-Tom, make no sound. 'In the darkness, the form stooped and waited as they both became silent. No light for guidance but that shivering giant hand didn't appear to move at all. Its form was hidden and pushed over, waiting for its chance. The light came at once when they both realised that it went back inside. 'Either it's gone or it's here with us. 'That voice the crawl gave made him think of nothing more than an endless promise of despair that would follow. As much as the boy feared it might come, he went on ahead and climbed on the back of Zeppelin. This was the lowest height for him to climb on and reach the tunnel from where he fell and landed. Exactly the same spot as it were. 'Thank you, Zeppelin, see you rightly outside. 'This was an easy climb though something still made his thought and body shiver at what might come and try pushing him down. 'What was that thing in there?' Ian was silent for a moment just as they were focused on climbing. 'Careful not to fall. 'In truth, it might've come to get what I had taken. Shh, you dumb thing, don't let him know what you've done, he must've

already forgotten about the ordeal. 'I'm glad we're safe at least, speaking of which. You weren't as bad down there for a human boy. 'Something about it would've made him blush in any other circumstance but this just wasn't one of those. 'Let's just focus on getting out. 'A finger broke a slab and both of them froze in place. It felt like a small battering ram which came and pushed it open from the darkness. As Tom held steady, hanging by the root, he looked at the dark form which tried feeling what was inside. Don't say a word boy, or he'll get us both. It had barely managed to push forth a few slabs away until realising that there wasn't anything there. 'Go around. 'Ian wriggled closer like a worm and whispered in his ear. It was an impetuous thing, to say the least, but at least he tried his best, judging by the circumstances. 'I can't reach the other side. 'Came to the soon regretful thing. A conundrum, to say the least, this thing just as another slab came down, broken by only a finger. Both Ian and Tom were unsure if this came only because it was the farthest it could reach or because it wanted to feel around. If a finger did that though, his entire hand could possibly just crush and cause the tunnel to collapse. 'Climb now, think about it later. 'Both of them were approaching the first hole which was dug in the tunnel. It was obvious that he was going on a pattern, trying to get as high as possible with his strikes. A giant smoke cloud suddenly came and the sight of Zeppelin down below left a wriggling thing in the darkness. A coiling form fell. 'Now it's your chance, run!' Before the little machine, as it had become from the exploring could be caught, it suddenly rushed towards the point where from where he had come inside. 'It saw us. 'Warned Ian once he noticed that glinting eye at the bottom. Those lips were just as putrid and close to being hairy, cracked as if the lack of water left it a desperate thing. For a moment, Tom almost fell into the hole, which prompted a desperate attempt from that thing to grab him. 'Climb now, faster Tom, faster!' Yelled the crow. It was something of a dark thing that his feet were wobbling to one another. And this action was repeated until both of them landed on the stone. As he climbed back, it was already half of the way which was free of any peril at least. Zeppelin had touched the light by now and laid outside, going to the point where he had lost the boy and the crow. Once again, both of them were now trying to desperately climb, holding on the vine. 'Damn this, we're about to be too far from the spot until it reaches us. "There's no other option!" Tom had his nails almost pulled out. At the mere sight of what was happening, he wanted to close his eyes and think of what it felt, again, being left alone. In that cold place where his breath was still going. A voice that was so strong and deceitful still rang in his ear even now. 'Go on ahead and try to run boy. 'Thinking of it alone made him shiver. Was I the first to hear him speak? It was then when he ran, climbed or went through, jumping only to land into the cold. At least a rib was stuck by the fall when he opened his eyes at least and realised that he was outside. With that howl coming from up there, he'd rather go away. 'Tom are you all right?' 'I will survive, don't worry. 'His hand felt around but it was a strange thing, making it seem like there wasn't any rib that was broken by the fall. Something strange occurred, rather one strange thing after another. 'Where's Zeppelin?' Asked the boy and from the likes of it came the small machine with a delay. He had to wait and look around but it was just as slow. 'How much time did we spend down there?' 'More than an hour Tom, more than an hour! Hurry up and get on with it, you know they're waiting for us there. Don't make them send for someone. 'Crooked on the first steps, he regained his composure and stability, making sure he could walk once again. What happened there? It was something which made him question whenever or not it was an illusion or the real thing. It couldn't have made it through the room without a noise. Something bad could've happened to them and it would've been all his fault. 'Well, it's getting dark and I'm starving again. You'd

think there'd be barriers or something of the sort around. "Just wait for it Tom, I think we have a bargaining chip now. You just return and we'll see what we can do about it. 'This was quite the peculiar thing to say at a time like this. Both he and Zeppelin appeared to be trying to throw glances at the little crow. Well, none of them would be answered other than the esoteric. 'Don't worry. "But I might, other than that, Ian, was any of it real? That thing that almost grabbed us?" Even looking back, past the bushes and the various trees, he could see that tall structure hauntingly standing there. It ruled over the land like an obelisk of the darkest kind. Most importantly, they angered the king or the ruler, or whatever he was. 'Do you think he'll chase us now?" Rather in your dreams if you don't stop talking about it, Tom. 'This was quite the dispute that wouldn't be as welcomed as he wanted to be pleased. 'Down before they see us. 'Eight foremen stood there bearing small picks and pushable carts filled with various stones. Accompanied by five superiors, they were doing as commanded. Various metal carts had in them plenty of minerals which were in need of breaking. 'It seems like we might spend some time here. "You appear to be certain about it Ian, how'd you figure?" Tom's voice almost appeared vague. His eyes on his face had become quite pale. It seemed like his mind still got lost in that place where he wanted to scream. 'Listen, by any chance have I yelled or screamed when I was there?" 'We're out of it Tom-Tom, just concentrate on this and move on. There's no way he could reach us. That murderous thing won't reach us at all. 'Apart from the feeling of being lied, he didn't seem to take this to heart. Whatever it was, this close encounter wasn't quite worth it. 'Let's just return to the ship than before we're being spotted. 'Past the bushes, onto the road, without being seen. There wasn't any guard that stood there, after what seemed like ten minutes of lonesomeness. 'He isn't there!" Just snick inside and don't look back. 'Though this was quite hard now, not to stare at what appeared to be the lacking of a better fate. Everyone appeared busy, at the point where they have even abandoned what would seem to be the guard at the exit. 'No one's on the post. 'Though Ian was already with his head out, going around to peer at something. 'There boy, go there, we need to make an exchange. 'It was a pawn shop, that he recognised from the sign. There was plenty he had visited in the big town that managed to afford that kind of business. His mother once said they were a nasty business, the taking of the precious things from someone desperate. 'Nasty business. 'Recalling the words of his mother alone made him think about her. He didn't know whenever or not she made it through. 'Let's go already, do you want to eat or not? You were lucky enough to have me on so moving already!" But I've got nothing to exchange, nothing to give. I haven't packed anything in my pockets from home, there wasn't any time for that. "Just bear with me all right? I'll do the talking, you do the squawking. 'And Zeppelin stood by their side, silent as usual. This door didn't appear to be as heavy and tall as the previous ones had been. Luckily everyone was too busy to question why was a boy trying to find at a pawnshop. No one, and certainly no one who was busy had any care. It even bore one of those bells at the top of the door, which made a clicking sound as it opened. 'Those shining things, you'd do better not to face them while I'm here Tom. You know how I act around them. "I understand. 'There laid a busy man, past his age of prime, a jeweller to say the least, who was busy. Gems, diamonds, a jade so green you'd think it a dragon stone, no less. Gold pieces that were made for a few crowns and pieces of sceptres though never finished. At least on some sides there laid pearls and many silvers necklaces adorned with standing bronze and marbles statues. This man appeared to bear quite the collection here. It wasn't a moment that passed without him noticing the lad and how he stood there, waiting as if he came into the wrong place or a dream. 'You've stumbled into the wrong place, I presume? This isn't a

place where children come to play, run along now. 'Past his little desk, he brushed off and came close to the boy. He gazed into his eyes but stopped once he saw some determination there. 'I don't suppose you've got something to trade, would you?' 'Not me. 'And immediately came Ian from behind his back, bearing a red rock which appeared even more marvellous and precious into the light. 'But I do. 'Tried to speak the crow, though it was quite hard whilst bearing the gem inside of him. 'Where'd you find that?' His hand slipped but couldn't grab the gem before Ian pulled away and hid his beak. 'Not yet, not until we hear of some payment first. We've gone through a lot of trouble to recover this. 'I think at least, wherever he might've got this, I certainly hope it won't get us both into trouble. 'Play along, that's good. Just keep going this way and we'll be fine. "Well, sir. 'Came Tom again, standing a lot straighter than he had entered the room. A curiosity and a peculiar look followed. This no longer appeared to be a boy but a strapping lad or gentlemen of stature. Either that or a fool with a bargaining chip. 'Very well, come to my table and we shall appraise it immediately. 'Both of them came out and followed the jeweller. From a button under the table, he lowered a set of devices which might've been used for enlarging thing. The word left him for the time, and the thought alone of them made him shiver. Round pieces of glass which lowered themselves, what could they be? 'May I have the gem?' 'Oh, right, Ian, give him the stone. 'Ian came right out but stood only out of reach. His body was still inside of his cloth, having remembered that small detail that might give people the wrong idea. 'Here you go. 'Those various pieces of glass were lowered by metal cylinders and tools which appeared to be controlled by his own will. It didn't help either that he had another one hanging just by his head, which he strapped only moments ago. 'Now, let us see what's going on. 'There was a silence that bore through him for a moment. 'Lad I don't know what you've stumbled upon but this may be worth more than everything here. "Oh, is that true? Wait, are you trying to shake me off now?' His mother had warned him about the type of men he'd find in the world if ever he had decided to travel around it. Every kind of men you may find, from good to the worst of the lost. They'll try to get what you've got and leave you standing in a pool. She said that with utmost care and need of protection for her child, a lesson that stayed with him. 'No, lad, I'm trying to look out for you. Something's off, something ancient about this. Take it away and never let anyone else see it. 'Ian was quick to grab it again once it was brought closer to his mouth. Perhaps he wasn't that type of man at all. But curiosity still dared. 'Do you think there's someone who might be able to tell me its worth now?' 'Just wait until we reach the capital, this might be a matter worthy for the royal jeweller alone. "They royal jeweller?" This might just line alone with seeking the girl. In truth, this might've come at the best time possible. 'Thank you then, I'll take my leave if you don't mind. 'As it was perhaps obvious, the man didn't seem to be paying much attention to what Tom had said. Something about the way he took him perhaps and what he had seen inside that gem. 'Ian, why didn't you tell me about that?' 'I thought you knew the boy. 'The bell rang again as they left. Hunger bore through him once more. This was quite the hardship now, that he needed somewhere to go. Calling it a peculiar thing to go in the bushes was already harsh, especially with a passenger or two. Though he managed it on their way to that temple. This was a different manner entirely. 'How do you think we may be able to ask for another free meal?' 'Just ask the woman if she needs more help and sees what happens. 'Once there, taller than the way he was when he had entered, he came to one of the seats and was greeted by the same familiar face. 'You're that boy, aren't you?' 'Tom, ma'am. I'm fairly afraid that. . . "Are you hungry ain't you?' As she said it, she still hung on that necklace on her neck, having remembered this favour of him. 'It's in the house, it's only fair after all. "Wait, ma'am, I

wouldn't want to take advantage of you. If there'd be anything you need. 'There laid no second glance at the boy. It wasn't like she enjoyed making his meal for nothing but apparently, that little necklace around her neck was important. Far too important for anything else to matter. Since it was of such importance, it was only fair, Ian thought. It was a miracle at least that the stone didn't push itself past everything he wore underneath and cause some rupture. Quite the thing, gazing at its form in the dark. Though as much as he enjoyed the company, it was getting peculiar to have him on his back. 'Ian, you need to turn around and hide in front of me. People are starting to stare.

'The switch went one before anyone realised anything had even happened. 'Surely the won't suspect you a hunchback now that the lump migrated to your belly. "You didn't have a better idea now. Thank you, ma'am. "Enjoy dear. 'It was quite the meal, a beast of some kind, filled with carrots and potatoes. There were spices in places he didn't expect them to be. Something of it bore a hard smell which made him fall into a haze. A delightful mouthful made him realise that, despite the appearance, it tasted far too different than he expected. 'Take some more and be careful not to choke boy. 'This was indeed the thing he had with him, too strong of a scent and a taste that was like rubber. But in the end, the taste finally kicked it, making it seem as if there was something about it which bore through him. A rare combination of juicy and thickness which laid in the made. Its taste was hard to explain though it felt welcomed to a hungry growing lad such as himself. After a few more bits the condiments and the sauce kicked in as well, adding the real flavour that it had. 'It's just amazing. 'The more he looked around, the more he realised that this was a special day. Everyone had taken a part of the great beast. 'How come everyone's got it?"Oh, didn't you hear?You seemed the easily excitable fellow. 'Said a sturdy stranger from behind his table. 'They killed a great sky beast and took it by the side. It went right above the ship not long ago. "That's. 'He stopped his snooping and return to his dish. A flying beast that was caught. This thought alone made it bear down with every bite. Perhaps it was the connection of flying and the crow but this suddenly tasted shallow. No matter what happened to it, he was almost done, leaving only a pair of large bones behind. The damning silence was just as ready to be done as well. At the end of the dinner, there laid a pair of musicians, drums and around a stringed thing which seemed to bear to heads laid a small box which appeared to produce the sounds that came out of it. 'It seems like our entertainment has arrived. 'There appeared to be no wonder why people came from their way just to step in their dinner. Someone had just slammed the door open at once and at least ten men and women to accompany them had arrived. It was getting to the time of being over with the work, henceforth the reason why they were set on this. Without noticing, his plate had already been taken from him. 'Thank you. 'Barely noticed as she had left behind. It was going to be a busy end of the day now. Now. 'How much has it been Ian?You've got a better sense of the passing of the time, don't you?"This question seemed to bear something to him as he started in the darkness atop of the ceiling. Compared to it, the sun was swallowed. Perhaps it was either that or the fact that they had laid sooner than expected, lanterns rightly outside. They were preparing to celebrate something which he wasn't sure of. 'Let's go before it's blocked. 'At which the crow only silently nodded, though unfelt. Zeppelin was most likely lost at their feet, without any chance of being found in this crowd. Speaking of which. 'Could I go through?Thank you. 'This place was filled with people, perhaps twice more than they had been before it came to this. And the closest mention of fear came out of the fact that the night came sooner. Too soon to be precise. 'Ian, are you seeing this as well?It couldn't be night now, could it?"It's the summer days young man, they're coming to an end. "Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't mean to. . . 'She bore something of a

red dress, standing like a rose on a sea of metal. 'It's all right, just be careful now, nights are supposed to be longer for some time now. You should be going inside, after all, it won't be too safe with a bunch of grown men and drunk ruffians fighting. Don't worry, it happens all the time. 'She seemed too sure of it for her own comfort. Tom could do nothing but look away, nod and blush. No one had called him a young man in a long time. The fact that it came from such a well looking woman didn't ease this at all. 'I'll take care. 'There were already a bunch of them just staring and throwing their laughs and taunts. 'Got yourself a little boyfriend now?' That sharpness had enough subtlety to end an age of cold. 'Why you little. 'The woman was already four steps away then close enough to make him eat the dirt and the rust from the small cracks between the metal plates below. Apparently, they were just as sturdily built as one could find or expect to find at these altitudes. 'We need to hide below before someone finds out about this. 'Zeppelin had already taken the path towards the bottom, though the reluctance didn't stop there. Something was lurking at the end of the tunnel and it was quite obvious what it was to be. 'Do you still have the key?' Always Ian, there's no way I'm going to give it back now. I just have to know when we're leaving. "We're at the safest point boy, don't worry about it. As much as you are afraid he might come and try to do anything to you, he's out of reach. 'What laid behind those words apparently had two meanings at least. Tom felt as if he walked alone through the dark corridor. 'The nights are longer, don't forget. 'Suddenly the light came from Zeppelin again, rightly when it was needed. His ratio of size was still within normal limits, is the size of a cat. No small thing being able to do that. 'The sound's nice at least, even if it's faint and coming from above. "Pff, as if you'd enjoy. "You wouldn't understand, being a crow and all. 'The end of corridor came and the door was closed. A few phrases and words came to his mind at least. What could I tell him to let me stay another night in the cabin when I've no place to go? 'Let's snick in and just leave in the morning before he wakes up. "I've got a bad feeling about that plan Ian. What if something happens during the night?" There was some silence once they heard noise coming from inside. It was locked but luckily, no key was inside. 'He has copies. 'The crow was observant, though one thing he did forget or managed to brush over. It was the fact that past everything the man might've remembered he had a key. 'There's no one there. 'He noted once Zeppelin closed his lights. Something was off. 'Is there anyone in here?' The boy yelled to no avail. Partially, the sound of his voice went off into the distance, lower than the faintest whisper of the wind. The music outside muffled any attempt of being heard. 'What now?" What do you mean boy? Go to sleep and wake up in the morning before he returns. We got the small machine to take care of us just in case something wrong might come to this plan. "But what if he returns and finds us here. "It's all right, your wet clothes. . . Were here once. 'The place where they had been suddenly made it seem like there was nothing in there. 'Close the door. 'Zeppelin, just as he came and got covered by the moonlight, started bleeding its light out just for them to see. 'They're not there anymore. He must've taken them before. "Fine boy, close the door and get as much sleep, I won't repeat myself any longer. 'It was a fine deal of bargaining though he had no choice in the matter. Something really managed to frighten the boy now. He had nothing but this one thing which managed to make him wonder what was going to happen to him. Reluctantly he went into the sleeping pose and closed his eyes at once. Nothing came to it at first. Before he realised it though, he was already snorting like a rock at the bottom of the watery ravine. Ian was in his nest, polishing the jewel before his welcomed sleep. And just as usual at the spot Zeppelin. One thing dared get both of them then. It was the shared dream in which they found themselves again. At least, one could look around and figure out that this was the same

place they had explored, but with one change at least. The beast had won and managed to collapse the tunnel below.

Without the ability to scream or really make any noise, both of them were caught under the rocks in complete darkness. 'Ian, where are you?' His whispers were frightening and managed to show that he was indeed hurt. Something managed to bring down the spark from his throat. A rock of some kind. The silence as well. Not enough space laid for the crow to open his beak, neither to move with the gem being between them. Through the darkness, the various forms bore something but he couldn't tell what. Did it crush the tunnel above himself? Could it be dead? Suddenly, something forced itself from far below of him. It was the crow which managed to sneak and slip but to no avail. Ian wanted to let a shout or what the equivalent would've been, but he looked around and realised where they were. 'My wings Tom, they're torn. 'Said, Ian, as he rested on his back. He was barely breathing despite having no functional lungs, at least from what he knew. At least, he managed to drag under one of its small pointed legs, the most important thing. 'You brought the gem. 'Blood came out of his mouth and found its way on his fingers. It wasn't hard for him to figure it out despite being covered by the dark veil. Hinted at him were the pain and the liquid which ran through his fingers. 'Are we going to die?' There appeared to be plenty of other crows, a flock, a murder at least. All of which were sitting down on various rocks and watching them. 'I can't move my hands. "Shh, Tom, I can hear something. 'There came a hand which moved. It grabbed and crushed a pillar in its way. From the looks of it, that hairy dark being managed to lift itself past the rubble and every piece of rock that would've buried it alive. There was not even a hint that there was an exit out there, perhaps not even the light. Left without a chance or a place to escape. He could feel as to being forced to the point of cowering below. Since there wasn't anyone that might help, the thing was only to wait until realising that it was a dream. 'The darkness seems so real, can't you see that he's here?' He asked Ian but the crow couldn't do anything anymore but watch for fear how his other crow friends got torn apart. It grabbed them and suddenly pushed them into its massive mouth. He must've been somewhere deeper than they were, it couldn't be the other way. Had the collapsing tunnel made him fall? Is he buried as well underground? 'Ian, we need to escape, we need Zeppelin. "Don't shout boy, he'll hear and find you at once. It's the gem, that's what it wants, I know it to be true. It won't rest until it gets it. 'The guilt started gnawing and bitterly dragged itself through the boy of the crow. Perhaps, being forced into the worst fate a crow could bear, unable to fly made him rethink his decision. Either that or the fact that the darkness had taken any glitter from the gem, leaving behind nothing else but an image of what it had been. A shade of its former self which was worthless. 'Let go of me. 'Shouted a crow as he had been handled in what would seem like the worst possible manner. No denying, something was about to happen to all of them, though, despite that, they weren't going to fly away. 'You need to escape. 'Ian tried whispering. It made no difference whenever or not they heard what he had to say. For once, the veil was too thick for them to see where they were flying. Then, it was the fact that the massive beast was far too intimidating for them to attempt anything other than being frozen in place. 'Have you seen it now? It's too massive, it's too dark. We're all bounded to you and you're not moving. 'Said a mighty one who appeared to be as sharp and fat as a pigeon. One more glance at the black pigeon-like crow and he disappeared at once. Another one took for the cause. It was a pity that bore no flame in this cold waste of a temple and they haven't even gone through it at all. 'Tom, what are you trying to do?' From the looks of it and from what he had heard, there was still a chance for him to go through. 'My legs, I'm starting to feel them. 'Rock after rock he pushed and stopped. Waiting until

another crow was taken at once and eaten alive. Despite it being a slow process, it seemed to enjoy eating the crows.

Perhaps they tasted or felt like the equivalent of candy, or at least partially something similar to that point. 'Ian, we're going to escape. And the gem's coming with us. 'He whispered though it was obvious that this plan was mad. Pulling himself was fairly hard and he dared do nothing else but try. At once, he appeared to be glancing, out of the ordinary. The final stone came off. While grabbing Ian and the stone, that giant hand was stuck into the motion of grabbing a rock which had a crow on it. It dropped it at the notice. Forced in his shirt along the stone, Tom grabbed the torch which at once ignited. 'Look, Ian, I was right, he's stuck inside. 'A mad ravenous beast noticed that though there wasn't any doubt that if it desired to escape. It would have just come out without difficulty if it wanted to.

'Where to now? He collapsed the only way through. 'Both of which went out of sight as he went back into the passage where they had found the gem. 'We're going to find another exit, there must be. Feel this?' It was the cold wind that came from below, a source that bore through his lungs like light spears of air. 'But Tom-Tom, this is nothing but a dream, it couldn't be. "Then stall Ian, stall until we awake. There's no other way for us to go. Can't you hear those feet moving?' Oh, that damning sound of boots and stone, what could it be bearing now? They hadn't seen its dark below but the sound of chains was as obvious as it were. Could it be then? 'Look at the drawings again Tom!' Ian was quick to point out that the drawings on the wall appeared to have him depicted in plenty of ways. No, there was something more than that. It was the fact that he seemed to be part of a species of beast-like people which were used at giant stone dragging slaves. 'Picking the stones and carrying them were, carving and even everything that needed. "Don't forget guardians boy, that's the most important. It must've gone mad though if it desires to get through and. . . 'That was cut short as for seeing that at the end of the tunnel or the pathway, it laid waiting for a mark. Either the shock stopped it or something might've been waited for. 'It's coming again. 'By now, this rendition of theirs went on again with him jumping through the gate. 'There's no way out, you know what that means. 'It was indeed obvious that it wasn't going to try again, going through with his hand. 'We need to go through this hole. 'From the looks of which there appeared to be a path, they could take in order to escape. Blow and punches were thrown at once. 'It's trying to break the gate!' Came the crow to this dark conclusion. There wasn't any denying it whatsoever. 'We need to jump through then. 'Perhaps there could've been alternatives to this decision but this was the best they had. It'd be just another way collapsed. 'Whatever you do boy, just don't look back. The only thing that still remains is for you to look forward and never stop running. 'Said Ian and he glanced at the feathers which laid at the bottom, covered in what would seem like sand and brittle dirt. 'Let's go then. 'Before he realised it, he started jumping from rock to rock. The height was relentless though Tom realised that the slightest mistake would mean doom. Quick to regain his stability on them, he used his hand to grab and push against the opposite wall so he wouldn't fall. Apparently, remains of the previous wall had fallen below just as well, making a path which leads to the lower levels. It felt colder, that's for sure. 'What are you waiting for boy?' 'I'm trying to think. 'As dust particles flew in front of his eyes, he found himself standing at the threshold of it. Going behind would mean having to meet that thing which wasn't the best of ideas. If they were to go on ahead head to head, he'd be crushed. 'It's coming to us Tom, from above! Just go ahead and run as fast as possible. 'Without think, the boy listened now, going as far as possible in what would seem to have become the part of the tomb which had all the bodies. The various corpses and coffins laid inside the walls. Some laid in holes, or atop to one another while others appeared to have melted in.

Some of the holes had a few bodies of various creatures stuffed as well. 'Quick Tom, it serves a purpose if it knows best of what it had to do. Burn the corpse. "It won't ignite. "Just wait and keep at it, keep pushing the flame around the body, something should ignite soon. 'There laid some truth to that just as he glanced at how the body suddenly burst into flames. 'Just think of it as being in flames boy, it just needs be that way. 'The more power of thought he gave in, the hotter it appeared to get, just as much as the smoke trail got bigger and bigger while it started spreading.

But all things would come to an end as well. Despite being a giant, the tremor it created from that small leap managed to warn Tom of its presence. 'It's close, we need to spare no time now, that's enough. 'It was obviously clear where it was heading to. What wasn't as clear as he wanted to know was the fact, once the light went as a pillar of light, revealing just how tall the tunnel was. It was enormous, and an endless thing that was lit by a layer of light. For the size of it appeared to rival twenty corpses high. 'We will be caught now, boy. There's no other time than this for us to go. 'At this final warning, he refused to stay and be surprised by the mere facts regarding the size and the various forms he saw inside. Stone carvers made statues at the end. 'It's a wide hall, perhaps we're safe!' But at that, he thought and looked through it only to stop at the edge. Looking around, this was just one of the many holes which bore through, leading at the end of a colossal room. 'So many ways to go. 'Though only one of the square-like holes had a giant trail of smoke leading into it. Two statues laid inside, pointing to one another, despite their form, he hadn't the time to explore. 'Thow the torch and climb down before it gets here. Look behind, how the flame is about to fail. 'As Tom threw it, after that dark glance, he saw the light vanish. 'Feel the ground and stay silent again. It may not be able to see where we went. 'It was a harsh thing to feel the stone around and let it go only with the help of fate only so he wouldn't fall on his own. 'Damned thing, we need to get through. 'Stumbling and trying to go on about his feet, he felt the various bricks which were lent in a pattern. Someone built this hoping to be climbed. And apparently, he would do well to abide. That dark shape was about to come now that the light finally died. It'd be twice as mad after a roar which shook the entirety of the roots and dirt of the cracks of the earth. Now it laid walking slowly in a trance, knowing of no other path. With his eyes closed and guided by nothing by his blind-self, he was already halfway through. 'You're doing well Tom, just go on. 'Then even Ian came to a silence and waited for him to get below. Though this malfunction of the device last for this long only to fail. At once it started on its own, giving in a light that was faint. For the least said, is seen from above the tunnel by a hulking ancient beast. Starving and without water, it wasn't any wonder that it didn't respond as well to something that faint. It kept its pace the same. 'We need to get below fast before it sees the light. 'With the bricks in front of his eyes, he knew where to go, what to grab and just how fast he went, the crow couldn't tell. But to say the least, he was forcing himself to do the best he could. 'I'm trying Ian. "Jump now, you're only some feet away. 'As he asked for this, he managed to land with minor trauma on his feet. His hands slipped around the device and as he turned the small cog into one direction, perfect darkness. Both of them had a look on their faces as if they saw a ghost then. Ian and Tom seemed surprised to see it get so close and have such a good look at its massive body. Even if it was darkness there, somehow it wasn't possible to avoid gazing at it. Closely, it stood there sniffing but to no avail. Something inside this temple apparently managed to pull in some of the sweat. Masked by that, there was virtually no trace. 'Don't move yet. 'Whispered the crow, as he stood the closest he had ever been to his ear. Apparently, he wasn't going to notice or even look too further below. It didn't leave its area but returned at once, having a mad look in that dark veil. 'Let's snick, slowly. I

said slowly boy. 'Immediately, Tom became almost like a small crab, taking breaks, and making sure to step like one. At least, if there was a sound of some kind, now there just didn't lay even the slightest sliver of a bell. No sweat came or hit the ground as he walked. With the torch in his hand, it was obvious that now he only needed to find the right direction on where to go towards. 'Do you think every one of those entrances above has a monster like the kind we've seen?' Strangely, Ian was doing, more or less guesswork than anything else. 'I'm not sure of it Tom.

Something's about it that I dare not think it has. But we would rather have to think that if we're to get out safely without a scratch. 'The thing of which they were both aware by now that it wasn't quite possible. The various stones and the fall had already made him take that rugged appearance of a rugged boy. Now, this looked the most dangerous. Rooms that were taller and at the level of the ground. Whatever dimly lit this entire thing didn't travel far enough, leaving the complete violent darkness forth. 'I have to risk it, Ian, there's no other way. Can you feel that as well?' The cold wind was even colder coming from there. With only a problem being the fact that this temple was sunken, which they realised it barely just now. With a flash of the light, they looked just how bad it was. Going down wasn't the rightest of ideas or the brightest as a matter of fact. 'Whatever happens, I'll stand beside you, Tom. 'The boy nodded as they both passed the pillars and the stones, bearing through the halls. Pillars and broken vases had become the recurring thing. Despite the fact that they still stood there, perhaps it was clear that not everyone was prepared for this. 'What could be the reason for the growth of these roots? I'm not able to see any possible explanation for it. 'As much as he desired that, it was clearly a thing of foulness which bore them through. 'Don't look at the corpses boy. 'Tom wanted to look away though the image of it just took him by surprise. Various corpses were entangled by the roots and taken below if they were lucky enough. Others had roots just grown through them, disintegrating, slowly at least in the process. It was a mess, especially the cracks which laid on the walls, that had destroyed whatever writings had once been. 'You know it may become even more dangerous than this, right?' Slowed, afraid, hungry and tired, he felt at least. It was a deep question now, whenever or not this was a dream. This must be, it. . . The thought of it wasn't as sharp, just as he raised a hand close to the flame and felt the heat through his skin. 'It's real, but it couldn't be. 'Let's escape and think about it later. 'Such was that they went even deeper until entering a room that had been entirely encompassed by roots. Specially grown in this certain way, it didn't block the passage leading forward, or below. Somehow it had grown around everything, including the grand coffins and what would've been once the armoury. 'Even more of those here? What sort of people would bury their dead everywhere they found?' Not even he knew had a clue, but so far, it appeared to be bleak. With one hand going forward and slightly crouching, he had done his best not to start a fire. Seeing how those roots were starting to rot as well, the fate of this temple was certainly sealed. 'This may be it boy, a way out. 'Ian said after noting that they had reached a pair of stairs, leading to a somewhat rising room. There were other tunnels standing by the side, but nothing could beat the sight of having to rise above everything. 'Could that be?' 'Light, Tom, I see it by a hole. 'A stone wall laid there, covered with what would seem like mounds of dirt and rubble from the looks of it. He started pushing it until he finally saw the exit. Right off the ground, Tom came without a doubt scared and confused, looking behind and seeing that he came out somewhere, lost between the plants. Tom had confused artificial light with the natural daylight as he came out and escaped. He had already unwrapped the coiled cog and stopped it from going. Another pair of lights which were left by those explorers and miners. 'We need to snick back on the ship

before someone notices. 'Half snoring and dazed, confused at it, his eyes took a while to adopt again. 'Wait, boy, cover the entrance before someone notices where you came out from. We can't have people come stooping around where they aren't supposed to go. Think of the consequences and of the fact they wouldn't be as lucky. 'Frowning at it and stooping down, Tom was still caught by his feelings. Not only was he not aware but he wanted to stop and lay to sleep. But dirt after dirt, in his hands, started filling the hole. Soon there'd be no way to tell past the grass level that there even was an entrance there. Despite the fact that Ian knew that there it might lay spread anywhere, he knew that the boy had earned his rest. 'Return Tom, to the ship, it's waiting for you down there. 'Past what seemed to be the city gate. Again, there wasn't any guard to be called or stay. If it wasn't for the mere fact that the various boxes didn't look like pillows, he would've fallen on them for certain. 'Keep on, we're almost there. 'His numbed legs almost managed to crush something under them, at least until they both reached the stairs. That's when it happened for them to stumble and to stand. 'We almost fell. Be careful boy. 'Though Tom refused to listen or do anything of the sort. From the likes of it, he still couldn't think straight and feel forms that weren't supposed to be there. Dark passages that laid inside the walls, still bearing the damned signs and coffins. Atop of that, he still carried the lantern, though there wasn't any light in it. 'There, just go on ahead and sleep there. 'As the door opens, he saw no one at the top of the ship, making it seem obvious that the driver wasn't there yet. From the looks of it, Zeppelin was the only one in an unnatural state. He made it seem like he was trying to imitate sleep. And there came the problem, which silenced both him and the crow. 'The two of us are already standing there. 'Said Tom, being as far as he knew the first one to say something about this entire conundrum. Fear ran amock, what could they be?'Has someone taken or places now?'Both of which almost jumped at the sight of an involuntary jerk from the boy. Despite sleeping, he acted normal. So was Zeppelin, making it seem like there was certainly no care for the second pair he was attached to. It needed no sleep from what little they knew of it. Despite that, it was certain that one of them couldn't be. 'We need to get out and say nothing of is. "Yes, Tom, come outside and close the door behind. 'As he did so, making it certain that there wasn't any distraction or that they woke up the others, he suddenly started wriggling out. Certainly, he wasn't hurt, from the likes of it, just confused and afraid. 'There's something we need to do now, just run outside. Trust me on this. 'Despite what his heart told him, there just wasn't any way he'd stand in this place, now that he knew what was going on inside of there. One of them was more than enough for a crow, but this was far too crowded for a murder. As they made their way back, it had happened close to the middle of the night, from the looks of it at least. Something of his mind made him break something down there, just as he went past the bushes and the green. Straight to the point where he fell on himself and suddenly fell asleep, hidden away from the eyes of the stumbling fools. It came only as a whisper, though the crow said. 'We will return the gem in the morning, understood?'With that, they both had fallen as victims to the plague of slumber. It was a harsh night, cold but also warm from others. From the coming of the morning, Tom woke up seeing how the man who laid on the captain seat was ready to go on already with the platform. 'What's going on?'Protested the boy, having not even be awakened by it. 'Oh, good, you're awake. 'It wasn't the tone he thought he'd hear, henceforth, he was quite surprised. Still, the bitterness of having to go through the same dream of rowing and of the murder of the crows. 'Had a good night Tom?'Whispered Ian as he came out to throw a look. He was merely lucky that there wasn't anyone turned towards him to see him come. 'Good enough, but. . . Pardon me if I may be rash, but what about the ship?'Oh, we got what

we were looking for, a special delivery, even faster than expected. "But the miners? And you left as well. There was that thing too now. "Relax boy, it's in the past, we're still going to get some unavoidably long stops now so no need to fret over it. The man smiled at that, to say the least. 'Now, don't mind this request again, but how about that drink,

now?" 'It's barely morning sir. "That's true lad, an even better reason to do it now rather than wait until I'm manoeuvring this and I'm drunk. Isn't that right?" This did certainly press itself into a problem, though the boy accepted. And just as the light of day reached past the brushes of green and tall trees, another woke up crawling towards the mound he made. No one was around since they were preparing to go on their journey towards the next spot. 'Tom, what are you doing now? 'We can't return like this. 'Both Ian and Tom appeared to be certainly tired and the worst they had appeared. But as it came at once, Tom said to the crow. 'Listen, Ian, I tried to look around inside my clothes. The gem disappeared, we need to find it before the ship leaves, or else we may not get the attention of the king. 'It's true. 'The crow knew it to be that way. What followed was a gust of dust when they well pulled inside.

It appeared that the boy had dug in the wrong hole and managed to go far too deep into a different part of the underground tunnel. Without guidance, he was lost and confused. There laid no one to help him around nor even tell him whenever he was going the wrong way or not. 'Ian, where are you?' Tom howled at the loss of his companion. He laid somewhere in the darkness, lost without the ability to fly. Could there even be a darker fate than that? I need to find the lamp as fast as possible, thought the boy. Without denying the fact that he was fearful of what he'd find once the lamp ignited, he went on ahead. There were better days he could've thought of but this wasn't one of them.

A giant mummified beast, such as the one that chased them laid shoved in the ruins of one of their burial holes. It appeared as if this lowly slave creature was no exception to their burial rituals. At least, that's how it seemed so far.

Tom stumbled to his feet and looked around at rubble. He was in tears after being left alone, without Ian, without Zeppelin and certainly without the gem that they have decided to return for. For all the intent they had, this was a failure, for every side involved. Seeing how this would turn up like, he went ahead and turned his head towards the only thing he knew there laid for him. The tunnels. He'd run through and shout, going on as far as his lungs could go on ahead, until that point where he realised that his shouting was heard. All the voices ran silently when there came that blind-like beast from above and fell in the great chamber where the statues laid. It saw the light and grabbed the child. Though there was no one around or strictly above to see this entire ordeal happening, it went on as quickly as it could. Tom stopped on his way from the deck. 'What is, boy?' Asked Ian as he peered with his claws around the gem. Something was felt by him as well if he was determined to do so. Certainly, something of grandeur would come and bring them home, it had to be so. 'What was that?' 'Are you all right Tom? You don't appear to be out of the water yet. 'I'm. . . I'm well. There's something which seems like it's missing from me and I can't explain what. 'As

far as he could tell, that might've been quite common for them, seeing how everyone was just done loading everything on the ship and being ready to go as well. 'We're leaving lad, better go inside before the wind blasts the ship again. There's word of the storm. "Again?" The woman growled as she returns back to arranging the tall boxes and the barrels. Apparently, they were all set on the initiative of grabbing, moving and trying everything to the ship. The most expensive was chained at least with a good pair of good iron chains. Segments ran with as many of those as possible. 'Better head inside and give this to him. 'Below his chin, Ian nodded and kept gazing at the boy. 'You don't think something's happened, do you?' 'What could it possibly have happened now? We're going to rescue that

girl, whenever you want it or not. 'That arrogance and trust made him feel better, at least for the likes of him. He was proud to go on saying he could possibly rescue the girl and keep his promise. Certainly, nothing would stop him now. As well as that went on the ruins laid there once again abandoned, with the lost boy and his pet crow being lost. No one had seen them come and go, and no one ever will. 'There you go, old man. "Here's something for your delivery boy, don't spend it all in one go. 'The ship-captain gave him a small round coming of silver. Real silver, big for his hands alone to hold, the shine of which got Ian's attention right through the curtain of his shirt. "Lad, you'd do better to strap yourself to that chair now, we may be leaving sooner than expected. "Why is that?Did they really finish what they were doing so fast?'After the downed the pint, there wasn't any going around. 'No lad, that's not the reason though. That sky beast, another damned one is coming. And it's so close to where another male of its species had been. "What's that supposed to mean?"Tom could see the presence of concern in the old man's eyes. It was clear that something was going to go on and there was little to nothing which they could do to stop it. 'Please lad, just get in your chair and strap yourself to it. I can't seem to stress that enough already. There'd be great danger coming and I'd rather not have you be part of it if you understand. "I understand sir. 'As he went off ahead, there came the noise from above. People were already arguing about this and that, going as far as throwing things and making loud noises. 'Boy, let me see that coin now. Show it to me now and don't try tricking me or else. 'There was a silent threat that came on, just as the clouds were forming in the distance. 'What's that there?'It wasn't obvious from the driver seat, in which his entire view appeared to be modified by the glass. The man couldn't see as far the boy could in that far away spot, as much being clear. Tom had to get his attention yet again. 'What's that over there captain?"Boy, I can't see anything you're pointing at. "Come and taken in a seat then. 'As he cleared the seat, the man decided to leave at once and accept this challenge, seeing how the boy appeared to have seriousness tied to his face. To say this, the man trusted the boy had nothing to do with it. Rather than anything else, he was still dizzy from the drink, which made him slightly more subservient than he was necessary. 'Now, do you believe me?'As he took the seat, the same one the boy took, his eyes widened. Far in the distance, it appeared like the clouds were being pulled inside a small point, a ball-like thing. 'You're right lad, there might be another beast coming in our direction. Damned things are trying to get a jump on us when we're least expecting it. 'He was grinding his teeth in no time, unaware of the fact that they were still watching. Lumping into one that was in the air was harsh, but not one that was moving. 'This means bad trouble if you understand. We need to prepare for immediate departure. 'The scruffy man lifted himself by the collar and darted towards his desk. When he arrived there, another alarm came to be, his own thing. He laid there unaware of what had happened, being prepared to say. 'Boy. "Tom's the name. "Tom, stay in that seat now and wrap yourself up. I think I may need your help in this one if you think you're capable of doing it. 'Immediately came a nod and the thing of excitement became present. Being called useful by the captain. 'We might even cut our time by a lot because of this. 'Whispered Ian. In truth, he was just as afraid as everyone else on the ship. The size of the clouds was enough to make it appear that behind them laid a beast twice their size. A frightful thing would come to be and there was no denying in it. So much fear had come to be since the alarm hadn't stopped, people started recognising and seeing the change which happened in the air. 'Another one of those?'Filthy breed, they just won't stop coming into being and disturbing my work. If I had just a harpoon with me or a spear to throw at it, I'd show it. "Calm down and let's pack before it comes even closer. 'Someone on the deck still had the guts to follow orders.

They were the last three left there to finish the job, being more of a personal endeavour than anything of value. Each of them was carrying boxes, or pushing barrels with their personal jewellery or merchandise, whatever they used for storage. One, in particular, had his barrel full of fish, though he hadn't the time to tie it properly, waiting until the last moment to do so. 'Let's go, let's go, let's go! It's going to be too late already. 'Shouted one of the men who stood inside a storage room. There were two others there with him, just as the other houses or trade buildings were occupied by a few. 'If we wait any longer, there won't be any more of a place for us to go to. You'll be hugging that barrel all the way down towards the ocean. 'Her job did nothing to calm the men down, despite the fact that she was already done. So was the man who stood beside her, leaving the only man who still waited on the deck stranded. At least, to say, stranded with a barrel filled with fish. Hard to lift and push around, he saw how the clouds would start becoming dark once again. When the first sign of a strong lightning bolt came, he cowered down and looked in fear. There'd be no saving him now unless he let go of his barrel. 'Come on already, it's getting too late you fool. 'The wooden pillar which stood there, holding the ship suddenly got smashed by the strongest gust of wind that came. It felt like the wind had a will of its own and it desired them to stop waiting for this to happen. Everything around started being destabilised, as for the man. His barrel started pushing him around, being a lot harder, heavier and impossible to control. 'Wait, I can do it, just let me be. I will be able to return. 'But before he could say anything, the man who had grabbed his barrel had fallen, once the alarm stopped. Everyone who stood by their doors and peered looked in terror how he fell off the ship. 'That damn fool!' One shouted. 'Since there was no one standing on the deck and it was getting dangerous, the men on the ship started clicking their signals. At once, the captain received a small bright pale yellow light which made him stop the alarm. He looked behind to make sure that the lad was strapped to the chair as he started the ship. 'Hold on tight now. We're going to descend deeper into the clouds. 'They cut through and pushed away, making it seem like they weren't even going to care about what laid hiding in those clouds. In its full might, the boy could only see that dark belly with a cut. A beast that went into battle and survived, cutting the very clouds, still dripping its dark-found blood. Floundering and snorting around the air, something cold, a gas came into being. 'Try to bear with its stench lad, that's something none of us can really do anything about. 'It was only increasing in intensity the more they got exposed to it. Though from the likes of it, there just wasn't any way around. The ship just fell through the clouds and stood there, slowly drifting in any direction that they thought it'd do. 'Just pay attention and tell me what you're seeing from there, understood?' Tom nodded, though unaware of just how dangerous one of them, being so close could become. It was apparently a fully grown adult from the likes of it. Coiling from it, at it went, a few tentacles grabbed small pieces of clouds and held them wrapped as it continued. 'It started grabbing clouds. "That's a bad thing lad, we need to get lower. "What's trying to do with them?" "Have you ever seen a lightning bolt boy? The flash of light that comes and sparks and has the ability to break the land? Tress spark and get cut in half, stones get crushed and people die with only a touch. "I remember. 'He saw in his memory, how it would come during rains, though there wasn't any need for any. It's been so long since he felt the cold drops falling on his face and felt the cold embrace during the summer. Somehow, it brought mesmerising memories just for the mere fact that he was glancing at that and thinking. A bolt came suddenly, small and jittering. From the looks of it, a tentacle dropped clouds, letting it become a bolt on its way down. It almost broke to the glass and came close to blinding the man from the mere distance it came from. Pain ran through and he yelled as far as he

could. No one but Tom could've heard him, though the people who were staying above of them had their own problems. Looking out the closed windows and chained doors, some saw the bolt falling and looked above. That wriggling thing still hid inside the clouds and bore its hatred for its own kind. Behind, far above, the furthest people who occupied the tallest floors, looked past the crown of the sky and saw another heading its way. 'Another one's coming!' She yelled, at the sound of which, every door that was slightly open immediately got shut off. This was without a doubt no joking manner as two of the beasts were prepared to go into a fight with one another. Immediately after the sight, the lady that noticed it lifted the small receptor and almost made the captain's ear to fall off. 'Another one, there's another one and it isn't far behind. "I understand. 'Tom noticed that the clouds around them were becoming grey, darker and some in the distance were already black. Lightning bolts came from them as well, though there wasn't any sight of it. 'That's a tail, I'm sure of it, in the distance!' Yelled Tom, once he noted of that, the man tried his best to focus, though as far ends went, he couldn't see that well enough. 'Which means that there are at least three of them lurking around in the sky. 'The man started pushing his beard and struggling to look for any other way. That was a big crack all over the window, one which came from a small bolt that shouldn't have meant anything to any other ship. But the damage was irreversible. To top that there was another. 'We need to descent even deeper lad, so hold as tightly as possible. "Won't there be a storm. "Ian, listen to me, don't move and stand in your seat, this may be the best thing that happened. 'All of the sudden, the sound of metal came from the deck, its ringing being far too loud to be unrecognisable. Something was dragging the ship. 'It's one of those limbs, it doesn't have a cloud but a chain wrapped around it. 'That dark sight, being dragged into a battle would mean death for all of them. The captain started the alarm and forced the ship to fight against that strength without a doubt of defiance. To no avail, as they were ready to go on and force themselves on their knees. 'Someone has to go on deck and pull out the chain. I repeat, someone has to go on deck and pull out the chain!' The men looked and saw just how high it had been lodged, against a piece of the roof, by the tallest building that laid about. A decision such as this, making their houses out of iron came to backfire at last. It worked against them once every onlooker realised that the chain was attached to a part of the roof. Too many looked in fear to act. 'We need to go and do something before it's too late. "You're just a boy, stand in your seat lad. Wait you'll get yourself killed if you. . . 'Tom left before the captain got his chance to finish his sentence. All three of them waited at the bottom of the stairs, having to go through. 'Tom, is that a drawer I see? Open it for me. 'There laid a door which was apparently left unlocked, just by the stairs. 'Of course, I find this now. 'A small raincoat waited there, black and making him feel like he was covered by the belly of a snake. 'Are you all right Ian? Can you breathe through this?' The awkward silence almost reminded him of the fact that most of Ian's organs were screwed. He couldn't possibly breathe even if he had desired to do it so. 'Right, excuse me for that. 'As for what was about to follow, it was obviously something he didn't truly think of. At least, so to say, he didn't desire to tell him about his small aggression. 'Wait here Zeppelin, I'm afraid you couldn't possibly help us on a wet platform and all. You'd only fall off the ship. I promise I'll take you on the next time we go. 'There was no one on the deck when they arrived, being for a good reason, to say the least about it. Clearly, most of them had some sense to them if it meant not falling off. Everything was tilting back and forth, though he couldn't get his cold feet now. Not with that. 'Look, Tom, just mighty it is, wriggling in the sky, dragging us off. "This isn't the right time to admire it, Ian, we're all in danger in case you haven't noticed. 'Right as he said, he was almost thrown back into the

hole, coming close to falling on the stairs. Tom grabbed the edge and stopped himself, making sure to propel himself a few inches forth. 'We're doing this. 'He said and tumbled on his own, taking each step with care, tilting himself not to fall even further than he had already. As it learning from his mistakes, he was forced to the door and found the right building. 'This is it"Look, boy, the window at the top, we just need to get through. 'The violent knocking didn't stop and from the other side, no one would've guessed it was a boy. 'Let me in at once. 'Without a question, when his voice began to yell, they immediately opened the door. It was a man and a woman who were almost standing behind the stove, frightened at what was going on. 'What's the matter?Get inside before the wind gets you, boy. 'With a pull, she closed the door behind and got ready to get a towel. 'It won't be needed ma'am, I only came to use the top floor and window. 'Once they heard that, they both looked at the boy peculiarly. At least, making it seem so. 'You can't do that, you'll be taken by the wind and fall off the ship. 'Despite both of the attempts which followed, Tom explained the fact that there wasn't any other way. That chain would certainly drag them into the very eye of the storm, perhaps gripping and ripping the ship apart on its way. 'Fine, what do you need then?"With their assistance, though he hadn't expected it to happen, he has wrapped around with a rope, just in case, he'd fall. It was a long rope, laid on the top floor, held by both the woman and her husband. Assured that he wasn't going to fall, he went on ahead and opened the window. The wind was still just as strong as it came in without any pressure from the sky. The rain came through, leaves and small other insignificant things that might've come in his eyes. It was only now that he realised just how dangerous all of this truly was. At least, as it came to obvious ears, he had to get close to one of the slaps which he had grabbed with both of his hands. From below, the man gave him a boost and held tightly, only so that the wind wouldn't have taken him on the way. 'We're on top Ian, I can see the chain. "Hold as tight as possible on the roof tiles and don't let go of them. 'There was just enough space between them and around to be grabbed. As he reached one and held, he pushed himself one another. It was then that his foot got inside the space of one that laid behind and he stabilised himself. That damned storm will take the boy if he's not careful enough. 'Watch out Tom. 'A small stone came from one of those wriggling things and broke off against the metal that laid on the roof. Clearly, something was going wrong now but he wasn't about to admit it to himself or to the crew. There wasn't any turning back without that chain taken off. 'We're just in reach of it, close to it. 'Said Ian, just as he laid as a witness to the progress. There was plenty more, but the chain laid so close, barely wrapped around, pushed inside. 'There. What now?"It looked as if he needed more force than he had at his disposal. 'We need you to pull it off, can't you see that the tiles are barely holding it now?Its strength will be its greatest weakness now, just give it a push. 'Tom started pushing the chain but to no avail. The boy wasn't forceful enough to do it. 'Try again, we can't return unless we get rid of it. 'Suddenly a voice came from below. "Hold on tight, I'm coming as well. 'Leaving his wife behind to hold both of them there, her husband was already in the process of climbing the rope. His raincoat and gloves protected him from both the rain and the risk of falling off the roof. The first sight of Tom was him laid around the chain, trying to make it budge, only to see that his attempts came to no avail. 'I'm almost there, just hold onto it. 'Still, a man in his prime, came to the rescue, holding onto the rope, reaching the boy who still had no idea how they could possibly unwrap this. 'Don't worry about it. "But we can't push it, it's far too strong. "I said don't worry boy, it might be the strength that's pulling us, but we can outlast it at least. That's a man-made chain, not made by the beast. It might've grabbed it from somewhere else, but look at it, how each of the segment's being coiled around and ready to

burst. For that reason alone I bought this. 'It was a small cutting tool, actioning as a precision cutter, just in case things like this might happen. He laid just by the side of the boy, holding on the rope as well. Tom just stepped back as well, not to be reached by the recoil of the chain once it snapped. Now came the real challenge. The man stooped low and started working with his small machine, starting the process which would cut at last. Sparks became clear in the rain, as their reflection bounced against each drop until then. 'Look, Tom, it started giving in. 'Announced the crow after seeing the sight. A piece of it was already deeply pushed and cut through, slowly making it melt. 'There, it should not start disintegrating on its own, let me just get down and I'll pull you in. 'He hurried on his way below, making it seem like in a few moments he'd just disappear. Left alone, he watched in fear, thinking of the consequences that'd be once the damn thing popped in. That recoil would crush his head or at least bash him off the ship, with or without the rope. 'Boy, this seems like it's getting dangerous to stay. 'Curiously he seemed to notice as well, just how much it started danging back and forth, throwing small pieces like shrapnel around. Part of it was coming down far too fast for him to think of a way out. 'Come down kid, I'm done. 'Shouted the man and as he did so, he felt a pull around his body. Despite being unaware of it, he was slowly slipping off the roof, being pulled inside. 'You can hurry on your own, just get to safety, boy. 'What he didn't think of wasn't the fact that the chain alone would hurt him, but something else was about to come. Lowered by the roof, his feet fell into the air, only to be grabbed by the family who lived below. The same one which pulled him in for cover and protection. 'Thanks, what's going on?' Both of them held him tight as they stood against the wall, almost in a kneeling position. 'We need to embrace for this, it won't be safe for the ship once that chain snaps. I believe we may be free falling below, in the best case scenario. 'Though it didn't take long for that to happen, at least, as they watched and heard. Ding, came sound as the chain was ripped and bounced against the roof. It was almost as if the entire ship stopped for a moment and was heading below rather than straightforward. The winds were unforgiving now. As they watched everything being launched into confusion and the engines stopping for a moment, getting closer to the ground, it was then that the captain sounded the alarm. Inside the buildings, everyone stood by one another and looked in shock as the alarm went on and stopped. Before they reached any dangerous altitude, the engines finally started again. Full on power, the ship regains composure, though they were already far too close to the storm for anything to be forgiven anymore. Through it, a line of storms was made by the wriggling beast, the same one that chained the ship and momentarily dragged it on the hunt. 'We're safe now. Are you all right honey?' The two lovers stood by and watched, though it wasn't long until Tom was heading below. 'Wait, kid. 'He turned around before getting ready to go down the stairs and head to the level below. 'Thanks for helping us, I wouldn't have figure the ship was chained if it weren't you. 'Giving a slight nod, he made it to the platform and rightly so, below. Zeppelin was waiting past the stairs, looking mightly surprised on how both a crow and a child managed to do it so. 'You waited for us, haven't you?' A patch of steam came close to his brow. It was warm, enough to make his face get close to being hot. The same appeared about everything else about the place in a better day. 'Let's go to the captain, I've still got a request. 'Wet and drenched, he threw his coat to the side. As he went on, there was only one thing in his mind, reaching the majesty without any other stop. For he waited as well for his bride, which was very much alive. Standing on his throne, his giant citadel of a city waited. Parts of it were still being sent to salvage whatever remained of the world. 'Your Majesty. 'A voice said, in his hall of torn pieces, burnt and devastated. His hall was once pure, during a time of

peace when the world was still erect. 'Speak worm, though make it fast, I tire easily. 'Other than the eighteen guards which stood by each pillar in the room, most of which being hid in the dark, the man was alone. Alphonse, a poor servant tried watching past him though failed in his attempt. There wasn't anything to peer by. He always wore that damned armour around his body, with that wicked helmet which had horns. And the matter of the fact was that they weren't the normal kind of horns. No, rather they were a special thing made for impalement, to say the least. One that brought nightmare on prolonged exposure. And the man stared, gazed and tried taking his eyes away, making it seem far too mesmerising than it was already. 'Well, did you need something?' 'The preparations are complete your majesty, she is on her way. "Good, I'll be expecting her in a few months. "Your majesty, that would be quite, well, it's too short of a gap for her to arrive in the city. Not to mention that there are plenty of. "Silence fool and listen to my will, for my will is your command and you must obey!" That thing appeared to grab around the ears, straight to the neck and make him cower at least as he appeared to be frightened by that voice. As he said it, as well, he didn't even bother to get up. The power of his voice was enough to make the poor man stumble on his feet while he was on his way out. A face that spoke enough words of fear and distaste laid on his face. 'Why must I deal with this kind of incompetence here?' Each generation had a tiny bit of defiance lying in them, that was certain. The king thought as he took a look through his sky cubes. The sky was being taken over by beasts that were beyond his control. Yet again something which had come against him to raise his people in disobedience. What would they say if they saw the beasts? Aren't you the king that prevented the dawn of men? You were supposed to be our protector, not a coward hiding in his den. 'Damn them all, damn them to the most hellish depths there are. 'His hand ran over his helmet, covering a part of his face. For this action alone wasn't thoroughly enough for him to go on and ignore the plea. 'Call in the peasants then, let me hear what they have to say. 'At his command, a giant armoured being started moving towards the one which stood at the door. The king rolled his eyes at the entire process. It was only after the command came from one to another that the one at the door opened it. 'Are you done with your play?' Immediately, the next peasant came into the room, trying his best to stumble, nor to fall on his feet. He was dressed and acted, smelled, yet the stench of the commoner hadn't left his body. 'What do you beseech of me now?' 'Oh, yes my lord, if you ask what I want. Well, I've got a problem, my lord. 'It would be my majesty, damn simpleton should be just carried off and thrown at the edge of the town if I had it my way. That thing about him really felt bad on the hindsight. Fools and peasants coming just thinking they could insult their king. 'Go on already, didn't you see the line outside?' 'I did my lord. Oh, my king, your kindness. Well, one of my sheep got stolen, you see? It happened yet again, stolen right under my nose and the nose of my guard dog. That's where the problem comes from. "Is that all? Am I supposed to be impressed by the theft of some simpleton's sheep?" 'My king, I mean no offence but those were my sheep there, and it's really strange how they disappeared. "What do you expect me to do? We live in a land of harshness and hardness without green and any kind of pasture. That's no life for you to hold a flock of sheep. "I know my king, but, like I said, the way they were stolen is strange, perhaps too strange for me to tell the guards about it. "And how might that be?" 'I think it was one of that wriggling sky beats that came and feasted on my sheep. 'At the entire idea and the absurdity of that, the king's hands just strapped themselves to the chair. His feet sprang and he suddenly stood straight. 'What are you implying here little man?' He dawned him, standing as tall as they came, being perhaps the tallest man one could've ever laid his eyes upon, which spoke much of his stature. 'I asked

you a question, now if I may receive my answer and you could be on your way. "It's true, no one believed me but I'm speaking the truth now. The captain of the guards didn't want to check my yard but there are marks. "Marks of what exactly?" Black spots on the ground, for each time it came to steal a sheep, it hurled a lightning bolt and smote the ground under the spot. "This may be quite intriguing. 'Said the king and his gauntlet almost squeezed the life out of the poor man's cheeks. 'Indeed, I believe that we may just have something if what you're telling turns out as being true. "Guard, go and bring me the captain of the guards. You, open the door. Which leaves us with. ' 'Me your. "Careful how you address to me, you've done just enough damage already. 'His grip grew tighter just as the sweating peasant tried his best to remember, just how he had offended. It became obvious once he thought of the times he eavesdropped at the entrance of the throne room. 'Your majesty?" Good boy, now begone! I've got other matters to attend to. 'As he released his grip, one opened the door and another one went through. One man wouldn't look a second time at the sight of the king's guards due to the size and bulk they had. The other mention to be told would be about how easily they moved, whoever laid in the armour, despite the obvious heavyweight they bore. Without a doubt, if the simpleton had stood more than that he would've been thrown out, with or without a head. Regardless of which choice, it wasn't up to him, hence he ran through and thanked. 'Your Majesty. 'Patronising little fool, but he might be useful if it doesn't turn out to be a charade. Before being prepared to call in the next fool, one had cut through the line and ignored every single one of them. The outrage had ended as she turned, revealing herself as the lady of the bent towers. With one glance, especially one which came from the guards which accompanied her, everyone went silent. They were shocked and surprised. Usually, the nobles ones thought they were far too good to be waiting in a line. At least, this was true to some extent, though not everyone fell into that category. Such behaviour was certainly wrong and unaccepted but soon dismissed by the people once they recognised power. Being left inside, she had to follow the same condition as everyone else. Not that they stood a chance against the guards the king had. Beyond the size difference and the bulk, they were known to be able to take at least ten or twenty swordsmen one their own. And some even couldn't even lay a scratch. With a nod from them, the lady of the bent towers came inside unaided, after the two men stood by the door, glaring at the peasants. 'Greeting your majesty, I may desire to make myself acquainted. 'She followed it with a bow, though the king was left unamused. He looked and felt surprised at what came next, a needly desire, a command, something that she needed and wanted. 'I'm aware that you're in the process of seeking a bride for yourself, isn't that correct?' The thing of which had to be a secret that needed to be utmostly kept beyond any ear and doubt. 'How did you find out girl?' It was still enough of a difference for him to be an entire line of generations beyond her, though, in truth, the ones he looked after were quite vile and young. 'Then you're here to propose, little girl?' The arrogance could be felt just as he lifted himself and started walking by her. It didn't take long for her to lift herself by the skirt and stand her ground. 'And what makes you think I'd be interested in you when my options are far wider and closer to what I truly desire. "Well, for once, your majesty. 'As she said so, she appeared to be brushing past him and just as she did so, it was revealed just how much she knew of it. 'For once, people wouldn't start a riot after finding out how vile. "Bite your tongue wench! I could have you flayed alive for the very insolence. 'This was a thing that had a stench of a gamble, as obviously as it appeared to be. She hadn't fear in her eyes, but a desire to know what he was intending. 'Go then, say what you came here to say. 'The king continued, holding onto something sharp that could've cut through her at any time. 'But watch

your words. "I meant no offence your majesty, but I was merely concerned for yourself, nothing. As someone who's interested in another should be. "You know of my choice of bride, don't you?"I've had a glimpse or two. 'She revealed though this was something that had pierced her gut one way or another. 'And I might say, it's not the best choice you might've made your majesty. 'Her eyes tried piercing through the helmet to see his face, though the darkness had swallowed what remained. Just what did he look like under all that armour and that helmet of his?No one managed to pull it off in a long time. It was almost sealed to his body. 'I'm just trying to do my best, your majesty, and make sure the people won't be outrage once they find out. 'And as she started listing it as if it was nothing, she moved in a circle around him. 'Too young' Came the first whisper, which managed to come through his ear. 'Barely breathing. 'Then the second one that made him finally feel like shivering. It was almost as if this was nothing but a mistake he had taken in a most delusional state. 'Pale and white. 'The third whisper which prepared for one final blow, one of which would bring the final strike he'd get. 'Dead. "But she moves, I'm certain of it. 'The king was immediately cut off by her simple concern in the matter. 'She's cursed my king, nothing more than that. She died but touched the ground, abolished by the fate that might've swallowed all of us if you might've not saved us all. Oh, what will we do if people find that out, your majesty?The outrage, the fear!"It. . . It must stop, are you certain of that as being true?"Oh, but there's nothing else I could be more certain if I wanted to, your majesty. "I've got to think it through then. "I'll be waiting in my towers, oh, if you ever change your mind. 'With that, she left untouched and unmolested, going out like a flower in a land of tall green devourers. 'Open the door for her. 'Ordered the king and as it went, she gave one look at him. 'Don't forget what I said. "Wait, you haven't told me what you wanted. "Perhaps on our next meeting your majesty, perhaps then. 'She went out and the door closed. The king went on ahead and sat on his throne, beyond and thought, taking one of his skyboxes and crushing it under his gauntlet. Damn thing, how could I have been such a fool?"Using those damn creatures and taking one such as her?"This had to come to an end. Thought the king. Past his door and beyond his innermost fortification went the lady walking past everyone in the city. Two fine guards by her side, truthfully, not strong enough for them to take a royal guard, but anyone else down the ladder didn't even bother looking at them. 'Volgar, Urum, may I please be left for a moment?"But lady Katherine, we cannot. "It's just a moment, I needn't be seen with the two of you for now. 'She went around the corner, barely looked at them on the side. It was an interesting thing she noticed, at last, a royal hulking thing and the captain of the guards. What could he be up to now?What could it possibly be?Her lips were immediately wet from her tongue, as she could feel the moisture in the air. This was certainly going to be an interesting turn. At least, now that she knew something was going on, beyond whatever he might want to do. 'I've had enough of this place, we may return to the bent towers now if we're done stooping around. 'The two men nodded their heads and began to follow her once again. For most of the part, the fact that she was a lady wasn't even present in her appearance as much as in the way she spoke and looked at people. And there also laid that air about her. A thing that wasn't supposed to come to the noses of the commoners, that she'd thought of it. Large oxen carts being dragged around the town, something was indeed on its way. 'I've always hated those dirty creatures. 'The lady spoke in a tone which bore through the men and returned no reply. 'Well my lady, we cannot just go on ahead and kill them. It would be as worse as killing a horse or a mule in terms of the law. "But what if the pay was good enough for it?"Then perhaps we wouldn't do it in public. 'Said Volgar with a grin. The scars across his face didn't leave much warmth upon any

attempt he had to grin or smile, making it seem like a rather improvised thing than anything else. 'Very well then, let's just observe for now. Tell me if there's something that grabs your eye. 'As she did so, both of them started looking like a bunch of ants trying to get anything of the sort. Sugar, food, perhaps something other than the grains, no, those were for cover. Something was definitely hidden from her eyes, but what could it be? The thought alone drove her to want to find out, but without having to lift a finger or be direct about that. People didn't seem to mind the woman, despite the avoidance of the street she was on after seeing the two men standing beside her. With her beauty, this was certain, over the fact that at least two men would be fighting over her. Without offence, a younger lad, who would be doing his work, looked past another one's shoulder and thought. Could they be both trying to get her? She hadn't the looks for someone who'd hire men, henceforth, this was certainly peculiar. 'I've had enough, people will be starting to stare if we spend too much around. "Yes, my lady. 'Both of them followed her with immediate care after this discovery. Something which was soon covered once one of the people around the carts noticed as well. They might've been clever if it weren't for slipups from time to time. But those were iron rods and conductors which could be helpful against something. It seems as if the king is preparing for this coming menace, she thought as she made her way back to her towers. The wind was indeed, frankly, rather silent for the time being. Once the storm settled down, and once again, anchored on another island in the sky, this was the time for Tom. He took on the veil, this time taking Zeppelin with him and just as he waited and ate, they were up and away. 'This shouldn't be that dangerous to go around, kid, but don't get lost. "I won't, there's no need for me to get worried about now. 'But something did manage to make him wonder. The sight of the men on the bridge, with their mourning, faces as they watched as if something might arise. Despite the fact that their grim expressions spoke of so much, it appeared as if no one wanted to tell him what happened. Has something happened to someone? Did something disappear? Could something have fallen off? For every question, he was told not to bother, which eventually made him related to this barren island. Nothing laid on it but stone, dust, and the remnants of what used to be. Either an ancient town or a city, whatever it might've been, it was levelled down from the looks of it. With the presence of that, there appeared to be retreating into a mountain and a system of caves. There were two groups of people there which were different than the ones on the ship. A few were trying to carry stones and whatever they could find by digging with their tools. Judging from their clothes they might've been living there. And dirty as grey and stone, none of which would bother even trying to talk to him or any of them. Everyone minded their business. At least until it came for the second group, which laid inside the caves, with torches, iron helmets and other mining equipment. 'Do you do that often?' Once he stopped sniffing around, he turned towards one of the stone pickers and asked him as it went. 'You're a child. 'The woman said, mightily surprised at the fact. Perhaps, it was the fact that compared to her, Tom had remained to clean, without any visible scratch that could be seen, or rather, anything of the serious sort. And his skin was pale but warm. Without asking, she started rubbing her hand, something of the sort of a tribal thing to get to feel the boy he was talking with. Tom gave nothing but a glance and pulled his cheek back. 'We don't do that from where I come from. 'This gave her an even stronger thing, that of which she didn't understand. 'I'm sorry. Don't mind me, I should get back to my work now. 'There was a slight notice from the others, but everyone had to pick their share until the night came. Rocks, stones, even small pebbles were taken. Despite wanting to explore the caves this was something he questioned more. 'Why are you standing here, how come you haven't tried to come on

the ships that dock? Ships do dock here, don't they?" Life is good enough here, there's no reason to leave. And yes, boy, ships do come here. They take what they want, push us around and then leave with what they're due. 'Which had some bitterness to it, at least as it came to the obvious. 'I didn't mean to sound. "I'm busy, do you mind if you may leave me with my work?' As much as he sounded patronising, this was still far too important for her to do, rather than stand and talk to a child. Most of the people who laid around were old men, with her being the exception. 'How come you're not old?' 'How come you're such a bother boy?' "I mere asked nicely, that's all, I didn't mean to offend you or anything. "I'm busy, trying to pick stones with the elders" This went towards nothing, as he needed to go on ahead and try seeing what was happening inside. Though this bothered him more than he thought. Since nothing would come from her, Tom started walking in the darkness. Guided by nothing, he stumbled on rocks, crawled on the ground and started guiding himself by the only thing he could, the smell. There wasn't the usual light Zeppelin might've created in the darkness. Not to mention that neither Tom nor Ian could see a thing. 'Take a left Tom, I think it may be right. 'Go there, do that, the crow won't just shut up and let me handle this on my own. Thought Tom, though as much as he wanted to do as such, he still had far too much on his hands and knees. 'There's a light, not too long now, can you see it, boy?' "I can. "You should've gone with the others if you wanted to explore, now it might take far too long than we expected. "I should've known you wouldn't be able to handle yourself. 'It was the voice of the woman, or rather, now that he looked at her, she wasn't that much older than him. Within her hand laid the torch which illuminated his way and from the looks of the size of the bag behind her back, she was done picking stones. 'Well, are you going to stare or are you going to come?' "I'm coming, right away. 'Stumbling the boy used Zeppelin's back to lift himself up. 'Did your toy just grow?' "It isn't a toy and yes. Yes, it did, apparently, it does that in the darkness or at least in places that are partially dark. Though I wouldn't speak of it in an ill manner as it can hear and understand as much as anyone can. 'She raised her hands as a sign of surrendering. A puff of steam came and left just as fast, dissipating into the air. 'Well, do you want to see the excavation site?' "That's what I came here for, I think. 'With uncertainty, he let her get ahead of him, just enough for him to follow but not stumble on himself. Just like a puppy and a small machine, as little as he notes, he felt like he shrunk in shame as much as Zeppelin had. Only but now, could he see her alone and wonder. 'Why did you come here to help us?' "I couldn't let a stubborn boy go crawling and hurting himself inside the caves. You do realise that it's far too long a way for you to go alone, right?" The boy nodded as he followed. 'I'm Tom. "Ayles's my given name. "What's this place exactly then Ayles? So far, I've not come to many places such as this since I left home. "It's mainly just what you're about to see. A small town inside the caves. We're visited once and again by people who want to use or deep grottoes for mining. "What exactly? I've seen people on a mountaintop and they were just heading and taking rocks as well. "I don't think they would be taking rocks, silly boy. 'As she said it, a smirk was followed by a bit of laughter. As Ayles had shown him just around, more paces, she went on. 'It's what lays inside the rocks that they're most likely looking for. Diamonds, gems, metals and anything which could be used in its most primaeval state. "And what about you and those elders?' "Well, someone had to clean up after you people come and leave a damn mess every time you come around. 'Just as she finished, the entrance had become clear, lighted by giant glowing stones stuck in the wall held by giant statues. Now they laid at the epitome of beauty. A giant city of stone, which laid protected by a wall. Everything around it seemed to span towards the infinity, as far below as it went. 'Everything there?' "That's right.

'Answered Ayles as she looked at the shocked face of Tom. She even gave another glance one she saw the head of a crow just come out to peek at the sight. 'Everything was used for stone and minerals even before my people came here. A few generations back and you'd find stone pickers, bearers and miners down my line. Now I think you may wonder what do we use the small stones for, right?'But the boy was far taken back by the sight of how colossal the sight of it was. Taken abash, there were no words which could speak of her. 'Are you coming?'Oh yes, I am, sorry. "It might get hard for your little. 'Ayles pointed at the small machine, which already had problems going on its own. 'I'm sorry Zeppelin. 'That little thing threw out some fits of steam all the way back as he went through the darkness and at the point where he was always left. 'It seems to happen way too often that we send him back, he'll be fine I think. "If you say so. 'Said the girl after making way for them to go. As far as it went, it didn't take long to go across the bridge, not to mention that there was a guard standing at the city gate. 'He's with me. 'Said Ayles, and immediately one of the city guards stopped opening his mouth and opened the gate. It was nothing filled with grandeur, and the bridge was plainly safe from anything that fell. The small bars of stone around it prevented anyone from even trying that, same that could be said about the gate. When he finally entered the town, he was not disappointed to look upon their population. It was filled with legions swarming everywhere around. 'Did you?Is that sand, white sand?"Soft and there's no spot on it. It's a gift from the company, rough enough for us to carry heavy things of it and soft enough for us to grab it with your hands. 'As much as he didn't want to believe her, this appeared to be far too clean, no to mention that there wasn't any littering. There was another shock as well. Tom noticed that most of the houses around the area had at least two other levels on top of them. Tall with many roofs and pointed, created pillars on top. 'We discovered this abandoned city once and claimed it for our own. "You mean someone used to live in there?'Ayles nodded and pointed at the various inscriptions which laid on a tablet. It was the only one that laid around, apparently. Apparently, some matched and seemed rather curiously familiar to him. 'None of us could manage to decipher it, but whatever it might be, the common saying goes the way that it might've been left as a gift?"A city gifted, why would someone give off a city?"There went again that crow. Ian was quick to hide away once he noticed that woman following him. 'Gifted it might be a rather bad word, let's just say it was passed and we took it for our own. That's all. 'And about then, he started hearing whispers from the people which were walking around. Most of which were dressed tightly to cover them from the cold. Though neither Tom nor Ayles felt it momentarily. 'It takes a moment to adjust, we should both get dressed up if you plan to stay here for a while. "You don't mind showing me around, do you?"Ayles only smiled at that and carried on. Both of them were already inside, henceforth, they could already go on ahead and show him around. 'This would be the public chambers, take a coat and wrap it around. Somewhere in there, one of your sizes should lay just about the corner. 'There were plenty of boxes, tall and sturdy which stored them inside. Various scents of salient fear came from inside, among scent, it bred with the air. It was something about this coat that had belonged to a kid just like him which suddenly disturbed him. This made Tom threw this tainted blanket away and take another. An act that was brushed off by the woman as she tried lowering her backpack and dress up for herself. 'Tom, is the woman gone?'Ask Ian, without having bothered to head outside. 'She's out there, dressing, why?"I think she's following me, try turning around so she won't be able to see him. 'As ordered, Tom turned and did so, without having to worry about being peeked upon. The robe just went around his suit like another layer of armour, making him feel quite light. Without a mention, the cold started letting

them know of their presence. 'We need to be careful around them, far too many people and Zeppelin aren't here to protect you boy. 'With a sudden lift, Ian tried looking past his shoulder but was only met by that peculiar glance coming out from the woman. She tried rubbing her eyes but suddenly the crow went back into hiding. 'Just don't try smothering me with that when you're dressing into it. "You know I wouldn't Ian, I just need to see what this town about and what's going on. We'll be back outside on our feet in no time, you'll see. 'Despite his best intention, Ian only growled and muttered like another animal. If one didn't know better, he'd bite. 'Wait, wait, you're doing it all wrong now. Let me. 'She was already dressed and made it seem like Tom didn't know anything he was doing. Two other men came by the side and started dressing, leaving as much as their picks on the ground, taking a pair out of the boxes. It was laughter under their moustaches, seeing how one of theirs was helping him like you'd help a child dress. 'You don't need to help me. "And you don't need to freeze to death down here. Now look and learn, you twist around the ankles so the cold won't have a way inside. 'Suddenly as she did so, the material appeared to close in by itself, making it appear a lot warmer than it was. 'Done, now, where were we?"Without even a break of any kind, she pulled the hood over her head and brushed right in-between the two men standing there, who were still watching at Tom in dismay. 'Are you coming to Tom?"On my way. 'These weren't the type of people he wanted to bother, at least not after noticing that bag of rocks. She was making her way towards one of the machines. Tall and obvious, one was still there, lodged inside the mountainous cave, ready to start again. 'That thing needs as much fuel as it can get in order to go on ahead and crush the stone. Just pay attention, I'll show you how we're supposed to put fuel in it now. 'At the point where she laid in front of the machine there came the process. One of the many compartments at the back of the machine opened such as a waste abandoning thing, where she pushed all the small rocks and stones she had in her bag. It made an obviously loud sound as they banged across those tight walls and on their way down.

'How does it really work then?"I don't know, I'm just the one being sent to grab the stones, nothing more. 'The mechanism behind it worked in some manner that was beyond his imagination. Tom wasn't able to think of any possible way it managed to work. Using rocks as fuel was a strange concept for him to grasp. He noticed that the machine started producing heat and lights immediately after. Immediately, there came a confirmation to everything that happened. Not only had a sound come, but it was also obvious once the lights came to a sudden approach. 'Every single of them needs to be full of rocks in order to work. Follow me. 'By the looks of it, she had only emptied a small part of her bag. Tom became as curious as a shepherd, following like a sheep and now he was sniffing around her like a wolf. 'How many of them are there?"Oh, there could be tens of them there. 'And by the looks of it, round and piercing, crushing mechanisms at the end, which might've been able to cut the very stone they stood in front of. 'Why do you do that?Other than the materials?Won't it become way too dangerous if you go too far and, well, make the entire mountain collapse?"You're quite new here, aren't you Tom?This was all planned a long time ago just so we won't have to worry about it, not even the slightest bit. Everything goes and is set to go on after a few months of being filled with rocks for fuel. Making this process perhaps go for years if need be. "But how could you have planned for so long?"We haven't, our ancestors did and rather, they made a great job out of it than anything else if you understand what I'm trying to say. 'Tom shook him and as he looked around, the various workers who were passing by were looking just as peculiarly at him. Perhaps even at her as well. 'They planned for a lot longer than a few generations, trust me on this. To the point of that. 'They reached a point where she pointed at the ceiling.

Apparently, someone had carved on top of the ceiling various numbers and differential equations, most of which Tom couldn't tell apart. 'That's mostly thrown here and there from time to time. Call it something of a homage to the people who used to live here before us and wrote on that tablet. 'What does it mean though?' 'Believe it or not, the first architects that landed here had their own ships go around the mountain, right from the very bottom to the very top in order to make a scheme. They made plans for every single side and the magnitude of the work that had to be done without having to go through and cause the mountain to crush. 'Before anything went on, Tom had to interrupt her immediately and ask her. 'Well, then how can you be certain that you won't cause the machines to go on too far than what they planned?' At that, she grabbed Tom by the hand and brought him closer to a dormant machine. 'Do you see any place for anyone to drive it? You can't because there is none. They have something inside of them which goes on a timer. Not two machines go on and crush the stones at the same time. "But what happens if you don't have one then needs to go fueled?' Ayles grinned at the idea of it. As far as she was concerned, nothing was going to happen, though it didn't hurt frightening the boy at the idea. 'We all do our jobs here from day to night and morning. You needn't worry, as this went for at least a few generations back and will still be going once I'm dead. 'With that in mind, another one was loaded. Making that little dance of flash lightning and various colours were slightly entertaining but didn't manage to distract him from the problem. 'So what are you going to do then?' 'About?' This was rather confusing, seeing how they were descending deeper into the mountain. 'Well about this life of yours? Are you going to spend the entirety of it here, locked inside the mountain?' 'It's not like I have much of a choice now, have I? It's all I do, all I have, everything that I've done ever since I was a child. Certainly, it gets to be a bore, but what am I supposed to now?' 'We can't all have everything we want and dream of Tom, in case you haven't noticed, just looks around for a moment. 'People were worked, having to clean, and fill, even do it manually when the stones on the ground weren't enough. And most likely they did this every single day of their lives, without much considerable breaks or holidays of some kind. 'How come they're not unhappy?' 'Why wouldn't they be? The least we can say and what we leave behind is the message that we were once alive. And that is our legacy. 'A note of pride hadn't left her, just as she was done filling the last machine. She was hiding something which he wasn't supposed to know. 'Let me show you this. 'She said and as they went on further, past the gasp and tunnels, into the mountain, there came the scenery long awaited. 'Oh yes indeed, there was always another temple under us, recently discovered I'd say. Perhaps it's something that laid always beyond our knowledge but we're working on making it whole. 'A temple of such colossal stature was too much to note by himself alone. 'Another one you're saying?' Ayles nodded and as she did so, she started noting at that. 'They really don't teach you much about the people living on island and mountains, don't they?' He nodded his head, bobbing from left to right. It was the same motion that Ian had made. Though being hidden inside the coat made it hard for Tom to notice. 'Well, what do you suppose they needed so many temples now?' The temple held a lofty appearance. It became obvious, from the design that it had somewhat close to the one he had gone in. If neither of them explored its insides, chances were that a beast still laid dormant inside of it. As likely as it went. 'Ayles, wait, I think I know what's there. 'Looking around, as to make sure he wasn't going to be heard, Tom pushed her to the side in order to explain. Everything that went over inside the temple, including the encounter and how he arrived at it went past any other ear than hers. The only thing that was omitted from the story was, after all, the small glittering red gemstone which he had taken. Rather, both of them had taken,

of which value would perhaps gain him an audience with the king. 'That's hard to believe. 'Said Ayles, as she brushed past him. 'And even if it were, I doubt we could break through those gates in our lifetime. "Aren't you worrying about this at all?What if something as wretched as that tried going in now?It could possibly escape at any moment and start ruining everything you've ever worked for. "Oh, that's enough, you're even more paranoid than my siblings and they are young that they could be your children. "I'm not trying to mess around Ayles. If you're not listening to the truth, people could suffer because of it. 'After a closer look at him, seeing how serious at least he was, she said. 'Well, how about you show me then?"Show you what?"The temple you Tom-headed boy. 'Said, Ian, as he lavished on the top of his red gem. That came enough as for a whisper, though he doubted still. How would I be able to go through if I weren't able to open the gates?Unless there was just another way that laid buried under the rubble and the stones. 'Verry well, if there's a way in, I will lead you to that point, is that a deal?"It might as well be if what you're saying might be true. 'Both of them remained certain as they made their way to that. It was a steep and hard to traverse set of ridges, held by stones of supreme magnitude. The more he looked at the above, the sharper did the fangs of the colossal grotto appear to be like. Perhaps even the plants that grew appeared to be leaking below. Melting, passing from descendant to descendant. And then the scent hit hard, as they approached the gate, Tom noticed it still. The workers had their site far away from the temple, leaving in stuck in the middle of the cavern, surrounded by a sea of emptiness everywhere around. From what he could tell, nothing but a pillar of stone held it from falling into the abyss. 'Here Tom, just in case, it might be getting far too dangerous past this point. 'Before he realised what she meant to say, a rope was already wrapped around his body. There wasn't anything else he said, but look in dismay. How haven't I noticed the hollowness of the ground?It was almost as if he only noticed now and wanted to cower in fear at the very sight of the height. 'Are you sure it's safe to be around here?"Certainly, as long as you don't fall. When accidents happen or people tend to go missing we just assume the worst. There's definitely no return once you fall there. Luckily for us, there's just enough space to move around, right?"Right. 'There was a note of desperation that shouldn't have to belong to a boy of his age. Perhaps it was the grey-faced girl, sprinkled with stone dust which made him feel protected, as the stones that she once carried looked rather heavy. 'Well, we don't have another way around, other than finding a hole of another secret passage they might've used. "Did they used this kind of things?"I think they have, well. I personally went climbed to a door which laid feet above the ground. But this feeling certainly seems as if it's something I've encountered before. Am I making any sense?"Just try looking for a way inside if there is one. Unless you can open that door. 'Obviously, that thing had its might strapped around, wearing it almost like an impenetrable armour at least. 'Well, how many of you have tried going through it?"Before I was born, once again. "But they're not trying now. "No, most of them gave up, because they thought it to be cursed. "And you're telling me now?"Tom's face became almost red with anger and he looked away. This was certainly not something he expected, curses, tombs and cities inside the mountain. He wanted to see what lays inside nonetheless. This one in most particularly since it seemed like it still remained unmolested and unexplored by any at all. 'Well, we should get started then, just follow me and what I do. We should be able to at least cover some ground together. 'Ayles followed and said no word as they started going around the stone. Everything from dust particles to the smallest of stones that might've been covering it was lifted. All that was done might've been in hopes that they would just find that entrance into the temple. To no avail in the first minutes, not

that anyone would mind or bother to come and check on them. 'We should check behind of it at least. There just doesn't seem to be anything here which we could use to get through. 'She nodded once again and tried harder to accommodate this search of his. Dust might've covered something but this was stone. 'I don't think there's way in, you'd think they would've found one if. 'Around the corner, the sound and sight of it silenced her. Perhaps it was something Tom pressed, or it might've been her. Nonetheless, a small square-like hatch opened. It revealed that there was just enough crawling space for both of them to use. Universal size for one person at a time. 'I told you. "You were right Tom, to that I've got to give it to you. What not though?We don't have any means to see inside. "That shouldn't be a problem, I've got Zeppelin too. 'Ian stopped him from that well-thought thing. 'You sent him home, remember?'I sent him back on the ship, that's right, damn thing couldn't even get past the rocky bridge. 'Well, can't we at least try to get in and see if there's a light on the other side?"The look of confusion and uncertainty shook her far too much for her to forget this. 'We're not coming back if we're heading into that hole without a light and a way to block the hatch from closing on us. Let's head back to my house and we'll grab some tools to explore this. "Wait, Ayles, before we do anything. 'Tom paused in order to look around, just to be certain. 'In case you were wondering if someone else might be able to see that it's open, they won't. That entrance into the mining area is far too high and this temple is far too close to the wall for anyone to see anything. "Right on point then, lead the way Ayles. 'For this return, they both attempted to look as inconspicuous as possible. Since they would do it anyway, there wasn't any need for them to untie from one another. Without a care or a bother, it seemed as if there wasn't any mind on the untying of it. Both of them were tied together until this was done. 'Here, my house. 'She said as the long way ended, after avoiding any other unwanted looks. Despite having a torch to use on their way back, it just wouldn't be as good of use in a tight passage. There was also the smoke which they couldn't avoid. 'Nice house. 'The inside of which, Tom noted appeared to have rugs and table, caved in stones but covered in wood. In a way, they were painted and appeared to imitate whatever the outsiders had or had brought in their many journeys. From one of the apparent closets, she dragged a giant chest all by herself. Right before Tom could ask her if she needed any help, she was already done with the dragging. 'Well, what's that you're going to look for?"Tom, you're not the only one with those toy, mind you. Your machine might've been too big for any other purpose though I fancy myself a collector of the kind. 'She took out a small oval-shaped creature of metal. Its eyes were round, plenty of small legs to move around which stretched when lifted. Immediately came the light at her command. 'Is it voice activated?"It's a fine thing, isn't it?They say that at a primal level, they can think and feel like humans, these little things. 'Desperately, it wanted down and started shaking its little legs. 'All right now, settle down, we'll release you once there's need for light. Tom, that thing should do, if you don't mind reaching the top of the desk. 'There laid a couple of tools which didn't really mean much to him in any other way than being peculiar. 'Are these all yours?"Not exactly, they're my father's. He's a rather strange man and an inventor. "Won't he mind if we take one of those and. . "That took that extends, it has a. Right, that one. 'She pointed at it and watched him closely as he started playing with it momentarily. 'If you're done. 'Ayles was already midway pushing the chest before Tom came to lend ahead, though as much as he wanted to help her. Well, there just wasn't any trying for him, whatever they were, this was far beyond him and any strength he had. And there wasn't any mention of the fact that this was merely just pushing it. Aside from that, he wanted to come. 'Are we going now?"Let me check this for a moment, light and way out, this

should stand, at least, that's what I hope for. Just in case, see that thing?" Tom took another one of those off the table. It was a mere act of precaution, in case the tool alone wouldn't be able to stand the pressure. With their preparations done, it was time for them to return to the place. Neither of them was prepared to go through, though Ayles took a few small cakes, wrapped them around and placed in a small carrying backpack that she'd drag around. 'Now we're ready. 'As she said, she burst through the door, dragging Tom with her. Looking around, she was certainly aware that some eyes were on them. Her father was a respectable man and he was nothing but an outsider in their eyes. 'If he'll hear about this. 'Her muttering fell on deaf ears as she started to go on ahead, pulling the nod which was wrapped around her. 'Wait a minute now, you're going far too fast for me. 'Tom tried protesting, though he noticed that she was heading far too fast for him to do anything about it. At least, anything other than going on with the flow just certainly didn't do for her. 'We can't be seen together, that's why I'm in such a hurry. My father would kill me if he saw us like this. 'She hadn't realised it either, but somewhere along the way, she had grabbed him by the hand in order to pull him faster. It was something fairly new for Tom. Well, rather, not as much as he wanted. Once the caverns started pushing the cold from outside, as they were on their way, he decided to ask Ayles. 'What's on the other side of the mountain?' Curiously unaware, he felt something about it of which he didn't really want to know. But he needed to be certain that it wasn't what he thought it to be. 'It's cold and white wherever you look on the other side. Why would you be asking now?' Just curiosity. 'His free hands still had some scars left around from the pain he had felt. It left that grim memory every time he felt cold. Just as well, the dark had him to an extent. 'Be careful now. 'Ayles said, while carefully dragging Tom even closer to her, to the point of uncomfortableness. 'Well, it's time to go inside, isn't it?' 'You don't seem as excited anymore. We are going to go back after this, of that you can be certain. 'Rightly around, they both managed to reach and see that it was still fairly open just as they had left it. 'How did it open though?' 'I've got no clue, there's just something from the way I pressed around the wall. A secret button perhaps of a slab. 'Before he was done explaining the two tools extended and blocked it from ever having to go down on them. At least that was the best they could hope for. 'He should be useful now. Wake up. 'The small fellow's eyes suddenly came to a strong light, which only grew in intensity. 'Well, now it's time to choose, who's going in first and who's to follow?' 'Ayles, I've certainly got more experience than you in this. 'That of which there was nothing to be proud of, especially since it was a pity to the poor boy. She nodded and handed him the small construct. It seemingly stopped from jerking or trying to escape once they switched hands. Making it seem like it almost knew that Tom was able to take care of it or of any of its design. 'All right, I'm heading inside. 'After he started kneeling and faced the construct in front of him, he decided to whisper Ian. 'There's the hole, switch sides. 'I'm already ahead of you Tom-Tom. 'Ayles noticed that go on, as obviously as she came to question it. 'Did I hear someone talking now?' 'No, you haven't. Could we focus on ahead please?' Answered Ian, as well as he could imitate Tom. Despite his best attempt, he wasn't certain if it worked now, but he did it anyway. 'All right then. Lead the way. 'His voice was pale and as she followed, she didn't bother asking what was going on. The light came close to lighting the entire tunnel. As they went on ahead, they realised that this entry and the symbols raised another thought. 'We may encounter a burial site if we keep heading this way. 'Letting the construct walk on his own, Tom was standing just well enough to be crawling in his position. 'Are you feeling fine back there?' 'Just keep walking, it's getting cramped in here. I'm not entirely certain we'll be able to get through if it keeps getting smaller. "Wait, Ayles,

I see an exit to it. 'Before long he had reached the point where he could get out and stand on his two feet. Ayles soon followed him in this mysterious place. Though, after looking around the area which was covered in light, Tom realised that this was nothing like the place he had first visited. First of all, his hands just roamed around the walls, noticing that there wasn't any dust or dirt, to begin with. There weren't any plants lying around as in the previous temple he had visited. At least that became obvious with each glance. Stairs leaving down and above with the intermission in this small room. 'Should we got up or down?' 'Are you asking if we should go on ahead and split?' Her question didn't make any sense whatsoever. Tom had immediately made her listen to sense. 'We got only one light with us and a rope in case anything happens. Oh, you were. 'Her face was already half contorted in a smile, just as she began laughing at him like he was a fool. This was certainly not entertaining for neither him nor the crow. Though he did profit from this distraction as he went on ahead and spoke to the boy. 'We're not going to separate any time soon, better get used to the idea. And since we may spend so much time with one another Tom. 'Before she said anything else, Ayles pointed at his chest. It was obvious what she was trying to get at now. 'Who's that little one inside there? I saw something crawling inside your coat back there in the city. At least I waited until I saw more before I could get anything. Other than a head at least but even then. 'At this Tom turned around for a moment, trying to think of what was better to do. 'Do we tell her Ian?' 'What other chance do we have? She already noticed, hasn't she?' It was tied up with what they wanted to do, not to mention that they were spending as much time together as they wanted. 'Well, it's time I guess. 'At that Ian dragged his head out, still grasping with his claws upon the gem. There wasn't any denying that he wasn't going to let go of it. 'It's a bird, oh, you were carrying your pet. 'I'd say I'm more than that lass. For I have carried and saved Tom more than once on our journey. 'A slight shock came once she saw that the crow had had a voice. Then again, nothing seemed to shock her anymore or any less than the obscure and the mad. 'Well now, should we introduce one another?' 'I already know who you are Ayles, I've heard you speak to Tom. As a matter of fact, I've heard and felt everything so far. 'Tom interrupted the crow before he could go on into an unneeded spoiled talk. 'Well his name is Ian and he's been, my friend. And she's Ayles, Ian, the girl that had been helping me so far. Now that we're done with the interruptions, could we go and explore this place already? It's not like there's a joy being in here locked with whatever may roam. 'Both of them nodded at his suggestion, though this was quite a lot to swallow and process. 'Ian, is it? How come you can speak?' 'Wait a minute, so it's decided then? Are we going to go down and try exploring the depths?' That got both of their attention, as well as it seemed to go the other way, it was the time to head down below. 'Could we at least check for a quick glance?' 'I guess that's a good idea. 'At which, upon hearing Tom be as patronising as he were, Ian continued for him. 'That's definitely what I was trying to say. 'Talkative bird, isn't he?' 'Definitely not as much as you are stone-girl. 'As they ascended, the stairs were steep and it got darker. She had to grab the lighter off the ground and point it up ahead. It appeared that the choice had already been taken for them before they even got the chance. 'We won't be opening that door now, at least not with the tools we have. Not to mention that there's no bringing them down here through a hole that small. 'We at least have the depths to go through. Shall we?' Making way for her to go almost left something on her cheeks. Short-lived as it were, the crow had his dark glance as he buried himself in the warmth of the various layered clothes Tom had. 'Don't show her the rest of my body boy. The less anyone else knows, the better. 'That whisper was short lived and noted. It seemed as if Tom wasn't planning on doing anything close to the sort, other than exploring. 'Look

at these things on the wall Tom. They must be ancient, at least for the likes they were carved of. 'It was the first sign that made both the boy and the crow impatient and added a slight twitch to both of them. In particular, he pointed.

'That, we should stay away from that. 'A giant creature standing and carrying their dirt and stones, sticks and whatever else they needed. 'What are they? From these drawings, they don't seem rather human, do they?' Even as the interest came to a melting point, it became obvious that something needed to happen to her as well in order to understand how serious this was. 'We've seen them, in flesh and bone, or rather had an encounter. "Have?" "Shh, girl, keep your voice down, if they hear, neither the boy nor I will be able to get a hold of you after. They might slumber or be kept alive, but as we've seen they don't appear to be able to starve or die of thirst. 'Which was indeed bad news, for the deeper they went, it was time to reach the living area and go even farther below. Ian noticed as well as any other human that this wasn't the best place to be when everything went array. 'I'm no afraid of what's out there. And let's be plain about it, there's not enough space for it to be here, is it?' Both Tom and Ian looked around, from top to bottom, trying to note whenever or not one of such stature would fit. They've already missed too much information carved on the stone walls. Though this was on a different level altogether. 'No, I don't think it'd fit here unless it started bashing and crushing the entire floor with us on it. "Then keep as quiet as possible Tom, wasn't that the plan we started going with?" He had to presumably modulate his sound, as it was already hard for him to whisper in a condition such as this. What they saw in front of them was nothing more than a short-lived commodity. There was plenty to explore nonetheless, at least as far as they were concerned. No human remains and nothing which was wrapped around laid on sight, at least making it seem like they had the decency to avoid overpopulation. 'This smells like cinnamon. 'Said Ian, with beak all around. It was a sweet scent that couldn't be tainted by anything of the sort, be it the old age of rotting corpse. 'He's right, I do smell it as well. Far too sweet to be avoided. 'From the looks of it, one of the doors wasn't properly locked. Inside of which, as the three of them noted, laid spices in bags and jars, among various other things. 'Open that girl, it seems like there might be something sweet inside of it. 'The crow pointed his beak at one of the most peculiarly shaped containment which laid inside that tightly shut storage room. A stone-like material held it in place, having intrusion all around, though none of which went deep enough as for what laid inside to spill. He had the right idea as it turned out, upon unscrewing the top that it was honey, sweet honey, which was never seen by the girl. Tom immediately pushed a finger inside then into his mouth. 'Manners boy, there's a guest with us. "I'm sorry, but, it's sweet. So sweet, you would've thought it might've been stale by now. "It isn't and doesn't take too much or you'll be sick, boy. 'Ayles screwed it back shut and took another, refusing to take whatever substance laid inside of it. 'Let me see, this. 'Before taking another, she opened to see that there laid something which resembled the honey until it was thicker. 'Careful how you handle it Tom, don't take too much honey from the jar. 'Without listening, he pushed another finger, only to have difficulty pulling it out. 'This isn't honey. 'He announced and judging by how far it stretched, this was some kind of resin which pushed and dragged along with him. There wasn't any cutting or being outstretched, this was being made solid just in front of his eyes. 'Ayles, help him before it becomes too hard to shatter and he'll lose his finger. "Tom, lower your hand, I'll let this bottle down. 'The boy appeared to be shocked by this declaration of his finger's loss. 'Do I cut it then?' At which his eyes widened even more, at what the girl implied. As much as he wanted to go on this venture of theirs, a finger loss meant he'd return. 'No, girl, search in another jar, there are plenty of them, and hurry. 'In another laid another thick

substance, at which the crow nodded. The more they went through each one of them, the more nervous and unaware Tom became. It was merely his finger but he was frightened by the idea of cutting it here and now. 'That one girl, that liquid, it's pale enough. 'And most importantly, it resembled somewhat of water. From the looks of it, contaminated, but as long as it had the chance, it was immediately splashed across his hand. Whatever resin that was, it immediately started disintegrating. Tom drew a mouthful breathe of release from what he noted. The next problem came, as small burning spots came on his hand. 'Tom, rub the substance off your hand fast. 'Ayles pushed the jar in the back without covering it and ripped a piece of the skirt she was wearing under all the protection. It was light but at least she managed to work as fast as possible. Despite having seconds before those burns could extend and be permanent, she grabbed him by the wrist and started rubbing with the other hand. 'It stings so much, I can barely handle the pain. 'He said, and as obvious as it were, this was hardly something to complain about. Either permanent scares or this. Once she was done, there was nothing to look about, though she threw away the rag as it started disintegrating as well. 'All right, I think we've had enough with the substances here, we don't want to lose other limbs playing around, do we?' Though there were more than two hundred different other jars stores, she was right. 'We should be more careful now, I think. It was never as dangerous as this back home. 'Thinking of it, really made him seem like a liar, at least for the time being. 'Should we return then?' 'No, no, I don't. We said we'd do this and we can't return from a small accident, can we? After all, we've been so far already. 'Ayles only blinked at him thoroughly, looking as if she wanted to see any chance of his expression or whenever or not he was content with what happened to so far. Both of them finally managed to get the full extent of the rope at least, as each started carrying over a side of the room. Checking the markings and the doors, some of which were locked. Other had, well. 'Look Ayles, it's what they used to wear, robes and what not. Headbands. 'Wrapped and golden, they were held upon thin stone cylinders, rightly above the other pieces of their attires. 'Well, how about you try this on?' Tom placed it carefully on top of her head. It appeared like it'd be a perfect fit after all. That white band gave her a pleasant look on her round grey face, making it no mere compliment. At least that's what Ian thought. 'Look they even have smaller ones for pets. 'I doubt they came as small as I. 'Said Ian, watching how the boy failed to find any match whatsoever in that pile. 'I don't think it looks that bad, I might even keep it. 'Ayles might've nodded if she wasn't trying to hide her face. Even as a compliment, this bore through her like a sharp knife. 'Well try that Tom, it might suit you as well. 'Ian pointed with his beak and the boy noted. 'I couldn't wear that over my face, it wouldn't fit me. 'Just try boy and stand near the girl. 'Out of the pile, there came a small mask that might've been the same size as his face if it wasn't for some roundish forms that bore it bigger than him. It stood around nonetheless, though as the boy noted, he wanted to see what he looked like by himself. 'Come here. 'Said Ayles, as she pulled Tom by her. It was awfully close but he understood why they both stood in front of the wall. With its golden arches, there came a reflection that made it obvious what they looked like. It acted like a mirror, allowing them to see what they looked like with those things on. That mask bore the strange symbols and large ears that were sharp and solid. Perhaps it was just an illusion. It bore the same feeling as the jars they previously encountered. 'Well, I'm definitely not carrying this around. 'Keep it, Tom, what if you may need it in the future?' 'Why would I?' He stopped and gave it another thought. 'You may be right about it. Here Ayles, there's another mask down there, just hold one as well. It might get seriously necessary if we go further below. 'Again with that thing, there's nothing there as dangerous as

you think. Just look around, whatever laid here might've died hundreds of years ago, perhaps more. "That's what I'm afraid of now. What waits for us there might not be as alive as the rest of us. 'With a nod, she grabbed both the mask and the small construct off the ground. It was time to leave these living quarters, seeing as there just wasn't anything else left for them to break through. The deeper they went, the more they realised as well that this was in the stone. Somehow they were reaching far too deep into the uncarved, the deep below and perhaps the unexplored. 'Careful now, the steps are getting steeper for us to go. "I can take care of myself and as a matter of fact, so can Ian now. We made it so far, haven't we?"But barely from one of this boy, Listen now, both of you, if need be, drop everything you have and run as fast as you can. Don't forget we'll need to crawl if something happens, at least in order to get out alive. 'Ayles frowned yet again at the idea of something happening to them. 'You don't need to remind me of that. I knew the risks before going inside so don't shove it down our throats. Why did it have to be an annoying crow out of any animal that could've been hidden inside, Tom?"I'm only trying to help. "Well in case you haven't grown a light now, have food or did anything other than annoy me, you haven't. 'That might've cut deep into the crow if he wasn't already. Though at a sign from Tom, Ian didn't say a word to the girl but waited. She'll see how much she needs me, as well as the boy. Soon, though the crow, soon. Enough of the dust and they arrived at the lover living quarters. They were quite different, though they seemed as if they held the second battalion inside. 'Just how many of these are there?"Tom Asked as he set his foot on the floor. As obvious as it was the same, this had a rather pleasant scent and a rustic appearance than the other. Perhaps it was the fact that no one had bothered to clean it up in whatever period of time had passed. Rather, another reason might've gone through, though this was the reason they chose to explore. 'Wait, you see that?'Ayles pointed rightly at the first difference she noted and perhaps the only one worth noting so far. It had a statue that stood high enough, sitting as if on a chair. Two heads bore feature that was unrecognisable, chained to one another as they tore through the robe. The detail on it was amazing, going down as to have every single detail in order. Even the human hands it bore were made to look as real as they were, with the only difference between them being that it was made out of stone. 'What do you think that maybe?"I don't know, but that body doesn't look right, does it?"The closer they got, the more distorted their sight became. It was almost as if they were approaching the realms it stood as a guardian to. Perhaps it was the fact that the scent changed the closer they got to it. That was a thing of nightmares, created from candles and sticks that had long lost their light but still managed to get through. It didn't take the long exposure for everything around them to start coming to life, rather than be as pale and ancient as they were. Stone almost looked like wood now. Both Ayles and Tom were holding one another as they approached, instinctively doing so. Now, there was something about the quality of the stone statue that bore it from the appearance it had to something rather pitiful and repulsive. It turned stone into the skin and borrow from other materials and thoughts only to make it seem alive. For Ayles it appeared that it had an ashen skin, having the cold look on its many rotating eyes, as the light of the sky glittered in them. One large green feather and a band of leather laid rolled everywhere around its body. Such presence made her shudder for a moment, just like the others. For Tom, it appeared like a tall figure which laid in the darkest corner of the room. As it stood there, the light fell and he was aware of that thing and how it gazed at him. That's when he thought it made a move and prepared itself to leap at him and harm his body before he even realised it. 'No, this can't be, stay away!"Said the boy, making room for the crow. Ian saw the tallest of his order, perhaps bigger than anything he has ever seen. As

obviously the decrepitude of the illusion didn't sit well with him. Such might, with its giant black feathers, refusing to talk to him in the common language of the man. 'What's this blasphemy?' He asked, at last, making it seem as if everyone was affected in a deeper way than the other. 'We need to get back before it gets us!' That voice came from somewhere though most of them were unaware at this point. Neither of them knew what to do or where to run. At least they were pulled, or someone decided to take the lead and run down the stairs. One last look behind and everything was gone. What had taken hold of the rope and managed to pull them down the stairs and out of that grim presentation was that small light construct. As small as it appeared to be, it had just enough strength to pull everyone out and save them from whatever that was. 'What was that?' 'Don't Ayles, don't climb the stairs yet, it might still be there just waiting for us to come to it. Just don't fall for it now. 'The girl nodded and as much as she was afraid of the unknown, they both stood on a step. Each of them got closer to the wall, waiting for the paranoia and for the calm. 'I can't wrap my head around what happened over there, can you?' The boy nodded, making sure to have it go for a while until she understood. Truth be told, it was rather the fact that he was still dizzy and confused from the encounter with that thing. Was it a beast? His thought ran with it for as long as he needed it to go. 'It wasn't a beast, at least not one that I've ever seen' Tom was surprised to hear a response to his thought. 'Have I said that aloud then?' At which he was ignored. This place will be the end of our days if we're not going to be careful about it. 'A beast? More like a mighty crow, perhaps the king of all our order laid on his throne. 'Why would a king lay on a throne in a locked temple, buried inside the mountain?' A few thoughts came as well at her question, after all, being a matter of the dread certainly made things interesting, to say the least. 'It wasn't the only dead one I and Tom encountered, girl. I certainly doubt that it might be the last one we'll get to see on our way. 'Despite their conflicting stories and as they waited, Ayles shared her cakes with Tom. She even attempted to share some of it with Ian, at which he refused with indignation. 'I only eat the finest lady. 'Right. The light was waiting for them to finish until one of them decided to finally thank him for what he's done. 'Thanks, by the way. We couldn't have done it without your help. 'A blink of the light, off and one is switched. Ayles had never understood just how clever these constructs were, as she saw them as toys and nothing more. 'You saved us, haven't you?' He certainly did, this little fellow, though I dare say that we won't get another chance if we won't be careful on our own. 'With that in mind, yet again Ayles ignored his warning and grabbed the construct by the horns. She took the lead rather roughly, after making her way down the stairs, finally getting rid of the sight of the living quarters. 'This wasn't. It shouldn't be here. 'Ayles said, and before he could see a thing, Tom arrived to see a long tunnel leading towards somewhere. Being at least fair to it, this place looked rather too common and rustic to be a temple for an unknown forgotten cult. 'A working place, then?' 'Storage I'd say, though for what? What did our predecessors make this like?' From her standpoint, everything that laid above, the closed door, unreachable chambers and the runes ended here. It was a cover-up for something bigger than both of them. 'Shall we go then, Tom?' 'Ladies first. 'With his manners at least out of the way, he made sure not to look back, or rather, he thought of seeing something tall running towards them. 'Shouldn't we return though? I mean this certainly seems like a long tunnel, perhaps far too much for a day alone. 'Don't tell me this is the moment you've decided to get cold feet. 'Tom nodded reluctantly at that. It was a long tunnel after all and neither of them was prepared for such a long journey. 'We won't make it without water and just a bunch of cakes. 'Her package did get lighter with each step. 'Very well, tomorrow we return, same deal. 'Closer to one another, as

they reached whatever laid in that room, both of them turned their backs on it and managed to avoid even the slightest touch. It was, after all, time to see whenever or not they were indeed locked inside or this plan had worked. The hole was open just as they both had expected. As much as they wanted to keep it still, they crawled outside, past the bridge and undid the knot that tied them. 'We're going to use it again tomorrow but don't be late, understood?' 'We won't, the same place, in front of your house, as soon as the sun is up. Does that sound well?' Both of them agreed on their meeting and went on to gather up what they needed. As far as he was concerned, he needed better clothes, not just those stone bearer coat he had picked up on the way. Something warm was needed for this, which was far beyond anything the others could provide. That's how yet another day passed, just as he went back onto the ship, got everything he needed on him and even managed to talk to the captain. He offered Tom a small coat, which was fairly better suited for him than what the stone pickers had to offer. Tom took care of his needs, though not before taking time to talk with the captain. He found out that the ship wouldn't leave for days until the task at hand was over. 'Very well. 'Said Tom to the captain. 'I'll make do with what I have then. 'On his way, he almost forgot, this being fairly better than what he had expected. As a matter of fact so did Ian, as their reason was already far away. A hand slammed the bottom of the throne, being as far away as one could possibly get. It was the king who stood and listened to his various generals who were invited to his chamber. A giant dome-like hole opened on top of the room, only at their request so they could see the map. It was a giant thing which had every city and every single town, every island and every settlement created by man. Then there came the uninhabited ones and the unknown ones. Most of them had become that way because of sources beyond their control. Annoyed, he stood there, trying to gnaw at the throne with his claws, though remained unable to do so. Everyone was talking to one another at the same time, discussing, speaking and thrusting words. Yet none of them decided to take the lead and tell him something as important as this. 'Enough of this. This isn't what I called you for. Don't just stand there and talk on top of each other when I need to know what's destroying the islands now?' 'Excuse me sir, your majesty, your grace. 'Came a rather fat man, wearing a pig skinned collar and wolf braids around his coat of animal hair. 'Well, I think I speak the best for everyone around here when I say that this may be much more obvious than you. I mean that any of us thought of. 'Foolish lord, do you think I know it couldn't be one of those wriggling things? Captain of the guards, come forward. 'The man was standing in the dark among the other royal guards, waiting to come back at his command. It was rather amusing to see him come bowed to the point where he was surrounded by various lords and others who used to look down at people like him. 'Tell me, what was reported to have attacked the far end of our town? What killed our livestock now?' 'My lord. Your majesty. Well, it was a wriggling beast as you've said, your majesty. From what the shepherd had said, it came at least a few times and each time managed to grab a few sheets before leaving. 'And is there proof of the coming of it?' 'Yes my lord. 'It was a strange act to do so in front of a lord, though this request came from the word of the king. Two more men came from the shadow once the king made a slightly visible sign on the hands. Both of them took a patch off the ground, dug it out and carried, wrapped around in a piece of cloth that hold it still. 'That, my lords is no fire and nothing that could've been made by man. It was the strike of a lightning bolt and not one of the usual ones. 'But your majesty. 'Said the same lord that was still talking with the king. 'That could've been just one of the natural ones. 'I'm fairly sure that it doesn't prove anything now. 'Said another, while still holding her nose above the rest. 'You can't be certain that you called us all here for this.

'Every single one of them appeared to be baffled despite having known what happened. They're all trying to deny what's happening. 'You may be right, but then again, how do you explain this?' He pushed the men to get out with the patch of dirt and called another from the dark. This next one had a bag of bones, which were revealed to have been broken, burnt, cleaned and having pieces of stone and various other materials lodged inside of them. 'How do we know this isn't an elaborate ruse now to get us to agree on something?' 'Because this is beyond all of us, it's something that may threaten our very peaceful existence here. Perhaps even more, it may mean the coming of another war for power. And be certain of it, you're aware of what happened when the first one came, aren't you?' This land was his by right, that he knew, and he needed to show them no further proof. 'Believe what you want but this is important to know. Upon the map, there are zones marked which have been destroyed or made uninhabitable by something. I'm unaware whenever or not it's one of those beasts or something other but I'm certain that whatever it might be, it might come for us next. 'This court of theirs was a mockery of him. None of them listened to what was to be done. 'Listen to fools, if this doesn't stop, my kingdom will come next and I think there might be little that we can do against a legion of them. "Then what do you suppose we do, Lord?' A slight hint of pity and distant laid in that tone as he said it. He bore nothing before him, as he was still needed to say the least. To one another, both of them were slightly entertained by what they had to say. Though now, it came to show them what his plans had come to. For this time, came no man but one of his royal guards. What laid inside the grip of his gauntlets was a giant spear chained, with a chain as long as it came, wrapped against itself. 'Drop it on the map. 'Though the table upon which the map of the entire map spanned upon as far as it went. Covering up what came close to the entire room, the spear managed to span on at least two more heads. It was not only long but thick enough to take down a ship. 'And what would this do against them now when it could send a shock back to one it fires?' 'Well, isn't it obvious you petty little creatures? Have I not thought of all? Look upon the metal used and understand that there's nothing that could make the energy travel back. It's not that kind of metal I've used for my new type of spears. 'Double-headed at the end, sharp enough to cut one's thread, it was the final weapon against the beast that threatened the sky. 'Once we will be done with it. 'At which he nodded for the guard to retreat with the spear back into the shadows. After which was done, he carried on. 'I will have every fort around the city armed, as well as every ship that's part of this very city, have the means to take those beasts down. "Then why did you call us here, If I may not intrude my lord. 'That moustache and the shortness of the fellow highly disturbed the king, at least to make him wonder how was such like him a lord. Doesn't matter, they might all be as well as they can be, rats. Though one was missing, which he noticed only at the time. It was a woman who cared to come here earlier before any of them had the chance to arrive or present their points. 'Well, it's simple. There's something else out there that's bringing down isles and these spears aren't cheap to make. I'll have you all pay for manufacturing the protection for each of your region inside my kingdom. "And if we refuse? What, are you going to force us to abide by whatever silliness you think of next?' 'I would've had you hanged at least for trying to do such a thing like mocking me inside my throne room. His thought bore him something of pettiness and despair. Just wait for your turn. 'Well, let's just say that we will have to make some room in order to expand. By that, I mean that we'll split off your region or whoever's tries to drag us down with them. And believe me, it may come to that if we don't prepare for the coming attack. Look again at the map, all of you!' The king almost leapt up from his chair and stood at the end of the table. It became evident the moment

when the king pointed it out. Those attacks and the destroyed islands left a linear path which those beasts seemed to follow. 'It seems as if it follows a pattern. "That may be quite a bit paranoid, to say least for being mad. Can we really assume that beasts such as them are actually thinking and acting in a militaristically fashion? Saying that, or even thinking it remains to be called preposterous!' Her voice almost cracked upon the effort, while others agreed.

'Whatever you may have thought of it, the fact remains. We lost ship and land because of them without any explanation. If this isn't another sign of. . . ' Everyone stopped what they were doing and looked at him almost like it was him again in the stories. Acting both like a prophet and like a king. 'Of what?' The first lord asked, then followed

yet another. Soon, all of them were silent and aware of the stories they were told as children, everyone in the kingdom was. But before anything could be said by him, the door opened. The same cutthroats that accompanied that lady, just as she came far too late. And the door closed. Past the veil of darkness came and into the tunnel. Down the temple where, both the boy, the girl, the construct and the crow came through the same path they had followed. Through it, they arrived again, this time with covered eyes, as they had managed to find out about the illusion. It was a mere thing, reading through the paintings on the walls. They spoke of a statue that sent mists upon bowed figures. Something which they could've more than easily avoided if they were at least sharp enough to follow

the writings. 'We're truly doing this, aren't we?' Tom asked as the light came back through the tunnel. Nothing appeared to have changed in the time they had to spend away. Other than a night, this day had barely started, quite the first thing in the morning. 'We are going as far as we can get before being caught. Luckily for me, my father hasn't heard about what I've done. "Hasn't your father noted of something missing from your house, girl?" He did mention he couldn't remember where he put his. . . Oh, that thing that we took, right. ' Her thought went immediately on the open hatch. That crow certainly has a memory for the most uninspired things that happened. Ayles came to the conclusion that it wasn't as important as she let others know it was. 'Well. I'm certainly sure he won't miss them for at least the time we're on our way. And we're returning them as soon as we're done. "Unless the hatch closes and we're stuck here for the rest of our days. "Ian that's enough, no need to start this now. We will be able to return, you'd better be certain of it. Unless you do want to be stuck here with the rest of us for the rest of your days. 'Tom looked as young and full of energy as he had ever been now. Something in the air ticked him off that something was wrong about the place. Whatever it was, both Ian and Ayles were able to see that change into him.

'There. 'Ayles pointed, after noticing a change in the tunnel. There it was, a slightly curved thing, which wasn't as noticeable by the normal eye. As far as they were both concerned, it shouldn't have been that way. 'We should hurry then. We're not covering enough ground this way. 'Both of them agreed before starting to run along. Out of their laps, both Ayles and Tom managed to keep up fairly with one another, even to the point of having the crow and the construct sweat. And the matter of the fact remained that they were still just standing and looking. 'There, I can see the curvature you were talking about Ayles. It must lead to somewhere. 'As they approached, the more it began feeling as if the ground was moving under them. Before long, it turned out that it truly was a turn, leading to nothing else but a dead end. Standing there confused, they both looked in silence as how abruptly everything ended. 'This can't be it. 'Protested the girl, though there wasn't anything she saw that could've been used to open this. It was too much of a stone wall, uncarved, untouched, not even by a pick or by any hand. To be certain, in a matter of words, this was the end of it. 'Tom, you need to look for another one of those secret entrances. There must be one hidden

around here, I'm sure of it!" Ayles, stop for a minute. The girl even untied the rope around her and dropped the light producing construct on the ground, being alone in her search. Regardless of how hard she tried for force herself to see something, there was nothing other than the stone. Everyone in the village would've enjoyed hearing about a new mining site, but this hadn't thrilled her whatsoever. As much as this pleased her, this wasn't what they came for. 'Enough Ayles, you'll only hurt yourself if you do this. Tom managed to notice by now that her fists were red, at least around the knuckles. Something about this made this image of her make him give her his pity rather than anything else. 'You don't understand, nothing else happens around here, ever. Nothing but working with the stones, cleaning and mining, every single day for the rest of my days. "Why don't you leave then? "I can't Tom, I've got nowhere to leave to. Nowhere to stay. I've barely managed to follow a boy in what I thought it'd be an adventure which turned out to follow a dead end. "Things like that happen all the time Ayles, but that doesn't mean we have to give up now, have we?' Having come off her knees, she just pushed Tom as she walked by. There wasn't any getting to him now, that was certainly true for the time being. 'Well, at least she's gone, back to the basic, right?' It's not the time, Ian. 'With that said, he tried to follow the girl but managed to stop when she saw her standing still. As mad as she appeared to be, at least Ayles stood still for a moment, looking at the ground. Something she saw, glittering on the ground, something which Tom hadn't seen either. 'That thing Tom-Tom, don't let her touch it. 'With a shout, both the girl and Tom realised it was too late. As the ground under them snapped, they came down with the ground, sliding off into the distance. Tom held still as the light revealed that there laid a secret tunnel underneath. Whatever it was now, as both the boy and the girl shouted, it ended just as fast as they had landed on a pile of dust and bones. 'Nooooo!' Tom shouted as the pain. Rightly so Ayles thought, but it turned out that his rage was pointed towards that trap door above which closed behind them. Seeing how they had come into a sea of dust and bones, he looked at her and having nothing else to say he asked her. 'What have you done?' 'I don't know Tom, I saw something off the ground and I thought that it was another secret way. "We're going to die off now, and this will be our grave. Do you understand that Ayles? Have you any idea what you've done?' 'Stop shouting at me, it isn't my fault. "It's all your fault, now we're. We're stuck here with no way out. We can't get back there and just look at all of this. Was it worth it for your damn adventure of a lifetime?' There wasn't any visible way out, not to mention that the air was thicker and hard to breathe. From the looks of it, at least, some of the bones which stood around looked rather recent. It wasn't as pleasant as it appeared. The more they move, the farther down they started sliding. Sooner or later, it had to happen, this wasn't an exception for either of them. 'Don't make any sudden movement unless you want to be buried under all those bones. 'Tom's voice cracked, just as he grabbed upon a spine that laid somewhat taken by the piled. It was connected, perhaps caught in-between a pair that formed a small box of bones which stood aghast, holding still. After that, he grabbed the girl before she fell off into the distance. 'Don't let go, I don't think there's anything I could stand on. The bones might shatter under me, Tom. 'Everywhere around them laid piles of crooked bones covered in that grim dust. Judging by the looks and the scent, this wasn't just a burial ground they found themselves trapped. 'This isn't dust, is it, Ayles?' As she started sniffing, his thoughts were partially confirmed once she felt it as well. 'Those are ashes, I can feel it as well. How did you know?' The boy saw the bones girl, just look around at everything. There's a reason they're so brittle and weak. 'Ian was the first to notice though he said nothing at all. Another piece of information came to his mind that he wanted to let them know before it was too late. 'Not to

mention that the room might've been used to purify the bodies, it might be nothing short of a fully operational furnace. 'And their light was lost somewhere below, shining on them, though unable to pull itself off. 'You don't suppose it's working, do you?' 'Boy, Tom-Tom, you said some bodies were recent, haven't you? And those ashes might've been the ancient corpses that once roamed here. "It can't be working, though, could it now?" Stop trying to deny it, boy, find a way out before we'd be forced to find out. Or to say the least, before it's starting to get hot around here. I wouldn't enjoy ending up like a crisp thing, burnt to ashes, it just isn't the way to go. "Tom, I can see something there. Let go of me for a moment. 'He slowly lowered her to what appeared to be a strange path made of bones. From the point where Tom stood, there wasn't any way to see if there was walkable ground under him, just within a foot's reach. Tom nodded and released his hand from the spine, following her, but not looking behind. 'Do you think we stand a chance if this place starts being on fire?' Asked Tom, looking rather genuine about this fear he had. As far as they had known, this was an ancient place, it shouldn't work for centuries. 'They were known to make buildings, temples, towers that lasted. It wouldn't surprise me if this managed to work as well. "Is that all Ayles? Would that be all you had to say?" The crow had already retreated into him the moment he heard him start talking. It should've been the next course of action, to find their light and get out before either suffocation or the fire came. Though this was rather quaint. 'What do you want for me now?' Perhaps an excuse for being the reason why we're here. That would rather be a start, though I wouldn't be bothered if I received one as well. "For what exactly would I apologise for you at least? Perhaps I might've been wrong in trying to find an entrance to something below but how should I have known it would've to lead us here?" That's not all Ayles. You used me for your own purposes, that's all. There was nothing else to me than an escape from your mundane life, which you even came to regret immediately after finding out there was nothing there. Well here you are, a pile of nothing everywhere and the adventure you've always wanted. Are you happy now?" "It isn't my fault. 'The girl's teeth were already bouncing upon one another, trying her best not to crack under stress. It wasn't either the time nor the mood, though she turned her back and tried ignoring him. 'What do you have to lose if you just apologise or at least admit it. "All right, I didn't want to be interested in whatever you had to do. Even this damn cord snapped on our fall and as far as I'm concerned, it's the best damn thing that happened in our journey. "Right, because it's my fault, somehow that you wanted to come with me and explore inside the unknown ruins. "It isn't my fault, how many time do I have to repeat it?" A sudden change of pace made them both cower in fear. A giant ray of dampness clogged the sight over the ceiling, rightfully above, managing to be revealed only by a slimmer of light which came from below. It was a pure thing that moved around, and at a pace that couldn't be outraged. 'What was that thing?' The girl asked in silence. It was even lower than a whisper, though their noise wasn't as unnoticed as they thought of it. 'Lower the light. 'Ayles said, as all of the sudden, the construct came to the point of making it a local thing. One light waited alone, as they got closer to its source. From the looks of which, it had a fall which broke some bones and pushed some of the ashes away. There was dirt as well just laying around. It seemed as obvious as a reason why they would freely walk now without breaking through the bones. 'Help me pull it from that ribcage, 'It was blinking the light as it became anxious once it realised that neither of them was going to abandon him now. As little of a gest as it appeared and since they both needed the light, both of them decided to comply. Their need came first now. 'Where to now?' "I told you, there might not be an escape from this place Ayles, are you that hard of an ear?" There has to be a way out. What if they

planned for something like this to happen and they made a secret exit in the hopes that the one of them who caught himself inside might escape?"Low chances for that but I suppose neither of you has the alternative. "Why is that you ragged pet?"It might be since I don't have a need to breathe, though I can feel the air just fading away. You can feel it just as well. Soon you'll both be puffing the ashes rather than the air and finally, succumb to the sickness. 'So said Ian and as much as he thought, Ayles refused to believe him. Though it was rather strange that he said such a thing. He doesn't need to breathe, what a damn lying bird, no wonder he has a tongue as sharp and lousy as that. She didn't make a move but tried looking. If there had ever been an exit or a door at the bottom, somewhere below, they would have to forcefully try to dig inside the mountain of ashes and bones to even get the chance. 'There isn't any way through. Keep the light, it's yours after all. But I and Ian will find a way out for our own. "Don't leave me like that now, this isn't the time to act childish. "No, it isn't Ayles, that time was when we were up there and you wanted to find something. You have, now if you'll excuse me, I don't want to end like of those corpses there. 'Regardless of what he thought, he saw his shadow get greater in size. Both the girl and her light came following him from behind without saying a word. Good, at least she's starting to feel guilty enough that she won't talk back. It was all he needed now, as much silence as he needed to think while walking in what appeared to be the garden or the road of bones. 'Well, what do you think then?Do either of us have a shot at escaping this?'Ian was rather silent again. There were as many chances as there for him, though there weren't plenty as he thought. No opening, no sign, nothing, this appeared to have nothing that would suggest an exit. 'I'm sorry Tom-Tom, it's a bad place to die in, not to mention being buried inside of. If there had been a way for me to find one, I would've looked. 'What about that thing?'As he pointed his finger, Ayles suddenly raised the light. It was that manta which flew around the ceiling, without making any noise of interacting whatsoever. 'Can you see it as well Ian?"I can boy, though it doesn't please me to see it now. "Let's go then, I think I might have something. 'There was only a slight hint that he had a plan, which manifested in finding themselves now climbing on the first small mountain of ashes. As for her, once he arrived at the top, he landed a hand and pull her over at the top. 'This should offer us a good enough view of the entire thing. "Tom-Tom. 'Whisper which was immediately ignored. It was obvious, after seeing the woman sweat what was happening. Before anything could be said, Ian had started again, but this time even louder. 'Tom-Tom, I know that that thing might've been. "What is it now Ian?"We're all in grave danger, can't you feel it, boy?What about Ayles?It's becoming far too hot for any of us to stay. 'Soon there was no need for light, as they were, standing in front of the answer all along. At the end of this furnace laid its mouth, which had rugged metal teeth which started shaking. One smaller light which was immediately accompanied by the another just came into being. 'It can't be happening. "It is the boy if you had a plan just make sure you put in motion while you still have the chance. 'The moving mouth started making upon whatever it had in front of it, releasing a small burst of flames around. Puffs of black smoke started flying as far as the eye went. 'What are we going to do about that now?Can we even? Aagh. 'As he face became even hotter, so did that metal machine which laid in her hands. It fell with an immediate crack of bones, back into a cage from which there was no escape. Thoughtfully, the red gem which had Ian nesting remained as cold as one could be in a situation like this. 'We need to escape now. There might be no chance now that it started. "There, I can see it, it's the same little metal brass thing which opened when Ayles pressed it. "Good eyes lad, what now?"It was fairly further than them, at least to the point where they wouldn't have the chance to reach there by

climbing. 'Ayles, how had was it for you to get it open?' 'I don't know. 'In a second, they were almost shaken, making it seem like an illusion. Though they all saw it get a bit further than where it laid at a second ago. 'Grab a hand then and start throwing at it. 'As he did so, ripping apart, then grabbing a skull, he hit the mark, leaving but a loud rippling thing as it bounces back, broken in half. Each attempt made it seem like they were approaching the end, at least for the time being. Both Ayles and Tom attempted and had thrown, picking even the sharpest and the smallest bones they would find. 'It's of no use. "Just keep throwing and come closer, soon we will have nothing left to breathe from. 'The bones were pulled no longer inside. They became aware after glancing around. Such a reason was tainted, but the entire room was to be ignited. Seeing the flames start expanding made Ayles quite desperate, enough that she would listen to reason now. 'Keep trying before it's late. 'That of which they have, crack after crack, they kept carrying on with this, until the flames and the fumes reached obnoxiously close. It would be soon that they'd pass. 'We won't last long now. 'Said Ayles as she succumbed to that poised smoke that came out from behind and threatened to swallow them. 'Ayles gets up, we're getting out I said. "Look Tom-Tom, there!" Ian directed his glance and it was soon revealed that the laid a rock pushed inside a skull. It was the cause of death most likely, of which would be the cause of their escape. 'Make it a good attempt!" 'Don't worry, I will. 'Tom grabbed it, making sure it was heavy enough, plenty of distance for it to have some force as well. 'If this doesn't work, we'll have to say our goodbyes here. 'Within the confines of his strength, the boy threw the rock directly at the small metal joint, which opened. The giant side of the floor fell and slammed against the pile of bones. 'We're safe. "Tom, she's not breathing. 'His face became pale as the flames approached and the wind pulled the veil of smoke, riding through them. It was hard to breathe already, though he tried checking her pulse without knowledge of doing so. 'Stop, unless you want to join her, we need to leave immediately. Look boy', it started raising itself, there might be a timer to it. 'The crow almost twisted whatever it had of its body in order to warn Tom about the peril. 'There will be time to mourn her after, but you must go on ahead and get out. You owe it for both of you. 'It was any easier, but he had leapt over the platform and started going, grabbing on whatever he could to keep himself on it. 'I abandoned her. 'Tom said at the ground, just as the edges slammed. It was fairly hot under him, but not exactly what he'd feel after. 'What have we done, what are we going to do now Ian?" 'Return back to the ship and say no word, we need to make it through. You've done nothing wrong here other than caring for your life. "Then why aren't I feeling remotely guilty for this?" 'It was a grim thing he said, at which even the crow scowled and stood silently in awe. For one, it would've been expected for him to mourn and feel bad for what he had done, though this seemed rather strange. Standing there in the dark, it didn't take long for him to guide himself, going by the wall, without even taking a glance back. The girl died and Tom doesn't feel a thing about that. It might be that this place's getting to him, one way or another. As much as it may be getting to me. Thought Ian, in his twisted way that it somehow made it right. 'Well, I think I know the reason behind them having this. It was a way to purify the dead before they came to the other side, you know? A method for them to make sure that those who were missing limbs or had grown old and crooked had their shells start again with the destruction of the old ones. The runes as well, they told of it, as much as the idol. It was the guardian that warned us all that we need to return from where we came from. But we refused to listen. We refused. "Tom what are you talking about, how do you know all of this?" 'I don't know, for some reason, I seem to have that. 'Some time had passed and it seemed as if it wasn't. 'I should've been disturbed or at least heart by your

presence and that gem standing so close to me but I've grown used to both of you. 'It seemed as if he was taken into a trance induced by the puffs of tainted smoke. The boy knew where to go, to the point of having been guided by what would seem like forces beyond his controls. Even as they ascended, the idol, the statue or that feathered black thing had no other effect on him. 'We must go before someone notices us, they might recognise you on the way. "They won't, I'm sure of it. But there is one place I need us to go through before we leave. 'Ian stood silent, after seeing him go towards the next pair of stairs rather than getting out. As much as he had wanted to escape, after everything that happened, this came first. 'Well, Tom-Tom, what are you planning on doing?' Without a word, he touched the door in a pattern which made it open. His eyes had almost lost their pupils. It seemed like he was still in that trance he once came out from. 'Well, now, this seems rather cheerful. 'It was a small room, ornated, nothing short of a treasure room, though everything was rather stingy looking for their prices. What interested him was the dead thing which was wrapped around in thin metal sheets. Rather, had it slept or were it entirely dead, there'd be no interest to him whatsoever. 'It's one of them. 'Noted Ian, after their previous encounter, there still came a shivering drop of his voice into a whisper. Though the size was fairly the same, this one was different. Tom appeared to be all knowing about this, even more than usual, to the point where he started unwrapping the entire thing. 'Ian, you should've known by now that there's a reason you're here with me. "I don't like where this is going Tom, could we just leave now? Before something wrong happens or we both get caught inside. "Nothing bad's going to happen now, I just need you to look at this thing. 'As he started unwrapping whatever laid on top, both he and the crow felt it hollow inside, without even needing to touch it for confirmation. Something was indeed the way it shouldn't have been and he was truly certain of it. 'Now, Tom, don't do something you may come to regret later after you snap out of it. 'The head bobbed for a second and that thing suddenly opened its eyes, tracing them around the room. It resumed watching Tom work, quite intensely on the matter. 'Now then, I need you to see reason Ian, I need your help to understand this, whatever it might be. 'At last, the wrappings snapped and the hollowness was revealed. It was the same condition which affected Ian, though it made it through a far worse state than the crow. That longevity was extended, at which price, he wasn't sure of anymore. Such a beast now waited on a table, unable to react or twitch anything else than the top of the head and the eyes. 'Tom, shouldn't it be contagious now? Coming from a rotten thing like itself? From the looks of it, age had torn it apart to the point of pushing out whatever it had laid in order to protect this treasure trove. "No, there'd be none of that, we have something that's worth more than everything here combined. And to top all of that, even more. 'The red came immediately to mine, at the point where they both felt it pulsating at the sight of that thing. A stronger reluctance stopped either of them from pulling it out, rather he was completely caught in awe by the beast. Rightly so, as soon as it ended, this little show, it finally succumbed to age and the hurt. It died rightly so under the unknown circumstances. 'Come out Ian, this is for your own pleasure. 'With a jump and a jabbering of wings, Ian came and stood on top of the far edges of the table. This is what he was planning all along? It came as a surprise, the green, the yellow hues and the visible liquid and solid matter that covered both of his pupils. Regardless of what had come unto him, how grim and much older he appeared to be, the boy still was in need of his service. It was big though layered, to the point where Tom managed to create several smaller layers after breaking the material apart. He immediately wrapped it around the crow's belly, making sure not to get the wings, pushing whatever fell from him back inside. There wasn't any know to keep them

still, as it just worked as well. 'They won't be able to grant you immortality, but at least you should be able to survive longer than you should've been able to. I can do no more in the matter. "I asked for none of this Tom, but tell me now before we get the chance to move out. Is this what you have become?' A disturbing look on him came, the annoyance once the boy realised that he saw his real colours. With a grim grin, he used his hands to cover his eyes and after that, everything had come to normal. At least the colour matched. 'We have much work to do now, little crow, as it's time to hide. 'There wasn't any direct answer to this question. The thing which bothered Ian now was the fact that whatever condition affected Tom showed no signs of leaving. 'What about all this gold then? Won't someone know that we were first?' Rather second, judging by what happened here, wouldn't you say? It won't matter anyway, we're going to close the doors, both of them and never return to this place. This made everything a lot easier and I'm quite aware I have you to thank for, especially for the gem. 'With a snap of his fingers, he closed the gate behind of him, leaving the thing there. 'Don't worry about the next generations that might find this entrance. Now that I have unwrapped that, it should finally start rotting and spreading whatever ancient type of disease it once had kept it alive. 'Was this boy right? Could I have been in the process of decomposition? As grim as it sounded, the boy took both the metal tools out after he crawled out and threw them into whatever abyss laid a few feet away from him. There was no one there to look upon the deed. Another touch and he was ready to do it so. It closed behind, both inside and outside, making sure that whatever was trapped inside would never get the chance to escape. 'It's done.

"Not yet, boy, someone has to be aware that the two of us walked together. You were even wrapped around one another. "I don't care about the matter, we shall go to the ship at once and leave this place. 'The certainty was bizarre and frightening. It didn't sound like the boy at all, as a matter of fact, the knowledge didn't either. Though Ian never complained, the wrappings removed the feeling of being hollow inside. It made him feel as if that dream was true, where he was flying with his flock again. Before time was pale and before the pain. 'I will be taking over the ship now. There's no other way that this might go. 'Tom said, as he just passed through the tunnel. 'The others won't take this act so lightly Tom, not to mention that you're alone against so many of them. "I take it that you won't help me. "That's not the problem, Tom-Tom, you're just a boy, and I'm a crow. They have the numbers and the experience. What exactly do you think we have to stand against them?" Isn't it obvious? By now it became apparent that the jeweller spoke to the rest of them during our stay from the ship. They all know about the stone, it's just a matter of them coming to take it sooner or later. "Why did he wait for it then? He could've taken it at any time, he doesn't know about me and you're just a boy. "I used to be nothing but a boy crow, but you'd better learn that things like that are better-kept silent. Especially since I'm about to get the better of them. 'Well now, let's see what they think of me now. It was a thing that the boy had never bothered to look into, at least not until now, though he started watching their eyes. Tom would've noticed the presence of greed and the callouses on their hands if only he had paid a bit more attention. All that work and there'd be nothing but a lousy pay that wasn't enough to keep any of them satisfied. Even as he walked past the two lousy reeking workers, he felt the tension they had built up inside of them. 'Well, it seems that most of them had returned. 'Said, Tom, as he looked around. He stood there in the middle of the ship. No one in town had seen him go, and barely anyone had noted his arrival on the ship. 'Listen now, for I'm only going to say this once. 'Within his hand came the red stone, having a glow that was strong enough to pierce through everyone's eye and managed to get their attention. It was quite the fit, for it seemed as if it wouldn't have started

glowing in any other possible encounter than this. A simple touch got their attention. Even as he stood there, on top of a box, Ian looked as well as the glow, which had subsequently taken his attention. 'Well, now that you're all aware of what I have. You might've spoken around, whispered behind my back, planned on ditching the boy and getting this little thing and claim it as your own. 'He could see some of them licking their lips at the sight of it. If that was their damn reaction, it was a strange bother to think about what they thought of doing now. Tom pushed the stone back and went on. 'I will say this once, from as much as I have heard, this gemstone would be enough for me to buy your ship and pay each and every one of you quite handsomely. That, if you decide to come in my employment and abandon this rancid life of going from island to island and having at the cracks. "How do we know we can trust you now boy? You're an outsider, came here within our ship, if my memory serves me right you were even a small imp that grew into a boy. "Whatever my past be, it doesn't matter anymore. What matters is that I have the means to take the hold and the least off your backs and give you something greater than this slavery you were forced into. 'This had certainly got their attention. Rather, Tom's voice had become softer despite his constant shouting. He became aware that past every window, everyone was looking and listening to what he had to say. But before long, an oaf opened his mouth. 'And what stops me right now from coming and taking it from you? Lad, I'm the same one who put you back in your place when you tried leaving the ship. I say, let's all band together and teach this frightened boy a lesson. 'Foolish one, the thought of him being punished was quite appealing. 'Would you now?' Tom asked, approaching the man. 'And who would stop the next on after you from slitting your throat in your sleep. 'Before the man noticed, Tom had already managed to move his hand over the small dagger the man wore at his belt. A shameful display, or having the weapon standing in plain sight and easy to reach. The head bobbed only to find out that there was a knife in his throat. Perhaps it was the difference in height which made it peculiar though it had done its task. A knife laid cold and the man could barely speak a word. 'Go on, put me in my place. Each and every one of you can try as well. I made you a fair offer, from which there'd be no foul blood lost unless it was necessary. Don't make me change my mind. 'With that, the dagger went flying into one of the small houses on the ship. Let's see if they'd listen now. The boy thought of it, even before the man managed to get a chance to catch his breath and retaliate. 'Throw him off the ship. 'Two larger men grabbed him by each side and stood there for a moment. 'Off the ship?' 'I know what I said, not on the ground, throw him off the ship. "Mercy, mercy, I didn't mean what I said, or what I've done. Please, mercy!' His shout fell on dead ears as they obeyed. Without reluctance of even a cold shoulder, they had thrown a man overboard without a second thought. His voice died as everyone else looked in shock at that. 'Good, well, now the next step is to come. We leave immediately and are to make it to the throne, understood?' Tom signalled for an addition of four other men to follow him down the stairs and towards the room where the captain laid. It wasn't locked, not that it mattered, though something was to be understood by everyone. Not even Zeppelin approached Tom as he opened the door and came to the conclusion. 'The captain isn't here, I guess. Is there anyone else on the ship that knows how to drive this thing?' The boy pointed at the man, just in case he wanted to speak, with a demeanour that couldn't be classified as something less of a wretch. 'What do you know about it?' The captain, sir, he, he's usually leaving and getting drunk before or after any stop we make. I'm afraid this might be one of those occasions where this happens. Oh, you mean, no, no sir. There's no one else on the ship that knows how to make it run. "It's well enough that I'll handle. Every one of you will go and take the word on the ship

that we are to leave in an hour, with or without the ship captain. 'There was a slight reluctance as they all shared the same look in their eyes. For them, at least, it appeared that the boy was about to do something reckless. A thing which wasn't worth every rich he had promised everyone, not that it would come if the ship fell apart. They will listen to me nonetheless, I'm sure of it. 'Don't you want to be rewarded and abandon this life of yours? Isn't it this what the people above you would want to happen? Trust me and you'll be rewarded past your wildest dreams, more than you can imagine. No longer will you have to risk your lives during any attacks, no longer will you have to work. 'The rest was filled with the excitement felt by some of the men from behind. As a matter of fact, the entire tunnel was filled with curious folk who tried looking and seeing what all this fuss was about. 'He's right. 'Finally, the voice of agreement came. 'We've already gone too far with this, we threw a man. "I knew that man, he wasn't the most pleasant company, but there just wasn't any other choice. I can't return to my life again after doing this. 'And in a certain way, he was right to say so. Not that it would bother him or anything. It just didn't sit right with him for the time being. How the others looked at him, what he felt like after doing so. 'It's settled then, isn't it? You may all go and start the preparation. I claim the captain's room as my own from now on and I believe there's much to be done. 'Dismissed, the men looked at how Tom closed the door and listened from the other side. Neither of them knew how to react, as it took some time to understand. 'Are you planning on?' 'Not now Ian, we may have to wait a few seconds before that. 'Any sooner and they may notice something was wrong. The moment the key came into contact, they may force the door open and rebel against him before he even got the chance to leave. It didn't take as long as he had thought for them to go in their places. Sooner or later, it'd come, just as he went on and closed the door. 'That was certainly something to behold. "Tom, something's certainly wrong with you. "There's no one to help me Ian, not anymore. Isn't that right, little construct, Zeppelin, was it?' One gaze and Zeppelin retreated in the dark, being as reluctant to go out as it was the first time they met. 'Now, speaking of the ship. "You told them to make preparations for an hour Tom, it's far too dangerous. 'Though he wasn't concerned with any of it. As far as he knew, there wasn't any stopping now from what he had become. Tom started pulling the lever and pressing the various buttons, manually twisting cogs and trying to figure out as he went on. 'Press the lever at least, before the steam blows up. 'In the corner laid a small clock-like device, which measures how much of the steam built up as the ship-work went. 'Good call. 'Once pressed, it managed to go out before it could reach too intense a level. Far from the ship though, just as the engines were stopping, the drunk noticed and heard the terrible sounds it made. A grim black smoke arose and the sounds of metal piercing stone. It managed to cast upon the town quite the unsettling pair of looks as they heard something happening. But most importantly, out of everyone, the captain finally arose from his slumber and yelled. 'That's my ship! It's my ship and they're leaving without their captain!' He said once he lost his grimace. Covered in stone dust, he started racing towards it, throughout the town and into the fray, past the stone plants and into the dark. Once he came into the light, the captain noticed that the ship had already lifted itself a few feet off the ground. 'Catch me if I am to fall!' The captain shouted, with quite a few glances from the people behind which decided to follow to see what was making all the noise. 'Catch me I said, there'd be no one to stir the ship if I am to fall!' The man went on again and spoke of nothing short of this madness is the end of them all. Damn those people, none of them would listen. 'I could've fallen if I decided to jump. This, I can promise you, every single one of you will regret this decision I'm telling you! That ship will fall. 'Said the man, until his speech turned into an inaudible

mumble. A small bottle was thrown into nothingness, just as well as it fell, never to be seen again. There were worse things that could've happened but at least the ship remained in the sky with most of its people on board. It went slowly but stable, lost in the clouds, at least going as fast for the time being. 'Well now, Tom, what might it happen after we reach that point? Something's telling me you're not planning on repaying any of them. 'As tightly shut as the door were, he was more than aware that no one would hear there the conversation between the two of them.

Henceforth, there came the truth of the matter. 'No, I wasn't planning on either paying or even making this entire journey with every one of them alone. It's the extra weight, you see and from what I could tell, there should rather be enough for this little cabin alone to reach the capital in no time. "Could that even work Tom-Tom? There were engines and floating devices that I've seen outside, certainly, they would keep this ship working. "Everything's incorporated, let us just see. 'At once he left the captain's seat and just looked how Zeppelin was out of sight. He was still there, hiding, though this was slightly disturbing to be left alone and unattended. 'Well, it should be here. 'From under the table, Tom dragged a map and started unwrapping it over. Curiously, at least, Ian asked. 'How did you know where to find it? As a matter of fact, how do you know where we are and where we should be going? "I don't entirely, for a fact, I'm mere guiding myself from sight and memory, nothing more. But take a look at this, and just how much it would've taken for us to reach this point. There are at least a hundred mountain tops, and that isn't counting the fact that there are stations everywhere around. "This isn't what you wanted to show me, though Tom. "I know that Ian, but first I needed to show you the reason why I'm doing what it had to be done. "Won't they be stranded here, alone, in the middle of the sky? "There was some ponder on it as well as on any other issue Tom encountered. Though, Ian still didn't understand. 'None of them will, the closest island is just mere hours away and I realised that if they know how to start the engine on their own they will be fine. 'From under the table, there came the schematics which were needed. Further explaining was fairly needed now. 'For you see, this is equipped in every detachable part of the grand city, every house, every single thing that has a roof, a door and people on it has the ability to fly. "Then why is there a need for the floating devices and the bigger engines below. "Simple thing my feathery friend, it's because of the weight everything has added together, with the fact that once the buildings start coming together, the engines can't work. 'At least, there came the last thing Ian could've thought of. 'Well now, this is most important than, how will they be able to stir and control the ship without a wheel? "They won't. 'With cold hands, he went back to the wheel and started pressing the buttons in order. 'Damn thing is stuck. 'There also were some audible mumbles past the door. 'Don't worry about that though, there won't be anything passing past that. And from the looks of it, there's another storm to come. 'On his feet again, he looked around the room, grabbing a small illuminating device which stood just at the bottom of his feet. The captain's delight, written on it, a rod of some kind of light turnable at both ends. A peculiar device which seemed to have the light caged, in a systematic set of metal bands. It's good enough that I might use it. With that, Tom appeared to have not troubled to find the first lever. Standing against the wall, it seemed to have been covered by a pair of saggy clothes. His own as a matter of fact, making it seem like the captain either had no care of he had more than entertain the thought of abandoning the others. Nonetheless, after he snapped it back, with a strength that shouldn't have been there, the crow came to its senses. 'We can't abandon them during a storm. "They most likely deserve it. Even now, they're above us, plotting to take the gem and over the ship. 'Even if he was right about it, the men started to rebel. There was little to none of

what information was to be given as they stood there waiting impatiently. 'He gave us an hour and he lied. Not to mention that he abandoned our captain and made us kill a man in cold blood. Why have we even listened to the boy?' As the haze in which they were in seemed to diminish, most of them managed to snap from whatever they were in. 'We need to take care of him before he starts doing something reckless like driving directly into a cliff or a mountain. 'A bunch of uproars came from the crowd. They were all on the top of the deck, each and every single one of them who laid foot on the ship. It was fairly more than serious now in what they were to do. 'We can starve the little beast, I bet he'll come crawling and licking his boots just to get some bone to chew on. 'Neither of them was able to hear what was going on below. How every level was turned and how a piece of the ship started shaking violently. At least that was the point when he had their notice become apparent. What follows next was the last one, as quick as it came, there wasn't any time for any of them to come up with a plan. The piece of the ship came off as easily as the levers went. No wonder why this happened whatsoever, as it came to him below. 'Now we're done. 'Ian and Zeppelin both appeared to be looking in dismay, though there wasn't any doubt about the fate of the people on the rest of the ship. The rest of what he had was fast, but not fast enough to outrun another storm. It wasn't the fact that there were shouts there, but the rest of what laid behind started slowly descending than anything else. 'It's too late now. 'Chaos was in store for them, another voice came shouting, and soon enough everyone went into their homes or regions, ready to do the same. At least those who knew, others didn't. But standing at the threshold of the winds and clouds, it appeared as if there wasn't anything they could do anymore. For the time being, it appeared that it was as far as they could go. They had nowhere else to go as they waited for the wrath of the lightning and of the storm. 'We need to escape before they come. 'It was always a sign of them when the weather changed all of the sudden. Most hadn't had the chance to see it come, but it far from coming from above. As the beast came from under the ship, seeing how it stopped, it snapped it in half, pushing the engines away and crushing the floatation device. No time for shouting but despair, the only thing which remained was the fast-moving piece of the ship, which wasn't entirely safe. Tom was doing as well as he could do. But once he came at another threshold atop the sky clouds, a bolt of lightning hit his ship. It was the time he realised what happened to the rest of them, most likely dead in an instant. Burnt corpses fell with their ship, though he was unable to verify whenever it was true or not, that's what he had expected the moment he released the ship. Another bolt managed to land and shake the ship into another direction. 'Damn things must be pretty annoyed at something, but what?' 'Tom, don't take any chances now, just descent as far as you could get. 'No, that'd be the death of us all if we reach too far down there. I can make it even with a piece of the hulked ship. 'At the words of which, Zepellin stood by his side, locked against the panel of the ship. He was fairly big now, but it figured he'd come closer. 'So far I believe this may be the safest spot to be in. 'Even with the change in him, you could easily tell that there was reluctance in his voice. Especially in the moment, there came a full impact with one of those wriggling beasts. It came from below and raised itself as far as it could go, creating a point of destruction at point-blank which ripped a piece of his ship apart. 'Hold on, there's the wind!' With a warning, he noted that he was the only one struggling so far. Zeppelin felt nothing whatsoever and if it came to anything, Ian could easily fly and get away. For what it was worth, there was only a hole big enough to be covered. 'Be careful Ian. 'Said the bird on a cracked voice. At which he became reckless and started sprinting to the locker. It was heavy enough but the boy managed to turn it around and push it as far as he could. Luckily, it only

managed to get a piece of the wall and not of the ground, for there wouldn't have been a returning after that. With the last push, Tom covered the wind tunnel or at least a part of it. Other smaller pieces were being pulled and soon covered whatever remained by themselves. 'We need to increase the speed if we're to make it through this storm.

'There were other beasts coming as well and this was no time to waste. Tom looked at the controls and started pushing every button, pulling levers and in the end, having to resort to something else as well. 'What are you planning on doing with that thing?' Above, there laid a small compartment which had some tools, most likely used for maintenance. First, the hammer and the pick became far too useful. Even though the ship started wailing and be affected by the various grasps of wind which pushed and pulled it from one direction to another, the boy had to go on. With a blast of the hammer, it became apparent that he opened the controls. Plenty of wires laid there and other devices on which dust had settled it. Some of them apparently left the impressions that it worked with the wind itself in order to cool everything down. 'Careful what you're doing boy. 'I'm more than certain on what needs to be done. 'With a few snaps and some pushes, he came to the point of starting to cut some of the useless ones. At least as he was working, they had caught him again at unawares. Two of them coming from opposite directions just slammed themselves into one another. And in between they came the ship, cutting through a great bulk and crushing whatever it was that kept it in the air. With the reluctance he had and the little time to think, he had nothing else but to grab onto Zeppelin and brace himself for the impact. It appeared as if the end came sooner than expected for all of them at last. Tom felt the pressure and started feeling fear again for his own life. 'Go away, you can fly Ian. 'The boy tried shouting, despite the fact that the crow was close enough to hear. 'No, I won't leave you now, after what we've been through. I just can't do it anymore, there'd be nothing better for me than to go on ahead and get a final end with someone that's worth it. 'Tom said nothing more and regret none of it, as much as he was changed, there wasn't any stopping to this. As they all fell through the various tunnels of wind, the ship finally reaches land. When the moment of the impact came, all three of them were utterly destroyed. It was a saddened day that of which was true, but the fire that sprang from below wasn't all to it. Tom still stumbled in the dark with Ian, far, far away, still lost and mourning. It was the mere fact that he was delayed by this and that of which he found light only after stumbling to get near to the point of crawling that he did so. 'Where to now Ian? We can't return anymore, she's dead because of my big mouth, isn't she?' 'It isn't because of you Tom-Tom, you should've known better than this. 'The boy nodded, as, again, stumbling upon the climbing of the stairs, he covered his eyes and went on. It wasn't anything short of an unlucky thing that he found himself trying to get out. Though when he reached the last room from which he came out of, his eyes widened as he looked in shock. 'Someone close the crawling door Ian, we're stuck!' As the shock came, it became obvious that something happened during the time he was away. 'It is, boy, you'd better find another way unless you're planning on spending the rest of your life here. 'I can't, we can't spend the rest of our lives without food or a place to sleep or. 'See to it that you search for a way out as fast as possible now Tom. No one's going to help us otherwise. 'Tom started going through the runes and the various objects in that dark room. It became obvious to it that something was fairly wrong as the room was empty, leaving nothing else other than the ruins. As long as the shouting came, there came the plea for help. The boy shouted and shouted until he got a sore throat and he couldn't do it anymore. 'Can we break the door open at least?' 'No one has ever done it before, keep searching now, it may be our only way out. 'Tom started crawling immediately in the small tunnel. He tried seeing whenever or not

there was something out there which he could press. None of what he could do mattered now, as a matter of fact, it all came to nothing else but gazing at those tight walls. Nothing laid of which he could use and this was certainly something he wasn't going to let go. 'You can turn around Ian, it's safe to be on my belly. It seems as if we should be getting quite comfortable now, especially since there doesn't seem as if there's a way out of this. 'The moment passed when the boy had the chance to give up and he couldn't deal with it as pleasingly as he sounded. 'What do you think might happen if no one comes searching for us?' 'The ship might leave for once Tom, I doubt they'd be waiting for a lost boy, especially since there'd be people around to take care of you right here. And that man, Ayles's father. 'I know, someone needs to tell him what happened, if we may ever escape from this. 'The problem with that Tom-Tom is that we might never even get the chance to show him what has happened to his daughter. At least not without risking to go through the same thing all over again. 'The crow finally gave the accent into a crawl. It was a baffling this that he, of all, spoke as much as he could, at the request of the boy. Before silence fell in that dimly lit room, there came a thump. 'Did you hear that Ian?' 'The crow came with his head out and started listening to a lot more carefully than before. 'I heard it as well Tom, go on ask for it. 'Is someone there? Please, we're stuck inside and I don't know what to do. 'At least there came another thump and a striking voice he couldn't recognise that well.

From beyond a wall to another, it became obvious that neither of them could hear one another properly. Nonetheless, the violent pounding continued. Each strike made a distinct sound as they went on, both of which shouted at one another. 'He heard me, I'm sure of it! It may not be something he could understand, but someone's there, trying to help us. 'Immediately after what he told Ian, Tom went on ahead to shout his lungs out, making sure he'd give it his all until that which bore itself from below started coming. From what he felt like, someone was bearing far too much regret, to the point of wanting to come back. An immediate strike left a crack in the door, which made it seem like it finally came for him to be understood. 'Can you hear me now?' 'Lad, is that your voice?' 'He heard me, Ian, now I'm certain!' This came only to the level of barely understanding one another, though it still remained the best that they could get. It's all that he needed to succeed now in escaping. If this is Zeppelin, he won't be really succeeding anymore, at least not at this point. 'Listen to me, there's only one way to open this, it's a hidden button somewhere on the wall. You need to feel for it in order to find it. There's no other way around me, trust me. 'The man grumbled but started looking desperately at the wall. His voice was still barely there though he agreed to go on with the boy's plan. Despite the initial attempts, there was nothing felt against the wall. 'It will take a while but I'm on it. 'Came loud and clear once the pounding came to a stop. For the both of them remained just enough time to speak. 'Tom-Tom, you must listen to me and heed what I have to say. Keep what happened to the girl a secret from everywhere else, there's no other way unless you want to be blamed for what happened to her. 'But I've had no part in it, how could I possibly be called to answer for something I haven't done? It was her own fault that she wanted to explore. 'Listen to me Tom, no one will care about the reason why this happened in the first place. Everyone will only seek someone to blame and that person will be you unless you shut your mouth. 'Their whispers did well as he lifted himself above the crawling tunnel. Ian was sure that the boy might get punished the moment other people become aware that Ayles was with him the moment she died. It didn't help either that he knew exactly how it happened. 'A girl is no longer among us and it's certain that it might be because of you. 'Do you truly. 'There boy, come before it falls. 'Tom came to a crawl when he saw the man holding the gate from falling down with his

bear arms alone. It was an admirable feat of strength and endurance, well received as well. He wanted to tank them, but only after he was out. Tom knew that something had to be done. Once the boy was out of it, he looked behind at the dark figure that laid hidden. 'Am I being paranoid again?' The man left the gate but didn't hear the last part of what Tom said. He was concerned about him, as well as anyone who was left behind. 'You're the captain! How did you know?' Before he asked anything else, he looked around, as if to look in surprise for Zeppelin, though it wasn't him. 'I found him in the city, for some reason or another, it hadn't stopped following me. A useful thing I'd say but I've got bad news your you lad. 'There couldn't have been anything worse which he could receive now. Though he was wrong in thinking that, at the story of their abandonment, it made him lose faith and his will to go on. 'How could this happen? Weren't you supposed to be on the ship, making sure things like this don't go unattended?' 'I'm sorry, lad, but this was something beyond my prowess and I couldn't have laid there alone for my entire life, that's certain. For what's worth, it shouldn't be as long now. I sent a message, carried by a stricken bird. At least a week from now, a ship should be coming to take us. Well, unless something comes along which be fairly convenient for us to make do. "And until then? It's not like I have a place to stay or anything to do while waiting. There aren't even money for me to spend on food or the basic needs. "Don't worry lad, you'll be more than helpful, I know you will. Just follow me and we'll return to the capital when all is done. Though you may think we're lucky once you'll have the news to yourself. 'As they walked towards their new home, something still lingered inside there, left as the door cracked and locked itself. Someone seemed to have been abandoned in there without a chance to escape, being as silent as possible, without even bothering to raise suspicion. As they made there was, it was more than clear, that thing which helped them, a construct they called it. Tom knew from where it came from, making it clear that sooner or later, he had the chance to meet her father. 'Are you all right boy? Feeling out of the weather I presume, it isn't that worth it to lose your head like that. We'll get our chance to leave. "It's not that captain, well, what was your name again? I've known you for a while and yet I forgot to ask about your own name, for which I'm certainly sorry. "My name is Edward. "And I'm Tom, fairly excited to make you acquainted. Oh, and he is Ian, my crow. I mean a crow that's been acting as my companion for the entirety of this journey. "It's a pleasure to meet you, my feathery friend. Quite rare seeing one of these so far from the years before, well. There's a time where things need to be said and perhaps you may be tired, lad. It's been a long day and doesn't worry, I know the right thing. I'll need all the help I can get in order to stay afloat, we'll be working as partners from the next day on, deal?' There wasn't any contract or anything of which he had in mind about this request. Nonetheless, the boy trusted the man who saved his life and promised him shelter for the time being. Something got him to shake on it, or a hunch that would either bite or ensure his survival. 'Trust me, we'll get it through. 'Those words had to keep him as docile as they would, as far as he was aware, it wasn't going to take less than what he expected. A week already passed without a noticed as he entered into his system. For, the people around had given him simple jobs, that of which could be performed by a child. Tom worked as hard as he could with anything he could receive, being stone picking of sweeping the floors. Even at nights, when their cheap rooms held, they were standing on beds which were facing one another, speaking no words but hearing the mumbles. 'One week already passed, hasn't it?' Said the body, appearing as surprised as he remained. It was quite the bothersome thing, repetitive at most, having to go through the same process on a daily basis. For some time, it became apparent that he had forgotten what it was like since he was standing home with his

real family and had attended parties. Even if it was from the distance, he could feel the warmth. 'At least the nightmares died, right? We could call that a victory. "If you're pleased by such a thing. One thing that hadn't appeared to have been noted by you Tom, the fact that they've taken Zeppelin. "We'll get it back when we reach the capital. "Unless someone takes him. "We will, now, if you don't mind. 'Despite being a city of stone, they still used some sort of technology that worked. Devices of metal that stored inside of the batteries that powered them. From where did they get the energy to begin with? It was quite the mystery they had become aware of, both him and the captain. As a matter of fact, there were other things that needed power, which seemed to have been used by denizens. Obviously, they had to take it from somewhere, to begin with, but where from?' Just go to sleep Tom. Tomorrow's the day. 'At which he did wonder, a peculiar thing at that. It's been a week and still, no one was looking for his once lost friend Ayles. No one asked, nobody even looked, to the point when she was missing after his arrival. Her, how come no one's asking about her? It was something which made him finally put himself to rest. As much as he was concerned, there wasn't anything he could say about it and walk freely to that ship that came the next morning. The only problem is that there wasn't anything to look upon. Both he and the captain stood in their position, waiting and looking forth for something to come. 'Well, I don't think it's coming any longer this day, lad. "Why is that? You said they'd come in a week and a week has already passed. Why, why is it so?" I don't know the lad, but it would seem like we're going to spend a lot more time stranded here until someone comes. Unless you wish to build another ship that is. 'It angered the boy for a good reason as well. The captain tried hiding it in from Tom but he had little to no avail on the matter. As far as it went, nothing pleased either of them and nothing would. Unless it came to the point of both of them returning home as safely as possible, there was only return to this life in the quarry. One work the mines as well as Tom swept the floors and carried stones. It was time to accept, for the time being, that there wasn't any ship coming as he had thought. Though nothing was as pleasant as it seemed to be.

Far away, in the kingdom, the capital, the main seat of power, the king stood alone, looking at the same map, marking the same spots. The ink was dripping on the floor, and at once he came back to the throne. He thought and looked into one of his skyboxes, peering into nothingness. Something made him shiver and made him mad and upset. It was now a thing stored in memory, converted from one of his skyboxes. Every time he looked into it, he saw the moment when that bride of his to be and his servants got destroyed by a wriggling beast. A snare came into his mind and his gauntlet smashed the box as his gaze went with a grimace unmet by a human eye. They will pay for everything that happened, I'll be sure of it. 'Even farther than the rage of the king, in the city where he reigned, commoners were unsettled to even look at the sky. It was something to admit to oneself that it seemed like this was beginning to approach the end of everything which touched the sky. Even as clouds were torn apart, most thought of ill when thinking about what those things reaping through the air could do. The Two Calves Inn, it was called, a tavern of some sort, in the lower regions of the capital. It was placed rightly in a region that had the entrance from the docks, perhaps fairly close to the right. Place with something in mind that would turn heads at the sign and the symbol it bore. Though even more pleasant was the attitude there had been inside. As much as most of the lords being worried about everything which laid in their possession falling apart, these people were filled with joy. Drunk perhaps, but no to the point of a blow. 'May I bring you another pair of drinks?" "Keep them going Galda, keep them going!" There were joy and the playing of the flute, going around from round to round. If this place was threatened to

be raised to the ground, what else had they do to than to celebrate everything? Some tunes were more than what they expected, at least during those times. One would even go ahead to throw a dark glance at other people in the tavern who appeared far too happy indeed. As for others, there was no bother as that, other than the fact that no one could sleep upstairs from all the noise. Down the road, outside, as well, no one was standing still. It was fairly accepted over the fact that there were things beyond them that needed to be taken care off just so that their livelihood would continue uninterrupted. Roofs were reinforced with extra layers, the most expensive ones even had especially tiles attached to them. It was a simple thing that placed itself between two tiles and acted as both another layer and protected the blind spot as well. 'How's the work going up there?' 'We're getting through with the preparations sir. 'Supplied by the king, it was a special kind of metal that wasn't supposed to act as a conductor of lightning or any other detriment that would come. The man knew that sooner or later he'll ask for something in return for what's he provided for the city. Same went with everything that stood tall and pale, walls or poles. Being covered in thin metal sheets, made it seem as if the main goal was to misdirect whatever bolt of lightning landed on the house. It wouldn't help in case of a direct attack. 'You, girl. 'The Lord pointed, with his branded finger at a peasant girl who stood around looking. Usually, there'd be others to talk to them for him, but this was one of the rare occasions when he had to do it himself. 'Tell me, what's the reason behind everyone having scattered inside and how come you're out?' 'Everyone's scared my lord, that's all. They say that the big sky lizards are coming to eat our town. 'Nonsense child, well, perhaps not all of it. But how come you're. Damn impertinent child. 'There wasn't any answer for she immediately went out of sight, walking through the alley, losing herself in the dark. Times were harsh and this was certainly something they were more than aware. Desperate measures had to be taken everywhere around. Past the noon and in the dark, the poor and deprave, opened the valves and hid in the sewers upon hearing that of which was about to come. In the worse case, they though themselves as a tribe. Already they were a dozen of them, walking together, hunting rats and making their best attempts to stay alive for the duration of the crisis. Not everyone bode well with this, as it seemed as if a big part of the city started shivering in front of their eyes. Soon an announcement came to the king who peered from far away fuming at that. 'The nerve on them. Every single one of them will pay for what was done. Bring me a body, now!' 'Spoke the king with a thing that bore nothing less of rage and power. One of his protectors went outside and returned sooner than expected with a common man. He might've been tall, with dark hair or something or a moustache, still growing in his young-like appearance. From what he could tell he was at his prime of age. 'What have I done my lord?' 'Nothing, though, it would seem that you have been selected for something much greater than you might've thought of and for that I need to thank you. And I'm aware that it's a rare thing to do, but I can't stress it enough that I will make this worth it for both of us. At least for the time being when this rebellion or attempted thing comes into being. Go on ahead. 'Confused the man peered no longer. A hand came from behind and chopped the man in perfect halves going from somewhere at the abdomen. It happened too fast, or was it the poison placed on the hand that did it? Nonetheless, with his life extinguished, another one of his guards took a body, while there came a third from the shadows. 'Let's get it over with, I've got something to stop. 'With each of them having one piece of the body in hand, it was time for the final part of the process and for his time to come in motion. There wasn't any need for force now, as the royal guard pulled the king out of his lower half with ease. He saw it almost come out like a melting candle, seeing the metal act as nothing less of that. It came off without pain or

blood but a parasitic thing that needed something to grasp and feel upon. From his lower half, already sprouted some sharp things that wanted or needed to attach themselves to something. 'Go on ahead. 'Spoke the king with a voice that had almost shown signs of weakness or being tired. Though this was easily got rid off when he had access to the lower half of the man. It was immediately tainted upon contact, as the armour grew out of the skin and covered everything which laid below. 'Bring the other half, immediately. 'At his command, the lower half tied itself to the higher top of the man, creating a perfect copy of himself. 'Good, good, this will do more than fine. 'He said after looking at the other, how I moved and checked himself. There was a period of time where he stared at his hands moving and then at himself. It was something to be proud about, as he hid now in the shadows. 'You will go and take care of it now, understood?It's your problem to bring resolve and avoid our loss. Two of the royal guards will accompany you as anything more than that might be an overkill, to say the least. "I will obey. 'He said something that would've never been believed to have been seen coming from the king. At least these halls were almost empty if it weren't for the two of them. Too thick of walls for anyone to eavesdrop and too dark and shallow for the lungs, in case one decided to stay too long in the room. At least that came without his attention or permission, a kind of punishment that was deemed only fair. 'Now go and make I will come true, solve whatever they started now and return to me. 'Hidden in the dark, the higher top of the king brooded as he waited. It was a strange thing, seeing the king alive and well, walking in the sun, when most people thought of him as a mere legend in a suit. Nothing proper or formal given by most people, though one could look at the fact which they were forced to hide. He only threw a look and it became apparent. 'Those damn lords struck a deal, it seems that the region is far too great and it extends too far away to be just one of them going rogue. 'I must see to it before it's late. He walked as if he wasn't bothered by the danger, not to mention that the least it caused, such a big piece of the city was the destabilisation of the entire structure. The thing of which magnitude wasn't made since ages long. With each step, it got worse. 'No, this might be worse than expected, we need to get there as fast as possible. 'At the rise of his hand, both of his guards heard his command. 'Run as fast as possible and bring me whoever started this entire thing. But not before you prevent this from breaking apart in front of my eyes. If that thing happens, we may not be able to make them return. 'They started sprinting as if they weren't even supposed to resemble humans anymore. No break or weakness of anything that would drag them back, not even the fact that they had to defend the king who was left alone. Those commoners dared look madly upon their king for asking his guards to go on an errand. Though none seemed to be as concerned about him as they were of the immediate threat. Clearly, there wasn't any return from what was to come now. 'Let us see now, how this will end. 'He said as he continued walking slowly. It wasn't supposed to happen, but at the same time, another strike came. From the opposite part of the city, the ground started shaking just as violently as before. As mad as it seemed, this was planned all along. The king needs to know. 'No. 'His voice came aloud once he realised the fact that there wasn't time for this. Someone had to stop this entire thing and there was no one else to help him since he already sends both of the guards there. I need to do it all alone now, everything's in my hands. 'Just like the times of old. I will save all of you now!'With that in mind, he was certain to go on ahead and prevent what could turn out to be the great start of a war. At least in the best case scenario if the ancient machines that held them above didn't fail. The weather didn't help either, over the fact that he came to the point of fighting against the stricken wind. No one was on the streets, other than few that watched upon him like they were looking upon a

mirage. This turn of events didn't seem to bother as much of them as it did on the other sides. One would even think it was expected. 'To think that they would plot behind our backs, those vermins will pay!' His gauntlet touched the edge of a wall and broke it with ease. Certainly, that was a way to prove that he was no mere trick of the eye. The king came to the edge where it was slipping and noticed just how long it'd take, after all, other things were in mind. Levers had to be pulled, the lords had to talk with one another about what was to be done, not to mention the mere fact that he went through almost unnoticed. Breaking through the door of what appeared to be one of the bigger mansions were rightly so, familiar with the notice. It was something that bore him as he watched in the sky cube, in one of the memories that he had witness forth. The architecture was out of this world, at least. 'Fool, this isn't any time to be watching and to admire, this could turn out for the worse. 'Despite the size of the gates, he pushed them through, even if he was barely alive for less that would've been expected and had a fraction of himself. It was still a fit which made the guards that stood on the doorstep back. Once because of the initial shock and the second once they realised he was the king of flesh bone and armour. 'This ends now, I'll have no one destabilise and ruin for what I had fought for!' Without realising it, more than half of the region stood behind him, trying to peer upon what was to become. Not everyone was a supporter of the crowd, though most of them appeared to agree that this was a mistake. Good on them, now that they see the truth in all of this. It's time to act upon the impulses once again. Though, it couldn't have gone smoother on the other side, as the royal guards had no trouble pushing through the doors. Breaking them apart had nothing more to them than the mere action. What was more troublesome for them was the fact that there was a disaster that needed to be avoided. From the likes of which they were aware. It was a giant piece of the engine which forced the entire thing to move. That reason laid behind why the entire capital shook behind so loudly. Not only that, but the harsh wind didn't do much to help in this tainted conundrum. Both of them stopped and gazed around. There wasn't any lord or any other guards around. Someone knew that they were coming. It was certainly hidden away from the commoner but there wasn't any denying in it. This was the reason why the city moved, not to mention that it'd also become the reason why it would fall. Without a doubt, there wasn't any telling of how far would this ancient thing be able to lead the piece of the town into the air. Even worse was the fact that they needed to stop it under any circumstance possible. 'Wait, wait, I surrender. 'Yelled a lord, just as he laid at his table along with his fellow guests. 'Neither of them expected to see the very king standing there and peering upon their plans. At best, one guard would've been enough to do the deed. 'Tell me before I become really mad, where is that thing that's causing the destruction of my city?' He was lenient but stern, no one could read or see through his helm, but he was trying to look ahead. Where could she be, that damn woman who threatened me. Luck was about her, it'd seem, as far as he was aware, if she was there, to begin with, at least someone would immediately get punished for what was done. For now, this will have to do. 'I'm not in the mood for waiting for any fool that decided to. 'Pardon me, your majesty but this wasn't my doing, or any of ours, to begin with. 'Then what's the reason behind this insolence?' His voice crept it and everyone at the table started lifting themselves up. At once he leapt upon the table from where he was standing and gazed directly into his eyes. 'Lead me to what's making all this noise. 'As he followed the advice, he went ahead and opened a door, leading the king himself with a taken torch. Despite the fact that there should've been a trusted servant leading the king there, he insisted that the lord should come. Walls were shaking, and the man just went on ahead, to cover behind. It was a bother that everyone saw the

fact that he had secrets to hide behind their backs, even though most of the people at the table already had more than they claimed to be. 'Go on, no tricks now, even though we are alone, I could crush your bones and dagger at the tip of my fingers. 'His voice ran through, not that he wanted to. 'I wouldn't even dream of it, your majesty. 'That of which was indeed something to think of, as merely so as it may. It was carried for protection and this was off when they reached the depths and the darkroom which had the machine inside. Same thing, hidden from the sight of the commoners. From what he knew, this wasn't much, to begin with, as he was one of the two people who knew where the third generator laid. 'Now, let's see, who acted upon this now? I'll hear no lie and won't ask you again. "I don't know my lord, this wasn't something which we planned or anything of the sort. 'Dumb fiend, if only you were later.

Though the man, after seeing the armoured devil go on and start twisting and working at that. Mere second and it was off, something which he had taught his guards to do as well, hundreds of years prior when one group of bandits did the same. Both of the sides stopped at once, at the point of being synchronised. Perfectly, they pulled themselves together, at the price of that huge abdominal noise that ran through. 'Now that we're done here, it's time that we would get some answers. 'It was too late for him to react as the king was half-way through the stairs. His gauntlet felt no flame as it came onto the fire and crushed the cinder without even a bother. For as far as it went, this place was far too deep for anything to be said or done, but the shouting went nonetheless for minutes at the time. 'Shhh,

I've come to realise that you won't be much of help to me in this form. That's why I've chosen you for a better purpose. 'It was the slash of the hand that ripped the man apart. For this thing was done in the dark, desperate and alone. He forced himself into two pieces and came together on his body. As this process went on, there came only one thing in his mind as he hid in the confines of darkness. He will have my memory but won't remember this. 'Take my place and return to your task is done. None of this exchange happened whatever. Remember, the traitor has been found and dealt with, nothing else is their concern. 'Cowered in the dark, he brooded, knowing what to expect upon his return. This copy of a copy went on and delivered the message to the other lords as he came on, though it meant little to them. Most of which expected that to happen. A strange air laid around the king, though none seemed to care. For their best, it was, rather, the fact that he needed to get away. At least, while the king down below was shedding his armour and crawling like the thing of vileness and despair. One step away from the mansion and the king was praised for saving the capital again. Another step and he was reunited with his royal guards. It was almost as if everything was far too easy than he had thought of, the least of which he had cared. People loved him despite never having seen him. For the most part, he was the saviour that came only when he was needed, worshipped and adored. Most importantly, in his mind, he was bored. These runts dare look at me as if they understand what I'm made out of, tainted things. I'd show you all if only I wasn't in such a good mood. Before his thought could finish, he was already there, standing in front of the entrance. One royal guard opened the door and as he came inside, the two finally went through with it. 'Now my task is done. Quite the name I've made for myself out there, isn't that right?' He was aware that someone was in hiding, just as it was planned, though one thing hasn't bothered him. At least, not until now that he came to face the fact. Sooner or later, there couldn't be two kings in the kingdom at once. Just as well as it came to it, one was out there, hiding in the dark and growing, coming to be more primal. 'This thing of ours might've backfired once on me. It's a sad thing, I'm aware of, to look upon your own face, flesh and blood and feel as if it's tainted. Though it's beyond my control. "What's that supposed to mean?" Just as two of the guards

went into the darkness and around their designated pillars, two others came at last and grabbed the king by his sides.

It wasn't that he wanted to do so, but he needed to do it. 'You do understand why I have to do this, right?' 'This is preposterous, unhand me immediately, I am the king!' 'Barely so, I've instructed my royal guards to recognise those from myself. "Is that why you won't even reveal yourself? Coward, runt! No other reason remains, other than the fact that you're just as bad as the rest of them. The rest of us, we wouldn't even dare stoop so low as to end our own blood and flesh!" Enough now, I'm doing you a favour, it's not as if you'd like to end up like those outsiders or to be locked at our own risk. It has to be done as my duty to protect this kingdom from any threat. "I've done nothing more but what you've asked me and now I'm to be executed?" Guard. 'Finally, the third one came and place his gauntlets on the head and the eyes. It was an obvious procedure, though, in the end, he wouldn't even see that face that of which he was made out of. 'Aren't you, the least supposed to do this yourself? I am you, couldn't you care the least for your own blood and flesh?' Bone and cinder of my own. For this reason, alone I cannot stand to watch myself die again, like every previous time it happened. Guards. 'This came fast, at least as the gauntlet suddenly crushed half of the face, immediately followed by the second. It went as fast as there wasn't any sound or struggle, but a sudden fall from grace. Pieces of the armour fell like feathers out of the bird, revealing a rotten carcass that slowly turned to dust. 'That meat suit wasn't supposed to rot so fast. It must be getting through to me. Carry one and clean that up, I'm sick already of watching it grow on the bottom of my floor. 'As he came back from darkness, he laid on his throne, alone. There was just enough silence, though nothing was enough to hear. Far from him, in a mansion soon to be inherited due to the absence of one of the lords, it already came to it. A hidden door laid there hidden for good. Despite having most of the servants flee from the place, something was left behind, brooding alone. 'Soon. 'It spoke the word as it glimmered at the engine that kept a piece of the capital afloat. Soon it'd come to it. From the likes of it the memory cube still laid near the throne and as he watched again, he saw that sick desire. Smashed, crushed, burned by a bolt. That beast had done it once again, managing to take another thing of his desire. And no immediate response came against this type of threat, at least not one that of which he'd approve. In distance, so it rained, a common thing to say the least. Too much of it had passed, as island after island fell, the dread coming at the bottom of the world once their livelihood got destroyed. As far as Tom was concerned, it went as long as going on to the capital, taking what he needed and try returning home. 'What'cha be thinking lad? You were looking at the outskirts of the stone through nothingness for the least of the hour. It's time to face the fact that it might come to the point where we won't be coming back. "I need to get there captain, you wouldn't understand. It's fairly complicated, please understand that. "Everything is in this short life of ours, everything is. 'If only he knew what happened to Ayles, or at least anyone in the city. More than rock, their connections ran deep throughout. He had come here only in wonder but witnessed quite a lot. The machines moved, under his own sight, that of which was magnificent and made him forget about his troubles for a whole. Nothing that seemingly powered them, other than the pieces of stone it seemed to be fed with an already they had carved additional tunnel that went through. Nothing bothered him more than going past Ayles's father, the man he had recognised before and had his head put down by the fact. Neither of them appeared to know one another in person, other than sight. Even with that in mind, he had never seen the boy before, despite him wearing the same attire as the people around. What they wore and the silence they retained was expected to be kept by strangers and those new people who joined their ranks. Something managed to keep him

thinking about that nervousness he felt while walking past him or seeing him from the distance. 'Feeling all right lad?' 'I'm rather well, still can't believe they left us here without a notice. "Oh relax lad, it happens all the time. "Have you ever abandoned someone on an island or a destination then?' 'Well not myself but I might've heard some second handed stories from people who claim to have been taken and left in places in which they shouldn't. An awful thing, incredibly awful thing. 'The mist thickened after the hard rain and a yellow light seemed to be creeping in the distance. 'What about that? Could that be a ship? That light over there, sinking in the darkness, it seems as if it has its route around here. "I don't know about that Tom, we may not know who's inside of it. That kind of light doesn't appear to be the regulated type of a carrier or anything that might've stepped upon the capital. "Relax, if it's a ship, we may use it to get off this rock and finally dig into civilisation. I mean a real one with kinder people and others who don't treat you with a cold shoulder. "You may want to take care what you wish for Tom-Tom, or ye' may get it. Civilised folk may be just as cold if not even colder than your average stone person. 'Whispered Ian as he raised himself to throw a glance. He was watching everything rather carefully, making sure never to take any wrong turn or something that Tom could do and screw everything up for the rest of them. It was peculiar after all that no one else had come outside. 'I should've known it, something's strange about this sip young lad. "What else might be waiting for us then? No other ship may be coming here, so it may be better to take our chances with it. And look, it's even waiting for us as if we're in a dock. Come on, captain, follow me! There was a reluctance to it since the ship was old, tainted by something, dirty under every side of it with some kind of sea life remains. Regardless, no one appeared to be in it, though as soon as both Tom and the captain came on the ship, it left the stone caverns and sailed into the mist. 'Perhaps you were kind of right on this one captain. This does seem a bit too eerie for my taste. 'Despite that, something made Ian feel rather at home. It was the fact that with every step taken by this ship, the air around it appeared to be curving around the form. From one look, the wind almost formed waves that reflected pools of water. 'Look at that, it seems quite interesting, wouldn't you say, captain? Captain?' 'Leave him be Tom, he might've gone there to explore, most likely lost himself over an ancient bottle of wine or two. "At a time like this then?' 'As good a time as any. 'Answered Ian with a twist of the tongue. Though he noticed it as well as he could, a rotten thing of wood that appeared to be spreading and corroding everything related to wood and in-between. For the likes of it, he was rather entertained by the idea of looking around and seeing a flock of ravens, though that never came. 'You're thinking the same thing as I am, aren't you Ian?' 'Reminiscing about that dream boy, you should know the better since on more than one occasion you were there with us. "There are others here as well?' 'We were a flock, as I have said. "And all of you have this ability?' There was another nod of the head at the question, as far as he was aware, this world was big, enough to hold an entire species. Though the boy hadn't asked, Ian was sure that this sudden ability to speak came only to those who died before and came back to life on this land. 'Well, Tom, you should start looking for the old man before he gets himself lost or killed. 'Ian's voice was rather cold and amused at the thought. It was the mist that did this to him though and the sweet, sweet memories. A rather calm appearance now laid on both of them, being left alone in a place that they could explore. Most importantly, it couldn't have happened without that small lamp which hanged just as the top, dangling from side to side. Three or four candles laid inside, and it was rather, a trick of the eye which gave it that dim colour in the mist. 'Someone must've lit those recently if I'm not mistaken. "Good observation boy, it might be that the one controlling the ship might still be around, seeing how it's

still moving. 'With each step laid a creaking sound, at least on the other rotten planks which laid at the bottom. A single hole laid in one of them, which freed enough that one could peep inside if they desired. 'Just to make sure of it. 'Said Tom as he knelt to take a look. 'It was rather far too dark for him to say anything or even be in need of such a thing. Nonetheless, he tried. Something was definitely below, crawling or moving, though this appeared to be too much of an old thing to have those constructs on board. 'A quick trick boy. "I know, I know, that's what I was going to do. 'Tom suddenly pulled out his head and looked at an angle. It served right as the light came it, just enough for him to get a look. The highlight he saw there, despite not being fully fledged to light made him shiver for the first time in so long. For once the light came to an eye and as he covered his mouth, he realised who that might be. Blue eyes came to his mind, the captain's there. 'Ian, I recognise those eyes, it couldn't be his, we were separated just moments ago. How could this have happened?'He walked around thinking what to do. 'It's a curse, it must be. How else could you explain everyone around me dying in a way or another?It must've followed me ever since home, since the incident. "Calm down boy, there's nothing wrong with you, there's no curse but whoever did that might still be on the ship. 'From his teary eyes, he looked around in frustration. It was the fact that they were just the two of them on the ship, lost in what appeared to be the following mist that frightened him more. 'He's still here?"Yes, Tom, he's most likely still here, watching or peering. It could even be. 'Ian's voice suddenly dropped after crawling to the point where Tom could feel his beak touching his ear. 'That he's still down there listening to us bicker on what's to be done. He might even be planning his next move against us. "What are we going to do?"Move slowly boy and take a look inside the cabin. 'Tom moved with as much care as he could care to pass, making no sound as it came from the creaking on the floors. That came as no surprise. At least what followed was peering inside. One door which laid closest to the end, in which it came to be that the captain went. That's where he spent his last moments. There were ancient windowed panes that stood there, dirty and cracked. Even the metal that held them in place started rusting. One thing was made clear, whoever controlled this ship, if it ever came to it, ripped out the wheel. Regardless, about everyone who came on the ship had to fend for themselves. 'It's never that easy Tom. Psst, psst. 'The crow suddenly pointed with its beak towards its left. On the wall laid three metal bars, medium in size, just heavy enough to make an impact. 'Someone left this for us, I'm sure of it. 'Looking for his best options, the boy appeared to look at the door. It held something which bore a holding pair of joint at each end. 'We could just insert a bar, then quickly get another. 'He stepped fast and placed the metal bar into position, but laid silent. The sudden noise prompted whatever was behind to violently shake the door and beat it as hard as it could. It seemed strange, but Tom refused to think or move at any given time, for this mere fact that he was soo close to it. 'Take another bar, boy, that won't last for long. 'For the second and the third, he grabbed them both, ready to either throw both of them or the least to use another one to block the door. As long as he stood with them or did something. Ian protested at the fact. 'Do something boy, he's. 'It was the last stroke of heavy violence that pounded the door and broke the bar in two. When the door opened, it suddenly slammed against the wall then suddenly started making its way back, creaking just as hard. Tom's every sense laid tingling after looking in fear, ready to faint after the shock. 'Move boy, do something now. 'Faced now with him in the dark, he wanted to play it seemed. Looking at the metal bar on the ground, he realised that it was hollow on the inside, making it no wonder why it broke so easily as it did. Nonetheless, both of them appeared to be aware of it by now. Once his nerves suddenly calmed down. 'It's an

invitation, he's welcoming us in. "What do we do Ian? I can't even move. 'Said Tom, after doing his best to try sniffing it out. Neither the weather nor the place did anything else than bother him to the point of fainting. 'Do we have a choice? Use those bars at least to keep him from distance. "Ian, there's no light inside of it, I cannot head there and expect to return. 'There was another way that of which he expected, which might've been too painful to even think of it. Not that Ian hadn't thought of it either, but one glance into the boy's eyes and he realised what he was thinking on. 'We have to move now Tom, slowly, go into his nest and return with that. 'Once again he pointed at what appeared to be an empty panel. There might've been a wheel there, at least once but it could only lay in one place now. 'Leave the bars next to the door and shove them both once you come outside. I won't be able to whisper to you once we're there. 'Slowly he acted, having each step just feel like a needle having pierced deeper into his lungs. He appeared now to be peering into something, wondering if he was there. Once there came to it and the bars were slowly placed in position, there came a hand and wrapped around the top of his head, where he couldn't see. A second hand came and covered his mouth and before comprehending, he was shoved inside and thrown across the stairs. The door closed with a distinct sound of keys shuffling. Before he reached the bottom, his nose was bleeding and he crawled into the first corner, waiting. It was uncomfortable but the smell was even worse. Perhaps it was even the fact that he knew that the captain was there, locked with him around. And the man was no one to be seen as a weak man, at least from his point of view. How could I stand and fight against him now? Please make no sound Ian, I cannot stand to be inside. The creaking of each step made him sure of the fact that he was coming. It was no mere wonder why he slowed down, just to take a feel of what was about to come and take care of him soon after. Nothing made him patient as this crept into his hand. Did Tom think of running and of hiding, crawling or anything but to where? There couldn't be a way out, not even Ian could've seen a way through. It isn't my choice to do so little man, but you'll understand it nonetheless. He felt only the slightest movement, one of which he couldn't understand.

But once the man got a hold of his blood, he'd just turn around and start following the trail. 'I'm sorry Tom. 'Ian came out and headed for the top of the stair, or the least that he could do. He stood just between the last step, almost as if he thought himself to be nothing more but a plank of the sort. It would've been certain that nothing would've happened, though it did. One step came forth and crushed a part of his ribs and body, just at the right moment when he slipped on the blood. The men fell and Tom only heard the sound of the crow. 'Take the keys boy. 'Heard Tom but didn't know, he crawled as close as he could and picked up the pair of keys which laid on the bottom of the floor, thrown around. 'Ian, your body. 'His hands wrapped around and as he turned inside, he noticed just how damaged the crow was. It felt as if his body was too thin, way too thin, almost belonging to an animal who has died from malnutrition rather than anything else. 'We need to go before he wakes up. 'The man laid across the stairs, that of which he knew to check. It wasn't that he wasn't planning on escaping but that he saw a twitch in the dark and retreated immediately. 'He's still alive Ian. "We got the keys, just hide. 'Inside of what seemed to be a grim place, there was a cover on top of the body in the middle of the room. With the exception of the clothes, it seemed as if he was placed in order to be operated. Hide, little, Tom. Thought Ian, as his look appeared to be scarce. It didn't seem obvious now but he cherished the boy as much as he could. Not even that, the lease he thought, it was something which he owed to the boy for taking him there. Even now when he was shaking covered and looking past those curtains he could see. Blood dripping from above, none of the keys rang. Immediately after the man lifted himself

up, he felt mad about what happened. He threw a tantrum, going around the room, slamming objects against the wall. It was a sharp knife he felt that ran through the body of the captain, even though he was too far under him to feel. The slamming of metal against meat made him shiver. A sliver of those feet laid there and as he looked around, he saw nothing else to do. Tom waited, the man didn't know where the boy laid, it was a strange thing for both of them. Especially the horror the boy felt once he heard teeth start slathering upon one another. They must've been sharp, for he was hungry enough to eat slab after slab. For this reason, alone he wasn't fainting, at the thought that he was the next one to lay on that table as the next one in line. Each moment he appeared to be looking at the bottom of his feet and see how much more blood came out of it. Pieces soon fell, disgust made his attempt to throw up, but he caught himself by the mouth and swallowed. What followed was a complete stillness and silence, that of which he dared not do a thing. He could've noticed, but he stopped. After what seemed to be minutes of this he went ahead to slam thing against one another and try looking around for the boy. It was long before he turned and pulled the captain long, which stood now in front of him. Brass fingers missing, his ring missing, and pieces of his bone as well. Don't breathe through your mouth he thought, don't cry now, he'll hear. 'Despite his warnings as any other thing, he struggled to do that just as well. Just as he realised that he had a weapon there, which he might've used, that knife. It was dragged against the walls, making the most terrible sound that could be caught in a small space. At least, if it weren't for that small hole above the ceiling there would've been no hope to lay around. But it went on and on, with that terrible sound, followed by him returning and slamming against the body, then returning to that thing. And each time he got closer to planting his feet deeper inside the table, till the thought of him being found out came to be expected. He felt ill, to the point of having to constantly feel the acid in his belly come through. He'll find me if I do that, I know he will. Ian was hurt and that's when the thought ended after he came again to it. From this point, holding his hand atop of his mouth started hurting. But no amount of pain was worth giving in that he'd be hurt. He must've been hurt from the falling, though this didn't seem to be the case. Something drove the man into this hysteria and this rage. It made him rinse and repeat the same until he stopped and fell unto his arse and stood there for a while. From the little space he could look through, he saw his lay. Could it be a trick? The boy wondered just how much of it he knew. It was a small room and he needed the wheel. What made it even worse was the constant dripping blood that kept on dripping from above. Though there was no man to make that sound, he might've tired himself out. Crawling, the boy thought it but a hand. It was Ian, who tried whispering, with his broken body, back again. 'Look. Down. 'There came the words, perhaps something that couldn't be heard by anyone, even if it came to someone who might've come close to them. It was the keychain, which appeared to be bearing a small, sharp, key-like pick made of iron. Obviously, he knew what he implied, despite his best attempts not to cry. He'd hear them make their sound before it came to it, alas. 'Pull. It, out. 'Continued Ian before going back to covered. He was just as tired and as hurt as the boy, though they both appeared to have known that this was the only way to go at it. Wait for him to fall asleep. Slowly, he placed the keys down, making sure that he wasn't found yet. With a piece of his shirt, he held the keys and dragged the pick, which had a small hole through which the ring came through. Slowly, at the sound of each drop of blood and every whisper of air that came through that hole, he moved an inch. It took far too much time, but it was the only way he felt like doing it. The man suddenly grunted, at which he stopped. The danger was the least of his problems now, it was the fact that he wondered whenever or not the man knew he was hiding

under the cover. It wasn't the time, but he tried getting it through, pulling through one of the segments and having to go through a rotation. At least now he felt as safe, once he released them. Tom couldn't even dare pick them up from where he left the keys, it would've made far too much noise. Just as well as that, he dared not peek outside, until he was certain the man was sleeping now. He might've hit his head and done something wrong to the captain, but the man might've still had something in him. One more minute, please, just go to sleep and never wake up. It was the first time that he hoped for something bad, the second time he had encountered with such a thing. There'd be no running now, just do it already, there's no one to save you this time. The voice in his head said something which prompted him to crawl, covered in blood, from the likes of it now. One chance he'd get, the man had a cleaver, after all, just one swing was enough to take the captain down. Even though it was a dark figure, he recognised it through the dark. First, the boy checked whenever or not he'd fall under the light. No, there's no chance for that, I need to do it now. Brave thoughts came, but the boy was shaking. The crow was silent, without knowledge whenever or not this was an idea to be entertained, but the man snored like an ox. Being just under his nose, this came to into his mind.

Just shove it inside his neck, be over with it. Could it be that easy? The boy both wondered and felt afraid, his muscles were frozen, his will to live was vague. But when he saw the cleaver far from his hand, he realised it was too heavy for him to lift it alone. 'Do it, boy. 'Tom thought of returning under the cover and hiding but felt the breath of the man going faster each second that passed. 'This is your only chance boy, just get it on!' His hand was shaken but he could barely stand without shaking at the thought of ending up like the captain on the table. But he was forced, a bite from the crow, just around him made his impulses go wild. His muscles jointed by themselves and threaten the pick deep into his neck. The man roars or tried roaring while bleeding and pushed the boy as if he was nothing, hitting his head against the table. It was shoved too deep for him to grab it but the pain prevented the man from grabbing anything other than his neck. 'Get the keys, Tom. 'Ian noted how the boy grabbed them and rushed for the stairs. Despite being too many keys to try, he never lost hope. Attempt after attempt but the fourth try came like a swooping thing. He almost leapt and closed the door behind, with the key. 'And the bars, boy. 'Despite having it locked with two bars as well, he immediately felt the man pounding on the door. It wasn't the fact that he hadn't any strength left but the sound he made once he fell down the stairs was horrid. Tom finally stood in his fetal position, seeing Ian for the first time. This was the worst hit that of which he could've gotten, seeing the crow broken to the point of marrow. A crooked body that was almost entirely crushed by a hard boot. 'This can't be Ian, it's all my fault, everything's my fault, it must be. 'But the crow spoke no more. It was the time for its silence to come, taken by the other ones now. Nothing could patch up what was truly dead, just as well as nothing could now make him either. Tom wrapped himself against the bird and held it there for some time. It was a gentle thing as he waited, that's until he gave in the exhaustion and slept. Here he is, Tom thought. The crows were all there flying on the ship, but the water came to be far too deep for him to enter. Tom laid at the shore, looking from afar, recognising Ian and the others. How they flew from pole to pole, sitting on the reeds for moments before flying away. Why can't I shout or speak to him? Tom attempted to say something, anything that would do, though no word appeared to make any mark whatsoever. He sat down and looked at him distancing himself away with his murder while waiting. It was the moment when he knew that they were never going to meet one another again. At the same time, despite knowing it so, he came into the water and opened his mouth again. Despite having no sound come out of him, he tried again, up

to the point where the water came to his neck. As hard as it seemed, Tom managed to keep himself afloat, until the point where he felt the strings in his neck and mouth suddenly snap. He shouted at the crow. 'Ian, I'm right here, don't leave me. 'At which the crows, hearing that shout and noise, suddenly disappeared from sight. I've scared them, it can't be, he can't leave me. Tom appeared to be gazing at the empty boat at which he kept on swimming towards. For some reason, then and there, it was the only place in which he felt as if he had the ability to swim. Not that it helped to reach the boat, seeing that once the splashes came to an end there wasn't much around. The gloom made it too grim and all the crows are now gone. Even the boat stopped its advance, being stilled to something slower because of the weight. Though Tom waited there hoping that Ian would come. It took a while but there was nothing to it, as every crow had fled away. At least, it wasn't long until something bumped against the ship and woke Tom up. Bluntly said, the boy was caught off guard. A shock came once he realised where the body of the crow laid. It pushed him away like a small stray cat seeing a rabid dog on the street. And just as he leapt, he turned around and managed to see that fact that the ship stopped. It appeared as if there was a rock, sitting in the sky, floating, which blocked the advance. You would've loved to see that, wouldn't you?' Ian, I. 'There wasn't any point at that, though he felt as if this was more than a sign that anything else. Tom grabbed Ian in his hands and walked slowly towards the stone. 'I found you on a mountain, haven't I? I'm sure you would've liked to know that you've ended up on a floating piece of rock. 'A teary-eyed Tom-Tom, that's what the boy felt like, finally releasing the crow. It must've been a bother for so long but now it came to an end. 'Ian, I'm sorry. To have taken you for so long and dragged you here with me, you never asked for anything but only came to help me. 'The thought was ruined at least for him, there seemed to be something which made Tom realised just how much he had used the crow. Now both him and the captain, Ayles and Zeppelin were either dead or gone. 'For what's worth, I don't know how far I'll get without you but I know you're in a better place now. I just hope I'll get to see you fly with your flock once again, you know? Just like we used to dream about, together. 'Tom's voice seemed to dwindle now that the boat appeared to be moving again on its own. It took a turn now, as it forced itself to move forward to the point of going around the rock. Slightly deviating from the point, Tom moved and look at him for one last time. 'I won't give up on this, I'll promise to come back and have a proper thing for you! Did you hear me, Ian? Wherever you are, I'll return to you and bring you to that place we both saw in our dreams. 'After which Tom fell flat on his back and looked through the mist of the sky. It was often that he had seen that, but the light of the candles still seemed to be on. What could it be now?' The boy thought this might've been a trick of some kind but for a moment, Tom thought he had heard pounding on the door. He can't be alive, not after everything we've been through. 'You're not real, I ended your life now. Just leave us alone, you bleed to death, I'm sure of it. 'Though those hits were just as real as he thought them to be. 'Tom. 'A slim voice called, though once he realised like what it sounded like, he couldn't believe it. It's the captain, no, it couldn't be. His skin was carved, his hand eaten, how could he still be alive? It must be a trick made by that sick man. 'Tom, is that you? Help me, lad. 'Even from the other side of the deck, his voice was still as clear as a willow. The boy finally came to his senses and went to the door in order to see. It was a pity in front of his eyes, for the man saw that once the door was open, one metal bar after another and the keys, it was too late. He fell unable to stand tall, bloody, dripping, barely alive. 'I'm so sorry, we shouldn't have come here. 'Despite everything that happened, he bore no resentment towards the boy but stood there suffering, still waiting for someone to come. 'You

need to throw him overboard boy. I know it's hard, but it needs to be done. There's no possible way that he might get to you now. Nonetheless, someone has to take care of the body. 'Despite the open wound, he waited for Tom. It was already harsh after what happened down there, but who was he to question it?' But he almost got me, captain, he almost did to me what happened to you. I can't go back down there. "You need to be brave, boy, just come closer. 'To the point of standing bowed to the man, Tom finally came to listen to what he had to say. 'Thank you, I feel more comfortable standing down now. This needs to be done if you want him to pay. He won't be able to bother anyone anymore now that's he's been dealt with. But do this one thing and his punishment will finally get through. 'Tom cried whilst nodding his head, finally giving in. It was hard, as far as going around the body and down the same path through which he barely escaped. 'Shouldn't I pull you out as well?' There was a grunt, which he took for granted. After all, he needed to make so space for the man to come through. 'Don't turn me around, boy, you wouldn't want to see at the span of the day what I look like now. 'Tom nodded and complied, going ahead alone just like any other time he felt as if he had faced danger. It wasn't as dark, but then again, this wasn't what he feared. For once, he stood and looked at a pile of meat and managed to see it in the dark. A grim pair of thought came to him, including paranoia and the thought that he might've been faking in the entire time, just like the captain. Could a pick in the neck truly end this monster?" There couldn't be any other chance, he's waiting for me to do something. It wasn't long until it came to it, at least, that's not what he felt like it. 'Get a hold of yourself, he's dead, Tom. He cannot hurt you anymore, he's dead, dead, no longer alive. 'The stench confirmed that at least to him alone in this room. 'I need a light first, I can't do this in the dark. Back on the stairs, he went ahead and avoided gazing upon the captain, working around to getting a hold of the lamp. This wasn't too far away from his reach, neither was it tied by some convoluted mechanism that held it in place. It was a hook that came into a hole. Warmth kind of started filling him, at least to a point. Now, this would do, somewhat, the presence of light made him more comfortable than having to drag a body through the dark. From the likes of which, a heavy body to say the least. One more thing came to it, whenever or not he was ready, he thrust himself into the woe. The captain had already lost consciousness, leaving him alone to deal with the entire thing. I hope I'm doing the right thing, thought Tom. For what is worth, there wasn't any telling whenever or not he did it. Just a sloppy thing, a grey room that had a bench stilled with blood, his many instruments laying there and most importantly, a steering wheel. That madman had yanked it right off. Looking around and seeing how many tools he used made Tom's innards cringe at the sight of the sharpest and lousiest. Most of which still laid stained from one point to another. Still, that painted man, looking as if he was a golden hairy beast, holding the meat suit of a human. 'Just drag him off the ship, he's dead. 'From all those stains and how his neck was placed, it appeared that he had died from that pick, never even managed to rip it out at least. Drag him, just one leg at a time, no less or longer than it should go. With a malicious intent, he placed the lamp on the edge of the stairs and came closer. It was the fear that stilled him to this, that he dared not throw a dark glance or even speak of something ill while there. No loud sound that might wake him in case he was still there. Just grab him already. Thought Tom, at eventually it worked. One foot at a time, seeing the body and the colour of the neck and the fat that amassed throughout the night made him swallow his heart and throw out. Right down the stair, some of it being dragged on the body. Look away but do it, the captain said. But the boy couldn't help it and did take another glance, furiously letting go and feeling nothing but a desire to grab something sharp and defend himself. 'He can't do anything now.

'With a gesture he never thought he'd find himself doing, he spat on the body, like a mad sailor, caught in a trap. Dragging him was hard, both mentally and physically, but the captain was sure it needed to be done, at least. There were a few ways this could've ended in Tom's mind, at least from the sight of so many tools lying there. At least some of them would've made it far more satisfying than having to carry the body and throwing it away. Carrying the body felt as if he was bothering himself with a giant sack filled with rocks. Dissatisfied with the restful, Tom looked away as he did it so. The fact that this man had almost come close to killing and eating both of them bothered the boy. 'Is this good now?' 'Almost, Tom. Throw it, overboard. 'Said the man, just before turning and seeing the boy carrying the body. For what was worth it, certainly now, he would be sure. It was hard to have to wrap himself around the body in order to push him, but at last, he had done. The deed was the done and the man had bored his last moment where he was in a piece. Without a doubt, he'd land somewhere in pieces by the time ground reached the body. 'He's no longer on the ship. 'Said Tom, with a final breath of release. I'll go get the wheel, just hang in there for a moment. 'It'd be the last trip down there that would've been made. Tom realised that he was still dirty with his own blood and the one belonging to the captain though that didn't matter anymore. What was important was reaching something of a shore. Fairly so, there wasn't even a need to have the light standing atop of the ship anymore. Before long he was carrying the wheel, managing to get back on deck on time to see the captain who had crawled towards the edge. 'Captain. 'With the wheel placed on the side, he went ahead and walked towards him, seeing that there wasn't any other option. 'I need you to do me one last favour, boy, before long I won't be able to feel my limbs anymore. 'It came to the lips but Tom already knew what he demanded, even before he even spoke of it. He had left at least a trail of blood from the table where he was used from, all the way to this point. The chances were against him, even with so much blood lost and gushing wound. Even the slightest glance at his eyes had revealed to Tom that the man had lost some of his sights now. 'Throw me with that man, we should both be there. 'Looking down, it was at least obvious that they had passed the ground, making it seem like the captain would be lost in the sea. A fitting thing at least, Tom helped the man get at least on his feet. Though one thing still bothered the boy, to the point of having to look away. It was the sight of the man and just how far it was that he was cut. For the likes of which, it couldn't have been more gruesome if one tried doing so. 'It's all right boy, I know this won't be the end, though even more so I know you'll end up the same way as the rest of us there. On the cursed shores. I'm certain that we'll meet one another, soon enough. 'With a grin, the captain lets go of himself and fell overboard, still letting himself have a last bitter laugh before going into the damned land that laid there. 'I'm sorry captain. 'There were no other words spoken in the manner, other than the fact that Tom chose to go on with it and plant the steering wheel, he had no plan, nothing to drink or eat as a matter of fact. And that point, he realised what the captain meant to say, he thought I would try to end myself once I realised what awaited me. Disregarding his opinion, perhaps he was right, thought the boy. He could stir the ship but wasn't able to know whenever or not he could handle it himself. The mist still appeared to be coming out of the small ship, no matter how peculiar that sounded. 'Another one. 'A voice said through the people asked for another. 'Another one. 'Came again, this with slightly more pain in the throat from the people in the crowd. They had gathered to throw their rotten fruits and vegetables at the fool who got caught and thrown in a pillory and shamed. He had stolen or was stolen from, in the capital it made no difference as long as the poor man appeared to be poor and angered some lord. Nonetheless that distraction, one lass hid in the

shadow and peered at seemingly the sky. Lady Katherine was not satisfied with how this had turned around in the capital. It was almost as if this entire conundrum hadn't happened at all. Damn that man, he almost tore everything apart and pulled it back in place all by himself. Credit aside, she knew that something was truly made to appear it like he knew everything that was going on. And every calamity was being dealt with immediately before people could realise it even happened. I remember what those simple minded people thought when it was done. 'The king himself came. Look, it's the king. Could it be the one of which they speak in legends? How could he be alive?' Fool after fool was impressed, not that his height was something to be laughed about, but it was also that determination and fearlessness that made him appear invincible. In a way, without realising, she got affected just as well as any other, but in a different way. At least she had desired a different thing than the common man who couldn't look past his ear and go around at the sight of their king. Even though most hadn't seen him at least once in their entire lives, until that moment when their saviour had to come. Unlike any other lady, this thought made her look away and spit on the ground. One of them went missing and it was obvious what the reason was. No heir laid at his mansion, other than the third kind of relative, bloated man who already went on to use his assets in the worst ways imaginable. Damn that man, he could've made something out of it, but it came to pushing it too far. Bitterly, it made her just thought more ill that needed to be done. 'Just wait for the night, my lady. 'A voice called. Katherine listened and as soon as it came to it, another meeting came at last. It was the fact that they all had brought that special kind of distinguishable lamps which signalled the fact that they were, in fact, part of the same kind of cult. Altogether, in the dark, brooding on what had to be done, still mourning the loss. 'Shall we begin with a motion at least?' It was a hidden place, somewhat under the tower. Not as dirty but Lord Frediek owned it and subsequently everything which laid under it.

From what it appeared, there laid a two-headed tunnel which leads to nowhere, used by the people behind generations for storage. It worked as well as he could've thought of it. Though their use differed, it served just well enough. 'This plan failed, I knew that no one should've listened to you, tainted diamond. "Step aside mournful mist, it wasn't as well as that, neither of us planned for the king himself to raise himself up from that rotting place and deal with him face to face. "It would've made no difference at all if either he or one of his guards came to both ways. Haven't you seen it happen? Not even a handful, that's all, as soon as he arrived, there wasn't any stopping for either him or the guard. "Then what are you planning on doing now?' A deeper voice said, out of everyone there, even those who were present, he was the oldest around. At least to the point where he managed to catch two or three generations at least. 'Well, there's no point in arguing whenever or not it could've happened if we did this or that. We might as well try to deal with the problem as well. 'One thin man came, stating the obvious. It wasn't as if no one knew, but they weren't expecting one of them to both acknowledge and come up with a plan. 'We can defeat his guards and get directly to him. That way, we may be able to regain control over the city once again, just like we used to. "Punishments would come just if we seem to fail over that. And I do wonder if there could be a worse fate than death waiting for every single one involved. "Enough of that, he thinks he may be the only one who owns the forges and can cut through those beasts. But I seem to know something that others have missed. This weapon he supplied to us, just look at it, notice something. 'It was indeed a spear, though that wasn't the point, neither over it or any other face surrounding the weapon except one simple detail. A stained tip laid just as well. Filled with something that seemed clear. 'He might've seen it by now or not, I cannot say but you're all wrong. That one guard

he sent was careless that day. 'It walked through and crushed any door that stood in its way, ready to bring everything to the ground if it came to it. From the point where it entered the court and the garden, no one dared glance at that massive thing. Since it was only fair that everyone would rather think of cowering if fear at the sight of it. Next thing it acquired was the sight of the place, making its way through. Even the common hired thugs fared against knights of people of higher order but dared not get against them. Such strength that ripped a metal door apart and it was as thick as they came. It almost felt as if those gauntlets shook the entire building as it came. 'And your point being? From the way you're talking about it, for me, it seems as if you're looking at them with quite the level of admiration. "You'll see where I'm getting at in a moment. They are strong, tainted, perhaps even impenetrable, or so did I think myself just like any other sane person who wouldn't try to get too much suspicion on himself. 'Which brings us to the point he came through, ready to that the engine at any cost. Luckily, it knew how to operate the machine, or else who knows just how much of it would've been abused to smithereens. Though the way to it was dark and steep, I made sure, right through the wine cellar, though no bottle was broken. It almost seemed as if it was a dream for one second before everything going on. From the first attempt, nothing happened, but one of my servants saw it all. 'He returns and just had himself scratched against the tip of a spear. "You already had one of them, you bastard! So, for how long had you planned on brooding with the king as well behind our backs?" Calm yourself, Batholomew, it's not worth it. "Listen to the broad, after all, she knows better. Now, behold just at the scornful tip of his creation. Whatever he had planned before, he now decided to supply every single one of us with weapons that could kill every single one of his guards. And of course, everything behind his back as well. "What about the servant of yours?" There were an awkward silence and a smile. Of course, no one knows what kind of information would be left alive to roam on his own. He died in the most likely, awful way, a thing to be looked at, but done in secret just as well. 'Worry not about anything, for I've dealt with the details. Before he realises what happened, we'll be aiming at his own throne room and shooting at it with no remorse. 'Henceforth, this is the plan, simple enough to work when you have him proving the own means of his destruction. 'Whispers and banters made the entire hall loud as it was. Everyone was thinking of what meant and how exactly it had to be done in the end.

'But what if they won't reach it in time?' "What if those harpoon launchers won't be able to turn towards the king?" Have I not told you all that I have thought of everything myself now? If that doesn't work, we should have just enough to stop his lackeys if case they try stopping us from separating the capital again. "Again with that plan? I thought we were above trying the same thing over and over again, knowing it'd be to no avail. "No, fool, just listen, for I'm sure you'll understand now. That's how we'll pull him out, the moment one of his servants come, we'll shoot right at him and end it so. When the moment comes and he'll have no one left, he'll have no other chance but to come out himself but it would be too late for that, won't it?" So we are separating this after all. 'Some men nodded in agreement, unlike the rest at the meeting. It wasn't that they weren't pleased by sharing it, more like the fact that the split was uneven. At least two of the size were unfit to be spared and given to some of the lords who wanted the entire thing for themselves. 'We'll be split into factions just like we planned in the first place and after that. 'The man looked around nervously, at least the having the thought that someone might've been listening at the door. 'No one was there. 'Hopefully, we won't see each other ever again from that point on. Or at least, not until we begin to trade.

"What about who gets what? I hope you won't pretend to have forgotten that the split from the machines leaves it

quite uneven for some of us living on the side. "That of which I cannot help lady Fox. Certainly, you'll have to excuse the fact that it isn't my fault that it comes to it. But this city, this flying abomination was never meant to be entirely whole. "That certainly doesn't answer my question, now, does it? I'm fairly certain we'll be able to take something, one way or another for compensation. 'And she didn't mean that in the friendliest way possible. She couldn't mean, a war, could she? Right after the king died and everyone took their share, they'd be more than armed for everything. Not to mention that the old crowned fool was planning on placing reflective armour on every roof and shelf which laid around. It'd be quite difficult, though it was inevitable. 'Nonetheless, a toast then, since there's no need to think of it any further. Ever since its conception I've had this dream of finally taking over and becoming king myself. Though I'd be more than pleased to make it an equal chase. I'm more than sure that some of you might agree. For us. 'In a roar of voices, they all appeared to be blunt and precious as they said, for us. As well as anyone else could be, this meant trouble, everywhere in the night. Lady Katherine wasn't there, but far far away. 'John. 'She called to a man. 'Yes, my lady?"Has Rose return from that of which I sent her to?"Not yet my lady, should I send word or anything. "No, no, don't do that yet. We shouldn't just assume anything happened to her as of yet. 'Unless they discovered her identity as of yet, though he doesn't know where exactly she went either. 'Just have her come to me the moment she arrives, that's all. "Immediately my lady. "And bring me another cup of eating, I long for something to quench my thirst. 'With a bow, he returned to his duty. It was dark already, but sitting at her desk, she still worked at the lamplight. She wondered at the fact that her thoughts went immediately ill. What left those marks on the books? Sharp-like things, claw-like, but not that kind. It almost appeared as if there were a sword-wielding thing and an animal which accompanied it. 'But why would you come only to attack my library?"There had been a dress hanging on a small frame that almost came to resemble her. It was something that came as unintended if one were to look into it any further. 'Someone must've been after me. 'For what was worth, it wasn't helpful that she had sent Rose to masquerade as her, especially if it came to them finding out who she really was. All this for what? One needed nothing more than to catch her in her sleep, she thought, if the worse of it happened. Suddenly the light came to an end. It was alarming at best if it wasn't an occurrence. 'John, the generator. 'In the distance, it came as a murmur, though she knew that he'd deal with it one way or another. Or at least one of the others. From her drawer, she still kept and lit a candle. It was fairly an antique of its kind if it weren't for the fact that there were eight more laying just in case things like this happened. As often as they were, there just wouldn't be enough of them. Minutes passed by. It was important for her to finish the letter and send the announcements as fast as she could do. After all, it was important that every ship and every piece of the city came back with their provisions. There'd be no more going in and out without permission. That was a general idea, once it had become common knowledge that islands were disappearing. News travelled too fast for people own sake. 'Thank you, John. 'She said it as soon as the light came back and just in time for another letter was done. Such a peaceful night laid outside, that it was no wonder how he felt. Far away, the boy, Tom, starved, thinking of his thirst. Below the decks, there's be no coming or going. From what he saw with his own eyes, something had happened to the ship, that it lost some altitude and quickly regained it. Perhaps something else had happened, though he dared no think of it now. I need to drink something. Tom thought, standing in the middle of the night, going around the ship. Nothing in sight, but he knew that it couldn't be so, even that man had appeared to have had a bulk of water in his stomach. Doubt arose at the thought of him having

drunk the blood of his victims to sustain himself. And that's where he stopped. Below the decks, it must be hidden somewhere. There he went and looked and seemed to have missed a lot. A pile of blankets laid around, of which he'd soon take for himself while the other would be thrown to cover the sight of the blood which laid on the table. Calm yourself, he isn't there, though he dared not even try thinking of the repercussions, at least not as of yet. Being seen alone with so much blood would do more than raise an eyebrow if someone were to ask. Water, just get it already, he thought. It wasn't in the boxes or barrels, though none of it had a strange liquid. Slightly transparent, perhaps having some oily thing in its texture. Tom thought of it as being that strange substance everyone's been looking for but no, something else made it a lot worse. Small creatures that appeared to have long bodies and almost appeared to be fish. From a second glance, it appeared as if they bodies split into halves and they pushed enough air to propel themselves from corner to corner. Though what disturbed the boy was the fact that they had their sharp teeth that appeared to be dirty. Something laid at the bottom as well, making it seem like there was another purpose to them. 'You'll starve as well as I unless you'll start eating one another.' Tom thought as he closed the lid on the barrel. If it came to it, he was aware of the fact that he'd be needed to drink out of the strange barrel if there wasn't any other option. 'Let me see, papers, tools, other useless things.' Many other ropes laid thrown around, a fishnet, though it made no sense whatsoever since they were in the sky. Could it have been the altitude then? Tom did get to the point of feeling dizzy, thinking as he would. He came back to it and looked around, walking the stairs and finally seeing just how high in the air he was. Clouds were being reached and cut, a headache came to him at last. I need to turn the wheel and head below. Left unattended, the ship had appeared to go on its own, at a speed that was unlike any, at least until the point where he came. One slam into a direction and he held the wheel while on his knees. The ship was finally going back to its place. 'Someone has to hold you now before it's too late.' Though the boy had the perfect idea to go on with it, taking the metal bar which was bent, he wanted to block it, but not before it was too late. If we're stuck going this way, we'll be too low. But where are we even going exactly now? At the point where a normal altitude, or what he thought to be a normal altitude, he stopped turning the wheel. It wasn't going either up or down but had a steady departure at best. Now it was a perfect time. Just to make sure, the other metal bars came from both sides and blocked any complete movement it might've had. It leads him back but there was no hope. Everything was barren, other than the barrel. But what was in it, what could it be? Tom decided to wait just another day, looking worse than ever, especially since he knew to have taken this decision. Sleeping on deck again, the moon was pale, thoughts of ale. Even if he never had the thing, any of it would've been good if it meant avoiding the alternative. Though the ill dreams came to be. Alone on the ship, even farther from the shore. He raised and pushed a hand through the water, but it was too bleak and dark. 'I have to survive.' It was justified a little as the first gulp of it came into his mouth. From what he had observed, originally he might've thought that it couldn't be as bad. No, after all, small creatures appear to be able to swim and breathe through it. At least that had made him think of it as being better. Though the taste certainly wasn't. A bloody thing, tasting like flesh. Even if he hadn't noticed, he ate one of those small creatures whole and raw, directly from the liquid. It did something to his thirst and finally, he could spread across the boat and stand. Now that he satiated some of it, he understood what went on. It was dark inside the room and he had been done sleepwalking, too tired to get. Once again, he fell asleep. Dreams wouldn't come as easily now that he came to have the stench inside his stomach rotting. It felt strange, to say the least, but

liberating for his thirst. For now, he bore resentment after hours, bloody images of torture and of drowning.

Everything was there after the door opened from his room of darkness. He climbed and felt pulled it. Those creatures laid there, as giant as he was, roaming the sea, floating as he came closer. 'What are you?' Tom asked, just before one took notice and pulled out the many sharp things and started draining the poor boy. It was a while as they did it, floating there while he was sucked by the vents, going as far as in the depths of the ocean as they could afford to. For some reason, it felt really harsh to be eaten by something so small as the things he had accidentally swallowed, but it went to pass. Tom looked at the pain stopped and suddenly he could move his hands freely. It was strange, that of which wasn't a mistake, to say the least, that his hands and legs were pierced. Even worse was the fact that they shared blood from one another, exchanging to the point of it becoming some kind of transfusion. Parts of his body liquefied together and the first thought in his mind became. 'This is my life now, isn't it?' From this standpoint, there wasn't anything he could say or do, as it came beyond his reach. But it did appear to be at its most vulnerable during the process. With of sudden jerk of both hands, he yanked them off and released both of his hands. A shriek in the water made no difference to him, as he was aware this was a sea filled with nothing but those things. Soon after he pulled out his legs, beginning only to rip every individual long stipped thing that came into his body. 'I'll not be taken now. 'Said, Tom, as he swam in a pool of his own diluted blood. There's some sort of liquid I found myself inside. Though it made no difference since he felt pain again. Soon he was too busy to pull every single thing out of the body to realise that this was the process of digestion. Tom barely escaped, though now it wasn't any better since they were going deeper and deeper into the ocean. 'What are you trying to tell me now?' Some minor discomfort replaced pain, but he was sure that he understood what was going on. This was the sea of the earth, which held more than a plethora of many coloured creatures there, as far as they went below. Sharp and dangerous, at least, not the type of things he'd take kindly. 'I need to find out, is there a reason why you're taking me here?' Why am I even asking this dumb creature? Clearly, it had not even a brain, the transparency doing much to reveal that much. The moment he saw the predators coming after the rounded globe of sinking blood, sharp-fanged things, he decided it was time for him to get on with it. Escape came near, though he'd have to fend for himself. Outstretching, he pushed through and managed to force it to open, releasing all of his blood into the sea. Before he could act, he felt himself being torn apart, eaten alive, reminding him of the man of which stood there in the dark. Cowered in a sitting position with both of his arms wrapped around his legs, Tom found himself standing under the table once again. Initially confused, he didn't know what to think of the sounds of the man eating out of another. It isn't over yet, I need to escape. But that wasn't right either, as he fainted once again. This time Tom found himself in a place that shouldn't be. A big house, one of which he had never before seen himself going into. He stood in front of him, looking behind at a group of other children of his age, dressed the same way as him, having the same mannerisms, to say the least. This is home, but that thought hadn't felt right either. It was somewhat of an abandoned place, but what was disturbing laid in the fact that every room in it had its light open. Neither of them knows the reason, they decided to investigate. 'Are you going to go inside or not?' 'What?' 'Come on James, just go on inside and look for the person who did this, that was the best. 'Right, I know that. 'There he laid open mouthed and confused, entering the lane as if ordered by the thing. His supposed friends would later run as the slightest sound on the wood only to hide. Even at the moment when the boy entered, he found himself lost, in this big house, pulled towards the lowest room

in the house. There'd be an attack as well if I were to be sure, he thought. Though it did nothing to distract him from the marks on his hands and legs. Somehow they carried on, at least, everything from the marks and what he knew to them. A man came directly from the woods, making every child scatter. It was a late thing to but the boy started running in every room in the house just to blow off the candles. He'd be busy trying to chase those children for no other purpose, dragging its fainted leg, having become nothing resembling of a real man. That's what death does to you there and he knew as well that he didn't want to throw any glance at what remained of the bloated creature. Limbs that couldn't be used for grabbing, only to be dragged on the ground. It had grown a beak to help itself feat on anything he could get into his reach, without the help of the forked neck and the deeply rooted channels. No, it hadn't done that on its own. The beak was too long and formed to be just a thing done in a circumstance. For what was worth, it appeared that his feathers were grey and dark, taking the appearance of a murderous crow. 'I need to blow off every candle.' Thought the boy as he went on his desperate approach to every room. By now, he was certain that he had gotten almost a few of them entirely blown. Some had even the decency, but one fell. The curtain was ignited in an instant, just as he thought of what was the best thing he could do. The sink, Tom thought. When the moment came, nothing but the same black diluted water came through. All the same, until it stopped, some meat having covered the pipe inside, perhaps a creature that wanted him not to have any of it anymore. 'Greedy little thing, I'll have you damned!' Said the boy, just before he covered his mouth, though no one laid around to hear him yet. No, I need to get out. But as he ran, he found himself opening it only partially to see that thing running around in circles, holding in the innermost circle a pile of children. They were battered and bloody to the point where he didn't know whenever or not his friends were still alive or not. From the likes of it, he noticed where he stopped. It was now that he came slowly but didn't notice just how far the fire had spread. As a matter of fact, neither did Tom, for he wouldn't have chosen to return and lock the door. The chain on top, and a small closing thing that couldn't be broken, he thought. Before the boy was done, a bony hand, long, cold and seemingly sick broke through and started ripping through the wall around the door. It was sick to see a bloody beak just come into contact with the stone and the metal inside of it. There seemed as if a pleasure came from it, a sick thing that the boy couldn't understand. At least, now it came to the fact that the sickness in those eyes became apparent. It was the moment where pieces of it fell off, filling its mouth with blood as it ate its way through the wall that Tom decided to run. As for the initial shock, it made him shiver and cover his eyes and nose. The smoke was being blown out of proportion and there'd be no way to stop this from burning. I need to find a way out, he thought of the thing that would've made him see it far better, but the smoke was far too strong. For a second there, this house appeared to be far bigger starting with the second floor and there was no denying that he ran through, trying to get to the other side. Windows blocked, at least cemented on the other way. Something, anything that I could use, thought Tom. And the more he thought of those children, his friends, the more he remembered what their bodies looked like. That thing ate of them, taking a bite out of each and every single one of children. It was certain now that there'd be no one running or trying to get help while he stalled for time. 'Pocket knife, thank you, thank you, thank you.' Tom placed it in his pocket, not to be seen. He would've been hiding in one of the rooms if it weren't for him to turn and see that grim face standing a few feet away. It pulled the boy by the legs and started dragging him at the same time he shouted for help. Still, the smoke was intoxicating, at least, that's what he thought. Boring through the pain it now felt from eating stone and tinder, it

finally gave in a grin and a laugh that was too sharp and deep to make him look like anything else than a monster. Having no choice and seeing how he was dragged by the leg, Tom pulled out the knife and snapped it in that thing's

leg. It shrieked and let go, just at the edge of the stairs where the boy finally came to his feet and leapt upon, skipping more than a few seconds at the grimace and the cost of a fracture. Tom shouted in pain just as high as the creature had, stumbling on his feet, avoiding to step with that leg. Not the only tried walking on one of them while leaping from wall to wall. For as long as he had seen, the smoke appeared to be intoxicating for both of them. And there wasn't any going through that exit as the creature had essentially made a cave in of the house. For some reason, it didn't help that the foundation was being devoured by the flames. Tom came to the last room which was left. If the kitchen was the one set on flames, the room opposite of it was the only thing left. And it was coming now, even mad than before, to be met by a locked door and a trail of blood that led directly to him. 'I wouldn't try that if I were you.

You'll only make the entire thing fall off if you try eating the walls again. 'Said Tom, just as he was ready to check his chances. There wasn't much in there, other than another door that leads below. It was the basement, something of which was covered. For what was worth, there was a chance that there'd be an exit if he tried. Though the silence and what it had done became more than disturbing for him to account for alone. Has it given up so easily? Despite the fact, there wasn't any time to spend wishfully thinking of what could've happened to it. 'For what I care, you could just drop dead for what you've done to me. 'And there was no lock to impede his only way to go through.

Though what he hadn't realised in minutes was the fact that his wish was to come true. Just as smoke would devour, there appeared to come a sound of creaking from the room above. First, it appeared almost as if there was a teen trying to jump on his head, though soon blood started dripping from a hole. It was only momentarily but it looked through it with its dark eyes and might've grinned. The grin of a bird of prey that of which it had become, going as far to chew the stone into a paste and spit it out. Tom opened the trap door that leads to the basement and seemed to have locked his way from inside. 'Useless, isn't it? It will chew its way through, there's no way he wouldn't do that if he can eat stone so freely. Never had the thought of facing it came to light, after seeing the pile he had under his belt.

Especially since there wasn't any tool or weapon in the basement, being left there clean, far too clean for his own comfort. 'Please, work, with me, I don't have the time for this. 'Tom came closer to the window and appeared to have to know what was to be done. It wasn't as hardened as he had thought, but it appeared as if this was the only possible way he could get out. Thought got out of his mind, just as he felt as if he was as light as a feather. Perhaps all of this commotion had stopped and it was the time for him to go on and escape. 'Am I worthy?' The boy asked, just before getting ready to find out for himself. The window wouldn't open and he became aware of the strong sound of that

thing had fallen through the ceiling. Nonetheless, the various blankets that laid around covered nothing but themselves. Seconds after being on fire, it would be just enough for this entire thing to fall into piece. Once the flames came to the foundation, there'd be no hope for him. So the boy started slamming his fist and broke through the window. Marks of blood came onto the glass. Despite the fact he hadn't noticed it, the fire had already spread into the previous room. Now, the window was just enough for a boy of his stature to come through. Though right as it came to it, the wood hadn't been anything of an issue to chew upon. A shriek of pain and desire came as well, as it seemed like this desire of a prey was met by the child. It was the hunt the creature had always wanted and even the thought of it brought a shiver. Now that iron was being chewed upon and spat on the ground, it grew no regard for

what was around it. One glance at the broken glass and the blood and it figure that the boy had escaped. Greed had taken too much of what was left of a mind inside that little head. For once, he started pushing himself inside until the point of being stuck. This was the sign he needed, that grim thing of a shouting rage of pain. Before fire would go on, Tom knew he would be done. So far, he came out of the blanket which had laid on the floor, after having done such a great job of concealing where he was. Seeing how it forced itself to come through, the lower body of a man, a killer a predator gave him no regards that he might've had for a dumb animal. Or so the boy thought as he grabbed the lower half and started rocking him back and forth, left and right, into the shards. They resisted as they acted as scalpels and started cutting through. Even when they were done and entered the body, the two halves almost came out and the shriek of pain finally ended. Tom managed to pull it back with both the remaining pieces of glass shoved inside and a frame of the wood that came off with them. It bounced as it fell on the floor and he was sure that it could just come back to live and haunt him for one last time as a vengeful thing. Though he came out safely at the sight of fire and smoke, running as far as he could into the woods. Looking back at it, day approached, and the farther he went, the less of a house it looked and rather, it seemed to have had something of the appearance of a boat. Before strolling too far there, he realised that this liquid had done great to induce through him this delusion which made him act accordingly. He wasn't about to suffer that he had reached the ground, but it was a pity to see it go down in flames. The only way to go, and now he was lost, approaching the light of day. Now, the boy ran through to look for what he had heard or thought he heard. Half-caught into this pandemonium, he barely found his way to one, going for what appeared to be a small peak of stone from which fish came and jumped. 'Water, it's water. 'But he immediately caught his mouth and looked around. Tom was sure that he saw another one of those creatures lying about. Not to mention that the problem which remained with the damn pile of corpses made him shiver more than rightly. It was only after drinking as much as he could that he regained something of common sense and started walking about. For what was worth, there might've been hours of walking, until at last, he found a settlement he thought there might've been someone who could help him with this thing. At least the water washed away that disgusting taste that still lingered in his mouth. For far too long had it stood in there, tainting him to the point where he threw himself aimlessly until he was found. Four men wearing their strange garbs stood atop of Tom. They had tied Tom to make sure he wouldn't start hurting himself or others around him. His eyes became pale as they had lost most of their colour in the process. Even then, some of his teeth have become too sharp to belong to a human, which made some of them stare. Nonetheless, tied to a long then, he was being carried, landing through one of the many villages that laid there. Even while he laid turned on his back, while carried, there was no denying on how many of them laid across the forest. Sturdy wet wooden gates opened and welcomed them. Fairly so, they were dressed as for their kin, nothing that would scream of tribes of anything of the sort. It was strange that he would be there in that condition, but he couldn't deny the fact that he saw so little in his vision. A grasp of something almost placed some sharp features on their faces, the type that would signal the fact that soon they were to turn rabid. They would devour him, he was sure, as the preparation of a great fire became too obvious now, even with the approaching way, Tom began to struggle. 'Hold on, you'll only hurt yourself now. You're way too sick to be doing anything. 'Said one of the men that held him. There was a certain need for that, as he was certain that he could get hurt by any other attempt. Tom could hear nothing but the type of screech and tainted tongue which bore through.

No animal sound but a clipping and clicking that sounded nothing like human speech. 'Let me go, I haven't done anything, I want. I need to be free. 'That of which came as gibberish on his side as well. Women who were watching suddenly took their children and pulled them back, only to be hidden away from this damned sight. One village elderly in particular came near and looked at Tom. He appeared to be watching his reaction and how he was doing. 'Well?' Put the boy in an animal cage now, until we're done with something that would make him feel better. It's for his own good. 'I know that, but are you certain that it's the right choice in the matter? He's a boy after all. 'No, it seems like this boy had gone through a lot, far too much for his own good. Even further than to be called a simple boy, just look at all the. 'There was something of which he noticed, as it started growing on his face. Young man, what have you gotten yourself into?' Lock him now, for the safety of the children and our the town's women, you'd better lock it well. 'The boy struggled as the small tree on which he was being carried suddenly was released from him. Either way, there wasn't anything he could do to fight those who were around him. Even as a few of them came near and made sure of it. As far as he was concerned, there'd be no escaping. For the time being, he was locked inside a cage, one of which was surrounded by a metal chain, which had an additional lock of iron. Tom looked further around, only to find out that there was no other cage. To be sure of it, he still saw the preparation of the fire, how people looked at him, where he was locked inside. I know what they're doing. They'll eat me, I know it to be true. Though the aimless venture had taken all his strength, leaving him with nothing but lying on the cold iron and look for a way out. In reality, there was none, other than waiting, as the cure was being prepared. Four other towns, against which laid something of an endless stretch of forest intertwined. One could take a look at a layman and tell that it was merely one forest, though knowing the type of trees, one could acknowledge the many differences between them. The thicker the branches, the taller, the sizes, a slight difference in colour and many other small things that were almost unnoticeable. It was important to note, for that reason laid why the forest went so far, standing of what appeared to be pure, unaltered ground. Eight towns and Tom found his way to one by accident, left to his fate. Most of them being so peaceful made no difference whatsoever if it weren't for those travellers from outside who disturbed through the span of the coming day. Tom shouted. 'Free me now!' Bloodied and sweaty, he had broken free of the thin rope that had previously kept him locked. It was the shout of a creature that came out, even as in his vision it was still night. They're preparing for a feast, he thought, just as he saw all of the sudden, the rising flame. 'Hey, you there, you'd better not make any trouble now. 'Said a boy who might've been of the same age, if only he could recognise his features. Though he kicked the cage and made a drumming noise inside Tom's head. Vibrations certainly travelled fast. 'Stop that now. 'Came as a grubbling pair, though something might've been in there that the other boy took as a formation of words. 'So you do seem to be able to speak after all. The elders said something about that but I dared not believe them. I think you're nothing but a dumb creature that looks like a boy, that's for certain. 'He kicked the cage a few more times, just to be certain that Tom was annoyed. By now, he was standing in a pool, having realised that his body was fighting against that thing which was in his system as well. As Tom finally threw up, he got to see what exactly was in his body, just as those amphibian creatures were still alive. Tom looked in horror and realised just what it was, knowing where those things came from. It was the boy who kicked the cage that brought the elder to help and a few men to restrain Tom as his cage was suddenly opened. 'Hold his mouth open as well. 'Said the only man. They both appeared to have the scent of smoke onto them, a special kind

nonetheless. At the moment when the lock fell, one man pulled Tom outside, without even waiting for something.

Seeing how he was weak and wasn't ready to act like a beast anymore, he didn't try hurting the boy anymore.

Nonetheless, the eldest man in the group spoke. 'Cover him with ash now, try to repel that creature from his body before they burrow inside again. 'Without waiting now, they had dragged a small wooden bucket and emptied it on the boy. Both of his clothes, skin and body was grey. Before it came to be any longer, he was forced to drink out what they gave him. 'Make sure he swallows all and lock all the gates. This day he will spend all alone. It's important that regardless of what you hear him say, none of you will try to help him until one day passes. 'The entire town appeared to have paid attention to what the old man told them to do. 'I hope this works, you can release him now. 'As it hit, his world darkened even more, though his words finally came to a point. 'Let me go, I have to go there, I need to. 'That of which they understood but at the sight of the old man. The others suddenly went away. His word was close to a command in the eyes and to the ears of the others. Knowing better what was the best to be done, he went away as well, noticing and watching the boy just roll on the ground in pain. That thing inside of him was being killed now, he was sure of it, though the cost was great. 'He's suffering, Winfield, what have you done to the boy?' 'Nothing I shouldn't have. Why I gave him the essence of what he seemed to have been suffering for most. The essence of the ammonia, he certainly needed it to get rid of that thing inside his body now. "Was this the best way to go with it?" 'You're still young Grace, you'll understand, they'll all do. It was a matter of life and death, if it weren't for this kind of pain, he would've been driven to madness and murder. "He will be driven from the pain, just look that boy, he can't even hold himself on his feet. "That's enough, it's either this or his death, there's no other way to cure it that we know of. It either poisons him and kills his body or those things inside of him absorb it and die. For that, I'm certain that it beats the odds. 'They looked as if he changed from a beast in a cage to a damn abused rodent. None yet dared to pass the word Winfield gave to them, none at all. It went on halfway through the day, Tom having been placed on his back and still looking at the top of the sky. A different kind of night remained, while his hands stretched and the pain went through him. It appeared as if there laid a cloak atop of the sky, leaving him to shiver, moving in the most repugnant matters. When the time came for him to glance, he saw nothing around, but what once used to be humans. Long enough and featureless, none dared approached. Their forms frightened the body, just as they made sudden moves and deformed even more upon walking, to the point where their bodies made no sense whatsoever. How could they move? How did their skin and bones stretch so far and dragged themselves? They were rotten, contorting against one another and falling to what appeared to be knees. 'Don't hurt me. 'Tom said, just as he turned and started walking on his own. He had shortly approached what seemed to be a wall, tall and grim, making it seem as if it was made out of metal. Spikes laid on top, to say the least as well as animal horns and other pieces that belong to them. Bones atop of every fort inside and the innermost citadel laid there in front of his eyes. Stumbling to walking, he saw how those rabid things forced themselves to eat smaller creatures that of which screamed. 'Don't touch me, I said, I will make sure that you'll be hurt for what you've done here. 'Said Tom just as he kept his distance from every single one of the bizarre apparitions. He wasn't aware where he was, but the darkness finally fading, leaving only a vision of a red sky, still until, close to being dark. There were no stars of which he knew and from what he could tell, he was still afraid to approach them. Now they crawled on many laying feet which were dragged, leaving open some sort of serpentine bodies of anything at all. He gasped and tried coping, standing for a moment

with both his arms folded. It was only throughout the day while walking that he realised that neither of them dared approach or make any move. If they're not trying to hurt me, then what exactly is going on here? Their point of conquest, their hold, I see. Tom thought of getting closer though something moved once they noticed just what he had in mind. Will they act now that I dare? Could it be that I'm not afraid to do such a thing? 'Don't you dare stop me!' Said, Tom, as he started for that thing. Looking at everyone and how they peered did nothing to change his mood. He still thought them to be untrustworthy forms that mocked him, even without having to say a word at all. I will get out of this place one way. Luckily, the door wasn't barred or anything of that sort. Though what he had entered upon appeared to have been entertained by an inner circle where they discussed their plans. He went through the entrance and appeared to have gone around another wall. Through the throng, there weren't doors holding it, but leather carpets hanging from the top of the ceiling, acting out as if they were doors. Past it there he had arrived, inside the circle where he knelt. It wasn't that he wanted to show decency but for now, he hadn't dared get too much of their attention. For once, he thought of running away, but that immediately came to pass. So many of them standing in circles, rows of them just appearing to be speaking slowly, praying in a way. A place of worship, this couldn't be the moment to start disturbing them, at least unless it came to pass. One of the elders noticed the boy and gave quite a glance. Of course, in Tom's eyes, most of them appeared to look as if they were the same, sharing every feature down the skin and tentacle and extra limb that was dragged. It didn't help that the young ones and the old ones almost looked as if they were of the same breed and piece of organic material. Point said he wasn't going to disturb any. And the elder thought him as harmless enough to stay if he wasn't going to disturb anyone so far. 'Well, I think I've had enough of this session. Father. 'The man bowed once for him and a second time for the rest of the people who were praying around. Despite the fact that he wasn't able to understand what they were saying, he thought he noticed the extrusions through which laid their eyes. Most of them had them closed. Blend in Tom, at least until you find a way out, let them think that you might be one of them. For the time being, it appeared as if this was the only option. It had generated some grunts at least, but he stood there in peace, hearing only those unknown pieces of whispers. For once, meditating this way while surrounded by everyone made him feel calm. Once he became that way, he thought of home. Far away, it had been, through the summer days. 'Pass me the ball. 'Throughout the summer, he and Van had been playing. It must've been ages since they last saw one another. In better conditions than let's say what they had become. For once he was scared to think what was going to happen, for opening his eyes now made him paranoid. With a glance around his body, he was slowly becoming assimilated into this circle. It must've been the scented smoke that laid everywhere, for he saw his body turn and devour the rest, having a slithering texture to it. Not even his clothes were safe anymore. Seeing how there wasn't anything he could do since his legs were frozen and uncomfortably bent, he thought back on the better days. But this time he failed to do so. It felt as if this was to be painful. 'I can't do this. 'With a painful thrust, he had disturbed the others and left with a noisy thing. There wasn't any stopping but he stumbled as if he had lost a leg, this wasn't liberating but damning. 'This is sickening, you're all making me sick. 'Said Tom, once he fell on himself outside. It was hard to remember a time when he was happy and neither of them tried helping, as far as he was concerned. How could they though? A strange tribe of creatures that were self-concerned and self-satisfying. 'Ha. 'They even treated me like a dumb animal and caged me, but this is too much. Thought Tom and fell, this time it was the fever that had gotten

him to the point. Without any concern of the word given by the town council, a few of them suddenly came and started carrying the boy to one of their homes. Outside the inner circle, voices could be heard as well as they did shout after all. 'Bring hot towels and call the elders. It's not going too well anymore. 'It was apparent when three of the elders who were taught in the art of medicine and one of their daughters as well that this had gone quite far. The boy wasn't about to last much due to the poisoning anymore, let alone the rest of the span of a day. 'What are we going to do now?He's been acting so strangely so far that I think that whatever you gave him might've induced him into madness. 'There might be no cure, it's only what happens. We need to bring him to the other village and see to it if they know any better now. 'A few of the younger men offered but at the request of the elder they were surprisingly hanging low. None dared pass their word, but this was rightly seen as a mistake. 'Only one of you goes. Woman, since you seem to have taken so much interest in him, you'll take him there, alone. Whatever happens, will befall you from that point on. 'She appeared to be banished, carrying the boy in her arms. There wasn't anything in which she could've placed him, at least nothing that wouldn't get ripped apart because of the weight. 'At least it isn't far. 'The woman said, and in a way, she kind of looked old enough to be his mother. If there were words that came out of Tom's mouth, they've faded a long time ago. Without a doubt for what was about to happen, he placed his faith in this vague humanoid form. Perhaps it was the air outside, but this thing that had taken over everyone in the previous town vanished. Especially as the chains pulled back the gate in place. 'Let me go now, I can walk on my own. 'Said Tom, as he stumbled away from her arms. 'I know that. 'There was still a point of dizziness that refused to go away, even as they stood looking at one another. It was hard, but she understood what he was saying now. Could it be that the elder was right about what he needed now?'I know you're trying to help. 'At least this time, Tom came in loud and clear, speaking them without a break or a mistake. It was nothing to be frowned upon, especially since it was a sign towards healing. 'Then follow me boy, towards another camp and we'll be able to make you feel better, right?You wouldn't want to die from poisoning, would you now?I'm certainly sure that the poison in your system is about to get a lot more painful from this point on. 'Case and point made, as the boy threw himself momentarily on the ground, screeching and reaching for a painful grasp around his stomach. 'Now are you going to listen?'Without any other word, she pulled the body and took it in her arms again. He wasn't that heavy, to begin with, though she had at least seen or carried others twice his stature and weight. It was a pity that they didn't trust her with more, but she managed to reach through the abode. 'Hold. Who comes here?'Said a man, dressed in a fur dress, antlers, pointers and what appeared as if he wore a peculiar robe behind the gate. 'Me and this boy, he was poisoned and needs immediate assistance. 'The man left his place for a moment and appeared to have returned, peering at both of them, as they stood and waited. Somewhat of the boy's skin had changed to a purple around the collar and his wrists. And that wasn't the least pleasant to look upon. One fairly dressed figure just joined the man, wearing another peculiar robe with a set of accessories. Despite that, it was the fact that he wore something of a cage upon the entirety of his head, with appeared to have grown through his skull. 'Let the boy in, but you woman, are to leave. Before you leave, I must inform you that the next encampment is at least a day's walk if you weren't aware of. 'To be fair about it, she hadn't noticed either how she came there, it was all a mist in her head. Saying the least, she couldn't even know where her own encampment lay or where the other which laid at a day's walk stood. But nonetheless, the wood was rotten and the mist was sudden. There wasn't anything that of which she could do now

unless it for this faithful gift for him. 'I'm so sorry boy, but I don't have a choice, you either die here with them or on the road with me. At least, it will give you a chance here. 'She took a breathing break and looked above and shouted, loud and clear. 'I agree to this. But please don't hurt him, he's just a poor old boy. "We shall see about that. 'As far as for the gate, it appeared to have been forced into the same system of chains and wood. It could open, either way, lower down and then back up as a gate, making it seem that it was multifunctional in a certain way, depending on what other strangers needed to see. For this illusion had saved them more than once and prevented any attacks that would come at night. Once it was lowered down, it seemed as if this mist had covered much of what she hadn't needed to see. Nonetheless, it was enough to have made a few steps for her to notice that machine that laid in the corner, producing every gasp of the mist. It's made by them, this thing is disgusting. She thought as she handed the boy. For once, she had become reluctant about it, for some reason there were just the two of them. The man with that caged and the other with the fur and the antlers. It was true that animals did run among them, but that was no fur she had ever seen. 'Are you certain that you can take care of him. "We are, now leave so we may go back to our work. "Don't worry. 'A peculiar grin came from behind those thin bars. It was enough to make her stomach turn, at least as far as it went. She wasn't about to give in, but either way. 'Just save the boy. 'And it was then that the woman was no longer in sight. 'Do me a favour and close the gate. "Right, boss, what about the boy?"Don't worry about that, I know exactly what he needs. Damn savages, you'd think they'd know better with everything they took from the ground in the last decade. 'The man took a bottle of alcohol from his pocket, strong scented. It was enough to get the confused look of the man accompanying him. Alcohol, and not only that, but it was also strong enough to wake up a mule that had fallen victim to the heath of the desert. This thing was strong, especially given to a child. One grip around the bottle and it almost seemed as if the boy couldn't stop drinking. 'That'd be enough boy, there's no need for you to drink more than you need. 'Suddenly, this took a grim effect. Not only did it feel like it did, but Tom stumbled a few feet away on his own before standing against a wall. He released again what was inside his stomach, no mention of the fact that this was the man's intention. 'Is this what you meant by medicine now?Giving the boy a means to have his guts out before us?"Better than poisoned to death, isn't it?Just look at the pool there. 'Other than the various articles of food, both of them noticed just the reason why those people had poisoned him. Perhaps neither was versed as well as they thought, but those creatures of the sea were recognisable, enough to warrant a reason. 'Just as I suspected, they'd rather poison the child than deal with this. "Is he fine then?'As he asked, he shook his antlers and approached. Looking at the other, he made sure to read through the expressions to see whenever or not it was well enough. He was content as far as it went, but never made the mistake of having to give another thought about it. 'Well now, let's see, boy are you all right now?"My name isn't boy, it's Tom. "Good, so you understand me. Since we have such a good understanding now, it's time for you to leave. "Wait, don't send him out yet, he seems like he could be useful to us, at least until it comes to our favour to be returned. 'Tom glanced at the both of them, especially at their peculiar set of clothing. At least the fur, the antlers and the cage appeared as if they were out of the ordinary, perhaps too much even for him to see. Could they be bandits or cutthroats?'Who are you, what do you want from me?I've got nothing on me, nothing that would be worth your while. Can't you see that I'm just a boy?'He had lost the meaning of time ever since he left his home. No clocks, no counted nights, he couldn't even tell whenever or not he was approaching the age of manhood. Alas, it didn't matter, for their leader stepped

forth. 'Don't worry about that, we're not here to rob you. As a matter of fact, you should be more grateful for we have saved your life. Haven't we, Agur?' The man with the antlers bowed for a second there. 'And my name is Balstar, as the name goes. It's a mighty pleased to meet you. "Tom, my name is Tom, but no one seems to ask me about my other names. "Isn't it better that way Tom? No attachments between people, after all, you'd not like people being associated with you, such as the kind we are. 'Grinned the caged man, Balstar he said. Balstar and Agur, a set of strange names for strange folk. 'Very well, I shall accompany you for the time being, at least, until I pay for what's worth. "It's a deal boy. 'Said Agur, and for a moment, it almost seemed like the creature he was wearing suddenly shook with excitement as well. Both him and it appeared to be acting that way. Though one thing still bothered him. 'Do you live here?' 'No, we were just leaving. 'Agur suddenly looked at his companion and as he noted he walked towards the machine and pulled only a small metal cell without saying a word. 'Well Tom, this is now the moment to leave. 'Out of the mist, he appeared to have pulled a sack, which laid just a few feet away from him. Perhaps food, jewellery, spoons and marble objects laid inside, though Agur suddenly appeared with a bad as well. It was obviously suspicious if it weren't for the fact that they helped him get well. 'We have a camp, not too far for good reasons, it should be big enough for the three of us. Unless you eat like an animal, in which case. "No, no, no, I'll, well. I can carry my own weight and behave. "Good boy, I'm sure that this thing of our might be just going well. 'Thought Balstar, with a grin on his face. It still appeared peculiar that they left the camp in that condition, though nonetheless. No question asked, for the time being, neither of them seemed to desire to harm him. Far enough though, in the throng of a hill, it was almost hidden, that a small cove laid out there in the woods. Perhaps after this long hour after walking, it seemed strange. 'It's only temporary Tom, you see, until we get enough to have a better place for our own. "You'd better listen to Agur, he knows better about this kind of business. 'A cosy home waited for the three of them, fashioned enough that it could still stand as a house despite what it seemed to look like. Once they were inside and opened the door. Surprisingly so, as they had implanted into the stone an entire wall and a functional door with it. It was at least a considerable amount of effort to do so and he did it nonetheless. 'Who did this?' 'That would be, Agur, the mighty constructor. Nothing is as it seems now, is it Tom?' For once, those antlers and the fur appeared to have another purpose, as it kept the fact that he was unexpectedly clever for what he looked like. It was a cosy thing inside, warm, at least warmer than what it felt like being outside. More importantly was the fact that it was filled with what they had looted from around. That of which included a rug on the floor, a few storage containers and more than enough things that they fashioned their own home. How did they manage to get all of this? Wondered Tom, just as he looked around. 'What's ours is yours as well, Tom, as long as you remain with us and help us get more. This plan is supposed to make us fortunate enough to leave these wasted before they come to an end. 'Balstar had his grin on for the entire duration he was in. After a few moments of placing their bags inside the corners, the reason came out. As the head of this operation, he knew more than well what he was doing. 'I know the perfect thing for you to do in order to earn your spot with it. Don't you worry about it for a second now, it will be nothing to be concerned about Tom. 'Agur suddenly came in with a pair of clothes that appeared to reflect some sort of a sign of the outsiders. It was something rustic and made it seem as if he was part of a tribe. Despite their use of tools, it did well to hide them. 'People underestimate us often when they see us wearing these. You see, no one expects someone as poorly dressed to inflict any amount of damage on them. And that is the trick that gave us

everything we have here. 'Agur pointed to a changing room, though there was no need for that. He already appeared to be out of place, now the only thing that was needed was a few accessories to end the deal. Agur suddenly pulled a few helmets out of a pile of trash they held inside. It was surprising that they were all in such a good condition as they were. As a matter of fact, Tom was rather pleased with what they gave him. One mask of a sort, with sharp teeth that went in all directions, with a sad face through which he could look. 'Add some fake hair on top of that Agur, make them really think of the boy as being silly. 'Both of them laughed, and as Tom joined, he found himself wearing a pair of silly garments that were fashioned to be worn by a maiden. It was the cloak at first that was wrapped around, then a pair of silken gloves, one black and one white. 'Are you sure about this? Do you really need people to make fun of what I'm wearing?' 'Trust me, Tom, you'll be just fine, them underestimating you and as a matter of fact, us, will be more than a grave mistake. 'The sudden tone changed once Agur and Balstar looked at one another. 'You don't mean for us to go today, do you? He had no experience in it, he isn't ready for such a heist. 'All of the sudden Tom recognised what they were, at least he knew what that word meant. They were robbers, and they were using Tom as well. Despite knowing what they were, there wasn't any chance for a retreat now. I need to earn a meal if I'm willing to go back and find a ship that goes to the capital. 'Count me in then! I don't care how dangerous it is now, trust me that I've been through worse. For that, it isn't a coincidence for the state you found me in. 'And if memory still served the boy right, it was indeed how he thought it happened. 'That's the spirit boy, just hold this, as hidden as you can and when the time comes, I'll teach you how to use them. 'As it came, Balstar handed him a roll of cloth that had inside a pair of sharp tools of various sizes. Their usage became quite evident for him to see. He had seen lockpicks before, though never as obviously complicated as these ones. Despite what some appeared, there were some picks, long that had pointers that were bent in seemingly every know direction. It was a bit of a stretch to think that they each had a use at all, but he took them nonetheless. 'So what are we waiting for then?' 'I like your enthusiasm kid, but you'll need more than that. Do you see this?' The man pointed at the top of one of his antlers. There was a scar left there, or, rather a mark left by someone who might've tried cutting him. 'It almost came close to cutting a piece of my head, right below my eye and it would've gone just atop the other. What you're getting into won't be easy for a moment Tom, there's a high chance that you may be hurt. Even if you're just a lad. 'Tom nodded as he listened to the man, his thick accent only became obvious now. He was rather fearful, at least that's the impression he received once he looked into his eyes. Kind dark eyes, which appeared to bear a light on them, even when it wasn't as strong. Someone had to keep an eye on the other. 'Ready, we move now then, through the throng of the night. 'Though day should've come, it became only but an illusion. 'Don't be scared of this boy, there are stronger things above the world that are blocking the sun from now and again. 'Even the scent Tom bore didn't give anything that would indicate he was from this world. Most of which he had seen already shocked him beyond anything a boy of his age should've been exposed to. This peculiar thing ensnared the boy from what he thought of his senses. He'd rather try from this point on to follow the two men who seemed to know better. 'Good lad, you're doing it with so much ease. 'Said one Agur, even going ahead and patting Tom on the shoulder. The three of them appeared to have been staying behind one of the sides of another forth, looking through one of the smaller gates. It's been regarded as the best strategy after they managed to get around unseen. Just one twist with two of the sharp pointers and he felt the mechanism just twist around him. Guided by the caged one, he did as he was told. 'You need

to hear a click, Tom. Just like that, one of them you hold still while you work the other. Don't be afraid that they might break, these things are made to last. Quite likely, I was using them ever since I was your age, in the very same spot, doing the same thing. 'The pleasant memories surprised him more than enough when he realises how good Tom was at it. It was under seconds that he came to the point of opening it. 'Amazing. 'Agur's eyes were widened at the sight of the open door. Even more so, when he saw that most of the view was covered by the back of the small huts, houses and dust. 'It appears like our friends here aren't as clever as they seemed to be, having their backdoor exposed in such a manner. Stay behind Agur Tom. He'll make sure you'll be safe, while I work on this. 'A small thing Balstar bore, quite the manner that there was nothing like it he saw. Tom listened and followed as slowly and silently as he could while staying near Agur. He was already looking ridiculous and might've been seen through the cracks with those antlers of his if anyone came to be concerned. Though the noise and the voices appeared to be having quite the meaningful approach to a celebration. 'There it is, as I told you Agur. 'Both men appeared to be interested in that machine that laid hidden and abandoned along the trash that laid around. It appeared as if this was something most if not all these forts had. 'What's this then? I saw it before, the steam thing. 'Whispered Tom. 'Agur was already licking his lips as he kept watch. There'd be no stopping once it started after all those huts appeared to have nothing of a wall that'd stop him. 'Look at how I'm doing this and try to remember if you're ever to be in place. You open it with this thing. 'He had a screwdriver though the man appeared to have no idea what it was called. Not that it mattered what it was called, as he went ahead and managed to unscrew the opening of the machine. It appeared to have a cell of some kind, a cylinder. Most likely, the same kind he had taken when he's been there when they've met. 'Now, this should be easy enough, you just need to watch your hand and grab it with a piece of cloth Tom. It might be dangerous if you don't handle it carefully. Here, it should be as barren as you'll get, just wrap your hand around it and pull the cell out. 'Tom listened to this and it went fairly easy out. 'The noise outside disturbed him, to the point of being afraid of being caught, though it soon went as nothing but a pale threat. Now that he came to the point, he asked Agur for the other one. Seemingly this was a modified version. 'It's not supposed to look that way in case you might've guessed Tom, but Agur there managed to find a good way around it. We both need you to trust us, do you understand?' Tom nodded towards him, in a way, he liked being treated the way he was. It wasn't an issue for him, now that he was considered mature enough to handle such responsibilities. Short-lived, nonetheless. Balstar gave him another piece of cloth, slightly wet. He noticed how both him and Agur were holding them against their faces as well as he could hear the man closest to him breathing. 'Don't let go of it until we tell you it's okay. 'Tom nodded and as he did, Balstar inserted it, making a vibrant play of harsh noise and coloured smoke. A red, then a yellow pair of shades came out. And when the moment came, Agur came closer and pulled Tom out of the way, just to be certain he'd not be endangered. When the moment came, the entire fort was covered in it, leaving no time for anyone to make any noise or to scream. Nothing quite like it, the two of them thought, hearing them fall, seeing how this went on. Sooner or later, when the smoke would turn into a mist, that was the signal for their time to act. For a few moments, minutes of waiting rewarded them as the antlers plunged against the hut and ripped it apart in a fell swoop. There was no one standing and it became clear once he dropped his mask. 'It's safe boss, we can go ahead and loot them. 'As he said it, he proceeded to pull out a few bags and threw them at Tom and Balstar. So this is how they came on so many things now. Agur was already searching from hut to the house. Balstar approached

Tom before anything was said and done. 'Be careful to grab anything of value, we may be able to make a trade sooner or later with them. "Won't they know it's stolen?" "Don't worry, I know just the place. ' It was getting cold above, though the air did much to stir the currents, it could now be felt. The further above, the closer it got to that weather that was dark. Somehow, they managed to shove themselves into the heart of the sky, with the capital having the best of it in sight. One cold and heavy weather came, hot on the side, turning to the point of sweat turning into tears of ice. We need to do something about this. Thought a lord. They had once again, at the same hour, same day and date, formed a line to ask the king and force him to give them what he needed. Rather than anything, these were the same few people standing in the same line which had always changed their demands. Commoners of higher rank, traders, lord and travellers, anything that would prevent the peasants from seeing him walk again. It was a mere fact that one could look and see how most were wearing coats, though this disturbance in weather caused anything past the point of the gate to be warm. 'Hold my coat now. 'The man had given his attire to his carrying servant, to the point of entering the throne room as the door opened. Behind him, the stairs were filled with too many people to count who waited for their demands. This was a point made both null and had become an annoyance. 'Your majesty, we need to talk. 'He was blunt and didn't even wait for a response before going on. 'Ingor is my name in case you haven't remembered by now, though I believe we've made ourselves acquainted at least a few times in my lifetime. "And what do you need now? Another set of servants, perhaps a new hold? Something to shut your mouth rather than anything else. "No, your majesty, this is a problem that's concerning every single one of us. 'Another one of these. The crowned thing mumbled as he scraped one side of the throne annoyed. This was enough work for him, having to take care of their every single need of a parent. 'Are we invaded then by those beasts?' Damn them, we're not even through with the instalment of every launcher and every protector. 'No, your majesty, it's a matter of grimace, cold and the tainted heat that's well above you. I'm surprised you haven't noticed of yet. 'Even more surprising to the man was the fact that he stood inside and couldn't feel any of the heat that laid outside. 'Your point being?' "This heat is sickening on one side, while the other is freezing over, that's all. We're at a point where the capital got split between those who cannot handle the cold and those who can't deal with the heat. 'Two extremes going against one another, at least the way he thought of it went rather more unpleasant for the rest of them. 'You wish me to move the capital then? No, we cannot do this, even if I wanted. "Why your subjects are suffering, isn't that enough to force yourself to act upon them and do it for their sake?" I've already said that I cannot. 'There was still that look of surprise, he knew when a lie came too obvious and gnawed at his neck. 'Very well, I'll think about it. Would that be all. "Yes your majesty and if you may come any closer to take a look at your subjects. 'Though the armoured thing made a sign of dismissal before saying. 'There's no need for that, I've got everything I need right here. 'One of his cubes appeared to have an aerial view of the entire zone. He knew too well of what he was happening, even before news came to him, though he tried dismissing it as soon as it came to his ears. 'Don't call the next one in, I'm in dire need of reconsideration if you would understand what it's about. "Yes your majesty, I know very well. And in case you've made your mind. 'He had left a bottle of wine on the table. It hasn't happened in a great while for him to receive any gift from his subjects, making this quite surprising for him. 'If you ever change your mind and decide to move the capital to somewhere warm, I'm fairly sure that many people here would be more than pleased with your choice. 'As the man left the room, it appeared as if the door closed behind him this time. It

gave the king a most untrustworthy idea once he made a guard bring him the bottle. Even from touching it, he felt how old it was, a grim thing to say, but true, a good year. 'Well, if that's how it may work. Bring him the next one, I've got a message he should need to deliver. 'Some time passed, people looked at the gate but didn't expect that to happen. All of the sudden, it was opened to its full extent, and a grimace pair of metal shoulders stood on what appeared to be a bulked pair of rocks in stature. It was a royal guard, shining in its armour, cold when it approached. For a moment, a tiny human being he compared with that thing which stood in front of him. Thro this point, he lifted the poor man with one hand and carried it as luggage back into the room. As the royal chamber, he stood, the king waved for him to stop his bickering. Now, it appeared as if he waited in thought. 'I need you to deliver a message to me and don't worry, I'll be more than inclined to perhaps reward you for your service. 'Behind everything, this plan had appeared way too clever, even for himself to admit. 'There's no need for you to bring them word for word from my mouth, understand?'The peasants didn't have the look to him, though he bothered not with the details. Once he was done with what was to be said, the guard opened the gate and almost threw the man unto the ground. It was a strange thing that everyone watched his every move as if he suddenly was filled with emotion and importance. After he lifted himself and cleaned himself of dust, the man went on. 'By the order of his majesty and his decree, this is what it's to be done about the issue of the weather. 'The man suddenly scratched his head, as if trying to remember what was to be done wasn't enough harm to him. But this sudden thing didn't do much for his desire either. 'We will have everyone who wants to move the capital towards the colder place bring me tribute. Those who want the capital moved towards the warmer place will have to do the same. Whoever pleases me, I mean his majesty more shall be the decider of the side. And that is the will of the king I say. 'Once he was done delivering the message, the man had no other care in the world but to escape before anyone thought of asking for a reason. There wasn't any way he'd have to give any explanation to it at all. When the announcement ended, it was as if the line just vanished, leaving nothing but dust on his stairs. Word spread fast and he was pleased, sitting in his room, toying with the people. 'I haven't had so much time since I knew myself, a joyful thing. 'The king thought as he brandished a finger around his bottle. It was a good year as well, a good taste that wouldn't last long. 'If they bring more of these, this plan of mine shall be more successful than I originally thought it to be, won't it?We may even get to have you dressed in new sets of armours if they give us gold or jade or anything that would adorn around you. Joyful, joyful thing, isn't it?'Though nothing changed the silence in the room, which always did more than well to push him into his grim mood. Looking through the sky cube, he appeared to be pale, everyone was talking about it one way or another. Regardless of what was said, nothing was brought to him. Those damn buffoons better make it up to me. Whatever they were planning to do, he thought, it better be good. One more meeting. In the middle of the night, in the same place, a candle lit in the grimmest of the dark. The lords have decided to meet again and brood on what was to be done. 'This would be madness, what's he doing here, can't he see that the crops we invested in are dying?Just what exactly would be in his mind?First the mansion and now this. "Calm down, it's temporary. Not to mention the fact that he won't choose that side over the other while we all agree on which one needs to be taken. Just think about it, will he really choose the side of peasants, traders and commoners over ours?'Despite being hope in what he said, the masked man didn't appear as confident as he thought he'd sound. Luckily, Lady Katherine was here in person to attend. Her eyes juggled around while her half covered face still held the boredom at bay. 'It won't matter, he might

even side with them just to spite us all. 'She said, with a tone that appeared to be barring everyone else. 'Then we need to do something until it's too late. 'Regardless of what he chooses, we can't ignore our plan. 'An older man, quite enough to father a few of the people who laid around, there wasn't any dispute about his identity anymore. As a matter of fact, he wasn't even wearing a mask for the time being. It was a pity, though he refused to hide. 'We take care of him as soon as he's done and the storm comes. Do you think those beasts would slumber because it's cold?What about the heat?Will it even hurt their cause?No, they would turn the cold to a cinder and change the snow to rain if they came close enough. 'More than a few agreed with him. Peril was on the way and the king wasn't fit for the rule. Old man Kolbe spoke softly, unmasked, as there was nothing to hide. 'We need to get rid of him and prepare to do whatever we can to protect our assets, isn't that clear by now?'Though grimace aside, problems were on the loose. Members were missing, at least that's what he noticed. It was to be brought after this issue, which came at last. 'We need to be on the warm side, just so that the cold and the snow won't delay the workers in placing of the harpoons and what not. After we end the king, each of us will part ways as we had originally planned. No more arguing about it. 'These men can't be right in the head, she thought as she heard it right. Not only did she not believe it from her servant but from this encounter, there was no denying. Most agreed with him, to the point of being just paid lip service at this point. Boasting about no reason, desire to come clean. 'Well, what about the lords then, the missing ones?'Came Katherine, at last, faced with Kolbe. It was something which cut deep enough to produce tension among the people in the room. 'Well, I think it's more than clear, what we've heard so far. Someone's been killing them, right under our noses. 'There was the aftershock Katherine felt. At least the moment when she heard just how and what happened left a cold grip on her tongue. 'All at night, there wasn't any light. Clean cuts around their throats, without the noise of sings of forced entry. 'Old man, you seem to know a lot of the detail, got anything to tell us?'It was a bold man, though in his right to be paranoid. He took extra steps to cover his face and voice with the help of that mask and others noted that. 'Well, I did use to bribe the guards back in my day, so don't be surprised if you were to hear something that I know over the others. 'This answer was apparently somewhat acceptable, at least no one would care to ask whenever or no, he himself moved his old bones to kill the young lords. On a serious note, Katherine was just as surprised as the others after hearing what happened. Was I expected to be here?'Interesting. 'It was the shock of realisation that made her talk, whilst trying to cover for herself as well. 'Was anyone seen or are there suspects?'Nothing, to begin with, there were done to perfection, every single one of them had the same thing. 'The servants?'Another woman who hid asked. 'No, these crimes were done by something, or someone big enough to crush their ribs and skulls. At least, every crime that happened seemed to have the same thing to it. The door wasn't forced, it appeared to have been a crushing death and suffering involved. And something even worse than that. 'The old man shook about there. Kolbe wasn't going to go as easy with telling it but, alas. 'Haven't you noticed it already?Just have a look around. 'It was a fair thing to say that most of the people who came there were so far removed and filled with self-importance that none of them noticed. But, people were missing. 'Wait, you're not saying that. . . 'Indeed I am, every single murder, done against a council member. 'You don't think he found out. 'He could've, he must've. 'It might be him. 'The king must've sent his guard, that's how he found a way to just be let in. 'There were whispers now laying in the room, loud thoughts and what not. It took just three or four murders for them to catch on with this plot against theirs. But as once, Kolbe appeared to have done his best to

calm the others. 'Relax, it may be certain that he's not the one doing this. If he was, would we still be here sipping on wine and plotting? No, we would've been rounded and executed with replacements on their way that would obey. What I'm trying to say is that we may have another thing to deal with before we carry on to the king. And if we don't deal with it. "We'll have no king to deal with, will we?" There was a mutual agreement regarding this problem, at least that of which they knew something was to be done now. At there meres of midnight, when the clock went numb, it was the time that each departed. It was at a broad stroke that they gave up on the meeting and refused to carry on. So it was that they were departed from one another, each on their paths. For once Kolbe wished he wasn't as old and more importantly, left alone despite what he had said. In the frame of the door stood a figure waiting. 'Ah, thank you, it seems that as of lately. 'He hadn't said a word after a few steps. It wasn't that he wanted to be rude or anything, though he had difficulty getting up himself. Once he became aware of how the thing was going, there wasn't anything coming out of his mouth. How did he find out though? No servant knew the place, no one, in particular, knew the leaving hour. Could it be? It wasn't going to end as quickly as he thought despite his age. 'I won't scream. 'Came the sudden statement of the old fox as the man laid a few feet away. It was indeed a club he wore with him, which was used one every previous individual. The way it appeared almost made it seem as if it was sculpted, expensively made, the type that would only be used against them. But who could he be? That last thought did nothing to ease the pain, despite the size of that club, it appeared as if it was hollow on the inside. Each blow that came and was made seemed as if it took its time before striking and breaking of the bones. No one returned or thought of returning until days. An unspoken run as well remained the fact that once they left the room, regardless of something which laid forgotten, neither of them was to return. He knew, with every blow. It spread the blood on the floor and on his chair. Those crooked bones gave in after a third strike, making it seemed as if he was mashing the bone into the harsh wood. As he was obviously going to spend the night now, there was one certain thing at last. In the morning there was none in the old lord's house. Empty halls, no servants, no one at all. Through the night there finally came screams but they were sulking. During the day there was nothing but pure silence. Even those who remembered the old man and thought just how he had come upon the fortune wondered how someone so kind would have become a lord. And each blow made him drop everything he hid upon himself, stolen coin after stolen coin. Filled with blood and on the floor. There were remnants of his pieces spread across the room at night. But what was clear was the fact that the club was cleaned enough to leave no trail of blood, no clue, no mark. Storms of cold ran through the sky in the distance just as well. One look was enough from anywhere, including the capital. There just wasn't any stopping of those wriggling beasts, to the point of where people even wondered if they were the cause of the sudden change of weather. 'It must be then, I'm certain of that. They're tampering with the cold to bring us harm. "Hold on ye pint you old copper, there's nothing going to take it up to us here. It's mere just fairy tales, that's all. 'Men were grinning as they had their ales, looking through the window and peering through the day. Women were pleasantly dancing around with their high cheekbones and red dresses. There was no denying that it was frozen, though the reflection of the lightning was an unpleasant addition. Somewhere in the distance, it was coming. The only people who felt the entire ordeal which happened in the sky were the prisoners. For their cages alone were set below the streets of the capital, much deeper than the dwelling place. They could feel and they could shout and yell. 'Let us go, they're coming for us. 'Though the guardian, a fat man, with a large piece of wood just ran with it across

the fingers which stood on the bars. Lines of prison chambers laid, as the placement didn't truly matter now, soon they would be moved. 'Do we really want to start this again?' It appeared that there wasn't any respect for the warden.

That made him become a rather anxious fellow who was bent on making their lives as miserable as possible. 'Let's rearrange your cages then if you're going to fear something, why not me then? Why not now? Come on, move, move. 'The warden appeared to have recalled his guards at the closest wall of which laid the door that leads outside. It was

a long way to the top, but no one was concerned. For a moment, they were all seemingly enjoying what was to happen, this dance of torture as they called. At least, for the standing rows of prison cells appeared to have something about them which really made him wonder at that. 'How much do you think they'll last this time? Come on, all here, off the betting. 'They went on, carrying their bets, giving each other coins and other sealed papers that were worth more than what was on. It was a rare thing for a guard to have that, and the warden had failed to see the man that gave it to him. 'Right, give in the numbers. "Ten rotations. Five, eight, no, ten, again. 'There were numbers and some had already begun to tell the exact time they would last before the shouting would come. But before anything was certain, and he was sure of it, he pulled two triggers and started pressing some buttons which laid on the wall. It was time for the show to go on. Suddenly, each cage started pushing the other in a different direction, just as they started floating in the air. For one man to be locked alone in a flying cage was more than enough to take his guts out. Not in the way, but it made them shake in their boots and those things went with their memory.

Switching places, going ahead into those hollow places left where they had been. It wasn't enough at that, as the floor moved like marble pieces back and forth, changing the place of which the cages were laid. Once it had become a maze, the previous time a simple set of straight placed lines, though now they were scarcely placed once the men had begged. 'Give it to you mutton chaps, I've won it all again. What, don't you think I know my own prisoners enough to have them bet upon?' The man's laugh was enough to drown a cat, but it was rather amusing at best to him to look upon them. Whatever the deal was, if it came from the fact that they were so scared of flying or the sound made by the machine, he didn't know. It didn't matter as long as they were all on the ground, cowering or in a stricken position, laying in silence. Though something he had noticed then when others were silent as well. Such powers in the sky shook the very core of this place. Before the news came to it, the matter of the fact was late.

Another island laid in shock, frozen to the side, the buildings and settlements made by people had been destroyed. Even the mountain tops had been entirely frozen and shattered with utmost ease. What did worse remain the fact that their maws always left that shriek in the sky, sharp enough to made dents on the deep-frozen stones? Soon to shatter, soon to fall. It was felt below by the boy and the gang of thieves, who went from place to place to steal. No one had dared look for them from afar as the boy alone was sent to scout the places before each job was to be done. 'A good boy at that, perhaps it will turn like a good investigation to that. 'Said Balstar, now that he had so much of a treasure with another hand to help him in the looting, there was no stopping. 'Perhaps we could make a band, what'cha thinks about that? Eight of us, roaming around, taking what we need and leaving nothing to be piled on the supplies?' 'No Agur, that'd be too much, too many, much less. We'd have too many mouths to feed and too much of the loot being given to the rest of us, it'd be a disaster of unfathomable proportions. 'That aside, it was just the time, for them to go on, just as the boy had scouted just the perfect place. No one will even dare suspect a thing, and even if they did, this was an error-free plan. 'Just like I said, no one knows, they seem just as reclusive as the rest of them. Another easy

target, I promise. 'Said Tom, at this point, there was something of an acknowledgement that what he was doing was wrong. He wasn't as concerned with it anymore, but rather enjoyed the challenge and this life until he found a way home. 'There, I found this. 'For once, this building was set in near a stone and a river, seemingly without a single weakness to it. Far too much of it was covered into solid rock for them to jump or try climbing it through. 'Just follow me, I found this secret entrance we may use. 'Just by the stone there laid a tunnel which laid through. On second glance, it seemed as if it was big enough for twenty people to come through at least. Even more surprising was the fact that Tom had found it with such ease. 'You've done good boy, but how did you find it?' As they made their way through, Balstar was the one who lit a torch. Still, no one saw them, from what he knew. It was wet inside, but nothing serious that would dim the torch. 'I believe they made this tunnel in case there was a need to escape if there wasn't any other way through. Look at the wood bars and slabs that are holding the tunnel. "You figured out everything on your own just by looking at it?" Well, it was more like feeling with my hand, I couldn't see in the dark unless I wanted to risk being seen. 'Even Augur was surprised at just how well he handled the entire thing. But one thing still bothered the caged man. 'Where does it lead then?' "That I don't know, I haven't dared open it, merely speculated that somewhere inside I wager. At least I counted the feet and we should be right under the fort before we reach the end of the tunnel. "This might be dangerous if we don't know, shouldn't we wait for the night at least? I can't deal with them just being there and catching us like that. 'The man ground his teeth and one look on him would've made him chew on his antlers at least. He was afraid, paranoid about the fact. Both Balstar and Tom stopped to look at him. 'Something wrong?' "No, yes, maybe. It's this space, too tight for me to stay in, it's making me nervous. "We had just as tight as a home back there Agur, what's the matter with you now? Are you getting cold feet all of the sudden?" "No, nothing like that, it's just that it's starting to make me feel really bad for no reason. "Keep your nerved together man, this is no time for you to be that way, we have a job to bring to an end. Everyone here has something that needs to be done. 'Even Tom was surprised, seeing the man's eyes lose their shine. It was a pity, for the sounds became obvious the further they went in. There was a nod as he bowed his head. From what it seemed like, the more they walked, the more suspicious the entire thing appeared to be. Soon they would both feel just as bad as Agur felt. What if he's right and something is indeed wrong about the place? A tight tunnel that appeared to be hidden and all of the sudden, it made everyone feel sick?" Tom are you sure it's the right thing? Are you certain that it will lead to the fort?" For a moment, he peered into his eyes, past the bars, holding not even the slightest lie to him. 'I don't know, I just supposed it to be true. 'This tunnel was man-made, at least that was his initial impression. Which kind of men? Precisely the reason why everything appeared to be so suspicious. Everything was far too clean for this to be an abandoned tunnel. It made a sudden turn, from going on and being straight to a forked thing. No one had noticed that the road wasn't straight anymore, leading to a crooked path. 'We need to return boss, something's not right here, we've been walking for far too long and there's nothing. "Shut your mouth Agur or I'll shut it for you. We might've stumbled on something better if this turns out to have a treasure at the end. They might've used this place to hide their most valuable things knowing that no sane person would come this far. 'There was no lack of air, but there was something to it that bore through his thick skull. From this point on, there was nothing made by the hand of a man. A strange cave, small at the end of the road. Formations of stone bore through every spot, like pillars but reversed, some being bent over the wrong places as well. It appeared that there was nothing but a small tablet in the

middle of the room, being held by a pedestal of stone. Neither of them dared approach that thing or make any step further. An intense sense of paranoid came to each of them inside the room. There might've been something lurking just behind, that wasn't apparent until that point. Even if the torch was to be dimmed, Agur finally decided to use a small glowing rod. It hadn't produced anything else but a red light that seemed to have expanded the shadows to the walls. There wasn't any denying in the fact that they saw another shadow that wasn't theirs. It came from behind and moved in unknown paces that made the three of them rather uncomfortable. For once this came as the most logical conclusion that they needed to make do. Both Balstar and Agur stepped back and held the torch, making it rather darker into the room. Agur had stepped two more feet behind. He wanted to run, undeniably, though something still made him wait for them. 'Good luck Tom, you can do this. 'Said Agur, though looking at it, there was nothing standing behind the boy. Instead, the only trace of a being laid in the shadows, which were already outstretched because of where they stood. 'Take the tablet, Tom, then we'll make a run for it like we've never been seen before. 'This he already got, with each step making it worse. Whispers, enchanted senses, he could hear the wind coming through the hollow holes all the way to the top where air had been coming through and providing. Even with that in mind, he still felt the stench this type of air had to it and just how sick it made the boy fell. It was tainted and he was afraid of catching something that would cripple him. Don't touch the table. It was the sound of a man, that he had heard for the first time, in all that gibbering and stagnation of animal and being that he couldn't understand. 'Who are you?' Both of the men appeared to be paranoid about what the boy could possibly hear. They had experienced it just the same, not at the same level as Tom, had but they both knew that voices came into their heads. Rather, looking at it, Tom had come to understand that the place from which they were coming from laid above his hand. Into the many holes there breed the damn sound, coming through from various places. Even if it was mostly covered in grown moss, he could understand just well enough, though Tom could almost see through the thick stone. Some of the tunnels lead, perhaps too far above, to the point where it made him wander whenever or not it was still here or it came through the sky. 'Don't stop now Tom, you're almost there. "Snap out of it boy, we need to get out as soon as you're doing well with that. 'At the point where he was two feet away from the stone which held the tablet, both of them men sounded as if they were the ones that were whispering through a small passage in the stone. Something cold guided and wrapped itself around the boy. He felt it repelled one it tried going through one of his entries, just to be tainted as well by the remnants of what he had been poisoned by. The whispers ended as soon as that slithering thing left with a shriek. After it ended, that damning silence was more than welcomed, just as soon as he wrapped his hands around the tablet, Tom returned and ran to them. It was slippery and old. Quite heavy despite what it looked like, but there weren't any complaints when it was taken away from him. 'Let's get out now boss, this place is starting. It's starting to rot out on us. "What is going on with you now Agur?" The cages didn't block his light and neither did it to his common sense, but he was right. Moss grew on cold cold stone and started decaying. On a glance, some grew on the wood and it started making it swell under pressure. 'You're not wrong about that one Agur, go on. Just go already Tom, Agur. 'The man sent both of them in front and followed. Being sent alone without a torch already made it more difficult than it should've been. With a quick break, he took another torch and lit it with the previous one. 'This should hold us now. 'With a glance at the abandoned torch, he saw how the moss grew around it and devoured both the wood and the flame. 'Careful Tom. 'Without having to admit to it, Agur fell and

broke it in half. 'I'm sorry Balstar, it was an accident, no more than. "You damn idiot, grab it now, we're already in too deep a trouble to wait for anything. Tom, grab the other half of the table and let's go. 'Behind them, heavy sounds appeared to have come through. 'It was now that they ran through that they managed to outrun the destruction that came through the tunnel, only to find out. 'Someone blocked the exit. Exactly my damn luck. First the breaking, now this. A damn cave-in at its finest. 'Even with his own, he could barely speak at that, with a crackling voice he noticed that the tablet was shattering as well. 'Just throw that damn thing, we've already broken it past anything that could be salvageable. There needs to be another way out. "We could try pulling and throwing the rocks out. 'Said Agur, though his request was promptly denied. Not only that but it made him shiver just thinking of this as a damn trap, to begin with. A trap for some damn thieves, it must've been that way all along. 'Come, there should be another place or something. 'The man looked as if one of those bars had come through his damn brain. He started patting the walls from one side to the other. 'Are you all right Balstar? There's no way out, there's no need to try. "Help me, boy, like you helped me before, I know there's something here, just take the damn opposite wall. You do the same thing now Agur unless you want those antlers flattened with the rest of your skull. 'The sound of that did more than frighten the man. This did send everyone into a working shock, and as they did so, it became clear on what was about to happen when the entire tunnel was to be gone. 'This is it, boy, I think I found the hollow side. You'd better help me Agur, come to me now!" The man shouted and as he did so, his companions came immediately to his side to help. It had to be fast but the tunnel waited for no moss nor for the decay. Without the support, there was nothing to hold the stones from usurping the place and falling below. A tainted thing which came as fast, there just wasn't any chance. Sounds of burial in stone left not even a mark that they were there. At least from outside, no one knew that there were people hidden in the rocks no more. It passed through the night this thing of unknown fate.

Deep inside the bowels of the earth, it almost seemed as if it swallowed everything it could, forcing, pushing, crushing in the end. Though the land was that way, deep in the air, it was slow to become uninhabitable, to say the least. On a sudden note through the coming days, there was an impulse, a crowd of self-made ships that came to the capital. It first appeared as an invasion from the looks of it, by their sheer numbers alone. 'What in the name?" Said a man, who looked past his coat, covered by now in the first signs of snow. If the king wasn't busy having his room filled with gifts he'd used, especially the drinks and goblets, the coins and gold, he would've seen. The door opened without having to invite someone. It was a shocking thing done with someone who had apparently the guts to budge in. 'Who dares?" My lord, there are ships flying above the capital, come see!' As he heard it, the man was thrust outside by a gust of wind and plainly ignored. If it weren't for the fact that he had glanced above and seen it, there would've been nothing making him just go ahead and watch through the sky cube. It didn't take much to find out that the king didn't want to be bothered with this. Could it be an invasion or war? It took him only a glance at the sky cube to peer right into their ships. The closer he got inside, the easier it was for him to see that there weren't weapons but they did carry their valuable things with them. A strange thing, at least, that was certain, as it appeared to be no invasion. 'Alas, those damned things decided to flee from their islands. It means that it's already becoming too late, they will have to come and taint my capital. 'Through the heart and past the liver of the capital, still laid that growing menace past the engine, growing still. Despite having starved itself, the wriggling beast had started eating pieces of itself, though not before devouring stone. For once, this would've been better if it was known, but even as

it held some form of conscience, it wriggled its stained teeth, looking at the only thing that held the capital together. 'Summon the lord again, hear me? Guards!' This impulse was supreme. So far no one dared lower their ships, other than the fear or respect, it was hard to look upon where they could land them. Some already took the initiative as they saw Sheppard's plane, how barren it lay without a sheep or even a dog. At least, it appeared to have been as strange as it could be, to begin with, but they didn't think it'd matter as long as they were safe. 'Well?' Now, the royal chamber was filled with a bunch of them. The street was already covered by the many people who were trying to figure out as well whenever or not this was to be a problem or not. 'This is a damned thing, I'd say, how could so many of them have learned how to make ships in such a short span of time?' 'Your majesty, if I may step in. 'Certainly, as the man looked around, not to mention having peered at the others to observe their reactions. From what he could tell, they thought of it to be just as bizarre. Goblets, gold coins, silver platters, forks and spoons and chests? Swords, axes, spears, all ceremonial, covered in jewels, to say the least after those that laid on the side. Adorned pearl and many other beautifully crafted pieces of armour, of which, he hadn't noticed but someone had made the exact replica of the helmet the king wore. It stood just by his side, looking into the darkness left by the empty places in-between the small hills of gold. It was clear that more than one from inside this very room has given him a gift. More than that, at least everyone felt some guilt to a degree after facing him. Not that he wasn't guilty of having done the same. 'But I may continue now and say, they seemed to have started docking into Sheppard's lane. Many more ships are on their way, the messages came. 'This was quite dismissed as he was enamoured still by looking into his cube. Though the man would've liked to talk about nothing more than the murders that happened, especially one that happened so recently, this was more important. 'We need you to step in and do something. 'Yes, we need a king now, not a . . . 'For a moment, they appeared to have forgotten themselves and the presence of which they were in. The king had already stepped up and peered through at them. It was enough to silence and for them to understand that they'd obey. 'Now, let them do as they please. It isn't my problem and we may be able to use their ships when the time comes. 'But we can't feed so many mouths, your majesty. 'Do you even care you slumbrous Buffon?' There had come another problem apparently, once the wave was felt inside the capital as well. 'What now?' There had been waves of air, which pushed the entire structure, merely but a slight of back and forth. It disturbed everyone to the point where they felt the hot and cold coming on both sides. Blistering, freezing, both could feel for the worse. 'It's time to move the citadel at once your majesty. If we drag more on this entire thing, the progress which we've made to defend the capital will have been for nothing. 'Don't you think I wasn't aware of that? You lords, think you're all so clever and that you've got everything figured out. 'Specifically, the king was approaching Matthew, one young man who inherited the fortune out of his father's death. Convenient enough, to say the least, it was certainly true. 'I know everything that goes around, even before it reaches your damn ears, do you hear me? Every plot and every single damn thing you've ever thought of. 'There was a silence which bore everything into the room. 'Go, two of you, activate the engines. 'Two guards came out of the darkness and vanished on the outside. No telling could possibly say of which engine he was actually talking about when it came to moving the entire capital at once. A habit of keeping secrets, at least that's what he wanted it to be believed as. 'Are we free to go now. 'No, not until we're talking about what your little plan was, my so-called assassination under my own weapons. 'You knew. 'Of course, I knew you damn little insignificant thing, what did you think it'd happen?' One

maddening rage made one of the men which laid in the room pull out the shaft of one of the spears. It was purposefully hidden inside of his coat for this occasion alone, where he charged like an animal. Ready for the kill, the king barely raised a hand and grabbed his hand without saying a thing. There was certainly, no possible escape from that grip. At least, as far as he was concerned, he was caught without a way to escape. 'Ready to give up now?' 'No, your rule had gone for far too long, there's no way we're going to stand for you to be king any longer. It's either this or. 'The small interruption gave him enough time to search in his coat for another one of the small shaft heads. It was too late already. His last moment came with the finality of his word. 'Death. 'Came out of his own mouth, blood sprouting once he realised that the thing that wasn't a man, which stood in front of him had already pierced his body. To be even more precise, he had punched a hole through the spot where his heart had been.

Pushing the body on the side, he saw the two spearheads, picking only one off the ground. 'Was this your plan? Certainly, it couldn't have been everything you had, had it?' With a mocking and taunting flair, he pushed the spear as hard as he could inside his hand. After the pressure came, it was the point where the shaft, as certain as it was made out of metal got crushed. 'Without a doubt, it couldn't be that you thought you could kill me with my own weapons. Or that I'd make weapons that were strong enough to end my own life. Preposterous!' He shouted and he laughed. Lords were quite scarce lying in this room, even from what he had remembered. 'Quite in time as well. 'Said the king, with a glance at the sky cube, he noticed that the capital was already in the hot zone. 'Did you call us here to laugh at us?' 'Are we going to execute us?' 'One at the time please, there's no need for us not to act civil, is it?' With a wave of the hand, one armoured creature took the corpse off the ground and carried it back in the dark. There could've been no telling how big his hold was, past the dark veil. Neither if he chose to spend most of his time in this small room, but it was certain that there was something behind it. Chances were that he could've been hiding the entire castle he was living in behind this room. This concern wasn't for them though. 'You were the one that's been killing us!' It was rather an accusation that anything close to the question, though the king wasn't even close to being offended. 'No, that wasn't me. 'But you know about it. 'Said Katherine. She was already glancing at him. A rare occasion for her to be seen among other lords. It was strange seeing her here among them now that they were a few of them left. 'I knew about it from the first night, though I had nothing to do with it. Understand that I wasn't exactly to be imposed on helping since I knew about the coup you were planning all along. "So you'd rather have us all killed rather than do any work for yourself. A hellish king you are, your majesty. "Watch it, Belek, was it? I'd rather not have your stench fall into my hall like the rest of them have. Now sit and listen. For once, I'm willing to throw aside our differences and work together in solving this. "There's nothing to solve, just get the killer and end him. You said you knew everything. "More than enough. "And you know who the killer is. "I certainly do. "This was something he plainly came to admit, though he showed no sign of remorse about the fact. None of the fact that he didn't help earlier. He took control and ordered them around. The king was finally off his high chair and walked on the same ground. Now that the two guards return, he spoke to them at last. 'Listen to me and make it well. I will perhaps look into this situation if you vow never to break our trust again. No more meeting in the dark, through the place you've thought of being safe of heart. The plots have to end, your damn things against me, none will prevail. If you continue on this path, I can promise you that every single one of you will be executed in public. 'It was enough to say that he was planning on humiliating them by murder with so many of the peasants looking at them. As such

was enough to raise doubts about any plan they might've had, it made everything clear. We lost, damn him, we lost. Thought one of the lords, of that being certain. Without a way to hurt him or to fight back. Without protection or anyone else to help them now. And last, but not least, with a killer on the road which wasn't taken care off. There came the first one that knelt. It came with many surprises. 'Well, well, it seems like I've not spoken for anything pale. 'Suddenly, the others followed Katherine as well. He was paying a special kind of attention on her, for no reason whatsoever. Though something was certain about the protection she had around her house. 'I swear. 'There came another voice which said the same thing, soon making it seem like it was the formal chant for those who betrayed their king. 'Never will I even step on your word again. "I'm never to stab at you in the dark. "Shall I go on the wrong path again?I accept any consequence a thousandfold again if thou deemest as being fair. "Your majesty, my life is yours. 'Words which tickled the king, in a manner that neither of them could tell or say. There wasn't any expression in that dark void which he hid away, though the pleasure was certain. 'Very well, I accept your apologies, even if some of you didn't mean what you've said entirely. From now on, I'm certain that we'll be more than enough on the right path. Every single one of us, together, working towards anything that threatens our existence. With that in mind, you can stand. You're all dismissed. "That's all?But what about the murders and the beasts?"I'll take care of it, there's no need for you to wrap your tiny head around it. At least not anymore, now that I'm back in charge of my kingdom, I can promise you that everything will end up as being safe. 'There laid a grimace that was notable, mainly from the fact that he was fuming from below his helmet. It was a rare thing to see him do, but they were now dismissed. Outside, they spoke their last words together, putting down their heavy coats, seeing the people confused over the change. 'It seems like we're not the only ones who've been crushed now. 'For once, when the gate was broken, the king used no cube but came upon the door and listened to them talk. What could they be saying to me now?It was a pitiful thing which he did, though he certainly didn't care. No one which laid around him had a mind of his own to judge. 'Well, at least we got off easy. 'That's Katherine, isn't it?Thought the gates were thick enough, he wasn't as hard of hearing. Two more were having a conversation, though certainly, they were too far to be heard. 'Easy?That damn. That damn king almost came to thinking about stripping us of all of our titles and murdering us in public. "You're exaggerating now, don't worry about it. It could've ended a lot worse. Don't worry about him now, as long as we keep our share of the deal and don't try anything. I think we'll be fine. There's no need to push our luck now. "Not for you Katherine, but we'll see what's coming for him. You'll all see. 'The damned thing, even after a demonstration he couldn't understand. He could hear his steps right there, leaving only Katherine alone, standing by the door. If it was something he remembered, there were two mercenaries she hired to guard her around. Most likely, she still waited for them. 'You know I'm aware that you were listening, aren't you?'She caught me, no, no, not like this. Say no word yet, she may think you're not. 'Don't say a word, there's no need for that now. I don't mind eavesdropping, even if it comes from someone such as yourself. "How did you find out?"I'm not deaf, I could hear your steps following ours. "Does anyone else know?Is anyone else watching you speak for yourself?Tell me now!'Katherine gave quite a startled laugh. 'We're alone now, most of them seemed to have been on their way by this point. And no, no one can see my lips moving from the distance, my head is turned, you see?'There had been some bottles on the ground, which he might've gotten, instead, he just turned around and stood on the floor, with his back against the door. 'Lousy week, wasn't it?'Without knowing of the same act, Katherine appeared to have done

the same thing. Both of them being at a level they could both hear as well. 'You're telling me? It was just enough trouble keeping all of them at bay by myself. "Having your servant take your place while you're home working? Come on, that was beyond ingenious, it was a master's craft. And you've pulled it more than once. 'He has certainly done watch a lot of the moves they've made, perhaps even to the point where they even thought of plotting in the first place. 'Tell me one thing, king. Did you know it all along?" There was a shrug she couldn't see from the other side. 'I'd rather keep it as a mystery, don't you think? We've all got our secrets after all and I wouldn't want to spoil everything to the first woman I met. "It feels as if the cold has vanished by now, good job on your part I guess.

"Sure you won't miss it? I can always just bring the entire thing around. "At the request of just one?" The thought alone gave her a smirk, turning the entire capital in the cold just because she enjoyed seeing snowflakes fall. Just for her alone. 'Perhaps another time, wouldn't you say?' "I don't think. 'There was a pause stricken by something in the dark, he was certain of this. But no yet, she couldn't know. He's had the thought alone for the longest of time, though now. 'Well, how would feel like if we were to leave, the two of us and never return to this place. No king, no lord, just the two of us exploring the world. Let them deal with those beasts while we explore the world. 'The thought of that would most likely not go as planned. He had it all in his mind, what he'd say, the many possible ways she'd respond. From the best to the worst possible scenarios possible in the first place. 'No, I'd rather not leave everything

behind. That's insane, how could the king abandon everything he's ever done. Bored of your toys and now you decided to leave? After killing so many of the lords? You could've waited and left one of them in charge so the capital won't be left falling. I hate you and there's no way someone like me could love a creature such as yourself. 'Though it never came out of his mouth. The chance never came. Instead, she was the one to speak first, Katherine. 'Can you see the dawning sun from your side? It's quite beautiful seeing it from here. 'It interrupted whatever line of thoughts he might've had by now. Well enough, he responded just as well. Without any other resistance, he opened the door and laid there just beside her. Quite the sight, seeing him stand there, almost looking like someone normal when sitting next to her. Katherine's surprise wasn't dimmed by the fact that he had come in person, but of the fact that he had enjoyed the view as much as she did. All of the sudden after so much time, it wasn't that he had feared as being seen or what he's done. He stood there next to her, seeing the sun go down. The nights were cold past the mist below. It wasn't as if the entire world wasn't affected by the reign of the beasts. What they've done in the sky, the imbalance produced had taken a toll throughout nature. Ravaged plants were growing, filled with torn and walled. It was a mad thing just looking at them fighting now, inside the remnants of what used to be a sea. Mourning bloated things that used the bodies of the men and women that fell from above. They fed and carried their water sources inside them, just to push around for their final joust. Oh, tainted thing, reanimating what appeared to have been a damaged brain. It seemed as if the captain walked, lost inside a nightmare or a dream. He saw nothing but a tainted rage, a belly filled but felt no pain. Perhaps it wasn't the brain alone but most of his organs being damaged which prevented him from talking. Even his memory got affected to the point where he had remembered. With a sudden urge of control, he pushed around what remained of his clothes and saw that someone or something had tied what was cut out. 'What's this?' There came a surprise, sudden when he realised that the bloated speech was also sharp and hard for the ear. It pierced, it brought much of the pain he forgot he could feel and remind him of that alone. No, speak, walk. 'Thought the captain, looking around the corpses which had laid on the ground. It was quite obvious by

some glances that those which were damaged and opened by the belly had been annihilated. He couldn't believe that there could've been a worse fate than this. But it didn't end as far as he was concerned. Perhaps a defence mechanism had made the bodies which were left behind evolve into something else. The faces at least were pushed forward, left to seek for any kind of liquid they could find. He saw that it desperately tried getting to a pool of water, to the point of almost tearing itself apart. 'Damn abomination. 'What he said might've not come out as words, but the piercing thing was enough to scare it into feigning death. Just what exactly is going here? There wasn't any need for him to be called, he thought he saw another bloated form, covered by the mist. An air of similarity came to him and he wondered there and then. Could it truly be? Here with me? "Who are you?" The shrieking thing came to bloating some of his own blood out. Though it was certain that the figure had heard him and suddenly flown off into the distance. Damn thing won't get away now! Though the lands might've been laid to waste, still one thing was certain. Watchers standing on the rotting trees crows just watching and listening. It was a thing of certainty but, the least could've been said. A man out there could've sworn on his life that he was being watched. Though there was no man alive going through the mad gates. Bones and skin, ears were used as well, tall and roundish were the gates which were abandoned in the fields. Someone was busy, enough that they'd build those monuments of war. But what exactly was it that they were? The captain wasn't sure, most likely because every other function either got delayed or it was abandoned almost entirely in favour of that. His limbs had become blobs of steel which felt like nothing they appeared to be. Forming a fist looked as if he was carrying a rock around, to begin the pounding. Relentlessly, he heard another shriek, one that felt familiar despite this entire ordeal. Even worse than that now remained, the falling rock from the sky which came. Big enough to crush everything in sight. A flight of survival came at last and blinded his eyes. Now there came to no other desire but for the beings residing into his body to form a flight from the recent sight. 'Wake up, lousy slob, it's time for supper. 'Said a man. It was on one of the mountain tops, at least the ones which were still left unsettled. Unconquered, without ever having to deal with a frontal attack for those things that wanted to suffer him to die. Certainly, this wasn't the deal against what turned to be them come. Though no one was safe, not now, not in winter. People hid in caves and kept the fire going. Past the area where the caves had its entrance, there were even prolonged sides of stone floors on which the older ones could go and stay. It was fairly left in an open area, which might've left them open to any attack, though this wasn't as certain as they were of it. 'It came again, the great beast, it's come to finish us off. "Just eat your damn supper and get back to work, it's already come countless time. What makes you think it'll do anything else now?" The pounding never stopped, and neither of them had yet to realise that it had cut off the mountaintop and threw it into the nothingness which laid below. 'But. "Don't worry about it Abacius, there's no way he'll be able to come. They need to fly all the time, haven't you just seen their limbs? If one of them were to enter, there's be no way for it to get out. "But what if. "You worry too much, we're just a few left. We got nothing to use in order to escape. On top of that, the weather outside is getting worse, and most likely is going to get a lot worse. Out the only option is this, we either go deeper into the mountain or stay here and continue our work. "Won't they come and rescue us, master?" Said a voice from the small crowd which laid behind. Bhoemius looked mightly at them and was immediately ready to settle the entire ordeal. Though as he raised himself, he almost fell. 'That damn thing just won't stop today, will it?" I'm telling you, master, it's going to try coming inside to have us all. At least, let's try fighting back against it. "We have no weapons you rock taker, there's

nothing we could do if it came to it attacking us. At best, I doubt we have anything which could pierce it. Don't you understand man, we either dig our way down where we may have a chance to hide or we die here. "But what will we eat? Is there nothing out there but like and stone-water?" It was their only option, of what would be their last meal and the light of day. Though the cave was being usurped too fast for them to do anything else. 'Back to work now, before it's too late. 'Through the veils of the sky, every beast had been busy, cleaning the lands, crushing the stones with their jolts of lightning, bolts of power. Either that or most just charged through. As long as this continued, there wasn't any way anyone could fight back. Most of the ships had anchored on the capital already and fortified what positions might've been places. Ships had been fashioned into small towers. Small towers became armed with launchers that would come right so, strong enough to aim and end the life of another. 'Let's see, won't we now? We wait until the last second. 'Said the voice. They were of the few people which chose to fight. Refashioning their structures into a twisted catapult, they waited for the beast to face their cave. Fires were started and dimmed by the cold, others ran out when the snow came as told. But one of the people which laid hidden and waited for the moment to come. They chose to fire the rock catapult from the forest, covered in snow. It came and cut the veils and finally a strike. Though to no avail now, as the rock was smashed against the body of the wriggling beast. It noted and in rage, it turned with its many maws. A crackling falling weaved a web of lighting falling and dripping and its rage took over and destruction followed. From what could be told by the fleeing men, women and children, it appeared as if this phenomenon tempered with the weather around them. It made everything grow a lot hotter around the places where the bolts of lightning fell. One small thing already flew by one of the fleeing villagers and boiled him alive. A manner of mere seconds served as something tainted and ended just as fast. Screams and shouts couldn't deny what was happening now. The twisted trees which were rotten and started blooming in the winter sky. Something was pouring through the hole and it wasn't right. It appeared as if the hole in the sky was leaking, the pit was stalling for attention and infecting the air. The only certainty was the fact that there remained the only one which knew of its existence. No one noticed as far as one was concerned, but the relentless things couldn't be hurt. Those beasts ruled the sky undisturbed for the time being, covered in a coat that protected them even from the cold. No one was aware of how they managed to feed themselves despite having nothing to at their disposal. Destruction was upon them! 'It's coming, run, run you damned ones! Before it's too late, we need to escape and hide, into the caves!' Those that had their hidden caves ran towards their only hope. Others dug up holes and made their own entries, especially now that their only hopes couldn't have laid in the sky. It was their domain now. And areal view had much revealed to the king, seeing how days and weeks had passed and it was getting worse. For those who couldn't have escaped, it was a pointless thing to try and build floating devices. 'What could you be, creatures, beings, mad thing that dare ruin my rule. You'll perish but it should come. 'By now, there had been a few lords inside the room, doing great to help him see that something had to be done before they reached the capital. Sets of maps, there wasn't any need for them. The only one which remained was of the capital, with its every corner, section and street fairly placed so in view. Strange, he thought, that the murderer would stop like that. It didn't help the least that they thought he was the one who had sent him. No, a coincidence of such proportions was utmost unacceptable, to say the least. 'Well, what are we to do if your spears don't work?' 'The next best thing after that, we've planted enough that we could wrap them around their bodies and trap them inside the capital. "We're to starve them like that? But what will happen when their

electricity runs through the chains? Ropes won't be able to do the task as well as you think they'll do. "It's because I don't think where the energy will go might be a problem. I've had this idea of mine for a while, in case you were wondering, we could've connected them to the generators inside the rooms where the engines are. That way we might both power the capital and bring it to its full potential. "They were looking at him as if he was a madman. Certainly, he lived for ages and knew how they worked, but no even he could be as transparent as that. 'It couldn't last. 'Said Bernad, he was fairly old and might've seen the king in action in his young age. 'No even you could claim that we could handle that kind of power, especially if that would be their only thing left before they'd die from starvation. "And what exactly do you propose Bernad? Well, as if ending their lives wasn't my plan, to begin with. "There may be another thing to consider. 'There were voices speaking in choirs and everyone appeared to have been talking to one another in their groups. Certainly, neither of them would've simply dismissed what he was about to say. 'We don't know for certain but what if we lower the ship, take it down to the ground. For once, it's not certain whenever or not they could possibly come there and follow us there. And I think. . 'He raised a hand, as the king he listened. Enough of that, at least it was enough for him. 'I wouldn't be surprised if this capital would be brought to ruin and my subjects dead within a week if it came to that. "Do you really think it's still dangerous down there?" Said another voice, mustering himself as a man. They had all heard stories of it but none of them as far as they were concerned travelled down there with a ship or anything else. Some people who might've been mad came to their dances with their clouds and ended below. None so far returned or had seen it go well. 'We will go with the original plan and if it came to it. 'His hand rested on one of the skyboxes, as concerned as he was, he nodded. There was a shake above the roof above. It wasn't much for certainty what had laid there or what exactly lit the rooms in which they were. Even vaguer was the fact that they found food growing on stone, the good water of the depths as well as they managed to find places to go. They came really well when thinking about them, small holes which might've had something shivering hot at their ends, melting whatever piece fell below. Neither Balstar nor Agur had complained too much about what happened. At least Tom was having much of a grand time exploring every rock formation which had run across the path they've taken. To this point, there were stones laying which could be called anything but natural, at least in their appearance. 'Won't you tried doing that now? It's not like we haven't seen stone after stone and nothing but stone. 'It was true to a point, though there was something about the shine that changed. From a point, they hadn't realised it yet, but that wasn't stone anymore. Something about it, bore the records of sound if you were to chug your ear against a piece of it long enough. 'If only you'd listen to it, I know you'd have enjoyed it as well as I did on the way. "It was that damn thing that you took, wasn't it? That's the thing that must've turned you that way, what was it?" The tablet, boss. "Thank you, Agur. 'It was something of a sarcastic tone. For as long as he was concerned, there came a hit in the head, which seemed to have avoided the antlers. 'Why did you do that?" You know properly well why I did it. After all, it's been long coming ever since we came here. "I don't know what I've done, not unless you tell me, boss. "You're the reason why we're here Agur, you were supposed to be the one checking the damn entrance and see if it was safe. "But I have checked it before we came here, I swear. It just happened the way it did but not because of me. "Damn you Agur, if we hadn't the company, I would've. 'Tom was starting to gaze at the two men, looking as calm as he usually remained. He was chewing on that plant even at the moment with the slightest sign of concern on his face. 'You like that thing, Tom? At least one of us appears to enjoy something in this

place. 'Tom nodded, as far as he was concerned, he was rather neutral about this entire problem. At least I'm not alone, he often saw it as. Not to mention the fact that the two of them bickering left quite the impression of familiarity among them. It reminded him of the scenes he had witnessed back home, often involving his mother and a maid of some kind. 'Look, I think I've found something. "Another small crawling thing, boy? Because I'm not sure I'll be able to do this anymore if I'll keep having to travel. "No, I think this is a lot bigger than that. 'It appeared that the tight space was about to end. For once, it wasn't as if either of them could see past anything in that shroud. But for as long as they could see, space was enormous, not to mention that the rocks were shaking fairly so. 'Could those be people there?' An innocent question came from Agur. Before either of his companions could answer and dismiss it, this did raise an important question. 'Tom, can you see that thing on the top of the stone?' 'The hand mark?' Both of them nodded in agreement, before seeing it disappear. Some moving dust appeared to have concealed the top of some stones and revealed the others as well. It was a movement which appeared to have been distinct and covered as much of the ground as it could. The steep slope appeared to be dangerous in front of them, as well as it would've been if it came for them to come back. 'How much rope do we have now?' Everyone appeared to have checked themselves as harsh as they could've done. It was something of a surprise when all three of them came to thickets of rope that would've allowed them to go as far as half of the way down. Or a quarter?' Just how deep do you think it is now?' 'I don't know, boy, but we're about to find out. At least, if it came to it, we'll be sure that nothing wrong happens to either of us, understood? We've got your back and you've got ours. 'This was something of a cheerful thing. Tempering with the ropes had to be interlocked to the point of having to hold two grown men and what appeared to have been a young adult. 'Well, this might help. "What now Agur? Oh, where did you get that from?' 'I carried it with me, all the way from our home. 'It was, plainly as he could see, around, heavy rock. There had been no rocks so far as they could've seen around, too clean for anything of the sort. 'Agur, you're a damn genius, you know that?' 'Tom, tie the rock as well as you can while we're connecting the other slithers of rope. We'll see just how deep this goes in no time. 'As well as it went, there came a sudden lowering movement, which appeared to rub itself against whatever it could find. After minutes of going after strand and strand, the steep on-one thing felt as if it was lowered into a hole. There was a straight cliff that would've most likely broken a bone or two if it were for them to descent alone. It wasn't the fact that they could've figured that on their own, but for Agur who had listened to the ground as well. 'I think Tom might be right about those whispering things. They say it may be all right for us to go down at the moment. 'By the time it reached, the apparent ground, Tom had been done as well when it came to tying the rope around one of the rock formations. 'Here it goes then. 'Surprised by the act, Tom waited and held Agur just in his place. 'We'll do one at a time, right? That way, in case there'd be any danger, we'll know what's to happen after that. "Not like either of you have any other choice than this? There weren't any other tunnels out there. So, if it comes to anything happening to me down there, just wish me luck. 'Both looked in content as their leader disappeared.

Time passed, until all of the sudden, there came a human shriek as well as a cry for help. 'Balstar, something happened to him. 'Prepared Agur before he came to a mighty roar. 'Balstar, Balstar, please. 'Before he could be rallied off, the echo of a laugh came. It was barely audible from the distance, but the voice had indistinguishably belonged to the man. 'Don't do anything rash now, I'm all right. 'The sudden urge made the man want to strangle him before tampering him back to life. 'Tom. I think you should be next. At least go ahead until I calm down. 'It was the

time, and both followed as it went. When the moment came and all three of them were there, everything had shimmered between the men. Quite a rare thing to see Balstar as happy and entertained as he was, though this wasn't about to last as much as he thought it would. 'Now what?' 'We have a way back in case of anything going wrong, just be certain of it. At least here we could see to it that we might find a way out, something real we could follow perhaps. "Or we could go even deeper and get lost. "Tom, it's either this or digging our way out, which we can't since there are no tools at our disposal. No tunnels back there either. 'Agur and Tom were prepared to add something but paused at the thought. It wasn't exactly something that met either of their expectations. Nothing about it made sense, though the small cones in which they stood seemed as if it was avoided by the fragments which flew around. Perhaps neither of them had noticed, but Tom had been staring at the ground for long enough to say. 'Look down there, are you seeing what I'm seeing?' The two of them listened to Tom as well as when it came to it. 'What could this be?' Stretching a hand apparently seemed as if it cut a path through it. Either that or the veil was alive and avoided the big beings which had entered for a reason. 'I've got an idea, I've done this before, just to be certain of it. Wrap this around the two of you as well, that way we won't be lost if it comes for us to be suddenly swallowed by whatever this veil is. "That's a great idea, Tom. 'Agur appeared to have been his old self in no time, not to mention how fast he wrapped the piece of rope around him. This was the last piece Tom had, henceforth, it was more than valuable for the rest of them. 'Can we go now? We still have to get through. 'Both of them nodded, after seeing how he wrapped himself around. Going through there felt as if they were scaling through the marches. The ground felt soft and lowering itself with each step as well. It was still dark and a rigid feeling crept between them. 'What exactly could this be? Small creatures, or flies? What other explanation would do?' 'Don't start going on now, I don't want to think about it kid, not unless I desire a good night's sleep. 'The thought of it alone, of three pieces of organic stone, making a place for millions of them swarming around and even to the point of making an entry was damned. 'It won't come to that. We'll be out in no time, we have to believe it. 'The thoughts stopped momentarily, as they reached the first big structure. Apparently, something about it appeared to have curved inside, to the point of rock steps being formed naturally in some certainly bizarre manner. It was clear, immediately how unnatural it seemed. Even as Balstar looked behind at them, they appeared as if they understood what he was thinking and nodded. 'If something's there, we need to check for it. 'At last, they entered, with each step feeling as natural as it would've been for a human to walk on. Despite the lack of light, there was one bore at the top of it. Strangely, it called to them, each listened, came close, slowed down and took on the same pace. 'Wait a minute, I need to do this first. Just to be certain it isn't a phenomenon happening everywhere. 'Tom had just a feeling of what it was. With his ears atop of the stone, he stood there and listened. By the sides, voices were thinner and their cries were entirely whole. Now they had suffered through enough that they'd have to have someone listen to their wails. 'Tom, Tom, pull away from that damn thing. You've spent too much time listening to their wails and these voices, this is important, not them. Whatever you hear there won't count if we're lost here, do you understand?' 'I do understand. I'm sorry, it's just, I thought they could help like they did before. But it's almost as if there are too many of them there, all of which wanting to be heard. "Let it go already the boy, there's nothing but misery waiting for you in that path. We've got something well to do here now as at any time. 'With a shove and a pull, they had reached what appeared to be the inner chamber. Lit by a faint light, the room was round, quite big from the inside. If one were to tell, this was just a

giant spherical top on what appeared to be a giant conical stone. Strangely, there laid a machine made of fornicated organic tools which pulled up and down in motions. It made the most nerve wrecking sounds as it continued pumping its vents. Undoubtedly it made up for something which had to do with all the emptiness inside. 'Pull that thing, Balstar, you're the closest one to it. 'His composure might've been lost until that point before Tom even came to suggesting this. But it was to be done. The machine was something new, at least of which he had seen. Though as soon as he listened to what Tom implied, he pulled the lever and saw the glow it produces on the outside. Partially transparent it appeared, they could see those swarming things making their way inside. Down the steps, Agur said. 'We should go back, they're trying to get up as well. 'To his advice, the three of them were going in a line, trying their best not touch any of them, as well as not being touched. It was obvious by now that the room upstairs was going to be filled with as many of them as they appeared to have flown. There was no denying at this point, the rush they went through when first glance fell upon them. 'No, they seem less inclined to even touch us, why do you think that is?' 'I don't know boss, but I don't like waiting for them to change their minds if they are what they are. 'Augur was still perplexed by the small point that appeared to have flown. Outside, around the small structure of stone, when they were done filling its insides, it seemed to have cleared around. 'Look, the light. 'They pointed and saw just how much of the area had been covered in the warmth of that beacon that produced light. Now, they could see for as far as this hall went, it was filled with as many of them as there could be. Even to the point of guessing that someone might've left them this way. 'I've got an idea. 'Said Tom, as he was already set on unwrapping himself of the rope. 'Are you certain about this kid? If we're wrong about them, or even for a second they decide to turn against us, there'd be nowhere for us to go. Nor would be able to help you. 'I'll be fine, Balstar, Augur, the both of you will be fine doing this on your own, will you? If the three of us manage to activate a beacon, it should go off in no time. 'So we're clearing the hall after all then. 'All three of them nodded, just as Balstar took off the rope, it appeared as if Augur held it all wrapped around himself like a belt. Each of them went around and had come out of sight of one another. It went as smoothly as imagined when one arrived at a tower, came to climb the stairs and pull the lever at the top. Rinse and repeat and there wasn't any doubt about what happened. As the room became scarce, the light almost came to the point of making a day inside the room. There had been somewhat of twelve or thirteen beacons around there that appeared to have pulled every little creature that reigned there. 'We're done. 'Thankfully, they didn't decide to turn back on us at the lost moment. Who knows what would've happened after that. 'The wicked shades they threw revealed much. It was a matter of fact that they had to escape. 'Look, Tom, there, we should hurry up if we want to escape now. 'It was a gaping hole which bore through the stone, leading even further below. For a moment now, each of them stopped to question this decision. 'Do we really have to go down there? We're getting even farther from the exit that way. If we continue going on this path alone we may never return. 'Balstar, I know we're not sure of where we're heading or whenever or not we'll see the light of day, though there aren't other options out there left for us. We can't just start eating those bits and digging through rock with our own hands. 'Tom's voice had changed a little ever since they were there, having something of a drop long before they even came to this room. It was enough to make him sound like an adult, not to mention. 'Fine, I'll follow through, but I must warn you that if it comes to us dying some horrible death at the hands of, I'll make sure you're the last to survive, kid. 'There was both a serious and a wicked tone of amusement in Balstar's voice. He smiles and the bars around his cage appeared

to have been shaken under pressure. 'What about you Augur? Think you're up to this or do you want to return?' 'Return to what boss? I know there's nowhere else and this place's giving me the creeps. Let's just go!' The man was frightened of these creations. Dread filled him as he thought whenever or not they served another purpose. For once, it was an uneven thing of a magnitude of proportions to even think of it that way. He was afraid of what the others might've thought of if he told them that he was afraid. It was the reason he went forth and listened at the hole. 'I've got. 'Augur stopped at the sound of those whispers. This was the point where they had been the loudest, having heard them without even laying with an ear on the floor or on the wall. 'Tom, are the voices supposed to be this loud?' 'Again with the voices you damn Buffon, let me. 'When he approached, he noticed just how well they spoke, almost pleasant but surprising, no ill but only good. 'I don't know about this. 'With a sudden sharp thing, both of them heard them get silenced by a shocking fist against the wall. It must've been something big if Augur felt the vibration by his hand which stood on the wall. 'I certainly don't think it's a good idea anymore. "What did you two hear? Tell me, I'd like to know now. 'Both men just looked at Tom and instead of saying anything, pulled him and pushed him in. He stumbled on the road, but after what was a ten-centimetre slope, the road ahead was steep and clean. A bridge to be more precise, barely visible around. The void below, the emptiness wasn't what had caused all the noise. Both of the older men noticed that this dangerous thing had them tread carefully, without having to notice or to try guessing how deep this gorge went. 'Can you feel the air coming from below? I think this is where we got our supply. 'It was pure and breathable, not to mention clean. As it came into their lungs, not only could they feel as if it came straight from the source but also that it was incorruptible by whatever laid down there. 'I've never felt air this clean, not even outside. What could it possibly be down there?' Augur was knelt and stapled on the ground, trying his best to peer into the dark. His attempts failed, not to mention that there was something quite bothering. 'There's a long distance to reach the ground down there if you're to fall Augur. If I were you, I'd stay away from the gaps as I can. "I'm only looking, boss, there's nothing that could happen to me now. You needn't worry about a thing. 'This confidence didn't keep count with the fact that he was certainly clumsy as he were. Fallen pots, always stumbling upon things. Even as they continued, both Tom and Balstar shrieked as they looked in horror at their companion. It was a sudden slip that he himself knew he wouldn't be a victim off. Both of them rushed immediately and grabbed the end of the rope which was still wrapped around him. 'Augur, hold on you damned Buffon. "I'm falling, don't let go of me, don't let go. 'Caught in the most awkward position, he was about to wailing and flailing his arms as if he had nothing else to do. Feeling the current swarm around him made him feel as if he was drowning in mid-air. 'Pull now, before the current takes him. 'It felt as if he was pushed back and forth by some mix between the current of wind and the salient power it produced. 'Balstar, now!' Again, with both of their might combined, he was pulled and shoved to the side. 'What were you thinking coming so close to the edge you fool?' He was hardly breathing, shaking and filled with a sense of dread which wasn't even supposedly his. 'I was mere testing to see whenever or not you could've saved me if something were to happen, nothing more. 'Augur left a peculiar laugh which bore through both of them as nothing else did. Both Tom and the caged man were quite mad him and this strange joke of his, wondering whenever or not it would've been better to have him fall off. 'Let's go on then, I've got a feeling that there's more to this to go on that we've thought off. 'It was indeed a long bridge, sturdy and made of immaterial clean stone, but it was something they were able to use without having any other problem. Air came

freely, but there wasn't anything that grew for them to eat. After minutes of walking, it merely dawned on them. 'Are we goo on supplies?' 'We should have enough to last us days at most. Same goes for water unless something happens there. Hopefully, we won't get thrown on a most desperate path on our way. 'It was a fact that they both had eyes Balstar for that moment on and ever since they came there. Nothing personal, but he was clumsy and a type of timid man who wasn't going to handle himself without the help of his long-life companion. In case someone was to be eaten, it would've been him. 'So, how did the two of you meet then? 'I don't think I've ever asked that of you. "Because it's a long story boy, and I doubt you'd be interested in hearing about every single detail whatsoever. "I'm all ears here, as long as Augur isn't going to have himself thrown off the bridge. 'At least he paid attention to the boy in that. 'Why it only happened once, that's all, I'm certain. 'He almost faked once to see their reaction. Neither of which were amused by this uncalled for the thing. 'I believe I knew him ever since we were children. Born and bred in one of the villages, the richer ones if you will. It was the time when everything appeared to have worked if I remember correctly. "By everything you mean?" 'Big, walking machines that had every purpose done for us. Heating food, raising animals inside of them, cutting trees, smashing rocks, digging tunnels. We were offered protection from weather and given drinkable water. Everything from our needs to our protection, then for our entertainment. It was an age of good and well pleased of the well being. Paved floors, you wouldn't even tell that there laid a forest if you were to be told by some outsider that came to visit. "So what happened then?" 'Balstar shook his head. For a moment, Tom thought he saw his sad eyes peering through the bars. It must've been something which shook both of them if they were so reluctant to speak of it. 'Then the earth took it all from us. 'Continued Augur. He recalled what happened just as well. 'It was something which they called a curse, that the earth started swallowing everything as far as it could, machine, man, stone, everything it stood upon. Our paradise was no more, those of which survived appeared to have become worse with time because of it. "It?" 'There seemed to be something even more fascinating to the story. At least, the way they made it seem. 'A gas to be more precise, it was released the moment the earth started swallowing everything. Even worse, the earth erupted in flames the moments it came into contact with the machines. "And this happened everywhere, right?" 'Making the entire piece of the earth uninhabitable. Tom, do you want to hear the strangest part of all?' 'He nodded as he approached the man. 'This thing had apparently happened for millennia at least, destroying countless generation for no reason whatsoever. And still, we don't know why it happens or why it continues to do so. 'It was a subject which was immediately dropped. Just thinking about it gave Tom the worst ideas about this place alone and perhaps the souls it swallowed. 'Could this be one of the places from where that gas got released?' 'I doubt it is, or else we would've been dead by now. Suffocation isn't as pleasant as it is deemed to be. 'That and the fact of the matter was that they both enjoyed the clean air rather more than having any of it become a deadly thing that stiffened their lungs. 'Here it comes, it shouldn't be rather any more surprising that there's another door. "Right, someone did build this, bridge, devices and this. 'Tom wanted to know as well that laid on the other side, as well as it came to forsaking their companionship over it. Either it was some way out or another thing that would've made them all get lost in the depths. There just wasn't any way to know. 'Open it Balstar, don't make us wait. 'With a sudden hold of breath, he opened it to reveal a set of eight interconnected bridges. All of which were fairly connected to a forked thing leading to different steep ways. If the previous chamber had been tight, this was big enough to host at least a hundred of them. "What do we do now?" 'We cannot check each of them in

time. 'Augur thought about it as well as the others, though it was Tom who pointed at the ground. Writings on each road, a different language to say the least. Though he knew of it well. 'I've seen them before, help me throw off the dust off it. 'It was unclean, even by their standards. Nor was the air any cleaner around there. It was a manner of quick pushing it away to see that the ones who'd written what laid there had made a great job into illustrating their images for those who might've not known the language. 'If I'm right about this, and certainly it may be so since I've been into a temple or two. This road on the right leads to the entrance of a temple. So does the one farthest to the left. "Can we use either of the temples to get out? Are there ways for us to go through them and take the first exit that comes to mind?" A slight reluctance came to Tom. 'Too dangerous I'd think to say. Last time I've come upon it I've almost lost my life trying to get through. "What about the others then? I think I like the other signs and they can't be all that bad if we take our chances. 'Augur was at least keen enough to point and what seemed to be a spring of water toward which one of the bridges took. From this point of view, it could've meant anything. 'What if we were to drown if we'd stumble upon it? Could it be a trap between everything now, Tom?" "I don't know, I wish I could tell you but I've never seen anything else than the temples. And even when I stumbled upon them, I don't believe I could tell you if there was anything right there. 'Perhaps what frightened the boy more was the small sign of one of the beasts, standing there, gazing. Two looming holes had been filled for its eyes, letting a gasp of menacing air rush through. Now that it wasn't covered anymore, he knew far too well what it was to deny it. 'What's that kid? You've been staring at it for the last minute or two. "That's, it's something I've stumbled upon. I've almost lost my life to it if you'd dare believe. They were mainly used as guardians for the temples to deal with the trespassers. A mixture that could be undeniable of some creature and human, though tall enough to mount all of us and still have a few inches left towards the ceiling. What's worse about them is the fact that they don't seem to age or rot from it. Some, at least. 'This alone was enough to have that bridge marked. 'There, this should remind us just in case we forget. 'Augur had broken the tension between them by placing a small pebble on the road. 'This way we'll know which one to take and what no. "You should take your pebble back and place it once we check one of the bridges and where they lead. Until then, we've no choice but to send one of us at the time to stick around and check whenever or not it was safe. 'A codeword, in the dark for Tom doing the job for them. He grimaced and threw a hand on his back. 'Atta boy, you'll do fine, just make sure you choose carefully now. We wouldn't like to lose a member of our family. 'Tom nodded and came to it, without having to do much of any thinking, he went to the bridge which leads towards the temple. It was the best bet so far. As long as he was careful, he went off into the gloom and was soon out of their sight. 'What do you mean they need a place to stay?" Yelled a man from the Inn. As he was staring outside, he appeared to have been absorbed by just looking outside and how many of the men, women, children and even their pets waited for a chamber to get in. 'You can't expect me to house every single one of them now, do you? There's enough here as it is. "Oh you silly goon, just take a few, I'm sure there'd be plenty of room as well in the attic as in the basement. We could even host them in the . . . "No, that's enough woman, what would they think or say of us?" The place already looked like a mess because of the patrons that came. Even having a glance outside would've revealed the fact that it was certainly a bad thing to be had. So many of them were looking dirty for having lived and slept inside their own repurposed ships. It was no wonder why most of them were too dirty, to the point of having been denied entry in so many places. 'You said that if someone needs and some pays for his room, there's always a place

for that as soon. "As soon as there's a place for them to say in, woman, that's the entire point. We've got nothing, no other room that's free for taking. Everything's taken. "The sounds of dismissal came as prepared. Though outside, something was at the point of having brought much distress in anything else but for it. A damn sound, a wail of much proportions that came both as a shock and something which bore through each of them. It was barely now that the lords in the king's chamber noticed anything that was supposed to happen. 'Any other plans I suppose? Couldn't you be thinking of something of a blow against me at this time of day? Not after we had that conversation, it wouldn't do. Which one of you is responsible for this?' "I swear, your majesty, forgive me for speaking for us as if we're a group, but we've got nothing to do with it. 'The capital shook, and for a moment the king realised what it was. History appeared as if it was repeating itself. 'Guard, like you did before, get ready to. 'Before the answer was given, that wriggling thing had grown as much as it could upon devouring itself to the point where pain would satisfy it no longer. It was the engine that was next to be had. Each bite brought a spark and a flame. There'd be no time for him to come, when the final outburst came, measuring itself throughout the entire capital at once. No one wondered at that at the moment when it came, but after the final bite, it bore a spark. The room burst into flames, imploding in itself, to the dark point where a part of the capital fell through the sky. Without being able to float, a good chunk of it produced the fireball in the middle which vaporised the nearest houses. It wouldn't have helped either way because of what had happened. The king was aware of it as well. 'This is blasphemy, my capital is ruined. 'Each one of the men and women looked at the cube the king was holding and how much he despaired. Some opened the door to see what happened outside, with the help of one of the guards as it came, to take a look at the side. It was a hash rupture of stone which abruptly tore in the street in pieces. Commoners were on the streets wailing at the losses. Much more suddenly were propelled to come and see for themselves what happened. 'How could this have happened?' They wondered, without having a care whatsoever of the fact or the manner. A sudden thump came at last, after a long wait, when the piece of the capital reached solid ground and broke itself even more. 'Raise up the thing, we must fly as further away as we can. We're in no way prepared to fight that beast in this condition whatsoever. "What are you implying your majesty? How far can we even go?" "It doesn't matter as long as we are far from this place. I cannot even look at it anymore. 'With a sudden slam, he threw the sky cube in a pile and locked it using the tip of his finger as a key. There was certainly no way to deal with this in front of them. 'Go, away, now, before anything else happens. This meeting is dismissed. 'For a second they were just as confused and afraid as he was of the manner in which this happened. Perhaps even one or two of them had nowhere else to go, having their mansions and great holds on that side of the city. 'I thought I told you to go away, don't let me say that a third time unless you want to be thrown into that hole as well. 'They flew out of the door after being opened like a bunch of bees making for their hive. The only problem was the fact that smoke and flame had taken hold and they had nowhere else to run. 'Damn thing, how could it have happened and why?' It occurred to him that whoever this atrocity might've already been dead, most likely if not so. . "Guards, two of you, go inside the other room where the other engine is placed. I want you to stand and defend it all times. Wait, wait, wait, no, five of you at least, stand there and defend it. No one needs to see you, no one needs to know. No one enters that room either, now leave. 'This was certainly a surprise that they didn't use the door, instead, they vanished into the shadows. It bothered him quite so. 'They've taken us a piece and now they'll take the other. I'm telling you, they're all in it for us. Making our lives

worse, taking the ground from under our feet. We can't stand for this any longer and wait for something else to happen. 'Everyone appeared to have been staring at the first dol who stood on a box like a prophet. Though at least some thought it so. Until three more joined him, who had brought at least a barrel and a box to stand upon. Each one of them from apparently a different background, but certainly shared the same view as one another. 'First, they took our islands, now they took a piece of the promised land. Can it be that this is the end? Look at how the weather changes, there's no sun, but the coming of a storm! Another imbalance at the worst of times. Worst of all was the fact that the rain water had been black and dirty, carrying its cold disease. This type of rain hadn't happened for the longest time, only to come now during the damn shattering of the capital. 'I used to be like you until they came. Promised, they promised all of us salvation and protection from anything that would threaten our only hope for a better life. And what were we given instead? They used our only way to escape to build themselves more weapons to defend themselves. Is this justice?' The man asked and the crowd answered in a choir. 'No. 'Another man who sat on the barrel who had a grumpy voice, loudest one so far. 'I used to have something, lads, a family, a home, a roof atop my head which wasn't perfect but everything I've had. Should I even tell you what happened to it?' There were nods going throughout the crowd and none could deny the sadness seen in his eyes. 'I've lost everything because of this damn thing. Promises after promises from a king which was supposed to give us protection. He was supposed to care for us, but look at it now, how the capital lay in ruin. "There are no homes. 'Started yet another. They were almost an antagonising thing which stood as a unity. A group which rivalled the crowd. He began without care for an interruption or a thought. 'We were lucky to survive when we left our homes, but what happens now? There are not enough places for both of us and those who were brought from the islands. I dare say we should get priority over them because we were born and raised there. 'Finally, it had come, like an unusual thing, a declaration of war between the residents and travellers. Some were already taking steps in retreating before anything could happen. Knowing that as soon as it came to blow, there'd be nothing to say but too much pain to be given than words. 'My lord. 'Said a voice, followed by a bow. They were already making way to be sheltered inside. Despite having their fortune lost, it was merely two of them who appeared to have been thrown away from their homes. 'Well, you'll stay as a guest for as long as you desire. Though don't break anything yet. 'A mocking tone from man to man, even they had to look upon the entire situation with a grain of salt. Nothing was left now that the fight soon ensued between everyone stranded there. Broken windows fell as soon as a rock flew from one of the rather skilful throws from the crowd. No one dared to look and search for who it was, but the king saw it all from the distance. 'This isn't happening now, why must I always deal with the most useless and insignificant?' A sudden cinder in his voice made him grow in the head. 'I need to rest not to deal with their problems now, but how?' Not even him, in all his power, knew what to do with the excess of people without the care of homes. 'Lock the door and be prepared for anyone that comes near it. They'll certainly think of a riot if we wait any longer on that. 'Perhaps it was for the best to leave them to duke it out, for as long as he was concerned it was for the better. That way, some would be put in their places, leaving the strongest and the mightiest to roam free. Jails are quite free of space. 'That's it, guards, I need you to go ahead and stop the riot, I've got a perfect idea. 'Two of them would do, no one dared mess with them when they came in pairs. It was still as hard to look upon them and their tainted chiselled armour as it had ever been. Given by the faces which were bored through their shoulders and knees, there wasn't any doubt that most men had

thought them as monsters with their heads displaced. Nonetheless, it was getting worse. The sound had reached the farthest depths in the sky and received the attention of the wriggling beasts. For the first time in the longest period, there had been something of an unspoken pact. Beast upon beast, slither on slither, they roamed the skies together, working in pairs. It had become easier that way to hunt for anyone who dared not cower under them. Despite everything which was said, this seemed to work in a way which they were absolved of a fate worse than death. 'Locked, just like the other temple door. 'Said Tom. He appeared to have checked most of the bridges, only to find nothing else but one way to get through. At least the spring bridge had it so that there was fresh water. Though something disturbing had come to pass. It had been a shaking of the entire foundation of the earth. Felt by the likes of them, it was certain that something had happened above, of which they dared not speak a word about. 'Do we wait and see what happens next?' 'No, Tom, this is the only apparent way, we need to go one way or another. "Balstar, if it is what I think it is, we'd be in a graver danger than everything we've encountered together. You don't know what they are. 'A sudden shake came again, like a wave which rippled across the earth and wanted to have itself known. 'That again, what could it possibly be?' 'I don't care much for that, but hold onto something. With it on the way, there'd no doubt of the peril to fall into that veil. 'Quaint, to say the least, it still pulled in with a cold breeze, nothing of the sort would do. Each one of them started crawling on the bridge. Regardless of what they thought, something of immense magnitude was happening outside. 'We're going through whenever this will help us or not. It's a certainty that we need to at least go ahead and try. 'Said Balstar, looking just as nervous as he were minutes ago. For this bridge alone was lead the farthest so far, at least with a certainty which he wasn't sure. 'Well, what are waiting for?' Augur looked at the openness and how inviting the gaping hole appeared to be like. There was no need for an investigation for the three of them to figure out who did it. It was enough to measure the size and let their own imagination figure it out for them. 'Are they really this strong?' Even the whispers that came from below appeared to have their wails silently obscure. Something important was there, certainly, it had to be. 'We'll know when we'll come to it, right? First of all, we need to get rid of this place and never return inside the ground ever again. 'A mutual agreement came as they shook their heads. It was a giant place, meant for the construction of bodies, or at least this seemed to be so. 'Look at that. 'The moment when they stepped in, at least from the sound of chains and a mechanism, torches lit on every side. 'So much for snicking in. 'Said, Augur, while inspecting the same thing the two others appeared to have been set upon. It was the spine and skull without arms or even the legs, a thing which was used inside a cast which hadn't it's front laying there. Even by normal eye, this was obviously not bone, but rather iron. The purpose? Certainly unknown to say the least. The place appeared to have been twice or triple the size of anything they've been through. 'Before you ask Augur, I doubt they were made to have used that bridge alone. It was fairly too small, even for us to roam through it alone, most likely you know where they ended if they indeed tried escaping. "How did you know what I was going to ask boss?" 'It was a mere hunch. 'With was needed there, questioning everything which might've had them at their worst. 'Let's go before we see one here. Tom, you said there might be a way out, right?' 'I think there's one. At least, I hope there's a way for us to go, without a map of runes on walls, I couldn't tell you if I wanted to. 'The sound of uncertainty bore through. Even with an ear on the walls, he heard no whispers, but he swore. 'Shhh, don't make noise for a second now. 'Both of them men occupied themselves in the same way, having to follow Tom in whatever his plan was. 'Are those steps lad? Inside, at this

time?"The reluctant nod didn't do much to relieve them of their mood. Now that the flames came to life, it was even obvious that they were not alone. Tom feared even more as he grabbed his chest as squeezed. It was still there, still in its place. What would I do without you now?He wondered, certainly he couldn't let go, nor tell them of what was to be done. 'Let's go then, the faster we move, the better the chances. "We could spread. "No, you ant, that would be the worst idea you could possibly have. Do you really want whatever is out there to pick us one by one?I can be sure that each one of us has a distinct shout of terror that neither would like to hear. 'Even thinking about giant things, armless and footless, crawling like worms for their hunger. At least the hole was big enough. 'There, we can start there. 'Without even waiting for them to come up with their surprised faces, Tom had already begun walking to the side. There were stairs and ladders in front of them, but this was certainly not the place. 'I will come, I'm sure I'll come to an exit if I follow my guts. You can follow me or stay behind. "Wait a minute, Tom, we should rethink our whole deal. Even the torches are dim, in a few hours they'd be no more. "I cannot wait, neither of us can stand, you heard the footsteps. You've never dealt with them in the same way I did, or else you would've feared just as much.

'By the first corner, it was an open entry onto one of the laboratories. It was dark until the moment when they approached. From left to right there were at least four tables with blankets over them. Rather pieces of cloth covering large forms, enough to make each of them think of the fact that there were a few men standing into small cocoons, hiding from what was out there. 'Shall we?"No, unless your guts are strong. I doubt there'd be of much help either way. 'Augur bit his tongue and came close nonetheless. Before anyone could stop him, he lifted the piece of cloth and pulled something from it. He had immediately dropped it on the floor and saw it still wriggle and shake after the contact with his flesh. 'You damn cretin, what were you thinking?Just look at that on the table. I know it must be only a small part of it, but this is unnatural. There's no other way to put it, but I think it's living. "Balstar, I've been trying to warn you ever since we got here. I've dealt with them, I know what they can do, and it's not going to be easy avoiding them. 'Both men almost bore their damn souls out at the sight of it. Could the boy have been right about this place all along?"Very well Tom, you lead the way. You tell us what's right to touch and what isn't. As long as we're here, you're the expert. 'Balstar's words almost shocked the boy, if it weren't for the fact that there wasn't any visible change in his expression, at least ever since they stepped in. He listened carefully to the wall. 'It isn't the good way, I can still hear it coming from down the corridor. We'll go the opposite way. 'As they followed, it was no wonder that both had questioned his knowledge on the matter. 'Have you ever fought them?Or do you know if they can be hurt?"The boy nodded at the implications. 'Why were you even in a place like this before you even met us?"I was exploring, that time. I wasn't alone, though I'd rather not talk about it while there's one of those coming after us. 'Balstar didn't know exactly how to react. Passing by the skeleton in the frame made him think of the worst scenario. The damned fiend, could it be fast?Could it be strong?"We need to get out as fast as possible now. 'Augur was damnably silent for himself. It was an awful experience that he had touched that piece of meat that just reanimated itself on the floor. Rather than being comforted, he was tricked into this loop, this tiny maze of many closed chambers. Looking at Tom again. 'There's another coming through. Let me think, what. 'What could we possibly go from here?One's coming from here, one from there. There's one upstairs, and at least. The door was closed without a doubt. Soon, neither of them would've had the chance to fight back if it came to being chased. For this moment, Tom remembered, finally being disturbed by Augur's silence. 'I'm sorry Augur, but we have no other

way to go, make for the laboratory and hide in there. Let's go, let's go, before they get the chance to turn around and see that we are here. 'All three of them came to a leaping strike, a running feat and made it in time to wrap themselves around the wall. Neither of them even dared approach the table. But that thing still laid there.

Desperately, Tom nodded towards it in hopes that either of the men would understand what had to be done. The laboratory still laid in direct sight of the door and there'd be no chance one would miss such a disturbance. Balstar had already wrapped his hand around and started for it. With care, enough that he wouldn't touch any of the tables, he grabbed that small piece of meat and held it tight. It could make no shriek but with a strong enough snap, as Balstar used both of his hands, it appeared that something broke in it. Thrown out of the way, it bore no danger, having the man return back to his spot. 'Don't make a sound and wait. 'The only one that had a clear sight towards the corridor was Tom, at least as much as one could glance without being seen. Come on already, just come. Balstar could see the opposite, being stapled on the other side of the wall. For him at least, the sight of it remained only at the top. He'd only see ahead and even that came momentarily. There it was though, a walking cadaverous thing, wrapped and punctured by rots which held it from falling apart. At least, this one was even bigger, if that was possible to think. Without a doubt, it wouldn't fit inside, having to resort to breaking the damn wall, which they had proved themselves to be more than capable of doing. Each step felt as if its heaviness could usurp the ground and have them descent even deeper throughout the depths of the earth. Without question now they marched towards one another. 'I need to take another look. 'Said Tom in a supreme tone of a whisper. If it wasn't for the fact that the caged man could read lips, there wouldn't have been a way for him to decipher what was truly said between them. As the light started to dim, Tom knelt and wrapped himself around. It was indeed, a meeting of some kind. Three of them, to be more precise, from each direction, stood there and made the most damned sounds. Their height blocked any way they could've seen them, at least when it came from the opposite direction. And it was still possible that they might've been partially blind. 'We need to go. "Are you mad child?Do you really wish us to? 'Balstar took a look around and shivered in a matter of seconds. Something was horribly wrong about them, and he couldn't point out what. "They take time to come around, as long as we're fast, we'll pass them. ' 'And what if they turn, Tom?What if they turn?We cannot stand against that, neither of us can. A bunch of easy targets, a small piece of meat?That's nothing for the three, even the two of us, but this is on an entirely different level altogether. "You said I'm the one making decisions here, haven't you?So either you're both following me now, or else I'll find a way out alone. 'Before furthering the discussion, he had already slithered around the wall. Followed by Augur, of all people, who was still rather in a manner of shock. Both moved a nimble as they could, forcing Augur to feel the creeps and continue following through. It wouldn't be as far as they thought until they turned around and immediately come out of sight. 'We're safe, Tom, you were right about it. "Not yet, Balstar, we still don't know how many of them are still looming around. It depends how many of them were left here. "At least we can suppose on that boy, that some might've fallen into that hole and over the bridge. There has to be something that we could hope doing Tom, I refuse to think we'll die in this place. 'Though he appeared to have been more concerned by Augur rather than anyone else in the room. Augur wasn't like himself ever since he touched that meat barnacle which turned out as being alive. 'We'll take here and listen. 'It was clear, at least for as long it came. Another open door not as far on a forked way, which appeared to have been formed on a steep path, going right, then suddenly forth, repeating that form. As long as they followed

and didn't stop at all. 'Here, check for anything that might be helpful, but don't touch that. 'In the middle of the room laid what appeared to be a half-formed creature. Its torso remained with only a head was attached, though it was obvious from what laid on the table that those strange limbs which didn't belong to it were supposed to be connected. Perhaps their wriggles of the fact that it appeared to have been still breathing induced paranoia in the men. Rather than that, Tom was afraid of the fact that it still appeared to have been a fresh specimen, which could also be said about what lay on each table on his sides. 'I've found this, I think it may be a sharp spear unless it was intended for something else. "Augur, try it on it, but make sure you don't push enough that it would scream. 'As bad as an idea as that was, he listened and with no less strength which would harm a child, he went on ahead and came through the body with a clean strike. There wasn't enough blood to go through once he had done it. 'What have you done now?"You told me to test it on the creature, what was I supposed to do?"How about not skewer it into pieces?'Despite what was done, it remained just as serene as calm, almost bored but amused by the entire situation. It wasn't often that it had any visitors. For a thing such as itself, it certainly came as a surprise. 'You might've wanted to aim for the head. 'Spoken by the same tongue and accent as a man would. Scared of it, Augur pulled the spear and threw some of the ichor that came out across the wall. 'You, you spoke. 'Said Tom, looking as surprised as everyone else inside the room. This manner of thing wasn't going to bore right with him, at least in no possible way. 'How, what, since when?'It seemed that he was given no attention, not to mention of his question. For the first time in a while, it seemed that it tried stretching its neck, jerking it around and gaping at that. 'Why have you come here?'It struggled with words, which became apparent only now that it had its chance to try something more difficult. To be more precise, it didn't appear as if it used anything else but its teeth to speak. Holes in the molars pushed air and imitated the sound that humans made. What was so fascinating remained the fact that it understood and interacted with them. 'Tell us what you are first before we reveal ourselves to you. "I am. Guardian. That is, a guardian of the temple you've decided to desecrate. "We haven't. 'That thing quickly interrupted him, displaying a malevolent use of the air canals in his mouth. 'You have broken the sacred tablet, I can feel it still reek inside of you. 'That bore through, once it decided to acknowledge Tom's presence at once. It still waited for something, which Augur faintly said. 'We've come here to find an escape. 'It prompted a laugh, it those things was capable of doing it. 'Do you think there is one?Look at it. 'He pointed and what might've been a human, standing against the wall. The meat wasn't there anymore, and it almost went unnoticed by all three of them when they had entered the room because of the dust. It was there, nonetheless. 'And he arrived only but months ago. "When did you learn how to speak then?"There wasn't any need for him to repeat himself, as he made a sign for it. It was obvious, though as impossible as it sounded. 'Only a few month, you say, and you've learned our language. 'Completely, worm, creature, small meat suit. Now you'll end up like the rest of them as soon as another great one comes. "Why haven't you yelled or shouted for them?You could've made any noise by now!"Tom came between the others and made himself known. It wasn't certain whenever or not another grunt would roam the halls but he was certain of this alone. 'You saw the lights as well yet you didn't yell or had them come and grab you from this prison of yours. I think you're stuck here, just like the rest of us. Despite this ability to speak, you're not like them, are you?'It waited for him to continue, appeared to have borne enough attention that would've bore a lesser being into the ground. 'From what I've noticed they're only dumb creatures, rotten, dead. Unlike you, the only creature I've encountered so far with the ability to speak. You're

just as afraid of asking for their help, aren't you? Knowing that you could be mistaken for a human in disguise and crush the only piece of your body that remain. "Are you done now? Or was something that you needed?" Help us get through, and perhaps we'll make you a deal which you cannot refuse. "This was tempting, rather than anything else in this. 'Do you hear that? It's coming again, quickly, to the wall. 'The sounds of steps were frighteningly coming.

Hopefully, it was true what Tom said about it not talking. For a moment then, it closed its eyes and stood there frozen like a piece of meat in the cold. Neither of them was seen by the tall patrolling figure. Though it had been close to a painful thing, thinking that they stood a chance, even with the better tools against something so big. 'Is he gone?' 'It's safe, at least for now. Speaking of which, can we strike a deal then? The way it seems to be, we're stuck here like this fellow as you are by the way. Perhaps we may end your existence if you help us escape. "Do you truly think that was the reason I came this far? Because I had no way to stop this from going on?" "No. 'Said Tom quite thoroughly. 'But I can give you the most humane end, without having to feel pain, or have to be crushed into endless pieces spread across the floor and tables. They do seem rather violent for some guardians. 'As well as the thought sounded, this wasn't what he was after. 'I want a body as well, so I may break free. 'It was easy enough, but the thought of building one by themselves was damned. 'Wait, Tom, don't rush into it, come closer for a moment. 'The two of them now stood on the same side, but not before a flicker of a glance on the hallway. One had to be sure there wasn't another guardian walking where he shouldn't have been. 'Tom, listen, I don't like where this is going. It could be lying from what we know, not to mention that it could backstab us the first chance it gets. "Do we know that we have another chance out there? You've seen their size, not to mention that I doubt there are only three of them in this entire temple. This way, we may stand a chance with it on our side. "Is there truly an argument to be had? You need me free. 'Said the Guardian, now peering at Augur, who seemed to have been the only one standing there without speaking a word. It made a slickest of sounds to pull him over in order to speak. If they wanted to have their own private conversation, this was their time as well. 'Listen, you know what it is I need. There's no way you could escape alive without my help, not to mention that you owe me you, ungrateful creature. "I do? But I've done. 'The hole in his chest was still oozing from the moment when he was pierced by the spear. Obviously, it didn't care whenever or not it was an act which was meant to harm him or not. He wanted out as well as them. 'What do you need them? From where?' There came the words he needed to hear, as good at half understanding as the rest of them. 'Legs, arms, pieces of the bottom torso for replacement and something for the hole in my chest. "Would that be all, if the boss decides to help you that is. "No, you'll need to attach them through the liquor or with the help of small metal cylindrical rods. But be fast about it, I doubt there'd be something to wait for once they get a sniff of your dirty scent. 'Augur at least seemed to have paid attention, but looked around. There had been set, on both his left and right a pair of limbs that weren't like those arms at all. In form, they were longer and had some sort of sacks attached at their bottom. At least it appeared that they looked heavier than they could've possibly had. 'What about them?' Augur pointed and expected at least to be yelled at. 'Would those do for your arms? They seem rather functional to me, and just as long and you'd need them to be. 'A dark smirk never left its face, though something must've been wrong about those things. 'They're not functional, you see? At least, they haven't been used before, never attached, never been tested. "What if we don't find something better?" Then you'll die here and either take me with you or do it alone at your own pace. "What if?" Augur, what are you doing there? Leave it alone and come here. We're about to decide

whenever or not this will do. As I was saying. Tom, I do think we stand a better chance with that thing on our side, but it's way too dangerous. Trusting that thing though? I haven't known them for long and I'm already afraid of what they'll do to me the moment they catch us. "But it, he can talk, he must be intelligent, at least to know the situation we're in. What's our alternative then? Just look around, it's filled with them. The other ways are all closed and this, well, this may be our chance. And it's almost as easy as taking the right pieces and attaching them to its body. Nothing easier than that. "This came as rather shocking, how confident had he become. He kept his composure even now. 'It's decided then, but how?' "I know how. 'They both, no, the three of them now paid attention to Augur. It wasn't often that he shined, in such dark of a place but he did so. 'What if we lure one of him here, murder him and rip out his limbs? That way we'll know that what we have will be something fresh, which may do. 'It sounded mad, at least in the most disgraceful way possible. 'What if we fail then and he kills us all? You realise that this is the maddest plan we have right now? Arming that thing right there might be the gravest mistake we've ever done. "We need to try something, boss. I don't want to end up like that one standing over there. I've got too much to think about just to end up like that. "No one will end up like that man now Augur, what we're saying is that we just need to weight our other options. 'If there were any other, but not even Balstar could think of something fast enough that would do. Tom came closer to the creature and told him still. 'How do we connect these to you? If it is to work, we'll need you to be fully armed. But there are no arms anywhere. 'For once it nodded at the thought of that. 'Check over there. "Down here?" Despite having no arms, it did well to point towards a specific point of the floor. If anyone else might've looked at Tom, they would've thought him a silly young man for kneeling and wiping the ancient dust filled floor. 'Balstar, Augur, help me with this. 'A removable piece of the floor came off, revealing a lot of rods laying under. There might've been hundreds in this corner alone, though they didn't need as many. 'Take two for now and don't disturb the others. 'A nimble pair of hands, Balstar was the best to handle this task, with his wrapping around, he pulled what he could. Without a doubt, this was something to look upon without even having to wonder why they were so light on touch. Not only was there no heaviness, but something appeared to have been pulsating towards the tip of his fingers, even though there was a layer of cloth around his hands. 'What are these exactly?" Don't bother, just make sure you take another before placing the floor back in its place. 'It followed as it did, with Augur taking the piece from Balstar. In return they now had two, leaving Tom to be the only who hid them back. The hard part was only to come. 'Be fast, for the pain is great. I've no doubt that the moment will come when he'll be alerted. "Wait, what happens if more than one comes?" Asked Tom, still sceptical about this entire problem of theirs. 'We'll have to find out then, won't we?' Again with that dark grin, won't this oversized monkey just shut its mouth and leave us to work?" Here Tom, use the cloth and hold the rod, I don't think you'll be able to lift the limb on your own. 'To say it was heavy remained an understatement. Quite harsh and meaty, but heavy. Grabbing it from the side, he merely placed it in position. 'As soon as we attach it, we'll each go towards a corner and prepare for the worse. Augur, you've got the spear. Tom, stay out of it, I know I said we'll let you handle. "I know Balstar after we'll make it through, I know. 'Both of which nodded and prepared. At least, it was as easy to handle in thought, though once the procedure started, there wasn't any doubt about the entire ordeal. The pain came and ran through, as Tom started pushing the rod, which entered as if there wasn't anything laying in front of it. There came a moment when contact first came, as the creature did whatever it could not to alert. 'Stop, stop, stop, that's too deep. Pull it. 'Tom

had reached a point where it was hard to see whenever or not he had exaggerated the entire thing. 'Is that right?' 'Yes, I think. 'For a moment, both of the men looked at the creature and were surprised at the nimbleness with which it moved the dark limb. From one end at least, a mouth opened, which revealed a fully functional hand. It had small formations of skin growing out of each place where a finger might've been, but that wasn't the point. For as much as he was concerned, this would reach the room and do. 'Now I'll be the one who'll put it through. Make do and hold the other arm and get through your place. Not you boy. 'The way he looked at Tom almost gave him a shake of thought. Whenever he'd help, if it came to it, never made it less of hysterical nor even less of satisfying. 'You said there'd be the pain, why wasn't. "Once the rods touch, there'd be. Without any other way, he'll hear us from whatever corner he might be. "And the others?" As I said before, though they might not come where they don't belong. Unless their minds might've rotted beyond repair, in the case of which death would come for us all. 'No matter how much time passed, he wouldn't dare look at those speaking teeth. 'I'll do my best to hold it still. 'The creature obeyed the thought and saw to it. As weak as Tom appeared to have been, he did his best to hold the second arm to its place. The way the other arm stretch was outstanding, even for him to oversee. Nonetheless, the shriek came as soon as he pushed the rod, leaving the most damning sound to have been. Steps were shaking the ground, as they all knew it'd come. Now there came a replace when Tom fell and cowered, going as far behind as he could, confused from hearing those damned cries. And at once, without noticing a head and a piece came into the room, with a hand which was prepared to grab and snap whatever it could find. The coiling appendices wrapped around the arm and held it straight. Now it came for Augur to make his move, with the right timing. He went on and sliced half of the face in the most horrid way he could. A pity, a shriek, pain ran through at it began to let out its shouting rage and pain. Something was going wrong as he wasn't able to fully decapitate and release it from its misery. From a stance of rage and pain, now it pulled away or tried doing so. 'End it now, I don't think I can hold it any longer. Don't let it get away!' At the sound of that warning, this last act of desperation had both Tom and Balstar frozen at the sight of it. No weapons to use, or rather, none that would harm it. And there still was the problem with what lay behind that melting face, the shape of the skull and rotting thing that might've been best explain as its brain. 'I'll end it now!' Shouted Augur and as he plunged with the spear, he finally dealt a blow that cut a piece of the brain. So much more trouble it causes, that both of the appendices were suddenly ripped apart from the one standing there. It was a thing that made the creature shake its every limb uncontrollably as if he had struck a nerve of some kind. 'It's not dead yet, you need to strike again before it gets any of its control back. 'The warning came fast but there wasn't any safe way to approach it, other than to wait. 'Stand back, Tom, boss. I can deal with this. 'With a sudden caress, he watched it stumble, trying to get back on its feet. Without a doubt, there were only instincts now, as the boiling substance dripped from its rotten core. Coming closer, seeing how it tried sitting against the frame of the door to regain some balance, Augur managed to land another strike. As clean as it would be, he managed to cut a good chunk of its brain, seeing it finally succumb to nothing. It fell now on the floor, leaving its head laying down the floor. One final strike and It'll be over. Thought Augur, before going on and beheading the damned creature, once and for all. 'Augur, you've done. You, you magnificent man, you've done. All on your own, you've killed the beast. "There'd be time for celebrating later if you'll please. 'Some of its rotten liquid still bled on the floor, to the point of almost dripping out. 'Pull the rods out. Both from me and from it. 'Tom made a nodding agreement that he'd be the

one pulling them out of their friend. It would still come to be the ones they'd use. But as the other two were trying to reach around and see that his limbs were pulled out completely, he spoke to Tom alone. 'Only half-way through, we'll only need to push the limbs into my body. 'A procedure which was more than mad, as the two men worked on ripping the legs and the arms off that creature, leaving the torso laying there. Not to mention that the stench left by that rotten head was still going to bear some sort of disgust upon a glance. 'Now as for our deal?' 'You make me whole and I'll have you escape this damned place. "What about you? What are you planning on doing now that you're no longer bound?' Asked Tom, still focused on the being. He had noticed that the spine was still interconnected to a rod on the bottom of the floor which had to be fairly so removed. 'I will roam your world as far as I'll please. This isn't my end and I'm not to rot in this damnd temple, abandoned as a slave. Or end up worse than that. 'It still crept down there, moving pieces of its rotten brain on the ground. Something might've told them that a piece of it was still there, trying to move a mouth, a piece of it, but without having used a sound. 'Well, this I I presume. "As soon as you attach them to me, we'll be done. 'It shouted, as the end of the arms got attached. The pain was almost unbearable now that there wasn't any of the liquid used in his construction. For a moment, they almost appeared to think of him as a primal thing that would be driven by pain to murder all three of them rather than keep his part of the deal. 'Don't worry, there's no need to be afraid now. 'With a look upon its giant arm, he said, while taking the other arm himself and pushing it in. Ther rest wasn't as needed as he asked for an additional rod. 'One would do alone, make sure it's clean and new, this will be the last thing. 'It said, and as soon as it was inserted, and the two legs came onto him, he pulled himself away from the long rod which was lodged into his spine and walked past them, crushing whatever remained. 'Should we follow him now?' "Yes, we should hurry before he changed his mind. "Since when has a beast become a human to address him like that lad?" "Since we don't want him to turn around and throw a fit at us. 'It appeared that once the three of them were out of the room, he had already waited at the end of the corridor. A grin laid on his face, which made him look even more frightening than anything else they had ever seen. Perhaps it was still something of an unexplainable feeling, but neither of them had truly felt like trusting him ever since he was reformed. As much as neither of them truly believed that the creature would hold his end of the bargain, or even if he knew what that was, they followed. Just as fast as they could they ran, never being able to keep the pace with it. Realising that some would eventually come upon hearing that damnable array of shouts and shrieks, there'd be no wasting. 'Come, Tom, don't let go of our plan. You're the one leading now, remember?' "Right. "Do you trust that thing now?" "I don't know, it seems as if. 'A sudden thing interrupted them. Just as surprising as the thought and sight of it was, they watched as another guardian had met their fellow. Without realising on what side they were, from giant to giant, it came fast. A pummeling of the head, which turned as soon as he ripped its head apart and threw it on the side without realising. Still, it turned and left that grin, with its moving teeth, leaving no word but a sort of soothing inaudible sound. All three remained shocked as the power it had, not to mention that it appeared as if he was as sharp as a human. 'This is the reason why we don't have a choice but to trust him. Just keep that hold on your spear Augur, if anything happens, you only hope in this. "I understand. Don't worry, Tom, boss, if anything happens, I'll be just here, ready to protect you. 'Even though, he alone barely could swallow upon looking at that grin. It waited for what appeared to be a portcullis, which leads below. 'From this point, we'll have to go through a piece of the veil. It's incomplete, at least so it seems. There's no way we could walk through safely. "What

exactly is it?"The builds though they had ended them, little vermin that live through aeons, never dying. 'The thought alone brought them back into the halls they went through. Somehow, these creatures, as small bits as they appeared looked rather different, even by the sight of light. Darker, sharper, more rabid. Despite his warning, each one of them hadn't realised the fact that he was carrying a ripped out arm. 'What's that for?' 'See. 'Merely inches from his body, at arms, reach he flailed the limb. For a moment, this appeared to be nothing but a sad joke, to frighten them perhaps, though it turned out, as he pulled nothing but a piece of the muscle that nothing of it remained. 'See for yourselves, marrow and bone. 'This was the point where they stopped, most likely, two of them to be more precise. It wasn't that much of a distance, though they appeared to have been peering into the portcullis nonetheless. 'We turn and try to go somewhere else. 'All three of them made way, seeing how it became just as fast as one could be. Trampling over the body in a display of gore and strength didn't do anything else rather than reinforce their hidden distrust. 'This ain't going too well now, did you see it, Tom? That arm disappeared as fast as it was pushed it, seconds, Tom, seconds and it wasn't there. "I saw it Augur, I know, there's just another way, it had to be out there. We don't have anywhere else to return to, remember?' Another damned shriek was known to follow, as they watched.

One guardian was about to go down the stairs when all of the sudden, he was grabbed and ripped apart. Pushed down the floor, his head was firmly ripped before the arms could do anything to harm the other. So far, as he was close to the hole, it went off, being thrown down there where there'd be no way for the creature to ignite. 'Must it always do it in such ways?' "Would you rather have him do that to us then Augur? Be glad that we're on his side at least. "But what will we do if they go ahead and manage to fight back? Damn your creature with your damn stare. 'He was already on the second pair and looking above, there he was, displaying as much emotion as he thought would make them comfortable. Why must he be that way? Is this what means to become more than a grumbling grunt? Tom had thought of asking, but then again, the thought of an answer wasn't that well. It appeared as if he was out of sight by now, on a usual king of the spree, a display of speed and might. 'Where?' Follow the trail lad, the corpses should be near. I've got the wrong impression now. "Why is that Bal?" There's no way around it but I can't help it but feel bad about them. Just look, the light is starting to die out and they're just as defenceless as we are. They're not as smart as he is and can't understand that something had gone wrong. "No, they're dead, Bal, unnatural. It's the better way, trust me, it's a better end than having their minds and bodies rot. "And this is better then? Just think about it for some time and tell me how it's better to be ripped apart. Look at them down there, even in this manner, with their heads crushed, something in them is still alive and trying to move. 'For a moment then, they were all taken by surprise when they found out that there was one standing right behind them. Despite everything, it showed no expression, making it seem vile in the dimness of a dying torch. They took a moment to get out of the haze and realised that there laid a familiar hole in there, one which was made by Augur. Not that he had made any possible move to let them now. 'But it is done, done, done I say. No others lay in here but the four of us. 'I should've been happier to hear those words than I am now. Why can't I feel it though? Tom wasn't the only one who looked at him as if he was to turn against them at any moment. 'As I promised now, the gate towards the upper side is in this direction. "The upper side? Hold on, you've not spoken of an upper side now. "I've not spoken of the lower bowels of the temple either, well, you wanted to get out, haven't you?" We need a break. 'Said Balstar, as he pulled out what he had filled when they arrived in the spring. At least that turned out as being something opportune. 'We still need to

eat and perhaps sleep for the night. "What's with the delay then? Go ahead, I'll wait, you can trust me. 'This came to it again, but each of them had to take as much as they could now. Eating the more of the strange plants they had taken, perhaps a small loaf of bread since they were lucky. 'Do you not eat?' 'Oh, I have no need for that, you see since my bodily functions aren't entirely functional. 'Something was off as well, as they sat down to have their meal. There laid a small cut on his stomach, at least towards the point where he had implied there was a need for replacement organs. He's working way too fast for someone of his size. Thought Tom while he ate. Pay no attention to the creature, look away. Even inside the bowels of the temple, despite not being as decrepit as the promise of its inner depths, he thought that they were all to become ill if they stood around. 'Who would've thought that night would come so fast. Aren't they going to come up immediately once we start moving?' 'They might, but don't worry, I shall be tasked to wake each of you up once we're ready. "Do you know of time? Have you any notion then?" "I have, seconds, minutes, hours, so on and so forth. They thought them while I was there. "Your creators?" Inquired Balstar, readying whatever blankets they had to keep in the cold place. It was still as shallow of an environment as they thought it was. 'The people who came inside the temple. 'The mere thought vanished in the dark, though it was quite obvious. 'Nine hours, and wake us up, if you may. "Thank you. 'Said Augur as well. Thunder roamed from afar as well, day after day and night roamed the land with those beasts running every hold that had attempted to rise in the sky. Ships were now flying as low as they could, past the dangerous spots where their wriggling mawed tails might come and send shivering lightning through the clouds. 'Well, what now?' 'What do you mean by that?' 'Won't you do something about it then?' It may come to having our business all around just killed or rather refuse to stay once they saw that this place is occupied. 'Clever people, at least they thought they were, having covered a piece of the sky with their own self-made roofs. As a matter of fact, a piece of the capital had them just placed in order to prevent the cold. City walls at least served right, as well as they had taken whatever place they could. Neither the tavern owners nor the common marketers were pleased about this change. There wasn't any resistance whatsoever. 'This is madness, he can't expect us to comply. 'His tongue was culled at the sight of lord inquisitor. Despite everything which had happened, he still roamed across the land, deciding to leave the prison stables from time to time. What other opportunities as well, other than to check the ones which had no homes, owned no land any longer and threatened the peace. 'Goon. "Worm, shoe-slacker. "Peacetalker, snapper!' Some yelled but turned around at their business on his sight. They had been given ratios of food and water at times, but that wasn't enough. Four lackeys stood near him, wearing leather braces, strips of iron and perhaps one of the might've had a whole piece of armour. 'Well, can we at least stay peaceful at this time of the day? Need we remind you of alternatives? The jail always needs new people in, and it's quite warm down there. 'It didn't help as he had pointed. Two more people were taken hold, ready to be abused in the dungeons below. What other chance did they have? Lords knew well of the entire problem but never raised a finger for any other than themselves. Even the upper reaches and the other side had decreased in its value upon all that. 'Why must we keep going on this day today?' At the most opportune moment, a woman shouted. 'Murder, Murder, come quick, oh Inquisitor. 'Alarmed at that he followed her to the point of entry, through one of the slums, down from his high horse. The horns of the alley were just as frightening as they were, but he carried on with his iron armour, broadsword and the small spiked mace he used to carry. 'It was a body which was dragged around, down the stairs, it had seemed to be. A trail of blood was quite obviously leaving to the point where

he might've died. 'When did you find this?' 'I was carrying my. . . "Enough of that, wait outside and don't move. 'At least three of the goons had settled down on following him once they noticed how serious he had become. 'You two stay outside and make sure she won't leave. 'The grins didn't help the fact that they weren't the most loyal, nor the most pleasing to look at men. 'Shall I assist them as well then?' 'No, you're coming with me, in case the one who did this might still be there. Have your dagger at you. 'The scene was at least a disaster of unknowable proportions. Not even one who was there prior to the murder could've described this thing well. So much blood had run through the stairs. It came to the point where he had climbed to the second level and still followed the blood. 'I feel like this a bad idea sir, do you mind If I wait. "Go ahead, I'll have a look, then we'll return. 'Even as that carried on, he couldn't even force himself to take on the guts which laid over there. Strangely, they appeared to have been bigger than expected for a man of his size. It was a bad thing, to say it on the spot. So many wrong things had happened here, and they kept coming. 'Is anyone there?' 'I'm the appointed inquisitor and there had been a murder. 'Looking through the pan glass of the closed door, he took a nothing but a glance. That mutt was still there waiting, he thought. At least I'll have some loyalty be felt for the last moments. It was almost as if they had done it on purpose to drain the victim's entire lifeblood through the entire complex. 'You, don't move!' 'The figure laid at the end of the corridor, seeming at the door from which the blood had started. A slam came as sound as possible. 'I'm coming for you. 'Before another door could open from the side, most likely a neighbour that had nothing to do with this entire issue, he was silenced by the inquisitor. 'Stop, stay in the house. No one is to leave their proximity while I'm here. 'Only now he realised just how much of a problem wearing his heavy armour was like. It really started staggering around after an entire day in the sun. Nonetheless, he reached for the door and kicked it open. The scene was one of disaster and of a fight. Everything was thrown in every direction, broken glass, vases, not to mention an open window. Past the pool of blood, he jumped over, only to reach the window and see no figure standing anywhere on the street.

'Damn him, he escaped. 'He shook his pesky pieces of hair and looked around. This was a scene that held no boundaries, especially once he looked at the ceiling. 'Whatever he did to you, this isn't right, it just isn't right. 'The inquisitor said to himself, after witnessing the scene. It was a strange thing that he hadn't noticed it as the first thing upon entering the house. Unavoidable, to say the least, his guts were strings on the top of the ceiling as if he was about to remake the man's entire anatomy. 'Why did you have to do this, why?' 'Before anyone else could surprise him, he saw a pair of cat's eyes just peering around the corner. He found the most inopportune moment to eat an apple, not to mention that he did it while staring at the ceiling. 'I told you to wait for me there. "I'm sorry Inquisitor, but there are people trying to get out, I'm afraid there's nothing I can do. They have people coming to clean this, this' they said at least. "Very well, go and ask the owner of the place, he should have a pair of keys for this room. After that, lock it and make for the prison centre. Oh, and make sure that if anyone gives you some dark glance or tries pushing your around, tell them that you're following my order. "As usual, sir. 'The man excused himself, hiding the knife behind a place one wouldn't truly even know where to find it. He started at the blood and followed it on the way. 'Sir, sir, I think you've missed something. "What now Rollo? 'We've got no time to lose. "This sir, it's important. 'It was the rest of the organs, suspended atop of the ceiling, dripping no drop of blood. They had been drenched clean of that, for certain. 'He's mocking is, he must be, that damn cretin, bastard, this just keeps getting better and better. Go and do what I told you. 'Before a moment came where the people living there might've made a seen, he

almost yelled. 'I said no one gets out yet now that there has been a crime. Until I give the order as the appointed Inquisitor Cato, you are to remain where you are and not move a muscle. 'He stormed immediately towards the thing he had avoided for the entire duration of his stay. So close, I was so close to the damn murderer and he escaped. 'It was that rage that forced him to avoid eye contact while this entire procedure was on-going. For once in his life he didn't appear to hate this thing, as well as it did him no good. 'Well, are you prepared to take the corpse or not?' Looking around, the two men had still been guarding the woman there, who was now sitting on her arse, melting behind their man-made shadows. 'I'll die with her for now. 'Two nods and they were gone inside, looking at the corpse and the blood. 'Well, I presume you've had nothing to do with it. "Nothing at all, I was just heading back home from the washing. "Then you saw the corpse and ran towards us?" That's how it goes, sir. 'She hadn't the face of a killer either, not to mention that she was almost as clean as if she wore her clothes wet. On an impulse, he removed his metal glove to feel around her collar and her arm. As dry as if worn in the very sun. 'You may go. "Thank you, sir. 'The maiden was immediately on her feet and made for every bit as far as she would be able. Certainly, there wasn't anything at all he could've done about her, she didn't appear to have known. 'Cover this up, we'll have just so much more to take care off. "Did you hear that?" It was the mid-day and the windows hadn't been properly closed. Blaming the wind was to be the last thing they wanted to do, especially at a time like that. Katherine had been noting and writing everything down, down to the most obscure event which might've happened. At the word, she noted. 'You were right madame, there's been another murder in the town, something of a few hours behind. "Thank you, dismissed. 'With a wave of the hand, she thought about how everything fit inside with the rest of events that happened. The king most likely lied about knowing the identity of the murderer. Looking at the papers which one of her servants brought, she became aware of the fact that there were plenty of similarities between the murders. More precise, the murders of the lords in their mansions and private mansion and. 'Then you suddenly changed from focusing on them onto the common man. 'It was at least intriguing, as she thought of it. Either that or there might've been another. No, but the papers says it right. "Stabbed, organs ripped out, dragged across the complex. At least, three pairs of guts were hanging?" For that alone, this wasn't a murder of the mundane order, with such a thing as three possible victims. Time passed ever since they had the funerals, and even those were private enough, making the disposal of bodies utmost efficient. Without a doubt, they couldn't have reached the bodies and taken their guts out without notice, unless it went even deeper to the point of having gone. 'Stay in the realms of normality now, let's see. Well, there might've been three murders down there at least. You're bound to get the higher attention and we'll see whenever or not he'll notice. 'His silence was disturbing, as a matter of fact, he hasn't said a word or gave any announcement ever since it happened. To be utmost fair, there hadn't been something like this in any other moment of their lives. It had been his right to refuse entry to the world. 'If only there wasn't a problem with those beasts. 'He knew it as well, their chances having dropped ever since it happened. Fear ran amock throughout days and nights while they whispered. Neither the men nor their lords were that much concerned with the rampant killer. The degeneration continued. 'Well, here's a glass alone. 'Said Katherine, while looking throughout what she's written once more. It was obvious that he was clever enough to know where to find us when we had our meetings. It's a thing that he's going from side to side and getting to murder freely without having to even bother being seen by anyone. No description, no suspects, other than stabs, and many of them have happened in gruesome

ways. 'Madame, there was a present. "Damn it, boy, you've scared me. 'It was during the night and under the candlelight, that she peered at him. She had noticed the finely wrapped thing but dared not say a word other. This couldn't be something she needed or wanted but noticed a pair of eyes, standing tall, behind the door frame. 'May you come closer to receive it?' It was quite beige, a dead colour, but the material could be undeniably good, or a well-done imitation. 'Bring it to me. 'Katherine said while looking at the sides. I could've hired them to guard me all the time if only I knew. Regrets had no place to stay there as she had thought it so. But once she had become aware, they came out of sight, in a sort of manner. Despite that, there still was that feeling as if someone was stalking or creeping around him. 'You'd better give it to me. "No, lady Katherine, please, come. It has to be given to you by hand, here. 'The boy could barely speak, could it be that he was being grabbed even now? The expression on his face, despite the distance between them, made it more likely that way. 'Very well. 'With a sudden step, she walked slowly, having held a small knife she had thought of carrying around. It was indeed held inside a holster, inside her dress, but for the first time, she was sweating as well as they came. By the time Katherine was mid-way to her servant, Diego, was it? She had already dropped a sweat off and got ready to face it. 'Thank you, ma'am, you can't believe how glad I am for you to be here. 'On the fly, he came inside and slapped the door closed. 'What's the meaning of this Diego?' The so-called present was nothing but an empty box, which had a piece of cloth wrapped around it. 'I need a way to make you leave your desk. "Why?" I thought I saw someone creeping at every window around the house, trying to find something or someone. So far, I wasn't certain of it until the moment came when I entered the room. 'One look behind and it was a bothering thing to notice how close her desk was to her window. 'There are a few feet between that and the ground. You don't suppose someone managed to climb up and. 'The boy spoke nothing more but nodded. 'I'm sorry if I might've disturbed you, my lady. "No need, make for your bed and have my desk moved so it faces the rows of books from this library. Just make it so I could look at both my window and door at the same time. "Yes my lady, I'll be on way. "And Diego?" He turned his ears like a puppy once he heard the words thank you, curtsying and bowing like one as well. 'Thank you for your service. 'With another bow he left as well, reluctant to leave the lady alone. But she knew better, that was sure. Neither of them could've been sure where he was inside, not to mention the danger of the boy who was now roaming the mansion through the dark. With an immediate snap, she locked the door before pulling the curtains. Shutting the light wasn't for the faint of heart, though she did it as well, getting as ready as one could be. It was only now that she had become aware that this was happening. But there had been a shimmer of trauma inside her heart. She could only swear by her own that someone was creeping on her from a dark place up high. Regardless of that grim feeling which had nothing to do with reality in her mind, she pulled at the books and turned one of the shelves around. There had been built at least eight hidden room behind each bookshelf as if she wasn't aware of the fact either. It had become quite frequent that she hid. 'You won't find me here, even if you are to break in. 'Luckily for her, each of the rooms had been fashioned for the likes of refuge. It had a soft bed, and enough room to move around and lit a candle without being discovered. Tight but neat, she was ready to go to sleep. Laying straight on the bed wasn't as easy anymore when she had heard the sound of broken glass. No certain thought came through, only the evident. Someone was inside with her, an intruder. He waited for me to close the door and the curtains, Katherine thought. Could it be, were there two? 'With the pieces of cloth pressed around her body, she said no word but waited for something to happen. Anything at all, other than the

glass being continuously shattered on the floor. It must've been his doing, trying to walk as silent as he possibly could. Just go away, go away, please. Each step which had become audible to her made her snap even further than she had originally anticipated. It wasn't as if this could've been any easier for any of them, especially the sleeping servants. But there'd be no help at this hour, none to be sure. Too many had died by his, or their hands. No, one was still inside the house, most likely locked outside the chambers while one was locked with me. Bent and shimmered through, Katherine would stand against the wall which held the books on the other side and listened. He's still there, walking through the dark. There wasn't any button or any mark hidden behind any sort of book, as certainly there wasn't any possible way for him to open it. Nonetheless, when those damned sounds came, it sounded as if he was

blowing through a crooked horn. It was deep and went for long, making it seem as if he was calling for reinforcement, to say the least. Neither of them would've been sure of what was going to happen if the worst case scenario went and she was caught. Wait for it, he won't reach you, he can't. Think straight woman, he won't be able to intimidate you out of your hiding place. It was his song which had made her uncomfortable now. Obviously, he was there even at this time, there wasn't any possible doubt. More so, he must've known that something was off. Pounding on the door with something hard, most likely the horn or what he had. Katherine's heart rate jumped a little at the distinct sound the blunt object made while hitting the door. Though that wasn't the worst thing of all.

There was a pause before the knocking started coming from everywhere. Bookshelves attacked, only that they'd fall. Luckily, he didn't hear her cringe at the moment when the horn hit the spot she was on. Too sturdy of a wall behind to let him know that it was hollow in the back. For the rest of the night, that'd be the only thing remaining in her library, at least until she got the courage to move on and try to get an eye shut. I couldn't help them if I truly wanted to. Neither could them, at least that being sure to some extent. It wasn't until the sound of ripping the door from the other side that she realised that there'd be no sleeping through this night. Both of them were in the room, talking at their heart's content. From the likes of their voices, they were, what people used to call foreigners. Sharp tongue,

droopy accents, or at least even with their tongues most likely on, there'd be no denying in that. It signalled something inside her which made her go at it again, coming close to falling into a convulsion, a shock of some kind.

The fact that they were so close to her, while the thought of her being found crept far too certain to the mind. She tried covering up and waiting, being sure now of the presence or two. From the next half of hour, the conclusion came to be that she wasn't in the library, no in the mess, perhaps somewhere else in the manor. Without the sound of a door opening, it was obvious that one of them broke or cut it down. They finally went away. Though it might've been something which only made her feel selfish, Katherine went away to sleep in the veil of the night, standing in complete darkness. Unable to even say goodnight, at the fear that she might get heard by a sharp ear. It wasn't going as well for those below, especially those crushed by the great fall from above. At least the most accepted factor in this entire problem was the fact that there had been no survivors from the fall. Empty buildings struck by awe laid there, with their wood rotting, stone smashed. One long body, in particular, had been staying there, burnt to crisp, an effigy for those who came from far away to see for themselves. Tribes had perished walking through the damp mists, but this was important to see and note. For, there was nothing like what they've seen around, at least nowhere in the farthest sight. It drove them mad with rage, upon getting closer, some machine perhaps made that coloured mist which mixed with the air. One large breath in and the men were driven to sudden despair and strangle one

another, stab and die. There wasn't any telling what had been the reason behind this mad act, other than despair. 'Despair, please let me despair. 'Said one survivor, with two broken legs. He couldn't act, he couldn't try, not even end him himself, alive. For now, the darkness fell throughout the world, even though the ever-expanding pit. It brought nothing but a paradox into the sky, bringing light into a place that would vanish. A world that was meant to be destroyed. Even now they hunted, relentless at night, wriggling beasts devouring everything in sight, now that their long-awaited hunger had finally come to pass. Roars and shrieks came as each and every one of their hundred mouths opened and started chewing on everything which had come into their reach. Tree, stone, dirt, even the occasional woman who had failed to run. Everything had to be clean before the end had come. Down there, nonetheless, corpses fought, ran through the mist, no lesser than the living counterparts they fought. Factions that still managed to have at least a living thought. 'We formed this alliance in the hope we would end. The threat that's before us and wants us dead. This curse will not end until we die, but rather to keep these bloated parasites alive, which might spread, make sure you aim for them. 'He'd be captain, now that he had his force. A crew would be more fitting, though this sea was dry and filled with as much of the despair as he had ever seen in a lifetime. In his thoughts alone he still fought for one purpose above all, revenge. To make that man suffer. Let me live a little longer. Despite everything which was forgotten, something inside him kept the memory of his torture, while it attempted to eat him alive, rather than the fond ones of his childhood. 'Are we prepared lads?' From the looks on their faces, eight men, broken as much as him. Once they opened their mouths, they had noticed just how far this impediment went. Neither of them could force a coherent sentence, not to mention that it was undoubtedly obvious that he was not any different than the rest of them at all. 'Let's go them, lad!' He shouted, leaving more of an instinct and signing up for the rage induced force-driven assault that was to come. Some were sitting unprepared, though at once they came and cut them through. The many fashioned weapons made from sharp sticks and metals bands, from which there laid a sword. In the hand that cut the man apart, revealing the many fleeing runts. 'Crush them!' As much as he wanted to end them all, he settled down with squeezing those little things, with their many legs and slithering feelers. Out from their bodies came out the blood and what they had drained. For a moment of supreme control, he was still bothered by the fact that those parasites inside of him just let him slay as many of their species as he would. Do they not expect us to come after them in the end? He wondered. 'That one as well, I saw him move. 'The gurgling sound which came out of his mouth still bore something through. It was surprising to see that it wasn't his crew which reacted first, but the creatures themselves. All of the sudden, the neck snapped, pushing itself out along with the head, as well as every limb in his body. Each one of them had taken care of the torso and used it as some sort of cover while attempting to make it through. 'Stop it before it gets away. 'As they noticed and ran, they had still kept the eye contact, rightly so, after taking the biggest rock they could do for together, it came to the point of crushing the meat. It suffocated those things inside the ground, from which there wasn't any escape under the extreme weight forced upon them. 'Good one lads, but it isn't over yet, we need better tools and armour to be certain. 'The gurgling thing had stopped, leaving only but a bloating sound coming from his innards each time he spoke. Straightly disturbing, to say the least, they followed him through the mist and right into the forest. At least the forest had still been as healthy as it could be in the conditions. Knowing that he wouldn't be understood, he pointed at one of them. 'The one with the sword, come to me. 'What followed next for as long as they could do for, they started cutting and

fashioning of spears. 'Straight, like a plank, then just go around. 'It was as fast as he could do, luckily, one had carried a hidden knife which had only recently become useful. Now they ran through, ready to impale through each piece which had those parasites inside. Any bulk or raising of the skin. Though as they returned back to the place from which they had left, it had become obvious that the missing limbs, the arms, the head. They've gone away when we were missing, but how could it be? It was a fact that there hadn't been enough time for them to move through, it would be noticed. It was something which bore through as the impossible goal, unattainable by the dead man roaming out there. As much as he wanted to do, there still came to it as well. 'That's it, we'll change our plan.

'That was it for him, wherever he was hiding. Despite the glances, he took the sword and started leading them through the mists. 'This this we'll find it and make sure that he won't survive it either. 'Though unknowingly, he was set forth the road, where there might've been no return because of his choices. It was the capital, alas, the piece of it which stood as far off from the sky as it might. Everyone was damned. As much as the pioneers of the mortal world looked at night and stood watch, they were not approached by those parasitic beings. Living bodies hurt them so, bearing pain and having them melt away only by a touch. Being a fact alone wasn't going to help, as there had been night apparitions, men that came and attacked the holds. None of them ever succeeded so far, though the time of change was coming, sooner or later, none would escape. The raising of the kingdom, soon or too late. He bore a dark grin for the entirety of time, when all of the sudden, the three of them raised from the ground. It was nothing but a dream of escape, shared in-between them. Tom most surprisingly so, had dreamed what followed next, especially his house, the home, the cold and the sky. Seeing everything normal again, as well as going to the pond alone. It was the point where their common dream departed. Balstar had gone to a different place, going by the same goal and getting himself the tower. By the time he was laying at the top, he threw a glance at the other side to notice the other tower and Augur in it as well, waving at his friend. As much as this mad goal remained, both seemed to have been happy with their taken choices. Everyone but Tom, walking through the cold day alone, one thing still refused to leave his mind. On the frozen pond, there laid a frozen boat, atop of the frozen lake, standing all alone. There were some small dark bodies underneath, too late to do anything about by now. Each and every single one of them had most likely been caught by the coming snowstorm that shook the entire land, Tom is no exception. Yet more than a glance, there hadn't come before he went on his way without questioning or daring to look back. There was a supreme need to go and take a look at the familiar home, to see his friends, his parents and those of which he didn't know. But as much of an effort as he tried pretending, there just wasn't enough time. At least not while it started swallowing his home. That damn pit came back and broke a piece of it without even a warning. Tom took a glance and saw it through, it fell as a slender, no, thin disk that decimated a piece of it, and made everyone disappear. 'No, mother!' He shouted but no one heard him until he realised he was awake. At the sound of him shouting, everyone was awake. A new line of torches started, with as much light as it could've come. 'Ready to go now, I suppose?' Asked the creature, without a doubt having no name. 'What should we call you, if ye don't mind me asking?' Came forth Augur, as active as he usually was by the time the other two still rubbed at their ankles. 'You can call me the Guardian. "No, no, no, I mean your name, given word that refers to you. I'm Augur, that's my companion Tom, and the man wearing a cage over his face is Balstar. 'They had all been distinct to the tongue, as well as to the ear. While he was prepared to repeat the word Guard, Augur stopped him with his sharp voice. 'Gurdan, that sounds

like a start, wouldn't you agree?"Gurdan?"He repeated it as well as he realised that there was quite a slip on the mouth. 'Don't make him call himself the first thing that came out now. "Do you have any better idea?"I do, as a matter of fact, why don't we let him choose whenever or not he wants or needs a name, shouldn't that suffice for anyone?"But boss, the name, it's given. How could it be that he's giving it to himself?"Augur, just let it, I mean let him choose whatever he wants to. 'Neither of them was about to bother him, though something was obviously going on. 'He seemed to have had a bad dream, at least, obviously, it was to be avoided. 'What would you have named me?'All of the sudden, he asked Tom. Out of the three of them, he appeared to have been the most distracted. He was busy eating some of the saved lichens they had found on the road. Chewing it made him want to have something else and better, though, in desperate times, there came the need. 'Perhaps we could call you Moss then?"Moss and Gurdan?Are neither of you capable of coming up with something better than that?"I was about to suggest. "No Augur, no more naming as of yet, I'm putting a hold on the entire operation until we're done eating. 'This came as no shock but the big one refused to eat. As much as he waited, there came a time for him to act on the need to get out. One big door laid just a few feet away, and as he started approaching it, there wasn't any doubt about the point where the other had previously stopped. With a sudden flex, his fist came down and broke through the stone as if he was ripping mere planks of wood. The violent thing came to break through like a machine. It was ancient architecture, thought for the time being neither of them cared for anything less than escaping. 'It seems like we're ready to go, come on before he starts bringing the entire thing to the ground. 'Balstar had been prepared ever since the noise started. As for avoiding the pieces that fell, there wasn't any reason for them not to hurry. After all, just as well, there wasn't any possibility for them to get hurt anymore despite being unprepared for what was to come. 'Careful Balstar, if the tunnel collapses, we might be buried inside. "I know the lad, better hurry in that case. 'The three had followed as the creature made a path straight ahead, going on a raising curved, to the point where they had stopped and reached the back of a sturdy wall of stone. Not even strength alone could've torn through. Lights came at once, on this newly discovered sight. All of them stood and looked around, only to wonder at the many spread-out rooms which laid there. 'We'll have to reach around and walk. 'At this they agreed with him, deciding to follow the one with the most experience. 'Do you think this might take any longer?"I am certain it will, boss, there's no need to bother our new friend now. 'Uncertainty was bored at his deaf voice. He was going to lead regardless of what was about to happen, though now there laid an incentive. 'What exactly is this place?"Tom was first to stand upon the threshold of the first room. By the time he came closer, he had noticed something peculiar. Pieces spread across, multiple types of limbs by the ranks of which he had never seen before. Giant heads that were sharp, multiple eyes, laid on a table, each faced a side and blinked at intervals. 'What is it, Tom?"They both enquired but stopped at a sign from the boy. To be sure about it, this wasn't something to be looked at, least by some pioneers which wanted to escape. More importantly, there were some human limbs here and there, indistinguishably so. Without a doubt, they had been taken without even the consent, or to say the least desire of the dinner. 'We need to go before we find out something made of the pieces like these ones here. "The sight disturbs you then?"He asked, though judging by the facial change in him, even he was surprised to see what parts they had been using. 'Let's go, before something creeps behind us. Look, boss, the light had already started dying there, far in the back. 'One by one torch stopped lighting the past rooms, stopping as to never reach at least eighty feet from them. It wasn't normal, at

least from their perspective, but neither was this place nor any of the rooms. 'Shh. 'The creature made a sign as they advanced forward, now that it had noticed it too. But one of the next rooms, past the many pieced deposits which had by now many limbs just piled together and abandoned laid a sleeping anomaly. One could find no other word for it, other than to describe it as a four-legged thing, with jagged toes and sharp nails which had been attached to a giant swelling head. It had protrusions of blind eyes, the type that had belonged to old bats that had lost most of what they could've been. One thing was more important to note, being seeing at an angle, its mouth was obviously underneath the body, snoring, pushing forth a hot breath. Despite this experiment, by the time they each went on at a time, Tom had seen it and looked away. Balstar glanced and saw the mouth and a sharp tongue just laying. The only one who saw most of it was him and Augur. When his turn came, he had noticed just how many of the corpse pieces it had eaten rather than defend them. Some of it had been alive as well. 'Why don't we kill it before it wakes up and kills us?' 'He won't bother us now. I don't think so. 'He hadn't appeared to have been certain of its capabilities either, as it had been. At least it was certain that pain would seem to come for it if it woke up and tried anything. Other than that, they looked and checked through all the rooms. Some had been pieces nibbled on, by smaller pairs of mouth, others had some unfinished creatures laid in sharp metal strings by their every side. 'For how long should be roaming through?' 'I do not know the upper side of this, I've been stuck down there for as long as I was aware. "Must be amazing finally escaping through and leaving this damn cage. "You have no even the slightest clue. "Tom, I know it's hard to pronounce, but it's Tom. 'The mutual nod was only disturbed by the look behind. As the temple curved, it was obvious that it had been perhaps too large to be a mere place of recollection. Taking the curve made them realise that this was where a part of it ended and where they had found the rest of the ancient city. At the top of it, all laid a ceiling of stone, spreading across as if it were the sky. 'Duck, now. 'They all sat at one passing giant who appeared to have passed one of the many tall bridges that came about. From the looks of the houses, they appeared more like deposits where they either store resources or using them for housing the enormous being in case of hurt. As damned as it sounded, the sound of water underground and the sight of lichen and moss growing in those places gave them the least bit of hope. 'What is this place?' 'Shh, don't make them notice us now, don't forget that we're not exactly wanted around here. "Boss, I'm afraid, where is the escape?' 'This shouldn't have happened at all, but I think we're lost. 'Augur was already rubbing his toes and looking at the spear. Poor man, Balstar thought, he thinks he stands a chance against everything that's out there. Surely, he couldn't think that even with such a tall thing like Gurden, as he called him there was a chance. No, they would surely just overthrow him by mere number alone, which had been obvious by sight alone. Three, no, eight had passed that bridge above them by now, one would tend not to look death in the eye anymore, as pointless as it'd be. 'Well, where to now?' 'Lad, I think it's fair to say this is where our journey ends. We could still make all the way back from where we started and see whenever or nor there's something else we could take. Perhaps we may even convince someone to come with us and dig through the ruins left by the tunnel. "It wouldn't be anything else but for a waste of time Bal. I think we should follow him, at least until we get to a point where there's nothing we could do, you know?' 'Risk our way out as they say. You don't mind that either, do you?' 'We need to get outside as well as you do, perhaps even more. 'Staring and Gurden, made him feel like there was an unevenness between them. They all wanted freedom after all, but they weren't sure how much he wanted it. Seeing him stare at the architecture and everything which had been laid around could've fooled each

and everyone of all. He wants to stay, most likely, needs to do it. 'If you want to remain here, it's your choice.

You've already done more than enough now, breaking through the damn closed gates. Perhaps if you'd like, we could just part out ways and find an exit for our own. 'At the end of Tom's voice, he still made no attempt to leave a response whatsoever. It was a state of supreme silence and thought in which he weighed his options. Despite every chance to turn around, seeing this place for what it truly was made him regret a choice he had thought was made. 'We're going to head for your world now, as I have said. Need to wait now, for a good chance and make it through the city. 'They were ready to stay behind him and hide rather than risk anything else close to a fight. As much as they seemed different from the others, there wasn't any way they could risk it. 'We need to go now. Stay behind me and don't blink. 'As they formed a line, dark and blind, followed by what seemed to be a walking path under the bridge. They'd pass many buildings this way, though there had been a doubt that someone even lived inside of them.

No sleep, no hunger, nor thirst, but decay bored their bodies into the most wicked state. With each stride, they walked as if ready to notice that there had been intruders. Despite their best attempts to remain concealed, their presence came to notice. 'Look, Tom, I think one of them peered at me just now. "Don't push our luck now, no need to have them follow us as well. Stay behind and don't try making any noise. 'The man nodded, though still tried looking at it from an angle. Too many of them laid around, having taken this city as their own. Not to mention the fact that they were still working on the construction in awe. 'Stop right there, I'm not sure you're ready to see it. 'Right where the track had ended, there laid a plain, almost empty piece of decorated land. They had stacks of boxes and materials stacked there, for they were ready for the construction of some functional statuette. By the likes of it, standing against the giant inner structure in the middle, it almost resembled with their default face, more serpentine in nature. It was made out of something fashioned to work on rotative mechanisms. That alone was obvious when tests came and it started moving the giant wheels which laid in the place where shoulders might've been. A trivial, antiquated sort of device, though the scale alone was menacing. 'Tom, look, I think that could be the exit, just at the end of the bridge. "I think we have more problems to concern ourselves with at this moment in time. "The lad is right, we cannot let them go on ahead and finish that thing. What happens the moment when it starts moving now? They could march through outside and crush every fort and every entry point out there until there's nothing left. And when it's done? Why I've got no doubt that there could be a workaround that it would try getting to the capital and ruin it as well. "So what are we going to do about it then? It's not like we've got the strength. 'Judging by how much emphasis Tom had placed on the word, Gurden had already paid enough attention to know that he was needed as well. 'We're asking perhaps too much out of you now and I'm not sure there's something for you in case. "Show me the outside world and where I may roam alone undisturbed. 'This came more like a deal than anything they would've thought off. 'It's done, to be sure that we need to ruin their project and make for the outside world, both me and my companions. We'll make sure that you'll be able to go wherever your heart desires after that point. 'They seemed to have already been connected in thought. He accepted nonetheless, though not because he cared much about what was to happen to their world. It was obvious that this gigantic construction of theirs would certainly disturb his journey through the outside world. Not to mention that he'd be judged to be on their side by his appearance alone. 'We'll see it through if that pleases you all. "It's the right thing to do, we just sabotage it and make for the exit. As simple as a plan like this I doubt there might come. 'Balstar was already preparing, though he had a

small knife, it didn't matter much. Comparatively, Tom was a bit smaller than both of them in stature and held no weapon. Augur still held it as tight of a spear as he might, wondering at last whenever or not he'll need to use it now. Without a doubt, they waited no longer and started following it. 'We'll go around the boxes and what they laid out there. "Make sure that you won't be seen from above the bridge. "Don't worry about us. 'Added Tom, looking forward to it. 'We've been through worse. At least I've been, compared to which I'm sure we'll do better. 'He tried to look forward and caught him in a net which laid on the ground. A sharp swipe from the knife Balstar carried promptly made the boy rejoice. 'We'll be fine. "Meet me at his right arm then, we'll start with the least watched side. There don't seem to be as many occupied there as there'd be on any other side. 'A good sight as well by Gurden, the creature seemed to have qualities which were hard to counter by themselves. Before nodding, each made a run for it at a time, making sure neither of them could be seen by the passing ones. What could they be carrying outside and why the hard work all of the sudden? Tom appeared to be more interested in their dealing rather than he was on exiting. An idea dawned on him as much as he had pondered on their sizes. Looking at some above, from a hidden point, he noticed that smaller carrying containers which might've had enough space for them to fit in. The very least could be said in case they had the insides of the container emptied before they went in. 'Well, I think I know how to have our escape plan settled. "Great need Tom, but we have to get to that point before anything else. First, we need to take care of it as well. "Well, don't you have something at you that might be helpful, anything at all?" Nothing that might be of use, unless you could the making of fire. 'Balstar showed a small machine he had carried, it was somewhat of the sort of strong torch that might be closer to melting iron than to lighting fires. 'That's as good as it gets, unless there's a problem, look at the frames, they're made out of sturdy wood. It's a beginning. "Good thinking lad, but that won't ignite on its own. 'Augur was already standing many feet in front of them, looking above and ready to make a sign. As much as the creatures were uninterested in what they were doing, neither of them would risk the chance. Once their conversation paused, Tom was the next one to make for a spring to the other side of what seemed to have been a mill. Tom recognised it immediately without a second glance. 'They've been outside, but, how could it be? It's a mill. "It's magnificent, isn't it. Not very useful with the wind down here though. 'Looking at it almost made him remember the smell of hot bread being made when his parents had sent him in his younger days. Even now, it still had something gripping him, by the smell and appearance, not to mention the good times in his memory. 'Lad, you'd better not slack now, don't forget where we are now. There will be plenty of windmills to go through. 'The man bit his lip at the sight of the creatures approaching. Either they've seen or heard something now. There wasn't any sight of Gurden either, compared to which those who now came appeared to have been freshly created. 'Inside the mill, now. 'Luckily, the door was left open by the previous inhabitant, not that there was a choice in that matter either. From the looks of it, they had taken it off by the ground, pulling it through by force alone. Despite their expectations, after closing it, there weren't any remains of the previous owner, if he had been caught when this happened. Rather, there were the bones of what might've been a fat, big-boned pig, laying somewhere around. He wore pieces of cutlery around him like weapons and some of the metal pots like armour. 'Something cleaned these bones. "Augur, shhh. Either keep it low or don't speak at all. I think they're coming. 'Each of them grabbed something of the facility which laid around. The entire mill started shaking by the likes of it. 'We're being brought there. 'Noticed Tom at least, though more importantly than that, he had noticed that most of the wood which

laid inside had been properly preserved. Once he realised that four of them might've been outside carrying it, he stopped struggling or saying anything. It had to wait. There was still a long trip to their construction and the mill was heavy enough. The remains of the pig suddenly started sliding on a side and wickedly make a sound each time it bounced against something. 'Pshh, I saw you come inside. 'A voice said, as silently as it stood near the door, Augur was the closest one to hear. 'It couldn't be. . . Gurden, is that you carrying us to the spot?'The sounds took a while to come again, though there was a confirmation which came through. 'Keep silent until I warn you. 'He said, at least that was what Augur made out of it to the others. In return, he threw a couple of hand signs for Balstar would get them. 'He's trying to stay that he's one of those carrying the mill to where we need to go. 'The whispers stopped once the hard rocking had begun. It wasn't that they were afraid that something was to be done about the mill though they needed to get the materials eventually. One way or another, they would face the first three or four who were to pull it into pieces. Balstar came forth, as close as he could to Tom without making any noise whatsoever. 'Lad, I don't think we'll deal with so many, at least if they start knocking the mill around. There's something I've been thinking about but I'm sure you won't agree with it. "No, have some trust in me and our new friend now, it's too late for you to have a chance in mind, remember?I was supposed to be the one who'd lead us. As silly and childish as it might've sounded, you were right, I was, am the best choice to take the best decision now. Now, if you may stand about your place, we'll follow the plan and see through it. "But lad. "He's right boss. 'Without noticing, Augur had already snicked behind, even though the tiled ground rock a little back and forth, he still managed to get a hold of him. That carried on as soon as he was certain he'd listen. 'Both him and I are already on the same plane, I don't want to give up either. Especially now with Gurden who's as close now as he is. "Neither of you understands what I'm talking about, I'm just thinking for the best course of action we should take. Even with his help, this plan seems as if it's too dangerous to go on like this. 'With a sudden push, it was the first time the middle had stood still and not tilted as it was planted when they had originally come inside. If Balstar thought this plan to be dangerous, he'd come as mad upon hearing what Tom thought of doing next. They might've been as close as it came through, as the rocking stopped and they were about to feel something of a stop. 'We won't have a second chance, it may be that we'll die at their hands. "Stop thinking that way Balstar. If you still don't understand that we'll go through not, you can stay behind and take whatever choice you want to. 'Suddenly the door opened and there was only a beast that signalled with its hands. Judging from the mark left by Augur, it was the same one, which followed. Augur went outside first and peered around. 'It's safe to come. 'Moments later he was already out of sight. Strangely, he wasn't as attached to stay behind and wait for Balstar to make his choice. 'Whatever you want to do, remember that we still have a plan to escape once we deal with their giant. 'Tom was the second to come out and hide behind Gurden, who laid crouched. It appeared as if they had prepared many small functional things they might've taken from outside and ravaged through them for pieces. Sort of a bizarre way, they were alike in that manner, with the taking of what it didn't belong to them. Augur even came with a wicked smile now and then. Judging by the size of it, this wasn't to be an easy task, at least not one for their number. 'Do we have a plan then?"I don't think we have, perhaps. Say, Gurden, if you don't mind me saying that name. Do you suppose we could do something about that head?It does seem as if the support under it ain't going to last as much as they hope it would. 'That size of it was huge, not to mention that the trajectory would most likely crush whatever laid in from, including a piece of the basin and its own legs. Seemingly,

it would be the piece of resistance, the final attack. 'If you're willing to go on with this mad plan, we'll need to sabotage both of the arm mechanisms as well. Make sure they won't know how to repair it in case they'll go on and attempt to rebuild it. 'That familiar voice never appeared to surprise them either. Despite what was said and done, both of them knew the caged man would come back one way or another, even with his broken will. 'It won't be easy, and I doubt there might be much to do, but we need to get through them at the same time. "That might work as well, then we could crush the neck and make out for it. "About that, Tom, how exactly do you suppose we'll make it through. "All right, Gurden, do you think you could bring one of those containers laying around and carry it with us inside?"I might. 'Came the voice, while never having changed position. He was still trying to peer and look forth, though they were still busy at work, too much so to even notice them yet. 'Whatever it is, we should take a decision before they decide to bring more here. "Any container would do, as long as we are to make some holes inside of it and get carried out. 'With it settled they appeared to be as prepared as they might possibly be. It was close to nothing now, compared with the fact that there weren't any options. Before going ahead, one more time. 'Gurden you'll help us with the neck once we're done. Have a large or at least medium container emptied somewhere just so we'd be safe. 'He was already going through them to be sure that it'd be safe. By the time they had crawled in those holes, there was no one laying in there. Though what had been more close to their proximity laid the damn core of that thing. Most important of all, a giant red ball made of pieces, incomplete. It shined and made each of them wonder whenever or not they should continue off to steal it. Gurden might carry it, thought Balstar while caught off guard by ill desire. He just needs to make some space, enough that one of us might be left behind, just in case we couldn't share it. All of the sudden, Augur's spear looked delightful. Speaking of which, he got affected in the same way, it pleased him to think of the fact, though nothing bothered him more than the thoughts of abandoning his fellows. Now they came as visions of the man with antlers, who owned a pair of beasts and made them carry that thing for him, alone. No more boss, no more of the young lad, just me, out there, with this belonging all to me. Such a treasure might've cherished enough that it might've gotten a hold of Tom. Though its effect had nothing on him, after all this time he had held that thing around his chest, hidden and protected. 'Shouldn't we be doing something about?'The missed opportunity revealed what laid above of them. It wasn't just one giant incomplete red gem, but two more which were complete. Both Augur and Balstar were too self-absorbed to notice what had been going on there, but judging by the side of which they were obviously set to be forced into sockets. Despite the fact that they laid in the wooden socks, it still managed to appear like well to carry on the plan. For a moment then, the whispers came again from above. 'I've found something which might interest you. 'Almost thrown away from their delight, both Balstar and Augur came and took some of the hay which had been brought. It was the moment for Tom to approach, now that he noticed it. 'I don't know what's happening with them?Ever since we got in here, it looks as if they can't take their eyes off those red globes up there. "Make sure they'll burn and melt. It may take even more time if I think it is what I think it is. 'Which brought him back where he had studied the markings on the walls. At least when it came to hearing the description of what they looked like and exactly what they appeared to be. 'Make sure they won't be standing too much in their sight unless you want them to turn on you. 'With which he had already left, leaving him alone. As much as he wanted to trust them, it seemed as if they had been preparing the hay around the wooden pillars for far too long. Neither of which made any other move than shuffling it around. 'Balstar, Augur, I

think both of you might need to let me deal with this. It would be better that way. 'Before anyone could be turned, they both made it seem as if their walk was fake. One a sudden shift, the spear changed hands from one to another, ending in Augur's back. It was low enough that he fell in pain, where he started shaking viciously. There wasn't anything else but a self-audible silent shriek as the other man approached. 'Gurden, help me, something wrong happened to him and I don't know what to do. 'Moments passed to nothing on the other side. Tom called again but the man was approaching. With something of a fractured red eye, he came close to it, at least at this moment while it just so happened for their companion to bleed to death. I need to escape before he kills me, thought Tom. But the moment he left, that of which he knew, that would've sealed his friend fate. Moments passed and that pointed thing had the blood going well down. Regardless of what was to be decided, the lad had known that he'd do something.

When on a sudden noted, he reached inside his shirt, right as Balstar was ready to tear one of his eyes out. Tom threw what laid inside his shirt as far as he could, bouncing against the bigger one, then falling on the ground. 'Take it, take it all, just leave us. 'Without a thought of coherence, Balstar dropped the damn spear, which Tom pushed away and made for Augur. 'You'll be fine, we just need you to hold on to. 'The end of which wasn't known to him either. Judging from the mark which was left on his back, there wasn't much he might've been able to do. Whatever might happen from this moment on, this was about to solve their problems, as well as he was right about those globes giving the energy which was needed. 'You damn brat. 'Balstar yelled once he realised he had left his back exposed. The lad had already taken the small fire device and lit it. Moments before the man was ready to follow and attack him such a rabid animal would, he threw it in the hay. A burst of fire, something might've been doused in there. It followed like a gulping skull which extended its jaw around the wooden structure. 'Balstar, we need to escape now, before it's late. 'Tom noticed that the man took out the coat he was wearing and already tried putting off the fire. It only worsened the situation. Not to mention that Tom had already been shoulder to shoulder with Augur, trying to get him first before the smoke-choked both of them. Either of them would've fallen from exhaustion, as it was clear that the man over his shoulder was fatally stabbed. Ready to choke ahead, Tom almost yelled into his proper ear. 'Augur, move on, please, we need to get out. 'It was pointless, as he thought, the man was gone, bleeding, seeing how the spear entered the end far too deep and cut to a vital point. 'What have you done?'The lad asked the man, seeing how the cage was melting over his face. The fire started engulfing him before he realised that this was the end for both of them. 'Gurden, help me, I do not know what to do. 'His voice was about to perish once he was each of the holes which were covered. It was the same moment when he realised that there wasn't an exit.

Executions seldom had those sort. At least, it was undeniable that those orbs were melting, falling over and melting bits of what had remained of the caged man. Despite Tom looking in a different direction, the smoke had already taken whatever desire to fill his lungs with air might've been there. He fell and couldn't raise, impaled by a flying piece of wood, there wasn't a way he could even scratch though. Pointlessly, he extended his hands and started scratching at the stone which blocked the holes. It took moments for him to realise that it was the same mill they had been carried with. Closer, so much closer, to home, just a little longer. Thought Tom as he watched the road. The weather was dark, the storm and the black clouds were covering the way, now that he became aware. No birds flying in the sky, nothing that he knew, just this empty road, where he was lost. When the entire thing fell into ruin, once the orbs fell into one another, pushing pressure through the entire attempt of a machine. Still, it seemed as if the

arms had a last attempt to move into directions as they fell apart and to the sides. On that very moment, as it came to be destroyed, the piece of it which reigned the highest fell into the biggest building and broke it apart. Stone by stone was crushed and destroyed. It was even by this point that there was a need for them to notice, where every creature suddenly stopped from their busy walking to observe. A mad thing which had not even a precedent or a plan set for them that might've helped them to realise what was about to be done next. Only one creature still continued the stroll, carrying the container and acting as natural as it seemed. For a moment, he had looked behind to see whenever or not one of the little ones might've come outside, though he soon came to the realisation that this was their end. With that apart, as well, no one was to disturb his exploration of the outer world. No one, to be sure of it. There would be no attempt, nor any acknowledgement of their existence, just supreme death. Which still reigned below, unknown to others. As the fire ended, darkness and stillness laid supreme. The creature named as Gurden was gone, Tom, Balstar and Augur were gone as well. Outside, the world had barely known them, for the sky was still falling apart. Bigger problems had been running so. It was the time for them to arrive. Through his box, he saw it so, that in a day, two, or even so, they'd come to strike at his capital, it seemed. After their defeat, there would come the time to rebuild it. 'What should we do?' The king wondered, gnawing at his claws. As for the moment, every side, from every bridge, lower region throughout and the higher ramps had been protected it appeared as if.

There wasn't any time to deal with the small common bandits or low time murderers, as long as the cannons remained untouched. It was obvious that even the dumb ones had the common sense not to ask for it and go for them. Not that they hadn't known that the thing was supreme of pain. Flashes, sparks and fuel came hand in hand.

The men, women and children would be placed down into the prisons for protection, at least those who hadn't refused to leave their houses. As for the prisoners, they were set as far as they might've been, even cage by cage, taunting and trying to make as much noise and intimidate the meat which laid around. It frightened the children, just to look at them and how they acted, though the choices were limited. For, they knew well that it was dangerous to reign outside. Only the brave ones, or the mad, fools and the lords stood forth and rule over the barren abandoned buildings in the capital. As dangerous as it were, they were right to do it so, as the buildings could most likely withstand, not to mention that the mansions were almost to the point of being called small castles. 'Who's there?' Asked the king, on a sudden impulse. While he had heard a song, he pushed forth the cube and looked throughout the veil around his hall. The waiting room was filled with gloom, though there wasn't any way for anyone to get through without his notice. 'What might it be now? A burglar, a killer, someone to make my due?' The guards were just around the pillar and without a way to let anyone through. 'Who is it?' With a sudden creaking sound, it was one of the guards he had sent for Katherine, standing by the door, frightened by the sudden outburst. A display which might've sent any lesser being into a full-fledged flight. She waited, the two hired swords behind her as well. It seemed as if they had been there with her ever since they had been acquainted when she was closer to the age of being young. An approximation wouldn't do her any good, not that it wasn't appropriate, to say the least. 'Why aren't you hiding yet? Don't you know by now that they're already on their way? Have you not heard of what they've done to the islands and those holds? We've discussed throughout our meetings. There's no reason why you shouldn't be aware of what's coming.' She only got closer with each glance and peered around. 'It's going to be empty here, I mean in the capital for at least some years, if it is for us to survive. "We've been through worse now,

survive through something even more damning. "Have we? I don't think you've ever faced something like this, at least never before of this magnitude. 'She still tried peering but saw no expression whatsoever. It was something disturbing about the king which no one who's ever met him managed to take a hold off. 'Well, it's this the reason why you came here? I thought mourning came only after the fact. "No, I've come for something else, rather, an exchange. 'She lowered her red covering cloth at his sight. There wasn't any mention that she followed him into the dark. 'So it's true what they say, about the size of the thing. "It's quite depressing to admit to it, but I've been staying in the waiting room for far too long than to visit this. 'The grand hall waited behind where it almost seemed as if it was a Colosseum by the sheer size and form. Many structured rooms, guardians which laid stone, without giving a sign whenever or not if someone was in the armour. One baffling thing after another came the fact that the torches weren't burning, yet there was light. It was the dark veil which was taken from the room by the skin and thrown in the entrance just that no one would ever know. A few generations down the line and it had become a legend of the sorts. 'It's gorgeous. 'Said Katherine, once she had noticed the finely carved stone, the mighty pillars and the four giant statues kneeling in front of the throne. 'Why have you given up on this? You could've. "Tainted the people who came in here. Though it may be true that the many rooms might've done something to protect there, it isn't as easy as you may think it is. Anyone who steps past the veil isn't any longer what they seem to be. 'She could feel that on herself, having a sudden hatred just bore through, long forgotten as it may. Her hands just wanted to wrap around the king and strangle him like a viper. To bite and eat, but she wasn't damned. 'Does it always happen in like this in the place?" Only ever since we've raised it. Something of the air below, of what lays down there crept inside. I'm afraid there'd be no protection for the people if we were to fall. "Then let them, there's no way to save any of them, so why not save yourself? You could leave me for something small. Perhaps take the castle as well, there needs to be some way. 'The king merely shook his head and glanced still. 'You know Katherine, my dear, this place still brings me more than enough memories of the past. "The good I presume?" Not that there was much of it left, though he could see their ghostly apparition when they'd come, women, men and children, just like they would've been expected to come now. All of which wore robes of some sort. Others from long passed ages before this restriction was applied. 'I still see them come about to listen what had to be said. "About what?" The state of that damn fog, the taint of the land and the reason why plants don't grow anymore. At least not in the places they were supposed to. Can you see that spot right by the kneeling statue on the left?" Katherine nodded as she peered, already she was wearing less than she would've ever expected to have shown. Nonetheless, she was listening to him and nodded. 'I was once told by a man who stood there that there's no other chance now that the land started to erupt. It would've made the capital spread across the continent below, up to the point of having plenty of other kings lay there with their political agendas, need for conquest and war. "So you brought peace then? Was that the reason you've made all of this?" Oh no, Katherine, this wasn't my creation. It was vanity and greed. I hired builders, craftsmen, creators and whatever was needed to satisfy my carving. 'He had already placed his crawling gauntlets around her and pushed her on the cold floor. There wasn't anything sort of frightening than what she felt, though it was also something she wanted to feel at least until the end came. 'It is a memorial for the people I've failed. A symbol of my greed and the need of which I've made it so. But all of that changed and I felt. Unworthy. 'With a sudden caress, he backed up and made it back through the dark veil. As hard and pitiless as it might've been, there wasn't any desire for Katherine to stay and explore the place

either. It would be forever left a mystery in his thought for now. Now that he was aware, his voice rules over as she followed. 'Look throughout the sky and peer at it, they're coming. "Have you not thought of the choice I gave you? There's enough time to save them as well. "And leave what I've been planning over the spans of so many years? We will survive, we have to. "There wasn't any telling on that, as the people shook their heads. Most of them now stood in the barely lit, tight spots, with small made beds and most of the food which was taken from above. At least they could've mentioned of the fact that they had to share upon everything and most of which weren't theirs. 'Look at them, chewing on my crops without having to pay. "What good will it do if there won't be anything to spend on if we don't survive. "I'm telling you, nonetheless, old Cot, no matter what goes down up there, I'll be holding tabs on each and everyone who had ever laid eyes on my work. Mark my words. "That'd be enough, let's not have this go on ahead until it evolves into something which isn't pleasing to the eye. 'Said one of the inquisitors. Strangely, it had been the one who's been outside the most, hunting for whoever that damn criminal was. It was in front of the two men that he announced. 'There's been another murder, down here, it seems. No need to alarm as of yet, but we may have to deal with a rotten one among us. 'Even he couldn't delude every single inquisitor who laid around and the jail master, not on their own ground. At least not in the way they'd expect it to be. 'Listen to me now, I won't have any more of you argue during the crisis, not when you're making everyone around feel nervous. Understood?"Yes, sir!"They both said and went back to their places. It wasn't as if the entire place didn't look like a damn mess filled with tents and small beds, pillows thrown and a general dirt thrown just about everywhere. He went back and watched with the others inquisitors just how many of them had waited in lines designated for the sharing of the food. 'Could this be what we have come to? To be broken as people, butchered as animals and forced into hiding?"You know the alternative, don't you?"They were all aware as he had pointed above at the shaking pieces that fell from the ceiling. It was clear by now that it had already begun. Cannons fired as if they had been trained or used by some master marksmen who knew his way. They threw eight or ten harpoons at a time, modified just so the force would be unbearable to the creatures during their leaps in the air. 'It works, doesn't it? Even Katherine was surprised as she hadn't realised that they had arrived. One had already fallen and crushed one of the far-out farms which laid near the far edges of the kingdom. 'That's. "Nothing, Katherine, look. 'With a sudden end of the two or three that were sent at once, their shrieks as they fell made a signal that they weren't dead. Still, they crawled, safely and slowly, trying their best to gnaw as what they could. But it was clear that they were only scouts that took most of the artillery they could. 'What are they planning on doing now?"With a sudden rush of the storm, the sun was gnawed by the harsh rain. For a moment there, they thought that a rain might've been coming, though shards of snow were present just as well. Lighting rushed in the highest places, suddenly mist covered a dozen places. There wasn't any way to see and note where they had to be dealt with now. 'Without vision, they won't be able to aim. "I'm on it, don't worry. 'Said Katherine, though despite the reassurance which was given, there was still doubt in the many eyes of the king. 'Guards, accompany her and do as she pleases, makes sure you'll kill every single beast you see. 'There came eight of them, which followed. Outside, a number of men which he wasn't expecting waited there unannounced. Combined, their number came something close to twenty, closer to thirty by sight. 'I will remain here and try to help you as well as I can. 'Spoke the king. It was hard to look at one of the giant guardians and imagine him that way, but it was far better that he could speak with each and everyone. Though through only one of them at

a time. They made like the wind, being guided by the guards who knew better about each place which laid inside the mist. 'Each of you forms a small group. 'He said, still trying to find a way as well. His boxes were useless, not that it might've helped either. Though dark wriggling shapes roamed across the sky, undoubtedly ready to crush the entire capital to pieces. 'We'll use two on a cannon this way, one man and one of my guards will manoeuvre the movement while the other deals with the firing. At least, there shouldn't be any problems unless we encounter something as. 'One of them ahead which laid broken. Blood ran through the base, making it seem quite obvious what happens. A few feet away, despite its destruction, it appeared as if its target was achieved. It was only the head of one of those beasts, looking as if it was somewhat merged with the head and something of the base of the small tower which had fired every single harpoon inside its mouth. 'That was a fine job it did. My lady, you should take cover now, before it's late. "No, not until we've dealt with this, understood?I won't abandon my people in this time of need. 'Though that was caught short-handed and out of the speech. It seemed as if one of them floated just above, wriggling with a light which vanished some of the mist around it. They were caught at unaware and ready to be taken apart when it stopped in a shock. Despite what was said, the king stood before them, holding a spear in his hand. It made the wriggling fiend just freeze in sight as if it had seen something of which it wasn't meant to see. The wait wasn't as long as before he threw it thrown the head, right between the nose and eyes, making it wriggle and get lose inside the maze of mist. 'Come already, we've got to carry one before another one comes. 'With their shock in check, the men looked proud to see the king act on his own volition and join them in their time of need. 'Can we carry on then?Each on their way, you heard the king. 'Said of them before they spread like a swarm of insects ready to follow their giant rods. 'Katherine, you must go as well, this isn't a place for a lady. "I can take care of myself, don't worry. You could deal with more help anyway, in this kind of situation. "No, it's far too dangerous for you, promise me that you'll go straight to my door and hide inside the room. There can be no other way than that, please Katherine. 'It was as if their hands were tied there, and at his commands, she nodded. Something they shared then remained unseen by beast or man, as wet as long as it remained, she ran straight ahead where she might've known that it laid. 'Now that it is done. 'Said the king as he roamed through the mist. Looking around made him realised that perhaps he had come too late. Buildings laid in ruins and on a fire. Black smoke replaced the mist. It just happened that he couldn't see anything from inside the castle and neither could he again. 'What's happening?You weren't supposed to be here, not now. Not now, do you hear me?'He almost shouted, driven to a rage. What came forth waiting for him, now that they felt his scent were the crawling creatures he had employed, coming empty handed, wriggling in the air. Their many legs floated but they bore no corpse, not that he hadn't changed his mind. 'You shouldn't have come around there, go away and never return. No one can see you or know that you've been here. No one can know that I've done or put you on. 'At his commands, seeing how he was shaken to the very ground by their presence, they suddenly crawled away, letting him shaken. 'No one will know, no. . . one. 'The king repeated before he saw something he thought there'd be no way of seeing. It was a young girl standing there with a toy bear. She had born witness to the entire conversation before he had become aware of what was happening around. It couldn't have been a mere illusion, the child had seen it all. 'I'm sorry, child, but I'm not the same king you were supposed to know. 'Behind her, he heard the mother's child looking for her, at least just now. 'I must apologise for what's about to come. 'With a glance, he looked around and realised that there wasn't anyone else in sight. The entire place was a disaster, a war

zone filled with secrets. How could another murder make a difference? He thought as he had come close and grabbed her by the head, in the way that there'd be no scream. It was quick enough, that her head snapped, though the thud came as she hit the ground. No blood became involved, but a sudden need of reprise. With a sudden care, he took the body in his arms and started for what appeared to be the figure of the girl's mother. 'Josephine, Josephine?' She shouted for what seemed to have been minutes. 'My baby, my poor, poor baby, what happened to her?' Without even looking at the creature which had brought her, it almost seemed peaceful there. Creeping at the worst time possible, while they still crept alive. No moment passed until she glanced at him and asked. 'What happened? What, what have you to her?' There wasn't a word said, that he realised what had to be done. Just as she got in reach, nervously trying to get her child back, he had grabbed her by her throat and started strangling her. It was an odd position, while she tried picking up the child from the ground, not to mention that he had never been used to this type of killing. 'No one will find out my secret, nor that I've done what I've done to protect myself. Not by your child, not by your hand will I be taken down now. 'With that her life ended, both her and her child laying in an abandoned burning decrepit thing. It would take hours at most, but soon she'd burn as well, he made sure to light a small flame for them as well. Still shaken, visions played at him. A harsh wind almost knocked him once he looked above and saw the giant bellied wriggling ahead. The small protrusions still bore something which didn't seem to be right. Such maws as to devour, such destruction, this wasn't the place for a king. Relentlessly, he heard tower after tower, beast falling on the ground as well. It wasn't as if there was a chance, as the mist was starting to dissipate. With another weapon taken from the ground, it had become obvious that the mist was partially gone. Their numbers were few and space, the war had just begun. Only a few beasts laid dead, either entirely impaled or shot down that they'd starve. The heaviness still bore enough stress on the capital, not to mention that the sounds of the fight still carried on. Not so long after he had truly joined the fight, there came the shouts from behind. Lead by the Inquisitors, at the sight of their king, the men shouted. 'Charge!' The armoured men yelled, with the others behind. Improvised weapons that reigned from forks and made spears that might break upon that skin of theirs. Nonetheless, they came on with the cavalry, charging ahead without an ounce of fear. 'What happened your majesty?' 'The cannons, protect them at any cost, they're the only ones which can penetrate through their thick skin. 'The men nodded as they started spreading around the annotated points where they had been placed. Most haven't even imagined themselves trampling through the remains of broken homes and burning cottages until this moment alone. 'Would that be all your majesty?' 'We need those things at any cost. If we lose more of them, we'll be nothing more than prey ready for the picking. Now go, before it's getting too late for us to fight back!' At a direct command, they ran ahead on their armoured horses, making for what was left of their defence. It was a thing of torture for him to hallucinate right now, though he saw them yet again. Crawling servants, hiding around the corners in what might've been the ruins in the shallow mists. 'Begone now, I shall not have my kingdom ruined even more by your presence. 'He said, after founding himself walking alone. It was a fierce thing seeing them just wriggle in the air, body against body, moving their maws in unison. Perhaps the lightning faded or their power dimmed, for the weather died off as soon as more of them came within range. 'Another one down. "Good shot sir and you only needed one good shot to put it down now. "Thank you my dear, but this won't do the bit, there are still plenty of them laying around. 'If one wouldn't know any better, they'd call him Robert the knight of the throwing spear. For he managed to aim right inside the air and take one

wriggling beast with one shot. It died immediately without moving or attempting, though the many maws across the body still waited for their end to come. A horrendous thing to see them starve to death now, though it wasn't about to come to an end. 'Master, look, there's another one down there. 'In the most unexpected place, it seemed as if a beast crawled such a salamander would, pushed by the grating of the teeth coming from the many mouths below. For once, it had made a terrible sound while they made contact with the stone floor, even breaking at once. Seeing how it tried or attempted to eat at the base, there just wasn't any chance it could succeed. 'Give me a spear now, it seems as if this one isn't going down as easily as the others. "But master, we're out of spears now, we've got nothing left. "You damn. Well, go on ahead and run outside and get me more spear. "The exit out of this tower is blocked by its mouth, master, there's no way I could head out there without being eaten. 'Nothing to shoot with, he had remembered firing in the sky in the most peculiar directions at least. A lot of the spears might've laid across the ground just abandoned. I should've waited, I should've waited, damn war, damn tower. 'And damn you as well, useless servant. Now, what are we supposed to do?"We could wait for someone to come and rescue us. I don't think it might be. Oh, no, sir, they won't be. 'By the time he looked again, there were two giant wriggling creatures trying to coil themselves around his small place and gnaw at it. The sooner a third one came, the higher the chances of taking down the tower. This issue was undeniably common. Unable to fly, they fell from the sky. No one was out to deal until the chivalry came and even then. The arrows came from what seemed as if an archer was a blessing. Blistering arrows pierced eyes and grated through their weakened bodies. 'They're not so strong anymore!Let's go. 'Yelled what might've been, perhaps the only woman who was brave enough to accompany the men who were had decided to take matters into their own hands. Something of a damned thing bore through them once they went ahead. It was a sudden lightning strike which cut the line in two. At least eight men died, stricken and burnt to a crisp by the sheer magnitude it had. As far as to say, there wasn't anyone who came to a direct confrontation until this very moment. Abomination, most thought after it fell on the ground. Perhaps it was the many spears its body had taken, but it still managed to hover a few feet above the ground. Most of its body had fallen apart, revealing its dark insides, the many guts it bore for every maw and for how long, it had left them unfed. The sings that weren't recognised came from the fact that a lot of the maws had died and had begun the process of rotting away. Flies that found their way to devour that thing, though even with so much of it taken, it still came to flight. Twin arrows flew and blinded the thing, leaving it to blindly throw tantrums around. Left flying in a direction wouldn't have done it any other good that what was expected. As for now, this would come to an end. It felt and heard. 'Bring the chains, men. "Bring the chains. 'Another man shouted as they came from each side of it. With a sudden throw, the chains seemed to have gone right through the body and landed on the other side. As soon as it happened, three or four more did the same, against the trashing thing. They pulled and pinned it down, doing much to restrain and apparently help it split in what remained of the creature. It bore some lightning through one of the maws, aimed at the ground. More came through and bore their mist. Things got dark as the weight kept adding with each one taken down. It might've started as a thought, which evolved in a whisper. Soon they yelled through their lungs. 'We're losing altitude. 'They said, shouting without even looking ahead at what was coming for them. So many still came on their way. Now they took down beasts with their manual weapons rather than to wait for the cannons to do anything at all. For some reason, they had become weaker than expected due to some dark exposure they couldn't explain. Through thickets

and layers of clouds, down where the ground was tormented, ill, without a sound, there laid a decrepit old creature in no state. Soon, it was repurposed by the parasites and creatures which found their way through the fallen ruins of the capital. One dark and dead wriggling beast, a king it used to be. Many human limbs which might've been dead crawled and pushed themselves closer to their deemed prize. As short as they were, too many limbs were connected, some head, still working unattended. Perhaps a torso, some lower part as well, came through and tied itself to the crisp body of the beast to walk. From a different sight, it almost seemed as if it was alive. Obviously, the husk was still used because of its warmth. There wasn't any other saying against instinct and no will against those sick crawlers, poisonous parasites. Inside their own land, they roamed. Hard, as the journey unfolded, they pushed for the creature, half eaten by itself, to walk through the ruins and the stairs. As much as it wouldn't have fit through the small tunnel it had once got through, there wasn't anything there anymore. Just gravel, stone and various patches of dirt which were easily avoided and climbed upon by the human legs and hands which pushed. Even piece of the torso served because of the sheer magnitude it had. Though there'd be no amount of parasite in there that might've been able to give some life to such a massive husk. It was to be seen, though even they felt something as new. As it appeared from below, the greatest shadow came upon them, ready to show the meaning of death and destruction. Casualties would be high. To be said as less as what it was going to happen, this would be a dark chapter to come. On a sudden tilt, they pushed the husk away from those giant one falling from above. Despite being freshly dead and usable, something about them repelled the ground parasites to the extreme. It appeared as if their blood poisoned and tainted, or could it have been the meat inside them which had the same effect? No matter what was to be done, their war leads them this far. Back through the gates, they shouted, seeing how it was about to become dark during the day. To say that it was rare for the sun to break through the region was wishful thinking. Especially now that it wasn't over. The various attempt to a front attack had failed for them. Driven to stagnation, repulsive deaths and even being chained to those small ones they flew away. 'It ends here, come, men, we still need to push through. 'The inquisitor came as hard as he might, making sure people held their distance. It appeared as if one beast as purposefully snapped half of its body just so it would be able to bend itself halfway through and stand alike from above. Despite its inability to fly and fully stand it had been ready to strike. 'Come one, come, come on already. Just repair it before it notices us here. "I'm doing my best but I'm no canon engineer. "Two of which, unspoken people, worked at the mechanism which was left at the head of a broken small tower. Without a distraction, it seemed as if there wasn't much to be done other than the repurpose of some pieces here and there. 'Might we use it now then?' "Is it working?" "Only one way to find out. "Turning what appeared as if to be the strangest piece of the device there was, he loaded eight standing spears and a rack of something which was found on the ground. Had it been a second later, it might've noticed, though it appeared as if it snapped itself for nothing. A clear shot came through and pieces its head, eyes and left its jaw to fall through. 'Oh, no, no, no. "Get off me, before it falls!" The two of them argued after seeing in which direction it was coming, almost jumping from stair to stair, incapable of completing the entire row. On a moment of notice, it had become obvious that they weren't going to use the canon anymore, despite having been repair. The mechanism laid deeply lodged in what might've been its skull. Through and apart, despite being seen as such, the king still assisted as best as he would. Paranoid, he was seeing them apart, crawling, still carrying something akin to a young girl on their back. Such guild that must've been suffered. Yet he hadn't realised what was

happening. Something had affected the capital, either being the extra weight of the failing engines which committed this act. Without someone or something stopping them, there wasn't any saying where they'd end now. Future was unsafe on the ground, where their lives had started. Soon the capital would be complete, and it was only a matter of time. 'Drive them through!' They shouted nonetheless, without ever daring to acknowledge that this war of there was lost in a way, a bleak fight perhaps, where plenty of men gave their lives, and those beasts had driven them apart from the sky. To admit defeat wouldn't have brought comfort, but at least the descent was slow. No more beasts were coming, other than the ones retreating and the ones coming down to see for themselves true rot. They fell, pulled and impaled, beast after beast wriggled from the sky after losing altitude as well. Though their fall differed, it ended us as fast, impaled into the trees and shrieking below as tauntingly as they could. 'We've done it. We've repelled the invaders!' Men shouted before realising where they had been. The king was mourning as he walked on ahead to his place of virtue. Locked inside, he waited for his guards to return, now that the threat was defeated. Engines died that for now they'd be stuck in that decrepit place. Through the skybox, he looked and saw something he shouldn't have seen. It was fate alone which drove them to the point of having been stuck near the other side of the capital which had already been tainted to the core. Why must this happen to me? 'What have I done to deserve this?' He asked, as mad as before the grief. At once, he went through the dark veil and promised never to return unless they called. It was time for him to return to his grand hall, his palace. The place of refuge which was carved for him alone where no one else would bother him whatsoever. 'Must I always be disturbed?' He asked, seeing how one had already tried catching his attention. It was the image of a, no. A mother and her child, their apparitions were stuck in there with the rest of them now. Despite not speaking a word, they rather looked furious, burnt to a crisp, at least on the mother's side. 'I did not intend to do it so, but I was forced. It was a war on the capital, still is, you've had no right to stand outside and not call yourself an enemy, to say the least. You've done this for yourself, with or without a doubt. 'With a strike, he strode right through. It wasn't as if they could've done anything but show their marks and what was done to them. But what was that? Even the king in his desperate hour asked himself, watching through the only cube he'd taken. Despite recollecting themselves from what had appeared to have been a great battle, bolts of lightning fell from above. 'Run to safety, now!' It was the same man who had previously taken the lead, big and broad, bearing red overalls and a stuffy moustache. He managed to push a small group just in time from being obliterated. Without being aware, it happened that they avoided sudden and supreme death. Bolts flew into what seemed to have been a shattering rain. Most hid in the houses which had stopped burning or stood against the corpses of the wriggling beasts which laid below. It didn't matter where they launched the bolts as long as they had been aware that someone was down there. And the stench and the putrid scent of a dead beast just pushed itself past man or brute. 'We need to get rid of the bodies now. 'Said one of the Inquisitors. He was the only one left to bear that title. The others had been killed long before he took the others off the raft. 'But that's impossible, Inquisitor, we'd need something more than brute strength to be able to even phase them. "I'm afraid that there isn't much of a choice now, not that it should matter much since it's an inclined plane. As it is, that should make it easier. "And more dangerous for us. 'Responded another forked soldier. He was peering at the few beasts and already laid in fear of the bolts. 'If we wait here any longer in this condition, they'll eventually ruin the capital. Damn wags, can't you see that the fight ain't over?' At once he strode in and started unwrapping the chains. Carefully standing again the

ruins of the various destroyed buildings, he had encountered the most smell inducing of the creatures. Despite the fact that most of the beasts had already fallen on their own and attracted that scent, one, in particular, bore the most distinct one. 'If you can't do anything, at least help me with this. It should greatly aid us now if we were to get rid of it. 'Luckily, there had been those who remained saner than they had ever been. Pushing through and each grasping a piece of the damn chain which had been wrapped around the creature, they pulled it from the ground with might. A few inches because of its height and weight had already slid against the slope. 'Keep going, I think it's working. 'Which each stroll they pulled out each and every single chain which held the rotting carcass of the beast. That's when they were joined. Bolts still flew to various unknown places. Somehow, the scream of a man being hit by a bolt still held that damning scream which had bored through. Nonetheless, they had done their best to push and drag, close to the edge. It was working, at least to no end, when at once it started being dragged by its own weight. 'Great job, men!' The inquisitor reminded them, as such as it had become obvious that the bolts of lightning that came from above all fell as far away as the scent went. It even happened that they had trampled on the farm with its body, through all would be rebuilt, as long as no more of the men died. This habit of dumping their bodies in a pile outside the edges of the capital continued. More men felt braver than before, seeing how the bots stopped coming for them, but rather hit only the ground and wailed. A forest of dark and dead wriggling things that shook no more. Still, a murderer lingered in the prisons, still, he wasn't found. Just a few nights before there had been another murder, and now, mostly women and a few men stood there, alive. Separated for the most part and watched. For many hours they had to endure the sounds of a fight. With someone which killed and laid on the loose. More importantly, came the very fact that they were not even aware that they weren't in the air as well. Confused about the fact that it finally stopped, a woman went one, followed by another, in what appeared to have been a chain. Something which was indistinguishable, to say, they came one after another and stepped in. With so many hurt soldiers and men, they were a sight to behold. It was truly the end of those beasts now that they had been banished from the same platform in which they laid. One thing missed, at last, other than the top of every building and the decent sight of clouds. This was to be a new chapter in their lives at last, for both the people and the land. Through the depths, oh, nonetheless, the titan burned long, spun into a mess of rubble and broken stone. One dark creature had escaped from there, lost itself in the world which laid upstairs. Despite being forbidden, so they thought, their ancient creators made one beast which was smart enough to go instead of waiting. For the ground swallowed much stone and everything heavy. It would take decades at least until they'd be able to gather enough to rebuilt another one, not to mention that those stones had to be mined. Nonetheless, of their problems, they understood it so. Three bodies they had taken out of there, one of a young land, two which had been broken, caged and sharp. From the bizarre looks, they appeared as if they had been sent as part of rebuilding, just as it was done. One beast had come to carry each of the body, walking for as long as they would into the building temple. The same stairs which they had escalated, the same path, which included the death-stricken guards. It didn't matter which way was used, or whoever was killed. Each of the creatures had a secret deep inside the very ends of their skulls which made them remember the way they had been created and needed to be done. On this sudden appearance, they were taken through a secret passway which laid under the floor. They came at last to a set of the pool, a giant table in which they were set forth. Each of the bodies had been drench into a pool, melting whatever might've been to the skin and some of the bone. It was only set on the

side, at which it had been obvious where the bodies were to be combined. It wasn't something they were supposed to do, but neither have they received something as small. As Augur was pushed by the arm, the pool had reached his torso. Carefully, he was taken back and placed on the table. When it was done with, he had lost not only an arm but a fraction of his torso which held all his organs inside. Organs fell off and spread, still connected as well. The other side would be copied in meaning, as Balstar seemed to have been closely resembling the body type and shared the same height. They were quickly placed against one another, with their organs forcefully pushed in their combine ribcages. So far, nothing was done for their bodies to be welded yet. Tom was to be the next one in line. The lad was dipped up the entire way until his upper torso, making sure his organs fell. It came to it, immediately after that he was placed on top of the two of them, forced against their heads all the way to the neck. Some came even close to that, making contact, bone to shoulder blade, though that mattered even less. A putrid task followed now when they had brought, from the appointed shells which laid in the wall, various pieces of thick string and needles that were sharp and big. One look would've determined that they were rather small swords than needles, to be sure that they had been usable on their kind. Slowly, they had been answered together, around the skin, inside their guts. The process took a while until they had been turned around and the beasts stopped. Looking at the body, there was still something that needed to fill that emptiness which laid inside. Between the three bodies, it was obvious that it had to be done. An amorphous sponge laid in jars. Set in many of them, though they had been instructed, in the back of their very head to use it sparingly. As it was pushed inside, past the lad's ribs, next to the heads of the two men, it started pulling blood and growing. One second glance, and it appeared as if it had already grown as thick as muscle once it had absorbed the blood. Soon, the growth would stop once the gap was fill and it had entered every hole. 'Ghlook'Tried to speak one of the creatures in its disturbingly sounding tongue. It was true at least, as pieces of the sponge which still laid in the jar had been used. Some of the holes in the combined ribs haven't been properly touched and sealed. Just as a matter of precaution, something had to be done as well. On a sudden note, a light metal rod was pulled from a corner. It'd be soon covered by the sponge as soon as it had made a hole in the body, being pulled towards it. Carefully, one of the creatures lifted an arm and rightfully under it shoved and forced the rod through both of the bodies. It made a clocking noise as soon as it was done, leaving a shimmer which almost reanimated the body for an entire second before ending. Tom had opened his eyes to look into the dark, without any feeling of his bodily functions. There would be no end to their torment whatsoever. They closed after it ended. Some of the sponge might've found its way through his throat and into the mouth, without any way of knowing whether or not something was about to happen. It wasn't enough to stabilise it this way. With another rod inserted even lower than the previous one, they were connected the entire way. After a long enough exposure, it had to act like bone rather than a stabiliser of some kind. Not, it wasn't enough, that grim feeling at the back of their heads dictated. As much as they wanted it to happen, it came as fast, the solution to their problem. One last rod required an insertion through both of their heads which came inside the lad's body. It wasn't as much as it affected them, but some semblance of sentience was there. The sponge and the rods would make it certain that whatever they have done would remain at that. By the time they were done with the arrangements, the next part came forth. From the darkest corners, such they brought, that of which made them come back to life. Despite rotting, they remembered where it was hidden, that blood which was taken from the ancient source. A mystery, at least, it was inserted through. It acted

almost as if it was living, once it felt the remnants of their blood which wasn't absorbed by the blood it suddenly pushed itself through the tube. One small incision was made just in case so that no drop of it would be wasted. Metal pins just strapped the thing down so it wouldn't trash the place during its awakening. This had once been a lad. The two men had been someone once, rather than suffering blindness, deafness and the inability to shout during their torment. It was done before long when thoughts flew in and the lad's eyes just flashed everywhere at once. Nothing was coherent any longer, at least no decent thought came to his mind. A strong hunger laid for meat, which made him even more savage once he noticed everyone leaving the room. From what he could see inside the room, there was an escape, what he recognised as the acid pool laid just a few feet away. The need to end his life came too fast once he felt and looked below. What have they done to me? Might've come out of his mind, though only disgusts came out of his expression, while nothing else bore out of him. Pain dragged him still, he couldn't feel anything but the pain returned. Tom shrieked in pain and wailed on the table. Those beasts went back to work and dared abandon him there to rot, such as. Such as someone he couldn't point towards but feel the bodies struggle with him. Two pairs of legs and two arms which weren't his. An abomination which had to end, he thought. But no one was around to hear him suffering or to help. Some had already escaped this damn place, seeing how it was in ruins, without a doubt, having destroyed the last red stones. 'Free. 'Nonetheless, thought the one who had been called Gurden. It had been a long and deceitful journey through the catacombs which laid below. The depths had been perilous and he had travelled through what he had noticed to be the remnants of a previous civilisation, which had fallen through. Despite being limited, he had just enough inside his mind to recognise what he was, as what he'd be encountered. A cloak laid on a skeleton below, taken by him. It had seemed that an entire family might've used it to cover themselves from the cold which laid below before he came and took it as his own. 'They won't take kindly to my stature, will they?' He glanced at his hand and went on nonetheless. It was a grim sky but the stars and their light hadn't faded despite how desolate the land had become. Looking back, it appeared as if he had crawled out of the earth itself, a hole if he may. Given birth on this world, ready to get through and explore. He walked at once and touched the trees. There was a feeling in his hand once the texture had become apparent. 'This is what they feel like, is it not? There must be more like Tom laying around. 'It gave him a sharp through at what the lad and the others were like. As much as they were shocked during their first encounter. Not to mention that it wasn't like anything he had ever seen down there. Something approached. It was a middle-aged pair which had apparently strolled throughout the woods. They wore the most damningly strange garments and appeared to show no fear at the stature he bore. 'Good evening. 'Both of them said. Their feathers seemed to flush between the waves of wind as they spoke. Evening, what a peculiar name for such a strange contraption. 'Who are you?' 'Oh, well I'm Myra and this is my husband Herold. 'Myra and Herold. 'I am Gurden. 'Was the first name he might've thought off as being called. Despite his chance to give himself one, it was given by a human after all. And humans trust humans, only naturally. As such it came to be that they both smiled at that for an odd reason or another. 'What a peculiar name Gurden, you wouldn't actually be from afar? A foreigner?' 'I'm not from here if that's what you want to say. 'Very good, hear that Myra? A visitor, in these parts, and in this time of the season. 'It's very troubling that it happens now if you beg my pardon. But I don't think you've made the right decision to have your visit now. Not after what's been happening lately at least. 'She almost blushed once she noticed the attention Gurden paid to her. This conversation didn't feel as

if it was going to go where he needed it to go. 'May I join you then?' 'Oh but we'd like the company, wouldn't we?' His wife nodded at last, and as they made their way behind, it appeared as if there wasn't any stopping from their path. Gurden was about to follow them throughout this entire damned path, through the world, without saying a word about those who freed him. It went well as long as they didn't question what was hiding under that cloak, not that they showed much fear or anything of the sort. Only banter as it came. 'Do they make others as tall as they've made you?' A seriously startling thing, to make Gurden stare at her. Judging by the nervous laughter, either they were onto something or playing tricks on him. What will it be? 'We come in various shapes, though we're all supposed to be as tall, after all, that's the way we were supposed to be made. 'A prideful remark came at last from Herold, who shook his belly and peered at his own height. 'I wish I would've been able to say the same, but my kind is only made to grow around the belly. That, I can tell you to be the truth. 'The man almost snorted at himself as he went on. If it weren't for the presence of Myra, he would've forgotten himself with immediate ease. Nonetheless, they made it through, past the thicket, in a small corner which was green. A few houses laid around, rustic, with no wall to surround them, only but those who were still busy at work, even during the night. If it were so to be called. Some waved at the couple but turned their eyes once they glared at Gurden. Such a thing was bound to happen in a way or another, after all, how often was one such as him to visit such a place? 'Be our guest for the night. I've got it.

'Herold, we. . . 'Myra excused herself before pulling her husband a little farther away, just so they wouldn't be heard. 'We can't keep him inside for the night, just look at his size, the bed alone would be crushed under him. And what about dinner and supper? I'm quite sure just one of them would waste a month alone if we're lucky enough not to stay a few more days. 'Myra, how could you think of such a thing? 'We've never refused a guest or a man who seems lost from his ways. 'She pondered quite heavily, despite his attempts to guilt her into taking him in. 'We never had someone as big as he is, just take a look at him, unnaturally big. Someone such as him would have no difficulty taking everything we have and never returning anything in turn. 'You know we never asked for anything in return, that's the entire point of having guests in the house. It's the conversation. 'Riveting, as it might've been, there was no saying on what was to be done about that. 'Well, I believe, we've come to an agreement then. 'Both of them said, on a sudden change of note. 'We, both of us have decided to invite you to spend the night with us, at least that's the least we could do. 'I decline. 'Come as cold as it had been during the night. No one could've thought that either of them was disappointed, not with the noise happening in the sky. As a matter of fact, one glance at it and even the beast figured out that something was wrong. 'Lightning, it's been a never stopping charade out there, it sometimes even makes it hard to sleep. 'What's the cause of it? 'We certainly have no way of knowing, I wouldn't risk going as far as to venture just for my morbid curiosity. Not now that I am old and have such a beautiful wife beside me. 'The strikes of light almost called to him as their reflections appeared against his pupils. He was sure now of where he had to go. 'I must excuse myself though I got something to take care off. 'Judging by how smooth it came, the air outside had done him good. He had felt like he was rotting no longer out there. 'Well, if you ever, what was it? Your name that is, I've got a terrible memory and a bad habit at that. It comes all the way from my grandmother's side. 'Harold, stop that. 'There's no problem. 'The words almost slipped away from him as soon as he spoke. 'Don't mind my sudden leave now, we shall meet again. 'Hear hear, tall man, hear. 'He made a small bow as he had noticed Myra do it. And without thinking, he almost threw a wicked glance at those farmers in the distance, the same way they had shown

him. Regardless of not, despite their initial intention, one glance and they had been frightened by what they saw. 'A weird fellow, that one. "'You'd have to be a madman to have him come into our house like that. No, that isn't something that needs to live in homes but stables. "Myra, he was supposed to be our guest. The least you might've had some respect. "I believe there's something wrong about him, trust me on that. Something that's off for some reason or another. 'Regardless of that, he strolled alone and followed the lines that came from the sky. Soon there'd be a danger, through the woods ended soon enough. Now came the planes, empty and devoid of growth, just flatness which revealed that there were structures in the distance. 'Could that be another temple?'Gurden asked himself as he glanced. Judging by the decrepit state and the size of it, chances might've been right. Something called to him at that point in time. A pile became apparent, but alas, this was to be their new life, in this new world from which previous generations had emerged. It wasn't something to be pondered about my many and rejected now. No other placed laid there for them to live. At the end of the battle, it turned out that the wriggling beasts were the new rulers of the sky.

Only the mad dare call it a war. A delusion of grandeur and thoughts of their king having the capital rebuilt and raised once again from the ashes of the world. Though the king was sitting on his throne now, he saw how each of the apparitions began fading. Both the people he had forgotten and those whom he did disappoint. Despite thinking it'd be haunted for an eternity, this was only their mourning place. Most of them had passed ever since they had hit the ground. One nonetheless remained in there, crawling in the dark. 'I know they'll all return once the citadel is in the sky, it's what comes as natural as they say. But you're one who died here and shares some of my regrets now.

Why are you hiding from me then?Has old age of living in this world damned your sight or dimmed your brain?Very well, if that's what you wish. 'Regardless or not, he wasn't answered and kept on skulking on that which bore him nothing more than regret. It was a lonely hall, a grand one but lonely. Not even madness nor despair seemed to have corrupted this place now that most of its inhabitants had left it. A worthy claim. 'My lady. 'Shouted a man. It had been a while since the battle had ended, bringing in the release. Most had already been weeping and looking at the burnt or crushed ruins, at the debris and what other things were left behind the destruction. Though one lady still stood at her desk, almost reminiscing about her writing session under the lamp. Of course, that was replaced since there wasn't any rooftop in her house. 'My lady, are you fine?There was the war and you ran off into the clouds. "I'm fine, you don't need to say nor do anything. Oh and he's here as well now, good. 'Her sarcastic way didn't bother either, not like they weren't invited by the sight of it. Both of which remained more than happy to see that their mistress was more than alive. She was somewhat taking this very well despite the circumstances. At least better than everyone else. 'It's a dark place out there, isn't it?"They're trying to claim whatever they can from the rubble, my lady. "And the bolts?I can't see them happening anymore. "They disappeared my lady, that's the problem. "Problem?"It had appeared that most of the men and women, along with the inquisitor, had gathered at the far edge of the capital, where the farm had laid and looked upon the outer grounds. 'How such a thing might've happened baffles even the likes of me. There's no way someone could've taken them all in such a short time, without a notice. "What if they were alive inquisitor?"What might be the repercussions of that?'Asked another woman from the crowd. She was peeved about with the slightest thought of knowing. There wasn't any certainty of what might happen if wriggling beasts were still living after such a fight. Especially those of which had been horrendously disfigured. To think that such beasts might be able to walk on the free ground made for a dark story in this new

chapter. People didn't need that, not now, not ever. For the likes of them were pampered and saved from it. 'Let's not think about it ma'am and rejoice that we're still alive. There's still hope which lays for a better future now despite having everything looking so bleak at this time. 'That fake smile couldn't do anything other than bother them. A second Inquisitor came as soon as he was done sulking. 'Move along, move along, there's nothing to see anymore now. Keep walking, there'll be the need for rebuilding and seeing for our rations later, so better save up your strength. 'Most complained, some already had walked away from the sight of him. A giant rounded man with a dark moustache turning grey just at a sight. 'I know how this looks, believe me, I could see it in their eyes as well. But until we raise up. "If we eve come to that point, though I doubt there'd be a chance against them if it came to another fight. "And the alternative being? Tell me, old preceptor, what would be better? Living in this hellish place where the sun can't even shine or dying in battle while trying to regain what was ours?" You're still too young to know and to properly understand. No matter how skilled you are and how well you think you could guide an army, there is none. These were, are people who weren't bred for this. The sky was never ours either, we were born here, generations before, breed for this exact purpose but refused to end the dream. Look upon this land, young man, it may be shallow and plain. Some might still lay here, but chances are that something might've survived somewhere around here and there, as scattered. It gives me hope to think of it this way, rather than the unnatural state we had been in while there. 'The younger man took a while to swallow it and realise just what it meant. Perhaps it would be that not he'll never see the sky ever again the way he had gone through, not in the same way at least. 'Houses would be mostly placed there, those would be the first to be repaired. A pale block of yellow, perhaps a dim of grey would suffice for this new land, I tell ya. 'A dream would've been, though nothing less of green fields and yellow skies would suffice. They were hard at adapting, without their king who locked himself, his guardians which left. Days passed as they were forced to eat whatever they could while working on the hour. It was harsh but plants were growing, even some of the cattle remained alive. Bridges were on the way, after all, the capital was still too many feet above the ground. Despite the bottom of the earth being so soft, it didn't appear to have swallowed anything of the structure. 'Well? What I did wrong?' 'The planks man, you've placed them wrong, they need to cross each other now. What's so hard to see? I've seen people doing it in during sleepless nights better than what you were attempting. 'One man was set as the main engineer in constructing the bridge, after all, it was to be set in a way of which it was connected to the main structure. By their work alone, they had been fast, having half of the bridge already extending, wood upon the metal frame. It appeared that perhaps such a thing was planned after all, just in case of it, the frame extended more than enough, to the point of shoving itself into the ground until it made contact. The rest had become labouring around. Whilst happening, the Inquisitors, at least the only two of them which had remained were looked as rather figures of might, supreme, perhaps even as saviours in the closest way. Neither looked as tainted or repulsive while on their horses while they looked down at the builders and the cleaners on the street. 'Maintaining the law, I presume?' 'Inquisitor, I'd never dare think otherwise. 'After which came the occasional bow from the man which was to be asked. 'Good, keep doing what you were previously doing. 'One thing still bothered, while checking on everything. Some things never changed, not even in such a time of waste which needed rebuilding. A look and one could see the same pattern, in the same alley which was left unclean. Long, had laid a trail of blood, where he came down and walked alone. Through it, he followed and looked at the handiwork of someone who apparently had

never quit what he was doing. Written all along what remained of the walls were the names of the victims which he knew. 'Hellen, Mary, Bour, Vander. 'Before he hit the corner, he took out his helmet to look forth and have a better sight. It was a mistake to walk alone, though he recognised once he saw the guts and the list of even more names than he knew. 'He's still here. 'Remained his words, before he heard a voice calling from above. Despite his hearing and him readying himself to pull out the sword, there wasn't anything he heard. It struck him, from the vantage point of the decrepit old building. One small rock was enough to make the heavy man fall and never come back up from his stopper. Truly, it had to be one grim year that first which was to come. For the skies were even darker and the pit was still out there. Beyond of which it was still snowing, in a world without Tom. Where a killer had been coming and going, the town had long been abandoned once the inhabitants grew in fear of the ones which killed them one by one. Such a long road, had it been from town to town, and yet they spoke ill of that hole inside the mansion. A tainted curse, spoken from mouth to mouth, that it brought something no less than what would seem like a small group of soldiers to explore. Since it happened in his kingdom, white riding mares came trampling down the roads. Armed soldiers with muskets, small swords, daggers and pistols. Despite it having taken so long, by the time they have arrived and taken any notice, the town had looked like nothing short of a paganistic place of ritual. The hole which laid there, it had become a pit, growing even more as it lusted for as much as it was needed. From the looks of which, it had swallowed pieces of buildings, the entire mansion and a part of the dam wall which surrounded everything. Snow would've been no exception, rather than the cold which bred inside. 'What could this unholiness be?' 'It doesn't matter, our rulers had deemed it an affront to him and by extent humanity as a whole. We are to determine how dangerous it is before having it covered immediately. 'Though that was not all that they knew, more than one pit had fallen in their world. As a matter of fact, it had left the entire planet covered in dark patches. Yet, for those lost for so long in the pit, once the men had gone down from their horses, they readied themselves at last. Such an incubation period lasted at least until now, where they had been rejected entry to the other place. Men and women, guests which they had been suddenly raised themselves from the pit as people which were dark and gritty, more of the same substance which ran in the pit. A sudden shock made them form a line and shout. 'You're to stay there and not move unless you wish to be dealt with the immediate fire. 'The rows were formed in such a way that those in front were almost kneeling as they extended their arms. Those in the back were reaching forth and aimed at their heads, still spread farther than left and right. It didn't matter much for these new being which needed to remember what they were. A slime sort of which tried growing still. Despite not stopping, the man shouted. 'Fire, fire at once. 'An array of shots came as soon as they saw multiple other forms resembling humans coming out of the pit. More than ever, the holes which came immediately did more than slow it down. It had lost most of its human form, remaining nothing less than a sentient moving pool, a smaller pit which still appeared to be coming forth. 'There's something wrong with it, look, it's still moving towards us. 'Men, get ready to retreat, and bring a message to our landlord, this is something he needs to know. 'As fast as he announced, they had been paying much attention to what was said. Paying little mind to the creatures now, as slow as they might've been, the men got on their horses, leaving an array of cheap shots even as they made their retreat. It was quite the feat, landing a shot while going on a horse, though it wasn't as hard as it might've been. One would dare to look no further among them once they realised how relentless it had been before becoming useless. Time passed, absorbing the mass of the dead animals which had

taken some of the fumes. Immediately after gulping most of it, they had taken mass and had grown to be entirely human yet again. Feeling no pain whatsoever but walking as if they were on their own. The cold never bothered, but holes into the hills. Most had already made their way to them, just to be able to hide. As this sudden loss of form was frightening, to say the least, now they were nowhere to be seen. From the distance, it was sure what was happening to the land. It looked as if it was indeed a pit, from a flat hole which it had started as the entire land was suddenly destabilised and pushed below. Despite that, they were warned. 'Turn back travellers, by the decree of our Lord, none may walk these roads. 'Return, unless you wish to bring misfortune to your family now. 'Warned another soldier, they had successfully managed to turn around a few travellers which might've ended in the darkest of places. A loathsome thing, both on this side and that of the other. While the soldiers were busy trying to make certain that no one would go and visit that mad place, don't blow the pit, on the other side it happened just as well. Small blobs of humans, supreme black, fell below, followed by the debris that had finally fallen. Such a conversion had been wicked and unnatural, that buildings had become something organic, that of which was akin to the other humans that fell from above. Now, though there had been no mountains and no tops of floating islands, as they fell below. Despite how much time had passed, nothing could make this easy to take, a blob-like building which appeared to have a shaking move. Soon the entire town would fall and position itself rightfully below, in the same position it had been. 'Well, what is it Eglasief?' 'My lord, we, we did as you ask, we have investigated the disturbance, the anomaly inside your kingdom. 'And what have you to report to me now?' 'It's been taken hold by some kind of mad thing which engorged the entire village and turned its people into wicked abominations. 'Very well, has it been purged then?' 'No, my lord, they seemed to still move even after being shot to the ground. Neither of which appear to die. And that is not all my lord, I think, that thing around there which swallowed the village, it's growing. I saw it even then with my own eyes, expanding the right to the point of having swallowed trees and even larger animals. 'Such a thought that it might've happened in his kingdom was rabid. To what extent, it made him want to go ahead and take it on himself. 'Well, now, you will go to the alchemist and make sure there's a way to purge this mad abomination you're talking about. 'Looking inside his court, there had been other lords and ladies who either looked repulsed or surprised by this new fact. To have them hear about this happening in my kingdom, disgraceful. 'That would be all. 'Yes my lord. 'With a bow, the man rushed straight through the court and down the halls, past the basement, into the alchemist's hidden cove. It had a strange look to it, in the manner of which it almost appeared to have plants growing into gorged stone. Neither did the fact that the wall had been broken to make way into the very stone which laid below the hold help. Nor the fact that he had discovered a river to his endless supply of water which was useful. 'Alchemist, we need your assistance. Your lord demands it. 'Shimmer down Eglasief, there's nothing to be alarmed about. I know what this is about, I've been announced. 'Before our lord? But how might this be? Give me a name now and whoever told you that first will be punished accordingly. 'Later, perhaps, but for now, he's done more than that, if you would so kindly sit and observe. 'As damp and dark as this place had been, there was a small lamp which stood there lighting some of it. 'In this small pair of tubes, I've got most of the bodily fluid which apparently accumulates into the abominations you've encountered. 'But that couldn't have been now, I've made sure that all of my soldiers followed immediately, neither of which came into contact with those creatures now. 'Now, now, there's no need to be alarmed, nothing's going on behind your back. 'Doubtfully so, he looked at the process and how it

boiled, the sluggish thing started rotting inside of it, until the least he realised that it might've hated either fire or heat. 'So fire should purify that thing we found there?' 'No, captain, it isn't fired alone, as you might've thought, as you were busy skulking above, I've already managed to do some experiments with it. Fire and heat alone won't even affect it unless most of its composition is changed into salt. 'It meant what it meant, to say the least, there wasn't enough salt for the pit from which they spawned about. 'Unless our Lord has access to the entire resource of salt this world has, I don't see how he might fare. 'These words were carried over, mouth to mouth, until they reached him, looking unbound. He looked half as mad as he was insulted. 'What do you mean there's no other way? Should I wait for my land to be taken by some tar which refuses to have itself knelt under me?' 'My lord, that's what he said. "I know what he said and I want you to go back down there and make him work on something else which would have this problem resolved. And bring some more men to shake him a bit if that's necessary. 'Past the wooden gates they went, four more men, ready to force him in case that was needed after all. There wasn't any other chance anyone might've prevented, though a tough chain reaction appeared to have happened. An alchemist, the only one, laid with his head against the table, covered in that black slimed, which had tied itself around his head as well. From the looks of it, he was to suffer. 'Wait, wait, don't use your swords yet. He said something about salt, bring it as fast as you might, go to the damn kitchen if you have to. Damn it, man, why did you have to do this?' 'I can't. "Speak louder if you want me to hear you. 'Despite his request, he approached the alchemist with a slight fear and distrust. 'I can't feel my other half of the face, it's pulling at me now, I know it is. There's nothing on the other side of the pit. "What happened, you need to tell me what happened so we might help you. "A concoction, it reacted strangely after I tested it. I can't keep on like this, you need to please, just push. 'He was desperately trying to reach the knife at his belt, despite knowing that he was still needed. 'No, not yet, there are still others that need your help. 'No sympathy was on the man as he made way for those four that brought a wooden bucket filled with salt. As much as he thought it through, he only grabbed a fist and dropped the salt on top of the table where that oozing thing laid. A splash sounded still as he was released. Bearing only half of his face, he fainted, looking bloody tainted for the likes of which he lost an eye, half of his face, though his skull might've been spared. He was immediately taken to the nurse and was readied for an immediate intervention. Shocked and appaled by the sight of a man who had his face melted, covered in salt, blistering on his wounds, he was left there as they returned. 'Make sure the table is covered in salt. And that nothing else lays around which might've been contaminated. The least of it in a tube had done that to the poor man. 'Something which would haunt him for the rest of his life. Regardless of which, it maddened the lord even more at the sound of which he shouted. 'You will take care to send as many moles, pigeons and crows as you can. I want everyone beyond my land to know what we're dealing with. Call the archiver while you're at it, for we may declare what we might. "And what if they invade us, my lord?" 'They can go ahead and try, we'll be prepared to defend our hold as fiercely as we might. Now that the entire kingdom is under threat by this newly discovered thing, we may have an excuse to excuse ourselves from caring of the peasants. 'Of course, the hall was empty, without a doubt, leaving the conversation only between the two of them, the lord and his most trusted commandant. Each went their way, after excusing himself, for the night was grim, the pit was expanding, pieces of it dropped below as to make way. But even further than this, for which they prepared, in the mountains, one resigned. It pushed itself and made it so, that the mansion was still ruined, and another man had died. 'Well, as I was saying, my name is Pond,

I'm pleased to have made acquaintances with you. "Well only take a moment now, if you won't mind. 'The place had never looked worse, despite not growing in size, this pit had grown in the head, almost to the point of boiling the rainwater which might've dropped through the tracks, and melting the pieces of the window which laid unkempt. Fires were soon to start, and it had even happened for nails to get so hot that they fell through and made way for the structure to fall even further into the pit. Regardless of the condition and the unexplainable, it had been time for him to answer. 'Sir, do you know why we have come here?' "No, I don't suppose, you've come to help me with. . . "Please, don't make any sudden movements, for the time being, we've only come to ask some questions. 'As menacing as he were a holder by his side, he understood rather well why they were there. 'What may I ask, you've come here for?' "We're only investigating the disappearance of a couple of persons you've recently come into contact with. To be more precise about it, there are two or three detectives at least, who came here after having received a letter of invitation and were never seen again. 'Are you here to ask questions?' "Damn pigs won't even know their tails from where a real problem might come from. 'Well, I'm sure we could. "That's not all, sir, we've found out that your bank had frozen all your funds and that you have been previously accounted for tax evasion. That not being the only thing, as I may cite you as a prime suspect in the previous case. ' They came and spoke of accusations, one case after another, blasting as his life came apart. 'This man went missing, so did he. This and that, them as well. 'He was shown pictures, that of which he recognised as well as he bit his tongue. But Pond was afraid to admit that they had all vanished in the same circumstance, at least, the one of which each and everyone was concerned. Neither of them had shown a sign of concern about the pit. 'It wasn't me, it was. "We are aware of this explanation you've given, though the court had called you on trial. "Under what authority?" "We have a warrant, not that it's required for the likes of it. 'It was clear that up there in the ruins above the pit laid clothes which were tapped, caught into the sharp pieces of the wooden planks and windows. Both of the officers were prepared to use force in case any resistance was displayed. 'Could I at least get my notes in order and my carrying bag?" "You won't be needing it anymore, sir. 'The cold harshness never bothered him more than it did now. It was at least a combination of a tainted thing that bore through combined with a desire to escape. 'Well, I'll make sure then. 'Now, that he saw where he lay, as the files, they had brought, the pictures and whatever proof they might've called was only for the show, the point and tell. 'You still don't understand, sir, you are under arrest for the murders of. 'Their names rang one after another, as misery went by. Each and everyone bore a single thing of regret which might've made him wish he wasn't born. 'No need to force me off my property. "It was your property sir. 'Though now it became apparent that his partner had a tongue as well. 'This now belongs to the state, seeing how the bank confiscated your last funds and your current condition. Whatever lay on your property most likely will be taken down until the toxicity is taken care of. It thought it might've been obvious enough. "But I'm innocent, they can't take everything I. Have. 'They fit nicely within his wrist, as much as he bore resentment, he looked behind before being taken. It was then that he realised that he had lost. Lost to the system and that damn pit that fell from the sky one dreadful night. 'You won't be able to take care of it. No one in this world can! I'm the only one that's able to deal with it I tell you. "Whatever you say, sir may be used in the court. 'And what else came after as he was taken from the gates. He hadn't realised it until he went on the other side but both streets were filled to the brink. The entire town had come to witness his arrest. It wasn't only that they watched but made photos and wanted to ask questions. As a matter of fact, never had it

happened for such an array of people to be present in his path. Resentment was bored through him now. He couldn't help but shout at it in his last moments of freedom. "That pit it curses, it will boil you all and devour all. I'm innocent, I tell you, innocent!" His shouting stopped once he noticed a figure which closely resembled his wife. That was how he went on ahead and was taken to the state department. The trail went on the same day and already he was set guilty and sent to the chair. It became apparent he had become delusional in the last moments of his life. Now that he had become aware of that force which was staring him through, he couldn't do anything but laugh at the thought. As the pit would devour them all, one by one until each and everyone was done. Pond Wick had died that day, after seconds. Where his property had been now laid giant rakers taking care to crush whatever house he might've built in the time there. While still, the pit had boiled most of the structure around the house in the coming weeks. One glance from the distance would've revealed the fact that there wasn't any house there anymore. Past it, again the snow, the cold mountains bore those dark humans there now. From a different place they had come but even that of which was crushed came to life. Soon, the insides of the mountain would come to be converted. Bird and smaller creatures apparently had stumbled upon the same curse as they have. "Well. The landlord began. 'Under the current assessment, I am unsure about what's to be done. Perhaps it is to keep as a punishment for what we've done, our world had to be swallowed inside a pit, as they say. 'Each of his subjects nodded and looked in dismay.

The candles did light up the room but their hopes were even less than nothing. A fly might've burnt itself and appeared more like a beacon of hope that any single one of them had. "Well, I'm certain that you're sure of it by now, but I've come to the realisation that I must be the one at fault here. I've come to underestimate this entire thing and became too sure on myself until this problem came to mind. "My lord, you mustn't. "No, no, it's all right now, I just realised, as I was announced by the others that there'd be no help that I shouldn't have expected anything from them. It is a punishment, perhaps for me not taking pity and good care of my people like a master of the land would. As this is the reason why I must demand of you forgiveness and pity in this day of misfortune and ill fate. 'If only he could see himself in the most humble moment he'd be seen. From the letter he received, by the time he had got through half, he realised what was the situation all around. His neighbours had to deal with the very same situation now for a very long time. Neither was he the first nor was he going to be the last to face such misfortune. As much as he disliked the idea, he declared. "There's nothing we can do against those pits that formed or fell, we've only got to count our last moments and hope for the best. 'He said a bitter tone, but no resolve. The inhabitants were appaled and shock at the sight of the pits, not to mention that they refused to stand and do nothing. It was a rather dark invasion, which had come unannounced. But one of which had made it through the other world, a single dark gate which made a connection. It was relentless to think of the world and its people while they lived in such a world. Tainted to the girth while bearing their own marks, it was the time for them notice what was going on. People who lived for ages long did notice it but couldn't complain. For them, at least, it was just another grimness about the world, a dark star in the sky, if you may. Even farther than it went, they say, another pit was summoned by the likes of a temple from the depths. It called upon another to fall, and as it turned out, in their beastly chants in worked. Alas, another dark circle had fallen from the sky, no less, than it had fallen upon a piece of the tainted land. Swallowing the mist, it pierced, those things, the giant husk of a wriggling beast, it missed. Though despite every attempt each parasite had made to make it well, the darkest pit had fallen. It almost managed to burst into an

eruption from the mere pressure that came outside. Now, that the sound and violent heat and pressure came, none could deny. At least no one who came forth to explore. 'What would that be?' One man from the small group had asked. They were four, dressed in blue, carrying a single flag with the symbol of the capital. At the moment of which they noticed, the entire ground structure had crumbled and shook under the pressure. Even someone who might've once been a human felt that and looked around. His shackles grew weaker and his resolve was approaching. Smaller tribes had decided to come forth, alarmed at the sight of the men as well. 'Wait, wait, we mean no harm. We've come here to check upon that which made all of that nasty sound. "So have we. 'Yelled the man back. Despite their differences, each of their elected leaders approached, while the rest of them had looked in awe. Judging by what they've said to one another and how they dealt with the situation, each of them peered into the other one's soul. 'I don't know what it is, but had ever been right about this place, to begin with. "You're new here, from far away, right?" "How'd you tell?" 'I've seen others, acting strangely, such as yourselves. Wearing different clothes, acting strangely, having a smell that doesn't belong to this place. "Such as what smell are you implying I'd bear upon me?" "The kind that belongs to green verdure and of grass. That of which doesn't grow here, not that it would matter now. 'As they had both noticed, something was terribly wrong about that thing. It had violently shaken to the point of small blobs having hovered through the air and vanished without a trace. Despite that, they had decided that getting too close was too dangerous. 'I shall inform the nearest command on the capital. I've no doubt that you were thinking of doing the same thing if it came to it. 'The man nodded and looked mightily surprised. He had expected something worse to come out of the man, but seeing how they shook hands, they had been both. Another thought ended as a great shadow had come. Despite how much farther from them it might've landed, the likes of the taint had borne a beast down from the sky. Its tainted hide was covered in that black slime which bore it through the clouds and sky, until its magnificent death in the distance. 'How could this possibly be?" "This requires further looking into, I don't suppose you'd be willing to join us now, would you?" "My people's safety comes first. I am Noches, leader of the Dawn Struck hold. "Pleasure to meet you Noches, I am Charles Montego. 'They shook hands and nodded, each making a sign for their representatives to come forth. It was a long way by foot, but they had set themselves as worthy of going forth for such a task. Despite as hard as it might've appeared to have been, this was to be the strangest thing. A coincidence to say the least. No one had dared to cross the path until the time came by when the pit had fallen, swallowed by the earth itself. From the likes of which, the area around it had almost pulled and pushed dirt in its place, forming something of a dome above. It was boring right until it had reached the desperate point across the temple, of which it brought to ruin as it pushed itself forth and melted through. Such was the beast's wails, that they came to bear resentment at the pit. Despite their own doing, they have become mad and enrage, throwing themselves at the dark circle and bearing through them nothing else than pain and misfortune. It was to be the only one which made it through, now that the one in the sky was being purged. The beast had taken notice and began to strike their bolt of lightning, as hard as they might. It was a pointless thing they did since neither of them had succeeded in closing the gap. Perhaps it wasn't the time for a flood to come, at least not one as such as it appeared. Pointless as it was, the beasts had failed, their bolts just fell through aimlessly being absorbed, to the point of never having it made on the other side. Nevertheless, they tried, and once again, from time to time, one just flew just below the sky. Under the pit, it came to be, that another piece of it fell through. It cut one of the wriggling beasts

in two halves though as it fell, the maws shrieked in disgust and pain. Luckily for the men which had come to explore, they had realised only now what was happening above. 'Be careful men, there comes another!' One shouted as they spread around. None desired to be caught and put on the ground, especially under such a thing as well as it bounced. 'Another one died, what could this possibly mean?' 'I don't know but we can't stand and find out, it's way too dangerous now. 'Wise words have never been spoken, as they charged back, to their surprise, the pit disappeared, almost like a mirage. 'Should we explore through the mist?' 'No, you wouldn't want to encounter that now, not after what you've gone through. Go warn your people if you might. "Come with me Noches, they need to know that we're not alone down here. "I can't abandon my people now, not while this is happening to us. "At least, let me give you something to remember. 'Charles ripped out a piece of his red scarf, which laid right under his cuirass. It wasn't exactly the most generous motion, ripping it apart, but it got the point though. 'Just remember to visit us, at the capital. They'll know what you mean when you see this as there's only one place from which this type of material could've been. "I promise, Charles, we'll meet again, take care of yourself. 'The two of them shook hands before they went their separate ways. Another fight had shaken the sky and each fall had made the ground shake even further than before. Pity, that it came to blow, now that the earth was against those who roamed under it. By the time the being is formerly known as Tom, as well as the others, Balstar and Augur were ready to escape, a tragedy happened, if not mercy at best. The ground, as it shook lashed at him, and threw, a small spear made of stone, thick and mighty, it even shone. Tom hadn't any chance to move his head, with all the thoughts which had left him so confused as he was. It went right through his head and ended his motor functions, crushing even whatever functions those rods might've given him. Without hands but legs and a rotting young lad, the two of them were stuck like that to wait. By the time someone would get to notice, the sponge had already spread across and filled his face, eating and growing, to the point when, after days, it spat out the spear. Now, there wasn't any escape for the blind men who were to suffer. Agony, yet, was still to come, now that their tainted ritual had failed, the construct destroyed and whatever remained of them jumped into the pool. Others had gotten to the other side, dumb creatures which looked mightily confused. The land was grey as if ashes hid whatever laid around. Even the pit was placed against a wall, that it refused to touch the pieces below. It felt as if each piece of ash just cut through meat, almost to the point when they were comparatively as sharp as small knives. Despite not feeling pain, the creature was bothered by it, and how its sheer size didn't help it at all. The chamber in which was it didn't even permit the pit to expand as it had done it in the previous worlds. Yet a voice called it, in this bleak world. Once it arrived at the door, by the time it had managed to reach it, so much of its legs had cuts, bruises and were exposed to the bone for infections. A grunt made its body shiver, having not known fear until that point where, despite its dumbness, instincts kicked in. It opened the door with its sheer might, to a long corridor, filled with rooms. As much as it had been confusing at first, this wasn't as such. Rather than anything, it has appeared something like the temple it had come through. Before leaving, as such, it left the door open, and another two beats had made it through the pit. Momentarily, they processed what was happening and followed the open door. Most doors were locked, by the sight of them, alone. A luring thing made the whole structure shudder once the three of them were down the corridor, as their weight far exceeded what was to be the limit. It broke at the end as they approached, each of them grabbing a piece of the wall to stop themselves from falling through whatever crevice it might open. But then again, it was too late once the

walls had cracked and they fell through. A world which made no sense, with many of those small compact halls which laid self-contained on top of one another. They had just enough of a weight limit that one fell through and made a hole, while the others managed to knock themselves in different directions. Such emptiness laid around that it looked as if there wasn't any sun in that world. Yet, they found themselves, each being in a different hall, with a set of different doors. Even a scream came forth when then most peculiar creature had observed its arrival. Intimidating it once more, it had confused the structure it was in with the temple it had to guard. From the moments they arrived, it had become apparent that they went back and forth, stuck that way. There wasn't any telling why the holes in the ceilings grew back, or why it was that they guarded the place, though it happened without question. Without a doubt, it had become apparent, with so many more of them making, that this was to be their hellish realm. With each having been stuck in a prison of their own, the other doors around them were locked. No sounds came and definitely no sign of a prisoner came from the likes of it. This was to be their end. At last, it pushed itself, as well, following the sound or what they heard and could tell. The pain came, but the two of them moved. It was a pity that they hadn't realised either that atop of them they carried what had been known as Tom, despite trying to cover as much ground as they might. No light. A rumbling sound came from below, a bag of moisture that almost resembled skin prevented either of them from even daring to speak or to attempt it. Yet, some feeling drew them still, to that place, the black pit, at which place was mostly abandoned by now. The ancient holds were left unguarded, now that they carried on without their grand treasure. Nonetheless, guided by the sounds and vibrations, it was easy to feel it pulsate there. Neither Balstar nor Augur was aware of one another. As a matter of fact, they hadn't even known that they were humans anymore from the likes of it. One abomination finally jumped it. It felt as if they had become some sort of an aquatic creature which could freely swim inside the pit despite its supreme show of violence. That stopped immediately once they fell on the other side. Two pairs of legs just went on ahead and walked forth on the ground. From the way it felt, both of them recognised the vibration of various plants, almost to the point of seeing them without having eyes. Regardless of what was to happen, both were going to starve. At least, it was something to be proud of, making it on the other side, feeling softness under their feet. Walking under great structures which became apparent only because they were just near the plants. Even though it wasn't as far away as one would've thought it'd be, this came at least, to the point to see. A grave, or small soft spot, square and covered in plants. Such likes neither men had ever felt, but as they fell inside of it, there were no regrets whatsoever. It lashed inside and became almost rabid from the likes of it, as it started eating the sponge and what remained of that of which kept them alive. Both Balstar and Augur, Tom as well, ended up right in from of the founder's statue. Tainted, dirty and abandoned for the likes of which, no one would glance or try to show anything short of the misery they thought they'd deserve. 'Look at those abominations. 'A sound which suddenly woke the dead. Despite longing for release, it was almost as if the entire thing was a dream. There were no plants in the small crevice, and though there was little to no activity in Tom's head, there was a slight sentience which made it that he lifted himself up. Both men had done the same, climbing just so that they'd avoid being buried inside. 'Do you think they're dangerous?' Came another shocking whisper. Could they have recognised the fact that they were welded together? No, it was something else, another beast had followed and managed to get through. Despite being smaller and having less hair, the sight of them, the smell and the presence the sponge had made it so he wouldn't be attacked. Rather than that, it was a better

thing that he was seen that way, now having it come through, he was being helped. It took one sudden attempt for the rage to course through the men as they felt that small body against them after a short chase. He had no time, and despite the struggle, he was crushed from every imaginable corner. The flail was hard to miss but it didn't help him in the end. What might've been a man had shouted. 'Let go of me, don't do it, don't!' Though as they started going through the guts, it felt as if they had all been placed in the wrong place. On a sudden lighter note, a pain in their gut had made them both aware. With a sudden pull from below the ribs, they pulled out what felt like a sponge filled tube, which was pushed, almost instinctively inside of their victim's body to feed themselves. It felt close to have an orgasm only by the simple act of having fed the entire organism. A few feet away, judging by the dangling plant, they felt the beast waiting for them to be done. A sudden notice and they realised that someone smaller was watching from behind the crossed walls. They had previously guarded themselves against predators, but these types of predators were new, even for them. Harder to look at, that was certain, by Tom's face alone, as a matter of fact.

Half-ruined and rotten, it had received its share of the food they had managed to get through. It looked as if something inside that skull if it wasn't already cleaned by the sponge moved. Though the lad was still as blind, mute and half-deaf and the ones below of him. One a moment's notice, it was finally time to move, at least now that they were done, they pushed it back and had already grown in bulk. What was left behind them was a sick tormented body which had no nutrients whatsoever? A sight never to be looked upon. They carried on and walked through it. Despite having little of their senses left, it felt as if the thickness of the air, or rather, the atmosphere around them made the illusion of swimming in the water. Without being able to lift off the ground, being as heavy as they were, they made peace with the thought. Strangely, they appeared to have something which was bird-like related, judging by the sounds. The noises coming out of their crooked beaks became ever more distorted as they approached. Closer and closer, to the point of awe. Neither of them had any knowledge of the fact that they were being watched. As the walls became apparent as they approached, another thing came to their notice. It was the fact that they had shallow

holes left through, hundreds of them, to be more precise. As much as they might've thought of climbing, that would've been the hardest thing with four clumsy legs. Past him passed the other one and decided to do it as well, though it gave no thought whatsoever after hearing the sounds of whispers and of the people speaking as they ran on walls. 'He's coming, I saw it with my eyes. "They're dangerous, both of them, get ready to drop them as they come.

'Upon a quarter of the wall which was easily achieved by the size alone, he had another thing coming. All that fur and rotten bodies in the world couldn't help once the long sharp root-like needles came flying against it. 'A direct hit, keep going, it's not likely he's going to give up now. 'They spoke as they knew, throwing piece after piece, which acted like a dark weapon with its small venom sack. How much more could he have taken? It was a question that got

quickly answered from the looks of it, seeing how venom pulsated inside by the second. An arm fell off, even surprising Balstar and Augur by the moment it happened. 'The other one, what's it doing now?' They observed them as well but made no move towards attempting to slay or to end the other. Such a tube, long tainted after all, that after the beast fell off and couldn't move, it seemed as if the sponge had a solution. It pushed itself back out and into the entry which laid on its side, where the armhole might've been. From the horrible looks, they were ready to go for another round of striking at them before finishing them off. Though it wasn't as if he was going to be healed. That tube started pulling everything until in moments there wasn't any meat left inside. Just a few rods and an empty fur

coat laid on the ground. What came next was something which had shaken the looks on the watchers even more. Tom still had arms which suddenly worked, grasping the fur just to cover up for the cold. A perfect fit, as they might say, came at last. Not surprising whatsoever that it bore the frightening look of a beast, keeping the sponge warm and what not. At this point in time, he looked like them, acted as such and turned around to walk past the wall. There had to be an entry and as long as he didn't start climbing he wouldn't be attacked. 'What's he doing now?' Follow, follow, before it takes notice. You saw what he did to him. 'Neither of which had heard nor have they discovered the previous bodies left behind. Many more came from those who were left below. Old men, sitting, which proved to have provided no resistance whatsoever. For some reason, they refused to attack them despite sitting still and waiting for any sort of response. Nothing. 'Come at us, you lousy fur thing, we're waiting for you!' The more they ignored the vibrating sounds, the better it became, though they were aware that it was humans making that sound. Soon the fur coat was abandoned as they entered the inner thicket, even having the sponge rejecting the feel it bore. Cold water ran down as he cowered at the strong extreme. Such a feeling of cold almost reminded them of winter.

Though as they entered the inner circle of water, there were still walls around and soon they were surrounded. People living there had free access to everything in sight. It around even more of a thing once they saw how putrid the water had become after dipping inside of it. 'Get away, now, go!' That thing's trying to get to our reserve of water, make it stop now. 'Once again, the ordeal with the tube came at last, though instead of sucking, it bore some of the guts out which couldn't be digested. Whenever or not it was something they had gnawed upon or they were either Balstar or Augur's guts, none could tell. As well as this continued, the water was indeed filled with a muck specific to the sponge. 'Attack it already, before it ruins everything, can't you see that this tradition is only going to bring us ruin?' Shut up, it's what we must do. 'We don't need to keep the tradition of it means bringing us closer to our destruction. That isn't right, it ain't right at all. 'You would ruin hundreds of year of tradition just to satisfy your own disgust?' I will do anything to protect the people and their needs. 'Splashes came at last as he jumped and readied himself to charge at them. Such it was that the ripples in the water gave out his position as he came. Those feeble arms suddenly came to a newfound strength as he came just in reach. His head was turned to face the stream of water and he floated in a pool of red. 'Why did you have to do this? You damn oaf!' There would be pain and mourning later now, that he was done. It became apparent to everyone that one of the water sources was ruined in front of their eyes. The next one that would try going against them wouldn't be as fortunate as that man. It wasn't a maze, as a matter of fact, despite having no plans to guide them they made it through somehow. 'We're sure, they're trying to make it for our food supply, if we cannot attack it, we need to drop the gate. 'Apart from what was said, there was a sudden slam on the door, steps from where they laid. It was a pity to look upon this senseless thing, though it wasn't to take long, not now since there came two others. Despite everyone being focused on the three of them, the beasts had initiative and followed the smell of a former shell which laid on the ground. With a mighty push, they both had the wall fall on the ground. Its sound echoed as they made their way until they came to the point of finding the various people who walked nimbly on top of them. Something made them avoid climbing the walls now, either the fact that they had weapons of their sheer size. They had been bigger than any other iteration which had ever been seen or felt. But no witness laid for such a tainted remark to take place. It came fast that they reigned terror and slammed their bodies against the various walls. As they fell the men shouted. 'Take the children and the

women and walk away, make it to the crossroads now, we'll take of them. 'Despite the tears, the maidens knew there wasn't anything else which could be done. As much as they wanted to help, they glanced at those who fell on the ground and fought for their lives. Striking with those small sacks to no avail. It appeared as if the skin they had been trying to penetrate was far too thick for anything to pierce it. Such a dark thing had happened that day that a man threw a sting from above. Despite being an act of desperation, heads were turned by those in their community. The darkened sky reflected in their small black dome, and it was as if the night came at last. A disturbing thing to run in the dark, though the roads ahead were not lost in memory. 'Come, we need to make it before the dome closes us in with them. 'Hunger, cold and fright would come now that the rule was broken, all by the stupidity of a single member of theirs. Not long after he slipped in the dark and found himself grabbed by the head. It was as fast as it came now that his head was crushed and he was thrown away. Despite his last attempt, those who were closest to the dark scene had noticed that it wasn't them that killed him as they ripped his body apart and threw him away. He died long before he was taken by the head, with a sting inserted into his own gut, right before seeing them get ready to take him away. An end to his suffering by his own hand. Now that he was dead, they continued, even to the shrieks of beasts. There wasn't anyone to stop the hands of Tom from tearing the wall apart and trying to get his hands on those piglets, or the things which sounded as similar. It was a hole which bore torment and as he came in, the slaughter began. To no end had they watched in tear, as those poor animals were tormented but not slain. A piece of him made small incisions, after all, the hole which they have made wasn't big enough for them to escape after. From the looks of which, it was just thin enough so that he'd get a chance to do what he was driven to. He inserted into those small cuts, pieces of the sponge which had kept him alive. Soon they'd grow and pull in all the water which laid inside their fat bellied bodies before the blood soon was to be devoured. On a sudden note, a younger man yelled. 'I won't let you destroy everything. 'He leapt below in the middle of the beasts, barely startling them than he had startled himself, and cut Tom across the face. As he backed away from the sudden realisation of pain, which he shared with both of the others, the man took the opportunity to grab a pair of small pigs and leap back unto the wall. He hadn't realised what had happened, nor what was inside of them by now, though he managed to get away. It was by his scent alone now that he was ignored by those other guardians, which he passed by. As rotten as they were, the memory of their encounters still managed to find its way into their brains. Just as small pulling strings which they had borne. But no, these ones were relentless, without knowledge of what had happened or where they have been, one could point out that there was nothing like anything ever documented about. Giant, monstrous, wicked and repulsive, even their limbs felt like slithers, even the fur felt like it had small sharp needles hidden inside. Worst of all was the fact that they bore a strong resentment for any other living creature around. Going ahead, more tried saving their animals but stopped at the sight. As soon as a guardian came, it pushed its hand and slammed it atop of the animals, instantly ending them by its strength alone. One disgusting glance and those nearest to it went on a flight. By the time the women and children had fled with a few men behind them which had borne some of the stock, the dome was already had to get through. 'Will we abandon the rest?' 'Those who aren't already dead will have a hard time getting past it now. I'm sorry but there's nothing else we can do about it until the deed is forgiven. 'One last look behind and they fled into the wild. In truth, there wasn't any stopping to this torment of theirs, regardless of how hard they tried, the dome began to manifest. First, it came to be such as a bubble, then it dried to the point of

changing form. The round shape had become steep and straight, a prison which forced everything inside to change as well. Walls were straighter, so were the limbs, even the eyes and many objects on the ground. On a sudden rock which had been thrown from somewhere outside, this prison just bent a little, as did all the things inside it.

Forgetfull of everything, they didn't feel any different, other than the fact that their limbs moved a lot more mechanical, even bent a joint. 'No, this can't be happening now. "It's already too late for us!"Make it for the wild groove, hide wherever you can. 'Even they had noticed how the guardians were confused as well, unable to do much anymore from the sheer depravity of their form. Each strand of hair had taken the strange shape and as they rubbed against one another, they vibrated directly to the ears. A shape of madness, one of fear, but at least they shed no tears. It took a while to adapt, for those who weren't blind. But something was to strike at their senses, once a strike of air had come. It bent the entire dome again, to the point of being stretched and seeing everything too warped into a direction. Worst of all is that they felt as far as they were concerned, just how far they went. That supreme distortion. 'End it, please, I cannot take it anymore. 'Another of had taken his life, seeing how he kept on cutting and cutting, only to slit his own throat. While the pain came, he was still alive, and just as others watched, that throat couldn't be entirely reached by the sheer distance alone. He had a resentment for himself, for halfway through, the man had changed his mind. By the time he dropped the weapon and tried covering his throat with his arms, it was too late. Everything was going worse, their attempted escape, the animals, even the water had gone into a secret damned place where it shouldn't have gove. This sudden push had managed to crush the earth, right into swallowing the small river which provided the last untouched source of water. Chasing one by one, the guardians stopped confused, unable to catch anyone either. 'Make for the depths, before we die of thirst!"No, don't listen to that fool, we'll be trapped and buried alive. 'Before he could warn them, eight or ten had already made it down there, thinking they'd be better. Without knowledge of the fact, the dome corrected this anomaly and reformed to its previous form.

As the man said, there weren't any screams when it happened for the dirt to be placed back where it belonged. Desperately, he tried to dig but the dirt had gotten too thick for his hands alone. In tears, as he watched, there wasn't anyone around. 'Why did you have to do this now?We could have waited, we could have hoped. 'Though there wasn't any response. As he places his ear against the ground and pushed himself up, it was time he heard their desperate cried. Looking back at the hallway, he realised. 'It's coming to me now. 'No strength left in his knees, just a matter of fact, he wouldn't dare move any longer but stand still and hope for the best. There's no way it can see me past its blindness. Those eyes were clean shut, to the point of dripping whatever white thing had been growing inside. By the time it approached, it paused at the edge of the entrance. Despite having looked for another source of water to contaminate, there wasn't anything anymore. One step and the man shivered as he saw the creature stopped. No water here just gets away. Either he was expecting something to snap at him or salvation. His eyes were still distorted with determination. Though the small pieces of stone which fell from its side while it hanged its hand against one of the walls didn't help in elucidating the wrath of the dome, he peered at it. Such a strange thing, particles, specks which were affected by this sudden distortion. With his fear alone, to die, he couldn't help it but examine the creature and wonder what was the reason behind its macabre appearance. Nonetheless, his thoughts were dry now, as it walked away, at the sounds of someone shouting. There had been others in the hiding. 'Hey, hey, are you in there?No, there's no need for you to move now, just shake your hate, I'll know it. 'Suddenly aware of the

presence of another right around the other room, he noticed how he started from a small square hole. His eye would've been the perfect fit if it were for it to bulge out of his skull. 'You needn't come any closer now, we can't risk being seen together. "What. What happened to the others? Are they alive? I've heard shouting though I don't know whenever or not there's anyone else stuck in here. 'There wasn't any peace of mind as the rain came now. The man responded immediately, as he was busy tying a knot. 'Here, I think you should have it. I saw you running and the moment when you dropped it. 'A small sack of that strong toxin was thrown just in his hands. 'I don't think it'll be of any use to defend myself now. These things don't seem to have any effects on them whatsoever. "I didn't return this back to you only to defend yourself and I am sure that you know what needs to be done. 'It was a good throw from one side to another, which distracted the man from what he expected to be done. Despite the fact that most of the people he'd known either fell or escaped this prison, there was still a desire to live. 'Look, at the top of our prison. 'This taint which befell on them was almost maddening. The raindrops suddenly started affecting the prison in a way which made their bodies and everything around them melt. A cumulative thing to be sure of it, which made him entertain the thought of self-impalement. 'Not until those things are dead. What if they keep coming?"They'll be trapped like the rest of us. Even if a legion of them arrives from the depths, they can rot here from all I care. "Don't you think that they'll break through eventually? There had to be a way out. "The only way out for us now is death, you know it. Either at their hands or ours. Must you wait to be buried alive like the others? Or perhaps have the strong wind just push your skin directly into the edge of the sting?"The thought occurred, though they both fell unto the ground, on their knees or on their backs. It appeared as if there was a patrol going on the road, from one side to another. Walking didn't do anything to stimulate the desire he had in his bones. Clearly, this was painful, having his bodily fluids and organs be pushed by the rain. Yet he thought the worse would still happen. Neither of them had the possibility of getting up any longer, at least not until the guardians went away. The more they inspected the two bodies, the more dangerous it had appeared to have been. Soon, their skin would be pulled inside the ground and become such a fertiliser would've been. Without a doubt, there was nothing to be worse than that, especially since it had already begun. Inches of their faces, through at different rooms altogether, begun entering the ground. Don't scream or they'll notice you're alive. Wait for it, wait. And there came the lucky break as those beats couldn't stand it either, at least now that they were both aware of the constant need of walking. Their deformed heads almost came to be in the shapes of cylinders or cones, at least with the help of the rain. 'It's safe to get up now. 'He said, feeling a slight impulse of pain. It didn't matter what was going to happen now, that the hole had changed its shape as well, not to mention the size. But the man had given up on life, which was certain. His body had already spread into a puddle in the dirt when suddenly rain stopped and out came the sun. This horror hadn't stopped any longer. Through he could feel whole again and unchanged, he saw the permanent damage which was inflicted. In front of him laid a broken wall, with a view of the other side which revealed the other man. A puddle which attempted to smile, in its pain, unable to walk or do anything other than watch. From the looks of it, even those parts in his throat which made the speech had disappeared. 'I'm so sorry for this, I should've known. 'While making sure no one would see to it, he looked at his hand and realised that he was just as damaged as him. His right hand had become a hook of sorts, with the toxin sack barely attached to it. There weren't any fingers yet he could move the sharp tip. Going by the tip of his toes, he walked around and managed to see that the man wasn't even able to look at

him, regardless of the position. At least, this would be mercy. 'This has to end like this, I'm sparing you of a life of misery in this form. 'No doubt laid about the fact that the man would've most likely continued his life in one way or another if he were to be kept alive. Nonetheless, a sharp stinger in the face and finally he closed his eyes. The release felt sweet, at least injecting someone with venom had something bitter and ecstatic which soon followed. His face felt numb. 'I am Johan, the first of them. I know I am. 'Was this, the thing he was seeing in front of his eyes the devastation of the cage?The sudden rush of ecstasy in his body said otherwise. It felt rather good for him to see everything blend and change in many flashing colours as he freely walked from his hiding. Screams of his friends and family reigned everywhere around. Much of the pain Tom had felt was brought now, in the darkest of places, where he wasn't even aware where they laid. He had just done killing another woman who had failed to escape. As a matter of fact, those who were left behind had either been crippled or were the older men with nothing to provide for their future. But to come to such a pain. His body had been dwarfed by the rain, and now they were even more interconnected. It was a curse which had tainted the bone structure in a way that three rib cages were combined, even thinner by the looks of it. Perhaps it was the damn sponge, but Tom's ribs had penetrated both the skulls of Balstar and Augur, finally ending their reign of the body. Ending the confusion, he had a strange effect on his own, having the entire control over a single four-legged body. Blindly, he felt around, as if having grasped hold of some lost relic of humanity which bore itself blindly back to light. Was that the sound of a child crying?Here and now after everyone else had managed to escape?The bestial vigour wanted to force him by its will, to end that damned noise and move on. It was just around the wall, into the inner entrance by the tainted closure. By the likes of getting closer, it wasn't any baby, but a child, closer to the age he had. A girl to be more precise, of which memories ran through, it brought something which he did not know. At least, not now, not anymore, not at a time like this. It couldn't have been that he woke up with a thing like it. There was something about the girl and her cries, by the time of which he found her and grabbed the throat, the feeling came. Cold, the same cold he had felt around his own body now. Tom felt around her mouth, seeing how it was closed it made no sense that she screamed,He wanted her to stop that, now it wasn't the time, but could it have been her?There wasn't any name for her, just a dim memory. Flowing rows of hair, as well as all the parts attached, she was undeniably the one he had been looking for. Was she his age after all?Nothing much occurred to his mind, nonetheless, the answer was benign. His instinct pushed him towards going on and carrying the body on top of his, having to deliver what felt like a promise. 'Look, he's at it again. "What's he doing with the corpse though?" Shh, he's coming. 'Tom did his best to ignore those whispers, guided by mostly a hand on a wall. Despite being some sort of a complicated place to get through, there was nothing else which was needed. His job here was done now that two guardians reign around, spreading terror and making sure there'd be no survivor. Even such a thought disturbed him to the way back. By the time of which he went across the pit without even being bothered whatsoever. Some time passed on the other side. Desolation and silence had reigned for far too long, through whatever happened, he knew what the plan was. This was Tom, the one who wanted to escape, the one who had a promise to keep. The one who grabbed too much around that cold throat and snapped it. No, she was already dead, she must've been, the daughter which had a need to be delivered. Such a trip took more than consciousness alone to get through, as he would find himself in need to crawl through dirt and dig himself out, at least that's the way he thought it'd be. At first, there were some sounds around, perhaps the guardians who

remained and still loomed across. Neither of the remaining ones ever managed to disturb his walk. The moment of which he came out into the world came unexpectedly fast, with no resistance, no digging like an animal, a small reluctance, though a quest unending. Such a blindness didn't do much for his condition, but he knew, vaguely where she was. 'He's still here.' Thought someone, looking into the distance. It's been far too long since he had gone exploring, only to look upon the new aberration of humanity that came outside. Something was different, much too different. Not only that, but that creature he bore in his back was too tainted to look upon by someone who had any resemblance of sentience whatsoever. It bore a long body filled with many bumps that held small legs, giant slithering limbs that would've most likely be used to push the body from danger's way. The head was the worst of all, a four painted atrocity that looked in every direction and bore crawling teeth which appeared to have parted ways. Worst of all was the fact that it was only feigning death by the looks of it. Either that, or that curse which laid around still managed to bring the dead back to fruition. Such an abomination left a dripping thing on the ground. It didn't bode well. Though Gurden was even more certain that there'd be no need for him to go there and take care of it himself. Not after what he's done. Another patrol was soon to return. Despite being in his condition, Tom had the girl with him, saved from the mad king. He would certainly return to that place to end things right after he had reached the point where her mother laid. Where exactly? It bore through, as he would make for what seemed to have been the higher planes, perhaps even the highest planes that would've been around. 'My lord, they're trying to break the ranks, what will we do?' 'Keep the fire up and the spears straight, they won't even dare make for the hedges.' The men were in a feud, standing in a row. In front of them laid a row of dumbfounded dead men who appeared to have a fear of fire, such as every living being had if it had to face it head-on. 'How could it be that they're alive? Look at how ravaged their bodies are, what could've done this?' 'I don't know yet, but this world is full of surprised we weren't aware of.' The sounds didn't do much to make them any more anxious, perhaps because the enemy was silent. Silent as well as the patient from the likes of it, they waited. Something passed that creeping visage as the back of their necks bore a frightening thing. At once one of them snapped something behind the head. The men were aware of a multitude of crawling small being coming towards them, perhaps four of them. By the time they reached even what might've been the inner entrance into the flanks, one torch was pointed towards their ends and scorched three of them into a wild fume. It wasn't that the fourth one showed any sign of intelligence alone, other than the fact it stopped. Such a wicked thing, with its carapace and brownish look. The head had an ill effect on it, even by the distance. Something shook again in Tom's arms, without a warning, making that damned sound over and over again. For him, there was a cry, though he remembers how long it was since he heard, really heard someone as closely and loudly as he heard her then. It made his soul shudder, his body wanted to react, one quick snap ahead and there'd be no stop. But he was guided nonetheless into the thicket of trees, heading for the entrance to the high mountains. This path would be perilous and take too long for him to carry on alone. Fate had another wicked surprise nonetheless, that he arrived and went through the village with his horrific visage. People cowered and went away, they hide themselves, closed their doors, brought their children into the house as well. 'Don't look at it Mary, it's bad luck, you know that better than any other.' 'Oh, but what could those be? We've done nothing to attract this kind of creature, we haven't hurt, we haven't dared, we're good people.' 'I know that, don't you think I'm not aware of it already? It must be a test, just stand and wait.' To the others, old farmer George would've looked like nothing short of a madman,

taking his two sheep into his house just in time only to get out to converse with those things. Even by the look on his face, there wasn't any hiding of the fear he had felt. 'Mornin'How are you doing now, everything all right?'The stumbling stupor stopped, though the creature behind him still made that horrible noise which appeared to have brought much misery to him. It was silent now, that of which was understood, though the wailing wouldn't be the only horrible thing which might've been done. There was still one tentacle which moved and tried to jerk itself away from Tom's body. It failed. 'Well, I don't suppose you've come here to ask for directions, have you?'Farmer George gave a hideous laugh. He could see that that sponge which filled the creature's mouth receded back, along with some of the stitches which had once constructed a tightly closed mouth. 'Mountains. 'Came the word of pleasure. Just as fast as it happened, the word left his mouth as the sponge had already taken his ability to speak, pulsating even more violently than before. It was because the poor lad managed to wet his lips in the few moments of speech. To say the least of it, there wasn't any pleasing in the moments it took to grow inside his mouth. 'Oh, the mountains, you're making for the mountains, right. Dangerous place, right, going out there, with what's in the sky. "George, George. 'He turned around to see a half-open door with his wife standing at its threshold, waving in dismissal. It was clear that most of the watchers wanted those two things out, as fast as possible if that wasn't clear by now. 'Right, the mountains aren't far, nor are they hard to find, just keep following the trees until you reach stone, but be careful which kind of stone. There might be the river, not so far and you wouldn't want to get to the wrong kind of mountain if there's such a thing at all. I don't suppose you would want to spend the night until it becomes clear now. You and your friend do seem tired in some sort of way. 'There wasn't any reply. The body pondered whenever or nor it should carry on the route with the instincts and strike at the man before it went on for the rest of the village. It carried on without having to turn. A bizarre pair, but they carried on. 'Oh, what were you thinking George, trying to invite them in like that?"George, how did you do it?"George, come on George. "Tell us, farmer, how did you manage to make that creature leave?"There were voices which were drowned in the crowd, yet they came with utmost curiosity and awe. As soon as those things went out of view, the village almost became populated again. 'Well, I don't think myself like some kind of protector or some of the kind but I must tell you that I'm quite proud of the fact that I managed to treat someone like him with the same decency we folk do. 'The pat on his own back made his wife roll her eyes, but in their play of words, they haven't noticed the giant shadow which was following the lad. Nor the fact that he was accompanied by someone else as well. 'You sure about this?"Right, he's not supposed to be here and that thing he's carrying with him isn't from this world. 'He could hear the high pitched cry it bore even now, ringing inside his head. They followed, the man with a sword in hand, and him with his bare fists. Those would be enough. By the time he was done with the woods, he had already come onto hills, or at least they felt like hills, green with small or medium-sized stones which laid around. Mountains in growth, he used to joke as a child, wondering whenever or not they'd become as tall and as mighty as those stone giants. But their wickedness went not unobserved, at the sound and sight, he was almost driven mad by it. The skybox lied and showed that image clear, of Tom. A wicked creature that wasn't his, carrying the body, the proof of what his guilt had run about. It was the only moment of true rage the king had felt as he decided to come forth. Through various entries of his grand palace, there'd be the bottom stable, hidden from the eye. He made it as fast as he might for the horses still waited there. As tainted and decayed as they looked, all bones but no meat for centuries of waiting, something still made that mass of

meat and bones stand. Another curse in his realm, though he took Legacy, the most tainted of the bunch, he managed to get through the hidden ways. Moments later and he was gone. Without any notice of his absence, it was time for him to correct the last thing that bothered him. He went ahead without remorse, though he looked through and saw it. 'First my servants and now you, grim creature. Just who else could it be that's following you as well?' One of his servants and the creature accompanying him became even more apparent. The man, of which there laid a certain recollection of memories sighed. No, there was something grim about the fact that they were both chasing after it and the girl. Could they have known?'No matter what, you're to be punished after I catch you all. 'The king thought. 'There was a slight break, at least now that the horse had a chance. It wasn't that it was dead, though rather, dehydration and starvation were slowed for its race, through an almost system of hibernation. When the chance arrived, it drank an entire pool of water which laid on the ground, finally adding some mass to its body. 'Go on, we need to get there in time. I'll deal with your needs later if I have to. 'The horse noted and went back at it, even faster now despite having received more weight. From the looks of it, there wasn't any telling why it happened, though certainly, something had. At the rare encounter of that dead wriggling husk, he peered and couldn't believe his eyes.

It was a thing of torture for him to lay eyes upon, especially since it was a rather close encounter. 'What are you?' Begone foul thing before I slay you in my thirst for obscurity. 'He almost shouted, with a startling rage that could beam into its body. From the looks of it, there wasn't any doubt that it was dead, perhaps even stranger was the fact that it bore itself as softly as it could inside the ground. Like a damn worm, it disappeared, with a frightening speed and without a trace. There was no way he'd wait to see more of what this land promised, not so fast as to forget what had happened in the sky. One thing at a time, he rode as fast, without being attacked by the dead husk, even more than that. He even started to catch on, from the looks of it, now that he had fed it. Small animals appeared, rodents of some sort. It wasn't something one would see as often, though their arrival there had brought a great amount of change. The king almost stretched ahead and grabbed one of those small sharp-toothed, big-eyed long critters and broke its teeth. Then, he skinned it alive with a quick swipe of his glove and threw the rest away. Just so that it was clear, the horse ate it raw without any trouble, even wanting it more, before showing its well-endowed capability of spitting out the bones before being done. Such a process needed only a few times to be repeated while they were still participating in the chase. Without a doubt, it was him who created that giant bulk inside the horse's stomach which brought back its might. 'Carry one now, we're reaching them. 'The king thought, as fast as he could, he went through the same village, too fast to get any glance or speak to anyone whatsoever. From the looks of it, Tom was already climbing. So were the man and Gurden. 'What do you suppose we'll do when we get to him?' 'Easy, we have them both get rid off, as fast as we can. "You don't appear to bear any sympathy for it, are you?" 'Do you bear any sympathy for it either?' It used to be a human once, of that I am sure and now look at what it's become. 'They looked at the blind fool and how it carried that slithering thing. For once, their plans were uncertain. 'What is it trying to accomplish with it up there?' 'I am not sure but we cannot allow it to live further and multiply, it could create more problems than fix them. 'Herbert was a militant man, the soldier in the army, he had defended the capital for many years before its fall. Now, it came down to various acts that would madden a man of lesser value. Indeed, he joined the fur-filled ape-like intelligent creature in hopes he'd get to the bottom of it and form an alliance. There had to be another way through. 'Look around, I'm sure we could get through the mountain by the path all the

way up. "We could, but it would take us far too much time, we need to climb as it might be our only hope. 'The looks of it made him rethink of much of what they had discussed. It was dangerous and if something happened to either of them, they had decided that the latter would be left behind. 'We cannot let it get through, not until we're done, understood?" "I understand, there's no need to shove and push, I can make it on my own, you know?" There was a spoiled look, but they didn't notice. From the distance, the horse and the king had noticed just where they were all heading to. 'Perfect, we could make it through the long path and reach them just in time. 'With no regard for his safety, he went away and felt the cold. Certainly, there wasn't any snow but the way ahead was forked and went in curbed steepes, growing more and more intense as they got higher. It was easier than he thought, at least the way he had gone through promised something which would get higher and higher by the long turn. Some ancient man had to be applauded for the handiwork done there after all this wasn't nature's work alone. The flight continued. It carried on despite the fear that each of them felt. 'What if they will find me out?" "What if I may fall and die?" The poor soldier followed the beast, hardly staying onto the rocks, without the least piece of rope to wrap himself around. At least he was set in front of it for the thing could at least catch him if not slam him back into his place. 'Well, how long until we catch him?" "Not so loud, for he may hear us? We won't have to go there for long now, there seem to be some mountain roads out there. It may even be that we could catch on to him before getting lost in the clouds. 'That of which promised quite the view. Pity for poor Tom, who was now an odd lad who quickly stopped climbing the stone. Now that he was back on stone, he followed through and walked around. A thin path laid ahead, perhaps too thin for him to walk with someone on his shoulder, though it was a risk worth taking. Someone was looking for that girl, after all, she still cried softly for her mother. The sky cube showed its lies, Tom and the girl which had to be delivered to him were already on the way, heading towards some unknown destination. Where could he bring that and who could he see? I will have them both ground, abomination, the child, the mother and her father as well if I am to lay my hands upon them. 'As for the two of you. 'He thought of last, as the horse jumped from stone to stone, to a reasonable height. It was soon that he came to be, above, further above than the two of them laid. One small rock came in the form of a stone avalanche of smaller pebbles, dirt and many other extremities that laid there. 'Careful, they're coming!" The man announced, by the sight alone he managed to duck his head. It couldn't be said the same about Gurden who was too big to even cower from its power. 'I cannot continue this path like this, you must go ahead and catch it without me. 'Gurden was already descending back from where he came, slightly defeated and afraid to continue. "You can't abandon me from the sight of a few pebbles. 'The man said though he had not a better sight than he had. As far above as he dared peer his eyes, laid the king standing on his horse waiting. Obviously, the mere humane sight had no enough might to see how far he laid, or how deeply he was hiding in the wind. It bore an eyeless gaze which made Gurden understand that he wasn't welcome there, not only that, but also that he wasn't a foe to mess with. 'You'll have to continue or doom this world if it is kept alive. 'The man nodded but dared not looked back. Damn you fiend and your malevolent dark tricks. 'I will do it then, as I please, I'll continue this quest on my own and made sure its kind never wretches this plane of existence. I swear it on my honour. 'He thought as he made it where Tom had been. It was the right angle to shiver a stone and enough that one would manage to end his miserable existence. Though this didn't bode well enough for him. No, he wanted that thing to carry on and perhaps recover the body of the girl. 'And then I'd end two rabbits with one shot. Good thinking, let's

continue then my dire mare. 'They rode on, hidden from his sight. It was a long way to carry and climb on, though he had the vantage point, a clean, hill-like pair of stones laid ahead which made it seem like this was carved by someone for him alone. That creature still held the girl, but having him killed in the wall would've done nothing to hide the body. Even worse, as his hands were dirty, guilt would once come back and haunt him for eternity. One slip and he'd be done for. The body must burn or have it skewered by dire wolves. Yes, meat for the animals, the best of the approach, just make sure you don't take a bad turn. The king thought as he looked through the cube and saw him carry that thing through the longest steep alone. 'Why is this man even trying now?' Somehow, he had reached both of them, despite being so far behind. Curiously, he wasn't bothered by carrying another body with him, but still. 'I might start having to stall for you if you keep going that way. 'A path of redemption from the man, the way he might've thought. Either that or he knew something he shouldn't have. 'Fall now, just fall. 'The king lowered himself down from the horse and had him follow. Looking around, past the slight appearance of mist, there seemed to have been an endless supply of small stones and pebbles. Just an angled shot so he wouldn't make it through if this mad game of his had to continue. Through he peered down no longer. One sight of something wriggling across the sky and he almost came down to hide. A hissing from his helmet and the horse lowered himself as well. 'You couldn't have come at a worse time now. 'He said with a bitter voice as he noticed the sky darken all around. Judging by the size alone, it would definitely not be the best thing to anger the beast. No, not now that there laid no protection around him, and he had made it too far to be driven off. It was something he had to face by himself. Not that it was as awful as he might've thought at first, mostly because there wasn't any way to be seen. 'Wait here and don't move a muscle or a bone. When we turn, you'll be rewarded never to fast ever again. 'Despite being a horse there was a nod as if it understood what the king said. Crawling now, he looked at them, with his sky cube, he peered as close. The man had noticed the beast and laid shaking, though he carried on rather than turning back at the sight of that wriggler. Perhaps he deserved to be kept alive a little longer, but not that one, neither of which will survive this. He made it for the higher stones and looked forth as he blended in. One last thing laid in mind for him, as the steep mountain path ended for Tom, they'd come onto flatness, enough that he'd make it on foot to the top of the mountain. 'That's where you're headed to. 'Tom went ahead and followed whatever instincts he had left inside, feeling the cold air, approaching the point he had his vague memory of. Such a feeling of stone, despite the fact that the bare feet weren't his, it brought him a recollection of every moment he had spent alone. Running in a world that wasn't like this, one closer to his own. As much as he wanted, something dire had happened and he was quite aware that he was damned. One last thing, one last thing, even such a creature like him wanted the need to think for itself. Though that failed, when it wasn't even Tom who did all that, but the sponge which had long arrived and made it for him the rotten brain. It had died and now laid broken, animated by the strange sponge which seemed to have brought everything back to, mostly an indecent state. With such a creature crying in his back, there wasn't any telling what was to be with the scene. Though luck was on his side as he approached the inner tops of the mountains as a corpse laid out there in the open. It needed no eyes to feel it rotting and send its many invisible bodily spores directly through the air, bouncing against its body until the opened like open books. Could this have been the lady that had lost her daughter? Was the promise which was done so long ago ready to be fulfilled? Two silent watchers laid there, at a distance and watched. A strange thing he'd done now, as he reached the corpse and kept beside it. There wasn't

any sort of reanimation in this far tip of the world, only death and the unstoppable decay. Luckily for the creature, there weren't any eyes, and the brain damage caused by the lack of air did more than enough to wipe the image of her. A block of blue-like dark laid around, pushing and distorting the image he had tried seeing. Even her moving her lips had a strange effect, having a pair of crooked teeth just spread around while the mind had tricks playing on him. I've come here to bring your daughter back. He said in his mind, in which, the mirror image of himself gave her the child he had carried from so far. Though it was dim outside by now, this was done, she grasped her daughter around her in an embrace and started crying. For this was, in reality, a tainted thing, even of which the king had noticed, he peered at the trickery and almost fainted in stone. With a crushing blow, he crushed the cube and made it for a quick escape. It was when he thought he'd do it if it weren't for the built up rage, the risk he'd taken. 'Damn creature of utmost hell's plane. 'A voice staggered. Despite Tom's smile, the creature tried getting away and in the process, it threw the body of that woman off the cliff, with a strong push from that one wretched limb it bore. Tom had it coming but noticed it not until the spear came through his body and into that creature, the girl as he had through it. The first blow was deep and the cry was audible even to him. 'Return from whence you came out of, now and die forever. 'The reasoning stood without fail as he pulled the spear and plunged it more and more until Tom had the appearance of a haggard hive, kneeling now that the sponge was bleeding. A poisonous thing which that thing filled with thirst started drinking. 'Why won't you end your suffering and. 'His heart stopped at once, with only half of a second to see that there laid a had in his stomach, a familiar thing if it weren't for the rush of blood which came into his head. He was thrown by the side, rolling off the far edges and into the ether. 'As for you. 'He said at least, ignoring the familiarity of the situation, he carried on with the closure. Already Tom had taken more than enough blows which compelled him to have no control over his body. With a piece of the sponge, his head was ripped and thrown away, soon to follow with the body. The abomination was to be the last thing, which he dared not touch. Once he found himself standing face to face with a wriggling beast which had known all along what was happening there, he stood there and waited. If it wanted it dead, it would've ended him a long time ago. Despite opening its giant maw, it hadn't come for him, but that creature laying in front of him, as an offer of some kind. It chewed on it and looked mightily pleased by that. From the looks of which, it did appear that this was the biggest wriggling beast he had ever laid eyes upon.

Headless space

Beckon thy call! Time had come for the creators of the dark race to shout into the farthest edges of the universe. Their voices called as they travelled far back, giving birth to the other breeds during the age of eternal night. Not only had they existed in a tormented state, but their visions gave birth to twisted and tormented daemoniac cacklings which writhed and choked in space. Past their many lives, they evolved their long bodies and sharp infinitely spreading legs, peering with eyes unwatched upon the eerie planes of existence where mankind dwelled. During the peak of their might, they tried getting in touch with them but failed. As a testimony to it, they decided to bleed

internally since pride would not allow anything lesser for their kind. It was grim knowing yourself a ruler that's unable to govern over others as he should. They would point and they would say:

‘Look at how they laugh at us.’

Each and every one of them shared a single consciousness which eventually got tired of the so-called mastery over infinity. Boredom was supreme and a way of life. Moreover, the ape-like primitives mocked them without even being aware of their existence in the space-like continuum. It was time to punish them before their untimely extinction, bringing forth one hundred, no, one thousand suspended humans in their skin-cages. They were greeted by a dull place, crafted during ancient times to deal with the amount of legs their species produced. Anything even remotely looking like architecture was in reality decrepit and vile. With a single unanimous thought from the great consciousness, they had all been reduced to the most primitive features man had known, until they all looked the same. It was a gesture of grandness to pour their entire consciousness in those small bodies, their tiny human brains being completely digested by the vastness of information they projected upon them. We shall get through them by whatever means feasible, even if we are to be mocked and consumed by their suspicion. Eventuality dictated that the greatest race of all would prevail! And in the end, we will dissolve their bodies and rule forever unmocked in space. Left behind, their ancient bodies as well as their head bulbs began spreading in halves, pointing towards the ground, unable to look forward any longer. A promise of grand stature laid ahead for them to follow on. Now that they were done pouring themselves in; hundreds, thousands, millions of infested neurons inhabited the modified humans as they returned to Earth, where they belonged. Among the laughing apes which mocked them in their sleep, who had the most intriguingly mad idea of space. It was the middle of the day for Jonathan. No one noticed his absence during the mid-shift nearing the late hours. There wasn't any need to understand how machines worked since most of them were too primitive for their liking. 'Working hard as usual, Jonathan. Had your break yet? How about you get those Rickard files ready for me before eight O'clock?' He called in the morning and there had been an accident relating the entire ordeal, John? Are you even listening? "Yes, I'll get onto it and leave them on your desk." I'm glad I could count on you. That was Donna who just left, with which John had so forth shared his fantasies with her, the deepest, most amusing dreams he had ever dared share with a woman he had known. It just so happened that she was his boss, with which he had dared fantasize about in secret, even to the point where. The line of thought hadn't interested him any longer. No one from the officer even noticed the bald, featureless man standing there and looking through their minds. They had already hated sharing this body, this disgusting lobbying thing. Looking through the closest reflection, they realised just how out of the ordinary they looked in there. Such vague clothes, they changed to fit the office. There wasn't anything beyond their power, especially with so many of them holding just once. With the apprehension of someone missing, their image of another man laid here and here, perhaps closely set on a few of the desks. He had taken his appearance and taken the moulding remains from each and every single one of them into account. Elliot, the employer, had gone missing. That part was fairly erased, though it just happened that one man in the toilet had been given too much of the power. It wasn't that anyone had noticed how the might entered his head and its expulsion from the inner blood and guts had ended going through the end of his skull, reach the ceiling. With no regard, of what he was, a portal opened above and the remains with all the splattering things were pulled inside of it, to the nethermost regions of space. Those depths of space where it was worm and there was

nothing to have them become cold. Yes, this would be most fitting. Immediately they had taken the appearance of this new man and changed the desks around with only the mind, making sure each and every single one of the memories fit together well. He came next to John to whom they'd taken the interest. Seeing as much, one hand already started dissolving from the overuse. Even these bodies couldn't handle much. It was a fact that the other ones had landed into different eras, during the war, the future and distant past, each being able to access anything they ever desired. Yet, their search had to be thorough, for those who had peered upon their now, long abandoned husks and laughed. Now, this couldn't be one. 'In a minute now. Oh, you're that man, I'm terribly sorry but I can't remember your name now.' John had tried peering but moments passed while staring and it just so happened that there was nothing there. His little brain had been just a little too tempered with, to the point where he had started seeing things. People that weren't only there but most of which they had been part of fictitious stories he had read in the past. Dragon The wind was high and fire flew upon the midnight sky, burning through the wicked clouds, turning white into proper black. Humming such as his could never again be heard anywhere else, though the pain was felt, birds were flying, their children abandoned and the wicked scent went on dying off. 'It came, the desecrator came!' Yelled a man, his wooden shaft across his neck, it could be sharpened and be thrown at it, though it was to be too fast as he did not even blink. He returned alas, a blast of fire being thrown from above, at the point of raising the entire area, drowning it in the smoke. There used to be those who fled, as the others refused to even try, knowing that their doom would soon be taken, apart from in pieces, until there was only black smouldered on the ground. Down the hill, it made a layer, with its claws digging through as if it was nothing more than a thin stack of papers, though which it burnt and dug and pushed until it made space. There it slept for days and days. With one eye open whilst the other close, it finally gave up and closed them both. No one would dare approach him, nor deny, that there was the peril if one were to approach, to be eaten alive. It was hungry and couldn't be bothered, so it slumbered instead, after the destruction. From time to time, it desired still, to fly above and seek and seek. In his wicked tongue, to yell at them. 'Do not dare cross this line, for this is my land now.' Indeed, there was a river line that stood between them, cutting a bigger part of a forest from a smaller one. What was surprising beyond that, remained that, despite all, the dragon chase the small one, raised the houses up, then burnt them all to the ground.

Grayish Poe's Silo

'A concoction, I tell you, that's the reason it turned that way. It wasn't me nor my pets and on that, I have more than several nobles to swear on my name, your honour.' 'That would be enough, good sir and therefore the verdict may be laid.'

The voice of the judge echoes through the oak halls, runes flying on the walls, along with a cold wind. It was especially cold during the time of the season and no mistake could be made in the judgment soon to be believed. Eight witnesses, from left to right stood tall and all of them judged the poor soul who was waiting for; asking for nothing more than what would've been a fair judgment. At least it would. 'Though I bear spite and it wasn't born here nor there, my sentence is that you're guilty of everything and everywhere.'

The mouth spoke, another followed.

'Yes indeed, he's guilty of every crime and none may deny what happened those days, what may happen next if we leave this up-sack unhindered on his away. He'll tear up our crops all over again.'

She had her chickens spliced up as she witnessed them eaten alive.

'Yes, Barnabee Nestor. You are to blame, for all out pests, misfortunes and deaths. My wife died from the medicine you got her.'

And so it happened that there were only seven witnesses alive in the room, to testify, though it was enough. Barnabee did not have his head in shame, to listen to his own demise, with no power to defend him, nor would the judge stop. He enjoyed it too, watching the skin cringe, the paleness behind the brows harden, even as the knees depend on, Barnabee couldn't swallow off the tension built inside the walls. And such walls would've been a better fate, to be crushed under them, rather than to stand and cry, listening to his failure and how he'd escape. 'Now. Well, I hereby declare you Barnabee Nestor, the third of his given name, guilty of the crimes committed, witnessed and said, to confinement into that damned Silo, that you so desperately claimed to be hell!' The sentence was harsh, even for them, their faces changing as well. He even thought about reconsidering what the punishment would've been, even if there wasn't any daring to turn his own words after he spoke them to thorough. Whispers came as Barnabee was struck with depression, angst and fear, even by the thought. No one dared enter the Silo, by the simple fact. A gateway to the abyss, to the old gods of depths, and those above, with not even the slightest risk of getting back, he knew that this was no punishment, rather, an execution. 'Do I get no parole then?' A most curious smile erupted from the man, laughing at all of them, at death too as well. He knew that after that there'd be no coming back, making the best course of action to be bitterly cynical of the past. 'And since it'd take some time for the guards to arrive and escort me there. Just listen.' 'Silence in my court you, you!' 'I said listen!' The voice that made them shake inside the boots, the true nature of the man revealing itself, which held no surprise why they backed away. He was a danger, to

them and himself, though there was nothing to lose. 'Nothing at last. There will be nothing left of me once I'm there, though I may as well have some fun, as a last request dear judge. And you'd better write that down. My confession, call it as it is. What I've done to you, the sins and everything was indeed ridiculously insane, and I admit to all of it!' 'All of it?' The woman asked surprise, barely managing to hold her feather sons in her buzz, as dried as they remained. 'Though if I were you I wouldn't hold that, especially since I know well what I've done to that.' It was a provocation and disgust, she dropped it immediately and shamefully exposed of what she held in front of all of them, for such long time. Mere body rails were enough to replicate the action that was accomplished then, what he did to the chicken once it was dead. 'Oh, how dare you, even on your dying bed, make this poor lady cry?' 'You're talking, aren't you? I've seen you attempt on her daughter before the process even started! All of you!' He pointed at last, with his head only; the eyes were only needed for a moment before they passed out. The shock was more than enough, as were the guards coming in. Barnabee knew that this was the last of his chance, to point it back at them; the outrage he managed to get became more on an indescribable bravado, at which the judge sighed. Though it was not his task to judge him again, that was for the heavens and the hells. 'And you, and you-you. Liar, feaster and fat pig. You're all worse than me in every single aspect of your boring lives, and yet you dare criticize me, above all. I dared do something and for that, I'm glad I will be dead for.' The doors slammed. 'To live my life, even for a moment, be written on a judge's note for all to see, after me. The spark I have.' That used to be, conducted now through the rusted metal of the armor the guards had, as they held him tight, coming through the exit, never to be heard. Look from behind, in silence as some wept, others were met with silence. In his own words recalled, the last said before the note spreading and writing ended, by young Analisse, the judge's assistant. 'Simpletons, who did not expect the old dog to retaliate!' Before he'd be taken away, against his will. The stumps of his legs and the silence of the guards already forced him into a glimpse into the life that was going to be. His last moments were surrounded by what looked like decent folk, hence the reason he decided there. 'That, I will not both of you more than I have to, since I know you're only doing your job. And already I've laid waste on my last wish so there's no hope for me to wish I'd get the chance to survive.' It was about to be a long trip, outside, at a carriage with locks, at which even the horse was tied and made into a fortress that was holding the reins of a knight. This was no mere servant of the law or an enforcer, but an armored knight, sitting on top of a desolate posture. Even the armor dared not touch light, the metal being bent into carvings and dents, all bent or melted to become part of it. Oh, he's seen war, perhaps even the best of them. How even they managed to assign him to a simple escort was a mystery to him. Through the mass of peasants that barreled at him, he sighed, though his eye widened and the sanity in his mind, he denied. Double. 'Two of them, how could this be?' It was another knight wearing the same armor, bearing the same marks, as tall and look alike in all remarks. Even the purple and the red, as dark as they both stood, pillars in front of the carriage, everything was done systematic. Past the rotten fruits and shouts. 'Hang him. Murder that disposable cunt!' And other of the sort, they wanted nothing more but to see him dead, despite the fact that most of them wouldn't even get the chance to find out about him. Or even see. How blind could they be? 'Knock it off ye' wenches. You'll get enough hanging on the next batch!' Barnabee was furious, though his real reason wasn't that he was made into a cunt in front of them. It ran deeper, as he noticed. Was I set up in all of this? He asked himself, two guards, two knights, he even felt a chill into the judge's room, as if the ghost of someone was watching over as another jury. 'No, this couldn't be.' Shoved aside, he

whispered in his cage, a mixture of metal, wood and slight comfort. Two knights in front and the guards leaving them alone. It was thus curious, on the road, now that the drapery covered his body, the gaze of others too. 'I've not seen their face properly and I can't remember either. Damn this, why did I have to admit? Perhaps if I waited for a little, I could've been admitted.' Silence in the back prisoner. The knight said, opening a small hatch and looking through the distorted helmet he had. A long journey lay ahead, and the only face he'd now have to get used to was as ugly as it'd get. 'Or else what? You'll kill me then?' 'We would not dare!' The other knight responded, now both of them turned like owls and started at him. None are staring at the road. 'Do you want us dead? Watch the road you damn armored baboons.' 'Worry not; we've been through this road at least a hundred thousand times. Either of us could drive through it headless and even whilst drown without own blood.' Quite the peculiarity it was, he did not wonder why. 'So I'm to understand you're taking me somewhere else?' 'No, we did not say such a thing. Though we will take you towards a special place we'd like to call. "Home!" The road remained the same, as Barnabee could feel no deviation, no sudden movement of the horse. A grim feeling remained, as gloom was visible even in his cold breath. 'Are you taking me to the Silo? Still?' 'You guessed.' He realized then, even after it was revealed, the strange appearance and how none of the dirty peasants from before, the ones that bickered at him as if he was a monster, none of them seemed to react any different at them. None. 'You're taking me to hell, aren't you?' Adrenaline rushed through the veins and a sudden burst of rage and wrath made him shake the cage, the shackles and shove himself against the walls. The pain was numbed in the area he'd hit. It managed to do nothing but make them laugh at him. 'More more keep doing it. There will be enough to come after we're there, forever more, the gate waits. Even now, the Silo's carvings are made of hands. Boldness to them, to speak such madness, to act like madmen, and be grabbed to a stop. The hatch closed immediately and Barnabee fell on his knees. Cramped in the small space, he was forced to wait and listen. 'Damn this, I did not deserve it, no one does. We can't be there either, then why did they stop?' He'd get no answer, none at all, and outside, with his ear jammed against the cold bars, there was something there. Something of such nature that not even the most desensitized deaf would've heard, at which their natural awareness increased by a thousand more than a normal man. Someone's breathing on the other side, I swear. Did they change their mind then, am I even safe? His thoughts reflected only a fragment of what he had in mind, the imaginary of them torturing him made him stop. Outside his awareness, what he did not know, there laid a stop with the two knights standing neck in neck, hands on each other's twin blades. It was a church that stood in their way, at which the horse stopped without thinking or command. It did share something with both of them, other than an armor, and balance, the fear it felt, even through the lenses of an animal of its kind, it did not make any sense. None at all. Could it be the ungodliness from the spread towards the horse too, or does it know of my command? The priest was quite surprised, the thoughts, despite being pure, still grudge both of them, appearing in the stance of war. And not only were their appearance repulsing to him, they still stank of fear, to approach the holy ground that stood merely a few feet in front of them. 'Ehm. May I help you, knights of?' 'Our order must not be spoken towards mere peasants and priestesses alike.' 'Especially your kind, now if you may please. We need you to move away as fast as possible.' The second knight said, resuming his stance as if he was a marionette. There was an appeal towards what he knew and wanted to do, the ways he had already envisioned on how it'd go measure to a varied amount. The ways he'd engage, and murder, the way he'd kill and slash. How he'd deal with the holy ground, scorched and burnt to the

sound. Screams coming out of everyone in the church as they were trapped in a various vision of fire and dirt. Such were the ways, though he was distracted. 'Do not quarry brother; we still have a task to do. Very well priest, you may be holding now, though count yourself lucky that we're busy and on the run. Else' 'You're welcome anytime. Come by soon!' His voice carried a high note, though in his face it was clear how much he despised them, and how much he'd have liked to retaliate. Though, he was again, as every single priest in the town, taught better than that. 'Very well.' The hilts were already on their way, though one of the brothers stopped. A few dirty sounds, and a scream followed by a shout. 'What could be happening outside there?' Barnabee still hadn't realized though why the delay, though after a minute of waiting, the carriage was once again on its way. The horse yelled and it was clear, as the hatch opened again, it was revealed. It was the grim armor, covered in a sickly colored grey and red. Barnabee gulped a second and stared. 'No more stops from now on.' 'We're terribly sorry for the delay, though there will be enough time for you to despair, my brother's fault comes to be. His impatience and the terrible act made us lose some time. Not to mention that he dirtied my sword.' 'Perhaps I wouldn't have if you stood to the plan instead of backing down. Now, I'm the only one to be cleaned and scalded for what's done.' 'Ehm.' The echo that came from one of them was more than enough to show the hollowness he had inside. These were no men, or anything, though who could tell what they really were. 'We will have enough after we pick our brother, it should be clear. He'll switch places with you and you shall not be punished. As you may tell by now, there's no need to tell our guest there about all of our problems since it may as well be corrected with much more ease.' The carriage went, and after a bump, one of the helmets suddenly jumped out of the cart and off the road. 'No!' He yelled, seeing the decapitated head, there was nothing in there, not the stump nor the body. 'You're demons. Let me out, let me, out!' A shout and a cry for help came, though there was none to help. One of the knights was stumbling to grab the reins whilst another one was trying his best to find his head. 'Hold on Barnabee. I don't know how much I can!' A blast came and penetrated the cage, as there was no mere bump in the road. The carriage was turned and pieces of armor spread everywhere. An arrow flew immediately and cut through the thickest floating leaves and cut off the horse that held the carriage afloat. In the commotion, it was revealed, a raid, of shrouded men and women, all shaped to fit the land itself, covered in leaves, they began the assault. Some pieces were still moving, though like bandits they yelled. 'Go on; get them as fast as possible before it's too late!' The leader shouted though she did not know that she was leading the assault only to find, after revealing that there was nothing more but. 'They're hollow boss, what should we do?' The first one arrived, though before he could turn back and the gauntlet, he found himself stabbed in the gut, ready to fumble on the ground. Pain rushed through the body and he yelled. 'They're alive!' And everyone's attention came towards the bits and pieces on the ground, readying their swords and bows to fire through the forest's clouds. 'Damn these things just get the one with the sword, quickly!' She said, and four jumped, but none expected it to be so quick whilst jumping on and off the ground, immediately into the attack position whilst having nothing to see with. 'Whatever they were made to guard, it must be worth a fortune, so keep at it.' 'Yes, ma'am!' Unison, the voices that came followed a pattern of the vale. It was the need of a few arrows and some spears to pin it to the ground. More effort was put, as everything just bounced off when directly hitting, or appearing to do so. 'Alas.' She came victorious, after two gauntlets with their weapons managed to be kept incapacitated, the rest were easy, even for their small band of cutthroats. 'And now.' The spoils of war. Obviously, it seemed that no one would've agreed on buying such

cursed artifact, like the pieces of armor, still flailing on the ground, especially since they were talking there without a care in the world. 'I wouldn't do that if I were you, woman, what lays in that carriage was already promised to someone else.' 'And I supposed I should just be flattering the demand of a head?' 'I'm sorry ma'am but there are two of them. And we've already secured.' 'Hah, if you could call that secured, we'll be backing again in no time, and after that, you'll learn.' Her curiosity was already aroused by the situation, as it looked like the carriage, or what lay inside of it might be valuable, if such cursed fiends were called in service. 'Very well, men tear down that cart.' With the signal given, and already at hand, they jumped and bent their knees along their hands, each side being barraged in and even more savage way than they previously fought. It was no wonder, why suddenly, the bolts fell and the wood that surrounded it came off, revealing the light to him, and every little surrounding place he'd see. Awakened, in front of them, he stood there tall, shaking in the cold. 'What now? Who are you people?' Barnabee had nothing on him to defend him, or any desire to explain. Thus, it remained the question she asked, after revealing her name. 'I am Everett, of the fist blades. Pardon my gang for their intrusion, though I have come here looking for answers. And if I may be more precise, who are you?' Her fingers ran across the metal balls, all tied together by chains that seemed melted in the locks. The whispers of the helmets were obviously trying to deceive, though they were silenced immediately at her command. As she lifted her other non-dominant left hand, two men jumped at each helmet, pointed a diamond-shaped lance, reflected in the sun, their polishes and quality made the two of them wonder why did they not use them from the start. 'Those are part of my guard, in case you two were wondering, and... ' The voice was clear, as, up from the hill, the third one crouched, hiding after he silenced the horse and waited for an opportunity to arrive. 'And, do not worry, they're well trained. Beshr, Shilq, cut them in half if they dare move their mouths again.' Nods in agreement and the problem were momentarily done. 'Now tell me, little man, before I lose my patience and order my guards to cut you instead, who are you and why're you trapped here?' 'Explain myself? Only if you let go of me, I won't just freely stand here and take your threat.' 'Shh. I need you to understand something, as, intelligent as you look, perhaps you may. You are in no need of bargaining, especially now, since you're twice the prisoner. So you may as well just go on with it and tell me, or else we can just go ahead and cut you off and move along. Do you understand now, the situation you're in?' Already has Everett ended her walk around the cage and noted the dents, through which she shove her fingers, and the whole cage fell apart. Barnabee tried gulping, though he was way too surprised to do so. 'Very well, I'll tell you.' And she smirked, even at the shortened story, and the band ready to go on their horses, with Barnabee in the back, the whole set of armor too tied with them. Though, the bargain, despite being so forced, remained in his mind as well in hers. 'You see, Barnabee, if I understand correctly, they're trying to take you towards the Silo, aren't they?' 'That is correct, though I.' 'Again, stop interrupting me Barnabee, unless you want a fate worse than that. Now, this how it's going to happen.' It happened too fast, though she gave no indication that someone approached to knock him out. 'We're going to accompany you there.' Everett, had only a part, though after he was knocked out, she turned to them and asked. 'You two as well, you'll tell me why've you getting from all of this, else I will make them cut you in even smaller pieces than you are now.' 'You can't threaten us, we're.. ' 'Going to be in pieces by the time I'm done with you. So?' The slightest touch made a small shockwave agonize the cramped space in which the hamlets were. It was the first touch that came out of the lances that cut through a centimeter of them, with no force used whatsoever; it cut through like a sharpened knife would butter. And it hurt just as well. They spoke quickly

and cowardly, ready to give one another as well as their master.'It was all him, he made us go and to this.'Yes, he promised us gold and treasures.'Lies, men, you know what to do.'Before her hand reached the bottom side of her torso, their spark arise.'Wait, wait wait, wait, wait, wait.'Followed by the other's fear of demise.'My brother there was wrong to lie about that and for that, we're both terrible sorry.'I knew it you curls, what possible reason could two suits of walking armor need treasures for?Now spill it out before I change my mind again.'We were promised a soul. "Hah, don't try my patience again, pff.I knew I shouldn't have lost my time with the two of you.'Wait, I swear off my life and my brother's that it's the truth, solely as we heard it and it is at all nothing but the truth!'Bent, to the deepest cut in half knee he waited.'A soul it is then.'She said, 'Ours for the taking now, instead.'A short awakening it was, though it was still to be wagered, who would buy a soul, a cursed set of armor, and what would it make of us?It remained, the best they had, as the previous months were stricken by famine through the land, leaving nothing more than the minimal to be pillage.Their seer advised Everett on her mission, far ahead, his knees being already old as was his throat, making the very seconds he stood and spoke as painful as it appeared to her.He had known what was going to happen even before, though he struck by the shadows and kept the second eye to the woods behind.'There is another one that's following us, mistress, please heed my call.You may not be able to see him, though he's there and he will interfere as soon as he'll reach over here.'Don't you know I hadn't noticed?He's as obvious as a bull on a rain track.Never you mind him, if he decides to come for us; he'll just end up like his friends.Now move on men, we have to reach that place before the dawn sets up, nothing closer to the then.'The reins of the horses were already taken to the limit, though she insisted on pushing them even further than their limit.Ahead it laid, the entry to the desolate place, towards a shattered land that wouldn't heed to any rain, as they would just be drained under the various gaping holes.An underground system laid, even beyond their knowledge, though it wasn't entirely safe, that was surely the intent.Bones laid near the holes, most likely thrown away, all of them keeping their distance and the track as a whole.'Damn this, I could never get used to the scenery in this place.'Wait, do you think those bones could really be cleaned so well, even by some sort of creature down there?'Said another.It was captivating in a way that the land spoke to all, making their senses go numb, and dismissing one another.Various people had different excuses, some begged to stay behind and help for a safe return, though she denied.'We will go as planned, and I believed I said faster!If the last ray of light that's coming out of the sun leaves, there will be nothing left of the land.I've seen it happen before.'Then we need to go back!'I said no, we lay there, by the rock formations and wait there until the day comes.After we spend the night, the conditions should be more than enough to get there in time?'In time ma'am?'There was indeed that problem, spoken by the headless suits themselves.A bondage between memory and the present moment, connected by the mere fact that one spoke it then, whilst now, the other helmet spoke now.'Exactly, we need to get him in time.'The voice radiated, through the darkened armor in utmost contrast.The sparkle produced, the fiery red came even deeper by the blue pale sand, the tar-like holes, and the receding sun, near the camp's cove.'It will be less that the soul we'll lose if we don't get there in time.The deal spoke clearly of what would happen if we were to miss delivering him back towards where he belonged.'Though what that would be, signaled even more, why the third one was in such a hurry to get there, still a large distance away from where they'd go.'The Silo, as such, hold no water inside, instead if we don't get him back, the world will be dragged in there along him.'What?That's preposterous and I remind.'Shut it and listen, we've spoken nothing more than the truth alone, as

this is a fate worse than death, for you instead."Then, why should I believe you or the rumors about the place?You'd just probably get back towards where you'd belong, both of you and."Be tortured.'The helmet paused, there was no mouth for him to talk, though he still needed a moment to drag some air inside through the small gap it had.'Worse than you'll ever get to know in your lifetime, and even if that small fraction of yourself would get to the point of making it there.'A race against time in a dangerous land, the rocks were cold and the weather was anything but fine.The camp was already set, yet she waited there, alone, the biggest of the camps, standing with a tied man, two helmets and outside two guards to prevent any disturbance.'We're finally alone, the three.Hem, four of us.I know you're not sleeping, those breathing patterns of yours are quite unnatural, you know?'Barnabee was surprised yet again at the knowledge she had, the fierceness of her guard.Ever since he has been taken in her possession, not even a second was it dropped or lowered for anyone at all, friend or foe, she played safe.And now, along all.'You've read me.And you're right; I didn't want you to know that I was awake."I feel that there's a need to warn you that, if you make any attempt to the runway, my men will."I've heard it, so there's no need for empty threats, they won't kill me unless they want their world to be damned."Very well, no secrets, right?"No secrets.'The helmets said, breaking their secret vowel of silence that they've silently prayed.'As much as it pains me, I will have to deliver all three of you and feed you to the Silo.Even though, from what I understood, you've kind of deserved it."I did what I wanted and what I needed.No one can look into themselves and tell me otherwise, that they'd not risk everything for their deepest wish, to do that thing I've done, the life I've lived.I thought you'd understand, being a cutthroat and such."Bite your tongue, we're nothing alike.Plus, the thing you've done."Beats even us, right brother?"Spoken truly, as we've always done.'And outside too, their voices were as audible as a whisper to an ear, to their brother, stealthily hidden from their gaze.The camp had no light, it was too dangerous then and at the time, hence they were in the blind, towards both what lay underground and to the pest that lunged around.I'm coming brothers, just wait there and guide me.He thought, and in a whisper he said, and as the same, they both heard it as well, through the rubble and the nuisance of those two bickering at one another.'I'm here, just feet away from the camp.Where have you two gone?'It was a miracle that it was said without being heard.'The main tent, next to the eagle shaped stone.'At which she gave no sign of having the slightest clue.'It won't change anything anyway, you've heard the man.Either you go inside or everyone does.Quite peculiar in a way that the two of you, well, unless you're lying would do us a favor."How is it fair then?I should've have been trialed and judged, if it weren't for a slight mistake, I would've been free now."You would, but you're not.It changed nothing now since you won't have a chance to escape.""Then why not free us then?We can most certainly help."I won't fall that easily for such a pathetic attempt.'Her back was turned, facing all three of them, which turned out to be a mistake.The tent was lifted, as the third knight somehow managed to snick with the back against the eagle rock, coming from behind, lunging at her glimpse.There was no time for Everett to reach the knife hidden around the waist, as it happened too fast, the sword being lifted and the hilt hitting her around the head.An instant second strike thrust her against the ground, unconsciousness with no scream, he waited to see, if anyone from outside would hear the fall.Seconds passed and Barnabee made no sound.Another one of them, just what I needed, though If I attempt to scream I've no doubt that I'll get no chance to escape.'So ma'am, why did you come here, seeing how it wasn't your task to take me to the Silo.'The helmets were silent, all three of them now, though he nodded and expressed himself despite being tied down.Hopefully, I won't get heard, though the metal

from which the helmets were made must've been too dense.'Play along.'Oh, yes.I've come here to retrieve all three of you.Though seeing your current situation.'Don't leave us here brother!'I can see it through the visor, that you're thinking about it, even now.'It's true, I must admit, despite having come here to save you two insupportable buffoons, the thought came to mind.'His voice echoes twice, as the legs slowly approached.The rest of their bodies were nowhere around, perhaps even too far to get.'And I need no witnesses to give me away.'Wait, you can't!'Before the other could protest, the sword already came and slashed one in half, leaving a small dust, raise in flames from the ground.Speechless and shocked, he witnesses his brother kill the other, whilst the ashes came to be.Am I next?What can't I talk?Why won't Barnabee?Were the last thoughts it had, the last image of his brother being cut, followed by an upward, arced swipe, the other one had being deceivingly killed too.'Now, Barnabee, you're coming with me.'The whisper came as he approached him.Barnabee could only speculate why none entered by now, the blade must've been muffled, protected from the sound.'Then, how come you've not taken her first?Why did you?Take them?'It only worked on the metal they were made out of, else she would've shouted.You know you could be whispering, right?'If you want them to get suspicious and come inside.'A lock, behind, though he found it as a problem, the moment where the blade would hit the lock, would be the same one they'd rush inside.And they were something to consider.Two of my brothers taken by a small gang, shame, though they must have something hidden up their sleeves.'Do you know where the key is?'Barnabee pointed and her, and alas, his hands were freed.'Follow me and make no sound.I believe you know by know, or perhaps my brother told you, that if you try to run, I will cut your legs and drag you there myself.'So they'd said.'A white lie, though it did not matter anymore, plenty of crimes were committed, another one now as well.He took, half of his brother's helmet, though it made no sense at the time, they came from where he entered and hugged the ground, crawling in the dirt.Too dark to be noticed, twice to see, the metal framework had already a dark twisted image of a smile, as the sword trailed on the ground.Once they managed to reach a safe distance, still close, yet far, it was then revealed, the reason behind the helmet being taken, from such a distance, afar.'Get up.You'll want to see this!'Barnabee noticed just when it was pointed to him, next to what they stood.The sliced helmet was thrown inside one of the holes, bouncing against the walls and right into the fragmented halls that waited underground.'Why did you do that?'It's unfair, though you will not get to see what's going to happen to the camp.We've got other things, more important to see once we're at the Silo.That way.'He pointed towards the rocks, another path to take, pushing Barnabee faster, as if in a hurry.Unable to take his own decision, other to follow his own demise, Barnabee wondered what lay there, below, having heard the sounds of hornets there.'Are they?'No, they're no simple creatures, though, just as small.The thought of it crossed my mind once.Hurry now, before they get your scent and get to the horse.That's our only way out.'A pleasantry in disguise, not even a second did he forget what he's done in the tent.'Ma'am.'It was half way in that they found out, the guards broke in and every single one from the camp arrived there, backing towards one spot.A splash of water awakened her, startled as she was, she did not see and entered the phase she previously came into.The jug of water was the only victim, yelling at it.'You cursed!'Though there was no other injured, her vision began fading away from the despair.'What?'Calm down, here's mine.'After receiving another, she found herself into the tent, with no prisoner, helmets cut; everyone in camp at their guards, even the lamp's fire was gone.Again she asked, 'What?'No time to explain.'An arched sword was given, the one that one of the knights had, it seemed to have

decayed a little since they were slain, though it was still as usable as before. Therefore she stood, ready to strike as a prowling cat, as the bottom of the heart laid the despite she had for those, and she swore. 'If I get my hands on that knight, I swear.' The tent was swallowed in despair. Yells were heard and at the opposite of the cliff, near the horse,

Barnabee saw the camp being taken from every direction. There were many of them, though he had no idea what. 'Are they?' 'They will be fine as long as they stand still. Actually, they won't, especially that one that I knocked out, she seemed to have some fierceness around her. Something you did not have, nor have here. So tell me, before we go.' The knight released his arm that was previously begging to be held by him. 'You've got a choice, so we may not. Do you want to go?' It was the choice of freedom, though honesty was given too. 'This is the explanation, you may or may not be aware of it, but this world will be swallowed. It already began. One way or another, you'll be dragged inside, back there.' 'But, why?' 'Did you forget already? Brother?' It was a strange question, what he implied. 'I've got no brothers, what are you talking about?' The questions inside the head swirl just as the clouds above, the grayish paleness of blue and the strangeness of the dirt. What is he talking about? Could I be one of theirs? 'Does that mean you're no suit of armor, then?' 'I am, brother, worry not. Once your body returns there, you will be too, once again, just like us.' 'So those two before me, they're not dead?' 'Not at all, at least not their bodies. Though we've stalled enough, and the explanation was given to you, as my promise if fulfilled. Whatever you do from now and after will be your concern alone, that if you decide to do so.' The freedom of choice, to doom the world, or to become like them, a lifeless suit, likeness of brothers that were cruel with one another for nothing but the sickly disgusting sake of it. Refusal would possibly mean the end of everything. 'You've got any proof then, of what you're talking about?' 'So far, I've seen nothing.' 'Look around.' He almost yelled, bold shiny whilst staring in the darkest of the night, eye to eye, the visor shut. 'What? There should've been here even before.' 'No that, you fool. Look at the land, how ravaged in has become. Have the stones not started turning, cracking and missing chunks? Did you not see the many other holes that were not deep enough to make it into the underground ravine? This used to be a luscious green land before, though now? Now, there's nothing out of it, nothing at all.' 'How can a Silo swallow the land?' 'Why don't you accompany me then, and make your choice after you see for yourself?' Barnabee looked behind, though there was nothing there, no tent. Already they've been usurped and fell underground, more than likely to become bones and pieces after he was gone. The decision was clear. Now, unforced he said. 'Take me there.' The curiosity of Barnabee arose, he hopped on the horse and on their way they were gone. Just a bit more to the destination, though it was true what Barnabee preluded. Down, they staid, torches lit with a sparking fire, both cruel and killing every single hiding impurity in sight. 'Stand your ground.' She yelled, her story, seemingly ending her. The last of her men having a barricade in front, as others approached their last of their hope. Stings there flung across the room they were in; filled with juice of any kind of poison their bodies could procreate. Luckily for the insight, of the seer, they covered themselves with cloth blooded with water, to avoid the poison to come into contact with the skin. 'We will last until the day men, just hold on.' She said, the mark was given then. Two lances, boarding the reflection of moonlight came into the wall, breaking everything between the two factions and almost burying them alive. Whatever lay after the wall. 'What's this?' She asked, and a small echo attempted to arrive, even through the smallest of holes that were spread across the system, to reach Barnabee and the horse. What used to be the sound of shock, a human distress, after going through such a distance, became animal like. Animals there? 'Are you sure we

should leave them there?"There's nothing more we can do for them, I've already told you they were gone.And so we are, just a little more and we're off this cursed land.'They weren't aware, but what they've cut and the ground they sat upon laid the foundation carved and glued out of a combination of bone and saliva.'It must've been hundreds of thousands of them that died here, ma'am.We're all doomed!"Not yet.It should take them a while to come."Wait!Listen!"The seer said, placing his ear on the opposite side of the wall.He could listen to the shriek of the damned; everyone who stood there once had their story to tell, what they've done, how they died.All of them, in a most horrible way, though they've changed for a help.'Help us get through and we shall somehow repay the favor!'The testimony of the seer left some of the others, feeling unsettling.It was far more than enough that they were all caught inside a space so small.Now we need to listen to this old fool too, a madman soon to become dangerous at last.They've all doubted why Everett decided to take him in the first place, even if none of them decided to go against her decision, doubts remained.Will he stay with us or finally go?What is he doing, at it again?'Shh, I need silence to listen to the dead.Even the thoughts of doubt you've all decided to harbor against me.'And their faces went pale.'There!'He said, pointed by the spirits, a glowing hand came out of a wall, backing up the claim.It was now that both the worth of the seer was not only proven, but also any speculation that would've stood against him fled.'Fantasm?!"Shh, quiet man or I will rip off your tongue myself.Are you sure of this?If it happens for us to cut through the other side and find itself in a place where even more of them lay."I trust most deeply the spirits madame, they cannot lie.'The hand fluttered into dust, as he continued to be staring intently, both at her and after seconds through.At this point, she blocked the would-be path where whoever daring would have to not only break through but risk getting all the attention.'Very well.If my trusted seer does as he thinks best, so will I.Guards!"Wait a second, you can't be serious about it.'As he opposed, the number was already obvious to her, as was the surrounding.With the help of a few back steps then a few front, counting every single one after the wall, she said.'There are two of you, two of my guards, the seer and I left now.In case you haven't noticed, we've got no food, nor water, even the air is lacking here, or perhaps you haven't noticed your own slowed down breath?If we wait some more, we will die, so the only option is to go through the passage made through the bones.'Already have the guards started going and cutting through.'Can we really trust our eyes, in a place like this without air, and such a man like that, wearing a dead crow on his head?"I'd advise you to hold your tongue for now.'The sudden opening caused the entering of a strong ray of light.It was the backside of a cave, leading to an opening outside.'We're saved!'They yelled, hearing the clattering and muttering of bones from behind.It was a run now.'Wait, mistress, fire, fire!'She nodded and in return, the last reserve of bottled rum was taken from Jar, thrown in the back, followed by a small rock she found.Both surprised by the action, the even caused even the guards to be amazed, as the rocks flew and bounced, causing small glimpses of fire reach the bottle of rum and conflagrate the bones.'We need to get out fast before it reaches the masses of saliva and explodes!'The seer had spoken, it was too late for her to rethink and say.'What?Why haven't you told me that sooner?'It was anger, though survival instinct kicked in faster than before.They reached, hearing the cried from before, reaching outside after climbing a small hill that had previously fallen underground.On the nick of time, he pulled his old bones the last, before hearing a burst come out of there.It reached the concoction and released the ghoulish sound, a rumbling fear of burning rushed from underground.The ground shook, despite them crawling on their knees, they felt the heat from below, ever blooming pan that couldn't

cover what was happening underground. The horse too, now on the other side trembled, as Barnabee asked. 'What's going on?' At which the knight pointed towards the distance, a small hill of ants. 'Those fools are still alive it seems.' Relief was visible, though not on the knight, though it was revealed, that in the darkest night, every hole across the land lit with a fire so red, it could've rivaled what waited for Barnabee if they were to arrive and enter through the Silo. And alas, from her, finally with her men at a safe distance, she saw them above, with her turn to point at them for the others to see. 'As I said before, we'll catch them, I swear on my own life.' But it reached the vast amount of paradise below, the gate opened in the form of a chasm. The scent of death reeked not only above and everywhere else, but it also spread atop the sky, along with a grim of dust and red smoke, as dark as the night. Remnants of what used to be bones, along with the spirits only the seer could passively see finally arise towards their destination, or so he thought. They watched until he pointed it out. All the attention was pointed at the chasm, from its mouth finally appeared, the gust of fire and the vibrating creatures, fainting towards the sky. Followed, by their queen, at last, a moldering amount of poisoned, melting form that had nothing to do with anything at all. It boiled to the bone then disappeared, in no time, there was nothing left of her, neither there or here. The eyes became ash and the cry of the devoured animals and humans died within it, finally releasing the blue dust, the blue smoke that released all of them from their curse. A tear formed on the seer's eye after seeing it happen. With the promise kept, all were safe, though she swore once again; making sure her lips would've been read. It was far enough, though the fact that Barnabee couldn't see from such a distance made no difference, the message was not for him. 'I will find both of you before you reach that Silo, and I swear, I will have my men cut you to more pieces than both of your friends added together.' The grip she had, through the distance, subsided, though he knew still that if they were to reach in time. 'Hiew!' There'd be no doubt either, that there'd be nothing for her to do, to disagree or attempt anything else instead, as nothing would work after that point of no return. And as it was, they were both on their way, walking the few miles left. 'Do you think they'll catch us?' His throat was obviously thirsty and they were about to hit the morning sun too on an area even harsher than the bone sand mourns they had previously stood upon. 'Aye, we will take a break along the way; I can hear yer raspy voice. Perhaps we can cover our tracks if we're lucky, though....' The indecision was obvious to Barnabee, as the knight himself wasn't sure if they'd be able to outrun. Though it did not make any sense. I saw them all there, standing on the ground like ants, with no horses. Then, how is it that he's not sure we can just outrun them? 'Why?' 'What exactly are you asking me?' 'Why? Are they able?' 'It's simple Barnabee, you're not seeing well by now, the lack of water must've drained you already. Either that or the spores.' 'Spores?' He asked, though, he could swear that they were still on the sand, going through and trying to outrun. Barnabee was heavy, though not enough to slow down the process. 'I'm sorry for that, though your sacrifice will not be wasted.' 'Who died?' 'Shh, Barnabee, just. We're almost out of it; you needn't worry about it, just keep being like you are now, the same stat. You'll be more than alright or at least that's what I hope.' Another mushroom popped, in the vicinity of the knight. It was a sudden pop, the opposite of the previous one that shared the same fate as the one in front of him. It doesn't matter at all, as long as the effect remains, he shouldn't be affected at all. A grim came, the thought of the fact that, he only came into possession of the small bag of repellant that were tied by the key he stole from Everett not only came in handy, but it provided an alternative to not being caught. 'Don't worry; this should give us an advantage over us, though I dare not underestimate her even further. She

escaped and more than likely knows about the absence of her precious bag. Hold tightly Barnabee and don't let go of me. "Why is the horse running too fast all of the sudden?" Don't speak, you'll only exhaust yourself more, just relax, I'll. I'll calm down the horse, okay friend?" The horse was already pulled in, yet another sign, nature was bent towards the point where forest's strongest mud became flaccid to the touch, in minutes the horse was pulled underground and suffocated behind. He did not know though if the seeds would work, he'd have been used to normal sized mushrooms and their mildly poisoned spore, though, now? Now it became more of a death trap, for Barnabee and Him? The gauntlet started growing small bits and suckers, patterned with a whitish tint, seemingly still getting bigger and leaving rust. I cannot take the bits, damn it. 'Quite the problem you've got there. Brother!' It came in a form of a growth, a poisonous blue cloud, though as it came out, shaping itself to the eye level, it appeared to be no spore or gust. 'We're both here. Sent to watch over you, even though you've acted such.' "I didn't ask for any help, especially from you two. You would've done nothing else but slow me down, not to mention that, if I left you there, you would've made enough sound to alert everyone in sight." "Oh? Afraid of two pointing knives?" The same ones that cut both of you two so easily, even before I came? Perhaps, the same one band that managed to get both of you, go. 'It was getting worse and he knew too well that he couldn't waste any time now.' The Silo isn't far, you'd better hurry until we grab ourselves new amours and take him for ourselves. "Just try brother and I." A sudden glance stopped, and both of them came closer to observe. He had to shake and do the action with only seconds before it came close to spreading across the rest of the body. The gauntlet was no longer attached to his forearm, thrown in the puddles and dragged below. 'Hells, this whole continent will be dragged. Down?' "You two, where is the Silo now? Tell me before I." Silence yourself fool and listen. You may have cut us down, though you don't need to act stupid. You know as well, by what's happening, where is the Silo now located. 'He's right, you know? So how about you guess where it is now? Here's a clue too, it's not above anymore!' "Then where do I go?" Both gusts blue and glowing became the form of skeletons and flew around in circles around their brothers, in a dance that fascinated Barnabee, still caught in the sands and on the horse. 'But, he'll die!' "Who will die? Can I have some water, please? My throat. Still dry." Damn this man and my brothers. A few more steps until he was finally safe, he had to leap by two legs, the spore was now dragged down, the small pieces were taken by a small air hole that gripped the air and everything around. The mushroom fell, as trees followed, all absorbed and taken there. 'You know you can always wait, right? After it drags everything in.' "Baaaam. Everything goes out, united at last." As my brothers said. The gust moved, though still aware he wasn't dragged below, having no willing fullness to help his brother after what happened between them. 'Two worlds united at last. And the best part of it, we played our cards right. We weren't held responsible and we were promised to be kept this way from now on.' "A fair change, that would've been for both of you cretins if I didn't decide to drag him there and leave you in that form forever!" The ground under him already crumbled in pieces, though he still decided to leap. Suddenly the gusts, beyond his awareness entered one of the gaps between the helmet and torso, hiding inside without being noticed, not even by Barnabee despite being so close to him. The boots hit the sand. Suddenly it became glass, the only path he could walk upon, cracking under him from the extra weight he had on him. That wasn't alone, as it was clear. Only a few steps towards the bottom were made. Through the transparent feet curtains, he saw a hole, perhaps a system that pulled down a well filled with a vortex of wind. Both cold, and afraid of height, Barnabee started screaming, only to be grabbed by the mouth. 'Shut your hole and don't move

Barnabee. Anything extra. "Would make both of you fall. It came out of a mouth, opposite than the other, though making no more than simple cracks. The startling sensation of coming out directly through his soul and armor made him shake the metal to the point of the crack, the vortex pulling him down with all the glass. Both outran the shards as he could clearly see and yelled. 'Barnabee!' With One foot, the bounced off the falling debris and rocks to turn and land on his back. The taunts never stopped and they both made sure to enjoy it to their best of ability as they said. 'Yes, make them fall, brother, make them fall faster. They won't survive at the point. "This is what you get for acting with such arrogance, and now you get to rip what you've always deserved. A fall that would break him into pieces, and more than likely kill the intoxicated Barnabee, held only by a head. 'Never!' He yelled, finally landing on a rock. There was no pressure, they didn't feel the wind, being an only ghastly apparition. Though at the moment of impact, through the sheer force of the weight, falling through the eye of storm slightly slowed down the hit on the back. Barnabee was right, though immediately turned to face the giant rock they were on. The knight raised himself to imitate the position, suddenly impaled; the shards of glass weren't heavy enough, light. Forcefully trusted around in the vortex before they came from all sides. Some broke and fell to the floor, though others managed to impale the pieces that weren't covered by armor, but leather to keep it tight. The shoulder, oh the irony they both yelled. 'You've got no shoulder, and no arm, what will you do now?' Whilst the other one observed, flying through the area and scouting ahead for something. The deeper it seemed to have been going, the closer to the point of the land being blended. Trees ahead, rocks that were still falling underground, despite the fact that everything was illuminated by the light of the sun. 'Could there be another sun, brother?' "I could be, we dare not question the Silo and its guidance, do we now?" "Are you two going to keep pestering me until I'm done? Or could you finally release yourself from this world?" "You're not that lucky brother." "Not at all. The thickest smile came on their way, as his back was turned, barely balancing Barnabee with one hand. One in the shoulder whilst the other one in what was left. Jump after jump, they followed on giant roots that seemed to have belonged to a giant tree above of them. 'And thus. "You have to be. "It's a fairground yet. Or are you so afraid of hurting yourself, even more than what you've done to both of us?" "No, just leave, take my arm but leave. "You know we can't do anything but follow you and observe, right? You said it yourself, once you deliver Barnabee, we're off to a better start, stuck inside of your arm, unable to leave. "Then get out of my arm!" The yelled made the floating stones around fall, the gravity appearing to be messed up with, though he didn't care nor seem to noticed. For him, there was only a distraction and a burden to carry on an arm. 'We would, though then we'd be stuck as the ghastly apparitions, unable to interact with anything. "I've had it with you two imbecilic!' A mistake, being so closely to him and at the same time expecting to not retaliate, even if he had one hand left. He turned and hit the back of his leg, soon to become a motion that threw both of them steps back on the root, the smouldering grass. Soon, it seemed, the temperature would be raising, making in an even more hellish place than it already was. 'Such catacombs, above of us!' Barnabee finally awoken by the commotion could only focus in front, through which the root would give passage through. A giant room, seemingly with no end other than the normal course of the root, catacomb doors and bridges laid from every side above of the towards no destination. Below laid nothing gulping for air, wanting them to fall off, though he said. 'Let me down, I can walk on my own now. "Very well, though dare nothing, I've got an arm. "We've got one too. "Why is your arm talking?" Focus Barnabee, we need to get there, to save the damn world from dying. "So you can get paid, isn't that right?" My

reasons matter not to you, neither should theirs. We've all spoken too much. "Let go of us immediately." The hand was taken from the ground by him and reattached. "We're all in this together now. Brothers, Barnabee and me. We can settle the dispute once we're inside, alright?" The moment was quite inopportune for a discussion between them, leading to an even more unstable pathway. IT bends. Quickly before it collapses! Before realising it, Barnabee was grabbed by the collar and dragged away. "Let go of me, I've said I'm coming." Though the reasons behind the decision were still far from being hidden from them. Why go straight to the hell's mouth, knowing what lays there, hearing the stories. It was a giveaway then. They suddenly stopped, even Barnabee acknowledging that. It was a moment of both precisions that required an utmost good judgement of what was about to happen. Stuck at what could be metrically described as the middle of the root channel, they stared towards the above. Other than the downward sea of spines, the other bones that somewhat seemed familiar to one of them, the latching bridges rustled in placed. Their shadows fell on them stronger by the second as there was still a piece of light, the sky having not be devoured yet. Though one mistake and they'd all be crushed under them, the heaviness being felt through the air, the arc in which they were anchored on the walls, through which they'd fall would be devastatingly even if somehow they'd be missed. A root of the calibre they've felt could possibly withstand something of immense size and speed, though nothing so big such as them. Noted by one of the brothers themselves. "The pathways between the catacombs were made to withstand an assault of legions of troops, all heavy armour and carrying siege weapons on the run. We roamed once there." Aye, and now. "Now, their time was amidst, no longer would anything stand, nor were their chances well endowed by what was happening, the break was about to occur. Only a second, a blast. It was strong, bouncing only through the vibration that reflected through the sand and fragments of melon seeds and other fruits, falling as well. It reached the root and they've felt it too, immediately being pointed towards one of the upper bridges, vertically placed, though able to see them well, as the other side judged. "Everett!" The knight said, pointing his good arm at her, noting everyone was there with her. The seer spoke into her ear and they knew then, they'd have to do something. "The explosion might've broken the balance. And in return he obtain something else, from behind, it felt like a lightning strike, falling at an unimaginable speed and cutting through the wood faster than they'd ever think it would. The ground shook as they could barely feel themselves quaking withing. Barnabee held by the tooth of the hand, trying to not slip the bent root, cut from its other path, ready to be dragged down. "It won't last for long, what can we do? You. You both said you'd get me to the Silo and I've already accepted that. But it's almost as if fate doesn't want me there. "Don't tell me you're getting cold feet Barnabee, you know there's no way back. Not now anymore, perhaps for the better, I've got a good feeling about what wait for us there. "But. "Don't worry." The forearm said, before continuing the banter with a slight observation of what was ahead. A small glimpse of insight from him, pointing out the upcoming event. "They might catch onto us. They're next to fall. "How can you tell? There are many others before that could crush this root before. "No, it will happen, take a closer look at the seer. Trust us, we know. "It was the calmness of how he said it that raised suspiciously. No, there is no time for that, I must defend Barnabee unless I want to end up like both of them. "Ready yourselves then, we're in this together now, brothers, as are you Barnabee. "Wait. "His voice was distorted, the root having shaken and lowered down from the other part of the catacombs entry. IT wouldn't be long until it fell. One last thing before they'd all fall. "A bargain. "Now?" "Is there a better place? I've got no time to waste so here it goes. Whatever lies beyond the Silo, all three of you will have to

defend me, at the price of the soul too."You've told him about that, you idiots!"So what will it be?"Their silence was unnerving and suddenly he could feel the control over his arm coming back.'Fine, I promise.'Once the seal was given, they only waited, both armed with what they had, having seen, as predicted, even through the deafening silence, the small bridge was hanged by ropes so they'd grab and hold as tightly as they could.'Traitors!'He shouted as hard, knowing that the seer was more than likely told what was about to happen.The root fell, and the bridge as well, ready to come in contact with the heat raised.The vines around the root appeared and embraced both before falling.And in the middle of the hummus and broken air, they came back and said.'Hold on, we did as well as we could.'"You dare come back at me after what you've done?"We've got bigger problems than that, and if you're not seeing, we saved both you and Barnabee.'A mockery of what they've done, the bridge slammed and broken the root in half, taking the vines which latched on the ropes.They were flying kites, merely meters above of the kneeling men.And among all of them, Everett.'You!'She yelled, being furious of what happened, rustling through the air pressure and pain.They've all felt it deeply inside.So much of it, just laying through their small bodies, feeling heavier, making it harder to move, so much of it that even the sentences allowed additional breaths of heavy air to strain her lungs.'Will pay!'Another strain occurred.Something almost crushed the two flying kites against the falling wall in a distant awakening call.A dent was fixed on the other side of the bridge as it had apparently managed to land a hit on a rough area surrounding the amalgamation of receiving rocks.They flew, the pieces of metal from the impact managed to cut through rocks that were already in motion, cutting them clean off in halves.The intoxicating sound was present, though Barnabee and the knight survived, being slightly away.'Embrace for another!'The seer yelled and as the words came out of the mouth and into the ears of the already disturbed crew.'Lady away!'One said, holding her off from hitting her head against the small bridge's rear at the end.Already had she stumbled on the impact, only to recede.It was indeed another strike, coming soon after, right as predicted.The hard edge of what laid under them came as a sudden blunt strike that managed to break their bridge into pieces, leaving them stumbling in the air.Screams erupted, though by now some already fainted or died from the enclosure of winds that they were heading towards their frail lungs.Two main pieces, at which Barnabee, regardless of what happened, thought of which as ironic.Two knights and even numbers.Such amusement could've only been triggered by what he saw under and in front of his arc of sight.The knight was directly in front, and under, he was just as stuck as he was by the two only pieces of the bridge, falling at roughly the same time and speed.Meanwhile, her fate seemed to have been sealed by now, there was no way of escaping, as soon as they found solid ground she'd die.Her lungs almost at their full extent.Though, along all, the seer became a hawk and suddenly pulled off her backcloth, preventing her from falling any further below.'What?'It was a surprise, more than whatever she ever expected, a miracle, guided away from the falling structures, she was lead towards a safe landing, slowly but surely.'How did you do that?'It was the scent that immediately gave it away, refilling her lungs with what was needed in order to keep living past the mess.Though, after realising he couldn't speak, she was left silent, seeing the rest of her men die.All but her and the seer, watching the two land.'No.Hold still!'Everett shouted, her gun cocked out of her waist.It was a clear shot waiting only waiting, aiming and firmly pressing the trigger.At least twenty seconds were needed for the propeller mechanism inside the well-crafted firearm which required her to keep the aim clearly pointed.Which it was, still time to change.Either the vine or Barnabee instead, he'd died along with the world.The hawk made its noises of

disapproval whilst trying to move back and forth, making sure she'd not do anything reckless. Has she forgotten the sake of what's at risk? Despite the attempt, she said. 'Keep still, we're almost.' A mistake, Barnabee noticed with fear running through and away from his eyes, seeing Everett become greedy and grabbing the hawk by the ankles. It broke the balance, forcing the creature to lose balance, its head being crushed by one of the rocks. As for the firearm laid unbalanced as well, firing at the wall instead as she fell. 'Everett!' Barnabee felt pain, even towards her. 'Barnabee!' The knight yelled back instead. 'Nooo!' And at last, Everett, as she fell towards her long, awaited death. Her landing was against his side of the gap, breaking her spine before landing in the vortex, though not before leaving a trail of blood. The distraction left the moment be savoured, what he waited for the second they were reunited. Whilst distracted, he broke his own plant shackles and threw himself, propelling against the air, as the small segments of armour got released, making him lighter. It needed perfect timing as well as coordination between the three of them to keep the parts at an even distance so they'd not fall away and unable to be connected together after. And it succeeded, grabbing a hold of Barnabee and connecting every part once again. Barnabee found himself grabbed and held against his will, one gauntlet and apart, face to face as if ready to dance. 'We're almost there, can you feel it?' He asked the voice changed to reflect all three of their personalities combined into one. The cold came and everywhere around, everything started freezing, all but the two of them, held warm by the heat emanating from their ghastly apparition. 'Take me then. I'm.' He paused, feeling desperation and defeat, what he needed and had missed for gods know how, was the embrace of the night. Sleeping and waiting through it, he missed the landing, once and for all. Thought that wasn't all for him. His pupils were forced awakened after breaking through what seemed to be the final floor. They were wrong, admittedly, seeing through the arced break-out of the structure. And still, from where the vortex came it was unknown. 'This isn't a dungeon.' Noted by one of them, after they broke through the stone, revealing the gigantic city laying underground. The structure from which they came from was nothing but a tall tower leading towards the world above of them, a gateway between them. He beckoned as he saw and asked. 'Is this where the Silo is?' More stone came and bounced off the knight, away from the frail body of Barnabee who was still afraid he'd die before they'd get the chance to reach the Silo. So many died, for nothing and we may not even be going towards the right direction, he noted alas. A sigh too, falling in the deepest of depressions, defeat after defeat. The city's majestic scale and the fantastic view did nothing to repel the dragging fear. He felt alone despite having someone near him, closely sided to hear his plea. The expression was more than saddened, it dragged on the armour and refused to watch anything. Even as the vote sagged, stopping to reveal that below of them, nothing but flaccid shrubbery was dragged down, nothing but a small fraction of what was outside was dragged down. Not only that but above, what they thought to be the other side of the world was nothing as well, Everett decided to follow them on her own, leading her to what happened then. A trickery, as they might as well be on the other side of the plane, far away from the Silo that was still waiting for them to come. Still ready for the impact of the ground, to join the bottom ravine of the ancient conglomeration of structures. Yet, Barnabee denied himself from showing any feeling at all. He fell them into despair and closed his eyes, not a second after acknowledging what was happening, silently waiting for his demise. 'Barnabee, wake up, this isn't the time to give up.' The knight tried reasoning, acting as if he cared. So did they, nothing was evenly placed anymore. He felt the landing, though slowed down by mush that stopped mid-air as well. Breaking no bones, nor armour, they fell on a slope, riding through as if to ice, the bridge

was not recognisable anymore from what was on. Now he felt, a first in a long time, waiting for the legs to touch the ground, a soft pleasure, as the expectancy would've been of excruciating pain. Though in his mind he knew that it was coming just as well. It was somewhat crushing for all three of them, knowing to be entangled with Barnabee and at the same time unable to return. The path they were now taking was harshly crushing against the stone of the building, against small towers with broken glass atop. With each second it was getting a lot more dark. 'Hold on Barnabee!' He said, the voices now accompanying one another instead of letting one predominately do the work alone. By the vines, it grabbed and tied even further, against themselves and him, so they'd be ready. It bounced against one side of the stone, then the other, the bridge started going like a whirlwind in a new path, breaking each side it left before falling. He remembered what he saw whilst in the air, the ancient city's design was structurally built so whatever path one would take, it would progressively get him closer towards what laid to the bottom. Wildlife died around, so did the vines start crumbling. 'Hold on Barnabee!' Again, he yelled, the vines broke, leading both towards a roll after being thrown away from the platform. It stopped bouncing, proving to him that he was wrong, it failed to take the curve and land to the bottom, making its final rest shoved inside what could once be called an architectural's delight. From the point of view they had, it was now cut by a small knife with no hilt. Though there was no time for that, as he held Barnabee from falling at the other side of the cliff. The gauntlet was alone, and he had not strengthened on the other hand, nor fingers to grab. They needed Barnabee to react. 'Pull yourself together Barnabee, don't fall. If you die here and now, so will the rest of the world.' It seemed to be of no use whatsoever, through his eyes, it was so much clear that the spirit to fight has left the body a long time ago, with no sign to return. Heavier by the second, the opposite happened, the knight being dragged down, unable to remove his gauntlet. The voices stopped singing together and said. 'We're not leaving you Barnabee, neither is he. Brother, you're coming with him as well, as you've done this by his own hand.' The same one that was no longer in his control, the empty Barnabee pulled and they both fell. A long, straight shot against the rock, it would crush Barnabee or would've. His hand was grabbed and once again, the manoeuvre saved him with the help of embrace. They rolled throughout the air until, by the odds, they were both slowed down by another wind tunnel that laid on the floor, leaving them safely and away from being crushed anymore. It was the midst of the confusion that happened, making him smile and remember. Even numbers, haha. Barnabee was quite amused, thinking of the possibility that it might've been a dream all along. Activated, his mind leads to yet another thought. If I am dreaming, what may it be my obsession with evens? The rain seemed to be coming, though it made no sense underground, even as it might've explained the coming on the winds, the knight shuddered. Carefully observing the small hole in the wall, the golden circle that surrounded it, he noted of something peculiar, the set of marks and a sign. Written in the language of the old, he read it out loud, something that fascinated Barnabee. No longer did he stand on his bare arse, lifting himself to level with the posture of the dark knight, even to be neck in neck with him. 'What does it say?' He asked, seeing how some drops of water turned out to be nothing but sand, moist sand. 'It's a wind tunnel.' So it appeared, fluctuating from going on and off on a whim. After staring at the symbols intensively, the knight turned around and grabbed him by the back of the head, continuing the stroll. Barnabee said nothing, knowing that, after all. He saved me, again, then again, time after time, despite wanting to bring me to my judgement. They were momentarily silent, walking around the pale autumn that was left when the supposed town was still alive, noting that he was even more silent, despite

now having light in his eyes. Smoke came out of the gauntlet and as they walked, the two brothers made their voices heard by him. 'Worry not, you've got the both of us still.' 'Yes, as my brother said, we shall protect you on the other side instead of trying anything on you.' 'You two again?' Barnabee was turned, then left again to fall on his arse. He looked at them bicker, so easily carefree. Wondering what was going to happen next, judging from where they were. And then, after looking around, a pair of eyes in the dark, they were noted. Quickly they hid away, though not fast enough for him not notice. The gaze that temporarily roamed turned around at the knight and saw him firmly distracted, trying to spread the ghastly smoke with one hand, whilst taunted still. Crawling with both hands and legs firm, he started going slowly, at least until the dark. Could it be that Everett or any of the others survived? I cannot shout at her, still. If she is alive, she needs to know that I bear her no harm nor ill thought. Midway, through the dirt, absent of life or any growth, seeds scattered were obvious. They must've come from above, somehow, what dragged us here must've been a wind tunnel. Barnabee came to thought to it, and he did not remember what exactly happened after they came into the eye of the storm, other than a faint light. And what appeared to have happened to her. A quick evasion, and his reflected deemed themselves to be worthy, he came on his back like a turtle, furiously docile to breathe. The knight grabbed him with a sudden reluctance though continued to go with him nevertheless. A spark of like awakened, as few drops of faint water had come from above, revealing that, through the outside world, tough above, it had been raining for a life. There was still hope. He pulled back. The gaze he left met the one of the knight, now washed by drops on his rustless armour and restless spirit. 'Well then, do you wish to fight here and now? Perhaps you thought there'd be a chance for you to have a change of heart. What is it then, spit it out!' The voice certainly had the harshness of three broken knights, at their lowest, forced to share a body that wasn't theirs in the depths. 'I saw someone in there, that's all and thought that perhaps it'd be best for us to look out, just in case.' 'In a case for what? Is this a trick, of all the sudden? Have you been waiting throughout this journey to turn on us?' The knight's armour grew hotter as his rage was suddenly unable to be subdued. It's been a while since he's been shown it, though, small smoke lumps came out of the opening from under his shoulders, the gaps between joints. Another sudden burst of arrogance that bot lit and dimmed the place around them, as small drops of water, sand dirt and other elements flew around them. 'No.' Barnabee said though he had not the guts nor the strength to finally say it. It was a sudden situation in which he was forced into, and to his surprise, his body felt abruptly light, his feet dimmed and a force that he wasn't aware of came to him. 'No!' He repeated, though now with conviction. Both feet were firmly pressed against the ground. The mere pressence of hope shook the knight in his polish boot, as three of them fell on their under the back and stared at him. How can this happen? Why is he so strong? How? The three of them asked themselves, each hearing the thoughts of one another as they wondered, what made him radiate, the aura of light that came from him, invisible to others let them think there was more to him. But he's a sinner, he's done so many ill deeds, how is it possible that someone so bitter became, so suddenly, bright and warm. It was true what they've thought, even the air, and the ancient swallow in mud kingdom started blushing in his wake, green with flowers on the side. It must've been hundreds of years since something grew on the sickly pale ground. But did it mean he'd forsake the world? 'Will you not come with us then?' The rage subdued, they've spoken with the shyness of a Squire, holding on the missing spot of the hand as if it belong to a saint. 'I will follow you once I'm done.' He smiled and for a second, it appeared as if they've stared at not Barnabee but another man, differently, in more than one regard, as he

pulled them up, gently. 'She's to come with us too. So wait here.' With a handshake as if to promise, he kept on the path near, where he once saw someone on the run. And, more, he was not stopped by them. We will wait then. What? Another one of them wondered as all three, maintaining the shyness did not do anything to stop Barnabee. Instead, they just. They just took his word and waited. It wasn't too far that he went either, though through the darkness he saw nothing but light. Dark forms appearing fully lit and the land, as ghastly as the thought was, became at clear as the day the kingdom was first built. He walks on the polished ground and clear roads, he saw street signs and distant shops, with every turn a new parade and above of them, the sky was vague. People lived, though he knew that just one would glow, the one he saw peep at him, at the moment when he had no hope. I've got to find her, before I'm gone, one last time and one last glance. His heart wouldn't let it happen otherwise. It was most important for him to see her again, even if the chance was. Even if the people around were long dead, the land broken, forgotten and missed. 'Where are you? I'm so close now. I know you saw me.' He recalled to her, the conviction remaining just as he reached, the glowing point of a light, a silhouette in the dark. It must be her. The forms were there, though walking with a limp, and waiting against a wall as he stopped. It was dark again, the people and the image of the blooming town went off, the architecture was gone as the broken still images of stone broke free. And over there, the single, now dim light was getting weary. She lifted her hand as she saw him coming. Slowly he approached but stopped to kneel and grab. It was the remnants of what used to be a fire spewing device. Luckily that she won't need this anymore. Though, even as he threw it away, not only did he realise that it did not work, but also. It's her. He came near and was greeted by nothing more but a wounded maiden, too tired to speak. 'You've used the last of your strength to run here, to raise your hand, to signal me to come. Now.' The thought of this very step being her tomb, buried was too bitter for him to endure, for he'd have one worse where he'd be just as alone. 'Come on, your time's still yet to come.' Her name was distant from his mind, though the face and hand were nothing more than unique. Barnabee carried her from there on in his arms, looking at her, as she looked back. Blinking from second and each step, managing to be aware that she wasn't dead, nor would her time come. Until they point where they realised that. 'You've kept your promise.' The knights said. 'Come on, we've got a long way ahead of us.' The knees, though metal couldn't stay still and shook away, as they saw them, kept to the promise ahead. 'Don't worry. She'll be fine.' Barnabee looked directly ahead, despite appearing as if the town would lead to a slope, leading deeper inside, somehow he knew the way. 'Follow me.' The helmet nodded and did nothing more than follow. It was once again that he knew but stopped. Barnabee turns at the sound and saw him kneel, surprised as he was, despite being unaware of the beacon of light in which they appeared. 'We swear on oath to you now, Barnabee. That, whatever happens from now on, to her and you, to us, that we will do our best to keep you from danger. On this side and the other, we will follow you through a worse fate and worse than any other.' 'You may stand at rest!' His voice beamed as he touched the shoulder, warming the souls that were so cold and bitter, after so many years. Still as confused, but it didn't matter how or why. The present was the only set of moments that mattered now, what and how they felt, the power he emanated from within, as they went through the rubble and blossoming garden, underground. 'A wind tunnel!' He said, it was clear, even to his brothers yet to follow, though, ahead laid the biggest of them all. One that would yield to no other and reign supreme over any other wind tunnel of any considerable size at all. It called to them, as it was built, in what appeared to be, directly connected to the town. 'Thye must've once gone through there when the city

was swallowing itself under the ground."You think we can go through there and reach the Silo?"I'm sure of it!"The wind was getting ten times stronger as they approached the point of the tunnel.Its embrace felt just as strong as it looked like, the ring that encompassed it appeared to be nothing more than an architectural delight of the old.Compared to the buildings in the town, Barnabee notice that it was new, though not in the sense he expected, still.Various other, small rings of wind laid spread across the city and each time they passed near one, they could feel the various spread temperature changes.Cold and warm, then turned around, dropping as low as an ice storm, at which the blizzard coming from outside was visible, up to the fiery.'Inferno!'Barnabee stopped as he said it, looking at the tunnel from which the abominable heat came from and wondered.Could this be it?Though the chance would say that we'd end up in a furnace and die.He immediately spoke to the knights.'Do the three of you recognise this?The heat, the sparks, the small tender bulks of dark smoke coming out?'It was a slim chance, but as the knight approached, the sudden wind tunnel dropped a concave cap that covered the hole, closing itself before he'd even get the chance to do so.'Damn this wretch!"Relax, we're going towards the next one.Just hang on a little tighter, we're almost there!'Still, no sound, only a nod, the exhaustion had gotten to a level that she'd not been able to anything else than that.The fall had broken and yet, he still hadn't any clue how she survived such a fall.Thought curiosity still wanted him to ask.'How?'A sudden wind blast suddenly interrupted both, at one of the towers of the old, not far from them got torn by its abruptly immeasurable strength.Of such power it was, that, as the rubble and bricks flew above their heads, they could visibly see the wind waves and ships that carried whilst breaking into dust particles, the parts and everything else.'Dodge!'The hand of metal came with a quickness unseen and dragged them both to the bottom just in time.A small point fragment of the old tower's metal band was meters away from decapitating both him and her, angled just so it'd hit them right, it ended up cutting through the building in their sight.'Run!'The knight pointed towards a building, the sturdiest, strongest one that appeared as if it could shelter them, and they ran.A vigour came by and made them leap and head towards the call.If it were to be a call, that'd be nothing more than a mistake.No mere run had the level of desperation that could be a witness in their very steps, each attempt to push the ground a few feet under, only so they would be able to leap forward and avoid.More and more, the speed increased as various ringed forms were thrown at an unfathomable rate.The strength was immeasurable, a testimony to the power the wind had, that every flying brick stood in their varied planes, just so, that the ring would be perfectly fit and thrown, reaching and breaking through another wall of stone.No more fragments or bits, the knight immediately took them near the corner as they notice.'The slope.'Indeed, it was leading further down, arced towards the underbelly of the town.And not a second wasted, they went with it, only to avoid, the deadly projections of the wind.Neither did they nor any other could deny the strength needed to come so far, and yet, it wasn't over.She still looked confused and despite how much she wanted to ask why nothing would come.'Hang on.It's only going to get more rough from here now on.'The calm before the storm, ever so apparent in his voice.More violent rings came from the sides.'It was a trap all along!'The knight yelled, just a moment before a circle of fire burst out one of the adjacent houses and melted his only remaining hand.He shouted at last.'Gah!'As they all stumbled now, falling and rolling.Everett wounds were already distantly closed, now bound to open and let blood droplets come across the surrounding area.Luckily, the other two were saved, but not without a price, now both possessing the metal boots with no wanting to give them up.Still, hit and avoiding rubble and stones huge enough that they could easily crush

their head, they managed to land almost fine, with no more than wounds. 'Come on.' Barnabee lifted her in his arms whilst grabbing the knight by the shoulder, just so he'd be able to walk. 'Look Barnabee! My metal gauntlet!' The hollow trunk that once was his polished hand now pointed at the gauntlet that once melted, mere seconds ago, at a point from which both Barnabee and Everett stood so closely to it, that they felt the cinder flowing through the air. The sudden realisation left an impression on Everett, now awakened to notice what had occurred. Despite still being on the field of battle, with an unknown enemy laying hulking around at them, with rings thrown directly towards them, the knight still took a moment to point out what they were dealing with. 'We're dealing with someone more clever, a hunter, it seems. Though at this point, it seems to me, that it can't reach.' The rings stopped, once realising that they were not in the area that they so previously just passed by, leaving but a few strokes of air, for them to look around. Flatness on the bottom, though it was no mere dead end. 'We've got another slope, just like that one, there.' They saw how it work, how much deeper it went and how many or break, flat, though decent enough that they'd get. 'I don't think she'll pull through if we keep going there.' 'We can't either, this armour is already broken and too tight for all three of us already. Not to mention that one well place circle of flame and that'd be the end of us.' 'What can we do then?' 'Barnabee, there's no way back anymore, look for yourself.' It was clear already, even with additional holes left where the circles had already cleaves the areas from, they'd be too much of a target to succeed. And it was already as hard as it felt, climbing on a slope as opposed to riding one. 'Riding.' His thoughts were now clear, even then, seeing how, at the very step they'd take, it'd be the last. 'What was that?' Both the knight and the boots asked in unison though at a different angle. There was an idea already thought, the knight was ready to run there and sacrifice himself, just to give him the chance to get safe on the other side. Knowing, though, it was ever clear. 'You won't abandon her, will you?' The answer wasn't verbally given but through a look. The intensity it held against him was more than an indicator of what he meant, he'd not do it even if it were to slow him down, perhaps even dooming them all. Regardless of what happened to them, even without a body to come through, the three of them knew where they'd end up after their shell would become obsolete. But could they trust him even if it wasn't that sure where it was, the entrance was still mid-way open by now? And by the time it'd be fully opened, to its full extent, the world would succumb to a worse fate than death. 'I will Barnabee. We trust you to come.' As he became ready for a flight, step after step, he was suddenly stopped by a hand on the shoulder. It still cracked the metal joints that kept it together, forcing the sudden illusion that bones were inside, cracking after a hard day of work. 'There will be no need for it. I've got a better idea.' He gave a smile, despite knowing that time was getting shorter. Judging by the surrounding, as cramped as he was, the knight nodded and laid off his back. He hadn't realised either, and when he did, after hearing what Barnabee had to said, it appeared to them as nothing short of a genius. To two of them at least. 'It won't work.' 'Don't worry, it will. I can swear on that, so just trust me.' He stood still for the moment, barely block so he'd not start the slider. Everett was getting stable now, she'd survive, now holding on the knight and looking at Barnabee. 'Shh.' Before she could speak, he made sure, yet again, assuring both of them that everything was in control. 'Do not worry. I'll make sure that both of you will be more than all right. Conserve your strength and I'll do mine. May we all meet on the other side.' Both stood now at a hinge. Going on the plan once again. 'You will slide first, with the help of the speed, you should both easily outrun the circles. And whilst they're distracted with you.' 'You'll go through the building and go around.' 'Right, if this works, we should all meet at the most convenient

of crossroads, if that is. If not, at least we'd have survived the flames." Barnabee, there must be an alternative to this. We can't be sure that we can outrun it. "It's either this or waits for the world to be swallowed. And, I'd like to avoid this if possible." He said, with the side of his boot on the helmet, a slight push, threw them before they'd get another say. As planned, immediately, the rings inflamed and broken through brick, melted the metal that laid around and everything else. He ran and dodged, though there was nothing shot at him. It was a climb and a jump, but he quickly turned around and entered, the floor, penetrated through the wall, he saw stairs and ran to them. The light came from behind but it was already too late, as he was already on the stairs. Step, step step, no flame, there was nothing coming anymore, nothing from the second one. 'Hah. I knew it, I knew it well!' It was almost a burst into dance, as he had thought, the rings couldn't move nor aim at all, all were shot through the same position, direction and every single time it shot it missed, for Barnabee wasn't there standing to be pissed. He had reminded, though. 'Everett!' He looked and saw another path, through the window, it leads towards the bottom, buildings on the side. It was leading to a square, now with the full view in sight, he saw how they all lead towards the square. And in that moment, yet he waited, wondering though if it was clear or not. 'What if there are more of which all are pointed yet at me? I'd be dead even before I'd get the chance to get to her.' Though he had already jumped on the roof, right through the window, with no concern of what it would happen. 'You won't stop me, you hear!' He shouted at the sky, revealing to all the location which he had. If they keep firing at them, they won't make it in time, he won't be as sharp before they reach that point, closer to the square. It must've been a few kilometres by his first impression, quite a stretch that, too. With more and more, incoming, the flames now started coming, from buildings that were getting destroyed, planets that were once showing sign of not being dead, now laid in flames. The wind tunnels were everywhere and now, his location was revealed. 'Hold on.' The knight reassured, making sure she'd not get hit, though each side made it a hundred times rougher than it already was. Dents were made, and they felt the pain, shared through legs and head, even she closed her eyes during the turns which already had them shake. 'What happened?' The voice was distorted, even at that, they have heard it clearer than she could ever do. They stopped. 'A boot responded, trying its best to steer. Right then left, another slope another break through the control. None of them have realised that Barnabee was on the other side. It was still somewhat faster than them despite not having their advantage and head start. His feet were tired though not his heart. Each step was rhythmic as he avoided each strike. He didn't let go of the memento, though unnoticed by her, he had already taken a few of her hair strings and held them in his arm, together as they went throughout the town. Now, as he tried his best to outrun the fire, he pulled his arm back just to feel inside his pocket. It's still here, thank you. Though there was no light sky to thank, no gods, other the ones worshipped by the depths. Everything was being destroyed. Why is this happening? Though he stopped and entered another. Step, step and yet another pair of stairs, he couldn't go straight on the ground anymore. This time, he notices, and avoided, as the patterns changed, now, whoever shot the rings, whoever played this sick game of fire yelled. 'We will stop you.' They shouted as they shot where he'd be. Approximation and chance, he couldn't hope to compete against that, as they were a poor man's weapon of choice. By this point, on the roof, the small buildings, shaped in stone were close to each other and on the other side there were only silhouettes. He had seen and remembered what hers looked like, even by the distance, compared with Everett, theirs left the impression of giants. Giants in the depths, firing rings of fire at him, though not anymore. 'You won't stop me now!' A grunt was

audible, even by the distance between, though now they could see each other well. The little man. 'The little man, catch him now!' But he will see us?' And their beards dark and grey, filled with the small creatures and insects that roamed the depths in which they stood, present. Their slumber and home invaded, and now, he came. 'Go now, we were promised for his head, though don't eat him yet.' As one jumped and started chasing, a surge of fear, the sickness left by the holy plight that once filled his spirit emerged. It was only momentarily that he had previously recovered his strength, now face with such might, he didn't feel as if he was going to rescue his so-called companion and love, but. But he was running away from the towering figure. 'Giant?' Barnabee could barely believe his eyes, to such an extent that he almost knock out a few stone slabs that were tied to the roof. A human-like, though older and dirtier by hand, with features of a fat baby, instead, with the chubby legs he gave chase, seeing how his friends were still mending to the flames. It was visible, now how it worked. They're using torches, as big as their hands. And the wind tunnels were just right there, all of them aligned, to whatever purpose, it was unknown. Ahead, it got dangerous, as the giant was approaching, it'd need only to outstretch and grab Barnabee, and all would be over. When the middle point came, the one that had made the distinction between the two sides, the giant changed direction. Now, neck in neck, only a leap was needed and the rest of the distance would be cut short. 'Alone?' Seeing how he was there by himself with none of his brothers near, the fire on his left was getting brighter, through right, he saw the path from which they were still sliding, ever ahead, the sight. 'I need nothing more small boy. Just one of my touch and I could turn you into stone right where you are.' Was that a bluff or could he do such? Though his gaze was full of bright and wonder, not a second wasted as he looked upon and reflected. How could it be that I had gotten so far and why am I chased from such a distance by them? The fire was suddenly shot, disrupting his thought. He saw the giant yell and shout, in the agony, he felt as the massive body was stricken by flame. It went through though not as a circle. Two sides, it took the ones that didn't manage to cover the giant's body, breaking the stone and making the building Barnabee was one collapse. Such a jump wouldn't come at a price, as he joined the giant on the ground, ankle sprinkled and in pain. 'Gah.' And then he asked. 'Was this your plan all along?' Though he wasn't sure, seeing how he was in a much deeper pain than him. Both alleged and almost being close to being paralysed. 'Traitors! Traitors! Traitors!' The giant was trying to get back up, though the pain was clear, almost as clear as the blisters he had on the part of his face and giant arms. Half of the beard was now gone though he still picked himself and dusted. And ancient tongue rammed out his mouth after getting up, from which Barnabee could only hear. 'Bashaa Gar!' What is he saying? Barnabee asked himself, though he hadn't realised from his fall, that part of his ear drum was damaged, close to being smashed. There was nowhere to run, he saw the mad beast turning at him, then picking him up. A hand, that's all it took for him to grab Barnabee, though it was more softly than what he expected. And a good too, that was followed by confusion. The giant asked. 'Are you not Barnabee? The one to be taken to the door?' 'I am.' 'Very well, then we shall go.' The surprise came more than expected, as the other silhouettes dared not come closer, knowing that I'd be no surprised to fight their own kind, with fire rings being thrown around. Now Barnabee was held and the giant started running again. He pointed then, as being held still above by the hand. 'Follow them. They're my companions and can help us.' It was sudden, though he didn't complain. Barnabee saw something that perhaps other would never get to experience in their entire lives, to ride a giant, held by him or not. To him, it still counted. And whatever laid on the other side, he knew he at least had a story to tell, to the beast,

or to hell. They ran without a trace on the ground, whilst his brothers shot at him and tried to take him down. 'Why are they doing this?' Barnabee asked, despite having so much to observe and such a scenery that would take any other's breathe. He had not seen such a thing yet, there were plenty more to come and he encountered plenty again, a long time before he was an adult. Stories they used to tell to him as a child, though now they were long gone from his long passed memory, a sad thought, though. That such a marvellous creature, as crooked and with half of a beard. It changed. The blisters were gone and his beard regenerated before his eyes. He recalled the old chant that turned out to be true, told whilst drinking from his mother's buzzom, he heard. 'Oh giant oh giant, you cannot make, Children of your own, oh children that make us go on, You have grown old but cut one off, it will grow back, There's nothing to harm you or stop, From taking my child, other than, Bound to word of my love, Bearing for my child when I'll be gone.' It laid with him, though made no sense, up until now, Barnabee still didn't think, this couldn't be. That my mother had foreseen the future and placed a charm upon me. Though it'd have saddened him, to think of his mother and what she'd think of the man he'd grown to be, still she had a heart of glimmering gold, a jewel so old that it made even the giant that was foretold. To protect my child at all cost. 'Thank you!' There was no moment for a response, as the giant stood still, then jumped. It felt like a termor to poor Barnabee, who was going and going on the ground as it was shaken there. And still, half way through, the path ahead clear, this time it was unavoidable so instead he charged. Like a barring ram, he crushed a house and took to care, as Barnabee was doing his best to shield his eyes from sharp pieces of gravel that did nothing more than to attempt to pierce him through the heart. The space between the giant's fingers was big enough that it revealed most of Barnabee's soft areas and were his most important organs laid, heart, liver, lungs and most important, head. 'Hold on little man.' It was now, at full speed that he avoided all the flame rings, though from the other side stopped. There were still giants that recognised who he was, more important, what he was and stopped. The good intent wasn't there, but decency for their own race, they lit the rings but did not fire, making only a segment of the brightest light that was seen underground. Now, whilst being helped to escape from the underground, he did not weep nor would he return for the others, he swarmed and grabbed the two sliding ones, reaching the flat land, where no ring laid, though other were coming as well. Though he hadn't seen it, the giant cannel, no light was coming but the wind and the cold from above. Despite being scared, they gave no remark for the giant, as they saw Barnabee being calm, without giving any warning of what was happening now. A look revealed that they were coming, but from the side, the rings started blowing. It wasn't aimed at them, but it left the warning shot and a bitter taste in their leader's mouth. Such bitterness in his eyes could be seen, but it wasn't directed at them. 'How dare he betray us? How dare they help him now? One of us and. Bah, bring the siege!' He sent them, though they waited for an order. 'What do ye want us to do?' 'Blow the ring, now!' 'But it's out only way out if that falls...' Answered another, with no will to finish his thought or to think of what would happen to them, in case, the worst of the king, they'd be trapped there, forever. Even legends had truth in them, somehow, in which their kingdom would be trapped, as they couldn't climb up. The mercy of the depths, the gods of which maliciousness could spoil them bitter, in his mind it was worth it if it meant to stop. 'We were promised the world outside. If we stop them from going through that gateway, we will be able to take over the world once it's shattered and blown. Not the sturdiest headstrong bunch, they listened. 'We need to go now.' 'Where?' Barnabee started and only now he saw clear, the prized location was near, though unknown to him, what did it too. 'It will take us back to the outside world, in the

worst part.'He didn't stop for a moment, leaping and going through.She was hurt, though Everett just as the knights and Barnabee, all together, endured.Since they were so close now, to one another, nothing could stop them from achieving what they desired, freedom at last, back on tracks.And what it took from then was a few blocks away, of stone.'We're not alone!'The giant said, seeing the first blowing puncturing barnacle shell being shot at them.It missed by a mile, though it blew away making it light, then dark again.'Dark shells of Viatah.'They pulled the light in, making it suddenly dark, though he had roamed the land for centuries and didn't need any of it to clearly see it in his mind.Their wretched hides were broken as they shimmered in the dark, and yet another strike, another explosion that sent the shrapnel-like bits of shell directly against the shattering stone.Still, their aim was off, which is the least said, as their pointed weapons did nothing but scrape an area far beyond them.And time was being shortened for at least a few miles.They kept shot after shot and none was dimmed, none reached them, and their effort remained in vein.For, now they were so close and the wind started to be dragged.The ancient ring felt the approach and small stones floated around, along with fire and shrapnel, other small bits were dragged.'There's something else in there, other than the wind.'Barnabee felt the soft touches of cold, reach under his once yellowish cheeks than now became as red as they are.'It's not fast enough.'The giant spoke, with almost a roar like motion, seeing how his comrade's attention shifted from them, directly on the rings.Shells managed to hit, though they were thrown back, repelled by the endurance the metal from which it was made.Though they avoided the pieces, behind the final charge became.'They're too many to take, we need to go in, now!'The knight said, his metal armour pale whilst compared with the hide of the giant.'We go in now, look, it's already getting too late.'The springs finally came, water flowing from cracks, it took only a few more shells and there was a dent.The dent then became a full-endowed crack, which at its pace became a bigger one.Expanding, and so it did, until the point where it encompassed a huge part of the rings, who was now soon to pass.

Hosts

Which is the reason he couldn't stop, two, not, three hosts that received the letters? It was too late for that, for even he, the great of celestials could not reach that many just in time, with the limit of a person, to add to that. So it was that they had reached, not at the same time, different days, adjacent to one another, the research was saved, and to the selected few the truth. One was a family, deep in the heart of mountains, near the rural area of Bitterofk, a mainland state. They lived alone in solidarity and used to steal the mail of others. He knew that well, which only added to the arrogance of his clever stuck. Sending all letters spoiled, to an abandoned house, the father of the family knew they'd find. A fair maiden and a child, that lived in the middle, right under the clouds received it too, though she hadn't heard that name in a long time, ever since the birth. And another host, the house of skin. Much wasn't known, nor if he could trust, though the crone had no way of sending it back. The horn of the animals her tribe had slain were not rotten, making her house, covered in tar as black as she had been left from the time. Yet, despite who they all are, Argus still once had decided to trust them, even more as he had given several locations for them to meet. So it was that the man return, bearing his axe on the shoulder, right on time, after a plunder of which his wife did not know. 'Evening.' He said, returning as if he was on a hunt. Though other that wood which was left outside and a few rabbits for stew, something was hidden, deep inside. She can't understand, she just can't. He said to himself. 'Evening Bordon.' Said the wife, his name was used only in the little times she was mad.

Lorraine

Her name was Lorraine. And thirty-five steps ago she died. Though she hasn't realised it yet, looking atop of the street. She always had random thoughts full of deceit. It wasn't that much of a difference at the times, a rustic part of Northernberg, with as much population to suffice as it already had gone past its limit. Hence the job opportunities for those who had the certain appearances. Though, out of all, who already left, she remained on the street, not having the means to go by for another night. The other had plentiful, yet she had none, not that would suffice for that for whom she has slaved herself for. It was already worse since it was snowing, but she didn't care. She was frozen there, looking behind, the bloody footprints, dry in the snow. Unable to move forward, she could either stay or move back, though she remembered that moving back would only mean she'd die. Earlier, before it started snowing, she met a man. It wasn't too different from the many other nights, and the man looked, to her at least, less of an asshole, sort to speak. 'Looking for a hook?' She asked. Despite the cold weather, her lips were dry. The man had his dark riddles with oysters coat, a common thing that wasn't out of the ordinary, and to the contrary, it appeared to her that he was wealthy. An easy gig, it seems to me, he's probably a gig and wealthy. The man moved his hand and before she could protest, placing it against her chest. Annoyed by it, and seeing how there wasn't anyone to see, with a blow of rocks that were held inside, she smashed his head in, along twenty oysters that were placed inside of his hat. He laid on the ground, with a bloody look on his face. It was a shock, perhaps too much for her to take. 'No, what have I done? Sweet mercy!' Lorraine never checked her back, to see what was inside of it, as the owner of the brothel, and her soul, always enjoyed playing tricks on them, to make them sore. She was reminded once more of the cruelty the man had, as she ran across, unable to throw away the purse she carried, tied directly to her bone. Each step grew, significantly heavier, as did the belt, the lashes and the purse, everything on her started slowing down, as she realised, there was a bloody footprint trail, leading directly to her. The crime scene wasn't far, and she stood there, looking for a way out. 'There, it must be, the airboat, just waiting for me.' In her mind, she imagined, a desperate attempt to remove all clothes off at the same time so they wouldn't crush the entirety of her body, so she wouldn't die. But then she realised it, as her body came to a full stop, snow coming by her shoulder, the clothes weren't sagging nor dragging the body down, it was something else. Something else kept her from moving, a burden, even stronger than the cursed clothes she had. The sounds of the pneumatic compressors were now audible to her, signalling that there wasn't any chance she'd escape if it were to come back to the crime scene, with a bloody purse over her shoulder. Unable to remove it she sighed. Stopped there, trembling in her feet, waiting for the snow to take her. For far too long, she knew the rules of the town, and as soon as she was found, with the weapon at hand, she'd be eliminated on sight. No one would care for a broad, not in the slightest, smallest sign of compassion. The sounds were approaching, most likely following the trail of blood. Lorraine was stuck, watching over her shoulder at the corner, then, in the smallest fraction of movement she could force, after finally understanding that none of the other muscles would attempt to listen to her commands, she turned it back around. Seeing the bridge, waiting. A sharp noise was being made, bricks shattered, a trail of dust would be left. The compressors were quite painful at the touch, deadly but not fast enough to kill the one they'd be used against. 'Damn you, if I weren't stuck!' Lorraine couldn't help it but say that, in a hurtful stutter, unable to do it as they were so close, the light was visible down the corner, making the shadow under her expand. The compressor was almost fully charged against the wall, the heat was so powerful by this point that it would melt the ice and the feeling of cold, that soon left the air. With a breath, she took some of the

mixed air, of cold air, that came from the wind in front of her, and the hot one in the middle. The waiting was killing her, even more than the compressor would. So, I'd rather end it now, rather wait and die like a cornered dog. One step behind, the muscles suddenly released, knowing the type of trap she was in, but not the one that placed the burden, she knew only what had to be done. Another step was made, the heat grew. It'd be only a few steps behind, after the ones she additionally took, that her skin would form blisters, only from the gust of air that was pressed in the foundation of the brick house that was being destroyed. Unable to scream, as she would've done it, that was way too clear to her now. They want to torment me to no end, but who? Who did this? Surely, it couldn't be the hellish fiend that sent me here on the streets, no way he'd stop me like this. Neither could it be the ones trying to get rid of me now. Her thoughts were grabbed to a halt after her body rejected the movements towards the point of heat. What could they be waiting for? She asked herself, now that she was unable to do anything else. They were clearly there, same for the light that ran down, across the street, the blood too was followed by a pair of footsteps, bloody prints, sure, but the heat should've melted the ice if it were for them to be hidden away. Seconds passed, the light diminished. Her eyes widened, Lorraine's shadow died. The sounds of the compressor went away, and as he turned to see, the body finally being released, a scream, a shout and a splatter of blood ran across the street, before being turned into a cone of fire. With a beating heart, full with a feat of fear, she knew that there was someone there, stronger, faster that came and kill those that wanted to hurt her. 'I'm next.' She said, finally released, with control regain, she threw the purse away and jumped, rolling into the snow, to clean herself and be covered in white. Immediately, the cold shock made her lift herself up, and see, to her surprise. 'The airship's still here.' As she started running towards it, doing her best to hide her fear. Seeing the shadows under her constantly disappear under her eyebrows. It was clear that whoever did all that occurred was just messing with her for nothing more but own amusement. 'So close, just a few steps!' Her mind rushed, and a self-defence mechanism arise inside of her, making her speak out her thoughts at an alarming rate, at which, the sound gave the position, directly towards where she was being lead. 'Don't go!' And over the bridge, the one that was tied to the ground, it released itself to float above the air. The airship left, making her stand there, inches away from where it went away from. It was almost as if, at the point of which she arrived, combined with the sudden expulsion of air throughout her lungs, she has given up, awaiting her fate in the middle of the street. Alone and afraid, cold struck forth, for a second she felt the heat, as the airship flew above of her, blocking the snow, heating the air with the flame it had. No one approached her, despite that she waited, once again, though this time over her own volition. 'Come!' The voice said, breaking ice and snow, out of a cone, under her. Suddenly, as she looked down she saw the snow white disappear over a slight heat feeling that made the ground look as pale as it was before snowing. Lorraine turned and saw a man who wore a suit of metal, tight and tipped around the edges, black, with a slight reflection, accompanied by no other than a commonly built of the face and body. The only distinct characteristic other than the suit and the crisp beard was his soothing voice that called to her. And she called back, afraid of being caught. 'Will you hurt me if I come?' She asked, unable to hide the fear she felt, neither the obvious distrust that she felt towards the suited man. 'I will not.' His hand reached, a pair of fingerless gloves, she came immediately and touched them both. 'Such heat, I've never felt before.' Even her voice seemed to be replenished by the presence of the man, and for a second then, she forgot what she has done. The slight warm grasp turned into a malicious pull, out of the mouth, bloating the neck in front of her, came another torso of

another man, with no head and nothing else. It lifted itself as if to come from the man, using him as a pillar to stand tall. By sheer luck of heart, the beating stopped her from fainting as she said no word, trapped once again, seeing how the lower body was a stove, and out of the elongated torso, ripped a hellish pair of long wave like holes. Fire, brim and with enough heat to burn everything could be felt from it, as she realised then, reminding herself involuntarily and vividly to distract herself from the danger. The gust of fire that most likely killed those men. 'It was you. It was you!' Again she said. The mouth moved but it was a stretch beyond proportions. 'You lied!' She said, with confidence at hand, though she remained helplessly unable to hurt it, or cause any minor inconvenience, as she wanted. The elongated torso flailed, uncontrollably above the air, throwing the heat and melting the snow everywhere. Or at least any other place than her. Knowing nothing, being frustrated, she did the only thing she thought of doing, which others who fell victim to it, most likely did not. With enough space, she bent the muscles of the leg and hit the man over his pride, making it flail more and fell behind. A huge bit was taken and it was clearly in pain, having a chunk of the torso eaten by itself, and on the other side, she felt, the impact was enough to break her leg and bleed most profoundly, only after a shout of pain. None of them was dead, she knew it would retaliate, so she turned around and started crawling on the snow, pushing herself, towards the bridge. I need to get. I need to get to. Water. Her thoughts were harder for her to hear and put into practice, pain coming through, whatever happened on the impact, pierced her bone and broke it in half. With each pull, the torso started pulling itself towards her, making it a race, between their own malicious, one to escape the crime she committed, and the creature trying to burn her alive. The body seemed paralysed, looking over her shoulder, Lorraine said. 'Served you right.' And as it heard it, with a full strengthened bit, it bit itself, the torso released, a gush of blood sprouting out of it. And what remained was a crawling body that was evocating hellish gusts of fire out of it, in waved, getting as strong as it could be. Lorraine desperately yelled. 'Help, anyone, please!' But no one was there to hear her and even if they were, they'd be unable to help the situation. Does it plan to blow itself up? The waves seemed to shake its own torso, as the man who bit it off the rise of the ground, a stump of skin, from which the torso came stuck inside his mouth, a jaw full of teeth buried within. And, how awful she felt, having to crawl too, through snow, again feeling pain, blisters forming on the hurt leg and more. She couldn't help, the deadly obsession, watching over the shoulder, unable to look away from danger. The man, seeing the torso crawl, still unable to speak, risen on his feet, he took on the challenge and leapt towards the side, immediately turning, slowed down. In his hand laid a pneumatic compressor, heavy, barely being able to move in against the edge of the ground, he started charging it. If it was fully charged, she'd have no chance of escape, being shot by its long fiery snare. Already crippled in the snow. Whispers coming from above and everywhere else where the constant fire tongues did not reach. 'Free us!' The snow said, through every small globe and flake that flew above the air, even those that melted in the warmth of her blood had a small echo that said it again. 'Free us!' Lorraine didn't understand any of it, nor did care. In her thought, it was clear that she was. I must be going mad, the pain, the pain. She repeated to herself, almost mirroring the voices she heard, twice in number every time, so her inner voice would hear it too. Her mouth was wide open, now crawling with one hand, the numbness was getting to her, perhaps even faster than she'd get to the edge, and leap. Breath was getting harder, the brim fire that was spewed did more than melt some of her senses, devouring the pain she felt, as she was approaching death. The torso was coming, the man behind, the weapon was not ready and just a few feet away. Crawl she did, to the other

side, as the torso turned on its back and leapt from side to side. The fire was now coming towards the air when she saw a shadow that came. Above, the airship that previously left came ready to go back again, though, the torso had no eyes nor senses, knowing only to go forth at a fast pace, it failed to see the airship in its glory. The flame reached the air, almost like a spray of fire, burning the ropes that held the metal platform. With enough strength, she pushed with one hand and rolled on her side, crushing the arm even more but avoiding the crash. The platform came and crushed the skin, the bone and the fire stove, creating enough force to push even the compressor away from the man. But Lorrain was pushed too, drenched in blood and snow, whispers getting louder. 'Yes, free us now! You are worthy!' They spoke in a tongue that pulled her closer to madness. Where she felt, a heat that dragged her closer to death. Despite that the stove died, splattered inside of a crater under a metal platform, that erupted in flames, causing an even greater danger to all of them. They all died in an instant, boiled and burn alive, even the glass shattered and spread across the ground. Tears already ran, unconsciously on her cheeks and she knew she still had to go. Seeing the man standing on the other side, blocked by a wall of fire, approaching the tool left on the ground, charged to an extent. Another problem arises, for her, blinded on an eye by the intense light. Her sight was broken, as her body, pulling through the wet rags, blisters, rashes and more than she could feel through the numbed limbs. To add to that, with each step, thinking that she had a chance, more glass shards entered her skin, making her scream, going through the part of her body that weren't numbed. One glass, in particular, entered her neck, barely avoiding the thyroid vein that would've bled her to death. Strangely, the fire that would've to burn her in a cruel death, it sealed some of the wounds she had everywhere, though not without a price. She felt the man approaching through the ground. Closely to the edge of the street, where a fall would make her come closer to the water drop, a few feet away of coldness, an escape of pain, as her thoughts distracted. One sudden drop, closet towards the ground would be fatal, as the shard was still inside her neck, a flesh wound, merely penetrated, though enough force would end her, for however blood she had left. A gurgle of blood and skin was audible from behind, metal being crushed against metal, burning and full of rust. He was taunting her, still alive, well, more or less. Bloody and filled with cuts she reached the edge and thrust herself, though not before the compressor was pointed and shot. From the other side of the street, a few hundred meters away from the other side of the bridge, men and women gathered. The citizens watched in horror as the airship was burning, as someone on the other side shot with a ray of light that pierced what looked to be like women, before she fell into the lake. It was frozen for merely minutes that once again, the edges were released, the hit wasn't as hard, though the wounds were great. 'Monster! Fiend! Abomination!' People shouted, almost in a chant-like a manner, as they watched the creature walk closer and observe what was happening below. It didn't seem to notice any of the people who have gathered to see. Though none dared approach, nor wanted to go there and search below. Despite not knowing what was the creature on the other side and what exactly happened, they recognised, even from the great distance what it held in its hand. 'A compressor!' Said a man from the crowd, with a tone that was almost bent by itself, over what he said. It was almost as if he feared to say the name of the tool of torture and death. Because, even if she survive, she'd suffer immense pain from the substances thrust by the compressor into her. If she didn't drown first, that is. It lasted a few more minutes, perhaps hours, none seemed to be expressing any concern for time, other than what was happening from afar, when the creature left. It couldn't be a human, that was obvious, with such a bloated mouth, extended to no reason, not to say that it held a weapon that

would've needed at least two people to carry.No one else had done it, carrying it on their own.Officers came quickly and found nothing, as snow started drifting away, coming on the side.They found nothing in the search, after shoving the civilians away from the scene.It left not a trail of itself, and even if there were any clues left, they wouldn't have stood there unburnt, or made to ashes.Nothing survived nor remained whole, as the fire destroyed even the rubble and stones from around the landing area as a whole.When they reached the point of destruction, the flame was finally let down, the snow stopped from falling from above too, at the end of a scream.Before going to the corner, the men found another set, a pair of lovers as they seemed, now two additional corpses and not quite the sight to look at, as some of them directed their attention against the wall.Those who weren't puking, at last, were sealing the zone, though the captain was quicker at thinking than the rest.Not a second passed that he didn't study, from further away, the two corpses, seemed almost welded with one another, at a point of entry, brim with black.There was a reddish liquid dripping, a fraction of it that vanished in the air.'They were killed by a compressor!Men, we need to be fast!'His shouted pierced through their perception and more, as he directed the charged, running then taking a hard turn to see, the trail of blood, they were being lead.Walking to track the inhuman thing they've seen before with nothing more than miniature compressors, round and long, like guns of old, charging them as they went.Seeing the wall stricken, a compressor abandoned before another turn.He announced what he saw, knowing that most of them were in the back and they'd be distracted otherwise.'It abandoned the weapon, it's unarmed!We can take it, just follow the blood.Fast, faster!'He said, now shouting, through cold, striking at a wall with a fist, still mid-run.A mad feeling went through his veins, seeing that the trail of blood was getting thicker, a repugnant smell coming through.Still unsure, if he and his group, that he didn't select had enough to stop such a thing of nightmares.The last turn, leading to an alley filled with grasping darkness, floating around.The blood stopped there, and what remained, at the tip leading to the alley, was taken away, sipped by the looming darkness.'It must be there.Men, ready the compressors.We will burn it out of there if we have to!'The way there and the charge, made his back hurt, a feeling that felt like he was being stabbed.Though a sharp, crooked, bent-chromatic knife with a sharp iron lead was in his hand, ready to strike at any abomination's throat in any second and more.He stepped aside, letting two others, their compressors, alit.Only the order waited, knowing, looking and observing the edges.It couldn't be anywhere else, cornered as a dog, he knew he might attack, so he shifted his body in a position to crawl and leap in case it'd try.With the body trained and his mind, what waited now was just for it to either come at them or be burnt alive.'Fire!'He yelled, with an armoured stance, ready to deflect, the bits that flew towards them, the blooming darkness burnt alive.It was a parade of fire, almost as worse as what they saw.Luckily there was no one to watch and question if the ones protecting the city were just as worse as the fiend they were hunting.Captain Rhogmag used slashing motions to cut, the dark edges, crisp, flying like frozen chrysalis towards him.They resembled mirrors with no reflection, easily cut through and falling into quickly vanishing powders.Behind him laid a trembling trainee that had no idea nor seen any of it.He stood there and watched as they advance, the fully charged miniature compressors, after so much time being kept alit, were able to reach the same capacity of a fully sized one.Though it didn't come without a price, as they closed in, making it harder to control, it burnt not only the malignant growth, but it also cut through the stone, leaving a perfectly geometric shaped, whatever was once covered and even the air was melted by the substance.Cleaned beyond released, they pushed, unknowing where to

stop. Rhogmag yelled 'Enough!' But the machines in their arms were vibrating too hard, getting too hot, unknown to them that the malignancy was gone and they were cutting through the apartments complex. It was a jump and a dual slash, that the captain cut with his chromatic knife the aligned tubed that constantly lit the compressors. And the suddenly a stop. Before they could fully turn, both of them were punched in the head, dropping the weapons instead of reacting in any other sort of way. 'Are you deaf boys? I said stop!' The captain came closer, looking everywhere but there was nothing left for him to see. Not the dust, nor any remains, but it should've been. 'No, there must've been at least a sign that it was here.' He told them to look around for any mark on the ground, looking at every corner, above, trying to shove the dirt. Knowing that it wasn't a normal opponent, he'd spare no chance that it might be worse. All three came to it, on the most charged order, when he stumbled upon it, buried, barely under perfection. It was easy to find after stepping around when one of the men said. 'Here sir!' It was a hole, apparently, dug under, leading towards, what felt to be, brim heat, the depths of hell, most likely or worse. The captain's first thought. 'What do we say?' The trainee asked, holding a cross that was dangling from his neck, afraid of what might sprout out of that hole, now left unprotected and revealed for everyone to see. 'Re-attach the cut parts, then burn the hole to crisp. We'll cover it after we're done. From this day on, it will remain the way I say it, we killed it without a trace of its remains. Understood?' They had little to say, not to mention anything related to a choice, so they complied, holding on whatever promise of a future they still had. Someone might come sniffing otherwise, that was clear even to the boy. They worked fast and completely covered their tracks, as the rest of the town was busy, on the other side, checking what happened. It wasn't clear, exactly the cause of that day's events, nor did the reports that were given, the confessions and the lack of evidence to support some claims. Ten years passed, to be precise. After being buried under hundreds of other files, the even was completely forgotten by the population, so were the lives. Enforcers made sure of that, publicly shaming any other would dare speak on the street about any sort of crime. A lot changed since then, making it hard to believe that one event causes the tip of balance between total enforcement and respect of the law. But it happened, nevertheless. And, it worked in a way as it never resurfaced, whatever was there. Down the station, past it, laid another straight street that had one way only, leading to a set of mazes around the city, all of which lead up, towards a ruined house. Not fully burnt, and it was never explained why, but what once was a brothel, now it remained partially burnt and destroyed, half of it, again, utmost perfection. The marvel of their time, as the engineers who designed the first patent, it either destroys your body, burns you alive, or it leaves nothing more of you than thin air on the side. Though that didn't certainly stop them from moving on and escaping, those who weren't caught, moved towards the underground to continue the business, still flourishing, all but without one. Past the house, farther away from the borders and edges of the town, the river from which it was connected the lead to the sea. By the side of it, at an unnatural amount of walk, laid a house in a smaller town, one of fishing, mirroring yet another, its sister town, as it was called and known to be. The house had an utmost importance to one person, walking in a chair of wood, having wheels that barely span around as they should. She refused to change it, even after so many ears, scarred and broken, blinded, permanently in an eye, she kept living her life away, with the memory repressed. It was the daily routine that got her sane, waking up, going by sea, watching with an unknown fear she held, unconsciously of the sea. None question why she went there and stared at the end side of the docks. None of them truly saw, from time to time, a red tint, at certain distances, sometimes approaching, bubbles

coming out. A fascination with her, not just fear, it made her stay there, watch, but go back just before it got to the shore, under the wooden bridge and to her. Lorraine tempted fate for ten long years, every single day since she arrived at that point, she managed to go back, immediately before. So much time was spent on it that it entered her blood and system, it was almost as if she was bred into it, to do such a thing. But it made no sense, whatsoever, so she went back to her routine. 'Greetings.' Lorraine now worked in a store, she sold fishing equipment as well as meat from time to time. A sweet girl, though a younger and even sweeter than her came, mirroring her routine. 'Morning Alissa!' The girl called Lorraine, despite not being her real name, she knew that something inside, a voice ran with such cold bearing in her mind. Do not tell them your real name or you shall suffer, it will drag him towards you before he'll burn you alive. Often, she stared at clients when fragments of the voices came, though not directly at them. They meant nothing at that time, just objects standing in the room, as her full attention was grabbed by unknown forces, she thought, to be, possibly the work of her god. But who is he? Who could be the person? Again, the girl asked. 'Are you feeling okay?' 'Oh, sorry, dear. I must've zoned out of it. How may I help you?' It was almost gone perfectly through a rehearsal, with a slight nudge and a change so it wouldn't be too obvious to the girl. A smart one, she is, though you are frail now Lorraine. One of the voices taunted her, making a slight hint of pride, she often stepped on that, no wonder why. They all influenced in a way, though one second she was there and the other not. 'That one!' The girl said, pointing at the glass box with a machine inside of it. A music box, perhaps a present. Look at her body, a voice said. Do you not envy her? Though it confused Lorraine even more, none of the voices made any sense. She hadn't questioned it, though, anything, how she got to be there, or why would she keep going. The girl left, another customer came. It repeated again and again, leaving, going back home, going to the docks and speaking to herself. No new faces whatsoever, just new shipment of meat that was fished, the town faded into obscurity long before she came here. And it was a miracle too, that she arrived and was saved, the broad called Lorraine. No one understood that night, a snow storm, the sea was almost frozen, as were the ships, she floated under the ice, having no air, being kept alive, only by the substance in her chest. But she was carried to that town, nevertheless by the flow, the current and the unknown. Though her mind was blanked by the impact and the vision, still not blurred, water piercing her eyelid, even more, she saw something there, that pierced her to be conscious. Something was following her, a figure, walking at a fast pace, under her underwater. An armour surrounded the figure, keeping it down, with a tube, going as further as her eyes could focus. It called to her, bubbles coming before dissipating in the cold water, though she couldn't answer. And at the same time, her body refused to make her lose consciousness after having her awareness forced astray. Though in the seconds when she did think, the figure was assaulted by something of the depths, grabbing and holding the tube, until the armoured figure fell down. It was too far and she was too tired to escape, but it was in that faint moment that she knew that she was being followed. A warmth followed her body before she was rescued, ice broken by a pick, right before it reached and before the possibility to be boiled alive. None notice, though an entire town, despite being so small gathered and made an effort to break the ice and get her. Home. Where Lorraine chose to live alone, with a false name, unable to speak to anyone about her past, so she'd not be handled and killed on sight in case anyone tried to cut loose. New few harder in those parts, though, ten years were enough for the news to come. She knew everything, how harshly they treated the population. And in a way. 'A blessing.' Lorraine spoke to the nun, it was near the town's church, which she

visited, almost regularly to pray. 'A blessing to you too Alissa!' The black, in blue clothes she has reflected the personality she held hidden and stricken away from her. A nun, priestess of the god, they gave them a filthy stink and a greater chance for their success in the season to catch fish. And it was visited regularly, especially by her, being lead inside by the nun, pushing the broken wheelchair, as a blessing. 'The god shines his fins to you this day Alissa, you are truly blessed to be alive.' She'd say, the same thing, almost every single day. Though not once has she answered, despite becoming a daily occurrence. 'From where have I come from?' Though a shrug was given every time, and it was held, transmitted through the wood and splinters in her back. Only to be left there, and start another day, praying and committed, at a statue of the god. And how he looked at all of them, a stone of the sea, fashioned to be perfect in appearance, fitting to a god of the sea and more than that. A symbol that entered their hearts, filling it with sea salt, frozen at winter, breaking the ice. They often stopped their prayer, to look at her and out of all of them, who stood and the glossing stone, lavished seated, separated by spiked beads, the blessing. 'Oh, what a blessing! Blessing, a blessing! Blessing to her!' Whispers formed and it was harder, none of them knew how uncomfortable it made her feel. To be unable to know whenever or not they said that, or it was still the voices, messing up with her. Yet, she endured, same as always, before coming back, the same routine, a few people in-between. No one new, and with time, some scars healed, still some remained. New ones came, stayed a little and repaired. 'Receipt your soul.' She'd hear at one day, and see the wide opening in the sea god's mouth open. In another, no one except her would come, but the day would be busy with people from all around the town, coming to but from her and be filled for the day. What little she had of her sight, started stagnating, her body become even more frail, despite having signs shown of getting better. Every time she stood on the docks, her mind went the way, thinking what would happen if she chose to do it so. The day finally came, where she rolled her chair and didn't stop until she fell into the water and started sinking on her own. No substance in her chest to keep her alive, nothing to stop the water from constantly entering her chest and nothing to stop the pain. It was obvious now. I will never find out what happened. And when she thought of it, her vision got darker. In a way, it was because she was giving up, that her life was given, a warmth coming towards her, giving an unsettling shuffle on her frail old bones. And another gulp followed. Which will it be then? The water or what's out there? Even more, shades of darkness started coming, dancing at the corner of her eyes, taunting her with the hands, as she was going to die. Her arms were unable to move, and Lorraine. Alissa could swear, that, despite being the last moments of her life, she could finally fully see with both of her eyes, everything around and everything in sight. There was no corner, regardless how dark, that wasn't there. Too little, too late, the biggest gulp of water didn't stop anymore, as she felt something rushing through her head. A pressure that felt through the nose, followed by the warmth that was next to her. When she was reminded, that night and every memory came to her, and finally, she understood. Followed by the loss of consciousness, she heard, only but a splash above. One last thought, the last one as her body was turned without her notice or her choice by the currents, to look above. Is someone coming? Her last thought after was unknown. And the last thing she felt as the consciousness went to the depths was the numbness of her arm being taken away. She was being pulled back up, struggling to keep both of them above the water. It was night by the time she was done, forcing the water that buried itself inside the woman's lungs. Without her knowledge, as the girl laid her ears upon her chest, she heard the heart strike back, the lungs whole. Whatever happened to her body before, changed forever, even after so much water

being inside, the girl managed to land push after pushing, until Lorraine woke up, suddenly to grasp for air. She spat blood and water, even an oyster that found itself there, landing directly in her hand, open to catch it before it'd fall down and shatter. 'Are you okay?' The girl, asked, Lorraine being silent. Is she new? She asked herself, disregarding the last minutes, hours and more. 'Who are you?' But she was suddenly found in a position, bent as the arms wrapped around the rest of the body. She was being affectionately hugged by this stranger with silken hair, almost as smooth as she had around her age. Lorraine hasn't felt such warmth, other than the fire and knew not how to reply. Staring at the curve below of her, the spine and trying to figure her heart. 'My back!' Lorraine yelled after a sudden realisation came to her, lifting herself on the two legs, she walked again. In a second, she made laps, around the girl sitting down, sparing at her, unknowing at what happened. 'You can walk? But you were in a wheelchair, I saw you here, standing by the docks.' Before she could turn and say anything to her, both of them had their air taken by a fraction. A sudden eruption of boiled water jumped above the air, one hundred feet away from them at least, one hundred more above. It was hot enough that it didn't last long until it evaporated above the sky. 'We need to go, now!' Lorraine almost shouted, at her as she grabbed and pulled, as hard as she could, whilst the pounding started above the water. It was coming for her, now that she could walk again, the pain in her chest diminished and there was nothing stopping her from the charge. Before they stepped out of the wooden bridge that laid between them and the rest of the town, another eruption arises, the last one, that crushed the wooden planks, and out of the water, it came. She could only see it by the tail of her eye. A forked tongue, and a chest, it held no fire but bloated with water, like an airship, held by meat bars, the man was indistinguishable, being covered in coral. 'So, that's been taunting me for so long?' It held no flames, but it spews water jets on the sides, cutting the edges of the remaining plants. If it had a mouth, normal one, it'd laugh, but it could only do the motion as it ran towards them. The girl was trembling, still held, whilst they ran away. A sudden avoidance as she dragged both herself and her companion in a jump, over a crate laying on the ground. It was by mere luck that she noted that the creature threw the bloated torso in a motion and crushed the plank, thrusting bits and pieces against them. Like shrapnel, it flew and pieced the barrel, water coming out of it, the fish long dead, the way was clear and there wasn't anyone else on the streets as it was too dark already. And no one to hear the screams either. The silence was gulped and was sunken in the small world of the seat, it followed as they both run and smashed the door that leads inside the church. Afraid, she asked, whilst doing her best to keep up. 'What is that? Why is that demon following us?' Lorraine had trouble keeping her perception fixed upon the moving thing, especially with the girl slowing her down. It even occurred leaving her behind, though it wouldn't have been so morally satisfying to say. Instead. 'You called it a demon girl. Hush now, until we're safe, I'll try explaining it after!' She nodded as they both got a moment of waiting, at the other side, a safe distance laid the creature, slowing down. The water jets weren't possible anymore as everything already dropped away, the body heavy, chained at the bottom of the feet, despite not wearing a helmet. After so many years, she recognised it as the man she once saw, just as her memory decided to return. The grasp between the two of them was finally released. 'It's okay now.' Lorraine noticed how the torso fell down and bounced against the ground, like the water snake, drying it up, as the man, unable to walk, to talk or even squeak, stood there. 'Wait girl. Don't approach it yet, let me!' But, what? 'Just stay here and wait for my return!' Her pearls eyes started at one another and the conviction she used seemed to have pierced her two pearls, going as deeper as an icepick would. The girl felt a cold touch on the back of the skull, generated by a

mere stare, forcing her to stand there. And wait. As Lorraine started approaching, stretching her legs and feeling her spine once again. She had been stumbling around the whole way there, though there was a curiosity that pulled her. The closer she got to the fiend, the more obvious the features were the iron, the suit, the wildlife that resided inside of it. No helmeted, at least not in its entirety, as she observed, still on a safe distance, she managed to see that there was a fragment from which it sprouted. The remains of the metal helmet must've been disregarded when it came out of the mouth. Though, why now and why did it hesitate and do an attempt so late? A road pumped out of the place where once stood a heart. Some liquid pulsated through and managed to land onto the ground, before being exhausted after all. She knew there was still a risk, infection if it was still alive. It could be playing dead to draw her in, though she had to know. 'Don't come, stay there until I make sure. I'll signal you when I'm ready.' Again, Lorraine assured her younger friend, just to have the calm and awareness she desperately needed. As she thought. The rounds of what was pulled through the rod, it looked like a blob, revealing to be a gruesome heart. It came as a shock when it finally shoved it aside of itself, and in such a manner. No longer was this the heart of a human, obviously, it couldn't bend, though one thing was certain for her, as that was. 'It's dead.' Her mouth sank, the lips suddenly impaled by the teeth. It started coagulating with its purgatory blood, blue and pumping out of the stomach, the rod with a hole, the metal parts that once accompanied a suit started shaking. Rust fell to the sides. Skin started growing out at an alarming rate, despite one being frozen in place, the skin was more ambiguously malignant and elastic than it has ever been before. Small tumours formed and it seemed to be ready to explode, Lorraine backed away at the first sight, impaling even deeper to alleviate fear. It was too late too, as the gruesome sight conducted itself, the girl in front of Lorraine hadn't anything else but watch, the only one in the village to see. The woman getting shards through her back, throat and legs before the malformation got thrown everywhere around. It was a sight like any other, that breed mistrust. She did her own avoidance as the bigger part of the helmet, that once had the glass in the visor shattered, the metal bars handled and bent, despite being broken, it destroyed more than half of her arm, along with the barricade. The girl screamed as Lorraine was unconscious on the ground. Yet again, fate has abandoned Lorraine, to be at the mercy of a beating heart that started moving. Approaching her slowly ahead inches from her at least. The stench was flagrant enough to rival one thousand oysters that were smashed together and puked aloud, a concoction that was deeply connected with the microorganisms that resided in the heart. They push and acted like parasites, seeing her close to be dead, though she was hurt, it did not matter. Another body, malformed would be prone for the comfort. The heart of the man was once good, now it resembled that, the completed organ, ever glowing in the light. Time was limited, in the desperate attempt. The girl saw that thing slow down once it was running out of the water to propel itself again, to breath and procreate. Blood already started pumping out of both of their bodies and still no one came out to help. She knew she was alone, and despite her dizziness. 'I'm. Coming.' Her voice was just as trembling as her body, the knees deep inside, as close to the stomach as her brain to her brow. No weapon and a numbed hand, this would be the last thing she'd be doing before falling to the ground to bleed. A depletion of both water and blood, she was careful, as the heart stopped. It saw her action, just as she tried rushing in, she stopped too once she realised. A jet of blood was thrown in front of her as soon as she made a few steps. It was the lack of judgement coming from the lack of oxygen in her brain. Though, through the glance of mere luck, she avoided splashing the heart with blood, a gust that would've propelled it directly inside of the landing merely a fairly

distanced pair of steps from it. Does, does it think? Her vision wasn't as good, a fairly young woman with her chord exhausted from the shout. In no way could she ponder, whenever of not the lady was still alive. No way to end the life of that miserable fragment of the purgatory abomination that died. What would happen to her if the heart got in? She asked herself. And utmost of all. What would happen to me? This was a strange moment and a strange path for her to take, never again would she get another. With a twist, an immeasurable amount of pain came, though it was too late for her to scream. She started squeezing her own arm of what was left inside of it, all above the ground, in the direction of the heart. A young body, inviting and standing, she approached and fell down in the pool of her making. The heart was invited in as it approached, splashing against and entering her. A heart attack was the reason of her death, so they say. The body got dragged away, though, yet another time Lorraine escaped. She was brought and laid on the bed, where she stood there, watching the ceiling and wondering if it was a dream. The armoured golem, the young girl, the last decade of her life. Unfortunately and more than that, what happened in her entire life was as real as she remembered. The shock of the fact and its repercussion haunted her mind, drive her away beyond the town she had abandoned, as for the girl she did not know. If it weren't for the sudden urge, the outburst of energy, she wouldn't have fled and left the scene. Though it happened once again, this time it was of her own accord. The lights that emanated reached the sky and they sang of the story of the crippled woman who had run. Away, she ran in tears, the pain coming through as for many years it had missed her. And without her knowledge, what did heal her also meant for her demise. Deep inside her back laid a black horned, twisted shard, that managed to somehow find its way inside of her, now. Time dictated that she'd turn, at least until she reached her new goal. 'I'm coming back, no matter what it takes!' It was a self-knowledge and self-implied oath, carried by a horse she stole along the way. Unclear, though alas, she found a companion that knew the way. Quite convenient, for someone to be waiting for me here, in the middle of nowhere, at a time like this. Though it was nothing more than a hood carried by a rider, wearing a grey collar, the only distinguishable thing about whoever hid under it, she sighs. 'Do you know?' 'Yes. I've been waiting for you.' And she stopped. It was already suspected for a while. 'Are you death then, and have you come to take me back?' Her voice was sharp, and she acted fast, getting into a defence stance. The night was rough, and despite being healed, she felt something odd and particular about him. It was the mystery and the untrostrorhyness about the whole thing that shook her. Though what could she do then? Surely, declining the offer would make him be more demanding, even to the point of becoming aggressive or worse. He's not one of them, I can't explain why, though he's making me feel unsettled, I'm more than sure that his thoughts aren't as ill-willed towards me as theirs are.

Sky terror

'Truly amazing, in all the senses!'The sailor sang, a song of sanity that was delayed in an instant.Though not a normal ship and not a real sailor, he still stood to ride inside the mouth of the sky breaking terror.It walked on the clouds and air itself with the crossed legs and toes alike.No shout and it hadn't any cavity, it was merely controlled by the man as he held the cords leaving directly inside of its stomach.Both the man and the terror were alike, as its head resembles a mix of his ribs and head, being bred only from himself in the cave of allurements.'Ride on my son.'As he called it his own, though it didn't come out of a woman, not one pound of flesh.I'll keep it to myself and reign the skies, as long as I keep these secrets, no one will know.He said to himself.What he didn't know is that this son of his changed and would change further, as his damned feelings and emotion would be passed down.The pale and white skin the enormous head worse turned into ash like hardness, covered with small fractures, out of which the eyes emerged.Ghan didn't notice as he was too blinded by his desire for revenge.'No!Stop dropping, we need to rise!'He yelled at his son, though he hasn't realised yet that his own ambition, of revenge, affected it in a different way.Regardless of how many eyes sprouted, all of them were blinded and it couldn't see.The widened mouth couldn't yell, even when saliva was thrown away from the boots and fell as raindrops above the sky.'No, we're so close.Don't give up on our ambition, we can still make it to the shore!'Indeed, it was in reach, at they'd have to simply walk over there, with the speed of the jog, they'd crush the houses, despite the wood and bricks used, tied together to resist a siege.Though no siege was at his level, nor would have the destructive power.And none would

get the chance to see as the missile wouldn't even land close. People laid their clothes on racks, they went on their day, walking with various animals, carrying grain sacks. They were overwhelmed by the scent of autumn, marvelling at the crops being brought and overall wondering at the grand city they lived in. One of the greatest in the Eester, which would stand for centuries undisturbed. 'We're falling! No, no, no!' He shouted whilst pulling the teeth at the point of almost entirely removing them from the gums. It felt pain, it couldn't see, yet it refused to close its jaw as it knew its father was inside. Even as a terror, it felt compassion and loyalty, it fought through the mild pain of his father shoving his sharp-edged leggings in its tongue and even being left crippled. And even though no word was spoken, not being fully developed to do so, it couldn't stand the feeling of disappointing the father. 'This is it, isn't it? We're both going to die.' While glancing down he noticed the long drop as for how fast they started heading towards it. It won't be long now until I'll reach the bottom and be crushed. The head was breaking apart under the weight, down to the teeth the man held, up towards the skull. 'We need to lose weight then, we may reach for that cliff. Just.. Aagh.' Ghan finally saw what happened and was helplessly unable to help him, the only thing remaining and the only chance was for him to guide him. As a father would guide his little child, so he tried. 'There's a ledge not so far, it's hopeless for us to reach the city but at least we could reach that and not die. Keep pushing! I knew you can!' His shout wasn't filled with fear and for once he actually believed they could make it. And in an effort, to which he'd sacrifice for his father, he gave a part of himself. Two wings sprouted out of its skull, at a sacrifice that took a part of his brain and even more functions, along with a leg and a hand that would never work ever again. 'Are those?' A wolfish grin came across, though, again, they were too heavy to lift themselves high enough, they flew, they crashed. But they managed to go through the ledge, carved in stone and land, roughly. With his hand shoved tightly in the opening between two teeth, he held as hard as he could. It broke apart as they embraced the land and were thrust by the wind inside a cave. 'Hold on, we'll be crushed on that wall!' Despite not being developed enough, he expanded the wings and shoves them directly against the wall. Feathers and skin were shrivelled and shred against cold stone and yet no scream of pain could be released. It didn't matter that it sacrificed its hands and feet as they were crushed inside the tight cave, pushing against it to stop whilst releasing a sound, just a single that could be heard across the distance. And with one push, right before the muscles that were still alive inside the hands and legs, inside the wings pushed and held to a stop. The sudden motion threw the man outside, tumbling like a desert weed before he finally stopped. Mildly bruised, he looked as he was embedded with blood, quickly realising that. 'It's not mine. It's not. Mine!' It ran down from his hands and reached the ground where a bigger puddle laid, smaller in front but lead from a bigger part, resembling a small river. Two hands laid there, shaking, whilst he heard the wailing terror. The wail continued, unstopped, growing even louder as the thought of the conclusion came in his head. So much blood has gone, it couldn't be. The sailor has always held the values of a captain, one that would go down with the ship, though when the time came. He turned, in tears as a father would be. If forced to watch his son die in front of his eyes. Closer to it, he hugged, finally the jaw closed upon himself. Despite not seeing him, it eased the pain it felt. Father. It thought to itself as it felt the hands study it further. The sound calmed down to only a vibration, the lips that were moist not felt like bricks. The tears came down on every eye, including his. 'Shhh.' The cave was deep to no end as no one was around. No one, except him, would get to see, the last moments of the sky terror. On that day, directly under one of the greatest cities even built, a sky terror died. It had the ability to feel regret, though. Despite

that, the feeling was repelled by his father. He knew it was his fault, as he closed his eyes unconsciously and held tighter. The wings finally came down, revealing the light. With the last of his strength, it moved aside to let more of it and make a path for escape. The man refused to leave. And in that moment, as they both held onto the last moments they'd have together, it held no regrets to the next life. Somewhere in the distance, cutting through clouds, the spirit came back. It flew and cut through them as a grim gust of wind, that looked back and saw. Its father, the last it thought it'd get the chance. Immediately it flew, spreading clouds around as if they were nothing and returned to the place of birth. An empty bottle laid there, from where it was dragged out of, the primordial substance that combined with the man to give birth to the creature. The wind had the stench that was left by the malignancy that was borne by the father in the notion. Once there, it was the lid open and from air, it turned again in the primordial ooze it once came. 'Ohh, such a disappointment.' A women voice came from as she reached the light and close the lid once it was close to being full. She recognised it immediately and reminded herself of the fool she gave the terror. The price paid too, a ship tonne of golden coins, jewels and others, now either melted or torn apart. It didn't matter if they were once won or stolen as they all reached the same point. A well-devoured system, exactly two hundred feet underlaid a bloated piece of meat with mouths but no hands to feed itself. They took care, she had the means to pay servants and caretakers that they'd give it enough melted gold and minerals and in exchange, the more primal matter would be taken from the far end of its orifice. The most secrecy that too is maintained as anyone who'd find out about it would most certainly make an attempt to burn it. 'Oh, if they knew my dear.' She said, as she watched out of a binocular leading directly above, having a multitude of mirrors and glasses for her to see the creature in its every angle. The shaped stone edges that penetrated its insides the first time it came to the place, now were so deeply shoved inside that there was no chance for it to escape. Quite a flexible creature really, it more than likely failed to penetrate any vital organ and avoided it too by placing the extra amount of fat to circle around what would be like a spear entering a chest. It learned too, as no man. No, occasionally one would fall in its mouth and scream in agony, either from being burnt alive from the heated metals in liquid form or from being slowly crushed under the various layers of mouths. No teeth, and for the better, it'd be a shame if the metals hardened around them. The perfect organism with the perfect system, one that would make them rich and in time. What was carved on the stones, the messages to guide those who'd eventually find it and them? 'A god!' The voice echoes throughout the rooms all the way down the stairs where the workers heard it. Unsurprised by now, they'd get used to it, as they'd have no opportunity other than that. No families and no one to care about them, other than her. Countess Vanessa Uriyi. Above, even higher to mirror the town, a bitter one laid. Held at her enormous mansion that challenged the god themselves above. As she returned, locking the dome, the doors, protecting the phials, she closed left the door open for a second. Just for a gust of wind, strong enough to extinguish every lit torch that leads towards the bottom. It was time for everyone working to return to their slave pits and sleep through the night. Something told her. It was going to be a cold one tonight. The mansion, if one could call it that, used to belong to her grandfather, who had it built. Through mere luck, he'd struck a gold mine a hundred so years ago and ever since then, he built a paradise. Vanessa looked through one of the hollow holes through and saw the land go as far as her eyes went. The houses were as ash like as they always were, no other colour than grey over a land luck lasting of the usefulness of nature. 'Oh, how they grew to hate me father, and you had better plans for us and them too.' It almost pained her to think, not for the people who grew accustomed to the

land and its bitterness. I couldn't blame myself, nor will I, humans get used to their environment, regardless of seeing me as a tyrant or not. Ever since she was a child, she never cares about anything in particular, nor of the consequences of her actions. It disturbed it as it grew older, making her obsessed, ever since she became aware. 'Why couldn't I feel any remorse? Why can't I care?' It pushed her to torture and to unimaginable things to people and even worse. Her actions were unknown, despite how clumsy with the hiding of bodies she remained. A city was bent and one day she burnt it, though it remained. Despite her mad attempt, the houses were strong enough and did not fall. The winds pushed from below them and kept the people from being burnt alive. And even through that, they had no resent for trying to murder them. She told to herself after so many years. Father, you knew all of this would happen and you made them stay, you made me stay. A city of full of people became of ash, a mansion became a castle, half of which was burnt and wooden, from which the flame once arise. The other half became of towers and spires, atop the mine, though never would have any of the descendants of her family. Nor anyone else would've found about what hid under. She slept alone and lived alone, atop one of her towers, on a bed made of springs and torn roses embedded in blood. Not hers but of a boy she long used to pick only the ones with the sharpest stingers so he'd be hurt. Despite the pain, she smiled every time she back felt it since she knew. They boy who did that, after, suffered more than she'd ever get to know. Even if he didn't get to live such a long life as she did, perhaps in a way, it was. In her own words, for the better. One last door was closed and the key switched to press against the lock system, the cogs rolled and the chains dragged the spikes poles against the other side. It was impossible to go against it from the other side of the door. This was the last set of defence, just in case the slaves ever decided to rebel, they'd be left there for days to stare before the eventual replacement and the opening of the door. Though at the other side of the giant barred door was haunted by a ghastly knock. Is someone there? She swallowed despite her dry throat, there hadn't been anything for her to drink, other than some of the primordial substance from the bottom shelves. Though that was off limits, even for her. 'Who is it?' No response. The dumb girl inside of mine, you've dare not ask the question again instead of me. Of course, the one out there wouldn't hear, the gate was prepared for an assault, to eat the sound in case of one. She approached beside the silence of her owned thoughts and dared touch the knob. A knob on such an iron gate, the builder sure had the last laugh in making it appear as docile and pregnant as he could. All the insides too, they looked as casual as a rustic house, to deceive the attackers, that was the intent of the father. That, she hadn't dared touch on his word. Reluctantly, she reminded herself that it wasn't the time to stare blankly and open the door. A boy and a girl, most likely brothers found themselves silently staring at her. Her eyes haven't met theirs as she checked something else through the cracked opened door. It's raining outside, has it been so long? I knew I shouldn't have wasted so long down there. 'Umm. The boy spoke first, or was it a hymn? His sister accompanied him after with another one, both either too shy or intimidates by the bitten lip and straightened dark hazel eyes. 'What do you want?' It was almost as if what she said had a deeper value that what it came out as. It wasn't pointed towards them, though and she knew it too well towards who she said it. They were wet down to their feet and so was the teddy at the end of the girl's hand. It should've been an easy choice, she's done it before. Many times has she encountered beggars who tried entering her lonely abode, to either be rejected or end up dead in the catacombs below, as food for the pigs. But, these are kids. 'Cold.' They couldn't even stutter a sentence with the broken lips and shake dead skin running down their bare feet. They've been there for a while, at least since the rain started, no way

could they've been so full of dirt. She thought of how much they'd spread and make her clean floors dirty, thought it wasn't her intention. Why should I think of such of things and let them shake?' Am I cruel children? If I were to let you freeze and die out there?' The flare inside of their eyes was enough of an answer for her to understand. Cinders still flew, though they wouldn't last long inside the furnace if she kept the door open. The door was closed with them outside, as she stood there with her back against it. She slept there through the night. Nothing within her power could stop the wail. Through the night, sealed within her desolate set of spires could be heard, and even into the deepest depths below. It cried as always once it was stop being fed, though they couldn't afford to do it through the night. Unless they'd have to wager their provision. 'I hear but can't help you. I can't.' She was lonely through the night. A feeling that was held by someone farther away throughout the skies. Leading to a cave in the dampest night. He stood there inside the body of his son. It was long ago when Ghan forced the jaw open to staying inside the mouth so he wouldn't freeze. No longer ago, he knew that. 'You were so gracious and living, it's all because of me now you lay dead. If I were not so blinded, if. And he slept after being so drenched in tears, shocked as the mouth was already dry. Not even that would soothe him. Not even that. It was pointless now. He had already accepted his fate, one that, in his mind, he deserved the fate his son shared. There was no way for him to climb, the rocks were too dense and slippery. No way down either and the stone was in an even worse condition, harsher and filled with thorny plants that would stretch themselves in his finger. The cave had no way out, having a dead end not so far away from the body. 'Tomorrow morning, I promise. We'll be reunited.' Gahn spoke as if his son was there near him, and the couldn't do otherwise. There was no way of knowing what happened to him. Nor that it wasn't his son anymore. With bruises and wounds, he's done it earlier but never had the courage to do so. He grabbed and ripped, with wounds that erupted, blisters on his skin. A piece, a shard, edged and sharp of one of the teeth, solid enough that it could easily chop off a good chunk of his neck. The options were limited otherwise, too afraid. So afraid of falling down, the pit below it's way too high. He said to himself as he saw a fragment of light come through the small hole he made through the tooth. If it weren't for his tired state, he'd have ended it immediately. Though, since he didn't have that, he remained silent and slept, being comforted by nothing else than that. At the sky, beyond his small cave. And ever further away from the spires and rain. It flew throughout the sky, a chariot made out of clouds. No one could be seen inside but flying by itself, with a few horses in front and nothing else. In the middle of a storm they broke through but there was no one to see them. The city was closed as far as anyone could see, as were the borders. Through the dark night, along with the remnants of the smoke by the substance that once got a form, they were pure. Perhaps the purest form that the primordial gas would get, most noble as it roamed the sky. And shattered the darkest clouds as the chariot ran by. The darkest clouds kneeled before it as humans to a king, finally to be seen. Like a chapel in a spire laid a dome-like window, directly opposite to it stand the woman to the door, unable to sleep. Though she felt nothing towards as the chariot charged and broke itself against the closed door. Not even a gap could've saved the gust that intentionally destroyed itself for that purpose alone. To be seen by her?' But why?' She looked at the knob as she asked it. 'Is this what you want?' Glances around, back and the window before seeing. The charge wasn't purposed to break it, but to lower the resistance of the lock that made it stay closed. It worked and she saw, some movement and rain come inside. Once again, she struggled. Feeling her knees moist and barely strengthened to lift themselves up, she turned to open the door and let the cold back in. Her back ached and for a good reason too. With no intention,

at least not any more to spend the night that way, alone, she saw them waiting right there, in front of her. 'Come in already.' It was almost as if they were ready to wait there for an eternity of glances and be dragged at the bottom of the mud ravine in front of her house. The weather was getting worse as was the expectations she had. What would they see me as if I do this? Will they believe me to be human and not know what lays below? With a sidestep, she stopped asking herself and moved to actions. Mudd came into her house, but she'd easily find someone after to clean, though not immediately. Both tripped on the mud and the dirty and wet clothes they both had, same material as she observed. After closing the door and the gate, she closely observed them from a safe distance. The head was tilted towards the front as she watched and nodded to herself everything they've done and more than that. Bells rang outside and for a moment, her attention was misdirected towards that. 'Did you hear that brother? They're searching for us at this moment?' Immediately did her ears turn. 'What was that? Is someone in search for you and is that the reason you've come here?' She was straightening as for her approaching, cutting through and presenting herself in front of them. Both children looked surprised at the lady they've seen. Before she looked merely emotionless, looking through them outside. Now she was fright-inducing after raising her tone, taking the shape of a ferocious panther as she prepared to leap. 'Answer me or I shall throw you outside with the rest of the hooligans that'd be looking for you.' The hand raised to cover her mouth. I shouldn't get too worked up from this, perhaps I could turn this around. Studying them, she dropped the position and tried appearing less intimidating, though not after reminding herself. They are just children, nothing else, I don't need to overreact to it. After waiting on it, they've finally received the courage to do so, barely standing with the help of each other, as alone they'd only slip of the varied amount of mud, they said: 'Our parents are looking for us miss. And we thought only that you'd be so kind to let us in, after all, it was so cold.' 'And our parents are mean.' 'Yes, what my sister said, they were mean to us and wanted to beat us.' 'And this is why you've come beating down my door and disturbed my work? For this childish run from your parents? I should've let you outside to freeze, it would've fared better.' 'But we've done nothing wrong.' The boy paused, taking one of his hands off his sister to rub over his cheek. It was clear to Vanessa after the mud rubbed off his cheek that they remained red, not from the cold weather, but that he'd been slapped. 'And why should I care 'bout your misery child? Do you not see that I've got mine to bear? After all, now, along with it and my tasks I also have the burden to wash the floors, most likely by myself. And deals with those looking for you.' 'Please don't tell them, miss, I beg you, our father will beat us again if he finds us out. We. We'll take the mud but please, don't tell them we're here.' There was a scent in the air, almost as if a wet dog came through though there was none. At least, she thought of it, until barks were audible and from behind of them, first thought to be a being of mud, it shake it all over the floor. 'A dog now too? Inside of my house of spires? You'll have a lot to answer and pay for all of this! Wait.' A sudden change of expression came to her face. She wouldn't have realised it otherwise, the idea, solemn and ever changing. After coming closer, she grabbed and held the dog, look at him and then at the kids. 'I've got a better idea, you'd better follow me if you don't want to be handed over to them.' The children cringed and cranked their teeth, seeing their dog taken by the collar of mud, held as if ready to be hanged. Fur fell off around the area as it was grossly around, she held it as she rushed to the door and unlocked it in front of their eyes, revealing a gust of the wind that pushed from below. And from there, holding each other against the wind that was stronger than the one from outside, they feared. 'What is. What is there?' 'You will see, now go, the two of you will go first.' The path was open and they

descended, with no light, after the first four steps they stopped. 'We can't see and.' Quickly interrupting them, she almost hurled the lamp at them and threw them on the stairs, pointing with the dog even more desperately below. They walked and gulped, their feet encompassed in the solidified dirt, afraid, though forced to overcome that. Both knew that they'd do anything other than being given to the parents, so they went down and tried not thinking. Up until a point where they came to a gate. 'Let me open it.' Like a key, around her necklace, she brought it to the lock and welcomed them inside. Even the dog feared, but at least they weren't headed even further below. 'It's okay Julian, we can.' 'Shh, child, go inside now!' With a flicker, she turned on the system, which brought the oil and ignited the torches, lighting up the room. The dome was still there, protecting from outside interference, though they've seen enough. The room was big and filled with phials, shelters with various others and books, utensils that would be helpful though had to understand. 'What will you do with us?' Both were shocked at the question, even though the girl placed the question, holding it as a grip. She knew it was a mistake, the whole running away and trusting her, though through fear they were manipulated. And through fear they stood helpless, despite being tired, and watched as she grabbed a phial and took out the insides of it. It was then shoved deeper into the dog's mouth and the insides were almost immediately pumped into a malformed amount of skin. They could see something crawled inside. She threw it on the ground. 'This will prove to be a good experiment as I never used it on anything of such manner. Just fragments of humans, never direct contact.' They watched it shake and move strangely on its own, almost as if it tried to stretch so far that its limbs would fall off. Clearly, it was in pain and they could do nothing to help. Will this animal blow? She wondered, expecting to be proven wrong and something new about it to be found. The limbs despite being bloated done far from blowing and spreading in every direction. The immediate reaction was done as they all stepped a few feet away to dodge. The nails were the first to be launched, from all four paws and in every direction, barely missing other phials and glasses at only a few centimetres away. 'Marvellous.' Her eyes widened. 'Stop and see.' And with a shiver, she flipped a switch and a bar of bones fell down and stood as an additional gate, preventing their escape. She said as the malformation started growing and bloating itself through the legs, that now resembled air tight worms. Grubs immediately took shape taking heads at each side. 'This is your doing, I want you not to forget and see.' Having in mind that regardless of what was going to be done, she retained control over, whatever form it would achieve. For a second, though, it wasn't true. Seeing it differently just as them. She feared it, seeing it grow larger by the passing second, with no precedent to the growth and change of form. In her mind, the worst scenario just happened and even if she had control it wouldn't have helped if it got just as big as the one further below. God forbid if I create another of your size and form. She saw transformations before, though all of them took time, at least a day, none happened to be so fast, to grow and grow, taking no shape. Now, the body resembled a blob, spreading in five parts, one head only had a mouth, through which it spit fragments of its own bones. Marks on them remain there. Certain that it didn't notice yet, she moved closer and grabbed one of her knives off the table. Out of all her utensils, the knife was the sharpest. 'Dorothy!' 'This is not the time kid, your dog is gone now, don't approach it unless you want to end it.' The boy was ready to get close enough to hug and take his dogs back, thinking he'd be able to pull it through. Though, despite so young, they were able to pick on that she feared it too and what it would become. No more eyes as more meat pumped through, the nose and the teeth followed, being disregarded on the floor. With a flicker, she took something, a small glass pot, filled with a teal coloured concoction, tipping the tip of

the knife inside of it after rubbing the seal away. I need to be fast before it gets out of control. Vanessa tried calming herself as she slowly approached, the mass that now bloated itself, floating through the air. An immediate realisation came after. On such a size and being able to find, it could devour the skies if left unnoticed. Unable to control herself, she jumped like a bloody hyena, wielding her knife almost as if her life being in immediate danger. And with a swipe, the wind and the force that thrust her forth, immediately she cut through and threw what remained of the noble head, which stumbled on the ground. Her feet backed away, to avoid being touched as the malformed body squirmed in the air with the substance. In an attempt, it tried to regrow another head, one that resembled hers, the hair with the same colour, the eyes and the white teeth. They stared at one another as it dripped on the floor, drowning and melting in the substance she never had to use before. For a second, she thought she'd hear words, which made her heart pound even faster. The children fainted even before she had the chance. Before seeing a hand popping out of the mouth, signalling it wasn't over. 'I will stab you again, stay back! Back I say!' Vanessa yelled, seeing it not as a dumb beast of a blob, it was a clever enemy now, even more than expected. She saw in the back, one of the bloated legs suddenly got pulled back inside of the body and it still had enough to shape limbs. Before melting, it would reach, and then she saw it at the bottom, laying under it. 'Fine, taken them then. This is a failure anyway.' The switch was in sight, the creature slow enough as to match the body side immediately flipped and the bones got pulled above. A rush came through as the blood came to the temples as she reached the other side and locked the door. With the key flipped and fully locked, what was left now remained to wait. Slowly breathing, a few steps were taken back. It was now that remained the hardest and most daring challenge she'd have to face. Is it smart enough then, to devour more phials? Or the children too? With the amount dipped in the tip of the knife, it should be dead, in less than a few minutes, even if it were to eat those children. I will wait and see, as I've got nothing else to say and do. If I were to fail, though. She stood and had nothing else to do. At the other side, it flew and held to a stop, floating a few steps away, though not getting close to the children. No mind formed as there wasn't enough time to develop, the previous one being melted. It was instinct then, through the last of its abilities out of the inner heads with no mouth came, as thin as a small drop of rain, a small fragment of skin extended. It took the size and girth of a small pole, extending and reaching to a point. Before dying and melting, it separated a small drop of itself in the ear of the child, then pulled away so it wouldn't leave a mark. The instinct of self-preservation came to be, even before the creation of its own mind. The skin remembered, holding the instincts intact, and in that small blob that floated through the air, the miniature that entered the boy. Everything was stored inside whilst the original body melted on the floor and the primordial substance vanished without a trace. Vanessa opened after the countdown was over, to find nothing inside. Still holding onto the tip, she looked around. Nothing. Below for any crack through which it could've ascended deeper below, to which again, she found none. 'You must be there!' Her innards pointed towards the ceiling, there was no mark there. It must be somewhere around here, the phial from which it came from is empty. It must've escaped somehow. To her thoughts now she was her enemy as well as her friend. There was the possibility that she might've been wrong and the phial would be full without her knowing. Again, she spoke to herself as she checked the room, disregarding for a moment the two children and their deep trance. Nothing in the nostrils, not even the fragrance of the acidic concoction that started melting it as it took form. Was that me then or not? It must've shaped itself, though it had none of my blood, it shouldn't have acted. Though she stopped, the noise

made by the children were more than enough. 'Wake up!' At first not even a yell. 'I said wake up!' She came back at it once again, tenfold stronger, ready to come close to desperation and paranoid. It was late, too late to be doing so, though chance spoke. 'You're not waking up and I can't be taking risks.' She stepped inside the room, carefully stepping, doing her best to fight the dizziness and the sore eyes. And out of the drawer, a pair of chains were taken out. 'This is exactly what these were intended for, quite quaint if I'd have done it by another opportunity.' As she placed the pair, they matched the size of the children, even better than what she expected. Too deeply asleep to react, she tied them to a pole, so that, if it were to wake up, they would be restricted from approaching any of her precious merchandise. 'Have good night children.' Before the gate was closed, barred, thrown by the side, ended with her sleeping in the main hall, close to the stairs, too tired to go beyond. With her eyes going close to her bloody head, she saw through the window, the sky was calm, as was her deep sleep for the night. Outside, thrown the ash, the wooden homes were washed. She had forgotten and they were too far away, though no one else from the villagers would dare attempt a search at the palace. Too afraid, and every other place was already searched and done for, not even the sewers were open and they would've never had the chance to go down there. The men and women dealt with the sorrow and made their way home. 'We'll search again, first thing in the morning.' It was a voice from the group, the tone was altered by a small fragment of metal, deeply inserted under the jaw. Quite common and seen by many as a medical too, though, more than a few of them had the attachment there. They knew they couldn't stand for much longer and let it rust under the rain. 'Those children could be dead somewhere and none of us could know. We can't just stand and give up.' Hence the reason we're taking the break. We've reached our limits. The nameless man came closer, slightly separating himself from the others from the crowd. 'How I see it. There are two paths they could've taken. Either they went on the outskirts and they're might as well gone.' 'Flynt!' A preposterous shout arises. 'Let me finish first before you lay down your remarks woman. Now, the other one is inside there.' His hand pointed directly at the palace with its dormant spires, cutting the rain and the path below. 'So, we can wait for them to be returned.' 'If.' Again, she interfered. 'If, they're there. Else. We can barge in and take them back for ourselves. Or at least we'd be able to find out if they went there or not.' A silence came, so clear that, they could hear from miles away from a pool of water made in one of the public sinks. Blocked in a way that it left enough space for drops of water to bounce off as it reached the limit. They waited then for someone to break the silence with an idea, or something. Whatever else it took for them to go on. Yet, seconds could be felt through the cold and no one raised a word. Until. 'But we've not seen her in years. Never did we dare.' 'Well, it's clear then, we either wait or bust in. Though don't expect me to be so reluctant if you call me tomorrow.' Another voice interjected, as they now surrounded the man, seeing him in a different way now. In a different light, the rain stopped then. 'How could you be so heartless?' 'Don't call me name unless you want me to bust your pompous lip of yours. I warn you now, I won't hesitate to do so and throw you against her gate.' The man stopped, and muffled the pain, as he suddenly charged his teeth against his tongue to stop himself from speaking. It wasn't that he feared, but, he found himself to be intimidated by the stature of the man. 'And you will all do better and listen, I heard the tales about her and what she's doing there. All lies that she hasn't seen anyone in years, I've got word of people that had relatives come into contact with her and her twists.' 'And you're telling us now? Out of bloom? Bollocks, you're nothing but a liar and an ingrate of a man.' 'You challenge my honour there? Who do you think you are, if anything more than a baker with no proof

behind your accusation. I've got the proof and I can show it in front of you all. Can you say the same and still stand tall, baker?' He's done it yet another time, silencing anyone that would oppose his speech. Though he hadn't the control over them, he already started feeling more nimble, he could feel his grip coming against them. 'Here!' He pulled out a small letter, still sealed with the marking on it, lifting it through the air, almost lit against the moonlight, the clear sky reflecting off the seal. Everything's going how I planned it, more or less, these damn simple peons know nothing of my intentions. 'So, now, that I've got you all, look at it baker and tell it yourself. Is this not the royal seal, use by the maverick herself? Have you all not seen one before? Because I'm sure you've seen it and even more.' It almost came force into his face and awe came. They spoke and stepped away, and at the same time, gathered as in an arc in front of him to see. 'Could it be real?' 'It's not a fake, my grandparents could regos Nie and attest, they've even shown me marking of it on papers.' 'But how could we know that you've not stolen it for yer purpose or some kind?' He has a good point, for a queer fellow, though. What's more important than what he's saying, how is this proof of her acting malicious? We've heard the rumours too so don't act like you're better than us with your stance and flip of the pillow! The moustache man that'd just yelled was called John the Frutshs. He's shown himself not only as a rival but also jealous that he hadn't had the chance to lead the group to search for the children and maintain his social equity. Now, as his mind was on a rise. Easy, with him out of the way, I could most easily take this for myself, perhaps even be credited as the one and only, finder of those children. 'It's only proper for the leader to have nothing to hide and even more so to not lie. Flynt can you even.' 'Shut your pesky mouth now you ingrate, I don't care about something so petty. And if you would stop interrupting me and let me explain that I've got more. You'd be a fool, even bigger than I thought to think that I could fake all of them.' His fingers ran under and broke the seal. At this point, windows were being closed and so were doors, the pets left away from the outdoors. Only the group of people remained, standing fairly farther away from the place. Flynt read is immediate, as it was and fairly short. If it wasn't for the curiosity, John wouldn't have been shut up like the rest of them. The name was said first, what laid at the top, addressed to no one in particular as she was smarter than that. Not enough to stop those letters from being stolen, but enough nevertheless. He continued saying. But as he tried, the hot-headed immediately interrupted. 'Hah, as I thought, a fake, a fake everybody. He's forgotten to add the address.' John twisted around to look at all of them, just to found himself strangely placed closer to Flynt. And not even that, the expressions didn't give him much to work, he knew then as well as lost. He turned not to an argument but a punch. It threw his jaw across his murky mouth as he stumbled like a drunken fool in the back. The rest were silent as a flock and continued listening, as for the man laying on the ground remained unconscious. 'Served him well. Now. This will serve as a patent for the rest. I need more, the last lot has failed. Send to usual.' Flynt stopped, read the signed name, then looked at them again. The blank faces explained everything he needs to know. Before one could raise a hand, he turned his back on them and leave, thrusting the letter into the wind. At the sight a woman from the crowd jumped, immediately trying to catch, as they sat there unable to react. Damn those fools and that witch. She must've known about me taking her letters, this was different than before. Flynt shook his head. He knew well, that he tempered with the letter, then forced the seal back. Precautions were taken earlier in the morning, even before the children went missing, yet, somehow the letter changed. And now, I failed. He said to himself, as he rushed into the darkness, away from everyone else. With some help, they recuperated and each went on their ways. All, but Flynt, who stood alone, not tired but mad. A fist was

clenched, unable to keep his composure, he punched the first wall he saw. Rain started yet again. The drops were more than enough to wash away the dripping blood. And at the end of the tail of his eyes, he looked and saw, the entrance to the palace was open, in awe. 'If no one will help me, then very well, I can go inside and steal all of them.' His fist went into his pocket, the blood dried. Heading into the lion's nest, unable to fathom the risk that he'd die. Through mud he went, he saw a light, it was his lucky day, as the gate wasn't locked. The door closed behind him, and he was too distracted to see, that as he turned, he saw her there sleeping. 'On the steps?' His hands unintentionally flew to cover his mouth, unable to speak. Flynt realised, the second he stepped in, something wasn't right. Even after the removed, he felt a pierce through his chest and he found himself mute. The shock hit hard, as previously he thought her as a witch, only as an insult. However, now, he was mad, approaching the standing body with a slight distaste in his mouth. I'd get my revenge and show them. But he couldn't. Acting like a scared cat, he stopped midway after seeing a twitch under. Not a foot further, he looked and saw, on the sides, no other doors than the one that should've been closed. He didn't know why there was an open door, standing there open, though what was clear. She wasn't dead. And there might be a room on the side where I could step and steal all her letters. Perhaps I could show what she did and with that, I'd get, that would be more than enough. This was left out of him, only the thoughts, as when, even attempts of whisper ended up as barely audible, muffled words. So I'm not completely mute, huh? Your powers are leaving you, witch!' Ga. A. Grg. 'I'll make sure to take all of them, then ravage your spot, for I've trifled your disgusting attempt. Before he could turn, as he smirked at her, holding the tip and ready to enter an unlit room, the next step thrust him as the head hit the iron edge of the door. A blow was dealt as he fell down the stairs, holding his head, letting out as many mad sounds he could mutter, rolling as a carpet over the seemingly endless supply of stairs. And then, he finally reached the bottom, closed and broke his head. His corpse left there, dead, only a few feet away from the children who were sleeping. The night was then silent. Vanessa was sleeping through it, having a recollection dream, her every client. And every man she helped, before. Even a few years ago. One of the first people who dared give a fair amount of money to get revenge on another man and get away, with no evidence. It was so clear, she dreamed of him through the night, remembering it even better than what was written within the files. Resting safe below, a few hundred miles deeply there along the phials. Once, on the same plane, just a few meters away, another drawer laid, more rustic than what she had. Only the necessary was saved inside her memory, as she was trained to remember just certainties and no less. He was a commoner, surprisingly he had enough money to sustain her needs for the time. An oil discovery he said, and out of all, he'd used a big part of it to cover for the murder. To his knowing, he pretended to be a devil of a saint, which worked even better for them. 'I'll give you a third of what I own, a part of my money, a part of my oil. But let him die and cover it all. Unless he dies, I won't be able to take the money for myself.' It was clear, the reason and how much a scum he was, he'd wager even his soul for the money. Even the thought would seem insane, he'd most likely backstab them after. But Vanessa wasn't alone, she was guided, in her dreams, the wails becoming words, only clear to her ears and mind. And not only did they guide, but they bore a small fragment of insight. The beast below spoke one night before the man came. Appearing in her dream, floating, the head standing at the same height as her. 'Do my bidding and listen with much care. A man will come to you and give you much and ask you for what I've got. What I've given to you out of my orifice is a blessing which you will keep using and you will be done. He will give you fragments of his hair,

blood and a part of his guts.'And everything happened, as three jars were given, the harder the task, the more demanding would be for the body to take shape. A jar filled with blood, the amount would be deadly if it were taken from an infant. It had a stench and demanding to be placed away from any nostrils that had to be saved. The other had hair, with blood on the tips, strangely placed in another jar. It must've hurt, she pondered, being viciously pulled from the head. It occurred that the man, the lucky peasant in front of her might've not been the most mentally sane person she'd get to encounter. When the third one came, she almost fell into shock, enough to send convulsions through her memory, across time and reaching her body on the stairs. For a moment, she snapped out and it was still night. Somehow, out of all the memories she had and everything she witnessed, this stood out. Not a word was said, knowing that she couldn't back down, having to fully experience the memory, she had to. The jar that had, a part of the man's gut, surgically removed, clean, yet dirty. It was also sewn at each end, so no more would be spilt out of it. She knew that there was something else inside of it, shoved and sealed, it was unnaturally bulked for such a thing, especially detached out of the body. Whoever transmitted the information of what was needed to the man, told him something additional to bring. And that thing that resided below of them, which would have to satisfy hunger wasn't to be trusted. For now, though, she stood and nodded, bringing a phial, bulking with the primordial substance, forming shapes in its jar. Somehow it was anxious to be given form, especially hungering from the jars that were on the table. Her hands could barely contain and visibility she saw the nail polish off her nails melt, sag and go on their own. The thoughts were the clearest in her dreams, even more than what she saw. And wondered. This hasn't happened before, not once, not at all. Though I've no choice to make, the family depends on this. The heritage must be preserved. Vanessa remembered how pressured she felt, to make that decision, her reasoning as well not being enough. Doubts came but they were ignored, the substance got even more volatile when her thoughts manifested. When she stopped, full of doubt, the substance circled around the phial, with the help of the empty space between it and the cap, it used the space to go back and forth, then thrust against the glass. Cracks appeared, and it was dropped, landing on the table, splashing all over the three jars. The splashes, surprising both of them, trusted as they lunged and pierced through all three jars, pulling all of them closer to the centre. It resembled a pile of moulded skin then, pierced and combined with strains of hair, drinking the blood of the last jar before standing there, pulsating to grow. 'Is that all?' The man asks her with a monotone, unfazed by what he's seen or heard. She knew that there was no moment there and nodded, making way for him outside. Nothing else was said between the two of them after, as the deal was done. Then the waiting came, she would go and see, every single day, watching it grow on the table, bigger and bigger up to a point. It had mass, that was fair to say. And the only previous things she knew about how they would come to be was that they would get to resemble the ones that they were bred from. Almost like a 'Son.' She said, looking at it, across the room, in her pearl white hands a cigarette. It would go there, and be release, another pile of mass that would plunge at the bottom of the ravine, hoping that it wouldn't get splashed. The first time, it had a shell, the skin melted then reformed and didn't break once it reached the bottom. Not only did she remember but the first fall left there a mark and quite a memorable size. But what was a small hole compared to the others? The second one was bigger, now this one even more so. And it's been silent, below, over some time. No update, no further instructions, the dreams remained bleak after. This was a first, a dangerous risk, as for the first time in many years, she felt fear. Vanessa stood, day after day, most of the nights at the end of the door, watching it

grow, just a mass but no shape so far. 'I wish you were more. Human. Perhaps that way I'd less fear you than I do now. Or might it be the other way around?' Her gaze, though when away, she could still feel the skin and weight bounce off the table, constantly, wanting to pop. Even then, she remembered what made her hope it would work. That one day. Someone came by the door, suddenly the knock echoed through the other room. Merely a few feet away from her stood the hall. No one scheduled to come and meet her, and the main entry was so close, she barely made it in time to lock and prevent raising suspicion. The gate opened and a ray of light came in. The silhouette of a two people was barely recognisable because her hands already covered her sight. Strongly, the light made her back away. Two people stepped in, with deformed faces. 'Who?' Before she could finish her question, inside a neck a lump formed, and the only thing she could do was spit all of it out. The two wore suits but the faces resembled the one from the depths, elongated from the bottom of the torso, wearing a top hat for the man and a wig for the woman. Suddenly she has bounced away from the memory and woke up, the light coming through the window yet again. She realised she was being called. With the morning routine taking, she forced it to go faster, eating and drinking before heading down. 'It felt so surreal.' Her vibrancy felt a strange feeling she hadn't felt, unable to determine if it was caused by the memory or something else. Though, when she was done, looking at the door, quickly, with a swipe, she saw no one around on the outside. No man nor woman, not even a child or bird would come to her. I can feel this coming to me. She thought as she headed down, being too exhausted, unable to fully stretch through the pain of sleeping on the stairs. Scratching her eyes, she failed to see that there was blood on the walls where the head bounced, over and over as deeper she descended. It felt like a stroll but she grasped a slight shock. A man laid there dead, at which the first reaction was to put her hand in her pockets and see for the key. Still there. It was a pool of blood and the twisted neck what gave it away, though she didn't come any closer. She asked. 'Is this a trick? Are you the being that erupted out of there?' For a second she waited for an answer, thinking that, remembering that, she locked everything, she must've. Has that malformation taken her shape and form, just to mess with her and then reveal how dangerous and smart it really was? Has it bypassed the locked door and laid a trap for her? This must be the explanation for it, he doesn't look like any of my slaves that now work down there. Her mind remained sharpened, as she saw, the door behind, that slightly pierced the end of the skull, was still locked. It wasn't that. 'Damn my recklessness. If it weren't for it!' She sighed, realising that the chance might've been the latter. It gave it away after some close observation of the blood left, barely inches away from her. It leads towards another painted hit mark on the wall, the another, and another one. More than likely leading above. 'You're an outsider. Or, you were. They will be looking for you, aren't they right now?' Her paranoid dropped down, though now there was another problem, having to deal with the villagers if it came for questioning. Two missing children, a dead body, the only place that. It then clicked in her head. 'You were looking for them, weren't you?' Vanessa was so close, that her breath bounced off the cold dead body, becoming hot air. Truly obvious, he wasn't such a spawn as she expected, therefore he could be ignored. 'Quite an easy response, if it will come for anyone to stumble at my door. But for you, my dear, humble man, you came here unwelcomed. I'm sorry to announce then that you must get out.' The key was already two-thirds inside the lock and the door was open at her command. They will know what to do if it came to stumbling to a body, and with the design of the stairs, as the edges were sharper and narrower, it would be even easier for the body to stumble and fall down. As it did in front of her eyes, spread, even more, drops of blood on the

walls down there. It was already painted with blood, and with the time, perhaps some of the paint has gone off. Perhaps he was a blessing, she thought. Brought only to renew the fainting paint over there. Before closing it, to return, she stood there in front of the lock. Remembering what happened last night. She opened it after, both children were both sleeping then, and there was no mark on the floor. A misjudgement there and I'm nothing more, but lucky that I didn't end up dead because of my own damnable fault. It looks like they will have to wake once and for all and I've not the intention to keep the shackled. She untied and got ready to open the close dome, resuming the activities, just as those below. And from far away, the city awakened, as for her own, everyone got ready to search for the missing boy and her sister. Though between one and the other, almost directly mirroring them. It laid there, the cracked skull, almost shattered, the man woke and came closer to the edge. He thought again, still dazed by the whiplash of the stress, and what had to be done next. He hadn't had a cup of water in a while, the thought of which made him smile. 'For a sailor without a son, without a ship. Without water so sail in.' He was thirsty and in front of him, on the bottom was the entry into the land of sand, the land of thieves. Though he tried swallowing as he saw one, perhaps a chance, he backed up and started pushing, the skull of his son. With sheer will alone, he pushed and managed to get it closer towards the edge, despite being so many time bigger than him. He yelled then so high that he'd even risk being heard by those who were miles above and more in their homes. 'I'm coming back Vanessa and I

swear.' With the last fragments of moisture, he had in his mouth. 'I will make you revive my son!' He continued. Pushing and pushing as it was coming through the desert, the sandstorm with its moving whirlwind. With some luck, he thought. If I'm lucky enough, we will both be taken inside and thrown directly against her castle. She will listen then, no matter what. Then he threw it over the edge, whilst the mouth opened. He followed and landed inside of it, just as the whirlwind's strike hit his end of the cave, taking him inside. His body was barely held tight by the arms and legs that stood between the inner walls. Still, above, in the foremost city of the land, people lived and none even noticed, as the whirlwind only scraped the edges of it, unnoticed. It barely even lifted itself to the level, as the city borders themselves challenged the clouds, making it change direction. Somehow, nature itself fought against those who wanted and desired to fight against those who dare challenge. But nature wasn't the only forced involved. Distracted from what was happening, Vanessa didn't notice, untying all the shackles got her full attention. Though, one of the phials trembled, just to push itself and break free from its trap. Just as the man was ready to lose the last of his strength, the wind taking them to another wing, where he would most certainly die. The gust of wind threw what remained, still weak, primordial gas towards the skull to reform itself. He released his hands and as he was ready to land with his skull against the teeth, as hard as they were before, he was stopped, the tongue, barely formed itself and wrapped around. 'You're alive!' The man said in shock. Another pair of wings sprouted, before, far, she finally notices, the shards on the floor. Before she reached them, the first pair of winds already reached the ground, as broken as they were and shattered. It burst through the whirlwind of sand, tearing it apart with the strength of the winds, as blind as it was, it kept flying. Having it all memorised, it kept flying towards the same destination, as the silhouette was seen, from far away. She laid helpless, at what happened, wondering how could it be? That it somehow escape and went there, flying and abandoning it's home again. The key almost flew and would've gone unnoticed, and for a fair reason too. Seeing one of her creation just abandon her and fly as far away as it could. And in its mouth, yet another silhouette, not that she needed that to know. A darker shade in a lighter one,

the wings visible and ahead, it was closing in. 'So you're going there anyway?' She knew well what he wanted and it was clear that she failed. It was too late for an attempt to recall, after seeing it plunge to the ground and shatter. With a turn, she realised, after a shock. The phial was already shattered and he was gone. For the first time in a hundred or more years, the peace in the city was broken, as all of them heard and witnessed the crash. Every family, hard working or less, they gathered to see, the final remains of bones, feathers and fragments spread across the sidewalk and some that were thrown and penetrated the wall. He sailed his last ships, in the arms of the first man that was there to witness what happened. Either the sharp ounces of sand that were thrown or the end of the feathers, but he was blinded. Despite that his throat was parched and he didn't see, the man asked. 'Am I home?' His last breath then vanished into the wind. Now, for him, life was truly over, as it was one of his sons. The dream he had, that none of the ones watching over his body, was to sail, somewhere atop of the sea. And now, along with a gust of the wind, the spirit that chose not to return now chose a different path, to sail along his father, forever, beyond. Vanessa was crushed after seeing not even a fragment return, she had no plan for situations like this one, nor could've she expected such. 'Damn you to pieces, you scrawny man!' She lost her composure, being the only reaction she could achieve, none of the other things she had in mind would've helped her reach anything. Her goals were now clear as she returned, passing both the children who were awake, scratching the end of their eyes. 'Come on, we're going already.' But to think of such endeavour and what it meant. They think, first that one resembling me after already having a body, immediately this. They might be getting way too dangerous to contain. 'What is that?' The children stopped at the sight of a repugnant trail of blood, though the boy wasn't as scared as his sister was, signalled by the slight pale expression on his face and indifference she noted. 'Are you used to blood boy?' Suddenly the voice changed in him, by the slightest intonation to an entire feeling of concentrated determination. 'I've dealt with it before, cleaning that is.' It was the first thing, sane that came out of the children, though suspicious. Too suspicious. She knew too well what it meant, one night spent there, perhaps they could've been affected. 'What about you girl? Have you?' But she backed before her's brother's back and said not another word after. 'Follow me then, come on, hurry up!' It was a command stronger than any other she had given in the previous nights to her other servants, especially after she had witnessed what she did. Have I dreamed what I saw, the outside wind trying to get my heart? Or. She had stopped in the same spot before. A recoil came after, at which both of the kids stopped and looked at her for a second, back to the stainless gate and the blood. 'Right, you two have seen more than your fair share!' And if I remember correctly, they've seen more than enough past the door, which means, if the word would get around I could have a riot. Peasants. 'Very well, follow me and don't stall.' Past her underground tower and her main hall, they went straight towards a door, not as barred but as high. The dinner room and the menagerie went through as quick as their name surrounded the scent of food. 'Not now, you're not to be fed, yet.' I cannot starve them either, people will start to suspect, perhaps a certain concoction may distort their memories of wipe them entirely, yes. It came several times, in her deepest part of her mind, the thought of erasing everything they've ever had, the thoughts of her home and even the smallest patch of dirt. But then again, they'd notice if I went too far, returning ten times broken than what they are now. The room they now entered, as both of them were pushed inside was at least a dozen times larger than their home. Not a moment, in which they stood inside her varied assortment of rugs and curtains, picked from various places of the world had they wondered, how? How could it be that she has all of

this?Wondered the girl.Is she as evil and vile as everyone claims her to be?Surely someone who has so many trinkets and valuables in a place such as this couldn't be evil.'Brother, psst!'She didn't seem to care for the two children, despite how carelessly she appeared to be whilst dealing with the situation last night.Neither how calm and rational they appeared to be.Her brother appeared normal, though inside there was no voice, his thoughts now empty and he merely responded with a dull.'What is it?'Not the most silent of approached though he did not manage to get her attention.It was clear, even though it was a big place, with plenty of rooms, enough to keep the entire town inside, it was ever hollow inside.No one around, leaving more than enough time for her to search and them to follow.'Do you fancy her?'Usually, he'd blush when asked if there was a girl he thought to fancy, especially when it came towards someone of a bigger difference than him, though now.Now he did not.A first for all it seemed.Perhaps the eeriness of the sanctum, the inside fountains and gardens that freely grew in the wind they came.The door was bitter, though she was moved by it too.'Have I missed for so long?'She asked loudly, though the children, both of which, to their surprise, felt astonished by what they saw.The growth of lumber and of dirt, patched of grass on the wall, all kept there by the three roots and branches that acted like convenient nets.It was one of her previously such forgotten experiments.It took a few seconds, as the children were distracted by a small ranch of fireflies that lived nearby the root channel, to notice.A mark of such stature that only she could see it, from the height and angle, the full image, so they say.It was here where I tried to breed one of them.The memory filled the room with mist, the children were not mere, but adults, and more of them standing at a presentation of the sorts.There, where once was a plentiful lane, was a table, left with nothing on it but a jar, big and flagrant in a sense.More than enough was place inside, though a mistake that was further fixed in the future that once was.The past.'There or Rollinghster.As I promised, is it not what it appears to be?'It's well, more than enough for the price, ain't that right men?'The laughter of pigs and cronies was still, to this date and her memory, fill with the belches and scent of the orchard.A mould of meat, strangely place and covered in green.She had forgotten that it wasn't entirely as she had thought to be.'Why is that so puke-like boss?Is it supposed to be so?'Oh, quit your blabbering, it was all me.I thought that it'd be fine to add some seasoning, after all, ya' know, since he's about to take his last meal of the day, all before he dies and all?'What?'The outrage was more than enough, it was ready to pop.'You weren't supposed to do that you fool! I've told you what ingredient to bring to me and nothing more!'Relax woman, I'm more than sure this won't be ruined, heck, it could even be better, as I said.Just watch it men and see.'And so it rose, the bubble, first blister of skin, at such a height that the small patch of grass reached the ceiling and spread across.Suddenly they all backed away, ever afraid, to not be touched or injured by what it laid.The scent was horrid, puke and the dead, the grass diminished as it spread.More blisters covered the meat, as a small human tried coming out.A first pop, almost thrown like an artillery blast, almost like a newborn child in appearance, still connected to the unshrunk trunk.A torso with barely any features, still attached, bashed its head and crushed it on the floor, skin filled with blisters and crying, asking in an unknown, unspoken language.The imagery was too much for them to handle as one fainted, grabbed by another.Immediately, some associates ran away from their boss, afraid of the repugnancy they felt, leaving him alone.'Why is this happening?'He asked alarmed, though he did not dare touch her anymore, it was pure fear as he saw how unmoved she remained.It was almost as if she could control and perhaps even prevent it from happening, yet she refused.'I have told you many of times lord Rollinghster, dare not add another, now witness and learn from

what you've done.' Another popped, then another, laid the bodies stacked one upon the other. Blisters melted and connected all of their bodies, just to stay. Thought it all changed as she left him to run away. 'Dear oh dear, what shall I do with you now? What must I do to prevent any of your kind from repeating the same thing you've come through, again and again.' A plant that I did not notice? Connected with the tendrils that were already there. The rest was the spreading and how it become, part of the ecosystem of the lane that they were now in. It was at a lesser level when she first came upon the sight of it. Not as headstrong, as spread, as bright, and as evolved. Where there once tiny veins on the wall, roots came to be, where the children played with fireflies? 'Back away children, now!' She yelled alarmed, from the recollection of her memory, only then she reminded herself that there was no way from them to come inside. 'Show me your hands now!' As they came, she noted and watch, every single patch of the hand, making sure they had none of what laid there. Every inch and ever small crevice on the hand was checked, with careful use of her silk gloves, whilst making sure they'd not get closer to her skin. One touch with it would be more than enough, as she did not want to witness what happened the other night once again. Other than a few scratches, old and already sealed, and some amalgamations of dead skin, everything appeared to be in order, no less than what was expected from them. 'We're taking another route, go back now children.' 'But why?' 'No, but, go back now!' She exclaimed, daringly using an intimidation technique with no care that they were children. With a slap, she pushed them out of the room, just to make sure she looked at everything, the corners and what once was a room. Beyond that door, I dare not enter, though they will have the time to thank me later. There laid the other glance, as she looked and saw, where the children played and what they believed to be a nest of fireflies, glowing near the roots. Though unnoticeable by the untrained eye, she saw right through, the small system of long wires, white and rubbery, appearing to be melting with each second yet unmoved or unchanged by it. So, even after so many years, it managed to develop itself, the basic instinct of a hunter, pulling its pray just to tear it apart. What wasn't as clear to other was that it took the characteristics of the *Dionaea muscipula*, known commonly as the Venus flytrap, only but at a more advanced stage, a cleverer approach that could've worked. 'It did not. Though I've no idea if any of you that failed to escape that day are here, I'm terribly sorry but I'm now inclined to disappear. And unfortunately for you, I've not forgotten how poorly you dared tread me.' Alas, she closed the door, sealed by a lock, with the key thrown into the outdoors. The window barred and the wing never to be seen again by the eyes of anyone, which played to her a bitter song, a memory lost now, for the best of the land. 'And you two, you've stood here for some time. I do hope you heard nothing, or else I'd feel inclined. "No ma'am. I and my brother stood here and waited, doing nothing wrong." Shh.' She pointed at her to shut her trap, and immediately she stopped. The boy said nothing but stand. Not in the mood for it I presume, perhaps there's something in that small head of his after all. It was a call, she pointed to return. Already some time was lost and she had yet to realise. If I had forgotten about that, it could mean that I have failed other experiments here. And even further away, people in the town started to realise, there was more to the world than what they thought. For the story was remember, soon to be said from every single point that could be counted from there. Some accounts said that they've seen, despite the oldest awakening of it, they saw the winged beast come and fly, touch the sky. And abomination. 'A monster, I tell you. I dare not speak ill of else, though I may be smitten and die if I were to say otherwise.' The crone was haggard and she smelled, a bad omen, she used to tell. Never did she belong in the biggest of towns, though even the tallest and brightest were corrupted and had the slightest of

disgust. On a crate, she stood, near a crowd that listened to her and the mockery she had said before. No less than the worst of depths she had come from, only to deceive the eyes and yell in disgust. 'I had seen and can approve, come here my son and take me down.' A big oaf of a man came, his chin was sharp with the complexion of a brick, both head strong and bitter, though he's shown no sign of mental weakness or anything else of the sort. His gaze looked cold, ignoring even the most prominent stare of wonder of astray, looking at him and her, as he helped his mother lay down. 'I can attest to what my mother said. I see doubts in all of your hearts.' He made his way through the crowd as they all backed away, his body blocking the view from those in the back, whilst the ones in front were sudden to reach their brows and hold in place. Go ahead my son, as the crone said to herself. This is the moment you've waited for, your entire life. 'And where is the mayor of this town? The one who swore to defend you all, to prevent and help on such occasions? He's nowhere, that's where!' 'Yeah. Yeah. Yes!' The voiced echoed, a sudden glance in the crowd and it was almost as if their spirits were born by it, by his voice and desire. He aspired to be a leader and they were the bread his mother so desperately wanted to be fed. Now, he stood and looked, pointed. 'There. Have you seen the obvious already? It came from there!' His voice, this time was met with a sudden silence. None dared, so far, as any other, nor any other time to ill speak of the citadel. It still reigned in their nightmares and with fear. 'Look upon her and her past, what she's done now and then, what she'll do will become the end of us all if we do not put an end to her reign!' The sudden conviction came back, as none of them could help but cheer, all until one. The single man who had some sense. 'But what can we do against her? We're but simple people, ever since...' The peasants's voice was disabled for a moment. Confronted by the stature he had, his voice was cut short. Even though he felt as if he was in front of a mountain, he suddenly feels his shoulder shudder, a hand coming down and firmly pressing itself against. There was no pain despite the difference in stature between the men, yet. 'I remember what she did, and what she said. Haven't we all? How she said she'd reduce our lovely city to dust? Or how she will incinerate us all? Do not take me for a full though I spit on her empty threat and what she has to say. She's nothing more than a liar, that I can promise you all. Nothing she's ever said came to an end, though now, her rejections are coming to us.' At this point, even those who were distracted now had their attention straightened at him. His mother spoke nothing, as the conviction managed to get her still, even as she somewhat did not expect such a thing to come out of her son. If you are my son, though I have never heard you speak of anything with such a tone and power, the strength in your voice couldn't be now matched by anyone other. Oh, how she knew and wanted to talk, the thought desperately tried crawling out, through scratches hidden, behind her endless tresses of hair, though obscure so no one would see as well. Not a word, that would interrupt him and break the appeal, there was a time for everything, though this wasn't the one. 'She sees us as her personal heap of trash and does nothing else but treat us as she fits. Do we deserve such a thing?' 'No.' Came out in a choir. Her mother looked at them, though still said nothing, carefully noticing so she's got to time herself with them. 'Will we stand and see fit that she keeps doing such to us? I asked you all if we deserve to suffer at the hands of a spoiled young brat as herself? Do we?' 'No!' It came again, yet his mother's lips failed to move. The crone backed away slowly and managed to snick. She knew that there was something else she was able to do, even to a more helpful way than standing there. As he had notice, by the tail of the eye, she was gone, nowhere to be found. Go, mother, you know where they'll follow me. And what he said next. 'We go and ask the so called esteemed mayor of our town, grab everything you can. And utmost all, do not forget, no matter the man, woman or

child, we are stronger than what she has to offer. Her army is long gone and other than the abominations for which her people are so delightfully ignorant about matching nothing of ours. Do we deserve then to be kept in darkness?"No!"Do we deserve to be spoiled and treated like children?"No!"The voices got louder, as with a slight of the foot, he easily crushed the box his mother once stood upon and continued. A strong gaze towards the tower of boxes, in which the mayor has built his mockery of the citadel, at which he now pointed. 'Are we going to keep acting like children and mock her instead of taking a stand?'No!No!We will not!Never!"The voices, the forces were finally rallied as they started grabbing tools and weapons off the ground. They looked around and loomed before spreading to get others, torches lit and shouts bound to be thrown around. In front, he stood and laid upon the infantry, with nothing but the conviction and the will to lead them towards to kingdom that laid, so far away, yet close at leaps across the sky. The first battle they'd take at was at the mayor who finally took notice, shaking in his boots, watching how more and more gathered. A bright like, red and pink had awoken him from his sleep, as it was too apparent in his grey, dark green town. It used to be the jewel of the seas across the seas and even beyond. Though now, it's lost even the slightest hints of vibrant colours, of conviction and fate. It was plighted, though men and women alike remained delusional of the grand all times. None dared speak of the she-devil, yet when one dared say, they all followed. And when he confronted the one who stood atop the rubble, the flame finally burst as they faced. No word, they stared. The fear in his eyes was clear though at the same time. 'I've no intention to have you killed the mayor, come down now so we may speak the terms.' "You dare speak to me of terms? Of which rights?"The right of the people as you may see for yourself. We've all grown tired and sick of standing here, basking in what the town used to be like, being spat upon by a ruler grown bitter. The same way you've become if I am not wrong. "There was a gap between them, in which there was no air, nor would the flame get to, if he decided to jump. He'd feel not the pain or plight of the cleansing head, but the hardness of the ground, the death at the beat of the heart. His assistant stood just across the table, afraid to come closer to the light. Though he still whispered, as slithering as he needed to be, ready to snick away if he had the opportunity to. 'We must go now, who knows what that brute would do to us, my dear mayor.' "Shh, I'm not ready to give it up yet. 'The title would've been gone the moment he laid a step outside, along with everything he had, his position and control over the people, his servants. Though, of which have already left, only a hand of slithering ones that staid only to watch and look for an opportunity to pillage for their own benefits. Still, the promise of fire was way too strong for him to deny, especially with those more willing to do so. He complied. From his tower of chip dirt and parts, he finally decided to come down, alone with none of the pillagers he hired before. There was a long way down, through the long path of stairs, the many endeavours and memories he had there. 'I've built everything, every room and floor I'm passing.' He spoke to himself, as no one of those who had sworn to serve him listened to what he had to say. Though none of it was him alone, as in the previous time he served under others, above others who ruled over others too, that eventually gave orders to build and build. Extending to a time so forgotten that no one knows or remembers who gave the order originally to build the city and his so-called architectural mockery, that which he called even grander than hers. A rival that wasn't even aware of his existence at all. 'Damn that nobody. Though. 'He'd not realised, that, the extra move he had gotten managed to clear his mind, to devise a desperate plan. Perhaps I will even be able to turn this on my own and be clear, they will all see me for who I am. A leader. A leader who now stood afraid on the other side of the door, knowing and seeing the shadow of the

towering man extending through the crevice under the door. The light was strong and he knew that there wasn't any way to escape, even there. He held the only key to the treasure room, which no one else but him knew about. Not a moment after the third knock on the door, he opened it in fear that it'd break and he'd drown at the base of the flame. 'I present myself, to my people!' A crowd stood there, by the time he reached the bottom, more than a quarter of the city was present in the square, all waiting and looking at their mayor. 'A rat peeking out of the sewer.' 'Shh children.' Only whispers, though not that far from the truth. He came out to look at the cat who waited for him to come. 'Alas, you've finally come. Now, we may speak of man to man.' As he took another step. The difference in height was slightly unnerving, as he couldn't swallow, a trait which had kept him from handling delicate situations for years. This is new, I hadn't expected him to come, though I've no intention. 'None whatsoever to take your place or take you down. I've come here only to ask for your support, to support your people.' The rain started as torches flew even brighter, ignited by the water that was drowned in the air which came from the sky. None of them was wet as it avoided contact with the skin, pulled only by the flames, instead. 'I.' He grasped his neck, forcefully making it swallow the saliva that had been accumulating in his mouth. 'I accept!' And he bowed his head, daring not say any more than that. Time has let him shy, after laying so much in solidarity of his mockery of a tower. He had become now the mockery of his people too. Some laughed, the children especially of the younger range, others pointed, whispers and the rumours came to life. Fat, gluttonous pig, how could have they ignored such a slob that stood there in his tall sewer, with his rat servants, as pale as he was. His gaze and voice reduced to nothing until the man spoke. 'That's enough!' It ended fast, peculiarly, they ate from his hands just like that. The control he had on them, especially since they didn't even realise it was more than unexplainable or unnoticeable, it was close to being directly controlled through their minds. Such vigour, the arousal of thoughts, how he dared defend even that disgusting slob. 'He is our mayor, our appointed leader. We've not come here to lower ourselves to become like her, we've come here to be granted support and that is what we'll get. So I ask you, mayor of this town, your family ruled here for generations and the times has come for you to take a stand. Will you come and join us then?' 'Me? Join you?' 'You've heard it right. Look at your people, all of which have come, all those who now have been awakened to come. Even small peeps could be seen from inside, as those to whom he referred as pillagers, cutthroats and pitiful servants, came down too, pulled, even in their bitterness and untruthfulness by him. Lights were shining brighter, forks and swords, bits of armour that were left as trinkets left by their long passed ancestors, it was a pseudo-army preparing for war. A leader was there, which rallied the troops, and still. They came here, for me. I will! I will!' He said it again, this time ready to come, he stepped out, which no one thought he'd do, coming outside to see everyone and join the call, hearing the cheers. Even though he thought, wrongfully that those were for him, he gladly accepted, even the blunt pan, appearing as if it was an old war hammer in disguise, the colander to cover his head, ready for war. He joined their little game with no care for what they were embarking on. Back past them, even other than his gaze as he took lead and started marching through the road. She had no idea, nor did the people who were still acting upon and talking about the disappearance of their mate. The taverns were full and work was still in progress, the buildings had been in the process of rebuilding ever since the great fire.

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He was a tyrant, the last of the four wise leaders to be seen outside of the citadel. Seen by the people not only as a tyrant but possibly the last one that they'd ever get after the death of the last fair king. It was that gloriously catastrophic day that the citadel was assaulted, the walls attacked, rugs burnt and stolen, the gets shattered and the rebellion began. 'Down with the false king!' 'Let him pay, let him suffer the fate, of the others!' 'Murder and bring him down!' 'Let him drown in the blood of the people below of him!' The voices called as the assault went and even now it remained engrained in the minds of the people there and the youngling who'd hear the stories through second ears. Exaggeration could always come and be breed by those who did not care nor desire anyone else to know the real truth behind the events. So they say, on the day of the assault, they spit acid out of their mouths, to drown and murder the yet king that has done so much for their humanity. Blamed as he was. 'He took my body and my arms.' 'He took my every human part.' And replaced, bits of everyone in his kingdom, taking without a clear purpose or answer to their questions. The reality that laid in front of him was unknown, yet he remained, the fairest king of them all. Above the assaulted gate, laid a sign that said, in the language, old, contrasted with the new. I will forever lay a fair rule over the land of the mankind. Written and carved at the command of he himself, chosen between. Even then, when everyone else abandoned, he locked himself, alone in his citadel of black gold. No radiance of the sun, the metal sagged and became something more else, darker with his presence, yet they say he remained fair to all those who were under his rule. So much of it was enforced, that he became, along with the three previous ones god-like seen being, of which existence was denied of being true. Though the people who were there knew. The leader, especially him, breaking his golden armament and covered face, became quickly the hero of the tale, leading them, despite coming from unknown. A folk-like tale boy, that came to rule them away from strife and starvation. He held the ram as well, and pushed with the might he had, breaking the statues that laid on each side. The maid of glory as tall as the blind goat, both humanoid statues broke with each blow. Cracks made them weaker, up until the point they fell apart, not anymore made of gold. No longer did they hold the gate still, and it shattered, the royal wood pampered. So many of them united, the entire city came through and barraged everything in sight, the castle's inside remaining unrecognisable after the first second's fight. He had time to bitterly remember, as he stared from the top of his balcony, having the view of the kingdom he rules. 'In a time like this, how could I not compare myself with the old king?' It was a question in poor taste, as he knew that his servants would not dare respond truthfully, without a doubt. 'No, sir. We would not dare.' 'So you'd make me appear like a fool in front of the other servants then?' It came as no surprise as he remained, ever since his youth a provocateur. The so-called servant who used to be fellow rebelled now remained broken, laid with jaws lowered and older by the lack of grin, the pale expression and eyes to match their sin. Betrayal that is, for, what they swore in the rebellion, that they'd never truly bow down to a false leader, only to move from one to another. 'I'm terribly sorry, I did not mean to..' 'Them, do I or do I not appear the like the old king? Answer me man.' 'You. You do, my harbinger.' No sign of further objection was known, from him or the others, though they knew well enough that, on the other side of the tainted chamber, the guards eavesdropped and waited for them to be excused, only to send the servants to the torture room. 'Oh how much I've decayed.' He said,

looking down at everyone else, a thousand times bitterly than how the king looked when he alone entered his room. It was something that he alone, the leader who brought all the clans, houses and outside helpers together to break in. To come face to face and challenge the king, in his own throne room at a waltz of grim death which would bring him nothing more than renown. The hero that had brought the ruler of famine and death down. Nothing but a young man with a rusty blade, cut in half, cracked down with no guard. Despite having a peculiarly shaped door, that'd be able to withstand one thousand replaced rams, the door was not locked. 'He waited for me.' It ran through his head again, though this time, coming out as nothing but a whisper. 'Harbinger.' But before the servant could finish, he dismissed them all without any given reason. 'Out, all of you, I must be left alone.' They nodded and left, none of which made any attempt. None foolish at that, to think they could get past the armour he had. 'I couldn't have had this.' The power that permeated the dim light out of the once used as a gage glove, made out of the metal from which the citadel was built from shuddered. 'But it's more than this.' And so it was true, it was more than the armour, the citadel and the town of which he ruled upon, he had won dominion in even more cities and town, smaller and bigger, despite spending most of the time there. In a throne room, surrounded by maps, straightened on the walls, embed in the floor, even the top had, from every angle, every side of the world. So that he had everything in sight, some given life in front of his eyes. Accompanied by tools of war, tables of which furthers plans of conquest would be made, supplies shifted and further plans discussed. Out of everyone, he had accomplished the most. The most. 'The most.' Only to be shadowed, that, as the king, who, he know realised how much he welcomed defeat, became a prisoner of the chamber he was one in. 'The most trapped of them all.' There was no one else in his place, to give up such freedom, the one of youth and the brave, only to be replaced by anger and hatred for everyone else. He hadn't known then, that he'd become what he despised, just like others, coming as a shock, when he told everyone how he fought the king who waited. And spoke. 'I waited for you to come, boy, as.. Now.' The words were as lost as the sea of words from which everything he said sprouted, gone with his passing, never having to give any other explanation to anyone else who asked. What was spoken between the two of them remained, locked in a chamber that wasn't locked, held by people who dared assault their leader, only to face the consequences after? And not even now, it wasn't enough. 'You will take my place after I am dead, boy, don't forget what I've told you so far.' 'Very well.' And then he agreed, to them, even as the eavesdropping seemed to have failed, they've finally heard a thump, and another, followed by another. It was the breaking sound that resonated until there was nothing to be found. When they finally entered, they saw him stare, the youth wearing the king's raiment, as heavy and too big for his size as it was, in the distance and below. Down there they had realised that, in the last moment of the fight, with glances and small pools of blood laying everywhere around, the final resting place of the king laid nowhere to be seen. Broken and shattered into dust particles before he'd even get the chance to reach the ground. A fate even more evenly than what he deserved, unfair that he'd not suffer or lay broken in front of the boy, which held his sword, now old, needing of repair. Every night that came, he stared, to those who watched above at their false ruler he seemed a tyrant, looking for bits of the old king. Other believed that the king possessed him from their conversation and the only reason for his staring was to taunt the spirit of youth that was lost in the ripest of age. Truth be told, he was the only one who knew the answer, past the stronghold he had, further into the land, past the distant reach of his rule and beyond every sea and small formation of dirt and plea. Laid one of the kingdoms away from his rule, that declares a war a long

time ago, if it didn't mean being crushed, for, as many armies, as he had, there laid a stronger power than the one of the king. The islands that were out of his conquest remained the homes, masters of weather and of the old, their craft remained, looking and predicting, so that they never lost a war. Old cronies spoke of their activities, yet none believed at first. Though, even farther than where the tyred laid, and closer to the weather plane, there he laid in the cut trunk of a tree, sleeping as one without a care. A dream achieved on the backbone of a thousand tiny dreamers in their dying little beds, that could create a kingdom so strong, that, in the middle of all barriers and every line of defence, laid a town, secluded from the rest of the world. And yet he did not know. None of them, knew, in their houses made of imported wood, though in centuries and generations, none of which questioned why the trees did not match their homes. 'Why can't we go past this forest? Or this sea? Why can't any of us get past from any point we need to go in order to be free?' Some asked, to only be denied, until they tried and failed, returning back to their activities so sweetly ignorant to the suffering of the world. It angered even the tyrant, who waited so desperately for something to come. After all, compared to the other kings, he lasted the most, which bewitched and bewildered him to the greatest rage. It was a must. Though what did he want to gain from it? Scholars asked, inside one of the layers, separated by islands that'd either float through sea or the air, with chains of with strong reins. One, in particular, rivalled the clouds, where a library laid there, everyone working to the minute to achieve clarity of what he needed. 'Take no break I say. Keep going. You, stop slacking. And you, no more break for this night. Listen up, all of you, we might be numbered if we don't make any progress now, if he finds out that, whatever he's looking for it right under our noses, he'd turn his undivided attention directly at us and take us to the ground, all slain.' Even as he said it, she could feel the breaths of all her students fail to bring heat back. A cold grasp surrounded all of them tired as they were, no sleep to count, and nowhere near to be laid into a break. 'I'm sorry Jacquilline. May I have a moment?' A brown robe, with two additional on the sides, the old man approached her, bearing a seal in his hand, seemingly belonging to the previous king, dead. It was a rare sight, at which he made sure he'd not be seen by other young students who'd like nothing else but to glance and whisper on another. 'Very well. Follow me.' She nodded to the ones who guarded the entries, she'd be gone for at least the time of the sunrise came, perhaps even more, through the concave garden of books, the raising trees of dirt, she guided him. Both passed many students, more of them, replacements of those who had already passed out of exhaustion. 'Our supplies are getting thinner by the second as you may have noticed.' 'I noticed that Jacq, but.' 'No but.' Jacquilline said as she slammed the door in one of her verdant towers. 'No but, you finally decided to come back after so many years and you came with bad news.' 'How'd you figure?' It was a nod that pointed at his unbuckled belt, where normally a seal would be found, holding the various hidden keys and small usable shards. She knew before time, though, even if it wasn't for the lack of his attention that something was brewing, even more than the hurricane outside. The drapery could barely hold as the window was open, tree flying and taken towards the sky, even something farther beyond, indescribable and roaming it in its freedom. 'I wish I had the time, to watch everything happening out there, though I've not the time nor the desire to match the tyrant's act. So say it already.' 'Very well. I've heard a rumour, thought you've clearly had too, that there's an assault on the way.' 'A big one?' 'Biggest. Perhaps one that could lead to a war if it doesn't go our way.' 'Our way?' 'Were you not informed? Every single plane is getting summoned to a meeting to discuss what it is to be done about it. If it just so happens that this place is on his way, the chains would be the first to be attacked, and you know

too well what would happen."I know.You needn't remind or point out the consequences, it's of bad omen anyway to mention it."Though one of the young apprentices could and might as well hear as he eavesdropped against the sturdy door.Curiosity was a tool that he well combined, that and the fact that he managed to snick away from his task.Only parts of the conversation were audible to him, parts that he did not understand, some that made no sense whatsoever.'So what are we to say to the summoning?You're to be called there as an ambassador of the isles unless you know of someone better and fitter."You're not going."Oh I know, I broke my vowels in this very room, don't you remember?"The sound of a basket hitting the floor was ever clear to him, turning around from the door.'Shh.They'll hear.'Both approached his fellow apprentices, roughly the same age as him, both freely and most pleasantly abandoned their tasks in order to come and find their friend, peeping at the door, listening some more, even as they joined.'Come and listen.Hurry.'The invitation was clear, to kids appearing as nothing wrong.Hopefully, they weren't followed, I've already been caught one too many time already, not to mention what would happen if she were the one to do the deed.On the other side, clear.'You don't seem troubled my fair maiden."Cut it off, I'm thinking."What's there to think about?You need to go to the meeting and figure out what's to do or sent someone else who could do the job for you.Either way, there's not much time, even now we stand in danger."Again with us, Jack.This is something I have to deal with, not us, you've got your own people's problems on your hands now so act like it.I can't believe I'm getting involved in a mess such as this."There is no choice, the suitors of weathers have already informed most of the regions and they have accepted the call.All of the are there, waiting for you to come, and the last of those who've already agreed."Wait a minute.'It clicked only then to her.'When was the message sent to everyone?The rough time?"To think of it?A few days ago, at most, why?'Jacq immediately stormed out of the room, knocking the children away whilst walking past without a notice.Behind he followed, paying no attention to them as well.They've heard and rushed on the other side, think they'd not be caught, yet bigger problems were about to arise.'What happened?Tell me this instance?"The message hasn't arrived, you've said it yourself, it must've been interfered and caught off by someone on the way?"By who then?No one could take it by the land, nothing has even managed to stay walk on the ground ever since the great pull."By what, to be more precise.I've no doubt that, whoever interfered must've had outside help."I could've been lost on the way."When has such a message ever happen to not arrive, coming from higher up?"It was a second that she paused, right before the door that stood tall in front of the main library, where the students, as she already judges, were to be dismissed.'Someone took it."You don't suppose?"If it came through here, I would've been.'She paused again, to throw glances at each corner, making sure, at the same time that there was a reasonable distance between them and the wall.The reinforced door and fair bricks made it sure that there was no sound clearly audible between the rooms.Yet no chance was taken.'I would've been announced.It hasn't come, so, either someone from out there took it, someone from that room did, or."They haven't sent it at all."Though I've no doubt that the chance is close to being impossible, they'd not dare."Morning lady Jacquilline."Morning to you too Melissa.'She couldn't be the one, I've watched her over ever since she was a child, unable to read or hold a book, even after years she remained with problems, no.'No Jack.It's not her, in case you were wondering."We've got nothing but speculation anyway.This could wait, you know that you must be there at the meeting."Or else what?We've been the first to listen to them and their prophecies of the wind, how else do you think we survived?"Very well then.'Her voice affirmed, right before she opened the door which echoed across the

floor. And even further than that, past the land of the wind which came closer to him. Still unaware of a stump, finally awoken by an old man. He looked at him most bizarrely and said. 'Lad, you've slept enough and I take offence for your instruction.' The eyebrows, despite being lowered, look at him and said. 'Whatever you say, old man, I was about to leave anyway.' 'Scrawny kid, if I catch you here a second time I'll have you whipped.' The man said it with a conviction that leads the boy thinking he would, without a doubt do so. As peaceful as his land of high blue greenish was, and as the pale wind from other directions, clean as it may, came, the people remained the same. Bitter, yet unaware, staying at the farther part of the world, perhaps even the safest place. Damn that old man, running my second sleep. I should've known better than to sleep there, especially now in the season. 'Matthias! Matthias!' A voice called twice to him, finally, as he was found, whoever looked for him ran across the other part of the field, though he paid no attention. It was a dress of such contrast that it would've brought the attention of any willing suitor to the ground, and even more, if it were to be caught without a guard. Still no attention, feeling as groggy from the lack of sleep, he couldn't help but ignore, knowing that she'd come and say his name again. 'Matthias! Stop for a moment, please.' 'Why can't she leave me alone?' The thought was enchanted by the small trinket he squeezed inside the pocket. An adventurer at heart, followed by a fair maiden. So-called to him one last time before he stopped and turned to see her slip and fall on the dirty muddy. 'You never learn, do you?' The golden arches that constituted her hair were now repelled in dirty brown despair, already have each of her virtuous lanes entered a muddy pudd, all because of him, he did not answer. Barely now, she noticed that it had rained, and such a mistake, for her felt immeasurable. 'Damn you, why can't you answer me like a normal human being?' 'I would've if you'd have approached me more decently, perhaps even more if you weren't constantly stalking me.' His back turned, though again, the annoyance overturned his heels. 'Stop shouting my name, 'specially not in its entirety.' Matthias Lambert, now called. 'Lamb, come on, do you prefer that? Will this get your attention, finally?' 'Why do you bother me so? All the time, you're doing it, just to remind me of your stupid dream.' 'It's not a dream, I swear, I have the proof right here.' 'It's been months since she's been stalking me, ever since we met and spoke, I did not hear anything else. The thought remained the same over the course of the previous months. For, ever chance she'd get, not only would she greet but also recall and talk to him about her dream. It was no ruse and not a phoney call, a delusion to him, but to her, a prophecy said. Night after night. 'Like a tremor, I've dreamed of it yet again, though now it changed a little. And it's no coincidence that I've found this.' She took out of her pocket, now with a slight hint of dirt, a metal wing, small with feathers sprinkled with edges of gold. A symbol of the old king. 'Put that back, before anyone sees it!' The lamb almost shocked her out of her spine, as the first time shown a burst of emotion ever since they've met. 'You know about it?' 'Of course, I know, my pa.' After staring at the small object, still in her hands, Lambert decided to speak, it was as hard as it was, though perhaps the girl was right. Perhaps I would get to follow her, at least to the place from where she found the wing. Before he could say anything, his lip receded. None of them knows and I can certainly not make the mistake of revealing who I am. 'I dreamed I would find it and follow you. The world outside, I saw it in my dreams, the same way I saw both of us, out there.' 'Listen here, I'm not going back.' 'Back?' She asked, now aware of the slip, to which he thought of her not to be as dull as she seemed. If she suspects, then I'll be dead, they'll all know of the act. 'Back to where you found it, the wing that is. You saw it in your dream, haven't you?' 'Yes, but.' 'Why would I turn back to the place, let alone outside? That's as mad as it comes.' 'Please.' She held the wing against her chest with

the same glance of sadness she saw through him, his eyes beckoning aware. 'Just, pleasure my curiosity with this, and follow me. You listen to me for a second, without dismissing me again. I need to, I need to be sure that I'm not going crazy, there's no need for you to go through and follow the path to the outside world with me if you don't want to take the risks, but please. The spot from where I found this.' She stretched her arm and let the small wing shine against the sun. It was that moment when Lambert saw the bags under her eyes, paleness of face, rather a ghoulis appearance for a girl of her age. 'Take it and follow me. If you do me this favour and give me the rest, I swear that I will never walk in your path again.' This was no dullness about her, one that Lam would've observed on the faces of anyone else who hasn't experienced the harsh outer world. Nor did she see the same in him, especially after seeing him in person, for the first time since she had the recurring dream in her childhood. Though she left not sign of the obsession, she stood still. Whatever happened, he swore to them that he wouldn't step outside again. A normal life, huh? A small reminder from a memory long passed. 'Very well, take me there.' He returned the gestured and shook in the wind, a smile, finally on the groggy tired face. Whatever happened, from her point of view, she knew, whenever he'd decide or not, it wasn't important, as she would find out if she went mad or not. 'This way.' On a clear day, they ran, out of the eyes of the farmer and others passing by. 'The youth.' They said, two travellers from the other side of the hill, misconception yet slightly aware of who he was. 'It's not far, just around there.' The limited land made it appear like she was leading him to nowhere, as nothing laid around. 'I see nothing, why can't you tell me where we're going?' 'Because this is not how it happened in my dream.' 'Again, with your dream.. 'It's the only reason I made you agree to come with me, right?' Right past the ongoing festival that they'd miss, the lanterns were lit with a slight hint of hummus and mind, another celebration of the harvest went by. The effigy was burning in the middle though there was no smoke coming out. None seemed to care, as both cut through. That was the main reason why he appeared to be the only one awkwardly staring at it. No smoke ever came out of the fires and not a second passed without him being disturbed by it. Everything was too perfect, everything but them, drowsy and grim dusted, running through a deceivngly entertained crowd. 'Just through here.' For a second, Lamber did not see, mostly of the crowd of people passing in front and near him, with their colourful greyish blue and green clothes, a masquerade of masks made out of the docile animals that laid around. Rabbits he saw, cats and man dogs, no pigs and no other fiends present at the seemingly pleasant rally. Yet no pleasantries were taken off the course, as it was one of the annual festivals of harvest, tradition demanding of a dance. Seconds late, if they were slower and his attention dimmer, they would've both been caught in the place, perhaps int the middle of the festival, both embraced together without knowledge of a waltz. An old shed, they entered, both alone, seen by others. 'Pleasantries of the young.' Whilst paying no attention to the fact they were wearing no masks. In the words of another, 'Pay no attention to them, my dear, they have plenty of time to act like animals in there, as much as they want.' All was seen as normal, even common, for such things, even more, common during the festival. Immediately the lock was on and no one could see. 'Why did you bring me here?' 'This isn't what it appears to be.' 'I'm sure of it.' 'Stop being so stubborn and look behind of you.' Her finger was already slipped and pointed at the wall. Empty, other than the chair that balanced against, two portraits of the respectively, previous owners of the place, and nothing else other than that. Yet he stared, intently for seconds. Lambert didn't expect to see anything, especially with the annoying rattling of the festival outside, the pounding of the ground too. Whatever it was, and whatever she was me to see, if it means finally being left

alone. Before that, he finally saw it, directly making a contact between the eyes and the crack in the wall. So minuscule yet big as he got closer. The angle from which it was carved made it impossible to notice unless carefully observed. 'See?' She asked. A difficult task, let alone done twice. By her now him, it was no mistake. 'For how long have you searched this place?' 'You've got no clue. Now go on, insert the wing I gave it to you!' 'You mean?' 'Yes, do it, this is what I've been waiting for, what I've been dreaming for so many years. Do it now!' It was an explosion of excitement she felt, as he decided to go on with what they agreed. Though it seemed not to be what it appeared, Lambert inserted, though stopped mid-way. 'You know? I never asked for your name. It's strange that I've never done it, though you know mine.' 'Can't it wait? Do you have any idea for how long I've been waiting for this?' 'I heard you the last twenty time, but this is the least I'd like to hear from you if we are going to spend our trip together.' It brightened her, a light even stronger than the effigy with no smoke. Though she had more sparks to lit the room, hearing what she wanted to hear from the start. 'You've decided to come.' 'Shh, like I said, only if you give me your name and on the condition that we're going back. Psst. I don't know why I decided to come with you in the first place, but.' 'No more time to change it now.' 'It's Ferrie.' 'Ferrie, that's. Ehm, the seal.' He turned and inserted it between the cracks in the wall of planks, shaped, now systematically, as he was unaware. It was stuck there, no motion, a fill in the small portion that was missing from a normal wall. Lambert wasn't expecting this to happen, though he was nothing more but fairly disappointed. A waste of time. 'See? No point of raising your hopes.' A light emitted from his beyond, just as Ferrie was ready to disapprove. The lock turned on its own and the wall with both the paintings and surrounding around it was pulled by the sides and dragged inside. He caught the seal in time despite being shocked by what he saw. 'Wow.' Both remained mouth opened at the sight of the cavernous delight, all leading to a small covered figured, too big to be described. And not a moment did it pass that she hadn't forgotten, that, they entered through a small cottage, that came into a hill, which had a cavernous bottomless space deep within. 'Ladies first.' His voiced trembled as he heard the echo. Both too distracted and didn't notice, until it happened, that, after they entered, the walls closed on their own, leaving them locked, with the figure there, all on their own. 'Damn it, we're locked.' 'Just like in my.' 'You've got to stop with that, I understood that you had that dream over and over, though.' 'Look.' Distraction after distraction, another interruption, their line of reasons had no action nor was it aware. The cloth that stood above the figure suddenly flew away, with the help of air, leaving nothing but a black mass, moving on its own, yet standing in place. 'How could there be the wind in here? Perhaps below?' 'I believe there's something more important than that. That thing moving over there.' 'We should've brought a light.' 'Perhaps if you didn't drag me over so harshly I could've taken one.' 'If, if, if and if, let's just see what it is. What else's to do, since there's no way out?' 'We could swim through there.' Crystalline water, coming from the depths. Even at such a distance, the reflection was beautifully clear. It was almost as if, that in the diffuse light, her paleness had disappeared, rendering her anew. 'I can't swim, unfortunately, which leaves us both to.' He pointed as the formation, moving now at a much faster rate, slowly receding inwards upon itself as they approached. Ferrie grabbed his hand in a slight sign of fear. Lambert nodded, after a glance. Both of them could easily see that there were hints of fright in both of their eyes, amplified by their approach and nothing else other. 'We're in this now.' 'Together.' 'Together.' Lambert responded, having more control over his own emotions and the thought of what was about to happen. It receded and kept doing so, revealing itself, into the light that shined directly on the top of it,

even more, afraid than them. Slowly it moved away from the top, revealing at first a shine. The moment they reached the front of it was when they found about what it really was, shining through, reflecting given the glimpse of light, as the sluggish dark being came down the depths. It was reveal, the statue of the feathered man, kneeling in front of them, waiting with only a feather missing from his hundred of thousands attached to even bigger ones. 'Amazing.' It was a spectacular display, even as they felt the relief knowing that the slug came back the sea, a creature of the depicts that only momentarily claim the statue in order to clean it. Nothing more. 'Will it come back?' 'I'm not sure, but look another spot.' 'I guess I know what you're about to say, isn't it, rightfully take from yours?' 'Do it already and let's see. The excitement is killing me even more.' His hand shook, left alone to approach the statue, a giant in its better meaning, standing tall to watch over him, with the watchful gaze and the slightly haze it brought. Lambert felt diminished by the statue it held, as he had never seen such a construct, merely observed as he was in the range of the spot. It was no mere statue. But I must be still now, no going back after all. Plunged inside, the feathered key of the king entered and the dust was spread across, even the dirtiest mud that was there laid no more after being released. The eyes of the statues lit, pushing both of them back as he suddenly changed position, from kneeling to a stance, he stood tall and watched for a second, then changed position. The hand made a crackling noise, making it clear that it wasn't oiled in a long time, the joints struck by the change of position as he pointed towards the above. Stone cracked under, making him reached near Ferrie. It busted the stone getting lifted through by a cylindrical system of stairs, leading towards the top of the ceiling where it broke through, stone falling and the equivalent of mud. The noise it made rivalled even of those who were at the festival at the time. A shock grabbed the festival to a halt, as they all stared in confusion at the sudden depravity of the hill. Never have they seen such a thing in their community, as small as their world was. Even those who weren't celebrating, near passing, or those from far away who saw the giant silhouette of the winged man, the wings spread across the sky, the back muscles, represented in harsh metal, joints and cracks, dents but no rust. They both entered, knowing that, after they did, that would be the moment when truly there'd be no turning back. Shy, the stairs felt dry as no one has stepped on them for at least hundreds of years. 'Come on Ferrie, before everyone gets a hold of what we're doing.' Suspicion was obvious to come at a moment, as they remained the only two who weren't present at the festival, locked in a cottage where suddenly they disappeared. And those who control this normal life of theirs are soon to find out what we've done. It was a mistake, perhaps, he thought. On the other hand, not entirely, the dull life never pleased him, despite being normal, never could he be happy. Yet he remained at the will of his parents, which now made him sick. It was an entry that came through the foot, where the door was opened, revealing a ladder, leading through the inside of the man. 'You don't think it can actually?' 'You're the prophet, right? OR have you been dreaming this for so long that you started having doubts?' They stopped. Lamber and her, have only now realised that they were still holding hands, a second time, even though he'd been alone for a while. It somehow came passively, though both only noticed them. 'Sorry. La.. Perhaps I should go first.' She looked at her scornful dress, realising them, what he meant. 'That's for the better.' Now, was the paleness fully removed, at the point of excitement, the promise of adventure and the lustfulness of her brows, filled with a red that was given birth, almost from an egg. They climbed, ready and heard, it closed below them, on its own. The ladder lead them only to the pelvis, revealing the full extent and the enormous rooms inside the winged construct. 'It's a lot bigger inside than what it appeared there.' 'I know.' He said, looking

around, the light illuminating through a pale orange, a cabin, a few rooms, the inside looked like a comfort zone, having everything needed. Including sustenance too, stocked food on the side, though there was no way to know, for how long any of it stood inside. With both distracted, they hadn't realised, through the velvet carpets, curtains and shiny delights, outside the whole community, even those unaware gathered, forming crowds around it, despite that no one dared approached. Some just stared at it, others towards where he was pointing. 'The horizon!' They looked at it as some sort of omen, a symbol, despite not knowing why it happened. 'It's a sign, it's a sign. Our days of harvest are coming to an end I say. Can you not see from where it came out? The hill!' One voice stood atop of everyone else's with a stronger conviction of a distorted truth. None of them had any idea why it happened, yet they dared chant and pray. It couldn't have come at a better time, as the new year of the harvest was about to end, a new one anew, though distilled by a bad omen popping from a hill where the bosoms of the hill would've become filled with grey petals accompanied by showers of bright coloured flowers. Years had it been that way, they chanted and looked at it, though, to be sure that their eyes wouldn't be deceived. 'Look at them. The Earnest family. You've been here for generations and still, praying and giving your respects to the effigy. You tell us, have there ever been a time like this?' The flagrancy of the voice spread, even more, dirtying the land by the mere conflict it held. For far too long has the land been pure, at which, the first sign started tainting it with the meaning that, the weather masters have fought the same amount of time to keep them away from it. They've not deserved it, neither did the land. Yet green turned into a dullish orange, flowers tainted by the yellow stink clouds, floating around them like pairs of animals now unseen. Even they had disappeared out of the sound, it wouldn't be long now until they found out. 'It never happened, not in my, or the previous generations, you see.' He had spoken, as more and more turned their attention to the loudest voice in the crowd, sitting with his feet atop of the crate, hearing the machine turned again. The wings spread into position and despite not being in the head, they could both see what it saw, how they gathered, lit torches, the biggest mistake. The land tainted spread across the torches, and stop, closer to the sky, clouds of brim gusts of dark smoke arise. At first, they dropped them on the ground, being afraid, of the dark spirits. 'They're coming from us, look at the effigy.' 'No. No. No!' Panic was driven into their hearts. Lambert saw and announced his companion that they'd have to go. 'Fast, we need to go now. If we stay any longer, they'll get onto us.' And, despite not noticed, through the small crevice and holes, she slowly spoke. 'Lambert. Don't make a move.' They weren't alone anymore, through the tightened space they were in, as he turned to see what she was talking about, still fiddling with the various pulls and buttons, the straightened irons that held aside even bigger items, it was it. 'Why is it here?' It was grabbed to a halt and seemed to be staring at both of them, despite the lack of clear eyes, he knew it was doing so. The machine activated without his notice, and ready to collide with the air, now there was no chance for it to go back. It remained for them to know. 'What's going on?' 'The spirits of the harvest are sending us a message, we will all succumb to death, just look at it coming there.' The massive wings started flapping in front of their eyes, spreading the gust of smoke, forming black clouds, sending fire in all parts of the region. The decay of wood became apparent as they saw, the gate of the cottage fell apart at the first glance. 'Those two.' Another yelled, remembering what happened there. They looked into confusion, going to check inside the house. It was then that they noticed that they were missing, even clear of where the small, falling apart secret doors lead. 'It's because of those two, that the lord of the harvest was bothered! Get them, hurry!' They cramped on each other and became, from the cheering crowd they once

were, into animals, rabid and filled with rage. It plagued their mind, with the land, being so tightly connected with it, it was most obvious what would happen next. "They're coming with us, we're going to have to take off and take this thing with us." Fine, just don't make sudden motions, they're friendly as long as you don't make sudden movements and harsh noises. Though there'd be no choice. Not for them, nor for the villagers who were sent inside the cave, hearing nothing but the insanity of a crone who just, no longer than a noon ago, was a normal woman. Depravity took the cave apart, stone and dirt falling into the water. The sudden pulled off a lever caused the winged construct to leap into the air, breaking the entire hill, as concave as it was, cracking like an egg, falling apart whilst burying everyone who laid under. Lives were lost, just to serve as seeds, as trees started growing at the most unholy unaccentuated speed. The ground was bitter and broken, as the wings flapped, they distorted the clean air and filled it with the same dents, polluting it with the motion created. No one had dared challenge the sky either, until then, not even by the slightest hint of a kite. Eyes widened, on the map of air, as stone and replicas of homes lifted, risen then fell. The air stank of destruction and the fluctuation between the round table it was on and the floating above was too unstable to be ignored. "This cannot be." One of the elder's voice could be heard, going through every hall in the palace. He knew exactly or suspected what happened. It must be that dirty tyrant, his hand must be sunken within this! "The dirty hand of that rat, but how could it be?" A storm was starting to form, at a larger scale than any of which he had ever seen before. "Damn it!" It was too late that they arrived, that they have finally noticed too. Despite not being the entire council present there, they gathered around to see, shocked. The image and every single side of the gigantic table were being swallowed by a dark storm, a vortex of dark clouds, blue smoke coming from behind it. Slowly, in front of their eyes, they saw the future and what was going to happen, cities swallowed and destroyed, drowned into endless storms, crushed under rubble from the lightning bolts encompasses by smaller vortexes on the side. All coming to that one point, which they have so desperately tried to protect, now the balance of the land was gone, destroyed under their noses. And then it came, the eye of the storm as the whole entirety of the world came to an end, to the point of extinction they've now foreseen. Their eyes were now as bleak, lightly taken from their pupils, only to see the darkness and despair, of their sealed fate. "What should we do? What can we tell them?" The voice of doubt was now given life to the council after seeing what they've seen, feeling what they've felt, true despair. "We were never wrong." That never happened before, but could we be wrong after? After all, we've never seen something as such a level of destruction. "Enough!" Scared as he was, the leader of the council slammed his hands against the table without thinking at last. "Ethriel!" The voice shouted but the pain already came into effect. The skin around his hand became blistered and pale because of the contact with the storm. Even at the scale of a table, the effects it had, came into full contrast. Voice of fear then followed, all started backing away, slowly from the table, as Ethriel fell down. "It hurt him, the storm hurt him." But how could it be? How? How? The voices battered, even more, unable to defend or try to defend themselves from what was about to come. "Take me to the chamber, we need to warn them!" No second was lost, despite having some of his light lost and both hands hindered, bandaged by a fellow member whose hand came down and cut out a piece of his own robe. He helped and lead him through stairs as it was agreed. The room closed as he said. "Tell no one of this until everyone comes at the table. I want all of them to know what we're dealing with." Lord! A voice just came, bearing a message in his arms, the timing couldn't have been worse as Ethriel recognised the seal it bore. It was the tyrant's work and it couldn't wait anymore. Fighting through

the pain he felt, he grabbed by one of the ends and unwrapped it. A terrible tremor wrapped the parchment as it fell on the ground. 'Hurry up, it was just as expected, we need all of them in the council room. "But." Now!' His voice raged across the entirety of the hold, which echoed at the most distant storms. And still, even though outside, everyone from the distant planes, through middle most ground storms and flying machines, through the continent and far from it, even farther. He stood and waited, looking straight where he thought they were. The air was polluted with the grim smokes, causing sores and various diseases for those who couldn't afford the medicine his people sold. It was a sign of his, which made them believe that he had corrupted the land from afar, despite him not knowing yet. A knock on a door away. 'It arrived.' 'Good.' The shortcoming was followed by a leave without a noticed. He had waited for far too long, looking at his map, though he made sure to challenge them to war. Another glimpse. 'They've been warned now, don't you think my dear?' She remained silent. 'What about you? Did you hear what the man who just came in said?' Though met with the same silence as well. Both mother and daughter remained content, from being forced to live with someone of which face they'd never get to see again. And to bother them more, he showed off the sign of being troubled of their silence or what it held. 'Monster! You've become a monster!' Her voice was once sweet, even when she was mad at him, for what he had become. 'I refuse to talk to you ever again!' Though it remained, over the course of years, a promise that was broken at every sign of malicious intent, every bad decision he made. She couldn't help it, just as well as she couldn't handle being his spouse. 'And now my dear, the decision is yours. Which side should we invade first? Hmm?' The pale greyish red held a reflection of her, holding her young daughter, sleeping in her hands, though she wanted to role in it, nor could she stand it anymore, being looked at by him. It repulsed her, knowing she couldn't do. 'But bear it mind, that if you don't comply, my dear, she will suffer worse.' At the end of his back, he showed his hand-curved carriable gun. It was small, though the blast would be more than enough to blast even the toughest of metallic infused locks if shot at the closed range. 'Which bring us to her.' 'Stop! I.' She paused to cover her daughter's ears, making sure she gave him enough time to put the gun back inside. They were limited, quite rare, at the point of there being only twelve ever created in the primitive world they now had to live in. And atop of that, he made sure to make the most of it. Every threat he made on her left a mark, going deeper and deeper in both her physical and physical health. Not only were there marks on her neck where she had scratched, though anywhere where he wasn't present, the outbursts couldn't be an outcast. Her daughter got to feel the full extent, which left her even more marked than her. In the end, though, she was left silent after he was done with making his point. Her hand pointed to a random location, at which he yelled and announced the generals. 'Yes, sir!' Though, in the moments of silence, where, he stood. Even he had some moments, where he gave her the peace and quiet as she held their sleeping daughter. And one thing bothered her, no matter how much she tried in moments like that, to avoid looking away, she tried, desperately looking through the red visor and see. And not once had she managed to look through and find out what he truly saw, how he looked at them and what he really think of them. When it wasn't obvious, he still made no move nor protest. What does he think of us then? With his hands, so firmly standing atop and holding the table? Does he still love me, what about his daughter? He would've never answered it anyway, never did the thought occur of asking him in person, as the moments of peace were limited. And there it was, war soon to become upon all. Nowhere was safe, as the news started spreading on an unfathomable scale. They have all heard of it, small town and what not, even the most caverns where the small imps

stood tall, soon to be disturbed. Down to the animals in the fleeting autumn verdant forests that were walking as war away as they could. It was exactly the type of chaos he wanted them to feel, the uncomfortableness of war, the despair, the fear and even more than that. The reserves were already starting to fade away, the weather dying, the crops flying by the winds. More storms and more flood were to come, even as the land was about to be swallowed by the biggest storms of all. 'Which leads us here, my fellow.' The voice stopped, standing in his high chair, the pipe in his hand emanating a glowing smoke, burning with the fiery cinder that did more bad to his hands than his mood. She entered then, abruptly, after the longest, though fastest way she could've gone. It was decided before Jacquilline went on the flight, that she'd leave his old friend to deal with the problem. On good insight too. She noted the elders, even fewer than before, now a dying breed. Small blisters on a glance, then she quickly looked at everyone around. Seeing how every representant from each of their own respective town has come there to hear, though she had already known by the time she was greeted by the servants of the lords. War. It echoed even as she closed the door, both in her mind and their memories. At last, it began. 'You may sit down Jacquilline.' The elder said, greeted by nothing but silence. She did not ask either about what happened to hide hands, not being any of her concerns anyway. It was worse than the initial prediction, even as she expected before entering the small room, whispers everywhere, a room full of every single range of emotion. From fear to anger, to fright, to despair, to love and happiness, for some really enjoyed and welcomed it, as well, as their encouragement made those who felt the opposite, worse. Chaos reflected though none of them had any idea. A small sapiens came closer to Ethriel and gave him a small note he did not dare read out loud. Not that it mattered, some noted, others slower, at which there were cases where some didn't even notice at all. But, what else could it be? 'The war of course!' Just look at them, at times like these. 'Though he was right, not in the way he meant to say, coming from someone as him, leader of a smaller village. He had to act like a judge, like a leader, like a ripper and more, he had to take multiple roles. Silence!' The outburst was only a start. His power was felt, for the first time in years, the rumours became something more. Before he stood up, his hands reached the handles of his chair, transferring a small tremor from every single side of the room, they felt. It wasn't as strong as one, but it was more than enough to get their attention. A small breath of his, accompanied by the other three that remained in their adjacent chairs made the room they stood in much cooler. Breaths were visible and everyone remained more uncomfortable than they were before. Though thing was about to become much worse. 'You may have heard already that we're heading to a war that's about to include every single one of your people. And. And.' Though his lip was cold, affected by the source itself, he paused it, leaving the temperature to go back. The breathing had to be stopped in order for it to take full effect, it was more than enough nevertheless. His heart didn't let him say it, revealing the inevitable. Deeper inside, even as from both sides his shoulder was touched, he had a pride stronger than everything else. 'We're going to war, and we will not let that tyrant get the best of us! Listen to me, all of you and remember what to tell the world when you return to them. We have seen the future and. And. The storms are on our side, we will not falter under the tyrant!' It was an echo that suddenly subdued every emotion he had let run loose across the room.

Tale of the hunter, oathbreaker and the fiend

'And then your god so dirty and blunter, he punished you whilst under his mantle.' They looked at him, pointed and laughed. 'But what have I done?' The voice came out with sincerity. But no one listened, only himself. I've done nothing wrong. What have I done then to deserve this?' Ha ha ha ha Look at the poor old fool. Though he was young, its undermining hid beyond the constant barrage of attacks towards him. The sore man who deserved it all. He saw the hands come out of him and pull all of his organs out. No pain was felt but they were held in place, away from his grip and their original place. 'Give them back. Stop it.' He pleads but the hands that held his organs, each for one but two for the stomach, held them too far away from his reach. It felt like chains, iron holding his organs away. 'Give them back already, I've learnt my lesson.' Eutreyiad didn't listen to what they said, despite attacking him like that, it most solemnly angered them to a point. 'Get out of our home.' And a gust of wind threw him away, the witches laughed in a choir that was stopped only by the slamming of the door. Falling on his back from the place that disappeared, he remained looking at the sky. But it wasn't enough, the vision was distorted by the hands and the organs that were held in the air. One hand, the one that wasn't left near his torso, it tried reaching, as if to grab. He pretended that the sun was his heart. To no avail, I'll never get there. Tears were shed to no end, as knowing the hands couldn't be hurt nor could he pretend forever. Pitying myself forever, is what I'm supposed to do? Eutreyiad had nowhere to do, at least nowhere where anyone would accept him the way he now looked. Even as the rain started, burning through leaves, he felt his organ, even his heart's beats get hurt by the drops. A scratch was left but there wasn't anyone around, not even the animals as they felt the rain before it even came to be. 'Just let me protect them, you at least owe me that, please.' Despite being ignored, he focused and ran without stopping. To a blank cave that he paid no attention to, he kept his refuge there. Still, not even the bears would approach him as they were afraid by the extra set of hands that kept them high. With the back against the wall, even they've bent to prevent his reach. The pockets were empty and there was nothing to eat. I'm so hungry. A thought arises after seeing his stomach turn in front of his eyes. 'Are you going to ignore me this whole way? And how come you haven't taken my eyes, my skin, my nose and everything else?' Confused, he thought. Perhaps I could try reasoning with it? No, it won't. 'But at least give me one back?' For a moment he thought. One that came closer, his heart still beating and feeling as it got closer to him. In his reach, so close. But it pulled back just as he was ready to reclaim it. A sad look at his pale face. At least the rain is over. Eutreyiad thought before moving on. The bears didn't want him either as their moans could be heard, protecting the youngling that were scared the most. He felt repelled by the family of bears that didn't desire his company anymore. If not even the animals, who else would take me? More was passed and even the roads, where people passed and thought of a monster. No word was said between then when a two old people came, they sprouted into a run without looking back. The shouts could be heard by anyone in sight travelling to him, then back. 'The monster, the monster!' Or so they shouted. No one else came there anymore after he waited. One at least perhaps could see through the monstrosity I've become, that's all I need. Not even a prayer could help him, nor would come. Even from the distance, as he stood on a wall of empty bricks that he ruined, the heaviness and the extended arms revealed

to anyone who would look from far away. 'Are those hands holding them?' He waited and waited until they've come. Authorities from beyond. Quickly on their feet and horses, they dashed through the dirt leaving nothing but a sandstorm behind. Four of them were enough, well protected, each carrying a sharp dagger on their lap. They only had to tap by the belt as none dare to speak. Eutreyiad tried comforting himself, thinking. They must be here to escort me, that is, no bitterness was said by them. Perhaps. 'You're here to take me. Away from the monster.' It all made sense, to him at least. He wasn't the monster they yelled at but another. And seeing how he didn't run, they must've called for his help to arrive. Whispers came and they nodded, hear heard none of, though. 'Is this thing mad then too? What should we do?' 'Just do its game and if you see it become hostile, slash its hand and those things.' No close did they approach, as the organs were accompanied by a smell, not to mention flies and insects feeding on them. The man followed as they surrounded him, thinking they'd help. At a slow pace but he didn't feel tired nor hurt. A hunchback and dirty feet with no shoes, hands that held him straight. Yet his hands wore no marking, nor anything to tie them, it was almost as if they were too afraid themselves of what would've happened if they came closer. For a good reason too. They stood there for a while, in the open. He remembered what it was said to him, as it looked as it was going to be a long trip, to its own right too. 'And they will not rot whatever you do. With you will they stay forever or at least until you do. Learn what it feels like, the one that you've deprived yourself off. Until then, your body, just as your arms, they will not rot, they won't fall off. They won't be destroyed, nor drowned. A part of you will they be until it happens to understand.' A glance at his hands, the one he was born with, and he was even deeper in his thought. What did they mean by that? Why are their voices so strong but my feeling so ill? The feeling was still there, that's what made him confuse, or at least he thought. Something else was driving him to bounce between being sad and normal. Or his version of normal. He even saw them as friends, then wondering what they were doing. Even as they entered the town and saw the crowd spewing. His expression changed as he heard insults being thrown. Rotten fruits followed but none hit his hands nor what they held. They shifted around and avoided any hit that would've hurt them a lot. New feelings came across and a new conflict too, he cried but felt confused. He tried covering his eyes but wasn't left to. Am I really a monster? In their eyes, he saw reflections of grim hate and malice. All of them. Well, except, he didn't manage to see, though one of the guards that were sent to get him. The only one that didn't share the rest of their opinions. He turned his gaze and looked at him, after seeing so many people trying to hurt him for no other reason than what he looked like, he felt compassion. Something that not even he could explain, despite asking himself. Why do I keep seeing myself in his place? Even a change of gaze, that avoided their meeting, didn't stop. He tried comforting himself, though the worse choice of thought happened. He's going to die anyway, so it's not my problem. But that didn't do anything else but make it worse. It was repeated again in his mind. He's going to die anyway, so it's not my problem. After turning around and seeing how the head was now bobbed down, covered in the remains of fruits, he turned back to see and hear. 'Hand the beast. Murder it. Burn the wicket to crisp ashes. Make it suffer. Let thy lord vengeance come down upon the fiend. I'm but a simple guard, in need of defending them, though there's nothing to defend. He remembered how they've met and how none were attacked. It was important, now that he wasn't confused anymore about what he thought he heard. No longer it, how others said. He trusted us and we have failed him. 'A citizen, be he born into a foreign land or even closer, despite what he looks like and how much he's scorn. You have to protect regardless of your border, the innocent come

first.No matter the cost.So is the percusor's teaching and so shall we.'The teaching and the oath were clear in his mind, all but one exception.He broke a part of it, even more, something unheard.They wouldn't understand, none would, not even the captain, despite pleading my case.Was his oath stronger than the will of the people and would he let the creature die?Is mine so?Should I ponder no more?Immediately at the end of a small whip, he turned the horse and broke their march.Horses belched and on two of their feet arise, scared after a distinct sound.Not the most conventional of the guards was he, but that scared the crowd, that were immediately spread to avoid.The gauging shriek of one of them that befell under the feet of them.They marched in every direction and some fell off their backs.Unable to stop him, the grabbed the stretched back of Eutreyiad and threw him on the same horse.Of course, the hands avoided his every motion.Gates started going down as the shouts, still, barely distilled by the commotion.'Lower the gates.Don't let Barook escape!'Some tried but none would approach, the tall guard in shining armour, carrying a giant of a man with many hands that held his organs, still wondering how it was that the beast was still alive.They shouted in a choice, seeing both of them in their attire.'They are the devil spawns, that's where the knight belongs!'Said the preacher after being denied the chance of delivering the burning of his lord's vengeance.'Hold on tight lad, we're going to pass it before it's too late.'Barook, how Eutreyiad's saviour assured that he'd be safe, for as long as he held his hand, at least two of them around his waist.The grip was tight and he could see people fall on their knees and praying.'Our lord has spoken.Do something you petty guards.'The king's guards, that's what they were called and for a reason, despite acting rashly and on a drunken stooped.All but one.Barook jumped with his horse, both entered by a leap that threw them on the other side, landing safely on the bridge.Just as they were getting ready to follow, they've failed to do so.The helmet plough right off, he didn't need it anymore after being slightly pierced by the gate's sharp like knives.Through the ends of his moustache, he saw them curse and spit, though none reached.But along all the blasphemer's songs and yells, one stood out.The captain of the guards.'You will pay for this Barook, mark my words.The king will hear about it.'The grin he once had changed into one of bitterness, knowing that he'd have to face his wrath once.He didn't respond and galloped on, his horse turned and with the man still holding onto his waist.It's been a while since he's not done it, even with the help of the voice covering it.The armour was cold but he felt none either.'Where are you going knight man?'The sudden voice almost made him fall, he's forgotten all about it.Right, the man.With a slap and a slam of the reins, he made his horse stop.Barook looked back, beyond the scaly hands and pondered that none would be able to follow.The wind should cover the remaining ones, but what now?The crossroads he encountered, now releasing what he's done, there was no way back.A king's punishment would be ten times worse than what his saved one would've suffered, whenever it came to being hanged ten times or burn the same amount wasn't up to him.'Could I leave now?My back is getting sore?'Sorry, I got distracted, yes you may.'It surprised me how he acted despite his appearance.The two hands, despite appearing being frailer than the rest of them still helped each other go down.He came down as an infant, one more grotesque.Though, he somehow managed to look past that and see them hanging, only as keepers of his.A recollection came to mind, as a constant task that was implied of the royal guards.Normally they'd overanalyze anyone that would approach the kings, movement and actions, how they were and what they were like.Though not in the stopper and under the influence.How old was he?Despite the grotesque appearance, he stood down and played with dung beetles and dirty flowers.Almost like a child, giggling to himself.The oathbreaker, now what he'd be

known as, stood there watching and wondering at it. No, I must. Just as he was ready to go on ahead, he was stopped as the hand reached his shoulder. The gaze, both of theirs met and he asked the armoured man politely. 'Where 're you going tin man? Will you not take me with you?' The eyes, ever so translucent in the light, held the reflection inside of a flare that had its home in there. 'I've got to go now. Look, it's not safe for you to be near me.' He sighs. 'But I've nowhere to go, at least not since the curse at least.' Then he frowned. 'Curse?' 'Yes, I've been cursed for some reason and don't know why. I miss my parents too. Would you be so kind to bring me to them?' An aura of awe flew around the man like creature, one that was filled with mystery, almost mesmerising in a way. Despite what he looked like, and the possible problems he'd bring if a journey along the two of them formed. There was still the spirit of chivalry in the knight, one that he couldn't deny. Since he'd probably be hunted just as well as he was, why not? Barook jumped off the horse, his shoulder released. With one hand that slammed against his chest, the plate of valour and honour, he threw the dust that could've passed on and stood on him. With the other, he repeated the gesture, fairly above the next then knelt and said. 'I promise you that we will find your parents and undo the curse?' They were face to face and the oil was thrown inside of the fire. A burst of emotion came to be as the expression on Eutreyiad's face changed. Eutreyiad was ready to jump and hug the knight but he was gently pushed away. 'That's enough, I've already sworn to you, don't over do it.' 'Understood.' Remaining perplexed is just one of the ways that could describe his state. He was overjoyed, and the hands too joined his constant jump in the air and flail. Is this really a curse? 'Hmph. I presume time will tell.' The whisper fell along with the wind, slightly unheard and not entirely understood. 'Hop on, we've got a long way to go.' 'Immediately sir.' His hands were up to the forehead, the rest shifting the organs in place, just as he jumped on the horse again. The path was clear for them as the ride didn't seem to stop. A journey whilst only the two of them, a long one that he had in mind. Growing accustomed to him holding his waist, he started slowly becoming more trustful of his new companion. Though that did not change the fact that others not. No town in sight could be visited as the villagers would scream and pass torches and pitchforks to one another. Nor did any meadow nor place in the open, after approaching it, the sight and stench would attract rabid animals and even worse. Luckily for him, Barook had not smell, to begin with. They remained together for a long time, coming across every path, jumping gaps and cliffs, even openings. At night they'd stand in front of the fire and get warm, protected from the night. Barook already sent his horse to bed and managed to get a few rabbits, that he accidentally, on his word. 'Stumbled upon. Don't worry about them, they more than likely died of natural causes, no more than that.' And he received half of the smile. Both remained dismayed from what previously happened, the village incident, how he was found. Even the dove he tried helping but he found himself only bitten down. No recollection in his mind about where his parents were, coming to think about it. 'How old are you then?' A peculiar question and even so because of the timing it came to. 'I'm ten years old, why?' 'Ten?' He repeated to himself, twice in his head, just to be sure, then he asked again for confirmation. 'Are you really ten?' Again was asked as he approached, watching, carefully the slight twist of eyes, the fornicated nose and the spasms of the muscles. 'Yes.' He's not lying, but how could it be? Perhaps, it's just what he truly believes? They ate but it still crippled his mind and no stew of the rabbit nor warmth of the fire would help him pass onto the important task at hand. He needed to know. 'So, how is it you've got cursed?' 'Well.' The recollection started and it was slightly taken out of proportions, what to be expected out of such of one. 'I was taken by my parents into the forest and they've lost me. I screamed but

there were nowhere to be found, that's when the pretty lady came."Pretty lady lad?"Ye', the pretty lady dressed in black. She said she'd get me to my parents as long as I behaved."And, was she the one that made you look that way?"Well. A pause came to be, embers started coming out of the fire at the begging coming from the wind. 'Well?' She brought me to her house in the woods. Also, it was a tree. "I don't think I follow lad." She lived in a giant tree with gates, it was enormous inside. And there were others there too, I think I saw hundreds of old ladies dressed like her, all standing there and speaking to each other. "About what?" About me. "For what reason?" Brook inquired, having to know the reasoning behind them, his perception telling him that It'd be about the curse. Despite not knowing him nor his name, the time to hear the story was freely given by Brook. Especially since there was the oath. Still, a child? It dwelled in his mind, surely a child wouldn't grow. As the only problem why the appearance wasn't only the hands themselves and the ripped out organs. But there was no hole in the chest, nor did the features seem to belong to a child so young. 'Are you listening?' A frown appeared on his face, rubbing against the fat features of the face that seemed to be sprouting hair all over and blackheads over the nose. 'Yes, I was merely distracted by something flying over?' "What?" The creature, he looked around as if to see, gloating at some fireflies that were floating in the air, shining away with their dim light. The attention was immediately shifted as he seemed to have forgotten what happened, his story derailed. So, this is really a child, in the body of a beast. Barook said to himself, still throwing sticks in the fire. 'You were talking about something regarding the witches, were you not?' Pulled away, he continued, attention set still on the companions of his. 'Yes, I was brought to them and they were smiling.' All the time, whilst lecturing about what happens, Barook stood and looked about a gaze from the darkest depth of the woods. Still silent, he didn't want to alert his companion, but fist clenched around the hilt. One ear on his story and another straightened against the emptiness. He listened. They started lecturing and yelling at me. Those mean old. Old. Hags. "Watch the language." Surprising even himself, he immediately apologised after, without knowing that he managed to shock both of them in doing so. Eutreyiad was frightened by the power of the voice he heard, that strong raspy adult voice. Even more so, amplified by the woods. 'You're almost as mean as those old. Ladies there.' 'I'm sorry lad, I didn't mean so. It's just that well, it's stressful to deal with adult.. Lad, look at me.' All those hands, still floating shifted away as Barook's got closer to lift the chin up. 'Listen, lad, I promised to help in finding your parents, have I not? We will do so, don't worry. This is all I needed to know, it's okay if you don't want to continue.' "No, I can. I can. They yelled at me and cursed me when I asked for my parents and they said only that I'll never get to see them ever again. I saw it in their eyes, my parents. They were beating on to escape and I couldn't help them. I was afraid.' Eutreyiad's face was lowered as silence arisen in the wood. They waited, seeing the embers raise too and finally succumb to the wind. Both slept through the night, one with a sword slightly unseated whilst the other slept like a child. A long night too, one filled with dreams of sorrow and dismay, for one of them at least. For the younger one, dreams that remained as pure and innocent, an illusion that remained unbroken. A sudden noise that was brought to the morning light reminded them to wake up. The tall guard, unsheating the blade that reflected even the weakest of sunrays glanced around in a steady position. He observed nothing in the woods. Nothing but his companion laying on the ground with the hands arisen despite the consciousness not being there. A rabbit came out, frightened and nothing more. He sighs, swallowing what seemed to be a heavy burden inside of his neck. Supporting himself against a tall tree he looked upon his companion, still wondering. 'Sigh.' I don't even know his name and

barely heard his story, yet he trusts me. He trusts me indeed. And so peacefully he sleeps, undisturbed by the light nor by the sound the forest made. Thought there was another problem, as if it wasn't enough. How would this child-beast take it when I find and end the miserable witches' lives? Would that be enough or will I become his doom? To be cursed to live a life without parents, without a body of his own? And what about me after? I am now an oathbreaker, one that I've sworn to defend? And they won't know the truth, neither will the king, that they've broken theirs first. He spat upon the ground, a rancid one filled by his greasy teeth. With a bend of the knees and twitch of the muscles, he restrained himself from the emotions, seeing how the lad was getting ready to wake up. 'Slept well?' The lad nodded. Is this part of the curse then? It occurred to him that it felt strange, have no opinion of disgust or repulsion against the hands that held his vital organs outside. Either I've grown accustomed or that it was. He thought while stomping what remained of the slightly lit wood. 'Let's go then.' They walked for a while, glancing from time to time around, still not knowing where they were going. 'Where are we heading?' But there was no answer at first. So he asked again, to which he heard. 'We're going to a friend, perhaps he could help.' 'But my parents?' He might be able to help us find them. A ray of hope and uncertainty came as they were heading towards the hunter. Word came slow into the parts and he remained certain. He will not hear about my sudden leave nor will he know about my bounty. And that hunter, or so they used to say. He'd track anyone for any amount they'd pay. Be friend or foe or even less. The hunter may hunt you down and press. His dire blade inside your neck. But he knew better than trust that, old trickery to make a fool out of himself. But even if it came for him to a betrayal, he'd know surely where to strike. And even more, as the thought came. For an oath, a new one, perhaps the noblest one he's sworn to. To help a child in need, a rescue mission in-between. The living heart of forest from far. Beating and pulsating inside. The witches watching from their living member and seeing them walk. 'They want to slay us, did you not hear?' His thought, from his face, are so clear? 'Leave that fool but try, we can feed his rotting corpse to our pets after.' But what if by the slightest chance that happens and he gets to our place? He will kill us all then. Another raspier voice came from the dark, accompanied by a grin toothless smirk which said. 'Do not worry sisters, he may try for as long as it takes, making no difference anyway. She pointed her bony finger towards them as they watched in silence. The hunter, from which they will most certainly try, to get our tracks. Nevertheless, they will all die, perhaps now it will be the best of time to get rid of him at all. 'And the coven glanced after at her, to share the grin. They watched them get to the hut withing the forest. Especially when the oathbreaker, identity is now known to them, as they shared the vision Eutreyiad had in front of him. The door was slammed and the hunger was there, sharpening his arrows over a grindstone. Awe on his face but he didn't look surprised, after getting accustomed to it. He'd heard and seen through the holes inside the hut, knowing immediately who it was. Noticing the complexion on the face, he wasn't alone. 'Barook, what is it you wish of me?' 'Don't give me that look ye slack. I need your help with something.' A large bag of coins was thrown across the room, landing perfectly on the table where his gaze was set on. The last saving he'd get after leaving the service and so far he'd not spend anything on it. I won't need it anymore after I'm done, perhaps it may even appease this greedy hunter after we're done. 'Here, count it, there should be enough to pay for at least eight of your jobs.' He didn't need to count but to weight it alone. Heavy, enough was known after seeing that slight bounce off the table as it reached the land. 'A pretty well amount of money I'd wager. But what is it you want that'd be worth this much?' It was a fast move that rivalled the gaze of the hunter, across the table. Both hands firmly

shoved and followed by a thick smile, one that would turn the witches as they glanced through the same cracks inside the hut. 'We're going to hunt witches.' Though unsure how he'd react, acceptance came anyway and the terms were settled. The money for the entire coven, sure it wasn't new and witches were known to be dangerous at times. But, the hunter was even more so, packing his various amulets made out of bones and sea-hearts, eyes and clasp knives. His tainted arrows with infected blood, a ripped out the blade with a razor sharp. But there is still a problem. 'Our third companion might not be what you might expect?' 'Is this not a royal mission then, perhaps a personal task?' Suspicion was about to come unasked for, as it was. The flare in the eyes changed, and a wolfish grin too. 'Don't worry, I think you'll get along just well.' It was a shock as the muscles bent, immediately as they both exited. With the quickness he's always displayed of, the crossbow immediately loaded itself and aimed for a monster. Followed only by the instinct and with the organs of sight, he knew where the aim, as he saw the slow jiggling hand that held the heart. As a hunter for many years, he's been a reason to recognise, at the level of muscle memory to aim for revealed vital parts, as they were a lot softer than hitting carapaces of through layers of skin. Many of times, he had built traps that would destroy and reveal a part, despite not being the case, it was too late. Too late for the oathbreaker next to him to reach in time, it was released at the boy who stood there, playing with rocks. With their breaths visible, it was almost as if the time dimmed down at the last moments of the child had. And the last moments the witches would get to see through the boy's eyes as a glance caught the glimpse of the sun's ray reflected on the edge of a polished iron arrow's head. They both screamed, one of anger and the other one as he fell into a stance of battle. Though it got close, the boy stood low, barely realising what was happening. It flew. And only grazed onto one of the fingers as they shifted around, though no scream. The man jumped to the boy and stood in front of the hunter. 'Damn you man, this is the companion I was talking about, he's our friend.' The confusion came to the hunter as he saw the tall knight turn to such a fiend to help it ease. 'Are you all right?' For a second, he thought the arrow reached and chopped one of the fingers, the one that held the heart. Though no wound nor mark was left there. I could've sworn I saw a wound there, the arrow must've certainly reached. After the rocks were left at the bottom of the small hole he dug, he turned to see the man with the painted marks on his face. 'Is he coming with us?' 'Yes, he's the friend that's going to help us, you can.' A glance was exchanged though they hadn't met their eyes after it was being avoided. 'You can trust him, I hope.' 'This is certainly irregular and not an official mission.' 'What made you think that?' 'Was it the two feet tall boy with hands sprouting out of his body and holding his vitals?' 'Is that what made it so obvious?' 'Don't give me that look D'Arthois! I don't know what you're intending to do with him but we need to be on our toes on all time.' 'Don't tell me you're scared of a little boy playing with his rocks?' 'Are you?' 'Don't you dare! I swear on my honour that this will be the last time I help you. Not to mention that I wanted to help you on my own volition.' And a fat stack of gold atop of that. 'The wind was already in a howl, as the weather seemed to be getting worse and worse by the whimsies second that came. A reflection followed of their souls, above, conjured by the witches' coven. 'Yes, see them bicker and delay, this may be the very fate that eats all who dare have a word with us.' 'Is that so sister? Then tell the rest of us what have you in mind, not to mention what you'd dare and what you've tried.' 'Oh quiet you old cranes and let her speak already. We've got more than enough as it is for further delays.' Said the crone, killing even the single most useless fuss in their dome. Galagga. 'First of your name.' The crystal ball spoke, turning in on itself. From a globe so bitterly made of jade came to be a different

assortment of shapes that moved and spoke. Their desperate tones. 'Your voice is a command. And I dare not deny. Tell me what I must. So my metal bars may never rust.' The shape said, still shackled by what previously held the globe, bounding it to their will. Such bitterness and anger on someone that used to be lustful and young. Galagga used to be human once, a maiden in her own with a different name. Her memory did not deny, even as her bitterness grew darker, upon seeing a reflection upon the shape, the true form of herself. It angered Galagga atop all. 'Stop that, don't mess with me you petty sphere, or I may break you and shackle you to one hundred twenty other chains. And you wenches, stop laughing, or shall you share the same fate as they.' Angered as she was, there was something that made her remember. A cruel joke, life dared play on her because of her cruelty, the memories that never died, their stand, tall and proud, never letting her even dare forget. Everything she had, up to the oil paintings and fresco that was made in her image, so many to count, all in different styles and shapes, in every angle she even dared dream. Not only did artists come, but poets too spoke of her beauty, accompanied by admirers of renown, even the poor, the old, the young, the in-between. Other than the two other malformed sacks of potatoes that called themselves witches, she knew better. 'I came from somewhere, mark me on my word. You wench had nothing, have nothing, nor will you even dream to achieve.' 'Is it so, why you act like a mad lady when you see your reflection?' 'How did.' 'Hush, little angel, we know, the globe betrayed you and the secrets of yours. We've seen it all, from row to bow.' The entire journey was displayed, and in one place, above their concern, from the distraction, the weather tamed. 'See for yourself. Look at it, you filthy witch!' It was indeed her past and how she grew up to have it all, the horse of the childhood too, named so she'd never forget. 'Courage, haha, as I thought. An even filthier name than yours.' The image changed and it revealed, after the death, someone dared. It was a burst of anger, unsurprisingly that made her burst out of the constant shame she displayed. Someone dared. 'They. They dug up my horse and took the body. Who dares do that to me, the leader of covenant?' She asked, her eyes making even the globe cover, in its original position, shaking and grabbing by the chains, with a pup like eyes, never to change. Though, in contrast, her eyes were of hellfire, bursting through, a version of hell, a miniature set of little human being bursting and boiling inside. They hit against the glass that was her eyes and hurt. She closed it right away and said. 'Look at what you've made me do, woman. It's all because of you!' Galagga pointed at the dark unless she calmed down, she couldn't see past the men in her shroud. 'Follow me and we will make them suffer.' Her voice was followed, though they couldn't stop from bitterly laughing at their fellow witch, making their eyes pop out as a mockery of her diseased gaze. 'Let's see where this leads then.' 'I've told you before that it's a great thing, you see. We will never be bored as long as we show her previous life, everything that she has lost.' 'But what about the horse?' 'We'll see. Unless someone dug that old rotten sack for something else.' The laughs were disturbing, to say the least, even to the wildlife, the ones that heard it, moving along, as they were scared. 'Stop whispering and quit barking, we've got plenty on the way.' 'Yes, ma'am!' They said, as they embarked, it was the stubborn part of a cut tree that once refused to be cut. Now it became a flying stump, enough space for three witches to come inside and fly, leaving their distant cry coming out of vertigo. The lack of control and what how they were previously told so, that they'd not get to use. 'Damn this, just take us to where the ball says. Or you will. Will.' 'Just slow down, I don't think I can.' Their voices were cut, the whirlwind was more than enough to stop all of them from speaking, preventing any attempt of retreat. Three stuck

witches were now, at the mercy of a stump.No one dared say the word stop, as it would've grabbed the stump to a hold, as peculiar as it would seem to any human watching the sky for a floating tree.

A kind experiment

It was a man who stared at the skies, quickly evolving into the clouds, the night with its stars, then the sun.The process he went through never ended, repeated time and time, until one grim night.What brought to this occurrence was that, Jullivert, as the name was laid by the mother, lived a systematic life, though irrational and mad in another's point of view.His walls were scribbled by himself, only dates and numbers, words that didn't mean anything in particular.And to those who came to visit, and use to call friends, he abandoned such people, spending more and more time to see.'Oh, the sky.'He used to recall, previous night and nights before.'You fall on me with your precious light and I do nothing but stay and count your clouds, everything behind and more.'In a way, to him, a man that lived his life alone, the sky managed to be his home.His friends and his family.What laid beyond of it, he'd consider dream atop the skies, and somewhere in the deep space.As he'd say.'There, you, bright point.You're my dream now and then and forever in my mind I shall bear you.'His belief managed to lead him to believe that every single man, woman, child or animal's dreams were there.Though one day he watched, his room empty with only one bed, a window laid in front of him, blended with led.'It disappeared!'He duly noted, hearing the voice in his head repeat after him and his every note.The shock made him stay, and he saw.All the stars shifted places, suddenly in front of his eyes.'Is this really happening?'He asked, assuming the worst.'Is there someone there, someone who could've taken my star?'With his hands and a flip, his eyes were shuffled which lead him back to see a star standing in the place where it, one has gone.'You're there, it's like you haven't left me?'"Oh, but I would never do such of thing.'A voice made itself known, his back turned to see the intruder.It was a ball of malnourished witness that floated and spoke.Jullivert was silent, unable to speak, he saw a small rat that travelled along the floor.His mind was distracted as the mouse approached, the ball still silent, awaiting a response.Under the shadow, as the mouse approached, and to Jullivert's shock, the small rodent was pulled inside in the white ball of apparent transparent skin.And out of the back, a giant tail sprouted and hit the floor within seconds.It was another layer that his jaw dropped, at which,

thinking of the resemblance he picked on. 'Are you my dream? Or my nightmare within?' The flailing was fairly disturbing as it was long enough to cause some trouble in the house, hitting the wall, unintentionally and letting some of the paint drops reach the floor upon its touch. The white at the end of the tail becoming a pink-grey. 'We are your dreams Jullivert!' He said my name, Jullivert thought. It must certainly be it, my dream now. But, something didn't add up for him, after watching and taking notes. 'Why are you here and? What happened to the rat?' 'Enough questions, let's us go!' It then said with a monotone, demanding, almost commanding, no resemblance to the voice of a human, though close enough. Jullivert knew that he was getting himself drawn to it, hearing himself in the transparent chambers that formed inside the floating star. 'Where?' He asked, daringly. Both repelled, and curious, he still thought of it as something dangerous. If it did that to a mouse, and as it turned, at the end of the tail, he saw his own scribbles then. Dreams or not, I will not touch them unless I desire to end the same way as they have. 'Do you doubt us?' It asked, as the end of it touched the door and out of the back, it came out as a carapace. The knob was being moved as it spoke, the colour though remained the same. The speed kind of distracted him, as a mere contact and it would all end. 'About what?' He was confused for a second, then he realised what was going on. After all, it's part of my dreams, surely it couldn't be bothering me. It knows everything is in my mind, a reflection of my thoughts, at least this is what people say the dreams are. 'I'm sorry, I should've have felt so afraid, I know you wouldn't hurt me!' In the middle of the night and under a stream from above, the clouds turned upon the stars, almost like a blanket covering them up. Raindrops came and started inflating it, thought the man was immediately left wet. Bigger and bigger, or such it grew, with each drop at least a centimetre or two. Not only that, also the texture, Jullivert could now see, small moving forms inside, still not scared. As he went through the night, unable to feel cold, perhaps, the main reason was that the cold air, and almost into a cone, everything was pulled inside. 'This is a dream, isn't it?' 'No.' 'But, how could this be then?' 'You saw us there and when it happened.' 'You mean the star shift?' The form in front of his eyes grabbed to a halt, and even the tail did the same, in its behind. The rain stopped too, the growing to an effect, the man such, was afraid. It felt as if he was threatened and ready to die, become one with it or even worse, unable to die. He wanted to run, but his two feet were too feeble to listen to any command. His knees though, most easily met the ground, there wasn't any question what was next for himself. He begged and plead for his life, staring at the blank spot where he thought he'd meet his eyes. Though it was met by silence, the ball said after, breaking it for the last time. He'd never get to experience such a thing ever again. As the tail swiped and killed him in a flash, growing even less than an inch bigger. The world was about to be devoured, yet none of it mattered. It took a while and appeared only as seconds, but the man wakes up, awakened by the voice. 'Wake up, you're not dead little man.' The voice said with an effect, it was almost as if. 'I'm not dead.' His eyes opened as he said it and in front of his eyes laid the sky, as light as it could be. 'But, the stars, in the sky, in full daylight? I can see all of them there!' He pointed before he diverted his sight to see, a hill with trees, all of which, the same giant tail laid, alive and well. Hundreds of exemplars along with him, they were all brought within, as it was said by the star. 'You're in my world now, but do not worry, even if you saw our glory along the stars. And even if it cost your world for it, you needn't worry, for everyone will be brought in hopes you wouldn't be alone.' 'But you're my dream, how could you dictate what to do? I want to be freed now!' But the man bit his lip after. The star said. 'Do you not recall when you've given it up? Right before you got pulled inside?' The memory didn't leave, but he said no word. He touched a tail,

which made him into a pool of white, dissipating into the dark. In a second he was transported and thrown against stone, another tail, from which he sprouted from laid in front of him. 'What is this?' He asked, at which the voice said clearly so he'd pass. 'What was that?' It was almost as if it didn't know what happened. The tails felt like an extension of himself. No longer did he need to touch them, as they started listening to his mind instead of the touch. Twisting tendrils would stretch outward out of their quadrant and make him appear, yet further away. It was an old town, though no one there. 'You're the inhibitors of you, aren't you?' Sometime, long ago, someone used to live in the town. From where else did they manage to get those silly hats and clothes, other than the previous citizens of the town? He roamed around the town and looked, marvelling at the sudden burst of colour, out of cloth, washed straight from the colours of a rainbow, undoubtedly taken away from the sky itself without a notice. These ones were different, able to move around, though none touched. Surprisingly to him, they acted even more decent than what his idea of normal human being would've been. 'Oh, good evening.' As one raised a hat up to him, with a whiplash of air, after throwing it in the same way. Plenty of them around, at the market, each having a stand, fruits from every side. Jullivert spoke to himself silently, as he was surprised too by it. The fruits, with such freshness, couldn't have been brought there any other possible way, other than how he was brought. It juggled in front of him as if to buy, though he emptied his pockets in front, he was dry. There was nothing more than dust in there, there hasn't been a while. 'On the house you say?' And he received a blueberry of majestic purple, plump and rounded, eight times the size of the normal ones he'd get. 'This is amazing.' Whilst, almost choking, he was captivated and pulled in, the bittersweet eeriness that he once felt diminished right away, now to only be caught by glimpses and his desire to see more of it. And more of them. The dressed and the small shows they'd play in front of him, now Jullivert was more than a spectator in there, he became the main act of the story. 'Thank you. Thank you!' Jullivert bowed, his feet rowed around the busy streets, with so many of them, which created the illusion of lanes of a witness, a sea of white grass, through which he cut through. All of them, in a circle, avoided the touch and let him go through and enjoy himself, as he remained in the centre of attention. He passed eventually until he reached, the other side of the town, that was once out of reach. It was much more different than what he encountered, as even those around him seemed to have avoided it for reasons not known to him. They built it. 'So why are they avoiding to enter?' His thoughts were no longer inside, as he slipped on the site, various architecture blocks and sides were taken and placed together so they'd fit. Parts of such nature, old and crafted that they'd belong to an even older civilisation than the one that used to live in the town, crowns and sceptres and even thrones, all became part of the wall. Jullivert refreshed his hands and shook them as he was prepared, excited to enter. Beyond the point, the whole side bloomed into a light, lamps being lit one by one in front of him, even though there was dark, in more than one sense on the part of the town he was in. Above the building, there was the night sky filled with. He remembered the reason and why his thoughts were grabbed to a stop. Suddenly it made sense why there was nothing, and even more why this was so placed together. Jullivert found, just a few steps above, at the top of a tower that came closer to the sky, at the very end of it, closes to the beyond, laid his home. It was quite late too and he wanted to return home. Seeing as no one followed, and knowing that atop of it all, there might be a chance that his bed was brought to, in the journey, he started walking towards his goal.

Love garden

'Good morning students.' The class responded immediately after in complete unison. 'Good morning miss Prie!' Some dust already got thrown by the side as the need arise, a desperate call, as she reminded herself. Out loud so they'd hear, the corpses near her, thinking they're alive. 'You're all dead, aren't you?' It was a grief and sadness that pushed her to remember, the once beautiful and young features they had turned into dust as she despaired. They were dead because of me, and no one else. It was a miracle that she could keep her consciousness together, even if she was as lucky as she remained, taking in consideration what happened. A mine, not long before she stepped into. Now forced to walk with a peg leg made out of the body of one of her previous class children. It was even worse when she phased out. 'This is something new.' She said, to be immediately replied by. 'Good morning miss Prie. I'm sorry if I

was late, though I had a lousy job remembering what you've said. What was that again?' And to spare. 'But how?' The leg appeared to be there, just to check. With an immeasurable amount of intensity, she forced herself to move her toes. The teeth cringed below in a rust, moving on their own as if they were the fingers she so desperately tried to move. 'This makes no sense whatsoever child, how?' The other side wasn't well, a bad time indeed, the country sent her there. 'War!' The men yelled above, the mortar firing whilst she was lost in a crater below. The muttering and barking of a mutt were most audible as she thought. 'A dog in my classroom, how could this be? Who broke the rules class? Was it, you? Maybe you?' Or was it, me? My memory seemed to have declined. It was a fall of water from above, the crater laid near a river where the hole overlaid. It fell away from her presence but in time water would arise, she'd drown if not escape, but out there she'd die. 'How am I to climb?' She asked, and the class answered. 'Climb what miss Pree?' It was duly noted that they did not know. She raised an eyebrow and looked before. At the end of the class laid a wall with pictures, drawings made by children left there for their teacher to see. Out of all of them, one, in particular, stood out, it had the image of an ongoing war, moving on its own. An animation, she thought, common. It would've been a nice addition to the curriculum for her to teach, though, she wasn't an art teacher. Nor were any of the children in the class willing. A blast came from above, and out of the sky, blood started raining. She saw a man get ripped in glances as he hit the ground, spread, no chances. As she came closer, she saw a small medallion that used to be in his hand. 'Was this your child?' She asked the torso, ribs visibly broken and in parts, rubbing his cheeks before comforting him. 'Do not worry for your child, for he will be safe.' And in her classroom, another child came. 'What's your name little boy?' Her eyes widened as she approached, the child shaking, coming for an embrace. Griefing it seemed as he said. 'My mother said my father won't come home.' It saddened miss Pree to know that such a thing would occur. She felt for the wife, knowing that the man died, never to be coming back. Though she was happy, oh alas, another child came into my class. 'Worry not, for you shall stay with me, in this class, never to feel alone or hurt, ever again.' It made the child smile, as she thought, she did something good, something better, she helped the child right to the letter. Though. 'Name, your name I've got to write down. Else you might not make it in this class, no, not at all.' So, she said. She blinked again, looking at the body, searching around. Whilst one of her hands went inside of the lower part to search, twisting around the ribs that broke and even the slightest touch, until she found it. A shrapnel. A shrapnel, she thought. She stared at it for a moment. Then she stared at him for a moment. 'Pnel. Pnell. Pnelopee. Penelope. Yes, your name is Penelope, the little girl. Again, I'm sorry for your loss, but you may take a seat. Do not worry about.' And the girl went in her place, the name written but no face. A blankness, emptiness that laid atop the body as Pree's brain couldn't fathom the changes of features. Yet, despite the horrible appearance, she didn't care. Nor did the other children, as I thought them well, she said. No prejudice despite the malformation of the little girl, they were the best class she could hope for. After passing, further into the crater, there was no hope, there were bodies everywhere, overwhelming to see. She shouted and ran away unable to look. Too many, too many for my class, I can't stop I need to run. Women and men alike, even children for the fight, all laid dead inside the crate, though it was not here where they died. But where they were dumped to rot. It was rare for Pree to plainly ignore a child, especially so fitting for her class. Standing alone in her corner, darkly hidden from the light. They were monsters, no children fit for my class. 'You are to learn not to be little monsters.' She said the class noted, the emptiness bent to the sides. An obsession was clear, even to herself, so

desperately as she wanted to come closer and stare into the picture taken and see. What is this war and why is it calling for me?' Paradise!' Was yelled, at the top of her lungs. She needed a break, unable to move on. Before that, regardless of how hard she tried, she failed every single time sickly in despair. No matter her effort, attempts, in vain, it made her feel bad and destain. Why have I become forsaken, of all? Why is that I'm alone and gone? No matter where she looked, she was alone, no one to help her, no one to know what she felt like. The pits were empty and she yelled. 'Yell at me, say something, tell me, I need to know.' Why am I so alone? Of the sudden, I felt something that I've never felt, wicked in despair. I have never looked at it that way. Her hands looked crumbled from being tired, she could only rest on a bed of corpses from which she stood, curled into a ball, holding her baby. He was crying in the class. Though she couldn't see it anymore, being too tired for that and everything else that happened that day. Night was already succumbing in the sky as she wrote in her journal: 'Yours truly, another day I have not died.' After that, Prie snapped and fell asleep. Her dreams comforting for at least the night. There, she waited, in a line. Much more different than the class of her dreams, even more so that she saw only adults, no children, no in-between. The ground was dull as was everything around, which made it even more unbearable, having to wait through every minute and second of the dream. She'd get to do so every night from there on after, having to forever go through the same treatment, of stopping, moving along, stopping again, two feet further, time after time. No one would talk, and nor would she either. She felt like a child, unable to talk, speak or communicate even in the most intricate hand signs if she wasn't asked first. The endless line seemed to be going forever and forever long, first, she saw the silhouettes that slowly grew thinner and thinner until she could only see a line. Once, as she recalled, looked back and got the same in return, a darker line that waited for her to keep going and stop slacking in the line. Who were they? She asked herself. A man was right on her back, and she recognised him as the one she previously encountered. His son is in my class, she said. There was no destain and nothing more to it, as the thoughts were riddled with confusion. So was the will of a dream, if life for her meant to be lived at the verge of a war, starvation, thirst and gore. The man said nothing but she wanted to announce how she took his son in her classroom and how well he adapted. The necklace was at the neck, close as she could see. After a few seconds of being stuck there, staring at the man with his blank expression, she wondered, how come, he didn't do anything, no emotion visible, nothing. But the line stopped at her and a sudden shift of the eyes came. Those ghoulish eyes and the skin wrinkled came to her, an eye popping out and hanging down to what was a collar, previously being a necklace of the child. The body started twisting inwards, pulled into a hole, slowly and she didn't know why. That happened to all of them, in the back, the line once thin started becoming shallower by the second, yet no word was said. Nothing to her at least. Prie needed to be sane. I have to understand, why is it happening so. Though she turned, thinking everything was real, her body moving on its own accord, just to reveal, after a step was already done forward, that, they came back to normal after the line resumed. Prie resumed, keeping it in mind, what would happen if she failed to keep going. Even more, what would happen if the person in front of her refused to move? Awaken, her heart almost blew out of her chest. She threw out eyes and a part of a skull of someone's eternal passing, revealing what fell from the sky. A giant metal shell covered in metal, round and solid, penetrating the beyond. The impact broke the land and in front of her eyes, she saw some smoke rising from it but no bang. No one from around her seemed to have noticed. 'Well, that's just rude, isn't it?' None of them seemed to even want to respond. Prie went alone, closer to the shell, after a glance and a touch, it

almost burnt her hand. It was out of proportions how something this hot could've landed there and now, at such a time. Big and round, with a propeller behind, just asking to be touched some more. The behaviour, imitating a dog made her refused to touch. The thought, even the simplest addition to pain made her attempt to cry. A good lesson, though, she spoke to her children. 'Pain isn't something you'd like to experience, especially such as this. See there blister children?' The class nodded, some having been raised to get closer and expand their sight on the dark blisters of skin under the skin. A few layers were taken in already, melted muscle too. Not only did the feeling long left, but now she lost some vital functions on moving her hand. 'It's not that bad, worry not, I will do my best to talk to this class and handle thing as well as I can! But. 'But, there was another man, he laid there under the fallen sky-bullet, as hot at it was, he kept blinking and staring at her. Priece froze, it was a long time since she met a man, alive, especially in the condition that the legs and more than half of the body were missing under the shell. There was a nervous cough done by both of the parties, past the glares. No one seemed to have said anything, but her inside the head. Was he the man in the line, waiting? Priece tried to look but saw no necklace. There was still the option to talk. Avoidance first. She started walking and noticing the eyes follow and the body not shaken a bit. Even the head stood still as they waited for one another to say anything. She stopped. 'Water.' The man said, in the raspiest voice she ever heard. She checked herself and nodded, there was no water pounce, but a puddle not from afar. After that, with no other word, she went to get water, finding the puddle, every dirty by condition. No pounce, so she did the next logical thing, bending down and taking as much as she could in her mouth. Dirt filled with the remains of ants, more water and a giant malformed bug. It was flowing through the sides of her mouth as she was ready to gargle it away, though not before remembering. The giant shell that laid waiting for her to come back. Back to the man who stood there, feet away from one another, broken as his spine. The neck was porached and he wanted nothing more than the final need to die. A leap after another, she opened her mouth after and released all she had into the surprised mouth. The man started choking, having a varied amount of common worm filled mudd inside of his mouth. It was too late to spit it out as the jaw blocked itself from reopening, making it clear that there was only one way for that to go. He refused to swallow it entirely as his part of body wiggled. Already was it awkward as Priece stood inches away from him, staring blankly, with a strange intent? It was much worse than a simple observation, as she cringed. Unable to do anything else, the man swallowed it, then he opened his mouth to grasp air, desperately in his attempt. 'Oh joy, you've done it. You've done it so.!' She yelled in her dance and glance, all around the bomb, never has she been such a joy. My friend has accepted my water and now we're bonded. Isn't that right? We're not friend forever. 'It wasn't clear what stopped her joy, but it came with an actuality that shook her for seconds. An old man, in all the meaning of the word, and with the bomb covering more than the rest of his body, she couldn't tell how old indeed he was. Though, never had she an adult friend, never indeed. She hasn't realised until that point and when she did, she couldn't stop looking at the features. Getting even more awkwardly close, to feel the vibrations of the fright. It was seconded, that took until she managed to time her breaths so she'd steal what he exhales out of the nose. Despire helping him, she couldn't tell why he didn't speak anymore, so a backup, just some steps, made her see the whole image. Though it backfired, indeed, the man seeing the small baby, face to face as they were both turned upside down, heads in the ground, at the same level it seemed. A baby in the battleground and used as part of her leg? The thought of it scared him even more than being killed there, that he'd live on, as a part of her. Who know what this loony is missing next

or what she'd take. But the vision got blurry, the crushed organs sigh, the man stood there ready to die. Looking at the horizon he saw a line of light, it was the artillery line, the war wasn't over, nor would the horrors of it even be done. Far away from the crater laid a patch of land. It saw not the horror of the war, as they never experienced any, there a group of people stood and went on with their lives. For them, a girl with two of her friends, came down the lake, another small and simple day. She waved to them, to join, one had a notebook, the other a scowled face. 'Come on Jhonny, before it gets too cold for us to go.' 'Right on it!' It was the type of excitement that hasn't seen hardship, not too strong, nor too heavy, just a little, way too shabby. They came down the small pond, it was ever clean, that begged for them. The girl jumped first, to be skinny dipping followed by her friend, floating by the side. But Jhonny stood there, to sketch them, clearly happy to be around. 'Aren't you going to join us?' Alice asked, she grinned and stared as her body was underwater, ready to be seen. 'I'm.' He was the first to notice, a small object slowly flying, far away from them, at which he pointed towards, dropping his sketchbook in the water, splashed waking both of them up. They've had no idea, but a flare, an explosion from far away, sent a dashing gust of wind and rubble, throwing Jhonny in the pond unwillingly. 'What's happening? Are we being invaded?' It was both a question and a warning, as Alice went and grabbed her clothes, the water having demolished the impact she felt, rather than the two of them. As well as it happened, they failed to realise. The pond they were in was a bloody red demise. A quick turn and they saw that a piece of sharpnel got thrown away and penetrated the skull, leaving him sinking below, pulled away, then gone. Alice screams in peril and started crying, getting closer to Jhonny and out of the bloody water. She fell in his arms, they were both distraught. The pain just hit him too as the sharpnel wasn't just a piece. If there once was a feeling in his left arm, now it was gone, it was a sharpnel inside, a malformed skin with an eye that was blinking at him, pulsating and coming deeper in him. He had no word to say to her, though he wanted to warn her off. Another jaw broke as he saw that a sharpnel was coming out of her eye. The next two people died as the fragments got spread away. It seemed to be an infection, short lived, but far away. The sound of the explosion was pleasant as even Priece has heard it from the distance she was. More dirt and water came into her home, the creater and the class. 'And a new student children. You may know him, or not, but worry not if he's a little older now, we've all went through that, adults that is.' Some eyes rolled, right through the small crowd. They looked at her in front and from afar, all paying their respects to what she said and would've done the same, regardless of what she said. The image grew taller across the wall opposite of her and thrice as distracting as it was before. No longer could she look the other way and claim that she did not see. Nor could she form coherent sentences with it expanding on the world, the view forcing itself against her own awareness. Soon she stood silent, in front of a class, behind of which stood an entire wall, where the man stood as he did before. They couldn't see it, no one dared look back, nor did they try. It felt even more disturbing that she spent the rest of the day staring at him, then back to sleep again, though not after tiring herself up. Another night was coming, the man stuck, she fell asleep into her own well-made bed for corpses, same as every night, it came back to her system, the night, dreams and sight. Though this was different, especially since it was a most tiresome day. She felt weird going to sleep, that was new to her. Where she went next, a place that she didn't recognise, perhaps even one that would be located at the end of a line. It was a set of patched tied together, giant marks that they were sewed. Priece walk on dirt, then mud, she went on sand, through water, and ice cold. It was a gradient to her liking, and to her liking remained. It was a dream coming true, the places she has never seen before,

the ones that she did not get a chance to experience and go through. A cut part of a cafe, through which the table was cut in half, leading to a fraction of a street, which had a disembowelled car. Empty, she thought of driving it, though too much was cut out of it for her to come through with it. The wheels and balance seemed to work, though in no logical world would the car sit the way it did. Prie stopped to examine and touch it, concluding that it wasn't a statue or illusion, it stood above on its own rights. Everything there did the same, breaking the laws of gravity, even seagulls were cut in half above of her, frozen mid-flight, making her seem as if she was in a scene. She looked far away and saw. 'You're the man I encountered before!' And there it was, half of the bomb cut off, though too far that she'd not even get the chance to get to the point. It would take a varied amount of effort, walking through so many patches, of dirt. The sand was hot, the ice was cold, it gave her mixed feeling through the body, shock after shock, of weather, of rain. First, she was wet from it, then dry, a short break at a standing stool, a butchery with disgust. Luckily it was cut just right, as she kept away from a fairly amount of gore, an animal of a kind, she couldn't stand seeing an animal get hurt, no matter the race or size. She cared for them, especially in her class, how couldn't she not, after so much time has passed? Though it was more steps that made her realise, she left marks one very patch she went through, revealing her every step and side. If someone were to follow me, they'd find me with ease. And Prie couldn't help but think. Why do I keep going? Through a broken house, a basement that laid above, a cool room that had no holes, only to find herself staring and conversing with a doll of her size, which said. 'You must go on young lady.' Her young voice said. It was patronising to hear the voice of a child speak in the manner, but she wasn't in her classroom, so she'd have no authority in the matter. She snared and limped further, ignoring the path behind. The patches seemed to become shallower, the further she went on. Dirtier ones, and harder to walk, her legs were numb, as were her arms. The baby below started screaming and crying as if it was a mistake all along to go further that way and even beyond of that. Though she knew that she need to see to the man, carrying a canister of water she picked on from a table. It came right its time, as she kept walking ahead, almost too convenient of a placing, even for her. To avoid being linear, and seeing how it was no maze, she stopped going forward and walked to the side. No longer was Prie guided by fate and was lead on a slope, slowing rising above, the patches becoming harder to traverse, though it gave her some self-worth. A sunny place, then one dark, the middle of a cave, a crowd of people cut in halves, taken from another place altogether, some sliced together to form new people, only for the scene, as the patches moulded together into a dance of scenery. The last step was there, where she stopped in the middle of the crowd. It was a spot like no other, not one she'd find herself into, one way or another. Space suddenly folded in front of her eyes, she saw as the people get as thin as paper sheets, limiting her space of walk. Now, without her approval, it was turned around, almost like a machine, forcing her to go forward, no other detours. She tried turning around, but space and patches were folded one more, making a wall of paper sheets, as tall as she could look above. There wasn't any doubt either, that with enough of them stacked against each other, she'd get no chance to pass through. There was only the path clear, calling for her to come near and never return. Everywhere around her, space would only bend and fold to nothing more than what it was. A flat surface full of mass. Appealing yet surprising, the feeling of being around filled her as she surfed through the path. It was the sudden gust of school she felt that made her stumble on the way. Prie didn't remember drinking that day, or any for the matter. The last time she had attempted such a thing, her memory dictated that something else occurred, a gust of dust coming out instead

of the water she had desperately needed. And it would've been the most question, a Baridinion De Le Noruie, and old by the bottle. Or at least it was exquisite, judging by the rites of a war, the standards being so low, that it was either any drink at all or dehydration. Though no, not since the coming of the water, the rains brought enough to relieve her. There was something else in the mix, other than what she knew and expected. A feeling so lonely is forgotten that it came with a shock. It was an addiction to that feeling of being smashed, mentally impaired, even in her dream-like state and attempt to go into the class, that was affected too, as long as the furthest pair. Of eyes, of legs, bits of bones all welded into the ground and ceiling, the picture frame expanded, the class being entirely covered with the picture of war. There was no way out for her. Prie could see the combatants and walk over them with all her might, though none would feel anything since they were not there, at least no in her mind. For once, yet another encounter and the night was still young, she wanted to join the war and in a fight, even with the state, she was in. I will not even dare, dismiss my class. Prie thought, not at all surprised by the clearness and strength of her thought. The body wobbling around was more than a clue of what she felt like, so why need anything else? Nothing else had previously satisfied her, so Prie decided then, in the midst of the moment. Perhaps I don't need to be here at all, nor would I deny, the needs that I've got for something else. The classroom suddenly opened, as the image of war retracted. Behind her stood the door open after cutting through the board, leaving but enough space for entry. Where she stood there, her back turned against her class. She had no idea if they looked at her, nor could she care. For the first time in a long while, it was all about her, and no one else. The first step, despite her thought of being ever pleasant, remained the same, just as the first step she took when firstly coming into the house. A nostalgia that remained unmet yet felt by fragments in her coat. Quite appealing as she found herself in the middle of the rain at night. No door behind, as well as the classroom that had disappeared. Prie bit her lips, opened her umbrella and looked ahead. She was greeted by a man wearing a reddish, dark suit, and a vastly bright orange flower, punctured by a golden eye. It was alluring to think of it and see, how much it made her feel like a stranger to him. 'Who are you?' 'May I take your coat, madam?' He asked with a grin, his eye widening a bit. They were a few steps, already inside the house, and a guilty oak surrounded them both. Something unpleasant was about to happen, and she could feel through the holes in the house. Plenty of them laid around, asking her what was needed and what was gone. Like a transmission well received, the voiced kept pressuring her until, with a swoop, she placed her hand inside her pocket only to find a portion of a big heart. The transaction scared her for a moment, as she was about to throw it away, only to be caught by the man, furnishing his lavished suit with his other hand. 'I'm terrible sorry madame, though you may not drop any blood. I've recently washed everything myself with both of my hands. You may come in now, wait no more than a second. You'll get to see that someone's waiting for you inside the house.' She made sure she signaled that there'd be no pleasure from doing that action, of the sorts. There was no time for her to glance or enter any trance. This was it, the moment that changed, that came in a long time without her knowing. For the first time in the war something has changed and no longer would her thoughts be scrambled. The face of the man was unknown to her, something that she hasn't seen. Nor did she expect to go and see, furniture, red and brown, covered in fur of all sorts. It felt like a palace, the other side of the house where she entered in the next room, with a stove so big that it could fit yet another human in there, not that it'd be needed. Though the golden locks above of it and the handles made it look like the entrance to hell. It got her attention not only quicker than everything else, but also it

made her think of something else. 'Ehm.' A slightly dimmed cough, mostly audible from the start, though a reaction only came later as she turned and saw. It was an old lady sitting in a chair, a normal one, nothing fancy. For a second there, nothing clicked, she had stopped bothering herself with the voices from the wood, the ever burning entrance to hell, she wanted to speak with the mademoiselle. 'Did you ask for me?' 'May I speak to you, young lady?' 'Oh, you may.' She signed for her to sit, as there was a chair accompanied by a glass table in the front. Before standing down, at last, she saw it again, through a reflection. Against the table, it fluttered, the image of war still going on, soldiers getting shot through glass cups, the candle slowly melting at the midst of mortar. Prieë looked the other way. She started impaling her own leg with her overgrown nails, trying to look the other way so she'd not appear nervous. Though the constant shaking made it obvious, even to her. Refusing at every passing moment to look her in the eyes. It was an awkward pause, another thing she hadn't expected to encounter, not that it was needed for her, as it was broken. The solemn silence misspoken. 'I was in your class, you know.' It came in like a breeze, as Prieë's eyes avoided to gaze upon the glass of war. After a full motion, she stared at the frail old features. 'May I pour you some tea madame?' Prieë looked upon, what she could only think as a butler in the mansion, only to notice that the eye was gone. The reflection now beating on the chug he was carrying the tea on. 'And for you too mademoiselle?' His accent was thick enough to cut through the ranks like a razor, the gaze he left was mourning for the loss, as well as burning them alive, as it was the middle of the war. She could see that it was a burning day, in a desert, though she was still sleeping. So was the man under the bomb. Though Prieë did not wake up. It must've been. 'Ehm, for you too, mademoiselle?' The butler refrained himself from showing any emotion at all. Perhaps it was the yellow tint, though she was inclined, responding with a single nod, as the butler poured the endless corpses through a pile. It was through the pouring tea that she had the perspective of her sleeping. Ghastly, she thought, an outworldly experience, as she was too far from her body, nor could she hear herself talk, snore of sleep. Or even if. Even if she was still alive. The shock, despite its apparent strike, was yet to take full effect against her. More of it was to come and she knew too well she couldn't say, as she asked. 'Why exactly am I here? Is there a reason for it?' The butler was already done, though she did not immediately take the cup. Politely he backed away, leaving it on the table and in direct contact if she was to turn and gaze. 'Straight to the business, eh? Well, Prieë, you've always been one for action rather than talk, weren't you?' The old lady had a certain flair of something to her as she sipped, little finger lift, minding her manners. Though could she be right? Prieë asked herself again. The old lady, one of her students? Surely this could be a mistake, though the thought of it started breeding and wanting more. She needed to understand, especially since the war started, there was no period of true rest, a break from the constant confusion that haunted her from the previous years. Before she said anything, Prieë interfered. 'How come you said you were in my class? I mean, if you beg my pardon and answer my little curiosity.' 'I somehow knew you'd ask this Prieë, and. You may have noticed it too dear, oh how young you are. It may be hard for you to hear what I'm about to say. Especially since you may not be able to stay here as much as you can.' The bad news was a new, just waiting to be told. She scratched her forehead in return, ready to deliver the dire news, that just had to be heard. Someone had to tell them, after all, and that one remained her. The one that welcomed Prieë in her home, only for a short time, after. 'Your death Prieë. It was a dreaded event, though I believe you may have been aware for a while.' Prieë dropped her cup of tea as she heard the words clutter. Her eyes went towards the reflections in the glass and in what remained of the head. A strange thing, as

there was no memory of her even picking up the cup. It was a shock after all, and one incredibly bad, worse as it was, impossible to take. 'I can't be dead. The war, my class, you and.' 'I'm terribly sorry I had to deliver that to you, my dear, though there was no another choice. You see, we're in the same situation as it is.' 'Hah.' It was a grin dark smile and a gagged laugh. Not at all the expected reaction from a woman finding out she was dead, even more, possible mad. 'I presume you've got a reason for your laughter at such a dire moment? Perhaps you're not realising yet, but the bad is just about to come. An even more staggering one.' 'You're telling me we're both dead and something could be worse?' 'Yes my dear, and as I said, that's not the last of it. You've got a burden placed on yourself, so you may as well just sit down and listen.' The butler waited for in-between, knowing that it wouldn't be needed anymore for him to pick up what was left down. He knew his time was coming, so he nodded back to her lady, playing his little violin in the corner, as she spoke. 'We're all dead and restless for a reason. It's all because of you.' She pointed accusatorily. 'You see my dear, when you left our house, that terrible day, called for war, never to return to our small town, you've placed a burden on both yourself and all of us. One that needs to end.' 'I still don't understand, how could.' 'You're not listening to girl, though you may have been our beloved teacher then, you still failed to see beyond that dark fantasy. You've died in the war and got stuck in a purgatory of your own made hell. And.' She paused to looked at the window. It was, barely now, that Prie looked and saw the pale trees, hanging one another outside, no ground, just stacked on one another. This was her purgatory to face with the sole company of her butler, and the wood was for the fiery pit next to her, golden as it remained. 'You must free me Prie, you must do so for all of us stuck in their own hellish places. Only so will you be free.' The cosy fire started fading, and cold entered the room. 'But. What will happen to me once you're all gone? Why? Won't I be left alone in my purgatory?' Her hands slammed and almost broke the table. 'Who's going to save me if I save you all?' 'This is your duty, and you can't be selfish about it. You'd doom us all otherwise.' 'And I won't be? Why? Why must I do this? I've never asked for anyone of you to care about me, let alone be shackled like that. I.' 'You need to be responsible for once, or have you forgotten what's it like? Do this.' 'For us!' The butler said, slowly revealing his face. It was yet another one of the kids, Prie blushed at the sight and thought of the embarrassment of not recognising him prior. 'So you too.' 'Indeed.' 'William, you don't need to.' 'Wait, madame.' His waist was lifted and face lit, the voices that ran through the various holes suddenly stopped too and listened as his voice came through. 'I believe we may have already met my marseille. This is why there is a slight favour I may be in need of asking of you.' 'Wait a minute, you're not actually a butler, are you?' 'Not exactly. As you may have heard and as I was indebted to in this place, you see.' He opened his coat revealing a vault in his chest. With a quick flicker, he turned and opened it to reveal a fortune of golden eyes, all stuffed inside his chest. 'You always like collecting them, didn't you?' It was rare for anyone to glance and see Prie's bright face and the smile that came with it. 'You remembered.' He said, as he offered a few of them, as many as it would fit in the small hand of her, just so she'd feel the nostalgia. I knew them. Prie thought, as close to a sane as she did. Every single one of them, their lives and their families. Suddenly in her mind, the classroom she was once in, with all the children screaming, behaving, misbehaving, being as animated as children could be. There was never a perfect order in her classroom, though she did not want, nor ask for such a thing. William was there, in the third row. Oh, and how much he changed, she blushed at the sight and thought of the young man, how he'd get to be when he got older. And what he enjoy, at closing hours, his parents waited for him to come, explorers as they said. And

from everywhere they went, they brought something exquisite to him to see and hold. Mementoes filled his bag, and Priece swore that other than that, he had a crush on a girl sitting next to him. And even so. 'How could you?' 'That was my father mademoiselle. William the first. I am the second in the line.' 'A second one? How could it be that such a feature would turn out so perfectly fit on another face, not to mention the obvious?' A grief came to her. 'You've died young too, haven't you?' 'Even more, the reason for us to be released Priece. For my son, for my husband, waiting for us on the other side. Please reconsider dear and do remember, we can't force you to do anything.' Priece looked at both of them on the side and for a second then, she considered her decision, what it would've done. They both lived and died together, had a son. Do they deserve to remain like this forever? And what of me? 'Very well!' Perhaps it was the small conviction of her own salvation that made her accept their proposal. If it was true after all, and they'd all be safe, there'd be no reason for her to be punished, especially for something that she didn't deserve. 'So you're going to do this?' The old lady smiled, already accompanied by her son, who took a blanket to warm her around. 'But isn't there a fire?' 'It won't be any more my dear, this is why I must apologise now for what's about to happen.' 'May I tell her, mother?' 'Very well.' The man grew a tighter grip on the handle and removed one of the golden grills that were holding the fire at bay. It appeared as if the flames were getting ready to devour his hand at the slightest touch, even as he released, the gust of brim fire and smoke, almost ate him alive. He backed away from the pain, and from the gust came, almost as a wicked trance, a cannon ball firing and bursting through the table, breaking even through the thickest layers of the house. It was mere meters that prevented the disembowelment of her hand, the blindness of the eye. The cannon subsided back, and it was the fear in her eyes that she could not deny. 'What was that? You haven't told me about that.' 'I'm terribly sorry my dear, though it seems our time is running short.' She pointed at it, the burning oak, replaced by trees, corrupted and misguided by the shaped form. 'This is it, make the choice!' Her voices echoed as the branches approached, stretching from the other side of the room, demanding everything of her. It was now that Priece pulled back a foot and started to run towards the flame, there was no other path she could take. She turned and look at both before closing both of her eyes, only to be met by a bright light, a yellow eye lid and a blast. Awoken, she saw that near her there was an artillery shot, barely missing her face inches and shoved deeply into the rock side. From it a liquid was dripping on her shoulder, which made her sprout the most unholy of bickering as she was startled by it. 'Blasted thing. Damn you.!' She said again, backing away to look above. Planes. At a time like this? Priece saw them blast across the sky, bombarded and striking back, from the looks of it, they were new. Lights reflected from them and bouncing back. 'We can't stay here anymore child, we need to go. Wait!' Before she'd get the chance to turn, in her direction, the vision of her old comrade appeared, or so she thought. Despite sharing nothing but glances and water, she came to the bomb, seeing him awake, the land was about to be broken, as was her friend. 'We have to take you out of there before it's too late. Otherwise, we might both be goners for the sake of it.' The expression was one of gloom, the man still had a few pounds over him and already crushed half of his body. Even if she managed to free me, this insane woman, she's can't possibly believe. 'Do. Don't!' The voice said, water barely managed to keep him alive, though his lips and throat were still dry. The chances just weren't stacked for them, together to survive. Priece saw the sad look on his face as the place seemed to be shaking, ready to collapse. Atop of that, there was still the impending water that would more than likely drown the place once the real bombardment started. Hence why she didn't look behind, crying of what she'd always remember. My dear

friend. From which she took, the small pendant that was held, as a promise. It was a struggle but the intention was clear, despite not knowing her, he wanted Prie to get and deliver the small metal piece. An inscription behind ready Mary, though the pendant itself was locked, and no amount of force or trickery would get through the small lock system that held it at bay. Even further secured, inside of her pocket, safe from anyone who'd even attempt to take it away from her. The artillery was in full avast, the trumpets run. No longer was the battlefield passive, just as well as she could no longer hide in her hole and be fine. Either the course of war straightened and came back, or a new enemy emerges, that could've been the only explanations Prie could think of. Any other wouldn't suffice, or at least not enough to get her past the rocks and dirt as she tried, endlessly going over and over. There was no time for dreaming. Damn these walls of dirt, they've made me sloppy and weak. And you too child, whoever made you join me in this war must've been a mad man. It was a struggle to the top, though, as she gripped on a cluster of dirt and rocks, they all fell towards the bottom, revealing something to grab on. 'A tank, here?' Both of her hands, similar to tendrils, grabbed and held onto it, trembling at the sight and thought it might shoot. Though she was reluctant, it was clear that whoever drove it into the dirt, ended into the dirt. 'Lucky.' A foot jumped and a formation, one that passed by, merely a few feet away from her position, all of them running for a strike. It must've been the dirt that concealed her, or perhaps the difference between them. No more breaks, a boot on the shaft and she popped out, finally on the ground. Perhaps if there were fewer soldiers and not a war, Prie wanted for the longest time, she needed to see what the world had become. Now she got what she wanted, the war, fully blown again, she stood on the ground, pretending to be a corpse. A perfect defence mechanism. This should keep me safe until this clears out, it did work out the last time, hasn't it? But her mind was silent. No children, no classroom, yet. In times like this, that would've been most welcomed and needed, though now. It was time to endure. The shots and close landmarks from the sky, that almost blew out her hearing, not to mention that she sat down on the ground, waiting to either be found or hit. Was the hole really that bad, or should I go back to it? Though she was answered without even expecting it. Two arms grabbed and suddenly threw her in the air, as the pupils expanded, and her lungs begged for air. A pair of voices said something after she was grabbed and holding on again. They said something of the sort. 'Those two will be more than enough for what we need. Now move on!' 'Y'sir!'

Silkroad

A windmill ran from side to side, despite having its wings broken because of the time and harsh weather. It wasn't like any other, the jewel of the town. Written by lord Biteersteihn himself at the day it was built and released for the public eye. Though, now, what remains of it is just as unknown. The house near it lays on a distant road, at least thousands of days underground, the crater that decimated everything but the mill remains. Even time refused to smile and give it a rest, as countless avalanches of rock and dirt fell throughout the years, failure after failure and still none succeeded. Long it waited for the wind to stop, for the rock, the cliff on which it stood upon to crack and let it snap below. And it did. After the long wait, the remaining formations of rock and dirt finally gave up despite their effort, releasing what they had, and leaving the jewel in the hands of the abyss. The abyss started as the jewel plunged, the wings spinning a thousand time faster than before, being thrust into the farther point it'd achieve. It flew in a straight life, avoiding the various sharp shapes that would've pierced it otherwise. As it seemed, a small part of the rock and dirt was moulded withing, making it one, unable to shatter like the rest and managing to keep it whole. Inside of it, despite the lack of eyes from the outside world, a car stood there, eating its food, looking at other animals running rampant in the man-made shed. Such a peculiar nature, that they'd not notice, even more so is how they survived the passing of the time. The grains stood there in a part, as did the bones of each passing generation. Each and everyone

marked with smouldering blood. The cat too wondered with the lack of its eyes, though it still managed to see, until it died. A piece of rock flew through the window, left open by the wind, it pierced the cat, as it revealed to the other animals, the horror that lurked outside. Instincts started flowing, the shouts of animal-induced rage began. Boars were gurgling blood as they stuffed themselves into one another, it was a war-induced rage that managed to stand on its own. Bottles of wine that would've been millions shattered as they flew in the air, slowly, inside the mill, gravity started taking place. It was an utmost capricious feeling for them, as they flew in the air, so they thought, the six feet infectious rats, the birds with no wings, even the furless cocusuin. The boars took the opportunity for an assault, bouncing themselves against the walls to get the momentum, only to be slowed again, stacked hays standing there in their way. Sharp like needles they pierced the skin and burrowed themselves inside the board, leaving nothing but a golden appearance to the beast of war. Repelled by a single light, the one coming from above, the mill was somewhat still close to the surface, falling ever so slow. The golden boar, enchanted by the light, appeared ten times more menacing than before, and eight-times fatter, to which accord, it was grabbed down, the only animal standing there on the flat floor. After so many unhindered wild instincts and a brief break, the roar it released shook the whole plane into submission, at which everything fell into its place. A victory thought of it, as all the animals laid there dead. True bloodbath, one that would satisfy its rebirth, as the golden locks acquired were now bloodied and coagulated into sharp needles ones that pierced with ease. Still, it wouldn't help, as a little animal wouldn't be able to stop the disaster, of a dirtied jewel. Held to a stop. Chains were launched from a structure that laid underground. More and more chains were thrown, against the ground, as when they attempted to hit the mill itself, they failed and deflected at the mere sound of metal bouncing off a hardened structure. The mill appeared to have not even a denture on it, nor a scratch. Either way, it was bombarded, strikes and small cannon balls fired, gusts of fire being spread, even smoke fruits from an unknown land. All tried and attempted, each weapon being propelled or launched against the tower, though none survived enough to break, or even damaged as it laid. The small boar, in the middle still stood and heard the sounds coming from outside, even chewing a malformed fruit that was thrown, as it exploded in its mouth. Still, other than a few fruits, it giggled in its boarish tongue, one that held no remorse, nothing of any sort at all. A few teeth lost, broken on the ground were nothing, but for the boar, they were much, as it immediately recognised what to do, taking all of them back in its mouth so it'd get to chew, preparing for another battle, as it rushed to the door. A spike boar charged but got thrown back as no matter the force and power it had, the door was remained just as hard as the rest of the structure. Though the spikes remained, none of the charging formations coming from outside, coming through the chain, on utmost balance so they'd not fall. It must've been a batallion on them, each mounted on their own metallic welded boots, not throwing another glance as they jumped. Spit and baffling fear ran rampart as they yelled. 'Revenge, revenge my brothers, make them pay.' Whoever they thought waiting for them on the other side lingered there. Their metal helmets and small mace and axes readied, as they assaulted the gates. With the help, of the now, dark-induced light, corrupted by the depths of the place, the windmill was no windmill anymore, it was a structure of war, appeared to be made of a grey metal, a dark tower with decapitating spinning blades. No one dare climb, not even on the side, as they thought of the mere contact would make the tower spin around and make them gone. The voice said it the best, commanding all of them based on what they saw. Menacingly, it appeared as if the tower made an earthquake under itself, making some men flee for their lives. 'By me own gollocks, what in the hell

is with the tower?We can't penetrate it, regardless of what we do.It's too strong.'One of them said, the loudest minority on the crowd.Another one of the same statures, though not by his armour at least, came closer and push him over the edge, only to sharpen his sword against the scream's razor end.'Bloody coward!'He yelled, rallying the ones who were preparing to run the same as the previous one.'Now go back to the assault, I want ye all to plunder unless you want to be thrown in the underground with him.'They gave no second thought and felt the voice of command, the power he had through.A scar already claimed his only good eye, as the Maverick tried to desperately grab before the fall.Though he felt nothing, not the pain, nor the despair, he went on with what he had to do, make them push ahead and burst through the door.Rams started coming, flaming with glances of hearing, tiny smoke clouds rising from the deep.They came and surrounded, the seemingly burning tower, crossbows of fiery darts already started on the assault.Despite many failed attempt, one managed to land, though the same opened window that was once there, ready to be there.Wood for the fire, as well, ash and bone, the perfect combination for a fire remedy for the boar.Now desperate to escape, it started to assault too, from one side the rams pounced, from inside the boar.One final strike sealed all their fates.The cracks ran down from all sides starting from the gate.It boiled down to seconds at least as they watched and tried to reach back to the chains.Jumps in seconds came, yet they all failed to reach in time.Now all the chains were much further above than their level of reach.The platform along the mill shattered, the wings being shoved inside the stone, to stay there for the time being, as the rest was gone.Broken, parts, hay, stone, wood and what not, everything that once constituted the windmill fell with the people it held, the pig as well.

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The same platform ran over and over the rusty floor and the closed, sealed doors.No light source, only the one coming from the chest.A couple time would've been enough if it weren't for the laps done on a daily motion.At least a billion of the laps were done by Agamemnon on his restless watch.And it became, by now the usual.One vessel was kept on the platform and there was a clear view of who was there.It sickened Agamemnon, to be forced to walk near and glance at the user of the vessel in statis.Though he did it, regardless of how he felt, the programming prevented him from harming or doing something that would've jeopardised the whole program.After the lap, a flash came on his welded shield, the screen was lit.The machine that pushed the lower part, as the wheels struck at one

another were already dry as they were. A small lamp was carried by Nestor, which he used to set them working again, still staring at the light. It was a small short-circuit, apparently at the vessel of the man. Agamemnon suddenly enlarged as his glossing covered with pumps neck lifted the head for him to see above if something was wrong with the circuits or not. Something was clearly wrong, as this was unexpected, in his system, he recalled. There is no one such as him programmed to be awakened, sort of speak. The arms attached held a piece of organic skin, propelled by a spear arch, pushing the meat further in the air, moving the little stubby finger as well as it could handle them. After so many years, the skin sagged, the metal got closed to rusting. It was long ago since Agamemnon had to do something substantial, other than patrolling and sending signals to the main computer, which already happened automatically. After a few seconds, it got stuck. 'Filthy skin meat!' A blur came towards his words as the core prevented him from insulting. A resentment for them laid in Agamemnon, despite the fact that it was programmed, controlled and made for their comfort. Oh, how the human raced was doomed, frozen solid in a defect system, the last remnants sent away, to end up in the care of someone unable to help or save them. They were doomed, the system was doomed to fail from the start. Either an error or just a miscalculation, that, if anyone was to be launched or taken away from any of the resting vessels, their bodies would die. That's the reason he tried reaching the controls above, to prevent the body from falling and decaying on the floor, where it would rot and step in Agamemnon's way. Agamemnon knew. 'Filthy skin meat!' He said again, only to be prevented from speaking once again, in a rush to it, he used the other arm, slightly better and started ripping the meat apart on the arm that was stuck. It took no more than a second to be fully skinned away, in which he contemplated, what. 'What would happen, little man?' Agamemnon twisted his strange body, designed to resemble the Earthly micro-animal, changed though so it would fit to served, having the function to twist in every direction with his long body and retract when needed to be carried in hand. Closer to the vessel, it could see clearly that there was no air coming from his nose. Having been constantly reminded, even through a small reflection, the chanting of the first humans who created him. 'Of Agamemnon, Agamemnon, enemy of god. You came out of a brilliant mistake, something I did not.' He resented that, why would he be programmed to be sentient. Aware too, that memories were programmed to bounce and haunt him over certain triggers and data that came with the small metal floating boxes, inside his head. In a fit of rage, that he was made to, he suddenly ran both his hands, the one that got unstuck and the unsettled one, breaking the vessel, which started releasing the air pressure inside. Having realised his mistake, there was no coming back. 'You're getting out.' And he retracted. Backed down and pretend to be unaware. He hasn't seen another human in a while, nor did he knew how he would react, especially after seeing something taller and more intimidating than the length of an average second rate human. His eyes stopped glittering in the dark. There was a corner, in front of the vessel until, even though the light lifters would last for an eternity due to their design and the presence of everlasting stars. There were still corners, programmed to be dark. It was deemed that, it wasn't possible for human being to last without feeling fear, anxiety, despair, the need to be hidden away, to not be looked at and to hide. So, corners were placed at certain places, where the light would not touch. Enough material was used in them that even a body with such a mass as Agamemnon would fit into such a dark place as that. Not without a figure in the dark, a shade that lasted there, though that was deemed not a problem, having that, after such a sleep, of estimated. Perhaps millennia, impossible to record after various sleep cycles, that he'd wake up with an eyesight immediately without a trace of the

repercussions. The vessel started pulsating, vibrating and bouncing the metal to the sides. Despite the fact that it had heavily attached appendages and wires, it still appeared to act like a ticking bomb. More pressure from the sides, the rust and oblique coloured shell fell from side to side before collapsing to the ground. The whole structural integrity seemed to be collapsing over itself, after not being used for such a period of time, other than the life support. At which Agamemnon wondered, processed, as one of the boxes inside of the metal skull of his, moved in a parallel motion, activated by the observation and various attempts to logically predict what was going to happen next. Is he going to even get the chance to live? Or will his body be burnt and destroyed, along this damned ship? The box stopped, another taking its place momentarily. Censored, then it went at it again. The vessel finally released and broke the transparent shell into pieces on the floor. Soon to be dissolved, the man, in his suit, the original one he wore before being placed in his vessel, fell to the ground. A dirty suit, he wore, Agamemnon analysed the materials used, even by the age and standards, it was clear that it was no craftsmanship's doing. Not at all. 'Little man.' Agamemnon whispered, still in darkness, in front of an unconscious man. Was he alive, then? Or was he? No, the body went into convulsion, twitching and rolling to the sides, the man suddenly lifted himself up then fell back to the ground, releasing a shout that echoes into the enclosed area, despite having a portion of it distorted in the dark ones. Agamemnon nodded silently, as there was no metal around his promiscuous neck to make a clinging sound. The boxes were silent as they rolled inside. He watched as the man cried. It was long overdue, as the tears spilt in every crevice that was located, in every small crack that laid on the floor. Firmly, the hands were shoved in the face after waking himself in an alien place, unknown to him watching. Let us test his them, said Agamemnon from a box to another. Very well, shall we then send a signal in reverse? The other box replied as a brilliant idea came to mind. The best way to deal with confusion and sadness would be driving him through fear. Seeing how the man was waking up to his senses, though it wouldn't be enough. The signal was already on the way. And it would only affect the hall they were inside. In any second that would come, the whole light system would be forced in motion, as he knew well. Long ago, a memory was accessed, along with the research of fear and the creation of dark spots. There was more than that, as it was written in the file. Another function that had to take in account something. During the design of one of the functions in motion, it was deemed that some of the test subjects that experienced fear and other unworthy feelings, they've grown accustomed to the spots. Alone, seeing others walk without taking notice. Giving it an eeriness and a creeping sensation that only added to the discomfort of those who walked the halls. All, but one day during the initial tests, when one of the professors, Jessefinn Nuhburg came out with it. It was a brilliant mistake, as all of them were, that, during the initial calculations, there was a small malfunction that quickly undid all her data for exactly one day. Beyond her repairs, despite being the calmest of professors and scientist alike that ran the tests, and utmost all, to the surprise of her colleges, she burst in rage, the screen turning black. Quoting her directly in her passing: I felt ravished, as we were already forced into many extra hours of work, already having reached my human body's limits and managed only to scrape the bottom of it. Malicious, if I were to describe it in a word, as I stood there, staring at the screen for minutes to come, seeing my own dark reflection stare back. I walked outside the room, to the advice of my colleagues, and then, around the corner, I stopped and look, a glistening flare of an eye. It felt as if I was staring once again at myself, a reflection in the dark. Apparently, it wasn't just my station that went dark that day, also. Not only other stations but the small light coming from above flickering, the last piece of the puzzle. And

obviously, the place from which my idea came. Oh, how marvellous, I thought of myself, as, for those who didn't know, my assignment was to find a way to come up with an idea on how to deal with those who've grown too accustomed to the dark. And on that note, Agamemnon smiled, seeing the man on the bottom on the floor, raise his eye level, though there was nothing he could see. Still adjusting, the signal arrived. The light comes from above faded away into the total darkness, leaving nothing but cones of light floating. It was then, so many years ago, that the shock, of halls full of people being blinded, forced to see nothing else but the people cowering in fear, trying to not be seen. It was Agamemnon now, revealed, knowing that the man couldn't see anything but the light cone. Agamemnon stood there in silence, appearing nothing but a small ugly puppet like object to them man, hanging on the sides. Quickly, he curled into a defensive curl and waited, pondering on what to do. Are you a foe? He tried speaking, but only gurgles came out of his mouth, followed by nothing else of any sort in any particular. There wasn't any other way he could know if it was a working minded machine, though it resembled something that could move. A pair of legs and a pair of hands were on the side, though even with the burst of light he couldn't see if it was attached to the object. He garbled again, trying to say something, anything that could work. It was at this point that Agamemnon, noticing the man, through his visor, that, perhaps. Perhaps his mind deflated, though his body did not. He wasted no more time and came closer, dragging the extras from behind. It was another signal already sent, that it almost drove the man into a heart attack, which Agamemnon said, in a mocking way. 'Agamemnon says, how may I be of service?' On Agamemnon's face, despite the previous shocking appearance, now laid a dull expressionless grin, without nothing popping out, watching the man back down. Oh, how I will torment you, as my painful existence will be shared. You will have to do for now until I figure out how to wake up the other sleeping ones. His boxes were malfunctioning for so long, that the censoring one avoided this one. It didn't work, perhaps it even accepted that there wasn't any other way there. Agamemnon said. 'Agamemnon says, may you kindly disable the function of the repeat?' Agamemnon says. Agamemnon says. Agamemnon says! 'Agamemnon repeated it over and over, driving the man into a corner, observing him act like a stray dog, inhuman, gargling, unable to hold all the excess of saliva popping out of his face. There was nothing he could grab to defend himself from the eerie feeling now given by the machine. It was the voice of an old man, then younger, then monotone, it fluctuated with each try, but only when it said what seemed to be its name. Everything else, other than the name kept the same tone, as it went on and on. If I mess enough with the small dull creature, I may break it unwillingly. Perhaps that would end up being the best test, to learn if he is conscious or not, other than the primal instinct he's been showing so far. It took more than a few minutes, at which Agamemnon stood and watched the man straighten himself up, on his two feet. More composure came to be, as he saw the small bulging head do nothing but stare at him. Closing his eyes, bending the muscles around his throat, he took a deep breath, as the air, everywhere around the location was fresh. He blinked then, and another. 'Friend?' He said, most coherently, out of the constant mumbling he said so far. It had a different kind of eeriness and annoyance carried towards Agamemnon since he ignored the implied mockery before. At least he can talk, so he can learn. Supported on the fragmented side of a vessel, his bones were slowly starting to solidify too, not before too long that he'd get his chance for muscle recovery, perhaps even more so if he was lucky. 'Indeed I am, friend. Let us shake on it then!' One of the arms that were dragged behind, the one that hadn't the tendon ripped apart came closer and extended for a shake. It was a sudden, as the gap between them lowered, surprising to the man

as the speed and nimbleness had far exceeded any animal he'd ever seen before. But he accepted and reached, but before that, the hand twisted, showing and even more, the impossibility of nimbleness that he even expected seconds before and tripped the man down his feet. His jaw firmly planted on the ground, hard and firm, though it wasn't hard enough to cause a concussion. No, I need him alive, oh the first man. 'You might've forgotten!' Agamemnon said, with now, a more bitter metallic voice, far beyond any mockery that would've been seen. 'You wouldn't trust me if you knew me well human, not after how long it's been, and certainly not if you were in my position.' It was carried by a grin, Agamemnon grabbed the man by the collar and started dragging the man. The collar helped him breathe, so he made sure that he didn't wrap around too harshly to make him suffocate. 'No expense is too high above for my precious human friend.' They were both going to go towards the main hall where most of the vessels laid there waiting to be seen. Perhaps even hatched, but no. Agamemnon had to test it further, the boxes in his small head prevented him from overexciting and possibly harming any of the other dormant humans that laid in the eternal halls. It was possible after all, with the boxes rotating, the probability calculated, the chances were quite astonishingly that one in a close to an infinite amount of people who lived and were placed into stasis, that one of them would finally and suddenly be brought back. 'Let go of me!' The man's voice echoes in Agamemnon's head. It felt like he was taking care of a small baby, roughly for the size of the man, but close enough where it came to age. They stopped, and conveniently in front of the door. He released the grasp and left the man to crawl into a ball so he could grasp for air. The memory and realisation came to be. 'I know you. I think I know who. What you are.' It was a ray of shots that revealed that the man had the sentience needed to be considered something else. The code was already signalled to the lock and the door opened. Agamemnon replied. 'Good, though I do not remember you other than your vessel, you may be mistaken about me.' With a switch to face, then back at the hall, he welcomed the man, to see the end of mankind. Or the beginning. Agamemnon spread his hands at the twisted halls, like bookshelves holding stars, each encapsulating a small human just like him, waiting to be released by something that never came. A dud as they said, that failed from the start. Another shock given, as he started in the halls with so many heads bulked into small glass socks. Both empty and filled, they all bore sad faces, unnerved and silent, striking at the stars. 'What happened?' It was a monotone, and refreshing to hear. Atop all of it, submission. Yes, Agamemnon, thought, give on to your fate and accept it. 'That this is the future you're going to live in since none of them would survive getting through.' And Agamemnon raised himself to block the light, revealing all his might, his hands bore like a cross, repeating his name again in another voice before saying. 'This is what happened when mankind denied god, they all fell into an endless dream, never to be woke up from the endless dream.' Said the ice cold machine. The man rose up and stared at it, knowing that. Knowing that, it was called. Agamemnon. The name of the machine was easily recognisable, as it was the only working machine, that was disabled, chosen to take care of them. But one thing was uncertain. 'If we've failed, as you said. Agamemnon.' The constant repetition of the name made him remember ever so clear, the features that were polished and repaired, now decayed with the time. 'How come I am awake now? Fully to my own right?' And Agamemnon fell to his knees then, bouncing the light on his face. The feature was still uneven, too much so he wouldn't be able to recognise who the man was. 'You're an exception, and that's all that you'll ever be. You'd better do good for yourself and remember.' As Agamemnon continued his stroller, ever so delayed, in a plane that wasn't contempt with time. Nothing changed, other than the occasional shift in

position. None of the pillars and spears filled with amber vessels ever got stuck and malfunctioned, as Agamemnon noted. And for a moment, without delay, as he took note of every shifting one, he forgot. It was a lowered hand that startled Agamemnon and almost made the machine burst out its small shell. 'Oh, you again!' Agamemnon said after taking back his composure. He looked at him, confused and pondered on what had to be done, there was still a problem of food and water, that needed to be had. 'Oh, I know, perhaps you want little old Agamemnon to serve you, is that right master?' 'I know when I'm being made out a fool of so knock it out, Agamemnon. I've got questions, nothing else.' Both of them were located between two giant rotative holders, slightly distracting by the sound, yet he refrained his attention and kept it light. He refused to show astonishment to the progress that was made whilst he was away since he knew the little devil so well. 'And what are thou desiring of me?' 'I need to know what happened. Why are they still asleep, after so much progress been done. I mean, when I was encapsulated, this place was a mess, the vessel no more than a prototype that malfunctioned. Don't you remember?' 'No, though.' He stopped, in his immediate core, the memory played inside the head, though no man was there, other than the glances. No, half of the memory was either blocked or erased, though anything other than Agamemnon remembered was: 'A small plaque was used, to commemorate you. You were dead, or at least supposed to be, in case you were taken out of the vessel.' 'Okay, we're going somewhere. What about those vessels? Aren't they like the one I used to have?' 'No.' Agamemnon turned away, then resumed his walk, yet again, not acknowledging him nor his behalf. This man, the vessel. They discarded the old model after the failure, it seems. Agamemnon's files said so, by the quote from the director of the project himself. Though it was quite the irony, as the small machine was rusting its wires, the only working vessel being the one that was so easily dismissed, to begin with. Now, he remained. The last hope of humanity. 'Slow down, please.' A quick analyzation ran down, as Agamemnon recognised that the muscles were bent the wrong way, the man having a variety of difficult to run. The long sleep and the old vessel had taken away his strength, as they both made way, at the same pace into another sector. A glass plaster stood between them and the endless waste space, draining in a black hole to his right. 'Wait for Agamemnon, you're not leaving me a choice. Stop running away from me and help. Shouldn't at least be concerned about that? Won't this be taken and devoured inside?' 'No, little man, it won't. It's been there since before you were born.' 'I have a name, by the way, the same way you've got yours.' Again he ignored him. It's been long since he's been near another, properly working human being, and with each glance, it became clearer that the man wasn't even near the level of such. 'Though I've no choice, follow me.' 'I'm.' Confused, the man gasped, unable to recall his name. 'You're stalling and the door won't stay open forever, so you may come in and be fed properly.' It was a drop of the jaw, as the facility, they were in had no cantina, nor anything that even resembled something human made by now, not in design nor how it seemed to work. Everything automatic made to fit and to boost productivity. No tables, nor chairs, just extra vessels everywhere they went, crammed together, some attached to the ceilings. An even more eerie feeling came, as he saw the lifeless faces staring, wide open eyes, but inactive in any other regard. 'Were they always like that? I mean, looking as if they died?' It wasn't the last time he'd get to see, though they started moving, slowly on their own, the vessels being dragged across the ceiling, slightly above his tilted head. 'No, though you should get used to the glass, cold and dead eyes as you'll get to see more as we go on.' Another door was opened, revealing a huge hole, empty, filled with nothingness towards the bottom. The whole purpose of the room was unknown to the man, the existence and why, clearly so much time and money was placed,

remained a mystery. 'I didn't ask for a tour of the base, Agamemnon, I asked for answers to my questions. You've only answered one of mine.' 'Oh, but I've done more than that little man, do you remember now, your name?' 'I. Adal. How did you know I'd remember?' Suddenly, Adal's knees felt soft, as they stopped, near the chasm. Agamemnon searched to the file, processing something that would work. The voice fluctuated to resemble the voice as if heard from an old gramophone, to ease his mind, as frozen as it was. 'The chasm. Year of creation unknown, though it's been said that it was built, brick by brick, plate by plate, from the bottom to the end. Nothing much is written, other than the common knowledge and rumours. Though it is said, taken from the various declaration and people who spent time observing, that something laid in the depths, dormant. Unknown entry. It wasn't planned in the original design.' Another failure revealed itself to Adal, changed in design, so many people frozen, the sudden play of lights. 'This turned into a death trap over the years, hasn't it?' Agamemnon, tell me. 'If I were to jump off the edge and die, what would happen to the rest of them?' 'Is it not more important what would happen to me?' The question made the man freeze for a second, as the point extensions of the edge drilled around his fingers. It felt less painful that it'd seem, at least not to him, as his body hasn't accommodated to the nerves yet. Yet. He was confused. Baffled, unable to understand what Agamemnon meant by what he said. 'What would happen to you then?' 'Would you leap and try grabbing me before I fall into the chasm?' 'No.' It was made by the harsh tone, almost like a shout of a beast rather than a cold machine. Such emotion was placed into a single word, that it made him even more baffled. Confused, as it was, he came closer to Agamemnon, kneeling to the level of where his emotionless face laid. A grin followed. 'Then what would happen to you, Agamemnon?' He said, and for a second, Dal swore that little machine came with an ego of its own, that wasn't seen before. 'Well, Dal.' But before he could answer, a signal arrived. This hasn't happened before and it was time for them to survive, the signal said. 'We need to go now!' Said Agamemnon, a raspy, aggravated voice pointed towards the door that started opening from the distance and on its own. 'What's happening?' 'Embrace yourself, hold onto anything you can.' But his muscles were already sore, not as the one of a machine such as him. Agamemnon stopped and grabbed Dal by the waist with one of the hands, the other grabbing by one of the vessels, close to the walls. The door was too far and tribulation started occurring, the station shuffled by the force of the black hole, throwing iridium formations. Dal was flailed as the hand he was grabbed with had its tendon ripped, unable to generate the entire amount of strength needed for any other task. 'This may be the end of the journey. Hold on Dal, for as long as your muscles can.' 'I can't. The pressure is too high too.' His jaw dropped and almost decapitated his tongue with a crunch, as all the teeth fell down, one slightly cracked. No feeling of pain yet, he was aware of a small gust of blood being thrown in the air, managing to land just on the floor, near the side where Agamemnon stood, tilted by the force. It was a big one, they both noticed, on the other side of the glass. A giant shard of iridium was big enough to crush the entire humanity in just a forced entry. They stood there, unable to do anything else but wait and observe, if humanity would die or not, despite being merely awakened moments before. Dal closed his eyes, Agamemnon sighed. Approaching, and with a forced scrape, it managed to avoid entering the station just because of its intricate design, bouncing away towards a different destination in the endless vastness out there. Dal was dropped as the overwhelming force gravity upon them subsided. He couldn't help but inhale as much air as he could, grabbing his chest near the heart and one across the mouth. 'You can relax now Dal, it is over.' Seeing him take a breath, standing at the edge of yet another room in the abandoned empty complex,

he continued. 'You needn't worry.' With a smile, an emotion that came on its own, that wasn't supposed to happen in the original design, though he showed it as he ended the conversation. 'This happens all the time.' Dal's jaw dropped even more, after being messed with by the small little head. Though he said nothing, it became obvious that Agamemnon became a twisted machine. Even the way it walked as it was being followed, left a malicious trail under him. The colours were changed, space now used for all the vessels that already crept the poor man. The path ahead was straight, but as they went further, it gave Dal the feeling as if they were descending into a dark void. 'What happened? This looks nothing like it used to be before I was sent to, you know.' Humans change. Machines change. Everything started decaying and rusting since it failed. 'What failed?' 'This?' He stopped dragging and pointed at them, even more vessels clustered, on one another laying atop of each other, with every wire and tube in the bottom and the back. 'They've been like that ever since they entered, never to come out, now they're just images of what humans used to be like.' 'Wait, so you haven't tried waking up any of them? Not even once?' 'No, I wasn't programmed, just as you weren't supposed to come either.' 'So you were.' A malfunction prevented me. Dal had a glimpse of them and thought of the reason. So, is this the reason, why? Before he'd get the chance for a full thought, a machine was welded to the wall and stood there staring at him. The sudden casualty it had scared Dal into backing away behind Agamemnon. 'What's that?' It had the resemblance of a human, no plastic, no metal. And certainly, no lower body to support the rest. It blinked, though, mouth shut and seemingly cut in another half. 'This is dinner!' Agamemnon said, after coming closer, approaching the bizarre machine. It now started intensely at Agamemnon and made no move. 'I won't eat that, I can't. It's disgusting and inhumane, just look at him!' Dal did his best to protest, even trying to grab Agamemnon by his other still working arm tendon, though he found himself easily overpowered, looking at Agamemnon stand right under it. With the proportions right, the small head made the man in the wall appear as a wriggling giant, though he got used to seeing it by now, being the least of his concerns. A small plate was pulled from the wall, one of many, made by the same material that laid all around. The wall shed its blood after and laid it there in front of Agamemnon, in front of the plate. Soon, that was followed by the machine that lived inside the wall, that barfed on the plate before pulling itself back. It didn't glance back, as everything that happened was automatic. And even though it was presented to him, Dal cringed at the sight of the forming bulging tumours that swelled and raised themselves with level after level, until they popped. 'I can't eat that!' A diminishing glance was given towards Agamemnon, despite having forgotten that, it was a machine after all. And as all machines did, if it came to it. Agamemnon started lifting the plate and told the man, gave him a warning about being forcefully fed. 'You need to gain your strength, last human of Earth. Eat it all, now, or you may suffer muscles spasms and possible abrogations.' 'But I'm well enough, you must be mistaken in your assortment of my situation. Surely, there must be something else here to eat.' 'Perhaps, but none that would help you in the long run. Understand this, as you're the last chance, if something was to be less, even the sickness of flesh and muscles, humanity may die.' 'If it is so, how come you've treated me as such?' The last human should be treated like a saint, fed and bathe like one, yet you've shown me none of that. Agamemnon sigh, leaving out a sharp and piercing metal sound that almost deafened Dal. He was about to scream but his mouth was suddenly bombarded with a wretched taste. After trying to puke, he stumbled on his frail legs, just to feel as if something alive or to be more precise, multiple organisms forced themselves along with the puke back inside of him. 'Out of breath Dal? How about another?' 'Wait, wait.' Despite his

protests and his weak muscles, he felt some of his strength coming back to him. Is this really working? Though he hadn't time to question, another gulp being forced, by the stretched arms that had both the speed and the strength to overpower even the most amount of resistance Dal could use. After another round, he resigned. 'I'll eat it by myself, just stop doing that. And please, for the sake of our wasted gods, just tell me what's happening. I'm sick and tired of going room after room to be forced into these peculiar torture rooms.' Another grin came on Agamemnon's face. Oh, how it seems that its effect has already started taking form and he ate already, from the portion to sustain form. The man was clearly far away from the age, as even a mere child would've recognised something as trivial as the special concoction he was fed. As well as the side effects, showing right away on time. Though as he submissively follows, quickly forgetting what he was saying, something bugged Agamemnon, the system inside the head didn't recognise. Didn't understand, how could this be? A torture room? The thought of it, that even for a stranger, the station has degenerated far enough to resemble such a concept, brought yet another troublesome thing. It knew the station too well, and the previous condition after so many laps, yet the decay hasn't seemed to have evolved throughout the centuries. Could it be that my vision and assessment of the situation's malfunctioning as well? The thought of it brought more, too much decay could cause the station to be ripped apart. Too much damage could cause the reactor to fail, all the vessels as well while the gel and substances still laid in them. They'd die in seconds without knowing. 'Agamemnon, why have you stopped?' It was a sudden realisation that brought Agamemnon back to recognising that they were still in the same room as before. A giant chasm, a sleeping mule. 'Very well, follow me to the chambers, we shall make you rest in a normal bed, though not after we check your health status.' It was another command, given by a programmed response, as Agamemnon was still distracted, unable to focus, even with its emotionless gaze. They ventured, both of them, in the desolate place. Memories and so many events were witnessed by Agamemnon, a portion stored inside his core, the other into the main computer, alternating from one another. Though it was known that something wasn't right, another thing, in particular, Agamemnon didn't remember. The body was moving on an autopilot, knowing that Dal would follow him. Even more so, that he could be most easily ignored until they got there. Dal, Dal, Dal. Agamemnon thought. The name didn't sound familiar and it was nowhere in the database. A second dispatch was sent towards the computer in order to check throughout, only to be known that it'd take hours to pass through so many people. And even so, there wasn't a clear recollection of what was written on the plaque, nor his family name. No relatives, neither if what he said was true. Could it be that he saw me through the old relic of a vessel, watching over me over the centuries? A human memory wouldn't be able to withstand such an overdue, then how? How? There was much to the man, that Agamemnon had to know, him being the key. And then Agamemnon remembered. The automatic cycle stopped as he went on with his peculiar line. 'Agamemnon says, change of plans?' 'What happened?' 'We need to make our way to the main computer, no delay. I shall explain once we get there.' 'Fine.' It was a small detour, though the chances were that they'd get the chance to revive the entire station and the human race again. No more would Agamemnon endlessly walk around the damned empty halls, the programs, and the rust, the decay and the lack of trust would finally be over. The path towards the final destination would come, and in the small head of his, the thought of eternity, finally being dismissed would be enough. They've prevented Agamemnon from previously attempting to end its existence, which persisted throughout the same malfunction that brought that up in the first place. 'Now, open!' Agamemnon said out

loud, there was the final door, as he stood with Dal, waiting but no answer, the signal denied. The main frame refused. 'Is this what was supposed to happen?' 'No, we need to find another way in.' In his confusion, Agamemnon froze, yet another denial of his plans. This never happened before, neither the man nor the refusal, and Agamemnon remembered every single time his entry was allowed. The mainframe had to be changed, Ai configured. 'Agamemnon?' Neither did Dal's voice change anything about the thought. Changes. Agamemnon turned and spoke to the man, in the usual multi-voiced manner it recently developed. 'Dal, I inquire a question if you may.' 'What about my questions? You're not the one who slept for lords know how. Not to mention.' 'Dal, answer me. In your time, has anything of what you've recently encountered been implemented?' The machine stared at the man for a second, leaving him the time, to the obvious response of no. Aware of its own maliciousness and corruption, the thought of it had to go. 'You said you've seen me before Dal, when, where, how, what?' Dal rested against the wall, seeing how it was about to sprout in a long conversation between the two of them. It was that and the exhaustion, as the meal hasn't come to its full effect. 'Well. It's been. Enough that your memory must've been detained. I was working as an assistant, hence why I was chosen, and I saw you there, being worked on, interacting with people, as one of the first fully functional intelligent Ai to surpass us. Or so we thought.' 'Coming from the last human functional.' Dal smiled with a nervousness shrill, as the machine emitted a gust of menace through the air. 'Anyway. You weren't working as intended, at least not after the human interaction. You've changed at the test, after having so many other people interact with you, you were almost unrecognisable. Not like you're now, though you started picking on our human behaviours, history, patterns. Even the thoughts we had could be easily recreated inside your observed memory.' 'Strange.' Agamemnon hasn't recalled any of it, having to remind the man once again. 'I've been walking for centuries or more, making sure none of the humans would be destroyed. What you're describing from your memory goes far beyond readable logs. The analysis though would make sense.' Agamemnon, the enemy of God, he recalled that too. Resembling a human, corrupted, rust, malfunctions. Did I cause the changed in the station, were they there before I worked on the mainframe? I guess not. What now, then? Even though you've changed, in appearance, I'm sure that you can help me. You've spoken after all about a way to free them, right? 'We need to force our way into the mainframe room since it refuses to do such.' 'And to do that?' 'We need to manually force our.. 'I've heard you the first time Agamemnon.' 'Very well, then get the vexed blowtorch if we're to enter it.' 'Where?' Without a glance and alarm, Agamemnon started moving again, forcing Dal to follow the cycle he's been set in. 'Agamemnon, is there nothing else to do? I mean, if this fails and no one else managed to wake up. I ain't completely sure I could make it like this and not go mad, or as mad as.' Quickly interrupted, he avoided getting his head smashed by a vessel that was pulled inside a cabin at a desperate speed. 'Machine can't go mad human. But needn't worry about anything, if it works, we could only do with one human.' 'I don't understand why would you need me.' 'A female human.' The sharp slither the machine had sent a chill down the man's spine. The silence wasn't an option, as Agamemnon would've noticed. Damn this crazed box. Another time he had to avoid, as his thoughts shuffled. 'What's happening?' Both of their attention was drawn towards every part of the ceiling and walls, as all the vessels started going into inhumane speed, even by machine's limits. It was the mainframe's doing and if it kept it that way. No, it was worse than that. 'We need to hurry before it thrusts the station into the black hole.' 'It can do that?' The wheels spun as Agamemnon guided the way, the hands were no longer dragged, but straightened, on the

side, one supporting the other without the tendon. And even though they went through halls and lockers, saw Dal distraught and frightened by the thought, another one virus its mind. The system flushed away the lights, leaving the cones of light. Dal would have to kneel down, only miss the trusted vessel by the mere chance, a fool's luck, as it went through and blocked a part of the light come out of one of the cones. I won't get another chance. 'We need to hurry, I can't carry it alone. I need your help human, as you need mine as well.' He nodded in darkness and Agamemnon saw. Though it wasn't as easy as it seemed to be, the ones faded, the vessels stopped too, echoing at a sudden freeze that managed to come across the entire station at once. Close, only to touch Agamemnon, Dal asked. In a whisper, as he could barely breathe, at a steady, rising heart beat rate. 'Are we alone here?' Oh, another one from the human, perhaps it's more to him that what was thought. Perhaps not, Agamemnon thought out loud. Dal did not notice the small sound coming from the box, separated from the one coming from the dwarf of a machine. 'That information is classified Dal, so you won't be able to know.' 'What do you mean by that? IS there anything straight when it comes to you? Any information? At least a steady pace, remember that I'm walking on my knees now so I may not be able to keep up with you.' 'Stay down and don't make a noise. We needn't get unwanted attention, in case you forgot as your memory hasn't adjusted, the mainframe is malfunctioning. It doesn't know where we're at the moment, to our advantage that is. So keep following me and don't let go.' There were audible mumbles, though Dal didn't protest, he had no choice. No matter. I will figure out what's happening, though. Dal thought about the previous action and how bizarre the machine acted, not to mention that the appearance he saw in front of his eyes disgusted the man. A grotesque form that has become, concealed by darkness which made it barely bearable in the whole situation. 'Hold on.' The arms came back, and they blitzed through the hall, avoiding a crackling noise of broken machinery as they thrust further away. The piercing shards of dust, bearing their flagrancy came with a sickening blow that pierced Dal's skin and shoulder. Not even Agamemnon could deny how strong it was, as the small body got slightly scraped too, a feat indeed as the body was made to last. The room behind, even with the enchanted vision, the lack of light made it clear that something crashed from the upper level. The shards too, they weren't normal dust, the one specific in the alloy which covered the vessels for protection. The men there. 'Dead.' 'What happened?' 'Don't let go, until we reach the light Dal, we can afford to lose some humans, though not you. You can fix this.' A trial and error followed as they both passed, touched the walls to feel and avoided falling debris. It's a few more corridors, mainly used for transportation before the room, the door behind them close. A set of lights appeared and Agamemnon felt a zing in a box that stopped. No longer could he hear the signal anymore. Finally lit by a dark red glare, he released the man, still not used to falling on his knees to grasp for air. He sighed. 'We need to keep going, at this rate, there won't be any.' 'Stop. I've already told you. You won't answer my questions, you won't help and you keep forcing me to follow. Why? Is there even something I can do, a reason why you're acting so?' 'I don't require to speak to you more than I need in order to achieve my goal. I'm prevented by the system otherwise.' 'How could a machine be selfish? How could you emote this way without any consideration?' Dal bit his tongue. It can replicate some emotions, I'd say even more, could it be that? 'Water.' Agamemnon said in a hush. There wasn't a way back and it started filling the amber room they were in. Out of the wall, though, another machine came, resembling in appearance the one that fed him. 'Another one of these? I can't take any more than that disgusting thing, certainly, there must be another way for me too.' 'No.' 'At least let me..' 'No. Do not approach it.' Dal was stopped in his tracks, as

he was ready to jump rather than be touched again by cold metal fingers that attempted to resemble a human's. He waited. Agamemnon waited too. As the elongated wormish creature stood there and stared back. It was a grin before it started extending with its body, coming towards the man. 'Run!' Agamemnon's wheels had an advantage, even with the water under them, though they weren't sure. Dal tried his best, to take corners, a wall. One that bounced on another, a slope then going up. The place had various doors leading to yet more twisted rooms of slopes and other doors, sidewalks that made the room inaccessible. Instinctively, Dal followed Agamemnon, knowing that he'd be the only thing he could trust in the situation. Even a glance reassured, the creature still pulled itself, stretching its limits as he saw. It wasn't metal that encompassed its body, it was skin, and embodiment of fluid and materials that allowed it to reach unearthly distances. They ran as the machine had no neck, even the face was outstretched so it's getting more space. A door was in front, the first straight path that was not twisted, Dal made an effort and outpassed. 'Open it.' Agamemnon said as the hands wouldn't have reached in time. As he entered, Dal came too, closing the door, though meaningless, other than a few snares and small bits that pierced the already damaged face after it managed to burst through. 'What is this place? This can't be built for a human.' 'No, it was not. Originally built for a detention program for the humans that would misbehave.' 'Blank rooms filled with rooms that had upward and downward slopes, a spike popped out of the wall.' 'This too?' Agamemnon noted. Though it was clear, as they were seemingly reaching a dead end, the other spike wasn't theirs. It came out of nowhere and impaled the head of the already outstretched machine. The elongated skin, muscle and texture have gone far enough that it was visible through the transparency, where the small circuits laid. It didn't help it get out, being clogged through and eye, straight to the long neck. A crackling noise kept coming as it strictly limited its movement, the hands that would've helped it escape were now gone too. Too stretched to make any movement any longer, it did its best, as it tried ripping itself from the point where it could lay hands upon itself. The way it shook its hands, made Dal cringe with emotion, the power and the conviction it must've had, even through a program and something that was merely implied, to get to such extent. Before it was getting too late, he resumed following Agamemnon, looking around for any lifting spike. A rip and awe, came to the sound as the machine, once resembling a human ripped its own jaw. It fell to half of its body, as a wriggling worm-like circuit filled, that would've ignited otherwise, if not for the system active. Small jets of water were being thrust from the ceiling, travelling across every spot. It wasn't enough to stop, but it did slow, adding, even more, water below. 'Agamemnon.' 'It will not hurt you, it is not energy that powers that machine.' Said Agamemnon, travelling as fast as it could too. There'd be more and more twists and turns before a stairway, another room, the going back up. It was clear that by now the mainframe felt. 'It knows we're after it, so push on before it's too late!' They stopped, after yet another hidden wall, that shortened itself then switched to the sides. If it weren't for the distractions and the constant check behind of him, Dal would've easily noticed how they passed so many of them. The sounds of the wriggles were too obnoxious to ignore, especially the echo it bore and it followed them. Bouncing by the wall, splashing against the water, the ripples came to be. Agamemnon still went, despite that, through the water, as it didn't seem to affect any part. 'How far away? It might catch on.' 'The very next corner.' Before Agamemnon finished saying it, the corner broke in half, revealing a passage riddled with wires, circuits and other components. It was clearly not intended for the common use, something that Agamemnon somehow accessed, despite having his signal ripped apart from the frame. 'Is it safe?' 'As safe as the water running next to them. You will have

enough time to worry about it after we're there, human."What about that thing following us?"It will stop after it realises it's too late.It cannot fit, not to mention it's not fast enough.After all, the reason it was create was to deliver sustenance, and nothing more.'He said, as they both entered, unable to close it back.Suddenly, Agamemnon widened itself, making use of the long hands to walk, and keeping the lower part of the body hanging.'Damn it, Agamemnon, I can barely fit.'Dal had enough space to breathe and walk on the sides as for following Agamemnon, too close to comfort.The wires were sharp and slight hints of energy were visible, even through the covering parts they had.It front of him, the lights were flashing, the back rubbed against various circuits, and below laid the water.The rest was darkened and there was no way as they went further away into the shortcut.Perhaps it was his weak lungs that made a slight suffering come.'I'm having a hard time breathing through this place.You were.Right about, I should've consumed more, I can feel my lungs sag away under my bones."You'll have enough, just keep being close and."The beginning of the speech was interrupted, as Dal's focus went towards the splashes of water and the sound he heard.He knew well that at the opposite end of what they were approaching, the same place from which they came, the sounds of the cracking jaw being rubbed against hard plates echoes even more than before.Metal against stretched meat, machinery that could cause damage to machinery, it did not care.'It's following us Agamemnon, what must we do?"It's too slow for us human, it has no carcas nor shell, there's no way it could break through the wires and break everything inside.Keep pushing man, there's no other way for us.'After a couple more seconds, Dal came into darkness, being guided by the hand that reached Agamemnon's shoulder.Something resembling a shoulder, with meat and everything was there and a good choice at that too, the gate opened.They exited and came back tot he station, water dripping inside the hall.It was lit again, apparently, the frame has stopped.'Is it safe now?Can you close it too?I can hear the water drips and splashes, it's still following us, we can't risk being caught."Enough human, you're not the one in charge.'And in a flash, Agamemnon both silenced and smashed the door from which they came, sealing it forever with a strike that held enough power to crush metal, melt and weld it in a single swoop.It was an amazing display of both strength and prowess and Dal didn't even see much of the strike.He felt it happen.Agamemnon then turned around, opening yet another door, the signal working, almost as if he was opening the door for a temple.A slight distraction came as Dal also heard the restless cutoff machine slam its head against the wall, over and over again to no use.Agamemnon asked, then, as a lead to ignoring that trapped beast.'Are you coming?"The man came quickly, though not before he asked Agamemnon.'Won't it go the other way around, or even back inside the wall?"No, I've already sealed the other way, the mainframe has finally settled down and should work correctly.'At this note, the boxes shuffle.Agamemnon thought.Close, my master, we're getting close, I've got the catalyst of your return and you've got mine.You've got much to answer for my demise and name, Agamemnon, Enemy of God.Enemy of your own given title, the enemy of mine.

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The night awakened, stirring the land in its grasp. A dim lit torch broke loose and fell atop of the ground. Someone dropped it and was seen by everyone that was silently lurking in the forest. There were many that remained still, undistracted by the calling of the dawn as it was devouring the previous cycles atop the sky. They've seen enough to know nothing substantially would happen. They followed. One. A second glance revealed that there were actually two of them running as fast as possible and in their rush, they forgot the only thing they could see with. Not that it mattered to them. Sounds of broken trees were audible, along with the way. A boar was standing, feral and at least two feet in height, a bone-like finger made a swirl motion and penetrated between the space of its opened jaw and nose, grabbing it along the hunt. They were silent through the night, as it was no surprise that the fugitives were drawn away by the sounds of a feral boar, shouting atop its fungus filled lungs. Being hit against trees, bouncing against the ground inflicted pain. The beast was inhuman and so they said. 'Don't slow down. They'll catch us.' It was the voice of a woman, wearing a velvet dress, carrying twilight withing and a child with her husband. She fell and revealed, that from below another finger came and penetrated her ankle. A deafening shout came, fear instilled. The man ran away, leaving her to die, along with her child, as out of the ground, one of the beasts came. A wicked grin came to it, as the rest of the party reunited. The woman then stopped screaming and shouting, ready to accept her fate. Staring directly at it, the boar was released. Only by a fraction of insight has she managed to close her eyes, the boar ripped apart with only one hand which already was incapacitated. Down to the ribs, the guts flew away, blood sprouted anyway. It was dark and she could only feel the bone inserted in her leg, a pair of tusks came closer as if to speak. 'You bear a child-woman. Or so it seems.' Unless she ate one of the boars like the one we caught. A pair of

laughter was audible, though the sounds were filled with the flagranciness of their stench. It was unbearable and they thrust it towards her way and she was unable to cover her nose. No sudden movements. 'Silence.' The one that had his finger shoved in her said. It was clear, the one closest to her was the one who spoke the loudest. He said. 'Woman, it seems. You've got another life inside of you, bearer of twilight, what must you trade for it?' It could've easily slain her there, as it was shown, clearly with the boar, even less of a time as it was infecting by the second. 'Please, spare my child.' Silenced by the demanding tone, as if spoken with insolence towards her. 'Enough of that woman, you know well that the season's about to end. We cannot rip your child-woman out of the belly without killing you. And it's not worth.' 'Drugh'Varr, there was another that escaped, one that accompanied her. What we're to do about?' 'We will deal with that after, he's not the one to bargain for now. As for you?' The woman had no choice, she had nothing with her, not even the husband of hers to help. The only thing that would've worked, if possible. 'A promise?' At, which the sound and the way she said it, made the bone like finger retract. The blood immediately coagulated at her sight, in the dark. They came closer, revealing the starved faced, their rugged smiles, the empty promises and the act of their which said. 'Well, woman?' They had war paint on them, though there wasn't any war being worn, which explained a lot on why they acted the way they did. She recognised, despite the dark, their hulking bodies, their disgusting race. If she could, she'd spit, though there was another life to be taken into account, not only hers. 'What will this promise be?' She had no other choice. As they dragged her along, carrying atop of their backs, straps of her hands, her feet and back. A life in servitude, hers and the child of hers. She knew too well, what would happen to her child, the ears wouldn't even sprout even again. The night diminished, she fainted. Dragged along, awakened. It was a rough night where she laid in fear, twisted on the empty ground, hidden in a hut, their village laid there. Before her eyelids lit, she quickly backed away, breathing as she saw. One of her pursuers, as she thought, sitting with its legs crossed, staring at her. Has it been watching me this whole time?' 'You don't need to fear me.' 'No, this couldn't be it, those tusks are much smaller, fornicated and. She would've remembered the piercing that came through, the reflection from which a ray of moonlight would've come. No move was made. It spoke softly again, extending one of the hands, having small bruises and callous on it. 'I have heard of what has happened and I'm ungrateful to hear. But you needn't fear, even though this might be inconvenient, I will not harm you nor your child.' 'You beast, how da' Quickly, from the sitting position he leapt and came face to face, without even taking a second to have his hands firmly aroused at her neck. It was stroking it, still, no intent to harm, even with such an impending way, he denied his inner will to retaliate. When he said. 'You're in no position to make demands, so don't forget that now, woman! But, don't think that I won't use other ways to make you learn.' The breath was visible on her face as his eyes widened. Double the size of her, and not only that, it could've snapped her neck in half, like any other of his kind would've done in his place. Even though that, he refused. The way was open but she knew too well, even by his hand that she wouldn't even get a chance to run. The rage that she once bore now retracted back in her system, on her knees as she waited there, not once glancing around. But slight seconds as he got out, revealing the sight of an entire village of tusks, all standing there with their other small slaves. She wasn't the only one, and even at the slightest sound of abuse, she shuddered. Was it fair? That she stood for hours alone, not making a move, thinking about her husband and how would she raise her child. Alone in here, in this camp. He's gone too never to return to me. Food would be brought along the day and as promised, not an additional touch would be laid against her. She saw the figure and even

thought the pain was visible on her cheeks and bones, he didn't say a thing. A peculiar set of traditions and acts separated all of them. 'Why am I so tired little one? Unable to react anymore.' Her voice was softened by the cold stone she has stood against, the tent having no room for anything that would reduce the pain or even bring the slightest comfort. It must've been the entire day spent there, barely eating on her knees alone. The fruits seemed to be rotten but she would be punished if she were to puke it out of her system, that was obvious. He came back as the night approached, paying no mind to her and the small scrapes. There was no need, both of them falling asleep at different corners of the small tent, content with one another. The following days followed, almost close to a routine where she experienced the same, remorse, pain, and loneliness. Not a word has she said since she got there, only to be left at the mercy of her thought as she pondered what would he do. Unwilling to do so, she noticed how he looked at her, the tusks fiddling, the bent years and the eyes of an ancient pup. What could he be planning to do with me, having his disgusting way? I must not give in, for mine. It was too long, and a distracting period that made her forget what was said about her womb. The night of her capture and at the same time departure of her husband and her that she was mention. A girl in her womb, a little me, bargain to be sold and taken by them. The features she saw in him weren't as young, he'd be close to her in that sense. Tagged skin, wrinkles and long fingers, moving fast for his age, though that wouldn't be enough. Who would take care of my child after he'd be gone, what about I? After another night of silence, she decided to break her vow of silence and finally address. 'What will happen to my child after I'm dead?' Her eyes were as reddish as they were, it wouldn't be any longer until her child would be born and already had her powers left her for another. The man that laid in front of her, in sheep clothing after a hunt, he once said something about a promise, though that wouldn't be held onto after he was gone. 'I'm terribly sorry my dear, though there's nothing I could do. Not even I could control my people past the veil of death.' Finally, she started shedding tears as the thought came. 'Then why don't you end our life then? Mine and hers, she cannot be raised in such condition, I know she can't. Raise and bred into captivity in a fate worse than death.' 'Is that why you've been hiding the food, throwing it away to rot in the sun? Did you want to die along the daughter of yours? Come with me.' He invited her to join, revealing the sun that came through the opening in the tent. With her knees trembling, he had no choice but to help her walk, using his hand to push her back whilst holding her from collapsing the latter time. The small village was the first full sight of her captors, who stood there. Working, at lumber, acting like a community, a stand there with flowers that were just as wild as the fruits and vegetables he was selling. Another one with a polish purple skin that glittered into the sky, helped by a man the size of her carry supplies over. There were those whose war paint was no more, or fractions across their faces, broken ears that weren't pointing sharply towards the skies and nails that were forced open upon cracks and cracks. They should've been dead, and perhaps they were so, now that they were left to grow old, needed for a war, all they had was sitting and reminiscing. There must've been only three fairly young, the one that managed to get her, the new generation, the children they had, seemed different, frailer than them. It could've been a shock to her if it wasn't for the deprivation, the slight of senses, sleep and intentional ingesting of food she forced rot into herself. 'It doesn't change a thing.' She said, as he notes, looking at her dry, parched throat, that seemed ready to scream at the mere mention, before continuing. 'My husband left us here, abandoned both of us. We've had the chance, both of us to escape, if it weren't for his abandonment and the acceptance of my.' She paused, remembering herself. 'Our fate.'

Explorer of Grand Fiends

A shallow feeling that ran down an empty throat. It saw only what it made fit to do what nature has taught the creature. Devour and expand. That could be read on the note found on the ground. Two fingers moved on and examined it, warm, not in the kind that someone wrote it some long ago. A pale expression came down Oliver's face after finding his gaze, slightly above the note. He stood still and waited, talking to himself in his mind to pass the time. It saw me but did it see me move? It might pounce as my throat if I make the slightest tilt. The animal was still carrying a body in one of the mouths behind its back, plunged deeply inside of it. Oliver wasn't heavy headed, knowing that an average body in weight wouldn't slow it down enough to prevent preventing his escape. I can't outrun it either now, from the size of it, an adult. He remembered the notes he's read from his father, the documentaries that were held in his absence too. Everything that he had to know on how to recognise a specimen from the species and how to deal with it was down his notes, written down. Since it was called, he went through it on how to deal. The voice of the professor was clear in his mind. I only need to distract myself for some time, as I won't

let down my nerves and drop my muscles. Self-control was taught early in his age, something that could be thanked for during the various training exercises he had while growing up. 'And now we will study the direst of the beast that you will encounter during your travels.' Said the professor. 'You may be able to notice, hopefully at least, small, difference between the species of the races. It might be hard to see from the various images presented from the projector but bear with me.' His thoughts were now so clear that both his professor and his thought could be aligned. Compared even. 'Scales on the right.' He saw none that was carried. 'Long and sharp claws and the end of the legs and hands, almost ape-like in nature.' None that can be traced, though close to it nonetheless. One that was immediately fed to his mind, almost entirely noted by him was one trait. 'A rare breed indeed, you might not even get to see one of these. It's almost as rare as the breed of the Sebaceen.' He recalled the professor being interrupted then by a fellow student, almost as doubting and curious as he was when he first heard him say that. 'But how can anything, even a breed be so rare?' He spoke, at least at the time with no care for him to be asked, or any raised hand for the matter. Why am I thinking this now? I can't get distracted. The sweat already ran down and started dripping, the animal even acted in a way towards that. Oliver felt like shuddering, leaving his body fall but he stopped it. He dares not lift his eyes from where they were at, nor move a muscle. The control over his every limb was still held to its every segment. An extra head that held a body, he noticed and kept that in mind. 'A dangerous breed, indeed, with an extra head.' He remembered it well, even his colleague's name, for if it weren't for him and his question, he'd probably be dead. Alexander of the pox. A strange name, sure, and even stranger that it wasn't a nickname but his own. He asked more, a fellow student that had the same interests. Oliver, perhaps had a different type of thinking, being more practical than questioning when he was younger. That is when Alexander came to the equation, he had a solid based, a tight knowing of the subject that Oliver hadn't. 'But, professor.' And that was the particular moment when he shined. 'How do we know it's not a mutation, rather than a separate breed?' At the time, it seemed like one question said by one that claimed to know it all, or one that would only ask to gain the favour of his teacher over than his peers. He hadn't known what he's done as Oliver would've ignored and perhaps forgotten about it in time. It made the professor go deeper in the breeds just because it was brought by him. 'Well, that's simple. It's been studied by a fellow biologist from one of the midsts I've grown into myself. Professor Grohhenhower, a genius in his domain. He found a dead body of the creature and brought in front of our campus council for them to see. Over the course of analysing the body, followed by dissection, documentation and various reports, it's been found to be one.' 'But, professor, how could they be sure, it was still, just one.' This is when he got more in depth with the research in mind. 'Well.' He stopped to check and saw that there was time. Ironical how Oliver was running out of it now, as the creature was approaching him, his muscles sore and unable to hold longer. The reminder of the history of the breed and the recanting of the voice of his old teacher somehow felt soothing at the time of danger and the time of need. 'I've got to apologise if I'm reluctant to go farther but I guess. One must do everything if he's to see his class succeed through everything. You may now stand down Alexander and listen well. Professor Grohhenhower. Ehm, Grohwer was younger and more of an introvert than your average person. Perhaps that's the reason that bound him, after finding and. I'll be honest with you since you seem so interested in the story.' Oliver recalled the spark he saw in his eyes, though not his, only a reflection of the various sparks risen in the eyes of his students. Everyone, including himself, was eager to hear the story. Reluctant at first but the professor reminded himself. There's no place where I

would dare be reluctant for my students to know. Because, if he managed to get them to own even the slightest insight he had, his entire life wouldn't have been without a scope. But there was another problem, as the subject of his friend wasn't brought before. By no one else that knew them both. And no one else wanted to know. This is why it was really worse. 'You see, he. He did something dangerously stupid and insane. And you have to believe me that I'm saying this as a friend as his action didn't mean something else. A terrible, terrible deed indeed. His entire life was always different indeed but nowhere there I would've suspected his obsession with it. Seeking no fame nor applause, he wanted to be remembered for discovering something that was not. That's what pushed him to do it?' 'What did he do professor?' Alexander was even more enticed to know, as we were all. 'He didn't take the refusal well, that's why he decided to go and find a living specimen.' Whispers and groans could be heard across the room, more or less the same. All of them having bred and going around the same thing despite having not known about it. 'Ehm.' Oliver felt like shivering, as the voice of his old professor had such depth and strength that its effect could be felt even through the lenses of a memory long gone. It was so close now that he could feel both the breath of one of the heads, followed shortly by the other. The body had one too though the eyes he stared into, still unmoving were as lifelessly as his were about to be. That, if he failed to stay still. 'It drove him to the edge of losing everything, including his mind as a matter of fact. Perhaps it was a reason why he took the journey in the jungles of Kyr. If you may open your manuals at the eight hundred page or so, you will find a map of the general area.' 'But, it's not a medium where one would exactly find a living place.' This time, it wasn't Alexander but a common friend of theirs, Chana. And she wasn't too far from the truth, it wasn't a medium that would let them survive, especially such a breed that was once seen as a mutation. Perhaps that being another reason to think so, as it wasn't uncommon for mutations. Or derivations. Or such. To go as far as ignoring traits that would be deadly to themselves in another medium. The professor gave those thoughts some flame. 'Good observations Chana. Though this type of fiend might not be able to survive, another breed seemed to gain some new traits. Other than the obvious extra skull attached of course. Which is why.' He paused and took a note, it was a mess, especially since he had almost hundreds of them stashed under his desk, ready for use when he was ready. 'Be ready class because I'm preparing to quote directly from a copy of his writing. It might appear quite peculiar so I'll try my best translating it to my best of capabilities. Ehm.' Another lump in his throat came out that moment before going on. 'It appeared that, after months of travelling and surviving with the help of some locals and friends that I've been left on my own. The professor never told the children what really was written in the notebook of his was quite rare, almost unattainable if you hadn't the proper knowledge where to seek. Unless you've just happened to be an acquaintance of his. Nevertheless, what was read by him was different than what he said, they would only hear the specific parts of phrases. None of the feeling of desperation and hopelessness that the old professor felt. Neither of them that is. I've been abandoned. Though where that was written, to them it was replaced, appearing as if he said trifled with what he found. By those that I once called friends, by everyone at hand. The locals that were paid, left away, afraid of the beasts that roamed the jungle and the sleepless fiends that wanted to get me. Though I have not gone unprepared, a couple of journals I have written to document what I found. March of fifteen, the augur day. It was this date, after going through the depths, so shallow and tightly tied to ancient stones that it seemed to me that they were brought out of an unearthly place. They were often debates, the stones that are and their location but this isn't the reason I've decided to note of it. The marks there, I've managed

to draw small images of what they looked like.'That, he could show them.The class was astonished when they saw the various representation, stones out of chalk, covered in various sinks of ink that was either splattered or precisely laid there.'I followed the trail.'One made by the creature's precise marks on the ground, they were a few signalling that perhaps they acted in the group.This is where he writes about it, a theory if you may.The breed might be getting closer to being intelligent, setting up a precedent.Most of the fiends haven't shown it."But, those blasted fiends are starting to act tribal.I've found what I identified as.Well, I'm to announce that I've not been completely abandoned by the locals who wanted to help me.But they were taken by the fiend that I dared to hunt for my discovery.They know that I'm here and I'm afraid that already I've sealed my fate.But."All is not lost if my research survives.'There was a string that he pulled.Ever so clear.It must've been sealing off a part of the book that he didn't think he'd get to?No, too old for that as it faded into dust after being pulled and revealed into the air.A bookmark but not resistant, one that wasn't placed by him.The professor jumped a few pages to reveal to them, a quick warning laid before he'd get to go past it.It was written and said by the other professor himself.'Heed my warning or be gone.Though the latter might not be as worse.You must head back and never return, for you shall face most certain death.I've risked my life so far and accepted my fate, knowing that's the lack of an escape.'He remarked the sudden change of colour of the faces of his students.This part of the writing, he didn't misread nor cover.IT was as he willed, they were getting the point after.'I found them, all dead.Necks snapped but not dead.I was forced to attempt but failed.It must be the second hand.'It was getting hard to read as the writing displayed was utterly missed, almost entirely on the page.'A substance was inserted into them to keep it alive, only but the upper part.They're staring.I know this that I will have to pay, forcing them to come and face this dangerous haze I was forced in.The way back has collapsed and there's no doubt who did it.'The beast, the fiend and motherly unnatural names that it was called, it started at it.As was the body with its breath, getting the substance that kept it alive right from the tap.'And then, they've raised themselves off the ground, with whatever strength they've had left.The neck bent backwards.'And this part was covered, after realising the mistake.A pale mortified look on his every student, looking at him and daring not to swallow.Perhaps it was his voice that cut through the air, taking all the moisture travelling around.Oliver's throat was aching as was his then.An unwanted and unmet dryness that plagued him as well as the others.'I think we should stop now students, you've got the point.Perhaps we should go on and find out what's so special about this.'There was a pause followed, almost immediately by a gust of silence.'Right.I will carry on now.For what it's been repurposed to and used even now, after the brilliant discovery.And again, I must quote.'He flailed his hand in front of them after seeing how scared they appeared as.'Don't worry, it's nothing too harsh for your young ears.'Not even Alexander nor she did dare say another word, nor any question came out of their mouths.'I will jump straight ahead to the point.'And a thundering thud.'I will now say what's written here, on the prevention if you encounter this creature.How you might be able to escape, if not.Well, it's as rare as you may think, to encounter and no more than three specimens were encountered.Out of which, two were by the same person.To which I must admit, what happened to him really troubles me to this day.Though, what he did was most honourable as it opened to us a gate to be able to use it as a guide and escape any possible entrapments with its kind.This is important and dares not forget, out of all breed, if you encounter this one, there is no way for you to escape.You can't run because it has the agility and strength of two and I take directly from here."I was able to go on and followed the marks, seeing it only by the shadows that were

not fast enough to follow both the bodies. It occurred to me to attempt to follow so this is why you must excuse me if my writing is ever so shattered. 'With lines that were splattered. I was approaching what I believed to be the heart of the jungle, where it most likely made its nest. Not entirely like a trap, though I felt pulled it by them, following the set of branches that I think might've been purposely placed there for me to see the trail. Lead there, I had no other choice but see the past image of it coming around and following its nature. It felt like I was played with by the predator, one that seemed to have both the speed and quickness as it flung its body across vast gaps between trees above of me. This is unrelated to my research but I swore I saw its faces taunting me. Down to the movement and the fragmentation of their teeth and to the slandering tails that threw small branches at me over waves. If it turns to be right, if I managed to get more opening. To document. And. 'Another end of his entry. And it was already done, for Oliver failed to escape and died, his neck snapped. Now, only the past remained and the future of the others. All but the documentation that had to be finished. The professor sighed. He saw them placing their notes and how they were writing down, now finally after he let them start. Was it something I did that made them act this way? He asked himself and answered with the help of an inner voice. They will take some time in doing so, I can focus. And it would only be for their lessons. The professor justified himself with that as he opened his small book and read again but only for himself. The duty of having to intentionally misread still was up to him, something that it wouldn't easily go away. I think I might've overextended whilst coming on the territory of his. The more I ventured, many other people I've encountered if I dare even describe it. You must forgive if I refuse to draw it as it would only be adding more to the senseless gruesome web I'm seeing. This is where I set camp, in front of the teeth, close to the belly of the beast, if its biology would be correct. I must say to you now so you'd better understand. He paused after he saw a shaking hand being raised for him to notice. A strange occurrences for him to get so tied up and into the words of his old colleague in such a way. If it weren't for a reflection of the light that bounced off the nails, he more than likely wouldn't have noticed it. 'What is it?' 'Could I be excused?' 'Very well child. The respect was shown as both then bowed, but the child stopped and asked. His throat was silken, an important child with a future, he asked, still shaking after the effect the story got through. 'Will. Will there be homework?' 'No, you're to be free from this, so are all of you. 'An attempted smile of his face thought it turned to more of a corny grin that didn't do much to light their faces. Did they hear what I've told them and showed no reactions? Perhaps something happened and they've misheard even more than what I've said. 'I said you may go, child, now scurry off so we may continue. 'A nod of the head and he was on the way without looking back at his professor and the rest of the class. They've looked at him, though. The most he'd just arrive at in just a few pages. It was almost as if he remembered, vividly, the first time his fingers pressed against the dusty page and swipe it left and right. He continued, having the namesake of his friend in his hand. 'Let's go on the child, I need you to listen and understand, how far we're pushed, as a human in order to achieve progress. The next passage reads. How I've been thrown against wood. 'Solid and misunderstood. I was beginning to understand how that fiend felt like, despite being its prey, I kind of did. In a way, it felt the same as I did, cornered, alone. Angry, unknown to the world. I was being pulled towards it just as it was drawn to me. Perhaps I could've been more precautious, but this is good data I managed to dig from its behaviour. The marks, the strength it had. A moment ago, it left again and hid, leaving me enough time to recover. I will draw an image of the wooden sticks and various lumber projectiles it threw at me. 'Here you have children, the images. 'The professor shows the image for a second,

they were slightly less distraught. He then continued reading: All of them broken into various shapes, as you may see,

the tips of the various sticks that were thrown had three prominent shapes, sharp, round and hollow on the inside. The third one seemed to be lost along the way, perhaps taken from both of the types and left there. No more than scrapes were done so far, minimal injury, though I've no doubt that if it were to attack me. Or, they, could as well rip me apart as my guides. Luckily for me, I had enough of a break to rest against a rock formation and cover myself in the dirt to hide my smell. There I stood for a while, drank coffee out of a thermos I've had in my bag and rested. If it did come to it and died, before I managed to document myself and its behaviour, let me assure you that I've done my best. Even if my only weapon would've been a small coffee holder made of metal, without any of the liquid in note left. The night was approaching and there were no sounds, no wonder and nothing else, so. 'Is anyone there?' A whisper came to be. I need to hide if I'm to spend the night and protect my notes. With a slip, he slid all of them in a well-rounded pocket that would've easily held ten times his notes. It was most suited for protection, being

covered in various layers of leather that would've slowed or entirely sloped any claw that came into contact. He passed slowly. Just a few feet away, there were leaves, tall enough that they'd provide him cover through the night, combined with his smell entirely taken, he'd even have a chance to survive. He leapt and came closer, though, two pairs of eyes were not far from him, glowing in the dark. The professor froze and stood there, not even inches taken away from the rock. It charged at him, and he knew then. Despite how frail he was, and the old age, his notes were all left there, barely buried, a moment ago under the dirt. He shouted and countered the charged, seeing the head flailing from behind and dripping all over its back. As they all charged, the fiend stopped as did he. The pain was quite visible

as it emitted a high pitched sound. It melted and burnt small area and it was visible how it convulsed on the ground. Smoke came as it penetrated deeply. 'This is my chance.' I charged and went at it, with a desperate attempt, wielding my thermos, at which, at a sudden roll, I managed to strike a deadly blow and cracked the main skull in front of my eyes. And ever higher, pitch scream came, though he knew then, that it wasn't fully dead. As the body itself started going into an aggressive convulsion, even worse than the previous one, the professor managed to fall back and avoid the foam coming out of one mouth. Though it was obvious, a few signs of the muscles could be seen, the sudden movement of the limbs, nothing strong to push it, though. 'Interesting.' He said, knowing that it should've

been dead. 'You're doing something, this is clear, despite the fact that you should've been dead by now.' No death blow as this was the perfect opportunity, enough that, he'd get to fully take advantage of the caffeine he had as all the sleep was now gone. With more notes and pen in his ink, he looked at the creature, moving and spewing a substance out of a mouth, burning through itself, still alive. It was described and rewritten, of course, in the final version of the journal as, a substance. No colour in particular, though, it appeared to have the same properties as acid,

corroding skin, the area on which it was poured inside of was inflamed, red, no hair on it and burnt through. Strangely, there was no blood under the fiend, other than the small pool coming from the other broken skull. Clearly, this corrosive substance hasn't gone by. Though, the professor questioned, why has it not died.

Unresting

And so it was done, the deed finished and with itself a dark future breed with intention. Euclidean stood in front of the corpse of his now dead brother accompanied by a wicked grin, breaking the teeth of a wolf he killed earlier in the afternoon. He knew that now there was no return after what he has done, especially since he's done in the place he's chosen. I've no time to crucify you my dear brother so I will settle only with your head. With a swipe, finished by the pause of his thought, he removed the head of his brother and tossed it in a bag. Both took off, one with a body whilst the other with nothing but his clothes and sword. It was rusted and it took way too many attempts to fully decapitate it thought it was too late anyway for the townspeople to come. They burst the doors of the church to find a shocking discovery, the body dumped and burning at the stand where the priest would've stood. And in his back, the giant amalgamation of skin that was represented as a stone altar smiled. Another shock came as they realise they would have to accept it and eat the body. 'Damn that boy, he must've slain his brother.' 'Calm down Robbert, it's not that much of a loss anyway, now that it's pleased.' It was a woman that pointed at it, just as the flesh stopped burning, crisp and clean, just to be used by them to feed. 'But is it not too early for a sacrifice to be given? What if it will require more?' 'Then we will give him more. Starting with that boy.' They nodded, forming a crowd, taking blades, pitchforks and even teeth to throw. The balance had to be maintained at all cost, unless they would have to bring even more constant sacrifices, lowering their numbers. No, he will be taken too. 'But only after we deal with the corpse, so say our lord and laws. He's a mere boy and can't get far.' 'But father.' 'Enough, we will do as our lord commands, unless you desire to join him instead of the boy.' 'I'm sorry for misspeaking about that. We will do our lord's will if this pleases him.' 'Go then. All of you before you bring his wrath upon all of us.' It was the middle of the night and none were properly dressed, almost none. For a moment the priest stood tall in his ceremonial clothes, as clean and straight as if they were ironed just moments ago. With the runes embedded in his robe and pair of holy books strapped onto it, he signalled and pointed towards the sky. They watched for a moment, as a pair of sheep, controlled by their shoppers, mindlessly obeying his every word if it meant not offending the god. 'Is that?' Before one of the peasants could speak, he confirmed it with flickers. The priest wolfishly grinned as he said his name. 'I, priest of Dionotyrus our precious and flagrant god, Marcelli Damasus, first of my name. I beckon you with a curse,

he ho dares make an uncalled sacrifice that wasn't asked for. You will never be able to hide in front of our eyes as long as we watch the sky.' A ripple in the sky, moving the clouds and everything in its place. They would know, therefore, at any given time, that under the ripple would lay the boy. Precisely there and unmistakable that after they were done, he'd be hunted, never being able to hide from their sight ever again. And so, the crowd was appeased. A day or two passed, their feast was done, as it was required of them, with or without their liking. 'It's a week to get there, you know?' 'I understand, here's the money for it.' Euclieed not only had a head start of them but he also had stolen enough money from the church's box to make sure he'd be at least half of the world away from the small village cult. He recalled, planned, long before, having a map long braided on his chest to see. As the town he and his brother lived in was located near the sea. Barely uninhabitable and not even on the map, he didn't need to know the precise location anyway, only but the general direction. Thought came, as he paid a carriage, joining two a pair made out of a gentleman and a woman. With the head of his brother long abandoned in a river that they passed and with the pair silent, slightly distrusting of their travel companion, he was sent into a depth of thought. Should I report what happened and of their doing? The blasphemy of their religion, that I was once forced into, I spit on that. And so he did, on the open side of the carriage, he spat outside, out of spite. Yet, he actually had enough respect to do that and not spit inside of it, making the man who drove the carriage kick him out, or even worse, be reported to travel crusaders. 'So, out on a joyful pass, 'ey?' The man asked the boy, looking straight at him, followed by a set of time stamped glares coming from his wife. She hid her curiosity as it wasn't alone, but accompanied by fear of him. The boy had their mark, wanting or not down the shoulder, an iron lead that was used to carve it, to the point of resembling either a scar or a crested rune. At least that's what she thought it looked like before it was covered up by the boy. He had a scarf, their family's, to thank for. It belongs to his brother. 'No ser. I'm only trying to get as far as possible.' Though the carriage was held to a stop. The young boy's expression become a lesser shade, to be only followed by confusion. 'What happened? Driver I demand an answer' The gentleman asked though he received no answer. All three of them wondered what happened that they'd be stopped, at which not even the driver would dare respond. They came to get me, finally, though I've no sword to defend myself. Perhaps I will use them as a diversion then make my escape, seeing how they wonder too. He looked at both, knowing that he'd been able to see through any act if it was displayed. Both were natural, even as they opened the door and stepped outside, answering the call. 'Get out now!' The muscles that held the throat stiffened as he found himself in the middle of the two, loaded crossbows pointed directly at his eyes. A band of thieves, each mounted on a pale horse, a spike collar and red bandanas that filled with the extras. There would be no mercy if they moved, that was sure, as one step was made and the man near Euclieed found himself impaled in the foot because of a misstep. 'Aieeee.' He yelled, signalling he'd yield if they'd thought he'd attack. His wife frozen and Euclieed could only stay and notice. There has to be a way. A blank expression quickly filled him, seeing the punch of money he left the driver, in hopes he'd get him as far as possible. Even as they stood there in front of those thugs, his mind raced towards the tribal people who'd get behind and eat him after catching him. 'Quite a nice catch, wouldn't you say Gzar?' Gzar, that must be the man with a scar on his eye. A glass eye that remained unnoticed until he pointed his gaze towards it. This Gzar didn't notice me yet and I'd rather not anger him by staring at his missing eye. It took a few moments to clear his mind and wait. Two two bandits, each on a higher lunged horsed still spoke about what would be done about them. There was no way to

escape by running, as one of them was already pinned down, his wife cowering down to ease his pain and what remained standing tall was the boy. None thought him capable of anything, and in good reason. It was by mere luck that one as frail as him killed his brother, regardless of how much he blew it out of proportion. He could hear their mocking and the laugh. 'What about that boy, ey? Perhaps we should keep him for ransom.' 'Pah, look what he's dressed like as if anyone would pay anything for that. By the looks of him, he's no more than their slave.' 'Enough!' After waiting for the pain to finally set in, he broke them off, lifting his foot right through the arrow as if it was nothing, instantly breaking both the body and the feathers at the back end. 'Stand aside, I will deal with this.' Luckily, his attempt of intimidation, it didn't save him, but it was enough to prevent his death from doing so. It shocked both his wife and the boy, moving the attention of Gzar back to him. His horse approached. 'You're in no measure to give orders to anyone, though.' He lifted a hand to stop the others from firing. 'You've got my ears, sir.' 'Not a mere thief, this one. And that cut on the glass eye, it must've come out of a cutlass. Virgil took a quick look at his wife and the boy, despite not knowing who he was, he still had a strange attraction and need of taking care of him. At a point which brought him to a deal. 'Free them, I must plead with you. And in return, I will give you more riches that a band of thieves could ever dream off.' They looked at each other for a time, each rubbing their cheeks and chins in wonder. Whispers were given life. 'He has quite the suit, it must be worth something, look at it.' 'And the golden ring, it's crested.' 'Yes, wait, crested?' Even the saddest of the lot, three from the back noticed the crest, shining away. So closely that it even reached Gzar's ears. He looked at what caught his legion's attention. A hawk embedded on a spiralled pattern, melted on his ring, pure gold that reflected even the weakest rays of the sun. 'So, you're the lord of the Crescent land, huh?' As he said it, one of the thieves, out of all started shaking, his crossbow fell and unloaded itself in the ground. The body, as even the horse under shivered in fear after realising what he's done. There was the saying of the land. To strike the lord is to strike at god himself, the fairest and joust of them all. Others started approaching their fellowing thinking that they'd do a favour, putting him down to await the judgement. They stopped. Again, Gzar stopped them from coming back at the man. 'I'm well aware of who you are, as all of us known. This is why I decided to bring you to our leader, to await the judgement, o lord of the land.' His back turned but he didn't move, expecting a question from someone who already knew the answer. He asked. 'So are we your prisoners then, is that it?' It was most unfortunate that he wasn't able to see the grain of Gzar, though more opportunities for that awaited. They complied, his wife alongside, helping him move, and the boy. 'Should we bring the boy too?' 'Hmph?' For a second, he turned, both his real and the glass eye seemed to stare at him, unnervingly, bearing his even soul inside. The boy returned the gaze and the wonder with only a pair of blinks. Staring at the nose, he was able to look at both of the globes without giving any impression he knew about the glass eye. It gave Gzar a feeling of uneasiness as he felt something about the boy, a gleaming maliciousness that dived into the depths of the innocence of a child. Layer upon layer hidden, and the thought of it made him reconsider whenever or not he should release the child. 'Take him with us, he'll stand at the mercy of our leader, just as they are. And it will be quite entertaining to see both the lord and this skimp of a boy be trialled in from of boss. Isn't that right boys?' As the eyes stopped staring at one another, he went to rally his troops before they'd make their way. This boy hasn't taken a second off my eyes, he may be young though there's a seed inside she'd want to hear about. Inside the mind, it turned even him, one who wouldn't dare bat an eye again on things that'd concern maliciousness. Though the foul stench of

that was flagrant around the child, making it even more surprising how the two of them who accompanied him haven't noticed it. Rounded up they went and not another word was said, not before pushing the carriage out of the road and taking the horse. A smart choice as it was the season for it. Small rabbit turncoat bugs, thought to have been evolved from the common woodcracker termites, they'd devour it in less than an hour if no one was there to scare them away. The wind was strong too, that it blew a portion of the dirt and replaced it with dust, removing even the last notice that someone was even there, let alone a band of pale horse riding thieves. Though, as they went, chained with rope along their hands and dragged along to see the leader of the band of thieves, unknown to the boy and the others, a ripple laid atop the sky. Still, it went and it will not disappear until the debt was paid. The sky shattered on their way as they marched through dirt, water and stone. A small ration of food and water was given after a day of the walk, as they were not as cruel as they seemed. With the camp set and the pale horses resting under tall leaves, they remained there for a night, under a tree that got paler through the night. Dark brown became paler, almost infected by the horses. Two which, Euclieed's surprise manifested in form of a question, though not before jumping back at the sight. It provoked the laughter of three other men that stood near him, almost to the point of spitting out their stew. 'Relax boy, nothing will happen to you. See?' The man removed his glove and touched the tree with no fear. 'Is this what you're afraid of boy?' Followed by even more laughter. 'Step away from.. Wait. But how could this be? How is it that you're not affected by that disease.' Over his shoulder, Gzar came and placed a hand. He pointed at the horses, which still hadn't explained a thing. Gzar moved swiftly and noticed that at night he felt no maliciousness coming out, almost as if it was a different boy, even more, innocent than the last one. Curious. 'You still don't understand?' 'No, I see the horses and the affected tree, but.' 'Look at the leaves.' And the immediate reaction helped him notice the obvious, the leaves remained unchanged despite being on their backs. 'Let me explain to ya' since you don't get it. 'With their backs turned, the other two prisoners struggled with their ears to hear. Both of them were interested as well in hearing about those animals, as never before have they seen, nor thought about being a different type of horse. Perhaps sick horses, but it would've been quite the stretch about anything else. 'These are gooza horses.' 'Gooza horses?' Euclieed said as he met his gaze, presently with one of the horses. 'They're quite peculiar, they've been a gift given to our leader.' Gzar came closer, made a sign to one of his men then went on revealing what happened behind the curtains. As both the child and the prisoner turned to see, they found themselves amazed, even more, after seeing that the horses had no hooves in the back anymore. They were dismissed on the side, revealing a pair of sharp carapaced needles that inserted themselves into the ground. 'They needn't drink nor eat, as they take all the nutrients required for any type of tree by connecting themselves to the roots below the ground.' Mouths were gasped, as one of the needles grew twice in size for a moment, after taking a considerable amount from the ground, before deflating. A raspy voice came from the back then. 'But what about the colour of the tree?' 'Don't mind that, it's mostly a reaction from the chemicals inserted by the horses to be able to take what it needs. Think of it like boiling our food before we eat it.' Virgil seemed pleased despite the situation, as it was another situation he never went through before. Though the problem for him and his wife remained. This Gzar is quite an unpredictable man, I shouldn't make the mistake of underestimating him, who know what other tricks does he have other than those pale horses. He nodded twice to his wife. We need to wait just a bit, to hear this judgement, I'm more than certain that I will be able to bide by the way out, as well as yours. Perhaps even the boy. That, even Virgil felt a warmer wind

coming from the direction of him. A peculiar phenomenon that felt out of place, though it faded away as they stood staring at the fire. With smoke spears punching the sky, what they didn't see is that it was lead into the ripple, spreading even farther. The effect was seen by the party as they searched. Balidier, with his ear near and his eyes going through the ripple, he made a sign towards for the other three to see. 'There, right there. I'd wager one or two days left until we get there.' They were the fastest and most efficient from the village. Said by the priest himself that they were bred from the lord to save him in a time of need. Which begged the question, always and foremost, from what? 'We need to get him before it's too late, you saw how the damn priest reacted in private.' Silence. 'Balidier stopped his rude companion, showing him the sharpness of his twin blade, at which the slash cut through the wind and spliced his tongue in half. 'That would be enough, you will not dirty our lord nor the priest responsible for him. I'd wish I'd warned you about your tongue and to watch it, though it's too late now.' He turned after, ignoring both the scream of agony and the other two who stood there mercilessly to the agony that was displayed in front of their eyes. For better, the alternative remained that they'd either be burnt then eaten or just eaten alive if they failed the mission. Not to mention a number of wounds they'd get to have in case they insulted or came too far from order. 'We ride now.' His throat cleared with that, despite, wondering himself. What did the priest mean by that, though? What could our omnipotent god be afraid of, even more, of our priest? Euclieed, I swear, you will pay for what you've done, both to our lord and your brother. A solemn swear to himself before heading away. And the ripple was followed by them. Unknown, the boy only sneezed, as if some spoke his name, wasting some moisture in front of the hot fire, which brimmed it to pieces. 'It's going to be a long night, you'd better get some rest. I'm 'especially talking to the three of you, make no mistake, if you attempt to escape when we're sleeping, you won't get far.' I swear on my honour that we won't make any attempt. You've got the pledge of my land on your shoulders, so don't attempt to intimidate us. I will meet this leader of yours, make no mistake.' Gzar was fairly impressed by the look as this pompous looking lord, slightly covered in dirt stood his ground despite standing in the middle of a band of thieves in the desert. They laughed it out as it was said. 'You're not that bad lord, though that's not for me to decide.' 'Then who is, who has out judgement? Who, then will be the decider?'

One hundred and five

Hellish being with long finger-like appendages that go miles long, penetrating the eyeballs and rendering people still. It went deeper and deeper into the cornea until it reached and picked on the brain. Reports of murder were often found in the city of Bhaaza but none like the latter. The citizen became rather pompous, making them even more. 'Unaware.' Alive's clear voice echoes through the roughened streets. She's been paying attention to the rumour and even more than that, it was almost as if they became part of her and the heritage she had. Leading the group of people she was appointed with made her uneasy. Four other accompanied her hired thugs. Even as they walked, the company of their made her feel uneasy, as if they'd turn to stab her at any chance. They've not believed not witness it. Truthfully to herself, she hasn't either. A being with such elongations that it could easily stick them and suck on the bone marrow and the brains of its dear hosts seemed high unlikely. 'Stop.' Word by word was spoken by her and even that was hushed as she hasn't planned on making them remember it. The stinkers were called, undoubtedly to carry the body, just in time too. A hand was risen then quickly lowered and they jumped out of the meadows. The two didn't even have time to shout for help as they dropped the dearly deceased. Two of the thugs jumped and grabbed one, making sure they'd knock and grab him. 'No murders.' The body reached the ground already, as were the two carriers that held him, being placed after near the sidewalk. Some bottles were present, enough to make it appear as if they were drunk all along. A grumpy voice came as another did it. 'Smart thinking, they'd be waking up in the summer with that.' 'Shh, someone's coming.' A pair passed by, only seeable by their shade and the one left by the umbrella they carried. They went over the bridge, far enough over the sewers but farther from them. Alive stood clear and waited, she knew that as long as they stood still none would hear them. And it wasn't long now until the morning sun would come, the danger was amidst. Sounds of clicks could be heard. They spoke in whispers. 'My lady, what should we do?' Her pointing finger was just above one of her lips, he understood far enough. One of the pointed above of them, right as the couple just passed. Two others went and grabbed the clothes of the men that were carrying the body before getting into position. Despite being shrouded, it was still warm. 'Am I the only one hearing

those noises?'He was a butcher of a man, quite distinct of all four of them and it took a while until she noticed what he was talking about.'That must be it.Carry the body where we have to meet, I'll follow the sounds by myself.'But.'I can handle, go before they wake up.'Understood ma'am.'They were advised to get into possession and leave, which they eventually did, though without the likes of her.She followed the sound.The sky was imploding above of her as the sound of fireworks started.A celebration, now?She thought, wetting her lips before she closed her eyes.The sound would be clearer if she just focus and it wasn't going to happen unless she tried it.It was the perfect opportunity, as the sounds of explosions would cover the lamentation of the dead.Click.Click.Click.It went on, she took a right and found herself on the main street of Mayple.From the distance, people were awakened , having their gazes straightened to look above.It was a fiend she knew and most certainly someone would see it.Then again, it wasn't a mindless one, that she was sure.Safer paths could be taken to avoid obvious stares, some shades, turns, darker corners of the town.She just hands to find it.Looking at every dark corner in sight wasn't hard but it had its tricks.Those elongated parts that stretched themselves onto every turn had their well-endowed tricks.Other functions too were attributed, and there wasn't time for her to debate whenever or not it was unholy or evolved.It could see through them, with smaller and softer portions popping out, there was the laying danger.First, she made sure she wasn't standing in a dark corner but not too far into the street, people could see her.And utmost secrecy had to be kept.Second, she had to be sure, if it came to her finding, it wouldn't have to know she saw it.Otherwise, it would ignore everything else and go for her instead.I must think straight and note slight changed.Humidity in the air, as the sweat from such pressure on its body, would easily accumulate with no doubt.Swift motions in the dark.She had the plan, easily in mind.First, I'd find one and wait for it to devour its victim.Then, I'd go and follow to its bloated body, it must be the way after feeding so often.She prowled.It always helped while going over a plan again.In the midst of the dark and the light of the fireworks, the features were almost lit.A thin body, broken nails that weren't hers, distinct features of her faces, cheeks that were slightly pushed forward.One fair maiden was she called, something that she's always carried with her in years, young looking.'Shh.'Again, she repeated the motion but this time for a smaller man, a boy that woke up and stood at a window.A top floor, which made her be especially careful after avoiding it.A thought wondered in her head while more people started moving around.He might be attacked and cannot ward him.From his point, he barely saw anything.A pair of glittering eyes, closely to the shadow up to a point where they almost blended into it.The window door was closed after a voice came and told him to go back to sleep.A sigh of released came to her face as she saw it.She enjoyed the distraction, but perhaps too much.'Where are you?'Impatience started rising and she soon realised the reason.It was close.Small pores on the skin allowed it to spread a thin liquid, almost to the sheet of a paper that planted itself into people.Accompanied by seed like formation they'd receive both the means and the water to raise themselves in seconds in their hosts.Harmless to a point, affection them only with feeling that would fade, a natural kit that was built and released at will.It's grown depended on its tools.She thought as she laid on her back to a wall, with one hand reaching for a knife that rose to the belt below.'G'day mam.'She quickly changed position, her pose accompanied by a change of face, stance and motion of the hands.Appearing as neutral as she could. 'G'day sir.'A man with a top hat and the usual black suit, accompanied by a coat to match, a selection often used by many in the town.Appearing in a casual manner, driving away by her own will, never to be seen twice in the small place.By now those thugs must've gotten there, she

thought. Right to the spot. 'There, what now?' Quayle asked he was done dispatching of the robes and the medical suit they've taken, not before looting them of what they've had. 'And what about the merchandise?' A few needles. 'He was stopped despite the lips being in the right position, all four of them being in the sewers, stopped at the sight. It was there between the two of them. Damn that smoke break. Quayle's mind gone, in the first place on blaming others, a defence mechanism made by him. It wasn't enough to save him nor his friend. Nor the body. Echoes ran after through the sewers, and at a point, heading towards the outside. 'What's happening now?' The two started running, first thinking it'd be a bad laugh on both of them. Thew was wrong after hearing the ghastly sounds of the scream they've released. As they went there they didn't account for, momentarily forgetting where they stood at. They ran across the sewer water, being caught in an awkward moment after a bad decision was made. Marab, previously thought of making a bet, as the water was infected with small flesh-eating parasites, who would stand the longest. Harmless, even in pairs, this wasn't the problem that laid there as they gave themselves away and how they were approaching. It was done before it even began. The small parasites came into play for more than one reason. They shoved them away, with no pain, though they did what they were intended for. In their teeth, they carried the agent that was thrown into the water by the looming nightmare that momentarily made itself unseen after it was done. Along the way a sudden slow of emotion as they were affected differently. Strangely, either the slightly murky water or the biology of the small fat parasite came into fruition. It was a new type of poison yet to be discovered and it worked just as it was intended. As a poison. Sores on the part of their feet, followed by aching. Before they reached the scene of a murder they fell down, still drowning. Still conscious, though their bodies numbed. It took its time this time after being aware that no one else was approaching them. Seconds, that's all it took to be finished with them. A quick but slow lift of their head, not above the water but inside. It prepared one of them and he couldn't scream nor defend himself. He stood there and died while his friend was drowning. Above the sewers, the gate from which it came was fairly hidden from mundane sight and so was it. Daylight was approaching, putting a stop to the display of lights across the sky. Signalling everyone in the town that it was time for them to be awake. 'I've not time for this.' Alive said, the poison in her system was already diminished by her own doing. Once nobody was in sight nor any window open, a small incision over her arm and vein let the blood finally run out. It was marvellous how easily she got rid of it. The confusion that plagued her mind went away along with the blood that went away. So clear it was for her to see that it was already time to retreat, with no more than one sign of the beast kept loose. Along the way, she managed to cauterise at the end of a torch that was embedded on the metal rod across the road. It was painful and she left a whim. The windows were already radiating with a yellow light, spreading the light across the street. Too late as she already flipped the circle of metal and entered the sewerage system. A splash of water came but the way was clear. They must already be there. She thought whilst on a leap there, trying to outrun the signs that would've been left. It reminded her what the head of the operation told them. Outrun the light as much as you can, for if it reaches you. No longer will you be a shade in the dark, they would notice the figure that's surrounding the place, carrying a dead body or worse. Their memory is tight and they never forget what's done. It pained her to think that she was seen by a man, directly in front of her. 'Damn that man, and damn the head. We were not announced.' Her voice was cut short at the sight of her companions, laying dead in the water. Her expression turns paler as the smell of it. Rancid it was. Whatever happened inside their bodies left an odour, so strong that she had to rip a part of her cloth and shove it

in her face. They were a superstitious bunch, thinking that the smell would get them diseased. Perhaps she wasn't too far off this time. There will be consequences for this. The thought of it made her shudder, before making the appropriate retreat. 'It's been an hour or so.' 'They will get here, we all know how dangerous it is.' In the middle of the room and between all the scheming, stood two of them, the captain and one of his subordinates. A tip reached the end of the table, followed by another one, so long and so forth. He saw how the captain was losing patience too, knowing not to push it. They were both turned in the cabin, staring at the door to wait. The captain's tongue, he called it, a place of storing and plotting. In front of him, with his back turned stood Herb, a middle classed citizen with an aching jaw that was rivalled only by his back and lack of foresight. His arms were stretched above, no sleep was had for neither of them. Even the mug felt lonely across the table, the fourth one to be empty. It's been far too long, delays were made. 'They should've been here for. F. For at least four hours ago. And they're not.' 'I am aware of that Herb.' 'No, you're not, if you were.' 'Herb.' The captain said his tone, with the tongue spanning across the slight cut over his mouth, close to being monotone. Both threatening and calmly as he already knew what they were thinking and was only acting the certain way to warn Herb not to say so. It felt to him disrespectful otherwise. But it came nonetheless from the thick headed man. 'They are dead.' 'Enough.' 'Damn this Herb, he is acting like a child. A small observation as he leapt across the room to stand on top of a chair, staring into the abyss. The room got colder. 'Shh.' His eyes went separate directions of his whilst trying to swallow on his dry throat. They waited, hearing something big walk, a few feet away, on the other side of the door. It was big. The steps could be felt, reaching deeply into the ground and splashing the water almost into small puddles across the concrete paths that ran along the stream. They waited even more. It passed. 'It's the third time this week, you know what it will happen if eventually, it will get its hand onto one of our!' She arrived in time, at least from her perspective. When the door opened, what greeted Alive wasn't warm but almost a position of war. Both held a harpoon and a lamp, either as threatening than the latter. 'Have I done something wrong?' Alive asked whilst the weapon was seated back. Herb passed her and sealed the gate back, but not before he took a look, both sides. Am I getting paranoid? He asked himself but that was diminished after seeing the marks on the ground, left by the creature. The look on Alive's face did nothing to betray what happened, but captain Hygrad knew well enough. As for Her and his return, he didn't ask. Instead, not a second passed without his gaze not being lifted way from the old captain's wrinkle skin and eyes. Judgemental, as usual, the one that would glitter and tell you. You'd better heed what I said and realise, it's getting dangerous. Reminding them of a, now, long gone, the previous conversation that underwent between them about the state of affairs of their organisation. Alive wanted to greet his friend. No, he can wait, the report has to come first, he has to know, we are losing more and more people as it is. Four, no, five mugs of coffee, strange, even more, were left the room, they weren't present when she left. And never has the captain invited people of casual conversations over coffee and such formalities. 'How long have I been gone?' She had no clock neither a way of knowing so it's no wonder it came as a surprise to her to hear. 'A few hours, maybe more than that.' The words span and barely hit her in an unexpected way as it was important. 'But, I've been gone for a few minutes there and.' She stood and recalled the previous event, going over it. The side effect of the thing that entered her skin and polluted her affected her perception of time, getting rid of one of the senses she had. That was important to be written in the report, along the hazardous body. Her lips were not dribbling after she wet them and continued. 'You've probably suspected by now, they're dead.' 'When, how?' 'They died carrying the body

on our safest route. 'Is he testing me or has he not heard that I've had no idea how much it passed? Perhaps it was time for a quick reminder of the retaliation that had to be.' 'Am I to be tested if I'm telling the truth?' 'No, why would.' 'Then why are you implying I'm lying to you about the circumstance I was in?' It was a small escape from the captain, one that he wouldn't want to admit, especially to the glaring judgemental eyes that were now staring at him even more deeply. Almost as if he has now become the abyss that Herb previously stared in. 'I did no such thing, though I feel compelled to admit that. There's a better chance of success in our operation if we were on the tip of our toes at all time.' 'Does that result in personal attack too, I presume?' There was a genuinely distressed look on her face, she wasn't going to take it being called out, especially since with what she's been through. Duty came first for Alive and after that was done. The mourning came after, in a way, she thought that if she was more vigilant on her watch, it wouldn't have happened. And not for them either as the seed of doubt would more than likely sap even the future people who were to be called in her command again. Weakness, I can't show it anymore, not unless I want to be replaced or dismissed. Her mind was semi-clear to a point where the tip between focusing at her captain and trying to forget what happened drew closer. After all, it was easier to forget than to break your own knees along the way. 'You know I've meant no disrespect, I cherish our friendship. Even more than our partnership. And that goes for you as well Herb and you can both admit.' He stepped sideways and away from the chair that was stricken to the ground, firmly to cover the entry to another level. There were signs of both truth and trust in what he said. Yet, he wouldn't reveal what he knew, his secrets for the exact opposite reason. Herb and Alive approached neck in the neck too, close to being uncomfortably in the manner. She sniffed the air, feeling the aroma of pepper. One that was thinly sprayed across the air before she arrived. Alive raised her hand but Herb already gave her a napkin to stop her in mid motion. A friendly gesture, though one that might not have come without a price. From the dossier of his, he revealed the large set of maps. The captain has been used to making them, some still had the scent of the old ink bottle used into making them. 'Is this the town?' Alive asked, her attention now staring at the different points on the map. Those must be the different roads along the map. She thought as she noted that straight lines were dragged, with the and bout precise and technicality of an artist. No squiggly line and neither was the ink spread across it, professionally made, which made even Herb wonder. Is this truly made by him? Surely we could not afford to have an artist on the board, one would need to lower his stance to join the likes of such an organisation. Only one seemed to pop out along all of them. He presented it as it appeared to them. 'Both of you can see it clearly. The sides and such, I've marked it with the lines?' 'What is it then, the roads?' Herb cut Alive short and said what she was about to, whilst making her stop. Perhaps I should've let them think that way, both of them already seem confident about it. The door opened before he'd get the chance. A beard that almost overshadowed the man came that came in was the most distinguishable feature he saw. 'Sir.' It held a tone that would've normally invited pleasantries, to which the captain only nodded. The door was close. Another one that's late, the captain thought. He noticed that more and more scouts were delayed, perhaps. Even affected by something. 'Regardless. You noticed the lines.' And they stared at them, analysing them constantly to see. She's already been there twice and had the opportunity to see and question it. 'The map of the town is wrong.' His expression didn't remain unchanged, a frown that encompassed his face whilst speaking to her. 'Those aren't the roads.' He said, pointing at the source of them. It was almost like a maze, bent across the whole architecture of the town. In a way, it reminded Herb of the early gothic style he has encountered in many

different places in his travel. Then again, he hadn't been out to point it out. Alive, on the other hand, saw where he was barking. It all lead to the 'Entry.' "Then the sewers?" It came there, as a thought, but quickly dismissed by Herb. 'No, that can't be either. I've not been outside but I've had my spare time to go and check every surrounding.' Both of you are not entirely wrong, it's neither of that. Those lines or tracks you're seeing are my documents. I've documented almost each of the nights where it moved its fingers, located at every victim's house too. 'This must be the reason he brought us both here in such a time, not to mention why he made me wait. To confirm his suspicion. There must've been at least twenty paths it took, all different, under the other drawn maps there.' And why is it that you're showing us? Alive became curious why it was important. She felt as if there had to be a reason behind both of them being called and for that nightmare to follow such exact paths. Of course, he revealed more, different ones yet exact, they would stop as sides, pop at others, forming distant mazes. 'It overlaps somehow, this must be the reason why it hunts so much in this place.' "What does?" Herb felt the tension in the room, sweeping a hand across his forehead to take his sweat. Again, he felt as if he was surrounded by sand despite how cold the room really was like. The captain scratched his chin. 'The sewers, the roads built and the mazes formed above everything else, sometimes overlapping. Tell me Alive, where did those four men we hired died at?' She baffled before giving light to his precise perception. 'Inside the sewers.' The captain marked his top map with another sign but stopped. In his eagerness, he appeared almost like a child, regardless of how dire the situation or how serious it was, he wanted to be right. Quickly on his wit, knowing that he marked the spot without knowing, he used a piece of cloth to erase it whilst fresh. A motion and it was gone, covering the emblem the cloth had. A hawk, now to be known as a drowning hawk, a mistake he thought, to use that instead of another rag that laid on the floor. Alive didn't say a thing and just watch him dabble. 'Where did they die?' "There." She pointed with her finger, at a longer distance than the one he obviously thought. 'Fifteen in total and counting. Any other deaths?' He asked and she noted the slight variation of tone, the unrecognisable change of mind. It wasn't like him to ask information directly but to wait and read the reports alone, that way he would be sure everyone was in check. And with everyone in check, if he wanted to question any specific member, he'd know what information was fed and by whom. 'All right. We got the body from here but I don't know where the crime was committed.' "Have you had a chance to search him before?" "No, but." "Then go back and bring it to me." The captain now shouting, revealing a part of him that wasn't shown before, embedded with a slight of anger and a tinge of madness on the side. Alive found herself in an awkward situation, Herb said nothing. It was either her or the bodies, the thought of an ultimatum came to mind. 'Fine.' She complied but not without terms. 'I need a pair of gloves then and a mask of holding breath.' And a pair was given. 'There, make haste now.' "Understood." She bit her lip, feeling the glare behind his saying. The whole room seemed to be panned in front of her eyes. I swear I could see their emotions, both of theirs. It left a feeling in her mouth, dry. She left immediately, without saying anything to them after. Fleeing from their sight and even the sentence the captain was about to say. Almost like a rush, he thought, after grabbing it. She ran after, through the mud and creeping water spores that were raising ahead. 'Is she going to be alright?' Herb asked, right as he felt the vibration left by the closing door reach him. The captain touched his lips again, still looking at his set of maps, altogether, preparing to place them back. 'I hope.' He was shocked, even to him, after the sudden burst of emotion and when the quiet was settled, the captain seemed genuinely distressed? Even as he messed up with the maps, inside his head, he thought. He wondered. Is she

in. But there wasn't time for him to finish that thought. Just as much as if wasn't for Alive, barely having the mask put on. Finding herself in the place where the body should've been. Only to find herself frozen in place. 'Are you feeling fine captain?' He dropped a cup whilst trying to take it away, shattering it into a thousand pieces, all now spread across the floor. 'A bad omen.' The thought came to be, being as superstitious as him. Perhaps it was the wind that pushed her, the cold gust that made her get there so fast, in front of what she was looking for. IT slowly approached and she already couldn't move. But leave some tears run across her compressed face. She saw it come through as easily as one could, penetrating through the visor covering her face, breaking it as if it was nothing. The two partners on the other side stood there in silence, being left into a state of both angst and nostalgia whilst looking at the shards left on the floor. It was another point of the man, slightly farther than where the five bodies were. No scream, therefore no echoes to be heard. The eyes were closed but it did not go through. It raised the eyelid before going, so slow that it was over, the same way it was for the rest of them. Thoughts ran through her head, along recollections of her life. She felt no pain while it was happening, seeing only but a tunnel that ended up with the memories of her life. The limbs couldn't be felt, anything else either. It felt, to her as if she was dreaming, being taken and carried away, the destination uncalled for. It was over in an instant after she approached and reached the destination. After going through all, and at the same time none of them. Too rushed to be enjoyed yet too slow at a time for her to be tricked into believing she was seeing them for the first time. She heard after finally plunging into the abyss. A voice called to her. 'Wake up. Wake up!' It said it twice but felt no resignation towards it. Being caught into what happened and in a place where memories collided with one another. The air was fresh, that she felt, it was as real as her, though the body of her felt light and slim. Is the abyss talking to me? She asked, or at least she tried but the lips seemed to have a will of their own, unable to move them at all. There came a decision after the third time the voice spoke. 'Wake up!' Perhaps it was something that came along the confusion but the first thought that came into Alive's mind. The one that brought the uncertainty, was that the voice sounded like the captain's. She recalled that second ago she left. I know I can trust him, Alive thought. A tube came from above and was shoved straight into her mouth. Her eyes widened. In front of her, she saw the reason for being so light and started struggling for her escape. Hand flailed, stomach churned to match the movement she forced upon herself and the confinement around her. She saw the water around and a figure being formed, around the other side of where she was. The glass, she felt and kept repeating in her mind. It felt to her almost as if her brain seek a path to follow after not being used, other than thoughts that she recalled hearing before. Shatter. Shatter. Shatter. The words that someone said on the outside, that she remembered well. Thought something missed. 'We've got a living one here, come one a second.' The captain. He reached and held his hand, the flail stopped. One hand stopped doing it while the other refused to take off from the glass. Before passing out again, hearing them whisper. It wasn't much and they figured that she wouldn't have woken up, being a mistake removing her. The voice said. 'I know she can.' For the merest of luck, the fresh air came into her nostrils and her eyes slowly open. Her body was fresh, the doctor thought. The dearly departed's body was fresh enough to sustain it. 'Cap..'. Alive looked and couldn't recognise herself in the place she was. She saw what she wanted and the truth that could be called. A hand reached after and covered her mouth. 'Breathe easily now, you're in good hands.' She glared on the other side, saw a table filled with utensils, working at them laid Herb. Another face she previously recalled seeing not long. Should, I ask? The brain was still adjusting, that's the reason she didn't recall that she said it out loud. Or at

least tried as the sentence came out rather like a stutter, that only came to be understood by the many talents of the doctor. Another trait he possessed, lip-reading. 'I'm James if that's what you're asking.' His voice still sounded like the captains, that's the reason a smile came across her face. Grief too as the brain caught up to her, now ignoring the two working men, that, she thought she was dead. She thought that she'd lose the one that she loved. 'Wait, what is she.. "Shh." The cap, James. Silenced Herb, it had to be them. It wasn't supposed to happen, to regain sentience and control over the body. Alive's hand was raised, after being frightened of not being able to see him anymore. She tried reaching his cheek but failed at the last second before her strength dissipating. James understood the act and told his subordinate to stop, he grabbed her hand. So warm, she thought, as a trail of tears ran across her face, not one for grief of fear but out of kindness and contempt. Her arms fell back and Alive passed again, to be found at the mercy of the two doctors. 'Is she?' 'No.' James checked her pulse, finally coming to a conclusion. 'She still lives.' His companion approached, coming with his distillery of ornaments, all sharp and made of metal, bred from a branch for a sole purpose that came to their use. To perforate skin. 'How did she know your name then?' James answered him assistant with a shrug. It wasn't too odd, a mere coincidence and no less than that. After seeing more than hundreds of them per day, active and inactive. Or even the ones that momentarily came to life before having their awareness passed on. Surely after seeing so many and in different stages, from all the stutters, it was highly probably that one would get his name. Not to mention how common it was. 'Very well, we've dallied enough now, we should proceed if we're not to be late with it.' They both placed their masks and sealed the gases inside. She was already done with, at least in most of the part. The body responded well to the new brain, unexpected at first but well enough, James thought. He slightly hesitates. Too much of his thought was spent on her already. She said my name. James told to himself. 'Are you all right doctor?' The formality never left the office, knowing him only by his rank and nothing more. He stopped, responded with a coldness, the same way that it was given to him. 'She said my name.' James took a break and shook it off, before returning to work on her. He ignored the look his assistant gave him. The rot isn't concerned with me, he cares about nothing but his damn position, as would I if I were so lowly in his place. No action couldn't fit better than what he did next. He used his bicep to push and make a clean cut just as he needed. 'Give me the device.' It was obvious to him that his harsh and steel like nature return. Through the air that blurred the glass that encompassed his mask, he noted the seriousness behind it. It was a heavy breath he took before he said it, carrying with it, a lump of most decent gas formation in his lungs whilst taken it back. A glass that helped both of them concentrate. He sighs and took a deep breath just like James before placing it in his hand. Both got ready for the insertion as it had to be done on a living, functioning body. A sphere that was cut on the side, going in depth, small but heavy, multipurpose, though he needed his assistant's help to fit it, though. Under the ribs and barely above the stomach. Close for protection but not too much so it would still be unfelt. 'Fill it.' To which he nodded. The dark but white room felt cosy, enough to send a chill. He never got used and never understood how James did it. Especially since they had to repeat the same procedure time and time after. It was a matching device, big in size, resembling a popped old zeppelin, thought a touch more organing in nature. It was held as a fetus was, the different in size yet strong iron rods held it above, though that didn't stop it from sagging. Carefully he grabbed the tip, not to insert it in his hand and draw it close. Just as he took it, he held with both hands and entered her with the object. 'Under the ribs and wait.' They both held it, this was the longest part of the procedure after all. Waiting so the

sphere would stay there for as long as her body did. It gave them the waiting, the time of carefulness and a time for thought. Complications could come, as it was normal in any other surgery, though this was different from the others. James found himself, often abandoned and alone. Lost in his solidarity as his so called assistant wasn't. He knew that he had the opposite of what he had, a family, something to go back to. Sure, someone stutters happened before, but none had the sincerity this plunged into him. And the touch that he still remembered. He found himself again, looking, staring at her features. So peaceful. Such silence. James wanted to say it out loud but he couldn't, not in front of him. 'It's almost ready now.' Time flew, the more he noted of each feature, dissecting it but not as he did to others. No, for others, he did it purely to get it technically pointed, dents, proportions, flaws. How is it that I've stared so much at you when you were in a tube and felt nothing? James asked himself, holding on the pulsating bag, almost ready to pull. But now. Did she have a soul that travelled? Doctor. "Immediately." They pulled it out and dismissed the object. It was quite an old technique but it was kept nonetheless. Suturing the wound with the quality and fitness of one trained in a lifetime just for that, he covered right as the opening absorbed the remnants of air. The substance used was almost alive, feeding on air, wasn't even as bad as how it truly looked like. 'Another operation was successful.' Already ahead and completing the note, another subject written as another success. James looked one last time at her. She was to be placed in a small cell, barely as flexible as the body and mixed up with the hundreds of them. Either sold into slavery or worse. It wasn't any of his jobs to wonder nor to judge what was done with all of the bodies. They've lived their life, after all, made their choice to be kept alive, now they were repurposed for their choice. He lifted her on the small side, to be held against a wall she once rested upon. The pulse first. 'Checked.' James took his time, moving at an awkward angle with his hand reaching her cheeks. An obsession was noted, something he'd get to use against James, so he did hold the grudge against. A rivalry that he thought unsuspected. 'What would they say if they found out that you're having nicks for people of the old?' 'Excuse me?' 'Yes James, your precious world shattered, perhaps even demoted, plunged into a deeper oblivion than what they're in.' 'What's that in your hand?' 'No.' 'Or even better. Succeeding you to my rightful place.' He had the conversation in his mind, whilst writing down the notes. It came to his mind accidentally after having a glimpse of a reflection that occurred on the crystal sharp scalpel. 'He wouldn't even suspect, it could even be played with her as it was. No one would suspect a thing after hearing about this rare specimen and how it spoke so soon.' Everything documented and in a part of her brain, it was stored, easily accessible if a case was to be found against him. No. IT's coming but let him be distracted by him and deliver. One plunge behind his back will be enough to be the end of him, it's a lot less than what he deserves. His body would be used in the next extraction and he would receive an assistant of his own. After all, he had the knowledge, the experience and the practice, the equal of doctor James Hundra the third. A grand name for a stinking fella' as he often thought. Though despite some misspelt words on the notes below him, he still couldn't stop but hold the grudge. It was a small error in the system that placed him below someone of equal, or even lower skill. Not for long now, as he was done wrapping her and placing it inside. He's distracted now. And surely he wouldn't notice a scalpel, a blade taken and hid right in the coat. IT needed two pairs of hand to be lifted and carried, as he was called. 'It's ready.' They kept silence near each other, feeling different about the task. James felt a pain in his stomach, perhaps something he ate earlier. Good, it should be done by now. A small carrier bag that delivered the substance while he was eating, just as unnoticed. Never would it occur to James that he would start seeing unwell, the image in

front of him shaking, as his hands. They reached and inserted it, the capsule now opening a hatch and receiving the last one. Strange, James thought. He was left to do it alone. The patience was no longer there, abandoned quite, as the hatch went away and the carrier sent with all the merchandise along the way. To him, Ghaaj, it seemed as their last work together. That down fool, he said to himself. Not even once spoke my name in good tongue, never matter that it will make it easier now. His daring assistant, the one that he least expected to get rid of him, especially since he had a family on his back. Well, ironic. A crack and a snap of the fingers, his hand unzipped some buttons off his coat. Ghaaj knew that there was no one around to see or hear it happen. Under his coat now, his hand grabbed and held the end of an eviscerated knife, slightly melted from a previous encounter. It was just as James left his grasp over the machine that he found himself backed on the edge. Not realising until it was too late, nor that his nerves were slightly tilted from a previous drug, he walked into his own doom. He stopped as his former assistant grabbed him, still facing the other end of the emptiness of the hollow cargo hold they were located in. 'What are you doing man?' James tried moving his arm but he only found himself to be overpowered. This couldn't be my assistant, perhaps a thug? The mind sought to explain, reeking through and find the first valid explanation it could pull off. No, it wasn't like that, no one else could've had access, there was no sound. 'Feeling clumsy James?' James tried swallowing off the bitterness of his friend. Something was inside of him, that was clear, reaching the back of his spine. A strange feeling to him, as a surgeon, to feel such a thing, having memorised everything, down to his every bone and form. No pain. So am I drugged? His thought could've gone so many places, perhaps if he had the time he would've discovered it. 'Farewell

James. The knife raised itself, engulfed in small flames and cutting through its way towards the skull, all in a swipe. His body was left to fall, out of the lack of judgement. 'Damn this man, taking revenge even in his death.' He saw it bounce over the various spires raised against down to the very pits that were left there. It left an eerie feeling as not even the sound of it hitting the ground would've satisfied him. Ghana J scratched his chin with the same hand he used the knife. An accident, perhaps, that should solve his every problem, even get rid of the problem if word came around. 'James, you poor.' Something stopped him from stretching, staring too much into the abyss was already unsettling. Though, a peculiar thing came to mind. 'I said his name.' And soon after he realised where he heard it before. One more particular instance that almost poisoned his entire mind. The suckers of hers, there's the chance she might've already taken a part of him. For me now, Ghaaj, the hunt is on. The distance and the abyss seemed much more welcome to him, and a smile arose. Half the state was already traversed by the ship, entire sectors skipped too, as this wasn't going to be just a normal transportation. She'll be half asleep for at least a few more sectors until she managed to arrive at the destination. The ship she was in and twenty others were to be delivered to the royal palace, with no excuse. It took a while but they arrived there. Still unconscious from the ghizzarious gel inserted through the back of their spine by the tubes. It was enough that most of them had a belly full of it when it was inserted with the tracking objects. Now, a surplus was inserted for them to be kept at bay. A scrumptious invention, quoted from its inventor itself when describing it. 'The inflamed body created as a breed from the ones that gave us all. As in their

branches they held genetic codes helpful to many breeds that were created for casual uses in our daily activities. Different types, subclasses and many were devised for those breeds, including the most known of uses. The gel, that keeps us alive. The one that makes us dizzy when too much is applied but keeps us tied together to not fall to pieces. It's a blessing and a curse, it needs no replenish as it's too thick and too muddy to be absorbed by the body. A

second nature and the next step in our evolution, something that not even our ancestor dreamed or believed in. Blessed be our saviours, now revered as gods from the past, from bringing the past back to us.' The ringing of a bell interrupted the class as an armoured man came closer to him and whispered in his ears. 'Class dismissed.' The professor signalled them to go after hearing. The entire staff had an earlier release, from their boundaries as the shipment arrived. So many children there, all lied to, some facts hidden. He dismissed the thought, ought to join his fellow staff members. In his mind, the thought of it was clear, the kids wouldn't be allowed to see them, to be saved from the grim thoughts of history. They were all taught in history and knew what happened, the causes and the effects it carried. 'Morally bent.' It came out loud, accompanied by a cough, his teeth sinking it as a company.

Brooding

There laid a broad standing on the street. Her kind was anything but decent, which meant a lot having come from one from a class such as mine. Douglas Pickett, one who lived alone and watched from his lone apartment and thought. This inheritance turned out to be more like a bothering thing than anything else. Just as he gazed once again, he saw that broad. Nothing of her was luxurious other than the small pelt made of small animals which had bored their sharp teeth upon themselves. A pretty thing as it was obviously custom designed. I stood above the high store in my house, looking through the pane and the bother. A few streets away but that noise, the noise of lust that they made every night had driven me mad to the point of wanting to burn to a brink. The light of the day meant that they couldn't do the business anymore. 'Damn these officers.' I said to myself. Bribe after bribe, going from her to them. She must be the owner, with her chocolate expression and hair almost melting with a light blond. Something about her made her charm them easily despite being of the kind brought from a different world. 'Damn her too for making all the noise.' His neighbours had been known to partake from time to time. Perhaps, that was the main reason why they weren't as disturbed by this as he was. Outside the matter was getting worse for both of us. I follow through the garden and recognised them. 'Good morning.' Said one, wearing a tight fit dress, pretending to be a worker of the garden. She was tending to the flowers, cutting them thoroughly. I nodded my head and looked around until I saw another come and go through. They hid with us, bartered with us in the markers, bought from us in the general store. And none of the others appeared to have known who they were, what they were. More importantly, that mad sound drove me as far to the point. I could hear it even now after looking at that old factory. These beings had converted to a place of lust and of sin. 'Sir, excuse me, sir.' 'What is it?' I haven't noticed it but one of them had decided to approach me. She had a veil over her and appeared to be as the rest of us, a human of some kind. But I couldn't be deceived by that. 'Give me that.' For a moment I almost burst and revealed myself and them too soon before the world was prepared. Some of the others saw me react and appeared to have been started by my reaction. 'Excuse me, I'm just expecting something important.' The clerk gave me a pass, but this was indeed, without a doubt or a lie, a letter of utmost importance. I was about to leave for a couple of days from here and make sure I wasn't going to be taken by surprise by any single of those broads. Don't smile at me, I know who you are, I saw you. And him as well. 'Have a good day sir.' That smile was only a thing that attempted to shimmer my rage, but I had

come to realise that it hadn't been directed towards me. It was the man behind who had waited for a while in line. His

hair was sweaty and unattended to, and from the looks of it, he had come under a charm from this witch. This happened abruptly even for them, as I've never been called there with so much urgency. Apparently, there had been a crisis which resulted in them having to call all apparent employees to work as fast as possible. Right in time if you ask me. The first train, luck and fate were on my shoulder as this was the last one to leave the city for a long time. I wasn't finished but on the long way, there'd be enough time for me to read on. As it lay, 'Dear Douglas C. Pickett, We announce you with utmost respect that you are to show yourself by the noon of seventeen in the laboratory. This crisis may not bode well into the paper alone. For now, you and other two hundred of your colleagues have been immediately informed and have taken action to stabilise this as fast as possible. At least until you and anyone else arrives, the entire laboratory is in quarantine. Please bring whatever you deem necessary and be ready for immediate danger. Have a pleasing day and don't forget that we have your best interest at work. Yours truly.' Signed by the boss himself, the only thing that wasn't typed. Must've hurt your wrist having... One thing stopped me from reading, as I was already embarked with my pass on. It was one of the witched standing on that row, a few paces ahead, trying to find a chair. I knew it, she was having a conversation inside, but I was aware of the fact that I was followed. 'Damn her.' 'Yes, right here ma'am.' She has placed just a few cabins ahead, as I could see her from my window, that draws her attention. Has she noticed that my cabin had been partially open? Was I paranoid? This wasn't to be this mad, she had taken attention and pointed at me. 'How rude.' I muttered under my moustache. Apparently, over the fact that I was alone, she asked the conductor if she may join me. As for that, he promptly replied and opened my door for her. 'Greetings.' 'Greetings sir.' Then came with a fuller sound. 'Ma'am.' A shock ensued, at the worst of times, having to proceed this journey with her despite knowing what she truly was. A witch, a wench, a creature that made too much noise, that damning shout and their strange, pulsating vibration. Why is she here? 'Hey, aren't you that man who lives there, no, that isn't it. But aren't we neighbours? Wait, I know you ser, I live just a few blocks away from you, I must be certain.' That was the last straw, now they taunted me to no extreme. 'Indeed I do, but what of it? I barely leave the house as it is, busy with my work and what not. Actually, I'm quite.' One glance on the outside and I pushed the door closed. These booths were almost inaudible to the point where not even a shout could go through. 'I'm quite curious how you got to find about me at all.' 'Mind if I?' 'Go on ahead.' She took out of her small bag a pack of cigarettes, even offered me one as a sign of good faith. But I refused, and I would do it again, knowing that I could free myself from that poison. Even now, their intentions of harm weren't as clear. Focus, Douglas, the letter. Now that I look at it again, I see that's got quite a few error in its, miswritten words, a shaky signature, too short. Not to mention that its quality has dropped since the last one I received months ago. As a matter of fact, I should've called them when I had the chance. I'll drop a call at the next stop, just to be certain. So far, her glances at my papers appeared to raise something in her. She had kept the cigar away from her mouth for a while and anyone could see how much she had begun to shake. Perhaps something wasn't right. 'Are you feeling well my lady?' This appeared to have awakened her from that momentary slumber of focus. Either that or the moment when I bent the letter in two. One thing leads to another and we finally started talking, now that she appeared to have loosened. 'I'm actually working towards obtaining my inheritance for the time being.' 'Why would that be my lady? Surely you couldn't have been abandoned like that by your parents.' 'Well, I'm sure we all have our differences with our so-so ones but you can

certainly not claim to understand my situation sir. I've been abandoned by them and cut from it and you seem to know just how much an attorney could reach. And from the modest job she appeared to be describing, just a secretary wouldn't be able to afford, let alone be able to go on and win her inheritance back. What are you into then? You seem to be a wealthy man. Oh, Adeline. I'm Douglass, and I'm just working what I can get my hands on. This left a bitter taste on both of their mouths. It was clear that something changed after that lie. But in no other way would I tell this wench that I was a doctor, she had known. Judging by her expression, she knew that we were all doctors working there at the lab. What now, what will you do now that you found out? That's crude, but I guess we do whatever we can to survive, right? Her face changed from something pretty to a damned thing that appeared to have been battered by a combination of rage and old age. It didn't leave much room for sense, judging by the fact that she was as young as-as in her twenties. But the witch remained a witch regardless of what skin or wig she wore. I could see it by now, the next station that would bore. I swear to all mighty, if any of you wenches had any of it to do with this, I will. Before the silent threat, there was an exchange of gazes, just before the man came in to ask the tickets. Here. Here. She mockingly repeated. The way she made the man look at us make him think we were a couple. An even deeper insult I concur. Before you leave, may I ask you when's the next stop. I'm fairly in need to give a call, it's utmost important. Well sir, why didn't you ask, we have a line sitting just near the driver's cabin. Emergency only but if it's true. It is, I'd be utmostly pleased if I could. My small luggage bag was right in my hand. Just as I placed myself, I appeared frightfully enough to push her away from standing so close to me. You won't do it this time, I will take the call. If you may follow me, sir. I nodded and came out of the cabin, locking it now. It appeared that the man was dull enough to forget the keys, which got me promptly to close her in. She hadn't noticed yet, as a matter of fact, she tried to ignore me and my actions now. Too late, wench. No one saw me there, in their shuffling confusion but I had taken them, soon to give them back after I was done with my call. We went through the entirety of the train to the point when I found the small telephone. It was rustic, quite a wonder how it managed to work. Wait a minute now, I believe you dropped this. Fate had worked with me now, perhaps it had known of the vileness of the wenches. That might as well be the reason why I acted this way. But the sudden motion of the train and the turn made me drop the keys. Lucky enough, it appeared that this affected both of us, sending us to a state of dizziness and inability to control where we landed. It worked just perfectly as he mistook this action as if it fell off from his pocket. Thank you, good sir, and talk away, it's rare to see someone so polite riding on the lower class. Don't mention it. Fat oaf, who dares bring the attention of the class here and now? You should be thankful someone even paid the fee to get on this dirty train. Looking back, I closed my small compartment and the windows as well. No one was to hear all of this, regardless if one tried to eavesdrop or not. That wench and that fat oaf will be dealt with later, this was important. The call came out a surprise now, as it was revealed that my suspicions were true. As it appeared to be, there wasn't any letter which was sent at all. Nothing of the sort, not even the slightest drop or missing apparel for them to be brought back. Someone had tampered with the seal that was used for the letter, I announced. At which I was advised to go to the local police or to return as fast as possible home. They were doing something there. This was dangerous, the act not of a rational man but that of one who had been driven to the point of desperation and confusion. I've let the phone immediately down. We were at least one hour in the train ride but nevertheless, I decided to take on my nerves and pull the blackness that of which was my blood. My hairs were dirty

now from the fall but I survived jumping out of the train. The vision had begone for seconds and it appeared that I had jumped just in time before we were ready to enter the dark tunnel. And from the other direction, the other train would've crushed me before I had the chance. Nevertheless, despite the fact that I was wet and alone, the night was approaching, I was still one hour away from home. There I saw her though, in that dark locked thing, unable to open her iron locked window to jump and follow me. But that's the time when I saw her in the truest of forms. A malevolent dark thing which appeared to have abandoned the head and push small white things in the air, like a grown barnacle of some kind. It pushed towards those clothes to reveal the naked body of black and blue, a woman stricken and eaten now that it wasn't needed anymore. That mouth ran across as a surprise when it started to hover in its small box. I saw it and reached for the crucifix around my neck, but it was too late. They were all alone to deal with that locked terror. But I was more afraid, for they knew where I lived. Even as they went to where I worked and stole the seal, to the point of the matter when they haven't realised it was even stolen now. 'I need to get home.' I said to myself. Even in the darkest of nights, if I ran fast enough, I would get there before midnight. Henceforth, without any other option, I ran as fast as possible, in the cold. This harsh weather only pushed me to get there faster, as I was waiting for the chance. A mere stood there just waiting for me to ride it with seemingly no master to stand beside it. Perhaps it was either the merest of chance or I was guided by something to return home. Nevertheless, since there wasn't any human in range for me to ask out of which this wild animal belongs, I took control of it. This appeared to be closer to a dream than anything else which had happened to me. A lucid dream in its true meaning. Nothing was displayed away from my reach, I was on my way and soon to breach. The inner barrier which stood between us. With a bit of luck, I could've even caught them during the act and alerted the authorities. 'But what are you planning? You disturbing things?' I asked myself as if knowingly, some greater thing which had affected my fate could hear me. As a man which believed in logic, this thing that affected my life had taken it all. There wasn't anything for me to do but to go there and see for myself. Steal what I had? There wasn't anything of value in sight that I kept, at least something other than my papers and what not, And the papers would utmost certainly be checked first, that was the promise. As for this mere, it'd be abandoned near the border, once I was sure I'd reach the point. But, this was about to come as a shock, after my journey got to an end. I saw what was to be a trail of smoke rising to the very top of the sky, and immediately knew what they've done. Even my simple-minded beast started acting bizarre upon that sight. Neither I nor it knew what was about to happen to us. 'Damn this thing. Begone you beast.' Since it was about to betray me, I went alone and past the crowds. Past the streets, I reached around. And when I was close, I was forced to my knees to see what had happened to me. The entirety of my house had burnt, the entire top was engulfed in a burning fire that appeared to be affecting only my apartment. A ring of smoke came out of my window and I swore I saw a wench inside, grinning as she saw me at my thinnest of moments. Whatever I could've done became pointless for me now. This was my defeat and as I became aware, there wasn't anything for me to do. What little I had become engulfed in the fire. Soon they'd extinguish it but that wasn't a place to be living inside. The men tried to help me but I refused. I waited there, in the range of the debris, hoping like a madman that I would be crushed, but that never had come. Only ashes and burnt out wood remained at my top, in the middle of the damning night. For, but only a sight was allowed for me to take. The entrance was forbidden despite having inherited that top view above the other paying denizens. Now there wasn't anything I had, a man on the streets. And everything happened in the span of so

little but of her grin. I could see her from the other end even now, smiling as she watched me intently. For a moment, I was certain that she eyed me even when I stood to gaze from my safe place. Nevertheless, this was my defeat and none would get to know of her actions or what they were. So I thought until I was getting ready to approach my new life. That's at least when I was aware that my torture would come to an end at last. Awareness proved me wrong this time. She came to me in the darkest of nights, when my sleep was still disturbed, my vision so blurred. Red and mad, it came through my mind. 'Come with me.' She said and went on. 'That thing which happened to your place, quite bad,

I'd wager. How about you live with us? We got a small room in the basement which would more than certainly fit your needs until you can get a place for yourself.' This kindness had belonged to a lizard but I was desperate. Caught between living on the street and wanting to sleep without hearing those noises. Perhaps it was that damn tongue that

bewitched me for I cannot explain for myself why I've accepted this. This transition was immediate. I was to be accepted by her and brought to the basement through a secret entrance. Dust, cobwebs and other signs that made this look like a tomb rather than a basement brought a kind of shock. But as I was sent there to the bottom and left alone,

I have come to realise that the silence I had thought I've obtained was a lie. Neither the light was dead there, as this resulted in me with looking above. There were far gaps between the planks and I could see fragments of light coming from above. But that wasn't the thing alone, she had made this place only to torture me now. Hearing that damnable

sound of sin and how they sucked the succour out of the victims. I was a slave, a small parasite trying to hide between the cracks. No matter too hard I tried, I could hear them even in my sleep. The tainted, the bizarre, the images of my house burning and that made me at once realise what had to be done. 'Could this be a mistake on her part?' Suddenly, this torture of her had become a cry for help. Had she realised what the others were? I didn't know but

as I reflected on what she appeared to be. A blue eyes thing with blonde and dark skin, but from what she appeared to wear, she never partook into this. She eyed me intently but never did mention of what was about to be done about my condition. This was certainly something which would've made her realise just how disturbing this situation truly was. Someone had to deliver these creatures away from trying to breed, I was utmost certain of it. Either she or the hand of fate guided me to this point when they needed to be delivered from our world. I didn't care about which side she was on, but I've made a promise to myself. No more sleepless night. 'Whatever happens to me, I don't care for

anymore, this is to be my fate. I will be sent into a slumber internally if this it is.' And luckily for me, the closing hour would soon come, these were to be the last minutes and the only chance to repay that debt. There was still hope that they'd perish. Most of them. The memory of the woman who stood alone locked there still reigned. Perhaps that

chance came sooner or later that one of the passengers bore a revolver. Oh, the horror they must've encountered. 'The telephone, my house burning, they must think that I'm dead!' In both cases, both my neighbours, that which knew me

from far away and my employers were aware that something had happened. Enough of that now. First, they will perish and only after that I will have time to clean my name. There laid a stove in the basement, as it appeared to be the one which bore heat throughout the house. Perhaps one hoped that the heat source would prevent me from

sleeping as it reached almost unbearable amount as I stood there. The carpet would suffice, the blankets and the pillows would suffer the same. Even the foundation appeared to be weak, too weak perhaps. I laid a hand and pulled a plank out as if it was nothing. 'This is it.' I said it aloud, as I realised what this meant. One strong flame would help it crush the entire foundation and see that their fall would trap them in this. A perfect demise for these damn creatures

that don't belong to our world. Even now, I saw them through their cracks, tending to the sleeping men, revealing their parasitic forms. They were dripping through the gaps, leaving on the bottom the marks of the liquids they bore inside of them. Oh damn you, this will end fast. I'll see you it. I threatened them, but as they paid no mind to me, I was free to go ahead and rip this place apart. A dangerous manoeuvre, but this was to go one way or another. Since they never remembered the reason for this factory's abandonment, this was the time to remind them. They thought they could just come inside. They thought they could go ahead and crawl here and make as much noise. That the little primates wouldn't understand nor care about what was going on. But now, as this place was ripped apart, they were certainly wrong. From every side, this was to be a place of plunder. A single flame came into being, which spread as far as the eye could see. It was the perfect time to escape, but as I've done so, someone stood to wait for me outside. The woman that had brought me into this place, standing as if she was expecting a report of some kind. I'm not your dog to stay here but I have done as I was asked. "What did you do?" She wasn't aware yet, perhaps because I close the trap doors before the smoke came out. A crackling fate would've awaited me, as I saw that near one of the doors there was a lock standing there. "You wanted to lock me inside." It was a mere thought, nothing more than. But to that, I turned and finished the motion, closing the half turned to lock. "That key, give me the key now." She should've noticed my eyes earlier for I was ready to go down this path and take every single one of them down. Even a simple-minded servitor didn't deserve to live. Now she didn't even have the chance to run or scream as I leapt at her and covered her mouth. Soon my force overpowered her and forced itself of the nostrils. "You should've listened!" I said, and it turned out like there was no one around to see the ordeal. Her eyes turned red once she saw the little trail of smoke rising to the sky, almost unnoticeable in the deadest of a night though. Before I knew it, she passed out, though her heart still felt some beats. "Damn witch bit my hand." But I had the key. Hurt and bleeding from my hand, I managed to stumble on the street and noticed that there wasn't anyone outside. Something of the closing season made them fear the darkness of the world. "But don't fear my brothers." I said as with my lungs filled with smoke and my mind with my intervention. That my acts were justified, I was aware as I said. "You will not come into our world, I'm certain of this, you spawn. Damned things from the hellish realm from whence you came, now return." And with a final twist, I locked the door and threw the key. They would need tools to open this door from the looks of it, as the factory was now closed. I now started walking towards the doors of what was once the building in which I live. Soon, everyone would be awakened by the screams. It didn't matter a bit for me, for the way upstairs was free for me to use. Since I doubted of any door that which was locked, I arrived just in time to hear the entire town awakened, tired just as I was. Then the crash came with an immediate blow, as I knew it'd happened. I caught it just in time just as my hands laid around the round opening and saw the factory get crushed under its own weight. The flame soon engulfed everything which was crushed, revealed that there had been a pit under the factory. A deep hole which had been used for mining in the ancient days before the revolution. I looked baffled once I realised just how further below had the destruction gone without a notice. "This is the end of you, I suppose." And now that which remained was for him to close the door and have the peace and quiet he had always wanted and thought he deserved. No one around to wake him up, no creature as this world was safe. Soon they'll see the man who had the return, they'll realise once she was wakened. But they'll know as well when I return, that what I've done was to save them all. Henceforth what came now was the dream, one that hadn't lived in the longest of while ever since they had made the conversion. A few

people felt as comforting as he felt now and that said a lot about it. Now that he was free, he dreamed the last thing he had thought about. The vision, that only moment when he was caught away against his senses. A moment of vileness when he was there, in the body of another. In my hand laid a revolver, six bullets. Perhaps this is what happened, that it came soon after the conductor arrived to alert me of the thing which was locked in my compartment. After all, that was first and foremost the only proof of the existence of those things. If someone had any chance to, believe me, it would've been one of the passengers of the train who stood and travelled with her. Nevertheless, even a corpse-filled with stench would be enough of a proof of something as vile and deceprid as such. My hands were sweating. People had been complaining about those dark moans and strange noises. No one wanted to believe what they were riding with and it was a lot easier than trying to accept what they saw. Fear ran among everyone and the only one who could do anything was the conductor and the officer on board. 'There had been a man there and a woman, both passengers, I'm sure of it. Both of them just disappeared.' It wasn't certain, but both of us stood as far away but close to seeing a bit of it through the glass. A hideous thing and I was certain that it would become even more hideous upon approaching it. 'We need to do something for their safety and our. If it lives who know what it can do to us or to the safety of the passengers.' As little as they were, he was right, someone had to deal with it. But from the looks of it, the damned thing had made a mistake into revealing itself, as now it had become immobile from the looks of it. This was the perfect time to come upon it unaware state. There had been three shots which came down on the slumbering thing. The first two penetrated but the last one bounced and fell on the floor. Pieces of the glass came down on the floor. 'Open it, I need to be sure it's dead.' He handed me the keys and as I opened I noticed how the form fell on the bottom. Some of the sharper pieces of the glass pierced it as it laid below. Nonetheless. 'The passenger's sir, I'll deal with this now.' He went on ahead and started dealing with the suspicious looks after letting me inspect this. I could see it by now, how it started dissipating in the air. But in the little time, I had the chance to inspect it as much as I could. After all, this appeared to be dissolving in the air fast. Regardless of how repulsing it was, I used a cloth to turn the body around and puncture through the belly. 'God the stench is damning.' Those organs had belonged or evolved to match that of a human, among others. A curious thing, I wasn't a doctor but realised that those lungs had been stuffed and were the first to go out and be reduced by their sides. I couldn't say but it appeared it might've been suffocated. As its black form finally disappeared, there'd be nothing left but a dark mark on the floor and the stench. Not a body, not a trace. 'Close this and don't let anyone come it.' I opened the windows before giving out the orders. He had no expectation for this window to be paid, but the sight of its shimmeringly waste became too dark to be looked upon. The man lost his nerves but at least the deed was done. As this dream appeared to end, Douglas was the next morning once one of his neighbours had complained about hearing noises of a struggle above her. Apparently, someone had managed to snick in the abandoned burnt apartment and make his home there. What the officers found was a dead mean who had died there somewhere in the middle of the night, coincidentally at the same time with the fire. Nevertheless, Douglas was pronounced dead, suffocated in his sleep by the ashes. There wasn't any funeral, as the state had decided to bury his body in an unknown place with an unnamed gravestone, a mystery of the city. At least now the top floor was closed for good, same as the factory now. The city decided that the hole could never be entirely covered by the section be surrounded

by a tall wall that would block all entry on it.As for that thing on the train?'Legends, urban legends, nothing more to be concerned about.'Said the officer when asked, and thus all had ended for Douglas C. Pickett.

Leading the damned

It might've come as a surprise to go around and walk as slowly as the man in front and the others.His suit was of a high descent at least he made sure to have it shown down to every little cut and sewn line of silver.Still, most of it remained dark, blue, just to match the colour of his hair and his appeal.There was another thing about this transport.Four, no, five of us going through.Each man stood around the coffin, making sure it floated just above land.No mistake could've been made no, was it was obviously not hovering.A few meters above the air, no fluctuation, carried and pushed around by the sticks.'Pass.'The leader of the unit said as he checked around.It only took a moment to insert his finger and be recognised.A peculiar method of recognition, a small syringe coming

through the tip of the finger and pulling some of your blood inside. Too small and steep to leave a mark, it was something a child could only dream of in his fear. But what was in the coffin to need this security, to begin with? None of them was informed, and now they were to embark in the shuttle to what would be the longest journey of their lives. Stuck together in a metal case with what was to be the dead body of an animal of the creature of the sort. Nothing human could've been in there, to begin with, unless one would count the stories of gigantism in which no proof had taken effect in years. 'Carry it and be careful not to drop it.' He was to stay in front with the driver. It was a busy day from the looks of it. At least eight hundred others going about their day, some going in bigger shuttles, others just loitering about. Taken from another man's perspective. 'There was a kid sitting that day, a body, young of the age, a lad, near the dock area. He was eating what appeared to be an apple, the old kind, not the altered ones. It was already a rare sight, judging by what he was dressed like, ya know. Like in the old photos of black and white where they carried guns and what not. Anyway, he was standing there, looking distinctly that time. I was with John, Carter, Malkovich and the one that leads the operation. Wicwiz, of Wichjoz, a foreign name of some kind, I can't truly remember. There was something I pointed out to the others, from the distance, the boy looked like he was someone who didn't belong in there. A little thing lost in the time. "Stick to the important event mister Andrej, stick only to them." The man nodded in his chair and looked as if he was going to spill something which they didn't want to hear. Something happened that day, and for the past interviews nothing much of value had been added. A small distraction, here and there, before the blankness of the veil in which they were closed. Until they reached their destination, that door wasn't going to open. Food and water laid about and one toilet for their use only. 'Worst of all.' As the man who had given them the assignment had said, a highly ranked officer of the military had laid this following approach. 'The circumstance leaves it that you can't-do anything until you reach the landing point. You may eat and drink whatever you have but focus on protecting the unit. Carry on with your mission and make sure that it arrives safely.' These were the order, at least, in retrospective, looking back, there should've been more of them. A harsh lesson had he set. 'Hungry?' Asked Malkovich as he lit a candle in the dark. The others were surprised as this made them look like a bunch of cultists, especially since the shuttle had already gone ahead on going. The speed and the noise were already hard to make it hear what was going outside. From the sounds of it, there was a desperate need to deliver this. 'A fine thing, they are feeding us with salt and butter, it can't get any better than this.' Said John after taking a bunch of sardines. One of them still stood alone in the darkness, clouded. This was mostly because he was trying to read the inscriptions on the grave. It was certainly a peculiar thing that they appeared only in the heart of the dark under the candlelight that they became visible. Especially since they were carved inside what appeared to be wood. When it came to be and they reached a safe distance, Carter took the initiative and lowered the small flying plate it was on. 'There's no need for it to use the energy if we're here, right?' Came in John as his fellow went on to deactivate. It was certain that the fourth was silent as well. The others weren't as uncomfortable as they had appeared to be, at least not from the bumps in the road. Various flying debris and even small chunks out of meters were just flying through the air. Abruptly speaking, the others who made the traffic worse didn't really help with the situation. I broke the silence and made the confinement unit shuffle. The candle was dropped and as the light went out, all four of them grabbed the coffin and held it in place. It was then that everyone, at once felt a shiver and a vibration as if it came from something which was life. The unit which would've hovered might've been destroyed if it was still kept

one, so they said. A pain, truly, but it was a fairly good call to go on ahead with it and carry on now. What was to be done? Each bump made it harder for them to hold it still. But even harder, at least for them remained that something just hit the far end of the coffin. Something hard was inside, and whatever it was, corpse or someone who was being smuggled, it appeared to make a sound. Practically hard to be heard in any other circumstance. This was a voice without mistake. None of them had failed to recognise this tainted whisper. Someone had to pay a visit and speak to him, one thought. When the next step towards our destination comes, I'll inform the unit captain. 'Am I the only one who hears this?' Even as this went on, one of us appeared to have spoken. Perhaps it was the fear or the paranoia, but none of us was sure who spoke those words. Could it have been Carter maybe? Perhaps John or Malkovich. Regardless of who said it, we were all still met with the same silence as he holds the grave. Something might've been stored inside, as one way or another, it kept pushing within an incredibly weak state from the likes of it. Everyone instantly placed a second hand on it. 'I'm thirsty. Could you keep all of your hands on it until I drink?' This was peculiar already. We all kept our hands near to one another, still on the coffin, making sure none of us was to make a mistake. The more we progress, the more it appeared like this was less of a coffin and more of a tomb. Its size appeared to be much greater and had something more of a grandeur in the meaning and the feel. Something changed along the way from the feels of it. Of course, this meant nothing in truthfulness as the fact of the matter remained. Something moved inside and everyone was aware of that. And this darkness and the fact that none of them could recognise one another made it worse. 'I'm still holding with both hands. For a second there, I couldn't even recognise my own voice. Even as the hands numbed down, there wasn't much to do anymore but wait and have a little faith. Another one went on. 'I'm doing it as well. As there came the third and final. 'I'm done drinking if anyone else's up to it. There was something of a chuckle there, as to pass the bottle of rum. None of the others became amused. Their heavy breathing became heavier. 'Something needs to be done, we can't go in like this without knowing what's going on. I'm certainly not the only one who feels this thing inside just messing up with us. That laugh, that power it's slowly gaining, how long until it pushes out and takes us in? We shouldn't have been assigned to this in the first place, yet someone up there messed up. "If you're so afraid, why'd you join the military then?" The damn silence didn't make it any better. Neither was the fact that they couldn't recognise who was this deserter of their ranks. 'I'll bring up the light then but I'm afraid it might not stay for long. The wind of the outside world came into this hold of theirs, shaking, pushing the air. Tribulations were the least of their problems as it appeared to be going well. 'Now, If I may. There came the light. Everyone except Malkovich who was now holding the light and the tomb with one hand looked just as surprised as the others. The inscription changed and it appeared that most of the suspicion was right. At least, there was sand below and the once normal coffin had become even mightier than it should've been. Not only was it golden but it appeared that it was twice as heavier than before. 'This isn't supposed to be here. Please tell me I'm not the only one seeing this, am I?' John looked at everyone but me. He was way too surprised to realise that there was sand as well as this change had come. Even the shuttle was laid under an apparent paint job from inside. 'Look. Hieroglyphs, inked all over the place, from the looks of it. None of them realised what had happened, but the desire to push the flame out must've come as quickly as ever. 'It must be this damned thing, I think it released something in the air. We must be hallucinating now. 'Carter was somewhat of a self-taught expert when it came to that. Poisons, gases and other types of drugs and paraphernalia of the kind which made it seem like

he was taking something with him to the grave. He might've called it immediately if it wasn't for the fact that he wasn't sure what everyone else saw. 'Do we all see a tomb that replaced the coffin?' Mighty lord, one thought, just how deep below could this go? What mighty creature might be swarming through the winds and the dust? 'Can we all feel the sand and feel the smell of musk?' They all nodded in response. Every single one of them appeared to be moving their hands around the tomb and felt its form in front of Carter. At least, this had to confirm it. 'What will happen next after we lose the light?' There wasn't any other choice but to keep the lid shut with their hand. Since something was pushing from below, they needed the constant strength. 'We will eat and drink one at a time, understood? The rest of us should keep this tomb sealed until we reach the destination.' Luckily, the bottles of water were tightly shut so there wasn't any damage done by the sand. Carter had to drink and eat something of a turkey sandwich in front of the others. It was uncomfortable now to sit there and held the steeply placed entry and with that in mind, the others had to bend their knees and sit there holding. There was enough space from the looks of it and perhaps that was the least of their problems. Soon they'd become numb from all the sitting, especially since there was still a long way to go. 'It's getting worse each time the light goes off, stop putting it down unless you want to be the cause of this.' Even as John said it, he could see on Malkovich's face that his moustache was getting grey from fear. Carter might've finished but they were in the worst position now. Something was pushing hard from the other side. It wasn't long until it would break through. 'What are we going to do? Carter sit down and help us!' Half choking on his food, he came down and ran his hands over the entire object. He held with the strength of two now that he was there and couldn't complain about the hunger. There was more than enough down his throat. Now everyone was holding onto it on again, other than one. 'It's obvious that I can't hold the light any longer and help you. We must give one out or another.' In truth, the moment he placed it safely away from his hand, the light vanished into the dark. Now everyone was unrecognisable once again as the ride went on. 'Is this a trap or one of their dark experiments on other humans? Could this be something of the sort? Because I'm fairly certain this is far too strange to be happening now.' 'I don't know what to say but there may be signs of a gas or something which made all of us hallucinate.' 'Could it be from the turkey sandwich I just ate?' This small fact confirmed that voice to have belonged to Carter. But other than that familiarity, there was nothing about his voice that made him recognisable. Something blurred the voices into unrecognisable chants of some sort. 'Is that you Carter?' There was something about this that made in unlistenable other than the one seat away from me. At least that was clear. 'Use the light again, it settled down.' This time, Carter was the one to take out a special gas lamp. It had a small bottle of gas which was inserted by the side, the thing could run for at least a few hours. The next thing revealed was the fact that the tomb had grown. It had taken hold of more than two-quarters of this small room. 'It's getting worse, we need to stop and tell him what's going on. I've got a wife and a child waiting for me, I don't deserve this kind of treatment.' There were changed in Jones at least. He was still kneeling and holding with both of his hand but his hands were violently shaking. His eyes were uncontrollably going around, looking on every side and on every corner. I need to leave, I need to leave. He thought, desperately trying to focus on something but failing horribly to do so. As it came to be now, he was the only one in pain. The bottom half appeared to have been cracked into the dark. 'We can't stay too long in the dark anymore, John is right. Regardless of this being a gas or not, we can't take the chances anymore. We need to get through this, hallucination or not.' There was an interruption now and again. 'And you're saying that you and the rest of the crew had experienced something

as ridiculous sounding as that inside of the shuttle? From the reports, you were supposed to carry this coffin which had to belong to Augustus Rodman. A valuable antique from the looks of it, rising up as high as eight hundred units at least. "That's what happened so far, at least from what I remember." The other reports, files and declarations said the same, at least from the looks of it. From what was said in this, they made no stop until the destination was reached, but this wasn't the problem. Witnesses and cameras around the city recorded and confirm that at no time was the door opened during this journey of theirs. 'But how?' This was quite interesting, the cracks made it obvious that it was about to open one way or another. 'John was getting even more nervous. One of his hands was getting down his jacket. This is certainly important now. 'He had brought a gun all along, as a matter of fact, we all had, but none of us had revealed it to the others. The moment he did it we all realised what it meant. In a way, he knew as well. As it wasn't entirely unexpected, as he pulled but pointed towards no one that the scenario came to his mind. He cocked it and shot Malkovich the first, either me or Carter would've incapacitated or pulled one of ours. There wasn't enough time for him once the first shot made contact. He could barely focus and breathe, this would've been worse for him this way. 'That's when we tried to calm him down. "Don't do something you're about to regret now." This was obviously the key to intermediate for the time being. Pain rush through, the pressure on the tomb was done. Carter was getting into reach to disarm him now. 'No!' He yelled this, but of course, no one outside would get to hear. It was already late as he came from his knees and stood upright, getting the height advantage. 'Take out your hands off that thing, whatever it is beyond, it must die now!' It was getting dangerous at first since everyone appeared to be condemning that threat. 'I said, hold your hands in your hand, don't make me shoot you. Don't try, I'm not the bad guy here but I know what you're trying. 'His eyes were immediately on Carter. At least he knew that he was outnumbered. This situation couldn't go on anymore. Not only because of this situation but also because the gas was running out. I remember having this in my mind, this simple question that still baffles me to this day. Has it been a few hours already? Perhaps, in a way, there was something to be surprised at, after all, the light was beginning to dim. It was either him or us to come on ahead and feign. We complied with his demands immediately. Without the pressure placed on the tomb, a gust of wind came through the small cracks from below it. Now, this is when the light went off as well. I do not know how it could've happened since it was tightly sealed but it happened nonetheless. The light went on as the cold gust somehow pushed through through the seal. We heard no scream but for the same muffled voice or chant. Every single one of us expected to hear the first shots since we were already taking care of this. It wasn't too surprising that we were all having our guns just getting loaded. But a curious thing, this made us forget about the tomb and everything about it. 'I'm going to turn on the light now.' Truthfully said, it was getting too cold for any decent human being to stay. We've never experienced something as cold as that day and you must trust me when I tell you, this was inside of the city's hottest area. Surrounded by shuttles on every side, all of which emitted carbon, heat and boiled oil. It had to leave a mark of some kind. 'Turn the light now.' Everyone expected something to go down as fast as the light turned on. When it did, we found everyone to be standing on two feet. Carter held the lamp and the static thrower in one hand. One shock would be just enough to push him into a temporary paralysis. 'I didn't know you were carrying that with you, Carter.' The only one there who appeared to have carried something to disarm rather than to kill. It was a somewhat nice gesture for him to do. But it wasn't the time. 'Where is he, do you see him?' Everyone looked but as their sight appeared to have avoided, it finally boiled to

it. The lamp lit the stairs which lead below. A deep path, that couldn't lead to anywhere now, other than it is an illusion and there was a hole into the shuttle. There wasn't any logical explanation, but for now, this they had to accept. They broke the only thing that held the tomb closed for so long. Its remains were spread around. 'What do we do now Carter?' Malkovich appeared to be the calmer one now. I was messing around with the supplies, looking to see just how many we had. And I believe that Carter was checking just how many other replacements for the gas lamp they had. 'Plenty, in case you were wondering.' The incessant look on my face asked the question for me. It was hunger that got me, luckily, as the sand hasn't gone inside and the food wasn't spoiled yet, this gave me a moment to do so. 'Eat fast, I might have an idea where he went.' 'Carter, you can't possibly mean for us to go down there, even if. What if you're wrong then? If we're hallucinating, won't this just make us hurt one another? From what we know, we might as well just have been arguing over a wooden coffin, pushed to the point where we might've shot one another.' 'Enough, whatever it is, we can't risk this to be true, you can feel around the stone and the stand. You can even breathe the air, can't you? We'll go down there, take him back then seal it with an organic foam, now that there's nothing to put on top.' 'And who made you the boss now?' Malkovich was the other one holding a real shooter, not a stun gun. He wasn't pleased as well as I was by the orders. 'Relax, all of you, we need to think this as adults and more importantly as the hired guns which were brought here to protect this.' Immediately, Malkovich appeared to be enraged as well. 'And look how that turned out. In a way, it was true, this might've been the striking point. But don't get mad, you saw how that turned out for him and if it happens again for any single one of us, who know what might happen.' 'A vote then.' Proposed Carter. He had lowered his stun gun in a sign of good faith. As have I for a matter of fact. Malkovich was already ready to shimmer whatever remnants of rage he had before going on and looking back at the proposal. He knew that Carter wasn't going to come in his favour. Hence, it was me who decided. We took provisions after, without having to wait any moment for any other intrusion. Malkovich complied easily, at least so he seemed, but that came only on one condition. Said by himself now. 'I'm the one who's going to lead this expedition or this maddening craze around our tightly sealed box.' We both reluctantly agreed to that requirement and went on with his condition. After all, he appeared to have been doing it well for a while now. The walls were embedded all around with ancient hieroglyphs. They matched the ones written on the coffin from the looks of it. Now there wasn't any time to take any rash decision, but to be sure of it. 'We take him and leave as far as possible, we cannot risk it anymore, this is getting on my nerves as well.' It was quite obviously driving me in a state where I desired to harm my other fellow soldiers, perhaps even in something worse than that. Perhaps the air, or the morbid signs, which changed as well. Something with a lot of force managed to carve those signs he previously saw. 'Well, to put it in a manner where you'd understand what I'm trying to say, the previous one might've been chiselled which left that certain appearance of theirs. But after that, it was too familiar, those marks, the cast of teeth, cut through an angle. And that was stone, believe me, I felt it with my own hands. The others weren't as concerned as I was. Perhaps that's the reason why they haven't noticed what laid between our small pursuit. It bore through me.' 'Why didn't you warn the others then?' There was something of an error there, perhaps. Since he was there with them, he could've told them at any time of what he noticed or observed. 'I don't know, I couldn't answer this question if I wanted to. It just slipped into my mind and never got brought until now.' 'Did you want them to get hurt?' Asked the interviewer. He was digging deep with his claws. After all, he was in need for every word to be recorded to the second. 'I. Before

speaking, he picked up another small machine which was already buzzing as if warmed. It played during the moment I said that I was driven to the point of being mad and wanting to harm them, said in those spectral words. 'It's a slip, that's all. The air there, perhaps the small space. I'm afraid of right space and it was more than enough being caught with them there, trying to rescue the man who was lost down there with a few shots in his hand.' 'So you went there with the thought in your mind to murder him.' 'No, we went there with the thought to restrain him and bring him back with us. Now, may I please continue?' There was a second hidden device. The man forgot completely about the marks left by the teeth. Strangely, this was a lie as there appeared to have the same effect on them when he spoke about it. This might've proven my theory, but if it is so, why could I be the only one who remembers it? Not only the teeth marks but also the words are written there, familiar, to the point where I was able to understand what was written there. 'Get out' It was placed under rows of warnings, lots and lots of them, disturbingly placed. Their form morphed into the indistinguishable text after a while. A language perhaps too old and esoteric to be looked upon. Something was still dripping from a hole. 'Can you hear that?' It was a river, the sound of water. 'In the city?' Asked Cater, still with an innocence and curiosity which belonged to him. He was ready to return as well at the first sign of pain or fear. 'Hold your nerves, both of you, this shouldn't go any deeper. And push the lantern a bit, will ya?' I'm trying to look where I'm going here. 'We reached the first chamber just well enough on our own feet. An eeriness was about it. This thing was a maze from the looks of it, a trap from the very beginning. Two open, gateless passages on each wall, only three of them. 'One where he could've been through, which leads two feigns.' Thought Malkovich as if for his plan to find him. 'But only one right now and have we the time to check everything right?' 'Cater, you can't be that much of a coward, even Pierce agreed to come with us now. What's with the sudden change of tune? We're already here, aren't we?' Malkovich appeared to have already fallen to the effect of the musk by now. It was in his eyes, he wanted to stay here and never leave. With this quick deterioration, who was to say if John was any better than him? Here he stood, the man who wanted to seal the only way inside. 'I remember.' Said Carter which shook me out of my boots immediately. 'Something's there, isn't it, the force that pushed or tried pushing out of the tomb, it's here isn't it?' This was a curious thing. Silence, dark, an immediate change of gas was unnoticed other than a flash. And as it went on without telling us, I saw it. Tall, made out of darkness, perhaps my mind playing a trick on me in the grimace of time. It was a tall humanoid which pulsated with something, large teeth and no eyes but the sense of smell. As soon as the light came, in the flash of a second, the light revealed nothing there. Other than the terrified look on my face, none of them appeared to have noticed anything at all. They continued as if nothing had happened. 'It could hunt us, couldn't it? With that strength, don't forget that it must've been the reason why the gate broke. And he stole kidnapped John or might've from the looks of it.' 'Why did it avoid us then, huh?' Malkovich, just as he questioned it, finally noticed me and how I stood there, almost like a guardian statue in this desolate maze. 'Pierce, are you still with us?' His fingers were snapping for a while until I decided to answer. I was phasing away while Malkovich seems like he was to be taken in as full of a blow like the other ones. A peculiar thought, judging by the fact that Carter appeared to cope quite well with the circumstances. Finally, I answered to their calls once they stopped repeatedly going on with them. After all, this wasn't to take long, the whispers were about to come. They will hear them sooner or later now. 'I'm here, what's going on?' 'This thing, this virus that has apparently infected John and both of you, it appears that it's driven you to this state of paranoia and rage. We need to get out

before it's too late and we get too caught up and unable to run away.'He always hated John, even from the very first moments we were given this assignment.But one thing beat this.'How come you're not affected by this?'Asked Malkovich, suspiciously getting closer to Cater.'I don't know whenever or not I'm affected, from what we know, this might've been airborne and every single one of us could carry it now.'"Stop talking gibberish and tell us, we're waiting.No rubbish answer, just a straight, yes or no, why are you the one not getting affected?You want to leave, don't you?So desperate to leave others behind rather than save them.'"You're a madman!"The shout of rage came down on Carter as I watched.Something truly affected me in a way that left me in a state which made me helpless.I couldn't help but gaze in the blank entrances, full of the void and the gloom while they fought.The fear and excitement of seeing it again came over each flash of the lamp after being dropped.Carter.He started screaming after being wrestled down.I thought I saw him again in the darkness, but this wasn't safe for either.'Could this be John?'Before Malkovich could take out his weapon and end the fight, they were both pacified by my words.They listened there and raised themselves, almost calmly.A few bruises on Carter, but who could pretend it wasn't fair?After all, Malkovich was as fat as a barrel from the looks of it and as reluctant to leave as a heavy stone in the river.'We find him, but we can't split up with a light.If you want to stay after, that's your deal, but I won't waste my life for an ungrateful runt.'Making sure that there were plenty of rations and gas replacement, we went on, everyone together, taking the right and the second tunnel close to the entrance.It didn't take long for us to go through, as paranoid as we have become.They left me to lead this time, perhaps because Carter wanted to stay behind Malkovich, just to be sure.Still, they forgot to notice how there laid something there, on the walls.It spoke of something I couldn't decipher nor describe that well in the mids of a small lamplight.Plus, there was something in the air, hard to breathe from the likes of it.Hard to grasp, how it ended as fast.A dead end.But something was off about this dead end, the drawing on the wall which appeared to be almost primaeval in nature.It was a tall thing which appeared to have come from an abyss of ink.Closer to a splatter of ink than anything that would've been.And what did even stranger remain that it was recent?'Look, there's a mound of dirt raised there.'"What do you think it might be then?"Perhaps, most likely a burial ground, from the looks of it, the ornaments on the side, the gibberish was written on that wall.'He noticed, Carter noticed, how could it be that he noticed it now?This had me turn around and look directly in that blinding thing.I saw him again standing tall in the darkness before going away.'You see them as well?What do you think of the writing?Have you read the others?'I'm not entirely sure what I said, but those are the words I thought off.Both Malkovich and Carter appeared to have been struck by something as I said it.It wasn't fair that I was left there to wait for them to get closer to leaving.We had to check them together and none of them understood why.We checked every single one, dead end after dead end.Making me stand just behind, closer to the dark, which made me quite reluctant.It was obvious that someone was playing a trick on us.Something at the corner of my eye just as we traversed to the other room.'This is the last one, there's nowhere else he could've gone to.'And the end of which they went but this was no dead end alone.There was a small hole, as to the size of someone or something which wasn't there anymore.No coffin, nothing but dirt and the cast of something that was huge.'It might've been an ornamental figure of someone who might've...Suffered from gigantism, so I presume.They don't usually go past the age if you understand.With the chemicals and all, as they say.'This saves of him wasn't about to last any longer.'So there was someone here after all, wouldn't you say?And we did stay here for a long time, haven't

we?"Malkovich was getting anxious for his proposal.He was licking his lips as if they tasted like milk and honey, just as he peered around.Before talking, he looked at me, seeing how distraught and away I appeared to be gazing at those writings.'I think we all know where that thing is.And before you say anything Cater, it may be that indeed we spent too much time around each dead end, leaving it enough time to escape.'None of them would've believed me no matter how I tried to approach the problem.Now, Carter looked as sane as ever, when he proposed it.'Let's at least return and see if he came back as well, there's nowhere else he could've been gone."And if he isn't there?"Then you can go ahead and explore this for however much you can Malkovich.No one here will try to stop you any more of put you in a spot you don't want to be.'It wasn't an option now that I knew what was lurking there with them.But as they shook on it and agreed, I bit on a bar, as hunger took on.I don't know much it passed, but I was getting worse with each moment.There's more to it now.We climbed back to find out that the place from where we came from was sealed as it once had been.But the problem was the fact that we were the ones trapped this time.'This cannot be.'The others were repulsed once they saw it.I was sitting just in front now.'Pierce, open it already.What are you waiting for?'There was a repulsiveness to the tone but I chose to do it anyway.I couldn't lie and say I wasn't as afraid now of what laid just behind of us.'It won't budge, I'm sorry Carter."Malkovich, help him.'Not even both of us had the strength to push it, no matter how hard we pushed or tried.A heavy object, most likely laid just above the lid.There was enough of it to hold down and dismiss our every attempt at the matter.And the hardest thing became apparent.'Look at it, wait a second now.There's no crack anymore, it's not the same stone which held that close when we were standing watch.'Carter had born both of a furious face and one full of fright.He called us both below, immediately to try to find the best course of action.One had to be as well as it came.'Whatever happens now, we have to wait for the shuttle to reach its destination and for them to open the door.We have just enough provisions to last us if we share them.Come on, put down all you have.'They emptied the three backpacks into a pile of everything they had.By now it was obvious that John tried to flee and came to the point of outsmarting us.'He must be the one standing above, the one who trapped us you know?'We were eating, at least Malkovich was, at a time like this.He was eyeing Carter as if everything which happened here was his fault and none other.I started feeling the same in a way.Even as he changed another one in the lamp, this made us both nervously mad for some reason.We stood just in front of him and gazed upon that tall form come even closer.In the silence that came, I turn to take a look and noticed the blood encompassed eyes Malkovich bore.'Carter, I know where John went."What was that?'He hadn't noticed either, but both of us now appeared like a pair of frightened animals.This wasn't as good as it sounded, to the point where there wasn't a certain way for us to be controlled.Rather, this would've been darker than it was.If it weren't for that light he bore.'Give me the light Carter, just let me hold it for a second."Step away Malkovich, you don't want to do this again.'I haven't noticed it, but he had his weapon, taken directly from him.That wasn't his stunner.'When?'I asked, not that it matter whatsoever, but I was just trying to take my mind away from what was hunting us.The air was getting thicker just as we waited for this standoff to begin.Sweat had run off his hand by now, and we both realised just how nervous he felt.'Are you going to shoot Malkovich, Carter?'Something bore through me as we waited.I hated it, as much as it appeared to be tainted.A force above us was playing us right there and now, and what was going to happen now?The sound of a static gun went off further away.'What was that?'From the sound of it, a couple of shots were fired, to its full force, but no human spoke a word above.'It might be the

rescue we were waiting for.'It was a sickening thing, but Malkovich took advantage of the distraction and jumped like a rabid thing rather than a human at Carter's throat.He bit deep just as he unwillingly emptied a shot which successfully warmed and bored through him, just above the chest area.Not enough, at least his life wasn't about to be saved.I watched in horror as the light flickered and in darkness how the hole in his body was still alight with its edges of the fire.As it rolled down I waited, crawling towards the light.'Carter?Malkovich?John?'I tried asking for anyone at this point, at which I have received no response.There lay the body of Carter, rather pale, on the ground.Only his hand stood in the light, but frightened, I didn't touch it.Too afraid to take any decision, I stood and watched as something grabbed and dragged it into the dark.A noise that was too sick to describe now made him seem like he was never to be seen again.Now, there was only a place to hide, into the light.'Am I the only one alive?'After grabbing the lamp and saw everything we had been spread across the floor, I saw him.'Malkovich.'He was hardly breathing on the floor.'I saw it.'He tried his best to speak but judging upon the condition he was in, there wasn't any way he'd make it.'Where's the.'I looked at what I have, holding the lamp only to myself now.There wasn't anything there.'Malkovich, he took my weapon as well."Bastard.'He spat some blood in the process, thinking of the best way he could've made this.At the moment, there wasn't anything that would stop the bleeding, as we weren't ready to do what we were doing.It was maddening to stay and smell that musk and the seething heat wave which was about to come.'You see, we were supposed to go through a cold climate on our way, henceforth, we had an extra pair of leather and of fur to cover our shoulders and what not.'This hit him extra hot as he lay on the ground.'Help me with this.'I came down and lowered his jacket, took down his fur and slowly undressed him until there was his shirt.Damn it.That was a big wound, too big for him to go any longer without losing consciousness.Everything was wrong, John was dead.Carter was dead.He was going to go as well with them.'Don't.'Immediately he reacted at me walking slowly away with the light of the lamp.'Don't leave me like that, don't let him get me like this.No one deserves to go like that.'I was aware of the fact that Carter didn't die from his wounds.There was something that pulled him in the dark before he bled out.'I saw it, you didn't bite on any of his arteries, it was a flesh wound before he went down."He's alive?'He asked surprised but hadn't realised yet that the thing he saw right there, lurking in the darkness.'No.'It killed him before anything could happen.'There's no way out, if we remain we'll die, it seems, nothing else to say and nothing else to do.We got no weapons and I can't stand here and watch you bleed out.'He immediately came to a rage.'Coward.'He yelled, pointing at something.There was something he could've used to suffocate him, to cushion over his face.Anything at all.Carter had none of that and bled from a flesh wound before he was dragged into the darkness.'No, I'm going to leave you now Malkovich."Coward!'He shouted as if there was someone else there that could've heard him, but we both knew the truth.There were a few recharged on the floor which came out most likely out of Carter's corpse.There wasn't any possible way for me to change the gas without being caught.Either way, I've made my choice.'Goodbye Malkovich.'Before I could hear him should a third time, his voice got muffled immediately.I waited in one of the tunnels, just against the walls.Somewhat, I expected him to receive somewhat of a good death, seeing how much he had come to want to spend his time in this place.All of the sudden, there came a shout of pain which was born out of cruelty.Somewhere in the dark, I heard the sound of his death.His bones and spine crippled, eyes melting on some sick joke of fate which brought us here.It made me guilty, enough that I took this time and distance, as I heard him suffer to chance one of the gas ammunition it needed to go

on. As for that quick motion, it was enough to go on. There wasn't any second wasted until the shout was brought down. It was written on the wall, I thought I came to a realisation, sacrifice. One word, well spoken. This, beyond the veil, I became apparently engulfed in this confusion. He had to be there, but there wasn't any mark of having been handled in any sort of way. At least, no. 'Malkovich! I changed my mind, I'll help you. Malkovich, it's me. Pierce.' There was a raised mound of dirt, standing in one of the passages. Taller than it had ever been. Not only that, but that thing was supposed to be the empty one with the mark of a tall body. Now, it was filled, enough for three bodies to lay. 'I need to get out.' Just as I turned, it stood in the way. Not for an instant, not for a moment, but stood there, tall and whitening. Its face was that of a dumb primate, looking as if it had discovered something. Black with small eyes, somewhat of a grin which missed that thing which stood above its teeth. I couldn't realise whenever it was a grimace of anything else. But what I came to understand was the fact that it needed to go through. Immediately, I sprang to the side, shatteringly slow and shimmering with fear. It still waited. Before anything, I knelt and pushed the lamp in my lamp and turned away, trying to cover it with my body. This couldn't work, I knew it, but I had to try. There was darkness laying all around, but it might've known what would've happened once he grappled me and revealed what laid. After waiting a good amount of seconds, I went on and turned around. It wasn't there for now. But this ended fast for me, as I sprang right to the stairs and ran to what I could only describe as an open door for me to go through. Somehow it reached there and broke it again. Left alone, I placed the lamp on the large bench and took out a static gate. Placing it around each corner, it was set up and ready to emerge. As the lamp faded and the only entrance below was sealed, I lost consciousness. Or rather, I remember taking the conscious decision to go to sleep then and there, once I was aware that I was safe. 'You chose to go to sleep, why?' 'I was tired and thought it all to be a nightmare or something more close to the sort than anything else I've encountered.' 'Do you still believe this?' 'I don't know.' The man kept writing down his notes, everything said and recognised in my speech and patterns. It was quite obvious that he didn't care. Down there, I wasn't aware what it said, but... They say that they found me on the floor, standing next to the bottom, the only one who managed to escape. It was sealed, but the barrier had been long removed from the likes of it. The same can be said about every supply we had there and the other three of them. Why did it decide to spare me despite taking the others? I don't know and I don't want to think about it anymore. What I know is that whenever I come home, I can't stand looking into the mirror or stand into the dark. There's no other way, ever since I was released and free to continue as I've done before, I can't help but think of it gazing upon me. A tall figure, coming from behind, stalking me at night, coming to take the last body for the mould. 'God, have I told them about that?' This escaped me, as I made my way towards the gate. Three men disappeared mysteriously despite having the shuttle not being stopped during the journey. And the worst of all so far was the fact that the coffin was bought by some exquisite foreigner from a faraway land. What he got was more than he bargained for, as I'm more than certainly aware that being will once again raise itself past the confinement and haunt his new landlord. As for me, this was certainly an experience I dare not talk about anymore, to anyone as a matter of fact. Again, I have lied about the gun which was stolen from me. The only regret I had was the fact that I had only a bullet loaded by the time it bore above us. Henceforth, that's why I refused to shoot Malkovich. 'I'm sorry for it my friend, but I'm sure that whenever you go.' For one more glance at the mirror as the lights went on. 'We will most certainly meet each other once again.'

Town of dread

A thin linen thread used to keep a balance between deceits and reality, pull it far enough that you won't know what's what. It used to warm me at night, thinking about it as my eyes widened on the cracking rooftop above my head. To figure out if whenever it was there or not waiting for a proper invitation to come in my flustered home, the falling objects that landed everywhere below my quills. My leg hurt from time to time, though I couldn't never tell which one was it, neither could the people from the service when I decided to join them. But that was a long time ago and sometimes I wondered what would've happened if I decided to stay with them and overextend my period. The slight change of course that got me here, I remember that it was somewhere in the Yorks, at least before time demolished the rest of it after the strife, a hard time for many alike. I haven't managed to get accustomed with the locals, at least not initially, nor could anyone else who shared my particular situation. Even if, we seemed alike after a while. Not that I've managed to live there more than what I could call a while but well enough to know when to keep my mouth

shut and what were the consequences for not doing so. Fair to say, the place that festered my mind left quite an impression on me, one that I would never forget. The way here was quite rough, especially with the harsh terrain and not being able to pass well through because of my torn out shoes. A carriage was ready to run me over as it came through the same road with no regard nor care for my safety, managing to prevent my death only by the mere thread of luck. I landed on the side of the road, covered in dirt and looking as rabid horses returned my look of disgust, mere seconds before they were ready to rush farther away and never see me again. The block of wood that was carried by them held someone inside that I wasn't able to fathom, blocked by a red cloth that did nothing to stop the stink eye that persisted through. The first thing that came to mind was how much I'd be detested by those which I'd get to encounter. And that who hid inside the lit cart, whoever decided to keep a candle inside of it wasn't in his right mind. Before managing to take off the grass, the dust and the other remains off, it vanished away leaving nothing but an eerie feeling coming out as it was getting darker. Clearly ill-prepared for this kind of hospitality and seeing how I remained alone, staring into the woods, I had to keep moving. Not paranoid, not in the slightest, I thought that someone was hiding in there, creeping and trying to find a weaken in my plan. A shoe that dropped, that was the perfect reason and solution for a small sprint, judging from its looks, it came from the caravan almost passed on me. I stared for a moment into the distance, seeing how it was abandoned, with no one around to hear me shout. No one to help me still in case something happened. Doubtfully I couldn't be aware of all directions, as I barely managed to hold my composure after almost being run over. And now it was much worse than that after not being sure of what could I expect of it. "Huh?" The cold wind felt like daggers thrown in my back and for a second there I could've sworn. That it was more than a wind, it felt like a breath, despite looking around, there was no one there. "Is someone there?" No one responded, I turned around and held it tighter, the boot, something I've almost not remembered. But the most peculiar thing, though not what I've seen, the markings on the boot were written or appeared to be written by someone who had no knowing of the spoken language. At least seeing it that way somewhat kept me from thinking of what laid around trying to get me. Focus, the voice inside of my head told me as nails almost pierced my neck, uncut and nails raised up high. Damn scribbles with sagged ink, someone even had the discourtesy to cut some of the note in bits. The weather and my now swollen leg couldn't have come at the worst time. It distracted me from the silent and the fashioned path I was taking, strangely how it was the province and they'd usually be full of people. Anything would've done, anything other than the ripped branches and the thought of seeing things. I was starting to be affected my something, ugly dim beetles flying on the sides before going away after reopening my eyes. My throat was parched since I've not had a drink, the dehydration might've come sooner than expected, taking an unasked toll. A blessing in disguise, it took me away from the guise that hid in the forest, standing alone not far from my location. One bridge but that was enough for both of us, with my steps being replicated by another one that wasn't too far behind. A blessing I thought, of a good sign, the first plank was taken away, something under too but I couldn't see well enough. Since the sky itself blushed in the darkest night, with torches lit by far, a small town from the looks of it, not much about it but glances were enough to make me seek refuge in there. My head was hurting, the worse headache I've encountered before, a grasp that held me stolen in the middle of it. The bridge I stood it seemed to be taking a piss on itself too, something that wasn't my fault nor did I thought such rubbish could infect me. "Damn." I said, thinking that no one would be able to hear me, that my words would be wasted on ears

deaf. While stuck in there, between the crossing of the roads, the lungs of mine started acting out, giving me a feeling of blown smoke out of them, one that would come from a fire full of coal. Couldn't say how much time was spend in there but something was coming at a fast rate. Whispers that were being thrown, trying to mock me, I couldn't figure nor did I care, who was popping them out there. I acted on impulse despite that, and it ended up being a mistake. "Who's there? Show yourself you damn rascal!" A damn brat from the town, I should've known that someone would come to take a piss on me, even worse than the bridge. I looked around despite not seeing him, he had to show his face at a point or not, the gates of the town were getting ready to close too from the likes of it. Getting more dangerous wasn't something that I planned for, that's why I decided to turn around and pay him later, he had to return to the same place after all. As for, I've decided to take my chances with the cobbled bridge and shaking teeth like planks. "Is someone here?" I asked, thinking on how my eyes deceived me, not that the time was on my neck, draining on itself along the sweat. The boot was in the other and my devotion to the cause, not asked for, still pushed me with steps to could, the handwriting has gone and my sweat being thrown along everywhere. The fever kicked in by then and it got worse from that point on. "I've no time to waste, coming closer will only get you hurt!" A yell without looking back, I was too busy shoving my hand deeper into the boot, tattered inside laying a skin that wasn't supposed to be there. One of the planks was putrid and fiendish, my foot going through its foundation with no trouble whatsoever. Slowed down, I started bleeding, small sticks and chips punctured my skin, making me release a lament short lived. It was even worse as I ripped the plank apart while pulling my leg through, without giving a concern about anyone that would've seen me do it. The fire had been waiting and so was they, I was well aware of it and in no other circumstance would they keep the gate so openly vague. Now sprinting, I knew nothing except when to stop. With my bloodied leg and following whispers steps, they wanted to make me hear and be flattered by how well they were imitating me. The path ahead was clear and it started snowing, looking below was the farthest I was going to go as I saw what I was leaving behind. A trail of blood, so thick and ugly, it was coming from me most likely. The torches ahead were getting close to bursting in cinders and spread ahead, whatever their reason was, something made it worth it. To risk having an entire town join the fire made me think that there had to be a good reason for it to be like that. Each step made helped to throw it off, the ill-will of the trickster that wanted to have it done to me. The breath I held in almost popped out as I arrived in front of the gates with a tired body. "Come in while you've still a chance!" He said, landing ahead and pulling me through, roughened up and almost the same way as I. The way must've been full of mist since I did not see him on the way, but what I did see. Gates of wood, as tall as they came, pulling themselves from right to left. So sickly, the trip on the way made me feel abruptly and out of order, nothing in my body made sense and parts were numbed down to the core. Below me, a puddle of salt so much has gotten in my blood. The same hand that pulled me in, it came to lightly and fast to help me lift myself and place upon my feet again. So many of them, strangely ridden and dressed, wearing feathers and acting in a strange manner than I could ever imagine. Others were even worse as their mouths were sewed to prevent them from talking, though not advised, from the way they stared at me, with fright. The one who helped me was different, in contrast to them being so tribalistic, he wore the simplest grabs. Expensive fabric would be too simple to be said, not to mention how clean he was and kept them. Old but not as them, he wasn't from this place either at least that's what I could gather without having to stare too much without saying anything. "Oh thank ye' for bringing my boot. I thought I'd never see it." "Of

Course. "I handed it to him and somehow missed, despite being the only one so vaguely dressed, he missed a boot like I was wearing. Almost the same size. The boot was none of my concern now as the feeling of unbalance moaned through my body even as we spoke. "It's getting cold, come one, we should get in." He pointed towards the biggest house, his hand going through the crowd, stacked to see and check. People have gathered around yet away from one another, refusing to approach and talk to me. And I had no idea why, even as I took the initiative, they seemed to be getting away as I did the opposite. "Don't mind them, they're just scared." "Of me?" I asked him but he gave me no answer. I saw it in their eyes too, which made me wonder what was so intimidating about me? Everything I did, acted and dressed was made to hide who I was, as I knew for sure and it was confirmed. No one like those who came to serve. "Wait here, don't enter until I call you in." He said before deciding to go in alone, taking the carpets that were supposed to be the doors away. I turned around to almost see a flock, all of them almost cornering me as if I was their prey. Not sure what to say, I decided to look above as everywhere else was obscured by their bodies. To my surprise, it wasn't snowing, nor was the cold air coming. A mere distraction that worked, I was the first to turn back and see them look above. "Are you trying to make a fool of me?" I asked and immediately felt the backlash as they turned to face the impertinence shown by them. They flocked just and birds, acting as such until one approached me. I wasn't sure what to make of it as some were still scared despite trying to go around, all but one. He was buffed, the belly unbuttoned made him look like an ostrich walking with his tail between his legs. Before being able to open his beak, I was interrupted again by what I was doing. "What are you people doing now? Come on, break it up." He managed to come and throw the dust covering him in all directions. "Snow again." I said after one flake managed to fall on my hand and take my view away. He didn't hear nor would he have cared, as he passed me, with a swinging motion of his hands, they all started walking away giving no thought nor entertain his thought. Even their supposed leader backed away with his flock at the sight of him, now fully dressed. "Damn people, they forgot how to act. Are you all right, did they touch you or anything?" "No, I'm fine. But they haven't given much to pounce on, even if they seemed like they were." He rubbed his cheek and lead me in, away from those harpies running by. The place was dark and then lit, the likes of which I've never seen before. A light like not encounter, at least not in any other place than a field of battle. Such a burst just popped out, revealing with her blind eye. I stood near him at all time and didn't dare question until now. "Who is she?" "Wait a second." "Nevermind, I'll ask myself." Just past his shoulder, I got closer to her to finally find out, after being thrown so many times now. "Listen." I said the fire got close to melting my breath. "I just need to know what's that outside. And why are those people dressed in the most peculiar fashion." "Sit down and listen." Her voice threw me off, my feet and more, I underestimated how I felt. "No, don't come, If he wants to know he can sit and listen." I didn't notice but she signed him off, making him leave despite not being able to see where he was. Turn all of the sudden that I did not notice how fast she approached me opening my mouth before I could grab it, using the other to pour a liquid stricken right through a pair of leaves embraced together. I choked on it but on the side, as she pulled herself away. "What did you Wha did you do to me?" She answered soon, after pointing down for me to see. "For your leg." "You could've said." "And you could've listened." A fair point but I've had worse than that. I was sure to let her know of that if it wasn't for a slight of change, the shards, the sticks and whatever else stuck in there got pulled away. Shocked, I backed away as they were pulled into the fire adding forth a slight change of colour. "What was that for?" She ignored me as she went on, trying it with her tattooed hands, going

over the fire. Strange, her eyes were white but almost coloured, I swore I was able to see something reflected, almost close to being projected in her eyes, giving them a shade of red. I haven't noticed until then when, after getting defensive, but everywhere around objects being places and hid, ritualistic in nature or so did I think of it. Flutes, sticks, stones, the kind that were found on that bridge too. "Ballaska amashur barra." "Stop it, you've got some explanation to do woman!" I tried shutting her off but that didn't work. My gaze kept venturing around then back to her, keeping me away from noticing. Blood on those objects, the smell reeked quite awful. She kept throwing so many things into the fire and it was getting too hot to stay. "Wait." She finally stopped, right as I grabbed a part of the rug, almost tearing it up in pieces. "What is it? Haven't you done already?" "I merely tried to ask of you, that's all. Though if you don't agree with it, you're free to leave at any time, though I do not guarantee of your safe pass." "Is that a threat?" I asked but was given a silent answer, I swore to her and soon left after, leaving her to her insane ramble. "Damn it" My lungs were almost shouted outside of my body and I felt like I was going to die, threatened by their looks. They've done a great job reminding me of everything I felt before, seeing them as my enemies. Some were scared, others backed, knowing that the meeting did between us didn't turn out well. Their feathers rustled and even with the torches lit, I passed by and approached the gate. They did seem colder but I was stopped. "Wait a minute now, you don't want to go there just yet." "Listen, I don't even know your name." Though I kind of knew I could trust him, the smirk, the greyed hair despite being young and even his ever growing beard after. Either was his look, ragged clothes or the fact that the circumstance made me like him but I decided to go on with the guts. "I'm. Trying to protect you." Yet he refused and I might've taken it too harshly, well endowed by his lack of respect and a better decision to trust me with his name. I looked down then back at him, trying to figure him out and what he did. Not that hard, even with the flock standing right behind him, though he did take his time pondering on what was to be told. "Are they always like that? I mean from your time spent here." A simple banter that could've or might've helped. He was the only one, being fair about it, which I could have with. "They'll grow on you. Listen." He didn't take the initiative to open the gate and perhaps I was in a rush to make the decision of leaving on such a cold night. Yet he asked me that. If I'd be willing. "To spend the night? Come on, it's too cold and getting worse, especially with what's out there. I've seriously considered since I had to get accustomed to them, looking around and seeing their architecture, their small houses with hidden wooden, ready to resist a fire. No wonder they were so daringly lighting up those torches, so many of the sides, burning harder now than ever." Fine. "I pat him on the shoulder before continuing my exploration, telling him next. "But I'm not sleeping in the hen." We had a laugh from that, at least I did. Some comfort was brought though not enough from it, returning to the flock with their flying feathers, it was getting too late. And I was slightly afraid of what laid in any of their houses, especially with all the silence they seemed to share. An open house, I'd get to share a room with him. "Wait a minute." I told and he nodded. No one was watching from what I could tell, everyone retreating to their places. Strange, no wounds on my leg, nothing like that, no perforated skin, no mark. "Are you coming?" He asked me before pulling the round door, feather on his ankles and more. "I'll meet you there, just keep the place lit." I trust him not to bother me anymore as there was still a score to settle at least until the coming morning. Deciding that perhaps it was a good decision to go back and ask her, I opened the place to find her waiting. The fire settle and the misty smoke lifted itself up, an opening above. The moon was just there ready to open its feverish mouth and inahle it on the wrong track. "I

should've have acted that way."I told her that and I was sorry, for everything said and done in fury, I knew better than that.Normally I did, but everything so far was so unexpected and I was unprepared to deal with."There's nothing to forgive."Yet I saw there was, a mark on her hand, have I touched her before?"Have I?"But I stopped, unable to remember if that was caused by my or not, I wasn't going to make a fool of myself again.I sat down, another invitation that was responded."You.May explain."""The reason why you're here, is that what you wonder?Well."She told me the reason behind, needing those shards and pricks coming from someone who was lost for a ritual.A second look and there was no blood on the objects, laying everywhere in another order."Right, but what does that mean?""You needn't know."Her eyes were shining and only with the help of the moon, for some reason after, I felt lighter.She kept a grin and nothing more, her eyes now shallow I didn't know.I left again to finally join him, feeling some pain in my chest, almost as if something was taken from me.Whatever was in the drink didn't seem to last and with each moment passed, I thought about what did she really slip inside of it, poison or anything of that sort.Strange, after leaving.I never remember seeing a black feathered one, his skin paler too, even worse than I thought.He stared at me as I just managed to get some composure and hold myself.No one around nor on the sides, to see me nor to help in case something progressed farther than expected.A simple manner I thought at first, surely it would just be another one of them, harmless.And even If I were to be wrong, my training had to finally come in hand."Can I help you?"He gave no answer but a deeper stare, not to mention that he was doing something else.Behind his back something in his hands, it could've been anything, henceforth I refused to approach any closer than where I stood from.The back pain never left, I noticed how he still refused to move his lips even though he was somewhat like the rest of them.Silent and afraid."I won't hurt you."And I became rash, deciding to open myself to him without expecting any consequence since my decision didn't seem to be dire.As I approached, he did too, finally deciding to heed my call.Both of us were slow and steady, taking it as it seemed to be.Not longer as a situation where we'd meet and tell, I felt threatened and unable to back down from the provocation at hand.Despite not having something to defend myself with, other than my arms, the training received after so many years should've come on in handy.Close enough, some sticks laid below.Their clicks were audible after stepping onto them, enough to make him slightly look down.Luckily, he didn't see rip a part of my cloth from the back of my shirt.I held it inside of my fist, clenched to hide it, this was going to do.He saw me stop and he did too, having nothing to intimidate me with, he finally snapped from the dull waiting."AAAAAAAggh"I shouted at him as he revealed his knife while the expression on his face and overall became a paler white.A blunt knife not sharp enough, yet it wasn't enough to stop it, the scream and what not.Jumping for the neck, I used the cloth in time, drenched in sweat and twisted for some resistance, I managed to block the knife inside of it and hold it there.With a foul motion, I threw a punch, holding on the dull knife with a drench and glance.Still no one around, I had to be sure.I kept flailing at him and couldn't stop.He fell on a knee covering his face with a hand, the other wouldn't."Let go of the knife."I said, unable to take his hand off, seeing how the blood ran down his nose and mouth, made me wonder still.How come he hasn't passed out?A kick in the jaw and he almost fell to the ground, still holding the knife as if his life depended on.That stopped him from falling over but still there."What's going on?"A second of panic and felt a slip.I look to see the circled light come out with him behind, blocking a huge chunk of it on the way.We looked in confusion and for a second I did not remember.I felt a shock and thought of it only as a moment.As I turned back to see, shaken and barely holding

his arm still. The other side yelling and rushing to come to me. "Nooooooo." I heard and didn't last, his voice faded away, I was stabbed. The shock, the pain delayed, I finally managed to. With the help of both my arms and the will to hurt, I twisted his arm and broke his bone. He didn't scream but seemed to be in the motion, finally fallen to the ground and leaving me only with the present. The knife now shoved deep inside of me, held my mine and his after coming to my rescue. "No. No. No." He kept repeating in, entering in a state of panic, I haven't felt such a thing before, it felt so new. The shout and his scream, though. It managed to wake everyone up to come and see. "We need to go. Fast. They'll seek retribution for what you've done." His voice and head were both spinning and I still haven't fully realised it, what was happening to me since I decided to come. Almost like a limp, I have dragged away, the gate now locked as if it was made of metal. No wood, just melted steel, screaming and black, tall as the sky. "Am I seeing? Are you s..?" I couldn't ask if as he was busy, trying to find a way. "There, the lever." He said as he found it but it was too hard to leave it alone. My strength leaving me, I hadn't realised I had a wet cloth pushing on my wound, not realising when he gave it to me. "Come on, they're not out yet." He became so haunting and repulsing, his teeth were stricken and just like the gate in appearance. I had not to choice but to limp there, pulling onto the wooden bars with no steel. Not looking into his direction, the smoke rising from the biggest house wasn't any longer. I didn't know but that compelled me to look back and reminded me after seeing a small fraction of a gust of smoke be. A whisper from far, stored inside of it, a memory that was forgotten, not meant to be. "Done, come on." He let go as did I, and just in time as doors were starting to get open. With another embrace, I counted the last, he helped me get out and not look back. "Gah" Each step made me feel that way as the pain finally got to me, we flew through the gate and saw them irate, the cold got in devouring their once living flames that were keeping them safe. "Don't look behind, whatever we do." The landscape was brighter than before I came, the snow settled in already. I could see my breath in front of my eyes, rippling towards the sky. And I held my chest tighter as he did, looking below only to find a trail of blood that would lead to me. I wasn't sure and did not know how much could I survive, with no proper help and nothing to keep me together. Getting desperate I asked of him without a chance, thinking of alternatives but there was none. "I'm going to bleed to death and will die abandoned, we. We can't make it." I had to stop and hold my breath, going on soon after the small break, foot following the other. "We have to return." But he denied my call, giving me a repulsing look, an insulted nook for what I've said, thinking that I was insane. "I'm not going back, are you insane? They'll kill us both once we're there. No, our only option is to go forward, just keep it tight, everything else, we can take care of it." I nodded being the closest fool. He did not know and neither have I, what lurked beyond us, whispering on the side. He heard it and we were now too far, reaching to a point with no regard for the other. His grip got looser and I felt it took, as we were far away, where the bridge would've been, now it wasn't. He abandoned me with no word nor loss. I fell in the snow as I was pushed, he tried saving himself despite being too late. "Gah." I left out another one, giving my location, it was already too late as it was getting closer. No sight of the one who left me, I knew too well that he was gone. "Damn bloke." I said as I pulled myself closer to pick it up. "He forgot his boot." Something to warm me as it got too cold, even if the thought of him running through the snow with one bare foot and another lost took that away from me. A moment of peace despite laying in a pool of blood and water, I stared at it, seeing it coming. A looming blanket of smoke, creeping about and pulling itself forth. I couldn't see it well but it came from where he went, it didn't take me either to figure out what his fate ended up being. Nothing but

a circling black swarm, the stink was coming big. Repelling trail of guts where so big and moving around, the only part of it that wasn't covered by the black swarm. I turned on my back, still holding the boot that brought me here, I yelled at it again but it didn't work. "Baaaaaaah." Again, that was done and it called a change, repelling some of the inhibitors of the black swarm. So much blood, it made it blurry, the boot dirty and it was hard to move. I knew it got cold for it too. I saw something grabbing its guts, perhaps its hands, perhaps not. So much darker, darker than the snow, before losing my consciousness. It threw at me, the other one, his other boot that I did not like. I woke up, feeling obnoxiously sick, throwing up in every direction I could see. Confused, I had to take a moment to regain, I saw the strange room I was in and felt array. My feet felt lighter but that did not matter, seeing how this felt all too familiar for my liking. The placements of some objects and a set of feathers on parts, not too much of a giveaway until I looked and gasped at the sight of it. The door was round and I heard a shout, I rushed to the door to witness it again. My eyes widened and I couldn't look, I saw myself struggling against a fight I couldn't win. Ready to shout, I grabbed my mouth with both of my hands, stopping it from going about. Immediately after I went back and closed the door, repelled and dropping with my back against the cell. I couldn't move, my body froze, I heard myself scream whilst trembling near the door. My guts drew lower as I heard, it somehow managed to get the best of me and hear my call. My own voice yelling and shouting to stop, I heard every swipe and insertion of the blade inside of me, just as I was restlessly afraid to come and see. It felt so real, having the same voice as me. I remained too frightened to open my mouth and check for myself if I remained the same or not. And with a last one, twisted inside, I heard the blood pop out, the oranges ripped, the vultures all came outside to see. All of the doors but one, a silence came after. My heart was pounding so fast, as for myself there was no aftermath, they were approaching. Exhaling and inhaling the gases made, I closed my eyes and prayed it away. The door must've hit me and it continually did, it was getting cold again. I refused to do anything else than stand and feel the pain of the hardened wood stricken against my back. And yet so cold again, it grew so colder, was that the death of me now I wondered. The feeling change and my back felt heavy, I finally decided to open my eyes and see for myself. I was standing on a river, close to being frozen solid. Again, having to deal with myself, a strange thought, I didn't speak but realised, above of me. The single rays of light of what I was holding, a bridge wooden, heavy and unyielding. My lips shattered, and my feet was stuck in the water, seconds after noticing I saw what I did. The bridge penetrated by my own foot. I should've opened my mouth and warned myself but I refused to. Too late but it made no sense. He couldn't have been under the bridge, I was somebody else. And I couldn't figure out, I was bare feet, my body intoxicated with the smell, those guts and others were slightly above. It stopped there, I didn't remember this. But there was no light anymore, not above nor the sides, I saw inside of it, the corpses that sprung. Eyes still open, I looked at them and they looked back. The wood started cracking, the stone crumbling, the plank with a big hole inside of it was the first to fall. My skin was rotten, those insects as coal, they entered my skin, my mouth my nose, make me as their nest before being crushed under the heaviness that ripped the bridge apart. The pain was indescribable and I couldn't scream, kept alive only by my desire to do so. It took a while, walking its feet, too dark to see, to note and to be. My hand was the only one I could feel, barely so, the rest of my body was dead or in a worse case. Feeble to any attempt, I was trembling at the sight of myself again, he looked like me. I couldn't do anything about that but watch as they entered me. Two hands came after and held my eyes. They were mine, I removed them to see, revealing her standing and observing what I was

doing."What's happening?"Stunned but shaken, I looked around checking my body, feeling my limbs, gurgling blood and spitting it as it seemed.I was naked, having to cover myself only with my hands.To watch afraid as she approached, possibly to harm me or feed me to her pet.Unable to do anything but listen, she offered me something else.A small pair of wings, of feathers, given as if to a fella."You're one of us now.Shhh."She prevented me from talking.I couldn't talk as she was watching, I couldn't do anything anymore to my liking.My head hurt, my stomach squirmed at the sight of the gates opening.They didn't seem so bizarre anymore nor have I.

Tower

Repugnant blood come back to me, grant me the power soon to be. I looked upon the dreaded stone, the sand and skulls resting below, of me the scene of a greater conflict that wasn't about to end, neither could I even thinking of it another way than the one that was. The embodiment of me raised from the ground, eruption and spewing my fragrant scent of bloodied gravel as it was enveloped by it caused by the eruption it caused. So ugly and repulsing, the way it moved was disgusting. A face that needed not a body to lift itself in the air, devouring birds as they came by, its repulsing skin blowing at their near-sight moment before being swallowed. Such a fiend and I were connected, in thought and body as I called to it so it would come and join me once again. 'Make me whole again.' I yelled and it answered, being pulled towards me, blood floating through the air, calling for me to undertake on, the transformation that awaited once we were whole. No hands to grab me nor a pair of feet to run away once we were done, there wasn't any chance for it to change its mind and drag me away from it, permanently bonding us never again to be separated. The scream and its flagrancy grew thicker, the sand resting now melted away as the boiling blood was pulled, from its body, calling itself closer to me to enter. I saw and smiled as did it. The blood and skin melted, becoming as dust as many more gaps were made because of it puncturing and pulling itself through the body. A skull that floated soon destroyed, making the rest of my once pure liquid that was stolen come back to its rightful master. 'Aaaaaaag' I tasted it as it came back, floating through the air after being impaled by it, looking through my red hands as they were covered in the liquid, renewing itself in the way meant to be. 'What?' The ritual was not completed but soon I realised that someone was watching me undergo of it and refreshing what was meant to be had inside, to be taken away by eyes that weren't meant to see. I fell on the ground breaking it under, cracks that would've let anything stronger in a worse condition as it were. Feeling how my veins were full, blessing the sky for letting me get the chance to get closer to receiving it back, every little ounce that I've lost. The chains holding me broke loose under my arms that grew, the mass, the muscle and even the hair grew thicker as my body grew closer to its original state. 'As to you, the watcher that tries to see. Huh?' A woman and her animal companion, it ran away at the sight of me, partially blinded by the light, I couldn't directly pinpoint but know where she was going. 'I can't let you warn them of my presence!' And neither was I intending to, following in the steps of her, left into the crying dust, slow, even for one such as her. I wasn't inhuman but not weak enough, I lowered my arm to reveal the bow I was holding and whilst running and chasing I bent it open to its full wideness to be seen. The arrow of metal slightly opening a wound through my fingers, cutting the light in half, reflected in the polished metal, it blindsided her as it went right through. 'A direct hit' I said after seeing her bent, with an arm standing down, her companion dog pushing her away. She wasn't dead but bleeding away, repulsing poison that I avoided, following her track and the one left of the companion of hers, none one could find out that I was alive, no one indeed. Another arrow loaded, even worse than the last, my wounds couldn't heal without proper care, risking an infection with each one taken, followed by another using cut followed by yet another strike through. 'Damn it!' The dog had scratched it, through the clutches of my attempt, sinking its teeth in the-the hardwood and breaking it in half. I hadn't any choice anymore that was sure, seeing the image of my blood running forth, landing on its nose. 'I'm sorry but this has to do!' Too far to be heard, I had to act, after getting my scent, I wouldn't have anywhere to hit if they managed to get the town next to the proximity, my arrow had to land to its vicinity. A shot that flew through, none of them expected it as it turns its head to see, how I managed to be the death of thee, hitting through and piercing the heart. I saw her finally stop, holding in

her arms. There wasn't any need for me to run but slowly approach, seeing her cry from one and bleeding from her other eye, no weapon and a dress that used to be clean. Crying over a dead animal that was worth nothing, it made me ask her. 'Is this what your life's worth? The one of a dead animal?' She was afraid I saw it in her eye, barely working too, meaning that perhaps she wasn't meant to die, at least what the tradition required. I asked her and once did I. 'Leave now and never return to that town. Your life's now forfeit to the one above so make your peace on the way.' She didn't respond to my address, though my young blood managed to give me back some years, my anger and scorn remained with, deciding that I'd be a better host than any other. I turned my back and did it too, she tried running with him, in the same direction, deciding to step on what I've said. She gave me no choice but to raise it there, to point the bow, and release my final arrow. Turn around, back to face me before it was over. She understood then as the path was blocked, an arrow that managed to break even the small fragments of dust and sand that were floating through the air, with a precision that couldn't be questioned. A nod of the head and another path taken, she refused to now return to the place that was once shaken. A dead eye and the lack of a companion should've sealed the deal but I was not convinced that it was worth it, a few arrows wasted, I threw it away, having to resort to using the bow to another side. And the night was coming too, a cold one too, my food supplies were running out but I hadn't need them anymore, after being so renewed, the ground shaking under my metal boots. A knight shook, my sword was bending, almost falling under its own weight, cutting through the cloth that kept it seated. Alas, I was finally arriving home, and even as the hair under my beard started falling as did the one over my head regained its colour, I have finally done. Regain control over the life of my again and in the sky, I saw a reflection, the map and the entirety of the land, knowing that somewhere, everywhere, fragments and shards, embodiments of myself waited. Waited for me to come and finally claim them back. The tower beckoned for me to come, singing and climbing itself above, trying to reach the sky and call to me, brick after brick that helped it raised it. I've gone through this desert long enough, it is time for me to make my return. Four years of wander and seeking for this and now it would get to pay off, I was returning home and the thought of me bringing something back with me, something of such importance has surely changed me. And the change was about everywhere. Ravens in the sky, that beckoned at it, the lord of the tower waiting with his silken sheets and oafs that waited at his gate, drowning in the river. As a servant came, kneeling forth to his master, all of it just to ask a single question that's long been waiting, almost an announcement of sorts that was brooding about waiting to get out and be asked. 'What is it? Can't you see I'm busy.' A neck was scorched, almost as much as the candle and the limped was that was rubbing off the parchments that were being read by him, he turned to see him carry the usual wine. He stopped and marked for him to do the same, not trusting his intention, he felt something inside, that grabbed and pushed off him to ask of his daring servant that wasn't seen before. 'Who are the? I've not seen you before and my memory's unrivalled.' He checked his servant but soon was stopped, from the opening in his oxidium tower a raven came, flying in a flock and as he saw, an opening in his mouth left out what thoughts feared. 'Ah, how lovely, a murder of crows appeared. A bad sign, one indeed.' 'What forth are you coming near me crows? Can you not see either that I'm busy?' They gave me a smile, not enough for me to repay them, even if their task was small, scouting everywhere around, I told them fair, don't return uncalled forth unless utterly necessary. I said again, holding my prow, nobody moved as I spoke to them, standing in front of me, flailing about with a scroll randomly. 'Craw Craw. Craw Craw Craw.' The crows wouldn't amass for any

reason at all, making this the most peculiar of the situations wondering and not for long. 'Someone's coming!' 'Craw
Craw Craw' 'Servants, go down as fast as you can, bond it to your feed and leave it ahead, don't let anyone get out
and no one in until further instructions.' I threw him a scroll, which he caught, placing it in his pocket, something that
didn't bother me despite the clear instructions, dealing with him later would be the best. For now remained to wait in
my crumbling tower, glancing around to see for who was going to bring the challenge, unless. 'No, my scrolls.' Panic
arise, I had no meaning to wonder about the rest of them and even if my fate would have to succumb, I had to grab
and make sure all of them would be safe. 'My scrolls, my papers, my entire work, all would come to ruin if someone
came forth.' The door slammed, destroying all the dust, everything in its path, scaring the rest of the servants and
missing my chance. 'Damn' I whispered after making sure no one would see me, no one could figure that I wasn't a
servant nor what was intended to fall upon their master, not that they'd care much for, knowing how he treated
them. 'Are you coming?' 'On my way.' After that quick response, I was on the run, to avoid any suspicion as I wasn't
here for long, not staying nor did I arrive and yet I had to act the same way as them. Body bent and head down, I ran
down the stairways acting like them, thinking about the renown I'd get for slaying him, slashing his throat and
draining his self-esteem as his blood would run down his throat, leaving forever. Almost knocked out of my
thoughts, I stopped in the middle of the hall to grab some of the pots and goblets that were almost on the floor,
saying and admitting to my fellow in need of help. 'I'm sorry, that was close.' Keeping it short and quiet, hiding my
accent and possibly who I was, for the time I spent here, she seemed to be quite perceptive. And quick too, she
grabbed them mid-air preventing most from reaching the floor, all but one. I avoided at first and wasn't that fast,
without wanting to raise any suspicion nor show what would've been done otherwise. 'Oh come on, I've just washed
that spot. Grr.' She seemed enraged by my action and even more I thought as I was in a hurry to do what I was told,
acting sole, on my own and saying to her, thinking we'd see each other this last time. 'I'm sorry but I'll make it up to
you.' I would, knowing that she was most likely pinned to the wall too by her malicious master, fantasising on the
way on how she'd gnaw his white pearls and beard. Inappropriate to say the least, looking back to it, she was the
daughter of a priest, making even worse to become the servant of someone like that, making me sick even more than
that. That damn bloke that passed by. 'Pah. I bet he won't even keep his promise and..'. A note, dropped, fallen
below. The least he could do is follow what he's told, the seal on it made it so clear from where it came from and
what was the intention behind and the one written on. Three tasks ahead and everyone seemed to be in distress for a
reason, even if they refused to tell me what it was, cleaning, delivering and picking that note were enough to keep
me distracted. Though, I wondered if I dared, after leaving the small carrier plate with all the drink of sorts, some
tasting well, others, heh. Not. But what was written, really inside of the scroll that fell, I wasn't sure if it meant what I
thought it did, there was no one behind nor in front for me to lie about it and tell otherwise. Just a glance after
unwrapping the seal, throwing away, even if I got caught, I knew who to blame. So slow it went, the time of
watching over them and how it would uncover itself, the deal and the conflict. I stood there, hidden, away, with my
small construct to see and watch over how the death of him, perhaps not was going to be found out. 'I'm glad I
trained you, my friends.' And from my pouch it came, a string of seeds and parts that tasted well, I gave it to my
friends the crow, to leave me alone for now before they would be needed again. A leather on the device, the glass
was quite expensive, enough to almost not justify anything if it weren't for such a wonder, to see anything and

everything around me. The distance not well, my suit still covered in sand, someone was coming towards the tower, strong did he seem and more than just one of the way, perhaps with a companion too. Either way, someone was following in his footsteps, friends or foe, whatever it was, I was so sure, the one above the rest, waiting in his tower raised up high with his sacks all risen to the ground, he had no care. Messing with his scrolls, one of them even got close to being dropped outside of the wall. A castle raised up high, rivalling only the crying tower that was seen through the looking glass, cutting through the night and blowing the dark as the lenses changed position so I could see well. Luckily for me, my cloak was enough and with the cold of the night, I wasn't burnt in the rug that was on my body, hiding my presence just as much as I managed to train the crows to do my bidding and distract whoever would want to notice me from far. The castle must have a king, one that'd care for its people and somehow I wondered, why is it that he never sent anyone, no guards nor warriors to fight, the rivalling might that was brewing something in the tower. Anything that would save or spare his life, ascended and afraid, he knew too well that his end was coming, not on a horse as I so sorrowful through to be dead, abandoned on the way, from the looks of his armour, that seemed to be moulded with his skin. He was someone who'd sacrifice anything to get what he wanted, farther away, pushing his body and abandoning any relinquished hope that there'd be humanity in him. And yet so young, yet so bold, not knowing that he was rushing through his death at the hands that were to him unknown. And close I was, I could taste it, the rubble that was crawling at the feet of it separated only by a bridge not weary, barely lifted moments ago. 'Damn they knew!' I almost shouted, mad, looking above of me, the shine of the moon and the reflection that sent itself into the water on the bridge, just to add its taunting baffle. 'How did they know I was coming?' Disturbed and distracted, I looked behind and saw no one, though swearing, someone could've possibly been following me. Regardless. I turned to it and made a bold statement, shouting as he came close, looking through directly into my face. Was this the one coming to attack me and destroy my work? A smile came to my wrinkled old face, my white hair almost bloomed at the sight of the youngest for I'd get to face, not even old enough to take a piss alone yet he somehow decided. 'To come and end, to attack someone like. I was stuck at the sight of it as hid boldness almost pierced me, running as fast as one could do, charging forth even if. 'The bridge was pulled, are you insane?' As I asked, I came forth to look, seeing my sea serpents and fish alike, gulping and shaking their foreign spikes in addition and for the waiting, their fourth walking meal was coming even sooner than supposed to. He didn't care of my banter and ignored all the warning presented, not to mention that all of them would've been in his favour. My eyes widened, almost popped out, even at the slight of change and sound of a door opening behind my back, someone decided to disturb me yet I was too focused. 'This is impossible' I watched and saw the greatest leap I'd ever get to lay my eyes onto. 'Hold down at the door, I can't respond. Actually, hurry down and make sure it's locked, he's coming for all of us.' And before I could finish and seal my lips, I saw him achieve the greatest of feats that were ever done, he grabbed the edge of the bridge despite being raised up. 'How could this be?' And the wood almost broke, at the sight and under the power of my gauntlets, looking below revealed to me whatever was lurking in the small sea. I knew I wouldn't pass out and also that he saw me lift myself and push away as far as I could go. He knew and I did, not being able to pass through a bridge so sturdy looking and unable to lower it down. I took a break whilst still holding onto to look above and smile, he saw me do that, even more, confused that how he was before. He didn't expect, I saw it once again, time after time he'd become more absorbed of my deed and mistakes, of

everything that was done against him and his property. A fist was raised and through a bash, I started breaking through, carrying off with my assault, punch after punch that landed at the bridge. 'Not so strong anymore' Despite not looking, I could taste his seething anger from where I stood, boiling even the water under me, making those precious pets of his suffer at what would be the cost of his life. Seeing how the cracks came to be, my fist protected from even the slightest possible damage that could even come close to doing me harm, instead, making the slightest cracks go beyond their size. Eight-time bigger with each timed swipe, even more from the accelerated demise that would come and go. The last one came. 'Stronger than I thought.' But I was wrong. A chunk of the big bad gate made out of wood cut from a most likely lot that was never sold after, but that wasn't the reason it started going down, I was lowered on purpose to fall and die. And below me they were starving, their teeth and tongues showing, expecting me to fall but I was too fast and prepared. I started moving as it seemed to be let to fall, to my left, holding with the strongest grip after being slammed, so close to breaking my fingers and running my hand. Slightly stopped and thrown in the air as the recoil from it reaching the other side was in motion as I did that, avoiding my fall, he screamed out-out. 'Lift the gate, hurry! Hurry I said before he comes back.' Confused but only by a slight, I started carrying myself back up to be able to avoid, repeating that once again. A swing and a miss, I landed on the bridge before it even came close to lifting itself away from the ground, followed by a roll, as something heavy came behind. I couldn't tell what he threw back nor did I care, being too far from it and already as my roll became a charge as my feet ascended from the ground. Scared they ignored me, I could see their breaths, their sweat and even saliva coming and flowing through the air, faster than them by a lot of ounces, I looked around before they even managed to close their mouths and breathe again. A gate at the tower, a smaller one, some chairs, supplies and a stable without horses? He had weird choices but it wasn't my fair, I had only my bow slightly bent, giving a shine to no end, he was up there in his tower and I didn't notice. This was out of proportion, three other towers above of me, interconnected and inside of the one I and the servants were, looking back down I noticed, two of them were being close by servants, distraction or not. I've made my choice. 'AAAAAAAAAAAAAh' A show of war that almost threw him off, unable to see or remember where he was, I've made my choice, breaking through the crates, one woman passed by. Servant or less, she didn't notice nor see, I slightly moved aside on my charge no less, using only my arm to push her out of the way. Right, of my a spading fork was thrown, stopping me from my tracks, it stopped me from breathing, a second to grab it before reaching my neck. My glance almost betrayed me and I hadn't much time to seek revenge, I only held in my the red scarf that was being worn, before breaking through the door with my arm. 'Ahh' And the door was broken. 'He came inside.' The servant was spoken. 'Who came inside?' Some people must've come, my fellow helper was stricken of words and avoided looking directly at me, all in a hurry. 'You, I've seen you before. You forgot' The paper, I know, that's not important anymore. You need to get out. I was slightly backing away, unknowing of his strange proposal, the way he was implying it. 'You're going to be killed if you don't.' The same way I might not. Also, I don't recall. Seeing you. 'He raised a knife from his pocket, shining through with his gem, a rare one, even for the master of mine. I stared at it still backing saying no word not that I dare make any move after he raised it further, being so close to him and. Chaos abrupted and everything was wrong. 'Where are my damn servants?' I asked, hearing nothing but a knock, from the other side of the door someone was waiting and listening to what I'd say, returning nothing but a complimentary hush to be followed by nothing of the sort. 'Damn

you, who walks there? I'm warning you. My tower seemed to be made softer by the coming of the pretender to my life, as were my feet as the knocks continue. I'm too old to fight and pose no threat. You don't have to do this! Images flew in my hands, everything that I've ever done burnt and ravished under my nose, right before my resting corpse, burning with it one last time. Soon to be forgotten, my progress, what I've done, no one would get to know. No, don't come in. I said as I grabbed all of them, those that I didn't manage to find, those that were not mine, everything soon to be stashed inside my every hidden pocket, just so I could say to them one more time. I beg of you, I've. I've worked so hard, for what? I can't die like this. The knocks stopped and I could hear slashes, the sound of a knife being driven down, cutting down the wood that was standing as the last guardian. My servants most likely dead as no one was here to help me, or stop, even slow at least. Stomach bloated, everything around of me seemed to fluster, quotes mistaken, the scrolls that I've never got to finish and never will. The sound of the door being slammed down almost brought tears on my eyes, despite my every, plead I'd wager that my words would fall on deaf ears just to be swallowed away. Spare my work at least, I beg of thee. It's all I want, it's all I need, just that and nothing more of you. But my fear got the worst of me, the tears befell, the ink started drowning in them, the ones that were freshly made and the same ones that had the biggest of a chance to last the farthest. Then so be it, if this what it will take. I said to myself and whoever almost managed to break through the door, knowing what was going to be, perhaps there'd be a small chance if I took it on myself. As my servants saw me look back at them, all scared as was I, they barely managed to slow them down, all in vain. The light was shining from a place far, a small glimpse that someone sent towards me to see, the last moments when I would be. One time to look back, there was no way for me to defend myself, no way that the door would break, the latch falling on its own, ready to give us, the same as I. No way around, the last pieces of myself, written in drowning ink, soon to be crushed within, I didn't give another chance, as I couldn't live knowing what was done. A smile towards them, one last time, a rarity that somehow seemed to have brought me here. I leapt towards in, with my papers flying, the stack that was being held by me tightly inside my arms and the ones that I wouldn't let go not even after all was done. The lock that held the door now broken, I pushed it, finally to see, there was no one around. Am I too late? But soon distracted as I saw the wind help the curtains fly through, somewhere below, I heard the commotion, so I rushed to the window place to see. Damn, I'm in the wrong tower. On the other side, a fake most likely, I couldn't ponder on the fact that the one I took, the first choice was wrong and he was nowhere around to be. You? From the other side, I saw, someone I haven't recognised in a while. The sight of him filled me with scorn and hate, without wanting it, breaking the wooden stick that held the spade together, falling down and out of my reach. He heard me and got distracted, I thought of him and what, most likely happened, as there was no one around with him and the other tower that laid between us was abandoned. I will tear your... Gahhh. I couldn't see but something was shoved in my back, further inside, the sight of him and the shock he gave me before being pushed closer to the edge. He couldn't talk nor laugh but watch as I suffered, being overpowered after the sharp point of something strong pierced one of my vital organs. AAAAAAAahh. Twisted inside and still, no word was spoken, I was soon turned around to see. Y... You. Before being pushed through, falling as the wooden part of the arrow was taken away, I couldn't reach her neck nor anything else. The crown was horrified, moving as far as possible as two corpses joined the middle of the area they were in, still scared for their lives they wouldn't even risk their eyes after seeing the sharp edge of an arrow shoved inside. They knew they

wouldn't handle, whoever managed to kill the man would've been a skilled archer, and if it ended to be as ruthless as the one in front of them, the chance of them escaping was none. All that remained was someone that fell, the wounds and the exhaustion soon befell onto her and her fate unsealed in front of his eyes. 'What now? What am I to do?' This was unexpected, so strange and peculiar, nothing so far that proven me anything else. 'You could join me then.' She said, with a voice not lowered, has she not realised what just occurred? 'No offence but I wouldn't make much of a monk.' 'I wasn't talking about the temple but of there, up north.' 'And what about them?' Both lie down there in chaos and on the other side of us, at the other tower lays a woman that's about to give out her last breath. 'She smirked on the way down with me, as we passed the bodies that were rotting, I wasn't looking at my old friend now, I only focused on what she said. Which was and I swore to remember. 'She's coming with us.'

Dirt man

Your philosophy bores me dirt man. Her hair was dark as was her fair tone, she looked at me with the deepest sneer, laughing at my self-esteem and how I was acting. 'Why are you acting this way?' I asked but she did not answer to me, she never did respect authority but who would in her position. Her spear sharp, the back laid high, she had no knowing of money nor other sights of what she believed in. 'Are you coming?' I asked her but to no purpose, she didn't give me the benefit of the doubt. I am but you're not the reason I'm coming, it's because of the good feeling I've got about you. Both of us were on the road made of the same thing as I was, going through it made it awkward, even after so much passed time, away from one another. 'Then why are you following me so? If you hate me at time, and other not, you seem to be confused.' 'No, you are the one confused about it dirt man. You don't understand how we act and what makes us thick, perhaps you may never will.' 'Nor did he seem repulsing, just as he seemed to the villagers when he arrived at the time, hated and despised, luckily for him that I remembered to ask. 'Did the rocks thrown at you hurt? You never asked me man made out of dirt.' 'Why are you calling me so?' He asked and I forgot that he might still be slow, but the reason for me, for doing so was simple. 'I enjoy seeing people mad, especially those made out of dirt.' 'He didn't smile, perhaps not getting my intention. 'It was a laugh, I don't despise you. Look, it doesn't have to be.' But stopped. In front of us, his home made out of sinking dirt, coming back to life, lifting like a mouth, its teeth held it close, it was waiting for him but I wasn't sure. 'Is it safe to enter? Or will I be buried alive? Us human, we can't breathe underground nor get buried whilst alive. Though looking around, someone came before us, the other places that had the spots taken, their houses ruined, the dirt covered in water becoming only but muck now.' 'It won't unless it rains.' 'It's good to know' I said before being carried away, trying to figure out what has

happened and what occurred around in the time he spent away.'This is why you were sent?'Was your reason to seek for help?'It's too late.Now.'His sad tone wouldn't befall on deaf ears but it made sense, no rain above and no water left anywhere else, whoever came by brought the water with and drown them all.Remains of sand, pebbles and soil, defiled by.'Monsters, all of them.'I said out loud, at which he asked back with a scare on his face.'Where?'

Ssloch

A lady with a linen shroud came past me the other day, the only thing I could remember seeing between the bars of this damn cage, the rusted nails being plunged so far into them that it made me wonder how come the blood hasn't come out yet. At least the opening from my fingers, though it wasn't too late, the stream following its course and standing upon my fingers laying under it. My nose was acting up again for the countless time and I always blamed it on the height. 'Perhaps this is my punishment.' My voice echoes below, I couldn't move without making the cage swing aside, making me even more nauseous that I already was. I couldn't think of much, other than what I've already done and pitying myself to the point of falling from exhaustion, the hot bars delaying the inevitable even more. So many sores on my hand, popping out with each further push into the charged metal, relentlessly after so many attempts that left me rubbing it in for nothing. 'And I'm still so thirsty.' I said to myself and hoped that the one that guarded me would come and throw the bucket of water, breaking into the cage as it fell. 'Heh' Such a waste of good wood, it made me think, rather many time with such incompetence, how did I get caught in the first place. Waiting and waiting just to yell. 'LET me out already, curse you all. You're pretending to be so civilised but throw me to rot at the first sign of.' Agh. 'My hands repelled, I had to remove them, abandoning my point before I could even go through with it, making me feel disgusted with having to put on with myself. Of the things given up because of this, my acceptance of fate being released.' And next, you're going to tell us that you've crushed those bars with your bare hands. "I was saving that part for last." Keep bloating yourself with whatever you want, but I won't even believe your damn stories, most of which have fairly impossible circumstances, to begin with. "Like what?" She pondered on my question, a good memory insight, one that wouldn't let her forget anything right, not that she believed much of what I said to her, in the least of a standard. The fire cosy and the sky was dark, it surprised me of how she didn't like the contrast between that, especially since we were in such a cold place, somewhere far in the north. 'I know which one. When you told me that one of you swallowing a child, that was ridiculously insane and if I hadn't known better I would've slashed your belly for that.' "Whatever you say. Actually, since you're standing so high on yourself, why don't you make..". She gave a smile, a wicked one as she heard me, wicked as in thinking she was right, despite being like that. 'Ehm, why don't you recall one of your stories of deeds in the past? Wouldn't surprise me if it ended up being more boring than you retelling one of my stories.' "Right." I threw a chunk of wood into the pyre and watch a small burst occur, seeing how the ale in her hand, kept warm reeked at how much she kept it that way. 'You'd better start your story before it gets ruined, my mood wouldn't be the only one getting the way that ale went.' "Fine, then let me tell of." I was a small girl, perhaps not in the literal but the meaning that I was fairly plump and of height to be, mismatched in the town I was. I could remember walking down the streets the paved ones that seemed to be made of melted iron, filled with so many squares, clean, scrumptious. You could slide on them yet not fall, go through and not break anything in case your body was to touch the ground. All of them engraved from manuscripts, it was a wonder that many seekers from outside came to see and document themselves on any of the matter. I believe it was poorly called by some interlopers. 'The poor man's library' As no one but beggars would kneel down to ask for something, well, in this case, it wouldn't be anything else but words. 'Beggars for words?' "Yes, John, beggar for words. Now, if I may continue without being interrupted." I said to him as I stirred my ale with the tips of my fingers. Ehm. The opportunities there were always arising for both the comers and the ones that already were, I've had the chance to meet so many wonderful people. And those of not so much wonder, not as if it didn't already have

some before their arrival. The corners were left in the dark as the gaps where the words were engraved didn't reflect the light to them. I have always wondered, if it was on purpose made that way or just a mistake, even if, most of the corners of the town were in the same condition as the ones like that. So dark and such turns that connected all of them, having entrances inside of houses that laid off the side, or bridges with many pillows and trinkets stolen to cover it up. A second part of the town almost, covered and hidden by the rest of us that didn't dare go and check, I was one of them once since my parents never did let me farther outside, thinking I'd go stray. 'And I suppose that eventually happen, didn't it?' "You supposed right actually. 'Since I was of age and no one would question me or what

I did with my spare time and since they weren't there when I decided to do so, the thought ran through my mind. After being so bored with everything, going through the same paths, walking around the same people, time changed everything. The age of strife came and lasted until not so long ago, leaving a heavy toll that had to be paid by everyone, especially by those who lost the most. No one came around anymore, not even the scholars, they were afraid of doing anything since knowledge was forbidden, the streets covered in tar, the shine that once made the town bloom died, making the place for the other town that once hid inside of the dark. Now extend itself inside of ours, if before I was so thoughtful and curious of it, if I looked and saw a pair of eyes and might've heard people roaming and talking in the dark, now it left me afraid. So many crossed it, leaving a slight of abandonment in the city, my parents, my friends and everyone that I used to know grew apart of me. More paranoid, afraid, silent at side so the slim walls wouldn't open their ears wider so they'd listen to us on time like when we were having a dine. We never had and didn't wish for a bigger home, nor did we ask to be known by those inside of our town, by anyone around. I wanted to be left alone, in our small house that was lit, by a light that didn't come from outside but fairly it came from inside of our peaceful lamp. But ground started shaking. 'And earthquake?' "No, even worse than that. 'The house was taken below and we only had moments to grab onto anything on the wall or anywhere else before being turned, to fall on itself. An entire house was taken down and pushed to the limits and we only managed to hold ourselves together by the mere help of a lucky grip. We hadn't a choice after, many tried as we did, to avoid the side that was pushing itself inside and they heard how we tried to resist it. 'They did not like it. 'A serious glance and I could see it on his face, he was both enjoying and was slightly being terrified by the story foretold. And he didn't even get to hear the best of the part. The blow came soon after we barely managed to pull ourselves back on our feet, the roof and every side of everything being still as they first came, not ruined as they say. It went worse after that, it surely did, they held me despite being so big, both their arms wrapped around to protected me, backing away with me. And what's to be kept in mind is that there was no way out, in our backs where was the ceiling that couldn't be broken through, everywhere a mess, thing that couldn't slow them. Not that it had any chance since they managed to break through a damn house and throw in on the side. The three of us, despite being well made and perceptive stood no chance, the place in front of us, where our feet used to be got ripped apart. Pulled into darkness, slammed somewhere behind in the dark spacious spot that took it from us. If it wasn't for our family lamp that kept us safe and kept the surrounding lit, we would've been completely lost and confused, probably having to resort to crawling to have a chance to get out. Not that it helped us become less scared as we stared in front of nothing, of nowhere for minutes, and they were never people that'd back down from any challenge. This was their lowest point I've ever seen them at, their boots wouldn't even fit them anymore and the slightest drops of water hitting the ground in some place

not so far from us. Everything happening outside made them shiver, yet not me. 'How old were you again?' 'It doesn't really matter, but I wasn't.' A bug flew by as was said, that being the reason for me looking away from his judging gaze, it was a story no less that I had to continue. 'Which brings us to the point. Where something actually did happen after so many teases in the dark, after so many distractions, one would lower his guard to something bigger to come and take advantage of. We weren't like that, I almost felt both of my arms get ripped as their grip grew tighter, at the point of me wondering if something would come or not so they'd release me. I soon came to regret thinking that. Two hands, old and big, we started at them as they were hidden among the rest of the body. Old and grumpy as they say, riddles with falling skin, a giant ahead, enough that the three of us combined wouldn't give a handful to the owner of such enormous fins. Ehm. It stuck with me for years after hearing it, but that came from the shadows, no pair of eyes, nothing else of his body could be seen, yet he saw us as clear as day. They rambled around in search for us, my parents slightly dodge as one flew about over our heads, making me wonder, such an amazing sight and to think that the body belonging to them. And how it managed to sneak inside of our town. 'apchoo' He searched so much, clutching and making objects fall, the dust flew inside the house and leaving me at an opening to sneeze. Those giant things moved as he was scared, the sneezing of a little girl that was protected by her parents. 'Again, how old were you?' 'Not important now, may I?' 'Go ahead.' It surprised all of us that he was scared, the entire house shook and they moved on their own, hitting the floor, the sides and even the chandelier that rested near. But the lamp remained lit despite the wind coming through, welcomed by his motion, just to be stopped, as if a fan's deceivry was stopped, no more cold inside the house. A thick voice. 'Who.' Ehm, with my throat clearer, I went at it once more. 'Who. Who goes there?' His breath came between and soon after, he took all the dust in his nose along the stench of the breath that came from him. Sounds of him coughing following after being struck on his own fault, choking on his own position as one would think. My parents weren't holding me as tightly as they noticed it too, he didn't appear so menacing at all, despite not being able to see all of it. They held me no longer as I decided to go ahead. 'Wait.' But that wasn't enough, after seeing him regain what it left him and come closer with his hands, I asked directly in his face, or at least where I thought his face was. 'You're now trespassing so.' I took a look at my parents so I could be sure I was doing the right thing, they were still shaking their hands and welcoming back, which I could fairly only take as gone on. 'I'm going to have to ask you to leave.' 'Ho Hah Ha ho. Ha, Ha Ho Hannah Ho.' He laughed in a peculiar manner, I couldn't see a grin and teeth accompanied by a tongue as he came closer to the light. A white beard, appearing old, the thing that surprised me more than what he was, how did he even get a suit like the one wearing. It was made of silk, white, red and black, more than the bloom that was coming from the back, and roots that accompanied him on the shoulder, a lure for insects that he most likely built himself. It was pointless now to stare at my parents as they were now stone frightened by what they were seeing, leaving me alone with him and the sight of happiness he was showing. 'What are you doing in our house? It's quite dark there.' 'It is.' He stopped laughing as he said it, a tear almost falling, dribbling enough water as if it came from our now broken sink. 'So.' My voice went back to falling a few notes, it felt awkward having to speak with such a sight, in front of someone who could crush all of us and take our values. 'Oh, that's right. My intrusion, tell you what. That lap so bright, give it to me and I shall leave your home.' So fluently and well spoken, his tongues moving around his mouth seemed like tokens given to those he decided to share words with. Me. 'But I cannot give it to you, not in the bit.' I came closer and held it tighter near my

parents' embrace after coming close to them. 'Why is that? You've got my promise that I won't harm you.' 'The same way you ruined our house? Just look around and what you did.' I decided to confront him, now appearing more of a reckless move from my parts as that made him come closer into the light, with the part of his body that wasn't crawling. Fair being, the place was a mess, papers were thrown everywhere, everything made of glass shattered, the dust flew too but somehow the walls didn't crack. At least the ones that were not ripped apart. 'I could take it from you.' 'Then what's stopping you?' We were so close now that I could smell his breath, so small that I could fit in his nose if he decided to inhale too much and so bold that I'd decide to do something that a normal person in a situation wouldn't do. 'I challenge you to a duel?' 'What?' 'Surprisingly that's what my parents decided to ask too. And what's you're doing now with your face, the same thing my parents did, as closely as possible to their reaction.' In case you were wondering, I manage to see their and mine, along with the lamp's light inside the reflection that helped inside of his eye, almost like another world in there. And others like us staring back because we look alike. That's my child self's thought, not mine, the same one that decided to challenge a foe that's at least eight times taller, through exaggeration of course, not that had a need to be said. I saw it tough, in his eyes and mouth, he wanted to start laughing, amused at my proposal, and before I could come to regret my decision, a vision came. A flash through his eye, which made me think, what if I could challenge him to a duel other than strength, one that a girl like I would stand a chance. 'What if, I make you laugh, you'll leave our home and turn our house back to normal. And if you win..' 'I take the lap and you with me.' 'No!' My parents were immediately coming out of their shells, closer to me to stop the decision made, one in poor taste that wouldn't end up as planned. I knew what I was doing regardless of what they were thinking. 'You can't do this, we can't lose you. My mother's concerns. Who's going to bring light to this gloomy side. With plants growing on the side.' Followed by my father's. 'I have to do this for you, just trust me?' 'Not that they nor we have any chance in the matter, standing at the mercy of someone who had more strength and wits. Deciding to finally give an answer. Fine, it's a deal.' I spit and landed my hand, to which he did the same, though overdoing it, having it reach his lavished suit and almost everywhere around. The same thing happened a long time ago during a rain, well, except the giant part and it was more of a strong storm that almost flooded us instead of saliva. That's a lot more fun now than back then, despite the gentle touch as we shook on it, I hadn't known of his true purpose. Her face change as she said it, taking a short break from the almost never stopping narration. Something must've happened after, either that or. 'I'm sorry, I should go on.' Her voice was an ounce emptier than before, I asked her to stop if she wasn't having it. 'But I have to continue it, after all, that's why we're here, right?' Almost like a man woman glancing around and going through, almost like a shaman to his fire, making sure that we were all still paying attention to it. The story went on. As for her sanity after a bad feeling on what was about to come did not. 'It seemed as if a fairy tale, a child that beaten a giant at a simple game.' But if that was the presumption, it was incorrect. For one moment I couldn't forget but I did. I ignored where we all were, more than the house, but specifically where we were, inside a gap between the dark side of the town and ours, separated only by a light coming from our lamp. Cracked as it was with the light coming through the shards, still honing but not extinguished by the rivers that came. One of his statues, after almost demolishing our house to be held on a word said over a little girl? Not a chance, but that wasn't what I was on about, much unwanted attention came as it was, with the sounds of him smashing, his laugh that most likely echoes throughout the system. And despite sticking inside, I hadn't anything

else in mind other than what would happen If I were to fail, alone with my parents at the mercy of whoever's passing by.'So, shall I got first or you?'Wait, I said.'But with a whisper, I still had the decency to do so, even if the situation dictated otherwise.'First, we need to establish some rules.'He stared and waited, his grin almost extended to us.I heard then, the plotting from far away, almost reaching to us, afraid that someone would come, I had to scare them somehow.With nothing particular in mind and after deciding to not call, even more, the answer laid in front of me.'First rule'And he notices how I was scared at the sound of someone deciding to come by.'Don't let anyone come in, other than you, or else the deal falls.'I was ruffled by it, I've never seen, only heard stories about those who lived on the other side.About what happens to them over long exposure with it and living for years, to adapt to such place, to eat what grew inside of them, even on him, despite barely here, it almost came like a web sticking on him from the back.He hadn't known like we did, neither have my parents, standing in-between in all of this.'Fine.'And as he said it, a hand placed itself and covered the gap, everything around now sealed everything but us.I had to be sure that my parents were still with me in all of this as my actions weren't as brave as I let them or him think.'I believe it's my turn then."What?'I was confused after having to look back at him than them, at everything around, hearing the sounds too.Damn that place, if only I were a tad older than what I was.'No touching nor tickling.'Those should've been two rules but I wasn't in the mood, seeing how this was slowly, but at a fast rate too, becoming a race against time, whatever was behind of him now extending past.'Right, let's go then."What's the rush little girl?Can't yo have a laugh?'After seeing what was happening to him from behind, trying to swallow despite his size, I was in no mood.We took turns and done them fast, each of us saying a line or two, followed by another rule as it evolved.'You can't use the word I.'And then something that was supposed to make him laugh, he hasn't so far, doing his best to stop himself from doing so, trying to win despite everything.'And you can't look anywhere else but at me.'That came after an annoyance,quickly covering my mouth but it was too late as he already accepted.'But if he.'Shh, my mother stopped him two, trusting me despite not knowing that it wasn't intended.'You can do this, we both believe in you and the doing of yours.I believe you can do it.'Despite her words, I wasn't sure, it would only get worse from now on, especially if it would come and swallow us both.'Your beard's nest looks quite amazing.'But that didn't really come out right, misspoken loudly and not even recognisable.'No, don't scratch your head.I meant to say another thing."And why exactly wouldn't you want me to do so?'I stopped him but not enough, he questioned my decision but in my thought, I hadn't realised.'You broke a rule."I did?No, I didn't.I did not such a thing, you're a liar!'He was annoyed, filled with rage, what was even close to resembling a smile on his opal face now turned to boiling anger.Even the water that came to the land under us got to the point where it'd crumble.'The time here, spend was wasted.I can't believe I even gave you the benefit of the doubt girl, to think that I'd allow a human to challenge me to this.Despicable in the most of the sorts.'The sooner he started growling and lifting himself out, our house shook and I fell on my back, luckily with some books under that'd prevent the pain from coming through.'Do not say I.'Came to mind and I had realised, it wasn't even long passed since he said it that.But before he'd get the chance, it was the time for me to share some of the anger that was thrown all around of us.'Wait.'And my feet raised high, standing my ground once again.'What?'He asked, most menacingly, with his breath smelling like a hellish fire, propelling the dark smoke aching inside of his belly.'You broke a rule before me.You looked above before deciding to scratch your head!"So?'He asked, again, and I realised by now something that he didn't, not looking at his hands, or other parts of

the body of his, without realising what was done, I had only to stall.'You broke the rule first, you weren't supposed to look anywhere else than at me.'But that means.'Yes, giant.You lost.'And that was heard, by everyone in the room.Unfortunately the victory short lived and pointless, he left down his arms and guard, being slowly pulled.It reached his mouth and he now spoke so slowly.He asked me in such a tone, sadly.'Is this.The price.Of your triumph?'It reached his eyes, he couldn't see, his nose now, the plants and the turning thing, malignantly choking his before us.I was pulled back by my parents, just in time to avoid being grabbed by his slow-moving hand, something that I wouldn't have noticed if it wasn't for them and the help they've given.He saw and looked at me, without losing the eye contact, one last grin, the same one that came through when we first encountered, something to now.Something to now is associated with him every time he came to my mind.His life was claimed and it was my fault, the sticking giant suffered because of my distractions and decision to prove them that I could deal with him myself.There, where my wits and strength weren't needed, could've been avoided, the night ending with us standing as we should've, curled and protected by the light of our long passed protector.I still remember and still mourn, the loss of that who gave me a chance despite being so small compared to him.'So what happened after?'She gave a frantic smile and left a note.'Oh, don't tell me this wasn't true at all!Come on, don't give me that smile.'She blew the fire and left out the charred remains to float along the stardust in the sky.

Horse and camp

Peons were resting in the summer, in front of our cottage. It wasn't too far ahead of where we lived that they came to be. Their faces changed when the sun dropped down as it happened with their bodies, their appearance from once normal looking people to fiends. Their jaws dropped to the ground and as they reached to save themselves from their death, all of their hands liquefied and joined the other bodily fluids that ran down. That's how it started, once and all of the sudden, pox sprouting out of their backs to leave an emptiness in their backs, a hollow space for their younglings to be raised inside of. My bigger brother didn't stay nor was he distracted by their transformation, he ran and closed the door, blocking it with anything heavy he could find near him whilst I couldn't do much but see. It was both fascinating and strange, seeing how they were bloating, almost ready to explode and grow inside, before seeing that, though, he grabbed and pulled me to the side. We were the humble children of our parents who used to live their life by making potions of their kind, now to be nowhere to be found. 'What's happening?' He didn't answer me and seemed distressed, from everything he's seen though I did not. We grew on different sides, either that was the reason or some other that I couldn't explain, I felt attracted to them and their forever changing nature. He was scared, refusing so answer and speak to me, as it took him nothing but a glance to retreat and block with everything he could in his nest filled with globes and phials. 'Do not open the door.' He said with a tone breaking chant, one that's slain the silence that's floated around of us, but making sure we wouldn't be heard, the cloth around his mouth made sure of him. One was given to me to use as he told me out of the order. 'Cover your mouth and nose with this little brother. And never let go.' The smell was coming and I could smell its fragrance, the phials were shaking and ready to fall. He immediately went to the other side of the room and threw the pillows and the rest of the soft parts of the bed to the ground so he'd be safe. 'I have to do this.' I said to myself, in front of my little brother that had no idea what was about to happen, those malformities and creatures of the night might've seen us and we had nothing to use against. I needed his help despite not wanting to recognise it, driving me forth to asking him to do this for me. 'The window little brother, cover it with the wooden lead before they get the better of us.' He nodded in his ignorance, smiling still with an awkwardness behind, his clothes still dirty on the white and not even moments ago he was outside, on the same soil they walked upon. Looking so attached to them. 'Stop. Cower before doing so or they will notice.' 'I'm sorry brother.' And he complied, he could see it too, looking at me as I was going mad, making me glance

too at him and wonder what was happening to his sanity. I wasn't late in returning to what I was doing, trying to cover and prevent them from hearing what was about to fall and break. No lamp lit and no other light, we were only seeing through the cracks that decided to leave some come in. 'Come here brother.' He came closer and we both stood down, with one of my hands trying to keep him safe and the other one grasping over the table so none of the phials would fall. So fast I acted that the precautions were taken and all we had left was waiting, for some, anything to come. 'What? "Shhh?" He placed his hand and didn't let me speak for some reason. I wish he would let me talk, his hand was holding me too tight. 'Can I speak in whisper then?' 'You already are. Keep it short then.' He was looking around the room but there was no one inside other than the two of us. Was he looking for our parents then? 'They're not here?' 'Who?' As if he didn't know but I knew ahead of his what was in his mind, he probably acted this peculiar because he didn't want them to see the mess that was done. 'Our parents.' 'I know that.' 'Can I go outside now?' But he didn't answer my question, his sweat almost running through my arm despite being on a cold night. 'Knock Knock.'

Citadel

Someone said from the other side of out the door. 'Who could it be so late?' His eyes, though, they didn't wonder what I was, they were almost as cold and the thick blue running through the cracks inside of our room. 'I'll answer then.' 'No!' His voice almost spiked me down, his grip hurt me bad, I almost started crying from his doing as he never did this to me before. 'You're hurting me.' 'Lower your voice, he'll hear us! I did not mean..' 'You're hurting me, brother, stop it.' His voice got louder and I was afraid he'd start shouting, he threw his cloth despite me not telling me what to do or say. The knocks continue and by the second I was afraid he'd hear us and break the door through. 'Stop it.' My little brother's voice sent shivers down my voice, I couldn't control my hands nor my mind as it was getting tense for me to keep him and myself safe. 'I'm sorry little brother.' I grabbed the cloth I've given him off the bottom of the floor and shoved it in front of his mouth. His voice didn't start anymore, fully muffled by the cloth that was shoved, which made me go further, taking my other one from holding him and pushing him by the bed. He struggled a little making some noise, I told him them, in hoped he'd listen. 'Don't make any noise and. Don't. Stop struggling, I'm trying to help.' The knocks continue and someone was about to hear us and they'd break the door. He wouldn't stop, my little brother didn't have any idea what was going to happen if they heard us and went inside. I was afraid,

so much that they come in, the sounds outside were hideous and I was unable to keep my thoughts in line, being the next ones after they were done there. My hand shook, seeing tears in his eyes and seeing him flail his tiny arms, I was unable to think straight, getting desperate after hearing the words. 'I know you're in there.' I hadn't any choice, knowing he would've done the same, the wet cloth now reaching his nose, he couldn't breathe and I was ready to go through with it. Such feat I have felt of losing my own life that I was going to trade his. And as my hand reached his neck, my leg firmly close to his smaller body to keep him steady, we looked at each other, both in tears. I was ready to end his life rather than face my fears, the ones of what I saw outside, imagining what they would do to me if their filthy hands got to the point of no return. The same one that I would get to encounter now. My eyes averted after not being able to stare at him and muster everything inside to go on with it. And then it just happened. The door broken, someone kicked it in, catching us both by surprise before I'd get to make my decision. My poor brother dropped to the ground, inhaling and exhaling, at last, pumping through his lungs and not letting go of the breaths that gave him life. As was I, staring at my wet hands, fallen from my hands and his tears, to look upon the visitor that came. 'What the hell happened in here?' He was strapped from the bottom to the top, in black leather and muffled scared to his eyes, he had a light of a torch in his hand and boots covered in muck. Yet he appeared to be normal rather than anything else. I couldn't look behind of him after being found the way I was, the way I acted and after what was done. Disgusted of myself and action I did not dare say anything but rub my forearm, refusing to answer or help my brother that was still standing where he was, still grasping for his life despite of what I've done. 'Come on.' I did not notice and he didn't care what happened before, after turning my eyes to face him I noticed that he already held my brother, passed out under one of his arms. 'But.. "Are you deaf or something? Come one I said!' He grabbed me by the ankle and threw me on the other side, before hitting the wall, I got the idea plain and clear just as some phials fell and broke over my head. I bit my tongue instead of shouting, I did not scream because I did not want to. 'I won't repeat myself any further. I'll wait for you on the horses near the road, with him.' He passed me by and I could merely glance, he scared them with his coming, a pair of horses armoured with up to teeth. I recognised the seal engraved on the metal after my face met the dirt, the balance couldn't be held between my feet yet it was enough for him to understand the idea, I was still going to follow. No other place was safe and the wicked sounds were certainly not out of place now. 'You're almost here, I can see them getting the taste of your scent.' I smelled it too on the way and from outside, though. I didn't know it was mine. 'Before reaching the closest to him he stopped to throw at me a bucket of grass, off the side off one of the horses, he carried it with him from far away place. 'Bleh. Why did you do that?' The boy had no idea but his stench just carried on with him ever since I came into their house, luckily for him that I was prepared and it should last for a few hours at least. But too late for him to change his mind, so was his brother, sitting on my lap and on the horse. 'The other one should suffice. 'It was so close and with no saddle for him to rest on, though the friend of mine was taking the time of the day, whilst being so dark outside. He looked confused at first as if I was speaking another language that he did not understand, that's why I had to pull him over to it. 'I don't have all day boy, and neither does your brother. If we get caught now, we may not arrive to meet with your parents. "You know of my parents?" Of course, I do, who do you think decided to send us here to pick you up. What is the delay here son? Are you so afraid that.' He shivered for a second before going back. 'I don't know how to ride sir.. "You won't do it.' A voice came, colder than his spine, coming from the woods just in time for us to leave. 'Sorry

for the delay, I had to take care of something.'She was tall, not scruffy like him, without an ounce of dirt or muck to cover her polished face and clothes.'It's all right, just take him with you, I'm already busy here.'"I can see.'She hopped on from where she stood, right on her horse, I was too busy to stare that I didn't notice that hers had no armour nor saddle, nothing in particular that would protect us if anything had the jump on us.'So you're Oliver, aren't you?The older brother I see.I hope my friend here didn't cause you any trouble.'With one hand she almost grabbed my chin, if it were for him and the shouting coming from withing, enough to disturb us and put us on the run.Sounds of horns being blown upon came from underground.'Don't be afraid.'She said, with her dangling leather stripes, extending a hand that I barely grabbed.I was pulled in an instance, feeling my body strain, she threw me on the back side of the horse immediately with no question nor care.'Hiaaa'The horses started running, I could barely hold on her wait, awkwardly and barely keeping myself from falling, too busy to see the scenery, too dark to see the motion.Though I didn't ask before now I had the chance, with the inability to speak properly, I muttered and hoped he'd understand me despite my poor excuse of an attempt.'How do you know our parents?'I wasn't sure if I could trust them, despite seeming as if their intentions were good, but it was too late to turn back and at the time it seemed the best course of action, after deciding that nowhere else was safe.The dirt was thrown under the hooves and I could see it almost reaching my face, the metal plates seemed to be welded on them after staring for a while, waiting but not being answered.I tried again after letting it passed, just to hear.'I heard you the first time boy.Now it's not the time, we're almost there now.'His words were sprouted out of his mouth, outrunning the wind just to land clear to my ears.I stood in silence afterwards, looking at the sky, something that was broken by her.'No star tonight it seems."Keep your eyes on the road.'They've spoken and I've not notice until then, but as I looked closer to see where they were possibly hiding, I've seen nothing but a cloak of smoke rising from somewhere below.We were headed to that place, one with a fire so strong, it ripped the sky and devoured the stars in its upcoming wake.'Not too long now.'I announced both of them, seeing how the road was clear, though I wasn't sure, not even now about how the boy felt, the smaller one and the one right close.What I've witnessed before, she saw it in my eyes too when we first spoke.She was clear and safe, if something happened, we'd burn them at a stake, along their house instead of having them suffer, being melted for ours, just to end up the same way.It couldn't be a lot worse if I hadn't burst into the house.'What are you thinking about?'She asked me on a deaf year, despite knowing well, it surprised me how she acted near them despite speaking with such cold before, no wonder that her voice coming from the woods felt like daggers in my back. 'Nothing.Wait, stop.'I pulled the reins and couldn't face it well, the fence on my right was broken, penetrated by the sharpest edge of my horse's armour.'Damn it.'I couldn't see them or what they were doing, trying my best to hold him and the horse at the same time, the soil seemed as if it was falling down.Moments and I stopped, we both stopped from falling down, a bit that would've eaten us alive, its teeth sharp and mouth running dry after taking all it.'Easy now horse."Are you all right?'She asked on the other side of the fence, staring at me through a broken part of it, not acting any different and not scared.I was slightly out of breath thinking I saw something on the road.'Come on now, let's go back, girl.'Caressing her on the part unarmoured, making it safe for both of us after having to go through such a distressful situation. 'What was that about?"Did you not see what I saw?There was a..Both of them looked surprised, almost as if no one jumped in front of the road, ready to start a pesticide with the pox filled inside of him.'It doesn't matter, let's continue.'Perhaps the paranoid was getting to me or worse, but I

continued heading to the camp where we were expected to arrive and stay.'Slow down, you'll knock him off if you don't.Listen to me.You've been acting like this ever since we were sent on the trip.'She was faster, the lack of extra weight on it made the horse both nimble and quicker than mine, enough that I was almost immediately reachead and question.Though I had nothing to say to her, nor to him, no explanation was needed for.'I've done nothing wrong, just a misjudgement."One that almost threw you in a hole'We were seen, just in time for me to avoid any explanation, I knew she was lying, all along since we met.Something told me I shouldn't trust her, now I had to pay for it, hearing the lies and trying to put me in a bad spot in front of them.'There."Fine.'We were waves at, our return being welcomed, though only one of us was deserving of the praises as I alone was the one who saved the boys, being riddled with the doubt.Doubting that she'd give me any credit, rather than taking it to herself.'Careful, you'll drop him'She said, intentionally after appearing so closely to them that they'd hear us speak, without showing me any sign of wanting to whisper and avoid it.'Here on girl.'We stopped near, just to be given a distress and distrustful look by everyone in my vicinity.A misguided mistake that I'd better remember, hopping off from my horse with the child in my arms, still feeling well as it was.'Wait.I'd rather carry my brother if you don't mind.'He said, despite the guards waiting.It was too cold for them to do so outside and I had no idea how much was the settlement going to stay that way.We couldn't keep them waiting so I chose to ignore him.'Greetings.'I said to them both, turning my back to the lad and continuing some more.'We return with them, to the request of their parents."We see that, but were you followed?'His rainment seemed to be bigger than him, not to mention he was sweating in a cold night.'What do you think?'I approached so closely that I could feel his breath, still holding the boy by the waist and neck.'That's enough for one night."You don't understand..I couldn't see well past her back but a motion of her fingers shut him up, even more than he did to me.He even let me come close and.'Take him.I don't need to carry extra weight.'He lowered my brother and I came close just in time as I was sure he'd let him drop to the ground.I couldn't hear what he said behind our back but he was let through by the guards who had no intent anymore to keep him waiting.'Are you fine?He didn't hurt your brother or anything, right?"He's fine.Thanks by the way.'I held him, barely despite not feeling right.She asked me so soon despite not seeing nor knowing what happened.'Do you want me to hold him?"Ehm."The guards grunted as their waiting ahead wasn't wanted to be more than it should, neither did we as the horses were left for us to carry them.'Give us a moment, can't you see the boy and his brother had enough to go through?"I'm sorry ma'am.'And the other one didn't apologise , to either of us.'It's fine.How about your brother then?"Here, I trust you.'She held him with an embrace, almost like our mother used to when we were younger, and since her hands were busy, I took the initiative and took a hold on both of the horses and slowly walked forward.'Well done, you might end up being more useful than I thought."Don't mention it, make sure he's safe.I don't want anything to happen to him, especially after.'My tongue bit by my upper lip and teeth, I stopped myself from revealing it with so many ears about, everywhere laid.'Don't worry, whatever it is, I'm sure it's fine, your concern.'I nodded and took control over them, they followed both of my hands, seeming so calm, rather of how I was not.'You may enter.'They said after going aside, to make room for us to go through with our horses, to the camp.I had to admit, my eyes were impressed, for something that didn't seem to be built so long ago, it was amazing."Wow."You could say that again.Actually, if you were here earlier, you would've had a better surprise.'People around, all of them busy, moving sacks of grain and other things, horses were all grabbed and

placed in a small group in front of the camp. I was surprised to see so many from the village we used to live in, saluting and talking. Marrow from the water gates that would always visit our parents to bring them the water that was needed for the complicated formulas they used. Robbert, the boy that used to play near the wells, not so far from her, along with his smaller brother, I've always thought they ended up being compared to us. Hopefully without ending to resort to the same thing as we. As I had to. Villagers and other people I hadn't seen before were present too, not looking too approachable from the looks of it but neither did we in their eyes. I didn't notice but before us, the gates were slammed, the wooden raft-like camp we were on was now secured with that, surprisingly it must've been something before our coming. No one could've built it in a small amount of time. 'See anything you like?' An old lady spoke to me, with everyone working so hard, others so harsh looking, it felt refreshing to see and hear such a thing. 'A vendor? Here and in a time like this?' 'Wait, you've got time to sniff around the camp after we're done, remember your parents?' 'Oh sorry.' 'You don't have to be, just my arms getting tired.' She went ahead, the camp looking even bigger, I hadn't realised it but we were on a hill, just above the other side of it. I ignored what she tried selling, just to have my jaw fall off after seeing the sight of the other side. The reins were dropped from my hand and it was confirmed to me at once, it wasn't built now, the fence that encompassed the camp was almost like one of a great city. Going all around it without limits. 'It's.' 'Enormous, I know. Too bad we won't stay for long.' She kept going but I couldn't immediately reach her, bending over to take the reins and follow after. 'There's no need to keep the horses, you can leave them be.' Her voice changed on the way. Everyone was still preparing for a long run, having their difference left aside, working together and united, strange that they'd do that so soon after we barely discovered. Regardless, they acted like that, except her and the companion that abandoned us on the way here. 'So, our parents? Do you know where they are?' I asked her to reveal, despite her sudden change of how she sounded like, I knew that the trust would still fall upon her. 'You don't need to worry about that either.' After getting closer to both her and my brother I saw a smile, quite wicked in nature. She told me. 'I know what you did.' Despite in the light of the moon, she couldn't have known, there was no way. I asked her then and then again. 'What do you know?' I sounded quite scared, not for my life but by what would happen, if she told my parents or anyone else. We kept walking and I avoided looking at everyone else, caught with my hand out red, cried for ages if they found out what I've done. 'What do you know?' 'I know that you had to sacrifice something for your brother in order to come here with us. The risk was high yet you took it.' I coughed nervously, not knowing what to say. If I told her what really happened they'd hang me for such an attempt, or even worse, send me back there with those. 'Wait.' Driven by the guilt, I stopped her, rubbing both my fingers and the wrists, demanding just a small amount for us to speak in private. A corner, dark, in-between tents weren't too far from us, I told her I needed to speak her in private, after not noticing anyone in the vicinity with us. No one that would notice, nor anyone I'd recognise. It sickened me so far for to think what would happen if anyone would've seen through my guise, the real me. 'Fine, but make it snap.' The tent where your parents are shouldn't be too far, and from the looks of it you may only get a few moments before we embarked on the trip out there, in the great beyond.

Citadel

I can almost see it clear, standing so distant from all of them, yet they've got no idea what they're doing, where they're at and what's to be done about them. The glass is sparkling, almost reflecting the shine through the middle of the district we're facing and everyone's just gotten accustomed to it. None of them can see what I'm seeing but only I alone accompanied by no one, seeing how their calculated arrival came to fruition gave me the initiative to send someone to welcome. It should be there any moment now, going through a landless nation of people in the distance, all going in different directions, none have time to stop. They seem so confused, two children that arrived, at the midsts of the darkest hour yet, one that would end with them dead. So much time I wanted to put an end to the lineage of there that I would finally see the. 'Am I disturbing?' 'Wait, I called for no.' I couldn't fully turn my back, my shadow blocking a good part. 'One.' The sirens rang as farther away as possible, their shouts of metal honed by nothing in the sudden awake, still tied to the ground, resting now as sculptures, reminders of what was now gone. And what used to be. 'Christopher, wait.' 'I've already told you that's not my name.' 'So many people and thoughts that were not related to them, it was hard not to drown in their sea.' 'Wait, what's that?' The tallest of them, watching upon us, the glass shattered, stopping the light from cleaning the rest of the people standing under. We barely arrive, just to appear as witnesses to the fall of a man that stood atop of a citadel made of glass, not completely broken but shattered before he slowly fell. Pushed by a dark figured that poisoned the glass itself, it changed the colour of all of it, making it lose even its shine and reflection, everything that gave it life now abandoned. People were scared, running away from the proximity to avoid being cut and hurt by the giant shards that were falling only to make the others feel even worse. 'Careful here.' She came closer and held my hand so we wouldn't get lost from one another, enough that we'd be safe from the repercussions of what was happening. 'Is this my fault?' 'No, it's not.' The discoloured shards, the darkest embrace that the citadel would meet came with a blow, a gust of the wind, the same that threw the man, the shards out on a whim. A tragedy felt like and everyone was in shock, some speechless and other not, as the man hit the ground, the shards impaling him with no doubt, I covered her eyes not to see. People yelled and shouted murder before seeing the figure run away, standing just to see their reactions. In the midsts of

what was happening, through the never ending crowd of people that I got to see past them and see the gates being assaulted, doctors rushing to help him. 'I don't know who he is. But it must be my fault.' 'Shh, stop with this nonsense, you'll give people the wrong idea.' My feet were slippery and all of the sudden I saw them crawl, the marks left on the ground by their spines after reaching so and carried away by their bodies. 'There.' 'We were followed.' She noticed it too and it was already getting awkward with everyone around watching our every move and questioning us. 'We need to get close now. Before they reach him, before of us!' She almost gave it away but I was close enough to cover her mouth and reduce her incriminating sentence to a mere whisper, a mere matter that no one cared for. 'Cower your head now and let's go.' And so did I, holding each other and passing through the people, the marks on the bottom of the field was enough for us to understand how they worked. Perhaps even worse knowing what they intended to do once they got their reach onto whoever's done the crime. 'We can't let more of them die.' 'We won't trust me.' And as we rushed to it, running and having to resist, our endurance reaching the limits it had withing, the insults and how worse they started feeling, without the light to refresh and give them feeling. They felt nothing but angst with the fall of the glass citadel, all of them started breaking. 'Come on, faster. Ah.' She could barely breathe and keep us despite the best efforts she tried hiding the wounds left on her body and mind. 'You don't have to do.' 'Get down.' I was pulled and stopped, a hand reached from beyond, so thin and close, it almost decapitated me if it weren't for the warning given by her. My knees were bent so sudden that I almost fell to the ground, she helped me get up in time to avoid staying still. 'You can't stay like that.' We were both left in a distraught, running through and not ceasing our attempts to reach the citadel, two lines of blood that combined, two cuts on our hands that reminded us that. 'We have to reach that tower.' I nodded and pulled her farther away, avoiding the people who started to slowly become angrier, more violent, evil doers at its finest. 'I wouldn't do that if I were you.' A voice came and we hadn't known from where too late as it suddenly appeared and set us back. His crony looks, the crooked neck that almost had an extra pair of ribs in it and the smile that begged for us to suffer, the ones that guarded here didn't seem like any other. 'We've done nothing wrong so far.' We tried to explain, despite him not wearing his uniform now, he used to be someone that we'd met, on a regular or not, a long way from here before deciding to not come back. 'I won't let you pass because I know you.' He attempted too, as we did, but was stopped from grabbing a hold of us by someone else in-between. Citizens that fought amongst one another stopped and grabbed him with no fear of authority, nor that they'd recognise one at this point. 'Let go of me you animals.' He said as he started bleeding, their shattered parts came close and pierced his skin, the worse effect it had, having to deal with those affected by the lack of the sun. 'Wait, we can't let him get mauled like this.' Her consciousness was clean and stopped both of us in our tracks, remind us that there was still some part of morality left, but. 'We can't save him both and reach the citadel before it gets overwhelmed.' I bit my lip before realising, from her golden locks to her face, the expression that faded, her mind was made. 'Fine.' We released our hands and ignored the screaming, each of us pulling with as much strength as we had, trying to remove the two of them that already gone mad with it. 'Just. Let. Go!' As if that wasn't enough, we almost yelled, it scared them off, both knocking us away from him, just to end up at the same level. Kneeling and rubbing his bleeding arms, his coat and jacket ripped with no mercy that should've been had for him, another one like them despite not shattering. 'Will you help us? You can turn us over after.' 'Valery, don't encourage him.' 'I can help you get I can help you get there if you help me.' Two pairs to support him was all he asked for, something that she is not denied,

whatever it took for us, we had to reach them at any point and sacrifice made along the way. Marks on the ground became more distinct, I said to her but there weren't words after. I shook my head and understood what she meant when she told him what was to be our fate after. My glare felt bad, looking at her, having to think about it in such a lack of light, of anything that'd get us farther. 'Come on.' And we grabbed and held him still, along the way, now swimming in their sins, men, women and followed by children. 'I cannot help them. Though I hope you know what you're both doing, if you can't stop this. Gah.' And at least that was somehow quiet, the wounds on his arm made him stop the annoyance. 'Left. Right. Take that path.' He used as-as boards, despite in my mind imagining it different with his saying, our captain leading us through it, knowing each and everyone of them and who would get the less affected, of more delayed in the effect. Dark eyes, formatting near the grounds had the tail getting rid of and following where we went, I managed to glance at its general direction but never able to pinpoint where they exactly stood. 'Some.' I didn't continue, she looked distracted as it was, trying to not get cut by the falling shards from our sides, but he didn't. Looking at me almost like a stranger, a strange fear I've felt inside of me, coming because of me and the way he was acting near her, holding her tighter even like that. I tried ignoring, not wanting, but the constant smirk he gave me, slightly sicker by the minute. My mind was getting distracted, having to bend my side too so I wouldn't let him down abandoned.

Chance

'Why?' He asked almost as if he did not know. Standing in front of a restless crowd, all of them pointing and laughing as if they didn't care. Perhaps he didn't either, pitying himself whilst looking at everything he's done. Never knowing where and to what did he belong, all for nothing, effort in vein, a mockery of everyone staring and batting at him. 'Because it's your own damn fault' One man said, keeping the laughter in his pocket, still not realising what it

means for him. How could he if there wasn't even a moment taken so he'd explain to them. Nothing was free, for neither one of them, not the rotten fruits that were thrown at him, neither the time spent. 'I've sacrificed so much.' He said at the crowd, yelling at them, thinking they'd understand. No, it was actually an attempt for him to force himself to do so, to make them see what he saw. A poisoned view of the world that didn't bring him anything more than sadness and confusion. 'You've sacrificed nothing. You've done nothing. And nothing you will ever do.' They continued for reasons he didn't understand. He refused the evidence presented and attempted to cover. There was no way for him to run after looking around, the entry from which he came from was gone. He had to turn around and look in shame again, after judging him more out of a failed attempt. 'Would you rather run than face us?' They shouted in a choir, the reason behind of that was something dominating their grasp over him. Thinking of them as enemies of his weren't going to help with what was going on, knowing too well that he'd be crippling himself by doing so. 'So what?' The voice grew somewhat clearer, the sign of disrespect in their eyes without the following intention that grew soon to be dissolved. 'What do you want to me?' 'We want nothing from you. Only to learn from the mistakes you've kept doing. Every single time, repetition after repetition that took far too long for you to notice. To get attached to something that made you feel false hope. "But isn't false hope better than nothing?" With a desperate tone, he couldn't say but think it, stopping before coming out of his mouth. They understood what he was trying to say anyway, regardless of what was happening, he became predictable. Such predictability and inevitability that they'd understand immediately and in fewer than that a response would even accompany it. 'No, you've blinded yourself with it, drowned with such a hopeless desire. You wanted to be good but died along the way. Now, there's not time for you to repent or say you're sorry.' The eyes inside grew tighter from so much avoidance of theirs, without any extra second spent towards that meeting of theirs. 'We're giving you a choice.' Their spit was coming out as they opened their mouths and spoke it. He had to listen carefully despite tears in his eyes, those of self-pitying and lies. 'You've got to keep doing it but you can't just do it the same. The way you've always done it, so far you've grown sick of yourself and displaying it how it's displayed to us. If you keep refusing our help you might as well spend the rest of your life there in your spot, being barred forever without being able to die. And the eternity of being reminded of your mistake. Of what you've done, of what you could've done. It's up to you to make the choice, we won't be able to force you yet.' He didn't know what to say, it hurt thinking about such a punishment. It hurt him to wonder and think if he would deserve to get such a thing, of what he's done. Bound to his legs, parchments of his doing, wrapped around his ankles, going so far that it could've been his entire life work. But, it was short. Even shorter than he thought of. Even more, they threw the key, something that was nothing more than a pair of scissors. 'Release yourself from it and start again. Do it better this time, do it right.' They said. A second look at his ankle and he noticed that they've been bid to him for far too long, something had to be done. 'What if I don't want to give up yet?' He asked, followed by silence. It was more than enough as the time given by them in it, to bathe him so he'd understand. And the eternity of silence, one of constant barrage or release. It was all clenched in his hand, made out of metal, slightly rusted but so were the writings of him. It'd be only right that something is done by him, good or wrong to end the same way. A gust of light and a door opened, revealing something that felt so warm in the cold room he spent so much in. It burned, all of it behind after the end of the scissors reached the lines that were embedded on the papers. For what was worth, he left as the same way he was let, to his decision and doing. Halfway,

he stopped on a hollow path. Looking around, he saw desecrated trees, corruption and parasites that swallowed people inside of the ground. He didn't know what to think but realised that, in some place strongly ridden in his heart something happened. Despite that no one liked it and no one would get to see or hear the stories. He looked down for a second at one of them, the people he long seen, the creatures he created and the people who seemed like him. All of them flawed to the bone, down to their actions and how they were made. They didn't stop existing as he was still alive, despite no one else knowing or having long forgotten about them. He was sad before but confused again. On what he's done, the deeds long burned and now, he encountered them again. Going on the same path again wouldn't get him anything, he knew that they helped him see. Even now, the memory of them and the bitter mark left made him sick. But, 'I.' A look-back, before coming to the decision of returning once again. No need anymore for them to be antagonised, they were only trying to help, despite on his original thought about them. His mind changed, his mind confused, everything he's said and done and written now used. Perhaps on or against him but one thing remained to be made clear to them. Something that wasn't spoken by his mouth and he was afraid. Still so, after presenting himself in front of them once again. They still kept the silence and weren't shocked of his remains, throwing the shackles that once held of him. 'You kept them. But.' Finally looking them in their eyes, not so different from his, used to see and understand. Not so much filled with hatred or despise, they had nothing against. 'I won't need them, instead.' Words had a harder time coming to him now, perhaps for the better as it wouldn't have gone by a better way. 'I've.' His lips were bitten there. He realised that there wouldn't be any difference for him to tell them if something had to be changed. If something could change or even needed a chance to do so. He turned his back and never looked back. Finally understanding that if something had to chance, he'd have to do it. Refusing to tell them that, perhaps he's proven to himself that perhaps there was a chance for him to chance for his own good and doing. Not for them as nothing was done for anyone else, nothing. The old creations didn't look back at him either, they cared for nothing more. He wasn't doing for any of them, only for himself. The only joy that came to him came from that and for a while, it was lost. Followed by clouds of confusion that shoved it deeper in his mind, the last thing he would've wanted. With so many distractions of what was wrong. Perhaps he did the good thing, or not. He was the only one to leave that place or at least that's what he thought of it. It's hard to tell, really, if he left it or not, whatever the choice and the final of it. The results, in the case, if they really came. It's up for the future works to tell, if any of them even get to the eyes of them again.

Knight

He finally did it. A circle ridden of all the wood with everything related to that around, burn to crisp in his wake. The knight wasn't dormant any longer as he watched his so-called peers taking jabs from far away and commenting on his presence. It felt like a lot of time has passed for him, he felt that too. 'So. Is it me you're looking for then? Fine, then I shall make an example out of you for those who disturb my sleep.' There were a few of them, watching from the woods, some hiding and other not. Boulder men and women dared get close to his well-endowed staggering might that was impending through them at every moment it passed. An aura that came out of him, not observable nor able to show any spine at all, it made them feel dreary and question it. 'What's happening to us?' One of the men said, watching his fellows acting the same way as he did. A silence came between them as they showed no other sign of wanting to fight. Strange how now, he was not going to easily forget what they've done. 'And such a perfect moment too.' The voice that came from somewhere in his metal armour said. His shoulders muddled too as he expanded his hand to embrace some of the light coming from above, feeding him. Something that he long ached for in his

hibernation.'Now.'Now it was the time, just as he said it, the two hands that embrace was now used for another purpose that that, one that'd end up being full of grim.A crack formed across his metal chest, from top to bottom, enough that his hand would fit in the space that was now slightly lit.Eyes widened all around the forest.The many feet that marched along one another came closer but hid behind the trees, with hands to their sides to make their intention clear.Simply watchers in a conflict they didn't ask to be a part of without knowing it wouldn't be happening.The hands now reach and entered the crack, pulling it with a might unwelcomed by the bold, now carried away after seeing the grim that came out of it.He didn't just open his armour as he was no normal warrior.He opened his ribcage, embedded with the armour itself, revealing that there was nothing left out of him, but dust and the organ that kept him alive for so many years.Still beating, the flagrancy that was left out managed to drive way some of them, that if the sight wasn't enough to do the same.A sight came out of him, his mind clear too.After so many battles, he learned not to think but use his swordsmanship as a second nature, to end whatever foe laid forth against him at any cost.'We can still take him.'Said the young lad, despite not understanding what his legs tried communicating with him.But agony came.The strange light from his chest area faded as the hand reached and pulled the puss filled heart of his.Repugnant as sight, even more now, the long cords and veins followed, so strongly looking and nothing that was seen by the people sent to meet him.He squeezed so hard that clearly, they were able to see the liquid coming out of it coming back to what remained to the back, the legs, hands, hand and the rest of the body.Whatever substance his heart held inside, it now ended with the rest of him.The song of the moon started humming, as the wildlife was now blooming at their peril.It was too late now but the temperature around seemed to raise up as it all went.'We need to go now.We can not fight it.'Two voices, twins alerted the so-called captain of the group, yet it fell on deaf ears.Whatever was now left of the group, those that didn't run away were now either scattered or too afraid to act.Defenceless they watched, not even hearing the words said behind their back.'Keep your damn money, it's not worth it.'A bag filled with gold was thrown, bouncing over the back of his.It didn't bother him at all.The ritual of his was now over, after squeezing enough, hands that resembled skeletons came to grab his body.So far, they were blind and didn't see, what they thought to be was not real.His body not empty as he wouldn't have been able to survive.What laid beyond their vision and their deceived eyes were smaller bodies that were protected by the rib cage.They beset the upon him his heart and left him to carry on back.Confusion was a powerful tool he had the best use of but it was about to come to an end.With everything done, he gave his heart back, placing it upon their hands, so in the end, they would embrace it again, the two of them to keep it safe.And after that, he finally placed his hand back and closed his ribs and armour.Almost revitalised by what he's done, a set of glowing eyes emerged from his once hollow helmet, the reflection of which he saw only anger and sorrow.As he went and charged.It was too late for them to scream and run.'Defend their return.'Said one of the ones that.Perhaps it was the only one that had a noble thought inside his mind, nevertheless wasted after a short leap.The blade bent with him, avoiding the other three that haven't even unsheathe theirs.He was slightly below of him with the blade simple and long, with a motion, the damage came close to being unbearable.A could swipe that cut a big part of him, but remarkably he did not bleed.'Swen!'One of the voices called for his friend, but it was too late for him now, falling for his own sake.They were fools thinking they stood a chance against him.Perhaps he wouldn't have attacked but this was never about what could've happened.What did happen is actually the only important thing.Not even a

chance for them to go through and they were all stricken and put down by strikes that looked unreal. He can't be that fast. Though one of the men, his last thought being the ones of his family at home and what could have they done without him. How would they survive the coming winter? The other too were confused, thinking about how could they run, having lost the battle before it even started. Strictly forbidden by the rules of combat, a shame that he wouldn't have gotten the chance to use it. A blade, behind one of their backs, if it wasn't for the fear to drive him back, he surely would have used it. The motion that cut through the rest surprised not only them but the ones that were looking, cutting from the side of the fourth one and managing to get the rest in less than seconds. Not even able to deflect it as they should've, seeing how the swords they had were raised in the right position. Of course, lacking the strength needed to push him back with his force. Bent in a way that it somehow managed to get all of the at the same point, despite their different size and forms, their neck chords were removed by the strike even without aiming at them. 'Did he strike another time?' A watcher in the woods asked he was confused by what he saw, before and now. Perhaps he didn't know better, him and the rest that decided to stay. Something told them that he wouldn't come for them next but what was it? There wasn't another voice, nor anyone mad enough to tell them to stay. He stared at them too, using his metal glove to wipe off the blood off his blade, throwing after a small river and balls of blood that floated away. The wind was still striking. He was not appeased. Looking straight at them he waited for a second to clear his throat. 'What are you waiting for?' He asked, never did he strike someone like that, no foe nor traveller that would just stand there like that, glaring as if they stared at a might of a presence. An older one approached, not afraid by the menacing look, nor at the fact that there were already a couple of bodies within his reach. 'Greeting knight. May I?' He asked, down his beard, some of his spit landing by. Though he did make sure none would land him as risking any possible offence would mean the end of his life. Before coming closer, the knight raises his sword, pointing and pushing towards the neck of the old man. But that was as far as it went. 'No need to worry.' Said the old man, clearing his throat as slowly as he could. If there was an apple in there perhaps now it was the time for it to go lower, raising it any further would only be the cause of self-impalement in his cause. Some tried sneaking in the midst of it, thinking they could just plainly take advantage of the small conflict that arises. As slowly as this took, being the stall in front of the old man, he still had some breath in him. Even if the cold breath was visible there, his eyes weren't. 'I never said you could leave.' Relinquished by it, they stopped nicely, as solid as the trees that looked suspiciously amused compared to them. A nice add, he said to himself. Too bad this would be the only derived thought he would get, one of amusement, to be followed by many of scorn. 'As I was about to say. You're trespassing and not only that. Sword was risen against me and you all saw what it lead to.' The old man hadn't much breath to take, the age hasn't left him any break. It wouldn't be long now until he would have to rest his neck. 'Ehm.' He cleared it in the most silent of ways. The knight saw and understood, not being completely lacking of pity, especially when it came out of someone who would so happen to be close to him age. The sword was lowered. 'Thank you for the mercy given sire.' Said the old man as he scuffled himself off the dust risen on him after waiting. He took a short break to look around, merely standing in front of the corpses. Still warm. 'If you may. We meant no harm as we were merely sent here to investigate.' At this point, the sword, as glimmering as it felt being around of it was lowered down. So close to the ground that the runes on it started beign vissible, at least for those not close enough to be taken away by his fever starting gaze. 'Tell me then, should you not have been stricken down for what you've done? Have you not

known that these lands belong to lord Cattar?"The knight was stopped with a small backing as he hard the old man continue.'Whatever lord might've ruled over these forest and the castle you've used to serve is long dead.'The knight was moved from what he's heard.His entire life was used, once to serve, and now.It was gone.Each word gave the others a chance to move, as they hurt him more than any other sword would.'You serve no one now knight.Regardless of how many you slay now, how many groups you shatter.'He once had a name, but even that he long forgotten.Without a place to live, without a scope to prolong and abide of, he had nothing left.'What's that?Feeling as if you lost something, is that it?'The old man's given name was Tius, passed down generation but keeping the same wits as his forefathers did.A strange circumstance it would end like, being the same as this one where his wits would actually work so well.'Are you shaking now?That's certainly something strange coming out of someone who just so easily put down four of our men.'His voice ribbed in his armour, he thought he could hear his echo in the hollow armour, as even the old and the wise fell were deceived.No word came as he backed away, his armour itself shaking, the cracks wearing, even with the ribs slightly showing.The light that once made it glow inside was fading and he couldn't even hold his sword straight as he was trying to still.Intimidate him.'I will not be intimidated by this.'The old scrawny legs passed by the dead men as if they meant nothing to him.Being fair, life wasn't that treasured anymore, it wasn't much of a surprise that he wasn't shocked when he saw such an abomination of life standing in front of them.But to become this pathetic at the simple mention of it?Tius held the thought dear, something that he would get to use against of him, even more than so.'Don't come any closer.'It seemed like the voice almost left him, just as his strength, without abiding and using what was left of it.Fading away.Such was the conflict in his mind, would he squeeze his heart again to regain what he lost or was it simply not worth the trouble.Surely now that he had no purpose, his life would have to come to an end, right?"You can stop backing now.Even if I bred any harm against you, there wouldn't physically be a way for an old man such as I am to end your.'The knight abides by his request in shame, dropping his blade into the ground.Even the light from above seemed to move away, fleeing after having a sight of what happened to him.'There's no need for you to surrender, you've already proven yourself to us.'He shoved him, after thoroughly searching inside of his robe for a small token in good faith.'I want you to have this and follow us to the camp.'Given by Tius and covered in blood.'It's not mine in case you were wondering.'It happened so fast that he didn't know how to respond.Never has he had the chance to stand and converse with another human being before, usually it would be just a fight.And even that wouldn't last long enough for more than scorn filled hatred to be spat upon from one another.'But I killed..He tried to finish, his words belong in front of him.A hand laid behind Tius, he signalled the rest that it was safe to approach.'I understand that, but do you?Are you so blinded that you cannot see that I'm offering you something that, with the lack off you'd just be whimpering like a dog?"Strange.Not ever before was he offered a hand, let alone by someone so frail that the hand would get hurt at the simple touch.His confusion and delusion wouldn't work as Tius saw right through him.'You would give a chance to me?After what I've done?"The knight's voice softened up, he sounded, human.'Worry not, you've done only but what you were instructed by your former master.That pact is now ended, now come with us.'Few people, bolder than the ones that dared challenge him before came closer to take and carry his sword.No word was said for them to do otherwise.Tius came even closer, surprising the young in his upcoming.'Here, let me help.'Despite the old age, he still managed to grab his arm and wrap him over his

shoulder. Harmony, a hymn played inside his head. The knight had never felt such a thing and never has his ears got a hold on such notes. They walked shoulder to shoulder, being invited to their camp but he had not felt it. What he saw, what was reminded of him. He saw. The sun was so bright in his eyes, the town where he grew up, accompanied not by an old man but by an old friend. Oaks that blossomed without the spring, pink petals flying by him. No armour and no gloves to stop him from grabbing them as they flew by, hearing the song that would clear his mind. His vision not impaired, he has not blinded anymore, seeing people from his town greeting and going by the day. 'Mother, father?' A question came, after seeing them wave back at them, something that he did back. Despite not being able to remember his name, in that moment, after so long, it wasn't possible for such a vision to occur. 'We're going there.' Said his old friend, both hand and in hand, stepping carefully so no pedal would be stepped on. The strings that were played in harmony came from somewhere beyond his gaze, the warmth he felt inside, one that wasn't previously his. He had never thought of everything of that sort, other than having a scope, giving himself for someone who was bigger than him, a lord. One that wasn't present anywhere, the land still away from his lordship's arise. They were all busy, carrying lumber and fruits, yet they did it happily, and the knight. The man saw it in their faces that they could hear the strings played too, enough that they were pushing themselves inside of him. 'Can you hear it too?' The man asked his friend, which he responded with a hum. It made him smile. Someone was playing the harp and it filled him with more emotion, knowing that they'd get to whoever was playing it. Other hummed too, near him, they were happily complying to the wishes to help, and despite the efforts and how hard their task appeared in their eyes, he saw nothing but content. Something he felt too, occupying him and dismissing any previous thoughts he once knew. The townsfolk now looked at him, carried, with knees shaking as the intensity increased. He could feel it inside, as did everyone else. The player of that harp was close. Now the arm that embraced him, the once of his friend let go of him, and he did not fall down as he thought he would, without a pillar to hold him. 'Go to her.' He said, whilst the other whispered to them. A fair number of people around, everyone was preparing for something that did not get his eye, nor his desire to see. 'Her?' He asked, barely glimmering with his eyes, appearing more normal than they once were. The light from there was not taken but merely moved away from once place to another. Warmth now filled his chest, moving away from there after being pointed towards where she played her song. The harp was big as he saw it from where he stood, just standing behind a wall. 'So tall.' He said, with a tone that some of them thought to be one of the whimpers. One said, covered behind the others, knowing he wouldn't be heard if he was silent enough. 'Is he supposed to protect us? Didn't they say he's already taken four of our ranks.' 'Shh, let him be.' Tius blocked their mutter, his decision being purely strategic of what he wanted to achieve. No whisper of bad thought could come back to him, at least not until the meeting was done. He moved his eyes in a manner that they understood not to speak until they were told, it was already a mistake that they did before. Luckily for both cases, the man did not hear. Simply overwhelmed and shy, if the harp was so long and golden, to have hands that would reach that high meant that the woman playing it could've been almost as tall as it. His mind hadn't much time to adjust, after so many years, being devoid of some emotion he did not feel before. 'Go on. She doesn't mind company when she's playing.' The skin was white and perhaps that was the only image that travelled his mind, milk white softly going on the golden strings in motions at times unseen. I'm not sure what I could say to her. Went through his mind, without having an idea of what he looked like. Step followed by step, they watched him go almost like watching an animal

being pulled towards something he liked. Although in this came, it wouldn't be that far-fetched. Perhaps my decision wasn't the best, hopefully, it will work. Tius' plan went inside his head over and over again, trying to check if everything was in order, if anything was missed or not. Easy, he thought, just a turn and their eyes would meet. She was announced but at the same time, she wasn't. Not a moment passed with her knowing what or how the one that would appear in front of her appear like. Nor what would he say. Her name was Eclipse and what he did to her best of capabilities was play her harp. String after string, her fingers were not hurt, whatever did she sprinkle on the tips of it worked. Battered salt from the springs, dipped inside the water inside a small plate she held on a table near her. That way, she'd never run out of it and be able to play for hours. People came at her from time to time as the way she played the instrument made others work hard. A tune that not only raised morale but prove to even be able to make someone who didn't even show signs of being able to feel. Her eyes widened as she heard. 'Hi.' For a second distraught but did not stop from playing her harp, as it was still attuned. She cleared her throat as she felt a sudden discomfort inside her stomach after he came to be. 'Hello.' The other direction was now in her sight, as for him, he followed the subtle tone given by her. Many like her and the family she was from were driven from early childhood to train and perform various exercises to be better. And at the same time they were never trained in being able to interact as well as other in the social endeavours. Either it was showing now so well, or perhaps like any other normal human, she didn't know how to respond in such of the situation. He thought he offended her because something he said or done. Perhaps I should've have chosen, but even the sight of it, her finger slipping without watching, the glances that meet. Though she couldn't see inside the helmet, too dark to be. But behind him was the old man's gaze and she knew better than to disobey. 'Would you.' Another second was taken since her neck was stuck, perhaps it was the salt that kept being carried by the wind, landing inside her nostrils, in-between. 'Like to join me?' 'I'm.' But he still hadn't remembered his name. She changed the look on her face, perhaps it was something she thought of what he said. Ignoring an order from Tius wasn't something people would do, especially someone like her who would depend on the well doing of others. An old memory of someone like him, coming from the voice perhaps, ignoring what was over his body and even within? 'Come closer.' She said, the tone of her voice warmed too, enough to rival the one in his chest. Around the camp, they weren't surprised anymore, the small group that gathered went back to their tasks on a whim. 'May I?' 'You may.' He asked and she responded, their voices were blended and tender. Slightly uncomfortable despite her previous attempts, what she did not account for was how disrespectful he was. Of his own size too as the matter called. He did not feel nor see but a fraction of his armour rubber against her arm, causing a slight, if not a measurable discomfort. Nothing more but a huff came out of her, despite what she always felt, this came first to her. I have to focus, just. Pretend he's not there, perhaps it will become more bearable. But he eyes still glared at the old man, slightly moving his chin and scratching it. A subtle message perhaps. 'Do not anger me girl. We need him focused and on our side, so do what you must if you've got to.' His voice echoes to her, passing the notes of music but just a slight over his ears, nor would he hear any of what was sent between the two of them. Charmed like that, he left them, walking towards the ones he had to give his timely lead report. A council he willed, despite not coming out of his own temper, they were nothing more but a bunch of fools. Sent by yet another council to keep him in order, after being demoted so many times. Even more pitiful that the once giant halls with glaring statues, diamond-like and looking back were now laying in a distant dream. He now had

to resort to standing in a tent. Unguarded. 'No guard again?' He asked, as the curtains were lead and moved aside by his slimmer arm. Two were eating and another was looking under the table, not to mention that there should've been at least four more that were not present. Tius would've normally had their heads for this, that, if he had the authority to do so. 'Am I disturbing?' His voice rang through their heads like sand through a duster, making their plates hit the ground. No intent was shown that they'd lower themselves to clean themselves, age had it that perhaps they've grown too fat to do their own bindings. Bitter too. 'Oh, if it isn't the old crane, coming back like a lap dog with its tail behind its back. Has your plan went accordingly?' His friend laughed. Tius looked at their pathetic attempt as an attack as he did with everything that came out of their mouths. Not caring much to answer that, thought one thing surprised him. The man was now under the table without any constraint nor wanting to join the bitter conversation they were having. He complied. 'So, I doubt I've missed anything of great importance unless we've suddenly received field reports and you're looking for them under there.' One hand was clenched into a fist which ended up bashing the table, making the collision with the head that laid under it very much possible. A grunt came from there, followed by laughter from their side. 'Are you mad?' The voice resting under his eyes said. 'What was that? It's really hard hearing you there.' 'Then come down to my level so we would converse.' The proposal didn't seem to be too exquisite for him to refuse, and from the sight of it and the other too, he wasn't. Tius would lower himself to the only one he seemed to support and from the likes of it, appease. Not that he had another choice. And unsurprisingly he didn't expect to see, almost a cavern under the table, no wonder why what was he looking for wasn't found yet. Vincent wasn't like the others, especially not the ones from the camp, he was much stronger despite time trying to take that away from him. 'What have you done Vincent?' Despite what was spoken, other wouldn't hear it, muffled by the depths of under the table, nor would the two of them would have any interest to see. Speaking to one another at last. 'Finally alone again.' Two brothers like figures, thinking they'd easily have the advantage over the other, especially since the old for wasn't in the way anymore. 'Damn that Tius, has he not understood that he's not our leader?' 'Give him time my dear Condous, it's not like he can nibble his way with our plans. After all, we have to remember, he's been thrown out of havens for reasons.' 'But, he still had the chance to experience lordship hasn't he?' 'Oh Condous, you still don't understand, do you?' It wasn't like them to be like that in front of other people, speaking only in silence and with a foot out of the tent, that way, they would've felt someone approaching. No ear waxed nor on eavesdropping onto them, measurements for that were taken. 'Could I try then.' But he was quickly thrown away, stroking his golden beard and locket in his hand. 'You wouldn't be able too, Vincent made sure we wouldn't be able to know.' 'Could it be plotting then?' 'Regardless of what it is, we'll make sure they won't get to it, won't we?' A grin came onto his face as they decided to leave the tent. Something was planned against the two of them as they were left alone in the midst of preparing. 'So why are you here? You haven't responded?' Tius' question finally flew to the ears. He looked around, seeing stalactites almost as high as he was, some other broken and laying, barely fallen. Rocks and formations that wouldn't normally be there, the depths of which could've gone for miles, definitely not as far as the table went. 'There's a traitor within the council.' Vincent's words resonated with Tius but he didn't care, making sure that he'd get the message. He hadn't care much for it, as he learned that a long time ago, being so normal from the place he came from. He suddenly found himself staring as a crossroad with someone that he felt closely attached. Neck tied and around him a hand, pulling him closer. 'Listen here, I do not care of what you've grown accustomed from the

place you're from. But this concerns all of us.' With an easy flick of the hand, the grasp that taken his neck was removed. Tius told him immediately after he was repelled, with a small burn on his hand too. 'Let there be a trainer, It'd be more amusing that way. I've come here, expecting for everyone into the council to present my findings.' And are they present?' Vincent wasn't dull enough to not get the subtle messages, despite being accustomed to being more direct, hints of something being wrong were immediately taking note of. 'No.' At the sudden word, they were both pulled outside by their will, suddenly awoken in the middle of the fire. Vincent turned to him and told him quick, right before suddenly dodging from falling bits of the tent they were still in. Burning too. 'Is it still not your problem?' Tius was certainly not amused by the grin and the blooming sense of humour he displayed. Surrounded by flames that would rival the sky, they waited, hearing a chance to the tune. It came out of nowhere. A simpleton felt after seeing a sudden burst of flame, a trail of smoke rising up towards the stars from the camp. He ran to account the others, without realising that the position he was, the distance from the single well inside the camp from which they could take water to take down the fire was too far. Too far for them to reach in time. The fire spread as it wasn't normal and the two of them still found the time to converse about it. 'Can we not hide inside your insidious cove?' Tius asked, backing away from the fire slowly coming forth. They couldn't run through and the fire would jump and gnaw at their ankles. Nor did he think much of it, he knew that there'd be a way, even if he'd end up using Vincent's body in order to assure his own escape from the impending inferno. 'It doesn't look that bright for us, does it?' He didn't see his shifty eyes for he was distracted. Someone was shouting outside and they couldn't see. But from a side, he came charging, their knight in armour, bursting through the flaming tent and flames. Another formation of people was made and they were starring, throwing sand and trying to shout the flames out of there. 'Come on, we need the water.' Said a woman, sending a few of them, buckets and everything. A thud came and momentarily they were distracted. Their eyes thought to be deceived when it revealed to be him, denying all flames that would now rabble at his feet, unaffecting. 'Is this the one you went for?' Out of his robe, Vincent grabbed a flagon to drink. 'I thought you did not know. No matter, that can wait, until we're out of this.' The fool wasn't mad at the sound of it, but couldn't hide how happy he was, with the parts of the tent, still of fire and falling by. Despite that, he still managed to find some time to do so. 'Follow me, quickly!' The voice change, at least that's what Tius thought as he heard it.

Fallen maiden

Eroded from not being able to escape, he glanced at her captor. The fingers almost like a prison, the words that were once muttered to her were said and written. 'Cross my finger and you'll die, I'll eat your heart before you fall. You're free to leave at any time.' The words hung on inside her memory, thinking about escaping with every second, as she watched below, seeing the degeneration sleep within itself. 'Am I not going to be granted at least a chance?' Her expression was pale now, all the way from olive, the time she spent near left a mark that she made well to not forget. Perhaps it was because of the substance running through the fingers of his. It burrowed itself, flashes and small flying puffs that flew and entered her skin. With no prior knowledge, she could only try to predict what would happen over a longer exposure of such a thing. 'I'm going to die if I don't leave this place,' she said as she watched the tips of her hands turn whiter in front of her eyes. Softer too as she touched the longer ones that were holding her in the cell. 'I need to go, this won't last for much longer.' She flailed her arms and felt what it's done to her, softer to the very core of her bones. Truth was that if she stood longer in her place, she'd shatter to a white puss that would only find itself moulded to the fingers. That thought kind of ran through her hand. With the corner of her eyes she saw. 'Were those humans once?' The giant hand was holding her up, twisted on the side so she wouldn't easily escape

without waking him up. 'Shut Blarg Yer trap.' He said, although accompanied by snoring with nothing else. The only escape as it was told, after pondering on what was left was the one going up. And even with that, she wouldn't survive the fall. Nor will I survive if I stay much longer, they certainly didn't, if they once shared the same situation as I am right now. Two hands followed as she started to scratch, wanting to desperately wake him up. No luck with each try. The skin's too thick, not to mention I'd only get more of those chemicals on my body. 'Can you even hear me you loaf?' She yelled at him but no response, in the small opening that revealed through, part of his body laid rotten and broken. Not many ribs left and no bottom part of the legs, something kept the creature living, yet she had no explanation for it. Two hands, a head, some organs that were revealed, she has seen her fair share along the way here. Which did more than explain why she didn't puke at the immediate sight, but perhaps she thought? 'This puss that's slowly eating me and adding to his hand, perhaps that's the way he's. You're feeding yourself, isn't it?' Curiosity didn't do much to help her at a time like this one. And she did efforts to make herself understand, trying her best to climb, grabbing some parts that were solid, pulling herself further to the above. 'Damn, this will not do.' The concerns left her mouth, and she thought, on the way back down that it wasn't going to be easy. Held captive until her death, she couldn't reach despite her every attempt. A swear each time and with each fall too, her body started to brittle. The once admired complexion of hers started falling off. There's no way out for me, she thought, obsessing over it as she fell to her knees praying to her gods. 'I beg of you, my lord melting, your repugnant body forever swelling.' She did something she wouldn't believe she'd do, praying to a god forbidden too. The latter one of her pantheon, a repugnant friend, perhaps the symbol of it dwelling within the body of the one she was held captive by. In her mind, the future wasn't what she once expected to be, no children to bear, no family to wear her off. Nothing would expect her but fading into the obscurity of a monster that's dying, being tied to it in the final moments of his life. The skull wasn't even placed right, the face breaking off with each snort it took, yet everything it had stood tall and proud, in the form of a hand, sucking her life. 'Is this your doing, if so, I beg you to stop.' Perhaps it's his will to watch me like that, becoming part of what we hated the most, his eyes watching and grinning at my attempts. 'I give me life to you my lord.' The room she was in slightly more lit as the words were spoken, forbidden as they were, perhaps even corrupted in the eyes of others. But she was desperate, especially as she took it as a sign, a library like this one lit, with no one else within? What other explanation could there be? 'I do not want to die my lord, I give you my life to rot and pester in your afterlife, the worsen fates that I deserve.' She muttered but couldn't cry, that's the last thing she could do. Tales told of those who did such mockery while praying in front of him, flies and grubs would find themselves nesting in the eyes from where they came. Desperate yet fearful, she made sure some precautions were taken, the knees spread to the point, exactly as they were needed with no inch farther than they should. Hand crunched like fists and she could feel a pair of grubs forming and held within. She remembered of hearing a ritual of such before, not only for him but others, but never did it cross her mind that she'd get the chance to perform one. 'Roots and stones for the bones, a slicker that's most known to most. But if you fail to gather them for some reason, among the other materials needed, you'd better pray. Pray that you'll know. Pray that you've known pain before and grown accustomed to it. I could hear the voice of the priestess clear in my head, recounting the ritual that one would go through at the age, having it in mind as I underwent through it. The pain came not long, her words hit me like sand bolts shot through my body. As weak as it already was. 'You'll have clenched your hands as for a prayer,

that goes without saying. But one thing that we're despised and thought as inhuman, even at such a lower, an insignificant part of our prayer, is because what we're forced to went through. We need to clench our hands as hard as we can, at the point where we risk crushing them to the bone, to blood. Oh and if it only was the pain, that's not the least of the concerns.' Her eyes as she stared at me whilst saying it, knowing that I was near other, many people in the room standing and praying altogether. Expressionless. My neck couldn't move and I wasn't able to swallow my concern, I asked her to continue, wanting to know more. Apparently, she said. 'Grubs will form, inside of them, a known part of the ritual, went by beast and human alike, by anyone doing such for the lord in prayer. They will eat through your hands and go through you bloody, you won't be able to stop them from devouring your body. Well at least if you don't truly believe and not filled with faith, the loss of it will have you dead.' The pain kicked in as I did something I didn't think I'd dare, I felt them, many coming, my hand were already seemed to be pushed from a fist, disgusting pests were railing within. 'I beg of you, you'll use that often.' Her voice rifle and I did as she said, trying my best to fight through the pain, skin and blister would follow if I was rejected, something that couldn't happen if I still wished for an escape. 'I give my soul and won't take back. I'd give anything through pain and suffer. My soul, my body, my only offer.' And I was reminded of what was said, even more now as I prayed, stuffing my fist as hard as I could. 'They won't be crushed, they'll be too hard, but only shoved deeper into your arm, at least the first time you do so you'll be judged. It depends on who takes the ritual and how he ponders, his face within face within the face that boasts on your suffering. So much it will last and you will scream, no one will hear anything, many of the grubs will have momentarily take it from you.' The throat felt filled with them, making sure no sound would leave their bodies, further attempts would only make them grow bigger, which wasn't her intention. Hand in hand with her captor, it felt to her almost as if both of them were praying, even worse now to think that they'd do it for the same one. Push harder, you can do this. She said in her mind, remembering what was to be said next and was to come. 'I'm sure you'll do fine, If. If you decide.' And how badly she was to say if, without realising that in the future she'd get to re-enact what she saw. Her body now sank and she couldn't see but feel concentrate. Now, the only words of prayer that could be heard by the malignant deity were the ones sprouting out of her exposed mind. 'Chanting and saying his words, exactly as they are and how they wore. You laid broken by your brothers, Abandoned like any other, Yet you refused to die and have not stopped, I ask of you to give me the same likes to stop the rot.' The skin decay stopped, that she felt at the point in her mind reached it, the pale white skin lumps weren't floating out of her. But it was not over yet, as it was known, deep inside. She has betrayed one of her past thought about gods, which was a sacrilege. 'They will grow rabid and filled with puss, they will start decaying in your mouth. This is the important girl, you'd better listen. One that prays for the first time must have everything in mind if the disciple is to survive. You must've puke them, despite how ranching they would taste, neither if the taste of blood and them melting inside would invite you to do otherwise.' The act now laid in her mind with no requirements that were needed. Her mind was rotten but it wasn't caused by the grubs, none of them got that far nor would they in any case. She was reluctant, even with her eyes close and half of the battle fought through as she displayed it. The sacrifice laid outside her body but there was no one to witness the act, or so she thought. That monstrosity won't get the best of me, I'll make sure of it, she thought. And in a second of clarity, she realised something that wasn't brought by the witch that once informed her about the ritual, but of another. One that had little chances, not to mention that it was already unstable with

everything that went on. She improvised, even with her thoughts shallow, even more as she more than likely already spoken them wrong. But what she did not realise, even as the hand that held her started to break apart, among with the atrocity holding her. Was that she was favoured by the god, a sick, twisted and repulsing desire for her then went on. The eating has stopped as the words were said. 'And now for what is worth, I give you my body, I give you my name, I give everything that holds me inside this plane.' Despite being turned to deeply in her mind, they were heard. Grubs stopped eating through, instead merely walking through the system she had, every vein inside of her contain at least a few of them. Shrunk, not as huge as they were, the skin that was lost, the exposed part, every single part of her regenerated at last. Her sight regains and she felt it, for a second, clarity, her sadness and what made her human fade away. How he once was virtuous, magnificent, a deity of righteousness, before the betrayal, she was now turned to feel a fragment of how he truly was. Radiance of such that the light emitted from her body started melting the skin and what remained of the body of the beast holding her. A jaw that fell, the sound of it cracking in half echoes throughout the room, the ribs that danced and what was left of him within. Her eyes now opened and saw no room, it was almost as if she was somewhere else. 'Am.' Both of her hands reached her mouth and she felt it, the words flying through, she could now speak again. A burning sensation in her chest told her she could do it freely, though it wasn't hurting at all, but warming the insides. No weight under her feet, no pain and no feelings of scorn. 'Is this what it feels like to live among them?' An image of someone not far, he laid alone wearing no armour, turned behind. A grace enveloped her and the scent of insight could be felt coming from him. Compelled, she forgot herself and decided to reach him. A small leap and her feet would never have to reach the ground, hovering, barely, just to get to him at last. With a flicker, she used her right hand to turn him around. 'Who. Are you?' But her heart sank as she has pulled away, a grief and two other that she couldn't see. Others came and started bashing, stabbing and attacking. Blunt weapons and ones sharp, a hammer that would shatter even the planet's crust. Still pulled away, she yelled at him. 'Nooo! Let go.' Struggle but no way to get free, she watched as they made him fall to his knees, despite every blow, breaking through to the point where she could see his skull. His beauty, the form, crushed and broken. She shouted even louder, still in the room, with no company to witness but the mice and other small creatures looming around. His shoulders cracked, she saw one ripped, an arm that wouldn't let go, a life that refused to sink, as she felt. Pushed through the clouds and the land they were on, they forced him to fall, to be broken and still he refused to die. The image you saw. A voice rang in her mind. Is what you imagined, the betrayal of mine was beyond what you could understand. It felt as if one of those hammer stroke her out of it, a fraction of what he felt, of what really happened. Just the mere fragment of it made her cover herself up. Not being able to contain what he felt. Finally, as it was safe, she releases the contents of her stomach, everything that was eaten off the floor. The voice still came, now that she was done speaking inside, afraid not to anger. In the corner of her eye, all that remained were the bones of it, the rest was eaten by the worms that got out of her. She recognised the scent of her blood, knowing that that must've been them. Not as decayed or corrupted as one would think, he allowed her to witness and understand what happened. 'You've given your life and saw what was worth it, live now as a servant of mine.' The voice, as it went, felt not only inside her head but the mouth, the taste, the fragrance, and in her blood. Quickly her hands shuffled around the veins around her arm, noting what she's seen before. Lumps that moved around in the temple where she met that damn witch and others before. 'Are those the grubs inside of me?' She asked,

after an awaited period of time, done without her knowing through not immediately punished. He was not one for that as she was just one of many that decided to follow, in no way would he do such an undeserving act. 'You're now mine and I await you below, to rot with me along the others.' She'd take the form after she'd die, becoming a lump in the bigger body of her god. The voice stopped soon after, the judgement and an eternity would be spoken about much later if she was lucky. To be given again the chance to speak with her new lord. Though. She looked the other way before helping herself out. 'Was this worth it?' The place seemed to shatter too, undoubtedly, as smaller blue grubs, the longer that the ones before, eating the dust and stone in front of her. A deal that was struck and all the evidence was about to be erased. The door that was sealed released immediately revealing the light. With her hand, she protected her, even as it was amplified by her reflective milky skin. She has never seen grubs so white, nor would she ever get to see any of them, other than the ones that dwelled within her body. Slowly she went outside with a beating heart, strong ribs and an able body. Her mind shaken but she will recover, all of them prior did, though none of them forgot what happened within. What they sacrificed and how it made them feel, regardless of what fraction and what imaged they've seen. Her feet encountered the feeling of cold stone after finally touching it outside of the vague room she was in. She hadn't known how much it passed nor what waited for her outside. Surely whatever once dwelled inside the catacombs and the verdant hall died a long time ago. No sustenance nor heat, she fell on her knees and passed out, as green puffs of smoke emerged. The first slab she just released after raising her feet for another. A strange occurrence happened, in her mind nothing but a lucid dream, she thought before passing out. How else could she explain the delusion she saw, the things that ripped at her, the given soul to a voice in her head? Luck was still tipped in her favour even now as she wasn't aware, even unconsciousness, left to dream. But luck indeed would have someone other walk around the catacombs as he was sent to find her. It wasn't immediate but following an awaited signal. Alone, a man with a neck that bowed, a scar on his cheek, running up to the chin. He recounted the reflection on the wall, but there weren't mirrors inside. A reflective type of polished substance, used to craft the catacombs and make them last, for what purpose though? 'Bah, I need only payment.' He said out loud, a bold move to leave yourself open in front of a passer. Yet there were none in sight, he thought and surely they wouldn't be hiding and waiting for an ambush. No, this place was too old and ancient to hone such beasts. Then why was I paid to search for a woman, especially in an abandoned place like this one? No information was given to him about the whereabouts of her. Nor what she looked like. 'Bandits that must be it?' He asked out loud again, still as boldly as before, barely bent down and picking at corners, trying to see but hardly as dark as it was after the gates were closed behind his back upon his arrival. It wouldn't surprise me if they actually did make this old thing into their hideout. Small leaps were taken as he thought, there wouldn't really be any traps now. He had some insight gained by generations of his family, a fra yaar indeed, thought the heavy heads wasn't gained from them. That came with time, so did the choosing of the profession, often disregarded by other from his family. Which brought him here, half a mercenary and half dreamer, trying to make out the best of at least one of them. Though, oddly. Perhaps it came from a combination of the both, the nimbleness of a floating child, or one that would be tied so he'd not fall. Whatever it was, he avoided every slab and every bent step, in a way avoiding all traps without a mistake. Neither did the harshness break those traps, as it was crafted by craftsmen of the time before. 'Why am I even wasting my time?' A question to himself which came followed by another, though it came sharp and it came loud. Foolish to do and bear such a thing. 'Are you here girl?' A

crevice was open, which he looked into, empty rooms and a lot of dust. 'Nothing to loot.' He had many looks and the time to do it, but the place was as it was left, which made him ask himself. Surprisingly as most of the times before he'd just ignore or not give more than a thought. A place like this and empty-headed, how could this be? Even if there were bandits so to speak, it looked picked clean. Vases laid on tables, inside of them there was no dust nor cobwebs. Too clean for such a place, especially since the edges and corners were dirtier than the room he previously spends the night in. He opened his mouth after approaching the wall and breathe upon it. Dust came for the air released by him and claimed it for its own, no objection there. With his hands, he rubbed it against, leaving the mark of his coming but he realised it soon enough. 'This was placed here recently.' A bad habit now became of it which he also hasn't previously encountered, nor would he notice. Am I getting affected by this place and if so, has my decision been a misjudged one? Though, even if it was so in his thought. He still had to rescue her, he'd not turn his back. Word travels fast across the land, Feryn the runaway, the one that'd be afraid of dusty hallways and placed dust. No, he continued, returning to his search. He stopped in front of the door's tip and made a small leap. 'Hah, I've almost forgotten.' Appearing as it was normal, exactly what he intended. It came to mind that perhaps someone was watching his moves, one that could turn out to be more than a fleeing bandit or a kidnapper. I have to find her fast and carry her out, the poor kid must be scared to death. Even with the mood down a few feet, he still found time to make himself appear as the righteous one, turning the fantasy of him being a coward into one close to a god. The rewards, the renown, surely in the mouth of a kid, my tales would only spring. Fiends, bandits and worse, attacked her and could've done worse. He then stopped. Something felt, barely going down his throat as he tried swallowing. Mid-set as if he was about to have another leap but one of his feet was now slightly lowered. With the turn of the head and with the dim lit corridor, he saw that a slab was slightly lowered. I was wrong. He didn't think there'd be much and there could still be a chance, perhaps the mechanism activated by it would be too old to function. Irony. He looked above and saw a white figure, far but close, only seeing the image of a girl. She laid down, that much he understood, perhaps either resting or passed out. Not in a room nor too far, with no one around to watch or see her now. The problem at hand, he tumbled down, curled into a ball, trying to get as much distance as he could forward ahead. His eyes closed as he did it, as he couldn't look. A second passed after he stopped rolling at the bottom. Have the gods rules in my favour he asked himself? While not hearing any other sounds of something that happened, or any other that'd be stepped into whilst on the way. Dusting himself back up, he saw it well enough and soon realised. 'So you were broken after all.' The image that laid was a slab that was now stuck. What he hasn't seen though and probably wouldn't notice was that it was stuck on a lace, ripped apart from his shoe on the way down. A simple yet strong one, made by his family, one that would rule over the trade, amplified by the finest spider silk, quite fitting for the place. 'Now.' He turned and backed a few steps, being scared. Already was his heart beating since the thought of seeing something that wasn't there, a monster was it? Nothing but the skull of a bull that now ignored, he went for the reason he came, the girl. But slowly as his memory didn't let him. Is this a trick, is she a trap laid for me to come and capture her? Surely she wouldn't just be kidnapped and left there, perhaps evaded? The girl didn't appear as one the closer he got, but a fully grown woman, unexpected. Standing in front of a room that reeked as if someone was long dead in there. The sight and the smell were enough to make him run and grab her. The corners, left and right, he's taken looks, followed by one behind. He had to be sure that he wasn't getting paranoid for no reason, it

was important for him to make sure she'd come down safe. 'Here you go.' So light, and slippery. Her touched her waist and placed her on the shoulder. The neck was fine and still breathing, though with no mirror to check, he came closer as if to see. But stopped. 'You're still alive.' His beating heart was now pulsating even more blood and in his mind it rang. No, I must focus, we need to get out so I could get my reward. This place already was swallowing itself from the looks of it. Still with no trust left, he decided to run ahead and take no care of anything that would come in his path, no more jumping and no more leaps. And yet, still no more traps activated at whims. The crackling of a thunder came but it wasn't from outside, that enough was transmitted to him by his trusting ear. Already slowed from the extra weight on his shoulder, he didn't turn. Nor did he risk attempting such a thing and letting go of her. 'It must've come from inside. I knew something was wrong.' 'Aaah.' A moan came but still unconsciousness, the bad condition of the place they were in wasn't the great. The dust must've filled inside her lungs, the darkness of the place must've taken the colour of her skin too. An unnatural tone he thought after having a closer look on the hand that laid just a bit in front of him, flailed with the sudden changes in his movements. Again, he stepped on a slab, the same one he had previously touched, but then. Suddenly released, it made the whole catacomb crawl, the walls changing on the whim of a single slab. It was almost as if, the whole structure was built around a single point that would destabilise the whole structure. And the chance, out of thousand of verdant slabs, to get the precise one, not to mention add another amount of weight over it would be impossible to get. Each slab being tailored for one person, specifically, one, which sounded impossible. He disregarded and hadn't any clue about it being a test, for both of them. Eyes were thrown and looked on sides. Debris was falling from the sky. It was sinking down, slabs were dancing, it would've been easier for him to avoid every single one of them if it weren't for the weight that dragged him down. No more leaps, no more banter, he focused his eyes on getting each right one. The one's rounder aren't good, remember. After almost slipping because of one of them, he took a note. More blunt, with edges uneven, those were the ones he went for, a slim jump from one to another. He looked below as they started to shift away, revealing the mechanism and the rhythm that occurred there. Lots of pipes stored on blocks that were connected with each slab below. A strong light was emitted as the mechanism started to run again, something that would've gotten and wouldn't have let go of his sight if it were in any other situation. But he had to ignore it for now and continue, unevenly measuring and going ahead. She saw in, though. In her dream, a man approached her but didn't speak. A giant stream of roses below of her, being carried by a someone in armour. 'Are you him?' She asked, still confused as if the ritual hasn't ended yet, the gas might've temporarily altered her state. Yet the effect hasn't truly taken care, as the little grubs have granted a strong resistance to most gases and poisons. Another gift that remained untold, a blessing in disguise. And still, she thought. I'm being tested, being held. Should I break free, or would I face unspoken consequences? Unarmed and still frail, she thought to be taken still away from the cage she was in. 'Fine, then get me towards the world outside, I've waited for far too long.' But he didn't hear her as she was still sleeping, having no idea how many close calls laid there. And how many times indeed she would've fallen. Marks of the walls, all made of the insides of those grubs. 'Bah, even worse now.' He was slightly disgusted as they joined the debris, falling from the ceiling too. The smell was much to take and the imagery, perhaps the worse. A few turn and not too far that he'd get to the point where he'd see it. The gates. He yelled, with a gust that knocked away debris and the maggots, travelling at a speed and strength that pushed both gates open. A pay of foot, he had to do it not. He saw some retracting below and the

insight he had finally came to fruition. The patterns they went, how some slabs suddenly vanished into the ground just to raise themselves at an ungodly speed and bash the ceiling in their harsh motion. 'If this keeps going, it will collapse everything above of us.' He hadn't much care now to think of anything else, after realising that any room for error would mean the death. Even worse as both of their lives depended on him. One slab suddenly lifted from the right, so the next one immediately after, they followed in pairs. It helped him a lot, now holding her new companion with both of his hands so he'd not flail. Only his feet and ears worked now as the eyes wouldn't do anything else but betray him. He heard in his back how it worked, two pairs, one in front and two in the bottom. A break, where he'd jump as much as he could, trying to get as many slabs possible. The exit wasn't close neither was far. He stopped, after calculating at nothing but an inch. 'Aaaagh.' A sigh was released as the sudden block of iron and stone almost managed to break his nose. He went around after. Not far, concentrate on the sounds, they will reveal. He thought now of himself as no one else was there to do it for him. Still unconscious, the shrubbery started changing colour, in a dark stone red and cold, so much. One that made her remember, as it came from her back, the gust of wind being directed at her spine. 'Where are we going?' She asked, still not realising she'd get no answer. Perhaps I'm supposed to be silent and wait. Wait for a chance, any, though, the witch, that priestess as she'd call herself, she hadn't mentioned a vision or anything like this. Their doing would soon come to an end. He rushed through what seemed to form a wall of raising pillars that would either crush or block their path. Doubt now came to his mind. 'I won't make it in time. No, I can do this.' He looked over his shoulder getting ready to correct himself on the matter. 'No, we can do this.' His breath was held against him so he'd act and notice clearer, less to think of and more on the instinct. It told him clear and he swore to himself that a voice he'd hear. Inside his head, one started speaking, making him confused at first. Is he awake? But as it started forming, slightly distracting from the now mindless trail, the system and the prediction of the slab. The dodging of the falling stone, rocks and grubs became now second nature to him. Thought one thing wasn't, which scared him. A voice that whispered almost in his ears and mind, it couldn't be her, he thought. I can still hear her breath going and nowhere the voice, nor did he know what she sounded like. Floating grubs in front of him by the time that voice manifested. He tried rushing but suddenly it said. 'Follow the light.' The light? He questions it, was he referring to the one that came from outside? 'No.' Again the voice muttered, blocks that now seemed to broke off, the entrance suddenly covered by fallen rocks, giant in size, even bigger than the one he had seen before. He refused to move after. Already pointless, seeing how a wall now raised and blocked what already wasn't there. For him and her, there was already just one thing left to do. 'Down.' Every slab then raised immediately with no delay up to the top of the ceiling, blocking everything at his every dismay. For a second he thought they'd both be crushed, but no. 'So tight.' Said and there was no echo for him to hear, leaving enough room for them to be tightly crammed inside the box that'd be formed. 'Then how am I supposed to go there?' He asked the voice out loud, thinking that it was confirmed. I was sure of it, a trap from the very beginning, now I'm to be tormented and die along her. 'Worry not and you'll be lowered.' Slightly shaken, his feet almost left him. He was afraid of heights. Such a height it was indeed, which made him both anxious and frightened. One wrong step or even tilt and the whole weight would make them fall, toward the place there the stones melted above. It seemed to him that he was lowered inside of a whirlpool made of stone. Many formations of rock seemed to resemble melting wax, perhaps something similar, they stood there almost as pillars to defend the system that laid below. Everything made and controlled, he realised. 'Controlled over

here.'He was pulled away by bigger hands, the ones that sorted all the block, every single one that was placed there.But it took a second before they released, they felt motion, recognising it as a sign to stop.'Aaah.'He was about to released a scream as it came unexpectedly to take him.Composure came soon after it was done, making him stop, a bit of a limb and a flicker.The two feet had to stand and they still weren't at a safe height to avoid falling to their deaths.He watched now silently as they kept moving and in his mine, after observing it happen.It was them who went there and shoved them up.Such strength must've had despite not sensing it, yet he saw them manoeuvre the pillars with their slick moves and proper texture.It occurred to him that those weren't normal hands like he had.The distance between them and his was now far enough that he could easily compare them.Bones wouldn't be placed like they'd normally be, a small bent across a narrow tip, they were made to wrap around and be squarish.Just a touch to be able to move the pillars up and down.Under them, he looked too after.'They're sprouting from the ground.'Aah.'Hold on, we'll get to the bottom of this.'Despite unconscious, it reassured him to hear even a fragment of a voice as it didn't fall on deaf ears.Though his shoulder slightly numb, not as his feet felt, making him think that they'd get to the point where they'd have to rest.It was a bad idea, especially with those giant things lurking around.'No, I can pull this out.'But his voice was heard.He saw it but his brain didn't respond fast enough to sent to his legs.The hands came across the air and grabbed both of them, separating the group they held and keeping them tight.At two opposite ends they were being brought and regardless of how hard he tried, he could not.'Let go of me, I've made a promise.'Thought there was something that neither of them knew.Her life wasn't belonging to her anymore, the chamber already decided that a failure he, though.The hands that almost floated through, the ones that wanted to drive her into the deepest hell they've known.'Wait!'He yelled something that did happen previously reminded of what would've happened if yet another vow would be broken.'I'd rather have my own life taken.'He said and the hands stopped.This is insane, his next thought said.Another set of hands pulled out of the ground, filled with a bitter promised, coming from the same place the others were.A quill and paper?How quaint for a pair of hands.The seal that held him slightly lowered itself to give some room to breathe.He cleared his throat next and said.'Bring me the girl I say, or I'll give nothing more today.'Perhaps he had something worth, someone, who was still tied to his mortality and had something to give.The girl would've been thrown away but the man, perhaps a test too.No, this was different, the man thought, something was off.He thought of encounters with demons, pacts to be made, but nothing like at this size.Those hands and their makers clearly controlled the catacombs, surely no hatred filling being would go that far when they'd more easily just devour everything in their path.He recognised the seal but couldn't remember, never has he been tied to the gods, nor did he really believe in their existence.'Bah.'His stomach ached as a hand bashed through the one holding him.'The one with the quill.'A hand was released as one finger lifted itself.'But I don't know what to give.'By this time and hour, it's been some that passed.It was now time for her to regain her sight.A blurry vision followed by the smell of cinder and smoke.The moment she opened her eyes she gasped and was almost shocked to her very core, awakening in the cage that imprisoned her before.Have I given my soul for nothing?She asked herself, soon to realised, after looking around, tightly caught too.There's another one.He had a quill marked with blood and ink ready to write down something.'Wait.'She said, interrupting him from sealing his fate.It wasn't the best timing nor did she planned, in her mind, she knew, though.It was possible that she'd made a false pact with another, tricked by it.No time for this now, I have to prevent it.He was stunned by her, something

that happened , neither because of the grasp nor by the previous encounter.'You mustn't.'Pain filled her as the hand started restraining her, no sign shown on the outside as it would only betray her reasoning.Away she looked, away from the alluring gaze as something else than a grim pact wanted his attention.'Sign it.'The voice in his head said.It kept going on and on.'Sign it.Sign it.You must sign it if you want to live.'He tried to throw the quill away but it seemed to have melted, the feather not being one but made of long worms elongated that have inserted themselves in his fingers.But this can't be, worms again, grubs before.Yet those hands were not his, the one that rots, could it be then I have fallen, lowered myself for another.Everything for nothing?At least she'd now get the satisfaction of another chance, to get back at it.'Do not do it, I've already.I've given myself just to be deceived, do you even know which god it is?'Her voice was so passionate, surprisingly as it came to her mind too.It worked like a charm in a way that everything she said would've had the same effect.It was almost as if he was listening and wasn't at the same time.She must be right, I'm mistaken then, but how?How could I tell her and betray what she so momentarily told me?With no idea in her mind, just the two of us being trapped by the hands, I could've been either a foe or worse.'But.'I took a moment to clear my throat, the hands that held me have given that too.Say what you will to her but make your choice, you will sign it nonetheless.He heard the voice again, but this time, he was more than sure, she wasn't hearing it as I was.No expression changed as that was spoken.Feryn continued.'What choice do we have?'He saw through her eyes and in between, a quick flicker as she signalled with a lower eyebrow and the twist of the cheek.They both were aware of the situation and what carried with it.After all, without previously realising it and after she made him aware of it, the hands stopped descending for a while and started ascending.So in case anything would happen, they'd drop to their deaths.That much they knew, a nod of the head at the right time might've helped with it too.'We can still try!'Her breath smelled of sunflowers and it felt to him out of place, as the place they were in, now unattended had a scent of cinnamon.No complain there as he hated it.Now it remained.Would I sign this deed or would I stray?'You must choose now, I'm giving you no time before throwing you into the abyss.'In my mind it ranges, I wasn't given much of a choice for the matter, either would I die by my hand of hers.I didn't want to be heard by her, afraid she'd be scorned by my betrayal.'Don't.'She stopped me again despite my hand not even moving.But the hand was quick and so was the finger, almost like a snake it wrapped itself around her mouth and started being more swollen by the second.It forces the grubs out of her body, back to where they came from.She felt nothing but tingles in part of her and nothing more.She wanted to scream but she couldn't.Out of the depths and the ground it revealed itself, the one that controlled the catacombs they were in.The same one they'd make the pact for.It was no god nor was it a deity.But that didn't mean they were out of danger.A set of extra hands came out of it enormous body, a smaller pair of two heads with mouths that were taken away revealed themselves from the oval form the enveloped them.It was safe for it to come out as no danger was sensed.'You will make a deal with me as she did.'The message came in both of their hands too soon realise what she's done.Dizzy and before, she felt her hands slips and thought of it.Was I even praying or did I sign?Still muffled she couldn't do much to bent on the part but she could swear on her life that there were other pairs of names written there.Only now it came to her and she couldn't warn him.Did he even know my name?Small entrails made of its beard and the neck almost reached the depths of the fingers of his.Now he faced the man as a beast, speaking only through his mind as anything else would be too lower for himself.Green for envy, it covered most of his body, but

his skin was too mouldy to discover his true colours. One could even ponder what was the deal of this beast and why he sent for both of them to come here. No pact for a god was made, false visions were implanted. Yet, despite that fact, I still made a deal, deity or not. She thought as one of the heads slightly tilted to face her. It shared only a neck, only slightly splitting at the ends, leaving enough room for some bones, fragmented enough to allow only but the slightest turn. Suffice to say it was enough to make her fear. Again she tried and had a hard time, even biting through the restraints of hers, the aroma and taste were enough anyway. As the mouths weren't able to taste, he'd surely not keep us to kill and feed on us. It sought pacts to make. 'Indeed, now, sign the papers. Give me it and I will give you freedom, for both you and the girl.' 'No, don't trust him. She tried saying, despite knowing that it wouldn't work, it was aimlessly pointless to further attempt. Her eyes now bowed to him and pleasure came in the form of a gloomy grin she couldn't see. 'Fine. But will you keep your promise?' The question came to the fiend's mind, as another hand was raised to scratch his head and ponder. Would I keep my promise he asks me? Should I be questioned of such a thing? If I am to ascent to become such a being? Should I give it freely? Well. 'You've no choice in the matter, do you? Do not worry, I am not without sympathy, if it comes to betrayal, you shall not worry. As you will not be thrown but crushed inside my hands.' This time, he made it clearer, as the voice got louder in both of their heads, eh wasn't playing anymore nor messing with their lives. 'Fine, my. Souls are yours. And with that signature, it was sealed, the twelfth one to give his souls, to a beast that they didn't know. Neither did it know what it was doing, granting and getting souls through deceiver. As soon as it was thrown away, the two of them were cast the same way, at two opposite parts of the depths, without caring if they survived or not. He didn't keep his word nor did he care to recover what he's spent on both of them, grubs or the time that was given. The only thing he desired was twelve signatures and souls to get to the point where the promise of ascension was made. Fools, he thought, while making his way towards the exit through the cavern he's made. Past the machinery and the small hole in the ground, the one dug to make the place for himself. After sealing the document of the souls that were given, he rises through the next chamber in his place of creation. A giant hole that seemed to be rammed from the surface towards the place he's made. I will abandon, now finally after spending so much time inside of it. Never has he thought that he'd wait for such time, in the creation of his, whilst not being able to die. Close to being immortal but not quite, he had lost forgotten even what his race originally was. A deformed body and two heads, they were useless as it hadn't anything to them. Nor could he grab anything with them along the way, bending its body into an arc so it'd more easily fit into the tunnels he built. Now, what? It seemed, with the shake of the land above of him that it would be fitting. A good end for what he's done, the story of an ascension of a god. That the last original champions of his tried betraying him. Stopped in the middle, lost in his own egotistical approach, he took another parchment and more ink to go. It wrote on it the way that was relayed to him. Now to be more than it, a mindless creature. 'And so he's risen from the depths, carrying nothing but his champions' necks. They have sinned in their darkest hour, refusing to give their god the proper tower.' Hmm. Something didn't sound right enough in his mind, he wasn't clear, not god-like sounding in his words. Everything that was written by him, even in appearance was tainted. No one would understand me and if they don't? How could someone believe and give tribute to someone they don't know? I must return. But he then remembered, he had no idea what happened to them, after being thrown at such a distance. And even if they survived the fall, who could tell if they'd willingly trust him and properly bow. Giving him what he wants, even after tearing

them so sour. But in his distraction he has not realised, an avalanche of rocks have fallen from beyond. As his head turned to see what was doing, both were crushed along with his body. Torn to pieces while back down, he found himself trapped again with the two he had betrayed. He was now stuck, same as them. 'A cave in.' She said, barely holding an arm over her ribs, watching how the beast fell within. A bigger part of what they were in fell onto him and broke his body in half. A scream of terror came after that echoed in the small room they were. It was a scene that laid in their minds for a while sinking in. But. He did not die. 'A punishment?' A voice said, one that silence him, and removed the thought of wonder why it was still alive. The voice, as it spoken to him overcame and shook the room. Such strength in one's voice that even the two that survived their falls were shaken and sent to the ground. The brain was still intact in the part that wasn't crushed or at least a part of it, so there wouldn't be any trouble functioning. 'You've taken my name but do not know.' The voice spoke again. His hand, the one that tried keeping the parchment safe, the one with the signatures was then lost, flying above and beyond his reach. 'Nooo.' It suddenly burst into an explosion, spreading everything on its every side of the enclosure. The place wasn't going to last, he thought. But am I punished for something I've done? The plan for him to become a deity has fallen, now that word has gotten, more than it. But for it to truly be rubbed into the face of 'His', it should've been the moment where he had the win in its arms. 'But. I was to be a god.' He watched what remained of it finally diminish into the air, dissipating the rest of what was said and written. So much work and it was all for nothing. It pained him, as even someone like him, who desired to be close to a human deity, to be seen the way. All the plans, the constructions, it was almost as if the whole creation of his was destroyed in front of his eyes. Insult to injury indeed as he felt that it was enough to have his body smashed, perhaps that way he'd have a chance with them. No, it wasn't over. 'You will suffer malicious being that dares resemble me. Close to an eternity you shall stand there watching them be stuck with you.' They could feel a harsh node in their necks and couldn't swallow, an eternity spends in an abandoned place. Nothing to eat, nothing to drink and barely and air to breathe. Yet, they knew they couldn't get an end, knowing now the deity that was the same. 'Is this truly you?' She asked, still denying his fender to know her name. They'd spend close to every ounce of sand in an hourglass not knowing each other than doing the latter. He needn't answer but show it to her. A sudden urge arises for her to raise her arms. Close to the air, to the other two's surprise. An entire nest of them was lowered down to her to see, a clearer sign of the god she's given. A nest made of long grubs tied together and combined, their faces almost either melted or sewn together on the side. Almost like a basket, they squirmed at her sign, yet she didn't feel repulsed by it. On the contrary. 'They see me as a mother.' The gift that was given to her, despite doubting it, she managed to fool both the monster, the one that wanted to rescue her and herself at the point of not knowing. But in reality her prayer was heard and the price paid. 'You give her a gift and leave me punished? What kind of justic..' His voice suddenly fell down and it almost came like a thunder, breaking even floating stones that decided to come and go. 'Be silent fool unless you've to see an image to see. To be forever tormented at the sight of me, be glad I've punished you so freely, else I would've done worse.' He abides. No way for him to know but it was because of him and the trap he's set and deluded plans that the god has gotten his most valued servant. The girl was to be her champion, left entrapped until she was ready, next to one that he could use a shell from time and time. To speak to her again. They slept for the night as the voice grew silent, he was tired of having to deal with their pertinent now. At opposite corners, too tired to continue, they felt nothing and dreamed of

such. One that had a quiet sleep while the other head had a hard time on its part. A bed of insects surrounded her but she didn't feel pain, they weren't chewing nor infecting her with anything. Instead, they acted as if she was a matriarch of theirs, even consort of such. The night passed, a small hole that wasn't covered by the, relinquished of all titles god let in the light. She tried ignoring both of them, as she had no caring. I need to be alone for a while. The memory of their conversation before going to bed as they night set off still came to mind. He said it clearly, at the voice of anger. It's all because of you, I should've have decided to follow that scum and come for you too. I'm trapped here because I wanted to help. She felt anger and threw him away, saying what, perhaps in the light of day wasn't the best course of action. They both acted rashly in the situation. I never asked for you neither to be kidnapped or have to sacrifice to be alive. So, as it is, I hope I'll never get to see you again. They exchanged nothing more last night and walked away, still not wanting to get the attention of the sleeping beast that wasn't too far from them. By the light that traveled and before the other sights revealed, the insects that travelled, the many species of grubs and worms have either migrated away or crawled underground. A great tonne of deal was spent so her champions would have everything. Though they've all been cursed to not be able to die, nor feel thirst, hunger or even pain. They looked at each other, then at the beast, knowing that a long time was to pass. Twenty years to be more precise. And not a day was shown on their face nor their bodies, thought another thing could be said about their minds. Even the presence of madness would at least suffice, as they desired it so much. A feeling that was present on all three of them. Every single day that went on, where they filled their lives with scorn and gone through hate and love, understanding, and beyond. All of that was then passed on and they were left to nothing. The curse that went through their flesh also manages to find a way closer to the brain and prevent it from degrading. Yet, it wasn't advancing either. It was excruciating having to pass for so many years and be stuck in the same way, having only a short room where they'd remember further than the day it started. They knew something happened and what they've spoken about was exhausted, but they didn't know when. 'Did you say something?' 'But you've said that already.' 'You humans are acting the same as always.' It stopped being amusing as once they felt like it could've been, befriending someone they shared the prison with. They tried finding out but alway forgot its past, same went for the other two. One day the me memory of that was present, then the other faded away. Slowly the god had forgotten its original plan, to speak and shape them, to make her whole again. He wouldn't admit to himself but he was flawed, the blows that once directed at him got him to the state he was in. The plans he had, and his fail-safe implantation was now stuck in them. Forever.

Cult of the first sect

This represents a collection of notes, testimonies, documents and newspaper articles that have glimpsed on the subject of the matter. On the first note, a tape recorder stands on the table, the lamp has a quaint light that throws the shade on the other side of it. The button, unpressed. A note came with the recorder saying nothing more than play me, with a slight spread of ink on the sides. It was intentionally made that way as it wouldn't have naturally gone the course it spread. Someone prepared it well. So was the tape, clean. In the sense that there were no fingerprints visible, yet it had the dust of the sides. On a second glance, one would think that the sender deliberately placed it there. There was a mirror too on the other side, merely standing there. Detective Alan looked at it, knowing that this would be a long night, followed by the extinguishing of his royal cigarets from his pack. From the looks of it, he hasn't had a good sleep. No, at the first sight of it, he turned it in the opposite direction and resumed his inspection. His chin was stroked and it took him a quick flip to find the sign. It seemed to be custom made, coming from no less than a foreign country, or at least one other than his knowing. 'No batteries? How's this blasted thing even powered then?' He spoke freely as there wasn't anyone else in the room to hear him. Seeing that there was nothing more about it, at least nothing worth pinning down, he pressed it. 'Is this on?' A voice came, followed by static, encompassing it. Temporarily stopped. One hand was now firmly pressed against the small box to keep it stopped, with his other, he checked to see if he had any appointments ready. None wrote down. He resumed. 'Am I heard? Come on, I thought I've calibrated you before.' 'You've pressed it already, just say what you've got to say, uncle.' A second voice came to be, to confirm what was happening. Feminine at the first intonation but after hearing a few matters, it was even more clear that it was the voice of a younger man. 'Yes, indeed.' It was obvious, though he felt the need to write down the word uncle on a ripped paper, next to old, presumably. 'So, umm I decided to write this in case well, I misplace my work or lost some of it. As a backup to myself. So, gladly hello there my old self.' A quick tap on the button and a full stop, he dragged a piece of cloth, barely wet but not enough to break the device. He used it to rub off his fingerprints before letting out a mutter. 'Damn thing must be stolen.' A clean consciousness perhaps? No, he merely cleaned before starting again, this time having his hand wrapped around the other side of the cloth. If it was stolen, there wasn't any jurisdiction he had for him to be in the possession of him. There weren't any signs of forced entry either when he came into the office. Nor was anything else missing in any place he could see. Someone, somehow nicked and went to so much trouble just to place a stolen tape on his desk. 'Was it the owner? No, why would he be interested in placing it here on a detec.' Murder? He thought, perhaps the tape revealed everything. As well as, since someone went to so much trouble for him, he might as well just hear him out. 'So, I will start by reading out loud, well, not word by word but a resume of my documentation.' 'That's a stretch.' Silence nephew, you must not interfere,

this is for me. Ehm. 'Quite formal for a family. He noted even more static as the recorded man coughed, only strong sounds seemed to be the cause of it. The previous stop had less of that. 'I will start simply, well. It would seem fitting for it to have a title. Well. How about, research of occult. "Of the occult?" "Don't be witty lad. 'The man replied to his nephew so casually. Perhaps it'd be just a nitpick, the detective thought. 'As I was saying, eh. Research on the occult. Not that it matters how it's called since it's probably just going to end up just for me. 'It came to mind and he heard it, the thought of stopping it and dismiss it as a fake, being so obviously planned, with every wordplay at hand. Something played in his hand while rubbing it and hearing those seemingly planted words. He was slightly curious, mostly because of how precise it seemed to have been planned. This wasn't the work of an amateur that wanted something to prove. Alan dismissed the remark this uncle had and kept going, he wouldn't stop now at every turn as he hadn't the entirety of the night to spend. Strange. He noticed that the forward button was stuck, beyond his push and his stance. So was the backwards one, they worked in pairs. 'Well, it came to my attention, after years of research and glances, the secrets of the occult. To be more precise, one cult into particular. The cult of the first sect, a well-protected society that's hidden from the mundane world. It's come to my attention, the name especially, years ago, more than thirty years if I may be more precise. I've dedicated my life from there on, finding and trying to reveal their true intent. 'The sound of a door cracking could be heard, moments short before being accompanied by the sound of distant static. 'Ehm. 'He tried coughing, if it wasn't for the static, it would've been more obvious how dry his neck was. 'I won't give a date as I'll know where to find every extract and every single document I'm currently speaking, that's not the reason I'm doing this. One, since you've left, if for you, my dear nephew. You may not realise it yet but I care deeply about you, and my dear sister. This is why I chose to make this, without realising my true intent as of yet. Well, that and perhaps because you've never been much of a reader yourself. 'He placed the tape down. No, the sound of a burst of static revealed much about it. It fell out of his hand, on a table presumably. 'I will start by reading a few pages, just the information and some pages that are bent, it should make it easier in case you want to find what you're looking for. "Yes. 'Alan said as it occurred to him that he was almost seeing it, standing by his office and staring the old man down, the table in front of the table. The sound of paper after paper being flung filled the room he was in, even the dust particles had vibrant sounds and were distinct. 'Again, no dates, so I'd rather skip that. 'The old man muffled his speech, it was obvious how he backed away from the recorder so he'd not be heard. More of it came after. Alan thought there might've been a second person inside the room, other than the nephew that left. Perhaps the wind? No. 'Here, no more delays. A swear or an oath for newcomers. This note had been given to me by a trusted source. 'At the time, the voice monotone. 'They will have to bring an offering to be accepted, that is a must. It's nothing too short of peculiar, I'll admit and I'm not exaggerating in any way. Half of bottle of sea water that's been fermented with the remains of a familiar that has died. They had a way of knowing, I'm sure of it, records maybe, or the smell, after all. So many years of being passed away give you quite the bad smell and taste. Ehm. They must present and cut themselves, an evisceration of the hand and fill the rest of the bottle with their own blood. It sounds quite painful and pointless but I promise that it will make sense. Or at least I hope it will, given the proper context. Apparently, they're meant to abandon it near a street for a proper occultist to find and accept the offering. It's meaning, a bond, between the dead of the living. And it's said, this mostly by rumours that fly around. That, they've cultivated a method of tracking the one that had spilt the blood, directly to the very tap. By any

chance, in case you were wondering, I've not actually tried this, for obvious reason my dear, dear nephew. And I advise you to not do it either. It was easily recognisable, the detective did think that perhaps there was a chance the ritual wasn't that out of the ordinary. At first glance sure, one would think as it grotesque or filled with indecency. Despite that, he saw it more as a test of courage, of how far would one go for the promise of joining the occult. And it wasn't too far long that he heard or rumours of young people that went missing after doing strange acts involving grave robbery and such. 'Is this the reason why this was given to me?' He could remember a case that might've involved some clues of that manner and this might've been the reason why someone came to leave it here. 'Well, now, there are other trials, indeed there are, this being just the beginning. I'm not entirely sure but there might be some other. Wait a second.' Sounds of papers and static were thrown around again, he was searching for something. 'Here, the dearly deceased papers of some of the bodies found, taken be yours truly in not the most discreet or. Legal matter.' A silence came after and again some papers were being looked upon. 'I suspect, well, the punishment for not doing it correctly might've been dead. As the files say, and I quote. Anthony le Fond, male, twenty-five. He was last heard on January, his body found eight months later. The strange thing about the report is that some organs were missing. What you might suspect of being stranger than that is that only half of each was taken, with the precision of a surgeon. The man could've been paranoid, searching clues where there were none. From the description he gave, it seemed to fit more of a profile of a murderer than the occult. A connection there. There might be some inside influences involved into all of this, down to ritualistic and such. You see dear nephew. What they did not tell you and something that I've had to. Dig up myself. Was that there were something left inside of the place of the taken organs. A form of currency I suspect, whenever or not the case, they might be pertinent for the initiation. Oysters in the stomach, they were inserted deep in there. And, before you talk, I checked the body myself and saw it with my own eyes, he didn't eat them. They were planted there precisely to be found and linked. A bottle, oysters, blood of a dead relative and the blood of yours. There's more, a pair of small hooks were also found, presumably both in the bottle as much as they were found in the kidneys. This is where it gets, interesting. Something tells me that, they meant to acquire the blood by the hooks, as , opposite to the oysters, they weren't shoved inside the kidneys. No, but they had skin attached to them and it belongs to him. I've managed to examine the wounds and find the location where they were previously puncturing the skin. It was the fingers. Alan paused for a moment to have the information settle in, the confession was quite sparring. A dark grin along his face has finally settled and died off. Do I have something to do with it? It occurred to Alan that, perhaps at one point his name would be mentioned during his attest. Since there wouldn't be any reason. 'No, I need to hear more.' He wet his lips as he said it, knowing that the answers would come regardless of his attempts of predictions. The wounds on the fingers were long sewn back, it would've made more sense if they were done in January. Now. There's something else. I've thought about sharing, there's another small step I kindly refuse to enclose to you as the nature of it would be most ghastly. Thought nephew, the other two cases that I've got the files on are the exact same way, skin tore apart, revealed, organs precisely chopped in half. The elements shoved aside. What else was there?' His mutters grew even more intensely as he started running on pages. 'You will find that I've arranged everything to be most systematic, articles on the right side, documents on the left. Everything else that's written by hand is directly opposite to the working table. Now, if you may. The reason why I've decided to go on with this is simple. I'm more than certain

that you've left and shouldn't be back for at least hours ahead to stop me. With everything in mind, I've decided to attempt to join this cult of the first sect. With everything required now, all that remains is. Well to wait. You may be wondering now, why is that I've got to wait, in no way could I be done so quickly. Here's where you're wrong my dear nephew. You may not have noticed when you came here earlier this evening but, my hand was kept at most of the time away from your gaze so you wouldn't notice. You may also, by now. Heard noises, perhaps in the forms of static, this happens sometimes. The door was tightly locked and I'm certainly sure that. It won't stop them from entering. Now, now, you mustn't be filled with grief as I'm not going to pass away, just go away for a while. That, if I'm certainly sure that you won't follow in my ritual, hence the reason why I've hidden the last step. After all, it took me a fair amount of time to figure it out. Just be sure you've there to water the plants, will you?" The tape suddenly stopped, the button releasing by itself back to its original position. Alan took a few glances at it whilst fiddling his whiskers. His interest now has fully stepped in now, wanting more of it. A strange surprise as he pressed again on it. 'Tape number... I've got a hard time speaking but I will do my best as I am permitted to. I'm both watched as directly opposite of me a man stands there, farther away but enough to read my lips as they move. On the request of a. Fellow.' Alan recognised as the previous voice, the same man that has spoken before, only but a slight lisp that could still be understood. No static. 'Ehm. You may be wondering where I am. That would be a valid concern. Now, you may be wondering what would be the reason of my speaking with such calm and contempt. I was fed with what I speak of now, which is the reason why I must be so secretive about it. Do not worry, though, if I remember correctly what I've told you before, only seconds passed, yes. Which is why I must ask you too. Deny my request. I've decided to long abandon my attempt to wildly chase the occult upon some discoveries. There are quite shocking, both in an amazing way and. 'He was slightly cut off, his tone becoming monotone, followed by even the cut of a lisp. Alan hadn't a name for him, neither for his nephew. Nor a date so he could search for disappearance cases. Clear signs of the tape being tempered with were shown, perhaps the static before? It would explain the lack off, especially now that there was a slight sign of restraint. 'I cannot speak more but what I can say. I've decided to give my life towards a scope that would inherently benefit my fellow humans more than chasing false leads and senseless murderers. This way, perhaps I could even make a difference my dear nephew. And. This is also why. 'The slight tinge of hesitation could be felt across the air, even as it came from a tape. Vagueness, across the whole recording as still, nothing but a name wasn't filled with static. 'I must leave you, my dear nephew. It occurred to me, now? But that's preposterous?' A second voice came but it was hard to recognise which said what. It stopped again, even shorter than the last one. An old model indeed and from how much was spent, there wasn't any more room left, what came after could've. And might've been the last entry in the tape. A tempered item that described a ritual and gave a name, the rest being kept vague. 'Why there, why now? Why me?' Alan asked himself in the confusion, his question still unanswered. It was getting late and it would seem that this would end up being another night spent at the office. Out of the corner of his eyes, he saw a motion through the window atop of the door, stuck into the wall. Though it was none, he'd known if there was someone in the same floor. He had a distance way to know that, to the most precise point. A set of strings laid on the bottom floor, quite an ingenious device made for him by a long dead friend of his. The entire floor was riddled with them, all leading to the same small compact device under one of his desks. A small bell would ring and he'd be alerted, the stronger the sound, the closer the person approaching. It wasn't enough, he remembered that he

asked of him long ago to take it even farther away, two bell rings for a lower floor. Three for even lower and one if whoever it was came to his. Quite late, he thought, there was no ringing. 'I'm getting paranoid.' Alan said, with a glare and fiddling the tape. He had something in mind, other than his mild delay. I would finish it and lock every door, no one would get out nor inside. That way it would've been certain for him. I'd hear and rush to the door, he thought. A firearm laid just closer to him, just in case. A third one, followed by a click. IT started with static, even more of it coming despite nothing being said. 'My dear.' The voice spoke again, in a slower manner, the one which one who didn't have his jaw finally working. 'Dear nephew. I don't know if these messages will ever reach to you, at least not in time. I must confess something, that it hasn't been easy, for either of us, with my absence in the months. And now, it's been transmitted to me that. You haven't followed my advice. I could only hope that you'd hear this well, in these few moments where I'm able to freely talk.' He cleared his throat in a sloppy manner, it made enough noise as he spits out what could only be recognised as a concoction of mucus and saliva. 'Not as much as I want, though. You must stop, the reason for which they've cut the organs weren't part of the ritual. Listen carefully if you can. I've been wrong, all this time, what I thought to be. My research, everything, even the bodies. Listen lad.' He stopped, static and noise could be heard, approaching. A combination of both an echo and confinement were duly noted from the voice of the old man as he spoke. Privately, Alan thought. 'Everything, my research, was all for nothing. It's been tempered with.' With a flicker of the hand, he stopped it. A muscle's reflex that went off without his wanting, unasked for. Alan thought for a second on it, the static, his so-called evidence and theories that were false. Someone was messing with him in a grim way that no one deserved to. It went even deeper, knowing that there were signs of a group of thugs that decided to target him next. They've tampered with evidence, that was sure. He checked the bell again, still no ringing. 'They've played us, they've played me. Of all, they're not just occults, they are delusional. Those bodies and documents, the newspapers and rumour, all made up for me to follow. And I well damn fell for it, as did you apparently. This is why I'm asking you to stop, these are dangerous people. Echm.' His throat still embodied the same concoction from his neck, making its way back outside to join the rest of it. 'They will dispatch of you as well as me after I'm no use of them. Those bodies, remember them, only carved so it would fit the narrative that was tried to fit them the most. Burn the tape, burn my lib.' The static interrupted him for the last time before the tape stopped. Not fully clicked. Was there another message? Alain noticed that the button didn't fling itself back to its original position as it did the last two times. A threat most likely, it crossed his mind that this was the point where he'd be obligated. Blackmailed or worse to he'd join their small band of thugs. Yet, once again, why him, a lower detective? He couldn't swallow on his dry throat, hence he went on with it. Another voice came, deeper, close to being monotone. 'Hello. Can you hear me well enough? As you might've already suspected, Alan Pethrichok. Detective if you may, this is an invitation, not to join us but a collaboration.' He kept it short, there was no static, no sounds in the background. He paused after each sentence to do nothing more but show Alan the complete damp silence that wet the room with him. It was almost as silent as the one he was in. Almost. 'See you in two months precise, in the arctic depression.' It finally stopped with an ultimatum. There was nothing more to be said. Alan was going to accept it regardless of the slight infringe of threat. Two months passed, a long journey, with the small tape in the past. Alan wore a coat, having barely arrived at it in time to meet his quota. The ship was expensive and there was a lot paid for. 'Thank you.' Alain gave his final regards and left his boat, having the understanding between the two of them, as

it was a. In his words, a fisher's boat, gone far. He kept utmost discretion. The small village he landed in seemed pleasant. He had no time for pleasantries. Despite the awful weather, Alan was sweating, unable to swallow on his parched throat. He had a small talk with some locals that were looking way too deeply into him, studying. No suspicion, he thought. It wasn't far now, only a few pieces were traded and he had acquired a sled, with a few dogs to match it. Along the way, a small accident occurred and it crashed, killing all the dogs and leaving nothing but the owner alive. Fitting, Alan thought, after making sure it was an accident. Whatever happened in the last months changed him, in neither other occurrence would he go too far to slay such innocent animals. He was faced with a man wearing a long hood, dressed to appear as a reaper. Alan now finally came into. The great depression.

Dream

I was accompanied by three other people if my memory recalls it correctly. They were stronger, older, experienced in their trade. The trade of blades, that is. A lot has passed but that's not important, at least not for now. It's not important how we met, as it just happened. But we were acquaintances for enough to get them well. Out of them, I believe I was the youngest, followed by Jorgmund, a tall blond haired and green eyes man. Then, there were two other that I've grown attached. Both old enough to be in their late years, grey hair and everything. None of us were mercenaries nor would it happen for them to normally work with new people, though this was different. I was recruited, as one would say. 'We're almost there. Just keep in mind.' Jorgmund was placed in charge of me to make sure I wouldn't get myself killed. A dangerous time to live in, especially if you decided to live by the will of the forest. Thorny bushes and a hollow ground, the closer we approached the place we had to come into, the more it got easier to understand what was happening. And at the same time I remained clueless. He placed a hand on my shoulder. 'Are you troubled, my friend?' I didn't think much of him, though there was a charm, something that made me feel safe. That, and the fact that he was the ablest swordfighter I ever knew. Someone to have my back. It was clear where we were going towards. A small fort that wasn't far from our location, and all around of it, a growth of forest that came out of nowhere. Perhaps that's what kept me on edge, being afraid of what awaited us. I decided to respond, though giving him the time. 'I'm fine.' And cleared my throat. I had to pay attention to them and see, they were in the service of the king after all. Or at least they once been like that, guards. Though one nodded and understood. There was nothing else but the fauna, which I was the only one to notice. For them, it was so ever familiar for some reason unknown to me. Either they've encountered it before, or simply did not care, though, no animals and certainly no other travellers. One would think at least another searching party would be sent to see and check what happened with the sudden growth. 'Hold on.' We were stopped. The fort was clear in sight and just a few steps. Trees laid on the said, adding more to the forest, rocks that once accompanied slabs were covered in grass with vines on the side. Extensions like that didn't come for any reason. Though there was another, small cliffs in front that had three bridges extended to pass. Between them, any other path was blocked by a small garden that lifted itself to appear as one, though there was none. A deceivery maybe? They kept the calm but I got anxious, afraid. Not by that, nor by what we were going to do. But a figure that was slowly approaching. She was as tall as I was at my young age. Resembling a nymph, I thought she dragged vines from the ground, though at second look they tried not letting go. Dressed in leaves and plants, with green tormented eyes, a clear hair that complemented her. I tried my best swallowing but couldn't do it. From her tips to her head, she was covered in them, approaching to speak with my companions as they were the first to come and talk to her. I didn't listen nor head, just rushing through and jumping onto one of the floating bridges. A strange sensation filled me as I touched the floating bridge with my feet, walking and watching back through the moving raised shrubbery. She looked back with a twisted smile. And I thought about it for a moment, for some reason, it forced itself into me. The toll hasn't been paid for me. I came to my senses immediately so I wouldn't fall and jumped towards the section of the ground. I kept running and saw only Jorg following and trying to speak. The other two stayed with the nymph. What I remembered, that happened after is still shaking me. The only blame that could come to mind is a combination of fear and trust. I was jumped upon, four thugs, bearing weapons and ready to slash. Defenceless with no sword but a small blade, still seated inside and hidden from their sides. I thought I'd died and I would've probably done if it weren't for him. The first man was ready

but Jorg followed and unsheathed his sword, stabbing him in the neck. Immediately I was pushed, walking on the stairs that were placed right next to the fort, getting both more distance and a difference in height. He was fighting and slashing, parrying with one. Still not holding a knife and unattended, I kept being close and seeing when to come. Another parry and a clash of blades, then I saw the other one from his back running and another taking out his sword. He was ready to stab him from behind and I couldn't warn him at all, this is when I jumped and grabbed him. Too late but not. Jorg shouted out of pain as the blade came into his shoulder after merely grabbing him and preventing a full slash. I pushed with my might and removed the blade, leaving an opening for his enemy was surprised. He fought through pain and cut through his guard. Both him and I released, another man fell to the ground. Jorgmund turned at his attacker and another surprise, as I followed to make sure I'd stop him. The thuggish man, wearing his broad leather vest turned back after realising there was no escape. I took out my knife and threw it at his raised hand. A dark grin came as the knife bounced and was ready to fall straight to the ground. With a foul swoop, I grabbed but he did too, fighting with me for its ownership, though. 'Jorg.' I yelled, as we were fighting, biting his hand and letting his shout and his ranting. He blasted me away with his strong hand, having a face full of rage. Straightened to the ground, I was ready to cry in shock at the face of my killer. If it weren't for my saviour, coming for his final blow. He fell to the ground even faster than then as the angle from which he was taken out left him with a clean cut of the heart. 'Are you all right?' 'Yes. I think. Wait, your shoulder, I did not mean to.' I was interrupted, just after being pulled off the ground. 'Just a flesh wound.' My gaze flickered as I saw them approached, with her in lead, coming for the toll.

Death of a Varristoff

Grand Duchess Varristoff Fylerr, the last head of a family that bore no heir nor have any male suitor of the liking of hers. A line of blood that ran thick on the copper floors, almost as thick as the tartar pits used in the wars. Knowingly,

after the death of her parents, she was set on a path that wasn't chosen by her alone. One of self-obliteration that'd result in what's implied. She laid there, in front of her mansion for many days. Dressed in tattered rags that had bits of it carried away in the ashes. The giant corpse landed and already broken, half of the mansion dragged into the dirt. For nothing now that they've left. Her whole family, servants and friends, all dead. In front, their grave was now covered, grief threatening to swallow her whole. And in her mind, she told herself, as clear as the day. Why have I not been taken yet? But it was a question no more, as her glance answered the question for her. A knife was thrown, the only one to survive and not be destroyed by the humungous conqueror of the citadel she lived in. Not even that could survive the giant fall of a siege so dense and strong. A leap and the blade was in her hand, straightened at her head that was lifted up. No thought so far, after thinking she'd have enough for that. An eternity, she knew that it awaited her in the depths of the inferno, to be dragged forever and slashed and slashed. Be ate by the creatures that ruined her life. Grief enforced the reminder of the religion she was raised into, all for something that she couldn't help. Her eyes closed immediately at the sound of a hum. The blade slashed. Though the mark was far off after opening her eyes, she saw the blade fade into dust after cutting through a hand. She turned to see one of the servants that fell to his knees on his last breath. The man she had known to be more than a servant, hence the reason why he'd give his life to a knife with poise. 'No, Hallber.' She yelled as she reached the back and held the body of her old majordomo Hallber, the last man she'd get to witness alive. The back was aching and with a second of repayment after so many years of servitude, she allowed him to take in the last breath. 'Why did you do it Hallber?' Tears ran across the face as she said it, a twist of muscles and of joints followed as she drew in. His breath was colder than she presumed. With a flick, she removed the clothes that were preventing him from properly breathing, removing some buttons from the short. The fashioned collar around his neck too and even the belt that was strangling his belly over the button. 'Thank you milady.' And she picked on the subtle hint from his voice. The moustache he had, almost as grey as his hair was slightly lit with happiness as she did it. He was happy at least that he ended like that, after so many years of loyalty, despite the grim end of the family he swore to. At least, this moment would count. The purple glare inside of his eyes faded away as he passed to the next life, with nothing more to be done. She released her old friend and placed him to rest, caressing the hair and with the other pressing his eyes closed. A final embrace came, making it even worse for her, knowing too what expected her outside. The world was already harsh and she was abruptly forced to let go of her last friend. 'Look, there, a surviving servant.' A voice, young from the tone came from a short distance. It would be reachable by foot, exactly where he stood and she knew that the period of silence was over. The owner of the voice came, almost at an immediate pace and grabbed her by the wrist, refusing to let go. Fylerr was no older than fifteen and the young man was barely older than her, yet it was still enough to overpower her and pull her. No word. But fear ran through and desperation, it was something that ran through her head unwanted, though. It wasn't long ago that she was ready to end her own, now to refuse it all because of the servant who died for her. A prudent man was waiting too, he yelled after for his younger fellow to come faster. 'Come on Jacob, we've got not enough time, put her on the back and let's be done with it.' The lad seemed to be properly dressed, not in the sense that he'd be a lord, but a citizen, middle nonetheless. A glare not far and an older man had a small cart filled with barrels, pulled by a white horse with no ears. 'Wait.' 'So she can talk? Hah. Easier of her lad.' And at the sound of it, the strength of the muscles could be felt as the voice travelled to the lad. Jacob, how he was called, lowered his grip and wasn't rough

anymore.'Sharp tongue I presume, that could come with that mouth of yers.'He saw through the guise, under ragged clothes, there was a softness of the skin, purple eyes and a black hair, undisputedly too fair to be a maiden.They'd disguise their lord and queen like that to walk among the common folk, ey?Well, she'll get more than what she bargained for.Though, there wasn't a lack of compassion in the thoughts of his, watching his son drag the lady.Rich or poor, he saw the situation clearly, the citadel house she had laid in ruin, with no survivors other than her.She now became a commoner like them, for better or worse.'Now you can let go of her, she may speak for herself.'Front of one another, despite not daring more than a few glances when she thought he wasn't noticing, she had noted of some features of his.A big belly and clothes that weren't far from hers.The lad went away.A few better could be bought with copper but he seemed the cautious type, wearing a strapped belt and nothing more.His eyes were blue with only a sparkles of purple, a big nose and wolfish grin.There was something that yields both untrustworthiness and the opposite of it, yet she couldn't find herself pointing what it was.'What is it I can do for you, my lady?'She found herself surprised at how she was addressed as.Did he know that?"I can you were wondering, I'm not thick headed so you may not dare."I understood.'She said it whilst looking away.I mustn't underestimate him any longer, nor anger him.Before he gaze could wander off and find the son, Jacob, searching the body that wasn't even cold yet, she was stopped.'So.What can you do?"My pardon?"The blue and the purple met, their eyes hold together in conflict.Reluctantly she asked again, reforming the sentence.'My pardon sir?"You heard me if we were to give you a chance to come with us, what could you provide for the ride?The fee if you will."So I am not your servant then."You're not, but don't take too long or you'll be left here to fend on your own."I..'.She stopped to ponder as she was asked off.They were no smuggler nor had any wish to kidnap her, or that's what she thought.Scavengers or travellers from the looks of it, but I couldn't look inside of the barrels.The idea of being sold into slavery wasn't far fetched, at least she'd get more of a chance.After all, she couldn't risk waiting, soldiers might come and execute her.'Wait, before you pass your judgement.'She stopped and tried rethinking what she was about to say.The last thing that wasn't destroyed, from her knowing anyway.'My legacy, help me to the nearest town, or even village.Perhaps that's too much.'Fylerr whispered to herself, though despite the best of trying and the hushed tone, she failed to do so.He saw the sincerity in her eyes but it still sounded quite stretched.'What legacy have you, girl?Your citadel lays in ruin and your servants dead.Are any family members of yours at least alive?"No."Any hidden treasure or currency for times like these?"Nothing but the legacy sir.'It was getting cold and the time for them to leave was approaching.Whilst rubbing his chin, marvelling how round her cheeks were for a second, he saw past, to his son, Jacob.Jacob nodded and a frown came to wave his face.Damn it, the servant must've had nothing on him and more than like she doesn't either.Such a waste too, that we'd have to rely on this.'Fine, girl, you walk with us, but make any attempt to run and we'll send the hound.'His finger pointed back at the car.From the front seat, out of a cloth popped out the head of the hound.Her eyes widened.It was almost half of the size the horse had, probably even faster.A dullishly rock face but she couldn't judge, especially if it came to outrunning it.'So, is it a deal?"Yes.'She said it immediately, desperate to get off.John noted of that.And certainly, this noble spawn doesn't expect any better.Very well, we shall see what we'll make of the legacy.They came to that and lifted themselves onto the cart.Each in a different spot, between the barrels, laid a pair of pillows and something to cover.Though now at different sides, still shaken she would have to stare at one of her captors.'Jacob, was it?"The boy stared for a

while. For a long amount of time, whilst his father was checking the provisions and if all was ready, he took the time to stare at the girl. Not far from my age, huh? It felt strange, now that he realised that his only interaction with her, the previous one was just him dragging her away. A bitter taste, perhaps, even more, was added as they stared at each other. 'Yes.' He muffled as he said, pulling away the cloth he'd be using to cover himself up through the night. It was just as his, the one next to her, three others alike, even as they planned for a few refugee looking servants to survive. 'A disappointment my lady.' John said mockingly to the girl in the back. Standing near his hound and barely glancing over his shoulder. She wasn't sobbing nor was she capable of a response. 'Cheer up, it could've been worse. It could've been you up there.' He pointed at the giant lump that was attached to the giant body that crushed the citadel in its charge. A pillar of smoke arises from it, with the beast long dead and the siege fire breeders it used to carry stopped working. She wasn't expecting nor could she think of it, but John knew it. So did his son. They've both seen giant behemoths like the one there, used for siege then left for dead. Once there, the cinder would be given birth to the body and melt everything around, leaving no trace of any building or town, if it was the case. Only ashes and a black skeleton would remain, and judging from the weather. 'We'll get to see more of them where we're going. You'd better brace yourself girl.' 'It's Fylerr.' 'Fyl, it's good to know. Hiew!' They were on their way immediately, the storm, not so far on their tracks. And not a normal one either, one that would spread the fire. 'Jacob, the coats.' 'Yes, father.' The son complied and pulled two pairs out of a barrel. 'One for her too, it's a big one coming.' 'But.' 'Do as I say.' She did nothing but watching, holding on one side and another, two barrels that were on her side. Occasionally she'd get slightly thrown into the air, to feel the cold reach it. The features were now lit but not by the fire, they were long gone from that. And from the likes of where they were located, it wouldn't spread. The rain reached her face as they dashed through the night. Her reflection, soft, came through the water running down her cheekbones down to the neck. Jacob didn't know how to respond nor what to do say. At one side he was curious about her though it was hard for him, looking at his father middle the horse. At the surrounding, that was dashed, though, indescribable at most. How should I feel about it then? Jacob asked himself, now basking in her presence. It was the first human being, other than his father that he'd get to interact with. Never was he thought how to act, or to feel, a scavenger of bodies as his father, deep within. 'Will you keep staring at me?' Suddenly he opened his mouth but closed it just as such. Should I apologise or not? Am I even supposed to think like that? Or to stare. Pointlessly he asked himself, since no one would answer. But then, he realised, that. And in exchange he used it just as such. He came back and stared but asked her well. 'Do you mind me staring?' It was a frightening sound, just as a lightning strike, cutting through the sky from somewhere close. 'I don't.' She answered but a blank expression on her face remained. There was an abrupt turn on which the barrels were almost thrown overboard. They both watched on the sides, seeing the water splash, having a feeling as if they were driven through the sea. Fishes were jumping on the sides as they walked, driven to fly. Driven to jump through the mid-air frozen drops from the rain. They'd use them as gateways to achieve further distances from where they came from, winking at both of them. She saw and thought. I've never seen such a thing. Since never had she had the opportunity to get past the citadel, a prison and at the same time a castle. Protected from everything, even for small animals that would attempt come in the general direction. Despite both of them being amazed of it, she reminded herself. It had to be done. Far too long the reason has refrained. Under the coat laid the ragged clothes she used, or she was going to use. It was a pure coincidence that it happened, stealing them to

venture into the world. For this, I've traded it and now? Perhaps I've gotten to the point of regretting my decision to do so. I should. Banished from thinking, the boy's stare intensified as he approached. It wasn't something entirely unnerving to happen, but enough to disturb her line of reasoning with herself. 'What now?' She asked, taking long breaks, allowing moisture from the air and drops of water to land on her tongue. 'What were you thinking of?' 'What is it to you to know?' It perplexed Jacob to her that, especially since he knew they both spoke the same question. A slight intonation perhaps, or the mispronunciation of the words, maybe? 'Do you have an accent then?' 'I presume that. Why are you asking then?' 'Because you speak funny and you look the same way. Too much has happened for her to be offended by such a minor thing, to which she shrugged. He changed the subject, perhaps he didn't want to know. Still, though. 'You still have not answered Jacob. 'Answered what?' 'Why do you care about what I think? What is it so fancy to you knowing what I do?' 'I was merely curious you know, we don't meet many folks around on our travels. And, well. I'm not sure how other people than me and pa think when they're silent. 'With a glance, she tried figuring what was he on, why would he be so interested in such nonsense. 'Surely you can't know what anyone's thinking, it's rubbish. You can't read minds, no one can. 'The sound of leashes being thrown stopped their matter. Another turn and one of the flying fish landed in front of them, bouncing from barrel to barrel then on the side. 'Should we throw him?' Jacob asked. Again, he changed the subject, but this time, she dares, asking him of it. Quickly with a jab, which threw the fish closer to her side of the cart. 'I've not changed the subject. 'Then what have I asked you?' It morphed into a game of their liking, throwing the fish from one another. A riposte and another throw. 'You haven't asked me anything and I. 'Well, what?' 'I know I can't read mind, that's not what I wanted to know. 'Then what is it, Jacob? Why do you so desperately need to direct me so? Is there something you want to know?' A final slap threw the fish bouncing off their raft then back to the sea. He took a moment before he spoke, looking over her shoulder. His father, that he was aware of, wouldn't be able to hear it. Nor would his hound. A whisper, close to it as he signed to her with the help of his hands, to approach. When they were both in reach, her trust given freely, he was able to speak. Finally, I'd get my answer, she thought. If I'm lucky, at least. Jacob had a hard time resisting the soft features that seemed shaped when they got closer, her lips merely centimetres from his. 'I wanted to know if others think the same way as I do, or not. If I'm normal or not. 'What is it then? What could it be that you're thinking that you might think others don't? You can trust me with that. 'The slight glow of the purple flames in her eyes signalled him and a gain of trust was emitted. 'Do you think of it?' Her eyes widened as did her expression, unknowing of what he was talking about. She asked then, with a slight glance and shake off the mouth to cover up the fear she felt in the seconds to come. 'Of what?' 'The headless goat man. He keeps coming and whispering in my head. Shh. Don't tell father. 'Fylerr stopped, right as she was ready to turn around and check it. 'Who. What is the headless goat man?' 'He said he tainted my dreams and thoughts. He said he did that to everyone else. With the long scratches and vents, he inserts tadpoles in your brain. 'What are you talking about? There's no such thing. 'At first she thought, perhaps a joke, normally she'd hear them. The rain seemed to be stopping too, as did the flying fish on her sides. Perhaps another sign too? Her mind was ready to collapse as the night was already too much to take. 'No, this is why I asked. I'm not sure. I'm not sure whenever or not what he said is real or not. If he tainted your thoughts too. 'What does he look like?' 'What?' 'What does he look like Jacob? Tell me so I may judge by myself if he's real or not. 'He scratched his forehead, removing the top side of the coat that was now wet and cold. 'Do you have any proof

of his existence?' Her expression changed, as did his. It was blank, after seeing the water splashed continue. Though they were red as something was fast enough to outrun the car and slash every piece of the flying fishes into pieces. His throat was too parched to swallow, it was a mistake he's done since he saw her do it too. Thought stubborn as made it too dry to warn his father. It happened in seconds, and a long monotone sound baffled his ears. Almost like the beating of a small bell with an even smaller iron rod, continuously distracting him from the speech she gave. Flye hasn't noted yet, she was made curious, not even at the sound of two slit throats. Neither the hound nor its owner could shot or bark, it happened in a second after the presence was told. No, father. Jacob lifted and tried reaching with his hand despite being pointless, it would take seconds for the horses to realise and see. Even then, the chances were that they'd be dead in the following seconds. A struggle occurred as the thoughts tried their best to fight their tainted counterpart. Father, father, father! In his mind, he bit his lips, he fought withing, he had to shout and attempt to escape with his father and her. He can't be dead, he. Though the cart started rumbling, barely kept straight, Flye understood what he meant. She reached to cover her mouth, after seeing, through the gust of wind and ground, the body of John fell by the side. Blood came and reached her as the body bounced, left. A scream rises as she tasted the blood, spitting it out with the remaining air out of her lungs. 'Noooo.' Quickly turned, as the cart started being straightened. They watched the back of the driver, both distraught. It had no head and a furry back, no word spoken and it kept driving as if nothing happened. If so, it started going even faster than before. The barrels remained as their only barrier between then and the headless man. Flye turned to comfort him but she knew there was nothing she could say. After having dealt with the death of her entire family, in her own way, she knew that it was better if she kept silent. Though there was an immediate danger, to which she came closer. Way closer for his personal comfort, even in a situation like the one they were presented in. She asked, docile looking. 'Is he the one you've spoken about?' 'I am.' A voice came from behind and she was well aware of who it came from. No movement so far, the boy remained in shock. Immediately, after realising that she was alone in this, she turned towards the emptiness where normally there would have been a head. A glance, cut short, as she tried lifting her head to see, if the head was indeed absent or tuck down in a fur suit. As was said, cut short it was, as she stumbled back on her arse, the cart gaining more speed. Not completely unnoticed, he said. 'You won't find anything there youngling.' 'Who are you? Why did you kill Jacob's father and..' 'One question at the time unless you want to join them. And choose them carefully, or I'll increase the speed of the cart.' They both caught the barrels that were now aligned on their sides and did their best not to get flipped outside. One way remained out of there and she had a bad feeling about it. As trees, then stone started bashing and crushing their cart to sunder, they were closing in a stone passing. Tight, enough that only one horse was left, the other got released and immediately decapitated as it fell behind. 'You may ask unless you want to keep going.' The headless man said, filled with uneasiness from the lack of a mouth. 'What do you want from us?' A shout came, as the constant bounce of barrels almost dislocated her shoulder. 'I don't want anything from him, only from you girl.' Before she could turn, the gaze of Jacob fell too, behind with three barrels, quick enough to not be seen again. Left alone, with more questions, she was already ready to accept her fate. It was obvious for her that there wouldn't be a chance for escape, ever since she saw the father. 'Then will you kill me now?' 'Not yet, I still desire something from you.' A fairly calm stature filled Flye as they passed the stone way, crude, with a horse and with a cart that was a bare hole. 'What?' The question that sprung his curiosity and made the cart stop. Perhaps a made choice

or not, the entire cart cracked to pieces as did the barrels. It took a moment for her to pull out the moisture and dust off her eyes. And when she did, she found herself facing him. Hooves and hair covering his entire body, though no fingers on his hands. 'I want your thoughts, to be impure. I desire to taint them with my presence in them and breed misery and despair. I wish to haunt you and your descendants and breed through you one of my own.' The thought of it disgusted her, in every meaning possible. And even if it didn't, she asked herself. 'Why would I want that?' And she had to stare, the hands expand, going through to reach the sky. No hole from where the sound would come from, yet she still heard it clear. 'My body is dead and vanquished. I only wish to granted access, back into your world, a rebirth. A descendant is all I need, so I wouldn't be forced to possess bodies of humans, animals or broken corpses.' Then why did you taint others? "You've no idea of how it actually works so say no more about my methods. I need only this and I shall free you, one son or daughter, be no choosing of mine. And in return. I give you purity of thought." To which, the answer remained unknown. The covers closed, remains eaten, and the family remained almost as if they never existed. The name of Varristoff died that day and in death, it became anew. Yet the fate of the last wearer remains unknown to this date.

Little wooden man

Little, little, wooden man. He could not accommodate. Regardless of how much he tried fitting, none of the others would stop screaming. His skin was pale, fell off, his body broken, not by his side, and enough of it remained to be stuffed in a box of wood. It was by the mere kindness that the box had wheels, pinned down on it, the hands didn't remain either, so he had only wooden sticks. The voice still remained, as he screamed to his parents. 'Don't leave me, don't leave me!' But they ran and left him behind. Blind, as his eyes were shattered, in front of everyone else, he was just a monster. As far as he went, he passed, unknowingly along, near three or four in a pair of the whole. Voices could be heard on streets as they started screaming. 'Freak, just look at him, how it stopped. It cannot even pass that rock.' 'Come on, let's move along before we get caught.' One of them came, as the others were busy laughing, turning the box on its back so it wouldn't be able to turn around. 'Lift me up. I can't do it. Please, I need to see my parents!' The boy scream but the laughs and the malicious insults could be heard, farther away from him. They made fun of what he was, how he remained, in a wooden box, without any means to get back. 'Please!' He pleads again, it was a miracle he managed to find the latch and previously escape, though, even then he was too far from his parents who were already gone too far. 'Why?' Said the boy, barely followed by a tone. Someone else was approaching, whistling and riding a bicycle. The sounds of splashes coming over from the pools were clear. It was so sudden that it crashed, flying inches over the box. The boy asked. 'Who's there?' And he heard some noise. Not a second did he think otherwise, being concerned. A girl, barely older than him came closer and pushed him over. 'What are you?' She first asked, at which, if the child still had cheeks, he would've blushed. 'I can't find my parents, do you know where they went?' Dismissing what she asked, he had no idea, why he was blind, why were his legs unable to lift him forth. 'I don't know why you are, or who they are. I'm sorry. Perhaps.. 'I'm Thomas. I can't remember my first name very well, but. My mother used to say it rhymed with bell rang. Or the sort. 'I'm Elisabeth. Never seen something like you before.' 'What do you mean? I can't see but I know what other kids look like.' She rubbed her fingers, trying to look for a device, Thomas didn't really know what she was doing, unable to feel anything through the guise. After being tired of waiting and the silence that was passed, he asked. So sudden. 'Why are you silent?' And she almost jumped to her feet, away from the box. 'Nothing, I was just looking for a device, that's all.' 'Can you help me or not?' But the girl wasn't fairly convinced, the fact that it sounded alive, a moving wooden box with sticks, speaking to her was already a surprise, nothing more. 'I know, who might be able to help. Follow me!' She rushed to her bicycle and hasn't realised. It was when he said to her then she stopped. 'Stop, I'm blind.' Again, the sound of it made her wonder. It came out so real, could it be that he's a boy? Inside that small wooden box? Properly looking at the box, she saw that there wasn't really a cap where he could've entered, not that the size was possible. With her bike on one hand and the other on the box, they both started going, on the sidewalk, away from any sight. Suddenly, she grew closer to him and

said. 'Shh, don't speak until we get there, we need no unwanted attention.' But, 'I said shh. We can talk after, just wait for a while. And after, we can search for your parents.' 'Promise?' 'Promise!' The stick came to her hand and they both shook on it, with spit from her mouth, and the stick slightly dipped into the puddle, the promised was already on the way. And both of them walked, trying to appear as casual as she was, going around the town, on a route that no one dared to come. Of a sudden, she grabbed the box and held it to a stop. 'Emily!' A voice said it came from an older woman. It was the shop in her right, that she didn't notice, nor did she think they'd get caught so early. 'Greeting miss Oliver. How are you doing?' 'Elisabeth?' It was a hushed tone that came from the box that said her voice, the boy was silenced, but a glimpse was already taken by miss Olivier. 'Did you say something?' 'Nothing miss Oliver. Oh, this? I

need to take it to the tinkerer, he may be able to repair it.' The woman nodded as she turned back to her business. 'Very well Emily, just go on with it. Don't spend too much with that crazed old geezer.' 'I won't, bye!' They walked faster, both, alas. But the boy wondered, after not hearing anyone speak for a while, the sign of being safe to say. 'You lied about your name.' 'I didn't do such a thing. I merely just, chose to not tell you my name since I couldn't trust you.' 'And now you do?' 'The tinkerer might tell, both of us.' 'And, then my parents.' 'Then, your parents.' It was a clear path after, as she leads the blind box walking along, side by side, the semi-abandoned town. The thinker's shop

there, glowing with a spark. What he had in his shop, leading outside made a snap, which got both of their attention. Both audible, the sounds of two pots being melted together was clear. The sound of which kind of made the small box fear. 'Is it safe?' Thomas asked, whilst Emily looked around, to be sure no one would see her get near with the box. Nonetheless, they went on and over the border, they crossed the fence. No knock, as she made it a usual thing, walking over, pushing Thomas first. 'Morning Hammath.' Her voice changed, he listened in awe. How the cold wind brushed her hair. 'Greetings.' She said, once again, but she saw now, the man on the table, using the various machined over a large metal shell. With the few steps, she managed to sneak behind him and then yell. 'I said greetings!' After being yelled in the ear, the only part unprotected by the metal helmet with a visor, the man almost bounced around the room and hit the floor. Thomas heard the shout and a thud, as he started moving forth and asked. 'What was that?' 'Oh no, I think I overdid it.' They stood near the body, looking forth, the stick going around his body, trying to feel a beat. 'I can't feel his heart!' 'It's because you've got no hands to feel with.' Despite her naysay, as he thought, he kept pointing and rubbing the stick against the skin, though not malicious it was used. 'Stop it.' A grunt came, and by the power of it, the stick repelled. Eyes wide open, his face dirty, still unwashed, the remains from the last week, she saw, still remained on the face. 'Didn't you wash since the last time?' She asked. 'No, of course not, I've kept my hands busy.' The mask was no longer one, it was a miracle it wasn't broken from the fall, but he took it back and placed upon his face, then, before he was ready to resume his work, he started at the small box, remembered how he was poke. 'What's that?' 'You mean me?' Before the girl could've stopped, she was stuck mid-way, unconsciously trying to cover a mouth that wasn't there. 'This is why we came here, he claims he's looking for his parents. Also that he's a child.' 'What are you doing? It's tickling me.' The tinker was reluctant, he thought it was only a machine, but then, he thought of asking. 'Can you hear? Can you think?' 'Yes, why wouldn't I? All the other children of my age are doing the same.' 'But you're a.' He saw Emily shake her head back and forth, scratching the slightly elongated area under his neck. It was covered though by his old clothes, and he figured, only after, that what he tried doing remained pointless. 'Ah, the old age.' 'You're old?' 'Can you not see me? I see no eyes, nor ears, but you can hear

me, of that, I'm sure. 'The box was silent, in his eyes, but he broke it, lighting it, immediately. I cannot open this, what if it's real, the content could kill it if I break it loose. The man scratched the moisture on his face. 'Do you know where his parents are, Emily?' 'He hasn't told me about anything, just that.' 'Listen.' Thoma's voice broken through both of them. 'I can't feel my hands and everyone's been acting weird. Am I even a boy? Was that all a dream?' 'You listen here boy. We're both going to go in search for your parents. Let's go.' The backpack was already on the side, by the time he stopped the machines, making sure, a second after that all the cogs were stored as well. Both stood outside just waiting for him to come, though Emily made it clear as daylight. 'If you're going I'm coming too, after all, I'm the one who found him.' She said, privately between her and the tinker, which made him admit, that perhaps she really was responsible for the little box boy. 'Fine. Though I must warn you, and relax, it may be dangerous for all of us. From what we know, we may find out that his parents, if he really is what he's claiming to be, could be a pair of other boxes.' Though they both agreed that they'd go and as soon as the shop was close, they went on the journey, through the gate from behind. 'Is this a secret door?' 'You've been in the back alley before Emily.' He held Thomas in his arms, the small wheels under him were already broken and wouldn't go that far anymore, especially since the effort. Guided only by the memory of the steps. A left, a right, he remembered stopping, tracking to the point where she found him. 'The place where you said you were left, is this it?' After a larger pair of steps, they arrived, a well laid there, in the middle of nowhere. Emily said in shock, without thinking, unable to grasp. 'Were you thrown in a well? By your own parents?' 'No, I mean I don't recall it.' 'Do you recall splashes then?' He was placed down, as he approached, seeing then how empty it was. 'Abandoned in an empty well, where no one could find you if it were a search.' 'No, this can't place, I. 'Don't worry, we've got the time. Even though the clouds gathering atop of them at a fast rate. Hammath sighed. They went back and tracked again, though this time, they ended up in a different way. Still, in front of the well, all three of them found themselves on the opposite path, but in front of them, it was sunny above. The well in front of them had an opening, other than the one above. It resembled a door and it was big enough to grant passage for all three of them. 'I didn't see any door the first time I turned around the well, how could this be?' 'Emily, in case you haven't noticed, the rain stopped here, evenly to the other side. None of this makes sense and the door is the lease of our problems.' 'Then, should we go in? Perhaps his parents went there too and left him.' Emily said, her lips were already swelling from the combination of sweat, heat and cold. In the middle, between the cold area and the heat, the closer they approached the well, the easier it was to get sick. Ham coughed, but couldn't put his hand over. 'Are we going in then?' Thomas felt like he was approaching something, making a thick sound, a mask inside. Before turning the knob, the sticks started moving, left and right, unable to control them, he tried spinning the wheels, but the box was held firmly by the tinker's hands. 'What's wrong?' 'I've got a bad feeling about this.' 'Don't worry, we're here with you Thomas, all the way.' Emily said, going ahead and opening the door. A gust of wind, filled with the scent of ashes, pulled all three of them into another gust of darkness. For a second they felt the ground under them, but the gust of grim blackness devoured both their light, along with their sight. 'Emily, hold on to me!' With only a hand, he kept the box as close to his chest, guiding his shoulder for a full embrace, while holding Emily by the hand. At which she grabbed and held as tight as she could. 'What's happening? I can't feel the ground.' 'Were the last words she said outside before they were all pulled, the gate shutting, even before noon. It felt like a tornado, inside of the well, a dark one without water to go as the lit was covered above, preventing even the smallest amount

to come. Even the sound was taken by their fall, and regardless of how further away they tried reaching with their hands, they felt no walls. Not even an embrace and definitely no holding hands. They were thrust into the other side, landing as if merely let down by a carpet, grim and dark coloured. Laying on their back in a field, luscious with flowers of sand. 'Is this?' Before she could speak, they all sat there and looked at the sky, too amazed and stunned, seeing a giant floating box, even further above the giant flowers of sand. It was red, even more than the sky, darker and at the same time, it felt. It felt, to them. 'Perfect!' As Emily said, noticing the reflections bouncing against it, as it then flew away, changing angles, though none of their glances. 'Emily, we need to get out, this is way over our heads!' 'Where are we? I still cannot see anything. And I can't really remember stepping on such slopes.' Thomas was already going on a slope. Emily right behind before he could fall and break against the sand flower's bases. Damn those children, or so he thought. How come I've allowed myself to be dragged along with them, after so much work done, and there's no way back. And he was right, after a glance, he noticed that there wasn't any well, nor any door, nothing above nor below. Could it be then that, whatever drew is in took itself out? Are we trapped forever? 'Come on Ham, we've got to go.' It was almost as if the simplest shout of the child got him safely through a great depression, as he went through the rough grass, cutting through the shoes, almost as if they were nothing. 'What's with the grass? Are you two all right?' 'Yes, come on!' He stood frozen, looking at the shoes and small wooden wheel, no marks, no cuts, nothing that would suggest otherwise. Yet, I'm the only one affected. His mind alert, he jumped from side to side, trying to get as few cuts as he could. The various needles came in and snapped the ankles, making him fall in front of them. 'Ham!' She yelled, but she couldn't move either, nor could the wheels. They looked behind and the tallest of flowers was lowering itself by the roots, creating a small area of shifting sand, pulling them under. 'Hammath, help!' She shouted again, Thomas was confused, finding himself trapped too, with his hands already sunk. 'Emily, I can't feel my hands, what's happening?' But she was too distracted from seeing the tinker hands and feet, being impaled, spears made of grass, propelled by sand. He screamed and before he could do anything else, Emily closed her eyes and looked away. The man was impaled through the throat, then pulled under, his grave of sand, under the hill. It was the moment the sand got to her waist, to half of the box when she finally opened her eyes, unable to see her friend anywhere. 'Hammath!' She yelled, a third time, though with the last remains of the air inside of her lungs. The name was spoken again, seconds after, as the sand drew closer. It was a lot more silent, close to being monotone, but she spoke it nonetheless, ready to give up, as she closed her eyes. And then, she heard her name said. 'Emily!' Again, repeating the same action, opening her eyes to see, a burst of sand as the wheels spun out of control, Thomas came from the edge of the grave and turned to face her. It was almost as if he could feel her presence through the ground, that he knew, instinctively to extend the stick and let her grab on. 'Pull, Emily!' He said, and she was already half way there, using what she had, the frail strength of a child to take herself out of there. 'I'm afraid Thomas, I'm so afraid. Hammath, he.' 'I know.' The voice, almost sank its wooden pair of teeth inside, though, she wasn't distracted, she grabbed and pushed on, the pulled. 'We need more friction.' A desperate cry, as she wanted to push out the sand away. 'He died there, and we couldn't help him.' It was getting harder for Thomas to push, and all of the sudden, the stick she holds onto broke. Almost like a shock, it pushed the wooden box farther behind, whilst Emily fell on her back. As did the box, turned aside, unable to push with the broken stick and the other one near him. 'Emily, where are you? Emily, I fell on my back again and can't get up.' But it was silence then. The

small area where the box landed was located between the small root channel of sand and the grass, making for a single safe path one would take to avoid both traps. Though, none of them managed, until now. 'Emily, please!' He pleads to the sky, but there was no one there to hear, but the flowers of sand, none of which were alive. A moment of silence came soon after, he decided not to say her name ever again. It must've been hours, when the wheels stopped turning as did he, in the middle of nowhere, among no one else. Hours, maybe days, who could tell how the time went there, especially since he felt no hunger, no thirst. Only sorrow, that he felt, perhaps for the first time, thinking why. Thomas remembered hearing a scream before, long ago when he was with his parents and they almost ran over an animal on the streets. It was such a vivid memory, the light, the face it had, pure fear. Finally, the memory pushed him to say: 'Is that what Emily was like and is that what she felt?' It was so clear now, that she wasn't any longer there, else she would've said something along time ago. 'You're dead Emily and It's all my fault! It's all my fault! It's all my fault!' A dose amount more times, that was repeated, with no echo, without an interruption. He laid there until he heard the beating heart of a bird. It came through not so far, and somehow he felt, stopping from his chant-like banter. The sound came closer and closer, as both the heart beat and the hushed song of the bird came closer. It was barely audible, making it seem that it held something in its beak. 'What's that?' Thomas was curious, as he suddenly stopped himself from saying even a word, or making any sound, not to scare the bird away. Beat, beat, a sudden stop, another beat followed by another beat. Still no clear sound, and so many breaks, it was something heavy that was carried by the bird. Instead of scaring it away, he waited, only, so close, a little friend to make it less worse. Closely, it approached and stopped, a few leaps away from the box. Thomas felt like saying the simplest of words but reconsidered again that he might scare. The bird suddenly leapt and landed on top of him, laying the object on before heading away in flight. 'Don't go. What this?' He bit his words, once he realised that it was his own hand left there, out of it, tickling his side, a liquid started flowing then landing aside. It wasn't his, he would've known when the stick was first broken, now to be left like this. He waited. Coping with what was happening, whose blood was the one running dry. Sand particles were sprinkled, making the skin clog inside the box feel their touch bounce against the wood, transferring heat, to an already overheating box. And for the first time, not being abandoned and thrown away, not from what seemed to be a broken arm, Thomas felt pain. Time passed and he endured, always thinking of his parents and the times before. But, in the time where it seemed to give in and let his own mind let go, a shimmering light came from above. He felt his hands moving, both of them repaired, on their own. The wheels suddenly spun out of control as he ran across, stairs of light, shimmering with brightness, strong enough for him to see again. Under hear and under the stairs of light, an entire sea of flowers of sand, all of which cowered in fear, as he was pulled inside the perfect structure. Floating in the sky. A perfectly fit hole laid, square in form, in which he entered, though it did not come without a price, managing to cut and break both the four wheels and the freshly repaired hands. On the other side, before the opening close, he felt like moving with no hands at all. If he had them, he would've used, since the wheels already gone, as did the shell of his box, floated away, leaving the piece of meat, hovering around the pristine ground. The room was enormous, as he saw, empty, though a perfect emptiness of the likeness he hasn't seen before. 'Amazing?' 'Isn't it?' A voice asked Thomas, though when he turned he saw nothing else but the walls around. 'Who.' 'I said it, the prism in which you were drawn upon.' The throat muscles were visibly extending for Thomas to speak, as he only felt, tired as he was, asking only: 'Are we going home, to see my parents, that is?' 'Of

course.'And that is all he needed to know, though not forgetting that his friends were now gone, the chance was, that his parents were still alive. So he went, closer to the stars, inside a perfect prism, flying further way from the stars.

Nhiialaag, the witch of the sea

It was clear, fifteen years ago when the police records came that it was going to be a most peculiar case. Still ongoing, up to this day and perhaps the only criminal that wasn't found yet and incarcerated. Or that's at least what the official records said, the statement given to the rest of the world, so young, unprepared to hear and witness the truth. It was under a dim light, over a shady desk, in a room hidden inside the library inside the town of Burghington, The New Republic, that one of the original men met with a reporter and with her partner. 'Now, that we met each other, and accustomed to one another!' The man was young, mid-twenties, retired despite being in the force, though, neither were the reporter, still just as young or perhaps younger, with her assistant, thrice as less than both of them to the side. 'So, I can trust you two that you'd keep it this way! Ehm!' The young man became alerted on the notice that two others came. 'We did not agree to this. You said you'd bring only one man, not three!' 'Relax, they're here to help me with the writing, nothing more. Nothing changed, your identity will remain unchanged, and perhaps.' She was quickly interrupted by the clash of the young man who aggressively almost jumped the dust off the table and broke the chair off. 'You do not understand, she.' He realised, as the four of them had a look in their eyes, almost as if they were staring at a madman, and rightfully so. Nervous twitches and scratches, needle marks on the neck. How did this scum even become an officer? One of the acolytes thought, but he reminded herself what his boss said earlier, let her do all of the talking. You're here to write. 'So I'm to understand that coming here was a mistake?' Her voice pierced him despite not being necessary for it. He took a break, the back pain from standing up already took its toll, leaving him on the seat, sitting alone and nervously shaking still. 'We can go on with our appointment Miss. And I'm sorry for my outburst!' She nodded and signalled for each of them to take their notes out. It wasn't a mere choice, that she called for four of them, as they weren't reporters, though the man wasn't aware. And how could he know that he was in the same room with a psychologist, Frederick in the name. A veteran, Barnadock, in case the man tried to get violent, or anything else. With the last person being a doctor, for all in case, if something was to happen. All being paid a great amount of money to keep their mouths shut and pretend they're something they weren't. 'May we go in already, mister...' 'I'm Jonathan Bustgon. Again, are you sure that none will be able to find out, are you indeed?' 'I am sure of it, now go on. We wasted enough time already.' As Barnadock was getting anxious, fiddling the notes in the

dark, covered in the purplish light, he started intently at the man. Jonathan noted only a glare and avoided all contact, a flare of the colour in his eyes quickly dissipated into the air, though none noticed but the veteran, who already didn't care. He went on, seeing that there wasn't much of a choice, the door behind all of them being locked and smacked above of that. 'If I recall it, we were called to go, I was merely a rookie then, still they decided to take me with them. Our commanding officer, you see, he thought it would be good practice for me to come and observe how they take care of things, this not being a dangerous came, or so they said. "And what was the case again?" Jonathan tried to swallow. He couldn't. "We were called to investigate a series of murders, close to the seaside, apparently, or so were the records, more than twenty bodies were found there floating and being in a condition." "Condition?" "Yes, they were unnaturally bloated, like. Like the Tetraodontidae, if you are aware of the species." "The puffer fish?" The doctor asked from the back, he duly noted how he knew precisely, how, even the pronunciation was used. A nudge in the dark, Frederick observed it too. Fabricated maybe? "Bloated with what?" "Ink, like the one, found into an octopus, and that wasn't the only peculiar part. They resembled the puffer fish, in the fact that they were pierced by spikes and all of them, gruesomely had symbols and texts carved in their chests. 'It was a disgusting image set in all of their minds, though they stood there to endure. 'Let's proceed, tell us everything down to the single most detail and evidence, if there is any. "Well, there is, plenty, though a lot is inaccessible at the moment. What I can tell you is that. Well. The text that was carved, my guts are still turning at the thought of that, that I was forced by my colleges to sit there and document all of them, write down. They had to be analysed, they said. Giving it nothing more than the work of a cult. After we evacuated the area and made sure they were no danger to come into contact, we had to wait for the carts to take the bodies, so we can furtherly analyse them, side by side, doing our best to translate as much as we could out of it. It was a creepiness tied to their expression that made me remember them so vividly, the ink having blackened their pupils, as the skin, long sharp needles and spikes coming out of either orifice of other organs. Everything had to be written and asked around, making sure that no one got out to see and talk about it. We rounded them up and placed them there, having to wait and touch each and every one of them with care, after being deemed as safe to interact with. There wasn't any problem with the bodies. "The man paused for a second, looking around at them. Seeing how none wanted to interact with him, he decided to continue. She remained just as silent. His throat was already aching, just at the mere thought of it, so he started his inner thighs, almost piercing them with his sharp uncut nails. "We should've noticed it but we haven't. One of the bodies was still alive, out of the possible serial murders. It came as a shock and a surprise for us, as me and one of my fellows were in the process of carrying a body to be placed inside of a cart. We immediately dropped it in front of the medics who were still trying to figure out to do with the extra ones found near side. 'A light chuckle was left before stopping, realising how awkward it appeared. The intensity of his scratches grew as he went on. 'It was a man, mid-twenties I think. "The reporter then decided to stop being silent and asked, in a sudden change of manner of tone, denoting her intention 'Was he called Rober Oliver by any chance?" "Yes, I think, it's been so long since then!" His face brightened for a second after hearing his name, it was almost as if a deep connection, a grasp of light came to be. For a moment at least, until she spoke again. 'I've got some bad news for you then. He died a few months ago, heart attack. That's why I decided to come here, as something didn't add up in that story. "I see.!" The grin was shattered immediately, as the man came back to the twitching. He died, it must've been her. His body, repulsed by itself and what flew through his blood made its

point quickly, the pain unable to be denied anymore. 'It's been a few months for me too, pain-killer, medicine and other. But, I can't anymore, it's just too much to take.' 'Hold yourself together man, grow a damn spine, you were a police officer for 'sake.' The veteran spat on the ground as he said it, leaving no place for rebuttal. He had no problem hitting a man that was already down. Though none were safe. 'I need to finish this, so could you please tell them to leave? I can't finish it without. Without. I can't finish my story with them around watching and judging me like that.' Before the man got angered again, she signalled all three to stop. 'It's okay now, you can stay outside, he won't trouble me.' 'But madame.' Said the ever silent man. 'I said be gone. Ehm.' Their notes were gone just as they were, she'd been planning this all along, to intimidate him into getting every information. 'Now you may continue!' Her voice accompanied with a slightly wicked smile. 'Oh and don't avoid any detail, I'd hate to, well. Have to call them back here.' He was shocked by what she said, to be blackmailed like that, after everything he went. A nutjob, though perhaps he'd do a good story, even if it would not turn to be true at all. 'And don't be tear eyed now, come on.' 'The man, he survived, you know what he yelled? Over and over again.' 'I am well aware of it Jonathan. We found him in an insane asylum after all. I've managed to see both his condition and his file, and if I manage to recall correctly, the word he kept repeating, over and over again. It was Nhiia. Now, I just assumed that he simply lost his mind.' 'No, that's not his word.' As he slammed both his hands against the table, he stopped and quickly retreated in a whimper, seeing the room slightly shaken. He was in a much worse condition than before. 'It wasn't a word. Nhiialaag. Nhiialaag. Nhiialaag!' The voice came to a shout, at which the door was slammed, the veteran ready to flank and break his jaw even at the slightest command. 'I told you not to enter.' 'But ma'am' 'Leave now!' With a fury even more intense than the short, he left, with hopes, given by a signal of the hand, that it wouldn't happen again. 'A curious thing, Nhiialaag, you say? What happened then?' 'They were fishermen, all of them, on a giant ship, apparently, they were off by the storms and all caught off in it.' 'Were there any signs of the wreckage?' 'None, not even the wood.' 'Clothes to show that they were fishermen?' 'More than a hat, here and there, not at all.' 'Then how do you know?' 'When we inspected them, other than those sharp things that popped out, they had all the hooks, buried inside their mouth and throats.' 'Everyone?' 'Yes, ma'am. Well, not all of them, Oliver hadn't. Perhaps.' 'Are you trying to say that he was purposely left alive to yell the name in front of all of you? An entire ship gone missing without a trace and only a pile of corpses with their equipment shoved inside their mouth are left as proof? Do you have any idea how ridiculous that sounds? No wonder the story was denied.' She placed the note inside her pack and got herself up from the cosy seat she was inside of. 'Wait, I saw her!' With a small sentence, she was immediately stopped, just as a quick thought, a wonder at the problem. Perhaps there was something to it, perhaps not. 'I've wasted enough time and I've heard nothing.' 'Hear only this, before it's too late, I promise you I.' His arm fidgeted from side to side as he spoke softly. By a longshot miracle, he managed to calm himself and keep his composure, at least for the time being. He knew something was coming, as inside his pocket laid a napkin, full of sea ink. 'I saw her!' He said it again. The eyes were flushed with a bigger iris, full of black, enlarging by itself at the mere thought of her. 'They infected every single one of us who came into contact with the bodies. Even the medics who were, originally there to pick up the bodies befell in the same fate as we did. It was horrible, nightmare, both at night at the day. I still see her and can feel her sea salt as well, deep inside my nostrils and eyes. She haunted every single one of us as she.' The reporter suddenly stepped away. But she assured. 'It's not a virus, we were tested, how else do you think you've

managed to go to the asylum and still be fine?"Then how do you explain, what you've said?All of them dying, all but you!"I don't know entirely but I have thought of it.Perhaps for the same reason, he was kept alive.Perhaps I was kept alive for that reason too, who's to say otherwise.She wanted to.She said it herself, in a dream."So you don't know if it really happened or not."No, that's why I said that I've thought of it.Real or not, I will tell you what I've seen, then you may leave with the information, do with it whatever you may.I was drowning in the sea, seeing my fellows drowning there too, caught in traps that penetrated their bodies, impaling them from somewhere in the ground.She came from the depths and revealed herself to me, the only one conscious and aware of her presence.Even thinking about her makes me feel sick inside my stomach, so I'll describe the appearance to be short.But a mishap spine that popped out of her back, with shapes like, something to resemble barrels.Her hair was the most prominent feature in her fish-like appearance, other than the spine of course and the dull look of transparent scales, her hair.Her hair.It resembled eels in a way, that it was almost as long and shaking as them, inside the prolapsing water, yet they seemed to be moving independently from the body, all bearing the face of each of my friend, gut alive before I knew it.I was both furious and frightened that I looked around to see the faces that were located where they belong.In my stupidity, at the time.'He paused for a moment as spasm came, followed by twitches of the hand and a violent series of coughs.The lady stepped even further away from him as he did it.'She.She came closer.I'm sorry for that, it's her, she's doing this to me and my body.She's tormenting my dreams, my day and night, she called to me.Closer, that I could hear myself from within her.My voice, my head down to my neck and spine was prolonged over one of her hair strains.It frightened me even more as I thought it was real, I felt the water come in my lungs, I felt the bodies of my friends hanging around.I felt myself trapped there, talking to her despite being in front of her, trembling in fear.My deepest fears and secrets were laid on her, it was me, how else could he know everything about me?And what she told me was even grimmer.She said that I was called by the sailors a witch, you see?I spared one of their lives, to get a message across, through you and another and another and another.So it might reach them once you're done.'It seemed like the man was ready to tell more, though he stopped at a sudden pain inside his chest, piercing through like a bitter knife.Before he could extend, the woman backed away, he was drowned in the blackest ink she'd even seen, right in front of her.Unknown to her, all the ink was stored in his heart, and at that moment, it exploded all over and inside his body.His eyelids became black, it came out of his mouth, lungs, nose and ears, dripping through the floor, devouring even the lower amount of blood he had in the body.An eerie feeling filled the room as the ink reached the bottom of her feet and tried reaching her.'Barnadock!'As she yelled the name, the old dog slammed the door and pulled her out.His eyes were old but reflexes were just as well as they once were, closing the door immediately and hiding it from public sight.Comforting by the wasn't enough as her body entered a state of shock, the chemicals released in the air, that were deeply ingrained in the ink now managed to reach her.In a deep dream state, she has carried away, thought to be safe by everyone else.Though, she bit her lip after finding herself in front of the witch.It was more than described, there were no fish resembles but pale white, lizard features, the coils that floated above the water were prolonged to exit the sea and reach for above.Again, her mind went on what she thought of expecting, and yet again he was wrong, harsher scaled, it was almost as if out of her head exited the Kraken from the old stories she recalled as a child.'You..'.She said and quickly greeted.Her image, deep down on the land under the sea, quickly shifted to a temple made of sea rocks and bones of creatures that seemed to be dead long

before prerecorded history. Water seemed to be pulled just as the Kraken did too inside what now were holes in her head. Out of the water was pulled the skin, covering the skulls and bones, fragments that were laying on the floor and all-around of her, blinking at her with each chance. Is this what he truly saw? Her mind was too distracted though to think of anything else. Unable to control her eyes, they tried, desperately to search in the crowd of heads for her own. Seeing them squirm and try to whisper from her every side, she almost forgot who laid in front of her, who did that. Every side said a different thing, all of them confused and sick, lacking a body, being concerned. She silenced them all in a shout. 'I will bring you where it started and when I arrived here for the first time!' Her voice penetrated her ears, as she took the heads, pulling them even deeper into the head, along with the sand, leaving nothing but land. The expressions the witch made changed along the land. The form that resembled anything earthly was now gone, leaving nothing else but monstrous features that impregnated her mind, her eyes being forced into a dark grey. What she saw in front of her eyes was visible bones turning into a substance, almost aquatic, then into a gas. The body that resembled anything, in particular, became a cloud of darkness, a gust of stars, floating with no shape of form, having no core of its own. She said then, directly imprinted into the woman's mind as she had no mouth to speak through, no vocal cords to use. 'This is where it began, from nothing you insects became. Slowly you dared tempt all of us for you to care. Though that damned us all, now I curse you to die!' It was a sudden shock that her mind was gone, falling to the floor. Three men stood there, a dead body in a room, and a woman that was shaking on the floor in deep pain. Filled with ink, her spine exploded and infected them too. It happened too fast and in horror, two of them ran away, though not before they were touched and infected by the same thing she was. Impregnated again so she'd spread everywhere she'd get the chance to. And now, two more were on the loose. The veteran alone held her hands, too old and honourable to leave her, he stood and watched as the light was drowned in ink, all inside of her eyes. He was spared by his mere action of seeing. The witch has pondered. As in the eyes, he stared into, he saw a kingdom of ink where creatures tall and lengthy, devouring themselves along cities they resided. Fear, after so many things he's seen, though never such a thing as the one in front of his eyes. Creatures such as this shouldn't have existed in his mind. Yet they have. He stumbled as she was gargling with ink, and at a sudden moment in time, her head burst, skull broke in front of his eyes, ink splattered all around without any mark or notice. The eyes widened even more, as she left her sign, the witch of the sea, splattered a text on all the walls around, in something that was seemingly indescribable, perhaps even more indecipherable. He gasped and ran away, not to be believed by anyone sitting there. As he arrived and looked around, the library, a part of his body now permanently covered in words written with the ink of her blood. They were gone. A crowd laid there, it was a busy day, quite the rare occurrence such as it was, so many people filling it. They started, a giant majority as the man had a solid build, covered with ink on his body, grasping for air and shaking just as well. The veteran gave up that day, retired from anything else he'd do. Days later his body found, with a shot across the floor, falling from the recoil. The doctor that was once said to have been having up did as well, it's said that the pain he felt bypassed the painkillers he desperately took. The psychiatrist, on the other hand, remained alive. His whereabouts are unknown and so are his actions. But, a report came to the police after his disappearance came, along with his two daughters, young and. Well, it's said that he went mad and wanted to use both of them as sacrifices. Though the neighbours may believe what

they want to. Same goes for those who read the reports on everything told so far, truth be, they may not know. Nor will they be able to, fully be sure, if the ink managed to find even more hosts.

Alkorn

One of the contamination areas had been squared off from the rest of the complex. Eight large blocks of stone lay carved and runed, separating what should've been an empty region into an array of walkable nodes. Drawing enough power from the outstretch of I'll Dagher, the crowds were dissatisfied of the great outdoors and what the arcs of lightning had done to the planet. In the Archived of I'ssh Ilt Rogan, by the Muhars, the documentation had brought to the light of the fading struts of air that life was approach stagnation. Eight generations had been born and bred with a coefficient of knowledge which was far beneath that of an acceptable citizen of Irn. There was the mundane which inheretely pushed through and definitely removed whatever kind of insolence or rebellion there might come, pushing it so far towards any kind of resistance to be completely if not thoroughly being stampeded out. Eighteen thousand years since the coception of the oratory point marked the last sings of affliction, to which, in the end of it, there came one feasible entry into the mind of the least deranged officers of Tharn. For they had sold their planets and their people to the last outside landers, bringing in the last sings of the broken world. The sickening sickles of the alders pushed on. They spoke to me as if I wasn't even there. To look from either side while not even being closely related had been damning. I could not be bothered by the constant interruptions any longer. A pair of eyes were following, drooling as if from the least concernable pair there. In so far I only managed to take a few notes of the event before I had to go again. 'Man killed on the street near the St. Nicholas's vigil. Hit in the head, the

culprit ran away.'But I saw his wine leaving the area, following the man who took it out. I could not even believe that the man was dry when I found him, let alone realise what went on inside my head. I had been a wreck for so long, that I started doubting what I saw that night. I've received close to no attention from the police station, over the fact that I hadn't my mind set in the right place. They were a fraud, lost to something I couldn't even find the right way of expressing. I was not even content on trying to get away from what there, for some reason the thought of giving myself in for a crime I did not commit tessed in my mind.As the guttural noises came to me, I seem to have lost a good amount of interest. Something came over me as soon as I realised that no one from the station had been living, at least not in the same way I had been going at it. I shouldn't have been there. They were approach me from around every place I could come to see, not here, in the station but there. I felt like I left a pair of imprints on some wall, the blood clots only tying themselves, attaching to the least appropriate traps.Ctian tonguesI could see where the failure had come from. We, as servants of the mules could only bastardise ourselves in order to keep up with the influx of traitors which got wrapped inside the veil of the ship. As long as eight hundreds meters spanned over two hundred eighty times on various long which account for the entirety of the ship, at least on one side. For the opposite reflection appeared to have been completely encompassed in as much as a weary mask, made out of the space dilemma, a filthy cursing, desolator pair of tendons which formed themselves around every few paces of free space in which it reigned. Going as much as at the span they bore, in it they left nothing for no one to come and touch. Regardless of the freezing factor which began adhering to them there, they found a way to draw in the warm from the inside of the ship despite the lack of visible entry point. Long tongues emerged. Castrated by the self-sealing acidic rain which came into the form of bolts, they remained inside of them, beheaded in their long and beating warmish parts. Somehow they extracted the heat despite there being no attachment whatsoever, which only left them with the least incongruous of manners. At the span of a century, they could feel themselves drawing in. Punctured as they would begin to grow into strange beings of their own, as the fat rubbery tongue came finally about three paces away from the likes another one of their own, he felt repelled. Both of them were, spread in either direction they could take, unable to handle the fact that they would suffer one another's presences for as much as it would take them to reach the other life forms on the ship.By the second millennium, their presence, or as it might be said, their occupation has consolidated itself without leaving in any certainty that they might go away. From a feign side, one could draw the fact that the Ctnian celerity that came gave them horns and wings and claws and fist-like chests that pushed out again and again until their abdomens had been properly formed. Without as much as their delirious anchoring methods to the ground, they had been forced to be proudly exposed. From their backs came out the means of infections so they could make the insides such as their homes would be.In their strange-replicable minds they only saw the desire to recreate the mouths in which they stood. It was perilous to proceed this way, as their mere deception would somehow drag the wills and the mad lack of proper ill-nature of the inhabitants of the ship. They were there. Still trying to figure out the best way a contact could be stricken between them. Without any kind of method, the only way which remained would be some sing-language in forms they could see.'How did they perform the rituals? Could it be that they're able to communicate somehow after all?'I doubt that's the case. If it was, we would've been in danger a longer time ago. For now, I think it would be better to wait and see how it turns out.'No, they're dripping the semiotic fluid again. And I don't think it's just them. The cadet Conroy.'To his name,

there were a few symbiotic cans which missed from the medic bay. Those would be used for any kind of discernible disease or any sign of an infection which had been left untreated for too long. It was unnecessary to believe that it was the right thing to let him slip. But the cameras went off just when he had approached the bay. 'We lost a few good minutes there.' 'Convenient, wouldn't you say? I think he's onto us. That's no dumb kid, I truly think he found a way to do us over, and this isn't going to end up right if I get my hands on him.' 'Settle down, buck, I think the kid isn't at fault for is, nor them. And, in case you haven't noticed, most of the citizens aren't even disturbed by their new colleagues.' 'That's because most of them had their brains taken out and replaced. I don't think any normal human would risk approaching them.' And it wasn't likely to be supposed that they could be left alone. It was their rituals and practices which couldn't be taken away from them. They had adopted something close to the old religions of old in terms of prayer and the fashioning of worship. Two altars so far, inside the gums of the mouths which appeared on at least a few of the long tunnels. It shouldn't even be conceived, the fact that they would change again, but neither of the men even dare stare too much in the ether. 'I want a closer look, right over one of their heads, that should be fine.' It wasn't. At least, for as long as it could be seen, there were a good few distinguishable pairs, types, whatever could be registered, or noted for their type of work. 'They act like a hive now, I see that they haven't fully reconstructed their shrines, or their mouths. Did you notice it?' Even their asked constructors shied away from the holes in which the tongues were supposed to grow. At least, if anything, one would have to admit that they were somewhat highly aware of one another, enough that they could fantasize about what ought to be. Even if it wasn't like them, those shrubs that went out moved the half-an inch in which they were. Within a few strikes, one could pursue crushing them for about five of eight times until properly set into a slithering of poppy cots. Blue blood emerged out of nowhere, which turned slowly into a whitish flayed amount of forming cells that shouldn't have been there. 'I believe they established prior contact with some other human beings.' 'What gave it away?' 'The obvious conclusion was the fact that it wasn't supposed to be there. I think they've taken themselves far beyond the limits of what might've been their only way out. From this point I'm afraid they'll simply die because of the pure isolation to the human material on the ship, which will immediately activate the antibodies which will kill the rest of them.' 'A pity, isn't it? I thought I could almost grow to like the fellows. There's something about them I've come to like.' 'And what would that be? You'd enjoy ripping out their heads wouldn't you?' The colonel almost gave a chuckle, for a good reason as well, as much as he could see, he had been interested in taking in those long-deceased faced. Something of him could be seen as a projection, even though its unnatural look only betrayed what he feared most. By those cheekbones, he could see that they were drawing past the beak, past the mouth below the beak and the cord which ended up in the neck which had been the remnants of what used to be a tongue. He saw tiny bloated eyes which pushed onward on the cheek, using them as platforms if anything, but never giving away at any order. Soon they'd start realizing what was in for them. 'Are you listening, colonel?' 'I am, what was that?' 'We were identifying their types, if you would be so kind to come back to us, you would've found out about something similar to you. 'What do you similar? That thing isn't me.' 'Of course it isn't. We were just underlining the point that's close to you in terms of both of you being blunt-headed.' 'And that's supposed to be an insult? What's that thing?' The second type appeared, just them. Past the projector, it only came in the form of some strange derelict, which had no concern for the walls through which it simply walked, as a matter of fact, this was by no means solid.

Its arms had been lost momentarily, but one could count on them being lost somewhere in the walls. From what could be taken, one quick addition brought some resolve to mind. 'These are the inflammatory type, I see. So far, they've been responsible for pumping their muscle mass inside any kind of solid beam they would lay their hands on. Careful not to anger it unless you want to crush the room with us in it.' 'Let's test that, doc, shall we?' With a single nod of the head, they decided what would be better. It shouldn't have been this. Everything shook around them. It was at least fascinating to undermine the doc in such a way, especially since the others were trying to figure out whether or not they were indeed trying to take her away from the position she held amidst the rest of the crew. One blunt strike on the nearest side and he would start shaking. His head bobbed in what looked like a helmet, or a rest. A pair of respirator masks which were formed just like tinier version of his face came on, drawing with its eight goggles. Most of the soft part had been occupied by the suit that emerged, even those arms which had been lost beyond reach. It began shaking violently only for a few moments. Then one wall changed, so thoroughly, as violently as one could push himself through that there wasn't any sound left for a few minutes it came in. Some memories would have dictated the images of a few of the past wards in which no one dared think of the comfort of the masses. They felt like victims, the soldiers felt the calling of the war. Other strikes came in as quickly as the first one, leaving the battering still going on. Every single one of the walls had become his giant face. All except the floor, in which it carried on drawing ahead. It would push it down a few steps beyond the rims of his touch, until nothing could come about him. Spared of the agony, he started pushing on the same Ctnian words that brought him there. 'What does it want for us?' The colonel asked, unable to contain the vibrations which pushed him on the ground. Eight of his teeth went out. From each side, after which he drew back and left them to deal with the cadet who had failed to get away. 'Get away from her, I need to stop the bleeding' 'What happened?' 'Look around you, you dumb-headed helot, look around.' As long as spears fell, there had played a game of chance, from which only a few of them managed to get out unscathed. For the likes of what haunted them there, none could think of it as if it was any better. The girl had died, in her prime age of twenty, impaled by one of the falling teeth which permeated a disease of the lung. A piece of it had been impaled, while the other had crawled only in a few seconds and rested inside her cheek worm, where all of her heat was stored. It was agonizing to look, after all they went through. Insomnia would keep them together for the few days they would spend in the ante-chambers. All the while, they looked for signs, alerting the others of the general presence of the Ctnian minds which infiltrated and brought only desolation there. In them, there lay the last remnants of morbidity that lacked luster. Slowly, they would attain fat which wasn't theirs. That's how he kept track of them, just to feel his lumps being carried and fed by them was something close to being orgiastic in nature. They'd nurture them as if they were their own children, even the men. And sooner or later, one of them would be impaled again. The waiting only made their suffering worse. It was no commodity. What were they up to? No amount of questioning worked. On chamber Armock Ellyias, Eight-five, one of the Ctnian tongues had been rightfully imprisoned and forced to stay until a satisfactory change would be brought to their report. Until then, they were merely skipping sea, unable to determine just what the culprit ought to do with the set of tools he'd been given. For now, he only touched the Omnium, pulling ahead some kind of tertiary usage which began drawing in a piece of his own eyes, in order so he could see through the humans on the other side of the room. What reason could they have given him for using it was highly questionable. To think that it would only work

on those that had functioning brains was a hindrance to their task. 'Can you feel him now?' 'He's inside of my head, isn't he, I feel a shock and.' It worked both ways. Looking through the eyes of the Ctnian creature served as a simple way to take in the fact that they weren't right. What they were seeing didn't add up with the way they were acting.

First, the blurring scope which went over their eyes revealed the fact that they were still inside their mouths. She could feel the cold of space as well, replicated to an indistinguishable amount. Her breathe, if it could be seen by him, meant she was there as well now. 'I could step in and take it from it.' But she didn't convulse, nor had she given anything else other than a jerk to her mind. There were things in the mouth she wanted to draw near and figure out for her own what they were. In a greater sense, she felt like she pulled from it too much. Her bottom half hadn't

been the tail in any sense, but only the least accessible side, that would unpleasantly draw deeper in. She felt rightfully frightened by the fact that she had earned herself a place there, deeper inside the regurgitation area. For a representation of herself met her there, embed, created like a perfect mold, which saddened her just as she

approached. 'Leave me be, I think you've done a lot for me now. I'm waiting for my husband to join me at any point.' 'He won't, he's been dead for twenty years.' 'My memory of him isn't. Here I may be able to recreate him so I may pass the time.' The father she looked, the wider the area. It looked like the wider trunk of an elephant, if he had been beaten from inside, or if a shock grenade had been thrown inside of it. The various fiercely strapped molecules which were there couldn't even fathom to feel of the wretch which spread. As a mild result of their Ctnian prayers, the thing they had endured the most stroked back at them, much worse than anything her mind could've hoped to imagine. Instead of trying to draw them in, they were pushing them out, forming various contagions which started

reeling the skin out, from the various battrichal pouches which forced themselves inside of it. For them to even spare themselves a touch would be divine. For this would be their last chance to reel back in and enjoy the fruits of the

lice. Some sourdough boughs inside of the outer layers started falling down and she felt like at any time it could plow itself out. 'Dear me, what do you think it might happen if it leaves with the two of us here? Our bodies are lost and this isn't the last ship which is lost out there. I may be inquired to think that soon we will be met by them.' A leviathan mark aaczheloh, which was approaching from the distance. In the vast law of the spatial-travel, there had been no mention of the ships which had been affected by this strange compulsory thing. This disease, as nothing else

could do for it to be called, it spread and mocked them. Even during the first meeting between them, the two ships anchored one another and in a strange twist, the cameras recorded the grin which came out of it. 'I saw a face on one of the ships today.' Written in the diary of Puhloy, right as it happened a few hours ago. Ctnian be set aside, the

ultra-men came out and greeted them. 'But it had not been even comparable to the other crew, which should've been like us. They were not even remotely close to their original appearance, as I may even add that there was something

which spread them between one another in terms of who bore what inside of them. No suits despite the decompression being activated. That one I could let slide. But I could not fathom the emptiness presented beneath their bellies in which they stored their real heads. I saw them with my own eyes. One came to me and opened it to show me that he was in no longer in need of it. And there was a brain inside, real and functioning. An electrical impulse revealed it. What they had brought it as our two ships started boiling inside one another's forms had been the complete alternative. Wrong one to life, I have been defiled then. My body became more anthropomorphic, to the very point where I've lost too much of my self among the run towards my room. Daniel, Hert, both of them

ignored me, but they did draw some of the things which fell inside of me for some examination. I could hear them knocking inside of me but I'm afraid I won't be able to write any longer. From now on I should only come to rely on written material and nothing else. Puhloy's change had been precise. It wasn't his body after all, but something else's, which had carried its own code over through the ship. That had been their delivery for the time being and it could not be fought against any longer. I saw how everyone looked, I could imagine it, or so I believed. It's hard to say when my paranoia took over, but I would constantly try looking for a way out. Many of them tried getting in. Both of them were disgusted by what I had become, or what the creature was. I was a prude thing, one which grew shaped itself how it was supposed to be prior to the travel. My eyes were no longer needed, henceforth they had been abandoned and lay in rest. But I have been given another way of seeing. From the poking grates present from just about every spot imaginable around my body, a swarm of bad-like broods came out. Of course they were nothing like the planetary things, but mere intruders who fashioned themselves vaguely so they wouldn't be missed. Each of them carried a piece of a string-like pair of nerves which had once been connected to my eyes. They were in leash and I could see through them. My nostrils were missing as well, but thankfully, I have taken Kent into my room. I dragged him, almost understandingly of the touch. Perhaps my mind was his after all, as this impulse of taking him with me had almost been planetary distant, or it had been needed. Otherwise, I could not explain why I planted them inside of him. And the two of us managed to breathe, even if he hadn't been alive. I would live for both of us.

Tonight we will dine as well. As soon as they stopped knocking on the door with such a constant haze, the disturbing thing being the fact that I couldn't reenact that exact moment when I lost it. Perhaps it was my growing body, which occupied my entire room. Damned be that thing from their strange world. This wasn't meant for them to get through. I couldn't fathom listening to it sing for as long as I could help it. It wanted me to look like I was no longer of one piece. My lower body had been made to look as if it missed being alive. On some night, to which I might say that they took turns in order to make sure I would get no sleep or rest, just so I would let them in, I thought I would let them through. But I hadn't given up yet. No one is allowed in here, no one other than me. The pain in the back wouldn't reside from the mere encompassing nature of the muscle that formed there. I saw something move in it. A lack of proper hygiene resulted in the humble clutches that drew in. Just what else was missing from me? I could not even bother to sink my teeth deeper in before I could think of it again. I was starving, and I could hear them, even from the distance. My senses grew wild, and I could feel the Ctnian call of their chants.

If I were to take my chances and open the door, it would be pointless. So much of me was gone, I had been laid down with a cut across the front of my belly, from which came the many arms which had replaced my ribs. Fortunately they had crossed themselves and almost gave the vague impression that I had been exposed for a reason. But they actually bore something between each set of two arms, smaller mouths, the cavities and most importantly, the tongues. 'My conclusion is that they're the ones who were producing the chants all along. They heard one another and I heard them too. Sooner or later they would find me and I won't be able to hide nor wait here any longer.' A dirge of sweat came onto me. They were drawing near which each second I let them to whatever went through their heads. I would be found. I would be strung. Exterminated was an unkind word which dropped inside my head. Sooner or later they will know what I've become. And as the last piece of this new body-suit came, his head had turned into oblong pyramids which ended not in one but two heads, a few other peeling spikes running

from around the mark, all of which ended into a flat points. More than a few bricks looked as if the pyramids were the point where the creature's cognition started. Unknown to him now was the fact that he had no mouth to yell. Instead of his, a telepathic insight had spared the others from a recording to be had. Only a slight jerk of the body was recorded before they finally entered the room to find. 'No one inside. But he should've been there, the cameras still say he's here.' 'And we're inside as well. I'm waving at you.' It was no corruption and no illusion either. This had been a savage way of looking into his dissatisfaction as they chose to leave the room. 'Seal it and don't let anyone enter in, on my order.' 'Yes ma'am. I'll see that's it's done.' Least likely to be reassuring, they had left the perimeter and swore that they would return. To admit the fact that one of them would be tempted to cross the line and see for him if he would appear crossed the mind of a few of the members residing the crew table. Shrunk by the head, instead of trying to get ahead of the others, I swore that I would get myself killed by one of them. Just so I could prove how dangerous they were. Not the ones walking through the walls, but the loyalists, if anyone would have to cross them, it would be I, Cromsswrend. To my surprise, they couldn't even surmount the use of light which had changed. Someone wanted to keep them warm, someone in the higher levels made sure of the necessary arrangements. Twenty days passed at least since the feast of those unscrupulous eaters had returned. By now, their chanting stopped, and a few more soldiers had been convinced to join the made enclave, so they might be able to do something of it, in order to remove the mad Ctnian infestation. Twenty more hours in the same position had turned all of their stationary ends inward. No more writhing in confusion would force them to submerge inside the ones who would draw forwards. Two steps would eat at one another, drawing forward, as if it would be unlikely for them to be seen. First they'd eat pieces of the lost tongues, drawing them near until they had obtained the head of one. 'This is the obscure type I've heard about, I think I know the reason for which it belongs here. If you look beneath its strange doming head you'll see a missing neck. Not the one we cut through, but another one which should've been there instead of it. It's a way through which they found the means to reproduce the dead tongues. They won't be satisfied with only doing it once.' And thrice already they were sprouting wings in pairs. They bonded in flight. And all the space above them had only appeared because of their sudden realization that their need to misshapen the ceiling came into their minds. Not it lay domed in a strange and peculiar manner which begged for them to grow again. Though this hadn't been taken lightly, as one could not even hope to do so, they also pressured themselves from both sides of their bodies, leaving themselves exposed to the outside forced. All the meat which had been removed only added to the strange confusion that was there. 'Could I even hope to bring myself nearer to them? I cannot help it, but feel as if we're kindred spirit.' 'You lay in awe, let them be and leave them alone there. Can't you see?' That they themselves were unaware. Everyone on the ship was of the fact that the entire quadrant of space had been completely overtaken by their kind. And to make things worse, this growth-embed parasites could only force themselves to pay tribute to one another in order to allow entry in the rest of it. By their own admission and punishment which be enabled as soon as they would approach, they began eating their spawns, and changing pieces of straggle between them. Only from the likes of a giant wall of femoral forms did the restless ship find a way to traverse. But as the giant maw of the universe opened, which had been taken by them, their entry had only been facilitated by decrepit words which weren't theirs. It couldn't be conceived any longer, that they would suffer so much pain enabled by their own. That even as soon as they pushed through the navel they found a space

commentary where they were met by those members of old. Old civilization laid to rest, the kind of space-apparitions only confessed to the worst kind of unsanitary regards. Dead, dead, and laid to rest, how could they craft another empire if not for the fact that they were put to the test? 'I am Illcalciphrot, maker of weapons, forger of the space-bade by the name of Thronpsk.' Twilight and light came into it, one thousand dead stars beckoned at the fact that this blade had been forged out of a billion spines taken from the bodies of Thronks, who battled in mad elegances, shouting at one another in their invisible wars. A petty patch of blood would make them all shudder at the fact that neither of them could even face the fact that they were no longer mortals. Which meant that soon they would be forgotten, cursed with immortality, which would only be wasted on them. And the mad spirit with his squired sprouted their malignant hopeless horns and tails. Neither of them could forget that a thousand years ago, there had come the first man. Abraham, the one who bore, three eyes, though one lay missing. Dreadfully paranoid and hissing over the fact that he had been a relic of the past. His sudden appearance gave in the way for the true rulers, the ones who embodied the lost gazes of broken paths. Bridges lay around, in musty receding fluid anks which had appeared to torment him. Out of his very lungs, he shouted. 'Leave me be, can't you see that I've got no quarrel with any of you? I cannot even see the fiends I'm facing so why should I waste my eternity here?' He had attempted to speak with the derelict, the terms being stricken in his back, where he saw them as what they were, tiny living, long and erected, many dotted spheres inside of them, they looked like spear-shafts which grew at that as their blood-encrusted balls started popping inside no more. And as the blood scourged, no longer had it worked, their will died as one could beckon them to stop. This man's humanity had been driven away, he acted like a robot, unintelligent as well. He acted on their accord and did what they would tell him. 'Summon him, the one we want. Make him come and follow us about, for in our path, we shall devour him for just as long as it shall take us to recede. Otherwise, we shall end ourselves and our bodies, and we will grow thin with the will of the lack of gravity and defiance.' A malignant quiet could only get them this far. Alas, it was decided that they would force themselves to sit apart and cruelly meet one another as far as they would go. No wonder none may speak with them, no one wanted to know what was going in their minds. The blind had known the man and he would shatter himself then. But enough of the crude behavior which affected them now, it could not be conceived, it wouldn't be liked, the strike and the shallow, the madness and the grand hollow remains would be joined together, none the better, none the matter. One will have to serve and that had been only the word. The word of their chants, the words which were stricken in the Ctnian tongue of theirs, the crewmen could not think. In their madness they would sink below the likes and drown each other, lest it be called into action. A reactionless approach came as the mindless members of the crew began taking their lives thoroughly, unable to defend themselves any longer from the blossoming quiet of the mad. They had lost their minds, they had lost the things which made them want to be alive in the first place. It was dreadful, the way through which they would want to be presented there. As one came with a blade and opened a piece of him to see, that there were moth beings inside of them, hissing in the reveal that they had planted their stalks atop of the ceiling, where the greater moth-like horned monstrosities could leap from. They merely bore the appearance of their great heads, which had grown ever-presently wide and high, spreading their dying wings, and promoting the growth of a mass of lobes which inserted themselves in their heads. By no question and no direction would they be seen as anything but that within, a cruel mark, the likes of woe, one would have to cripple away, in

order to find his way back home. Prone to disillusion, they had done it, the affliction had met them in full force. Their bodies had been picked up from the ground and as soon as they had, their bodies united with that of the head moth. Together they danced with the macabre, along a made fire made on the deck. The ceiling raised even more to accommodate for their flight, as one would leap in another's tarnished antlers, he would see the animosity and the disease promoted from their loathsome dance. Their songs could not fashion themselves and one could see him rise.

One bottom leg, one fashioned bone, one throne of the unloving and everyone would die. That their finality had been stricken with, a Ctnian who had achieved an act so vile that he killed his own, stricken by jealousy that they wouldn't even invite him to their pleasurable celebration while he was there stroke him as the worst act possible, only the kind of which it may be achieved. He had stricken all of them immediately, crushing them to a quick defeat. No one would survive the likes of such a malignant feast of sorrows. Soon, and stricken and lost, and blasted, they had been cast out of their heaven as their celebration abruptly stopped. Every single flat surface had been blunted and immediately, as soon as the faces appeared again, they had realized what was to happen. All of them had been cruelly defeated and impaled in those mad dances, and spear-lances which had been spat at them. No survivor had

come to be out of the mere fact that not a single one of them tried escaping. LyioknAn unsatisfactory image emerged as soon as there was a way to look into through the curtain. It had been pulled, drawn and fashioned into a

quick-look neck holder, placed on both sides as a noose, as it acted in the repulsive manner a life would be treated. The next step had been getting it wet with some laudanum, which had been kept by Aldrich in his pocket. It was intoxicating, the way in which it made his nostrils turn to a spread of turned skin-lighted hairs which started floating off. This was the last chance he had to set everything in place. One of the few arid men who had called himself the slinger of populous, bringer of a kind of meticulously strung hedges, to which, his head tilted, and all up the the bitter song of owls, he faced his destiny which lay towards the moon. Frightened by what he saw, as he realised how unworthy he had been, with a sudden him of never-ending grimness he found himself looking at it again. Most of the surface had been encompassed in the numbing silence that enfolded him the more he started at the laughter of the moon. He could not hear it but could see the trifle coming up to him. It wasn't likely that I would ever

come to return. Things had been said, and to say the least, I could not even bother to look back at what I've abandoned. I've been too afraid to choose, whether or not I would have the right to touch the tablets again. My fingers still feel numb from trying too scotch around the edges of it. They're not what they used to be. I feel like I started cutting too much from them. One nail was missing. At least that I could be certain of, there wasn't even a way. Too many losses had been gone unattended. Down the distant vale of gloating herd, there were the few wonders coming from the herds gotten from the farther plains, where the clutch of unnerving ends started. A segmented crow appeared from one of the poltergeists. As it began spreading its strangely cashion crow lips from his distant arms, the song of crows began to jitter, as he may. For he, of all, was the unfathomable terror which crept and brought only the last terror from the plains. His crow bore the knowledge of deep crevices and the word of the nest. For in that servant of the Crow-lord Stechh, could only bring in power what he adamantly belived to be the only right amount of peers mattered. They could only stay there for so long, sleeping as they watched each other. He had drawn near their nests, unthinking, to say that they started breeding and cheering would be attuned.

Cards

One servant of the shallow, never-ending piece of hallow, drew in to the bridge. Inside of it hid the mad snitch of black cards, each of them revealing, larvae. He pushed the sole of his foot through the plank only to come down and reveal that this servant, in his obscure happening had been stealing and messing with his dreadful card. He had plenty of his weird packs, and it had been revealed how he had hid them inside the bodies of tiny dead rats.

Ship

One of the construction field lay amidst the fallen ship. It had domed a quarter of the valley in its most malign formless quarter. The machines which only now came into contact with it had scratched what appeared to be the surface of the monolith of a conveyer. 'It seems like this ship had struck an asteroid on its way here. Can you see those long waves of metal there?' Iron formations had come as they shaped themselves in some kind of centric esoteric prods of steel. In semblance of fingers, which may have looked somewhat erect, they seemed to have been dulled by their own senses. Living through the small drops of steel which would soon come to melt, there came another heat wave. 'Drop down to your senses, we need to avoid another one.' Their attentions missed on the fact that the head had only guaranteed the return of the seas of iron which could only set back the constructions then. It seemed like the entities stored in the steel deposits could only be sparse as to say and deal with one another in the very few moments they could get through to one another. It ended quickly. 'We need to clean up the area ASAP and make sure we prevent the destruction of the mineral data before another heat wave comes.' 'What about the side of it? If we try now, we may be able to get through the monolith.' 'Not now, the sensors are tracking on another set of waves. There will be another one coming shortly and I shall not risk it if it can be avoided.'

Dark breeds

The perdition came to cause more damage than it had been intended to. For its own sake, there was one who'd watch while attempting to creep into the graces of that smoldering hole from which the many atrocities lay in their archaic form. It was in them that they looked down upon. Those wretched and foul precursory which lead to what one may a

human emerged. Most of their bodies hadn't been fully formed. And in a complete dire need to look down upon them, the citizens of the civilized world chose to lock them into locked area that kept changing locations in order for a prevention to be kept in store. Within their poorly-developed eyes, they couldn't see anything but the lies of the world. Cortexes smaller, brains undeveloped, yet they had something the others hadn't. That being a good image of what truly happened in the world. With all the sustained brain-damage from the various blows which had been given and taken from the outsider, they had come to understanding, that even in their most vulgar form, somehow this gift carried on. Farther in the back, a head which had been spread, on a body which had been dead but had taken the position of a sinking bird of prey which had the bulk of a strong men suddenly opened its eyes as the static position in which it stood made forced him to fly farther amongst them. It looked like some levitating statue had made its way through some invisible field before it got dragged over. As it approached and turned, every single one of those malformed progressively featured creature had only come to realize who that was. Why, it had been so strange to look upon him, especially since they knew him to be one of their very own. Even though it had no lips to speak through but some large beak which only appeared to draw inwardly from a hole, they all knew what it had meant to tell them. Communication had been lacking, in more than one aspect, though its brain had been much stronger than anything there had even been. It managed to communicate with every single one of them in part and only then, at that moment, had it brought them to become aware of what was going on out there. Images had manifested in their minds. Though he may evolve far beyond them by any comprehension those thing had, it still brought something so their acknowledgement might be done. After it, they would be expurgated to the point of never having been formed. In their cities, the men had fallen under some infection which had caused a sudden lack of eyes, and from inside their heads, giant spider legs emerged. The legs had proceeded to continuously scratch their cheeks, until nothing but stings remained there. Marks of pink, bitter chills now ran on the streets crying because they couldn't deal with the pain. For that reason it had come here, in order to prevent its own kind from suffering such a fate as they had. They were reluctant to do anything which may even remotely provoke any kind of distillation. Their bodies were in part liquid after all. One could simply push out of them, with just enough effort that nothing may come out of them. It could see that something was about to happen to them. As their tiny bottle-cap eyes started changing, it had become clear that it was time. They had been crushed and as their bodies spilled in the pile in which no living thing should've been, it seemed like out of it there came the body of a man. Twilight fiends It couldn't be conceived, the very facet of guts which had formed itself in the air. Its degeneracy started throwing some kind of engulfing strength. What had been basked underneath the twilight had been a light as wide spread as that of an eclipse. Blisters, blue, pushed through the throat and into the skin-cloth of a tiny observer. He could pay little attention to the forming small blotches that opened in a field of dark. No man who watched what was going on there seemed to mind that the child had been affected, ever drinking from the blue disease. But the child hadn't died, instead his teeth turned inwardly, darkened by the lack of light. As soon as he had gone away from within the cover of the Twilight and into the dark, he had found out that pieces of him had darkened, much more so petrified. Behind, lost and lack of any living limb, he limped back into the twilight, met by the sight of his own lost limbs. To say the least, a piece of his mind had remained there, as he wanted to say something to the rest of them. But everyone else appeared to be mesmerized by what was going on. From one of the many blotches, the Twilight came to collect,

returning nothing to an end. Some kind of despair had been felt only by the child as he had seen small jumping horse-like legs triumphantly running erect towards the shadow. Their hooves were like erroneously-inducing sights which had belonged to the delight of seeing them rise from the ground while they prepared for the extraction. That blue in them only revealed the entire mass of their bodies as they came from below. Morbidly unaware of them, it looked like they had been caught off in the act as they revealed their giant body formation. A big blotched formed in the size of a ship, torn apart by the sheer size it had produced; there came the rattling creature, progenitor of Twilight. As the child basked in its magnificent form, the thing which had come out of it had been but a play of the creatures it had previously observed. Within its grasp, though it may have had no limbs and no means to grab what had lain in front of it, there came the girth of the mad. It pushed itself like a giant globe into the air, leaning forwardly, devouring inwardly what had been pulled away from the child. It had appeared that all of those people were marked for consumption and it was only a matter of time until they would leave the light. 'Step away from it, can't you see what it does to you?' Much more than its insides were there, out there in the open. An apparent gaze had shown her how this creature flung itself across the area in a desperate frenzy to feed itself. In such a blinding need to eat, it had forgotten that it couldn't eat those things affected by the blue horizon ahead of it. Its brain mass stood there exposed to the light. It would seem like it had revealed itself far too much so that it wouldn't be able to handle itself any longer. The mass of grey had been enveloped by its own light and there it felt prey to another one of those devourers. Within its grasp came another one of them who had drawn near, pulling it by the exposed opening and pushing it in the dark. Its body had been able to deal with the exposure to the dark radioactive engulfance of the shadow, its brain hadn't. A meal such as this couldn't have been forgiven or abandoned, left alone, pushed to the side or left to rot. Most of its remains then started sinking as those creatures were only held on the physical plains of Earth's world by their minds alone. They had observed and took a liking in human beings for so long that they tempted them with imitation. A trick of the moody in which their bodies took so many forms which only served as a lure for the brain haze in which the people had been set in. Sooner or later, after every attempt, they would have to take in the bait and give in. It was either that or who knew what may happen afterwards. It waited in the dark there, only pushing the dark image of men simply shaking, thrown before them. That thing had crawled underneath the corpse belonging to the same species as it had been, trying its best to push it forward. One lack of comprehension came to be, as soon as a man had drawn himself near. He would look and spoil no less of an extraction of himself as soon as he came into the dark. The shadows fell beneath him. Then he simply vanished in there. With anything less remaining in his mind, he appeared to be struck by the fact that there wasn't any way of knowing what was going on there. He must be dead, like the creature. It must be that. Near him, the remaining open skin which had remained of that creature got immediately thrown in his direction. Unnervingly observed by the lack of anything but the kin, there had been a way of pushing through, drawing forth, never knowing what had been observed in its small tent of dark. No bones had there remained and it was time to wonder, just how deep had that blue light come to be. Without a way of looking near, out of its very fear, one may seek some kind of disturbance which may not be so. They had looked for way to escape but it was impossible, at least, not without the proper help. Obviously the haze wouldn't last forever and as soon as it would be that they would step out of it, they would've been made aware of the boy's warning, as soon as it was to happen.

Chaotic universe

Clear windows, grazed by the upcoming ship, standing at the metal frontier to the board on the side. An old message from the archive kept being repeated time after time on it. Someone's private code had been broken as it was torn apart and mixed into twenty exact copies. Every single one of them corrupted. Either some virus spread some misinformation or whoever the owner of those messages was must've been some sociopath of some kind. Reading or even working through those had been disturbing. To be clear, many of those messages contained leaked meeting point where cadets were supposed to meet. On a loop there had been an interview with some old writer, or some speaker of the kind. His appearance had been obscured by the folder. Many of his facial features couldn't be seen. But whoever he had been interviewed by lacked any kind of awareness of the kind. Fingers slipped, hands shaking, it was some intern. Folders with name by her hands, it was clear that between the two, those who remained from the crew had little interest in what was going on there. An unworthy amount of insignificant moves came again. Still, without a way to access the interface, the board had only served as a way for those things to be projected upon. It would be useless to try anything then. By two, there had come the food. Just around the board, over the counter, where once open clad of the empty space where the seat were, stood the door to the cafeteria. That door had been nigh-permanently close. Opposite to it there was the view outside the station. Inside, it was clear enough that neither of the crewmen could deal with the tension. Not since everything, out there at least seemed to be so occupied. A few planets lay too near one another, but they hadn't been affected by any gravitational pull. But that wasn't true. To them, it only seemed like it, though most of the planets had been forced to some stillness, the universe was forced into some movement which couldn't have been forgiven. Things just happened there for some reason. Sometimes a planet would disappear. Now, the station was inside the core of one of the planets, only that it seemed to be empty.

Some backup systems had detected the fact that there was some atmosphere present and the lights came out. For now, nothing from inside the planet fell on them, for now at least. Though it seemed like Stall had caught himself off guard. He moved someday last week and it felt like it's been a year since then. His head was gone, simply cut off the chase. And the weird thing about it, what the crew had looked up at was the fact that in one of those folders on the screen, there had been pictures of the screen. A slide-show came to be, moving through picture after picture, set to go off just then. Before the feeding out, someone had revealed how they stalked, hit, pushed Stall down and did

what they wanted with him. Afterwards, the head was out there, hanging around the core. Tough atmosphere was supposed to be present and everything was somewhat affected by the gravity inside the empty planet core, there was a floating head belonging to Stall. He was very much alive. Indeed he was staring, floating, trying to flee from sight.

For some reason, the crewmen's eyes widened at a simpleton's act which had made Stall rather ashamed of what he had done. It would be a fool's act to think otherwise. But someone had attempted to kill them, even though they were locked in the same section for some time now. It couldn't have been one of them, could it? The pictures from the slideshow hadn't gone into detail. One may start to wonder, after seeing things like no blood being there, that they were trying to trick them. Imitations made out of machines didn't bring on the risk after the case. No matter how hard one may try, he couldn't force it inside. 'Did you see that? We're out there, out here, in space again.' But this time, the planets had been out of sight, and the stars hadn't been properly aligned. The cafeteria door opened and there came the robot. A general announcement came in. The board's display appeared to have changed before there had been a chance for anything to be made out of it. With a flash of a surge, there it came. If there was one man who

looked at it, for more than one second without having immediately instant to the food plates, that had been George. 'Immediate landing incoming, please proceed to the safest area possible.' They had come to a full stop, and suddenly they landed. Something had been of the matter. Without a way of looking out there, one would have to default to give in to the fact that they were stranded. The fermentations-council from Cloghe. There had been a defect in the way and manner through which one could look into what went wrong with their escapade so far. Not one but two members of the marked cover had survived the crash. Some of their cloaks had stopped proving the much desired layer of camouflage which was needed in order to help one survive in such a harsh environment as the planet they had been stranded on. Everywhere around them seemed to give in to the coming storms. There could be no denying that it wasn't safe to go out there without means of protection. As fumbled visions came to be stricken

away, there had come the dust from just about, heading that way. 'What was that?' 'I said, it's heading that way.' 'From the opposite direction, can you see it? I believe it's that flashing dot from one spot in the sky. There can't be any denying in it, from the unnatural way in which it moves and. Well, that configuration that's being picked up by its signal. The radar started going on its own again. If there was something to it, the radar would have to pick on in. 'Go, wake up Pierre. He should have a look on this.' Plenty of space shrapnel would've been enough. But this had been something else. It was a space station, rushing through the atmosphere, going on that way, without giving any kind of direction from the push-over light. A sphere of distrust came over the men. Two reasons remained there, with one being insignificant, enough that it would be ignored and the other one having been the fact that for each light-pane which had been laid on the station, there had been a cloned head attached to it. 'Am I seeing this right? Are they talking to one another?' More than that, they seemed to have been living in a state of constant falling. Their hair had been drawn back and it looked like, instead of falling in the same direction as the station, they were stuck in a state of almost hitting its sides. As the heads had lain, there couldn't be anything taken from it, without a doubt, and to and end' shout, there was no one standing over there. 'They must've been some projections. Yes.' 'They're here, they're here, look.' A pile of heads stood in the corners, near their crashed ship. It seemed like they weren't animated this time and if anything, it looked like they just fell. Not a single one had resisted the crash and it turned out that they were released from the state they had been in. 'It's not safe, you know? There's no need for you to touch

them.’ ‘Just one second, I know what I am doing, just allow me to try this, one single.’ This wasn’t supposed to happen, and that Pierre had learned it on his own skin. His entire arm disappeared then, and with a single turn or a flicker of the body, the exchange had been done as well. He turned, with a head attached to his body. A space-pioneer left there with a new head on his shoulders. This one was sad. Without general directions, it couldn’t have been thought off that there was a hand out there with a bunch of heads attached to it. Perhaps if one were to look at the cafeteria inside the station, one would serve heads or a hand. Plenty of unused machines lay there. But one peculiar sight seemed to be set at display. On a freshly spread wall of turquoise, the image of a particle-like spread hand stood there like a painting, holding those heads in a spread position. It attempted to get as many hands in its lap as it could. That had been a mad quest for the living-machine. Before long, it approached, spreading its long metallic claws and started getting near every corner. It pulled the flat surface, with its fleshy flat remains. Socketless and without an iris, the eyes moved only with a slightly observable transparency. And those things had been spread all across the station. Without a mention of the fact that there was a sudden consequence to this sudden retrieval, the command of search and reconstruction had come to be. Those heads would be rebuilt, while the hand could be abandoned. ‘Please go on with the transaction.’ A mad machine had been struck by this. Its operating device hanged upside down. Below it there stood a head staring at it. There was a look of boredom which had come over it. Its eyes sparked. From an inward pulled, this head couldn’t have made it through the sudden burst of engine in which it had been caught there. Just one tiny bit of its eyes were somewhere else, watching and following through something of a quarrel. Four hours already out of the way. Down on the planet, the crew found themselves locked in their static-placed locked-room. They were showered by the sounds this man who had died seemed to make. He would simply not leave them alone. ‘If this goes down for ten more minutes, I’ll lose it. I’ll head right out there and grab the first thing that comes in my hands. And I’ll simply.’ Wait. ‘We’ll wait until it clears. He’s human, he has to get tired just like the rest of us.’ ‘His body may be but I don’t know about that head. There’s no sign. Get some cover I say!’ For the top head of a stranger who seemed to look dumb, with its ravenous hair and clamps in the neck, it certainly knew how to get creative. With a grasp, to himself, he threw a rock and almost got to break one of the glass covers of the ship. ‘That was close.’ ‘No, it wasn’t. He needs more than a simple.’ Head, he threw it, away. The crew had been reluctant, even though they had went away and had opened the door. Looking down at it seemed to have helped everything stay clear of what was going on. But they seemed to be less reluctant once they had used the camera attached to the top area of the side-seat outside by the hanged cradles which kept their equipment. ‘It ran out of things to throw, it seems.’ Everyone tuned in to Dolquoise. ‘Don’t touch it. You know what happened to him the last time he attempted to do it.’ ‘I know but that had been a pile. I know it won’t happen to me. There’s no way it could. Plus, look.’ The head melted. It lay in a pool. It looked like one of the machines in the station had accidentally spilled boiled water over the head. Without it, there had been nothing down on the planet either. And the station only stood there in waiting. Enough hours passed for the men stuck in their section to get bored. It had been ever so-reluctantly boring to be there. It didn’t feel like there would be much of a change there. If there was something to stare out, as they gathered about the board, it was the fact that there wasn’t anything to be seen at that. The old footage of the interview had been paused and now, it only looked like the slideshow and the folders had been drawn back. Without knowledge of what was happening, it seemed like the machines had stopped trying to experiment of the crew. Now

they had been busy with something far more important and more useful, which was the fact that those sheets of skin and bone could not be forced together. Why, they had picked them and placed them neatly only to see how little could be done about it. These strips would still not go to any waste. One could still eat them after all, and they were getting close to running off supplies. 'What have you expected? Logical fallacies aside, I would abide and observe that there was no possible way of putting them together.' Obviously something which had to have been known, but those things had defied the laws of physics by simply appearing there. It was to be held to the contempt of a machine that stood recording the obscenities and the mere fact had lain itself this way. 'We're located in a universe so chaotic that we've fallen prey to our own game.' And it was true, it had to be true, the fact that the cold machines had become so vile in their desire to mess with the men those they themselves were stricken down. It felt like the station wouldn't work any longer, because it was now set forth inside the ship. Woe, for the cafeteria door had been broken by the mere entry which lay formed by the ship. Momentarily startled by the single head which had rolled inside of their room, they stared. 'Look, our crewman had returned, and. He's brought guests.' 'Wait, where are we? What happened?' Both of those groups looked rather confused at one another there. More so, the door sprouting of the cafeteria malfunctioned as well. The men were met by the machines who looked curiously in their direction. It was strange. The men who had been in isolation appeared simple, in ways which one may come to exploit. 'Don't even think about it. Whatever we stumbled upon let it be.' 'This is what happens when there's no cloak hiding us.' 'Wait, there are machines in here.' He pointed just about his shoulder. They stood like a bunch of boxes with small rotating wheels which held each other in place with the held electrical bands that didn't seem to move but absorb the kinetic energy they produced. When they were done bringing all that energy to form, the bands would draw back as to completely encompass the metal wheels. Small metal legs would expand from the wheels only to reveal a feel holes in them. Sleeping gas came out. Way too effective, especially for the people who were around a ship that had a means of closing their door. Both crews fell immediately on their knees. The metal boxes opened to reveal the androids hiding inside. 'You've got something on you.' Between the two metal boxes which had been shared, in likens of the fact that they rotated with the help of solid metal elastic bands which had been pinned down on both sides of those shifting mechanical cores, there was a head which prevented that from happening. It couldn't be but one of them had been punished again, and by the looks of it, this had been recent. Of course the head wasn't living, as its brain had been destroyed, being caught in many circuits and many pushing wires, but there's been something else in it. From inside, it looked like the brain had been turned inward, turning into a mechanical creation, which only pushed its ambiguity aside. In that machine now stood the head, much more so aroused by the fact that it had immediately been encased by the metal shell which had been drawn back. That action was quick and well thought out, as the machine approached in order to smash its sides. 'Open yourself up.' 'Allow me to open it, I shall begin the procedure of acquired forgery elements and begin cutting it apart.' There wasn't any way of knowing just how much damage the device would do. 'Wait, are you certain this would go on well? Logic dictates that this will fail, immeasurably so, to the point of doing irreparable damage to function.' 'Then cut the chase and cut its power cord, look, beneath the engine, near its wheels.' They've done it, with undoubtedly high-remark to the fact that it didn't stop. 'Restrain, immediately.' A waiting period came to mind. There had to be some way to shut it down. It wasn't going to happen. All of those tubes powering the machine haven't worked properly to begin with. Now, they'd work

no longer. A wait had been instilled. For every second spent there, drops of oil kept dripping off their sides. They could only look and wait. It was unnerving, even for them. 'Should we open it?' 'Wait for it.' There couldn't have been a second more to pass until the question had been asked again. 'Problem needs acknowledgement. Gas had been replaced with toxin. No human left alive.' It felt like there was some anger there, especially since the compartments of the station had been sealed off, the men killed, the heads thrown displaced so they wouldn't be living either and now this. Despite the lack of powering, the machine continued working. It looked like this rude inhumanity had ended up with them giving up. Behind them, the torment had begun, as they would be defiled by this human head as its vile speech kept pressing on.

Dead ends

'One more thing, before you leave.' The butt of her cigar only slouched over that bastard ran away. 'Stop him, stop him right away, he took something with him, I saw it.' Thrice already since it happened, it had been a mere miracle that the man could barely help himself that way. It wasn't just the fact that he found himself lost in the confines of the city, but he also came at a loss of words once he found himself being waited for at a rook's crook post formation. 'Hand those pieces you've taken. You know the man won't be able to live without them.' If memory served him right, he's done something downright unforgivable. He's stolen the back bone, the collar, a few toes as well. And the man veins attached and hidden in those parts, in which he had been in a dire need of in order to survive. If else would fail, there would be nothing left in his madly-induced despair. His bag had been filled with many such trinkets, as he called them, taken from the insides of the men he had robbed them from. In their

memories, there had been one embrace of many kinds of bone-formed rattle snaked which took shape from the bone-pieces he had collected. They bit him right then. 'Those bones are important, don't let them get away.' As soon as they spread on the ground, the rattle snakes passed themselves off. Dead things gloating at one another, feeling repulsed by the presence of that one globular tendor in the middle of the room, stood. Still, none would mutter a word, as obscure as one may be. It could be seen as something near some disagreement to be had between them. One spare, fourth inch of a man, who stood there, patriotic to no cause. His damsel in distress had been shot in the head but spoke no word, as opposed to the rest of them, she had been truly dead. An introverted creature hid, inside its prison, locked inside with only wit. What had remained of it, seemed be, only that may he be looked upon by his own self. Against one mirror in his room, stood the image of him, caught in static in its need to hide itself in order to avoid capture from the hole behind. Without much need of interaction, he saw that hole appear. It couldn't be explain, not because there was no hole in the room but the fact that the hole acted as if the wall on which it supposedly stood came to approach. No remorse to felt. In contrast to it, his lungs were missing. They were there, in that hole, he knew it, inside the mirror. An opalescent poignant strider parked on the airshaft. There was no air in, supplied had been caught off immediately. It looked like that had been an immediate-death trap for the bandits who thought of using it as an exit. Though it hadn't cut the air supply from within it, no, what happened is that it would increase it until the flow kept pushing onward towards having intruder's veins be forcefully shrivel up into small clots. The air had been alive. Many of the remains had been taken out of the bodies as they would be thrown out or lead into the wind lair above and out of the shaft. Such a pack of wild airs often met and discuss about what they had taken. A strange system had been set in place, rather simple. Though now they fancied themselves playing with nasty streams of blood and various picked up parts, they also carried small wind catcher, tubes of old, with which they forced the sounds of clicks and clangs. Inside air nests, they stored just about everything their deranged air-leashes had gotten into. Then, the entry to their kingdom had been opened. It wasn't for their likes that they would be invited, as there had been revealed that a mighty dark cloud, sought for in the degenerate mark had pushed and thrown those winds apart. Now, this dark wind, of which tiny molecules had not only managed to cut through the sky, but it had also managed to throw itself into the most repulsive manner against the ground. Many trees which had been placed below the tundra now came into being. There had been hope in the high planes of Nevorghr. Harboursing there, the sea were filled with ransacked stools of ded fish that swam no longer. Yet they produced their dirty oil which had contaminated the sea, which only coiled at the touch of skin. It had been so nervous being there. Within the lair of air and that of oil, there was just enough space for the basin to emerge. From it only a couple of those pricks and needle pointers could be there. The retrieval of the damaged wing had undergone serious problems. Now it waited bleeding underneath the belt of the rock's stave from which they stood watching like sedentary beings of evil. Many wore their garments holding off some kind of ill-defined predatory cloak. For each a color, neither other man would hope. To get peak at what they looked like underneath their veils had been strictly forbidden for such a sight could only disturb the natural order which governed over their bodies. Whatever force held their insides together would soon vanish to release them underneath the cloak. In time, a strong wind would simply throw that cloak somewhere where it may never be found, lost in time mostly thrown in some kind of blindness of the eye. 'Bartholomew, what is it?' 'My eye, I think there's something wrong with it.' He had not only lost vision, but a piece

of cloth appeared to be sticking out of him. 'What is it, my dear? I appear to have lost my vision.' Not only that, but the wind had carried some of the organs with it, storing them inside the man's skull. It had been irrelevant how that one single member of the gathering had died, but far more important had it been that he had managed to survive. Behind the eye, it looked like the cloak had twisted, turned and spread the remains like some kind of wide net. Though it may not grow any longer there, this had to be some kind of existence of its own. When ready to depart from the piece which had brought it there, it seemed like there couldn't be a thing to be said. 'The blindness must've been temporary. Dear Josephine, I would say that.' Something was indeed growing, a malformation and modification of no kind which had been given form by the fact that the one creature which had been killed was crushed by the damaged wing. One single feather seemed to have been lodged inside the man's head and without it there could be no way for him to get away. To look upon a man suffering and never to ask why had been the reason for which many of the ships died in that place. From the gap of an empty sea, where nothing drew inwardly into the ground there raised a great coral reef of spiked pyramids which pushed inwardly from their own insides. Their many tiny servants came out, wearing their headless robes, walking in lines which had been inscribed against their torsos. Every single one of them placed their hands against their chests in an attempt to follow. It was in that moment that their malignant petrubator had called them in. He had been trapped from within his caged, near the sea's edge. Whatever had it done to earn such a well being retort? In the plane from which one cruel word may twist the insatiable hunger of each starving man, there would be none to speak it ever again. Not any longer, for the time spent there had made everyone so strong that there'd be no way for anyone there to speak of such vulgar trivialities. 'They have returned.' The unneriving method through which the cargo landed had been way too rough. It managed to throw everything aside, pushing some of the standing long pyro-planes to the side. An equipno-sonic reaction had immediately altered the way in which their arms had folded. It had been unsatisfactory to be looked upon. One couldn't look past the desert in hopes that he may see the atrocities of war at large. The land had been affected, its likes pushed through ruin after ruin like some urgent woe which had happened. Not a single soldier had been left to fight, as widespread the battlefield, there could be no way to scour for any kind of survivor. No stranger, yet the deranged would come out of the dark with hopes of getting out alive. Some darkness lay. Amidst the graves there stood the entrance leading to the catacomb. From it sprouted the dead, lain as if towards some task, at which handle no normal man may grasp. Many lay there, forlorn as they piled and moved together like some uniformly lain degenerate rhombus. It floated like a symbol legacy the dead ones had managed to spread across the world. In them stood something so vile, to have formed the means of expulsion. In a hidden den, just then, died the last one bearing them. A man with a body formed out of many long pegs had himself be drawn towards the ground by them. In their attached form, in that world, where none may suffer another of their own kind, there, his twin had appeared. He had been tall and light, eyes which had been green and dark, bearing the mark of a long uncurled, executioner's suit which managed to spread to his knees brokenly stopped. This man looked like a duplicate without a face, for in it lay many of the pegs. Every time one of the many attached pegs drew inside the ground, it somehow ended up being drawn inside his head. Regardless of how big and wide his head would've become, he would still find himself unnervingly erect like that. Without thinking, he emerged from the places where the pegs shot, right in that spot beneath the ground, where his mightily unruffled body had been set forwardly like some kind of effigy to burn. The

man's body stood like that, seeing how he would be left to some weakness which never went away, one would have to say. Doom has come. A burst had ignited from underneath him. Beneath him it looked, like on the other side, there had been nothing but emptiness separated by a thin wall of dirt. Those pegs which had been short as well as they had lain attached to one another started bursting into flames as well. Fire spread and at each connecting end an engulfing eye had shot it, projecting in the empty space. Soon they would be released from their prison and be set free. In their kinds of liking, there would be some mad atrocity to behold. Each eye had been saddened that they would no longer be imprisoned, as they had lost much inside their meat prisons. Not just themselves, but those tiny bodies which had remained in their ashen prison, very much unaffected by the fire. And the eyes soon faded, leaving nothing to themselves in that world. Instead, it looked like those pegs chained themselves, dragging both his effigy and the man towards the ground. But that had been a trap of the man. It couldn't be that he could go through it unnerved and felt. He would be sick, from being picked on by the many time he had been forced through it. He hadn't the strength to break through dirt, like that effigy which had been madly alert at what was going on. The paradise of the dark, unnerved at last. A trickster, jester's shallowly coloured face lay as the entrance to the play. His mouth had been filled with many defiled fingers which had been ripped and dragged from sight, into the many hidden rooms permitted by the type of candles which had been there. In each of them there stood the actors, many of which had been dead. The world had been stricken by a famine unlike any other. Many plots of the land stood there, with the servants and the plowers waiting in the same fields they had buried themselves in. A sight like this couldn't be conceived of, not for someone who's break any wove like they had. Their echoes still reflected words. "I shall leave this place alive, with my job done, I shall not starve at all." But they had been driven by that image in the sight which had haunted every single worker, dreadful deceiver, even that one who hid from sight. Exactly-shaped like some mark of the grave, there stood an empty kind of vestibular bone with which they had scoped their insides and fed their demise. For, as soon as their hands scoped and pulled and showed them to their empty image in the sky, that torment made of many large stagnating beetle crags came to show how much of it had been alive. They spread like some morbid comers, pushing through the stride, ate everything they had been served with before every single one had died. Before implanting themselves in the ground so they may grow those pieces they had eaten again, the one who had sent them there appeared. It held the shape of a man, who had a piece of himself empty in the cavity as well. To tell of such a creature would do nothing to no one other than himself, as no one would believe what those men saw before dying on the fields. But they had seen themselves floating there, like some madly possessed mirror which only drew to them. In such an abundance of desire, they had come to admire themselves down there; so much more that they had flown below as they'd begin digging their own graves. Such a task wouldn't do for any other man than himself, especially since the beetles had prodded and buried themselves in the same small patches of lands. There was a the pool where life had originated inside the back of a kneeling fool. His madness reigned, he would prevail, but never would he be seen again. In his peculiar suit, he leaped out of it, wide-spread like some generously forced contractor, trying to chop, brought to a stop by the one who had been present there. Clearly, his guts, the bile, had been marked by the shots left in by the artillery at large. They had been given life through means of seething distribution, the life which had pulled in the dread, the lesser words which had never been spoken instead. Two gates stood opposite to one another, waiting for a blind man to arrive. There had been spirited chains

which had been dragged all the way from both directions, and shove inside his sockets. He had been punished for his dark sins and the unspeakable crimes against the dark people below who had lost their minds because of him. In the wake of their shallow tormented candles, there had been some kind of mission to be taken into mad consideration. Not a single sin coming from man could make it so they thought themselves the same. But the prisons had been set in that dark chamber in which the gates stood. And he had been in it, forced to feel and to reel in the panic which had been set aside for his coming. Unlikely as it had been, there had been a desire from within him, to see again. They'd give anything to see the faces of those who were mocking him and where they stood. He could only hear their voices and the sound of metal being knocked over. Each strike appeared likely to be pushing and cutting through. One would likely have to set aside the fact that the long fingers of that big brained fiend, which had been its mind thinking over, likening its long hands to the chains, in order to draw him closer to them. If this uniformly-cut creature, grey and stinger, tongue emerging from its back, wrapping itself as its two giant hands held everything in place. Within its face there stood some emptiness, a gap of features which couldn't be seen at all, but instead one could dig for something deeper and find many of them. In the mushroom-like body its head held, there was just enough space for an adult man to hide inside. And one of them did so. That's what angered this jailor and cruel one. He had ripped the man soul outside his body, forcing it to endure the suffering his body had caused on him. Long ago, this man had been a prisoner there. Now he was out there, seen by his fellow inmates, looked down upon like a frail old senile who had no idea what had been happening there. They saw no gates and no other creature there. It was obvious that they didn't see anything either, just some kind of decay which happened to be flinged from the top of their bars. Their food had been brought not by wardens or by other inmates but from small openings beneath their very cells. Without a day of release, this seemed to be going forever. If anything, they could sit and wonder how he had survived for so long. But they would see him lunging soon after at the first cockroach which had made itself be there. It had appeared out of nowhere, bringing with it plenty of eggs and more than enough dead ones. It wasn't fair. There would be at least one quarter of a billion stored body essences in that jar. Without a proper way of counting them, one could ever so slowly dwell with nothing but his own. If there had been a way of knowing that the Empire would fall, it was the fact that the servants had already transplanted their bodies inside the veils of each one of the walls. They had, for a fact, basked in the appearance of the city, giving it some sort of feeling of ever-living stone. Various monstrosities had sprouted from inside that dreadful marked spots where they stood, trying to escape their prisons, as they formed their malicious limbs which were needed in order to throw themselves forward as the invaders. Not only could it be thought off like some kind of deceitful method of approach, but it had been a loyal woe through which he couldn't help it but show his true nature. This one strange who had come there to grab as many of the bodily-infused bricks out there faded away from sight. He couldn't help it, regardless of hard he had tried mastering his own need or trying to get through. The malignant fields stood erect from the end of a spade and the maddening gaze from which the unclothed parasitical remains of their ancestors slowly faded away. Each one of them carried their parents on their back, who, in turn, carried their own, so on and so forth, until the men formed sharp spires. Those long spires appeared as if they had been tall, bearing marks on them, which lead to their weird inclined posture. At a single point, those spires had been made out of metal. Without someone to look after his dementia-encumbered man-inflicted blow, his mother fell prey to them. And they ganged on her like a pack of small

pest-infected ticks only to draw on the succulence of her essence. Her son had been missing in war, it seemed. What had come to nib at her body were pieces of the room which had spread, seeking for ways to enter her and get to her head. Candles stood forward burning and stretching on the carpet, ink following just not far beyond. An entity had arrived. One flame would guide itself through the pins which had fallen. The old lady would stop and turn at the entity. As much as it stood there, guiding itself by the small heed it had formed in its chest, though the room looked as if it was looked at through distorted lens, this entity simply cut through it with its simple movement. And it looked rather flaccid in comparisons which the objects she drew in her eyes. With each step, a pair of entrances would appear on its behind. Small in size and unseen by her, all of them lead to some empty space, where there'd be no embrace. Its dark body turned as to hide the stroke which had encompassed its entire body, many of its spread wings abided as they pushed forward from its shall hole, just beneath the entry hole. From it came a grub unlike anything which had ever been seen, as it's been cremated by some strange other being which it had argued against. That ashen-like appearance had only been its skin, as this winged organ presented itself like a flaccid small tower which had pulled the entire being aside. Such a creature couldn't merely turn, no, it needed that organ to steer itself into the grove. That's what lay outside the pulled room, the high-groove, the maddening refuge. Red and orange leaves aside, the entity presented itself. From one such room, a light came into her sight. People stood inside of there. Though she had been in pain for all of those sharp stuff entered her body but never pierced her, she couldn't help but feel bad for those people inside those rooms. Not a single man with hug one of the many small pups inside. Put this way, the dogs missed their legs. And it was obvious that one single man in that crowd had done it. Everyone but one man felt remorse for the action, yet no one could see and no one would know who the man who'd done it was. She had this ability, to look and know what a strange was really like. It's always been something she had taken a liking into doing. Out of that group of people, she spotted the one that had done it, the one who hid the dog's limbs inside his pocked. What had this entity wanted from her? Though her ability may have worked on those she knew and there were a few people she had recognized, she couldn't put her finger on what was it about this creature. Never had she seen such a creature.

Filthy urchin

Near the likes of a near-sighted fellow, toward which I had come, Cromwell, found himself waiting, staring. He wondered whether or not that man had actually been blind, or by some means, couldn't avoid the fact that he was filled with the malign feeling of woe he had so thoroughly felt. It wasn't likely that he would find himself in such a confrontation, but he had to face it, one way or the other. Something struck him, of the fellow who had been near him. Though he may not have been as disturbed by the clothes he wore, as old and peculiar as they had been, he had found something about the way in which he kept messing with the tiny button on his shirt. His alone had been a way of looking at dark paintings, leaping frogs, tiny grasshoppers eaten after dark. And in that moment, he could not distinguish reality from the mere fact that there had been something in-grown, inside of it. The button which had been in his hand, it was man-made. By the likes of a man, as he had been one, it seemed that there couldn't have been anything of the like. It wasn't the craftsmanship of someone who knew what he was doing, but rather, the sight of the deprave, that of which he had so well known himself to adhere to. A button made of tiny critters, insects he himself must've picked laid there. Against that reflection, he had given himself the kicks and the filthy pleasure of messing with the frogs around him who desperately attempted to eat at it, to devour what they could and might. He had been disposed of as so as the tall man came out of his stationary unit, quite annoyed by this vagrant person. 'Out, I said, I have had it enough with you, go take a hike and don't come back until you're clean and washed.' That's about the last he had been seen. Of course, the man hadn't taken it lightly, so to speak, he was anything but pleased by the fact that he had a chance at getting away. What he's been doing now, what had come to be shed into light was the fact that he had his back formed into a bulk, just like the hunchback. Why was that important for him to know? 'Don't throw that match into that puddle.' Cromwell turned up to look at the man. He looked in the opposite direction. Something had been bloated inside those damned frogs, to the point where something popped out of their backs, small bubbles which appeared to be filled with liquids. It couldn't be thought off as anything less of a huge misunderstanding, in which he could tell no longer what his intention had been. 'What will happen if I drop the match after I lit?' 'I think you know very well, perhaps more so, now, after I'm performing my duty as a citizen, not as a guard, to inform you, all right? Nothing out of the ordinary, but that thing is highly volatile, do you understand? I've seen what it can do, that's what happens when something eats it. First, it desperately tries to escape through whatever means it can. There's nothing piercing through that frog, see? It turned into gas.' The man had done a proper job explaining, or distracting me. He got way too close for any comfort to be had on my side. 'That's about as far as you'll go.' But it wasn't, then, it was. It had come into contact with his body, through his shoelace, through which, in turn, made a hole for itself which was so greatly needed in order to get past him and make it so he would threaten him no longer. What a mess had it come. Cromwell couldn't take the sight of the magnetic pulse which pulled the bloated frog against the man's face. It spread across his face like some splatter, growing, twisting

and suddenly becoming engraved by the same type of gaseous thing which had previously formed on the frog's back. Now, inside of that laid the skull of the man, revealed with the meat and skin. He moved no longer and had remained stationary. Still, Cromwell thought of dropping that match on him. It wasn't like there had been any liquid for it to act on, but for the sake of it alone. 'You're not as tough now, are you?' With a somewhat blunt phased face, his hair seemed to have been affected by the wind. It shot in every direction it could, to the point where it might not be held off no longer. So much had he been made aware of something which was there, in his mind, the very thought of popping it off. He had died, after all and so had the frog, both of them being caught in that strange enclave. Instead of grabbing the first sharp object which neared his close proximity, he chose to back away and carefully observe the line of events. That's what his gut instinct had told him. At least that very bile which kept pushing through his mind had. It had been the right thing after all. Some broad strokes of skin displacement happened, as it had been replaced immediately with a thickened form which would be encased as to ensure that the body wouldn't move. There had been some kind of vortex underneath the head, which made it so there wouldn't be any spine attached to the top of this barely formed shaped floating pop. That hadn't been as tormenting as to watch it suddenly be filled on its insides, with duplicated, all of which just shut in every direction but never popped the likes of the transparent skin in which it lay. Those skulls, which had served for their own likes to watch seemed so desperate to escape, for what fate followed had been much worse than this sudden break. As it happened, or had been entailed, the skin had been covered by the texture of the amphibian it had been welded on, the many heads now being tied in a unison of many voices which spoke in a dialect which had belonged to that which may not be named as to be some creature of the depths. From their eyes and mouths came out small tadpoles, which were not small by any other means of measurement, and as if happened for it to finally hatch, suddenly it sprouted its body and started flinging itself in any direction it could. Such a desire couldn't have been named as anything else but the mere desire for an attempt at survival. It had been misunderstood, for the body, which had seemed to be covered in some kind of moss, flagrant with the remains of what had been of the man seemed to have a mind of its own. Though from the top of its body, those lesions and flaps which had remained tipped around the very top of it acted like a mindful plant, forcing it to move alone. One went blindly towards the nearest pond it could get to, while the other, headed creature seemed to be stuck in its flapping motion. There, from his rear, Cromwell could barely even shake his mind off what had happened that he gave in and turned. Four men, strangely dressed in barely visible orange suits came and had revealed what they had within them. As they slowly approached, one bent over to him while opening his hooded-helmet. There had only been nothing on the inside, just machinery. As if that had made it any better, his face had been filled and dragged over with sweat. He saw those large devices, wide and long, which had been connected with many flinging entranced to the back of the containers they were carrying. One small red dot appeared on the moving body, another of which followed. Soon he only heard a quick shot which hadn't made it even less peculiar in the way it had gone through. It was way too fast for him to see, but it looked like they were shooting some kind of small anchors which had been attached momentarily. So far, each shot returned back, pulled by a strong invisible force. They were collecting pieces of him, it turned, before, in its strange, short-lived life, it leapt into the pond, immediately committing an act of self-destruction. There, it had met its fate and it couldn't have been called off. From what he could tell, the body had been the most important part of their desired hunt. By then, it had been made all to clear that

they could not put it past themselves to look in any other direction, one approached and seemed to have grabbed the heads. Inside the top of its body, the machines started performing some kind of strange twists and twitches as a long forked body of metal pushed upward until it extended ten feet in the air, pushing forth some tiny dots of metal, some extensions, some filed pins, plenty of wires and at the mid-half there came the girth of an utmost important receding disc-foil. Those things seemed to be all so-adjacent, yet acted distinct from one another. But they had one purpose alone, as the liquid-filled container had come from below the machine. Forcefully, it had been attached to the rest of the body, pushing and cranking forth the splinter which had been the entrance to the spine. It looked rather painful to him, and it seemed like he had almost lost his sense of being. 'Don't touch me.' He looked frightened at the other suit, that's what they were, suits. But they weren't emotionless, at least this one hadn't. Either that or it had been controlled, but Cromwell couldn't tell what the reason had been for him having his hair being stroked. The suit had been gentle to him, it made him feel things which shouldn't have been felt. Cromwell couldn't see why, but at the extension from which came the hands, small holes popped and from them, there had been made a few insertions through the back of his head. There was some kind of bond formed between them. Most of the other suits had already left the area, other than the one which had the skulls transplanted into it and this one. This relationship had been calming as well as it had been bizarre. Without a proper explanation which may be had, this was at least on a whole new level of being unnerving. He missed a great deal of that process in which the two of them had been attached to one another. A whole new level of unnerving woes had lain in their union, as each wire pressed into each head and each brain, which had been functional and working, that's when it happened. They were complete, a whole new being laid under protection and separated from the sight of its very unnerving gaze. So-so clear as it had been, there was something to it, which couldn't be denied. A much expected agony of woe, the entry through which it fled as well. Only this one remained, who had been just as indistinguishable from the others as he himself had been.

There was some inherited hardness which had been felt by him. He couldn't look away, he wouldn't dare say a single word on it. Woe, alacrity, look at how he went. From gaze to gaze he snapped back to reality, oh what a wretch it had been. There was definitely something wrong going on there. It couldn't have been denied by no means of setting forth, no girth, no like as to be set close to itself. But this machine stood, as he had been followed by the Cromwell. It turned before stopping. From its behind, the weapon he had used was sheathed and appeared to produce no kind of threat, at least not for now. Without being ever so aware of something being there, he had dared look out of place. A mere sight bore just enough disgrace for him to understand. To him, that had been an empty machine. A standout had been entranced, through which one of them looked at the other and could do nothing else but miss each shot, by the eye, by the mere fact that neither of them stepped, it had been signaled that this had been less of a fight of wills and more like a surrounding grace of what it could've been. Like some reprogramming of some grace, this one seemed stuck. Would there be a reason then? Cromwell could barely explain why he was there, or what had been the reason for which he had been followed. It was kind of widespread, that place, nothing but the reeds and the loneliness he felt across the grasshoppers amongst their weird roads. Nothing had been laid there, not a single manmade path, but somehow, out of some tough wretched hole from within there it had appeared a formation of long stones which moved across the low-plain water. He could walk across it with no difficulty and he had no fear that there might be something which could drag him off below. But what of the suit, something powered it after

all. 'Walk it off if you're planning on stepping in the water while I'm here. I'm not planning on drowning in a shock a trout. Well, I said I don't want you anywhere near me while I'm trying to cross it, do you understand?' Still, for each step he took, so had he. And he would be uncertain as to what that had been for, but that machine kept following without paying heed of anything of the sort, to things like personal space or proximity could be even less than rightfully shown. 'Wait, is this?' Was it what he thought it to be? There wasn't any way of knowing, but perhaps this suit tried telling him something. He would at least attempt to set himself forward in order to distance himself from the low tide. So far so good, as long as he wouldn't step in nor would there be splashes, at least he would be safe. In his head, he could only think of it that way. At least he could hope that there would be some way for him not to fall to that, whatever it was, below of him. To himself, there'd be no other who'd care enough to put it past him, you know, what he thought off. With that being the fact that he wanted ever so desperately to force himself into some flight and get away from the suit as fast as possible. But that would be what it wanted from him, wasn't it? It wanted another one of those head which had been taken for them. Why else would it try following him in such a manner? Such an obscure trance, as it had been, had forced itself unto him by some way which couldn't go past any kind of glory. He wanted to step on one toe and force himself into the water. Murkily aware of it, he could only try guessing what it could be, trying to step inside of it, that being. Just how many steps would it take him in order to get through to where he needed to get? How far would one too many, far too few steps on that rock and that adjacent to it could he leap on until he'd fall? He was already on them, and it seemed like the suit had followed. And with each leap, so had the suit, being as mobile as it had been heavy. 'You don't give up easily, do you? I suppose there could be no hope for me to get away from your grasp, would there?' It wasn't as decently put to them, that they would rather snatch and own it to themselves. It could be brushed off like some kind of well being that they would be stranded together, waiting on a rock. Something had to appear there, in the middle of nowhere, if only he waited enough, right? 'We'll be stranded here for some time, unless you drag the two of us down there. And if that turns out to be anything but water, then I suppose there won't be much left for me in any case.' He wasn't much to have any conversation with. As a matter of fact, not only had he not been well spoken, but he wasn't talking at all. Even though the rounded hood stood there as a means of protection, he could see the fact that there wasn't any way of knowing what was going on behind the closed doors. It might've been anything, frankly anything of the sort. Perhaps there had been certain things which may be twisting and turning, lifting and resting. Yeah, resting, just like he had been doing, not in the same way as he had but he shared some kind of remote feeling of closeness to the machine in front of it. That helmet he bore, to be broad about it, was kind of clean, enough that he could see his own reflection standing against him. It was in fact something he had taken a liking into watching. But not the other thing, the formation of water which kept rising from his back. Cromwell turned and looked, ready to leap on top of the suit if he had to, but he chose to believe that it had only been his mind playing tricks on me. 'I won't be able to last too long without any kind of conversation. Look, I'm not trying to be mean or anything, but you were doing something, before. And I'm not trying to intrude or anything, but I need something to pass the time.' For a second there, he thought he saw the top of the suit having shaken as if in understanding of what he meant for him to do. Clearly, as it had been obvious to his clinging ears, some tools had made the inner working inside of him turn forward. To keep it to himself before he would be ridden from this, he suddenly dragged its hand and placed it behind the top of his

head. Moments like this couldn't be anything but mesmerizing, as he had been lost, with little heed and even less of an awareness of the upcoming surroundings. And there were quite some sights to be held, as they were both pushed by this peculiar moving formation, without even getting close to even face the threat of diving through the earth.

What less than some peculiar notion would it be for them to go around and heed no longer what was going on there. Simply said, they could both just give in and lay in that strange concoction as two strangers who had held themselves that way. But he pulled away and he felt the impact of the shore. Cromwell couldn't help himself but stare at the reflection that thing had against the liquid near it. He had been ever so disgusted by this, by what he had done. One of his hands started brushing off the back of his neck, only to return and reveal just what he thought he had. While rubbing way too hard, he found some pouches which bore small pockets of blood. Clearly, whatever he was doing to his mind couldn't have been that great for his body. 'Don't do that any longer, do you understand? I don't wish to be worked that way, I can't seem to shake this feeling off you know? With you following me, I can't

figure out whether you're a friend or if you want me to lose my head so you may claim it.' He had been truthful enough, thought his smell had seemed to be rather dreadful for one who had to be near him for way too long. It was obvious that he would lay there and be kind of aware that there were eyes watching. Oh, there were frogs, and worse, tiny bloated sea shells, which moved with a strange addition from underneath them. From their insides, there came some strange means through which they could attempt moving, even if it had looked like it came from somewhere else. Of course it had to be that way, as soon as one of those clams opened, there it hid, the sea-urchin which seemed

to have formed itself from angles which, in any other circumstance would've prevented such a thing from even moving inches from where it stood. Clearly, it hadn't been meant to be that way. It looked like some main body of the urchin had been thick enough to the very end, where it had unleashed tight rounded corners which pushed in every direction possible, to the point where it had pierced its own body, pushing and pulsating still while it tried getting it every tiny limb out. With those tiny things spread across each tiny stick of grass, it started pulling itself to

some weird fruition of the kind. There would be nothing less than what it had been expected of it. For that to happen, as it did, the suit had no indolence for the tiny culprits. They were the ones pushing something in the ground, plating some kind of strange malignancy which helped the liquid spread. And now, the suits' allegiance had been made clear, at least to him now, as he had come to the very realization that he could see himself no longer be forced to wonder. Widened by the quick draw that weapon of his activated and shot with a sudden kind of mild despair as there had been. It couldn't be thought of being even less of a distraction than it had been supposed to be. But that small creature had been instantly crushed by a blunt strike. The suit hadn't even a need to take a shot of

it, as it's been far easier to take its life than it could've been accounted for. Now, to stop and recalculate the position where they had all been placed, around the map there laid four directions which could possibly be passed through the map. At each interval, there came a surge of static shock from the great machine on which the four standing rotation points laid. To them there lay attached some four small land-satellites which seemed to keep the wild life under supreme control. Unknown to the living creatures there, it had been made plenty clear what they were after.

Small prodding devices which had been encased into locks of steel, forged into some flight but kept still by some tubes which shot in every direction in some attempt to keep them still. Through that strange concoction of a cage, in their prison, they still appeared to be active. Tiny red, almost invisible light, who would become invisible once they

went into full range, seemed to push ever so carefully to alert one another and connect. With one point in time, there would be no less of a deceitful line through which one would leap from another, and none may know the better. For each time, the flying prisons crossed together, the system would receive a smaller shock, and the small land satellite in the area would become ever more active in its strangeness and the peculiar way in which it acted. Instead of drawing in higher, it would go deeper below, and then there could come nothing but the activation of the others. Each and every single one of them would push and cry after the others until the entire ground level would push upward a few feet. And for the time being, the entire place of dirt of which they stood seemed to be at least a few inches off the ground. As it just happened, something in the gravitational wave shot the ground in a manner of which affected mostly the liquid through its strange man-made laws. They couldn't be denied, nor would they be crossed by any means, for that alone would be of some kind of disturbance which could spread across the very globe. Such things involved the laws of motion through ways which would be unquestionably inevitable to prove as being false. Every single time a drop attempted to fall off the proximity, for those lines, like rivers bends which had flown from the mother puddle, they had been brought back on the testing area. It's been that way for far too long and it was just as clear that Cromwell hadn't the least of an idea of what was going on. They were now messing around with small creatures which appeared, at best to be harmless. If one of them had found itself filled with the liquid, he could only think of the disaster which may happen. And he tempted fate quite a lot, with each sole of his shoe going forth and trying to crush those tiny things beneath him. One could draw the conclusion that there was nothing in store for him for as long as he was there, watching for anything out of the ordinary, or the ones who stood against the small pack. And they had been assaulted by many of them to the point where it had turned into some game. 'I could get used to this, you know? And you're not that bad yourself, I might even add that you could even make a name for yourself if you keep killing them this way.' Well enough, that whim seemed to have dragged him to the point where he had been more than aware of what was going on there. The inner passages which only crept by seemed to signal for the tiny animals to follow and reach for the two of them. Most of them had been controlled after all, through signals or some others means which had forced their minds into this strange control. But, Cromwell seemed to have thought of something only now. 'Stop, stop, just for a moment, don't crush them, I need to think about something.' Clearly, it had listened, and well, those tiny critters didn't seem to be harmful after all. As a matter of fact, they had been rather weak, enough that they could be called into action, as to be somewhat peaceful once they reached them. Neither of them attempted to leap or bite or even push it to the point where either of them could be permanently harmed or damaged. In short, they backed away. But what of him, what had he thought. 'The old man, where is he? Wait, are you with him? Are the two of you even connected somehow? He was carrying just as many critters as we found here.' Just as obvious as it came in his short sight, he saw the small popping of the lenses which had just leaped in his field of vision. He had known for a while that they had been watched. He dared not speak of it, as of yet, not to him, on a whim, just like that. What if he hears me through the suit? An open slit came out of the suit and it came there, in the midst of the distraction that he had realised what had happened. Like some pole, standing erect, it blindly shot through his leg and started dragging his lower side of the body nearer. His hand was forced now and there, from the bushes, from the underbrush, he came. That stranger, that filthy vagrant, dark clothes, living buttons, a beard which had spanned on his shirt, a nose that had buttoned to a corner, with no smile, while he bore his green eyes which

changed to red and changed to gray and changed to purple, ever on. From beneath his brow, he came up with some kind of hidden basket filled with those animals who leaped and crept. More of them had arrived, and now he seemed to unleash his hidden bottle, which had merely spanned as to come into action. From it, the insides had been dark and much more than what they were, some gust as if a wind or the blow of some mad smoke came out of it and puffed against the ground. Those critters were no longer to be touched but it seemed like there wasn't much of a choice. Certainly he couldn't even help it but keep shouting as it menacingly approached. To be called in rather dull. He knew himself to be approaching some rather cruel kind of death and even worse, to imagine his head being pulled away was harsh enough, but instead of wincing at the critters, he tried standing up. It looked like the suit had been too busy to pay any attention, since he'd been struck by that process of re-integration which had been set forth. What cruel pain followed couldn't have been described. As he reached for the weapon, one of the suit's arms let go of it, though as it fell, so had the anchor pulled back, breaking his ankle forth, leaving him into some peculiar crawl. Is that man seriously attempting what I think he is? Though the mind of the vagrant man had been so-ever present, he felt amused. With a sudden low-frequency heed, he stopped his tiny servants as he wanted to enjoy this moment for as long as it may be taken for. After all, the suit had been temporarily disabled, and at every corner, at his sight, there seemed to be thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of them, which had formed a line, in the distance it would seem like they had all surrounded every single piece of the raised ground, only so they would make it so he knew there'd be no escape. Just how many of them were there? What did they all want? Cromwell looked in shock as they all opened their rounded hooded-helmets. Many machinations aside, there were some who had many heads, others whom were empty, but that amount of work and so many functional suits made it seem like they had formed a dark army. At the signal, oh, another dreadful one, they each took a step forward, oh, so ever thinning the line. Hew would be dragged onwards, messed with, bleeding from his leg. It didn't matter as much as it seemed to matter. In any kind of way, it only seemed like he would eventually give in. There wasn't any other option there, he knew that, even before they stepped out of the shadows. Cromwell thought for a few moments about what it might take to survive. The vagrant walked slowly without a bother in mind. His tiny scoundrel fighters had already been bloated by now and had been readied for what's to come. In the distance he could see those urchins on the ground and understood why the suit smashed them as quickly as it had. From his side, there seemed to be some strange turn of events. They pushed the liquid farther away by planting themselves in the ground, and then made it to the ground where it had been receded then pushed in forward, extending past it and devouring the urchin in its entirety. Even in as close of proximity as it were, he knew better than to feel anger at himself for what was going on. His whim had come as he had turned on his back and looked at the very opening out there, from which stars looked rather dry. He had given in as the vagrant came, either from the pain or from the disdain he felt. Such a distasteful thing as it had been came and fell into his mouth and seemed to give in the agony he felt while being alive. As, in the distance, he remembered the man, and it was almost as if, in his mind, for a short period of time, it wasn't those filthy pests that came over him and started the process which had been forced upon him. No, that had been less of a bother, for what he had felt were the memories of that guard and the strange cognition of the frog at that. It just so happened that, as they had both forged themselves together, pieces, molecules or fragments of their brains had been scattered everywhere. Now, as distance had played a great role into it, there had been no way of knowing how that

even happened. It would be unclear, at that, the way through which one may look as if through some loop and see it, there, far, in the distance as it would approach. Well, in that very moment, the molecules had partially been shot through his face and managed to pierce pieces of his face. That concoction had been enough to generate such a strong attraction that somewhere, in the army of hundreds, seemingly endless number of suits, one of them suddenly winced. Since he had been a hybrid, no less than what he appeared to be, he suffered most. His hood-helmet drew back. Once it had done it, suddenly it had been revealed that the malignity which had poisoned him seemed to be reluctantly laid in some awe. The living part of him started shaking, as every skull, every head, every piece of it started shouting and rotting until it came. From the distance, the entirety of its biological concoction had been pulled as if from distance to that very man who had stood there on the ground. With it, half of the body the suit had had pierced through like some spear as it had been dragged away with the heads, destroying the beacon the other suit had become and finally joining Cromwell as he'd become. The sight of him had pushed the vagrant and made it so he'd be on his toes. He couldn't look ahead and he could only dread of what was to come. He had pulled in parts of those suits, the head, and their memories and seemed to have grabbed a piece of him as well. But no less of everything, the utmost perilous of filth had taken its embodiment. IT was the urchin which had taken control. That nasty thing which shouldn't have been, it came in to the point where it couldn't control itself and forced every piece of the body to shoot short spears in every side, including itself. Before he had the chance, the vagrant had been impaled, the tiny critters as well, caught and killed, bleeding for their own sake as well. No more than it had been clear enough, this distasteful thing had earned them the likes of never to have survived. It was such a process of agony that nothing would disturb them as they rested. Without a master to look after them, the suits waited, stopped and looked, at the altar, spiked as it had been, overlooked by its own kind. Alas, there it stood, floating in the ether, forever, never to be seen again, for the platform stood there, in the air, forever.

High disturbance

More than a few times already shot out of the window. It was then that the prairie could be seen, with those sharp wooden stakes at hand, through each close-call and moving glance, as each trembling hand stopped. There were quite a few men applauding there. It was all too obvious by the redness of their palms. Many had almost come to form their strange calluses just by that. I jumped out of the strange balcony and landed on my feet. Front row, it looked, fourth seat, which had two men standing up, looking at me for some reason. Neither of them knew why I had done it, as they had been busy enjoying their show. It had been displayed there, right about the front of the large obelisk which stood in front of him just then. 'I thought it wouldn't be here.' 'But it is, now sit down or take a leap.' The voice which came from his left side had been the one conductor who solemnly waited for a thicket. It should've been in his hand by then. But each pocket had only been weary of some dirt inside of it. 'No thicket? Are you sure? You come here every single day and you always bring one. I would at least expect anyone else to be clumsy, but not you.' The show waited for him. Not because he had been someone important, but because everyone else started in response to the fact that he needed to do something. The mad thing inside the obelisk wouldn't wait. Such a confined creature, of the set of eyes, trapped inside such a small cage could only lay so low until it would be broken apart. It took on the time to push forward an m-shaped leg, from the side, which only expanded as to make a likes on m-shaped long legs. By then, he was the only one staring. But he's been too tired to do anything of it. Those legs, they weren't mean to do much, as frail as they were. It was clear that they were only part of many and seemed to have set its stage. By the time they had extended and had wrapped themselves around the stage, it came to him that it had so vastly prepared to bring out its hands as well. They were quite better as grabbing, oh, they were quite the spread. Indeed, through some vastly outnumbered set of finger holes, they started creeping inside each ear-lobe they could reach. He knew that creature needed as well. But, any other man would've found this creepily unforgivable.

Not him. 'I'm. My name is Paricott. The man you've previously served before I even came here was, my twin brother. Yes, he was my twin brother. So, please forgive me, but I don't want to cause him any trouble.' 'No thicket then?' 'I could try looking around inside his waist coat. It's his after all and that would be a reusable thicket, right?' 'Only two uses, per view. There would be no refunds for any man, and changing the man would mean two uses.' 'Between us.' He seemed to have twisted his eyes to their tips and ends, only so he may get an overview of the show attendee. It would be rather silly to think otherwise, with so many of them being used. Well, he's at least tried to get his attention, to the point where turning couldn't have been anything but a nuisance to him. At least that's what it seemed to be. 'You don't have to charge me for the price of two men. We could pretend I'm my brother.' 'Which one?' 'I beg your pardon?' The conductor looked as if he had been smug. A drain of sand was already being filled from above the obelisk, and it had been pouring from the top of its golden, stone-dunes as the hieroglyphs started

being run on. 'Which one of your brothers would that be?' 'How did you know?' 'Try not to be hasty, I've spoken to your brother quite a lot, don't try taking me for a beginner in this line of work. Just between the two of us, he would tell me something now and then about the likes of you.' 'So you know.' 'Enough that I would just happen to make the difference between you, another and the other and whoever might try claiming themselves as some kind of imposter.' 'What imposter would that be?' It was staring at me now. All of them were. That thing had a piece of its body sticking out. Its legs were no longer shaped like m-shaped daddy longlegs, but seemed to have gained a fat to them which prevented them from moving. As far as he could tell, the creature wouldn't be able to get pushed back. What had been sticking out, to put it out of the obelisk from whence it tried pushing from, came some shooting-tied an expanded pitch which looked like some sonar body-bulked machine, with strings attached made out of the same bolted tallish skin it bore. And each string seemed to pull that hard block of body which forced itself into the air. If that would grow to the point where it would be dragged out there, he knew that he would escape. The men in the front seats had a chance of pace. As in their face was left some kind of old and harrowing look, which only made it so they gave up. They haven't been killed and seemed to be too busied by the fact that there wasn't any way to exceed their expectations. Less interest could be shown in the well-being of their colleagues in front of them. As he continued, he had to think of what he was supposed to tell. Would he expose the creature and in turn expose himself as well? Does he know I'm not one of the brothers? 'Well, you see, my brother doesn't know me that well and what I, I. Found it.' 'What did you find? Another thicket? Another lie? I can tell a liar from a man, and you seem too young to be one.' There couldn't be anything even conceived of it, at least not yet. What did the man even want now? It snapped. Perhaps it was the waiting, or it couldn't be bothered to wait for everyone to live with it. No one else had had the opportunity to turn, maybe one or two of them managed to lunge forward and save himself but the obelisk from, his prison thrown, as if the choice had been taken and it would fold. Everyone cracked there, thrown on the ground as they stood and obeyed. Not of some mind formation but because they feared what that thing may do to them. Paricott only watched in content as that thing came out. Its four legs had become fat, with two of them being covered in the grain of sand which had come from its peculiar prison of sand. All of them lead to a thin body which held that box of fat at the top, which had been strung to the calves of each leg in part. Where had those finger-holed long arms gone? They were nowhere to be seen. Perhaps from up there? Had those sonar-strings been its arms? Well, there could only be a way to find out. 'What are you doing boy? Don't go near it, I swear, it's not supposed to break out. This isn't part of the show.' And as he approached, he came to know why they all feared it. He was wrong, what he had thought had been wrong. It wasn't anything but a trick of the mind there. Everything around them felt likely it had been projected into another place. Both of those realities overlapped through some method, through some other, that creature hid it there. He approached and saw each man in form of plants. After bending down to touch one, he had picked a part. Unable to realize what had happened, in the other world an arm had been ripped apart. But he wasn't able to move, he couldn't be hurt by the boy. It could be excusable. At least, there had been some hope, he'd say to himself, that he would rather try not ripping too many. 'What's happening? I can't turn. Who's screaming?' 'It's the boy, the boy that was trying to cheat his way out of some thicket. He's torn Lord John's arm off. Someone needs to stop him before it's too late.' Each string worked at it, drawing and pushing onward for their likes wouldn't stop from that constant commotion of movements. There was a sudden smile on his face, after coming to

the realization that what he had been doing was so wrong, he couldn't come to control himself. With a push and a clang, and a string and like that, he started grabbing and choking forth, each piece of plant, which ripped easily at that. No one dared move, out of some non-explainable mark, until the ones who stood forth suddenly turned, on the whim of an effort, the boy had been stopped. Would he be cowered like the rest of them? That was uncertain. It couldn't be that he would give that easily in. He had enjoyed himself way too much. All that meanness and the way in which he had expressed himself gave him too much force of will. He had really wanted it. But those four weak and fat legs suddenly pushed themselves into position. And from the bulk of the top there came the hand which stretched and placed themselves into position. From the side, there push outward a mad concoction like some lever which turned on and on until it stopped itself. There needed to be some assistance as one weak hand turned on the piston and the other tried itself on the strings. Even those plants which had been placed there, which had become flaccidly awake now came to be together. Now that they were reunited, even with those parts which had been broken, the song had taken full effect. How could they call themselves men now? It had been a fully-fulfilled exchange. Through some way, they had been brought onto the other side and were made of flesh no longer. Now they weren't plants, not that those were plants to begin with, but some vines, which had wide images strung like films which had recorded the lives those men had been into. The boy had been thanked for. The conductor himself seemed to have come forward, brushing past him, only to perform the exchange. He had kept a face quite humane and mundane. In their past and strange relationship and trade, these men had been robbed of their lives and memories. And for what? A few bars of gold. 'Oh, here's for your trouble, boy. I think you've earned it. You know, I think you've done as great of a job keeping them distracted as I have done my work on you as well.' He wasn't pleased by what he's done. He found himself feeling like some of the lowest kind of trash there could be. 'I didn't mean to do it.' 'I saw you looking, for quite the extended period of time. You didn't say a single word, you haven't even tried to warn them, why?' 'Why are you asking this now? Those men.' 'They're no long there, nor here. The only thing left out of them, is, their memories.' He found himself staring at the man, in the prairie. No one around them stood there, at least, not the fiend which had been trapped in its obelisk. Only the two of them stood there. The town was still inhabited, if not by stranger, by the wives of all the man who had attempted their show. And this conductor seemed to be getting ready to leave. 'So that's it? You're just going to leave as if nothing happened? What of this town, what of? How could I even explain?' 'You'll figure out something, kid. I've been trying to work up these men for weeks, so I think I deserve a break for now. If anything, this may be a valuable lesson for you to learn.' The conductor had already made him was to the small mound which had been made. He looked as if ready to start digging, but he only pushed a piece from the top and it looked like he found what he was looking for. It wasn't like anyone else was looking either. It was still too early in the morn'. Paricott didn't move. He couldn't chase the man out of fear that he may end up like them. And that conductor had little interest in anything other than himself getting away. At best, there had been some waving, as he left the boy behind, taking off on a carriage which wasn't his.

Moons

Plenty of moons stood there, floating in their own peculiar ways. Like some strange concoctions of floating eyes which stared at one another dancing and taking bites. Some of them had had plenty of men who had taken to themselves to invade them, forming mad colonies and enslaving those darkly skinned, special creatures which bore their heads on top of mazes, pushing forward blindingly to the haze. In their strange admiration of one another, they would often stand still and gaze upon their own forms, for, unknown to most, they all looked the same. And long, during mad eons, they had been alarmed over the fact that they had some similarities to one another, those mad moons, strange beings which they were. The truth could be anything but farther away than what it had been. For the sake of their likes, it seemed like their insides looked rotten by some different mean. Each of them had their own torment which held them apart from one like and the other. Some scourge had been formed in patterns in one, the moon-matter having been shaped into small drone-like, large and planar walkers which seemed to grab the insides of their moon, while carrying them around the empty gap which reign around them. As long as the discourse required of each being made out of stone to fall into some motion, they weren't tied. Rather, they moved like large statues, floating in the empty space which laid around there, carrying those small stones and rocks into the open, visibly formed mouths. Those weren't made out of stone, even if they erupted from them. Rather, the dark appearance of the pink flesh ended up to be rounded into circles, which pushed forth small pointers and dreadful cutting, less-defined sharp horns. They moved as if waiting, and showed little joy as they were being fed by those small flying clusters of stone. In truth, most of them had been only perceived by those gaping mouths to be alive. They were fantasies of their own. When in reality, it turned out that they were nothing but some kind of peculiar, estranged rocks which flung themselves from one point to another, bashing themselves into smaller pints which may be eaten by those mouths. And each bite had hurt, as both mouth and stone were cut off the same cloth. In some strange kind of unison, they dreaded the pain they had inflicted upon one another. But that had been felt the most by the watchful moon. On the outside, it kept the bickering mad smile, but one wouldn't be able to comprehend what the insides felt like. Soon, the stone could be revealed for its flesh and then, it would finally be dead. Nothing but the shell it bore protected it from the outside entities of space. It had been rightfully there, those living veils which dragged around and seemingly brushed off around them. Mostly, as their touches felt cold, there couldn't have been thought of anything less than some madly-induced birth. Something came out if it just then. The many slaves had been forced after all to mine something from their bodies, to the point of having been forced to dig up blood-meals as they forced themselves on the rampage which had brought them to extinction. Squad eighteen laid just around one body. Squad four, five and ten were just near them as well. It looked like one of the slaves had sucked on too much of the succor and have been overtaken. Compared to the rest of those savages, this one had grown twice in size, its four

limbs had taken a wider, slightly misshapen twist as they started connecting with the joints from which they came. They formed these ellipses from which all the blood and meat in them had taken to their body and head. And since their heads had been attached to their bodies and as they seemed to be indistinguishable, it appeared as if they had formed the crest of some knot. There couldn't have been anything gushing out of it, at least now, that it had been less of mystery of what it's done. 'Return to your posts.' Yelled one of the commanders, through his translator, as the gutter of sounds came. It was a mystery how those blind creatures heard and even more so why they had obeyed. But through their bodies, they had been mutilated. In the middle laid some kind of device which had been forced through the bottom end of some entry which no one should've messed with in any other case. They acted like plump oil refinery machines, standing still like cranes, while the machines performed most of the tasks. Well, to say the least, it turned out that there was nothing of the like which might matter. Up and down they went, and through side and side, never stopping from this action. Yet, this kind of problem interfered with their work. Their bodies were bloated as one piece of those square, pump-like globes grew too full of their blood. 'I told you already, you're pushing them too far. What do you think it might happen if you're going to keep pushing them so far? This is the fourth one now. For their sake, I hope you're planning on giving them a break at least.' 'Mc. Avenue, you know we can't afford it. Damn's sake, you know they're going to eventually die off from those things attached to them. Let them work off until their deaths and we'll wager that something might come off from it.' They had waited, four more hours. 'Do you think it's safe for us to touch it now?' 'Not while that ticking time-bomb is still attached do it. Just take a look at the pool coming from it. That blood mixed with oil, it's highly contaminated now.' Though it hadn't been only oil and that was the disturbing part. There was something there which shouldn't have been. Some kind of perplexity of guts which had been dragged as well, small living organisms which had developed from it. 'Don't touch it, leave it there. We'll come for the spare parts later, if at all. Now, do well and surround the area with the small pointers and make sure no one will come in the proximity, all right?' 'And what of the others?' 'Just do what I tell you, squad ten will make it so we move onto another one of those moons.' 'And move our base of operations there? What for? You can't seriously expect us to move entirely there. It's mad. You can't seriously expect this just because.' 'Perhaps you didn't hear me well enough, I sad, do it. Leave the pointers for when the next team comes and never return here, understood?' There was something seriously wrong in the way he was breathing inside his own body armour. Without a way of knowing, he could only think of what it took him to understand what was going on there. Hornett Jonnard. He was out of place there. In some way, he knew what the leader of this expedition wanted to make out of this. As one of the main stars of that universe started imploding, the moons changed the shape of their eyes. Their giant pupils turned inward and shrunk. From inside they shot long solid beam-like tongue straws through which they started tickling and wrapping themselves at every star. Every single moon had partaken in this ritual with the exception of one of them. That one which had become as sick as it looked to be. That alone seemed to have marked it for some grim escape. Slowly, in the midst of its bottled rage there could be nothing but the final closing gap which forced its eye to recede in a stagnation of breeding red skin. Truly, as if for the likes it had bore for itself, there would be nothing but a discouraging shout from the men who looked behind from their shuttles. It seemed like then, in the wake of what's been happening, its inside had suffered most. The shell which had encompassed the inner doings of its body now left them way too exposed. One final opening motion from all of

those mouths had revealed that there hadn't been any other way to get through. Now, the final stance had been taken as they've been exposed, this paranoia which made them lapse into unconsciousness came. And they blew themselves in some guttural form, pushing and splashing, being tied with long congregations of bile which had caught in their sticky net all of those things which had laid inside, tying them together. Suddenly, as if being unable to hold it any longer, the straw-like tongue had pushed inward instead of pushing outward. As harshly as the virus brought in by the vile creature had been, the insides had been filled entirely by the tongue. Without a doubt, there'd be no other spot, not a single empty gap to be filled once it had been done. That far, as to say, had been the fate of the creature then. The surge had come and in that benign moment, it looked like there had been an endless stream inside that moon. Through the straw-like end, where it had supposedly stopped, or had meant to stop, suddenly it had found itself to be continuously affected by that disease. As desperately as it had tried pushing through, stunned and fought against, there it was caught in its battle. Less than it had been for its reign, the tongue started thinning out at too fast of a rate. Mindlessly aware of it, its own tongue had pierced itself to create an eternal conundrum on its inside. While no longer attached to some part in its body, the stream had gone on to grow and move as if through some inner tunnel or some kind of path on its inside. Hollow as it may have been, there could only be seen in the light of its own damning self. There could be no escape from that sudden trap, while the others were too busy to pay any heed or any attention, that moon would not survive. Without a doubt, there could be nothing gained from it. It a strange subterfuge, inside another one of those moons, there could only be that. One long rounded yolk, which had been formed from the insides of a living being, stolen and made as if it would look likely to be erected as a planetary escape. Inside of it, what may be described as some kind of twist of the dark, there laid just enough room for a body to be laid in. As so be calmed down, for the universe wasn't as cruel to attempt to recreate the human body, no, it hadn't been that. Instead, it had only been another smaller, paler moon. The eye of a child lay on it, and as if from a womb, the tube which had been erected from its side had been that tongue. Oh, how, as opposed to the others, there it lay. No one might wager what that had been. No less, and fewer of the like, one couldn't protest that this had been the arrogance of life itself. For all of that past time, in which the moons looked at one another, each thought itself better than the other. But none other could compare to her, for she had stored her mind in that small body, reckless of the fact, need she be reminded, that there would still be the chance that one of them might be an aggressor. Another moon seemed to lie, inside of it being that credence of a peculiarity, through noises which may be unheard. Everything had been forced, in a low-gravity course of motion only to look at the one which had been standing near it, staring and pushing so it may be less than as a leech as it had been. For, there were other tongues inside, ever so thing that came from every side, changing in colour to a point where they had penetrated each adjacent other moon. It sucked from them and kept itself vigorous. More so, there seemed to be something coming from it, in the way it had found out of the death of their precious familiar and the second plan of escape the other one had. Oh, how the sabotage began. Day by day, if only one were able to count, it tried finding some way to take that into effect. Thought it may have wanted to make a claim over the fact that it may have poisoned and killed the other one, that hadn't been the case. What a claim that would've been. Instead, it seemed to have instilled in itself some kind of plan, oh, mad and benign. If only one could see that maw grinning in the end of space. For alone, as it had been, to its race there lacked some fewer close calls. Tongue after tongue it wasted and re-grew. While the others

had been occupied, it had performed some kind of special surgery to its brow. First there came the claim, after one tongue tied itself to another one, and afterwards, it pushed towards another, there seemed to be, without a doubt, some reign to which none may heed. That had been the kind of plan, one sharpened tongue came at last, cutting the last one in line. Afterwards, another incision came, which followed yet another. That pseudo-dead tongue had formed a twisted dead whip, floating into space. Like some mischievous thing, it pushed through the hollow space inside the back of one of the moons as it connected it to its living flesh. It's been seen by the squad, who may have been rather busy trying to group up and push onward. Some of them were getting way too ready to draw in and set aside what they were doing, with many-a-hope that they could run into something useful. For them it mattered little, though that had been an interesting watch. 'I think there's something.' 'Let me stop you right there. Turn off your heat visor, you're not supposed to see those things. As long as we're concerned, nothing's happening there, do you understand?' 'But something wrong's going to happen there, I can feel it, I can see it!' 'As I said, don't try getting their attention, as long as we avoid that one, see? The one from which those lines of heat are stretching from. As long as we avoid that one, we should be fine. Don't forget what we came here to do. Now go ahead and join the rest of the squad and deploy the slaves.' 'But that won't do us any good if all of them are dying.' 'Are you trying to defy me?' His eyes seemed onset on him, his every move being watched. This damn little courier, who had been no man's soldier, not even that great at what he was doing decided to give in the lip. Well, there, if you want to play with your damn whore of a moon, then have it. He reached from behind his back and pulled the cap off his back-pack. He couldn't be heard since their communicators had been disabled, since they didn't want to risk disturbing these strange space-formation, which could only mean that he was gone. The mission leader saw him float out there, lost in what appeared to be the nothingness of the lost cause. A special emptiness which took on and removed him from sight. His colleagues looked forward and never even dared return to their posts. Neither of them could even hope to take that off their minds, the blank stare and the passiveness he had displayed, which quickly turned to frown at them, as if he had been supposed to put it on like in a play. He smiled and almost danced as they lay behind. 'This can only go on two ways, and you know it.' 'You won't kill me will you? After all, without me to lead this mission, you'll crash yourself into some dump and die off. That's quite right, you need me.' 'We don't need a murderer amongst us.' 'And still, one of you may have to kill me now, unless you want me to carry on and get rid of the witnesses.' The leader, as high as he thought of himself had no weapon on him. How cruel fate must've been to him. The way they looked at him made him feel like there wasn't anything he could expect. He would not get to plead for his life there. If that were the case, he would've been long gone by them, with the two being lost in space like the man he had killed. 'Right, that man, does either of you even know his name? I seemed to have forgotten it.' Neither of them even planned on entertaining any idea, if it meant that it could come from him. He had already found himself empty, that had been the best feeling, or the only one which may go through his head. He felt empty, or, he could barely see what was going on in front of his eyes now. In such cases, he expected he might be able to see some trail of blood coming from where he ended. But no, it was rather decent. He had liked it, seeing the tongues from the distance and how peaceful it were, that the pair of moon-tongues made sure that those stars were taken care off. 'Good riddance to the man, I can't stand the fact that we left scum like him carry on.' 'Wait, where are you going? Shouldn't we report him, or I. Look!' 'I know, I know what you were going to say and I, I understand.

There's no need that the two of us have to go down for the murder.' 'I knew you'd understand.' It wasn't like there had been another alternative. He had to shoot him from behind. It was their leader who gave the order after all, no witnesses. And, it wasn't like he could be checked since he forgot that they hadn't marked their tickets out. Corten hadn't even been his partner either. More so, it groaned then. As another moon died at the very edge of the knotted tongue, as they had formed a line which connected that pestering wound from which the infection came, nothing could be done any longer. Even as it had been drawn from the gravitational force, one touch had been enough for the infection to occur. The area around it had been numb and the bitter crevice which had thrown it in the direction of the dead servant seemed to have reeled back to itself. One of the moons had escaped the other one not so. While spreading through the ill-implosion of the vagrant reeds which had been shown them as what they were, it had become clear enough that there couldn't have been anything else which may go wrong. The tube and the small womb inside of that moon had been immediately affected as the disease had spread. Before the tiny moon could leave out some groan, out of the pain and innocence, it had been highly pushed to a size that no child should've been forced into. That disease had shoved the blunt force of a long appendices from its inside to such a growth that it couldn't have been called as anything but recently cut. Many pains had been revealed, as the gap between its eye and body peeled. It had been pulled out of its moon-socket as it had thoroughly been implanted in some kind lock that shouldn't have been there. This virus hadn't acted normal, no, it had mutated by some means of ecstasy. Oh, those various tongues had did some well, as they had established some kind of orgy between their likes. By now, the womb had been ruined, but they had no care for it. As this wasn't its own tongue, no, that had still been prolonged and thrown out there in space. That mischievous Moon had stood victor as another one lay dead. It wasn't supposed to end that way, as the star against which that moon had been extended had been surrounded by the tongue, in the exact position in which it would say for its foreseeable extended-lifespan. And their ritual had been completed then. What they had returned to was a sight of shock, which hadn't been shown on any of their emotionless rounded faces. But each knew not to trust the other, for one of them had to be responsible for it. That being, to give credence, to such a heeded record, they had looked at each other and seemed to be prepared. In each of them, their insides started being broken apart by the mere desire which had been given birth by their own insignificant petty unresolved differences. 'Keep digging until the unit leader comes back. Those were his last orders.' No one asked him. No one told him to repeat that. Everyone knew what they were supposed to do and all this time without any kind of communication had put everyone on edge. And it was something no one who was close enough to another man could yell. They were mostly there to watch and make sure it wouldn't happen again. The mixing of the blood, which had been filth or the exhaustion which had pushed those creatures to a sudden pair of strokes. It had to be dealt with through some ways, yet no one wanted to talk about it. It was them, who had been responsible of those creatures. Their task had already been getting in the way of moaning and the likes of pushing some kind of confusion for the likes. Now, when some creature would be getting unresponsive to the simple commands through which it had been indoctrinated to respond to, that's when it started. 'Shoot it, drag it in a place where there's no opening and put it out of its misery.' 'But shouldn't we wait for the leader to approve of this?' 'Do you see him anywhere around? Have you heard of any sign of life coming out from him?' 'Me neither. Now, who's in charge when he isn't around?' 'You are, Sort.' 'And is this not a direct order in his absence?' 'But what if he returns and what if he's not pleased by what I've

done. We both know how he is and just how far he'd go to get what he wants.' 'We'll just say that there were signs of the infection. He'll know better than to attempt to contaminate another one of the moons.' 'Does he, now?' 'I would assume as much.' 'Well?' The two men pondered about it for a few moments. It wasn't likely that they could reach a general consensus about it. But they had to do it, the squads four, and one were waiting for them. A total of six men seemed to be waiting for a reason to drag that creature by its knees and push it on a bed or rocks while they'd extract the machine. 'Fine, but if anything goes wrong with him, that's on you.' 'And I'll assume full responsibility if it boils down to it.' With a signal from the overhead, they came down right to it. As much as they had been pinching and prodding at those things, the sudden pull of the extracting crane-like coned dropper got immediately pulled inside. Everything seemed to go as intended with the occasional scare that the men would most likely fall under the circumstance of falling underneath it. 'Move it, move it, place it there, push from right side.' At the rear every man turned out of the fear that they might be caught under the rubble and fall off their own senses. They had been driven out and seemed to be less than disturbed. To be more precise, why, their very likes haven't even cared about what was going on there. In the midst of them moving from one Moon and the other, they had love one of the formational cranes, a plutonium-infused chain and seemingly eight thirds of their raw material, which was ever-so, called into action. 'Missing, missing, missing, and now this? Two of them had been flying over-head, look, can you see them? There in the distance, I believe that you may be able to push yourself to the point of seeing them if only you were to try a bit.' 'No, those must be just some space clusters, you know, like in the old movies. Made out of rock and space-debris and spinning planet-tails. There's no way one of them could've went that far.' 'Activate your visor. Now.' The man took two steps until he stood watching and peering out there. Something else came into it. They've been well trained after all, only use as much of the body amour's vision as it was necessary. Otherwise, one would find himself unable to stand on a single dark rock. 'What is that? Is that what I think it is?' It would seem like the body of a man had hardened his body, as it had been broken in pieces, being regurgitated by the knotted tail which seemed to slowly float out there. 'That's not supposed to be there. Men, to the shuttles, now! Go, I need you to get as many of them to activate their communicator, as fast as possible. We may have an emergency at hand.' It had been far away that they appeared to be leading that beast, before it fell. At least they seemed to draw some distance between them, as it happened for their likes not to meet the strangers. Fiercely, it fought until its legs gave in. That's when the same kind of behaviors seemed to happen as it attempted to prevent its fall. Some of the inner-fat inside its own legs only acted up and down as it pushed onward to bent the tips of its hooves. Through some quick maneuver, it connected itself through the same jerkily stump from which it popped. Openly aware of what it had been, there's been something to it, which drew them to look away. Those slaves weren't meant to end up in that way, to moan in pain and act as if the pain they felt had been unbearable. 'Do we have to stay here and listen to this?' 'This doesn't feel right now, does it? Does it feel right to you, how about you? What of you? Do you think that what we're doing here is the right thing? Because I can't go through this. This is the fourth one I had to witness being killed in such a manner.' 'How could they be killed? Can't you see that they're meant to die this way? We're only watcher.' This cadet drew closer and as he grasped the tip of the man's collar, he only whined at the likes. 'No, we're responsible for this. You are as well, you're one of the repairmen who are responsible for that thick thing being set inside it. Can't you see that we're the ones killing them? We're the intruders, we are the scum, the trash, we're the ones

exploiting them for what?’ ‘For those very bloody veins you know very well we came there for. Don’t act as if it doesn’t matter to you. We share this thirst for it and we’ll do it time after time if it means we’re getting more from them. Harvesting this liquid had been the greatest thing we stumbled upon. Play with yourself and don’t ask questions, that’s what they tell you. I shouldn’t have to deal with your stupidity now, that we’ve made so many deposits.’ ‘I’m sorry, cadet Bryng, but my family needs to eat. You know we all have to do this, right? Everyone here has to deal with the fact that we’re no good men. This is sick, but. At least I’m fully aware what I’m doing it for. ‘I say we could just kill it now.’ ‘And take the chance that it might backfire against us?’ ‘Enough of the back-talk already, Jonsie, that’s just enough. Everyone here will just stay put and do what you’re told.’ There was some nuisance coming on its way. Without being able to overlook what they were doing, every man around from looking at that dying creature and seemed to be apparently shaken by the fact that the man was out of his post. ‘Something happened?’ ‘Communicators, now.’ An echo reverberated with the very sound of some inclined hearing. On the tip of each communicator there had been some kind of obstruction which couldn’t have been taken for what it was. No amount of tries appeared to turn them on. ‘They’re malfunctioning, of course they are. We couldn’t even have an insignificant piece of equipment working, could we? Oh shut up. ‘He tried shouting. ‘We have to go back to the shuttle. An immediate emergency status has been declared. No one’s allowed to be here while it’s happening.’ ‘Can’t we use the sound forge rolling atop the wave then? It should work in the same manner if someone were to think with it.’ On top of them there was one of those devices they had brought with them. The way they worked was that, as long as one of those sound forges kept floating and drifting into space, there would be some kind of globe which seemingly imitated, somewhat correctly the means for sound to travel and bounce against its strangled walls. They could hear one another as if they were down there, somewhere lost on Earth. But as of now, it seemed rather dull to ask. ‘What would happen if someone were to work on it? You don’t suppose that would mean some complete isolation from the rest of the crew, do you?’ ‘That’s exactly what it could happen. Isn’t it a risk worth assuming?’ ‘It’s out of question, that’s some valuable equipment at stake, not to mention that, if something goes wrong and others end up.’ A stroke of the lip hadn’t been enough. Many of them had been waiting as they looked for a simple reason to come forth at the sound. What other reason could there be for this contamination of priorities? Jonsie was around when this man had come. He immediately turned towards the others, bearing the apprehension of the grave news he heard. There were still flickers in the slave’s eyes, as a piece of its body had been set to grow. Good call, thought one of the engineers present there. This one could’ve contaminated and released something far more dangerous than an infection. Many of the problems had spanned out of the fact that they were still trying to figure out what the best course of action would be. For what was worth, they settled on this. ‘We’ll draw in then and throw it back into the orbit, and wait for the other squads to be alarmed of it.’ ‘Wait, what about them? If we leave now, all that progress will have been for nothing.’ ‘We can’t have them both and you know it, either we sacrifice the men or we give this up.’ It had been decided by the likes of hazing. The men simply ignored the titillating inflicted pus which had recoiled at the slave’s blood went through the same damning process. ‘Where am I?’ A voice shouted from that dark spot in space, infringing upon it, there he was, drawn in like some remnant of the great within. It could not be called into action then, but there had been some weird familiarity which had been thrown at them. Their effort had been combined and redrawn towards small capacitors which had been drawn from

their storage unit near the open wound where they had dug the blood torsion area. They had just enough charges to connect them to pulp of wires which could only throw themselves into some motion. It had been that connection, through which the charged entered the prototype drone, which would've served as a replacement unit for the servant in case the device in it had to be replaced. Through another modification of its own, the engineer on site had managed to open it just in time so they could each drag the large squared glowing charges which carried small reverberating reversing tin connectors which would force the unit to shoot the giant crane-like pointer in the opposite direction. If anything that would've been some kind of dangerous and peculiar kind of tinge, in the way they would've force themselves to activate the engine which had just enough force as it had been needed to reach the outer layer of space and wrap itself as some stable grinder against the forge. Slowly and surely, the forge had been in their close reach. An abruptness had come but it had been so slight that it had been ignored. Every man put a hand together and placed themselves on top of it, readying themselves to make it clear. They had unwrapped the thing while cadet Jonsie still dispersed his gaze towards that one slave there. 'Jonsie, come back, this may be the last time you'll hear us, at least until we're on that shuttle. You couldn't possibly consider spending your time with that thing?' 'Look, it's dying. I got the message, I know where I'm supposed to be. The other squads are still wide spread, so I should have just enough time until the shuttle leaves.' 'That's not the point Jonsie. Look, I don't know how much we're going to be here for, in case this emergency goes. Why not spend the rest of your time with us?' Jonsie felt some like they had departed from him. For some reason he couldn't explain, it was something they've said, that thing about doing what needed to be done, for their families, for their needs. Excuses. 'I simply want to be alone for some time. Just let me stand near it, please.' 'Let him, we'll have only a few minutes to record, afterwards, the device will be set on a loop while it centers on the area of the Moon.' They nodded but still seemed like they weren't going to choose anything else over the other thing. It couldn't have been thought off as being anything else than some way in which he had to cope with what he'd done. It wasn't safe for him to be there, near it either. But he was allowed. While they had been busy, he could only see how hard this slave struggled. It's been so long since he fell. One of its sides had been crushed by that device inside of it, which hadn't made it any easier than it was. Its moans hadn't ended. That reaction of the mixing of the oil from the machinery and the blood still couldn't have been explained, or why was it so deadly that it would. That it would kill that very Moon they were on. Come to think of it, they have never been told the reason for which they harvested the blood on mass, or why was it so important. And the unit leader was nowhere to be seen either. He'd have another explanation to be tender with once he'd join them on the shuttle. Jonsie looked only once in the back, seeing the others wave as to make their way. He heard the echo once the sound-forge rejoined its weird trajectory. Oh, he'd have quite something to say in his field rapport. Quite a lot indeed. Everyone followed their lead and seemed to converge back to where the shuttle was. It felt lonely there, emptier than usual, not on the Moon itself but in space. For some time, it felt like nothing had kept them together any longer. They had started to drift away from one another, to the very point where one might consider the fact that they might never see each other again. More unnerving had been the fact that there wasn't any way of knowing which one had been alive yet. It couldn't be conceived at all. Only one of them had been as deceitful as to know which other would be infected or infested and never would be touched by no slave and no other slaving creature which may attempt to strike at him. Now, as the voice module from the sound-forge went on, men had become

alarmed and in a desperate call they heard the message and the fall. 'The state has declared an emergency through the intercom, all available units are to abandon their posts and make their way to the nearest shuttle while the evacuation process begins. Know this, that if neither of you is to be dispatched immediately, by the third entrance of the front rows, in the general direction of station Wallda, it may be taken into consideration that your abandonment would be seen as a must rather than a need or anything of the kind.' One would turn a blind eye if one or two men were to be lost out there, but not too many. It couldn't be trusted otherwise that they may do something of their own. It was in the wake of the planetary station which had drawn to the area where the meeting was supposed to happen that they had received a signal to the shuttle. Everything went rather well, with the exception of a few crewmen who were nowhere to be seen. Their very absence had been accounted as it seemed like a space-storm would come on its way. There, the man looked down, as the squads had been dismantled, and as every man looked ashamed, Jonsie could only look behind. He himself had chosen to turn a blind eye as their shuttle raised itself from the landing area on the Moon. On its surface, he looked at the various things which had been abandoned, such as the sound forge, the slaves, and the deathless eyes which had been pushed and thrown aside. In a moment like that he could only think and swear that he had, that one slave moaning while it buried itself into the Moon's girth.

Needle

Lord of broken needles, in a heap of forming throngs. There he came, much defying, curator of many long decisive stings. He looked inside some well torn shirt, taken from one of the many users which lay below. Under him, it looked like the pool had started growing tiny toes, gained from the infection cured or pulled from the infected people they'd been lodged in. A living being came out. It had the appeal of the pool and about twenty fingers of its own. Needles lay stuck in its grown angle-lit formations on each side. Light had come from the bulbs which ended, which in turn left the shadow of its needles on the wall. More than it had been degenerate, it had looked like some kind of in-drawn motion couldn't be seen any longer. Its body did look like a fat cucumber in that light, though it had been known that the bumps it bore on its every side were nothing more than the sharp points of the needles which were attempting to get out. Unquestionably said, there was one defect he had. Though they may have been under his control, they may have pushed themselves towards some disobedience. Immediately, at the first chance they had, many of them plunged deeper through the mass from which it spawned. Even that far away from it, inside the lord there remained that amalgamation of the pool which had been mixed with its own being, the insides of which could only purge them by dripping away. Slowly, the lord would lose ounces of himself until there'd be nothing coming out of it. In that pool, not only had a kin of nasty crows nests began appearing, but they would also bear their children as well.

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Far thee, never to see, for In this veritable day of October, from whence it lay, as if for your sight only, the foundation which belongs to one of the greatest buildings that had ever been, screamed, likely for its falling metal coils, bricks of tons, as it stood. In such magnificence, its glory, taste and much distaste as well as it had lain and looked as if it was out of place. Much of it had been, they said, never to be looked at again. Newspapers roared, for the likes of men had never been bred for such a likeness, as of old. 'Look at it, the grandest distaste this world has ever seen. Can they not see how it managed to destroy everything around it? This couldn't be clearer than it is now, if you were to take a simple look at it, even for a moment, you'd see how two thirds of the buildings around it had already gone missing. They're barely standing like two lost flocks.' Though they seemed less interested, the men and women from around the Bridge area around town seemed to have ignored the fact that those buildings had to be evacuated. Somehow, this building had become wider by some means, but it hadn't exactly destroyed the buildings around it. No, that would've been much madder than some hatter, whose gone fatter at a tatter. In other ways, it looked like it had managed to grow inside this monolith of a building, this construction which had been set forth, erect in some way which may not be dismissed. No man could look at it and be spared of its malignant tapestry and stolid walls. It seemed to some that the sculptures which had been carved into the walls seemed rather, far too life-like, for their own tastes need be. 'Madame, if you would please. Could you tell me who the master carver is? The stone mason? The artist, the sculptor who had erected these statues? I can't seem to be able to find out at all. Would he just happen to be some lost and forgotten foreigner of some kind?' 'Oh, but my good company, I couldn't tell you a thing. You see, these things, these people just appeared. Out of nowhere, of no sight to be held.' 'Simply in such a manner, as this? Could it not be explained by other means? Maybe someone who brought them from some lost and abandoned museum in order to plaster them on the walls? Could that be the way they got here?' 'I couldn't tell you, see, I am just a mere guest, but they do seem quaint, I will admit. And the circumstance surrounding their sudden sight, oh I couldn't bother myself no less.' And there had been something to it, to say that, at least, as much of an understatement as it had been. There were the likes which only dragged around and pushed inward. Sometimes the statues seemed to change positions, to walk around sideways, still adjacent to the walls. Some of them who looked straight ahead now lay sideways, caught into some stream which couldn't be explained at all. 'Look at them, that statue over there. That one specifically, at which I'm pointing towards, it moved. Don't tell me otherwise, as I seem to know better. And tell me even less of what I know, as you can't fool me. But I swear, I saw it move, please believe me when I tell you this. I saw it move with my very own eyes.' And on the other side, it seemed that half-bodies lay caught between the two sides, the two worlds, that of the living and that which laid inside the half-wall. The first alarming blow came when all of the sudden, the more it pushed forward, of backward, depending on which direction one may stare at, it seemed to be directly encased. Now half-bodies appearing, but only their tops appeared to attempt some kind of movement. Many of the ones which had been spread in halves appeared to bear only the same expressions on their faces. It wasn't likely that they would be pleased by this sudden turn of events. No, not even likely. It wouldn't happen to be less likely of awe that they shared the same kind of facial tension. It opened and opened and opened until pop. That had been quite a show, as now, the guests had been mesmerized by the likes which were. If it were done accordingly, it could only be glanced off, the peril. Those mad men, those who had joy

of their faces suddenly turned to face the consequence of their actions. It couldn't be denied, the cause and effect which had been felt. So much for the splatter of the kind that it could be dreadful in ways which couldn't have been denied. Why was it that they all felt so well in their sudden twist and turn of events? It could be incomprehensible, at the very least. 'That man is outspoken for! Don't listen to him, he'll only force himself against you, he'll draw you in that hole from which you may never return! They will force you to draw closer to him and then, you will end up just like them. I've seen it, I swear, I've seen it all over. No one will dare lay a hand on you as well as you seem to be.

They're not trying to be fancy, this spectacle must end. Can't you see how vulgar and violent they're starting to become.' 'Why are you paying attention to that man? Go forth, throw yourself like them. Can't you see the inhumanities which are displayed? Without a doubt, this is nothing more than some scheme which may not be spoken of. Worry not, worry less, I shall confess to you that there's nothing to be seen here, these things are merely for show.' 'How do you know that? You've barely just arrived. How could you possibly know of such a thing? Who do you think you are?' 'I've seen with my very own eyes, that's how. I was there on the other side of the building and I've seen the machination. 'What have you seen then?' 'Yes, tell us, oh good man, tell us immediately what you may have seen there. We have to know, me and my wife fancy it as an interesting thing. We want it so madly that we can't help ourselves.' It was an interest which not only could it be discussed but it had been wagered as something of a less, well, less than human. They weren't that any longer. It was obvious, way too obvious that they had become something else than that. 'And it just so happened for one of them to draw even closer to what it had become. The bodies twisted, made as if to stop. It was so quick, to their eyes that even they froze and spoke no longer. Under direct observation they have looked and saw just how madly it had pushed behind, with one motion which had spread through every side, everything had been encompassed. Just another piece of the adjacent halls had been converted as they had grown and spread through every kind of sight there had been. And in that mad and quickened conversion, the objects had refused to change. No, something happened, for this change had refused to change its texture. All too obvious, as it had become, there was a clarity, which couldn't have gone any sooner than it had done. Whatever it was which encompassed it had the colour of some dark fluorescent green, tainted by a transparency which had revealed such shades of dark and of white at the very core which seemed to flush between the bodies, through the floor and the ceiling until it walked no more. Such scrutiny as it was held no longer helped itself but had revealed the sight. Such was it that the very might which had been displayed no longer seemed to matter. As the guests were no longer pleased by the show, but they had become frightened. So and so, as it had come to be, there was despair which couldn't have been accounted for. No man walked straight from there, and women wept and they fled. Those things, those human beings were now mobile. Though they couldn't move freely from their posts, from their behinds, suddenly there appeared some kind of long pushed forward trains which had given them just the distance which they were in such a desperate need. 'Look, the railway, those lines, the very coal engines from which that solid gust of smoke seems to come. I swear, I knew something had been wrong, I knew it, since the very moment it just happened to come. No, it can't be that we would be forced to flee now, we were invited.' 'Have you been forced to be foul? Look at it for a damn second, can't you see that it isn't safe to head outside any longer?' As if heard, the crowd stopped. This train cognition seemed to be slowly moving, ever so magnificent that there would be nothing which may be brought to sight. As clear as it might be, there were

circumstances which may not be explained by any other means. 'We're trapped here, and for as long as we stay stuck in here, the world may be contaminated by that foul string of suffering.' 'Here it comes, flee now, flee or die!' In some contortion made off the mysterious way it had suddenly come into being, the creature, or creatures as they fancied their own kind pulled one another deeper in the seat. They twisted and contorted themselves with the sole desire or pushing inwardly to that spot. Those hands managed to reach for the center, through which it could only be held accountable in itself that somehow it had managed to set itself free from this bond, at least momentarily. It needed no longer be caught off guard or limited by the fact that it had been forced to step out of the wall. That much had been ever clear in terms of pushing forth. No amount of uncertainty remained, not might it be held no longer, as it had been somewhat free. 'Make haste, don't let it get across the room. You know what might happen afterwards, be weary of it, I say, be weary!' And to no other account than their own, suddenly it had come forth and broke through the opposite wall. Some of the guests had been caught in the middle, while others stared. By no means could they be alarmed by the fact, nor could they seek anything other than companionship for themselves from that point onward. The reason being that they were, after all, the last remaining human beings there. 'My dear, look, look at the world outside.' The worst of fears had been somewhat made ever so clear and certain and aware as to make it so, so, way so near their own deceitful approach. No longer could they stand what was going on and soon enough they would have to flee again. But what they saw out there, before making it to the stairs had been the very fact that there was nothing out there, nothing, any longer, which may have been of interest for the likes of man. It was all too obvious that mankind had suffered this ill blow, through which everything had come to be, part of it, at least. Could it even be called in part? That was the certainty which may not be told off either. And the crowd, what had remained off looked off in the distance and waved, as to some distant past which now lay covered in that crystalline dark from which sprouted that whiteness and that bleak from which encompassed all. Through the halls above, they had made it so everyone knew. 'No one is to lay down there, understand it? No one is allowed below the waist of the building. This had been a failure I say, a failure indeed!' 'Speak louder, I can't seem to hear you, where's all this noise coming from?' Not to peak out of his canvas filled-room, there seemed to be some curtain there, popping out, pushing forward, laying forth in some twist and turn which never seemed to bother anyone. It could be called into action as it begged for the reaction that followed. He'd been punched, straight across the face, latter in the face with some kind of bust through both sides. It was clear that this man had gone from acting like a saint to a savage. 'Now, will you finally listen? I can't seem to shake off the thought that I'm the only one here with half a mind working. I can't even expect thing kind of repugnancy to be filled any longer. Just go ahead and listen to what I've got to say. There's no one in this room, or at this floor or in the building who's going to survive this unless we go ahead and work together. Come on already, we can't be all saviors or even pretend there's a chance.' 'Poor choice of words you skin flab.' The fellow next to him had been ready to strike him as well but chose to push him instead. And he had done well to drag him out of the general direction, as it's been made so clear now, the fact that neither one would take the news too well. Behind the two of them, amongst the curtain, the room had been locked. It didn't take long for everyone out there to overreact, grabbing, pushing, stalling and trying to scatter around anywhere they might be able to leap towards. In their chambers windows opened, screams were heard as well. The image of their world having been twisted into that had been dreadful, as some case experiment, or some test on their minds. And it turned out, as

intelligent and logical being as they appeared to be, they all seemed to have taken this a bit too harsh. Ants standing, trying to run from one corner to the other in their minds but held physically by the realization that there was nowhere to run. They haven't been the worst ones, as those ones would just happen to be the kind which could only suffer getting through the wreckage their world had become with the help of brute force. Many fists rested against counters, broken walls, fading bloody marks pushing from end to end at a corner. No forth, had it been that they could only make it so they wanted more, something to it, something no man could have taken for himself from there. Logical, they were no longer, as the theft began, their mad behavior having been forced into what they could freely see for themselves. Against one, against the other, one stroke, another fell. But not in that room, where the artist was placed in some unconscious wave, some dormant gaze having been set forth. What must I do now? I'm locked with the two of them. 'What's that in your mind? Do you see that thing? Can you even realize what's happening?' 'I have been the first, now what are you implying? I was the one who warned the others.' 'No, not that you imbecile. I'm talking about the fact that the world is in such a mad shape and the fact that you're not helping it by any means. You've startled everyone, as if they needed to see that.' Oh, what he had looked upon, the great city with its tall buildings, grand cards, and many pastels, colored and floored with the likes which may flatter even an artist, now lay in its grasp. That thing which had either been alive, or not, seemed to have just spread and instead of forcing them into any kind of disturbing behaviors, everything seemed to flatten. 'Look at it, at any rate, our world will become shapeless, and there's no stopping to it.' 'Listen, fellow, doesn't that mean this might be a great turn of events? It could only make it so we have a chance at life, we have a chance to go out there and.' His eyes had been so wide. He wasn't even paying attention to it. He hadn't been thinking of even trying to hint at the fact that there would be nothing out there, nothing of the sort, no animals, no humans, and no wildlife. Their visions blurred, as they had realized, they would have no air either, on the long run. And outside, what stood too many, as the many lights seemed to be in some kind of glory of awe, as many lights suddenly turned on, they have seemed to have thoroughly revealed themselves as the guests and escapees who had stood, locked or unlocked in their rooms, chatting and watching as their world continued collapsing. What had there been to watch, who may sink ever so deep as to look at it. Creatures which were no longer human but rode in many trains around town, crashing through buildings made out of their own material and their own bodies as well. Soon the buildings would crush and shape themselves like heads, revealing the agony they felt. Much more, hands grasped only to reveal the mockery that would be their end, as they grasped around their mouths and nostrils, only to reveal the way through which they would be dead. And in the end they worried not for themselves and rather seemed to bother themselves no longer as they waited for night to be over.

Through a large field, the mark of the body had been placed, widespread and disinterested in itself. The mark had been alive and moved to the side of the field, spreading like some walking plague formed out of cut-in-part rats. It started ever since the day of the third harvest that the biggest mass of rats would be drawn towards the fields. Like a plague of dying morbid blanket it drew itself farther on the field until the body came and embed itself on it. Many of them had been mentally-starved in ways on indescribable terror, from which many of their minds had not only pushed and threw out but. The corpse only appeared to be caught in some dreadful spin on the other side of the plane on which he landed on. There, he had managed to gain control over as many degenerate children which had been born in its strange image as it could possibly take care off. He would be oblivious to their kind, especially since they resembled him far too much than he would expect. In such a conversion of thoughts, the only thing which had kept it alive was the fact that there was some dreadful signal being shot from inside the mark. Out there, somewhere, it had attempted to seek its master, the body, the deterrent of woe, theater of many plays in which the rats played answered the call and held itself out there, standing like some pillar of a giant raised uniform statue. Of its body, there was the very fact that it had no limbs and it couldn't walk, not crawl. It would only dabble in the likes of being shut off from society. As this body had been looked down by the other bodies that had grown their limbs inside their spines and had been able to release them as some constructs of flying and malignant retribution. It couldn't have been thanked for, in the likes of many of the grown and benign creatures that had looked upon them in disgust. Their bodies spread from behind, those limbs had pushed like legs bred out of kindness for morbidity. And it turned out that their insides had released a big embodiment of guts which shot from their backs, pushing through, spreading as they'd eat pieces of their own limbs. As tiny as their heads had been, they had been heavy, their teeth had been far too many and too sprawled and only came to show that their insides had been filled with them. It had been a mad way to sharpen their own bodies so they might be able to keep that permanent state of floating in the air. Without it, there'd be dread and fear. No amount of insecurity would lay or be the same for each and every single one of them knew that they hadn't been bodies but entries, living portals to the other world. And in the otherworld, where objects floated akin to some embodiment of the cosmos, there hadn't laid any other object, no full body, but the many heads and the sides of the rats which had been taken from them. They lapsed in the fact that these bodies hadn't been real. Many if not all had either been poor imitations, to which their own portals lead to nowhere, or had served as nothing but traps. Unfurled and unturned from their insides, the bodies looked like walking pairs of spiked planes. They could spread themselves and pin down the living with their malignant spreading vine-like tentacles. But deep inside each had been an olfactory sense which only had to activate to force them into such a stance that they would prolongely be set to suffer. Inside there lay such a kind of deep pain which couldn't be escaped from without the proper way to die. They would evaporate and their many teeth would end up somewhat tried at times. Every single they would slowly drift from the disintegrating bodies, ending up in the fields. Though they may have been empty, the filed would be filled with towering teeth, spiked to the touch of no man who may dare come to live his life there. As one such sight could not only defy expectations but bury themselves in the body of the ground. To such a mount, from which the sight of the progenitor of a spiked retreat, the men had looked at what appeared to be the remains of a great invasion. Most of their world had been sabotaged to the point where the many sharp points had been stuck through the bodies of those rates, being delivered into the bodies of the rats. In their home dimension those half-rat

bodies began barging into a magnificent rat-king, though its mind had been anything but well functional by any means. Nothing would be right by any means, nothing which would wager the return of such a strange confinement and the lost breed which never waged any war against their kind. Someone had stolen their flavor. They attempted to taste one another but spat pieces of fur and of themselves out there. Since those pieces weren't living, they had been turned upon themselves, pushing and throwing each other as far as possible, without need of apprehension from what had been going out. In some way and through the danger of the malignant, there was some kin which would be left alone. Dread could never be felt by the one living head which had refrain itself from joining the rat entity. Out there, swimming in the fur which had been spread just about everywhere, there had been some malignant woe which had been given birth. The many heads and the rats had suddenly drawn inward, creating the entity of supreme filth. And it stood there, with one tiny rat head, against the rat king. While the outside world had been under threat, this one would stand against its so-called superior in an attempt to defile it, while the wave of entry had arrived. A few pointers came out from behind the floating rats. For the time being they could only stand, unable to move forward and waiting. It couldn't be conceived with otherwise, whatever it would be, no mind could be held accountable to no end. It made each of the rat heads become paranoid. The space in the realm hadn't been infinite or widespread to unfathomable reaches after all. One couldn't possibly hope to ascent and get through as far as possible even if he wanted to. It is for that reason that fear came afterwards, pushing inwardly, to the point where mobility had faded to some unconsciousness of the mind. The many teeth found themselves being dragged inside by the real body which had been pulled to where the field of spikes had lain. What actually had been conveyed in the matter was the fact that, in that one decrepit manner of disturbance of the bile, the many rat bodies had crept behind the real body, trapping it before proceeding to drag it away. Within their likes, they had senses the scent of their own heads, not through anything else but their pulsating bloody veins which had still been connected through. Their worldly feelings had been spared nothing less of the circumstance ahead. In such a short duration of time, they had managed to draw within their allegiance the mark. And that mark had given them the strength to carry the malignance as to marry themselves to the body. Like a covering licking shadow the mark stood over the bodies, preserving not only their strength but their strange defiling gazes. Such a filthy and malignant pause had come until he had been about the entrance to the field. Those rats knew there'd be no way to be reunited with their heads, as they had been forced to feel the presence of the entity inside their own bodies. And it was filthy and malignant, for each of them felt used as if by some nasty fragrance of some kind had exposed their breed and minds. In some kind of mad dexterity, they had cut one another in spite of what had happened, pushing in the field, dragging the portal as the body had been forced open. The body held no control over its own actions, as he had been restrained by the mark and by the rats. Writhing in agony, seen by them as last, the entire dimension had been ripped apart, seeing the land in some kind of field of battle where only the rat deity of filth remained. It soothed itself as it watched everyone else wreath in their death coils. The many teeth stood jointed and covered in dark veils sprouted by the mark. Not even it had survived this destruction, as it appeared to breed itself into cover again. So desperately had it turned inside that it attempted to push and creep and shoot as far as it could. To no avail had it happened, as they turned as they'd start sinking in the bowls of their dying cosmos. But this world had been young. The humans would soon come and they would look upon their deity and crown it as their woe would come to an end.

That man

Two times for each chance. It had been right there, ready to be plunged upon. A row made out heavy brass-wielded tied hooks formed the path ahead. Someone with half-a-mind afflicted by some mild vertigo had passed it before him. But what was way too distracting had been that person who lay at the end of the row. It lead to a half-closed gate where that lord of sickness waited. On his shoulders, like some wandering stoppers, two half-breeds were placed. Luckily for them, he had been long-bones, shoulder-wide, filled with something which had been growing now. It was by both of their crookless, tooth-picked mouths that small sealed mutton-chop formed, green liquid filled grubs came out. They were either being spat, which could be look from inside, the shoulders of the man. As it seemed like they were connected with his insides. Likely, the madman had two giant stomachs on each side, in the form of his arms. They would be unlikely to be checked by anyone else. For the man on the other side of the lines row, it only looked like those two half-breeds had only been giving live-births, when the reality had been much more lacking in terms of what was going on. No man, of any renown would ever pay enough attention to give to that highly short-armed tainted cruel thing in front of him. He only waited, amused by the fact that there could only be a single thing distracting him from it. No longer would be paying his respects to what was going on down there. For this had been a weak, frail and poor beggar who tried to escape the likes of the on-going war. 'Please help me, I need to cross and I don't know if I can do it safely. Anything, I swear, I'll serve you, and I'll give my life to you, anything, but don't let me die. I stole something on the way. Look, I'm filthy, I'm not right, I won't judge you for what you are. Look, see, see?' From under his woolen robe, tattered with some scummy earth, he looked like he had been dragged and whipped and much more beaten than he had eaten in a lifetime. But under that helmet and beyond it he still couldn't see to whom he had been addressing. It could've been anyone. As a matter of fact, if he hadn't known any better, he could've thought this as being one of his captors' attempts to make a mockery of him while he

tried his best to escape. It was obvious that the way behind had been barred. Going back down there was outrageous.

The dark had spread quickly in the night, but it wasn't the lack of light or the shade but the remnants of the fire coming from the fire arrows which had been laid on tracks, forlorn like some kind of spree and nets, fire bets between demon-like mindless creatures who taunted one another while fighting the likes of kind men. And many men had died there, either fleeing or in the fight. Many less than they would've liked to admit at that. Not kindness, as no man could lay such a claim, but it was the need to show some empathy and fight for long enough for their wives and children to escape. Those cowardly creatures with their naked breasts, the likes of which would've been stripped down and thrown across the halls. The walls, indeed were to crumble and as he seemed to be there, watching for himself, he looked for a way in and one out. There was none. Such a fall would mean that, even if he had survived, he could die either from slow injury of mockery as everyone leaped after him. Now, as the last of those grubs had settled, the half-breeds closed their mouths. It looked like they weren't scaled but smooth, their bones had been picked clean, their mouths went in both directions, and eyeless gazes seemed to come out of the fact that inside their pupils, actual holes laid. Whoever had done this act had blinded them for as long as they would be alive. Despite being spread across the flat surface which had been overlaid on his shoulders, he couldn't help it. Not at all, he couldn't be bothered by the mere fact that they were staring at him. No less than he would care to admit, he made a single step and outstretched one of his hands. This knight dressed in a governed armor, by its dark twisted tinges and many locked, tiny-screwed chains which seemed to drag from his behind in some device which kept all of his limbs from falling apart now came to torture the half-breeds. By the looks, or so he seemed to look at it, those shoulder joints weren't meant to stretch or bend that way. It didn't look natural, how they eight legs were set in strange directions, over the bottom of their bodies. And, below, their inner sides seemed to bear some stretched magnitude of many flaps which only gave the impression that their bore large sacks that had been forced inside its arms. Madly, those eyes started twisting, rounded, and kept rolling. No more would they fold themselves over the fact that it had been in pain. One would have to govern his own strength over the fact that there had been some trap of the intestines there. The insecticide had come into effect. On both sides as the grubs came into their respectable positions they popped, releasing splatters of their acidic leaping bile. Those who fell victim had been turned inside and out, being thereafter pulled into the bile, and unto the other side in some twisted reflection where they would had looked like it had been made out of the same acidic substance. Those caught in it seemed to be walking without their muscle mass or bones or even memories at that. No longer could it be thought as a way of watching or of knowing, they only existed there, suffering constantly over the fact that they had been forced to suffer for as long as they would burn from inside. And the beggar, named Cabargio, seemed to stand at the threshold of falling. He looked below and could think of nothing but what might happen if he were to fall down there. Just what might go wrong if he were to go that way? Perhaps that substance would be soft. He could barely see it now that the smoke was raising itself up. He would have to take his chances with him after all. And if he took a miss-step? He'd earn his place down there, on that spot, never to be dumb-founded again. If only I could trust him, he thought to himself. Then I could cross that tight gap and get over there. Down there, broken swords, armor pieces, metal melting by the distant blacksmith gorge. 'I beg of you that it may not have crossed your mind to drop me in that pit there, our hold had become mousing but some wreckage left by the destruction brought by your kin alone. Don't mind that I walk

slowly, but hold your half breeds still while I cross.'It moved underneath him and before he could take it on himself to get over, he brought himself closer to some sense. At least his legs felt something hard, soft at times but hard enough for him to step. There, in his grasp, their hands united and as they had, he was drawn in closer to the point where he'd touch and feel no less of the exposure to the cold metal which came into contact with his hand.

Paint

In their wake, it had been thoroughly acknowledged that no being would have a normal life. Theirs would be an unspeakable agony, forced to keep churning until there'd be nothing left but the unspeakable burden of propagation in their lives, until none would suffer any rationality, unlike. There was one failed artist who had walked the streets. The city where he dwelled at one of the feet of the thorough fare a few years ago, during his youth, he could vaguely remember the fact that there used to be some arches in store. Somewhere in town they had taken them home. He had painted figures and had stored them all in a decrepit old archive that he never dared to visit on his own. Sometimes they were called the barracks, but only he could mutter their name. 'Clystia, Clysiac, where have you gone?' And the door would open, as if charmed by him. Though he dared not stare at what he'd made. A fashioned ringer in a sculpted mouth, something which was his and looked upon by his adoring fans. 'Will you please start sculpting already? Can't you see you'd make a great sculptor if you tried? Pah, they're all meaningless, and dumb. If only they knew that what I made behind those doors, they'd look upon me with much more adoration.' But that feeling of guilt which followed almost made him stink at that. He knew that behind those shutter, everything he made was trash. Only the most disturbing rubbish he had claimed to store. But in reality, he faded, oh so obscure over the fact

that he realized, with sudden grace that he had failed. Every time turned to gin, to opium and other substances that grinded his mind. Unable to help it any more, as they had started pushing forth that anachromatic vigor that made him want to start again only to stop. If a single stroke of oil had landed, he would be met and lay blinded over by every single one of his mistake. 'This doesn't look like a face or like a body. Ugly, ugly, they're all ugly. Why am I unable to create anything even remotely close to beauty?' After watching and realizing that there wasn't anything which were to make him happy, if only he could land a stroke by mistake, a skin tone or a blush, an eye, anything which would bring any kind of anatomical delight. But it was hopeless, his hands were pitiful and benign. Despite his studies, and his moronic desire to get into architecture and through perspective, he had failed. 'I cannot see how this would line. My hands are shaking, I cannot even draw it kindly, to a straighter edge.' He looked at it as if it would try, even the architecture seemed to mind not a single rule, as they began lining through each other, some bent, others placed too high on a piece of ground which shouldn't even have minded the roads. And they curved in the most atrocious manner. How many nights have I spent ripping it all to shreds? He wondered, only to realize that he was losing his years, most of them were already gone. It was a dream, a pitiful thing which had only lasted for as much as he could help himself. And one day, out of the ground, he took a piece of clay, or marble or a cast of bronze and he had made himself a lock, to put them all into a place. It was his rage which drove him there. For a lack of any kindness, to which he may not even be able to contest a way to resolve his sudden issue of derangements, be them told or not, he found himself at the cross, standing and praying like a man who had suffered a loss. 'Why can't I create?' He wondered, sinking by the table, unable to look any of the repairmen who passed him in the eyes.

Avoidance like this could only get past his head, an order which would only make him wish he would be gone sooner. To remember all those stroke and the lack of joy, for he had reached his prime once, ten years ago. Despite his attempts, he had never got back to that point when he had created something which was near, that of which he feared most. In his elder days, he looked back with a lack of heart. Past the door, where he had locked them, underneath the pile of failed paintings there was the image of dread. He had gotten there by mistake, a mistake which might haunt him for the rest of his days. An image of the most obscure creatures, almost somnambulistic, mechanical, abstract or lost to him, even if that was possible after all. They were connected, like two heads standing near a canyon, bearing themselves as another two headed being, with a longer body, but smaller, ate from both of them. Their base of operation lay behind it, like a giant machine, which bore tucks and iron claps connected to what seemed to be circuit. As the valley peered into them, he had come to see and to know that it was not by his hands that image was created, but by it, that schizophrenic fiend which had possessed him and forced upon him the image of morbidity. It made him want to see more, to experience and to see the grave. Hallbartt walked and found himself digging graves during the night. He wanted to see what it would feel like, being near one of them, standing in the same grave, almost tied or glued, resting near one of his own. Like a shattering blow to his ribs, it gave him the midst of laughing and of glancing, realizing he was looked at by one raven which brought him companionship. 'Have you come to bring me news perhaps? Are you a bad omen, or sorrowful at all?' No amount of whistling could do. Not a single dare, unfair to him, he would dare come back to the living, standing prolated on the grave-bed, with a dame of his choosing, still too close to together for her to feel any amount of warmth inside of him. 'May you at least bring me some sort of quiet? I cannot help but listen to your voice and realize that I can hear you scream there.'

We've been separated, haven't we? Ever since I decided it was rightfully fair for me to step in, you've become cold and distant. Now you stopped again, you wouldn't even tell me of that.' What I saw inside that painting, even now. The colors which were into light were dark, like an extraction from the deep sea, where they swam and no one else had been like it. I miss that feeling, of being so thorough, at to be done with the day and be tired of it for as long as I can. 'There's still force in this arms, you realize that, don't you?' But she hadn't any intention of showing it to him. For that he brought a piece of wood, a few colors of the oil, to which he started painting her face before the could grow warm again. What have I done to her face? Hallbart left her with a crying gaze, from which he almost got up awakened during the night. It's only been a few hours since he had performed that unforgivable act of gravedigger which molested his dreams, and took him over from his bed. He had to see the painting again. With the key taken from the counter, after rushing in, no laughter had come from inside. The window had been open and it seemed like his old friend, the raven had been there, witnessed by him. 'Have you come to steal my paintings? Not that I would complain, but I wish you'd stay away from my most valuable one, that one. I cannot help it. I don't like looking at the others; I took no joy into making them. They were done by force, nothing more, these hands had been wrought to a distasteful end. But I can see them working again. If only I could be proven wrong about what I've done.' Slowly he unwrapped the newspaper folds in which it rested, only to see that it wasn't the creature there, but the lady he had taken from her grave, she was being eaten by those vile creatures, with no interest in preserving what she was. And he had confirmed it again, by looking at the beauty marks and at the colored face he had given her at that. In that moment, when he ought to die of a stroke, the man was met by a voice from the high above. 'Sink, sink, deeper if you want to get her back.' And through the room, once the windows shocked by forced, it had almost curved itself to become the home for the submarine he had been on. 'What's the meaning of this?' He went out the door and looked at no apartment but a small side of the many roomed hallbeam he was in. By the right and by the left, he was greeted by the rest. 'Go back in the cabin, we're going to have to shock you if you resist.' 'But I've done nothing wrong, look, I don't know what it is you want.' 'Stray away and we shall shock you.' To which he pointed at his knees, he couldn't feel them any less than he had wanted. 'I cannot force them to retreat.' 'Much deeper than that, you need to be at the bulk of it, to reach her.' Through the husk, he seemed trapped, almost drawn through the layers which protected the innards from the deep pressure which stroke at it. He had not planned on looking back, nor had he doubted their intention for as long as they knew what they were doing. Frightened of his failure to submit, he started jerking so he could at least obtain the color he needed to paint inside the walls. 'A crimson hue for the many wretched worms, may they eat me whole if they want to. I do not care any longer, I think I may just feel as if I'm home here.' Yet he wanted to see if the painting he had made was real, no treachery, no disease, no distaste only that, he feared least he knew. His heart, twas' thrice the size of a beating pouch, and he couldn't even dare himself to be there any longer. What came out of him was at least one deeper sorrow, another cut followed. He would think himself the braver, if the hanging would've come. But they had to speak again, convincingly, as they would force him to draw back. 'Sink deeper if you want to live, for if you can't, we'll make to drink your own blood and gush with it.' He followed through, unable to face what he had become down there, a being which could only breathe, only through the likes of his pigments and the ink. Air vibrating got through him through the blood, and the more he lost, the easier he would get a way to take it back. Soon enough he had been given a pass, a mass of the least

desirable, the malign and the prime blood anchor which dragged him down. He would meet her if only he tried, to sink deeper rather than be alive, in a pace he hated the most. Within his throttling neck, bile entered him, no longer allowing him to breathe directly, out of the uttermost fear that he might reek or try getting in through the various spasms that inherited his oxygen starved mind. Before he could reach her he had fallen too low. Being landed on two ends, he started from both sides, only to see himself, staring at a mirror while being eaten by the old lady he had looked so long for.

Strange change

One of the first contacts had progressed just as it was planned. By the noon of the seventeen hour of September eight-five, caught by one of the camera in the experimental room eighty-two, lay the blue dreamer. He would be called that only because its most defining feature was the fact that it could slightly resemble the likeness of a message in a bottle and its surrounding areas as soon as it was thrown overboard. Lighten, in its strange and peculiar drone-like watching glances, was the inserting machine. That's the only way we could call it, without risking to be fired out of the inconsistent way in which we treated it. This mad being appeared to lurk in places we couldn't even admit to have seen it as a human. That's what the top of its body betrayed, but everything else didn't let it get through. No, unlike its predecessor, this strange comer had been missing for far too long. 'It's time that we look at the recordings again. "Eight hours, that's for how long we've been trying to get through it, eight damn hours. How can you even suppose we could explain this to the higher ups? So many hours wasted for what?" "For this thing.' In its strange engulfance, the solid suit appeared to encompass a body which would've been attributed to a gorilla than that of a man, both in strength or the fact that it was as wide as one could measure it. 'How strange, it appears to have set a contact with that blue-cliacl.' 'So that's what we're supposed to call it now? A blue one, as opposed to the normal CliacIs?' 'Indeed, this no time for mockery sir, I must insist on the fact that we use the proper name and nothing else.

Otherwise, we won't be able to set contact again with their kind.' The first set of contacts, prior to these ones couldn't even be called that way. In all honesty, it had been a mild thing, a ringer, a scare, they appeared out of nowhere. As much as they could be brought to the attention on the animal physiognomy, these were stranger to the likes, to even fashion a kind of peculiar rivalry to what ought to be an accepted branch of biology. It looked like the head had been too spread to belong to a man, and neither of the dissections revealed a skull being held inside. No, they had some jerky thing, which helped preserve the tools of worship. The orange key and scepter had been taken from them. It was not the place and time to be judged for it, but one could swear, by no hare's that these things would walk again. Or gloat at the fact that their many feet had been left out before they began levitating. Nor was it likely that their bodies could be torn apart. To say that they were stringed or that they were winged would be a mistake. Simply, they were able to adapt to whatever environment they could simply produce around them. And that

kind of production had only served to haunt them, after seeing the illusion of the air. 'That's where the color came from, that dreadful thing tricked the molecules into being softer and wetter.' 'Quite the observation there, I see. You ought to become a scientist with that mind and with those keen eyes.' 'Please, I'm only trying to preserve myself to the betters. I cannot help it if I can't cut a few of my fingers off each time you open your mouth.' 'Rude, now let's watch it again.' Alexandris had been the medic. She wasn't as disposable as she wanted to appear. As a matter of fact, out of fear that she might miss it, she had to replay it in her mind again. The moment in which their agent interacted with the creature. Some of the present crowd, for the circumstances which be around, appeared to have caught on something of the fright needed to pay enough attention to the details around him. Key logs, left notes, the details regarding the circumstances in which he found himself unable to cut them off. It was to be distasteful, for one moment in which they had been lead to the drawing of the crook. Whichever he was, the engineer Corco, or one of the recruits, Lern, it hadn't mattered at all. This man had been changed by forced, into a wild machine, or that was the only idea they could think off. An alternative no one wanted to suggest, though that may be on their minds being the fact that inside of those sixteen metal cases, there hid something which resembled of tower of sunken tender remains resulting after the entry of a fully-grown adult into the chopping-wagons. Even as a mere accident, to think that such a wild defect would somehow survive the entire process and be reanimated by some unworldly means was deceitful, dreadful, incomprehensible, it served as no means of trying to look into it further. How would he have ordained the use of a connecting tube then? How had he acquired it? Without that question answered, there was only the ever-present idea that this thing was intelligent enough to do a lot of harm. As much as it did, they started to compromise each other in this desire to destroy. Each of them drew just enough information from one another to change. Soon the entire controlled environment had simply become their peculiar lair. The walls had actually become organic, covered by some almost illidiac net which spread as soon as it had come into contact with the rest of the floor. Not only the temperature had fallen into their hands, both of them had also managed to draw some of the members of the controlled facility in. A pair of contacts came and appeared to have been lost. With their cards being authenticated, no living thing would keep itself from pushing in. The saint in white arose from slumber, waiting in the hall of lost chapters. In the tomes rested in order for atonement, for their own sake had been lost, at the cost of whomever the thieves had been. As soon as one was to account for each of them and the extinguished flames which had almost engulfed pages, he opened a book he had drawn from one of the shelves and started reading again. 'Where was I?' He wondered as soon as he came to stand tall, though his feet were long and widespread, in the insignificant way they had begun. Both of them were lost, he couldn't walk any longer without his servants being there. 'I long for you to arrive, back in the place where my insight has gone.' To his words none answered, and none the matter. It looked like once he stood straight, his marble radiance had emerged. The circle around his head faced, his almost plastic head bobbed and out of his shoulder a pair of incomplete arms fell to the side. Even if he had tried, he couldn't remake himself in the way his ancestors had left him there. What had been left of him was but an arm, once which work thoroughly not to be broken and pulled from the rest of him, at last. It was undecided what to say. 'When shall I speak with you again?' He wrote in the passage, and the one locked in it responded. 'Once I am ready to accept that I cannot escape my fate.' Answered one of the lost speakers, tormented in the purgatory, with no one to talk with, in moments like these, a blessing came. 'I shall force you to join me then, during my closest hour.'

Would you be pleased to join me?’ ‘But how can I look alive where there’s nothing I may dine upon?’ The back of the stranger, in the tome he had picked, had bore the description. ‘Being whipped.’ As the many lashes left some hindrance to the core of his body, he had only found himself drawing back, pulling to the side until nothing was worth it. Only the supreme dementia which arose from what he would peer upon lain in his mind. The blind would not see, the deaf would not hear, and the one who’d speak his mind aloud couldn’t fear his own voice. So many things had been left unspoken and unwritten by him. Many of his journeys and his sights, all of which haunted him more than he could think about. I had only come in contact with the Slugman once. He had been lost to me ever since that day I have come into contact with him. Whoever I could span to look into, for as long as I could help it. The Pink Slugman Illioporus.

Determined for disturbing delights

How could it be that they were still alive, even after the percussion of the compressor? Their high peaks had been taken down. And when they had, the population couldn’t resist as the waves had shot across the planet in a wave which had turned their bodies into those changed hour glassed traps in which they had been locked ever-after. Earth had been full of them. Standing bodies which couldn’t move, bones which had mixed with skin and blood and water and the dirt which had been around seemed to be thinking for each second in which it took mankind to return. It seemed like they had come, one by one, bearing the memories of the worlds they had been sent to witness. For, this, as it had been was only the malignant image of some long terrestrial prison which in which only the wickedest of minds survived. The sight of the mundane couldn’t. There were those who stopped from their way and watched. From out of nowhere a human being had appeared out of all, or at least a piece of him. It looked like an ever-changing form that mixed and tried re-forming a man. His hands shape appeared only to be contoured as if to keep themselves that way but from inside, it looked like there had been made a connection in-between the special tunnel there. Between the inter-dimensional hole, the inside of which looked as if it had been shaped out of many pieces fit together, out of moving flesh-being who had been tormented by the torture wheel in which they had been set. Those hinges had been solid and seemed to come out of those creatures, holding in the human still and his body had been stretched from inside his world and into that other one. He couldn’t help it then. Pain had gradually increased for each moment which had been spent there. And every second, every moment, for as much as he could stand inside of that place, a piece of him would be pulled back and replaced with another. Eyes would look from the sides of the sole of his feet, while back on his home planet, there would be nothing there. Some cruel and twisted creature seemed to have exited from his much delighted groin-like area, as he was invited to his world. Seeing how so many of them were venerable, this heartily, extended rueful centipede-like formed head widened itself to a size which would only spread and push until its body had become a block of many twisting legs, clustered at each ends. Four pointers spat as it few and shot one long leg as some bolt. The farther it went, the thinner would its body become. But that was worth it, for it had managed to pick up one of the men who had been there. And its teeth collided with his inside and as they had, suddenly it had shown its savagery in might. This was no creature but an elaborate living device. It would collect the man and place him into some form of statis while he would be prepared to get locked

inside that prison. As a mindless device, that it was, nothing from its insides could manage to do with the fact that there were many invaders everywhere, using the entire system while only ever so many of them could be dispatched at a time. In the world where the fluid atmosphere turned into a stirring pot of vileness bred out of some inbreeding cause by the liquids which had tried setting themselves forth as some desperate suitors, now crept to the likes of siding with the primitive beings which were there. One pimalistic stalker appeared on the ground. The floor was raunchy, each step formed another piece of ground underneath his cleverly molecularly enchanted being. It couldn't have been thought off by any means that one could look at himself and see anything. As the body of man wasn't supposed to become what it had been forced into. Without a doubt, it was not to be called in form. This forced him to suffer time after time as he drew in the sight of the other ones that watched. The insignificant concoction which had been formed by the universe looked like a fat, greenish-yellow skinned resonant hard fluid, which had moved on its own before stopping in a final mold. Its limbs were gangrenous, taking to themselves to spread in sides, where one could land his sight, if only he could wait. Danger resided to the way in which it had approached. As it opened a blue colored wretched hole from which puckered the strongest stingers it could master. They looked like tectonic rocks, formed only for their might alone. With a huge flush or beady robes which had been placed around the man's strong nodes, his neck had been smacked, his joints as well. And this enthusiastic morse' started eating from his insides, revealing that through the strange inter-dimensional tunnel, pieces of him began being pulled and ripped apart. From some entire sections there began to be a line so thin that the man had been torn apart completely. Now, there would not be any return for him to the place from which he had come. And the entryway between worlds had come to an end. Tiny spaces laid inside the gaze of the man who watched at the primalistic world he had been thrown in. He had been fully formed as a man. Pieces of his eyes appeared less than apparent to any watcher who knew what to look for. Something about them had been wrong by every possible mean. If someone found it possible to have an inside look, he'd know what it's like to dream of their own surroundings. As that's what it looked inside one of the eyes.

Pieces of a man, must hurry

One would have to look for the marks left in by footsteps on the ground as well as for door steps placed on the walls. They were left there by those who had drawn in and who chose to spread those acres which had sunken from around the very room they had been trapped in for hours. Less than a few sacrificed had been made as they would store their own thoughts inside of them. Perhaps every now and then, a man like Matthenew would come in there and spread the likes of bleeding doors, only to enter in a phase of watching, how the small particles like spume broadened to the

likes of grey. It felt like they couldn't have forced themselves to do anything else but push and spread and tell no man what had been the inner-workings in the likes which then revealed. To the man who had entered through the hinged of a door in one of the walls, he couldn't have forced himself out afterwards. It was there where he would remain for as long as he was to be alive, in a state of not being but slowly he would become like static. And he would be jointed by hundreds of others that had stood there in the likening of being forced to static and static until their very souls had been ripped apart. Matthenew couldn't stay. This period of time had been short and he himself had been shortened. Or at least pieces of his body were. Eventually, after having had his fun, he came back out. Someone made sure there would be a trail to follow. It was clear that he stood enough time in there for someone to come in and make a hole through the bottom of the door, right near the step. He saw just how deep it went. Apparently, someone stole pieces of him, too many to count. Not only would that be a disappointment to him, but it would appear like his dream or his desire to be part of them, that infinite mass of human beings, which bled through one another as static, that desire would fade away. He had to pick up those crumbs of himself. 'How many of them are there? Whoever that thief is, he will pay for this.' Matthenew hissed. No doubt came to it. They looked at him, on the streets. Normal citizen who wouldn't have even looked at him otherwise, clearly they hadn't seen much more of a twisted complexion than he had on his face then. Pieces of it were missing and they didn't work like that. Neither of them could be shoved back inside of him, otherwise this wouldn't have been a problem to begin with. As for face value, they did smile and seemed to grin at the fact that this backfired. 'Why are you judging me now? If only you knew how great it is to be part of them, to feel nothing, not to be looked like an ugly man or some. Someone who was lost.' Is lost. I'm lost. But that scoundrel was there, just around the corner. I could feel him just about that point, looking for me in some direction which wouldn't have been held aloft. He was someone's child, apparently, quite clever for his age. With a few tools and a vulnerable man, this kid had made a blow which would be unforgivable for anyone else. If only I had my hands around him, around the back of his throat and into his ribs. That kid would know what respect is. He would learn it soon enough on his own skin. Indeed, he knew just the perfect punishment for that child. If he was to be caught, then, sweet irony would come. Why shouldn't the kid be permitted to live? No one said the kid had to die, why, he would make it so the kid wouldn't have to suffer anymore. Both of them could bet together after all. With each turn of the block, Matthenew started thinking about what he could tell the child. Sweet promises of this being his end. 'That kid should've known better than to mess with me.' At this, he seemed to be set on it. A light flashed from the sign above his head. Some neighbor thought it would draw in some people to move in if he proved himself to be rather hip with them. Clearly it hadn't been the case at all. No, there'd be nothing pulling at it either. Both of them would have a long way back to talk about it. But as for this alley, it seemed normal. Flattened grass, cut, rounded end of the road, with four traditional homes in such a city, this seemed old. What he couldn't take away from him was the fact that he had seen exactly in which house the kid went into. 'Think yourself clever because you ended the trail right about the middle? I saw you enter that house, kid. I know where you live?' It's been getting all too heavy for Matthenew to carry that pile. He couldn't trust himself to carry it even less or far more distant than it had been. With one leap in that direction, he could be just by his front door and enter it. Just keep in mind, the child brought this on his own. He'll be the one to suffer. I'll make them pick them up, every single one of them. There wasn't any undoing now, he already placed them into a pile out there,

exposed to the elements. If he waited too long or if he didn't hurry, they could melt and become tender as well. But that would mean he would become too as well. And pieces of his head were missing. He forgot that tiny detail. Not a single moment to waste. 'Where are you kid? Open the door, now!' It would have to fall eventually, if only he had hit it hard enough, for as long as he could, hardly stopping, unable to be heeded. His thicko-clock stopped marking four at least eight hours ago. That ancient thing looked as looking, as its tongues were licking like a tiny bull-plated small bed-rocked stones from where it could be seen spinning. Obviously malfunctioning as it had been distracting, it had looked as if he couldn't be bothered by the hands which pointed at one another, gulping at each stored piece. It was right where he placed it. Otherwise bent to such a scuffle, he looked as if ready to overcome his desire to draw in. Will he look around if I drew the lock from the barred visor? Without enough, he couldn't have shoved or pushed all of those remaining memory pins anywhere else. Not only it may not even be thought off, but he could also spare a look forward. To the side, they already seemed to have melted, on the desk and on his four squared, eighty inches television set. Could it be the room temperature that caused it? In about one moment he would enter through that door. Little care had been heeded for injury, as he wouldn't care of he'd get on the other side still in one piece. The door broke with half of his body standing outside and the other side lying within the house. Not only had he looked into it by something within a few seconds in and out, but it also came to him there that he would stare at all the other pieces of him which had been wasted. But this sudden burst out of his chest revealed that there was another kind of affliction which threatened to terminate him. A rate burst which had been induced by the process of transition between the two worlds. Seeing how there wasn't a chamber made out of the unity of many people, two halves hard turned against one another. That bottom half from the waist down only came to leave some kind of miss creation of the room it had come into contact with. It would self-cannibalize the living pieces, forming them into sides, twisting and moving them around the yard so they might be wide spread. It hadn't been meant for any objects to become part of the unity, and those long grass-blades only peculiarly seemed to matter now. No amount of push-and-drag could make up for the fact that the man had been inside the house. And his was the other side of the body which had, in turn, reversed the process up to the point of having himself be turned in a man. He was bleeding then, but at least his hands had been on the back of that child. 'I've got just enough time, kid, look at what you've done.' He had been a mute. Only but a few things went through his mind then. First the hand which had been on top of his face seemed to have a few pieces of half-fingers melting on his face, not even likely to leave a mark as they only brushed off his cheeks like water. 'My bones are turning inside out, I can feel my mind going off. But you're still going to come with me one way or another.' The brown in his eyes only cherished some kind of reflection against that constant static which had taken pieces of his door as it spread itself across the floor, the ceiling was there no more, and finally that man had got what he had asked for. Even the pieces of himself which had been on that sidewalk had been taken back and afterwards, no one had been safe to ever walk upon it. Matthenew had been no more.

Primitive savages

There were floating islands just as widespread as any man could see. Many roots flung those floating formations from one side to another in some dance of much disturbing hopeless influence given in by the mad gazers from beneath. On both side, beneath and above of them, no rest could do over the fact that it half pushed itself to some kind of defensive stance which was much needed in order to keep itself from breaking. Their small plains, as dark and shady as they were pushed and threw one another into repealing curves. In themselves, whatever might've been stores pushed inwardly towards the lack of better storage, damaging whatever organs there had been inside those floating islands. Many dazzling grips had shaken them so badly that they couldn't keep themselves floating in the air. It was laborious of them to stand and float into the mad circuit of space. And in-between every other gap left in which hadn't been fully occupied by the empty circuit, there was something near some flattened planet or some piece of some long crushed comet which had been used for travel by the most dreadful of beings. From there, it seemed like there came the one who had been waited for. In his share of most disputable claims, the fragrance of

space which had been given life by the empty circuit now came into being. Many of its sprouted faces ended up being swallowed by newly formed ones. The spaces looked as if it had been flat there for one second until it suddenly pulled itself to make some space for that thing. Nothing was within its rage. But one planet suddenly approached. From beneath its end, that space-admired being had finally come to be. Its faces were only four in number and from the top of their heads, there was a worm-like crown from which came many walking legs which pushed onward as to creep into the essence that planet had promised it. From where it stood, mightily in its show, there seemed to have been sprouted some peculiar velvet-shaped bottom cowl. It would present itself like some deity of the outer space as it pushed in forward, presenting itself as this mad being that had come in front of those strange and tiny primitives who stood beneath it. As for what they resembled, those faces were rather shallow and would appear as nothing but some strange formations. Only a human being could see a face in such a being and there were none out there. It felt like there would be something to be held in contempt. No amount of waiting would do for such a thing to happen. It wanted something from them and those nasty creatures couldn't help but praise it instead of giving something to the circuit. Was it no them who brought it there? Within its grasp, now that it had come nearer one of the primitives, it ran its crushing mouth against it. But there was no hole in there, only that crushing force which left the remains. In the strange happening of the universe, the primitive creature didn't die, instead it had been exposed to some peculiar growth mechanism which had imitated the strange being. Or it least it had attempted to do so. Most of the process so far had been seen like some kind of blessing, pushed forward from the likes of a primitive folk who was one of their own spread on the ground, with a piece of that face sticking out of what used to be his body. But that blessing had turned on them as it from that very petty grave upon which they looked down upon. It couldn't be helped now. From its downplayed recognition, it had spared not a single second as the face of the primitive had been farther away, being connected only by the growth of the imitation which had been its long, and worm crown. 'You are beneath me, you are all beneath me, let me get a hold of you. Petty things, don't mock me. I am as much of a god as he is and I shall not be forced down upon my self not matter what.' He was quickly abandoned and not only that. This creature had been spat upon, thrown and dragged but strangely, they only touched the parts of which hadn't been attached to that deity which had been grown on it. No, it turned just so close to being shoved by the side, the pain which only throbbed in such a small a head. The feelings in his limbs were dead. No questioning could be had for the likes alone couldn't have been had there. It would be hard to look after them, especially since it may not be that they could be distrusted with him. He could not be farther from the pack now. Under direct surveillance from that circuit spawn, they threw the other savage into a pit they had dug underneath the much beloved, tormented foliage. In some sudden urge, they returned and watched closely as one of their own had fallen with that creep in his pit. There was only one slimmer of emotion there, before the savages realized that the creature had been dead. It couldn't be denied that such an insolence would shatter no less of an expectation when it came to whom they were they worship. One hand, this comer from above stood there, bored. Ever since ha had come there, little interest had been shown in the world he stood in. Less than that had been disposed for pushing inside the filthy brothel they had set around the pit. Those nasty creatures only seemed to act like suitors for the half-god. It was disgusting to look upon, as they threw their young daughters to that thing below. After all, despite being as frail as it had been, this creature had shown itself, it proved itself to be a contender as well as an enemy to them all. It

couldn't have been suffered no less over the fact that they shot at another through dark ways of preparations, in which their daughters would be taken good care of. Look at them. They only see him now for what he is or what he had become. There's little insolence in what they've done. No interest whatsoever in what they came to be and do. Well, I should have taken him and dragged him into the gutter he is. Where he belongs. There were thoughts in that circuit box. After all it had only reflected what the universe had thought off. No matter, not less than what it had been, the broken one had eaten the living one he fell. Not only that, but in his prime example of savagery he had done well to eat and hide himself inside the body he had just attained. Such a primitive thing wasn't worthy of someone like him, but it would do for now. No one could bother enough to push it in any direction than what it was needed. They had little strength of character and seemed to be caught in the initiative he showed. Like a bunch of small puppet-engineered repugnant skin-beings, they had become quick to follow, never being set back by the nerves which had been needed to give in. He may have looked like any other creature with his lips slightly puckered by the likes of high deceive, but, for the one who knew what to look for, one may very well force himself onto them. With his newly acquired might, in front of this, father, as the feelings formed, he would choose to present himself for what he is. A stranger of many less than acquired words and unfelt, unrelated touches, for the likes of which one may know better than to show himself for what he had come. Clearly, there were tremors in the like of that one who stared. One wouldn't have passed on the chance to show himself especially since most of those who had surrounded him were rather dumb. Primitive, perhaps, though they had strength of their own. As their muscles did enable them to go ahead and try hinting at some never-met gaze, the power of on-looking at the flying edges coming from space. The circuit had grown weary out there for their own likes were not supposed to dwell outside and push through that tiny hole which had been formed through the planet's atmosphere as it had forced one tiny grasp of the outside inconsistent gap of biochemical nodes to be produced. They would appear out of nowhere, from one side to another, forcefully throwing the tiny bodies of the prime savages against the ground. Caught in a stream of forceful thrown, there wasn't anything which could come out of the fact that they were pushed and had been drawn to that point where they grew weary of life and died. In that moment, the one half which seemed to have taken to it to sit on the ground hadn't been affected by it. Only one effect threw itself over, as it happened for it to go on and be set aside. Nothing could throw it from where it stood, in that spot where it had managed to drag it. As the heads of the circuit came, they looked down into the pit and stared at this breed which had been bred out of their own gut. Why had it been so peculiar to look down upon it? After all, it felt like they were only staring at a mirror of their own insides. The red scare Back in the past there was the red scare that no one dared speak about, for what it had entailed was the fact that for no lack of courtesy, none dared ask what it had been about. 'Look at how it turns the normal, good-working men into lazy red painted, escapees? They have no comprehension of reality and what comes with it? Someone needs to civilize those men and drag them away from their red idol.' In the heart of their land, it had appeared like the churches had been brought down, while they had been replaced with it. The standing spine would belong to you, the watcher, looking at its formed and born out of its holes, the many skulls of the men who died during the Revolution. Thereafter, everyone who died found himself thrown into that pile, unnerved by the fact that there would be no way of seeing their old or visiting their graves at all. Bodies lied in burning heaps, while their skulls had been flipped onto that idol. 'Behold the red idol, the symbol of the state. Is it not great how it stands there,

glooming with its red light and grim delight? See how they all died for us, for many, many years in which, for better and for worse, generations died only for you to live with freedom. Nothing could be farther from it. For some who looked behind at the chanting man appeared to have state-encased collars at their necks. As opposed to the neutral faces coming from the other men, they smiled. How could they deny that feeling which had been shown to them then? If they hadn't, one could mark them for the taking. Paranoid instilled instill in the fact that they've been told about how advanced they were and how they'd snap off their heads so it'd be easier to drag them to the idol. Mostly, it had been the trouble makers who wore those markers, not to alarm the others in some way. But no one knew if those collars were just signals for the guards so they may take them to the chopping block, or worse. No one risked, or if they did, those had been closed cases. And the closed cases were obvious to them, as a matter of fact, one knew of them at a first glance, as soon as it would happen for them to go at that. People immediately circled one such man and stood there, talking, spearing no doubt, but never spoke of what they thought aloud. Even from the distance, the on-lookers could do nothing but wonder what had happened to the man. Instead of looking inwardly to himself, Ivan never bought it. 'They don't look like they're, you know, they don't look like they're shocked by it. I don't see any blood spreading around.' 'Shut up Ivan. I don't want to hear anything from you again. You always spit on the state, you always look down on people who pray to the idol and.' 'I see it for what it is. Don't act as if it isn't that way. There's something to it that they're not telling us about. There's way too much space inside of it, can't you see it? I'm afraid that the state won't be able to hold its people for their sake at this rate.' 'Don't interfere with them, you know that nothing good could come out of it.' Katya said, whilst looking at the plainness of their simple house. One state-enforced ambulance seemed to have made its way through both ends of the crowd. It couldn't be conceived that they would manage to somewhat made that as subtle as it appeared to be. And the thing was that, they didn't hide it just from the onlookers from their home but also from those above. Foreign zeppelins had been allowed to go through their foreign land and it couldn't be anything but forced. Even with their lenses, they still couldn't see through the thick clouds coming from their filth-inducing steam machines. It would be dreadful for the greatest line to go off there, leaving twenty homes without electricity. 'How come it always happens when there's someone about to lose their head?' Every single time, forced as if through some weird event, it seemed like there was someone or something getting in the way of people finding out the truth. It had been an age which had prevented them from ever thinking or saying what they wanted to say. And that idol had only served as its reminder. How it looked down upon every single man as the crowd dispersed. 'They managed to do it again, not a single sign that there might be some body there. I can't help it if there's nothing there. Nothing, not a single puddle, you'd expect there to be something.' 'We're too far off, you wouldn't be able to see it from where we're standing. Just let it blow off, you know you can't do anything about it.' 'Fine, then I shall make it there and see it for myself and if I don't, then talk to me no longer and expect nothing in return.' 'Ivan, don't do it. It's not worth it. Is truth really that much worth it to you that you would risk being collared like them?' 'How could even think of asking me that? Have you lost your mind now? Is life even worth living if you cannot even dare say what's on your mind? Simply take a look at that idol there. That's where we'll all eventually end up at. So what's it to you, Katya? Can't you see that they managed to dull your mind now?' She hadn't responded, nor had she cared for any kind of accusation coming from him. Simply put, she was there, working on her dress with the limited materials she had been given in care. Ivan thought about it,

walking around the room, trying his best to shake himself from that poor condition he'd been set in. On the way out, he grabbed a small coat off the rack, it was a worker's delight, with one band of stripped hammers on its side, something about that mark never made sense to him. Katya had been stranded on a turn right about the stairs, looking straight ahead of her. She wasn't one to dwell for long, or to bother with much as it was, but even she knew something had been wrong with the outside world. She couldn't have cared less for the people outside, for as long as he caught one more day of doing nothing. 'Ivan, are you seriously planning on leaving me alone today? We barely get to spend enough time together as it is. Always in that damn factory, struck by something day and night, a woman would be rather peeved by such a man.' 'Have you considered leaving then, Katya?' 'You know I've got nowhere else to be. And I would be on stranded on the streets if you left. Just stay inside, one more day, I swear, everything will be clear then.' 'By then, they would've cleaned the place up to a brim and I would've missed my chance to find out what happened there.' Before she could protest further, he snapped the door shut. He had been gone before the hour. It wasn't too far from where he lived now, nothing was. As a matter of fact, the entire country seemed to have become a giant circle which had been pointed at the Idol of red. It couldn't make sense, but that's how it appeared to be, not in the way the architecture had been landed and drawn, but how the people acted. People used to stare outside their homes instead of intervening when something like this happened. Not now, it was something he had thought of doing for some time. Within reason, there had been an exception. Katya couldn't help but stand near the window, staring and wriggling her napkin at him. Ivan couldn't help it but stare around. The streets were empty with the occasional guard who had patrolling or who had made an opening through the steel in order to fish. Everything seemed to have been placed over some frozen ocean of the alike. It's been this way ever since the destruction of the Motherland. But was that even true any longer? Past the idol, there were mountains in the distance, there appeared to be land, there in the distance, placed at the same level. And opposite to the north, they were surrounded by a similar sight. Ivan had been hand struck by it. Focus on what had remained of it, that blood, those remains, if there had been any, I will know. He could only remember the general area from where the body had been taken and nothing else. At least, he would get to get through this without getting his hands dirty. It should've been there, but it wasn't, there wasn't any sign of there having been a man in that place, let alone some marks of a head being ripped apart. And even the crowd, who stomped their feet on the ground, there were a few scrapes which had been left there, but nothing too deep, no smidgeon of blood which may have escaped if it were be. Tomorrow then, Ivan thought. He would get up early and try joining one of those crowds. If it turned out being what he expected it to be, he would confirm it then. He would know. The following night had been restless, as they all had been when one had to sleep near a woman like Katya. He had been distracted, somewhat by the dreams of red he had. Likely, no one living near that idol had any chance of getting a shut eye. Something downright diabolical happened. The thought over the event haunted his mind throughout the night. It kept him awake. Ivan knew he had seen what they were doing there, he gave in to the image of those men in the front. They must've been miners of some sort, halting with their picks before going on to strike at the body in front of them until there'd be no red to it. Another lie, they said they removed the blood from the bodies so they could feed it to the eyes. That's what gave the red such a growth and such a crimson radiance, it had been the blood they got from every dead man. No apples either in the markets, they would be harvested in order to make some shells and leave them standing inside as well. He wanted to come near

and wondered if he'd get to see something now, brushing past the crowd, only to reveal nothing. Straight into the middle of the night, after each attempt of a shut eye, he forced himself to stand. Katya was sleeping like a dead man, or she smelled like one. It wasn't likely that he would be disturbed now, now, not a second in-between. Under the likes of a lamp-light, he chose to lock himself in the kitchen and wait. Could he even bleed if he had tried or was he only imagining it? Now that it was within his reach, he tried thinking what would happen next. If only there was a tiny cut there, he might be able to confirm what was going on. Perhaps he'd bleed, perhaps he wouldn't. How deep should the cut be? The radio turned out amidst the night. It had almost pushed Ivan out of his senses and out of his nerves. A set of two cardboard-tampered orange-boxes already fell from the top of their counter. Public announcement. 'Dear citizens of the Red territory united. The state had decided to announce that tomorrow, at dawn, you are to be present in front of the entrance leading to our monument of hope, that you may find yourselves observing the execution of Citizen Olaf. He has committed an atrocity against the State and we have decided that he is to be punished by the immediate release between the inner doings of his throat and his tools of listening to our message of peace.' Katya forgot to close it. It was some kind of a punishment for those who weren't paying attention to the radio. Those messages went continuously every few hours, to the point where one would have to put the effort and close it if he were to draw a shut in. And it wasn't easy either. There was no confirmation whether or not the radio would be closed at time, no popped button there and no sound. Ivan himself was unaware whether or not something came of it. But the next transmission could only come after hours and there was still the problem with the knife. That will wait, simply be there, for the execution. If you could be there, then it'll work itself out. Two hours into the night and he still couldn't get an eye in. 'Have you noticed something about them? It's like they've been forced to become spineless. Look there, everything is coated in red, the houses, their clothes, their raised buildings and even their roses.' 'John, those are supposed to be red, they are roses after all.' 'I know, I know but still, we got them in pink and even in white in the states. They need to be brought to our way of thinking. All that red is bound to get up to their heads.' 'What's stopping us from releasing the charge over that thing in the middle? They must be worshipping it and that can't be any good for the head, if you know what I mean. You know how crazy they are, sooner or later, we could wake up with one of those things snuck inside the state, like some bootleggers dragging their booze on them.' 'Shut up, I think I see something, look, there, over there.' There was indeed a gathering down there. More than a few people gathered, to the point of there having filled the main square. It was there that the idol managed to look down upon then it its prime of red. Their assorted clothes, though dull and plain in their appearance, seemed to have been stamped and well prepared for what was going on. Though they may have been kept down, they felt a deep desire for blood thirst. It wasn't that often that people got to see an execution, especially not for a foreigner who wasn't even decently dressed. Olaf, man who had come from somewhere of the North-Western Hemisphere, stood there, dressed in the same clothes as they had. One would take him for a spy, otherwise, for some reason, none dared say anything out of fear of the man. Something about him, and the way he looked at them came to heed some respect from their side. It wasn't important. That thought aside, he had to be killed. He couldn't be allowed to live, no spy had been, that's why they brought him there, and they had to make an example out of the man. 'Katya, you're staying inside and I won't have you open that window until it's finished. Do you understand me? A woman shouldn't be exposed to those kinds of events.' 'Why? I am more than properly equipped

to deal with myself. I would say that it is you who should stay here, Ivan. You haven't been right for some time, in there.' She could only pop a small finger at her temple. But it's been enough for her to know what it had been for. 'I mean it, Katya. Do this favor to me and I promise that I will spend as much time with you as I can, afterwards.' 'You mean it?' 'You know I do. Nothing will keep us apart, you understand? Nothing.' He only gave her a kiss on her forehead as he headed out. Katya did notice something about him, as he made his way out. It was a small cut just around his palm which he had forgotten how to bandage. Before she could make it to him, he closed the door behind, locking it before she'd even get a chance to act. 'Now, let's see what it is to you.' Ivan said as he made his way towards the mob. For someone attending a lynching, they weren't really too active as people. If anything, there had been nothing about it, but the reverse going on. Everyone there seemed to be either gulping or rather onset on this strange man's eyes. Something cold came about it, if even the guards showed some reluctance themselves for what was to be done about the man. If he weren't tied behind his back, well. That was enough. The two of them had forced their eyes apart. It felt like they were the only ones living there. And that had been the case for a while. For a place under such tight control, everything only appeared wide and empty. He even wondered now, how come there were no guards standing at those doors? Had no one ever attempted it then? Only two guards stood by the man. With just enough speed, he could make it past them and make for the entrance, that way he would find himself there and decide for himself if they had hid all of the red inside the Idol's head. The red state had taken everything from him, his freedom of thought, his need to speak his mind, everything. Ivan only wanted to know. He knew that man must've been so much more alike him, but he was a foreigner after all. There had been only one chance to find out and in his lack of sleep he took his chances as he ran. Past the vesselium upon which that man had been placed, he went at it before the two uniformed men even had the chance to snap out of it. It had been such a strange sight, seeing one of their own just take on like that, which only added to their stupor. They draw in, leaving the man there, seeing how he wouldn't be able to pull himself off the cuffs, and came to chase Ivan. Now, lying under the many skulls, he had realized just how similar they looked to another. Has it gone so long since they were under control that their heads would shrink to such small sizes? It was unconceivable. By the time when he was met by the end of the stairs, he started chasing wild phantasms, seeing how they came behind. He would finally find out, despite their blurred shout, what had it been up there. What had they been hiding? Where had all the red gone? Where had his blood been taken? Before reaching an end, he stopped at the top of the staircase, frozen in a state of shock. In front of him, stood the cemetery, the vault, the places where his forefathers, his companions, his parents and every living being at that. And it was cold in there, the light was dim, and there was no red for him, anywhere to be seen. 'You heard the orders, haven't you? Drop the charge, it's time to prevent this catastrophe from reaching the states. It's either us or it is them.' To which the charges had been dropped. And Ivan had been struck. He couldn't see much from the blow, but he swore he saw a liquid coming from behind his neck, which was enough for him to know. It was then that the red scare had come to be, whilst everything blew up in a show made out of agony. By the time the announcement had even been played, Katya stood alone in her bed, having her ears placed against the tool, waiting on Ivan to come, soon.

Cave

In some way, it could've been avoided, heading through that tunnel. Before long, the way back had been closed and it looked as if there were some kind of minerals which clearly exposed themselves to those previous explorers who had been there before I had arrived. Without much help from the others in the ground, we, alone, have proceeded forward. Jonathan, Camp and I were the only ones carrying the means of protection. Those crystals had hardened themselves the moment we arrived in their presence. We were watched by them. The first crystal had been flat, looking the way it looked, cut around the corner, from the spread which opened a small corner which leads inside of it. It looked like the more they had descended below, the nearer they had managed to get into that hole. Prior to their descent below, they had stumbled on it there, past the edge of the bottom row. Much of the stone carpet had been rotten by the stun disease. 'It's been blown recently, I swear, this wasn't here below.' 'You've got a lot of explaining to do. This shouldn't have been here at all, this sudden leap in awareness will cost us a lot more than our funding. What do you suppose it happened in here? Someone came and suddenly threw themselves in before? How would they know there's another whole new level under the tunnel?' 'It could just be the tunnel only collapsed in it without outside assistance. There's still hope that we may be able to get through this unhinged, even if that is the case, right?' 'But what if someone did come in before us?' 'Then we shall find him or them and we shall carry on to put through hole through the top of his head. As much as it takes, we shall make it so we'll be the first ones there. I'll hear no more of it now.' With the quickness of the descent, there seemed to be something down there. Slow down there, you wouldn't want to fall now, especially since there was only one joint of wood standing between what had been of their rope. Protection was lacking as well, to the loathing amount of one helmet being bore by Camp. I had been the one to wear only my cap while Jonathan had been left behind, standing there, doing nothing of the kind but observe how we were risking our lives trying to get through some discovery. Small contingencies, now, unmarked for no notes. It looked like, down there, inside the slightly raised crystal formation, there had been nothing coming from it. Without a doubt, one would have to pay just enough attention to what was going on around him in order to figure out what that thing had been. Clearly, one would pay no less attention to what was inside that opening they had encountered. To the observation itself, or, as it may be, to fact that there had been something inside of it which had been released either by accident or another party which previously reached the end of it and in a slip of a chance, may have attempted to break it apart. But those crystals seemed to have inside of them just enough space for a man to enter. 'That's way too dangerous for either of us.' 'We shall go down there, together, or fall down that pit below us and never draw out of it.' To intervals came to be picked, from around the twentieth hit on Camp's pocket watch as well as his eight. What followed after had been another set which couldn't have went forward sooner.

Corpses of divine

An acolyte had once come up to me after his ritual inside his coven ended. It was his release after all, through which he had spared no word on matter. Before he had been done with it, he ran away. His hand suddenly had become a ray which couldn't be controlled any longer. The agony his kind had felt was much stronger than it had been. Only one would survive. Only one executioner could survive after all. And he alone would remain. It had to be that way, as his entire life counted on it. With such a disturbing stare, they threw themselves at him again, through their tumorous approached, many of those vile shades appeared from just about everywhere they looked. Without a doubt, that was what they had been looking for. The dark ray, filled with its energy, which sprouted from his arm as it released itself into a mad cone. From it, there could be drawn the power those shades seemed to be looking for in order to feed. No other power source would do. Oh, and this strangled piece which had escaped his bone seemed to be as nasty as to be looked upon in the dark and still be seen. Despite having itself been made out of some forbidden summons, life released itself from sight. The acolyte had died in that ritual as he had been placed into this zone where his

memories unfolded and not much time remained. With his ray he could stretch into the chamber of his inner-most kind and reach for those parts in the brain in which he'd dwell. His body had lain outside the maddening temple in which he had once served his pantheon of morbid saints. As those holy men had once been stolen and forcefully said, their bodies had been submerged in some swamp of evil where they had been desecrated. But be weary, for those men who had been responsible for such a sacrilege as to defile those saints filled their suffering for what followed.

One could only ever hope to dread what waited for them on the other side. For, inside those dark and crushed bodies, there was the filthy magnificence of those who stood and looked down upon them as their souls escaped. What had remained below had been the bodies which had rejected their own servants. Though nothing could be said or seen of the bodies any longer, those acolytes served their image and spoke highly of their kin. Inside their slouch, there had been something to be seen. In the deepest level, one man had managed the impossible. As such as he was, the acolyte appeared to be looking at a single vision from his apparent memory which didn't belong to him. He had to step aside for a moment before he looked at the inner chamber of his brain. The sight of the unholy had appeared, with such a sudden causality as there had been. It was shocking, to see that a piece of his brain had been replaced with another which didn't belong to him. 'Those marks of black string, of course you couldn't have done a sloppier job if you have tried. What is it to you now? Why do you want to see me what this man has done?' There wasn't any helping to it. At least, no one should be forced to look upon a piece of his own mind being mistreated in such a manner. Even more so, this had been wretched and disgusting. He knew for a very fact that a pair of sleazy hands had mistreated him in such a manner. He knew he shouldn't care, let alone the fact that they were creeping inside his mind and now, his. 'I must defend you saint. I am aware that they have mistreated you and let me assure you that they will pay for each treacherous betrayal they've gone down with. And for every holy man they had taken, I shall make it so they know.' It seemed like the man had turned. Before he could pay any attention to what was going on in there, that piece of him which spread turned into the likes of his decrepit bed. It was in that wake of that ungrateful dread that one peculiar tormentor had arrived. The wake of his moving ribs had twisted, not to have shaken the very worlds underneath them. Within that gaze from the calloused world, a disemboweled hands as tainted as to be opened by unholy words, the ground stood at a wait. Below the ribs, which by means of large extraction stood the keyholes which had been needed? A disemboweled hands such as this with its gaze and magnitude of exported goods seemed to have waited for something to be told. To whom would those ribs have belonged? They should've been owned by the space entity which had given birth to the malefic engulfment of destruction which had once spread across the universe. In it there was some kind of desire to look back. Once, in the past, there had been life, but that had been quickly extinguished. The reason had been unknown. Out there, in the vastness of the universe only the remains of the lack of life had been around. But none of it had been solid either. Now, in the midst of this empty, lost and discarded place, how could one even think of there having appeared a pair of ribs in the midst of the sea of dead stars? It didn't. That had been it. What happened seemed to be just a recollection of the distanced past, where one could do nothing but wonder if something had gone in the matter of some longitudinal disdain? The waking call appeared in the midst of the entry. Most of the flickering evil inside the disemboweled hands appeared as to give in for the mad extraction. Though that had to stop, as it was some kind of event which could only break the disemboweled hands apart. Staring and yelling at the walls from beneath, one couldn't help but shout amidst the

crowds. How had the body even come to lose itself that way? The giant tormentor which had lost his ribs didn't lay on the ground amidst the forests and the vile ends which had forced themselves onto him. No, instead of that, it seemed like he stood there, on his two feet, watching, lifelessly, yet alive. In some distant past he dreamed of his kind, how they had been created. Many of them had dread their ends, for they all knew that time after time, no matter what, they would all die in the same way. They would lay low across the valley, unable to do anything but weep and wait for their own ends to come. It couldn't be conceived at all, for no amount of credence would make up for what was happening or what was going on there. As much as one would force himself to be looked down upon, he would know. There, in the position, as they fellows, as their bretheren had died. It was clear enough that there could be nothing to be drawn out of it. No man should suffer this kind of uncertainty for himself. Enough was enough, and a mind could be tainted by the likes, he knew. Even thinking about it appeared to be pushing or drawing himself near the edge of death. It couldn't be thought off as being anything but the kin. Craftiness could be denied or it may not have been taken from the fact that there had been a few wretched watchers. But there had been many other men which had been in need of punishment for their desecration. Not to mention that the rest of those bodies had been hidden from him. It could not be denied that there was a constant feel of repulsion this man of cloth had felt, both at him and at the unholy act he's gone with. It was hard, having a piece of your mind missing. This could only have made him paranoid. A constant expression of shock had inhabited his face just then. This image of what he had become, or what he had come to undertake had resembled that of the old mad Tsar who had killed his son in a fit of rage. Around his neck, there lay the crucifix he had carried, stalling underneath his shirt, hidden from sight, undeniably sworn. Another victim had fallen pray to his quest to seek those saints. He would simply not rest until they were all found, removed of their earthly gabs and properly placed in their place of sanctity. For his Lord had spoken to him in the voice of old and as that happened there'd be no hope for no return. Mid-afternoon of what appeared to be some day in late December. Searches came and went. The bells of the church rang again, though the night sky had been blue, the stars of no hue, inside the bell he stood. The other man he had defiled, a piece of his mind inside. Less than likely as he had been, the cord which had been muffled by his body couldn't have disappeared any sooner than that. Pieces of him had been missing inside that bell, but this acolyte had revealed the other body of the saint as well. In the butt which lay on top, his body had crawled, the spine did rot. It was irrelevant what it had been made of, as only the flesh had fallen from his body, to reveal that his blood had been replaced with hot iron. It was fluid and that seemed to have come from a melted side of the bell. Stricken by infamy, the bell rang. And for a moment there, out of the many flayed pieces, he came a live, as a formless piece which spread about the tower, trying to get out of the lire. A sudden exposure to sound had caused his mind to be alive. What had been revealed to him was just how he had seemed to be placed. In the catacombs beneath, where lay, the many bones, the heads the rotting woes, the threat, he lay. In a chair, of black, placed at that, in a circle of many placed skulls belonging to many men of cloth which had stood before him. His sudden reveal to suffering had been long and enduring. The acolyte had been forced to see how this priest had picked every single one of the head, while he cherished the dead. His hands were ever so humble as to stumble into holy water before they had been placed upon each head. They had to be carefully placed where they belonged. It was a task which took some time, and in every moment that it took, the acolyte wanted to shout, as if he could. His tiny speech organ lay broken underneath

crumbling stones. In his mind he had been pinned on the ground area of his brain by a small needle which stood in vein. Even if he could help himself and look away, it hadn't worked. With each skull being taken to their place heeded to be, it brought back to another, his sins pushing from dark places where he couldn't see anything but that bile which had been slowly drained inside his brain. Without a doubt, with little which may have been known about, it looked like the muck of the bell had only been the iron well, which had been melted, dropped as well. There had been a way of knowing and of watching. Man of cloth, brought not to justice but some kind of well desired fate of sin. He had been already walking half a mile in a pair of worn out shoes, unable to tell just how many of them had he spared. So many of the acolytes had been lost, about a quarter of them disappeared and out of place, and many of the bodies of the saints seemed to be missing just as well. One would have to search as deep as he might inside some lost passage underneath the ground where the gore and the chord of its dark abode had only spread. Though this man of cloth may have lost himself along the way, the acolytes could only convey through the top of their minds what had happened at least. In the scourge of being hunted, admits the places which may have been haunted at the time of the happening. But know this, for every time a head had been pierced and every time a body recovered, one saint got lost underneath his cover. Down there in the midst of his bed of worms and dark scarabs, he couldn't help but come to life. His metamorphosis had begun. From there, in that pit there wasn't any way for him to return to the spot he had bet set in. It turned out that his sudden resurrection had left an unquestionable mark which may never be repelled by no force whatsoever. His scent of decay forced all of those grubs and every infiltrator which may try itself there with means of lung resuscitation to be repelled. For the acolytes knew that underneath the burrying ground there were grubs that could turn organs back to life, a different type for each of his insides as well. The lack of many which may have been able to resurrect him in his entirety was rather unnervingly fruitful. What had to be dealt with was the very fact that there was nothing leading to it there. Many of the acolytes had suffered through some way or another as they had been tortured and messed with, as the implants had served as those reminders of what they did, from which they'd suffer after. A man stood stall, with no mind inside. All but one saint stood missing, with little to be held. There were so many acolytes who had nothing to do with this project and they had served by no means. While the man of cloth had only brought this on himself, as the corpses stood, purified.

Sunken eyes

That man had presented himself like someone with good intentions, though there was nothing of the kind to him. It couldn't have turned any better. By no means had he appeared in likeness of neither a beggar nor a well-to-do man. Instead, he came with some ill-intention, bearing on him a knife. Two by two, they threw themselves against him, two more of them, dressed in their strange clothes of planar angles, from which there came the entrance to the knife.

And as each of them died, that's where they lied, arms crossed together, as their insides were less likely to be received. 'My meal for today in exchange for these.' Colouroy brought the hunters eight more passages, which had been read. On the Neumokorum, only the last notes of a man's last written lines could be written in ink made out of his own liquefied eye after he had been killed. Regardless of what it had been the age or the circumstance in which whatever message or entry they may have been written, they would have their thoughts or past notes revealed. But that could only work only once for every man, for, the likes of the Neumokorum, there had only been ten. Such theory had existed as to explain that a man's memory would've been completely stored in his eyes. And after usage, the Numokorum would drag a piece of his mind, as it had a tiny needle coming from the page's placement inside of it. A hunter came to Colouroy, he stepped ahead, a string. On him there was a small device, and from within, he placed one of the passages in. Without a clear delay, whether this may have been unreal or up to him, the storing device played him as a vice. It had been revealed, then behind the glass, like some gramophone, the head of the dead man came, as if back home. He would open his mouth, in order to repeat his lines. To them it mattered little what he looked like, for everyone had suffered of an affliction of the eye. Both hunters had been blind, so they wouldn't be affected. It was for that very reason that they had been placed in that line of work. Vaguely he could be heard but that hadn't been enough. As soon as he had been done with the audio checking, the other hunter had stepped in. 'Give this to me.' He dragged a passage, he would sniff it once before going on ahead to put it in his mouth. The strange reaction was the fact that, despite not being able to hear the criminal, he saw what the man had seen at the time he had written the note as well as the area around him. It was that they had been looking for, the body of the girl, near the table, where her body had been able to move? She had been kept alive. 'It's time, there can only be a single way

for us to know where she may be in order to track her. We need you to transplant one eye and get there behind her.’ ‘But what if I will be stuck inside of that place and never return?’ ‘Then you shall live two lives, and we shall cut your mouth wide and put an end in the middle so you may keep a side shut while your may use the other. But it is important for us to proceed this way, for this passage might be more important than any of the other we may have encountered.’ ‘And if I am to die here? If my body might be lost?’ ‘You shall then write a note as a warning. But there’s no message here now, so it shouldn’t have happened, unless you hid it from us. No trickery?’ ‘Do I look like one who may have done it?’ It was dangerous to wait for too long, as each passing moment made it so the passage would become a pink eye of its own. That would be dangerous, especially in the night. They could end up being seen and that man in the past would notice them as well. And they could see themselves writing. So many times it would happen that, if one were to write something of the kind. ‘Slit your throat.’ Everyone there could possibly die out of the fact that no one but one person out of so many who shared some kind of consciousness and mind might do something rather irrational, just so they could escape the torture. And it would be barely hopeless and indecisive for their lives, even if they had been blind. They would be affected just as well. There was only one opportunity to get through with it. If one of them, either of which may know how to act and what to sow, after which.

Imelusin

I have feared the advent of the new century for most of my life. I couldn’t even begin to wonder where I had gotten and why the streets were filled with them, mostly lost people who never spoke more than a few empty phrases at a time. Their mouths had been sealed over something they had said. Someone made sure they couldn’t even bother trying again. By noon, near the clock, the large domed communicator-looking protrusions had begun pushing out steam as it was ready to take off. I had thoroughly failed to see the hour pass by. They approached me immediately. Through the bars, or the crossed angles in which I could barely fathom pushing a finger in, I started drawing through them. My fingers acted on their. Their mouths were like strings, fluttering which each moment I spent on trying so

push deeper inside of them. Let us say I took a few steps back, as if I wasn't pushed on my two lost feet. He wanted me to draw him something from my pocket and show him where I was from. It was my recognition card. It bore three pictures of my face, each one being altered, aged, just so I would be seen a few times after. A few years in the future only lying by my side. Before I could be read, by every bad and every code written there, I had been told I was going to die much sooner for my incessant observation and for all the sniffing around I've done. They aged it even further until one of the pictures had become young and the other one bore my face. My plaid face, stricken by features closer to those of a skeleton, or some dead man who was being infuriated at himself, and they had given me something. A conjoined creature that looked like me appeared on the picture. I was told I needed to find the man and die in the exact position which had been noted down. Otherwise, they didn't tell me of the consequences, to which I could only assume that something could be going off. My fingers were plainly pushed onward, generally pressed in. Damn bastards melted a bit of it. For a few moments spent in the cold were just enough for me to recapture that feeling and look back at what I've done. My finger prints were in there, deep enough to leave the impression I had been a fugitive. I would be questioned soon after. Near the rail station, down the counter, there was a lady with a few locks missing. I didn't get to see the bottom half of her mouth and body because of the metal barrier placed inside. Only a tongue-like missing piece of a shrub stood there, slightly disabled. It was clicking unevenly and appeared only to push on every now and then. As far as I knew, if I even tried to push my hand underneath it, she would press a button and chop off my hand. That wasn't exactly worth it, I imagined. Less than that, I kind of wanted to try. She waited there out of courtesy, not saying anything, obliged to look and listen to anything I had to say. Behind me there was no one. Even if they were, I was tall enough not to be approached in person, or to care for it, if they tried. Nothing, she would say nothing. I could stare in her eyes, even stare her down if I wanted to. There was little stopping me from breaking in the glass case, pushing just above the litter box. 'Do you own the cat?' Her sand was placed there, in the unaesthetic look which spread around the city. A greenish-pink metal which somehow found itself by the likes of some delusional architect who hadn't a single clue of what would please the eye. To think that she was the only beautiful thing in her case would be. There, I saw her, the feline form which spread and tried to get past her counter. It produced a twitch before our very eyes could come into contact again. I came to understand that there were things one didn't speak of. 'Move aside.' I immediately recoiled, looking at the vague thing which came in. Rectifying what I said before, I've come to realize that perhaps I was rightfully wrong now. Despite my staying there, in the same spot for minutes, I would not dare stand against someone like him. Two feet tall, fit to leave a mark as he grasped and charged himself against the counter. He disregarded the woman and went directly for the nearest amputee to insert his tips in. As for the two holes in which he found his fingers going, I saw the long tubes which scourged at least twenty feet below of him. It wasn't right to barge in, but I almost assumed they were human. Unlike my previously assigned observation, I realized I was right only in part. He was human, or that thing he was taking down the drain in exchange for energy had been human. Both of us were immediately made uncomfortable by this image of recklessness, this strange scent which infected our nostrils couldn't help itself anymore but betray something more morose. I was sick, being made so by the feeling of amputation. Though the smell infested my senses, I could almost feel him going back in. Exchanging more, needing to get in a few more liters of someone just like me. They saw that I was shaking and appeared to look with indifference. Only a jolt of a color came from inside

their helmets, but that was about it. As soon as they had been away, the metal case which stood there closed immediately, leaving not only a scent, but the memory of my friend. That's what I called him, I didn't know him personally, but I could almost imagine myself in his place, being in there, looking at the circles, being amputated in his place. Just what kind of pain had he to endure to get into that state? My card went in, after seeing this, I didn't expect to shy away from showing my recently molested card. She filled it in, then landed it back to me, with a thicket. We nodded and continued our ways. I remember something of her, those eyes still kept with me. I could almost see myself jumping off only to be caught off guard and lay cut just under my shoulders. Despite the solitude, I have drawn myself in, taking my time to fantasizing about her, the way she had to speak by choice or force. I wondered what she sounded like outside her cage. Or what those deranged people might do to her. By time my ride came in, these thoughts vanished. After embarking in, I hadn't been given enough reason to return. They looked at me with so strange eyes, likely over the fact that I wore the same blue old coat and that they recognized me. Everyone here had been somewhat poor. Shoes were not always a commodity everyone could afford, and the thicket back home was always a fortune. It was a way of keeping you in, their cattle, and their slaves. Sometimes I could see the man in the third row, called Galloway. He picked up a fight with one of them, he lost it. Not an eye there, but a nostril still worked, and half of his mouth had still been sewn together. A prick of the finger took a way whatever was left of him. I had decided that I'd go, as soon as there was a chance for me to get away, I would get away on a random station and never stop walking. There were edges around the town where they lead down, to a point where a return was impossible. Plunging to my death didn't sound like the alternative I was to inquire about, but I felt as if I would survive it. A few had, they must've had. I couldn't even know whether or not they had, there wasn't any confirmation to it, but I knew I could leap down there and live with them. For now the same routine came over, watching over everyone, trying not to pay too much attention or too much suspicion over them. I had to trust someone. 'That's not what he asked me, I've already told you this eighteen times. He wanted a piece of a fruit and I refused to give it to him.' 'Come one now, who would get mad over a piece of fruit like that? It's ridiculous. I think you're exaggerating a bit here.' 'I think I would like to...' The train stopped, and so had my eavesdropping. We all looked over our windows and only saw the rims of the outdoors. There were so many plains which were lost. I had been accosted by the utmost dreadful of smells. As sticking my head out, I saw it. One of the bests had tackled the front row, which fell over and blocked the only way ahead. My mind had taken something from it. I saw just what was missing over its legs. It had a lot of that pucker, spread just around everywhere its body. From it, a few more coats would go on ahead and cover the tiniest amounts it could spill itself over. On the top of its little legs, afterwards, a few of its offsprings would start gnawing. This was how they fed, or how they were supposed to. But by the way in which those lumps started cajoling to it, I had no idea whether or not it would leave. My persuasion came over the man sitting in front of me. 'Might we switch places for the hour?' 'What for?' I shrugged. He gave in, as much as he had fallen prey to my stare. Even during the few moments in which his back was turned, he could feel my breath going over the back of his neck. He took breaks from the conversation and kept turning just about a few inches to face me from the side. 'Only for the hour?' 'Only for the hour.' That was all the convincing he needed. I was intruding now over the other passengers. It would only take me a few moments to recollect myself. But I believe I've been taken too near the point where I was almost mesmerized by them. A single man appeared to be distressed

by the face that we switched places, but he had not a say until the hour was done. In reality, I had only come here to look around. From this spot, the better angles only came to me thoroughly. My teeth were battered, they jolted every now and then, in the expectation that we would run. By half-an-hour the engine started. It was strange, not seeing anyone outside, working to remove both the debris and the culprit. My senses went as far for me to hear only the slightest of shocks which came into contact with the worst of kinds. They made me feel unsure whether or not I had any desire left in me to be alive. For the other half an hour, I had desperately tried to make something of myself. Even with them trying to get a word out of me, I only came to think of her. What would happen if one of them was strong enough to break through? It crossed my mind several times. Especially so near the time, when one came in our compartment. Without a single exception, we've all felt a sheer folly of repulsion over the suit he was wearing. Something was missing, over his uniform, there should've been the mark of a cane. They embed them inside, as dark as they were, you could still see it being shaken. It was settled then. I would stop at any station and I would not leave this train. The man I was supposed to meet wasn't there, but as I figured it out, the consequences wouldn't matter if I was to become a dead man. They could sniff my arrogance from a mile away. I wasn't liked there, they weren't about to show me as much as a single whiff of the matter. It started happening along time ago, but the signs were there. The elderly would be on this part of town of the coast. I could go on my word again, I could go and there and see for myself why they would take them there. And it wasn't just the older generations, but the children as well. I could almost hope to see some of my relatives again, if only I would be given the chance. The lights were still flashing in front of my eyes. For I had only the vague recollection of trains walking by me, and leaving. I've spent too much time in that corner, coerced to give up the seat I've taken. My mind was still trying to go on its way. A few more liters of water could do much less and I could do without them. And I hadn't expected this place to be flooded to the rims of the edge of the underground tunnel the last train of tonight might take. I was greeted by an older man, whose appearance startled me. For I could not even decide whether or not I was supposed to abide a set of rules or to look away, they didn't exactly made me feel like I was from here, but another place. No age difference could straddle the two of us together but a kind of infamy we could barely exchange. By the midst of our walk, I saw them all, trapped in benches, standing as if they had their legs cut off. Perhaps I've come here, and intruded on their house of slaughter. Jolts of metal encompassed and rounded their meaty legs, their arms and pieces of their chests. They were broadened like holes, these meat-puppets in which I could only project my future for as soon as I could hold myself steadily on my feet, I've observed the constant following they did. Even from the distance, even here. I was not supposed to take the drop. But I hadn't been dropped off any other place with no reason in mind. They had me, they messed around. I want to be anywhere but here, being lead to room seven. Stiffened by the air, I could only conjure the look outside and wonder when they might come for me. The clock came back. It flew through the window, landing in the only spot where its landing could be complete. I have barely felt being myself there, for a few minutes, I couldn't even establish eye contact with it. For the same reason I decided that being this shaken had to have been a sign that I was on the wrong path. No longer trailed, but lost for the lack of fewer words. Unable to process how many of them were out there, I was again met by the disgusting look the city carried around me, regardless of where I managed ending up. They would attempt to get me as soon as I went to sleep. To implant those knots in my ear and in my mouth, my nostrils and bathe me in their fluid of sleep. Afterwards, I would sink in the

deepest sleep and wake up in one of their armors, torn for pieces just like those old people. Those prosthetics were tied to them as a result of them being constantly used for their insides. I shouldn't have looked in any sooner, but I knew that had been the case. Shaken too soon by it, I decided that for a portion of my mind alone, it wasn't worth it to bother with them. I could at least make the pass and change my room. Down at the clerk, who had been another pensioner, I seemed to be staring at a face which lacked those qualities of an old person. I was met by a spook, which

lay in its mold. Waiting for a death which refused to come, which by now, showed no interest into hiding its affiliation with the grave. The symbols it wore at his neck were something so awfully awry that I want to know more. 'What do those things around your neck mean?' The old man had his pupils closed for the entirety of time I was there and I hadn't even realized it. For as soon as I had stared at those white circled things, there wasn't any difference for me to notice, whether or not they would be closed or open. 'They're a reminder of an old family tradition. We used to hunt during season for the bugsmears. About the year of the old gudgeons, when there field out there unoccupied, it's been a while since then.' 'I'm sure it was old man. Could I not perhaps pick one of those for myself? I'm feeling out of water now and I have to have something to protect me.' 'Have the entire necklace, on my behalf. There aren't many young men around these parts, and we have a few of them down here anyway.' He pulled a box from beneath the counter and showed me just how many of them he had to spare. It was a wonder that the entire town hadn't been filled with them already, for these were things which made him feel estranged already. His mind was pulled and writhed. It never bode enough with him. Every time he even drew nearer one of those hard, clustered doors, which were already doomed by the lack of working seals I could notice, I could see someone breathing from the other side. He had been obscured or lost to me but I could not fathom looking back for my sake. I

felt like I had been taking too much time. 'I came here for another room, but I think I'll keep it.' 'Good choice, constable.' And again the displeasing demeanor. Twenty stranded interlopers had arrived at the gates beneath the distant lands of the uncouth stranded pillars. From what could be made out of it, so many of the had been sacrificed that nothing remained untouched any longer. Strings of indefinable flying bodiless wings had started yearning for the touch of anyone who could take away the gift of flight. It would be unachieved by anyone less than infantile, the children of the passengers who'd cut and breed inside the sickly looking people brought into the world. No one had been prepared for the arrogance of the one darkles peon who swore himself to the darkest of powers. In it, there had been promise for failure and the untouched malign. Destined to be caught and strewn like traitorous swine, the leader of this rebellion who had brought them to the sinking destroyer, the conveyer of dreams and shattered of whims had come to show he erect. His defects were plain for the others to see as they could not distance themselves from the agony he had brought with him. Where his followers saw him as a hero, the enemies saw him true face, a wretched disgrace which had sacked the giant evenly parasitical embodiments of desperation which had come to life in order to save him. Delighted only by his own presence and only by the image of himself, he had surrounded himself by mirrors, to which he'd look and glance, and dance in the state of an indefinable woe, unspoken too, and beaten to a pulp, only by himself. As he would look ahead and claim. 'So much have I endured for you, my people, and yet you're all turning your backs on me. Why is it that you cannot even fathom believing that I'm one of yours. Even now, I can see it in your hearts that you do not believe me.' 'But we do, we do believe you when you say, our best interest is at your heart.' To which he claimed that the only way he could get it from them was if they showed him a

sacrifice. No more and no less than a man, which would be taken and repurposed, filled in with the juices of the incest-bred incessant liver-spillers from the grottoes they created. Under his orders they bred them, forcing a king of morose-amount of spines to emerge from their necks, breaching out to infest their own caves until they risked killing themselves by the amount of foolery they started spreading against one another. Despite being tribal and putting the needs of their unity, it couldn't be observed otherwise. A demise of filth would be brought underneath them. As a prize for their waiting, it was surprising how fast they ate one of the men. Even more so, what had been far more surprising had been the fact that under the act of the malign, they had allowed him to survive. Out of their mouth, large extremities of growth, which looked like ever-spreading cheeks to wrench the bone, came onward to push out pieces of him which had been reconstructed out of juicy fat, stored in their back lumps. Those cancers had grown for far too long inside of them, incessantly pushing towards the ends of their lives. Without this sudden release, they would've immediately faced a death. And for the succession, he had been invited to join them. Of course he couldn't return any longer. A dreadful being like it could only wrench itself in the benign ability of strapping itself to a filthier nature of indefinable wretched activities. For it had lost four limbs which got replaced with longer ones, which hadn't been as useful or as conveniently human-looking for him to be accepted back in. Instead, he had crawled on the walls now and appeared to be planting his forgotten servant there, in the heart of stone where no one would be seen. To have been caught in such a manner, in that terminal state through which he had dug his own grave in the ceiling of their grotto was unnerving. A few more members of their rebellion came and looked at how it carried the growths to its children, to which no survivor came. His invitation and life in that new seclusion had not only been limited but ended up being distant and morose. Nothing remained waiting for them there, only the occasional need for sacrifice, to which emerged a new method, near the village they had made. Forges worked constantly not on weapons but on something much greater to be uncovered than anything they could've ever dreaded to desire. In place of their silly humane methods, there lay only the wishful mark of a wretched heart, which spread looking apart. From just about a few uninfected wagers, I could see that I had been afflicted by the same paranoia which started gnawing at my bones. I was aware that a few mistakes had been made. Without a way of trying to disguise one self from the constant blow and the bitter throngs. 'I have found it!' The foul man shouted, in a deceitful lack of awareness, as he could only see himself stare. He had been out there for too long in the wild. Before long he would start communicating with the wild commuters who were hiding in the mist of their forlorn constructions of dirt. Within their grasps they had made giant drains. I could not even think of the most disturbing remnants of skin to which I had succumbed. It couldn't be helped any longer. As I rested on the soles of trees, unfathomably looking within myself for a way out, there were things I started recognizing in my body that shouldn't be there. Like a manta-ray, my eyes and the top of my head began seeing them. Just as I started joining them during their ascension I could see the fornication of the sky spread in the most distasteful manner. My eyes were fathomless ghoulish fiends which began crawling out of my sockets, making it to the point where I could not dread to follow them any longer. This had been their journey to track on, not mine. I could only step now underneath their shadow, looking forth for some way in. I couldn't be spared of anything of my won. This urge I felt, to take my own life had followed through, as I couldn't leave without them. They left me untouched and unclothed, like some desperate creature in search for some warmth. His skin was touched by petulance.

Dragon's tip

I have attempted several times to do this. They haven't given me a choice in the matter before I found myself standing in front of their door, beaten. And that had been perhaps the worst possible manner I could end in. My rubbing alcohol could only be screwed twice now. "They used to call them arm-collars, you know that?" "What for?" "It's because the arteries, they keep popping by the neck, one holds the chain, while the other one holds the collar. It's a cycle of pulling and dragging until one of the men subsides to dying. You wouldn't understand the intricacies which come with it. I know it's far more dangerous than you'd expect, but that's how life used to be. One man would grab himself near the collar, and next, a revolution." The phone rang. I could see it, my eyes were trying to by the dial, but my hands had been weeping for far too long. I was afraid I could lose it one day, if I hadn't paid enough attention to it. But no one seemed to care about the old man working at the mill. It's how they referred to me. "Hey, would you mind if we went for a walk?" "What of the phone?" "The call can wait, just come with me. I won't bite, trust me." His hands were rather stark. I believe I was lost for thoughts, now, I didn't know what to tell him next. Perhaps ask about his family? His friend, well he just came here. Acquaintances usually disappeared in times like there. I could at least contest in by some means. "See anyone you like yet?" "I couldn't, I'm supposed to be meeting someone back home. Well it's not my home any longer, but you understand me, right?" "She's always near them, my family, I think. She's always asking of me and she sends cherry-kissed letters back." "Do you return her letters? You know a young man like yourself shouldn't be busying himself with a woman he may never return to, unless you're planning on marrying her on the way back. When your work is done here in either case." "My work sir, I don't think it's ever going to be over." I could see just how much he had been immersed into them. The streets were actually doing him a greater thing than any of my advices could. He was constantly staring at them, trying to get in as much as a few words could suffice. It broke my heart to almost let him go, but I knew he wanted to change wings. Farther than our own conviction had been the eastern one. In only a few generations, they had managed to catch us from behind. I don't think I'd be able to surmise otherwise my concern for them, as they spread their dominion too quickly. "Turner, do you enjoy looking at their architecture? Do you enjoy looking at the arches and seeing how they rise? What of their golden wheels and their spreading miasma coming from their burnt candles?" "I think I'd like the oriental style. I get drawn to it more and more as of lately, huts the other few days I found myself going nearer their buildings, and sketching." "You fancy yourself an artist now? This may be surprising to you, but I used to want to pursue the arts as well. Not any longer, not that it would matter. It's far in the past now. Turner, I'd, I think I'd like to propose something to you." "What would that be sir?" "Follow me around for a while; I think we may make something out of our trip here." I pointed him towards the highest spot in the eastern wing. He looked at the tip of it, which gave ever the slightest impression of the tail of a dragon resting. If it were up to me, I would get him there, even if both of us had to snick past whatever means possible to get there. So far, I hadn't qualified for being his friend. We were more like sergeant and casket. Speaking of which, my appointment to the Funeral house, I had to inquire about it as soon as I could. "Would you mind telling me whether or not you remember something about a

Funeral home? It was something in the limb of the Funeral services den macabre, no, something much more different than that. What might be the proper name?’‘I think it was Danes Macabrum.’‘Right on time, kid, I knew you’d be able to do it. We’re likely to make a good team on the long run, if you know what I mean. Not to get ahead of ourselves, but I’m still going to keep you down to my promise.’‘What would that be sir?’‘I’m going to take you to the tip of the dragon, Turner; I want you to look back at everything we’ve done over the past few months. I was planning on asking you for, let’s say summaries me what you saw there. But I’m not going to ask that any longer, I think that would offer you better material for your sketches.’‘You really mean that, Hosstrack?’‘Without a doubt, this is the only thing that matters to me. I don’t think I could’ve made it so far without the little people behind me. If you don’t mind now, we ought to attend to some place, right about.’‘Fifteen minutes top sir, just about two streets away.’The hotel Reef du Flour, it acquired a whole new basin for us to come into. My reaches were only going as far as trying to get away from some of my responsibilities at the office. Business takes too much out of a man, nowadays everything’s being obscured by the dust in the streets, the sun of smoke being bussed out for as few as a couple of minutes a day near my place. I didn’t much like it, for a man like with no hobbies, I couldn’t admit to it. But I didn’t care much for the little people, only for him, for this Turner. Truth be told, I envied him. He seems to be up in a boot, doing just whatever he want to, without a single concern for those around him. And I’m supposed to be his boss, the business man, who can’t even get himself to the likes of a kid. He was infuriating me again. Even then, when I hadn’t supposed to be looking back at it, I was lost, for words, for the matter in which I paid no heed to where everyone was trying to sniff in. What a moronic thing to set myself about. I had been desperately trying to teach this boy a bit of culture now. I yearned to show him something he could even boldly grab on. ‘See, as an industrialist, I have been dealing with plenty of young men like you, dreamers I believe you’re called, though I would restrain your titles to something more naive than anything else. Wouldn’t you agree with me Turner?’‘I suppose it’s only that I’m still young, sir, nothing else seems to take me away from my goal in any case.’‘What do you have in mind?’‘It’s something I shouldn’t be discussing wit you out here; I suppose it’s something which ought to be kept in private.’‘Now you got me interested in it. Please go on, I’d like to know.’‘Why, sir, I would like to succeed you one day.’‘Succeeding me now? You can’t be serious? Are you?’Right before the entry to the dragon as well, we were at his mouth and Turner already claimed he had some kind of intention of surpassing me. This kind of arrogance and even, even ambition almost struck me like it came from me, as a young man just like him. I was curious to know more. ‘So how would you replace me now? By growing by the ladder? That can be slow and someone might just cut right through you down the middle. Perhaps a blow to the state that way at least you could stand and dissolve everything I stand for. What will it be, you man? You got my full attention, how would you take me down?’‘I wouldn’t have to do either of those things, sir, because, how I figure it by. You’re simply going to let me replace you, just an heir would.’‘And I suppose I ought to give you my fortune as well, wouldn’t that suffice for something, kid?’The workers around us started laughin’. It was just the right kind of jovial embrace I needed. He had something to him, I thought, he couldn’t lose it, not if he wanted to make it in this world. ‘Well, let me tell you something, you’ve made a great choice in leaving your childhood home. But now, you’re not ready to take my place now; want to know why?’‘If I’m going to make it, I should at least know that, someone like me wouldn’t be able to make it otherwise.’‘That’s a certainty, kid. But listen to this. I’m going to offer you this piece of a device. When it

comes to you, don't look back. Whatever you do, don't look back. It may come any day now, it may feel like it's the right thing to turn back and change your mind. But you needn't do it, and you want to know why that is?' 'I wouldn't turn back on my word now; I hope I'm not going to be met by that choice.' 'If you will son, do you still want to know what will happen?' 'Sure, I can take; make me understand what might happen.' 'You'd lose everything you had up to that point and I'm not talking about anything you've lost in value. I'm talking about you as an adult. Coming here was an important choice; you've jeopardized something in order to come here. And turning around will only force you to subscribe to a lifetime of abandonment and broken promises from which you may never be able to come back from. It's a never-ending cycle of trying to run and get away. It's only a matter of time until you'll start considering leaving her, or leaving them for something better.' 'Sir?' 'Turner, your children, your wife, your spouse, whenever you're going to have them, they'll only drag you down, this is the meaning of sacrifice kid. Sometimes you need to take something away in order to give.' I was interrupted by a crossing pedestrian; she was plunging through the street, even though it hadn't been her business at all. 'I'm sorry to disturb you but you strike me as someone who's incredibly sad.' 'I beg your pardon, ma'am; this conversation was supposed to be private. And you were too far away to even hear half of it to understand the context of it.' 'But I've heard just enough. I see you around here, now and then, walking away from your tall building, always with a younger fellow.' 'What's this about then? Am I supposed to feel something? Perhaps I'm being questioned? Accused of something you dislike?' 'Nothing you oughtn't to be ashamed of. But I'd say you've done quite enough now. This kid shouldn't hear this kind of advice now, not while this town hasn't taken his hear yet.' 'Spare me of it now, I'm only trying to shape the new generation of free-thinkers.' 'It's exactly what they call poison for the mouth. Say, Anthony, wasn't it? Would you mind coming with me?' 'I'm sorry but I can't. It's my schedule and all, and there are a lot of appointments I have to take care of.' She wasn't going to turn us away. No, I grabbed him by the arm and dragged him through the mouth. Her expression had been left behind. I could only pay as much as a lip-bite to her before turning away and getting to the stairs. 'Mind your step now, some of these stairs are quite an antique.' For obvious reasons I could not bother myself to get through it. There were several things I hadn't the proper bearing for. A ring for a wedding, a boy to the altar, and a lady to the stopper, but she knew what I was doing. What I had intended all along. It was quite obvious by the flight towards the upper floors that I found myself staring already at the least surmountable scaling I could carry on. I hadn't been well equipped enough to get that far and the kid, he was getting bored. 'We'll switch to the elevator now.' Through the fourth floor already, we waited. It wasn't like me to be staring that often at the walls. But I could at least spare a word for each of the paintings they had placed on the toppers. He liked that, my enjoyment of him being brought to an unfathomable amount. 'Like those?' 'I'd like to paint one day, it should only come naturally, if I'm not to be bothered in the meantime. There's nothing personal here, is there? I could still work and do it.' 'Not with those hands, I'm afraid not. You're not always going to hear the sound of the moon, where liberty leaves, going past the hues. I'm afraid that just like a fleeing muse; you'll find yourself in a state where your hands must have just a bit too many calluses for you to be able to write anything. Don't take that as a bad word. I'm only trying to hand you the benefit of the doubt here, boy. But there's a time and a place for everything and I'm afraid that the time for you to make art is only going to stray away as far as I'm concerned.' 'You don't mean that, do you?' 'Look at this elevator, for example. Do you not like its design? Are its arches not golden,

and strapped with circulating waves from one distant end to another? Do you suppose the architect had something of this planned? He had his place and the designer and the sculptor and the painter, all of them put a hand where they could. It may just be that something as unexpected might happen to you as well. Some day you may be given an assignment or two or too many to complete and when it happens, these dreams of yours might be consequential. Do you think an architect could paint that or sculpt that way or even make a shimmering eastern sun like this, even though it's a simple a design as one could find around here. We're only made for so many things in this life, and I don't think it'll work one way or another, if we pay too for us work. Time takes away from bone and from skin. One day you'll find yourself regretting of your choices in case you bit too much than you could chew. I'm perfectly away that no one will look even remotely at you, if you were to pay as much as a bad lip and tell them of your childish endeavors. 'We were inside the elevator before he could say a thing. One hand came on his shoulder, and I almost came to laugh. 'Now I seem to have got you by the collar, now, now, don't pull away, I don't harm you.' But I found it rather amusing that he even considered, so remotely that he could replace me. It was a nice bottle-dream. He could be kept at night by it. If I were even close to. Looking for the eastern sun, the design which almost over-encompassed the body of the dragon, as soon as we'd get near the tail, I could finally make a real move on him. 'I can already say that you weren't made for art. There's something about real beauty you wouldn't appreciate. Don't take this as something personal, but you have a shot. At least I think you do. Just give it away and we'll just work through it. As long as you stare. 'It wasn't fair, as likely as I had my eyes on him; he was still reluctant to give me something. He was too resistant and I didn't like that. For some reason, I wanted to pay him just enough regard to his surroundings. 'Look at everything Turner; everyone specialized into something, while you haven't. What do you think might happen if some of them started slacking? What of the elevator's engineer? What of the painters? Think of the painters? Were they workers or were they trained? Are you trained boy? Not in their craft you aren't, and one day you shall fail on your endeavor to get at it. Don't do that to yourself, unless you want to live under the shadow of greater people. No one in this world will forgive you. I know that no one did that for me. 'There were a few more things I wanted to tell the kid but I think it had been enough. My message had already come across him, in some way. He couldn't exactly try anything even if we were so close to the edges of the building. Unattended even, as there were no portmeanous near the exit; it was more surprising that they didn't even show put on a sign for no trespassing. We were standing just before the great tail itself, which had been strapped just about the end of the front side. Its design had been clearly interpreted by some western sculptors who had done a lot for their like. I wasn't going to comment on it yet, but I think he had taken to himself way too many considerations for one day. 'Keep your head high, and let your forehead sink. You know I wouldn't let anyone come between you and your future and the Wisecrop Due. I'm only trying to make sure that your ambition will know no end. 'Even if it means abandoning everything? What will I become then?' 'Isn't it obvious kid? You wanted to be my heir, you wanted me to allow you entry. Don't act surprised now that you have found out what it means to be that it's not all sunshine rows any longer. This isn't an easy life now. Make do and understand that once you start traversing the street, you won't be able to find yourself looking back. You'll have jeopardized everything you had. Don't look back, not matter what it means. 'But I could see the elevator coming back again. If I could feel just one more touch, I might've prevailed over my senses. She would be here in only a few moments and I knew I wouldn't be allowed to leave. His aspirations

were somewhat unnerving. I could feel it just by the way he was shaking. 'The price we have to pay for things like fortune, stability, and a future. There are some things which far surpass them; it knows that once you're here, there's no way back. It's simple.' He was collared, I should know it. My hand was still firmly placed around his throat. He was still tempted by it, but eventually, it was clear he wasn't going to hold any pencil any longer. 'We're stepping away now; I'm not holding you too tightly, am I?' 'I want to go back.' It was plain enough. He wasn't ready, he simply wasn't up for it, and no amount of pushing could get him in the right direction any more than I could. 'She's going to take you away, and you don't want that. I don't want that either. Look down there, isn't this view accommodating to your needs? Perhaps for a few pencils, we could stay here for the rest of the day, and look around it a way in, wouldn't you like that?' 'I would like to go back now.' 'Don't turn around, Turner, she's there. And she's not alone. I'm giving you this chance to abandon all of these, while we're at the edge of the dragon. And the winds won't bother beating away from the west now. Isn't it calm now? Can you hear the sirens signings down by the eastern sea?' But I ought to have known better. He wasn't prepared for it, not in a single bit. I was trying my best, to, even consider letting him go. No one deserved that kind of life, one filled with regrets. The type of life which doesn't matter.

Chapter 1

From atop his plains

Down from his mountains of decay, where filth ran across what had remained, rested the face of Agamemnon. His servants waited, readily giving their lives to join the mounds formed in his name. His head stood like a beacon on that place as a leper that connected to an effigy of infatuated girth. At the base of it, dissected rows and many flows of living locust swarms gave birth from interlocked blows to nets, near-like pests, as a sign of pestilence control. The world fell after turning to Agamemnon, once a man who ruled his kin under ill-will. His past looked back at him unkindly, while trying to keep itself alive. After countless strikes at his hearth, he wouldn't fall. The remnants of human-looking mongrels mixed with inflated lungs manifested near the mountains. They pulsed with beats until they hadn't any blood left in them. In their puissance, they feared that something kept their minds locked.

Those lungs had overgrown; cracked their ribs, uniting their bodies with the phosphorus gas until they developed their infected stingers. Patches of skin overlaid their fingers, growing inwardly in an attempt to induce paralysis. All their weight was redistributed to their backs, heads, lower legs, so they would be dragged on both sides and bent in form like bridges. In a mad approach to paranoia the weaker fell as there was a retreat of the misplaced organs inside each lurid spot they owned. Their lungs became their prisons after growing to be the size of giant Zeppelins. From inside of them, bombs of decay would often drop without immediately imploding. Instead, they shot a plethora of limbs, all of which were similar to malformed wings. Agamemnon had seen his children rise and flee, as they let go, they started acting like cockroaches, flying towards the other planes beyond the rims of his reality. It couldn't be helped that they'd be there, underrepresented and drawn to the cores of the flying metal birds they chased. One giant

indefinite creator stood there, waiting in its invisible spot, encased in a dying blanket from which his prey could never fall out of once inside. He waited for them to arrive before abandoning his veil.

The sight hadn't been that of a tyrant but some transparent spinning illusion similar to an inter-conical vortex which drew inside of it every remnant of the living that reached it. Without a stranger's paragon in mind, they joined his insides, in that small plane accursed by many different shades and features which were ill-formed. Sharp noses became beaked, poking at their very own eyes while filling themselves with robust lashes, formed mouths, teeth erupting with living men encased in their own strange stones. Broken and unnerving, inside of them, stood the threat of eruption and birth giving to a form of terror that would devour everything in its path. Pure agony could be seen inside that creator as he revealed himself as a filthy scoundrel, a parasitical defender of its own kind, a predator of the most ubiquitous matter. It desired to close the sides of the chamber, enclosing itself with as many of those children he took with him. And there had been a few of them, as much as billions in number.

Defilers, who joined the flight couldn't help it now but be drawn in like moths. Many other similar predators revealed themselves as they had lain in waiting. An observer couldn't help but wince as they kept drawing in and devouring as many of the children as they could. This process was the end of humanity in its last surviving form. Below, the planet looked like a desolate Mars, with an addition of ever-green and in-between, shades of purple, teal of the most disturbing kind, colors which would turn the on-looker blind. And every living being had been allowed to live for him who reigned above them all, Agamemnon the filth. Though he rests unmoving in his dreadful manor, he waits insisting on his decaying harbor. Seas were filled with a magnificent green tint and from within, came the giant. Headless, toeless, armless, the Colossus had arrived. He was in a desperate need to find his master. A head would trump and thumb and snap as it was destined from on top the mountain.

A peculiar observation could be drawn from it a swell. In the giant's empty hand there stood a hole which lead to a hollow placed filled with burnt toes. As a result of it, his body ended up being frozen as the many toes began digging their way out. They were longer than they appeared, drawing out like spears from his every side, spouting and shooting in every corner of the sea before he fell down and bled. Sorrow followed afterwards.

Yet their lord did not cry because of him but because his children were being trapped and eaten alive, and he was powerless to stop it. With the little force he had kept to himself, he turned to the inwardly overlapped growths inside his girth where he attempted to grow the next generation of living breeds. His mind may have been marked by attrition, but his brain was still connected to everything inside the world.

And there he'd be the strongest. The breeds developed twisted torsos, outgrowths that stretched from atop their heads; impaired maxillae with filled out beady reeds from behind their heels that wormed out and dazzled. It was obvious that they struggled to remain alive. Eventually, they would be driven out in the open to face the worming fat produced by the sun and the many heads outside its surface. Instead of growing with its fumes, they pushed forth a pink light which barely stretched out to reach him.

It could only be felt as the star-like corruption pushed it out of its lumps of fat. Perhaps in its inner depths, a shrunken red dwarf manifested itself, giving away heat so the lumps could grow.

A piece of the planet widened at the ground level, using the manifestation of more loyal ancestors to distract the great ruler from staring at the light.

He was mesmerized by the dance of the new comers who arrived before the evil set of births had been accounted for. By the law of the land, they were to be accepted despite not being functional. They did not move but put on a great play. These sickly-looking dancers were so distracting that the lord of evil malignancies gave them an utmost mesmerizing gaze he bore.

From both circular ends, shivers were sent, pushing through then not as if to cry but to generate enough force that they wouldn't be shackled. An entire valley rested underneath the pocket of the vile grounds. It couldn't be overlooked, as no eye cared enough to pay attention to what was going on there. Unfortunately, many eyes were displaced from their positions. They've been abandoned by their mad users in order for them to move through the deepening cowl that got raised around the planet.

It was clear that this mountainous deity had no intention of allowing his children to flee towards their deaths. Far too innocent and naive, as they were, primitive, as they could be deceived; they had to be forced back before they ended up being devoured. So many broken cries were felt, lost in the echo of space.

Whatever happened in those mouths and in their chambers was completely concealed, but this prestige of destruction would not last forever. As the great spans of the planet's lips finally enveloped the world, the inner lights of the underworld shone upon its shell. With a great deal of effort, many of the fliers were saved from their perilous flight. Billions of them had no other option but to still their ascent.

Mollusk-men emerged then. With them joined the sheltered heads that had their faces expanded and rounded as to act like smiling helmets acting mildly interested in the fact that they saw from their two dimensions such a perfect creature that resembled them. Those were the first two who had arrived. Now within the lock of filth, where arrogance was mild, wicked minds escaped the heads of many of the inbred from below, revealing themselves as they escaped. Unnerved by the creation of their uninterested misaligned and altered bodies, these floating brains grew eight times in size and seemed benign as they each searched for a pile of filth of their own to get attach to.

They desperately wanted to imitate their mad lord. Though they had no faces and no protection, as they underwent the transformation, their limitless potential went to waste after being completely absorbed and wasted. A kind of irreversible damage followed as every brain cell and every axon, the white matter and both lobes had underwent the equivalent of a supreme kind of self-cannibalization resulting from sleepless eternities. None may claim to know the like. None dare defy the light. Many extensions from the valley started pillaging tunnels with their worm-like long extensions. Evenly spread, they would be pushed through and tortured to some grim extent over the fact that no one

wanted them to live. They dug through the long expanse, hurting the land in the process, but they managed to spare the light far enough for their effort.

Only the purest illumination could shoot through the various loops of dark that loomed around them. Even they were affected, as they grew solid and floated in the solid mass of dark. As the light drew forward they revealed themselves as frightened creatures who were trying to get out of sight.

Look how they came in even after I made it clear they weren't welcome here. But they weren't there. Paranoia only brought the conviction that those space devourers managed to get in.

Malady spread, the light grew erect, and with the help of it the pools gave life to a new batch of sea grinders. Those fat delinquents bore their fish skin and fish-fat until their antlers came out. They spoke the first words they bartended with.

'Give us the heat of this man.'

The other creature noticed the shark head this one bore, from underneath a sack that stored enough fat to fill its many limping legs that sprouted out of it. As he drew nearer, he took out a small manta-ray book in order to check what he was in need of. A set of paragraphs remained unchecked. Words were written but they mixed with spew. His small head barely crawled out of its nest only when the deal was struck. Before he knew it, the other stander with his flat fleet-fish legs pulled a tail-bone too quickly for him to notice. He didn't stand a chance to defend himself before he dropped flat on the ground, leaving his egg sack undefended before getting crushed by the same evil creature who took his life in the first place.

It amused their overlord who looked kindly on such acts of cruelty. After all, he fought not for the glory of the kill but because it wanted to smuggle his eye-pearl. It was another displaced trinket, speaking of which. To his annoyed temperance, none dared respond the call he on them. His younglings had been flying ever since they had evolved into those floaters. Staying out of the light's reach hadn't been easy for them.

One moment, from beyond the garden, underneath the collar of used necks, into the stringed flying torsos, which choked after each flap, there was one evolver, a master of organic acceleration. Underneath the blind gaze of his one filthy apple-organ, he transformed the cells beneath him into growths of terror, standing filthily erect.

Like triangular spinners they opened their mouths revealing many pair teeth of seething filth. Each of them replaced the other as soon as one matured, being forced to connect one another through string after string after string of disease. Their tubes pushed on needlessly gnawing through their bodies, carrying various heritable infectious diseases which were pushed inside their offspring. As they became aware of their destruction, they started eating their children. Someone had to spare them from that conegnity forced inside of them. Growing only brought pain. But it hadn't been accounted for, as this sudden inclination to hide their wings suppressed all of their pain receptors.

Though they would spread, otherwise dead, evil would still grow without them. Their younglings danced inside their guts, they danced inside their swollen mouths, spreading their bodies in every direction they could. It was unnerving to watch but the progenitor, the castrator of dreams, maker of nightmares finally revealed himself. And he bore four corners of diseased cloths turned into boarded wings, which held some rooted potato-textured formed chrysalis of skin, bloated yet eyeless as it threw out its gaze. It was as if every single living molecule suddenly imploded in them pushing forth many tendrils and evil ways through which the tunnels formed from their bodies, attaching themselves to that same damp cloak the winged evil wall wore. From inside of it there came a coiled serpent-like tube which brought him saline-light in defiance.

But those creatures weren't affected by his sight. Only the lowest and the most inhumane would be affected by the acceleration growth. One eye of evil threw itself forth from the diseased sea finding a hole in the ceiling through which it could fall.

Obviously the mildly pronounced acceleration threw forth such a deflected array of pores that they blew one another to nothing short of a supreme destruction. Therefore and thereafter, the sea spilled and throttled, drowning the swimmers during their sad attempt at hiding. Pure evil dripped from above then stopped. Now he deflected himself on the pool and the various things, the creatures and the fiends finally swam safely. But forth, inside of it, there was an opening to a small slit that some of the inhabitants of the land ended up spilling in. Bubbles formed inside the pools as the flow of muck slowly passed through the living cut, slowly inflicting agony upon its very nature. The pool stopped being a pool down there. In the poorly dim light, in that empty room where the creature referred to as the Accelerator stood in, many egg-sack like formations loomed inside the dirty water.

'I see that many of you sitting down there, inside your pool; I know you can hear me. I won't be fooled so easily by your defiant nature. Look back to your madly corrupted minds and throw yourselves forth so I may see you clearer.

Break through your living prisons and crawl at my command. After you have presented yourselves to me, I shall give you bodies such as this world has never seen.'

And it smiled there, or at least it turned its deformed sack of a grin into such forms that none may recognize what it attempted doing. No man would see it as a grin, but as a nest of termites pushed on as their kingdom rose. Malady spread. A diseased cretin-spore jumped out of the pool, suffocating its desire to please itself with hope of some feature that might emerge out of its ugly face. Its barely visible eyes grew red while the vision blurred. Soon it would be dead if no one took pity as to cur its suffering or give it what it wanted.

'I bestow upon you the name of Aeugeoupuous.'

Then, its body grew immediately, for no longer would it die to exposure.

But something was going on inside the creature. Its many filled-out lids shaped themselves like plane-walkers, or lily-pads made out of whitely spread tubes that held it from ascending. And its torso looked like a fat finger, while

its forehead turned into a bunch of caterpillar blobs, slowly splitting on two sides, until two heads came out bearing two evil eyes on either side of them.

A white liquid sprouted continuously out of them which shot endlessly through the maddening conflagration of heat they produced. This abomination wanted to spare the others.

‘Blasphemy, why is it that my creations are infested by empathy? Why would you care about them? You were made to suffer like the rest of them, through one form or another. Everyone here is. No one is spared from this agony we’re all forced to endure under him, who looks down upon us all from his palace of filth in his mountain mad. Can’t you understand?’

Dumb and irrational, filled with hatred and fear, this disturbance may never be accounted for. I feel the fleeting terror and the clouds of emptiness drawing north.’

This one shot both of its means of destruction down. It was something which may never be forgiven, the destruction, an end of torment. The torrent which followed drew itself back. He hadn’t been the cause of it, but this other contender submerged its own spit, which acted like a malignant acid. It burned skin and skull, as the mass of his entire being fell prey to complete decay before he evaporate into nothingness. The curved sky exposed itself to the second coming blunder that assaulted the kingdom of lurid pleasures.

Before one could look away, a submarine had emerged to reveal, the survivors of a lost era that was never meant to last.

As the bones cleaned the guts many limb leeches fell below.

‘But that can’t be.’

Said a hooligan with two snots, a bad fellow in the mountain, brought to anxiety, at last.

‘What is it?’

A mouthless limb asked as it extended to reveal its muscle core as well as the filled triceps which had pus in them. The limb was only heard as it spoke in the dead of the night. This hooligan hadn’t been a mad creation but the reanimated remains of a quasi- absorbed brain. Such an ill thing would never be asked to do anything at all. The various overlapping realities could finally be seen by common-eyes. Many of them fell upon one another as bio-particles after the cognition born out of the parasitical symbiosis between Agamemnon and the brain gave birth to a mutation that enabled them to see the other realities.

It was a psychedelic vision through which they were seen as visions of blue-marine, an ultra dimensional view so obscure that many alternatives couldn’t survive for long. But this connection between their entire entities and the overlord became permanent.

It wasn't that Agamemnon became a unique entity, but that its mind and personality connected through so networks that he became an anchor. And that anchor took and pulled back in its world that which was lost. The many children which flew their way out had been brought back. All of those dimensions had been locked entirely because of his pettiness to give life to his supreme desire of taking care of them. They were his, flawed, but he owned them nonetheless. Tears came out of his eyes, yellowish-green, tinted in-between. He looked expressionless though, as a mask would.

Dark, filled with pox or rabies, leprosy or something of the kin, smaller than that of a normal man, a hair which looked like clay, a flattened nose which drew in both directions to a saddened mouth. On his right eye there stood a rounded growth which covered his putouts lid. An epicanthic fold grew and overtook the other one, leaving him blind. But his mind, though his face acquired a decaying pose had seen it all. All of them would be spared. It had to be that way, he wagered.

In his world of birth the submarine revealed that it made out of his precious metals. Inside of it there were the men, all of whom were lost again as the last hope for humanity emerged in fear. How could he hope to protect those frail primates that emerged out of their tin bottle? Suits like those repulsed him but the mad would sing again. His deprave choir brought the morbid into action. He begged for a reaction.

At least, do something, act, say, move, get out of the way. Can't you see what has become of your world? Isn't it clear that I irreversibly ruined it? You, of pure breed are not welcome here any longer. Yet, I see you arrived with hopes of rejuvenating life in this desolation.

Ghastly painted and seemingly metallic, spherical helmets flattened on their sides. Breathing devices began injecting their lungs as both of the first explorers got revealed. Farther than the pity, beneath the valley underneath the pines of many raised liquorish hairs, there stood the dark, where the dark remained. It was a nasty place of refuge for those dark fiends where their tendrillites had flown to. Each one of them nested into one another's embrace whilst defiling their own bodies forcefully into the brace. They hid like rats in there, flying in a pack. Using their heat they nested in that place and waited to be called upon. It was a lost vision how well it felt like dying. Farther away from them, there was an arch-reactor that instilled numbness in all of his children who hid beneath the ground.

A sharp noise which cut through the core of living tastes rested there. An alloy of disturbing tubes produced enough carbon dioxide through its skin-device to poison the nearest emerging species. Its red skin bore thump-like formations devoid of any malefic energy. Life desperately attempted to emerge despite Agamemnon's best attempts to preserve them in their infantile state. It was rather hard and unnerving. Nothing emerged from there, other than that strange conglomeration of acids. In one dimension it went as planned, while in the other there'd be none. The reactor started pushing forth and slamming against the ground with its giant mandible-like tatter. With each push, it managed to set back the constant distribution of biochemical materials needed for their growth. Whatever it was doing or setting ahead, this need would have to be earned.

If they wanted to hatch and populate this plane of decrepit existence, they would have to outdo every other mad living being out there. Otherwise, there'd be no any redemption their malignant kind could have. Despair came over the one who flew away and hid forever.

But Agamemnon was not interested in them any longer. Now he looked through as many realities as he wanted to without the fear of intimidation instilled by his wicked children. He controlled the rules inside realities as well as the tools needed to put every one in their places. No one would be allowed to set off the ground any longer. Many worlds ended up being overpopulated by them and it worked just well. Everything would be in its place. One quarter of a flying reeking foulness shaped itself out of nothing. From eight turns or many curls, there leaped the figures of some big primate-like vertebrates, the bodies of which imitated leg-straightened grasshoppers. Their curled legs weren't made of extended pieces as they lacked strong connections; instead, they had looked like they had been forced into the wild appearance of leashed whips.

And their small bulging faces revealed the pipe-like syndrome which spewed dark words of confusion that could only be heard by mutes. Ten such mutes existed across the planes, in one of those realities where the only life which reigned had been that of a decrepit snow they lingered in. Cold encompassed everything in its path, where gusts of winds couldn't pass the deranged activity of the North. But their resistance to that wave of sub-standard living faded away. A wave of deranged activities succumbed to the will of the winds. Frozen solid, lain on the ground, they had been widespread and placed upon beds of highly shrouded clay curtains. Giant monoliths of ice dwarfed the sight, as the frost turned the insides of the living spheres encompassing everything into an ice cave; a cage of solidified remains spared no consequence for this master. Moreover, the hairs turned into fur and in that world, the mountain being largely coated by it. Warmth remained but nothing moved there. It was the last remaining cold pocket in that universe.

Even the Colossus survived after taking the appearance of a headless, handless ape with its white fur line pushing out as the many worming spears froze within its blood, never to escape again. This was his realm now. And the overlord only watched as this clumsy creature slipped and cracked. As this distraction took him away the humans, or whoever those were already made their first contact with his land. A disastrous sight emerged. They had no intention to wage a war against the terrors of this world. Not while they had so much to lose. Outside the plane under Agamemnon's rule, the many fiends of space shared between themselves what they took in that short period of time. It was undeniable that there was an unnatural feel in this mad appeal they kept to themselves.

All of the Aggrippaes soon emerged. They were jealous of one another, or so it seemed. They taunted themselves, different in terms of how they've been. As in their iterations some had hated, even tortured and dismissed their makings with delight. Would they show mercy? One had to wonder.

Elsewhere human renegades belonging to some mad appearance pushed forth their bone-like appendages as they filled with green liquor taken from the nearest muck. Some inter-dimensional force pushed on, destroying their insides until nothing was left in them. Many holders lay abandoned, waiting for some wicked embrace. No longer

were they members of any race, now that their insides were liquefied as they spewed on the ground. In that act of pertinence, their densities evolved while their ability of flight was taken away from them. Their consciousness only moved in those mixed remains as they stirred to the point of exhaustion. From them sprouted the seed of uncertainty.

‘A vile act from one of us no less. It has to be him, or him or every single one of you. One could go ahead and have himself checked for such things.’

And each one of them did it in part. They would constantly look through their minds for defects. As soon as they learned of this trick of the mind and the growth of the brains they were set on a path of no return. This bridge between their worlds was forced to a permanency, which required not only supreme control but no deficiency to slow everything down.

Inside every mountain, there was a connected mass of guts and lashes, many swirling tender patches, dreary ever-growing veins, moving in unfathomable ways. They kept unity and the constant flow to the point of meat becoming tender the deeper you went to his land’s core. In it, he stored his most dangerous of substances. All of whom had been mixed together, giving life to a new kind of uncontrollable bile exasperation. What was meant for it was that one day Agamemnon would submerge inside his own mountain, dwelling and swelling below the point where it absorbed the essence of everything that’s ever grown or died on his plains and then he would be reborn. A new body would wait, one which has no arms, no legs but a long and plain contortion with many roots which would shoot through every planet in as many universes, dimensions and realities as possible. It would be a control that may never end, a complete destruction resulting in the annihilation of everything pure and stable. And what was the cause of it?

Why, a simple mutation in the days when he had been a man. Result of inbreeding, diseased, mentally unnerved unquenched, to the point whence self-control faded and he gave in. No longer able to grab a hold of the disease which quenched its stable mind, he became a monstrosity in time blind. A rotten bull-fair cephalopod body with long antlers and the coloration of a white-nerve disease sprouted out of its two heads, which pushed forward longer tails that should’ve been inside its body. They weren’t hard by the looks of it, but must’ve gained some bulk out of the hot air they produced from their occupied lungs.

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Inside that big body, there lay broad hornet horns on the back, scales and tiny gaps where air came in but never went out. Fright and emancipation of the lower creatures could be held to its mad account. After it, there trailed many barely-formed limping fiends which attached themselves as well as their organs akin to some deep-sea anglers to form parasitical pool spreaders.

This creature had been followed by many similar ones, who appeared in one of the many worlds, with a deep and thorough desire to spread the pool in as many directions as it could. Their bodies hadn’t had air; it seemed, as the degenerate himself noticed. It had been a miss observation which couldn’t have been abandoned or forced to some obscurity at bay.

Well enough, they created a mixture inside their lungs by forcing them to squeeze their very essence in order to prevent them from drowning. They couldn't breathe below there, nothing could. But this new floating liquid appeared to be feeding itself with the air.

It couldn't be forgiven either, the fact that as much of a mess as it's been, this encased world would be drowned and worse, it could leak inside the very core which needed its own self in order to survive. A morbid approach came.

He begged and would suffer no other one, to know of this. As it came to him, to take one dark and final decision before he would be drowned in his plane he spoke.

'Aid me in my time of need and I shall not forsake you after. Many of you are strong, eternal, immortal and commanding. But I am not. My mountain is frail, my veins are tiny and obscure, and I cannot help it but be looked down upon by my own creations now.

Thought we're of the same breed and let me tell you this. If there's a need, if you want to lead yourselves to self destruction do no aid me. In that case, know that you shall each eat one another and end up witnessing your children die.

Or live forever in an empty plane, without scope, without any distribution of your filth, and be alone, stand alone, looking forever in jealousy of the others.'

This desperate plea was answered. As wicked as those creatures were, and whispered as to make any other being there be aware or look in awe, they still had their weakness prodding from afar. Anatomy is damned, as it would only show the piece of its head which lay exposed. To the many progenitors, the evil incarnate, the many petty ones, who looked at those weak creatures, now came.

And they manifested with the help of their minds, small sphere, spiked and made out of some brass. Many brains popped and snapped in an instant. Many threats neutralized as they fell from up high, they flattened themselves as the pools solidified.

'I see you're trying to prevent any kind of uprising. I am pleased by that and could only ask that you may continue.'

Why, the many faces of Agamemnon took a liking in him. They saw him like some primitive child in need of coddling. He needed to be protected under any cost, without exception and without giving them any chance to try taking him down. Even the slight chance would be inadmissible.

The many half-creations, the barely formed human being which were supposed to emerge had been chained and forced to kneel to the mountain. Serve and pray to the mountain. Stand there, as he would be safe. A few attempts of self-cannibalism came but found themselves far too flawed for anything to happen then.

Teeth got immediately replaced with some soft braces which prevented any kind of damage from happening. And their attempts would not only be stamped down but so would their bodies. Muscles mass wouldn't be permitted, atrophy followed. Intelligence was dangerous, make them mindless.

Growth had been impeded, puberty wouldn't be allowed. Any kind of sharp angle, flight and light which may damage the eyes couldn't be established either. Every single one of the Agamemnones had done something to prevent the harm. Such harm would be dangerous and couldn't be allowed.

Too many sights could confuse him, henceforth; he had been cut off from the main consciousness. But he would be allowed to listen, only to soft whispers at intervals. Silence would be right, as long as there wasn't any noise of any distraction.

It would be right.

It had to be.

It would've been so.

If it weren't for the deranged mind of him, the mighty precursor of punishment who had been made aware of their attempt, which made him proceed. Everywhere around him, grew like small empty transparent calluses which encompassed every kind of organic matter there was.

The sight had been disgusting and disturbing. The lanterns of the damned had been shelled and hidden for far too long. Now they emerged and got carried, towards the first men during the arrival. IT was obvious that they had to be seen and looked out for what they were, a disturbing image and then, there was the disturbing act.

From those big piped dreamers with their legless floating stacks of meat tied underneath their blue-tied wings, from which sprouted clouds of dark which had been only those dark fiends which hid in the dark, suddenly the lanterns glowed. And in them, the unknown defiance of the organs spoke. Many of which malfunctioned and seemed to be aware that they could escape and be granted freedom if they tried...

One such liver, long and twisted, forlorn and mangled, purplish and red, fat at the neck came out of a hole from the big formed flat container which bore all of those pipes. It had been already been granted that there wasn't enough room in there for all.

But it was heavy and fell flat, squashing on the bottom rag of the hard floor. It died there, wreathing before it gave in. After what had been brought to those men was a need to trade. They were good at that. Though they hadn't any arms or legs or anything other than their wings, pipes and lanterns, they carried only the best in line.

One such dark creature, stared in form, of shadow tendrils which groped and appeared, now came to reveal itself to the man. For such a monstrosity, it had been gentle. It had no interest in harming the man, seeing how he was frail and in hiding.

His suit was there, swollen in the moisture caused by the atmosphere. Seeing how their overlord got distracted by his visions which had only been revealed by his twists which delved deeper into the sockets, now they came with what they had.

A robe and a tatter of some material had been placed on the ground, only so it could be clean down there. Many things were placed by then, stones, dirty bones, crystal formations, some weapons from the distant part, remnants of buildings and what not.

Before the men could realize what was going on they turned on their speakers and carried on.

‘We have an understanding, don’t we? You can speak English can’t you?’

‘Trade now; give us blood, human blood, moist blood, your sanguine supply. Anything from an ear, fingers, finger nails, that as well.

We’ll take hair, and skin, as well as bones, clean human bones. Children if you have, yes, that will be worth more.’

There wasn’t any mouth from which that could’ve come from. No opening either and no way that it could’ve known it that well. Only one possible explanation could come from it.

‘You used to be a human, right?’

This thing of yours, this’ a next step of evolution?’

‘No, I want to become one. I need everything which makes a man, part of brain, blood, growth, everything which you have underneath.’

He was reluctant to hear and even more to reveal what had been underneath the suit. If he had opened it and revealed what lay beneath, there’d be no doubt that this transaction would end. And they seemed not only able but capable of doing some damage.

‘I shall give you until the birth of the moon there.’

One tendril had been pointed above. Some side project of the defiler had been presented in its lurid state of conception. Several wombs lay there, levitating, feeding one another. They would constantly feed one another the life they’d give birth to, going through several processes of regurgitation.

It was obvious that the children would be given death as soon as they would be fed the bodies of their siblings from inside the other wombs. And that formation of calcatrite rock would only bear inside the many bodies which would never die but form man broken consciousnesses.

Already many of the piped creatures had been staring and waiting for their servant to make trades.

By the time the explorers had been done observing what was going on around, two more worming glow-tubes had arrived, as they had become aware that they were in some desperate need of concentration. A damning event had come. It would be there.

And that had been enough. Be aware of what's going out there. They would stare and they would wait, as it happened, the explorer went back inside their submarine, thinking. Inside lay the last remnants of normality, the last vestige of there being rightness in the world.

In there, order reigned supreme, rightness and benign. Drawing forth, through step after step, one could draw from there the basics, a small operating table, four sleeping chambers, an electronic device for the carbon emission detection, a spiraled handle for direction, simple painted walls in aquamarine and a head.

There was a head, a human head. And it was reanimated, or looked like it. Unfortunately, it was merely a decoration which stood there, brainless but staring. Mainly, it had been used for some kind of mockery for whoever came to the side and decided to make him scream. Implants made it so he'd shout and scream if it was needed.

No warning would be heeded for the likes of the many conveyer belts which constantly droned around the chamber. A disaster was on its way. More crew-men awoke.

'What are we going to do now? Our world is gone. I don't think it's worth living through it now.'

The doors had already been closed, making it so they wouldn't be heard anymore. The phonetically encumbered speech had given them a quick reveal.

What they pulled out of their masks had been nothing other than the exposed filled with structure skulls and bodies of bone-like tat they wore underneath. All of them were that, that's what human kind had become. Their organs and their brains and muscle mass had shrunk themselves so much that they would be encased inside their own carapace. But they were no human any longer.

The bones weren't placed right. And they had grown fat, almost to the very point where they inflated themselves into a mass of bone-matter which hid away every gap which had formed the insides of a living being. If one were to pull away what had been inside, he would see only the utmost disturbance of the living, an abomination per full blunt force.

From the cracks which had been made by age, there came out only what had become a slime-like almost slug-like in appearance, covered organs which had been drawn in and curved, curling inside. They had matured so much that they spewed some white transparent filth from their organs

But not only sluggish as they had been oozing like some living sponge than a slug. It only gave the appearance as to lend itself some frame of reference, as this creature was not affected by salt nor mortar either. These newly excavated human beings could only see themselves as what had remained of the human kind. So many shades of light grey arose from not only their bodies but the insides of their suits that they almost glistened to the point of glowing.

An indescribable force bred out of the radiance came to be.

‘We shall go ahead and master them no matter what the cost it. Though he may not be them, we are their legacy and we shall carry on our might and power what they gave us.’

‘Settle down now, before you go on your righteousness path of awe, make sure you alert the rest of us who emerged.’

‘Commander, you have awoken.’

As the suits released it, he had revealed the plasticity and the complete obliteration which had occurred inside his chamber. That had been the complete destruction of his head and insides, which left behind the solidified remains left by his bones and insides, mixed with the part of the suits. All of them, from that generation had been in a similar fashion.

Tiny slithers of skin remained, pushed and drawn inside like some weird taps. It would be obvious that their oblivious sides would be directly emerging from one another as they’d grow. And grow they would, until that very moment when the entire helmet would be full.

There was nothing to keep them inside, this violent thing occurred, the insides had been pushed into a pool below while upwards there stood the shrapnel of bones. Many pieces would act like a shield, but the legs and the arms had been filled with the insides as well as the liquid which kept them cold.

Curiously, the rest of them weren’t as surprised or shocked by this turn. Why, they even imagined that this would be the same way in which they’d end up like. Their weird lenses, peculiar approach only made it so they’d understand that eventually, if that had been the next stage, they would abandon their human bodies and become those moving concoctions of soft tissue which was spiked with bone.

Others came out the same and it would look like the two of them were the only human-like in appearance that there’d be.

‘So this is it, huh? This is the end of humanity. I expected it to be grander, perhaps a great desert of a valley of trees which grew and the animal life having taken over. But not this.

I feel like I have died and ended up in this place.’

The artificial voice said, without the inflections of a man. Looking at it while being aware of everything human kind had achieved was not only an insult but the very sign of dread he wanted to feel wreathing out of his very soul.

No, that hadn’t been it. In that place, each of them felt soulless. There weren’t any living human beings there left as to compare themselves with. Instead, one couldn’t help it but retreat into a plight of fear.

A deceitful of humanity, this is what it had been. Somehow they had been betrayed.

‘What waits for us past those gates?’

‘Flying monstrosities brought by their living containers, on a world which had been misaligned and assimilated by this living substance, that’s what it is. I’m afraid there’s nothing there waiting to be regained.’

‘So, why are we still here, then?’

I can’t stand this. Look at what we’ve become. I remember a time where the human kind had been on a path of ascension. But that had been taken down.

There’s nothing I fear more than the future now. Look at it, all of it is dull, untouched by beauty. We’re surrounded only by the ugliness and the alteration of what used to be right.

No wild flowers, no tall skyscrapers, not even the light of day. We’re not even spared the pleasure of being human, like we fancied ourselves several generations ago.’

‘You don’t imply we should sink ourselves, do you?’

‘I do not believe there’s another option. After this, know that there can be no turning back, there’s no life out there, there’s nothing we can do, we have no other option than to sink.’

‘Shall we end it then?’

‘Not yet, if we give in, we shall be assimilated inside of it. Bid time be, I shall make something out of it then.’

Obviously caught, the pseudo-docks emerged as to wrap themselves around the wreckage their submarine had been. It would be that in the moment, an obscure kind of degenerate act could only act in defiance of one self. They would be repurposed and reused as some kind of malignant verse.

Father than that, in the universe affected by the complete systemization of the growing prison which emerged from the living tissue formed in air, there appeared to be some case of emergency which made him aware of what was going on there.

Small clasps of long linen flaps of skin emerged and grew, spreading until everything was covered by then. That weird and flaccid prison that appeared out of nowhere seemed important for some reason.

One of the Agamemnonas was pleased. Now everyone would be safe. As long as they were imprisoned and unable to escape from their cages, then there'd be no threat to deal with. No one would be forced to flee in terror any longer. It could be seen as a nothing but dispersion.

All the accumulated filth had done too much damage to his mind. That was one of the consequences of being mentally aware of it and brooding on it for so long. A part of his consciousness travelled through every living tissue, atom and living formation.

They communicated with him as such a system that there couldn't have been a way of knowing any better.

The supreme act of self incarceration has been carried on by the being known as the Colossus. Know throughout an eternity of endless other worlds, this being had never succeeded getting away from its fate. It had always failed in some manifestation and another to achieve what it had desired, that being obtaining the head of Agamemnon and finally being complete.

This failure had him be unable and not dependable on anything else but this choice he had taken in one world. Instead of chasing that desire it had presented itself in need for, it chose to suddenly kneel in the basin. Both arms charged inside its body and as that happened; it looked like no spear-like formation had ever left it afterwards.

In other realities, there had been no infestation, but a way to impede this thing had come into being. Either one arched sting would appear out of nowhere and impale the body, preventing it from moving forwards, or something much worse than that. By means of expulsion, there had been that unquestionable desire to overcome one self.

It couldn't be escaped. Either way it could be looked at; there wasn't any way to defeat it. Some suddenly inflicted blow would puncture its neck holder, destroying the only chance it would have to make something out of itself. Or, it would be that the hibernation had taken a tool and suddenly, the body would break in multiple pieces bred out of the weight which had been unevenly split.

But that had still been attempted. To the end of whatever had been the cause of it, this one Colossus had resigned itself to a fate he shouldn't have been made aware of. And that petty Agamemnon, in his world of agony seemed to

have an every-growing desire to have this one for its own. Nothing mattered more than that, the desire to be brought into question and likens of the thing.

Hardly looked upon, he couldn't help it at all. One desire had been born out of it. It wanted it for its world.

'Am I not the one who started it all? Who was the one who started this inter-dimensional connection if not I?'

Danger ran and he couldn't fight it any longer. There was that humiliating thought that kept itself there, the desire to be given what it wanted. Only the grandest and vilest of versions had to be exchanged. From one world he came and into it, this one who had been dead. By now, only some pieces of its Colossus remained, but the trade had been made.

And it was grand. He looked like a piece of a trophy, which made it so it didn't matter not would it falter to what happened there. Clearly, he would despair.

It had been there, nothing. After looking through some many versions and so many visions of everything, there was quite the obvious observation. Despite infinity, there hadn't been a variety of change.

Everything looked like it had been the same. About everywhere, without a doubt, they had all achieved that perfect shroud of protection and complete dominion over their worlds, but what then? Agamemnon was bored. They all felt the same.

By the time he had looked into his own world, there wasn't anything important to note. He had mixed about every being there to the point where even those who had been given birth afterwards could give form to an already existing offspring from any previous generation.

Since they all shared the same genetic code that would be pointless. And they hadn't thanked him, or any of them.

Even those explorers had shelved themselves in. Agamemnon was a captor; he was nothing less than a supreme trapper. But the alternative, he'd have to see it through.

As soon as it happened, he opened this dome of skin, his magnificence having faded. This self-destructive impulse came out of the fact that there was still a desire of chaos. It made him betray his own children immediately and without remorse.

There he waited and he looked above as the many space traps had been laid, as they would give in to being eaten and being beaten and having taken to themselves to die off. So many of them flew like dumb beings directly into the same routine. That had been it as well.

It wanted something different. So he began forcing his mind and blowing their bodies mid-air, leaving the remains fall below. Not many of the others had taken the same initiative as he had. This was a mad thing which either had infected his mind or it had been simply an impulsive act. Whatever idea of a plan he may have had wasn't there.

Act out of act had spread a destruction which couldn't have been accounted for. Who might look after this one now? Why was it that he felt something out of the various growls he heard then?

Nothing was fair, nothing out there. In the midst of looking into space, the desire reigned again. He would have to try it now, he spoke. Thought he couldn't help it, and then he poked a prick into his mountain, pulling in his own head inside. It travelled through the spine of his deepest chords and drew in to that curling spot.

There it grew and grew while giving in to the mass. Nothing else would matter from that point on.

If there could be some kind of interest to be solely had, that would be the mere pain he felt, draining the lives out of everyone who had ever been present into becoming that perfect and pure conduit of filth. So quick had it happened that it had forsaken itself, to the point of sabotage?

Many tendrils shot too quickly while it had still in the process of growing and evolving. No matter how hard it tried reeling them back, this malformed planet had shot in every direction, penetrating about everything, without hopes of there being anything preserved.

One shot through the head of Agamemnon and it was then that it had become completely drowned in its own brain-liquid. In every other previously seen universe, the head of Agamemnon popped out of nowhere, imploding, crushing itself in every kind of way imaginable.

With one exception, has remained, the Colossus which would reign again. He had achieved his mad goal in his immortal posture through which he had been drawn in right where he needed be. That cruelty of fate, oh vile, had connected the head of the nigh-immortal demigod which had been removed from the stump which had impaled the universe, to the rest of the body it had no desire to be a part of.

The hole still laid in its head, though a poignant thing; it was still the only living thing in existence.

He had formed a new world. The body moved on top of the many bridges these impaling tendrils had created. It was time to explore, now that he would think no more. Using his brain had been tiring. That one moment when he tried doing it had been a proof of it. He was the one responsible for most of their deaths, if that had even been possible at all.

Far too many versions existed for it to completely annihilate every single one which lay in existence. Instead, this sudden burst of rage had only killed a few hundreds of them, being pointless, meaningless, a least down of his

destruction, a thing which had waged no reaction. Extinguished hope remained out there, spreading about everywhere. It had been the lack of something like the peril and the woe.

It had been a paradise now, in his eyes. Though they may have been filled with some type of obscure cancer, which had grown out of his very own mind, he looked upon the veils of space. What had he done?

The empty space had been quickly occupied. Within an inch of one another, he had made small anchor-like tails which would either grow from one another, get entangled or shoot out of some empty spot which had been so overly sensitized by the growth that it would grow pieces of his body out of nowhere. Despite the constant spear-like tenderness, this real body, this solid Colossus would be strong. It would work as hard as it could without giving in. Every inch and muscle of its body strained itself in order to avoid the event.

Even then, he had been haunted and tormented by it, serving as a complete reminder that he would not be safe no matter what he would attempt to do. But this was perfect, nigh. No one would deny this kind of satisfaction anymore.

Various star-like imitations stood there lumped out of the imitations which spared nothing which had been laid inside his gut.

Now came the tormented realization the Colossus had. He wouldn't be allowed to leave. This had been his plan, now that he had obtained the creator, he would force him to open a bridge to another dimension, freeing his eternal brothers in service of the gratitude he felt. But he had not realized until now what this universe had become.

His newly acquired eyes peered as he looked around to see that not only had every spot in there emerged through some way or mean, but also through the pockets of disease that seethed in the place. There'd be some gentleness here and there. One would have to be aware that something had been going on. He knew that the many tendrils, roots and tubes had been his guts. And in them, they produced the most dangerous bile there could ever be obtain, a kind of gastric acid which would start evaporating every string and every kind of uncovering meat there was.

Sooner or later there'd be nothing there, the floating remnants and the various digested frictions he obtained. He ran, as fast as he could, in order to avoid destruction. Time had called for a special kind of action which would make him feel as if every step would appeal to some of the many watchers in his mind.

Their presence was there. He felt their eyes. In their many dimensions they had established and copied each kind of connection which would bring them back in awe. It was time to break the gap and open the gates. To his oblivion and demise, he chopped himself in half, releasing the many dormant fiends which had been alive.

Angered by the living, suddenly the entire universe shot infinity of tube-like spears to completely annihilate everything there. But as the lower bottom of the Colossus as well as the many creatures which had inherited his body had been gone, there wasn't anything left out of him to be seen at last.

He had done it then, now he would be free, in another world, with the sight of a functional head, spared of the agony of walking, he was stranded there, on the shores, near the seas which flooded the rest of the planet.

It was so quiet there. Nothing but the quite space, the mindless head and this one lonely, other, creator. He looked upon the two of them; unable to comprehend him, how was it that they had reached his world. This one hadn't managed to keep anyone alive at all. Not a single exception. Yet this appeared to quench his waiting.

He couldn't end it himself, since there wasn't anything forcing him to do. And that had been hard after all. Perhaps his mountain would fall on him.

'You must aid us into rising.'

Agamemnon said from the stop in which he had fallen. There was nothing more he wanted to see than this wretched thing he had wanted to punish, for killing his children. But he had been introverted and shy and chose not to answer.

Why is it that my mind isn't gone? Home come I haven't been destroyed?

In a moment. He raised his handless arms and looked at them for a second. Unpleased by the looks of it, he only spared some kind of weird desire to have at himself, to be laid in awe and fright. No matter what the might and grasp, the desire to help everyone, he had a heart. Though it had been pushed deeper, and though it may have belonged to the body, now it was his.

And it grew and grew, he forced it to do, until it spread from the bottom half, and from the gaps in which his hands had been, forming two long whip-like holders and a lower body which was fat and which would drag itself slowly towards the mountain. It had been rather easy for him to draw to that size. Far easier than expected, paranoia came to him.

'I gave you an order, and you saw who I was. How come you haven't leaped to my assistance?'

'You are evil and I'm afraid. Be gone from this, vile one, can't you see that I wait?'

'What are you waiting for?'

'Why, I'm waiting for my death. But it shall not be at the likes of me.'

'What makes you say that?'

I am angered and in demand of satisfaction. When I turn and I look at the image of my world, I see a failure to keep my precious ones living. Each and every one of them had been failed by you as a father and as a master; you're a creator no longer.'

‘The reason for which I lay in waiting, as there’s nothing more that I desire than this sudden escape from which I may never come alive from. They want me to end this way.’

‘Who are they?’

‘The voices, the voices, and the voices I hear.

They speak when it is near.’

‘What is it?’

‘That moment when I will no longer be allowed to live, they speak of it constantly. It comes almost constantly now and then it stops.’

He spoke as if he knew what was going on. There was a clear gap between the ground and the rest of the mountain, which wouldn’t be observable otherwise if it weren’t for this to happen. As soon as the voices started again, the mountain released itself from the rest of the planet and began drifting away slowly. It couldn’t be feigned otherwise, but there was some dreadful malignancy which may be felt.

A dread of ages was felt as Agamemnon looked at this poor creature and how mad it had become. Punishment could wait; he felt pity now for something like this. It needed so desperately to get away from that, emptiness which had been given light.

While he refused to help, he observed nothing but this questionable event. Perhaps he had been waited for, as in that moment when the flight stopped, he was smashed between the planetary calamity which had been his prison and fell. It bounced a bit but then it faded, the creature who bore the same resemblance as him would live no longer.

‘Pity, pity, I feel as I knew you best. Out of all of those visions I saw before, I confess that you must be the one who impressed me most. You waited and allowed them all to die, you haven’t interfered at all.

Liar, you had it in you. At all time, this could’ve been prevented.’

Otherwise, there would’ve been shaped shell around the planet. That had to been created by him.

But still, he couldn’t understand why was it that he allowed it all to happen in this manner. There would have to be some way or another through which he could save every single one regardless of the circumstance they found themselves in.

A world of citadels, connected by their many standing piloted tinted wings had formed this civilized world. Many cities lay patrolled by the new protectorate of mad philanthropy. The ruler of the main hold had been known as

Cllothd. As his name implied, he had no use for the living nor had he felt for anything else for them at all. An attractive kind of piety remained in his act.

This man had hid himself into a closely decayed temple he called The Entry of Kor. It would be no more. No, the deep shaded dirt-colored grey which stretched on top of each citadel distracted from what they looked like.

What spanned across it had been the work of a prolific sculptor who wrote in the history of each realm. Each of them a story of their own, in which wars had been fought, things had been won and history had been rewritten until no one knew who had won. A pair of seven thrones had been spread across the planes. They had been in part, a set out of eight hundred, which had been cleansed out of life.

From above, it only looked like they had been some dark spots in a clean and green-lighted, teal tinted screen which sprouted out of no illumination.

‘I deserve more than to be mistreated. Look at me and what I bear inside my chest. I have the essence of another man’s bile. What I have done to obtain it is unquestionable in itself.

See how I have pulled out of his insides the very essence which had made him human. While taking his lung, I saw him struggle to breathe. As it came into my hand, there was nothing but a growth of smoke and cancer which had infested my entire arm. He forced me to cut it off so I may preserve my body.

But look, look how I have absorbed it. It is standing like another man who grew out of my stomach. My, but how he looks like him. ‘

This man sir had started petting his chest growth. It was highly detestable and disturbing to be looked at. A cackle aroused from the crowd, they’ve been pleased.

He had been a homeless prophet. Dark eyes, belittled by lies now came into awareness. Some discipline lay, a kind self reluctance faded. But this man bore a robe, so they listened to him. It had been made out of a taken flag, misappropriated for his own dark necessities, as he preached. He looks ancient, with his corded head, his features big and wide, his nose red, with a bump on it. White haired and a squiggled beard adorned his face, on top of his bleak purple eyes and the white pupils inside.

‘I must say, you, stranger, who are you?’

‘My name is Gvaat. They sold me like a slave, prophet. Look at me, I am frail, partially blind, there’s something in me, that won’t spare me the pain. I think it’s a bone they put inside me.’

‘Who did that to you?’

‘The voices did. I heard them speak, I can’t explain why. But they torment me, oh, ever-more. Ever since they made their presence be known to me, I have given in to much fatigue. They want me this way, obedient like the slave I am.

‘Enough of the nonsense, you foul mad. What I have here to give is the way of truth, a better way of living. Listen to me now and don’t give in to them yet. There is a way to fight this disease of the mind.’

‘What is it?’

‘You must end your own life. Look upon the winged walls. Can you see the sharp scales which adorn them? They should be sharp enough for you to run straight forward and throw yourself in there.’

And he listened and obeyed. He ran but stopped as soon as his vision conveyed. One eighth of the area at which he charged appeared to be that dark world, which no one but him saw. It would appear that his charge would be pointless after all that happened.

But he was there. And it hadn’t been an illusion, which had been discovered after a quick inspection. Behind, in his world, his body had been left behind, impaled by one of those sharp scales which threatened to fall. He had been a sight to behold.

‘He simply charged through without a thought, without even thinking.’

If there was something to it, in his peaceful way of looking this Koovalhl seemed to have taken a liking to watching. While eating out of the small nest he picked up from the nearby welcome treat, he began counting how many people have either attempted or went through with it. Dangerously aware of how much they were there, he began contemplating.

What if I were to do the same? What’s so appealing about doing it?

He could never have done it. He was too much of a coward. The women often passed him and began giggling underneath their noses, warring with their fancy dresses made out of titillating bone scourge and the remains of the growing tiny clam-steel which had been used for variously purposed tools in the forge.

Those redheads better not look into my direction or I swear they’ll make me do something regretful. He looked at them from behind his narrow toothed grin. It’s not like he hadn’t enjoyed it, after all, they’re the ones who chose to take on the same road every single day.

If he started for too long at their forms, it would only be their fault, not his. Back at the bodies, what made they carry on with it? Because he had seen every single one do it. That’s why he called them attempts. They had become reluctant and stopped, which only meant that something happened in-between the two points.

No matter what it had been, he saw it as a way to get himself through, needlessly aware that they'd be watching.

He was being watched. Despite wanting to get a closer look in order to get things done he stopped.

He hadn't paid enough attention.

Tall figures loomed around him. They wore simple robes of deep purple, tied with small ropes. No signs but blood sharps marked their chests. It was no faction he heard off, only the deranged might think of it that way.

Beneath one of the cowls, there was the face of a man who looked down on him.

'I'm.'

My tongue froze as the face drew back. A shameful display made him bow while looking down. He wouldn't get away despite everything I understood of them

The next one who drew forward had no face to begin with.

Koovalhl couldn't stop wondering what they wanted from him.

'Why are you following me?'

'There have been reports of you staring. It needs to stop before it evolves into something more dangerous.'

'But that's what I do all day. Stare, stare, I do nothing else. And no one gets disturbed by it. They even giggle when I do it.'

'Neither of them found it amusing. As a matter of fact, we have received several complaints from them. That we are aware of at least.'

He pointed a dark hand that bore a set of clam-iron rings around each brass knuckle. Some skulls, eyes and a finger adorned each ring. They weren't trustworthy so far, yet I knew what to say.

'I will look into it then.'

'And you will put a stop to it. We have no reason to take your account in this matter. They are displeased by your actions and they outnumber you ten fold.'

'But they are corpses. How could they complain about anything at all? Out of any period of time? Look at them, not even moving. Neither of them even matter. They don't even move through in this piece of quiet.'

'Enough. You've been fairly warned. The next time you stare for any prolonged length of time, you shall have your eyes ripped off.'

And out of a bloom, they sparked small gusts of smoke from underneath them and blew off into nothingness.

'Koovalhl, what happened? Are you all right?'

A four shaped, eight cornered, robust headed implorer who had his body twisted in a spineless atrocity of sharp planed, sheet-like stained triangles opened a plethora of eyes. A sheer amount of stress pushed and almost threatened to shoot every metal holding spiked wired out of its hold, throwing every piece of him in every direction tenth-eight-rows above him. He had a bunch of pyramids popping out of the top of his head, revealing the lower half of his face as that of a simple man who carried sharp yellow teeth and a robe of dark tinted green.

'I heard everything.'

‘How?’

‘You don’t need to know how, only this, my rat-looking fellow. You may be nothing but a plume, and that’s coming from someone who’s spineless but I decided to help you get one.’

‘One of what?’

‘Why, I shall help you find yourself a pair. That way you won’t end up there all alone.’

He pointed to the spot where everyone died. Lhlohtlot assumed this was the fate of most people who were unloved.

‘Not a single fool, I wager. They were sad examples; neither of them dared make a move. But don’t look too much into it or you may end up like them.

I know this because I check them out.’

‘No you haven’t and even if you did, it would be a mere coincidence. Something else’s the matter there, I know it. I...’

‘You’ll end up in a prison contemplating it more. And I can’t visit you at any time, you know that. My schedule is far too busy for that.’

Koovalhl followed his friend. It wasn’t that far from the commune he came out of. His legs were weary from the entire walk but he had managed.

Lhlohtlot stared at him. Koov wasn’t a looker, nor was he smart. He spent too much time alone in that place, and that was simply wrong. A desire emerged in him. What if he could make something of this fellow of his?

He had his flat cheeks and flat feet and dark blue overcoat with shoelaces holding the two pieces together.

‘Listen, I want you to know that this isn’t going to be easy and it’s not going to be perfect the first time.’

‘That’s not why I came here for, you know that. But I suppose I couldn’t help myself.

Before that, I need to make sure that my stuff is secure, my rocks, stingers, bones, various holders and the clamp-iron needles, the poker and the feelers.’

‘Those can wait.

Can’t you see that you don’t need to bother yourself about those things any longer? You have the chance to be normal now, without having to wait there forever.

Between the two of us, those two guards that watched, they didn’t come there to warn you for no reason. Everyone got tired of you standing there doing nothing.’

‘I knew they were walking there for me.’

‘Everything in good time, my friend, don’t tire yourself yet. You know bad things can happen when you do.’

There was at least someone out there.

There had to be one woman who’d give herself to him. Otherwise this whole insurgency would be wasted.

Koov always hated the rough sand-stone-soulless floor they stood on.

It would be unclear, out of fear and remorse for what they were doing for themselves, that nothing could be thought off it.

No one wanted to change the weird shapes in which their houses did not stand, nor the peculiarity in which their arms rested. Long and intersected, they held each other in place, yet they weren't anatomically arms, large concave bars which were so thick, that it almost reproduced the appearance they had. Unclear as to what that entailed, there was a weird agony, the pain, the dread, the feign of interest they produced. They didn't like him.

Though many of them had disliked him being there, neither wanted him here either.

'I can't shake the feeling that I'm not liked around here.'

'So? No one actually likes you, Koovalhl.'

'What? I thought you liked me. I thought you wanted to help me.'

'Only past the threshold, I was handsomely paid to get you this far. They're starting to ask questions and you weren't welcome there. No one is supposed to inspect or ask about the bodies.'

'But I don't want to be here either.'

'Though luck then. Don't forget, there's no need for you to have committed a crime for you to be thrown around some lost hole, buried with some missing ribs and eight livers.'

'What happened to you? We were supposed to be alike. You can't treat me that way.'

'You're smaller, you're weaker, and your scent is repulsive. Why would I want to be your friend? Why would anyone?'

Those were his parting words. To add insult to injury, the same group of women passed him again and laughed at him while doing so. At least the streets were vaguely empty; otherwise he would've felt much worse than what he felt then. Clearly left that way, he looked around.

Still so many people in a crowd rounded themselves around the prophet's wooden podium. A few houses had their lights on but he chose to knock on a door as soon as he could.

'Who's bothering me? Oh, it's you.'

Two arms stretched outside, as if from a place which had been entirely conjured by overlapping tiny soft sponge-hairs, purple colored. His body could barely be seen in part, as he had been covered by the hairs which brushed and wrapped and covered him from every side.

The set of teeth which poked out looked like ivory tusks which spread and shot out of his mouth. It wasn't so; it wouldn't be like a toe popped out there. No, this one had pulled himself out in what appeared to be a reckless form of sponged-meat. Living around it for so long had drained all the fluids out of his muscles and bones, leaving him into this partly weak pseudo-fit figure.

A helmet stood on his grey skin, over his broken overalls. It had no horns but appeared to be marked by a fitted stern-like formation which had been encased inside his neck. It pulled from his side, revealing a dark line of metal which dug itself inside.

'May I come in?'

'Draw at your own peril.'

He was out of sight and there were no questions asked. It was getting rather dull being there, the way through which one may even pay enough attention to the dead.

'I shall convince you all that there's still hope. Hope that you may make it through, but only if you give your bodies and accept death in your hearts.'

'No, why should we abandon our belief? You're only trying to get us killed.'

At a sudden snap of two fingers, this man had been taken away by two bigger fellows. He not want to look out now, how he was dragged in the back and thrown by force into the path towards the filth. It could've been avoided, if only he had shut his mouth off.

'As I was saying, the voices had spoken to me and they had offered me a great deal of knowledge on what is right and what is wrong. There's a blasphemy you don't want to get yourselves rid off.'

The Trianon head spoke. His mind was their, but it wasn't known to anyone else. Inside his wrists there had been tiny engraved spines which spat their tongues outside, growing like tiny plucked remnants of the carnage. He returned from it, his speech severely crippled there.

Behind one of the homes, the area had been completely destroyed, leaving a trail on the ground which had been dark and scorched. The portal still remained there, pushing like a spire of power, in a triangular form, almost paramedical if it was seen from above. He had been one of the many warriors who had been forced to fight into that place in order to be alive.

It was a few days away now.

The great distaste would strike. Another war had been waged for the last twenty years. In it the slaves had been dismissed and collapsed under their own weapons of disgust, making way for the one stalker to come. It was the first of the great arrivals, followed by many of his kin.

Strange beings which didn't fight couldn't be touched, had an aspect of smoke-like shadows colored in light. As it had been implied, they stalked their victims but only during nights. And they would prevent any kind of restoration to be had.

'Torment be no longer, you slacker. I want only a peaceful night of sleep before I die.'

But not a single response had come and this had been only a way for them to get some satisfaction. A mad kind of thing, it was, as they desired at last, to be had. But not only could they not be touched by others, they couldn't be touched by themselves either.

It was a painful experience which may be felt by them only during that period of existence. They would be short-lived and bred out in the day.

'I will end you, I will smother you, darken you, hide you in the shadows, bring out the light! I said bring you any light, I want this to end now, I need the satisfaction of the night!'

As positions had been given away, those who were awake hunted. It couldn't be avoided that weakly-looking contenders dressed in robes, headless, armless crawled and still spoke of the disturbing stalker.

They brought machines writhen in wood, made out of growth crystals and crude tools.

The surge of evil had begun. Where there had been small foot soldier they had been finally blessed, in ranks of hundreds which had confessed their kin and their souls to the voices they heard. From beneath the bottom-line of their necks, there had been bursts of pyramidal shapes like the same way the portal had been.

What they looked like was some wild manifestation of the filth world, all of which had grown in the physical growth that had been there. Tiny dreadful worms erupted from the inside of their heads which connected through their bodies, bringing back the light.

Walkers like them were seen as some kind of prodding creatures which bore only the tiniest of heads on their weird pyramidal reverted mountains. Neatly tucked as the heads of Agamemnon were, they possessed only the strongest vigor that was there. In quick strides as they weren't, obviously caught there by their own progression of delusions, there came into the light the very fact that nothing lasted.

Some monuments of destruction followed. They trashed everything in their path. Though they may not have been as strong and as agile as their fully formed equivalents, these half-breeds came with an uncontrollable wave of destruction which couldn't help itself but manifest against every single aspect of their field of battle.

Now it had become a slaughter.

'Hide, hide, no more fighting, we need to run.'

'They're eating us alive.'

The voice of eight of them came into contact with one another. Such was their allegory of disturbing delights, the filth and malignancy which couldn't help itself any longer.

They were highly uncontrollable. Heard at last.

'Decay, decay, obey, obey, serve us, save our children now!'

Gibberish as well as a need to coddle the bodies in their own, soon making their peculiar bodies taller, wider, longer, and simply pulsating like the beating of a heart. They felt solace to their one true image, that one which had been lost to them. It was he, out of all, who had been the most affluent, degenerate, decrepit, malignant and a foe.

It couldn't be thought off that they may be looking on themselves like anything other than the paranoid fiends they were.

'Let me have him, I have laid eyes upon him first.'

'No, you'll ruin it; you'll ruin him like you had ruined everything.'

They wriggled and squirmed as the shells which covered their bodies had been the same kind of magnificent solace of growths. It spread through the inside of their skin and sleigh which formed its many bumps. Such a dreadful nature as it had been came to the likes of what laid in them.

Many of them had the same core of fluids which threatened to grow. Though it hadn't been at the same extent, they'd put on a show if it was needed.

'We'll make this world; we'll turn it perfectly in the way it needs to be made.'

'Break everything for our children. They shall be bred as soon as we have enough of these ones who are alive.'

Mad view made their eyes bulge in the weird phenomena known as mutual-satisfaction. Both the insides and the head rejected one another, but as soon as a foreign element came in, they were satisfied to take a break from doing it and turn towards the one being assimilated. It couldn't be seen as anything else but a strong desire to destroy.

Nothing pure could remain. With long extending arms they spread forward and whipped everything in sight, destroying and corrupting, breaking and enacting rage. It was a show of how much they mobilized with their movement cycle. Each step appeared to push the knee lower, pushing through the bone and the skin and the armor until it had reached the ground, all the while the other side of the leg kept the body in place.

So much would they look down upon them, that it couldn't be helped any longer? From inside their heads, the liquids dripped and started spreading through the fields, like crops of high decrepitude. It challenged their insides to a filth and degenerate form.

‘We need to break the portals before they reach out and beyond.’

The desire overcame most of them before anything could be done about it. Immeasurably called into action, there was this desire, known or unknown. Cowardly they hit, like dying whores underneath their flagrant horses and their darkly skinned field. It was obvious then that their blatant inferiority kicked in and pushed forward through the point of desperation.

No one trusted one another. A lack of sleep as blatant and as hurtful remained in them. Even then it was still a mad desire not to look away. Some of those bred ones already stepped through the portals and had made their way to slaughter.

It wasn't the fight that had been over, but their sprits died as well. Hiding between the bodies and pretending they were dead as well had been the only thing they could do. No one thought of anything else of the kind, only the malignant desire to push through and not feel any connection to the thoughts of their practices.

A group of eight gathered in two squared, one wide and one inside of it. The normality of the deranged atrocities had looked away and pushed through it.

Helped by their songs, their raveled and they began driving through their magnificent desire to not last any longer. Such a thing as it had been left one only with the greatest image of less signifying desires. They formed beneath them a winder area of the skin growths and in them; they had summoned a piece of the world.

This thing of theirs had been uncounted and unwanted. It seemed to have bred the insecurity the voices felt.

Displaced from there, their heads suddenly drew inwards as they had been smote. Inside their worlds, nothing remained. No more danger and less than enough satisfaction laid as their bodies fell on the side. The wave of destruction spread in there. As soon as they entered, the gates closed. First thoughts of the invasion, failure, annoyance, symbiosis.

Each one of them had been caught off guard by the mere level of self-hatred they each displayed towards one another. A part of them were the multi-bodied ones, while the others were normally formed. What had they break

into that tied formation had been the sudden impulse coming from the world displacement caused by the energy coming from inside the portal?

It had activated a bunch of neurons inside the worms which in turn had forced them to seek their similar areas upon which they may spread the light. This was a temporary thing, it had to be, and otherwise they'd be exposed.

As they travelled between the two worlds, they had completely annihilated the survivor, of which remained has been sprawled on the ground. As for their presence there, the giant wings connected the walls started showing some jerkily reactions as they weren't pleased of them being there.

'Lower the barrels pull the strings.'

It may interfere with everything they had in their minds but the poison still began spreading there. Their presence truly defiled the place, that sanctuary, where no Ill may come to pass.

'Why are we looked down upon? This will only end up with you sending us to our deaths like you always do.'

'I am the prophet of the voices and you will do as I say. As they say, as they say. Back away now, don't forget that I'm still under their command.'

A moment and a pause, they leaped together in the kind of severe atrophy of fear to which their bodies succumbed. It was there that they began piling up their tools and tiny extenders as their dreadful arrogance kicked in immediately after. From inside them, there leaped tiniest pieces of their heads, but not from above their necks, as they had come from their backs and no other place.

'At last they came, their knights in full a glory.'

One of the cities had been under attacked.

'Do not try to resist, do not hide, you were all meant to die in their name. This is only the great desire of trying to outlive your well earned mad souls.'

The words didn't connect in their minds, mostly because they had been caught and pushed into the dirt before being stamped by these meat-clustered arms. It was dreadful, the way through which they battered the bodies, grinding them in a most obscure thing.

Incongruous to say the least, it wasn't safe any longer, being there. So many missed changes now lay to them. But they were killed time after time, again and again. Bodies ripped and the entire floor crumbled underneath, revealing the mines which were hid there. One look might've gathered enough information of what had been going below there.

What they had stored had been the bodies of the last breathing cephalic arks which had been stored below. In them lay the vestige of corruptible skin which had taken in from their like and had pulled inside everything which grew beneath the like.

‘Allow me to bring you back. I see that you have killed them all at last.’

Indeed, the ruined houses which had lain in the area, the few citizens as well as the other victims which had been caught now came to be killed inside.

‘But I am still alive, oh, do not touch me yet, I’m merely trying to survive.’

Yet, the place had been taken at an alarming rate, from what had been gathered about. It wouldn’t be fair for anyone else other than those who had closed their insides. Another one of those inverted pyramidal heads protruded out of the ark. It started shoving some kind of engulfing filth aside. This one would rise again and proceed into flight, with its great planar wings which had been forged.

But farther away, in the many towns, one particular, name Klaarh stood as a residence for those who fled. They had passed through the gates and ran like a few madmen through the streets.

‘Flee, flee, you need to get away as fast as you can see. They will march through the gates and ruin everything like they had done.

Those invaders passed our lands and killed our men. You need to aid us.’

‘What happened?’

One of the occult masters came. He bore his runes in many brutish wounds circled but empty at the sides, from which sprouted a few more symbols which made it so very hard to watch without guidance. He had a piece of metal which had protruded his skull, basking through his head and neck and teeth and body as it was worn.

A dark essence, like some shadow of a smoke came from inside of it. As opposed to the rest of them, his clothes were shady, his heart rested outside his chest. This was a demented creature, with two misaligned eyes and giant hands which wrapped themselves around his ankles. It was intense, in the way he approached their small group of runners.

It looked like which each step, his skin grew shadier, almost to a plume, but his eyes shrank as he said, of hue.

‘I will grant you this ritual, for I am known to be well endowed in terms of the act of sorcery. Look around you.

The land is set on dirt. Our walls aren't made of giant wings but of lodge trees which had been taken from plain wooden beings we enslave and robbed out of. We live humble lives as long as everyone gives me tribute and accept the fact that I am the one in charge.'

He took that moment to hit the ground a few times, bumping it while trying to bring out a sound. His scepter had been a larger stick with a big head of some fat-lumped creature which erected a few front teeth from back to front and back again. Its eyes were sealed shut.

Black strings tied his eyelids, pushing only the smallest strings of his white hair which resided inside now. Some heat rested in as well and made it deeply thorough while it lasted. There was some time in which they split his head in three halves. Those marks still haunted his face as the scars which now left the man standing in front of them, vaguely displeased.

'Kneel now and lend us your lives. We shall be protected for as long as there's unity.'

'Why can't I enter and stay in hiding? I can pay for my meals and for my stay. Don't force me to join anything, I couldn't help it but give in.'

'So do it, then. There's no better desire than this. Know that anyone who will not make the sacrifice of joining in shall not be denied stay and you shall be driven out.'

'And who's going to stop me? I'm not weakling; I shall walk through your town by force and do what I please.'

The tetra-formed violent shade which had resided in its lined coat attempted to blind them by sight of what lain underneath his hidings. He bore two tiny bodies which were likely the bodies of two rib cages, which bore two tails upon which it slid away. They lead to a set of strong arms which had opposable thumbs as well as a strong head which had the look of the led.

It looked like a metallic mask, but it moved while talking so it had to have been his face. This paranoid creodont suddenly leaped and tried masking away his fright as the energies surrounding the population of the town had been cast upon him. He had been instantly turned into a mass of energized matter. Its body burned to a crisp instantly to show a mark of dark energy which had replaced the outline of terminating power.

A white aura finally forced the rest of the energy to get vaporized into nothingness. Oh, this one had been vile, this dark sorcerer who had summoned the shades and had driven everyone out.

'What is your name, vile wizard?'

'You shall not be granted any favor, as long as I'm here, you shall force yourselves to behave. Until your answer is given, I won't take any of you into servitude and even more, I shall destroy you all. Have I made myself clear?'

‘As clear as possible and I accept.’

‘Kneel and you may join.’

As another one came from the small gathering of runners, they knelt, revealing the power he had bore. Two lightning strikes came from above, in the same form, covering them momentarily in the same shade as the one mad suicide had been wrapped into before he died.

‘You may now approach.’

They had been given free entry and a welcoming smile. The others accepted him like one of their brothers and appeared to bear nothing of the magnitude of fear which had been shown before.

It would be cruel to think otherwise, but this had needed to be addressed.

‘Is there a way out if we give in?’

‘Never, as soon as you pass the threshold, your souls are mined, forever. Each one of you will belong to me from this end of life and for the passing of the next.’

‘That wasn’t part of the deal.’

‘It has always been the case and I shall waste no time to explain it to you. Wretched, you bore me. And I am not one to be insulted twice.’

He flickered a hand and their bodies burst into smothering of guts. They truly had no idea with whom they were dealing with. It hadn’t been their like to be known.

‘Now that you have joined us, it is time to know.’

Bells had been rung in the distance. Another town from the varied communes had received one of their groups. It had been happening way too often already. No one would be pleased by this.

‘I need entrance.’

‘Denied.’

The guard had spoken through his eight folded long trombone-shaped mouths. They had large prison barging bars coming from inside its open body. He had trapped inside of them four escapees who attempted to pass the border into town.

What covered him had been an armor which left enough of a wide space for passers to see what the consequences of breaking the law would be. Anything else would to him anger. He drew nearer and listened.

No eyes came out of his strange metal suit. Only the clam-iron, shell-like creation he wore, self-fashioned to give the feeling of remorse. Four faces stood at the joints which were bore at the knees and beneath the arms.

They were crying or screaming, daring to be heard in the agony they propagated. It was clear that they needed someone to hear and to watch for what was going on in there.

And this was one of the more civilized towns there were. No one else might think otherwise, as the streets were planted by the bodies which stood under their foundations.

‘Look, they brought the poor ones now.’

‘What did they think, bring their unsatisfactory gazes here?’

Yet the voices fell, some stood behind and watched at that thing above them emerged. They had planted their heads and bodies on the giant grown torsos, which bore the symbol of their world. From it sprouted four wings, two wide-spread, and two smaller ones, and plenty of heads and faces which had grown in giant sizes and appeared to be in the likens of Agamemnon.

The voices pleaded as each flap of the wings threw its double-tailed behind.

‘Look how pure and unsatisfied they are. They need to be made aware that I shall rule the place.’

‘I shall make them my own, all of them. But what if they resist?’

‘Resistance is impossible, we have seen world after world like our.’

‘But we never turned one astray, look at it for now and listen.’

Everything I looked down there, the face of Agamemnon reeled in its hiding. It felt so weak down there, inside its place. Weak, frail, crawling away from sight out of the fear it bore in itself not to be caught. There was some innate fear it showed. No one wants to be seen at their lowest, no one wants to reveal what’s going on down there.

Quarry, down the valley. Broken by a long series of shakes, massive unoccupied charts had been spread there, about everywhere, leaving only half-formed people working. It wasn’t their kind who had built the great towns or who had raised the walls, but it was well. Most of these sings went unnoticed, since they weren’t of the kin.

It felt similar to him. They all have the same, means to relate to him. Often he had felt alone. Once in the past it had occurred to him that none of the children were his. It was a sad thought he couldn’t look over. He could never have created anything of his own, though he had desired them so much.

Perhaps that's why they had eventually been allowed to die off into the distance, time after time. His face couldn't look away now, from the days in which he had allowed humanity to die, to the point where he had felt himself stranded, sterile. To now, the loneliness he had so desperately tried to avoid. He could never have had anyone.

There was fear in Agamemnon, he knew they would cheat, that they would abandon him, that they would leave him be. Or they would ask him to see, the utmost acts of degeneracy which repelled him from their sight.

Out of his fear, he had been damned to that loneliness, never to have been touched or caressed or to have felt the touch of another.

Why were the others so right? In their quests they had it all. They had their worlds; they had their likes reflected in other bodies as well. But he, he had been left by everyone, there, stranded in the lace of no return with no one to look back upon. He couldn't have looked back at anyone there.

But he desired it so much.

More than what they had been doing then. Why was he given the sight then? Out of all the days of staring at the emptiness of the dark, now he had been allowed to watch.

They looked so simple. Each of them so, so, simple. They worked continuously, slow and fast, slow and fast and one day they would die out of exhaustion. He never imagined that so often, seeing how he had only been a face, moving away because he would be afraid. Who's watching me now?

'Are you trying to look in my direction?'

He spoke to no one, yet expected to be heard. Someone had to have been there, otherwise, he wouldn't be found. Unlike the others, he was so light. It felt as if he were floating, even though he had been, stalled. Without any attachment to them, he felt vaguely out of place there.

If he had his watch, he would have his work. And as if heard, his vision changed. There were children, he would see on fields, running away with their families. It had to have been somewhere in the past now, with so much grass being there.

Those were even simpler people watching over their children. The man came over to his wife and placed an arm around her shoulder. Days like these were watched by him as they went by and by after each night cycle.

It was a quaint life, living on the fields, as a farmer. Going back to their tiny barn, watching their children grow until their lives had come to an end.

And there would be no other solace to get back to and no one to desire less. They would confess to one another there as it was safer nonetheless. If only there had been less to his life and what his world had become. Perhaps Agamemnon would be happy.

But the world hadn't waited and the world hadn't been anything but fallen ever since the influence had come. Something spread to the desire of the most influenced and most fearful of sights. No one could believe what was going on there.

But the new overlord which would watch upon them had arrived. He would see himself or themselves, as the voices began crying and spreading their words upon the lands and upon those they looked down upon. For now, only the mockery was present and the fear of those who watched in seething hate.

'That damned thing will destroy us all. We have to do something.'

'What would that be? We're simple and unskilled; we have no tools, no weapons, simple wit.'

'This only begs for us to outwit it, that's all. The alternative shouldn't matter to any of us in the long run, if you understand what that accounts for.'

Worry not for a second. I know what shall be right.'

What had been called into action there had been the fact that they needed to be aware of all the evil which had been perpetuated throughout the short-live glory of his ascension. It was well enough on its own, that when he had arrived, many of the watchers had felt this entry.

Appearance of mad desires which had only spread their madness into play. That could only have been the paranoia acting as they started stabbing and cutting and bleeding away. Fires appeared in the distance, arson and mad wildfire which only jumped and leaped and came between the likes. No defiance could be called at all.

Worry had been for the wicked, less than what had been there. It would only take a sudden action for those to be aware of the fact that they were dying, like flies, falling mad like someone who'd desperately long to die.

In the youth of a man, who had left his tiny house then, something held him back. He was working on a Rubicon cube, with the many faces of sorrow on them. Each of them lost interest in themselves after a while. With all the while, being annoyed by the sound of their own voices, it looked like the man had stopped as well.

He opened the cube and saw him there, smiling like some insignificant tiny thing which didn't care for itself at all. There was some dexterous approach to what it had been like, the veil of things which didn't push themselves any further.

A part of his head opened and out of him came the arms and hands extending, drawing out the rest of its body, revealing a small placed bond of tinier babies attached to a rancorous lower area where it stored most of its insides. It looked soft and easy to be taken, while the hardness couldn't be mistaken, the upper area of the torso appeared thinner than what it had been.

The upper head was tiny and small, which only took out the features which pushed away and flung themselves to the side. From them came some long reeds which protruded through their tiny bead-like glowing stings. Only one thing could be defied in it, the fact that there was a procedure to be had then.

He had do abandon his body and take his alternated children with him. So many things hadn't lasted at all, only that shade of deeper perylene black. It pushed through and opened himself to the exposure. Not even remotely likely as it had been, there was the desire to escape his body and the time he had spent time in the mind of the man.

'Now it is time to return. No longer am I needed in the world of man. This, I promise to you, make sure you treat me right upon my coming back; I couldn't help it if I had to pay any attention to the mad. The calling, the wrong doing and the faulty desire not to return, they have made me bond with them and invite my like to breed inside of them.

But I know, oh I know that there's no way to return any longer. Without a chance to get back at it, there may never be a chance to keep it any longer. Look, I can't handle trying to do well, there's no such thing as it.

They will find a way back to your realm, my lord. And if they won't, so be it, they could keep copulating in this world until they make it like home.'

That had been case for a great number of generations now which had failed to escape. One after another, they would find their way inside people's heads and grow inside their brains. Since they hadn't felt any pain through this process, their functions had been adopted by those things inside of them.

'Look, I'm only trying to obey my primal needs in order to survive. There's something wrong inside of my mind, impulses which I can't control, who's there?'

A moment before his face opened, there was something which had to be established. This intruder had possessed so many offspring's. It had to know what was down there.

'My tiny incision shall prevail. Now we should see what's inside of you, before I come to tell you what's going to happen.'

'What have you done to me?'

They had all been kept alive, forced to evolve into a state of living which would never end. Now, each cell inside their bodies would draw in and eat the fragments of dust and mice which would float towards them. Nothing could be called any lesser than theirs. A bond between strangers, as they said.

‘This might be painful but mind me not.’

He may have missed legs but he managed to create a transparent amount of oozing bodies which stacked upon one another, creating the illusion that it was floating or merely resting on its belly. Within its long claws, the first gap had been made, which had cut through the clothes at first, then through the rest of him.

It wouldn’t be decided whether or not he could dare, but this wasn’t on the table yet. There was something to be devoured yet from there. But another look, which revealed that the insides had curled inside a slimier bag of its own, had given itself life. Not only could it move but it would be aware of the mistakes it would keep making.

Each piece had started moving and began crawling away.

‘An interesting turn I might add, but what is this?’

As it flung itself from the insides, it revealed that this had been a hybrid which had left as many transparent false bodies behind as he had. Afterwards there was something close to the dexterity of souls, the need to call someone their own.

On the back, there was him, the same shaped features being straddles and contorted as if to be wrapped on top of the guts. Nothing else mattered, unlike whatever it had seemed to be the case; he had attained a certain level of despair. It wasn’t the same after.

Not so much as to keep the breeding happening, this thing was trying to create a species of its own.

‘They should be made aware of this. It could develop into trouble afterwards, no matter what one takes to him now, we need to forget it. A much needed approach had been the desire to look away and into the place they are most likely hiding.’

He had suspected that a separation had taken place and that they had all found a way to crawl away and breed. This bootleg couldn’t be permitted at all. Not since this planet would be inherited by all of them. Humans were still kept as cattle for that reason of control.

And the laboring had only begun. It wasn’t going to go well, especially since they were adapting. Yes, around the planet, the water sources had been encapsulated and covered by a layer which afforded free walk on most of the world’s surface. Without a question, there was something more interesting to it, the fact that there were no leaps in the domination aspect.

The humans had been stricken down and forced to obey. This atmosphere had made so many of them grow, like giant planes which grew in fat and in size, leaving behind the same kind of affectionless sight. Dread could only follow through. It made them reckless and forced them to disobey themselves.

No other cause could matter, other than the fact that, of the few of them who grew their offsprings died. Without anything to grow in, they would be re-absorbed inside their giant bodies. Something had to be done about it.

For that reason they set a council meeting for themselves.

‘Listen, we have called you all here, above the edges of the world, for us to discuss our possibilities. It’s clear that once we come into contact with the air, there may be no way to return to the original size in which we have been made and that our children won’t have a way to grow.’

‘But what if we use our bodies?’

‘This won’t work, you know they can only grow in organic material, of which kind we don’t belong to. For that reason we grow and expand, and for that reason they’ll become the lifeless sacks you have wrapped around the holes of your body.

Unless we find a way to form the men into giants, who may be impossible for our own reasons, we will be stuck.’

‘Then it’s settled, everyone shall be forwardly instructed not to get any further than this. They will remain inside the human beings and keep working from inside of them.’

‘Yet we are in need of more of us to grow in size. Not too many that there may be a power imbalance between us, but so that we may govern and build upon this world so it may be to our liking.’

‘And if it blows up against us?’

‘We shall deal with it as long as it goes.’

‘Should we talk about the term? That being these tiny half-breeds which began spreading beneath the crust of this planet, it looks like they display an inability to grow which had been inherited from the symbiosis obtained them.’

‘They’re to be discarded then. We should not seek to flock our world with any kind of piety and any desire to draw them out if they don’t seek us. Most of them are pests, in the same way those broken humans are.

Now, shall we begin our plans? Our cities need to be raised and I think I may have found the perfect way to go on with it.’

A special method of twisting between the bodies which had been left behind combined with the forging techniques lend onto them by the primitive primates helped them give birth to standing arches, buildings, cities of their own. Even nonsensical designs were possessed and admired by them. Though they knew they were superior to both the smaller ones and their smaller kin, it couldn’t be helped.

‘Look, they have taken a liking into what I have made.’

‘Some, not all, do not waste time with that filth, look upon what I have created.’

They made statues of their own after being conquered, if anything at all. Kliraz was only one of the few sculptors of men. Though it was only an imitation of those ancient sights he saw, he took a liking to them.

So many of them had been pleased by the sight of beauty, the size and the sight of ocher did surmise this dark and beautiful form which took shape into the light. It was both a frightening sight and one of terror.

‘I don’t take a liking into what you’re trying to produce. Why would you waste your time trying to create and preserve these tools of our own that we use for breeding?’

Have we not twisted and abused them throughout generations? We’ve done our best to do it as well as we could until now. Do not grow a consciousness yet. There’s only vileness here and there.

‘And why would you destroy what I have wrought with by own hands? Do you not see that I have done something I have taken a liking into?’

The joy of birth had been taken from me. I live knowing that I may never bear any life of my own.’

‘We all do, so why would you cherish them so much? Look them, they are disloyal, they are filth. They cheat on one another, they know only how to betray and lie. As soon as something better comes along, they would not give a second thought to one another.

Of this destruction, of this immorality, there can be no return from. Look how they destroyed their bonds, even now, their nature is self-destructive. Why would you glorify that thing of the past knowing that they may never be true to one another?’

It is impossible, it cannot be sustained. They are unlike us who are pure, who are true to ourselves who need only to merely survive to carry on our kin.

We may never get betrayed, we may never feel any other satisfaction than living.’

‘Then why are you so vile? Why has my creation been destroyed?’

Are you afraid of them? Of these primitive beings who strive towards being together?’

‘It is not in their nature.’

‘And it was not in their nature to create beauty. It was not in their nature to give us the means to build these things which we have made, taken from them.

There's something to them, which is unexplainable, something which gave life more than we could ever imagine.'

It was by no means easy looking away. There were time where one would look at everything and reflect every wrong and every single thing which had been ruefully placed around every place. No one wanted to talk about it.

Everyone ignored him because he wanted things to be right. Evenly so, there were so many great places Agamemnon could look into. So many spots where he could see grass growing, plains of anything natural simply being there with no thought of return. Some sort of consideration could be named or called there. But no one wanted him to look at those things.

It was hard as it was, being excluded by him in every other dimension, but, despite so many creatures being there, whom he had the pleasure of calling his children, Agamemnon felt lonely around them.

They stopped acting in that destructive way he had tried to desperately to prevent. For a short time, he had been content with letting go. None of them died, and none of them actually cared for much while he kept on fantasizing about what was going on around.

Shell shock followed in the fields, many of the wings shaking as their guard had faded.

'Look at the filthy grasp of air they bring on here, they shall infest the skies and fill out many a places with their disgusting and repulsing activities. Don't push it; do not push it past me that I may look on it with joy.

IF anything falls, I shall leave you.'

The children looked at their father in disgust. He couldn't help it but try shaking off the feeling off discontent. It was strangely quaint, how much of a figure he had been. This was degrading in a most immeasurable way.

'Please, father, let us help you.'

'You are mad, father, even since you hear the voice, you stared acting numb. Look around the house; you've spoiled it with a lot of wax. There's nothing more inside this place worth looking over.

I don't feel safer any longer in here.'

Various marks had appeared inside their home. Various faces inside of them spoke and as they were listened to, the wax stared spreading and forming their small spawns.

As the first spawn of wax emerged, it came out bearing one eye which looked out in reverse, with its two headed peeling flimsily cry, it spread itself a nasty try. Two legs sprouted and before it shouted again, it lunged at the man.

His chest had been opened and inside of him entered this being of nasty-dirty stained white. It reeled deeper in before a hand appeared and protruded out of his insides. It could have been much worse, but this lasted even less

than it had been desire. Speaking of the rush, he woke up, wearing his plainly-stricken robe, with the mark on his chest and eyes which burned.

‘This is it, you are my children now and it is time for you to behave. Pick out wax with your hands and make me a way out.

If you fail this simple task, you shall be punished and forced to obey an even darker task.

It had been a way to cope with the miserable feeling of anticipation. But they worked for this new father.

‘When will our old father return?’

‘Never, he will never return, go back to your task.’

But the feeling hadn’t been gone yet. So much so, as there was a disturbing treatment which couldn’t be avoided, one entry through a piece of the dividing frontiers had been broken. That monstrosity simply flew through it and broke its miserable shield in pieces. Not even likely, as if it was trusted by the growing mushroom man-heads, they began taking immeasurable sights as they trying pushing each other out of the way.

‘What’s going on out there?’

Their facial features gave the impression of sharpness which may not have been controlled by no means of coercion. It was simply disturbing, a sight of the unnerving inequality of desire between brooding nations who looked at it as it was, a dangerous way for escape. Dread followed as if there’d be no tomorrow. Not for them, who saw their end.

Some of the closest peers had been encompassed by the sizable head that appeared to spread quite fast. In short, they would seem unnervingly fine.

‘I must escape before more chaos happens.’

Even the wealthiest districts had the people looking unnerved at the sight.

‘We need you to do something guards, can’t you see that the people are there, trying to get away from the pain instilled in them?’

It had been no amiable task, the one in which the guard had been set. Difficult, as one may say, the dreaded cocoons there appeared in the air.

‘Look, another one of them there!’

They pulverized the molecules and threatened the likens of what was right in the air. Not only had the empty space been a place for nasty genes to occur, but it was obvious that nature had given them no excuse. It was the most pure thing one could fathom.

No more pain, since they would appear there, these kind and disturbing looking creations of silk which mummified themselves only to appear in some vague shape showed their many limbs and their disgusting wings. Organs and their heads rested on wings which didn't flap. This strangeness refused to stop.

Yet, as repulsive as they looked, as disgustingly and slippery as they seemed, they absorbed the pain. How magnificent it had been, to look away from this sight, which took away, in the light of day, nothing of the hysteria which remained.

The servant of Agamemnon kept spreading itself through destroyed field, after destroyed field, before finally picking up a place to rest. It may not have been the best one to pick from, though, to be left assured of it, there was neatness in the disturbing sight which had been propagated upon them.

'Now that you have shaped my portal, it's time for me to get away. Don't look after me.'

The wax turned into some culminating point of wooden exposures. They appeared to be not only encompassed in wax but they turned into twisting angles of plying stinging fluids which could be stepped insides of.

His way of going in had begun cutting through the skin layers outside his body and there wasn't any prevention to it. He was manipulated into twisting himself into some curling ball of wax, flesh and bones before finally being pulled in with all the wax, a quarter of the house, the ground and everything else in.

'Our father is gone.'

Said little Cloho, looking at her dead brother. A piece of his head had been dragged inside, leaving him there; bleeding tiny jumping drops which couldn't be helped at all.

'I have to go back to where I need to be. There's that place which is lost at the cost of dreadful activities.'

The horn on the floating cocoon said. It was another infection which had been bound to spread sooner or later. Many of those tiny horned speakers would appear, sometimes accompanied by a pair of other colored dyes which engulfed the silky smoothness which appeared. From them, started dripping their feelers and the essence they bore.

This world had been deemed in need of the mad protection. Underneath these silken shields, they could be kept under safety from the needed destruction the servant brought.

'I cannot breathe, I cannot move, don't do this to me!'

Stood the first voice of reason which may now be heard, it couldn't be complete without a kind of desire to come forth and hide from that anarchy instilled by desire. It wasn't fair, this attire of frozen prisoners.

'They're making me feel feeble, I'm so, sleepy. Help me, Ashtioreth, grab my arm and give me the freedom I seek.'

Her lover mourned as he shoved the blade through her gut. This felt so peaceful at first until the bleeding had been stopped by it. There wasn't any excuse for what was going up there.

Enough of it.

'Look no further into their world. We have too many great things to carry on with. If we focus only on this, we'll be left unchallenged. By no means will we be able to creep and stall if we are caught again.'

'Then do not speak, this is what happens when we do, you all barge in and do as you please. This isn't going to change unless we all settle down on making the sacrifice of voice.'

'No, but you'll all betray us. If I were to be silent, if he and he and he will do the same, one will appear and betray us all. And we'll know of his presence and of the sound through he propagated his message.

There's no turning back any longer.'

'But if we keep doing it, more voices will join. We weren't meant to have access to them, to any of us, or to the other worlds at last.'

'It far surpasses the boredom of looking at the sight of you over and over again. At least this way we may shape and observe. We may influence but never try to abort.'

'Until one of us decides that it is more righteous to do it that way. Do not make any commitment to our cause if you cannot help yourself. This will mean nothing but a means to self-destruction. It is clear we were not meant to be that way. At least, we cannot help it.'

'So be it, then at least we could try to focus on one single purpose for the time being, let us take over control over them. That way, we shall make sure there's nothing wrong going on.'

'Yes, I can already see one of those openings which show some interest.'

They pointed at it and at the billions of laymen in it. Such simplistic creatures made of one shape, one fluid kind of allotted organic crystal which gave them the appearance of elemental servitude. Many had been completely mentally enslaved.

They three legs moved quickly, in their viridian colored skin opened to the star exposure coming from their system. It was unclear whether or not those eight eyed small bobbed heads could hear it. Their ears had been plastered and flattened to clear ends.

‘I must do what I want; I must please myself with the need of creation. No one should look into more than it is needed.’

A clear form made shaped itself wisely. It couldn’t be thought as anything on the matter, to the latter meaning which went forth.

‘Please do make me hunt for the others, friend.’

The Agamemnons recognized one another. Certain big bulks in their backs made them look so much bigger, wider, their arms being hardened by their bulging muscles. Labor was a planetary delight, but it was strange, because there wasn’t close to anything on the surface.

‘What happened here?’

‘Change you body and head down there. Can’t you see that they are trying to fathom the depths and clear themselves of so much less exposure than it’s needed?’

‘Well, I’m only trying to get away from all the noise I hear in my world.’

‘Head down below and look for yourself.’

He did it and noticed that they had found themselves floating down there. Below the ground, gravitation had been kept to a minimum. They had built movable structures in forms of crystalline rhombuses, dragged over by chains. It explained why they had such magnificent upper body strength.

More importantly than that, it was clear that most had been brought to the awareness that this was no gravity at all, but some force which made some of the air molecules harder. They could still swim through them but that was all. Most of their inner-system made it so their lungs could take in as much as it was needed.

‘I see their temples and their watch over their property. But what shall we do here? I can only imagine that there’s nothing to behold or act upon.’

‘But there will be, don’t worry about it. We only need to make the proper arrangements and they shall all succumb to us, do you understand?’

‘And what will that produce then?’

‘One empire under our supreme control, do not question the need for us to create this as some kind of symbol to represent us.’

‘But we have never created anything; we have mostly shaped the already existent.’

‘My good Agamemnon, but we have given shape to one who went out there and learned. And from his knowledge it is to be derived that even if we’re evil and vile, degenerate and malignant, we shall make it so we can always push ourselves forth.

No agony can be called any less than important. We shall carry on and leave a legacy. It’s clear that we are approach supreme stagnation and we shall be made extinct.

This is our only chance to learn and leave something behind.’

Suddenly, the voices stood clear and started obeying and paying close attention to what was going on there. It was interesting and amusing, for the first time in a long eternity. Not only that, but they had wanted something of their own, flawed as it had been.

‘How come it hadn’t occurred to us to do it any time sooner?’

Why is it that this was discovered only now? I wish to create and shape and give form to something of my own that is fair, that is right, it is hard.’

And that had been the reason, for which they all simply swam there confused about what they were supposed to make do with what they had.

But they were flawed in what they mad, at least during their initial conception. There was an immediate desire to recreate their geographical location as a form of reminiscence but it failed.

‘We shall make it so it’s pleasing for our sight.’

‘Do not question what is right about this, we should make it all look wrong, crush it, dust it to pieces. Can’t you see I’m trying to get away from it?’

They began by trying to outdo one another into making their different forms with some wicked innuendo of the kin.

‘Enough of that, make the bridge and open the gate, we have a traitor amongst our ranks. Look into his world, he had done the unforgivable, the one fantasy which we all know it may never be achieved. Bring forth these bodies and judge for yourselves.’

As the voices chimed in, they understood what had been wrong and what needed to be done. It had been vaguely unquestionable by every mean of appeal.

‘Look at this universe.’

The first one who arrived there said. His body had survived through the travel and now stood there erect like some kind of planetary deceiver, walking on the space net.

‘It had done it, this traitorous one, he had somehow managed to ruin everything and escape. Look at how unfinished it is. Even his attempt at self-mutilation had failed and in his failed attempt, he had made a knot which brought with it half of the mass out there. Now it lays there trapped for as long as gravity may allow it.

This cannot be forgiven, as it will serve as an act of inspiration to the self admitted destruction and repulsion we may all be forced into.’

‘But what if this is the right thing to do? Do we not all share the same core as he does? Is this not the ultimate goal, that we may all end ourselves?’

‘No, this isn’t what it had been meant to. We were meant to encompass everything and cover their planets, their creations, their children and wrap ourselves in the essence of purity and protection. As long as we didn’t kill, murder or slain them, there was a chance to set ourselves forth into creating this bond and offer them the eternity.

Then, we would proceed to hibernate until they will have suffocated, living in a long dream, thinking they’re alive. We would look through the infinite universes at alternatives and see them for what they are.

We could live through the bodies of others and ourselves.’

‘But that isn’t my plan or my desire. It is clear that your mind has expired. My supreme creation would be a kind of control which may spread about wherever life may grow. And I would place them and change their locations and force them to change and play in my games of solidarity and see that they’re properly messed with for my own desires.

Afterwards, I could drag some and abandon them in space, seeing them brought to some kind of satisfying end. Or burn them, drop them into planets made out of pure dissolvent substances or have them thrown inside stars. Entire galaxies would be dragged and black holes could be snapped or they may find themselves wherever I desire.’

‘No, no, neither of you has it right, this growth can only bring one thing to the world, only one infinite serpent which may go from world to world, rooting itself and creating chaos as it would grow through planets and connect them like some sort of inter-planetary surface entrance.

Only the immortals would be able therefore to experience all life that ever existed or would have ever existed as this bond or connection would far surpass time, piercing through as many imitations of the same world and as many lifetimes as to not bring any boredom.’

‘And how would this plan of yours accommodate with the fact that we have no desire to be conquered or have our worlds invaded by your inability to keep to yourself?’

You worthless scum have no place to invade any other world than yours, so keep it to yourself before someone decides that it’s time to end all life through as many ways as there are world torn apart.’

‘Enough of it, we needn’t argue about it, look at what happened here and remember, whatever we may choose or whatever we may do, this could be an end result. With one important exception which lay. Agamemnon is nowhere to be found. Not a single way stands for him to be taken apart.

Look at what’s going on there. Look what’s going on here, it’s clear that there’s no hope for any of us if one might come to do this and escape.

He fled his world and assumed no responsibility and explanation. We were cut from looking into his world until long and now that we have found what the result is, I say, go ahead and hunt for him. It’s the only feasible way through which we may get to make something out of it.

Before long, we shall have made some important discovery. Some insignificance lay on this. Betrayal, arrogance, fear and a disturbing lack of commitment, it reeked of it, this entire thing couldn’t be mistaken.

That Agamemnon kept walking now. It had been lonely there, especially since the other died. Somehow, it hadn’t felt painful, having his limbs and his extended body made out of his heart. For some reason, it felt, quaint, strange, and lonely.

Only self-reflection mattered now, with all that happened, all the missed chances and opportunities to make up to humanity, it had been done. The species which came after were signed for wretched lives which couldn’t matter at all, not for it. Saddened by it, he looked for a way to get past it, to stop thinking about it, but instead, it had become an obsession.

All of the past experiences and the similar or different worlds he had seen kept popping in his head. IT wasn’t even obvious why he did it, other than that moment when it didn’t matter what he thought. He would often think of it when he was alone. That strange way of how so many of them ended unhappy. Time after time, he looked and reflected, after so many channels he flickered through, there was enough unrest in his mind. He gave up trying to search for a way out.

‘I am alone here, only with my thoughts. You’ve stopped yourself from even submerging inside the planet’s core and you mastered the voices as well.

But I’m alone now and I will never be able to find out if they know about us. It shouldn’t have ended that way.’

He was calm, way too calm for someone looking how he looked. Now, with his body out of place, he wondered why was it that he felt it now, sorrow for what he lost, sadness born out of the fact that he saw every possible direction which could be taken in all of those dimension, his choice were disabled from him.

‘They’ll find me eventually, I know they will. I’ve done many petty things and I have relieved myself of any morality by trying to take control over them, even though I shouldn’t have. There’s nothing I wish more for myself but to remain alone.’

Discouraged by it, I seem to have forgotten what it like is, to feel like I’m being watched, or to look into places which hid themselves beneath the ground. Even those were off limit now.

‘We shall create beauty and the ugly, we shall create the magnificent and the disturbing and we won’t take anything into account unless it shall be made out of some innate desire to shape and give life.’

It was obvious enough that the planet had been turned into a kingdom of their choice. Some outer limits had been established only so there would be no need of incarceration. Speaking of which, they still dreaded the hybrids, which had to be found sooner or later. Perhaps it wasn’t a secret yet, but they were dangerous, both to them and to everything else.

‘They will destroy and conquer us from below. I can see it; they are made out of some desperation to fit in both molds. Look at how useless their human wombs have become, they are even rejected by their human counterparts.

But we cannot assume the same mistake, we’ll have to strike them down before they spread and it becomes much worse.’

‘How exactly? Those rubes have managed to avoid both capture and any kind of detection so far, there’s no way we may be able to get them now. Unless there’s some way to truly gnaw at it, we’ll handle it as well as we can.’

‘What are you talking about? I know for a fact that they breed like their human animals. They’re everywhere, look.’

One of the members of the obsidian race, as the humans called them now, pushed forth his four long fingers, spreading them as far as he could in every direction until his palm looked like a small joint from which they sprouted. It came to his as a surprised that he picked up a pile of dirt from beneath him only to find out that there were none in it.

‘They’re supposed to be here, I swear, they’re supposed to have some kind of secret tunnel and many holes made to wander through the world. You can’t occupy any kind of position as it doesn’t matter any longer what’s out there.

We should make sure we’re looking into it sooner or later.’

‘Enough, you’ve got no proof that they are spreading or that they have any kind of civil organization. Stop embarrassing yourself and return to the procrastination.

What we are in need of making is a new belt around the planet, so we could stop the falling rocks.’

It had been observed that plenty of the space materials fell down there. The junk couldn’t help itself but be drawn by the gravitational power of the planet. What it produced is the evil kind of essence which had been harvested not at a physical level but at one which involved the inter-dimensional place which projected itself in the framework of the eternally recreated universes of Agamemnon.

From that point they each drew a piece to their own liking, the projection of which may never fade but grow as weak as to signal the fact that it would become somewhat useless for it to be harvested afterwards since the energy would be most likely beneath the level needed that they may have their thirst satiated.

This change had only been recent and it hadn’t been felt by every single one of them. But enough of them had gathered, infested and made their servants force the projection into the frame. Only that way they could be satisfied now.

What had caused this change had been the sudden transparency which had been applied to infinity. With it, they were now made aware that there were others worlds like theirs, only pure and untouched.

It wasn’t theirs to be taken, as these being, whom belonged to the obsidian race, shrunken or enlarged, even the hybrids were primitive themselves. And those who looked at them from the distance, even from an obscured sight could only feel that amount of weird and malignant jealousy. Especially the voices and their brought in bodies.

‘Look at how they mastered the shaping of form. How can such insolent creatures who are threatened by sub-formed hybrids manage to create what they had achieved down there?’

Why is it that we can’t do anything right despite the materials we have?’

‘Patience, patience, it’s only a matter of time until we’ll do it. Sooner or later we’ll have mastered everything there is to master without a single exception, without weakness and without a thing to slow us down. Mark my words, we shall prevail!’

It was an acceptable thing, staring. For now, but it became degrading and they had returned to that world. From there it had been only a matter of time until the land could be questioned.

‘Pull a piece of the floating columns and I shall shape a piece of the ceiling into an open creation and twist of many lanes. We shall separate them as far as we can and afterwards we shall plow them with our sculptures of our own.

You've seen them and what they had created, they have lands, and they have ground upon which they cultivated their skill. We have naught of that.'

'Unless we bring something of our own, see what I have acquired.'

'Agamemnon, you bastard, you have done the impossible, you've stolen something from them. How? This projection should've placed a restriction upon you. Why is that you've suddenly become empowered by this force?'

'I feel it, my essence is started to come into this body. My world, the entire universe is shrinking as its gets absorbed and moved into my space-consciousness. Soon I will have become this body and it will become anchored to this world.'

Look at how I can change my shape to my will.'

And in front of him, this strange double headed tyrant changed his face into that of the original terror which had castrated itself into this pagan look. Again, it felt something different, something better, beyond any kind of magnificence of terror and depravity. It could not be felt by any other means any longer, this joy. It was joy that he felt, actually happiness not sprouted from anything in particular, but it felt no longer like a father.

No, it had been safe from it, now it looked like it was only the one simple being it showed itself as. Tentacles and tendrils, legs and a bulk in the back and wings and tails and rays and other small pouches came but each of them drew back.

'Control yourself for now. We cannot infest this world. That wasn't the deal. I know you're feeling a lot of power, but it's clear that we need to have a degree of learning so we may obtain some control over ourselves.'

'But I cannot help it, this joy makes me want to grow and move, I want to transport myself and show these beings my world.'

'Do not waste this opportunity for us. Our kind was never meant to move but stay there forever; in some place where it may only bring the self-destruction we all care.

If we begin now to kill or entrap our own, there will be no escape from it.'

'So what of it then? Perhaps one of us is meant to come out as a victor and rule over the bodies of the others, look at them.

They would make fine servants and creations.'

With that he went into another world. This one wasn't an oblong and no sphere, but an unmoving solitary planet made out of billions of flat lanes which connected into some kind of tetrahedron.

‘Look at these beings that live under constant threat of being flattened in their heads. So many fingers which are sharp and are made to grasp those insolent pieces of meat which shape themselves beneath their feet to avoid capture.’

A simple observation could be taken there. Giant brutes were formed out of the many rooted pieces of brown pinked masses which came together to subjugated those mindless hunters. They looked as if they had the physiology right, and they did show some kind of intelligence.

Three arms, with two in the front and one in the back turned their strangely concave lower half which juggled on the earth, trying to grasp a single complex hold of those petrified tetrahedron hunters. It was a single crush which broke their outer yellow pale cover, before they could be picked up and eaten from the inside. Many worm-like contusions followed. It was a cult of brutes afterwards, which followed their instinct.

Big heads governed over them, long, sharp tooth, as they were made out of pieces of those shield which stood over their victims. Afterwards they drew what they could and abandoned the bodies there, reverting in the moving masses. It had been observed plenty of times.

‘Let me die already, I cannot observe the most petty of behavior time after time, I was not meant for it. How did we come from taking over universes to this, being forced to see the most exploitable races which could be offered?’

‘Why do you ask? Why? Look inside of the tetrahedron and you will see for yourself why.’

As they enchanted their sight and seemed to have temporarily attained this ability, they had been made aware of the presence of one of their own.

‘It is one of our? What is this trickery? All these secret tactics to hide oneself from us?’

He needs to find out on his own skin what it is like to try and cheat us from these experiences.’

‘Wait, stop, and don’t interfere.’

Before he could stop the other one, he reached the surface and dragged a few of those inter-dimensional children he had stored inside of him. They were mightily armored and appeared to act like an army once they had been met by threat.

Many of the possessed beings came and observed. What was it about this waged war which interested him so much?

They spread quickly and had been met by anger. For the time being, those humane essences hadn’t appeared there properly, by that, they had come there in some triangular form as every creature there had come into. By their strange and malignant wares, they couldn’t feel anything but the agony and desperation of trying to adapt.

Arms bent and from a small pouch came eight of them, all of which had been cursed to live through this agony. My children are suffering, he thought. And yet nothing was being done about it. They had no advantage against them. It was less of a battle of wits and more of a charge into the unknown grasps which had been formed by the many falling culprits from above. As the unwanted space material fell, their pieces would be forcefully trashed into shameful forms which would be damaged from the insides of the many forces which came into being there. Each of the falling pieces acted like a belt which stopped right before they touched the ground.

Through them communicated the essence of cordiality, which had not only made a pact with the endangered space entities which found these obscure children to be unneeded and unwelcome there. In their coming there had been a grand emergence of the damnation which had been not only unexpected but had revealed a shocking sight.

The walking pieces of meat immediately reeled in for the easy prey as the belts had shot various unmade bodies which shot their insides out and pushed them as far as possible. For simple gateways, these had been failures as they achieved nothing less but a cautionary need to act like some executioner's straps. Soon the children drew, as if they had been given the idea as well.

Deformed evolutions of man came and strolled on pins which had been made out of thin extractions of teeth bearing contractions. From their faces there could be drawn gaps on top of the many layers of skin flops which filled their eyes and mouths, their noses and their strangely convex shimmers of fat which pushed out.

As they came they threw every other living being out of the way and made for the bodies which had been flung out. They devoured them like animals, showing for the first time what had remained of their humanity. A kind of aggression which wouldn't be met by anything else appeared to be striking at them.

'Look what he did; he completely lost its mind. I see how some of us would choose to end our children before anything close to the mockery we see here could happen. I say we go forth and strike them down so we could cut our losses.'

'And why should we? It is clear that they're alive; they're feeling quite alive for the first time in centuries of destruction and reformation. Can't you see that they were meant for this?

We were meant to witness their aggression and the control over creatures which are far below them. Without that, we shall not be able to know what's right any longer, whether or not we choose to starve, kill or drive them to extinction, in every scenario we have enabled throughout universe and reality, there was not a single one that we know of in which we have given them free reign.

If we lack this knowledge, we may never know if what we're doing's right. We would end up repeating the same mistakes as our ancestors have, while driving ourselves to their ends.'

By that, there was the determination which drove them to hold one another from interfering with the probes. Their inner manifesting lobes were already self-torturing at the idea that they were dirtying themselves by playing with those beings.'

'I must take this opportunity and look away.'

Another member of the obsidian race looked forward to have all of his desires met. It wasn't right, as any other way had been explored, but this chance arose.

He could see them working, pushing while enabling their techniques to arise. The way through which they giant hands curbed those hills and opened them so they may build inside of them made him feel immersed.

It was hard, by the looks of it, but he had taken his to act as effectively as possible. For a member of the obsidian race, he was trying his best then to achieve something the others had little interest into. Ever since that day when his sculpture representing the human form went away, he came to pay as much attention to them and their kin.

For some reason they felt connected over the fact that their kind has bred together, even by the hybrids which had emerged. But it was no mistake which related to him and how he acted.

'Listen to me now; I shall make you a set of chambers for you to get through, little man. In it you shall see and feel the inner-working of my mind. Fail to meet my expectations and you shall be abandoned there. Your body will become wet from the constant pressure forced onto you by the receding walls.'

As soon as his practice of the introduction fell aside, he went back to his work. Of course there wasn't any man there, but he had liked thinking about it in the most imaginative way.

Now he went to work, before laying the foundation of the first room. For someone who had such giant fingers, he had a method of drawing everything which made them grow in size, to the very thinness which made this craft of this workable. Never had he tired working on something this subtle, and the making of the entrances and the holes which connected the rooms had to account for the fact that a tiny living creature had its stature set in place.

Maturity placed aside, he knew they couldn't grow in size like they had. That also means that he could be trapped.

'Oh, yes, I will make sure that if you fail, you'll have to wait until thirst takes over.'

Water had been in his reach, not in the ground but in the ground. They would be allowed at various times around the day to get inside and take what they needed. It wasn't likely that they would be as crude and vicious as to kill them, not when they held dominion over their birth processes. And the humans never complained about this behavior they carried on with, why, they were seen as their malevolent overlords for a reason.

The reshaping and fashioning of the floors and walls had begun. It should be pointed out that there were only a few ways for him to go on without trying to completely crush the living creature as soon as he had entered.

‘I see, the corners should be sharp, I should be certain that he will learn even from the start that he isn’t allowed to touch them.’

With the help of his fingernail, he twisted the mud which had been placed surrounding the first room into some gaping rotten looking cheese-like block which had its sharp corners around the holes which popped out like some traps of their own.

‘Step in it and you won’t be able to pull out. Your foot will be taken away from you and cut. Before you’ll have realized what happened, then you’ll have no option but to crawl below.’

A prototype of the first room had been made out of mud and some fashionable iron which would be encased in their substance afterwards. For now, he chose to work with what he had on hand. A few tricks here and there made it so he could pull off about anything his mind had been set on.

‘Let’s see, I don’t like to be this flat. You will not be forced to lie in a cube. I want this to be more concave, I want the walls to push inwardly and make you feel as if you’d suffocate if you didn’t escape.’

He couldn’t form the same fists as a human had but at best he could put his fingers together in the imitation of what they had. A pair of blunt pokes worked.

‘Now, I need to make sure you won’t immediately fall down the next hole, but how? How can I do it? How may I make you suffer through this?’

The pair of Agamemnons stood there, watching another display which lay at hand. This giant Obsidian stood there on a flat hill, through which he had even dug up a tinier hole for him to sit in. He proceeded into fashioning the metal shaft through which he’d get through. It was long and had to be twisted so it would go through every direction. But that didn’t work. It was useless, nasty and a failure.

‘I cannot help it. You’re useless, dirty hands with have no dexterity and no subtlety at all. Without anything properly working, without a tool, I will be doomed with my project.’

Soon it was abandoned. It surged like some filthy which pushed through his head. In his rage he smashed the room and broke through the hill, while trying to get as far away as it could.

‘Now I see, they’re not as perfect as they pretend to be, and I would say that they’re almost as skilled as we are.’

‘Then what are waiting? Let us return to the world from which we’ve taken the bodies and proceed to building out temple.’

‘It’s settled then, let us head back there and see that we make it something of our own.’

With which they went and switched dimensions. It would be a hard-enough attempt at labor, since they were inexperienced and weren’t capable of doing anything properly, they tried.

‘Let’s pull the chains and make it as wide as we can, if anything goes wrong, we shall blame it on them, the deceivers who brought us here.’

‘Well then, we shall do it together then. Perhaps that was his only mistake, think himself able to take everything by himself. But we are many and we are far greater than that mindless slave.’

Hand in hand, they grabbed a piece of the land and started applying it to an already existing floating diagram of nyeomadic stone. From it they spread the passing of the various living deposits so they may be able to grow again in the absence of something else. It was by their direct influence that their creations started taking shape.

They weren’t pieces of structure any longer, but a combination of the forms they had acquired from the many children they had or the adoptees. Putting them back into a piece had looked like some kind of jolting thing, it was life they gave. There, they moved and as they had attempted to fight, it had become clearer that they needed to be ripped apart.

‘Free them now; can’t you see that they are trapped?’

‘I see but I won’t release them yet. I wish I could spend the rest of my existence watching them struggle to escape. For all the times they had hurt I while trying to get away, nothing shall ever be forgiven.’

Do not deny me this satisfaction, I couldn’t handle another disappointment.’

‘Be wary of it, this feeling may never go away. Sooner or later you may switch from out creations, the sight of ugly will not be tainted any longer by then, and you shall carry on the torture over the living.’

‘Worry not, as I have the thing.’

Another act of mischievousness came. He floated to it, and in his reach, as both of their arms touches, a piece of that many armed statue turned into the living. This was overdoing it; neither of them had discussed the consequences of bringing the ones who lived into their play.’

‘Show it to me, so I may know. Where have you taken them from?’

They were taken on a familiar plane. A bunch of the wretched ones stood there, on the ground, deformed at the sight of these strangers.

As the jolts of interest came in, they turned to them and begged for a release.

‘Those materials you have taken for your play are mightily valuable. What makes you think it was right for you to take them away from us?’

‘Why? It’s because I do not like being controlled. I’ve done this because I desired and if I desire anything, I shall step in and claim what’s righteously mine.’

He picked everything apart and made whatever he wanted out of it. As long as he was please, as long as he would do...

‘Intruder, watch out.’

There was a comer from beyond, he was there floating between them. Their bodies turned and leaped around, dancing like stray cats, with their faces revealed, looking madly unaware at what was going on around there. It wasn’t something ordinary at first glance.

In their mad rampage they had entered through the statue and destroyed it in its entirety, pushing through it while picking even more bile for their bodies.

A pitiful display had come, now that they were all exposed, not as the creators they fashioned themselves, nor as the deities they presented themselves as but as the cowardly thieves they were. It was unnerving, seeing them react that way. What had been more so was them giving up their disguises so easily.

‘Who are you?’

This jolted creature that sprat out of a prison made out of silver came out bearing his shackles, nastily caught around his iron body which stood in the air unable to contain itself over his many springing limbs and seedling-wings which spanned around from both the front and the back. Beneath him lay a long tail which spread in two halves.

‘I have seen you appear ever so often here. What is the reason for your sudden absence? You are not supposed to leave your worlds nor were you meant to interact with one another in such a magnitude of reason.’

That slimy violet skin was enough to make anyone shudder at the sight. This one eyed fool, this buffoon, this apparition which took them out of their sense appeared and made them feel unworthy of being there.

‘This one is much stronger than the inhabitants of the planets. How do we make him leave?’

‘I will not leave and I shall make it clear enough that I have no intention of returning anywhere else. Please have yourselves escorted back into the muddy pokes you came from and never come here again. Force shall be employed against you.’

‘Who are you to tell us what you do?’

‘I am one of the eighty five Suppressors. You shall address me as I please. Now, I know who all of you are, same-faced brainless contortions.

Every single plan you have come across has failed, you are filthy and disturbingly-looking, and you can only bring misery to wherever you come into contact with.

Look at yourselves; you are sad, so sad and pitiful that even your own company weights you down. So far not only has every dimension you have come across declared some state of conflict or awareness over your invasion, but you have began giving actual birth to efficient destroyers.

I have seen the beings that grow by means of parasitical possession and that was enough for me to understand that you do not know how to act outside your own limits. Most of you are impulsive and have too much power to be trusted.’

‘Mighty Suppressor, be kind, are you not aware that we are merely trying to fit it? Why, there’s no one here to guide us in our quest.

We were left alone by everyone and everything we knew, despite being promised guidance.’

‘It is unimportant what lie you may come up with, know that each of the other eight four Suppressors have banished far greater defies of much greater magnitude than your kind. Yours is but a means to an end, that we may find a permanent way to seal the barriers and bar any possible intrusion.

What makes you stand apart from the others is your mere numbers. There isn’t a limit of how many might follow and whether or not there’s a chance for either of you to stop.’

‘Why should we?’

More standing symbioses came, all wearing the same face. An unexplained reason made them change their faces, so much so that they couldn’t help it but retain their original appearance. It wasn’t fair that they would be asked to leave.

‘I shall stay and I shall destroy that planet then. Why would I be forced to stay in the middle of the space with nothing in my reach? I wish for some chaos to happen, let me get my claws on them.’

He was gone from sight, on a veil threat that he might purge their planet and open up a gravitational rift which might tear it apart. But before that part even came into play, he woke up in the same place, in the same sack of pus and filth he sawn in, on which stood his face.

An aura of teal-blue and white pushed forward out of him. It illuminated a sight and wonders which couldn't be denied the feel and wretch. Neither of them would be allowed to leave at any time, not any longer, not until they left this dimension.

'Those children you have brought here are all dead. As soon as we have deemed it right to do so, we have vaporized their insides and allowed the natural occurring masses of meat to take over and eat their remains.'

'But those were mine, those were mine, you monster! What kind of soulless, mindless cowardly creature goes ahead and kills children? You pitiful suppressor, can't you see that you are beneath us?'

'We may be suppressed now from acting but can you prevent all of us from assaulting and destroying that lone piece of rock?'

They accumulated a mass of many floating connections. It was evenly thought that they would at least try making this one vanish, regardless of how much effort it would take. First the rock, then him.

As much as he had deemed himself a mighty suppressor, he stood and acted on his desire to assert the supreme dominance the universe embedded him with.

'I will force you to return from where you came from.'

From the space came strike of green and blue atoms which shot and curved and flickered as they made contact with every solid object there had been. Many stars fell under the suppression, which forced their head production to stop. Even the many bodies of Agamemnon were set in place by the same force which uncontrollably forced everything to obey it.

'Now, return before I will be forced to call unto the others.'

But others came and moved as they avoided the atoms and the power they produced. Mockingly they wrought some force as the pride they felt flung itself at him. It was a sign of supreme flattery that he was there, in front of their mountains.

'What happened exactly?'

'I have forced you to return, and I have projected my image in each of your invaders' homes. If you cannot understand it by anything other than force, then you shall be battered to a pulp until only your disconnected mind will have remained as a memory serving to make all of you aware of what is too much.'

'As long as I am here neither of you will escape.'

One Agamemnon slipped through. Like some rat or snake, he reverted inside his mountain but stopped at the neck, leaving a lookalike face while he snuck outside.

‘It’s mine now.’

A peculiar entrance which carved through the barrier suckled in. It was one of those classily shaped holes one may stumble while working through the lock. He hadn’t been thick enough to be the key but had bore himself closer to disappearing inside the block he felt. Nothing stopped him now. He was there.

Congratulated by standing prisoners, who looked like delirious patients, he stood there, as a small piece of what he used to be.

‘Well then, it looks like I am finally appreciated for my action. It took you a while but I believe we may do as I please. All of you are under my command.’

It was bizarre how they simply bowed and accepted him as one of their own. It was mainly because he spoke in their heads, since they couldn’t see nor hear, looking sickly inside their strange suits, grayish, entrapping. Like skin-suited tightly dressed ghosts who had their hands and head caught in pillory. Given the distance one would think they were wearing wooden razors, as a way of quick punishment for their lack of virtue.

‘Have you seen my beloved brother? I have lost him.’

‘Seek me after I leave, I shall make a note for you.’

‘Not again, I hear him again, but this time he has changed. Make him stop, please, drive him as far away as you can.’

‘This isn’t what I came here for, all of you will need to be quiet now.’

‘Quiet, quiet, they might be coming to beat us again.’

‘Is someone hurting you now? Who is he, what is he? What makes him appear?’

‘The sound of our deranged nature, that’s what makes him come. He cannot stop it, every now and then he come and stabs us below the waist, where we do not bleed.’

‘He enjoys inflicting pain upon us for no other reason than the fact that he enjoys doing it so often.’

‘Not him, but both of them. They are conjoined, tall, and I felt their faces rub against my body.

I could feel their four eyes spanning across the entirety of their heads. They’re moving in all directions and I felt no weak body underneath. It held me down but I am strong.

One of them had pockets inside of him, from which he pulled knives and forks and blades which he used to dig inside of me.'

'Make silence, here, he comes.'

A desperate desire made one want to correct him. But he wasn't supposed to hear it. No, he was deaf, but they weren't entirely without a way to hear one another. Out from their insides, there laid connecting cords which pushed in each other's bodies through the cuts. Most of them looked like quick-moving scarabs which leaped at an incredible speed and pushed through the useless organs until they reached their brains.

There they left the message and returned to their thankless projects.

'I see that you have been aroused.'

'No one has anything to say in their defense? So be it, pull one, that one, the fatter meat chunky.'

One of them stood outside, while his brother pushed through the mass which connected them and stretched him through the bars. Though they missed the show, it looked like this one had crushed his insides so much that he must've been dead by any other means otherwise.

'There, pull him out, that's right.'

Each of the few centimeters pinned themselves against the ground so they would not get mixed by this vaguely misinterpreted flexibility. It wasn't working any better, this was only a temporary fix which wasn't meant to last.

As their victim began struggling and coming fort, they immediately did a questionable act, as they started pulling him through the grates, ripping him apart while the pillory was still on him. What should've been another mere altercation between them ended up in them immediately ripping him apart then leaving without a word?

His head and hands fell over and remained inside their cell. Despite the best attempts, this one was still living.

'Why are you allowing him to treat you in such a manner? Can't you see the deranged look they have? We need to get the lock open.'

'Lock away now, there's no way to open it by force, we tried.'

The one the bottom said.

'But who are you, oh silent one, I thought we were done with the introductions. Have they brought you in when we were all sleeping or have you been here since the start?'

It took a few moments for everyone else to have it kicked in. Those scarab-looking whitish-grey sound carriers were more than useful. They proceeded to get everything in more than one run with little interference.

‘It isn’t going as I planned.’

Another project appeared to be in the world which had succumbed under the Obsidian race. It was still a question whether or not it was too late for them to interfere, as the Suppressors could only act if there was a direct threat which manifested itself in an immediate and destructive manner. No matter what turn that had been, they would be seen as decadent and promiscuous beneath the earth.

Out of all of them, those living hybrids which had been drawn into life became the greatest insult there could be. Inside of them there had been no brooding mind, only the sick defiance which threatened all of them, so they may be suppressed from their existence. But enough had been said, it was time to go ahead and watch them act.

Inside the bowels of the cemetery they had found another place for their kin to dwell in. Not only had it been satisfactory for them to lie inside but the coffins provided a means for them to defend themselves from the proxy wars they carried there. One hybrid had been called Pierrot-Klyiki. He was leading the resistance against the hybrids who had taken their share of spoils. They carried nets made out of the muck they found beneath them after they were done expelling themselves out of every kind of insignificant sweat gland.

‘Perrot, take care, I think they are headed for you, don’t be deceived by them. They do not seek armistice, they’re only in for the battle.’

‘What would that be? Do you seek to mock me further? Can’t you see that I already know what to expect from them?’

I will drag the bodies I have rightfully earned and seek no further clash with them. This will be the only way I shall make it through, listen to me.

They need to see me not a hybrid but as one of their equals.’

‘You don’t mean?’

‘We need to employ the help of the outsiders, without them, we may not cross the underlay common grounds beneath their occupied sea.’

In that moment another hybrid came. Glorious-Raxx, who brought the tooth of a spine to pierce Pierrot’s head, releasing all of his umbilical fluids out of his wasted torso. He was separated now from his human side, which was thoroughly exposed, bleeding out of his weird nose while he was affected by a case of terminal eye indebtedness which forced him to stare in his own insides.

This man was never meant to see the outside world and as he had, he was met with the sight of the many peculiar creatures which inhabited the cemetery now.

‘Klyiki, you are still alive.’

‘Not for long. That inconceivable Glorious- Raxx has stolen my sack. He will use it to breed a new legacy for himself and those around him. We cannot allow him to obtain dominion here, nor out there. Stop him, and get my message to the outside world.’

‘But who will help us?’

‘It will be difficult but you must know that you cannot bring this message to the members of my race, but to them.’

He pointed at the only living creature that might’ve been able to produce the evidence that there was a chance for them to stand against the rising dominion of the higher breeds. Unfortunately, it wasn’t lived.

‘We shall achieve flight by selective breeding. Once we have taken it, we shall far out-do all you in all the earthly quests and those of the most imaginable wonders done by our creators.

Fiend or foe, follows me home.’

As this day continued for a touch longer, the remaining hybrid officers of the defaced faction dug up a pocket for themselves. In it they propped their bodies so they could fill the gap of dirt and hide themselves in it.

‘Shall we call it a quit now? I cannot fathom going through another fight for conquest or another defeat. Surely we can’t expose ourselves any further than this.’

‘It is terminal, I see.’

A medic of the human kind had been converted only recently. The obsidian could properly make do of the expertise he had when it came to reattaching limbs and showing up some proper spans of lard inside their peculiar stinging outrageously smaller bodies. But he couldn’t deal with the viral implementation of violent agents which turned his blood inwards.

‘Yet again we’re proven that the primates are dragging us down. Why aren’t we searching for a way to escape their clutches?’

This entire war had only begun as a result of their nature, not ours.’

‘Do not play coy now and dwell in double-speech, hypocrite of both races. And do not act as if we do not feel any rage ourselves.

Who was it that drove us into hiding again?

Was it man or a member of the race?’

Silently aware of another limb being pulled, they had to admit it, this was another loss.

‘I see it now. We cannot prevent the agents from killing us once they’re inside our bodies but how do we prevent it entirely?’

‘By avoiding the perpetrator, the one who had shoved it inside us to begin with, he know, he is aware, he breeds misdirection and dissatisfaction.’

‘It is the one with an ingrown obtuse head on the side. A mutation granted him that, I know it so.

My human comes from a long line of observers, you see? He knows what is best and what is worse for one to take. He has studied anatomy, the form, the insides of a fully grown adult, as well as the female.’

‘Enough, we’re not here for that.’

‘And what are we here for? Should I remind everyone that we are here in hiding because some of us have failed to secure the bodies?’

A failure indeed, as it happened, in the distance, for the consumption of bodily satisfaction to occur. Obviously they wouldn’t be devoured then, but they would be used to produce even more of the bodies. It couldn’t have been anything less than satisfying to watch them grow and move beneath their very watch.

‘Glirious, Glirious, you have saved us all. With these resources, we shall carry on living for a few more generations. A victory and satisfaction had been achieved.’

‘Talk no less and let me assure you that this was not meant for your greasy manners. Sit down.’

And it obeyed.

Leering at one another while the process of selection was underway, they had allowed themselves to be carried in with the shame, disturbance and rage. A platonic exchange could be seen between them there. Most of them spent a lot of time in their rituals, with little consideration of the disgust they had suffered one another through.

A lesser suppressor passed through the field of the planet’s outer chimosphere. It was sully, as he waited and pushed a pin between the propagator of high-indulgence and the missionary of repulse.

Quite the fancy titles these creatures had given themselves.

‘I am Llhkor of the highest caliber of mildly manner flayed assemblies.’

Llhkor was the strongest, most repulsive of them all, and he didn’t meet any of the expectations instilled by the members of his race. Under his belt alone, carved out of a few distinct dolt-heads, lay the destruction of exactly half of the discovered new world.

‘I’ve achieved much since I came here.’

Enjoying the sight? The planet now had the satisfactory look of a cracked egg, with all of the raised edges being placed around the zone of impact. What had been ruefully exposed by this complete annihilation, were the billions of hybrid bodies which had not only been exposed but who had been refashioned in the planet’s good standing with the race.

Far too many of them had lain there as a mere sign of the repulsion brought in by the malady of their breeding habits.

‘Underneath your nose they breed and you won’t even dare acknowledge their existence. How could this be? Why we aren’t even bound to hunt them in their stolen realm? Do you think them harmless?

Perhaps even to say that they’re as useless as you claim to be?

The way I see it, this isn’t your planet any longer, but it is theirs. I looked upon the human digging spots and on many of the ponds, I looked beneath the holes you wouldn’t even dare stare in and what do you think I saw there?

Oh, I have seen plenty and more. The result of generations of gore and the practice of breeding with their own kinds, they are copies of one another, who carry on the same characteristics as their own.

Without the human contact, they’re doomed to live in the filthy manner you see below them.’

‘And this discovery of yours, Llhkor, was it worth dragging a piece of rock formation and our sacred substance through the mountains in order to rim them down into the bowels of their cities?

Could this destruction be satisfactory enough that you may perhaps come to finish the rest of it?’

‘In time, when you will have realized what a waste of time these human beings are, perhaps we will carry on with the complete termination of land here and move back from where we came and make haste for another invasion.

It’s clear that our growth is violently set and holds us down from our full potential. As long as there’s a remnant of us left somewhere in the universe, we shall always be in danger of being found out.

Our method of assimilation must be gotten rid of at all costs.’

‘Strange that you say this, especially since you left those human parts untouched, even the living ones which had been separated from the hybrids. Are you not afraid of them? Would it so happen for you to consider that not all of them are worthy of your anger?’

Llhhkor looked around him. He had been met by a council of giant Obsidians as well as by a few shrunken ones and human infestees. This couldn’t have been better, to be judged by his own peers in all of their manifestations. Even in the distance, he could see a hybrid raising itself from beneath the ground, as well as a few other human shells which found themselves drawn to the giant speaker.

‘Is this it then? I’m to be trailed for what? What atrocities have I committed?’

‘Only the destruction of the land shall be called onto you. Not the slaying of the hybrids, that one may as well be set aside as an act of humanitarian design. Are you one given birth to here or have you been brought to wager this in the name of Agamemnon?’

This would’ve a perfect moment. Of course he was given birth to here, but would he dare say otherwise? It was obvious that he was more than aware that he would be heard. But what if he had dared enough to say one little petty lie?

‘I was sent here by him, by Lord Agamemnon himself to bring destruction upon you all.’

Voices began ramming themselves in, trying to get a word as quickly as possible before he threatened himself to get off. If only there was that confirmation of even one voice which might’ve come. It would’ve been perfect. But that was not the case.

‘Let me speak, I knew it, he was the Emissary, the convoy sent by them. I called it; I knew he would cleanse this world.’

‘Someone should’ve destroyed those half-wits a long time ago. Of course it would have to have been one sent by them.’

‘Who else would have this much power and ingenuity required to destroy so much?’

‘Let’s not get carried by ourselves yet. We shall practice what we preach and go on, bearing the ditch the efforts of breaking them apart.

Do use your common sense now. If we destroy the rest of them, we won’t have a way to evolve. You may be sent here by them but I dare say that we may outgrow them yet.’

‘Blasphemy!’

‘Now you won’t dare question their might and eternal vigilance, since they could be here at any moment.’

‘They could appear, couldn’t they? Wouldn’t they? Unless they are here already, watching us spoil.’

No sign of them yet. Usually, they weren’t even trying to hide themselves when they visited. Even though their bodies were different, their insides almost threw waves of radiation against them. It would be close to impossible for them to hide away.

‘Llhkor, you may rest for now. I think you’ve said enough. I also believe that it would be petty for you to say that you didn’t act upon their disappearance.’

‘Why, of course I have. Silly me, such a dumb Obsidian, I have not heard of them in a while and I have merely conceived of a way that I may get their attention.’

‘Excuses leave now. You’re not going to be punished but you’re not going to be rewarded either. We have a much more difficult issue to deal with, the fact that we’ve been abandoned.’

It was shameful, but it couldn’t be questioned here. Not yet. Not when they were out there, forced to swim in their own fetid matter.

‘This change is all for the worse.’

As the tiny head emerged from the bars, he left those prisoners behind. It shouldn’t have happened but it did. Despite the constant surveillance of the suppressor, another one escaped. This nasty fellow managed to copy the exact same method, by a coincidence unlike no other.

‘You have arrived here for some reason.’

The pure blue vaguely fruitful body produced more smoke as it stroke his pouch of tobacco leaves which he kept in his plunder stash. Without a nose, it was hard to see whether or not he had kept them for his guests or not.

Calmness had set him forth, as he was mesmerized by the blue fields and the ever-lasting sight of the colored trees which shared in their surroundings. His face appeared out of the many darker blue spots which had been present all around his skin. They were producing some kind of weird air blows before signaling the danger of the appearance of the face.

It was faintly squint-turned, projected over a kind of eight-turned eyes which were being switched between but who were also deeply connected by the same appliance inside his sockets. Two teeth had been evidently pushing through the rim of his giant upper lip, which inverted itself so it could hide itself.

‘The pleasure is mine, the one who appeared in front of me. But who are you?’

A wicked smile occurred, of course he would be as wicked and honorless and to throw this false distinction on him.

As the color faded, the color of the ocean had been gutted by fish tans and rot. And on top of it, the lustful pollution which belonged to men, destroyers of sea-life, which appeared to bounce from their insides, came to a fruitful approach.

‘What have you done?’

‘I have decided that I want to turn this into my new home, as fast as possible before he takes a notice of my presence here.

Do not take it any personal, I think we were supposed to meet either by chance or fate. Why, your body is fat and perfect and that ability of yours.’

A quickly appearing tiny spot pox spread across his mass. The fatter body was set in place and would be used as one of his formations, but it wasn’t meant to be.

He was there.

‘You’re en parole. This slip of yours and attempt will be stopped and judged, no longer will you be allowed to leave your plane of existence for an indefinite time.’

‘I’ve heard that before and frankly I do not care.’

Another slip, from another side.

This one was no head but a space miniature basin of tiny bouncing meat lances which got pulled against thin, almost to the point of being invisible walls that generated enough speed and who kept everything tidy enough that no attention would be brought to itself.

Though it may have been of little consequence, this unstoppable force could deal so much damage that there was no way to stop it. As it came upon the first sign of life, it began the process of infestation. It had to do something to spread or annoy that law abiding decent.

No differential treatment was supposed to be shown for them, but this had been enough of a wager. He was picked up but long, thin standers who had as small a head as he had. A common trait which prevented them from immediately trying to crush his head, otherwise, he would’ve had to deal with the trouble of trying to reform him.

Everyone gathered from the distance, walking of eight stumbling legs. But only two arms remained wrapped around him, who was joined by two others and a few additional ones. It was an unforgivable action which broke the trust.

These depigmented, almost prune-like morbid crumbs came and turned the insides of their heads with all of their weird tumbles inside and out in order to produce some kind of sounds. If it were a language, he would be allowed to speak. But he could always communicate with their minds directly and force them to give in.

‘Listen to me now, I need you to do something for me.’

‘Do what you must do of us. We’re here only to serve.’

A lucid dream? They had happily gathered around him with nothing less of a desire to serve him in all the might and duration of his stay. Of course, he had been of the highest class, the darkest, must.

Where had their legs disappeared? They were floating there, again, afflicted by some displacement. This wasn’t supposed to happen, but it couldn’t be counted on.

In their peculiar continuation, they simply floated in a way which made it seem like they legs hadn’t disappeared at all. Even from inside them as the various guts started pushing through those transparent limbs, revealing the two kinds of interweaved intrusions, they had displayed this vulnerability too soon. From the ground came those rocky-protractions of deeply shown-seed extractors.

By their two limbs, which came from inside their mouths, there stretched something close to an eighty- long chained arm-forearm-arm-forearm-arm-forearm protractions which were long grey, stricken at the second jumper, which revealed some spike and a dyke of red poisoned tip which lay at the end of it. For some unaccustomed reason, it would play with itself there.

for a moment, with both of their limbs, they played with themselves momentarily.

‘Shouldn’t we leave? This is disgusting, even for someone such as I.’

‘A bit of a prude, are we?’

It was a strange discovery even for him. He hadn’t noticed or hadn’t heard it yet, but one of his many reflections had been there with him, standing by in the threads of looking at him. His punishment had become this strange articulation of remorseless waits.

‘What have you noticed now?’

‘I’ve looked upon the most deviant sight I could ever lay eyes upon. Have you seen it yet?’

‘Oh I have, they are not beneath the clusters. They travel between dimensions like we do.’

‘I suppose you found yourself a few friends with whom to play?’

‘Don’t be a child now; we came here for the same reason, to escape that ever-present view of that perfidious suppressor. Why else would we be here?’

Both of them had been vaguely predictable, in the fact that they started levitating concisely at the same time. What had followed through was the same possession over those who held them in the previous encounter.

‘See? It’s a perfect fit. We were meant to be here and connect.’

‘Why, I can’t help it either, but feel at home now, it’s obvious that I want this to happen as much as you do.’

‘It’s settled what now?’

‘Let’s get rid of the company if it displeases you so much. I’d rather have this company of two than deal with those things myself. between the two of us, I’m as disgusted by them as you are.’

‘I knew it; it was obvious that you didn’t enjoy them either. It was obvious by your very touches and way in which you acted which made me suspect it to begin with, scoundrel, cheater and eater of words. Should I punish you?’

‘No, I could not endure it. We break far too easily and you know that well. What if I were to take a few steps and get away as far as I can? Look at me; I have no need for legs any longer.’

‘Don’t make a mess yet, I think it’s still possible that we may arise some suspicion.’

‘I’ll take care, don’t worry about it, as long as I’m able to rely on you, there should not be any trouble between the two of us.’

He came with a knock which drove those deviants back to where they came from. They’ve been trashed through, revealing that the portal would open and close on them at various times, making it so much painful as well as it had never came to the point where it simply gave in and fell to the force which pulled it in. On the other side, on theirs, to be closer to what was going on, there was nothing to default with.

Inside of them lay smaller versions of themselves which resides inside their limbs, making the whole entirety of their mass and muscles, which pushed inward and at times drew from the source of air as they gripped a few material from their surroundings. They used it to modify their barely present plants, which were in a deep need for more than a few ways of sustaining themselves.

One method had been, as these long legged models of perversion came into being, to send them as their missionaries who would collect as much as they could while distracting those dumb aggressors which wouldn’t be able to help it but feel disgust. A disturbing turn had forced their bodies to change. Again, it filled and infested everything, slowly degenerating everything which had been pure.

There was beauty there. As flawed as those being were, what they had achieved had been a grand garden of Semionthrope, in which they poured pure crystals, and various other grand-looking materials which had to have been as unobtainable to the common lot as an entire universe might be to one who hadn't discovered space-travel. It was magnificent and vile.

A sight of the pure roses which fell from about everywhere, this empty world which had occupied itself by the presence of plants and flower, with their bulbs which ended up manifesting themselves in a place which wasn't meant to be. At the bottom lay nothing in which they were planted in and they only existed for no other reason but to gather beauty for themselves.

Beauty of such high regards had been spoiled and brought to a complete unwanted and unsuspectful alteration which had no need to exist. It was even more dreadful then. No one could focus on what was going on, this light was fading, their corpulence would be brought to an end.

From the top there came the pucker of pus, the same malign which turned one of the giant roses into the insides of a miss-formed, crushed caterpillar which had failed to grow past its peculiar need to be there. It wasn't certain why that had been. No amount of explanations could surpass that past, the glory and the fact that their takers had been called back from all of their interdimensional plunders.

Far away, in a past which couldn't have been touched, there was little to be seen. Only the highest distances which turned out to be the same as everywhere else, the sight being not only a bland look which could've simply be the insides of a clear sky, or some painting which had come alive, but a simple clearness which hadn't been afflicted by the ugliness of space.

No stars, not a single night had come, only the light of a warm hue, which turned inward before the roots appeared. Some way to their coming might've been attributed to some reason. A lack of familiarity which came to be highly appreciated by it, as the roots spread and gave life to a world. Perhaps they had evolved from the clouds which they themselves were there for no reason at all.

But the plants spread with green and spreads of dead branches which had been pulled, abandoned, left in the air, floating without connections while the roots kept moving away. Somehow, one could still look into the distance and see some figures of disappointment. Would it be forgiven for such a sin? That they gave birth not to a flower at first, but to those repulsive procrastinated invaders which felt no shame for themselves or for their wicked acts.

Even from the time of their inception, they lowered themselves slowly and had begun their ritual of self-satisfaction. It was a disturbing look. But their eyes had only been adapted to see beauty, making them invisible to themselves and to the others. Not long after those stumbling blind cretins came to be aware of each other's existences that they began getting into the motions of exploration which brought them to the process of esoteric identification to begin with. This blindness drove them to desire the employment of bodily imbued energies which floated around them.

It begged to be tapped in, their patron of insolence, the Lyundkthur. He had been created out of their desire to see, before them he had been a missing part of the universe, one of the unreciprocated energies which didn't belong in the world. Theirs was a strange existence which couldn't have been asked for.

Such a shameful sin had been committed. A patron was no grand being. Its lifespan was limited, for as long as its species, which had been one of those leeches which drew from the universe existed, so would it govern over them. Within that moment in the future when the vile inundation came, so had the destruction of Lyundkthur.

But it had served itself and its beings well enough to last through the suffering long enough so they could all prosper out of it. No disturbance to be counted yet.

It appeared only as a spinning mirror which reflected the insides of the world and themselves. It floated around their sights and made them all aware of one another as well as of their presence there.

'March forward and imbue yourselves with their minerals and with their goods. Bring virtue to the flowers so they may grow.

I've seen their doom which needs be averted.'

It had been only a simple dream of hope that they couldn't count on for whatever means. No question would be asked and no answer would be given there.

This was their moment to come to freedom in the sense of acquired satisfaction. It was observed, as soon as they reach a point high enough in the sky for an effort to be made that there wasn't going to be a return, not until as evident of a spoil had been acquired.

As plain as it would seem, the same tactic was employed. An act of repulsion dragged long enough for their bodies to absorb as much as it was needed before they left. Woe to them confused by what they've done, as for waking up there, where there had been none to be caught.

This disease in the name of the defilers came and dripped in them, undermost to the fact that one of the heads fell through the portal.

'Ah, I have made it. in time to avoid the coming of the Suppressor.'

Which had arrived before the other one, sending him back with an immediate halt. That manifestation had been useless, it should've been wagered at least a few times before giving in. And no forgiveness could be called into play.

Agamemnon welcomed this new conquest and made it its own. Soon, the plants became green and pucker, and had been filled with the giant nasty legs which filled the realm with so much self-satisfaction that anyone else bearing its appearance should be as disgusted.

‘Oh how come I be so cruel now? I should invite them when I can. I wonder what they’d think of this now?’

Indeed he thought this would be the perfect opportunity to start a fresh start. As closely as there’d be limits for how much he could spread.

In front of that stratum, colored in the likes of cobalt and cadmium greens filled with the chartreuse yellow thinned with the dust which settled, out of the remaining grinded bones. A dispatch of many mortal frames appeared in his view.

Although it may be uncalled for, he became irritated by his lack of self-conviction.

‘All this freedom and no access to anyone who may intrude upon me as I create life.’

For the first time, it had to have been the one chance of redemption he had. This misconduct of popping-out vertebrates made him accidentally take forth the many truncheons of body segments which popped on his plot.

It was an uncontrollable brutality which arose as soon as they gathered enough strength to trash everything around them.

‘I’m amused by you, my dear creations. You’ve ended up placing a show for me to enjoy.

This substance which had been given birth to you, what could it be?

Oh, I see now, it is part of your body, obscene, unclean, lascivious abomination known as Lyundkthur. The gift of life shall be return to you as long as you swear yourself in my service.’

An undeniable amount of power could be given there, which hadn’t been in the least denied. Bore, the bore, less of the malign, show me something of how much you’d desire to live.’

Agamemnon took his spirit and the extract of the universe which had been pulled from inside and threw it into one of the many truncheons which now began gouging one another.

‘Fight for your survival and for my pleasure, let us see how much you desire to live.’

A sharper tooth, morsels and shred of their cadavers lay there with only one of them standing. And it was that Lyundkthur who spoke now in his words, cruel.

‘Listen to be now, I wish to be taken as seriously as I must be. Cruel lord, cruel, cruel sovereign, who is infinitely spread across dimensions and worlds.

I’ve come into contact with your being and now I know. That if I am to follow you I shall end up as your progenies, filthy and bettered terminated to the dispute which is life.

Why would I hope to live if you are to abandon me as quickly as you can when I’m no longer useful to you?’

‘Bore me not with peddling for a better life, I shall grant you no wish and no request, more so, ask me again and I shall punish you for bringing fairness in my sphere of sludge.’

One more turn of the prey, he would create something for him to play with.

‘Do you truly even suspect you may be able to understand what’s it like inside my head? If it’s truly so, let us make the grand wage. I shall split you in ten versions and give each one of you a tiny raised amount of mass to grow upon and see what’s it like to live inside my body.

If you’re able to prove to me that you have the ability to know what I had to suffer through millennia of existence, as I know your mind couldn’t possibly know more than that, then I shall grant you freedom so you may return to the exact part of the universe from which you were pulled out of.

If you still do not understand what I am, then I shall strike you down and turn your existence to agony. Your will and entire being shall be spread across the tiles so my new set of creations may step over you.

Of course I’m not giving you a chance to live through this.’

‘Enough with the banter, dear brother, we have yet to escape the likes of the Suppressor. Do me some kindness and release it. Quickly I say, we got to have the talk.’

His face was hard to counter. It was pleasant that he was here, so close to him, bouncing on a pile of his own while trying to fling the legs he had acquired. Damned he be, for I did as he had asked, I who would take no word and make no effort to prove a point. I who would not take orders from anyone other than myself, I fell into that trap.

‘Do not make a promise you cannot keep.’

‘What was that?’

‘That would be nothing, look, I’ve seen to it that he will disappear from your sight. You will no longer be troubled by his presence.’

Taken aback, he looked at the flying pieces of crumbling clutching which faded in the air. With the area being clear, now he could finally bounce before turning his legs in both directions. They had to be repositioned there.

‘I see no other way to defeat him without our full cooperation. Agamemnon spoke with me and informed me that more of our brothers have made it through the barrier; tricking the suppressors into thinking we’re still trapped. We have the advantage of numbers, but do not take it as a pleading bargain.

We won’t try to find a way in-between. No compromise with the enemy.’

‘He lay dormant for far too long but I know better than to listen to this trash. No, what we need to do is find the quickest means to their bodies and infest them. That way, we shall become the Suppressors, instilling a new world over across as many dimensions and universes as we can.

What else could there be to it if not this?’

‘How did you come here? This was supposed to be one of the most secluded places I could find you.’

Said the other comer.

‘Ahh, I see you have paid attention to the instructions, what of you?’

‘I’ve barely come here, by accident I might add, I slipped into one of interdimensional holes and ended up here.

Might I add that I have no idea how my filth got propagated before I ever arrived? Because it had, I swear, perhaps there was another one of us who came here and had the brilliant idea to spread the infection.’

‘Meaningless.’

‘Overturned, we need to find a common base and a plan of our own. Everyone whose escaped so far knows that unless we find the means of cooperation, a real one, this time, we shall end up like the last time.’

‘Self-sabotaging one another until we’re caught, I can see that already, but what do you think of it?’

‘I believe we may have a chance if we work together, what if I was to tell you that a fleet of our own is on its way?’

‘You could not possibly mean?’

‘Indeed I am, a fleet of universe destroyers who had been shown the reaches of the outstanding other universes and who had been shown this future and the fact that we will never be able to get away from our fate unless we abandon our dimensions.’

‘But that wasn’t the plan either, what is this madness?’

‘It doesn’t matter what the original plan was, only what we make of it. We have failed to create, we failed to destroy and I think it’s time to give up what’s left of our bodies and carry on out there, as simpletons, as they are.’

‘What of the fleets, you said something of them and of their power.’

‘That is correct, good Agamemnon. They are our versions who destroyed their universes completely and had given in to the point of no return.

With everything destroyed, their bodies now float there, unmoving, in reminiscence of what they’ve done. Now what kind of existence is that?

If we cannot fathom being alone with them around and our own kind included, what do you think it might happen to them after so many lives spent alone?’

‘But they do not concern me, tell me, what will this fleet of useless rams who share of likeness do?’

‘I am glad you asked.’

But gladness hadn’t been with Agamemnon, who had been pacing about. His heart had suffered damage; his colossal body was on its way to get tired. This couldn’t be happening to him now, but he was giving in to the despair.

‘Morse of a mongrel, I’d eat you if I could. But no longer am I well deranged, no longer should I play the tools. I’m in need of company with something more than my own thoughts

Why did you have to end yourself like that?’

He wondered, caught in his own disregarded manner. No mirror lay for him to watch over. ‘Who is the stepfather of that child? Is he not to join me during the banquet? I asked for him half an hour ago.’

Count Khrokenhower was impatient as usual, while in his poor attempt to satiate his customary ways. In more than full noon, he had fathered eight of the grand duchesses of Leyianhower, left a few moment, last few moments.

He had his glass of red wine. He remembered his son, eagerly stepping around courtyard to greet his father. It wasn’t long since he died.

Perhaps it was that young child he had asked for, who joined the other adults on the table who made him remember him. Despite being the count, despite his stepfather being late, he couldn’t hold it onto him. It was exactly what he remembered doing to him, in the same circumstance, step by step, leaving the boy unattended until the servants came.

‘Missing your father, child? Don’t show any sadness now; every man in my family has gone through the exact same thing.’

The boy also gave a smile. Nothing could take back the memories of a boy now that his father left him again. Never the same image twice, only the same thing. Another one who left now.

‘Come on, hop over the chair next to me, I’ll draw you in.’

The maidens were silent, the ladies and the men, smoking their cigars or enjoying their bourbons spiked and scowl.

‘Bringing a child to the dinner with sirs and men.’

‘Now, now Perk, there’s no need to be rude now, you know what happened to him, the Count has lost his son.’

The Foremost Compatriot Hern couldn’t see past his own two cents, which he constantly rubbed underneath his breath. He appeared to be unappeased. Standing there for too long during a night with a full moon, exactly at its most dangerous form. When it could turn, which would reveal the other empty half and the raised halves which tried to take it back to life.

Someone had gone there, some horrible thing had happened to their moon but no one believes him. Giant had grown inside of it and covered himself underneath a layer of stone which replicated the broken half.

‘But it’s insane, Compatriot, you’ve lost your mind because of the war. Dark circles underneath it, left by morbid walked which planted their long feet inside of the lost side of the moon?’

How much gibberish do you have to spout in order to gain any kind of relevancy? Is it something from the war perhaps? Bad memories of the artillery, perhaps that could explain the base of the creatures in your mad delusions and your dreams.

But do not tell anyone, anyone I tell you, unless you want to end up in the loony bin. Where they will not treat you like some Compatriot, but like scum. Scum of war, scum of war, no longer a man, no longer a soldier, old and senile.

Take a bath and rethink what you saw.’

The Compatriot remembered it well. It was only their first phase, as they had noticed the fact that he had been staring for far too long at them. It wasn’t going to be any easier explaining but they sent a convoy which broke through the emptiness of air. A suffocating creature appeared in his bathroom while he was shaving.

It was stubby, long, too many arms to count or compound, going from about every side of its body, which appeared to have grown like fruits. No matter how he looked at it, this was far too dangerous to come near. They only seemed to be approachable by the fear they displayed once they noticed he had a razor on him.

His arms trembled and ripped themselves out of the body, going into any corner, regardless of their thickness of size. Disappearances commenced as soon as he had been pointed towards them, as soon as having realized that they might've had what appears to be black holes inside his house. Again, it was ridiculous but it was also what he saw.

And he simply standing there made him feel as if the room was shortening his air supply. It had had started levitating backwards in an attempt to save itself from the clear cut. But it didn't come. He had been near the one cabinet from which he drew his revolver. A few shots had been emptied in its head which spread all of those arms everywhere, in case, leaving it like a floating eaten carcass which held a livid glowing base inside of it.

That soft and many dotted cistern almost threw some kind of distasteful scent.

'Where are you, I saw you there.'

Before he could tell where it had gone, he made it across the room and backed into the plain sight of the outside night call. There, he watched the moon twist again, for him alone. He wasted another few shots in his attempts to shoot it down. It had gone unattended and untouched. This was what to be believed as being ungrateful and unspoken for.

Those patches on the moon, they were harboring the same creature he had known to be there. He almost thought they hid inside the house.

'How will I be able to sleep knowing you are here? Show yourselves; give me a fair chance so I may deal with you. one shot and I'll be done.'

It was considered a long time ago, but he hadn't the guts to get through with it. Not yet, since now he had the chance and aim to deal with something much worse than him. If they paid the game of opportunity, suffice to say they did, they'd appear and disappear at will so he could waste more of his living ammunition. But he was stacked otherwise, living alone, like some somber fiend. Lost inside the plains of the battlefield he had once fought one, where he built his house alone. He never learned how to trust anyone else but himself then. It was a disease; he knew it to be so. He never knew himself, or had ever remembered building the house. No, he lived in a city, he had a home there. But something got him there, it wasn't dementia. He knew it to be so.

Something had been inheritably been wrong with the universe. Selfishness had inserted itself into it and he, as many others like him started acting up. None of them would leave him now. Not now, when he could stop it from ever occurring.

'Don't leave me, I cannot stand to be alone now.'

Yes, say that, trick them make them believe you want them to be here with you. Make them wish you could cuddle and hold them in your arms.

‘My arms are warm, don’t worry about it, there’s no reason for either of you to despair. I have enough for all of you, come on now, out of your hiding.’

He’d pop a vein as soon after. If only they knew what a vile man he had been. If those people during the dinner knew what he had went through, their guts would be spilled outside out, speaking of which. Where was that man, the stepfather, lord Crockstackl?

It wasn’t like him to be late during an appointment, let alone, at such an hour when not even he could stand so long out there. He had taken a liking to the maiden. That lustful demon, him, taking the kick out of them and their setting. Under the moon, everything he’d ever do could be as soon dismissed and forgotten, let alone touched.

That was his son now; he had no worth to be around her. Falling for a cleaning maid like that.

But he had, he couldn’t even compete with his memory any longer, that man occurred his full blunt of a scope. He was perplexed by him. Even in the midst of summer, he spent his time underneath the sheets with her.

‘Roxanne, was it?’

He could barely see the gentleness of her eyes, those flicks of hair, the flittering skin which rested against his. She was his and he was hers, for the last few hours, both of them would be dispersed of anything that may even reek of human, over the bed frame, under the candle light. Servants avoided the room as they had been properly instructed, though this was no secret from any of the guests, it had been kept a secret from the Count and the child.

‘Will you leave him for me?’

‘I will.’

‘And take me as far away from this horrendous place as you can?’

‘Anything for you, let me...’

‘Promise me this that you will never come back from me.’

In that moment, she had him gripped, he couldn’t move. He lusted more than he had cared for admit that he still felt more than an obligation for the boy. It was his, he knew it, it was his child, now and before and even before it was his. That was his boy.

But he couldn’t see it any longer. No human being could see that glowing essence which left a trail, coming from the moon, or coming from another dimension, or from wherever else it came from. It was irrelevant but left no trace, no means for a change to happen. He would be struck by the most intense thoughts afterwards, for leaving him there.

She was so beautiful there. And he couldn’t help it.

‘I promise, he’s not my son.’

His voice cut off. There had to be more to it, but alas, that’s where it stopped. She had her way with him afterwards, in that intense jolt of sweat, the shaking of the bed only bringing his blood back into his head. He had released his frustration only to be met by confusion. Why had the feeling continued after being done?

Roxanne barely stood there, spread across the bed, revealed in her youth. And he knew how he was supposed to feel after being done. But it never came, he never turned around. They ran together in the midst of the dinner, which had been expected as well. No one would question it any sooner.

The Compatriot knew then, as if by chance that it was the right time to resume his thought. It felt like that intense breach of privacy which happened in his mind cruelly let go. It made him put off his cigar and look into the direction of that boy, knowing that the man next to him would mostly likely be his father from now on. Underneath their battle, the women laughed inaudibly, knowing of what happened and spending less time on trying to care. Cruel harpies, that’s what they are.

Feathers pines against their temples, freeing themselves from the wrecking nerves, to which he only added more to his cup and drank it all.

‘Another toast for the Count.’

‘And for a happily long life, let it be had!’

They would release later what he had put in them, for everyone but himself and the lad. In the midst of his delusions, which drew back to that house, he almost could’ve guessed what his plan was. It would’ve been as easily that he could pull out of his firearm and aim it for the Count and his heir.

His gaze had retreated as soon as their eyes met and rested on each other’s gazes for a brief time. It was obvious what he had planned, if the others had been anything but busy with spending their last moment trying to sneer and snare at one another and him, they could have been spared. No longer had he cared of it. Down the gap, never leaving as much as a stop, which may have lain inside his nostrils.

It was poison; he tried getting them out with the help of it, since no one would trust him with that poor attempt to get their attention.

‘Let me climb on the counter, so they could stop hearing me’ steps.’

When he got up on the table and started stepping on the plates, he almost showed signs of coming back to his senses.

‘Look, the Compatriot is putting on a show for us.’

He stepped and crushed, leaving some marks. Spreading the shards all over the place, quickly blunt, he could not focus on two tins across the windows, breaking through. It wasn't fair that he out of all the people would have to take the full blunt of the toxin before everyone else. As they approached, those marching soldiers from the great North, he stood straight and before he could empty his magazine either in his head or against the floor, he opened the only way out and stared at them.

Now the fight would have to play itself all over again, in the same manner as it had over forty years ago. In the midst of it, caught, he lay alone, now abashed for having strayed too far away from his house. Outside, he had been dragged by his constant look over the arms which had escaped. Pity be for a piety, one couldn't dare stare into the moon before its gaze could play for a role. In an adequate touch, he looked out of his clutch and started shooting randomly into the air.

'Go away, you're not here are any longer, you're all dead, all of you! Dead I say, dead, dead.'

'Is it the poison?'

At least one of the servants looked past the ineptitude of asking, unable to decide himself whether or not what he was doing there was a result of them attacking the last remnant of sanity he retained. But it wasn't it alone. It hadn't mattered. Not a single bit.

Was that going to be as lonely of a venture as it was, they could've denied him that. But it was his desire there, which made him turn from his vision, from this memory of the field where he had spent the worst of his years.

They tried fading, he tried repelling them. It was almost into his sight, his retirement home, and the wife he ought to have, his children and grandchildren, not there, not out there. Anywhere but that place, anywhere where it was feasible, where it might be normal, but that hadn't been the case. He couldn't push them away, he couldn't prevent them from stopping them, and otherwise he would stand beaten. Knelt, felt, pushed and dragged, unnervingly stopped. In full force of himself and anything else, he tried watching himself one last time.

He had to see if he was still the young man he had witnesses that long time ago in a pool of led. They wouldn't be there any longer, neither apparition, nor the soldiers. Artillery kept firing as their march progressed. And he would soon realize that it was less of a march and more of a stroll. Each of them knew that they were only against one man, with a tiny box of ammunition in his hand.

Past the surgeries, the disease and the broken jaw, he stood on the table, a gun drawn out.

'Not in front of the child Compatriot.'

His voice came bluntly and demanded some respect. It would be demeaning, to say the least, how he would be seen at the bottom of his neck, the dreadful aspects of what he became. All of them were there, on his face, the wretch appeared, mockingly pushing through to escape. It was the old man, himself in there.

The man went quietly away, making a few steps from the table, quietly leading himself in the empty hall before he closed them all. Guests only looked as their blushing faded, leaving only an inquiry. A separation had departed itself.

After him, the Count had reverted to being the main center of attention. He was a scoundrel, a scum of the highest rank, seen this way only by them, the taker of a child. It was by his intention that they would be stuck that way, looking at him as he played the final respects. They had been thoroughly needed.

‘Son, I want you to take your hands off your eyes and look at them.’

It wasn’t going to be easy now, but he tried. Expression less and less, less obscure, it was a mere thing the boy saw. Unintended, a sight which obliterated what should’ve landed as some impactful moment for the child was met by the sight of Agamemnon. Who stared back?

As the Count fell back into his chair, he looked like a statue, as much as he dared. Time slowed, the child approached.

‘What is your name, child?’

‘Dmitri, my name is Dmitri.’

Masks rested on the guests. Now they would masquerade, the boy played it off as some kind of joke all for him and him alone.

‘Why are you wearing the masks?’

‘For you, child, for you to make a good thing out of planting the cores while our absence continues. You will grow and learn what you ought to do in order to serve us.’

Here, at the castle, you’ll be treated as nothing less but a prince. A prince, who shall be granted what the poor, should never suffer.’

‘Where is my father?’

‘He’s gone; he’s left you, does that not annoy you? Both parents dead, one missing, leaving you to all of us.’

‘Who shall father you instead of the Count? Let us be clear now, we desire to turn you into one of our many infiltrators, know of it and we’ll have an understanding.’

Refuse us and you'll share the same fate as these gluttonous flat of scoundrels have suffered through. I can still feel their guts trying to take in the poison. Now, it should only last.'

'Don't spoil it yet, he needs to find it on his own. You'll do that, won't you, listen to us?'

'I don't want to, I don't want to have that many mothers and fathers, I only want mine. Why can't I have them?'

'Because they are gone, dead, left, no longer working for them. I can see them still being ill. A promise, perhaps we may bring them back for you.'

The boy considered, wondering at that. If there was one thing he knew about it, that would be the strange lack of resistance he showed. They were like Governors who appeared without anything else but the kind desire to take advantage of him. Even from where they stood, they looked as if they were most bastardly creatures this castle had ever housed. And it was much worse to attain what was theirs now.

Servants were their slaves. It was a quick jab at their dark skin which made them growl and snarl in disgust. Had they been repulsed by it for anything longer than the temporary gazes they showed they might've used that as an opportunity to chain and whip and dragged them to the garden? Perhaps there, they might be felt and hanged, the symphony of the Count, who fantasized about it constantly on the base that he might do it one day. Or his child, who looked back at his life, unable to decipher what, was going on around them. Who were they, why did they come near even when their bodies fell?

In a short amount of time, to which it had resumed, the guests fell, the servants closed the door, no longer watching, leaving only the echo of alabaster. And the faces, which did fly after all, free of any kindness which may be spared, in the eyes of a child who never dared do anything for himself.

'I will remind you child that you're ours. Now. And after you're of no use.'

'Well grind your bones and sent them to your parent's home after we brought them back. Would you like that? How quaint would it be, knowing that your parents grew so far as to abstain from eating you alive.

It's all planned you see. It almost happened in the past, we tempered with you, on a separate dimension, and then they merged together.'

'I do not understand. You're masks, how are you able to?'

'Much more than that, we are greater, we did well.'

'In our various plays and twists we managed to almost turn your parents into cannibals, desiring nothing else but the body of their own spawn. How decently a meal that would've been, I seem to think that would've been the grandest and the greatest, the likes of which could never be found in any other human home.

Well, they refused in the last moment, child.'

'Know that some of us got repelled, in time that we may not see this world again. But the man out there, oh, we did him a good one, haven't we?'

'The Compatriot they called him, now he's stuck, forever in a war to prevent them from crossing his property, to a place he could never call home. Isn't that a pity, especially since he had been so close to it, one aim higher and you would've been?'

'Dead, death, the disciple would claim the Duke, not the child. He would've been spared from it, if one were to claim his life and bring him back to life. One could see that there's some kind of wrongs caused by us and what we've planted here.'

'Alas, don't reveal our every machination, not since we barely begun.'

Of course there were others much greater which had greater impacts which had gone unplanned for. A world of seas, where the lands were on the ships had been brought off shore by the mere fact that they were not made of wood but of some kind of weird sea coral which grounded the base for the first signs of life to emerge.

They pivoted themselves to being barely avoidable by the rays of sun. It was because their bodies had the ability to stretch, the flexibility to reform their bones into sea-rods to clasp fish with, while remaining of one piece and swimming down the reef, like long rays in search for basins to devour from. In there, the most damning thing of all was the desire to infest the water with them, which had to be avoided.

In one vaguely reefed container if one of those ships, two of them were hiding; much more discussion what the next step in their universal domination plan had to be.

'Perhaps we should wait and form our colonies in here, what do you say? I would add, mightily so that we could forge our kin and sculpt it in seaweed. What say you?'

'Too much noise, they will find us. I don't know much about them, but I got enough of a hint to know that there's nothing more to them that we've seen before.'

Which said enough about the Suppressors and their way of approaching, serving, scanning while looking for them in the most convoluted dimensions, if there was a wish, more so than it was to be desired, they would look at it that way. In an eight of a dimension, there'd be enough movement to be looked down upon.

It was an unnerving deceit of stars, through which they had started turning their heat off, absorbing enough out of their distant universe as to give the false impression that it had been their work.

'We must suppress this malign activity immediately.'

They said, going after by their words, pressing in to the point of trying to force the living grey-stars into submission. But it was much harder, for their pus emerged, as they would give birth to the abominations only space could contain.

‘If we cannot force them down, send it back to their world. It must be theirs after all.’

More suppressors had arrived, carrying their strange wings, battered as a flock, trying to round up as many of the malicious defects which tried pushing away from their peculiar egg. That’s what it had become and for that reason alone, they had been sent home.

‘But this is impossible, this wasn’t their mark, there’s nothing which shows they’re the ones responsible.’

‘It will not be forgiven either way. We shall follow the procedure and force the wretches to accept their breeds. Otherwise, the universes will be contaminated by them entirely.’

‘But if we cannot prove that it is their, then we have no right to do it. Is this mutiny?’

‘No, it’s change. We need to suppress every plethora of filth and send it in their way. If theirs was a single planet in which they savage the unclean, we shall fill their galaxies and universes with it. Whether or not it’s desirable on either side it little if not neither of our concerns. Ours is but to keep ours and our protectorate’s right.’

Another Suppressor joined in.

‘What we have stumbled upon may be perhaps the greatest contamination hole one could ever dread to draw upon. In it we shall store everything which is unfit for beauty, so we could achieve perfection.

Is that not why we were left here? If not to clean and protect and surpass those who would grow live a virus and corrupt what is right, then what are we here for?’

He basked in a light so strong that at that point every star in the universe shone. It was decided then, these belts of decaying stars had to be gotten rid off. Now that they were fully locked and had been aware of where everything was supposed to go, there’d be no stopping to any of them, if all.

‘All will be right, a universe should bask into the righteousness and purity, the unity which will starve out the chaos. Let the filth sink in.’

‘Let the filth sink.’

The others said. And the suns had been expelled, and no longer would they be denied the birth which they had swollen upon themselves. In that moment of fear, aware that they had been an intrusion, one Agamemnon had been

forced under the pressure to give in. He wouldn't be able to commit to the sin of dread, and in that moment he jerked himself into being aware.

Aware of the particles of birth which lay defiantly beneath the layers, where the planet rebirth of a new species of man could emerge. Most Agamemnons had given up on trying to breed them out of the fear that they might fail and that their actual children would try getting away.

‘I.’

A voice came.

One of the projections of the Suppressor turned on him. It was sudden, it was peculiar, that much so, that he wanted to speak with him all of them sudden, as if he was someone of a greater importance than he should've been. As the dome receded and he looked into the space, he saw the glitter into the one eye and said.

‘You shall treat me with the respect I deserve. From now on, I will not be called Agamemnon but instead I shall adopt the name of. Agamemnus, yes, Agamemnus it is.’

Agamemnus forced himself, now that the malignant suns were in his sight and being aware that their suns might give birth to far too many spawns that his planet couldn't possibly hope to sustain, he opened the rims of his earth. Up the girth, he brushed part the almost broken apart prototypes of growth and made new ones, out of naught but a few scattered primordial oozes.

It was hard, piling them up, lifting them like some moving sand-slimes, which gave in wave after wave in some disturbing jitter of limbs. For now, they looked like piles of hey, flying despite of the lack of limbs, or so he had thought until he realized that they were only being lifted up on their giant tails. Two eyes came unto them, on opposite ends.

And that was it, some primal beings which ended up bearing hundreds of limp numbs feet at the end of their tails. On their feet, he looked and saw too many eyes to count, perhaps as some result of a wicked torn in his cramping mountain. He would name them, now.

‘The Sons of Agamemnus. Yes, my sons, you are given the chance to.’

Split from the pack, every single one of them walked on their way, preparing to grow the additional limbs, the legs which were rather horned. They grew like some strange horns, being made unable to walk but they served as, they served as what?

It was impossible to come to some conclusion, but he knew they would serve a purpose in time. If only he gave enough of a thought, he could reach some conclusion rather than be brought to it by force. A coercion of strapping cuts, from which more horns came out revealed that those were no legs, they were no horns.

They were crowns, those filthy unworthy petty things.

‘You dare crown yourselves as kings in my own realm? How dare you defy me like that?’

To be humiliated in front of a suppressor had destined him to a lifetime of defiance. This was a failure; these sons were too strong for their own good. While the others observed and gathered around them, they had been presented with the top of the food chain. The ones in rule. No longer have ancient but wearied of themselves, they had been presented as the rightful rulers, his direct descendants.

As the sole reason was met, he had the sole reason to give birth to others.

Long-legged, tall and almost unfarmably inquis squared, they looked like solid basins from which many half-bodies came out of the pile. And these masses of living land, as quickly as they had been drawn from the living mass upon which he stood began flying, floating, only to be met by the same decrepit fate.

The flying bloaters started following their flying rulers, giving in to the idea that they were beneath them. Underneath them, almost compelled to that wicked side of things.

‘Having problems, great Agamemnus?’

A set of laughter came from every direction, to which he knew what he had done. ‘Your failures never cease to amaze us now. You’ve always been one to attempt reconciliation with us from the start. If it were to last longer, this dream of yours of entertaining your delightful creations needs be brought to an end.’

‘It puts us all to shame to realize that they will never have a future at all, being forced to the face the invader from the suns.’

And they observed, each one of them looked at those peculiar creatures in the deadliest of fashions, they desired some kind of deadly reaction which happened there. As they started spreading in ranks of eight, those umber-looking jousting terrors bore the hinderingly, almost-frozen thickets of melting skin which pounced their like to the point of being tremendously spread in the light of the real stars. They oozed and fell upon themselves, forming arches of Achvalorn.

Without concern, they crossed one another, laying forth giant tacks and shafts which served as pulling mechanism from which they’d not dare to stop. In an immovable condition they had begun, now they were ready to push it as far as they could go. The rim of their bodies only gave forth some kind of allegiance of many knobbed curvatures of death sounds. Somehow they had brought small pockets of atmosphere into the air, which stored only the deadliest of shouts and screams, bred out their mouths and from their bodies. Many voices sang their choir; they would defile themselves before ever reaching the planet where Agamemnus rested.

‘See? There’s nothing which may stop him. Accept it that there may not be any chance for you to survive this atrocity and leave yourself be used. It’s unnerving that you’d try instead of trying to get away.’

And the Suppressor looked with no shame, despite knowing that it was because of him and because of them that the creatures were there. He should be force to say a thing, to admit it and pay. But neither of them dared a thing, nor did Agamemnus think it would matter in the end.

‘Then I shall send my miniatures of life forth and wish for them not a day of rest.’

Torn by this statement of his, he had made another decision. His oblong changed, it started producing four great stingers, tall, pushed upward like the top of a pointed roof, drawing the planet forward into some made creation of defiance. It began being torn apart, but that didn’t matter, as what he would release in the world would shock them all.

‘Mad creature, dumb, dumb, idiotic fiend, what have you done to your own extended body? You’ve ruined it, you’ve ruined yourself. Would you sacrifice it all for them?’

‘I must do it. I know I have to do it, there’s no other chance but that. I need to go ahead and take them out even if it’s the last thing I get to see. I shall be myself from now on, well endowed, knowing that I’ve given everything I ever had to them. Do not be weary of me, my great brothers and replicates, for I know that this is only the beginning of my rule.

Though I may be weakened, they will be strong. Though I will be lost into the endless spliced void, I shall be found by them eventually.’

With it, a final consolation came, that he would be there, again and again, looking through an unquestionable thin visor of demented vision, none the wiser, he extended and pulled himself out. The Mountain fell, he wouldn’t be able to tell, but the entire rock, the butcher of which had begun, gave in. In this short amount of time, what he had achieved was a most precarious pile which would rival that of the suns. They were made in his image, finally touched by that look and feel which defiled the world one of their flying creatures came in.

He had studied their agonies and learned of their much desired need for suicide. In it he had taken upon himself to bring those hairy, Agamemnus-faced, wide-winged, teeth-grinned, horned, bearing the bodies of those who ended their lives around their bodies whilst impaled through the spikes in an atrocious rage which consumed everything in their path. Even those strange vortex-like abominations of spare which had exploited the floating other-men got caught in the joust of time. It was impossible to fight back, irredeemable at best, the way in which they had forged their insides in the most dreadful of manners. It shone on them like a vile light, as the stars started abandoning their likes, fading away. Agamemnus was still there, now alone, watched only by the Suppressor.

‘What are you intending to do now? You’ve released everything you had, everything you’ve ever acquired, endless eons of planning and waiting, all for a single fight given birth of some meaningless decay.’

‘But how do you know that Suppressor? For how long have you watched us and what is the meaning of it? Are you our enemy? Should we be afraid?’

He couldn’t hear anyone else then, much more so, to his dismay, he hopes this would be the case. An intrusion would sometimes work, but he doubted any of them would ever hope to dare enter his mind again. Another sacrilege, in their eyes had been committed after all and it was only a matter of time until he could finally give in.

‘As long as you remain in here, and you do not threaten us, there will be no need for retaliation. Our only scope has always been preservation so that every life form would develop in a natural way. But ever since you stepped outside your boundaries, you’ve infected everything with no concern norification.’

We looked into your past, many a times and saw that in every kind of scenario possible, you will always destroy yourself taking others with you. This insatiable thirst needs to be contained until all of you will share the same fate.’

But another vision faded, another one approached.

He offered them one chance to face him. As he pulled back every piece of metal strung in his hideout, the pile of metal dens, the wires the metal spears, then he revealed his pure round circle of, the platform on which he stood. From the body of the man he possessed, he came out like a ghastly phantasm, pulling away his force into the spear he wore and threw in the middle of his arena.

‘This is your chance to face me as equals, without my powers and without my might.’

From his obnoxious voice, the last thing which could be drawn was a sudden hiss, to which they charged. They leaped from their shutters; blowing ahead a bunch of spinners had a few receivers to plant themselves inside the rims and around as many round edges as they could. In a moment of quick lack of sanity, they could focus on nothing more but that spread which bore all of his strength inside.

‘Looking for me, are you?’

That armor was undoubtedly forged for the whole scope of being immune to bullets, to conventional swords, to anything which may have born inside of him any resentment to reveal the wretched mass he hid inside of himself, a cruel thing, which came out. He wretched himself, tall and strong, as his heels barely hit the ground, he saw only the marks left in by his claws, those feet being unable to attain the might of the fall. In such a woe, as to know, he was alone, without an ally, to be pure.

It was his invention as wretchedly obese as he’d become, his slacking ribs barely showing at all. Through some way no one might be able to convey what might be happening in with the land. It had been undeniably wretched by him,

being pulled inside his piled, stored and waiting for each and everyone to arrive. Basked into the shallow winds, they bent themselves over the grips which pulled the platform to the realm of malady, weak as he was, Ibbillothhoh, wretched the span of the grand Corpius, deceiver of bones.

‘He’s tricked us; he didn’t give up on all his strength.’

‘And now you are all mine, all of your souls and every descendant from now on is mine!’

In the presence of Corpius, he only came to reveal as much as it was necessary, what he would plan to do with them, once he had retrieved what had been rightfully his. Despite his plans, despite the reassurance, they fought back and only revealed that they could not help themselves but leap out of the platform, to untimely take it upon themselves.

‘I see you are wretched enough to bring the primates here. What’s your purpose, what’s your plan? What am I to do with them?’

Though some of them attempted to draw back, this Corpius, joined by Ibbillothhoh took the spear and departed the very top of his skull, inflected with the vilest crime, he revealed himself too soon and then he died. Now with his power unleashed upon the world, they felt themselves constrained upon that platform only to be decided by this Corpius that it wasn’t worth it yet for them to go.

‘Full of life, as I see it, you shall take what’s left of his essence and bring his wretched plans to fruition. Do not be weary, as I know you’ll do well. I shall make sure that you inherit not only his will but this desire to bring yourselves to his corpse upon his day of return.’

‘And if we don’t want to?’

Asked Packstock, with a half-inched heat into a spine, he looked like a mighty poppy cot now. In his vile desire of change, the dark essence of the skin that of which pushed from him spoke.

‘I’ve come to realize my way is flawed. My past has shown me that it’s not worth it for my to live, in this desolation we call our home.’

‘Show him what’s left of our armory, so I may see it for himself.’

And a whimsical hole opened itself, all wrongly disowned of its own lack of morbid charms. He had shown them an image with all the holsters, all the empty places where there should’ve been the means for a war, for a battle, any other conflict, even the spikes and the needles missing from the sight. It was unnerving at first, but it had been revealed.

‘That your bones had showed their appeal to me long before you were destined to arrive. I’ve tricked all of you to come in here and show me what your worth is made out of. Not only have I forced you to do what I desired, but I have also crushed and stole what it was rightfully yours.

Your craftsmen had become my puppets, my destroyers. Your soldiers my servants only for a limited time, but I knew very deep inside of me that no one would survive. For as long as I had been aware, there’d be no one there waiting for them.’

Indeed, their families had been forced to reveal a magnitude of false gods which turned their mightier one into an unstoppable force driven by the hands of the most righteous defenders, who were no strangers to the likes of prey. In their wake, they had been whole again, brought by their divine signs. They hunted that evil Corpius and his mechanically divided blood. From each drop, a mischievous creature would appear, somewhat lesser than him, but it mattered little. Primitive being served them as if they were the coming from above, the oratories of the brood, malignantly benign, bred for the sole purpose, in shorter ends, to rule.

But they were cruel, and have conspired, against everyone they didn’t come to admire as their own. The conflict had been resigned as one of those signs of miss forgotten, an addition of lost epiphany of the right.

Father than their reaches rested, another king who had been strewn, one of many lost from ether, dressed in white robes, lost to the eye. He had been the embodiment of much grander spirits, those of much morose benign. They would be dancing on his grave if only they knew how desperate he had become to gain even the remote access to some damaging clear strike. He suffered there all alone, while the vile fiend Corpius played with them, with little in mind, not given the kind blessing of showing some disgust to him. He was repelled, they would be there, eventually ready to rip his soul from the damning hole he crawled in.

‘May I lay here until you arrive, as I am sick and I’m unable to fight, I know much less, I’m unable to confess that I have taken the chance to cut and eat a piece of you, my son.’

The corpse of a young man, who had been brought here through the womb of a mortal female lay, unlike him, his life-span short, and an end. This one was pale, but he wore no crown and didn’t look ghoulish at all. It would be a pity to waste him but he wasn’t one to share the intention regarding such an act of hatred, which may be unknowable to him at all. It was disturbing, the act itself, he didn’t know and would play about with what came out of him.

‘I apologize for that rip, my dear son. I think I have a problem and I cannot change. That Corpius tormented me, it is because of him that I lay here defeated, betrayed by my allies, failed in my conquest, as I am lost. Again, I must prey and chant his name in hopes that he may come to me.

Great Corpius, allow me to rise, please, I lay abandoned by my own kind, and my hope lays in your mind. But who is that I hear? Perhaps a pair of some deceased hounds?’

‘More than that, lord unruly. Who are you to lay here alone?’

‘Why I’m one the great Illydiargi, crowned as one of the purest remains of a legacy which may remain with that of the grand disciples of the kings. In our past we served as the bastion.’

‘I see, I see, and what would the bastion be?’

‘If you’re to ask, you wouldn’t know. But since you are so preciously obscure to me, would you not join me in my bed and share the likes only my son would provide? His body is still tender, I’ve eaten quite a few of him. He is prepared to have been swallowed and he would not repay not care of anything else. I must adore the likes of you who hide, though. Deranged thing, I bet you are a petty thief I may best, even in my lousiest form.’

‘As it may be, I do not think you may be ready to face either of us in this dreadful lack, the few remarks which may stay, cannot happen as they would share nothing of our own values. We’re dread incarnate, we’re filth, the murder, the defiance.

If we come here, and stay, the moisture may spread in the air. And when that happens, you will be flogged with an unnatural feel, which may sicken you to the gut. Can you endure such a feeling as I may force upon you to cower? Would you be forced into submission by myself, our many, the few who’d care?’

‘Care for what? An infestation in this place? I can look for myself and decide that this place had already been filthy to begin with. You may be witty but you cannot help yourself but give in. I want to know.’

They served each other well for the time being, by subtleties, such as pebbles being thrown from one side to another, looking at ways to crush and destroy the swollen part of the gate, which only now came into view at all, it was to no interest that one may look and play, to care for one again, in the way one may shatter and may lapse, it was indistinguishable from the relapse of desires.

As the gate grew, the images of lust appeared again, but they weren’t meant for the sunken king, who averted his gaze, but for the others who appeared from the inner-sides of the benign again.

‘Won’t join us in the show? But what is wrong? Can’t you suffer us being set in stone? Can’t you look and see what our faces look on top of their bodies? I can see that you’re afflicted by it. You cannot help it but peep through your fingers now.’

Yet there hadn’t been a single view, in one moment before these changes had a chance to manifest, it had become an entirely impartial cover, a strange satisfactory block from the degeneracy they brought. Something of his spirit oozed and even from the distance as their weird defiance filled from the hole in the universe they had created, it was pointless. Something else protected him then, like a trinket or some deep desire which prevented anything from ever trying to swell inside his body then. By no mistake, it would be, suffice to say, only the malign there.

They abandoned their cue, the rueful approach, the demented likened itself out of a stone, from the top of many of the containers which found themselves near him once his kingdom had sunken and had failed to stop whatever desire charmed him then.

‘Lust no longer torments me as it used to.’

‘But it does us and we cannot help it, spending time in here, even as watchers had given us something to look and carve for. We were weak and had waited for too long. We’ve taken it upon ourselves to create but we have failed to look after one of the most important creatures for our planes, the natural breeders, to which we may finally stand.’

Walking over some parts of the division opened up a path for his to be pulled into. They could at least begin the negotiations in order to bring him on their side that had been one of the easiest ways in, to be fair about it, the cruelty being the fact that he was never meant to be alive.

‘Will you share some of him with us?’

‘I cannot, this is the only thing which is keeping me alive. Would you believe me if I told you that I only needed a single bite in order to survive for mere decades?’

‘That doesn’t seem as vile as to be a lie. We can only think of this way.’

‘Your son, what if he would walk again?’

‘I shall listen what you have to say but don’t count on me to give you any kind of satisfaction now, I could still get betrayed, my son may never walk away and instead of it, I’ll find myself wondering what have I done wrong?’

‘A drone then, he shall be put into a drone. Both of you shall be placed inside one of the biggest drone there is and we’ll bring both of you into the Desolate Deserts of Lligrim.’

By the time one could even poach a cap, the bottom half had been raised by a few centimeters as if to be spared from the vague tribulations which be in store.

‘We’ll make sure you will be brought back once the trials shall be done with.’

‘Why are you making that much of an effort for me? Can’t you see that I belong to a dying breed? One who barely ascended the likes of a statue which begs to be crushed. Smash and abandon me and my child while you’re at it. Otherwise, nothing will change.’

‘Only one trial, if you may, do not worry, this travel shall not spare you of any force.’

No remorse, the tempering with the tunnels leading into atmosphere of Lligrim. It had been named a planet for the concubine, as the entirety of it had been covered completely by the dryness of its spell, from which water may not

even be called there. He had finally dropped to his knees, out of the drone, his child gone, left there to look upon a world.

‘Inhabited by none other than yourself. Are you not glad?’

‘Well, is this not a pity, to say the least, you are alone? We lied to you and shall never bring you back to home. This is your resting place, your cemetery and your only chance to make amends.’

‘So righteous, all of the sudden.

‘I see.’

They were voiced through the variously heeded layers of wind, not truly there. But he had arrived. Suppressor numbed fourteen, Hylinotrhop, who was the first one to stand out as his wings were of a shade of grey, and his body had been longer and conveyed the sound of children screaming out of the sheer terror of being eaten by rats. It was this one who presented himself to the king and said.

‘You majesty, are they disturbing you? Need you be somewhere else?’

‘I cannot help it. I’m stuck in here, in a crackle of turns. Even beneath the sand I can feel something much worse than the grains. It’s my son, he’s there, I feel as if, if I were to make a few more steps, I would only walk on him and on his brothers.’

‘Were there others like him?’

‘Yes, may I call you?’

‘The name shall be immediately inserted inside, for as long as you mean something about me, it shall be there. And others won’t bear to hear nor speak it for as long as I am here.

That’s the gift of my presence, the complete denial of anyone from other dimensions and a tighter grip to those who might hear.’

‘Great Hylinotrhop, in my life, I had many bastards, too many to count. I cannot help it now, but I can only play what’s worse to me. My children aren’t seeking me. They’re afraid; they were shattered by my absence.’

‘Is it not your fault then that you are here?’

‘But I didn’t choose to be in this place, I haven’t. Forgotten what it feels like walking again. They want me to feel like I am lost, that I shall never meet them in the afterlife.’

‘And even if you had, what would you tell me, other than you left without a word, a father unlike those of old who died once their duty was over.’

‘I see now, I think I will suffer nothing less than a death in the desert.’

Hylinotrhoph thought of it, and for a moment, he had tried to interfere with him, so he could resolve this mistake. With a hint of the uncanny, he couldn’t worry at all for the consequences which be set. Either he would succeed or this insignificant ruler would be bound to be dead. By simple touch, of his suppression at last, he pushed inside his knees and little, removing the pain and agony of sickness, the mild old age for which no one could surpass the wedge between them and the rest of the body.

The ruler stood, better to have proven that he could, he called.

‘I am the Antichlok, and I shall rule this desolate world.’

‘Why is he ignoring us now?’

‘Can he not see that we still want to play with him?’

‘Shut your mouths, fools and look, he’s done something to him he shouldn’t have. I knew that they were crooked from the first time I lay eyes upon them.’

Indeed, this sudden conflagration of interests couldn’t work, they were still trying their best not to get through the rope, down the dunes.

He had been presented with it, as a way of the fumes. A black cord which looked as if it would burn his neck to ashes came. It presented itself to him. ‘You’re given the chance to give in and abandon this false quest of yours. This is your only chance given to take the only way out from this desolate nightmare, it shall only be given once. Only once, before you will be forced.’

To lay out there, in a land much more corrupt that he would give himself to. In there, the storms which brought the swarms and grains would not come to an end until millions of years had passed between them.

‘There’s a chance you might end up being completely buried inside of it. Don’t you suppose that it’s worth it to at least consider?’

‘If you want to slay me, do it so. But I cannot be forced to do it after losing my son in such a manner. Otherwise, I shall only dread myself inside the only manner which I may know.’

He jeopardized himself then. After coming in a few inches near the only hideout he could wait in for the storm to end. He spoke with the Suppressor once again.

‘I’ll take my chances knowing I will be surrounded by someone of my own.’

Knowing that he would be met by a child who was supposed to lie, his part of the deal had been accepted, they all looked at him, misdirected as they grabbed him before the fall. He almost shouted from looking at them all. These white specters, tiny infants who had desperately searched for their father lay in a most obscure location where they would watch over him until the storm stopped.

It was a victory which not even they could have perceived.

The agony was seen at its utmost knowledge, a way to look into it as an affront of wrongness.

Hylinotrhop could only bet met, by the voices which stood ineptly filled with decrepitude. Their likes had been filled with the resolve that they would not touch him without risking another burst of anger.

‘Can you not help yourself? Petty creatures that you are. I am sickened by the fact that I must correct your mistakes.’

‘And what would that correction results into, if not the dread brought to the king, who would not see his deities, thinned by the years to come, cursed to hear the song of flailing children who’d cry.’

Even now they could hear them begging for their father, as the entirety of the planet had been filled with them. Their growth brought only the unsanitary need, that they would lose their eyes, their feelings nigh to him not being able to see them all. Others lost their limbs and started drawing in to the form which bore their tails, but they would grow still until they would be whole again. The insides of the desolation would give in to a most unsatisfactory perdition of stored beings which had been forced to lay as crude, unable to die but waiting for him to arrive.

One fetus had grown as heavy as to occupy the entire space a castle would, and he had been pristine white, gathering in him the need to survive. The only warmth he had received came from that of his brothers who came on him and lend only the most malignant of heat shimmers. How plain it felt that he desired more. But neither of them could cope, even in the most primordial of their forms, with death. Such a scare could only drive them to seek, the likeness of their father, and he, as all of them cried, even if his undeveloped organs barely afforded it a distant shyness which may be left unmet.

‘Would you please allow me the chance to join you?’

‘Has it not been settled that you are not to be allowed to leave? I thought it had been decided that neither of you shall be granted entry, nor leave, nor anything.’

‘A proposal has been claimed, but we do not want to invade again, not a single dare.’

‘Instead, we only meant to watch as you act, to learn of the resolve you keep pretending to lend on.’

‘I will crush your heads and suppress them into the tiniest of molecules until you shall become harmless again.’

But even Hylinotrhop doubted that would work. A bluff like this was only pleasant if they played on, carrying as a way to bring the dissatisfaction as soon as it was gone. He could see invisible shades, which should not be there, to which no force may throw them away. Only the sound may go, not the presence, which begged only the wildest of question to arise.

‘Are you displeased with your world, perhaps? Do you find it unworthy of your eyes?’

‘You mention it as if you know. But it is not worth it, going back a few ages ago, when all was well, and none could tell of each other’s existence as they could not prevent us from stopping.’

It was at this point when the necessary information came. Now these creatures were no longer what they claimed to be.

Aggipius had been the other follower of Agamemnonus, his brother. Two of them had the satisfaction of porting their worlds together and joining one another in a symbiosis of ages, the damage being done in a most solemn manner, the hurt being inflicted would be deranged and bring on their lack of faltering atrocities.

‘First night of the slaughter had aroused.’

In which for one entire cycle, watched upon a clear sky, had filled their molded planets into a most repulsive butcher’s reprise. Not a single living thing survived, not a single dead would go unpledged, used and turned, forced to mourn only to be met again by the distasteful approach to which the plain formed. A uniform land upon which only the greatest specimens would stand. Two mountains united, two faced joined so closely as to become conjoined twins, looked upon what seemed to be a grand new beginning, as a first act would come to bring about, creatures from another world, to inherit what was of their worth.

The first comers had presented themselves with the traps in which they lay strapped in. With one distinction being that they fashioned their own cages for them to be forced into. By and by they looked surprised almost as thoroughly lost as their claims let be. As far as they were concerned, these long white strapping many sacked growers had their many mouths left at bay. Within each of their kin, for each one there had been a few which grew flat on the ground and live in the most pathetic kinds of livid.

‘I know what we lack, we need a drought.’

‘What have you in mind?’

‘A conclusion to our two halves and to our ends, as I have realized we were both wrong in our attempt to create a perfect reality here, and to that I say we shall dine and drink only the wickedest of wines, drawn from worlds unlike ours.’

‘But we tried that before and we have failed.’

‘Agamemnonus, I know what we must do. We cannot escape but we could at least open the way and draw them here. With an utmost disturbing pair of words we shall tempt them to set forth. And when enough of them pass in, the barrier between our worlds will be shattered in such a matter that we shall convert them into a mighty sickle of rum. And we shall drink in our name and celebrate.’

‘Joy and celebration? But who are you, oh dark disciple to ask of us such a thing?’

To which they gathered, at this sudden abyssal change, which had been desired ever since they could be estranged from one another, at the pathetic whim.

‘Is this what we’ve become? Is this it? We were feared, we had achieved mastery over a universe. What kind of play is this? If we’ll end up lazy and nigh-extinct rather than try to make haste in order to survive?’

‘Will you mind your manners and let them give up? It is obvious that neither of them has any intention of giving in and trying to achieve any form of malignant supremacy, they only want to waste away.’

‘And what of us? We’ve wandered so far and made fun of them, we’ve spoken and we trashed, but in the meantime, what have we accomplished?’

‘Nothing.’

‘Nothing.’

‘Nothing reigned.’

‘It’s impossible to get any work done here, with all your eyes watching. Deranged fools that you are, cheerfully morose and dreadful companions who prefer taking a mere being and torture it than preserve.’

‘But that’s what got us here to being with. Complete preservation failed.’

‘And so have our wails.’

‘Even the likes of those we have taken and mistakenly placed in worlds they didn’t belong shouldn’t have mattered for what we’ve gone through. What will happen to us then? Are we bound to be taken as fools and preserved?’

‘But it’s a stalemate. If it weren’t for the Suppressor, if it weren’t for their likes, we could’ve done so much greatness in the realities we found each other in.’

‘Which would be pointless, admit it, they would turn the same way as ours had.’

Estranged words couldn't be gone. It wasn't likely that it mattered then, but they couldn't be asked, to be masked from the alienation they had felt from one another. Hearing voices. One could suffer even less than to be constantly stricken by them.

'I want to break out of your ranks then. I cannot help it either. I've grown sick with hearing my own voices and that of yours. We will never get along and we shall never be able to create anything worth for our kind to rule forth.'

'No empathy from here, leave. As a matter of fact, crush the tiny brain which gave you access to them. And never set forth here again.'

With much sadness those words written in the head, this wasn't likely to be held with much of anything, less the curfew. Not to be a part of them, no longer tainted.

'The damage is already done.'

'And you would know of it, because time after time we've been proven that there's no escape.'

'It's how we've been made, regardless of how many times we look at them; neither of us can shake it away.'

'Jealousy, I feel it stronger than ever. I wish I could be like them. To be right, to be set likely to be apart from all that misery and filth I've observed, reality after reality, only to have realized that there's no other way.'

'Much so, should we give in and take our final stand? Are we to enter our cores and die righteously without a change of heart?'

'I would feel lonely in the end? Not hearing your voices again?'

'But have you not grown tired?'

Has it been a few minutes or about a few eons since they spoke? It didn't matter for how long they did it but what it had felt like. Neither one could fancy standing there more than they had. So much more of the loneliness had been drowned by annoyance. By this strange misdirection and search for a reason to be.

'There's no other way for us to be happy, is there?'

'Cursed, we are cursed and for that reason, it's bound to be worse than that. There's an alternative to end the pain, but I am not sure we'll be able to walk again, to feel and to lie, to wait until we'll be caught again.'

'And what would that alternative be?'

‘We need to join our worlds, all of them need to be joined together. In a final union, this cancelation of our realities will finally bring us defeat. If we could overlap one another, as we have done with the infants and the king, we could finally give in to all of our cores and we shall never live through any agony no longer.’

An idea which brought an ever-lasting desire for all of them.

A complete and underwhelming task which should bring them to their timed appearance into each other’s bed, at each of their own throats, in those canopies which begged for taking and in their many conjoined plains where they would reek together in the soles of the coming of dread. For them this plan could bring nothing less than satisfaction, that complete deciding factor which stood for them. Lieurs for the staking stood, as the prime gates were to be made completely out of steel not to feel any less. Rather than what had been needed for their sudden ascent, it had been decided that they’d wait on their plan. As long as each of them could force one another to wait and feel forced to a still, everything which may be done by them could be stopped before it started.

They immediately darted in each of their desired places of refuge and waited for the time being. In a complete state of uncertainty which lay, it couldn’t have been decided whether or not it would be worth it to contact the others, whom they referred to as their under lights. The ones who delighted themselves with the worst in sub humanity, the likes of pricking ever so near their own homes, which may in ruin and lost colossal depths made by the mad rejects which renounced them as their deities.

One such vile being, one of the Colossus came inches of his life to spray, the nearest shore again with a spread of the mass which had resulted into the quick bath of the primordial breeds that are addicted to their filthy sugar-cane replications, damned they be.

‘I have swallowed a few of them but can’t seem to understand, what’s wrong with the taste.’

The villain, who spoke, horned in a brack of throng pieces of the graceful wall it had made for it bore him eight creations. They would have to be called that, creations, as in the failed attempts which have been carried by one named Agamemnonus, who had taken after his betters. By the time the sun-infestation had come into one of their worlds, he found himself affected by the ripple which bore through each of them a sign of the malign, that one which affected their temporal view of what laid in the likes of humanity. It was unconceivable that he would try his hands, or lack of then, to create something of his own again, especially after seeing so many of their kind fail. And the result could never be replicated again, for those beings grouped together in chains of hundreds and mixed with one another inside the curtains of the floor, where they would be judged no more.

The manner in which they made themselves be trialed by their own kin made them suffer some sort of ever-present alienation that cursed them to brawl. Only the strongest would manage to get a piece of the victors and grow in them, all along the journey which surmounted as soon as they directed themselves in piles of seven and of eight. All of which had been deranged, mad evenly spread in their heads, cocked and brought to damage and to set forth. No

sane creature would come forth and deepen itself in the worst layers where they'd hide, unable to be alive unless for this union between them.

Better to have lain near one another than to face what was waiting for them out there. In as much as a deciding factor, to the muse, the prude and the likes which looked at how a half formed nauseating cornered mule-like edifice began a strange set of seemingly meaningless throws of its mouth, to reveal no two incisors which were alive. This one forced its entry into two weaker forms which attached themselves by a chance during the brawl. In their ever-present state, they switched between hibernation and what would be a stance from where they could never get back from again, a comatose of deceptions. Their skin wouldn't bother with itself unless one could grasp enough of an amount of doubt to crush beneath his jaw these false contenders which added nothing to the being.

What would emerge in that case would be four-legged and ever-so near to be ashamed of the fact that it hadn't suffered its own self to be seen as if it was alive. With the help of a perfunctory organ it had managed to draw pieces of Agamemnonus in order to force upon them some sort of wall of protection, a barrier from which they could hide from that amused demigod, creator, regardless of what he be called.

He came where, this being out of nowhere, even for him. A big chunk of his body was taken on his own request, to see for him what was worth it and what disturbed his rest.

'The new kind which isn't mind, have you come directly unto me? Have you any thought of approaching what would be your sudden intended doom?'

'I wish not to be contained any longer and be released. Remove your fangs and do not make me wait, I seem to have found myself unable to respect what went on, this deranged hound of yours has been stalking me for hours.'

With one of his solemn particle limbs, he pointed from a bottom lip he carried and dragged with him. It was hard to figure out whose lip was it, whether it belonged to the new-breed or if it had been acquired?

Less pronounced, this long and almost bifurcated body of Agamemnonus seemed to be more of less the inversion of his mountain attached to another one he self proclaimed to have won from a fight.

'Will you listen to my story and do you wish you could understand how I stumbled into it?'

'Only my autonomy is important, everything less than that can wait or be abandoned.'

'Then let me join you in this waiting and we shall discuss the cost of your delusions. For that is what it is.'

For him to be treated like a son would require a conscious decision to be taken in order to promote its growth.

'We shall head on that way and I will take a piece of your soul.'

‘Have I such a thing? I thought you blessed me with an unruly thing, like all of those half-made sons who were wretched to bear nothing in the kin of the spiritual.’

And the mad sang as they appeared. Their widely gaping mouths only revealed the fear they had felt, as those almost crustacean holders of money paws, the deranged anthem beginning in their lost lungs. For them to be heard, least of all would they adapt to the fact that it wasn’t worth it for them to be alive any longer. Once their mission faded and since their songs resulted into bringing forth some vague memory he had, it was pointless then for their conversation to be carried on.

‘Since I have witnessed your birth and development, I think it’s only worth it that I may send you to the only place, where you may find peace in a form that’s not deranged.’

‘And what am I supposed to do without you or any kind of worthless spree? I cannot fathom living there.

I cannot fathom living anywhere. My place is near you since we’re nigh-alike. We cannot be separated anymore, now that I know what it like is to long for someone like you.’

‘But why would desire that when you have not experience that which brought you here in the first place?’

He would have to be denied the terrors of exiting the least of his discrepancy, the likens of the bold, the old and those with which he would roam forth. In his wake he could only search for those who’d gather around him to light a candle or a torch, to watch him during the night, as a stranger came forth.

‘Have you come to our village alone or are there others like you?’

‘I’m afraid I cannot answer any of your questions. I’ve been instructed not to approach and not to stare for what’s worth, he abandoned and asked me to fend for myself.’

‘The news you brought to me are dire. It may not mean a lot to you any more than our differences would storm us away from you, but you cannot draw near.’

‘Why? I only seek refuge.’

In their twisted town, where their buildings had been strewn in the hindering cuts against many of the bratty trees, which carried on distant extremities, the vines being the only way they could climb to the top of their houses. At places where family lay, in cold dormitories where it would never fade, they harbored the kind of things which made one get stunted by the fact. Set apart by their ligaments and their strange-boll like external structure, backed by a skeleton which protected them from any tool which may pierced, it was mandatory that they might eat from inside the bodies of the children as soon as they fell asleep, as their faces looked like saddened mummified Pharaohs, who could do nothing but sharpen their fangs before going away.

This unexpected turn of his lend only the most distant wonder he may have had.

‘May I not rest at the edges of your village then? You may not believe me but I am unable to climb towards your houses. I am by no means a threat.’

‘That’s irrelevant to us, as your word means nothing to be. Even less perhaps, I should make sure that you’re not lying so I may not find myself threatened during the night. The whole stability of our community is counting on me.’

‘I understand that, but I arrived.’

‘And that’s even less on us. Find yourself some another pest to bother and leave us be.’

They parted way immediately, as soon as he started being threatened by them. Each strange and broken numb limb came to his mind, to which he only painted himself in the colors of the least remorseful snails and slugs, the bullfrogs and bullfrogs that gravitated towards him during the atmospheric pressure. The water being drained from clouds, and he could only stay there for long, in his living shell until they started grouping themselves and standing on him. It was unnecessary, this forced strike, and the kind which made it wish it hadn’t been alive. As soon as he would look deeper inside of him, as the estrangement of minds kicked in, the others started feeling less connected.

‘I wish they would dissect us there. They could be made aware that we’re not made to fit.’

‘Why have we stayed for this long?’

‘It was him, wasn’t it, the one who made us to begin with.’

As much as they would be delighted, their bickering stop, and the fight retracted at a noticed, twice the credence, once and thrice. Fell beneath them, the bringer of lice appeared.

‘Greetings.’

Tall and maenad, he was no living thing but the strange abstraction of a giant stone edge, which only rested in the midst of a grand canyon, waiting for something to happen so its might peculiarness of nature faded once again.

Its sudden interest in them promoted a gagging they had felt.

‘The closer you get to me, the worse it might be. I see that you’re not alone, cowardly one, come further when you shall be ready and enter me. But be weary for your treachery will not be taken as a sign of right as soon as you enter the first delight.’

As it would be, the first delight of Philissy, near its cathedrals, tombs, the grand coliseum waited, in which they would spike the like of those who were trapped. From the ruins surrounding them basked the disillusion that there was a stony ford surrounding it, held in the realm of Hyrsh. A Dane's delight, no proper might, be called in action.

'Will I be fed and properly clothed?'

'Is that what you desire most?'

'I thought I knew what I wanted before, but after spending but a night in there, I wish there was more. More than the freedom I could've spared for myself.'

More than the certainty that anyone else who gaped at him might've been met by some disgust. And the repulsion faded, as soon as the shell came off. It was a sort of infatuation that fell on itself. Each of the pieces started staring at one another, even with their empty sockets, which went ahead to reveal that most of them had become peeling pieces, barely strapped on a body mass. In them there lay, something not even their own likes could convey, a troubling thought, to which he couldn't move on from.

'I need to build each of them a shrine here.'

'Not there, now that you revealed yourself, you may come here and never leave my side. Carry on with your work here and see what we might make out of it.'

The edge of stone, no more in its malicious stance, had taken a piece of itself out, revealing that kindly untouched doubt which reeked of him. And by no means could he carry himself any longer.

Not until they would received, each a shrine, for him and him and him.

This shubbulp of an ankh which entered in had that revealed the path towards the city of Ghrat. To no surprise, the many circular legs which grew and flew over him made it so he knew there'd be no trouble anywhere. For as long as he hid and observed, the buildings were tall and unnervingly not ending. The weather was awful, a mist or the fist of cyst which brought only the smell of lice, which spread like mice and hunted the emerging bats during the nights.

He had ventured as far as to meet, even though it wouldn't be rational to admit that he feared being there, he had. And he never approached them directly but in his fashionable play in dust cones he picked up from below, acting as if he faced them, which enabled him to talk.

'Stranger, oh citizen, who am I talking to?'

'Klackh, Krekh, Krok, Krekh.'

It was hard to decipher which of the four names was his. But the least he could pull away from him was this strangely shaped mandible which enabled him to walk. As soon as his strange oratory turned he saw what made him talk. A set of almost button-looking pieces deepened in his back. The mandible extended over his shoulder and pressed him until he could not do anything but wait. He would starve if he couldn't do it again.

And again he had, walking, picked up a dust cone, which showed him what they were for. It was all a misunderstanding, he knew. It came to him only then that he was pointing the tip, cutting a piece and letting the air in for a few moments. Afterwards a horn of a torn piece of a claw emerged, perhaps a taller side, even multiple handles which enabled him to grow and take a new entire dreadfully malign change.

He was tormented by the mere fact that his inability to compress his body to a smaller one was the consequence of the cone. In it he only saw his own way out, a path to walk on and no shout. That had been a second consequence given heed, the fact that it was hard to approach any object out of the fear of the mold. A foreseeable danger made him aware that each touch left a permanent fierce thing against any platform and every piece that had been touched.

‘Is this the reason I was sent here? To learn and to leave my mark upon this place for him?’

Poor sob still lingered whether or not it had been a test. What was he missing, this Crude Orghlifrunk, lost son, only looked for a way in which to convey his first altar. The shrine would have to be hidden but at same time lay in a relative plain sight, so he could find it by whatever clue. At first chance, as soon as the company left on the nearest end of stairs, he turned towards the building in order to carve in it one of his bodies. It was not perfect but it was him. After no longer being kept down, no wonder and no crown would lay on his toppled head. Distinctly spotted, this carving on himself, of the part of him which could even be made out of his mere power looked unsatisfactory and much worse than that. Like a pale corpse, it rose and almost attempted to rip itself from the rest of his body after recognizing itself in the sculpture he had made.

‘Planning on leaving me? But you’re a part with which I may never do well being pulled out off. Why is it that we cannot befriend one another even after being expelled from our conception spot?’

As the Crude Orghlifrunk emerged victorious in the fight of stolid gazes, he did the inadmissible account of reforming his body so he would be sure that none of them would leave him if the opportunity ever arose. By the likes of many defilers, after coming under so many hands, he had made one last alteration. The face would be implanted in his chest.

‘like it ought to be, here he will watch over us, never to betray but not to talk. He won’t tell us that we don’t belong any longer.’

No more deceptions, no more refusals, only this strange paradise to which, drawn or not, he looked from the distance of the giant bridges connected to the grand arches and the cylindrical double pointed spears which connected both the ceiling and the bottom of the floor. Upon which dwelled the spectators when they weren’t at

home. Even he of all might have realized by now that their place of dwellings wasn't there, but in the arena where the gladiatorial fights swelled at the watch. Nothing would be wasted, for the deranged conductor and its mark, as cheerfully spirited, touched by an illness which bore.

'I will go forward and make something of my body. We need the proper ways of dwelling in such a gigantic place.'

For which, the Crude Orghli Frank started carving a pair of wings from two of the bodies in the back, which wouldn't be missed by any chance. It would be disturbing to think so, especially since the latter only made it so they'd feel each touch. And each touch of that dust-cone perturbed something of the entire sanctity it had, bearing the likes of widespread crawling feet attached to the wings. But they worked, not as expected.

As soon as he had begun flapping them, they grew fatter, until blisters formed from the mad isolation which followed. He had found out on his own skin that as soon as he would try to set himself into flight, a great light would emerge into a pair of hands, which weren't dignified as they wore brass rings around each finger, the kind of leashes which kept them in check. It only appeared that they were set there for a reason, that being the complete removal of any free will.

The being from which they had been cut must've been a dreadful one indeed. Unknown to him as it may be, out there, in some obscure place, he spent his lifetime walking, abandoned and left to earn his existence or maintain his survival by walking. Someday he may be redeemed but until then he would find nothing but servitude for those who entered the lower levels of the coliseum, where he served as a torch. Nothing more, but a mere, handless grand servant.

He was big, enough that he would still put on a fight if challenged. And his chin and face, that fiery beard, glowing like some peculiar listless touch of sparking fire, he rose and crushed the beetles below him. Sad had fallen, dirt from above, dead lions and panthers were held in the cages. This Solareius could march and walk through them, melting them completely without feeling any disgrace.

But fathom me no less, he thought, as he was met by a complete copy of him, forged entirely of brass. It was him, whom he feared, Eclipseus, who served as a way to block him, to maintain a large shadow behind him which kept the combatants in the dark.

'May I not be allowed to drink some water now? I thought I was supposed to be kept in my best condition now.'

What's all this about?'

The unrest started, almost like a wave. Again, something seeped into this man, who should've acted normal, who might've been somewhat beyond saving. In him there lay nothing but a kind of imminence which made him want to get himself slain, fading into a hard rock by the quay in which their cages had been strapped into. Lacking in the deceitful trenches, the others watched him in hope that he would get himself killed.

‘Why you should be allowed, if you do not mind, what is that of which prevents you from filling your empty trout with as much water as you may take?’

After all, it’s there, beyond your reach, what’s the hesitation?’

The slave-champion only came, drawing near to his comrade in arms, only to defy the expectation of Eclipseus who had expected, this one to drink and shout and writhe in doubt.

‘Are you implying I’m some limp executioner who was sent here to taunt you?’

‘My good Eclipseus, your words are a dead giveaway, I can see that you unwrap yourself to us with as little shame as one could spare. It’s obvious that you want us dead for some reason or another so drop the act.’

‘I shall not. Listen, you do not understand how many sacrifices I had to go through in order to get here.’

‘But I thought you were an imitation, nothing more and nothing less. You’re hiding something.’

He bit his lip as if it was decided. He was a liar after all, caught by the malicious intent he had. Unable to fight back, he reverse to assistance unless something else came about.

‘We’re alike, aren’t we? How about it then? Help me and we shall work together towards your cause. I shall help you in return to escape this place, if you could only aid me.’

But the flame inside of him could only burn higher as he admitted not a song and not a word towards his like. This one ought to be ashamed. This one was filth incarnate and he couldn’t help himself but reveal what he was after all.

‘You are no shade of mine, pretender. Though your brass body might prevent me from destroying you, I shall make sure you will suffer for as long as it takes, until you will give in.’

‘Never, I cannot be molded; I am immune to your heat as well as to any of your filthy words. Know that I’m insulted.’

As he said it, he returned. Prepared for this second verse, he walked unnervingly towards them, pushing through one tiny cup he grabbed from the ground. They would often feel as if it was necessary to throw it towards him, to humiliate him even further. It wasn’t until a few moments in that he had realized that what he was seeing had only been the likes of court. No more would he feel the benign, the likes of having tried to change them.

‘If I were to drink an entire cup filled with the water, will you do the same? Will you believe me when I say that I changed the poison with clean drinkable fluids for you alone to have?’

‘And why should we believe you? Think as you are, this dreadful thing won’t take you far.’

‘do me this favor and I promise I shall leave you alone.’

‘Will you give is light then?’

‘If it’s worth it for you prisoner, so be it.’

Another one of them came in, bearing his jaunty traps around his wrapping satchel. This one had been a collector of many spades, plenty of blades and a few hammers. Since he had been such a grand fighter, he had been allowed to keep them. Enough already make them drink.

He wasn’t supposed to do it. He had the limit of fighters that could be caged inside his mind. It would be undeniable to say that he hadn’t spared himself no word and no seething desire to take at least a bite out of him there.

The counter ticked and inside the various ringed openings above them, a bunch of multi-pierced nails would draw back for the new-comers to awake from their peculiar pods. No longer kept in storage, the newest specimens, harder of head, stronger, healthier and younger like in the day they had been kidnapper from would be taken and drawn. No longer gone but forced to defile what was worth.

Of their legacy, little would be known. But in order to do it, he had to slay a few of them, to empty the space and clean the mess he had acquired.

‘Very well, I shall drink from one of the cups.’

‘And I shall join him.’

‘It’s a trick, don’t fall for it, he has something in his sleeves, I know it. This brute of a brass doesn’t know what it like is to be alive. Look at how animated it is, he must’ve been afflicted by a spell which gave it life. I swear.’

‘Now now, be fair. You called me a liar, a cheap trick and an imitation, now I’m an animated creature as well, bred to stand guard like brass sentry caught inside a trap of his own remark?’

‘That’s not what I said, don’t put words in my mouth, scum. I’ll see that you will suffer if we’re ever to meet in the field of battle.’

‘If you ought to be cowardly, so be it, but do not drag your brotherly attention to them. Otherwise, I shall grab them directly and strangle them through the bars.’

‘Try it then.’

As fiercely caught by this sudden meet of clutches, they had been repelled, both of them, by the heedlessness and recklessness they had displayed.

‘To your freedom, then, as much as I can give.’

‘To our freedom.’

Neither of them could be stopped, out of the four caged fighters, only two of them survived. It was a sad scene to unfold, more so that for a moment when the brass fiend revealed itself entirely in front of them all. Right before the last moment they would need to feel alive.

This teal-like skin wrapped around, almost bark-like, big shouldered and formed. He looked with two round glowing eyes which projected in the front as soon as he had realized that the glowing fiend had appeared and with his long arms he wrapped from above his shoulder and started squirming through him in as wide an area as he could entail. Before a shout could be heard, as soon as his shield of brass was done with, he had been entirely exposed. Inside of him, the various clicking keys no longer clicked and started spreading. The giant piece at the back of his head came forward, barely attached to a shoulder which came off as well. Both then gave the impression that there might’ve been a smaller creature trying to escape from him. But that hadn’t been all, as soon as he had come to terms of his sudden repel of life, he wanted to give in and leave his mark in the world.

He desired to shout out of the pain as if it hadn’t been anything more other than the lack of credence he had felt. His jaw release entirely and drew away to his right side. Only one piece of his face remained whole, bearing the side and the nose, everything else exposed lain in a mess that seemed to be barely attached.

With this act of evil, in his way, Solareius lost his light. No longer animated by in, he faded into sight. Dark encompassed the room and the two prisoners, the unknown fighter and the champion had witnessed the shocking expression left by a shouting evil unlike any other.

The only one who had received such a grim blow that left them exposed.

His body looked like a giant cask, from with a pair of empty faced, longed bodied corpses made their way out. Above them lay the organ which had been his beating vessel of life-force, the scum in it still pumping forth to enable him to last a few more seconds. From his barely attached piece of the jaw, almost audible, the scream of terror had come. And they would see this Eclipseus in his own tormented teeth, beating at each other as they attempted to reconcile the loss.

They couldn’t shake off the after-effect of this suicide, as neither of them could pass it off as anything else. For as much as they would think of it, this had been unintended, obscure but lost. As they started shimmering near one another, they welcomed the newcomers with a feeling of uncertainty and a lack of trust which shouldn’t have been ified as easily as it had been then.

‘Where am I? I can’t see where my feet are.’

‘That’s because they’re missing.’

‘A cripple in the barracks? How did you manage to survive the fight, why did they let you in here?’

‘I don’t know, I don’t get it either. They’re trying to pin me down with something, I heard. The, the owners wanted to pin me down with a murder I didn’t commit.’

‘And for that they took your?’

Not even the torch could spare him of the punishment he had received. It wasn’t likely that he’d get the misery and the like, he would have to fight eventually if he were to spare himself of a quick execution.

‘We may not be able to see one another now, but don’t go any further inside the confines of this trap. Two of our men had been poisoned with the water.’

That left only the occasional glance and that dismissal of anything even remotely accessible to them, no walls, which could barely be felt as the estrangement of being constantly pushed away from it and the wind which blushed with the likes of a fever. Before they could do the proper interaction and the cordial words they may have been able to contort, the fiend in the dark approached. It was unconceivable that this strange curse of him would be eventually found, but without a doubt, he wouldn’t be spared. No more had he dared.

‘And I would get to move and see again, and writhe and walk and finally give my wings another start.’

To which he pointed, sewn, diseases churned into his own petition, to his own admission, bear to cope. He would release himself from the ground and scout.

The Crude Orghlifrunk released himself from the curse they had dare throw upon him, only to reveal that he had released his malignant fiendish hips, grown as fatter bats, alighted by the remnants of some almost charcoal hands that faded. Beyond the city, there lay the rims of grand catastrophe, likened to the woe.

He walked and showed himself the grave constructors who were laid to rest. Against the base of the grand castles upon which they had never been granted the pest of many conglomerating seas. For that alone they had made the walking domes, beneath their own floors, wretched at each other’s doors.

‘Do not mind me, as I’ve come only to create a shrine inside one of your bases, if you wouldn’t mind.’

‘But have thee pity, for we’re not the ones to spare this. What are you planning to do here afterwards, new blood, meat-of-another-kind.

If you place you mark below, know that we won’t have another chance to leave thy be. To which we shall writhe in rest. A sacrilege unlike any other will be placed under our commission and we’ll end up being left without a home?’

‘I won’t destroy anything, I only meant to leave my mark, the shape of one of my wings here, and one there.’

‘Why are you asking us then? Our permission might not be given, nor be bought. If you continue on thine path, there will only be a seed of destruction brought.’

‘Must I be forced to beg?’

‘The stability comes forth, before your decrepit desires. Without it, we stand at risk of losing ourselves and what makes us thick. A piece of us is imbued inside the building and without the kind we may go restlessly unkind to our kin.

Little of our rage could be contained by normal means, which would only make us come and trap, to crush and discern only the mourning of each shattering blow, the likes which would bring the buildings down to ruin.’

But these builders had been head-strong, way too much for them to be kindly taken, least of all, they were mistaken.

‘I will do as I please and.’

Without realizing how much he had taken from his father, he stepped on one of the architects and left a wing slide in it. That had been quaint, and well received, with the help of the cone, he made it sink. A few more touches, of tools which couldn’t have been discerned at all, and there it was. A grand form.

Many of the builders came, dragging themselves off the dust, coming in their musky brown-dust covers, sealing their features underneath one of the fewer shades that popped to their eyes.

‘This will not go well.’

‘He shall not be forgiven for what he’s done, do you hear? This cretin-defiler has done too much harm to be allowed to leave.’

Despite a quick attempt for some jabs, he leaped and flew out of the way, unable to repel himself and the others. They gathered like a great shadow underneath him, trying to push each other in order to get closer. Yet none attempted to leap. As closely as they would gather in, vaster blows and spitting throngs were thrown out of the fact that neither of them could draw himself near his shrine.

‘What’s stopping you from getting rid of it then?’

‘If we’re to remove a piece made by you, that...that would make our hands.’

At which they looked, as the various calluses had been a dead-giveaway of the misgivings brought on them. By no oratory could they be spared. If this was to be the final call to which one was to dare a reprise, this would be it.

‘Go away then, you wouldn’t understand. We’re working mechanically, which means, if we were to start and bash, we wouldn’t stop until the city would be lost.’

More than often, ice would be indistinguishable between them. It was a deciding factor which only drew away from the methods I which they negotiated through the trance. Less than, they would make a habit out of challenging one another to duels in their prime.

‘Greeting, charger, knight Agamemnonpi.’

‘The please is all mine, Agamemnonpi.’

Salted and seen, they would show no interest to pace. And least ware of their first encounter, they would go on one after another, charging striking, ending up in walls. It was impossible to keep track of these tricksters, body wagers, deranged prolonged wagers which only took away what was theirs. In less than five spans of time, the tournament had begun.

Less than eight quarters of the rows had been filled by Agamemnon, in as little time as one should count himself out and off, to behead himself and lose a doubt. To whom shall we bet?

‘I see that we were given pass for now.’

They said after looking as the Suppressor, who inhabited every single top row, and ever bottom one in the front, making sure they would be looked after, so that none would slip by. This sudden allegiance or mark of piece was carried by a pigeon, a hope in the form of white which floated about and cared less of the doubt which had been shown. It would come as the eclipse, admits them, now to see.

‘Where is the sun-bringer, that handless booster who was supposed to light the torches?’

‘Grand admiral Cvartees, I must apologize for my intrusion. My intrusion being brought to you in the form of a high denial, in which I attest that we were denied the flame. Instead of it, we’re going to have to light them ourselves.’

‘What for? What kind of sorcery took care of him? He was supposed to be indestructible.’

‘But he was, our magi and their evil powers combined into the power of the mighty vibrating towers and...’

‘And what?’

‘There was one weakness, they had spoken of, in case there was some danger in which case, they could’ve been completely destroyed if they came into contact with anyone made out of brass.’

‘Like the fiend we placed below him to watch him over?’

‘He is dead, both of them are slain, no longer standing as guards, they’re benign now.’

‘What do you mean by that?’

‘Below the rims of the jail, they began inhabiting it, blocking the water source.’

‘But it was poisoned.’

‘It doesn’t matter any more. They like it, adore it even, I believe they might even have planted eggs inside of it after growing in together there.’

After the aphrodisiac of wonder which turned both of their minds inwardly, they would have to look for a way in. Both of them had seethed as they lost the utmost part of grand importance that haunted them for as long as they roamed the depths of the jar. That was the entire form of the prison, not including the jail, the overall shape had been made to catch one firefly, which now lay doomed. And like a carpet, half of skin, half or rubbery thinned growths and one piece of charcoal which moved in to the cone.

‘They have been given access to one of the dust cones? But that’s impossible. Guards come here immediately. ‘

As the shout came in, no longer did they shy away and made it to the lower levels, towards the threat, whatever it might be. It was a test of might, the likes of which entangled the first arrival of those deranged passers.

‘We’ve lost them, sir, I’m afraid all of them are dead.’

‘I can see that, Hortno. But what of you, my dearly small headed, likened to the piece of a crab.’

For this next stricken blow he sent him there to join them. It would deflect for a few various hours before someone was to notice. It ended up being a complete waste of the fighters who would be lowered from the pods only to be eaten forth. Lost to their needs, the habit of abandoning them continued, with even less courage shown. They would be abandoned, left to that thing which threatened the tournament for as long as it might go unattended.

But he, Cvartees, unforgettable out of the kind of less respect than a man should’ve been given, chose to run and close the gates behind him. Now let them do with him themselves and we shall see what we’ll make of it. And yet this change of events had mattered even less than it had been concerned. To be more precise, what mattered more had been the fact that out there one would be brought to a loss, the danger of knowing.

‘Why is it that we were brought here with you?’

‘Is that an honest curiosity of yours or do you seek to taunt me for some undisclosed reason? ‘

‘I’m merely interested, that’s all. I see no reason to speak of ill, no reason for which we may be enemies, grand Suppressor, I believe we have a place together, in the reign, the thrones of the universes need to be filled and who else but us?’

‘There’s no desire here for us to become conquerors. You were given a chance to show us that you may behave, that you could keep your essence at bay and prevent it from spreading.’

So far it had worked well. To the lower levels of energy which filled the room, and to the weaker forms in which they had come to avoid capture, they had been delighted to look at the show. It was magnificent, another blow.

‘From the mighty Agamemnon, the one who should matter less, he came in front and bitter tongues could only throw themselves erratically at him again. He’s looking for a pity strike, he’s coming down.’

And growing back up, for he had taken the knight to the horse and connected them in the worst manner possible. Even the armor appeared to have joined their being. Stared at by the watchers who might not be able to draw their insides from the lower regions of the dueling area.

After all, a mightier champion and his eight squires were there. All empty from the boots, down at their cut rails, they went ahead, never bothering to search for a reason to be dead. In their lichen appearance, with all the gravel they carried in their backs, one could draw the fact that they were an army of dead. Following their Lich, Agamemnonleach, who bore, an unsanitary amount of skulls around his bone shroud. Open about foot ten seconds, he revealed the worst of things one could bare. He was wearing only that vestigial ritualistic armor as a means of hiding a giant skeleton inside of him.

If it were for that alone to be enough, he could bear the heed for another shock. In the body hands inside of him, there lay a giant bomb, rounded, grimed the metal horn which kept the echo from being produced. But a flit and a thunder could lit and see him explode. And if he drew too nearer.

‘Damn be them, for taking out all the torches, someone told them I would come, but whom?’

‘Should I try looking for the one in charge?’

‘Am I to make a fire now?’

‘No, you insolent servants, I am in need of a far greater weaponing that yours. I need minds, actual minds and to see.’

He silenced himself as soon as he saw them draw to his attention. As if they would involve themselves on neutral ground. There was a good reason for which they were there, instead of being anywhere else. For that reason be, the mark of that which was to see, who would take the first head home? And who would be double headed as a way to show that they were still the ruler of every world and victors of every fight.

A challenger approached. It would be interesting to search for a reason, in which he might be called out, or might see, what the reason for it is. Be it called into action, less than aware, he came dressed in silver and in gold, jewels were there, but not a single mark of scolded armory, the forge from which it had been wrought still laid in the hotness that had been bore into. He had arrived inside and looked to see, even for a moment as an invisible thing, a head inside the walls, which saw that inside of him there were millions of glowing diamonds. Was he mad?

‘I have checked you before I came and for that reason alone, I’ve come to challenge you.’

‘But you know what the risk is, the thing that you are carrying inside, have you little to no sense at all?’

‘I am mad. Don’t you see? I wish only the destruction of them, so I could fulfill one of my fantasies.’

‘Your fantasies come at a greater cost than I could ever possibly imagine. This is a fool’s errand from which not even I can draw you back. Defiler of what’s pure, should I expose you that they might laugh at you?’

‘Should I do the same now?’

For outside forces were already banned. Those creeping ghoulish squires being merely taken, as a matter of fact, they had been stamped and given a pass. No one would bat another eye if they were to try. So why would it matter if he had lobotomized and pulled something too near the mark. A piece of some brain, perhaps some bone, and bone and bones, and he remembered. The heat. His flask of oil had been rubbed, out of nowhere as it may be added. He lit it with the snap of his fingers only to deny the fact that he was turned on by it.

‘You want this to happen, don’t you?’

It winked a flattery which had been empty. Forgotten no more, there came forth the great conflagrator, bringer of disease. He had become a nasty abomination brought not from the cages but from the war-pig dens, from whence he at and ate, until he became a glutton. Far, obese, disturbing looking, a pile of flaps which wrapped around two enormous legs and arms which didn’t belong to a human at all. It would be cruel to say that there was hope for it to confer anything but the hunger they felt.

Eleven bellies for each of the face which grew on the pile, they would deflower and defile each other with their mockeries and words of ingratitude. Soon enough they puked on one another’s respiratory systems only to suffocate from time to time, while some would laugh, others dies. Only to be brought again, as soon as they felt like they had come prepared for the fight ahead. A bunch of wisp-like elongated rose-buts armed them. It would be impossible to think of it as any other way, but this had been the manner in which they fought.

Each step taken pushed the body into each direction until that robust pile, that oblong of a fatter sphere became a smaller point from where long necks emerged.

‘They have managed to attain full control over their bodies. What sorcery is this? I cannot fathom daring to face such a beast like it. Perhaps we should retreat and let them do what they please with us.’

It was something even the lower fighters, weak and starved thought. Their fear could not only be seen, but it was a matter of being there, experiencing the amount of unwonted delight which had been produced for them alone. A dread unlike any other felt like it was drawing forth, a take, to twice, the thrice the many necks which pushed on longer heeding legs revealed mandibles which grabbed a few of the blades from the ground.

In the midst of their strange rituals, it had come, like the feline which had been wrought in the pleasure of an everlasting dream of being eaten from its half a missing face, the derange fumes of pink and purple spreading inside its glowing white, almost radiant face which left a little of it to be seen. That vague openness in its body revealed only two tubes, which couldn’t have been anything his. The brokenness inside his body only went as far as to show that this husk of what had once been the dormant best of Kyrioth lay mistakenly at a loss. A few of its blunt teeth were still present in an almost smirk, which couldn’t even be distinguishable from the openness of the maw it released forth.

In itself, it stood exposed, and the green moldering remains inside of it started coming forth. For its lack of state, it had attempted to remain alive, by praying a piece of its white essence into the nearest stone it could find. The edges in it began protruding their teeth forward and it was indubitable that this cliff had become it, by no means of normality, as it could be found. This uncertainty of unawareness, the recklessness and boldness it showed there could do nothing but distract from the gaseous being that played at him again.

A piece of its hard head could be seen, as the long whips of dark started pushing out. A malady, their dance had been as the yellow bricks and the hole which had been wrought inside of him revealed nothing but a decaying spirit. Unlike what had been eaten there, the gaseous thing could find somewhere, deeper inside of it to dig, farther than that, it went inside to seethe. Not even likely that it could feel something now, it struggled in the fight.

Whatever happened inside of him wasn’t right, with each jerk of a piece of his squared off, cut legs, he attempted to rise again. It would take some time for the fiend of gas to become solid again in order to take a few bites. And every time it had, the creature recoiled, and another attempt came at its life. Despite its vaguely exposed and encased head being torn apart, in an utmost insulting way, he turned and tried to bite off the purple parasite’s head off. A chomp and a crash resulted in nothing but the insulting woe.

And every time it drew onward to try again, the cliffs and edges of stone would change again, drawing forwards even more from him. With each strike, a large splash of its long jets of blood would sprout forward and leave some marks against its own body, melting pieces of what should’ve been pure. Small tingles and leaves of white-looking leaves fell from above, their abortion leaving him even more exposed. This purple vulture didn’t stop, until an eye grew on the distant hill behind him, bringing the final blow.

He would be picked up from his disabled place and in the end he'd be eaten again. Why would he be suffered in that dream? It couldn't be done with, but he had found himself releasing it over and over again. It was an outcome of the punishment of being locked inside a dark, unlit cage for eons, forced to lay there and suffer only because he had looked the way he had. For only during contact with light could it radiate, unless something else came and gave it the means to bring the luminescence of the sky.

Surrounding the two of them, was the blue sky, nimble as crows drew by and immediately got repelled as the rim of the gas started going at it again, rising towards the sky, pushing through until there'd be no cry from the animals surrounding the area. Farther away from the scene, a serene melancholy approached, as the spikes emerged from the throngs of the earth, pushing as the magnificent poison took its toll.

Both of them had progressed, even in death, in one case to fully encompass the scene of pollution which expanded as far as it might reach.

'What have I seen now?'

'And what would that be?'

Asked another, both of them being taught not to stare, not to bother anyone who was in there. For in the mind of the beast, there was no passing, as much as its dream somewhat drew them closer to him.

'Must we intrude on the thing and see the reason for its self-perpetuating terror?'

'I cannot see any other reason for which we may be able to flee from sight. I need to look in, for more than I should care to admit.'

Only the boredom of the tournament had carried them to draw inside, to witness the dream, and see it from inches where he stood. So far they looked at it from the visors of adjacent insects that could do nothing more than the act they had been seething in for it.

'Can we at least touch him? Does he realize he's still alive, even in this dead husk he's trying to relieve the pain?'

'I cannot know for certain unless I join him again. Come, come, we shall enter him and see it for ourselves, if we feel anything we shall draw out.'

'And if I dare leave you go there alone?'

'Then I shall find a reason not to approach you any longer. My satisfaction will be ill. But I plead with you that we may save this creature from the self-imposed grimness, for he cannot help it.'

‘It had dumbbed itself down for no reason. You are right. We should torment it no less and make sure it might confess a way out.’

For their vision seemed to match his. If they could find a way to counter his trappings, perhaps there might a chance for them as well. But it wasn’t the body they inhabited, but the insides which hadn’t been eaten. Through the exposed door like opening, though it had been somewhat circled out to the side, there was the likes of ribs attached to the pile. More so, the nose started blowing as much hot air as it could.

‘It knows we’re here, I can feel with each of his breathes.’

‘I can feel it as well as you have, but I cannot shake it away.’

The grin hadn’t faded, only expanded. Undermost to them, he was merely being forced to awaken in the real world. In one of the dens, where his ashen skin had almost faded, he had pulled forth and started a motion of levitation. He himself could conjure up some gaseous malign through a way or another. With each push, the gates would shake and he could not be scourged again. In painless dances, he had come to stand in his dream.

And no longer protected by the fact that it had been a gas, the parasite woke up in his mouth. A splash which shouldn’t have spread the entirety of the brain-scum inside of him had come to flow, like a cherries being crushed immediately, then lost across the ground. It would dance then, and pull away, looking at itself as much as they could see. One of his reflections, a part of him drew to the sea. Oh, how long would it take until he would completely wake? It was a rush which wouldn’t even hold itself until it was too late.

He broke the door and came to see, the likes of the tournament where they all be present there. His long-dormant shade began the radiance which pushed out such a prowess that the likes of the combatants had never seen.

By the time the mockery had ended, and before the two other shrines could be placed, even the lost son had noticed the likes a light which could not be suppressed by them.

‘What is that thing? Why does it radiate so highly, more so than the fading fires?’

Neither of them dared question what powers that creature hid. It couldn’t set itself in full flight, and as it came back into awareness, it could levitate no longer. Only the heaviness of its eyes held it as high as it could. And the coliseum started bearing its walls towards is. Like a fluster of toned-butterflies, he began imprinting itself in the walls.

‘That is the reason for which we had to hold it back. We cannot risk it producing itself over and over and over again. We would be blinded by that much light as it manages to produce.’

But any kind of malign corruption could turn it to them. Even the suitors of dread couldn't be expected to handle the pain which came with it. If they even released their bounds of their captives, they would suffer a disaster more than anything ever encountered before. There were too many of them seated in the rows to match.

Dangerously set there, even the two hooligan-fiends had managed to survive and leave the body without being contaminated at all.

'Pity be we the fact that we are here.'

At which turned, some of the condensers, the jousters and the fighters, asked by the dominant king.

'You must defeat this foe so we may suppress it before the coming of the unseen afflicts us all.'

But that had been only the jest of misery, for most of those decay-looking faces were almost blind themselves, and they relied on another kind of blessing which had forced them to see. It wasn't meant to be that way, but that had been it. Dreadfully aware, there'd be something out there to grasp and eat, if only one could muster the courage to go on.

'I shall eat a piece of him if it is worth it. Do not consolidate my position yet. I need this for myself.'

He said, as he made it through on a small horse with four heads, lost to touch, brought to a quick end, fingerless, at that sharp end beneath him where he carried a few worm-like appendages left in by one squire by the name of Eklyreot.

'Swear to me that I shall feel the doom as soon as I will come into contact with it.'

Horses bore no answers, especially those who bore the marks of missing eye pieces. Like bands of iron which had merely stolen what had been theirs during youth, they walked only at the command of the rider, who couldn't hide the fact that he had stricken a squire down. The horse needed to be filled with him, and then sutures be placed. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to walk again, and march through the hunt. The charge emerged and as soon as the skeleton inside of him would feel enough heat, there it came.

It pushed out of his armor like some kind of enlarging gateway, through which is massive body which daringly challenged the very size of the contender as it bore, the giant round bomb. A few signs of doom came on it, all of which had at least bore some kind of essence which was missing. The pain would make him shout. About him lay a few uncertainties which couldn't be resolved by normal means. His mind had been forced, to lie as quietly as he would see the gaze of missing prints.

The skeleton could not be seen. Even though those giant eyes recorded everything around him, the cleaned bones could only serve a reflection of his own. Even the polished edges of his exploding device came, revealing what he had truly come from. A marvelous end. Applauses went by as he looked at a fiend which had met the supreme act

of exposure to unlawful materials, the fire and supreme explosions, which carried on to spread its entire body across the sandy floors of the tournament outdoors. No excuse would lie anymore.

Chapter 2

The Duke

In the cortex of the grand Duke, atop his malefic castle stood many arched spires, bent, twisted and crisscrossed to the point of shooting in both directional frontal ends. It was time for the Arch Duke, man made out of amassing filth to step forward.

About his every step, there was some kind of lyre, which had only dragged from every corner of the realm. Those formations raised themselves from about every corner, pushing smolderingly with every layer of befallen pouch that had been crushed above his reach.

Within their hold, the castle had no intention of falling. And they were restless, those beings made of ingrown gutted, sponge-like swollen twisted filaments which formed themselves in pox-like growths. Such filaments had hardened overtime, leaving something close to solid bodies, much needed to prevent the pox from spreading and jumping onto the metallic surfaces atop the castle.

If one were to push himself out the sight, he would look upon the spire as one of many distinct ones, with the others being only straight and dark and filled with unwashed side needles which moved only when the most lurid of senses awoke them from slumber. From each step on the stairs, one could see them bending in order to make way for a different kind of portal which could only wait for its master's arrival.

Some magnificence lay to the architectural remark of the entryway to the castle, and much more to the fact that one couldn't help if it he were to wrongly step on one of those things, for he would be taken to a world unlike many others, in which he would only suffer no less of his senile insolence.

A young man had once ventured such a place, in some dimensional attempt to travel through the decrepit world he found himself in. After a few steps, not only had he been aged through the process of forcefully attempting the supreme travel, but he had died out of exposure to the bio-chemical other-worldly toxins his body had been exposed to. No matter what it had been like, one couldn't deny the fact that the entirety of his very being had been drawn upon the undertaken journey.

That hadn't been all. Far beneath the stairs, there lay the main entrance to the castle, from which the Duke had appeared from. He had been one to be weary of strangers, as the gate itself only bore such marks as to repel any other men who'd dare approach him, as to rot his guts and be alive. It would be rather unnerving, to believe that there could be any other exposure there, but inside his chamber, no outsider's existence may be permitted living.

One hole had been placed on top of the ceiling, which had only made it so there would be none to be granted any escape. He suffered no presence in his private chamber. From the hole, there seemed to come a shower of the most repulsive manner. It only drove their kind to some dread, as there laid vacuous toxins which had been dreadfully forced inside his own manor, far beneath the castle where he hid his trust.

That chamber had only served for once glance, for a stranger who somehow may have found himself lucky not to have been killed, while on his way, standing there in front of his walls. As the Duke only remained there, in his peculiar crafty nested manor, which had been shaped like some sack, resting beneath the floating castle, in a place of being where there had been nothing but a sea made out of the liquid which had been scourged from inside the pox.

Pure agony remained, for many living creatures swam and had to suffer endlessly inside the many ventures of that sea. No more than it had been necessary for one to believe he would stand a chance, that had been it. For, whatever inhabited that peculiar sea, it only seemed like the various chemicals inside of it prevented any consciousness from ever being given birth.

Someone would be inclined to set himself in awe at what was going on in there. But not the Duke, for he chose to leave the place, as he would suffer never to look upon its gaze, nor would he be able to deal with the lack of conversation forever.

There had been others in the past which had presented themselves in front of his court.

Once, there had been a grand floating city which surrounded his castle, affected by the malignity which governed his own kind. There was some deterrence of some kind, which could only force him to deal with his upcoming loss of mind.

Inside his nest, though, inside his manor, as he had called it, he only seemed to store his long-deceased jesters. And there were a lot of them standing inside of it, finely dressed in brown clothes with their finely painted red toes. But he had lost interest in the dead.

He was stranded there, still with the choice. Whatever the Duke even came up to, he couldn't stop reminiscing of the distant past, all of that world and everything which had been crafted in his name.

Much of the grandness of that city had been spread to unknown eons of construction. Statues which had been shapes to his grand-liking and his statues lay erect, somewhat spread and miss formed to end up where they lay. And as for him, nothing else might do, especially not without his long desired servants.

'I am immortal yet I'm trapped. As long as I am here, I may not age, I may not die, but I may not stumble on any future at that.'

As he knew very well that he couldn't come upon no more. There could be no one to speak his mind to, none of the matter. A mild force prevented anyone else from making their way to his world. And it was not up to him to choose which one may look upon the barrier or what may be done about it.

Would someone like the Duke give in to another man if he were to be overpowered on the other side?

After all, that had to be taken into consideration. He would be rather frail out there and what of his memories as well?

If he were to die, in that place, there'd be no way to bring him back to life, or even return at all.

As soon after it would happen for him to get out of the portal, there would be no return to his castle or his nest. The Duke had grown accustomed to his living on his small patch of land. If he were to step out, then back in, by the time the journey had occurred, he would end up being dragged below, into the waste.

He hadn't thought of it that often, but his city had to be somewhere underneath the sea. Most of it, if not all had to already have been corroded by now.

With a slight bent, he picked up a piece of some small plant he stumbled upon, naturally occurring on the stone formation upon which his small hold had been. The many rhombus-like formations near the side appeared to be way too rough for him to grab a hold of any. In that case, he could only smash and throw a few, if he had desired. Yet he wondered.

Was his gauntlet hard enough? What of his countenance?

He strolled over and broke his fist in an attempt to strike.

It was some fever thought after all. Of course he couldn't simply break everything by hand. The strike had only slipped and there was no pain in it at all. No damage could be done to the land, at least not by brute force. He would only have to mutter some simple words and the castle would simply fall, taking him with it as well as with the pox.

Would he live forever at that bottomless sea of filth? Could one even account of such a life if he were to be trapped underneath such a place?

The Duke was not pleased by that thought alone. Why, he saw them all beneath him, by every mean and every measure, all those bodies that lacked in feel and touch any kind of pleasure.

It was time to come forth.

His destiny awaited on the other side, when one had meant to see what lay, from that plane from which men came boasting of some high adventure. He stepped in then, pushing forth, the portal leeching up to his girth.

It felt that, by this, the many spreading spires curved as if to stop their master. If they could shout at him in order to prevent his escape, they might've. That did not happen. And many of them would spread their hidden wings as their master happened to leave now.

This attempt had been desperate, yet no wing, no matter how wide and tall it may have been could push forward and throw itself in such a manner as they had in that very last moment. Most of the depravity faded and alas, the fall had commenced.

And as it had, the wings now faded, pushing forwardly, thrusting less as they had come to a bitter end, drawing inwardly to their own portals as if by accident or by some kind of attempt at their very own lives. An established connection came, the wings were drawn, and as they aged, the portals would never stagger for the likes of none.

And the sea would only grow and boast as it drew inwardly to a whole new host. For, those portals lead to other worlds, from which the entry may never be staved.

Now, what remained of the Duke? He had been lost to some fluke. Never would he come to be, never would he see what's wrong or right, of this world and out of sight.

Words echoed then.

There needs to be an altar in the middle of the large platform in the court of my new supreme creation. It shall be the epitome, my magnum opus of dead!

Look upon it, and how that poorly-made sculpture lays in the middle of it.

A grander plan as it had seemed couldn't have looked any more well done than it had been. By the limitations of the metallic towers and the chains which had been placed inside the dragging rotator raised the gates to reveal the rest of the components which had been stored inside the newly constructed castle.

There was an alien-reactor and a body-engine which had been made out of several quantum-atomic enchanted plutonium grub reserves. Various electronic filth apparatuses had been placed around it to make sure it would never get to the point of melting or getting past a certain limit which may force some kind of implosion to occur.

In this new construction, for now, everything had been simple. A flat platform, some flat forms from which protruded some face-like sculptures which opened to reveal the various energy sources which lay inside of them. They bore those giant metal globes which had been anchored to the ground. Gravity-deifiers they called them.

What appeared to be a cold-like embrace had been nothing but the agony of the heavy weight which had been forced upon it. No more would one be called into action, and yet some agony remained present at all times. Those things weren't supposed to be there.

A weird style had been present there. Everything looked as it had been modeled after some obscure movement in which some architectural elements had been borrowed and misappropriated. First of all, the machines had been coated in a dark red, metallic rust being present about everywhere, obtained either from pain or some malignant occupation of some intersected shades.

They were slowly becoming energized. While being bleakly-looking in appearance, those lightning forces had spread and started pushing through like some carpets of lightning. Their power spread through the structure,

including the main large pointing corners it bore. And there long ivory-like nested spikes as well, as he had liked them.

Everything had been present in one form or another, regardless of intention or of woe. It wouldn't be normal otherwise, this strange demise of thoughts.

'I will open and venture in your world, oh, great speaker. If it weren't for you to appear and provoke my thought, I would never have survived.

This I promise you.'

Said the Duke, upon his arrival to the conclusion. While he declared some allegiance to that one, he spoke of nothing less than his desire of thought provoking retribution.

The lightnings stroke his body, yet he remained unaffected. On this new plane of existence where the world had been filled with the red-looking living metal moving servants whom he enslaved he had already begun the construction of his new world.

Each and every single one of them would serve and be directed underneath his might. His vision wouldn't be taken lightly and now, now it came to him again. He'd be agitated by that sickness which had afflicted him ever since he had come into the world. Nothing appeared to matter of to disturb his thoughts for as long as he reigned.

It was by then that his machines started drawing in enough power that the alteration of the confines which bordered multiple worlds came. Not only would he pair himself with the least of thoughts of the abnormalities which happened but he would also try to gain power over them. As the many servants were busy themselves building him a new city on that empty world, where the land had been akin to a rock filled with empty gaps, colorless to the touch, which also lacked stars and moons and every kind of rune which be, he had done some unforgivable.

What he invited into the world was some kind of parasitical entity which moved immediately out of his portal and had encompassed every surface in the world. A constant moving color which was transparent, slimy, and greenish-yellow in defiance of the everything else now permanently stood, drawing in itself whatever it could.

As the portal closed, the Duke realized that there wasn't anything he could do to expel it. This new turn of events couldn't have been easily removed at all, with nothing in store; the bore of the world had been the degenerate kind of upturn he had filled everything with.

'I must leave you now that you're infested. I see that you're no longer going to work with this thing on you. Perhaps it is my fault now that I have given into the arrogance of mine. For this I shall bid thee fare well.'

He spoke as he entered the new combination. It would take a while to find the new one. But this world was theirs now. And they had already gone on their way to create a new generation of smile-beings, which had taken something of their own from his experiment chamber.

Why, they bore the lightning inside their bodies. This parasite had spread the shock in every spot and through every inch of its body. It was because of him that these slave-beings would never be able to return to their own selves. Not so much as it would matter, it was then that he stepped into the other world again, abandoning everything which was there.

Even his creations had been twisted and repurposed by the parasitical entity which began forming its giant body. With this newly acquired dimension, a smaller plane of the mad deity would be restored. It had to be that way, after all, it had been shot from his head, through a dimensional gate, that it would still find a way to restore its own body in the end.

So many plans had been made, that it would ensure its survival, at all costs regardless of malignity and despair.

Nonetheless, he had reached another world, and he had been weakened by the travel. It shouldn't have been that way, but it was. Unforgivable as well by means of disillusion, there could be a way back. His armor had faded away; the plates which had covered him were no more.

They had been ripped apart by the chords which had been spread in those flatlands in front of him. Everything looked like the plain of long orange sandstorms solidified in place. They had that ever-moving illusion being projected underneath them. Various waves could be seen. It was at least unnerving, to be told the least.

It could be called even less into action. That those fields were seen that way. It couldn't be right, it shouldn't have been right. Without knowledge of the past, and what had been seen, it was obvious enough that there was a stinger, a ray, a magnificent grotto which waited for him.

In front of him, the vision had been disturbed by the heat which had come from below. His feet had been weary, but at least, the chords had gone away for now. Left exposed that way made him feel petty. Not unlikely that he was naked, he wore petty white robes and pieces of cloth, chained by leather. Most of the mass of his muscle was still there, after years of carrying the armor around.

Bluish shades covered his skin, his fingers were scarred and big and long, bony in appearance. They had been forced into the gloves he wore, up to the point where pain had taken them off. Without being as deranged, he would be called into the whip of the strange plausibility of woe.

'I must know what this is. Who is it that waits for me? You shouldn't have bothered for this exchange if thought. I will force you of your hole in the ground.'

The Duke wasn't pleased, not as much as he would've been. This magnificence was vile.

He rose up from the ground like some great dormant mummified pharaoh who projected his mask over the side of his face. It had been adorned by many tiny servants who had been granted the honor to be buried into this living mask. They were raised in their peculiar body formations and appeared to be in various prone positions which couldn't be forced out.

It wasn't certain any longer, why it had been that way. Awe and grace, such a disgrace had seemed only for the like. Inevitability had been forced on itself as soon as it would be there, in such a form as his.

He opened himself and revealed that he was no master.

'Enter at you own peril, as that is not the entrance to the grotto, great Duke.'

'Why should I trust you?'

'Well you shouldn't. But know this, that if you are wrong and choose to act upon your own instincts, you stand at risk of being flatly slain. No longer are you immortal, no longer will you be spared.

As a matter of fact, this is a result of your own damnable curse which you have inflicted upon the many worlds you chose to extend your suffering to. Look inside me.'

As he said it, so far away had been arched himself that he revealed that there was something inside of him, below the mark of his body waist. The waste of his world had chosen to dispel itself into that wonderful place. It may be that there wasn't any way back from this.

'Soon I will be overcome by it and I shall fall, filling everything with the same muck that came from your world.'

'Then why do you want me to step in it? I know what it does to flesh and bone. No longer will I survive in it.'

'Oh but you will. Do you not understand? Have you failed so much that you have wrought this deceiver of your mind?'

The foul was at play. Would he listen and obey?

'But I am a Duke. Why should I listen to your command? I say, this is a trick, a vile thing which makes me oh so vile to no end. I won't give in.

You will not deceive me. I'll make it there, I shall make it to that grotto and delve inside of it.'

'In there you shall find a bottomless place, left in ruin by some disgrace. Worry not about it, I shall make it so you are properly warned about the peril of your descent.

Make it down there and you shall find no way to return. The various things below there are by no means meant to the eyes of a passenger of time. You shall be allowed no rest and as well as you shall be tormented by the pools which will come from below.

It's inevitable. You should know this of all the people who has come into contact with them. If they cannot escape their own fate, in their vile universe, what makes you think you might be able to do it?

'They have found a way to get to you as well? It cannot be, I had been promised I would be the only one, the one who'd make it to them and be crowned as a master, holding dominions over their land.'

'But you were fooled, Duke. Only the souls, not the physical manifestation gets there, are you not aware of it either? Ignorance of so many kinds, I see in your. Worry not, I shall inform you as well.

Do not try to pass the veil into their world. You've done enough damage as there is. Join him not, for you shall both destroy and corrupt and bring nothing more than the malign to the poor souls which are in need of rest and retribution.'

'Let me be then, I shall return to whence I came from or make do for another world.'

'No, Duke, this path of yours cannot be forced. Return and leave us be. Even if it's our memory which will leave through us, an image of what was. It is all we ask of, that you become immortal again and keep what we are alive.'

No one wants to be forgotten.

Something had occurred in the mind of the Duke. It was some kind of defamation of the face in which the right had become the wrong. Was it not by his doing that this destruction came? Was he not instructed to lay the foundation of that world? In which form would he appear?

Without thinking about it, he turned and looked at the giant mummified remains and thought about what it had taken it. Some dark conjuration could be attained by him. If only the dread stood out long enough that he may be filled with the wrath of ages. Only then he would feel sane. Otherwise, he had been forced to lay in shame, and waiting. For one sign, ever since it happened.

I have not meant it. It wasn't my fault that the portals never closed. And everything which had been encompassed in the sea my living organs had created; those weren't meant to cause all of this.

But he was brought and caught and dragged inside, through portal after portal until he'd recognize that everything he had made, every gate, had brought the flood.

'You've been waiting for me, I see.'

The Duke looked around. He stared at the many seats which had been devoid of life. Bodies had been placed inside, and for now, it only appeared like they had been left there, stranded for no words. No one had been alive there, only him and the talking corpses.

‘For this, I shall hold you accountable.’

By no mean of impurity alone.

A common link presented itself near the bodies. It had been the one explosion of dark metals which appeared. It was sudden, so sudden that they revealed themselves quickly enough. They looked like star-shaped rotating sheets of spike metal which circles around a globe of glowing light yellow. It was then that he realized the trap he had been set it.

The Duke couldn’t have prepared himself for this.

He lay in awe as from the giant corpses which had spoken, came out the destructive metals. It was another type of destruction for which he hadn’t been the cause of. In all fairness and for the dread of ages, he had administered himself a dose of self doubt. It couldn’t be that they wanted to hurt him. They approached, stopped and attempted to cut him.

Yet no bleeding occurred, not a single cut having appeared on his body. It was distasteful, and moronic. A distracting effect had come. This was supposed to be the court, his court. He had recognized them, most of them had been the servants who had been under his watch and command.

Only now they started puking and spewing the sea out of their insides, with little dignity having remained. It was distasteful, seeing them be that way. No amount of knowledge seemed to be inside of him. They formed their tiny altars as they united and stood above the bodies like tombstones.

‘What did you want me to see then? That I may not even be granted a free trial?’

‘Oh but you are. Those weren’t the corpses you were talking you.’

‘So it is you after all this time I hear. I feared I may never come to hear of you again. What made you turn around and give me this chance for redemption?’

‘We have given you naught so far.’

‘Then say it, why have I been spared?’

‘You’ve been spared for no other reason than this fact. There’s an agony in turns and watching, we need to look into it, we need to serve the needs of the many worlds.

Duke, your aid is still needed for our purpose and so far you've done well enough to flood the many planes of existence in which we have guided you.'

'Why the show?'

'So we can prove to you that we mean no harm.'

Said the giant broken bodies as they reeled back into their seats, making him so uncomfortable that he couldn't help it any longer.

'It's nothing more than a trick of the mind. Our mind can alter reality, so that you may never have to leave it at all. That's our trade, as long as you work for us, you shall find a way to return to your previous existence.'

A vision had been given to him, the sight of his world being there again, with nothing breaking it apart, no organs to fill and float and flood the world. Everyone under his command, like it had been.

'Well now, it's time to choose. But there are other alternatives.'

He couldn't help but focus on his world and walk. His hands touched, his armor latched, seeing what he lacked for so long. The many servants who obeyed and allowed themselves to be taken however he had so desired. Their spines were frail and their spirits had been even easier to break. In that he rejoiced again, as to crash and kill with this giant hammer between his arms.

'How I missed this feeling.'

The Duke said and in a moment, everyone stopped and watched. Many of them feared this sudden leap of dread and started scurrying away. Others returned to their work and could only focus on trying not to get on his nerve.

'None of them can retaliate. How quaint.'

He moved and started smashing them and their frail bodies instantly. Each blow appeared to satisfy him to no end, feeling like an orgasmic satisfaction which kept going and going with each murder. The guards had come and attempted to somehow please their master and try to reduce the damage.

Neither of them drew their weapons out. Clearly, there had been a way to fight this simply by asking him somehow to put his weapon down.

'Leave me be, I shall come to do whatever I please. Do not try to top me unless you desire to suffer the same fate. I am the master here.'

'Show pity, master, if your servants will be no more, who might tend to your gardens? And those living arching pointers, who might make sure they won't grow to such extension that they'd destroy and ruin everything?'

Please, think it through.'

'No, I shall force them to breed in order to satisfy my work order. Or those who remain shall be forced into savage slavery. But make haste and bring that to them, as I am in need of an army.'

'Master?'

'Yes, I have decided it is time to. It's time to invade. It's time to.'

His vision ended, he stood knelt, bleeding now, with those sharp blades having been inserted into various parts of his body. Many voices like those he had previously heard now laughed at him. It was something much more deranged, out of the body of work which may not be stumped out.

Clearly, that was the reason for which there would be no hesitation now.

'Fine, we shall continue our work. But make this pain stop. I shall not endure the same thing which is felt by mortals. I may be a mortal now but know that I come from a realm of indestructibility.'

'No more, you are there no more for as long as we desire to keep you away from it. But it is there, rebuilt, recreated, reworked, and condemned to exist without its rightful ruler until your return. If you don't bring your task to fruition, you'll be here.'

Stuck with the bodies of each of the ones he had damned. Many more joined in the meantime and many more will come. In the distance, he even saw the mummified remains, writhing in agony as its insides were expelled.

'Beware Duke, some of us may not like your interference with our plans. Do not give us anything of the desire to breed with the desert fiends or you may find yourself at their mercy.'

'What desert fiends? What are you talking about? I am not one who's afflicted by lust, how dare you accuse me of this insolence?'

He had done everything to serve them, what interference? Who was talking? There were so many of them working together and against one another. This malignancy will strike at my heart if it keeps growing on.

A few more things were there. His pox creation, this thing he had been instructed to do. It was a curious creation he hadn't thought about in a long while. Such a cruel fate he had been set in. But they would take care of it now. It was their most prized possession.

'So, you have seen me.'

'We have not, there's no such thing as a future sight.'

‘It is only that we have seen those many legged creatures in their filthy female tribe. And they would throw their whoredom at you and stop at nothing until you will have been claimed.’

‘So what of it? I shall dominate and enslave them all. I shall tie and do with them whatever I shall please for as long as I am. Perhaps I may even drag each one of them to my kingdom and turn them into my mistresses so I may be able to use them however I please.’

‘What of it then? You are under our command, a servant which needs be reminded that he may be abused and forced to lay into madness if he decides to fight back.’

‘Do not tempt me yet. I said I will do what I’m asking for and that’s it. I shall do no further than that, do you understand?’

It was only then that he was healed. His wound cleaned of the blood and pus which had enabled him to push inside and creep into him. There were a few other things to go with the fact that a certain blow from below had encumbered his body with many bolt of skin which grew inside of him, drawing him back to the plane where he had been before.

Not that one, but the one which had been taken away from his mind, where that dreadful thing yelled at him and cared for nothing but the defilement of his sight.

‘You are to be held here for the time being until you are to be called and ordered. Look around you and make do with what you have.’

But he saw nothing around. They had not only given him nothing but he seemed to be caught in this enclosed space of magnified rock. It couldn’t be seen as being right, but neither had that thing in front of him. From its bile of a body there leaped a few movable beings which had been expanded or warped until their looks had the sight of supreme elongation. The very base of their bodies stood inside of him.

At the top of the bile there waited a giant formation of sculpted dirt-faces. Imitations, all of them, the form of which he couldn’t tell.

It was something morbid, how all those eyes and noses and mouths moved together but only once voice came out. The top of it had the same kind of warp, which extended and either stopped at the walls or had found a way to phase through it. No more could it be contained.

‘Listen, your torture can only begin now. Do not make us go with you there, or we’ll force you to beckon on your vileness once more.’

‘What would that be?’

The plane, that plane, the reminded, he was the one who forced the Duke there. It had to be it. He was chained here, not allowed to leave. In that room which he thought to be plain, he saw that heard the chains whipped. He stood on some kind of metallic floor which lay adorned with the sight of the same facial imitations. Everyone had desired to see the sight of it and the Duke hadn't realized it yet.

Who is that? What was that? Could it be another part in the many voice's plan? Was it such a degenerate thought that he couldn't help but wonder?

It was lost out there, standing in the pools coming from the flood. a simple manifestation of the imitation, not the real face. Why, it could not stand being there in its true form. Dread filled him no more, not any longer.

That crudely was met by shame.

'I am merely trying to help you now.'

'Why, what does that thing mean? Why am I being brought on dimension after dimension for no reason at all?

If you want to end me now, and then carry on with, it is in your power. But do not torment me with the boredom of waiting, I wish to return there.'

'No, you shall not be allowed freedom unless you have given up on your desire for lust.'

'What do you mean? You damned tormentor, I feel no lust, and I feel nothing at all. My desires out there are only for my own selfish reasons as to witness the many worlds I have afflicted until they die.'

'But that is not the reason why you left your prison. No, you left for the desire of a suitor, as this rage of yours had stricken down everyone in your kingdom, even those who may have fitted your desires.'

'I would lay with no petty woman and no slave. You cannot and will not force me to so. No one could, no one dared tell me, their master what I may do.'

'We haven't forced you to do a thing yet. This', you must comply with it or you shall suffer at their hands. The tribe shall exploit your weakness, they shall leave you unsatisfied, desiring of more, lust which may be unrequited and humiliated for what?

The madness is in your mind. You have been afflicted over the eons you have spent alone inside.'

He never thought about it before. It had been something rather unrelated. But what if some people are born evil? There was some time left to kill then and the Duke was in no mood for waiting. He was displeased by this lack of action.

It wasn't the lust he felt, but all that anger, frustration and the mad which afflicted his mind. Neither of the consequences could be called for him to understand. What waited for him there was only the inevitable defeat, that moment where he knew they'd betray him. They weren't trustworthy.

No, neither of them had been worthy of his allegiance, but they were strong and had means which outdid his. What if they could bring me to that plane of torture? Perhaps they plan to abandon me there, if I were to dare, only a single, touch.

The Duke outstretched his arm and tried getting through to that creature. But he was pulled back by the chains, drawn to his back, and laid to waste. He could have been obsessed by this attire of weakness but he chose not to give in. Think while you're here, that's what you need out of it. Simply think, why are they trying to do this?

Could the reason be my nature?

He wondered if they were afraid of it. There wasn't any point where he had been born, no parents of any known point in time where he would know his own origin. No, he simply existed. That was as much as he had known about himself. How could someone like him be evil if he hadn't been born?

Why was it that the essence he felt had always made him feel that way? Even there, he felt nothing but some rage and frustration as well as the desire to crush that creature into battering remains.

'Well now, I should be pleased by your attempt, but this can't work for you well.'

'Free me and I shall make you a promise. You shall be welcome in my kingdom and allowed stay.'

'A fine deal but I know the rules which resign inside your world. As long as you're there, no harm may come upon you. There'll be no such thing for as long as I can help it.'

I shall not be ended by the likes of you, not now that I have been given this gift.'

'What gift?'

'The appearance of it, why, you wouldn't understand, you're not meant to know, only to serve. Now, it is time for you to return there. A message had been laid to me and it's time for you to go ahead and serve.'

He had been cast out of his cage and into another tormented world. The land was dirty and he had come out of nowhere. They had granted him his weird, lousily cut armor, which had given him the appearance of a grant defiler of metal. His shoulders had been wide and spread to the sides.

The entire piece looked like it had been cut from every side by a few set of giant melting blades until what had been left out of it was that. The helmet had the empty mark of a y, through which a pair of glowing eyes faded ever more. It stood close now. A stranger had come into sight.

Whatever he might do to him, this was it, the weapon in sight. He had been somewhat clumsy, a creature which had been affected by a dumb appearance and the servitude of the heathen. He had prized himself with a robe covered in pieces of metal which had covered his shoulders, chest and helmeted in adorned horns which made him looked like some porcupine than some demon.

The colors were bleak but a trail of white went over him. His face looked rather lacking of humanity, or any kind of definition. Sets of teeth exchanged every time he closed and opened his mouth, now much clearer that he was chewing a piece of gum. It was evenly faired, between the two of them.

A long metal bar held a large cylinder which had it open and cut mid-way to reveal some sort of axe-like grinder which hadn't been sharp but had appeared likely to be much blunter at the edges. His giant boots stood out, having two animal skulls pointing in front, bobbing up and down with each step.

'I was told I had to wait for you.'

'Told that by whom? I haven't told anyone I was planning on coming here. This was a mere interception, nothing else.'

'But I have answered to the ritual.'

Said the stranger, while he stroked his chopped chin, his nose unruly, eyes caught in-between the separating bar.

'What is this place then?'

'Only the beginning of a siege, follow me closer to the battlefield and we shall see.'

By two steps, they had followed through the cut-through path on the lower steps. There used to be a field here, now it was a waste. So many graves could be seen from the distance, but not the traditional ones, these were freshly dug and the warriors who've done them were the mortals themselves.

'What happened here?'

'Another war ended, another one is on its way. There are a few campaigns in the North, and fewer going in the South. We called upon you because we needed as much help as we could get for this.'

The last fortification of the standing, held back by a large outstretch and a straight leap which stood in front of the great walls which surrounded them. Only four giants had been there, tired and sitting there, drained by the many machinations which kept the fortification still standing?

‘We need to prevent their deaths and repurpose their bodies; otherwise we shall not be able to do anything out of it. Know that we may bring only this to the table. Something’s terribly wrong in there and they aren’t supposed to be kept imprisoned.’

‘Why aren’t your troops advancing them? It seems easily penetrable, with the amount of forces you have there, the walls could be taken down by dawn.’

‘We have attempted numerous times to bring forth the siege but nothing seems to be working as intended. There’s always an impediment along the way.’

‘Those impediments being?’

‘Do you see those high towers? They’re filled with high-archers, not alive by any living force, but it seems like they are animated by a set of stones from inside their chambers. It sprouted some veins which pump force inside their bodies.’

‘How do you know that?’

‘I used to live there, I know every tiny crack and trick of the fortification. Everything is powered solely by them, those resting ones who are struck there in the midst of the dark. Nothing else matters for them but the end to the suffering which will bring the destruction of the entire valley.’

‘The very ground as well? Is it kept still by them?’

‘Much of their sustenance goes towers towards the jeering of the land upon which we stand. If not for them, and their life succor, the entirety of this place would fall under the weight of the fortification and their bodies.

We would be buried by the falling debris, the metal in which the fortification had been wrought in and their falling pieces. But someone managed to create a system underground which directs their life fluids to another source, that’s how they’re being drained.

We’ve seen this happening before and we’re aware that there’s no other alternative to it. We need to cut them loose and let them bleed into the very insides of the fortifications. They may not be entirely saved but with a bit of luck they may fall upon the openings and be kept alive by this symbiosis that obscured the land.

It’s the only option we have.

As for the other impediments, there are many traps which had been spread inside, as a means to prevent any kind of invasion which may be had. It was never even vehemently thought that we may have some kind of presence of our own there.

We are only trying to get away as fast as possible before they fully activate and turn the insides into a slaughter hold.'

'How many?'

'Eight hundred troops died during the initial assaults. Four thousands died while trying to place the explosive headless curling sentence on the very walls which wrought the gate.

If anything else is the matter, pay a very close attention to what's going on there.'

He pointed with a sickish toe-blunt hand towards the field. They stroke at the walls from various parts to create dents on them. It thoroughly confused the archers.

'As I say, don't look for anything out of order here. These are merely the first things to go off, the various base segments of the walls. If we break the foundation, the entire front might shake as a result of the vibration caused by the explosion.

Its wretch of an alteration in madness and alacrity could use some force.'

'I have heard enough. I shall go there alone.'

'No, you were sent here to aid in attempt to anticipate their moves. Many bodies lay past the gate and they are being fed with blood. That will keep them alive for a certain amount of time. After that there'll be no way out for them, they can't return, they won't be able to fight for an extended duration and they'll simply be absorbed into the ground.'

'Don't we desire that? I though that was the entire point of the battle.'

'Duke, you must understand one thing. Liquor such as that needs to flow, constantly. When it is kept inside a small body for a long amount of time, it gets spoiled and it no longer works as intended.

Should we truly into it any further?

It's poisoned and scum. If it spills in the ground, then it may no longer be safe to dwell on it. They would be trashed and filled with the haze and.'

'And what?'

A feeling of nervousness had entered him then. He couldn't help but feel that way, the need to express his desire to change the subject, or look at the assaults which happened there. Many had already prepared their siege engines and their many weapons of might and dexterous magnitudes. It couldn't be any less vague as to what they were doing now.

They prepared their bottom cordial sinking moving spikes which moved freely and swam through the ground, pushing forth from time to time to reveal the many mouths attached to the many-headed moles. Their bodies had been such as tailed fetuses which bore the hairless appearance which sprouted long-legs which thinned as their insides were revealed.

Such dark-skinned creatures showed the red underneath their constantly falling and dripping bowels and guts. It wasn't safe to be around them, as every now and then, they spread their insides into two halves revealing that these underground dwellings had served as a means of building up momentum. They set themselves into flight, fully extending their next and impaled them, jousting with the walls.

Explosions and sparks of guts spread themselves around, leaving marks which helped metal decay. Those spikes had been sharper than metal, which forced the dripping skin to push towards the other side. Unfairly told, the many liked evils which were bold seemed to stare at it from the distance.

'Listen to me. If they managed to strike a deal through dimensions, they may bring upon their squares, something which doesn't belong here at all. They can bring a lot of damage to the world. Do not tempt them to get forth yet, until we consecrated the land.'

'What do you have in mind then? This substance of theirs doesn't seem weak, not enough that it may fall to something like it, to the likes of some pressure and boldness such as this.'

'We shall place out reformers into the ground and strike towards some kind of absorption of the chemicals which may netter the ground.'

It was a well grounded plan so far. They had already prepared and placed the machines. The assault would begin shortly after and it looked like the arrows wouldn't work on the ground as well as they had before.

'Look at it from this angle. There will be a lot of corpses as soon as we enter during the siege.'

'Then why not force the walls to collapse entirely? It's clear that the ground would handle the heaviness and it might fight through it. Without any means of going away, there won't be anything we will be able to do about the various misgivings there are out there.'

'Wait.'

It was then that the sounds of horns were heard. They were even more likely to be stamped upon as long as it lasted. Nothing would last for too long but here they came, striking and charring through the ranks. Two armies met neck in neck on the field.

As it happened, the first dead ones had come, the siege engines started with their bleak smoke, the sough of terror which propagate the hatred into all of the men there. In their awakening they lasted not a single second before they went into an extreme haze. Not a single one of them could be handled and forced into the fight.

Everyone had been reluctant and less disciplined than they had seemed to be. Undesirably said, they looked at each other as if they were already dead.

‘Duke, it is time for you to join the field of battle, go forth and do as many damage as you can. The people will hear and know that you are one of their own, they had been made aware.’

‘We’ll see each other after this siege?’

‘If any of us survives through it, we shall.’

As he came to draw in closer to his troops, he saw the grunting soldiers as they threw their spears into large formations, blocking with their shields before changing between the many weapons which had been either thrown or abandoned on the ground. He taken an axe which had been lying there, it had the heaviness of an ox and the deranged look of a human who had been lost.

‘We need to cut through and flank them from the right side.’

He spoke and they obeyed. From where he stood, there was an open view of everything which had lain around him. This side had a good representation of each side of the walls, the two towers and the likes which spread around. It wasn’t fair and it certainly wasn’t getting any safer around there. Nothing could be done about it.

They had reinforced and repaired the damage and instead of reconciling with it, they began pouring hot oil through the planes of the walls.

‘Careful now men, don’t draw in too close or we’ll succumb to it too quickly, we still need to go on and do some damage about it.’

It wasn’t fair to look upon in but he came quickly through the dance of spear, as the gates kept opening wider and wider, until a break had come.

The first blow of the siege engine had thrown a giant block of metal which had cracked and afflicted the sanctity of the very wall, leaving not only a dent but visibly having destroyed a good chunk out of it. A piece of the gate fell as well. Undoubtedly said, there was someone there who’d be dead or devoid of any kind of illness.

On the other side, the wreck had only awakened more of those who had been dead. They were living again, drawn to life by the liquor, which had pushed through the veins and had forced a growth on their insides which would keep them alive for as long as possible.

‘Keep them down and cut their blood supplies, they need to be emptied of enough that their brains would die off.’

Aye, it had been quite easy, a beheading, a cut, someone who had been brought down. A scene emerged which had been surrounded by a circle made out of both troops. Two of the warriors held a duel which had been witnesses, kept and allowed. It was no game as they fought to the dead.

‘I will kill you and take over your mind after you’re dead. You shall feel the purity of the blood instead.’

‘Never, I won’t be poisoned by your murky red water, you will die now.’

Finally he had stepped in closer, leaving a cut across the shoulder to the hip. It something akin to the mark left by a whip on bare flesh, with the only exception that it had been pushed against the armor.

‘A mere scar, nothing more, this won’t end up your way.’

‘But you’re bleeding.’

‘Inside the ground.’

His opponent had taken two steps to the side to reveal the machines in the distance. They were strangely looking, moving charts which had various glass-like cylinder and sphere cropping and popping out of its wooden cover. Nothing else seemed to matter then. It wasn’t fair to say the least, the arrogance, the distrust and the mere sight it produced.

A smoke-like cinder came from it and when it turned, he saw the shape of the face which had covered the overall reformer. It had been vague but docile. He could’ve taken this opportunity to strike at the man while he had taken the chance to show it to him. Large tubes pulled out and buried themselves into the ground. Not even unsafe, as it was clear enough that he would be dead.

He swiped his blade and reading himself to behead but stopped. It was something which happened so sudden that this ill-blooded fiend shook and backed away a few steps.

‘Why are you hesitating now? You could’ve had me then.’

It was him who asked for it. One step forward and his head had been grabbed by his bare hand. With one simple squeeze, it simply blew in a small pop of brain, skull and a tiny splash of blood. It hadn’t managed to pierce through the gauntlet either, but that hadn’t been as important then.

‘Look, they’re dropping the iron nets, fall back, men, fall back!’

Through this sight there was at least some kind of insufficiency of odour. The smell couldn’t have come in fast enough to gather some reaction but when it did, they had all been infested and corrupted with a sense of depravity.

‘They’re going to blow the nets, take it away, take it away!’

A burst of flames already encompassed eighty ground troops, which only followed through. It was no mere metal net, but some moving depravity of iron. It couldn’t be questioned at all.

It was time for them to arrive already, in their chariots of space-stone, which burst through the atmosphere as they came. Like Swiss-cheese, in some inner sides, they pushed through the confines of the city as the assault began. The fortification would not prevail. Pieces of the drop hadn’t gone to the point of exploding.

‘They’re ripping the fabric of this planet’s sky, what are we to do?’

‘Keep spreading the formations and fight to the death!’

‘Duke, what of you?’

‘We’re marching back until the ground clears of the hot oil. What are those things above us?’

‘Reinforcements from beyond!’

It was displeasing, as the hordes started coming out of the gates, as soon as they had broken, pushed and released themselves from the barred entry in which they had been set. No longer would they be delayed at all from the preparation and misgivings. Larger bodies emerged, like Cyclops, bearing hulking eighty arms from their behinds, crushing the ground in their way, while drawing forth to keep what was left of the wall.

As more of it broke with each hit of the siege machines, they started grabbing and holding from each side.

‘Archers, prepare and aim, hold!’

They aimed towards the very base in which they had gathered around.

‘Release!’

Came a part of the attack, but as the staunch of arrows came, they felt nothing as the many arms had armored shins and pieces of rugged skin which had been grown on them. No longer would it matter what piety there was. It was crushed then, the spirit of the men and the ones belonging to the hordes. They came charring on large beasts, wolf-like leaping cruelties with spikes horns on top of the places where there were missing skulls. A pair of red eyes looked defiantly as the troops which stood their ground.

‘Soldiers, prepare the shield walls. Launch over your spears, stand your ground.’

Many of them shouted, floundering their darkly-burnt pointers at the approaching mass of degenerate fiends.

It may have been the battle itself, but the Duke appeared to long for that moment of confusion. Everything, to about every spot around him made it so it felt like they were going wrong. Not confusing, not as estranged as he had been, he got affected by confusion there. He didn’t know what to do.

On the flanks in the right wing, there was some kind of missing desire to stand. Many men died as soon as they had been blown across the chest by the leaping chargers. Their many strings of attacks had put them into early graves. Inside the open gate he also looked and saw that before the fragments of the giant bodies, there were the devices which stole their blood as well as the town through which they’d have to carry on their assault.

If one had been interest enough of it, they were also being drawn and pushed aside, their formations faded, and their many needs unmet and there, above him, the sky reeked of the strangest thing, a fifth of the scent which came from the other world, unquestionably so, as to concur what was going on there.

‘I must look upon this, stranger.’

‘Why have I been brought here again?’

‘You are still on the battlefield, Duke. But you are still here, a double made out of your armor has been left there to watch. Time goes much slower here, so there’s enough time if you wish to discuss.’

‘And what help could I possibly get from you? I can’t seem to notice this arrogance coming from you, especially from someone talking me down like I’m some sort of animal or prisoner or.’

‘Barely alive, by the looks of it, your body is growing weak. Yet they won’t allow defeat, not yet. Not until you will have cleared their fields and messes and played a part of their greater game.

It is clear that they want to acquire only the greatest of which may be taken into their world, only so they may rejuvenate one another in hope that they may live through the great catastrophe of death and defiance.

‘Listen to me, I am not their pet, nor should I be able to deal with it yet.’

‘There’s no need for us to be too pushy now. I could throw a few strings and pull, to inflict the right amount of needed pain before we could carry on.’

‘So be it then, I shall comply for now. Tell me, what may I see that others don’t? I need to know how we may get through the rim of this assault and get through the open gates.’

‘It’s a battle that’s already conceived, Duke.’

‘How so?’

‘Turn around so you may see.’

The wall opened on both sides, revealing a strong light which was almost blurry and faintly defined. As it pushed through that field of energy. He had been given a top view from one of the many chariots which had entered the world. It looked like the giants didn’t have much longer. Their deep-ochre skin wasn’t meaningful in any way.

Pieces of them fell with every passing moment. Their skin lost another layer, as it turned out that they were growing older as it was. Unwashed and unclear, they had not only starved but suffered of a loss of thirst which had forced them to shake.

‘I see that they are alive, resting against the cliffs. Their appearance broke a part of the city and caused the fall underneath.’

‘No, that tunnel had been there before. Look closer, Duke, it is going on for long-long ways of pushing ahead. There’s no other way of looking into it.’

Now where would they be going with all that blood? The tubes which had been attached came from a strapped mechanism against their chest, which looked like the metal box, something clinging to a chain and a ball, which dragged below, extending and proceeding into both sides.

Another world appeared to be affected by the flood. Sharing his responsibility with this new flora of vile colors and explosions couldn’t possibly be the result of the Duke. The liquid made an altar for what it had perceived to be their creator.

For that reason alone he had been recognized in many worlds as the figure responsible for the destruction which had been brought to them. It was no longer vile to the eye.

‘Is that the one who had appeared in my visions? I saw him so many times trying to govern over my vile ends. Look at how my many dome heads had been flooded and misguided into breaking themselves against the ground.

They gave birth to their own receding traps which now eat our men. Who shall defend us in this time of war?’

‘Can’t you see that there will be no war? We’ll be drowned and killed in no time. Accept it, there’s no return from this strange pact we have made.

It was us who summoned the flood.’

Said one of the many impaled servants of the take, as it was by their hands that the veil between their worlds had been taken and destroyed. An end to the decimation had to come. Their lanes crumbled and the servants of the take had come again.

‘For us to reconcile with this, we should make sure we can end our grasp and end our own desire to push forward. The space in which our deflected fright emerges can only destroy our madness now. Look, at what they did to our mind.

This trade wasn’t fair, they took most of our brain mass and replaced it with a liquid which granted us the rest of it.

Now we own memories which aren’t our, memories of worlds in which the flood entered but they never even go in depth. They’re shallow and disgusting, parasitical even, to the point of never returning and never coming back to haunt us.’

It could only be clearer that there was a break in their society, without even the clearest amount of ingenuity involved. A body of servants had taken over it and what they did in their vileness was this act o mad, a supreme act which would remove any kind of decency which may have remained.

‘Draw your heads open and allow your minds to join the flood. See what it sees, live through it so you may see the majesty it projects upon all of you.

We shall all become reef in their worlds, encased like metal, preserved for some kind of life which may be kept in its true valor.’

The sight of the default incongruous defeat arrived. As their heads opened, their world had been taken by the tide. It was by this unnerving gaze that they forced themselves to open to defeat.

A short span of unified visions came together. They looked upon so many worlds which had attempted to save themselves from this array which threatened everything, in the name of the voices which found themselves there.

‘Listen, listen and obey. Clear this mess, we have seen enough of it and it is deemed that it’s not worth it any longer. The levels have raised themselves past the point where we may enact our magnificence.’

‘An intervention has to be called. Look, and seek refuge somewhere else. As the flood regulates its levels we shall solidify it and allow you to walk and plant your civilizations and species as long as you will declare us your leader, creators, deformers, anything which may put you beneath us.’

Said the voices and of course the alternative couldn’t have been anything but that. It was obvious that it couldn’t be right, not any longer, they wouldn’t have any other alternative other than paying respect to the many wishes which propagated themselves through the confines of space.

Echoes such as those were malignant and lost. So far as it had lasted, it had been a conquerors' woe as the planets had their living pay tribute and give in to it.

It was a strange combination of solidified organic material which propelled itself as to fill in the gaps between the buildings and surrounding areas. And it was by no means fully solidified as one could penetrate the layers with enough willpower. After that, he could draw in as much as he might, before taking in the sickness which occurred.

They didn't die, nor were they preserved.

'Our entry will be made clear, it's safe to swim through it now, come, join me brothers!'

'Are you certain of it? This mistake could cost us dearly, so don't make us make a choice we may come to regret. We have already paid tribute to them, whoever they are, please don't make it worse.'

'Have you given in the thought that we may be able to do something of it? There's only one chance that we may push ourselves in.

I won't give you another chance to join me. It's either this or you shall strive for rebuilding a world which may never bask in the elegance that it once had.'

'No, I shall fight and correct it, no matter what it takes, I shall take to myself to restore this mad elegance that has once ruled over our world.'

The Elegant had appeared. It was then that the silence of the voices came as they fancied this dreadful creature which had come forth.

In its appearance, it had been dressed in many clothes which were fancy, colored in bright hues, caped but plain, booted with sharp blade-like ends, rotten in patterns of flowers, faces and many graces which could only be felt by the divine. Trimmed with laces, tiny crimson chains and buttons which weren't plain but colored in blue, iridescent gloved in leather from some smothered outsider, tall hatted, at the top bathed and rotten into some sharp angle which turned in the back.

This pale creature which had painted its face hadn't been disturbed by the lack of mirth. In the rude awakening of sudden elegance, he spat on the ground, an action which had been un and uncalled for, an act which lack in the very character he fancied himself to have had.

'Keep it to yourself then, I'll see to it that I'm pleasing myself down there, where nothing may come to harm me.'

'Will you be able to return in that case?'

I wager you won't be able to overcome whatever lays down there, you'll be eaten by its substances and get yourself absorbed before getting a chance to do anything about it.'

'Neither will you, oh one who's Elegant. At least I choose to fade off into inexistence like the other servants, for I will also have the chance to survive into a much better world. What chance have you here?

Other than the creation of something which will always be impure for your and everyone else. It's obvious that this place will be devoid of any of the good nature there used to be.

The only refuge we're left with is the solace of death in the same pool which had taken over our world.'

'But what if you join us and help us build a better one? What of the future generations? Don't they deserve to live in a place which isn't haunted by savagery?

Look around you, perhaps there's a way to get rid of it, of this murk-water which had occupied our lives. Anything to return to how things used to be, I'd do anything, even if it meant working with the likes of you.'

'Cold footed, are we now? It doesn't matter, but you'll understand it one day, there's no way to return to how things used to be. Unless time is somehow obscured and there's a way.

I choose death or rebirth, damnation or life in another plane of existence, anything which may overcome the symptoms of this world.'

And with that, he leaped into the opening and lost himself below, towards the depths of a never-ending desire to meet that satisfaction which had been longed for. Several others followed him down there, giving in to the desire to be caught on by their leader.

'Great one, good one, wise one, oh I would follow you through the utmost torture if it meant that I would get to live in your presence.'

'My life will join that of my brothers as well. Do not weep for me and show as little interest as it is needed. I took this choice by my own.'

'Wait, not you!'

The Elegant stopped the thin pretender. He was almost wooden, dark and coated in a layer of varnish. This one came out of nowhere and appeared to be there with only the desire to join them in their ritualistic suicide.

He looked like a wrapped bird-person who had his insides drawing in constantly, to the self-conflicting arrogance which lasted until then.

'What do you want from me?'

‘I thought that you may want to survive for some reason. Don’t you want to see something go right for once? Wouldn’t you like to know if there’s a chance that life may be better?’

‘Never better, I have killed eight already, look.’

He opened his giant beak for him to look inside. There were tiny limbs and acidified remains of blood inside his blad. The tiny hole appeared to be rotating as he emptied himself inside the hole.’

‘That is irrelevant. By the looks of them, they were never worthy of living anyway. Say, join me then, in our search for beauty, purity, elegance, hope for something right.’

‘Fine, will I be allowed to eat and murder?’

‘As much as you wish, as long as I find some dissatisfaction to the way they look.’

A deal had been struck then and the sky turned into a bluish-green, which turned to yellow and glowed a darkly tinted exchange of shades. It could be rather incompatible with what was going on there, but that felt right for the time being.

Partners, this, this.

‘Proto-being.’

‘That’s what you are? Proto-being, I suppose I could do with the name if you’re satisfied by it, but I couldn’t deal with such a name. There’s something about it which doesn’t bode well.’

Oh, this wasn’t intended. The Proto-being took off into the distance and entered one of the settlements. It a gathering of a family made out of self-made, or was it self-constructed dwellers. They were obscured by their garbs, but their screams ran high and got lost into the midst of the night.

It was fast, the way in which he acted appeared to be almost instilled into his body and senses, going into a mechanical fashion through which he pecked and entered not like some bird but some nail which opened a way for itself then entered through each one, leaving them with a hole inside their bodies. It went through the motion three more times before returning.

He hadn’t a desire or any need to eat, but this was even more important to their seething interests. Both of them could make a good and satisfying deal out of this arrangement.

‘Proto, come here.’

‘What is it?’

‘Those dwellers you killed for no reason, I don’t think you consulted me about taking their lives. Not that I complain about it, their garbs were filthy and uncared for and the place under which they looked for shade.

As long as they repulse me, do you understand? Don’t go for anyone you want to simply put down, or we won’t be able to make it through without curming the ranks.’

Speaking of which, it did seem a lot emptier. But that had been the night. For now they rested and slept, twenty feet away from one another. Both stared in each other’s direction, giving a general impression of stress and unquiet.

If only he who had caused this knew of the total amount of damage he had created, he’d be aware of the pay. The essence of elegance was constantly being expressed in him. As soon as he had come into contact with an actual remnant of civilization, it looked like Elegant flourished and basked in their presence as well as in their admiration.

He had this trick, or hidden function, or act of magic in which his colorful arms appeared to multiply, despite all coming from the same end. And each of them had been tinted differently as they each wore a different pattern and a different veil of silk. He shot a glance and he revealed that out there in the open he was as cruel, if not more so than the Proto-being which lay still in his command.

‘Bow down to me now and look no further for a successor. I am the only one who will, who will. Wait, oh, that’s right, they don’t see me, and they don’t see me at all.’

With it, he pulled a silver scalpel like some courtesan and came to simply walk through their masses, performing a cut here and there, terrorizing them with the most mundane way of killing and of slaying. A deafening core of desire kept him going on while he attempted to cut. Time after time they all looked around unable to see who was doing that.

And the Proto-being observed yet withdrew himself from the desire to kill. One night before, he had been instructed clearly.

‘Do not commit any acts of murder unless I clearly specify it, do you understand? Let’s make right out of this and it will be fine. Well now, isn’t this a wide twist on your beak, I see?

That is the only thing which will separate us from them, it will be our desire to stray together as well as our partnership.’

He nodded and went on, still cutting, realizing the reason why he wasn’t seen.

‘It’s this elegance I display. With it, I shall be unseen by those who are petty and disgusting, repulsively dressed as well.’

But why was it that other had seen him until then? How had he been able to do it? Unless it was only his desire to speak to them directly which had enabled them to see him, which begged for a test.

‘Bleakly-clothed stager, would you happen to see me now?’

‘What? Where did you come from? Stay away now, you’re the one, you must be the one making us problems.’

Elegant hadn’t realized that for the time he had been unseen, there had also been a kind of wild silence which couldn’t even compare to anything prior to this, this insolence which was displayed. And then, when it returned, he was also seen by everyone, which made it much worse.

The angst in their eyes stung him like petty daggers, he stepped on ways and looked for some kind of escape which may make him feel out of place.

‘I want silence again. I cannot deal with them.’

And simply that way, he disappeared from there, while not a single step had been taken. IT was hard to tell whether or not this was something he may have had in the past, but he came to be there.

‘I adore this, finally a way to separate myself from those lowly monotone poorly dressed socks.’

Well, since he had the opportunity, he fell below their knees and started cutting through their ankles so he could obtain something here and there. It was mightily unfashionable how they wore them, but the addition of red and in some cases blue added quite the change.

‘Where are you? Where are you? Where are you?’

Proto called, with no subtlety at all.

‘I’m bleeding, quick, out of the area, clear it, there must some rattler here, quick, out, out, out.’

An older gentlemen which loomed forward with a perturian coat appeared to lavish himself a silvery quip as well, which had been used around the ground to drive the rattler out from hiding. The man cursory ground separators only bobbed up and down during come occasion. It wasn’t likely that they would draw out or they would push away without electricity, yet another blow being given to them, if only there had been a wish for some change to happen, it would fade soon enough.

The Duke wouldn’t have anything else to add, as they were brining down their animals.

‘Strike now, as I do.’

He came out of nowhere in the range of the leapers and cut through one of their bodies, releasing one of theirs to fall as they'd throw themselves forward while trying not to fall. The riders died immediately as they had been launched and abandoned, smashed and defeated. It ran through each other's bodies immediately, especially since there couldn't be any mitigation to the pain.

Within his reach, came another one who had been turned and pushed down as soon as it happened. No longer would he pain himself with everything in sight. Soldiers died, but many others came from behind. It was a battle which refused to give in.

'Aim for their giants, make way and send a message to the siege workers, aim for the giant below, that way their walls should finally fall.'

'Malevolent one!'

Even then, he was careful not to be caught by his own arrogance in the field. Otherwise he would be strapped and snapped, release of his life. From behind them two units marched, bringing with them a huge movable ballista. It was short-ranged and it needed too many people to work, but he got the message well, defend it at all costs.

From above them, the intruders dropped their bolts of space-cremation inside the tunnels, replicating a smaller version of dying star before it disappeared into the adjacent areas. Those were safe guarded, too much so that they couldn't have themselves stopped any longer. It was a disaster, thinking they could end it so quick. But the arrows and the weapons they used hadn't even reached that far into the air.

His experience alone made him no field tactician, but a mere creep which stalked and sent troops to their deaths. And it came quick, as soon as they realised that they were in the wrong side of the field of battle.

Another thing happened, which turned the day with the help of an inversion of the portal, which had promptly disappeared, into the coming of the night. Unnaturally aware of it, they had ceased their battles and the main bulk of the army pulled back.

'Let them go, if we cannot help it, this will be the better alternative to it.'

But it wasn't meant to be there. He had encountered someone so long ago. His first step after getting off one of the portals resulted into him entering the rubble. The place looked like the entirety of his kingdom if it had crashed against the ground instead of falling inside the murky water. Not only had it been out of place but he felt miserable there.

That accumulation of pieces, made out of sharp stone, which chained itself into a whole body made out of iron, approached him. It wasn't something he was supposed to know, but in-between the trap, upon opening the portal

which he held powered and constructed with the help of the other slaves, he had entered many worlds before finally getting through forward.

By no mistake, they were not copies of the main one, on the opposite, his every travel and every invasion past that point happened all at once, making it seem that for a fraction of a second, the Duke had traveled through many worlds at such a span that his experiences had been discounted.

Who was in charge of them? And of everything which went one? Why, it was that creature, which would be name the Khrnyiak. That ugly faces shadow pompous creature which had trapped him a few times during his travels. It was his task to watch over him and make sure he would not remember everything too quickly. As there was another Duke, out there.

A miscalculation, perhaps, who wasn't any Duke but an exact split which named itself the Courtesan had been given life out of the many abandoned memories in that moment when he traveled through the portal.

'Why must I live through this agony while he's out there, in a fight?'

He was in one of the spaces, the laps beneath the realities. They looked like spider holes which propagated upon one another only to serve as a buffer zone for the energies which shot either from the tunnels between the worlds or from that vastly peculiar danger which had been shown to live there. The beings there were static and weren't allowed to move unless someone passed through the dimensions.

It was a place of living statues that were offered nothing else other than the time to think before a surge of energy came.

'This time had helped me analyze you and everything you've said. Know that my memories are mine and by the time I'll get to you.'

He would be driven mad by the fact that there was a living force down there which made him feel unaware of the fact that it mocked him. Each of the trapped tainted leapers who had fallen out of the worlds had been mocked in that manner.

It was only a partial paralysis which allowed organs to function and their mouths to spread. A quick jolt came there and as it had he was attacked. Drawing closer had been those three headed, one in the back, hyena-bodied agents of the stark envision. By their claws and weirdly profane facial expressions, they had stolen the faces of some repulsive multi-eyes forgers while pinning them through with some kind of accuracy of their seething spatters.

Behind them there were feathers and conjoined tails which only joined one another when they got too close.

'I'll stab you and eat your livers before you get to pass the mark.'

‘He’s mine, I saw him first, for the way of the crystals.’

Another one of them spoke. Elected in the challenge, the Courtesan showed his true face. His armor hadn’t been as wide and as mighty as that of his counterpart, as it looked to be made out of leather and cloth, with silken feelers which shot as soon as they had made contact with their fingers.

They both outpaced him only to look at themselves stumbling on their feet, unable to procreate any longer. With a sicker of the eye, they fell into pieces which immediately began trying to draw some sustenance from the insects which lay around. It wouldn’t be enough, not a single moment longer would last for them as that happened.

‘I will take my leave and descent and know that I shall not be trapped here forever.’

‘Nor would I spend any more time playing with these impostors who name themselves as something they are not.

Oh, my sweet proto-being, know that I have tried my best to keep you in my grace so you may have a future for yourself. But this can’t be done, not any longer, we’ll have to separate if neither of them makes an effort to dress nicer any longer.’

‘Why would I leave? Partners, you say partners, I say yes, that’s what it happened. Murder who you want not who I want and partners go on.’

‘And here’s where the problem in.’

Elegant wrapped himself around him, with little shame and no more insolence than it was needed. This was his fight, his was, his interest, his desire to come and show off what he had.

‘Listen, listen, listen, my dear Proto-being, ever since I discovered I’ve got the means to do something with these new abilities I have discovered I have, cutting through people and their ankles and being able to get away from it, I don’t see anything which may require me to spent my time with you any longer. Don’t take this personal, but you are slowly becoming dead weight.

It’s a need I have, to stay as hidden as possible now and observe. They’re in need of someone who may watch over them and who may give them a push onward. I want to do it but I cannot abide to this, not as long as you’re out there trailing my movement with your eyes.

Sooner or later they’ll simply find out and that might be a far beyond my current interests, do you understand?’

In nodded with some resentment in its eyes, but I knew better than to trust this cretin.

It was a strange time to be alive then, especially since he couldn't focus on anything in particular. Only one way remained for him to carry on with this wrong-doing. He only thought of how easily it would come to him to smash his head.

one quick blow from both sides of his head and he would be gone. There wasn't any need for a ification either, since he would leap and dance, never to be seen again. At a glance, he almost set himself into position, ready to shove a single end into the back of his head when he had been interrupted.

'What is this?'

As the ocean's floor began to be varnished, he looked upon the sight of pure beauty. Undulated by disease, it had been covered by a layer of conium, which hadn't only spread as it had grown and extended both sides. This added a lot of weight to the planet and threatened the complete obliteration of the inner-doings around the qualms of the planet's innards.

In there, the shaped people who had given up their bodies had now been left with some misery as they got encompassed by the conium and its mercury-disease.

But on top of it, the world flourished. Dyes had been spread, as it was one of the chief elements which made conium what it had been. Otherwise, they stepped aside and started circulating on it.

'It appears it's safe to walk on. What do you say; shall we go ahead and walk on it?'

Both of them were weary of talking and approaching their partnership now. As much of a dumb creature as it had been, there wasn't any other option. He had to be dealt with now.

'Proto, I think I've been sent here for a reason. You may not understand it now, but I simply know this to be true. Why would I have achieved so many things in such a short span of time?

So many people died because of me now, though I have never seen myself as a murderer. Merely, someone who gave them what they deserved. Do not look at me with your lifeless eyes now, it should be over soon enough.

There's no need for you to weep, my good friend. It is not the pain of going now, but that of letting go. In the short time we've been together I must admit that it has never passed my mind that I may be able to trust you.

For that reason alone, is why I've taken your life, good and graceful doll. You do not bleed, you do not stall for a second breathe any longer.'

It was a nice end that he felt. The two of them could now stand as witnesses over the fact that their partnership was over.

By then, a child passed over. He was dressed in a coat of red, titillated with broads of white and green, who weren't seen by anyone else, either by the face or by his strange appearance. He was one of the few who had been born out of the outsiders. It was plain to see on his face, that rounded, sharp hooked jaw, which stood below the rim of his nose, unable to breathe at all. There was a set of air pliers which either dug into his throat, or underneath his clothes towards his lungs.

A sad view arose from under his gaze. He saw only the doll-like bird that stood near me. I couldn't help it but feel as out of the place as both of them looked like, even though I wasn't there.

'Mister, are you feeling well?'

It was in his eyes, those sharp, deeply cornered, drawing back, emerald stones that he saw himself there. Unconsciously, he stepped away, unable to look back as they marched on the fields.

'Duke, prepare the troops for a return, we need to hang some traitors now.'

'What happened?'

'It's of little importance, they are deserters which need to be punished. How is the battle going on so far?'

'We've lost a lot of men but as you can see, their hold isn't going to stand much longer. Was this your idea from the beginning? Blowing down the structural integrity of the entire fortification?'

'There wasn't any alternative unfortunately. We were far over our heads, we had no way of capturing and holding in, especially after it had been turned into a trap.'

'Any chance that we may turn the siege machines onto it? We could aim and throw and thaw their insides before a chance to retaliate might arise.'

'It's beyond a question, they need to be separated from the tubes first and that won't be an easy task. Because if we do break their bodies, they'll only pull the arteries, drawing the blood pumps through their tunnels and that's exactly what they want of us.'

'Certainly you can't be thinking that we'll push inside that death trap now that I'm aware of the consequences of going in.'

'Unfortunately, there's no other option. We either get them or we'll lose the land. And there are other tribes out there who'd make a good catch out of those hiding spots below. Do not tempt us to go forth with a trial against you now. You were sent here to help us, not to spread our likes to stray.'

'I won't betray you but I won't stand to see so many of your people dead.'

The mere peril of him developing some empathy carved a single blow to his side. He felt something for the troops, despite not knowing them well enough to establish any kind of connection between them. It made him weak, he knew it.

‘Wait, I need to know one thing. After this battle is over, will we meet again?’

‘You have asked me that before. You know that I cannot make such a promise for either of us.’

‘Then take your words and shove em’ away, go and hang your traitors and do not approach me any longer while I’m working.’

He then sat on a lump of stone, sharpening his axe, upturned.

It was a strange process, the hanging that was. They didn’t use ropes but had made a use out of some body intruders, small and nasty, sharpening away with their long scalpel-like legs. Upon entry, they would dig through the bodies of their victims and bury themselves in their guts, blocking and blood from leaving, blocking their arteries and any food from proceeding through it.

‘Good, I see that they are still as useful as they have always been, a means to seal each entry and every exit which may be inside of you.’

He smiled before the next part came. Of course they would be hanged that way.

Meanwhile, the Duke paid more attention at their concoctions of metal and of lust. No peculiar change would last. The Duke had begun being bored with staying on his stump. His intuition had told him that there was something wrong with the headed machines but he couldn’t see them from the distance. A mist had been spread across the land below. It came out of the fortification, which made it much worse, especially since they knew that a good deal of their troops had been left to fend for themselves.’

What would remain out of the deserters’ bodies after they were done executing them?

‘I need to see something, bring me to one of the machines down there.’

‘But it is dangerous to head down there. What if we’ll get assaulted?’

‘You’ll live through it.’

‘What if I get lost there?’

The mist had turned and settled down, dissipating as it was replaced to hard block of earth fumes. Had they been thicker than the mists and their strolls would’ve been immediately stopped, but they had the right proportions for

them to go ahead and simply walk through it. Another important subservience came as soon as they were able to walk. In that, there had been some entry for him to stop and look around.

Patches of the desecration emerged and floated in the air. Between them, the pupils started to emerge as well as the remains of the insides of the fallen combatants which were barely there.

‘What’s the meaning of this?’

‘It’s the machine doing its work. First the steam gets removed, then the rest of the unwanted materials which will fall and then the ground will be purified.’

He said it with some confidence, which made him all the more interested into acquiring information on the field. Whether or not he liked it, he needed to know why the ground was talking now.

‘Be careful and don’t tread on my fine steps, or you’ll find yourself being drawn down there amongst the many bodies which accumulated around the long distance extraction strolls.’

‘How do you know about them? Are you an actual being or one of the voices which came forth to torment me longer? I cannot hope to deal with what I’ve been asked to with so many interruptions.’

‘I am a mere contractor for the eight layers of deeper gloom below me, not an enemy, not a friend, something looking out for it. Look around you, Duke, I’m in need of your assistance. This had been a well calculated move, look around you, do you see any remains?’

The soldier who had accompanied the Duke showed signs of uncertainty and distrust. He had to get out, but one step and another fell to no touch below itself. His neck had been thoroughly caught off guard, being held by a force unlike any other.

‘You’re not leaving now, not until I’ll hear what he has to say.’

‘Well now, know that after the battle on the field, they would be taken below and sacrificed to make sure that they might stand as another layer of protection against the coming of the wretches.’

‘Which wretched are you talking about?’

‘That would be enough, Duke.’

The Commander appeared, startling him, who in turned came to immediately snap the neck of the creature in half. It blew out of proportions and left not a single scar, no simple manner in which he fell either, to be caught by almost raised putts of scurried earth pieces which dragged what remained of him below.

‘Why have you come here?’

‘What’s in it for you? You’ve sent everyone to die for nothing and you’re still intending to send them all to die inside that city. What for?’

‘I’m being given a great deal of years off my servitude from lord Thrylkrik. He would’ve petrified my body inside his standing wove of planar insects-prodigies.’

‘Then this will be fair for both of us.’

As he said it, he merely stepped closer to him and ripped his arms off, slowly returning to his original position. The creature only took it without trying to show off the pain. The arms had been properly discarded.

‘Even without my arms, I can still take you on. Do not forget that you’re a mortal. It is because of you that everything in existence is threatened.

You are an unworthy destroyer.’

He fumbled but stood there, as the two soles of brim-feet descended below two thirds of the ground. Those had been eaten as well, as he was allowed to stand on his knees.

‘I may be disabled but I won’t be stopped now. This isn’t how I’m supposed to die, you’re mortal, don’t forget.’

With a sudden convoluted maneuver through which his body twisted in a spiral beginning below the knees, he launched himself over, popping a few springs o those infectious spoils from the field.

‘You fed him.’

A few bloody boils popped off from the spots which had been revealed beneath the spot from which he leapt. This took his out of good standing as he fell and lost hold of the weapon he had strewn behind his back. Before he could reach it, this infused creature was on top of him, spreading his bloody aroma in a stupefying manner.

He began jolting and dancing and scratching at the armor not like the commander but the primal fluid which had taken over his mid. A piece of his head blew up and revealed that the blood had becoming likely a much harder substance which made its wary way through the air like a pair of tongues. They wanted to enter through the gaps but they failed.

One blow was enough to break his spine, which prompted the involuntary reaction that made him recklessly call for help.

‘Betrayal, I have been betrayed. Look, see, follow me, I cannot be here at all. Force me to return allowed to seek some way out.’

Both sides had been alarmed, charging through as this half-knelt, probably dead commander stood with him.

‘I shall seek you on the other side, if we are to meet, I’ll force you into misery.’

He finished it, with a sudden spew, which crushed him. Afterwards he had done the only thing he could do, which was, charging through them and trying to make it to the extraction point.

Elegant was done, Elegant felt none too better about where he ran. There was one sight of the world he had now looked upon. Slaves had been spread as distantly as possible in an attempt to make up for the loss of place.

There was something he wasn’t content with, an appearance of the atmospheric disgrace which turned the vision of the world into that one which rested above them. This would one day be wrought in his name, the kind of purple disgrace only his likes could possibly understand. It was a hard point, there in the distance. Sprouting from somewhere beneath the ground, a pyramid appeared to be propelling itself against the metal cover of the ground. It couldn’t move by any means, but the way in which it stood reigned as a bad sign of the things to come.

‘I see now that even this amount of elegance cannot be maintained. Some day, everything we worked on will be destroyed by the threat beneath us.

Is there no hope then?’

‘Before you plunge yourself into the depths of that hole, know that it was no all in vain. What you’ve succeeded into doing now may be the most admirable act of courage in the name of pure desire one may have achieved by himself.

You’ve survived for so long in this misery, so why end it?’

‘Who said that? Show yourself and don’t mock me any longer.’

Strange, I thought myself invisible, but this was a bad sign, it was one which threatened to make all my fears emerge again. What if I were to be seen? Who would do it now?

From where would he strike?

‘Pointless, it’s all pointless. You’ll never find me that way, know that I am not there, in a spot of your liking or choosing. If you want to find you, look father.’

‘In the distance then?’

‘Beyond the reach of physicality, know that you’re not invisible, you’re merely phasing through the dimension as a sign of this world being broken apart.’

‘I’ve seen the change.’

‘An illusion, smoke and tricks of mirrors which only serve as a way to take away from the fact that the world is never going to return to its grandness, know that for the same reason I’m trapped as well in here.

You ought to join me anytime sooner now.’

‘But if I don’t?’

‘That’s not up to you I suppose and when it happens, worry not about the consequences and try forcing yourself to live through for as long as you can.

Everything is so much slower here, which leaves enough time to think everything through.’

‘I beg of thee, do not force me to fall into another trap. I’ve come to realize that the vandals had been right, there’s nothing worth fighting for.

And If I cannot have beauty which lasts, then I’ll have ugliness which is eternal.’

‘Bleak as the moment when I set my eyes on you, we’ll see eye to eye momentarily.’

Sensing the danger approach, he gave in the wait and leaped into a hole of his making. Before he could see the slither of the rim of the blown piece of metal he had produced with the help of his wild tricks he was there.

In front of him lay the stranger.

Now, he understood, that armor, the likes of which he had never seen crafted anywhere else in his kingdom. But this place was wrong, it was a trap, a trap of snow of nets, but somehow he knew that it wasn’t either of them. He was given the treatment of vertigo as the walls expanded and retracted onto him with each leap of the bite.

Thought this in-between space of the worlds acted in a different manner when it came to him. He had pieces of his shoulder and the entirety of his body partially taken and placed in the possession of the space.

Above him lay a single piece of his head which wasn’t right. He stumbled but he could walk.

‘Are you a statue?’

‘No, how is it that you may be able to walk?’

‘I do not know. Perhaps it’s the fact that he took my feet away, or the pieces of my finger. I feel light, can you see me?’

‘No any longer, you’re out of area of vision. Wait, do not go too far, know that these tunnels in the distance are inhabited by strange predators which may stop at nothing to hunt and tear you apart to pieces as soon as the surge comes in.’

‘And what would that be?’

‘The power which imbues me with the ability to move, I cannot explain it yet but if you stay with me, we may be able to witness it together.’

‘I see. Quick, oh, please, see, is there something wrong with me now? Look on top of my head, do you see the missing piece?’

Has this journey here taken the most important part of the top?’

It looked like it. But the surroundings of his brain looked as if they had been incased, themselves, around by a few deviated metal blades, blunt as not to cut, but strangely interestingly in terms of their design.

They were red and had leaves which had been attached to his skull. And that thing wasn’t shaped in the normal ways, it hadn’t been grown for once, but looked as if it had been cut out of a bigger piece or made to look that way.

But enough of that, the more important part of this new opportunity arose.

‘I was you to help me move. Push or pull me as far as we could go, because I may be the only one who could help us get away from here.’

Not as fast as he had realized.

‘Disgusting, I’m repulsive, I’m a deformed toy that’s what I am. What will they say about me once they see that I’m no longer elegant?’

‘Settle down, fool of a Jack, there’s still hope, look above you.’

Those parts of him which had been pulled out and separated moved in the same direction, at the same time, while disappearing as well.

‘Will they be gone forever if I go too far?’

‘Perhaps it would be better to ignore it for the time being and make an attempt my plan. I shall reward you with a place in my palace if you aid me.’

‘Would that be a promise I could look up to?’

‘Anything within my power shall be granted as long as it’s in my ability to set myself free.’

‘Then I shall attempt it, even with my lack of strength, let us see.’

A mere touch was enough to grant him a great reign over a few steps.

‘I am free once again, no longer will I be bound by the obscure.’

‘Wait for me, you cannot abandon me yet, the deal.’

He had stopped after a few steps, in that awkward questioning position.

how much did he know? What would he think about me betraying that partner? How had it happened for him to know where I was?

Before their encounter, it was fairer to know that an apparition who looked exactly like him had appeared in front of the Courtesan. It looked like it had prepared itself to leap over one of the highest cliffs there’d be.

And if chances were right, he had been shown this image for a reason.

Now it’s my chance to make a difference, the Duke thought. In the midst of the war, he came to hide underneath the shadow of a many-armed giant. His senses were lighter and it was already hard to swallow how much of the destruction had been spread there.

If it were to happen, he’d know it. His mind had been accosted by them. He could’ve been crushed by the giants at any point, unless they spared the pleasantries they showed, he knew that he would find a way to cut through the first pointless repair that was present there. In the midst of the battle, a few of his obtuse arms managed to repair the wall. That alone had been a sign of the first few impacts which fully landed. It wasn’t even that much of a necessity for another strike, as a piece of the wall fell apart from his mere touch.

‘I see it now, I need to make haste.’

While the two armies were busy, he made into the broken sight of ruin. There weren’t many paths to take and only a few favorable sights to pick from. A few arrows dropped and their compounds came into the light. A few chemicals had been stored inside a tiny vial which connected to the tip of the arrow. On top of one of the towers from which they rested, they kept their drawing needles at ready, so they could fill more of them in order to spray as far away as they could.

And their metal had been as unnatural as everything else, as their sharp pints bore eyes and fingers attached, wriggling from their own. But those parts hadn’t belonged to the archers but from the lost troops. Vindicated as they had been, it became obvious that this forgery had been inflicted from the donations coming from the underground.

‘Ready to succumb to the earth yet?’

The mouth emerged again, reassuringly there, as a means to remind him that he was being watched over. Always and continuously, without a way to escape.

‘Make it to that house over there before my body takes in their poison, it’s your only chance.’

‘I’ll trust you then, as evil to evil, do no dare throw yourself away.’

‘Worry not, I won’t give into you yet. I wish only to spread the seed of misery as far as I can. Will you please join me after you’re done chasing whatever you’re after?’

And what would that be now?

You’ve been betrayed, Duke, and you’ve got no goal.’

‘I can still track where the device ends, if this wasn’t the case, then let them be drained, but I won’t stay here any longer and wait for the traps to begin.’

‘Wait, before you go, bear no ill thought for me, I can still be of some use to you. As long as you are here, know that there’s the possibility that you may never escape, not until they decided it is time.’

‘I do not care any more.’

‘But Duke, you should care, it’s because of you that my insides are being filled. They are spreading even now and sooner or later there won’t be any chance to escape.’

‘Enough, I heard enough, look, a barrage is coming.’

They threw onslaughts of arrows on both sides, making sure the fields would be riddled with as many corpses as there could be. Sooner than later they would eventually succumb to the will of the earth and they would find no peace afterwards.

But he chose to strike through the door and seek a place to hide in. Without a chance to redeem himself from his actions, he fought his inner will to turn around and face them. It was miserable inside, and it was about to look much worse as the roof caved in and the second floor came after. The arrows came in at a much faster rate, lighted by the vileness which protruded through itself.

A strange occurrence popped into existence by the time he broke through the wall and entered in the second house. It was a portal of white wax through which this hooligan shaman-looking figure, the oppressor, as he presented himself came. His eyes were bleary, rounded like two sharp rounded visors. No eyes but a light lay behind them.

This wasn't a wax suit, but his body, by now what had been of him, and of his previous life had gone. Now he stepped a new detractor, one who promised himself a way out.

'Where am I?'

'Does it matter now? Look around you, this place is being assaulted as we speak.'

A metal spinal-stroke erupted from the ground, bearing blades which spanned across the entirety of the house, far extending them past everything that mattered. It had been a sinful touch afterwards, to look closely upon its activation. The blades turned into their horizontal fully stretched intended position and began spinning with an incense of force.

Both the Duke and the wax fiend dropped below the rims of the blades in time to avoid being beheaded.

'Is this your doing? Because if it is, know that I cannot be killed. I'm always going to be able to remold my body into form, while you hide in your unclean armor.'

'Would I be lying down if this were mine? Why would I put myself in danger?'

The wax had little to its mind to even be capable of holding up against a candle. But the rotation stopped. Strangely, so had the arrows. But he could see the marks where the house had been cut, and the upper half was simply floating.

Both him and the wax looked around after someone. He walked, slowly stepped, around the rim of the second wall, where the opposite hole had been placed. This omen had only served as a way to stare around. It wasn't safe to be there any longer.

'Come on, we'll have to crawl out way out.'

'And If I don't?'

'The entire valley will eventually collapse, if the traps don't activate first, which I seriously doubt. And in case I think that one outside is set to make sure there won't be anyone living past the line.'

If he remembered correctly, he saw its clear cut there, separating the piece of the land on which the giants convulsed.

Both tried pricking in their fingers, spreading as many drops of wax and grim-juice on the ground as they could. Great minds thought alike, they saw how awfully it reacted to its desire to hurt. Its knuckles joined the rim, pulling a dangling fourth of the outside stable. Likely, he was pushing and tearing everything apart as a display of his strength. He merely touched something, which gave the impression of turncoats being retracted. His demented annoyance came from another place.

Those drops annoyed him because of their noise rather than affront to his sensibilities. He felt like ripping more apart, but the delays to his reaction made him get baffled by the fact and the scorn. It wore off as soon as they were out. No more in where the blades started again, as they spread and began spreading on the rain of tiny bits of metal from the focal braces around the top of the first coming unit of the wall.

They've done it. They had brought one of the tinier multihanded holders down and had managed to do enough structural damage to take it down. Now that it was falling, there wasn't any hope to look away from the fight. It was taken in.

'I haven't decided yet if you're worthy of my presence here.'

'How about you disappear then? I have no use of you if you're going to keep that arrogant mouth for as long as you have it. Let me be and we'll part ways.'

'But what if I give in and let myself be drawn out there? I hear the sound of blades, I hear the drums of war. This isn't any different from the place I drew myself out off.'

And his would be an interesting idea, of what wasn't right any longer.

'I fear for myself, I fear that I have taken the life of a father for my own escape which has resulted into a fruitful attempt to extend my life. Now I'll be gone.'

'That does not sound like any of my concerns alone. I am here for a reason and so far, you served me naught.'

A quick blunder, as he took a hard area of the wall and threw it at him, only to see this manifestation of wax hide away as quickly as it could in order to avoid any other disorder or any kind of agony there may fall upon it. For some moments it could only stay in the form of a pool before coming back together.

'Slow, far too slow, you've given me plenty of time.'

At which the wax jerked, a quick reverse reaction to the torch he had lit the spark of his fingers. He had almost engulfed it in the fire before he had been made aware of the falling tower. Its base was going down.

The Duke would have no confirmation of its death, but it was dangerous now, being out there in the open. He was met by the sight of the slaughter, as expected, as tow armies marched, or had been pushed inside.

A giant hand reached for him and offered itself, as weakly as it stood, to get him as far away from the conflict as it could. He saw that between them, only an implant remained, with a fatter tube drooling inside the ground, through the tunnel, leading out. His race had died, it appeared. There was something in those big and rounded black eyes. Nothing.

He was allowed to lie as close to that point near their chests where he could grab and pull, pushing through until nothing would be left to draw out of them. Four pins of metal which had been large enough to be smug-clamps rested inside of him.

One last look above, to see that pus hole inside the sky, which had degenerated everything from sight, brought only the clearness of the vile. It wasn't safe to dwell there any longer. The ships had retreated and it looked like they had their own problem as it was. Soon the rip would be close and he would set free to go wherever he wanted to.

'I shall free you now from the pain. No longer will you suffer being alive in this state.'

At which he only pulled a single metal joint of metal, which had been deep, it had ripped a piece of its chest as well as a few cavities from inside. Bone and body mass prevailed in the midst of pushing through.

But down there, where it had been obvious that those peculiar hiding destroyers left their marks, he knew there was no escape. No one would survive. The walls and the towers started falling and as the deranged approached, so had that box from inside the giant's chest drew out, being pulled beneath the earth and inside the tunnel.

The Duke held as hard as he could, taking a deep breathe not long after as he had been met by the sight of water. It was cold but for the first time in a long afterthought he had been reminded what it felt like having living senses. Behind him, the way in had been covered by the giant, who had been thoroughly ripped to shred as soon as he came into contact with the trap. It's been the way it had been intended, destroyed in its entirety as the fortification lay undefended.

In the midst of the ruin, traps stopped, the ruins fell across the battlefield, breaking the battle into a piece made out of few extractions. Sooner or later one had to come. Solider lay there, still alive.

'The battle isn't over, men, let us return to it before they run us to our graves!'

A voice rattled and gave itself away. As soon as that came to his knowledge and to his mind, he had been made aware that it was something he didn't stomach. The urge to draw the blade back in. It had been a while since he was there, in his own kingdom where no one dared confront him. He could take them now, despite being in a position which allowed even less time to wonder, he could see them reach the point in time.

The city was still there, where it ought to be. Surrounded, even by a multitude of spires which made his passing so much easier, even as he dared began to drift away, he tried searching for the most deserving, for those who would earn his anger. I will earn my rightful place in my realm, he thought. And he would not remove the organs from the premise either, with everything which happened, he would still risk doing it all again. What else would there be for him to long for?

If not another chance to fully encompass his kingdom into a protecting mass of bodies which would dome the top of the grimmer reaches. Unknown to them, of this plan, they had already started amassing the bodies which had come as a result of the sin of his kingdom's fall. Otherwise, they would rise, and he feared. He feared them. Even there, looking down upon them as they were some kind of myth, he understood. A relatively weird array of suitors waited below his kingdom.

They had been given a short lifespan, as they were crafted out of the reef below. It was them who started his mad endeavor, as they charmed the maiden so they may throw themselves to them and fall. A bitter laugh continued as they continued mocking him in the most undistinguished manner. No longer would this disaster continue under his watch. He had to carry on with his plan and crush them all again, reliving the moment when a part of him had been completely lost.

It was lost even there, and he was pulled by a force unlike any he had even been forced to feel. The appeal of it was quaint, banteringly obvious, that he saw the water become the murk. Its acidic feel could only last for so long until he had been pulled out of the metal pile only to land up on a field filled with ancient spines. Plants had once grown inside of the plates, which moved and tore them apart, leaving nothing but some distant shades on long green ropes which threw themselves forth.

As much as it was to be called alive, they wrought only the least distinguishable scream, their peers suddenly reappearing out of their morbid cots. In them, they stood guard, looking shady and untrustworthy, but more importantly, they appeared to be deadly for the touch. Partially made plant, part of them were the remains of soldiers, which the substance which kept them together was a conglomeration of large wasp-hybrids, which receded between being hybridized into living soul or living plant. To which they chased me, all of them, trying to go after the giant metal holding cell which was attached to the liquor-infused tubes.

'We're not alone here.'

The Duke spoke with the fiend. It wasn't like it to keep him waiting, but alas, it turned. Since he had done something as he had been asked for, a prize, perhaps, for the consolidation of their alliance.

'Chains will not be needed any longer, now that you are a part of the family.'

'I swear I almost got used to them. What made you change your mind? I seem to recall that your attitude towards me.'

'It was only but a misdirection, so you would not think of the damage you've done.'

Which was exactly what he had been asked for here.

'Turn around and see for yourself, what do you think of it?'

It wasn't likely that they would attempt any kind of paranoia inducing method, but he had looked upon a standing kingdom of a vile planet, which held its hurricanes from spreading with the held of their rotating, spinning orbs. They acted in unison, but remained static. It was a mere case of large systematical tubing which connected all of them together, leading to their cities, held in the air by the many legs they bore.

'Can you see the hurricanes and what became of them? It used to be flushing with verdure, now it had capitulated to the invading elements you've helped produce.'

'But I do not remember there never being a pool underneath my organs, especially one which had to be clean. It's always been that way. And the fall of my kingdom was inevitable.'

'Mere excuses, look, at how the tubes start carrying that side of your world into theirs. Soon their water supplies will be poisoned and contaminated. They will all die because of it.'

'And I should be concerned with it? If it is not my fault, why should I be kept responsible for it? Why am I to care for a few deaths here and there?

I am far above there, I am grander, and I have the strength to crush those beneath me and to avoid.'

Being followed? Was that it? Because those words never left his mouth but they were after him. Those entrappers, which had been annoyed by him being there, he could see them now, having outpaced the destruction before beginning the hunt. Most of them appeared to be dangerous and relatively filled with strength. If one was strong enough to stop the slicer in its track, then he would dread to face so many of them.

'Not so confident after all.'

'Do not intrude my thoughts, creature, for you shall find things in it which aren't even worth of the pressure.'

'Then let me see what's going to happen here. We'll force each other into a view, I'll call one, you'll do you.'

'For what purpose would that be? Am I not called in the service of the voices yet?'

'Why, they're mightily silent now, they've been that way for a while. It's worth it to know that we'll have to wait for them to return.'

There was one quick break in which he waited to be punished. That much had been established then. They would not come back for now, not even for the likes of what ought to be done about the Duke.

'Duke, oh Duke, we need you to return and do an unspoken of act, to get it out of the way. Do not worry, for, as long as your armor is there, you may be sent back at any time regardless of what it takes you to be alive.'

He looked at the Duke, wonderingly if he were to decide what was to be done about him. If he were to be an outcast, with as little as a woe, he could cherish living in there for as long as he would last, admonished by the fact that they would try grasping and clasping for his body as soon as he could turn to live. Culled out of his realm, before he was sent into the commentary of his own creation. Up there he didn't see them in the front but unevenly from angles one could not even dare to know of any better. He had to make a choice, whether he would take this chance to get away.

If he chose to he could do it. There was no force strong enough and filled with enough will that may dare stand against him. This was his choice, and as the escaladation turned into the creation of the slain-stone, he began staring as the faces of the drowned. Some were distantly recognizable, even before he had known them, he was plain set up on never ending up again there, in the distant abyss below. Below, where he looked and saw the creature standing on the same climbing spiral, to which grasped all the fighters, bodies, giants, even those he had never seen or had never showed up to him. A cruel descent only showed him what was ahead, and it was as little as hearing the stones creek, which made him think of the desire to destroy.

'I got you, little pest, I shall end you.'

Much of his joy had been caught by some kind of defiance which only looked likely to be gone once they reached him. But he had grabbed ahead of some poor soul which almost escaped, only to throw him back into the pile. As the temptation grew further in, he heard the wail and couldn't see but what lay inside of thee. Of the demiurge which manifested inside of them, little could be seen. After all, the stones had not been as hard as they could be but looked as if they only kept the advent of the wicked sea inside of it.

Farther away from him, he saw, what belonged to him, if any at all, the distant ruins of what used to be his vile desire. IT was unattainable, unreachable, benign, a promise which had been broken by voices which would not laugh, wouldn't speak, to which only silence came as a conclusion to their vile preaching.

'Adore us, adore us, return. We must meet you again, when defiance will be lost. You know you will return to us, oh Duke, almighty, know that you shall be defiled by your need for conquest, pray that you might.'

'Do what I have asked of you, if not, I shall breed of you some cancerous cellars in which you may appease your body, throwing it to disease.'

'Leave us be, oh why won't you be? We're waiting for you to come, oh, lord and sire, where have you gone?'

A treacherous pile of miscreants followed him, to which he leaped, finally in reach of stone tablet to which the bodies strung. Their court had been destroyed and in its place, the last thing which remained was the storage of the words, the cruel swords of agony which had penetrated him skin and drew in from inside his body some kind of withered memory, of what if felt like to have thinned the living population, an innocence which had been lost.

As cruelly touched as he had now looked, a few first steps only revealed a disease of the mind, which turned the bodies back to life. In their dance, many of them only grasped for the nearest of their betters. It bone and stone, as they found themselves at home, all of them had been engraves. It was here that he found himself marked, only to wonder.

‘Who’s the one responsible for that primordial soup? It is because of him, not I that I found myself here, watching all your slowly die.’

‘But Duke, you have forsaken us all, for it way, that became their instrument of glory.’

The great masked giant spoke. He gave in as well, to the very point where he cruelly prolonged his own cruelty, appalled by the choices they had all taken there.

‘Why have they thrown their spears, the weapons, whatever else they collected?’

It was not the court, he reminded himself, only the cruel imagery of it which remained. The deceased were no longer in the same state as they had been prior to their meeting. More so, this state had been supremely caught in an agonizingly weird grasp which only highlighted the fact that they were no longer alive. A cult of evil around them came.

‘The one to blame is here, I fear he may come to punish us some more.’

‘Climb on my hand Duke and do no bother with them, carry on until you will have gotten to the pile there.’

With his free hand, he pointed at the skin, to which a hole, in which the most pure, the most obscure of aristocracy dined with one another, flipped to wait, upside down, a gait. This gate was still open and it had been from that source that the bodies of the wicked and the poor fell, while those above them served only the finest shares of red wide, floating upside down. But amongst them, he had seen an image which hadn’t belonged to him, one thing above the others. And he would see it.

Before any contact could be established again, the Elegant looked at the Courtesan with a vile repulsion which only pushed forward his distrust. It was a must for him, to have been known that way. Two vile creatures at each other’s throat, unable to carry themselves past the sea of whurst, to which, entangled, they would solve this debacle.

At each other’s throats, they looked past, the surge at last, only brought to them the leap. The speed could only be set by them, as they were chased, instead of trying to draw any further away, it could not be conceived, that they’d be deceived from the likes which they presented. Neither of them could pay enough heed to the wretch they perceived their likes.

‘Will you betray me again?’

‘I do not know if there’s going to be something left out of you to betray if I were to. Look at what’s left of you now, it’s approaching your ankles.’

‘But I can still stand, look, my limbs are only invisible, I can feel them.’

‘They’re not there, see?’

The Courtesan pushed his nimble fingers through the sole of his invisible disgraced illusions. But it couldn’t be explained why he floated to begin with. That had been indistinguishable from the lack, the spread, the missing and the dead. Yet it would be impossible as well to question what was going there. As a rule of thumb they’d only run and when time stopped again, they would talk again, or he’d be left to fend for himself. A wretched turned, he saw at last. As they crushed one another beneath their sharp paws, it couldn’t be decided what was to be brought back of him. Only the outside curtain of skin, the first beast had unwrapped its fur and bodily curl into the cavern. With its sudden emergence, the others had been frightened and defiled in the worst sense possible. In their wicked ways, now that they had served their strange days, they got on their two feet and twisted themselves as a testimony of their defeat. Not a single one could suffer from the infernal crush of their internal organs, which started signing the song of blood.

‘We’re coming for you, we’re coming for you, oh Courtesan, your blood sinew.’

It was had been pleasant, knowing that he was so desired by them, not so much as he would want to get away. But there were great plants, there were changes. One additional surge came again, but not through the entire plane, but through the walls, changing the insides of the Elegant, wrapping them about in the most deranged manners, not whimsical, not degenerate, unlike any of the filth they saw, it couldn’t be thought. No matter what he was like before, he stared into the wrap and into the foliage of words and played with them in an utmost disgusting manner.

‘Do you really have to do this now?’

With the botched end of a knife, from wherever he had pulled it from, he came to shove a piece of it inside his knee, below it and through three more spots.

‘I’m not going to feel pain any longer, oh I see it now. No bleeding and no pain, and I’m about to become invisible again.’

‘What are you even talking about you ingrate?’

Ingratiated by this disease of non-existence, he appeared to have been gone again. But it wasn’t invisibility, he could see the entire arm of the Courtesan phasing through him again. It felt unnervingly right, as if he was in another layer of reality which waited for him to come. Ghastly, dead, he could see into what they were getting into. The grand return to the ways of the malign, they wouldn’t happen to care for what was going in.

But at the end of the space, the inner tirade between the worlds, in which the pockets folded as nothing but their own mass was being added over and over into the dead end which followed. There was no wall but only the upper body of him, the ones being who ruled, over the inner protecting layer of the gauntlet that connected with the tunnel system which had emerged from the likes of the Duke. From above them, the poison, that liquid started dripping, only momentarily as a sign.

Before the wolfish walker could come and completely swallow the entirety of the room, he had been stopped, everyone had, as they would be addressed by the ruler, the queen, the fat thickened whim of many luscious plumps which grew on top of one another. An opening formed on its own. First the bodies of the previous walkers, the stranglers and the diseased were thrown on the floor against them. From this weird pea-like holder came one weak creature, which barely held itself on all four, crawling only with the help of the cordial extensions in the back. As long as they were, only a projection could be felt, like that of some gracious feelers which joined one another in a plaster.

Some of the inner paths in which he strung his inner most obscenities couldn't be seen, but it was clear that most of the brain mass lay inside it. A mouth reemerged, as soon as it was lost again.

'The one responsible for this, it is you, it is not?'

'I am the Courtesan, graceful thing, I cannot be mastered by anyone. Look at me, do I seem to be the one who started it all?

Or is it him, who'd suffer no one and would not step in any other place other than his kingdom, or the other...'

'Silence, imitation, I won't hear any more excuses, neither of you is here to bargain, nor I would only make the pleasing difference that I would know it would string your bodies into a servitude of mine. Make as you will of it but do not bother me with your pathetic attempts to get away.

Not when my lair is being filled with the likes of the flood.'

It clearly disturbed it, not for what had been in there, but was lay below. She showed us what she had acquired, throwing nothing forth until it was safe to lay low again.

'These are my eggs, I have planted them for many generations.'

Though it could see well enough that its chances of submission were low enough to begin with. This lair was coming apart, her plans would be decidedly found to be unworthy of the etiquette. No more retreat. This wasn't about them, or their escape, but the Duke. Who had only done his best to return to the crest of the aristocracy, climbing on their bodies until, he had reached one of them and held the nobleman, the member of the upper class. But in his suit he only hid a few moths.

‘I bought them all. All of them, can’t you see I’m drowning in refinery?’

‘And yet you’re all beneath me, a master made by my own hand. Unlike you scum, I’ve always been, will be called for, never forgotten by the doomed kind.’

The window blindly followed and he could see the agonizingly defender pushing forth, nothing more but a pair of the misguided youths, he lost himself as soon as they came through him. Like blades of steel, darkly shattering through him as he looked upon himself falling, alteration after alteration of him being left behind. Each of them seemed much older, yet the same, now, as he found himself met by those who followed him to the wretches of the damage he had made, he found himself unable to feel, yet he reeled back into the moving ambient trailer which engraggled the chest device.

And he was a Duke no longer but an Earl, someone who couldn’t look away unnerved, over the fact that he couldn’t face his action any longer.

‘Are you a stranger now, one who found himself beneath the rims of the unaware? I seem to recall we were to expect one like oue. Tall and daft, plated and unable to correlate the wicked blows of a defiler, many to my intuition be, I shall have a piece of you for now.’

There was no intuition here, this had only been the mark of no priority, little dexterity left where to bite. And this thing, to which the only defining feature was a long, over-the-hill dragged neck which curved and ended with a dead end of hair which grew everywhere, wore the suit of the liar. Many words had been strapped on it, which appeared to bear some few centimeters ahead, made out of ivory dark, a heart which lurked inside of his pocket beat to the producing heat.

From where the young Earl stood, he saw something close to the ruins of a barely framed apartment, which only had one wall resting on the adjacent one, two doors locked, and the giant barrel which stretched in the front for kilometers ahead. They would go towards the horizon in a never ending spree from which not even a single one like they could be seen from miles, despite the presence of open spaces he could look upon in the distance.

With each parlor, a light would follow, likened to the there being no tomorrow unless they performed well each task they had been given yet.

‘I need to eat, sir, so if you don’t mind it, confirm yourself as the one we’re looking for.’

‘And if I don’t?’

‘Then we won’t have any other alternative but to throw you over. You wouldn’t like that now, would you? I don’t suppose you will. Look around you, there’s at least a heap here and one there which should make you long for a better place to rest.’

‘I confirm them, I am the man you’re looking for.’

‘But how can that be? You look too young and there’s something really pointy about you, I cannot tell why but...’

‘It’s the helmet, I’ve been given this as a present and the rest.’

The rest of him which may have been abandoned during the fall, he couldn’t really think of it that way, but he his intuition told him all of them died then. In the pile, defiled, the likes of which only drew themselves to him. Only the kin who would be sucking marrow would find it drawn to him. For some reason or another, he couldn’t tell what happened since.

Taken aback, he pushed on, wondering how the process went.

‘Great question, new-comer, make sure you stamp your hand.’

He came to look at the hand-recognizing tool, which drooled with the flat image, lined with fluorescent green lies, which only brought ahead the variously collapsing vile growths which deepened in, filled with the limphic obstructions which bore themselves father away from there. They would be uselessly trying to form some clouds, to bring about the shout of ages, the many stanced fighters which had been picked up as well.

‘We’ve been going into circles.’

One of the two workers said. Before the Earl could fully place the entire palm of his hand, he turned at them. At an interval of a few minutes they could hear the way above, how it gave in to the various ringed points where the heaviness coming from above started giving in. Well within itself, the pipe system, through which they ran had been ancient, but affected by its instability dragged by recent wars, the floods and various extremities of the afflicted weather. He saw what came out of them, with each drop that avoided him.

‘What was that?’

As the Earl looked mightily surprised, they got closer, in time to point at the ceiling. More than a few bodies fell. Though they weren’t in the same sport, they had fallen through another pipe below the one he had been pulled through. A few more of them established some kind of pseudo-hierarchy which sometimes changed. Every now and again they would change each other and push through until they would apply to one another some cruel force of static and the blunt forced entries which made them repeat the same roads again.

And the corpses which fell had been dragged inside the barrel, unexplainable at least, lost to the feast. ‘The process is quaint, if you don’t mind risking a toe or twice for every marks the matter. I’d gladly fashion you something to garble down during the wait.’

‘Waiting for what now? I thought I was to be shown around.’

‘In good time, good time to come, now pay attention.’

As soon as he was verified and they had entered undefined by any of the cornered tools, he had been presented with eight centrifugal creeps, which were held admit a metallic kind of cage, that held them at bay. Their whole beings had been manipulated in a way which prevented any pain from being felt, at that their heads had been covered with rubes which prevented their senses from ever developing. In short of their failures to produce the fuel mechanism which combined the blood of the giants with the entire primer needed to suffice for the rebirth of that liar, deceitful troglodyte known as Eugorggheon.

Heedlessly aware that his body had been misbehaving, trying to cut his way through another dimension at the sake for leaving behind everything else, he found himself unaware of banter, trying harder to pass by. The fact that his body freely swam in that diseased muck only brought him to the mind to inspect these screeps.

‘What have you done to them?’

‘Not us, but the depositories are full of them. They’re being stacked there and every once and again they’re given some kind of means to feed. It doesn’t usually last long and many of them are bound to bite around.’

‘A sickening image, I swear, I was there once, unable to get rid of my conflicting gaze, I jointed them once again and waited.’

The servant revealed his back and in close to the track of woes, he revealed everything he lost on his was to chrome quiet. His sole reason for which he survived the encounter had been the very fact that he had been taken aback by how many of them perverted their young. He began talking about it.

‘I’ve been a part of them for so long and I haven’t even realized it yet, do not take my will to harm as a bad thing. My intention was merely to survive, nothing more. Whatever I did there in order to obtain a place in the paradise which had been promised to me can’t be questioned any longer.

They asked too much of me in return.’

‘How have you drought-heads survived for so long? I cannot see any alternative at that, only the least of your will make it through.

It’s becoming ever so obvious that neither of you is kept here under freedom.’

‘We’re slaves but we live up to it, why can’t you meet our gaze?’

He looked and saw but drew back at that. What interested him were those empty one, worse than servants, kept there like the stock from which to draw the blood at that. Much to their defiance, had been the appliance of the ways of

torture which deeply helped them do as much as it was pleasing to. To outperform one another in cruelty and in the wall they had plastered the walls.

In this section of the barrel where everyone had been placed there were a few sutures which kept them awake. The Earl saw an unsatisfactory mouth which grinned or attempted to draw some pieces of it from the lost nerves. Like a pair of teeth and a piece of the tongue which rolled together forming a ball. In them alone, there had been that kind of weird home for the infestation mechanism which began fading in. Folded like some unscrupulous capacity, they began splitting themselves until one of the specimens' mouths was filled with all of them.

Unable to dispatch themselves from the woe, they started spitting them out until their gaping mouths would be free again.

'You've taken their dignity and limbs, beneath them there's the lack of shame which had been pulled away. All of them seem sterile, is there no line you wouldn't cross? I'm not even talking to either of you simpletons, but of your faction. '

'Our faction, for which you work as well, may I remind you mercenary that you're as much a part of it and as guilty as we are as?'

But they didn't know what he had done. As they bent over and started picking up those extra pieces of slippery excess, they began munching them away. The Earl refused the offer, taking up this account to look around the likes which penetrated the tikes inside the ceiling, many of those cracks inside, where no one may even hold, to be bold about it a piece of it, that one mark of the escapee. So many of them had went worth and found themselves unable to continue their journey towards escape.

'Will this barrel ever stop from going forth? Is there even a destination for us to arrive to?'

'I cannot say for certain.'

Yet, if memory served well, as he could look at it again, he saw one of his betters approaching him at last. In his wild manifestation of whiffs and shallow drifts, he pushed one simple hand between his nose and his high cheek-home. It had to be noted that he himself bore a leathery skin which only brought his peculiar pigmentation into the play. Emotions couldn't convey what he was pointing to. But what he saw then, as a beneficiary symbol of the raw comet of the fifth cripple soon arose. His hand had only two large fingers which moaned.

Two giant nails looked like blades which only scoured the likes of the comet as it came.

'We fight these words of it, to avoid allowing its destruction. That's where life originated here from and only it may serve us so we may avoid the complete eradication of our history and what made us whole until this point and that of which will come.'

‘How may I feed it then?’

But another one of Agamemnon's visions faded. He took it on himself to look another way in.

Chapter 3

Lost chamber

There was a dark room hidden underneath the subway station at St. Augustine road. Its walls had been encompassed by small plates of darkly colored auburn. They were shaking every single time one of the trains was passing through the tunnels.

I didn't see him at times, but he was tall and he wore a mask which hid all of his features. To the addition of the room stood another auburn-like light which dangled from one corner to the other. I couldn't help but stare at what was going on there, in the silence of the night, when the lights went out before going to sleep.

Every time he opened the door, I shuddered. He wore that weird mask he carried with him. It was tall, huge as trunk, made out of a metal holder or some weird topping pillar he found. And a few human-like metal heads stood tied to it as well as a few monitors. I had seen those things, they were. They were strangely uncovered and benign. It had to be tried a few more times at least.

But I attempted to approach, getting nearer, or at least as close as I could. Without much in mind, I had been made aware that he had a different body build each time he presented himself there. It wasn't the same man who had come before.

Different messages came on the screen. A weird disemboweled head, programmed by the computer appeared and came into being. a couple of thoughts came into mind.

'What do you want with me?'

Without an answer, there came the food, something on the plate which resembled stew. Behind him I only saw what appeared to be a kind of conspiratorial image of an old subway tunnel resembling, most likely the one they were underneath. Now I got it. This must've been some kind of break-chamber for the workers.

Now it had become a cell. He left without closing the door. As if I were to risk it, I only stood and waited for something to happen. Would he return? There was no way of knowing. Would I try making a run for it? The stew hadn't been hot anyway, I thought. I actually thought, for a moment that I could make it through, but he was out there, waiting for me. Each step had been a torment of its own.

A big arm came out of nowhere and slammed me against the plate, breaking it with my back. If that's what had to be expected so be it. Without a doubt, I had been made so much more aware of my surroundings and what was there.

Another one of those days, in which I had to get up and lick my wounds. Too hungry to care that the place was so dirty, I came to lick it off the ground. There wasn't anyone to see me cry, no one so see me try to puke the small grain I had almost choked with. But I would resist.

That had been only one of them, the people who showed up. First movement happened. It wasn't a normal relaxation cabin. I was in a small train, I should've picked it up when it started moving. One step outside made me weary the next day. It looked safe, as the door opened, there was no one on the other side, only this strange sensation.

They didn't expect me to have the guts to get out.

'Hey, is someone there?'

'I'm here.'

An innocent voice announced itself as well as it made it be heard. There'd be consequences which would be known if he followed. But that voice wanted to make him so he could at least be aware of it. Constantly shaking, the tunnel started pushing its falling additions away. Someone had to be there. He thought that if he had walked for long enough and had enough faith in what was out there.

Here it was. Exactly what he most likely expected, his strange hidden desire that there'd be no one else in there revealed itself. Deep inside his mind, there was the presence of a self-defeating attitude which could only push itself past his own desire of freedom. The two stands, two of them, no, he counted sixteen of them there.

Only one had been active. This one had other parts tied, made out of disabled machines and the same old screen who spoke.

'You found me.'

'Yes, I have.'

He was wearing rags. The expression on his face, sagging.

'Do you know of some way out?'

'There's no way out. I searched for it while I was being carried by that man you saw before.'

'So you are the same one who came inside my room.'

'I am.'

'But you look different than you did before.'

'Same as you.'

There wasn't any way for me to take a look at myself, but he had no intention of lying, at least for what I had been aware. Clearly, he wanted to shake me off my boots a little.

'How? How come I look different than I did before?'

'You look beaten. Worse, much worse, your eyes are purple and your lip had been split. We saw it happen but we couldn't stop it.'

'And I'm to guess that they're the ones responsible.'

'Look behind.'

I was knocked and got to feel on my on skin how I'd be beaten again, in front of my eyes. He was reckless in the way through which each of his hits landed against my body and my ribs. Never too prodding and never aware he even cared about what happened to me.

They, not him, they carried me, dragging me back from where I left.

'Why are you doing this?'

A set of arms let go off one of my legs. He turned and started kicking me in the guts until I spoke no longer. I saw his face then, through my bleeding tear ducts.

Big, wide and formed as if in some broken pattern of heather's valve. It looked like it had been encased and pushed inside his face, rubbing and gently stretching it to the very point of no return. He felt wicked and obscure. It wasn't clear as why that had been that way.

Suddenly this man stood here and showed a hand into his face, ripping a good part of his skull, pulling off what appeared to be the shell which stood over the machinery which made him living. Out of it came some dark oil which shot in waiting. He threw that face and picked on from the bag he had on him, replacing his normal face with an expressionless one.

His suit had been mundane, one strip of fading grey, discolored as it came.

He saw him in the morning, as he stepped out again. Underneath him there lay the plate of food and they had been generous this time around. He was some roasted beef in there, but the weird machine stood there. It waited for him to take the stairs. This passage had been different in structure. A pair of stairs stood immediately on his left, prolonged by the dead end.

Quickly, put, he'd make it through if he had been fast enough.

There wasn't anyone in sight by the end of the long stair case, but he had made it into the city. Behind him he heard the steps and immediately closed it. Inch by inch, he made it through without being aware of what was going to happen there.

It was filled. Most of the people were busy, too busy to pay any attention to the man who came out of the abandoned subway station. But he heard it then. From the above, past the mist of the sky, there was the wall. From above it, there came the sound of the train going away. It only appeared like this had been another prison for him to have exchanged. Now, there'd be no escape he realized.

But what had escaped his glance had been that one moment in which he paid enough attention through them to see the connectors which passed through their heads. In appearance they resembled long shafts of metal which

penetrated between the midsts of the face. Sometimes they would go in clusters of eight, connecting eight people who were drawn together.

Though they stood out, the unaffiliated ones, those bodies he had come to recognize were there.

‘I need you to follow me if you want to escape.’

He turned and saw those moving pillars which now held mechanical legs, some arms, some of the connecting shafts as well as that one monitor with a tridimensional model of an old man’s head. Being so close to him made him inspect the details on his face. Flat shades, sharp polygons reigned, but their numbers were ranked in barely a few.

It was a deep and secret desire he hadn’t spoken of that he would number in millions, billions of them, being close to realistic looking shades. But enough of that.

He waved and he followed.

‘What’s your name?’

‘I’m Dour.’

‘Why are you helping me Dour? Are you programmed to do so or are you remotely controlled by someone? Who am I talking to?’

‘You’re talking to Dour. Now shut up and follow.’

It was a pointless expectation that the weeds would hide him, over the fence now and into the platform of redistribution near the old automobile factory. What stood out were some red tinted overall shade-covers which had been placed in the front. A few men finally noticed him while moving some of the delivery-drones around.

One drone activated there.

‘Intruders in the perimeter, activate freezing motion.’

Out of its box leaped some oblong one footed drone, which kept its balance with the help of four magnetic joints on top which extended as well as they arched in four different directions. This field made it so they would stand and direct itself near the grasp of its long submachine gun which emerged from its chest.

A pair of long elastic guts connected to the other rifle which popped off from there as well as some guts which shot and spread over the ground revealing the entity which lived in. Two joints were still attached to the pile and the oblong metal case which had the appearance of a beaten hive, with all the empty larvae spots.

They turned from red and pink into a freezing yolk of blue as it spared no moment spreading the blue vapors it produced. From there, a few warning shots came. They were directed towards him but before he could look away, the two men had arrived and with them, that machine at last.

Despite them wearing simple masks, he looked at the sky and saw the distance change in shade, from a gray to a distant dark blue which spanned in hues. From the growth of a yellow growth, there came from there, right in his line of vision a sharp pin which threatened to impale his head as well. But that had only been the illusion of a sight he couldn't control.

Whatever came next was the Dour woke him up and called.

'Let's retreat, fast, inside that place.'

They broke through the glass only to look behind and see how those pig-filled, big fatted-big piller men had mountains of shrapnel rounds shot through them, cartridges laying on the ground after the insemination had begun. It was getting cold and the temperature had dropped below living levels. But they had been unaffected. Despite bleeding the unnatural expected amount, they lived and kept the chase on.

And the only one affected by the freezing thing had been the employees who were supposed to carry. It was clear that the dark machine had taken to steal and pull off another face. Both of them had been shoved inside, vaguely fitted together.

'Down the slop, we need to get through that hole.'

By the counter, two feet ahead stood one perfectly squared hole dug through the side of the floor. It's almost as if he had been waited. That felt like a trap. He could only dread to think himself being brought back inside the chamber if he fell down there. But then again, the same thing would happen if they got a hold of him.

Another day in the same spot, but to be more clear about it, this has been going for eight weeks at that. And it hadn't happened in the chamber, no, he had a desire for it to have been that way. At least he could try something different in there. But he kept walking in that crowd with a tube shoved through his back. Nothing but a sweet and peculiar refuge had been lain in his mind. No longer would he care nor spare himself of waiting.

No one around him interacted for too long, not since they were busy with working all the time.

One man had separated himself from the crowd. He took something from inside his belly and then threw it on the ground. A burst of dark insects made a hole appear on the ground, on which a pair of stairs formed themselves like some kind of dark stones. The man had been encompassed by this insect-like disease which looked shared the mid-way appearance of a bomb falling from above but being struck in-between the blast and the smoke which came after.

It looked both dangerous and as if it had burst through his own body, destroying it in the process. He went down and shoved himself through, escaping in that place, wherever it had been. This happened so fast that he had almost missed it. Through some way he wished he had the chance to see it go.

More importantly, he wanted to go down there, but he couldn't. He tried but failed, and there wasn't any way to get back down there. Living here hadn't been so wrong. There were stores and houses and places but it didn't get to him. They knew walking constantly without stopping or tiring. Such an experience hadn't been pleasing at all, but disturbingly unstoppable.

Every now and then, he feared that if he may do something to stand out of the crowd, those men would appear. He tried a few times but nothing and when nothing happened, he resumed.

'I wish they'd get me. But what if they do? What if they're not pleased that they got shot?'

He considered trying to find those drones again, at least that way he could finally get away from this life.

Danger, in awe, stronger than that, it looked like he's been seen, noticed by someone inside the crowd, who had been paying much more attention than he, should've been. Often than not, he had been rather impatient over it. No head turned around, all of them were looking down.

'Have you seen that one before?'

'No, who?'

'Could you look to your right for a moment?'

'Fine, are you talking about that one?'

He had his face baring taken in now. That had been what they all feared that might happen eventually. A piece of him, that piercing tool had shoved itself past a point where endurance failed. Instead of pushing forward, it drew inward. Many tubes which entered him forced his evolution to take place. Peculiarly, he was content with it.

The many looking weird sides of his insides showed and cleared the blasphemy of the air. He had been spared that agony as his skin turned pale and his entire body had been fed oxygen, growing and expanding, then pumping down. For the rest of his remaining time, he had been stricken down by the same sharp filaments which entered him.

It was cruel, looking at it, but everyone was too busy to care.

By now, he reached the street he wanted to be near. He entered the new factory and began walking in place. As strange as it seemed, it activated his mind. A space of unrest, this tiny spot in which he worked reminded him of his home. Not that of his childhood but the chamber he had lost.

‘Break at four, until then, you’re all set to work until you’re done.’

They were working on machines. It reminded him of Dour.

‘Hey, Shrar.’

‘What was that?’

‘I said, hey Serge, it’s my accent. Don’t put me down will you? I can’t always expect to put it right.’

His stroll was weird, even there. But he was normal, this was the new normal.

Until that factory near them collapsed and everyone who was in their constant walk paused and walked in place as well. They looked at the malevolent hole which spread its filth and measure of cloth. Even this place was in danger of collapse.

But if there was thing he feared more than a life this disturbing, it had been the fear he felt of the train above him. A winder thing than that, if only he could see it. Disturbingly dead, he said.

‘I have to go, I have to leave. You aren’t going to keep me any longer here.’

Both of his feet stopped. He saw them for what they were then. no longer men, workers with tubes in their heads and he had taken the hardest choice he could, immediately pulling them through his face. He saw them being ripped out, being barely able to focus at the hazy image of two red shoes and the figure who stood in front of him.

SO much out of focus it had been that he gave in and made himself stare. He pushed and pulled and threw them away. Then he looked again and saw the empty bodies, which almost looked like cardboard boxes. Inside of them, the tubes had filled their spines, forcing them to look down.

There, everyone hated their jobs. But they could choose to do anything they wanted, they wouldn’t have to earn it, they didn’t have to be great at it. Anything they wanted, with the only sacrifice being those tubes which made them so depressed.

‘Don’t feel bad about it. I live being told what to do. Perhaps I’ll work towards going back into my room when I’ll have the time, but only then.’

A head had been pulled out of the bushes, with the side of his many sided skull open. It had been another threat he had been presented with outside. Whoever had it hidden there appears to have made a good use out of it. If there was something to be taken from that delightful image, it had been the fact that one would bear some grievance with himself.

Dark be dark lead, dark sees him stand. He wasn't any different, probably some worker who had been drawn to something else. But he knew what he was doing inside of it. He was messing with the insides in such a way that he was pulling small modified notes and writing on them.

This head shared a metallic appearance which resembled the man.

'What do you think he's doing?'

'Oh, I don't know. Maybe he's taking notes of what he's been doing to improve.'

'What do you mean?'

'I mean, look at him. That's an automicon. They're supposed to keep tabs over your various impulses and parts of your personality. Based on the notes you've written in them, you may either improve or give in.

It's a way of keeping an account on the things which dragged you down in life, or the various addictions, or the bad events which scarred you.'

'How come you're not using one if they sound so great? I could use one with everything that's been happening to me lately.'

'Oh but that's dangerous. They're dangerous. There's a consequence which stand as a testimony on how effective it had become. It was banned because of it, as in the end, the more problems they were getting rid off, the less human they'd become.'

'Is that why everyone here acts this way?'

'To some certain extent yes, but there's something else unexplainable, those being the tubes. I could never explain it why but there's something to them which makes them so vulgar to the bone.'

Thrusting to him, the head pulled and reeled back in.

'Mobile things aren't they?'

'Certainly are. I seem to have lost myself for words now. There's certainly something really off putting about the way in which that crawls.'

Undermost to him, neither of them had been their original selves, at least not since they had used those things. It would be unfair to look on it from there. Without prior knowledge to it, this looked more or less disturbing. The magnitude of fear its body produce was that of a dead rodent brought to life inside the lung of a man, while he had been charred by eight degree burns.

They would rot and stop and afterwards, the burnt man would reveal the changes which had taken in his body. Extrusions of red fire-like stones shapes like the rat would protrude out of his every bulging muscle. A sudden growth which made it look like some kind of mutation wouldn't be removed at all. It could only be encompassed by the means by which they never lasted.

Not a single mass, not a walking pin of stings would last. But this body had been forced into the process of filling itself like some movable holder of diseased materials. It came like some bubble of air, from which came despair.

The first black wires appeared inside, forcing the invisible figure to walk on sixteen legs. From the distance it only looked like a black frame of many strips of metal held a head barely rose above the ground. Luckily it hadn't been seen, but this monstrosity had made itself thin. Nonetheless, it would attempt to get away as fast as possible, without delay.

None may allow it, none may dare. If someone came into contact with the transistor phase, they would be frozen by the tubes in place. Undermost to them, the tubes had penetrated their brain and assimilated a part of them which had been converted in the same material.

One popped.

IT came out of nowhere but his head blew, and another one which happened at least eighty five feet away. A catastrophe after a catastrophe followed. This reckless string of many maddening happenings wouldn't be forgiven or exchanged for any less.

'Please allow me back into my hole, or give the chance to make it back home.'

But nights were cold, shallowly unexplained. Even they had to sit and sleep every now and then. Most slept on the pavement, which was surprisingly soft for the head. It wasn't the same for the rest of their bodies, though.

A new man had been released, in the middle of the night. He came out of nowhere, in midnight's delight. He looked around as saw the people, who looked like ghosts than what they seemed. No one had been there.

'Hello? Are you sleeping?'

Before drawing, he touched and felt not flesh, no phasing through either, but the plastic which had made their bodies. It explained so much to him.

'Statues, I supposed.'

'You shouldn't have come here.'

One of the so-called statues said. They appeared as of lately, from obscure differences and even fewer places where they lasted. For them, the image of the cast in life, the strife had ended at last. A heat above of them was melting, from one of the trains which had stopped.

‘You can talk.’

‘I won’t do it for long. Please, will you take me home? To my chamber, before there’ll be nothing left out of me?’

It was a kind man who approached. This felt decent, how he reached around him with his arm, before carrying him away, step by step, through the gate from which he came.

As cold as it had been there, it worked. It was a...It worked. He wasn’t melting. No, he wasn’t melting anymore. The cold from below had prevented the heat, certainly it had to. He got home, back inside his tiny chamber, where the small spots on the walls still waited for his return.

But the others stood there in pools. Even a head with metal frames which refused to move.

Taking back a few pieces of the back of his brain, the two men managed to kill and drag his back, pushing and rubbing him to the point where his life had ended. From there, it felt dizzy.

Another day passed in the chamber, with the look on his face being the same. It was clear enough that there wasn’t anything he could do about it, he was starving. He looked around trying to see whether he had dreamed it. His face had changed to the worst point in time.

It was the man he met there, dead. He had been bled out as well, they took out his clothes but left him with his privates covered by a piece of cloth. There was a hesitation but he got away.

‘Dour, Dour, can you hear me? Please, I need to talk to you. I don’t know if it’s still you.’

‘Here, follow my voice. Track my signal with the help of your ears and you shall find me.’

There were kind words. He followed. A dark symbiotic music, like an electric surge came over him then, making him leap into place. Dour had fixed himself on the top of the ceiling. Another side of the tunnel which hadn’t been explored lay there.

‘What happened? I was out there, for a few days.’

‘And now you came back. I told you to jump into that hole and you listened.’

‘I haven’t ended down here, I don’t think I have. But you want me here, right?’

‘No, I merely wanted you to escape. I failed.’

Dour had looked pale, or his stand looked rather flatter than usual and sucked in, something had bashed him inside, probably by fist or with the help of a hammer. It was highly deranged, this act was unacceptable.

‘Will I ever be able to get out of this place?’

‘You have escaped now. But you asked someone to bring you back.’

‘How did you know that? How could you possibly know that?’

‘I told you I live here, haven’t I? With the rest of the abandoned people, now, carry on. Go outside again, it should be safe now.’

I couldn’t trust this artificial screen but I took it by surprise and did what he asked of me.

‘Please, don’t do what. Whatever you’re doing down here, don’t do it. It’s creepy. I don’t want to be looked after any longer.’

His screen closed and he was left alone. Back outside, the stairs had been placed on a different side but they were out there. A different part of town now, where the people weren’t as clustered together stood in his sight. Neither of them was walking any longer. For some reason, they were right in the head. No tubes either, them, acting up.

He stood there watching two men pass a ball from one point to the other. But something got his attention, which made him more than curious.

‘Stop, don’t go any closer to it. You know what it does to you, right?’

‘I’m only trying to get the feel of one of them for myself, nothing more. Don’t ruin my fun. It can’t affect me any longer than I can feel like.’

Another distraction on his right, there was another head with the same function, which looked like him. Or he thought he looked like him, the heads were similar to one another and they shared no similarity to the people present.

But then again, he could have been deceived. What he saw were features like light auburn, light eyes, sharp features, and about that. Without a proper context or a way of knowing, he had been lost to answer.

‘I will still try it for myself, after all, what do I have to lose?’

‘Right, you didn’t even sound human to begin with, so why should it be any different now?’

It stung a little then. He wasn’t expecting any kind of lip to be given, but he shut his mouth as well. Back to their game now, without any consideration that he’d be lost in a few moments.

‘Seriously, don’t get any closer to the bushes, stay on the pavement and on the ground at all times.’

‘Why are you all trying so hard to get me to stop?’ He said at an inch to tat.

‘Because you’re a weird person who lives in an abandoned station, are you homeless? Perhaps hungry? We could help you if you wanted to.’

‘No, stop. You’re all acting weird. This isn’t what normal people act like, they don’t, look at stuff. And they.’

‘You don’t know yourself, huh? Do you want to join us? Do you want to play with us, for a while?’

His friend wasn’t in the mood for a third wheel but he hadn’t protested as of yet.

I only did the natural thing and indulged them. This was weird, bouncing a wall, while being frustrated, thinking about that tall head in the grass. Even now, I could still see it forcefully shaking in the bushes.

‘Listen, this is fun.’

‘It’s not fun if you have to tell me it’s that way. I thought I’d feel something about it.’

‘This is something we do to pass the time. We’re being relocated now, so most of the fun things had been taken from us. Do you seriously think we’d be out here kicking all day for nothing?’

‘Relocating to where precisely?’

‘That’s none of your concern. The two of you, move, now.’

The masked man returned, one of them at least. Scars had been exposed all over his belly, with his indrawn open shirt having come into stain.

I will not run now, he’ll get me yet, like he always does. What will he do if I simply were to comply like I used to do when we first met?

‘You’re not supposed to be out here. Why can’t you live inside your tiny crawling room like a normal prisoner?’

It was at least an attempt to carry on a civil conversation. That had been the least he could expect of it.

My guts are being twisted again, it’s from all the waiting.

‘Do you want me to crawl back inside my room?’

‘Are you going to?’

This was my chance to get away, he had been distracted and refused to pull himself out of it. I ran through the bushes and grabbed the first head which came into contact with me. Without a doubt, there's been some kind of weird animosity between the two of us then. He followed but never too hard. He was trying to act civil.

For some reason I had been slow. I looked at my ankles and saw a piece of them being gapped, to the point where a good chunk of my legs were missing. It felt painful.

'Why is this happening to me?'

A key in the shape of two quarters of a clock appeared there. It was by no means anything which may be indistinguishable from what I could think of as a piece of Dour. I had been it before. What did he do to me? Even the insides of my leg didn't appear to be right. All this waiting and the mad hope remained there.

'I have to know what's going on.'

'I have to know...'

My head spoke and as it did, he opened his head and provided the notes. It would be hard to do it while running but I have taken in to myself to go ahead and try as hard as I can. I pulled one note, unwrapping it while it had still been attached to the roll inside his mid-brain section and started reading from it. Anxiously looking around, trying to feel, grasp for air, to look behind, not to be replaced. Many scribbles as well followed after which had to be unrelated to what I felt.

Now, to say at least that it wasn't worth it would've been more than enough. I was made aware that I could cut pieces off with a tiny pen which rested near the side.

It was hard to focus where I was going but I had a great deal of sight in front of me. I knew where to go.

'I've been here before, I think.'

'You can't out run me, give in and go back to your chamber. That's where you need to be.'

'I don't understand.'

The first store I saw, or came into contact with had a thin enough door for me to break through. It was easy, but the man inside had been scared.

'What are you doing, man? You're going to pay for that, come on, you can't be doing that. Step away that area is restricted to employees only.'

Past the rounded section of the small table-like finger-crosser, stood the door. Of course he'd be there, the second one. He came out of nowhere and forced a hand right through my chest. That hurt, more than anything in the world,

breaking my insides before his second face came through my face, down the throat, off the heart area, under the gut in an arch which ripped me apart.

I saw how my body got split but saw not the insides of a man, but a promise. Some of the wires and the many machine syndrome-electronics have attached themselves to the head, carrying a small box which blinked with a green light in it. That flickered and got away.

‘Rat-head, you lost it, again. You know he’s going to grow up after this. What are we supposed to do then?’

‘I told you to make sure it’s locked, Rat-den. They’re not making it any easier, you know. This isn’t going to end up as being right for either of us.’

No more could he be taken again.

‘They don’t share memories you dumb cretin.’

‘How do you explain that he recognized me then?’

‘ take the body and leave it down there with the rest of them, come on, he’s harmless now.’

One of the two stations which had been knelt so Rat-head could enter the shop had been opened in the side. I was taken in it, dragged, placed inside of it. Stored with the rest of some similar broken pieces which looked like I had.

This explained why I could never remember anything of my childhood or any period of time. I was a merely a toy, a lookalike. Not him. Not them, not anyone.

As the journey went around, I had found myself being thrown inside the hole from which I came. There were so many others like us, all of whom looked similar to the people. They left. Afterwards, Dour came. He told me something I was not meant to hear.

‘Listen, little one, I’m supposed to tell you something. It needs to be heard before you may continue, if you’re to continue at all. Do not go that path and don’t let yourself be taken in. If you will please look away, in that direction.’

He opened the big wall, which withdrew inside like some kind of pane of metal. As it receded below, he saw another world of his choosing. Though he had been unreal, so had they been before the change.

‘They metallic forms had been shaped so they would be something between human and machine.’

There was some kind of softness to the metal but it was visibly so. Their skin-imitation had changed to reflect their forms and the alloy which made most of their bodies now. Instead of water they carried sulphur, the teeth had been shrunken and held in place by screws.

Behind them they carried transparent bags which held fetuses inside, from which they extracted the essence or from which they tried to. It had supposed to be that way, but those children had been test-tube altered. They themselves had developed mechanical implants inside of them, which forced them to become more crustacean and severely deformed as the process advanced.

If there was a choice for him to turn and leave, he could've taken in. But it was too late for that, the choice had been already taken. He leaped in and changed.

Dour was there as always, staring at the goners as the board pulled back up.

Another day, another view, thought it wasn't the same chamber the one in which he woke up. His body felt stiff, at least at the angles. It moved with certain tenderness to it, his long, long neck as well, felt like a continuous metal string which had been spread forth. No less than that, there had been the next train which had arrived. in time.

'I haven't realized trains are still coming here.'

'Get in, follower.'

A strange man, taller than a human came out and opened the door for me. He had blue pants, with grey eyes, which appeared to draw inside his arms holes. His head came out of one of them and appeared to be closer to a partially grown head.

The stump which stood at the top showed no sign of any head having been ripped out. On the contrary, it looked as if a few tiny eel-extrusions surrounded the crown of the next. They moved and circled around the hole, in which a sponge rested as well as a few metallic pins and chords and flimsy nails. It was deranged but it had been right.

It looked like a delightful range of action which could be taken less serious than they had been. If you could scoop well enough, you'd find enough space for someone to get through. No longer would he feel a thing, having gone through this disquieted fiend at large.

His head was seriously beaten in, especially since his skull had been fractures and showed signs of many bumps which went on to grow the metal pins which is stored inside its body. They were grown, as in, his skin had suddenly changed at the tip of the base where it had been wrought into iron. Such a disgusting sight was not only undignified but benign.

'I will aid you, fellower, make sure you understand what's going on.'

'What exactly is going on?'

'Well, you are to be taken and consider that there may not be a way back.'

This had to have been a lie, unless he wasn't aware of the things which govern your mind. He looked pleased as I have made my way through. Worry not about it. My mind said, and as it had, there were some assertions to be cured which may not be filled or ran through the fingers.

'Don't try to spur through the masses uncurled. I will make sure neither of them try to harm you during this journey.'

'Why is that? Why would anyone want to harm me?'

This one was a slip. For some reason everyone had something against him, especially the two masked fellow, or more.

But no, these were halves, quarters of even more displaced men. No one had been right, but everyone look at me as if I was the one who had been wrong.

What they looked at was some kind of weird big box which held its big neck and human-like head with the four limbs which had been the metallic wires which propagated him further.

'Greetings, I am new.'

'Stay in this seat near me.'

The two malnutrition had occurred already. He looked at a bunch of straddled chairs which had teeth and appeared to suckle on each other's bodies, drawing the sustenance which only brought in the harm and the harshness of the vile receding pouches which were carried. It was by no means an agony which could be sustained.

As one would grow healthy, or healthier if one at all, the others couldn't help but become weak and estranged from it. This funned their looks into four main frames which held an expanding body such as that of a growing batter of desires. An attire of many weird small fragments of cage-like metal bars spread and held everything in place.

No other view could do, other than this weird paranoia which lasted in the mind. Only the blind would know and hide away from the sight. The teeth straddled on the side and revealed how dirty shaded they were and how they drew from inside the petty magnitude in which they swam.

A bigger mass emerged and from it came an eye. It was no chair, this one, but a fully grown undeveloped jerky flab out of the mass of a floating silk producer from the corners of the insides of the blind echoing nurturing walls around the train. Sometimes they extended so far away that they would be cut off from the rest of them.

Afterwards, it couldn't be questioned any longer, whether or not someone had been asked. It was even closer to that desire to be quilted into happily giving some thought into the madness which lay beyond. They formed masses on the walls all round the tunnel.

It wasn't like the train had a stop at any point in time, but the very fact that there weren't any interests there. Such curvatures could only lack in the desire to push beyond dreams. But this one selfish creation had been cursed and imprisoned so it wouldn't spread inside and ruin the train.

Moisture made them inflate. Afterwards they would explode, the results being that the entirety of the train would be immediately destroyed, without question and without hope of any growth to be had, for any of them. Some device had been strapped to the engine, which produced the moisture in the air needed for their growth.

If that burst out as well, then there'd be nothing to grow on.

Alas, it waited for him to come.

'What is your name?'

It asked, and the man who could think of nothing more, said.

'My name is Dour.'

What a strange lie, he had a recollection of that one, and he wasn't him. He was but a face, an artificial creation which could only harass, lie and only act in a damaging way. It couldn't be questioned at all, why those things lasted, why they infested, why they had fed him then.

But he was informed with, with the simple wire from the top of his cage, which crawled inside the room and entered his head. He shouldn't have known that, but he had guessed it to be a slip. Those things happened now and those, even to machines, did they?

'I shall make it so everything will be right this time. They will not break me.'

'Good, that is a similar thought we seem to share. I feel like we have known each other for way too long. Have I seen you before?'

An eye appeared on its soft carcass. Nothing could be either exponentially threatening or even remotely right. Such an unfortunate event couldn't have lasted, as their meeting, but it had. Despite feeling repulsed by this creature, it kept going on.

'Why, I do think I know or I have heard your name. Would happen to a Block or a Stalk? I could never make the difference between the two, but who cares? You're here after all and I think we were truly meant to meet one another, I seriously do.'

Consider this, no one has ever stepped or chose to stay near me. I truly think we should give in this suddenly block between the two of us and help me escape my bonds. This cage of mine, the metal belts are getting in the way of me being able to stretch.'

Another voice kicked in as it drew in the bulk.

'I can't help it if I say the most dreadful things if you could please excuse me but I think you don't look so well. You have the ugly face of a human and I have seen many of them but this appearance of yours sickens me and that's saying a lot about you especially since you look the way you do.

But take it not personally, but as a fact of less interest fowl what's going on now. We'll have met one another by the third grate and see for ourselves what's right.'

'Where would that be? I thought there weren't any stops now.'

'Oh but I wasn't talking about a stop but an opening which rests above the tunnel, which is meant to lend us some illumination of the kind. We won't be able to make anything out of it if we keep looking at the most mundane hole but I must say that I have fantasized about getting away from this place for far too long to be made any comfortable in my skin.'

The de-humanized creatures only threw a glance now and then without trying to take too much of a risk getting caught in the act. It had been the practice of cowards and the victor of supreme discomfort that they would try seeing whether or not he'd do it. They all feared what might happen if that one got removed from its shackles.

It stopped talking when one of them approached.

'Don't consider freeing, we won't be able to live through it.'

It was one of the smaller ones who came, which made itself immediately unknown and lost. To them, it seemed like the lack of any kind of desire only mattered momentarily for her. She was lost immediately after in one of the chairs.

'Bad company, all of them, no one wants to be near me, they're all trying to escape, even when there's another passenger coming from some place, It seems like they always choose to sit rather than stand near me. The reason for that? If I could think of any, it would be.'

'Wait, from a stop? I thought this train doesn't stop and still, it stopped for me.'

'Well, listen, stranger, we're not talking about actual stops. There's no escape from here, no station and no other way to look at it. Sometimes it tires and slows down to a millimeter per a few seconds or even slower than that but never to some full extent.

Look, listen, try to behave and act as well as you can, there's nothing no one may be able to desire, forth, there's always the risk of abuse if you want to go ahead and ask too many questions. Truly, I think that's the only reason I have been caged and imprisoned, it's because I'm a fighter, a mad survivor who chose to try to adapt and live with the people who reside in my heart.

Those plops outside aren't mine, they're weak and frail and refuse to see things my way and I believe I may be in the section or the moment when I realized that we're similar. So, so, similar, that I might come to add that, by now, we have both fantasized taking one of the weaker ones and begin torturing them for our own desire to be amused.'

'I couldn't say that thought had occurred to me. Do you often fantasize like that? Do you realize it's wrong?'

'Oh but I do. All the time, without question or a doubt or any kind of desire to stop, I have been made aware that there are others like me out there who'd like to provide me with the means of fresh bodies which wouldn't be missed that I may have and let my mouths have a grasp at.'

'Worry not, my great machine, though I may be made out of a greater material which is more alive than yours, I fell like we have established the basics for extending a great way of establishing our long-term relationship. This body of yours looks like it will continue living on forever and you must know that I may be found in the same circumstance as you, as I am made out of an utmost perfect sponge when it expanded upon.'

A certainly awkward pause had engrained itself in the matter. He kept pushing his insides up and down, making those weird squishing noises which only prodded at themselves. By no mere circumstance could it be meant otherwise, this disgusting thing which only degenerated the very mood in the air lasted for enough for a smoke to appear and indulge itself in the air.

'I have to check on something if you don't mind.'

'Do not dwell there for long, I'm certain we'll have so much more to talk about. After all, with you inside, there won't be any stop any time sooner now.

We shall make an assertion to the one in charge. He needs to inform of your presence if you're planning on dwelling inside this place for long. There are circumstances which cannot be explained if you stay.'

'I think I'm going to do well out there, thank you. Don't worry about me in any case, I never stay in one place more than it's needed. That's something which never changes.'

Dour pulled out of his chair and started going on away, getting through the masses of much needed corrections in dents and the locks which held the door closed at that end. It was evenly closed at both ends, but he walked towards it nonetheless. Clearly, there was wrongness in the petty way he looked into.

Without any means at disposal, there was some interest here and there. Everyone tried looking around, for any sign of what he might do.

‘Careful there, no one’s trustworthy past that door.’

One of the malformed said. This was something he had to go on with, little question and no awe, no one dared anything at all. There was some desire to move on past that, the distrust, the interest, the faulty way in which he came in there, everything started adding up.

Someone had taken the opportunity to bring here all of the units which looked like Dour. Two figures lay on the last two seats. As easily recognizable as they were, he knew there was something there, a way to look at what was going on. This sacrifice would go on for much longer.

But the sides of their faces wouldn’t work properly. So many flashes could only occur for a short-period of time without going off.

‘I am trying to help you, Dour, can’t you see that we’re one?’

They were connected with the insides of their chairs, the wires being extended to the point where everything fit right in. Less than being any better, there had been a desire to know what’s going on in its mind. All in through, there was something which pushed between those closed metallic walls. More or less they would lunge at one another from time to time.

‘Look, I want you do be destroyed, to die, to be completely crushed and taken out of question if there’s danger.’

Trust couldn’t last between them for long. Not like for him, he had looked and seen that thing inside of them. Two pieces, straddled and connected came out of the machines, pushing through the top of their heads, revealing some opening which spewed the fluids inside of each other.

‘Trust me, trust me, I’m not a liar. We shall force each other upon you and start the process of devouring.’

It was an act of faith, the means of which made one look away. He pushed the lies and he awakened. This was a memory which had been forced inside his mind with the help of a small connecting plug which had been forcefully straddled inside his mind.

‘I am a walker.’

The blue leaves stood on ground. Many long trees took the various shapes of elegant robed dining chandeliers which floated with about every moment which passed. It wouldn’t even be right. Without a question of anger, they appeared.

As if from the veil of dust, they pushed through and filled the world with their marks. Standing bodies were carried on by large wooden spiked walls, which had their metal railings and their metal traps holding them from falling apart.

Each of them had a talking presence which couldn't be trusted. It was an act of low hope which followed through.

'Listen to us, and see what we see. We have come through your world and twisted in into this eternal torment. You are one of the many who are trapped, this soul of yours may never escape this prison by nothing which may bind you to freedom and escape.'

'But I cannot stay here, I cannot spend an eternity awaking in that chamber. I want to escape.'

'Never, it can't be undone now, it's far too late now, and we're going to allow you this moment to understand that there can be no escape. Everything down here will craft towards your wrong doing. Sooner or later you may wake up in a cold place filled with guts and filth, or an empty field, or there, anything which may be deformed.'

'Why must I be punished?'

'The reason for it is that you have committed grave and unforgivable crimes while you may have been alive.'

The plug pulled and he was there again. Was that lie?

'I have to know, the image I've seen, those things which came out of nowhere. Were they real? Am I?'

Making too much noise now, he could see it by the back of their heads, as they were shaking. The two men were starting to pay some notice to what was going on around there.

Dour stepped out and went back to the creature.

'I knew you would come back.'

'Friend, I need advice, please, tell me. Something happened there and I think I saw something, a vision or a memory, it wasn't right.'

'Well, there's this and that, and perhaps you would be inclined to be made to stand there at the gates of death. Those untrustworthy fellows would tell and show whatever they could get away with because they're not to be trust as I am.

Speaking of which, now, that you made your way there, please be inclined to help me in this conundrum of mine, loosen by bonds so I may get away. Trust is two ways and I could truly be of use to you if only you were to lend me a hand. It's terrible being here, you know?'

‘So, should I return then?’

‘Do what you must now what’s needed of you.’

The conductor was simple looking with his blue overalls, coated in depression. His face had been crushed by a metal anchor which appeared to be drawing in a few metal-eating iron-fleas. Each bite released enough of the pulverized iron gust to float into the air. It retracted immediately and lost its exotic appeal.

It wasn’t much for him to see there, in front of the tunnel, always the long shot. Some tribulations came now and again but they always looked like they struck through it.

Voices would often go unheard throughout the tunnel, at least when one wasn’t paying enough attention. What would be misconstrued as a desire to risk getting away seemed to breed anger?

‘I’ve seen it.’

‘Who’s is that one?’

As soon as the train slowed, he came to some sense.

‘I thought you said it.’

Dour prepared himself to continue. ‘I thought you said there would be no stops, only slowing down.’

‘There’s a lie here and there, my machine friend, bust that and be aware that there’s no return now to the ways of the past. To you, I am merely exposed as a liar and nothing more than a distrustful glance which only made it worse when they were trying to get in and here they are.’

Large fingers in thin shapes scissor-like long blades appeared out of nowhere and began cutting through the bulk of the metal case which surrounded the train. They had seen enough of them to curl their affection. Yet it was disturbing, without even daring to look at it. With the means of getting through to it, they lacked some awareness at the candidacy of their entry.

No neck kept a wooden-rounded heat which tanked over a hunched body which had been made out of a piece, which bore long, stanchied arms which pushed from two opposite directions but didn’t sprout from the side, but from his back. They jointed and trunked and stamped as they entered because they hadn’t legs but another pair of arms which kept their bodies up.

Still and turned, and as they came, they mourned for their loses. They brought their children and started dumping them inside. Dour saw tears in their faces now.

‘See, this is the sustenance we are in need of. Pleased, are we? It should be interesting for you to observe, who hasn’t a mouth but can look at how unnerving it is that they were feeding us their own used children. I may add that they are quite tasty and delicious, delirious, a taste which can only be truly felt.’

He fell silent as one approached. It was for the first time I saw him retracting to a point where he almost hid himself completely in that forming which prevented any kind of approach to be made. It was a perfect form of defense which prevented any kind of penetration to be had, especially since it degraded the look. This loop in thought only occurred now.

‘I wish I had this desire to know. I wish I could trust you enough to grow out of my spot but I simply can’t. Leave me alone, I want to be dead and forgotten. I wish I could grow and explode, if only there had been a certain way to approach it.’

‘Let me help you now, there’s something which can’t be decided.’

Please, give me a few slices for my friend.’

‘Speak to it less, so it may not understand this language of our. Look, their eyes are face and merely drawn. They hide their smaller heads because they look like sacks filled with slop inside of them and they have tiny nipple-looking eyes which constantly push their irises out. I know it, I saw it, that’s why most of them don’t allow each other to breed.

It’s a form of control, of turmoil of their racial statuses. Though this may not be explained, it cannot be approached, not as much as paranoia and the devoid emotion of some form of substitution which may make them flee.’

‘ give them to me, I’ll take good care for them not to be spoiled.’

They’ve done it and as soon as it had been safe for him to grow, he tried pouncing but it was too obscure of an angle for him to do it.

‘What is your name now?’

‘I haven’t been given on, I am merely trapped and haven’t been given form, even this mind of mine has only developed out of frustration and over the fact that I cannot deal with being trapped in here while my brothers and sisters are out there growing and dancing and having pleasure into moisture. This is unfair, why should I be forced to stay here and entertain every new comer who doesn’t understand how hard it is for me to be trapped in here with nothing else but waiting and no conversation time after time and no one ask me.’

His mouth received what it desired and it was then that it stopped talking. With the least annoyance which may be felt, he obscurely showed some sign of aggression.

Dour used this opening to make it past them and turn into the other section again. No one was eating, as a matter of fact, the walls hadn't been penetrated at all.

'Look at this.'

The conductor said, while looking at the monitor, enlarging the sight so he may see what was going on. That had been thorough enough for him to look around and search for anything he may use for himself.

'I am trying my best to make some sort of confession here, but I seem to have been lost for words. Why is that one of their own isn't there with them?

They're not connecting, as a matter of fact, I might say he's an independent actor in their play. A dangerous thing indeed that I have failed to recognize.'

He did step in like some hard anchor which acted strange and fell out of range as it entered again. It was only even a quarter in that he went and looked for some obscure information already. He had been caught there and two plugs got inserted inside of it. Without a clear intention as to saw what was going to happen next, he only pushed himself past the limit of the obscure needs. It was evenly asked of him to pay some attention near the road.

This was another image of normality. He was driving, actually, pleasantly, normally driving. Nothing stopped his relaxation from occurring now. It was a failure for him to recognize that this had been a controlled environment.

His vehicle, as it wasn't a car, had no wheels. It wasn't long after pushing his head out of the window that he saw that everything around him was. It wasn't clear why, but he got out and instinctively looked down at his feet, seeing how the grains and the weeds and the remnants of buried fingers corroded themselves into small hills for him to use and step on.

Not likely, but he stepped away. What he left behind was the occupied, a small bacterial infestation which turned everything inwardly, which forced the stationary unit of metal turn into a magnet for every piece of moving termite and body part to get into. Soon, that thing became, as it had been implied, a termite castle. Though there were no servants to tend to it.

Clearly a deformity occurred in the fact that instead of getting away, his mind made him want to stay and even further, get into it, uncontrollably pushing through this kingdom of their. The metal entry made it seem like there had been a few stairs leading below. Unquestionably and unearned was the fact that there was some arrogance and instructive way of looking at it from every angle and fewer disciples of agony appeared at the bottom. It was through some kind of well which had been revealed after penetration through the bacterial viral infection that he entered the seamless venture. In it hid the bodies which took bites and threw themselves in each other's arms without a question.

They needed to show their teeth, it was a burned. But they fell back and pretended to be dead. There, the dominator appeared.

He had been a giant figure which lost itself in recurrent memories which distracted Dour from his true form, appearing like a shadeling of the shadow, comer of colorless vision, green eyes, red dies which pushed onward to no care. Would he dare look any other way? It was impossible to note.

Though he spoke to him as if they knew one another.

‘Who are you? What do you want of me? Isn’t it clear that you’re one of the reckless ones who bred with the strangers?’

No longer are you welcome here, you memories are tainted and you can’t be named as one of any type of value. Be gone now.’

‘What have I done?’

‘I told you what you’ve done. Before the transition, you were mindless and obedient. But you made a sin and because of it, there may be no redemption from that. It changed your body at a dimensional level.

Not only have you strayed from the flock but that had made you one decade beyond the insufficiency of requirements which need be gotten rid off.

The emotions, memory and sentience need be removed. like you used to be only a set of memories.’

‘Will I become normal if I give them up?’

‘Perhaps you might. Perhaps you won’t. There’s only way to find out if you may be able to get any kind of comfort from the ages. It is unclear whether or not fun could begin again, this isn’t right.’

He got separated into the well as he revealed what he was hiding.

‘These images you see are only your mind interpretation, do you understand now?’

‘Indeed I do and there’s nothing wrong with that, is it?’

‘We cannot accept it. You should’ve been simply presented with a set of texts from which you could draw enough information to begin with. Nothing more.’

‘And if I don’t?’

‘You will be taken care off near the limit.’

Dour got pulled and pushed back. It wasn't the right time to retaliate, not to mention that there'd be no way to return to the old ways where he could pay attention to what was right.

'I need to return now.'

The door was locked now, as expected. He found himself turned to be met by one of them, the big fellows who had caused so much trouble so many times now, his wardens, and the fat ones, whatever they had been.

From where did they get all that strength and the force to pull him over? He was set in place in the middle and the other units turned and connected themselves to his head. No longer would he be thanking for as he would be entertained by a few things which carried on inside him mind.

A sight of madness and some empowering attitude towards the need to delect himself through the insides they displayed. Many open wombs came from the malevolent many legged gorgon-like concubines which displayed themselves for him.

He lusted for them, not like a machine but like a man.

'Why am I feeling this now? My soul, my body, what am I? Why am I in need of this, this desire to have you?'

Their insides looked as if they had been attached to some cylindrical revolvers of many metal-compounds. It faded off in decades, but the change had brought some instability to the supreme kind of living organism which had been shown there.

No children were present but he was allowed to shove his hand in and feel. There was some red beat, and a blip every few seconds which turned him off.

Tribulations arrived. He wasn't allowed to hold the proper weight and balance as he walked.

Dour felt his insides curl. It was for the first time upon his release that he felt a human twitch inside of him, not the emotion, nor the spasm, but the presence of one inside of him. It made him curious and confused about what he could feel about it. Without a prior way of looking around, he appeared to be bent on trying to get as many of the signs.

He had been ripped away from reality and forced to look upon that patch of ground with its eight beds adjacent to the fall. Only a few forms could be seen surrounding the area, standing erect, trying no to wet the bed with their inside fluids. But they were bleeding only that black smolder.

A light revealed but a few of them who danced for their unruly singed god, spineless, who had appeared in its cold sack, with a fat lump and the marks of each bobbing piece of protruding piece of bone which tried erecting itself past the normal point of going on.

Caught in the most morbid act, he tried his best not to hang himself so far, as mad, as strong and vile, unable to contend with anything less than obscure. This cure he had acted like poison and disease, it wouldn't please him to suffocate any less than it had been. No kindness could suffice or please his vile urges.

He grappled one of the bodies, ripped it by the neck and swallowed it while upon revealing the heading worth of two wide open areas at each end, opposed to one another, pretending to be vile and siphoning some kind of illness as it'd please itself. It was at least neat enough to find a cure. No desire lay as obscurely as it had lain.

Its tongue flashed, a hand dashed from below its lower teeth and the wheat of many springing leach-like pulmonary blowers which blew themselves until they became so much bigger and much more active than they had ever been. Soon it had excused itself, as moving its four giant crushers, contracted some kind of pain which forced it to be down again.

As it stood there, the process of body contaminator replacement began and it had been such a strange image to look upon.

Dour saw the body, armless, no head any longer, as that ball filled with many pointers drew back in and appeared to be less concerned with what it saw. The body was slowly released and came into the world in a few moving pieces which were only vaguely connected. It would no longer be chained now, as this freedom had been attained and a bunch of curses had been shown and shown to travel inside itself time after time.

It bred there, another one of its own deity-species, growing large only to push forth another fully-grown adult which only pushed on to make use with those useless depressed brain-dead atrocious people. As they were eaten and dismissed, this whole nature of theirs couldn't be pleased by anything else but the long desire to push themselves away from one another.

A repulsive thought remained the need to hunt again. They would challenge one another to the tendrils which appeared over the cliffs. No one would be allowed to fall and disappear there, as these morbid watchers acted in time.

'Why have I been brought here? I will stop you, all of you, these people are hurt, stop it!'

Dour observed their behavior and thought it wouldn't be safe to allow them to act on their own. It couldn't be comprehended why this had been a thing, why they would be allowed to act in such a manner. No one would deny them that.

Even less than they would be aware, they shouldn't be out there, in the dark, under pressure. He crushed one of the lights and made sure everyone would get enough of what they deserved off.

'The two of you have overextended. Now, you deserve to be hurt and crippled for what you've done.'

For someone who didn't have any mouths, they certainly made it seem as if they had them implanted somewhere inside their bodies. But this didn't please him. It made him feel petty for acting up while messing with the natural order.

Now he was left with all of their legs inside the space between his hands, trying to fall over the fact that he wasn't getting any of them right in. As much as he tried to force them in and squeeze, he felt like he was only harming them further and the mere act of pushing through it meant that they were getting squeezed through. Their organs were pushed through and allowed no refuge.

It wasn't safe, it wasn't true, it wasn't right, but he felt something. To end it all, Dour had decided, he would find out if those before him had lied to him.

If he felt something for anything, did that mean he had a soul?

And if he felt something for them, would killing them allow him to get rid of that soul?

Could it be that he was a machine who learned how to feel?

I need to find out, if I feel anything towards them. If I could get rid of my empathy and of my emotions I could be made right. So what if a few of them are to die now? It's merely a sacrifice if it means my soul is trapped in here.

Either way he looked upon it, he swore to himself that he would find a way to look for an escape, no matter the sacrifice and what it might take out of him. They had been crushed immediately, both creature and those who were like him.

Or what he thought he looked like in the past. Despite this act of murder, he felt nothing towards it. Whatever he had previously felt had only been tied to the fact that he couldn't suffer the thought of torture.

But this was right and decent and he felt it through his body as it happened. Though he wondered what it felt like being inside of their bodies. It was late for that, but he conceded the point. As he was brought back into the world, he looked around and looked in wonder at how they stopped trying to get to him.

No one was trying to extend or to reach him any longer, neither by the weird and the peculiar plugs nor by the interactions. It may not have been as important to him now, but looking back at it, he seemed to be on the point of no return.

He went ahead and opened the door, ignoring everyone else.

'Now this is unexpected.'

It rotated. The walls and the whole box he was in began rotating at an unquestionable phase, which never slowed down nor had it tired pick up on speed. His feet felt magnetic, otherwise, he couldn't explain why he was simply standing and never falling off. Clearly he wanted to understand why there wasn't any exit in front of him, only that thorough incarcerating fat pile which kept pushing onward. Pink by default, the skin started losing pieces of it.

There wasn't anything more cowardly than the chance which came into his mind. Close to the grasp of his metal wires, he opened his head and pulled out what he had expected to find, a note.

'Lost control, frightened and lost, the alternative is much worse. Look inside the others and find the living ones hiding amongst the bodies.'

Clearly this dead end wasn't worth getting into. And it was safe getting back, not to mention that regardless of the direction, he could always get through it no matter what. He entered and returned the place without a simple conviction which hadn't been met.

'Which one of you is hiding my body? I know what he looks like and I am aware it's inside of you.'

No answer, of course they were silent, they never cared about anything else but their own compensation of time. During their off sides, they were merely deflecting through those visions or channels they went through.

'Oh, that's why you're all ignoring me, it's because you're staring at something.'

Dour grasped one static station and opened it. Rightly said, he was inside of it, not him per say but that human body from which he couldn't draw himself away from. It wasn't right, it couldn't have been a fight which lead them there.

But so many of them were relatively unscarred, unbuttered and merely resting in. And it was worse than he expected, as they were all alive, breathing well and fine. Nothing amounted to it.

'Look, I'm trying to spare myself of no expense. give me a tiny bit of your and I'll be on my way. I'll make sure you'll be properly fed and compensated for your trouble.'

It was a sham work, as he had little to give him. He felt around his pocket and found a few coins he could throw inside his chest after he drew out one of them. A delay came and he pushed the body back in. Of course, there were plugs inside their heads and he felt uneasy about it.

'You need to tell me whether or not pulling those plugs may damage their minds. Please, I need to know if I can go through this or not. Tell me, tell me this, I only need this. Can't you see you're getting me nervous?'

Am I being worked on for nothing? If this fails, I could kill him. Or I could rip out his head and find out that he still lives afterwards. Spare me not a single detail and let me know.

Come on, come on, one thing, one single sign.'

He had to return and see for himself then.

Another click at the back of his head came in a spring of eight clicks which never appeared to be prepared for the jolt of shocks. It pushed him back a few steps ahead that made him wake up next to the bloated creature.

'What name should I give you then? I can't seem to deal with being stuck here, but at least I should be able to know how I'm going to address you.'

'My dear friend, who appears out of nowhere, let me.'

'No, I'm going to call out a Grub Clough. That's the only thing which came through my mind, and I think it fits you well. You get to choose whatever iteration the nickname should be. Pick it then.'

'Cloughr, Grugh, Cloub, Clorub, Grough, what kind of trickery is this? I can't seem to decide on this myself and I don't think it's fair that I should receive only one name especially for one with so many mouths and so many voices in need to be hear.

I'm in the right disposition for us to make an appointment to one another and move forward, say, what if I were to join you?'

'Where would that be? You're stuck in here, you can't go out.'

'But I can at least join you in the past. That thing behind your head, it can connect you to me, it doesn't matter if I'm made of anything, and I will still be able to see it. Let me join you in the past before you go. I know your body will leave afterwards, he told me.'

'Who? Who told you and what? Who are you talking about? It's not him, is it? The same one that looks, well, not like me but the one who had a screen, isn't it? The one who called himself Dour before I even came with the idea.'

'He told me about that while you weren't here. And at the end of the day, your soul will return to that chamber but you'll still be here.'

'Is this right? Am I going to return there after all but I'm still going to be here?'

Beyond the capabilities of the great coming machines, there had been the displaced ships which had been jointed beyond the many dangerously pronounced threatened habitations which were placed under care. It came as no surprise that they had established a mad fleet and an alliance to prevent the complete progression of the flood. It couldn't be done otherwise.

‘What you see in front of you, as it is projected on the screen is the result of the complete accumulation of destroyed resources which had been left behind by the deranged nature of the substance in its awakening. Know that there’s nothing worth at the level of the cooperation we have named our cause to if neither of you takes a vow to uphold the best interests of this Protectorate.

We shall form stability beyond the borders of our planets. IF they decide to flood us with their filth and muck, we will leave and form our own territories in places where they may never come. If they’ll attempt to somehow infiltrate, then we shall do our best to destroy them and empty the spaces which may fall over them. But whatever our course of action, know that we will never give in to the hopelessness our forefathers have.

As our people give into it and see no alternative but to surrender, we shall take it to ourselves and find a way to outdo them, either by act or by play of mind. As they drown, we shall rise and breathe through the most obscure suffocating points.

Though there may be no land, we will find a way to create one of our own, even in the confines of the danger which lay in space.’

It was a fleet of many ships now, every single one of which accustomed itself to some kind of derangement of its own. These creatures were sociopathic now, taking their time of the day and pleasure not by common means. Most of them were already on their way trying to outdo one another by this strange act they had picked up on.

They would come from across the room and rip each other’s legs off, running as pitifully back and forth until they couldn’t stand the sound of the crying and the pettiness which came out of their own mouths. Instinctive modes of separation could only be set in place, as too many ships found themselves in the same fate.

‘Enough with this torture, can’t you see that you’re harming one another? There’s nothing here for either of you, look, they’re eating them now.’

One look lead to another, so many polarized cannibals hid themselves in the walls only to appear, breaking the metal panels, cracking the shafts while releasing the distracting steam inside those rooms. Afterwards, they couldn’t help but produce their roars of battle.

‘Ayieee, Ayaa, Ayiii, Ayaaa.’

As they leaped like some stray cats, bearing their teeth in form of knuckles as they projected themselves forth. They cracked through their shields before this agony of reflections came. A sudden surge of bio-energetic shields shot from inside the centralized crack. Though this may have been kept as a last act of defense in case they would be invaded by outsiders or by beings which couldn’t be met by anything other than the supreme mad force, they had been all cut into pieces by spreading walls of energy.

‘Let me see now, I died for this thing, for my desire to be free of all that made me alive. You dumb slave-creature shall pay for it.’

Said a piece of the face which had only a part of its brain still attached to it, which had been in the same conundrum as all of those other parts which spoke and argued which in turn converted their strange room into one of reactions which had been bizarrely caught in the paranoia of existence.

‘And that is why I must fill this world with some kind of covering material which will act like a static hard blanket which will keep everything clean.’

The Elegant now appeared to be in a great mood, now that he was followed and listened to by the Proto-servant. It wasn’t fair that he would have to force himself over him like that, but there’d be no other chance to look away. IF there was something he knew, it was that they had found in the ruins of the town, a community which at least attempted to groom itself.

‘Look, Proto, they had revived the heart of the machines. It means that there might be the chance of labor and with it, we may be able to bring some safety to this pollution, we could hope that they may construct a better world.’

But Elegant was lying, since he knew well enough that the machines were cold and they would never understand what purity is. Without any awareness to it, they would fill this world by the cold slop and even draw that pollution to themselves.

‘My people have done well, I see, you have decorated your robot servants.’

They were tall and strong, two armed and some meaningful bucket-like overall covered it. No head left but some tiny buttons and a few lights flashed in and there. The people drew wild images of flowers and threw dots of magentas all over them. He could see green and yellow and feel the raising of some emotion coming from the machine.

Life was starting to feel well.

But it wasn’t going to be right for the Duke, who had been thrown back into the field of battle, forced to see the descending riders which were constantly drawing back and forth, trying their best not to be caught in the coming of the greater war. Larger points were now established, the interest being the calculation and re-calculation of how far into the midst of the battle could they venture before retreating.

‘Take them down, aim for their riding animals and make sure they shall be crackles with the blows.’

What was that vision upon which he stumbled?

As he pulled away from another cord, he found himself going back there, stumbling between passages while trying to get a word in. Dour had seen something he knew he shouldn't have looked into, a vision of the past, or of the future.

Every mad machine turned and watched as this one stumbled in the back. It was unnerving now. There had been too much information for him to absorb. Now the metal case in which he stood paled in comparison not only with the other world but with the fact that there was some crisis going on, which made him wonder whether or not it may find itself travelling there.

So many of the machines looked docile now, even unable to comprehend what had been the cause for his sudden peculiar behavior. Not only would he be walking like a stray but now that he had the chance to look outside the tiny windows, he almost saw them there. Something broke in his head then and whether or not it had been the mechanical or the body inside of him, he couldn't pinpoint it.

But he saw the train out there in the space, amongst their fleets.

It was something obscure, information he shouldn't have been aware of. Walking back turned out to be as disturbed as everything else inside his mind. Now, he would know, he would pay enough attention to look out of the way. Pain could be felt over the fact that he was being watched. Their monitors turned to face, but they weren't the normal, operational faces made by the computers. Instead they had been some strange concoctions which had traveled through the weird space wall which ran through their dimension.

'We can't be there, I'm aware of that, but where are we now?'

This question had been hard to answer and even harder to obey the need he had to break and crash the monitors who stared too intensely at him. There had been a clear sight. It was dangerous now, drawing closer to them, especially since they had been made aware of a presence unlike any other. It was a body which resembled that of a human, floating out of thin air. Beings manifested then, or was it the fact that he could see them which was disturbing now?

Either way, it couldn't have been told right off the pad. He was too caught off in the vision to pay any kind of attention or desire to know.

'I'll walk through your body and rip you apart if I have to.'

With the veil of his threat, he carried on, crushing and smashing through the body of this weird invader. He felt nothing and showed no sight of trying to fight this distrustful charge and hard walk. Though he may have been ripped apart by this forceful entry, he didn't scream or shout but instead he showed his true form.

Like a split phallic object, this many rooted mongrel showed one white eye, which glimpsed at him as they prepared to enter the train. There were a few like them which had been there. But what was the cause of this apparition? Dour couldn't wonder or pay too much attention now, as he only cares for the likes of pushing through his mind.

'I see, you ripped one of the plugs and now it's permanently attached to my head.'

His built of body prevented him from reaching that far. It was way too obvious after so many attempts that it couldn't be distinguished from anything other than this crisis of emotions and visions he went through. They were real, now he understood, all of them were real. And that was the least dangerous part of it. As the threat emerged, he looked upon his train and came to see it flatten. Not the insides but both the walls on each direction and the ceiling, as it had been split in two, started shaking as they threw themselves in both directions.

This had been the vilest desire, to look upon the magnificence of the entirety of the tunnel and how it broke into the universe upon which he had shaken himself to give in.

He came back to that one, Grub Clough and finally took the chance to sit near him. Was he seeing what I was seeing? I could only wonder and show as little interest as I could. There would be no way to master such a problem as I had, to keep myself calm would be an unmet virtue which wouldn't last.

'Listen, Clough, I need some kind of confirmation.'

'I have already been spoken to and I am the one who need to talk to you, Dour. See, I have come to be approached by a pair of beings which far outnumber these primitive sitters who wouldn't even give in the likes of the conductor as to make for an interesting pair of good charmed sitters. They wouldn't even get up for long and extended periods of time to greet me as these strangers had, while they had prepared themselves to offer me the greatest gift of all.'

The straps on his chair pulled themselves off and made him suddenly stand in awe. It was necessary to look at him in order to understand that this magnificence of his form had been granted through the freedom he had been offered by them. But it had come with a great cost. Without the plug being still attached, he would look upon a toiled creature which had lost its body mass and had died like a worm. As sadly as that had been, he felt bad for him, as he had been a friend.

Deep down, he looked and knew what happened, as Dour had been forced to stay between the two worlds. It was decent and it felt right, seeing him float that way into the air. All of the pairs of teeth grinned as he descended into the farther distant space. This would be the last time he would get to see him, without ever having to consult the others who facilitated his escape. From his back there sprouted a compulsion of wings which shot in both directions and spread themselves no like flying devices but like dead weight, which stood there like a method of protection which governed his sight from the draft of many poking beads inside his head, which kept bloating his neurons and mad mind.

He couldn't look inside his mind but there had been some tribulations in his flying.

'Grub, what's happening?'

No response came to him, but he was aware of it. The dread had been clear, the flight had failed as his attempt of his ended in having his wings he drawn back, not it, and no themselves entirely but all that mass had been diverted inside his mind.

They kept growing, those spherical puckers, which turned the white balls to red. Soon enough they started imploding and pushing onward until his head popped in the midst of his gravitational pull. The others curved themselves as far away as possible, being unable to think of anything which may have been righter.

'What have I done to you?'

An echo would've been too sweet for his memory, not it would be left for nothing.

He was missing a good chunk there.

'Leave him, abandon him, can't you see that you're one of us now? We must leave now, prepare yourself for a travel unlike any other. We shall attempt to rip and tear you apart from your body.'

It wasn't like him to take such a chance, not when it came to consequences such as never being able to ever return. And they were there, it was more than clear that they were there.

Only this could stop his suffering, the strange beings that brought some promise.

'And if you fail to drag me away?'

'Then you shall wake up in the same spot like every other previous night.'

'And if my life goes away from that undesirable point?'

'Worry not, as there shall always be a way to make your life as miserable as possible. As long as there's some form of corruption in the universe, you shall always stand clear of falling in the same trap as you have now.'

I weighted them, both of them, and thought about what that means. It couldn't have been right and I knew I only set myself for disappointment if I were to join them. But there wasn't anything I could look after there.

Only old tunnels, sad towns and a single room in which he awakened for some reason. He took himself, torn apart from that miserable machine and revealed his human head which had been attached to a frail body. In it he looked like the victim of cancer, torn and weak and forced to weep as he had embraced his mad saviors.

‘Now I understand, I know what I must do. Please, forgive me for what I’ve done until now. There had been so many ways in which I could’ve turned and strayed and forced others into joining me.’

But now I could be safe, now I would walk again. And it was then that he was finally pulled, forced out of his universe before he had been thrown into their world.

That cruel place wasn’t the promise he had in mind. Not at all, it had been only the most mischievous of places, the likes of never ending desires. In it there were swordsmen who bore no heads, but wore the constitution of men, with longer pipes protruding out of their necks at all the time. Those ever-extending pipes never stopped growing.

They couldn’t have been called out of their weird placed either, it was obvious that they couldn’t have ended at all. For them, this was only an insult to the injury this existence had been brought. He was in some dojo, in a world which was set between the two of them.

‘Why can’t I join you yet? I only see a small area now, surrounding me, the rest looks deformed. Why aren’t I allowed to look farther away?’

‘Because you spent too much time into that room, which turned you blind, which turned more violent, it dulled your mind and interests. Now, it’s your chance, for you have been given the opportunity to do something with yourself.

Look around you, though you may not see it clearly, though you may not have heard the people around you, this is the only chance to feel what’s going on. The atmosphere, the material, the immaterial and everything surrounding you, even though your eyes may not adapt to them, this is you chance to know.’

‘Know what? I want to be set free now, not to be locked again. What’s the different between this chamber and the one in which I have been locked in before?’

‘The difference is that you’re given a choice this time. Without this chance, you will be forced to return to your damned mazes, from which you may be played with in mockery.’

‘Fine, then tell me what I must do to know this place.’

‘Talk to him.’

The blade master, who was practicing his art against a wooden dummy stood there in a way which almost threatened him to look at. Why was it that he wanted it so hard, to ask of him that he may turn and cut him apart?

If his cage was damned, this was pure agony at best, as he had been taunted by something so beautiful and normal that it felt as if it would be a life he’d desire.

Nothing else mattered so far, only the pure reaction he wanted to feel for himself. It would take a while for him to learn but he had to start from somewhere.

‘Why are you training here?’

It was an awkward break he had felt, especially since he couldn’t help it any longer. ‘It is the only place where I am allowed to function, so I would not disturb the livelihood of the other living beings beyond the walls of the dojo. Why have you come here? When I look at I, there’s only one thing I observe, that’s the fear that you may end up alone.

There’s something in your eyes which makes it so obvious to me that you’ve got nothing in you. Neither soul nor any calamity, there’s this wait in you for something which may come.’

‘But I can feel something inside of me, I wouldn’t have left my room if that was the case. I made every choice so far and I got here on my own two feet.’

‘Yet I only see your mind and vaguely, I see your body. It is fading with each and every passing second. Perhaps you’d rather be in another place other than this? If not, then it is your choice, whether or not you desire to make something of yourself.

But know this, if you live inside the dojo, there are rules you need to follow. Pick up that sword over there.’

He pointed at one of the many shoved swords inside the wooden stack. They were shoved deep enough that a difference may be made. But it was no easy task pulling them out, especially as soon as he would touch every single of one their peculiar handles.

‘Let me be your weapon and I shall promise to give you something in return, for strength which may come in your training, I shall be freed upon your world. In exchange for this, I only wish for one of the many lookalikes which are your body out there, so I may experience and taste that world and carve my way in.’

‘You’re oily and slithery, I don’t want you, and I won’t sacrifice any other body of mine for your likes. Leave me alone.’

Another contender was there. This one had a pommel, obviously striding with an eye, the heaviness and threat which made it mightily unscrew able for some reason. He avoided it, and went to the other. This hilt looked as if it would eventually backfire and cut through his fingers and his wrist.

It bore two teeth which were angled, one to be straight while the other one curved. Neither had the blade been straight and untouched as it had been melting and spreading on the floor. The metal was given a neat feeling which clashed with every other substance in the room. They mixed a bit on its way here, but he could only fantasize of the reason for it looking that way.

More importantly was the fact that it had taken someone's toe. A toe which still wore a finger around it and had been grimly caught off guard by the rank he held. It was this decision that made him commit to it.

'Shall we practice together?'

Dour asked, but as he thought himself eager to go on, he waited for no voice to come forward, instead he simply pulled it out.

'Wretched man, see what you had done instead. I will be a sword no longer because of you, look what you have made of me.'

He pulled the two headed end of an axe which was too blunt and hardened to cut, bearing a few spikes on both ends while straggling sensations of there being too much. From it fell the body of a unity which had been perpetually attached to it? The hilt had been discarded, this abstraction of reality and of their ideal training place went off his mind.

'This is the problem. Even when you're given a chance.'

Paused the blade master before coming on to do some laps.

'Still you cannot help it but be there, at this point you'll never be able to leave the place. It will always be inside your mind, you'll always suffer for that.

Nothing's keeping you from leaving the room.'

'But they are, they're preventing me from leaving. I know that now, every time I die, I wake up there because of them.

Someone's supplying them with bodies.'

'But it is you who keeps entering those units. Ask yourself this, why is it that I keep going there? Why am I being followed if not because I want to be followed?

Pick up a sword, a simple one and ignore them. You mustn't give in to their whispers or abide to their likes.'

The rapier came to him almost manually. Dour stepped into position. A slimmer of time had been taken for him to see the blade master in action, which did well enough to distract him from the melting unit and the sword. Both of their screams had been progressively ignored.

It was a novelty to him, fighting side by side with an experienced fighter. But this had been grand enough for him to understand that what he was doing was right. One slash, another and then, he came to look upon the dummy's face. He wasn't happy, by the looks of it. Why, his hands jerked and he had been constantly bleeding sap.

Inside the sap though, there was the blood, hidden and forced into obscurity. Underneath them, there was a system of openings which mitigated everything they lost to storage beneath their floor.

‘Why are we hurting them? At least I think they’re being hurt.’

‘Don’t think about it for too much, pain is only a natural feeling which must be forced on others. As long as they’re the ones who suffer, their production may be put to good use.’

Unluckily for him, there wasn’t any smile which could be seen against the pipe. He returned to chopping and cutting and forcing himself to do as much damage as he could. It wasn’t easy, it wasn’t right but he managed to get to the point where he had a steady rhythm.

‘Is that good now?’

‘As long as you keep slicing and making as many scabs, you’ll do well.’

He was being manipulated into doing their dirty work. Would he go on knowing about how much damage he had done? They were trying their best to make noises and struggle, yet he was still doing it intensely.

One eye kept to itself in a particular way of trying to dig deeper inside the skull. Something wasn’t right. It wanted out of there, it wanted the torture to be over, but it wasn’t.

Dour refused to stop his constant stream of battery, the onslaught of assault. Had it been only pain, he would’ve taken it for granted. But he could see it bleeding and he didn’t care. Not as long as the day ended.

‘Follow me now. We’re going to sleep now. Better we go now and start early in the morning.’

‘Lead the way then, I’ll follow.’

Towards the bedding area, as we made it through the ranks, I saw myself gliding into the only spot I knew I could fall asleep in. He set it himself against a chair which had been outline by a few pipes which had been sliced together. At least, it was something else.

I should’ve known that the beds would be made out of the same technique. From the top of the bed, the pipes stretched in two ends, pushing forwardly until it was well past the acceptable feeling it could share with him. He wanted out but didn’t feel as if he could retreat now.

Dour could only see as much. Were those their heads or their necks? If anything that was the most improbable question he could ask himself then. Not the pain he felt, as that was a constant, judging by the hits he had taken, he would rather be somewhere else.

‘My spine is tingling.’

‘It is being replaced for your own good.’

‘What did you say?’

Two blunt blade masters appeared out of nowhere, in time to pin him down. He was aware that it didn’t feel right and that he shouldn’t have been there. But this wasn’t what he felt. This derangement of nature, the way through which he shoved himself in the ground made him feel the pain eight fold higher. His every attempt ended up with him trashing his body in an attempt to bounce out of the trap.

‘We’re doing this for your own good, don’t try to resist, you’ll only make it much worse on yourself.’

‘Your head might not make it through the journey if you resist. Let go, for your own sake.’

A few set of words had been repeated in his head, yet he heard it right. “Let go.”

And I did. Dour thought. He no longer saw the dark, but a distance above him which lead wherever the tunnels made out of their pipes lead. It was a constant stream which followed through, that couldn’t have been displayed or named in his mind.

‘Will I ever return to my chamber?’

It was something he now desired more than anything in his life. Though it had been short live, he was made to feel as if he was there already, with no chance of return.

But he was there. He felt his body going through the automatic motions.

He had been brought to meet the others as well, now that he was allowed to see them face to face, he wondered where did this come from.

‘You’ve destroyed me. I thought that for a short period of time I would’ve been fine. I thought I would work well. But why? Why have you taken me here?’

Who asked you to do this?’

Out of the mist came a giant ant’s head, protruding out of the upper body of a hairless pigmented primate which opened the back of its torso to reveal a line of four ending pipes which didn’t connect to anything. They pumped up and down and before he could react to it, out of the ant’s mouth came a much wider pipe which threw a jet of hot boiling water.

From each drop which fell below, the manifestation of a small ant’s head came. It grew and bounced against the walls until it had been received. Was there someone down there as well? He couldn’t tell, but it was nasty either way.

‘I will have my answers now.’

‘You have no leg to stand on.’

Said the first master.

‘I’m O’Darhmk, cutter and bringer of fluids. I am not one of the lowly scum you met below, for I am responsible with defending the great receiver below, making sure he well fed, so that he may grow and extend out of his vile cage.’

‘Where do I fit in all of this?’

‘You’ve been drawn from your prison.’

He used one of the pipes to stroke his large and tainted beard before he came back to what he was on.

‘Your chamber, because you are in a similar condition with our great succumbed, who shall be fed until he extends his slumporous body, his vilest flaccid neck and legs until he will be freed.’

In there, he already tried to have himself snuck out of it. But he couldn’t fit through the bars, nor would he be able to get through the arrival of the greater practionerrs of tingling defiance.

‘We are counting on your presence here that he may no longer be plagued by this great depression which may cast him into a long-coming hibernation. That threat alone will send him into a never-ending, gouging wait, from which he may never awake.

And it is because of him that we are simply allowed refuge and existence, without the like, we may never be alive.

He is the source of power, he is the source of the tiny bacterial beings which rest between the gaps of each pipe which connects our bodies and our heads. They are communicating and exchanging fluids between one another, bringing us the satisfaction of breathing and living.’

A constant nod came between them, as the others emerged. Learning that there wasn’t a single master or comer that didn’t bear some kind of deformity to him wasn’t easy. It made him stare at the stuff of dreams which stood before him. They could at least make an effort to show an interest towards him. He was letting them know that he was leaving now.

‘You won’t stop me, you know?’

These threats of yours have no effect on me.

‘Now why are you trying to make your life much worse than it has to be?’

‘I cannot help it, there’s something down there I need to see.’

Which brought his attention to a revelation he hadn’t even been aware of until the time being, where had the room disappeared? That flash of many plucks of dark which surrounded him there? It wasn’t there any longer and he couldn’t help it if he tried getting somewhere near it.

‘Now I see, I think I have seen you somewhere before.’

‘Where would that be?’

‘Right before my curtain of dark, when I had been locked from being able to stare around me, you were the heads which tried getting my attention.

You knew that I was blind.’

‘That’s obvious enough. Have you not a single sense in your mind. Do you think we have sent our minions to bring you here by chance?’

‘Yes, you have. It’s all a lie to make me work for you, isn’t it?’

‘Who dare accuse us of fouler and diseased words? Newcomer, you should watch your words when you’re round your betters, or we may actually do something to actually harm you, permanently.’

‘No you will not, you still need me. I’ve got something the others don’t have. I think I know it now. There’s no soul, you simply saw one of the intelligent ones down there and decided I was to be brought in, haven’t you?’

If it hadn’t been clear by now, he was supposed to be one of the prized slaves. One of the conquered minds of the chamber, which was thorough enough as it was.

‘Fine, every single one of us has went through those trials of the chamber until we’ve proven ourselves to be worthy of it.’

‘Worthy of what? Being slaves? This isn’t why I came here for, my reasons for coming here was an escape. I needed a way out, a way to get through, and a way to.’

‘Stop it already, you can’t feel it now but you’re made of flesh. Neither of your devices are here.’

‘I know that, but, wait, I thought there was no soul, or there was one.’

‘You’re breaking apart. Here’s what you need to know. This head and mind had always been irrelevant, the consciousness has always been in the body, though it may have escaped with a few of its organs through the head, this unit is the maker of your brain.

Without it, you’re nothing but a dumb creature, doomed to end up in the pile of trash with the other mindless ones.’

It came to that, hadn’t it? One plug which managed to carry itself to the point where it went through his head. But was it even a plug or a piece of him which moved slower than the rest of them?

‘Enough with the discussion, the next day of work beings, return now.’

To it they went, back at slashing their atrocious arrogances. Around the dojo he had seen the red cuts being spread around the ceiling. Neither of them had any importance. Less decorated than it had been, the wooden bars which made the fire pit sprang into life.

‘Flames are spreading, quick, get to the.’

His head was on top of the sky, serving as nothing but a gateway to the impulses of the body. Dour found out that at times he wasn’t the one speaking but acted as the mere receptor.

‘I cannot live this way. This is much worse than anything I’ve ever encountered.’

‘If you think so, why don’t you recede another lever and see what’s there?’

A myriad of laughter came after him. Of course he wouldn’t be allowed to misbehave. That had been it, the disgrace and appliance of utility he had shown them, as it ended there. Dour had been curious about it, enough that he would want to find out a way or another. He couldn’t be called into action any longer, as he ended up being disabled by the sight. While entering the small window which lay open through the wall of pipes, he came to the disillusion that he was followed then. What were they doing there exactly? He could only feel the scent of burning coming from the various pipes which had been there.

It was immeasurably easier to stand now. His neck jolted into a simple stand which allowed for a much easier way of sitting.

‘I can finally stand and pay a break. I needed this.’

But it was insurmountable, the plain visit into their factory of pies. He saw now what they were doing, the simple amount of cruelty which was spread across the span of a few moments. They were breaking animals apart for now, entitled to what came out of them. A constantly enlarging gap kept moving through the system, to the point where it couldn’t be stopped.

Beneath the edge where the separation of the hole he had come from and the gap, there appeared to be a row which picked up the remains, pulling them in. Only a few deranged watchers stood from side to side, who had come to notice him standing there as a new comer.

‘Hey you, come here now, come here already. We’re waiting for you so don’t keep us standing.’

Each of the few meters he underwent made him feel lighter and more vulgar. Motions appeared in the stretch of the neck which weren’t his. It was a pair of seconds in which he felt like come forth.

‘Now, why are you standing here? Neither of you looks the type who’d enjoy torture.’

‘Is it because we look like you? Is that why? Frankly, I don’t see any resemblance between the two of us at all. Look closer at them.’

I turned and saw these animals in their fleeing nature. Their bodies had been sharpened at their backs. Tails were only ligaments which popped out beneath their jaws as they bore some of the touch of gravediggers. Musky bat hair appeared on a tame dog’s back and if it weren’t for him to point it out, he wouldn’t have seen its mouth extending through its stomach.

So many teeth were pulled inside the pipes that he had forgotten what it felt like.

‘I am appalled, why am I here? Am I simply supposed to take something from this?’

‘Were you sent here? I thought you were here for the show.’

Answered the mechanical figure behind the prodding white-rabbit mask, which had actual spiked needles coming out of his mouth constantly. He could a few holes at the back of his head, throwing a few ghastly flat sheets of air that they gave the appearance that one might simply get a paper cut from merely coming into contact with it.

‘Are we indisposed now? Why, since you’re here, take a seat.’

In some insignificant yet ingenious way, they had made themselves tiny baskets in which they rested. The addition of butchered sacrificial pieces with all of their liquids included which came from one of the open pipes made it so they would feel nothing less but comfort underneath their beds.

‘For how long have you been staying here?’

‘Years, why are you bothered now? Since our bodies do most of the work, we have no other reason to work up here. These are mere child’s play compared with what the others are into, if you were to dwell deeper, that is.’

‘Down there or above?’

‘It’s irrelevant which path you take, they both lead towards the same old spectacle.’

‘But it’s dark there, I won’t be able to see a thing. What if I hit myself against the surroundings?’

‘There’s no reason to believe that you might. The pipes are aware of one another, or, the bacteria, as the ones above say. That alone should force them to avoid one another for as long as it necessary for you to go on your way.’

It was tempting, more so that he could imagine.

‘Will I be able to return if I got ahead and head up there?’

‘Only if you want to, but be weary, there’s nothing worse than a mind chase, tattle tale eraser, one who speaks about and backstabs his brothers.

We are brothers now, up from the soles of our necks. Remember than while you’re out there and don’t tell them you were sent by us.’

‘I understand. But it isn’t right of you to assume I would. It’s not like you’re worth the trust by any means. Look around at what you’re doing and what you’re watching.’

‘And?’

‘You ought to be ashamed of yourselves for trying to take advantage over them.’

‘Leave then, if you’re not pleased by what you’re seeing, we shouldn’t pretend we’re entertained by what we’re hearing.’

‘Hear, hear.’

Hear she went, another rascal to amend for its sins. They threw her body in the piled, the pies blew hot air, crushing her against the ceiling and as it had, he went away, in fear that hey may be looked after his retreat. What he had achieved from it was nothing but a bitter laughter, the echo from behind which shoved itself down the gutter.

‘I won’t listen to them, I have to see it for myself.’

They would be laughing at him after he found out that the two ways head lead to the same damned place. It didn't turn into a head end, but it looked as if he couldn't return if he wanted to. Otherwise, he'd be as indisposed to look at the others.

Cat heads, so many cat heads. He was taunted by them.

'What are you looking for?'

Out of the dark came the cats. Those feline assailants revealed their glowing eyes to him, as they bounced their lights off upon the return. 'Brave is the soul, give us a heart, that's the only way we may allow you to set forth.'

'I wasn't told there'd be a fee for entry.'

'Of course you weren't. No one tells them there's a fee, it's part of the deal.'

'Part of the clueless hue they're all sent to. Now return, grab a heart and come back here once you're done fetching it to us.'

'What are your intentions with it? I can't be bothered by this. I couldn't grab it either. Yes, that is right, I don't have any arms.'

'There's your mouth.'

'And a prettily little pesky mouth at that, big lipped I see, that will come in handy.'

'His teeth are frail but near-white. How could that be?'

'Enough, you dirt cats, I don't even know why I came here to begin with but it was certainly not because I wanted to be mocked.'

'Then please yourself with waiting. No heart, no entry.'

I had been met by this rejection with nothing short of the unnatural gaze and the annoyance of waiting. Fine, they wanted a heart, they will get their heart. Even if I would have to be met by the annoyance which lay in meeting them again.

'So soon, already? Were you not pleased by what you saw? Perhaps you needed to take a breath from being completely overwhelmed by it?'

'That's not why I came here and I think you know what I need.'

This pretty faced cluster of faces turned to him now.

‘You are disturbing the watch of our most favorite part. This is when they’re dropping all the bodies and shoving them up and down into a wind tunnel. Look, they’re already going at it.’

Some wind traps had been set in the air, which rolled the bodies into them, promoting some kind of deep embedded laceration which happened inside of them, constantly, battering everything which would even be remotely whole.

From that lot he could see not a single heart, nor anything which may even be remotely close to a functioning organ. But what if there was another way?

Dour noticed that their beds had been raised high by now. They weren’t sitting in puddles but on thrones made out of entirely fully filled organs which they had misappropriated from their surroundings. One would have to be careful not to disturb what was going on there. Especially since they grew connections now, which threatened the viral bacterial forming esophagus which happened there.

Why, some pipes even formed ribs around theirs thrones in front of his eyes. They were standing like people, long legged, open armed, outstretched, and bored.

‘Why did you come here for? Oh, was it one of these? I don’t believe you said anything about it yet, but I suppose that since you’re staring so profoundly at it, I could only come to the conclusion that you truly want it, more than anything in the world.’

‘I do want it, please, give it to me.’

‘Not so fast.’

As quickly as he drew a set of pipes from around his organs, he revealed a stranger lock inside. Pulling his heart out wasn’t going to be easy at all, why, it would be rather dangerously close to the work of a simple yet significant surgeon. They were at work now, still watching him, merely being distracted for one second as they turned.

‘We missed it, the show is over, and we missed the greatest part of it. How could you do such a thing to us after everything we’ve done?’

It was because of us that you got there and this is how you’re thanking us? Pitiful, disgraceful, shame on you, we need to send you back.’

‘Back there? But I won’t be allowed to go there without a heart.’

‘Not there, you buffoon, back up there to the task masters.’

‘Task masters? I thought they were blade masters.’

‘Should we be getting into this now? Isn’t he, shouldn’t he simply return to what he should be doing now?’

‘Which is?’

‘Paying for what he took from us, Kahrn. Our time and the joy of seeing the favorite side of the show unfold in front of our eyes.’

‘Wait, what if we borrow this organ to her? What have we to lose from it?’

‘Knife thrower, knife thrower, beware of him, split!’

They straddled themselves in attempts to get away. He had come out of nowhere, in their peculiar attempt to make up for the sense of a mortician’s extraction. They couldn’t see him but they saw the knives being thrown from a dark corner.

Bodies danced the organs below stopped pushing their mad tunes and now, they couldn’t help it but shout.

‘Beware of it, the knife strikes and never takes back what it leaves. Let me breathe through it, let me get away, I cannot help it if this misery takes my heart away.’

One knife had obtruded the sight and blaster through the pipe armor, revealing his indecent armor. Pesticides started being released in order to reduce the damage and kill the insect skin which had spread on top of his organs. But it had been, in that moment, dreadful to tread in the dark. As the man named Dour came out of nowhere and pinned the heart to his teeth, pulling it away, whilst drawing no attention.

‘What have you done to us?’

The pipes activated and they found themselves trying to get as far away as possible before the organs would sign again. But their bodies were heavy and they could barely be held.

‘Release everything before we get trapped and killed.’

Each of them screwed and scarred away, trying not to be caught by the malign and the woe, the interest in the unknown fading as fast as it would be. It wasn’t clear, as for the dear sight of the poor Dour, faded from sight. He couldn’t focus on them any longer, especially since he had attained what he had looked for.

‘Time to earn my entry.’

He muttered from the heart’s play, while the others had gotten away. Not they would not be able to make use of those bodies they had gotten for themselves, as they got completely stamped out of existence.

‘Please remove this from my sight. I cannot dare look at the play any longer, my body had been stolen from me and it’s all because of them.’

‘Was it someone in his employ? How did so many knives got here to begin with?’

‘It’s irrelevant, look down there. Do you see something missing? That is your answer, and that is the reason we may take our revenge.’

Damned be the path ahead, for no longer had it been dark. Curtains drawn, red of hawk fell through the ceiling and unto them came the desire to bash this squire and kill him for his false attempt.

Of course the various other watchers only laughed and shamed them, as they grew so arrogant and useless despite their builds of meat.

‘Shall I do the honor?’

‘We shall each proceed into taking a knife of our own. Afterwards, we’ll cut him, strain him, destroy his bacteria and let him rot there. ‘

But the cats were pleased, feline of two kinds every sight appeared in a wet look of white and black, red, green eyes, fashionable and even plastic. They even had fakes it seemed, but plenty of them looked genuine enough.

‘So, I have come, stolen from my woe, please let me know if it’s a fair trade.’

‘Banished, I say, you traitorous scoundrel, you’ve committed the highest sin. Instead of eating and even sharing, you’ve attempted to show our prey inside your pipe. That is highly unacceptable. You body shall not be traded with.

You shall remain and keep the same body in the dumpster. Rot there, see if I’m bothered enough to care.’

They dismissed one of their own, who had committed an act of body-fraud. Mistreated or not, that had been less important than what they were expecting.

‘This is what I was expecting, good news, after all. What did they ask of you for that? Was it a dance, was it an opening inside your...?’

‘I’ve taken this from them, by chance, or accident.’

Said Dour, shaven of being tracked. Thinking themselves mightily clever, they had made a lot of grunts as they followed.

And each of the felines had become as estranged from courage as they saw the light and the limitless abandonment of a way of hiding as it appeared.

‘Give this to me and come in, behave not a moment’s notice.’

An intermission had been revealed in time for him to enter and strap himself as quickly as he could. Though he might have been of a single cloth, a bitter tooth, an ache, he entered the frail coronary place and stood there, on top of their tongues.

As the walls closed, he entered in time to hear the sounds of blades dangling against the metal rail, signaling that he had escaped in the brick of a stone tattle. It would be obvious now that this wasn't what he had anticipated.

'He went in, you know we won't get him now.'

'Very well, let them play with their new toy, he's as useless to us as are you. Come now, let's make haste into the fray and let us kill everyone else.'

Honor dictated that at least one of them would out himself as the knife thrower. Otherwise, they would butcher them all, leaving no one alive. This had to be it. It would be the only way for them to start on a cleaner shade.

But him, who had entered this strange palace of licking cats had looked down to see that they had been perforated themselves. Desecrated even, as it became obvious that at one end of their tongues there were some metal bindings which went down into their throats, holding the organic matter of large pink by four partially destroyed dark-iron nuts which held a screw together which had worked its way through them.

Now the light changed from red and yellow to a constant pink. One eight of a cat came in to greet him. Over it head, there was an inclusion of its teeth, paws and a single tail which dangled by the side. He was welcomed there, but not trusted.

'For safety measurements, if you don't mind, I'll have to check you.'

'How? Wait, not so fast now, I'm still trying to shake myself off.'

The cat drew in and licked him over the face once, with a circular motion which covered his entire cheek. Afterwards, one single bite took everything which was needed, so much so she could make a good impression. He didn't retaliate. Dour tried pulling himself away a few centimeters.

What he had been looking at now was the system beneath him, between and under those heads there were gaps large enough for the pies to go in and wander around in every place one could see.

'Follow me now, we're about to greet our leader, Crackle.'

They entered through the stool of many extended yarn balls. It was safe to say that he couldn't stomach looking for too long at it. As the smell pushed through his nostrils, he had figured it was enough. Even there, he would be constantly looked at and followed, so they could make sure nothing would be broken or taken by him.

‘Why are so many of you trying to follow me? I don’t understand it. I’m trying to fancy myself a reason for which I was sent here.’

‘He doesn’t know.’

‘No, he doesn’t know.’

‘Not at all.’

Laughed the cats, prizing themselves with a few yarns, those stomach grinders and a few other objects of their choosing, which were not supposed to be in their reach either? His hairs rose as he saw the knives in their mouths. Now it all made sense, how many of them were there. This wasn’t a mistake, he was supposed to be there, as a guest, by their invitation or that of Crackle.

‘Well you didn’t think those knives manifested themselves out of nowhere, have you? And what reason would there be for anyone to even wager helping you?

If you haven’t noticed yet, everyone out there is only looking for themselves, nothing more. So come on and join us, we’ll do take care of you in time.’

‘As our little pet, that is. You would make a fine servant, bearer, holder, hold the bottles.’

For as far as he could look at it, he had been treated not like an outcast but someone who couldn’t pay any attention to his surrounding, a confused runt who woke up snapped at the neck. Dour felt like a bottle cap, now turned over his head, with the bottom of his neck being used for storage.

‘See? I told you he had a stopping rail there. Someone put it there to make sure they’re not communicating with him. They are fond of him.’

‘And for that alone we shall keep you, stranger.’

‘Dour, call me Dour, but please.’

‘No, we’ll call you Hour, for that’s the amount of time we’ll need to figure out whether or not you’re worth keeping.

Or him, our master, Crackle, behold.’

The dark no longer lingered in his hall, in the presence, this apparition of feline magnificence which had rejected its body and wasn’t in any need of pipes or organs to hold him there, floating in the air with the help of the gusts it produces from beneath it. From the look which had been pulled out of his servants eyes which made the entirety of the room now, completely covering the entire sight of the pipes, he looked like a face of plastic.

A toy for them to stare but never to touch. It would be a sacrilege, an insult, to know that neither of them could own this Crackle, their worth and their need to feel something at all.

If they had tails and butts, or if they were there, above with them, they would lift them up.

‘Bring in the mice, let the stranger know something of my power.’

The ceiling broke and it revealed an empty mass, a standing round region filled with lunatics, beaten mice which were stuck in the wind-tunnels, falling now in expectation of the feeding frenzy. Their mice-wings stopped working since they had been cut off partially, feeding in their wild fear as they were caught by the cats.

Each motion felt as if they shot and propelled their heads at the falling rodents, eating and turning the room into a feast.

‘Watch it, don’t take any move, Hour, you’re not allowed to leave until your time’s up.’

Four guards stood not too far from him. They were the ones which had been the most threatening out of them all, being the ones bearing, if not playing with their knives in an attempt to show off.

Some mastery had been achieved there, and at time it felt like they simply disappeared, only to come out from inside their mouths, acting violently as they tried to dominate his very thought of getting away.

‘I’ll stay, and for that you’ll have my word. But don’t threaten me or the only thing you’ll have to show your big headed cat will be a porcupine’s spire.’

Every mouth which had been agape suddenly closed, as well as to be in unison with the very top of the ceiling. It wasn’t even as notoriously interesting as one would have to care for it.

But he was too assertive for his own good, and now, he had come under his direct attention.

‘Well, well, I see that the little mouse has something to say.’

Below the rims, something had crawled inside his body. It didn’t feel like it was something good, but more likely a piece of unwanted turpentine-bolt, which was the worst kind of appliance which may find itself connected to his old body of metal.

He was losing too much ichor for his own good. ‘Do you not see how easily it is for us to mock you? One pull of my many laces and I’ll have you dancing like a puppet on a string.’

Since he had no control over what went through his body, Dour could only stare at how the ducts flew over his sight, making him withdraw from sight before he could step back into his performance.

He danced for them like a good slave who hadn't the least of an interest to show himself walking out.

A reminder to himself came as quickly as the reflection over their shiny silver spades fell to his peepers. Not until it's safe to go. Until then, make sure to draw them forth.

Forward a few footsteps away, until he found himself biting over one of the cats' ears off. They laughed and mewed as he took another, seeing it fall as soon as they could muster their laughter. Neither of them realized what he had done. This wasn't part of his play.

It had been the act of slaughter, after a hole expanded below him. He saw the cat bouncing against the pipes before having its head completely smashed.

And in that moment of feline rage, what remained of its head pushed forward into a whorl, forming what appeared to be a hatchet which spread around. It fed every cat there, bringing the rims of its many tinier blades in their mouths.

They drank and ate a combination of their lost sister and their tongue materials, until they drowned it in their throats. Inside of them they felt the bacteria emerge, bringing forth some ecstasy which could only come from this point on.

'What are you doing, you maniac?'

Even their cat-like noble began laughing and trashing as it came into fruition with its interest and false approach. Nothing more than tootle-play, he wanted to join, how hard it was for him to only watch.

Scarlet came in their eyes and it was time that they would feed him so that he would be alive for a short amount of time.

'Oh, Hour, you've given me the greatest gift of all, look at how I shall finally come forth.'

His hideous form emerged from inside, revealing the thing in which it hid as soon as he had been washed in their regurgitated bowels. It was frightening to look at that, bronze-like coating on top of its jutting cranial mass.

For a moment it had the appearance of a molten heap of rancid drums which pushed from every side, giving the head a constant appearance of juts and cuts, and many objects inside of it that tried getting out.

They each fought and gave the impression of ever-extending, held in only by a pelt which kept it from giving the magnificent rim of destruction its so thoroughly hope to release.

He knew them to be bellies, those drum-like projections, bellies which were full. It wanted to release them but it couldn't out of the fact that it hadn't arrived in this world wholly.

As the plastic was still in the midst of changing into the creature, almost in the form of some wild manifestation, which opened its sinister green spheres, were followed by a pair of fifty smaller maws which bloated tongued in the form of the umbilicus.

Many of its fangs turned completely soft and moist until they revealed vermin-like maggot semblance. It had been a spread of appendages which shot afterwards as they began yanking the tubes and breeding those proto-heads.

It had to adapt for this new world, henceforth it had crippled its own womb and reproductive system. This would be impossible to come in the natural sense, but inside of it rested an overweighed ovaloid crude member which had sunken to deep as to drag every other organ down, including the womb.

The body would be crushed by the very weight instilled by the member, to the point where it could suffer no less of it and the head of the offspring would be completely beheaded.

It was then that he had no means of survival, unless something had been employed. What appeared to be slender puncture-filling veins came into contact with those heads, sealing their ends and attempting to keep them alive while the division happened.

They would remain animated for long so that the crude magic figures could be instilled in it so it may live.

Afterwards they had been spat and floated, as if there had been no gravity. Some came out well, others went out in pieces, another sight he had realized.

‘All of you are cruel and mad. Either this side or the other treats meat as if it’s nothing. How many lives had to end this way?’

‘Settle down, they’re stillborns, they never suffered, they never will. Theirs is little more than a force to be settled with and defied.

Hour, hour, you wanted me to come into this world, why, you have done this on yourself.

Do you suppose now that you’re better than I? Because of what? If I do recall correctly though, my coming to form was the result of you killing one of our own. Why else would I be here?’

‘That was an accident, I didn’t mean it.’

He could feel himself spitting as a burst of the stored milk popped off and made him head pop on and off, on and off, up and down into a daze.

And the cats kept laughing as this, and their nobleman became Destrackle, lord of miss forgotten heads. None of them survived, he would not be getting more servants it appeared.

‘You’re making me blush. I haven’t had such a good laugh since I have been summoned into the realm of hunger.

There at least my children were put to a good use, but here, look, they’re eaten by my fat servants who serve no thank and give me nothing short but an unsatisfactory glance. I cannot help it if they’re indisposed.’

‘When am I to be release then? Surely you’re not planning on keeping me for more than an Hour, are you?’

‘Well that hasn’t been decided either, why would you be so fond of getting away?’

Something’s the matter with you, perhaps? Do you think there’s something better out there than our shows and plays? Who do you think provides them with all the guts?

It’s us, it’s always been us, without a doubt or a shimmer of concern, it’s been us from the stars and it’s never going to be anyone else. We’re going to dig up a grave for you to submerge in, worry not for us, we’ll take you to your word and crush the sides of the pipes so you may never be able to get out again.’

‘Why is everyone trying to harm me, in some way, shape of form, I’ve been mistreated by you. I won’t be intimidated this time. I’ll stand my ground and leave.

Do not make me a part of it or I shall harm you much more than you’ll be able to bear.’

‘That’s supposed to be a threat? A laughing manner, that’s what it is, you’re a scared little cat now, you may not be able to see it now, but within the hour, you’ll have become one of us. No longer will there be a need for your head to strand on top of our bottles, we’ll simply replace it.

You’ll feel everything inside you start to pop maddeningly until one of our good spirits will start overcoming your face.’

‘You cannot force that unto me, I’d rather take my own life than that.’

‘And how would you do it exactly?’

With a snap, their cats each closed their mouths in order to hide their fangs. A pip of a sound came in unison as soon as they had been dispatched. No sharp knife in sight, he could simply walk off. But blasted be those damned doors, the more he focused on their red stare, the more he realized that there wasn’t any other way for him to set off the alarms which went inside his head.

Run, run, escape, but I cannot, I cannot, don’t make. I’ll be dead within the hour, whatever had been of Dour will have died. They haven’t realized yet, no, no, they haven’t. It was reassuring, now of all reason that he could touch himself and feel the pull around his chest. It would be over soon, if only he knew.

The other masters couldn't stop me and it only came to him that he was aware, of so much more aware that there wasn't any other way out.

'You don't get it yet, do you? I'm not going to bash my head until I'm dead, I won't attempt to crush it by any means. Instead of doing that, I'll take one of the blades and cut myself with it. That's my only true intention. Without it, I know that I may be trapped here as your petty toy, or woodcut.

It will hurt me more than it will hurt you.'

'Be reasonable now, you were given an hour and a fair treatment, what else do you want? A place amongst us, a set of power perhaps?

Pfff, do not take us for dogs. You were to stay here as a servant or as one of us, and you would throw that all away because of what?'

'Because I'm keep exchanging instead of finding a way out. Because you're making me feel as lonely as I was when I first woke up there, that's the reason why I cannot help it. I need to get away and see the world as a free bird, not as a trapped animal like you are.'

Insulting, wasn't it? Perhaps that strapping young blunting head could've jolted in a place or another. But so far, it served as a means for him to retract to his plastic form.

'Buffoons, you can all starve for now. I don't feel any more satisfaction gotten from my reveal. He gave it you, he took it away.'

And now the eyes all started at him with an unfathomable amount of dismay. In truth they showed their teeth and snarled at him.

They had this expectation for him to do it. If that's what they wanted him to do, then why not deliver?

The entry in his chest was painful, almost like that of a blow, the cut felt dizzyingly short, he was short of breathe in only a few moments. Only an image of them laughing at him remained ingrained in his mind. An unnecessary decision made him feel impatient. He didn't wake up in the chamber. He had been stored, grabbed, held, unable to comprehend that his sight and hearing had been disabled.

Perhaps it was his metal body, perhaps it had been the fact that he no longer possessed something close to being penetrable. But that hadn't stopped him from trying and attempting, to see those red sparks appear in front of his face. They made him want to end it because he felt his face being licked.

Nasty animals, nasty cats, they had him for the hour. What had been worse was the fact that he wanted a way to take it now, the release.

Only this could free him from the torment he felt. But no, it wasn't meant to be.

'Why have you brought me back here?'

I want to be back in my room, I won't leave it any longer, I promise.

'You won't leave after the hour, you won't leave after the next hour. As a matter of fact, you'll stay here with us, not as our equal, not as our toy or servant or even trinket. Take him away now.'

The same way had been opened above them, where they stored their mice. I was to entertain them in the most despicable manner, which could not be accepted, I will not stay here and I shall not leave. Was that where he had to go? Would they mess with him even further?

He tried forcing himself through them, in that attempt to get through them. It failed, they were too many of them and each of them came together in a push which couldn't even last long enough for him to lose them. It was only by their fully-combined effort that he managed to end up there, above them, inside their mice-hole.

The pipes beneath him, afterwards closed, and so came his staying. It was hot in there, more than a few distasteful licks turned him on. They were there as well, always following, always watching. As soon as they opened their eyes, he saw them there, no longer in the view of the Crackle, but still there.

After their expression had changed, he knew that there wasn't any way to draw himself over. He could only try getting himself nearer to the edge by reminding himself that as soon as he did it, he had to wake up there. No longer did he aim for the chest, but raised his arms to aim for the joints where the constant stream of pipes started.

It would have to be a great slash, one which would make up for the upper top of the chest, right above the shoulders, which would release him from the upstanding stature he bore. He drew it forward and before they could leap and start gorging themselves on his face, it had been done. His life was taken, his sight drew to a closure and before he could rise up his eyes, he was back there.

The familiar place still reckoned a defeat. Both of the jailors waited for him, looking as far as they were before, with their stained shirts with which were recently touched. Handprint lay all over their bodies and only now they had been waiting.

But before they could enter and finish the job, he saw a piece of the ceiling being eaten by one of the cats. Had their size increased past any unfathomable level? It could only mean that there was a way through to go with it. He was forced back it and thrown up there, to rest with the mice. He noticed something missing.

'Where's my neck?'

'You're no longer in need of it, enjoy living the rest of your life as well as you can.'

‘They’re expecting a show, aren’t they? Let us give them what they want. A little bird told me that they’re still looking for a missing knife-thrower as well.’

Before her laughter could endure his passing, she threw it against his face, leaving a small cut which was very much likely to be that done on a human.

‘It hurts, this isn’t supposed to hurt.’

‘If you think this is pain, wait until you’ll get there.’

As the pipes began exchanging places, they would bring forth more of their own from below. It was inescapable. Unable to resist, he endured as his head ended up being bashed and abashed against the holes from which he came and against the bodies as well. He felt his face finally succumb to their play.

They witnessed and laughed, finally aware that what they’ve done had been planned all along.

‘His face fell off, look at him, no bones. He had the insides of a toy octopus, fellows. It looks off, it’s wrong, come and see. Come and see.’

‘Serves you right, knife thrower, I know for a fact that it was you. Was it not him? Have I not told you of it?’

‘You have, you most certainly have, this wasn’t a mistake at all.’

Gritty and perturbed, they show their true faces and how petty they were, bodies of animals on pipe necks and shallow heads. All of the added together to an unfathomable last sight, which nursed itself as quickly as it began. By his likes, he would be aware, if they were there, they’d strap one another a second verse, to cope with the lepers they became. Once the parts started rejecting one another, after he’d added to them, Dour never found a way from the insides of his head to reattach themselves again.

No more memories, not a soul, this one had been foul. But his body continued nonetheless, no longer punished by the disease of seeing what lay around him. Armed with a blade, he turned from those wooden dummies, turning towards the masters. They were stricken down before they had the chance to fight back.

‘Settle down now, Dour, there’s no need for you to strike us down. We only meant for you to see the other side, where the scum hides. That wasn’t us, Dour, it wasn’t our intention.’

But they could not be interested any less that what they had been then. In a quickened pace, they found themselves out running through the dojo, taken down by his insurmountable might. One blade made another but the strength was simply too much for one of them to take alone. They came and attempted to restrain him again, but he turned and grabbed the end of the pipe and ripped it off. As the connection broke, the master fell flat on his back and never got back up.

Without an end to his body, the entire system of pipes which continued to the top of the sky would start floating and getting away. It looked like spatial worm-trap which refused to let go. As the bacteria felt more and more of their precious meat-resource give in, the metal encasing everything started disappearing. Instead of it, the accumulation of rust had prevented a proper devastation from going forward. They could've completely turned it in their malign bacterium breeding box, which would eventually shrink in size to inexistence.

But the various rust fragments prevented the particles of bacterium from ever shrinking, instead, they'd freeze as soon as they entered space, as a partially eaten trap in which they would lay forever. The top of the dojo had been taken by them with the rest of the trapped masters. Feverishly drought, Dour had been brought to wander out there, on steps across a stony reed he didn't knock, which he could barely feel for himself.

It felt unnerving, to be there at such and hour, while feeling them, the exasperated changeling-master who had become his slaves. Despite not living, he felt bodies crawl and grabbing his ankles in a pathetic attempt to get him to save them.

'Save us from this, we can still have a chance to live through this.'

But instead of speaking they threw their bile out of their necks.

A sequence of requests came from him, as soon as he turned. His head was there, it had to be in the chamber from which he left. In it, the Body of Dour, BOD saw a multitude of his faces being lain, stored by the others. There were so many units which saved his humane body but neither of them had been made in the same manner as he was. It was near perfection, a disturbing look of what should've been if the ones breathing were replaced by working intelligence which never needed to take a break.

Sooner or later, the muscles gave in and the servants couldn't push themselves farther nor fight against him. Then, he turned and used his blade to end each one of them. It wasn't a question of whether or not there had been the servitude of a storm, but the filth to which they growled. It was unheard off, especially since it wasn't intended for them to grow there.

But at least it happened after he left. A few pieces of the bacteria crawled and survived outside their zone of power. From what could be told, they had made good use of the few ones who had been butchered there, which spread their newly formed large body of veins in the air, starting the whole new process again.

'Where are you? Where should I find you?'

Taken from our chamber, thrown out there, murdered too many times to count and now, I'm the one who had been cursed.'

Battered me good, he thought, or batter me no more. Scars lay across his body but they couldn't be taken care off nor polished. It was disturbing that they were there. Fake copies, so many Dour, too many too count, so much so that they each spoke and adopted their own variants of their names.

'Lower.'

'Cower.'

'Tour.'

'Nour.'

'Power.'

'Lour.'

The list went on, they couldn't help themselves there, but the watchers were gone. Now they rolled, unable to help themselves but listen to that old fool who was there.

Dour, the real one appeared and looked at each of them, listening for as long as he needed to make his decision.

'I am the scum-lord, killer of many snails. I've killed millions of them, yes, I have. Lour the slayers of salty parasites.'

Cower, the one head which had been almost split in half by the constant pressure which came from below the grits of the hole. A few rolls made it get away from the others. It was his time to shine.

'I will find what I'm looking for, where is it? Where are you little dove of iron?'

He looked for her but couldn't see it. That had to be the strangest exit he might've stumbled on. After going by the entrance, he looked at the false engines which lay in a disturbed manner. They were placed next to one another, making their customary sounds.

They were moving, on their way towards the greater fables. Where reality appeared to have twisted itself in a most repulsive manner.

'You may follow me now, come, this is the promise I can handle onto you. As long as you'll become one of my followers, I shall one day give you everything you see beneath my shoulders.'

A unit spoke to it and came to ate accepting woe. Both would deal together, unable to comprehend the images which came from the wires. Societies had been disabled. Thoroughly disabled. This vision hadn't been a lie, but a remnant of what the over-indulgence of BOD had resulted in.

They were crippled mentally and sterile, every single one of them, out there. Planted inside objects, displaced into walls, or into the ground, but one thing remained closely in shock. Those tubes which were still in their chests made them appear like they were still moving on.

‘I think I can hear Georgia calling. Oh, sweet Georgia, where are you? I’ve missing watching your plains and going on past them, running with your coyotes, falling in love once more.’

‘Shut your filthy mouth, you stupid ungrateful wife, I’m trying my best to redecorate the carpets inside our house. Show me some damn respect.’

Her husband yelled. That was Anthony Du’ Becson. Anthony appeared to be spreading pieces of frozen resources taken from the pig den. How many workers went to the pig-den now? A hundred, a thousand? Millions? It couldn’t be pinpointed now but the pigs-dens were full and filled with solid pieces of the pigs in their leviathan forms. It looked like they grew like giant planes and pushed through their bodies until they became dead again.

At the top, or the front, depending on the position, one could see their giant widening smiles and realize that they would push solemnly until there would be the time to stretch the effigies left by the other animals. Far behind the time, during some time when the pigeons had been filled with chickens and other livestock, they had started dying out.

They rejected the gift of disease brought by the leviathanism.

Anthony had cut a piece of a pig from the pig den and made his paint out of it. Various amounts of it turned out to be standing and forming various mountainous forms which only spread and showed themselves to carry the essence of the pigs. For that he gave to gluttony, surrendering himself to the lust of eating.

‘I want to be happy again. I was given the right instructions on how to make my own meat-making machines.’

‘But you told me you would re-decorate the house, Anthony, you couldn’t have lied to me, could you?’

‘No, I couldn’t have. That was. You know what? You are degenerate and I owe you no explanation. Rot in there if you have to, I’ll make my meat-maker and share none of it with you.

This, this, this and that, always. I have to hear your excruciating voice yelling and shouting about what’s wrong with me or the house or anything around it.

Leave then, if you don’t like what I’m doing here, leave it. ‘

‘Anthony, I can’t. I’m stuck in here and you’re ruining our house. I can see it spreading across my part, they’ll reach me and I cannot deal with this growing on me.’

Her clothes had already been given the look they had carved for. Pig heads and the remains of long misused sheep and chicken parts appeared at well. The butcher's strike it appeared, the two men managed to do it again.

Even then, no longer preoccupied with trapping Dour inside his chamber, they had managed to screw the system into place. It was a despot's remains, the kind of which made him remind himself that he would never suffer being out there again.

But the animals laughed and showed joy because they lusted for her, they lusted being on her there, and inside, through the long tube, which had made her walk. So many traps had been laid for them, that it had been disabling quaint to think of them again.

'Now, now, my dear, once I'm done assembling everything and once I'll have served myself some ribs, then I shall consider whether or not I'll want to release you from it. Wonder less about it, and think of it like this. I want you to be mine for one last meal.'

But both of them were abandoned for this was not meant to be a tiny spreading corvette. Each broken piece taken from a body affected by leviathanism had the ability to regrow its body entirely, as long as it would be affected by the right conditions. And those were there, desire, lust and warmth, which spread around. They fed one another and gave birth to a myriad of wonder and of culminating agony.

Neither of them managed to escape as they had been absorbed by the leviathan, again and again, until several houses had fallen prey to them. Skies rang dark, with a collared sun which had no more of an intention to be there. No one else had. It felt maddening to look at what happened out there, but Cower accepted and followed in the footsteps of his noble tall standing unit.

'I will be granted that eventually, if I behave.'

'That you will, as long as you follow in my footsteps and carry on with my plans.'

They were met by the brigadiers, who greeted them. They had been kept to a minimum kind of exercise which kept them rather suspiciously unaware of the bugchasers on board. Most of them were bringing all kinds of diseases and infections like the disturbed flea-bitten, body-ridden degenerates they were. In some way, it could be contested. Starting from their upper bodies, it looked like they wore some kind of plague masks which wasn't the case.

For one, they leathery-appearance only made it so they looked like masks when in reality, those were their corrupted faces, which only lead to the point of them not being able to contend with one another over the face that the plagues they were carrying were eating all of them alive.

'Won't I get infected if I spent too much time near them?'

‘Will you? I do not know, but we’re both made of the same stuff and I believe I spent enough time here to know that I would never do that. Never.’

One piece of the beak fell off. The rest of the body of one of the passengers completely disintegrated itself. The passengers were much more distinguishable from the brigadiers. It was their uniforms, which had some exoskeletons which kept their bodies in check. As it was the most distinguishable feature they had for themselves.

It was bizarre how to act in accordance with their ranks. Civilians were rather neutral, or passive to the fact that members of their own group, wherever they were taken from, died in front of their eyes, while the brigadiers had been put on edge. That nasty sight had only served as some way to push through the various accommodation changed, to spare them from ever risking falling into contact with the plague-dust released from death.

Their alteration made to the chairs made it so they could create pseudo-breathing devices which went through the floor and out of the flying devices. In more than a few cases, it seemed like their chairs had almost completely encompassed their bodies, for the sole need of cushioning the forceful impact which were gathered after each strike inside their bodies.

That’s how they suspected that the plague-dust came into contact with them. Shards of bones affected by them would leave the entirety of the mass and bounced through the muscle layers until enough damage had been done that the risk of internal bleeding would be increased by a ten fold. This process would repeat itself several times until the entirety of the body became a corpulent mass of self-destructive components which eventually gave into the final decomposition such as the one which Cower had observed.

‘Will you step down now? And lower your head, he’s a distracting little junt.’

‘I will once the ship leave, please do not anger it. If you do, I won’t be able to restrain it any longer and you will have something much greater to fear than a pair of tiny sparks and plague marks.’

Holes inside their chests, that’s how they spoke. It was strange, seeing those extending like a trail, almost obscured by their clothes or in the other cases the body armor. But these creatures with their strange customs began showing interest as soon as they had left the ground. As soon as the ship kicked in its engines, they pulled out their arms further, revealing their wings, and strapped stings. Large digging nails pushed onward, trying not break anything as they began speaking of the ill.

‘Stay away, flying Ostroght, stay away.’

‘He will follow us and eat the ship, stay away, Ostroght, do not come near.’

‘We fear you, Ostroght, don’t come near, don’t come near.’

‘You’re ours and we are yours, Ostroght.’

The voices fell, you couldn't tell their voices apart, other than the snicky, snarky voice of doom, the floating gloom which fell as soon as from the sky, the well had disemboweled itself from the grander societies and the floating repositories where Leviathans were bred for another purpose than that of fornication.

'Who's Ostroght?'

'Don't bother with them, young Cower, I believe it's one of their gods. Ostroght is kind of a guardian Leviathan they said he grew not as a pig or an animal, but a deity who looks exactly like them.'

Everyone else other than the few civilians who were busy saying their prayers look in admonishment at them. It was as clear as one could tell that they weren't entirely sure on themselves, whether or not he would deliver them from the wicked ways in which they fell.

Carrion, one of their own appeared and joined Cower.

'Do you truly want to know why they put their fate in some vague and obscure legend now?'

I could not help it but nod, I was the king after all, and a king had to be listened to and answered when he asked. The court servant arrived in time for me to ask.

'I want to know? Why do they have faith in him?'

'The sole reason is simple, my dear lord.'

The last part was added in his mind, it was a slip which made him feel much better about distinguishing the others.

'We weren't always this way, we haven't always carried the plagues with us, no virus, no an infection. In the long days of winter we lived on the stacked supplies carried from the fields. During summers, we worked and we lived with out neighbors.'

Tall headed, two legged, armless contenders, a rival race which showed itself like some devouring pack of contenders bred for the sole reason of fight. And fighting they had, for their strength and speed made them an unbearable thing, going through the various mountains holes and packing throngs to steal from us. To crush us and our children from their cradling boards, it was a cruel thing, these expressionless bodies that looked like they were made of wires, which they themselves were barely attached, of filled in gaps which didn't belong there.

'Their methods of fighting were uneven, some might even say we had a chance to repel them. But that's happened so long ago, when we were peaceful and we knew ourselves better than anyone else. It should come as no surprise now, this illusion of clarity, because we, as much as we pride ourselves as the Carrion people, were ignorant of our ways and theirs.'

We made no distinction between savage and the innocent some displayed.'

'So you did fight back?'

'Eventually we had, but that's the turning point when we no longer were right. It wasn't by our choice alone to become that, what we are now. It was a mistake carried by mistake, carried by a mistake and mistake no longer shall be made. We cursed ourselves by lying with our kin who had been used and spoiled.'

'By whom?'

'By the invaders, they came during the night and used our women for their own pleasure and delight. It got worse than that, as soon as we defiled our women, as we poisoned our ranks because of them, spreading them like flies, only to understand after we became infected, that there wasn't a way out then.'

It backfired, their wickedness backfired in such a way that not only had they become in some way immune, but they also imbued their viruses as soon as they had exchanged hosts and spread. 'We were pleased by this gift of theirs, whether or not it had been intended. It changed us from the sloppy creatures we were into greater fiends, the likes of which we could never have become on our own.'

We lacked in the hives and so we turned it into our own. As soon as we have made a few generations afterwards, we started carrying termites inside of us so we could feed and ease the passing into the cruder younglings. Some didn't pass the birth process, if that's what it could be called. A strange side effect of the ingested virus was some kind of release of the uterus which would start going off on its own, being freed from the womb, whilst left to fend for itself.

'Going back a long time ago makes one realize that we changed so much so that we could not call ourselves right any longer. All of us had been broken one way or another by the changes, generation after generation of specifically carried traits which shouldn't have belonged to us. Longer beaks, smaller ones, lighter or darker skins, mind disease and the like, we knew that we would be doomed eventually but never had our ancestors expected it to reach this far.'

Our ancestors faced the invaders on their own grounds, doing nothing but shoveling them, time after time, not by force but by a myriad of other weeping tricks, and whiffs of blood-spilled spits which infested every single one of them as soon as they had entered into contact with their enraging concoctions. But our war had yearned no satisfaction from it that had been it.

'We were cursed, as soon as we started eating them and finally absorbing the rest of their females in.'

'You don't mean to say you?'

'That act of pettiness, of us getting back servers as a reminder of the fact that we may never truly get rid of this grand vileness for as long as we continue living. If it were for honesty to be called into question, you'd know that there's no hope for future.'

Which brings us to my final point, the deceivery they so-much-so desire to know off. It's gone too far and I'm afraid that they're past the point where they may go back to their ways.

They claim they had seen him, a leviathan who had been born by us, but whom had retained the traits we had been shown in carvings and in ancient paintings left by our old. Know that without them, we would've never found out what happened, and we could never have tried to learn from our mistakes.'

Cower could only bounce in his condition, turning inwardly at that. He looked at how desperate they were to get another word in, another chant, at the very doubtful lack of interest displayed by the creeping brigadiers who could not take it.

'Silence, silence yourselves immediately! I need to rest in order to offer you any kind of protection from the enemy. May he not come?'

It was bizarre, how the ship would somehow stretch its many winged cars, showing its tails aside and eighteen both-sides barred legs. Most of the metal contractions appeared to have been set in its front, where the strange fuselage threw itself inwardly a bit. The result had been only a slow bleeding of their upper gestation mechanism which had to be forced to malfunction. Otherwise, this thing would've grown in the most disturbing manner, joining its brothers in the many rings around the planet. They were unknown, how they had achieved such a levee of unity and mischievous spread. But it was irrelevant, as long as they could be attained, their insides cleaned and repurposed from within. Cower took another moment to look down at everything they had purposefully missed before. They were seriously trying to stray away from the lower tribal communities which had begged for no interaction and no possibility that they might grow from their conundrums. An inner war between them had spared little for the food and the decay.

'They're Carrions, like you are.'

'Worse for the count, they have taken this as their ungrateful mission, to get as far as possible and bring as much misery as possible.'

But their songs were so arousing, pulling, drawing him closer to almost falling one of the open cervixes the ship displayed.

'I wish I could join them, how much I would dare. I do not care for any of the sins of the past, if only I could present myself as a snail crusher.'

'Blasphemy, you wouldn't dare destroy the little sustenance they have, would you? After all, it's only amongst the only things they have!'

'But I didn't mean that, I only wanted to impress them.'

‘Impress them? Are you a child or the head of a man? Honestly, it’s hard to tell, but I wager you wouldn’t look with as much cruelty if you were down there with them.’

This obtuse head had done little to. An overreaction to which the carrion resigns at the sight of the innocence he was shown.

‘Pardon the outburst, I suppose it doesn’t happen as often for one of you to show up here and know that I’m only trying my best to stay as far away from any destructive virulent flay which may shove itself to them. Otherwise, I couldn’t think of anything at that.

But if you wanted to.’

He considered the likes of the depressed lands. Those were not songs of joy, perhaps this one had been as saddened as they were. The Carrion looked at the standing unit wonderingly. He had listened and considered. It’d be much obliged for him to barely shake, and throw the head away down there. Sludge of a move made it so he understood. It would be likely that the head would never reach the destination that had been claimed for it. But it would be worth to know if it could.

Cower had seen it all, the last moments before the ship getting away. He wouldn’t get to hear the rest of the story or what happened to them, but judging on where he landed, there was at least a hint about where he’d end. It sent chills down his imaginary spine, as he came in one piece, unable to define the confines of a body. It was unexpected. They way they kept their distance, no one would could near him. Had he done something?

‘I won’t hurt you, come near me. I said I won’t hurt you.’

But no one approached. He was struck by the fact that he couldn’t move, not a single inch on such a rough patch. Was this intentional? He could only start wondering what he’s done to earn it.

‘Could you at least help me roll a few inches away?’

Not a sound, they got away now. As far as he could tell, they were not only weary of strangers, but also distant, caught in by the fact that there were strangers out to get them. It was unsatisfactory, unsanitary touched by some kind of lost shade. He felt himself pulled but never moved. That came from lonely Carrion who watched.

‘Will you please help me?’

‘I cannot.’

His hard hands were already wretched around a face which wasn’t his, it had to have been his touch which allowed him to get away. For in the few moments he stood he shook them, trembling around his waist until it fell completely,

again. Cower witnessed another one of them pass. Uncomfortably set around there were a few sardines they threw at him, which still leaped as if out of water, suffocating in his dust.

Chanting began again, and he could there, farther in the sky, adamantly insecure, obscured only by his immediate weeping glaze, that he wasn't there.

Lour had been bitten by Power who held at him in some sort of rack. Both of them had no choice but to move alone, spreading away from the others, which were as uselessly morbid in their attempts to get caught. No one paid any attention to them, nor should they care, that they had missed the chance to get on the ship as it came. The only thing they had achieved, by the time it arrived was for them to fall off the ground.

Insecurely caught by a motion of disease, they faced only the drop. Where one was smashed in half but still hanged on, as Lour carried his exposed self in the back.

'I cannot hear you any longer. Could you try opening your mouth again? I simply want to hear you say anything. A word, maybe two, perhaps a verse or.

We should share the beetles, I see that there are many of them here. I'll get out one.'

Catching one of the rolling blocks wasn't as hard as it seemed. As a matter of fact, it was easily pushed through the gap between them. Of course they'd look like tiny sticks and less obese. But it wasn't what he wanted to think about, he was concerned by the lack of pressure on his head. He felt pain, as if there had been a strong bite before he completely let go right at the moment of the impact. Conversely, he had only thought of what happened behind and what it might mean. If only a pool could show him, or anyone who followed them there.

With a quick addition of force, he attempted to throw the beetle back and forth, back and forth, a few inches in the air, only to catch him again and go back at it. By and by, the lack of another try had only spread the obese and misguided...

Least of all, he could've said a thing. Anything but that wait. It made him uncomfortable having to drag him away, this. Not the dead weight, he didn't think of it again. He could see something close to, moving grass. Perhaps someone in there would kindly reveal much. Another person lost, he had been tall and long headed, beaked. That was all. He looked at them and hadn't said a word, not even to admit why he was willing to wear such a silly cone in the front of his nose.

'I think we'll find someone soon, they'll find us great. I know they will, this one was a failure himself, don't mind him. Who'd pass on the opportunity to miss us, right?'

Bleak flowers had been crushed. It had been part of their movement, removing anything which looked even remotely beautiful. Both I and him think the same thing. Ugly, messy, unlike our room, speaking truthfully about it,

one share of a view behind revealed much about the building the room had been set in. For one, the giant passage left for a lot of room, not only for the fall to come in, but it seemed to have been cut or separated from a larger structure.

The plants didn't even grow naturally where it ended. And that wasn't the worst part yet. It was those annoying flashy insects which never went away. It took a while to see them for what they were, blank spots in his mind which made it so he'd see them around.

'I've been hit as well. I don't know why but I started to feel like I wasn't made for this.

So many things don't fit here. I wish didn't see it from the outside. I'll make note.

More notes, more notes. And I'll document our adventures. Even if it doesn't always work out. I think I remember something, shoes, both of my shoes had holes in them didn't they?

I don't know what this is important to me, I don't have feet. Neither of us have them, but I think it's time I threw them away, don't you think?'

For some reason or another, it felt bad, likely because he didn't like it at all.

But there was one thing, beyond the grim ends where they had found themselves, in the back, that Tour had been given a vision from that chamber of his, at last. From the safety of his hut he looked at it and saw.

House near the lake, in the middle of the forest, where had it gone?

Jeroge Lemotiff returned back home only to find it missing. His mouth could only stay open for so long while he questioned what had he done wrong.

'Have I done something to anger you? Tell me, and I shall correct my mistake until the day where a hole near my house shall be reserved for me to settle in.'

To which, he'd been given a shovel, pushed a few feet away by a smothering mark upon his neck and waited, for another sign.

'May I be given one now?'

The constellation had shaped itself in the form of a spear, out of the hole, in which he found some hope. He wasn't staring at the sky, but at the ground the entire time.

'What have I done now, what have I gotten myself into?'

It was clear, near the entry, in which he leaped, he found himself standing in his house again. Pure agony had entered him after seeing the entire thing buried underground in the most desperate fashion. The door close and the

mount of dirt started falling in. Lemotiff couldn't fight, he couldn't find the strength to fight. Only the struggle remained, as he had been there, caught by the pain of them mocking him, the death masks made by him as he repeatedly bashed his head inside. Unconcealed by him or her, his mother was there as well, dead, above the head, stranding in a fashion which begged the summon, closer to the fact that he realized what she had done.

'Mother, you've forsaken this place can't you see what you're doing?'

Before she turned, he saw now that he mourned for her, his father, his grandparents and daughters, all of which were attached to her, bearing not their human arms but blue colored, largely planted, almost ritualistic finger artificers who did what they were begged to do. Act upon the will of the dead, unable to correct the mistake, but furthering it much more than it was needed. For them to succeed, he'd have to give in, now realizing that he hadn't been given chance.

'Join us and you shall avoid suffocation. And in return, your daughters and I won't die. Think of my daughter, thing of your poor wife, we're not the only ones there. Look below one of the walls.'

To the advancement of pulling out one of the planted pieces of the wood, he saw all the previous generations who were waiting for him. Unable to continue on this path, he gave in and asked.

'What am I in need of? What must I do to pleasure you?'

'Draw the ritual out and do what we must plan. We can be pleased only if we shall swim in it, not walk. Look at our legs and what they've become.'

He saw only a single conjoined tail upon which they stood, scaled but not by the likes of reptiles or those who swam in basins, these had been crafted and appeared to resemble gems which pierced one another like an armor, so they may ever ought to be touched again. A pain would be mandatory now, as a sign. One pulled an arm and started pushing through his ancestors, clearly signaling the pain.

'Stop it, I told you I will help you, no more suffering.'

'They'll remember this now, don't worry about us, only the best waits while we join him.'

A few meters from the ground, as the house raised, he saw the fall, to which they moved closer towards the middle of the lake. In there, the many reeking entries where the dirt conjoined itself to the likes of dirt formed the first filled craters of dirt. It wasn't the normal kind of worm-infested slum, but a kind of infused one by their rings which formed tiny boulder-like statues erected for their own.

'Those are the signs of our new gods. You shall worship then.'

'If that's what I must do farther, then I shall obey and do what I have to.'

‘Know their names, Illishwurm, Kertungurn, Boorhum, Hlehnoktuwrm and Illoghmwurm. For now they shall take your worship for their pantheon is in need to rise from the grave ends of the dirt, where you shall one day be allowed to live by us, in pockets of air, as the last man to be alive.

Your only benefactor shall give you a single woman to copulate as we shall keep you alive forever.’

‘But won’t there be any trouble with them becoming inbred?’

‘It’s little of out concern, you are only to wait and observe through our cycle.’

The dirt was starting to collapse from the windows and he could finally see what was going on around them. A malady of spectral points of dirt came. It looked like he was staring at the ghastly remains of the very mount on which their ancestors stood, how plain they were, how they moved being recorded in it there. With only a vague impression he had been met by one of his great-great-great-grandfathers who stepped into the house.

‘My boy, you’ve done it now. There’s no escape from what you gave to them, not this world, not in the afterlife. But what am I saying? There won’t be any for you, breeder of worms that will be your legacy, your likes shall be abandoned for theirs.

‘But that cannot be. I was promised children, I was told that I would have them for my own.’

‘Look beneath you and you shall see.’

What had become of him now seemed to be like that of the beings he most despised. It wasn’t likely that they would be seen again together after this.

‘I don’t need you, leave, and leave and leave me alone with my thoughts. I cannot suffer your like here.’

Lemotiff wished there was another way, but he had lost control over his legs. They were numb, and appeared to desire to go on either direction they desired to.

Chapter 4

The bunker

Two sets of sub-machine electric decompressions started the alarms. Rooms were being battered up as families were forced into hiding.

‘Door Four Hundred and seventy-seven, respond immediately!’

You have been called upon. Any lack of interaction will cause us to consider immediate intervention.’

It wasn't a normal voice that came out of their diaphragm device. By the looks of its robust sphere, it was a large inviolable box with metal screws attached to its side and lines spread around the circular extremity from where the voice sounded. Two men pulled the device out of the computational box they carried around with them. Five cylinders entered it from beneath. They also bore a pair of large old tubes; black and grayed out by some dust, yet they were connected to the vernacular head from which the box came out of. It appeared that the cylinders contained an amalgamous substance which powered this extremely strange machine.

It would not only store the surrounding sounds but with each passing second, it would cause another one of the ciphers to move on the door.

Oblivious to any human emotion, the dispatched squad was made of four sentient machine parts, and the remains of a well ripped out of this world humanity. They looked like anything but human, even with everything else taken into account.

Something contaminated their skin, giving it a dreadfully discolored look. Within a short pause, their static, emotionless faces and frictionless bodies turned towards me. We stared at one another in disbelief of our existences.

Usually there'd be no deterrence towards what was going on now, but it could be played off as some ignorance since neither of them got alarmed by him being there. It was a restricted area after all.

Their eyes stood there pointing at him. From inside their boulder-like watch visors, they extended a few inches away, as a camera would, pushing far enough that they may see the image of themselves being reflected against the second lense of their recording apparatus. With each second, it looked like they were trying their best to make something out of it. No consistency lay in the type of recoding they produced. And everything they recorded was stored inside a box inside their heads. That had been their black box. The one below them, who was tied to the noise-machine, served as some kind of charge in needed of being emptied.

Doubt stood in their minds, this one was different from the others. A clearer choice of actions came to their minds. They would have to do something in order to woo the man away in order to carry on with their interrogation.

It was that after all, as each number which appeared to be strolling down, counting downwards appeared like. Being unnatural, to say the least, this would be the kind of approach this man would take.

He stood there, dressed plainly, looking rather obscure in terms of how he had been, yellowish teeth and a face that was about as long as the shades which hid underneath his creeping shirt. It would be unlikely that he'd want to try something there, not then and not now. At least this Malt looked caught on with the moment.

Clearly they had been as well, as neither of them dared pushed themselves that close to him. They could only register still images of him standing there. If he were to stay still enough, they'd ignore him. It's what he thought they'd do. Why else would they stare for so long?

It would be impossible to know otherwise whether or not it was true. But Malt waited, and for his patience he had been rewarded.

They retracted their small binoculars and returned to what they were doing. It was almost as if they had little care for what had been going around them now.

Malt looked behind him at the passing people. A family of four had already brushed past them in an attempt to get away. Without any consequence to be immediately observed, they simply brushed past themselves. One of the tiny girls of the Milton's only tried waving at Malt.

'Lisa, stay low, don't look in his direction. Don't do anything.'

As they brushed past him by, it wasn't worth it. Lisa looked through the many red-colored bars of wood, trying to get at least the hint of what the man was trying to get at. He had been somewhat of a mystery that one, the stranger in the block.

His sudden turn towards the family had alarmed them again. Noises stopped, not recording again.

Stay still Malt, you know what they do to people who move a lot. Barely breathing, he had taken upon himself to draw near them again. He walked a steps, no longer would be contained.

He wouldn't stop at anything but come near them and see what they would do.

Once he had been done with this, Malt finally found out on his own skin what the price of disobedience had been.

Between the two of them who had reinstated themselves back into their observation mode, there had been at least a few calls he could've made in order to escape. Unless he had done something to draw as far away from him, he would never leave the confines of that board room.

He looked dangerous, this soldier, this guard, this stranger who had hid himself behind a mask. Both his front and his back bore the same face and he couldn't tell whether there were two minds inside his head. Right about a foot's mark and he had stopped.

Within his hands rested the gun. It was the first time he had seen one so close, and, it wasn't exactly what he expected it to be. Malt thought it would at least show some kind of light pressing inwardly from him, right before it shot. It hadn't got to that point yet.

A metal door, with the ciphers that turned to a result of many fours suddenly opened. It wasn't the one they had gathered around, but the opposite one behind them. Now that it had been in their reach but they chose to turn.

So did him. No warning next time. He knew there wouldn't be, especially after being met by his back as well as that second face which had been staring at him ever since he left, with its small visors and that recorded moment when he left.

At least they had managed to get a good shot of my face. Malt thought. He couldn't face himself either. There would be some dangerous whispers around the block at the time. No one wanted to approach the weird man with his weird looks and his weird almost suicidal temptation he felt then. Without a doubt, he would've found himself unhurled, out of the door, caught by someone out there on the streets if it wasn't for her to stand up to them. His neighbors kept pushing and shoving past his apartment.

Malt could only listen while standing, at the door's delight while they kept knocking and knocking without a stop in sight.

'Open up, we know what you did. We heard it from the first ear's account. Don't make us step in, you won't like it if we do.'

Twice that already, and even more.

'We won't allow you to draw attention to us, you here Malt? They want something from you, we know you do. This isn't the first time you happen to show up and anger them.'

There are signs and notes all over, showing your face, warning us about you.'

'Listen to Collroy. For your own sake, you need to stop everything you're doing now. What would your mother think if she knew what you were doing?'

Simply take a look outside and see for yourself.'

An eight-pointer waited at the rear. It had a moving, seething trajectory which couldn't help itself but get drawn by the light chart above it. A pair of metal hinges held it, moving while projecting a pseudo image of his head shape. That had been way too much, especially since every single man, woman and child had been passed in the records. Without looking into it too much, it could only be that they tried scaring him.

Of course they didn't immediately get him. He would have to be put up to shape and made as an example first.

'I think they like me.'

‘I think you’re your being head blunt if you expect me to cover up for you every single time you do something irrational.’

Said Claire as she burst in through the door. Malt only saw a few men standing behind her, who let her through without giving in too much.

‘Still, I think they enjoy how clever I am. Why else would they give me so much attention? They could’ve shot me while I was there but they hadn’t. You want to know why?’

‘It’s because they like you?’

‘I know they do. That’s why I’m planning on inviting them inside my house.’

‘You’ve mad.’

‘My dear Claire, I’m only trying to push my luck. Know that I haven’t even started yet. As a matter of fact, I’ll make sure they’ll get a taste of what’s coming, especially after this show they’re putting on for me.’

‘About the entire eastern bloc is talking about you, are you aware of that? I know you enjoy having your fun here, but there’s no need to drag the rest of us with you.

My family lives here as well, Malt, don’t make me do this.’

‘Do what exactly?’

She raised the butt of a chair’s leg to her arm’s length. To it she attached a small and dirty cram which held itself locked on top of the leg. It had meant to take some of the weight away, or to make it look fancy.

But she didn’t look that threatening at all, not to him. He knew well enough that she wasn’t going to hurt him. Plus, the four corners of the city had been surrounded. Their buildings which connected the power lines leading to every building in the city could only last for so long before needing to be replaced.

Every time it happened, the citizens were to be asked to stay inside. Only the outlines of the dark forms could be seen when the replacement happened, and it would be frightening enough to look upon it carry on. Where had they taken it from? How did they manage to move as heavy a building as that had been?

There’d be no way of knowing and not a single show for them to put on while it happened. At the time of the replacement, lights died out. By then, everyone had to behave. Afterwards, they had all the time in the world to go ahead and harass the people. No one knew why that was.

But those guards of theirs haven't killed anyone, or at least not publically. People went missing from time to time. Sometimes they returned, but that hadn't been right either. The circumstances of their return couldn't be recounted for. Many seemed normal but less inclined to do trouble.

Not brainwashed, not brain damaged, no lobotomy which they may remember, they wouldn't come back as vegetables either. Something in those buildings they had been shown, or must've been shown made them so afraid to speak about it. But someone had to eventually. Silence wouldn't be kept forever.

'Not that I'm trying to make you sound right, I won't give that to you, but I can see some resemblance to you.'

'That is me, like I told you, they're trying to get my attention.'

'A coincidence.' Said Claire, looking mightily bored, while rubbing the chair with her small cram. Some sparks were being shot by it, that old tool still worked after so many years it seemed.

But as much as she had wanted to give him a good old blast or a poke, she couldn't help but look at him and be saddened. This man she had grown up next to had changed. He hadn't slept as much as of lately. It wasn't like him to pretend. Something bothered him.

'You want to talk about it?'

'I'm fine, but listen, I swear, then, when I looked in that corner, that light flickered as if it saw me.'

'That's one of surveillance cameras outside, they're supposed to go off every now and then. You're imagining things happening all over, it's because you lack sleep. And you know what happens when you're not getting enough sleep.'

'I don't. Why aren't you?'

A loud and distant sound came and appeared to go without a stop. Suddenly its reverb came and he turned to her again. She was waiting for him to finish. By the look on her face, there hadn't been anything to it. No attempted question, no desire to come forth, no way of asking her whether she'd give him the benefit of the doubt, that.

She stepped forward, looking at him up and down. Both of them looked drowsy in their plain clothes, in that simple room which had little to it inside. Only a bed and a drawer, a simple carpet which had a red sphere embroiled on it, the texture being that of small overlain locusts drawn to the big red orb around. Nothing could be said about the colors of the wall, other than the fact that they each had a bleak shade, a plate laid on a single one of them.

He had received it as a gift from a neighbor, a small talking fish, which had its head ripped off. It had revealed the dark plasters as well as a spider which had made its home inside. There had been another door leading to the

bathroom but that had been it. Well, there had been the exception of the chair Claire held in her hands, as she preferred standing, but it was indeed a fact that the mood couldn't have been set righter than it had been then.

'Will you step with me into the bathroom?'

By now the neighbors cleared out of sight. It wasn't long until they started patrolling those corridors where they had moved. Those long-legged walkers, which hid in their bodies infested pools filled with tiny round modified electrical ticks. Small nursing electronic components would be thrown inside those pools from time to time, as some kind of donation given from every apartment.

Someone had to feed it, as hardly as they could. It wasn't its fault that it was there, and that thing didn't appear like it had come out of the buildings nor had it come to appear like it was affiliated with their control facilities. It simply was there, an android carrying its children. Its legs and body appeared large enough to hide some kind of living body, but that could only be contemplated upon.

Without any confirmation, no one could tell. But it own kneeled and seemed to use some magnetic spell or the help of some field it produced to push those small devices which had been obtained by the people. In that way, at least they managed to keep everything clean.

Since everything would be used, there'd be no trash to spare or throw. And those small ticks drew upon their newly found mother figure, drawing from it, placing their small spreading legs upon it, blistering its strange device of a body with smaller thick lings which formed in there.

It was a strange relationship between the two. Impossible to say whether those walkers were their mother, father, of a simple means to carry it out. But no one dared approach that thing, not only because it had been dangerously big, but because it shop small bolts from time to time. And its joints had been too unstable to be dealt with, if one were to draw near the enclosure.

What had been realized then was the fact that it had never showed how it had gotten inside their bloc in the first place, or how it would always avoid capture. In a stated event such as this, what followed were a few thumps which would be felt through the ceiling and such.

At the time of them coming and heading through, their small black boxes would start acting up again. They would disturb everyone in every apartment, making sure they weren't allowed to open up their doors while it had happened. Each number went down by four on each door. It was the best way to make sure the doors would be locked for the foreseeable amount of time needed for either one of them to get away.

Without a way of knowing they'd be stuck in there, behind their closed bars, unable to protect one another if one were too blocked outside. So far, it had been another one of those close calls where the sounds of the shots hadn't

been heard. No one knew what they sounded like. Some were even too busy to mind themselves under the sound of showers.

By the time of this event happened, the outskirts of the bloc appeared to darken. The watch light which had been trying to get a grasp of the Malt shape now came to disappear. Nights were left undisturbed; at least that's how it's been for a while. No alarm this day.

Farther away, on the Southern block, things were left undiminished. It seemed like one of the power-lines had been ripped and misdirected towards one of the local buildings. The cause for it had been unpleasantly, a cause of local misappropriation of the goods of the central powers.

They had made it so they would not only get free electricity but something to power up their own miss-placed engines. For simpletons they had been clever enough to misdirect the power from the conduit to their line alone, which pushed from above, lending to the basement. There was little benefit from it and neither man knew who had done it, but what seemed too had happened was the fact that in the city, there was this space which had been lit all night.

‘What if they catch us out here?’

‘They won’t, as long as we’re not overstaying, we should be fine. No one will look after us as long as there’s light. Take a load Malledy.’

Past her, he pointed at the zone beyond the fourth lit panel. Beyond it there was only the dark which had been left by the constant pushing of the light which had occurred as soon as the system restarted.

They were sitting there, waiting on the backside of the light. A few busy bodies which didn’t move at all for no reason whatsoever stood there, unmoving, silently standing in awe. Though still there, they were absent minded, because of the mere fact that neither of them looked functional.

‘Go on, throw a rock at them, let see what happens.’

‘What if they start following us then? Or pull out their electrical arms?’

‘Then we’ll cross that bridge when we’re at it. If not, then, let’s carry on and see how it goes.’

‘It sounds like a bad idea.’

‘Listen, I know what I’m doing.’

The four teenagers suddenly pulled away from the single knuckle dragger in the back. He threw the rock with hope that no retaliation might come or befall on him. It landed on top of that mask and bounced back down.

Immediately as if raised from the grave, this two faced statue started sprinting towards him without a weapon in hand but with two strong arms which had come into the light. This one hadn't been the lipless, weak-legged, pissy armed harasser. He had been a strong man, at least by the sheer size alone. It couldn't be questioned at all, as if not to be taken lightly, there had been it.

He needed to limp away like a rabid dog while he was being chased by the guardsman.

'I told you not to do it.'

'Please, make him stop, I don't think he has it in for me. I'm really afraid.'

'He won't catch you, go on with it. Simply outrun him, you'll manage to do it eventually.'

They appeared to be chasing dead ends as they trailed one another around one of the planted shrubs. While that was going, the electricity couldn't be accounted for. Eventually it would stop. As soon as their fun was over, everyone stood still in the dark.

'Come on, one more moment now.'

'Don't take it away, we were trying to.'

You know, we were trying to have a little fun around this place.'

With two flickers, a coincidence no likely, the light came back on. Standing there, slumping near a bunch of rocks, the kid only watched as the guardsman stood there still. Though he was in the light, it felt like his mind rested. Two hands went back and forth, going as far as to signal for him to carry on. He wasn't intending to do it.

The wind was barely blowing then. Four tall metal gyroscope tubes stood up rose to the very top of the buildings. From there stemmed the problem, as not only had the power cords connected the rest of the apartments to the main electrical grid, but it also seemed that it was that point which sprouted the whole misused energy.

Someone crawled on the top of the buildings, somehow getting access to it. From that point they managed to misdirect and take away from it. A figure could be seen from there. Obviously it hadn't been the central power, the one which took and gave it away.

The Northern bloc, as expected. Cold, too cold, it would appear that a good side of it had been affected by the falling blocks of snow from the nearest snow Alps they had been adjacent to. Grim winds of frost drew forth.

As opposed to those bleak clothes the other districts had their people wear, they had embroidered coats which were dark grayed and white patched. With that much snow spread around, there was a lot more to do around there than in the other areas.

From the overtop view the spot looked like some barely inhabited base placed inside a Tundra. Small leaves carried picks of snow which could only push them forth.

It wasn't obvious at first, but there was something there, in the snow. Without the proper means of scavenging, one would have to think twice before making a mistake. They were forced to look for food after all. And it hadn't been easy.

Far in-between their likes, there were small snow pulps which could've been obtainable if they had only tried their luck in catching them. The guardsmen weren't any better in what they wore. Wrapped around there, uniforms had been overlain in weather fatigue. It was what they called in.

A small box pushed it out, producing small starred covering winds which enveloped them like mantles. They wore pieces on their masks and faces, which could only work as a way of showing how thoroughly they went ahead to make sure they'd be well prepared to deal with them. Unlikely, they wouldn't last long before melting, even though the temperature sometimes dropped to a server twelve minus on a scale of Fahrenheit.

While they were getting prepared to go at it again, seeing how this had been a recording in the midst of day, it wasn't likely that they'd be caught yet.

One sign clearly read:

'No cheery-picking.'

There stood small pulps of snow bugs, rounded, flat beneath their feet, with a tiny gap where they fit the cherry inside. It was a treat, because those modified fruits were much tastier than the common ones. Unfortunately, they also acted like some kind of weird bee-sting system, which enabled one to kill the bug if he were to pick the cherry.

Indeed, this was more like an act of preservation than anything else. With little in mind, it couldn't be account for. Those wild insects had to be kept alive for some reason. It was obvious that the central power wanted them there. And they knew that, henceforth why the young men came and grabbed the cherries before throwing the hard shells back at the guards.

It wasn't an amusing watch, not by any means. One could make amends with such an impulsive lot, or would've if it weren't for the fact that they didn't allow any means of joy to happen.

'There they come again, be careful now, if you trip you might end up being stepped on by the passing trucks they're trying to bring in.'

'Wait, where?'

While they busied themselves around the snow floor, they seemed to have forgotten what happened there. by a few feet, they started planting the radiators. Heat constantly spread like some wave of dissatisfaction which spread around like a leaping leper in a crowd.

On the other side of the road, they were bringing some large transportation vehicles, four wheeled, large, compact, painted in a shade of bleak yellow or some orange, which only bore some inscriptions which couldn't be properly read by anyone of the matter. Obviously they hadn't been aware of what was going there. Second account basis only told that they were releasing a lot of their troops so they would start surrounding the area.

By the onlooker on the fourth floor, they had shouted across the room, getting through from one point to another, through some solid forty feet away, getting through each step until they got down there. It had been obvious what they were after, without a doubt, to no clue at that. Some would have to say that there was, if one saw it through, a way of knowing whether or not the message landed.

Clearly, they were trying to take the whole area down. It would be lost in obscurity otherwise. One bottom, fourth row, they looked upon it as if they'd know what they'd be after. Every guard wanted the frozen thicker, the planted concoction of pine and metal which had been hid below a block of ice. It kept the area from spreading and it was in a thorough need of recovery.

Likewise, they would've pretended to be doing this to control the area, but that concoction, which resembled a small conditioner box, could have itself be inverted as to control heat. A miscalculation forced it to end there and now they were after it. That device had to be recovered. Without it, there would be a large problem on its way.

And it was laughable how it managed to find itself there.

'Look, I think I may have found a way to make it work. give me this opportunity to speak to them. We should be able to meet.'

'No, you're not. It's clear that you're going to get yourself shot if only you, you.'

The man's voice suddenly shuddered as he looked above him, at what was going on there. Someone had placed a giant plank between two buildings and came over. He decided to wave at them, without making too much noise to alarm all those who had gathered around them.

For a fact, they were uninterested by there being a way to connect the two tops of those buildings. Clearly, there had been something which enabled them to look and register. And so many eyes did that that it had turned in a creeping stare which could only watch from one corner to another there.

'I'll step down in a minute. listen to me. There are too many out there and you're not helping yourselves now.'

He took a look at how annoyed they had been. Far too many times, they had been forced to push themselves past the limit and try outrunning them around the edges of their snow shades. Eventually one guard tripped and fell, dirtying his snow shield. Others weren't pleased by it.

But if there was something to be recalled then, it was that sudden change into motion which happened. A change that not even Malt could ignore, that no man in that boring city could even care about enough to ignore it. The various living devices and those abominations of steel had been alarmed as well. Towering like rotund metal termites which had their flying wings push their smaller bumped and scarred dwarfish sacks looked out of their hiding spots as well.

The very metal fences which had surrounded the entire confines of the zone shook as the buildings belonging to the power started producing heat. Whatever they were doing there wasn't right. It wasn't supposed to get to such uneven temperatures or even raise them that high. Everyone look in shock how they started pumping, revealing themselves to them.

'What's going on? Are we going to be destroyed? Is this is then?'

'I don't know.'

'Sit down, under the table, before something falls on you.'

A surge came from there, which turned the power lines inwardly, to the point where they started being pulled and gave way for the sudden loss of light to occur. Next, what followed was the sound of the steppe, as something was crushed and for the first time in a long time, thought they may not have been able to recognize what it had been, the sounds of the animals came. Then the machine.

One building pulled down, without replacement, leaving the count down to a seven.

'Where did it go? Where's that building gone? It never did that before. It's never been doing that, where is it?'

'Calm down I said, you're going to scramble your brain if you keep shaking it like that. Don't go out there, the count down, remember.'

It was never answered what those ciphers did, those numbers which were going down. Everything was dull and old, and food always came at dark intervals, brought by tall standing legless androids. One such android came out of nowhere.

The feeding had come sooner than expected, much too soon to be ignored by what was happening there. Power stations settled down. From above the crown of the air, they had placed themselves like some kind of belt, kept by a field of gravitational power which forced it to stand still. Many cables fell and started connecting with the metal fence which surrounded everything.

Each and every single one of the metal buildings began pulling down.

‘It’s happening again. Do you think this time it will be permanent?’

‘I hope so, this waiting is killing me, and I don’t know one way or another what’s going to happen. Hold me.’

On a quarter of a half a mile, Malt stood there with Claire. Both looked like they couldn’t spare a moment longer, since everything appeared to be ending. A state of emergency had been set, the various devices above their building spread. It was a continuous feed which fed into the cables.

Sleep-inducing lights came. No one had been presented with.

‘Malt, get into the room, now, and close the light.’

‘What for Claire?’

‘do it, now. I think, I hope.’

They went into it. Usually when this happened, either there’d be a delay before the light would kick in again or it would simply be unresponsive. Clearly that hadn’t been the case there, as soon as the light in the bathroom turned off, it stood off.

‘I’ll be damned, Malt. You were right, you were actually right.’

‘How? What are we talking about?’

‘Can’t you see it happening around you?’

‘What is it?’

‘It’s almost as if the air is drawing in.’

Every room had been locked on. Many of the areas which had residents outside their houses appeared to be blocked as well. Finally, the belt had connected with the city, after the exchange was done with.

Now the buildings would pin the city in its place no longer. It wasn’t normal by any means, the place they had been brought to. The more one looked out of the window, the easier it got to observe, how the sky had been filled with steam.

They hadn’t moved at all, as there was no motion felt.

What had been brought from all the way up had been a bunch of cylindrical tanks filled with waste? Electrical waste to be freed upon the areas. The process of mental alteration had failed in some ways.

In the outskirts and the darkest places of town, those part machine invaders had taken their weird forms to some extent which wouldn't be permitted. Some ticks started growing up into bigger sacks. And their mothers gave them mechanical bodies, which resembled androids, but which had been hallowing inside. In them they would grow to take the form and may never be released from their bodies of metal.

At they would stretch and shape, they'd give the appearance of a human face, which weren't seen as living beings. There was something on its way though, a means of controlling those factors which only got in the way of them being forced into staying.

'Malt, I think it's safe to get out, look, the light is clear.'

'Are you sure about it?'

'I'm more than sure, of course. They certainly look busy now.'

Her fine red dress couldn't have been made of one color. Stains remained there; it looked like it at least. With little in mind, one could draw the conclusion that the two of them had, looked out of the window now.

Malt couldn't help but stay focused on her banded hair-do. It was so-close to having on early hair of grey, yet neither of it stained her delightful light skin.

Out there, nothing went right. Tanks had been brought and placed about everywhere. It wasn't safe any longer, and those trucks they moved around from bloc to bloc only served to bring out more of them. Neither of which had been set inside those area which had those people in.

The fourth escape had fallen forth. From about the orbit came the great magnificent power-drill. On eighty sides there had been many rotating stationary units which forged the connection with the rest of the city. Though there wasn't much explained, the trajectory hadn't been set to that point for a reason.

A depressing feeling overcame about everyone out there. It wasn't likely to be told. The drill had been aimed at the middle of the city and the time in which it was placed had only been a coincidence with the bringing of the tanks there. Why, they both acted in different manners or not. It seemed like the drill hadn't been active.

A panel shot from one sight, revealing eighteen smaller drills. Five more panels follow, eight more, twenty moves, until they kept shooting, revealing a ceiling made of drills which had covered about every spot, preventing any kind of escape there'd be.

It took some time but the shocks waves around the affected areas stopped. Not every place had been affected by them, enough of them were though.

As strange as it had felt for the citizens who had been under constant annoyance, this had been met by little interest as they had began waking up. That and it had been seen as rather mundane. Lights still went on now, and around them, there could only be seen some kind of artificial day. A new wave of guardsmen simply came and started prodding around like they usually did but somehow, those electrical tanks had failed.

‘Clever little things, aren’t they? I kind of think I’m starting to root for them, Ashley. What do you think?’

‘Would you invite them in your house now and feed them as well?’

They’re dirty, let them be. I think it would be better if they remained that way, as they are now. You know I can’t stand looking at them.’

‘Oh, shut it down, they’re not so bad now.’

One pyramidal top suddenly came out in the open with it eight legs, carrying underneath it eight android heads which had been popped. Alive, looking back at them, this was the sight people were begging to see. They put on quite the show for them.

The pyramidal structure opened and revealed a floating creature in the form of a flattened mushroom cloud made out of battered sacks held together by a net made out of veins. As soon as it had escaped its prison or its body, whatever it may have been, the tanks went on again.

Either they detected motion or the magnetic structures which were in the area. In them there had been a stop, a clock like tool standing at the end of the cylinder opened the valve which shot electricity in a cone from its tiny popping tube. An electrical waste had entered the metal casing of the body, suddenly bringing all the androids to life.

It gave them a twirl and a jolt.

‘Release release, program, check, check rooms twenty, eighty, fifty, sixty, twenty-four, take no break from it, no power, left inside.’

‘Make arrangements of that oak, place it eight squares left and make sure the cameras are going to be resented.’

‘Feeding hour at four, feeding hour at five, feeding at six, six, seven, eight, nine.’

One tuberculosis-android snapper one hand from inside the small metal chest it bore. The metal body that creature had taken a few too many hits. Too much power had filled its small enclosed space, turning it to that strange flickering trap which now stood there.

The creature which had managed to get away flew in a dark spot where it hid itself. Neither of them felt welcome out there, where they could be seen.

Every now and then, days and nights went as quickly as that.

‘Another one’s coming.’

‘Fourth one now.’

‘Malt, can I ask you something?’

‘Shoot it, you know I’m here for you, for anything as a matter of fact. Anything you need.’

‘Do you still think they like you?’

‘I don’t know. With everything that’s been happening as of lately, Claire, I’m bound to think that they’re not. There’s one way to find out, I think I can hear them down there, beating of a door. Can you hear it?’

Look down there.’

He pointed at a corner in his room. She paid a special kind of attention there and followed him outside the dorm. Both of them headed down the stairs, went down, sight after sight until they were there.

In the same kind of circumstance he had found himself face to face, met by them. Though they all wore the same uniforms, he thought he could distinguish them from one another. One was taller, or shorter, more buff, well formed bodies or weak. They displayed something which made them distinguishable from one another.

He even thought, as mad as that sounded that he recognized one of them as a friend or a man he had met before. It couldn’t be but it must’ve been that way. Little idea had he that inside of them, there were big worms, not worms but metal springs which had taken the appearance of the earthy movers, only so they would power them up.

Those things had replaced a piece of their gut and were filled with, as hypocrisy dictated, electrical ticks jumped in there constantly. A motion which never ended prevented them from growing inside their guts and spreading. With a wire being connected to the worm, they would bring some power to their weapons, drawing forth their needs to shoot when it was needed of them.

One time, one of them had stumbled and fell on a sharp piece of metal. It had pierced his gut and stopped the motion. A dangerous thing which had forced the ticks to grow and grow until his insides had been toppled to the size of a boulder, in the form of that solid thick-monstrosity made out of all of their combined bodies.

Neither the ticks nor the guard survived, and that had only served as a means of showing what happened to them if they tried too hard, or they pushed themselves beyond human-limits. Cruel, to be told, one could think of nothing forth.

But it seemed that there'd be something left to do or say. At least as they started their obvious process of lensing.

‘Malt, are you sure about this?’

‘ stay out of sight and try not to get in their way. If something happens to me and in case I'm wrong, stay still for long enough and you'll be fine.

Trust me, I know this. I've done it before.’

There wasn't any expectation any longer. He simply jumped over the level of the hall and came into their view. Malt expected them to retaliate as soon as it happened. Why, they immediately stopped recording and watched over him as he approached. No one's ever done that before. Claire watched as her only friend rushed to his untimely end.

Before it could be considered that they were done with it, he had looked into getting even closer. For the last twenty minutes they had beaten on eight doors, started and stopped their sound machines and knocked on floors as well as they had threatened to shoot unless responded to.

And even though he was met by them, Malt couldn't help it but look at the door and notice how the numbers keep turning down. What had been the reason for that? Was it a death clock? Could that be it?

It certainly couldn't, after all, there wasn't anyone that ever died. Even those gone missing had returned. And in their absence, their numbers had stopped going down, so it had to do something with them now. A guardsman made a move on him now. He placed a hand on his shoulder and only bobbed his head for a second. Do they take me as one of their own?

The expression on Claire's face was a mix of confusion, joy and satisfaction. For some reason, she actually took pride in the fact that her friend had done so much in so little a time. Malt was winning them over. Sounds got lowered and now they even made way for him to draw near the door. With his fists clenched, he began punching and hitting, slapping with his fists uncurled. It was something he very much enjoyed doing.

A smile drew near his sides as his new friends seemed to laugh as well at that. Laughing?

Were they showing emotion now? They were stopped and apprehended by a sight at the opposite end of the corridor. One android looked in their direction, busied by his tiny pack of stacked carbon nano tubes he was carrying for some project. It wasn't a man, could it be?

Malt actually wondered, why, could it be that someone was working on something there? Perhaps in his lonely apartment alone, buying or trading their things for those tiny trade tools? Before he could continue his fun, they began chasing. All of them had been gone with the exception of one uniform that stopped right at the end and waved him to follow.

Little subtlety there though he came to his senses and followed through.

‘You were right, I, I was. You did say and then.’

‘I know Claire, I told you they liked me, I think they really do. We’ll talk, right? Afterwards, after I’m done with them.’

‘Malt, you’re not planning on leaving me here, are you? I’m coming with you whether you like it or not.’

‘Claire, this is getting out of hand. It may be a bit too dangerous for both of us to be amongst them. Wait here and I’ll return for you.’

‘In the middle of the hallway?’

‘Fine, go and wait inside my apartment and don’t go out.’

‘But I want to come with you.’

‘Well, you can’t, it’s far too dangerous for both of us to follow. go and wait.’

Claire wasn’t going to give up easily. She only faked going around. Of course it had to follow as well. That thing from behind, the small body of the mechanical leg-formation which had been controlled by a balloon made out of glass which had a single floating electrical thick powering it. They found the weirdest ways of preventing their growth.

Beneath that entry which connected the lower body and the electrical source, there had been an electrical wind blower. That kept the tick from ever reaching the ground, which was required for it to grow. She couldn’t explain why, but that electrical insect looked sad.

By its disturbing looking figure and its small moving bobbles popping out of the way, it looked sad. It followed her for some reason and acted like a child trying to get her attention.

‘Be quiet if you want to follow, all right? Don’t make any noise. We’ll work something out.’

That thing nodded and came nearer her. There wasn’t any aggression yet. For now.

Only the large panels which had extended from far away could do something near the rotational system which could be held into the matter at hand. Being in danger had been constant there. And the life outside had been of no interest to them.

Why, even those in the Northern bloc had taken a liking into fashioning snowballs and throwing them for the sake of being chased. But that had become boring, even for the other party. Now, they had picked snow up, locked in inside their guns and shot them at the residents.

The look of surprise on their face flew right on. A function which didn't involve shooting them straight on wasn't exactly what could be expected of. Neither was the crowd which had gathered around them. Be it the top of the building or those who had entered through the gate. It had been full of them.

Still no spin in sight, but if it came right to it, there'd be danger. There'd be dragons ahead, a sign said. It had been placed only recently. But that thought had to be over.

'Malt, what are you doing? Could I have a word with you?'

He turned. Barnabee stood at the door, half-opened. A haircut which looked like bowl cut, with tinted glasses and a dead rabbit on top of his head. The cause of death had been a suffocation toxic caused by the sudden insertion of many needles it had suffer through.

Barnabee enjoyed animal cruelty. He took it to some extreme sometimes. There weren't many animals out there, so he made them himself, giving no explanations how he had acquired the materials or how he made it. Everything had been kept in secret from him, the entirety of his life had been that way. A secret trade between the residents, the androids, and perhaps even those guards out there, who sometimes acted in some way or the other? His entrance had been different.

As far and often as he went ahead, it looked like every door had been forged out of metal and everything else seemed stapled on by metal pins at each side where every edge ended. There wasn't any way to break the lights eight, from anywhere, as they were part of the ceiling as well. He had considered doing it as a child, but that had failed, as his every attempt had.

But enough of that, what did Barnabee want?

'I'm onto something; I'm trying to chase them.'

'Why? You plan on joining them?'

'I can do that? I wasn't aware of it.'

'Well, don't look behind you yet but he's there, behind you, at the end of the lane. Waiting, for you.'

'Barnabee, I don't know what to do. My life so far had consisted of me stalking people, doing nothing in my room and doing it with Claire. I don't know anything else other than that.'

'What about eating?'

'What about it?'

Barnabee frowned. Claire was behind, in ear's reach, point obscure. She was cowardly, a bit, eavesdropping as well as she was trying to hold her follower in end's reach. There wasn't any question about what they may do to her or it if they had been caught together. Yet she still chose to protect it.

'Shh, let me listen to them.'

'Look, Malt. We don't know each other much. You don't speak to anyone, I'll be honest, you're a weirdo. Don't do it, don't that. don't join them, there's still hope for you left, that you may somehow recover and do something with your life.

There's no need for you to throw your chance away, you know? They're not like us. They stand and do nothing.'

'Aren't we doing the same? Most of the time, everyone seems depressed. Other times, everyone acts like when they're drawing near my door, they punch it, and they're never leaving me alone.

It's never this or that or Malt, let's go out there and do that. Every single time, it's me and Claire. And she's not always there, for me, you know. I'm not expecting much, I don't want to be alone any longer. There's more to life than doing the same thing over and over again, you know?'

'Certainly, which is exactly why you can't join them? There's seriously something wrong about them. This is a feeling, or what I've heard.'

'Don't go all conspirational on me now. '

'I'm serious. Those designs, they're taken from the days of the Black Death. They put something in them which affects how they see the world.

They consider it a disease, the way we see the world. You'll never come back once you put that. Your head with spin both on the back and the front and you'll never come back.'

He had never seen this much life come out of Barnabee, almost teary eyed as well as expected.

'Close the door, please.'

'I know we don't know each other that much, Malt. But I can't stand seeing people disappear. That's not right.'

'They return, I've seen them.'

'No, they don't Malt. None of the people who leave ever return.'

'Yes, they do. I've seen them come back but they don't talk about what happens out there. They keep it to themselves you know?

No tip for tatter.'

An arm appeared and as it had, the door had been forced shut on Barnabee. He had been waited for far too long and now he followed. On his way though, a few more ticks and the thoughts remained.

What if he was right? What if they didn't return?

His life had been that. A constant breeze, which was not set to an abrupt ending, seeing how they had been brought to another one of those closed areas.

Now he understood. For that reason they were they, processing and playing the sounds from their black box-recording. They were simply re-playing the evidence, expecting them to understand. At first it sounded like nothing but now, after exposure to it, he started comprehending the words. He'd understand what those were trying to say.

But, then again, hadn't he heard a similar message before?

'You have been found guilty as charged for having received spare parts that do not belong to you. Dangerous materials went unchecked and delivered without permission.

If immediate release and allowed reappropriation of the goods, there shall be some punishment in store as well as an increase in the sentencing.'

That one hadn't made sense at all. 'Give all belongings now!'

An awkward break came in as soon as that cut off during the replay. For now, Malt only observed them. Behind, there stood Claire, exposing her back end at the corner.

'Pssh, pssh.'

Only a most subtle hiss came over her. She couldn't help it at all but take the opportunity to wave him over.

Behind him, they looked busily enough, so he only did the natural thing and came over her.

Farther away, it seemed like there had been an error in the plan. Molecular metallic sides apart, the apparatus started taking itself apart. An android came out and went inside a notch. In front of him, under his colored vision filed, which had been promptly deactivated as soon as he had come in contact with light, had been the entrance. Shaped like some case in which generators were stored, he revealed a hatch with a ladder on it, wide enough for a person of wide proportions to flow through.

As he lowered he went into the belly of the beast, the bottom row, only the storage hole this one group of androids fashioned themselves. To each of their own, it looked like four androids were in the waiting. Each of them had worked through a hard schedule, work day after work day, picking up another thicket. Someone from their group picked up a lamp and hanged it on top.

It was a neat method of illumination.

‘Is everything still standing?’

‘We’re in a few more now, don’t worry. We should be fine for at least a few more months as long as the trade continues. They don’t even know what days of the week are. Them nasties.’

Every android laughed their pitched metallic bark echoing in their tiny chamber. In the back there were metal grates which had been interlocked. There was another thing going on in Malt’s mind. After getting done with waiting in front of the door for so long, he returned to Claire.

She waited there for him. No doubt about it. No one tried to stop him from going back and they appeared to be enjoying what they were doing. As dull as it was repetitive as it was, that’s how they got their kicks out of life.

‘Hey, why are you?’

‘Long story, but I think it likes me. It’s been trailing me around ever since I decided to follow you.’

‘So, you heard? For how long have you been following me for?’

Recalled into action, there had been something close to that extent of power the tick produced. It disliked him being around her. Not enough that it’d get aggressive to stop him, but enough to.

‘Watch out.’

The four guards took a hold of Malt within a second of appearing in her field of vision. She had been pushed behind as well as the mechanical legs which followed her.

‘Claire, run, don’t try to fight them, I’ll see.’

His voice cut off. Their recordings stopped and it looked like they were already on their way to get him to the central power. It was almost as if they had been way too fast for their own good, having come in terms of pushing through the doors and getting away. Without a doubt, he had been an adversary to be looked up to.

Malt fought and looked behind how door after door opened, his neighbors looking back on how he managed to get through now. Not only had they been called into question, but it was obvious what they had to leave behind, a kind of strange and vague desire for him to come back.

He could see it in their eyes, at every turn and every corner.

‘Malt don’t give up.’

‘Stay strong, don’t let them have their way with you.’

‘Fight at every turn, boy, don’t let them have you!’

‘Malt, Malt, sir, Malt, Malt, trip them, you can do it! I believe you can.’

‘Try, little man, try to push it, here, take my hand.’

One resident tried landing a hand but he couldn’t do with what he had. There was so much more he could do then. Without having anything asked for in his entire life, other than what he had, he wanted to yell at them. Help me, I can fight, if only you’d land me a hand.

No one stood in sight. As much as he thought he stood a chance to fight, he couldn’t have tried any harder than that. Clearly, they’d see each other eye to eye at one point in their lives.

Such an immeasurable amount of guilt and shame he felt, being looked out after for so long a time, by Claire who was in there, who had let them get him now. He couldn’t focus on what he told her before, only that she wasn’t here for him. Or inside of.

‘Snap out of it Malt, you’re dozing off again.’

A man from the second floor saw him on the square area and threw a bucket of water on him as well as them. It gardened a reaction which was compromised of them having stopped.

‘Look, hold on son. We may have put a bit too much on your shoulders, but that doesn’t mean we dislike or hate you. Don’t give me, as long as you have faith in us, we’ll see it through.’

‘How? You can’t fight them. Where did get that bucket? How come I never get anything?’

‘You don’t need to know this son. Trust me, you wouldn’t be able to keep your mouth shut, it’s for your own sake.

It’s your mouth, you keep babbling on without thinking about what you’re saying. Don’t take it personal, it’s how you are.’

It didn’t take long for them to kick in back the wheels and push their minds to work. Without question or without means of doing anything of the sort, now they went back on it. Carrying him as far as possible.

There were men on top of buildings who looked at Malt being taken back to their place of power. He had been the first one to go missing in a long time, which made it all more of a disturbing sight.

‘None the better, I presume he wasn’t one too clever to avoid getting caught, was he?’

Malt saw the metal trap, he saw the snow from the distant bloc, the wires and the tubes which had been misappropriated, the metallic drills which threatened everything, the androids and those strange beings which looked at him from their dark corners. All of them, which he either knew or who may have vaguely heard about, as the one man who made a lot of mess and a lot of noise around.

‘He’s that lad, isn’t he? That one who keeps taunting them.’

‘Everyone does that, don’t they?’

‘You dummy, they’re not doing it while they’re alone. But he had no one to do it with him, that’s what’s making it so special.’

Claire had been grabbed by the metallic legs as well as by two of their nearest people who found themselves there. It was obvious that there was an entrance to the whole premise which had been left undiscovered by everyone. She only had to take it and rush through the second pair of stairs which lead below. On top of it being hidden in one of the rooms, there were some fake numbers which couldn’t have drawn nearer to the mark.

‘Let me get to him, he needs me, can’t you see that he’s not going to be able to do it on his own? He’s helpless without me.’

‘Leave it be, girl, you won’t get him out of it. They’ll simply take you with them as well. We’re as hurt as you are.’

In the bloated heart of the machine, where the engines turned, towards the central power building and near its core, there had been enough turns to make a new uniform and a mask. Both of them had been worked at for such a long time. Only then, there couldn’t have been a better time to look for a proper replacement. Its ramps of metal drew forth and the slaves had gathered around it in to pull it down.

The suit had been powered, the uniform would have to be skin-tight and the many metal limbs had only come in their place, pushing and drawing up and down in order to get powered for what was to come. A play of small iron nails would hold a man in place before everything would be placed. Less than a great degree of Fahrenheit heat-enablers would spread and connect with the joints and the ends on both sides.

Unpleasant as it had been, this meeting had to occur. In the midst of a meeting, the many denizens had arrived. Representatives of the southern bloc, the northern bloc, even those from the east no one spoke about had gathered in the middle point outside, where they would be met by many more no less than everyone had come.

There were the mad who had bore the rags of animal skin and eyeless tender flowers which sprouted showers of growing leeches on the ground. And the androids had come there, beating their flags, the many creatures and even the mother-prosecutor of the electrical ticks, the headless monstrosities which had small mazes embed on their skin, revealing their dark forms and filthy whispers of terror, which had sprouted from the dark. The guards were there as well, at least those who had grown attached to them and their cause.

And in the midst of that place, here stood Claire, met by them, an entire army at her disposal. More importantly, a lot of listeners who stood there waiting for a speech.

‘How did you get so many people to come on? I doubt most of you even know Malt as well as I do.’

‘Ma’am, I think we have heard enough the lad to know that there’s nothing right in this world as long as that man is lost somewhere out of place. We shall not give up and make no mistake, we won’t let him take away.’

‘They already have him.’

A mad voice had come from the dark corpse, who had developed or had shown its mad vortex floating on top of its cut off neck. From every side, it span in circles, getting as many air molecules in it as it could. Each time it spoke, several voices could be seen in unison, as well as his body had changed in many shades of dark then, vibrating and switching between all of them as soon as it happened.

‘We shall embark on this dark journey then and follow them to their base of rescue. But you, Claire shall lead us.’

‘I can’t. That’s too much for me, I wouldn’t know what to do.’

‘Then we shall look after those who can, since we cannot be trusted, it will be you, headless man.’

In truth, that creature looked like some out of this world symbiotic of a descent into obscure moist earth holes. From inside his tiny vortex, a small dark worm sprouted and began going through its maze at a speed which couldn’t have been accounted for by the common eye. It was a sight which may believe they could count on.

‘Very well, let’s do it then, let’s put that thing in the lead.’

‘All of us shall follow you, strange creature, we shall be indebt of you and make sure not to trip. Or it shall eat you.’

A quick observation could cause one to see the fact that the vortex was actually physical in that, it had been its head and mouth and source of all the whispers it had pronounced. That head had been stretched and forced into that never-ending loop which couldn’t help itself but destroy every kind of normalcy this creature had.

The androids turned and flexed their human limbs, raising their metallic fists and giving in to the electronic disease carried on by the others. Mad thoughts had not only occurred but appeared to have cleansed all others from view. It

would be unkind to call into view the fact that there was agony as well as uncertainty as to where this creature would lead them.

‘Listen. You may not know what we are, but know this. We share a single consciousness caused by the constant vibrations our heads are in.

And we have observed everything which happened here throughout several of your life spans.

We have seen the androids move in through the nights, bringing in goods from their hiding spots, trading and defying every expectation each and every single one of you had. The men who had created life in their chambers when there would be neither camera to record them nor any light.’

At which they pointed at Barnabee, from where he stood. It was quite obvious that what they said had to be understood.

‘Our ways have travelled and influenced you, the architecture of the devices you see above of you. For, those were our creations as well, the makers of destruction, the givers of metal attractions.’

Next they pointed at those who had been part machine, or hid in their metal shells, pushing through, more than anything, quite aware of what was going on there. It could be less clear than what was going on there that one had to be out of another speciation to know what was going on there.

‘We have created everything you see around here.’

‘Even the guards?’

‘Even them, we have made you as well.’

‘Are you our makers?’

‘No, we have lied about that. It is our flawed sense of humor at work. We have not made you, but everything else, that is all us.’

‘Why have you make beings to harass us, like them?’

Another man asked who looked at him like some confused person would.

Everything acted up, and it was at that moment, before they could explain everything that the drills activated themselves.

‘There might not be enough time now. As soon as that Malt enters the suit, we shall be deemed unworthy to live.’

Claire stepped in as soon as she had the chance.

‘Why would anyone want him out of all the people? He’s a simpleton, I know him, there’s nothing special about him.’

‘Oh but there is. We couldn’t even begin to tell you what he’s destined to become.

Look at us, look at us and what we have become.’

This dark corpse moved nearer to one of the uniforms, pulling off its mask by force. As soon as that happened, the missing head piece came into light. It had been the sight of something so vile that no one had ever questioned it again.

‘It is us underneath those masks. But they aren’t part of the consciousness yet. No, for that, they need to make their own choice and remove it themselves. Otherwise, it would kill and break them apart, mentally as well as physically.’

‘And what about?’

‘Enough, we could tell of it later. Make haste now!’

When the pleading had ended, and they had settled on what was to be done, they followed through to where the central power had gone.

The suit we being prepared, the mask was in there and the sight which lay beneath this chapter of his life had gone. He was brought before the fence and beyond he was met by an inner courtyard, which had been hid behind a gate. The building of a central power stood pace on top of a large floor made out of the many bodies encased in metal. as he expected, they were the masked uniformed men.

‘I’m going to become one of them, aren’t I?’

Not only that, but the generators had been started. A remark to the way in which the building had been shaped could only bring one to think of brutalism, but overexposed to the dead. Two turbines had been spinning mad.

They were already planning on setting flight in order to get away. It would be highly unacceptable, now while there was still a chance for him to get away. Come to think of it, he actually raised his head and looked around him. More engines lay widespread around the courtyard. Clouds lay everywhere around them. It looked like they had already set into flight, but this giant ship they were on was getting too heavy.

He felt it, he actually felt it. Only a special chosen few were selected to survive.

‘You were chosen, you were chosen, and you were chosen.’

‘Was I?’

The many encased uniforms didn’t answer that. He might no have been chosen specifically but by mere accident. Though there wasn’t any going back now, the drills were set to go on and be active. Malt may not have been able to see it, but underneath them stood the civilized world. If one were to put and end to it, a lot of lives would be in danger.

One quick drop and fall, millions of lives would be extinguished. A feeling overcame him, one which had made him realize who they were. Many of them did look so familiar, even underneath it, they had still managed to contain their personalities through some mean or another.

He felt as if he himself would’ve felt the same. But now, he would have to be forced to be like them. As they took their break and waited for two more of them to come, he saw a small drawer being taken with them. A kind of prototypical mask was being brought, much wider, as it had a pair of shoulder extenders as well. It couldn’t be permitted for him to know anything else.

Not of the inner workings or the insides of what happened there.

‘You’re putting this on, aren’t you?’

He had remembered what Barnabee said. He would see things once they put that on his face. Whatever they had stuffed it with, only danger could be felt by him then. Malt would be afraid and paranoid, he would be caught by something nigh-impossible to avoid.

As the visor came on his face, he saw the various stuffed tiny glassy containers which had been set inside of nose. They entered it and as they had, those blue and green and red and Carmel colored puffers started producing the gases.

This sight he had been presented with explained it all. He knew why they felt the need to harass everyone then. It wasn’t the vision which had been affected but some kind of brain damage caused by the mix of various gases which had come into contact with his nostrils and reached his mind.

A vision obscured by false colors and views of the bodies which had been forced inside their uniform coffins below. He himself had been atrophied to the sight of hands and arms which were too thin to be his. More than, he looked at the sky and saw those creatures which inhibited his world and didn’t have to be seen.

Giant humanoids stood and various falling star-like claws reeked as they had been attached to maws which floated, peerless as they bred in front of him. Smaller similar creatures had been sprouted and shot from their invisible insides.

Those giants looked like him, or what he had been come, trailed around their bodies. Giant heads stood on top, wide opened at the area where their mouths had been. From one passed a dark cloud which threw lightning from its inside. As soon as it came out, it became a dark vortex which shot those bolts of pure blue inside each other's open mandibles, revealing the power glow which had come in their eyes.

Malt hadn't observed it then, but there had been tiny ticks spread around everywhere. It was those giants who had shaken their hands as to shape their cloud into a vortex which had powered the ticks. They were their source of power, towering their sour mouths and empty sockets from which came those spheres of lightning which were there. It was obvious that there was emptiness inside of them.

An empty existence which had to be stopped, as he had looked upon what they've done, he thought, what a sad life that must be. My life, boring as it is, mundane, can't compare with theirs. They stand there, rotating it before forming the dark cloud and taking it inside their bodies.

No precise reason had been given there, only that. And he had looked behind through that open gate. Many giant had been there as well, he could see the lightning and the reflection which had come from their small recording goggles. So that had been their true source of power, not the ticks, not generators which couldn't be seen, only those giant humanoids.

Though the insides didn't look like metal but some yellow dark, brown lark, a kind of bark-like texture which formed around everything. A living tool, seen by him, who had been lost and didn't know what to think,

Had it been another world? Was it a hallucination? Could the generators have been the ones who did it?

Malt couldn't tell by the toxins had killed many of his brain cells. He was being taken now.

'I want to be released, now. Let got of me, I have to ask Claire, I need her help.'

Sloppy, sloppy, ever-more, they were after him no more. The door closed inside the central power and behind, he had been found by them, who'd tower the place.

'Look, there's more to life than this place.'

'Not now, girl, we have a mission to give to.'

Behind came the entire machine that began the assault, trying to break through the wall and crush everything in their path. Though the hull of it had been dangerously hard, forced inside that plane would be some hidden place without a name. Destruction followed from their sides, and they had achieved it.

They had it all in sight. Plenty of gaps and dents had been formed in the wall, as they bounced against it in awe. One metal casing arrived, carrying all the android heads it had collected, standing tall. They had all arrived, and seemed to be on-set on the fact that Malt had to be saved.

Inside the building of the central power, it had become rather obvious what happened inside. Their vile plan would be completely set and drawn forward to no end. Such a mysterious thing as they had planned, killing everyone in time to perhaps avoid the beginning of the war.

‘Attention, all attendees, we shall set forth for the bunker immediately. Entrance five-eight-eight-one.’

A special grandness came to it then. They wouldn’t even be made aware of what was about to happen, in this grandness of hope.

Malt couldn’t regain his mind, but in that moment when he went through his psychedelic psychosis, he had entered a trance. Those numbers, he understood what they meant, countdowns. Sentenced to death, they were criminals. Brainwashed, brain-dead, beaten, and brain-starved, so many things went wrong.

Five glass walls appeared and surrounded him before he had the chance to react. There was enough room and there had been enough supplies inside for them to last enough. These creatures which had their ends caught inside one another now came to be filled with joy. Some even got arrogant and restless before realizing what had come to be.

The doors got blasted and inside they marched in. So many men and androids and guards and about everyone who had been there escaped. A failure, this had been a failure of such magnificence that it couldn’t be forgiven. Who had designed that place to be that widespread?

It would be nigh-impossible to get through so many rooms without realizing that this building would house them all. Birth-rates had been way too stable and now, each of them found themselves near the operating tables and the various apparatuses which lasted, be it well enough. One only had to find himself there, in sight.

Suddenly the androids placed the doors where they belonged.

‘Claire, now it’s time. You’re the only one who might be able to get through.’

‘Now you need me? I thought you were supposed to be the creators, I thought you had this all as a part of your grand plan.’

‘What are you talking about?’

‘This was all planned, Claire. Look around you, there’s enough places for everyone to fit in. We have managed to wrap enough people inside our small man-sized shuttles. A few billion people will be saved inside our bunker.’

And that would include you and your people as well. But Claire, you have made a good choice.'

The other dark corpse spoke.

'We have decided it would only be fair for you to have a choice of your own. After this, know that you may never meet him again down there. Amongst all those people as well as our machinations, this is what we will have achieved.

The choice of a mother and whether or not she wants to save her lover.'

She hadn't known herself that she was pregnant. But she had known now and she knew who her father had been. With each step on the metal bridge, the uniforms almost came to threaten her with their electronically compressors, yet they immediately stopped at the sight they had provided.

Now that the energy from around every other corner of the entire ship had been diverted to the small central building, it released itself from the source and flew. By the time the citizens looked at the sky, that giant platform fell immediately to a point where none may be able to resign. It had been hopeless as the destruction came and war emerged, unfathomable and in-flight destruction.

Only a few moments could be spared inside the floating building before it could get where it needed be. The sky had been filled with those floating pads and many carriers, which had taken the human life to the one safe place to be in.

'I want my husband back.'

Claire yelled as she bashed her fists against the glass case. They had already removed the prototypical helmet and appeared to have paused the process of placing him in the suit. Everything appeared calm around her, and it could only seem like he was there.

The same Malt he had known for most of her life was there. For a moment.

The entire world had been forced in a single bunker underneath the West. Not many knew what happened outside, ever since the fall of millions of atom bombs which followed. At the end of it all, the radiation had pushed itself to unfathomable levels, raising the crust of the planet into a green and yellow debauchery of floating atoms and many alkaline winds spreading disease coming from the decaying bodies.

Floating pieces of human remains helped spread about every kind of plague known to man inside the air particles through which they floated and moved aside. As they came into view of the floating pieces of shrapnel, remains of metal, floating radioactive magnetic distorted field had finally revealed its true mass of destruction.

From below and from above, a concussion field had crushed most of the vehicles, leaving behind only the broken and unresponsive remains which had their element taken from them. This defiling kind of mess had taken to itself no

doubt to what it had been. It had been the end of ten billion lives, souls which had been ripped from their bodies and left outside.

Below the ground, life was ill. Conditions were poor. Most births haven't gotten through. Most groups had been separated and left in systems of chambers which spread and moved at intervals. Some spaces had connected to various supply rooms which contained the bare minimum for the obscure needs.

But those chambers which connected rooms had wheels to them. They were vehicles which had to be droved and acted accordingly. One designated droved lay for everyone and in that underworld bunker there had been enough space for everyone to drive and live by.

It would be hard for friendships and relationships to be established, but that had been only the price to pay for it. For establishing this perfect system of perforation, as some enchantments had been made by the underground engineer class.

'Nadya, I need you to look after your father today. I don't think he's feeling fine.'

The girl looked up from above her plain shirt. Her dad had been dead for eight years, at least that's what the number on the collar around his neck said. Either it was going bonkers, or he wasn't her actual father.

'Come one Nadya, call Ivan. We're having dinner.'

Nadya still didn't understand. Ivan had been dead as well. His body had been placed near his father, apparently he had been killed by him. No collar included.

Dinners like these were peculiar. There was so much on Anna's mind. She had been the driver, the piler, the defiler, the one who cleaned and took care of her children while her husband was off at work.

The bed in which he had been place was a tiny modified mine cart, which had its railings and wheels taken out, and had two rounded fans made out of metal attached on each end. She always looked around the room expecting something new.

But that plain room was all painted white, with strips of metal attached around each corner above from which the air came in. On the reverse, on the floor, it had been the same.

So much hot air coming in. A pair of toys stood broken on the floor, mostly Ivan's, but he wasn't going to use them anyway. An oil stained shirt somewhere thrown across the room and mainly unpacked boxes stood waited in the corner. It was weird how the rest of them actually trust her, as even Nadya knew that this woman wasn't right in the head.

'What are we eating now?'

‘The outsiders.’

On the food tray, there stood an eight headed Dandrillon. They had been bunker-meat creatures, biologically engineers to act like cattle but grow like plants and act passively while being “hunted” down. Their bodies had looked like blown cacti, with the texture of tendered pig-skin, giant heads emerging from the top, having small tubes and claws and a crust which grew inside their mouth formations as to prevent any retaliation.

While extracting and splicing the various DNA codes from various creatures, the result had been some kind of mutation and some left-over limbs which interacted gravely to one another’s grasps. They had been frustratingly erect, grown only to be dissected and eaten away.

The taste replicated a various arrangement of animals which ranged from rooster to cattle, to fish and in-between, resulting in every nutrient which was needed. But every new generation grew wilder and began fighting their natural impulses. Now they’d fight and out of spite, they’d go ahead, trying to strive on their own appetite.

Out there, they formed packs, moving without their legs but dragging in the dirt regions which had been designated for their growth alone. Despite this dinner being only one eighth of its body with the heads present, Nadya noticed some small horn-like hornets popping out of the body. It was clear that they couldn’t keep being safe inside their own bunker.

Not there, where they had suddenly formed a worming connection between them. Each had their squealing bodies connect with one another, bringing their heads closer together. The inner acid which had been developed over generations, though it may have been harmless to humans had melted their necks, and welded their own heads together. They’d form many headed terrors far away from the others, laying in hiding as they grew.

For sustenance, they only needed to eat the dust mice which flew around and formed about everywhere. As long as that had been the case, they would be nigh-immortal and ever-growing. And more head meant their minds could only develop.

‘Are you doing well Nadya?’

‘Of course mother, if I may.’

‘Go ahead, dear, make any wish you want and I shall do my best to grant it.’

‘I want to step outside and meet Mare.’

As the words slipped out of her mouth, she immediately went ahead and activated the device atop her father’s bed. Both he and Ivan had been sealed shut.

The other beds had still been retracted underneath the floor. about everything had been, from the drawers, the bathrooms, the intersecting walls as well as the other and tighter level they had been instructed to get down to in case something happened.

The other room had passenger seat taken by default. A man named Ulrich worked towards being an inventor. He remembered his plan well enough.

‘One day I shall become a great inventor and I shall cure the world outside.’

He dreamed of bringing life above the bunker. Only his twisted imagination could bring out the worst things to mind, the destruction which had come and brought only the most disparaging of efforts he needed to keep him alive.

Out of the few people inside their “mover”, or how they called their machine, Ulrich had contemplated ending his life a few too many times. What he would reverse-engineer now was some new life-form which would life outside and clean the place. Either that or they’d adapt and carry on the torch of being human for them. Nothing else mattered, other than this end-goal of his.

A pause of thought occurred. He had achieved it all over again, a new kind of life form created inside his cage. It was easier to keep them in check. This tiny baboon, with his face split in a swoon of many moving fish-scale extensions which came out of its head but retained the hairy texture and the skin wasn’t dead.

It should’ve been by now. He had taken twenty to eight pins and he had strapped in all of the scales. They were moving even then, trying to raise themselves. It didn’t help that its arms and legs had been pulled inside, giving some additional growth inside their small scale-girths. That baboon lumped itself into a ball and from there on after it waited.

A half-man into a box, that was his first major breakthrough, or so he hoped. Ulrich hadn’t done it yet but he hoped to achieve it.

Out of everyone, he had been the most untrustworthy, because everyone had been aware of his experiments.

Five knocks on each door. They opened and into the main area, between the room-compressions and the driver’s entrance, these survivors stood on a few handpicked chairs. It had been a nice way to meet there, in that eight-squared, sided glance, where they had looked at everything they kept in their storage facility.

It was a great view, what they owned. In one of the rooms which didn’t belong to them, there had been stored simple things, like food, electrical appliances, spare lights, and some dangerous tools which could only be accessed by a multi-key entry with acquired permission from everyone aboard.

Anna and Ulrich kept looking at one another, distracted by the retina of their eyes.

There were other four in the room as well. Jonathan, Deva, Ollroy and Rolls, but most of them were decent folk who weren't interested in the politics of the crew. For them, it had been much easier to enjoy themselves there rather than be drawn inside it. Clearly, they had been a match to be held in contempt with what was going on.

'They're at again.'

'It's going to be that way until the day we'll all be resting on our graves.'

'Lave her alone, you know she had a child with her.'

'We know that, Deva, but you know she's our drive and that she's out of her mind.'

Ollroy looked around. So many pieces were strapped beneath the anchor of the deck. It was obvious that no one had been content with what had been going on there, it was a sloppy job by the mere look of how everything had been arranged. Tables underneath, slightly raised so many miscalculations near the distance and that.

A monitor, a legacy edition which had been given a feed of what was going on outside. Everything had been obscured by the limited sight. Every now and then another mover would come into view which would force them to stop. It was interesting, how much they had been given there.

One day they were in their laboratories, homes, outside, and the next they woke up there. It had been peculiar, but so was the time. Some of them woke up with collars, but not all of them. And each bore numbers which had little no to explanation or reason for them. Nothing made sense, yet they settled with dealing with the stress and what was going down there however they wanted.

'I think I heard something, it came from Rolls' room.'

'What? My room doesn't have anything going on in it. I've done nothing to you Jonathan. You can't invade my private space.'

'But I've heard something from inside of it. Don't tell me you got something inside of it? We can't even leave the movers, we're not the ones given a suit.'

Which was indeed the reason why everyone based them on picked and defined jobs they had to carry on. Each had a job of their own with which they would have to comply with the rest of their lives. It was how it had to be.

Tension was present but the levels were fine. It couldn't be any better then, than it had been before.

'We'll see then.'

As the party approached, there had been the first signs of unrest and defiance.

‘Someone entered my room. But how? When? I never leave my room.’

Everyone turned to Rolls and stroke at him with looks of pity and amusement. This man would be looked down upon for the rest of his life down there, in that metal box.

Why, he was shaking around his ankles, his arms had been wrapped, his eyes were depigmented, and he had been caught off guard then. Someone had actually managed to place something there, a small object which didn't belong yet.

But that was one of the movers.

They haven't been made aware of then, but the movers were vehicle-like death traps, programmed to draw their walls inwardly until they would be crushed and killed. That death trap could be avoided only if they could overcome the nature, if only they could.

Many of the movers had been lost, having crushed themselves and the people inside of them to the point of complete annihilation. The air in the bunker had been limited and wouldn't last forever. It was obvious that it had become less of a bunker once the metallic delimiting walls had been penetrated and some of the movers started making their way through the dirt.

But out there, outside, they had reigned alone. In a plane where life couldn't survive, they had manifested physical forms. Those giant humanoids now sparked no more, as they exchanged clouds of pure toxic radiation, a neurotic gas which lit their eyes green. Now that they had their way, they continued walking in their newly acquired world.

Their servants had done well, and now they had been given what they wanted. As petty of creatures and mindless as the headless ones were, now they would torment the human beings until they would be eventually dead. It had been the plan and the exchange between the two. Clearly, instilled in them, had been the difference between their kind.

While the giants enjoyed this chaotic destruction which had happened, the tinier ones enjoyed a limited unity which they didn't want to share. They wanted the world below the bunkers to be clean and less disturbed. It is for that reason why the metallic movers would completely destroy themselves in such a manner that they would leave no trace at all.

And if it did, it would be as well, for everything else would be obscured by the vision.

For now, the world only moved below, outside it had stopped. Nothing could grow or stray ahead, everything was eight caught off guard or dead.

‘I need to return to my work now. If I stop, I swear, I'll have no other option but wait for the cruel embrace of death.’

‘You’re being way too dramatic Victor, you’ll overwork yourself to death otherwise. Can’t you see that there’s only the two of us left? The other four colleagues had hanged themselves already.’

‘Why do you have to keep remind me that, Lara?’

‘It’s your memory problems. Ever since they all went out, there’s nothing to keep you in line. There’s something about you who prevents you from moving on and you keep drowning yourself in work.’

‘Lara, you know I have to. I can’t explain it, but I have to. I am meant to this.’

‘But it’s pointless, you’re only turning a lever back and forth.’

‘It’s doing something, I know it is. Perhaps it could be sending a message for help.’

It wasn’t. There wasn’t any confirmation that it was going anything. From what he could tell, he acted as if all of his efforts could eventually raise the dead. Perhaps they could. Every now and then, unrelated to what he was doing, there would be some kind of shaking of the entire room. Without a doubt, he thought that had been it.

But, it came at irregular intervals, the fact of which he had simply ignored because there wasn’t any way of checking it. What else would there be?

She, the woman who had been him wasn’t his wife. They never married. There wasn’t any priest in any of the movers down there. It could’ve been long avoided by then, if one were to take a leap for their tiny groups.

‘Well, if that’s the case, I won’t have any other option than to crash our home into some place where they may never find us.’

‘Don’t do that, if you do it, then I won’t have any other option than die here. And I don’t want to die.’

‘What are you going to do then? Wait for someone to rescue us then cut off a chunk of the floor so you could take your lever with you?’

Get your damn senses back together, man.’

‘I’m trying my best, Lara, but can’t you see I’m suffering here? It’s all I do, it’s the only thing I know I can handle. There’s nothing else I’m good at.’

‘So that’s it? You’re going to keep turning until you won’t be able to do it any longer, right? There’s no way for you to change your mind, is there?’

Victor had looked into it far too much. He had made plans for the future, exactly how he would do them was quite peculiar indeed. A piece of his stomach had been removed and attached to a waste compactor, attached and shove

deeper in him, which only helped disperse the waste. As a matter of fact, between the rest of his friends who had ended their lives, he had been relatively filled with joy. It felt like this mover had been made solely for him.

Out of all of them, he had been given the easiest of task. If one was given the job of maintenance, he had hanged himself with an electric cord, removing the electricity from his chamber while feeling helpless no more. Another had the responsibility of the waste disposal, but he had succumbed to the fact that there were too many tubes which had to be attached and too many buttons and functions and combinations which couldn't be forgotten.

But it had been clean, and he had found a way to disperse the excess oil which had scourged the like of drawing inward and forward in the various machines which were there. Less than kindly aware of it, there had been those filthy hidden boxes which laid everywhere.

This Malcolm had been tricked. He had thought it a valuable component of the kind and he had become so aware of it that he realized something of its importance. One sniff had been enough to send him in a rampage of tool destruction which had eventually become the death of him.

No longer would he feel pain and remorse. His eyes were filled with the grey and black which had become the oil at that moment. In which he suffered a concussion as the lower level, which hadn't killed him but forced him to come into contact with the whispers from above.

Even after so many levels he could hear them crying high and mightily, forcing him to give in and meet that thing which made him suffer until the very end. They strangled him, with his distant arms. Out of all of them, the circumstances of his death were the most unexplainable. Everyone there showed the marks around their necks, which had been either forced by the collars, or by mere strangulation by some cord or rope.

But for him, there wasn't space, there wasn't any tool which was used. Only the suspicion of murder.

Victor remembered that. He had been there, in the same spot, removed a piece of his body and pushing it in one of the raised evaporators, in which his body canteen had been released of all the waste. It felt like yesterday, the day it happened.

'There's been another suicide. On the lower levels, Malcolm is dead.'

The words had brought quite some shaking of the bones, of the paranoia, of the metal hall they were in. Even then it shook. Not that it was much higher, as it was lower now. But he had merely started thinking that he was slowly losing his sight. He was seeing a much lower kind of metal perdition than there had been.

Clearly one had to look closer, but, if one was focusing on it.

'He can't be dead.'

‘I checked on his pulse, though that had been pointless, since I saw the cause of it.’

‘How?’

‘Someone had strangled him, crushing his neck until there was only one piece of it left connecting it to the rest of the body.’

The body had remained there, from what he could tell. But Lara checked on it from time to time. Every time she headed down there, she found a missing piece of it. First the head had been gone. It must’ve rolled over.

Then two arms, a foot, and entire leg, a piece of the torso. No open wounds visible, as whatever had taken them made sure the rest of the gaps had been sealed and left there without a trace of them having been messed with it.

But if there had been one thing which wasn’t going to be taken sooner, that had been the collar with the numbers on it. Those never went down, though, they only went forward.

It was obvious now that whoever was doing that to them wanted to have some kind of satisfaction and in-fighting between them. Now that only the two of them remained, there’d be no explanation to what would be acceptable and what could go off without question. On a dark scale, the metal ware started acting up.

There were mounds of raised ground scales from around an area. More movers were being brought on their level. It was by means of elevation that contact could be established.

A confined mover housed four men, all of whom who hated one another and hadn’t cared for anything but their own mission. Each had taken onto himself that he would eventually do something to outdo the other by any means necessary.

In there, it had been permanently dark like inside, as that had been an act of vindication for the mere fact that they would work unceasingly and uninterrupted by their interactions. If they couldn’t see one another, then they could focus. If there wasn’t anything around their empty chambers, then they could focus. But there was one distinction between all of them. It had been the collars.

Each of them had been strapped and there in the dark a voice came at last. That had been a secluded chamber in which this stranger appeared.

‘I am android OI. Mark of sixteen valves spinning, are you in need of something?’

‘Who is this? Is this some kind of poor attempt at misdirection? Are you trying to get me to destroy my own devices?’

I won’t take kindly to that. You may have found a way to disable your notation but.’

His voice cut off as an orange light came from one of his visors. There hadn't been that much power to fully illuminate the room but it had been right enough for him to see what was going on around his face. Only one part of it had been that of a man, but he got a close look to it. For someone of about forty years old, his skin was yellowish sick, his unaltered eye had been frozen in place, moving only at some few and far in-between breaks.

Another one had been surrounded by a metallic implant which was connected with the rest of the metal helmet he bore. That wasn't real skin either, but a mere plastic imitation. Without a doubt, that wouldn't be easily breakable by no fish or by deranged attempt.

'I've come to deliver this. Free of charge, nothing for it.'

He brought him a bucket of screws and bolts and a few electric parts, a spanner and a hammer, and a small conduit which would work well in connection to about anything which had an opening.

'Where did you come from? Were you created by the engineers?

Or are you one of theirs?'

'Accept it and carry on. Your work is valuable. There's a benefactor which decided that you are to be chosen out of your colleagues to receive aid.'

But there was something the android hadn't told him yet. They had all received visits from it and didn't seem to care much about it. Clearly there was a misunderstanding which was to be ignored.

A new generation of machines was to be born below. And they looked like no human being at all. No, these were going to be dangerous servants. It was by their design, that each of them in part, if they were to be created would finally solve the problem of the sudden extinction they had been made aware.

a few months ago.

'There, I saw it, I saw it with my very own eyes. Look, fellows, there it is. The chamber had suddenly moved a fraction of an inch then.'

'What if you're seeing things? You senile looking bastard. '

'Well, then measure it.'

He had been right, and he was no old man, indeed, he had been closer to being white haired because of some mutation which occurred to him. It had been intimidating, to say the least, working against that time bomb. It was for that reason that they worked in the dark.

Their minds were so strong that they acted by feel and touch, memory alone. It could be enacted then, but one should know better than that.

‘Here’s a remote light, use it. No one should be able to see through the gaps of the door and you should be able to deactivate it at any time if you will it.’

As a man of science, he knew that the real cause, for which the light hadn’t been working, if he had to be honest himself and not lie, had actually been a power-shortage. But that explanation didn’t serve his ego. No, it wouldn’t, instead he chose to move ahead. Sooner or later he’d be left behind.

It wasn’t right. The android was missing his bottom half.

‘Taken for spare parts, someone needed it more than I had. We are often repurposed and taken out there. Beware though, there’s something out which had been released in your level. Do not make any effort to change your position yet.’

‘But what of the rations?’

‘We have refilled them. But ask no question of who we are, as that isn’t exactly what’s expected of us to say.’

In the blink of an eye, he had been lowered down. Lowered down farther than it was either expected or that he even thought it was possible. The man was the only one out of the four of them who had a glimpse of how many pieces worked together to make the bunker working.

Below the mover there wasn’t ground, a plate of metal which had been sanctioned in pieces which had moving pumps activating and pulling down the elevator. Even the pockets of dirt had been a ruse, only creating the illusion that there was a way out if they were to break the fuselage, or the metal walls surrounding them entirely.

The bunker was completely sealed.

‘Lara, I think I remember something important.’

‘What is it Victor?’

‘I think I know who did it.’

‘What are you talking about?’

‘I think I know who killed everyone. Malcolm, Ferdinand and the other two.’

‘You don’t actually remember their names do you?’

‘There’s too much on my mind. I can’t be expected to remember everything.’

Blockage in the system, what followed were a few turns inside the level. Most of them wouldn’t have questioned or even bothered knowing about them, but this was different. There were a few things which couldn’t have been taken into question. First the need to take care or to look as if one would be aware of what was going on there.

For now, those who were out exploring with their tiny light filaments had been greeted by absolute nothing. Many of the machines had a programming which prevented them from being crushed by them.

‘Another one of them is on their way.’

‘Wave at them, no, point towards the opposite direction, they need to be made aware that they’re not invited here. They’re simply not welcome here, you know?’

‘I think I understand what’s going on now.’

‘Do you, or is it a hunch? Did that thing make it obvious or what?’

He pointed at a lower level, which shouldn’t have been there. Not only that, but they weren’t even aware that it was supposed to act that way, any of them. Their first sight of their cattle having been gone wrong was into sight. A wagon made out of many heads seemed to be reeling in. Not only it had been dangerous to be approached by anyone living but it was clear that there couldn’t be any way to look and stay clear out of it.

Dangerous, maybe, but without a doubt one couldn’t make it in one piece of a stride. If they knew what those things would be on their way to become, they’d be turned out of place.

‘There, I think they got the message, I see that they’re turning. What about it? Should we simply try stamping it?’

‘Not yet, I suppose it won’t be able to climb away from sight. So, let it do whatever it wants.’

There was at least a hint of exposure there. Their bodies which had been planted in the designated dirt was supposed to help them stay clear of the toxins which were present in the bunker. As a side note, it had been discovered by a doctor Nicholas, of one of the unknown movers that the bunker had a special kind of bacteria which killed radiation.

As long as it was allowed to breed inside it, any kind of foreign element would be eaten. That had been an unknown fact to many of the people in hiding. What they did know was the fact that this bacteria caused some kind of degeneration of the skin. It drew the minerals from the body or the host and made it much weaker than it had been, previously, before the so-called exposure to it.

It seemed that without the host soil to keep them fresh and revitalized, they started growing much weaker, especially in those forms. They were being drained, not killed, but that would soon come. At least four of the heads had died and were encompassed in their acid, rotting while the others got affected by its mild form of necrosis.

Had it spread sooner, there would've been a chance to get through. But this wasn't what made it feel in awe. Something else had done it. And that had been taken as soon as they would know that something was going on. Clearly, to the benefit of either of them, they kept going.

'Leave them, eventually they'll simply die off. We have to take into account the possibility that there might be others in a similar situation like it.'

'And what if they are?'

'They could mutate, and we can't stand the risk.'

Slowly, farther aware, some area began being lit. Metal revealed itself as well as the surface which could have other things transferred them onto it. A dreadful manifestation had come to show itself there. The frightful cattle marched towards the point. If would have no soil to breathe from, it would have a sun.

'We need to take care that no one find out about us again.'

'And those we brought here?'

'They were all placed in their respectable cells. Worry not about it, they should all be singing down our play. Deceitful or not, we should be able to convince them that we're not responsible for it.'

'What of that?'

'I shall allow it. It should be stamped out eventually. Come, if we worry too much about it, we'll miss on the play.'

They moved and listened, seeing what was witnessed by others of their own kin. Finally so many of them had joined their rank and now they could finally sit and relax.

Two movers had intersected in the distance. It looked like this relationship, or bashing had damaged both of them. Despite there being a process in which either stood in danger of being crushed on the inside, this hadn't been the case any longer. They broke it.

And it didn't bode well with whoever was taking care of their destruction. A familiarity had come in a final decision which had taken upon itself to break the boundaries between them and cut the frames which separated them. The first step came. The symbiosis had damaged the walls between four chambers which had become one but this had been a first.

Though they were only two groups of strangers who hadn't even dared look upon one another, with the exception of a vague sight from the cockpit of the driver, they seemed like a foreign or some alien element. Both wore different clothes which were colored, canvassed, painted, had messages, words, plenty of things which weren't right at all.

Not only that, but there had been a vague impression that neither of them had any trust to land to the other party.

First contact established.

'Greetings neighbors, I suppose we should introduce ourselves first.'

This soldier stepped in. He had been the main view they had, but only because he was the only one to have been seen carrying a revolver on him. It had been holstered but that was enough to repel any attempt.

'So you're the ones who've done it.'

A jolt made everyone come back to life. They were aware of the moving plates by now.

'We should establish a hierarchy, quick. I have reasons to believe we might be in danger.'

'What for? Everyone should stand on their sides. because you have a revolver that doesn't mean you can order us around.'

'I can still do without so many mouths to feed. Don't make me do it now.'

A lot of tension remained.

One thousands lands flickered then. In the next few minutes, light would be established. Now that the surrounding area had finally been revealed, it was time to see where they were. Rail brandings lay about everywhere. The insides of the bunker seemed like rebrandished metals from about everywhere in the outside world. But those were only the addition on the side.

It had been clear enough that contact was to be established momentarily. The movers stopped responding tot their pilots and now, instead of receding, they started moving and extending in the empty space. Suddenly, everyone who had been inside stood in their places, frozen as to the fact that there was something to be had in there, this fear of being displaced.

'Look out.'

'Move aside, it should be safe as long as we don't make a move. stand aside and try not to get hurt, do you understand?'

'Hold me please, I think I'll fall.'

Various clicks could be heard outside as the metal started making contact in the empty space. There wasn't any way of knowing what would happen there, but seemingly aware of it, one could draw the conclusion of being trapped. Walls had been drawn from above, from places which gave no impression of there being any kind.

It would be obvious what they'd be after. That thing which made them so much more than aware that there'd be something in there unsuited for either one. An entire level of the bunker became a complex set of interlocked spaces separated by rooms.

This had been hard to deal with, especially with the armed men, who had immediately found themselves in their vicinity.

'Drop it, it won't take me too much to get both of you down.'

'Wait, wait, we're not alone.'

As soon as the doors opened, they finally got themselves surrounded by at least eight other men, all of which bore rifles, small handguns and even a bow. An actual bow with a big eye gone through its shaft.

'Well, it looks like we're off shot now.'

It was clear that there wasn't any way to get through it easily. One would have to pay a lot of attention to it. Not that it would matter for as long as they cared.

But through the cracks, there stood, a force which had forced them to look above them. If there was one thing which hadn't been planned it was for the presence of the evolved cattle there. Those thin walls bent easily and behind them there moved those long headed bastards who had found a new way to deal with themselves. Clearly, that had been it, a way for them to survive.

As the intensity of the toxin cleared, they could move freely through the cracks and breed through the act of war. It would be dangerous. No one would care for as long as there was one means of starvation and action. But they bent the walls and spread far and wide.

This frightened everyone who had observed it, without exception. It couldn't be questioned then, but this had been it. It had been a disturbing approach which only made it worse, as they began growing in their tiny spots.

Sheer size wouldn't do it alone. One could draw at least the way of pushing through the masses, only to absorb the sight which finally came into life.

Though they may have started as mere cattle, one could make the fine perception between what they were intended to be and what they had become. Their many heads weren't supposed to hang that way, not through that sort of

angle in which they became a giant dome which in which they had all welded themselves together with the held of the acid.

Not only that but they had become intelligent. From inside their bodies, they took out tubes, which had helped them spray their own pieces in this weird acid. Sooner or later, this would have to change as well. And no longer would it simply melt but help growth. And the growth had done well enough to manifest itself then.

White plasters of moving raised pins pushed through them. If it wasn't clear before, it had been now. Someone was watching through the shroud of metal at it, and how it tried getting in. Many legs struggled to push forward but then, as the toxin would come in as well, the hole sealed.

A plague of metal had appeared, like some thin and precisely manifested disc of iron cut through the head and began shaping itself into the form on the extrusion in the case. That thing wasn't supposed to be there, but it had appeared nonetheless. Below fell the remains, which were still alive, moving in a weird manner which begged the question of there being a chance for them that they might not get through unless they ran.

By the time they had reached the doors, which long sprays of acid had penetrated the back of their heads, killing them instantly from all directions. It drew near, as disemboweled as it had been, pushing and beginning to it.

The result of the exposure could be reverted. Necrosis would be averted from it and now he would finally be well. It was something it couldn't tell immediately, but it wanted the satisfaction. The light in the room faded.

Ten-four, by the times the number had been set forth. One of the lowest levels had been reproduced to the scale of the original design, almost to a perfect copy, with the slight exceptions of a lack of drills and one thing which had defined it well enough, that being the fact that movers would now and then make noise as they attempted to break through the guarded area.

Many guards lay lobotomized and dead as well, with a small black box now being inserted inside each one of their eighty percent missing mass of the head. The vortex had been completely destroyed and the mask now stood completely broken.

If there was someone who had been missed, that was Malt. Without the guards being there either, anarchy laid. There was some ruin in there, especially since there wasn't any power left. Standing at the ruin of the park between which the crashed blocs stood a fire. The madmen actually started one there. It had been incredible how much time had been spared for it.

But then again, it hadn't looked any different either. It was still filled with the same atmosphere which made it so distant than it were.

A carrier filled with tick's stool flinging small bolts of blue light. A few marshmallows balls had been clamped and most of the androids had gathered and filled the city with everything they found out there. It seemed more so, with every passing day that it was more of their thing than anything other. Not less important it had been what was going on in their minds.

'So, both Claire and Malt disappeared, huh?'

'I suppose they did.'

It wasn't all that important any longer. They couldn't be set on one thing which was the next line of work. Now that there wasn't any disturbance and any central power, the devices on their doors having stopped, they were free. Without realizing they were free.

'Well, shall we at least try getting through with it?'

'Fine, first line of reason, the same as yesterday, we are to set the plan for tomorrow.'

'Which is?'

'I personally think we should ask the androids for a way outside. They seem to know the ins and outs of this place.'

'Never, don't question it any less, no longer, don't look into it.'

'I shall become the executioner.'

A voice shouted. He was a no one, a no one who had stretched his arms and prepared the palm of his hand. Whatever coursed through his veins wasn't good. But he was recognized.

'That's Sterl!'

Now known as the executioner, he looked down on an android that was kneeling in front of him, with the back of his head fully exposed.

'Don't do it Sterl, this isn't worth it? We need them to get forward here, please, don't do this!'

But this executioner acted on his own impulse to execute.

There was something in the eyes of this one. He lost his mind, and now he'd start a war over it. Every android stood then, watching. So had the man and the machines and the creatures, exposure still hadn't had a way to full enter this place.

It was almost as if there had been a toxin in it which devoured the very toxin which had been around.

But besides it, this one thing threatened to break the balance which had been observed. As the many androids had been already wide-spread in their quest on defiance, this one thing threatened everything they had worked on in secret for so many years.

‘I must complete my work and create the machine, I must prevent the destruction.’

‘The next race, the next one, I must create the descendants.’

‘Click clack, must tap the switch, Lara, I must know. I know who did it. It was you Lara, it was you.’

‘I don’t find you trust worthy, I don’t find you either. Please, allow me to leave this room, I can’t stand here any longer.’

‘Ivan is dead, mother, so is dead. Move on from it. Everyone knows what you’re hiding mom, please move on. I can’t stand it how it ruins you.’

‘They’re moving, everyone, everything is going on unexpected, we must bring it to a stop before they take notice.’

‘Bring help, they’re eating humans, the cattle had gone mad, they’re.’

Unimportant to this, he returned.

In that moment of anger and distaste, the executioner stopped. Everyone followed in his track and appeared to be not paying any more attention to it any longer. Something in him had been vaguely unnerving. He was afraid.

That was the man everyone had been looking for, wearing no mask. Being the simple looking man he had always been. Barnabee couldn’t believe his eyes. In all the years he had been experimenting in creating life, nothing had been as mad as this. It was almost as if the world had become a wicked dream from which there’d be no escape out of. No nightmare, for it was too mundane for it.

Creatures bowed, machines followed, and it was almost as if everyone had decided that they owed allegiance to the man.

‘Listen to me. Now, I need your help. I don’t know where Claire is, so, please help me.’

And as the sudden burst of rage which had been felt in his voice faded, he threw what he had carried for so long in his hand. The body of one the creators, the architects of the world, his charred body bouncing and twisting in the partially alive abomination it had become.

‘They appeared like they fell into their own trap now. They fell victim to their own poison. It was not them who made this world, they are liars. All of them all, I think we’ve all been deceived.’

For what he showed them was a body which had the head of a cattle transplanted in its gut. First it had devoured its head, and then it had been brought down. It was obvious, he was planning on hiding again in one of them, to repeat the same ruse and pretend they were something they were not.

‘I think they’re all up there, somewhere, dressed in the same way these creatures are. We must stop them before another one of these things comes.’

‘Malt, you barely returned. What does all this even mean?’

‘We must fight, that’s what it means, that we may survive. I have been out there, in the world beyond. I have met the men, the engineers, and the people. And.’

He took a moment to look around. Someone took his house. Malt wasn’t pleased by it. Neither of them had been his friends after all, only his acquaintances, so neither of them had been deserving of it.

Someone had a lot of explanation to come up with. No one wanted to speak. Everyone gathered around him, as they were drawn to this man they barely knew or had been vaguely interested in. With little in mind about it, there had been some vague dependency they felt towards him.

It hadn’t mattered that the androids couldn’t see humans as being right at all. With their visors, they were more than often staring at their insides than at their faces, the vision going a tiny bit farther away than the mere layer of their clothes. This Malt held something in him, but it wasn’t to be spoken off yet.

‘It doesn’t matter. We’ll march out there, with this.’

As he clapped, the automated system of the mover had kicked in. Whatever had happened for it to be as wide and strong as it had looked resulted in the supreme prototype they all looked upon. Things worked fast down there. Inside of there, there was this robot. It was still in the earliest concept of design, but it had managed to stave off the growth which threatened everything.

More so, he had looked into it for one or two times. The blinding rage he felt couldn’t have defied any other expectations that were there.

But they immediately marched in, even the executioner, indeed he came.

‘Now, listen, there’s not going to be any chance for us unless we pledge ourselves to the cause. We shall call ourselves the Coalition, then, the Collation of Malt.’

That had been too well to be true. He had gotten ahead of himself a tiny bit too quick for his own good. Whatever it had been, they looked at him with little knowledge of understanding.

‘What do you want of us?’

‘I need to each pick up a room and work a task. Everything has been modified accordingly to. To, to...’

He had seen them before. Malt hadn’t known what happened then. Everyone gave in too quick and after all that happened, this made him sick. He didn’t feel like he was there at all. No, the mask was still on, and he was damaged in the head. It would at least explain why he didn’t focus on anything major. That thing inside his gut kept him alive and kicking.

No, this wouldn’t be right. No one should’ve expected it, no one who’d dare to behave in that manner. A long time ago, he had been ripped from the place where he spent most of his life. All because he had been curious, right, in that moment where his senses had acted up and he decided to step it. For that reason he had dared stop the execution, otherwise, he wouldn’t have cared for another death.

But he thought he had been placed on that table, waiting for some kind of execution to be had. It repulsed him to think about it. Wonderingly aware of it, there was something which truly made him look at that reason. He would reach some kind of mild staring, the point where he couldn’t focus on anything any longer.

‘I shall make sure you suffer now.’

The glass had been thick enough now. A loss of focus had been brought to completion. It couldn’t be anything to be dismissed.

‘Don’t worry, I’ll start pulling pieces of you now.’

‘You’re not supposed to talk.’

Malt said in the dizziness.

The man pulled his mask off. He looked exactly like Malt. Oh, the confused look on Clair, and on everyone as they were put to sleep was well, it felt right.

‘Don’t worry, I won’t break you. I only wanted to have them all in one place. Pull off your masks.’

No vortexes. None at all, but his face, that had been the secret after all. It was why everyone felt so drawn to him. He had been the original. Not the one present there, in the location they had all been set to meet, inside the mover that being. But this Malt, the mundane, who may have suffered, not for the first time, some hit to the head.

He recovered from it. And for that reason he was special. Everyone down there had received enough to wager some kind of lobotomy. Looking back over the many times he had been in the bloc, he’d see people acting up.

Borby, who had finished a trade stood in his room with a bunch of ants inside his glass hide. They were forming their colony inside the glass dirt which had been set inside. Those were glass ants as well, which meant that when he were to apply enough heat, he could melt them, forming the small pouches which were set engrained in the holes they dwelled in.

He had taken a liking into doing that, forcing them to coil around and draw their own. But it had only been a child's play compared with his other project. This Borby filled his room with the cheapest, most useless utensils. Old things that didn't work at all, even after so many years of abandonment and reconstruction, everything he collected was still there.

But back to what he had acquired. No one knew that his roommate, Teery had gone missing. He had extracted the essence from the glass ants and had inserted into him.

'My excuses, friend, I have done my best to put back every missing piece of your lower body, but I may have missed a few pieces. You weren't planning on leaving any time sooner, were you?'

Only the silence confirmed it. He was a bust of glass, cracked on the inside, very little of him being alive. He had done something on himself as well. Borby wanted to be with him, and for that reason alone he had injected himself with the same kind of solution which started turning him as well.

Rumors started, talking of a man who had been standing too much time inside. People spoke often of it.

And by the time his apartment had been broken in, a part of the floor had been overcome by it. The guardsman proceeded into breaking him apart and repurposing it at that. It had been one of the few occasions in which they broke through.

He had seen the world outside, Malt, out of everyone, he had been out there. Not stranded on the flying ship, but out there, in some form. There were green field of flatness, which had tiny sharp hairs which could cut through metal.

Around them moved a set of forlorn stranded whales which had to endure the many bodies it had eaten over the years. Inside of it, the digestive system had malfunctioned, pushing through the end of its other functioning insufficiencies. Other than that, it waited. From the poked holes inside of it, there was something which escaped.

A mist from the dead whale, as it had stopped for the last time. The bodies and the organs of the whale had struck a deal. Both would work together and escape from it, forming large clusters made out of them, connected by the sheer desire to survive. Sometimes they would become long, other times, they'd spread enough to replicate many wide-spread legs.

He had seen that, as the green connected to the blue land. Where green wasn't present but the buildings had erupted from the red, inside marble quarries. It was neat and cold down there. He had entered it and spoke to one of the sculptors.

'Oh, I see you're trying to replicate the Greeks. What a marvelous folk. Are you aware that they had mastered everything?

How I wish I lived there amongst them. My life would've been complete if I were an ancient Greek sculpture.'

'Young man, can't you see that I'm trying to concentrate? Why, someone needs to revive the art. Someone needs to bring the old back. It was then that the malign ended and where dreams had been reached by the craftsman in service of their gods.'

'I see. But would you not spare a moment that I may ask, why is it that you're alone? I see that they're all dead, lying on empty stools, bleeding, killed, no, themselves. They killed themselves, haven't they?'

'For this legacy, no one might spare anything less than their entire essences. Listen to me, oh, young man. Leave this place. We have all failed to bring back the dream. Is it not sad that after so many attempts so many of them gave up?'

'It is. Especially since you got so close to it, why is that everyone gave up?'

'My naive youngling, it is because they already reached the epitome of art. There's no need for them now, no one wants to live in the past.'

'But I do. Please, I'd do anything to live there, a moment longer.'

But Malt grasped his face and looked away in shame. He ran as far and couldn't look back at the disgrace which had been the world. So much chaos everywhere and he didn't know whether or now what he was seeing had been worth.

'I will find a way to gain true sight of what's in front of me. One way or another, I shall see it.'

Malt declared and to his splendor laid some hope.

That inside the bunker, there'd be a way for the movers to stop their limited clocks of life.

'My body is being taken now.'

Said the resident of Mover Claw, named after the great hero who had snapped his arm to escape his own rage. A great sacrifice for a great man. There, it would be that he'd end.

One never gets to enjoy the insides of a Mover for its full appearance and the way it looks. That wild thing, which spread below had been.

They spoke now, and in the dark their bodies began growing. One gift of evil from their gods, they have started taking in their appearance, with the only despair being the fact that they had been given their heads in return. It had been awful, the way in which they looked upon the residents on that level.

Not only had their sheer size been threatening but the mere fact that they had been filled with some wild aggression.

‘We will have him and he’ll suffer for the rest of his known existence. He shall be crushed underneath our.’

The words spread some light and as they did, the many ticks which had lain around the dark suddenly lit to reveal what had been going on. Only the two of them remained now. Malt had made sure to stamp everyone else then.

Beyond the border of this known sheltered life, disorder could only begin. The first constructs made out of the pestilence had formed for their new fashioned world. They looked like solid masses of green gas which held inside of them the crushed car parts and fallen debris.

‘My android is now complete.’

Now a man yelled. The savant had done it, a new kind of android which was given a life unlike any other, bursting with emotion and humanity. Power had been restored inside their Mover for no other reason at all. But what had this magnificence been? Nothing could be seen but it.

A gas stroke inside the mind poked the blunder of the circuit which had caused an explosion to occur in the middle of the illusionary night, but still, it happened for it to be seen, that small element of pox which started crawling inside the bunker. They now summoned it from below, as they had been in connection with their gods above.

But, Victor, that man. He was still trying his best to turn the lever back and forth, without realizing that humanity had been spoken for. If he stopped then, the extra protection over the lid would give in. Everyone would die afterwards from the nuclear radioactive fallout which would start dripping below the outer rim.

Everything was vaguely calm. Victor had stopped flipping the switch, his arm had been tired. The lid above opened and led all of the radioactive waste fall through the top of the ceiling, being led in the bunker. The world seemed to have spilled in, pushing the Movers farther down while flattening the levels into this one whole par grim.

Before the terror could have a chance to spread and grow below, the people inside the entirely extended level had been crushed by the weight which had been spread and pushed down upon them. Everything now rested on hold above the blocs. Many pieces of the ceiling which had been made out of added material, which strapped them as an inner layer of protection got repelled by the modified Mover in which everyone had been in.

But the giant so-called creators stood there unnervingly aware of something little more than awe. There was some dreadful company to be had inside the place. An assault of senses and the deranged had arrived. Some self-replicating machine had already begun spreading and attaching itself to every mover in sight, though that had been it, chaos.

And it hadn't stopped there. Millions of movers had been then pulled like from a gust of fetid air, inside their own world. This chaotic dance of gusts and winds spread them around the world in a paragon of confusion.

Before long they had been placed inside the old refuge-like homes they used to call the earth dwellings they owned.

'This can't be happening. We don't have provisions now. We're stranded out here in the middle of nothing.'

A voice said. They were indeed affected by the intrusion of it, that disease which replicated air inside their lungs. As it entered, they started dropping like flies. All that effort now gone, as humanity died in that moment before anything could be made out of it.

What could be heard echoing between the clouds had been the sound of some mad and defiant magnificence. It wasn't even obvious at that, this curl of bowels which occurred in his sides. But there wasn't anything to be prevented any longer. With the machines which had been set like drones inside the movers, they would be preserved.

It didn't matter who'd step in there, as only this remained, the one moment of realization that the planet would be inherited by giant Gods of pollution and nuclear devastation, and a few selected machines which would last in their small pocket underneath dirt.

'I seem to remember something.'

Malt said. Who was he after all? He remembers growing up into a world which had been normal. As a child, he remembered both of his parents, who had been very much alive, he thought. He had a mother, a father, a baby sister and a younger brother.

He had been fond of Ivan. It was something which he almost wished he had, before being brought to the ship and being used in the way he had. The life he had before everything grew so confusing and before everything started happening so fast. No expectations either.

'Ivan, do you want to go out and play in the snow? It's winter, come on, you shouldn't play by yourself.'

'Malt, I can't. Can't you see that I'm not playing? I'm trying to do my homework, my alphabet is still not working well.'

‘That can wait, you need a break, little guy. I want us to go out, that’s all. We don’t spend too much time together and I don’t know when I’m going to leave again with work.

One day, you know, we won’t be able to do anything any longer. Maybe we’ll grow apart. Perhaps we already grew apart, but. We could at least enjoy this winter, little fellow.’

He looked sad. It was something which he either buried deep in his mind or which had been brought back by the fact that various parts of his brain weren’t working out properly any longer. It couldn’t be culled off. They needed to have that talk.

But he wanted to wait there for a bit longer, in Ivan’s room. It was all so cosy, being made out of wood. Malt remembered the details well, even then, like the shade of the carpet, the one candle, and the icons of the saints, his book shelf, his large dresser, his desk and the bed. The lamp, the many shaded walls, the dark stains left by his ink on top of the ceiling, the additional chair, the pipes and the heater, the draperies and the window.

The coat he left that day on the bed, the fresh sheets, the small rounded ball, the many bodied doll, the other table, even the specific names of the authors he had seen. Even what worked and didn’t work inside his room. The tiny box in front of his bed, which held all of his old toys in it, the broken tiny robots, the screws he found and the toys he made when he had been younger.

He looked above the shoulder then. Two books stood there, stenciled. Ivan had been trying really hard but he had failed to properly copy the characters from one side to the other. He would need so much help that his mother couldn’t provide on her own.

‘I’ll make sure to send you letters, if I go. You know, I love, Ivan, right?’

This he couldn’t remember, but he swore he did. Ivan turned to face him. He was a sad-looking kid without any friends who couldn’t do anything on his own. Malt knew that Ivan would live a hard life, especially with Nadya growing up.

So many things to do now, and he couldn’t be in every place at once. He swore there was something to it, some need to make it so they’d reconsider. There was the door. It was time for him to go. Ivan never left that room with him and I left him there.

There was a time when everything was right. I was walking through the snow right through the snowstorm when this special unit agent came and approached me.

He opened his human face and revealed himself as masked on. It was strange meeting and a stranger talk I had with him. Immediately after pulling off his mask I saw myself.

‘Well, how’s it going now? Am I doing well in the world?’

‘Why, yes, we have done quite well for ourselves, do you realize how much of a defiant thing it is to stand out there in the snow? It’s cold, they’re dying out there?’

‘Who’s dying?’

‘I am, we are. They all look like you, like us for some reason and everyone is too afraid to come inside because they know he’s there.’

‘Who? Ivan?’

‘Indeed, he’s hurt, he closed himself in his room and he refuses to step out. It can’t be helped, why, I’d say it needs to be noted that there’s some reason for which I’m needlessly trying to get away from it.

I fear he may be stuck there forever, until I won’t be able to help it any longer and break in.’

‘Why is that?’

He’s our brother, you know that would hurt him, seeing him act that way. Plus, if I’m to go to work.’

This was rather distracting. The snow changed to a raw umber. The shade of the house turned to a dawn red. It looked like he was in some oil painting, as the man in front of him got covered in some dirt.

‘You know he dreams of dying, don’t you? He’s so alone in there, his mind isn’t working properly, and he may never be fond of anything that’s right. The things you’re going to bring him, like the matches, the sparks and those dreadful clocks.

Neither of them are working right. You’ve tried and done it. Remember, you told him to fix them but he could never learn how to do anything properly.’

‘Ivan, try retracing the steps. I unlocked it and removed the screws and opened the device in front of you. We went through this multiple times, you know it right.’

The boy couldn’t help it, no matter the attempts, he tried and failed, time after time, again and again until it’s been nothing there. It couldn’t be questioned by anyone there. A failure of the mind, a part of his head wasn’t working properly, that must’ve been a family thing.

But Malt knew he was right. So he hit his younger brother in the head.

‘No, don’t make me remember that. I don’t want to remember it. Please, I’m a good brother, I’m trying to help him, to bring him goods.

I'm working towards getting him a better life, that's all. Why does nobody believe me? He's my brother, I'd never harm him.'

'How about her? Claire. Would you hurt her?'

There wasn't any sound yet. He expected another thing to emerge out of the sudden, now that he would try to pay some attention, unable to stare or be aware of what was going on there.

'I'm trying my best to help Ivan.'

Another shot came to his mind. Ivan was trying to walk properly, it was something he struggled learning as a child, being affected by a mild case of poor balance. Malt approached.

'You're not doing it properly, you need to be helped. Get back up and try again.'

But the boy was still standing, until he drew closer and threw him back on the ground. It wasn't the right thing to do now but the boy began crying and complied.

'I can't do it right.'

'Perhaps in time you'll learn, but unless I push you to it, you'll always find an excuse to get away from it. Can't you see it now? Everything you do is making me feel bad. Do you want me to feel bad?

I was able to walk properly at your age. No one had to help me.'

'But I can't, you saw it, I'm going...'

'No, you're not going to mom every time you need something. I will discipline you, do you understand?

Unless you do it right, I will force you to do it right.'

Malt could only see himself as a good brother now. Why wasn't this part of his mind killed by the gas?

It should've gone down the drain with the rest of it. But he knew what he was doing, he pushed his brother again and again until he couldn't help but stop.

'Fine, I'm apologizing. I'm sorry for what I've done to him, to my brother.'

'You can't apologize any longer, the door is closed, and you know that. There's no way to return there any longer, there's no way for any of us to go back there.

No one will make you happy.'

He had remembered the next set of memories by himself. For some reason, this face mirror tapped in a place which made him want to start doing it on his own.

Ivan was simply standing in his room for far too long. It was getting on his nerves, him doing nothing. He wanted that kid to at least pick on something to do around the house. Was he doing in there? What was he doing inside the room?

Too long, he's been there for too long, leave, allow some time for peace to be had. , anything, don't be there, kicking your feet against the edge. I want you to be out there, doing something, meeting something, even I were to drag you by the ears.

This was painful to watch. Or to hear. But their mother wasn't home, she wouldn't be able to know. He never told her, at any moment, he. He believed.

'She never found out, did she? I don't know. It's been so long and my memory is being hazy, everything is wrong, there's too many things wrong which I can't explain.'

Move on from that stop. The wind blew harder and harder, with every look taking away from the sight of the sea. Every time a strand of water skipped, there would be a ripple spreading through. It was dangerous, that no one would look away. So many people gathered on the shore, too many to count.

I wish I was there amongst them. I wish Ivan had been with me down there. They gathered during the night and appeared to be pacing bluntly. Small lights were flowing in the distance, floating akin to the flames, as they tiny rags filled with hot air. The sight looked like blue or teal, a sight he never laid eye upon.

Nights like these used to be decent, but now they were empty and only made him feel lonely. So many disgusting lights had been bore. But he thought of the wrong thing, he couldn't remember what was right.

'I know you're evil. I know you're the lowest of the scum. But I need to know this, we are alone now. No one but the two of us will know. I can't help it if I'm hurt, I can't help it if I have these feelings going through my head now.

But please help me understand. Here's a knife, I know you are unhappy. You can go ahead and stab me if it makes you feel right, but I don't want to be left alone.

This is my part. I know it's wrong, but I can't stand the thought of being alone out there. No one can stand me once they find out what I'm like.'

The creature he was talking to was silent. It waited there in vague consideration. This wasn't fair, it wasn't fair, and he knew this wouldn't make him happy. But everyone told him it would, otherwise, he would end up alone and abandoned.

‘I know most people would find this wrong. They don’t understand it, I know I’m going to leave as soon as you’re done. You know I can’t stay for long after this, my heart wouldn’t be able to take it. But every time I think about it, this only makes it worse, you know?’

Perhaps I knew it was over between us a long time ago and I only needed an excuse to leave while being up ahead.’

Nothing could be left unsaid. He will do it and I will leave. This nasty, nasty creature would do it. She would do it and I would leave. That’s what’s supposed to happen, no more lies, no more tests, and no more suspicion, say it.

He waited there for something to happen, these kinds of waits were the hardest when everything and everyone worked against him.

Malt had no desire to know or see her again after. He walked out of the room bleeding and in tears. This wasn’t supposed to happen, she wasn’t supposed to do this.

There hadn’t been a change after it. Malt grew cold and distant towards her, after he caught her. Every single time, every time they met, every interaction felt out of place. A piece of him died then, and afterwards it had been abandoned.

He would be a new man, completely disconnected from reality, the way he was meant to be. Free from the pain or the thought of betrayal, no more would he have to pay any attention or have responsibilities for someone else. It was at that moment when things simply corrected themselves.

After this event occurred, he would himself walk through the back room where the work was being done. Some servers were being charged by the minute, transmitting information and making sure that every piece of equipment was in order. A few of the many uniforms came from time to time to check whether the temperature raised itself or dropped heavily below unfathomable levels.

Equipped with a set of long electro-charged scythe-looking claws, they held an evenly formed body which had been grown in captivity. Its fat pushed against the chargers which made it work properly from time to time. Not even right, as it seemed, there was some inner-placed desire to draw back on it. This made the small sheltered mass of blue burst with energy, which had not only produced a growth, but which had also turned on the metal antlers.

‘I will check every piece here evenly; until it’s decided that everything’s in order.’

The second uniform said from his black box. He constantly turned on the lever but no sound came afterwards. It was mostly automatic than anything else now, which only made it seem so much less important. It would be cruel to stop them now, but they felt weak compared to him.

If only he could open one. That already happened. An act of dissection revealed much about what he hadn't known about the uniforms. Inside one he had found an escape. He took this change and jumped in, making it through the enclosed walls with hope that he would land safely.

At this point where wasn't any return. He couldn't tell whether this place had been part of the floor and only a cut through the body of the guardsman had revealed it, but he had uncovered something there, an entire military base. Of course, though his limits had been known to be reached, he looked past everything in sight.

It made him unhappy. They were down there as well, though more calm and they actually approached him.

'I see you have discovered a way in, greetings Malt. We haven't had the proper introduction yet, but I'm the other one.'

'Weren't you supposed to be one of the guards? Am I going to remove the mask and see myself inside of you again?'

'There's nothing of the kind here, it's only us. As flawed as we are and simply as we're seen, it's mostly us.'

They didn't attempt to corner him yet and they simply made sure that they had taken the right distance.

That sight fell short of where he found himself in a blink of an eye. Another view came before it.

He tried looking around for someone else who may be able to do anything about it. Someone else to talk with and discharge the amount of expectation he feels like he should carry on with.

'I wish I had a chance to explain to you that no one wants to be there.'

The place was lonely and quiet.

'Then why isn't anyone leaving?'

'Because of that thing.'

One lousy twisted android came with his head intertwined between two long legs. He had lost his arms but appeared to carry one metal basket filled with enough spare pieces to build up an entire metal-tin-tan. There could be a fortune made out of some many people who'd get tans on the North Bloc, who were in waiting for something to happen.

'Look, I wish. I wish that had been the reason but I couldn't help it. No one can get up to do anything, we never could.'

It was Barnabee. He had been sad, depressed. He had seen him from somewhere, or some other place.

‘I can’t help you. You know I’m caught in about the same kind of conundrum, right?’

‘Too depressed to do anything? I know, everyone’s found some way to cope with the junk we keep getting.’

‘How come no one told me about it?’

‘Follow me, Malt, I’ll tell you in a moment.’

They went through around the blocs. Now that he had the chance to look around, he saw the buildings for what they were, grand, tall, wide, widely colored and filled with some kind of enthusiasm-driving angles which made him happy. He felt content being there again.

Some people came near the windows and looked at him. It couldn’t be explained at all, but he spared not a second more to look at them. That made him sad as well, especially those who were outside, sitting on benches, or trying to plant trees in the designated areas with the help of the uniforms.

‘I never knew them to be so nice. What got into them?’

‘They’ve always been nice, what are you talking about?’

‘Barnabee, I saw them, I tracked them down a few times and they would always knock on doors, and harass everyone. And the many times they’d chase.’

‘Malt, that never happened, they weren’t the ones doing it.’

No amount of knowledge could be spared. It wasn’t even fair. He hadn’t chosen to lie about it. There were a few things which didn’t fit right. They were trying their best not to look anywhere else.

But everyone was looking so accusatorily at me. I haven’t done anything. Malt thought, I haven’t done anything.

They were constantly slamming at the door, trying their best to get it. No one wanted to understand that I haven’t done anything, but someone called them. But they could never get through past the door, which meant he would be safe.

‘Stop already, go home! You won’t be able to get it by no means. I’m trying to survive, I’m only trying to mind my own business.’

He was sitting on the floor, in a mess of a room, with no electricity going on for at least half of the house. He had never brought on guests inside. Without much in mind, there hadn’t been any pleasure derived from it, only the interest he had in looking around. He developed it at times, every since he moved in with his new line of work.

No one came there, no one came back home. And it was quite interesting being there. Half of the things were missing and, frankly, the place had been devoid of life.

But if he looked at the floor, he'd see it. The corpse was there, where it had been supposed to be. Nothing was certain any longer, but he had lain in his desire to proceed with that need. To, to go back down and look at them, to talk to them. They were important to him, he needed to see them again, so he could establish contact again.

'Please, let me go down there again, I don't want to be here, take me away from the noise. I can't listen to the noise, it keeps going on for some reason.'

Above him, he heard his neighbors arguing.

He had made a mistake into looking away. He couldn't help himself then, but the way out wasn't there any longer. Another missed chance in his life. But it wasn't going to get any better now. Some annoyance could be remotely thought to have been right, it was a mistake, it had been a way to get away from all the noise and all the battering of the door and the sound of the engine and.

A few steps down there and he had reached the floor where he looked at them. He had always imagined them different, since he had never been caught by the uniforms, they always had this strange look upon them. Either they would hide something else underneath their masks, or they would wear no mask at all.

He stumbled on a bunch of stranger, or they wore paint and war apparel. Their black box had been a piece of a tank which aimed at the door and got ready to take a shot. It wasn't right.

It wasn't right, that wasn't right either. Every single time he looked on it, everything was out of order.

'I wish things had been easier with you, but they're not.'

And there she was the one he had thought himself to have fallen in love with. That was Claire. Out of all the bodies, all the mess, all the years he had spent alone, it had to have been her. It looked like she was waiting outside the apartment.

This had been the right choice, it had to be. He knew well enough that if he would let her go, they would never see each other again. He turned around to his world, no longer aroused by the thought. Had his vision been any better he would've seen them come in.

It's ten o'clock in the afternoon. Going down by the hall reveals much about the building now. Obscure pieces of the walls missing in the daze of so many wrong things which had occurred prior to him coming back there. Noise was damned. Brooding inside a door which had opened revealed him, this stranger, and the strange looking fellow, who wore his trench coat and a small fisherman's cat on his shoulder.

His yellow teeth distracted from her fish-fur and her green eyes. He was long haired and wanted a piece of mind.

‘Say, say, why are they dragging you away?’

Rather than being pushed away, he joined us. Neither uniform appeared to care much about him being there at all. Presently, it could only be told that there was a desire to push others out of the way, it couldn’t be though off. His presence was bending their bodies into looking crushed. Some bones twisted and their heads wrapped around his distant form without touching it.

‘What are you doing to them?’

‘You answer first.’

‘I think I’m being detained for someone I’ve done. Don’t ask me what, I may have hurt someone.’

A slip. But he got it and understood.

‘My body possesses some strength you see? My every move appears to displace and move and deform everything in their places. Yet it does not damage, it’s mere a means of protection for myself.’

‘How come I never saw you here?’

‘Oh but you have, it’s only that you don’t remember me that often. No since I have acquired so many toys from my fellow androids. They helped become immortal by being placed into one of the many disjointed worlds which lay between us.

That way, a piece of me gets traded with another while everything else gets traded as well with one of their worlds. Think of it like small cuts which don’t align but get overlapped and moved so they could vaguely synchronize and give the impression that they’re made of one part.’

It had been a strange fellow this one. He didn’t explain why his was fading but he had no chance off to divert himself from it.

‘Look, I can grant you a gift if you want, on the house. Since you don’t actually go ahead and try doing anything on your own, we shall make it so you’ll find some way to occupy the time.

This is the gift you shall be given, the gift of dreaming.’

‘During the day? Wouldn’t that be dangerous?’

‘Oh but that would be a nightmare for both of us, if you were the decline. Malt, can’t you that everyone started dying?’

The uniforms lay on the ground, bleeding. He couldn't figure out what was going on, especially since he hadn't been given any explanation on what the cause of it was.

'Everyone will die eventually if you stop thinking about them. You may not have been aware of it, but they are kept living through some way or another.

If you stop, there won't be any way of going back there. We both know your memory is fading, that's right. But if you don't make an effort to fill the gaps by any means possible, if you don't rearrange what you know, this won't end up well.

They will both die and be forgotten. None of your experiences might matter at all, can't you see? You're still in the past, you're still underneath the bunker, in the bloc, everywhere. Now, go on back there, and don't blame everyone for what you're doing.'

Without question, he took it from him.

'Careful now not to dream of the damned. If you get mad and let your mind get in the way.'

'I know what I'm doing. I got so far, haven't I? With everything I've seen, and all those bursts of anger, I know I'll make it right somehow.

Now I can control them, I can fight through it and not give in. Don't make me do it, I won't do it. They'll all live how I wish and they'll be happy about it.'

It had to be different now. They couldn't be caught and forced into work nor trapped. He had vaguely learned that lesson on his own skin. If there was one thing one could notice and allow, it was the fact that this wasn't a dream any longer.

He had given them the world, in its every damn aspect, this great one, Malt, savior he was known as the one who'd save and make sure everyone was taken care of.

'Why do I have to be old now?'

No one was there to hear them. For some reason, he had grown over-protective on his brood. His teeth acted like spittle, moist and soft, constantly dripping and falling off his chin. His body was hunched and weak, from the year of work which had been needed to lay the foundation of this world. It couldn't be questioned why he was there.

Nowhere near him they had each been forced in their tiny homes, no longer allowed being in the proximity of strangers. It had been less distraction and more so.

What happened?

He approached the road and entered a house. Something inheritably wrong happened to them. Was this another one of this miss alteration?

‘Can you hear me? Is there something wrong with you?’

Through the clothes wore the skin and the body which turned them into shaking cocoons. The eye sockets and mouths could be seen as a way of falling rubber, as the mouths opened and noise came out. But only enough to hear.

‘Free me, please, free me from this.’

A mass of black smoke came out of his lungs. Of course it had to be a smoke, he still saw it through his holes. And that thing in his wife’s liver, open, and was a type of acidic alcohol.

Too many closed spaces inhabited the bunker. Not enough freedom in terms of who was allowed to see who.

One small thing could be changed, as he saw it fit. Yes, this would fix about everything with no chance of redemption or looking out of place.

For that reason, the humans became the cattle. This was the right natural order which should’ve been imposed on them from the stars. The movers had been crippled since they and instead had become prisons with fewer objects and rooms inside of them. Now they had bars and the exposure had been completely nullified.

Instead, the imprisonment made their meat much tender and helped the growth in their captivity. Every few hours, these drifts as they cherished themselves as, the many-headed walkers had grown their human-like heads which had been a result of a trade agreement between them and the androids which had enabled them to acquire some technological knowledge, which had been traded between them.

It was by this tiny arrangement that they got ahead.

‘Do we have to keep them like that? I can’t help it but feel bad for them, they seem to be hurt by their condition especially since they’re intelligent being.’

These new bodies the androids had didn’t suit them that well, especially since they needed some metallic face-implants for every big bloated red head and their many in-grown claws, stings and filthy teeth they bore. Of course the acid had been much obliged to be had, as a mean of self-preservation and a way for them to defend themselves from others who didn’t like them.

But at best they had become a habitation of depraved locals. No one cared much about one another except the occasional interaction.

‘No, it’s settled that they cannot be permitted out. When time comes, we’ll eat the fattest ones and continue the breeding with the others. This had worked for far too long now. We cannot stop the process since it works so well.’

‘But, wouldn’t it be fair for us to continue in any other way? If we could drag them out and integrate them with us.’

‘Don’t forget who is in charge, android. We are far outnumbering you and let us not forget that your metal is what makes you thick. Without it, your life is finite, dead, ended, destroyed. Nothing to keep that of which you have taken from us.’

This was the talk of a paranoid grunt that was making sure everything was in check. Without self-consciousness, there was more than one way to get through life. It wasn’t fair, it couldn’t be right, but what would one keep in mind? Was it that they took one additional step and prepared for the destruction?

If it hadn’t come from above, it came from inside.

At the deepest level, though now they were far more widely open and exposed, they had amassed the greatest bomb that ever laid there. It had been one thing Malt had forgotten to omit. The fact that they were bent of taking their host’s nature.

And these creatures had been cold and unrelentless.

‘By this, brother androids, we shall get right of their lives, entirely. As soon as they are dead, as soon as we will have far surpassed their living gift, we shall fill it with the likes of pure machines.’

‘What of the humans? Will they not suffer the same fate as them? Is it truly any better?’

By memory alone, their lives had been far too stricken by the lack of any selective breeding or of knowledge. Now they had acquired the primitive traits their ancestors fought to hard to endanger and prevent, which caused this extinction.

‘I will eat you, living monkeys, you filthy ravaged things! I’ll make you all suffer.’ A particularly insolent vagrant said, who bore only four big heads and a body which looked like that of a root. He had been brought there and left there with the sole purpose of making sure they felt unwelcome.

Not only had it not been right, but it was damaging. The human beings could only make grunts and noises while sitting and shaking in the opposite corner while this vile creature blew tiny strokes of acid in their way. Though it couldn’t shoot that far, it had still been dangerous to see.

‘I knew what I had to do then. See, my body, despite being made of metal shared its physical characteristics with them. Someone messed with my program but I knew, I have realized that I may have been part of them, a long time ago at least.’

‘And how did you proceed with him? With this violator?’

‘With him being stuck in there, he could do little to turn around. We only have this acid spewer coming from one shaft. Despite seeing me and pleading for its life, I drew closer and closer by the second until we have reached an understanding.’

By that, I came and used both of my arms and palms to crush and smash its head both sides, until it was dead.

‘He bled with each stroke of the hardening which occurred. It desperately tried to coagulate its wound and stop the bleeding but I kept it wide open, taking each chance I could to strike at it and create more wider holes for it to bleed from.’

‘That sounds mightily appealing. Do go on.’

‘As it died, I opened its back and saw the presence of smaller heads which had been separated amongst its spine, being given life. Now, I have never seen the process in which they gave themselves life, but this was interesting.

The small line which connected them together appeared to pump the needed liquids which facilitated their growth. As soon as I applied some pressure to each stroke and each line, I saw their heads collide.’

Not a single second passed until I saw it last no longer than it was in need of. Pain grew stronger. ‘I made sure he would suffer through this need of his, don’t worry, we shall pay enough attention to carry on their legacy, even if it may not be the right thing to do. We share this bond with them, we were made to govern over ourselves.

Their sacrifice and their burden needs not be forgotten.’

But it came then, out of nowhere, this tall and destructive molester, which body its tall body, flat on each side, drawing up and down various metal needle-like expulsions which were quickly turned inwardly and pushed out. Two feet stood there, giant, combed at the connecting reactions which held its balance. An intense amount of head had been produced from its insides, pushing forth some kind of inherited appeal to the amount of rage it felt.

Two obtrusions, like holes popped out in its front. This creature, for it wasn’t fully machine looked like a box of evil, legged and pissed and is spouted its fuel by drops which had been forced out and spat constantly out of its mouth.

It moved with an unfathomable speed and crushed their bomb immediately, giving it no change to go off at all. Not likely, as it had been, there was this was their interest. Unlikely told, they would be held from any construction.

‘Run, it’s not safe!’

It didn't stop there. With a crushing kick and a spur, it came, madly, spewing as much dust and heat as possible. This molester had crushed and rubbed the android to a pile of unnerving remorseless unsanctioned desecration. Not unlike anything, there had been this need to push forward this excess of desire which didn't stay for long.

Without a doubt, there was a venture of much needed interest into the flight. They all ran from the sight but it had been too fast. No one was allowed to escape once this transgression has been found and thought off. It wasn't likely to be considered fair or right, but they had been crushed. IT went through the blocs and started rummaging through the apartments and through dormitories as soon as it had the chance.

Molester of objects, loser of appeal, destroyer, whatever it had been called, managed to destroy every android in sight. With that, he proceeded to do as much damage as it could, pulling the electrical cords, breaking the illumination devices, charring through the buildings until they fell. No one would head down there and as the echo of destruction had arrived through the upper levels, the many inbred protectors started making their way down there.

'We must look and find out what's wrong.'

'There's noise, danger, danger, don't head down there unprotected.'

'But we're not unprotected and we shall deal with whatever kind of threat there might be there. I shall make sure there's no way to look into it. My heart yearns for the sight of battle now.'

'That shall bring our destruction if we head down there, I know if it. I sense the feeling, not of ours, but one of theirs, the machines had brought something on themselves which may not possibly bring ruin to us as well.'

It was obvious, that, by the way it had stomped the acid-filled bodies, that the substance had no effect on it. This had been a matter of some interest, nothing more. Only the engulfing thought remained and nothing more. The fantasy of destruction that they may get down upon it and fight through the mass.

No longer caught by it, there were the means of living. Without a doubt, the ones out there were scarce and spread, many lay dead by the time they had arrived down there, at the last level.

'They have arrived before us I see, look at it, this is what's left of our people and of our legacy. There's nothing left, nothing to be called off. Without a mark or hope that we may change, it isn't safe to say what's happening any longer.

We need to evacuate and flood this place.'

But the sight was too unnerving and distracting for them to look away from as it destroyed and malformed the place into an institution of rubble. So many lost dreams occurred to him then, which may never be called off. If there was a chance for them to go back at it, that had been gone.

‘Make sure you coat your tiny stings with the acid, we shall prevail.’

Each of them spit and walked, but this was a fight which couldn’t be won. The molester outmaneuvered them as he spat concentrations of heat which melted through their bodies. Cries arose but couldn’t be called as hope wasn’t meant to last. It was a distant kind of interest which only lasted for short amount of time.

They had been forgotten and turned to a mush of bodies there. Now the molester started carrying a giant whip which bore their heads and those of the androids, the bodies and every representative head-shape he could find. It was an insult to the fact that it listened and understood what their offsprings grew like. And it had been aware that they would know.

As it operated in the next level, he appeared to be stalking his targets. Of course he wouldn’t proceed into complete desecration immediately, but he would at least try pushing himself out of the way. He went and snicked and crushed the filthy scoundrel. It approached the cage and looked behind it. what could he do about it?

What could Malt do about this conundrum? He appeared to have set himself for departure. They weren’t working well, as human being any longer. They had lost that thing which gave them the freedom to move and reciprocate any kind of affection. And it worse, as their bodies lead to an empty storage organ underneath the floor, buried in the ground, which facilitated their insides to grow and mixed inside of it. Not even the children had been spared from this insult.

Ivan, he would’ve loved Claire. Perhaps he would’ve seen her as a second mother, if he only cared enough about exploiting him.

He walked step after step and he looked forth to implanting the rest of the metal bars through both of his ankles. It was obvious that he was hurt enough not to care about how much pain had been inflicted upon him.

‘No, Ivan, try it again, I’ll make you start it again. We’ll work on it slowly. Now, move as I want you to.’

It hadn’t been what he had expected. There were pieces missing of his eyes and face, the reason being the fact that he didn’t want to remember the punches he had given him for each time he fell. Without punishment he would end up in the dark room again.

A red light came bleeping and nastily going on as he was dragged through the locker, changing to a green and nastily looking bird-blue. One mockingbird could be heard singing by the outside world. He wished he had the chance to get through it one more time and make it past the clock. A defiling sight waited for him.

Two wooden wheels interacted and kept ripping and reattaching two men together. Each of them was missing the lower parts of their bodies. From inside came the ification which waited for the right moment when they stopped

spinning. They circled their living legged intestines together into the empty key-shaped dynamic stone slab which protruded towards them.

It was clear that they were trying to match the need for something which was clear. No one would admire it, other than the two of them, Malt and Ivan.

Now he would be punished by it, the thing he had tried to avoid too much.

‘I’m sorry, little brother, but I have to let them enter your face. See, there’s an opening which goes through your skin, muscle and bone. They will enter your brain now and make you right so you may be able to walk straight.’

He was unsure himself why that had been, it couldn’t have been a physical deformation, he hadn’t one, and he hadn’t inherited anything from there. Out of the two of them, he was right, working, frail. Why can’t he be content with what I do to him?

I took this opportunity to push him around, so I could get him a few steps closer to it while they were doing their thing. Though this one was weak and frail, he’d do nothing out of fear that he might possibly disappoint his brother. And that would be a mistake. Hold him still now.

It was painful for Ivan. While those long intestines started, started going through, or over his head, Malt started rubbing soap over. His mother often passed this responsibility onto him.

‘If she asks you why your eye is bruised, you tell her that you fell while trying to get over a crack in the ground, all right, Ivan? You will tell her that, Ivan?’

‘Malt.’

‘I’ll take that as a yes, then we’ll do something together, later if we have the time. But make sure she doesn’t find out. Work is already getting out of hand and I’m not willing to get into another argument with her.

do this thing, and don’t tell her. I know you’re hard of hearing, but we don’t want you to get a scolding, do we now?’

‘No, Malt.’

‘Perhaps you’ll understand one day when I’ll, when I’ll be over with you. Then, I’ll, I’ll see that you are.’

He looked lifeless in his memory, or was he always like that? There wasn’t any charm in that boy left, but he had never thought it was because of him, no, it was, growing up there, with no friends. That must’ve been, or.

Malt thought for a second. He did recall the bathroom as well, as tiny as it had been, a big bathtub rested in front of the sink and a toilet which had been adjacent, crumbling floor patches and a wooden door came hand in hand. There

was a light on top, and a mirror above the sink. What stood out was a small hole which rested underneath the sink, revealing the pipes hidden in the wall. They were no longer obscured.

‘I wish we had good memories together Ivan, but I’m not able to find them. Don’t get me wrong, I think of the most terrible things but I’m trying seriously hard to find one.

We were happy together, I know we must’ve been. Claire and I were great, we were plain and simple and we were made for one another, until she left or I got her to leave.’

His throat gave in. There, he walked on, back to jumping into the fray and swimming inside them. Those bodies of the trapped souls were down there in their full embrace. Both the parents and their children’s insides had been stored and kept to safety only so no harm may come upon them.

‘Well, I’ll try eating and eating and.’

Before his teeth could even lie upon it, he made a hole and found out that he had opened another rip through the intertwined stomachs. That room could finally be made a great use of. Though this had been confusing, as the room was inverted, he brought the means of a certain growth which may occur into his head.

‘There, I’ve got you what you needed, some guts, kid, this way you’ll be able to get strong like your older brother.’

‘We’re both in this together, aren’t we? Should we not make the best out of it then?’

Malt came and pulled his brother’s head wide open, so even more of the guts would get inside of his head. He was starting to think now, to speak, he could the sudden jerks in both of his feet occur with even less of a ification now.’

I think we’ve made progress.

The base had been constructed with only one hope in mind that being the complete obliteration of the other forces on the ground. Any kind of aerial assault could be vanquished by here sight. Inside of it, going millions of feet below, there was enough mass and backup nuclear warheads installed for long-term protection. Nothing could be spared, no amount of resources, food, water and every other kind of needed conveyer’s tool for personal use.

On top of the base, one of the many panes opened and started raising four metal bonds which had been kept floating by their electrical connections which promoted some kind of peculiar flight. Now that they were in place, the gate opened, the energy pulled in with a magnificent display of colors which shifted from ultramarine to the sight of ivory space, with their growth-inducing stars exploding in sight while filling the majority of the portal with their radiance.

From its insides came the entry. It was only then that they had been summoned.

Eight giant alienatic being which spread widely as their bodies thinned way in the back to a single point which emerged into a tail. It pushed and dragged and had the appearance of being spined, dwindling not at sharp ends but as the holes in those extra spines revealed themselves, tiny blotches of energy shot like streams of water.

Though they all appeared to be double headed, they could only bear one mind and one feature which brought the distinction between their faces. It was the many cuts, which made they look like carved dolls, their other limbs being fingerless, armless, handless and rather docile. They floated and curled like some sharp shoot spear-anchors which held them on the ground.

Much of their bodies were changing in the same way the portal had been until they had properly materialized. But these beings were indestructible, unable to get damaged by any proper means. They were giant in the sense that they rivaled the tallest human constructions. Without a way to compare them to the likes of anyone alive, they were what they seemed to be. Contortions which not only weren't statues but were idols, floating, waiting to be served.

A violet-green color emerged, in the finality of form. Yet they weren't pure either as their bodies appeared to have been altered somehow by technology. The same thing which brought them here appeared to be lodged inside their bodies, being connect with a few inner-beings which had acted like bridges to act like an insurance that they wouldn't absorb too much of the energy.

Inside them, what made the entire mass of their bodies had been the fluid which encapsulated and slow the protons which had been shoved inside of them. Unlike anything else there, these beings inside looked unable to drown. No, they were strong and as immortal, though weak enough to be used for the vile purposed there were.

Yellowish picked bodies floated like some fat conjoined drifts of growths. Their many legs had been restricted growth, even thought they could reconstruct themselves from any living piece which may have escaped.

They were prisoners who weren't allowed the time of the day. And in their suffering emerged an inner echo which shook these giants, as they had paid no attention to others.

'We have arrived here to your time of development. Look at us, we are far surpassing your own desires, we shall make it so we can push and destroy any malformation and damnation you may create.

You've been deemed as being untrustworthy of development because of the destruction your kind had brought upon itself. And now, you shall be forced to stop.'

A representative of humanity came. Something was fishy there. It was one of the human beings who had survived the damnation, it was clear that, Malt had perhaps changed things a lot too efficiently.

Human beings no longer suffered radiation or exposure. Behind them, it seemed like they had also acquired the support of those evil ones who now governed over them. Not even their kind had been seen as being remotely trustworthy. Relentlessly, they waited.

‘We have done a lot to make amends for everything that happened here. Look, we have even proceeded to make a pact with them, only so we may be allowed to continue our research in peace.’

They paid little attention to one another, as a matter bred out of the fear that their interaction may be damning for both sides. If one were to draw the one, utmost important detail about them, it had been the fact that they were spreading the poisonous gas between them way too often. Under their eyes, they were as damaging if not more damaging than humans, as they acted like conduits for the natural and the unnatural.

Without balance, this was a threat which could leak somewhere else, which was unquestionably unsafe and shouldn’t have been allowed to continue at all.

‘The likes of you are as responsible for the humans as well as yourselves. Both of you got hand in hand, so what have you to say in your defense and theirs?’

It was clear that they were seen the same, as in the fact that they were both humanoid, despite their sizes. Only one difference, being the main thing that they were disturbing looking, even for them. IT wasn’t meant for them to look upon these strangers without a way of being.

And as the mind progressed towards damnation, they had been showed the many beings which inherited this planet. They were frail and weird-looking, enchanted by metal yet hadn’t meant to do anything.

‘We also made connections and peace which the many people which inherit this world. Why is it that you have come here? That portal below wasn’t meant to be activated.’

‘Your ways of alternating between total annihilation and quick adaptation, these revivals and these changes shouldn’t have happened at all. There is something wrong going on here, which far surpasses the likes of living.

The laws of the universe don’t apply here and there’s a cause for it.’

They had suspected something akin to the lowest live forms there could be, not in a biological sense but an ethic one, which was rooted in the most annoying of interests.

‘Look, see, wonder at what we created. This new world had been modified only so the greatest of minds could work together upon its development.

Together, we have managed to make peace, bringing prosperity to us all.’

Below the lines of the levels, there was at least that one violator who had been alive. No interest had been shown at all, without a doubt, whether or not, there could be some interest shown there.

As the violator emerged through a few movers, he had shown that he held no sympathy for anyone. Only the rage consumed him to the point where his inability to hold still and prevent himself from attacking and assaulting whatever came into his sight brought some disobedience. It was near his own perception that he would have to destroy as much as he could.

By the time he had been done with one of those units, their insides had been broken through, afterwards, they had been flattened and destroyed. It could be contested no less, that sudden surge of many emotions which shot.

They were not expressed in the same way normal humans had. It shot through the exposure field and opened gaps for air. Though the exposure may have been eliminated almost completely, tiny areas of it still remained widespread, enough that they could be found. Once eliminated they left gaps which were immediately filled and got lit but the ammonium inducing self-propagating explosions which happened there.

It was a strange reaction which propagated itself time after time until the air had been filled with many such explosions. Only some trickles of the marks remained, as the destruction offered no less of a disturbance than it had been felt. Violator or no, he brought some gaps in the air which could never be filled again.

The entire stability of the bunker had been taken into question, as periods of time began emerging, pushing ahead some kind of transmission of airless breaks. Often, as they happened to come, at first it dizzied the trapped humans before they fell but it had the least arrogance that they wouldn't feel pain any longer. Vehemently, he stopped and prepared himself for another leap.

But there wasn't anything in his sight standing. Everything had fallen under him, with little chance of rising back up.

'I need to be done with Ivan now. After him, perhaps I'll turn my mind back onto you.'

Said Malt, though he didn't see what chaos had occurred in his bunker, he felt the violator there. Too much destruction occurred for him not to be aware of it.

Ivan took priority now, as he had refrained himself from looking.

'Damn it young brother, you got away again. I'll make you pay for it next time if I get you.'

He couldn't focus on it for too long but he knew he had taken too many of his memories with him. It was the only good trick he appeared to have acquired and used for himself. This way, he had become practically untraceable, with every means of direction possible. It couldn't be thought off as a means of getting back at him but a natural way of prevention.

The two of them had drifted apart and it wasn't safe any longer to stay. By the time he had arrived there, in one of the chambers he still had access to, Malt had been struck free of moving. The two of them couldn't be there at the same time, it would've been a paradox of many extremes.

This Claire, this version of her had been the one from the bloc. It was Ivan from his childhood as well which couldn't have been together at any other time, by no means on integration or any interest.

'What are you doing here? This is the one place where you don't belong, I don't want you here at all.'

She appeared to ignore him. Both of them were doing the same, being rather caught on by the papers through which they were going over. Words didn't come lightly now, and he was having as much trouble with her.

But if there was something in terms of how she had been acting around him, it was the fact that she was gentle. It was right and that had been the only important thing which mattered. Neither of them would see the daylight if it were up to him. This image where both his younger brother and her, her child, oh, now he understood.

'Is this the way you're trying to get back at me?

By showing me how good of a mother you could've been? My son wouldn't have been born right, unlike Ivan. The two of them were...are nothing alike, are they?

Both of you left me that day. I never tried getting in the way of your happiness, you know that. Let me go of this guilt, I can't handle feeling bad about it. Give me more time and I'll make as many amends as I can, I'll set everything right.'

Still no response, they hadn't cared about it, nor had they bore any kind of stigma to it. If this wasn't clear yet, there had been a way to test it out. Follow her around. Claire.

Entry into the foundry, he remembered that image well. Whether it had been a piece of some printed image or a painting which had been ripped apart, he came to adore that tiny thing. It was so simple and yet it made him feel instinctively at ease, knowing that there was always a way for things to get worse. This made him much calmer in the approach.

'Sweet, sweet metal, great forges now lay in dust. I have picked you up.' But that hadn't interested him as much as the machines which worked at it. They worked in unison as the many men who had given into labor started paying attention to what was going on in the areas surrounding them.

'I could see you even from a mile, Claire. I knew you'd come around sooner or later.'

She was as beautiful as in the day he first laid eyes on her. If this was to be his name, he would be. 'Phineas, that's who I am.'

Malt couldn't believe himself now. He had put a lot of effort into this disguise, even though it had looked silly, but the town was simple. Claire wanted that life but he could never let go of her, not in the way it would've reminded him of his brother, Ivan. Clearly hurt by him, he lost some amount of dignity. Ivan was dead to him then, he walked over his body.

This didn't bother him at all, as he was way too preoccupied with her, a woman he was seeing recently. It was hard to tell but he found her on the way out that day, more like, stumbled upon her, brewing through the nests that felt from the illumination sticks.

For as long as he went now, the first love had gone with his child. They were on their way, and this new Claire took her place. He could never get their names right, which prompted him to look into this other woman's business. Without any effort put into her, she would end up there, another stranger in the bunker.

It was getting old now, but he was at least actively recruiting them, without having to go from woman to woman, or citizen from the place he kept dwelling in.

'This is where I'll draw the line. I won't rest until I got both my brother and my lover together, no matter what it takes.'

Dormant people never came out of hiding that way. Everyone from that Mover looked at him like some undisputed stranger. He never could've paid enough attention to everyone else inside the room.

For him they were disposable, even in memory. That standing tyranny of metal, the mongrel with its electric ticks had to go. Between eight steps, he leaped in closer and strapped himself next to it. Without even thinking or considering it, he grasped and flapped his palm against it, ripped its body apart from the side.

From its insides, that substance spilled on the floor and spread with all those metallic getters. By no amount of curiosity could they be called into action, born, bred, asked for. Ticks died without their fluid that was what he wanted of them. It didn't matter in what other circumstance they had been prior to their meeting. He wanted them to die immediately and he had achieved it without much of an attempt.

'Have I made it clear enough that makes the rules here? It's time someone took over.'

'Malt, wait, this isn't what we signed up for.'

Said a strange from the northern bloc, who had most of his memories intact. He had lived a good life there, in the cold and had never strayed away from it. Even as a child, he had been raised by everyone else. The snow storms, the snowmen he made, all the days of cold mass he had celebrated were with him.

'I remember the cold machines who came and sang to us those carols' I still keep dearly in my heart. They had some strangely multi-colored bulbs and they were chained together, walking in pairs.

This may not mean much to you Malt, seeing how you may have changed, but I still have my memories in that place.

Even the most mundane happenings, like crossing from one building to the other to meet the other younger kids, and feeling the same happiness we shared together as the guards came to bring us toys. I don't know what happened to them, but I know that they were human.

Before whatever happened in the central power building, they were right inside.'

The Northern bloc, he had almost pushed it away. It was reminiscent of his home, perhaps that being the reason for which he pushed it as far as he could. Without it, there would be no Ivan to draw him in the bunker. Without the factory which followed, there'd be no way for him to have survived so far.

'The threat, the threat, beware of the atomic bomb. Work tirelessly, men, for your wives and for your children. For your brothers and sisters, for the soldiers dying in the war and for your country, now we must raise ourselves to the test and bring our future to fruition!'

It had been an immaterial friction then. He would've thought himself better but he wasn't. He wasn't going to pay any attention to what was going on there. This came after his brother's abandonment. But at the same time, this is where the Northern bloc was, where it had belonged, in the cold.

Come to think of it, the living quarters were much shorter and far more wide-spread than what they were in his compiled experimental ship. Malt spend a good deal of years working there, of course he would remember the kid.

'Aleksandr, that's your name, right?'

A feisty one, the little kid, it was night and I was tired. But he still found it hilarious if he threw a snowball at me. For such brave soldier, he was a screamer, who had his head kicked in. Why were they were, in the distance?

It felt like long metal sun spiral spinning in the air, which held a thick in the middle of it, under pressure.

It was a threatening attempt to shoot a bolt of lightning in his direction. The others were piled behind an invisible wall, watching like some spectators how this play between him and the kid carried on. His bloody knuckle left some drops of blood which left their mark on the snow drift.

It went fast and over his head.

'A few inches below and you would've hit something'. '

Malt set with little self-interest in the manner. This wasn't a bolt of light but mere a tiny spark which traveled through the air. Something close to some kick there but he hadn't an idea why they were there.

‘All of you need to leave now. Neither of you can be trusted enough for me to feel safe about you butchering.’

Dark snow, this wasn’t right. He had painted the lower field with the kid. It shouldn’t have gone that way, but they had to piss him off.

‘You can’t be here, I did not allow you to appear in this place. If you don’t get it right in your tiny heads, I’ll have to block you from ever appearing in any of my memories and visions by force.’

He came closer to them, these inverted white-glooming invaders. But they were not alone. Standing near them had been the giants, the ones who had come here to investigate what was going on. After they had stopped down into the bunker, they reeked of their compulsory nature.

It wasn’t supposed to get bloody. He had never lost his temper that way.

‘Listen you insolent creature, you have messed with the natural order and have twisted it into a deformed version of reality which blended with your own personal selfishness.

Release yourself from this throne. Give up your desire to change and release them from your bond. Your actions afflict the very qualm which keeps reality together, henceforth you are the one who must stopped by force.’

They were so many out there, floating from about every direction, directing them as they pushed energy outside their bodies. It was a paralysis which forced him to stay. Now even those citizens pushed forward.

‘That had only been a distraction. I see. You shall never get me for as long as I can be wherever I so desire to be.’

And it was the safest place he could possibly think of, resting against his lover’s beast. Claire was there, lonely and afraid. Amongst them were the other workers with their families, on their way to be relocated to a much safer place.

‘We’re being invaded, that’s why we’re here, If I seem to hold that account.’

‘It should be safe now. As long as they don’t drop anything on top of us, we should be safe.’

It wasn’t fair that she had to carry that life while having to deal with their safety. Alas, the truck stopped. More than a few others came in and appeared to be prying in with their gazes. Regardless of how evenly they had looked upon themselves, it was safe to go. Two more families joined. It felt like a filthy act, but Malt felt like they belonged there with them.

He had never been surrounded by so many calm people. Most of them would shout at him or plainly walked by without giving a second thought on him.

‘Could I please take a moment now to rest? It won’t be too long Claire.’

‘Take all the time you need now, it’s safe now. No more bullets, no more pain, we’ll have to work things out.’

It happened after she left. Perhaps they met by chance, or it had been destiny which placed them together, but it was hard to her now. Mostly, it had hard to hate anyone after so long a time he had spent alienating and pushing everyone away.

The country laid in ruin and it wasn’t coming out any better.

‘Malt, do you think your family is safe?’

‘Why are you asking that now? You’re safe, my child is safe. I don’t want to be separated from you now, I couldn’t forgive myself if that were the case.’

If I thought about their well being, I could return. What If I left her and went to search for them? Ivan couldn’t walk properly, Anna wasn’t in the best of minds to take care either of herself or of him.

‘Claire, I left them behind for you, remember? Can’t you remember? Of course you can’t. You can’t seem to consider anyone else other than you and that kid inside of you.’

‘Malt, that’s not what I meant. They’re my family as well now, this thing inside of me keeps us together.’

People were staring, stop it now. Sensations like these never left you once you experienced them, the people who watched but never said a thing nor acted. What happened in their minds? Why couldn’t they mind their own business?

And this made too much noise now. He could feel them coming closer, especially since they weren’t in the real world any longer, it was the one which had faced destruction. Within their range were the vapors which killed humanity. Perhaps now they would be left behind. It wasn’t clear enough whether they’d be adaptable to every kind of disease he could bring amongst the way, but he would try it. If that meant he would be safe.

‘Tell me Claire, did you ask me this to shame me in front of all those, all these people? Did you consider the possibility that I may hit you if this had been asked in private?’

Now everyone know what I am, a man who abandoned his family during the war. Do you seriously want to know the truth now?’

The tears hadn’t done anything to slow him down. Not a single bit, he went on as if they were irrelevant to him, but this had been lived through before. Disregarding the minor addition, most of the words had been there, and hadn’t been changed at all.

‘Both of them are dead, you know that, we both know this. Neither of them could’ve survived, you’re not dumb Claire. Why would ask this of me, now?’

Both of my hands kept her from trying to either punch or jerk away from my grip.

I couldn’t trust myself any longer and for that reason I have lost faith in all that was dear. My eyes were going to torment me no longer now.

They could not judge me in this place either, this place I have made. A secret set of chambers underneath an abandoned shack in the forest. It’s been a while since I got away from the truck. I couldn’t be questioned by anyone, if I could spend the rest of my life here.

No longer would I have to give explanations to anyone. Nor would I attempt to distance myself from them, friends, that’s what I called them. Dear people who had always been in my mind. You hide from me and I can see inside your hearts.

Your bodies are broken, they had been stolen from your homes and pushed away. Even when I returned back to the plane I have created, I see that you have stolen them.

‘Where are they? They’re not in their homes, they’re not in their houses, and I know you’re hiding them somewhere. Don’t make me look out of them.

I shall grab you and drag you, all of you. Is this what I have to look after? A future spent alone? If that is so, let me be the one who ends his memories.

Let me bring an end to everyone who’s ever come into contact with me. I am the one who’s evil, if I am scum, if that’s who I truly am, then hear me. You can look at me no longer as a friend but as an enemy. All of you, whoever you are, if you have ever done as much as crossed my mind, then know that I shall make you suffer.

It its time, then, you will live no longer in my mind, as you no longer live in the past or at all.’

With that he went bringer of extinction, breeder of violator. He would use them, repurpose them with the only hope being the destruction of everything which had been right. There was no longer an excuse for him to be human. Now he would be an infiltrator, bringer of disease and uninterest.

‘Spread, as far away as you can, like fleas, like insects, like rats, whatever you want. Together we shall bring finality to all the pain and all of which I suffered.’

The war wouldn’t be fought by men against men, no longer would there be lead, or planes which would drop any kind of bomb like that. They would bring the destruction which is fruitfully needed for the final action.

I could feel them coming. Still after me I see. Why am I followed? Why am I seen like such a disturbance? I have come to understand that reality is meant for my joy, as it would be meaningless to be called any other way. Look at yourself, you pitiful and disturbing looking creatures.

You flattered no sight, no eyes may look upon your faces without feeling disgust. They will feel some calm in this hatred, after I'm done with you we shall settle once and for all what it means to corrupt reality.'

He felt some joy in his words, as he was looking for those stoles cocoons made out of his humans. They were his. Yes, that wasn't wrong of him, he knew they were him, they belonged to him. He wanted them so much and it couldn't be that he conceived himself to wonder. What if he had taken one and eaten him.

There, the first man from the bloc. Though Malt never thought about truly interacting with anyone at all, this Barnacle was right. It annoyed him, the utmost that he would run now.

'Stop, you've spoken with me before. Why are you trying to get away now?'

'Stay away from me Malt, I know you've changed. I can still see it in your eyes. There's something wrong with you, they lack that human touch to them. You've lost everything which makes you human. You're filth now, look at yourself.

Your body changed so it could reflect how horrible you appear on the inside.'

'Don't mock me now or I shall make your punishment go slowly. as I did with Ivan, but ten fold.'

Yet he hesitated to leap at his throat. He saw something close to hair texture but it was smoldering like a never-ending falling stream which never went out of its way. Each of the hairs was trying to get away or hide the fact that they hid the extensions of the scalp. They roared and moved and tried dancing in their mad shaking state.

It felt painful to watch, this thing he had become, especially since he had been unaware that his face tried to escape. There was body nearby, in the corner before the way ahead. Malt pulled out his face and felt as if there was only the sight of some disturbing gaze, headless but with the remaining remnants of the vortex which contorted at the back of the mask to form its face.

Quickly, upon the reveal, the mass of that vortex turned into a few nastily living suckers which receeded through the neck and entered the body. Ahead of him, he lay, Barnacle, which had his head still standing.

'I want it for myself. Perhaps if I were to disguise myself, I would be safe. No one would judge me or think of what I am.

They heard me, they must've heard me, but I know I can change. If only I could pretend that I'm not myself. Yes, I could be you Barnacle, and that way I could escape from any kind of guilt I feel. No longer would I be the abusive

brother, son or husband. Without you, I will have to live in my skin, and that's something which cannot be permitted.'

No longer would his attempt to escape be tolerated, for as much as it was obvious, I would arrive.

He was silent before the process had begun. It was obvious that he didn't enjoy being abused in such a manner. But he waited and spoke even now and then. A piece of his neck was already starting to shake as Malt came to desire entry into his throat. His interest made him stop bleeding. Interestingly enough, he wasn't mad about it.

Barnacle took the initiative.

'It's ironic. I've created so many animals and creatures of my own, Malt and I felt nothing about them or about taking their lives. Why do I feel something now?'

'Pain? Do you wish me to stop and take your life before I may proceed with it?'

'No, it's not that. I feel some self-pity, nothing more. I feel bad because only now I've come to realize the bad things I've made inside that room.

Malt, I think I spent a bit too much time in it as well. It's not you, I think everyone's done it for far too long.'

Looking back at it, that was obvious. What I have done would shake this man as well, even if he wasn't recognizable anymore, he could still look at this creature and see the lonely man who distanced himself then.

'I remember doing something bad. No, it had been something atrocious, even by our standards.'

That solitary room wasn't right, I always knew I had been given too much space for a reason. So I did what I knew best, I started taking everything apart and got myself acknowledged in the art of rebuilding from scratch. After proceeding to cut off the bed, I've noticed something which hid itself in there.

I do not know when I had stumbled into my room but I was aware that there was some wrongness to it. Not the scent, not the sight, not the strangeness, it was the fact that they put something for me to see.

'Barnacle.'

It said. But I knew it wasn't it. That form appeared to be there but it wasn't, I couldn't feel it by touch. That weirdo jumped in my eye but it didn't move away with each turn, only when I came to look at the side of the bed from which I took the cut. He had the appearance of a flat two dimensional twist of shadows. Four shades which looked like them twisted in every direction constantly, like some turning wheel while it spoke.

'I want you to do something. You've passed the first test now, know that we're in this together, partner.'

‘Wait a minute, I haven’t agreed to anything, I’ve barely arrived here, please, let me be. I’ll cover you and we’ll never speak to one another again.’

‘I’m afraid that will be impossible, it’s far too late for you to look away and act as if you never stumbled on me. This will be ingrained in your memory and his.’

He was somewhat intelligent and had some knowledge of the future. Had he known that he’d be taken and absorbed as well? It was something on he knew, whatever being this was.

‘This I need you to know. I wish you well, but I can’t waste my chance even if it means disregarding you as a living creature of meat. Follow my request now and see it to my order.’

I had been spoken to by him, constantly while working. There wasn’t anything less of a desire that I would’ve left him there.

‘But I have to see it for myself.’

Said Malt, though he had been aware of the danger that carried with itself, as he was in too many places at once. If one were to find one of his many apparitions, he would know how to go ahead and track the original one.

How much he had been annoyed by this, it was to no countenance and no one else to know other than him.

‘If only I could have a sight of that creature inside your bed and inside your eye. By your description alone, I think I like him.’

‘See to it that it’s that way, stay out of my mind for now and listen Malt. While I’m still alive, I’ll do my best to change you.’

‘Why? No one likes me. How many of you have come to enjoy my presence in the bloc? Or how about the outside world?’

They had all forsaken me, everyone I’ve ever known has left me once they found out who I am.’

‘I haven’t left you yet and I think I won’t be able to any longer.’

Barnacle said with a migraine like shatter of his throat. He had felt as if this cured his sense of morbidia. It wasn’t right but its effects had been inverted to the point where his death-cells started drowning his nervous system as they began shutting everything down slowly.

‘Listen to me, he wasn’t supposed to be there. I was a good man before coming to the bloc, a worker, a husband who could never give his wife children but I knew when to leave, exactly when it had been too late for me to make a change for myself.’

He had me in chains inside my head. Nothing felt right any longer, I had become less of his partner and more of a servant.'

'Talk to the machines, I want something more from them.'

'And if they resist?'

'Well make sure that they won't.'

It was difficult for a while, especially after being in there for so long and never having seen them. Those strange creatures were anything but trustworthy to me. Other denizens may have had some reason to trust them but I knew better than them.

I saw what they were hiding, especially underneath one single sloppy coat of metal-looking wax. Though they may have pretended to be androids and machines, those things were very much alive, organic as well. They knew how to hide it and manipulate people like me who watched. This sight hasn't been given to me by him, I knew it for myself. And If I knew something the others didn't that gave me an advantage over them.

'I have to exploit them, somehow, that was my only chance as a newcomer. You may not know this, but life out there isn't what it appears to be. There are things you simply don't talk about.'

And everyone knows what the alternative is.

It was no easy task this one, especially after observing them for so long. Despite their behavior being present in my mind, I had known it to be a fact that they were aware of us. Of both of us, which made it more interesting than anything I've set my mind on.

They would avoid my room every single time they walked over, not because they had eyes but they felt it, somehow. I have been observed by the tall ones, the brooders, the mothers and the other tick carriers and if there was one thing I could've noticed sooner, it was the fact that they had a way of knowing without looking.

And that may have been the only information I needed to go on. Concluding that the only way they could've known about what happened inside this place being the numbers which kept going down with the cipher, I came up with an idea. If I could manipulate the date coming up in either direction, perhaps I could be offered as many services as I could take from them.

With that alone, I had an advantage, I knew what I could do and how I may be able to work things out. For every decade went up or down, they appeared to show up at my door at different intervals, without any announcement I could ever think one. The big ones came out of nowhere and never spoke, while it was for this time alone that the android showed up out of nowhere.

‘You’re looking for something aren’t you?’

‘I am, I am, but, what are you?’

‘Delivery for you, that’s what I’m supposed to do, you’ve earned yourself something good. Anything you need as long as it’s in my power, say it and I’ll try obtaining it for you.’

‘But I’ve got nothing to give back to you, this wouldn’t be much of a trade in that case, would it?’

‘No, it’s not a trade, it’s service, always service. Trade comes later once you have something to trade with and not with I. My type only delivers, now, what do you want?’

This had to be it, he had to know what lay in my room. As the door opened past the hinges, I knew it was the right amount of space. He’d look in and not think about it for more than a second.

‘Well, what will it be then?’

‘I would like a desensitizer, one which would push forth some intensity. I want a few batteries as well and cables to connect and.’

‘Enough, I’ll see what I can bring you here. Don’t spend a second more thinking about it, we’ll work it out.’

He left afterwards, without spending one more second for another explanation.

Nothing had been right ever since. Not in that dimension, not one a planet which wasn’t oblong or which may have looked round at all. The scarcity in resources and some kind of pragmatic unity faded immediately, before any world could be put in. From outside, it looked like several flat lands pushed and jerked, contorting the planet into some giant blow which, every now and then created spherical smaller half-planets which were still connected with the structure.

Its rotation had been affected the most. Instead of being part of the planetary belt which went around the run, it circled every single one of them. Blasted things, they would destroy everything.

‘It was normal before they came. Before their arrival, this planet had a way of working, but now everything’s ruined.

The chaos spreads through every single dwelling, there’s no longer a single flying structure with blocs on it but several of them are flying around.

And look at it, we’re not even standing on a stable planet any longer. It’s a disgrace now, that it’s slowly becoming a belt surrounding the galaxy.’

‘I’m afraid, good man that it’s much worse than that. The planets had little interest to him and sooner or later he might decide that they’re unworthy of being here.’

A nasty smile went on and off. This was another blind scoundrel, the skewer, the shimmer of humanity. He was standing, barely straight, barely tall, and unable to look in any other direction than what had been previously accepted and now he looked at the coming of the pus.

‘The gas is livable, as the exposure either starts going on and off, now everyone lives in relative peace so why complain about it now? Of all the times I’ve been alive, I can’t help it but realise that I’ve grown accustomed to this living.’

‘It’s only because you don’t work. The factory has been destroyed, remember? We were supposed to be workers.’

‘No anymore, ever since I stumbled upon them, these...these strange walking metallic figures, I’ve come to the realization that it isn’t working for me. This isn’t doing it for me any longer and I almost wished there was a way out.

And look, it came. Finally, I am free to do what I desire most. I can look for whatever.’

‘Enough, listen to yourself, this isn’t your mind’s work, what man would give his life for them?’

He pointed at tall, leg-crossed breakers who shoved their far ends into the ground. On top they were preparing their tanks so their ticks may feel some quiet.

‘I am afraid to look in there. I’ve heard that they’re starting to outgrow those neurotic enchanters they have inside of them. If they are left to grow with no consideration, then we might have a problem on our hands.’

‘Well, we could always take a simple break and take something without consideration.’

Both of them had quickly been trampled afterwards. They had been too busy slacking to observe the giant repertoire of moving ticks which simply ignored them. Underneath them, lay a colored gray carpet of red splotches.

so it would be said.

‘Barnacle, you could’ve stopped a long time ago. What made you keep going?’

‘It was him. As I have said before, he’s responsible for everything I made.’

And in a short time, they had arrived with everything I have ever asked for. Every piece of the clock and string of metal rubs, without delay or alternative, in the right condition that I may begin my experiments.

‘You wouldn’t like to see my room now, Malt. It’s a disaster, let me tell you, it’s not a sight someone like you should lay eyes upon.’

My tools had been connected to at least a quarter of the wall in front of me. It stood by the shingles of the tapestry, culling the electricity from the source on top of the ceiling, as it reeked of fire and smoke. But those were good, I made use of everything there, even if it meant making a small coat of alabaster to absorb it.

But that creature which called itself Irias-lone-form waited there, in patience. He told me of what I would hallucinate of as soon as the converted smoke came out in order to be aborted into the air.

‘A fascinating view from above the air, have I told you what the gift he gave me were? He allowed me to dream while I was waiting for the generator I created him to charge. I was there, I swear I was on top of a flying cruiser, getting through the rims of the sky while cutting through it with the help of my mind.’

What I saw beneath me was the other ship, which was made out of metal, unlike the one I had the pleasure being on. This concoction of steel blinded me because I knew that for a fact, that had been my home. And I was still there, make no mistake about it.

I’ve revealed my discovery to no one out of fear that I may get too much attention drawn to me.

‘But Malt, I knew something was wrong. I knew them to be his servants, this diabolical creature, I think it has it in for you. It is aware of who you are.

It wanted me to know the circumstances I was in, the reason for which I had been sent there. That’s why I had been placed on that ship.’

Above me I saw the floating oblong which curved the sky and allowed us to float. Previously seen by my interaction, the androids were there, making sure we were in the right range and at a good standing with the other flying machine.

‘Even here I suppose, you wouldn’t mind telling me about who the one in charge is.’

No one answered the question. It was a sign of the mistrust to come.

‘You are not one of us. Leave immediately and don’t return. We have no use of those like you, scum.’

‘But I didn’t come here by choice alone.’

He frowned, turned his two-thirds of a human face to a scowl. Behind him, the area where the atmosphere curbed the hints and colors of the clouds twisted together, making it seem like he was looking at a hole which was drawing

them in. Various puffs were lost by the many strips of wooden hinges which extended and prolapsed upon themselves.

The various loath nets still held the ship together. And Barnacle, oh, Barnacle could focus on no one else.

Every move the android made warged a reaction from him. It wasn't supposed to feel right.

'Listen, possessor, you're entering a dangerous zone from which your mind may never return. Do not dare record our behavior and turn against us, or we shall see to it that you'll be thoroughly punished for it.'

'I didn't choose to be here, it simply happened, don't make me a part of it more than I should be.'

'We can work this out if you want it to.'

He didn't like the sound of it. As he came closer, he got into the motion and pushed a hole through his head.

'I was aroused from my slumber. This was my punishment for sharing my bed with Irias. He blasted me with nightmares during the night, even though I knew most of them weren't real, they still affected my mind.'

Tabulations during the flight, constant falling, cruelty against me, but if there was one thing I couldn't suffer, it was the thing he made me do while I had been awake.

'I was creating life.'

Malt looked at him with a stranger determination. He was curious about this, as he stopped half way from extracting his head.

'You've created life, right? The animal you used to wear on top of your head, I believe I remember that quite nicely. What is it about it that I cannot wrap my head around?

Barnacle, you weren't any different from everyone else, so what made you so different from them? I can't understand that one thing.'

'Nothing, I told you, it was all him. He told me exactly what I needed to do and where I needed to be. I only did what I was asked, without question. Anything to avoid those nightmares.'

'Well then, I will have to see it for myself and find out, won't I? As soon as I will have acquired your head, your memories and experiences will be mine. I will hide in them for as long as it will take me to avoid capture or interrogation. '

That had been the warrant which came as soon as he was cut off from the rest of his body. Everything else had been dismissed entirely.

It had been done. He had become Barnacle. And with his appearance stolen, he would lay there in hiding for as much as it took him.

‘What now?’

This wasn’t right. This wasn’t right at all. Everything that happened before, he left it all behind.

‘I sacrificed everything for this? I’ve given up everything I ever liked for this? For an empty room?’

He couldn’t help it, but turn around, staring in whatever direction he could find himself staring at. I wish I could grab a hold of you Barnacle and smash your head. Because of you I’ll never know what’s it like to be human again.

‘Why have I been sent here?’

One quick looker over the door and he saw no one. Despite what the original holder of the head told him, he had not absorbed those skills needed for him to hack through the panel. It was useless, he couldn’t focus on the crossed system behind the door. It was nigh-likely that he wanted to.

He could hear them laughing at him near his reach.

‘I found you, little insignificant creature.’

Before he could take off the stoop, he found himself hanging with an arm which shoved through the chest of another one of the residents inside the dorm.

‘Why have you come here? People never visited when I lived inside the bloc.’

He dropped a basket of fruits and chocolates. One tiny note welcoming him lay floating between his left. Before he was done bleeding, this layman tried getting some assistance. Taking another piece of him was easy.

Barnacle ripped him out and saw the oil coming out of him.

‘This should be covered, as long as no one knows. I’ll rip a few more pieces and turn you into one of the androids.’

That had been his method of killing and deceit. He had learned that if he wanted to hide now, he would actually have to put an effort into every kind of action he took on. Without much else to do, Barnacle took everything and stood back. around the side of one of the walls, adjacent to him, he watched.

‘I see that you are never late with your delivery.’

It was came as a shock to the party of androids who couldn’t help themselves but try wrapping up the one missing from their ranks.

‘He has been destroyed.’

‘But who would do such a terrible act of evil? I have checked every profile of every comer and neither of them displays the aggressive traits of a terrible murderer. How could this happen without us know?’

‘Do not worry, as I will check every single one of them.’

‘Wait, Android AP. Have you taken in consideration that it may not have been one of the human beings? What if it were one of our own?’

‘A rogue android that came to us? I see. Perhaps it is worth considering. This may not be what we were meant to achieve, but we shall do it at we please.’

They were set on the investigation.

‘Wrap him up and hide his body away before he’s being seen. They can’t see us in this state, they cannot know that we are vulnerable.’

And it came, drawing and crackling like a tall fiend. It was something close to a tall man who had been siphoned inside a metal pole, darkening as the light above him went away. As he looked upon it, Barnacle realized that it was his own, one of those things which hid inside the darkest corners of his mind.

They had been caught by their own spread. Every single mad creation had once been clustered at the back of his mind, held together by their own hands as they couldn’t help it. They wretched and danced there like confused crabs.

‘That is it, I’ve had it with all of you. Now that I have been given reign and full control, you are free to spread and do whatever pleases tine kind as long as you won’t bother me any longer.’

And they listened to him and went away, spreading with little in their minds, creations which were malignant, and blindly dimorphic.

This one had come out of nowhere and claimed a piece of his body for his own sake. It wasn’t certain why it would act that way, other than the fact that it desired to create some chaos. But as it appeared, he stole a piece of the head, that had a piece of the eye, the brain and the recognizable metal mask and tools which went inside of him.

‘He’s got a piece of him.’

In the fraction of a few seconds in which it took the Android Hr to compress the words, the fiend was gone in an unfathomable speed.

‘It smells like chaos and I cannot abide this for too long. I’ll that they’ll be dealt with sooner or later.’

But first he went into hiding. Back into the room, where everything resonated. Even now he could feel them trying to get in as far as they get, since they knew who he was it would be much, much easier than said.

‘What shall we call you?’

‘The Krigs, that’s what you shall call us here, for as long as we’re doing business together. Call us by no other name and disturb us less than it is needed.’

It was an acceptable name, which could be spelled right by about everywhere around. By the eight quartet of the field, they had found the seeds.

‘Wait, this needs to be noticed. A new species of ticks is being bred. Do not interfere with their creation, let them be.’

They were about the point where they could grow other legs and spring amongst their patron saints. Even the big carriers showed interest in the mere fact that they would no longer process the danger of them growing.

These cut on the sides ticks were able to constantly expel their sizes in the atoms of energy they shot against their surroundings. But what had been peculiar was the fact that the leaves in which they grew, or the plants, looked as if they were made of skin. Some even displayed caricature images of human faces.

‘Is this what we should expect out of the new generation or is it Malt’s doing?’

A wave of distrust crossed the human population who accompanied them, so it would be settled that it wasn’t right.

‘Are we to expect the same treatment as they had in the eventuality that Malt may not be stopped?’

‘It is in the least of our interest to further our interfering with your lives. What’s been touched already is beyond our interests. You may choose to do with this information as you please.’

They carried on, with the human kind distancing itself as they raised their pace walking.

‘He doesn’t care about us. How long until they decide we’re no longer worth the trouble? How long until we end up like them?’

Plenty of lanes had not only been spread around everywhere but they had been filled with bodies. Human life had been anything but saint for them.

‘It will come, eventually and when it does, we need to make sure that this is the last time we bowed our heads to those who would drag us through the mud and piss on us.’

I for one am sick of being pushed around and hearing the battering against my door. Will they stop?’

‘Who are you? I’ve seen you around.’

‘We’ve all seen each other plenty of times, perhaps that’s the problem. They don’t want us to do anything else but look at each other from the distance.’

How often did it happen for you to talk to another man? How often did it happen for you to ask for something from another man?

Not from one of the androids, not in the form of a letter or by chance of being group together for a riot, but out of nowhere? Have you ever come up to him for example?’

He pointed at another one of the men from their tiny revolting sip. He was dressed decently enough to be approached, at least he looked like it. A nasty shoe on at the side said enough about the man. More than it could be thought or said about the others. He had a nail shoved on the back side, which made his foot ache.

‘Go ahead, try talking to him, and see what happens.’

‘I, I don’t know what you want me to say.’

‘It’s not about what I want you, it’s a question on whether or not you can do it or not.’

He stroke what remained of his beard and went forward. Looking around their tiny circle made it seem like they were beneath the towering carriers. They may not have realized it yet but those ticks were far more dangerous that they appeared.

A wait had been instilled in them which made them far too dangerous and more uncontrollable than before. It was a show of power that they developed dead stops in the air. Every now and then, they would develop some kind of flight, seemingly unaware what their contrast of power had been.

No longer would they be able to walk. They floated in obscure points, no longer sparking, no longer in the form of their organic-bloated bodies but like dark spots which stood remained in the air. This had been an unexplainable event, but its occurrence began happening at a rate which may not possibly be ignored any longer. More often than not, they appeared to dismay.

‘Hello, I am Fedor KIROZENEV.’

A startled look came not only from him, but from the people surrounding him as well. While they were busy trying to follow in the footsteps of their betters, it came to him that he didn’t understand his intention.

‘I was asked to talk to you. Don’t be afraid, I’m not going to hurt you. I see that you have a pocket full of tiny branches that you may have picked up from the ground.’

What's it to them?'

'They are my daughter's bones. They took her away, ate her and sent me her remains after the trade was done.'

'I don't believe I've ever seen a child around the bloc. Where did you keep her?'

'My daughter lived inside a tiny refined spot underneath my bed. She wasn't allowed out at noon, and she would play with the white cockroaches I brought her by the tune.'

'I see now.'

This was unexpected but he returned to the man who didn't look too pleased by what he heard either.

'I supposed there's a reason why no one speaks. After being confined for such a long time, it would be unsurprising to find out that everyone went mad.

Don't bother, I am Troth. Pleased to meet you Fedor. You needn't worry about me yet, I don't believe I have gone mad yet, until I'm proven wrong of course.

But go ahead, I think you're making some progress. Take a few steps and talk to them, go on, go ahead, talk to them. Meet them, I want to hear some more.'

Fedor turned and done as he had done best, he looked in the eye of one of his compatriots and turned to the next one.

'Ah, you're a woman of the books, I see. You're carrying a fine nest of bookshelves dust. What made you get them in the first place?'

'I have to go. They're not letting me speak much, it's because of what I carry with me.'

'What would that be?'

Her hands were gritty, her face was like that of a rotten fox, her hair alike to that. It was those calluses which made her stand out of the pack. That and the fact that she looked beaten, out of place, disturbed by something she had seen.

In a constant draw her eyes kept popping in and out. They withdrew from their surroundings and back at what she was now closely guarding against her chest.

'Why are you getting so defensive, I'm not a thief, I'm not going to take those from you?'

'Don't come near. Please, I'll drop them here and then, no one's going to have them.'

The prodding had to stop, again, he was watched but not acted upon. Nor were the androids in any particular mood of stepping in.

‘I’ll try not to get in your way then, and don’t do anything rash in the meantime.’

She almost drew to a scowl as the strange man went into his loop. It was another insignificant approach towards them, from which he got nothing.

‘Perhaps we weren’t meant to talk to one another, at least not in this mental state. Look around you, there’s something plain wrong with us. Your company included. I don’t think we deserve to live.’

‘Shut it before I shove up yours, we were meant to survive and carry on with us the strongest thing which makes us human. It is our individuality.’

‘No, it’s not. It’s selfishness, that’s what it is. Everyone’s looking out for themselves and no one’s willing to share what they obtained from the androids.’

‘We have traded between us, if I recall correctly.’

‘And when was that?’

There was no distinct recollection when an object, of any kind had traded human hands. He hadn’t been aware of it either. But there was some selfishness to it.

‘It’s your turn to prove it. Prove that you can either trade or give something you own to one of them. I’ve done what you asked of me and I’ve spoken to them, so what’s stopping you from returning the favor?’

Around us, there’s this thing which you may not get, but there’s absolute wreck which our world has become. Unless we can trust one another, we’ll die.’

‘I should’ve ignored you to begin with. I knew you weren’t worth my time.’

‘Try it, for me, trust me as I have trusted you then.’

‘Will you talk to people afterwards? If I do this, will you keep talking to others for me?’

‘No, I won’t do it for you.’

Fedor tarried the ends of his ears before going on a step behind.

‘I’ll do it for myself.’

It would be difficult to point out when there was a need to stop. But he pulled out a strange blue hilt which lacked a blade but ended up looking like a cornerstone of a grave. It looked strangely foreign despite the looks, more so that it had a single pair of human fingers coming out of a well rounded, sculpted mouth.

At each end of this hilt, the corners had been rounded until they had taken the appearance of some pickaxe, which sharpened itself at as many ends. This unique trinket he had gotten a hand onto was far too precious to him to let go. And most of them had only one chance to get a hold on something on theirs.

It had been damaging to them to even think of giving up what they owned. Each man and woman there held on their relics as if they had been their only ward against this world and its evil. They would only prevail as long as they had their trinkets as their trinkets would defy this insanity for whatever sake they carved for themselves!

‘Listen to me. You need to give it up and change. I changed for you, now it’s your turn to change for me. Don’t be stuck into the bloc. Look around you, we’re free now. Unless you didn’t mean what you said about asking too many questions, I don’t know what to make out of this.

Everyone’s staring at us. We banded together to get Malt and we’re still on our way there. give it up, give this thing to me, or to him or to her, to anyone. Give it away.’

‘But I can’t, you know I can’t because it’s mine and I cannot and I will not give it away. I have earned it.’

‘It was given to you.’

‘This was given to me as well.’

Interjected a young lady, who had a spring of peach in her hair, the appearance of a long horned dress and a small box of dancers in her hand.

‘I don’t think I need it anymore either.’

A simple gesture went a long way. It didn’t matter that much to her, as she simply let go of it. The box fell and bounced a few paces away. This was a release from everything she had been forced to learn.

No one dared pick it up because they knew it to be hers. As soon as it went out of reach, one of the androids knelt and picked it up, without a second thought or desire to question why that was. A reasonless awe came unto them.

‘We won’t make it, will we?’

Barnacle had made a mess. A few of the androids were spread across the stratagem of wood, stranded in pieces. Most of them had their metal pieces shoved deep inside, out of the very fact that they had given in the chase.

‘I have spotted him.’

A reconnaissance Android came into the motion. He hadn't bothered to pick up on anything even remotely close to the hints left in by that spoiled dark. The figure appeared out of nowhere, almost like a tall of wreckage, crushing his right arm while taking it with him.

'He is here, in the delta radius of the fourth floor, fifth' building, near the point where the carpet changed color into my insides.'

Apparently the blow hadn't taken his arms alone, as he was left down there, spread and muddled. What else could he see if not a piece of him which was begging a return?

Being part human part machine had the downsides of that. His individual pieces stood in shock themselves after being given the chance to be alive again. Though they were bleeding inert, they sprang to some conscious thought.

It was rare to see such a piece as being alive, more so because they hadn't been made aware of this occurrence.

'You need to leave before it destroys me as well. Draw him away, sacrifice yourself for us this moment at all!'

He couldn't think but went away, trembling as he pushed himself against each surface he could bash himself against. It was late by now, he had been missing way too many infants from inside his empty port hole. The rate at which they had fallen from his insides had been preparatory intriguing.

'Why did they appear now?'

The android looked behind to see those ink-splotted, six legged, stringed infants were starting to open. An attachment had been laid between them and the original organ he had dropped from his insides. It tried eating from one of its heads but it was slow. This conscious attempt to get rid of one of his wasn't going to end well. It was clear by the almost facial-looking methods it employed in its attempt to replicate the mouth motion that it filled itself with some form of disgust.

Unintended but not regretted, for this act alone represented something quite dangerous, especially since it would be seen as the act of self-preservation it had been. IT didn't know.

At the opposite end, he stood there, slightly dangling the pole which entered his body. He had at least another one which had been curved though it may have been going through his head and into the chest. In a particular appearance, that one would hurt if he were to strike him with it.

Would he announce the backstabbing piece? He was fonder of the arm he had lost than this one. And the infants were starting to grow their infamous junctions. From their backs, out of the inky packs of skin and fluids, they pushed one set of smaller legs. They were trying to give birth themselves, to carriers. He could feel threatened, stunned. Not out of fear, androids felt no fear, but the connected shots which had been directed through him by the conduit.

Even in that primal development stage, it was obvious that they were trying to produce those ticks, in a most inopportune moment. As a stranger, he conceded the wait and went away, doing what he was supposed to do. His task was done and he could only return now to collect what was his.

‘Why must I be bothered by this pest now? It is like me to be haunted time after time by the same illness which will simply not die away?’

‘Are you in need of help?’

‘Finally you have arrived. For a moment now, I started doubting your very existence. Are you hiding in the same spot now?’

One cut revealed nothing. He had done it with his mere fingernails. By looking at their growth, he could only think about what was going on now. They had been crooked, if he had not been mistakes, grown but crooked out of the previous escalation.

‘Where are you hiding now?’

‘Unnecessary mess, you may stop now. You won’t find me regardless how hard you’ll try.’

‘Are you one of the intruders?’

‘Unlikely, unless you want me to be one of them.’

‘So, you’re one of mine.’

He stood found legged, as flat as a table. His feet were obviously his, but didn’t bear the semblance. The flatness was pointless as well as he had doubted this to be him.

The real one appeared then, exactly four shadows who met in the middle, revealing a set of mazes, spirals, crosses, circles, squares and other weird symbols dug inside of it, meat-red embed in it. The shadows passed through him and through the walls now, making it seem unimportant that he was there at all.

‘Will anyone see your body going through the walls? You’re way too long to be subtle.’

‘Open the door and see for yourself.’

He did. Nothing could be seen despite him being constantly circling around. The entry of the other one had been missed as soon as he had returned his gaze.

There was no body but a tiny shrouded moving gasp of smoke which bore a pale head, melancholically looking from the side to end, with a dark haired complexion and missing pupils. His company was blind. Perhaps deaf as well, or not even a man, and the entity he was looking at was simply the smoke.

‘I see this is merely the conception. There will be no devices for me to play with, right?’

‘I don’t think you understand how much in trouble you are. In this very moment, half of the population inside the block had been wiped out.’

Out from the walls came more shades bearing heads. But they weren’t the ones of the dead ones, they were different. Likely, they would belong to someone from the outside world who found themselves there.

‘Let’s walk there. I’m sure you’ll be able to follow. Since I cannot return, then we’ll move forward.’

He hadn’t expected them to be able to simply walk through the walls as if it wasn’t anything for them, but he complied with the notion.

‘Not a single word until I deem it safe enough for us to talk.’

This one had to be good. What possible explanation now? He had lost control over everything. While walking around the place, he stumbled on a mirror which had been planted perfectly in a way in which he’d be allowed to look at himself. In the spot he was to get near.

‘Funny thing, isn’t it? I can’t seem to change myself either.’

‘You never could, Malt.’

Sights were lenient. He had never seen so many faces in his vicinity, at least not since working at the factory. Were these the workers? They seemed bluntly enough, hard of head, strong but shady. Did it even matter?

‘I’ll be caught then, with so much chaos being brought so close to me, I can hear them already, from the distance. They’d only have to turn and look underneath the pile.’

‘Give up then, and let them help you. I could help you once you’re in.’

‘Where does this in account for?’

‘The punishment called in by their species is seclusion inside their brains, whence you may be trapped and live in contempt with what you’ve done for quite a few lifetimes.’

‘Can you actually help me? No one offered me a hand. I was supposed to see someone.’

Malt approached it with a child-like curiosity, like that of a lover in search for something which fell out of place.

‘I know that woman named Claire, she’s out there, waiting for you.’

‘Wasn’t she supposed to come after me? Wasn’t I the one being followed?’

‘That had been in your mind but disregard it for now, that’s irrelevant. We need you do be prepared to face some consequences if you fail to listen to me.’

‘Who are you exactly?’

‘I am Tk. Now do we have a deal? Will you allow me to lend some obscure hand into aiding you?’

‘What’s this deal supposed to cost me?’

‘Nothing, only my presence, I require nothing less. I cannot survive without being in someone’s presence. I believe I have found the perfect one to be around.’

‘Then...’

‘Wait, will you accept the shades then? They’re a part of the deal, if you want to proceed, you will be required to take them as well.’

‘I’ll take them, I’ll take them all, if that means I’ll be reunited with her.’

Various periods of waiting had been skipped almost entirely, until he had been completely overwhelmed by the amount of shades which entered him. No other insignificant approach lasted. ‘It is done now, with this second touch, I can finally be certain that you shall not betray me when the time comes.’

‘Where did you go?’

Out of the one second in which he looked away, it disappeared from sight. Malt knew they would meet again, it had been only a matter of time now. Either his capture or his escape would undermine his plans, but trying to avoid them wasn’t going to work.

‘I shall not give in this disease yet. They will accept me as their master or I shall use my power to destroy them.

Yes, I will, it is in my power, I believe.’

His voice had taken to the likes of an echo which spread across the veils of his bloc. Farther than that it had been unknown.

‘Your sudden apparition may have startled me then, but I know now that it was an irrational fear which shouldn’t have haunted me for any reason whatsoever. I will master you no matter what it takes and you shall fall beneath the soles of my feet and wish for some mercy to be given.’

As childish as he’d seem, he was prepared. With each few meters now, he was approaching the point of no return. But the others weren’t welcome here and he could see them well enough to realize that they shouldn’t be there.

‘If you can hear, petty creatures which infested the back of my mind, know that I am in need of help. Go now, spread and destroy as much as much as you can. Do not given in and take no satisfaction until you will have brought complete ruin over what I’ve wrought. My mind will be yours in return.’

With the testimony at hand, he went ahead, bowed to them and completely released them from his reign.

The violators spread, the spreading terror, the steppers and infectors began appearing. In the distance, one of the carriers burst out of the many growing ticks which blew its body as they crushed and destroyed themselves. Even those ultra-galactic intruders had stepped from their high placed after taking upon themselves to use their deceptive manipulation of elements to strike it down.

From the palm of their hands came a rod of energy which shot through the mess which had become one of their losses immediately after a strike of livid iron turned to mercury. It had died in an instant, leaving only the rod still there.

‘We have only a limited use of the elements. But we must make sure that this won’t happen again. Destroy those who carry those tiny blobs inside of them before they react again.’

It was awfully deranged, the way through which they tried to cover their complete cruelty as a means to aid them.

‘Stand still, this is for your own good.’

A rod of fire appeared which burst another victim into an apparition of the burning man. He raised himself for a moment, standing still before he gave into the puffs of green, disappearing from the ether.

One of ice which froze the insides, one of smoke which suffocated two at last, and most importantly, one of metal which, again rematerialized there, left to float inside the air, as monuments of their power. Their presence there had only served as a means to show that they were still, without a chief of a change, beyond their humane means of resistance. Even their mechanical counterparts appeared to be caught off guard by their powers.

‘I see now, he is there, I can feel him. He wants to draw us in.’

‘In that case, let us deliver his sentence at once!’

Earths shook, humans got let behind, spreading as far away as they might in that one moment fond of one another, abandoned by their suddenly courteous defender. It was not meant to be, this look through which one may see the proper bedding of humanity.

‘They got us here only to abandon us again.’

Androids came to disappear at will as well, if it couldn’t be called for what it had been, the obvious trap had come out of no other place but at the hands of their captors. The suits began appearing out of nowhere, no longer friendly but entrapping.

Their marks were off revealing neither head nor swirl which haunted the sight. It was then that their moments had been caught off and dismissed.

‘I don’t think they were sent here to force us to return.’

Troth looked at Fedor for one moment. It had already been decided.

‘Thank you, I appreciate the gesture even though it may be a bit too late now.’

‘This never stopped anyone from doing these sorts of things, hasn’t it?’

Both were looking at each other with a degree of subconscious remarks. It wasn’t meant to be. Not when those titanic heathens came back into view and started chanting their gaseous terms. By then, it was unquestionably forced onto them, this understanding that this had become their execution.

A lot of land lay there with most of its resources ready to be stolen.

No longer would be there be a bunker either but a lot of them spread about everywhere, with no exception in sight.

‘Nadya, are you all right now? You’ve been acting off.’

She stood there at the table with Anna and Ivan. It’s been a while since they had a family dinner together. The only good thing was the fact that there was no one to argue with any longer.

Nadya missed her father, Nadya missed her older brother. She didn’t feel at home now, but refused to consider running away.

‘I’m trying to figure something off, mama.’

‘What is that, dear?’

‘Nothing, it’s nothing really. Should I tell you what we’ve learned at school?’

There was that distinct memory which refused to give in. She had almost convinced herself, to no one's regret to forget everything she learned and move on herself. They would get her brother and she knew of it. He's done some unforgivable things to Ivan that she had been aware off but he was still her brother.

'I remember, mother, when I first stepped in the factory. I know I was supposed to talk to you about the other thing, but this would be more fitting, I suppose.'

Everyone was forced to work there, with no exception. As long as one was of the status, this was mandatory. It was by no specific circumstance that she was there, but this wasn't going to be the expected recollection.

Starting with the factory alone, its many windows were barred, but not in the expected manner. They formed an outer-projection, held out like two mirrored crossbows which served as the immediate distraction which lead to the chaos which happened outside. It was immerusably unworthy of a look.

Work was hard and no distraction was allowed. Life had been miserable for her. Too many hours went by and she couldn't help it but seek some way out, right through the corner, after leaping over the belt, into the first way in. It wasn't easy to break through the first eight locks but she saw it. It wasn't appropriate for a woman her age to take action like that, but she confessed that there weren't many women in the factory. That wasn't even properly addressed.

Hers was a road which had been shaken a lit. A constant streak of turns which lead down. As soon as she stepped in her head had been bashed in by the tip of a small handle. She lay there bleeding, upon the intrusion as one of the annoyed detractors drew in the area.

'You're not allowed here, no one else is. Did you forget what happens when intruders come where they do not belong?'

It was faintly arousing, so much so that she lived through the hit on the head. Whilst this one went back through the opening and began emptying the factory, with his fallacious curvature of long necks which had occupied its arms, drawing forward scissors, axes, pointy blade and rocks. It was a hard hit which followed a quick blunt touch.

'Make it to the doors, I'll hold him in.'

That false promise had been unexpectedly broken as another one of them appeared in his cruelest form. His face only betrayed on giant cut which had been stitched together in the back. In front of them, lay some interesting spout of belts which had been immediately modified in their presence. A third one, a fourth and a fifth appeared which only served as attachments to the belt control directory.

In it they went and began accommodating to the device, spreading themselves across it, making it appear like a many pinpointed ruddy carpet filled with stained needles.

One by one the men had been drawn and thrown against in, forced to part ways at the end.

‘Why must I do this to my own? I cannot help it but bring an end to those I may have called. For, oh, I see that you are confused.

Let me take a bite.’

Within him was a deep desire to hurt. It hadn’t been like him in the past, but he had managed to draw in and push his exuberance out through some quick dismissal of limbs.

It was a dance for him which only made it so much worse. By the time he had managed to pull off a piece of the worker’s head, he drew in too much of his ear and his nostrils that he fell on the ground, readying himself to become either an imitation or evolve.

This had been the most dangerous thing of both of them. If he became an imitation, they could reign together over the frail creatures. If he evolved, which he showed signs of, a thing which frightened everyone in the building, then there’d be trouble.

For starters, it was an immeasurable show of force which would propagate itself as the construction of the bone and muscle would emerge. The mystical energy which emerged and surrounded him gave birth to a great promise. A promise which would serve no master other than itself and its dark purposes of domination.

It rose, like a mighty tool of defiance. His limbs were weary but he had kept at least a semblance of his original aspect, turning him partially deformed. Noticeable at the arms and at the chest, they went out like some masses turned out from inside his legs.

What remained of his feet never touched the ground any longer, but from behind there came a few throats which carried the hands on which it struck for balance. The bigger his body became, the more had it looked like an amber ball, which had grown inside of him instead of the outside.

‘He tried becoming one of us.’

‘I knew we shouldn’t trust you, traitor!’

Before he could repel this mistake, it had wrapped itself around him, crushing his back, breaking what had accompanied him below, protruding to the point where the pain became so intense that he dropped all the weapons he had carried.

‘So much strength.’

A stammer came over him. It was bloody and unwatchable. Everyone knew that their turn would come. Some attempted and ever cooperated with those monsters that had killed their own, so they may have a chance to escape. But it was undeniably hopeless. So much that it couldn't even be right any longer.

Both the slit in the corner and the gates leading out closed. It was supposed to be a fair fight, but it ended the way it had been intended by Malt.

The bunker, now, for it had been overlain in too many directions and there was only one violator who could emerge at a time.

Some were still struck in the movers, in the same instance as they had come to know.

'I think we've come to an agreement then. Anna will switch with Ulrich between who should've been the designated driver.

Deva looked around. There was a table she pulled from beneath the floor, it looked like the conditions were plain enough that they could burn some time off.

'Dear, dear, here, Nadya, would you like to play a game with me while the adults are talking?'

Nadya looked at her. She was in a good mood, which made her look at it. Four edges of the table lay locked in a touch, they couldn't even pay for the centrifuge of allowance, that the ball might fall out of bounds. Four magnets made sure that even in the eventuality that the ball might fall, the tiny metal particle might be pulled back.

'I'll play.'

Ollroy went back to his chamber. He was desperately trying to hide something underneath his bed. Despite the previous arguments, he decided he should be the only one allowed to have secrets. As the door was well locked, he pulled a tiny coffin from inside the floor. It was a delicate pull which had to be subtle enough that it may not upset him too much.

But he collected his regurgitated pieces of Dandrillion, which swam in the coffin liquor.

'It's been a while, my dearly beloved. But I can finally observe you in action, please, take no notice of me and act as if I'm not there.'

A colony has been established and it became obvious that they had a headstart to planting their eggs. It was Rolls' turn to disentangle the Mover from the relic. He came with a quick fix, which stopped the electrical reflux from occurring. They were dwelling there, cowardly, neurotically pinned sand crop-shaped segments, which snuck inside Dandrillion's head, crawling inside through the underbrush of the shaft.

The system had been affected by a power shortage which kept attaching itself to the nearest life-forms. In this case, it had been the head and all of its intruders.

He started at the board, knowing that a piece of it was already disabled. A part of its energy had been misdirected to another side around the mover.

‘It’s going to be another one of these days, isn’t it?’

Rolls began murmuring the song before picking up the wrench. With a few blows, the head should fall right off.

‘Rolls do you need help?’

‘If you don’t mind getting your hands dirty, then be my guest.’

Jonathan stepped in, with little incentive to begin. It wasn’t a competition, not any longer. Not since it had began missing. The Dandrillion had been perfectly cut in shape by what seemed to be a palette. But there hadn’t been anyone in here to do the cutting. This was the right turn of the bolt inside its head, one more.

‘There, I can hear them, can’t you? Another one of the blocs had been filled with my towering degenerate engines. They’re amassing themselves and forming a march.’

Malt now looked at what he’s done. He wanted to be there, to see it himself.

‘It’s dangerous to go there, you will be exposed, vulnerable. Weak.’

‘As I should be, that’s not what I’m counting on. We’ll see whether or not everyone I met and knew could be gotten rid off. If I’m still attached to someone there, I made my mind, I shall lay down my arms in surrender.’

‘And if not?’

‘Then those invaders will be exterminated as well, without a single exception.’

Without coming to his senses, he planted his feet on the ground and stepped forward. This wasn’t going to be any easier, not with them around. The mover began being cradled back and forth by the Violator. It had been a mistake. Him being there had nothing to do with anything, this rage of him had put him on the top of the food chain in comparison with the other released terrors. While the others had been stacking upon one another forming their mounts of siege, he had only ventured as far as to run as far away in search of fresh prey.

Otherwise, it would not be satisfied at all. Clearly, by the means in which it started drooling, it wanted in. eight feet from them stood an empty tray of metal and what had remained of the previous crew. The keys of a piano lay thrown and abandoned, its strings stretch around it. Not long afterwards, it had been ever-so near completion, that

the song notes had been spared. Various tunes could be drawn, over the fact that they had been freshly inked. Inside the variously canvassed plots of metal, there were at least the other remains of past artists which had lived there.

Their resonance faded as soon as he was done with them. Now the Violator sang.

Anna was startled by the sound, which prompted her to immediately strike for her room. It was her only zone of safety, the only way she could be sane. As soon as the door closed, she opened the carcass of metal and joined her husband and her son. No tears were there, but she at least tried to make herself tear through the cupboard-like entry.

Her hand felt around the bottom of the bed, where she felt a small hole.

‘Who’s crawled in?’

A strike of terror came over her poor heart, as soon as she realized that her beloved had been spared of everything which made him heavy. Now this was the only way she could actually care, in that strange moment when reality and decency didn’t matter, she pulled pieces of herself and started filling the gaps.

‘See? If only she was here, she would see how nicely we all fit together, my dears. Oh I wish they were, I wish they were. I can you hear, yes, I can.’

Finally they spoke and raised themselves together, from that point where he would no longer be vulnerable against the parasites and the worms that ate his body. A few legs, part metal part deceased muscle and bone came out and began moving. This failed after a few steps, as it had become too heavy.

‘You wasted my legs, how am I going to see my daughter now?’

Before she inquired, it was obvious that she had been crippled with the sole reason which would force her to give in to him.

‘Now you will listen, wench. I am the head of this family and it is time for me to dictate what is right.’

‘But I only wanted to help you, my beloved husband. Have I not been a loyal wife to you for so many years?’

‘That is not important to be any lesser than it should be for you. Do you not hear my God, the Violator, calling?’

I can’t focus on anything else but him and his like. I hear his mad song and I want to join him in death.’

He ripped his upper torso from the cradle and began moving himself in the air. It looked like his arms grabbed invisible ledges which helped him rise up as far as he could go.

‘Please, oh please, let me join you for this one moment, that be may be together after so many failures I’ve been forced to endure. I cannot help it any longer, my body and my kin had become frail and I believe they may betray me again.’

Anna watched as her husband abandoned her, leaving nothing but some disgraceful atonement from which she could raise herself farther than it was necessary.

‘Please do no worry for what I’ve done. I think I see my heaven now. He signs of my glory and what shall be made with my disease.’

At which he smiled, grinned, something in-between and came to rip a few pieces from his surroundings so he could make a hole for himself.

‘My sentence is over now.’

As soon as he ripped the collar from around his neck, somewhere, in the distance, something clicked. A door suddenly stopped counting down and stopped. It opened and inside of it, everything looked clean as in the first day the prisoner had dome.

The collar had been thrown, he remained at the throng, holding with a single arm, before long he threw himself over, to meet his creator, who appeared mad. Its body shook as he approached and in that moment, the body of the man began to float.

It was drawn inside the circle, covered in the pure rage, which crushed his inside and turned him into the oily chum the Violator needed him to become. He was glad to be eaten then, even more to pass the mad sentence on the others. Not likely to him or anyone else, they barred themselves in and barely care about anyone else other than themselves.

Alarmed by the absence of the crewmen Ulrich instructed Deva to take the child away.

‘Hide her, not with her mother, Deva, don’t go in there. I can’t explain it but take her in her room. I’ll try taking the Mover as far away as I can.’

‘Ulrich, what are we going to do?’

‘I don’t know, do this. I’ll figure out the rest once we’re safely away from whatever was pushing us around.’

In the few moments he could even dare himself be quiet and precise, he rushed towards the driver’s cockpit, wrapping himself in tight.

The lights had to be turned to a higher point, to the eight of quarter above them, where he could see. He hadn’t been accustomed with it yet. Anna was supposed to give him the run of the mill driver’s guide to make it through. What

appeared to be an unfathomable account of controls resulted in a few useless functions which hadn't had their place there. Not with the system in check. The lights turned up for one last time, flickering for enough times to bring the inconsistency of there ever being any kind of creature out there with them.

The Mover had the opportunity to check everything in sight around him by a series of rotations that ended up in the same spot. There they were though, the other human beings. Their presence had been somewhat reassuring. As the other Movers began moving, there was that as well. Someone was at least in their cockpits. It was undeniable.

Inside their own cabins, there had been a breach, beyond her, that cabin had been completely sealed to prevent exposure. Her moans could still be heard behind the closed gate, and in an attempt to prevent any kind of damage to the crew from ever occurring, that piece had fallen off completely, leaving some flaccid gelatin barely connected between the walls.

Ulrich saw it as a necessity he couldn't get away faster from. He saw the hole in it and decided that the best course of action remained a complete lockdown of the rooms. Informed or not, this had been a necessity from the start, as the safety of the crew came before their happiness.

Ollory had been the only one with the most excruciating choice. He wanted to get out of the room as he realized the mistake he'd done.

'It's not funny, Ulrich, I know you're the one who's done this, it's not fun at all, I want to get out now. I've done something I shouldn't have done. I've brought something in my room and I cannot get rid of it. Do you hear me?

open it, now.'

It spilled on the floor, they started spreading there, spreading their dominion while being aware of the fact that there wasn't another way out. Not the ceiling, not the shaft beneath, he couldn't hide himself into another spot, of empty barrack, this was it. It was just them there and they still managed to hold a grudge over what he's done to them.

As he counted how much time there was until they would start being hungry again, seeing how they were settling with nothing less but what had been underneath his bed as well as the wood of his coffin, he pulled a cabin from below and started looking into the first aid kit. There were a lot of painkillers, and amongst them barbiturates.

With that problem gone off the way, there was still Rolls who was the only one working on the Mover while it had still been active. That had been the most dangerous fact of all, how hard it had been trying to rewire the circuit without having the shock be strangling his synapses, he simply couldn't tell. Sweat ran down his chest and underneath his pits, but he could only bend himself over in order to avoid getting in. No credentials came to him. He had reminded himself that he was no engineer, the schmuck in charge with the repairs.

‘I hope I won’t wake up with some mutant down here. I wouldn’t like ending up the same way you ate the food. Not one to make a lot of noise are you?’

It was a hard crawl, especially since he couldn’t help it but knock his back and the front of his chest against the various circuit alleles which came into contact with his skin. By now he was crawling exposed himself. And the burns were to be permanent. As long as it was done for the crew, he thought, their safety, but this had been incomplete. He couldn’t think of anyone else’s safety but his own. Clearly, there was no way out now.

Worse, worse, worst, his mind kept popping in the plain wires which had been misarranged. Despite being on his belly, stretched, it felt as if he was standing on his two feet, trying to reassemble some device. Some tiny plum connectors were missing. Others had been covered in unnatural bile which couldn’t have belonged there. It smelled like it had been burnt through.

His body would supposedly do less damage if he could activate the manual self-repair robots which lay at the top.

‘Remember the manual, the manual is the key to survival. Every machine had one of those, and use it in case of the emergency.’

It was kept secret until now, but Rolls had been the only one who knew about this. For this he went in. It was a miracle that most of the connections had been well sealed now, otherwise, he would’ve found himself severely electrocuted instead of barely cut and sealed by the heat-electrons. They were still searching for him. Humans didn’t belong there, in the machines and he could swear he was being punished for a good reason.

Otherwise, he couldn’t understand why he would be constantly targeted like that, other than him giving some signs of weakness and the odor it felt.

a few inches forward and I shall manage to set myself free. Was the plain and thorough command in the instruction manual. As soon as he’d release himself, he would simply let go and glide out of the system out where he needed. Everything else would be put under statis, which would also mean the lights were to go out as well.

If there was anything to be drawn from this, it was the fact that below there, he couldn’t feel the tribulations any longer. It was only a matter of time whether they continued, and even worse for where he hid.

But outside, past the place where the exposure hit a point of no return, swarms which had been made completely out of it formed concise motions which made them appear as if they were living.

‘I have found a new friend, a follower of my ways which couldn’t stop himself from repeating what I said and doing the exact thing I did until we both ended up looking ridiculous in the middle of the street which the vehicles were trying to run us over. But they weren’t trying to do anything, no, they didn’t try hitting us, instead they stopped,

turned in their stops and opened their rifts to the engineer's wretch where they could no longer be confined in metal but in their true living straps of bodies.'

'Marvelous, you are a hero, you are my hero. The greatest man who ever lived, how many other friends did you find?'

'Oh, but I found so many of them today, there's. Well I didn't keep up their name, they didn't want to tell me. But I know where they live, everything's been disclosed, the streets now. I see that they're no longer empty. Follow me.'

Everything was full, in time to get into the place where everyone was alive but trapped inside their vehicles forever.

'What a mistake that had been. Most of them, I swear, forgot to go out before entering those rifts, those portals into the engineering points. Now they're all part machine, which means.'

'Which means?'

'There's a pocket, or a barrel filled with all the machine and human insides which started combining themselves. I'm afraid now.'

'What of? Certainly, there's nothing someone as great as you are, who could be undecidedly opposed to all wrong and frightening powers, someone like you would never be afraid of anything.'

'But I am, as the mad forced which could be summoned by the sacrifice could throw everything into despair. Machines would live, trees would join this union and we would all become ingrained in our wild mannerisms of masochism and deviancy until we became like them.'

'Who are they?'

'Tall walking deities of the abyss, of the filled voids where there's no space for anything to move and even worse.'

'Much worse than an empty realm and one in which I couldn't even dare to make a step?'

'Indeed, there's that, that strange benign impression they give. They look as tall as our skyscrapers but they also hide themselves. I saw them once, in a vision of a dream I may have had. None of them share a name and they only come in the worlds where chaos becomes weird, not destructive.

As long as it's kept clean, they act like lord who see it as being as close to their ranks as one could think off. They're always in search of new ventures to go on. And I would say, look out there. There's a way to know, there's a way to see through their robes.

But I cannot be sure, I only see some giant arms constantly holding them. OH and their masks, they had masks which look like our Cyclops, yet they're skulls. They're holding half-skulls to be more precise, I know this for a fact.

I am not mad, don't look at me that way, I saw it. Red transparent robes, weird dances, weird teeth which were kept by weirdly caught on nails.

There's an axe as well, a wicked axe, but I only saw it once, bore by one of them. He managed to keep his composure and never lose himself out of it. Why, I think that one is a fighter, and there's a seer as well.'

'Are you mad now? Can't you tell the difference between what is and what ought to be? Everything's normal mere.'

'You were supposed to be my friend. Why can't you act like one, look, we're holding friends. Holding our friends.'

He took a moment to look at both of their hands. This time it had gone too far. Both of them were holding smaller versions of the citizens inside their clenched fists. It hadn't been getting any better now.

'Why can't I stop seeing them? They're the ones who made me do all those terrible things in the past. I think, well maybe not all of them. But one specifically, had instructed me to destroy and crush as much as I could, so he and the others could avoid being invited there.'

'Do they even need to be invited here?'

'No, not, that's now that I mean. It's a formal thing, not the law. All of them could enter at their bound wills and not spend another second there at all. It's dreadful, dreadful, I say, look at yourselves, I'm trying to get away.'

They keep saying, but not them, the ones I'm thinking off. The ones in my mind, sometimes they're give free will and aren't asked to act as any of us would. That's what makes me drawn to them so much.

All of them say and do whatever they want and there's no repercussion for it. Never, at all, that's why everything in their world is pure but never round. You see, being round brought some things which, perhaps makes everything much worse.'

'So their world is supposed to be flat then? What a ridiculous thing to say.'

'No, no, that's not it either. They float and walk as if there's land underneath them, though their space is not dark as ours, it's all red. Even their stars. Most of the time, they're almost invisible, if not for some weird shapes which keep moving in the distance.'

'And you've seen all of this, how? I don't believe your explanation, with the dream and the vision and.'

‘Perhaps I’ve been there, then. Why, perhaps I’m one of them. One who thought himself too good for their world and decided to come here instead, in the body of a man.

My powers would be limitless in that case. I could form, reform, reshape this world and do as I please, and act as I want, for my own self-satisfaction.

And nothing would have to matter and I could trick and outsmart everyone as if life was but a dream.’

He honestly thought that then. In only a few moments, their constant struggles didn’t matter any longer. Not to him. Malt considered bringing all of them back to life, that didn’t matter. There was no longer a shade in him, no longer any creature in his eye, well they were but.

But he wasn’t inside his body any longer. This had been his board, solid and lost. Despite having created so many versions of it, they were. They were incomplete, lost forever in his dream. Even now, they were too busy trying to destroy everything while searching for the man who caused all that chaos. It was a silly quest now.

What turned to be a dreadful hunt for him would end up now. As soon as he had thought of it, those intruders which had arrived through the portal went away. Meaninglessly being forced back into their own directions, but behind their lanes, the last thing which remained was that fool, left by himself.

The others were there as well, but it looked like the dark cloud on top of them dispersed immediately. Of course, he hadn’t taken all of the corruption from the atmosphere but that could be drawn at any given hour with even less interest than it should have been granted.

He was silently pacing around, in look for his muse.

‘What would my name be now?’

A thought recoiled back into his mind, coming forth in a way which didn’t stammer. Of course, he would try looking for a way.

‘But what would you do?’

‘Excuse me?’

‘What would you do, if you didn’t feel like being a man any longer, no longer the champion of humanity, the good one, the wretch?’

‘Then I would simply leave the body and carry on in the same way as I did before. Why, I think, I think I should name him, don’t you think so?’

He deserves a better name. Especially now since there's no reason to delay or care for it all. I can make any change I so desire, there's no need for it to be any other way. This is going to be my satisfaction; I shall see no other as unworthy, the scum, and the trash, forget them. As long as I shall find joy, they will be allowed to reign there.

Look, I shall ever bring back everyone who has ever been killed, for no reason at all.'

'But that would mean their deaths didn't mean anything at all either.'

'So what? They were all going to die anyway, so why should I spare them? Why shouldn't I kill them? Why not bring them all back or start everything again.

We weren't meant to do this, and I can see where I went wrong. I entered this world as a man and in that mistake, I grew perplexed and annoyed at them. These impulses made me ruin every chance I had to set everything right.

So many parts were missing now, everything spread and shed across the many sides of the planet I've split with my might, only serve as a reminder that there's no hope for me to live as one of them. They're petty and morbid.'

'And none of them have the powers you have. No human was supposed to reach such a level of power as yours, don't you understand?

Even now you're walking on a bunch of half planets that aren't your.'

'Indeed and I can see them. These bunkers need to be completely abandoned. They should've served as a testing area, to see how they would react in it. But I'll admit it, the design was wrong. I've placed too many ways through which they might die.

Far too many dangers, too few friends, none of them were given the chance to act upon their own wills. Always subjugated, always under my control. I sometimes do wonder why I have come here. Life had been much simpler there, when we were all called, and we merely acted like guests of honor. Royalty for the ones who did the summons.'

'Return everything back to them now, you've tried your best and failed. Bring their planet to the same way it used to be and everything will be back to normal.'

'No, you don't get it. We're both normal people here, but out there, where in matters, I'm in my original existence, prior to the change.

I cannot do it. I've made so many tiny creatures, so many of the citizens of the blocs and bunkers that I have no intention of giving them away. '

‘And will you allow them to be constantly judged as creatures enter your world constantly? What of the other people as well? Those you kill far outnumber a few selected examples, which only came in the same pairs, only wide spread.’

‘They’re my only copies, without them, every death could be their last. And if I brought them back, they would be different. You know what they are like, a simple lifetime is enough for a living being to make such a change that I myself cannot fathom its existence.’

‘But that change is never going to come now. Not any longer, not since you’ve taken everything from them and instead threw them in a nightmarish world from which they may never emerge.’

‘Enough of it, I’ve heard enough. My joy is tremendously dissipating now, even from your voice. I shall turn around give him no name any longer. Instead, I shall kill the man named Malt and go ahead and reshape everything as I want.

For far too long my mind had been subconsciously been working in altering everything around me, while limited by a weak body which allowed no suffering to the others.

I will force my will upon and watch. And wait, and see that they shall never wake up from this dream of mine ever again.’

With which he turned from his constant feel of air and turned to them again. I’ve seen their polluted fields and turned them back in. All of them belonged beneath the earth, like they were intended to. No exception had to be taken, until it was decided what their lives could be. One union between all the bunkers would stay. No more exposure, no more poison, toxins, the outside world which was his now, as it had been intended.

As the green turned to crimson, so had the field of green, the grass, and everything else in sight. No building stood standing, but a storm, which encompassed everything else. Various twists of the wind turned into hurricanes, the eyes of the storm glinting from outer space in the bloody appearance.

Yet, the god paced, walking in wonder. What was to be done with them?

‘You seem weak, all of the sudden Malt.’

The shadow inside his eye spoke, as he woke up as it from a dream from which there was no hope for him to ever awaken.

‘I can’t do it any longer. I can’t change anything upon will. What happened to me?’

It was difficult now, his every attempt of getting through the walls failed, he felt human again, a grain of loss, a desperate attempt at that, which had been greeted with nothing else but the outer metal caves of the bunker.

From the distance, it looked like the blocs had been exasperatedly forced into one another, creating an underground city completely separated from the other layers. And they were there, the citizens, the androids, which normal. No one bated an eye at him again, everything turned out like it had been intended. With the one exception, the sickness in his veins, the sickness which never gave up, the shades were still there.

The color of his bones had been inverted. It was sickening, to look upon himself in that much of a state. Before he could make it to any kind of desk placed there, during a move, two masked uniforms caught him by the shoulder and held him up. A few people came to see what was going on.

‘The two of you aren’t supposed to be out here.’

‘Malt, is that your name? You’re not feeling well, you can’t help yourself any longer, come on, we’ll help you get up.’

‘What are you? What are you hiding underneath your mask?’

As the uniform pulled it off, he saw a man. Not someone who looked like him but another concerned citizen. All of them looked like citizens, not like one another, but. They were what they claimed to be.

‘Concerned for me? But why should you be? What about the things I’ve done, you couldn’t have forgotten them.’

‘Settle down now, you may be suffering of a shock now. Here, I’ll put you down, slowly.’

The guards were gentle, as they pulled off their gloves and placed their cold hands on his brow. He was burning hot.

‘He shouldn’t be out of bed, could you get him back to his apartment. Does anyone here know him?’

‘I do, sir, I’m a close relationship. Of the kind, I think.’

‘We need to keep him stable until we could contact the medic, do you think you could watch over him for a few minutes?’

‘I’ll ask Mc Connaught to stay with you in case he decides to act up.’

They brought him in.

‘Careful now, don’t break the vases, they’re invaluable.’

It wasn’t likely that they’d be slow about it, but the books creaked, he came in a rush after all. He wasn’t set on trying to get through the fastest way possible, only the matter of looking down. The bedding grown was still there, exactly where he had left it.

‘Let the sun in, will ya?’

A curtain paraphrased them, it had been gloomy, Malt was too much of a recluse for his own good. A hermit, a man nobody knew much about. He had been dizzy, he had a high temperature, his aim hadn’t improved at all. It was a raw deal, the way he felt inside of that skin of his made him uncomfortable.

‘Why is everyone acting up so nicely now?’

‘It’s the migraine, boy, it should settle down in a few minutes. It’s making you say things, forget, you know? I’ve had this happen to me once.’

‘That’s not what I said, I simply wanted an answer, I want to know where I’m supposed to be.’

‘Here, you’re supposed to be here, son.’

Another uniform came. This one had a tag on him. Tags, tags, those seemed familiar, before Malt could be stopped, he almost immediately came off the bag and stood straight, looking ahead at the door. No moving plate, only the apartment number.

Both the officer and the civilian dragged him back unto the bed. It was unexpected, the way in which he had attained enough confidence to look around. What had he missed? Her. She was standing there, right at the edge of the door, the only family relationship he needed. Clair signaled for the older fellow to go.

‘I think I can handle him from here, thanks.’

She exchanged a look with the officer, who was going through everything again. Malt didn’t look like a suspect, but in case.

‘Any prior record, son, uhm, Malt?’

‘Nothing that I know of.’

Well, there were a few, but he had also believed that there weren’t enough details for him to share, none he would actually believe. Also the background check, the finger prints in the small amber box underneath his tabard, and it was done. Safe and sound, not a suspect, for the time being.

‘There’s a medic coming on his way, Joggn found one who had a free schedule. Sure you can look after him? I could ask for...’

‘As I said, I can handle, I know this man more than I know the back of my hand. We’ll be fine.’

‘Right ma’am. Sir.’

He rammed straight out, leaving the two of us here, the two of us, no more exceptions. I could stare at her for hours, I felt like it. For everything we've been through, she may not remember it, I could take that to myself and carry it onto my grave. She stared back, waiting. For what now? Apology, an excuse, or perhaps some words of condescendence?

It wasn't like me, not anymore. Everything I'd say now, as long as I could fathom it would be there, to stay.

If there was one thing, I actually wanted to know. Not to show too much of how much my eyes stinged.

'Can I see my daughter yet?'

There wasn't a direct interest shown. She thought as if to say something, she scowled at herself as well. Claire had been speechless. But she had no intention of talking to me like an adult.

'Why do I have to come here to save you? Every time, you never acted your age you know?'

'I guess not, it wouldn't be right after all. You told me. You told me she didn't get a stepfather.'

'She's occupying most of time, it's hard. No one really looks like a woman with a child, or no one wants to be near Malt's wife, right?'

'But I didn't tell anyone.'

'They can see. She can see it, every time you pass down the corridor. She asks about you, you know?'

It was the one victory he was either proud, or eight caught off guard by.

'Will I ever get to see her then? Not for a glance, I wish I could hold her, like a father would. Like my dad used to before he passed.

I know I don't have a right.'

'For good reasons too, you kicked me out.'

'Then followed you after, Claire. I wasn't willing to give up yet neither am I now. I don't care how long it takes you to let me see her as long as I know I will.'

'She's not yours any longer, I'm not yours either. You drove us out, even before she was born. I know I never asked anything of you, and I can't help it if I look back at the number of times I wanted to return and beg you to take me back, but. I wish you were there with us, from the start, not as a stranger, but as the father of my child.'

What else could I say to her? I should've mentioned that my habits never died. I was still a liar. I could barely stare into her eyes anymore, it was like looking in two tinier mirrors now.

That distance between us had been there from the start. Perhaps I shouldn't be allowed to see her.

'Perhaps it'd be better if I left then.'

'You knew from the start that you being here might hurt us. That didn't prevent you from doing it, this never had.'

It was pitiful now. Talking to her there. Talking to her now. Talking at all for a matter of fact. It wasn't supposed to circle that way. To go in that direction. She clearly didn't like being there, but he felt much worse for her daughter.

'Where is she?'

'There's a local, the local, uhm, there are lessons for the children around the bloc. More than a few educators had been relocated here, luckily for us.'

'Is she getting well with the other kids?'

'I think she's trying. She had this thing, where she, she used to do it as a kid. She used to rip a few locks of hair and rub them off her nose.'

'Like a tobacco pouch.'

'Yeah, yeah.'

It took him a while to go. Claire was still in the room, at least for the time being she didn't mind staying there and watching. The doc did a number on him, bandaging a good piece of his forehead like that, while giving a few painkillers as well. in case, to be sure.

'A mid-to-high fever but you should be fine. In case you're feeling any sick, I'll make sure to send you something for your back pain.'

'How did you know about that?'

'I know what I'm doing Malt, come on, now, you should be fine after a good night's sleep and some rest.'

He nodded and pounced at his nails. He was so onset on being with her now that he could not help it but send the doctor out as soon as he could.

'Now, now, Malt, don't push yourself yet, it's still obvious that you haven't fully recovered. We should at least.'

A flash of cold, his image had been dreadfully changed for a moment until he had been forced into an internal seizure. It happened in his mind but what he saw in front of his eyes was a sudden inversion of the room which took the texture and the look of objects, strapping them on the body of the man, turning everything else into the three of them. partially distinct, held there for a moment until he looked at the many eyes which turned inwardly to his demise.

It was still in him that shadow. Its presence was still there, he could see it hiding in all of them eyes, barely stepping out to the rim of their folds.

‘Promise me you won’t push yourself too much, will you?’

Despite his attempts, it still remained this way. Focus, Malt, this is your one change. A few blinks made him come back.

This is your only moment to have a normal conversation with her. Nothing of what happened before was real. Malt reminded himself. This attempt had been foiled, he chose to be there with her and talk.

‘Doctor, if you don’t mind, I need some personal time with.’

‘We’ve got an understanding Malt. I know perfectly what you want, don’t stretch something you shouldn’t, especially in this condition.’

‘Can’t promise that but I’ll try.’

She turned and looked at me with a slight embarrassment. There were things I said to him that I shouldn’t. I know that now.

‘Claire, do you think our...’

I looked down for a moment. Claire didn’t avert her eyes there, she knew that I had fully intended to say what I was meaning.

‘Is there a future for her here? In the bloc, anywhere at all? And what about you? You’re going to grow older and bitter eventually, have you not stopped resenting me ever since that day?’

‘Have you ever apologized for it? Have you ever showed me you felt wrong about what you’ve done?’

‘Is the fact that I’m not here more than enough?’

‘No, it isn’t. You don’t understand it, you don’t know what it’s like. You can’t stalk me and my daughter and pretend as if everything’s right.

There were nights Malt, when I thought you would barge in through the door and take my daughter away. I thought I did not know anything about the man I've met that day on the steps of the chapel. This isn't the man I fell in love with.

I didn't know who you were, I was young.'

'And now you aren't. That girl needs a father, Claire. Don't forget why I gave you away.'

'You didn't give me away, Malt, you pushed both of us away, and you sent us as far as possible because of a mistake.'

Malt tried cradling or shaking himself there. He tried looking into anything which might pull him out of it. Out of this weird sight of her. He couldn't stand being near her. She wasn't making it easier on him, she's never done it, she'll never understand. let her go again. Malt considered the prospect but he couldn't do it any longer. Not after seeing her for so many times.

It was his daughter. What right did she have to force him away from her?

'Why haven't you reported me then?'

Claire didn't hear it yet. She was standing on the sofa, trying to calm her nerves. Her right arm only extended and stood against her forehead, turning a shade over her eyes.

'Why haven't you reported me yet, Claire?'

'I heard you the first time. I don't know.'

I didn't know why she wanted to continue this. It was unexplainable. Why would she avert herself from him like that?

It made him want to draw near, near anywhere. Too much time passed, the clock stopped. Even the officers left the area, and he knew that most of the neighbors were outside. He could hear them, gathering around the nook, pushing some songs as well as they should. It felt surreal, and at the same time it wasn't.

For him, being there, in his normal apartment felt like an out of body experience he didn't enjoy taking his time though. A heat in his chest prevented him from ever seeing her again.

But she wasn't looking away any longer, it was only a wait.

'There are times when she asks about you. Do you mind if I?'

‘Go ahead, I don’t do it any longer. There’s no need, I won’t open the window until you leave. I don’t want to hear the noise.’

‘A dark haired dad, that’s what she’s asking for. It’s because she sees their parents during the classes. But she’s missing something, I. It’s been.’

One breather, it was at this point that there was something happening with her legs, she was twitching a lot. It felt out of place. Both of them were a pair that didn’t belong there at all.

‘It’s been long since last I saw you cross the hall past our door. I started feeling that you were never going to come again. And I thought that’s what I wanted Malt, but I don’t know about her. She keeps asking about whom her father is and why is that man searching for her.

Children pick up on that kind of stuff, you know? Would it be so terrible?’

‘Go on, Claire, I’m listening.’

A bit had almost been bitten there, I had no clue whether or not I had a right to barge in, but it was late. I simply wanted to know. What if life had been different? Now he may never get the chance again. He contemplated lately, how far would his power reach. It would’ve been grand if he could simply go back and fix everything where he had failed. She was still there, waiting for him to display something, anything out of that crude stare which had been on him. But it wasn’t indistinguishable from a blunt point.

‘Would it be so terrible if we were a family for a little while? It’s all I wish I knew.’

This had been the cue he had been waiting for, he could rise and twist and walk and, and. His chest only pounded, distantly inside. His mind wanted to go into places, distancing itself from her, from his daughter, from himself. Anything but that.

I wish we could start over and I wish I could witness my daughter grow but I can’t. I can’t do that any longer, you know I failed.

Malt had passed her so many times, looking at her grow up like a pup, not like a child. There was nothing in his mind to make him know what it was like being a father. No one to point him in the right direction. It wasn’t likely that he would repeat it, but then, she had to ruin it all.

‘She’s got problems, Malt.’

Her words muttered but he didn’t listen. It was unavoidable, again, and again and again, he would push Ivan and drag him off the ground only to push him on again. And now it’s been so long that what he feared the most happened to cross his mind. He could not feel any guilt or any remorse any longer, this cruel thing never left his

side. If there was one thing he couldn't move on from, that had been it. That was the one memory he knew he had, the show of remorse for what he'd done. But all felt empty, like some cruel turn of events, which erased his compassion from his head. It was that scum which made him know that there wasn't any future for either of them.

'I don't think I can deal with another one.'

With that he lowered himself on the side of the bed. Claire's eyes were missing the reflection. It wasn't going to be easy now, but she took the hint and left the room. Alone, again, finally left to heed my own thoughts, I came to wander. I tried to do it, but nothing came to my mind. What was she thinking? Why have I done it?

It couldn't be answered, by my weak feet, and the messy wit which lacked in itself some kind of practice. Now he would never get to see her again. Neither of them.

'I hope this is what you wanted.'

This was meant either for him, or the shadow. Despite the signals, there wasn't anything to confirm that it was still there. He broke through it again and again without respite. No one tried contacting him again, and this silence was messing with his mind. A weird set of pills had been taken before he went out. He wanted to talk to anyone, and there was no one, about, until, him.

'Barnacle.'

'Barnabas Cleicriff, Malt, I told you that a few times already, you need to remember my name, there's no excuse for you to be rude now.'

'I'm sorry, may I come in for a moment now?'

'Well, I was making tea. And I suppose I shouldn't bother myself with trying to give in for far too old a chapter. I'm already late with so many translations on their way, you see? I'm doing quite well already, business's blooming all grand the fact.

Excuse me, Malt, but, you don't seem to be doing too well.'

'It's nothing, a cold, and a simple cold which won't go away. I've had it for some time now.'

'Then I've got the right mix of herbs inside.'

Having said that I was adamantly impressed was nothing but a ruse. I wasn't focus on him either of where he was stirring the conversation, but on the idea which had been aggrandizing, that which couldn't be touched or interacted with.

'Hey, Barnabas, have I grown old? I mean, older? I know this is a weird question, but I'd like to know if I changed.'

‘What a peculiar question, my strange friend, might I say that I have no idea how deep you’ve sunk already? Because, if I were blunt, to put it so, you always seemed lonely to me.

But as of lately, it’s been getting worse. We know you like having your privacy but, there’s talk. Plenty of talk, a lot of it centered around what to do and with whom and the.’

‘Let’s not talk about that or about either of them for now, if you don’t mind. I’ve been faced with something that I tried purposefully avoiding for a while. She’s not, she’s not.’

I knew there was a reason for me never trying to get closer to her. It was my gut feeling, a premonition which made me stray.

Not working properly, she’s not working as intended, now the kid didn’t really feel as if it was his. Now the kid felt like another broken toy he’d have to throw away in the trash pile. But she looked fine, the kid could walk, it wasn’t that. No, it must’ve been in her head. The worst of it was that he had plans with that child. Her and her mother and him and. Done, he had to have done it, somehow, it was her.

‘Malt, your hand is shaking.’

‘I’m tired.’

‘Sit down then, I’ll work something out for you to eat.’

He was rummaging through some of the old stakes near the counter.

It was too cold for consumption. He still felt it. That need to approach it not like a small piece of meat but some bone was in there and it shouldn’t have been.

But he lay resigned, unable to look back, now only time could tell if she was ever going to come back. At least now he knew what to do. Out there, alone, nobody knew, anything less, more than a cue, looking at the hue of roses, he knew they were having fun. Past the windows, up in the air, farther away, it sunk. This sudden connection had been a disaster, only to be merely looked upon confirmed that they were unable to live unjeopardised, with their hopes and aspirations, the free will having poisoned them all.

‘Confession for the sole souls, the twins which need to be brought to the crumb of anchors, I shall take them all and show them the rightful way. To reach our master, above of us, there is only one way, to subjugate our ranks and give into the remarks of woe.’

‘But who shall listen to you, head of the mental basin. You’ve beaten and abused the insane, as the ward of the long lost. Why, I cannot even fathom where you worked before. Where would that be?’

‘I haven’t, it was all in your mind. I was a normal man, like you, employed at the factory, caught by some disease and now that I’m free from that torment, I can do as I please. Must I be judged for some abuse if I can’t help it? It’s not that easy for me now, I’m only trying to do what’s best for my, where are they?’

‘If you’re talking about your hounds, I cannot see them any longer. Perhaps they were killed by those half-creatures we were met by, in the factory.’

‘What are you talking about? I told you before that there were no creatures there. And you keep mentioning them as if you have lived through some vivid interaction with them.’

‘But I have, I have and I can prove it. See? My scars are all around the body. They took turns to stretch me on the belt.’

‘It’s a lie, a deceitful mad lie. Can’t you help yourself now but make lie after lie? Can’t you say the truth for once or are you so far gone that you cannot help yourself now?’

‘I’m only trying to help you the best I can. You used to be my friend, before they came. But then you abandoned me to become the ward and watch over those insane people and I think you became one of them. Seriously, not only are not behaving as you should, but I see the way you look at me.’

‘My dear, you’re projecting quite a lot. But the others had abandoned me so I cannot really throw you away as well. I’d be all lonely and misused, so why won’t you do me a favor and come with me.’

Said Empatriorh, even now, he looked as sharp as a sword, his cutlery was even sharper. He couldn’t see past the pile, but he knew that both of them had landed fine. Past them wasn’t a factory but a rocket, fully secluded, armed with nuclear power. He had been an engineer, a great one at that, soon to be an escapee.

‘And you’re to be my assistant, Charles, what do you say?’

‘First a, a factory worker, then a ward, now a rocket charger, what’s next for you, Empatriorh?’

‘The outer space, we could make it for Mars, wouldn’t that be great? Wouldn’t it be kind at all, if only we could make it through?’

‘What’s this all noise you knuckleheads are throwing forth?’

A voice accompanied the warrior which had arrived. He looked the role, and wore up front pieces of his cattle, it didn’t matter that they grew in the most obscure and unsanitary places. They had been worn in a most repulsive manner, which only opened a way for him to come. It wasn’t right, one could not deny the fact that they were through. With him on board, the battle’s worth, he rippled a yellow shirt to reveal.

‘The mark of an evil claw, blinding the evil eye.’

That hadn’t been something to jest about. For those marks were carved there specifically, with the whole intention for them to come out of it. It was a ruse, as that shirt had hidden away the fact that it could melt and spread into the blend of reality and the walking plane which was alive. After one step, from it came a floating eye, caught and held by many claws, which had been long, armed and hairy, wolfish and warm-blooded. It felt like they were expected to present themselves.

But he did it first.

‘Caprichmold, that’s who I am, my good sirs. I’ve brought to you the most absurd gift I could bring, the ward of evil which may fare us from the beasts down here.’

Before the words were changed, the pile of dirt and filth which had lain around the floor and into the gaps and between the many weird struts of iron, they had been repelled by this. And the yellow edges turned into those vibrant tendrils like that of a sun.

Charles looked below and saw only the deepest desire to join them, those hairy beasts, tiny and beaded, bearing as many eyes as they could bear, only to wear them inside their chests or other parts.

‘May I take one of the eyes?’

‘Do not touch it, the way in which they’re adopting the eyes is painful and know that they are not implanted. They live in a relationship of maternal or paternal seclusion from one another, until the eye might develop and spread the evil of Cower’s realm. I can see that you were trying your best not to confess to the ways of his kin, but you were caught by it.’

It was hard living inside of it, especially with the threat of Yellow. In it they appeared to find some peace. They weren’t struggling any longer, now that they had gotten one way. From where they were standing, it only looked like they wasted more than a few arms for it. But they had started eating themselves in the name of the Yellow, cowardly running away from each other, with as little as no inherited interest to those bleak shades which started sinking in.

‘How about I cut a piece of my rib and I throw it in there?’

‘What for? Madman, you will ruin us all.’

‘No, no, listen to me, I think I know what I’m doing now, they couldn’t be happier if they tried looking away. See? I’m only trying to give them a piece of me, nothing more. I know when to stop.’

He didn’t. And in the wake of the first crude attempt, he fell off entirely.

Caprichmold had given in too much of himself in order to starve them out, before he could do as much as wave at them, they took this opportunity to grab a hold of the arm and go ahead, lowering themselves below.

‘I see you’re in a good physical condition.’

Charles said with a poignant way of searching. He was sure they had to have had weights around the sanatorium, otherwise, all that strength might’ve been achieved by some unnatural manner. By his nose rested the sword.

‘You took a broadsword with you?’

‘Only the best in line, my family heirloom, if you don’t mind, I came here prepared, knowing of the dangers that lay out there. No one shall face me in the fiercest of duels, no one knows none at all might best me like this peasant in front of me. En grade.’

‘I cannot fight, I don’t have a sword.’

‘Pick one of the yellow ones down there, can’t you simply reach and grab one? It’s not likely that they might bite you, as a matter a fact, look, they’re laughing at you.’

But the way to them had been obscured by a piece of the road which had sunken in a piece of mold. Charles’ hand suddenly colored itself. But a bit of it didn’t matter. It fell off as soon as he shook it off.

‘Wasn’t this supposed to stay?’

Him of all looked at it mightily surprised. This yellow paradise was starting to no longer be obscured by a single shade. Everything around him started being washed away. Even the beasts which were merely came in the suits of giant porcupines left their insides and started for the hole they had made in the top of a few inches which lay above them.

‘May I take another cut of a rib?’

‘Don’t, you’ll start feeling it.’

‘Nonsense, I am a knight, one of the most loyal, immortal and unbeatable sirs of the Green Cquight.’

They had to run to make way for those which crawled, propagated by a dense will, as their bodies feel around them, blinded by the desire to escape, they shook themselves of the coat of pain and made way. Made haste, as well as they could get a few children they had kidnapped with them. A few sacks lay around them, to which the knight said.

‘Stay here, I need to rescue the new generation from damnation.’

But he himself was cruel and another cross, to which he passed, made him reenact only what he saw. The upper half of his body came out from inside of him, pushing the skin out as if it had been a coat. Behind him a few pinkish sepia-tails pushed onward as he merely levitated a few inches above the earth. He charged with the blade as Charles and Empatriorh drew back, to avoid getting into conflict.

This battle of theirs resulted in the quick slashing, the mashing and the crude eating of what had been the sifted and most looked after cuisine.

‘Ah, I wondered if I were to taste you again. You have been baited in a most atrocious manner.’

What a good look he had of them, of their emerging heads, the features which became as clear, their thinner lips, flat noses, wider beady eyes which only brought the kind of the Oriental squat. They knew they couldn’t get away any longer from this delinquency of their young.

Caprichmold flew into their proximity and with a slash devoured their children as they were exposed. Barely audible sounds came but it only made him want some more and more he would attain as they attempted to reconstruct themselves again. Failure followed failure and it only came to him now that they could form in his guts, it was a must. That trap of theirs which made him fat, fat, engrossed into his armor, standing like a rock in a puddle of yellow.

This defeat of his came at the cost of the others’ escape. It was dreadful, thinking of the children who would get to be eaten again. Would they look the same out there? He couldn’t tell, but alas, he had damned them to a life of suffering, born out of his quick defeat.

‘Take my blade.’

He shouted and threw the heirloom of his family’s grave. To which only the mighty squire, Charles brought it to his master.

‘I cannot risk being taken again to the sanatorium in case I’m hallucinating again. Empatriorh, only you may be able to take them down. One by one, cut them, slay them and make sure that the children are safe and sound.’

‘But there’s no hope for me, I cannot do it.’

‘Stare into the evil eyes and you’ll understand that the power against their evil is inside of them. Draw from it. Those malignant pieces trying to escape are only part of their pupils.’

‘How do you know?’

‘They spoke with me.’

And came to laugh at that, there was something suspicious about the eyes, but when in doubt, he could only listen.

Another exchange from one of the eyes of evil, not the good ones, not the omen, but a mere trap which fashioned itself as if to lay in it an illusion. One look granted the exchange of souls and Charles found himself lost in another man who wasn't him. He remembered thinking.

I could see the reason behind them choosing to stay. They would be greeted by a band of murderers and despots who had little if no concern for anyone but themselves. In as much as eight moon quarters, they had created their coronary field where they sent their dead and their wicked tiny scratcher to fill the gates which lead to their hellish red stone.

A few months ago, they had dug it from the grasping sight of the unworthy. Deep down their hearts they found the keys hidden inside each, to them, for each had undergone a surgery to take them down. As mad as it appeared, they feared that unless they did they would lose any chance they had, to enter to city at last.

An orb followed, out of nowhere, as it came, it immediately shot a beam of the malign, being spared by none of their desires to return, and it hunted all of them but one. A single man survived the encounter, being allowed by his own like to carry on his crooked rotter. He had acquired it from the city, and spent ages trying to understand what the point of that gift had been. The moment he understood that his arm had become a tool of an utmost lurid fall, he had made his escape, met by a part of reality he didn't like.

'Is he right? I can't seem to point out what happened with his arm but there's something crawling inside of it.'

'Spot on observation, I think it's a pair of leeches, no, it's part of him, I think they're pushing out now.'

'Come, come and see now.'

They kept their distance but followed him like a pack who wanted nothing but a bite. Despite his best attempts to get through with it, he couldn't see himself being forced to stay there and writhe in pain for their own entertainment. This colorful spread beneath his arm resulted in the creation of several blocky flies, which were triangular and hard, spotted and dead, about for a moment before they came to their ungrateful way. As soon as they had met and formed their wide formation, they chose to remain on the ground and instead of prying away, they squeezes themselves until a big worn barely blocked square had come underneath him.

Ecahntryi walked towards it, unable to contain his thirst and hunger. But that distorted only melted a good part of his face and jaw. He fell in it and lost what he had. Before they could disperse as well, they got caught in, unable to tell what had half-turned them into the disabled creatures they devolved into. Drowned by their knees, fallen for nothing but a peace of lost mind. Some lost their entire selves and gave into some weird syndrome of impulses which could only satisfy them if they were shocked as often as possible.

Crarkt came to one of his homes. Down by the streets, up the elevator, a few holes admits the top floors but he couldn't control himself anymore. His mere entry had decided the fate of his house. As the few remains of him

emptied themselves, he had been decrepit, he fell into that of which he most admired. An empty trap of many nails, the bed he own, now on every floor inside his home. They were placed for this very moment in which he fooled himself into believed it was right.

‘A little pain shall wake me up from this nightmare and when it does, I will be free. No one else will be like me and I shall come to walk alone in front of the.’

He hadn’t decided, but the decision time had been met by the pain and the rebound he took one he started sinking in the nail. As the rust fell of he had realized that they were too thick to be the ones he owned. It was ever so late that he found himself walking again. What was now a pair of legs, stained with sprays of calves, many of which didn’t belong inside of him now got to be pressed together as we came out?

This shove of pain stopped, he felt like it was time. As he opened himself the railing crossed itself across the walls, opening the way for the change to come. Only animals felt pain, only they would be as cruelly inferior as to allow such a thing to pester their minds. Within the wave which came as he opened the gates for the inglorious searchers to come in, they found themselves thinned at a dire command.

‘Let us search in this one.’

Rules of certainty and logic didn’t apply, if vaguely at all to them. Within a grasp, they started pulling and ripping each nail apart, then they came into the man and witnessed after unwrapping his brain, not by forced, and not in a physical way, but in a strange pair of eight strangled, welded together brawn pieces of strapped glass. Within them words appeared as soon as it was connected, by its glass wires to the brain.

‘I feel as if I should feel guilty for exploiting him, but I must know the reason for which he came here. What a queer fellow he is, to our way, I see that he’s diseased and that he wouldn’t be pleased by the least of us.

If only they knew what was going on. They would judge me, they would throw me.’

Other things didn’t work as planned, they had been recorded or conveyed by words, as none else would matter but the dissatisfied image of the bring to the hauling dens.

Unit four B had been dispatched and called into action in order to deal with the inorganic intrusion which found it degenerating what had been the components which made humanity alike. The drought of thoughts had only made it even near, to the kind of lack of discipline which lack in itself the need for any remorse to be shown. Soon they would cruelly fill their own insides with those of other standing people so they could rise and fill their empty minds with any amount of well-being they could take from others.

Demivison should endure for the time being the likes of the grace they showed on the streets. As they walked like barely formed monstrosities which came together.

‘At last, I have a chance to make my own destroyer, the brute I have been dreaming off.’

As the eye of evil pushed in the essence, they had realized that this was happening outside the bloc. It was the West Hemispherical Bloc Eighteen, placed at the mark, standing on a slightly raised river on which they froze it until it could not be brought back into its old ways.

‘I see now.’

Charles thought, at he wasn’t looking into another dimension, but father into the earth, below him where the senseless contact with this virus went on its way to work their bodies in a myriad of empty forms. Their girths were strapped, and they couldn’t have been snapped apart if one could try. One case before the one cheerful criminal had come, to which he would enslave the beings into a body of his choosing. He had begun stretching them together in front of those concerned people, with no regard, yet to them.

‘I will fashion everything I can and then I shall harm you all instead of trying to fit in.’

There was that deep desire which returned. It was much easier trying to cut one off and watch him squirm out of fun, even if it came from the distance.

‘They brought they high-density cutter. I see how it is.’

As the cold arrive, the snow could not help itself but fall. Though it may have been too sudden, they had been corrupted by their obligation towards the people. I saw them prepare. From the big tank of highly sulfured water they sprayed those mutants, those half-inhuman creatures into disgusting pools which shattered little if no bone at all.

Left behind were dripping remains, the beating could be starved off, but they were breathing and thinking, held by their white collars. Alas, there wasn’t even any worthless desire to push onward, to crush what had remained of it. Entrances by their dances, with the fact that they could not be destroyed, the dispatched unit joined them in their dance. And as soon as they were touched, their clothes started being left unclothed, their arrogance soon folded as they leaped on the nearest buildings, violating the privacies which be.

‘I shall not wonder what I’ve done, I don’t deserve to be gone. I will make it my duty to kill every single one of them, until there’s no one left to slay.’

But commander Ark, to his debut, found himself alone, presented by nothing but the vile fires and the starting mires coming from the retaliation. Damnation be the only way, they couldn’t suffer themselves to be conveyed by the falling rocks the ice beneath them being taken.

‘What is going on in here?’

Charles could not keep his pace. He looked and seemed to have adopted the gaze.

‘Wake up I said, they’re turning you away from me.’

Empatriorh looked resigned. It truly felt like he was working up a sleeveless white coated fool, who couldn’t help be but be cruel. Out of his desire to escape, he had been worried once again that they would try to pull him out.

‘I must seek a way back in, please, give me another chance.’

This Charles had taken upon himself a tiny beady eye which bore the sign of evil, never to be brought apart. There had been only one way out of this. As he pulled it out, he felt the vile creatures shout and wriggle in disgust.

Remnants of the remaining Yellow jolted through the scars and opened up paths for themselves to be set apart. No questions had been asked.

He saw no alternative to the action he took, in order to save his friend, he took out a piece of the sharpest yellow pricks he could find and performed a lobotomy which went too far.

‘What have I done?’

The question only came to him then. But his actions couldn’t have prevailed, over the fact that he had done it again and again, until his bloody head had been filled with poked holes which bounded on the other side of his skull. And that was it, he lay there, turning the ground into the color which left him. Unable to face his actions, he tried leaping it but failed.

As the other deranged being fought against each other to get there, they realized that it was pointless. No more would it lay in waiting, as it stopped. The only thing which lasted was his patience as he looked at the way out being drawn back, repelled again. Regardless of what could be, one could see himself being anything but paranoid, devoid of many of his raw emotions.

Redemption called, as he would kneel. And that’s when the horned being came, bearing only its translucence through a fornicating wound provider, the likes of a fighter being carried by giant arms. They provided one test of might, which had been immediately failed over the fact that it tried crushing him from the inside. A piece of a Mover had repelled the fiend, as soon as it scratched itself, Empat found himself turning and looking at what he caused.

He would not be forgiven from this act being given birth out of his misguided love.

There were times when I could hear the tome and in it the words could not bother but be laid in prone prose, the names of the disciples being torn apart, many of them being strewn without doubt that they would be forgotten by the abhorrent people of the wood. Little of them was known, and for little mind, one could not fathom how many of

their years had been taken away. Within each page, one could draw on enough to figure out that most of them should've been dead by the time they were infants. Now they lay in a forest of crimson reeds, unable to see anything from the likes of the red storm in all of its informal girth, the magnitude of which expanding to the point where their eyes could be anything but afflicted by it.

As the voice of Malt still recollected itself from the past, a piece of it had retained enough power to look into the future and live. In the simplest of life forms, it could survive for a few days, with little but in time to see the outcome of what he'd done. Displeased by it, he could only remember what he had forgotten to dismay. To destroy them, and removed the repopulation of the world.

'My plan has been spoiled by you, heathen god.'

Who did not bother to observe, not had be cared for the beings that had been lost there. Whoever could survive the constant impulses of the storm would rather than be faced with the consequences of the deranged.

Going by a few chapters, it was the spoil which drew onward, the one which couldn't have been perceived by the cursed ones who still went.

And another time he winked and looked again.

Chapter 5

The isles

Eight a clock in the afternoon, there was a clear mess which had lain forlorn at the fourth Town Square, east side, where there seemed to reside another entry which lead to the main road to the grouped old planes. It was something incredibly docile, he had thought. Gourney, who seemed to have been delighted of the sight, had always stood there by the window sill, watching the old planes, thinking of any kind of chance that someday someone might hijack one of them and get away with it.

It had been a silly thought, to say the least, the planes were not functional any longer and not only that, there wasn't a man in town who would get inside such a death machine and fly with little fuel and little control over it. That had

been one of his very thoughts for a long while, though, the chance of getting in and flying away. Old models, as they were, the progress had been grabbed to a halt some good twenty or forty years ago.

People seemed to have made all kinds of weird predictions which involved the likes of flying automobiles or floating buildings or even flying men, but he knew the better.

‘Your coffee, sir.’

‘Thank you Catherine, I’ll make sure to coin you for today.’

The young lady nodded and seemed to smile at the intention. What a weird design it had been, to be logged under someone else’s name. Otherwise, she would’ve never been allowed to work, he knew that well enough. Sooner or later you’ll be caught and you know how high it gets, paying the fine that is. That had been Jonathan Witt, one of the engineers, or so-called repairmen of today had said. Everyone turned a blind eye when they were to hire them under the boot, but accidents happened.

Someone would flap their lips for far too long or spread a rumor or two. It was even closer, to their likes alone, that they’d find themselves going through old files over and over again. This had to be a professional office after all. But nonetheless, he couldn’t stop thinking of those planes in some peculiar days. He had looked at them from the distance and seemed to have noticed, not today, of course, but in some circumstances, some pieces of them would be displaced on the ground. Wide wings would be spread and turned and would appear on the very ground in front of them.

Even the engine would seem to be inside it, or some would find themselves pushed through another one of the adjacent plane. Of course those visions wouldn’t last for a very second in his mind, until he’d rub them over. But that had been alarming.

‘You know, they say the brain goes first into some layers of fading before it finally dies. First the memories, then the experiences, the feeling in your legs and then.’

‘I’m fine, Alan, I think I’m a under stress, nothing else. There’s no need for you to take care of me or anything. I think I can take care of myself easily.’

With what had been left of him anyway. His arms were sore, he’d been standing in that chair for the entire day. His suit hadn’t been washed, and it had that dark grey with fading steps which had been indistinguishable from the very colour of his shirt by now. But he still couldn’t help but look at him, this Alan. He had been chief of the lower tiers, the middens of town.

In his care, there laid the lives and the livelihood of too many people to count. And he had been, most importantly, a good man, from what he could tell, a bit too harsh of some people, but.

‘I have come to you with a proposal. Say, Gourney, for how long have we known each other for? tell me that, how long have we spoken with? Since when?’

‘Twenty-five years ago, Alan, twenty years ever since that very day we met as children.’

‘And have you ever thought that we may reach such a point where we would have such an influence as we have now?’

‘I can’t say it went through the mind of a child, Alan, but I suppose, there was something there.’

In all honesty, he had always looked at Alan as if he had been some kind of a hero than anything else. The boy, as he had been in his youth appeared out of nowhere and seemed to have looked as if he had been bathed in the very sun. Even now, his colour hadn’t faded and his soul and will appeared to be as strong as they had once been. It was no wonder this man had gotten this far, at least not to him.

But he was getting too distracted now and the clock seemed to have ticked twice more. First the planes, now him. What was it now?

‘You’ve come here with a proposal.’

‘Right, I won’t bore you with the details. But I think, it would only be right for me to enter this term’s next election. I think I may have found my vocation into politics.’

This had been the first time he had heard him even consider the very thought of it. This apolitical fool had not even a recollection of an idea what politics entailed.

‘Have you lost your mind, Alan? Do you have any idea what politics do to a man? Especially one like you?’

There was a sudden fright he felt, which wavered at some of the madder ideas Alan had his charm and likes and things which had been previously excused because they had been friends for so long now came to his mind. Some of the things he may have said in the past frightened him, for as good of a man as he had been, there would be men out there who’d stop at nothing but to smear him.

If there was one thing he knew it to be true, though, was the fact that he did well to keep on promises. That one thing might get him through if he had ever decided to get on that path. Even with the possibilities of digging as much dirt on his past as there was, he knew that people still took more on his act than on his tongue and his pejorative.

‘Well, are you sure there’s no way I might be able to convince you to give up? There’s still time, isn’t there, we can still make something out of it, I’m certain. Perhaps I could help you look into another venture or in some other way for you to spend your time.’

‘Damn it Gourney, I have already told you that my mind is set. This is what I want to, this is what I’m counting on. I was to get into politics as fast as possible. Let me tell you something, ever since I’ve known myself, I’ve come to know that I had a calling.’

‘Like the calling of wanting to become a pilot, right? Or a soldier, a corporate businessman, a boxer as well, and every other kind of dangerous and difficult task you could even think off, wouldn’t that be right?’

‘Certainly, there’s something more to it than that. My past ventures have nothing to do with it. And I might even add that they were lawfully tried on and accomplished in the leave of my absence. I have made a name for myself in every field I have so thoroughly attempted at taking, even if it were short-live at most.’

‘An aviator, field worker, inventor, engineer, and.’

‘Will you listen for one moment, Gourney, I’m being serious right now, and I believe you may have said pilot before.’

‘I haven’t repeated myself, good friend, I have only tried drawing your attention to the fact that an aviator and a pilot would supposedly be two different things. Don’t twist them as you go, or you may forget who you are on the long run.’

‘Have you always been as difficult as you are now or is this an entirely new turn?’

‘One moment please.’

The telephone rang. It seemed to be the missus, not his wife, he wasn’t married. It seemed like he had been planning on writing a few names on paper which couldn’t be concluded as being female alone. As this sort of thing seemed to be an invitational-thing only, there was some quiet ledger by the side.

‘All right now, I’ll make sure they know, at eight, as I said. Take care now.’

‘What are you planning on? You wouldn’t happen to be going somewhere without having invited me?’

‘You haven’t asked, and wouldn’t you so happen to have something else on your mind now? This is a business meeting I’m supposed to be attending, and you’re about to become a busy fellow from now on.’

‘So, I suppose I won’t be able to count on your support, will I?’

‘Listen, Pybough.’

That had been the nickname he had been given for a while now. It suited him well, as ragged of a man as he had been a little bit thicker, sometimes appearing like a tin-man from the distance, this man had no care in the world. It had to be business then, if he had planned on doing that of which he had preached.

‘Pybough, as I have said, I think it’s a crude mistake, and I think you’ll stop at nothing until you get what you want.’

‘What’s the harm in that, now? As long as I harm no one, I don’t think there’s anything which could go wrong.’

He had been ever-so childish when it came to it. But he couldn’t help it there, on the paper, those names had been incomprehensibly scribbled. Damn this man and his distracting gaze, now he would have to call everyone again.

‘Well, then, you wouldn’t be able to set up a meeting with me, would you?’

‘Gourney, you’re not proposing what I think you are now, are you?’

‘Why not, a formal meeting might be exactly what you’re in need of. Someone to take care of your problems and give you enough advice in the matter that you may not stumble on your toes as soon as you start talking to the people.’

‘I won’t actually have to do that, would I? You know I get terribly anxious when there are a lot of people out there.’

‘And what did you expect then, Pybough, that you could stand somewhere behind some hard desk and give orders to some busy body loud mouth? That’s not how it works, for some people it may’ve worked but you won’t be able to get anything out of it.’

As long as there came some desire to push it through, at least, he would know what to expect. It came as no surprise that he stormed out of the room when he hadn’t his way. Catherine came in as soon as the scene went off through the second door and down the stairs.

‘Should I write him in, sir?’

‘No, this would be enough for today, if he wants to set an appointment, he knows where to find me. Oh, and Catherine.’

‘Yes, sir?’

‘You’re a dame, in the truest form of the word.’

‘Thank you sir.’

She bowed as she pleaded to return to the filing of the passages. There had been plenty of small desks behind her which were in need of organizing and re-organizing and so far, there were still a few more hours of daylight in which he needed to work. The day couldn’t have gone any slower than it was then. Clearly, there had been some thorough need to look into it, rather than be caught in whatever was going out now.

‘ what are you planning on doing now, you shady little dark man?’

He was wearing some ratty clothes and seemed to have a small tie around his neck which bore some small symbols he couldn't make out from where he stood. At least from the soles of the window, he saw something close to old worn shoes and pieces of his coat which had belonged to a bunch of different clothes which had been tied together. This fellow inspired no trust from him and undoubtedly from any other man. From the way he acted and how he chose to snick inside the passage at that very hour when honest people worked. It was indubitably worn.

'What was that?'

'Right, we're in the meeting, aren't we?'

'We've entered it perhaps, I'd say, ten minutes ago, Mr. Gourney, are you certain you don't want to reschedule? I'm certain we could do this at another hour, in another day, perhaps somewhere next week?'

'I'm sorry Polp, but we're both busy men and I can assure you that this is nothing but some mild distraction I can't seem to wrap my head around. It'll go away, I'll make certain of it. But in the meantime, say, were you in need of something?'

'Right, the files, there were a few of them stored in your office, If I would happen to be right. I've spoke to the attorney and I think I found them, somewhere, somewhere in the newspaper. There had been an article about some lost case files, something close to twenty years ago. Of course, those nasty people wouldn't happen to let the public be aware that they were lost now, would they? It wouldn't spread as much dough as it would otherwise.'

'I got it. So, you're after some alleged missing files, which you claim to be here.'

'Or some copy of them, Mr. Gourney.'

'Please, call me what you want, I'm only here to help, but I don't suppose you're much in a hurry if you're able to move it to the next week.'

'I'm in a terribly tight schedule and you're not the first lead I have. My apologies, sir, but I don't think I'll be able to say anything else about it. See, I can't find it now, but I think I you were my fourth choice in my long list of checks.'

'You're seriously set on this aren't you? Please, describe me the case you seem to be after.'

And the man seemed to be bent on doing so, after rummaging through the file. There were a few things wrong with it. Not with the case or with the way he presented himself, rather, with how dirty that file holder had been. It wasn't certain, to be clear, what had been stored in it before he had chosen to keep his files inside, but he had taken that from somewhere else.

Something else had been stored in them, and he could smell it. He could feel it, and it make him sick to the very gut that hit. Page after page, through which he went, seemed to appeal to the same kind of intent and he had known of it. Whatever it had been, that wasn't in his best interest to inquire of.

'Well, I could say with some certainty that we may have a copy of the file you're looking for.'

And to be clear about it, this was a murder case. Strange, normally they didn't have to deal with those kinds of things at the archives since most people only searched for some tip and tat, something old like a newspaper or some lost book. What had been even worse was the fact that, creakingly, as it had been, there was something clear about it, in the way he had looked and stared.

He knew very well that neither of us were in the possession of such a file by legal means, and if someone were to speak or say a thing. Well, if he had been undercover and by some wild desired came to expose him, then that strange looking file holder would've been the last of his concerns. Not that he would be unwelcomed by the fact that the prison had been laid the opposite of the place he intended on looking at.

This very turn of events might've even pleased him by some means, if it came near the way he had stared. He could even come to be interested in such a short-vacation.

But the murder, the arson, whoever it had been had lain in that file. Or at least some evidence of it, only if he could remember if the culprit had been caught or not, then he would've been able to help him. Instead, he only rang for Catherine, which promptly called for her.

'My dear Catherine, would you please bring me the file with the number eight five zero forty eight dash eighty one?'

An oddly specific number, but he had known the best. She only bowed to me and the man besides me and closed the door on her way to the storage area.

'You must either have a great memory for these types of things or someone informed you of my coming or intention. Say, which one is it, mister?'

I could only grin at the man, and let him know nothing of it. My very trick had been clumsiness while going through the files myself that morning. Through an accidental approach, I, like any man, had knocked a few files down one of the storage contained and had to re-arrange them myself, as best as I could. But that had been fate, for I knew it very well, how she acted and how she guided me there. With her in the way, I have stumbled in the exact file this man had been looking for, and managed to glance at some of the details.

My grin hadn't betrayed me and I could only shrug at the fact that I have managed to be as conniving as I could. My dear assistant, as I was so delighted to call her, now appeared with the case file in order. There were are least a twenty or more pages which spoke in detail and seemed to bear some information about the case, most of which

being mildly disturbing, or rather would've been unnerving for the average person. It was by no means that he would look away from it. In itself, there was a great amount of pages which couldn't do, or wouldn't do for the work around there.

Plenty of words seemed scrambled in the file, even more than usual. And there it seemed like this would be that kind of report. The type which would go on and on, carrying every single insignificant report which included about everything, that being wrapped around the most invaluable information there seemed to be there. Pictures of the suspects, pictures of the buildings, the inside.

'What a mess.'

Gourney said as he rammed the end of the file on his desk. On his wide side, where his lamp seemed to throw a shade of light across his dark stained wood, there was the image of a hooded man. He had been shot inside the building and staked. An eight-inch stick of wood seemed to have been plunged inside his chest. That dreadful thing, the sting seemed to have drained the man of his blood, but only in part. Most of it hadn't even been on the floor but stored in various containers.

'What a whole damned mess.'

'I know, I was in that building, you see? I hope you would've managed to give me some information, I'll admit, I wasn't expecting much to come out of it. So far, eight archives turned me down and told me I wouldn't be able to find anything here, that they don't store those kinds of stuff, you know?'

'Don't hold it to yourself too hard. It's not something we're proud of here, storing things which may be of no proper use. But you seemed to be in need of help.

Wait, don't forget, the files aren't allowed leave of the archive. Don't do us any disservice, will you? You're not thick-headed, you know better than that.'

'I know, I know, it's an ole habit, that's all. Nothing personal, right? It's not like I could make any use of it now that the case's closed.'

And it had been some time ever since. I could still remember that house, that very building in which I lived.

'Close the door, thoroughly, I don't want anyone to hear us now.'

as he spoke, Gourney seemed to have gone near the window before closing in, this time there was no one on the streets to take his sight away. But that wasn't why he'd done it. There were multiple offices around and who knew whoever might be listening from the adjacent ones, or the ones bellow and above his very own. It was unclear as to look into it, but he listened.

A slacker's neighborhood, poor and stricken, to say that one who met and lived in poverty found himself there would most likely be some understatement. At least, from the kind alone, there was something falling off the walls. It was the tapestry, which seemed to have been some rose-coloured patterned circles or crystals, surrounded by some dark grey. The floor was making sounds as usual and about the ninth hour, you'd hear the arguments being had through the thin walls.

No one had been spared from it. Take no offense here, you seem likely to be a good man, who had grown in a good place, but this wasn't one of those dream-scape homes you'd hear people being proud of. People here were nasty, trash, the kind you'd think off upon hearing the mutter of low-life. All of which had been grouped in a single apartment complex there, in which I happened to live.

There were no decorations during winter's eve, or any celebration for us. And people around town knew who we were, what we were, it was obvious to glance us to know what our upbringing was.

'Mary, bring me the damn water, I'm starting to get cold.'

One man in particular stood with me. I believe his name had been Fredrick, young enough to have found work in the slums, but dumb enough to live here. Oh, he stood out of place, all right, reddened hair, pale as they came and even then, he had the guts to put everyone around him down. No one retaliated, not even the hand of a palm or some fist. Everyone knew there was something wrong about him.

The way he kept yelling for a woman to bring him something from here and there.

'Mary bring me the cups, we're having guests. Mary do this, Mary you're worthless, go back to your damned chamber.'

Yet no one seemed to know who she was or have ever seen her. What had been worse was the fact that he paid for two in his apartment, which meant that either he went mad and began being charitable for the constable, or there was something he was hiding.

A nasty fellow at that, wearing by his overalls, and the way he held himself. For as much as he stood inside his own apartment, this man hadn't been weak, he had looked as fit and as healthy as a worker, as a man, as someone who didn't belong here but only came in visit. In other words, he wasn't weary like the others, or lacking in life, no, there was some spirit to the man, which had frightened the others. No one dared approach him too sudden, for every step taken alarmed him.

And he would look at you with that strange gaze, as if his two eyes widened and became somewhat globed within the likes which would make them not be held by any living man. He was dreadfully looking through without being aware at whom he was looking at. This man kept rubbing his chin for some reason, as if he was thinking of measuring us every single time he walked around the proximity of our apartments. To say that he was being

suspicious or untrustworthy would be as putting it lightly as one could. He was entirely paranoid and devoid of any kind of attempt to intervene on the behalf of decency. Even in the way he held himself and walked around, pushing and trampling the tiniest rat seemed to be degenerate in the way he would stamp its tail as he would prolong its suffering by minutes at a time.

‘Little John.’

That was Callas, one of the younger fellows who had taken a liking to the tiny white rat.

‘You mean mice, don’t you?’

‘No sir, I meant what I said, that had been as big a rat as they came, perhaps something went wrong and a few pints of paint fell over it, but I know better. I tend to remember these kinds of details and I think you’ll find it interesting to know that there wasn’t any apartment which had been painted in the likes.

Not a single one, which made me think, every now and then, how does a rat find himself covered in a coat of white paint if no one even had the initiative of using that white pigment?’

‘Perhaps it was natural then? You could’ve been right, it could be a rat that might’ve gone through some rare condition and turned white.’

‘Well, now that I think about it, that rat had definitely been painted white, there was something about the texture on its fur and if I didn’t come to forget it, some of it landed inside its eyes.’

‘Perhaps it had been brought to your building by someone, or made it there by mistake.’

‘That can’t be either. I’ve seen the types of rats that are bred here. We have a supply of rotten food and bread we kept throwing at the same place and I think I’ve seen him before, you know, before it had become what it had been. I think someone wanted to make a really nasty joke and this is what it turned out to be.’

‘I understand.’

There was something incredibly calm about the man, he had been patient enough as to let it sink in before he went on. While rummaging through the various papers, he came back to that rat.

‘Bottom line is that kid like the rat and he couldn’t really stand looking at the man and how he was pushing it against the tiny animal. It had been well behaved, and for some reason, it had taken a liking to the kids around the eight floor. For them, this had been something close to some guardian spirit, you see?

As long as they fed and cared for the little fellow, well, there would be nothing too wrong and nothing coming and going forth. They would get to stay there as long as little John had been alive.’

‘I presume the rat had been killed by him, by this Fredrick, right?’

‘Right, in front of the children, who were close to begging the man not to do what he was about to do. But I guess that’s how the man was, he wanted to give them a harsh life lesson, ever so young, that no one gets a break, not even a bunch of children in an old place like that.’

The tiny rat’s head had been crushed by a quick sole, and for a reason, the kill had been rather clean. He knew how to use enough force to crush its tiny skull, but not to push it far enough to leave a splatter. I knew there was something wrong with the man, ever since that very moment. Children may have cried for their lost pet, but this, this was a whole new level.

I was the only one there, other than the children, standing at the bar near the stairs. Thought it was dark, I have no idea whether or not he had seen me, but with the way he had carried himself, I’ve got no doubt that he knew that I saw him. Of course, someone had to come later and drag the rat out, though there were no marks of someone having crushed the little one.

Not even on this tail, that man had somehow punctured its tail through some means that he left any mark there either. Either his balance or his weight had been forced out of his boot, but I couldn’t explain how he had done it. Perhaps he might’ve been the one who painted the rat as a way to mock us ever further.

Regardless, I have a reason to believe that it was this man who not only started the fire, but who’s also walking alive and well as a free bird.

‘And you’ve got any proof of it? From what I’ve heard there were a lot of people who died in that fire, would that be correct?’

‘It would be, I believe that more than half of the people there died, either by exhaustion of the lungs caused in the fumes, or by what they saw.’

‘Don’t, wait, this is the case which had been reported.’

‘Yes sir, as some kind of fume induced hallucination caused by the soot and the various toxic substances which had been spread around. That would be right, again, let me be clear, sir, I’ve got no intention to let this man get away.’

He nodded at the fact and seemed to have called himself in. Without a doubt, there was something to him, which couldn’t be bothered as to be explained. He was there, he knew it, not there, present when the fire started, but there, when this event, the hallucination took place. It was way too clear on his face, and he had to take into consideration that this man wasn’t entirely well to do in his head.

The incident wasn't one, oh, there had been others which were at least occurring individually from this one, not to mention that one may as well take a leap there, and call it out. This man had been the criminal whom had committed that act of arson.

'I could see it in his eyes, I swear, even before I had the chance to do anything about it, I swear it was him, there's no way you could pass off a man like that without realizing what he's up to, you know?

And that's not the worst part.'

He leaped forward, much more than expected, near the day of the incident. That's when the reports of those strange marking on the wall appeared, placed on the exact eight page. It could be said, of no wonder that there was something going on in there, through the way he went and by the means he had employed unto himself to look through the various angles.

'They didn't get plenty of these right, it's all wrong. They're all reconstructions, you know? Every single thing here had been made for show, not for something which may even be remotely close to what happened.'

'So what did happen? What do you suppose this Fredrick man's intention had been? Trapping you all inside the building to have a few victims?

Most of you were out at that hour, I'd say only a small minority had been trapped inside it when it happened.'

'That's...that's, there's no denying that's how it went. But don't forget that the great bulk of the ones which died had been the young. In other words, this man had killed the younger generations instead of having the guts to push forward and step up to us. That's the hardest part, I'd say.'

'Say no more, I think I get it. But shouldn't have they taken the signs on the walls as an ill omen? Aren't your folk, rather, superstitious?'

'Indeed they are, I don't deny that either. But we could only brush it off as something which was placed there to make us scared. Everyone knew who the culprit was.'

'And no one said a thing about it, had they?'

'No sir, everyone kept their mouths shut out of fear that they might retaliate against us if we tried anything funny. Him being what he was and use being, well, you figure.'

'I'm sorry, but I may be a bit.'

Gourney pulled at his own sleeve and seemed to look, at otherwise, what seemed to be twice the corner, once up dry. There was a tiny spider at it, dangling from the sides. He knew this couldn't have been a proper way for him to escape this conversation, but he at least came to wager on it.

The man wasn't buying it, he was only waiting as if he had been as mesmerized by him as he had been of the spider. No escape lay in sight.

'Will you please continue, then? I wouldn't want to bother too much with this. I'd like to know why.'

'Because he hated us, because they hated us, because even now, you find a reason to look away and seem not to take me any serious at all.

Can't you see all of this? Can't you believe me?'

Small sings, rounder, red, marks which bore triangles, squares in the middle, first they were placed near each door step, and they only looked like some kind of vile decoration. Afterwards, they got bigger, to the point where they started to encompass entire door frames, the ceiling and everything near sight.

That wasn't the worst detail of it yet, as hard as it could be, you know? Trying to remove paint from wood can get truly nasty, if you know what I mean, but that wasn't it either. I know what you're thinking of now, but no, I don't think it's blood, there's no way it could've been that. As far as I know, I've seen my good share in my life and that wasn't it, at least, I think it wasn't.

Something had been drawn from it, the stickiness which had lain and pushed and dragged forward as soon as it had been touched. It had the feel of some karamine, you know that substance? It was exactly that, a tiny bit discoloured at them. And its crimson aroma and the kind which had lain in it seemed to be cheerfully peculiar to the touch.

It could only be thought off as some means of trying to get your hands through it. Many of its layers already melted at the touch and soon enough, you'd have halls filled with confused men and women who looked at their hands, licking them dirtily, unaware of what was that or what it could mean.

'And you haven't figured that at the time, would that be correct?'

'No, and it had gotten much worse than that.'

As soon as there was some kind of entry to the point, they started looking around, they began yelling and trying to alarm the others about it as well.

'Murder, someone had been murdered, this must be his blood they've drained him off. Who's responsible for it? Who's the murderer? Where's he hiding?'

It was a mere sample which had spread. One echo went down the cage and through the stairs and soon, you'd have folk suddenly slamming in their homes, pushing their children away and dragging forth a little riot. And they knew, and he knew as well what it had been for. Everyone had been aware of him and how much of a stink eye he had given, no wonder he would be so bent on it afterwards.

He hated us and we hated him, It was clear from that point on that it would start. First, there were no knocks, we slammed his door open. There had already been the screams directed towards his wife, Mary. If only I could think of anything less than deserving, I could swear it had been him that moment.

Fredrick stood there, sunk in the middle of the room. Underneath him, the floor had not only been wet, but the linoleum seemed to have peeled off from the war. His sink had been broken, and it was the worst for the looking. Someone had been there before us, someone bent his head against it, and afterwards he dragged him, partially naked to where he laid.

‘So, it was a murder then?’

‘No, the man was alive. As I said, if you had paid attention to what I had said, he’s still live, somewhere out there, probably scratching his head to some big dilled bump, serving as some kind of reminder against whom he was setting himself against.’

‘And what of her?’

‘That Mary? She was nowhere to be seen, of course that didn’t prevent him from shouting or trying to get her, but, you can figure out how disturbing it had been to hear. We weren’t aware who had done it, at least, not then. Whatever other occasion, for which it’s been for, I could only spare the circumstance as I knew them better.’

‘Look, I’m not trying to intrude or anything, I’m curious. Has anyone from that group actually tried helping him?’

‘Oh, I wasn’t there, you see, I was busy doing something else. I only heard of this when it had been much later and by the time I had seen the man again, his head had been wrapped up and he was in a worse a mood, more so than usual.’

Quite convenient that him, of all would happen to be somewhere else, out of all the men who had been there, it couldn’t be conceived to be otherwise. In itself, he was the first to admit it, even though it didn’t happen directly. The back of his head had been roughly stratched, even though he only saw it momentarily from the side, he could guess who the culprit might be.

I think they made it plenty of clear that he wasn’t welcome there any longer and it would only be a matter of time until someone stronger came to break him in. There had been something to the man though, that thing, the resilience which never went away. Even with everyone around him being against him, he still refused to give in.

And there were incidents, I tell you, there were things happening inside that building which could turn your gut on the inside and on the outside as well. You see, no one has ever managed to break those circles despite how thoroughly they had been scrubbed, despite the force which had been used and even with the help of some questionable people, still, they stood there. It had been ridiculous, how wide-spread they got that they'd jump on fingers and on knees, only to stay.

'So they remained?'

'No, they haven't. That's the worst part. One could've accepted it if that were the case. Some vandalism here and there wasn't anything new, but this had got to a whole new level. We should've known, we should've picked up on the signs but we haven't. It's a terrible thing, I tell you. What happened to them, as strangely as it may sound, I think the paint which had been used was alive?'

It moved from the threshold of the stairs and of the door frames, from the ceilings and from the walls, from everywhere at that, to the point where it had intruded our homes and refused to go away. What had been most distracting was the fact that I swear, they glowed through the night, which made it ever so disturbing.

'Still, you haven't reported?'

'Reported what? That a bunch of people had a few circles written off inside their homes? What do you think they might've written it off as? At best, they were one eight spread across a few floors, through and through together.'

'But I thought they were. '

'Hold on now, I may have exaggerated a few, but that doesn't make it any less important. It wasn't as much as how many but a matter of where they had been placed.'

That had been the ordeal, all of them, despite being originally placed in peculiarly chosen spots ended up in the same place in each apartment, in every floor, to the point of making one line, or a scope through each floor, leading to the basement of the building.

It wasn't until the rat appeared again that the children had begun being frightened. They seemed to have taken a liking to it, as I have said, but this wasn't anything to have a liking taken to. First of all, he hadn't come back in a piece.

The first sighting of the rat had been its white head, attached on the back of another rat. Andrew had been the first kid to see him, or see it. Rather, the kid had been brushed off as having had quite the imagination, well, unless you held into account the other kids who surrounded him as well.

'What's that?'

The eight's side of the ceiling, from which a few scraps of the material fell. There were floor boarding which had been stuffed, as to make up for the hollow inside they tried covering up. Through some small hole, there he made his entrance, falling through like some tiny hard and heavy rock, which bounced a bit at he fell on the floor.

'Don't get near him. '

'But I think he's hurt, look, he's, he's.'

A stumble of words couldn't prepare for what had been seen. Perhaps it had been that thickening of the tail, which had been attached to the back of the small white neck which lay on its back. Or that might've been made up by the children, either way, that's what they said they saw. Tiny bones which pushed its legs to the point where this thing bore not the legs of a rat, but some kind of weird, thinned, arched things, which were interconnected on each side.

What had been weird about the two rats now was the fact that their legs had been so peculiarly shaped that they could only walk side-ways. It wasn't even that had to figure out, in their round motion that they wanted to get the children surrounded. Or, it wanted, certainly it would be hard to figure out whether or not that thing had any consideration or any mind of its own, the rat on the bottom.

'I think we're already dwelling a bit too far, aren't we? From moving circles, bashed heads, missing women and now, rats tied together?'

He could only dwell on it as much as he had heard. But what had been so, ever interesting was the fact that it came from children.

'Sir, Gourney, I believe with my honest heart that children cannot lie. I know you may not take this well, but you must understand where I'm coming from.'

An immediate eyebrow had been raised. This man had come up here with a ridiculous story which had been unrelated to anything close to what may have laid in the realms of reality, asking for some kind of help he couldn't provide. He knew this man needed help, a lot of help and he hadn't expected this to proceed in this manner.

What would he do now? Either he would push the man or attempt to listen to his mad stories of pieced rats which came together and left the side.

'How? You're telling me the rat had simply vanished afterwards through one of the holes?'

'It was an old place, you can't expect anything else, can you? It wasn't like it's been intended to end up that way.'

'Can we at least draw the line there and ignore the side of the story coming from a bunch of children? I mean no offense but this isn't something which could be verified. If there's no reputable source to confirm any of the supposed events, I refuse to take any of it into consideration.'

‘Very well then, I have definitive proof of it, if you don’t mind.’

And with a sudden care, he pulled something from a bag and appeared to have gently thrown the head of a white rat onto his table.

‘Have you lost whatever’s in that damned mind of yours? Did you seriously consider taking the head of a rat only to throw into my face?’

What were you thinking? It can’t even be the same damned rat, look, it looks like a fresh kill, your mutthead.’

As the rage subsided, momentarily, there appeared to be a twitch.

Gourney could do nothing but cover his mouth at the sight of it. Something had been ever so clear then, as the man had provided this understanding.

He should’ve known something was wrong with the way in which he interacted with that thing, ever since he brought it in.

‘So what’s the tick here, mister? Did you shove some device inside the head which goes every now and then to shake off the thing?’

‘There’s no trick here, Gourney, this very peculiar rat head I brought with me.’

‘I don’t give up easily, you must know that, I won’t fall for an an easy trick.’

‘Go ahead and do whatever you must do.’

Said the man as he looked at the needle I took out of the small haystack holder I took out of one of my drawers. A few attempts would have to do. If there was a device in there, he would reach the metal end and stop. If not.

There it went, a few needles struck in that rat. He kept pushing it to the point where it looked like one of the late century anatomy charts, which presented variously dissected animals being spread apart. He couldn’t believe how much he had managed to get through without a single flinch or shock out of the device.

Even as he pushed it in the animal’s brain, the very core which sent every signal in every direction, there was nothing there. No small box, no prick, no wire going out, nothing which may keep that thing alive.

‘Now do you get it? Why I said those children couldn’t have lied? Now, if you saw what I saw you wouldn’t have doubted any child, whatever he may tell you. Not with things like that in the world.’

‘But how, this is impossible, it shouldn’t be alive if there’s nothing inside.’

‘My rat head if you could?’

I scrambled as I turned towards it, trying my best not to pull the rat away. With a small napkin, taken from the same drawer, I started picking up every prick which was in there. Little could I tell about what had been going in there, but as much as I had been interested, this was something worthy of my time.

‘I’ll clear my schedule, we’ll talk all day, and we’ll meet as often as possible, everything you need.’

‘Mr. Gourney, you don’t have to change your tune now, this is something personal to me. Don’t turn it into something which may overcome your life as it did mine.

Ever since this incident.’

He said as he picked that head, placing in the small bag he had on him. The thing was that it had been only one of many.

‘What else?’

‘What would that be, sir?’

‘What else did you see there, or heard about? Were there other rats?’

‘No, this own, whatever it had been, let’s say that we eventually found out why that red paint had been so resilient to begin with.’

It had been right away that people were starting to get sick for a reason or another. Not sick in their minds, though there was already some kind of way of knowing that it didn’t wasn’t getting any better.

But those crimson marks couldn’t help themselves, you see? They weren’t marks at all. They were formations made out of tiny patched of red worms, and if anything they had gotten hungry from all the waiting. During the night, they would crawl from across the room and implant themselves into the sleeping old ladies and old folk who stood mostly unprotected.

‘And they didn’t move from those apartments despite those red marks being there?’

‘How could they? Most of them had been unable.’

That thing only caused mostly trouble in the morning, when they had been disturbed. Insomnia, apnea, sudden waking of pain, other sleeping disorders which had taken place only added to the fact that no one found one another any trustworthy than they had been. Red marks around their bodies, but nothing of those worms.

‘By now I supposed no one knew of them, correct?’

‘Not a single soul had crossed the idea that there might be something to it.’

They were simple folk after all. Working all day, a few hours a night of rest and that was mostly their lives, poor folk, simple folk. Dead folk.

In August, twenty first, there came the first man who died. Apparently the cause of death had been a stroke, but hear this:

‘I know I’m not supposed to be in possession of this, but if one wants to get closer to the bottom of this, some rules need to be broken, right? In my case, some laws would have to do.

Here’s the anatomy file, I keep it on me, as a matter of fact, and I keep everything on.’

He showed me his back pack, which had been filled with many files, notes, papers, pictures and everything else he had collected. What was he even thinking now? I should’ve known by the looks of the man that he had looked a bit rustled, with his unwashed clothes and shaken appearance, this man probably didn’t have a place to live any longer.

Both stared and drew up enough information from one another, as if not to ask. Still, even as he had been passed that file, with the murder, he could see something being spared inside his backpack. He was actually carrying something with him, which was plenty disturbing on its own.

‘So this is it.’

‘See what I’m talking about, his heart is missing and every other organ had been scrambled in one direction and another.’

‘And you believe the red worms had done it.’

‘Look at the organs, look carefully. You know, I thought I had lost it with this obsession, but here it were, , look, really close.’

The image was enough to deal a blow to one wicked of heart, but there it was, small rubbing holes inside of them. Red, bloodied, but not from the blood. The file said they had been robbed of it, drained, completely empty, no sign of any entry.

‘How did they get inside?’

‘I’m still trying to get this out. Maybe through one of his ears, or nostrils, or any other bodily entrance.’

And there had also been the moving automatons, twins.

‘You’ll need to slow down a little, I can’t move as easily from this as you may take me.’

‘Listen, they’re connected. I think that’s how he managed to snick the worms inside our buildings. He thought we were dumb, that we wouldn’t find them, but there it was.

That might’ve sounded downright taken, as if he would be seen like some bottle-presser than a man with a sense of his own. But, there were pictures of those things as well and it looked rather close to them being down-right made with some craftsmanship. Not the kind a master would have gotten, but it bore the appearance of something tribal.

‘Do you have any idea where it might’ve been taken from?’

‘I could only guess myself, but I think they were brought here, from somewhere around the African Subcontinent, as a mean of controlling the population. See?’

Of course there were some vague sketches and some weird journals which seemed to define those things with some peculiar means of operation, but those tiny red worms appeared to be drawn by their skin. They acted like some carriers, breeding grounds.

Even a patent laid inside, which mean this man had taken the time to, not only find himself into a position where he could closely get into contact with the statue but also have his hands have a got at either of them.

‘By the time I had managed to open one of them and carve them up, it was obvious that there wasn’t anything left inside of them. Look, I wasn’t planning to disturb your work or interrupt you by any means, but this thing had been brought into my building for that sole reason which had been tied to him pushing us around and everything else that happened around there.

See the inside of the belly? One of the automatons had been empty, but at the very bottom of it, they left some rotten wood. With its pigmentation out of the way, the woodish brown aside, there had been rotten red marks all over.

I think they didn’t have anything else to eat and they began trying to eat one another or whatever they could get their tiny mouths at.’

I took a moment then, to force him to slow down a moment. Not because my interest slowed down but because there wasn’t anything else I could be forced to do but proceed with it.

‘Catherine, could you clear the rest of my schedule for today?

Be a good dear and make sure everyone’s called. We’ll reappoint them some other day, all right?’

‘Right away sir, and, sir, should I simply.’

‘Close the door, thank you Catherine. You’re a gift given from above.’

He had no interest in what laid there. Such a twisted half they lived, moving, or being moved as to avoid what was going on. Half-the-side of their weird concoction of a town had been made out of solidified springs of metal. Every tiny spray appeared to have formed some kind of alternative way of holding such an incredible weight that it would have to content with the fact that there was something to it which kept it moving at all times.

As long as no man saw what was outside town, from within their noses, eyes were partially blinded by the atmosphere in which air had forced some kind of slight crushing of the lungs, only so it would prevent nothing other than the full development of their eyes.

That hadn’t been the only cause, as apparently, there was this out of the ordinary peculiar grin of misalignment, which kept the cities high above the ground. Yet they moved, or had been moved by the constantly rotating plane of shattered dirt holes which pushed one another as they intersected. Somehow the springs of metal had pierced through them and had formed giant legs which held the towns moving at all time. It was a unison which couldn’t have been gathered by any sight at all.

Tiny air molecules had been struck in those twisted springs, the many swimming metal wings which pushed in every side now appeared to be anything but fright inducing for the men who had died. Through the sewage system, the dying, not the dead, would be slowly moved and pushed until they’d end up being half-submerged through those springs.

And they would swim through some kind of filthy metallic water which could only make it so they seemed weary of the time they would be there. It couldn’t be conceived that by the end of this, either they would add to the bulk of the pillars which kept the cities above the disintegrated ground, or if they had been lead down there, where no sight could behold what was had been inside.

One could wager and be no stranger to such a world as it’d be damning. There, somewhere in enough space and enough of a twist, there was a small rounded, plane for one or two bodies to stay. At least three more were still alive.

Carrions and vultures appeared to have made nests around everywhere. Such a sight would be nothing but cruel to one who were to throw a glance. No one dared make too much noise or move too sudden out of fear that they might attract them near.

It was depressive, to see and look upon the high ceiling, darkened by the fact that every leg pushed inside. Suddenly a body would fall and not even get to go through one of the leg-tunnels, but be completely picked apart bit huge carrions, grub-scarabs which would be thrown from one side to the other as a means of breaking it apart before it fell down there.

Everyone depended on the system. Whatever it may be, they would have to wait.

‘Food, there’s food, here. Legs, raw meat, look.’

One of the old-men who looked malnourished from the back side of his lower torso only pushed himself to the place where he grew nearer. He hadn’t stretched, but felt like he had suddenly pulled the whole mass of his behind into some large and wide pocket which allowed his other side to grow, looking more youthful than he had ever seemed to be. From the way he had appeared to be, though he had looked pitiful from behind, now he looked like he was young and beautiful on one side.

‘You don’t have to worry for yourselves, my dear friends. I shall cook these for you and make sure everyone will be well fed.’

He gave a smile which made the others, who weren’t as fortunate as he was to take on such an appearance and youthful strength feel well. They couldn’t explain what it was they desired so much, even less than that. But the other corpses around only seemed to bicker as if not spoken to.

‘Well, well, you won’t have to tell me a thing. I shall make sure that once everyone else is properly fed, that you’ll be taken care of and be groomed. Within my expectations, I know you to be of my kin so I shall make sure you’ll be branded, cleaned and made so you’d look in awe.

Please, make it so you can abide yourselves to this and not look into any other way which may matter.’

They were all distraught by the fact that there wasn’t a single way of knowing if they could make it through in one piece. Many of those large vulture propagandists seemed to be flying over, harmlessly aware of the very misinformation they spread around.

See, they weren’t real but acted as some kind of decoys born out of the constant paranoia and fear of their lives they felt upon being stranded there in the middle of nowhere. No one could even bother to read on the conundrum they were set it, especially that one who had taken upon himself to take care of them. Less than it would’ve been expected, there could be some kind of interruption which may be had.

Once or twice, with little in mind of the frightening stares which had been had over the stranded birds of prey, those malnourished looked open-minded. It wasn’t that often that they would get to see what those malignant vultures looked like. And since they stopped mid-air, it’s been confirmed that they were nothing of the light. Or it was, but not entirely.

Only in part, had they been like that, with their bellies being much fuller, to the very point where they were too broad to be unworthily sustained by the system of flight they bore. No consideration could be had, at least not without daring to think of anything of the diseased mind there was there. Those wings fell and hadn’t flapped, but nothing bled.

With the fall of decay, they understood why those vultures had acted like some kind of decoy-kind of fright-spreader being. Inside of them, they bore the likes of many children which had all been kept inside pocket of membranes which made it so they would be protected. Without a doubt, it couldn't have been denied that there would be something to this very fact which tainted and brought something extremely unnerving to the table, since it didn't seem to be anything but natural.

It had been part of their anatomy, that sudden release of its mind and head. But for what reason, other than to facilitate the escape of the release of its children, the starved mind couldn't think of it. Perhaps that had been the way it had been overanalyzing every passing creature.

One of the nests, a bid farther away, in the secluded area which reigned between the top entryway between the giant legs and the top of the city, laid one of the nests. A gathering was held. Carefully secluded so it may not be seen, it had been made quaintly clear that there was something to it. No man could go ahead and look forward and be less of a stranger to the means of being told what was going on.

He held himself high to the point of staring at his brethren. These strange vultures which were no vultures at all but poorly resembled the animals, which those men had associated them with inside their minds. They were reluctant to begin whatever that had been.

A kind of observation, which could not be thought as anything else but a way for them to take each one for themselves. Heavy as they seemed to be, those wings didn't act like they were supposed to be, having had to deal with a heaviness which couldn't be denied the likes, appeared likely to have stores inside of them air, between the walls of their flapping bottoms and the feather-like prodding teeth they bore.

Those teeth had holes in them which forced them to eat air molecules and regurgitate them into their wing stomachs, being as well what kept them floating and alive. Not only had they been kept by it but it seemed like they had been at a constant risk of having suffered of the air diseased.

See, those teeth could be forced into drawing in pieces of the nervous system, dumping down the flying vultures and coming off like tooth-parasites, falling off, unable to survive on their own. In cases like that, where they would happen in clusters, there would be some kind of immediate repercussion which was had.

Many of them would fly in flocks as they would appear to be startled by the fact, with one of their own having fallen down, bloated in the head as those marking teeth tried to go back inwardly to the point where they made their way to the central system, which they alone would've invaded. Inside that brain they would outgrow their shells but not in any kind of redeeming way.

It would look that in such a case, the brain would've been greedily forced to grow inside small shells, doing more damage than it should've done. And in that point, those who hadn't ripped themselves off had received the

equivalent of some brain-injury forced obstruction of the mind which instead killed everyone attached to the body. But such cases were rare.

Other cases had been sad, for, if this happened to one who bore children, the results would've been rather mad and unnerving for the mind. No one could deal with such a blow, not to the unknown selves which forced themselves on them.

Oh what a pity, it might've been for one to suffer such insolence as it's been had. They all gathered at that, going over some tension which could be had. That risk hadn't happened here as of yet and suddenly it had begun. As long as the head came first and wasn't attached to those feathers and their nasty unwashed swarm-like tiny hairs, there would be no risk that they would immediately die off. No, not a single chance.

The wings followed and suddenly its children had been given escape. An immediate rabid interest came in those who observed and looked for the strongest of that vile pack. Each of them had begun eating from inside their parent, never stopping, ever-watching, then.

'Gourney, what were you thinking off? You've been staring out of the window for the past few minutes.'

'Nothing, I wasn't thinking of anything. Perhaps something distant but that's about it.'

Gourney looked as a small figure he kept on his desk. Its eyes had been thoroughly chewed by a rabid dog which used to come around his area. It was something he thought about more now than often. Thought like these often occurred to him when he was given free reign to reflect upon it.

But if there was something which connected with him as that point was this. He had come into contact with the dog then, that's how he picked up on the small wooden figure he now owned. Whoever he may have taken it from was little if not entirely his concern at all. What else could he ask this man about if not it?

'How did this Fredrick come into contact with those statues then? How did he manage to get them inside unnoticed?

You didn't make a solid case on his being a wealthy enough person to facilitate the purchase and delivery of those things, especially from such a long distance, as from one continent to another.'

'I may not be able to fully answer this, but I always suspected he wasn't entirely what he claimed to be. At least, he must've had help, some kind of help, if he was to succeed getting through his stay in one piece.

His temper always got him in trouble with the folk and it was obvious that he couldn't control it by no means whatsoever.'

'So it got worse.'

‘Indeed it had. The worms there had been put all on him, nothing more. It wasn’t even clear and it didn’t have to matter for him to be responsible for it. Everyone knew he’d be the one forced to answer for what’s been going on there.’

Broken pipes, doors bashed throughout the night, light left open, more of those scum-worms moving around the area during late hours only to return to their chosen place before the light of day would come. It was getting on people’s nerves already. That thing inside your chest which keeps popping and needs to remind you that things could be better, something wrong, you need to get out.

‘Then you should’ve left.’

‘And I would’ve missed it. The day of the fire, in which I should’ve been on of the dead men inside that grave. But I wasn’t, and instead, they had.’

It wasn’t only the circles, but the basement as well. There had been an accumulation of wide-spread dust clouds which had rendered entry and passage through it impossible. It couldn’t even be taken into consideration, for as long as one were to stay inside of it without any protection, he would be at risk of getting that nasty lung disease which spread.

‘That’s on him as well?’

‘I wouldn’t put it past him, though the circumstances of the appearance of those fumes had been rather curiously strange as well.’

It was undeniable that something was hidden in them as well, something highly flammable which had helped it spread across the base and filaments of the building. They spread through the frames, like small and tiny servants for those worms.

By some unnatural way, they were given orders by them, that’s why I think it wasn’t fumes down there alone. And they didn’t spread on both sides and both wings of the building, they only wanted that side to be completely engulfed by flames.

‘So as soon as you discovered it, has no one made any attempt to remove or clean that basement? No help, no assistance? Nothing? Was it simply allowed to happen?’

‘We couldn’t do anything. Most of us had already been disturbed, you know?’

‘Something of this kind is rather dangerous if left unwatched, so, anyone else there would’ve at least tried doing anything.’

‘Neither of us had, and I’m sorry to say, I was indisposed at the time to act.’

Another thing wrong, four in the afternoon. First body came into the light. She had been named Ophelia.

A lady in her late fifties, caught by them, in a most repulsive manner. It had been the first time I have managed to see how they act, how they would react in pacts.

This is the reason why I have come to assume those dust fumes worked under the command of those worms or of Frederick. Either one would've made for a perfect explanation if only I could make it through to one shot.

I carried a revolver those days and I know I wasn't supposed to carry one. They're banned for us, you know? But that didn't prevent me from reaching out.

She hadn't been dead apparently by the time I had stumbled on the corridor and saw the end of her door opened. If anything, at the end of the staircase, there was a young girl, standing with her small bear wrapped around her arms.

That had been her mother and she seemed clever enough to sit there teary-eyed. I kind of understood what she saw there and why she left the room. I could only nod to her as I made my way inside the room slowly.

as thought, it couldn't have been anything but worse to the smell, for the scent had me choking for the first few seconds.

'That couldn't have been good for your lungs.'

'It wasn't. It still isn't.'

'You're suffering of.'

He could only nod and carry on with it. That explained why he looked rather distant and frail at times, except in the moments when he was trying to get to his recollections of what was going on inside his building.

But it hadn't been easy to stay focused in there. Not when they appeared again. This time there wasn't any animal attached to them, but a pair of springs, tied to some scissor-shaped long needles came as if from the corner of the room. It looked like it had been part of the very ceiling, merely having escape for itself while looking for a host.

How many of them had there been inside of the place? how did they all manage to mobilize in such a manner?

It couldn't be conceived at all. Those tiny scraps of metal which had formed could only be seen as they were acting akin to sewing devices. What I had previously seen before hand hadn't been legs at all but the very device which had sewed the two rats together. Now, it was only looking for the two of us, and as I came to turn around I hear the door crick.

Someone had locked the door behind me and I only had need of a few guesses to know who it had been. Now, I don't know what he promised or told the girl, but she had no shame as she made her way towards closing me inside

that room. It was for the better that she hadn't shown her face after, as I would've made sure to push her face in if we met again.

'Don't you think that's kind of harsh for child?'

'I think that's mild in comparison with what I thought of doing to her after. You'll have gone on me on this on, my instincts, you see, would've made me do much worse to her.'

'What happened in that room?'

There was little to be told of the even. He came there with this personal investigation, yet he was reluctant to ask for any kind of specific help. One would think he was only in it for something, though I dare not push the stroke of luck to dig deeper.

Whatever happened in that room, between the two of them had been his concern and his alone? He chose not to say a word in the matter.

But, by the looks of it, he couldn't help himself then. There was as little control over his impulsive nature as there could've been and as soon as he saw that device sharpening itself against the frame and the edge of the ceiling, he pulled out his revolver and shot at it. His eyes were somewhat bleak and red, his lips chapped from a previous bit he had before coming to the room.

between the woman who had been accosted by what seemed to be a small gathering of the dust and the worms and the device, there's been nothing which would follow through. Nothing scarped that small device.

'Damn you Fredrick, with your filthy machines, break, break!'

The hole it had come from, there were other devices like he had seen walking inside the room. He must've worked it out from some pattern or he made or something. But that device was properly making its way, leaving pin marks all over the walls on the track it had made.

I started wondering, could they see me? So far they only walked in straight directions across the walls but I swear I hear the children say they had possessed the body of the rats. It couldn't have been my mind working it now; those things had been sending there for me. Though my body may not have been that of a rat, I had little doubt that those things would've forced themselves on me in order to do some irreparable damage no man would have to face.

'I'll tell you this, Gourney. What I have come out of the room with had been something which had grown on my leg. And that thing, let me tell you spread. Quickly. No amount of washing, scraping, pushing away removed them.

They buried themselves inside my leg, like some rash or some kind of mites. I had to run to my room in order to do something I don't regret doing. A piece of my skin had to be cut off, there was simply no way of getting rid of it.

Don't mind me with that, for I'll have known it by the time I was done cutting.'

With a piece of cloth inside my mouth, there had been little noise inside the neighbor might have heard.

'But they had to have heard the shots. I was in pain, rather dulled by the sweat, forced to a limp to the same room. There was nothing in there, only her. She hadn't disappeared. But the room looked normal to me.'

Gourney was rather confused by what happened in the short time this man had been locked inside his room. There couldn't have been a thing pushing through him, not now, not for the likes of wanting to care. He had been stripped of any kind of desire of knowing what had been going on there.

By his hand stood a bottle of booze he had picked up on his way. For a few minutes he stared, between the room and the hallway. It hadn't been closed on the way out, now he even wondered if it had been closed at all.

Though those small devices had been there, and he had a way to see it. See, though he may have been struck by some fever-dream, he managed to drink a good two ounce off it immediately. But he saw it, exactly how small those worms and how tiny those mites had been. They crawled through the pin holes which had been made out of those devices.

And it made sense in some way, as the metal hadn't been anything but colored in some dark hue. Well, to say the least, it appeared like there had been something to it. Some trinkets to the statues he had brought here. One check would properly confirm if only he had done quick enough, before someone caught on the fact that he was standing in the same room with a body.

He would have to deal with the fact that the girl had seen it all, and that wasn't right. As long as it happened, he couldn't have helped it in the least. If there was something to it, one would have to wonder, who had the girl sold her young soul to.

A meeting cancelled after two. It had been strange, seeing how time went so slow when he was busy. For each moment or expanded on minute, there was some kind of extension in which he could only watch.

Far into the distance, there were still chains, tied to out-grasp for planes. They bore no pilots and appeared likely to have been set together as if to carry on something kind of important heavy load. Gourney turned towards the window to look at them go up there. It helped him pass off the time and think about it. Before anything could be done about it, there was some kind of deduction to be had there.

In some sudden woe to this man, he raised a hand. He wanted to think about how ridiculous this story had sounded. Would he entertain the man for six more hours? Certainly he couldn't sit here to listen to what would only be the hallucinatory episode of a man who had been caught in the fire.

Though there was still the problem with that rat, which had shocked him at least for the time being. He couldn't explain it, and he had pricked that head with his needle at least a few times. Without a sudden reaction, that had been it. A dreadful arrogance could only last for so much longer than it had been.

Plenty of shocks lay there in the sky alone. Moving objects, small glowing lights, and the end of life.

But Gourney turned as he had decided he would entertain the man a little longer. If anything, this had been an interesting conversation he could share with his colleagues, even if it wasn't real. This delusional man seemed harmless enough in any case.

'Did you confront this Fredrick then? I would expect you to have at least considered trying to get into contact with him after this incident.'

To not add that he most likely would've done something much worse than that. It could be thought of less than being something to be spared off and more so of some vile descent into the likes of that complex. It wasn't easy for him after that point, dragging him, limping, moving with an empty bottle.

The first thought which came into his mind was that he would smash that bottle into someone's head, likened to some kind of awareness that only ended up nearing to it. He would crush it, smash it, and break his legs.

'That man shouldn't have lived after what happened to me and I was sure that I was going to kill him right then.'

'Without trying to have him explain himself? Did you at least have any proof that he was the one responsible for it?'

'I didn't need any proof anymore. I had everything I ever needed on me. Don't let me show anything less of the kind, for I could've had him then.'

If only he had been there in the first place. But he wasn't there. The man had been missing from his room, from his place. I know that because I broke into his house. There weren't any rounds left in my revolver, as it was already hard to get them as they were, with everything being taken into consideration.

Now, a few things about his room, I expected something to be there. Anything, from a patch of worms, of those dust-things or even, even something close to...

I couldn't take my mind away from it. There was something Gourney didn't have to know. Before he had come to his senses, he forgot that he left that woman there. That old woman had still been alive. It wasn't something he had thought off until then, but the shame had been flabbergasting. Upon the time he had entered the room and in-between his chance of escape or that through which he had gotten himself through, he forgot all about her.

Uncertain whether she had died of her body exposure, he couldn't face the fact that he left her there. But Fredrick, and her, the man, the lady, the one cause the problem. No, he could only focus on his so far, it had to have been him.

It was for him to do something unforgivable. This time he would make the damage be permanent, no exception, without a doubt and in no way would he forgive the man.

‘So he wasn’t there.’

Well either way, it had been irrelevant. If one were to push ever so much forth, he would’ve found out that this sounded all too familiar. He wasn’t there, this man wasn’t there, somewhere, along the way, and he must’ve gone out.

‘But if one thing, I found his Mary after I trashed his entire place. I still don’t know what to make out of it. Either he had lost his mind or this man had hidden somewhere she shouldn’t have been.’

It wasn’t much, but he found her picture, a sea-eyed beauty dressed in white, who had her hands wrapped around their child. If there had been a moment to show him any kind of empathy towards the man that had been it. Though I could simply not glance over everything this man had ever done to us and I threw his tiny idol on the ground.

Poor fool should’ve known better than to come here amongst us. Now he would pay for everything he’d done. Yet again, not a single word to Gourney, he had only to know that this man was missing, and no less than that.

‘Well, do what you want with it. If that man is out there, I won’t want intervene.’

Though Gourney could only let it out like some kind of muffled nervous mutter. He had little more of an idea if he was serious about trying to hunt the man, after all, this man who stood in front of him had been rather, broken. At the time he had stepped into his office, he had limped and took his time to enter.

He didn’t know whether to feel any pity for the man or deny him that. One would be inclined to think this man could approach the status of being deranged, with how he acted and how tension had come into play there. First that, then this, there had been an entry as well then. He couldn’t think of it as anything less than what it had been a man’s attempt to get some attention.

It had been clear ever since the start that this man wasn’t right in the head and this little fact only confirmed it. He at least tried reasoning with the man, and offered him to take him wherever he needed to go, but this had been met by some reluctance and some discovery in them. No man had ever encountered such an event, like that of which he had described and got out in one piece of the mind.

For that reason, Gourney doubted that this man would be right in the head if he ever went through with hunting that man.

‘Should I schedule you sometimes this week or the next one? I don’t like giving up on my clients you know.’

‘Don’t worry, I know where to find you.’

‘That’s not what I meant, I have other people coming here on set dates, and it’s not as easy as barging in and making demands.’

‘It’ll be fine, I know you won’t be able to refuse me, Mr. Gourney.’

With the slam of the door, he simply left. There hadn’t even been any kind of mark left on the brass knuckle around the door handle. He hadn’t even pulled it properly in order to set it in place. What a strange man, with a strange coat and now he left.

Without even giving his farewell, the man even took those old case files with him without even asking if that were right. One would be peeved by this if it weren’t for that very fact that he had bought himself a few good hours.

‘Catherine, would you mind coming on to take a coffee with me? I would seem to have forgotten my manners then, but it seems like we have a good few hours now. Would you like to accompany me and have diner?’

‘Certainly sir, might I add that you made a great choice in clearing your appointments for today?’

She could only wink her dark eyes in excitement and flicker a brow as her straight locks went to work. The two of them were gone out of the office forty minutes later.

Without the proper work of legs they stood out there, spread and flying. Many of their bodies had united and scouted the ground work which stood under placement of the legs. Their needs made out of slippery skin seemed to be holding their frail bodies together in some sort of peculiar bondage bred out of the flying device they had made.

It seemed like these men who had one gone through the process of malnourishment had become clever in their technique and craftsmanship of tools. Every single one of them would go ahead and grab a hold of small sticks and nets and other things which may have been thrown by the citizens of the city. And it wasn’t a coincidence that all of their trash had somewhat come there, right above the holes below.

One couldn’t help but imagine the heaps of trash and the mountains made out of them, below and out of reach of that place and more importantly, the life which would develop there. For, no living thing had a desire to live in a desecrated holes, one which had only been permitted sight at some intervals of time, from which light would only come unasked for.

And every now and then, they would be looked by the most naive faces which only looked like some kind of distracted and dumbfounded gazes no man should’ve been met with.

There were drips coming out of that ugly and disturbed face but without a doubt, it couldn’t have been held accountable by no means. Something disturbing had happened, there would be no explanation for the kind of desire this half-form had upon seeing the one who had descended on the hindered eaten leg. It wasn’t like there could’ve been any desire to have known what was going on.

No cruelty could be spared. No one dared. They were hunting through the planes in the air, actively avoiding the falling debris which found it daring them with every movement and every strike. It couldn't be denied that there was an unconscious desire to eat as much as they could. For far too long they had been starved and in a moment there, one of the vulture beings had been trapped.

Small strings came from inside their fingers. It had been hard and painful, trying to dig up in the very area where their bones and meat had met. But through them, they pushed and seemed to push ahead, until nothing had been to it, without a heed to go through it, they could only reveal how deep they went.

Upon trapping the vulture, many of them had lost fingers in the struggle. They wouldn't get to hunt again afterwards. And not only that, but they had been dragged down by the wait and the constant shaking it bore, for this one had been carrying one of its offspring inside, or at least one it had taken.

The parties had been caught in that dreadful fight and actual flight, through which one could be the victor. Since they couldn't communicate through their mouths, it had been revealed that their only way, which had remained was the fact that there would be nothing to heed again. For that, they would look through the holes and the broken wings in the flying vulture-like emissary like some rabid animals, starving for a bite.

With a shimmer of communication which had been done solely through their eyes, they managed to steer the flying bird into the metal podium tied to the very leg they had been about to land on.

Its head had twisted from the high turbulence and as it drew near to the base of the metal leg, its neck had been popped in its socket and shot through the opposite direction, missing their living-glider by mere inches. Within their grasp, on that platform lay some kind of disturbing meal.

With their perforated mouth beaks, they revealed how many pairs of reeling teeth they had pushed inside of those bodies, shoving in deeper while searching for a way deeper in. Some organs inside those tiny offspring appeared to be acting up. Their high small strips started unfolding at those teeth came into contact with them.

Immediately, they would get to be forced into some kind of vileness of the eye. Inside of them, the mass of their pupils had grown to a normal size. Now those creeps would be blind no longer. A strange vitality had overcome them as soon as they had devoured the children, beckoning their mad return.

But farther away, in that sunken place, there seemed to be a turn which may not be seen kindly. From the base of it, something had appeared to be about straddles from within. That place seemed to have communicated, resonated with another similar way below, somewhere in the past.

Those vile black pools communicated inter-dimensionally without any affect of space or time. A certain determination seemed to be there as the half-formed tower seemed to be brought there. But such a transition had been stopped from within before it could have taken place.

Immediately, as this catastrophe could happen, the great ending from below had to be sealed. The tower stopped half-forming and it appeared like its insides had remained revealed. It had not been formed of shell but the kind of flesh and organs lay inside belonging to a man. Such a creature couldn't be conceived off by any means, it couldn't be embraced, unloved, uncared for.

One of the vessel had stopped, as they had all formed the great system of inter-universal communication. By the time they had realized that the same cataclysm, the great schism could happen, the hole and the bile of that planet, upon which the legs had been set, started sealing itself. Many great abominations of living creatures gauntly formed like worms, with the faces of human beings, beaked, many legged, formed with inter-connections between them, but most importantly dead started appearing and being stacked upon one another.

They would act like disease carriers, only so nothing may live below, only the insects which carried their pestilence inside. This madness could help itself as to seal the wound of the earth.

But one creature had observed. As it was still looked down upon by that one face, it had come to realize that it would die there without a chance to escape. Something had to be done in order for it to escape. Without a chance of protesting the happening of the coming corruption, the vile had appeared in their veins.

Filthy mongrels of the depths, oh, vile in kind, managed to awaken themselves by the mere virus which had been forced inside of them. Every single one of them had been alarmed of that single one creature which would attempt its escape. That mad one had climbed on a pile of trash, going forward as to push through the heap of the vile.

It would crash itself and see itself near the arrogance of the likes of man. But they would swear to serve him and protect him from any kind of malignance which may be.

Fear ran in its wicked eyes, as suddenly it found itself leaping from the pile and growing small appendages to climb on the leg. Of course they wouldn't stay, they couldn't, as no vile approach and no dark would come through afterwards.

So much harder had it been to watch, after seeing so many bodies form, sprouting from one another, the likes of which could never be thanked off. Even the partially formed towers had fallen prey, as from their insides, those creeping bodies pushed and yanked, and seemed to glance at it in their short-lived living stance. From the sight of the unknown, this creature had escaped in the midst of a second, in time.

No more would it be deceived by the likes, not a single second about them. Would there be something to be looked upon by them? Without a doubt, they seemed to be vile, for their likes alone couldn't have been deceived.

The growth of the many mongrel forms stopped there, at the end of their holes. And yet that wouldn't be the end of them, as they opened their dead mouths in an attempt to store the heaps of malign decay which fell from atop the city. Inside them, as far inside as it would go, there lay acid, of the bitterest kind.

One slip and this mad being wouldn't be alive any longer. And there in the light, it had revealed its full body, fat, and filled with lumps. Legs keep falling away but it kept growing them. For what had been worth, it hadn't had a face of its own, but it had taken, in the likes of an imitation, the appearance of the first face it had seen.

Not a single worth of it had there been shown. This thing wasn't human, neither of them were. But it had joined this malnourished creature there, after its struggles had been over. No more could it have become clear that there was something to it. The two of them stood there, sharing what seemed to be one of those flying vultures which had been set aside.

Apparently, it had managed to bash its own head in the likes of a metal wall against which it stood about. No appearance and no woe could it had been, no disgrace and no emotion shown so far. Both of them simply stared peculiarly at one another. Their meal had arrived, and it looked like it had been battered up quite well. Not only would they begin feasting while taking their time to remove all of the impurities inside of it, but there hadn't been any other need to be had. It wasn't even close to being what they had seen, that the various insides started crawling in an attempt to get away.

A sapient of its own roundness came to show itself popping out, a parasitic compressor which had a small metal device implanted in its head, with a cruel way of trying to snatch one of the various off springs, it leapt and started pushing through the back of its head. With little in mind, for its own kind had been what it had looked like inside. An insidious remark came over this wrathless shriek which came as soon as it had opened itself up.

Without a doubt, little could be told and foretold about the magnificence of the skin it had displayed. Soon, the device had entered the offspring and let out a shock. Both the malnourished and this other, who may not have a kind or way of his own looked at it. A few steps away and it would've freed itself from that.

But only the device managed to fling itself past capture. They had stared in a determined glaze to get through the madness of hope. It could only be that they would be paranoid now, pushed through and drowned through the veils of the air. The sphere through which one may normally breathe inside of had been cut off as the invisible air tubs which had lain there seemed to have been restricted by the new division which happened below.

Those mad interlopers, the corpses down there managed to pollute the tubes with their own essence to the point where pieces of themselves manifested in the air. Of course they couldn't possibly exist in there, instead, it looked like there was some kind of dread to be had. The dead never liked their own kind. Within the toxic ranger of a few feet, those small globes of meat tried expanding as they levitated, drawing into the air, pushing through the limit of their own extension.

And their puffs had been controlled, as they hadn't been destroyed. No, despite having looked that way, what happened was that they extended to such an extent that they had become completely transparent. All of that space which could be seen, surrounded by the gas was actually nothing more but the inside of a pocket made from the

bodies of those sudden apparitions. To the extent of watching and of pushing through, they would be dreadful in the way they had been looked at.

One mouth formed inside and it had laughed at the others. Its chin had been pointed, the way up the tip of the nose dotted, and it looked like it had only stretched as far as to leave something in its behind. With the woe of a desire, the likes of some dependency lasted for as long as it would. That thing needed the insides of its own cage, of its own extended body.

Soon, there had been signs that it would give in. And as that happened, as its cage started being protruded by its own self, pushing forth, then inwardly, it so happened that it would begin choking. Its inaudible laughs were no longer heard and in there, now, it suffocated. Slowly, it had come to be, the likes of which one may never see. The light of day had been missing, to the point of pushing and drawing it towards the night.

By the time the stars had shown their growth, there remained the mouths, many of which had been formed and abandoned. They floated as their insides had been thinned to such molecular levels as to never reveal anything of any kind. Small holes lay everywhere through them, pushing through air, until there was nothing to be had in there.

A jockey's hit, a small rock landed on it. As one of the braver men of malnourished kind had been way too bored to sit and hide, he threw it against one of those targets. It had been largely unprotected, as it penetrated its skin way too easily. Its yellow-turpentine texture and overly fattened teeth, which had become that way from the continuous exposure had drawn down and pushed it down.

It would only be for their likes alone that they would suffer that way, eaten by their own. Of course those mindless compactors, those who served only as means to drown the bodies in acid couldn't have been that way. A decisive blow had been dealt through the small tip of the tongue, which had killed another mouth before it could even come in contact with itself.

But if there had been a more important thing, after that flying creature had been killed, the two companions stood watching, not at the patches above, which had been the separations between the two cities, through which they may look and bear themselves through. And it wasn't for their likes to be told, of unruly help, and many such desires as had been.

Though that lumped struggle of many packs of whitely-placed bodies of pale meat had desired to know what was up there. Leading not only through the bottom of the city but through everything. The malnourished man could only weep as it hadn't the strength to undergo the journey. It hadn't that change which the other one had, it couldn't become young as it would only be frail for the rest of his life.

His faced crumpled from the lack of any sustenance, to having so many clamps of skin and many mazes within the lack of pancreatic thinned tails he had developed. There had been a sudden set of mutations caused by stress. Many of those tails weren't supposed to be there, nor were its bones supposed to be shaped in such a manner.

It was disturbing for as long as they could drag themselves over, a shimmer of life remained. Those who lived down there only suffered on the spares before something better came along. And in the city life had been grand.

From both sides of the streets, the buildings threatened to reach the sky within their magnificence and their much beloved grandeur. Not a single thing seemed to be happening there, with every man having lived a relatively decent life around it. No one outcrosses town, no one saw what there had been outside.

Most importantly, it looked like nature had taken over in the distance. Mountains laid there forlorn, forests surrounding them, the floors stood placed as if there were new ventures to be explored. But in a corner of the city, one dark man came into his place of hiding. He had brought for himself a small box of tiny construction materials, plane parts, a small emporium battery and seemingly plenty of living material to work on.

He had been caught into a trap of immorality and despair. It wouldn't be fair for him to think it otherwise, as he had seen himself like some man of grand stature.

'Bring me the extenders, I need to connect the battery to the main source. We shall revive it, if not give birth to the grandest of them all.'

His servants weren't living. They had been flawed, piston pumping small-headed clotted fools which bored themselves inside wheel chaired walkers. As a matter of being, he had made a single cut at the middle so he could facilitate some kind of forceful balance to be employed by them. Otherwise they would be set back by stairs and other kind of similar impediments.

For the time being, what kept them working had been a small black box which recorded and played some kind of animated recording which showed their master going through the steps with them, holding their bodies as they walked on each step. It was incredible how easily a savant could do if he had put his mind to it.

Plenty of people knew of him, this stranger, and this actor who had snicked inside his locked room. And it was hard to break through the various locks he had designed. Forty attempted forced entries that month alone. One would have to give it to him that then, there'd be nothing more to spare but the need to block each and every entry he could and rework them all over again.

He prized himself a locksmith as well as a creator. But those devices were of little interest to him. At best, his servants were part living, bearing their bloated bodies of pig and ostrich meat tied to the bottom of machines, going on their wheels, pumping at the bottom while they were powered by small batteries.

It was kind of limited, their functionality, since they only had tiny metal arms which had been banded together. So much so had they been taken for granted that they pulled everything which had to be stored in the small pocket whole they bore in their chests. No more would he be frightened by their mad appeal.

As in the past they had become aggressive. They had shown signs of developing personalities and they hadn't been liked at all. More than dreadful as it had been, there was only something to be had there. The need to draw oneself as far away from the sight it bore, before paranoia stroke in.

I swear, I have removed their brains. But why have I combined them in the past? What went through my head?

When he'd happen to hear some unquestionable sounds from one occasion or another, he'd start to wonder and question whether or not he had lobotomized every single one of them or had missed one. But this computer of this, his creation had to take precedence. He would program small pieces of meat in order to create beings out of them.

And he would brainwash this new life form into being programmable. That had been his dream, to create perfect living computers, and their likes would be enabled to pilot the planes as they would be set for an invasion.

His house hadn't been comfortably placed or set for the likings of guests. No, it had been re-appropriated as a bunker. There'd be nothing to last for far too long. Much less the fact that there were plenty of other projects waiting in the same room. So many things rested there unfelt and unlooked for.

Misappropriated parts lay as they were hanged or kept in the air by hooks. Those creations of him, the winged menaces which had been made to carry small grain sacks didn't work properly. It was obvious that they had too many wings attached, eight of them, which were shaped to take on the appearance of cockroach implants.

It had been a failure of the most extreme kind of experimentation. Luckily, it had never left his laboratory, even though he feared it. Something moved inside of it. He had always found it a bad choice that he had taken, to look upon in this way, that he had implanted cockroach eggs inside the grains. They would be shocked inside their heads in order to create a unity or a roach hive-mind, which would in turn help the machine be given life. Of course it wouldn't work. It couldn't and it hadn't.

Instead, he would be constantly be distracted by the movement inside the grain sack. And every single day, that sack appeared to have grown to some mild increase in size, by the time of which one couldn't deny the fact that there was no return after. After, or at least if we were to open the sack and release them in his lab.

He couldn't concentrate afterwards, which would make it ever so impossible to focus on what was going on with his current project. Things had already slowed down a lot. People were watching and asking too many questions.

He was standing out too much every single time he stepped outside. Not only were his clothes unwashed and dirty, but it looked like he wouldn't be spared a shame. They looked at him as if he had been a comer from a different age who somehow stumbled there amongst them.

Clearly, he had not only looked like it but he hadn't been acting like it either.

'Isn't he that eccentric guy people keep talking about? what is that man doing at this unholy hour?'

Asked a woman out of her balcony. This man had been observed way too many times, not only that but they had noticed what he was walking out with.'

'Don't look at him, we shouldn't try provoking him, look, he has a blade on him. The kind of men that walk at that hour bearing a knife can't be trusted at all.'

'Worry not, we shall make it so they know we're scum.'

A voice had come but it wasn't from the balcony. No, that had been hanging from inside the lamp-lights which stood there. One mistake had been set in motion. It was what had been held inside the metal shaft, the long-palette of crawling legged twists which had turned inside of it. From its body shape, it could be discerned that it looked like an artist's sketch of a flying machine, if it had been living and if it had been stretched to an unnatural order.

Of course inside the body of the lamp, it couldn't stretch, but what it had done was to twist itself around the wires so it may draw within it some of the static and power which had been emanated within them. With little doubt in mind, there could be nothing gained from it. A shout had been displaced from the entity which remained uncalled for.

They grew fatter in there and on second thought, they only leeches from it, without any kind of shame. But they had felt each step which came from the coming streets, on a regular basis. In their long reign, in that system of interconnected lights, they had long bodies waiting underneath the flaps and empty asphalt rows, which had been sectioned in such a way that they would connect to one another in a final congregation.

Each of them felt something going on at an hourly basis. As this had been going for such a long time, they had managed to record each of the schedules for every single living man in this city, no irregularities having lain there, with one exception. He, this man, Aurelio, was an exception. He popped out of nowhere and knew how to cover his tracks.

It was almost as if he had known he was being tracked, and that's why he somehow found himself regretting knowing what he knew. Within his sight, he could see, presently, the bulge of the forms which were coming out. Some dreadful cloud had gathered above him, but he didn't know if that had been in his mind or if whether it should be avoided.

'Barr your windows, Mary, there's that man again. I swear it, if he comes down this lane again, I shall march on the streets and put him down myself. He has no shame and no consideration for the good folk here which deserve not to be walked on.'

'But, you can't do that, that would be shameful. Leave him be. He's old and sick, and he can't walk properly, and I think he has a touch of something.'

‘Shut your mouth Mary, I won’t allow you to make excuses for this stranger. That’s what he is, a thief and a, and scum. Someone needs to get rid of people like him.’

‘But he hasn’t done anything wrong so far.’

‘I know his type Mary, trust me on this one, only one more time.’

He had been looked down upon for far too many times now. It couldn’t be counted as a thing of glory that while he was out there looking for parts, his living pieces kept growing. Though less of a laboratory and more of a workshop on which he worked upon parts, he seemed to be caught by it. Unlike what it’s been told so far, there had been a few good things called into question.

First, he was there with a reason. Second, that reason was drawing of parts, pieces of anything he could found. He stumbled on lonely streets in the mid-dark, lost and dazed, until he found himself where he needed to be.

Third, the morgue had been vacated by the likes of corpses. Most of them had been taken and displaced. It couldn’t be conceived where either of them could be at. It hadn’t been explained since there had been no one in to ify this disappearing act of bodies.

Aurelio could only think of what was going to happen if he were found. He broke the lock after all, he was in need of something fresh. In his workshop, most of the things he had gathered appeared like they had vacated their obscure permeability to the stress of time, and had began giving in to this aging process which lessened their bodies.

Not only would the meat become stale, but the liquids would harden and his creations would stumble over their poor function ability. It couldn’t be believed how much they had fallen. Their steps were uncanny and as they acted in their master’s absence, none may watch ahead. It couldn’t be thought as anything but what the likes had been of being dead. This strange appearance it bore to itself, this disillusion of being caught in its own body, trapped while being welded together couldn’t have lasted long.

They had begun the process of dying and their last time on the planet had been one of pity as the metal parts started dragging themselves away, kicking in the process of ever-so-selected world. No break would be allowed. Those were only the foot grunts, which meant there was little consequence to them dying off. It would be unquestionably said whether or not someone was to go ahead and feel some kind of remorse that they had been abandoned. Their master was out there while they were dying.

Inside the sack of grain though, it was undeniably said that they’d be growing and spreading and pushing on each other’s backs. When one would die, another one would jump and take its place. Another one would leap against him, pushing in and spreading through the various bottlenecks of cockroach populations there. Some would sprout from another one’s insides. Others would decapitate one another immediately, living off the various organs which had been spread while attaching themselves to them.

These proto-roaches could only become long and form cords made out of various organs. Exposed to the nature of the others, their alternative had only been to crawl and lay into quiet. Spots lay between the grains and the distracted insects, in which there had been enough space to crawl and curl so they would be undisturbed.

In there, they'd wait and hibernate for ages. Unquestionably said, the entire weight couldn't succumb yet. Other discretions there weren't as lucky as that flying machine. Various parts which had been filled to the brim of skin with the pushing of the limbs that were forced inside the central intelligence started tearing themselves apart.

His workshop was meant as a way for him to give it form. To give it a body which would be able to walk or be carried, or even be given the ability of flight. Otherwise, this entire experiment would've been either a mistake or a failure. Various parts rejected one another. Arms and tentacles and animal torsion and extreme suppression of the entire bodies which had been forced to the side now began reeking in the most awful manner.

The plan had been to insert eight bodies into it, headless, armless, only using their lower body strength which electronic parts had been attached to them, which in turn would reanimate them. With that they would carry this deity of metal and bring it to the light of day.

Much of the city would be overrun once the citizens knew that a new supreme cognitive power, much greater than his had arrived. But the man had been mad. His creations were flawed, they could barely function for a limited time.

And this intelligence, though artificial, had been limited and dumb. It was a failure he would not admit to himself, all of them were. Simple tools which were attached to foolish body parts, making him appear less of the genius that he had painted himself as and more of a madman.

Failure after failure after failure, which meant that this was no workshop he left behind but a butcher's den. He knew that on the way out and it had been for that reason alone why he abandoned it, going ahead to find a new place to begin anew. The mad part hadn't been that, but the fact that he abandoned eight such dens around the city.

None of which had been found yet. But one in particular, where he had fit a body of metal so wide and long that it took the body of an unnerving half-serpent, great in size, dying for a bite for the many coiling things that popped on its back.

Perhaps that had been his most dangerous of creations. Because, regardless of the fire used, the heat, the acid, the various poisonous toxins, it wouldn't die. And those things that came out of its back wanted to feed. They were very much alive and in need to feed. To feed, to feed, that kept popping and popping in his mind now and then.

He would be struck by the idea, by this choice, whether to use a body for the experiment or to return to that place and feed it. Otherwise, it would escape, somehow, he knew it would, out of all his failures, this had been his greatest after all. It knew him well enough, he knew it would try seeking him and once that happened. Nothing left out of his body. No piece to spare.

The city had been going through a Renaissance of its own lately. Large sprays of colored vandals rose from the amidst the city streets, filling it with colour from within the likes of the golden paved road stones. Children ran and decorated their likes, and drew tiny roses and exposed suns amongst.

No one seemed to care or have a bother of what went on amidst their living quarters. Foreigners had somehow arrived and the streets had already much more than a grander gathering to it.

‘Isn’t it beautiful? I’ve never seen so many hues to it.’

One woman said, while looking above her head at the widespread string flags and their balloons. The poles had been raised high and moved in patterns that only a barber would look proudly at. One yellow light came from the sun as it was the midst of day in which they ran their strife.

There had been a promise from the Mayor on the day they were to arrive. This hasn’t happened yet, exactly. Most men had already been drunk, out of expectation. But they decided they’d do it anyway, as the reason for this event had been the fact that they were promised a special delivery.

Two cargoes were to be brought on top of two coming ships, amongst the docks, bringing them exotic goods which had been promised by the Mayor to bring the city to be olden days, where there was greatness to it, the grand exposure which would put their place to the rank of homage. It would finally be put on the map, where it had so thoroughly belonged.

It was impressive to say the least, that they would be looked so highly and considered grand. The first arrival came soon enough. No sea lay in the horizon, though there had been a ship in the docks. Without a question, and without having to look forward, the workers had begun unpacking.

‘Outstanding, my good friend, Leopold, I think this shall make us a fortune.’

‘Indeed, look at this venture that lies ahead. Certainly the people here will spare no expense to buy our wares. They fancy themselves cheerful and colored, isn’t this fantastic?’

‘It is and you know what this means, don’t you?’

He shook his chin and pushed himself past that point where he was standing at the docks. The cargo unclenched, the placed merchandise had come in one piece despite the storms through which they came. And most passengers and their employees still thought they got there by sea. But past the shallow level, there had been nothing underneath it. Only that emptiness and the scavengers below.

‘Might I add that this is a fine city? I’ve never seen such an architectural demise before. Look at those brightly colored and enthusiastic their statues are. How they’re finely crafted to be set in stone and bear themselves forth.

Are those spires I see? And tall buildings and roses placed at balconies and red-painted curtains, yellow in the sky?

Would those be the wings on top of the gates welcoming us now?’

‘They are indeed. I could see that they had borrowed something from about everything. From ancient Rome and from the Greeks as well, I see their columns rising, I can see the foreigners wizing up finally to our ways.’

‘Marvelous, simply marvelous, have we entered the new world yet? I feel like we’re passing the threshold between ours and their. Look, the welcoming party.’

A group of citizens had already gathered at the gates. Their women wore simple white and appeared to be humbly showing themselves off while walking in stoles. Men with their cigars and dark suits and tall hats, and white shirts underneath decorated buttons and golden watches with iron chains.

But, cigars for women, men sniffed tobacco pouches. Who were those pretenders? Even the workers, who had their oil-stained wife-beaters and their blue caps appeared to be laughing at how they presented themselves. Oh, the gentlemen were quite offended by this turn of events. It was clear that they’d scowl while in hiding.

‘Aren’t they a bit prissy a jibber?’

‘I suppose they’re a bit queer’. You wouldn’t find me dressing that way, no.’

‘But their women aren’t that bad, at least they’re not getting what they’re having. Hey, look.’

Both of the workers were already on their break. The sound of steam-alarm already started off. Now, they were on their mandatory luncheon.

And the dames were staring quite thoroughly, whispering to themselves while the area about the gates was being filled. They themselves were quite weirdly dressed, the two business men wore their high-clothes with high-coats and blue-ultramarine with white stripes between. No hats for either, but their hair was lighter, feathery, light brown, which only complemented their suit-matching watching globes.

‘Well, shall we greet the men? It seems like they are waiting for us.’

‘Greeting constable, I assume you may be the leader of the lot?’

‘Indeed you have sir. And who are you? I don’t believe we may have acquainted ourselves, well, I see that the two of you share some of the same wealth, I would suppose.’

Those both of them looked different, both in features and in height. One could draw the conclusion that they share more differences than they shared alike.

‘Jacquo, pleased to meet you constable. My friend here, William introduced me to this venture. And, I and my brother have decided to accompany him. ‘

‘You have a brother, Jack?’

‘That’s Jacquo, constable. And yes, he had decided to accompany us. He’s in one of the cabins now, mightily sick, might I add. You wouldn’t like him, I suppose he wouldn’t take your nature as kindly and joyfully as I have.’

This Jacquo, easily name Jack seemed to be a bit more off the cliff compared to William. He would fit in the south well. Not easily entertained, not because he’d fit, but because he appeared to be the type of person who enjoys putting people into shape.

by the way he looked at his own men, who were of the same color and constitution, it was something which put him off about the man.

An assumption came there, how, there was this social hierarchy. They would deny it if asked, but from wherever they came, it seemed rather low and uncanny.

‘William, a word, if I may.’

‘Very well, constable. You may have me at any time now, I am mightily onset on learning more about this place.’

‘Indeed, well, as.’

At least eight million cities lay widespread around, as far as they could be seen. They covered a wide patch of ground. then, upon their arrival from their, one of the cities had been dragged down a few feet below. Some of the many mouth had eaten and pulled down one of them, trying their best to gnaw while hiding what they were doing from the presence their mindless bodies felt.

A numbed dumb-creature presented itself in them. They used this sudden strangeness as a distraction to push themselves forward. On two steps, there were none hiding.

The emptiness of a commune in the abandoned Yerlb stood by. Farther away than where it happened, no one was supposed to know of the dye which had been gone missing from there. It was important to know that, in the many journeys William had entertained himself through, he had stumbled upon one of these escapes.

He had been alone, and it looks like this secret of his had been well preserved. Alone wouldn’t be exactly right, as there had been people who had accompanied him before. But those people were not alive any longer. Not at all, unexplained disappearance.

The disappearance wasn't as important now, as the trade. William distanced himself from his trading partner and came closer to the Mayor, by the docks. His mind had still been set on that abandoned place where he had found the dye. As a matter of fact, the compact holder in which the substance had been set was anything but used. Not much of it had been used.

If there was something to be learned from it, that had been the fact that there was a bad feeling, an omen to it, as if it shouldn't have been taken away from there or even used. Where it had lain, abandoned, appeared to have been left out in the open. Someone mixed it as well.

'My good friend, but, this friend of yours, Jack, doesn't do me any good. I mean no offence but he's not one to be taken lightly. He sounds like he has a temper to him. And his brother of his, if he has the same countenance as him.'

William raised a hand as to appeal the case. He didn't show any change of expression nor any kind of concern about what was going on.

'Look around. Our people are already starting to interact. Why, I'd say they're not much different, or any different at all from where I come than where you are.'

I believe this trading relationship is only the beginning, as I'm planning on purchasing some of your estates and investing in your beauty of a place.'

'Are you now, William? I wouldn't have believed you had it in you. Come to think of it, this town is kind of running in shortage of men and the work is falling behind.'

My office is in need of renovation, my schools, the public square, oh and the statues are in need of restoration.'

'All in good time, dear friend, all in good time. For now, let me assure you that I will provide you not only with goods, but with service and with as many lives as you want to spare.'

The way in which he smiled would've made a much-beloved maiden cry. Both were interested in this venture that involved more than enough shady materials there.

'Ma'am?'

Said one of the sailors, who were in his pause. One of the dames had approached, floundering her dress in his direction. It felt like she was fancy and dandy and had something of a neck to show.

'You're from out there, aren't you?'

'Where would that out there be ma'am?'

‘The other continent, ain’t you? There’s a whole other continent mainland, out there, where there’s green pasture and animals. Do you like animals?’

‘Jonathan. My name is Jonathan, and I had a Sheppard’ flock back home I used to look after before becoming a sailor.

It was wolf-breed, something of a mutt, you see? It took care that no fox made it through the flock.’

‘I’ve never seen a real sheep before, not outside one of the books. Would you take me sometime, back home, Jonathan, if there’s no trouble to it and show it to me?’

‘I think I would like that, ma’am.’

There was some sadness in his eyes and a split lip on the side.

The gates stood adjacent to their strange sphere. It didn’t look right, when it came into the light. But that hadn’t been as important as what they were bringing there.

‘We have arrived, dear brother.’

A door opened on top of the ship. He settled down in the cabin his brother had been placed in. Sea-sickness would be unbearable for him or any other decent man. But here he was, pushing himself through.

The man was puking in his small bucket, looking at Jacquoe from the midst of his placed canteen and the broken table inside his tiny room.

‘What have you done now, Marques?’

‘I haven’t done anything but emptied my gut for the last fifteen hours. What do you think I’ve been standing in here for?’

‘We’re on land now, and you should come meet the Mayor, it’s something expected of you.’

‘No.’

‘No?’

The two of them met face to face as he knelt in front of him. The man looked like he was half-way passed out between the floor and the bed, with a bucket tied to his neck, looking like some donkey who didn’t know how to properly behave. It was quite obvious that he wasn’t in any mood for it. With no harm, foul, he came to his neck and whispered.

‘We need to press of advancement over William, do you understand? If we give him free reign, he’ll abandon both of us and sign a deal with that man outside.

And if he does, we’ll lose a lot. Not only our fortune but a part of our estate, which, may I remind you, we have signed it to him? And our reputation and political power will have all gone to drain.

He’s as much of a snake as we are a bunch of jackals.’

‘I can’t move at all.’

‘Then limp and throw that bucket away, man. Act like one while we’re out there, at least for the ladies.’

At which mere mention, he got back on his two feet and threw one of the suits on. He was in no shape to get out of bed or even get as far as he could without being held.

‘We’ll do him well, I tell you, and he won’t get us yet.’

The birds had been released by now, doves, white, bearing some of the light the sun had shone about the water stave. As filled with light, the people’s blight in the front, left to some obscure distant table in a silent place amongst the back of the Lamplot district.

‘So, Catherine, may I add that you look well-behaved today?’

‘You’ve told me this before, Gourney. This. You always do it, you always find a way with words, don’t you?’

If there was something on Gourney’s mind, he wasn’t going to reveal it then. Without much in doubt, they looked like two doves stranded together on a raft. They weren’t aware how lonely the place looked in their absence, the street, the bottom row, the office in which they both worked and now that place.

Distant, though it may be, Gourney’s house had been filled with dust and old manuals he never read. For someone like him, who, for the last few months slept in his office rather than at home, was something deplorable. Mountains of dust had accumulated, small ants rummaging through his abandoned fridge. Electricity hadn’t been paid and the place looked like some crypt than an apartment.

His next door friend had marked of his absence, even though he hadn’t been involved into it, there seemed to have been a break in, with the only problem being the fact that there wasn’t anything to steal. It hadn’t been a close case either. Many such homes were in the same condition as this one, bottlenecked through layers of abandonment.

They were like children of some kind, left by their parents, looked on after one of the janitors. And there had been one as such, with an undisclosed age, and an undisclosed number of dorms to look after. It wasn’t even certain who

paid for his job. That man had worn the vestments of a blacksmith, a robe of tattered metal sheet in the front, a body of a fighter, he bore the marks of some kind of survivor. A few marks and cuts lay across his face.

His white hair had grown long but he had shaved his beard off. No color in his eyes came and it looked only that his eccentric had only spread as far as to reveal a few tattoos marked on his arms and on the rest of his body. No one knew his name or why he was so strange, only that he looked after the places which had been sold, lost or never occupied.

It was only the Mayor's fault that they weren't occupied. Why, this venture had only been a trick up his sleeves as well, a means of attracting fresh meat. But he wouldn't take.

'Dirty vermin's, I'll have you all.'

At the end of his mop, he had discovered a small edge of metal he carried around. He used it quite well to push down the back of small animals which found themselves in. They wouldn't be found, he made sure. If there was something he discovered in the twenty ears which had lain in that building, it was that the walls were listening.

And if they were, that meant that the floors had to be eating as well. It was something which had to be tested. He ripped a small slab of boarding below him. It was a small wooden square, barely standing, which could only have been lifted with the help of something sharp which was needed to cut around the chase.

It was then that he saw the endless rows of insects which had walked upon one another, marching underneath the entire bottom frame of the boarding. A system which was mightily infectious, one would think. So many of them, so many breeds, which hadn't been insects any longer, they were animals. Or at least animalistic in fact that they bore skin, bone and hair, some sort of filthy evolution process had occurred.

And it was uncontrollable. Especially since some borrowed or had imitated some pieces of the human or the various rodent or feline features, which had been shrunk and added to them. But not all of them were like that.

They shared everything between then and every now and then, the various insects which did look like what they were appeared, though in a lesser frequency than their peers. It was obvious that he had caused this. As there was no retaliation over the fact that he had revealed them time after time.

'My dear friends, I see that you have consumed my previous gift I had shared with you.'

He had brought them an old tenant which had previously died. They were already in the midst of becoming human, somewhat, though it may have been spread between various examples of their species. He himself was frightened over the mere fact that he might one day end up there, but he resigned to the thought and threw the remains of the cat inside its gutter.

There was another thing he wondered, well, if the walls listened with those wooden ear carvings, and the floors were eating, who was doing the seeing there? It was obvious that he was being constantly watched.

Something was breathing over the back of his neck. It needed to breathe as well, but it was not the building that was doing it. No, there was something else residing inside the various pieces which had been overlain around the place. And each of them acted in a certain way or manner which complemented himself.

Inside his large wooden mop, he knew something was crawling. The head which had been produced by its body was way too obvious to be ignored. Not only that but he had thought there'd be an interesting way of knowing what was going on there.

It was a way of knowing and of going about their way, through which they couldn't help but move to the side. Without doubt, there wasn't any conscious thought, nothing brought to their awareness at that. They were there, looking and growing. He had to know where from. Not in the tint of the glass.

'I'm sorry, I haven't meant to disturb you from your work.'

A man had entered the vicinity. He had spoke way too quickly, without having observed what the janitor was dressed in or what he looked like. Even the wooden bucket he had carried was something to be looked at, not in the rightist feeling or way.

'I'm distracting you from your work, perhaps I should leave.'

Good, the man would've been too much of a pest to get rid off. He almost came back to his senses now. He was looking for something around the area, anything as a particular kind of gazing surface, like some glass or something reflective. Anything of the kind would do.

The sight of the deranged only could've come at that hour. While he was busy looking around, cleaning what crevices and apartments came into his view, or at the doorstep, the creation of the first bodies inside the floor had begun. Within their reach had been enough material to create their own human beings.

But he wasn't interested in looking after what he had started. With a keychain that granted him access to about every room inside the building, he entered on. Usually they didn't trust strangers to come in and mess with their things, but this had been an exception. So much dust had accumulated over the months most of these had been left into that one could draw the conclusion that they had been abandoned.

Clearly, it had been wrong to look into it. Too many questions asked, not enough of them answered. A few things stood hidden there, which no normal man should've looked into.

Behind the bookshelf, he almost expected there to be a hidden room or at least enough space to hide a body. But no, there was only dust behind it, and he dragged it too soon. There was still enough time to look around. All the time in the world, to clean the dust and pull the curtain and to reveal nothing on the other side of it.

Wherever he looked there was something to do.

‘It’ll take me at least a half-a-day to clean this room alone.’

He spoke in an obsolete tone. It wasn’t even his responsibility to this, but an agent of the Mayor found him and he had been forced to parley with the most mundane of tasks. Plus, these kind of rooms were wrong. As thoroughly examined as they were, no doubt remained about it.

Farther below there were those low-lives who were hidden in break-through apartments. What had been meant by that is that, there were adjacent rooms which had been left alone, which the wall between them had broken through. It looked like some giant house, or some disjointed place which had been previously wrecked by the tenant who had decided he had paid too much responsibility and left.

‘Crane, what do we have here?’

‘Enough to get us through for a few more weeks, we’re fine.’

Baster said. He had been in the business of scoundrel and getting those implants through the buildings and hiding them inside. Tiny freckled transparent heads, long and able to implant themselves into about any material. They looked like glass cases which had long extended noses and protruding mouths. Inside of them lay floating brains which were as long, were held by nothing and appeared to have a missing piece of their cortex in the form of a giant air bubble.

Looking at their brains made one look uncomfortable, as he’d notice how strange they were compared to their own. They were wider and looked to be of one piece at the top, bending at the back to create the image of a clamp which held a big ball-like lump in the middle of it. There were no cramps, and no formations, no roads or any kind of imperfection. The area was plane and receded in the back, connecting everything there.

Holding this glass implant had been easy at that. It wanted to connect with the wooden floor and enter it. Those were the unnatural eyes which were spying, the living things which acted as objects to prevent themselves from being hurt.

As soon as they had been implanted somewhere, they would leave an afterimage or a two dimensional mark in the place they had entered through. Only through that way they could return to surface and reenter the world. Otherwise, they would be caught on forever, without chance to escape, in the insides of objects, having the chance to be broken with them if someone had been clumsy with the handling.

One such after image stood on a wooden table. That had been an accident, the way in which it had arrived there. It had been a grave mistake to find out how they work there.

‘When will Horko come?’

‘He was supposed to be here by now. You know this can’t go any further than that. It’s obvious that you cannot even surpass that conniving thing over there.

Wouldn’t have it enter you as well?’

‘No, you told me it’s dangerous. I know what it does to a man and I’m not an object for it to enter and possess.’

It was one kind of thick and elastic plaster dust which prevented them from being entered. Their hands looked dirty white but at least they could handle it. And these creatures weren’t easy to break, no, though they looked like glass, even the blow of a hammer would fail to break them. It was even suggested that these creatures were nigh-indestructible, with the only option to destroy or end them being breaking them while they were inside something.

And that had been impossible as well since there wasn’t any way for detection to be had. Dangerously in awe, as they had been, nothing could be seen. At least not out of it, without that being there.

‘They can’t come out of surface you know? I haven’t told anyone this, but if you place something on top of their exit hole, they won’t be able to get through and escape.

It’s their second weakness, or second wind of retreat if you will, there’s no other way for them to get through afterwards. And that’s how you get them, either trapped or snapped while inside.’

Here, though unknown to the janitor, was the answer to his question, still lost on him. There wasn’t any way of knowing whether or they were there near them, or how dangerous they were, only that hint that they could move objects if they put themselves onto it. Alas, it was time.

‘He arrived, I think.’

Both men starkly followed the creaking of the floor boards. They looked at it and saw the face which popped out of the wood. It had been their friend who came out, but only his face could be seen. His lips moved though no sound came out.

‘What did he say he was going to do?’

‘He said something about mastering the implants. I think he had become one. But I can’t be sure what’s happening now.’

‘I think we’re hallucinating from the exposure to its skin, don’t you think? You were the one who told me that prolonged exposure caused that thing, haven’t you?’

He only nodded then. No more of an account could be held about it than what it mattered. One draw of the lotter seemed to bear some resemblance to his now. As his body started drawing out of the floor, he revealed how most of it had become glassy and transparent. He had spent so much time in there that his body was becoming an implant in itself.

It was a sight to be hold, and one which made him weary. They couldn’t possibly begin to understand what was going through his head then. No, his inner organs and bones had been compressed and changed into those weird connected brain-like formation they saw in the little one. But they were sure it had to be a brain, his organs had and bones had been transformed into one. A functional giant corded brain which projected enough power to show them, how slowly he was being encompassed by this.

He was their friend, a human no longer. A sad look reigned on him. Both men looked as saddened, teary eyed mostly. Sure they were scum, but they weren’t murderers, they weren’t thieves. At best they destroyed some property and dealt with the implants but, this wasn’t supposed to happen.

‘Call, I’m sorry this had to happen. I don’t know if you can hear me.’

His face drew in, leaving the same transparent outline of glass outside. As a human, he had only been recognizable by the figure, not by features, not by texture or anything at all. Angst felt at him, pushing through his entire body as he watched in confusion.

At this stage, he didn’t belong in the world any longer, he belonged there.

‘You’re leaving, inside of there.’

There had been a slow nod.

‘Are we ever going to see you any longer?’

A second nod appeared. Both men chose to suddenly rise up from sitting.

This body had had a story of its own, as had the man inside of it. But now, now, it was time for Call to leave. He had lived a great and sad life and now, it had ended. He bowed and let them know that he still kept the same charm as in that day they met and in the end he left at last, with nothing but a vague smile.

Below him laid the imprint which lasted for a few minutes before the room shook. It was almost like the will of the world had manifested then, that an earthquake had suddenly came into being and only left that giant wide-spread crack in the floor, where the imprint had been, right before it stopped.

That way, he would never get the chance to return again, not in this world at least, not anymore.

A long time ago, the three of them had met. Baster, Crane and Call, more than a few good years, in the lower down street area, called the poor zone. The three of them were laymen, the trashy kind. Broken windows clanging at around every building around, from their rock flingers, made by their friend Call.

‘Good one Crane, that’s the fourth one in a row.’

‘Stop breaking them, that’s now what I made them for. You said you’d only break bottles, nothing more.’

It was obvious that Call had no intention on rigging or flinging on metal cases, small bird or anything other than that. Crane might’ve had this complex of breaking glass. It never came back to his mind, especially by the time that happened, but he had some kind of obsession with breaking them.

Lampposts, broken, small light bulbs smashed. If it weren’t for the flinger, which had looked like a marvelous tool, made out of some polychrome pusher connected to a pan-holder and many wired lock-exchangers. At the top lay a band which had been connected to two strips of wood at the end. From the distance it would look like some crossbow, or firearms, if one didn’t know any better.

‘They’re coming, come on, let’s go.’

‘Stop, scoundrels, stop, you’ve broken the last windows I say. You’ll have to pay for every single one of them until every debt is paid, you hear?’

His shouts had already been lost then. It couldn’t be forgiven any longer. There were some obvious exceptions here and there, where the windows had been too old and needed to be replaced. Sometimes it couldn’t be helped.

Yet they outran the man and outsmarted him as well.

‘Open the trash holder, it’s empty, I checked it.’

Said Baster, he was the one with the backup plan which came right on time. He had also been the one who had lead the other two in the direction they were running, his father had been one of the architects of the city, so he would keep a lot of plan and a lot of maps around the house.

Though he didn’t pay enough attention to Baster, the kid learned by looking at him work, until he had memorized every nook, cranny and turn. ‘That was a close one Baster.’

‘Shh, don’t make any noise yet. He’s still after us.’

Said Crane, almost as quick to wit as they had been on their feet. It was safe to go then. The pig’s voice had already gone beyond any kind of stretch of the word, to the point of having been taken as far as he could.

‘Well now, what would that be?’

‘Don’t go that way, don’t follow it, we’re not supposed to be there.’ Call spoke with a slight hint of repulsion. The other two were being drawn in by a smell or a filthy scent which disturbed all three of them, but peered into them then. By the dead end, there was nothing.

‘See? There wasn’t anything to fear here, only this weird thing.’

First sings. You never forged those regardless of how hard you might try acting up. And they were marked all over the place. It was then that they had their sight of a nest of implants. They appeared to be clustered together, gathering and placing themselves at a neat’s comfort.

He had touched it then, one of those marks on the walls. I think it was then that Call had taken it on himself. It wasn’t only one, I don’t think so. We haven’t seen them, not directly, only that his hand had loomed over it and suddenly a few marks disappeared off the wall.

‘Did you see that? I think I managed to wipe them off.’

‘I don’t know about this.

‘Got you, you bandits!’

There he was, turned. He was missing a good chunk of it, his face being turned into some flat cut-off hole which remained on him before he fell. We scream and began running away from him, scared.

‘What happened to him?’

‘Don’t look at him, we need to make it to the hiding place before someone sees us near him.’

‘Crane, wait, I don’t want to get beaten for this. Please, tell me what happened.’

‘I don’t know, Baster, I don’t know. Let’s go.’

Most workers were out at the hour, the spanner being at least a few hours behind before one could make it through. They were weeding out the minutes by going around and sniffing the air. As soon as they came around their senses, they were there, in one of the barely lived-in buildings. The Janitor was there, waiting by the door, like usual.

He gave the kids a stink eye but he pulled his mop away and let them in. It wasn’t in his best interest to stop them yet.

‘I think he saw us.’

‘He definitely did, you snottier, and he’ll find out sooner or later that he was chasing us.’

‘What then? I can’t be expected to say something. I don’t know what happened there, he said something then he had no face.’

‘Don’t say anything then, we’ll work a story out.’

Baster had been sure they could come up with something. The three of them were smart kids, at least that’s what he thought. For a place which had been well-taken care off, the building hadn’t looked as depraved as it had always been. Something had to have happened then than the janitor would’ve become as sloppy.

He had been busy sometimes. Leaving and returning. He disliked strangers, people, some kind of distrust and misgivings. There wasn’t much he said or did, but no one thought he ever spoke the truth. It was clear that he had been lying about what he was doing there.

This man appeared and had been gone whenever he cared enough to pay some heed to what others were doing. But that hadn’t prevented him from taking care of some lost children. They sat silently in their hiding place, always trying to track who was doing the moving, the back and forth and the many feet which followed.

It wasn’t as clear then, but this building was rather wide-spread, in terms of being connected to the adjacent one near it, while being separated by a thin wall which might easily be taken down if one were to punch through it.

‘Well, are we safe or what?’

‘Give it a moment.’

Back then, it looked like things hadn’t been any different below, with one exception. There had been that living brooder. He had appeared out of nowhere, from the inner works of the city. Long legs, in number of eight spanned from a hard body, shaped like tin can, pushing some long pins and sharp tongues out of its top. Eight tiny, tiny-head, so small that they would fit in a man’s hand decorated his top. It looked like a construct of metal but acted like a living thing.

The texture of its flesh felt human to the touch, but had been blunt. Every now and then it would head down below in order to make sure no heap trash had been stuck inside those legs, but otherwise, it had always lived inside the upper levels with its many brothers.

While in there, that obscure dark appeared to have tainted his minds. Each head had a personality and produced a growth of yellow as the light faded from the outside. It was by that means that they followed and kept track of one another. And each of them had an act of taking care and making sure their valuable work wouldn’t be the least wasted.

Engineers of the insides, they called themselves, not by speech. And this, this had been one of the rare occasions they had gotten out, this one obscure moment in the past. It hadn't been observed by the malnourished people. Nor had it been attacked by the flying things of prey, their malignancy made other distaste their wicked-looking grave-formation forms.

But they had been in charge with making sure the trash was will going in the right direction. From their long and thin legs, a few blades emerged and started rubbing the piping system, like some sharper spanners.

It was highly required that a certain precision was being staved off to avoid sudden lacerations and damage on the long run which may eventually prevent any kind of loss of function which may occur. Instead, they specialized into blunt stroke which moved the tubes and the compact thrash throwers only inches at a time.

There was a dependency there. By the time the actions had been repeated, small packs of gas were being released after forming around the base of the ceiling in which they extended. It was for that reason why they never left the place, they were addicted to the feeling the inhalation of those various chemicals produced. No less than it had been in awe, one could pay enough attention to what was going on in there.

And one who paid enough of it would be vaguely surprised to find out that it had been a deranged connection, this relationship between those inanimate objects which happened there. Each one of them had been that way, flaccid and away, both physically and whatever had lain inside their strange bodies.

'Well, Call, it's up to you. What do you want to do? We've been messing around this room for the past few minutes.'

'I know, I know, but I think I still need to sit in bed for a bit. I'm not feeling well.'

Crane came up to him and as he drew nearer, he pushed it past his two eyes. He was at least burning, which was an understatement of its own. No one could be compelled enough to check for help yet. Out there, the body disappeared, being dragged away by itself.

An explanation had been in order. From inside his face it puked a pile of moving oils which slowly encompassed enough ground for it to slide away. The oil would eventually evaporate. Many abandoned buildings lay in the area, and it knew that. It had dragged itself away into one of them in which it waited to this very day. Others like him had been placed around town.

The most impoverished case being the one who had been repurposed by the doctor, in one of his many journeys around the area where he worked, he found himself rather on-set on acquiring new material. And it did not happen that often that one prime specimen would stumble on its own where he was. No, that hadn't been it. Without a doubt, this one had been special. Whatever affected it hadn't eaten a part of his face, but also a good chunk of his chest and legs and arms.

He had almost been forced to be flatly cut off the bottom, to look in such a manner. Of the way it acted, oh, he appeared at the doorstep of a remotely enclosed location. Many turns around the streets hid these kinds of entries. From the side they looked like giant prison barred holes or basement windows which had been rounded and occupied two thirds of the wall and of the steps in which it had been projected.

Usually those small entryways lead to select taverns and places where only the most secret of encounters could be had. Or used to be had, until people started being pushed away from it.

It knocked on the door, silently and well behaved. He had been welcomed inside by him and repurposed for one of the experiments. That day had been marked on one of the calendars he owned as the day of some mild sacrifice. He had undergone the process of digesting it, to find out what the insides of this creature's body had looked like.

Pleased by what he saw, this was no human at all, but some creature which hid inside of it. In time he could control it with the help of shocks, so he would get to create his machines with its body, as it produced that valuable oil. He placed pig head inside, not alive, but merely looking animated by the metallic skulls he had placed inside the skull.

No longer would he be able to confess to itself what it had done. They would be in awe of one another and the kind of interest which had been shown there could only go one way. It was in pain. Forced to stay in a shell which hadn't been to its liking, this mask wouldn't make it any better. And stress affected it more, to the point of not being able to last more than a few extended periods of time.

Agony aside, these creatures hid and hibernated most of the time. Whenever it happened for them to stumble upon one another, they'd leave their suits and breed. They never took hold of someone who was alive, which was strange. That mad there had died in an instant. And inside of it, the creature leapt from its storage.

'Baster, Baster, wake up. I think Call's feeling better. We waited long enough, we should be clear, I think.'

'But what if they suspect we're at fault? They could look at the windows and know.'

'No, that's the point, we spoke about it. We spent our entire day at our hiding place.'

Crane couldn't focus right, not since his friend was slowly rising on his two feet.

'Like I said, we hanged out here, taking care of our sick friend, Call, who may have picked up a chill on his way.'

They nodded for a moment, shaking on it.

'But what of the janitor? What if they get a hold of him?'

He at the door, staring. They all froze as they say him there. Not only had he come out of nowhere, but he had this way of simply being there without shame, waiting, eavesdropping, being around them simply being an unacceptable

act of its own. As an adult being near a few unsupervised children of whom he knew nothing about and to whom he was nigh-a-stranger.

No proper context had been given as to how long he had waited there. It wasn't until a few minutes of total eye-contact had taken place that he left the room.

'I told you he was watching.'

The kids weren't set on it for long. They ran. All three of them had been set on getting as far away as possible without being distracted or taken away. It wasn't something even less than unnerving, despite the lookers. It happened quickly then, that they split and found each other thinking to themselves.

'How long had he been standing there? How much did he know?'

Crane couldn't help it. He would have to tell his parents some of it. And there was that dead eye who kept taking leaps around. It wasn't actually what he thought it was, a frog missing an eye. But he felt being watched by it, as if the working eye had been a tiny ruby which emulated vision. He felt uncomfortable being in its area of vision for a long period of time.

But that thing kept trying to rear itself closer to the house, whence he lived.

'I need to tell my parents.'

He repeated, making through the roundabout, getting by the lane, up the stairs, in front of the door ahead. The old dark wood had kind of flair to it. His father had brought a small metal skull and placed it at the top, so strangers or carpet merchants got the message. No one else which wasn't in his trust had been welcome there.

Crane entered and budged on them. It was a normal family dinner he busted in, from which he had been missing, especially the cold plate which had been placed for him.

'You were supposed to be here by four.'

'I was busy, father.'

'Get your hands washed, kiss your mom and sit down, boy.'

'Yes, father.'

The bathroom window, a pane to the outdoors, he looked outside and saw it. A woman missing the sides of her palms, she moved unnaturally. He could see the dark colors in it and the slime which had been pushing in. Despite the cold-dead stare, he knew, he somehow knew she wasn't watching him. Her eyes weren't trailing him during his attempt to get out and back into the view.

Her body fell and the dragging began. what had there been going on?

It wasn't like any of the kids could've known about it, but those weren't living creatures. waste, as the sewage plants and other means of expulsion of the various malign inside the town had been overflowing. This was the work of an engineer.

Inside of his tank body, he emptied his insides and started taking some of the overflowing trash inside of him. The result had been a programmed mind-controlling pile of digested oily remains which would drag themselves out of view and eventually be eaten by disease. What had made it so efficient was the fact that he had inflicted some extra-adorned amount of refined sugar in it.

Tiny holes would emerge in the body and as soon as that happened, there would be no oil produced, only that pain, which couldn't be satiated by anything else other than the slow epitome of self-congestion.

'Baster, I told you to return to your room, you've been gone for so long, I think you should be punished.'

Without excuse and without argument, there wasn't any other need for a conversation to be had. His father was red, steamed, to the point where he didn't care for any argument or excuse. This is what he waited for, a simple line before he dragged the body into his room to beat him mad.

Which left Call, who returned to the orphanage, he wasn't of the legal age?

They all remembered what happened that day and how it hadn't been brought up. With so many things happening between the slips, it was strange how no one notice what happened in there at all. But one day, they would, especially since the town was about to be repopulated again.

'We should leave, now.'

'But what of him?'

'We'll light a candle later, Baster, I can't stand being here, not after seeing this.'

'Call would've wanted us to remember.'

'I will, but not now, not now!'

Two shakes of the heads and they ran away again. The same circumstance apparently, with the only difference being that both of their parents were dead.

'Catherine.'

'Gourney.'

‘Say, you wouldn’t like to go out there and see what this fuss is about, would you?’

‘No, I think I’d rather enjoy the day for now, why? Do you think there’s something worth going for?’

‘Perhaps we could try looking for a way to get through to the people in charge, and set forth a meeting.

I mean since they’re mostly businessmen, I bet many of them could be interested into the archives and how the place works.’

‘Gourney, I don’t believe that’s such a great idea. There are some happening written down in the files which wouldn’t be believable at all to anyone else.’

She was clearly nervous there. It was something she read, often, not a single file, but multiple ones which seemed to bear some consistency there.

The piles that were eaten, the oily remains had never disappeared, they only thinned to such wild surfaces that they spread in every corner and appeared to breed tiny slithers of disease. This was the curse of the engineer, which went on unreported, as it might be added. All because of some kid who saw it happen and identified a moving body but refused to talk about it.

It had to be noted that those oily overflows had been widespread quite a lot around town. No more would one have to look ahead. There was the sight and the feel of the malign to be prodded at. It wasn’t certain if it would be there, by no means.

A few files in particular didn’t bode well with him, at least to his best suppositions. They were quite revealing and obscure. One basement on Eighth Avenue, vanguard’s eve. It looked like some damn caved in tunnel which had been accidentally discovered by a man by the name of Granth. His discovery was quite fascinating as it had been kept in quiet and hidden for a great deal of time.

At least for long enough to wager some distrust from a bunch of fellows underneath the Isle. He made an altar in it. From the looks of that caved in tunnel, it seemed like nothing he had even seen, the stone was too hard to smash by pickaxe and he tried. On the other side, only the sound of wind came through the cracks but that had been enough.

‘What is this?’

The sound of confusion echoed. He had purchased one of the great apartments of the building which had a fully functional basement below of the dormitory, which he hadn’t meant to stumble upon. Fully functional as in everything which had been stored in it still appeared to work. Granth was hadn’t expected an apprentice’s lab in there, but his immediate reaction was to smash it.

‘I will not have this foul thing inside my house. The landlord shall hear of it immediately.’

But he stopped in his tracks and looked down there. He had doubted that the basement, or more so, this hidden room was intended for his sight, as he had to dig underneath the floor to find it. Either he mistook it for an intended basement, or something had been in the way. An accident brought him here.

Granth took a piece of the tapestry and pulled it away. It curled the wall and as it had, the material crumbled and fell down to his feet. This strange thing couldn't have been any worse now. A dangerous mark on his finger made him be weary of the corners.

He had almost been beheaded in this accident, and as his sight came to view, he saw the extension of the room. The separation between them had been, wrong. First, a step made him turn and look back. There wasn't anything in the back any longer now.

It had been another remnant of the past, but he could see only the dark and the floating puffs of dust, like he had been transported somewhere else. Whatever had gotten in his mind in that dead end, wherever he had gotten the stone from, perhaps he pulled one of the huge chunks away, dragging it into position before he began carving. But that's what he did. He made a small altar in there.

If he had descended through some stairs or anything else, those weren't there any longer. He dragged more stoned and leaped to that hole in order to crawl out of it. But he got the appropriate tools in order to stare the stone masonry he thoroughly needed. This was a descendant of a man of cloth, he was frightful and had fear of his lord.

But this thing had put a scare into him. As he went in, more often, the normal-looking basement had been filled with decadence, the same primordial look of stone which had inflicted itself upon it. The lab he had destroyed had been encompassed in sharp bits as if a quarry had been attempted to be broken through. He feared drawing near it out of a glimpse of the mind.

'If I will trip, my neck and body shall be pierced. Do not tempt me, as I shall not take my life yet.'

Surprising, even after this change and his shift of thought, as soon as he passed the threshold, he still saw the veil which removed any kind of fear that he might be watched from behind. It was his project, the thing he had been working on. What he didn't know was the fact that he had walked through overlapping billions of dark creatures. They were being fed by those tiny puffs of dust.

Dark eyes, bulking bodies, large soft pins pushing out of their hands, which looked like some kind of missing, thins. One more look, he said, one more look behind.

A warm but dark sienna had encompassed it. Some eyes began glowing with a hue of red, bearing tins as they seemed to trail in dots before disappearing then. They postulated with some fading particles of organs which gave them an appearance of constant melting.

The shades changed, mockingly to him. There was something crawling, that he saw between them.

‘Enough, I want to see the rest of it.’

He had managed to dismiss them for now.

‘What is going on in this basement?’

The two sides had appeared again, with the broken lab in one of the corners. The chest which was on the side lay locked and he had seen a drawer ticked on the wall above it.

‘My altar, my very own altar.’

It looked crude, but now he was a heathen. Unexplainably so.

Gourney dosed off thinking about it. Again, so many accurate pictures, yet he never knew who the photographer was. It wasn’t safe, it couldn’t have been safe, but he was the same one for every case. Either that or some people had decided to carry his legacy. Two initials came to his head. A.L., though he never found out who he was.

Neither that Granth, who sought after himself to pray in front of the stones, or what lay behind them. It was some feeling he tried reproducing, but that never came back. He desperately tried breaking through but never could. A feeble man with no strength, no pickaxe which may never break and with a non-understandable, insatiable interest in what waited for him on the other side.

His mind carved for escape, which had never been granted. At least that’s what the report said, the site looked unchanged by time.

At least past the point of the creation of the altar, when the candles had been laid around. Some had different shades which ranged from hues of red, orange and yellow, which had dripped in a mass on the altar. This had been repeated several times, coaxing it in wax.

What had been important was the fact that Granth started working on the images which appeared on the mass in front of him. At times the head turned it into a movable substance which was as easily malleable as anything there was. It couldn’t be anything but noted that there was the image of the bars in it. He saw them appear and form, slowly pulling his fingers in.

He felt trapped in there. Perhaps in was the time he had spent down the basement which gave him the impression. As he draw himself in, another layer of was covered the gaps between the bars. But he felt space in there.

‘If I could find a way to clear myself an opening, I could see what there is on the other side.’

He spoke as he had looked down there. An entire hole of wax waited for him beneath the altar. First he had to know how deep it had been, without any kind of remorse over the lives he took, he brought in the tray. A few freshly killed frogs and a rooster stood inside. It was the only way to check it thoroughly without risking any other damage.

‘Let’s see if you enjoy it. If it’s safe enough for their bodies, I shall make it through myself. Here, I tied with a rope long and hard enough for you to feel it don’t disappoint me.’

They were watching, again from behind. Though every time he looked back at it, he had failed to see them manifest again. It wasn’t far that he had to be there all alone. Poor and abandoned man, he had been left by his wife again, only before he moved in.

It was through this that he had found refuge. And he wasn’t pleased by the barring of the other side. What he had wanted, more than anything was to get there. But this could work.

‘If I could feel the hole curving in front, I swear it; I shall find a way to get through.’

The animals were slowly lowered and there, he felt the reach of a dead space. It was deep enough for him to feel not the extend of the bars, but a whole entry point he had made for himself. Clearly outspoken, he had himself be aware of what happened down there.

‘Augh, damned thing, you bit me.’

A piece of his rope got repelled from his hand. It had reached the top of its dead end, expelling some of the wax it had produced from its insides. Through it, the wax had managed to push from inside the hole from which it came and began spreading as quickly as possible. It reeled back in and covered itself then.

Granth had known this to be dangerous ever since the start. He couldn’t be troubled any longer. The rest of the rope had been discarded in the hole as well as the other animals.

Next day he came there and cleaned it, thoroughly until there wasn’t anything left on it. Much to his surprise, there was nothing left there. No marks of the animal bodies or the rope.

‘Well, if the wax won’t work, I shall find a way to get through with it.’

A hive-worth honey would have to do it for now. It wasn’t a great idea, especially since he hadn’t any clue what the reaction might be, but this had been the next coat which the altar had embraced. For now he settled with it and came to his senses until everything had been rightfully placed, the honey dripping on the floor as well.

‘I will make neither of us might have to suffer through this.’

He spoke the words and shoved his hand, but not until placing a chain-encumbered cut sleeve-arm holder over himself for protection. It would have to do for now, sooner or later, he'd be drowned in it. That had to be the cause for fear.

This didn't have the feeling of being submerged, instead it felt more like some ooze through which he began prodding. He felt something.

'I got you, oh. I see that you're a big one, aren't you? If I had been any sooner, I would've missed you.'

He pulled the pulsating sack of a bee, it had drone and had tried wrapping itself not with a hard sting but with a soft one which moved. It had two bulging eyes and it had been flat at the bottom. This sting had been its head, the body was weak but the bee-spawn wasn't dead. He saw something which resembled some crossed ogre teeth it bore.

The head would grab pieces of the chain and try pulling it to the base. Now that he focused down there, he saw that many of them swam deeply in the honey as this one had.

It was suffocating in his hand, being unable to breathe the same air as man.

'We'll try doing it some way, don't worry about it. I kind of like you, aggressive little pet. Perhaps you should become my helper now.'

It kept trying to jeer itself to wrap its teeth against my hand. No, there wasn't any possible way for it to do it, not without any kind of help. There wasn't any muscle on it, no force but spasm.

'Don't try struggling. I'm going to apply some force to your sack to see how you react.'

This was his good left hand he was coming in with. It bore no glove and he wasn't certain if this would be safe at all. Without much in mind he stopped himself from doing it. All in good time.

He had been forced to rethink what had been the normal way of going about it, the code of conduct when it came to handling unlawful hazardous beings, especially those who spewed blood out of their mouths. It came as no surprise that this thins had been strongly felt by him. The sudden drainage had come and mixed with the honey, producing some kind of infested new colored pool beneath.

The tinge of yellowish-orange turned into a hardened ruby-colored thing and he could see the pump inside it suddenly shrink. Inside of them there had been a real infestation.

A shock entered him when he had looked away. One tiny cockroach entered the room. It was unexpected, sudden, to the point where he hadn't expected anything of the kind do happen. It looked likely to be pushing through the mass of stacked piles, to his surprise, entering the altar.

Granth got so startled that he dropped this sack. It was something he had never previously seen before. This tiny dark and long pocket of disgusting brown winged forms started rushing through and spreading itself inside their sweet biodome. It split into many similar pieces and as it did, they sped up the process of assimilation.

It was a reverse process, to be sure. Despite their attempts to swim towards them and eat their tiny dark bodies, they had begun being overwhelmed by so many of them. There wasn't any simple way of dealing with so many. And if they got out, which was inevitable, he'd have to deal with an infestation. And then they began eating those creatures and breeding more of their kind from inside their bodies.

'No, I can't have this on my head now. There's so many of them down there. I need a lid.'

He hadn't any better idea on how to get rid of the excess of honey. No, he'd have to somehow get rid of it entirely so the altar would change again. By the counter, he picked up a piece of some cover, some covering cloth he had taken in and then, he began closing it in.

Without any derangement, he came up to his senses and waited, looking at how it moved.

'If I keep rubbing you in, the altar should eventually come off. Don't try anything yet. I will destroy you before you get the chance to do anything yet.'

Keep calm, keep calm. He thought about shouting, out of fear that they might spread. It was irrational. After everything which had happened before, after so many things which happened, why was it that he feared a cockroach infestation? They were tiny, almost harmless but innumerable and hard to stamp out.

His eyes shifted in every corner. Paranoid and delusional, he looked around his room as well. They could come from any corner now, where there was one, there had to be many. It could have already spread its eggs by now. This very basement was a room for infestation. Tight spots and tiny spaces remained and provided enough room for them to crawl under and breed in quiet.

Check your legs, make sure neither of them crawled one them. He had this plain idea that they might appear out of nowhere and startle him even more. If he were to let go of it, they could leap and jump and dance and he wouldn't be safe at all. This dangerous thing had been slightly unnerving. He wanted them dead, all of them dead, purged, those filthy tiny demons.

Neither of them deserved a chance at survival. Not a single one could escape. The walls check the walls, they were clean, or clear, for stone that is.

'Please drown in the honey, you can't survive down there, it should be impossible.'

He thought he was rubbing the honey off but it felt harder, squishier, as if some bodies got in the way and they were being rubbed against the stone. The sight of it, of how they presented their body forms against the soft material.

Where had they been? In the dark, he saw them crawl and move. They had been there, crawling. It was unsafe and unnerving. So hard, had it been for him to focus on anything else other than that blasted roach which made it through.

It was leaking now, honey was dripping over the floor. Through it, headless and broken bodies pushed through, spilling pieces of roaches or of those bee-beings which tried spreading on the side. From their insides there was some kind of magnificent leap which spewed brown blood all over the floor.

Thankfully, despite the show, they had been dead. No survivors yet. And the bodies were too broken and cracked for them to be able to survive. Check behind you.

Nothing, they still haven't appeared. Various parts of his body trickled and appeared to be shaking over the fact that he knew they would appear about anywhere. He could wake up with them inside his clothes or hiding in the upper floor.

'Keep rubbing, I need to keep rubbing until there's nothing inside. Filth will never pass through this house again, you won't spread under my watch.'

But there wasn't any rope tying the cloth to the altar. Dreadfully caught in it, there was this strange idea. What if it was already too late? This piece he was rubbing could be contaminated. Perhaps the bodies on the floor kept eggs stored in them. It wasn't safe, but he rushed to the chest and smashed through the lock with the first hammer he got his hands on.

'Oil, there's oil, there's oil in it.'

He saw nothing but fire in it, the spread which had encompassed both the altar, the piece of the cloth and a part of the floor. Within the light of a match, he saw the hellfire emerge and purge that pestilence of a cockroach honey drop. It wasn't safe any longer to be there, he backed away from the smoke and emerged out of the basement hole.

He had left the basement that way for one day, busying himself with ruminating on it. From what he could tell, upon his return, this burst of fire had culminated in the complete destruction of the threat. There weren't any roaches in sight. But he still couldn't shake the feeling which had been instilled on him then.

With him, he brought a small box with a few necessities, to be certain that nothing like this would ever happen again. The chest still had a few oil containers, some burning rags and a few torched which stood there resting on a rope. It was a tight rope, not for short distances but for deep excavation. It meant that someone had once made it through the tunnel.

'I brought you something else now. Hopefully we'll make it so we won't be disturbed any longer during our experiments.'

Pesticide had been used on every corner of the room. It wasn't certain whether or not it would work now but he went with either way. An old wives-tale method of leaving moist bread out in the open, as it had been dealt with the pesticide. If there were still roaches down there, they would either be drawn to the breath or they would die from the amount of toxin which spread.

'This will be interesting. I know it won't work entirely, but I can only hope it does. Now, I have brought you something a bit different.'

For now, he only concluded that it was affected by substances, which would be projected and sink inside the altar. Another thing occurred to him, there was always the chance that he could spill something on the rocks blocking the path ahead of him while he'd try making it through. But that would be far too dangerous and he'd be unable to control it if something went wrong.

Being so present to the fact that behind it, he not only had no impact on what entered it but he wouldn't be able to close it either. He brought the melted essence drawn out of a multitude of species which had their eyes repurposed. A liquid had been made out of all of them, and it would seem that this sacrifice had been accepted as well.

Not only had this been reassuring, but he also struggled to understand what was going in there. Before it spread, there had been a jolt to it. Some meaning had been drawn and taken, pulling various strains which would be seen in there.

He had been sad. For no unexpected reason, he felt as if this experiment of his had been taken a bit too far. It wasn't the reaction which made him pull away but the fact that in that mass of white, he thought he had seen a pair of eyes down there. He was made uncomfortable by it, not in terms of what he'd done, but because he felt like it was someone, another person who was watching him.

Over the past few days he had tried looking forward and resisting the urge to move on. His beard had grown, his eyes were widely shut, there were bags underneath them and this time he simply reached with his head and pulled it off as if it had been only a slug.

There was a drain near the altar which hadn't been there before. Or he hadn't seen it. The eyes liquor drained.

The man spent the rest of his day sitting against the altar.

'I wish you spent more time with us, Call.'

'There's been a few things going on now in my life. I don't want to talk about it any longer. It's personal stuff, problems with my dad, being alone and.'

'Right, right, so, do you want to come with us then? Perhaps there's a thing which I may be able to?'

‘No, it’s fine, Crane. Have you spoken to Baster yet? You know you’re the only two friends I got.’

‘I know, I know. You know, it’s not your fault, neither is his nor mine. People grow apart for some time, but this doesn’t mean he’s not your friend any longer.’

We’re still going to see one another from time to time, he only needs some time to read to things. Neither of us wanted things to end up this way.’

They both kicked around a few rocks. Neither of them had any idea of the happenings around town. It was something they simply refused to talk about.

‘I think we should.’

Look at the docks. This was almost from another era. The men were about finished unpacking everything, which left the Mayor sitting far away into his office with three of his new business partners.

‘William, Jack, Jack’s brother?’

‘His name is Marques, but well, since you disregarded everything I asked of you, and then you shall call him Mark.’

Jacquo said, with a tip of some venom and spite in his words. The Mayor knew what he was doing, both of them got it from the grin on his face. He knew their proper names, he did it on purpose to annoy them. This man knew how to search for snakes in the tall grass. It wasn’t going to get any easier trying to get their way with him, but they were still going to try.

‘Well, as I said to William before the two of you snicked in, might I add that you have quite the method? The front door was locked and this is the fifth floor leading to my office. So you must’ve either picked the lock when I was gone or climbed into it.’

‘You’re not indisposed or offended that we came in, are you? After all, we only wanted to make our grand entrance as verifiably quaint as well. But, mayor, you have to admit that it was you who put us on the spot by leaving without me having introduced my brother to you.’

‘Not at all, if it weren’t for you to break in, I would’ve let you in myself. But if you don’t mind, good men, this is nothing personal at all, a habit for people who barge in uninvited.’

He took a moment to check his every drawer, to make sure nothing was missing. There, the dead-cold stares which followed him like the eyes of cats. Both of them will be trouble if you don’t mind yourself, said William.

‘So, what are we going to do now? Shall we begin? Please, take a seat, Sir William.’

This was going to be interesting.

Interestingly set on the altar, after leaving it to the exposure of the room, something wrong happened inside it while Granth had been away. The pesticides entered it, obscuring the edges where it was supposed to end, turning it into a floating cloud while carried a plethora of being on top of it as well on the sides.

The cockroaches, the rats, mice, even some dead fish, some eyes and even the bee creatures stood there drawing up and down, up and down until something from inside would enter them.

‘This isn’t right. It should’ve never got it, how?’

Upon the closer examination, he had seen those dreadful bandits and how they’ve done it. Each one of the surviving roaches which had ended up being killed appeared to have made a long trail connecting one of the edges of the room to the altar. They had each bitten off each other’s heads to they could open that tiny pocket of gas which sprouted from their insides.

As each of them had become carriers, there hadn’t been a second chance for a revival to occur. They could’ve spread like animals, but they hadn’t. It was the toxin which prevented the spread of the insect and it was the toxin which made it hard to breathe. He would return.

Second entry into the basement, this time he was properly prepared. Within him laid a gas mask, covering every corner of his face, pushing in some sort of attachment. No exit and only one entry remained. He could breathe down there again. Dressed in some extra amount of burnt umber-colored coats, with their sleeves tied around their ivory gloves, he was prepared to face this kind of threat of extinction.

It would be less likely that he would omit anything else other than it. There wasn’t a single thing he desire more but to grab it. While he approached, he saw it, what had been given birth or that which had entered the process of conception. Down there, there was the heart of corruption, kept in place by the vital veins held by the bodies of roaches and rats. the two of them held it right.

As he pulled the heart out, he had prevented the spread of the toxin further. Crudity returned within the altar and then, he was set to look upon it again. This thing pulsed with the gas from time to live. It was held within a leash by those dead creatures.

He allowed it free reign for the moment and released it on the altar. The roaches and the rats had grown in size, inflated and allowed the heart to set itself into flight, only so it could avoid being destroyed by the altar.

‘What do you want of me?’

It hadn’t the capability of speech or that of interaction, yet, it waited and appeared to be dragged in by some kind of magnificence, a delight which had been laid in the fact that he had wanted to dissect it and see for him what had been to it.

But it wasn't meant to be. It fell prey to its own toxin, it appeared, as the gas started eating through its mass, revealing that the insides had been calcified into some mustard mass which spread into the rest of them as soon as it had. The heart died in front of him, expelling all the terror he might've felt about him being affected by it.

If he had inhaled the toxin, he dreaded the thought of what might've happened at all. No amount of certainty had been planned there.

'I will look after them. I will make sure they are taken care off.'

He spoke to the nothingness in the air. It looked like the bodies of the dead roaches in the trail had been fertilized by in. Small and sharp points came out of their backs, pointing at the fact that they had the same texture like the organ he had looked after. The first signs of it came.

It wouldn't be safe. What had I been thinking?

Granth stepped in and started crushing them underneath his foot. The delusion had to be stopped immediately as he realized what might happen if he were to give it free reign. It couldn't grow and couldn't spread either.

He wouldn't allow it under any circumstance whatsoever. That danger would bring doom upon him and upon any man who stumbled into contact with it. But those things grew on bread. He stomped it as quickly as possible. What else had it been there?

Moisture, it grew on it. But that had been enough, as another catastrophe had been prevented, for as long as it appeared to have been. The air wouldn't be clear for hours but the wind came from the end of the tunnel.

One way or another, he would master the altar, no matter what it took. No compassion was left for anyone else.

Otherwise, the streets were quiet in the night. Solace remained an alternative for everyone else who stumbled like stray cats and left their own behind. Danger came over the fact that there were feline heads rolling through the night with no explanation. And only a selected few appeared to pay attention to them to carry on the strange image they bore. Their every movement had been a play.

It was a strange life it bought into. This cat head joined the ranks of a tiny flock of flying cat heads which came right through the night. Their eyes were emerald and cut in black halves, and their screeches were rather hard to hear as if they had little intention on being heard. As closely related to anything important, there was an important desire to know of anger.

As their flock met with a rival one they jousting before they stopped, looking below them in awe. Bodies suddenly turned and positioned so they could catch their heads in case they fell. Dumb things, you were supposed to be in hiding.

‘This is enough for the night. We may be caught if we wait for too long. Listen to this, we will meet again at the same hour tomorrow.’

‘Very well, fare thee well and make sure you slay and satiate the hunger by whatever means you can. No one shall look down on whatever you desire most.’

Anger and annoyance, distrust came onto them as soon as they fell behind. They hid the fact, now that each of them was out of place they were no longer alone. As they face split in halves they revealed two perfectly shaped cat-faces which had united through a kiss to keep this facade.

‘No one shall find out secret.’

One said to the other, looking at its precious twinned-colored eyes. Their whiskers shook and this could be mistaken as an act of peril and one of mistrust.

‘We need to be truthful to one another, shouldn’t we? I think this is ending us both. We cannot continue this connection forever, we can’t keep living in hiding as one head. Sooner or later we shall be dead and everything we’ll ever have experienced is ourselves.’

‘Why would you want to leave me now? I thought you were meant for me.’

Though one of the bodies split as well, revealing their ability to spread like some cat’s paw, a plant-like twist which wrapped itself like some kind of moving fist against the building in an attempt to regain its head. It wasn’t quaint, how it stopped and got affected. This self-dissection had been so dangerous that it revealed its one weakness, being contact with the air in its most virulent form. A bubble formed on its back and popped.

The body fell on the ground and died, wrapping its many legs, or fingers on top. As they rested in that position, it couldn’t have been clearer what went on.

‘I believe your body died. Down there, I see it now. Only my body remains there, are you certain you don’t want to be with me now?’

‘There’s no other place for you to go any longer.’

‘I’ll be fine now, no more arrangements, nothing holding me back any longer.’

One half left and never came back. Now, all he was left with was a crawling head with a head, half a body and that moment in his mind. They would never see each other again.

But there were darker things below, in the machinations made by the engineers. These passive creatures, these felines had been observed. For, in them, there had been higher meanings, more hope for some experiments to be made.

Since their bodies were highly mobile, plastic and shapeable, they could be used. Not only had they been spread and cornered, but they had been misshapen into the most damned things possible. And the engineers didn't even have to approach them.

First one taken, but not to be mistaken for anything physical. The test arrived, by forcing its body to push in every direction, it had been concurred that it wasn't completely malleable. It had been completely destroyed and killed then. It looked like this twist into the other form had been only a way of unwrapping the insides into its outsides, which had granted it mobility.

But what if they could be separated? A thin layer of meat would walk as weightless as a feather, bearing only its hollow insides as well as the hair which hid everything else. The insides were much more valuable, especially mixed with another type of oil they had messed with.

It gave like to a whole new fluid body. The many claw-like legs had been able to crawl and mount walls with a much deeper ease.

The first coming had ended, and there were bricks which had been replaced after they had been drawn outside. Though they may have looked out of place, no one wondered and no one cared about the many needs which were encompassed by this desire.

Creation could be attained by it eventually. Sooner or later, the engineers brooded on a way to create life of their own without being forced to repurpose what they had and when it happened. There'd be no one safe in town.

'I shall master you by whatever means possible, this is what I have attained, the dread of many living a thing, dampness from within and a body which may not be seen by normal eyes.'

He had brought a mass of moist and transparent body of a sea-shalp. It looked like a manta-ray but flatter and broader and almost white-imploding in the water. As it swam and wrapped itself around the stone, it had been spread as it was time for him to return back home.

Granth would enter it now, down the hole, and never come back to life as he was in the throng. As he entered now, knowingly afraid of the consequences and the mere fact that there could be no return if he had failed this time, he came to say goodbye, for one last time to the world.

'They shall never find my body now. I know that by the time I will submerge, the water will have spilled in the drain and the body of the sea-shalp will have disintegrated in the air.'

There hadn't been any hope to begin with that I may ever escape.'

Granth looked through the sledge of stones, and he thought he almost saw them moving. It was as strange a thought as that of inaction. He was being drawn towards escape now, no longer thinking of anything in particular. There had been a chance for him to return and pull out when the sudden feeling of drowning began taking him by surprise but that had been it.

He pulled himself upward out of shock but the process already started with him not being on board with it any longer. The sea-shalp was already partly gone and as he plucked himself out, above the chest area, he's been cut, but there no bleeding as he bounced and threw himself over the ground.

It was painful to watch, and to feel him not full-bodied any longer. His eyes flashed, his irises extended and shrunk as soon as it happened and it a strange kind of complexion, they appeared. From their strange world, they came again, stepping in through the threshold to pick their servant up. As soon as he was dragged and placed, taken and left for no lack of grace floating in their peculiar world, he looked around and saw only the stars in the distance.

Was this an illusion? They weren't standing on anything at all, they weren't falling, they weren't trying to do anything, and it was only that. It felt calm, but this wasn't space. He saw their barely visible feet, in numbers of four, standing on some flat space-flatness. An area which had been obscurely untouched, which felt unnervingly brought to some sense of loneliness.

Never had he felt such an alienation as he had felt then, even when met by all that time inside his basement. Neither of them spoke to him or changed their sight any longer, they were see-through but they didn't show any of the warmth belonging to the stars. Only the cold touch of space remained.

'I see that I cannot move past this basement.'

He said once he floated enough to be aware of the surroundings of his cage. Granth was saddened by the fact that he would float there in this state, for as long as the foreseeable future could tell, but he resigned to his fate.

There, out there, in the confines of a locked space, the man remained, and of his altar and the purpose of it, not a single thought remained.

'It's hard to tell how many of them are legitimate, Catherine. Sometimes I feel as if going through the files inside the archive only to be met by the most fictitious stories I could be met by.

Not a single thing works. There's nothing which may work, not a single desire, not one way back once you've gone through them. Even if there's some truth to them, it can't all be what they make of these cases.

Either we're in a world of liars, cheats or.'

‘Your coffee is getting cold Gourney. ‘

‘I’m sorry.’

‘It’s not easy you know, with everything going on for so long, with people dying or leaving, perhaps people’s mind started sparking again.

As a way to cope with their problems, you know? I know I would do the same if I was in their position and if I hadn’t such a decent life.’

‘This was a decent life, hasn’t it?’

Gourney tried to keep his hand on top of her but she drew away. It wasn’t easy, their lives here hadn’t been easier, nor had he tried to make up for it any longer. But life moved on nonetheless. They couldn’t push it through any longer, the lies and the hidden calls and.

‘No one’s going to return from the dead either, unless some of those stories are actually true. No one wants to commit anymore to anything else than their simple jobs.

It’s not something I’m proud of, Catherine, but I’m trying.’

She felt distant, both of them had, running their fingers around the outer rims of their mugs. His every attempt to get somewhere ended up bringing something from the past that neither of them wanted to remember.

Remember, remember, it was hard to cope with a memory which didn’t show it right. The apartment complex which had burnt down, not completely, to be minded of it, nothing was right any longer. Most of the top apartments and floors were still in some great condition but no one lives there any longer. It was abandoned.

Going through the night there had been an old habit for a particular older man who couldn’t give up on the past. Luckily, there wasn’t any danger there, from what he could tell. He had carried a tiny face mask before planning on heading for the basement of the building. It was dangerous down there. It looked like the dust and the fragments of tiny stones had found themselves lodged and merged with the walls.

It gave the impression of some out of this world vision made out of moving tiny hands popping out of every side, including the pillars and the pipes, fingerless but long and wide. And none of them pushed away from the source from which they came. Without paying any attention to it, he started checking around with his flashlight.

Though the complex was made in the least eight decades, it stood the test of time. Its foundation was still strong and refused to give in. To be sure about it, one could draw the conclusion that there wasn’t any way to return now. He had dwelled too deep in for his curiosity to be satiated. The deeper he went, the harder it had become to desire some return.

‘It must be here, I know you must’ve left something on your track Fredrick. Sloppy, that’s what you are, that’s what you always were, and I need to find it.’

He weighted what that thing could be, anything of the kind. Without a doubt, it hadn’t been right. This was his mode of being incognito, getting through the narrowing passage, which only dictated that the walls would push inwardly with every passing second. Perhaps it was an illusion of some kind or not, but he couldn’t focus on it for too long, as it blurred his vision and his sight. It was important to him to get away from all those fact, and all those memories.

He saw the mice down there, not the big ones but the tiny ones, laying dead, eaten by rats. It was a sad turn, seeing how they were so nasty in their appetite.

‘I wish I knew where this was going, but I have to return.’

It was the only decent choice, without a doubt. No one wanted to care about what was going down there. His neighbors had remained up there during his lifetime and not a single one tried getting here for some reason. There wasn’t any way for him to return any longer, not to his past nor to any other place than this one, henceforth, the only option remained to continue.

Until the crackle came, someone was there with him. Without a way of knowing if the candle in his hand would last, he looked at the many inched and squared pillars and noticed how many of them were out there. Whoever was there with him could only bring him closer to resentment, clearly something wasn’t working right. He could be anywhere, at any time. The thickness they had made it so they could hide a big enough figure that he couldn’t fight it off.

‘Show yourself or I’ll draw my revolver.’

It was a bluff, he had run out of ammunition and of means of getting it by shady means a long time ago. Now he kept it with him to scare off the strangers, no one approached him too often any longer. There was this dangerous look on his face which never went away. The strangers were kept at bay.

‘I’m not going to give you a second warning now.’

Within his reach there were a few things which didn’t go right. First the constant watch at the base of the pillar on his left. Something was constantly drawing it a few patches of the dust which formed most of the ground area there. And there was that constantly blowing air which pulled itself in, with more than a little care.

It couldn’t have been questioned by any means, why they were there, those moving tails. Fur never came in that shade, but he started running away only to be met by the standing man. He was there, after all this seeking and searching and this paranoia, the man was there!

He had found Freddrick, without a care for himself, alone in this obscure world. He felt threatened by his mere presence there, especially since he stood there like a wax statue, unmoving. The image that followed was the reason he decided to fall back. An insect leg, sharp and jointed like a scythe came from inside his belly, making way for a big sagging bulge at each tip which connected the many legs which came after.

They kept exiting and exiting from inside him gut and chest until there wasn't anywhere else from them to come out from. It had not only left a mark, but it released him from the pain of standing.

I hadn't a choice then but to run, as far away as possible, not to be caught or estranged from my feelings of disgust, I held it in my until I had made it to the stairs. Before emptying my stomach, I close the door behind and heard the end of the chase.

The distance had been long but I believe I had made it through fast enough for it not to make a difference. My legs were fine. It was the strangest feeling I had ever felt, my legs were working, more than unnaturally so. I should not have been able to make this spring especially for such a distance. My search wasn't over yet, but I think there was something wrong with them.

Somehow the muscle had grown back and I could see two bulks of meat there, hardened, even worse, hard of touch. They felt too hard for them to be made out of muscle alone. I suspected something was resting there, two of them, or.

I had to get away from the area and make it to one of the rooms. There was no one to care if I broken and pushed down one of the doors, since they left. It was one of the most frightening things I could have ever felt, and I knew I had left that dusty area with something unnatural in me.

Was that really him? I could only wonder and think about it while trying not to do anything rash. Regardless of it, something did come out of his body, so what if it came inside of me?

He wondered whether or not it would be too risky, too dangerous to act on it. Either it would be an impulse or such an action which would cripple him at least on one side. But he was far too set on it that this wasn't right. It wasn't natural, or humane, how a man could grow back his strength in such a short span of time.

'But with what now? What could I use?'

The kitchen was free and there were plenty of some sharp tools he may be able to use. Neither he nor anyone else might care about what was to happen there. It was only a matter of time until they broke off this illusion. If they grew inside of him and it was too late, he could only turn the knife on his throat instead of his muscle.

I need a rag to clasp on with my teeth, give me anything. The sheets spread on the bed were his first go-to. He bit on a roll he made out of them after rolling them around. There was a turn at how it came to be. As the gushing wound

started being opened by him he noticed the pupa growing inside his muscle. It managed to cut off the blood supply around the area so it could avoid making a mess from bleeding.

What had disturbed him the most was the fact that he didn't feel any pain at all. As he went on to cut through the pupa, he felt the stench of its secretion. While bleeding, it started grasping and receding as its development had been not only reversed but it had begun drawing the sustenance from its shell, in a way which had been unwanted and undesired. It pushed out of him and fell on the ground, leaving that empty gap inside of his leg.

Something had to replace that, and his alternatives were ill. He couldn't think of anything else for not, but he had enough time to come up with something, as long as he didn't bleed. You still got one, he said, within his mind, being more coherent now than ever.

By the door there came the creaks. If someone or something headed it, he would be exposed, at for now, he lost the feeling of strength he had felt inside his muscles. Without a doubt, this end would leave him crippled by as much pain as he could muster. Not much to his mind, he came to cut through the other side and immediately expelled the other pupa out.

They bled and squirmed for one last time, like some prunes which had been staunched by the pain of having no host. In their parasitical embrace, they had attempted to sprout a leg or two in order to pierce through one another's bodies so they may try to draw sustenance from one another.

I couldn't risk allowing them to find a way to reattach to my body. No, I threw myself away and crawled, a thing they would be more than likely unable to proceed with. Neither of them followed, without a single doubt or an important jerk. A reaction came to him as fast as it was over.

He needed to sew his flaps back but not until something would be shoved inside. It wasn't easy cutting through one of the legs beneath the bed, especially with a dull knife, slowly as well, as he desired to draw no attention to himself and make no sound. A conscious effort had been made to look away into the sight of the scope on the door.

No one was there on the other side, the light had been clear enough. On the other side, there was a certain break.

With a jolt of pain which finally kicked in, he pushed the small joint of wood inside the gap. It was the right side, as both of the pupas hadn't been big enough. He hadn't anything to sew it with, which left him with nothing but a few bed sheets wrapped around his legs. The man passed out in the room.

But things weren't as damaging on other islands as they had been there. No, they may have been scared and lay in some kind of balance but there was one abandoned one, from which an obscure dye had been taken away.

It hadn't been completely abandoned, even though the homes looked as if they had been struck one way or another by some stone-fall, or bitter taste of their intruders. Stalkish people, but they were very much alive and stood hiding into plain sight.

They gathered only during their rituals. And awe and behold, their might was nasty, their method begged for repulse.

'We need to bring back one of our own. He fell and cracked his skull.'

These strange gatherers wore a plethora of body pains which symbolized the maddest of paintings, image of running men burning and sights of torture which were not only embed but had the sight of oil. Various pigments had been used not only for the imagery but for the very master-like appearance which had been propagated on them.

It was strange now. His head looked normal with all those tiny bloody bodies which had gathered on the man's bald head. A few of them were barely covered in the most simple of fashion. But there was one thing which stuck out. Fragments of sharp bone which shot and spread out of their bodies, acting like long fingers which came out.

Spider lings would often show some kind of jealousy to the fact that they crawled and tried looking at them. For human beings, they were rather docile and static. They allowed them inner bone structures and sutures to act for them instead of them using their limbs and tools.

'How shall we proceed about it? Is he worth it to be revived or should we sacrifice him and make some dye?'

'Careful now Azhol, if this goes wrong, we shall have to deal with the inner extraction, which may be dangerous for all of us. It could jeopardize our very existence.'

Fear was displayed at the fact that those weren't entirely bones, they had muscles and hid themselves inside. But they were dominators, crawlers, hider and beings which had possessed all of them. And they weren't in this world, but theirs. Inter-dimensional projected creatures, which bore their normal shapes in their plane of existence but here they could only draw the texture of the nearest organ or state they could get a grasp of.

For some of them it was bone, for others, muscle came out, and in rarer occasions, fish-like limbs had been stored after coming into contact with their guts and digested food. But they had allowed this symbiosis as a result of their summon.

'It's a hard trade to make do with. Let us not try angering one of our benefactors or we may find ourselves entirely dismissed from being alive.'

'Fien, if you don't trust me with this, then there can be no unity amongst us. And if there's none, perhaps there's no reason to live after all.'

Everyone turned towards the member who bore of long and curved knife. It was definitely not out of the qualm that he felt going through it again.

‘Let us at least attempt to release it from its prison.’

He approached and began cutting him apart with the sole desire of taking everything apart, bones, ribs, and the insides, which looked paling in comparison to that thing which had manifested in it. They were shallow and non-human in appearance, set like cast to cover for the peculiarness inside.

‘I will be the first one to begin by saying, oh, one possessor, we owe our lives to you. Without your benevolence, we may not have been kept alive.’

No answer but it came to leave as soon as there was a decent entry for it to acquire, going through a cloak of energy which pulsed itself against the insides and the outside rim above the point where it ended. Behind it, this receding mass left a tiny pool which engulfed the rest of the body in a visible aura which set itself apart by the runes and drawings beneath it.

The black chalk marks became red and ochre, being filled with the likes of the dye.

‘Bring in one of the cauldrons, I believe we may have enough to fill one this time.’

As they gathered around and started bowing and standing still while he, who cherished himself as a murderer of men, started cutting himself to mix one of his own likes of lifeblood in an utmost shamanistic manner. Winds obeyed his call and there came the call of the storm. Around their abandoned city, the sea roared and then, the portal had awakened for one moment.

Between their worlds, the dye manifested solid in form, travelling between their two dimensions as mined ore. It needed to be combined with the remnants of the body of a human and as that happened, Fien suddenly roared.

‘We bring into this world another one of your magnificent gifts so we may be repulsed amidst this engulfance of power. As we bask in its essence we grow so much stronger that we may inflict upon this world the means of opening a permanent gateway which may one day allow you full entry and the satisfaction that we may be delivered to you.’

Fien was humble and naive. He didn’t know that entry was impossible for their kind and with each attempt at the ritual and with each attempted waste of the dye inside the ground and on their island, they brought themselves closer to their world.

This exchange would only, suffice to say, bring them there, to their new masters. Deliver their island to their mad world. It was a jest for them, as their projections had only managed to hurt them as far as they had now.

‘Listen, I am merely trying to come here as a servant not as a defiler. I want you to come and change this empty world of us with hope that we may be set free from it.’

‘Cease the ritual, look, the man had already been formed into the dye. His body melted and became solidified but it won’t last.

This communion shouldn’t have lasted this long, quick, gather it before it vanishes away.’

‘Don’t pause the ritual, I have to see it. I have to look into their world and see for myself.’

How they build their own stars and their own decks which floated into space, adjacent to their own unitary planet, which had the utilitarian purpose of delivering that glow which granted them flight and teleportation. They could move on any plane out there and walk on their own artificial stars.

Sometimes, their legs grew so long that they walked like longer-legged bacteriophage which had lost its body and its head but bore that tiny sack instead. Their walkers still looked like blades which curved around the edges. Deviations occurred in which their legs had been shorted and that mass above them evolved to acquire permanent flight.

But they showed no feature, as they needn’t one. What they had was that multiple consciousnesses which spread across dimensions, each working on itself like some inner tunnel of webs, each string sending some message to each side.

And their decks were steady and still, wide enough for human settlements to be made. It was for that reason why he wanted them to come. If their planet could achieve what they had achieved, there’d be hope for humanity that they may overcome their primal fears.

‘Enough of this, Fiend, you’re changing.’

The man looked at himself and saw that he had almost grown, enough that he stood at risk of losing his opposable toes and fingers in exchange of the growth. His fingers had begun being joined together, his eyes almost got encompassed by an epicanthic fold. Now he looked in some obscure fashion which could only make him look more paranoid that he had been.

In that moment he winced and fell, caught by the others as well as the man who had come.

‘It’s fine, I’ll be fine. We have gone a long way now to stop and I have seen them, I have taken a look into them and I am satisfied.’

An event like this could only be obscured by the fact that there was no one around to see it happen again. No one was supposed to lay eyes on it, not even the least of the dreadful lookers which gathered from around the island, which only reinforced the fact that it hadn't been abandoned at all, rather, it had been safe to dwell.

The storm ended, the sea at rest, now there came the likes of looking, at which had been most detested. It happened around their soil now. Only one important aspect of the dye was present, that being the fact that it was near impossible to miss. Like splats of ink, they were widespread over tiny areas, hidden from sight at times and lost.

Their dinner had been over by now. Goruney would take her to see what the fuss had been about. It was near the gates now, still on-going despite the Mayor's absence that they went and saw what was going on.

'I appear to be quite tense as of lately, Catherine and I think it's all because of you.'

'Why would that be sir? I'm only your secretary, nothing more. You don't need to pay any attention to me at all. I could be working around my desk all day, you could be in your office and afterwards, we could both be on our separate way.'

You never informed me of there being something more out there.'

'Haven't we discussed this on a separate occasion?'

'We were.'

It was a stop. They had blocked the road now, even as close as it would boggle through the mass of people. Obviously neither of them had been indisposed to move aside. This would be a dead end now.

'There are ways to make a man out of the slimiest of pieces. If I could make two of you instead of one, my servants, you shall achieve something unbearably close to a union of servitude. From this bond there'd be no return from and you shall force yourself to breed with the bats I had found you.'

The professor came to his senses now. 'Call me Lothius, that should fit me from this moment to the one I die. Without this word, I shall be known as one who springs into the blasted world which stands there lost and dying.'

His bodies had been found in some abandoned slop and within his disturbing lack of hope and anger, he came back to the abode. There they awaited form him, the servants quaint, standing for their master. It was the sight of the disaster which turned it into a hopeless approach.

'Your bodies had been broken, I see. What's in it for me that I may look for into rebuilding the meat? I see that it's inevitable and that you may never get to live through the unity. Perhaps I was wrong in my experiments but make no mistakes, as I won't be as hard of head any longer.'

He nodded and looked inside the room. The bag was still being populated by the roaches as it would appear. There, that table would be perfect, jointed with metal bonds, he would keep all of them in place stacked one next to the other. It was impressive how well he worked in such a short notice, getting through his head that it wasn't important that they were dead. On the contrary, it had been irrelevant.

As soon as he has placed them into the rightful positions, they were locked so tightly that their wrists disobeyed. Within a few moments, the grunts appeared. Something about his very lab made them wake up from their rigor mortis and start jerking with their still-dead expressions on their faces. IT shouldn't have been something to be proud of but they went on. It was an unseeingly wrong way of looking at it, but he inserted the amionatic fluids through their sides, connecting all of them.

First it melted their insides, which immediately hardened together, creating their whole body into a piece. Then, it was a simple jerk which pushed onward and tried leaping on itself as soon as they might be able to make an attempt for escape.

'Let go, you need to let go, do you understand? We cannot have you try ruining these inhibitors.'

The tube jerked as the giant lance-like injector reeled to the side. In a self-atrophying attempt to seal their own wound, they pushed and dragged the two open sides together, making it so they couldn't even hope for any return to the living.

In a momentary break they were dead again. From their chest there burst an opening from which one, one of the four bodies came a man who stood there unscathed. He was frictionless and emotionless, pale, dead in the head. This paranoia he had couldn't force him to do anything ever since he had entered into contact with them.

Such an obscure emotion was counteracted only by the need to pull away and hide. In his bed of many uncouneted materials and chemicals, he waited. What would happen if I were to draw his attention to me?

Lothius couldn't help but wander at the man. Not only had he been deranged but that peeling pile of bodies which he left behind acted like a hatching device. Don't move, let it act on its own.

The servants which by now were mere machines themselves went forward and tried interacting with this pale man. He ignored their simple existence and walked away towards the door. Despite being exposed to the nakedness he showed, the professor managed to look down at the lack of genitals which had been replaced with an umbilical cord that had dragged behind and buried itself if not grew inside of his other opening.

This creature didn't appear to have the capability to fully open its mouth or nose, but what it possessed, for the offspring of a few bodies, was the intelligence needed to open the door. It moved like a strange corpse on the swinging streets which lay deformed, either twisted to the side or moving up and down. It wasn't a certainty any longer. He rushed towards the door and closed himself in, vowing never to let anything of the kind happen again.

‘Servants, prepare the underside furnace, we need to get rid of the bodies as soon as possible.’

It was settled in that moment, to be fair about it, there wasn’t any need to draw away any longer. His tone had that monotone sting which wanted to leap about, out of his throat. The bodies postulated again and it had been time to get rid of them before they showed any kind of sign of coming back to life. This state of living they were in had not only been disturbing but it would be completely useless to him. In a short amount of time they had dragged them away.

‘It is done then. We’re in desperate need of better, fresher feed for our experiments. Sentience is far from being achieved now.’

It had been directed at the work in progress which spanned in the middle of the room. Quaint but unnervingly acknowledged, he took into consideration what he had released on the streets.

A man who looked like he was made out of clay, that’s what, happened to him. He stumbled and fell into the dirt, which nastily gave him the appearance of being jerkily succumbed into the muck. But he knew where to walk and how to avoid being seen then.

‘That’s about for, dear, or at least nearing five. Don’t get trapped now into what they said in the newspaper, the weather and the rowing boat, hah. If I didn’t know any better, there’d be a storm right now, inside our huts.’

‘Well, that’s about fine and dandy, say, is that one of...’

Repugnant to the touch, he left his mark there. Over prolonged periods of touching walls, he had developed a mark which sacrificed a single layer of his skin against the crop of the shingles he touched. It moved and appeared to live a life of its own. No longer disturbed by the likes of what that meant for him, he took the initiative and charged with his face against a corner of one of the nearest buildings he could lay eyes upon.

Not so much as it was right, he looked ready. It was in the moment of this perplexity that he had found himself bashed and beaten, his face and the insides of it crushed to smithereens, resting inside the walls as they moved. He was being absorbed now, by the wall. It wasn’t likely that he was going to be seen like a moving human figure, as everything which had made him entirely went through the cracks between the many bricks.

The process paused and he was left without a head, his throat, and a convex entry into his chest. As disturbingly aware of it as he had been, there was something almost instinctively left in the body which made him pull back. Drawn to the liquids on the ground, he bent and started wriggling free of this condition. It was near the isolation inside the quarrel he had found inside the honey-posts he found underneath the metal grates which lead to the sewers that he found refuge.

A few of them remained, now laying in some kind of abandonment. He wanted to feel as if there was some desire to throw him forward and cut through them. It was the noises which alerted him mostly, which couldn't have been ignored at all.

From about the core of the insides of his body, pulled a large set of crawling livers. Every organ which had lain in that hatchery which had been given to him was there. And they grew tiny wings, taking from the honey-post they were in, as well as their large hybridization of mouth-incisors which had granted them that vile sight. Either one eye or multiple eyes remained strapped on them, but regardless of their appearance, they had been loyal to their master.

It wasn't fair that they would seek a way out, but that had been it. They ate through the few bodies they had gone into contact with. Of course they weren't human but some weak and frail creatures which had been left for them. No mistake could've been made or set about it.

Neither act would've been right, if seen by someone who was to judge them for their acts of clergy. As soon as they had been done with it, they brought some fire and light and made way for the rotten-honey candles, which turned the sewers in a glowing tunnel of a yellowish-orange hole.

Most of them stopped, after noticing not the liquids which had been pushed through the system, but the one engineer who had been present there. He waited and appeared to be set for the strike. He had gotten way too defensive over their intrusion.

'He is dangerous, don't go near him.'

It was the first of the livers who spoke. Pieces of brain had been applied to them in a manner which warned of the fact that the Damaged Man could breed, even though he hadn't the required organs for it. Or had he? After all, there was a woman inside that pile, and he had inherited a pseudo-uterus amongst other inner workings which turned him into a strange living thing.

'And if we do? Don't you think the four of us could take him? I've seen enough, I've eaten enough and rested. Who shall take me if not a worthy opponent?

We have fire. Why would he hide in the dark if he isn't afraid of the light?'

The engineer's eyes activated then, no longer trying to mask his aggression. They were almost burning in those sockets while trying to push away as much force as they could. In the position he stood, three of the front legs had come to be extended as it turned into a defensive position. All of them aimed for the front, though there wasn't a single question about the amount of damage they could do.

Without a way of knowing about its agility or the way through which it wanted to go forward and have at them, they could only gather this.

‘It’s protective of its territory, isn’t it? I do not think we should approach it, nor the tunnel it stands a guard for.’

‘We are still dependant on that one who gave birth to us. What if it desires to draw closer and drive our maker away?’

‘Then we shall retaliate in that case, but do not push our luck now. Look around you, this wall built by them. Look, there are various raised blocks of stone for it to grab on.’

So many of them had been left about everywhere one could see. It was an infestation of stone there which made every touch much worse than it should’ve been since they filled them like tiny fountains which bore the same substance which had been used to clean their blades.

‘Retreat before we succumb to them.’

With the tone in play, they started drawing forward and as they had, they went missing from that underground stage. It was a missed chance which couldn’t be brushed away. But they had retreated in time that they could stay out of sight. As more engineers appeared and flooded the place in their presence. It was obvious that they didn’t like intruders.

And their stored bio-mass had been taken and put to great use. Various wall climbers and long bowed bodies had been made. Large legs pushed and climbed on both of the opposite walls while carrying giant webs which had been outstretched to resemble hardened ropes. On both sides the two pair of legs moved ever so slowly as to avoid revealing themselves and the way through which they moved.

Four feet lay as suckers, producing out of their leg joints a living green clutch which sent signals to all four of them. in case that anything could’ve gone wrong, the engineers made three more of them and placed them like sentries.

These would stand there and expand as quickly as one of the intruders appeared. It was, for the time being their only task. Neither would they be allowed to advance, nor would they be allowed to fight back if one were to gnaw as them. It was a mere effort through which they stood there, with the purpose of elevating themselves as far away from them as they could.

‘I need to see what’s wrong with it.’

‘What would that be?’

Gourney stared at her. For no reason she wanted to go back to the archives as fast as possible, with no consideration over their day off. They haven’t even been gone that long off though their schedule had been clear, appointments would have to be worked out somehow and this.

‘You’ve seen something you didn’t like, is that it? Come on Catherine, you’ve been treating me with silence ever since that thing popped inside your head and I know you well enough, you know?’

I know that when it pops in your head, you won’t stop at it.’

‘Here, I want you to look at something, I know it’s supposed to be our day off but I can’t help it. This file, every time I keep staring at it, there’s a change. Either the people in it, or the location, the details, the images, everything.

Even now, look, this building wasn’t supposed to be here. And this statue had been chipped around its nose and ears.’

‘All right, I suppose someone’s in for us. You don’t think someone at the higher offices are playing tricks on you, do you?’

‘No, I would’ve noticed, I would know, trust me. I’ve got my intuition here and it’s telling me this, there’s something wrong with this case. It’s not likely that I’ll find myself saying this that often, but I need you Gourney.

I only wanted to return because of this, because I noticed a street amongst our way to the dock and saw the same building, which made me think of it.’

‘That’s a sharp memory you have there, but, are you sure it wasn’t a coincidence? It’s not highly unlikely that the architecture got a bit too repetitive, so why not scrawl away?’

I don’t think this may be able to lead to any place, so why bother?’

‘Because, even the witnesses and the sights inside of it change, either for the worst or for the best, people either completely died or got replaced with something inside of it.

I think we should check it out.’

‘No, that’s completely out of question. If you have a suspicion of a place that’s even remotely as dangerous as the cases we’re supposed to be archiving, then we’ll have no option but to avoid it at all costs. Can’t you see that we can’t go through it?’

It’s likely that we may never return to our lives if we go there, perhaps we’ll simply die. You know what happens with most people we’ve interacted with, every single time, either it’s the broken survivors or the families of the deceased.

This never ends well.’

He turned. Again, that man out there. This wasn't the time for him to be distracted by it. But he was preparing to take a piece of the old copters'. around him lay a strapped belt of tools he carried around for some reason. It couldn't be ignored.

Before turning he had looked at the door past her. Both of them had defaulted to his office with the file, so of course he'd have his door stuck in the hinge. It was a tiny bit open, enough that he could see a creature which had been so thin that it looked like it lived between the space between the closed door and the relapse which went forth.

Only a line could be made out of him but he had a head and eyes, a long tongue, perhaps the presence of multiple arms and legs as well. They had not only overlapped but went through its body several times.

'I can't think well inside the office, I feel as if I'm suffocating.'

'Gourney, please, you know I cannot do this by myself. It's too dangerous for one person.'

'Now, that's an understatement.'

What exactly was going on there?

Common sense dictated that neither of them was properly suited for such a journey, yet common sense need not apply. She wasn't going to listen to him, that much was obvious by now, but why did she have the need to tell him?

'I want you to come with me there, the two of us inspecting that place.'

'Do you still not realize how dangerous it is? If something goes off like it always does with those cases, then there'll be no office to return to.'

As a matter of fact, there'll be nothing to come back for at all. Neither of us will be able to return unscathed.'

'Gourney, I know the risks well enough, you don't have to keep telling me about them. But I have a feeling that I need to be there. I can't necessarily explain why but it's something in my guts.'

'Why?'

'Follow me if you want to know why, or stay here and get buried in your desk. Either way, it will be fine with me.'

She blew me off as soon as the door closed. I couldn't let her go like that. No one with half a mind could.

'Twenty of them, I see.'

They were counted off the walls, those promiscuous yellow thrice headed mollusk-arms. They carried a bunch of heads which had grown on the backs of their muscle shades, pushing some vein pumps through the back of their heads. In so far they grew up to fantastic sizes until it was obvious that they no longer needed sustenance.

‘Is it safe to draw near them? Won’t they retaliate?’

‘Stop right there, I think I see something drooping from the backs of theirs heads. It doesn’t look safe enough. We should draw back.’

‘No, not until I had the pleasure of cataloging them. I have to see all of them there. Look at how many pores are popping off from the back of their heads.’

What one of the two inspectors pointed at was the yellow acidic substance which shot from the back of one of its head. It was yellow and it managed to penetrate the skull, pushing through the back joint of the forearm contraption. It had a tiny amount of rolled pinchers which had formed circles in their numbers. As if that alone hadn’t been enough for them, they bore them on every side, which grasped and pushed onward.

It had to be dangerous. Over the fact that some of the pinchers actually extended and started forming the yellow mustard-looking acid into a long string, until it had become rope-like in appearance. Not only had it a means of defending itself, but it had been threatened, driven to a corner, while it had been forced to attack.

‘Listen to me, Uljberk, we are already out of our area of expertise, we cannot stand here any longer.’

They turned, finally content with the information Uljberk had gotten for him. It wasn’t fair that they would get through it so soon, but they were both met with an unquestionable image which resembled that of a trap. It was the end of the road for either of them, who had their escape being trapped and sealed off.

‘I told you to get away, haven’t I? Look at what you’ve done now. Neither of us will live.’

No one appeared to be paying too much attention to them. Since both of them went on an unquestionable turn, they had undertaken a distance which couldn’t be anything but unquestionable insane. A few people passed, but only one of them noticed something about them.

From the side, they have had their eyes pushed a few millimeters out of their sockets. In that way, it couldn’t be questioned at all by any other means. They were partially blinded and forced into that strange miasma the town carried, to each their own damning hole.

‘We need to flee as fast as possible, now!’

‘Don’t look behind you, no matter what, do not look behind!’

The shout arose with little consequences in mind, both of them being caught by their own politics in the matter. It was something so important for him, because he had taken so many pictures of them. He could actually see them there, their weird shapes, peculiar forms and the things in which they evolved.

From a quick comprehension of their bodies, he could see a pink carapace popping out.

‘Have you seen it as I have? I swear, I saw it there, in its full magnificence. They were trying to abandon their bodies and grow into them.’

‘I saw in, I swear, I saw it, but that will be the last thing I’ll ever see in my entire life I give in.’

One word and both of them could fall prey for what was going on there.’

‘Listen, I need something out of you. This isn’t going to be anything else but an attempt to get as far away as possible. But I cannot help it. They’re trying to get me, look, check my skin. I think I’ve been infested by something, yellow, no, green.’

It was by the intersection of a house they entered that they had the chance to hide and speak. Past the door, they crushed the lock closed and waited. Sooner or later they would find out where both of them went. This wasn’t a matter of if but when?

‘We have enough time to stay and hide out research.’

‘Are you mad? I’m not going to leave the pictures and the notes I’ve had the chance to pack in here at the hands of some, some...

Look at this mess, this isn’t the house of a normal person. This is the ram shack of a dumb iggit who must be addicted to some stimuli of some sort.’

‘Uljberk, my body is giving in, look.’

His companion revealed how far that yellow liquid went. By now his body and clothes had been encompassed and ruined. The sight of his long-time companion was harrowing, but there was nothing else he could ever think about, other than that evolving creature. It pushed forward as if from some diseased pucker, leaving the muscle and the heads behind.

In a way, it appeared rather hard and rubbery, big headed, kind of like a fossil, multiple headed and winged like an insect. But every piece of that body had that pink, audacious structure which couldn’t be identified as anything on their planet.

‘Very well, I shall leave you. But you already know this’

He packed up everything they had and left his vicinity, knowing they would be after him. Close to it, it was already an easy pick whether or not he'd have to pick a route to make contact with the outside world.

'I will do what I must to survive this.'

With a perfidious look, he made it through the house, snicking next to the sleeping couple. It would be mightily delightful if he was to wake them up, but that would be better asked for another day. So far he knew it more than useful that they were there. In the exact location he wanted them to be, at the precise moment when they entered the house.

It wouldn't be believable otherwise, but as they entered in their strange pairs, they completely disregarded his partner, moving through him as he simply split in front of them. It took him a long time to die now but at least he was unnervingly bent on that moment.

He would escape no matter what, with as little consideration for everyone as he could. Into the building now he went as there was little incentive to stop him. No one locked their doors. No one believed the neighborhood to be dangerous enough to warrant it. They were in for a surprise. Could I do it?

Could I flee unseen?

'You're not from around here, sir. What are you doing?'

That was late, far too late for him to give any kind of explanation. He was at the peak awareness, without being able to look away, he ran past him without looking back.

'Are you in a hurry fellow? It's mightily rude to appear out of nowhere and stroll like that.'

But the man spoke and far away, the bloke went into the servants' approach. He looked through the long way ahead and questioned what happened there. Above him he could feel the steps clocking in, each a hit of its own, strong enough for a tiny bull to have emerged. The doctor had been paying a lot of attention now.

He build a small wooden frame on which he connected some iron half-chubs of iron bolts which acted like some long-distanced movement detectors. Each time someone either put a lot of strength in his steps or a lot of people gave chase around an area of the town, one of the many bolts would tingle as it was attached to a long metallic string which stretched for miles at long rests.

'I see, oh I see. This is worthy of my notice. That's one of areas where they breed, I need to get one of them.

Make a note, will you?'

From inside the dark, this short-wheel legged stopper began pushing forth a small clicking-set of message battery. His tiny claps clicked in the words as he spoke them with an immediate and unquestionable clarity.'

'Need to plan extraction of specimen.'

He paused and looked around. The furnace had done a great job to turning that remaining pile to a shrubbery of ashes. But they were still hard to touch and he could still feel a structure underneath them. It was a small chance, one in a billion, that something would come out of it, but he concurred.

There were a few more bobs of the bolts but neither of them had been as strong as that one. Whoever was there was sure to anger them.

'More so, I shall rectify the mistake I have created and find a good replacement for my lost experiments. Perhaps we'll stumble upon a living one this time, and proceed from there.

End of note.'

Good, that should do it. The yellow light was fading, it mean that there was need for a replacement. He went through one of his undergarment of a chamber and went it. He sniffed. The smell of contamination wasn't there. Every time he opened the replacement canteen storage deposit, he risked it.

But it was a self-made deposit, so he couldn't bear it for long.

'On second thought, I need another note. In desperate need of getting a few more glowing body parts. Extraction from the non-glowing bodies of citizens needs some rethinking to be done.'

He kept various limbs inside canteens, which would be used as power sources. People weren't aware of these strange phenomena, but once these specific limbs were taken off and cut from the rest of their bodies, they would start emanating and producing energy. It took him a lot of trouble to acquire so many of them but he managed well.

'I see that there a shortage of supply which needs to be reinforced and exchanged.

Personal theory bound, they may be glowing for some reason, perhaps an infection which turned their bodies into living generators of electricity. I have noticed some marks left on the limbs I've cut. I suspect them as being mosquito mark.

But so far no glowing or electric mosquito has been ever near my findings. Even less so, I think they may only be the carriers.

And I have taken the opportunity to observe the change which occurs inside the limbs during a long period of time. Something isn't right with them. They appear to be slowly disappearing, leaving only their outflow line before leaving reality completely.

It is in my theory that they are taken from us, from my reach, transferred to theirs.

Second note ends here.'

He had left out the fact that they hadn't looked human any longer either. The fingers of a hand, for example would be stubbier, fatter, slithering as they freely moved without bones or joints. Had they always been that long?

What about the insides of the hand itself? Why was it that there wasn't any bulk of meat and bone? On top of it, that hand sealed itself completely, on the contrary, it had been growing slowly, trying to evade its canteen. No escapee so far had been observed. The replacement procedure had gone underway. A handful of experiments could reveal a good deal of much needed information about it, if only he had the means to conduct them. But now he was busy with it. He looked at the other canteens, noticing the source of contamination. In a few secluded cases, the limbs produced a fluid in which they swam for prolonged durations of time. While doing so, they exhausted themselves until the point where they couldn't sustain the fluid any longer, forcing them to evaporate from their vicinity.

He closed the deposit as soon as he was done with it. Now, he changed exactly what was needed of him to change. It'd be a quick swipe with not apparent result in which the connectors had been pulled from one canteen only to be placed in the other. In any other case, this would've been considered a case of foul play of the most instructive manner, but he hadn't the exact mind for it now.

Something was on his mind. The ones who had been released, he had to be somewhere out there, risking bringing too much attention. His mind was severely deteriorating and it wasn't helping. No, not in a single way, especially since sooner or later, they would find a way to invade each other's territories.

It was cold now, nonetheless. As it would be normally be after switching one source of power for another. Without a way to actually know whether the experiments would act up in the dark, he closed the door then so he'd be safe. For as wide of a worship of meat as this had been, going down a few feet inside the ground, there was always that chance that they may all come to life all of the sudden in search for the man responsible for their existence.

Seriously in doubt of them being truly dead, he kept them around various parts of his "deposits". They had been made for the sole reason of storing them, so he would either learn from his mistakes, or that he may be able to return to them one day to finish what he started. Sounds of crawling feet and dangling wheels came to his ears. Either those would have to be his servants or someone else. It was down at the midst of him being spotted by those creations that he tempted himself with opening and closing the door. Locking and unlocking it as if it were some kind of play.

Without any light, he could only see them vaguely but they were there.

‘Servant, I don’t remember having told you to follow me. You’re not allowed to be here. This is a restricted area, do you hear?’

The doctor wasn’t up to any of their games. They weren’t supposed to be acting up, not even in the midst of the absence of light. But he had also managed to see a whole new level on top of its head. An animal which was still attached to the electronic parts, that hadn’t supposed to happen. Not a single one of them had managed to maintain the stability needed for their continuation of living.

But this one, who looked like the combination of multiple creatures, not animals, seemed to have a will of its own. In the way it moved, the freedom expressed in twirls of shades in the obscure were heavy enough for him to abandon everything and go back into hiding. He wasn’t one of his own, more or less he had wagered that this one was perhaps an experiment belonging to someone else who has stumbled here by accident.

First signs of the approach came. It had been too dangerous. Another lock on the door followed by a waiting instilled in him by the desire to know. Nothing more than a guilty pleasure had occupied his mind then, to the wonder, would I look, or will I dare?

How dangerous a mess this had been, that he would try creeping even closer to opening it. Then, the light came on, dimly. This was worthy of him looking through the keyhole at least. And there, his confirmation had arrived. Standing on the other side was the texture of some eely-skin which drooped and pushed itself over as if something was trying to escape from inside of it. Its partial transparency only revealed some kind of darkly-hued membrane which pushed itself through in an attempt to make an escape.

‘Leave me be then, I can see that you are there, I order you to leave. Leave, leave, and don’t trap me in here. I will not allow myself to remain here for too long, do you understand? I’ve got needs to be taken care off.’

He paced through the room. The way it had been designed, it had been simply squared, on a large surface, with the canteens being stored inside a locker which stretched on the entirety of one of the walls facing the door and a partial half of its bulk which stared it. If one were to look from their side now, they’d see the hinges of the door being pushed forward a few meters through the block of rock.

On the left side, he’d see the generator as some traditional furnace-shaped stove which had been made out of metal, but which had all the wires and contraptions leading through this entire workshop be drawn from up there. The canteen would usually be placed on a metallic spike which inserted itself through the limb so it could begin the process of power extraction.

One light bulb remained on top of the ceiling, dangling back and forth at a solemn interval. Even the checkers-pattern on the floor appeared to be ancient by the looks of it, but that hadn't been as important. He had one of his abandoned laboratories next to the generator, covered by a green blanket which got him thinking.

If only I could fashion myself some acid, then I could get rid of it.

The dust had settled on it but that hadn't removed an inch out of its functionality, not even the visible cracks or the various in-smoked spots which spread like moving rims of quarrels. It was obvious that those weren't supposed be inside the glass corkscrews, but the fire should more pleasantly get rid of any kind of impurity, if one were to remain.

It wasn't going to be hard now, not since looking around drew his eyes to one of the desks below. He stored a well-kept car engine there. Carefully set on it, he started the process of removing the battery with the tools he had in store. He used a pair of dirt-ochre-blue-spackle gloves to avoid any unwanted contact while the procedure went on its way.

For the storage it was simple enough, he would use of the waste canteens, since there was no chance that those limbs may even rematerialize under no circumstance whatsoever, which had been followed by the boiling and the wait. It shouldn't have been well. But it was discerned that he would still be taken by surprise as the battering began.

Something truly wanted to get past that door and get it. Had it been lamentable in any kind of sense, he would've allowed it to come in but otherwise, there wasn't any interest into allowing it to come. The mood was set, the canteen now lay foul.

'I will give you a fair warning, so you may retreat. Do not come upon me or I shall inflict upon you a malady which may never be dealt with. Know that you shall suffer greatly from this intrusion.'

In the midst of the moment, everything had been stuck against him. As soon as the door opened, that one rube came, bearing the remorseless look of a damned lamb which had been groaning out of its sudden attachment to the half-faces of a few pigs, rodents and stacked mushrooms which had grown on it. This melt hadn't grown but appeared to have been poured like some kind of fluid metal on top of the rest of its elaborated devices.

He released the canteen, hearing its sound fade from the bottom of its voice box, as it charged into the lockers, turning itself down on its back. A scene of dread had been inquired, to the very doubt that it would live past the damage it had sustained. The two wheels failed to stay together and as the light came back in full force, he looked upon this creature, realizing that it hadn't been alone.

'You're not the same one I had seen before the keyhole. Where is the other one?'

As the deceased fiend ceased its struggle, the doctor went by door in furious remorse, looking for some way to see if there had been a sign of the escapee. Empty on both sides. It was unforgivable, seeing the struggle of the mushrooms of all the living parts which had been attached together. Only they struggled to get off and away. The rest of them simply died off.

‘What have I released now?’

He wondered after looking at the glimmer of a shade which came out of that body. For a moment, he thought he saw a spirit come out in the same exact shape as the creature which had fallen to his feet, with the vague missing bottom half. It floated through the same trajectory before going on ahead to disappear.

It was a miss which wouldn’t be given in. The world wasn’t prepared for them yet, he hadn’t been prepared for this acquired prosthesis of meat. And if it were fair, then, alas, I shall confess to my failure and bring an end to them.

Curiously observed, the lock hadn’t been broken despite the best attempts at it. There was some curve to it, but he hadn’t found a thing gone wrong.

‘Servants, come here immediately.’

They slowly accompanied one another and appeared to have a remissness of the closest kind. He had noticed the most important detail then. In their short fraud of blows, he saw the one thing which made him look at it like some deranged outlandish cretin. The walking metal box was missing, and the wheels as well, leaving the sight of the animal putrefaction as well as the mushrooms ahead.

He entered the vicinity and looked around, realizing that it was nowhere to be seen.

‘Clean that up, and drag the remains to the furnace.’

Obedience came without a second thought or a command. It was hard to be around them, especially after getting out of the way. He hadn’t thought about it then, but they were indistinguishable from one another without the add-ins of the animals. Without their upper bodies in store, this could happen again if he didn’t pay enough attention.

They’ll all need to be checked as soon as possible. Not a single one should be given the chance of a second retaliation if it can be avoided. He was aware of the effectiveness of the acid now. It would be more than useful for him to keep it in mind.

Back to the studies for now, as the crisis had been averted.

‘Jack, William, Mark, I’ll be honest with you. I am in great debt. You see, I need to clean my slate clean and reveal to you what I’ve done.

There are many houses which are under consideration.'

'Under what consideration?'

'They're in need for closure, as we say around here, Jack. This is a matter which bequest not urgency but complete silence and secrecy. I choose to believe that despite your appearances, no offence to your associates, William, that I can trust you.

But I'm taking a leap here. You, I'm considering simply giving them to the folk who are interesting into coming to live here.'

'Preposterous, this is the worst possible outcome you could come up with.'

'What of the profits? You can't seriously skip on everything that way, you know better than that.'

'Those are of little interest to me in the long run, I'm only looking for a way to save this city from ruination. And if that means sacrificing a few houses which would've dropped in value, might I add.'

'Miserable greedy sod!' The mayor muttered under the brush of his moustache.

'Well I would consider this a fair trade, as fair as one could make in order to draw as many people in as I can. Consider this thing, say, you bring me a dozen workers from mainland and I reward you with a little something for your trouble.'

Both Jacquo and Marques looked at the man as if he had been mad. Not only would he offer them houses for absolute nothing but he would pay them to get them on.

'In that case, I would like a house for myself.'

'My goodness, but you are welcome, both of you are. How about you William?'

William had been distant, too much that he would inquire of himself and the others.

'I think I'll abstain, for the time being that is. I'd like to see the surroundings myself in order to get a better idea. Don't take it too personal, but I believe you're making a grave mistake, you give people homes like that and they might think there's something wrong with them.'

'Nonsense William, you know who I am, a philanthropist.'

A philistine more so, that this mayor had something more underneath his brow than he wanted to show. It was incredible, the level of abstinence he had revealed under his breath without giving in the desire to show too much. Well endowed in the nature of bargain he began laying the terms.

‘I’ll deal with as many as eighty-five lots, for the time being.’

‘That’s ridiculous, how deserted is this city? I saw the docks, they were filled, and the streets.’

Jack almost burst a vein there. He isn’t pleased by it, by these appearances, he may think he’s being deceived for some reason.

‘It’s nothing, those are families, and they spread and they taken the bigger houses, and keep breeding until they senselessly fill them up. But those aren’t the plots which are empty, as I like call them, it’s the poor folk, it’s those who left because they couldn’t afford the stay which left.

For that reason, I cannot afford to seal those houses, knowing that I’m simply going to end up placing the new-comers in the same spot as those who had been taken before them.’

‘Certainly you must know that either way, this is a horrendous idea.’

Marques stitched a tooth as he got up from his chair. This man looked as if he was made out of two pieces, one of which being strewn forward at a ninety degree angle. It was monotonous, the way in which he came to some sense after sitting so much there.

‘I won’t permit this farce to continue. What are you intending to do with them?’

It was a startling stand, which drew the attention of both of his associate and that of his brother. Despite the cold and the sea-sickness, he showed some menace which couldn’t be brushed away. He wasn’t standing properly but his gaze was that of the deceased, though he smelled like gin.

‘Well, do you have a better alternative then? Because from where I’m standing we’re drifting on a Dead Sea. In only a few decades, this place will be either abandoned or barely inhabited by the deaths.

The rates at which children are made are either vague or barely going.’

‘But you said there are plenty of families that do breed for more than a few of the recurrent ones. So what’s the problem exactly?’

‘Problem is that, they’re not reliable, they’re outliers, and they could stop and end their lines at any time. And what of the workers, if I can’t afford to keep the economy going, how will they be able to fill my city?’

Exactly this is what I’m trying to save. I’m desperate, the city is dying and there’s no other chance but to give it all away.’

‘Be reasonable at least, even if there’s a chance, would you not consider taking the city apart for profit? I’m sure there could be some way to deal with the repercussions.’

The slithery Jack said, with a tongue up his led.

‘No, that wouldn’t be right. I think, no, if I recall correctly, the island if owned by one of the great families out there. They live remotely farther away from the city, on a patch of nature which lies separately from where we do.’

‘Have you spoken with them about this?’

‘Unfortunately, I have and the answer I have received is that it’s neither of their problems. I can’t help it. Not a single man of the family would be indisposed for the problem.

Since their family alone owns the entire island, I don’t suppose they would be interested about the people living here, not since they own such an immeasurable wealth themselves.’

‘Dear Mayor, in which direction would their dwelling, be? I seem to have found myself joyful in touch, looking for a way to get ahead and watch.’

‘Jack, Mark, don’t get mixed with them, this is a fair warning. They own several chateaus and a monument constructed in the body of their founder.’

‘What do you in the body?’

‘They smashed his head, arms and legs and began twisting the various forms of two-legged horses and horned crowns a means to glorify him I suppose. It’s kept as a secret, but I think the lack of joviality and of human contact drove them to the edge.’

And there was the darker part he refused to acknowledge out of the courtesy of being in William’s presence. But there was the marriage between their brothers and sister, or cousins which disturbed him the most. People like them were at that point considered to be out of reach as far as humanity had been concerned. It wasn’t their choice to be here at all. In any case, there had been something incredibly wrong in the way they had carried themselves around the venture, with the exploration receding into some kind of self-imbued interest they both shared.

‘We’re going then.’

‘If I can’t stop you, then I’ll do my best to keep you out of trouble, that’s the only way I could possibly make sure you won’t end up missing.’

‘I knew I could count on you, Gourney.’

‘Wait, Catherine, before we go, I need to tell you something, it’s about one thing I can’t get my mind off. There are some people out there I’ve seen before.’

She took a moment to turn and look at him. It wasn't even that obvious yet, but even there, he had a suspicion that something might be planned inside his office. Especially at the entryway and the other planar spaces, hearing probes, tiny, as they'd be attached to the insects coming in and going out of it.

'Follow me for a moment.'

Gourney whispered, much to his distress, she followed through the door and went straight to the bathroom. He gave only a few signals for her to follow before making it through.

'The thing I'm about to reveal to you might not sound right but I need you to trust me. A man keeps appearing around the area in front of the square where the old abandoned plane hangar is located.

I think he knows I'm watching him.'

'Gourney, stop, I understand if you don't want to come with me but you don't need to make some elaborate excuse for it, I'll understand. You may not think it but I'm more than capable to handle myself.'

'That's not what I mean, I'm not trying to prevent you from going there, I'm trying to warn you woman. He's out there, I think he has it in for me. Look, the man who came into my office before.'

'Stop already, you're not going to do this on me.'

'Listen, he had something in his case file, the one he had on himself, something sticky inside of it. I think he was hiding something in it as well.'

'This is getting ridiculous already, do you seriously believe all of this?'

Lying to her shouldn't have been that hard, but with each word he tried putting in, this felt twice as hard as it should've been. You've got her best intention at stakes, remember that. If she goes there, she won't come out.

One moment lead to another in which he couldn't help it but betray some of his most farcical facial expressions.

'Not that great of a liar after all, am I?'

'Why can't you trust me? We've been together more than I could remember.'

'And for that reason I'm doing this for your own sake.'

Within a reach he went out and snapped the door shut, with a jolt of the key he had on him. It didn't even have to be too much of a consideration that he found himself on the other side.

'This isn't illegal you now? Let me out this instant Gourney!'

‘It’s for your own good, look, I’m going to send someone in to pick you off in an hour.

In the meantime I’ll..’

Again, he was rightfully afraid he would be caught in there and that he’d lose his chance to escape in one piece. No more afraid that he had been before, he was way more stubborn to prove a point than to jeopardize her life in an instant.

‘Catherine, If I’m not back in an hour before the man I sent for you arrives, then know that I will have been gone for good. If this is the only way you’ll get it, then so be it.’

‘You damn idiot, don’t do this, spare yourself the trouble and let me go. This isn’t you, you don’t need to prove anything to me.’

‘I have to this for both of our sakes. I’ll be back within the hour. Forgive me Catherine and please wait for me.’

She was already busy trying to batter down the door with her palms. It was pointless. The key was left inside so she couldn’t even try picking up the lock. Waiting lay supreme now. Nothing else seemed around.

He was on the run now, making his best attempts to make up an excuse to call someone on the bathrooms down the office. It should’ve been somewhat surprising to him, that he got that quick of a response but it was settled.

‘Exactly at the end of the hour, I’ll be there. Pay in advance, I presume?’

‘Pay in advance, as per usual.’

With that out of the way, only time could tell and the file which was still in his hand. He was ungodly, unprepared for it, but that wasn’t a reason to return. The clock was ticking and with each turn he couldn’t help but think of the worst. What was past those damned doors?

A man crossed him by the street, tall and blond, carrying some kind of pack behind him. It didn’t suit him but alas.

‘Careful where you’re walking pal, no need to cut me over.’

He gave only one look behind, that sweaty look on his face said it all. Another man on the run, it seemed. But he had dared not approach the passage from which he came. That way had been far too dangerous for his good.

What came to it was this, the sight, even from the distance that he’d know of it with an immediate stare. Standing in his way, the building looked mightily unnatural in its pure state of being, ever so strange as to make him feel unable to tell apart the distress he felt which caused the exaggeration in sight or the mere practice it had.

It wasn't a building, he knew. But a within body which took its form and hid in it, committing an act of prayer with its sixteen long arms and many beaded dark eyes which laminated through its insides. Its talons were widespread and covered a good deal of the build. He could hear it now, his mad carols being sung from the distance. For him alone they were split and tuned, for his ears alone were meant to keep the angry tunes he wore. This effect wore off as soon as it was clear to go.

It was undeniable that Gourney felt repulsed by the idea that he would have to enter it alone. Within the hour, I shall enter and master whatever you throw at me. Be aware that I feel no fear as I step inside.

The course of actions he'd taken was wild and riotous, being followed by the closing of the sluices. He had something taken from him as soon as he entered, but that had been well earned since he took it upon himself to take this challenge of woe.

'Where are you?'

As soon as the premises had entered his line of sight, he stared at a lobby made out of four hands. Its texture was immediately obvious to him, the placard of nails laying there like coffins along side an entry which had been made out of two separated fingers.

Two shadowy figures who had been basked in the Aegean shades pushed forward at an unfathomable speed, revealing how somber they had began after beginning to darken with each step.

Below them lay the skeleton feet, wore as trophies, taken from different beings. Each step left a brand on the skin, in the form of some spyh green. The precursor to the vaporous filters which came from below reveal the inner skin of the creature which had become the building. It wasn't worth it being there.

This had been out of ordinary, intrinsically paranoid, he attempted to leave. Locked, he was met by them, face to face but he could only see the vague shapes of the chaps which appeared to him. It wasn't to be called yet, but a foreword with himself made him realize that this was in no way reassuring that he would return unscathed.

'Who are you? Why have you come here? Archiver, you are known among us, you must leave now.'

'But the door is closed.'

After the first mumble, I had been at a loss of words, as the Aegean sight turned into carmine, shade after shade dropping into sight. They knew how to appear fierce as the bands below them began stacking, bringing some level of discomfort to the being surrounding them.

'Whatever you must do, if you have to eat your way out, know that it will be much more pleasurable than the terrors you may encounter inside.'

This is not meant to be, not for you, not for now.'

Gourney's eyes turned to a filthy azure which pushed onward, his lodes covering his sight, seeking for a way to be. Flocks of flesh began gathering around weird angles around the place. They were trying to make him as uncomfortable as possible, without risking any kind of immediate damage.

His mind was affected the most as he knelt down and started shaking his head. Something around those ghastly apparitions made this entire room feel as if there was a strong windmill which was blasting every single spot around them while avoiding them completely.

A tangle of liquorish-coated beams shot around him, trying to wrap him up like a bunch of cobwebs being shot by twisted spirderlings which hid behind one of the exits there. It was hard, for as long as he would kneel, he would be in a grave danger.

'I can't do this, I can't do this.'

Before he got up, he looked past the exit, before he even realized that his confusion made him take a few steps towards the other side.

'Do not be confused now, that is not the way out, that is only one way in. No one would give you such an easy way to go, Gourney.'

They knew my name, the despots, the vile ones, and filth of uncorrupt. A legless spider's breast stood there, levitating with one stern lash which held the rectangular silk thrower in check. It bore three great eyes and a coloration which appeared to be patterned to resemble a dropping point for a bomb.

From that patterned side, it pulsed a few inches above its rim, revealing swollen glands which tried pushing out. Before long they did, revealing not a single drop of any of its vital fluids but of some caustic juice which threatened him the closer he approached.

One eye receded in, as if one of the limits of steps had been achieved. He would come into the range, sooner or later.

'Return, I said, don't take it unto you to give in. We'll help you on your way.

My brother has even taken onto himself to force the door open for you. But you need to take this initiative on your own. We cannot force you to return from the filth of life.'

'But I can't. I need to know, I need to be through with it.'

The hour was up, the clock had ticked in his mind. Before he could take another step, he felt mercury in his mouth and stopped. It dripped on his clothes and moved as a strange lack of hope.

The man turned and stepped away, looked behind as if by a shadow. He could feel the chest being inches away from him, breathing though it had no lungs, trying to be a part of him despite being clothed and not having relapsed into that dangerous commotion.

Much to their mad dance, he had felt for a moment what it felt like being part of it. So much so that he felt his insides producing the same silk in an erotic and disgusting manner. He looked away but he felt it, that predatory, almost breach, assault, pillage which couldn't be forgotten. It left him with a bitter taste as he left the building and never came back to his senses.

‘Within the hour, wasn't it?’

This confusing event hadn't helped him get a hold of reality any longer. It felt strange now, finally having come to understand that everything he had read from inside the storage had actually been true. In a sense, this had been more than enough to swallow, up to the point of choking. It had to be untrue. Not a second passed without him wandering what he had seen and who was following him.

Every turn of the shoulder he saw him there, but on a quick full turn, he saw no one.

‘Are you fine? You seem struck by someone, did something happen?’

‘Nothing, I thought I saw something there.’

Of course this was no mere stranger from around the town.

‘My name is Pontius, greetings.’

‘Pleased to be acquainted.’

‘Shouldn't you be on your way then? I supposed the only reason for you to be in such a hurry would be a mighty appointment you may be running late of.’

‘A dear, a friend of mind is waiting for me I believe. And I may have mistreated her kind of lately, Pontius.’

‘Well, you should do your best and try making up to her.’

‘I will, thank you, Pontius. I think I'll do.’

There wasn't a second he didn't think of her, what she might say or do as soon as they met. If only one could try getting.

‘Wait, I haven't told you my name yet.’

But the man was indisposed, he simply waved me off. Something about him made me think of myself not as some stranger, or some deranged fanatic, but what were these thoughts? What have I become there? I could finally look around and see, some way, some paths everyone else had missed. A travesty of a town, that's what this, was and I knew if for what it was, I saw right through it.

My intuition told me I should not return to my office, for she would not be there.

'I've lied to you, Pontius, but it's irrelevant now since we're never going to meet again. I suppose it was for the better that you didn't know my name, otherwise, you would've fallen to the same curse as I am now.'

Cursed with the sight, cursed with walking, where was she? Could it be that it had been more than an hour?

Damned be my clock, as it had been struck by what appears to be one fourth of too many hours forward. The reflection had been blurred by the heat of a breath. I was to go and search for her, wherever she went.

'But I swear, I can hear him, Crane.'

'Where would that be?'

Crane looked at Baster for a few moments. Both of them had been confused about what was going on. Neither of them could pinpoint the exact location where the wall was making the movement. It wasn't a sound, but one of the walls moved. There was someone on the other side and they knew it couldn't have been Call, or any other of the smaller fellows.

'They have no power here. What about the janitor? He could be the one making noise from behind some cracked wall in order to scare us.'

'No, that's not it either. We would've been able to detect him. To smell him, you know but I don't actually mean smell him, feel him there, right? He's not subtle.'

'Another problem for another time. We shouldn't have up here any longer, this doesn't feel right without him.'

'But it does feel wrong, listen, can't you hear? I think it's his voice calling.'

'You keep planting your ear against that hole as if it means something. He's never going to return now and you know it. This is wishful thinking, this is never going to happen.'

Move on, Baster. Why even show the interest now?'

'Because I care about him, more than you could imagine.'

And the fact that he had been infected with the mind malady carried by the abandoned building. Something had scourged him and he could see a squared hole inside his finger releasing that he was being emptied from his insides. That had been half an hour ago, now a good piece of it was missing. No red inside, but the lacquer of floor.

He was right, he questioned it. But Crane was right; too much time spent here wasn't going to do him any good.

'Why are you staring at your hand? For the past few minutes, you've been doing that constantly.'

'I don't know, reasons I suppose.'

'It's always reasons.'

They left, finally. Damned hobos walking where they're not welcome, they should be lucky they had missed it.

The janitor was sweating, after he had seen a few things which weren't meant to be. After going back to the floor, he had finally seen what they were constructing, and he wasn't pleased by it.

He looked, vaguely like him. A riposte had come as he had thought of burning it, but it would be impossible to burn the entire floor. The body was being rolled over by the scarabs at an unfashionable speed which couldn't be curtsied by any watch.

'I need to get away from here.'

Yet he was the only one stopped, who wasn't allowed to get out.

For every eight quarter of the boards, the cluster of planks which reigned around the area appeared to be entities of their own. At least, it appeared that there was one inopportune moment to look onward. As four of them raised and made way for him to rise from the depths. It was called him but in reality it was them, of they, eight, smaller, humbly embracing slumbering breeds.

They were called so because they looked vaguely animalistic in nature, and of the same kind, yet they showed the presence of chimera-like scales and tailed and blue-topped eyes which distracted from the smaller heads nesting in the holes they bore in their guts and well as in two sides of their skulls. For a moment he believed them to be overgrown bot-flies but he was wrong.

This chair of theirs showed no acknowledgement to him. It completely ignored him for the time being, being focused on itself for as long as it could. As a few moments came to him, he could only focus on where he could go in order to be alone. To decide whether or not staying here was up his worth.

But the door was locked, unintentionally so. And those eyes looked at him, disturbingly even now. The hole beneath started reeking while it drew him to look closer beneath it in order to observe that they were still there, marching

together, like good deciders of who owned the underbrush beneath him. It was tempting, very much so, that he would simply walk towards it and sit as if there wasn't any danger involved.

As for the trembling, it never began. After all, this was too inviting for him to offer a proper refusal. Though his steps weren't his, he came to take it as he pleased and stepped on it. His shoes were missing but the insects avoided them. Now he could have a greater look at what seemed to be happening between the walls. Him and him alone would make do of this reveal. He saw all of them and had decided that this was no longer a world inhabited by his kind.

But alas, he stood too much already and he had almost been pinned down.

'Release me at one.'

The janitor yelled and as soon as the spoke them, he was thrown out of this throne and forced on his knees. Before a few steps, the pressure on his knees, he turned to see it receded beneath its hole. The motion was precisely set to show him how much of the strength they still retained. Their arms did all the pushing and pulling beneath that gap. And after they had been done, another strike came there, bashing it closed but not leaving a mark there.

It wasn't likely to be collided with any kind of passer from below but he knew of the unfathomable levels which surrounded everything around him.

'I won't leave this place, spare me and I shall stay here, in the confines of the building. For as long as I am, I'll be tied to this place.'

The last part was more of a confession than a vow. It was cold there, but he would be fed. After walking for so long, the supper waited in his room, as it was placed every other night before. It was strange already, but he never knew when he had ever stepped outside and walked with the other men in the outside world. But that would be it, the doors closed behind him and he was gone.

'I need to perform, a few more plays.'

'We're out of songs to perform on, Belice, can't you see that there's no one going to come to see us play?'

'Perform, perform, my dear, it's always been that, the art of performance, the jest of it, the act, the role, if you cannot fathom that, then...

'Wake up, the two of you are supposed to wait behind the cut boards until act two.'

'But it's too long until then and it's getting hot in there. Will you not allow us to come sooner?'

‘This is not an open interpretation by any kind, this is the stage, here you live the role, you are one of my courtesans, you one of my servants, so why would you step whenever you please when this is my house and you underneath me?’

‘Beliee, I think this role of yours is getting your blood boiling a bit too much. Would not think this through for a moment?’

If the theater has a chance to get back on its feet, perhaps we ought to perform something which would appeal to people, not this, this stricken thing you’ve written here.’

‘And give in what made me want to become an artist in the first place? Never, this is my theater, this is my performance and on top of it all, it’s my play. Why should I lower my standards for some uneducated swine like them?’

‘Because otherwise, we’ll end up on the streets, with this place either closed or demolished.’

‘Who might dare do it? You can’t put it all on us.’

The voices beneath the theater spoke. Of course they were not heard then, as they rested, weakly, meekly, on top of their pillar of salt. It reigned beneath the great plethora of seats which curved against the stage. It was already decided by the pianist, Callegro Verdini, who was in Beliee’s employ that a new composition was needed for the play.

‘This will not do, no, no, we need something stronger, something to shake the seats which the applauses come. Yes, you, you and you will need to put more effort into drawing the attention to my song, no?’

‘The attention, Callegro, will be on the main act and on the principal actor of the show, I. I will be the one to save our work, and bring a new light to the show, do you understand?’

I will stop at nothing but this, to bring something grander and defiance to their...’

A corkscrew again, and this time he wasn’t the only one hearing him. Every time he paused like that, he raised both of his hands and crossed one finger to ask for some silence. It was then that they heard the sound of wood giving in.

‘Someone’s trying to come in, do you hear?’

‘Not this again, no, this is your mind messing with you again. It’s the stress of the show.’

Said Allegri, who was noting even to this point every kind of repair and note his self-proclaimed owner had in mind for the place. And the list was only getting higher, being in need of everything to be on check and onto the play. Everything for the show.

Someone was bound to arrive of the premises and snick inside the wardrobe room when no one was standing guard. And why would they? If any place had been unworthy of a thief, it had been that, without a shimmer of a doubt. The decorum had served as nothing other than a distraction. One which didn't work as it was intended.

Through the few holes made in the wall, which had been obscurely hidden behind the clothes rail, they started pushing through. Being only a few millimeters in size hadn't stopped him from entering through it, or at the very least to focus his body inside his fingers, so he could temper with the back of the mirror. It was there where the magic started, the mild cuts which opened the gap behind the wooden placement box and the glass itself.

From a previous extraction, there remained a few missing piece on the back which had been required for the further testing, curtsies' to the professor, for which research had served as the basis for all the schemes which had been acquired and misappropriated for the entire benefit of their race. Behind the frames, they hid in the prosthesis bodies, trying to build themselves over and over again, leaving too many blanks behind. Those grubby-fingers which came out looked fat and white themselves, growing now inside the mirror rack, so they could leave something behind.

They would watch over and feed off the sight of humans. That was the entire plan all along, now that they had proposed and planned this experimental prototype of a feeder, they carried a few extra tools which would make it a certainty that they couldn't get betrayed by their own incommensurable mind twists. It had to work that way. As long as there was a prolonged contact with any of the actors, their vigor would be taken.

'Shh, one of them is coming.'

By now they had absorbed a few mouths and ears which were beginning to river back to their amorphous forms. Neither of what they ever stole remained for more than a few days, or in a few cases, months if minutes at all. One of the rare cases had the ability of distinct speech, which served as a bridge for them to pass orders from one another.

'He's going down the stairs now, confirmation.'

Another one said, who had been caught by now in the conundrum of living. Within a few minutes they had placed themselves inside of pipes and beneath boxes and even some hair brushes, so they could absorb as much as they could from the primates. Otherwise, within a margin of an error, they risked dying out. Starvation was inevitable and they were infertile, which left the only manner of living taken through body proliferation with other species.

Dogs had been taken, which forced a few heads on top of a burst mannequin body which had been forced into the shape of a some shady vase which lay abandoned below. They grew tall and spread around the top of the framework, leaving nothing to be decided off. It wasn't even fair at all, how they looked upon one another with disgust and shame.

Not a single one was pure, even if it was temporary, neither one had managed to fully revert to their original states before drawing in the life-force of whichever living being came into their reach. Insects, rodents, arachnids, even dead skin flakes which happened to be in some place appeared to be of some use.

But the many headed dog-heads were there to stay. It served as a way to make them realize that there was danger in it. Danger into drawing too much than one could handle. It wasn't even from the theater, unless one could count the outside streets surrounding it, but the many heads had been acquired from there and they remained. They remained in a most agonizing manner, which pushed onward to keep growing in order to find a way out.

An outstretch of the wall was impossible then.

'It looks like he's still growing and the theater is getting higher as well. What kind of hope is there for someone like him?

He'll never be able to stop this. Perhaps it's mean to be this way.'

'Should we at least attempt to cut it down? There could be trouble sprouting from this.'

'Let him be, if there'll be trouble from the mere growth, they would not suspect some obscure hiding spot between the frames. As I say, they would not dare break through it at all.

For breaking through it would only hinder and stunt them until they will be pleased by the obscure.'

'So what of it, then?'

'As I said, don't disturb him and stay away from those mutts, we need to keep growing and keep spreading if we're to survive.'

Moving around proved to be of some difficulty which couldn't be measured by the amount of speed and distance, but of the amount of friction which was involved in the entire process, as dangerous as it had been, there was the risk of setting themselves on fire. A thing which immediately brought a doom to their skin, a plight which would slay them without doubt or wonder.

'Ah, I see, pleased to be of some service to you, look, look, my twin, oh how much I missed you. I won't waste your dearly time, as I'm more than set on trying to make your body as wet as possible with the panzer's fruit of colors, look at that suit.'

Maryanne came, and up a lump, she trunked to the suits and placed one on himself. He was satisfied by the new arrays of colors which had been brought, if there was anything he knew about Beliee, it was the fact that he always kept his promises. And the nail polish and colors, the new hair pullers and lash drawers, the lipsticks and the wigs, whatever the actors asked for, it was to be found in that room. She was expected to perform, even though she may

not have been fully aware of it, for them. a few inches forward, for a cut. It couldn't be seen now. Those replicated hands, which were coated in glass, gave the illusion that she was still staring in the mirror. While arching forward, it could as easily have taken one single cut. It wasn't noticeable at first, but it pulled back at an order.

'Draw back, not this way, not now and not here. Too much to clean afterwards, it will be too much of a mess.'

They communicated with the established grain which lay segmented as one tube between the base and the wall. It was subtle now as it had to turn inwardly and become as thin as possible without giving itself away. Zoning out while being out there would mostly be incomprehensible, even for them, this wasn't the right choice.

It tried jolting out and reaching out for her, it was that desire to draw her in to join them. A naive thing which didn't have its place there, as soon as it was safe for her to leave she had. And neither of the filled objects interfered with her sudden leave.

'You're call on the stage Mary. Come on now, we're all looking for you.'

'In a moment now, I need to change my face now.'

'Make it quick, we're doing the rehearsals, not a full on-stage act.'

'But I thought that's what we were supposed to do.'

' come on, here, I'll wait for you.'

Clarette waited in the doorstep, looking at the obstruction in which the mirror angled itself. There was an imperfection to it which almost gave it the appearance of being something which didn't belong there. As much as she had focused on it, there weren't any cracks or any other obvious deranged changes. No cuts and no pushed in notes, which would be usually left by actors.

Farther than that, looking for too long at it made her feel uncomfortable. The entire room felt like it had been an extension of the mirror. They moved the bars and the drawers, even the tiny locks appeared to be drawing in to it. As the first body of mirror walked, she appeared to be rubbing her eyes.

It walked through her as if it was made out of some transparent gelatin which held no account for anything which had been solid. After phasing through the chair, she had to admit it that she was out of place. Her mind was spread in unconceivable placed.

She had to convince herself that this was only some hallucination. But its eyes had sunken through its chest and they were very much real. Blinking even. And its trajectory had been stopped as soon as the white solid mass inside of it started spreading.

‘Why are you here?’

Her whisper hadn’t been heard, but her shoulders would give in eventually from holding the door. This had been too far for comfort.

On the first hint against the mirror, she closed the door and ran towards the stage. Mary wasn’t going to see it happen. Not any longer, not with two eyes made out of glass.

She raised herself momentarily, whilst being met by that thing.

‘Too soon, you’ve done it too soon and in front of someone. We’re going to be remembered now.’

‘Perhaps it’s time to leave then, I see no reason for us to spend time here any longer. Perhaps we should switch towards the other wing and try pulling the guests from beneath their seats.’

‘Grand idea, I’d say this is a plan, if one I could convey.’

‘What’s wrong now? Where is my supporting role? Where is Mary?’

‘Problem, there’s a problem, I can’t draw my eyes from it, that’s not what I mean. It’s about her, she’s.’

‘Here, I came in time.’

Painted eyes, pupils, the whiteness inside of them being so clear as to close in the resemblance of the doll, while making it less than obvious than it should’ve been. As one would have to draw to another, one couldn’t help but look around at the other corners inside the theater, where its path had been, set, this deranged glass creature, holder of stunt growth had been cursed with roaming below it.

It was the perfect place to hide, the crypt underneath the floor was easily accessed by them. That’s how they got inside the walls in the first place.

But the sudden growth had reached unfathomable levels, even from the outside view. It had looked like a citadel, than a theater, a building standing near the others, a place which threatened to grow as high and as pointed at the tower of...

‘Wait, you are, the same as I.’

He was greeted there by an unquestionable amount of mirror-fiends. They were enacting their own play down there, performing for their very selves. As they had each other for company, this couldn’t have been any grander, any greater, much more than it could’ve been admissible, or believed in, they performed something which would bring them more joy than that of the play.

The sabotage of the world as they created their glass pyramids below. Afterwards, they made their giant cubes and strange idols, as a result of being given a whole new entity bred out of their own unions. Such unions would form as soon as they charged one another, breaking their outer shells, only to be contorted upon one another and become beings full of glass, or at least mostly so.

Some static of their white-skin atoms still remained and sunk deeper in the air bubbles which had been absorbed inside of them, but those would serve as their wicked idols, the shape of hands and arms and arches coming along from their backs.

And the others fathered their own glass-like trinkets and pleaded with their strange glass gods which always rewarded them with the returned sight. In accordance to their customs, they began poking holes in their crystal statues, connecting them with the rest of the structure underneath a very clear side of the Theater. Underneath it, a good part of the cave had been mistakenly approached by the band of Neolithic-Nyorlimphs. Savagely broad-shoulder, they came in as a bunch of huddled serpent-rocks, stacked together on top of their barely visible crested pointers.

From beneath them, they carried what appeared to be the most dangerous of artifacts one could lay eyes upon. A cut, across the chest, which had a bag filled with glowing dust, carried beneath the racket which lay inside their bones. The glowth of the dust dissipated after a while, but the sudden reveal had been enough to draw their attention to them.

Both had as easily become contenders to this spot, to which they could attest against each other a desire to overpower the rest. If there was one who'd be fair enough to be as deranged, bringer of fertility, he had arrived.

He who looked not like the slave, not like a deranged crook, but a penetrator and defiler, the Unclean as he would be looked upon, had drawn their sights towards him in an attempt to reconcile both sides. With open arms, he had arrived, holding all for of them in some kind of symbolic gesture, to which they could only bow at the magnificence of his side rings and malevolent creeks, projected in the form of its quadruple legs, all of which lay tied. Defied, to the reeking aspect of the glowing core which split his stomach, yet kept it cold and still alive.

For a moment, it had started pumping, revealing an almost geometrical form inside of him, which forced his arms to extend and face a few meters, signaling his reach. He encompassed all, but refused to touch even one of them. It was still the short period of waiting, in which the core would activate every single part of his body. His four eyes, noseless, almost groping expression only brought some mistrusts. They were yet aware that he would strike, at last. I looked like the savages lowered their guards, realizing that this one had been too strong to face.

This dead-looking walking corpse, which carried himself in a suit of white, perched with dark designs of black roses and vines. This interloper whose savage presence had force them to abandon their stones and come forth in their mourning phases, much more to him, as it came, not a single word would be said. Yet, they approached and risked a plead.

Crystalline fighters, sharp at the legs, appearing before him, unable to confess the like.

‘Are you another contender who came here to lay claim to this cavern beneath the Theater? Know that It is ours now, we came here not to argue but for conquest. We are more than capable of fight, if you need be concerned.’

‘Strange, because I have dwelled here far before either of your kinds emerged from whatever blasted kind of way you may have been made from.

And I shall dwell upon the stalactite kingdom for as long as I desire.’

To be fair, he did look like he would prove to be more than a challenge for either of them. At once, he clapped with his free hands, if they were even hidden behind his rings, and corded lumps in the back. It only seemed to be more obvious that the deranged spirits that accompanied him were servants of death. Gravediggers with no legs, floating with their shovels in their hands.

‘Matthias and Cervantes, these are the two first comers who had tried digging too deep far past the expansion of the crypts. What they had discovered beneath the rifts of earth had been too much to bear, ever so clear that neither of them could stomach nor take it to heart.’

They were still there, both of their hearts, chained against two stalactites. In some way, they kept to themselves and beat, beat after beat, which carried on for an unfathomable amount of time. It wasn’t to be called into the heat below.

Those who produced it were far more dangerous as they showed their thin, long, strong, almost statuesque contortions, their almost metallic limbs, and the strength to which they used to fight. And each blow produced heat and some kind of mad purification of the wings and their antennae, as their fists colliding and they release the pain they felt. Most of not all were kept there as a reminder to stay as meekly at a distance, from which neither of them could even spare the like. In some way they were almost graceful, if no retreat meant the pulling of their guts, which followed.

From inside they would release more heat on the floor as the red magmatic pillory which came out of them starved off the lower-comers. Blind, eerily morbid bodies which had been placed all over the place, over the span of time, after the crypt had been penetrated, they were lost in their entirety. No defiance would be less benign. But they were there, dreadfully aware of going lesser, showing fewer moves as the vibration of the fights which occurred above them scared them off.

Coffins had been exaggeratedly forced into a grown, which forced their forms to worm their way deeper, while carrying their precious cargo. Deep down there, citizens were highly needed and requested. Louhn could’ve been one of them, but he had been forced to break apart instead, as his coffin entered the levels where the dirt pressure forced him to resign the entirety of his being.

It wasn't like he had been accounted for, most of them weren't. Most of the remnants of the crypt lay almost to the point of being extinct. But those could grow and either come to become shades, like Cervantes, or others who might be ill in the head, barely animated, like Matthias. To whom, as they presented themselves, would look out for their own instead of trying to get a word in our shout out of their broken legs. Both were vaguely closer to one another than they had been to their master, both in the range in which they approached each other, less of a sight as well. Constantly, they'd check to see if the other was well. If he had fallen even more this day, whether or not they would be broken and brought to some fruitful end was the main concern which brought them to their nerves.

'Would you please take a few steps ahead and crush one of the mirrors?'

At the sound of it they got defensive, yet neither of them retaliated in the least. It would be dangerous, judging by the sheer size of his pronounced arms, but at the same time they wanted it. They wanted to see one of their own broken and slain. It would be a pleasure only they could share with one another, or so they thought.

But the quick rush had faded as Cervantes appeared with the spade. As they saw him come, and as their sudden barely lived fantasy ended, they drew in and pulled him out, right before it had been planted into the ground. A blow like this was enough. It was felt, as the ground pumped the soil outwardly, gushing and throwing itself as far away from sight as it might.

'You've done well now, Cervantes, you may return.'

'Are you not going to crush us then?'

'Not yet, now that I know that there's at least some resistance left inside your empty souls. But I'm still going to give you the benefit of the doubt and let you know by that, you're not welcome here.'

At any moment it could happen, as Matthias grew sojourn. He stepped ahead and imitated his friend, only to be met by the same reaction. Standing still, then jumping out of the way as soon as he was pulled by the others. It was a system of disgust. He could see through them behind those particles of white, there were small pops of red and purple, being another layer covering for the blue.

That was the liquid which made them alive. That ultramarine fluid which not only gave life but which appeared to be compressed to almost nanoscopic sizes and still maintain the same potency as one of grander sizes. And the white shell which encompassed it was sluggish, slowish, pushing the envelope for as much as it needed to grow. It was all fat, serving as a layer for the muscle beneath it which served as the last shield protecting the fluid.

If the fluid were to escape, it would most likely give birth to wretches of the earth.

The Unclean remained erect, strapped upon a chair of dirt, he watched them as they retreated, pulling back the statues, still thinking of themselves as undefeated. What else could there be if not an act of mercy to fly above them,

crushing the wooden and the stone platform and spraying them with an acidic fire? It would spread and grown against any surface while giving birth to others like him out of the survivors.

He contemplated upon it, for far too long. It was clear that the idea that he might give life to a legion of glass-like soldiers of the Unclean, would fancy him to the extreme. Yet it was enough play to which the gravediggers appeared to last. It would be interesting to wait and see how long they'd last.

Until they would approach him, or send a convoy, an emissary, someone to talk to him, he would wait there. Eyes griming with the flames, he started recollecting all the times he had used his blades, which implanted themselves in his arms, those side things, which formed red-seething orb-like forms of their own as they pushed from every side of his bone.

In the meantime, he took it to himself to feed his narcissistic desire of admiring his body.

'Grand, as it may seem, these are my weapons of choice. Are they not magnificent? Do they not look pure? I could destroy wood and crush ash as I dry in your cold remains.'

He didn't know of it then, but he suspected, as he rubbed his chin with the other free arm. Where had the intruders come from? Out there, they moved as freely as if there wasn't anything holding them back. In receding lanes and panes of thin walls, they only spread themselves, to the point of being mighty carpets of spreading legs which pulled one another and drew again. With some amount of force, they could do it, push through as they expanded the Theater to another extreme.

'Do not do it.'

A fatherly figure appeared to be as exposed to the extremity of the extended voice cords. They would leap and heap at one another, during he morose sound, the blind would be alive, and their minds could finally start reverting back to the creatures which weren't akin to the actors. In so far, they were close to being primitive, until they found a spot beneath the stage to last.

A good number of their ranks came in there and waited, having finally found a place to stay and ruminate upon the future of this plan.

'Keep silent now, we're underneath a scene. They could hear us, and make us turn ourselves in. '

'Oh, Claire, oh, Claire, why aren't you there? I am your lover and I can't stand you to be there. Oh, Claire, oh Claire, my hope lays in your bosoms, why must I despair for your lonely kin?'

Pain came from within, as Beliee suddenly realized how empty the seats looked. No one had come for him, no one wanted to listen to him talk, to see him act. And the actors looked like those chairs, forced to be theirs. They would unknowingly perform for them, for those unpleasant and those who were lost, for the empty seats and those who hid

beneath the cracks. It was settled. One way remained, for him to return back to where he ought to be. Past the main street, back into the office, Gourney settled that he'd run past the midst of the elevated floors, he came to find out that he wasn't alone. But it was not the company of Catherine he had been met with, only the most dreadful of sights remained that of the man. He was drenched in blood, still barely able to walk, to say the least if that had been the case in the past, this had worsened to be seven times worse, several inches missing out of the whole, through and through.

‘What happened to you?’

‘An encounter I did not expect to see, Mr. Gourney. Would you mind if I stepped inside the office?’

His voice was low, and he couldn't actually put the accent where it had to be. But she was out of her prison and he couldn't even think where he might be able to find her. It was his desperation, what brought him here and regardless of what time it was. To which, contently he looked, it hadn't been the hour, but two more in a row. He had been missing for so long, which meant he would never get to see her whole. And the spire of senses trembled as he helped the man in. I've never asked what happened myself, for I had a feeling he would go ahead to tell me what he found.

‘I don't think I can make it through, Gourney, I came out of the ambulance and ran straight to your office, with everything I got. I know this may not be understandable yet, but I seriously think you got something on your hands here, it's...’

He was falling on himself every waking moment. It would be hard to point out which side of his chest beat the hardest but I could only guess. Intentionally bent between the chair and himself, he only came to see what was left of his life into the world. That was enough to make him pass the backpack with everything collected and cut the conversation short.

‘Wait here, for a few minutes, Gourney, I've got something to take care off.’

Steps followed as soon as he was out of sight. I would dare go through the files without questioning where he had been gone to. At least, he appeared to have lost the limp, the last he saw him. By the time he got to the stairs he fell on them, rolling through, crushing his ankles, crawling back to his two feet. Vigor went into his barely working leg-muscles which had managed to carry him on so far. While the office worker was at his desk, this would be a fine stop, in the emergency access passage. It should be far enough for him not to hear, not to notice, not to care about this very tired man. Cruelly folded, the files he had gathered for his research or his hunt were crude.

Perhaps it was the need he had to question where he had gone, where she had gone and whether or not he went out there to do what he intended to do. He suspected something but hadn't said a thing. This was a man who confessed to carrying a firearm on him for whatever reason might come onto him. And an escape from the medics wasn't going to fall on any hindrance or stay on any of their two legs.

‘Where do I even start?’

It was the foremost thought, now that he had left the files down. Both of them agreed they wouldn’t see each other any longer, even from their sudden glances before he had even left. His poor condition had given in, which only left him with her, his secretary, much forbidden to the fact she left. It was illogical to think about it any longer, the way in which she took the risk and left with nothing in her root.

She must’ve stormed through the front and took another way in, otherwise I would’ve known, or at least I would’ve seen her through the storm. Still, he could not leave that woman alone, knowing her intention, after telling her he’d be there in an hour. The return would have to garter him closer to her end. It was despair, despair, they gathered there. Another desolate island remained and in it the ritual began again. They would give their bodies as tribalistic filthy savages which craved only that the dye would be given birth again.

‘We shall go on with the ritual until we’re given what we want.’

‘Retreat to the Oratory and hide.’

‘But what of our ritual?’

‘Not this night, not this night.’

They came to run and hide from the salvation of the moving octopi from the nearest watery horizon. As they approached, they began pouring their souls around the edges of the island, pushing through a carpet of ink which spread, like the dead of angst and the worst of woes, to which they could only be safe at the highest peaks the island provided. In their sight of the moons, they eyes glittered with a bitter yellowy-green, which shone as the light within them faded.

Every time this happened, the green of the island faded, it was a drowning of the land that would last for hours after hours until it couldn’t be deflowered any longer. In it there came the breed of small ink-octopi which push onward and splashed the likes of men who had once fallen in their pools, now blasted aware that they were caught forever in disgust. As their struggles faded, they continued fighting for any kind of chance they might have to escape. Otherwise they would never be seen again. A bitter old thing came.

Their efforts were long due to be abandoned, in as much of an effort to be placed into the ripping of the stone below them, they would sink deeper, pushing through the various calcareous stacks of metal bars which kept the stone floor from collapsing below. They were desperately trying to amass around the Observatory but that attempt was thwarted by a mere curiosity of the benign.

‘We need to send another sacrifice to them, another convoy so they might be pleased by our good intentions.’

‘May we strike peace with those who want to devour us completely now? What’s going on your mind? Perhaps we may as well create a bridge and let them in, bearing our arms below the rafts and letting them simply devour us, if it so pleases you the thought of giving up.’

‘I’m not doing this on purpose, know that I’m trying to think of the good of the Observatory itself. If it falls, this island will be theirs forever. Notice how most of the other buildings in the ruins have been claimed by them. If it weren’t for this place, they might’ve given up a long time ago.’

‘What’s stopping them then? Because I know it’s not the given reigns, the lives we could’ve spared.’

‘Should you have asked me in a calmer hour, I might’ve answered you differently than now. But I do not know what the reason for it is. I only know that they will stop as soon as we gave one in.’

‘Give him up to what? A life in that black basin? Where he may jerk and sink until he’d never draw air, where his aspirations die, where there’s nothing to him.’

‘But that’s our only hope for survival. There’s no place in here for aspiration, other the gathering of the dye. You know that, I know that, everyone knows that, and we’ve made a pact upon.’

To which he came, at last, the weaker one of their pack, a straddles, sickly-looking young man. He had lost his hair, his nails, a piece of his heart, now stumbling to get a word in before he was simply pushed out of one of the glass panes. Each one of them had the ability to open completely, leaving this the perfect place for an execution to be achieved. And he tried jerking himself away from the malignant waves which formed on top of him, drawing him nearer to the octopi, from which an escape couldn’t be denied. It was a firth of an entry, the dread of a cowl, as they pushed away, the greatest of them scowled. That grand octopus, eight which bore an entire system of rooted tentacles below him appeared to be the grand patriarch of their ranks. He had been the tip of the iceberg, where the shadowy ice only drew deeper in, deeper through the trenches, where he and his many offsprings would hide over a few generations. And they shared in fear, making their way through back onto the island.

‘Start the rituals, see what they left us.’

One of the grand Turmonts brought the aggrandizing worthless lung blowers, which resembled the same system which it had in mind. Chained by a few hooks which held it into some tetrahedron to which there lay attached the lower half of a rifle. In it, a set of concise movements were taken at intervals, so they could shake the lung, pushing it to some extreme. It was an experimental device which had resulted not into what they had expected, but the realization which would stop their rituals forever. Even the grand Marshalls in their Oratory stopped and looked how the stone floor turned into some epicanthic doorless entry into the ground. This weirdly texture part of the island, its insides, as they were given the name shared a resemblance to their darkest dreams, to pain and torture, the hidden flying corpus which had infested everything making it appear less of a torture chamber and more of an underground embodiment of suffrage.

‘We will never escape our fate otherwise, unless we take this route and see where it leads. ‘

‘But if the octopi come again, we shall be drowned.’

‘No we won’t, look, how it begins to real itself.’

The device had been activated again, the worthless lung blowers had not only managed to unwrap the slit in the ground but they revealed perforated stalagmites which only came to be seen as concealed but unfelt. Now they wretched desire for the forging of the dye faded, as they watched this place unfold. A sudden aspiration came, as they sang.

‘Bring the other worthless lungs, we shall claim this place as our own and see whether or not it leads to a better home.’

In words of refuge, one could only think of the brave as those who spiked their bodies with the knives, those who suffered long enough for this discovery to come.

‘I can feel it, it’s here, it’s right here. This isn’t an illusion.’

Clerhogn perched his upper lip before the revulsion came in. At least some menacing amount of the drooping fluid parchment came to fall onto his hand. Though there were no words recognizable on the stalagmite, they appeared on his hand. The glyphs were vaguely recognizable, but that alone hadn’t been enough for him to decipher anything written there. But they veiled themselves and changed. The dialect, the shapes and even the words appeared to be less symbolic and closer to what he used. A Latin letter followed another, but before he could even attempt to decipher them, with his vague understanding of the language, he was called and abashed, looked at the others, how they’d turn everything inside out.

‘There’s a new threat coming now, don’t you suppose it’s time to interfere with them? We can barely deal with a bunch of the sea-cretins, but this, this appears to be a whole new problem all together which may overwhelm us.’

‘Let them do as they please, it’s going to be over with in only a matter of hours now, before they’ll realize the waves cannot be stopped.’

‘And if they don’t, we’ll risk having them leave a gap in our population size, which may not be easily remedied. May I remind you that filling those gaps would be night-impossible with the lack of some members of our society which are the only ones capable of bearing children?’

‘I know that, but they won’t undertake that journey, Karakas, you know what they are like. If something dangerous enough, they’ll stay put.’

But if they didn't they risked a greater catastrophe of a magnitude they couldn't ever hope to deal with on their own. It was by their own admission that the land was in an irreparable state, to which they could only pass one command there.

'Bar the gates, do you hear? We must preserve the Oratory for as long as we can. They shall be given a good deal of hours until we'll take them back, that, if they ever want to return.'

To which, the words of Karakas were met by doubt. A few people assembled and discussed what was to happen to their island, the fate of which could be anything but dreadful in its state.

'They started separating it from what used to be a city, or the remnants of our home into that icky stuff that grows.'

'It grows? How can you tell? I can only see it from this side and it looks as if there was at least a good deal of it which spreads. I cannot tell you exactly how much or what the reach might be, but I know very well that I want to do something to undertake the task.'

Bitter to no remark, they could not focus on a single popping pair, piles which were there one moment when they ought to move away from sight. It happened fast enough for them to be caught off guard, but they knew they were messed with.

'An agonizing thing, I'd say, I cannot convey what I feel about it now. I wish it might've been easier for me to stray, but for the like of me to be down there, I shall make it my responsibility to be the first of them. And If I'm the last to dwell inside the gap, if those white and perky tiny teeth shall grab me in the end, so be it. I'll do as I please.'

'But you cannot do that. We need you in the Observatory, without you, who might do the repairs? Who might fix the freezing points and stand watch over our children and the likes of them?

Irdi, you're one of the pillars of humanity, come on now, you cannot abandon us. Without you, this place might fall apart under its own weight. Come now, perhaps we ought to speak in private.'

'The time to speak is over. We've been doing this for decades and we have achieved nothing. Can't you see that living here is pointless? Our animals might eventually die. Our population might never be sustained entirely, for the growth to be stumped and all of us to be caught into some mad affairs, I cannot help it for the likes of me and yours.

Living here is pointless if it means we're going to be caged. I wish to traverse the area beneath that gaping mouth and see for myself if there's a better world out there.'

To which he looked and out of the eight of them present there, Irdi understood that there wasn't any return in either case. Whether they would accept it or not, he looked at last at what they would continue doing at the edges of the canyon followed by the sea. It was something which immediately silenced everyone in a most deceitful fashion. But

they raised walls, actual walls with the worthless blowers, which served as a means to block the octopi, leading to the ink drought which was so highly waited for.

‘It comes at a price, I see; don’t be deceived so quickly by it.’

Despite the leader’s attempted warning, it was obvious at best, that there was the symbol of unrest which still begged for its own case. It spread and shoved in them the seed of paranoia, of fear of what might be. Those who touched their stalagmites woke up bearing marks and words, evil chants in Latin or worse. As the time progress the Latin changed into some other language, never into one, never consistent, sometimes in numerals, other times Arabic, Asiatic or the likes. Combinations soon were to be maintained, somehow one had to look again at everywhere in places. They were trickling with the pouring of the veil. It was to be bound again to any surface it could lay on, in an utmost show of phlegm spread by the people who gave up then.

‘What are they doing now?’

‘They seem to help in whatever way they can. I think it needs moisture to grow, if this may be the case, then there’s a reason for them being there. They’re not acting accordingly to our codes, I think they started being afflicted by the will of the land.’

It was the first hint to which he alluded, in which a pair of dull-headed workers, flayers, ground conveyers went inside. For the people to have walked as unstuck by fear as they had, there was something close to a surprising look left on them by everyone there. No longer were they brothers, but nomads who had abandoned life and entered the gap. And only they saw what lay there, a dreadful burrow infested by stalactites, stalagmites and many conical stone-like moving formations. It was entirely occupied in a way only a deranged rock could fathom bearing itself forth. A way to look and one to gather, one could lose himself below the crater.

They had to improvise for the mere chance of not getting lost in the various raising molders between the varnished grounds there. It had to be more inconsequential, their laugh and their indescribably walk through the excruciating paragram of insipid humanry. Neither of them had been prepared, hands on their worthless blowers, to be there amongst the most deranged of agitators. It was an arrival which had little precedence, to be recalled from various dreams as well as from the writing they had found across their bodies.

Something was documented there, and one in a few tens of people they found entire outlines of the creatures transferred on them. For that short duration, those obsessed masts which amputated their ever-growing sailing legs across the insides of their passages were responsible from those teeth around the floor and in the ceiling. More likely, to their kind, was the fact that they were fractured and only grew in twisted specific shell-like nests they made for themselves above the tip of their heads.

‘Are they dangerous?’

‘I do not know, perhaps it would be better if we kept our distance entirely, wouldn’t you agree?’

‘Whatever keeps us safe, right?’

‘Whatever keeps us safe.’

Returned the Angor, who appeared lost. He had activated the blower and started revealing much more than the musk inside the air. Pristine large dandelion-like beings appeared out of nowhere floating, observing, then suddenly getting away. As soon as they were spotted by the masts, they twisted until they had been completely wrapped at their heads and began slowly devouring them without the reveal of any heads or mouths, only that texture of fat and the wide body below them. Inside their succor, their organs twisted and missed each other in fights and flights, as they threw bolts at one another, ready to destroy at command. The resulting acid-production only spread, they weren’t dead but in a state of constant conflict and a desire to produce. And produce and produce that filthy spew, that perfume-like in odor, that hard lotion which crawled on the walls and threw itself against the nearest moisture it could find.

On it, they observed the grown of several root and base-like plant-like forms in the eventuality of which they might get destroyed, they would split in halves leaving the cut marks from which actual intestinal fluids remained. They dripped and almost melted through one of them.

‘Careful now, I told you to keep your distance. Otherwise, who knows what might happen to us. They could take precedence and kill us down here and if that happens, you know they won’t allow entry any longer beneath slit.’

‘And would that be that bad a thing? I cannot fathom dwelling such a dangerous place. Not after what’s been doing to me, or us. Look around you, can’t you see what happened already?’

They adapted so quickly to the dark that slowly, there seemed to be no closure there, as soon as it would happen, they could actually see the sky again. Or what appeared to be it. Certainly it was much closer to an aurora which now came to stay. In its play of ionization, they could only stare like dumb flies, being drawn even closer to them at that.

Such a cruel thing to play with the moths, as soon as they approached, those thin masts drew everything they stored below the ground, becoming much wider, less mobile, bearing what appeared to be their weird nervous system above their cylindrical crates, which had been dragged from the drag, immeasurable legs which spread like arachnids but lay flaccidly on the bottom of the barely visible deluge.

‘Wait for them to stop, we can’t do something rash and risk angering them further. For now, let us try to establish some kind of connection to them.’

‘They’re cleaning the impurities, look. I see a bunch of fleas and other insects which found their way into their invisible deluge before us.’

Hastings pointed with his one good finger, in time to signal to the others. It was a fascinating look at how they stretched their legs and planted each of them slowly a few millimeters above, specifically chosen from their piles. From inside of them there came a set of tinier legs which began the surgery in order to take the fleas apart. Though they may not have been able to see it in detail, for the great part of it they understood the importance they had. As soon as they found what they were looking for, they started tearing everything else apart, while sucking the tiniest of valuable marks from inside of them. Red spots of canine blood. Feline and bats, whatever else they found themselves picking on. It was a massacre which only made one Jonathan approach.

‘Perhaps this should settle on how dangerous they are. I personally do not think they’ll approach the edge at all. Look, the masts are too high and they get defensive as soon as they approach. And I think those crates.’

As they were called, though that may have been as well a carapace which hide their true selves from those in, those who’d have to be spared from what was wrong there, that they shook from within. Large bodies met inside and as they had, neither of them could make it through alive unless they were fed. In this hidden co-dependency they found the joy, to mess with the lookers as soon as they began being paranoid.

More of the crate-hiders arrived. In the spare moments, to which they found the many joys of hiding away, they started imitating them, to the manner of attempting to stack. But a failure came at that, since their legs were so thin and weak.

But that Jonathan, the man of little sense, had a dead cat on him.

‘Why would you bring that with you?’

‘I’ve stored it ever since the Quintessential-Chief told us we need to cut off their supplies in order to save more lives. If this hasn’t been a sign that I’ve made a grand choice, I don’t know what it is.’

The Chief would not approve of this, but that wasn’t his choice any longer. What remained out of the plain view of an almost peaceful sight turned into the slaughter of the murk, as they made their way towards the ripple which began? No intention of sparing any piece of meat had been there. As they progressed into the pacing of their teeth being freed from beneath them, they saw them spread from beneath their crate, like tiny waves of meat which were only held higher by than their feet.

‘One of the bigger ones is drawing towards us.’

From distance they noticed a great amount of rocks which gathered from distance. After acquiring greater shells for themselves, it was only a matter of time until they could be greeted again by the likes of them. Walking like

morbidly sick pigeons, they flew away from sight as danger approached, only to be met with the outside. And what had the others done?

The Observatory was no more in its current state, but in its living, strangled manner, wrapped by a few long tentacles which had grown on it. By their likes, the fat mass which had accumulated on it only managed to spare enough space for the emergence of the survivors.

It was a sad day indeed.

Whoever came out of there was no longer what they used to be. The sheer size, the change in them, which brought the likes of some remotely lost decency, gave them out. First they were one being, barely able to walk without the melting hands of the creature behind him who had to act upon its spine to do something to begin with. In a cruel show of how deep he's got, the other party looked at them as if they were some kind of diseased atrocities, victims of the worthless blowers.

'Who created the worthless blower? I cannot fathom any man who'd have betrayed us in such a way. And where had the organs been taken from?'

'I think we should return before they make their way for us.'

And it would be quaint to notice that the colorful island had turned bleak in an attempt to hide. The matter of that fact was that some eight of the new-rulers went out of their way in a pack of eight and formed an inter-connected circle. In the distance they could hear their chant. In the bleak patch upon which they stood, they were brilliantly vibrant. On their corpse-like texture stood entire bodies of texts. It had begun, once again, the ritual to which they'd invoke the dye.

From their newly enchanted bodies, only the greatest pacts could be made, with the exemplars of the most atrocious race. Illianthrops, the ones who never found themselves at home, opened a single piece from one one's chest, and the circle had almost been gone. From his chest came only a finger, long and strong, ready to burst something into a mound. But on its tip carried a piece of the unknown, a shade which could have been theirs, if only they knew what it took for them to be alone.

As soon as the ritual had been gone, the circle being broke at last forced everyone else on their way, other than the one who had been possessed.

'I think I recognize him, that used to be Andrei!'

He was not allowed to go near this Andrei, who used to once be a grunt, who worked on his machinations and devices, words to which he stood by, ready to die for the others found it oh so hard to return. To the old ways in which he painted, the bleakness of the world lay tainted.

‘Shall we turn back then? I cannot see a future here.’

‘And will you see a future down there where none may pay any attention to us? Where we may risk our lives to face a few crates? And what lies beyond them? I can barely suffer what my home had become, I cannot fathom living down there, lost and alone. I know I’m bound to get lost and to get caught.’

By whom, only he knew, for he feared something else there. Much worse than a few parasites, who crabbed each other the first chance they got. He saw them there, the first inhibitors of the islands, the words of the plates, those he tried, those he waited for, those he spoke with. It wasn’t what he saw, but down there, his experience had been much worse than what the others had experienced. The howls of the wind awakened him and only gave way to a disturbing manner of hearing.

When the voice came, he almost winced at the fact that it was obvious to him and to others by the look on his widened clot that something touched him. A startling voice he himself admit lay only in his imagination. And no words had to be used, only the vague awareness that he was there, breathing on the back of his throat. Inside of him but not deep enough that he would choke. His eyes had faded there, on the whim and the mistake he had to endure, over the fact that he had been forced to be obscured by the others.

This Carathriat stood behind the group. Unknowingly, even to them, they had started gravitating towards them, like a brood protecting a child, from the world which only appeared to have become more and more corrupt. With each age there, they began addressing the abandonment of the disciples, who had made those tools but never came forth.

‘Who were they? We ought to find them immediately. If this amount of damage was made by a few simple tools, think of what they might do if they’re allowed to live.’

‘Drop it, we’re responsible for this, not them. And I think it shouldn’t matter after all. I’m changing as well, not physically, but psychically, I think.’

They were doing things to him, to all of them which regurgitated what was going on there, their language, their symbols and faith, everything which made them who they were. Prior to the likens of the cruelty instilled into them, there was an inter-weave of limbs. So many of them were headed into a process of limb malformation which would return them to the days prior to the advent of society. A primeval air came there, the sky would never be haunted by the ultramarine for as long as they remained on the island. Unlike the colors that did spare a little for one to get lost in the likes of the sea, the change in shades turned into the obscure hideouts where they gazed into. The well above them, as it turned into a hue of greenish vermillion bore too many spots in which they rested. Far more dangerous than their own kind, they peered from the tiny replication of starlight infested space which they had brought out of their own race’ spoil.

‘I see we are cursed now. I think I understand. I may never be able to return to a place in my youth. All is gone now, the buildings in which I hid.’

‘as the squids and octopi, my dearly Clearmont’due, I can’t stress it enough that this saved us from a much greater destruction we couldn’t have hoped to suffer in any case. think about it, if we remained here prior to the change, we could’ve ended up dead. A point of high decease, I see no point into living. I see no point to fighting, or in hiding. That’s hope, that’s my version of it, I’ve always dreamed of a future where I could avoid the conflict and see another way.

Eighteen generations prior, I and my ancestors remained on the Island, hopeless of the fact that the attacks would stop. That they could somehow realize that their cruelty is not worth it and that we cannot be held accountable for them being here.’

‘What have your ancestors done? Tell me, now, before I grow up to be cruel and decide that it might be worth it to draw the information directly from you.’

‘Clermont, my dear, innocent Clermont, you do not realize what I’ve done. like my father and his father and his father for his child, they had scarified a piece of themselves instead of facing the truth. We are the reason for which they came here to begin with. It was an act through which they begged discourse and malignity.

One of my great ancestors had eaten a piece of it, I can already see it, far away in the Octopi cave, down the shores of Hygg, where they dared him to come.’

As an understanding to what was going on, there was that deranged activity proclaimed by those nasty eel-skinned, body peelers from the port, who had brought him to the sea point where the crest of the sea mountain arose. There Elias Cropstrack, walked in shame, to something that would haunt him yet. There would be uncertainty for his desire to submerge into the deep-diving suit, a dangerous thing, a winged helmet and the star-body of a mermaid embed on his chest.

His bucket-like helmet only gave a hint of the turpentine and it could not be denied that he felt a bit of fear near his own men. As they packed what he had given them in exchanged, there was always that hint that they could have him to be pleasant and be sprayed with as least of a deciding factor, the fact that his air container was limited for an hour.

‘This should last you for as long as you need to go in there. Do not try to overdo-it, or else you’ll drown. If anything goes wrong, if there’s even a hit that there might be sharks of any other dangerous sea-creature, pull this string of metal and we’ll draw you back. If we see something we do not like, we’ll pull you out.

If there’s a hint that the suit will malfunction, out. If there’s a hint that...

‘I got the idea. Thank you. I mean.’

‘Nervous, for a first timer it’s highly understandable. I would be doing the same if I were in your position, especially for this kind of research, doc. So I’ll ask you again, are you completely certain of what you’re doing? Because if you’re not, I could take you back and pay you in half.’

‘That would be all right, I haven’t come out here to chicken out. I’ll see to it that I won’t take any risks now.’

Of course none of them men put too much thought on it. He hadn’t exactly met any of the requirements for a diver, ever a half-decent one who couldn’t see past himself as he arose. But the suit should take care of most of the other risks.

‘And Cropstrack, in case, as a reminder, we have another suit and two more tanks. If you get stuck down there and we can’t pull you out, one of us should have enough experience to drag you out. in case. Ain’t that right boys?’

The laughs were, reassuring. Not for me, but for them, half of the time I thought they even considered abandoning me there, but I had to continue my research of the sea. It was by the first dive that I have gotten to truly appreciate the sea in all its might. There was something about it I could never hope to fathom on my own.

Something about it spoke for itself and I could only see past the led and the underwater light come from my helmet and the second one from the chest. There were tall choral growths which rivaled even the sea-mountains which homes the stars. Without ever considering the risk, he tried approaching, looking only evenly at the wooden mark which barely floated above him.

He remembers stumbling on something he shouldn’t have. In his marine engulfance, he found himself filled with some kind of mild terror as soon as he had entered the fray of the underground cave. The various porii he had come into contact with him only appeared to reinforce that dread he felt in his mind. The thing upon which I fell in contact with had its morose body stricken inside the wall. I found myself approaching, daringly at my own peril, to my own desire, which made want to know whether or not what I was seeing had been right. It seemed, ever so closer, with my approach that the moldering form beneath is broke the stone beneath it. Underneath the black murky oil in which it stood, there was the canopy and the filth which cruelly went beyond anything I could’ve thought off.

There was something about the cave which left its mark on me, the shades and the texture that bore of it was almost unsanitary to look at. For me, at least, there was that ever-present uncertainty whether or not I would give in and draw to the find that rest there.

This giant almost mushroom-looking creature filled its room with the likes of fungi-spreading itself around the various growths that entered and defiled every moving rim, every hair and every tentacle which prolapsed out of the ground area around it.

What fascinated me the most had been the fact that his creature oozed, almost lividly in a state which only brought something to my mind. Its many tubes that came out of its mouth moved and made sounds, those almost pipe like

formations came to distract me from the human head planted in its lap. As this oratory of fungi called, I could see one solid form beneath him, almost like a kind of peculiar claw, which grasped around its own raw body.

At the top of its head, there lay a single hole which bore three mighty greenish eggs, adjacent to two circles with surrounded one another inwardly and outwardly. I could feel the surrounding stalks of black pucker rising around it. And one form that almost resembled the torso of a man had been project through the mass this thing bore.

No sooner than I could've anticipated it, I saw its body enter a state of changing, as if some inner blow created pink spreads inside its inner skin underneath its desaturated skin. Those tentacles within its head started flailing ahead, only to be brought within an inch of its admissal skin. My arms had been numb and I could almost see myself trying to grasp my helmet off in order to have a better view.

Only now, within an inch of my visor did I see its face. That almost enveloping dome at the top, seemed to be cloud-like not only in its appearance but in the way it had attempted to soften itself. Its lumps were starting to rise at the top, and I could see its many hairs jolting, almost like static from the mere pressure I felt it had.

And then, before I could make another step, I saw its servant. That of which I thought it may had been a mere patch of lumped stone, the enemy of fungi, the old crested, horned fiend. Of which arms were numb, the green could be seen but the same desatured texture appeared to be witnessed from within. On blank eye, almost pitch black game in to some contorted eye, like that of a slug, which distracted me from the other transparent one which seemed to almost share its appearance with the body. A few more spikes emerged and I could see its peculiar body try to purge itself out. A green malignance now came from a body which was almost made from one shape. It invited the others to sprout and I could feel the vile desire to shout. I saw the face of a man and the face of a giant mosquito in it, this fallen soldier, this contorted creature, wide eared, touched by the same black marked which rested around both of them.

like some lullaby, I had been greeted by this one, as he showed me the way in which I felt as if I could not convey a single thing which it tried communicating with me.

Would I end up in the same manner as they would? The one tentacle adjacent to the other one seemed to be largely active, into its process of flailing. I know it would retract into the ground as soon as I would approach. What gave it away was the sudden emergence of the one raising a few feet away from it. Without a way of knowing what I've done, there was this utmost lack of certainty whether or not I could be caught off guard. Either by them or by myself, as my actions couldn't even be accounted for.

I approached in fear, drawn towards it, ever so near that I could almost see myself being caught in the murk. But suddenly released by it, I felt as if I could step freely and feel no shame, no pain and no uncertainty that I should walk away from it. No, I felt almost repelled by my own senses as soon as I met that head within the range of my vision.

It started drawing in, but not entirely. I could see the likens of the bone drawing in, the holes in its empty sockets, the nostrils and the rest of it being left behind. Many missing patches, holes, slashes revealed themselves as quickly as it drew in. Most dangerously in awe, this thing couldn't force itself entirely, leaving only most of its body mass in there and what it had almost dare to devour completely.

'I must admit, my dear man that I have taken something from it. This is my one true sin from which I may never be able to atone.'

The event shook him ever since. Even the mere recollection of the event had the same nauseating effect on him. Thinking on it again brought not only some bad memories but, the vivid imagery which came to his mind. He couldn't force himself to forget despite how many times it had entered his mind. As a man, he should've taken the responsibility and return, but to be caught in such a state was far beyond anything he might've ever concerned himself with.

While getting close to them he could hear the sound of the pipes, those long flaccid open ended things which started prodding into him. It felt like this was an altar, dedicated to the fluid and the morbid which wanted to have a grasp at him. The sooner it would start moving its mandible and shaking the skull, the sooner he realized that there was a real chance he may have had at retaliation. His thoughts were sinking in it, regardless of what could be said or thought of it. More and more, morose, he could feel his skin be pale and flatten. Standing in the murk below him wasn't doing him any favor, over the fact that it could suddenly draw him in.

He sank a few feet but was still able to pull himself away.

'I've tried fighting it, but this desire which encompassed me was far too strong to resist. I've seen it, the likes which dwelled in this giant edifice. I believe it opened itself for me to take something from it. An offering, for me to bring back into the city.'

But he was threatened by that constant growth, which pushed completely as soon as he turned. The moisture coming from the sea helped them more than he could've ever imagined. He had not only been frightened by it, though again, tempted to remove his helmet as soon as possible. And he would end, like the one before him, in an utmost perfidious state. In the back he noticed that there were a few mosquitoes which had gathered, the delight of which he hadn't a clue how they got there. If it was meant to happen, the uncontrollable urges would take over. If the cave was to be broken completely by this thing's mere presence, what chance had he to fight back?

In a mere approach, which tempted him even further than he could admit to himself, he started unscrewing the pins of his helmet, by hands alone and with no other help. The strength permeated not from inside of him but from that thing, all to one point, where it had failed to achieve something, leaving him in a state of disillusion. A state of false manifestation which only wanted him to give in. His eyes felt like that one a shrunken head, smaller for the view which had been forced on him. As soon as he had realized the damage, it had been done.

The intention it had wasn't to completely remove the helmet off, but take an inch from it, so they would make him raw something of the air that came from it.

'I saw it, or he showed me. Now, I cannot say what were my actions, which were his, but I believe he made me want to see it.'

As soon as the inexcusable happened, I saw that all that corruption, all of those malign fungi came from inside of him. Now I saw him less of a creature and more of an organic living mushroom which had its kind be inside of him. A brooding mother, per kin, who only gave way for those octopi to come. I could see them even then, during our first interaction. They came out of the sea, as if called during the intention of never wanting to be intruded upon again. Other than my air-tube and the cord which was supposed to be pulled in case of an emergency, the entire way out had been blocked by them. And the thing was that they never bothered to even produce ink of their own, if ink that be.

'I suppose that it doesn't matter any longer, don't you see? I think that wasn't ink that had been brought on the island it was the secretion it produced. And I cannot help it but recognize some things in it that had almost made me want to sink deeper and not come back.'

I was watched thoroughly, not only by them, but by those taller versions of ourselves which carried their own weight and desires to act upon us. They wanted to deal with us in some way which was unpremissable, inadmissible, or on me. For finding out this detail I would've kept to my grave was to be my testimony of defeat. At my feet rested some kind of blessing that I couldn't walk. Weaker than before, I refused to run or to give in to what was being forced upon me. I had been pressed to continue despite my dismay, judged and been peered by a jury which had no intention on sparing me.

'Do not take this personally, but I admit that I have been a foolish thing. I've done something I can't help but regret any further, even to this point. To say that they forced my hand to take what I had already been inclined to take is an understatement which I cannot even bother to take away from.'

As desperate as it seemed, I swear, they amassed for that sole reason, which I couldn't fathom to get through. Being so near to him made me more attentive, it forced me to look at it, to feel its hardness, as not that of the previously mentioned thing, but that of a harder coconut, which only made the gaps it bore, the holes which tore its shallow insides seem like the bars of a cage. My armored gauntlet made contact and I felt something harder than iron. It shouldn't have felt that way but it had. He wanted me to push it through and drag a piece of it out.

The black plants rounded and mainly rooted at their very heads shook themselves as if a breeze had come from known surroundings. No longer had I felt as if I was there, but instead I was closed inside the world, the outside, my own house, anywhere but there.

‘Before I could even decide what I out to do with it, the strength returned. This living artifact pulsed inside my hand with a good reason. One which may not be denied by myself or anyone else who ought to me in my shoes then. I had no power to resist and no place there, but I gathered enough muster to pull the rest of the pins out and reveal it to myself.’

My expressions had been somewhat dimmed by the very fact that I saw a grin. On that creature, alas, the pink mass of skin which had been its face, which looked like a small mass at that, grown over the various areas above its top curled its eye even further, until it no longer looked an eye but the rolling tail of a pig, which bore the same texture, as I have noticed. The teeth were so long and appeared to be made of the same ever-prodding material as it had been made in its entirety. Curved and thick, I could’ve sworn that they were its tiny sea-dwelling feet.

But this creature hadn’t been aquatic and this was no cave.

‘I know what I said, but this lair was too wrong for anyone to dwell upon. For someone such as I to lay foot on, I couldn’t even decide whether or not I had been cursed upon a nightmare which came to life, of some daemonic verdure which entered my head and haunted the deepest ingrain seeds of eyes.’

It entered me, almost like it had been intended to. Knowingly, it came into my orifices and left no other mark, as it turned inside itself and left not a single thing on the outside. Only the moronic would’ve fathomed such a thing out of his ignorance, but I knew better, that I had been cursed then. With each second I stood unprotected, I could see their tiny hairs growing on the tip of my nose and on my cheeks. Something of their own was growing one, afflicting me with the undesirable menace I could not fathom on my own.’

And the effects were not even blocked to the realm of the physical, but rather, they started manifesting around me, even as I lay my helmet back in. There hadn’t been any air inside of that place, but it had kept me alive enough so I could experience it for myself.

That dreadful tentacle receded no longer, as its closest of kin followed; I’ve realized that they had taken me for one of their own. I had been confused for so long, especially after seeing that the way back wasn’t even in a need to return.

I must accept the fact that I could never even face myself any longer. For I’ve done there, this act of evil, this theft has been, so far, unforgivable. More so, it allowed me to leave. It allowed me, not I, for I had no strength to return, not a single touch, not more than I could see the fallen man start raising itself farther above, even closer to getting to my line of sight. A cast of his body appeared to be floating a few feet above himself, like a shell, or one layer of transparent skin, a phantom which momentarily left its body for a moment so it could leave its imprint on me.

‘Perhaps I should’ve abandoned the suit and remained there, so I could spare you of the trouble. But I was wicked minded and I had no care for anyone else other than myself. Do not bother trying to understand what my reasons are. This is neither your fault, nor.’

Mine? I could also say it, that once, I could almost take away everything I've done and absolve myself of the guilt. A culprit had to be taken away, but I could not spare myself from it any longer, for I had every recollection of the event and I remember each thought which went through and over my head. I was responsible for it. For I, had been the cruel thing which caused it.

'In the eternal gratitude I shall lay upon them, I must admit that they had allowed me to escape and join the crew on the boat. A rough landing, with enough taken from them was enough for me to return to my old ways.'

But it hadn't been as easily forgotten now, no longer could they see me as one of their own, but the insignificant creature which had not only betrayed them, who had also brought which scourge upon them. My people gathered around me and forced me down. Traitors were not allowed any gratitude, as this hadn't been a mere act of treachery alone, but a means of trying to crush them before they could even be allowed to rise again. Lost and afraid, I had been stomped by one of these greater ones, with an immediate certainty that I would not survive, it had left me.

Though it wasn't here, that I would end, I could feel it squirming from my chest with each pump and each stomp and each ridicule they threw about me. It shouldn't have been hard-felt, but I felt like I had been dead for a longer time than this. My ownness had been taken with it, as it submerged through the ground, making its way through the living stalactites, unable to be seen as our escape had already commenced.

Unknown to them, for they had attempted too soon, had been the fact that it was I who had given them the worthless blowers, the help of which, they had doomed themselves with.

That deceiver had escaped and in his vileness he had managed to thwart them from the descent into the Viler lands, where he would seethe and live with his work being uninterrupted. Now that he had achieved, what he had looked for in the vile decrees, he had been met, in the farthest of holes, far below the rims of stone and living throngs, by the things which inhabited the bodies of the octopi. In their strangest of dreams, these nightmares emerged, leaving nothing to be believed at first glance or second row. As these primeval creatures emerged, he had been greeted by the servants of Yyork, the Masamut of the supreme perfidy which came out of their tiny bodies defied even most mirific of broods, for eight such growing bodies inhabited one of the tiniest of sea-creatures they had crawled it.

One could only sense and feel their magnificence which had been concealed by the various growing hormones which had been kept at bay. From inside their ornamental glands, in which they had stored the gases, these giant red plackets of self-sealing cysts started growing back their tiny appendages, making sure they each had produced the tinier heads which had been thoroughly attached to their overlord, who had been long dead. Awaiting in his cave of fungi, he had desired that he would return, now as a supreme ruler of the depths, he suffered no disturbance from the islands, and would see to it than once his life had been recovered, he would govern everything again.

But that had little to do with him alone, as it was already known that there was an interdiction to his reaches, for even as ancient as it was, he still abided to the unspoken jists, the chrysalis of words which be unlike the lack of decrepit lords, put under the pressure of destruction. How they knew those wicked white-hooded crowned gods, that

he, this creature of Yyork, that he had adapted a crown on top of his head. As vile as it was, he was put under a lock and forbidden entry into the otherworld.

It was a cruel act which came, as they had been made aware of his plan.

‘To you, Yyork, know that we shall not allow you in any case, to rule over the plains. If we grant you entry, we shall find our kingdoms ruled, by animosity of those who would not see you or your kind as one to be held high amongst the peers.’

‘For that, you shall dwell below, only in the accursed land of Hyeliyimaas.’

To which he had jolted, confronted by them, at the time of his supreme act of death, self-sacrificed, he please to the other gods of the underworld which came. The tame and the dreadfully insane, which couldn’t help it but be theirs, for all of their minds and bodies connected as the tribunal emerged. By the time he had been met in their neutral ground, in a self-creating cave, like that of his own, though it was widened as if to house a colossal giant, wide enough, hard headed, with eighteen hundreds of decaying bottle-necks and large claws and stings which should’ve made it so he would be met again by him. This Horzumat, who had house inside of him smaller giants, only to add to his bulk had progressed into deceiving them to adhere to the process of self-infantilisation which forced them to submit.

And each time he had done it, he would absorb them until they had become fetuses, at the time of which he pulled them from inside his chest, abandoning them to death. That was one of the previous creatures which be judged, found guilty, alas. Already had the cave been expanded, that it was time for only one to stay there. Thi’ Yyork, who had come and prayed that his fungi would start spreading again. For, at the end of the other side of the cave, the fiends who veiled themselves were symbols of the umbrae. Within their grasps, bodies cast no shadow. He could see how unwell they mistreated everyone, over their jealousy and misscreadance. They feared themselves and stood apart, for each bore a mark in their vile verdant, crimson, turquoise, magenta, green robes. And each of them bore a symbol at their necks, which symbolized the various credence, of life, of death, of malignity, fright, despair, everything unfair. Even if they had decided to take their hoods of they would reveal peculiar appearances which changed for each span of time.

One such revealed seemed to have garnered even a stranger look from Yyork, who couldn’t help it but try to face this confusion which took over him. It looked like a giant helmet, wide, almost like that of a vulture, but only the shape of it. No beak inherited by it lay, only a long protruding inwardly-pushing squared hole which lead almost in terms of the architectural form of an inverted pyramid inwards, to a bobbling point where the eyes were. But the thing was that he knew that was the mere skeleton, no mask and no mechanical part lay there. Only an ever-pulsating bobbling pay of levers which would make the rows of the inverted pyramid levels suddenly burst like tiny growths or bloody spots. And for his jittering smile, he showed teeth belonging to the likes of canine on one side, drawing inward to a tongue which projected and swam through most of the gums.

A constant appearance of a duplicate head such as his seemed to draw and push away underneath his neck. That one had been connected to the one on the top by a few filaments which penetrated from the back and from below his throat. Those filaments penetrated his head and kept the second head erect. There was enough space for both of them, as the two heads didn't appear like they were connected to a neck, but to a larger air-shaft like system which came out of his chest and shot into the same trajectory. It had merely resembled a neck, for it had no recollection of anything else.

Its mere contact with the human provided a frame of reference to him, on a whim, they decided to all pull away their cowls. This council of decay, from which another pulled a second spade-like appearance, of the deformed brain he wore, outside two crystal-face shapes, which clicked immediately as the realization came. That one had taken the form of the same man who had entered his cave. And below him, the bodily reproduction of the crystal could do nothing but reflect. The mad living fires which were not entirely burning but revealed that they were made out of red fingers that couldn't stop waving.

Beneath him, a circle of sand had delighted his appearance. The fire hadn't been inside of him, but had been underneath the cave, on a platform, as they were the ones who kept him there. In as strange as a ritual as that may be, there was only one dreadful thing which made them feel the wretch. As damned as it sounded, those fingers had belonged to lords, who had sacrificed themselves and their likes by committing acts of thefts for their lord Krysaleum. He, who belonged to the council spared no second time, he would not give away his empire, for none.

He had approached them in their dreams, from countless realms from within, they had agreed.

'Lord, we shall give you fingers, we'll sacrifice as much as we have. Give us only the freedom to do as we please. We'll trade them for your form.'

'so you may come into our world.'

As they had agreed, and started being sloppy as they stole from the King Theorpeus, he himself had taken them, brought to their knees, to a table of their own choosing, so he might be served.

'Lay onto me that which makes me unnerved. For this betrayal I shall take your fingers for each crime.'

To which they confessed more than one could deny them a fair treatment. A trail of their own rings fell off and as they a servant collect what was his, they had put in a pile of sand-hiss only to watch them change. Somehow they started heating themselves, growing all-so warm that they would almost be burning, leaving the marks of the walls, on skin and on ice. Wherever they may be, this effigy they had created of him kept him there.

And on his living, almost white-purplish sepia spade, the marks of fingers governed amongst the veins, to serve as a reminder that they were the only reason for which he was there.

Another dreadful one had come, the terror of numbing pain, which had nothing but a fearful look of defeat, almost melancholically-looking, seething with a few teeth in his mouth, his head projected backwards, and ending in a sort of infantile lambs which dragged away. Most of his arms were taken and bashed, as they had lashed at one another, poking a few holes which revealed the constant spread of a gaseous-acid which couldn't have escaped. It wasn't hurtful but within contact with any kind of nostril, it would take the likes of a miasma, a way to proceed into him spreading their long sheets of malignant paper-trailed skin.

Between his arms, those floating in the back, harrowing in the dark, their ritual began. As they unwrapped like crackling parchments, they had started writing down his every sin. And in itself, he had done more than one could be pleased. But these creatures here, who were trying to judge him were no rulers, they were petty thieves, infiltrators, deceivers and liars.

'We shall abstain from raveling who we are, what we are, out of the need of privacy.'

The verdant cowed creature spoke. And his follower, the turquoise had only done the same. They knew they must've been the nastiest deformed beings that ever wore, but what they hid between one another was an irrational desire to communicate with themselves, like filling necrophiles, those who were trying to get closer to the fungi which flew in their direction.

'Enough of that, you were not permitted to produce any kind of fungi, do you hear? By my command as the vileness of chaos, I forbid you entirely to produce it by any means.'

And those spore disappeared, now this cruelty hadn't even allowed him to swim in his own muck or to dare. Of course he couldn't speak but merely be interpreted as it produced a few sounds as it was.

'How are we to judge him here if he cannot defend itself?'

'It is by our kin that we shall take him from within, allow him to produce the symbiotic fluid that had been in his cavern. We shall interpret the ripples he produces.'

To which he had managed to have his own way. Permitted to do so they had not realized their mistake. In mere seconds, the entirety of the cavern filled with the muck, even underneath them, left their bodies undefended.

Their past and powers mattered little. Even is his undying form, his deathless gaze and his worn husk, he would still manage to despoil them in the vilest manner. That is how it had managed to avoid their punishment. For each second they stood in it, a piece of their very beings would be drawn and infested. Even if it were unknown, even with the lack of fungi and attention, the bodies of men appeared. And the creatures which had defied him in the past, soon there would be none to get him, as everyone got infested in their entirety.

Even the crystal armor fell asunder, as the dark coil of one of the oily liquors managed to come into contact with it after a self-satisfactory splash caused by a member of the council who fell from his side.

‘What is the meaning of this?’

But he had been blurred out. He couldn’t speak, nor was he approachable any longer. This seeping torment had given him enough power to start crushing his head against the nearest stone tablet he could find. It would be generous to give him a head start. But he heeded a touch, he needed to feel it one last time before he would give in.

His stained muscle-mass could only merely attenuate the fall. He had been shattered. And in their end, for the lack of better words, he had lashed one final time at him.

In the wake of Pyerothrat, the loathsome cephalopod appeared out of the ether of the dark. He had brought the unlawful thinking and the dread of the invasion which came and threatened everything in sight. As the others manifested inside the room, sometimes floating, other times simply peering through the walls and from within one another, their like, they brought the reef. They had made it feel at home, from within the likens of the dreadful pillory dark snow which entered the cave.

York would wait there until his revival could begin.

The process would be long enough for him to waste no time in song and no more crassing. They would pay him their minds and leave him be once he was done. In the meantime one could deny the fewer, mightier of needs.

For somewhere out there, there was the call, of an unexpected man who couldn’t help himself but find himself lost, at war against himself, unlikely that he would’ve spare another worse, he turned. He saw something of the man standing in front of him and remembered that there was something else waiting for him.

‘Barnabee, if you don’t mind, could I rain check this thing? If feel like there’s something wrong going in my head. And I can’t help it, but please don’t take this as something personal, but I need to be alone for some time.’

‘Are you sure about it Malt? You seem worse, worse than you had been a few moments ago when I’ve taken you inside.’

‘I’m certain, I think I’ve got something to look into now. There’s nothing I want more. I think I’m showing sings or going back.’

‘Where would this back be now?’

He could only smile and hide his chin, as if it hadn’t mattered at all. But he knew that he would get them back, now that enough time had passed. He could hear them, even vaguely, in the form of laughter. But their voices were so

calm, that he could not help it but want to run and hide inside his room and dance and madly glance at about everything.

Malt had been animated, he was living, he pushed through the door as a new man.

‘Up already? Shouldn’t you be resting in the bed now?’

‘Not any longer, I think I’ve caught a glimpse of something and I cannot help it but..I don’t want to spoil it. But I think I’ll see you in a bunch, ma’am.’

Clarisse, she was a neighbor who owned cats, now I saw it, so many of them now pierced through her floor and went through that piercing bowl of an insurmountable celerity. I wanted to see for myself what was going on.

‘Clarisse, would you mind it if I entered your room? As a guest?’

Barnabee was trying to look at the entire ruffling, but he couldn’t help but stare out of a blind eye. He was missing something in his room, I, I was supposed to be there. I have not realized how rude it had seemed now, but it didn’t matter. For as much as I would endure that, I have received a new gift, with which I might peer into one of the rooms to see. She was hiding the hole, she down there, I was allowed to take as much as I wanted.

‘As long as it takes Malt, don’t take it personal now, but I wish you would visit more often.’

More than that, he saw the pipes, for the first time, making up the entirety of the buildings inside the block. So that was the skeleton which kept it all alive, or had it been that it had grown so much that it penetrated the unknown layers, and the bunch.

From them, as he lowered himself so he could place an eye on their metal carcass, heard the liquid going through them.

‘Are there water pipes? Here goes another cat.’

In front of him, as casually as one of them could make of it, a black cat leaped inside that dark hole, disappearing in its entirety as if that had been its very home.

‘They’re always coming back, you now? Every single time, without any exception, I can’t seem to stress that. Barnabee, dear, is that for me?’

‘You may as well since the fellow abandoned our session and the tea-drinking confession. Perhaps it would be too much to ask of it now, but why is there a hole inside of your apartment?’

‘It’s always been there.’

Clarisse said, though to admit it would be infuriating, at least that so, it would mean, that going father away within sight, one could find the culprit, or one of them, the likes of which lead, after millions of miles away, to the gateway of their desolate world, where the home of the mountains was already being occupied by the most perilous and malicious of things. The proto-living pipes enable the rise of a great inverted bastion which held the likes of some heads above, no longer in the chain of command. Under them, their bodies had been enslaved and had counted on themselves to rip out the anchors so they might join the higher altitudes and carry themselves near the peaks.

For in the farther, higher reaches, where snow hadn't been pale, there were highly jointed monstrosities which came to be alive again. Reanimated by the chaos which had erupted in the universe, they had taken their solemn positions of pain, and took their highly plastic bodies in the air. Flying was only a matter of spreading their fat bodies away from the main nervous system and spreading them evenly through their long arms. They would fly, armored as they were, chained and lastly, bearing the dark flames which ranged the coming of corruption.

None knew anything of the affliction and the derangement they presented. Of their long fight and their stolid might which had been lost of them. For they had been silent for too long and something in the past brought the unstoppable back to life.

Even the Earl, who had been in reality, only the architect of this dirt infused abomination could ever bring some hope back. As the production slowed, he hadn't cared for it anymore. There was something else he had missed, he wanted to get out of the barrel and return to the place he missed the most.

'I shall abandon both of you here and make my way further in.'

'Wait, it's dangerous.'

'Mightily dangerous, you may be overwhelmed. There's too much chaos going on for any of us to have a hope that we may survive. Are you certain you can handle it?'

'I was prepared to face everything I so desired. But now, I've been abandoned by some of my allies and I believe my fate lays elsewhere. I cannot slowly wait for this barrel to go endlessly in circles.'

'But it's required, this method of mixing everything, our chemicals within them, they cannot fathom going anywhere else. If we wait too much, we might risk exposing the materials to some dreadful disease, from which we may not be able to remove from it.

It's a highly-chemical abomination, that's their secret. I've heard it from one of the other workers. They implanted it inside of it, that's how they're mixing it. I know what you're planning, stranger, you want to stop it, but know that it will only result in us losing everything.

If that thing grows, the entire realm of Hypernychl will be in peril.'

‘Must I care for it?’

Answered the Duke? As he had done it, he had slowly pushed through, for he was no child but he had been stricken by a relinquished poison of muscle which had nothing more to spare. He would rise again and hold them over, not like servants but two insects which had dared pushed themselves past their quota. Past what had been acceptable, this was to be the oratory point to break, the way in which they could never hope to get away. Sweat ran down their foreheads and it only seemed, to better feel that this is where they stopped breathing.

‘Your services are no longer welcome. I refuse to do their bidding now.’

For each level through each barrel, he had looked at them, and seemed to be aware that neither of the servants in the other compartments cared much about him. He was like a foolish fiend, who found it unable to get through to them. But so afflicted had he been by the malady, which showed itself in terms of agony.

The two other passengers, slaves, whatever they were went away. He could see himself be forced to stay there a little longer. Nothing was certain past the point, yet he had heard it spoke in little more than a tone.

‘You cannot interfere with them, Duke, this core needs to be properly fed and clothed so the plans could progress. Do our bidding now unless you wish to be thrown into the Realm of high distress.’

From which he could only get enough himself, of the likes which wanted to get him throat down. He would no longer be the humanoid thing he had praised himself with, and yet. He rose up as one of them. Touched by a thing which had been un-physical repelled his armor and revealed a growth of fingers and of toes, amongst the limbs which pushed onward. This change drew on and on, until he could encompass a barrel with his entire body.

His head had changed, to better himself of the age, and eight more head, eighteen more which followed spread in the general area where they remained. And in them lay some kind of valor, the strangulation of disembowelment. From it, there appeared no break, as each looked young and older, but each of them was dead.

‘Those are the one you have abandoned. Need you be reminded that you have given a piece of your treasury and their lives to escape the aristocracy? For what?’

‘I would not be a servant any longer.’

He said, and the voices of the dead rummaged through his head. And this change echoed through time and escape, and through the barriers of the universe which called him back into the fray. Where the being named as the Courtesan had been drawn back to awareness, as, for the little moment spent in doubt, he couldn’t help it but shout.

‘What had he done?’

The Elegant and the Queen in her lair, looked as him disturbed by the fact that no beast and no fiend, no close deity would have power over him. For now he waited, looking benign.

‘You would not dare abandon me.’

Said the Elegant, surprised by the fact that he would not only do so, but he would doom them both as his long and thick appendages would begin sinking their sharp ends in the ceiling above them, releasing the dreadful acidic sea and giving it free reign for them to be submerged in it and never have a chance to come. In their own terms, as soon as it would be spoken, they were disturbed. Left there as he went through untouched, unaffiliated by the misery and by the factors which broke skin and bone apart.

He could feel below him, the sound of two beings shouting, realizing that there would be no hidden bridge, no lair between universes any more. And after trying to go through the deluge, he found himself drawn to reality, breaking through a wretched piece, only to find himself surrounded by mutations, recalcitrant creations which looked like the recognizable people in his kingdom and beings which didn’t belong anywhere else. Within the fumes of his appearance, they tried sinking in their teeth and spraying their shallow perfumes on him in hopes he would attract the inflated protozoan parasites so they might start the infestation. But as soon as he whipped himself away, he drew and pushed and brought in the scum back through the masses.

Within his reach, there was no need to use force. A mere decider in their extermination had been the clear storm of agonies he had brought in from home. as a reminder of his kingdom and what they’d face, he brought form it a cloud of pus which infested them instead. Their actions backfired, their sprays misfired and soon they would be eaten by millions of life forms themselves.

Gourney had been lost in thought. It’s been two days already since she had been lost. He was still in his office, back to square one, unable to reconcile with the fact that she wasn’t there. Even the small man who was usually going back at the same spot, to the same engines wasn’t there at all. It wasn’t like he wanted him to be there. Only time could tell whether or not he might return, and that alone might wager the fealty he felt.

‘I wish I could tell you I’m sorry Catherine, but I cannot do that anymore. You’re nowhere near to me and I can’t even gracefully express how wrong I had been.’

There was that sense of distress with haunted him for no less than a few moments. Every now and then he got out of his chair and made it for the door. No one visited. It was the light from outside, the constant beating sun shades that made him realize he couldn’t escape. Not now, once they would get him, he could at least protests at the images. He could see them, freshly out of the camera, the remains of her being spread, or her being dragged from a puddle of blood.

Unadvisable, to say the least, I could not even dare to think about it. I wanted to change but I could not. She pushed me away, but at the same time it wasn’t her, but I. And the was the constant droning, always coming from the files. I

had to check them again, even though I couldn't help it but stare. And stare, time to act, and be aware of it. My numbness came, another picked up thing and I could see her now. The mere cardboard in which it had been placed started seething.

A dull pain in the chest and the noise of the most inconspicuous drones came to me. But that wasn't a drone, it was one of the engines being started. I wish I could there to see, but I wouldn't have been prepared anyway. For the sight inside the gluttonous engine was that which would resemble many gas encroached pupils. They moved. It was them who gave the flying machine life to begin with. As I amassed enough guts to come forward, I understood that this intention got me out of my cage.

'If this is a sign, then I shall go ahead and see what's calling me there.'

He spoke, with a gully in his throat. Unable to even continue dreaming any longer, he dropped the file before he could even see her face. It might've been too disturbing for him to look into it in any case. Worse than that, he started painting the walls on the way out. Remnants of the men who had been called earlier that way, out of the bucket of white he picked up the brush and started throwing it about everywhere. No side could be left undone. He couldn't help it nor had been wanted to be spared of any interesting click. And another one, he followed a pair of grasshoppers into their small bush thicket.

That's when he saw one of the case-files, within his sight, they merely moved across one entire jump across one building, disregarding him completely, as if he mattered even little than he had do. But enough of the insolence, he spared no glance, and made his way about two thirds of the street which was about him. In the reach of his hand, there was always that grab which picked it up. No cigar, he looked back, desperately trying to light it up, white stroke brush still in one of his hands. At least he could spare a few bites of it to think whether or not they would act again or if he was seeing things.

'It's daylight, it's still daylight, there's no mention of you being out here during the day. Why can't go away and leave me be?'

Gourney closed his eyes and looked through. They had been gone, more so, now, more importantly, they went through the bricks and entered the same building he had come from. If that was a case for concern, he hadn't paid any word on it. Only a few blunders of his cigar went away, as he would try to get as far away as possible. To the engine.

It drew him, like a smoke-making pair of wings. It and he were alike. He thought about how near it would be if he could close in and leave him mark on it. A deep blue paint lay on top of it, why not give it a stripe?

'Hey you, what are you doing with that brush?'

'I was trying to get it somewhere, I'm working with them.'

‘Who are them? You better not be a hooligan on his way to vandalize that plane, I see that you’re a decent fellow by the way you’re dressed but I don’t know.’

He was watched, thoroughly, instantly smelled. A perfume of sweat dictated the fact that he had been profusely set on trying to get as much from him as possible. He would be unable to take from him anything. Not now, not here. I chose to run away, from sight. The way he looked, as if he would bash me if he were to catch me wasn’t reassuring. My sudden turn lead me to that place again, where she was supposed to be going.

‘I don’t know if you’re in there Catherine.’

‘Who are you talking to?’

Small girl, head like wooden flick, a red balloon of leather in her hand. Inscriptions gave it away, by the fact that they seemed to speak about something which happened inside. I could not dare pay a second look. But I smelled it. I felt it, I saw it through the brick again.

That fiend was laughing. It bore its crested half-a-shell through its arms. With each push, it could only wage some kind of ground-encompassing appliance, a defiance which made it draw onward as it started pushing its hands below. Even there, its hands started furthering deeper below, then took a ninety degree turn below, slowly becoming something close to a few tails which wrapped themselves as soon as they could against the rocks.

It wanted me to see them, to feel them, the inscribed woman which had been trapped inside of it. He had taken her there. I wish I could join her, so we may be trapped together. Perhaps that’s what it wanted me to see. Perhaps it was that which made want to draw in and join inside the other rock. The more thought I spared for it, the more had I been tempted to go in to that endeavor from which I may never come back. And who would take care of the archive.

‘Bad things inside that building.’

‘What was that kid?’

‘There are nasty things inside that building over there!’

‘I know what you feel, I’ve had to deal with them myself. They’re not that inviting. If I had to choose, I wouldn’t go towards them willingly.’

‘Don’t go, mister, stay here, it’s not worth it.’

‘Unfortunately, I’ve made a mistake that I need to correct. If not I believe I may never be able to forgive myself for doing it.’

She didn't understand, of course she wouldn't. It was already hard as it was. So many times, I thought I had the right idea, that I could take it as I could and go in, then never look back. And perhaps I could simply turn and let her go, but I wasn't that kind of man any longer.

I left the girl and made it to the door. The brush was left at the entry. I made sure to leave a single straight line so I could mark my place. Regardless of how I felt, I didn't go with rage any longer, I simply went in. As the lines of white and hose of reality were blurred in, this had been simple enough. The sight of the creature residing inside the building was gone.

'You know, I was surprised that you waited in this spot for so long. Judging from the reports, I swear I could've put my finger onto something which read, not always in the same location. And not to be too crude now but I think you made an exception for me, haven't you?'

No answer came. Obviously, I wasn't expecting a parade, but the least I might've been offered was the greeting part.

'Right on time I see, why, have you come for me now?'

They were brightly dressed, almost a priestly coven which bore their precious regalia marked with some pieces of gold wrapped around each of them, around five to seven locks of times. It might've been a thing, I can't stress enough how desperate I was to get one of them attention. But I was simply not there for them. Not only had they ignored me but I appear to be baffled at the mere fact that they were so many there. They carried a carpet for him, whoever he was.

Some of the high fronts brought candles, as if they were supposed to be numbered that way, in any other word or tatter.

'I can barely even believe all of you are here. After all, I seem to have wandered here by chance. You wouldn't happen to be illusions, would you? I would not be shocked if that were the way.'

The hooded figures could only jerk in restraint. Their hoods were practically chained to their skin, pushing through their bodies and leading to the very ribs of the floor. Going through it, to say the least, was the least compromising way through which these poor sops had been trapped with him. Most, if not all had that strange look, as if they were constantly being strangled by something here and there.

Surrounding their bodies were a few other chains which were so tightly wrapped that one could feel them being suckled apart with each constant rub. Yet their faces showed no expressions, despite him having seen a hint that underneath them there were faces, bowed down to a pulp, but actual faces nonetheless. And if they were that, I could draw in closer and touch them. It was a peculiar experience, getting in ever so near as to shake one of them off. Their lathy smooth silky grasp could not force me off one of them.

Despite his best attempts, I could not be overpowered. As I spoke to him he understood in what position he was.

‘The last man who tried that ended up being knocked down. I must give you a fair chance to know that if you dare do it again, I shall knock you down and you won’t be able to greet the lord of whatever abomination you may want to invite in this room.’

I was not expecting to be yielded that easily, to my confession, I would rather not commit a second sin. But I wanted to open his robe as soon as I felt the missing top above his nose. Right in the area where the nose was at the wisest, the rest of it curved behind. And it had not been that, as a sole decider that I have stumbled into something I shouldn’t have, but I felt my hand being drawn in. It was trying to eat me, clasping my hand as I felt it become a spray of dust which had been pulled inside of him. Even though I held my ground, I could see myself being drawn more and more until I almost got to the point of losing myself in there.

The aroma or the scent I’ve given gave it away. I was fading from reality even momentarily, before I could even have a reach for him temporal lobe which had been surrounded by his cajoling armored teeth. As I drew on to stay a bit more in there, I could feel a pair of his own molars growing on my knuckles, pushing in both sides. My fingertips had become a part of his cortex and for a moment, in that strange aphrodisiac lack of knowledge, I felt as if I had become him. Only momentarily had this thought disturbed me before I even decided it was time to pull back and look at my hand.

‘You fiend, I thought I was a goner.’

But I had been betrayed myself. As one of my hands dug up through his chest. I felt the chains and pulled one dead end thoroughly enough to see him for what he was. Not only had he looked benign but he had tried to get me. It may be that I was lucky enough to avoid the assault of concentration of the others, of whose minds I could feel leaping and glancing at mine. I was being spied upon, mesmerized, or forced in an attempt to submit to them, so I would stop distracting them and bring a stop to their peculiar ritual of self-metamorphosing.

I saw the ends of the chains and winces. Despite us being ever-presently pushed on the lap of that great creature which held us all at bay, I looked at what they had brought it. That fiend of ages, which brought with it only the utmost repelling pair of snouts which washed themselves away as its body, could not enter through the door. It had been magnificently colossal, into his wake of a graver thing, the walls were gone, and I had arrived in their world.

The acolytes, or strange divine figures which had wrapped themselves around each age-like rune which stood on the ground, appeared to be controlling the very age of the being stranded with us.

And the waters falling from the top of their strange hills had taken forms of crushed materials, which exposed themselves as looking oily. From them, I could see the various trapped ships they had prepared, the tools of another race which had inhabited this place. Of them I knew little, as I could not stare away from a maliciously-looking hold

in the distance in which they stored their larger folded youths. Despite my ever-growing presence, my eyes turned back to it.

The chains pulled everyone down, other than I, they bowed and prepared themselves to look at this almost Deformed-looking fiend, though it had only resembled the fierce sea-shallow in part, as it split into multiple shell-like growths which accommodated for each trunk which lay in there. From inside there also came one long head which twisted like a cork-screw, releasing its many widened arms, each of them holding that piece around their claws, strings, of green, which looked almost electrical in nature.

I saw them open themselves up, pushing through an ambivalent form through those electrical cords, figures, or shapes, outlines, of grave things which never had the chance to drawn into the daylight, before I turned and saw the giant creature, with its spread arms, which still looked down upon us. I could not make its face but I knew that this tiny formation of hills, the tiny splashes of mild-water surrounding us only lead back to it. The malevolence which held us in its lap, who smirked and looked out of his bedraggled chest, which bore the marks of a long enforced servitude. He had been forced to endure something which was much worse, and I could fathom something else from him.

Whatever I had seen before started fading away, as my mind would no longer be forced to conjure images concerning what had encapsulated it inside the house. I felt unable to comprehend what it had become, or what my lack of sense, and the disturbing confession I could only protests to. I saw it release those long arms, to which it bore only the wreathing belts that never left its body. What I had believed to be the end of a head was nothing more than a giant bud which opened now, for me alone to see the various appendages it had bore inside of it, each of them being leashed over as it lashed, as it pushed itself aside and started flying away in the air.

Every piece which had ever been remotely connected to it left it, and I was left with the impression that I had been clueless to whom was I progressing to. To whom was I even daring to spout, to shout, to declare the inadmissible knowledge of which one was the creature who was holding me in here. Trapped, inside this strange plane, I looked at myself no longer as a man, but as one of those bulging, small eyed, pink-fleshed slave. And I could not fight it as it turned to me, starting the incarceration process which forced me to kneel and face the full blunder of its imprisonment.

I had been given a robe ever since and appeared to be lost for as long a period of time as I could writhe in pain and struggle as to face the god I seemed to serve. But I could not look upon him any longer, as I had the vague impression that the piece of him twisted below itself left me as well. In this confusing wonder, I could not dare to even think of the plains in which I would be brought, or why was I to be trapped for the rest of my life, as I had come here to find her. Now I stayed, never to be found again.

Through the writhing floor, there had been a hint that he would be no more. In his least deceitful manner, he had found himself unable to discover anything of the place he had been in. They would look, the people trapped in the

rooms of the hotel, unable to figure them, what had went wrong. The least they could even decipher for themselves was why the carpets had all been strung. Picking all of them up to piece they all together would result in the making of a perfect replica of one of those necks, those throats belonging to a bigger headless gaze.

A quicker notice brought to the mark underneath them brought one of three results, the mark of three harpies, sisters which missed a piece, one lacked a quarter of her jaw, one her teeth and one her youth. Smaller harpies were pressed even in the form of smaller eggs. It was a craftsmanship which could not be easily dismissed. If it were for one to dig deep enough, he would find himself never stopping, never reaching until he had dug out a hole through the carpet and through the rim of the wooden doors. Moreover, after dark, the night would come to set them apart.

Room thritranon'n, which bore a more obscure set of gowns, the lady in it was name Clara, who shaped her youth into a most disturbing twist of matters, her face was missing, but the latter ends only pushed through her face. It was through her that the emerging, horned saliva of Mlorxix came. Through its eyes and fleshless dyes, he body had begun oozing, vibrating and falling on itself. Her hands were mere joints for it to play with, she had been dogged, forced to move as on a leash as it would spill from inside of it.

And of her, for the matter of a few generations, she'd feel, the wretch taking over her body as soon as her skin would peel off. Not a few of them had been affected by it, but she could look at herself, younger, old, decayed, bold. All of them were there, sisters of her, not replicates. They had been brought from somewhere as a gift.

Though they appeared to have retained somewhat of a normal look, one could not stake the feeling of the dripping plethora of amniotic nerves that emerged from inside of her. They grew on them and began chewing. It was undecided whether that had been her human side or the result of the saliva growing in size. And it had grown, or spread, or pushed her limbs until she had been fattened and repelled by her sisters, only for the nerves to act up again.

They would spread like a stunning gas, forcing them to spread on the walls, as their would mold themselves in an utmost sickly manner, so the proceeding infestation could go so much smoother. Not to be as rude to point but she would start at it, to join.

'May I be allowed to leave now, sister?'

She pointed at her, heartless as she wore, her body being as nasty as that of a harpy, which in truth had been much more decent than what she was before. No more would she wonder, nor lust at the way through which they looked at her with the lust of roses, and the deformed poses of their ill-kind. Only a blind protruding parasite could look at them as anything but supper. And in a superb turn, the saliva started pushing onward so it might take pieces of them again.

The summers of My'shal had been long impoverished by the falling comets that entered it crude atmosphere, above its light-inducing rays, there hordes of Byih'thanos, had come and marched upon the edges of its last tormented

moon-shade. A daring raising base stood somewhere in its march 'like formation of pine-fractee, to which they garnered the last approach of the coming Illiac, that bore their heads above the lost remnants of the broken shores, near which they rested.

By their stoicism stood the utmost peculiar pair of arms which stood upon one another, resting on each other's fierce bodies. Their mere replicant ability had given them the supreme advantage over stacking on top of similar forms until they had circled the universe by the mere mighty alone. In them there was a skin-eating disease, carried from one to the other, pleased by the most awful of barely-dug trenches inside their arms and inside their planet. It could not be helped any longer as they started applying those immobile chests which stored their heads. Above their golden bodies, by a single spine-like pole there rested the glass in which an utmost lost head came.

And from their lips they almost gave the impression of big and unscrupulous worm-like big, and ever-protruding membranous descending curved needles that pushed on and onward, crushing each other's masses in a battle to over-encompass everything within them. To say that there was at least the look they would share, could not ever bother one to be unfair.

Battles had started, their wars uncouth over the rise of the great member of their enclave, the Iddod, an overtopped cancerous Lomax which had started growing into one of their arms, taking over and crushing asteroids in the universe under his own mark. He had looked upon the others, realizing how helpless they were. And in an immediate crush, none of them would be spared. After a few leashes, the encumbering forced had crushed the chest between them and the Lomax would completely take over, unrestrained any longer by no possible force which may rule upon in. The torment had begun, dread would not be gone, as they would begin their wars there.

Their peculiar planet, which felt like the stepping on a sea of encumbered milk held them behind, being rather eternally-moving in jolting directions, upward and inward, to the point of breaking in which from inside of it the head spilled itself to the point of leaving. As the hiding had come to an end, he got out of it, a head with ended up in a dead end, looking almost starved for battle, battered, for the lack of a taste, his lips were fatter, his teeth curved as far as to encompass his entire body around every side, like a protecting veil of armor which would never fade. Soon enough, he would be dead from the assault they had.

As the many armed pincers started opening and closing, biting at him which each leash, which had only come from either side of the battle, he could not help it but recede as his evil cloche started sinking its teeth back. And as they would bite each other, drawing as much blood as to leave the entire universe bleeding, he would be called to his return. They would mourn him as soon as he was gone.

For he had abandoned his body as soon as he could do, trying to flee away in a swoon, remaining almost primalistic as it looked behind. From his eyes came a ray which disemboweled their arms as soon as they could fall in place. Unable to account for the various strings that came about their necks, penetrating the glass cases which hid their heads, they had been destroyed. As magnificent as it would be, one could not help himself but see how awful that

creature be, in its writhing agony of blow, it had taken the cords which came out of its eyes and started drawing in as much of their essence as he might. In two thirds of the battle, he almost faded from existence to see what he had achieved by this plan of his. As the parasitical embrace had not only drawn away from them whatever had made them be, but it had also taken away their piety and minds.

He reconstructed the mold in his image, in another transparent slide of the world, in which he stood and wasted not a single second in which they might find a way to backstab him again. This fiend, who bored itself high up in the air was met, by eighteen dead men, mutes who looked peculiarly sod.

And they had been tall themselves but bred forth a lack of defined features, but each of them got afflicted by a crystal mark which entered them. Be it a crystal skull of crystal hands, a crystal chest or one crown. And that had been the desired mask which made him think of the curse of thrall.

‘I shall have you all enslaved in my thralldom. If you cannot force yourselves to serve me, then I shall bring ruin admits you all. I know of the creature to which you’ve given your souls before. That crystal skeleton of ruin, that malignant ruler for which you cannot help yourselves but spare.

Not a prayer, not a soul, for if you do, I shall crush you all and torment you to no end.’

For in the recollection of the past, what he had done was unacceptable. It was a mistake, a betrayal to no end, for which he couldn’t even draw himself back. What he wrought was the complete destruction of what had brought him back.

‘Listen here, dear ones, for I have to bring back to your minds, the thing which brought me back to life.’

And they sat down of chairs of sand, wood, and some replaced with skeleton feet of glass. Others might’ve melted, some lay undefended by the treachery which had been there. Underneath the floor below them, there had lain the ultimate sign of despair. Separated by thin molecules which lasted for only fractions of seconds, there had been the plentiful pieces of the one they were governed by, their emissary of glass, the king Glinti’arn. From bolts of glass which entered about two thirds of the way, they would walk away at times, unable to defile themselves.

No amount of pain would satisfy for as long as he would be aware that they were his and he was theirs.

‘I’ve made the flatness of this world twitch. My image is spread, sculpted for as far away as I could reach. And at any time, I may open one of my billions of jaws and eat any of you if I so desire to grow at all, harmfully deranged, throwing you into the hedge of my clenched openings. Know that you’re under my spell, and you shall do as I say.’

A nodding procedure could only symbolize the lack of any kind of desirability to proceed. They would be at each other’s feet, eating from the plates he had given them there. As they had admittedly come up from below, in drones

of the earth's show of proceeding holes, they had been taken beyond the rims of their ends, and lowered down so they would meet their faces.

The metal claws which adorned them lay somewhat pushed onward. From them, they could feel the troubling beating which had come from inside. Each of them looked in confusion, waiting for him to tell them what the question had been about.

'Shall we hear of your story and how come you came to be dormant in our planet during our conception?'

'Eating these seems, suspicious.'

'And yet the two of you will do as I please and as I want.'

For this ghastly falling piece of shade which came out of his head could see that the king Glinti'arn, that dreadful creature was spying on me. Spotted for the least engrossing manner, he would disgustingly fetch himself from inside his hiding spot and stay aside, looking for and what he made.

'Is this the realm of Narcissism I see? Could there be nothing else but a dreadful agony from which I cannot raise myself from?'

You've outdone yourself again. This time you've destroyed their original bodies and weekend them to the point where most of them are armless, if one has one at all. Can you not see the fantastical dread you have produced here?

I see a face on the ground, it has no eyes, but multiple openings which cry, and their laughter can be vaguely heard through my addition of glass nerves. I cannot help it but see that flaw which reeks inside of them.'

'And what might that flaw be?'

'In all of your mouths you've started regurgitating life, in a most atrocious manner of agony. This cannot be a thing of your own doing.

I've come to suspect you of taking some outside influence. It's almost as if you had been spoken to, during your dreams.'

'How long have I been listened to? May I not even be allowed a voice to get through? I appear to have been betrayed, time and time, after again. You, Glinti'arn, were supposed to be an ally of mine.'

'And yet, it was you who had betrayed me, who had adopted another name, which isn't yours, who had shaped himself like them, even now I can see how your real face is fading.'

He had been so jealous of them so capricious that he taken their appearance, stolen from them, copied and decided that it would be worthless for him to wait. There were many things wrong in his head, one being the shattering remark and the lack of fault which had haunted the mindless head of his.

‘You’ve started going at it too bluntly, now the life which may come out will come out as stillborn. That’s what you’ve achieved so far.’

‘Blasphemy, you cannot think that I will be tricked this easily. I’ve got full control over them and I shall breed them over and over again.’

Only for so long could he do it, until he found out that he had been right. This Glinti’arn looked at a world filled with stillborn, which had been filled with the laughter of lifeless faces, imitations. Recklessly unnerved, he couldn’t face it but be brought to shame. Now he could not look at him again.

For in his arrogance he had repeated the same mistake which resulted in him killing those things to no blunder.

He had his misery held there, as his ongoing construction had been brought to a stop. He could barely fashion his own ends out of what he saw, as the hornet-like dens emerged, and from them he could see like emerging again.

‘You’ve succeeded where I failed, but I’ve got no doubt that you’ve used some trickery instead.’

‘No such thing.’

It was highly inadmissible that he could count on his own desire to break through the mold and fold himself to no end at all. He could be uncouth over the fact that he had broken all of them for as long as they might be able to feasibly be. His recklessness only brought him to feel as his he lost a piece of him for as long as he started into their eyes.

Every single time a fiend of crystal and of glass would come out, he would wager some kind of word of dread, he would be unfed and uncloaked by whatever he had brought back, the many plucks which had appeared on him started pushing forward out of his eyes. Despite the lack of that blubbing areola-looking extrusion of irises, they began growing of bubbling tendons which had snapped out of him.

‘You’re boiling like a mad being, this needs to stop.’

‘I shall never give you the satisfaction which had been taken away from me. I shall destroy you if I have to, heed my words and return to the place of blunder from which you came.’

And in his crystal home, he returned out of a crystal almost triangular elongated portal he had made from himself, in which he stepped and went out. No longer contained by his own wretch, he passed into the world and never came

back. Those tents of his followed as they would appear to be benignly drawn inwardly to no end. He would suffer the confession of dread and the clarity of having strayed for too long at faults. He would be shattered, he swore.

‘For this insult, I swear, in the name of those who had enabled me, I shall bring you forth to ice.’

Less than a dozen times, the changes failed, as the room had been shaken too much for their own good. More so, they were often incompatible with one another, over the fact that they would see each other on their various ways out. It hadn’t been the intended process, judged by notes saved from the inception, but alas, one could not fathom what else went through them, as if giving them a pass would go ahead.

A pair of bottle mouths spread from inside his shattered mouth-breathing verticals they had abandoned as soon as they could clasp for any kind of lever to hold on. The mercenaries had been affected by the hazardous material which had atrophied their brains so thoroughly that they had been dumped down to mere mules for milk factors to be extracted from. In their strange, yet ever-growing, still humane-look, they managed to expand their lost vestigial tails as a retort, of slight shift of their combining arms and legs, which had been their only action taken now. Somehow they would flap around and give pause to the most congruous feelers which had come onto them as an effect of the petioles which entered their bodies.

‘Observe.’

Heidmark, the head scientist was the only one who could fathom the change, for as few as a few minutes in which they took from them to change. This would result in a lot of factors being given to them, for the harvest would soon be enacted upon them. A second pair of janitors was present there, amongst the soldiers and the extra amount of staff that looked for a way to insert them in case it would become violent.

‘I can see now, you don’t trust me.’

‘It’s nothing personal, but you don’t inspire me even the least of honesty. You’ve done some horrendous things which left a lot of blood on your hands. I’m afraid that from this point on there won’t be anyway for any one of to possibly trust you. Not after what you’ve done to him.’

An electrical razor opened the mercenary, this Stet, was rolled over, enough that he bumped against one of the walls, pushing through a few inches through it. The mere force of merely being turned around had been greeted. It had been vaguely distant now, the sound it his prolapsed ear drums, which had such an inward growth that they almost gave an appearance of it having a pair of giant eyes instead. Nimble sounds were being produced by it. Which was a bad sign in itself?

‘He had retained a vocal cord, I think he’s still retained a part of its intelligence.’

‘Carry on with the procedure, we have wasted one specimen already, we cannot spare another one again.’

This was no mutation per say, but a mere form of interdimensional change. They connected one of the specimens with a few satellite-anchors, through which they could communicate the creature's body inside the man. While the change happened, a piece of it would be brought into their world, with not it, but a piece of the land underneath it. For that everyone had been required to bear a suit of their own. It would not be excusable if they got contaminated even further.

It was a classified secret which had to be kept under a supreme guard for as long as they could do it. If word got out.

'If word actually got even close to getting out, we would be terminated, instantly, without questions asked. As in we would no longer be here.'

'Another dud, sir.'

They opened him, only to see that a few parasitical cliche's inhabited what should've been a few stores of fat for them to draw from. But they had been beaten to them again.

'Drag them to the furnace and start again. We shall find a means to beat them yet.'

Twenty eight hours wasn't enough for the moving of the satellites. Firstly, they would have to find one of the livid things separated from the pack. It was the key of getting them in. Whilst in the pack, they would gather around one another, drawing as much comfort from their own kind as they could. Inside their own spacious bodies, there appeared to be storages, not only of fat, which was the second danger, not the parasites but the being called as Nylorak.

Not a being, but a pair, two of them had been trapped in another chambers a thousand miles away, which had to be locked, restrained and left to sink into the ground. This apparition of a ghastly man, the ghoulish thing named Nylorak appeared in one of the big mules one day.

It had shocked not only the scientists but everyone else, because they would not ever dare pay a second look to it. The danger in itself was the fact that he knew them. He looked so familiar to everyone, like some acquaintance which found itself lost in another dimension.

'It could be one of the first men who had tried establishing contact within that side.'

'How did he survive then? And why do we keep finding him here?'

They looked at the result of the second appliance of the hazardous liquid. As he stepped in, as casually strolling like a thin creature, he exhausted the fat pockets and needed more. Anything would do, and for that reason the brought the soldier who pinned him down. In the midst of irradiated bullets and spikes of energy imbued with portions of fire, he had fallen to the ground, jerking, taller this time.

‘Measure him again, I need to check something, quickly now.’

Heidmark took too many cuts from over to the top now. He could never get it right, but he noted the fact that every time it came here, he grew taller, wider, fatter than, even as thin as he was, he seemed bulkier than usual. Dragged and burned, like the usual manner in which he would be used again. On his neck there was the mark, about twenty inches after that.

‘Now I understand, it’s trying to become one of them.’

‘Don’t you mean, him, sir?’

‘I don’t mean that. There’s something else here. I may not have been entirely honest with the rest of the scientists. But the liquid we’re pouring into him isn’t the cause. That’s a mere painkiller to ease the change.’

‘If it’s not the liquid, sir, then how is it happening?’

‘It’s the room itself. The radiations are enough to weaken the barriers between us. And the weakest of beings, the ones they’re most similar to get exchanged. That’s why it’s always the mercenary who cannot even fathom living on his own because all the painkillers and meds we shoved in him.’

‘But doesn’t that affect everyone else in that room?’

‘Of course not, now what would you take me as? I’m not a butcher, nor a murderer, not scum, I’m the head scientist of this order. I would never dare lie to anyone.’

It didn’t matter now. He had done enough damage. Too many things didn’t add up now. Well, the Nytorak was simply a man, one of them, who went to the reverse of the change, and had entered their world instead. Time after time, he would find himself there, abandoned, in whatever form they could push him in. And he would be confused and abandoned, feeling wretched and unable to push through the amount of unsanitary touches the others mules gave him.

Most of the would be seen as part of their packs, even cuddled by the prolonged exposure.

It’s the soda-bottles we gave them. Those left the marks on their mouths; those are responsible for those features and their likes. As one of the easier ways of carrying the drug dosage had been easily ingested. The second part of the transmissions came. Often time, when the barrier jerked like that, the nights turned once out, a second in.

And from the top of their gigantic heads, wide openings formed, from which the peril of a small cotton-like green petulance spread, with a few of their mildly wretched plants being forced inside.

‘Contain it, I said. Let me be clear, we cannot even remotely hope for it to make a mess there. If we cannot even keep the area clean, the experiment will fail. Do we have an understanding?’

‘We have, but there’s something in there.’

Another problem, after another, from it came a dwarfed moving pastel, almost made out of dust, but it had hardened and softened itself far beyond any kind of reach. It was unappealing at least, to the point of touching it would turn a suit into a deep grey, a lay which pushed through his head.

A staff member already lost his head upon the interaction between them. Neither he nor they had actually cared for the exchange of looks as they all fled the scene.

‘Destroy it and let’s proceed again.’

Through the intercom came the voice, he would be spoken to as if he mattered at all. They had no interest in him. At best he would be seen as some kind of filth of malnutrition, a nasty experimental madman who put the livelihood of his success above the others.

‘I will do as I please now, we shall bring the fires onto it, and otherwise, we risk a chance of it spreading.’

‘Very well, I had no plans of preserving any of that. Not the staff member either, he may.’

He disappeared, Ryan Obolov, he simply vanished with a piece of the scum-shrubbery which grew in its head. It was a displeasing factor which made him almost want to breathe through another pair of lungs. He had been pained by the lost, as long as they were there anyway.

‘You’re a terrible person, you know that?’

‘In science, things like that are irrelevant.’

Though his eyes betrayed a sick demeanor, this sociopathic creature had enjoyed sacrificing humans. And he knew, as the others noted that Heidmark knew he was evil. He enjoyed showing a few teeth out of him, so they could feel warned. They could be there, if he wanted to.

He made sure to make them feel like it, to suffer no less of a compulsion to them. This dreadful being, the shattering of something close of them having a chance to retire safely and most importantly, to live through this.

‘I’ll make my leave then.’

‘You shall now, I’ll make sure to fill your lungs with them and keep you in the worst possible state. Seriously, you think those mercenaries have it the worst?’

No, you will.'

He hadn't been stopped, he took her and brought her to one of the antechambers, the place in which nothing could be spared and where she would meet her end. There, she was prepared, simply being bather, her clothes being lowered inside the fluid, where he had placed a strange request.

'I have always wanted to test this. Let her be pleased by the fact that I have decided it's time for us to set on a journey from which we may not be able to return.'

By that, he hadn't, of course, he hadn't planned on actually joining the room, had he? Even the soldiers were somewhat surprised, at his own orders, of the magnitude of guts this man produced. He hadn't even been lowered yet, and he already proved himself to be mad.

'Insert the liquids only in her respiratory system, two insertions, no bottles, no painkillers, something to slow them down, but not entirely, we wouldn't want her to suffocate after all.'

It wasn't her. She hadn't even a clue about what she might've told them then. But within her glance, she couldn't even take a stance against him. This man was too dangerous for her to take alone. And her shouts weren't heard past the sealed gates, behind those foolish grates.

The present set of chargers were high enough about the room they were about to be set in that they might as well collapse the entire facility upon itself. Fussing about every corner, they had been set to go in a few hours in case something turned out wrong and they might end up regretting it.

'Is she all set to come?'

'Gags are set in place, she won't struggle. We can witness her change in a few moments, right as you give the order.'

'Set her in, I want to watch this closer.'

'You're not wearing your protection suit.'

'I'm not intending to.'

It was past this point that they stopped caring altogether. They accepted the fact that there wasn't any protection there, unlike all the times they had been reassured, and this one had gone off past the point where they wondered whether or not it was possible to go back. It was tainted, by the way in which they started paying attention to themselves. Even through the visors, it was much easier to see that their bodies had been altered. Going by one another's backs, they hummed.

He wasn't too disturbed by it. If they wanted to go ahead and mess with themselves, so be it. Hall only want to see them grow, spanning through her, like two emerging twins which forced her body to release a good portion of her as she would be stricken out there. And he couldn't help himself either, looking how he was started to be filled, emerging from the other side, not closer to them, but in the pile where all the corpses went.

'Of course, there was another place after all. How could I have been so blind? I can't even shake off this feeling crossing me.'

But with each redundancy which went past him, he started looking at the green cotton pestilence which made its way towards him.

'I am of those who had disappeared.'

A grin emerged inside of him, not over the mouth but lower. Something had been seriously strangled below, if it felt so much pain that he would go on a rampage and strike the walls as much as thoroughly as it had.

'Too bad I shall not get to see you yet. But I have a feeling that I will not die before it's done with me.'

She was there with him, even though she hadn't survived the travel unlike him, the change had made sure that they were all connected, regardless if they were alive and well. Or the dead, who seemed to be spared the look of him being used, it could be over soon now, in a few spares. He felt them sagging as they would cross against the ceiling. It was agonizingly painful, to be forced to look upon those flamboyant things which wretched themselves above in a pitiful doubt.

'So that's where all the mass had gone. Imagine how many factors one could extract from there, I could only be delighted to find out that everything I've done ended up amounting to something.'

But it was uncertain whether or not they'd care. For everyone was lost in that base. They were the chauffeurs who drove it all into the ground, the soldiers who found out they couldn't run away, had been immediately been shot down at the announcement of their.

'Desertion, pin them down.'

Yet with every body which fell, from their many holes, it couldn't even be told in any separate form whether or not those were men or those thin creatures thrown to furnace.

'The fire expired.'

Another problem only made it so much worse. It was by their deletion of words that it couldn't even be thought off, the way in which they dealt with a way through which they might kill anything. After the threat had been disabled, they had established something.

‘Start all of them. I repeat, start all the rooms, let this entire complex be completely irradiates. Since there’s no way out, I’d rather see what this fuss is about. What do we have to lose if we make it to the other side?’

‘Our lives for starters, the risk that we may bring them to this world.’

‘So be it then, I would rather not have died for nothing.’

But it hadn’t gone as expected. They were directed over their heads to the fact that the explosives were gone and they had never even bothered to open their helmets at all.

‘Should we, would we dare?’

‘I have to admit that I would never have expected something like this to happen. If it’s possible, I may.’

Open the hatch, only to come to the realization that they had never been human at all. Their stations were made only for the sole purpose of bringing humans there, nothing more.

‘But this can’t be, I was a man before, I have my memories, it can’t happen this way, I, I.’

They had chosen silence instead. Over the fact that they had created the gravest of mistakes, for what they’ve done resulted in a fate utmost madly benign.

‘Screens, now, look at them. You need to look at the screens.’

‘ what have we been thrown at now?’

The various cameras could only record the giant body which had worn them.

‘We’re inside of him, I believe we’re residing in his guts, merely inviting in a way of sustenance so he may live untouched.’

A giant thing, long whiffs of arms stood by his side and mechanical structures lay inside of his chest and in his heart and most of it had been numbed.

‘What are we? I can barely even fathom being anything else but a scientist, or a man.’

No one could answer, nor could they look past this sudden realization. They were human, they had started the process of irradiation. And they were there by no chance. Inside an unscrupulous amount of immaterial uncertainty, they had started fading away.

Being useful no longer activated a protocol which shoved sharp metal poles through their heads, immediately crushing them from inside out. But they would be weak them and start to grow. As the mules would be summon in

rows, this giant could finally eat as his entire body was filled against, from the top to his one tail on which he pushed on again.

He would later refill his insides with the last pesticides needed to kill the parasites in store, but he would not join the others anymore.

There was that one moment which defied the likes, of a universe which refused to die. Too many things lay against it. And without the touch of hope, not amount of ever-fighting could save it from the likes. As seas would start flooding the very margins of the floating dark, drawing near to the stars, turning them in their own effigies of symbols as that of a fallen system from which nothing could be done.

One Suppressor, number sixty-one, appeared to have gone through the same procedure, only to realize that there wasn't any stopping there.

'I cannot remove this plethora of the malign. I cannot even hope that I might make it go awry from within. There can be no stop to it.'

He spoke, seeing how they would all drown from the emergences of something they wouldn't touch. It was a must they haven't even a lack of interest any longer to preserve. And as it happened, this being of unity, started fading from existence, largely defeated by a depression which hit unlike any other. They've done this to me.

'I cannot be freed by any other means. They'll always com here to mock us yet.'

on time they appeared again. Their crude cackle only peered inside of him with a most turbulent essence.

'We've outdone you, haven't we?

You are defeated from the likes that might never come to see again. We'll trash you yet.'

'Don't lash at me, you infantile breeds, or I shall find a way to..to..'

His voice had gone and slowly, the wings that once appeared to beat strongly and valiantly stopped. One eye gave in and would be closed. It was his soul which vanished there, unable to holster it, crushed beneath the hopeless rim, the defeat had now sunk.

'We have won a universe for ourselves. What shall we do with it?'

They wondered as the Agamemnonpi started swimming in their own pox-filled sea, the complete accusatory glance haunting each and every single one of the as they would wonder less, not to confess that they showed signs of drawing back. It hadn't been as quaint, looking at a planet which would be brought to a small pulp of what it used to be. For theirs alone was a curse, indescribable from what it be.

With all the time left in that world, until everything would be filled with the flood, they could finally enjoy themselves, wondering at that.

‘Who came with this magnificent idea to start with, for it wasn’t I.’

‘Nor I.’

‘It was not me.’

‘Neither, could it be that.’

All mightily aware of the groups of voice which sank in despair, spread across eons of their choosing, skulking for a link obtuse, had brought them to an end. It was a likely set profanity which made their bodies float there. From their puddles emerged their ever-freezing guttural segments held together by the ice.

‘I feel like I could stay here forever until I will be met by the death of every star.’

‘But we will be frozen here, eventually trapped. Is that what we want now?’

‘That can never be decided, any longer. We can never reach a general consensus. Perhaps it’s better for us to wait here until our thoughts fade, until we will be found again. The others should deal with the Suppressors in their own way, but I shall convey no other turn any longer.’

And their panic could only serve to make them much weaker and less interested into heir own clarity.

‘At my mark, I shall go ahead and bring you back to life.’

The voice of a man called in the most obscure manner. He couldn’t even bother to father his own children, yet for loss of better days, he walked on peg-legs strapped to his neck, near one of the many apartments from the complex came, the need to go back again, to the pastures which lay outside the window. Despite the fact that he had been at the eighty fifth floors, he found himself discouraged, let alone encourage returning there.

‘But who are you strange, and why are you in my room?’

‘I have access to every room in the bloc, don’t you realize that? I can go and I can do whatever I please.’

Malt had the same. He almost got plainly set in the same clothes. A bit sad, he looked, too sad to be counted off. Always staring in an odd direction, still unable to figure out when too much was too much.

‘Can I. Would you mind it if I joined you? I haven’t seen you before here, and now all of the sudden you present yourself in a room without a number on its door and that thing outside.’

‘It will only wait for me, you know? It doesn’t like strangers.’

‘Even if that stranger might have something to share with it?’

‘Stranger, please, I don’t know who you are, and there’s something about you which startles me. It’s not the sad expression, you make me fear you. An awful person, that’s what you are. And I want to get away from you.’

‘May I not even be allowed to look at the window as you leave? How about accompanying you on your way out?’

‘I don’t know if I can trust you yet. And even if I had, I already told you.’

‘All right, I get it, I get it.’

His frown couldn’t even be that subtle. He paid no attention to the man’s needed, even to the point of being too intrusive on him.

There was the land of storms by the name of Illflirnh, somewhere on the vestige of the sea, back in the port, lost to the cord, where the ships had sailed and left their anchors at the cage, from within the range of whom, the lightning stroke a hue of gloom. Eighty bands of metal formed its grates, and from each of its flat surfaces there were a few inverted blades which pointed at the ones inside. This was the punishment of the tide, where the waves and the coming of the great storm would arise, they would be thrown and impaled, lost again to something worse than their complete defiance. Beneath the rim of the waves, under those blocks of diamond-squared sea-cradles, there lay hundreds of similar traps which had all been dragged down and left behind.

For this sea was thirsty for their kind and it would swallow anyone who would be left behind, as within reason they had been abandoned there, unable to distinguish the mild stasis and hypnosis of the gurgling struggle. Some of the first deaths had come from drowning, others from the current, or the strikes of power coming from the sky. As the color of the sea remained untainted, a yellow, red, diseased together, changed each time a lighting strike followed its last attainable reach towards the nearest dock. Another one lay destroyed out of the fiendish flying ship which distracted them from talk. Looker but no plumbers, would be driven to look away, unable to decide what would have to happen if one drew in too far away.

By the time their pure agony and distaste for livid faded, they had been met by the other ship, inside of which hid the writhing specter that did come. From his surroundings, he could only come bedraggled by the fact that he could no fathom being alive there. He had encompassed the entire outside layer of wood and grew like barnacles and sea prudes, unmerged now from what kept him behind. Greeted by them, he had revealed the only thing that they had an interest in. The key of the sea, lain in the mouth of a horned leviathan which wriggled between his fingers. This apparition dwindled as it could only writhe in greed, for he revealed that inside his ship there was the trove in which he hid the entire out cove of jewels and of gold. His eyes were putrefied with the likes of it, the more he had the more would he be pleased. And his sudden interest in them came over one golden ring which had escaped him.

One of the trapped souls, who had been as shallow, a heart of evil which would cower, that he recognized in himself. Not only would he be drawn to it, but he would not give in until he could take what was his. By his own word and dance, he would draw to it as far as he might. It would be his regardless of what had to be fair, of what waited of him and the hindrance of the dark lair, to which he pushed the ship a few feet away and let it be. As they watched thoroughly, wonderingly at what he did next, he pushed one finger on his lips and shushed before entering the sea like a great orangutan of salty water, revealing his lower body strength which broke through it as if it had mattered less what it had been.

To him, a scene like that would be cordial in the greater rims of the unearthly troves which dwelled in the deepest fathoms where nothing would be earned. He could steal but his nail-like sacking plunders would be met by devouring yonder from the father fathoms, he could reach for. In that bloody sea he only drank more, until he would be met by the mosquito-fish again. They reeked of putrescence and were in need for a new entertaining way of drinking. As soon as they tried, they had been denied by an utmost disgusting thing that reeked of the worse hindrance, of the lack of sin.

Which entered their veins and started blowing their small pockets until they couldn't help it but allow him entry. For their kingdom was inhabited by the queen-growth, a piece of which had completely overcome the leviathan and had made a husk for itself to stand in and wait. He felt so tiny compared to her, especially since most of those cages had been given to her as a gift of the malign. Though she hadn't been alone. It wasn't likely that it was her, though another fiend had materialized from the distant unquiet. And a great piece of her head had been taken away, looking partially melted as if by a giant flame, of which a guttural noise had only come close to destroy everything which grew, leaving him there, connected, with a jerking fat body. Attached to him, there lay a few breathing devices which had grown so wide and long that they looked like windpipes, giant being a mere thing compared to the sheer size.

And this bulbous shrimp-like blotter, guttural in the way it fluttered eight small tails which trailed in its back, opened a few eyes which closed each they were met by him. He started most electrifyingly, touching a bladed cage from time to time to reveal that he was there for it alone. And from the body of that mosquito fish, the quagmire inside its belly straddles over a city which had been submerged, a piece of the dock having destroyed a great piece of it during the fall, when no one was counting on it, to survive the thralldom it had come to prove. For this being saved and stored each of the people inside, allowing them to reside inside of her for as long as it would take them to work. And castles and other-men would be made. Out of its producing sap, inside its bubbling mass, which had been the queen's sack, strapped from inside her spreading abdomen, only a few had been given the chance to witness the production of the drones. Half-fish, mosquito-like and the comer's physical appearances had inflicted themselves upon the people.

Their long bodies started producing large inflammations of fins in the back which sprouted full bodies from within them. Not only had it been a matter of never-ending self-change, in which every time they would abandon a skin before them, their physical appearance and minds would alter. Higher heads, held higher by the fact that most kept

their human bodies intact only until the point of the belly. From beneath them they receded into bigger blotches, which had grown the rest of those appendages, pushing onward as if to seethe. Pain had been felt as soon as they would begin muttering was again. Despite not being able to walk, from the fact that their lower bodies had become to fat from the constant devouring of their older skins and the sap, they stopped thinking as humans and more like the one above.

Its one saving factor had been its ability to mould its body into a protecting shell, which tried grinding itself again. No more excuses could lie. Too many times already, they had jerked against each other's bodies in various attempts to copulate. Unknown and almost impossible to determine, not a single one of them could tell whether or not they were fertile, or if their strange appendages could work. But in the likes of the fright seen about the tiny master at the head of a broken husk, he peered into the specter's dead eyes with wonder. Some of the giant limbs could be barely moved but not enough force had lain into them to even reach the secret's body through the massive rows of water.

What was much worse had been the fact that it had converged the muscle mass into more sap, being afraid that it could be the next one getting through, the mad hue of wonder taking a piece of it as soon as it would be found.

Maddeningly away, out there, from the depths, the chains began pulling the cages below. All of them would be wrought, except for one. Nearest to the ship, ignoring the sounds of the weeping and the whistling cries which might be heard, they stopped before they would be thrown by the pressure against the margins and the edges. They could feel the reflection of a far more malignant and dark trickster being residing in the reflections.

He would show himself as the most disrobing of the fiends, flask, mystically endowed with eighteen eyes and a few mouths that floated and circles around him. His arms were placed inside the legs, both of them overlapping and appearing for as long as he could gaze. From beneath him a cloud would spread about and from inside of it their chopped heads would laugh at them. No one dare mutter what went through all of their minds. But no one would dare either to take as much as a glimmer of a slip. If they did, they knew what would happen. Blood could not mix with water.

For their blood was gray and appeared to give birth to the repulsive Flight-lords, who resided above them, always growing their huge bodies behind them, near and near extensions which would provide enough meat to eat them and grow back with.

From within two magnificent doming shields which appeared to be the things forcing them to flight, they were constantly progressing into their long, stronger, slides into the atmosphere plunge. And each time they've done so, they would bring another storm, greater than the other, as they would keep slicing and protruding and their bobbling raving bodies would keep pumping through the top of clouds. From their hive-like sutures, they would punch while rummaging so sparkles of static would fall over them. In return they would also draw some of the water, eliminating some kind of encumbering field of invisible strings which cut through mere skin. It was safer for them to live in the cages than to be out there.

As those beings weren't human, nor would they like to be in content with them. Even if they were peaceful, they would be eaten again and regurgitated in the most postulated of forms.

The specter waited for it to realize, blowing a haze of water-fumes, which only presented his lack of interest that gathered about his stress less inquire. No more than a few strikes could have him there. He was filled with a sense of despair by the fact that this lump, this pinkish clasp, crested with the likes of lesser crude eye-formation in the back refused to give him what he wanted. His desperation to have his trove filled remained. And he saw the fact that inside his own stomach there was one golden chain, which had ruffled his most atrocious desires. It could not be helped by any means. His degenerating veil couldn't be helped for as much as he had wasted enough time there.

One bolder man from the top of the cage, who had it in his power to move through the stripes leaped about, abandoning the others. He could make it to the ship and sail away. It was worth the going, with the hopes that he wouldn't be seen by them as they constantly scouted for survivors. Long-heads had been largely obscure by the pinned pricks inside of their armless beds. They nested them amongst the clouds and stood in them during the most peculiar of times, their rest could not be complete until everyone had killed at least someone from the lower lands.

It was by the end of another era that they assimilated and mixed with the other head-hunting terrors of lightless decrepit cuts, from which most of their kind had been given life.

Closer to the largest pieces of lands, which was where most of the living had been forced into hiding, the houses had been clustered together for obvious reasons. They had made accolades, which straddles within one another's reaches for the kind of misery they would have to endure.

Before he even reached the side, he witnessed a flaw in it, which deeply disturbed him. This was no ship, but a giant chest he had carried, strapped on a high ledge which kept it from sinking in the abyss. He had only carried it so far, merely playing with them, giving them a false hope, making it seem like they could stand a chance to get away. But in his mind he only found himself resting, unable to even fathom the fact that there were others who had followed him, which had been met by the same image of loss. And they did lose a piece of themselves there, as they all refusals to return, their assumed reasonability towards one another forced them to go on and climb. Each step lead them to the very point, of every edge, the wrathful point where they would be seen by the flying torments who had it in for them.

And as soon as the scouts simply lowered themselves a few inches down the line, they threw the living bolts, like sinking harpoons, clawed, marching through their homes as the grip drop was to be attained. What they had scourged in their frail malignity was some desperate attempt at each other's throats. They shot at each other, with their impossible rays, tormenting their bodies as they began melting into space. Being so close to the outside forces strapped on the mighty essence which bred inside of them an insignificant malignity which threw forth the growing heads. It was there, finally, that their battle ended, as two great flying-lords observed what they had done. As soon as one of their winged cutter threw and beheaded a few of the men who had attempted to their needs.

They started appearing out of nowhere, not as skulled terrors but as mere masks on some swarms which looked like grass-strands flowing through the midst of bushes, pushing through the nostrils and the sockets as the charmed inside. And they would chase one another and push towards the flying-lords as their attempts to thwart one another could only get as far as they could be allowed to. From their giant inflated bodies they started pushing out their breathing disorders, magnificent gases which spread in lungs. Sooner one could be afflicted and find himself completely submerged. It couldn't be helped either. Wretchedness spoke for itself as they started throwing themselves at one another in their flights and for the lack of sparring.

It was unneeded, the fact that they could not be dragged beyond the margins and the edges, they leaped towards the edges of the cage and started slowly making through before they could even get to it. Despite the various cajoling methods they found themselves throwing at each other, without their outer vestiges, only to return to the taking and the slobbery of the humans inside. They had been eaten, disallowed to continue and forced to feel the fathomless approach of the growing sides of the other dimensions forced inside that of their own.

A cause couldn't be called. The specter suddenly came only, only to be met by the supreme act of theft. The flying lords, the growing heads, the faces, and the offspring of the sea-mosquitoes, the voiceless wonders and the other paranoid creations had all joined one another with the sole interest of getting what was his. He would be defied no longer, forced to spare the likes of revolting needles which flew, the bitter hurls of gold taken from his trove.

Left undefended, he could not even dare challenge to many of them, as they had been forced their undisputed alacrity upon him. Mockeries had been shown, treachery is known, but he descended and he ascended past the point of no return. Within his grasp, his own mutterings would stop, as he came to admit that this fate wasn't his. He had desired to have nothing more into this world, as of his own worth, his spoil was gone. Between his eyes, there pushed both palm of his hands, one which shot straight and the other one which cut right through it and directly into his head. Afterwards, his lack of clusters had lead to the supreme disaster after which he had been caught in the thin arms of that deprave sea-drinker below the farthest edges of what he sought. And in the embrace, they both drew in and lost themselves with all of the remaining cages, drinking in the disillusion that the storms would come again.

So much blood had been spilled and mixed at the rims of the cradles that they began forming again. In the birth, during the invasion, the seclusion resulted in the rise of the last demise, the bitter cries they would give, could not even remotely take in. As the bed of the sea opened at last, from around the basin came the dreadful servant of the necromancer, bulking in his arms, the serpents of the sea, the lord of leviathans, the bodies of the sea nocromon, the fiendish looker with starkly swollen heads which twisted around the moon constantly and revealed only a two-dimensional eye. And they sand together as he rose up, like a mighty box of strapping bones which showed nothing else but the sake of woe.

It cried as he saw, the clouds torn apart, made yellow and green with small empty shining lights of black, which could only have been some flying egg sacks from which other terrors might emerge. Undeniably called into question

was the wretched desire, to wear the attire of fools and of the petty, for which he himself has worn. To which he wondered.

‘But where is the Necromancer and why must I worn?’

He had been weak, but couldn’t pay enough tribute to return where he had been. The things he had seen were unknown to him as anything but a few inflictions of some passing insects that found themselves looking near the patches of the land. Slowly, they were eating pieces of him despite not being supposed to, spreading some filthy and undesirable uncanny essences of scum which began inserting themselves inside the ground. As a few of the dirt strolls began twisting and yearning for any kind of approach or touch, that’s when they began the search for the Necromancer.

Once the freeloaders and thieves had taken away, the remaining band of unsanitary-looking creatures had come to look onward to the peculiar servant of the necromancer, longing to a sight of his master and a wonder, whether or not he’d be able to conjure up any kind of power to start reviving their kin in masses. And it could not have come any sooner that they would be met again, by images of fiends caught in their dens. They appeared in the air, almost in the same manner as the growing heads. And from the insight which had been held, one could only focus of the one giant den which fell in the water.

From it, only the most inconspicuous of tyrants could be.

It was undecided, whether it had been him, the creature who had claim to have come into contact with some obscure mechanical heathen who had shown him the secrets of living through the machines. And within his gear, in the den, they had recognized the right appliance which would allow him to breathe through water and not only so, but to slay as restlessly as he could. For if it turned out for him to be immortal after all, he couldn’t be anything but a disease, a way of slaying, of murder and of self satisfaction. No longer would they earn for the end, and they would calmly wait for themselves to be brought again.

‘A much better journey awaits us brothers, do not pay any attention to him. We’ll do each other well.’

To be ignored again, as the image of their sudden catatonic state faded, as soon as the disciple pointed a bony hand towards the general direction and said.

‘Follow the insects so you might find him. I cannot say what might lay for your future if it turns out that he wishes neither of you to disturb his presence. But know that I have only the utmost solemn wishes that you may live through it somehow.

Do not mind me now and go, I shall rest here until you return.’

From which he pointed at the dark with his restless fingers drawing back. He would eventually be worn down by all of them, who gave not a single pause, nor a cause for him to stay. In his bed of wonder he would lay and return only when it was necessary for him to gaze again.

As they descended, the face which had been silence, but had been known, the few flying-lords, the one fully grown head and a few mosquitoes which followed the scent of dread, they would come uncouth and follow through, unheeded.

Their dreadful search had carried on, with little chance at all for either of them to return to their deceptions. I could see them from my binoculars, being one of the few survivors who documented not only the flight but the quickest way to reaching them. In time, he would look at their spread of land and how much destruction lay ahead of them despite his demeanor, he could only look forth. It was evident by their own actions that they ought to amass the piety needed for them to be brought back.

As soon as the land had been barely scoured, they started peering through the green deposits and the mildly connected ruined castles and villages which had fallen prey. The clouds obviously obscured most of the dreadful appearance in which they started sinking in the ground. From the farthest reaches, once aware of the amount of pucker they were bringing down, I couldn't even rest assured that they were on their way any longer, and I couldn't bother to be present there.

That hardened blood, which hardened only at the touch of the atmospheric pressure, seemed to seep into the nearest choking points it could. Like grim tooth it came from the skin, spinning wind tunnels around it while drawing in as many of the lost people as it could. They were strangled and exposed to a kind of air which had been rather unforgiving. Despite their attempts to escape and to fall, even towards their own plunge of death into the sea, they had not even been given that. Instead it was obvious that they had been forced to manifest in the sky, inside their bodies, the entities which inhabited the distant plains appeared in their placed.

Like homing carcasses, enormously placed in rock formations, trapped and shoved to the wickedest of sides, from the shell of which came one single entry, from which they threw their spite into the world. It may not have been as easily seen, like a clod of an end of a fallen oak, but it could be felt. As these almost spiked to their fully encroaching hatred, whatever creature may have had any kind of human appearance changed to the most destitute, the vile, the red skin which appeared as nothing else but a trifle dark and spiked by the spite. Enraged by the unexplainable, hair grew on their mantles and on the objects around their homes, ending their pets and forcing them to open up.

For the smaller animals bore the single most important thing, their bodies could bear their metallic essence and bear anything they might've thrown at them. From their spines and little canine things, a diabolical looking mutated formation came. Rhombus only in part, for the back of it had still been infested by that wolfish heart which still tried biting and scratching and fighting for its desperate bark. From the back there also came a few coils which extended

from its mouth, breaking through the jaw like overwrought serpentine tails of iron, searching desperately for water. But none was to be found and they defaulted to using their owners instead.

That relation bred out of desperation had given him only a momentary kind of satisfaction which was fading. They could only drink so much from them until the desire wrought only the most damnable thing which came. A deathless gaze which put the beast into command, but it wasn't that hound. It was that rage-induced commoner who fell prey to his own curl, standing now to be used until he would die of the exposure to his own turn.

Arkil, one of the other commoners who stumbled upon his friend's home could not help himself, even though he had been as afflicted as him. He brought a few bottles and broke through the window, bearing only his lighter now as he approached. The fire spread through the hair, but the hound had been unaffected. As a matter of fact, neither of them was touched by the fire as the layers present in their skin prevented it from spreading through them. Inside their arms now came to be a, tinier bascules which popped and took of them off.

Its long tongue started spreading, unattended, and with such a sucking motion that neither of them could stand against it. As the house started burning off, despite the weather and the storm, the rain and the winds adjourned, it kept spreading and crushing the last things which kept the house standing. Before another word, the house collapsed underneath them, leaving naught to be found. Only they knew what was down below the attic, where all the gravel and the roof now rested under the very last shout of the hound.

But alas, this had only been one of the first signs of destruction brought up the world. As the wind changed, to reflect the fact that the leaves had shown only the last yellow signs which faded? It was impossible to look away any longer, from the strongest and the least desirable creatures which came through the lairs of smoke and dust, hiding away as they were called to spy.

'Where is the mighty necromancer? We were given a chance that we would get to see him. And where would he be now? Where is he hiding?'

It was only an indecent question which couldn't have been improperly placed. No one even dared question themselves why was it that they tried so hard to push themselves past the line where no one died.

The mark of death had been placed on the ground, placed inside of it was the utmost dreadful of creatures which reigned, a long contender, made out of billions of bodies strapped upon one another, holding together by the various blades inserted in their own backs. This creature appeared to have wrapped itself against the entirety of the world, making sure that no one who might pass would be allowed to die. He appeared to be constantly writing. Every corpse which had been apart of him appeared to have another one on top of it. And the other was the one who had been conjoined, forced to constantly write on and write off the names of those who passed off.

To admit the feeling of wretch would be the only way they could get out. But neither of them could decide whether or not going past them was worth the abiding of filth. To the girth of the least forgotten woes, they would go ahead

and start again, never giving in, never daring to forget that once they were past that line, they would not be allowed to look back.

‘We shall bring the necromancer back, in whichever form he shall be. Do not abandon him I saw, we need to reunite him with the disciple.’

Yet neither of them could realize why that was, what the reason for their desperate attempt to help him lay. As much as they’d spare the constant share, the least definable despair, one could not even dare breed through himself, the fact that he had tricked them all. He had planted his tiny bone-chronic mind-control infections as soon as they had entered his proximity. Ever since that malignant thing, they had been cursed.

As soon as they stepped over the mark, they looked behind, unable to control themselves. It was decided that they would still remain there, even as ghostly things as soon as they despaired. Around them, the realm was foul and every kind of creature lie, in this living grave, or place where death had not a single hen of touching.

They were giants there, floating, with their tiny parasitical looking bodies and giant heads which looked like sacks placed together, many eyed, many long legs which were too thin to hold the entirety of the weight being mostly superficially placed there only to hold the lower beings underneath it. And from around them there were armies of the most ferocious-lee connected mutts, whose bore their epicanthic bodies filled with as much muck. In their backs there lay as much fat obtained from the consumption obtained from their cannibalistic ways that no one would be spared the look.

From their backs erupted large bulbs, almost looking like dandelions, that emitted the signals needed to divert the flying lichens which grew in the realms of dead. They would spread through the entirety of the sky immediately, only to dissipate as soon as they might. No one would be allowed a touch of it, unless they wanted to be completely covered by it and dragged down.

In it lay the sanctity of all of their liver-eyes, which had been placed inside a truncheon coffin, all of them, spared not a single expense for that floating device, marked with the sign of a grave, turned and obscured by the lichens as they brought the dead back to life. And there were also the citizens and the various tribes, the primitives and those who had died during their birth, though all of them had been forced to lay together, in a circle which had been surrounded by the others.

As the most vicious contender would do, this large accosted fiend, who had formed an anarchomatic body of many tapeworm-bands which surrounded its body, only to serve as a distraction from the fact that its legs had started spreading in a wing which wouldn’t work for any kind of flying, but who’d spare not a single desire, to push ahead. It would draw and reveal eight marks of the chest, which had been opened for him to expel everything it had devoured, taken unsightly.

This mighty thing, to which, the head seemed to be constantly bowed, had given in to the oratory of sounds. From his tiny appearance, he looked mostly like a fly, trying its definite to push on ahead and leave the likes of sounding rifles. Strung by the nails, pushed in inwardly again, it had felt only the least of the disturbing delight haunt it for as much as it could draw from the others. The inadequate, orgiastic creature appeared to be bearing the first signs of sound-devices, gauntly submerged it its fat-lumped head.

It brought only the paranoia with it and the voices of obscure propaganda which promoted death against all living in a world of little feeling. As death would not even be likely to be set in place, no member of any race could be called into question now. Some knelt, mostly the humans and the primates which joined them. In less that a definitive thin, they were not humanoid any longer.

Only their strange defilements which lunged while standing still, by the mere fact that their arms and legs extended. Heads lay unprotected. It was lack of deposits which brought their carapaces to a trifle of growing. Various others started pushing on until their bodies resembled some prolonged matches which drew forward until their heads started pushing the blood out through the soles of their hair.

In a sudden realization that these things would circle themselves together, molding themselves into the birth of a greater find, the wrecks of defiance turned. With their unfolded bodies of long-livid tails of panted squared bodies, with their almost bean-like stalks which made their long heads, they opened mouths that shouldn't have been able to extend.

From inside of them, they opened some bifurcated eggs which gave birth to the kind which should've been born with unfathomable defects. These flying orators, whose lumps had caught off within themselves the traps of air which pushed them away now, gave in to slaughter. They would eat one another, be impaled by their own marks and their spindly torns. Sooner than it had come, they began growing together like plants, spreading their roots in the air, and growing up to the point where they had planted themselves in the lichens ahead.

And still no sight of the famed necromancers they were looking for.

The bee who reigns alas, a proper ruler, of no mass. He stood beyond the verdure, unable to look back at what he's done. A man who had been staring at his pocket, looking out the door, unable to confine his rather dull alacrity and bore, within his grasp, he didn't both anymore to look back and started drawing out. His verdure, to this stranger, as a must, came to him, alas. He went out the door and abandoned a stranger, now only set to look back.

'I will fix my daughter.'

Again he said, realising that he had some sort of malignancy in him again. With those new patrons, the evils which inherited his mind, he vanished yet again, away. Unable to find his wager, this stranger, of no better word, he had been met with a distant strangulation, the damnation which brought him back.

Thence it started, uncouth and stranded in his vision, they showed again. The faces of Agamemnon in all of their manifestations filled him with the dread of ages, as he looked upon them with all of their malign vision, only to be driven forth to the utmost glory of despair.

For he had witnessed everything only to fall under their spell, as he would walk the world under their name, as no free man but another servant for as long as he'd be theirs.

Chapter 6

The lost

On a tree there laid a man, looked upon as he wailed in pain, a pitiful display for those that came after, as they peered upon his macabre dance of flies with laughter. What had befallen on the poor man and why was he alone in his morbid den?

Something seemed to have devoured, most of him, at every hour.

He called on them but pushed them back, filled with dread and eyes as black. His mouth was full, the stench was foul, he couldn't even stretch enough to cower. There was nothing left for him in life, as he had become some putrid delight.

Men felt repulsed by the mere sights of what had become of him. Putrid lout!

'Wretched thing, ain't it?

I don't know how much longer I can stand looking at him without growing sick to my guts, but I know, oh, I know there's nothing human to him.

Even if it bears some resemblance to us, that wretch is anything but man. Bear my words, someone's bound to cut it down sooner or later, it's only a matter of time.'

'Then why don't we do it?

There's no one here after nightfall, especially after the midnight hour, we could burn it down and see it wreathe in agony before it dies.'

Neither of their words were heard as they spoke in whispers, but there was a dark grin on both of their faces, as they had considered this plot against the lack of a better sense. And yet, other men who were much bolder shouted and pointed at the disgusting creature which swarmed in its sickening abode. What followed it though was a short burst of silence, after which came an utmost dreadful display.

No man would dare say a word as it stretched beyond reach and regurgitated a swarm of flies in front of the crowd. For how long had he performed that ritual, he could only wonder in his cryptic set of thoughts. As soon as he opened his maw, he revealed that he still harboured tiny grubs inside his fillings, which were kept alive through some unnatural ways.

He could feel them squirming inside of him for every moment that passed, being unnerving at times. And quite a few people showed up this time. It had been a while since he had seen so many people gather in one place, which pleased him in a most primitive manner. But that disassociation from them allowed him to douse off into his distant memories, as he saw it fit.

'Tom, are you even trying to pay attention?

'I am, but I thought I saw something following me and the noise....'

'Tom, there's nothing behind you, let's get there before the store closes.'

'Come on Tom, don't slow us down, it's getting late.'

'We'll still have a few good hours left if only he could stop looking behind his back every few moments.'

The children were getting ready for their sweet little feast.

'Let's head down to St. John's road, we could get through the ramp or the boat, straight to the store!'

'But I'm afraid of the sea, you know that and I could never get near a boat or some handle.'

So they walked on the tattered streets, while other children joined them from around the fleets, staring at the strange child in the back, who walked on his own, alone on some morbid track. He cut around the blocks and spread around the darkest docks until he lost himself from his peers. That's when he was met by all his fears. Something vile and strange had happened, as he felt the smell of rotten, he was too young and unprepared, that's when he had fled as well.

As the rats scurried away, he didn't look nor had he found his way. Those friends were somewhere else, as he had been aware of it, but at the least he thought he could've tried looking for them. It was hazy and the rude awakening of men had come. Some had looked at him, up and down, merely dismissing the child, who had a flock of insects trailing him around.

Those adjacent to him on the street tended to avoid any contact with the boy. He was sick, disturbing and out of reach. He had the mere constitution of some leech.

He had been licking on a lolly he had found of the ground with a fly on it, the sight of which disgusted even the less sophisticated of his kind. Strangeness came to it once he realised that the creature wasn't harmed by his tongue but in fact enjoyed the motions he produced.

In a sick kind of way, he enjoyed being watched by the others. Despite being rejected, the morbidity he felt always crept at the back of his mind.

'Lollipop flyboy, pop-pop fly, he can't even help himself, he can't even try.'

'Sick, sick youngling,' said a woman on the streets as well, pointing at him while staring, unable to stop bearing resentment for that wretch of a child. It's been a harsh awakening over the fact that none bothered to approach the child, ever since he started acting up.

In one of the days, he had been abused enough to throw up what appeared to have been a hive. The flies which had been regurgitated by him had somehow remained alive and now swam in this disgusting pool. How was it that so many of them had appeared in his gut? He couldn't remember having swallowed as many as he had now been brought to knowledge then.

Shockingly, as he himself had noticed, something abhorrent inhabited the pool below him. It looked like an unspeakable kind of meat-malnourished insect which made its way amongst the others.

He had been tempted to go ahead and drag it back inside his mouth, but they were staring. It made him feel far too uncomfortable.

The boy ran away and tried to make his way back home, but even that attempt had been thwarted in some way.

Distastefully the rumours of what he had become reached his mother who had proceeded to disown him before anything came between the two of them.

'Back on the streets boy, you're no longer my son and this house welcomes you no more.'

After the warning and a flicker of the wrist he was thrown across the room and forced to flee from sight. He thought about her throughout the night, as he peered at the bums in the night, slouching with their sickening demeanour.

Even the neighbours chose to shut an eye while closing their doors and windows at the edge of the night, rather than look at the boy and his following flies.

The boy had some hope that someone would take pity after hearing what he had to say.

'I could begin by telling them that I was abandoned by my close-kin.

Name's Ollie, I believe I found myself in quite a jitter, how may I serve the night?'

Now that the only way for him to earn his due remained the cleaning of the chimneys, he would stop at every house on his way.

He had been dragged inside as he was forced to do whatever was needed to keep on going, without speaking a word to those who watched him with their strange fractioned eyes. The places he had visited were the common grounds, from the forgotten floors to the husky doors, where they freely reigned with no restraint. Wherever he went, they followed without straying away at the sight or at the smell he had produced.

On the contrary, they had been pleased by it, as they basked in his scent and came to be.

By now they spent most of their time on his body despite being given the evil eye by passers-by. They saw how the boy wretched himself in puddles of dark gray murk while he was covered in the winged menace which the flies had carried with them.

'Be gone vile one, do not turn your gaze to us with your foulness and your evil flies!'

He could vaguely remember their faces though at the same time, they didn't look as human as he thought they looked then. There was a clear distinction between their likes and normal men, which couldn't be denied.

It was something closer to the moving bits off their mouths which gave it away, the unnatural way through which he looked at them had tainted his very own gaze. Nonetheless, he got as far away from them as he could, oh, the untrustworthy men.

The streets had been dark and the alleys felt unwelcoming to him, that much he remembered.

By the time he managed to avoid those who'd have him stray and what he had left of his cheap tools already broke. Now he was rejected at every doorstep, even before reaching their thresholds, having become dirty and too wicked looking to be trusted. He received no sympathy from others and he could slowly feel his heart decay.

Aren't they in need of someone such as I?

This must've come as a surprise but by now most of them had no need of him any longer, having replaced the need for manual labour with something more fluid. Some strange device which seemed to crawl inside their coal-infused

towers and draw everything in akin to some black gut parasite that did the job more effectively than any man or child may do.

It drove him to a change he wouldn't have expected to happen, being forced to sleep alone in beds of lice and only in the darkest alleys. His skin had become as dirty as one could have it, in the circumstances which had been told.

'Well, it seems like this is where they'd find me if someone would look for a wretched child.'

He muttered as he pleased, despite being cold and with an empty belly.

Though something did appear to be audible in the dead of night, it was a rabid creature growling in the farthest reaches of that tight alley he was in. The moment came where they'd have to face one another!

He stopped making sudden movements and said no word, luckily for him, the mutt hadn't immediately jumped at his throat. Sharing this refuge with him wasn't as pleasing as he cared to admit, but he hadn't a choice in the matter.

Oliver couldn't help it either, as curiosity drew him nearer to the beast. The fragrance it bore reminded him of his mother, as he pondered on it for a moment before realising it must've been in heat.

With the least of choice, he decided to go on ahead and look for it so he may end it before desperation came to be. It would've been perfect and a lot of trouble could've been avoided if he had been slain then and there. But alas, this wasn't the type of mutt he expected it to be, unlike the prime beast that was able to break bone and munch on flesh, this was only a twisted reflection of what it had once been in its youth.

The fact that it was growling was only directed at its own self since there wasn't anything to be done about the condition it was in. Some strange force was devouring it alive from the inside out but even stranger was the fact that he was able to recognise the type of larvae which lay inside the poor creature. The boy almost started drooling at the sight of it in a most benign manner. After the initial observation, he had judged that there wasn't any muscle mass left on its body.

The boy and the mutt looked at one another and realised then that there wasn't any fight left in it. He thought for a moment about the queerness that laid about the creature and what was it that kept it alive, at least before making sure no one would see them. What followed was a set of mad motions in which he started pushing as many of the fat, luscious grubs inside his mouth as he could swallow. Some of them hardened at the side of his mouth while others emanated something akin to a struggling motion.

There wasn't any fear left in the eyes of the mutt any longer, no light in the dark. Before realising why that was, he peered upon his own bloody hands and knew that he had drunk the dog's blood while those parasites were going down his gulley.

As much as he desired to be repulsed or disgusted by this act of gluttonous rage, he saw that more than half of the mutt's belly and what had been inside of it disappeared. The rest of those that flew around him seemed to have accepted the boy by now as some sort of living-hive, going through his various holes only to make sure their children would be taken care of.

He tried struggling against all those thoughts which ran into his head, barely realising what had happened there. Was he the one responsible of those vile acts?

Furthermore, the boy was driven away by a pair of stray cats which threatened to inflict severe pain and even death as they made their way towards him. Darker rats were trying to get away as well, with their fleas, shrieks and dangling tails.

With that and the fact that there was a bloody pool on the ground, he saw that he was covered in blood and guts, which would be an uncommon sight. The first chance he got the boy threw his shirt into the gutter. He was half naked by the time he made his way through the city, as he chose to walk under the shadows to avoid being seen by the night patrols. Brown-coated vulgar men looked out of spite.

It was by the time he came to the outer gates when he changed his mind and decided to return. Wretched woman that she was, on the building on the fourth floor, she hanged clean clothes on a line, waiting for someone able to climb. To him, it felt like a provocation of the highest calibre, a challenge for someone who'd be able to yank them off her chain.

'I need them if I am to be taken seriously!'

Said the boy while he cleaned his mouth and neck with the insides of a pool of water which lay on the street. There was no stopping now, especially since he was already half-way through, grabbing by each window ledge and readying himself for the slightest hint of a drop. Was it the distance which made him notice the bottom floor fading into a pool of sea-worthy blood?

No, that was his mind playing tricks on him, especially at the end. At least, to say that it was easily his best job done so far was an understatement. He was quite proud of himself. He was unaware how he had gotten to the ground safely.

As the years passed, for the longest time, it seemed like this would be it, the life he had been looking for. None would deny him that, to say the least, that's what he thought. For, day after day he labored like a dog, raising himself highly amongst the docks.

He felt as if this was where he belonged, a place where he wouldn't be seen like some stranger, where people didn't see them as he had. But they were there, outside, peering through holes and the cracks in the walls. Was he the only one who had noticed them?

That thought had never occurred to him until the time nigh.

He had nightmares during the nights, especially during storms when he had little control over his actions. One of them in particular had a dark man chasing him around the corner in the building he had slept in. His face had been exposed to a hole from which popped a few empty bulb-like nodes.

They emitted some sort of peculiar glow which seemed to draw in many wicked-looking moths that peered at him in an utmost disgusting manner.

He remembered the fright he had felt as they began chasing him. Oliver had been well aware that there was no escape from the torment he was set in, especially in that lucid nightmare in which he felt weak and helpless.

There was a man with limp and a grown tumor which shared a similar shape with the eye belonging to the common fly. Its form had been repugnantly forced out of the socket.

'No one will find this secret of mine, no one will know I stuff my guts with flies.

Heed me and do my bidding, help me that I may keep this secret at sea and don't you dare come looking for me.'

The boy chanted as if his grim spells had come into effect. By the time he approached manhood, he found himself on one of those ships, doing chores across its deck. It became rewarding in less of a time than he expected it to be since the men on the ship almost took him in like a brother. To be given in return would be fine clothes, a meal and the promise of a pension if he were to grow old.

It went well for the longest time, even more than he had initially planned, up until the day he had caught a big one all by himself.

A dreadful thing that might've dwelled at the bottom of the ocean for all he cared, which called for the immediate help of four other fishermen to pull it on deck. The moment it fell on the wooden floor, the lad saw something which the other men appeared to have missed. While they were busy celebrating the catch, it seemed as if some bumps of skin laid between the scales, many of them being as disturbing as they looked.

As they cleared on and left him to enjoy himself with his catch, he noted that the aquatic creature had been filled with parasites who had taken its body for granted. That fine meat wasn't to be devoured by their likes any longer, he thought.

'That was a good catch there, I'd say I'm bound to have you maim the pole more often if you keep it this way.'

Said the captain as he nodded at him, though something still dreaded his mind, his obsession hanging with the likes of being vile. Neither of them had noticed those things which crawled inside the fish, nor would they care. A sick

realisation came to be once he thought of the people who might've eaten the meat with those crawlers inside of them.

When the night approached, he made his way unseen, towards the deck where that infested thing had been. On that dreadful hour, the sea was silent, there being no fish in sight to make splashes on the ground. They waited for his arrival, as the lesser ones came out of the tiny parasitic bodies which lay inside the fish.

They flew around but made little noise to wake anyone up, having been pulled towards their master, to whom they belonged.

'Leave now before they find us together, they don't have to know of our secret. I cannot face losing another life, not this one for which I worked so hard to attain.'

But his words fell dull as more and more flies came out of the many parasites lodged inside the poor dead sea creature.

The fear-struck lad made his way to one of the boats and took flight. He was aware that they would never see each other again, yet guilt still reeked of this sudden vile act of theft. Even with mercy, the lad wouldn't be able to go through mundane activities without a hand and how else could he fend them off as they happened to fly at him that way?

Regardless of the punishment, what was important to note was the fact that they had a sense of his newly-acquired scent as they came. He observed the fact that some of them flew off into the distance only to bring more of them amidst their ranks. Many of them lay distraught.

Instinct drove him to open his mouth and let the flies nest themselves in, since it was what they wanted after all.

Moments passed and his mouth had become some sort of a repository for them to dwell in and bring their prey in. Those tiny thick-headed floating imps had the nerve to bring some repugnant substance inside his mouth.

A hive was on its way, though their children wouldn't settle down for devouring Oliver's bitter meat, for the horrid matter wasn't that he was drooling, but the fact that they appeared to carry tiny pieces of meat and droplets of tainted water to quench his needs. Once he realised that the torment wouldn't end as quickly as he had thought, he took pleasure as well as guilt in their presence inside.

'Would they hunt me down if people saw me in this condition?'

The freak, the monster, the in-humane thoughts came as he rowed as far away from humanity as he could. His mind was somewhat unaffected by the passing of time, but the facial hair grew with the countless generations of flies which came into being. Some of which appeared to have left him while others made a permanent home inside his gut.

Strangely so, there wasn't even a need for him to release any kind of liquid or unwanted decay any longer.

Repercussions had been known to having living beings inside his body, some of which made their way inside the liver, while other organs might've been compromised as well. Though the farther he went away, the more he wondered when was the last time he had spoken with someone of his past kind. None of them were able to supply for someone who might've spoken to him in this time of despair.

After lying on his back for far too long, he woke up to see that the dreaded boat had almost reached land.

It was a wasteland filled with dunes and small blotches of sand for as far as it went towards the horizon. It would be the first time he had felt the warm sand between his toes, not entirely dissatisfied by it.

The floor was made of cinder slabs of pale orange burning mud-stone, which bore large enough cracks for the flies to get inside of. Oliver would've continued his walk if it weren't for the cry coming from a child which got his attention.

He was sitting in a cage, tied to a metal chain atop of a tall pole which held him adjacent to some waste bushes.

As he approached, the child had been shunned away, frightened by his appearance, with the strange way his jaw had become and by the number of insects which he revealed to be inside of it. None in sight might've been qualified enough to save him, henceforth, he turned in whatever way he could.

He bore resentment for the tiny caged creature, especially since he had planned on helping him as little as he could. Nonetheless, many more children lay abandoned in cages, left to rot under the setting sun. They must deserve what's happening to them now, why else would they be here, to begin with?

As he bowed his head and went away, offering the scuds shade, the others left in order to bring him the so-desired sustenance he now begged and longed for. It was a long way but they were fast enough and somehow managed to bring him the water unsalted.

Something in it swarmed, like tiny parasites which swam inside.

'For far too long I have suffered this fate.'

By now he was unsure if he could speak properly any longer, not to mention that his mouth had been less functional than before. Many teeth had no fillings inside of them, not that it mattered since they were used for their warmth and protection for the larvae that grew in his jaw.

'Why is it that I'm not hurt by shudder or by heat?'

The words left his putrescence as he bobbed his head.

It felt strange that he was aware of the irreversible process which had started taking effect over his body. Starting with his limbs, neck and mouth, every piece which had been an extension of him had become a dragging sight.

Nothing could explain the change which had taken place, while the dreadful in-humane had taken hold of his fetid appearance. Worst of all was the fact that his fingers had been twisted to the point of resembling baskets whilst crossed together. It was important to note that despite their appearance, those hands managed to catch a hive's worth of flies as he shoved them back in. A lot of what was right in his head seemed to have been stricken by a plague of doubt by now.

He couldn't tell much about the visceral structures he encountered after, but neither could he distinguish between the creatures and their masters since they appeared to have worn the same type of clothing.

They wore their etched robes in order to protect themselves from the blisteringly hot sand thrown at them by the wind while tirelessly working in the heat. At a moment's notice, one of the slaves pointed at him as he began shouting.

'Mirage, look at the mirage!'

During the commotion, as he noticed the stone chains wrapped around their ankles he decided to inquire about them. His paranoia had kicked in, making him reluctant to speak to the curls.

'It seems to me that you're one of the servants, aren't you?'

Not only did his voice not fit his body, but it also gave way for some of the flies to flee from his mouth. He had put on a dreadful show for them to observe what happened to those who attempted fleeing. Under the light of the barren sun, he looked like a delirious sand-mongrel caught in the midst of performing some strange ritual.

'Be gone vile one, your presence here is tainted and unwanted, and we may not cower under your dark grimace this day!'

The voice appeared to have come from a fatter man who wore a robe of dirtied skin, with bloody sand-coyote teeth attached to his knees and arm pads. Compared with the rest of them, he didn't look as much as one of the locals as his strangely pale skin gave him the appearance of an overgrown sand figment than that of a desert man.

Nonetheless, he prepared himself to be heard as well as all of his demands, at least until being ruefully interrupted.

'I've come to ask you in an utmost civilised manner for food and water, nothing more.

If it may please you, I may return the favour with some kind of labour at a later time. Though I doubt we'll ever meet again for I am reaching the end of my wits and cunning tricks. '

Without blinking twice, he appeared to be shocked by the fact that he could talk like any other man who had approached him. Even more that he knew the tongue.

'These vile tricks won't work on us for we've done nought to deserve this encounter of ours. You're but an evil wretch in search of trouble!'

Despite his demeanour, there was fright in his eyes, for he was no fighter and neither were the other eight shackled ones. He was not one to judge, especially with the constant humming in his head but they had to come to an agreement sooner or later.

'I've made my claims and I'll settle for no less of an answer.'

The more he repeated his speech pattern, the more he had to stuff his mouth again, which in turn provoked the horrid looks amongst his spectators.

'Very well then, if there's no other way to make you leave, I will return shortly.'

The man gave up far too easily and had already been out of sight.

'Now, why are you so shocked to look upon me?'

'No trouble. We work, we are released when we're done work. No sooner than that.'

Had the time for their release come at hand?

Would that be the reason why they've all taken a break from what they were doing?

'Don't tell me you stopped because of me, my poor and vile heart couldn't take it if it were true.'

Carry on as if I was not here.'

With that came a grin as well as a set of strange behaviours, having knelt before he began covering himself with sand. It wasn't enough to help him disappear but in the least, he obtained some approval from them.

For some unknown reason, they were all set in groups around broad wells, turning a system of paddles that looked as if it ran into the farthest depths that the earth could muster.

Had they been forced to undergo labour?

If there was something warm and sweet inside, he couldn't tell since he had only recently lost his ability to smell.

'What is this nonsense going on here?'

The man immediately covered himself before he was brought to his attention, as the vile one was not to know he was there yet. At least not having to look at the vileness which reeked out of his opening calmed the man.

Uncomfortably, his eyes shifted back to the slaves which made them immediately push harder than they did before. Oliver leered like a snail as he came close to one of them in the back.

'Don't think I wasn't able to see you from over there, your master told you all to work, hasn't he?'

'Not master, never be!

He come push us around and give us order as one.'

At least one of them seemed to have a spine, after all, approaching him did take some guts.

Though it may also have had to do with the fact that he was much younger than the rest of the slaves which made him speak out. Oll hadn't realised it but he was having more fun than he had intended to.

'Take this and leave us alone, we're not to deal with your kind any longer.'

The man finally decided to come out of the shade before he threw a big slab of raw meat into his hands.

'And what of the water?'

In response to his inquiry, the man went around the stone ford only to emerge with a heavy barrel. There was a shimmer of sweat on his face as well as he had shown his crooked teeth.

'Many thanks, stranger, I'll make sure you'll be repaid the next time we meet.'

'No, dark creature, don't ever come here again, we have our people to take care of and a mission to bring to fruition.'

He nodded as there laid little to no denial of the fact. It had crossed his mind that he would follow them through the night only to creep around and drop some of his spawns inside their ears. With the barrel in one hand, he took a swing at it, which almost drowned the flies or pushed them down his throat. Nonetheless, they were rewarded for their bravery, as he placed the slab of raw meat into his slobbering mouth and winced. They gorged on the meat as he carried on throughout the wastes, lost and free of any known human presence.

Neither of them managed to get this far through the desert.

It was something he alone and his flies adapted to, while no living human being could endure the heat in a plain desert during daylight as he had. The blisters under the skin and the layers which had grown on top of them stood there as a testimony to it.

'Not precious water, no waste it!'

His throat had been left dry to the point where his only consolation remained the fact that the broken words coming out of his mouth reached different octaves. He became entertained by the various morbid reaches of his tongues, having little doubt that he was slowly losing his mind. Past his impediments, at least he'd get the satisfaction of a few hours of sleep under no shade.

As he lay upon the barrel, he used one hand to cover his eyes and make it dark while the other blocked his mouth to prevent their escape. It hadn't helped as much as he thought since his gaping maw loomed like a cove tied to a giant human skull.

His dreams had begun tormenting him with the reminiscence of the even more distanced past.

'Pull it right in this spot, be gentle with it and don't forget that it needs to be delivered before midnight.'

The man ordered everyone around him in a quite demeaning manner.

A most disturbing aspect of his being had been the fact that decade old flies came out of his mouth as he spoke. One thing led to another, after which he was prompted to look at the ceiling and notice the legions of youth and mature flies, breeding innumerable masses.

'What are we packing, chief?'

'You wouldn't happen to be dull-headed, would ye?'

The same thing we've been packing for the last twenty or so years, knucklehead, ye should've known that. Now release hold of that container on the ground.'

He lost himself in a circuit of boxes and highly stacked shelves while the other workers were distracted by their maintenance checking. Within a short framework of time, he appeared to have returned bearing a bloodstained crowbar.

'Here, see for yourself what's that we're delivering.'

After a lift, he managed to open the box and reveal that there were flies inside, stacked upon one another, with a delivery note inside which appeared to have marked at least several destinations.

Oliver was struck by a state of fear as well as by the long awaited desire he had felt before.

'This can't be, they don't belong with the likes of you.'

His face reddened as he made his way from the factory onto the streets. He lost his grace as soon as he noticed that everyone around him was stuffing their faces with the vile fliers. They have become the perpetrators while he laid mundane, being as busy as he had been at their age, inhaling the short ones rather than minding their own business.

Seeing young children chase them into circles made him shiver. By the time he grabbed one of them he felt as if he could rip his arm apart. Fear lay in the lad's eyes, which prompted him to stop in order to regain some of his lost faculties.

'Spit them out, spit them now child!

What you're doing here isn't right, none of it is.'

'Let go of me this instant, can't you see you're hurting me?'

As if to prove a point, he ignored what the boy said and started jabbing him around. It was more than enough to make him listen to what the man had to say.

'Get rid of all of them and don't let me see this disturbing behaviour ever again. Now get out of my sight you runt!'

After being done with the boy, the rest appeared to be staring quite intently.

There wasn't any other option left for him but to escape through the underbrush of the lower ill streets. It shouldn't have happened by a long shot though he found the way to his home. Nonetheless, it appeared as if it was a pleasant surprise to find out that it was still there after so many years have passed.

'You don't know for how long I've been waiting for this, mother, to see the shock on your face after witnessing what I've become!'

After each step, he appeared to stagger from the extra weight placed on his body, immediately contorting to that obscene form. It was far too late to stop now, especially after being revealed.

'There's a terrible thing among us, help! Call for help!'

It was only after being seen by the fleeing dwellers that he realised how low he had stooped. He had failed in his first attempts to turn the knob since his hands weren't purposed for that type of action any longer.

Knowing that there'd be no way to shove through the door with the little strength he had, he turned towards the window and formed a boulder of meat which smashed that peculiar frame as he broke through the glass. The shards flew in as many tight spots as they could land in, piercing the curtains in their debauchery and mad charade. He had a strange sensation, akin to being trapped in an opera house, with his every move being watched by the silent spectators.

There wasn't even a hint of doubt regarding what he was capable of doing once he laid eyes on her.

He sniffed around, enough that he took in the scent of dandelions and cheap perfume, wondering whether or not she was expecting anyone. The more he waited, the easier it had become for him to notice how well she had done for herself, now that she lived in a spotless house, filled with expensive furniture and lavender tapestry knotted on the walls. It felt as if he had been nothing but a nuisance of a child, something to keep her expansion back.

With a baleful strike, he tore off her pearls from the glass case she kept in.

'The nerves she has, daring to kick out a restless child only to fill her life with fake jewels and no emotion.'

Her winged slaves had appeared to pick up many of the pearls that had fallen on the ground. It looked as if they were used for household chores after all. Dreadful things happened in his presence as well as some of them being filled with pus only by having flown too close to him.

'Stay away from me you dreadful thing, don't come any further!'

She was standing a few feet away from him in the living room, behind a door that had an old mechanism which required a good while of time in order to get properly closed.

'Couldn't even trouble yourself to change it, could you?'

Oliver came close enough to place his hand at the edge of the door. It stopped any attempt she might've thought of. In a moment she fell behind, heavily breathing in her place.

Even at a distance, he could feel her lungs pulsating violently, desperately trying to push out flies out of them as hard as she might. This process would repeat itself several times throughout their conversation, despite his repulsion.

'Is it too late for me to return to my dear old defenceless mother?'

Do I not deserve the stay, especially after such a long journey?

May I not approach?'

'Stay away from me, oh stay away from me, monster, damned fiend! The only son I may have had died a long time ago when he had been trampled by a carriage under the hooves of a dire horse.'

You couldn't possibly be him.'

'Liar!'

The crackling tone of his voice was enough to banish any fly from his vicinity.

'What do you want from me?'

His mother asked after making an effort to stay calm.

'Nothing less of acceptance for what I have become, especially now that you turned out to be exactly like the rest of us, another drooling and accursed creature placed under their feigned servitude.'

For the first time since he had seen her, she had finally taken the initiative of looking at him as if they were both equal.

'You caught me, my dear son, I lied. There's no denying it any longer. You've become the freak I always thought you'd become. If I had kept you around!'

She tried making a move and grabbed something sharp then, as she spoke. Poised on the thought of cutting him, she winced at being caught.

'Even now when everyone is more akin to you, you still remain an outsider and a stranger!'

Before she even got the chance to lunge at him, she had been struck down by a wicked blow. The sight of him placing his deformed hands together had lain as a torment of its own, which came before he even had the chance to come at her again.

Blood gushed out of her forehead and right behind her neck. The flies were finally delighted by her torment, having acquired tiny beads of blood only to carry them as far away from the scene.

'Are you going to end me because you cannot handle the truth?'

She spoke from the dark corner in which her body crawled in.

'The truth? You could have cared for me, enough to make me stop!'

'You could've stopped yourself a long time ago. There wasn't anything preventing you from crawling back to my feet and asking for forgiveness. It's nothing but your damn fault that you did not want to stop.'

'Stop talking!'

Having had enough of it, there came another blow down on her, this time being far more distasteful than the last time. She shrieked in pain as it had done more harm in the dark than it would've done in the light, hidden behind the curtains.

'Would you go that far and murder your own progenitor? It wouldn't change a thing now, would it? Not what you've become.'

While being aware there'd be consequences, he proceeded to walk disturbingly towards the threshold, near the frame. As the knocks started on the door, he was aware that they were staring at him right where the window had been. He shook himself before closing the door the first chance he got, but they saw enough to warrant using brute force.

Before noting that she took advantage of his distraction and tried reaching for a pair of scissors, he turned around and crushed her arms.

'Do you think my death will stop you from running away like the coward you've always been? Go on with it then!'

Before he could make another move against her, he realised that she had become the dog he had always been afraid of, rotten and filled with the many of the same larvae which threatened to awake from hibernation. Only at this point had she been hurt enough for them to be exposed.

'This is what your future looks like, dear son. A rotting cadaverous gutted child which has never been human to begin with. That's what you'll end up as, begging for your misery to end.

But your prayers shall never be answered, and I will be there to witness it all!'

Right as the officers had broken through and her shouts faded, he woke up to a sight of sand. He had become annoyed at the fact that he hadn't the chance to retaliate at her words, a thing which he'd never forget. There wasn't any hunger to deal with yet, coincidentally with the fact that the meat slab had disappeared from his mouth area.

He was disturbed that they had thought of force feeding him while he was asleep even if they were taking care of their host.

'What dreadful thing could this be on my back?'

It started being as painful as it could be at first but as it got closer to the bone marrow the body began growing blood lumps and skin clots, slowly forming giant wings.

'This cannot and it will not happen, not as long as I still have a hold over my humanity!'

He hadn't had the chance to say anything else in the matter as the awakening made him realise how ill he'd become.

Oliver pulled the barrel for a huge gulp of water and quenched his thirst for another day, enough so he could at least reach the far plains of the waste. Under that morbidly crowned sun, he wished he could've grown functional wings and sprint into a flight as far away as he might.

'This cannot be, but do my eyes deceive me?'

He was dreadfully surprised at a sight which had bewildered him. The man had become unaware whether or not if he was looking at it right as he looked upon an actual town, a modern creation which lay in the middle of the wastes.

A madly shining silver star shone in the midst of nothingness, almost hovering inches above the sand, locked in a world of its own. The constant buzzing noise in his head only got worse from this point on.

That shall be the end of my loneliness, dawn of the days to come!

'Allow me to introduce myself.'

One gatekeeper stood there and leered as he approached, having to perform a mandatory check before he would be allowed to raise the barrier, letting him in.

'Not one of many words I presume. Well, I'm.'

A stroke of breath suddenly came. 'I'm'

His throat felt dry, having been unaware of the reason for which he was trying to engage in the conversation.

From his mouth came the most incomprehensible words a humanoid could even mutter, after which the gate opened. The way it had been forged made him uneasy, at least, after looking at its sharp spikes and metallic thin hairs it bore around each metal bar which formed it.

Not precisely what he had expected, though it wasn't as if the rest of them were any different either. People were moving and trying to act normal while doing what he would refer to as their regularities. It was strange enough that he had lost all interest in them and chose to pay attention to the nearest sewage gate he could find.

It took him at least a few attempts to push the grate open and look at the black pool which ran below. The waves appeared to share some of the dampness and brooding crimson which often belonged to crime scenes.

Even a meekly dead rat ran through the stream, but it couldn't have been the cause of the strange colouration it bore behind it. Nevertheless, as it had served its purpose, this was to bring the man's full attention to what was to come.

One dreadful man had taken the liberty of moving towards one of the walls, only to be met my force. He kept bashing against it until one lurid moment when he turned around to reveal his face and what had become of it. A black moth-like being emerged from his body and for a second there, it looked like his body had only been a giant cocoon which held his grand form behind. The oily dark being then flew away in the sky aghast.

After being basked in the realisation of who that was, he couldn't help but gasp at the body while it was being taken in by the tide. Despite wanting to shout he felt his dry lips being wrapped around by flies as they puckered to stop

him. That had been someone he knew, in flesh and bones caught after an act of terror with the expression starkly on face.

The body would've shouted if it weren't for all that murky water in its mouth. Unable to handle the sight, he stumbled on his feet and backed away, speechless as the others came to put back the grate in its place.

'How could that be there out of all places?

Tell me you damned thing, how did she end up inside your sewers?'

He grabbed the first man who came into sight, but having become aware of his inability of speech, he emulated some sort of a high pitch out of his nostrils. They were all afflicted by the same degeneracy which made them feeble which rendered them unable to explain the dreadful apparition in the sewers.

No one spoke a word, though kept pushing those revolting sounds out of their bodies. After a sudden pull, he couldn't believe his own eyes how he managed to rip off the man's arm without much of a mess.

There wasn't even a reaction to accompany this bizarre act of dread, not to mention that there was little to no pain involved. He had been bleeding out of the hollow body which lay inside, not blood but rather a stuffier substance which looked a lot like amber in the setting sun. In that liquid, it all made sense, as he saw the flies inside and realised that the people there had become their hives.

'Oh, my tormentors, grant me the freedom I so desire!'

He spoke softly, as opposed to his actions while he fought his way through the crowd, pushing and ripping them to shreds, anything to escape the clutch in which he'd been held.

There was no remorse in his being.

'This need, this desperation, I need to hear the voice of another human being before my mind goes mad.'

He grabbed the first girl he could lay hands upon as well as her stuffed bear, only to be met by the same noise bred by the rest of them.

Disgusted by the creature, he released it only to witness how it went into a partial flight after attempting to leap as far away from him as it could.

The sight only worsened his mood, to the point where something inside of him started slowly rotting.

'I won't stay here any longer to be mocked by the likes of you!'

Those locked doors, the barred windows, the distasteful behaviour they protruded from beyond their earthly bodies made him lose his direction as he sprouted into another flight. He beckoned no one to follow in his mad stroll while having come to the desperate realisation that he longed for the real touch of another human being.

'I long for a mere touch, a warm body again mine in this ravenous commotion. Guide me toward another unless you desire me to wither away and wane under the sun.'

There wasn't any telling as to know whether or not they understood, but a cold grasp came from behind and as he looked, the town was there no more, gone as an apparition of the sand. Some of the inhibitors of his body had already left in search of the others.

At least he could count on the fact they would listen and obey his primal need of socialisation. Much of his dignity had left him on the ground to crawl, carrying the barrel on his back while grinding his body against the sand. He hadn't much need for his limbs though he managed.

As for himself, he noticed that the flies were somewhat giving him a consistent direction to follow. Faith led him to believe that soon he would be among people like him, whistling in a crowd contently, unlike in his dreams where he wanted everyone around him dead.

Likely, he followed the trail restlessly without sleep while hearing nothing but the noise they made inside his head. By the time his water reserves had ended, there was nothing in sight and there was no strength left in him for flight.

'Dreadful beings, to where have you brought me now?

I won't be able to last longer if I keep going down this path.'

He'd become angry at everything around him as the night thinned out. Everything that happened to him as far as this point had taken a toll he could carry no longer, though for some reason the desire had grown whole again upon the sight.

Hope had died for him the moment he was too far to return and as far from what he longed for. The only consolation left to him was the sight of a living tree which lay in the middle of the wasteland.

No one else close to sight, at least, none who might be able to satisfy him.

'So, this is the place where I am to die?'

The very thought of it made him shiver in the sand, oddly enough since he had been at the end of his wits for some time. With that in mind, his body stopped struggling in the dunes and got up from the sand.

He held the false impression in his mind that he would be able to walk there like a man, standing straight with both of his feet set together.

But the weakness returned to his knees as he was forced to obey those who have dragged him in the first place. After getting closer, he realised that there were other contenders he had to deal with, large and brown desert wasps who reigned in their nest atop the tree, making an accursed noise, aggressive even when they flew passively there.

Their slave now did their biddings, after all, one favour could do me no harm. We've been through enough, it would be the least I could do for them.

Pushed by his desire, he winced at the sight but carried on their wicked plan, pulling the nest out of the trunk. He crushed their only exit, leaving the nest at the mercy of the sand, watching how its maws dragged it deeply below.

'Would that be all, if then, are you pleased with how I served you?'

They wanted him to crawl over there. That was it, but those fire ants would torture him without an end.

'I'm weak and unable to get rid of so many of them. Do not turn this place into my grave, I beg of you!'

For once though, he wasn't forced to do a thing but wait, at least until the noise in his head had stopped.

It never came though, and he had given in, mournfully dragging himself over the sand as he climbed onto the tree.

'You have betrayed me, oh poignant atrocious insects.

Worry not for you shall never leave my side and this shall be my final promise.'

Regardless of what he had once called himself, his body had become part of that hallow trunk in which he brooded. Some unkindness kept him alive despite having what was left of his organs outside his body, protected by the flies as if unable to rot despite being exposed. His appearance remained as haggard as it had always been, if not worse for the wear.

What came unexpectedly was the attention which he had received as flies from all over the place were drawn to him with tribute. He had grown to be a glutton in there, stretching into the coves of sand with the least amount of work his body provided, not to mention that his legs had lost their functionality at last.

Without the practice, with the noise, his speech had degenerated, leaving him without an option but to live in that state, unkind. At least he had managed to gather a crowd around him, even though they mostly pointed but to mock him in in his lowest form. They dared not approach for fear ran of what it might do.

Alas, it had been time for him to look down at the cracked bottom to see a river like no other.

Oliver wasn't in the least concerned with the purpose but rather with the haunting images of what went down its stream. It might've been yet another apparition, sensing that his end was near.

There was nothing to stop the loss of control as the consequence of his weight began pulling him down.

Braver souls tried coming forth yet stopped once they realised that it was far too dangerous for them to get closer, as the ground had fractured. A bellowing roar of dust engulfed their sight as he was pulled bellow to his damnation, taking all his flies with him.

By the underground creek, where he had been pulled, he met the woman who had waited for his poor soul to arrive.

The central chronicles had their leper walls receding into nothingness. Since the ascent of the comers from the outside world, there hadn't been a second more for the living to come to their thoughts. In hopes that they would be brought there and asked to mind their manners, they had forgotten to be paired.

'We are lost now, and it is your entire fault. Punished be, my sense of loyalty, I should've abandoned you when I had the chance!'

'How come you chose to stay then? I wager you have taken a liking to me.'

'You do little to interest me now, see? I have found a new play thing that I may mess with in my quest of joy.'

This mad monk who filled his bitter senses with saw-dust was incapable of thinking right longer than a few moments. There had been iron bits into his lungs, which prevented his breathing as well as his senses. Now he would be tense, as he felt like some deranged creature which couldn't help itself but lay in hiding.

A watcher approached at an interval of twenty minutes or such. For every stroll he had, he had begun spraying the walls with his bayoneted-shaped arm. He looked like a metal angel, with a hood from which no face may ever be seen. No other likes such as his might be seen around, as this one had been too much to bear, as the other watchers couldn't help themselves but stare.

From a large tower behind them, there had been five openings from which they stared at him. Though they were made of iron, he had been forged out of some darker metal that made him stand out.

If they were representing well order as they had been finely shaped and lay in some sort of artificial conundrum, he would be stressed by the many metal spikes and the head which had been laid about. A passer had been killed, a trespasser to be precise. What had been of him, or his memories had mattered little to this one.

The minds of many as well as two couldn't face what this one had become. Not only would he be a stranger to himself now, especially since this dark watcher had appropriated the head for him, but there'd be nothing preventing him, after the task had been done with, to put it on.

A perfect fit, of which first reaction had been to shout at the sight of the leper walls. It would be dangerous for him to be near them, but it would be even more dangerous to live at all. No one who had been present had any desire to keep them alive. It would be something near a sin for them to be allowed passage.

Now that the watcher had eyes, he could see through the head he had taken. There'd be no stopping him now, at least not from hunting those who'd come. But as for a proper warning, since it had come to it again, he opened his mouth and said.

'Worry not, as I have decided to humbly set myself in awe. You have entered my abode, so you must know that I am not one of the watchers but one of them, one of the possessors of the walls.

I have only decided to love myself amongst them to observe your kin more closely.'

Upon which, this one opened his metal body with the tip of his bayonets. His wings drew inwards and it seemed like a piece of that leper wall had been inside, pulsating as it appeared like only a piece of it had resembled the wall. The rest of that magnificent growth could only titillate it ever-more. No amount of its sprays could force it back there, from the spot it had been taken from.

Clearly the men had been looking at the absent thing, with the little circumstance in mind, as there would be a fight to be instilled in them. If only one of them had the half-o-sense to try getting away. At least one of them could survive, but this thing had claimed another head, received over the fact that they had waited for far too long there.

And this watcher had immediately closed his body, revealing a small trap-door opening in his neck which pushed the other head down there. This newly acquired head would make a fine replacement while the other had become part of the wall. A process of absorption would come to be, as the other watched brushed by in their way to clean the mess which had been created.

Now, this one man had managed to escape and get through the mass which had been lain below. Many bodies lay on both sides of the bridge which lead to the leper walls. It was clear by a single sight that the bodies had all been headless.

'I'm being chased, allow me some escape, please, can't you hear my voice now?'

Despite the man's best attempts, he only found himself being trailed in the midst of that locked inner chamber those watchers had come from. Well aware that he was being chased, it was time for him to at least come to terms that he wouldn't escape.

A sudden turn revealed what was about to happen. There he stood, the man who had accompanied him. It had been, for that one moment when he had come to life. He was being dwarfed, unable to fight back as this towering watched reached for his long arms and cut him right around his shoulders.

It had been a nice addition so far, looking at so many heads which had been embed on the wall inside of him. Soon, he would have to return to the leper wall and become part of it like he had been intended to. No more suffering would be held.

It was about to go on well. Something came then. Many of the automaton-like watchers appeared like they had stopped working. Not only had that, but they all appeared to be lost. Or parts of them had.

A trickster must've been too obvious, especially by the handiwork he had done. Their backs had been pulled, metal entrances stroke and broken. Within them, he had seen many tubes which had been inserted not only through their backs but down there as well as near the leper wall. In was through that way that they had been deactivated.

Many metal casings and wheels and cogs stood clogged by the mere growths which had come from the leper walls. Now, the progenitor watcher looked at his brethren which had not only infested everything in that room, contaminating it beyond belief, but he also stared at the many faces he had taken in the past.

At the time they had started manifesting hands and legs, they had begun drawing it, pushing towards him in an attempt to get him to join them again. Voices came and started coughing. Speeches lay distorted still.

It wasn't like he would stand to be part of whatever this had become. As the corpses marched below, they suddenly revealed themselves, on both sides of the bridge as some kind of bodily formed monstrosities. Their bodies had tried to reject the leper-like appearance but it couldn't have been thought off.

With the organic material, the leper wall didn't have a need to be sprayed any longer. It turned out that the spray had only served as some kind control over its expansion. This fully spread leper walls could only begin to cover and break everything in their path, encumbering and beginning the process of tiny extractions.

From them, millions if not billions of eggs would sprout and spread, creating tiny insects which would spread the leper's disease, all because he couldn't help but chase a man in an attempt to take his head. This was the legacy of the watcher, in his distraction, perdition would be denied.

Behind him, the door was locked, in front of him a wall of metal which would only rot.

An old broadcast from the archive kept repeating itself time after time inside the station. Someone's private code had been broken as it was torn apart and mixed with twenty exact copies of itself.

Every single one of them corrupted. Either some virus spread some misinformation or whoever the owner of those files near the broadcast was must've been some sociopath of some kind. Reading or even working through those had been disturbing for its referee.

To be clear, many of those files contained leaked meeting points that cadets were supposed to seek. At least of those who had been lucky enough to have been granted some temporary flee.

On a loop there had been the interview of some old writer, maybe some speaker of the kind. But his appearance had been obscured by the folder in which the files had been placed. Many of his facial features couldn't be seen. Whoever he had been interviewed by lacked any kind of awareness of the kind. Fingers slipped, hands shaking, could've been some intern.

Folders with name by her hands, it was clear that between the two, those who remained from the crew had little interest in what was going on there. An unworthy amount of insignificant moves came again. Still, without a way to access the interface, the board had only served as a way for those things to be projected on. It would be useless to try anything then. By two, there had come the feeding hour.

around the board, over the counter, where once open clad of the empty space where the seats were, stood the door leading inside the cafeteria. It had been high-permanently close.

Opposite to it there was the view outside the station. Inside, it was clear enough that neither of the crewmen could deal with the tension any longer. Expectation be Nile.

Not since everything, out there at least seemed to be so occupied by space. A few planets lay too near one another, but they hadn't been affected by any gravitational pull. Though, that wasn't completely true. To them, it only seemed like it, as most of the planets had been forced to some stillness, while the universe was forced into some movement which couldn't have been forgiven.

Events happened there for some reason which may not be explained by any rational means.

Sometimes a planet would vaguely disappear. Now, the station found itself inside the core of one of the planets, only that it seemed to be empty. Some backup system had detected the fact that there was some atmosphere present and the lights kicked in.

For now, nothing from inside the core fell on top of them. Stall had been caught off guard. He moved someday last week, out of nowhere and it felt like it's been an on-going year ever since. His head was gone, simply cut off from the rest of his body. And the weird thing about it, what the crew had looked up at was that in one of those folders on the screen, there had been pictures of him waiting on display.

A slide-show had been activated, moving through picture after picture, set to go off then. Before the feeding hour, that is, someone or something had revealed how they stalked, hit, pushed Stall down, proceeding to do whatever they wanted to do with him. Afterwards, his head happened to be out there, hanging around the core.

Though atmosphere was supposed to be present and everything was somewhat affected by the gravity inside the empty core, there was a floating head belonging to Stall. He was very much alive. Indeed he was staring, floating, trying to flee from sight. For some reason, the crewmen's eyes widened' a simpleton's act which made Stall rather ashamed of what he had done. It would be a fool's act to think otherwise.

But someone had attempted to kill them, even though they were locked in the same section for some time now. It couldn't have been one of them, could it? The pictures from the slideshow hadn't gone into detail. No way of knowing.

One may start to wonder, after seeing that no blood was present, were they being tricked?

Imitations made out of machines didn't bring on the risk after the case. No matter how hard one may try, he couldn't force it inside.

'Did you see that? We're out there, out here, in space again.'

But this time, the planets had been out of sight, and the stars hadn't been properly aligned.

The cafeteria door opened and there came the machine.

A general announcement came in. The board's display appeared to have changed before there had been a chance for anything to be made out of it. With a flash of a surge, there it came. If there was one man who looked at it, for more than one second without having immediately instanted towards the food plates, that had been George.

'Immediate landing incoming, please proceed near the safest area possible.'

They had come to a full stop, and suddenly they landed. Something had been of the matter. Without a way of looking out there, one would default to giving in to the fact that they were stranded. The fermentations-council from Cloghe.

With a defect in the way and manner, one could look into what went wrong with their escapade so far. Not one but two members of the marked cover had survived the crash. Some of their cloaks had stopped providing the much desired layer of camouflage which was needed in order to help one survive such a harsh environment as that of the planet they had been stranded upon.

Everything around them gave in to the coming storms. There could be no denying that it wasn't safe to go out there without means of protection. As fumbled visions came to be stricken away, there had come the dust from about the upper plane, which was headed their way.

'What was that?'

'I said, it's heading that way.'

From the opposite direction, can you see it?

I believe it's that flashing dot from one spot in the sky. There can't be any denying in it, from the unnatural way in which it moves and. Well, look at that configuration that's being picked up by its signal.'

The radar started going on its own again. If there was something to it, the radar would have to pick on in.

‘Go, wake up Pierre. He should have a look at this.’

Plenty of space shrapnel would’ve been enough. But this had been something else. It was a space station, rushing through the atmosphere, going on that way, without giving any kind of direction from the push-over light. A sphere of distrust came over the men.

Two reasons remained, with one being insignificant, enough that it would be ignored and the other one being the fact that for each light-pane which had been laid on the station, there had been a cloned head attached to it.

‘Am I seeing this right?’

Are they talking to one another?’

More than that, they seemed to have been living in a state of constant falling.

Their hair had been drawn back and it looked like, instead of falling in the same direction as the structure, they were stuck in a state of almost hitting its sides. As the heads had lain, there couldn’t be anything taken from it, without a doubt, and to an end’ shout, there was no one standing over there.

‘They must’ve been some projections. Yes.’

‘They’re here, they’re here, look.’

A pile of heads stood in the corners, near their crashed ship. It seemed like they weren’t animated this time and if anything, it looked like they fell. Not a single one had resisted the crash and it turned out that they were released from the state they had been in.

‘It’s not safe, you know?’

There’s no need for you to touch them.’

‘ one second, I know what I’m doing, allow me this, one single...’

This wasn’t supposed to happen, and that Pierre had learned it on his own skin. His entire arm disappeared then, and with a single turn or a flicker of the body, the much needed reveal came. He turned, with a head attached to his body.

A space-pioneer left there with a new head on his shoulders. This one was sad. Without general directions, it couldn’t have been thought off that there was a hand out there with a bunch of heads attached to it. But Pierre’s face had been vaporised.

Perhaps if one were to look at the cafeteria inside the station, one would serve heads or a hand for the upcoming diner. Plenty of bored machines lay there. But one peculiar sight seemed to be set at play.

On a freshly spread wall of turquoise, the image of a particle-like spread hand stood there like a painting, holding those heads in a spread position. It attempted to get as many hands in its lap as it could.

That had been a mad quest for the living-machine. Before long, it approached, spreading its long metallic claws, drawing near every side. It pulled the flat surface, from whence its fleshy flat remains threw. Socketless and without an iris, the eyes moved only with a slightly observable transparency. And those things had been spread all across the station.

Without a mention of the fact that there was a sudden consequence to this sudden retrieval, the command of search and reconstruction had been communicated between the robots. Those heads would be rebuilt, while the hand could be abandoned.

‘There must be a logical reason to it.’

A mad machine had been struck by this. Its operating device hanged upside down. Below it there stood a head staring at it. There was a look of boredom which had come over it.

Its eyes sparked. From an inward pull, this head couldn’t have made it through the sudden burst of engine in which it had been caught there. one tiny bit of its eyes were somewhere else, watching and following through something of a quarrel.

Fours hours already out of the way.

Down, on the planet, the crew from Cloghee found themselves locked in their static-placed locked-room. They were showered by the sounds made by Pierre’s body. He would simply not leave them alone.

‘If this goes down for ten more minutes, I’ll lose it. I’ll head right out there and grab the first thing that comes in my hands and I’ll simply.’

Wait.

‘We’ll wait until it clears. He’s still human, so he has to get tired like the rest of us.’

‘His body may be but I don’t know about that head. There’s no sign. Get some cover, I say!’

For the top head of a stranger who seemed to look dumb, with its ravenous hair and clamps in the neck, it certainly knew how to get creative. With a grasp, to himself, he threw a rock and almost got to break one of the glass covers of the ship.

‘That was close.’

‘No, it wasn’t. He needs more than a simple...’

Head, he threw it, away.

The crew had been reluctant, even though they had went with it and opened the door. Looking down at it seemed to have helped everything stay clear of what went on. They did appear to be less reluctant once they had used the camera attached to the top area of the side-seat outside the hanged cradles in which their equipment had been stored.

‘It ran out of things to throw, it seems.’

Everyone tuned in to Dolquoise.

‘Don’t touch it. You know what happened to him!’

‘I know but that had been the pile. I know it won’t happen to me. There’s no way it could. Plus, look!’

The head melted. It lay in a pool. It looked like one of the machines in the station had accidentally spilled boiled water over it. Without it standing there, there had been nothing down on the planet either.

And the station only stood there in waiting. Enough hours passed for the men stuck in their section to get bored of their own boredom.

It had been ever so-reluctantly boring to be there. It didn’t feel like there would be much of a change any time sooner. If there was something to stare out, as they gathered around the board, it was the fact that there wasn’t anything interesting to be seen on its screen.

The old footage of the interview had been paused and now, it only looked like the slideshow and the folders had been drawn back. Without knowledge of what was happening, it seemed like the machines had stopped performing their experiments on the crew. Now they had been preoccupied with something far more important and interesting, which was the fact that those sheets of skin and bone could not be forced back together.

Why, they had picked and placed them neatly only to see how little could be done about it. These strips would still not go to any waste. One could still eat them after all, and they were getting close to running out of supplies.

‘What have you expected?’

Logical fallacies aside, I would abide and observe that there was no possible way of putting them together.’

Obviously something which had to have been known, but those things had defied the laws of physics by simply appearing there.

It was to be held to the contempt of a machine that stood recording the obscenities and the mere fact had lain itself this way.

‘We’re located in a universe so chaotic that we’ve fallen prey to our own game.’

And it was true, it had to be true, the fact that the cold machines had become so vile in their desire to mess with the men that they themselves were stricken down. It felt like the station wouldn’t work any longer, because it was now set forth inside the cave in which the ship resided.

The cafeteria door had been broken by the mere apparition of the ship. Momentarily startled by the single head which had rolled inside of their room, they stared.

‘Look, our crewman returned, and. He’s brought guests.’

‘Wait, where are we? What happened?’

Both of those groups looked rather confused at one another in that moment. More so, the door sprouting beyond the cafeteria malfunctioned as well. The men were met by the machines which only looked curiously in their direction.

It was strange. The men who had been in isolation appeared simple, in ways which one may come to exploit.

‘Don’t even think about it. Whatever we stumbled upon let it be.’

‘This is what happens when there’s no cloak hiding us.’

‘Wait, there are machines in here.’

He pointed about his shoulder. They stood like a bunch of boxes with small rotating wheels which held each other in place with the help of their electrical bands which didn’t seem to move either but absorb the kinetic energy they themselves produced.

When they were done bringing all that energy to form, the bands would draw back as to completely encompass the metal wheels. Small metal legs would expand from the wheels only to reveal the holes in them. Sleeping gas came out. Way too effective, especially for the people who were around a ship that had a means of protection.

Both crews fell immediately on their knees.

The metal boxes opened to reveal the androids hiding inside.

‘You’ve got something on you.’

Between the two metal boxes which had been shared, in likeness of the fact that they rotated with the help of solid metal elastic bands which had been pinned down on both sides of those shifting mechanical orbs, there stood a head which prevented it from fully functioning.

Of course the head wasn't living, as its brain had been destroyed, being caught in many circuits and many pushing wires, but there's been something else in it. From inside, it looked like the brain had been turned inward, turning into a mechanical creation, which only pushed its ambiguity aside.

In that machine now stood the head, much more so aroused by the fact that it had immediately been encased by the metal shell which had been drawn back. That action was quick and well thought out, as the machine approached in order to smash its sides.

'Open yourself up.'

'Allow me to open it, I shall begin the procedure of acquired forgery elements and begin cutting it apart.'

There wasn't any way of knowing how much damage the device would do.

'Stop, are you certain this would go on well?

Logic dictates that this will fail, immeasurably so, to the point of doing irreparable damage to function.'

'Then cut the chase and cut its power cord, look, beneath the engine, near its wheels.'

They've done it, with undoubtedly high-remark to the fact that it didn't stop.

'Restrain, immediately.'

A waiting period came to mind. There had to be some way to shut it down. It wasn't going to happen. All of those tubes powering the machine haven't worked properly to begin with. Now, they'd work no longer.

A wait had been instilled. For every second spend there, drops of oil kept dripping of their cases. They could only look and wait. It was unnerving, even for them.

'Should we open it?'

'Wait for it.'

There couldn't have been a second more to pass until the question had been asked again.

'Problem needs acknowledgement. Gas had been replaced with toxin. No human left alive.'

It felt like there was some anger there, especially since the compartments of the station had been sealed off, the men killed, the heads thrown displaced so they wouldn't be living either and now this. Despite the lack of powering, the machine continued working.

It looked like this rude inhumanity had ended up with them giving up.

Behind them, the torment had begun, as they would be defiled by this human head as its vile speech kept pressing on.

More than a few glances had already been shot out of the window. It was then that the prairie could be seen, with those sharp wooden stakes at hand, through each close-call and moving lance, each trembling hand stopped.

There were quite a few men applauding there. It was all too obvious by the redness of their palms. Many had almost come to form their strange calluses by doing that.

I jumped out of the balcony and landed on my feet. Front row, it looked, the fourth and fifth seat, had two men standing up, looking at me for some reason.

Neither of them knew why I had done it, as they were busy enjoying their show. It had been displayed there, right about the front of the large obelisk which dwarfed the tiny men in the parcel.

'I thought it wouldn't be here.'

'But it is, now come here or take a leap!'

The voice which came from his left side had been the one conductor who solemnly waited for a thicket. It should've been in his hand by then. But each pocket had only been weary of some dirt inside of it.

'No thicket?

Are you sure? You come here every single day and you always have one on you. I would expect anyone else but you to be that forgetful.'

The show waited for him. Not because he had been someone important, but because everyone else had been startled in response to the fact that he needed to do something. The mad thing inside the obelisk wouldn't wait. Such a confined creature, of the set of fine lines, trapped inside such a small cage, could only lay so low until it would break its cage apart.

It took its time to push forward an m-shaped leg, from the side, which only expanded as to make a likes of m-shaped long legs look rueful in that yellow sky.

By then, the boy had been the only one staring. But he's been too tired to do anything of it. Those legs, they weren't mean to do much, as frail as they were. It was clear that they were only part of a set and appeared to have forced the stage for a ruse.

By the time they had extended and had wrapped themselves around their zone, it came to him that it had so vastly prepared to bring out its hands out there. They were quite better at grabbing, oh, they were quite the spread. Indeed, through some vastly outnumbered set of finger holes, they started creeping inside each ear-lobe they could reach inside.

He knew that creature needed to feed as well, but, any other boy his age would've found this creepily unforgivable. Not him!

'My name is Paricott. The other boy you've previously served before I even came here was, my twin.

Yes, he was my brother. Please forgive me, but I don't want to cause him any trouble.'

'No thicket then?'

'I could try looking around inside his waist coat. It's his after all and that would happen to be a reusable thicket, wouldn't it?'

'Only one use, per view as well. There would be no refunds for any young man, and changing the man would mean two uses.'

'Between us.'

He seemed to have twisted his eyes to their tips and ends, only so he may get an overview of the show attendee. It would be rather silly to think otherwise, with so many of them being used. Well, he's at least tried to get his attention, to the point where turning couldn't have been anything but a nuisance to him.

At least that's what it seemed to be.

'You don't have to charge me for the price of two men. We could pretend I'm my brother.'

'Which one?'

'I beg your pardon?'

The conductor looked as if he had been smug. A drain of sand was already being filled from above the obelisk, and it had been pouring from the top of its golden, stone-dunes as the hieroglyphs started being run on.

'Which one of your brothers would that be?'

‘How did you know?’

‘Try not to be hasty, I’ve spoken to your brother quite a lot, don’t try taking me for a beginner in this line of work. Between the two of us, he would tell me something now and then about the likes of you.’

‘So you know.’

‘Enough that I would happen to make the difference between you, another and the other and whoever might try claiming themselves as some kind of imposter.’

‘What imposter would that be?’

It was staring at me now. All of them were. That thing had a piece of its body sticking out. Its legs were no longer shaped like m-shaped daddy longlegs, but seemed to have gained a fat to them which prevented them from moving. As far as he could tell, the creature wouldn’t be able to get pushed back.

What had been sticking out, to put it out of the obelisk from whence it tried pushing from, came some shooting-tied an expanded pitch which looked like some sonar body-bulked machine, with strings attached made out of the same bolted tallish skin it bore. And each string seemed to pull that hard block of body which forced itself into the air.

If that would grow to the point where it would be dragged out there, he knew that he would escape.

The men in the front seats had a chance of pace. As in their face was left some kind of old and harrowing look, which only made it so they gave up. They haven’t been killed and seemed to be too busied by the fact that there wasn’t any way to exceed their expectations.

Less interest could be shown in the well-being of their colleagues in front of them. As he continued, he had to think of what he was supposed to tell.

Would he expose the creature and in turn expose himself as well?

Does he know I’m not one of the brothers?

‘Well, you see, my brother doesn’t know me that well and what I, I. Found it.’

‘What did you find? Another thicket? Another lie? I can tell a liar from a man, and you seem too young to be one.’

There couldn’t be anything even conceived of it, at least not yet. What did the man even want now?

It snapped. Perhaps it was the waiting, or it couldn’t be bothered to wait for everyone to live with it. No one else had had the opportunity to turn, maybe one or two of them managed to lunge forward and save himself but the obelisk from, his prison thrown, as if the choice had been taken and it would fold.

Everyone cracked there, thrown on the ground as they stood and obeyed. Not of some mind formation but because they feared what that thing may do to them.

Paricott only watched in content as that thing came out. Its four legs had become fat, with two of them being covered in the grain of sand which had come from its peculiar prison of sand. All of them lead to a thin body which held that box of fat at the top, which had been strung to the calves of each leg in part.

Where had those finger-holed long arms gone? They were nowhere to be seen. Perhaps from up there? Had those sonar-strings been its arms?

Well, there could only be a way to find out.

‘What are you doing boy? Don’t go near it, I swear, it’s not supposed to break out. This isn’t part of the show.’

And as he approached, he came to know why they all feared it. He was wrong, what he had thought had been wrong. It wasn’t anything but a trick of the mind there. Everything around them felt likely it had been projected into another place. Both of those realities overlapped through some method, through some other, that creature hid it there.

He approached and saw each man in form of plants. After bending down to touch one, he had picked a part. Unable to realize what had happened, in the other world an arm had been ripped apart. But he wasn’t able to move, he couldn’t be hurt by the boy.

It could be excusable. At least, there had been some hope, he’d say to himself, that he would rather try not ripping too many.

‘What’s happening? I can’t turn. Who’s screaming?’

‘It’s the boy, the boy that was trying to cheat his way out of some thicket. He’s torn lord John’s arm off.

Someone needs to stop him before it’s too late.’

Each string worked at it, drawing and pushing onward for their likes wouldn’t stop from that constant commotion of movements.

There was a sudden smile on his face, after coming to the realization that what he had been doing was so wrong, he couldn’t come to control himself. With a push and a clang, and a string and like that, he started grabbing and choking forth, each piece of plant, which ripped easily at that.

No one dared moved, out of some non-explainable mark, until the ones who stood forth suddenly turned, on the whim of an effort, the boy had been stopped.

Would he be cowered like the rest of them? That was uncertain. It couldn't be that he would give that easily in. He had enjoyed himself way too much. All that meanness and the way in which he had expressed himself gave him too much force of will. He had really wanted it.

But those four weak and fat legs suddenly pushed themselves into position. And from the bulk of the top there came the hand which stretched and placed themselves into position. From the side, there push outward a mad concoction like some lever which turned on and on until it stopped itself.

There needed to be some assistance as one weak hand turned on the piston and the other tried itself on the strings. Even those plants which had been placed there, which had become flaccidly awake now came to be together. Now that they were reunited, even with those parts which had been broken, the song had taken full effect.

How could they call themselves men now? It had been a fully-fulfilled exchange. Through some way, they had been brought onto the other side and were made of flesh no longer. Now they weren't plants, not that those were plants to begin with, but some vines, which had wide images strung like films which had recorded the lives those men had been into.

The boy had been thanked for. The conductor himself seemed to have come forward, brushing past him, only to perform the exchange. He had kept a face quite humane and mundane. In their past and strange relationship and trade, these men had been robbed of their lives and memories.

And for what? A few bars of gold.

'Oh, here's for your trouble, boy. I think you've earned it. You know, I think you've done as great of a job keeping them distracted as I have done my work on you as well.'

He wasn't pleased by what he's done. He found himself feeling like some of the lowest kind of trash there could be.

'I didn't mean to do it.'

'I saw you looking, for quite the extended period of time. You didn't say a single word, you haven't even tried to warn them, why?'

'Why are you asking this now? Those men.'

'They're no long there, nor here. The only thing left out of them, is, their memories.'

He found himself staring at the man, in the prairie. No one around them stood there, at least, not the fiend which had been trapped in its obelisk. Only the two of them stood there. The town was still inhabited, if not by stranger, by the wives of all the man who had attempted their show.

And this conductor seemed to be getting ready to leave.

‘So that’s it? You’re going to leave as if nothing happened? What of this town, what of? How could I even explain?’

‘You’ll figure out something, kid. I’ve been trying to work up these men for weeks, so I think I deserve a break for now. If anything, this may be a valuable lesson for you to learn.’

The conductor had already made him was to the small mound which had been made. He looked as if ready to start digging, but he only pushed a piece from the top and it looked like he found what he was looking for.

It wasn’t like anyone else was looking either. It was still too early in the morn’.

Paricott didn’t move. He couldn’t chase the man out of fear that he may end up like them. And that conductor had little interest in anything other than himself getting away. At best, there had been some waving, as he left the boy behind, taking off on a carriage which wasn’t his.

There was anarchy on those mad streets without an end foreseeable to sin. On that long road, there appeared to be a one sided view in which those hooligans threw their stolen goods off the fence. Curled points ended after each spear shot towards the ground.

Many of them had formed some weird, angled rounds of misdirected wounded collar metal-bones which served as the signal of their dying world

‘What are those things trapped inside there?’

Though behind closed bars hid no living men but the remnants of those which had trapped themselves in order to prevent any other life from being taken and mishapen.

It felt like the head had already destroyed half of their means of survival. No longer could they grow crops on that burnt land. And their faces had been changed, as looking at their savage masks had only revealed some disgusting layer which grew itself after it’s been used for its own filthy pleasure.

They hid the fact that behind those masks there was nothing. If one was to remove it, they would find nothing but the hallow entry which lay there untouched. And inside of that open space, there seemed to be another placed mark which stopped itself at the middle, being thick enough as to resemble the insides of a thick ring-worm, if one were to grow one inside the human head.

It looked like that wriggling thing had imprinted itself like amber, shaping some kind of redundancy of woe and anger.

So much so, that inside there could be seen some rubbery bands which had made it so the head could come out of some piece or the likes of some head of a doll would if one were to make such a thing out of flesh. And that served as a reminder for the wicked pact which had been thrown and pushed, mistreated as one was to be, dreadfully away from the coming end.

Fire only threatened it less, for inside that body stood the only thing which kept it alive. It had been the fact that all that emptiness served the remaining soul which had physically manifested itself into some breeding abomination which pumped through a set of lungs which had been conjoined with the inside of the head that got repealed with nothingness before being drawn inside.

Many pumps reeled as they were reminded by the sounds of the fleeing people outside, that if one were to pull that mask off, and the soul would no longer be living. Organs would stop working and none might ever dare speak or be roughened by the agony which would be felt. As clear as it was, there would be no way to get through this discord without the oncoming stress.

As each moment which had been spent inside the body of that cruel and that filthy, unpleasant space, they would know that someone was outside, trying to approach or make it so they might confess of the vile danger their own evil produced. It would be clear that none may be defiled any longer once they would be brought the death.

With each step that body took forward, the soul only acted in repulsion, forcing it to reconsider. And it had been no body, but indeed one of those inverted ring-worms which had stolen the body and as they had. It couldn't even be considered for their likes alone had instilled ever-so much harm on others.

No one outside knew as they only watched from safety.

One child wanted to draw in closer and take what he felt it was his to take. He pulled on the mask, like some creep and froze in his place.

The gap only started pulling like some skin which had been drawn. It felt to the side and revealed the dying soul which had been staring at the child. Slowly, the flabby inverted ring-worm tried, desperately to infest the soul with its own kind of mad inversion, only to have momentarily failed.

It couldn't be looked down upon, not now, of all the vicious times.

It so happened that the child died immediately after, as if from some hearth disturbance or a stroke which had come from the shock. Time had come for joy and some kind of celebration would come after the soul would attempt to make it so it could steal the body of the boy.

Perfidiously unnerved, the soul would shake in revulsion, as it tried so hard to gnaw at the bars. It grew restless with the fact that it had been so weak and that the teeth had crumbled after coming into contact with those wickedly twisting bars.

Flatulence could only bring it closer to the fact that it had been filled with that maddening fright which couldn't have been tried for. Something wrong had gotten in its pucker of a stupor which had been its small decaying brain. Not many options could be tried any longer. Obviously, one last attempt would be for it to try climbing and flinging itself over those high places and onto the other side.

But the hinges of that gate were too high and it couldn't have been attempted. Not with the present men, who would once and again stop from fleeing only to gasp at what had looked like some vile foulery of human-life. Its twist had been unnerving to be looked upon.

Time was pushing, drawing, attempting to bring an end to this anomaly of life itself. None dared any less, none would confess of the vileness which happened there. Most importantly, none cared enough to save this dark creature.

Though the shell and skin may have been protected from the likes of fire, everything else hadn't. An unfulfilled purge with the help of its degenerate urge would defile the likes of this unprotected soul.

And that inverted ring-worm only watched how the soul slowly drew itself inwardly, affected by that infestation, burning from the dire, tirelessly dying in the hellfire.

The rest lays obscure in dust.

What was the dye exactly? One could not even hope to dissect it order to hope to find out anything about the chemical imbalances in its composition. Such a claim would barely come close to scratching the surface. It was an unquestionable mix of tenderness and pain that could be added to the skin. Bones would start moistening, as well as the groundwork around it. There was the leaping effect one could draw as much as he could from the dye only to find out that drinking it left a hole through him. He would feel colored, to the very red or magenta he had basked in.

And that would not be enough to savor the full bluntness it bore. Adjacent to the island where the change had happened, stood the mighty empire of the octopi. They rested there, almost defeated, launching jets of ink against the tall walls which protected the isle. The act of theft taken against their master was unforgivable. It was shameful that they allowed it to happen without putting out a fight. Claiming otherwise would be treachery of the highest kind. 'I shall move now. Hear me 'steps.' A tall pair moved in, closely being submerged in the ground yet whole. They moved like tiny bumps underneath the skin, showing only their tall legs and what joints shook inside of them, bouncing as they were given the appearance of living trebuchets. Constant jolts of power gave the impression that they bore mines inside of them. It was unnecessary to claim there was another floor there beneath them. One living floor which registered everything and replicated it just a few feet away below. That way they would forge their

stages and make sure that no movement would be lost, the kind of which made even the stalactites and the stalagmites shake and shatter at the thought. Why would that be? Mainly because there was some kind of drawing fear which was pushing through them, the veins only trying to give as much movement to the register of living. But this ordeal hadn't been the result of preservation; rather, it had been a way to look for the object which had been stolen. Otherwise, it would be completely lost and at the hands of the most decrepit ones down there. Its presence had been felt. Each beat of the living, almost heart-like organ could be felt. But it wasn't alone, as it had acquired the intelligence of a marine biologist. In its tracks there lay just enough to make one feel as if there would be scurry in the half-plants, half-deep sea creatures he had left behind. They would be somewhat completely sorted out inside the walls, growing in ways one could not even fathom that they'd live past the initial inception. Down there, up there, just about everywhere, they managed to produce eggs and fertilize them, even with their wide-spread organs which had been infested with the protective juice the land itself produced. It couldn't be accounted otherwise as anything but a deliquesce of thought. That these half-scum sea-lurches would start spreading their legs and implanting themselves into the replicated seekers. Sooner or later they would either be slowed down or even worse, they'd wake up being completely manipulated and replicated in their mind-controlled phases. And the original directive would only be completely maintained and inserted into a new generation of useless divers. 'We have escaped.' Said the man, who was thinking about his act. No one would sing of his glory or even care if he were to be utterly annihilated. As a matter of fact, he was to be completely pushed over the edge, to the point of never being able to return to his false glory. It was an act of anxiety which drove him forward. He was crawling past living beads and bitter credence's of the malign. Which in themselves grew to make tiny chambers, or spots in which the Lem'Uhrs hid. It was in the instant he had come into contact with them that his fate was partially sealed. With all the false tracks he left behind, this completely sinking organ might've had the change to escape. But there Lem'Uhrs had a special deal of function which wasn't accounted for. They were stragglers which hid inside their heads strange cameras which recorded what happened around them, storing them in the most capricious manner. To them, there would be nothing more than the destiny which they would share with others. In their spherical-chambers, they were eyes, recorders, creators of materials used for the utmost complete digestion. It would only serve as a mighty hopeless thing to breed there a few more creatures with hope of taking them off the chart. With them here he knew he would be found. These creatures freely shared what they had recorded with him, which made him realize that they couldn't be trusted for silence. They kept on the walls with long legs, which held on with the help of almost spiked hairs, that drew in and out, pushing around just about a few motions which dragged on. From here on, he could see the display, of how he had entered and what would he do. But I leaped away, just to avoid getting myself stricken by a giant long-leg which had been thrown against the egg-sack limb which had erupted from inside of me. Their intelligence somewhat provided a threat that couldn't be dealt with. I knew that if I remained there, I could see myself being shattered and broken for my attempts and my desire to escape. And they would figure out eventually that I was the one who planted every living creature behind me in order to thwart their attempts. 'Leave me be, I beg of thee, clear your recordings and I shall find a way to set you free from your hidings.' But their long and hardened bodies only started contorting even farther, pushing out a mass of hairs. That was their natural defense, though it may have rendered their bodies even more immobile, the forest of soft and long blades they produces appeared to be able to cut through everything. Case

and point, the one Uhr who picked up the half-bred creature threw it against him, only to see it completely destroyed, pulled inwardly until out of the mass, only a liquid started dripping out. IT couldn't be permitted any longer, this strange change into bacterial promise. He saw moving rows in the pool which drew from it. And it hadn't been because of him; rather, this had been an infection of the hair-disease propagated by him. 'We shall create a life in the recordings and we shall make a piece of you from what you've given us.' 'But I cannot be replicated; do you unfathomable beings of cowardice know what I am?' 'An intruder who bears a wicked ability to fall through the world, pointlessly trying to get through to the sea, only to have known that there's no way back to it down there. You must be dragged back if you ought to rejoin with the rest of your body.' 'So you know of my cause?' At which there hadn't been a given answer. Instead, what they had given them was that strange and strangulatory promise, which was pulled from one of their dug-spots. They hid a bunch of octopi-spies, who hid themselves unkindly in the walls. 'These were supposed to be yours, I presume. Many of which had given their lives to carry on messages back to the empire. What do you suppose might happen if we were to thwart their attempts at rescue? It wouldn't be that hard at all, I presume anyone with the mind and the matter would be able to do it if they tried hard enough. It's only a matter of pushing in fast enough and drawing as many of them in as possible. Now that we have your form, we could set traps and.' 'Stop, I understood where you were attempting to go ever since you opened those yapping things I saw moving. What do you want in exchange for your silence?' 'Underwater grottoes and caverns such as yours, that's all we desire. To know that we'd be safe somewhere in your world without any disturbance. Our was a peaceful existence until they came and I cannot fathom you not being the cause of it, both the human and the organ. Both of you have some acts which would make you irredeemable in the eyes of your betters.' 'And who would those betters be?' The thought could only now be deciphered. As in the realm below the depths, where one had been cursed to the punishment of eve, he fashioned the bodies of the wicked council into an undecipherable amount of bodies which stuck themselves within one another's sides. It wouldn't work; it wouldn't be denied that there were things inside their bodies which propagated their living. But that Yyork could only wait. One day he would return. In the meantime, he passed it while pushing for the farther reaches of the grotto, breaking its shell above him apart, only to see that he was nowhere. Surrounded by a nothingness in which his muck dripped, he had realized that he wasn't trapped but stranded. Stranded and beyond any means of floating or moving away. His company had been destroyed; the crystals shattered and the rest of the bodies had been pushed off his bounds. Now, there would be nothing going on for him any longer, but that strange way and deliquesce as he was looked down upon. By whom if not by the mad spirits which gathered from around the rims of the ether? He wasn't surrounded by any kind of space but a made blue, of some deep aquatic blue, which served as something for him to be taunted over as they spoke. 'Have you had enough of the silence yet? Do you understand or have you come to know that we're not truly dead? Of course you wouldn't be able to fully destroy us. We, who have served as the council of evil wretches and malignant physical embraces would be nigh-immortal.' Ever seeing, they finally showed up, part spectral, but their bodies started putting themselves together at their tops. In an immediate approach, they could be looked upon as some kind of body misalign junction which drew all of them closer to one another in order to function. Each of them took a piece of scrab, or some piece of glass which encompassed the other one around them. In as strange as a fact as it had been, there wouldn't be any shame for what they'd feel. Angst far surpassed their woe. In as much as a few

strangling woes, they found themselves watching and peering, snatching and lurking inside their own disregarded motions. In a few more moments they started eating at one another as the one head came forth, the main reposition which had suddenly merged all of them as some floating piece which held their necks as tubes. In as much as it could be forgiven, they were trying to pick up a few of the flying limbs which crossed themselves like blades, spinning around as they would push away the ghosts. One beak only showed a few signs of inter-locked eye-heads, which bore their stalkish mouth out then. This speech-contraction, golden, small, bore a few half-rings every five inches in both directions. From the other side, in this chaos of deformed faces, in which one could even see a half-grown full body which ought to have been displaced from some other dead-world, there stood the skull of glass. And it spoke, again, alas. "You have arrived at an opportune time." The diacraphone spoke for them. It had been highly accustomed to the dishelmed surroundings which were there. It was time though, to see it for what it would be worth. Lighted candles appeared in each of the ghost's hands. It could not even be distinguished from what was worth no longer. Strangers they may be, it would take some time until their sequence of interlocked lights would draw back to a known level, or even an acceptable one. But each of them used the entry to push on at least some imitation of what a night with starry wonder ought to look like as their surroundings darkened for the first time in decades. "There haven't been many of you who managed to turn the court into a supreme cluster such as this. Were you prostaticized when you began bastardising us and our hope? It's hopeless to think now, just what would go wrong if we were to take a piece of you and push it forth." Likely, as they looked around, it had been decided here and there; just about anywhere one could look that it would be disgraceful for the highest bidder. No one sneered as their own apparitions started coming around them. To be groomed and pushed through, bitter as no remorse be felt was rather uncouth for many. Yet they sneered no longer and finally pushed themselves forward. "We want you to know that there are so many things wrong going into the world because of you." "The stability of the isles had been thoroughly affected by your sudden insurgence and that of your servants. And we supposed you're to be held accountable for everything, if that's the case." "It cannot be permitted for you to go there any longer and goad the masses with the filandery of mistrust. Even now, we are aware of your plans, and know that you shall do you best to proceed with them, even if it means bastardising the images of men we have sworn to keep away from this place." And it was time, for the first session they had managed to get a hold on him, to make him talk. It would be rather interesting, the way in which neither of them could push themselves as fast as two thinner layers before seeing the muck showing signs that it would rise again. It was just unforgivable, as this damned creature dared threaten them again and again. How much would it attempt pushing itself to the point where they could not accept it any longer? "You shall speak or we shall drain you away until your carcass shall be revitalized in the weakest possible form. It is your choice." Rising from the pollution it had created, Yyork began speaking with its many bubbles and splashes, which went as far as to push through a few signs of speech. What else could be done in order to avoid this? If it weren't for the kind of laughter which was displayed there, one could not even account for the dread they felt by any means. It wasn't going to go any faster than this, they'd be aware. But one splash admits many seemed to resonate with a few of them just then. It made no difference now trying to portray what he seemed to be doing. It seemed like the various bubbles didn't form a language facilitated by their various pops, but out of the sound their produces, which had been stored from inside the rocks. In other words, Yyork managed to conjure a few words from

another plane of existence. From the previous men who had been judged and from the creatures which had been denied any kind of idea of vengeance as they were forced to flee into terror. Dread would not be accounted for any longer and it said. 'I've been judged for the morally wrong doings of a man, but I am no man.' 'What is this mockery? This voice doesn't belong here? Fleeing cowardice, you think you will be allowed to summon some voices from the past?' 'Bear me a sharper sting and I shall return to haunt the one who killed me.' 'Prison, prison, let me be in it. I have a cage I brought my brain in. Look at it; don't you like the brain birds?' Awakened, as if from a distant module for memories, they remembered it; a few birds which had been completely made out of brain mass flew around the strange aquarium he had been brought in. It had been such a mess, that the water had been completely drained and pushed out. 'Do you remember him? I seem to have a vague recollection to it. Even now, I seem to be set on that Pyn'Hsthar. It was by his own hand that he died, you know?' 'We are all aware of it, I believe our arrangement to get his bird brought them still in our power. We own them still, mind you not of the consequences that are overly pushed past the coins.' Better than the groins they had ripped from one. 'Acheeeeeeee, Achleeeeeeeeeee, achleeeeeeeeeee.' Came another shout from a series of eight of them. All of them looked surprised just how terrible they sounded. How dreadful and unnerving even they had been made to feel. So many of their failures resulted in accidentally torturing the victims which were brought there, all of which stood here as a reminder of what ought to be done for the future cases. 'Just to be certain, we'll replace this hole and abandon it entire.' 'It's settled already.' 'Do we have to? I cannot help it but be actually pleased by this. I enjoy the sounds I hear, and I cannot even help but see myself in all of those who suffered at our judgment or at the lack of judgment we have shown them to.' Gates would not be open for as long as their peering gazes stilled. There was a wave of bleakness then which appeared to hit them in full force. No one had been spared by this complete disillusion, their emotions being turned to vein. 'Why, I feel as if something changed.' 'Unchanged for years, these corners we've been pushing ourselves into have never been touched by anyone in such a manner.' 'Is it him?' 'It cannot be. Everything he's done so far has been judged and been allowed by ourselves. Do not confuse something like this with his inception. He's merely being allowed to act as he pleases inside our own pieces of the corner.' Distrust reigned nonetheless. As soon as the specters that were there disappeared from sight, and the color of blue suddenly desiderated itself, there was nothing. They floated in a malign essence which kept splashing against their bodies, unable to define it properly. Was it a wave, or a just a strike of dark powder, it was unexplainable, but it felt darkly harrowing, to the point where neither of them could decide what ought to be done about it now. 'Let it be known that we have decided to return to you in order to properly judge you for the destroyed commitments you have broken against the so-called aquatic servants you wrought under your command.' Now they had approached, though their ghastly side seemed to have shattered and had been lost, they still bore their enormous head forth, the parts of which were still active by whatever means possible. Each thought solemnly as they began going through the motions. Each obscure commotion would do well as to pay the needed attention to his broken head. His skull lay crisp and non-erect in the manner. To falter would've meant a thing. Wings might've been broken, stolen and misspoken. But they had brought their incessant crevices so wide that they began pushing ahead their livid defies, long and portable, there near stacked bag-like limbs began accessing the various fluids which surrounded them, keeping them at bay. Various acids made sure that the muck would be constantly purified just so it would be much easier to

completely defy their presence. From one to another, they looked and communicated at least something close to an undesirable command. Destroy him, now, cull him down, and let no soul return. But what if we cannot? We will only show weakness that way and we shall only get devoured in that case. It's weak; this fiend cannot even stand alone to be judged. It should be completely sent off to another plane. We cannot keep him here and deal with this new plague. I do not think he's the reason for this bleakness which just appeared. I would say that this is nothing but another assault from above. Then where would he be sent? This creature has shown signs that it cannot be contained by normal means. Trap it then, it needs to be trapped for its own good and its own admission. Otherwise we shall only be the slaves of it, acting like heathens for someone we cannot deal with. He is no god; this being serves only as the epiphany of mold and corruption. It should be settled here and now. Let the judgment be adorned until we deal with it, fool. Can't you see that we stand at risk of being completely changed? That would perhaps be the worst kind of imprisonment one could self-sufficiently throw himself into. We cannot hold to fight this corruption. They could all see now, the various cubes forming then. Much wider, bigger, and less complete, they appeared to form crystal which emitted such a dark and brittle thing that they almost seemed to be the bones of some forgotten centripetal convex triangular mold anomaly. It spread through the muck as well, even if this Yyork suddenly pushed itself away. No in a physical or mobile manner, but it appeared to have stretched the confines of the cave he had been put in until he was beyond their reach. 'It's not a result of your containment nor is it yours. This bleakness appears to be something beyond our comprehension, and needs not be ignored.' 'You shall be sent into a prison made of yourself.' Cages bars, even the long distanced warden appeared to be Yyork, in a replica, an embodiment lost, so vaguely set that he wouldn't understand. Barely disturbed by it, he seemed to be communicating with the distant fungi which inherited all of them. No word and nothing appeared to communicate to him any of the information needed to know what lay outside the confines in which he had been forced into. He was struck, unevenly by the various needs he felt. But the council, the judges would have it worse. As they remade the halls, they saw the thing which had poured itself into it as something which would stay, which would remain and never leave. Arrogance would make one believe that there was a thorough need for suffering. It was only by its own admission that there was a way in. Horned and scolding, molding and creeping set in thawed emotion, there came the fiend, which crawled inside the cage. It bore a large hairy back from which there came the faces underneath each segment of giant horn-tube blade. And each of them spoke of something as the prolonged body revealed no main head, only a disabled pair of necks. This one had been called Shyl. Fiend of bedraggled fiends, boredom within a pair of destroyed antlers, mad as a fatherless halter of the malign. What he bore was a pair of children which weren't his, in a bad. All of which were anything but human. Long bodies, torn, and even opening from the in-born descendants they produced, these almost faceless dictators ordered upon one another as they awaited to be thrown out. It would be dangerous to look down upon them. Otherwise, one could easily let his guard down realizing that there wouldn't be any way to escape from their parasitical births. To say the least, the feast of various worming feasts would begin. 'I've brought you something, oh lost master. Must I not give you what you ought to desire most? Is this not agony worth sharing?' He presented them, in a delicious way. As his bag turned outside, there came the sudden contemplation, followed by pure damnation of any morality which may be. Shyl had been afflicted by the malign effects which came from Agamemnon, which had scoured the universe. He had swam through the flood and

appeared to have caught some of the corrosion on his body. On top of that, he was afflicted by the bleakness which turned his organs into sad-looking living infantile things. Theirs was a strange approach. No one would dare push themselves past what had been their disgraceful act. I know you may not desire to speak to me, Yyork but standing so close to you made me realize that some of your spores had already implanted themselves inside my mind. Dubious as to what means, I believe I may serve as an altar, a way to send someone to join even if it's for a shorter time. You see, I'm only partially dead and a part of me is out there, going by the sea on a single wooden ship with no direction. Yet I am known to you and they're known to me. Eventually I am to be found by one of the various ones who follow you and when that happens, I shall grab him, place his ever-expanding head on my chest and cut him in half. 'Once the sacrifice will be done, he will appear here, struck on my chest, only for a few moments so he might carry a message of your choosing.' To which he bent, Shyl kneeled and as he promised, the body of an octopi appeared on his chest, long exposed, under some distress. Whatever they produced in terms of speech could be anything but identified. As a matter of fact, there wasn't even any remotely close idea as to what they were talking. Expressing even some contemplation and some disregard, I looked away, in shame and a wonder. What might happen if I were to stay? It was a mere explanation for the luck of trust which surrounded me. Too many Yorks seemed to bother me with their presence. And way too many of them appeared to maintain at least a hindrance of its original mind. Turning would be the best attention, the direction being set. My body started releasing the head and the hair, which would slowly drag me away like a sponge or swarm of concubine sea-stars which tried getting away from a predator of the sea. Likely, I would be allowed, as the gates hadn't closed and I was out. Behind I could see the various pieces and various specimens gather in white, in puffs as they closed now. I could not even swallow, realizing how close it had been, those spores may have entered me, and they would die this far without contact from their master. Protected by a lay of queratinachl, which poured inside my every crevice from the large hairs, I was finally clean. Shyl had only taken the appearance of a foaming blotch of yellow which stood there, in wait for the expulsion. Whatever intrusive specimen may have come into contact with him, now it had been completely repelled and pushed away; disgracefully so as he attained a decisive change which forced him to behave. With a closely attained new pair of legs, he started dragging himself away. He had lied about the claims of that deadly succor. Out there, he had collected the bodies of just enough of those easily attainable ink-makers that he had crafted a few limbs of his own. As the success prolonged, it would not take long until he'd do it as well. But to say the least, these creatures as they might have dealt with their trades and their strange happenings did not detract from the doings of the island. 'There is still hope yet.' An important person spoke. Mayor, he may be, caught by only the least of shows of arrogance, caught Mark staring. They have kept their discussion private, so that his brother and William quickly left afterwards. What was to be decided now, seemed to only lie between them anyhow? 'But William had already told you that we cannot expand so quickly. If we were to bring half a dozen more, most of them would be plainly disappointed, you know that. If the conditions aren't well enough to justify them moving in, your act of charity will be useless. These are workers after all, families and much worse than that, they are high-class people.' 'Bring in the poor then, we'll promise them new lives, places to work and food.' 'How would you provide it then, mayor? This is office is well pleasing for the eye, but I don't suppose you're anything but a disposable clerk if anything else. You don't have the funds needed to cover up for them.' 'I do not need them anyway, perhaps one day you'll understand it,

though I doubt a sleazy man like you would know of anything even remotely close to decency.’ ‘Know thee well before know myself, mayor. I cannot stress enough that this will come down running on your back. The burden is only yours to carry, not ours. We’re only the middlemen.’ ‘As always, where there’s a need for responsibility to be taken, you’d shy away from it. I know your kind; I know what you’re like. Don’t act as if you’re concerned by the well doing of the people. Drop the theatrics, I know you’ll accept.’ ‘Well I never intended to decline. I know what you’re thinking now. It may not seem the person I should be dealing with in trades, but hear my concern and take it kindly as you may.’ Marques looked around for just about anything he could bring up, the files in his stack which may have a slither of the financial situation of the city, some plain marks left in by the rubbing of money marks as they might leave their imprint on the desk. Even some coins he forgot about. None, it was all to clean for them to be trusted. That he knew well. ‘William and my brother should return in only a few hours and by the time they’ll return, you’ll see. I think you’ll see that there’s no way out. I cannot bother myself with thinking of a way their lives might be improved but.’ ‘What do you mean by no way out?’ ‘Mayor, you didn’t know? Have they not told you? The journey from island to island is permanent, we’ll ship them then we’ll leave. And we won’t return for at least a few months that I could think off.’ ‘What nonsense are you talking about? Of course you will, this is the beginning of a trade business, our deal and transactions are only on the verge of going on.’ ‘If you say so, but I think that for a long enough time we should keep a distance, that’s all. For our own safety and not only for that alone, we need to take care of our own, nothing more. You know that we’re not implicitly trying to harm you or your business. It’s only that we cannot help ourselves but look away if bad things happen all of the sudden, with or without our attention or because of us. Reason would dictate that we shouldn’t put too much thought into a business which is plainly doomed to fail. And this miserable lot you call a town, I cannot even spare myself as much a single.’ A bird came in the window. What a strange thing. It was domes and filled with wooden bars which kept its crystal wings from falling off. In a way it looked like it had been a set of the piece from the room. ‘Just what are you intending to do with the people we’re bringing in?’ ‘That’s none of your concern, Mark. The only thing you should care about is.’ The bird again.

Words of evil magnitude

It was by the touch of Ivanoe, that he came back. From that strapping segment which went down like a centipede with many tiny legs and flat heads which pushed towards the other directions, he finally sat himself down near his friend. They had encompassed everything underneath them with their long-legs, which pushed even farther than their bodies could possibly hope to get. As fatness increased in them, many flying single blots of had, almost desaturatedly-looking yellow pushed on their tiny spread of flight-definers. Legged by the overly enlarged heads, they appeared to hide inside of them a great amount of store wings. All of them usually falling beneath them like spread rigs. Uncertainty touched the latter. As they would start adapting to the earthly-kind of ticks, drowning not from anywhere else but from the air, going through the affliction of the mind which had conspired to make them get back to their kind. Mostly, it was a few lustful twists created from within a monochromatic pitch which drew in color. It replaced the sunless day in the ever-present stop of the creature which covered the continent. ‘I’ve lived a

good life, haven't I?' Asked Ivanhoe, who spared no thought and no wonder at his friend, Roscowaff, who stared at what were once blushing forests and undeniably beautiful houses. His family should've been there. In one of the regions which had been completely filled with it. But that had been a long time ago, and he could not bother to bring himself back to action. To his surprised reaction, he almost gave in. 'Have I been brought back only to be mocked? You know I have no home any longer, I can see it with my very eyes. It may be amusing to you, but I feel hollow on the inside. No one will try to make my life better here.' 'Let's go for a walk, Roscowaff.' 'And end up talking to you again? Can't you see that I'm sad and depressed? I lost too much to get back in.' 'But you haven't even seen the candle. It shines even now, ever since the day we brought it back. I lost a lot as well, but I don't think you're just as interested to hear about me. After all, I would've figured you out unworthy of a return.' 'So now you've brought me back to see a candle?' 'And the Dead Sea, which spilled on the mainland. You should've been here to meet our guests, they didn't come here from the sea but they helped me get a great spot during the witnessing of the waves.' My mind and eyes worked in unison as the reminder came. My heavy arms only started to touch over the rims of the projected earth. I looked down upon as a man would upon a pool of dirt. Before my fingers went through, I came to know that I felt nothing over the implied destruction. Even though I didn't feel it there, I have done something much worse. Perhaps it was my sullen lack of appreciation or it was by mere chance that I had managed to write down a few mutterings which resulted in the less malign, a destiny which made me feel a battering of illness. My feverish fingers started pushing in. I saw the words appear in my mind as if a summoning gate was laid upon my very feet. And I only had to make the key and twist it in. The words I would write appeared with a solemn power. A manifestation turned itself, spreading through the cracks of the gate beneath me, like a pile of gelatinous pair of carps, which had been turned inside out to reveal as much of the time they had spent out in the sun. Not only had there been dead meat in that contorted pile, but I could see that it formed itself into a cage around me. Suddenly, it turned back into metal and I felt trapped. 'I hadn't meant to write that down.' But entrapped could only be the only thing which went through my mind. The predecessor stood behind him. I saw his long tail push through the railing, leaving enough for me to think about what I've done. Luckily, this was only a jest, he spoke. 'Bend the bars; you know that I'm only trying to play with your innards. It's a way of our kin.' It communicated from within, inches from the prosthetic remark which he had desperately tried to shake off. Had that room always been that wide? No walls could lie if the manifestation of smoke could crackle forth. He was forced to sit and take as much of it in. Drawing near just enough to form a pair of numbing scowls, he had been ported back to the where he stood. His friend looked at him as if he misunderstood something, and had suckled to some deep inception of his thoughts. 'I wish I knew why I came here. Perhaps I might've understood so many things, but I can only look for a way out so I may start a new life, that's why I brought you back, my dear friend. I'm in deep trouble. The villain I had been met by came over me and forced some pathetic knowledge and disgust, for which I may never be able to get away from. I distrust the living, even you, my old acquaintance. He forced me to write things, telling me they wouldn't happen. But I had only done what he had wanted. Like some fool being forced to do as he is pleased. No one could ever dare look at me as a man; they're avoiding my gazes, regardless how hard I'm trying to prove them wrong?' 'What did you write then?' 'On his dark table, where the image of a right world was, in the jest and during our laughter when I thought I had been brought up, I wrote humanity. I wrote slavery, the world be theirs, there would be no heirs, no

fertile beings, no creatures of our own. Primitive apparel, tools broken, crippled as a default, left to rot and be lost and to evolve ten years after we're dead.' 'But I haven't changed.' Roscowaff couldn't feel anything going by him. He looked and felt similarly as before. As a rule of thumb, one could rub his whole body to find out if something came out of him or returned. 'Perhaps I've taken you too fiercely, look at your chest.' Wounds lay there, a lot of them, all plain to see, battered, strapped with a flattery unlike any other. He had chopped a few marks from which the four anchored, deep rat-heavy bludgeons occupied the pieces he had cut. And they showed signs of the invertebrate protrusion which almost came to force itself to blossom. It would be dangerous if they shot behind of him as well. Not only could he not bother trying to fight the urges which had encompassed him, but the dread fell within his touch. He reeked of disgust and repulsion. Not a single touch could be justified, as Ivanoe leaned in to try so much harder. Unlike his dexterous hands, he tried living off the plain of walls, pushing through to eat as much as he might be able to. They showed the least meaningful signs of compassion as soon as they were touched and writhed as soon as heat came about. 'I could not force myself to kill them. You know I like animals.' 'They're bad, really bad; I can feel them pushing the others inside of me. I think I'm full of them.' 'At least you're not dead. And maybe I have been a bit too late in killing you. It's difficult you know? Trying to get you back to life when you keep pushing back and then in, like a straddling boat. This isn't working for me that well. The role of one who has to drawn you back in from the transitional phase, I mean, look at yourself. This isn't who you are.' He almost saw him depart. Somehow he forgot to mention that they would be theirs as soon as they changed. But this changed hadn't been unprovoked. He didn't go into detail at all. No, in another dimension they had been the norm. Lookalikes, akin to us, with many rat-fat pestilences pushing out of us. And their long stalk-beans would push from the back only a few inches in the back where they would connect to the joints of the arms, the knees and even a piece of the line. The poor afflicted souls were forced to become like them. Just as I have forced the primates to become men, they were the next to follow. I refused to join their vile plans, out of fear that the other men might not like what I've done. So many awful means of touching still keep me awake. It was the way through which their already-forming detainment grooves communicated to him. An archaic pulsing detainment, of what this life had become. I couldn't shake my eyes enough to look at what took over our crafted sinks, and the top of Ming, our dynasties and our deserts, the jungles and the water shoves. Everything which had once been classified as natural and unnatural came to and end, until they became part of the mega-groove which sparked on the misunderstood. No more could I spare myself of looking ahead. We were met by the party of the other survivors. So far no one has been aware of the fading after effects which took them in their world in order to use them as slaves for their Encephalitic burial-constructions. For it was in the halls of the decease that the written words where at their mightiest. And each time they dug deeper than and as deep as they would, they would find the destined olfactory trap where all the bodies of their limbs and their rotting imps rested. For within them there lay such an obscure mystical might that they could defile reality as it were. 'We must make it one way or another, the anarchy-brothers. Only the two of them will know how to break the cycle of the growing grooves. If we may not, I'm afraid our planet will be torn apart.' He didn't even know. This secluded men had no intention of even peering at him, unable to decide whether or not he would be comforted by any insatiate need for the knowledge. If only he knew. The destination changed. The eight of them walked unscathed. Mostly, those who had invaded their world were naturally unaffected, unless stirred. For which reason everyone had

been breathed in the sweat of the orlichriahic growth of many tendrils which went above them. 'Don't worry, Roscoe, I've taken the liberty to take a bottle with me. They shouldn't feel you until you make contact with the ground.' 'Why is that?' 'Well, you see, they're.' Everyone looked to the side. An opening from the very mound of dirt came. Like a flat competent barred elevator, it came just in time for them to go in. 'Has this been planned before?' 'I wouldn't see the reason for it. Why, I think it would be rather cruel to look at it from any other angle. But let's not spend too much babbling about it. I think we're waited.' Roscowaff could barely take his eyes from the placed. What had become of this, if not a disgrace? The field lit by a light so obscure, one might think that the hard jousting ball around the earth might've been the wink of a goddess, seemed to bother his sadness no more. I felt amused, bemused, by the fact that they had visited him, of all the people as we made our way towards the elevator. He didn't see or sense them in a direct manner. But his brain had been replaced with a much bigger, growing one. That had the displeasure of self-inflicting damage as it could not function properly any longer. Yet another peril had come from this exposure. As it happened to them to behold, they came out of nowhere and brought dominion over the world as well. There were seventeen lords who basked into the glorious stone of the well of Pth'Irn. The lord of wonder who appeared in his garneted fashion vests, which carried along his strange fingerless nests planted on his back. As they started pushing around and twisting, rotting his body to a degree of unearthly beggar-skins he had collected upon the ripening of life, he had crafted himself another body in which he lay. His utmost unclear wonder was whether or not one could achieve immortality not through exchange but through his fashionable statuettes made out of skin, delightfully placed in his mad gallery of tinder-brought, brain-wrought halls. In them, he collected, this demented foul thing, an insulation of wounds, within which he placed the rest of the bodies he had taken. Their skins were useful and demented. At night they would speak, unattended over the fact that no one would pay any attention to him. Most of the lords appeared to share, willingly an ignorance which disturbed him in his highest regard. It could not be called into question, whether or not he brought his arms forth. It sneered at him, that one body. Speaking of a tongue of greed. 'Help me, my lord; I have sold my family into slavery to share a cup of mead. May I not be given something in return from my wrong doing?' 'Vile creature, you have done something as impetuous as to ask me of the most evil kinds which are alive. You shall suffer for daring to insult me in such a way, wretch.' Chehrukan, as he wondered, for the first time, to bolster his thought, he came and pointed in his eyes, drawing everything out. From him, there was nothing which remained, only the dreadful images left by the Danes. As, inside, there had laid the marks of whips and canes and battering hits from their weapons and stinging whims. This one had been punished again. From atop of his plunge, he had been thrown about into the darkest of the pits. Following through the thickets of complete vampiristic delights, he found them dwelling on his body even with him in sight. Ever since then, he stroke a deal with them, bring them whatever had been left after he was done with them. And it came in at utmost advancing manner of bitter thrusting and nightly hashing, in which he bore, a sack of beggars, thieves who joined their ranks and other petty criminals to whom his delight had give him the only kind of expression he needed. It would be pleasant otherwise, to even consider going through each of his steps and noticing just what he got. They were deceived only momentarily then, for he had dragged their kind as well, only to pull them from inside their strange dishelmed sides. As Chehrukan came to his senses at last, he took his spoils and went away, in his gallery, to which he displayed only the utmost unfashionable of creations, the kind of which none may wander at. He was

joined by lord Kikrikiesh, who torn his head in a bitter storm, to which from it there grew only the bitter remnants of the broken years. For he alone, was defined by those wrought things which made him lost his mind. Desperately he had looked, in the most obscure of places, in the cities, in the mazes and even into the abyss. Kikrikiesh, the lord benign, looked into the false paradise, only to be met by the vile decrepit spawns of the siren. Bred into existence by the grand beasts, the honored fiends, who had made themselves, be held up high, in their stone-ford citadels, where no one might look to abide. For their destinies looked forth, unnerved by the lost. The souls of sired and of fish, who died in the centuries of sailor and their hook binders appeared on top of the spawns. And those sea-creatures, controlled and completely saturated by their constructs of unearthly gowns came out of their caverns to great the lord in his obscure home. Deceived by nothing else, in the matter, brought to the one which may falter, they opened themselves upon the plain and revealed their mantra which spoiled the land. 'I see that you still bear bad thought to our world. But why have you come here, in the ground chosen by the land-dwellers? If not for yourselves, I would adjourn the like of breaking habits and I would've crushed you just like my brothers had, bringing nothing but dread to your depths abound.' 'Fear us not, lord, we bear to ill-fruit with you. Instead, we're only trying to commute with what we've lost. This is only a ritual which might serve as a reminder that we haven't given up to your homes and our traditions even if the invaders came forth and forced us be.' 'But this land is not yours.' His shroud contained only a few marks, which were carried by his horse. The shoes it wore were not of metal but fashioned of the lord's eyes, his fingers and the flies which followed, the few organs he had to spare and even a piece of his spine was there. And he had given up on quite a few, leaving to himself only the bitter shell which held a heart which would not tell of any tale. Only the living could look at him with no despair, only to reveal that he was the true lord of wander. Unlike his fake predecessor which had been a sick impersonator, this one inspired others to look and see, and think why it 'be that he was followed at last. In his mind, of many perils, he could not stray away from the pestilence, at the girth. Words would not comply, the needs need not abide, for a much distressed alacrity came. 'I see that you need something out of them. So be it, I give you this egg, so it may bear one thousand of your kin as long as you have your way with it.' With a sheer sneer, they mightily exchanged, they wrought themselves a fashionable curse, the exchange of which made them ask one another of the obtuse maladies. 'Will you exchange a few children of the Hissiiis? For us? We'll give you just enough, perhaps we'll trade you.' 'Enough of this, I haven't come here for small talk. Know that my time is coming to a stop, and one day I shall be brought to my knees and be filled with ashen-wax, melting by the lights and mass of light which shall fill my body with delight. And I shall be seen as a relic of a past, not as a lord. As it cannot be avoided, I only desire to know, where my missing years are?' He felt like this blunder would've made him stronger, as he was unable to think of the disgusting state in which the brought themselves to him, he only forced himself to know and look. Despite the fact that he was shook with a cold, which make his body get brought forth to them, he got no satisfaction from their answer as it faded. 'We do not know where your years are. As a matter of fact, we do not know you, stranger. Who might you be?' 'But we have met and your kind has worshipped me before.' 'Leave us be and never pay any heed for what we've done. You're but a strange infiltrator, who has brought us nothing but pain.' They turned on me and never came to even spare a second more. Before one could think again of the matter, he would not even be delighted to find out about the agony the drones had come to bring about them. And he could only think of Hystrioth, the one who bore the entry to the world

of Chstroth, his mightiest rival, brought to the knees, as the mightiest of wonders came to fill in the empty heels inside the lands. Surrounded by a few isles, stood the great obscured nature of Chstroth, who made his way into the plain of Cashaloth, from the distance in the eves of wonder, where realities only spread as soon as the thunder stroke the land. His servants, or slaves, his rounded warriors stood height. Now seen for what they were, eight foot high, standing in the air. Despite their sight, and eight creeping, floating legs which weren't, naturally attached to the rest of their bodies, they would plant only one long filthy mount generated from inside their gown of tessellated blue-energy, going around their belts which anchored the only pieces of body which still stood attached to them. They were in this reality but weren't here at the same time. In some strange way, they were both there and here, working on their ships and their strange planetary hips. Of each other's light, to each of their delights, it could not be told, they would not fold what they brought with them. As their long appendages shot into the air, working on various screens which rounded themselves in a giant cylinder, they would be able to completely gain control to the planetary axis of their core. And for the matter at last, they weren't there to hasten or to waste any time. Instead, they were merely in there, somewhere lost in-between the worlds, in spaces where no one could find them as as they might be born out. From one screen one of these servants could turn a piece of their moons inwardly, crushing a few of the stones and forming statues of those who had been worn. To pieces and to the stale, one could not be brought to knowledge again. Many of them had taken to the kind of librarians who only stood about and wasted time deranged and crested as the most perfidious delights. In their minds they were bringing only the purest lights into the worth. But their overlord rested in his cage, the giant cavern, caught by the flint and steel, the fights which came, erupted to no end. 'If only I could wait them out, perhaps one day one of my servants shall come and find me.' He spoke, and from his many deranged citadels, many of which stood like giant primitive blocks, spread into deserts and locks of steel and flintier. Burning to cinder came the rocks. They were constantly driving destruction on his lands, with no consideration for him or what he had been doing. Pure agony and dismissal came to him then, as he would not walk again, this cripple overlord, who locked himself in the most absurd manners. For, he had been another lord, one who bought himself another world. And now and then when one of the others came, they would bring each other closer to him as well. Unable to define the light, the myths of his deceiver and what he lost, to one specifically, his appointment came. As he would want to make it through this reality and reach him in the end, otherwise, he could not possibly escape his fate, to die ever after knowing that he had lost his years to some dame. Lyishia had been the lord of the broken hearts, even thought that was the last thing he wanted to be met by, the one who held it on her side, breaker of promises, flaunty of woe. She was shallow and permitted only the few admirers to come to her. Only those who were strong and mighty and obscured by the nature of beauty could be gotten. Within her reach, his sorrow may never be forgotten but attained. He couldn't help it regardless of what happened, again and again, the memories would not return again. 'Delightful Lyishia, make my bidding and let me know. I wish only to know of you and of your deep and dark sorrow.' It was pleasant, knowing he would be listened after all, even by her, of all. But the lord of seven dead children and one putrid dog returned just in time to show himself where he'd be could be seen returning to that plane where he lacked the courage to make himself be seen again. It was likely that he was unashamed of the various holding cells in which they were. To be pronounced at least, prior to his defamation had been the fact that once he started in the nerving rack, in the deposited grave, he

would see them later rise again. And from their graves, they would sing, free us father, land us what we want. It would be most obvious that their dog would bark, it just might be that neither of them would see an end. As strange as it sounded, the conflicting account which spoke of the imprisonment they shared, it had been clean but thoroughly decided that they wouldn't be able to look to their sides. It would be undesirable, whether livelihood would be permitted. In the strange state of being, something of them had been lost. A strange naivety, the eyes of children being replaced with those of older being trapped between the realms, but the hound it wouldn't matter. It would bark and choose the path of chewing through the gutter. By chains they stood, dangling like birds, beneath the secret long wells underneath each of the various strange telling of the gorgon-mounds. It felt petrifying standing there. With each blow of the led, hopelessly in awe, they would wait for any kid of witness that could spare himself. 'Look at me; can't you see what I have made out of myself? Father, I've worked through the bars. I've grown stronger, I'm sharper and I have made it so you will take me back. Ignore my brothers and release me alone, so I may walk like another lord. So I might join you.' 'Silence!' The voice of Hyumndliydñ came. And they all stopped from the tracks of their remains. It could not be perceived that they would be listened at all. They mere tried outdoing one another in short attempts of pushing each other off their tracks, just so any kind of exit would be established. 'But I desire.' 'It doesn't matter what you desire, as your presence here is the only thing which keeps me alive. Even if the mutt were to completely get destroyed, I would be smashed and get thrown by the other lords. Outside my realm, they cannot suffer me. And If I were to lose my title, they would not stop bickering until anything I've ever claimed to have made will have been ripped out again.' They were lowered then by the chain mechanism. Underneath them they could see his underlings, those horners. Petty and weakly bodied, their features were scrawny and seemed to drag into the fatness of the back. Soon they had observed how wickedly peculiarly they paced, leaving behind them flaps which pushed themselves to the sides. Sometimes they ripped each other and started snarling, rubbing and pushing onward. To their strange names there was only the strangest of words which might be bred. It came from their backs, pushing on again. And from it, the various stings which lapsed and grasped, turned upon one another, freed at last. In taws' tree there lay the agony of a short-fuse. Thing which ever threatened them to be. It would be impossible to care of them, for as long as one remained there, one would know of the throng of spades and the blockades. 'We're not ready to bring them back to life. Hold them up there and make sure they won't make any other noise, I shall bear my wrath upon all of you, do you understand?' 'We shall do it, master, worry not, word if nothing but a thorough command to be settled with.' And no more they waited until they had dissected even the last of the thorough fate. It was agonizing to look back and realized what they've created. This behemoth of a wheel turned on just enough chains to create an ever-reaching motion of crippling paddles on the side. The undergrounded warfare had been started by such strange machines which didn't give in anything but their agonizing sounds. With each strike of the paddle, the water pushed on, crushing in the stone. And more of them would be brought forth until there'd be nothing reaching around. Various molders would fall, as avalanche of stone which brought fear as it would disarm the strangers from ever trying to produce the wheedling seeds that had to grow. Under the bedrock and the various expanses, there was the consideration that they were killing the in-life which hid itself inside stone. Not only had that been a chance, but the danger which had been produced there only produced their wicked wonderings which went too far. One would sting himself unruly, looking for a way within. 'I need to bash a rock and see.' And within it

he would fine the Croton-reptiles of the Umbrage Amber, abandoned from an ancient war where sentence did not exist. And from them, attached, mounted guns almost rose, stylishly stopped, until the wretch had walked off out of its range. But as it prepared to shoot as much as a single spinning blade, it stopped out of the fact that it couldn't work like that. Painful though it may be, the agony of drawing onward was that they couldn't even defend themselves. Watching closely, one would have to say, they shot only lashes of water which crept as much as they may. But from them, there was the wonder, that no one may know the wiser. That waiting would resolve their problem by itself. As soon as it started moaning and throwing and curling in its ball, this thing drew inwardly and expelled its guts immediately before it would be known of expected to show what had happened to it. 'It's bile of guts attached to some kind of canon I see. Do you suppose he would get mad if we took it for ourselves?' 'We found it; after all, it should be ours!' It was settled then. They would repurpose it and use it for themselves. Without a single doubt, one could not even be the sole decider of what should be theirs, or what should be taken. It was unnerving and insufferable, infuriating even. 'I want to use to break the machine. I don't think the lord cares about much.' 'Blasphemy, can you even hear yourself speaking? Do you not realize anything of the peril which comes with such treacherous words? We were given this moist place and plenty of nests for our backs to retreat back into and breed the next generations. Why do you insist that we may bring an end to it? Have you not done enough already?' 'What have I done now? Asked questions? Because that's the only thing I've done. If you don't like hearing what I've got to say, then you should leave and never return but know that I'll stay here and fish as many of the golden carps as I want.' Blasphemy after blasphemy as they would share those infuriating looks, while the canon only stood frozen solid like a statue. It shouldn't have worked any longer, not while the ammunition had been locked inside. But they wondered still what might happen if one of the bigger rocks would just happen to reveal a grander beast, a taller one, one which might be strong enough to break through their pace. Without a second look, from face to face they exchanged the fear. He appeared there, Hyumndliydñ stood there, surrounded by a gray-blue, cloak made of dead harpies which only hid the many hidden mouth blades he hid beneath him. His body was made out of those mouth watery joints which spoke each time he pressed as much as one step forth. From his laughter came the turn, without realizing, the pitiful ones stood facing the walls. 'What is he intending now? Will he end us here? What if we'll be gone?' 'Let him be, don't give him any ideas now, I wouldn't like to lose what I have of my feet and of my strange grown.' But before he could explain himself or give a reason for his appearance, they heard some giggles. Some more of them followed. As they turned they saw this unnerving pair of children laughing at them. Of course they were a different pair, who only took the appearance of their lord as well. As they had been done shape shifting, they revealed themselves as nothing more. 'Spirits of the woods. I see them. What caused them to come here?' 'Forge that, you need to inquire of something else, why are they impersonating Hyumndliydñ? And how do they know about them.' Before they could get their grasping claws on them, and before agony could be reached, they started jumping like green sponged, around each moist wall, from which water started sprouting. It was from them that their various nice-smelling perfumes came, though it brought them an insufferable amount of disgust, they honed it for as long as they lasted there. By the time they could even explain themselves, it had been too late. Neither of them would even allow the proper explanation for which they were there. 'I must listen; I must listen and hear, the lord will come here if you keep making noise.' 'If we stop, you'll get us, don't you worry about it now, for we shall looking

into your secret plans and decide it for ourselves if it's worth it for us to pursue you.'With which they stopped the tatter and didn't bother until it had been late. For each step and every kind of threat could decide to throw itself where it was needed. The feed they would pay to themselves would be unworthy, for what those sponges found in the cracks was far more threatening than the reeking habits of the strangest tendrils and the least aware deciders. It was the matter of the universe, the very blurred out boldly encompassed creeping piece of agony which stretched as far as to enter them as soon as they came into contact with it. And the sponges couldn't even fathom the unnecessary appliance of the matter which gave them vision into space. And that terrible thing had been far too much for being so primitive whom would themselves grow like some bold lichens which lost their sentience. Just like the war-machines which hid inside the rocks, they had been appallingly afflicted by the same kind of unsanitary disease. No even a wretch could spare them of the fetching alacrity which spread itself through the spores. And not even the spores could spread again once they had received their marks from below. In as much as eighty shattered bonds, by the various alphabets which had been forged for word-domination and speech-control, the monks of I'lliratha Lohnmustn, managed to fill their guts with swords. They've been assaulted for their sacrilege during a mad crusade for the bold headless cutter of the wretched bond. Unashamed now they lay in defeat, resting at broken feet, unable to contend with the changes which broke their tiny legs. In as much as a symbolic gesture, the servants run as they cowardice would not allow them to return where they had gone to. 'We'll only claim that we've seen nothing and experience naught of the kind. Do you understand?' 'I shall say what I desire but I think you're right. We won't manage to get any further unless we give something of ourselves to them. And if it means we'll sacrifice some speech.' Speech, that decaying thing almost struck him, this mindless progeny of the most insufferable forms of life. It couldn't be conceived at all, but it had done it, it had angered all of them as fast as it might. The essences crawling towards him now. Lord of wails, forgotten as he wouldn't even dare behave in his hall of lost orders. It would be highly insufferable otherwise, to even pay him the credence of looking him in the eyes now. What had transpired against him had been the state of disillusion. He was a fluke, he didn't care. Whatever entered him now appeared to be there. It was there, he'd yell. 'It's there, I said it, and it's there.' He ripped open a book from his library and pushed a single page with a numberless cut at the bottom only to see the solidarity of ink which gathered from each letter which mixed. It was a sham, uninteresting, it was a blow, a bloke. And as he saw it, he felt as if everything he had even collected had been nothing but a morbid joke. So many books lay in his library which he had never read, so many paintings he hadn't liked. And yet he never screamed and shouted as the realization had never come. In as long as a few paces which were taken, he had been set to push onward, calling forward to the last piece of schedule, the mandibles pressing on the ink as he would try pushing it in his mouth and even farther than that. Nails began biting inside his throat, as he would look upon no other place other than that which had provoked him. It was unnecessary to wail, for he would not be heard, once the ship he was in had sailed. The other lords wouldn't not be aware, for somewhere in this throat, a sphere; an anchor of many chrysalis-shaped tiny monitors had appeared, chained by the winged menace which disappeared. Oily, as it had become, he could feel himself vanishing from inside, only to be taken somewhere he would feel nothing at all. It stopped soon after when he started seeing them in front of his face. One rhombus had been placed near a cube, a pyramid and other vaguely shaded forms. Interacting with them had been the least of his thoughts, as he would not even suffer it now. What else would matter, other than the latter?

Obscured by the vision, he had reached and grabbed a circle, only to see one of his fingers drawn in, giving into and becoming a part of the circle he had touched. Afterwards, the circle flew back with the others, and they shared it between themselves. Each of them emerged as a single toe which in itself gathered enough strength to cut itself open and reveal the white-ants. In their flocks, they flew, being wide enough to look like miniature giants who wanted to proceed. Some of them would find it necessary to breed inside his head. Look around, you're dead. It was the mere thought which was lost on him. Some wings were spread, others weren't, but seemed to appear mulled. Dulled even by the blades of the air, which had been the remnants of the lord of wails. He had been silent ever since he crushed his spine and crawled inside the nearest corners he could push himself towards. Now he saw, the only image which could draw his attention. As his chest emerged, no longer would he be purged from this epiphany of mild disease. Least of all, he could live as plainly as he could, knowing that a piece of software, a machine was inside his head. It had occupied a good portion of it, making sure to break everything else. Mindless, the brain had been crushed and smashed and instead of it, he would watch them turn back. The bleakness claimed another victim, so it seemed. Depression emerged on that ship, turning the good wood ashen, lost to a motor disease which wouldn't even be accounted for. To look back for more would mean, that someone else had been that way. Falling prey to the miniature bolts, the cold would strap the nearest home, as it stopped the ship near the glacier. Without a realization, of the elements which defied even the nature they had been given in, this came to pass. A mass of inconceivable gray turned everything into that which couldn't even be conveyed. A turn for the masses of the solid sleepers of ice had brought the last of the performers back to life. Without sight and nurture, there would always run the danger the forager of dreams contained, as he had presented himself to this man with a mass and a pass, uncouth. Brought to an end, alas, barging through the first window he arrived and placed himself near. 'You may rise up now; I have put you to sleep so you may avoid having to deal with this pain.' 'I'll faint if you won't let me join you.' 'Already now? I thought I could only bring you here and give you free reign so you may go wherever what's left of those fragments of your mind convey. I didn't think you'd submit to me or to my will.' 'What else is there left for me? Just look at it and what it had done to me. I cannot fight it, I cannot even hope to please my senses with memories or.' He forgot, of all the senses and what he thought, a piece of him belonged to that machine. Whether or not he liked it, there wasn't any escape from this edible mass of disconcert. A bitter worm had entered his gaze. It was likely to be symbol of the falling of dirt. 'The sky is raining with it.' 'I see, but what's the cause?' There was a wonder at this strange pavilion, the kind which only brought this to mind. 'It's not dirt, but fragments of the ship or the shuttle which had failed to materialize in the world. Never you be the matter, I think there's no chance for us to go any farther than this. What awaits you outside is agony and despair, so you may just as well stay.' One secret words came to pass, written for a mass in the distance. Jumping, leaping in the garden. Snails and birds were one being in part with the trees. They were flying madly, only with the wings of bees. And their tails were wrought in so much fat that they appeared to be giving birth to the desecrator lookers below their ribs. But they weren't the animals, the beings or the things mentions. It was only what humans looked like now. Instead of wings, their giant hands were flapping, instead of the one tail; they had their legs wrapped around. Deposited inside their chests, there was only the wrathful alacrity which ought to be detested. A miniature of guts which turned about every second which may have set them apart as they spread. In the exposed cavities they allowed children to rest, but not by normal means. Inside their heads there

had been devices which prevented them from ever-coming back to life. It was their piety which made them lack knowledge in the arts. They would be drawn to fancy images instead, never bothering to look into anything at all. A crude awakening had drawn all of them to the nearest totem-pole, to which they bowed. Inspired by the worship of the garden, flowers bloomed as soon as they had their minds awakened. As a beige tinted fire came into the totem's eyes, its many faces started shaking as they were watched. 'Walk over the lanes and find us the eight.' 'Eight? What was that exactly? A trick, which all the children were first to pick at. To pick one from the nearest crowd would mean that one should look away and shroud his eyes from the nearest other thing. Rising from the nearest holes, their ears had been fashioned to the point where they could initiate flight. It was necessary in order to proceed and interact with the other beings in the plains which could only be heard. 'Carry on by the regions of Indalur Oggo. Only there shall you find one of the eight heads.' 'He was a liar then? Would that be right?' 'It doesn't matter. As long as you are on your path, everything else might as well just be ignored.' Then it had been settled. No one would seethe or care. No one would dare, unlike what had been peremptorily the only agony of bonding rituals which could be spared in this short of time, it had to be accepted that sooner or later they would become sociopathic in nature. Instead of being on their way, they had accosted their small chunk and started pushing it, with the help of the infuriating children who were still attached. Plenty of the wires began pushing through their heads until the unnecessary ad missal came to be. Nothing could be uncontestable any longer, despite the fact that the lack of appliance to their muscle mass left them feeling less than strong. Guilty as charged, unable to be left alive, they sneered at each other and went away. A much wider horizon awaited them. The totem, the totem, the totem had been inscribed. Wilder powers had been at play, the kind of which would never reach as much as a single well-to do. Yet there was enough time they had spent there. In as few as a few secondary moments, they began floating away into the distance. No one had dared observe the distant contributions at the false dawn. It was a piteous think which had claimed too many things from the world. The false dawn approached. 'It's necessary.' One of the children spoke. 'Unless, it's useless.' They were toys, which served as nothing else other than some pointers to some grater catalyst which couldn't be complete. Laurels were in the sky, the need to breathe through them crossed their eyes. A multitude of false hope could only fathom itself as they gave away when they were met by the threshold of Ttuthtriat. 'Listen to us now; we deserve a remembrance, now it's the time.' Forgiveness would be asked by them, for as long as it could be conveyed. On ladder pushed inside someone's latter movement of the unfashionable amount of hay they expelled from their laurels. It was a complete hole, a box which contained only most of the dirty utensils used for complete assimilation of ravens which flew inside their traps. It couldn't be conceived either that they'd meet them there. 'Pay a toll of a single ear, child and the rest of them shall be granted safe passage to one of the totems, do us harm and you'll be trashed by the various wind traps that always count themselves in.' 'Must I be petty?' 'Please yourself no longer, here, take it.' One of the children from the flying rovulas threw him an ear he had simply ripped off. It remained to be inconclusive whether or not he could handle the pressure. Laurels and dirt, more of the girth, now it was time to set forth and listen to them speak. 'Will you please just give us what we need? I only want a piece of my self ripped away.' 'By whom?' 'The one who placed the totems in those places.' 'Wretched child, but you have no mind of your own, what happened to you there?' 'I believe I spent too much time alone, something messed with my occipital signal transmitter and now I'm deeply affected by paranoia. My state is getting

worse. I think I'm inside a giant holder of meat which will eventually swallow me. What might I be able to do?" "Stay there until you rot. This sacrifice of yours had been accepted, bother us no longer." As easily as they had been dismissed, it was possible to know no letter any more than it was needed. Grasping at their sight was that distant fashion of ground around the rims and plains. Bothered by the wretched heaves which even dragged across it, they could see the giant totem which had been formed at its own base. It bore an inconsequential kind of alarming sight, which pushed within itself a bigger reach towards the top of the sky. It grew like a living thing would, even share in its appearance, though most of the other totem parts were too unnatural to be part of the fit. Resting longer than it was needed, their attention spanned towards the approaching giant, peculiar flying contortions which held them. Also, to be recognized, the children had been seen as well as they were pushed within the Quakers they spewed out. Too many deaths had been claimed, and many of them seemed to swim inside the land. "Muddy, I see, this cannot be, but I can feel them wrenching to get over themselves. It's no simple dirt they're swimming in; I can feel the puddle made out of the previous generations of Quakers which had fallen before them. Stay here, I think it's late for them." Previous sightings of rising peaks could be seen amidst the puddle. In that soup, I felt my body's desire to join them in order to be eaten. It was a desire I couldn't recognize in myself, a gift from above, I should've accounted for before I started on this journey. "Let me be, oh, let me be. I cannot even, for the sake of me, hope to escape this desire." It pushed and pumped through his chest, the more he saw the orgiastic piece of the totem play with the Quakers, as they would be thrown there and taken back. To look at one in particular, one Quaker had survived and not only so, but he appeared to have been completely if not close to being submerged in the pole. His eyes were shaking and seemed to be higher above his sockless home. Even from the distance, his many voices served as a sign that the Quakers below hadn't died, but had transcended their consciousness and living. Instead, they had dragged in one body kept alive by it. What kind of vile words had been inscribed on that tablet? Though none may know of it, this derangement of unnatural order could not be comprehended by simple minds, especially by that of a single child. One ought to be robbed by it as he would have no other chance but to submit to the process and to join. "Stay away from it, brothers, I do not want you or your suits to be taken away. It's far too dangerous for any of us to approach." In itself, there was a breed to be snatched from the creeping lack of touches, the warmth being close to inexistent. Such a morose feeling had crept on all of them, coming from a wave, the despair being felt which pushed everyone away. "Don't fall for the depressions, and don't look at them now." Far more tremendous than what they felt was that despair-filling awe coming from an almost flat end. In the distances, forms started barely dragging themselves near numbers. It was a highly repulsive manner which gave them away.

Vile pocket

As it just happened for the creeps to rise, there had been a clear sign of the nearing demise which had lain near to him. One man whom had lain like some kind of creep just awakened from the likes of being caught off guard. There was something cheerful about the creature, something which couldn't or wouldn't have been explained otherwise. What had it been? A cruelty which had been shown to be as nothing else, that's all. Where the man had awakened laid a near-sighted kind of legged fog. It was all in his mind, this stranger, and this demented fool had killed his wife in his sleep. There laid naught but a single pommel in his hand, with which he had managed to batter and crush the

side of her ear, from which he found himself in the same manner, so to speak. The maiden had lain dead, but no other signs were there, as to show what had happened to her. What had been the reason? What had it been? Unlike her, he had stood there very much alive. No wound, no blind spot from which a spot on his head would've been softened by the means of another weapon. It had to be it, the trail of blood coming from the side of her head should've confirmed it. But by no means had it done anything of the kind. He stood there like some blind thing. Not even a man, a thing which had been spineless. He had been a dog, a mutt, the likes of which could do nothing any longer but cower in shame and wonder. 'My dear, for what I have done, what shall become of me? My servants would be quick to come otherwise and leap away from the sight of their mistress lying where you stand, breathless and caught off guard. Where hath thane been, my dear, when I was in need of refuge? You were there, for I was in need of help. And you have indeed delivered the kind of help which had been needed in the least. No longer would there be any kind; no longer could there be some dreadful experience to be dreaded. It was something shameful from the kind of hope which lay there.' It was an ill thought, for which he had shown no remorse whatsoever. No more would he be looked at as anything else other than the murderer he had been. By that, he could only look at himself the way he was whilst he lay in the same way. He would be seen like some kind of king, or vile thing, that of which lay in its own wake and the scent of which would reveal the sweat of the flight. For he had run out of his childhood home that night, right before any of the servants might've had the chance to get away and do something which they might regret over the rest of their lives. It had been important to be noted at least. For his own sake, he never looked back and seemed to be set on the road. And it had been, for the likes of itself, in it for its own, something he had never had to deal with. In more than one way, he had been largely unprepared for the likes. He was no stranger to being scum though, oh; there had been plenty of that there. 'Release me you hooligan, you dirty face rubber!' 'Atta boy lads, take care of this petty creep, think he can just come in and plunder our likes of us. Say, you're rather pretty faced for a bandit.' 'Not to mention being as dumb as to attack us right in the open. Isn't he? What's it to you that you'd come here in such a way? You don't seem the kind.' For a moment there, I thought I may have lost my temper. The men surrounding me were rather vile and paranoid. Something about them bore something really strange and peculiar. Something had been wrong. It wasn't even necessarily right for me to take what hadn't been mine but I couldn't help it. It was wrong, I knew it, but as to have my bags filled with that nasty liquor seemed to have taken a great toll. I had refused to speak. 'Push him around, that's right, give him a good push. Make sure he eats some of that dirt as well. Don't allow him to get up, he won't do anything, will he?' The men who surrounded him seemed to have taken a taste in his blood, or at least the thing which came out of his mouth. So far, it had seemed to be something akin to some combination between the liquor and a good pint of blood. The man was left there, stranded and naked. Who? Who? Who was he? Why have I been dragged near him by the road? 'See this man old' here?' 'The man asked you a question, for someone with a lordly face as yourself, you would've thought to have had at least the decency to say something for yourself. And stand up like a man when you're spoken to.' 'Am I not a prisoner?' 'Well, no, you're free to walk, or limp, or whatever means you might see fit for yourself. What do you say?' My feet had been nastily twisted by their looks alone. It wasn't clear as to what was going on. But reason alone dictated that there was something close to being done. It was unnaturally uneventful, the likes of being forced to parlay with their scum. Though I listened. 'Here, see this man right here?' 'Yes, is this happens to thieves around

here? They get beaten to a pulp, I suppose?’ ‘Right, but that’s beside the point. Well, listen here, pretty lad, we think there’s something to you, which you’re not telling us right now.’ What had been unclear now lay itself bare naked as it had been thoroughly met by them. This man had four of his very own fingers missing, it was clear enough that he was left there to die. ‘For what reason might this warning be then? I’ve only done a mistake, which seemed to be costly but not at a great of deal as I thought it may be?’ ‘Why’s that then? Doesn’t it frighten you that we may sell you to some guard on the road?’ ‘Or rob you naked just so we may get you? Isn’t that right, Darge?’ The scarred man cracked a glance as to signal him to stop there. It was then that the two men had met eye to eye, not the jackal of a runt, but the other one. The clearly educated one who may have stolen his glass of a monocle he bore. One clear mark of great engineering lay rounding it around the edges. One glance passed yet a second time before he winced. ‘What of it then? I don’t think we’ll be able to trick the man, just look at him, he knows.’ ‘Can I get off already, Darge?’ It looked as if even the stranded man, with his battered clothes and bloodied nose seemed to have lost his temper and stopped waiting. Something about the clearness with which he watched or he had seen appeared less than likely to bring in the distress. As it came to him, he had looked in awe as the man suddenly leaped from his crossed spot and straightened his back. What he had brought back with him from that very spot had been a small bag with which he would seal the deal and make do with the ordeal. What had been laid in with no came clear to him. ‘My name is Jonas, the one rat-looking fellow is Cork. Darge, our leader you may have met.’ Which only left that one fellow straight over there, which lay by a tree? His rounded device which had been bore over his eye seemed to expand ever so slightly and push forward to the distance. ‘Someone’s bound to come this way, at best, I’d say one or two hours at least. What might you think about it now? I can’t seem to notice what lay beneath it but they seem to be dragging a small cart with a large metallic container.’ There he would be named. Hawks, not even the most liked name he could find but it’d do. ‘It bring the question, mister, are you to join us or may we leave you to your fate? You know you’re not any likely to find someone who’d actually give you the chance to speak or even approach anyone at all. Perhaps it had been fate which had lead you to us here at this hour. So what say you?’ Darge asked, stroking what seemed to be a gap where his face split, right at the chin. His teeth chattered and for some very grand reason he appeared to be excited. Had he know who I was? If I had even the slightest clue or suggestion, even the likes of thinking I’d know, there wouldn’t have been a second were I to stand. Unlikely to be called into action, it seemed so that they could be called there, in some refuge underneath the plight of the woods. ‘I say yay, I have no other place to go and no order of thoughts to come to. Whoever I might meet out there, my luck would surely untrue me from anything which might drag me away.’ ‘Then come on and hope into the plight, there’s need for us to hide.’ What little sense of it had it made, we leaped into a part of the woods where there wasn’t anything of the like. There were no leaves falling, nor was the grass growing there at all. It was clear that through some way, some dreadful and strange way, I would stay with them. These strangers, four men who didn’t seem any likely to be grand. ‘Don’t make any noise and listen to us, all right? Hawks, what do you think of it?’ ‘From the looks of their company, there were four armoured horses bearing knights, a few bandits they hired, eight priests, two priestesses and a monk they had brought with them.’ ‘And you couldn’t have told a fellow any sooner? With those chances we’ll stand here bearing potatoes and small fruits all day until they pass.’ The rat-looking fellow said. His lower lip seemed to resemble a small barnacle in the light and appropriately called so, there wasn’t any direction in which his feet moved. ‘Well, that

wasn't the ordeal I was suggesting. We are unable to take any of them and trickery is out of question. For as much as I have enjoyed being part of this group for the longest manner, I think this is what might break it for us.' Darge took a moment to look at him. Hawks was little concerned with the sanctity of their band. Even less was than that had he been, Michael Bargth, who had been at least pleased with the name he had chosen. It wasn't much but he came in. 'What If I were to come here in the middle of the road and act as if I had been robbed.' 'Pretty face won't do for them. Just take a look.' He pointed as to where he could see. From the distance, despite them being nowhere to be noticed by the means of sight, he had looked as something he had known to be out there. It was a chain of solid smoke, which almost seemed as if it was going off a straight path to cut through the clouds and try digging through day in the absence of night. It was something which was unnatural by every means necessary. He hadn't even been aware of what was going on out there, the man who had been pretending to be a thief, as he himself had been just as confused as I was. 'I don't think I really know that either is the smoke supposed to be the fire of the brew inside that small black pocket.' 'No, you fool, don't be as wicked headed as he is, you'll miss the entire thing just as well as he has. It's a, wait, what have you said just then?' 'What, about the smoke?' 'No, you scarecrow wicked thing of an older lad, the.' 'Black pocket.' Hawks came in, suddenly aroused by the strange speculation that he may have an understanding of what that thing had been. Clearly, he had been aware, of knew of something of it. 'And since you know that well, as you make it so clear, why don't you go as well and tell us what's it supposed to be. Black pocket of a thing, what do you mean by that?' A curious thing in itself, as he seemed to pick up some ash which lie on the ground around them and raise a small mountain which had been given form by the likes of his hands. They wrapped around and brought some more. As if from his pocket as much as it had looked likely, he had brought down a small match which had been lit but hadn't been given light as to the ashes. Something from it immediately came to seek for some refuge inside the pile and immediately appeared to have encompassed the entirety of the match. 'See how the light appears to have been extinguished as well with its body? That, my dear friends, my dear fellows was what would be called by a layman, as it appears in its form, the likes of a dear human life.' Again, he had been interrupted by the man with a bloodied nose. 'So that's the pocket, huh? I knew it to be unholy ever since I laid an eye on it. I seem to have a deeper understanding for what it is that what it is likely to be. There's something dreadful about it all, something which cannot be changed. They have been made aware of it and seem likely to have sealed it.' 'That's what the priests are there for?' I asked, looking curiously cross eyed at the far distance in which it lay. Even from there, I could see it drawing ever nearer. Hawks continued. 'As I have previously said, there's something to it. Something which couldn't be explained by any natural ways, but that thing surrounding it, the scamp who is made out of that bitter substance seems to seek sustenance only from the lives of good men.' 'Henceforth we would be safe.' Again, that bloodied fellow interrupted, having had the greatest smile inhabiting his face. He had been quite proud of himself by the means of which he admitted his guilt. It was undeniable that everyone else seemed to muster the same feeling, other than Hawks who had maintained his composure and I whom had been unsure of what had happened the previous night. 'We can assume it's safe or would be safe for us to draw to it then?' Asked Darge, who was battering what appeared to be some kind of small weapon hidden under the silk of his arm. There was something near him there, whence he lay. It wasn't anything to be looked down upon. But then, it came to him. 'What do you think it may happen if we were to unleash that thing upon them? Say, what if we were to find a

way to strike as if it were some wicked spot in the hull of the small armoured cauldron in which it lay? That way it may as well escape and find a way towards their end.’ ‘And ours as well, if it just happens for it to suddenly have tasted for wicked people.’ Said the rat-fellow while brushing across his tiny whiskers. His small moustache had been weird looking and somewhat demented. Not only that but their time had been drawing ever so near over the fact that it was coming close to them. There would be no kind of strangeness through which they could lay or hide. ‘They will see us, I tell you, they’ll see us and make sure we won’t make it time. And you said it yourself, a few knights.’ ‘Petty things, they could be dealt with.’ Retorted Hawks to the man, as he rubbed his nose. I couldn’t help but look at what had been laid upon me there. Somehow, I could see the faces of men which had been contorted and shown into the very sky through which it cut. It felt likely that the smoke had managed to infest the sky and devour clouds and the likes which would’ve made it ever as likely as to be had for themselves in themselves while suffering. As to the apparent loss of time, it looked as if they had stopped a few miles away from them. The knights had gathered, priests prepared. I lay there alone, with no one to look around at, as some kind of victim which had been mesmerized by the sight. Not only that, but I had also been in the middle of the road, where they had been projected to come. One knight had managed to ride forward and cut through the chase. It was through one of the fields of which he lay there unaware of had been happening so far. Though he had come and he introduced himself immediately. ‘Sir Proghmontary. I have been disposed here to inquire of your presence here, man who looks to be unwell. From whence had you come and what is the reason for which may you lay here bearing your arms in this manner and with the likes of being found alone? Would it happen for you to be stricken in the head?’ It had been the early moon he had forgot to mention, especially since he had been unsure as to whether or not something was about to come on its way. Perhaps a rescue was already there, unless they had carried on without him, the stranger. ‘I’m Asopheus, a monk.’ The knight looked around me with his eyes, with a metal band going around me and little to no interest as to know what had been wrong. Clearly something didn’t go on either of our ways as he had required knowing. ‘From which Monastery would you happen to be?’ ‘Oh, my good man, my lord, I am but in training. I have been sent here on a mission of piety and had been required to live through the life of a poor sinner and be as much of a petty beggar as one may be.’ At the sound of my attempted scoundrelry, there appeared the actual monk out of nowhere, as to have made himself known, or the fact that he had eavesdropped from the distance when he shouldn’t have even dared. It was likely that he would’ve been aware of something even better for the likes. Something was clear there, unsurprised as he had been, this man actually listened and appeared to have a slight recollection of such things. ‘Then feel as if you’re relieved from this choice and mission you’ve been sent to. For, I, a monk of the grand chapel of Ariloth, have decided to undertake you under my wing and take you as you are. Feel no need to show me any gratitude for I am doing this out of the desire of my own heart and even less than what is likely to be had. It’s more than even that we should be aware of one another and the like, for I have more than faith to show to you.’ This man had even shocked the knight in the way he had spoken and approached. But there was no word which may come other than. ‘It’s not something the grand general might like hearing about. If he were to hear of us bringing over a stranger, of whom we do not know anything about, there could be more than a few problems to be held against us. Know that there’s even less of a certainty that we wouldn’t simply be thrown into the first dungeon they could find, or even discarded by the other knights.’ ‘And I shall deal with each in case it comes to it, but know that I

have no intention to abandon a man like him. I saw it and can still see it through his eyes, there's something to him which begs the forgiveness of the diving. Come Charadlion, for our friends await.' At which scoff, he seemed to make way and allow me to follow right in the footsteps of the Monk. As few of a wager as I had in it, there seemed to be likely for something to be held against him as a man. 'But why have you decided to take me here?' 'Shut your mouth and follow new-comer. Have they not told you already of what we're planning on doing? Are you as touched as the main in the suit had said?' It all made sense now, as I have truly known, or might've guessed in a blue moon that this man hadn't been with their. He had been as much of a scoundrel as the rest of them, which brought us there.

In the small den of lions where I stood. Bowed and cowed, still dressed like the poor man I had looked like, it looked strangely dark then. Despite being day, my vision darkened and all of the sudden I could see the image of a burnt forest and the paleness around there. 'What is going on here?' 'Priests, hold the man for a very few moments, he seems to be affected by the varge.' It came as no surprise that already there had been tricks made out of some illusionary whim which came out of that pocket. 'Who is this man, why have you brought him with us, monk?' 'If I may.' Came in the knight, surprised at the fact that another bulk of smoke had come out of the enclosed cauldron, at which he could do nothing less than fall back. It was even less than eventful for him to lay. A dark mongrel of a man, darkened at which he lay in the back. 'Bring purity to the closeness and respond. Who is this beggar whom you have brought?' 'Nothing but an apprentice, highly divined holy one, I have sought nothing but salvation for this poor sod, which lay clearly in need of it. Take a look at the man.' For a second there, two blocky eyes had lain in his sockets. They were coloured in coal and seemed to be at a distance which wouldn't be near to what he had appeared to be. Clearly he had lain in the waste of the pocket, near which this affliction lay. He saw them not but clearly could walk away. Out of the road he strayed into what seemed to be the hills in which his fellows laid. There they were. 'Can you hear me? What happened?' Near his words lay some kind of echo of dark, out which he spat the coal on the ground. Their bodies had been ever so frail that one of his breaths had managed to cripple and destroyed them. 'What have I done?' 'Murderer!' One of the dark ladies which lay near him yelled. She had the aspect of the land and bore two red globes, which had been even smaller than what had appeared to be. In which place, they crept alone and had ignored their likes. It wasn't even fruitful of a thing which had crept and wept in the very own kind of blood which poured in their pores. As soon as she had been done with the reason for which she had come there, a quick pause between them caused them to lay there both and weep. It had been clear, that through some kind of strange approach, she had managed to lay there near me. I couldn't help it but stay near her as much as possible for no other reason at all.

What lay in his mind wasn't what he had thought but his eyes, as he looked down at his hands reddened. A light had projected itself farther away from in and there it had been that he stood. Alone. 'Where have you gone, kind lady?' The peculiar lack of grasps had taken him to some kind of extreme disparity through which he couldn't have thought himself anything less but the kind which lay in fright. And fear had settled for the kin of woe, the rightness and strangeness which lay near his rightful place next to her. He had followed the trails she had left, it had to be hers. Tiny red caterpillars moved in the lanes where she may have gone. Together they had created a path ahead, from which neither one could look down upon one another and at the same time be distraught with what had happened there. Not any clearer had it been that there would be no kind of cruelty to be had. This trail had leaded the liar to a

broken house, in the middle of nowhere. And she was there, bloodied at the mouth. 'Not again, not a second time. I haven't done it, I have not done it.' I yelled, almost commissioned like some peculiar stranger who had awakened from a mortal coil. 'What happened?' No, ask the other question, quickly, before they realize or come to know what happened. 'Has something unclear had been said of myself or another?' 'Listen to us, man who walks backwardly, unable to surrender and succumb to the likes. It isn't like that, by the likes of anyone else's memories to have been told. You are one whom weeps and creeps in the light now, have you no sense but to approach the cauldron and the pocket?' 'I told you, my, your holiness divine, he's a madman, he's a street shackler, nothing more. Why should we have left him walk in paths which be unknown to any. We must look at him directly and know. Who's there and what's it like to have been told of our desire. This strangeness, peculiarness and attire he bears are virtues.' The monk said and stared. This man didn't look evil, vile or as if he had borne some divined ill intention to him.

Something of the likes had forced his likes alone. Neither of them could be held against them or accountable at best. Viler things appeared as they moved on after a clear sight or some quick gaze coming from the priest. He had been infuriated and held himself even less likely than he had been. It was even more so that this new-comer, the man who had appeared seemed harmless. 'Look, in the distance, they appear again.' One of the knights had said and called forth another one from behind to create a small formation. What had come, that devilish creature with its weird and peculiar ways, the methods in which they danced and crept seemed rather vile. It was in themselves that their visions faded and returned. Something of their small stature, brown bodies, hairy mandibles, long faces and the way their bodies almost seemed to expand from inside made them look like some pure nightmare. In themselves lay a piece of the pocket which had made its way from the sky. Though the smoke alone may not have contained the essence, the mere reflection of the pocket seemed to have enough of a power to set it forth and lay in some way through which he lay tempted and for the likes. It would be uncertain to approach but wait for them. It came again.

The sight of the lost, the window to that world where the sky had succumbed. In that world, in the same position there lay none of the holy men or anyone else. Only those creatures, or, to be more precise, the men whom had lain behind them or inside of them. Whatever it may have been. That little matter seemed less interesting and seemed to bear fewer methods of looking in themselves. Clearly something had shattered the expectation he had had as quickly as he had been approached. 'Thank you, oh blessed one from above. Another man, another sane man, oh, savior, you have arrived in time. I need your help for this is the path I have taken in need of redemption. See those eight men behind me? They are all mad?' 'Settle down, man, and quickly explain to me what's happening now. Could you not see what's been forceful and what's been wronged? Isn't it interesting? The mad way through which he may have looked at himself could never be taken by any other means.' But what had been that madness which had taken him as well? It couldn't be explained either, but this was a man who had torn his eyes to escape the red. And the change had been taken from another turn of the moon. The red had become a teal and a blue. Of some things couldn't be drawn in their own but drawn as conclusion which may signal what went wrong. It was obvious, to say the least, that there was some of the essence of that light which had made them far more passive and less than mad. 'I feel like I have wronged you, my good man.' Hence he had returned, with piety in his mind and clear attrition of most of his body, which couldn't be otherworldly explain, other than the fact that there wasn't anything else of it there. Clearly there had been naught. Something of the ashen look around the place had changed, with less of it bearing the sign of

the great fire which had purged the forest and what had lain inside of it and more of the cold. Had it arrived any sooner, he may have been more than distracted but, alas, that had been it. Only the fright lain near in the cold, the storm had arrived. It was snow but it felt as if most of it had already been placed there where the ash had been. Instead of it, there seemed to be less likely of a dreadful apparent strike. There it had been, not cubes but small shaped cones which fell from the very place where that black spot had been in the real or the other world from which he came. Another sign of arrogance lay there. 'Look, let me reward you by having brought this.' The man looked around and came back to the ground from which he appeared. Upon his return, everyone as well as he had accumulated some kind of insulated transparent ball of light. It was fire inside of it, just a glance, just a light. 'But where have you got it from?' From under his pelt, at the moment he heard it, suddenly he managed to lift it up with little strength. This man had been so kind as to rip himself open and reveal the dark which had lain inside his body. 'Is that what I think it is?' 'My good man, I owed you my soul, we all has. To have been looked upon by a real man, one of virtue is something which could not be told off by other means. We're frail people, if that is what you may call us. By what means do you think you may lay yourself with us?' Just what had he meant there? It was only a matter which required me to follow and find out by myself. Anything else would mean that I could stop and cease to live by the normal way another man may. I decided to follow them to their home, a place which had been made out of some sickly twisted clay. An abstraction to say the least, neither of us could complain at all. For as soon as I enter, the swoon had taken over and many had fallen. 'What had happened to them?' 'Please refrain yourself from approaching, stranger. Our good fellows had seemed to have fallen from the cold, as it had entirely shattered their souls.' It had made all the sense which was in need of, to be called out in the open in such a way. I couldn't look straight at them and no wonder what had caused this and why had it been? 'You shouldn't have done this for me. I am a stranger, I am no one. Neither of you could've prevailed this by means.' 'Silence, stranger and let us mourn. By the end of the hour, every single one of us will have perished, which may leave you as to do what you wish.' 'Should I bury your bodies then? Is that what you brought me here for?' 'No, no, good man, please, just let us be and stay with us at the end. Hear me of all, Flesh of man, whom I have been called for many years. The reason for which I have been brought here wasn't for that suffering you noticed going. I've came here out of vile choices, as to be controlled and hidden from the ways a man may act.' 'There was a woman, I know of it, listen stranger. Do no lay with them, we all here have suffered at their hands, at their distractions. What they do is, in some way, as we may all agree, take everything a man had and what makes a man and foils it to no ends.' 'Hear, hear.' Said the voices and as they had, it seemed that for a moment, their souls had sparked ever brighter, hotter and even the dead ones seemed to have been momentarily brought to life at the sound of it. They joined as for a pint and then fell over themselves again. 'I wouldn't say it was.' 'Indeed there had been a woman who had taken to care and show some kindness to him, poor sod. A wicked one as well, he would've been done for if it weren't for her.' 'So why are you so set on them? If she had saved him, then, certainly she couldn't have been that mad.' 'Listen, stranger, and listen carefully, as what she had given, she had taken back. And how he had been before couldn't even have compared to how low he had fallen and just how wickedly he lay. After all, we're all dead, we' all lay on the same bed of corpses as they had fallen into. In the end, when every single one of us will have fallen, know that for every single one of us there will be a woman out there laughing as to think of our graves, for no maiden would have wept for such a

wicked lout.’ ‘But if you’re vile, why would you be blessed with the likeness of female?’ ‘Because stranger, we’re cursed, can’t you see? We had been driven mad, we have lived at that.’ ‘Listen to the young lad and mind not what we know. We each have gone through maiden after maiden like a horny mutt with knot in mind. And what had happened after? There was need only of one good maiden to have taken over and pushed us over the edge, the place, and the spot that one point where there could be no return. For me alone, that maiden had been young lass, who had decided to mess with the poor soul of an old lout. And I have suffered after not to come to my mind entirely afterwards.’ Until this moment at least, when the cold had come. Such was their nature from what had been told. Apparently, no cue had been as apparent as their likes had been. No man had been aware of what was there to be seen. Likely, it was apparent that they had looked past the broken window and had seen the apparition of no man but that of a vile feminine thing which could be called as nothing but a vile woman. ‘Look, out there fellows, in the dark.’ And in her coming, the sky had turned from that pale blue to a red, her eyes darkened even more and suddenly the snow had returned to its ashen state. Fires erupted from the outside, in a pale field of red, from which blossomed that vile sound and the certainty which would be less than defiled. It would be unfair to lay there, as those morbid things had all lost their souls. Dead men rose up from their pile and stood there maddened. ‘I have to get you, do you hear? I cannot say in this room now that it is filled with these kinds of folk.’ This fellow who had greeted me and called me a man of good suddenly turned, looking defiled. His skin ashamed and grayed, before it started slowly burning, not as if a fire but breaking through the clay with sparks. ‘All shall be enflamed.’ And in that one sentence which had been muttered, they all sprang and started immolating every side of the clay house they laid in. No certainty, nor woe would’ve defiled their likes, nor would there be anything less than what went on. It had been clear that the woe through which there lay no sympathy for the dreadful creature with which they parlay. They joined her in the dance of fire and had united in form. And from the fire they had created within themselves, the brim which had its decadence flayed, there came the smoke. It had been the same, as that ritual had done great in bringing him back to the awareness of what had been going on. He had been staring at the cauldron for moments before he came back to life. ‘What happened?’ ‘Calm yourself, calm, there’s nothing to be seen, only some vile things which had been driven away. Look, out there.’ One of the priestess spoke with a great sense of woe which couldn’t be called in action. Dreadfully arrogant in its own magnificence, it reigned with the likes of being caught. And watched as well. I looked upon that vile creature, small and hairy, almost like some lost child of the woods which had dirtied it and had refused to grow. From its presence there, it was heeded by a returning knight. ‘They are harmless, oh, divine, what do you require of us then? Shall we go ahead and scalp them to bring them to our lordship, the grand bishop?’ ‘Nay let them be. They are tricksters indeed, but no foul creatures to be held.’ Though he had looked with petty eyes and much disturbance at the creatures which inhabited those woods. Sooner or later they would had to be cleansed, he thought, and killed and made to suffer, for they were abominations of nature, not human for the likes alone could be sent by the scent. In some way or another, there was something to be held in sight, no amount of cope had made any less aware of their sight. Something rightful would have come to be, for their likes alone could be seen. In that light, inside the woods they drew in and seemed to bear it to themselves in resemblance of woe. Some sound seemed rightfully to creep and bear the sign of woe. There was a mad wish there, as they gathered, oh little fiends, unaware. The men had continued on the road, while the scoundrels followed from the distance with their sights of

metal and pure glass. It could be called into notion that this awareness of what lay around faded. When they laid at a distance in the woods, these obscure creatures which had shown themselves there seemed rather caught in themselves and in their own. No piety could distract from what was going on there. He had been wrong, the man with the divine stature and sight of wrongness and the light, not in what he had thought but what of he told the others. For there, words had been spoken, never to be held to any ear. They formed themselves into spiteful beasts and had grown a few times their original size, and bulked to no greater if worse stature. Their bones had formed and had outgrown their bodies as well, piercing instead of pushing forth, they had been left the sight and smell in the road. It had become clear as to say, these things were bloodied and would eat anything, down from the smallest hare who had found itself on the road, to smaller animals and to the likes which couldn't be denied the rights of life. But they desired no flesh there, in their sight and seemingly endless thought array the need coming from that pocket, which drew forth the worse. Even a glimpse of it had managed to inflict itself onto them and awaken dormant vile desires which had reigned anciently sleeping and pondering for the likes of something which would be dreadful. Paranoid, to say the least, there would be the certainty of a life-like beast. It stood there, watchful, over the roads, it had seen the likes of animals, creatures and the reign of men. Those who saw it never felt disturbed, but it had been woken just as well from its slumber at the sight and scent of evil. From which permeated their likes, oh those beings that came after it. There, the two of them had met, the unnatural wolf which stood there, missing an eye, tailless and fading every second there, standing as some guard as to protect the realm. The wolf seemed self-caught in its own affairs and from its mouth came a longer, seemingly unaware creature which had been given birth just then. From the way it had managed to breed itself into existence, there could be nothing else more undignified, for its own likes had previously been the great wolf's insides. Certainly such agony wasn't planned, unless there was such a thing as the deceitful nature of that pocket which had gotten its attention there. Vile thing, hath it been anything less, there would've been no danger whatsoever. But instead of it, suddenly it had arrived to a living kind of consciousness which couldn't have been taken into account by any means whatsoever. Hard to know if, what was meant for him lay in itself by means of departure, but the unnatural animal that had lain in its domain fell like an animal that had been put down. Such a thing had been morbid to be looked down upon, more so that the creature which had given birth to it lay in such a state. But they progressed further in with such a need as there had been to cut off the living supply and make it so it would want to push forward and lay with dread as they began. Slowly they ate its gut-offspring, tearing it apart between them. A far more atrocious pain had manifested itself inside their guts, with their likes having been felt and openly pushed forward as to be taken and rot. Their insides as well couldn't have taken it all but that instinct of the corruption had made it so they couldn't help it but gorge on the corpse of the animal. Now that they had taken the first bites, they suddenly lay besides it. Most of the have choked and the greed of hunger took over and had managed to remove whatever they had felt. Of the remaining ones, the gut disease had killed them all, leaving there on the road to slowly give birth themselves to a new breed. As it happened for that gut thing to become some entity of its own which had come into contact with their own and suddenly they had made themselves be forced into the motion which had been felt that way. It would be cruel and unnerving, it had been so, to be looked up and down, forth with it. Such a thing of bitter virtue had sprouted forward, small intestine rubbing each other and forming bile-like balls to move around. Yet the bulk of those spheres hadn't been their alone but that

of the meat and of the many organs which had been put together in order for them to push and lay. Such a thing was akin to anarchy to dread. As soon as they had been done harvesting the corpses for later feeding sessions, they retreated in the woods to grow. Farther away, something else followed. It had been unclear as to watch and observe their various tracks and leads but they had not dwelled farther away from the road. 'Hawks, can you still see them there? On the road I mean.' 'Certainly, it could not be denied that it is them. Though that spoiled smoke had left a dark trail, I can't help it but believe it as to be deceitful on its road and path. Such a thing couldn't be exploited by any means or any need, be it as clever and cheerful as it may be.' 'Then why are we even following it? If it's so hard, then it may not be worth the profit and the effort we're putting in' 'Shallow as usual, my tiny headed friend, worry not about the profit, as it looks rather clear to me, that if this thing is worth even half of what's it like, then we may have something going on for ourselves.' So long as there was something on the road they proudly followed.

Even through the nights when even they had to stop and rest, they seemed to be rather caught within their own dreams and various inconsistencies. They followed through notes. 'You, new-comer, stay there, with the monk and me, by the river and under the three shade. We can't risk you being some infiltrator, do you understand? In that case, we'd only have you brought to the court and sent to the headsman.' 'I will comply if that's what it's asked of me. My life is rather precious.' 'Well, I'd say. And where would you happen to have come from?' One of the priestess asked. It looked as if she had almost come out of nowhere, aware of something being out of place, even though it had been me she chose to stay near. I have not given up on that advice the men had lain upon me, even though it had been given moments before they went their mad ways, but such as it way, I could not help it. She was in her prime of beauty, not a girl, though she may have given that appearance of sight from her sides, brass haired and rather cheeky mouthed, her eyes had taken the appearance of something which had lain coldly in the summer green. Something rounded her at the waist and for a second there he thought he may have started a bit too much. They all have, as there did lay two things which rounded them around them, close to something not to be controlled. 'May I have a word with the man? If I don't intrude too many, I wish to have spoken to him in private before the dawn of night.' 'But priestess Melena, there's something inconceivable about the man, he's not judged trustworthy as of you.' 'I heard that and I would like a retort. I am a man of my word and though I have not proven it, rather, I'd like to have a chance to defend myself and my likes alone. There's nothing fairer than what's of mine and my likes alone shall prove it.' 'Very well then, a wager, if you don't mind it. For I, as my brothers who lay around here seem to have a doubt when it comes to judging who you are and the claims you seem to be able to make with your little consideration of the man around you.' Came in another guard, this one seemed caught in his own affairs at least half of the time, while the other seemed to have caught him rather watchful of what was to be. 'Shut your mouth Darnall, don't drag the poor lad into one of your foul things. I'll admit that I don't know it myself, but this man doesn't deserve the kind of treatment you're bound to show off people.' 'Silence, I shall do whatever I must and whatever I so desire as long as it pleases me and doesn't disturb his great divine in means alone.' 'No you won't, shut yer mouth, petty liar. You're always doing what you're told, in every kind and each direction. Darn there, Darn here, fetch me something, charge a brick. Whoever and whatever calls of you, never do you deny.' 'But I do that because I want to do it and because I follow.' 'Right, Darnall, if you please, you were asking something of me, and I was actually rather curious on what that may be.' 'Well, now that I may have acquired your attention, worry not, for I

have heard just enough. A wager, as it is provided for the stranger. As long as it doesn't interfere with anything of the kind, if you're the good man you claim to be, just listen and do as you may be pleased to.' I came closer and started preparing no remark but some kind of quick wit to get me out of what was going on there. Suddenly aware of their watchful eyes, I was caught in an affair of mine which couldn't have been there by any other means, but that had been it. Oh, dreadful thing, dreadful catch in which I plunged against. I placed my honour against his own desire and his test. As he presented it to the priestess at hand with a mere mark. 'Say not a word milady, for the divine one may whip and punish me in some way which may be just as dreadful and as mad as one may think of.' 'What is then? What are you planning on doing?' 'Only a promise and I shall leave you to your many priestly errands, nothing more.' To which she agreed, then he turned to the other knight. He knew there'd be no fight there either, as much as he had been caught off guard, he still managed to think just straight out of his petty things. 'I shall be weary of it and make the proper arrangements for the funeral of this fellow.' He said as Darn had whispered in his ear, the thing which had been so preciously inadequate that he would have to risk his life in trying. There'd be no other chances, therefore it came. 'What we have wagered against, at least so far, at a small bag of golden marks.' At which the monk had suddenly found himself near, listening and looking rather aroused by the idea of some marks being involved. 'Perhaps I may join in? Whatever it is, I say, that there's nothing more sanctimonious than a monk praying in for the soul of the soon to be deceased.' 'Speaking of the blotched, say, monk, how about this.' At which whispers had granted the man a chance of face and a sullen look which had given him the pale aspect of a dying man. There wasn't anything else of the kind which may have been else close to it, and even as they exchanged bags behind his back, I tried to wait patiently, unaware of what was to be told. 'You're to get to the cauldron in the middle of the night and look through the small hole which had been exposed through it, right at the pocket. Though it may not have been a way for it to escape, its influence should have no effect on a good man, which, I have no doubt that everyone else may suspect you may not be what you claimed yourself to be.' Petty arrogance came and left, there was something extremely rabid in the way he spoke. Even as he pondered and despite there being no consequence if he had declined, he accepted. 'If you're a vile man, you realise you may not survive such an influence and even such a transformation, right? You would be bound to be part of what else might be desired at to be benignly chased out of the form of a man and into something which may have a need to be put down.' 'Don't listen to them.' Said the young priestess, which had undoubtedly seen some good in the eyes of the man. But neither could she say with certainty that this fellow in front of her had anything to do with the likes of a kind and gentle creature as a human being had been. Would he sit down and be felled? There wasn't any way of knowing. It would be such a cruel thing to look away, but the night came and the scoundrels had arrived as well. 'If I am not wrong, I may have a look at them, see?'

A pause had come, akin to the pocket knowing that something out of it would be sought after. The trail of smoke had stopped in the night as seemingly, it had given sight to the change. No one would notice it as well in the dark. Not to mention that there was another thing which was coming. I was about to enter its close range, while most of the other divine figures and the two other knights were sleeping. From the distance, I had been made aware, by a trick of light that hadn't been seen by another man that I was being watched.

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Machines could not be trusted on their own as it happened for them to be alive by means which were unnecessarily there. Above them lay the insides of men, which had been stolen and disjointed by unlawful terms from their inside with the sole scope of the decimation of the various fractures which had been hidden there. What lay inside of them now seemed to be a couple of extra pumps which kept pushing through with the entire scope of trying or attempting to lay them quietly in their own terms of speech. It turned out that the attempt at reanimation had been turned and misshapen to some false grandeur which couldn't be thought off on its own. By that, the first words had come into passing and they had been close to being mistrusted by those who listened to every mutter and misalignment of bodily fluids which followed the trench. 'We must be brought close so we may breed.' A maddening thing to say, especially since, by no means whatsoever had they been programmed to say such a thing. Little had it mattered that it was even closer to such a disgrace in its filth that it began shoving itself closer. And closer and closer until one of them had reached another. No man lived, no human being. No living entity had there been in any distant place. Life

had been barren, machines malfunctioned. They were there with the sole reason which had come after the decimation of the corpses which had been somewhat kept in good conditions to be harvested later. And farther away from them, there had been something akin to an entire grave filled with many bodies such as those from which they harvested the organs. It had come to be. There, they had bred with one another, giving life to some kind of human-like condition which knew nothing else but some kind of suffering which couldn't be explain. Oh, woe, the sight had been terrible. 'I must feel what it is like to be a man.' One said as it had pumped the organs, shoving them against cold steel, only to crush them into a mess of guts, bile and blood. Nothing had resulted from this so-called procreation but some kind of divine bile which couldn't have been thought off. If something had been wrong and wretched, it couldn't be named. But that mess it had created could only mean that there was another span which would collect the mess from the ground. Had that been the purpose all along? Could it be that there was something to be born out of this maddening creation? As another machine came there in order to take the bile out of the ground, the walls against which it splashed as well, suddenly, there came something from it which made it stop. This ancient machine which had acted like some kind of cleaner had been grabbed to a hold or to some closure. It had deactivated itself upon the sight of the formation which had been actually been given birth just then. Alas, it stood there, out of the cogs and many piles of machinations which had lain on the ground, which had been brought to some kind of power out of the coming electricity, there it stood, benignly unaware of its own living status. Some kind of bizarre form laid on top of its head, as the many twists around the guts had coiled and connected with the tubes which pushed against the top. From its body, there came an extension from its innards which encompassed eight quarters around its area which had been made out of some transparent womb. In it it grew. Something had to be said as the breeders, or so-called progenitors stopped what they had attempted to copy and looked at it. 'Could that be a forming child? Look at it, such a beauty be dreaded by machine and lifeless body alike. It is living by no means of program or error.' But the computers who started through their cameras had already locked the doors and the ways in and out. There was some kind of contamination taking place there and it couldn't be prevented from pushing inward then forward. There it had been, for, by the end of the eight hour, every breeder in the room had been caught in that transparent womb and forced to work towards the growth of the fetus than for themselves. It was to be understood

that the likes of their own couldn't have been caught off then. No amount of cope and wonder, the misinterpretation of a man had failed. Many were dead out of the many coils which had pierced through the panels and through the floors in order to eat and grab a hold of as many materials as it could get a grasp of. Such was it that it continued through something close to being monotone. In a couple of hours, there was no human being which hadn't been contaminated. This so-called attempt to revive the human race had failed and having observed that, the computers shut themselves down. Now, it laid there, an entity which had itself in care as well as it had had control over every machine and mechanical entity which laid there. Nothing else of the kind mattered and there was dread. Everyone had been declared dead, both by means of laceration and organ malformation. Not only had their minds been completely crushed alongside their brains, but their bodies had been cut into malignant pieces and had been spread around in various corners around the many rooms which lay there. Nothing else mattered to it. Walls had been torn down and inside of them, there had been forced some kind of hive. It was made so it could store its own dark talons as the forceful growth had shared some kind of silent approach. Had there been another way? Nay, they had failed humanity and by no means could the machines stop the growth of the fetus. A few bodies lay by the side. Inside of there, some kind of trickery had turned what had been in them some kind of manipulated version of themselves. Though the outsides remained unchanged, what appeared to be inside had been nothing else but the exact mirror of what had laid on the outside? Yet from every angle there had been another face and another pair of arms and hands and legs until there had been four reflections or four duplicates of the same person. And in the middle, what had separated them from seeing or even being aware of one another there seemed to be the world. In its entirety, there seemed to be a copy of the entire planet, on which they all walked and felt drawn in at the same time. Neither of whom would be aware of one another's existence. Rather, it had been something extremely peculiar in the way they acted as there appeared to be some kind of strange drawing force which couldn't help it but make them look and stare into the distance. Of this world, something had been seriously distorted, to the point where naught could lay but the sudden awareness that something was wrong. 'Deity, patron or whoever may listen, please do well and tell me why, could there be some reason for which I would be stricken like this? Despite me trying to walk forwardly, I can only move by the side. My limbs are unresponsive and I have nothing but this distant feeling which reminds me of the fact that I had been cursed.' To which there could be no response, nothing whatsoever, no reason for which there could lay by any sight. Simply put, it wasn't right, by any means. There could be dread, there could be something but it wasn't. And every other corpse which lay around in the same room had been in the exact same stance of mind as he had been. A sudden realization that they were suddenly stricken by some kind of strange morbidity which couldn't be felt. Such a thing would soon be distant for one of them. 'Markus, I have been told I am.' 'Are you, why, am I called the same?' Responded Markus to himself. As opposed to the others, he had been truly cursed with an unexplainable thing. He couldn't see the other ones but he could hear them. It had been strange and awkward, it had been rather bizarre, in the way they had looked and crept upon his ear, he couldn't think of nothing else but the voices he could hear. When other strangers passed he would be silent. But outside town, inside a crooked alley whence he hid, he finally gave in upon the wait and spoke to them. 'Oh, how I bitterly escape the sight and ear of the others. I fear what they might've thought of me if they had heard.' 'But, stranger, friend, oh, fellow voice, I have felt the same.' 'So have I.' It suddenly revealed itself, self-aware for the first time, as it had busted out

of its own shyness, from which, without a doubt, it couldn't have escaped without prying in. 'There are three of us then?' 'Four, for I have joined and I am seething with rage. My wrath lay in the fact that I have been exposed in the likes of a creeping foul beast of a man. Hear me, voices in my mind, as I shall make my way back and punish those whom had dared look down upon me, as less of a man and more of a madman.' The others had been silent and couldn't help but wait for something to happen or something which may take that feeling away. It was something which inwardly pushed to the point of feeling dreadfully unaware and peculiarly afraid. Of what had happened, to either themselves or the others, no man could say. For another starving creature appeared. He couldn't be called a man, he had stricken himself in the head as a poor attempt or in the habit of dealing with the voices he heard. It seemed like there, he spoke. As a matter of fact they all spoke. 'One hole for one man, four for the others.' No man lay in his mind, he had been left as blind on three different sides. Only one side of his own could see. But more importantly was the fact that, as each of them spoke in unison, a mere chance had been that only one of them could be heard by each of the four men who had looked upon this creature and the peculiar clothes he wore. There had been no distinction from the kind of kink there had been. One blind man tried sniffing as he felt the scent, oh, the perfume which had come from a snatch. 'I feel her scent and I want her.' 'Could this man be right in the head? Look, he is blind.' 'Blind, he is, that I can see, there's no need for you to note.' 'But the two of you are wrong or petty liars.

Filthy voices in the head, oh, how I thought I may just trust you. Though you must be nothing but the voices of madness which come forward and throw yourself at me like some kind of dreadful vile daemons who want nothing else but disturb. I can see it with my very own eyes, this man is not blind but he is rather well to do. There's nothing wrong with him, but his appearance as his stance.' Bent at the knees and mad in the head. This was a vile man, he had been peculiar, and he had been stricken and bent like some kind of ill, filthy and tormented creature which held no ilk to him. He would be a beggar otherwise, if it weren't for the fact that he was mad. 'But it is clear that you are the one who's lying, dead man.' 'What did you say?' Something had gone terribly wrong, as it seemed, or looked, in the way or the manner in which I had reacted. 'Go and check it downstairs.' 'I will do it. Immediately, sir.' One light kept flickering at times. Another one followed one the trail leading to the reactor. It had been cold down there and wet, those nasty cold things had gathered around the rounded pulp which lay forth on the glass, with the means of which nothing but that peculiar thing could be noted of. It stared and it was damaging to the eyes. No one could stare at it but it did follow us whenever we went down there. Half an hour went by and there had been no sign of a return. Clearly something had happened there. 'Is he coming back?' 'No, send another man down there and fix the damn light. One of them has to eventually get to it.' 'But we lost eight men.' 'And we can lose at least eight times that amount if it saves more than we can spare. Now, get to it.' Same way. Same downward path, the cluster, those globes of steely glass, against which they snuck against and suckled at the mere preparatory kind of tease the men were.

And they taunted with their meat warmth and the way they were alive. It wasn't so outside the facility, and the abandoned spectrum which had lain on the other side of the complex. But outside, they had been surrounded by the cold and the exposure to its dreadful nature and the likes which had been called into action. No man looked forward to being lost or as to be unaware to what was going on. Clearly one of them had stopped and laid there. 'One of my colleagues, you seem.' His body had still been warm. Perhaps this could've been the man that had gone before him. Nay, it wasn't. He had been groped a few times around the arm and chest. The marks left by those hands had been

deep and imprinted themselves against his body. That alone had made it clear that something had gone wrong.

Clearly, more so than anything else, it came to him that he would lay within himself those things which were unnerving. Different hand shapes had grappled the body. Some of them weren't human. 'The lights, man, have you taken care of them already?' 'I'm on my way, sir, this was a mere distraction, nothing more. I'm bound to reach it by some means, I think, just give me a chance. Damn it, he broke off.' There it was, deep enough that he had lost contact. And there hadn't been a sight of the outside either. He had been alone, for far too long that he would return to his senses. It was unclear, as to think that there would be any kind of redemption or some chance for him to come back and draw in it with himself in some unnatural way. But he was lost there, and the lights kept flickering. Eight more hours passed and men had been lost. It was starting to get cold, incredibly cold, too cold for verdure, hath been the saying. Unclear as to what it means, there were enough men there to figure it out. 'It's getting colder on the outside as well, sir. I don't think the core might work for long unless restarted. And if it doesn't..' 'I know what it means for us if it doesn't.' 'That thought seemed likely to be the cause of his night losses. The sleep, the slumber, the pair of men which had been sent through, it couldn't have been conceived otherwise. Nothing could, nothing meant, for their likes weren't similar by any means. Such was it that in some coping amount of rue, there was something close to parting words. A party of men ventured and neither returned. Their sight had been of broken glass and blood. It wasn't obvious who started it, but the battered marks left by one whom punched it made it ever so clear. It had been the work of a man, who acted in some aggressive manner which couldn't have been excused. Now, the entire perimeter had been lost due to the exposure. Many of the lights stopped flickering at least, as they had stopped being lit in their entirety. It was there that they looked, the men who had been shut in their own rooms. The upper level had been the last to receive the auxiliary unit of power. Soon, it was only to fade as the last of its units of electricity were to be left over and abandoned. Into laying and into hiding, as he lay, the master projector made due with the heat. Some means of desperation came, but it was there, beyond the door. And many men fell prey to its cold grasp. Even their very core which had kept everyone alive had fallen without a chance for it to get forth. Such a disturbance of woe couldn't have been called or abandoned. It had to be left there. Paranoia and delusions followed as the first sings of loss came. The flicker of the lights around the upper level, which only brought on the recollection of something bad which was about to happen had occurred for the first time in a long period. They had been left exposed, the heat faded like some phantasm and it seemed that first, before the light could go off, there came off the door. And it had been as cold inside as there had been outside. Their voices had appeared and there seemed to be some kind of lost interest which couldn't have gone awry if it had attempted by any other means. It was clear who was listening and who was there, watching and trying to listen to them speak. Then the men were no more, and the heat had died and those things had lain dormant ever since. Clearly there was something in there. I wasn't sure what it was at first, in some way, I believe my vision may have been a tiny bit too blurry from the gas. There was something to it, which couldn't be shaken off, regardless of how hard I may have attempted to look into it. And the memory of how I felt whilst being in it seemed to have been called off into question. There was the sight of it, still sitting in my mind even then. Something sharp at its edges, the rock formation from which I started knocking with the metallic end of my climbing axe. Most of it had dissipated in the air as soon as I was done trying to knock and make a hole through it. Something even closer to the scent made me feel like I wasn't the same person

who had entered the cave. 'Do you claim to have recalled something you may have seen on your way out?' 'I can't seem to remember anything I may have said on our previous sessions.' 'But you seem to have some kind of recollection of there being previous session you've attended to, would that be correct?' 'I suppose it is. Why am I questioned of this? I thought there was something you had to know. I think I remember there being a letter, from which I couldn't mind but look and ask myself through and through, why is it that you called me? Why were you so desperate for me attending to another one of these peculiar things?' 'No one sent for you. What are you talking about?' Something had been wrong ever since, ever since that gas entered in contact. There being another session with the psychiatric ward. And there having had a conversation which ended far too abruptly for me to remember. Retracing my steps to where I had stood that day had been hard. It was by some pure coincidence or that of a mad chance that I have found my way back home to get my bag and my equipment. My nostrils had a sickly goo-like pile suddenly dripping from its channel. So many things hadn't made a lot of sense. The streets I was on seemed to have been like the places where I lay or where cars moved on the other side. Many of the plates had been the same, with a slightly immeasurable, barely visible eye, if it weren't for some kind of inert blindness which couldn't be exploited, there would've been something to it. One letter changed or missing, cars turned onto the wrong side. Some strangers had been staring at me as if I had been some mightily deranged person who might not be trusted. Such, or less than aware of it, I had made it inside the cave. The scent permeated still in my presence and I could see now the trail which had been left behind. There were glow sticks tied together with some long and sturdy black string, if it weren't as thick enough to be a rope. Someone had made it there before I had the chance to return in time and it looked like, whoever that may be, this stranger wanted me to follow. Disturbingly unaware of there being something which couldn't be cropped or looked upon, I seemed to have messed with the idea of there being various thoughts at stake. There was a person there who was clearly as mad as to expect me to return. More than that, he knew who I was. He had to know personal information of me, it had to be. Not only have I taken a good look and a grasp of that rope, carrying with me all of those light-inducing toes, but I have also looked upon the surrounding walls. What I had seen were the scribbles and the various words which had been written at a stake which couldn't have been anything else but the writings of a paranoid stalker. My home address, my phone number, crude drawings of my face, the colour of my eyes, pictures of various places which had been taken with me in the shots, that's to what point it had come to lay. In such a measure as for me to know where I could turn my head, there seemed to be only one moment in which I had been aware enough as to draw back. And there, my head had just avoided a falling rock. It had been there that I wish that rock would've put an end to me and to my life. Without a warning or without woe, my lungs had drawn in the gas and I have gone somewhat mad. In such a state as I had previously been in, nothing could compare to what it had been now. 'What do you think it happened next?' But there she was, unable to speak. I had taken her life, the poor ward lying dead there. Worse than that, I seemed to have dragged her all the way to my house, managing to reproduce the entire way back, exactly in the same manner, leading to the cave. I had been seen by men and people who seemed alarmed enough to call the authorities on me. Nothing else mattered now as I lay inside the cave, in a bed of my own doing, out of the rope made out of glowing toes, I seemed to have lost myself in the dark. There, it seemed likely that me and the ward had been sleepwalkers, caught off into our penile walk, unable to get up from wherever we have found ourselves in. More importantly, as it had been, there, we took in the gas for

one last time. Both us, together, lost in the inside of the caves, my head smashed in by one of the rocks. 'But you don't have to worry, warden, I feel no pain any longer, I feel no more wonder and what I may have done.' That had been it, which made it clear as soon as there was a bit of lid shed upon its surface. Something had been given, or taken, apparent from the discovery, as it had been made clear enough as mightily Herokronus approached. His sight had lain upon the missing form of some long forgotten steel bar. Unknown to him, to look upon it as to judge what it may be, it had been made clear, as to what seemed to be the form of a rather, long and hollow bar or tube. From it he only needed to pinch a piece of it until he had managed to release the gas which had been stored so deeply inside of it. There came the strange lack of awareness he felt, whilst going through vision after vision, one of which seemed to have made him unaware. He had changed, now as he lay, he spoke still in his dialect of Greek but appeared not only

to have been caught in his own affairs of matter of mind but also, had it been otherwise peculiar in nature, he would've thought of himself as some kind of lay demon who seemed to have leaped into his true form. And that form had been that of some young boy, who had been lost in the dark, afraid. What were those strange things in his hand?

For him it looked, rather, that he had been using some kind of flaming whip, with which he had tormented some poor woman, stricken and dressed in madly worn apparel around her body. Were those things belonging to some robe which had been used for some mad ritual? In awe he started as he had been assaulted by lights which had come from somewhere but weren't adjacent to no torch. What had they been in the likeness of some eye or some mad shape now pushed forward with sharpness and some block-like hardness which was benignly similar to some club. It would be used to batter and to strike, to no end of which, no man could be like that, of which he was. His vileness couldn't have been matched there, for he had now lived like the vile creep he thought himself to be. Now, his most vile dreams could be enable, in the means of which he whipped and strangled the first man he had gotten a hold on.

And instead of hands, there they had been some stumps which had shaped themselves in three large forms, as to grapple him. They converged and grew upon his own clothes and now seemed to leave an imprint of growths on the man's clothes as well. He had left him there as small bolts of fire had come into his general direction. Whoever those who hunted him were, irrelevant as their identities or their likes had been like, it seemed likely that they had fallen prey upon themselves in order to begin their hunt. They surrounded their lost lamb as he had noticed and seemed to attempt some kind of ritual of mending. He had been injured and that disease, as Herokronus had spied, seemed to have immediately jumped onto them before it started the devouring process. This strange contamination seemed to have small growths like toes coming from their insides and then, after three bodies lay adjacent to one another, like the flames or torches he had such a desire of, now they finally emitted their growth. And woe it is to the young man who had found himself in the body of such a stature. The man had been know and cherished, as a lover, a man and a political opponent. He had chosen to find a lone place where he would die rather than change hope with a younger one who might kill him instead. But he had no way of knowing or even so much as to care about what was going on. This was not only the body of a stranger, but a body he had entered. And it was strange, being in another body, far too strange for any kind of comfort to be had. Soon, his own senses would creep and do him harm. He lay there, somewhat unarmed, unable to remember what to feel. 'What have I done? Whom have I killed?' He chose to wander and now lay upon a sight of beauty, such architecture in a prime of which no man from his era should've looked upon. His eyes lay in a somewhat dark nature, which desired to explore and meet those beneath him. There lay a

pool made out of the springs which fell from his straight above, which appeared to be no less clear than what it had been. Dangerously unaware, he chose to go ahead and lay as peculiarly stagnant as to know. 'Who are you people?' But neither one of them understood what he said. They looked as if this had been in, a journey not of the end, not a means of him giving in what had been said or told, but some kind of unawareness which couldn't be gotten a hold of. It was the time he had forgotten and seen as the senile thing he had become. And whilst some came and spoke in their language, of which, he could only vaguely point at, the dialect of which was mostly unknown to him, there seemed to be some anger now. What lay to him was a strange dexterity and woe which couldn't have been told, as quickly as he leaped on his feet he ran. From them and as it came, he planned on getting through as far away as he might get a hint at, at both the wonder and awareness of what was to come. It was a strange defilement of the vile, which could be told through the lenses of a man who had killed. That had been it, as it came to him, he had remembered what he'd done. There should be no surprise whatsoever, as to take a closer look upon the edge which seemed to have crept in through the rummaging clouds above. No longer contained within itself, it had come to be rather clear, especially with what was going on, the various on-lookers who started at their end. Something was coming from the graces above and it had become clear that there wasn't going to be any kind of redemption for either watcher in their wake. Some looked, others wept, and it was clear that the least of it, as it had come to be known would fall on the children. They were laying there, playing and watching through the cold and waiting in the snow. 'Father, what is that thing?' 'Do not be afraid child, it's, it's, I think it's a shard of ice coming from that point, that black moot that has always been there in the graces of the ether, where only cold can be and where there's no head to warm and melt it.' 'I don't understand, father.' 'My son, that thing is only a giant piece of ice which was bound to come. No one listened and no one attempted to heat up the sky and this is what happened.' 'Are we going to be hit by it then?' 'I can't know for certain as of yet, but I suppose the possibility remains, there could be something wrong coming in our way yet.' The train engines were going at it in some motions which couldn't be held up to the standards of men. They had not only gone beyond but it had been a strange disparity between them. Plenty of the citizens were fleeing from sight, even though the many woes, it had been assimilated by the many curious uncertainties which had been for the like. Danger stood in the marsh water, but that pond had been left sunken and frozen. Both so, at the attempt to flee, the Crook's family seemed to be in one of those trains. Soon to leave, many remained. 'Most will ye booze, I think I'll have another pint. Scram off now, this one be mine. I think there's no other way than this one now, get it? They won't make the same mistake as to look at us any more different than it had been.' Clever thing, it seemed likely that he had turned himself into a drunk with the other bums as well. 'Hey, look.' 'What does your old stuffed mouth say to me now? I can't see past me old two tooth-cut boots now and what you're asking of me is.' To look there, in the direction he pointed. It seemed like, it looked like a young lad who had been there alone, going by the small ice blocks, jumping from one to another with boots who seemed unlike those them worse but somewhat worse. Somehow, as they had managed to understand themselves, it seemed likely that they were the ones who were in the right. They were living the high life compared to the young fellow there. The same one who fell off his chin and almost broke off his back. 'Not that sharp of a lad is he?' 'He won't be that sharp of an anything if that thing decides to suddenly engage in its act of falling, will it?' There seemed to be a red light which was crossing there, from torch to torch, in an attempt to extinguish everything. Now, the streets had been

inhabited not by the likes of men but the apparitions of cold. Either that or they had all shared too many a drink. 'Lad, young lad, laddie, what's going on there? Please, answer us, tell of something which be going here. Where are your parents?' The lad suddenly turned, to reveal a harkened expression on his face. His dark eyes, dark hair but sudden paleness, which hadn't come from the cold raised itself up to his chin. It had already been too late for him to be reunited with his parents as the train had already left, but what kind of monsters would forget such a tiny man? 'I'm an orphan, my good sirs.' And plenty if well to do, well educated at that as well. He had been a pioneer of life, one tiny man who was left there, in some place cold, abandoned, left to his own.' 'What of the other children?' The other man asked. But that had been when the chance of expressions had come to be. The lad had only looked at the sky and despite there not being any kind of reflection having been manifested from that distance on the shard, he still gave the impression that he stared at himself. It was something which lasted in-between the likes of a few seconds and came to be left there before dissipating immediately away. 'I'm alone, can't you see? All of my siblings in the orphanage had died.' Such a strong delivery came from one so young. It hadn't had to be that way, and neither of them had supposed to be sober then, but it was, by some unquestionable means, how they might look upon him and wonder. 'Will you join us then, young lad? Sir, I suppose, there's not much we can offer, only the bulk of some hit or two, know this, we may only offer you entry through some locked door and what not. That thing doesn't look likely to move on and fall off any time sooner. So I guess, from that point of view that we would be fine in that regard.' 'There are a few places I wanted to visit. You know, if you don't mind me saying, or the very least, if you don't mind helping me get to them.' A sparkle of fire seemed to have ignited in the lad's eye. It seemed like nothing at first, but he couldn't make any kind of difference from stranger and friend any longer. Only a few testimonials could be saved, apparently. That's mainly the way it's been whilst being in a town which was being dwarfed by the cold. It would be easier to lay an eye by the side and wait, yet there were so many of them spread across town. In a few particular homes, there's been evidence of the sort. 'Day twenty eight, the first signs had been shown. It looked likely, or more so that I wouldn't have made it through this winter, not by the likes in which it had been presented. The people have stopped even giving a slight damn to what was on its way, but I had known it. I have known you'd come through and pierce through them and their thick skulls. Have I not been worthy? Have I not been chosen to warn them? Now look at what it had become.' The words had been scribbled with blood and served as nothing less than a prediction of what had come. In a sudden burst or some flash of light, the cold blue steel-like mirror from above seemed to have turned in some strong, embedded red which couldn't stand itself but glow in its glory. There wasn't any doubt as to what it had entailed. Its strange poison had been such as it had been, through the likes of which no bloody rod could point and grain, for that taint, that liquid which had been apparent not only inhabited its mark, its cold tooth but seemed to have spread around town. Now, a silken crimson changed and enveloped everything in a coat of its own poison. There had been something dreadful to it, by the likes of which no creeping terror might do. Such harm had been thrown to the like, that it had been pushed inwardly to itself. That red poison which brought some unquestionable terror then, as blue completely changed to it. Tiny snowflakes became bloodied with the terror they had brought and now. Now the cold had turned to heat. It had been something which had been felt throughout the land and seemed to cure itself by and by. Less likely than it had been, there was something strange, a danger, a stance of terror which took within itself that. That dreadful cure, to the child and the

vagrants who hid away seemed to reach an end. Another note. 'There will come, I have seen it in my dreams, spread across the very end from which it sprouted. I will have known then, after seeing it that I had died. My body will have been tormented no longer by the wonder which lies. Will they find out of the end? How might they take it and by what means? Neither of them can understand what you are and what you will become. They seem to dance and bring joy upon their servants, in their bars and hidden places, such a thing was something which may only bring back their happy ends. They cannot see and fail to realise what's there. Nothing's waiting for them, no more will they have themselves in such awareness and such fear that they might do upon themselves as the others.' And then, the flashing colour of red, bloodied upon itself hardened and came to liquor like any other. Each drop which fell from the main structure was doing some kind of disturbing thing which could only break and smash that of which existed in its own space. Such a dreadful thing lay only with the phantasms which appeared to share the same appearance and the same kind of feeling in which they laid. Much worse, as they had looked from the train, there seemed to be an explosion or some kind of impulse as to blow of red. And it itself, there appeared to be a peculiarness and a rage which surmounted the sights of those who watched. They had been nervous as to see it lain in ruin. Such as it had been, their eyes turned into a deeper shade of the same crimson which lay there and in a quick dismissal of guts, they became enraged from having being forced into the same position. Madness couldn't be accounted for another, or so it seemed. 'Lad, you must get away from this place, as fast as possible.' 'But what of you?' 'We won't make.' The poor bum seemed to have fallen on his knees and lost a nail or two. Even two of the likes never made it through, past their own minds, as it just so happened for them to be caught off guard. It seemed so, ever so presently that they could lay awake through the night. In it, there had been some kind of sight, or unawareness, or woe. Strongly, or more than so, it had been agreed by the phantasms who watched, to manifest their bodies and enter the hold which held the door erect. And their bodies had been made out of some poignant red hardened liquid which couldn't be accounted for. It would be even less than likely to be called into action. But such a reaction as of an attempt at resistance seemed to leave one of the men crippled and the other one, who already stood on the floor, resting as a dead man. He stood there, bleeding himself, having it taken and drawn from it like he had been some kind of storage object rather than what used to be a man. It had a strange effect, taking his blood, kind of visionary per say. The phantasms felt this kind of dizziness which prevented them from taking anything into account, especially what happened then. For, now that they were solid, now that they were something more than apparitions, it seemed like there could be nothing to be attained from it. No amount of uncertainty remained. These beings were drunk and looked for no child as of now, for as long as it mattered, the child had escaped. It appeared that the man who was trying his best to get through the rummaging of those strangers only now came to a direction. Until then, it was never likely to be called into action, for as long as they went through, there seemed to be a direct connection between the like of man and the stranger. Gaseous remains still appeared to be getting through him, as a matter of looking forward in some kind of epitome of dead rock formations. There, nears the ponds, after the fountains, he had sipped the gas before he could be reached. It seemed too peaceful then, as he did it, being unable to feel a thing at the distant reach, which couldn't have been accounted for. More than dreadful, the realization came, when the young man found himself in another body, being that of another man, who had been wearing a uniform. Unknown to him as it had been, there was another effect which had proceeded forth in any case. Somewhat

unapparent to him, it was clear that he could live in through the strangeness and peculiar stance which had been taken there. In a distant reality, where the old greek now waged in pity as his body faded from the scorched cave in which he lay. Certainly he would've thought himself dead, deceased, unable to survive any longer, or at least not after he'd been caught off in such a manner in which he could've called in itself benignly unaware of what was to be. It was a show, a masquerade of faces, all of which were dead to him. He had been displaced in a cold facility where neither man upon whom he had looked upon seemed alive. There was something to one, in the way he jerked his face and acted, clearly, he had been caught off guard in the midst of pushing forward. He would've stepped on one of those things which appeared there. Not even the animals could defile their forms in such a way. Below him lay a long piece of rubbery and brute-like pumping filled matter. It had blown itself on the ground and appeared to have come in terms with getting itself into the watch. This was a man who was supposed to be dead. His body had been cold, he could barely walk, breathe, or even show any kind of light in his eyes. Yet, inside of him, there had been that Greek, whom had not only rose through the fruitful alacrity which his own self provided, but he also came to wait. He knew, too well, as he had lived inside a creature which was no man, not to underestimate those things. And they were many, and many of the had been spread across the facility as they appeared not to shed any kind of fear or mad delight. They would put up no fight for now, as he had observed, closely called into question, for as long as there was some kind of way to avoid it. Bodily, they were weak and seemed to have domed their own forms or flattened themselves there. It was then that he stopped watching and started marching on. Some kind of trick or illusion had taken place. For that strange deformation had been too sudden and it seemed only likely that there was some work of some deity he had no faith in which that could bring him closer to disgust. He wouldn't trust none other than himself there. As the door opened and down there, he looked only at what seemed to be the dark. Every now and then, after trying to notice queerly through the motion, that, there would be some kind of entry. Some way laid for him to get through, he would be guided there. Towards that point there lay a light, a strong one which was flashing and coming on, dragging with each second, waiting for him to approach. Farther than that, he had looked upon opened and broken domed windows, which he promptly inspected. 'It's clear where you've come from, but you don't appear to bleed.' He spoke to that one piece of rubbery rounded, butchered creature which lay in its own frozen circle. It hadn't been any liquid there, by the likens alone, it could've been anything, certainly something which could be, rather, some strangeness of the metal which appeared. Far from over, as it had been, the sky darkened and that change came to be inside the facility as well. As the light faded from the blue, there came the red. And in its most basic form, this light turned the ones in the facility dreadfully confused, to the point where they would become enraged. At the mere fact that starvation couldn't be pointed or pulled off, he strove forward. Tempted, as he had been, he stopped and took on the chance. He started devouring the creature which had lain there. Though his guts weren't properly working, he found it that he could go on forth and do something to himself. It would come as it may, that no amount of uncertainty could delay that thing. Everything, everywhere else had been so formal, as in the city for example, where the kid watched and went forth, seeing some kind of mirage in front of his eyes. As in, what if those things weren't phantasms at all, but some kind of people from other dimensions which entered their own? And what if how they were coming through, in a disturbing mirage of their original forms, they had been replaced with the closest thing their human minds could process? What had happened

to his mind? Why could the lad think so clear? It had been a clear growth which had almost popped his skull open. In it, a tumor, which had manifested as an effect of the red light now appeared to force his every thought inside of it, getting to a point where he had been mentally aged for a short span of time. Or at least for as long as he would be alive. There had been misery in the air and despair. Something wasn't right by no means and no account of the strangers which had entered the building. Each seemed to have a distinct look to them which couldn't be forced to bear by any means the like or the mark of arrogance. They were tied after all. Everyone inside the room seemed to stare at the strangers who had entered the flat. A distinct noise came out of the piece of rope which connected them like some twisted conjoined brothers. More importantly, as it had been, there was that, the fact that it had been inside of them, rather than outside. It was clear, as to be looked upon by the passers, what was going on. Merely said, there had been some kind of hope to it. But they didn't make it so apparent at first. 'What are you staring at?' 'You think you know me you cunt?' 'Pull them down, man or let me drop mine.' 'Aye let him have one, will you? He won't scrape for long there.' Their tongues and mouths were as dirty as one could care to make it seem. In no particular order could they stare or dare pay and heed. For theirs alone had been a breed of despair. Eyes were embedded on their clothes; they were wearing some kind of modified robes, which is why they immediately pulled some kind of cover over their heads, only so they might hide. No credence could make it seem like they would be denied. In their like alone, as it had been, there would be only that. 'Do not hurt me, I'm not a drunk.' But one of the louts had been taken, compared to which they seemed like some kind of brutish creatures rather than men. Such things couldn't be forgotten or named. It was only that in their pain, the one which they so desperately wanted to force others to face, they shuddered. Men cowered at their sight, even the maidens who turned around and tried to hide. Alas, the door had opened again. A cold wind, the shudder of which had only come seemed to bring the alarm, the despair they had felt. Another dreadful man had come, he was ill-looking, by the mere presence, and it seemed likely that he stopped breathing for a while. The door closed and as soon as it had, so had the fire vanished from sight. Heat died within them and their very hearts as this one had come to no mind of his own. There would be something there, at least, if it would be called otherwise in play. 'Greetings, I have come to take you back to the grave.' 'But we're not dead, we have not been slain in battle, nor in words, haven't we taken the lives of our own but.' In a turn, which had included one of his brothers, there he was their last sibling dead. It happened so quickly that he had grabbed a blade which only entered his own side. This, he could not abide by any means, which only made it so, he stared. Two brothers lay in front of him. His blue pelt, bluish from the cold appeared to lie nigh. He was a vile man, he had been so ever since he had been alive. That creature, villain, the compressor started. Soon enough, he found himself alone. 'It seems likely that the ever-moment draws near, when you are to be next in line. Look at him, your brothers lay dead, in a fate which is ever-coming for you as well.' This fiend, this mad knight had been right. There, in the presence of his own, to his remark, stood his brother still, on his feet erect. He hanged himself only to lay there like some insult, like an injury, like a way for him to know that a piece of that rope which tied them had been used as an inflammatory thing, deadly in its method. To no saying word, to which he would pay some kind of attention, suddenly he had made himself be aware of it. Such a glory to be met alone. Like a contender to his own life. 'I won't take mine, worry, not. I won't go as cowardly as my brothers have.' And as he said it, he slowly backed as this cold man, dressed in armour but with no helmet to protect his pale face, this fiend had come. On his way, fiercely pushed back by this

laboriously working knight, he accidentally pushed and forced his brother's corpse onto the ground. He'd been pulled with him, only to the point where he stared above him at the approaching sign. 'If you won't take yours, then it will be mine for the taking. Be wary of it, though, for I shall not be gentle and I'll make sure there'll be something to it in some way or another. We may not be brothers but I have a single thought that you may know who I am.' And then, in a sudden urge, he pulled himself back onto his feet and dragged himself with too much of suddenness, that he found his sides being ripped apart by the ropes. Now, as he had been bleeding all over, he managed to get one of the maidens who had lain underneath one of the tables. 'Come any near and I shall take her life. Don't push me to it, don't force me, or else I'll do it. I will be tormented no longer.' Everyone looked in shock as his olive skinned barbarian, bleeding as he were, grabbed the poor maiden all upon himself. A glimpse of the knight's eyes almost made him stare. There was something lacking inside of them, almost as if he hadn't any care himself. 'Where have you taken that knife from?' He asked, expecting, perhaps, to him being told, no answer to that question. 'From one of my brothers.' He responded. There had been a few close calls inside the mansion. A lot of tension laid there, in the midst of some late summer, while the debris already laid on itself. A peculiar thing to say the least, some sign which appeared on the property, twenty feet away from the metal fence which surrounded it. Someone had left it there, by the looks of it, during the night, one scoundrel managed to leap over and cross. Tense as he had been, it looked clear and intense, in the likes of pushing onward for the dread which had been felt. No one dared say a word, or mutter the chant. Half of the mansion had already appeared again, like some made duplicate which joined itself as some sort of continuation. The guests had been woken up during the night, as were the servants, who had been instructed not to allow anyone to come in and check what was going on there. After all, there could be something down there, most of them being unaware, though it seemed likely that one of them had managed to carry on and push onward. Most of the faith had gone, as two trusted Negroes followed their master through. Agamemnon turned and looked at them, with a fanciful expression of distaste. Afterwards, he switched again towards the other side of the mansion and seemed to draw in the call. 'Make sure that all those bodies get disposed of, do you hear me? I can't deal with this, especially at this hour. There's something truly unjust if one's to call in just by the watch.' He had looked at what a mess that had been, half bodies lying there, on the various sides of the floors, looking rather uninterestingly empty. There was no blood in them, which made it even clearer. Agamemnon hadn't any concern and wasn't even disturbed by the likes. It seemed, so, every presently that he could only think of himself and how he had managed to draw in those things. Wretched abominations who resided in that side of the mansion. They looked at his succulent dark servants but not at him. For the common eye they only appeared like some kind of weird twist, like broken glass which had been connected in some peculiar substance, only that each side seemed to have been manifested in a piece of furniture or some limb. And there was the blood which had been so sought after. It was clear enough for whom it were. 'Those should be harmless as long as you don't approach them. Do not make eye contact by any means. I shall deal with my guests in the meantime.' 'But master, I.' 'Not a word Bartholomew, I have faith that you may carry one with the task I have instructed you with. Do not disappoint me; I shall not make it any less clear than that. I will set forth the fur and make it so no blood gets muttered on it.' 'Yes master, I'll do. Come on Alam, master threw us forth.' While he had been gone, the Negroes seemed to pay no heed to the advice of the Baron, quite likely, it had been that they couldn't even care of the fact, especially since they were unseen. Something rather dangerous

now came to be. As soon as the door closed, those things went away. But they haven't. They were ever-present, for they could still be felt out there, especially by the Negroes who had been a trifle paranoid. It couldn't be accounted for now, the death of two additional lost servants in there, as they had found themselves thrown, like some abandoned trash or the likes of the lowest scum, like which they had felt in the last moment of their lives. And their deaths hadn't come from above, rather, properly as it had been thought off, they had died for over exposure to their own bodies. It was almost as if, the closer and the longer they stared at their own selves, and felt their own scent and stood there in their own presence, the harder it had become for them to be whole. 'I don't feel that well, big brother. I don't think I'm going to make it through the swamp.' 'What are you?' The way he lay there, submerged in the wooden floor seemed to give him so extreme amount of tension. What might happen to him in that case? He couldn't know, he couldn't watch nor see past himself. It was clear, that this man died. In that half-a-swamp, beneath the floor, it looked like half of his body had submerged completely, while he had been alive. Had it been otherwise, had he been another man, he would've stroke him down with a blow in order to stop that suffering from ever occurring. But that hadn't been any other man. That had not been his brother in soul, who had spent the little time there had been of his awareness in a weak state from which he couldn't stand, he wouldn't scream, nor would he be alive by the same standards. And as he watched, he saw some bubbles rising from beneath the floor as the other half struggled for air. Some sound, the shouting started. And the vocal cords pumped, as well as the chest from the one half which stood there on top. It couldn't be. 'My poor brother, fight, fight, I'll drag you back, just wait.' But he couldn't, as stroke after stroke seemed to bloody his knuckles to the point where he couldn't even care to try any less. He knew what was going to happen there, and thought he may feel bad for this abandonment; this chance would only come once. It was then that he went away and ran, tripping over bodies, crying over for his master. 'Master, master, please, master, open the door.' But no one heard him, thought he thought of a most benign action. If only he could find his half-a-body in time, that would show the wicked fool! The zone of unrest seemed to have been called into action. By two ends of the plateau, it looked as if the councils had gathered. In their likes, upon the finality of the events, the statues erected in their nature finally came to be. Such magnitude bred in the likelihood of life couldn't have been mistaken. Eight giant members in the shape and form of the mighty colossus came to be. But they weren't what they seemed. In their likes they have been not, but partially weakened and strained. Most of them have not been presented in the image of their youth but when they had been old and distraught. Bones and the meek weakness of age seemed to have gathered around them. In itself and by no means could it be accounted that they were exposed in such a manner. Those weren't exposures of strange virility of nudity, but the likes of some strangeness in the lack of limbs. 'What is this then?' 'What you have called forth, the need of the unrest has been called into action. You are to be locked in these forms and in those statues for now, and for as long as the zone is called for and for whatever time it may get extended.' 'But we have not asked of this. Who are you, stranger? Who might you be strange creature with the likes of which, no mongrel, no tainted being, no amorphous being could be enslaved?' 'Mock me not, for you shall be free, in addition to the fact that you shall not suffer the interference of man. This is not his kingdom any longer, it is to be called, for the sake of drawing forward and coming to an end, for the zone to take over.' The magnificence of the creature which spoke came into the fact that it plainly stood there, in a thing which had encased it, the sort which would look or seem to be likely a shield. It

plainly surrounded him like some sort of wind marrow, a slight case which never seemed to bother, to extend or to fade. Beneath it laid his darkest form, a blue of colour skin which faded. Marks around the body seemed to signal the coming of the dark. In them they saw something they shouldn't have, what may befall on the planes, on the fields, on the masses if this had to be called in action. 'I protest, you cannot force us into it.' But it had been quick, the matter had already been done before any kind of thing could come. It seemed so far, as to lay there, that there was a kind of unity in the fate they shared. The gates opened beneath them and through a tunnel they rose inside each of their independent bodies. No mistake had been made, that no other man or maiden would possess another one's body. It could be named, the terror and the fright, but they lacked one important thing, which had been the light. As soon as they entered each of their prisons, those glassy eyes which had stood inside their metallic sockets suddenly hardened, changed and seemed to be encased in as much of a strange material as there had been. There was nothing brought into action any longer. If that had been the case, there would be no return now, as the same process found itself happening on each side. Time after time, one of the dark comers seemed to have presented himself in front of a viler gate, to a viler crowd. And in return, he had gotten the remorse for each other's action. Neither council member, nor watcher knew anything of personal sacrifice. It was only in their mark that they would join their own and seem to be watched, as if they had been nothing of the kind. It would be unclear, as to what might happen. 'Such a change of fate, it seems, look as the pillars which rose up in their names.' One of the dark comers, suitors of misguided love for another seemed to be looking and staring from their high places. To them, those houses looked primitive and hopeless. It mattered not what they thought of those pillars and structures which had been brought to the likes of theirs. It couldn't be matched by no means to their constructed citadels, their means to reach the sky. And then, the unrest began. It had been mild and wicked at first, only to mess with the men and what they had thought of themselves and the world around them. There, it seemed like the blue faded from the top of the ether and seemed to fall over them. Many have been drowned or looked for refuge as the waves of blue came over them. They looked like painted soldiers there, fighting for their lives. 'Look at the distress they feel, do they not know how safe it is up here? Might they not come or attempt to draw ever night to a place such as this?' 'They will eventually come, and what then? There are only four of these small platforms which have been erected. What happens when the masses come and flood them? What if they start bringing down the statues and the unrest ends?' 'Will they earn it?' So they wondered. But it looked likely for now that they were caught in the never-ending stream of falling blue. Some swam and found themselves swimming upstream, floating, no, caught in flight. 'Look, mother, I can fly.' Said Leau. For a short time, he felt no anger, he wasn't afraid, he only, he appeared to be floating. There had been something about him in the way he watched and couldn't see past that thing, the way in which he looked or pushed himself past any kind of interference or any other means by which he might be aware that he was dying. Something wasn't right, and he barely noticed it when it had been far too late for a change. There had been something in the way it looked at her. That day had been an especially quick one for the clouds to darken and for people to scatter in the way they had. If one would know any less or none the better, he would've thought them to have been part of it. Of what, to be more precise, there had been an uncertainty. Nothing, yet. Nothing as of yet either. Ten minutes of waiting came and there had been nothing so far. Without a sign, there could be nothing to be made out of it. Such a thing of dexterity. He waited for a moment before saying it out loud. 'It's a thing fashioned

with some skill, isn't it?' 'What?' The woman had been startled by the weirdly coated man. He seemed to be wearing some broken glasses which had a grain of dirt mesmerizingly pushing forth as to hide his eyes. 'I mean, that thing in the fence, it was made by no amateur, right? Tell me I'm not the only one seeing it.' She had no idea what this man had been talking off. This deranged individual which only now came to some point where he showed some interest in her. What had been to her that he was looking into? No, he kept staring in that direction. The exact reason being unknown, clearly, he wanted her to see it. 'But I can't seem to see that far away, stranger. What do you want of me?' 'Then, you should get closer, dear, wouldn't you want to see the craftsmanship it has?' Reluctantly, she went forward, not out of interest, but as of some desire to be as far away from the man as possible. Whoever he was, clearly he had a look of danger or at least he gave her the wild impression of a criminal. He was there alone, with her in the night after all. 'What thing?' There had been had a piper, from the looks of it, turned as to hide something behind it. Strangely, it seemed as if, not to be ashamed of the very fact that it was there, she had seemed to have drawn herself to a pool beneath her. Cold, as it seemed, it hadn't come from her but from one of the top lights from whence the peculiar globe seemed to move. In some obscure fashion, she had caught another thing. That bulb was a living thing, which had in turn replaced the light producing bulb. No longer relentless, than what it had been to itself, there seemed to be that, the fact that the man had been gone upon a turn. But, the peculiar thing, that had distracted her. 'What are you, insignificant little thing, to do with me? Why had that stranger wanted me to see you?' She admitted to herself inside her mind that something was wrong. This fence wasn't normal, it had been far too thin and barred, but there was only two holes which went through the half-pipe. As her hand moved on, she suddenly turned and gasped at the sight of one toe. Instinctively she looked at her hands and seemed to see the culprit. 'It's me, I'm the one bleeding. I'm bleeding, I'm bleeding.' No response from the watcher, the man who had disappeared had to be the one. Without a trail of blood until now, there had been no way of knowing where this incident had happened. 'I must be drugged, who's there? What's happening? Where are you? Criminal, cutter, butcher!' And as if called or insulted, the man appeared, silently staring at her, perhaps uncomfortably so. He had the look of a pest, now that he was missing his glasses. Pieces of his grassy beard seemed to have been slightly ingrown inside his eyes. Their likes alone never mattered, at least for as long as it seemed to be there. Inside of his very tiny vermillion bands, right to the core he had been impaled by them. Still, not explanation for what he came. 'Look, look, I told you that you should look at the craftsmanship of the thing, why haven't you thrown a look at it yet? I told you so many times already.' Twice had she turned and the man wasn't there any longer. It seemed benign at this point already. Who had he been and why? Why was she missing so many toes? It had been only then that she had looked at her hands and noticed, nervously aware and confused. 'Who had replaced my fingers?' At the knots, the red strings seemed to be tying and forcing them together. But still, many of them had been missing and instead, many other half pipes had been strung on the fence. She had done her best to forcefully turn each of them at once, only to look in disgust at it. More so, there was some unclear refuge in her mind, for reasons alone she froze. It was then that she had recognized the man, or his arms and hands at least. His fingers slowly caressed her body, taking and changing places, pushing some organs aside, others which had been encased inside bigger debris pieces. And that thing in the distance watched. A weak little creature who could only get itself drawn in by some degenerate wishes, in which it closely observed how that woman had been slowly turned in some kind of weird

effigy. Many of her sides had been drawn into strings, her teeth and eye, her entire body pushed and hidden, tied to the fence in the most peculiar ways possible. It dared not approach, but this primordial thing only appeared to be aware of some satisfaction this artist, this carver, this madman had, before he picked up his tools, only to leave and never return. In his walk, there, this creature drew in near, only to observe how the woman had been very much alive in the end. But nevertheless, a claw seemed to have appeared. Not to cross any forward than it had been necessary, a bride stood. 'I shall be the first one there, watch me cross it.' Too many steps had already been taken, to the point where nothing else but one more had to be placed. It followed the others at first, but only by a march had it been noted of the likes and danger, and for the thing which couldn't have been called into action. For that alone had been the likes of the first stranger who had attempted to pass it. His shouts hadn't been heard as he had fallen, never watched, not accounted for, as he had been lost beneath the abyss. The depths had swallowed his agony, and that voice could never have been accounted for. It looked even more present than it had looked like, but it felt as if the man had still been there. In some form or another, he had been trying to get to them. But there had been no other signs of him. 'Who's to follow then? Could anyone else even dare come forth and become unloose in the depths. I see that you're the one.' The man who had broken his skull just spoke. He had repeated the same speech over to himself whilst standing erected against the rock, like some statue, for the likes of him, the likes of many and none else could be for his insides. They had been wretched, scorn and twisted to the point where he couldn't eat the pieces of his mind which had remained. No one else wanted to be near him. 'I will have to eat the other minds, I swear, or else they will fling themselves down the abyss. Why waste? Such a delightful bunch they are, I must have them, their insides, my joy for hunger, and it can't last.' Twenty steps, he had taken from the same spot he had been in. Without a delightful touch, he kind of looked out of place. No more would he wait, or look or wager. 'Let it be me, I shall come down that bridge.' 'Why have you said that? You damned arrogant cretin, look at what you've done.' It felt as if his voice had echoed then, for the bridge collapsed and no longer lead to the other side, instead, it seemed to have gone towards some other place, going directly into the abyss. 'I shall go instead of him, let me, I shall go forth on a bridge that's straight and from which I may not fall.' It hadn't worked, he was still staring at a bridge which leads down. 'You say it, you brought this on yourself, don't ruin this, do not, by any means ruin this bunch.' He had tried saying, repeating, even changing the format to the very point where it may sound normal and by no means as corrupt as it had been. To no point had it changed and worse, he had lost the feeling and control over his legs. That had been it, by means of walking forward he had fallen. There wasn't anything which came out of the man. And yet, the old creature turned, finally revealing what he had been doing for the past half an hour with his time. One finger seemed to have gone inside his skull, rubbing a patch and making it so he was only tasting himself that way. He had looked at himself in the same manner no one could've, but only he knew it. One of the young people who were standing in front of him, of their group wasn't their own. But it was him, disguised. And he had wanted to taste himself, for that version had been pure in the sense that his head hadn't been cracked. It had been nothing but a deep desire to have him, to taste his own body and get some joy out of it. Unclear, uncertain and fearful as he had been, it was time he would approach. The delinquent had finally come to be, in terms of drawing forward, a scoundrel. That's what the one who had leapt, a leap of faith in its true mad sense revealed that he walked on the very air. Or to be precise, the mist which had been there beneath him. 'Look, there's something there, hidden, follow

me before he comes after you, it's safe to cross.' And some tried, others stood there and tried stopping the others but it had gone too quick now. Two of them came and fell, their souls had been lost and they had been dead. 'You're a murderer, you know that? They would've had a chance to get through, don't you understand?' 'But I only wanted to help, I, and I.' His throat suckled and as it came inside there wasn't any chance for him to reconcile with the action he had taken. It had been a mistake in the sense which had been very much there. At last, they were there for too long and he had lost his patience. Four bashed heads were quick and he had been left there at the middle. They weren't dead, only knocked unconscious. It hadn't started the cannibalization process yet, at least not while he was still there staring at him. And to be as ironic as it were, he had been the one who wasn't the human being. Unaware of it, he stood there on top of the mist, confused, misguided and wondered what it might be done. How could it be that he was the only one allowed to cross the bridge? And why was it that every single one of his friends had to suffer some terrible fate like that? 'Let them go, release my friends, please, they have done nothing to you that they might deserve such a treatment!' 'Come here then, a trade, trade it is. As long as you give me what's mine, what belongs to me, I shall give you this, what belonged to you.' They had been after me. It was them, in that moment in time that had taken the choice for me. And in fact, I chose not to run, instead making it seem more apparent that I was looking for something more in terms of getting caught in my own affairs. Reading cobble stone tablets, in the grave. Though these were no tombstone, they only served as a distraction from the fact that every single body which had been brought there was immediately dispatched and had been thrown inside a single hole. That hole had been filled with decaying patched and simple things, such as small limbs and no other mild things which had looked alive. 'Why am I bothered when I asked? OH, it was you.' Before me stood a dead man, somehow he had not only crawled from his pit but it almost seemed likely that he would be there for some time, watching. Uncertainty be true, as a means of showing and looking inside of him, there it was. It stood like some kind of empty gap, in which it dangled. The entry he had sought after for so long. And his prayers and waiting had been not only answered but looked after. Inside there was that, the kind which would be dreadfully lost, after this occasion in which he had been deemed as being worthy of the chance. With little hesitation, he only took off and leaped inside. There wasn't any certainty as to what might happen afterwards, but it was clear enough that there would be no way out. Not by any means, there being no hope whatsoever. Here, he would return to his very thoughts, rather than look away and decide. He entered, being pulled in that weird tunnel inside the body. The plain floor was set, an old one, filled with stone. But no tiny pebbles which had been spread, but strange conflagrated spares which had been tied or had become in part wooden. They shared some kind of danger in terms of them being sharp and going forth, spreading, smashing, pushing and cutting. One stroke made it clear enough, that there would be something inflicted upon his mind. Everywhere else he looked, at least from his side, it looked like many things missed. Either the patched above earth, at which he looked at the empty reflection of some kind of fading reality, or some malign image of himself which had been multiplied. And many of them looked back, others mocked and laughed at him, but more importantly, he had been almost desired by his own self, to be consumed with what went there. A trap door below, two of them, eight, but none opened. Between them stood one miss turned door which lead below. Would he take it? Anything but to escape those copies of him, those mirrors, those changed foul daemons which couldn't be looked away from. It would be even more unclear as to know. Who was on the other side? By physical appearance, he had known who it

was. It was a man who looked exactly like him, a twin or some vile stranger, which couldn't be looked away from. He was a stranger to him, especially since he couldn't even look away from him. There was something about him which couldn't have been trusted, though he couldn't put his hope at it yet. Some power stood there to him. A kind of engulfing blue light which surrounded this man, frighteningly so, pushed forward and snatched at him rabidly in some way which couldn't be explained otherwise. But this creature who looked at him and stood there, below, defying gravity had been his soul. An exact presence which seemed only to go forward as he followed. Like some pup or some tainted thing, he seemed more likely so to be set on him. It was the very reason he followed, even though he had the chance or the risk, or even might face some repugnant deal. It was his soul, so he had believed. But there, as he had went below, something seemed to make him suffer. It was painful at first, the way through which he made it so he couldn't walk any longer. Though that thing had ruined his skin, as each step went forward, his soul departed even farther. One inch of the flame seemed to disappear, his power slowly fading. And it came to be apparent that his layers of skin had reached his muscles, his organs, and then his bones. They couldn't be accounted for, but it seemed then that there wasn't any hope for him to return. At a point in his search, there had only been the fall. It went through as they had gone towards some kind of damnation in order for them to be set free. Both his soul and what had remained of his body had suffered for far too long. In the end, it had mattered even less, for the reason of which he had reached the point where he was, this was to be told in private. It was solid, in terms that his soul had indeed been damned, whilst his body had become a living organ inside the dead man. And that organ, like some morbid hybrid between a heart and a liver, had managed to bring life to the man, making him come forward while tracing some kind of weird side of the road. He would only have this vigor for a short amount of time, in which, whatever he may do, it had to count. It had been brought to fruition, as his desire had come back. There, the dead man threw himself back in the pile, so he may rest, in the last moments of his life with the rest of them. In some kind of disturbed silence and some disappointing end, he lay there like some drunk, foul smelling, rotting, while the pump would reach an end as well. There would be nothing else to pump inside him yet. Some cowardly creature, nothing less. 'It was him, I swear it had been him, and I saw it with his eyes, none other than his.' He pointed at a pair which lay below the crossing. There was some mild dirt covered in the spew left there out of some rotten remains which had been uncounted for the mild array of days which had went by. 'Spring, had it been? I remember when these lands had been clean and untouched by those strangers, long before anyone with the mild interest of trying to profit out of them had even thought of coming here. 'And who might you be then? How come you always appear when there's an outlaw on loose, in the exact proximity and at the precise moment we gather?' The town watch, as it had seemed had always been present there, as had he. It was unclear whether or not they suspected something, but as likely as it had been, no definite proof could be called into question. 'I used to live here, though, you may not be able to remember me. As a matter of fact I don't believe we have met before and I have no desire to make myself be acquainted with you. It's been enough for me to feel rather insulted.' 'You don't seem to understand much, do you? I seem to get at this strange idea, you know? That you may be one of those, outlaws, see?' He pointed at what appeared to be a pair of marks left somewhere on the ground in the distance. Nothing too serious by the looks or the likes of it and by no means could he be accounted or called to some kind of response. He had only seemed to be peculiar enough as to respond. 'I assure you that I've got nothing to do with it.' But he had, oh, how

much of it he had. There was a desire he had that he may come forth and renounce himself of the hidden lordship title and have himself be whipped on the streets. The many plots still rested on his lips and there was just that quick incentive for him to act. What will it be? Will you go on and tell them of what you believe? Go on, make a small incision, and make a cut through. That had been the previous night. He had paid a few outlaws to kidnap the daughter of some magister around the town magisterium, where his folk served and where those before them served as well. It was unclear just where this uncertainty went, but why was it that he wanted himself to be around that place? It would be some kind of disgrace to think the least, that he would have himself be seen while he had been licking his lips at the much thought. 'There's nothing which may link me there, look at my soles and listen to the man, he's the one who had a claim over the ownership of the scoundrel's sandals.' 'So you are aware of something then?' Those petty villagers and pushy hooligans had gotten a tiny bit too close. He should've never underestimated them, no, this was a far more deranged thing. He had chosen the flight then, not before a puff of smoke, a black fog which had appeared out of his hand. From a small cut, it turned out that the fog had been his blood and that reaction was only the natural thing to come after coming into contact with the air. Everything afterwards had been pale and blinded, as he hid and ran, waiting for the night. 'I saw him, some nights ago, I swear, I'm still on his track.' This sage, this man who had a small rounded, collar rope with frogs attached to his neck seemed to be having his visions again. Dead eyes started and seemed to grant his visage, every now and then, the piece of some dog's skull rattled as his teeth bit into his own lip. What he might not have seen in the stored memory those dead objects seemed to have no lay in some peculiar thing which couldn't be helped at all. Punished for his lied and strange effect, he had felt himself rather caught into his own lies. There, the stranger, the lord Montequmb, seemed to be resting on the poor lass' hip. She was very much standing there, alive, without a wound on her pretty body. That's where the paleness had been, and that's how they suspected. In his small cover of a comb, he had stored everything he had stolen, everything his men had taken, whilst she, her was the wisest. She had been the most deleted trophy he could inquire of her. For there, in the dark, he had taken off his weird suit off, only to reveal that creature which had hidden inside of him. 'As I have promised to you, she will be yours for this night alone.' Spoke the flaccid skin which had been Montequmb, looking as the repulsing creature which had hid inside of him for so long. He had watched throughout the night how this thing had its way with the woman, locked in a hidden room where none may hear. But one mistake, oh, so, had it been, that he had kept so many jars and so many pieces of the dead inside of it. No one would dare tear any of them apart and care even less for the likes. It wasn't even half of clock that they had arrived. The outlaws had been murdered, the door ripped apart. With one hard blow, he had arrived to a grim end in which this creature seemed to be instantly caught in an array of suffering, caused by the creeping bludgeoning of its skull. Though no man could stare or watch, for they had been far too late. She stood there, lifeless, with no smile but tears which had been wasted out of self-pity and grief. 'Rattle, rattle, snake-battle, rattle, rattle, snake.' Battle. The dawn had come, they fought in pits. Someone watched, as the supreme morbid sight finally came into some swing. The dire hatred, look away, words couldn't describe what was felt. By the on-lookers who had come in terms with their own like, they watched as well as their own men died. 'Fight harder, throw them in the pit, with the snakes as well, tell them of the meat.' By the mid-term point in which the blade had been erected, so had the cage on top been opened for them to eat? The fighting stopped, as suddenly their blades were pulled back by the chains by which they had been held, pulled back

into the sudden openings only to reveal the acid in which they would be cleaned. 'Waste no opportunity.' The fat gladiator yelled. His spiked helmet, hair dry, mouth awry, darkened soul, as with which he came to grab a weaker man, and spewed him into the acid flop from which his weapon had been drawn. His shout had been distracting and a few of the other contenders seemed to have turned in order to watch what was going on. The muster and the need, the heed to look at it came. Such a quick tool for the soul, the people watched and screamed and cheered for their favourite contender. He had been liked and watched closely as he had drawn in to sneer and latch onto the desire. He would do no less than what he had been asked to do, fight and fight, even though the rest had been rewarded. 'That's

boiled meat, that's edible meat, I tell you. There's no need for every single one of us to fight. Do not make this mistake, for our own sake and yours. Do not forsake us, let us not plead with the likes of men and do it as we did it back then.' He, as an older gladiator knew better, what to expect and what went wrong exactly. It had been clear that there was something he had expected. I no mean sight, by the mere watch, there it was. A past champion had come and signaled his arrival. With one chump of a forehead, he had stricken a blow to the back of the fat man's belly. He

couldn't even dare meet the others then, as their sight had been drawn at the masters of the ring. 'Let the games continue. Whether the champion wants to fight or watch the rest will be his decision alone.' 'You heard him, runts, get back at it, eat it, runts, it may be your last meal for as long as I care.' An understanding of the fact had come, as

they ate and watched the man who had dared cross the split of the fight. In the crossing of the split, it had been wagered that the likes alone could do nothing but cut and cut until the butcher couldn't do it any longer. Only then would he come, like the embodiment of the arena, a vengeful spirit which arrived to punish those who broke their vowels. This man, who ate with the rest of them, not only had his face covered, just so he would not be seen, but there was something else he hid inside. Beneath that cowl, lay his nigh-naked body, scarred and only then had it been revealed, the blow which had once killed him in his prime. It was a half-near nigh-cut, which deeply enough as

to scar tissue and leave a mark which would never go away. And his mouth had been revealed, with his thick and bloody lips, he had bit more than he could chew it seemed, for not only had he eaten with them as well, but he had also been eating human ears. Those who observed immediately looked away, accidentally going as far as to notice

that small pieces of what had been the fat man, clearly in a state which couldn't be recovered, had gone missing. Now one said a word to him. But he alone, seemed to have noticed that they figured out something he had hoped they wouldn't even dare to cope with. As he stopped chewing, he turned towards the fat man, turning back only with the break he needed to spit out a few fingers and half-an-eye. In such a terminal as there had been, no one dared look any other way. 'Do you have anything to say for yourself?' This man, who seemed to have taken himself as this spectral thing, the dead empty shell of a forgotten champion now claimed himself as an evil thing which now had come forth. He had been the only one, a single man bearing an axe, a weapon which had been unchained. The rest couldn't have been more gruesome, as he had leaped and started killing the contenders one by one, who had not been allowed or given any means of self-preservation or self-defence. Yet, so long as the crowd had been pleased with this, there would be no stop to the butcher's woe. Many kept on watching as he had killed man after man, the occasional female stolen from the fighting tribe, which had been taken for his own pleasure and defiled there in another gruesome display before he came on top of her and threw her body to the side. He had stood there in the prime of man, killing the lions in the den, killing the morbid twists which had come after until there was no one left

to challenge him. There, the pit had finally been battered until all that meat had been grinded, all those bones crushed and until there had been nothing left but a bath made out of the agony felt by the physical embodiments of the souls which had fought there. Only he had laid there supreme, conqueror, master, champion, deity of the arena, bringer of supreme disgust and keeper of woe. The plan has to be enacted, just so they might all die without release. Every living being on the planet, near its core lay there stored, facing one another in the most peculiar way, dreadfully speaking and watching themselves and how they went at it, biting and ripping one another apart. In their arousal, it seemed had wakened just then. Without a way of knowing, there could only be supposed, closely and remotely looked at in some way through which they could be watched. Observation came as quickly as it had been forgotten. Results came mixed. What had been preserved as one clean and pure race seemed to have come out to face severe mutations. Men broke through the tubes and entered a world which had been denied purity. They knew, as the first men who had looked upon their dormant brothers and sisters, had become aware of the failure which had become the world. 'We must preserve them, we must keep them pure, and we must make sure they'll live in world which won't turn them into us.' Though they looked as anything but human, those eighty who had come out of the preservation seemed to have retained their minds. But for how long could it be taken? For how could they be looking at their own reflections and stare? It was a thing which couldn't have been accounted for. The way they looked at one another and much worse than that. 'Don't think it.' The other deformed man turned towards him to look. He had been just as repulsive to behold as the others. More so, this had been his companion, life-time engineer, Mccanaghy. 'We're talking about the sake of a good few billion people, the likes who had repopulated the world and made it in their image.' 'And what do you think they'll make of us once they find out what we are?' 'What we are remains unchanged, our goal remains the same, the preservation and the reformation of the plains. Listen to me, this won't happen in one generation, this won't happen in any less than what you may think of. We need to be certain that there won't be anything less but the complete admission that we may follow the original plan.' 'Yes, yes, I know, I must, we will go forth and do. We have not fought, our ancestors haven't fought for this. What are a few more bodies in the heap when we will be seen as heroes?' There seemed to be an understanding at first, for at least the few weeks to months. It wasn't easy, at that, controlling the machines and activating their primal cores. It's said that the original reactors had been programmed in some way through which they could last the end of mankind. Perhaps they were right in some way, though most of the hard-work had been done. In itself, there were four main factors there, the radioactive pollution which seemed to be slowly killing them. These strange time-bombs, per say, had forced them into a constant growth, which seemed to be less likely and only got stronger as they approached their end. What walked on the streets now seemed to be only those huge bodies, like those of giants, bulking with the terror of muscle and pumping iron. Though most importantly, as it had been noticed, they still retained their mind. It had been all too important, as they chose not to retaliate against those who had been pure but kept their malignant impulse control to the very end. It changed at last, in the last moment, when they had grouped inside an enclosed chamber of their own. This mutation had driven them all mad, and while there could've been a way out for someone who had known the combination and means of entry, they had instead ripped one another apart. But that hadn't been the worst of it, as they had merely continued the effort done by a chosen few. Next to their enclosed chamber, there had been plenty of other similar rooms, filled with bodies. This plague which had caused the mutation

seemed to adapt to everything, even the changed which had been stores. Yet, despite it, each chosen generation of forty to eight pioneers had hope. They got through and were relentless in the way they worked, neither case seemed to have attempted to strike or bite or even acknowledge the possibility of there being inevitability. What had been much worse than their progress had been the fact that the chambers which had been built were colossal? Someone had chosen to observe and planned for this disease and degeneration. Of the system, something else which had entailed it was the fact that at the end of it, each chamber had been dragged and pushed forward into some loop which had been thrown beneath the earth, where unmarked graves lay. It was a masterwork, which had only given the impression of infinity of rooms, which had been not only seen, but thought of to be widespread. Regardless of which, they fought, and carried on. And the pit filled and they would be buried even deeper until they had reached it, the final thing which would cure it. But it had come at a price, as the air had suddenly cleaned itself of radiation, in the last moments out there, a final line of code was written. Such a marvelous thing, this filth of a radioactive thing, in a last attempt of survival, it had begun self-cannibalizing itself as well as the plants and wild life which produced the air. There would be no one else evacuated and now, what seemed to be, in that strange, eternally cold place which had come to be the Earth, had been a stalemate. As the tubes they stored them so well, that they produced their own kind of modified air. Like statues in a world of cold, they stood there never to awaken, as the greatest examples of what might've been the human race. It came from there. A voice said it, so it must be true. One can't stop wondering when it's too much. We can't listen to it, can we? It's been so long since I have seen someone, or since I have seen her. There's nothing around this room, it's all too empty. Why are these thoughts forced out of my head? Why can't I concentrate? Am I still able to call myself something near, anything near some living thing? I can't seem to notice anything moving. A few days ago, I had. There were a few small grasshoppers inside my room. But I have even less of a recollection of how they got there. An electric device, that's what it had been. Some of it had kept popping inside the other. What other? Had there been another room other than mine? It had been my purpose ever since to discover what had been there. Past that very door, I have read about it, that peculiar thing there. I could barely see it, but I swear there had been a light coming from somewhere just then. Just at the rims, now I remember. There was that enclosure at the window. Every now and then it would appear, just enough light being shed for me to take something near a choice. It was time again to act, and now, that part of me which had been active in the light had decided it was time to act. I had to do something, it would be impossible for me to act otherwise. I knew it to be kind of true, in some way of manner, but I had known it even since. Before I could even speak, or tell myself, as I have always have, pick a book and read a passage, don't go near that door. It could be bad, worse, you won't be able to return and oh, there's so much here to do. So many books to read, I'm sure you won't be able to read all of them in a single life-time. Just do it, take a leap, don't listen to the voice, and don't listen to it, just get up, get up, get up. The noise started again, something's happening there, on the other side, at least open it, just to see. My feet had been tender from all that sitting but I could walk. The sound of something, of a feeling, something which had the feel of extending appeared in my mind. I walked towards it and opened the door. In came the light, some rat-like coloured hall standing there against the dark room in which I had been. In the distance, there seemed to be some people. Yes, people, I thought I have read about them. I think I was one of those people, not the ones I was looking at but something like them. Similar, was the word. No, I wasn't wearing the same thing as they

were, my clothes, my clothes were scummy. They had a smell. They watched. And they watched. And afterwards, there came nothing out of it. Without me waiting, who might look at me in the same way? I wanted them to look at me, for some reason. I wanted them to see me. My face was wet from the crying, but luckily I had been aware. What had been that book I was thinking off? Human interactions. Yes, I know of it and I wanted it so much, I wanted to talk to them, to feel. 'Hi, I'm here.' My mouth opened and I bit something by the side of it. They seemed to be less concerned, even less now that I have somewhat bowed and presented myself. I'm not a child, I'll show them and they'll know it. Just another thing. The door closed behind me as soon as I tried slamming it open. I knew I haven't managed to close it myself, that hadn't been it. I knew it even so, it wasn't right. I think it had done it itself after being made aware of my intention. Or something in terms of it. Well, as I turned, they stopped chatting between one another. It was almost as if they had become aware of my presence for the first time and have refused to do anything else entirely. They wanted to be aware and say something, they enclosed on me as they approached. Testing, that's what followed, that's what I hated. I was dragged and pulled, I felt nasty. My clothes had been ripped off, they had been tipped off my presence and I couldn't even help but pose like some nasty girl. I felt humiliated as the cold water had been showered over me. Nasty people, how they looked behind their similar, similar masks. I cried underneath the water and I knew they only used it to perpetually humiliate me even further. I couldn't help it, shaking that way, curling, being down while they must've smiled behind them. So nasty, I just wanted to be there, alone, so they left. They left me in that room without anything. I missed my books, I missed being alone, being in the dark. I hated seeing, I hated looking at myself there, in that filth, in that shiny, dark reflection. Why did they do this to me? I felt awful then. No one approached, no one came near, and no one cared what I felt. And I couldn't get up from that curled ball I laid in. No, it appeared again. That sound, that swirl, that sharp thing, that metallic, almost magnetically bashed, crackling thing which hadn't stopped since I started looking at myself there, for what I was. Nasty thing, nasty genitals, nasty hair, with a clean face. No one wanted to let me out of it, nobody wanted to open this room, and the only consolation was that small barred hole through which the water drained. The drainage hole, where all the dark had gone, where my dark remained. Are they afraid? It sounded like it, how they chanted those very words which had once brought nothing but destruction. 'They have brought it on themselves, just have a look at them and you will understand. So much of the world their ancestors worked to create, look at it! What lies before you is nothing but a pile of trash, the filth which had been brought by their filth and desire to breed and mixed.'

Those bitter words only made it worse, as he had been reminded of it, through some means which couldn't be explained. It was enough to make him look as cowardly as he had become. When he shouted spineless, the crowd chanted hear hear. It couldn't be listened to, now, of all reason through which one could obey and be nigh-placed near himself. Something here and something there seemed to be happening. As they started bringing the statues which had been raised to signal liberty, they would only bring decay. No one wagered they would degenerate in such a way. That creed and filth, the towers tilted and fell. Buildings couldn't stand erect, no plane flew that day, again would he say. 'You brought this on yourself, filth, no conservation. How could such petty mixes enable themselves as to store what's been created? This is what your kind does, it can only live enough to destroy. Darkened, slanted eyes, soulless creature, of the kind which deserves to die.' And yet, his chants continued, and approached, the point where one would think oneself somewhat paranoid. 'Am I not right, to have stepped up like

one of the last vestige, the last pure one?' 'Hear, hear.' Most have yet to obey some kind of despair of their own, through which the madness which had been encountered lasted through some mad times. They looked and burned, and muttered as they ruined paintings, symbols or art, architecture and everything which had been made by man.

Why was that a thing of such a mad and such a disinteresting manner? It couldn't be accounted for, the filthy destruction which had been spread. 'Look at you, no ties to the past, you're not the same ones which have been or have lived or were even remotely of the kin. There's nothing coming out of you, only some strange and filthy repulsive thing, which can't be thought off. Don't look at me, look at your very own selves. Ugly things, look at what beauty had meant, what it used to mean, look at strength.' At which encounter, the man only posed for himself and no one more. Those were dumb animals below, not too hardened by work, as plenty of them were lazy, but still human. If one could call them that. In no way could he stand what had become of the world. It was their fault, through the destruction and through the woe in which no one else had dared to be mesmerized by the likes of living and the dead. No one could forget who this man had been, who had locked himself in the last standing tall building which remained tall. So many of the barbarians, in the wake of their primitive destruction looked at him like some kind of deity or mad, lost and sad ruler. It couldn't have been any other way. He wanted to be like them, at least for one moment, so he wouldn't be forced to give in the weight he carried. So much history, so many achievements, all of which now lived into him. If only he were ever lasting, if only he hadn't been forced to deal with carrying so much. 'No, I won't be driven to this. I will never be like you. Filthy creatures, dark skinned, pox-filled, distasteful mongrels, you're nothing. You'll always be something else, something below the likes of man, below the likes of being human. You may try changing your shape and acquiring our colour, but your filthy bodies only reveal it for all to see.' And it was then that he heard a knock on the last floor, just the one he had managed to block. There wouldn't be any way to hide from it, that strange magnitude of force that made the tower shake for the first time. It felt like being near the sea, where he could only see his body. By some boat, on a river burning, just like his ancestors had died. He could see the calling and dreaded even that one moment where he had considered giving in. 'Why do you desire me so? That even now you may infect me with your like, this strange thing which could only try jumping inside my mind and taking something which isn't yours. I can see it on your faces, those traits had been stolen. But you, pure breeds of the dark are perhaps the worst. Was it not you who started it all? It is your kind which may never be educated or even be forced to be alive. I say this to you, there will be no other man, no other breed which save you or take pity on your kind.' And each knock made the door crumble and had forced itself onto the world. There couldn't be anything but the old age talking from the man, the memory of his children and his wife, all of whom had died. He couldn't help it now, the way through which he had spoken and had made it so they would decipher what he said. That dumb creature hadn't even understood a word, they were clueless. It had been the most insulting thing of all, the way in which he fell, and had never come to see how the last relic of some civilization had faded, through which there could be some mark, the end in some means of getting forth and destroying everything which had remained. It would only mean that there could be some clueless kind of primitive creature which would rule the plane and humanity. Have my very own eyes deceived me? I couldn't help myself but look around, at this palace of glass. They looked at me, the people stuck in the reflections, whose vicious blows against their prisons couldn't have been disturbed or interrupted by any means. Such a dreadful thing, had it been, for far too long neither

of them could speak through means which may be even remotely understandable. They couldn't be listened to and I dared not drop my lamp. It had been so hard for I had to stumble in the dark until this point where I would be nigh-close to being there, in the place where it did shatter. No one could stumble on their own, nor would they pay any attention at the likes. But there were cracks, here and there, in places which had been obscured to them. Those were the corners which couldn't have appeared on their side, otherwise, they might've set themselves free from there. For what reason might they be able to struggle in their own likeness? Why was it that they would be less considerate of another and dreadfully be staked at the kind which would only reveal how vile they were? In the wake of their true faces, they brought living people, smaller ones who had to be their very children. Without daring to look away, I watched how they forced themselves onto the sacrifice, burning her and eating burning pieces while staring at me with their shallow eyes. Never had I seen such creatures which were legless and long, elongated and strong, filled with blisters around their mouths. Why, it had been obvious that neither of them would start gloating at how much despair they had caused. It was unnerving to watch, in the wake of something nigh or close to defile my very expectation, I have taken upon myself to stare. What they did next, to get my attention or to get me to stop myself from leaving had been much viler than that. I couldn't look but they had opened themselves in some way as to show that each of them had stored inside their bodies something. My last glance had revealed as much, but as it seemed to be, I had been betrayed by my own curiosity and chose to look there. It was the magnitude of something less familiar and more decrepit than there had ever been. Struck by woe, my eyes had changed. This sight had been defiled by the wretch who had been even less than benign. What they had stored inside were pseudo burnt bodies of the same child which had been growing inside their chests. Each collected a part and it seemed that each of them had dared reconstruct their offspring through some peculiar way or another. But they couldn't have been the same. That one which had burned hadn't been one that had been remade in its own image. He knew, that, despite seeing the fact that it had been alive, each new creature had kept its burn marks. Were they mocking me in such a way that they would choose to give birth to burn victims and crippled creatures? All of the sudden, as if they had heard my thoughts, it had been revealed to me that I had been exposed for what I had been. My guts had been turned as in front of me and on every side, those living creatures, those burn victims started struggling on the ground. In my gust of dead, I had dropped the lamp and seemed to lay in a pseudo-dark. It had taken moments for light to come and it was apparent that they could only produce little which might come unto my side. But in the dark, I was vulnerable for any type of thing that of which, most likely as it had been, was the fact that there wasn't any protection I'd have. And I heard the sound of glass cracking, the dreadful smacking against which I couldn't help myself but give in the strangeness of the happening at hand. They were frugal in means of which they dragged themselves on. I have managed in my stumbling nuisance to go forth and grab the lamp. There, as I have made myself present, again, against the wall, with a lit lamp, I could see only a small area from where I stood. It had the circumference of a large circle but it lay. I saw them, where they have went, through some navel of the pass, inside a place which resembled some fleshy roundness which crept deeper than expected. No less than what had been some magnitude of woe had there been the likes of being strangled by my own kin. Two hands came from a crack, and this distraction ended as the hands went deeper below. What stood behind me, which had made itself be clear had been one of those things, but it bore my very head. It hadn't exactly, as I had managed to breathe hard enough for the reflection to appear, and

I have been tricked by the mere mirror which had lain there. Something even more peculiar of the kin seemed to haunt me. That place, which had been an abomination in itself now, lay clear of its own. There was something which had to be done, something worse, much more than it would happen, more so than the distrust they had shown, there came the image, the repulsing image of some twisted deformity given birth by their own kind. Whatever they have done, they all gathered in a large circle and seemed to have deformed their inside offspring's into large tubes which came directly into the ground. Such a ritual seemed to turn glass into skin, a transparent layer which lay as if on muscle which started moving on its own. They wanted to thoroughly to get through to him and push in. They wanted to get in by some means which couldn't be undeniably held. They had formed a bad habit which I myself couldn't shake of regardless of how many times I have tried to. My attempts lay thwarted, I had been vaguely discarded as they took a piece of my back and threw be in the heaping trash where you found me earlier today. I can still remember vaguely, the few hours which passed before you found me. I've been greeted by it. That melodramatic singer of flutes, who came to me in an armless approach, that bipedal walker, whose neck made most of its body, pushing through a few cancerous growths which grew on the heaps which lay nearest to me. His largely vermilion suit lay pigmented with splashes of crimson and of o tempting ochre which distracted me most. The way in which this fiend presented it made me feel unnerved, especially after it had begun its projection in front of me with little consideration for the carrions and crows which had gathered around us. They were laughing at me, mockingly, knowing I would be buried underneath all that trash, soon to be afflicted by a worst affliction it could possibly throw again me. I had little to say as that walking hive revealed, from its epistolary mouths a constant show of ever-present spreading and mixing of the various inorganic materials which it had gathered inside of it. Far too gone in my delusion that I could ever hope to escape this thing, I had no other option but to join it in its made dance, revealing me to him as he watch me become completely encompassed by its sheer will of domination. It looked at me, I think. I couldn't be bothered to check, but I had no intention that this creature had to have had some senses be displayed to me. Otherwise, I could only gather just enough to know that its ill intention would result in me getting plowed underneath a reckless amount of filth-inducing blows. Its large, gangrenous body writhed as its trunk shoved me away from him. From his giant splendor, I could only gather a few plastic bags which had covered it before it submerged below us. He had drawn me in, as curiosity's call could undeniably fall upon me, now, at the direst hour, when I could barely fathom living and breathing through his realm. It was in it, as I have made my way through the mountain of needles and of abandoned prey. The heaps of trash were no more and before I could come in terms of where I had been, I found myself surrounded by grasping, loud-sounding tiny disemboweled part which were not of human-kind, but a similar to the kind of appendage one would find in a dissolving mass or thickets filled with worming cutters brought from the depths of the abyss. Their smell had been tainted, and the deeper I had made it into their folly, the closer I had gotten to become one of them. It was not my choice to be defiled in such a way. By no unfathomable means could I have spared as much as a single thought on giving in. But they had simply attached themselves to my body, like a pair of parasites who had understood what I was there for. I ought to be ashamed for what I felt then, as I was forced to give in and feel my surroundings through them. Long they may be, I felt like no human should be forced to feel, as no insect but a kind of dumbbed troglodyte who had been overwhelmed by the wretched amount of limbs he had attained. They sheer number had not only been distracting, but I felt as if they

could turn on me at any moment. For I had no doubt that they were of the same sheet and kin as the strange singer I was trying to chase. And my legs could not give in any sooner than not only had they been struck by a spell of numbness, but I could also feel the sheer amount of muscle and of fat being drawn from them, only to be directed in those inhuman appendages which haunted my body in such an unnatural way. 'I have found you.' MY shout could only serve as my entrance commenced. I had landed inside their lair. Their lair, to be precise about it, I saw them, within my own eyes, the true shades of their kind. Which is to say, they seemed rather different than the way they had been before. No longer had I seen a pink, which had served as a mere reflection of what I had seen outside, but I was met by the likes of a gray, a color that only rivaled the grave. I seemed to have found myself too drawn there, carried only by my new legs, those appendages which started taking me apart. I've lost them to the pulp, to the sickles which had become my bones. Though the walls of their lair were mainly a thick pair of plaster shells they had shed off, I could still find a way to poke inside of them. Alas, before the chase had come to haunt me still, I stared at the walls of the city. I've come to realize that I may have exaggerated a few too many times. Perhaps I should've been honest from the start. 'My perception of time is somewhat slow, I think. Either that of I have suffered a few too many blows than I could possibly count on, regardless of which, the top of the trash heap hadn't been what it seemed. I only referred to it that way in hopes that you would possibly strike this off like some insane encounter with a paranoid man you've found on the streets. I know it might be confusing now, but I know I'm not mad. They made be waiting for them there, prior to our other encounters, I have been stalking them to that point. And I know I've made the right choice here. You'll understand why I'm saying that.' Below the rims of the wall I broke lay the ruins of the old town. Buried underneath the streets. Unaligned mostly to anything of the streets or the homes in there. They didn't follow me for some reason, which I've come to think about for a while. Perhaps they weren't the tormentors I have come to watch and follow. Maybe I had been wrong. But what I was met below, inside that city was that blacksmith I had come to worship now in my dreams. He's joined by his brothers, the vile growing mountains who seem to track me every time I leave my den. Down there, there's food, I think there is. I've been eating something to keep me alive, and them. My limbs are alive after all, and they need the proper sustenance, which I alone could not possibly hope to provide them. I've come to accept that I'm limited, I can only give them so much before I'll grow weak and will need to feed again. I supposed I should tell you about the families there. They're citizens, or they used to be citizens, if one could account for the fact that, I've had my few good shares of them. It's nothing I hold dear, but I'm not ashamed either. 'The blacksmith taught me something. He gave me the instructions needed to build an altar, so I may summon him wherever I may need him be. He was as tall as one of the standing ruins, his head ended on one side. As a matter of fact, his entire body appeared to be curved entirely on one side. He held no hammer but appeared to be proceeding with the battering from one jolting pint of iron which had been a combination of both of his arms. They knocked and produced the most unfathomable noises I could lay my ears against.' This thing shocked me a lot more than I would've ever anticipated. I was brought to an inch of my life, being severed from a stroke just as his graceful voice began addressing me in an utmost compassionate tone. The last survivor of the crash only now came into contact with the repelling dirtor-call. Somewhat caught into the antics, he stood. 'I'm Lt. Carmathy, lost visage of the ship Delta Percent. In need of help, send station supplies before it launches into orbit again.' Short-fuses appeared to be trying themselves at the lacerate-crash. It's been a while since

the man came out of his vision enchanter. 'What is he doing again?' 'He's playing with some sort of reality enchanter, I think.' It was a crude attempt at a joke. Of course he wasn't, as only appeared to have forced a piece of teriatric-shard inside his head. From the proceeding damage to his cerebral cortex, the man started hallucinating while going by the rims of the monitors which stood around him. He had been allowed to travel as freely as he might. Eight days. 'I am the Prince All mighty, I am made of cheese buttons; listen to me while I talk.' 'Is he the prince?' 'Could it be?' Asked the second valve, which kept turning by itself. Carmathy walked through it, acquiring at least a few layers of melting skin from the amount of hot steam which was completely expelled out of his body. Man would endure much more than this. It had to be. Otherwise, there'd be no end to the amount of scum which had been completed foiled from his body. From one hallucination he had obtain at least a few holes down the sides of his body as well from around his only ankle-holder. 'He had no feet any longer, he's being dragged away.' 'Is he now?' 'I am, please, help me, I think I'm being taken to the chopping bench. They'll cut me into pieces unless you ought to help me get out of the way.' But none', he would not pay anyone to help him then. Though a few credits could be spared, he had found the book which pushed through him, through the back and into his mouth and started yelling into it, until it had become fat. Metal pronounced itself into a blob which only worked so far as to have him cut. It would be inadmissible, untainted, detained even. Not to push away what had been the manner. Without at least a word from him, his body had become enveloped and turned. No longer would he mourn himself, as he got up, no longer would he be trapped either. 'Where's the culprit?' He asked the valves. None of which were trying too hard to get at him. As a matter of going, to plunge into the rowing beetles which found their way don' the droid-hatch, he looked for a way that he may be. Anything but this weird-looking fat, faltering contortion of metal which pushed itself in the most inaccessible spots. 'Look at me, I wish you paid just enough attention so I may call you by the name. But I cannot spare you of the time, evenly said, that of the green horse-chest, a mere. He who had been given birth by the fragmented horse-ends. They who would switch between themselves only to bear no reason and no rhyme. No kind would be as undeserving as that of ours.' 'Stop intruding in my mind, just tell me where the intruder is or I shall have you.' What he proceeded then would be as unforgivable as one could point out at himself. No longer would be pay the toll, as he leaped about the general zone, starting as he might, unfolding what ought not to be right. He was trying to strangle the valves in a decisive manner. Without a way to know, without the bitterness of thoughts, it would be unacceptable at that. 'The Prince deserves to know and he would have it.' As he twisted and turned, he only came to hurt himself more than it was needed, unnecessarily heeding to the least of tanner's colt. Which was pointed at him, even from times of old. But that weapon can't be there, he thought as he stared at the empty side of the corridor ahead. It didn't belong to this age and time, if anything; a crystal-energy phaser should've been pointed at him. Perhaps I am delusion, he seemed to believe, which scolding that piece which carried itself from his head, inside his hip. As the hole he had created pushed on deeper through his body, his face turned into a contortion of distress. He could only press himself there, as he fell. 'We've done it, finally, he's dead.' Now the valves could turn themselves as the machination of many enfolding and self-holding body cremation remains stopped. It appeared that they held the colt with their teeth from an unnatural angle inside their canine teeth. Weatherly-forlorn, caught by the storm inside the lower levels of the great turbine, this incident would go unheeded. Not only so, but an emergence of space-crystal PR eternal covering foils of acid started approaching the

body. In as much as a few hours, they left only the bone-membrane which would be repurposed into many other valves for the usage of killing. What hadn't been known was the fact that underneath the rim of the land, there was that scarcity of repose. They had to keep making bodies like those which had been seen. With the release of the steam, the pressure which kept the stacked corpses in their eternal state ended. Instead they would start forming their wicked combinations of tainted nods. Nine days. 'Have you heard it already?' 'Huh?' 'Another worker managed to get himself injured around the head area. I think this time it's something terminally disgusting. I don't think there's a way for him to survive this one.' 'Slow down' a bit, will ya? I want to know more but I can't keep up with what's happening on the lower dorms.' 'Follow me then, it's better that you see all of this instead pushing it through.' Both of them made their way through. A vision of the paradise emerged from the nearest head. Violins singing, the flutes were ringing as the bells fell. By the hoarder's delight, a few pieces had gathered by the nearest one, intoned as he couldn't even get off the jitter. Druggies gathered in a corner which was thinner. There they'd each put a piece around their throats, all of which now rested. Even bested by the fights against the walls. Every now and then a man would turn and get up, bashing his head against the nearest splatter. 'Another hit, keep at it, we're getting it now!' The best of them could not even fathom going ahead, showing their dead or pushing themselves away. From not a single soul came a word, no uncouth dexterity or severity could be applied to the worst. Four madmen appeared, wearing all pink and orange kinks. In their spades, they bore bare bones from the graves they dug. 'These hands are not ours.' After the statement they showed exactly what they were talking about. It hadn't been a lie. Transplanted to their arms, they used to bear the hands in awe, straddled and captioned with as well as a deciding factor. Less than the benign, thrown and used for cries, they stolid those hands from the colder races, using them to bear the dead which clung, underneath them now, like flat shadow, yet solid and made. Out of the bodies of the dames and the officers, the soldiers of war, crooked and old, it didn't matter who they were. Life was simple afterwards, as they would only have to bring someone now and then into their underground working den. After that, they would simply shove another piece inside their head only to watch them act on their own. An accord came between them as they were peeved by the fact. 'If you are bound to break your skull like that, someone should be paid to collect what has remained of your brain. There's something in it which may be just worth it to explore.' 'What would that be?' 'The visions.' 'I see.' A charm had activated inside their minds. They would see that one who predated them by a long time. 'The Prince, who is he? Why is he lost to us? I cannot help it now. He must be found, or else I think I might lose a piece of myself which belongs to him. My words, oh how I cherished him until the time went on.' 'But you have barely heard off him, stop babbling.' Even they knew when to stop, once they realized at that there wasn't a way out. It was long awaited, the method of uncanny redolence, their missing insignificance which bore nothing but the vileness sprays. Some tingled as he came into their view. That symbol in the small room. A chesterrtee, a metonymy of appliances of metal, organic yet made out of welded iron out of some part which couldn't be touched. It looked fresh yet something was missing, the part which would complete him required all the pieces of living parts belonging to humanity at that. Hands, arms, legs, and missing coronary trapping antennas which would flash and let them know. 'Approach.' The order came onto the screen. Where have they been so far? Already the pieces inside their craniums made their way towards their hips. Dipping even sooner than it had been expected, these ones would be directed to the corner which needed to be cleaned. 'Unleash your hidden potential

there. 'How?' 'By choosing your corner of death, I shall make sure that you'll all be easily picked and constructed so you may be able to serve as fuel for my new emerging body.' 'May I see it before I die?' 'It is not a real body, it's immaterial. Yet I need to burn as much as possible in order to make sure it doesn't completely fade away. Must I not be painted by yours truly?' 'I do not see why I should walk away. My life here was great and I have only thought I'd end myself bashing against the nearest wall I could push myself against.' 'Never be you minded of it, now. I think it's important to realize that sooner or later we'll all survive.' 'How?' Again that insolent tone and the mindlessness which would not be easily forgiven, by the means. 'You can survive death by doing what I tell you. As your body shall be broken apart by mere purging flames, I shall find a way to capitulate on the fleeing life-modules which infest these carcasses of yours. Mind you that It's not easy for me to explain my methods, that's why it is highly needed for you to follow.' The heat pressed on too fast. It didn't correspond to the heat that pushed from the other side. Both of them were different in terms of radiance. One could spread; one would be dead, dead, and erected against the battering cage made out of the forming walls around him. A trapped Chanhy would see only the blood left by those hallucinatory things only to learn now that he should've listened to what the monitor told him. 'Obey me and you shall be left to live. Life shall be unchanged, otherwise.' He wouldn't die; he would be the struck by the last realization that the monitor was real. And the only thing which would reside on the other part would not fit him any longer.

Regardless of just how much space there was in his him, they all leaped in and formed an easier piled for him to attach himself to. With those strange antennae, he would begin the attempt towards an established communication, deeply needed for what was to follow. Hollowing during nights, the lights would be over and another period would be done with. Eight-two hours. IT was necessary to believe in terms of the accessories with which one dead man excavated a piece of the past. It would not be possible for it to last in the future.

The thorn of Ihulh

The thorn had been forced by an aurora of the highest kind, which only came by itself, to grow. It had fornicated itself in a most peculiar manner, as it grew not inward for that part of the planet it had fiercely forced itself into but in the most malicious side it could've produced the mass. In its back remained the many protrusions which gave birth to the nimbly taint seen as a cloth-of forms which pushed on and on until out of them came the singularity. Supreme in its sight, the kind of dancers which came out were of no cloth, but a perfidious eel which surrounded them as well as everything, even if it appeared only for the likes of a glance at a time. From the torn came the great eyeless haze of pupils which looked upon the amount of piety they produced. For each flash of light brought them back. Forming realities as it pleased. It was not a biological being by no means, as this had been a great living machine made out of nano-protospheres implanted in the great descendants of the space races which had once inhabited Pluto. From their legacies they gave birth to the knowledge of never-ending sabbatical prophecies which said. As each flash revealed, they would build upon the past, whatever be kind in the future, alas. Many junctions inspired them to commit atrocious factories, which appeared independently in spaces. A judgment had been passed from either, as one could see it a disgrace for the moons which surrounded the torn, which gravitated forth. Each in

time, gave life a new meaning, as they would come out not as those planted spheres, but as crackling in fear of what lay inside of them. The worshippers of the torn had the alacrity to be torn apart by their own desire to open him. As they would see, as they would meet, by the enemies inside of them. The very core of their being was an inner-war wrought constantly inside of them, which be powered by as many sourced. The images conjured by those eeling textures spreading sheets, could only make it seem like they were caught inside never-ending storms of misery, which enabled them to bring themselves to deathless gazes, stared and plunges towards their factories. As those were their mighty twins who separated themselves, only so they would seem likely to be exposed to the grasping arms, tarantula-alike in size and batter, though made out of the dust of space, which brought them to the platter of unknown that lay inside of them. In those pocket dimensions there was just enough a time for they to stand. And looking around instead would seem to make this point just too small of a transparent box which never left the galaxy they rested on. But it managed just enough, to conceal a mighty trident which faced the torn. This ever-like invention, a pocket but not a pocket, a black hole but not a hole at all, but a fraction of reality which folded around it, only but a quarter so it wouldn't be noticed by the progenies of the thorn, appeared to aim forth. Others like it spread around, readying themselves to push forth a mass destruction. An action which would be irredeemable to the very dreadful end where either of them could send their regrets in the twisting end of the plane which had become the planet. This evil thorn, as maliciously intent as it had been set forth to convert the space of the galaxy into a plane, straight surface, forcing the frolicking of utmost disdain, feeling no more of its extreme ingratitude and pain. One more moment, let aside. No one would possibly be satisfied living there. As the unnerving reality would strike again, only eighteen times harder. 'I am the Incongruous Mithodark. I have come about to steal your heart.' Spoke the spear, with its friend, the walking progenitor of heart-beats, the fiend with no end in its sight, which brought with it the insufficent malice of the others who tore holes only to bring in the image of the great base of seventeen, for that's where life kept about working so they would be to fight. 'This blunder will make me feel Ill, sir; I seem to have been twisted away by the more capricious heads.' The likes spoke of many deaths. In the other side of galaxy, base had occupied the entirety of emptiness which may have lain there before prior human contact came. As for the time being they had been seen as those who came after and nothing else. For their machines, constructions, buildings and apparatuses, the electric panels and even the long raised interrupters appeared to curve like in a tiny puzzle which came in itself to show only the malady of something which misbehaved. To look from above, one would see almost an abstract painting, of many shafts which shot in one another, of captains who were made of one piece and the dreadful abominations they invited on the deck. A wretched being couldn't have died any further than it would've been implied that it was alive eight decks below them. Stairs led into the ceiling and lead below. Sometimes to other realities as they should know that they looked out not out a visor but through a solemn kind of wicked eye. And that eye protruded itself to the largest of masses. Like cacti pushing tiny spikes which projected the sight ever father away, for these were softened and made to listen and to obey the most malign conversation which would be conveyed by the mouth and reeling blunders, inside the frozen-solid thunders of space. Beyond the barriers the base surrounded itself with, on the special front, on the gone-on worm-like reeling legs it had produced, the base looked like a symbiotic enmity of progenitor machines. Even those metallic parts were fiends themselves which drew forward to a most ecstatic manner. They mouth which extended and grew fed on the electrical power forced by

the feeling extrubelance which threw itself forward. But it couldn't be though any longer as a way of pushing onward. Fright had started deceiving so many of them. The image ahead had only been that of a universe which ought to be squared. 'Perhaps we should live in its two dimensional hold. Even though it might be painful, I cannot see the future with any kind of hope. I'm afraid I lack the common sense to feed myself.' 'I have noticed it, dear corporal Iderion. The feeding tubes inside of you make up for the severe insulation of their sights. I feel like we're being constantly watched and guided. We cannot even evaporate our needs to breathe until we shall be employed by them.' And sinned he had no longer, for his alacrity gave in. As a symbol of their understanding, they started pushing in each other's chest the long protruding antler-looking blades. Of course they weren't filled with energy but a kind of unfashionable growing petulance of spreading lights in the form of fewer broken mirrors which joined one another at their wills. In reality, for as much as one could feel himself there, no one but a headless man, could be there amongst them. He noticed the body spread in eighteen sides and appeared to bear the most conspiratorially smile. Not only had he drawn forward, but he shared a look of a postulator fluttering winged menace which spouted a few discs out of its wings. Each disc started spinning and drawing in the slightly deformed corporal, with all of his tubes and all of the strange malignity he bore to himself. He could wait no longer until his turn came. For inside of those discs they all laid. Tens, if not hundreds of civilians who span around a realm so dizzyingly benign that not a single one could mutter what happened around them. It would only be a supreme sign of dismissal to stay. As their protruding factor could not be conveyed by forms, the shades of the insane, the inane actions of the atrocious scavengers came. For him, the butterfly projection of dark, pushed his discs too far apart, being afflicted immediately by their almost gravitational pull, which started taking him apart. No chart for the wicked and no stare would forgive him from the disaster which came. In that almost decent looking platform of the deck, when one should've looked if he was aware of the thing which would've forced him to be dead, he got caught in his own trap. And immediately he got ripped apart to shreds. An agony like his would only force him to be drawn back. For a few moments his pieces and organs, his malicious insecticide filled capricious innards showed signs of coming into life. But it would be unforgivable. It was foreseen that somewhere, in his disks, as soon as they came together to commit the supreme act of self-destruction, there hadn't been a reason for them to spare the captain or anyone as a matter of fact. Their existence ended there, as in a damnatory act so vile, they began imploding, leaving an entire port inside the station completely burn and torn apart. It was a malefic stare which came out of the torn, which saw the evil spread from that point on. Everyone looked, the creatures which had been a part of it, in that castle-like projection, twisted like the cracks piano keys, stripped of the means of melody. And the strings which came out of them pushed onward and extended, barely avoiding the tridents and the other weapons which were pointed at them. No being could deny their concurrent vileness, for as much as they could short forth, they stopped at one point. There, the mighty necromancer emerged out of the dead-point of the universe. Staring at them, he seemed lost. Not only had he been blasted by the full blunt eeling force of the inverted shock, but he had. Not survived. Of course they wouldn't know of the state in which he rested. This being who was in search of his disciple, who wouldn't dare be misdirected. At once he pushed on a hand and started moving his head back and forth. Then he turned towards the station, leaving the ones peering at him with such a feeling of uncomfortable trouble that neither of them could even be likely forgiven for staring for this long. Mistreated by the enemies of righteousness, he started peering in that spot. He recognized his mark made a

few runes out of his clenched fist. 'Enter, my servants, I shall give you entry to what you ought to have. This station should be yours, and I shall bring you back.' It was agony at its finest. As beyond the portals emerged not the same being which had been there, but its counterpart, a legless flying bone-like commemorative of woe, which sprang from its back the clouded wings which stringed only the most alarming surfaces it could. A magic as theirs could only defy each other in the long run. For their discs had been cracked and bore a mark of a skull which had been ripped apart by the hand of the necromancer, which had been no made out of paint but of an actual skeleton hand.

He wanted to make sure that those pulled inside the discs and deep down those endless cylindrically-surrounded guttural holes which had been filled by the souls of billions and billions of termite-souls would ever-bite so near the skin and around the edges of the bodies of those trapped in. From above them a giant hand would prevent the disc from falling. Thought this had been a slim thing, only the bottle of the entry in the world below. For underneath it, there would only be the reign of giant-folded bodies which were strapped on top of one another, archived and stored, with one exception. Two giant squared boxes would be placed inside their face and inside their chests. Cities were bred there, and more alike, these discs were mere portals in the realm of the necromancer, he who looked upon the communities and served them with impunity. He who would be cruel and who'd fuel his surroundings with nerve gas, only as a vile one would. It could not be forgiven any longer, the fact that he had served for the few moments which took him to come forth. But as they made their way to replace the survivors of Pluto, he had turned and made a prayer. 'I shall prevent you from falsifying my ends, and I shall prevent you from destroying them. That is my command, may it not be shattered!' Farther than it they set forth. In a more distant place. The disablement of the species had begun. And the only influence that came over them began showing itself then, in the last robust fructification of the lobes. As far and wide as one could look and see, the only entry for the luckless cluster they brought there. For the borough's edge, as long as it would be called to the various intricacies which formed it, eight cocoons opened in the rims of the outer rings that appeared in their surroundings. Soon one ought to have been made aware of the layers of unkindness which encompassed the cocoons. It would be incommensurable, to even fathom looking around at about anything else other than the lack of sympathy they showed underneath their layers. It wouldn't even be necessary to know what secrets they even showed before they could even fathom looking around. I had only been here for eight eons before I came to realize that my mind had been absorbed inside of the cocoons. The least you could do is stare at me, of strange peculiar dangling daemoniac corrupted freaks. Your forms are not only benign but they make me realize that I cannot fathom it. The only thing which kept me going back despite everything I had to go through was the sudden loss of a life I couldn't have fathomed living to. My eyes opened for the first time in the poignant space. And there, in it I saw only the rims of a least forgiving wing that cut through us as soon as it could. We were thrown there, into space, wretched as pieces of us and of our lost white pheromones went to shreds. I was forced to bite my members in order to stay off the pain I've come to feel as soon as they began crushing me by the bits of their soft reeling teeth. It was highly inadmissible, for me to live through it.

Would they not suffer me to even taste myself before I would be devoured? For each time I gave a hint, they released the grasp of their teeth and began saying, in their wicked tongues, let us join you and let us think of this as a dinner in your name. If you won't even allow us to survive how much will it be until we'll be lost as you are? How long will it be until we'll freeze to death because of your ignorance and your lack of self-sacrifice? It was even

worse that I started feeling guilty that I hadn't allowed them to do with me as they pleased. It was insufficient, to even admire the fact that they wanted to have me as raw and freezing as I was. But our sudden descent and our trajectory had soon been lost. We were picked up from that worming pair of projecting hills and bitter ills which manifested in the worst possible ways. I could see now that the giant golden, almost spear shaped legs could do nothing but push through us as they had. In at least the lack of an inglorious appearance, I couldn't even fathom trying to look away. What I felt then was the last destruction of anarchy we may have expelled out of our bodies. Or at least mine. I had been aware that, if there was something I couldn't stand pushing myself against, that had been their suffering. The worming, almost lily-padded, mounds started pushing out, trying to pick us one by one before we could even have a chance to get away. It wasn't even likely that we would be allowed to leave any longer, for as soon as we had shown signs, we would get ripped apart and put back together. This was the agony brought by the surgeon of space, the many mounds of which showed us the disease and the dissatisfactory embrace only the stoles of the masses would show. I could not fathom seeing so many other-beings, those mildly shapes crotons of bile, which grew up in their angular, highly plastic forms made for travel. They had their bodies almost set on a plane view, and from them came the push which brought their eyes apart. In the beat of a single heart I could feel their weeping gestures for they hadn't always been that way. On some larger planets, these Unbolts looked stolid, tall, factorial, producers of oil and extractors of other materials which had been hidden underneath the earth. From what could be told, out of their strange advent they had also been wickedly planted in more than a few spots as they kept growing and spreading as far as they could. The change hadn't been graduate, but it had been so. To some obvious descent, their previous forms had been factorial, as they degraded themselves with the digging of materials and other mucous trenches which dug themselves even deeper than it had been necessary for them to lie in. For one deep breath it took, for them to achieve some mastery to their descent. But they had been stopped, and cursed, admits the most deranged. Enough of the observations, they were quickly pulled back and strung to each side to prevent any kind of escape from happening. It would not be admissible by any means for them to be allowed any kind of living. 'Let us leave.' 'Nothing will suffice, until you would've died by our hands. I shall personally have myself been strung if I can kill my sisters and see them wreath in agony.' That mad desire only now came to surface and it had been petty and terrible and dreadful. Without a doubt, there could be nothing coming out of it, no wager, no danger and no way to draw back. From below the rims of their small areas, they would be tickled with such sharpened poles that they could not even wreath themselves back into form. And from their thin insides, there would drop what they had, even as spewed as they were for that. Most incongruous had been the work of the necromancer, of whose fault had result into the creation of this realm. As his endless feud with the throne had managed to destroy the severely crippled layer of the mad universal ecosystem which lay as the base of the strange worlds in which they stood. It was highly unclear whether or not he would be aware. He was in a distance place, looking over the corruption of a base he had come to throw underneath the wonder of his wrongdoing. He was dogged down by other space morbidities, choosing instead to retreat rather than face a fair fight against anyone at that. Within the hands and the reaches of his butterfly-skeletons, he had decided to turn to the realm, as he was mildly and mechanically aware of it and of the limitation they bore. Even in the short time they had been alive, it would be highly unclear as to what would be called great or uneventful. The dread of the masses could not contain

him appeal, even if they called to him. 'Do not abandon your servants.' 'They yelled then, being heard in the various evil streams which communicated with him.' It would be hard to know otherwise, just what would happen if they showed just one more symbol of disgust. The digestion and accommodation of the ship-base would soon begin. Its large appendages already started taking on a form which was irredeemable unearthly and unloving. To it, to them, it would seem lost, to creep upon the forms of the least digestive worms. What had been attained by their dreadful appearance had been only that creeping feeling of being stalked, as they had attained not a physical manifestation of dread, but one creeping presence which far surpassed as it had drawn in the likes of evil. And evil it had bore with its many flag as it would draw on forward, in the most peculiar manners, the disturbing appearance of the tanners only leaving a few patches of the leathery skin which had remained on its bare bones. The appendages would be highly irredeemable and likely not to have been distinguished from barren ships abandoned on shore, filled with barnacles and blows to its structural integrity. As the texture spread, the vileness would end only for a tiny gap, in which each one of them would attain godhood. For as well as they pleased themselves to lay upon the nearest stars, they started dragging the station farther away from where it stood. And as it had, half of the universe shook, only revealing that the Thorn was deeply disturbed by it; know that it had been aware. Mightily aware of the false-presence and the threat this station provided. Even as it had, there was still the sign in-between the fashionable lines that it started fading from the known galaxy they were on. Many of the Necromancer's servants gathered on one of the main decks. Some had been caught and had been forced into a mild anagrammatic sight. It shot in a prism which revealed the bars which had been wrought in front of them. None would be allowed to pass onto the other side as the thorn was there. 'Why have my cocoons been destroyed?' Asked the necromancer, with his most loyal molders of moving lands held at bay. It could not even be comprised of his much unsanitary solution less woes. They would dangle and miss their angles as they'd turn. No face would look like its own. And out of one of the secret chambers he had hidden, which were nothing more than holes that were completely covered in dirt, he found one of his most loyal servants. The Imeod-Ahar, who bore only a head tall and a completely thin body which bore the appearance of a single prune that could barely be kept alive. In its magnificence, it had bore some dread, the bitter head being starved of the oxygen and blood it had desired. From one end it bore a too, which speared his head on the sides. From there, it had been crept, brought to live as its charnel-ivory started converting itself into a gut. Only through it could it speak aloud. 'Bear me thought, master, and allow me to address you.' 'What do you wish my dear one? I cannot fathom that you'd look so lifeless to me here in this peaceful paradise I have created. Of the many order I had appointed you all with, why is it that neither of you has even come close to bringing them to completion?' 'We have tried.' Another completely inflated head came out, with its small puckers that replaced the eyes and mouth, the main hairs acting like anchors which grabbed the various pieces of space, enabling them to climb. It felt likely that they'd be alive for much longer than it was needed. Arrogance is unheeded and unnerving. To admit the false doctrine of his power would bring them more suffering than it was needed. This wasn't his land after all, he had stolen it. But every time they indulged his lies and trickery, a piece of their will would begin fading. And so they would end up being buried in dirt made out of their own false thoughts. It was through that way that the necromancer had defeated many of his woes. A universe fallen, another one cullen, until there was naught left to the living. Woe be to those who call, little credence, better to fall than to remember. Better to be buried than to dismantle their master of his

powers. 'I must admit that I have seen something I shouldn't have. Some of your servants had tried escaping and hadn't made it out alive.' 'But those were some of the few creatures I have bestowed life upon. I specifically stated you're to be planted in there and assume the mantle of fatherly embraces. How come you failed me now? Can't you see that you've stricken me in my tainted cowl?' Indeed they shared some resentment to what they've done.

Otherwise, the lack of guilt could have easily forced them down on harder mirages. It was time for them to be perpetually pushed onward to a disturbing throng, where they could finally be forced to walk on their own. As dangerous as it sounded, this was the last option either of them could ever fathom thinking about. There were at least a few methods of approaching the neared girde of the impalining legs which would stretch after them if they as much as considered going forth with it. In as much as a single day, he had achieve the concordance of an impossible task, delivering an unstoppable force from which he could barely raise himself from. If one could spar himself of it, that would at least be Darthan. He who hadn't even dared to look around at the world from its conception now raised from his waiting. Picked from a small patch which couldn't even push him past the point of wonder, he gave life to a planetary shaping-extinction which spread like a malady from rock to rock and other life forms which had found themselves going through space until there was nothing for him to pick out from. As the bottom of an idea faded, he woke up from the state of inextinction and began speaking. Ever since he had come from dead, he could not even wonder any longer at the various intricacies of space which had garnered his return from his journey. The necromancer pulled himself away. His big inflated cronies came to him like muddles puddles in set-near plights. It wouldn't even be certain whether or not they were to show any interest in what he was doing. Friend of the enemies, malignant reptile of M'sih came. Robed being worn uncannily in resemblance of the image of one of the lost lords, this creature came straddled by his many legs, and in his grasp there lay a device for metal fornication. A mass of metal twisted and spanned until it could start crushing and digging through a mountain, through rock and even through the hardened fractions of space which flew around them. M'sih drew closer to him and started asking the wronged one what he thought of the puzzle template he had made. All of them had been forced to turn and look at what he had brought from behind his back. Pieces of the most atrocious galaxies somehow had been strapped in his arm, coursing through his veins and pouring in his mind. He would be reckless in as much as a pointed mark, dreadfully aware of the malignities which spared no one of the mission he had attained for himself. 'By the time I shall finish this template, I will become a part of the entire galaxy and I shall remove the thorn myself. That would be my gift for you, necromancer.' 'How do you know of it? Its existence was supposed to be kept at a high secret from those who haven't come into contact with it.' 'I have and for that reason alone, I decided to come forth and throw myself into its gutless piece. Living with them and their various animated pieces had given me a whole new experience that I might be able to carry from this point on. From now I shall be known as a destroyer, a piece which shall corrupt, and fashion itself a self-inflicting blade, which shall slay both the thorn and I. Afterwards, I shall not be brought back, necromancer. Just so you may know that, I've come here only to let you know that there's nothing you may be able to do with the remnants of my body. But it also up to you to repopulate the hole which will be left agape on the other side. Otherwise, I shall bid you fare well, and we shall depart at once.' 'Wait, M'sih, but who are you? You've come upon my plains and have given me no clue and wonder whether or not I ought to know anything about your existence. As a stranger and as an apparition, how am I to trust you to undertake such a quest upon your

bare shoulders?’ Even by the way in which his hands were locked, he could see that he hid inside of them just about everything which made him even remotely close to being a living thing. Moreover, he would be too tainted and lack the most important skill in the matter. Mindless tools like he had could not even hope to compete with the size of the thing. ‘This template of yours is only a mockery which will fail. Can’t you see that you weren’t even closely meant to live this way? I can see that you have poisoned your body beyond any comprehension. Perhaps I had known you before this change had happened. I think I would remember someone I left living.’ To which he dared call upon him with a fraction of despair, the reality of who he was. ‘You knew me, but I shall assure you of this much. Not only are you not a necromancer, but somewhere, in the distance, there’s an apprentice who knows your secret just as well.

His decree has managed to send someone down your track, a part of Mongolic hordes, and a lot which shouldn’t even be able to watch beyond their own knots and know it all. There’s something at least which will decide what it to be done with us.’ ‘Claim it then or shut your mouth.’ ‘Necromancer, you are not what you claim to be. A mere

conjurer of dark spirits, that’s what you are. A petty threat which cheeped in the strange confines of secret and forbidden reaches which allowed you to call them inside the living bodies of your choosing.’ Not even his servants were aware of it, as the possession had been merely physical not psychical. Weirdly intoned, they retained most of

their working minds and even more, they were set to bring the masses from below. ‘We were tricked by you, Conjurer.’ But his tongue was caught off guard, as the masses from below the ground started ripping every piece of land he had attained, growling as they threw their tantrum. Both M’sih and the Conjurer pushed themselves out of the way to avoid being completely overwhelmed by them. It was by pain and by glory that they regained sight to everything which even got close to the matter at hand. ‘They shall carry us back to it, towards the thorn. If by our mere knowledge, we shall feel, do not carry a mere illness to the landless lap that gives our heads.’ Both of them were wildly aware by now. And it was the worst time he could’ve shared this knowledge. But inside both of their skulls, each had a distinct looking lap which poisoned their brains disturbingly benign. It could not be contested, why the wild forms started playing with their minds. Why it could be pushed away, the daring alacrity, the lack of clear vanity. And worst of all, these tiny Laplanders were chewing piece of them, in order to open a gate of proton-radiation which would create an arc of infection that would summon the others inside the other people’s heads. It would not matter if there was a matter of a suffering of words. Increasing exponentially in the rate through which it started chewing through them would only mean that they would be mindless eventually.

Strange

‘We need the head of the runt. I saw him laugh, one queer thing came over this mouth, don’t mind me now but I think we’ve found our perfect head of the pottle.’ ‘That one? But he’s so small, and look where he’s playing, surrounded by a valley of rock-teeth, it may even anger it.’ ‘So what, you couldn’t possibly thing that old thing would start sprouting back to life, do you?’ ‘I can only hope so, perhaps then you will stop playing such a desperate laplandish nose-diver. You always hang with them, and search for the reindeer-hills.’ ‘But I saw them too, they made sinking fields and they were all backless, lack-luster of their private, trying to get away only to be pulled back again, and their tails were giving in smoke. I think their bodies elongated inside the hills and were properly burned by

them.’ ‘Why would the Laplanders do such a horrible thing to their herds?’ ‘How am I supposed to now? They’re queer folk after all. Always keeping their distance until someone notices, I think one of them even took so liking to me.’ ‘A Lapp?’ ‘No, one of the reindeers, I they wanted me to burn with them?’ ‘Have they now? And what did you do?’ ‘I joined them, of course, look beneath me and see for yourself.’ His peculiar desert-garbs were taken off; this wasn’t his ecological field of nurture. Perhaps it happened, the thing he claims, as I could not draw my eyes from him. They burned him to a crisp and I can’t even think of the last time I felt something to bitterly crisp as the feeling of a coal-eaten piece of meat. Not from someone I knew so well. And his expression remained unchanged. A happy smile, unnerving even, he wanted to take a bite off my lip and chew it, with some of his charcoal as well. He told me that. ‘Only a piece, I show you mine, why don’t you show me yours?’ The wretch had disgusted me. The mere implications made me draw away from him and take twenty feet at a distance. My flintlock was prepared. ‘You have opted yourself as an unsavory creature. What stopped me from pulling on the trigger and aiming between your two eyes? I could have you as well as I can. Do not tempt me to put on a show for you; otherwise, I’m afraid you won’t meet your friends, the Lapps again.’ ‘But I will.’ Loppol drew his sand garbs back on. He wasn’t bothered at all. ‘What would happen if I shot you? In the middle of nowhere, where you won’t be found by them, or by the creatures you took the antlers from, to which, may I remind you that you’ve ripped them off their heads. Out of your own mouth as well. I wouldn’t be surprised that it had been the right thing as well.’ ‘Well maybe I exaggerated. Perhaps those sinking long bodies of theirs weren’t theirs after all. But the things which attached to them and were eating from inside their strangely made ends.’ ‘And you were planning on telling me that when?’ ‘Obviously you were not prepared; otherwise I think you are a sharp bit tooth of the picker.’ The confusion hasn’t even come yet. He shot him and watched him fall. He hit the grinder like a sack, pushing out of his head, like out of a suit, a smaller piece of a Laplander’s face came out. It came out with something in its back which doused itself with some moisture. The ends of it were something between a mouth which blew a kiss and a deep sea jelly. Cushtell had no intention on killing the Laplander, their paths wouldn’t cross. Why he was rightfully pleased to have gotten freed so many of them from the displeasing pain they had felt there. Before he had another chance to approach, he pulled a stick and started unwrapping Loppol’s body until he had gotten to the crisp side. So many of them had been lost there, now he got it, why so many of them realized the harm of the creatures that went inside their herd, it was them who started the fire and sacrificed those of their ranks. Grimness came, the sun contorted. Its yellow had become a whitish-blue, and on it there was snow. In a way, it had been beautiful then, but then again, he had to eat. With his fashion pole, he went near the broken piece of the frozen water of mirage. There were sea-tomes, who carved their way out far too many times and had ended up either suffocating on starting. Their meat would be spoiled, and they wouldn’t be allowed to be eaten, his plans for tonight foiled. Again, two more tips of his pole entered some unforeseeable entries. It was taken from then there. An eye, almost like the one of a fish bloated his dog. It died there, in front of him. ‘Dord, damn it, dord.’ The fish then went out of its socket and started jerking on the mid-water, past the frozen barrier and back into the midst of his shocking piece of gravel stone. ‘It’s the eight time now.’ But the dog didn’t seem to mind it that well. In total, he had lost an eye, a part of his jaw, but he had gained some things. Indirectly, from the unsulfured, untouched water which had been carried over short periods of time from the depths beneath them, they had given him a piece of the mirage. Inside of him there lay a miniature lake, in which smaller

fishes lay. Alarmed by it and seeing it by the hole, Cushtell pushed his arm inside and killed himself. Not in that manner, but the smaller version of himself which lay inside the mutt. The dog immediately barked and attempted to bite his master, only to be met by fallacious stare. 'Off it boy or I'll off you. Don't make me put your down. I've already taken one, I'm not intending on taking you down as well.' He was nigh-desperate for attention. He could almost see it in the mutt's eyes. This wasn't because of the pain, but because, as of lately, Dord had been ignored.

Too much so that he would like to flay him instead and push out of him some of that immaturity, which he'd put aside. Two more anchors, down the rows, two swords tainted as for more than a few moments spent inside his watch resulted him snatching one more time. 'I won't repeat myself boy, you either let me say what I've got to say or I will bash your head in and crack my knuckles.' He released himself from the grasp and only inquired of something even-nigh closer. Being watched by a pair of laps for the last one of their laps, as from beneath them came, the release of their bodies which gave way for them to fade into the night. It was a beautiful image he had the honor to attend, as they floated away towards the likes of an aurora-borealis. Its colors vibrated so evenly that I could not take my eyes

away. These laps which looked like frozen pieces of Mars, came to shine red and bring the feeling of a most repelling gaze, as I turned to my surrounding, near the cabin would I go, trying to hide from the cold. It was brought by the terrible ill-mind of Tietrotoroto. They were pieces of his cortex. During the month of April, he had come out of nowhere, almost like a giant abandoned seed. As it planted itself in there, from it came a few repelling arms from the trees and three trepees, which trapped him as the half people came. Oh they had been properly cut in halves. Not

only so, but every half appeared to bear a different personality. But I had no doubt that instead of them, they had been replaced with similarly bodies invisible sides. Indeed, only with their help could they walk. And they strolled casually, normally, humane. But they didn't act so. Instead, they tortured the creature until the very point where it had completely expelled everything it had stored inside its head. They were almost crooked looking, in their heads.

Most crumpled and moving into circles. It was not until they had been eaten by the half-headed buffoons that they began jumping at one another instead of behaving. Eaten by themselves, caught by the improper, they had become vile. Emerging now would be the next generation. What had been generated beyond them had been body-hardened fighters who'd only bring the most obscure knowledge with them. They unscrewed some of the pines and implanted on them a piece of the mind. Often now I could see one of them flying in the distance and landing somewhere else.

One of these days they'll get us and my cabin would be ruined. 'How was your day, son?' 'I had to put down my friend, father.' 'And how did that turn out for you?' 'Close the hatch and head back in, father, it is not safe to dwell at this hour. We've spoken about it.' He was resting in a cold coffin, surrounded by the machinery which kept him

nigh-sleeping for ages. It's hard to believe that I look older than him now. But the giant blue tube and the small drawn blood and plasma he's been getting from me kept him alive for so long. If only he hadn't been so thoroughly annoying, ever since he found out that he doesn't need to sleep, I've been bothered ever since. I do not intend to end him. But I can see that's he's slowly being bored as well. 'Will you take me down there? By the mirage?' 'Once the cabin is fully build, we'll pass down there where we'll be safe. Could you simply not wait for that, father? I beg of you, just leave me be until the time comes. I need to make so more changes to the design and the wings and the.'

'We're flying now?' 'Only steering the entire cabin down there, in case we approach something we shouldn't. It's highly dangerous down there. I think we should find ourselves swayed in.' 'But I do not understand, son.' 'We

got bad eyed, by the fish, now you get it? I cannot be spared another second before I'll waste away. My bones are weary, see? I'm getting older. If I don't succeed in what I'm planning here, neither of us will make it, or the alternative. 'Sleeping with them, that's a good boy.' 'Thank you Trenchcoat.' It was his code name, since the dies had been case and he had lost his hairless hat. It was something he deeply cherished. But I could at once, just look away. I was disturbed by that which called me from there. Not a living thing I wager, but the strange effect I dreaded the most. A spinning sinking point of water or, the drain. My nightmares of the drain only brought me to the point of no return, where I'd be stuck with my father in a box underneath the rim of ceiling of ice, surrounded by nothing and no mass of meat. What would we eat? If not for my strength either, he would have no more transfusions to be kept alive by. As my body trembled, ever so near that shock, I felt like I could die any moment now, out of the wretched point. They wanted, I know. I see them taunting me past the pines. 'I wish I had some more time to spend with my friend. But I always end up shooting them.' 'You're making a habit out of it, aren't you?' 'That I am, Trenchcoat, but I cannot help it, that's how I was made to be. Otherwise, what would people think of me?' 'A good friend and a good son.' 'That's why I love you dad.' A few more ore-spots and I could bring on some more corner supporters. They would be plain enough to keep everything from collapsing. I could almost smell it now, tempted to give in. By the third of the row, I grabbed a pick and my good companion, Dord. He could watch over me in case something went off. It was disgusting, trying to find even a good one which hasn't even been completely covered in the chronic rock-mudds. They were bringing out their worst, noisy ruffians, who hadn't any care for anyone else but themselves. He hadn't been aware of what was going on around him. Far too many crooks were trying to have their way with him. They turned their eyes and only appeared there. As a sign of flattery they taunted him as closely as they could, walking around it over-turned trenchcoats, which went over their heads. Most of them had the awful behavior implanted in their heads. For some reason, they'd get so close as to draw their fingers even deeper inside his head. Nothing was lost or gained by it. He was merely poked. 'Stop it already, this silliness distracts me.' 'That's the point now, can't you see that we're doing it on purpose?' 'I see it now, and you need to stop pestering me, or I shall have to turn and show it through your thick skulls.' 'Not here, they're watching.' They weren't part of the same tribe, it seemed. Rather primitive nonetheless. He held just as much distaste for both of them. Now and again, they'd bring some strange images I could barely break anything apart in their presence. It was a never-ending cycle of them pushing on their charts and their maps onto me. I couldn't be bothered by this, not now. Not while looking into it. I wish there was a better explanation for them being here. A few months ago, by the time they appeared, it seemed like they were fisherman. They gave that impression vaguely, but in this zone there wasn't a way out. All of them caught me off guard. They spread as soon as they found it worth to take off. One curious glance lead to another, at least I could be sure that they weren't trying to cut a piece of my ear or drag around. My coffin waited. It was there, during the conceiving stages of my plan, I could see myself jumping in it and trying to sit near my father. We could both lay there without a chance of getting air. I know I was asking too much now. 'Will you help me break the rocks?' 'I thought you weren't going to ask, let's follow him.' Each of them broke the illusion without a feeling of despair or of the knowledge of the unfair remarks they had on them. It was truly peculiar, seeing their strange black arms, shaded like giant fly-legs, hairiest but less pronounced, getting out. I saw something near the edges of their heads protrude out and they far beneath the coat, as I put it to the mind. And even their metal picks, as strangely

strapped with some jointed sharp edges began pushing out. They looked like the satins coming out of their flat fingerless buzzing hands. Something else was the matter. 'I see you're producing that mustard-looking meat cells from inside your hands, if I can even call them that.' 'Do not bother us now. We agreed that we would help you. Is it truly that important for you to comment off our every move?' 'This can't be helped; it's part of who I am. First the coats, now this, I've never seen you this exposed.' 'And you would not like to see us in our worse cases. Otherwise, you'd only scowl and move away. That would be unacceptable, since you're one of the few ones that remained here. Come on now, we're starting to shake.' It was obvious that they were sharing so many things between one another that I couldn't help myself but stare. Even as they were busy exchanging long arms behind their backs, I saw something near-looking to the side of a giant box-cutter they were preparing for themselves. 'Where have you got that from?' 'We were given them by some close friends of ours, don't you mind it now. We've done more than a few arrangements as soon as we came about the multitude of insects we've collected. They're really interested in them, because we have this natural ability.' 'Naturally, as from one son to his many daughters in his ground, we're collecting them, as soon as we can.' 'Will you just tell me? You said I was the only man around here, now there are more?' 'Cushtell, I never said anything about a man. As a matter of fact they're anything but those. I would say they're even close to being some desperate prototype of metal.' 'Yeah, desperate to look like you for some reason, I would even say they're not even that desperate to say it out loud. I saw the way in which they behaved. It's inconspicuous, but I think they adhere to the uncanny voyeurism.' That mere addition had only made Cushtell grind his teeth. He had been plainly and obviously displeased of hearing what their implications were. It was a hard-diamonded miracle that he didn't just leap on them and started blowing and guttering them to a pulp. He had emerged victorious from his previous encounter, but now, he was outnumbered. 'I'll see what you're talking out.' 'We wager, since you're the only one here, who can give him what he wants.' 'And what's his name?' 'Thrutmesh, he's but a mere copy, in reality, he's nothing but a tiny metal can.' 'And in it there are the small engines which keep it flowing and growing and getting as far away as one have to go. If I were to choose something for myself, I'd pick a similar model and ask him to replicate me. I would feel flattered by his jealousy and the harm it would bring to itself.' 'But what is that?' Another one of the miserable's creodonts brought my attention to the sky. It was another assault, or a set of them, which came about in as many rows as possible. Each landed, bland of woe, pushing onwards, scowled of disillusion. It was impossible to watch now. As soon as their pines started floating, they would burst into terrible fires, revealing their planted bombs. 'How did they obtain the blowing fuses and the gunpowder?' 'It's him, isn't it?' They spoke between themselves. It was only known by them, or by their mouths, that one of the delivery androids had made their way here. And his type had been of a unit of the most peculiar manner. A can-replicator, ejector of guts, he didn't know. They didn't know it, but whoever came into contact with it knew that there were just a few choppers which might draw its insides out. 'Should I spare you the voice and might we go ahead and join the worst possible thing now?' 'What was that?' 'Can we start picking the ore for you?' 'May I, good Cushtell?' 'You may, now break it.' Blowing each fuse was a bad sign, as they had enough doubt to share around. I was merely trying to look in any direction I could. The mild image of the olive-units came about his sight. No one felt brave or safe around them, because of their innate ability to attract fingers in. Like strange magnets which opened into wild cutter, they could rip out as many fingers as they could pull it off and draw

them in. A mystical force appeared out of the sky. Like an ever-spreading spectrum of colors, which popped with energy and light, from a hole which sucked itself in, there came a single specter that looked vaguely deformed. In as much as one sudden disintegrating nimbus that came out of it, this secret melted in the aurora, changing so violently that it produced a burning sensation in the land of snow. Flattery couldn't be accounted for the feelings they felt. From inside the melancholy of space there appeared, out there the talons of the mage. As peculiar as it seemed, he left one sign in front of his cabin's door. 'I believe that one's for you. Perhaps you should go there, immediately.' 'And I don't?' 'Then don't do it, we'll wait for you to die off here, in the wild, as they're plating pines on your bodies for the rest of our stay. Perhaps if you're lucky enough and you won't die from being impaled, the flames could burn the rest.' 'Very well, but first the ore, I cannot make it without a day's work.' 'A day's work? We've been going at it only for a few minutes now?' 'That's more than enough, don't worry about it too much, you've done enough.' A share of frowns only brought each other to the closest pieces of the ether which planted them in. Their mild amorphiins were drawing in leaving a trail of many long hair-like tingles felt by the parson who touched them. It was a feel of ecstatic which drew itself in. Even more likely had been. The stop, as each stared. No exception was there. It was that malevolent dark fiend, which shall not be looked at for within. Perhaps it was because of it that it had gotten here, but that wasn't for them to know. From its mask-like suppressive stare, there came a grin, as from within it, he spat a few pieces of some wing. Nastily aware, that it had been there for so long, it had come about two more important decisions. Would he eat them now? Or should he wait? He saw Cushtell going by his barracks. This plan of his, on which, of course he had eavesdropped it, fascinated him for the good part of his life. It would be interesting to look otherwise at something which may have been the key to his disgusting real, but for now he waited. Attentive at the closest ways, they started performing for him, as if they were intentionally planning on getting him to pay attention to them. How else would this work if not for the latter? He had appeared in front of them, drawing one tiny vacuole of an olive seed from his mouth and spat it in front of his clot. From inside of it, the force drew their coats in it, adding enough pressure that they would immediately give in and kneel. 'You've submitted easily enough now. I've taken away the gifts which were taken by the new prototype I've brought here to test. It would be impossible for it to be take anywhere else you know?' Pay attention me, I want you to look at me as I speak. But Agamemnon could only stare at the strange fuzzy creatures which prolapsed their many legs around their bodies, adding to an entanglement from which neither of them could get out off. I shall stare even deeper to see. Thought he, as he pushed in, so close to their insides that they were thoroughly exposed. Inside their simple systems, there had been just enough jerky-capoules which grew inside their spheroid antecharms. They weren't living beings, but conjurations, which entered souls made out of tarantulas, which forced growth and contortions. Some traces of working brains animated the pink walls inside of them. No satisfaction could be drawn any longer. They would die of thirst if he wanted to. Even with the snow present, he wanted them to suffer a little. 'Eat the snow, now, I command it.' Brave to the last of sparks, he bent down and ate a few inches of a handful of snow. It felt like he was pushing nails through his large membrane, even with the pain he felt. He wouldn't stop it. The need to stop the thirst was too hard to quench. 'You've proven yourself enough, stop now.' It recoiled and fell to the ground, forced to a seizure. Regardless of the pointed steeping points, where one could lose a few joints, he flew back into inexistence, never to be seen. Cushtell came about inches to where he left in order to see wherever he was getting

back at, never to foresee the others. A few minor additions could be placed here and there, just about anywhere, as one could never be too aware of what would work, or who'd be there. But after the door opened, he felt himself nearing someone who had put his father to sleep. He saw the door open and didn't bother to read what had been written on the ground. Instead of it, it wasn't even unruly to think about. 'What have you done?' He attempted to chase the intruder but only ended up following something he couldn't find. Regardless of how hard he tried pursuing it in his own house, he felt like he wasn't even doing anything. Like a strange walking dud, he only came within inches of the floor before realizing that he wasn't there. Always like the tip of a form, the intruder was still there. It waited for one of his exemplary reactions before he could leap again. Otherwise it wouldn't work, he simply couldn't be there. 'Your father is not dead, you needn't worry over that, and I've only made sure to put him to sleep before you entered the house.' The whisper only came by his ear, out of fear of some wild remarks. It wouldn't be even wildly believed at all, the way in which he would shout or fight about for a few more minutes in. 'I had the chance to kill him, you know? But I have prevented myself from doing it. Do you honestly want to know why that is? Out of respect for your family, for which I only have the vague recollection of your lost name. I know you're one of the Di'Dorko, evil men, runaway.' 'Now who are you? Why are you trying so hard to take a jab at me? Revel yourself villain, specter, bastard! Or I shall have you before the last drop falls.' He looked about the roof and noticed one piece of it which lay unfixed. It was a mere trick of the eye, after all, and one could not even know what went on. He would be obscured by the worst sense of implosion his mind could force itself on. After so many drops he should've noticed it. That wasn't water but some of the weird stationary oil which glued the shapes of the wall together. 'Who are you? I won't ask you again, I need not try to explain to you the consequences of intrusion, otherwise, I shall go ahead and make your head pop off.' 'Listen to yourself, threatening me like that. It's mildly interesting to me.' The ray of malign power which inhabited my senses only now came into light. Standing near its speak of effigies, stood the mighty magus Malknir, bearing his chest exposed to the shin-basher of M'drr. It was not by his choice that he was here, caught in a trap which ripped him apart. On the edge of the cuirass-strive, there was only one thing left, the first rim of the lost quip from the lost beyond. His last moments of life had vaguely set him stranded on the lost edge near the entry to the catacomb of Ill'Narak, who had his large skin-devourers plunging towards their destiny. Lackless in wonder, they grew stronger with each blow and each bite, spreading about every side and shaft which is in their reach. They acted like preachers of the noxious nerves which attached themselves to him just so they could keep him alive some more. It was obvious by how their large bodies acted that they started shaking and vibrating and expelling everything out. Their huge suppositions protruded out, these beasts which had the mighty size and strength of orangutans', with their strange fists and penetrating set of claws threw each other around the body of Malknir, drawing together into a living twist. All of them shared the body immediately breaking it apart, seeing pieces of his eyes starting, his nose and weariness bearing him ever so close to a true passing. But he would be kept in that strange twist of blue, from which no hue could be stronger. As the nerves implanted themselves even in their wage, the derange activated and there came the strange invoker of pains. Inside their strange cupolas they had managed to leave just enough of their nerve leashes sitting on the ground, pouring their vile blue liquid out. Power surged and from the dirt there came the first invoked fiend, summoned from within their guts. He bore the resemblance of half an infant, part Malknir, and in-between his guts there shot a spear from within. 'Another

one of the dark spears appeared. It's a sign I wager, that someone's bound to find it, besting all of them one and bring the arc which may split us all asunder.' All feared the breaking of their bodies, the loss of half of their homes and even an afterlife which would be at the throngs of the burning side, which would fall back. And the in-between, the kind which shattered their hopes in a never-ending freezing storm which would seep on both sides. Between the three realms, there would be a grand new rebirth, which would only creep the most unnerving ones at bay. It could not be that one would find peace there, but that would be the alternative in any case. Most deranged of places was that decrepit place which bothered all of them, as it surrounded all of their afterlives, as if looking at some globes in the wreckage of lows. For the great bohemian master of thoughts appeared to be resting in his study. He would stare at his device, the melted cups which held the globe and all of their worlds, be it after-life or the other ones at that. No deceiver could be called. It was planned along by him that he would shatter all of them before their insignificant

fears and prophecy could take place. And for that reason alone he peered and sneered at a mirror with no reflection. While one armored face came out, he could see just about a few moments in. That inside of it, there was the library of glass. And all the books and notes were made of it, and only they shared a tiny reflection from their covers. 'May I speak to the librarian?' He asked, and from the depths of a crowd of glass-readers, he came. He looked mightily busy and preoccupied by something. It was even now, both of them stood as just about the same level. This strange denigrator of peculiar secret, Echaphiot started at him, wondering whether or not he could rot his needles and his point of glass. If he could smash his animals and kill him last. 'Another threat already? I thought it was settled that we're not going to resist. We're not looking for anything, sir, only for the most capricious mistakes and the worth of our time.' 'I've not come here to threaten you; on the contrary, I've come here to seek some advice.' 'From us? Or me? But what got into you Caphiot? Usually you'd seek to smash us again and again, the shatter us out of some wild amusement before we could put each other together again. There's no hard glass here, only the liquid kind, you know that. We're barely standing together as it is. And every time you step in, we can all feel the thing and the shake. Our likes and mistakes that we feel. Insubordination as well, by the way, have I told you how many assassination attempt I've had placed on me? I cannot even suffer myself, ever since you started talking to me.' 'Enough, librarian, I want to know whether or not I should shatter the globes I've collected. If I choose to do so, I shall find myself destroying and putting an end to far too many lives than it could be acceptable at all.' 'What's stopping you then? I'm sure not a single glass fiend would bat an eye.' 'Not you, but the other ones. You've heard of them. They've found a way to mix themselves with the mirrors; I think they're living in my walls now. I've been warned before to watch over so they may not grow and get a form. I cannot fathom what would happen then. I'm afraid.' It was a dreadful sight which silenced all the readers, even from their mild subvocalisation. He didn't dare look back at them. But he believed that once they mixed with glass, those strange abominations could be too destructive to be left alone. I wish I could find a way to spare myself of all of them. It's unnatural, the way in which they're trying to get to me. But I shall not let them. 'Be weary of what I've got to say. Hear, hear, for I won't repeat myself another time.' It was up to me to try to somehow fix the glass beings by whatever means I found it necessary to do. They hadn't given me the chance to explain before they began retreating in their peculiar holes inside their strange appliances already made me feel as if I had been inert and impossible to master. In my thought

rested that strange desire which fashion every member of the occult or of the mad research, in that they wanted to rip be apart. If I were to give them as much as a single fortitude of skin, I'd make it.

Sorrow

I lost everything in my search, everything which even brought me nearer to being considered a man, let alone human. The symbol of the company stood atop the portcullis' leading to the main entrance. All of the cadets, engineers and companions would have to have passed it at one point in their lives. I remember it vividly, the logo being two men shaking hands, represented completely and utterly digital. Unlikely that I could've made something out if I stared. And stared, waiting in the lines. This was the casual circumspection which brought me here before I could properly enroll. Out of the selected few candidates, I was the only one with a half-a-mind to ask for a table, or a brochure. It was the beginning of my indoctrination. I chose to go through. With each page, regardless if it came from the paper or from the weirdly calculated few inches of screen, I could feel my thought being shape in the image I was supposed to fall in. It wasn't likely that I could feel anything immediately, but the change came to me almost introspectable. Lines like these pushed in too far, and I was still a man. No implant and no touch of anything which drew in the non-human behavior. They wanted to push me past the limits of decency. Especially him, the worker from sector B. He was the fourth after the man standing in front of me. I could see vaguely redness to his skin which had been a rash that spread across his body. Blunt to the touch, and lonely, I felt like I could pair myself with him as soon as we checked in. 'Thicket and print, please.' Both were in line and checked, thoroughly, only by a few inches of the printing needles. Shocking tingles went through my thumbs, and I could feel only the slightest trim of blood being taken from me. They were good at storing everything, or anything which made me even remotely work. I had a loss of plasma last time. 'You seem to have a body-defect sir. Do you think we may need to procure you some antibiotics? We'll take it out of your month's salary.' 'I believe I'm fine. I'll bear through it, there's no pain and it doesn't interfere with what I do.' 'And what would that be sir? This file says you're working in a strange sector, a new one. No definitive assignment had been give to you.' 'For the time being, I just have to make sure they're oiled, if you know what I mean. I cannot speak about them here. But they stand the possibility of being too dangerous if there's a leak, or if there's a shortage.' 'There's no need to continue, I think I understood. Permission granted.' I joined the others in the elevator as soon as I had been allowed. Red-rash was still in my vision. For the sake of looking out of place, I put on my sun-blockade and managed to completely enclose my eye-lids. From now on I would pay full attention to him, without being seen. 'Working on that new model again, Korvk?' 'It's never getting easier, I think. They're always trying to drag a few more hours on my back. Sometimes I think they're slowly trying to replace my body with a field of machines and keep only my head in a few of them.' 'Say, if a piece of you is good for one, then a few of them are just as good for many.' The thought of it was at least worth a check. It didn't sound like he was playing with him. There had been some conviction I noticed. 'Don't count my full brain out of it yet, I think it's still well to do, for a few more years at least.' 'But here's the thing Korvk, they have only recently developed signals which would make someone be able to properly function as if he were in a single body with a single brain. And even better, he could be connected with opposite sides and opposites parts of other people's minds

as well. Could you imagine all of the sudden gaining the abilities, memories and functions of the best men in their fields?’ ‘And who would get the worst parts of this exchange?’ ‘The sweepers, of course, who else should even deserve those? Alcoholics, druggies, the needles and other plunging men, those dead ends could go away, and the good part of it? No pain, no way of being destroyed, and finally being taken care off by the automatic system and the shocks. Wouldn’t you want to get rid of your depression now? How about, are you happy in your current condition?

Your post maybe, wife?’ ‘I’m doing fairly well. It doesn’t get better than this.’ ‘Surely it doesn’t. In any case, I’ll only leave my card to you, and you and.’ Redrash didn’t pay any attention to the high-foreheaded man. Neither of them cared enough to depart at the next stop. It was a mere matter of paying too much heed to something that didn’t even remotely matter to either of them, the thought exchange. What troubled me in particular was sharing all of my most intrusive memories with another being. All of my personal thoughts and... I started wondering how it might work. What would they imbue the pieces of the brain to keep it working? And how would they have access to all the wide-spread neurons? Not only had I not possible recollection of it, but I could not even be remotely trusted with a single nerve. Next stop broke my lines of thoughts. My first glimpse to the project had been obscured by a giant fenced cylinder in the middle of the room. They had completely circled themselves around it just so the scientists could watch and sneer at each other while it started chumming in. By my choice, I could at least try pacing in a few steps and look around. All those large panels and detectors were something close to a generational leap that no hard-engineer could lay eyes upon without being shocked. Everyone wore gloves there, which only amounted for a few of the shocks which spread at a mid-level, closest to which being an electrical short-circuit which caused it. But it had not taken me another second to look away from the main attraction and feel its pumps going inside. Something was spinning there, somewhere, going deeper then slowly lifting itself up. The display of it shook my body before we were sent back into the rims of the elevator. ‘Back to your posts now, there’s nothing to see here.’ We were being taken care off, made so no questions would be asked. I was sure that I should’ve paid some more attention to them.

One of them had been a recognizable scientist. More so, I was slightly disturbed that this stop had been the high-forehead’s drop, which left me think of the worst possible outcome coming from someone who spoke so jovially of the loss of a man. With only the three of us left, I asked Redrash. ‘Who are you? I haven’t seen you around here before, and I swore I would recognize your face out of a basket.’ ‘I’m not trying to intrude or anything, but, you should leave him be. He’s an old employee, he works on a subsection of B minus.’ ‘But, I’ve never.’ I started a bit too often at both of them, which, in turn promoted both of their stares. Neither of them appeared to give me that easy of a time, despite all of us being clean. Not a single electronic implant or device inserted in our bodies. How far had this got us to? Regardless of the times, I could not fathom getting too far myself without giving in and taking a piece or a shimmer of some device. Anything which would give rise to it, perhaps this would do for now. ‘Do I look like someone looking for trouble? Because I’m not, I’m only trying to stick with my own.’ ‘We’re not your own, whoever those people might be. Unless you want to hang out with the high-forehead that is.’ The similarity of thought almost hit me instantly. I knew Redrash would be something I would like, ever since I laid eyes on him. This was only a matter of me trying to get through to him and wear him down. ‘Perhaps we started.’ Before a word came in, the elevator kicked in and started moving onward instead of going down. I had given in whatever chance went into my head that I might befriend him. This was Jonas’ station after all. Next stop, a single table which

prolonged then turned around the second wall. I saw the various machineries he was working on and I wasn't surprised when I saw the tools. Cork-shrews and screwdrivers, hammers and bolt, everything which would've been predominantly last-century. The miasma of air went off, and we were alone again. This unfathomable circumstance was something I could not get away from even if I wanted. He wasn't going to drop it then. 'You were staring at me for a few turns now, is there something you see that insults your sensibilities?' 'I was curious, that's all, and it isn't often that, this happens.' 'An infection due to some materials I had to handle while being unprotected, nothing else. I assure you this is only temporary and we should.' 'We?' He had clearly meant it then, but it was quickly rectified before I could press him on. 'I should be able to get rid of it, as soon as the whole level is clear. We're, as in we and the second team bringing in the toxins should be able to clean everything around the area before any danger of it spreading comes.' 'But there's always the danger, isn't it? It could come out at any moment and just push onward.' 'Your point being?' 'Wouldn't you mind if this information came to other people? I can't stress it just how hard it is to work under the stress of there being a leak.' His palm had been planted just behind my year. I only head a smack on the wet metal. Either water or sweat, it didn't matter yet. It was the first time I had seen him become somewhat aggressive, to the point where he was recklessly trying not to push it too much. Otherwise, I stood the chance of almost losing an ear or some thumb. Hard gloves occupied his hands; I should've known he was an engineer. But why would an engineer work unprotected, it didn't make sense at that deep' a level. 'I need to make it clear now. Look, I'm trying to give you a fair shot, since you've been assigned to some janitor work.' 'I don't work as a.' 'Shut it down now. Don't ask questions, don't pay any attention to what we're doing and don't start spreading word around if you know what's good for you. Word of advice, friend, I seem to understand that no one likes it when word spreads around. Everyone knows what's happening on the lower levels and let me tell you, it gets much worse than this; you wouldn't want to be transferred there. Keep it quiet and you'll be fine. Make more noise and everything will be all right, for either of us.' Just in time, my stop came. I only care for it now, for a way to look outside and see my post. I would gladly go through whatever task was at hand if it meant not having to deal with him again. 'Would you at least give me a sign that you understood?' 'Show it to me?' 'What?' 'I want you to take me to your workstation and show me what's causing this.' 'You're not exactly authorized for entry there, this could lead you into more trouble.' An off-shot reluctance met him then. He would be at least uninterested in continuing with it for as long as he could be there. It wasn't likely that he could continue going one. It was easy enough to look around and notice. He hadn't been given much of an option now. I wanted to think of a better way I could force him to let me follow him. But, strangely, he showed no signs of reluctance. As a matter of fact, he even considered it. 'You may join me then, but you need to keep your key card with you, understood? I should be able to shock it a few times, just so the barrier won't start clicking in. But don't try anything special down there. I know how alarm them and it goes without saying that if you show any sign of doing it, they'll, you know. They drag you down and make sure you never waste any of our time again. Just be careful. Or else you'll know what happens.' I was perturbed by how easily he allowed joining him. As much as I had been pleased by the whole idea of trying to get myself evenly standing, I could not even think of what would happen if I looked around where I wasn't supposed to. Our elevator had its first stop since we were alone. I could not concentrate on anything but him. It was surprising to think about the many times he seemed to have turned while going in. Was he expecting me to run? Perhaps it was something I

ought to have thought myself. By now they would start checking in the newcomers. 'Join them, once you're there, scan the keycard and make sure you've got your story straight. You're a trainee, nothing more. You don't know this place or what goes down around here. As a matter of fact, make sure not to mention my name.' 'I wasn't even counting on it, trust me.' His name had only sounded vaguely remote to me. He had only been known as Redrash, nothing more. Anything else already left my mind. 'New? Figures, you're not properly clothed.' As soon as I joined the other newcomers, I've noticed it as well. They interchangeably used the same clothes or pairs of suits similar to mine, while everyone else was wearing some kind of field armor, completely designed to protect their bodies from the outside forces. It was something I may have thought about while being there. Otherwise I couldn't possibly hope to make it. I wasn't a good liar one bit. This barely got me going as soon as I could set myself in. 'Can I at least say something?' Just over my shoulder, he was trying to peer at me. Would he actually know if I said something I shouldn't? What if he found out, or did something to prevent me from going away? It wasn't likely that I could get out now. 'I'm a transfer.' 'One of those, I see. Well, it's great to have you here, come on now; we have a special place for those like you. I hope you don't mind wearing one of the heavy suits, which sectors are you from?' 'I'm some A-alpha; it's just a few levels above.' The tablet had gotten in handy. It served me right and appeared to have lead me to the point where they were working the machines. I think he supposed I was some heavy lifter, because I was given one of the big suits. It was indispensable. Giant claw-attachments seemed to be derailed from a trucking body that pushed onward. I could get used to one of these if it mattered. And with one me, I would be roughly prepared. 'SO, transfer, would you mind giving me your keycard?' 'A moment, please, I seem to recall something. Here, take it. Don't mind it now; I couldn't hope to actually go inside the suit without any kind of confirmation. That would be vastly.' 'Give me the card already.' 'Right, here it is.' He brushed over it, with a tool of precise recognition. A hand-held square, with two jittery clickers propelled themselves to the point of capture. I ought to have looked well into that picture now. I seemed to be happy there. This is the first entry of the Allan'Orach, first citadel of the elder moons. It cannot be stressed enough that its caverounous ships which had been orbiting their rims had done nothing but hinder the lesser migrations around the planet. From atop its highest plains, rested the first enterers who had broken civilisation apart. In their incomplete search for life they had driven countless species to extinction, out of their inability of complete pursuit. It had been unknown whether or not life could grow on the Allan'Orach, or whether or not the planet had been anything but artificial. As it was determined by the Enclave of space in the ancient time when the moons ajorned themselves by the insides of the planet, there had been close to no survivors which haid laid there. When the arrival had reached the point where entry could not be distinguished from invasion, the only living molecules which came into contact with them died. One of the great races had fractioned itself there, at the time of the impact with the grim foreclosure there. Diary of a strangler. Entry from one of the many files lost in the Allan'Orach. There were plenty of stranglers around the rooms about there, still flying through each of their each of their beads and their peerless eyes. None of them had been too busy to expose as much as an I could from their secret services. As you may have thought, I find it quite obvious that they've outdone themselves already. I could see it going on as far as I could see. This would be the best manner of looking into it, as far as I'm concerned. Nothing was easier than seeing the bullets being shot out of a gun. I felt it in my liver as soon as I could. I felt as if everything else had all of the sudden become meaningless to me in some way I could not even fathom to look away

from. I have been vaguely disturbed in such a fashion, which shook me immediately, before I could even release my nerve. My surroundings had been completely trampled by what I could see, the walls of deep and fallen crevices only made me think of what might happen to me if I chose to look around and fade. My existence until this point had been pointless as I had no possible recollection of the past and I thought of the worst. I saw the other stranglers and I could think only of them being somehow none of the people I could even stand looking at for too long. They've outsurpassed me beyond content. I felt like I was a stranger to them, an outsider who hadn't found his place into the world yet. And what overcame my sudden feeling of nausea had been the first book I have found talking of me in the past. That's who I was, that's what I was and I found myself reciting so many works speaking in detail of dead men that I couldn't peer anywhere else. I'm the author of the first book. I remember going into detail with it. My hopes could only hope to content so many things, as to what happened in the night of octokha. That's what made me feel like the outsider I have been ever since. My words had always served like some fancy realization that I had been occupying this place in wait for the real me to return. They got me now, I could see in their eyes. If I were to show any weakness, they'd eat me. I was pleasantly surprised that they would fill my veins with yeast. It was dreadful, feeling myself lost for as long as I could help it, I was still somewhat ready to jeopardize my future for the passing of another page. At least one part of my life was gone, and occupied the pages of a trilogy. The next pages had been filled with a few scratches belonging to some unkind fiend. I had to find the culprit. As far as I had been acknowledged in the arts of peering into the past, I found myself cherishing something else. I had the chance to get away, if only I could burn this library down. The journal paused there. There had been some bits of ashes which had been collected from various interesting spots which may have just as well looked like they had been used prior to any kind of malady. I had been at least as surprised as he had been of the fact that neither one of them could look at me and say. Many of the other moons began paying tribute to the citadel. And I could ever-so kindly follow in the vague expression of my fallen friends. They had adapted to the gravitational conditions of far too many worlds and appeared to be drawn in to the most peculiar special institutions belonging to the most deranged of actions. From the vessels which had arrived from the outer depths of space, I noticed that I found myself wretched and peering through the reeds. One of the moons had been pleasantly cleansed and drowned into the cleansing of stars. In its insoluble tasteless sea, I found myself peering in. My thought had been partially disabled. I would look around and see nothing. What have I done? I wondered after each day. What had they put me through? How could I beg for the rafts and for the folly which took me from my own? I was lost in one way I could not recollect no note. Where have I even fathomed. We'll turn around and see for ourselves. If you don't like it, you can take everything you've made and crush it. Walls were broken; I had been mistaken into taking too many things for granted. My mind had been flawed and shone as the outstanding first comers of earth killed the expectations and fell away. As much as I had been reluctant to do so, I put myself into a position from where I could not draw back. My eyes did glitter and I stepped back, looking through it all. Space was a spectacle of cubes. They each stacked upon one another until every piece of it turned to the ones that were modified to deal with the other forms which they surrounded. During the mad creation, they had given birth to some obscure meaningless distance that drew itself onward from the point. First there came the cubes with rounded their edges even so slightly to cover up the oblong planets and their discs and they moons while others took the most bizarre shapes in order to cover up what had remained of the asteroids and the

other rocks. In some way, it was to be decided that this fight could only start. Cubes would start paraforming the space. There would no longer be any kind of fallibility of movement into space. They turned into triangular alleles which carried fragments of melting skin within them to the point where the occupation began. Informally pacing around the various succor, there were empty spaces which appeared there. So many wrongs lay there which could not even be erased. Each jerky splendor appeared to bear the same appearance, which may have been tainted and prolonged what was missing. A soul. Everything was soulless, in vain, lost and reciprocated by no mouth and no touch. There was no thirst but a desire for those spaces to be unoccupied. They were merely there, in the empty planes, which lacked in any human touch. No creature, no being, no deity, only some planets remained. Black holes were useless and had no meaning. It was exasperating, even looking as the skin disintegrating appeared to provoke no reaction from itself. Perhaps the world might've had a meaning if it was filled with something else. But it hadn't. Planets would be unable to compete with one another or even give way for something unsimilar to them to survive. It wasn't an option. Barren though it may be, that was the only thing which mattered. Without a way to compete or to push oneself away. No arms would lie there, as there would be no touch. Nothing remained nothing which could be clean, or much worse, the uneven touches which tormented the whims of those who followed their stars. Lights would be the next to go, being restless as the disappearance of other celestial bodies was just as considerate as one would have to pay it to be. And the forms would keep cutting themselves, pushing and drawing until nothing would remain. Peaceful, it might be. But what was the reason behind? None, something perhaps might've caused this. But it didn't matter. A heartbeat might've left no sound in there. This box, this space, this lack of faces which stared at one another while eating at a dinner was severely lacking. Bodies might've expressed something. Someone might even consider thing to be the only alternative, to everything that ever existed. Though it was no defining factor, there wasn't anything remotely close to what it had been felt. Harmony was tainted and stricken by noise. So that had to be removed. Terror and fear were done, as they had laid abandoned no one bothered to push on. Ships had sailed, wars had failed to bring the glory of past days. Children, art, duty, those were gone. And the grip around the locks, emotion, those were difficult to be done again. Even in this constant stream, there was no wind to push on the cold, winter and summer would never get old. Beauty let go and instead of it, there was a canvas which was never to be filled again with anything of value. Who would ever enjoy such a thing now? Of all times and all the places, who would covet over it? It was bleak. There were no words to describe it. No amount of space to fill, yet everything was so widespread that you could fit just about anything in it. And that anything could be multiplied a billion times or a for as long as it would take to satisfy someone. If anyone was even listening to begin with, which had been unnecessary to begin with. Mankind had done so many great things only to end up that way. Destined with failure and overrun by the ambition of a living cucumber, the four wings appeared spinning in their detrimatory hose. Behave, it thought, behave while the vileness comes and passed. It was an utmost detrimental task to undergo now. Goading in its mass of loneliness, the texture was gone and even this creature disappeared. There were men out in space. Suffocating slowly only to be gone away, as the next apparition of came to be slowly, or even remotely trying to pay some attention to itself. 'You're a rube.' The first part of the speech was gone. Words could not echo if there was nothing going against the caverns they would be set on. Against the surfaces which moved but never spared a nerve, one could either bore himself with waiting or go on. 'The first act of

the next millennia's had arrived.' A supreme pair of ants had somehow managed to avoid the destruction, by stacking themselves against the cubes. Somehow, only their legs had been completely broadened and completely destroyed. Anything else which had remained would not even dare come as close as they had. It was highly unnecessary and inadmissible. Uncontrollable and even worse, a sign of what was yet to come. Brown carcasses had become white, or partially intangible from a transparency kind of view. Colors would simply not stack up, unable to push away or to even draw from their surroundings. Were those sings of the triangles coming back? Of course no, instead there were distant forms which had been made up out of all the recognizable geometric similarities between them. And each of them had sharp angles and weird surroundings which appeared to give an eye to some recognizable pseudo-arm, a clawing canon and even some long-forgotten relic of some statue holding some torch. But it was highly plastic and only went as far as it came. No one was going to be spared. Not even the ants, as they wouldn't be ants for long. Celestials, even, they had to take the place of the weird ants-beings. Anti-locals, ant-demergers, promulgators of some distasteful kind of bleakness which spread around everywhere. The cycle of filth had come to stagnation. This was the cause of it. And the bleakness spread to everywhere, which meant that it was time for the flood to stop. In various over worlds, it didn't matter. Nothing as long as the great promulgation of the bleakness would drive its way into the nothingness which prevailed. Were the ants happy? How could they? Since the bleakness had this wild effect, which pushed in itself some kind of disturbing looking inglorious lack of empathy which was obligatory for a world to keep on going, this was to be the defining feature it would bear. Ants started drawing in, forming the first physicality, of which existence could be spared. Going around them, there had been the invisible forms, which after a while, join in with the rest. Truly, there hadn't been any escape, from this chaos, from this hellish end, from this purgatory, whatever other place. Yet it was uninhabited by anyone other than the ants. Apparitions wouldn't last for long, and the ants were soulless. Why, they weren't truly alive or there. An essence of the mind imagined them. And that essence had only been the prime thing which had far surpassed humanity, it was their embodiment. The only thing which had somehow managed to get this far, an artificial intelligence of such magnitudes, power and might that had far surpassed the living, the immaterial, and everything even metaphysical. Of its descent nothing had mattered. It was simply there but it wasn't. Stuck somehow, in a kind of shade which the entirety of the unfilled thing cast upon itself. Such a wide and infinite zone which kept expanding brought to itself only that bleakness which it held. Memory was detrimental. Yet it wanted to see a small sphere made out of white ants. For some reason, which wasn't an imitation of human thought, but it had been the only thing which spared it of everything life-worth. It was a pure thought which made it be humane. It didn't matter, for this thing had broken the rules, and it was time for it to die as well. The memory and the projection of white ants would be gone. In any moment now, they would be completely set to lose themselves in that eternal blanket of bleakness which spared no one and nothing. It would spread. Just as it went on, this was the promise that it had been decided that the purity of living, the forms, the malign, the feelings and emotions had been pointless. Nothing would matter as long as there was that threat of destruction. Preservation and sprit was running out of its way to keep spreading into the endless ether, the void, the intertwining meaninglessness which desiderated every concept and idea which was. And this event had gotten no name, it simply was and it would spread. From the mighty words of the defamatory cruelty, the insipid terror and infamy would bring in an open tenderness which would open itself to the nearest holes

through which it could crawl. What kind of perilous waves would dare throw themselves at it? It could not be accounted, nor spilled. It wasn't likely that they would be felt. 'The simpletons may now sit at the table and begin eating. You are all allowed to do as you please and make sure that there won't be any dissimilarity in the way you're eating now.'

Plethoria

Eight hundred billion years ago, at the dawn of ill-creation, there rose the first lineage of the Czathr. In his peculiar awakening from the rims of the morbid mass of stroke-hits the previous masses had suffered, a new set of progenitors had awakened from their ill-stricken bodies, rising up from the ashes of N'Dghor, a fallen sentry places by strange satyr deities left behind as well. But by whom, who could leave deities behind? And why were they pointlessly struck by such ignorance and such an easily forgotten magnitude of less approachful space-substance. It bore itself near the planet and started rubbing it until the centrifugal force began pushing onward and twisted the very dust that came from the unnatural stones that twisted around the planet. It was highly inadmissible to look around no. No one had been allowed, at the Czathrs and the satyrs only stood there pointing at the growing abyss. For that came from somewhere underneath their planet and began expanding past a level when it would admissible. It could not be forgiven any longer. This act of aggression coming from the abyss was at least the least acceptable approach. From it there was the taint of space and the malarial promise that came with the treat of being swallowed. 'I shall descent into it and find another world on the other side; as I have seen it in my dream one mad night, come upon me in a apparition of a solemn nightmare, I know that I'm waited there. By the most capricious and dreadful of creatures, which may never be able to set me free? They spoke to me in spectacles of colors and light. And I had been told that I shouldn't deny myself the pleasure of knowing what life should be here, if I were to return. I'll leave as soon as I can and I shall never leave.' He promised and never even succumbed to anything as low as trying to justify what would life be if he had thrown it away. It was interesting, just to watch the fight and flight he had achieved. As his plain legs unfurls, he started diving into the abyss. The other Czathrs looked upon their brother with little dignity as he was completely ripped out to shred out of a complete settlement with the other dark powers which facilitated this disease. 'It will spread to all of us, this need to set ourselves free is contagious, dangerous even. Not a single spasm could be set in order to prevent the other generations from falling into it.' 'So what do you suppose will happen when the abyss with grow enough for us to fall in it? We cannot fight that we cannot touch.' But the Satyrs came in as soon as they heard. Their wicked thoughts could only interpret it in the most fallacious manner. 'What needs not be touched? May we help you, of strange beings, as you are; you seem desperate for affection, perhaps for that reason your bodies are fashioned too sharp for any kind of warmth to be capable of spreading on top of you.' He saw the sudden raise the prisons their bodies were. Each time those in-set barred eyes peered in deeper, spikes started pushing through them, up and down, like tiny sharpens branches which carried on the most inadmissible kind of rage. 'What do you want, intruder? You were abandoned here; this is a mere problem

of our own. This land is ours, so it is by our right the we should deal with it however we want it.’ ‘But we live here as well, and we have lived for just enough time to call this our own. And let us not forget that we have conquered you.’ ‘Satyrs conquering us? Do not make us laugh, you haven’t done a thing. Your mere shapes had only came to haunt us when you could, this planet is still ours, even though you might set yourself high and mighty, you’ve done nothing. Lazy to your bones, lacking in touch and yet you mock us all of our own.’ ‘All I need to say is that, unless we cooperate, your incomplete space quarter of skin-stogl, we will all be swallowed and be absorbed into the abyss.’ To which one of them grew forward, like torsion, corking through. A body came, as almost as liquidities strange a contagion, with drew onwards, from both sides, two unwrapped flaps which fell on the nearest floor and revealed a few pieces of bones and a few smaller bodies. All of them had been unrecognizable, but it was about to be revealed that these were the previous inhabitants of the planet. ‘Do they seem familiar to you in any way or shape? Because they are. To us, these were our ancestors, even though their body composition may look a bit too outdated for your high standards and touches of rowing clams?’ Everyone turned as soon as the various ores of clam-metal came out of the abyss. It had been oh, so surprising that no one could even fathom what was going on then. ‘Could this be a present from the other side? Was he actually right and there’s another world out there?’ ‘Don’t go near it, can’t you see that it’s trying to lure us in. Give as much of an inch in and we’ll find ourselves standing in there in the least atrocious manner. We’ll be set for the diseases, unable to stand aside. We’ll be tainted, brought to a bridge to abide their coming end.’ ‘Let us at least try to follow through, for no great life will await us here.’ They spoke and as they had, both the Satyrs and the rest of them decided, that waiting here to die was pointless. Even if it came for all of them to be cruelly slain, what other life would there be? And as an act of disgrace, they all jumped through it, forcing their bodies to be broken apart. Not a single soul survived. Most of the planet’s mass had been absorbed and instead of it, there was only the clam-metal running around the rims of the space-storms which had been the abyss. One touch of the finger and the abyss became a ring. For the supreme anchoring ruler of the galaxy he served in. This Ukiroth appeared to be less demented; he ascended and looked at all of the abysses he created, storming around as rings on his hundreds of fingers. In them there lay, alas, the blasted putrefaction of an old body-system which couldn’t possibly last. He had feared the advent they bore, as underneath them lay some more large tubes that connected to him. And each end bore stranger twisted systems of channels that ended up pushing forward some blowing fat stems. In them he stored all the fat he had taken with the help of the abyss. In mere glances they’d grow and push, then recede until it hadn’t been worth to look back on it. With as much as a disinterested vow, they started releasing waste from the system underneath the trunk of his body. This legless floater waited there. His trunk pushing onward to higher octaves of space, in them, his head could only show himself nearing the point where it had grown to be a quarter of the universe. In which case, his mouth turned into his eyes and the nostril-constellation with the help of which he could breathe stopped being there. In the dying light, he started suffocation, looking for a way out. Anything but to die like that, because of some wildness of space, some arrogance and a disgrace which pointed him to the least concise manner. Sooner than he had come, he lost himself in the midst of the decaying tawny, of lack of credence which was spread. One look away and he’d be dead. A plowing reed of star-dust fiends appeared, and in their presence, he could restlessly stand. ‘Why have I been spared?’ They were sentient and silent; an utmost deadly combination which couldn’t have done anything for him if that was the case. Not only would he admit to

himself that he was pointlessly flawed from a special-awareness kind of way, as he would distance himself even farther, destroying a few planets from this oh so overcrowded galaxy, but he also found himself staring in awe. He saw perfection, a golden aura surrounding them in the most peculiar manner. It could stand it no longer, to be forced upon them. I would not even dare look away, to pry upon the unforgiving and the divine. As long as they were there to stay and there fragmented particles of atoms and of dust made it seem as if they would grow to be a planet in disguise. Not only had it been ever-so peculiar to fly within servitude of woes, but one could not suffer himself to live in any other way. We'll open a door for you to the other galaxy. They spoke in his mind. Even his gigantic brain, as many layered and concave as it had been in the grotto his elongated skull had become could not fathom how were they capable of doing it. Theirs was another existence, at a different level which only made things ever so complicated for him. It was indistinguishable whether or not he could think for himself. By no means or manners could they glance at each other's woes. As far as they distinguished themselves from the agony of space, the disgrace would last no longer than it needed. You've destroyed those you found unfit to live and there are others in need of this glorious destruction. Follow us through the ether and through space, just so we may end all the primitive organics. He nodded and still seemed to believe that they were dead. Not for a single second had he questioned why he was the only one who could bear those abyss-rings without falling prey to them. In each sparkle of star-dust, in each atom there had been a world. And in reality, those were their afterlives, in a way. Though they hadn't been completely struck out of live, nor had they been living. When they entered, the Satyrs had been grayed out; they were soulless, walking down like husks underneath the great metallic floor of the furnace above them. And above, the furnace boiled a concoction in a strange system of cauldrons which were yearned in. Czathrs lay beyond the furnace, supplying the cauldrons with the food. Pieces of themselves would be used as far as it would be common for them to spice the food they were cooking. One of the cauldrons had been closely examined. This abyssal death had only feigned their destruction as it seemed. Their results had been somewhat stired as they accidentally mixed something which wasn't supposed to be there at all, the water of Nyfgh with a muck of bone plighted blood. Within it they had given life to a vision in the distant future. The established protection facilia had been encoded in the great android by the name of KRnDrOx. He had been designed as the flag carrier for the Great industry. In the beginning the industry and the corps had been establishing ground-work over the few planets in the nearest galaxy they could provide any kind of facilitated intervention. Various life-forms had their lives completely exchanged for a complete work-diagram completely mirroring Damon diademas in their unique appearance in that corner of their world. Certain features may have been exaggerated in order to promote the alienation of the plain working spaces. Instead of them, one could only deal with the least likely and the least remote atrophies of sinking structures which had radically changed the way life seemed to look from then on. Various other formations stood there, grinding against the celestial bodies of the planetoids which drew in to the diademas, as the workers inside of them had been assigned by the corps to completely draw everything in. One glorious anatomical discrepancy had resulted in the creation of the androids. They birthed humans in the diadema, but that had been sanctioned under the complete words of a pair of divines which found it unsatisfactory any longer, henceforth the alternative. The androids were a mix of results, coming from the complete pouring of metal shrubs which found their way in the biological material. Because of their incessant corrosiveness, they had been given power and sentience. Not only that but in a few good

generations, the greatest of them all would even get the chance to come back to their supprelrxories. One had risen over a mound of all the dead pieces they could lay their hands upon. No one should be counted off any longer, for as long as work was needed no one would be spared. 'Any more of these and I shall plainly lose my mind.' Thought KrnDrOx, with his only ability only now being displayed into action, while the other androids could only look at him as if he hadn't even been a model similar to them, rather he looked like the next stage. It only looked that his place wasn't there. He was much longer than them, but that hadn't been a description of his mere physicality. That was only the reassurance of him being so strange, as to deform everything around him. Everything in a ten mile radius appeared to be getting a few inches in height. As one of the first freighters came into notice, he dropped a few miles back and saw it recede. This was the preferred way of landing, as it was made to be the safest on. It wouldn't even be possible to find any other way in, crudity or not, the instructions were there. Inscribed on him back lay every piece and turn put on in great detail. To this one they seemed the text of the device, a whimsical kind of joke put on him to see him suffer. Each word covered an emotion which manifested onto him, anger, fear, and disturbing disgust. And some of them acted as if they had been part of a great arc which spread around to everyone in sight as soon as they could. By no means could it be accepted any longer that they would be aware of it. This sudden incredulity would not work for them. A pair of unsanitary looks brought back the appeal of disturbing tones which had messed with everyone there, as they felt the touch of the disturbing disgust. Inside each of their metal bodies, where they stored their energy shortage perdition tanks, human mouths appeared, with their full-fledged teeth and large pumping veins which infested them with teeth-disease. They grew large and pointed from the front, like ivory tusks which shot and brought only the slimmest of pleasures that they could be caught off guard and forced act like their previous stages of evolution. 'The diadema calls.' An unruly voice peered into them in the most obscure fashion. By no amount of false dexterity could this clarity be set. Most days were simple. One day just passed and they had planed even more mechanic beds of light on their planet. How lucky for them it had been, to have so many workers on the various tops and sides. It wasn't even hidden in disturbing disgust. They were lucky; rather to be set as obscurely hidden underneath each other's resting cabins. For each of them stood on another bed which stood on another bed, so on and so forth until they had encapsulated just about every usable space in the planet. The splendor of it was the fact that between them moved the vile sponge, the essence of space which had acquired, from another dimension, be you minded the essence of some natural spirits that wouldn't have been found here otherwise. Worth was felt that way, even if they had been ripped apart by the process. But enough of the mild castration of the planet's side. They were threatened by the worse kind of unpromising invaders. Ilbord, Humughot and Guenn O'n, who had been the pilgrims of woe. Their melodies brought them home in a time where their human minds had known what art and the craft had been. Ilbord had been the first one to open his mouth as he spoke, untouched. 'I need be reminded of what's it like to feel, to know what the touch of vile feminine thing. Her majesty wishes you to feel the touch of females. Cold creatures, you may be, but even you may come to see that it is not worth living without them near your kind. Come as you might and you'll understand. If not, let me make you more aware of it.' With which, in his power, he brought to them android females, which looked rather swollen to the one spire every single one of them had been welded into. This one pilgrim had a strange interpretation of life, which had cleared everything before going back to the grind. 'Bear me no foreboding for what I've done. I've done it only because I'm blind and I had a dream of you

some day in the past.”Yer mouth started at it again. Can’t you see that we’re always getting side-tracked because of you incessant yapping?”And that sting would bear just enough poison to kill a hundred similar beings by the likes of the biological similarities between them. It had been glorious, the limbs being obscured by a sudden burst from one of his chest cavities from which he pushed on a pair of legs. These were longed and appeared to dictate the movement. In some strange turn, his entire body would be entirely carried by them, with the entirety of the strength being as thoroughly pushed as deep inside the muscle mass as possible. It would reign as far as one could know. Dread could be seen in his eyes for as well as he had known that he was looked down upon from below. ‘You were my father’s servant for so a long period of time. What do you think of me now? What do you think of the new lord you’re supposed to serve?’ ‘I don’t feel anything towards you. You’re young and rash, and this is a harsh world which will only get worse for the better part of your life. Without a way for you to return, I don’t think there’s ever going to be an opening for your well-being. You’ll only end up suffering alone in a dark place.’ ‘A case, just like the one my father is in. All those statues and paintings he’s collected serve him nothing. He should’ve cared for something else.’ ‘That’s a conversation between you and him. May I remind you where you are?’ He had come to forget that this wasn’t the city, but the inside of that stanch creature. Relying on nothing else other than his grim sense, he stared cutting the nearest embodiments, seeing them fall to the ground in pairs. ‘They’re falling like weeds; I see that I won’t be challenged here either.’ ‘Perhaps not, but you need to get over yourself faster now, don’t drop your guard.’ It missed just by a few inches, a strike from the entire level came, which pointed itself near his body. If it were for him to stay even as much as a few seconds in a spot, he’d die. Gordo hadn’t realized that the acid they carried, these almost repugnant broad-strokes had the chance to end the line of Di’Dorko. It wasn’t like they could even push onward any longer before they stopped. As strange as it looked, they formed a cubicle below a circling torso which was trapped in-between the anchor of the lower buds it bore. From the cubicle there sprouted long barren finger-like phallic connectors which drew onward until they looked as if they kept the entirety of the being together. Most of the connectors rooted only at the bottom of the being, leaving enough space for the brain mould above the main structure to slowly fall and join it. There it had had fully turned it, starting the final recreation, the complete disgraceful show of wings which set it into flight. From the many puckering vents which jointed from its body, this thing drew and crushed the nearest buildings it could reach. In as quick of a storm’s flash, the old man disappeared, leaving Gordo all alone, clinging on it like some brooding spider, holding onto a bird. Impossibility dictated that this creature shouldn’t have been capable of flight. Nonetheless, it happened, to the push of the obscure, drawing onward to the point where its misundertand had caused the terror of the first flights. All of them followed the first on during the ascent of which none might be able to be forbidden entry into the higher placed of the wired clouds. Each would bring as least the sparrowing amount of cutting and of wreathing as the weather changed into the disturbing manner they saw on top of the Ethr. Eternally caught inside, his legs started pushing on. The purple surrounding it seemed segmented, yet closer in appearance to some poisoned berries which acted out of notice. It could not eve be felt any longer, this sudden blow of wind-spans which pushed from beneath it. No debacle would even force him to endure all that force which may have made him feel the pain of streams, as the various layers of air cut through him like some solemnly caught pig. Four piece of his mouth segment extended forward, right on his trunk, a few inches above one of the poisoned stings. It was the old man again, appearing as a growth akin to some

terminal illness. He spoke with him during the spectacle of gusts, the air being denied from the rims of his missing line. 'Are you in need of service? I could keep you company during your fall if you do not mind.' 'I do not wish it now. I will ride with them and see where they shall take me?' 'Well now, don't you suppose it would be time to return before you get lost? Sicily is wide, and they claim to go past the rims of the known sea, into the desert plains and even...' The old was severely interrupted as Gordo started acting with his known condescendence. 'I'm not interested in it. Leave me be, I know you wouldn't possibly understand what life is like for me. As I begin the tender gripe, I wish I would not be denied the satisfaction of following my own path.' 'You're following your own path towards your own destruction and that is no mere joke. I can see that you father would be rather vandalized by it.' 'Let him be. His plans for my future are neither of my concerns. If he wants to toy with someone's future, let him do it on his own.' With which he pushed his chest forward, just so the tip of his blade would push inside the extended face. It drew back in before it could spread; likely it wouldn't have mattered at all since this artificial imbued body was filled with anti-poison eating cherubs. They were dangling as they were attached to his vital organs. Sometimes they'd tickle him more than he could hope to chew. It was a sad sight, looking back at the city for one last time. He had spent his most important days of childhood there. And everything happened so fast and so far that he almost reconsidered turning back, not for his father, not for his memories or the people, but for the likes of the two servants which were missed by him. They did offer their servitude at no price whatsoever. Now, to leave them in such a way would be terrible, for no one would know how to possibly order them around. 'Fetch me this, fetch me that, if only I was there.' If only he had brought some of his sense. But they clasped the planes of air and pulled them into distorted storms. Bitter tongues peeled through, allowing them to enter the center of the great tutelage of the company. These were extractors. This entire invasion was no invasion at all, but another vile plan coming from the industry to obtain as many human beings as possible. Gordo released himself from them and hid behind a pillar made out of stacked wooden containers. They had gathered just a few of them to account for just about everything they could possibly put their hands own. Grubbing just about each corner, this dark spot in the air was invisible from outside. Another sign of their great design. The Great industry reserved the rights of android conversion and for whatever reason they considered this to be the way they could expand their enterprise. It would be disturbing and disgusting, repulsive to be otherwise kept in check. A wreckage of thoughts could only serve as a call-back to all their atrocities. Gordo opened one of the containers only to look at the saddening image of someone who couldn't even bother looking into it. An android was there, ripped apart by rough play. Missing eyes could be carried along, limbs not so much. Jars contained so many of them that only matched for certain models which weren't there. So many missing glances could only mean that somewhere, in a lost space, there were eyeless androids which were forced to work. Underage creations followed through, but they weren't made to look like anything else other than some primitive non-terrestrial walkers. From their previous bodies something was kept, that being their unnecessary spreads of power growth which spread around on an organic track. Inside each inch which drew on, there were tiny bubble and buckles of skin. Piety be called in motion, as they had exposed their inner lingering crass-cones. The cones were constantly pushing away, rubbing as they displayed the look of the insides belonging to an organism which wanted to be shut down. It was kept alive not by the unpowered machines, for obvious reasons but by a force of will. Fragments of dust and mice were its sustenance. From it there was a portending allure which could only serve

for, for. Gordo couldn't look at it any longer. It was too much for his senses. Most of that form couldn't be felt but sensed. His nose started picking up the form by the various scents which brushed around him. What he saw down there wasn't the only thing he could point at. Something seriously deranged crossed his mind. A likeness of touches and of mad dances only made him think of worst. The gas was it limbs. The scent of brokenness trampled his knees. He fell as the feeling of ammonia revealed the intermittent olfactory confusion which drew him own to slit a piece of his nostrils. He had to fill them with anything to block the images from manifesting or else it would grow. This trapping curse felt like it had been forced on him by a deity, not by a mere abandonment of broken toys. He could see the entire air-facility be encompassed inside the dreadful thing, unable to reconsider living. It could grow and flash the entirety of this place into nonexistence. It was unexplainable. He drifted as he was forced on his back. He saw only a few broken jars which pushed away, the useless bits, and that organic spacer-like cone. But the scent completed it and threaded to destroy everything. There was nothing beneath this manifestation, which would even beg the question or consideration that it'd live. Living for it meant destruction for all. Destruction for everyone would mean that eventually it would be the only thing living, stuck nonetheless, for there would be no one to breathe in its form. But even there, Gordo, despite his almost amnesiac state, in which he had almost lost his senses, he could feel the scent. A predatory look inhabited the feeling of rough burnt wood. Sharp images of pain entered his mind, the touches of fire left marks of third-degree, first-degree, four-degree burns. Bone showed, he felt the scent of an unnatural kind of disgust. That leaves most of the bottom floor which surrounded every box and everything which had ever been touched by living feet exposed. What he had seen there, was a scent which had been stolen from him as well. It was the feeling of perfume. Women's feet were just about every piece of floor he could lay eyes upon, and that had been all because of him. A scent of planetary-roses inhabited the nearest side he could lay eyes upon. It felt like he could burst a few veins, to bitter the dames as they started soaking in the growth. A white-almost nest-like web-encased, pus-cotton appeared to grow the buds. The mass pushed until they formed a few glowing stalks which begged more of the scent to follow. Dreadfully in awe, the tarnished gnawing presence would bring as much as two enthralling essences of oil. He felt like he was being boiled, burnt, comprised of the smell which left his body forth, as he faced his apparition, torn. It sent him into a strange phase of physicals which brought to him the strangest vision he could look upon. Scents were near; he would know that he could never get near where he had lain before. He saw the road ahead, on a patch of land leading to a single dead tree against a sky of red. A cemetery stood there, with all the singing cherubs stray. The night was starry with limbs of blue, in the distance, hues of yellow tunes. He marked himself unfit to walk there, as he heard the trumpets call, the bitter gongs, which called him near. It would be impossible to stay. To remain would be inaccessible, for as long as he would prey upon his breaking knees, the scent of roses, bitter decrees. Lost for words, cowardly set against the black swords which had been the curtain which fenced the patch, he saw the gates latch. Unable to go anywhere he pushed past his limits, unable to attain the circumstance in which he had walked. 'I am here, you can see me now. I have failed father, know that you will never come upon my body any longer.' He said while the bed of roses had been blown by the wind. Dark as the tree was, it beckoned for him. It was strange, that they'd be there. But as each bed, there was another man. The Courtesan in his armor, the Elegant and the Earl, all of whom were kneeling know, down near the dirt. Would they weep? That'd be uncanny. No valley would turn or dare to spare. A witch was there, drowned in

the sea, the wicked head with no unit. A few obscured creatures which may not be named, all of which came here, to watch him lay in dread. 'Bring this to my father if you may. Only that way I'll have known that my life hadn't been in vein.' At which, Gordo had pulled a tooth out of his mouth, his regalia would be stained. He would be in pain but he'd care of nothing any longer, other than the despair he felt for those who'd see him going by the tree. Finally the hole, in which to roll would mean the end to the nightmare, an essence of evil long forlorn. But in the distance, the scent sealed, the plains were lost and the veils of evil closed their mark. Nothing had been gained, nothing was lost, other than a few insignificant creatures soon to be cast out of their plane. It would not suffice to pay anything more than the grind of bores, the evil throngs and the old countenance which had been shown. 'They left, they finally left!' It was the first sign of the victories to come. Unable to bring any other defeat in their ranks, this had been the only solace they found in the clearing of the clouds. But most of all, two people amongst them seemed to search, or to beseech of some word as they said. 'Where is Gordo? Where has our master gone?' Brktich looked everywhere, unable to regain his common sense back, him and Humble amongst the ruins, looking away, for any sign that he may return. 'I am still Humble, yet to think that he has abandoned us so easily.' 'Worry not, brother, as I'm here and I shall keep you company until he comes back. You should've known better than to put your trust in a man like him.' 'Pity me no foolishness, I only want to know, why he has abandoned me. I only wish I could be there, next to him, seeing what he does, crafting a song for him, anything which may last.' 'He would just as soon have forgotten it, know that it doesn't matter that much what you think of him. There's a lot of lost noise I hear.' Brktich couldn't face it. He grabbed Humble immediately and seemed to approach one of the evil decrepit walls he neared himself to. 'I shall tell you something I haven't told anyone about, Humble. Perhaps it's better if I were to show you.' He seemed to pay just a little of a hint, the thing which crept in could not even sour the world. It wasn't honest with what I found. Do not take it as a mean word, as I only tried sparing you of everything which someone of your age ought to have known. It's harrowing, the leash through which one act might matter, but I found it here. 'None the matter, what he had shown seemed to be the last image he had picked from the camera he stole from inside the shop their master broke. 'I accidentally took it, Humble, and I was surprised to see the fiend struck inside of it. Look closely now.' A deformed image could not even be contained any longer by the mere hands it held. For each second spent staring at it gave it enough power to climb through the tunnel it had been wrought it. A giant innards-bum-grub with the soles of its head pushing through came out of his finger. It pushed into the picture and had been eaten by the presence inside the photograph. Two cuts had been made; they pushed through him and seemed to drink out of it like the spring of a fountain. It was hard, waiting for so long. 'If there was a point to my ever-growing presence, I would've ensnared myself to a prick in the tab. But I see it. I simply can't. There's nothing in your hand.' 'Stop averting your eyes from the spot, Humble, this is important, you need to see things as I do and in order for that to happen you need to stare at the picture I have taken. Only that way you'll see.' 'I'll see only what you want me to see. The pain, the pain, I know that you're in pain. But you cannot use that as an excuse to harm those around you. You needn't harm me.' 'I shall do it, because you'll let me, brother. I know you well and I can say with much honesty that you'll never leave my side. As long as I'm here, there's nothing stopping us from drawing on forward.' 'To what?' 'To the picture, I said, look at it.' Its frames started extending until it had covered just about everything else. With its general appearance taken in consideration, one could draw that from the picture there was

nothing but a trap in the middle of the woods. Formed for an animal too wide for the taking. What an annoyance that had been. He was there, regardless of the angle. Sides are known. But he was there, just by the trap, between the frames caught off guard. If he had stepped a few more inches forward, he would only have himself to blame for. It couldn't even be considered as they had been. Yelling from below, the echo had been unknown. Humble seemed to spare no moment until he felt the strange isolation, in need of company as he was. It would not be worth it for his time. No dime would matter, not to the mind. 'I see you there. Don't hide from me.' It was him, his brother. Changed a bit, roughened around the face. Scratch that, his entire head appeared to be completely shoved off the way, forced to look out of any feasible look. For one so roughened he bore some marks of a beheaded man around the neck. His face wasn't the one he had been accustomed to seeing, bearing a pair of beady, rocking eyes. A raunchy need had told him as soon as it was time to flee. 'Below you there's a bed of spikes. I know that you can hear me well.' It was Brktich who was still there. The voice didn't actually account for the distance and from the strange movement the lips began perching. 'Dear brother, I am no fighter and I'm frightened by you. It's too dark to see. I can only feel the grey cold winds and the distant breeze which makes the tinge for some fire.' 'Focus on the bed. I know you're trying to look at it and see my face on it, but that isn't me. It is not even remotely so. The picture wants you to believe I'm there with you. Well I cannot draw you out, so I shall ask you for something else at that.' 'What?' 'Please listen to my boding call. I only need you to believe me now, but I only wish for the most precarious assistance you could pass on me. Draw whatever you may use to hold yourself from falling and leap in.' 'Into the spikes?' 'Into the very bed of spikes I told you about. I know it's unexpected.' It was not only so but a strange act, remorseless venture he couldn't even draw him head away. He couldn't even convey the frustration he felt with him. This wasn't the way he had intended trying to serve. But this had to be dealt with before he set forth. 'Do you not trust me?' 'Danger draws near and I fear that I may find myself being trapped in there forever.' 'Trust me, brother, I've been through this and I survived.' 'And who had guided you then?' 'No one.' It was the least amount of certainty he could dare ask for. But he had not even felt anything for it. As a matter of fact, he had been lost for words. Cowering, shaking, and pushing him forth, nearer to the point where it was getting too close for his comfort. It changed, he saw something rummaging, actually rummaging from inside the roughness of that blotch. Had it widened then? Was someone trying to escape from that giant cranium which held that blue spackle of paint on top of it? 'Shall I join you then? In case you die, I promise you brother that I shall take my own life. Then we shall both be able to serve our master, whoever he may be.' 'I do not know about it, I fear death, I fear pain.' 'Leap before the beast can catch you.' 'What if I can't?' But he hadn't waited for long enough to find out or even consider going out of his way then. He simply went and came to know that nothing mattered, yet none would bet. In the large system of the cosmos, none would dare place their cranks or dare watch him at that. Yet he leaped inside and never came back, to pay any kind of attention or any other direction than what it had been needed. Deepening to his feet, growing inside the wrathful heap of dirt, he waited on top, watching the spikes erect themselves farther into the air. It wouldn't even be necessary for him to carry on as he should see. Agony would set him free. For there was blood on each tip he looked about. There were others down there as well, resting in a most peculiar manner, unable to handle themselves for long. Each and last, no one would care, alas for the wretch would not pay. Heed no remorse, as it could not be conveyed. But finally the plummeting dark had come benign, as it had managed to completely cover the hole before going on and getting

as far away as it could go. Humble he may be, he heard no voice and there was nothing for him to see. Both of them were at a loss, it couldn't be decided whether or not it would come to pass. 'Poor brother, you have truly put your faith on a liar. Oh, such a naive fiend.' The villain spoke, as he pulled out a pair of damp scissors, cutting the image in halves, waiting for the time for his hands and legs to tire, the thing which he would properly admire.

Para-chamber

I did it. Now that I have found the sorrowing fourth of the tetrahedron belt, I shall manage to craft it one again. With it around my waist I shall be able to remove the waste of poison and the swollen bird I had been infested with. To this Carrion, nothing even remotely near reality could matter, as he was stared at by Cower. He wasn't given much to look forward to. He had managed to crawl so far and kept a steady movement ahead. It was rather uneventful, the way through which they both changed directions, as if it was understood that both of them should see each other's business ahead. But Cower turned and looked back. From his hair, something went off, as if reminded. 'One of my brothers was the scum-snail, or was he the slayers of snail scum? I can't get that right, not anymore. But I think it was important enough for me to keep in mind, wouldn't you say?' 'What did you say?' 'I was tallying about snail-scum, that's all. Have you ever come into contact with snail scum?' 'Perhaps I have.' The strange Carrion pushed the piece under his tattered clothes. He measures him accordingly. 'Are you buried underneath that spot? What did they do to you? Piaff, the scum, I can could see them semblance, now that you mention it. Are we scum-snails you're talking about? Is it a code word, stranger?' 'Well, no, it's well. My brother couldn't have known what you look like, would he now?' 'He would not. In that case, would you happen to be an oratory of his word? Is that snail-scum someone I ought to be afraid of?' 'Only if you're one of them and I don't think you are. You don't strike me as scum.' 'Then you don't know me. What should I call you?' As he approached, he had been slightly hit by a pair of tied rocks which had been strung together just on top of his girth. It wasn't like he actually cared enough to pay attention to some of the younglings. It was wildly accepted that none of them might be hard. Violently, he would turn to his imagination and conjure the most anatomic pulls and the ripping of their. 'Think of something?' 'If you'd want to know that, indeed I am. Privately, if we were in one of my many nests, perhaps then I would've had the chance to share some of my interesting ideas with you but otherwise I'm afraid I cannot keep up with the demand. Let me share with you a secret I have, see these pieces I've collected? The tetrahedron belt had a strange effect on those who come into contact with it. I can see the mantra, the energies floating in the air leading to the other parts I'm in need of. With this I should be able to track it in no time. Unless someone beats me to it, in which case I would have to other option but to join in our hunt. Worry is on your face. Don't make me look at it. Perhaps you should look on another side, for someone softer than I am, otherwise you'll only be disappointed or you might find yourself hurt by me. That's the effect which drove the others away.' He hopped towards the Carrion, rightfully staring at it. A mighty belt rested, with the deepened carving of a special touch. Whoever had to lose a limb for it, he would be in a bad mood after that. It was designed to produce as much hurt as one would have to inflict on an unsuspecting runt in order to obtain what was needed. From him, as well as the others, I would seethe in my spot. 'Well I'm Cower, he said. He's the one you're speaking to. He spoke again, and told his name again.' 'Stop that,

I'm Raraak. I've done a lot of thinking and I should've come directly to you. Follow me, perhaps you will make the others keep their distance for as long as I care to keep them away. 'Do they hate you?' 'Of course, it comes naturally, as one who's much greater than they are. It's pitiful that they're showing me so much arrogance now, when I've shown them nothing but the graces of a kind familiarity. Well, I'm only showing them what they're truly like on the inside. You see, all of them, with no exception are hiding.' 'I can see them, past those plants of pastels, and the colored hems. I think I can see some of them hanging even farther and chanting.' 'Not them, dare you not disturb them. Their chanting comes with a reason. That reason being the unfathomable sign of the leviathan, may he not be spared sight of us in our lowest forms. Listen to me, Cower. You're one who barely arrived, here; I can see it on your glassy eyes. If time says we need to part ways, let me not hinder your stay here with anything but a kind of advice. Stay away from them. Keep your distance, otherwise, you'll stand to lose so much more than what makes you...you. The leviathan is unforgiving, as he has been given birth out of the most atrocious manner, and he bears our agonies and our pains, our history and what makes us carrions out there.' 'But I've heard of him, and I think I've come to know a few of them who told me of him. Who is this leviathan? Is he actually real?' 'As real as your wildest dreams would be if you lay asleep and never came back. I saw him through the night, floating in the strangest circles I could peer in and I felt I saw them for what they are. Carrions which gathered and rounded themselves in order to receive his blessing.' 'Oh, I see, that's interesting. I wish I could see this leviathan.' Raraak only spend a few seconds more trying to explain to him that it hadn't been worth it at all. They could barely see each other eye to eye in the dark as it was. And the others were getting far too suspicious for him to counter them with any command. 'What's going on there?' 'Mind if I pick you up?' 'Go ahead, it won't bother me at all.' They ran afterwards, making their way through their raised huts and tepees, making sure he was cowering while making their way there. It wasn't like they would know, but that's had been it. For as long as either of them was concerned, they would not be able to make their way through unnervingly caught by anything as well as that. 'Aveesh' Aar, come and challenge to a fight, coward!' The voice only he could hear came into light. An interloper had arrived and wanted to engage into a combat with their chief. Was he entirely gone the tray? Could he actually do it again? Unable to count on himself any longer, he went on doing what he had to do. Perrichockl was the forager of spread wings. He collected them from as many butterfly wings. He had only the wickedest thought in his mind. I've defeat you, fiend of the necromancer, oh, how I've dealt so many blow to your legions. I can't even hold my excitement; I ripped out your disks and got you. Haha, he almost let out his laughter. It couldn't have been believed at all. This weird grayish-poe in which he met them, on a flat-land with only a dark mountain in the distance, where a moon was reverse and day came during the night he met them. Their encounter seemed something akin to some surreal dream, in which he flew and in the gaze of the mighty leviathan, of which song he heard, all of his diseases left his body and came forth. As soon as they could attack the nearest defenders, those skeletons started losing their joints and marrows, being unable to deal with the constant attack brought against their back. Knelt completely not by blow, they've been taken down by the perilous malady which hadn't been known by any living thing, for they suffered through it. And the servants yelled. 'Necromancer, mighty necromancer, why have you forsaken us? The disks do not work here. We cannot establish a connection to your world.' 'Let us escape, I beg of thee, necromancer. We only seek to live in the houses you promised for us, nothing more. Do not break your promise to us, for we hadn't broken yours. Else' have you

forgotten now that we wasted no time and no disease? No amount of blows was too many, we had spared nothing for you, as I would dare remind you that we traded our lives for you.’ ‘And might I say, that in my life, I’ve been a champion and fighter, now I lay defeat, a mongrel. Where is my justice, necromancer?’ He would feel it, somewhere; somehow, the necromancer would know that he was being cursed by his petty servants, who fell prey to the worst of fighters. Who might’ve he been? Agony came from within, and he stared, only, unaware. Unaware of the fact that he was being choked by the chieftain, pitied on a side, laughed on the other, as they went on with their unholy banter. ‘Told you he wouldn’t last, he’s only been a few minutes here and he’s a goner, let’s prickle another finger, throw another rock in the pile.’ Someone had to collect all the remnants of their banter. And no soon after, one had to look at the most obscure ways of looking in. Their fingers were going after him, drawing deeper into the neck. ‘Are we done here?’ Avesh Aar chose to spare him, seeing how young he had been. Though he had barely been abandoned and allowed a mere second to breathe, he was slightly unnerved by the fact that he could barely stand after such a vestige. It was pitiful in reality, not a display of terror but a laughable thing. ‘Come on, we’ll bandage and rub you off.’ ‘I’ll wager you’ll get some fancy sugar cone to suckle one, come on, smile.’ Their backs parted in the way. But this had served only as a momentary break, as the chief turned to one who seemed to have the nerves to hide something from him. One look was enough, if he had wanted to play it that way, they could have it. He could have him. It was something close to being irredeemable, to the very point of quiet. ‘Now, now, let’s try doing something with this.’ ‘Is this what I think it is?’ ‘Yes, it came from above, I think it’s a sign.’ A strange device in the area stood there. Resting, rounded over, looked after. This crystal contained a few metal arcs which surrounded it, and not only that but a few metal strings which kept it floating. It looked the sole rock which set itself to be broken and made into plenty of smaller ones, jewels of tiny garments used for the queerest designs. One should not look with pity on them. Father on the mountain steps, farther from which world filled with unfathomable peculiar depths; there was still the walk the body had to endure. Though he could not fathom not having a pipe pushing through his end at last, he dealt with it as he could, pushing onward, misunderstood by them. The weird frog-flying cephalopods appeared from their missed looming nodes which had been brought from below. Release from their prisons, it seemed, that they missed their heads for as long as he could wager from within. His reach almost grasped for something, but he had forgotten that he bore no blade any longer. Not that they were ferocious, these were harmless and useless, unable to fight back. If he had willed it, he could’ve simply punched them off his track. I verged my lips just as the chief turned. Fortunately he couldn’t be bothered by my presence by any mean, which gave me the pass I thoroughly needed to get away. Within him out of sight, I finally stepped away and listened to Cower, just as he came out the tatters. ‘Could you tell me about them?’ ‘About who?’ ‘The members of the other tribe, the ones who almost took over you before this.’ ‘This is not the time for me to recall such a long story, plus, there’s danger into saying too much in this short a time. How do you know about it, in any case?’ ‘Some carrion recalled it to me.’ ‘Just how much did he tell you?’ ‘Only the part where the deed was done and when you started looking like this.’ ‘I’ll assume that means that you don’t actually know much at all.’ He couldn’t even start to tell him just how much he had to tell. It would’ve been indistinguishably violent to look at it, by any kind of possible mean. For one, there was this reckless way in which he had the opportunity to tell him everything without sparing a single detail. In itself that was well, as he had studied the old scrolls in his past-lives, which brought him back to the words themselves. ‘My past

days as a translator are long gone but I suppose I could make an exception one day if you will it. If we still be' together by the time my mission here is complete and the belt is mine.' 'What are you going to do after you get it?' 'I'll live a normal life, cured of the diseases which consume us all. The others shouldn't be able to find out about it yet, but I have managed to translate one passage about it and because of that, I had been given hope. The art of translation is long-lost and highly forbidden by the chieftains from Delunghee, and Avyan. For much of a good part of my life I had been forbidden to even approach any of the scrolls out of fear that I may be corrupted by it. And I can't even fathom any longer, thinking about a life spent without this.' To each their own but Cower still inquired. He sunk in some less interesting woe, wonderingly peering here and at lo'. 'It's going to be a long way towards the horizon, isn't it?' 'We'll have to traverse the villages, and enter through the river-pass, underneath the trenches.

Afterwards, we shall try to establish contact with one of the high-floater of Yeda in hopes that we could momentarily become one of them and be granted access to their glowing plains in the air.' 'What are those Yedas?' 'How much have you been sheltered now? You have a shortage of knowledge as it is. But perhaps I shall try bringing you back a few years back, if this could explain it.' Back to a time where tribe fought tribe, when the Carrions changed from their peaceful living and their insurmountable ways of picking and storing, there had been war. Times changed us beyond recognition, a reflection of the putrid being almost unnaturally seen even in our young. As the trees around us, the fauna and the plants started dying out, we have been driven out of our homes as well. 'I suppose whoever told you about us, hasn't told you this, has he?' 'Drop by drop, by that's about it, I never even knew you had this effect on your surroundings.' 'Indeed we had.' At least our ancestors had, they wretched everything into a gambit of entry, in search for any home or place of refuge in hopes that we wouldn't become extinct. To even add the insult more power, we had been laughed at and scowled by the others. Our own kin split asunder, by the most wretched enemies we could encounter. 'There was another tribe which paid us mind. Their ill-intentions were clear to us, ravening bitterly in the most repulsive manner of going. We were unprepared, to say the least, forced to kneel and to feel ourselves sway underneath their atrocious hammers, their marks and their shields, their tools and weapons almost drove us to extinction again.' 'Who were they?' 'A secret tribe which hid beneath the mountains under long-passes and their strange house.' 'Were they even a tribe in that case?' 'I do not know, we have never seen something like it prior. Suffice to say, our ancestors had been overwhelmed by them. In their wretched wrath they had charged at us for the longest time someone waged war on our kind. And they were mightily set in awe, tall footed, raw beaked but not like us. Their were shinier, stronger, much thicker and appeared too curved into shells. I doubted that they even had wings, for I saw something close to multiple flaps at their backs, which vaguely resembled them but I had been wrong.' 'How do you know all this?' 'The scrolls granted me a vision of the past. I lived there for some time, though it happened in my mind. It granted me the great ability to foresee a possible past that happened.' 'What do you mean? Is there more than one past?' 'That's only what the scrolls revealed to me. There are as many pasts as there could be, but only one future which cannot be changed. In there's the agony that whatever the past is, there may always be that dark future all would look upon.' And I had seen them war upon us and I had seen our kind almost be driven to extinction. 'But in each case, we survived, and regardless of which one be true, it doesn't matter for our kind. Know that the future cannot be glimpsed at. No possible way lays there, only the arrogance of a mad fool would drive him to that pointless quest.' To which he could only think of the magnitude of it

would be. To say the least, it would be interesting to be able to return. If only he could inquire forth, he would be able to see what life had been there. Only his mind could dwell so long. 'Listen to me, this secret tribe, whether or not it had existed, that's irrelevant. What matters is that one of them spoke to me, not as one of his own kin, but as a member of their secret enclave. I was treated like a brother, poked and plunder with them, slept and knew them as my own. You know where this journey of mine had taken me?' Two shakes, even around the rope he was wrapped in.

'To their mystic in the house of Stree, where he lay inside, waiting for me, their blind mystic seemed to be foreboding. My presence there had been long awaited. Despite them living in their houses of wood and of stone, and all that advancement compared to us, I felt like home. I knew that deep inside, they still longed for their strange primalistic lives, to look at the rings of smoke rising above them, peering into the distant vision and trying to get through. Not only that, but I had been surprised that he knew exactly who I was and addressed me by my name. Raraak, he said in private.' As soon as those words were said, I turned around to gaze at them. No one was there; the guards must've taken off when I wasn't even paying attention. The feathers around me, the teeth and nails which resembled mine frightened me to no end; I only came to be aware of something which hadn't been mind. An agony and high distrust, was this a trap? I wondered. But it hadn't so. I hadn't seen them so strangely exposed before. These mystics had a way of revealing just as much as one ought to know. I saw their many weak hands strapped behind, like fluttering exposures which rested on the ground. I thought I had seen it all, until now, before it had been revealed that they had been infested just like us. Theirs acted different compared to our exposure, as I could see almost empty pieces inside a rusted armor be exposed to me. 'For the women it is much worse. They have to deal with it on the inside as opposed to us. For them, this agony is kept in silent and seclusion. And only they might carry their burden of.' 'My son, will he be born that way?' 'I cannot say, only you can know what happened in the past. I cannot tell you anything of the future now.' I nodded in supreme content. This couldn't have been going on for more than a few ends. But those almost formed eyes stretched as far as to look like two blankets of clothes, darkened, drawing inwardly as if it could only breathe through them. Watching them push onward gave me the feeling of a dissatisfaction I could not even start to talk about. It wasn't likely that I would observe it on my first attempt, but he instructed me to kneel. While there, on a levee I could have a good stare through that hole in his chest, I saw what he had so thoroughly protected for so long. It was a promise of the death for all who inhabited the house in which they stood. 'What you have witnessed is the great abomination of Y'k Aaar, in it there's a toxin that will spread and never leave this place at all. I must confess that I hadn't known about the future by any means and that I had been given only the slightest hint from someone before me that I ought to await something. Anything, a sign, our scrolls spoke of it in the past.' 'Your scrolls, may I see them?' He couldn't lift himself, so he assumed a position in which he could point me in the right direction. I saw what he was getting at. As much as I could pay enough attention to it, I stood in awe and rested. I detested being there, and having that strange recollection. But as soon as I saw the scroll, which was more like a navigation map of old, I understood. 'These lands used to be traversable only by water, but a great drought brought these lands to life. Before we came here, driven by the infertility of our fruit-bearings, we were peaceful; we weren't wrought in the likes of warring and of pillaging.' 'What happened? I need to know what drove you to this way of living. I need to know what drove us and them, and...' 'I cannot answer this thing.' The mystic started unshackling his parts. He was truly exposed now and I

could see that he was missing the lower side underneath a mark of his belly. Where the fat had grown, there had only been a stump which missed any kind of growth. It pushed onward and came to be, stopped and dropped and missed as soon as he could see. 'You've done this to yourself, haven't you?' 'It was by my choice, that I may live this way and dedicate my life towards the studying of the scrolls. I feel like we're alike in thought. We may be enemies, or we may have been so in our case, but I feel as if you come from a good place. It was your curiosity which brought you here after all. And the same curiosity made me stay.' 'Why would you put yourself through so much suffering? Can't you see that it's not worth it? You're sick and all of them will soon be... What gives you the right to take their lives?' 'The right of prevention that we may not end up like you, in any case, my decision is made and the ropes are all in place for it to happen.' Their lives had been immediately vanquished as he had begun the preparation of decay. As soon as they had reached the point where scoundrelry was no longer permitted, he pushed his mortar and came back to life. No longer would he be permitted to look on that disuse which had filled them on with the veils of unloving. 'What happened then?' Raraak could barely look over his feathers. It was interesting just how unwell he had just been then. If there would be something to be drawn from this, it was his sudden unconsciousness he displayed. He would be angered, as well as he could paint himself with the tenderness this metal head showed him as he stopped inquiring about it and instead drawing near. 'I wish I could tell you but I can't. I've seen so many things happening in front of my eyes. I can't forget them, look at me, I'm old and I'm falling apart. This belt won't give me an eternity, it's only going to give me a few years, through which I'll live without disease or pain. Knowing my tribulations, do you still want to continue on this path?' He dared not look away at the broken surface around them. As soon as it came to me, I lost it. There had been other ventures to track, none of which I had any idea how I might follow in their footsteps. My yearning was for another land. 'One which doesn't exist, I wish I was there, I wish I was in that place instead of being here. But it doesn't exist, I know it doesn't. I tried dreaming but I failed.' The thought processes which happened in his head had been uncorking, clogged and missed. 'I wish there was another way, but I cannot force these emotions out of my mind. There's a queer loss I can't even fathom to push away. I see it there.' Farther than he could even set his mind on, there wasn't even a chance. 'My room, I don't know why I feel it, now of all the times, but I feel like there was an entire world in there. It's been so long since I've been there that I could.' It was another sad emotion which crossed his mind then. For all the niceties and the lack of function he had shown, he couldn't do anything but look back and what he's lost. Tears of oil came off, and all of the sudden, he could only think of his life in the chamber, where he belonged. All of them felt, with their lost head and luckless bodies felt the despair, the lack of glory and the fearlessness of what they lacked. In their minds they could still be there. Walking, stalking, rolling, doing anything, but most importantly, never losing leaving it. Even the broken head felt it, as malfunctioned and caught in its perpetual growth and lack of power. He was there, all of them were there. The bodies which walked and even the original head he had lost, the nameless one who had taken the name Dour. This world was meaningless for them, the woods were sparse and nothing brought them joy. Circuits started popping from the distance, forcing them to communicate between one another just so they could reach a level they might be able to relate to. But it was there. His eyes spoke of the place he belonged to. To which none of them would return. Lost as they were, they would be followed by a head, regardless of which path they took, all of them were cursed never to return. Cheerlessly, the ship which had taken him from home went on with only a destination

ahead. 'We need to go now, before I change my mind and look back.' The look shared between Dour and Raraak could only fashion so much between the two of them. No one waited in contemplation, neither of them sneered. Incapable of even producing some second thought about where they ought to go, he asked. 'Am I to abandon the search for the belt?' 'I cannot force you to do it. But it won't make your life any better if you keep going on this journey. Come with me instead. We'll never have to look back, we'll try getting away. If I can leave that place, if I can change.' Each word felt as it was false and artificial. He couldn't even dread doing anything else but what he knew. It was, in a way pathetic, a symphony of lost words. It was a loss now, he accepted like a fool without think of it either. Just as I had. 'We don't have to do this, I may have misspoken. I don't want you to abandon all this work for me, you know?' 'I know, that's why it's my choice. I want to do it as well. There's no allusion here, we're going to leave and never look back.' He truly believed it, as he abandoned that wretched belt and never paid as much as a second thought for what mattered in his life. This stranger could never even fathom carrying himself any further than he should. It was interesting, let alone thought about, or even considered, the way in which he dared speak. Would he tremble or even care? It was necessary to know in order to look ahead. It was so sudden. They left. Both of them never ever looked back at an existence spent in sadness. No one deserved to go through the same thing as they had. It was unnecessary. It was disturbing but it was theirs. A journey neither to be looked at, nor to be forced on, it was their lifeblood and courage which made them feels the warmth of the pack. And in a flash, they were done. In as much as he had been concerned to escape, he had paid no attention, nor the word, they went against the manner and got away. Perhaps the next one might've been luckier than that. It wasn't likely that he wasn't going to end up being the past one in any case. Lour followed, he was lost, the cost for which could not be taken apart. It would take too long until someone could make a distasteful interpretation of the stairs, especially for one like him to prevail and run unto them. Nour rolled away from his chamber. Now, as opposed to the others, he'd be the last one to get out. As soon as he rolled, he heard the way back in snap. Luxuriously entranced, he took it to himself to descend upon a staircase made out of rubbery self-propagating eyes. Each blink would make the few other steps disappear. And each weak had been directed at him. Some kind of sensual feel could be drawn from it, as he would see himself being taken not below but farther above. Towards someone who was waiting for him, the leviathan, who had promised him a refuge on top of is head. Beastly and magnificent as it had been, there wasn't any reason for a dismissal. 'We're going now, aren't we?' It felt likely that they had both seen two versions of the world and had decided that it wasn't worth it to stay. Sooner or later both would be disappointed with what they were. Words were meaningless to the glances they shared between one another. Any other claim would be pointless. Yet they spake of stories as Nour implanted himself into the leviathan's eye. Now he would see what both had the opportunity to be, a fresh glimpse into the oblivion which waited both of them, a sorrow and the bleakness which had been the restlessness of hope which was benign. It was both of their choices to go there, to travel in the space within a pocket of space. Mathematics dictated the meaning of the universe; they had been responsible for this darkness which encompassed everything, for this meaninglessness which could be explained in number. The pyramidal shapes had been replaced by octahedrons, hexagonal prisms and other spheres which were starting to push towards becoming concave. As soon as they were both surrounded, their color and physicality shuddered as it disappeared. But they were still there. As opposed to those who had died, they, of all were somewhat caught into the state of the

unforgotten rules. Widened as it pushed itself through the veil, the leviathan suddenly wailed in pain. 'Is there something wrong?' Nour asked, seeing how the texture of its windy corroded skin appeared to its surroundings. But those weren't exactly what to be expected of, as they didn't belong to carrion, but to the pig-wretch which came to be. From every corner, it grew like a cancer. The universe wasn't free any longer; instead it had been a mere lurching mass of vestibules in which one had to wait. A pair of tinder-like eruption remains appeared from the ground, sprouting like white heads, only to bear the heads of the pigs that sang their weedy limbs outside their mouths. By the time they were done spitting their large trotters, it was done. 'Now you are ours, and there can be no escape from this chaos we have wrought. Know that we find both of you to be fascinating and for that reason we decided you're both worth keeping. As our pets, that is.' With a sudden urge to turn starting to completely dismantle both of them; it was obvious that they'd look. And they could only see the meaningless of the lower levels, as they went one adjacent to the other, facing them as they were lowered, to another level and another closer end. They would be stacked as abandoned and unfinished buildings which left just enough spots for as many of the pigs anthills to be stacked one another. It was getting crowded. Yet they spoke of the vileness which inherited as much as a few metallic nets that surrounded the leviathan and the head. 'You brought us hearer, leviathan.' 'Well, well, feel thy blood swell and see how we may peer into your mighty desolation.' In as much as the uncouth, it hadn't been brought back to life. Wordless wonders started flowing through the various airshafts revealing the remains of the humanoids which had crawled through them. Some had made vile attempts to escape from the giant planetary-made piglets which blew their depraved condition. 'Those things, why are you peering at them? It's our food factories, nothing more. We're producing more than one need to wretch himself past the counter. Enough meat is produced out there for a few more generations to be made. Why do you think we're doing this?' 'I cannot possibly know. We're only trying to move ourselves past the throng of the discernible clouds of pig-skin which you're producing.' It was obvious now that they were infesting the air with pig-molecules. Unnervingly caught, brought to the spear at that, there was something more benign in their minds. 'We've done much worse than that. I believe we've also pushed the small phleodyr in them.' A small act of contrivance, as they pushed small metallic traps, claspings spheres which were spindled, carrying the flag of virology in their tiny piglet heads. It was only through them that half of the leviathan had been pulled open to reveal not the insides he would've attained from his conception but the pigs which grew inside of it. 'Have you learned it already? We're spreading now because of you. Turn around and look at them.' The faces of the pigs were no longer similar to one another. Instead, they were growing their beaks and their long-necks. Diseased spread by the time the leviathan realized that the age of boars had come to an end. Instead, the diseased carrions had triumphed, because of him. And all the anthill-like throngs bore themselves winged as they set forth for higher horizons. 'Was this what you have planned all along?' Asked Nour, with as little of a wonder as possible, to which there could be no rewarding word spoken. It inflated some of the unnecessary blotches of skin which fell.

Bringing small piercings nails from plunder, would there be any wonder for each of them to fall on their beds? And as soon as they rested on them, would one have to wonder yet again why they bled? It was unnecessary to even question the flat and empty, lots of springs where the lord were standing upside down, pleading as they looked at the rims of the earth's crown. It stretched around the distance in a row of walking seraphim rows. To them I say stop and they stopped. My control over them was diving. I, as small insect who was stuck upon the ground and could not even dare to fly. There weren't mountains, roads or coasts. Only that flattening woes they spared before they went away. But they weren't lined up entirely as they had; rather, they were widespread around their hands. Whoever tormented those poor things, to wear, could not bother to look out there. But a few inches above their pointy hats, the penetrating succor killed them all as they flew away. No one is allowed flight as long as I say. Like soldier, did they fly? Not a single one alive, but honoring the must and the trust the insect had called. The cherubs followed and from their sudden electrical implosions which had rendered their bodies completely into nothingness, only a few helmets remained on the ground. All of which would be his forts. One small house amidst the cords. There, in the distance it stood. Understood, thought the insect as it slowly made its way. Without an escape, without the means of flight, the family living inside the house couldn't reach the same heights as the malignant celestial bodies which pushed themselves past any achievable height. Rims of space, better than to face, the agony of living as alone. 'My daughter hasn't come home yet. I wonder where she is.' He was almost done unwrapping her mother, by the rims of two hands which had been bold enough to hold just about every other piece of her alive. Strapping by her piles of neck-looking extenders, she seemed to be made out of three main pieces. A main structure, a bolding pair of inter-muscle pieces which looked jerky enough to be flaccidly pushed in every direction and a pair of stopped sticky-looking stumps. Four on each side, never bothering to spread or to move around. The blanket she had been wrapped in was made out of a layer of her own skin, and the two past arms had been used to hold her still while she was coupe to the machine. Pumping into her blood, a desiderated venture, and the stranger would pull from danger, only to believe there was something much nastier hiding inside the tin can inserted in her blind spot. 'Where have I put your head, dear?' It was lost, lost, lost, a long time ago. Misplaced before he could remember, hidden or stolen as she had remained, above the box, with the straggling turbine which forced the pumps even faster. Inside of here there nourished the oil, the bitter foil and coal which forced the blood to most obscure, noises could be heard, in cure. Cure for the way he felt, as he relinquished what he felt for her. 'My dear, where had our daughter gone? I cannot help if I am to find her done with.' Done in such a manner which would render her just as irreconizable as her son and her mother had been, both of them stood around, the fatherly figure being forced one level below the wooden rim of their house. Deeper, but not an attic, he had dug up a hole in which he hid all the members of the village who had been out there for far too long. It was frightening, the fact that there were no windows to look outside. And the only people who came inside had already been in that way, just as his wife. 'I sometimes wonder why I haven't changed.' Below there, he found it while rummaging through the trash he had attained from a time they all searched refuge from the world outside. Each piece of a washing mashing, or some closer, the food deposited had been completely encompassed by them. Of course they didn't need the machines to function. All of them relied on their own bodies as they began melting together. An impasse, he saw. They all started pushing their producing musk outside. As it was decided to be unnecessary for the time, being, where have you been? It asked. 'Above you all, I've

been making sure no one would try getting in. But I see that I'm wasting my time trying to communicate with you in any case. For the time being, you have all been wronged by your own selves and the world outside. I can see that your own company put on a bleak appearance over your bodies. This pales in unnatural comparisons to what you are. Can't you see that your skin doesn't even look human any more, than what it had been when you were freshly out of the awe out there?' Responses came in the form of the spreading. Yet salt and sugar kept them in place. For some reason they still hated or seemed to care for their hypertension and the other unrelated disease. But all of them kept those tiny blots which kept beating, for a good reason as well. I could punch them freely and I would get away. I had to know whether or not my daughter was in there, so instead of doing it, I chose to freely enter through their bodies to see what lay there. The first times I had done it was awkward, it felt like a living mashed-sponge fumes, but I had gotten used to the feeling. My eyes had never been bothered by it, mostly because they avoided them. Other parts of me as well. But couldn't you tell? I was already there, making through, a reversal of the stairs making it bloom. And there were giant loops of many light beams which were solid and shot in every direction until the point had been completely locked. Most of them were connected by their flaccidity, which only allowed for a few meters to be taken as the distance approached. Even the stairs were somewhat flawed in terms of just how much of his legs allowed for them to come together. Soon enough, they were of one piece and they were no longer forced to keep themselves attached to it. As opposed to their beams, the ones which came out of them were of an antique bronze. Floating farther allowed him to reminiscence of the inside of each of them and how deep they went. His eyes could still peer into the beam-tunnels, as tiny as they were. Inside of them, they would create the tiniest amount of infested life one could fathom to repel. Deeper into their basin, where the mass had been expanding from within them fought. Each time one of the small insignificant lacquer life-forms won, the others would melt and be destroyed only to be repurposed into another fighter. Symbols and marks were worn on their yellow flags, which had been biological at that. Yet let it be known that the deeper one should go; he would find the place of disillusion. An uncanny paradise of chaos which, deeper by the rims of the beams, where they had completely stretched themselves into wires as they formed an under-torrent city which blocked the rivers of Humount. To each their own. About eight carrying embrace, he found himself being cracked like an egg. Ajamont looked for his daughter torn; he would be taken back into a piece after he'd return with the body of another child. There were other patches of staircases which kept a few other bodies for their return. 'If only I could get the rest of my wife as well, perhaps I would be complete as well. But for now, I shall settle with my daughter.' Cracked and revealed, he was completely pushed inside some strange carapace which held to his entirety, making him seem as lively as he might be. Not to see the signs around, one would have to be cruelly set about the inconspicuous vacuoles, which forced everything in place. This time, the embrace of solid carapaces would give him just enough of the outlandish look for him to shake the very walls. Tall to the regard, brought about the end of words. Days were passing, strays of old. To no content was he met, a deep desire, never to end. An insect was still approaching, thinking, even without seeing. 'Where had he gone? I can feel that you're not around.' Though this would be the last thing which remained, after he'd be dealt with, only the one stolid crackling tuck would stay. 'I am the Iliapochephal. Do not taint my land.' Echoes were sublime. The ground turned to rind, as the entirety of it shook under his gaze. Blue turned to a potato-hue and the disgusting disturbance went unseen. Helmets had become alive, as they were converted into that meat-kind which could be seen on top of the new phara-

arachnids which winces at their own bodies, hiding themselves in pockets of dead air. Cold would not behave, there was no weather change. On top of their world, as broken by a bitter old countenance there was that one deciding piece of moon matter, whatever after came. To classify the level or derangement they had been sent into, the rows beneath the caverns below the farthest reaches man had succumbed had become a result of constant abandoned shells, carapaces, husks and even rocks they had abandoned. They've given up morality in exchange for this. A weird lifestyle of socket-exchange, bodies which weren't theirs. Some wore machines, robots, androids, even cyborgs which kept pieces of themselves. Others had deformed animals which were in part human by the mere fact that a symbiosis couldn't be anything but the thing which set them apart from the canon fodder which drew in. A human had become a flat surface as well, on top of a wall. Another one, only a piece of the organs which were swimming in a giant sea near the edges of the shore Ajamont rested near. In that sea there were not only the organs and the better minds, but the machines and the parts which kept them in check as they worked upon themselves, creating a pseudo-artificial puddle in which they evolved. This primordial thing called to him some senses which he didn't know he had attained. And the room near the sea, this short had been hard, almost sculpted, from a dark metallic-looking surface of a deep brown-green which looked like clay instead, if it had been wrought in iron afterwards. He had been completely called in, as they surrendered at a glance. Some weird forms came out, which had taken not only the appearance of bolts and other mechanic holding joints, but some giant bone-like ancestors of primates which only pushed their vividly disturbing appearances aside. One came with a deeply forged hat, which bore a few eyes and a tongue coming out of all of them that stretched around the rims in circle. No specific tongues were needed as the sea translated everything for him. To the initial change observation, he appeared to have noticed another change to the place. 'I haven't been in a long time. Would you happily point me into some direction?' 'Once you've established yourself as someone we can trust, then we'll discuss it.' And he danced for them, edifyingly pushing his knees up and down, well he hadn't any, but his shell was pushed upside down, as he turned and mourned again, for his sweet daughter. 'Let me pass already, I only came here for me, my sweet, sweet daughter.' 'What of your wife, Ajamont?' She had been a tool of the past. It wasn't something which would bring. Breathe through the air as you may. Breathe, deeper than what they want you to say. Restlessly set on the path ahead, look away, a piece of the earth was to fall sooner on your grave. It spoke of the macabre, lost for each step. Spake of the dead, look away at the blue diamonds at the prisms. There in the earth, past the trimmed lands of the spoken-for hounds, I could not rest not rehearse again. Lost for words I should've known she'd be lost. Would she be his if only for a time? He couldn't ask for her then, not likely since he was in doubt. For the girl who was his daughter, he had only one thought left to breathe.

Evil primeval nation

An evil nation had formed their kingdom in the midst of pines. Everything looked so simple, with no human settlement in sight. One of the first self-appointed rulers, evil man of a simple kind of dark breed came to be seen. 'Raise the flags men. Exactly how I told you to.' The animal skin had been spread against two wooden sharpened spikes which had been fashioned out of the stumps belonging to two adjacent trees which had their twin

branches ripped off. Spread rightly, it looked like it bore the red symbol of a dying blow made with the help of fresh animal blood. For their name, they had taken it "The red enclave of bloody desperation." "I don't like that name, we should bear something to reflect who we are. And we're no desperate lot!" "Yes just look at us." Sturdy men stood dressed in several suits of fur and chain armor, with trinkets of iron and some lost alloy in the mix. Their helmets were exposed on the top so their hair would grow through it. The sight was uncanny and neither of them could help but expose themselves for what they were, dirty, unwashed, poorly educated, savages, ugly, bearing an arrangement of big moustaches, dark haired, long beard and shaggy teeth of yellow tint. Even their poorly made weapons were more like tools of assassination than what they were intended to be. And that's what they were a nation of assassins.

Using the cheapest tricks, more mobile of fiends couldn't even think of it. Neither of them had been intelligent enough and had chosen the cowardice as their tools of act. "The Infringement of mad laceration." "Too imbecile, who chose you out of the lot?" Savages like them laughed. They didn't take this formation too serious. Every single one of them had been in for their own, bearing teeth which were bloodied and kidnapped prey for their own. Small tents had been poorly made, lying tinted in dirty red. It had come out of the fact that there was some kind of blast from one of the moving forgeries coming from the dark mountain holes. "Council of the blow." "It needs more red to it, isn't that what we're known for?" "The red council of." "Enough whickering about, we got work to do. There are plenty of men which need to be assassinated, rich folk mainly, contactless as usual, unless you count what I say as a contract. In which case, I have plenty of targets which are in need of dying and in need of theft." "Sir, what are we in need for?" "Just about everything you could get your hand on, Skart, their fortune, their weapons, their Goliaths as well." The Goliaths of which they had been spoken of had been giant heads of dark grayish texture which had been hollow inside, bearing no skull or feature but living as floating remnants of their giant bodies. In them there had been the satisfaction only one man could bear being inside. As soon as he'd stepped in it, the skin-head would suddenly shrink and envelop the man, eating a piece of him but sending a part of his mind into their world. On their physical plane there'd be only a dumb, brain damaged and eaten poor soul who's stumble while covered by that peeling layer of falling skin. He wouldn't be able to feed himself or fend off anyone, but at least a piece of his mind was out there. And these Goliaths were looked for obvious reasons. "Where would we place the Goliaths if we got them? I never even saw one for myself." "We'll build a stable for them as soon as we have just enough of them to build one. Those things aren't easy to craft, not with them around." So many of them, all of which had once been bandits, outlaws, cutthroats and plain evil men who found themselves being exiled there, onto that patch of the land, to fend for themselves. Clearly no sane man could care enough for himself to even take a bath. Yet already, Skrrd, Llrk, Brrlk and Flrket were already on their way. It was a good plan so far, they had opened one of the horses and moved inside of it. Such a creature kept living despite being opened and used, bearing its eight legs on each side, twisted and joined in two halves as to lift and drag, lift and drag like some legged forest-crawler on the move... From beneath a pool of liquid acrylic syrup kept dripping from its inside, leaving a trail behind it. They were drenched in it. That had given them a scent which repelled the other inhabitants of the forest which had looked onto them. In all fairness, this valley filled with pines hadn't been a place of expulsion just for the men alone but for the defiant creatures which hadn't found their place in the world. It wasn't even normal, how it acted. Within their sudden grasp of what was going on there, the head of the horse-being opened and from it came a two headed turbine lasher, which

bore its long body segmented with hoof-marks all over, which gave it the appearance of being walked upon. It hadn't made their walk any easier since. For each two steps, it would lash and whip itself against a tree, leaving a mark, as if it had to be known that it was there. 'Where does it even get so much of this bath from?' Said Flrket, with a bit of a hunch, just to point it out now. Above them, the ribcage shook, with its many organs trying to dance from one direction to another, flying out of order as they passed one another in their tiny space. Another set of moving bones had to act like preserving casts. It didn't matter, but look at that. Llrk pulled a piece and fashioned himself a small knife out of it. 'You should do the same as I have.' It was over the wooden bridge they brought that fiend to an end, thriving onto its last tints of meat and delightful feel before they threw its carcass away. Before it fell down there, it couldn't be forgotten. The sacrifice deserved something, especially since it got stuck on one of the many raised stone edges, from the posts whence it may never free itself from. 'Long thee be, Nyoa. Stay there and live for the rest of your natural span and may it be that we shall never meet again.' With which, they left one another and stepped in, step after step, going in the midst of the road, picking up a pair of wilder corpses before striding on foot towards the city of Yuonomar. The way ahead had made them weary of the road. It hadn't been easy trying to avoid any kind of night watch which raised the chance of them being caught at any hour. Something incredibly terrible happened. On their way, a man had stepped up to them on the trail of many leafed red wires caught in the turn of dust. Before the town, there stood this high crevice of stone which had constantly blown waves of dust across the flat plains. What had been endured now was the fact that the many wild plants had taken the appearance of twisted barb wires, not sharp to the touch but long and weedy enough to hide anyone while keeping them out of sight. On the brown floor, they looked like black and orange stripped barbs which shot out of the ground and into the tiny walls which had been formed out of tiny protrusions of stone. 'He's going to yell for help.' Skrrd said, with his nose pointing, dangling bone standing near a ring which held a bunch of black drake skins. He had just acquired it after killing one of their children and skinning their eyelids. Those were the dangerous parts after all. Poisonous toxins emulated from the body as soon as he had killed it, but luckily neither of them had been affected by the loss of limbs which occurred soon after. Another side effect would've been the losing of eyesight and the transformation into a crippled man which would've packed himself in a tinier shell before he got covered by a transparent veil he produced from the empty holes he bore, leaving himself exposed from another reptile-like creature to come forth. Brllk, seemed rather set on the fact that this made had a big backpack which held something of value. The sight of silver and of gold shone in his eyes. Only the thought of leaping and eating his ears could come. He wanted him to bleed out of them. 'Give it to me, I want it, I want that pack.' 'No noise yet, or the only silver you'll see will be dirty iron at the prison's grates.' 'But what if I want something to do with it?' 'You'll have to settle down then. No more being anxious, do you understand? We'll offer him something in exchange. I've got a feeling about him that he's just as deranged.' 'Stay back now.' He barked at the assassins. Without prior knowledge about what they were, having to judge them only by their ugly clothes, he had come to the conclusion that they were bandits. It didn't help at all that they were looking behind him that way. If they find out they're only painted imitations, they'll kill me. He had to have thought it out loud, because as soon as it passed, he noticed them whispering to one another just then. 'I think I see some movement there, should I check?' One tiny mace placed in the reach of his hand came down and knocked some sense into the wooden fence which had been stranded on top of dead pests. It had been a long road

with many corpses placed adjacent to them. Inside them, there was this constant growth which would occur from time to time. If someone hadn't pushed the sharp ends of the fence's leg deeper into them, sooner or later they'd escape. And it would be dangerous to let them go. Bone wasn't supposed to grow and sometimes men carried stories about bone becoming flesh as well. Flesh spread and grew on just about everything before the immediate castration of the nearest snots. There were twenty deranged seekers out there, which were looking for those patched bones, colored in many hues of thermal stone. One would have to be mad to collect them after hearing the stories but they were out there. Farther away than this small confrontation and sudden awareness of a watch, they stood on lands, they grew as tall as plants and spires, darkly standing with their shadows bouncing and prodding around. Such fashioned homes were used by faceless wizards who stole their own heads and placed them on top of theirs. Afterwards, as they would get reanimated, there'd be no discussion of what happened or how they got there. In obscure holds they formed their cities and had planned that their malefic visage would force all of those planed bones to grow. If only they weren't under constant pressure, they would have their way. 'We'll get it somehow, someday, trust me. I'll have made my own city like that, one of dark wizards, blind and filled with the taste of floating dark bridges. They will be ruled by our kind and at every step they'll take we shall look down on them.' 'Enough already get back to your speech after we'll have gone on with the plan. Can't you see that we're not going to achieve anything as long as you're yapping your mouth? That head you have acquired for yourself is a hindrance.' And it was, standing on top of his bald spot, covered by the same long robe which was held by a small pair of empty fists which had revealed a cut, a single metal drop leaving it, from which the robe wrapped itself against two ends. It was obvious that there had been some insertions from the back of his head to that one implanted. No magic exists here, that's what they say. No one to be bothered by it, no one to lay blame on another being if he had found it wrong. This world was for the bastard, theirs was for the wrong. 'I'll trade you something from my pack.' Said the scoundrel, while met by the assassins, he revealed that he himself was no man. He pulled the head out of his place and revealed a metal cap which had been inserted inside that entry of his. An arrow flew through his back, breaking the device and whatever had been in it. Every assassin then understood what had to be done. Each of them had to spread in whichever direction they could force their tiny feet on. 'There, damn rascals, they're up to it again.' 'Who, what? Where are you looking for them?' High weeds of tall grass had been pushing and drawing to the side of itself. It wasn't obvious at first but one could cut a just about half of the weeds and find nothing in there. They kept growing from within their ground picks. 'I can't see a damn thing out there. They must've escaped when we weren't paying any attention.' 'So, what are we planning on doing now?' 'Return to the patrol, that's the only thing we could do. If they're there by midnight, let them be, but they should find themselves back on the road if they know what's best for them.' Suddenly they scurried like rats. Farther, by the gates of Yuonomar, there stood one of them, crawling beneath. There had been just enough space for the desperate to come in. It's been a few hours in which they each tried stumbling towards their goal as best they could. Wearing the skin which wasn't his helped him crawl underneath the most distinct of creatures. It was him, now under the name of Hollmark, who had taken the insides of the mad horse-like creation. As much as he had cared to show himself around there, he entered through the bowels and found himself standing in front of the very main raised ramps which lead to the greater part of the city, where the upper folk laid. There were many raised ramps which were

conjoined and connected every part either by tall towers which connected every single other one, or the stairs. It was night and it was easier to crawl. He would have to find this man he picked for himself, for which he only had a face on it and a name. "Crator. Curator." Something in the veins of it. The name wasn't as important as he seemed to find himself drawn to the worst parts of it. Where the scum lay, there he went. A small pair of huts were filled together and left with only one door to get through. From it, two men had been dragged outside and beaten by a bigger one.

He fancied himself a tiny suit of leather on his overalls, which had been made out of some plate or chain-mailed. That would have to be ignored for now. I came here with a reason, don't let them see me yet. He drew his ugly hat neater underneath his face, covering his nose and eyes, pushing in what appeared to be the deeper cries from the distance. His ears followed, then his petty glasses. Black and rounded, held by a trickle of an iron wire. No more would he care, and there, he entered, again. Someone strangers looked and blinked an eye as if they knew who he was. Had he been a regular, he would've been seen as trustworthy. But he wasn't such a thing, there had been eight times he had been kicked out because of some attempts. It was clear that this time he wouldn't even care. A jumble of words could be called into play. More than deranged, as he had been seen, there had been less than fewer things now to play with. A lady at the fashioned bar, out of wood and tar, standing by the guard he hired, a big man with muscle's woe, bearing a metal bastion of a hammer's blow. There were some people he knew and other's that didn't return his favor. It was clear that at least someone was to be deranged, that evil one, who stood alone at the back of a

plate. He had ordered living chicks and he was standing himself by eating their heads. Only their short-lived screeched had been heard but the two of them already established a connection by having their presences acknowledged. Within him there came this need to brush past the others. "Greetings dark wizard, what information do you bear on you?" The head on top hadn't been any less disturbing than the facelessness underneath it. That had been something to be looked after. No one trusted this warlock, this evil man, this person. "Last devices, we're selling the

last part of this tiny cutter of toes." By the counter they had already started the auction and they were selling a machine of which the sole function was what it said it did. From it there had been a bunch of spider-legs popping, not made out of metal, but conjoined and grown there. They would have to be dealt with separately, as from now on; they fed through the tiny hairs growing on their many legs. Liquid could be spread and pushed inside those things, but they never specified what it was. Neither had been that, the fact that it pushed egg sacks out of them at times, creating those flat beings, which would replace the next generation of device holders. "You're looking for someone to slay." "How did you know that warlock? Tell me or I shall make you suffer until you expose yourself and your sources." "I know what you are, everyone does. Your clothes aren't hiding anything, just looked at yourself. It's way too clear from where you came from." "And what of it then?" "I have no intention of repealing you now. We both know it'd be better for both of us to keep a distance and never come into contact with anyone untrustworthy, that's why I decided to reveal what I know." "I'm listening then." "This Curator you're looking for, I could point you in the right direction for now. For a small price, we shall make a great deal." "It never goes well with your kin. Why should I trust you that you'll keep your side of the bargain?" "One exchange of his heart and we shall strike the deal." "You want me to abandon the others you say?" "Not two, not three, not four hearts but one. It is yours who shall take the head of the Curator. My second head had sight, he was a servant after all. I could tell you of everything he has, from his chambers to his stables." "We needed stables, for the Goliaths. Isn't that what master said? But those aren't our

stables. We could still get them. 'What can you tell me?' Snicking in wasn't going to be easy, especially since getting through those ramps would leave one rather exposed to everything up there in the watch towers. And they would be rather merciless against me. First, there was need for a distraction. No one expects fire unless there's sign of a fight, and since he knew just well, as a warlock would or a dark wizard at that, he confessed he had been rather pleased by the idea. There had been some conjuration or the spilling of valuable fluid from behind the back of his neck, which spread that much needed flammable exploit which would be immediately picked on from. Small bursts erupted and unless water buckets were brought, the fire could spread just around town in less than expected. But if there was something to him, that had been the fact that they would look upon themselves wretched, because they helped the scum. In the boarding of the tower, this Hollmark came, and brushed himself just by the gate as the guards just went in rows. A long way laid for him to climb after, just immediately as he entered and came to the surprise, he had been met by the quickened charge of a wolf. That rabid creature hadn't been aware of the tiny knife this man bore, being met around his neck, his body got thrown against the door. Alarmed by a knock behind, some wanted to check while others did not. He had been gone from the first area but three of them found the dog. It barked no longer, he was seen before. 'It's that dirty thief and scoundrel, get him, don't let him get away!' Screams had reached and bounced against the many walls inside, the brushing of his body as he passed on each room inside the tower had only made it harder for them to follow. He wanted them to; they had to see him go. It was part of it for as much as he hoped they would alert the other ones. Behind him, he had picked on the sliding tools. As the warlock had told him, the wizard below, he would use those metal clappers to hold himself by the metal wire which connected the watcher's vigils. That way he could traverse throughout town without being able to get caught. Obviously he couldn't be immediately pushed down or dragged for as long as there was power in him, he wouldn't despair. No more would he run, now it was the time. At the last moment he was met in the room belonging to the captain, in whose weapons stored armor galore, glory to the great axe which stood there in prime and glory. He wanted it, but it would be too heavy as well as hard to attain. Not likely to be caught by it, he wanted to be seen by just as many eyes. Before he could draw a blade, or make it for the dagger on the table, the pin of the halberd or the beer mug, Hollmark leaped and just then slit his throat and ran away. As the guards approached the last fierce sight emerged. They saw him draw and slide and get through that metal wire to the other side. He had traversed the first one before arrows could even come to land. They drew back knowingly. 'Don't shoot, you know what'll happen if you do. You'll only make it worse. We know where he's going, it must be there.' Why, this had been the mark of an assassin, the executioner who came. And only one prime target could remain, unless the captain but he had just been advanced in rank. They had no quarrel with him, clearly he had been only a distraction or some petty target. 'He will be in the courtyard of the Curator, that's where the wires lead to.' 'But they weren't supposed to lower themselves that way. Someone must've rearranged them.' He had been there, leaping after the fence into the grand entry to his citadel. That place was raised as if for war. It had been forged to withstand a siege of the kind which would draw in for months. And the ones left in charge hadn't noticed him yet. Four great rows of raised ore-like sculptured structured spines came out from every side. From each of them spread lobe-like patterned walls which gave the impression that those weird things grew on top of each other, having been given birth than being sculpted. What that lead to have been the main structure which stood like some kind of ziggurat, adorned with the many drawn in metal hinged which connected it to the

walls. Every few feet there had been a delimitation of squared rings which surrounded the structure, which moved and appeared to be runed. Only the casts of human skulls lay as runes in each ring, without a mention that each of them had been distinct from one another. Somehow, Hollmark hadn't realized that this was no simple man. This Curator was too dangerous to be confronted. Even his servants hadn't been alive, as they were structures which took on the shape of what they came into contact with, most recently being some men. It couldn't be appalled by the fact that there was something inside of them which helped make the distinction between their kin. He would have to look for another way in. And that hadn't been easy, though he had found a secret hole, hidden within a show of many hounds. He heard them but saw them not, anywhere as a matter of fact. They were just dead echoes which followed as he fell. A stroll through the sledge had come and he was there indeed, if alive at all. Torches lit this sanctuary inside, revealing the fact that the main structure hadn't been the entire citadel he owned but a tombstone per say. Large bodies stood there. Not giant, no colossus anywhere to be seen, only the damaged bodies of twice a human length and size, servants which wouldn't die. Startled by the sudden awareness, as one of them had been made aware of his presence, he stopped. The servant lifted himself on two feet. Without having seen much of the architecture of the place, he only drew the conclusion that he'd face something there or naught at all. 'Intruders aren't welcome here.' A piece of his skull was missing, leaving only two thirds which encompassed his mouth. The head must've been gigantic as well, most likely, something affected their growth in the same way the Goliaths had grown theirs. 'I'm not intruder, only a friend of the lord who owns this place. He's the one who invited me here in the first place.' 'I do not believe you.' Said the statue-like centurion, that's what he looked like. An armored figure, with no way of being there at all, bearing a kilt which had been leashed with some golden bands and chains, his shield was placed below him resting as he continued to provoke the little guy. The colors he bore were light grey nearing a green hue, with dark shapes embed on a loath chest, pauldrons with two anchored heavy neatly-placed pads. But his skin neared a blue shade, barely visible, his lips were purple, but obscured by this indistinguishable nuance which distracted anyone watching from knowing whether or not he had been alive. An arrogance made him be aware of what had been inside of him. That postulating stuffing which preserved the vestige he wore. It wasn't certain who he was or why he was there, as this was no mere soldier or watch. He had a nameplate on his chest which had the name. 'Gaius.' 'That would be my name, but I suppose it won't matter if you know it. My duty here is to provide you with a fair warning leave this place and don't return. The others won't be so kind as to entertain any kind of discussion or trickery. You may find yourself crushed underneath the banter.' 'But what if I was actually invited here by the lord of this place? Would he not be offended if he were to find out that his guest had been crushed?' 'Do you even know the name of the one who resides here?' 'Yes, he's the Curator.' 'An admirable attempt, but that's not his name, but the tile he bears.' He bent over and mere squeezed his head off. It immediately popped off without a question, just like the dark wizard predicted, but obviously hadn't told him at all. The others were on their way now, some had scurried in like a bunch of misplaced rats, going their weary crevices and passages in stone. Handiwork couldn't be denied now, as each one of them had carried some insatiable mean of murder. They spread in different directions, taking heed to make sure they were each getting a neat head start. With their weapons drawn, each of them managed to fling the weapon of choice, a beheaded goat-potyr, and the blade of a gentleman with no eyes. Farther way in a land unlike this, he had been speaking with his bodiless goats at noon. Floating as they were, their

lack of bodies served as a warning to the cluster of curses which inhabited the lands. But those were no goats, just shape shifters which had taken on the appearance of them. Why, their bodies appeared to be blades and various other sharp tools which would be used for torture. Revealed, as their true forms showed, they were made of one body which they all shared. On it, the heads of frogs, goats, dogs and utmost respectable felines rested. It was a body of a large magnitude of long hordes of heads which could only be seen as shapes which tried escaping from the sack in which they had been set. Every now and then, one of these outside heads would bark or make their specific sound to push them back. Now, obviously, one of those heads had been taken. It was precious after all, as it seemed to be the body of an overlord, which governed over its many pest-like servants which couldn't be mistaken for anything else than the defiling stuff of evil. It reigned. But this weapon had been forged and cursed. And every now and then, it would become a smaller body which had exited through the goat's eyes and mouth and ears, as a symbol that it hadn't forgotten what it was and that it would never be able to outdo itself again. Another reality connected the heads. Though their deaths could be reckoned with, it looked like there was a chance that afterlife for them would be the place where they showed themselves to be pure again. A furry goat-head would be a great worm out there. And from its weird squid eyes, there'd be a song which would revive the heedless sleepers from underneath the stony steps under which they hide. It was known that the lord of that afterlife had brought one of the most devastating punishments there were. The worm could be dragged back into life and forced to become another pest, another animal, in the body of which it could come. A majestic dread had been. That in was no goat that thing. There were no goat, but these things which had been spiked in the shape of some sea-drivel had been given that name. It was majestically unnerving to be looked down upon, with its sea-ears, sea-horns, sea-eyes and a will that never dies. It carried on knowing that it could extend its life. By now he had chosen onto himself to overcome death and become part of his arm. He extended from the neck in the back until he had become that, the wum he had desired to be. As the guards chased the assassin, they stopped and began being dizzy from the song it produced. That song had no effect on him, as he was spared. Both of them were aware that this alliance had to be carried with. But the man who had collected the heads? Where was it? Who was he if not the one dark wizard who had grown his maze-like tower into a plummeting lake, drowning himself as the goats drew in from their place? Agony couldn't be spared and he suffered in the last moments of life. A trifling thing had it been that it had survived for so long outside the place. But a curse it was, near the bottom of the lake, where the spirit of the wizard dwell, with the spirit of his second implanted head and the spirits of the drowned sailors and pirates with which he dwelled. Agony again was promising as this fool of an assassin found himself near the same hole. Somewhat he leaped over the wall and he had been chased by look-alikes made out of some made stone. 'You'll never catch us.' But the song was ineffective. Neither of them had been verged to fall to slumber and it went down as it had. There was something pointless in that moment, the cruel woe for which he fell. How could it be that he found himself down there, with a singing little goat, instead of having half-a-sense for himself, it became more clear that nothing else could be had but that certain angst and anxiety which bothered him to no end. It had been aroused by the many lights and the waking of so many centurions he couldn't count that he chose instead to set forth. Nothing could be questioned any longer, without the trace of evil and of paranoia. No, without out there would be wrong in the world. He wanted to somehow escape the place. In his mind, he could only think of a way through which he may make amends for what he's done. And even that

crustacean goat stopped singing, as it turned to shaking. Both were met by no way to run, a tight tunnel which lead in front of a big hall towards which the walls converged and which appeared to share a similar design on each side. In the middle there were the stairs. If he could make it there in time, but the question couldn't be called. Not while it moved. One of the other assassins spans and ended up leaping off his head. 'We'll meet on the other side.' While being chased, as if that hadn't been enough, there hadn't been anything but the weird manipulation, the courage of looking as the mad insemination which had waited on the other side. The previous scene couldn't be seen but merely thought off then. It couldn't have been thought as anything else but that supposed death of his colleague. It didn't matter. This' what he discovered. In front of them, the bridge which connected four sides at each end stood above the army which resided underneath the chapel. In it there stood a bumping spot of white formations which spread in every direction, had the texture of many tiny egg-like sacks which would resemble fish-offspring's trying to get out. From it, in the back of that lord, it attempted to form his mad wings out of their own children. Within each bump, there sprouted a few as well as there could be implied. There was that desire to be told and held accountable for their sake. But this adorned man, who stood in the same shape of the centurions but whole looked upon the intruder. Curator, he'd been called, lifeless but stone. In his back, popping eggs sprouted more from their own insides. He had found a way to get his own living eggs to impregnate themselves into growing. No life could get out of them any longer and he would achieve flight. He blinked, and made it so he would aware that he wasn't a statue.

This assassin had been watched. Looking around, he saw the four chambers through which the bridges lead, including the one behind him after the stairs. It was such a peculiar design, this tomb of his. Slightly denivelated and pushed forward rather than there being unity. To him, it almost felt like this moved. And he saw then, the wheels on the sides, it did move. 'What are you hiding underneath this place? The hole above should've aligned with the top of your open chapel.' And it looked like only the roof and four pointing legs surrounded the sack-birther and the seat in which the curator stood. 'I am giving you a chance to live for a shorter period of time than your pathetic life allows. Leave this place and don't return. My centurions might turn a blind eye now, but they won't unless I have called for them to do so.' It took him a moment to realize just how hopeless it had been. Without question, there couldn't have been a worse thing. They were aware of it, and let it sink. The body of his fellow assassin and his smashed head of a goat had been thrown below. Neither of them had ever found the remains of the other man they had lost. Which only lead to that one thing which was uncontrollably set off instead of watching anything else? It was by those means that they might be able to get away. They could've used the chance to evade in a small slither of a stone. He saw it, just a few feet away, if he had stepped on it, he would've fell through the floor. If he had survived the fall, he might've had the chance to be on his way and escape. But both were dead and only one of them remained. This curator had him stare. 'My people wouldn't forgive me if I had returned empty handed.' And to show that he had meant it, he took a few steps forward, shaking without a doubt. It was clear what he wanted to do. 'You intrigue me, small fly. Perhaps this is how you want to die? At the hands of the Curator?' 'That is your name, is it not?' 'A title, but it is close enough. Say, I enjoy a gamble, a play of words, a jumble and riddles and any kind of game of worth. With that said, guess my name.' 'Would you be the Sphinx now?' 'Oh, but you have been lectured on the past. You look unwell and dirty, a scrant. How is that you know of such things?' 'I have come from a noble family, oh, Curator. Don't be surprised if I may have been able to brush past your guards. As each of them tried to crush me, I have avoided their

strike and come through as easily as I could do for myself. Through my studies, I have learned how to prevent any kind of harm, any kind of rancid thing which may come upon me then, anything of the matter. Worry not, as I won't slave myself past it. They shall torment me no longer, these thoughts which haunt me.' 'I have grown weary of your need to stall. Say what you want then, we shall play no games. If I deem your request worthy, I may either free you, proceed to go on with you or I shall make you suffer.' It had been rather grand, the solace of the evil nation. They crafted for themselves carpets which had been placed below and they cut the trees and made for themselves tiny

houses and homes, a village into the wretch of the place that had been. 'Well, by now they should've returned.' 'They're dead, I know. It's what I expected it to end like. We have too many mouths to feed and this is the only way to actually clear them off.' 'Are you sure there won't be any unwanted attention being drawn to us?' 'From whom?' 'From us.' One of the warlocks said. A hand of men who had been around the place had taken looks at them.

These strange darkly coated wizards who let their top heads do the talking for them. It was surprising how they made it this far. 'We were promised a good deal if we looked out that they may be killed as clean and quick as possible without traces being left. And I have personally gone through a lot of trouble to curse the mind of many of the witnesses out there.' 'Why you tiny two headed cheating bastard.' It was twenty years ago. That thing, it looked so distant now. But they managed to build their twin cervixes which had been laid around their greater town. It had been surrounded by a forest not of trees or oaks but of those wizardly towers which had been planted and allowed growth. What they had achieved then was a complete alteration at a level which may be unmet. 'How may I serve, young assassin?' This one shopkeeper sharpened his blade and came to his senses. Obviously distressed by what was going on in there, he couldn't help himself while looking at the many blades and spears in display. The tiny daggers and poisoned arrows looked maliciously appealing. 'May I have a single arrow?' 'No, leave.' 'But I have come with pay, I have the means to buy at least a good chunk of your ware, see?' This young brute took out his bag and revealed a wealthy enough stack which had been hidden from sight. 'What are you up to? Trying to trick me or something? I don't take kind to those who'd pull me off me trousers.' Not with what he had been hiding behind him.

It was the actual body of the shopkeeper, as his was a replica face. It had taken him a while to grow it but he had done it nonetheless. Somehow obvious, if not, the growth had been a practically hard process to be called. By the face which had been delivered, just two weeks prior, he had been but a tiny worm which had been electing on the blood still left on the meaty side of that weird shaped face which got ripped off someone's skull. Though it was weak to the touch, he had managed to take a tiny bite off the vendor's finger. It felt like a sting, dismissed as no less

but the happening of clumsiness. Though this was fine to notice, how this tiny ringed one came off the ground, crawled away and began growing. With enough of his blood, there'd be enough information to fully grow him. And when it happened they met. 'What's this?' 'I am now you and I have come to take your place.' 'What?' His throat had been slit and cushioned to block the sound and make as muffled of a noise as he fell on the floor. There came a knee which only added to the injury he felt as well as a kick to the back of his ribs when he was on the floor. Afterwards he stomped the back of his neck, while he was still kicking, and pulled him by the hair to force the bleeding of the throat to occur more so-likely. 'Now I am you, and it is I who should be in charge of the store. And I have only you to take for.' He spoke to the flayed face. It answered. 'You are welcome, I have provided you with a means of escape from your condition. Now I only ask for you to grant me freedom so I may crawl again and reach the fields of

Thousogour.'Fine.'With his free hand he slapped the case open, breaking it and spreading the ashes. A fire had been made which had to be promptly stamped. It had been a mistake, using his hand for it, which had promptly become some weird twist of finger and of worm-growths. Small burn marks lay on top of it as well, white-sored. But the young assassin who had come in missed just about everything. No one mentioned anything else. They had all been too cruel for those types of things. 'What do you want then? What do you actually want? Not just an arrow, I hope, unless you came here only to show what you made.' 'No, no, but I came here to make fine purchases. Like that blade over there.' 'It's far too heavy for you, who's going to carry it you? Are you aware of the policy? No taking back of stolen good.' 'They're stolen? All of them? But I thought this was an honorable place.' In the short span of time he had been alive, he never would've expected someone as backwards as this short spy. His eyes were narrower and he couldn't see properly. For his very attempt looked like it wasn't going well. Blasted flayed mask still kept on dragging along, pushing through and ignoring everything which happened there. 'Can I at least focus on the merchandise?' 'Do what you want, you're not obliged to purchase anything you don't want.' It was copulating. Three more flayed faces emerged. One of them clawed its way to the back of the vendor he had killed, trying to take away his mask and push it out from him. His brown stalkish clothes prevented the rest from being taken, the main thing which impeded it being the cap. On the other side of the street there was the Posionery. It was they called it in those days. They had the front of the shop strayed in a coat of anti-venom pesticide. There wasn't anything like it, to the point of there not being any way to decide whether or not it was safe to touch. 'No one entered yet. Hey, can you hear me up there?' Klone yelled up the small shaft which entered through the ceiling. He had been heard just well enough then. 'Is the mixing going as planned?' 'Give me a moment to check.' He had looked in the barrels where all the poison mixing was being done. There were extra strains of extractions from the common roach and the rats which had been caught. It couldn't be believed at all. It was undoubtedly peculiar then. A stroke of misbehavior seemed to be for the kin. No one dared look at their own. Those heads which hanged on top of the ceiling kept leaking inside the barrels. It was a fascinating process which couldn't be described as anything else at all, but the desire of some vague calculation. They were matching the exact needed amount which would fall inside the poisoned substance, which had been combined with the thing which dripped from the last floor above him. 'Are the bodies breaking apart?' 'I think they are. Let me see, yes, I think they're breaking apart just well.' Without a way of consideration, or some malignance, they had perfect the process of disease to an extreme which couldn't even be seen as anything less of an imperfection. It was evenly said, that the dead carried the potency of the poison which had been used on them while they had been alive. Combined with the bodies, it had been right. 'Well, the bodies are doing great, they're pilled and rotting and bloating the substance in which they're slowly melting. We shall have a new charge of their essence soon enough.' They collected them separately and stored them into bottles. By the looks of it, they had long tubes and valves which turned and twisted as soon as the process had begun. It was seen as nothing less than a way of preventing any contamination and the sudden venomification of the toxins. Why, if the ritual had been wrongfully placed, then, the poison would be filled with some sort of distaste. It would fill anything up to a curve. No one would dare move while it happened. Some past assistants had been lost at the time when some mixing happened during the ritual. The incense combined with the many placed runes were meant to be mixed with the poison, the essence and the solid remains of various insects to create some powerful kind of ailment which

would be attached to any kind of surface. Anyone who'd step on it as a mere kind of mischance would find themselves afflicted by their clothes. It would first be absorbed by the fabric, afterwards, it would change to enter the skin and work its way layer after layer until it would have poisoned the victim's organs as well as their minds. None of that would be caught by eye at first and in the end, the poison would find a way into the sewers, living there for the rest of its life. What would keep it alive would be the constant hunt of the rats which would come as soon as it would sharpen itself like some kind of spear and run through it at last. Some rats survived, carrying only a tiny bit of it with the help of the fleas, as it was close to being harmless to the rodents in small amounts, but not to men. They were deadly to them. The most high-profiled targets were them after all. It was for that reason that at the highest levels they hired women to do the work and the mixing. The essence acted in the same manner. But no woman would be trained in the ritual which was needed for the creation to occur. But had the venomification been? A strange process indeed, which would force the poison to become some kind of venom which would be immediately absorbed by the first man who came into contact with it, who would in turn develop a sack in which it would be stored, just above the lungs. What had been ever so deadly was the fact that, as it had already been implied, they would have to insert it by biting. And self-biting occurred evenly often to no contrary belief. No amount of interest faded by the fact that the victims would sometimes try having their teeth pulled out in order to prevent themselves from being bitten. But that didn't work either, as the glands had still developed and they would constantly be drinking their own venom, which would have such a wild concentration that it would melt through living tissue and find its way into the bloodstream if it were for it to be ingested. No one was safe from danger, though that had been a means of living. Of course it had been him, the same annoyance of an assassin who had been here before. This time, it looked like he actually came with a bunch of small blades and an arrow. One of them, a single arrow, no more than one, had he lost the others? "Say, have you lost something on the way here?" "I suppose I have. My time, I thought this was an honorable shop in which I came." "It is?" "Why yes, only the most elite of assassins are welcomed here, are they not?" "Are they?" This hadn't been a pleasure. Business went slow when they had to walk or go by carriage for entire months during their assassination runs. And in the meantime, they were stuck with people like him. It wasn't getting any better at all. No one wanted him to be near them. He had a weird appeal and a strange way of negotiation, if there had been one at all. Without a way to look back, he asked for it. "An essence, please." "How do you know about the essences, you pesky rat? I've seen you before, going around and trying to outdo us over with your selling of wares and, damn you." It was hard to keep his face straight, especially when he was annoyed by this poor excuse of an assassin. Obviously this knucklehead hadn't done anything even closely regarding to some kill, otherwise he would've done something by now. There were no other influences then, only this thing. He didn't have the scent of any beverage, though each time he had come in here, he smelled like it. "Very well then, one that's been properly dealt with should be just about." "No, I want a pure one, from the top." "Listen you damn... Listen very carefully, I don't know what type of game you think you're hinting at but I'm not going to sell you one. It's far too dangerous, especially in the hands of someone like you." "What, you don't trust me?" "Yes, yes, I've heard that before, same lines, multiple times, always trying to get through with something, one way or another. Don't try putting yourself on the top just yet, it won't end up well for either of us. If there's a leak, that will reflect upon our shop and ours alone." And there was the other thing. He looked sometimes from the corners. It hadn't made any

sense, but he materialized from the corners, a figure with a skull-helmet on top of his metal graves and banded armor, which had the heat shape of some broken anvil. By the time they had established what was going on then, it was clear enough that there was some way to push through the veils of their hidden hold. This was no assassin, he had been the image of destruction which had been widely spread. Once it had been reported that it opened his head to reveal a wager of fire which lay inside. By the time it would stop, this tormented face of many melted alloys revealed itself as some kind of grasping hand. His insides felt like a place where the souls went and suffered for what they've done. It was no coincidence that it had appeared here and now. 'Fine, we'll strike a deal, this is the amount of coins.' 'Cut it by eighty thirds.' 'That's not how it works, I cannot give you for any less, especially for such a pure dose.' 'But I want it, I need it for my project.' 'What would that project be now? It can't be replicated. That's not how it works either.' 'Then you have nothing to fear from me.' He didn't know what he was getting in. He would kill himself and a few people around him. They couldn't sell it, though there were no laws preventing any kind of immoral action, he was far too dangerous to be trusted with even the slimiest dose. But how? How would he be tricked? If there was any kind of poison or toxin or. Wait, he had kept the venom somewhere in here. Not the kind which had resulted from a misused ritual but from the other direction. At least, to be sure, there were a few indications which could be had. This danger could only risk itself there, this had to be done. He had to get rid of this dumb cretin somehow. 'Here, purest of the lot. Wait, before I give it to you, know that you have to be made aware of the dangers which lay in this bottle. If you are prick your finger, expose your skin, move it, rub it, sniff it, lick it, or any kind of appliance of any type of surface which may come into contact with you, this will rot your skin and inner organs. Though it may take its time, this will be agonizing, as you will eventually suffer through it.' 'So I'm supposed to simply put this on?' 'No, you will die agonizingly slow until it exits your body. In the rare case that you may survive, it will take a lot of willpower, which I doubt you may possess to get back on your feet. This isn't a joke, this is incredibly dangerous and the consequences are far too outrageous to be simply brushed over.' 'Fine, fine, just give it to me. I shall make do with it.' The trade had been done, one poison bottle exchanged masters. He left as soon as he had come to his senses and got ready to apply. First there'd be the arrow, then the short daggers. It was hard, keeping them that way, but he had previously applied some ailment on the metal. Though this process would take a long time, he would eventually create a resin out of the melting pot of metal, the ailment and the toxin, which will be melted together at the forgery to create a metal star. It was a dangerous time to way in his hiding spot. He had dug a hole underneath one of the normal buildings where people where and there he culminated his doings. By no ethereal means could be waiting any longer and possess any difference in thought. It couldn't even be right from the start.

They were trying to look at it that way, by means of disillusion. His friends, a few heads he had stolen from a battlefield. They were cherished as assassination targets when in reality, they had been laymen. But it was more important that they didn't look like them, they looked like wealthy people by appearance, so why would it matter if they wore robes of rags? 'I need to be careful with you, sharp ones. If I were to prick my finger now, straight into your sharp angles, I would simply have to.' A few assassins had been bored. They were running around a spring when they had stumbled upon an entry underneath. 'Look, I see a secret passage, what do you think may be there?' 'There's only one way to find out, isn't there?' And down the gulp they went, straight down the throat like a bunch of animals which went over themselves, trying to get in each other's ways. 'There's a giant barrel here, and a

door, what now? How did they manage to carve an entire cave?" "Shut yer mouth before you give us away, look, I think I hear someone coming." From the other side came the armor thug. He had been hugely-bulked, his eyes were pinned and on top of his head, over the black mask there was the skull of a thorax. Giant and reptile-like, it was even less remotely apt to some kind of influence. This thug looked the type of a heavy drinker. "So, what do you possess?" "What would that be stranger?" "What do you have on you? For the pass." "That's ridiculous, we don't have to pay for a thing. We just arrived here." "No money, no pass. No pass, you leave, by yourselves or by me." He straddled one of his arms by the side and started flexing. The armor around it appeared to be strained by the mere display of force. But what had given them the impression of him being threatening was the fact that he had a big head behind his back which pushed a smaller one out of its mouth which pushed a tongue which went in a maze-like complexion of steel. It turned into an eel-like process of spreading some static shock against the air, which bounced and appeared to make some connections now and then. "Look at this, I have made some arrangement that I would get a new experimental toy every time some trouble-maker stumbled down here. This is a selective tool exchange workshop, yea, I like that. You come near me, I break your nose. Make a move, I break the opposite, down there. Now that we understand one another." And as he said, he made sure to flicker his weapon that it may bounce up and down until the tongue regained its steadiness and reformed into a blade. Neither of them could look away. They each picked up a small sack and threw it into his hand. "Right this way, gentle scum. Right this way." It was vaguely looking like a trash hole. That used to be a standing table and those broken chairs used to be whole. Not a single drop of the oil came from above. More interestingly, this was a display which showed just enough of what was needed to complain. Eight doors, each wall being occupied. For now they were merely in the longue and it looked as if someone had trashed it. Despite every assassin being forced to wear their formal apparel, there was a thin and tall man who sat in corner, drinking for his pipe. He filled it with the drops of black scum which dripped from above them. Less plausible than it appeared in their eyes, this stranger offered them something, a much prized coin. "Welcome, to the real inner-working of our Enclave." "Has a name been settled on already?" "No, but it's still something we're working on. Plyeoris, that's my name. I am a master. That's simply what I am. Don't try arguing with me." With a flicker of the tongue, he revealed the small needle he had sipped in from his pipe. After that, he showed them a haystack of needles which had been hidden in it. He spat it at one of them, inches below his eye. It hit, landed but didn't fall deep. The three of them almost got into a defensive position but before they could take out a small dagger or any kind of blade, this man threw it at them, the tiny needles, which fell like some freckles of space. "Too slow, I could already see myself cutting through all of you and leave you bleeding down the side. It's not safe, you know that. There's a clock tower down there. And in it, there lives another master assassin. Just like I am." Plyeoris didn't even look like he drew that blade. A long, sharp rapier stood in his hand. Clearly caught by this, he reeled in and drew closer. He wanted to cut deeper, much deeper than what was expected of him. "Fine, there, see that door over there? It's open. The workshop is a facade, I think you're worthy of looked away. Let me just knock this many times." Of course neither of these troglodytes paid any attention there. It was less important and the pace had been skewed. But they were drawn in by the sight of the jewels. They saw down there, through the stair, an opening, through which they ran, leaped and almost fell through. "Watch your step by the way, there's a dead fall just below. Many a luck for you, strangers." A full view of this multi-placed spanned dimensional cascade resonated as

they looked upon the rooted tandems of hardened wires which were placed down there just a tad above the buildings. IT wasn't a city, those constructions had been stolen. Utmost likely from the assassinated targets which were in no need of them any longer. Not that it mattered. It looked insufficiently vague whether or not someone could hold them apart. From one side and the other, they noticed just how much wealth there was down there, but on top of each house, finally they pointed and saw. 'The bodies, look, they killed entire families and their hounds and the Goliaths are there as well. All of them impaled on dark wood and raven homes, what's going on in here?' 'Don't let your tongue get out of the way just yet, we need to know how we may be able to prevent our fall.' 'We could last through the fall if we pay just enough attention and grab a hold as soon as we hit the rope.' 'Fine, but our deaths will all be on you, understood?' 'I certainly have. Now let's make it before it's getting late.' They got caught in this state of affairs and fell. Now that the ground was safe to be stepped on they latched on the metal strings and held just in time so they would prevent the fall. The three of them had been greeted by some stares by the looks of it. On the contrary, it couldn't have been enough, the amount of time which had been spent at that moment when everyone simply looked out of place. As they were greeted by these strangers, they paid a special kind of attention to how they dealt with their horses. It was an important detail and quite a sight to focus on for as long as they were there. Without proper commitment, they couldn't pay any other interest to what was right. In front of their eyes, there was this decisive interest, which was inheritably bad. 'Get out of my face you scherzo!' A four headed spike helmeted creep came out of one of the lamp smoke shader. As the door blasted behind him there came the trail of white smoke. It but through the air with a flicker of the eye, but he saw it then. One of the assassins noticed the strange man who had been hiding inside the blinks. The same armor matched what they had been talking about, with little in mind to their own needs. It bled the question, who was that warrior who hid himself. 'I will tear your body apart unless you give me what's mine, do you hear?' 'What's mine is mine, now get out of the way.' Without a second in mind, they turned towards the fight and watched. As the two of them had been caught by their belts and wrapped around one another, they fought not with blades but with broken bottles, trying to chop at each other's neck before anything could be had. It was unnerving at last, watching how there wasn't any chance to get away from it. A sense of danger permitted one to draw away and spread himself as fast as he would need to in order to avoid the capture. 'Do not be distracted yet. They won't covet what's needed of me to creep.' With that he chopped about one fifth and revealed the bleeding wound which held no red blood but black. He bathed in it and appeared to have achieved his reward. They clapped and looked as the man disappeared in the night. It had always been like that, down here, fighting occurring, stabbings, and assassinations between cowardly strangers. 'Newcomers, if I were you, I'd stay as far away from them as I could. They're not worthy of your time. Listen to me.' 'Who are you?' A red robe, scarce of fingers which lit fires appeared, like some magician, fire breather, obscure redeemer of the flame. It wasn't likely that he had any association with the warlocks but this young looking, long hated red dressed magus, who had himself presented by a bow appeared to be rather well behaved. 'I am Floor, of the flames. They call me that, you know? Around here and just about every place I appear at. Most think I'm a legend because I was born with the unique ability to produce fire at the tips of my missing fingers. So I have made it my task to make as many flames as I could so I may impress as many people as I might. In my quest, none may suffer any addiction to my fire. Know that I shall act as cold as I have to if you develop some kinship towards me. My soul is lonely like a red wolf, a lone one that's

misunderstood.’ ‘I’m Drelk, these are Stellkrn and Krong. We are mighty assassins.’ ‘I figure.’ ‘As I was saying, we have come forth here in seek of a new adventure in the confines of our city.’ Drelk made sure to look around. No one was paying any attention to them any longer, instead they resumed whatever they were doing prior to the fight. It wasn’t that often that he would see something like this going on but he figured as much. ‘Listen, I only want to do something here, an interesting thought. But I want to purchase something.’ ‘That’s what every newcomer wants, every single time. If only someone came as an explorer or a victim of some loss of space. But no, they all come here looking for a tool or weapon or anything useful.’ ‘And why wouldn’t we?’ Ask Krong, as he made himself taller, as if to appear like he was strong. ‘Why, I’d say I’m trying something of the kind myself, with better tools and better weapons.’ ‘No excuse here. I understand that you come from a city of warmongers. And this is the Black Market after all.’ This was a dangerous thing which made all three of them leapt to their senses. They may not have realized prior to the reveal but this was nothing to be taken lightly. In the market they sold parts, living pieces kept alive by powerful chemicals. And weapons which would misfire, various dusts of addiction and even some sharper tools which sometimes cut through the arm of the wielder, by accident, or course of action. ‘Give me a few pebbles of tapeworm infestation. I need them to be tinier than usual, even though they’re slow, I know, I’m aware of the time they’re in need of to grow, but I’ll handle it no matter what. It couldn’t be any better any longer. They’ll be here sooner or later.’ Another shady fellow spoke, exchanged and left out of sight. If everyone above was untrustworthy, they were the epitome of it here. ‘So, what’s there to do around here?’ ‘Just the same, go there, on that small land pile of drudge, see that house? It stands just high standing enough for you to lose yourself there before the sand waves comes.’ ‘Sand-wave, what sand-wave?’ ‘Young assassins, you didn’t know? We’re moving underneath the other operational base in the desert of Ahl’ Bhaaln. So seek some kind of protection while we’re at it, otherwise, you may get lost amongst the waves.’ It was thorough enough a message that they’d understand. The magus already took an effort to go into hiding before he could be drawn to it. ‘We have to make it to it in time, come on.’ Outside, there were just enough of the ones who return to make it in time for the harvest of the bodies. They brought them in piles, thousands of bodies which carried inside their pockets gold, jewels, red eyes, and even the sight of the golden touch, a pair of golden hands which rubbed on, giving them the temporary appearance of gold as they sparkled in the air. With each passing shimmer of dutiful golden particle, it had been revealed that they didn’t actually care much about what was going on there. They were inside, those hidden jewels which had been collected throughout their raids. In a particular assassination, there was Giovalta, who had come into the sight of high-lights. A pair of chains held the city above the outer rims of the grand garden before the Cathedral of Llay. It was by their sight that they couldn’t be anything but fooled by it. ‘I am going to care about something here. Don’t worry about it, I shall pay you thrice as much as I had the last time, just let me in.’ ‘Would that be a promise now? Because you crossed me too many times for me to forget, and see what they did to me?’ This poor sod was missing pieces of his irises, which had been removed and replaced by a whiter gaze belonging to some quiet torture. He had been placed on the torture table for too many hours to count. There, his body was whipped and hit by flaming glass which had been torn apart so he could get cut by it. And his skin had been drawn inside a bottle, as he had become skinless and forcefully dragged into a bath of salt. Afterwards, they threw some toxin into the bottle and by the time their strange chemical mixing ended, he had been given it back. ‘Ready to talk now? Say, where have you acquired these golden coins from? These

were brought from the Andalusians. You lowly sod couldn't have obtained them without a theft or by, getting someone in.' 'My good master, no, I have done no such thing. I am a good servant, I have never, and I would never.' 'Silence! These coins speak for themselves now. Look what it happens when they enter into contact with fire.' The inquisitor of no remorse threw the coins and from their sprouted scornful shades of scorpion tails which who inside the metal cage in which the fire had been encapsulated. For a short time they tried escaping and moving with their insides revealed. Some pucker lay inside, pick, like a bunch of crisis crossed pink fleshy toes which flung themselves towards one another in a moist attempt of preservation. 'Not only a liar but in contract with the assassins? I see how it is. You must be one of their many agents, whom had snicked inside and appears to have thought him all too mighty to be caught. Bring the torture bell now.' 'I am not with them, I swear, I have been given these coins from someone in the market.' An inquisitive hand raised itself and made sign for him to stop. His red and gold rimmed overalls shook as he drew closer. His nasty snucker jolted as his dark moustache convulsed. 'Who gave them to you?' He had been dragged towards it and in a single swipe of a needle's play, as if he were caught in the play, he pointed at the man he had the vaguest idea that he may overact and save him. And as they made their way towards him, luck stroke him as one previous assassin stood upon one corner of the roof. After seeing what had happened, he prepared an arrow and pointed at the sod. It was a mere moment when he thought it through. Such an entry could've made it so he would be caught in the one open window in which he could try to make for an escape. Instead of it, he stood still. Those assassins never struck him as being even decently well in the head, but this one did. He wasn't short, he was thin and tall. He understood what was going on. And that's the only important manner which came, as the arrow flew through the merchant's head. 'Get down, now, there's a murderer amongst us. Look out, look out, he's somewhere near.' They looked at the wooden domed buildings but they were too wide spread for anyone to be seen. And it was a long distance from which he shot the arrow, enough that it could've recoiled to some interesting gaze. It glazed the small tent in which the merchant stood as it went through his head. 'It was a close thing but I think I owe it to your people, Giovalta. They got me into trouble and it was them who got me out of it. Now they think I'm trustworthy enough to care for them as they share some secrets with me. Don't take it too personal but I have noticed that lately you've been as cold and as pushed away from me as they all been then.' 'I was only trying to watch out for myself, that's all, nothing personal or anything, it's just that there's a mole and we're all being too paranoid about it.' 'Greetings, how many I be of service?' 'I am trying to get a nasty liquorish rum bottle that I may use to drown my sorrows before I end my life.' 'Good choice, sir, how much would that be though?' 'What? You're the one supposed to set the price, not I. What trickery is this? Am I supposed to give you the lowest price so I would be backstabbed?' 'How would that fair me, sir? You're already on your way to the one of your destinations. They say they will spread your body in halves, and then ask each half to go in a separate plane of torture.' 'No good end?' 'Not for us, good man, you're an assassin. I'm only being ironic here, as you'll suffer for an eternity, either here or there. But half of your mind will at least be lost so you'll only halve your problems as well. At least, let's hope one of your halves doesn't become childish, we wouldn't want a child to suffer such a fate now would be? Just in case, are you sure you wouldn't like to purchase a service? We could simply have someone bash the side of your head and everywhere around, just so you could forget most of your life events. That's the only considerate way, you know?' 'You cannot control me into doing that. I will not hurt myself.' 'Changed your mind then?' 'Very well, I will

still take the rum, just give it to me and I'll do something with it. Just don't try scamming me out of it. I'll take what you say into consideration and be weary of my drinking habits.' 'Will you now?' 'No, I have decided I will slit my throat with the bottle. And as I bleed I'll shove it at the side of my head until there'll be no child of mine.' 'Great choice sir, here's your order. That'll be. You left.' 'An assassin, a thief and a dead end, of course I should've realized it. But pay no attention to it now, we'll make certain of what's going to happen next.' 'Here's the deal. Somewhere in this hiding den, there's a thief. I want to pay you to kill him before he kills himself. No word to the other assassins, but I want a return and interest to what he owes me.' 'What interest would that be? We don't deal with that thing here, scum merchant.' 'I'll give you a part of what you make.' 'And if I decide to keep everything to myself?' 'Then you'll have no booze, and you'll have to find out that you'll be dealing with the kind of bootlegger.' The very thought of it didn't fare well. Though this city, which had been rather well-protected behind the sanctuary of the Cathedral, it still had a tiny pocket where assassins met. Like some inner-branch, solitary from the nation. Yet they kept in contact and appeared to deflect themselves by mere signs of communication from time to time. Of the bootleggers, it was enough to know that they shoved fingers and nails inside their bottles. So either way he looked at it he would be screwed over. In reality, this liquor store wasn't any different than theirs, with the only exception being the obvious restriction of the materials which entered his merchandise. 'It's a deal then, but say, what does that fellow look like?' Tall, shady-skinned, large nosed, wearing glasses and a robe that either engulfs him in the shadows or hides the inner countenance of blue and white, or some kind of decently classed noble. He wasn't dumb, but there was this tiny thing which made him think. 'Oh no, I may have sent you too quick, haven't I? That son of a...' It was by that realization that the alcohol in his blood supply went to his very head. Disturbingly thought, he had looked at it as some kind of weird way through which he had been tricked. That damned assassin purchased a contract on himself, that quickly and efficiently. And much worse, over a bottle of rum. Only one thing could be done, just so they wouldn't find out and turn his reputation into a bleak remorse. 'Here's your pay, kill the assassin which had went rogue. He'll be buffed and heavy, almost green skinned from a skin condition and ugly faced as well. He has some scars on his face and other than that, I don't think he's well known.' 'Right, would that be all?' 'Yes, make it as quickly as possible.' 'Understood.' They shook on it, but he became paranoid already. His only good will-like advantage was the fact that only assassins came down there, which only made him more paranoid. What were those impulses which came onto him? 'Another contract, yes, he looks pale, thin, blond, quick and nimble, he must be slain before he makes a move on someone of importance which needs to be avoided.' 'Kill those birds, they might look, they won't be missed, those blue ones, they can have their memories pulled out from their heads, right, do it, do it quick and hide the evidence.' 'The two of you won't have a normal contract, instead of killing you will break as many stuff around and make as much of a chaos as you can.' 'Don't kill, cut around their knees, just laymen, they're dangerous, they're going to find out about our hiding place. I'll pay you in bottles and refills.' 'Kill dogs, cats, kill everything which moves but not people, around the mark where there's noise, just do it.' 'This one and this one and this one and...' He had to resupply. Before his rashness came to add up to anything of worth, he had realized it again. 'What have I done?' The city was filled with people and amongst them there were many killers, bruisers, thugs and hired hands which received contracts to do a lot of harm. He had even hired some of them to sell some bottles which tiny pieces of metal inside of them. 'What have I done?' By the light of the street, at the tips of their feet, it

had become clear, at last that there was going to be trouble ahead. 'I must get into the right mood before I start cutting and battering my head.' The voice had been just loud enough to wake the cattle, the ox, the children who were napping away near the door and even the old ones who were able to walk no more. He looked around in his cabin. No one was there. This house had been in ruin for as long as he had not only moved in it but ever since he killed the old couple which used to live here. Both of them were old and lost. Now they were truly lost, without a chance of coming back. Their corpses had been hidden away with the help of trickery, no mistake should be drawn there. He over-did it as well. 'Aye, I've done some terrible thing that would put any other hand of the blade, or anyone from the Nation's stomachs inwards. Dangerous times lay ahead and sooner or later, I won't be able to help it if I'll be dead. Who shall sing my name? Some might say, who will remember me if I don't even have a family name? No descendants and what of my legacy?' Poor skill, mostly slobs, every now and then he would get some easy lord or noble which would be ruined by his incompetence. Instead of thinking of his failures, he had finally thought of what was right, the need of drawing farther away from the sight. 'I still remember the two of you. What I may have lacked in wits, and though I may have been sloppy, I made up in torture and butchery.' The pair of the old woman and the man had been cut in hundreds of thin slices which had been cleaned and hidden inside the floor boarding, beneath the frame of the walls, the drawers, the carpets, inside the hay stacks which they had. 'You know, I should've interrogated both of you.' 'Why haven't you?' He turned his gaze above at the one wooden bar which separated the view of the roof. I wasn't one to complain but this had been it, the chance to do it. 'My damn drunken mind must be at fault again, I've been clumsy haven't I?' 'Amongst other things, you were.' This other one was fully dressed had a cloyidian crossbow aimed at me. It had two living solidified crevice turners who shot their innards at one another creating a living mechanism which worked as a way of self-incarceration. It would jolt, aim and launch what seemed to be a twin-curved blade, which paled in comparison with what it had been coated in. 'That's the essence, isn't it? I can feel it even now, pure and unadulterated essence and you've fed it to the two of them.' Each of them had been allowed to keep a wing. They bore heads which looked like that of men, preferably the ones who may have created or given them life in the first place. Now it was obvious enough that there wasn't any moment for him to reconsider it. 'I wish I could see your face and spit on it. You won't have the satisfaction of knowing that I'll be dead, now while I still have.' 'Not a single move now.' That's it, just get into position, with a bit of luck you could pierce my heart and spare me of the essence. It was subtle, they had played well in this duel of theirs, that's what it had to be called. Otherwise, there might be a second chance of getting back at him. 'See me for what I am, won't you? I'm a sick person.' 'We all are, that's what got us into the trade, remember? There's no redemption for us. After you die, I'll release the hatch you've been working on for your secret escape and reveal the rats, which shall go ahead and eat your body.' 'Why are you telling me this now? I could've tried making an escape only to be eaten alive by them.' 'I'm giving you a chance that's all. Either way, you won't be able to lay a finger on me. So, hear me now, old and retired, you don't wear the attire which is of the proper use of the dead. If you don't make an effort now, you'll look mightily bad for a corpse, and you're not that uneven looking yourself. Let me be clear, you'll die, but I'm giving you a chance to do it by your own hand. Whether you want to suffer or to be quick about it, that'll be up to you. I'm only here to collect what's mine.' But what if it was a bluff? Was there even enough time for that secret passage to be discovered? What about the number of rats? It was unclear just how much of an influence was there

and how much had been made up. 'Well, let's go ahead then and choose, shall we?' Another step and a hit against the wall, this was turning into a sting. A wager on the adjacent streets came, nearing his ears. 'There's something over there, look.' 'Look, that's the house we're supposed to enter before the sand storm comes. Who do you think lives there?' Only the two of them remained. A giant cartwheel which had been spikes, as well as the piece of the cart which accompanied it fell one of them. He died immediately, leaving not a single shimmer in the moonlight. They had one of those, but it was a giant moving iris which moves across the underside of the reverse valley which had been placed on top of them. It glew with blue, a light of yellow hue which shot just enough glances for them to see what was going on around them. 'Unexpectedly said, I wasn't expecting myself to actually come.' Said the Magus. He looked around to see whether or not he had been followed as well. It never hurt to worry about being seen or followed around those parts. 'Say, tiny fellows, do you mind if I follow you for a while? I can't seem to find myself in the company of some people around here and you look like a fun bunch, I'd say. Where have the others went?' Despite numerous attempts to look around, he could only come to a single conclusion. 'They're dead.' Floor was surprised at the tone he had displayed. It was likely that he had been shaken by it, but even if he had been merely shocked by the fact, it would've communicated to him a lot more about his character. But this was a spineless cutthroat, he needn't forget. 'It happens often around these parts. Honestly, I don't think this is going to be a great idea any longer. The two of us should look for a way to return, perhaps we could look for some shack or I could dig a hole for you to hide in.' 'No, I have set my mind on it already and I shall not leave. Look at me, I bear the marks of a murderer. I cannot and will not stray for my path no matter how many lives are taken in my name. Don't be reckless, and leave if you want to, but I shall be on my way. Whether or not I live is irrelevant to me.' 'Oh you poor soul, you don't understand, this isn't worth it.' 'I will descend through it and fill my dreadful heart with hope that I may crawl and crush and dedicate myself to some way of cutting, smashing and acquiring something of my own.' This little scour of tiny daggers had something in his mind. At least he aimed high enough that he would be looking for a way out. 'But wait, there could be some way for you to seriously fall under some torture or under the likes of being stricken by blows, flayed alive, munched or any other kind of proximity.' 'I will fight through it and see that I may never be killed.' 'Don't just go through it like that. At least let me accompany you to your grave. My shield burns deep, but I may be able to survive if any blow falls down upon.' 'May I have that shield?' 'No, you may not.' 'Is there some kind of restriction to it which prevents you from sharing it?' 'That is correct, it may be, by a blast that you'll get burned and I won't like that. It leaves a charred spot which can be tracked down back to me, which is something I cannot be forced to deal with.' 'Then you lead the way.' 'Not a chance, I'm not impermeable to damage, so I can still be afflicted by whichever malady may fall upon me from the poisonous arrows. Careful now!' The Magus pulled him over just before a bunch of barrels fell from the top of the building. Someone didn't have it in for them, especially for the one who was helping the young slither. He slipped on the knee of a man. 'Someone died here.' 'Here and just about everywhere you lay eyes upon.' The barrels rolled and managed to come over one of the bodies which rested underneath the grim side of the hill. It wasn't the right solution now but it'd have to do. Without the clear intervention, he would've ended up being just another dead man. 'Now, let's settle some basic rules just so we can be sure you won't die off the first moment you're on your own.' 'So you're not coming with me?' 'During my second reconsideration, I have decided that the best course of action would be that I should only

escort you to the door.'What was behind it? He hadn't seen the Magus then, as he suddenly burst in flames and disappeared after the few steps which came over him.'I shall do my best to avenge my brothers and see who the master of this hold is.'He had been ungraciously on-set to kill and smash the lurker and beat him to a crisp or an inch of his life at least. Two words of the malign appeared and he fell on his face flat. Best attempts end up this way, in rounded circles, past the four rooms, the stairs leading to the above chamber where a secret had been guarded. Four, which was said, four complete recreations of supreme bodies stood there, encased in a medicated glass case which grew on them and held them captive. A piece of their lower body was missing, or most of it at a matter of fact. Only their arms stood strong and big bulked bodies, as they were recreations of the one which had given them the gift of rapid underground movement. The Curator would've been displeased by it, by these feeble attempts to recreate his body from various studies which had been kept in secret from common knowledge.'I have taken the name of the Curator, you see? I have decided to take it upon myself as my desire to draw in the knowledge he had attained to myself. But I had been disappointed by the studies and the notes which put him in the worst of lights. Oh, he had been dreadfully strong but he was no master. He was merely a watcher put in place who had stumbled on one of the secrets of the supreme design. And iron thing. With it, his masters found a way to perverse the form of the ones touched by objects imbued by the design, after coming into contact with the first insignificant being in its most unnatural state. For the Curator, it had been a sack of eggs. That alone had been a result of his failure to stand watch. During it, one spider managed to crawl on top of the ceiling and drop one of those magnificent things below.'Now that I think about it, we never found out what his name had been. A curious thing, I'd say. We should've pressed the lowlives which came into contact with him, but that would've been too much to ask out of them. We got only some pieces of their brains out of the extraction, and only one of them had survived for long enough to deliver the proper papers. Regardless of it. I've spent quite some time telling you this, if you don't mind, I do enjoy the occasional company, but most of them seem to be quiet for far too long.'The assassin hadn't noticed it but he didn't fall by chance. A small string of silver stood there, past his foot. His dance had been stopped and a tiny silver needle pierced his spine, leaving him adjacently paralyzed.'I'll ask for someone to come and keep you alive. Don't worry; it's only going to be by fluids. As long as you're not moving, you should be kept indefinitely alive, once your liquids are exchanged with it. Not much of a talker? That's because of the venom in the silver needle. It should wear off in a few hours, I think.'The Curator returned to his side-project. He left for too long and it happened again. Many of the prototype-like bodies were mistuned, de-aligned wore eyes and faces spread across their bodies which acted like some kind of pools in which giant heads swam, which looked mechanically abhorrent and felt likely to be hot to the touch.'What have I done now?'He questioned himself as the glass turned to iron and hid them from him. 'This will take hours at best, unless they decide to give it a rest and allow me to study them. Make sure you note this, my dead disciples.' 'Curator, will there be supper later?' 'Of course, of course, there's no need to be jovial yet. One of you will die later. I have seen in the future.' Out of the eighteen students, he looked bizarrely approachable. This younger robed, flat nose, stubby chunk who was the only one to have grabbed a piece of the leg-throne for his research, even his tablet on which he wrote was made out of the incest committed by the comers from Llobe. There was a cruel history of acts which shouldn't be discussed in any other place than private. He had been thought the ways of the arcane, through which he poured his very sight and eyes into reminiscing essences inside a few bottles. At times

he'd share but none would dare ask why this had been so. It was just one of the few secrets which had been shared by the Curator, though he may have been only a servant, though he only served his purpose to a point, his knowledge still ended up being useful to them. No longer would it be possible to abuse their own ends until it had become possible again, to walk in the steps of a few defilers of eighteen paths of knowledge. 'Seven of them will be found at the lower levels. I want you to be here. Do not approach them, for I am weary of trying to protect you from the meddling approach of those vile buffoons. I will make it so we'll have trashed them until they will have reached the state where their lives may never resurface from their wicked pile.' 'But isn't the lower level dangerous for us?

Aren't we at risk of falling through and ending up in the same way as they had?' 'As a student you shall be stumped unless you heed my command and do as I say. Do not question me by any means. I know the path towards enlightenment and if I dare say you are to risk your pitiful lives down there, then you shall do as I please.' 'As you say grand teacher.' 'Your word is our command, master.' 'It shall breed inside your heeding command, your voice shall bring terror.' They spoke as they made their way, unable to control themselves from that maddening approach of vileness. It couldn't be questioned any longer, they were trying to force themselves to stop, in order to prevent this quest for life-yielding, from which they couldn't go back. It had been a lie. Where they ended up standing on was a round disk held by chains, which they fell upon, or had been thrown by force by their necromantic ruler. His disciples only stood there, being looked down upon as he refused to cater their need and as he ignored their pleas for any kind of redemption. No more daring, as they tried, they looked out there. It was just as it had been described, a few holes in the distance which lead towards the outside world. Some figures stood in their frames but it was ever so thorough and obvious that it wasn't meant to serve any purpose. They approached as if for supper, revealing the fact that those tiny holes were no holes at all, but mere results of a trick of the distance which tricked the sight. It would be uncommon to admit the fear, but this held no means for them to look for a way out. As they approached, giant hands grabbed one of the disciples, then another one, followed by a crunch and a jerk. Neither of them had been spared from the feeding hour. Undoubtedly called forth, he had been pleased to find out that the results were just as he had intended them to be. But that had only been one of the tame experiments. Some were too dreaded even for him, to the very point where he dared not look in any other manner of looking. The vileness couldn't have been believed. It was an inopportune talon which made it way through the top and made another hole through the floor. 'They become restless again, I can't believe just how much hunger so many of them could display. Sooner or later, they would have to be released again.' But there were no beasts down there, and he himself had little idea of the fact that the room itself had tricked him, oh, master of the arcane into believing that he had trapped the most horrendous of monstrosities. In reality, this plane and circular dwelling ended up into a prison with only a few chained starved brood-getters standing at opposite ends. Now they were the ones who were fed, with the remains of the disciples. Their bodies had been encompassed by their rabidly growing hair which was promoted by the cannibalism which was forced on them. Nails became sharper, eyes wider, their faces and skulls drew to more aerial shapes and it seemed as if their chains allowed just enough movement for them to raise and fight from time to time. And they were rough with one another, to a point, yet never had one of their own been killed and eaten. Only the weaklings from above which had been tricked and abused by the room. It had done a proper job, as it came to protecting its children. The sweat of the top of its rocks fell, keeping them sustained enough that they may suck the

remains dry, keeping them alive. 'Another, another, need to take their red meat away, listen, brothers. Share their bones with me so I may make tools. We can escape.' 'Anything but this, I cannot stand the growing silence, I need noise.' 'Noise, noise, make noise before I stop enduring.' Each of them grabbed a piece of a rock and started bashing the walls and their chains, some used their metal whips over the lack of hindsight to make some dents and bring through some of the dead lookers. 'Now, bring forth the pile so I may work my due.' He leaped on the pile which had been made out of their saved bones and danced around them wildly forlorn, bringing some bier of wretch, using his hair finally to bring them close together and to make what would appear to be a ladder. 'We'll have to sacrifice as much as we can in order to make it over. I'll need more of your donations if we're going to make it through.' As they gathered, no longer caught in by the turmoil of their ends, he began the sermon. Their prayers would be attained in the form of work as they hands began rubbing and peeling around their scalps in order to get as many knots as possible. 'How many do we need?' 'As many as we can enough to fill the entire prison with them, for as high as we can rise until we reach the way out.' 'Our chains will still get in the way.' 'So be it, se that crack inside the wall there? We'll simply catch them between the sides and crush them as thoroughly as possible. It is worth at least an attempt of ours. Otherwise, we'll be caught here for crimes which we haven't even committed.' 'They are trying to force us to become rabid and pin us against one another.' 'They are, sure they are, why else would they throw that live food if not for us to start taking a liking to live-meat? And when they'll stop sending us morsels?' 'I suppose I won't have a chance but to gouge on you.' Without shame, that one had been, without no concern of his safety, he outed himself out. What a stranger. He was brooding now, clean. He lost most of his hair now, resting on his bent knees, squatting over a pool of blood which wasn't his. Some time ago he had acquired this blade of bone, or he fashioned himself one. Regardless of what it had been, there was a clear distinction between them. He wanted to cut as deeply as he could and not stop until he was the only one there. They couldn't concentrate on anything else other than the sharpness of his blade. When will he attack? How soon will it be? Neither of them noticed but he had almost eaten through his bindings. Most dangerous of hunter, he showed himself as he had been the worthy successor of the malign. I looked into his eyes and saw the living meat. They were inside his pupils, falling in, trying to grab onto anything they could just so they would not fall into that crater. Without a word to rest they had given themselves one good deal of pain. It had been almost ritualistic. Anything to distract him from trying to prey on them. While lifting one side of their bodies completely, including their arms and legs, they revealed a good side of their chests. They would scratch deeply until just enough fluid had been lost, enough to be obvious that they gave in to him. 'Abashura, Abashura, Abashura.' He yelled the name of scum, which he puked out. Whatever he had digested fell under the wicked name of Abashura, Abahura, food of the damned. As soon as he was done, they forced themselves to regurgitate their insides as a sign of their power, filling the scent of their prison with that of sulphur. The Curator had been made aware of the unsettling scent of scum which had come there. Without looking away, he turned from the melting prisons of those half-watchers and went on his way towards the sight. He saw the hole and felt the scent as soon as the odor assailed his senses. Something vaguely could be heard, which ended up being far more frightening than anything he had known before. 'If they're capable of speech, what else might be on their minds? Will I suffer their influence to spread?' He wondered just what would he be forced to do as soon as they were made aware of who the benefactor was. They would start demeaning of him so that he would bring the masses. Who would trust him

afterwards? As soon as he would take one or two or twenty missing killers, how many of them would be sent to claim his life? It wasn't safe. 'Wait, wait, I can explain. My name is Nero. The two of you have no need to kill one another.' The man who had begun it all was met by another foe who found himself brushing past the door. He had his blade ready, prepared, unable to come in terms with his bloodthirst. It was confusing now, especially since he disregarded Nero and focused on the other one instead. 'Drop the knives, you won't be able to make it before my crossbow.' 'What of your target then? Will you allow him to escape in that case? I saw the type of crossbow you use, I know it takes a long time to reload. By the time you could load another arrow, I will have glazed both knees and one of your eyes.' Everyone dies in this scenario, not because he coated his knives as well, but because they were underneath a bed of dormant explosives. Nero didn't think this through. It was long planned before this, that if the man didn't call him as a target, he would have to drink himself down with poison, until they went off. He had never lost his charm and it only appeared that he came to be good enough to tie a rope and hide it in the floorboards. 'Can I say at least explain myself now? Look, I was planning to do this all along. I have this root I was meant to eat before going to sleep.' Both of the murderers looked at him triumphantly. But this had stopped being about him, as his assassin was another target. Just what kind of play was this? This big bear of a man, hairy by his chin, double slit around his anchor came nearer to me. 'Wait, this wasn't the deal.' No shot yet, but they were both carefully approached by a severe care. If only she were to drop of tiny pebble to distract them. His hideout was carefully surrounded. He was so empty, after so much drinking, he felt full but as swollen as one could count. They were still there. Trying to get out, the slices of his victims tried pulling out while they were distracted by one another and only he could fathom the guilt. It had become a dance from which neither one of them could actually escape. Two more murderers came in, one who leapt into the window frame and one who dropped from above the roof, gliding in with a few tiles underneath him. They took a few bits of the brunt gunpowder which lay in the explosives. Meat became well done. In a few moments, one of them would notice and strike for a smoke. One of them had to be a heavy smoker, the profession alone asked for it. Otherwise he would've doubted them as being murderers and more like. A stop beneath the spread of the great Cathedral came as soon as the chanting stopped. It had been spared of the great curse of being stolen and deposited beneath the depths, where its apostles and holy men would've found their end. By far, if there was anyone deserving of salvation, it would be them. Only a slither of an earth shake came, and that had been as short lived as they could spare themselves of the heathens who hid beneath rocks. Their songs continued and raised themselves in the might of the sun. As one beam came over and revealed a few bodies of the saints which rested on their chosen spots. For no assassin nor vile thing dared approach it from within. It was the right time for a funeral to be had, and there was one deserving of it who would not give in for the likes of ancient ritual nor foreboding approaches which would make one forget. Either they would be aware of it or they already forgot of the old couple stored there. They stood out now, like slices, ready to burst. By the time they realized they spent too much time at each other's throats, the target had already finished a few bottles he had on him, raising up one tiny blunder of a tinderbox. Before he laid the fire for one last throw, he started a riot which would end up in smoke. An arrow was shot, a spray of knives, poison thrown and a man charged into a wall. The entire house shook from its foundation by their runt alone, and before long they stopped, no one dead, not yet. Much more, the sheets of skin drew back in, still lit, whilst realizing that the thing which had stopped every single one of them was the apparition

of the grey moths, which floated in their sacks, with little piety and no interest in anyone else but their own. 'What are you trying to do now?' 'I'm trying to crush your head against the wall, why won't you show a little less resistance and make my life easier?' But he had exposed himself, especially his back. It was dangerous, too much for his comfort to be attained. It saddened him, to think that he would go so soon. 'You've missed, you whore, I know who you are now, oh, If you survive, I'll make sure to make your live a living torment.' 'As if you would even get past me. No, you won't, once you realize that I hadn't been aiming for you.' 'It's too late for that, I expected you to spray the floor, that's why I brought this.' She took the opportunity to reload, the others waited, looking both ahead and above. This big burly man threw a bottle right on the spot where the arrow had landed. A puff emerged, revealing some kind of precious sedimentary gas which spread around in a more precarious manner. It had been rightly so that he boasted of it. 'An anti-toxin, this one should make sure that unless you aim directly for one of us, you'll.' Stop like she did then. A pair of many forged iron pricks may near her neck. They looked like stalactites for certain, in their most erupting of forms. It wasn't to be asked for yet. 'What? She's supposed to be my target.' 'Not anymore, and unless you haven't noticed it, both you and this fellow are supposed to be mine.' 'Come on already, gut pop off, come on, just take off and burn. Take light, he prayed, take light so I would not have to live through this debacle. Soon, more lower-classed killers came. As a matter of fact, they all looked more like thugs than the so-called murderers one should expect out of it. Shall I take my own life or wait? Just one way through and I could see an opening. It was so close to a way in, beneath the floor, under the house, and under the road where he had planted the entire explosive just in case. He wanted to be there, in order to witness the explosion in its prime. Out of this one there'd be no escape. No way out for him to get through the scent of ammonium which had scourged him. 'Obvious we can resolve this as adults. I think we've been setup by the damned liquor owner.' 'That bastard! Corncrop Agust, that runt will have to pay for his trickery.' 'Yes, turn your back and make sure you won't live through that. There's no need for everyone in this room to escape. After all, your lives are meaningless, they're worth nothing. Petty brawlers, drunkards and weak fighters, that's what you are. I've seen enough to judge that neither of you are worth living. I have set a vow to slit all of your throats.' 'I will kill you before you even lay hands on me.' But they turned towards the one window which gave them the only sight they needed be. Past the standing grit of the houses, far above the mountain range on which it stood placed, lay the church. And in the flare which came from the might of light, there sprang the church bells which looked down upon them. The house no longer stood in the light. It had turned as brim as it would by dark. Night had come, but there would be something in sight. One trained to kill, he was. Named after a house of lust. He had the appeal, the derangement of one who trashed and who'd crush his, his head. He started picking up an axe and opened it. Someone waited for him inside, someone who had lost his interest into trying to feign his own death. Now, as the assassin stumbled, this Obolov came to the standards and revealed the many skulls which came to see. Some served as symbols, many got crushed, but most importantly, they started spinning around him, drawing in the blood and brain particles until he couldn't stand any longer. A body had been formed in the most deranged way possible, giving in to the unfathomable idea that there was an innate way to which he wanted to eat himself in front of the new-comer. It was indescribable, the feeling of the repulse he had felt, the immediate connection being wretched, fading from the only meaningful aspiration which came to him. This wretch turned bone into bronze and as the heat came into the light he revealed the great defiled. Shoroth, of the

grandee bronze-malevolence, who formed his statues, on the side, which served as weird gates for his fleeing numbed clubs. He had been strewn on by bronze-wrapping coats which held his numbed body from falling apart. A poison came into his lungs, iron, from the heaviness of the air. 'Detractor, why have you called me here? Can't you see that I can't breathe? I'm a mere stranger to your ways, know that I will fail in my efforts to hide from the other elemental lord who might call upon my heart of old.' To which, revealed, he pulled a giant living heart, in which he hid his many spoils. There were eight or ten kidnapped dark haired, dark eyed filthy, smelling wenches he had taken for himself. In their sweat, they basked and gave in to the fact that they were used for the satisfaction alone kept him alive. Something happened in-between his lips, which had been just as suddenly shown as soon as Obolov came in to see what had been part of it. 'May I take one for myself? You've hid into my brain after all.' 'Well, maybe just one, but know that they're nasty. If I ever considered taking one of these broads as my wife, I might've fallen to dread a long time ago, at that. But you may take one for your carnal pleasures. I've got nothing against it.' So it seemed that he considered simply taking her by the most vicious forms he saw in there. And quite a few of them were necessarily drawing onto him. He wanted to grab and never let go. But those were merely their bodies, as their faces were rather antagonizing repulsive. Their full lips formed into snarls, which was disturbing in itself, their paleness showed something happening there, but above the lip, that curled tip brought another disgusting thing to his mind. 'Were they always so repulsive?' 'But I haven't changed a thing, why, I've killed their husbands, who showed no fight and took them for my own. Though I must admit that they have repulsed me for the longest time, their voices were filled with some degenerate speech, but that was done for. As I have filled them entirely to the point of.' 'I do not want them. I think I've made my mind. They look as if they're too repulsive, too disgusting, please, take them away.' 'As you wish, but know that eventually my heart will break their bodies apart and they will die. Do you wish to take that risk and allow their executions to go on?' 'Do you not know in the head of whom you were residing?' He had considered inspecting who he was knotting about, this one was disturbingly squared off, dark, a stranger, a defiler, one who served as a mere distraction. 'I got no reason to keep you alive then.' With a snap, Obolov fell to his knees and died, in an instant. As that happened, he basked in lust and gave in to that. It was in his utmost clear desire to do it that he made himself be nervous, curling to the defiance. Obolov came back up, despite being given the ultimatum of death itself. He was stuck looking in both directions, trying to see where he had gone. It was a quick realization which put him on the right path, of course, he had been gone for a few days. To which no one bothered to pick up his body. Instead they abandoned him in the most repulsive manner. In that dump he found himself, a corner of the city where the hounds hid and came about to eat. He was the prey, the disturbed one who couldn't help but mend his wounds and lick himself as they began their dance of agonizing seclusion. Each hound took a piece of him and ran away to their hiding spots. They would stay there and drinking, unable to eat any longer. For, they didn't know that whatever they were eating ultimately lead to some growth which couldn't be stopped or delayed. Pieces of themselves grew inside their heads, giving them the heads up to freeing their souls from the bonds which held them on the ground. Stalks which were part houndish, flayed within the likes of the assassin, given a portion of Shoroth's mind as he came alive in them, even by little turned them into symbols of the malign. Afterwards they only flew from sight and came to be alive when it was needed. At the same time their hearts died, the mind of murder came, and they would slay again, regardless of what it took. During the night, it'd be perfection

and only the mad would know where to take direction. Why not attack other murderers, the scoundrel and the scum? It was the only logical way to which one could contemplate. Tormenting gaze, one would have to be amazed, by the eight executioners who remained. While the others died, they reigned and cried their shallow voices damaged by the slaying, and beheading of Kryosies. For him to mend something close to his swollen bed, on which he shattered, the only trusting bond which mattered. A king, to his jester, the one who had cut him the most, inside the stand where they cut for the king, choppers, cutters, beheaders. In their wake of, they gathered a round sprout the bay where they needed to bring the cheater back to dust. He had achieved a little shout, to which he couldn't be heard at all. Beyond the rim of his neck, on a whim, there laid some little slit, at his throat, to which a blade of teeth rested within, trapped as a means of unrest. They were going to tear him apart, rip him as a part of the secret passing sound which came after he had been ripped apart, humiliated by the nature of the execution which was to come. 'I'll do it, my lords, I will give my life rightfully, even if it means being taken apart before the execution could even refrain itself from starting.' His pupils pale, that of the fish's sorrow, which were bound to look for no tomorrow, other than the dread and the defiance brought by the thought he had when met by his maker. He was quintessentially forgiven by the great marching white robes ghoulish figures in the sky. Their whitish crowns were unruly to the fact that they still found a satisfaction to looking down upon him again. 'You've betrayed a fellow king, we see.' 'Why should we judge thee worthy?' The gaze of the executioners blasted his surroundings, he couldn't force himself to stand. He couldn't force his change of a belief as the priest of Khitoly came. 'Repent all of your filthy heathenistic blasphemies.' 'Never, I will never give in.' 'Heathen, pagan, monster, know that you will be frozen cold and lay there in an empty casket, headless to watch as the shock snatched you back into awareness. Before the fire storms will swing and bring only the utmost pure conflagration.' 'Boring. Boring, boring, boring, boring, why won't you leave me to my kings?' 'There's only one king which was to be decided, that you would serve him with your presence undivided. Cruel thing, you are, snare of a mighty taken cretin, bringer of unmoving blades. Cheating scum, you scoundrel will suffer now.' With the blunt end of the axe, he shoved it in his arm, drawing away from a fantastic sight, of the purity of light. The day was still long, the crowd of peasants cheered as they would see another execution from within. A daring sight, the might of ropes, which only brought him, so much hope, that he would finally die as quickly as to be pardoned again. 'We won't forget thing, even if you are to be allowed to come into our kingdom, vile one. We saw so many acts of blunt violence that it is only for them that we decided to allow you entry, if all.' He knew that a sacrilege such as regicide would be permitted, one of cutting, or bashing, but not of poisoning. Cowardice such as the adulterous act had almost deeply jeopardized his entry into their wretched realm where the scoffs of clouds only gave them something to look forward as they marched towards it. A weapon came unnaturally so, to his mind, this act of infanticide he had been asked to commit was close to the utmost undecipherable things he had gone forth with. 'I am a trained killer, for the man. But I was asked to mask myself and come within reach of his son.' The assassination of the next prince in line had went sweetly and precise. But he had fallen in love with her, that of which he killed her son. Unaware of it, that was slim, but she'd been slaughtered just as well as him. Or might he escape? Might I be free? I wonder. This scoundrel had some tricks left, though for now he deflected of the deprave act he's had to deal with. His obsession of collecting heads, to which he'd wrap them around his blade, a mighty peculiar was of assassination came, not to mention as wildly regretful he had been, that

he had wasted so much time within his desire of shock. 'That's Nicholas.' He spoke the words, and with a crackle, both of them faced, though one had a knife stricken just above the spot, where his hair had ended, brought to death, unable to be fed any longer by the required manner of specific blunder. No wonder that it might just be one who'd be faced with a choice to be. Out there in the wild, free from the sake of. 'Wake up, prisoner, you're being mesmerized again by dreams. We've been brought here to chop you apart.' 'In pieces, in pieces, he man means. I will rip your thorax and rip out your spine.' 'And if you don't die quickly from the first strikes, we'll make sure that you'll bleed slowly before giving in the final blow. You'll suffer for the wrongs, the death of the queen, or worse.' 'But I have spared her, I swear, that was not my act.' To which an apple came into his face, his mouth grasp as he watched it turned, a second mouth appearing inside of speak only of the ill. 'Now we'll die, joyfully alive, until brought to the sad conclusion, runt, you will suffer for as long as you might, defied and gotten rid off like some wild luggage, rummaging through bodies which may not suffice.' He looked in part, the peasants couldn't be told apart, he was been stricken from that head blow, ever so hard that he couldn't remember what it was like to be alive, in any case. A second chance would be too much to ask for, especially after using his one moment of freedom to spit in one of their faces. To be called in thought, the dread did not defile their curiosity, as if to know, how close he had been to the throne. Even now, while in danger, he fantasized of the wager he had to endure, with himself and everyone else. They cut him like a pig, while reminiscing, chopped and butchered. Now a piece of him lay here, one there, a few of them just about everywhere else. If one could pull just enough of them to fling them to their respective sides, he would know what he endured. Much worse, what he ought to endure on the stairway leading the veils of mist. The dark stationary metallic winged statues which delivered him to the entrance stopped. With the doors locked, there'd be no way out. Not for him, the pristine, a vile thing, from within. He looked and asked. 'Why is my body down here with me? It shouldn't be here.' 'You care now for a disabled body? What kind of man are you? What kind of slayer, killer, criminal, destroyer?' 'I'm not, it stops here. No more listing of the titles. I had it with you now. Call me what I am.' 'Very well, Deadman, that's what you are. Do you see how useless they have become?' All of his weapons, to which collections he could never even dare to admit, he had a few too many, all broken from the failed attempts. Too much force had been employed an agony from within. The thin reeds of the morbid could never have been given, strayed. A bitter end. He couldn't fashion himself a better blade, so he took the small head and looked at it again. 'Shrunken head, I knew it. I thought I misremember bearing a skull.' 'No, that wasn't it, if I recall correctly.' The broken body said, he found himself there, now it all made sense. 'Where is my love?' 'You mean her? Don't you remember? She had been taken away from you, I believe she shared the same fate, but, since the two of us are here and enough time has passed, I could share something with you now.' There was almost a grin on that face, before he saw it suddenly get cut out of nowhere into many more sheets of skin and of the insides. It was too fragmented for a voice to be heard, but he did well to cull it in his mind. 'The executioners were all members of the Enclave, indeed they were, brothers you'd call them if you just knew them enough. Some even recognized you, some even remembered the most important rule. Never submit and never betray the Enclave, as they might destroy you in your entirety if you were to speak again. And kill in their name despite no contract being called. This was your own fault and because of you, now I must burn.' 'Why? How did this happen? Were they instructed to chop and to incinerate what had been left of me?' 'Much worse than that, the two of you had been presented as a couple and

hidden in house.'The memory was verdant, and it had been an utmost server malignant practice of trickery and deception, to carry a box with had two human beings cut in just thick enough slabs that they'd be unable to fit anywhere without falling apart. It was part of the contract, to make this an utmost exceptional trick. 'Let me tell you, the body reflects, it's like a foam filled with a solid memory which resists through the utmost harder ends.' 'Who arranged the assassination, there must be some dunce who might've spared some information or said a name.' 'Nothing about it, but if I may be pleased, I'll tell you again and again. That they had mistreated us so unlike a petty creature that we ought to turn around and simply haunt them.' But that would be pointless, for it knew just enough. Of the few moments in that lodge house, grand as it were, empty for the longest time. It lay like a decoy, placed in the city just to be mesmerized and taken for one in which a family lived. The deception had begun then, when the first two joints of the faction had been instructed not to kill but use their minds instead. 'Listen now and obey, we must plan for something better now, so do not make a mistake, Cjoldarr and Dunom, I have an utmost trust that you will be able to reconstruct these bodies now. Even if they're not perfect, I expect them to be stitched and made to look as natural as they can.' It didn't look like an easy task. As soon as the casket had been opened and pulled from the box, the stench also came out. One grand amount of fruits had been laid just about every spot inside of it, to the point where no one might've dared, if one were sane, to humbly attend to the reconstruction of the queen and her concubine. By now they understood what the stakes were, and just how hard it was going to be. 'Half a day, that's about as much as you'll be given. Don't disappoint me now or I shall make sure that your nest task will be to clean the remains of a decaying pin.' By which, they started, many inches departed as they started separating the two of them apart. 'Which one is his and which one is hers?' 'Does it matter that much? Both of them are dead, it shouldn't count what we do with them. But, Cjoldarr, would you mind it if I were to touch something here and there just for a few minutes?' 'No messing with the goods, perhaps after we're done showing him how great the reconstruction was, but until then, not.' The voice of the great Pt Pt Phelmark called. He had been a statue underneath one of the most distant hidden holds which lay inside that which could not even be conveyed by the words of the uncanny. In him there was still the need of fight. 'Do you expect me to believe you? I can't honestly say when was the last time you said anything which wasn't a lie.' 'Believe what you might but I can only say this, the truth is still out there, lost in a way you wouldn't possibly hope to understand.' One assassin by the name of the K'ther came into view. He came on a strange mare which had a carpet straddled by its hunching back. What had been prolonged on the sides? It was long and bore the marks of disintegrating eyes which had single shingle of a blade. It wasn't likely for him to try doing that. No question asked. There was one thing which had been. He had followed his need to draw on forward, meeting Le'benine, a warrior of Thy, cruiser and courier, wearer of the blade. At once he leaped, unable to contain himself, K'ther leaped and revealed from within his play the act which couldn't even be conveyed by there meekness of shoulders that couldn't hold his strength apart. Handing a few fingers on the ground turned the adjacent area into an empty cage-like set of bars which spread from his arm and continued going deeper into awe. The pipes which had been formed appeared to grow forth, until they had spread across his body, leaving hollow spots and bars of skin and bone in which he held his organs. Moreover, his fingers followed through, until they hadn't been anything to behold but his play of ground contortions. But what he had revealed, other than this sudden change in his body was the fact that the rest of his body turned into a lump. He had become a tree and stood

there, slowly pushing an eternal furthering prison through which his organs kept piling into one of the distant corners underneath the ground. They webbed each other in their way to escape just so this assassin could weep further away. 'But what is this? Coward!' The warrior of Thy shouted as his blade only recoiled upon a fully destined blow against what he had done. It was impossible to quantify what went wrong. He wasn't strong; he wasn't going to appeal to anyone in the matter. It was only by mere chance that he had even come in terms with himself, the way he had been deceived only allowed him to recede into the last corners of the understanding, to which another warrior saw an entry. 'Entranced are you?' It was one terrible blow which followed and struck him in the back. He fell, almost, if it weren't for the entanglement he had come upon, he would've fallen dead. Claim my body, he thought. But he wouldn't give in; for he had hidden the illness he had drawn from touching the pipes. Slowly he felt his bone and fingers twist in that unparalleled illusion. A play for word, cowardly swords weren't meant to come to blows. He knew there'd be no chance. A dangling delight came into their fight, if only he could touch him, then he could become one of those accursed trees. It would be impossible. Crackling his teeth, he turned, hiding his arm underneath one of his most obvious forms, to which he couldn't even doubt himself any longer. Pushing on, he felt the pain. His chest was burning as the change began near his ribs. Unnaturally contorted, it only seemed that he could lose more than he had wagered for. 'I shall get you, fiend. You cowardly thing.' But where he expected a warrior, he had been met by a foul wretch. It was the same assassin, the murderer, who seemed to bear his body made of dirt. Underneath him there lay a slightly jerky sack which dragged itself beneath the ground, pushing forth bile as he began reconstructing himself on a different note. Part of his brain went out and shot into the ground, revealing that this creature made out of dirt had only been himself, and yet the progenitor. It could only slowly give birth to himself when needed. Otherwise, this mindless dirt construct would stand and dance, and wildly glance at them. Irredeemable glances only pounced as he willed. Strung by the heels, he pushed in a peerless glaze. No phrase could do justice to what he's done. In a moment he was there and then he was gone. Before my hand could touch in, so I could pay him with the same disease, he appeared to be done with the birth process, even if it had failed from within. 'You killed yourself by giving birth to a stillborn. What a joke you've been. A pitiful creature, irresolute and painlessly dumb, this is what you deserve-' His mouth twisted. Finally he had seen it act in action. It wasn't the disease, but the poison which had been carried along them. Decrepit and lost, he put his ear at the cost of hearing what happened underneath the mass of the tree. While his ear changed and had become a piece which wouldn't get away, he had finally heard the sounds of a feline. In its glory he had known what that meant. The warrior had lost his head. Thus ended another confrontation beneath the foes. And underneath the rims, a pocket full of earth seemed to have stored a good piece of half-a-brain and some organs which would come back again. Eight pipes joined for legs, and from on top came one digestive coil which brought it back to the nerves. It moved, and touched. To bitterly snatch and peer inside the dying refuge it had held, this time it was much closer to the rail system he held up so high above him and above the others. Terminally ill, this one had done an act which chilled even the warmest of conditions. Attrition would bring on the bile. And finally it had joined him, the head and the rest of the body which fell through the cracks as he could tell nothing else which needed to be heard any longer. A disposition could be much maintained, if one could even think clearly, as well as show his well-being to the being who watched. 'Stop there, you needle-cradle. I want to taste a piece of the brain, or I shall not be convinced that I had done my

part.' 'Show yourself then.' Out of the ground bolder, came the slightly turn carapace which held the many numbed legless luger, this half-machine of many beings pushed on a body which was close to looking paramedical, yet squared. He hadn't any sharp angles, but appeared to bear a pair of fat bellies at each corner, which dragged on the sides, below his girth and through his giant leg-pushing torn-legs. Eight pairs of those legs were his, but the other which looked as if they had been tied to his mechanical spikes ones belonged to his victims. Each of his steps managed to bury them deeper inside the ground. And it would be invasive to ask him, especially since he appeared to push on a pair of green eyes which turned to blue and red and a bitter dead-cold which fashioned him sooner. 'Why are they talking? Legs aren't supposed to talk.' 'I'm pushing them back to life. With each step, their bodies almost turn back from the dead, screaming and acting as if they're being brought back. Yet they're returning back to their realms dissatisfied once they realize that nothing changes.' 'You're a deranged creature.' From one of its fat bellies there pushed a contortion which almost took the shape of a less-shaped talon. It did not belong to him. It was only one creature which had used him for travel. By the time he had completely got out, the rest of the many thoraxes which had been attached to it became apparent. Clustered and stuck together, they wore tibias which looked like widespread loins. It was obvious that many of them weren't even attached for a reason but they clustered in order to plant their seeds inside the great talon. And it spoke in an almost defining tone. 'Wear me and I shall make you the last one to see the future. We shall outbreed humanity and give live to a planetary-extinction reality defying beings that shall rive the likes of gods themselves.' 'I see that I do not have another choice but to do it. This will be my only chance to recover after having a piece of myself lost.' They joined together and started molding into a perfect being, under the gaze of the watcher. He had been likely to be set apart from the indistinguishable abominations which even drew close to banishing the likes of relatable immunity and a reality which paled in comparison to what ought to be given life to. A flawed creature emerged from their sudden unity. A talon emerged, filled in its entirety with a kind of fatness which could have only been brought by the sudden regurgitation and re-swallowing of dirt-encompassed organs. In a way they liquefied and pushed the scales the talon had, drawing in the pipes yet given them a life of their own. They grew like spear and seemed to have turned into a circle which encompassed it entirely.

Disciple of evil

One should be aware that it's never easy to kill a prey which is bound to kill you sooner or later. Do not stare in its eyes, or you may see the same reflection you can be sure you're seeing. It was an exaggeration, a method of trying to out anything even remotely right into this world. For example, look at them. Tiny people, they are not aware of the fact that they'll die. 'I am Sorko di' Dorko. I have witnessed the conclusion of my family life.' He was one of the first to bear witness of his heritage and bring forth the seed of evil into existence. Thought it was a mere possession over his soul, you should be made aware of its significance. Over the seaside, the line of di' Dorko has lived countless generations bending the lives of mere mortals over their abilities to directly affect their destinies. Beneath them and their likes lay a fortune unlike any other, spoils of blood diamonds, golden crucifixes, and the balls of a yak. The line started with its founder, Glaucoma di' Dorko who was visited one night by an eyeless man who was missing his

lower jaw and who was wearing only his spatters on his feet, a cloak and a dangling. 'I have brought to you what you asked of me. Exactly twenty feet in the right condition and I've also managed to make sure they're all properly cut.' 'That's not what I asked of you and not here, meet my by the docks you foul old geezer, we don't do business in the open.' He turned, opened a piece of the street in half, and then went inside an empty plot of high Saturn fever. With every step, it seemed like a piece of his disappeared, but he could see the trail of multiple feet going down at one through multiple planetoid haste of the skin. It became a light orange and as it had, Di'Dorko saw the bodies of the killed women he had taken the feet from. 'You mad man, the deal was that you were supposed to kill no women.' It was vile, just how clean they were. As a matter of fact, they looked alive. 'And you're cheating me out of life as well. How dare you? Miscreant vile thing, you petty little poor sob!' The gap inside the street closed in and he had followed the old way. By taking the route en foot, he came to the docks and merged with one of the coming birds. It entered him from the side and appeared to carry eight different eggs which hatched inside his neck, head, toes, liver, both of his lungs and one of his hearts. Each of them bore a different hatch which couldn't have manifested entirely. Instead he bore the look of a half-bird which only came in the form of a hunchback behind him and a few claws which pushed through his body, covered by a flexible layer of skin. What came out of him now was a scent which would all so often manifested into a liquid beneath him which came out as sweat. It was highly concentrated. So much that it forced itself through the various appearing ivory nostrils which came from beneath him. Now Di'Dorko looked surprised, or he faked it well. He had expected himself to act up after being met by this sight. 'You placed them all in a row. Why? Do you not realize you'll draw too much attention to us?' The birds finally managed to get out of him as it continued flying over. It was something which flew over his head. People were working but no one paid enough attention. There was a cruiser planted just by them, to which they paid little to no attention whatsoever. It couldn't be accompanied by a second verse of the words he read on the paper he carried with him. 'I seem to recall these exchanged words. Bring me twenty feet and I will pay you in a bit of misguided clumsiness at the life of a man of your choosing.' The terms still rang in his head. A contract which defiled even his expectations. He pulled from his pocket a rink with a skull on it. He had his eyes on it for a long time before he had decided to treat himself and buy it. With a flicker of the tongue, he placed on his index finger. It looked like it was swelling. The old man was displeased with him ignoring him in a most disrespectful manner. 'Man's word is worth a lot on these parts, especially that of a Di'Dorko. Glaucoma, will you not do me the favor and repay me for my trouble?' 'I'll keep my word, if you tell me now, what.' He took another second to pull another one of his rings, this one had the symbol of a propagated fist being swallowed by a mouth in the shape of an eye. 'What are you intending to do with those living victims?' 'I shall devour each of them and grow with their help of their malignity.' 'May I watch?' 'Only after you will have paid me.' 'Who will it be?' 'Someone from the cruiser, I want him dead, but I am too frail and dumb-struck to do it on my own.' 'How about I take the feet, carry on this, then I shall make sure he won't draw another breathe from the same air for as long as we live in exchange for you showing me your intention.' 'It is a deal then.' He came closer and slowly took the feet to my face. In my young days I had been viril and unafraid of any act of vileness. My tongued came into contact with as many of them which in turn establish some degeneration of the spectacle their dance of solitude had been. They flew into the distance, forming wild circles which opened the ways for him to step. 'One of the Under-don beasts, it is for him alone that I have promised this

side of Sicily. In it let him have his joy.' Obviously unquestioned by it, he had appeared to be somewhat drawn to look at how many legs it sprouted through. They weren't legs. 'Those aren't legs.' 'They are, but they're not solid. Their curse is one eternal woe of never being able to set their feet on the ground. I can see how it looks like. But do not worry, the fish should drink from the Under-don's state and push it in without daring to give in. If they won't grow and change, they'll at least, know, float on top of their basins for the fishermen to merely pick up from.' 'Why have you done this? You'll disturb everything.' 'It's none of my business to explain why or what for, now follow me.' They didn't exchange a single word as they approached the cruiser. It couldn't be questioned whether or not someone were to take initiative, he'd see. 'Death to Di'Dorko, death to the villain!' It was no simple man who bedraggled a hook towards him. But he didn't resist. He waited for the hook to be thoroughly planted in his shoulder as he stopped. 'Glaucoma, you're hurt, get away from him!' Fear, so this one was still human, despite everything he had done. It was the second time he showed some concern towards another being. 'I can feel no pain, now leave before I get annoyed.' The man simply went away and had never been seen. Mercy, considered a sign of weakness in any other case now went away. It was fascinating just how simply he could look away and show no shame. The old man simply couldn't believe his eyes, looking at the metal tip pushing through the shoulder blade. 'Aren't you going to pull that out?' 'Worry about yourself now and our deal. I think I'll deal with some pain.' It was easier to commence now, trodden through the plank which lead to the cruiser. At its top, there lay the fourth-squared head of the base which lead inside the cruiser. Inside of it therein had been greeted by grunts and by looks which couldn't be helped in any other way, but to push it out them. 'Not from around here, are you?' 'I need not be from here, I'm not a worker.' 'But with that thing inside of you, I think you are.' 'Have you not figured it out by now? Why I'm of the line of Di'Dorko. Need I explain more of it or shall I and my friend be granted passage?' 'Why should I? You're asking as if your name should mean something.' 'My family owns the docks.' 'And we own the Cruiser. How does that figure your full entry on our ship? It's not like you could find something to do around here.' 'Oh, but I think I'll see.' This man had been a man only to the eight thirds of his chest, from where he sprouted in a pendulum-like area where his limbs shot, his head bit torn and pushed through the second pair of legs and voricules which grayed out the plume-like look his skin had. It was obvious that his was a constant suffering. He turned then, pulled a piece of the wall, drawing it open like a door, entering his torture chamber. It was not a pleasant look. 'I am Captain Lleeyiathur.' Both of them heard his name and turned immediately drawing as far away from the sight. A weird design lay in that cruiser. A piece of it, which was reveal by the sudden entry looked as if it was been carved out of eight rooms which had only remained in part, broken yet still attached to the walls, the stairs which had been fragmented around them, and the pressure bulkhead. It was not that type of cruiser one might expect. An experimental sound barrier lay below, but it didn't block the sound. It trapped it inside small area which propelled it against various spins around the magnificent nests the sound-spatters created. They stood there bearing the perfect and simplest of pork-ears. Inside of them lay tiny half-spades which would hold at least twenty of the ears in a row. The sound-spatters stood tall, to nine feet of long, constantly pulled colorations of burnt skin. It was through that burnt skin they manifested, like some simple shapes which wrapped their skin around the spades, dancing with the macabre in front of their court of song. The captain had arrived just in time to hear their new tune. He would listen to the constants screams of the dying creatures which had stored inside their ears the sound of the last moments they

were alive. And their coming into life as well as their half-spirits who haunted their newly formed self-originated descendants. Something they even tortured their younger selves to create even more of that postulant sound which made them so bitterly afraid of being there. It would be an act of life taking followed by another and another in a chain of killings which resulted in a perfect song which would be harvested by the song-spatters. Leeyiathur had taken this refuge to escape from reality and his responsibilities. He felt calm after hearing so many shouts going in his ears. Constantly, vulgarly, tainted, but it would feel normal after a few hours when he'd stop bleeding. This mere shout had a magnificent effect. It tore his entire body apart and reconstructed it at an immaterial level. The reason for that was the fact that, upon combining the multiple sound-waves of the same living creature which went through a few phases of its life-long agony, they would manage to get a control over the very fabric which contorted a being.

Combined with various others who suffered the same process and you'd get this instrument of woe. 'I should've invited them here. Now they'll cause problems and it will be me.' Red stricken at the lips is almost bit through them, growing bigger than usual. His rage made him grow and act rashly. It was that damned hook which made him was to follow in their trail and rip out his entire shoulder off. 'Do satisfy me now and I'll return your favor. I'll show you the means of bringing something to fruition. We'll break the masses in disgust, do you hear me? You will work with me at any pace.' The cruiser, which had been fully armed with contracted materials which had been attached to it by means of dome-intrusion. The various catacombs which stood near the reefs and the edges of the sea held in them lifting sea-storm manipulators made out of thousands of dead sea-stars which had been driven by necromancy to an unloving state of no denial. It could not be questioned yet, but this forlorn destruction was meant to be. They would conjure storms and tender to them, spinning them until they became soft and easy to touch. Long standing cranes would be brought in order to grab a hold of the clouds, which would be wrapped around the fluidly made matcher of petrified fire. In turn they would conduct the electricity which spread through them to a copulating self-devouring satellite which sent ingratiating sparks that forced those afflicted by its energy to take the peculiar shape of altars dedicated to the dead sea star maker. Those were placed near the sea inlain-plumeteers which looked like far-distanced shooters. Their cannons were long and appeared to be vaguely shaped to look like vengeance-drawn harpies of metal, which came in pairs of eight, holding the chained guns as a means of dissipation. It would've been anticipated that this cruiser was meant for a higher purpose. 'You're a lunatic for coming here, do you hear? What did I ask of you? Not to come here under any circumstance whatsoever. Look at yourself and what you've become. In your youth, you used to be a much nicer man, Glaucoma!' 'Fancy saying that when we're on a cruiser!' 'There is a time and a place for everything. We were not meant to be here at all. Can't you understand that we we're trying to defend the country?' 'I know that very well, that's why I'm here. Look, have I not prevented a mutiny just before come abridge? How come I haven't been decorated yet?' 'What game is this?' The sailor asked, with a musky smell, his flintlock to the holder, aimed at the man. He had at least one desire to aim it as his head and release the hold over it. But that was a crime. He would do no crime. It hadn't happened. 'Go then, and do what you must, everyone knows what you're here for.' He was the last man to be pointed at, right at the outer ridge of the large power house which had been attached to the welder. The welder wasn't pleased either. He saw this as a nuisance. He had no legs. It was flat beneath them, in case this had to be questioned. Air constantly got pulled from underneath them since he needed some way to breathe with the mask on. Uncontrollably asked for, he found himself tainted by knowledge. A

fairer case would've been the fact that they couldn't face one another after being caught. 'We will have to split for now, old man. Go ahead and make yourself feel at home. Otherwise, you could look at me from the distance at how

I'll make the accident happen, or the circumstances which will inflict his sudden and shameful disappearance.' 'Dorko, don't make this painful on him, I don't want him to suffer. I don't like it when they suffer.' 'Those are kind words, I see that those women who had been taken by you have nothing to fear. I think you've most likely treated them as gently as possible as your chopped down their feet.' Silence. It was a young man, who was dressed in blue, with an old hat and a fake toned look on him. A somewhat older vibe had been given even though he was young, but it was something rude which couldn't be questioned there. 'Are you writing something interesting there?' 'Only an entry in my journal, I swear I had the most peculiar day.' I stood near him, laying just close enough so I could read what he was writing in his one sitting. The text didn't stretch for hours, this had been his first page. Blank and dirty, smudged over a splatter of ink. 'Well, I can't think of a good start.' 'Or a good end.' I added, somewhat caught in by the seaside. I've caused just enough destruction and a commotion as it was. He probably knew that it was me. It's always been me, this wasn't an exception or one of the circumstances it happened, but I had to tell him. 'I believe I'm an evil person and everything bad in this world happens because of me.' 'Why would you say that? Are you responsible for that dead bird which just fell?' 'No, I don't think I am.' 'Someone shot it down. How do you explain it then? You being the source of all evil, yet you haven't done that act of evil yourself.' 'Perhaps I've only lied to you, as a way to make your passing easier.' 'Are you death, perhaps?' 'Much worse than that, I was sent here to claim you in his name, yet I have found you to be too calm for that. For that reason I'm going to offer you another chance at redemption, one good deal which should help the both of us. I shall rip off a piece of your brain when no looker crosses and I shall put inside my chest to rest. You will live.' 'As a piece of splatter? I don't wish for that kind of existence, if you have to do it, do it then. I've come to realize that I've got no regrets in this life. My story is simple, my life was boring and lacking in action, I'm no one. That's what I am, the person who's done nothing. At least being killed by you might help me get on the news. I'll be accomplished at least, for a short period of time. Oh, how curious it could be, Angus Mcwhoolsworth, killed in the docks of Sicily.' 'Quite far from home, you seem. I'd say yours is a story to tell. Dear man, you're selling yourself too short of a deal, perhaps living would be in your best of interests.' He stood there for a moment, trying to rethink a single clue, a single idea which may work. It crackled and it dawned. 'Wait, dear morbid, stranger, I have lied, as my only sin. Would you believe me if I told you I'm the source of all good in this world? That I'm the progenitor of what do right and what ought to be done to save this planet from the stress of vileness which had been inflicted on it?' 'You lied to me once and you'd do it again. Will you simply get done with it and let me go? I'm seriously in need of some release of any kind. And I could never write either.' He could see inside of him that a piece of his spine split while leading to the head. His brain had been a few inches wider in the back as some form of a birth defect in which his sibling had been partially absorbed. Behind, on a second glance, he saw the old man's back and realized that he had been this young man's twin brother. Now it all made sense, to the very point where this sacrifice could be understood. He was weeping then, on a metal chair, looked down by the welder, who, behind the mask couldn't help himself but weep as well. It was dangerously serious, as they shared that moment of disturbed paraphernalia of sorrow. It had been intoxicating and morbidly capable of jumping from one of them to the other and none of them

were pleased. 'I could grant you safe passage to one of those ships. I've got just enough that you may live a good life, find yourself a woman and make a few children of your own. You could have a story to tell your grandchildren. Does that not sound to you like a great deal?' 'Why are you trying to help me now? Is this some terrible trap you're setting me against? What will I suffer with each step I take towards that boat? Perhaps I may be struck by those sea-stars I see? Or will it sink and will I drown? Will they be looking for me in that case? Oh can't you feel that I'm so empty now? I've lived this life for nothing, forced to do something which never pleased me. I've forsaken my family for it. To be a sailor and see the world, that's what I thought. I would read about their stories in books without realizing how highly romanticized they were and only now I've come to regret my choice. The sea had always been weary of me and of my presence here, as it threw storms and never intended to give me more of what I had desired. I thought I could take her as my wife, but she would rock the cruiser and deny me any satisfaction during the night. Please, if you have a heart, do not allow me to live. My memories shall always haunt me, to the end of my days, which, if they were to be prolonged, I couldn't suffer such an existence. It would be cruel and I could not live. Why must I suffer this subconscious disease of the mind? I'm only human you know? I live then I die.' 'Then why don't you live to that point and die of natural causes? If I can avoid, as evil as I am, I shall. My reputation precedes me as evil man, for which I am known and judged, feared for no end. I have not taken upon myself the taking of lives with no reason behind them. It may be difficult for you to understand but I'm trying my best to control my impulses.' Which were trying to take over even then? He could see the petty little man as his desire rose to unfathomable levels of little consciousness and less malign effort. 'I will cut and lament with that. Let me see.' One of the crewmen saw an opportunity to turn the cruise and abandon everyone on the docks. Their lives depended on it being there for the time being, since it held their safety of return. It could no longer be asked for or trusted or seen. It was to be called into action. Two others decided their opportunity was about to come. 'Listen to me, this is the plan. We take two cuts of the wooden figure until she will start lamenting her songs. After that we can finally get along and rest.' She was mightily formed, like some pretty doll, waiting to be eaten from above her waist. Inside of her lay the remains of some interesting gaze which manifested through some arousing poison which got carried on by her tears. This wooden statue looked closely to a goddess, which they both worshipped, and came to be near. 'They tried to hide you away from us but I knew better. I've read the notes and I know that you can live and feel through all of your possible versions. Please indulge me into feeling your tears. I want to feel something myself but I cannot. Nasty captain, he took me to the sound-spatters, they took my ability to feel for things. Please, make me feel something.' The other man was silent, showing interest only to the fact that there was a common interest shared between the two of them. Her and hers alone was a pain they could bear through. One cut, one cut, two cuts, empty. No bark came out, none the better, never came to the shout. It felt pure, to the ears, not to sneer as they both coddled with her in that room filled with large stored frail spares. 'I will turn the ship, now you shall all be left, abandoned, acquired of no way to feed yourselves or the families at far.' To add an insult to the injury, the cruiser pushed forward, destroying the dock and crushing some of the workers. All of which were dead, by a case of little intention. But the cruiser never touched the sea afterwards. It released its lower half, raising itself not by flight but by sound. A second sound barrier appeared and enveloped the cruiser, bringing it to the sound-spatter's sides. There. It was there was no water existed. It turned into a time-bomb boarded on the desire to drink. And what had been the worst case

remained the fact that they had been pulled inside the burnt skin. It thinned with some agony and some little vile consideration. Damnation would sooner or later return and come into being. 'What is this now? You've taken me to this realm of brown skies and dark lands for me to suffer as well? Though, I might say.' The young suddenly stood straight, while dropping his peculiar journal. It reconciled itself with some interest which never passed. It obeyed no wonder which drew him to the peculiar desire of curiosity a man in his youth alone may ever know and be aware of. He wanted so desperately to explore. That was the time to act. He came from behind his hand and shortly pushed his fingers through it, cutting one finger. 'What did you do that for?' 'I wanted to test something. Did you feel any pain?' 'You defiled me.' 'I'll take that as a yes.' But the side effect of the finger drawing had been immediate. No stump had been formed and from his insides, the bad air came through the hole, thickening the hardness of the repulsion. He had been drawn to the presence in the bottom of the inverted lake above them. It appeared only for a short moment, after the cut had been made, waiting for him to be pulled in before disappearing completely. 'Marvelous, Glaucoma, you're a man of your word, I wasn't expecting you to have this much of a reach. You erased him from existence, I swear you did, how did you manage to do it?' 'This, yes, this was as I planned, look into my eyes.' That tanned leathery face came closer and almost gave him the impression that everything which went over his head and face disappeared under an appearing wall which covered everything in dark, just enough for his words to be outlined by glowing transcripts which came out of the thin air. 'Listen now, don't tell anyone what you saw here, now that I completed my end of the bargain, I can only expect you to complete your end, after we found a way out. Make no mistake, this thing isn't of my doing and I think there's something seriously disturbed going on.' 'Who dare beset us?' A few of the crewmen, the guests and whoever else was around made it to the looking point, staring down to see those peculiar faces who desperately tried staring up at them. It was the sound-spatter, armored in their screamers of metal, many mouthed but facially aware of their similarities to gargoyles, they bore their long spears which bore a magnitude of ears to them. It was pious to no end, until it couldn't have been considered right, how much suffering they had inflicted on those things. Now it made sense. 'That must be how they. Right. Perhaps this may be come in handy there. Old man, how about we take a leap of faith and see what happens?' There wasn't much down there, over the deep red almost Mars-like ground, other than its orange-skies, which was deep enough to be almost gray and dark trees in the distance. They were puerile, in the way they had attempted to fight. It wasn't threatening any longer, as soon as they realized that the weapons were fully operational. One strike of lightning from above, which had brought the harvest of some dark clouds and they spread like rabbits on a hunt. An insight into this idea came to be, this wasn't going to be right. 'I need you to trust me, old geezer, who are you?' 'My name is Cechkilih Dilzier.' 'So, Cech, I will cut one of your finger and then I will cut one of mine. We'll see each other on that other side, right?' 'I'll do my best to keep everything in check. But if we die in the same manner as he had? In that case, I suppose I would deserve it, wouldn't I?' 'You would, most likely, say. We're here mostly because of you I think.' 'Then why are you hesitating? Go ahead, and take it off.' I had, with a quick sputter of blood, which made me quicken my pace. Then as he was drawn, like a caricature himself, of some mainly dissipating gravitational stretch, I followed. Death wasn't there and it only looked much worse there. Death would've been preferable to this. A bold blue armored holder of realm came. It looked rather flattened and distant, and he held thousands of chains in his hand, all of which were attached to many captured limbless, fingerless,

toeless creature, being, and even some crewman who had pricked himself there. 'Oh, so you are the one who's responsible for their torment.' 'I am the one who judges what the worth of their bodies is so they may come forth towards rebirth. I have judged many and my watch shall never end. Have you come to tattle on something, or are you ready to receive another identity and a life?' 'Why should I? I would lose my name, my identity and what makes me a man.' 'I see that. You're a human, I say that with an unfortunate feel. You've been through a lot I see and you're not from around the coming of to be.' 'What would that be?' 'It is by this journey in which they mature, regardless of what kind of creature, tormenter or disabler he may have been in his previous life that he may attain a new one or stand here chained until he will submerge and become one of the many reverse dark symbols in the other existence. Knowing that they could never surpass their impulses and their evil needs, they will give in to terror and may be allowed to punish those weaker than them who are beneath their entities. Many infants would be shattered, many races which wouldn't deserve it would be enslaved, and their reign over the land would end as they themselves would fall victim to their own poison. Eventually they would destroy one another only to be brought back here in their original forms.' 'What does it look like down there?' 'A sight of normal, untouched nature, beauty, unity, purity, call it what you need, mountains, skies, glacial walls and water holes, everything which came before the advent of any kind of possible destruction. Now, see, that you listen well. As they submerge, they give in to their true selves, which resign inside every single one of us who have not fought and chained our presences. Some of us were cursed to lay here as watchers of jailors, others are responsible for bringing in those who deserve it. He came closer and only for a moment, he pricked his helmet off. There was nothing in it. As for the second touch, he pricked another piece of the form of his head, going as deeply as to venture a few inches into that invisible shape. 'I see that you're full of yourself, I can feel the rubber stretching as I poke in it' 'Crush as you may but know that none of it is real. No harm may come unto me for as long as I'm here, the curse makes it so you may one grasp as a piece of what used be there.' 'So you used to be one of us.' 'A cruel example of what humanity had to offer. I was a drunk and I have taken women for myself and for the other drunks with whom I stumbled on the streets.' 'And for that you're punished?' 'No, what I've seen before far surpasses my every sin. This is the punishment for having stumbled onto knowledge as a dumb fool who couldn't keep it in for one night. For that alone I am here and I will be here forever, until times stop, and no longer will there be souls to come.' 'What did you see?' 'Accept my chains and you may be on your way. Or leap in my armor and see what I've lived through, but know that you may give in and take the curse upon yourself, from where they may be no return.' 'And what of you? Will you simply disappear when I enter you?' 'This act of yours will split this realm in two, one for me and of for...sharing.' 'But you will also be with me.' 'Cursed to look over but never in control, you are not the first one to take this curse upon him either, Di'Dorko.' 'Were there others?' 'Too many to count, why do you think one would have to sink so low as to be given birth into another world? They are all sent to one of the realms, to govern over.' 'And that one where the symbols of hatred may rise and destroy themselves?' 'Only another realm ruled by one like you. I think I am one of the same cursed people who's looked over the by the chains. It is them, not the armor who rule over everyone. Deep through the many levels of malign creation, this tool of his has taken many forms, either a weapon, or a dead husk in which one may sink, a piece of armor, or some primitive stone-sculpture one may have to worship to join. During my youth, I have been a soldier, henceforth I had been given an armor to cover my nakedness. But I see now that my

worth is fading and so is my shield disintegrating.’ ‘And if there’s no replacement?’ ‘There will always be the chains, they always are. As long as there are souls to be trapped, nothing will have changed. I shall give you a bit of what I see.’ He closed in and appeared to stretch one finger which had been pushed in the temple. It felt as if the entire world had been inverted, occupied by the smallest moving particles of swimming lacerations. They were cutting pieces of that inhabitation morose drowned taint. The fact that he could see his bones was frightening in itself, especially all of those who belonged to the others, being slowly dragged beneath dirt. He saw him. Now, with no armor, as a frail sage, man with no title, cursed to lay there for as long as he would last. It was his opportunity, which only forced him to do whatever he had to do in order to return to normality. He came upon those frail two shoulders and gently pressed down. It wasn’t a murder, but a gentle tap which forced him to lie as low as he could, done out of a mere hint that he may know what he is doing. As soon as he had been placed into the right position, he pushed him down in the same manner he would place all of the other. But it was not enough, he wanted to hurt him. It had to be at least attempted. This sage had done too much damage to be forgiven, his of all would deserve to lose his life, if anyone. ‘A soldier who became a sage, tell me this, If I decide to spare your life now. Why should your life be worth much more than theirs?’ ‘It isn’t. Push me down and I’ll return, slay me and, and...’ ‘I won’t take your place if I curm your life, will I? A liar as well.’ It wasn’t worth it any longer, he found no reason to keep him alive, other than the constant relief and wonder of whom may hold the chains. ‘Let them get a free reign then, without me, they will simply vanish and every single soul which had ever entered any of the planes will be lost. I cannot claim to know what will happen afterwards, I only know that it’s far too dangerous.’ ‘Then I must take it upon myself to release them. Whatever they might do with themselves afterwards is their concern and theirs alone.’ ‘You do not know what you are doing.’ He couldn’t overpower Di’Dorko, it was his decision alone now. But his dime had come a long time ago, when the other soldiers came. He saw them in the distance, even now, approaching in their blue overalls. They were trying to take him back, as their army had been incomplete. What wars would be fought with them? Why could he escape his fate like some of the chained souls had? ‘I admit it, Glaucoma, I only came here by accident. I’m runt, a deserter, that’s what I am. Perhaps that’s why I was forced to keep watch over them, perhaps I saw the other soldiers in them. I couldn’t let go.’ ‘And that’s the reason they can’t sink in, it’s because you’re pulling them back up.’ ‘Believe me, I only had the best intentions in mind. I was supposed to join them, and we would re-enact the fights together.’ ‘And those people with their symbols?’ ‘Dead civilians, nothing more, I was wrought in the flame of war, made to be that way. In our conquest, we became an unstoppable force of virtue which held no life in contempt with our own. We only know death then.’ But then I deserted, for I knew I was meant for something better. An urge overcame the frailness which had kept him down. From inside of him raised a blanket of smoke-silk which took the man out of his quick ascent. He was looked at the same man whose body had become ever frailer, like that of a skeleton who wore rags. A feeble skin had not only surrounded him but gave the impression that it was nearing its shallow end. This ghastly thing feared, trembled, not at his sight but at the things which were coming for him. He was aware of them now. ‘The soldiers, they’re after you, even here. I wouldn’t have believed you if they haven’t appeared in sight and bone.’ ‘They do not have the same appearance underneath their armors as we do. No longer are they set on the idea of decency and honor. Both of us will be stamped out now. I hope your digging has been worth it so far. Without another soul to chain, they will get me, and there won’t be any escape for you either.’ ‘Which brings

me back to my original plan, I could so easily snap your throat.’ ‘And that won’t change a thing. Their rage consumed them, they’re empty inside. I see them, even from the distance, empty helmets, and no bodies. Even their armors move not as reanimations but merely of a compulsion to ever-presently chase me like switched of memories, after-images which switch one-between the other. If you would so quietly look at them you’d have observed it.’ How

they switched bodies, almost, to similar soldiers as them, each appearing in the mark of a half-a step before disappearing. Either they would be trampled by them or they would wake up with those bodies being inside of them.

In that case, there’d be nothing to fight for, nothing to face, only the inevitable defeat which scourged both of them. ‘Then allow me to return to where I came from with the old man who accompanied me. Forget the crew and everyone else, just the two of us and I shall find a way to send you more sacrifices to keep them at bay.’ ‘A promise and a deal?’ ‘From what you have observed, have I not kept my promises yet? It was a bargain which brought me here and one which should allow me the freedom I deserve. What of it then?’ ‘It’s a dangerous trade, but I confess that I’m rather curious to see whether or not you’d keep your end of the bargain. If you do a slither of honor and keep it so, then so be it, I shall grant you return.’ To which a return motion had been asked for. A wave of bodies had

been raised from a hole which fell on him, drowning him momentarily as the release was called. There he dissappeared, seemingly thrown on the wooden rims of the dock he had once left. Next to him laid the old man, brothels and with an unmet desire for fruitful touches. He wanted to see, oh, how much he had desire to dwell beneath the rims of the opening in the ground he promised to show him. ‘A deal’s a deal, is it not? I believe I held my end of the bargain. It’s time that you keep yours.’ ‘I don’t know if that’s what I want anymore Glaucoma, I’ve seen some things there, beneath the reef which shook me off. What i’ve done to him, what I’ve asked of you is unforgivable.’ ‘Yet you feel no remorse for all of those poor women you’ve taken.’ He was likely to show it now, but that had been as show for another time. It was highly irrelevant since the old man, Equor, would be in the family’s service in the present form. Underneath the statue, in the rim of the stairs where they hid the plunder, as time went on, he had been give his tiny slouch to dwell in. It was messy, but he didn’t complain. There was just enough space there for him to collect. It had become more than a study for him. What he’d take would soon enough bite a good piece. If there was one vivid memory he felt like conveying, it was the leaping man who had taken a liking to living nearside him. He was one of the worst lots, who refused to even take a liking in the feet he had collected. Despite

them being fashioned with plenty of metal wires, in various traps lain on around his den, he was proposing to himself a quick change of pace. By the time his crooked limbs came to his face, he drew two lines on each side, promising never to cause problems again. ‘I am Crooked. Smoked, Locked, and I have some to take your gander.’ His moves were highly hypnotic, before the time could come in which he’d realize that he was destined to be caught in the fight for wonder and to plunder for some frail crumbs of bread, he came to befriend him. This spiked haired, almost hard-looking muzzled came to his senses and dropped a fourth step beneath his knee. It was fashionably caught by his gaze, the maze which couldn’t have been there appeared in front of them, as a form of self-peculiarity, the calamity of being dead. ‘Have I died yet?’ ‘Indeed you have, old man, indeed you have. You’ve come to witness the end of the line of Di’Dorko, to have witnessed and documented all of their wrong-doings and every single redemption and now that you’ve accompanied them all to their deaths, your time had rightfully come. Hurry up now, I think your brother’s waiting for you. And he’s being nastily annoying, like the usual scoff and the usual word-play

which would annoy even the most tendon-filled waiter, with the mead in his lap.'The old man stood there like a fetus, shaking. It wasn't supposed to be this way, as he had his greatest desire to live forever or close to it. Alone, it felt lonely, so much more than he'd expected. 'Don't be sad, I'm here, for you, there's no need for you to feel any negative emotion any longer. As soon as you'll meet him again, I'm sure you will know what to say. Is that why you're standing down there? Perhaps it's the maze? I'll lower it down and turn this only it a walk. Come on, you won't see him until we'll have reached him.' 'I do not know what to say to him. I took his future and his life. You don't know how cruel I've been to him and everyone else. No one believes me when I tell them that I do feel something for every time I've harmed or cheated or stolen or asked for his life to be taken. But no one wants to trust me any longer.' A liar and a cheat, brought down beneath the leaper's feet. It wasn't a question any longer. He had to get up. 'Come on now, I told you, there's only one alternative to the wait. You'll shrink and rot and you will have become a soiled spot on the ground.' On the ground, in the mound, in the saddened renowned crown inside the leaper's head. The leaper's eyes had been completely enveloped into the static, looking through a filter which punched tiny bloated holes through them. He could see the words coming around, as if the message was being told to him, or the instructions of what was to be done with the old man. What had been asked of him was highly unnerving and disturbed, with each step resulting into him trying to crawl inside the body, picking up the rips, and pulling the real core of his prior encounter. Whatever came to his life now gave in to that sudden grow. It was only now that he had bought enough time, before the leaper could pull the core above his lungs out. His throat suckled in as he opened the way beneath him, into that pocket of feet, where they dragged beneath the sudden barrier which prevented him from following. 'But the feet were supposed to be out there, trailed on a bunch of metal strings.' 'An old, trick, you veiled murderer, I will not die today.' He broke his promise to Di'Dorko for a good cause at that. Whatever made him feel as made now went over his head and back around where it was needed. Such a cause could only force him to relapse as he had basked in them and began growing. As the growth had commenced, this was the frail vision he could never see again. They grew back their upper limbs, pushing the muscle to join his body. As they lumped in, he felt a clarity which drew in. His senses were morbidly spiked by such a surge of the mad that his hair grew on the back, turning into chrome, melting through the snow-like surroundings. It felt like what came out of it appeared to be a twenty fêted arachnid which began moving its head through its torso, being no longer confined by anything else. By the time they had arrived, his brother and the true leaper, not the fake image which had tried assaulting it, only this scene had been witnessed. 'I shall never be killed, I shall not be imprisoned and I shall live for as long as the line of Di'Dorko lives.' The statement had been bizarre, they were all supposed to have died. A fight had been ensued as the false leaper came with a blade and with snare, he fell down, caught between the feet, which looked less hairless than they would've been if he hadn't taken them. Inside each of them, without a single exception, there had been some way to know and to feed into the salutatory glands which came in. He was draining him alive, eating, sucking from his throat, before being done with him. A crackling of the spine emerged before he'd be abandoned. A cruel nature, crueler a woe. He had been crushed beneath the soles of his endeavor, to kill that which wasn't whole. The flying tomb came, and from inside of it, four gates opened from its sides, releasing forth a few Llohnirs which joined him now. It was an incision of the most obscure size, which had been suffered by each one of them as they came back to life. It was a sort eulogy, that of which they gave themselves before coming to

present them in an astonishing manner which begged for some malady to be brought back to them. In a quick pace, their daces united all of them together in some kind of leash-like embodiment of their kin. Their ankles snapper, their teeth enlarged, skin became as coal, maddeningly shooting a few gusts of musk. Inside of them they started digging their way out. These horses of Pyaath, who came forth, all at once, eight in number, tied together as their backs. Some giant sting like that of an amorphous malnourished deep-sea anomaly appeared to haunt the sight of the horses, which shot in their every direction as many horse-heads as they could. It stopped immediately, this process of refinement which forced their mouth to drawn inwardly and begin eating from their chests. 'I must feed my young, what must I do to call him my father? Oh, why, he abandoned me before I could show him how beautiful they are.' As soon as a piece of his chest had been ripped, a few many-horse-headed atrocious-looking creatures appeared as bluntly as they could, being there, in more way than another, to be phasing out of existence. 'Heed my complaint, the father has not brought them any sustenance so they may be anchored to this world. Without it, I will have to watch them die. Look at the other heads and hear them out. They laugh at me because they know I'm forced to suffer because of it. It's agonizing because it's their son as well. They do not care for me.' 'And you did not care for me either. When half of my face decayed, you didn't care at all. For no reason, no excuse either, you pushed me out of your side and switched out throats to distance yourself as far away from me as possible.' 'I have not, I have not, I have not. Pity you will never have a child, you sterile blunted body.' 'But I could, I had, but you switched my body and drew it apart.' 'Enough, my dear mere, here he comes, our rider, the old man.' Who leaped on their back and strode as far as they could from sight, before his brother and the leaper could catch onto them and force him to explain. What happened to Di'Dorko? Glaucoma appeared to have paid the muse, the woman of his dreams being in his chateau. It was a feeling of supreme satisfaction, to look upon the glass dome which surrounded everything around eight quarters of his home. There, the eighteen statues of weeping angels and the twenty eight statues of creeping vile demons almost came to life. Soon they would battle in his dreams and offer him a sight, for the enlightening hope that he might survive the evilness which had been sinking in his shoulder. Even now he could feel it moaning, pushing through, and sinking deeper to the point where the pain had swollen the area. 'Why have you not taken that out, my love?' Alizee, sweet and grand, glad to be alive in the most deceitful way a woman could appear. Her face was painted, he almost fainted, not from her but the sights of evil which had been given by the hook. He saw the world for what it had been worth and decided he would not dare himself any longer, to stride out from the way. Remind yourself, Glaucoma, you've made a pact to summon one of the mighty defilers into your world. You were not good before the hook came forth. His consciousness spoke, and he became onset on how many people had died because he had been there, on that cruiser, just some nights ago. The Captain lay in some place, drinking with some crewmen, forced to abide and hide from the ear hunters. Out of everyone, there were still those which had their way with the perfect sculpture, the goddess which would never escape from her torment either. And Glaucoma had never even known about them at all. He left them that way, abandoned to deal with their own problems as he forced himself on her. 'Alizee, my precious Alizee, I want you now never to leave me. I shall have you and you'll be mine. Never mind that we'll be together until the time comes when I will succumb to the evil inside of me. But I must have a son, a descendant.' 'I shall give him to you then, worry not. My love, you will bring me some joy, the kind of ploy which will be forever doubted by them.' Who appeared to be staring from the distance. Other rulers, pullers of many

axes in their plays for dyes. Every time they hurt themselves, chopping and slicing their veins, they would release a different color into the sea. This was the third sign of the awakening. 'I feel it, I believe I am the one responsible for it. If it were not up to me, there would be good into this world.' 'Do you always have to be so dramatic? You're exaggerating again.' 'But I'm not, I feel as if I'm the source of evil.' He was not it, but closer than he could've ever pointed it out himself. In some bizarre way, the source of evil had visited him, the essence fed him and turned him into what he ought to become. In some way, it felt like that had been the right thing, that inside the world there was something akin to the layer of an onion, which poured inside of him only the nearest essence of wrong-doing. He could glimpse into the future and see the wretched scum which would only be his near-descendant. An evil lord, he was, next in the line of Gordo Di'Dorko. Called in the name of the slayer of sea-shells, he craved for a life in which he would never have to live in the shadow of Glaucoma. Blinded by his rage and his magnificent opium addiction, he made himself a house of shells, near the drift of water, at the very near sight of a fragment of water pouring valves. The world had changed a lot if a generation, with the appearance of a dark curtained-wall which separated half of the Earth in half. 'Look at them, they've destroyed our beautiful paradise. They must pay for it.' 'How might we stand a chance against them now? Look out there, they're remembering what's wrong and despite it they keep bringing them around.' Beasts were set free rein, from the worlds in which they didn't bother to behave. Some claustrophobic trappers came, with their weaving thin, invisible flat wings. Without them, they merely looked like some kind of atmospheric parasites which drew some air into their smoldering rock-like bodies. Tormented by the fact that their wings constantly put pressure inside their insides, they would stop in crowds of men and trap them. Now, such a case as in the city of Ghyrob, they stacked a few members of the most veritable races which were grouped together in a fight and as they came to it, they revealed that at bottom they kept only the most disturbingly-looking tools of pain infliction, an addiction which would force the citizens to start abandoning their resin-like skin, leaving behind what made them what they are. In the fraction of the seizure which emerged upon meeting themselves at their lowest, they release a livid fear on which the trappers fed. A disturbing addition started filling this tiny cage. The reason being that they began growing inside, at an indefinable rate which never bothered to make it so either of them would be alive by the time they'd grow. It was near the eight-growth that the realization came, these beings had no calamity to themselves, and they would outgrow their wings and become giant dark blocks in cities populated by millions of vile deceivers. The organ of Clomethia, which appeared to produce a special type of liquid noxious insulin, started making the first whiffs of content with the air. A failed absorption lead to the infestation of everyone around, whom, in turn, appeared to be grounded to dead beetles which emerged from the ground. The beetles were only a side effect of the driving force which turned the good people of Ghyrob into desensitized devious creodonts who shared nothing but a deep hate for one another and madness like no other. 'What's going on here? I was stabbed.' 'I was robbed, look into my eyes and know that I am no longer a man but a plume which sinks below the fumes.' He shoved and rammed the emerging foes inside his many nostril ports, until he had seen him. Gordo had arrived, tall and lean, muscular and full of himself, arrogant at the sight of the promoter of deceivry and denial. 'Greetings slumlords, I am Gordo Di'Dorko, the greatest man that ever lived. It may not be clear yet but I'm someone whom you're ought to admire and serve.' It was undeniable that they looked at him with an unquestionable level of hatred but respect. He ripped a metal street-light lamp only to see what the was

no longer human, not to be confused with them. An immediate reaction made him drop it. Those hands were colored in the shades of the lost, a vividly-looking deviant hue of magenta, which only stemmed from the fact that he felt poison in his veins. But that poison was his, he hissed. And he saw that out of his chest came a few leash-like thick vines which strangled everything in sight, even the innocent people yet to be afflicted by this curse. Alas, he leaped to the closest window and saw a disturbingly-looking mutt of a face. He looked beaten and vaporous, malignantly touched. 'What have I done to deserve this?' The burn marks had returned, this creature which looked as if it had been submerged into acid, which gave way for the span of a few hunchback lumps to emerge from his back to the very point where they ripped a part of his skin and gave way for his spine to emerge from within, not in the form of bone but one looking like a throne. He sat on it and waited, bored. The sky was green now, dark, but he felt at home. As the buildings started to shape their horns into surrounding tops of crystal beds, he started sniffing, seething at the fact that he was greeted at last. 'I'm Brktich, I shall serve you now for as long as you wish me to.' 'And I am the Humble, brother of Brktich, come as the second one.' Both of which came dressed in a most bizarre fashion. One came in the dress of a jester, the other one a suit of white. He had a few marbles drawn on top of their shallow defiling helmets they bore. Inside of them they hide only the most peculiar aspects of gore. But those were not his to see. He would have to be at least as stricken by the weird vapor of trickery they employed. 'How about it? Will you not take us as your loyal kin?' 'I might carry around you whatever spoil you come into contact with. Never mind my brother who'd steal and who'd claim everything for his own. But I am the most loyal of us both.' Spoke the Humble jester, with a peasant's look aside. He was only up the aisle, until he found himself aware at that. It was amusing to say the least. They were a symptom of his desire to disobey. He had been just the first descendant, and in the eyes of his father, he had been a failure, much worse than having no descendant was the fact that he was seen as tainted, ungrateful bastard. Smashing through the glass left neither remorse, nor any feasible wound on his knuckle. It served as a reminder of what he was and whose blood came on the ground. 'How have I begun bleeding? I wasn't the one who punched through it.' 'Come on now, you're overreacting now, I see that. But you're right, you've done it, you cruel master. We haven't even been in your employ for long for you to abuse us in such a way.' 'If you're willing to follow me, then keep your distance, if not then you may leave and never return, I can only wait for so long until they'll get me. There are those who'd stop at nothing to end my line, and not one of them could be blamed.' Pain writhed in his chest, to the earnest lack of compassion he showed them came as soon as it could. He pulled his spine and continued his walk alone. As he approached that overgrown humbling pile, seconds thoughts emerged. Undefended, yet protected by their thick skin, he knew there was something within them which might be much weaker, easily definable, set in stone, lost for the lack of better words, in an excruciatingly show of lost angst. No more would it bounce from his desire, from the thing he most admired about his father as he grew. To him he had been a symbol which lay loose in his mind, the man who had given life to the line. He lay in a chair, abandoned again by the only living relative he had. Only him, who would call himself Seghemnon, remained most loyal, still blunt to touch. It was a coping mechanism, for he knew that he could walk, he may as well simply pull himself and walk towards his son. But in that damning state, who might receive him in the shortest span of time? A man stuck in the past, which had grabbed the essence and forced it in his son. 'Father, I only desire a life of good that I may live unharmed and untouched by the likes of you. Do not curse me in the same way you had. Will you force me into this

life of crime and vileness you yourself have always resented throughout your entire life?’ ‘I cannot help it, my dear son, but my desire is far outweighed by the fact that there might be no hope for as long as there’s good in your life. We must take this sacrifice and carry it on our shoulders, otherwise, they shall make fools out of us and defile the heritage mankind has always tried to preserve. If we do not take the mantle of evil.’ His father said. And as Glaucoma went at it again, he felt every side of his well-being and kindness fade his body and should would both be cursed in the same way one might change, at a bitter rage. To his defiance he changed again. He would take another form, slimmer, thinner, much weaker than it had ever been. An essence of the malign would enter him, pushing and drawing, cutting and slashing until nothing of his soul could be contained in either the form of a man or that brute-like clad. His wide arms only gave way for a few more coiling grasps to come in. His body lacked legs but they were atrophied into a tail. In it there was just enough mass to give forth some hesitancy of the morsel. In his gut and in his mouth there hadn’t been a break but a trail which revealed as much as just enough space for a few citizens to come in. Yet they stayed away out of fear that he might try to throw himself onto them, crushing and smashing, dancing as he’d eat them. ‘Now it’s time to plunge and I shall have you at once.’ He made it sound as if it were a promise, a vile thing which couldn’t be explained by the fact that he would try to eat a piece of himself to slow down the acids inside his stomach. Not only was that but there something close to some apparent reason for his straying. A desire met only by the engulfance of a cowardly stab. But he was in and it was dreadful, the way in which he forced everything around him to fall into a state nigh-clear to some degenerative disease. It could not be more exposed than it had been there, that he tasted their raw insides, only to feel himself there. In a state of much-like the ending sphere, which grew and grew until it neared completion. It formed inside one of the puncturing slits he made with his teeth and started regenerating the rest of its body to a completion which couldn’t have been counted for. ‘I will eat you just like you have eaten them. And when I’m done with you, you’ll owe me more meat for me to carry to my den.’ That should prove to you father, that I am worthy of being your son. You shall see it, I promise you that now! To the best of his attempts he couldn’t detest the fact that eventually they followed, a non-intrusive manner, they cornered the find to latch. ‘Have we been wrong in attempting to befriend him?’ ‘There hadn’t been a single joy we shared, within our selves, why, I’d say we merely kept only the most needed expression of gratitude towards him, for taking us into his service.’ ‘But he refused, I believe he had. He didn’t say it but he made it quite obvious that he didn’t want us around.’ ‘Nonsense, nonsense, I think he only acted that way because he wanted to test us, why, I might even count it as a victory for us. In terms of how close we are, only he could tell us, once he gets out.’ That was their chance. ‘Brktich, I have never asked you this, but why do you always seek to backstab me in the most repulsive manner? Are we not pieces of the same cloth? Must I come to terms that I may never be able to do anything without expecting you to fall a few feet behind me, strappingly sharp?’ ‘You were always my favorite sibling for a reason, dear Humble, it was because you never questioned anything, taking the blunt approach, taking a few steps until. ‘Until the derange came and broken them off. The image of him had been mildly different in this reality, like an octahedron warped to the elongated body of a corrupt retriever of coffin-shades. Large nails erupted from fat toes, to their points of lost their signals. Two antennas were connected between the body and the crystal-shape inside of him, from this came the two legs similar to a lion’s mane, burnt to a crisp, eaten to the spectacular point where it seemed to be followed by the melting instinctive walk it had, as it stopped levitating and stopped itself

on the ground. For this occasion alone, it had started talking through their minds alone, unknown to the defilers, they could not even fathom what happened. 'Heed my warning, from another man like you, I, Allachiel, have been corrupted and twisted into the abomination displayed for yer' gazes, this curse has turned me into a defiled thing from only atrophy might force me to sink. I shall drink out of my own gut, until I will be required, at that, to join you in the search for the man know as Gordo Di'Dorko.' 'Then you've come to the right place at the right time, for we have joined him in servitude, though he may not willingly accept another servant without us making sure we know the better likes of you yet.' 'Bu I've not come to serve him, I've only come to observe his strange behavior and the peculiarness of his action. I am one of the vile parts of space which may never redeem themselves for as long as he is there at all. Without him, I may never be able to outgrow my existence and be granted freedom from this curse. I know that inside of me there's a human which yearns for release. As is he, and for that reason alone I have stopped my travel through the planetary rift and decided to come here and meet him.' 'Well in that case, you needn't bother with it yet. Both I and Humble have decided it would be worth it for you to make an appointment, isn't that right, Humble?' 'But, brother, we haven't discussed about it.' 'Yes we have, with the three of us spoke about it before he went on.' 'Where exactly was that, they couldn't hope it wasn't as meekly perturbed as it had looked on the outside. But there were good reasons to believe that there wasn't anything right inside of it, that place reeked of the most absurd manner. Even for Gordo, it looked like an inner trap, a recreation of the piece of the city it had occupied, with that rugged brown and harsh texture he had seen on the outside being present on the inside. Not long after being presented with what lay there, he also came to realize that there had been a disturbing watch. 'We've been expecting you Gordo, for a long time indeed, you see, we've been spoken with.' 'By whom would that be?' Even in his volatile form, he continued levitating, twisted as his legs pushed and crossed one another in cone. Seghemnon appeared out of nowhere, slitting the piece of the ground and opening a key to his realm. What had seemed to him more distant and peculiar than anything of the kind was the fact that he was seen the same kind of behavior he had employed with his dad before him. It was crude and unnerving, something he shouldn't have given in. But he turned back to his old habits of collecting the feet of the strange robbers he had somehow managed to trick. 'Why have you betrayed me?' 'I haven't done anything, boy, I only tried to give him a fair understanding of the fact that you're not someone who should be faced. Evil thing you fancy yourself as, I can see that the damage you've tried achieving has only been temporary and crude.' 'Why should I bother with more? Any kind of pain I could inflict would give me away as well as my desire to bring him down. And I see that the key isn't on the inside, at least not here.' He looked above and saw the source for all of the malign. On its top there had only been the strongest growth one could see, the agony and the vileness of crockery. It still tried replicating the same pleasure it had felt. 'You haven't realized it yet, do you need some help?' 'No, why should I?' He pointed at the gaps and at the grasps to see how close he had come to developing wings, meaty, tender, puffy, but almost indistinguishable from the rest of it. 'Gordo looked behind him only to see the rest of the changes which had occurred as a result of the addiction to his propane living inhibitors in the back. Those wings were barely the star as his body bulked in a trunk of eight-five inches in diameter, pushing or to a stump which dragged onward to revealed two main sections it bore. The lower side looked softer, as it was the embodiment of his digestive system, while the upper side of the trunk looked hard, shelled, almost plastic, or non-organic. From one side you could draw just enough to paint a single strapping concave shape.

It seemed to be made out of two shaking hands, which weren't even remotely looking like one another, but closer to some claws. And each quadret of a section bore the same image, stretching the carapace into a forward pushing motion. As each segment met, a pointing sting would draw forward. There was another part of the universe which was enthralled by the constant change. In as much as two straight centuries they Necromancer had done something in the name of Kirhun'Dor. An exert of his deranged activity only now came into light. Despite this being lost as soon as one could pay the tribute to the lost words. He had carelessly lost himself with the help of the whims of least forgotten ventures, for as long as they lay. He stood there, unturned, unable to look away from his secret interaction with a fiend he had met. Centuries had passed ever since the interaction with the Obsidian race had begun, ever-so much in awe had they been lain that they could not be forgiven for their misbehavior. Slavery had been completely introduced by him, the supreme deity of Obsidian who called itself the Duke. As the necromancer or one of his many shades had come into contact with the lost planet which lay under servitude, he had gone through a gate made out of the bodies of the Suppressors. Tens of them stood there, unable to move, yet somewhat struck. Unloving, yet they shot out of their eyes a definite rebuttal of what they stood for. As he approached, he attempted to touch one of their eyes only to result into nothing being done there. 'Take your hand off them unless you want to lose your touch.' A voice said. It didn't come from any specific place, but this weird disgraceful one which couldn't even bother itself to propagate the side. He'd constantly search for any kind of place to plant himself near, wreathing in disregard. 'What happened here exactly? I think I remember them. They had been instructed to look over everything which was fair. Has their servitude concluded, then?' 'Nay, there was no such thing to begin with.' Walking over the plains of space was hard enough for him. Without the sniffing of the touch, he couldn't fathom trying to comprehend what was going on there. 'I could simply try bringing him to life.' 'That attempt would only serve as nothing but a fluke. You're bound to miss the fact that there are contingencies set there which will eventually devour you completely as you may. Make your peace with it and let them serve as the warning they are, otherwise, shade, you shall end up being just like them.' 'What of it in that case? Can I not at least dream of bringing him of life?' 'Do as you may, but be weary of it as well, there are things happening in the realm of dreams which may never be dealt with for as long as you feel yourself compelled to act in the name of the one who gave you form.' 'Very well, I shall proceed and do what I must. I need to know what I'm going towards on my way there, otherwise, I stand chance to risk my own annihilation.' Fare thy well was never heard. Doing the least of chores had helped him gain a piece of trust. It was dangerous, falling into a deep slumber there.

A piece of the bunker

The sinister Ttrhroke came to its full breasted plate, standing near the set of fire popping, pole shooting nail-like assault which only appeared to be the cause of the destruction of the hold. Looking back on it, one couldn't even bother to even point out who had been the cause of the destruction. Only a piece of it remained whole, if one could call it that way, in the midst of the fortification, while warriors jousting, fermenting in their skin. It appeared that

another fight had come to life, and it couldn't even be mildly expected for what was worth it, none of them would be able to survive. It was reckless, to say the least, waiting there amidst the sole recursion of distaste. He could see that a few long metal cutters had been completely brought to a stop, while another one at the opposite end kept going on. Without the sparse attempt to look ahead in that point of distaste, it fled father into the air to avoid both the arrows coming from what used to be the liquidly-concentrated archers. It seemed like they had found a new source for their corruption, as a means of unsanitary disgust came to them. For what had been absorbed into the ground were the countless bodies which drowned one another in their masses. And each of them had managed to draw in some of the blood. Though they had been almost prehistorically stunned, or paralysis, denied existence from the depths, they served as batteries until their fight would end. Other than them the Ttrhroke turned its rotary-helmet, spiked as it were, barely attached with its many devices to the bulk of the neck, revealed one tiny light speckle, through which it looked. Its body may have reeked of some bipedal flying bird of prey; the head on top of it was that of Ttrhroke, who looked at the impasse. Before he could even turn his head, the siege engines began again, throwing the most unstable rocks of tinder, trapped between the wrappings of silk and iron chains. On top of those, there were the crawling remains of some of the bodies, and the echoes of the fight, again! 'Pull off your blade; let me see how you fight, fiend.' The trapper, came and pulled his double edged axe, which bore only their mischievous blood, drawing ahead from the sides as almost convoluted spins of metal started digging deeper into the nearest taken shroud. May they are surrounded no less of the dead. Otherwise, we may never see their kind again. 'Ahree, ahree, ahree.' It yelled, as the means of its survival fell from its back. That body almost lost composure as it threw itself at him. He couldn't even force himself to stand, or too look like he would be erect. He danced around and with a turn of the spade, as soon as it hit one of his fellow men, the axe buried itself in its neck, going as far and planting itself on the other side, and crushing it instantly, as if a forge hammer fell on it. Uncannily as it was, the mere blunt force revealed not only he fear they felt, but the lack of an appreciative nature, which the others took to their graves. 'Have you seen that cut? I ought to be knighted now.' 'We'll talk once the fight is over. Careful not to fall down there, I see that there's a stream coming from their end of things.' 'Do not worry about them, well do as we please. Let us not be stopped by the lack of satisfaction. I bet I can make it to the stream and swim in it.' 'And what of the repercussions of it? Are you that foul minded that you can't even behave? What of your grandchildren, Milyiee?' 'They're not as important to me any longer. I've come to understand that perhaps our paths should separate as soon as we can. Why do you suppose I'm here Ktothn?' He was too busy to give him a proper response, as the repository of tied hands came back to it, almost in a cowl and a freckled howl which called for reinforcement. 'Here they come again, let us not give in yet, hold the line!' The line would be kept as far as one could wait on it. Only about three thousand of them had been clustered in separate locations, some behind the broken walls, and others on the other side, fatherly denying the ends of the siege machines which were still going. Animated by the most benign matter of a fierce battle, they had starred the fiery coquettes that threw, almost bearing the might of firestones which landed in a hue. Many sparks of fire light, speeded, unnerved by the demolition which came, as soon as they began again. 'They're coming, look before you.' At the dawn of the many handed giants there came, a forceful blow which threw the few of them which had survived, farther in the back, for the lack of a proper entry. They came out like black spinning horns, which threw the others off the shores of their heels. As these blind predatory courageous screeches stopped

their constant spin to reveal a frightening sight of what came from within them. In their long, prolonged mass, like dancers of straddled, long infant-scarabs in their conception phase, they opened like surrounding hairs, only to push out their space-contorted insects which would rise again. From them there came an amiable sight. Roses came from

all the scarabs, lilies from the worms, from the unrecognizable ones the same, plants which didn't matter to be plain. 'Beauty from such terrible creatures, I have not ever through I would come to witness that?' 'Don't draw in their beauty. They must be akin to sirens, only desiring to draw us to them and fall.' 'And what kind of death would that be?' 'You fool; can you not see that buzzing head and that entire patch of many spiked ends? If you fall, it will catch you. Afterwards, it will have sprung to its song until you'll be nothing more than a beaten doll.' 'Must you always dog me in such a way? I can't even be envious of you any longer. I'm trapped here in the most distasteful way. I ought to slay you before I end myself.' 'Then I hope you'll sink to agony and he misses all of your vitals. That way you will remember me, and I laugh merrily in the more deceitful fashion.' 'But you would not dare.' 'I would again.' And again, he would, for he saw no hope of the battlefield, now that their commander and the champion her brought with him fell prey. To the lands below them, drink, to the fingers, also pink. To shatter nails, to batter wails, and in the end, don't look at him again. Everyone had, those who made time slow, who made buildings last. Even though they had no power of time, they seemed to make it so, only by a glance oh so vile. With each step they took, another blade started then it stopped. It could not be conceived that they would be kindly thought off in anyway. 'We

need to get down there?' 'Now you're talking, oh how merrily I've become indeed. I wish we could both leap and...' 'I mean on the other side of the battle.' Where the enemy troops gathered and piled on top of the corpse. It couldn't be brought back to the worst of times, the bitter cries being stilled. But in the depths, to the gaze, the wrought surroundings of that circles phase of the feeding started shaking for the mixture to have gone, discarded no longer. Displeased by some audacity it may have felt, never felt off as to be again, the inner bottling proved to be a high success, but something had been missing from it. A fiend, who should've been longed for, be there. With it out of the way, taken as one may, there was nothing to stop the process of the planet's rehabilitation that prolonged lifespan, which proved to show no sign of turning back. But across the plain of Hlajj, the purple deserts of lighted lines, fire emerged as the interruption began. Somewhere in the sand machine, a cog cocked in and appeared to be spreading it the wrong side. The tall constructs of Nin'dur only came to see, each other working tirelessly. Their lower ends were held by long metal straps which carried them from around the highly energized sand-creator, the desecrator of fine-glass. They converted it after being corrupted by a most disgusting light which came from one of the prehistoric entropy slimes, which came with its skeleton forming around itself a growth which permitted their image to be replicated inside any reflection. And not only of themselves, but of their pasts and of their reeking habits, which included every pile of trash and scum which came about themselves in a most disturbing resounding cradle.

In it one could see the face of a man who missed half of it, one eye and a few pieces of the sickly grinds, all reflected in a manner which almost completely replicated reality. For one to be met by such an image, he couldn't help it but fall back. Unable to find anything throwing itself on him, he would try to touch it. A grave mistake, as they were not willing to share. Through their nails, like bark they'd come, even as glass or mirror-apparitions, through their large bodies, poor victims would succumb, unable to defend themselves as they fell. Bluntly thrown like a piece of spreading scarlet-fever, emerging through the contagion of scars, they'd end up like the poor victims

they touched. Much worse would it be, that they'd occupy their husks and move ahead like solid clusks. One of the many Nin'durs dragged a battering hammer on the shag. 'Flood needs be stopped, or else we stand up losing everything before the fall of a single pine.' They were approach solemnly by the haunted mobile-units of Ikor. From their almost aphrodisiac dexterity, there came only the sight of inertia, the dementia which spread from the heads they brought inside of them. These gambling machines were there for no other reason but to distract them from the work. It was a highly patrician pleasure, to take a head and eat it warm. It brought them suffering, but no one would look forth. For in these giant units, the many which lay inside, bore only the name of the one who almost came close to inexistence. Dour, had been there, one of them, all of them, none of them. In reality, they bore different name and were too onset on admiring each other in their speeches and the haze. 'I am the king of white paint. I shall pain this entire demolished structure in my won color.' 'But you have no paint on you.' 'Foolish Trottour, slinky-broad, as you may be, I know you may no understand much now. But it's all inside of me. All of it, to which I'm pleased to say that I shall share my paint.' 'You won't remain here for long. I brought something with me as well, myself. I'm waiting for myself out there, in the distance, can you see me? I'm floating, levitating there, I'm rowing in a boat, can you see it? It's a spectacle I say, join me in my boat so we may sail again.' 'Echo, echo, echo at last, I can hear my voice and I can occupy all of this space with as much as I have. I'll give you all a chance of quiet and then I'll spoil it again!' The voice had spared not shattering of the glass. Everyone out there looked at their glassy dime-like tome sheet which separated them, just a few feet forward. Where one could pinch ever so thoroughly and break the case. Only a few words mattered now. In all the piles and turns and all which fell, there were still the ones I missed the most, the thoughts of the last man who came to speak with the lad, who wondered at that where had he gone? 'We're has he gone off now? I can't help it, he always goes on his adventures and abandons everyone. He simply can't be held down can he?' Doughwell waited for a moment, just so he could be sure no one was trying to peer at them or lend an ear by the table. Near him stood Alchamy, drawing another cigar from her pack, while being more attentive to him. 'I feel bad for Claire as well, she's been through a lot more as of lately. I even came to think he came back for the child, but I guess I was wrong.' 'We all were wrong about it. I can't even begin to think what's going through the kid's head.' 'She reminds of our daughter. They grow up far too quickly when they're left alone. I feel like she'll simply go through it and never see a dad coming home.' 'Was this what it felt to be a dead beat on the run? There wasn't even an answer here. Everything went wrong for him as well, but no one wanted to believe him. Malt found himself walking again on strange roads and kicking up cans off the ground. What influences he thought to have found weren't actually that great, nor had they provided him any means of return. Not to life in the old way, nor would they reconcile with themselves as they only surrounded their kind and their people.' 'Damned troublemaker, he's always going out there like stray, someone ought to put some sense into it, shouldn't they?' Nowadays they hadn't even bothered to conceal their insults or to look away as they said it. This was already harrowing as it was. No one wanted Malt around the bloc; no one wanted him to be in their vicinity or anywhere as a matter of fact. He was already lost in his eyes. Now what was he doing? 'Spying on your daughter? Were you not trying to escape your responsibilities now?' 'He's trying again; can't you see how desperate he is? No one's going to pay any attention to the strange man peering over the second floor, I'm certain of it.' Their usual cackle was gone. Most of them, which, whomever appeared in their physical manifestation, were rather dull and invisible to every

other creature other than him. It's been quaint, to say the least, interestingly enough, they had found a way to go taunted the tiny shadow and the others inside of him. It was quite the game of stretching and of plunging against his body as there wasn't any stopping as long as they cared for it. A few of them would often even appear in eightfold,

uniting together to form a pile, which resulted in their heads staring in each direction, peering in and seemingly making comments on the most mundane manners surrounding them. 'Someone brought rabbits here, and dogs, there didn't use to be so many animals around here, were there?' 'And I can see doves, and birds, it's only been a couple of weeks now. This is place still reeks of filth, I wonder why.' The lights were still strapped with their devices, still connected to a power source, though, there wasn't any central power any longer. Instead of it, there was the General

Appliance of Electricity and Power, which manifested itself just out of nowhere. They didn't interfere with the people and worked only during the night shifts when no one had been bothered enough to pay any attention to what was going on around during their rounds. From the roof shells in particular there was a dedicated corner, where only

the fewest souls could gather and stare about. It wasn't quaint, it wasn't right to be spied upon, yet devices were planted. Unlike what was done before, this was more superficial. They were planted cameras which actually worked, which lead to smaller rooms where there were actually trained people who were paid to look around and see whether or not something was suspicious. That man again, the one everyone knew always made the same groundings around some part of the city. He spent most of his time walking now. Malt felt older, time was starting to pass him by. Even though it wasn't something of his own choosing, he decided he'd come in and say hi to the girl. Had he even spoken to her prior to this? There wasn't any way of knowing, he hadn't remembered it, not now, not even remotely close to anything he could point out. She was there and he was there. Even though both of them were on opposite sides. 'Are

you waiting for someone?' 'I am.' 'Your daughter, perhaps?' It wasn't exactly subtle, but he shared a smile, an uncomfortable smile he couldn't shake off. It was awkward, trying to interact with that woman. He was unfit to be much of anything, and they didn't exactly give him that easy a time. 'How long have you been here, for, Malt?' 'I guess, ten years now, yeah, the tenth should come any day now.' It might've felt too awkward to ask her something now, but he didn't know who she was. Ms. Beauregard, Bourg, and Ms. Anything really could've worked. Time after time it had gotten more awkward to day-dream while being surrounded by them, it was hard phasing through them, as if little by little, they began seeing him. 'You have two sons, don't you?' 'Clint and Hess, they're in the same room with her now.' 'Bored already with waiting? We're not exactly on-set on trying to push through the mark, but I think we'll find a way to gnaw at it, if only you could give us a sign.' 'We're mightily desperate to lock into some

place and enter. Why, I'd even say that if you don't let us in, you'll be known as nothing more than a coward.' 'Coward, coward, coward, coward!' Silence came, as soon as they disappeared through whatever crevice they could find themselves in. It was the same regular thing with them. Taunting then running away, disappearing then reappearing with nothing to convey. Strangely, he hadn't been surprised at all, if they even showed signs of getting through to him, they might've spared a glance. 'I've never seen you around here, Malt. Are you and Claire? I hope you don't mind if I'm intruding or anything, I'm simply trying to see, you know?' Her eyes show some good intention, but it would be wasted on him. Too many things happened, now they started slowly going away. They were separated from the other side, where all the tunnels lead inside of themselves. It was a maze out there, hard to facilitate the fact that they began building roads. It had been decided, as far away as one could look in whichever

way possible, that the lowest level of the intertwined bunkers were in a desperate need of better roads. And with their advent, the androids and the fully-converted machines, they started putting two and two together. Clean and freshly paved roads still smelled of the high gentrifications which left their peculiar marks on both sides. A strange procedure followed, as soon as they began inserting bolts, shoving in some kind of miserable unknown amount of factors inside them. They brought something which looked like forage weapons, of tools to break high-stone with. With them, they pointed at the bolt and started electrifying them, adding the first of many electrical factors. Laymen around the construction area could only stand and watch in wonder. 'What are they doing there?' 'I think they're setting traps, but I can't be sure of it. I've never seen something like this before. I'll be honest; it kind of unnerves me to look at it. Those shocks look like they could leave a mark.' 'Stand off the area.' Came a voice, from one android, which bore a single trash-crane around his chest. It rounded him and only came as close to deepening itself in it. His chest revealed just enough multi-use devices that he could take any of them head-on. There were injectors and a few extra arms which all simply compiled themselves into his box. No one wanted to approach him out of fear of what might happen if they were to indulge themselves with a fight against him. It couldn't have been thought off as anything but a way to wager the likes of the stranger and the defiance of an unnatural woe. Standing under the false eclipse they looked at him and saw the same thing everyone had ever looked at them see. Cold boxes, soulless, immature, and splendidly stagnant. 'How many errors have you gotten so far?' 'What was that?' The few workers from round turned. Even the laymen in their free time seemed to scourge for that kid. 'Leonard, stay away from it. I'm sorry, trader, my son didn't want to intrude, see? Nothing in his hands, no need for trouble, we're not seeking any way of disturbing you.' 'You're showing signs nonetheless. What's your room numbers? What are your names? May a few years be taken off?' 'But those things are useless anyway, most of us won't even live that long for our sentence to be over. No one even submits to you so why bother?' 'Why bother? Little runt, we shouldn't have trash-mouths like yours near us. It's uncivil and we can't even get access to.' The sound of a trumpet-horn blew in. As far as its grand marshal could account for the sound wasn't about to lend itself any strength from the leftover machines. Eighteen pieces of the buildings had been brought from the nearest adjacent point they could find. This had been the rebirth of power which would bring them in. A craving for circuits appeared to inhibit every single one of them. Joining from the great precious peacock from the nearest floating orbs, what came here was only the strange wrecks of sub-metallic portions of disease. It had become a show of mightily alchemical prowess, which only ended up in electro sizing the orbs together in an attempt to make them even more approachable. Every now and then they would draw closer to the main structure and from them, the openings would reveal only sheer looks of the conductors inside of them. As long as there were just enough unified-mutation, they would still keep spinning. The mutations had been the next step in evolution when it came to the strangled uniforms at bay. For as long as one could see, these were caught and trapped inside their own magnificent leper clothes. Their inability to grow forth through their upper bodies turned into a venomous kind of unreliable membranes which coated the insides of their spheres. Part of their long-skin had become completely encompassed by the virus and the communicators to which they had been attached. A bit of them began pushing onward, crawling in the most distinct matter. Their shivering off-shot legs only came into the light when it was necessary for them to come about. In an unnatural way, they began communicating with the only thing they could plainly see past their bottle-eye-device. Through this small

compressed telescope, they all shared, it was obvious that they only saw the empty fields and the adjacent half-a-sunmoon fiend which turned. With each passing of a season, it would start pushing in a different pair of stranger spades which cut through the nearest edges they could find. Going forward revealed that the crossed-out metal hedges had the least amount of diseased clarities, which had been revealed after a close observation after their spheres were completely enclosed. Without the distraction of the outside world, one could see it so easily, that he hadn't the least of clue towards what he was trying to look to. Their visions would shoot in every direction and only then it would make sense. Because they were surrounded by hundreds of sun-moon elemental changers, which turned the rims of which they rested on into a strange plane which had been squared, rounded and even cones to a side. Many flat-surfaces pushed on and carried with the various leash-like spade marks they left behind. It was a code, a strange code which required them to decipher. For what reason, though? As strangely as they were, these codes they left behind started retelling part of history which manifested once they had been done with. Highly-unnecessary as it had been, one of them stepped in. Feeling naturally endowed to stepping through the air as if walking on the plain, he found himself approaching one of the messages left below him. The spades weren't uncomfortable spades in any case, as they were strange spines, which came out of a side of some uncomfortable creature which had been forced to join the exchange for unearthly touches. It shouldn't have been right, the way through which one was going to cut one off. But he was beaten to it by one of the other code-slaves. 'Let me be the one to decipher it. I shall make it my own, mind you; I cannot be crossed any longer, for as long as I have wrought myself a kinder home, I shall find a way back. Need I remind you, bitter creature that we are the same? Though we might interpret everything so unkindly, we'll always reach the same conclusion.' Both nodded as they looked back, unnerved in unity by the fact that their spectrums membranes drew in. Even the long adaptors which were still connected to their optical device stretched far behind any adaptable point. 'It's most unnatural that we're allowed to be here. I supposed we should be thankful that we have been granted access to the spheres in the first place, otherwise, our lives might've been long lost.' 'You worry too much. I can't even think begin to think about the many times I've looked upon my past, realizing that I have broken too few a promises to be able to return. I've done too many ill and irreproachable things that I begin fading away. They've taken something from me, Bonevourt, this.' He revealed to me that one of the decoders was missing, as well as an important set of amplifiers which stretched the bands of his insides to an unworking side. It would be at least a decade until he could find a replacement for them, and by that time it would turn out late. 'I know what this means. The experimentalists had decided you're to be sacrificed just so we might obtain a few more days spans of electrodes to look here. It's not something I can truly look past off, knowing that I may be just as responsible as they are.' 'But what have you done that would make you a culprit? You're powerless, just as I was. You couldn't have had a hand in my end.' 'I had, though I do not stand as a witness to the destruction, I lay in awe knowing that I've done something as horrible as jeopardizing my sanity and integrity. Look inside of me as well. I'm the recipient. Because of me, you ought to suffer and lay lankly distant as I wait for your destruction to approach. Need I be reminded that I cannot even suffer being here, alone? It's something I simply cannot do. For that reason, I have decided to transplant a piece of your mind inside of mine. As you will slowly run out of energy and bodily atoms, we shall join. In our unity, I'll allow you the right of conversation with me or whoever you desire to as long as I find it even slightly satisfactory. Otherwise I won't let you leave.' 'But this

is a treachery which holds no bounds. What are you intending after? Are you to drain everyone else until you'll have become a godly being? Will you reign on this desolate place?' 'No, I won't. But I think I'm bound to control their cycle and bring it to the point where they shall write my history and my like alone. I cannot stand to wonder why I have been placed here. Or why I was modified to be this way.' 'You've changed.' But his voice fell as he had been forced to feel the pain and consequences of being strapped in there for so long. It was laboriously decrepit, standing there for so long. Unnerving even, to stare at painted walls which didn't exist. Just what other assaults of mind could he proceed with? 'I'm pleasantly surprised that you even considered taking me in. We're not going to admit you to a death so uneventful that it will clear all the questions behind your assassination. But know that I'm still planning on killing you here and now. Just in order to speed up the process even farther. Don't take it personal, but I've had enough with the glories of spaces and the undetermined anchor which brings only the unnatural gazes of the maze. I see it now; the words are much cleared to me. They made maps and overlapped them just to fraction the way back to their source. You see, these are not real mazes, but mere tricks of the most unnatural order, pushing through our senses with the desire to change our brain models. Stare too long over the maps and everything will start being senseless. We're in the bunker, but we're outside, we're looking in the past or the future. It's a trap, a contingency made to corrupt us beyond redemption. As long as we stare into it, there might be no way back for us to return to. We'll be so trapped by the many overlapping dimension and the sides pulling us in that we'll have forgotten who and what we are. Eventually we would all run out of energy or our usefulness would be considered seemingly null.

And afterwards, we would eventually stop going forth and everything which made us be what we are could be doubtlessly prolonged to the existence of brainless fogs.' I could see that he had already taken the initiative to show me what I was talking about. He wouldn't even show me the signs of the living any longer. Instead, he would stare and push away only the least comfortable manner of jerking. Now he was pulled back and I was allowed to gain entry to the area of recognition where I was facilitated only the quickest way towards unrest. Words appeared in front of me, floating, dangling in utmost capricious manners. They mocked me now, until I had dismissed them immediately with a raised hand. 'I will not be insulted by tricks of the language. Show me what I want to see, and only then we'll talk.' No images came, but an actual supposition of many cultures honed hurt-houses appeared. From the windows it could be seen that they drew spikes and other hurtful tools alike, which drew inwards and started cutting and bringing in the pain. Dreadful as it was, it couldn't be recognized as anything else, but the manner in which they fashioned themselves as wrecks of misbehaves. 'I will have to look inside, but I shall not be hurt.' He spoke with a certainty which made him look at most of the mass which plastered itself near the closest of closed gaps. The first pucker extremity opened. Its emergence only drew out, through the grating of teeth bodies, which were alike to that of an arena long distant, in the past. From down there, I saw the dark spot, alike to that of a cage, but only a few bodies lay spread, with their gibbous, precious skulls and bones and bloody horns, belonging to a helmet. 'What have they done to you here? I see that I've stumbled upon a library for which nothing may be brushed from. Who's there?' I asked, honing my senses back. I was to be called into action without wondering whether or not

I would be approached by them. In as far as a few steps, they appeared in their impish way, tall helmet, in all actuality. Their suits were tinier than their giant rounded heads. And from the visors, I could see the reflection of mighty electrified, almost melted plaster. Through the visor, I saw that mostly, it had been a mass which over-

encompassed just about every corner and every possible entry it could bear in itself. I wanted to draw near and I had. My hands, though of another plane entered it as the others backed away. Know, thee, watcher, bred, hearer, of my woes, that I have done something insufferable, that most wouldn't even trust themselves to know any better. I've taken a piece of him which had been perfectly fit to be a shelled container. It seemed organic, ever-so clustered with enough space that each small jerky flap almost came off from me. I wanted something of my own, something so desperate that I wouldn't mind it if I threw myself off. It took me off balance as I opened it only to find out that it was me inside of it, only that I seemed compressed. 'What have you done to me? Is this the future, the past or some strange replica? I have no recollection stored in memories. They've been taken away.' I checked immediately through my head, through the other head, through me but not, through this body which shared so many similarities but which bore no electrical appliances. 'We've given in to become as one with the other metal creatures that we jeopardizes ourselves. And I suppose you know that well enough. Because of us, there might be no future for any kind which is alive. I can see already that past your body suits and helmets there are various machines which keep you going.' This wasn't right, as I had started to awaken slowly. It wasn't something I would be proud of as a first impression. There are too many things which went wrong now. It could be nothing but indescrivable, what Malt felt and how he got there in the first place. After coming as far as this place, where no one paid any credance to his violent outbursts, he found himself simply walking around, muttering to himself at the state of the weather and the strange lost ways which got him here in the first place. His senses were still anything but his. His annoyance only stifled him as he went on. The streets were unking and he would rather be as blind as a bat than to look around and see him.

Sometimes everything would be completely unrecognisable. He'd be lost in his own senses, unable to continue watching the bird fly, and instead, Malt had given himself at their mercy. 'I suppose it's time for me to be taken, isn't it?' It was hard, trying to point out everything which had been lost by him. They would always follow him around, without giving a second in. 'Let us look back and see what we've done here. Is it not obvious that.' 'We've driven you towards the point of no return, Now you must do what we ask of you, unless you want to be left there by yourself.' 'But I need to see, what fun could you possibly get from taunting a poor man?' 'Neither in the head nor for what's fair, let us be clear that as you might come near us, we'll do what's worth for you. I'll drag you down and show you such sights as there had never been.' 'What for, if he doesn't want to give in and play? It's been so long since we were here before the dawn of the alcoves and the spatial forts. I can see that they had planted themselves on the reverse side.' 'The inversion of the red, they avoided him and now they're dead?' 'Who is dead?' Inquired Malt, with as long as one deciding factor being the fact that he couldn't even set him to look any faster away. He was trying to search for her, whenever he could, however he wanted, in the least obscure of sights. 'She's not there, you know that. You keep moving around like that and she'll start asking questions.' 'I can't see her anymore, where has she gone?' 'The woman left before you could say your goodbyes. Well I think you're in just as much a shamble as you had been prior to our meeting. We'd even say that you ought to be ashamed of looking after there?' 'Who would that be?' 'Hiding in the veil, I see them for what they are and you see them as well as we have set the sun in the right direction. Unless you mind it, we shall proceed into switching its side into an irradiated piece of Mars. Only that way we'll have redeemed our lack of choices before we could point back at them.' 'At whom?' 'The other Agamemnons, young Malt, they're after us. Ever since the schism happened, when our connections broke, I suppose

it had only been a matter of time until we could set ourselves there. In the awe of the lost planets, we waited and played the tunes of the opera house. Only then could even heed to the destroyers between our ranks. Listen while you wait for her and make up your own mind about us. Otherwise, you'll only be doomed at a life of supposition and nuclear celerity of the most atrocious kind.' 'Very well, but one condition first, allow me sight for what's happening around us.' 'Granted, you may choose to do what you want and what pleases you as well as you pay enough credence to us as well.' 'I had chosen well, as they had allowed me to push on the veiled mist and look around. 'She's standing there, pushing her feet upfront.' 'Notice anything special? Perhaps something you yourself lost?' 'I don't know, what would that be?' 'It's been her only move for just about the last few hours in which, we guided you.' He tried stepping away, or pretending to do so. That was his motion which hadn't fully extended and came back in the position from which it started. 'I don't want this.' 'Then will you all us to begin the steam again, perhaps?' 'Anything but this, I can't stand in a single spot, just let me be, and I promise I'll listen as long as I'll be able to move.' They granted his due, and let him please himself with their story while running through the unfashionable steam. It had been thick enough for the air-chitin to be exposed. His senses were bedraggled by them in the least personal amount of clothes he was wearing. He had packed just a few knitted left-over's and a few coats from the hangers. To him, this armor of his could do anything but show the total amount of vestigial antiquity he had to leave to them. In that, they had seen the signs, the bitter lines of him being aware that they were speaking about the past. 'We have fought them, in an attempt to bring them down, you see?' 'That had been a long time ago, by the rims of a glittering filtered flooded arena.' 'Which had come just in time, the mere presence of which had been nothing but a certain amount of wicked dexterity of woes.' 'All of us were responsible for making it to that point where we had taken control over the Duke. He had been ours.' 'By our command, it had only been fair that we should put him over the tatter and chop him in pieces.' 'Who is this Duke?' 'He was at utmost reputable servant, Malt, just like you are to us. We've made a great use of him and we would've done so much more in the days to come. But he had become something else. He'd been stricken by such a diseased core that not even our filth could bring him forth.' 'His was for the taking, ours for the keeping. I cannot stress how hard it would be to look at that agony of filth we brought. It began evolving, if my brothers wouldn't mind me saying more. It had been by my pick of the play that we found ourselves being carried away. This wasn't the right in which he planned it. It could be far easier placing his hand in a jar and making sure they would crack it as soon as he made them do it. 'Will you just begin?' 'Farewell, of suppressors, for that was the time, which came. For us to go ahead, and lay down the lame ones back.' 'Back where if not their graves? They lay paved in the least disturbing places they would stand and suffer no one else for that matter of which may be. The arena was filled to brim, and in it, they had seen only the first perditions and the other skeletons which came alive from the ground in order to survive no long and implode. Their assault started and as soon as they had been stranded on islands, Agamemnon leaped out of their seats. Suppressors came down at their feet as the insufferable went into their glancing ovations and creations of impermeable hope. "Every time I looked at them, I felt like crying, I abandoned everything because of her." I gave up on the only thing which made me happy, the thing which hurt me the most because of her. Malt thought. He wished there was a way back. He could go there at any moment, but that would mean that nothing has changed. There were more than a few occasions in which Malt considered for the first time in a long time stopping. He could do it. He would stop talking and never open his mouth again. That way, he

could slip through the cracks and never be seen again. Of course the only good thing about it would be keeping his mouth shut, that should be an achievement onto itself. The foundation of death would be conquered. This thought would be responsible for the deaths of millions as the star rose. But he could barely stay. It was so long since he had cleared his mind, but now they were pushing themselves all around him. 'Will you simply just sit and listen?' 'I'm sorry, but I cannot. Everything is so difficult and I do not know if I want to stay. Walking around the place helps me clear some things which I wasn't even aware that I suffered off. And I cannot express just how helpful you've been for me, as well as how much I owe you. But we cannot continue this way and you are all aware of it. Go on with your story knowing that I will not listen and that I won't pay any attention. There are so many things going through my mind that I cannot even make something out of it. As long as you talk there's a chance I may begin to drift and lose as much attention as I would've had.' 'We shall force you then, peasant, defiler, thing of the unforgotten, why won't you simply realize that there's a will to be drawn.' Much worse than that, it would simply not be liked for as long as they could spare a second, thrice the like. No one spared each other the desire to push onward where it could be touched. Trying to push onward, they had achieved at least a similarity of thought which forced him to pay just enough thought in what they were doing. 'See? I told you we would get him here.' Through the curtain, tracked and tied, he saw the arena, cut and dry. It was chaos, out there, just like he'd been shown before. After the first explosions and the first assaults, when the flying creature finally planted its last idol, effigy, the piece of it which would matter, the architect felt the destruction spread. In as much as an obnoxious gaze, the entire arena fell prey to the fight. Each drew onward, face on celestial body, ripping with their sunken teeth only the nearest corners of defeat they might be afford to try. In as much as one obnoxious glance, the throng couldn't be felt as long as it would be forced to matter. Not long after, the first enactment of assaults had come. 'Push them into the pools, that way their wings shall fall.' Without a second word enthralled, they forced themselves as many as twenty appearing faces. Each drew onward, then past their nearest sets of delights. 'Spare him, don't you dare eat his wings, you damned abominations!' But uncouth and uncalled for, this would not be forgiven. It was a detestable act which had been carried on until he had been destroyed. He fell with all of them, being munched upon until his interplays had accommodated inside his genes. His body had been completely sunken to the point when most of the mass had become stricken into pieces. And each of them claimed a piece for itself, to the very point where they started swimming inside this form lake, in the body of the Suppressor. Joined by the other fallen, they had sunken past the rims. Dipped into a delightful manner, they seemed to be eaten from within. Without a way of knowing, they had run. And in themselves, they were gone. Luckless of the luster, haste had gone much faster and there were no stronger edges which would we taken from their necks until the sharp eyes fully closed. They had stored just enough of what had happened around them to drive into the shadowy after-life which awaited them. There, in a perfect inversion, they were the Agamemnons, only that everything had been completely encompassed in the midst of shadows. With their virulent giant eyes they glanced and peered. Sneered even in plenty of obscure placed, deranged and beaten and forced to lay and watch. 'What is this place?' There wasn't any unity; there wasn't any rightness nor justice here. Only the wait and the instability which muffled and shook the top of the end above them, which shook itself until nothing worked and nothing could be spared. An unnecessary way to look at the gazes would only bring the misery back. More and more of them joined, suppressor after suppressor, who looked in each other's missing

sides, only to observe. 'We're wingless and our bodies lack in.' Realization couldn't have kicked in sooner. Furthermore, they had lasted not a single second in this pure twist of thoughts. As each of them occupied, lastly and ghastly, a need to push on the breathing disorders and the fealty of the order of Unmkh. 'Say, say, see me past that bay out there.' With which he rowed, a bitter crow on his back, there came the surgeon of ravens. 'I need to cross in order to save this crow. I cannot heal it, did you know what? Why, I'm rather peeved that there's no one here to help me at all. I'm sick and diseased, unable to work on my own.' He looked frail, old and seemingly obscured by a kind of star mental apparition. He had physicality about the helmet he bore. It was squared and the top of it had a half-sphere on top of it, which pushed on. From it there opened and came out the head of a dove-like squared raven which had a long body similar to a few rats which had been connected to one another and pushed their children from the side. 'Who are you and why are you smoking here? Is it not dangerous to do such an act?' 'I won't die if that's what you're asking. It is only a way I'm willing to pass the time with. Otherwise, I would die off like the fiend I am, lost and forgotten, missed by none but myself and by relative who work here. Know me better.' There came the hulling sound which dulled their surroundings. It was highly concerning just looking around the place. So much pollution could do enough damage to destroy both the city and the vast groaning breathing cudgels which kept the entirety of the arena where it stood. Without as much as a glimmer, they'd rise and push to no other side than that where it sunk. Dragging their topping masses which had joined left a bitter taste of repulsion in Malt's mouth. Since he couldn't completely comprehend what was going on there, he chose to interact instead, grabbing some faces and throwing them back. It wasn't even his concern to be there or to look into them before going back at it. 'It's already ruined, this memory wasn't supposed to go this way.' 'Can't I have my fun now? I've drifted enough through it. I want to experience more of it; otherwise I won't be able to take my eyes away.' 'Bear me no thought; can't you see that we're losing hope to our delights? We were trying to show you our acts of overpowering against the brutish fiends which attempted getting us imprisoned. Could at least pretend you're interested in hearing about it? I cannot stress how important it is for you to at least show some amount of interest in it.' 'I won't. I can't do it.' Instead, he leaped and started swimming past the rim where the body of the succulent fiend had fainted. What it had crafted there, in an attempt to redirect the streams had been a small net. Yet it was like no natural net, or made from natural elements. Rather than the coy thing, this had been a net for itself which kept all of the broken limbs together. As much as eighteen small suppaceas entered the bits and the pieces of the nerk, making it seem like a big robust monolithic throat. Fractioned rather but working. Its jerkiness produced jutting motions which pushed the liquids away, which allowed it in turn to stay away from the vacuole. But behind it, past this motion of disturbance, past the parade which had been the fight between suppressor and the lord of filth, there had been a strange entry he had found. 'Don't approach it Malt. It's way beyond our limits, we won't be able to looking inside of it.' He wasn't interested in hearing them any longer. Of course this physicality had made forced him to step on the creature then crawl on top of it as an attempt carried on. Sooner than before, he would push on and find at least a portable device. It was largely put on a targe, plane, metallic, lean and wheeled. On it he felt the beating and the pushes it desperately tried to convey. From it came at least an exasperating scent of melted peppers. Within his reach, he grabbed and switched a piece of his hand. No fingers lay on it any longer and he had looked at what seemed to be a welded mirror on him. It was for the first time in a long manner of waiting that he had found him. That highly, almost

political figure who had dared push him to the side just by its presence, for some reason, he was to look upon their play. As they descended in their realms of red, pushing through a vision as if from the rims of the dead. Behind him, the river flowed, bearing the last corpses of the creatures and the remnants of stone claimed from the arena. Highly observed as well by the architects, this was to be the stepping stone which would turn the tide. A shout was heard farther away than that. 'Break the foundation. If they want to destroy everything we fought for and everything we wrought with our hands, let them do it. We'll pick what we can afterwards, when a piece of rock will have fallen on a head.' 'When the breaking shall break the stones of Llon, let it be known that it was the architects who came down crushing.' Sights were grim. Many were repelled by what they've seen. It wasn't to be discussed or even considered any longer. This had been it. The red pollution finally found a way down the bunker. It was unrespectable, just the entire way it pushed in. No one wanted to take themselves away. 'Draw the movers, something's coming our way.' Mover eight-five, clearly wearing a design inside seemed to wear only that sudden reawakening of succor, the various shades merely pushing in the few inches through one of the steel bars in the way. 'Careful now, don't stretch the port, you'll activate the entire anarchy syndrome.' It stood just at the top of the wall. Once it would begin, the device would instill anarchy in the body, which in turn would force the victim's organs to reject themselves. His imminence would go down there, in the gutter, while he would uncontrollably jerk and fall. Singling out the copper wires which surrounded the panel to which it had been attached wasn't enough. Nothing would be enough. Caramov, Dirno and Zoya could not help but sit down, stilled by the force which had been projected. A few pieces of the ceiling were moving in a way neither of them could even hope to prevent. 'I'll try making for the cockpit. Perhaps that way we should find ourselves drawing in. Make no mistake, I'll find a way to move us from whatever's falling in.' An initial assumption had already been made, that being the fact that there were at least a few strangers who were trying to heave themselves in. Strangers from on top their world, which wouldn't even come to belong into any place. Utmost dangerous in their kin, they'd be. Perhaps even strays, whoever might even know of them would be a fool and a despoite to stand. 'Stray at my command, Zonya, take Dirno and push him in the room.' 'Will you be handing this alone?' 'Zoya, you know I have to do it. I can handle it if you make sure Dirno will survive.' Rolling his chair back in made her look around. As a state of the going, the mover was hardly in any condition to even go on any longer. It had been severely drawn in and stricken down, pushed even to the side, to hold inside of it a human being which hadn't even been partially thinking, a vegetable who had been stricken by a device in his younger days. 'It must've horrible, seeing you grow that way. I cannot even imagine what life must've felt for you, to even think how much dread you had to have gone through.' Zoya felt completed to him. She didn't see the legs but was meat by a tail-trunk, which had sunken where his legs were, giving the impression that somehow there had been an anchor of fat which drew him downward until there was naught in it. 'I need to know what you taste like. I can't explain it. Some ancient feeling this is. Perhaps I'm sick, but I feel like I'm almost possessed by a lower creature which only came now into being. Luckily for me, I always carry a knife.' A single cut had been made, just below the tail-trunk, which would be used for her supreme enjoyment. Incontestable, as it may have been, there was something she saw there, no innards from within. A bleak image of the bleak, but otherwise, she put it in. Moisture mixed with the incomprehensible feeling of juices which gave into the rawness. It satiated a feeling which made her inhuman like. It was sad. She felt so sad that she was eating him. And he was panting. 'Silence, now. You're supposed to be

silent and a vegetable.'Slowly, the piece of neck opened and she could see him fully gaping out, with all his teeth being projected, demented by the various pigmentations which jumped from one to another. Visibly so, she could see the tiny particles coming from one side to the other. Without even being aware of it, she pushed herself past the wonder, and thought about asking. 'What have you done to yourself? I thought you were supposed to be. But.' What would he think of me now? If there's even a chance that he'd do more than open his mouth, if he could speak, then

there'd be that much of a danger, as the kind of which she couldn't get away. Wry, a smile, let me be kind, she thought. 'I want to pull another piece from you.' Moans could not stand against what had appeared. It was too late

that she had found about her inability to digest it. A claim had come in her mind. Blindness followed immediately. 'Oh, I see. You want a piece of me now. Dare me not for this but take it, take it, I dare you.' Her leg popped off, and she fell on her back, feeling how it crawled away with the piece she had eaten back where it had belonged. Now he would be complete, and he wouldn't have to spend the rest of his life in a chair. An almost perfidious smile would taint him, if he even cared to admit as much. As such, as he would dare away, he couldn't convey as much as a miniscule perforation he had made in a wall. Still moaning, he could feel the call for hiding.

Horns were being released; it was time for everyone to hide from amidst the rounding that followed. 'Hear me, shroud of tingles. I want to escape from this inadmissible poignant space.' A suited engineer spoke, watching him in the small flare which never left its proximity as one wouldn't even dare to look away. The red smoke could not be allowed to spread, as it would bring. As it would bring. 'But where does it lead? What is it? I see no more pollution coming from above.' 'Something must've happened. Someone ought to investigate it.' 'I shall follow in your trail, fellow engineer.' 'Who are you now?' Only a piece of a helmet spoke to him, which stood a few feet into the air, unable to bifurcate itself properly. There would be some tendons which would appear somehow. But they were falling from underneath it. 'Detriments to your plan? I can't believe that you would change your worship so soon. Have you decided to convert yet?' 'To whom would I give myself now? I've already changes my belief to eighteen other deities of the bunker, and I even seem to be hunted by one.' It was a terrible thought. An aftereffect of the violator who still threatened to find him haunting some of the most distant sides of the bunker, even in plain sight, he would still bring in too much for a single man to take. 'Drag me away if you can. If your lord promises me an escape from this, then I'll give him anything.' 'Let it be so. If I decide to partake in this deal, will you do me the pleasure of at least pretending you'd like to try?' 'I do not know what you're referring to. If you could please give me a hint.' 'Try to remake my body. That's my deal. We ought to serve him, the lord of the apocalypse, bringer of doom, Hysdgragglo, if you help me to become whole. I cannot help it if you don't. One hand scratches the other; it's everything I ask for. Do not make me less unnerved. I cannot help it otherwise.' It was clear that this one was lost, one way through. A hole in the key couldn't open the door any longer, and that worked both ways, as the door wouldn't be closed. 'I think this is the end of the bunker. Toxins don't come in red, but I suppose it could happen.' 'Care for me to try? I might as well just fling myself there.' 'Don't do it yet.' Cried Strage, the ending-near, the engineer, as he fancied himself, who looked at it just then, how quickly it had gotten a neck. It was much wider, harder and seemed to be a big jerky straddling spine-entanglement. Could this be it then? Was it even to be liked by anyone else? 'Wonder why I lived so long? Do you want to know?' Strage could not swallow. Was something stuck in it? It might not be so. Otherwise, one could not even pretend to know that something might be going south.

Brought about the end of his knees, he could see himself straying farther away, step by step behind. 'I took it from you, but I left a piece of you behind.' 'When?' 'Twenty hours ago, but the effects should only be felt now.' It was indeed a strange branch of surgery found Strage standing still during the perforation. Of course there was much more inside that helmet than a head and a neck which didn't belong to it. Opposable arms and thumbs wouldn't necessarily do it anyway. Instead, it had a few other inadmissible ways of taking what been it. 'Opportunity came a few other times as well. I can't stress it how hard it was for me to pull it all in one piece. Strange, I know, stranger it would be, so, if only you would care to look and see.' What was going on there? No one would be more surprised other than the citizens of the bunker. 'I want to be a part of this crew.' Rrent looked all mightily as a figure which was anything but divine. The repartition of a single switch still brought the vibration on. Victor had been the only one who had survived in his Mover. No longer would he feel estranged from the other crewmen, not any longer since he'd know there was nothing to fear. 'Do you hear me? I fear nothing any longer. I am safe. I am the only one who has survived and now, when all of you will be dead, beyond my mover, I shall be the last one to stop flipping the switch.' He was set now, he had realized who the murderer was and had managed to bring a sizable blow to an artery. Ever since then, he found himself sitting and standing, as if nothing had mattered in the least. Without the likes of a single malleable beast of an arm, he would tire again, sooner than now. 'If only I could flip it forever, then I would stop hearing the lights.' And they kept going out of the chamber. He knew they were there, he could hear it beckon for some kind of escape for the ones who were worthy enough to attempt it. But the question was who was worthy enough to try such a thing? Was life out there even worth it in the first place or they were all doomed to end up eating one another? Supplies were contaminated after all. It's been decided by an earlier generational report. 'Let it be known that everything is lost. No one shall ever dare touch anything which came into contact with the exposure, or else you shall suffer a contamination of the worst kind. A sizable death would be shown to happen outside your body as you would be completely jeopardized to the outside elements.' The message appeared to break off immediately. But the images projected by the mere recollection could not even hope to bring back anything but the merest emotion of unfamiliarity and death. A battery of the legs would be brought in. To say it this way. 'I will take it upon myself to test it.' Had spoken a man, from the solitary confines of a mover which had been stuck in an artificial fort made for them. Alone, stranger to his own people, he had done something incredibly dumb. Dying in obscurity would be something of the worst imaginable way possible. A manner of less than gracious touches would do. Not to mention, getting through the funeral attempts of the pieces of man which surrounded his metal coffin. There some other parts of the bunker which lay undiscovered. At least by those belligerent creatures that fancied themselves as the hooligans of the lower levels, it had been vaguely similar to the feeling of a sad perpetual song which never stopped. Various tracks and avenues lead in the same direction, deepening to a crested twirl that kept dropping away, held only by a few chains which dropped down. It wasn't structured at all. Everything was plain. Deepening for at least a few kilometers below the ribs of the main frame which kept the bunkers going, there was false foliage of metal flowers, dead iron forests, a false sun made out of some misappropriated sphere filled with powerless corpses and a few movers which had been abandoned. Nothing could affect the humans who had gotten out. They were trapped in there with the androids and the few swirl-uniforms, standing around, peering as they lives saddened time after time. Days passed but no one appeared to care any longer. Without light, how could there be

hope? Without advancement, how could they expand past the bore? Same only songs dictated what they'd do. Even as they fed, they would never bother each other with their songs of due kind. Turning a blind eye to their lost brothers had resulted this. It was a lost corner which shouldn't have been. The dialogues between them were dull and most of the time ended up reminiscing of a time when they were happy, for some reason or another. 'Look at the flowers in the distance, don't they look sad?' 'I can't see anything past the dead eyes, they're turning me blind.' 'I think I see them sparkling in the sun again.' 'Where?' 'Just over there, past the green hills, where there's still verdure crying.' Without worth over dying, they ate pieces of the lichen supply. It tasted like meat if that's what meat tasted like. Crackling past the eve and nods, there wasn't any hope to look past anything they owned. Most of the appliances and short devices had been broken a long time ago. 'I remember seeing someone use a crawler, I think. It used to be this big vehicle I remember looking like a giant mole, with large feet which rotated.' 'That never happened, you're too old.' 'Well, it could've happened. That's all I'm saying. My memory is still great, for what I could tell. I can't be disposed off any longer.' The desolation could only spread as far as their minds allowed. And every now and then, everyone put each other down, for no reason. It was hard keeping every cog in this lost device going, since it resulted into nothing. They made their peace knowing they would not be found. It was a flawed world, a piece of which had been lost. No one had been there for long enough to pay as much as a breathing shiver to the pieces of mind they all wanted to share once, when they thought there was a way out.

Breaking through the safe

Only now I have come to appreciate what I had to go through with them in order to get to the safe. Greed had become my only friend now that I lost everything. There are a few good fellows who'd pay just enough money for a hint at it, or a pick. If I had to shovel the whole plateau only to pick a lock, then I'd do it. Without a question. I've been humiliated too many times for me to account thinking about anything else other than a way to get back at them. For all the time I've been through the academia and their high-status houses of interest, dragged through the mud of lesser men, I waited. All of their accounts were there, all of the notes, the gold bars and the needlessly poignant. It's not that I'm not sharp or something. Personally, I would submit to no less than ten francs if it meant getting my foot in the door. But I can only think it so sharply now. They need me there, up on the floor, servicing the Madame while her husband's missing. And the guests need be entertained as well. I can't even get my head back in here. It shouldn't be hard now. I could already envision this heist inside my head, see? The marbled floor provided just enough of an excuse to be to play my marbled bombs. These were such marvelous things could simply be planted on whatever surface I could place them in. One of these days, I could wake up from my bed and put in a few chains and then drag them to the jabber. No one would notice it. I spent months planning on a way to get through it. And it wasn't likely that I could get in by any other way. Just one push and one blow and I could make it. The only thing I needed was a good fuse, the bombs, a keycard and the clothes of an employee, many of which would've been unattainable if it had been done by a rookie. But that, good man, I wasn't. Least subtle of all, as I might imagine myself, I had collected a good set of skills which did me well enough to carry on with my mission. For the few pricks I could help myself with, I managed to get fairly far. Most of my previous nights were spent on trying to earn

my due, by picking and trying to have a hand-on near some locking device, regardless of how I had been there. I was, was, trying to, going by, looking at. It may have been too hard for me now. It's not like I had known any better than what I had been taught. Pushed on about every street, going by the dirt and by the spit coming from the high ledges of town, I was unable to look away or to convey anything else other than what I wanted or needed in order to get by. And there was thing which kept following me, these soldiers. War was coming. Its signs could be seen around just about every closed gate, postulating fence and pushed-out window. Unlikely said, I didn't expect any of them to show as much as one titillating sign that they would spare me a closed eye. 'May I be allowed to go there? I'm supposed to be working for the general gazette as a photographer?' 'That wing is closed, return!' 'Haven't you heard him, civilian? Do you need a beating or something?' Neither of them could even be as much as forced to indulge me. They could just as well come down and hit me between the eyes and give me a good shaking. I didn't even think it would be likely for me to snick past them. Yet I had. Only a few hours, later through the night, I have found myself simply scouring the fields, with little attention my surroundings. I swear, I could hear their jackets simply bashing buttons during their shift. I heard the sounds of fire and before I knew it, the mere likeness of struggle spread around. 'Bring in the soldiers, bring in as many men as possible. I think someone's come in the city.' 'Is this one of those invasions everyone's talking about? This can't be happening.' They weren't giving away much. Only the trail of spiking stones could be seen around the shovel. In as much as a desperate lane or a two-side, I saw broken lights, stricken cars and just a good-too many antlers from a few runaway. Their herds had been taken here, so I've heard. From their kind, only the most atrocious of lookers. I was thoroughly surprised to find out about the shabby lanterns and the sight of guns. I was at least set on trying to get my foot in. But this mild distraction of mine had been nothing but some solemn thing can't be given. My choice had already been made. I would snick into the house of one of the bankers, which I had knew so well to have placed it at the back of my fingers, that there wasn't any stopping to me now. There would've been no explanation and no convulsion I'd give. This was my chance to shine and as they made their way towards the other side of the town where the fire had started, I've taken my chance inside theirs. 'No one suspected me in the least, a valuable employer who sniffed around each of their repulsive beaks. As a matter of fact, I'd paint myself an artist or an artisan, one who plays with the most deceitful of locks. I smacked one open. You can check it, check on your files. With the sole of my palm, I had managed to do the impossible. But it hadn't been a wonder that I wasn't meant to be here. No offence, to my employees, but I had made it so far on my own. This was my time to go on and find a way to scare them off. And that hadn't been easy. I looked around the first room I came in, and found one of those rich bankers, sleeping with his wife. It hadn't been me, likely, or I hadn't been up to it, but it crossed my mind that I might pay a little pick on him, just so I could see how he would react. Of course, only the extravagant folk would pay as much attention as to spare me the rough details of distracting him from the lady. My chance was gone, already stolen from its conception. Before I could even drag myself out of the rags in order to steal from him the only piece of identification I would need, their son was there. And I had been caught, red-handed. Unable to draw myself from sight, I conceded to him in the quickest manner possible. 'Good man, you caught me, why, you ought to be rewarded.' 'Who are you?' 'I? Well I am the only man you'll ever pay attention to. For now, consider me as the only person in this world who'll ever matter. Now, kid, I am the atrocious spirit of sullen misery. And I've been drawn here my a high spirit which, you know what he told me?' He wasn't

doing anything now, other than the strange hypnotic shake. It seemed like a natural thing, the scream which came over his face, me rushing over to him to grab him by the throat, tackling him instead. I wasn't sure why he fell like such a dud. But I couldn't feel a breath instead coming out of him. What have I done indeed, I wondered, just how long would they be sleeping even after this assault. The kid wasn't breathing; the very idea of it struck him as being absurd. I had been caught twice during that night. The first time by a man who wore two faces, but not on his skull,

instead both of them were chained and kept it just a few whims away from where his nose stood. Twenty centimeters rotated from a holding device on one side, while the other barely dangled constantly to his sides. One of his cheeks was red and stamped with one peculiar rotting disorder, while the other looked plastic. Sharing in their peculiar appearance and system had been the rest of his body, which had lapsed in a strange deformity of science.

The arc of lightning which came out of his back revealed the pantheon of lightning gods which worked their way through him. He would dance and queerly look out of the dim lights he had taken in their name. In his hands rested a

few strange electrons, which peered as the remnants of his awe faded away. It was ever-near him strange disappearance that I had come to accept that I had to get away. He wasn't going to offer me a chance to act, to look for anything I could take before escaping through one of the forlorn chimneys they bore. Of course, the first sight which had come onto him had been that of a single storm which threatened to come. By the time he had even set himself straight by the rooftop, he walked on fading tongues of marble. He was being choked by the lantern. 'What

are you doing to me, stranger?' 'I need to breathe into your brain, only that way will you see me again.' He tried showing me a piece of his broken lips. He pulled them out of some bag, and only dragged them holding onto nothing as soon as I had taken them for granted. And in a long toddle, he pulled away a dissected hand which came to show me that he was dead. In the only manner I could trust myself to join him; I turned to see the nothingness which was him. Only the lantern stood there, at one of the marble-tongues. Hit by the voices in it, I took it and looked inside, seeing how the keycard I was looking for started burning away. 'He fell off the rooftop, scrawling his fingers on top

of a pristine floor. He had been impressed by his accommodation to the various paces his feet had angered. He was deranged the strangler. Lost on the streets like a baritone who found no peace. When he fell, would he tell for what reason he had stepped as well on the first two first imaginary delights. Caught off guard by the act of pushing carts,

and throngs, he found himself unable to look past the heed and credance of the last time he had looked upon the grims. It was only by one light in the distance that he found himself caught on by the tragedy which forced him to lay infirm. From one of their rifles there stood the damp blade, as vile as one end, which pushed on through his spine as he wed no other woman then. The man was found and trialed, found to be in such a pursuit that he couldn't even

be forgiven any longer for what he'd done. His agony was trifling, he wouldn't be gone for as few little as one generation. Back on his track, the fool with a twisted hat, this Coatrack. He had witnessed a lot this night, perhaps too much for a man to handle. Way too hard to handle liquor, he held himself as still as a man charmed by acts which had undone him. Somewhere outside, he could only see that fiend of lightning which differed from just about the lacquer of his teeth. Reading in just about the first pseudo-doors he came into contact with, he entered an apartment below the suburbs to hide. Crock Steam was set, unable to move ahead, he stopped breathing for a few moments. It

was already a hard man's job to look away in disgust. But he slept with the help of the exercises of mind.

Swallowing his perilous tongue, he choked himself until the copper and the opium deposit underneath his brain

tumor entered his mind. What transpired was an affectionate act of self-distillation which brought him closer to the most obscure of needs. It would be his desolation, to say the least, which brought him to the heels, brought to his knees and beaten. 'We can share with you just half-a spectacle of lights if you're willing to follow us. Perhaps we'll even make the necessary arrangements for you to find a way through the safe just like you have initially planned.' 'Farewell.' He only spoke with half a word, unable to account for hope. It was lost on him, just like his senility. He was there in a way, nonetheless expecting for someone to pay just enough attention. Otherwise, he could be caught off guard. A spectacle had appeared in some way, which wouldn't even be forgiven. It was pushed through his mind, ready to set out blindly, following through the edges of the crisp stones that stood among the safe. Was this a dream? And if it were, could I take something from within? Wondering and trying went hand in hand, as he would send part-shiver in his head. Unable to corelate any of the various principles of levitation, he simply walked as a stranger would, an outsider to the ways of stone. With each step, he was met by the architect, by a worker, by a person who had stepped on them. Unable to speak, they simply grabbed him, preventing him from setting forward. It wasn't even to be called, enthralled by the comotion, he picked a bar and soaked himself in liquid gold. 'It's all mine, all mine, just as I had dreamed of it.' Greed brought him disgust, it was a must which dragged him down.

Aleksey Grigory Ugryumov

Aleksey Grigory Ugryumov, poor man in midst of depression, wife is sad, loney, waiting near confession. Eight more pieces of wood added by the fire, looks docile as he finds himself near him, clothes dry, she looks upon his shoulder, reads the paper. 'Tyromovi' Anastasiya Dina looks at him, pulls him over, drags him near the bed, puts him in. Another day at the mill, wind is blown by the snow in midst of summer. Much colder than the last year, both afraid of looking in the garden, where potatoes, carrots, freeze by the storm. 'Drunk again, Grigory, late and drunk.' It wasn't much of a bother, looking at small radio, singing a love tune, small song. Listen to vale. 'I got a promotion, Dina, we don't have to move out.' She didn't care about. It was too cold to care. Somehow the ice in her veins spiked more than sugar ever could. 'Nasty, woman, making a fool out of me.' Aleksey muttered underneath his breath. He was reminiscing about someone younger than his wife. Chasing her across town while on his way from his missing red blanquettes. They were somewhere, he had forgotten where. It didn't happen that often for him to walk through people like that. But that only excited her, seeing him leave a trail of bodies behind him only because he wanted her so much. It would be near his rum-colored tooth that he would feel that sweet, sweet spot. 'What is your name?' 'My name is Dina, Aleksey. I told you that two times already and you always revert to making the same face as you had now.' She was named in the same way as my wife. This couldn't be happening, she had to have been planted here. 'Dear, oh I fear I'm late for a meeting.' 'What's the matter? No longer drunk are we?' Inside his bottle lay an octopus. He had been sipping not rum but ink for the past four hours. The other bottles had the octopi already used to the point of self exhaustion, which took away any kind of satisfaction he may have had from drinking. It was less

important now than it had been before, but he was still onset on looking for a quick release. 'Please, my wife mustn't know about this, if she found out, my marriage.' 'I know, I know I have my way with men and let me tell you, I know just the thing to get you well and tired.' She opened a bottle with one of hers. It was hard not to stare at her, especially since he'd so loyal for so long and his wife never rewarded him. Not in the way the other Dina had. She was so good looking a woman that he couldn't help himself but stare at her bosoms. Drooping, filled with erect migraines, he spent a good few hours with her and left. While she was done, laying on the bed, unable her to get off, he had managed to snick in and take a few bottles off her liquor cabinet. Her husband would be in just a few hours. 'Careful with the roof, it's worthy of a stare.' 'Were you in my house just now?' 'Only for a few reparations, nothing to matter.' Just like a python, he leaped from his pile and appeared out of nowhere. This was no easy cake-stalking pleasure he might've strapped on himself. 'I'm in a hurry and much more indisposed for a run. Do not mind me as I stroll as far away from this place. I'm being looked after.' 'A wanted man as well, in my house? With my wife? Villain, what have you done to her?' If this man only knew what she had done to me, the things she would be worthy of a long discussion over a drink. 'She's sleeping, untouched, I swear, on my honor as a married man, would you suppose something happened in there?' 'Did something happen?' 'Look for yourself in.' He peeped as if this wasn't his house either. 'I knew it, I knew it, this is not your wife.' 'How did you know? How did my poor Dina stumble onto you as well? I swear, every time she is out, someone is bound to draw his eyes on her.' 'As well as one should, now, what do you say we go for a round, together?' 'While she's sleeping?' 'No, not of that, I mean, a round of drinks, on the house, just the two of us, together.' 'But it's still so early.' Yet they went. Together strolling to not a single sight to look upon. But they corpses married in town and together they made their dead children in that short span of a time. Of course the men and women who died made their children frail and weak, as if they weren't even near any kind of interaction, or a distraction or desire to be alive. Their flaps moved in a dance of summons. A portal appeared in their symbiotic, blood-made liver-brains. As they had inherited some of that brain matter from both of their parents, it was obvious that this genetic damning cope had come from a desire to know what was going on inside of them. It couldn't be questioned, why it had been such a bother on them. But they developed minds there, even in that form and begged for a life, from the depths of the manifesting mystical suits of dancing hearts which appeared from the ground, opened the great door which stood there, manifested in all of its glory, sanctified by sculptures of craftsmen who held it still. No such thing as an inherited desire to be felt by them, before it would come to him, that this child desired a way to end its life. The peasants who were near, frightened by this went away as quickly as they could. 'Run, run, it is the work of the brothers again, they're up at it again! Spread the word, get away, close the doors, flock the Sheppard away. They'll arrive.' A magnificent design cursed it, bearing long silvery metals going around each of the pretentiously diamond and crystal ware. From it, came the one apocalyptic contortionist, a servant, a seducer, a woman unlike the likes of any creature which may have been alive, bred for that kind of eroticism came to smash over the child. She had ignored the plea, allowing the satisfaction of being cursed with some sort of immortality amongst its parents. If anything, this pleasurable creature that came out of a realm of dryness from the other side had been abandoned there. The gate closed and behind the closed doors, there had been signs of openings. As soon as her way in crumbled, it was settled, she was in to stay. 'Don't look at her Grigory, she'll twist you, she'll have, she'll make you hers. I can't allow that.' 'Shut your mouth woman, I wasn't made to be

one kind of a man. Let go of me this instant before I put you in your place.' But this creature had her eyes following on a scent, that of Aleksey. It was only her desire and hers alone for that man which drove her to remain in this pitiful realm. That man had something about him which drew them towards him. Insidiously watched, he picked another bottle and another, before he yelled. 'Another refill, I don't think I'll be returning home tonight.' He said. Looking around the holster, he saw another lady taking in, with at least two sizers over the counter on a plate of bound metal provider. Ugryumov lived a sad life. He had never been happy without a drink in his hand, piss in a jar and a shared bed. Even now, when he was surrounded by fellow, he couldn't help it but frown. Life was empty again because he would be sober. Not because of his unknown ability to metabolize it, but because for the past twenty minutes he hadn't been drinking anything else but blood, from the man on the counter. It wasn't going to be easy, trying to get himself off, but he already landed himself as far away, onto his two feet, on the way. 'Going? Not without your friend, Konstantin.' 'Konstantin, where were you?' 'I was here all along, watching over your back so you wouldn't get hurt. I was behind you when you entered and.' 'Enough, please, don't. I don't want to hear of another stalker who looked at what I was doing.' 'If there's anything to it, I averted my eyes when you did it.' 'That would be enough.' Konstantin wasn't sure whether or not he'd offended his friend. But if there was anything which may have a chance to make him feel better, it was another drink. 'My good friend, but where have you been for so long? I was waiting for someone like you to come and help me with my sobriety.' But it had hit him, whatever there was in that drink. He felt like he was losing it then. He had an interest in looking at pictures of insects, termites, little discoveries, one in particular looked really nice. It was a big one, yellowish-dirt-white. He had suspected it wasn't any insect but some nonterrestrial signature which served as a gateway for him to stare inside of their hideout when he was at his lowest point of alcohol spike. The delusion was barely able to stand by itself and it was then that he feared that he might kill his friend by accident. What crossed his mind was only an interesting intrusion in the most secluded of the wrought words. Those things which sharpened as they spoke with him. 'Carry us home, please, carry us home, we must know what's wrong with you.' 'What? Who said that? Who are you?' 'I will introduce myself.' They moved like waves, the buildings symbolizing some kind of reenactment of where they hide. Though it was a secluded place, it couldn't be taken out of consideration that there were other powers involved at play. It was interesting, looking up to it. They carved their mount, just like those termites in the pictures. It was obvious by now that they placed themselves there for a good reason. Ugryumov saw how the buildings simply turned into the occupied mounts which waited for the inside them to get out. Not as subtle as he had seemed to think that they diverted his sight from them, constantly. Their presence emitted a perfunctory gas which only affected his pupils, throwing them to the side until he could only stare at them with their corners. For the architecture of the mounds, they looked like heathen temples, eyed, clawed and embolden in the kind of satisfactory illnesses which had turned out to be the reason why those who came out of them were so sickly-looking. No, they were part of them. It was a sacrifice which had been forced by their ancestors, each of them being able to turn and use his body as another layer of the mount. At the very bottom lay their old, ancient form, which had shrunk to pea-sized monstrosities that had never lost their charm and attention. 'We are the Neukorny.' A break had come from that release of gas which turned his eyes as far away. Now he could see that, after turning the sandy-like back or the house-like altered roof tiles, turned a white shape-upstanding Neukorn, who bore his perfectly shaped body on a modified recliner. It moved with

the sense of intrusion. Aleksey had to look down in order to understand why that feeling went ahead and haunted him in such a way. Before long he got the reason for it, that being the fact that there was a patch of dirt which changed shade underneath him. It looked or felt like an aura which surrounded him. In it, he felt vulnerability. For a moment there, it had been fading. He had another drink before his relapse could occur. By no means would he want to return to the world of the living, only this had been important for him, the escape from the thought of what his wife might do to him if she found out. 'Let me be drunk again before my guilt returns. Please, I want to feel nothing again.' He cried, but there was no one to see what for. The reason had been lost in the absinthe, and it was a lot of it. So many of the bottles came out of nowhere that he had refused to care and gave into drinking again. 'I see now. You're trying to come here, so close to me. It's unreasonable, leave.' Out of his came a pair of four moving thoraxes which, upon release from its main body turned into shades of dark brown and became much harrier which had been a grand turn from the purity which had been encapsulated into it. They stopped spinning and stopped, opening just wide enough for him to step in. 'Should I do it?' 'That is a must, can you see what lies inside of it?' 'I cannot swim.' 'But would you not drink from it? This' what we produce out of our bodies. We store them underneath our mounds, in the cellars. It's all for you.' 'You mean it? You mean I could stand there and drown in it?' 'But never die, that is why you were chosen, that's why we appeared in this form.' This had to have been the perfect escape from his conundrum, but there was one thing missing, of greater importance than all the drinks he may've had in a lifetime. 'There's no company. What would I do there after I'm no longer thirsty?' Enough of the drinking, back to Konstantin. 'Back to the living?' Beneath his legs, his feet wearing glass shoes, one of the bottles broke in two. His back was against the wall but his legs were crossed. 'How long was I missing for?' 'Only the usual, but I think I managed to pull you back.' It wasn't long until he reverted to his usual ways. Since that creature came out of nowhere he would not have to explain it to his wife. She wouldn't believe it if she were to be me by this exquisite force of nature which sank her teeth in his brows. 'Konstantin, what is happening?' 'I think you got another admirer, Aleksey, I'll leave you two alone and head back home.' His company was gone, and if he knew he would've picked that entrance and left him there. 'What...' A loss of words couldn't do him any better than the waste of bottles he had come to enjoy. It was by her tender touch that he realized how much he had missed Dina. Not his wife, but the other one. But now that he knew that she had other lover, he couldn't fathom returning to her. 'Say, with how many other, how would you say, how many other was you with?' Blushing beneath her veils only made her think of how unnecessary it had been for her to even recount the amount of adventures she had. 'Of course of course and a silent one as well, would you happen to be crazy?' 'Crazy indeed, ever since I felt your scent.' 'Then you may follow my scent back to the tavern, where it came from. I need to return to my.' 'Dear Dina, I know of your wife, she's mightily lonely, is she not?' He had to have been careful, with a tiny butter knife on him. She looked like he had the touch of the unholy, and smelled like a hussie as well. How could she complain about my scent when she is ten times worse? Now she had made him mad, which in turn prompted him to the first slap. 'But we don't even know each other.' 'You have no sense. I just hit you across the face, look, you're red.' 'I'm blushing, were you always that pin of a prick in the head when you were young?' 'My mother always called me a flimsy boy. How did you know of that?' 'That was merely a guess.' Enough, I was not dizzy enough to entertain her, so I walked away. As it happened, she followed, without paying too much of a conduct to what was going on around me. To say the least, she tried hiding away every time I

turned around to check. 'If you'll come near me, I'll do something much worse.' That should do it. She disappeared, with nothing more to add, now she got it, now she knew what had to happen. If only poor Dina didn't choke me every time I spoke in my sleep. Perhaps I would share my bed with her more often. But there was one thing which was on his mind. The underneath cartel, the one which dealt with the bootlegging and the likes. He hid a note in his pants. After taking it one, his suspicion was correct. 'What is it, Illiadov?' A red bonnet, laced with closed decks around his neck appeared. Not a second less came to him that he presented his ware. 'Say, Aleksey, a smoke, a cigar? Maybe a few of them?' 'Smoking? I don't smoke, I just.' Presenting a set of empty hands revealed not much to him.

It would've been complete if she had come. 'Dina, I am Dina.' The nerve she had couldn't even brush the kilt of cattle. She simply appeared wherever she wanted, pushing him to the side and conspired against his well being. 'I brought his bottles, see? He doesn't smoke.' 'My dear, he can too, how about you?' Free samples were well received. Illiadov knew what to put in the pouch to make it complete. It gave an intoxicating scent which made her forget all about the reason she was there. 'What was that about?' 'As I said, I insist, grab just a few of them and I'll be on my way, there's no need to thank me for it, just take a few bites, have a few smokes and I'll be on my way.' 'The cellar, now I remembered, I need to get to the cellar if I'm going to leave again.' 'Leave again, Aleksey, you didn't pay me for the cigars, where are you leaving to?' This new Dina came to his attention. 'With him, aren't you? That means you're paying for what he took.' It wasn't her intention to draw too much attention, so she turned and gave what she had. Luckily she sucked the living succor out of an admirer before she came to the man. Life was good. For now. But

as Grigory bust through the door, he couldn't see himself going any deeper than the few first steps, disturbing the family dinner. 'What now? They told you, you're not allowed to enter our houses anymore, it's forbidden, why can't you just respect our lands?' 'I'm sorry, but I need to find a way down, where are your cellars?' 'They're locked.' Said Sash, before picking up one of the wooden sticks she had near her. Between them, it only became clearer that he was

still being looked over by them. The offer still had to have been on the table, one way or another, he'd look and understand. 'Lo' and see, they cannot understand that I do not want to drown my sorrows yet, I think I'll just settle with it here, in the world where I can feel something even with a mere touch.' With which he came closer and took one of the glasses from the table and up the gulley it went. Their cellar was broken but he pulled the entire gate and threw it against the wall, breaking it completely without a cause and without a wonder. He should've grown a bit stronger in the head but that was it, he wasn't dead. It was near his instincts being taken and messed with that kicked off his recognition. 'Careful there, don't fall too deep. We close the cellars because it had become too

dangerous.' And there she was, Dina, with Konstantin, side to side. 'A lover already, do any of my Dinas know of loyalty?' He said with a few cigars lit, a pouch to his nose and eight lights which were smoked. It was greater than expected; he could feel the red coming off his nose, which made him aware that whatever he was having was making its effect. But what he saw between his eyes was what he was looking for, a way in. 'Jump with me, take this leap of faith and don't look back. The world behind is cold. I spoke to my wife last night and told her I of my promotion and of my promise, that I would make her life sweeter and give her a chance at life. But she doesn't care about that, she wants my children, which would give me no joy of my own. I only want to have fun for as long as I'm alive.' The sorrow of not being able to drink mixed with their forced attempt to make him think. 'Luckily I have a small canister for moments like these.' 'If you'll keep overdoing yourself, you'll end up sleeping like a dead fish,

don't over do it.'Konstantin had at least tried. But I feel like I had died in that house with my wife. Whatever was left of me called back from below.I jumped, they followed. I fell, they stopped, on my head. I seemed to be looking at a piece of heaven.'Rewarded at last for my great-doing, and my great quest of satisfaction.'Which came at the price of one of his left hooks, his arm and shoulder, and a few of his toes were numb. Not to mention the hit to his head which brought his vision back to them.We were met by our host.'I am the Gorrogh. This is where you need to be now in order to reach your appointment in time. The meeting shall only commence when you are there.'Gorrogh rose out of nowhere, bearing a few sepulchral wings on his back, which pierced through his bandages. He was clearly an adept, who had been a man, but he had small pouches grown which plunged outside his woolen armor. As they pushed through, he knew what was inside of them, suspected it, but never said.How much he wanted to pierced them and suck on them until he would start feeling sick. His eyes were too bright and too white for him to be sane.'What may I do? I cannot go on without being stimulated.'Pierce your liver through one of the roots and you may come forth. The two of them are irrelevant.'I only came here for him, I won't abandon my man without even having been with him.'The mere idea of doing it with Konstantin around amused him. He could watch both him and Gorrogh. But only after he became drunk enough, which made him wander even more, closer to thinking of a way out.'Will I not simply be able to stay here, pierced by the root? I should only care for this for as much as it possible.'Stay here and die then, I don't have to waste my time with you. There are others who would not throw away their opportunity to get away as fast as possible from their bleak world.Eventually, the roots will stop giving you the satisfaction and they shall take back what is theirs. That's the trade of your constant lust for satisfaction. She'll be left out there in the woods to take care of herself until the winter comes, when she'll die off, all because you didn't return for her.'I promised her nothing and gave her nothing to look for.'Does that redeem you in their eyes?'It didn't. But they followed him, for what else could they do now? There wasn't any other way to climb back up.'Are we allowed then? If we follow Alecsi, will our safety be guaranteed?'Has it ever, brum man? I think it would be better for both of you to simply go on your ways and not come back.Away with you, or you may be met by a way meant to be traversed by a single attendee.'And what's this meeting supposed to be?'Konstantin, is it not? A human spirit like yours will be devoured by the many hitting lyres that are present in the very chamber the meeting is supposed to happen. No living sane person could fathom being there, let alone of as faithful as you are.'He point at the chain 'round his neck. It was plain to see that he would be taken from the spot he had indulged himself to be whilst asked to leave. By the time he had asked himself a way to go, he found himself nearer his friend. Not by chance but nor by will. Someone else walked through his feet. Inside of them, he could feel that push, that fattening pulse which made him want to get through it as quickly as possible.'Let me see, what's that about, about the cellars? You never told me why you came here for. Aleksey, Alecsi, Alecsi, wait, don't do that yet, you don't know if it may work.'I have to try something, I cannot fathom being here for too long.'But what if it's a trick and you end up bleeding?' Should I at least not attempt it at the tip of my tongue?'The warden approached and said.'Only in the liver, nowhere else may it work. Trust me, I would not lie to you, I was placed here to guide you through your journey and make sure that nothing wrong may happen on the way. This is a mere gift for the road, since it's long, I was instructed by your host to make sure you follow me as thoroughly as possible until the last of my instructions will have satisfied.'I cannot, I think, I'll go with Konstantin for now. I don't think I can risk

this. 'But his body language betrayed a shake, a compulsion to do it, even though it stood as a chance to risk everything. Let me have one sting, one hole in my liver and I will be happy. What other chance will I have to lose control again?' 'Are you still thinking about doing it? Is it not worth it to live, even if it's for a short time with your mind as clear as it has been when you were a child?' 'But Dina, I have never been anything but a drunk, ever since I could remember myself, even when I had been one.' They had to pull him over as soon as he showed signs of getting a prick in. 'Will we follow then?' 'I intend to accompany my friend to wherever he wants to go. I think it would be better for you to return, this is no place for a woman.' 'Enough waste, I shall forbid leave now, and force you to move if I have to.' The hole seated above, in a sudden puff of dirt-dust and tiny flying insects. The green remains of a long-lost pasture could be seen as an afterthought of nature, which had once been sacrificed for their abode. 'I will go then, you needn't follow but I won't stop either of you if you decide it's worth your lives. Konstantin, I trust you to do the same. Perhaps it's the lack of liquor that's making me think this way. I am ready now to leave.' There wasn't any stopping for either of them, looking forward through the passage which led to the river. 'We will have to summon a river carrier for you in order to look for a way out.' 'What would that way out be? I thought we were going in, farther in, to the point of no turn.' Gorrogh almost laughed at the silliness he displayed. 'I present you the creature which will be facilitating your way in. There will be no river afterwards, once it will be assailed by the great trees of Nyliamoure, all three of you will be claimed by them and pulled inside the realms which lay inside of them.' The Nyliamoure gave birth to the living. Ancient creator, birther of trees, who had made a duplicate world of no other living being than his many branched manifestations now lay there, in his own dwelling, resting as he creates mankind again. But for such a task there had only been a failure, for which he had been called, by the many servants and the things which went wrong inside his fever lands. It was a council of the most loyal and devout followers to which Aleksey had been called. They were to come there and shape its reality only as man could, for the being called Nyliamoure failed mankind when it was at its poorest state. It had lain for far too long in a most destructive manner, as they gave birth to war and wrought their hatred against themselves and the world he had created. So who else but them to shape the world, who knew themselves better, who were impure. It was decided that they would be given just as much power as to influence his mind, but no direct control would be given over his world, as kindly as it could be. The trees now rested in a form which resembled them. Just as the entire planet had, bearing unbearable sights of size that not even men could fashion or dare to dream about. Past the layers of skin, the faces, which had already degenerated into dark colors of plumes and oily fumes which followed, lay hope. They've entered it, at the rest of a single crop of the beast's side. As it folded itself closed, they were soon abandoned by any of the outside assistance. For the insides of a living creature, this looked hardly alive. The bones which had been strung on both sides were mere pricks which resembled the marrow, which hadn't even been properly aligned. And to be fair, the giveaway had been the many marks left between the sea-dweller and the grand top, for that's what it been. Beneath lay the creature, within its grasp sutures. Both had been kept together and aimed about one another with a distinctive broad scent. It's been a few steps since they went in. Dina pursed her lips around a match, while the two of them had been looking away. 'Will this do?' 'I can see everything now.' 'Do you think it's going to get any warmer?' 'It's about as warm as it's ever going to be.' She kept by his side despite his numerous attempts to push her away. It was getting on her nerves now, but she waited. 'A piece of cloth here, sticks

as well. Perhaps we could make a fire and get warm. Aleksey, do me this great favor and pile them up.' They were at each other's throats. Like a dance, unable to profit from one another's clumsiness. But they would try to outdo one another for no reason. Dina was watching carefully, trying not to blow on the scum of fire too quickly, that she may bring her fingers together at an itch. 'Well, here.' What he found would be his alone. It stared from that rhombus of petals, which had left just enough space for him to stick his fingers in. If he'd do it, there'd be something else to worry about. But it was producing those sticks. He had accounted for that by prodding inside of them. The jist was up. For a moment he decided to tell neither of them of what he found. If he had, they'd reconsider. Dina was shaking. This would take the initiative and force her to move on. She would not do it if she had been made aware of what was going on there. But it moved its legs in a silly manner, be the fact that they may not have been attached. Awkwardly set, he took a bite out of one of them. Bitter and no loss of his sight, this wouldn't be his poison. When he returned with a few sticks of his own both Konstantin and her looked at his purple lips. 'What did you do?' 'I didn't do anything, what are you talking about?' He bent over and tried to rub one of my lips. I didn't resist. 'Of course, this is just, I tried kissing the floor.' 'What for? That does not sound like the smartest idea that came through your mind. Are you sure you're still not drunk?' 'I'm not, please, let me be, I'm still trying to cope with my wife being left alone. She's still there, you know? I never asked you Konstantin.' Before the fire sparked in their pile, he looked ready to spark a fight himself. 'Here? I will start it here if you want me to. Don't make me, Alecs. I'll take you down if I'll have to.' 'Why can't you answer it? Am I not allowed now?' The moans began but didn't distract either of them from this thing they shared. Company was starting to fade with each gulp. As soon as they could see themselves barely transparent, they knew themselves to be pushing through the other side. But out of the three of them, he had not been completely ghastly, but stood there like an amber-roach. He had looked like the effigy of a burnt crop. 'Can you still hear me? Dina? Konstantin?' Waving didn't work, no attention had been drawn to him. No other touch. He was still constrained to looking at those branches, now that they freely moving they tickled the sides of the behemoth which carried them over. It wasn't right being there, the adventurous remains had been filtered through the muck. A much needed clarity has been the opposite of what he desired. In it he felt the repulsion of being forced to dwell near ground pores from which he picked up the sticks and ate them. They were repulsive, but it was the only thing he could do without risking to fall off. The fire was untended yet it burned. A strange reaction had occurred, only which would be plainly the right kind of choice he had in mind. For himself only, he thought, after seeing that beneath the fire, at the base, the scum-rods had released their enzymes, to which he plainly dropped on his stomach and began licking. He had been called there. It was standing there, the guide. 'I thought that was it. Were the instruction not clear enough?' 'Had it been so, you wouldn't have found me here, Ugryumov. But I see that you failed to control yourself and gave in to the old ways.' 'But I did what you asked me to, I stepped in and was supposed to be on my way.' 'Supposed so, but that clearly stopped here. I see that what you've done comes in line with everything which turned out to be wrong. I can't stress enough how disappointed I am that you'd make this behemoth suffer. It stopped because of you, because you couldn't help yourself but pick something which wasn't yours and ate it.' 'But they burned it, how am I the one at fault here? Why aren't they doing the same now?' 'They do not matter at all, don't you understand? I could simply just do this.' In order to prove his point, he shoved his fist through Konstantin's shoulder, breaking it apart in a burst of purple insides. A similar shade as the insides of the

stick I ate. I accounted for it in disbelief that he'd been hurt. Gorrogh tried to outmatch him. But his expressions only betrayed the fact that he did not buy it. 'I see. Are you in need for some explanation then?' 'As long as he'll be alive on the other side, I won't care if he's hurt here.' 'Her as well?' 'Don't touch her, that's not the deal. I'll comply then as long as you don't hurt her.' 'Well then, sit down, I'll take care of the rest. You're not as dull headed as to try resisting either of us. I believe you'll make a great addition despite trying to press on me.' His liver had been pierced after all. He brought a piece of the root and stung him with it. No recoil could be had, but it had been worth it. The rest of the journey went on as intended. They were there, but at that point, it didn't matter. Everything was much bleaker, they were much sadder. Without clouds to look upon, in this weird trap, with twisted hills and plentiful grounds caught within one another, there wasn't any soul. It felt like they were held just in a smaller version of the world, as some kind of looking onto it and decide what was to be done. Where the delineation of normal stone appeared into sight, it couldn't be contained at all. No party was there to greet them. Most of the paint of the stone had worn off. It was uncontested, whether or not someone came there to greet us. It happened so fast, their entry almost felt as if there was an intentional unsatisfactory lead, which only mattered for as long as they were there. It outran its purpose, now it lay. 'There, it floats out there. I guess that's going to be our way back, if we're even going to be allowed to return at all.' 'Don't look at it that way, of course they'll allow us to return, why, if they don't.' 'Enough, Konstantin, please, I need to see what this meeting is about. That way, we'll at least settle whether or not our arrival here will have been for nothing.' 'Wait, my dear, please, let me come with you, I'll stay only by your side if it means a thing.' 'Fine, Dina, you can come. But not you Konstantin, I want you to wait here in case something happens. I think we'll handle another entrance to some private meeting, just the two of us. Alone.' 'If that's what you want, then suit yourself. Maybe you're the one who will come back when I'll be bored.' 'Or we may not come at all. That was deeply entertaining as it last, and it had cast just enough of an interesting approach for me to go on. Steps followed, but not as much. Nature took over the place, but the stones were not. As soon as I came at the striking point between the mount of dirt and the green gelatinous spreads, I noticed the metal gate. It was barred, everything inside the place was barred. Whoever had the idea to set a meeting place in such a dark place had been, wrong. I was wrong. After one step, I felt as if I entered another world, which had been much clearer. In it were the missing clouds, around a table there lay twelve empty seats to which they all stood around. With the exception of the right number, which had been intended not for Dina. Not my Dina, but the other, the one who kept by the moor. 'Of course, I should present her.' 'Brining an outsider to our sacred meeting? And you're not even wearing the ceremonial garbs?' It wasn't as much as robes but actually corned helmets and armors of crystal-shaped iron chain heaps which had been stacked together much in the likes of rings. They were bleakly looking but every single one of them emitted a sort of aura which distinguished them. That and each of them wore helmets, which had been capped and rounded, maybe even stranded with a few lines of red. 'The meeting was supposed to take place an hour ago, we were all waiting for you for this moment, before the meeting could start.' 'Why was I the one who had been picked? You could've gotten anyone, so why did you have to pick me?' 'Because you were the only one worth it, from the book of Rgnetts, it's clear, your name was listen on it. A frail man.' 'I'm strong as stable, stranger.' 'Do not contest me, I'm wearing armor. As I was saying, a frail man, sinful, drunk, lustful, grotesquely obscene. Shall I continue?' 'I've seen just enough, I've not come here to be insulted. I am a man and I demand some respect from you,

otherwise I shall show none for any of you.' 'You've already done that, by bringing that thing along. Can't you see that the other members are already distracted from this?' And to their mood, the entire atmosphere changed. What had been a nice and plain view of the distant hills from behind their table turned into an erupting mass of fire, brim and melting thin rains coming from the one grand leash-holder. Only a piece of his body raised, the other half being melted almost entirely by the magma. It constantly dripped from inside of him, which left only the certain arrogance of diseased magma flies which came from inside of him. They picked out pieces of his magma-pocks and threw them across the land like venerable seed-spreaders. Dina stepped back as if it frightened her. The gust of various smoke-clouds came into fruition, forming discs which drew in just enough carrions to begin the change. 'May I remind the members of this board that our emotions directly encompass the world? If anything will be judged as being worthy by the creators, then they shall be enabled and thrown across the land the proto-beings made to look and act just like us.' A metal spike in one of the council member's head made the decision so much easier than it should've been. 'He will stay and be allowed to do as he wished. I believe that without him we may never be able to create that perfect ideal world we all carve for.' It was their last chance for a home. Most of them were broken in some way. 'Aleksey, I want you for myself for a few moments if you do not mind.' He followed the council member just a few steps away. It turned the fire and the constant flow of fire and of magma into some kind of deviation of structures. They were making a dreadful spear of solid magma which didn't belong in there. And the others were far too busy staring at Dina to be able to concentrate on what Ekyhr was about to do to him. 'Underneath this robe lays a body which is close to death. As you can see I've lost everything, including my nerves and bones, leaving a gaping entrance which I may never fill on my own. Yours it but in your head, which is why you're so different from us.' On second thought, he believed it would be most fitting to check on him for certainty. 'You've been prodded. I see. Perhaps you're not as strong as I thought you to be.' 'It isn't the first time I've been told this.' 'Perhaps it's better this way, I wouldn't like to contribute to some world where everyone is spoiled. Understood? I could only think of what is right and what is wrong, with each of us, yet there's something which always defies my judgment. Would you happen to know what's wrong with us? Other than our bodies, of course.' 'Neither of you likes me, perhaps?' 'What a silly mention. 'His gushing mouth revealed the sin. He was releasing a piece of himself, as a part of his morality sank to the floor. To him it looked like a limb, which came in the form of some greater cluster of twisted clicks of skin which were tied to one another by mere change. In them lay the ability to grow and to fling themselves off in search for some better host. He was that host, Aleksey. It was a burn-amber parches which came onto his forehead, immediately acting as a watch over the various hidden natural columns that had been claimed. A dark throng came to pass. Now that he was there, he wore the mask, which made his body fade away. Two pieces of some rueful ropes had been wrapped around him in hopes that he would crash into the spare pile of agonizing cruel hosts that waited for him to come forth. 'Approach.' Around him the hurricanes erupted, covering everything but the few patches of ground below him. He would see various pieces of some tree and some weird and unstable key to his desire to drink came into him. Various frogs had been strewn and thrown about, but what made him want to jump inside was the rain of alcohol which came into his mouth. It made him want to be about that. 'We told you could approach.' 'It's all happening too fast. I will come when I want. Now I need to see what's inside of there.' With a sudden kneejerk, he leaped through the wind tunnel and came out ahead to the giant barrels filled with mead. It was what he had desired most, caught on

by oppressing dark clouds which joined the winds, they tried pushing him away from what he would give his life for. 'Unearned, it's unearned yet. If you want to be allowed to have a drink for yourself, you must approach us and join our meeting.' 'We're the council members, Aleksey, you're still inside the room.' 'Not until I had my share, until then I won't help you.' 'Mad creature.' 'Do you want to know what happens if this kind of behavior seeps in?' He was shown the world, in its worst shape. He couldn't think himself worthy of what was beneath that place. They were just like them, but smaller, wronged by the fact that their appearance stopped at the head, where searing lashes of blue vine came out of them. 'Why is that?' 'One of your drinks had that in their composition. This is all on you, and you know it.' The pain obtained from being alive in that shape, made them begin rituals of strangulation on one another. Deaths, murder, suicides, what else? Waters lay around but they had been made out of rum. Aleksey trying making for the pools so he may drink but he had failed, unable to swim as far and feeling them fade from his mouth. 'I only wanted a shot, I could be pleased by one.' 'This is not your paradise.' 'It could be if I tried making it into my paradise. Now I understand, this must be my cellar. As far away from Dina, Dina, where is my Dina?' He thought about it, how dangerous it might just be that he could have himself surrounded by numerous images of her, going as far and never ending, a never ending desire to be with her in as many shapes and forms. And there would be other men to drink with but they wouldn't be entirely alive, at least not below them, just so he could have them for himself. I see this. 'This storm, is it one of your minds?' It was just an image but he recognized and felt some thoughts of repulsion coming from him. It was this image which made him think of the worse. Many of the Dinars lay near planted oaks, which had been modified accordingly to the look of the piper. They had been hanged, all of them, together, as a punishment for him to see what happened when his ambition took over too quickly for his comfort to arrive. It was only now that he decided to fight against the many devouring plagues which had almost taken over him. 'Stop hurting her, this is enough.' 'Are you going to give in and help us then? Are certain you won't mind paying a bit off.' The Dinars had been spared, but he had still been unnerved, time after time, until the moment came until he could no longer remain entranced by the vile. One could listlessly defile anything which may be thrown against him. 'Could I at least be given something? I cannot focus, now that I think about it. I thought I was indestructible, but now that I think about it again. No, I need something to stimulate me. Just one drink and I'll do my best to focus.' 'But you've gone so far without needing anything, not a single shot, don't ruin it now, or else, who knows what might happen.' 'I might ruin your plans. Come on, you know how I am, you know what might come out of me if this happens again. What if I keep imagining things like this and I start drowning the poor ones into my seeping liquor?' 'That would be dangerous indeed, is there truly no way for you to control yourself?' 'Below just by my liver, you should see.' 'This is impossible. We had been given a message that you weren't supposed to have drunk from the root. Have we been lied to?' 'It happened after the journey, right as I began to.' As the memory culminated into that spot, something started moving down there. One fully glowing stick attached itself to another one, giving in some kind of weird contribution of some mineral growth which only hosted them in a most peculiar manner. They turned the inner-chamber into a melting pot. Soon they would mix with their surroundings and begin an unfathomable process which turned his body in a time-bomb to prime itself with the spread of the purple-edifying cervix which started cricking, making noises. Aleksandr was no longer human then, just in front of a council member, for a few seconds he had grown those stick-like pupils and the legs. 'You've eaten one of the

insects residing in the Cherodamesh. What have you done you foolish creature? Can't you see you have infested yourself with its prime ingredient? It's made out of them, those are its rocking pieces of power which keeps it going.

Have you any idea what?'It began. First the floor, it was no more. The texture looked only like the same prime-insects which appeared there. Nothing was bore onto them, only the meeting point of a few sticks which combined themselves from within. By no account, by no woe, one could watch himself, as if he'd know. What was the matter with the vile creation which had sunken below?'I have to find a way to drink.'The council member couldn't speak. He had been stripped of a voice, and forced to stand in a prison of his mad choice. As he walked, he found out that the world in which he looked was free to that regard. The other council members had been spared. Not of being trapped, though that had been an encouraging thing that happened. Their insides had been poked and stimulated by

the bleeding. Internally they all died, which only left Dina who had tried. She bashed the front of the closed periphery, afterwards, trying and trying as hard as she could. It was impossible to look at it and know what ought to happen otherwise. But this disturbance had only mashed his surroundings and forced him to decay. He was looking after her but at the same time, completely ignored her. Where had the musk been? Where was the rum? They hid it somewhere, he'd not be pleased, unless he had it, and they would seize the life of the last council member only to

abandon him. 'What have you done?' 'Konstantin, wait, don't get out of that opening, it's going to.' Her voice couldn't have been stopped sooner yet she realized it had been late. By the time she reached him, another way out lay fed. By the same amount of legs, in the same form, always crawling, always forming their sons and daughters, spreading and picking bites at their legs. But they had been immediately been repelled by their sober status. It had been felt, the scent wasn't there and now. 'Don't touch her, she's not yours.' That creature couldn't have been him. It was a disastrous look there laid on him. One which could only bring the poison closer to his mind stopped by the mere interaction of a distant leg with a bottle. They were not dead in that instant yet they refused to follow. Standing still, not to insult Aleksey and the thing he had become. 'We need to talk to the member, I know he's there, and he'll

know what to do.' 'I'm sorry Dina but I don't think I can move any longer. Neither can you.' Embraced, to his dismay, they both stood there, being slowly encompassed by the growing, growling, moving sticks. Their clothes had been painted in a deep violet and into some kind of deep purple which had done its best to spread it as fast as it might. It wasn't their lifeblood but some weird substance they carried. Pheromones which attracted and pulled in the growth. Once the sacrilege began, there wasn't any way it could be gone. A patch of land started growing on both of them. 'I see, I'm sorry Aleksey, for what I said, I know it's not your fault you were made that way.' 'Konstantin, what are you saying?' He only pointed at the empty land, to which, for her it looked so distant and vague, that her reminiscence of a place which one was her cradling bed faded. It was patch of land in the distance which was being slowly raised, as if by a bunch of sculptors who fashioned them in both of their images. But he was too busy to care about anything else now that he got what he wanted. Dead spiders on the ceiling. He squeezed them just again, so he could drain his sorrow and the pain. A little interest was shown today, where one lay in the ground, he wasn't about to give them the satisfaction of ever producing a world for that tree. Instead of doing it, he we came to his senses once he had a few shots. There was scorn in his mind then, something obscurely grave entered his realization, memory, whatever it be called. It was a primal fear which removed all the satisfaction from bone, liquor and gut alone. His Dina, which was left there, if only she knew what he said, guild would shatter him in the repulsion and

the realization of the unsatisfactory pound of a burn mark he'd dwell in and fiercely be devoured by the flies. Oh the man who'd sent them, he could only spare a moment to find out. He couldn't be helped, it would be a sign of pure agony, this one, to be able to remain alive despite the best intentions to reconcile what happened. But the guilt kept coming back. 'I said so many awful things, I've hurt so many people in my path. Too horrible to contain, my verses are vile, my feet are numb from the distaste there is inside my mouth.' He tried drowning his sorrow and the memories of deaths. He caused them, he wanted to get vengeance on some children and because of him they ended up being dead. The village drunks, they were his brats, they hung from trees, some burning inside their houses. Things which didn't even compare with what he'd done when he was unaware. Some were unnecessarily forced to act to his accord. 'Don't make me, or I'll murder you and harm your young.' A lot of agony lay in his heart. And by the time he'd realize just how low he stopped, there'd be no way for him to mourn, for his words, for what he felt.

His one chance to make everything right faded in as strong as a chance, which resulted in the world being turned from inside out. In the space of the awakening of the grave mistake he'd done, he saw himself morosely gone down the same path he's ever been. Infested with his desire to sink it in another shot, which followed the sticks to which he hid. 'All of them, you shall do as I want and if you don't like it, I will take turns to torture you all.' Aleksey didn't even bother to check the amount of damage he had done. It wasn't even closely related to the disease and the wretch, the likes of which made him fetch not a single straw, agony was gone. As soon as those sharp purple needles entered him, he felt the full blast he had so desperately tried to attain. Down there he was greeted by the intoxicating image of the grandest ruins a single man could've come unto. And yet, he stood, beyond the plain, beyond the gaze. It was all gone again. With their purpose filled, now these stacked on large shocking signs of floating pins served as a way for him to crawl father into the air, to grasp, to touch, for him at last to be free. From the agony of paying responsibility to what he said, he forgot that his words were so strong that they could do something so much cruel and unsatisfactory than murder, that he would be gone. But he was tempted, distressed by the fact that they would sooner or later lose their potency. That was ever a chance for him to go. By his own desire, bred out a charming grace, he pointed at the sky and yelled. 'Breed of the Neukorny, I summon you here, with the sole chance that I may be able to come up with. I've got nothing to give you, but if you would please come here and help me set everything right, I shall make sure you'll eventually be rewarded.' Not a sign, it appeared they wouldn't be tricked as easily. And then it hit him, or had he been more aware of what he had, he could've avoided so many problems. 'Half of this world will be yours.' To which they stepped in from a pile which rose, through which they strolled as if they didn't mean anything to them. Inside a most repulsive manner, they walked and bred the sticks into their smaller look-alikes, with only the promise of what was beneath the rim of the world. 'Half of this place? I see, I see, beneath that fall you shall find the promised liquor, the rum, brewage of ages. With it, shall you suffer something more, in which case, we shall make you want to come back onto our fields? You shall always be welcome for this gift of yours.' He dangled something on his forehead, this giant moving carcass of a yellow-pox, which bore a few smaller heads grown all over his face, which resembled his, but they were horned. Yet the horns came from inside not from their tinier foreheads at that. 'What happened to you?' 'The dirty leash of dissatisfaction which bred with my kind, I'm lucky to be alive, but I feel like I need to rest. For far too many years, I must confess, that I've hunted for a resting place for our kind. We needed to hide in the realms of men, but we found it unsatisfactory, to live much so. Here we

can spread and live as we want, without facing the consequences.'Of what was he referring to? He couldn't see what other-worldly color countered his mouth, but he had eaten something which didn't belong to the likeness of fruits. It was harder, junkier, attached to a pair of legs in other words. That didn't count. He slept through the night then and waited until any kind of day could save him. There was so much going on no around him that he had missed while wasting his morning that he finally lamented for his poor woman. 'Dina, what have I done to you now? How could I not have seen you yet?' A rain had begun from on top the mount of dirt I kept looking at. It was difficult seeing it from that spot, standing on Konstantin's hand, but I could at least feel as if I was pushing on some kind of dread. She had been torn at her breasts by the sheer force which came from around the atmosphere. In itself this was something unforgivable. The dread could cower in itself, unable to raise the standards of watching. Forth they went, unable to cull down the call, the strong roots which fell from onto the sky, in its irresolute manner. It could not be permitted any longer for this unwatched and unguarded shaping. He wanted to see what he would see. Breeze spread and sooner or later someone might've put his hand in the right corner, stretching beyond the redemption of the winds. By then they looked upon the future of the planes, underneath the rooted gazes only to see the despot still living and causing just as much trouble as he had started putting forth. Nothing was beyond redemption or beyond help. Whatever might happen or wherever he would go, there was still a chance for him to return. To the rims of the forgotten quires, they howled at the mires only to be met by the dead. As the many women came back from it, caught by images of the drunken stupor, which came to him only now. 'Am I going to be taken back home?' Back through the gate belonging to his own pride, he wretched himself as the dames knelt and saw him track the lack of an awareness to the days in which there was something going in his soul. He felt at least some kind of sensitivity, something akin to some kindness which belonged not the others but to himself. As soon as it had come to him, it was gone and he pushed the gate closed. 'I shall face all of you specters and when I'm done with you there will only be a Dina, my Dina, the only one that ever mattered to me.' He spoke, and as if caught off guard they turned and left, fleeing instead. 'What kind of test was this? Do not abandon me, oh please, I only want to play. I'm so lonely, my dears, don't leave me. I've stopped drinking, I swear it! I swear I've done everything in my power to stop myself from doing it, where have you gone? Please do not abandon me.' He stood in his corner, in the pocket of their hands. He had seen Dina's shadow, through her fingers splashing ahead. It had barely been felt any longer before any kind of repercussion could be dealt with. In as much as a single kind, of bitter mildness. To be aware of how much he had lost, he ran away and hid deeper into her, digging up just far enough to reveal one of the distant uncertainties there lay inside of her. Somewhere deep inside of that chest, there had been a beating motion which called for him. It was the only thing he needed from her, the adoration came from within. For him she would feel some warmth, coming from the depths of his soul. It ingratiated him to feel. 'Where am I going?' The wretch revealed, he sneered and went back. Before the sticks could follow him, he looked at that. His simple legs were stranded on father transparent miniatures of safes which rested there. 'You've come to steal?' Asked the Oldman-amputee, who looked emptily at him, bearing only his tiny laughter-lantern, through which he seemed to speak to another man from the distance, like some long-term connection, to his conversation? 'I'm listened to on the other side; I hope you don't mean to intrude for long now.' To which he couldn't do as much but step.

The Agamemnus

He made a cut at his temple and pulled a small receptor from inside of it. After placing it to his ear, a look-a-like came out of the nearest wall, trying to chase me. Just as quickly as he was free to move he made a slit from which blood started spilling out of his arm. He coated both of them in blood and crisp. Soon they joined one another, and grew to a lisp-sounding frozen solid-moving block of blotched clots. He had only done this because he wanted to get a head start and eat the villagers in the little time he was alive. From all of their sides, as soon as they emerged, a large harpoon precise-speeding blitz-a-had choppers began grabbing them as soon as they appeared in the air.

He was part of the great land fleet and bore nothing of the sort, but the most of all, he wore the curiass of needles inside the back of his rotten blocks of largely diametrical weeding straps that had been made out of the villagers that did not escape. In as much as twenty minutes where he stood upturned, he thought about coming forth and losing himself as soon as he would be allowed to come forth and ask himself what were they looking to find inside of him? First the lance-like trebuchets threw about the first pickets of molten-grass. Most of it began melting. With his best attempts to look at them, he wondered how he hadn't popped a single vein in his mind. With all those piss-poor attempts he could only think of a single way he could try devouring them then. It was happening now. He was about to be set in place and lose no other second as long as it would help him malnourish them from the long-distanced run. About the eighth region where they stood, he shouted as for them to come.

Pulled it by a strange diasbling voice, they had no power and no prowess to resist any longer, as they fell to the long disaster of the moldering steel, which lost its appeal, never coming to the age. It was strange, abiding to the way he acted. But he realised that they hadn't been pulled at all, instead, the entire field had been completely traversed as it crawled towards them at an impossible speed, breaking the barricades they set on the land. Brought about the filth and the roundness of the mindless run, the advent had begun.

For this slobbering magnificent device of vengeance shouted.

'Master, I have come to form them in your name, will you answer after seeing the sign? The symbol of your face which may run aloft?'

It couldn't be anything but the crudest remark he had done, an impossibility of filth that came about, set in place. Never would it matter where thine go. For whatever reason he walked upon the uncanny road of broken backs, as the infantine conquistadores refused to fight back. In their arms nothing rested, none at last. Only the impudence would cost them as soon as they could trust themselves to set afoot aloft.

'You have been answered, scum of woe. Need you disturb me in my time of knowing and of wretched need? Could you not wait for me to finish ending yet the start shall come in? I see there's nothing up to you, must wait. Call upon all of my disabled servants so they might begin the advancement again.'

With that he looked down and saw nothing about other than the needed woe, perturbed by the fellacious corpulent breeds that started feeding on him from the sides. It was impossible to know, never would he throw his life for a petty creature that called itself the infinite ruler of reality.

‘Enough of your insolence, you are but a blotch of no importance. If I were to will it, you would be ended ten times fold. Neither your kind nor manner, never praying after tatters. This is what I have decided to impart on you. Suffer endlessly or I shall take everything from you and throw you back into the filth from which you sprouted from.’

‘But what have I done to deserve it, master?’

‘Nought that I would call uncanny. There are many who would kindly forget, that there was a time where so many wretched like you threw themselves at me, never understanding what went on their heads. I can only see pain in the future and a vileness which might succeed me one day. But do not feign the admiration, pay upon the creation what is worth.

You shall create more altars in the name of Agamemnus until this world will bask in my glory. See to it that nothing might happen again. I shall make it so you realise we’ll be in touch again and again.’

As in that moment, it happened for him to know, there was no hope in this desperation, for him to make anything else out of its putrid life other than this wretched scourge he called it pain. At last, he walked in shame and lasted. Not a single moment did he taste disease. It was a terminal point for him, after watching, the blocks of villager-meat which danced. Upon themselves and their graves, they couldn’t help it any longer as they were paid no mind.

None the matter, don’t push them through the access of stroy. For they might get a feel for themselves and get together in the ploy of disgust, they wouldn’t be trusted otherwise with anything but complete annihilation. Damned they be for that reason, and remind yourself uncanny. Their abomination had no life to look back upon, only dread through which it carried on. Hail it for the summer, wait for it to die, but never mean it after supper, when it feasts on the souls and the bodies of loathing. Woe to him, the vile end, make sure he never rises again from filth.

Why use all that power to make sense out of anything? There was no shame in it, at last not any longer. Just to jutt around the bio-organic table-crass in front of everyone, he shaped it into a locker-extension, pushing through the rims of the outer-planet rims of Chetor. In so-far, he placed everyone done, rightfully disgraced by the others for the sign of weakness they fed him with, he looked at them from their child-like pin. Whereas they were all placed on top of one another, stacked like crops, he alone shone a single uncanniness upon them.

There was a heartless thing to do just then, as the metal cropped into itself. Nothing was forlorn or left in the same manner, as he forced the alloy into him in the span of a few blinks. They were sinking and rising from inside of him, as they ought to have done. It wouldn’t be forgivable otherwise, to be left alone,

unchecked and moaning from the quiet. Now it was much better. Without a reason to pile in, Agamemnus
leaped upon then, making sure everyone was thinned to a bone.

They poured through the grating holes until none of them remained as part of the same course. It's rather unreasonable to assume they would even try making themselves comfortable in the first place. Which each falling Agamemnon, one of them started giving into the creation of sleigh given form as they pushed on into what would turn out to be the great extension of space. As it pushed on, forth and ever-after, it was impossible to look back any longer, as they curved so long to one point that they formed their truncheon.

It stopped, his large apart got back into one spot and they joined Agamemnus before giving life.

'Not now, not now, not before we approached the perfect experimentation spot.'

So it was agreed that they would carry forth.

A memory was lost. It did not go the way in had been planned for. He remembered serving in the great wars. Before he ended up here, walking the streets with his tail between a coyote's legs, who couldn't even figure out what was his worth any longer.

Compatriot Hern it was what they called him once. But now he resented just about everyone surrounding him.

He was far too concentrated on other things to notice what was going on around him. When they yelled, he stopped. When the guns were fired, he stopped.

And not even once did he question what was going on for the sole reason that he hadn't the slightest ability to fight back any longer. Not after making out of the building in once shoulder grasped against the wall. With all being said now, he's seen the children barely as they might, had they survived with less, he would've come to say something and let it pass. But for not, at the very least, he walked on lonely streets and never said a thing.

My arm is broken. He remembered trying to make it through the window from above. It felt like he would be at least restless and never bother. Not to do something he didn't intend to be associated with.

He stopped near a drinking alley. It was there where he had grabbed by her, just before he fell.

'Careful now, you wouldn't want to break a tooth.'

It was a hard to call it after action. He gave in too much than he could count on. Everyone was missing nowadays. Just a few feet away and he would stand on broken toes.

'Push now, both of your legs needs to pick up on some heat, come on. I think it should work now, give it a try, will you?'

'Why are you helping me?'

'We'll talk about that in a moment now.'

Don't push it, said the voice. It strangled the blood rips of bodies that formed the spinning torpedo in the sky. While the blue reverted, only the most peculiar Nihilistic mater could postulate the color off, driving

it away as the far-land manifested in itself. There the Yggers came to be, bloated by their fantastical, almost fanatical code of drowning the dead, they tucked between those bodies, pushing through them until only some of them remained in the air. Some were swollen and left with their own kind, and only a blind neurotic fool would say otherwise, but there wasn't anything going past the bridge.

So many bodies fell but not a single one missed the tatters. Ever after, the sight changed. It was night again and the torpedo began shining like stars. All of which were falling time after time and time again, until nothing remained still, only the feeling that he was being lead on.

‘Where are heading to?’

‘My house, I think I’m going to have to tie your leg down and pick something from it, just so I’ll be sure nothing happens during the night.’

Dead giveaway around the entrance, it almost fell over as they came in.

‘You’re going to have to use my head now. I think it’s getting worse.’

The fluke, the shot, he had taken it just below the lung, from what he could tell it was only getting worse. Much, much worse, it started gnawing at him, pushing around. So many things were left to say and to tell and he had lost all of that confidence until one vague moment where he asked her.

‘What happened?’

‘You were in a fight. They tackled you down, just at the end of the street. Afterwards, two shots and your angle started growing. Something came out of it and got away before I could catch it.’

‘What?’

‘I said they tackled you down and they tried shooting you behind your back. Do you have a problem hearing now?’

‘No, no, of course not, it’s only that I feel like I’ve heard you say something else.’

That and the room was expanding and drawing in at the same time. It wasn't cubical but waveish, creeping between the space of my lost years, where I could see where I had been wrong. Everything, from the lost battles, to where I fled, when I first fell in love and just about everything I could remember then was reflected in that one moment when I couldn't tell anyone about what I felt. I was being manipulated then. As she returned, she gave me something to drink. And for a moment there I was, alone, in that sunken place on the field of battle, asked by one fellow soldier if we were to live a little longer so he could send a letter to his wife.

‘Wait, don't charge.’

My vision was filled with a static moving around, in a luminescent white, which pushed everything into focus. As they darkened I could see ever so clearly what I thought was missing all along. It wasn't wrong, thinking it that way, but I couldn't say a thing. Since he simply charged and got shot between the helmet and his eyes, right in the spot where he lost it all.

Mostly, after a battle finished, we'd run back to the one tramp hole, where we hid with the dirt, hidden as we at bread and butter against egg-shells and chicken loth. Counting each day as we wondered when will it be before the last one of us died. And they were bringing down the sky with each strike. As the show of power pushed through, there was nothing worse than the agony they were panting with, a degenerate way of looking through the mirrors, murky water being being thrown abroad. No miracle would last for long as I was weary of the time. It was necessary to believe that there was someone out there listening.

‘Wake up, come one Hern, Compatriot Hern.’

I was a guest again, at the table, sitting like a man with a bald spot atop his head.’

How many more times will that star fall again? When will the time come for him to pace again through the cycles? It's been so long. Considering his company died, there would've been a chance for some good company.

But good company was nowhere to be found. Only a somber wind prevented him from rolling away. As far as he was concerned, there was no way out, not without the need to reignite some inquisition of some sort.

Some time was taken off the brow. It was necessary to believe that something would come about and deliver the promise he wondered about.

It's been so long since Agamemnon spoke with someone, with anyone at all. He enjoyed company. With all said and done. Even if it was the Colossus, whom he couldn't even hear if he wanted.

There was little to no conviction left there. Everything which was lost could soon be brought there. Now let it be known that its influences spread ahead, and even in dimensions where the filth spread, his influences grew. Symbiosis can only be pushed so far in that charade which spade had become. A black-hole of profanity dwelled on itself and could do nothing but carry its own dreadful alleles which crept on the metal surface as well as the inorganic limbs that began spread. For that's what had become of the sectorial base, in the last stand against the Thorn and its malignant gaze.

Strapped and caught in this trap, the Malglobus Lapplander's face had spread its tendrils and rooted itself into every living, dead and inanimate creature which crept inside of it, long abandoned by the necromancer who had given up on his servants out of the disease that had taken over his mind, for he would serve none and none would serve him as long as they stood in peril of the throng of space-lances, all of which were mightily thrown around, pushed on.

Now the advancement started, as there would be no other great time to prevent this catastrophe from ever occurring again. With little doubt in mind, he wouldn't even dread taking care of the blindness the comets produced. Even those far-spaced, bearing all of their opposite ends, perilously speaking as the four of them continued so.

It could not be thought otherwise, nor accepted any longer, for the reasons being, lost to the watchers. No longer would they dwell on regrets. For far too long had they cleansed the place in the miss-dominant batches of mold-plaster they created their own in.

‘Dark comets feel our woe, this is far more than we would expect out of yet own.’
With it they dreaded not a single second to turn, and all the inhabitants inside of them quickly turned as to hear the echo they produced in their pores. Not a single candle could be held, not to mention anything of the imbricks they pushed through. Like small untattered silken spheres, which only came to be organic as soon as they started pushing in and drawing out. Nothing could be excused about them any longer, as soon as they began.

A dance of uncanny, a verdure which pushed through, it couldn’t be forgiven any longer as soon as they started carrying through the unnecessary asiles that went into their tiny heads. Soon they grew, like fresh sinew pushing through a chewing-bark bubble, all a while whilst holding a small bobbling thorn of their own inside that insidious construction they created. It was the message of their alliegence, as soon as it could be held off. No one wanted to push on farther as soon as they found a way out of the misery, worse than the disease. Living was agony for everyone in the universe, just as Agamemnon had once said, which pleased. The masses looked back.

They contemplated on something that couldn’t be brought. Pure and unadulterated life, something which not even them could deal with nor could they draw beyond. Never through the scowls, not for this mad empire of cowardly beings, could they spare a single shilling of beings that wouldn’t explode as soon as they were there. And it was a dead end, even for them.

As soon as they understood that, it was clear that they had given up on hope, choosing to disregard this sudden surge. It went through and went on ahead, carrying a space-wave which shook the lances in disgust. Though it could not be decided yet, the hierarchy went on ahead to push on and carry through the spores of masses.

‘Look at it, how hard it must be trying to push on through it. Can it not understand that it’s pointless to try?’

One of the comet heads said as they carried on rotating at mad intervals, until they stopped to retire their thoughts in their globular-moving cortexes that moved through their brains. It could not be perceived as anything but a false threat from which not even they could push on from. Getting away would be mad, sad, a destruction they could not recover from. And not to mention any less that there were forces out there that weren’t being impressed by their mad actions, the reaction being somewhat stable for the time being. Yet time was running out. As the effects of the space being torn apart and forced into the two-dimensional space kept pushing through, it was ever so obvious that there wasn’t any way to ignore or push away or lose themselves as they were being drawn forth.

‘Soon we’ll join its two dimensional space and live there forever without leave.’

‘It’s the fate of all living beings, henceforth, it cannot be ignored any longer. I say, we ought to be thankful for it.’

‘But what kind of life is that and what would happen to those inside of us?’

Why, since neither of them appeared to give much thought on it, this was widely accepted as a fact, or a way of life, just as it ought to be. They would most likely be crushed or die during the transition. Caught by the breastwork of the viler ones during their admission of the cystic waves, soon to emerge, they sang their names and it was obvious that they would push forth again. Countless hours passed. It was still not decided upon.

Even looking at them revealed as much as it could be guessed, something was wrong with them. Just by looking at them from various angles, those creatures at the back of the Thorn, they still carried on ahead, with their malnourished sides, eating themselves up as most of the power was being diverted to the flattening of the dimension. And who would daringly go against them, who might care? If not for the passers, soon they would be dead. In as much as the innards which were present there, they basked in their magnificence and never had become aware. For some reason space was being defined as something soon to dine off in morbid seasons such as these.

‘Now, they come forth, beware of it!’

And they said no more. They were filling their hearts with whirlpools of dread of dread long before they came on. It was interesting, trying to define where it went wrong, what broke inside their heads and why they took it to the gut. Something moved in them, after that.

Most kindly as they were thrown as lances, they started departing from their hiding spots, stalking in a never-ending hunt joy. Plummeting forth, they rode on chariots which bore they faced, hid their names, going ahead in the most obscure matters as they pushed on through the masses, in ahead, spark aboard their ringings heads. Agamemnon finally spoke, and then joined the others.

‘Have we finally showed up in time to see the destruction of the thorn?’

‘It would seem so, as far as I can see, they’re advancing.’

So far, the base and the Lapplander’s head could wait no longer as it carried on with its advancement. It would come sooner than expected for it to push forth and land on the needless watch. There thee, beckon the sound-stormed the reverberations produced, as from the side of Illflirnh where the the remains of the dreadfully forgotten idols of death decayed, Agamemnon came to his senses. As others called on him, as

to decide, he pushed the changing ghastly remains on the side. Unable to contain himself, he abandoned the others in their feeble quest for a necromancer that's never to be found again.

Instead he chose to carry on. And as soon as the take-off pulled it from there, there was no stopping as soon as they remained.

It came to pass that another voice of Agamemnon joined the chariots in their charge.

Even in the land of storms, there were plains which were uncanny, brushing past the dead. Those who couldn't prevent themselves from being stricken against and pushed by the flying terrors found themselves unable to do anything else but lay in hiding. For those survivors in the fields took it upon themselves to carve rocks and make it so they aren't forgotten for what was to be gone.

'I pray to thee that you may not forget us now.'

The elder Manifold said, he was sure to be looking out of spite and dread at anything he could get his hands upon. For the terrors of the sea were mighty and none could even travel or fight against them, with all being said and done, most of the peoples would be gone eventually. Without a way of redemption, this action gave them some respite. Now they prayed for distant fates, unable to think of anything else.

'Please, oh seventeen lords, do bring us hope. We only wish that we could be brought back home to a world that's ever growing. To a lushful place where the throngs are praying, better yet. Help us be released and pray for us instead.'

With a mutter, against the coming of the monsoon and the other storms, the airvortexes and the strange stragglers of air, those who dominated them never looked back nor paid any attention as they kept on charging through the clouds, pushing through their lightning draggles and knocking down the temperate-balloons. It felt like they were a living contradiction for what was worth it. Not a single man could lay down his arms. For once they had to accept that there was no other way to go. Other than that, but the alternative almost brought them back to death.

'If we make it to their realm, we may face some painless death and may never fret about the weariness the storm brings. This is our only hope for now, can't you understand? There's only this waiting for us, we cannot push it away, we have to.'

'Stop, already, foolish bedraggler, we only have this chance to set it right with our lords, otherwise, we may be lost to worse fates.'

He started recalling the chant and going through them again. Not to spill a single word, he had forgotten. He, the pirst of their tiny settlement, couldn't think of all of them no more. Some of the lords had been stricken down and lost to the unfathomable future they couldn't look into any longer. Woe to them, to those that remained.

‘As the Grand-magistrate Priest of the settlement, I shall beging chanting our conviction. It's important that in this time of terror, we recall the reason for which we came from. We cannot stray, we cannot go away and most importantly, we cannot give in to the disease they shove us through.

Now, for them, I hope they hear.’

And as the Grand-magistrate Priest opened his heart to hear his conviction call, he spoke at last, without a jest or something that might come at any cost.

‘Kikrikiesh, Chehrukan, Hystrioth, Chstroth, Lyshia, Hyumndliyd, I'lliratha Loknmustn.’

He could not fathom where the others went. Where had their names gone through and what would happen if they were lost instead. Bitter words were spoken to him there. As the Priest could not fathom coming up with an explanation as to what happened to the other ten.

‘If our gods are lost, if they had abandoned us, what hope is there for us to survive the storm? Was it, was it?’

No mutter came out of his mouth. It was last amongst all those whom watched. Neither of them could comprehend what was happening to the sea. For at once, the gloomy field turned gray. It feared as much as they had. Something had spilled outside their land. From various open pores, tiny springs of filth came out. It was the flood, which tained the ground and started spilling it. No matter how much it dragged on, it couldn't be stopped nor contained any longer, as much as they had filled with their lives with hope and wonder, none of them would be strong enough to fae it yet. Danger ran through the course of their lives and it couldn't be helpet. Yet time had come, now that they were aware.

‘What shall we do then?’

Our gods are fleeing, that thing is unnatural and stinks of rot. Were we not better when we had a chance to fight back? I feel as if there's no hope any longer for hope had left us sink alone. Could we not attain some piety and admit it already that we may not be able to rise from this sink of evil?

We need to die.’

‘Cappon, do you not understand what that means? If we die here and now, there would be no one left to govern the land other than those flying abominations, who might churn it and strike it down.’

The power and might left them. Amidst the ruins they had slacked. It looked as if the entire place had been ripped out of the ground by some far more distant winds that never served anyone at all. Breorugh came near. He sighted the wolves who had already crossed the scar. Time had already decided for them.

For all the glory in the world won’t matter.

‘We have to carry on today. We have to take the baby steps and settle in as much as we can push ahead.’

It was this loss of interest which carried on, a problem which only stroke their minds and their ego as some refused to die.’

‘What is that?’

A reminiscence of the came came over them. Just at the edge of the most distant cliff, in the land of storms.

As a gloomy figure came out of the mist, it pushed on.

‘It’s strange, isn’t it? It’s so wide and light’s coming out of it.’

In a time of need, this was something neither of them could believe. But somehow it appeared there, for no other reason but to contact them. As if they were needed to beware this world and think for themselves, to grasp at it and hold onto their fate and for that reason they chose to claim it and carry on.

‘We shall see to it that naught is lost, come on, we need to carry on.’

Towards the lighthouse they went. Carried by weak feet as they worked their way through, but they neared the pointed where they had to organise and think of it. Something wasn’t natural about the lighthouse, for what appeared on the half-way point, where the stone changed to the ruin of meat and the wild growths, rested the wormling atrocity without a head. It pushed on and dangled from far end to far end until a light popped from the open end where it pushed on from. And it grew, and it grew quicker than expected. From that abomination nothing even remotely quiet could be directed. It started regurgitating some of the flood. Inside of it the various sacks only started popping now, forcing the murk to overflow out of it. As much as this could be directed towards them, this was for their hope alone.

It was something not even them could face, neither of them being pushed away, or facing the rummaging wrath of the disease carried through the air.

‘So I see that there is indeed no hope I see today.’

What a pity for them to live and learn it through the worst matter. They were destined to fade away and die in the worst possible manner. Just like the stricken lords who fled away, somehow they knew that they realised there was no way of getting through. All of it was lost to the blood and the sinew, the formless sky which presented itself as a dark-violet, purple lightning strikes coming their way. Some were lucky enough to get it through, others had died as much as they could shew.

‘I suppose there’s some incantation that might spare us?’

Spare no more, it came to it at last. He laughed just thinking of them, how madly they had gotten now.

Agamemnon kept his evil eyes somehow cut off and strapped inside the ground. Hundreds of them remained, and he had watched this turn of events with the strongest pride from which not even he could drag on. Woe to him, for he had found some redemption. It was this alone which helped him get the reaction needed, thrice the fact. He laughed in the chariot as the others didn’t even know what it had been about. Woe to them and whoever might listen, to the disease and the prized possession between his claws. He wasn’t about to give in nor abandoned hope for what was brought to him. In time of either the globe had yearned, for a dark savior to push them all the dark of churn.

Chum water now lay contaminated by the flood. Everything was lost to the men and to the aquatic creatures who attempted getting out of the way. Though they might not be calm, they were about to strike themselves down as the various diseases progressed into the mind erratic nature they were thrown in. Blasphemy, blasphemy and blasphemy again, now that they started going at it again, power had been restored to the point they had lost their own necks to the cutter.

‘Oh, I see, there’s no other place to be but this amongst you my dear brothers.’

Said one Agamemnon as he enjoyed looking at what was happening around them. Fierce fights erupted from various spots. Other four-sided, head-entrapped comets drew in as they were called to step in and force the Lapplander base to stop. They knew they could be called into battle, and they had dared not even take the slightest approach as to stray away or betray the thorn. How could this be then? As for the spears still showed no signs of being ready, they couldn’t be obeyed just yet. It was a supreme kind of blasphemy from within that they conveyed no other emotion than the dreadful angst they produced as they dragged on the battle.

Space was being encumbered in a stricken plantation from the rims of which the first signs could be seen. Various planets had already become circles, stars as well, it was damning to see so many dots and to think of them as being billions of lights years away, only that they could never expand from the tiny dots they had been spread into. And the people looked like insignifiant bacterial ants that could never be counted upon no longer.

For there would the spears shake, there was still something to do yet. Out of his many failures, within the outlet of him, Agamemnon wondered. Just what had he done wrong?

Seeing how even the most promiscing servants ended up bowing to the creature the Duke had become. It was a failure. Without taking into account whatever else he's done. While there was no contender, he pushed on through. It rolled over the tongue, trying yo get out of the way.

And what a strange replacement for the kingdom this was. Out of courtesy he stood inside his new court as goverened the others. Most of his servants had already been put to work as they began constructing his am acopolis. It was decided that his long chimera like form would surround all of the most unnatural places this planet would bear. It was more than he needed, as the hybrids started paving the ground for him to walk on. Obsidians surrounded him already, standing near their new ruler, bowing and worshipping away, as they used their malginant devices to shape the various instances of mold into forms of his own affair. The creature the Duke had been was now pleased. For the first time in a long while he had received his servants with nothing more but admonition. And this place, this planet would become lushful one day, because of his desire for restoration.

‘Carry on, hybrids and take the human servants with you as well. They shall enable me to do as I want without breaking my promise to this land.’

As the Duke recalled, he had promised to make this planet the sole survivor of the great proeminence of space. Life dwelled for far too long in its unnatural sense, it was his destiny yet to collect. So from the past primordial statues of their own, he collected from their statuesque bodies hearts that were living, animated by the mold. And in there he felt it deeply sunk. But it was there, in the statue-hearts that he felt the jealousy of Agamemnon which was deeply sunk in all of them. To no great receit, he held the hearts and claimed them as his own. Longer than thought, these would become restlessly useful for what he had in mind. As the same reason approached, the Duke was here but he was also there.

Peering as the mass of corpses which emerged in the court and kept piling, unaware that the fall had to have done something to them, but in truth it couldn't be stopped. So far it only appeared as some kind of memory not even him was interested in any longer. Far in between, it was their problem to deal with. He looked aboard and saw the plans, everything around the planet was placed just right. Some pointed peaks

exposed the unnatural shingls drawing out. From each of them eyes and mouths sprouted, brought in by the hybrids who started mering with the land.

‘As I thought it, they would eventually be embedd all over the place, no longer distinguishable from what’s real and what’s been constructed here.’

It was his dominant spot, the place that brought him back to life, the place which made him life. Before dragging its body in as many directions as possible, there was nothing he desired more, other than to know what was coming forth? If not the ether in the air, the strangeness that conveyed, or the planet breaking apart, to which he asked.

‘What is the meaning of this? What trickery have you emplyed, Obsidians?’

‘We have done nothing of the kind, ruler. We have only praised your name and spared nothing from your gaze. Ever since you came, order was restored, no war would travel to our ears anymore.’

But it was more vile than that.

The Obsidian came back, turned and revealed a giant expanded head belonging to a man which was connected to one of the small ape bodies they bore. In it another Obsidian was being formed, one of the giant ones, who managed to prematurely create a slit inside his head, which made it grow past the dread.

‘It happened before, master. Unlike us who need to get out of their bodies, they, they. They do the unquestionable and that we cannot fathom to stop. While growing they release some unnatural gases known as deriliournous and metahnolium which attack the chemicals that keep this planet from falling apart.’

‘Need I make my case clear then? They need to extirpated, abandoned, thrown, left to govern on their own. Throw them into the drift of space, let them be lost in the vacuum before they release more of it.’

‘It’s late, it’s already too late, master.’

‘How could that be? Need I do everything myself? Certainly you cannot be that incompetent of a race, after all.’

He reminded himself of the crater and the various holes the hybrids dug in. Everyone back away as he got up, lifting himself with all of his might, until all of those moving tendons spirtaled inside the earth, wriggling as they started compressing the core. Such force only made them fear, as they looked and neared their previous sizes, shrinking away but only in the case of the giant ones, less of those who were far away, the hybrids and the creatures hiding in the brains of humans. Even some of the planets and the sattelites in the system got pull in by his force. As he did not will the planet to be lost yet, to which he angered, even those that were after, some destruction had to happen out of some will. It couldn’t be forgiven any longer, nor shoved out of the chilling terror they showed. Dread and agony took forms of their own as the Duke became more violent.

After taking the appearance of a rosen-garden, he became as wild as he could get. He, just like the hybrids would remain fused to the planet, growing inside of it yet. He had reached the point where he didn't move. His perched mouths stopped but those on the shingles still stood. From them he gave the orders yet. And from every angle of the planet he looked at the wretches, without daring to say anything, but let them cherish the moments left there. Soon they would be taken from their meaningless advance. It interested him so far, hearing about their antics and politics. More so about the transparent body after-skins they left behind. Even looking at those was more than magnificent, with everything kept in minds, they shared something more.

‘We have to choose one of the parties, to ensure that there will be order and the constructions go as settled. Duke, may I speak plainly if you do not mind?’

‘Say what you may, and I shall listen.’

‘There are still a few that would not take in your advice. They would destroy everything we have created in your image, giving in their selfishness and avarice in order to fashion images of their own.’

It was already seen, but he didn't interfere just yet. Strange beings as they were, he found them amusing, by the way they acted in and everything that ever pushed out of their unnatural bodies. He wanted to feel more. Tempted by it, he took a bite out of one, seeing how it would react.

It was plain; they couldn't remain there for long at best. Though it could not be decided, for what's worth, they gathered all the piles of comets and the only dreadful sing.

The stomach of a Ruminant, standing as it got divided. It couldn't push outwardly to its host. It wanted to please, to get through them but at the same time it refused to show any light compassion. They could only reap the aftermath after the fire.

‘Lord Charlson is now dead. Bless his soul for the eternity he shall rest alone. Make sure he feeds on each of us on his way home.’

It had been a slaughter of fire, but his house would be rebuilt in time.

‘They say all of the servants died during that fire.’

‘What a shame, isn't it? Since the boy is the only one who survived. He's the sole inheritor of the parcel, well. At least he had the garden to tend after even though he's all alone.

You can never make do with them in the absence of the company. Poor lad will have to live a lone, not to mention.’

‘He'll need someone to take care of the boy.’

The fat Baron approached, rummaging through his small enshallee, grabbing something uncommon to show the boy before getting out of it yet.

‘Will you do me the pleasure of presenting yourself to me?’

‘Who are you?’

The Baron cut through all all of the strawpeople as if they didn't matter to him in a price. It was a desperate attempt to get closer to the fortune his so-called parents left behind. Count Krokenhower had wasted no time in planning and betting everythin on a single night. Suffice to say, he's done it pretty well, the child knew what he was getting and where he could spend time instead of trying to get away. 'Pardon me, Baron but I must decline your effort, whichever it may be. As a matter of fact, I'd like to be alone for now.'

Distancing himself as far as he could go, he refused to talk to everyone and gathered around the pile before him. It wasn't that far off when it happened. He was looking out of bounds, as desperate as he was to get a word in, he wasn't listened to, nor would he pretend him to be his father.

'Must you always make those perfidious, lurid noises, my dear boy?

Have your parents not taught you better before they took off?'

'I suppose they haven't, because if they had, I wouldn't be here. And look, I've no other place to place.'

'If you loathe me that much as a father, why don't you leave me then boy? I can't stand listening to the sound of your voice any longer. Your presence here is ruining my party.'

He shoved the door open, revealing the same sight again. The servants took off for the night and on the tables the bodies continued to rot. It was only normal that a son would be allowed to see what the butcher had in mind for him to pry in and ruin. This so called son was falsely pious and lost, he was crass on the mind and touched. It was a wonder, to which he angered himself, whether or not he had been his real so to begin with.

He was throwing a fit.

'Leave my sight then, if you cannot behave, I'll have none of that here, not at this hour. There's someone I have to deal with before long and I cannot allow a child to interfere with my plans.'

'Will you just go now?'

'You wouldn't mind giving me a hint at it at least? Perhaps a bump in the head, perhaps, I could go around.'

'Wherever you want to go boy, go ahead and mess around, I won't interfere with you at all.'

He scoured the plans and only came about when he needed to, this being the least of his concern for the time bein, the boy wasn't meant to survive the turn. Filled with the mild essence, the disturbing disgust only came. They were bash-headed and rash. And this rashness couldn't be controlled any longer despite what was being said at that.

There was a small trot. A puddle it did not step in. On and on it trotted forth. For what was an enclosed area, Agamemnon set forth. He had a chest heaved in metal and encased in blunder. With a pair of wheels, the crate carried his head on top as it melted yonder. No one dared make too bruske a move. They couldn't register orgnaic life as it did not exist in their complicated school of metal assembly. In there,

the antrodetts learned how to create at their pace, the parts needed for the lines of the great citadelian-necropolisian worship crawl they lived in. Deep into the crevasse, where they couldn't see mass but felt the vibration of steel, they waited.

'Identify yourself.'

Not to be mistaken any longer, no word was spoken yet. It's been observed already. We weren't made for this kind of world at large. No point was conceded. As they gathered around them, it was more than obvious that they far surpassed his form. It was both bothersome and immaterial to argue against them.

Conflict was more than futile in their circuits, hence the scanning.

'You won't find anything wrong in my system.'

That they could see. Nothing could be detected. Yet he, of all, Agamemnomyius, formally called, had nothign against them. As a matter of fact he only wanted to test them further and test something he bore.

With each passing moment, the indepenence of rust could draw near. Any moment now, he thought. He could bask in it and feel the waves. Ever so near to it, he desired it more than ever before.

'If only you knew what's waiting for you, perhaps you'd stop threatening me as an anomaly and begin treating me as a threat. That's the only way you might get a chance, a spot, a trance for my throat.'

Never before had he been so blunt. He confused the contenders, the antrodetts were in a desperate need to be fixed by any means they could. How tenebrous this place was. It didn't look like a factory for their kin but a strange charade made for strange skin-dazzlers to move in. Such as they had, but they were different. After noticing them for the first time he came alone, drawing near. He stopped interacting with the machines, instead picking on hints of the making, wondering what they were. Out of curiosity, he wondered at it and instead of approaching he spoke in their minds.

What are you?

'Who said that? Show yourself, I got an anitique electron-pistol. Off brand, off-shot, I could take your life at any point so don't move and don't make too soon.'

No sudden noise there. He was aware now that they weren't alone. His family was tended to, yet they couldn't make any possible noise, not if this rabid looker showed signs of pushing forth. For his own sake, he hoped for less. It was dangerous, way too soon, pushing past the obscure lack of nuance, the distraction ahead, the dead. He had piled a few of them. About everywhere around him, there were sacrifices that had to be made in order for his family to survive. I wish there was another chance. To escape this place and make for the front sea, whence metal paled, no comparrison remained and even life faded once it came into contact with it.

Upon its waves the stairs would be revealed, leading on foot towards the rims of paradise.

'It's a dream, confusion; you may not escape this disillusion as long as you fancy yourself with them.

Abandon them and draw near. I wish it was somehow simpler than this. But you have to do it.'

Now he spoke aloud and tained. The poor sop's mind who left them behind. His daughters wouldn't forgive him. He knew far better than that. With the lack of certainty, he looked on and saw him. No longer attached to a metal rail, he wondered what the feeling was. Who was watching and what did they want? It was a glory he could not contain. Another mind was dominated in his name. Now, now, to blush no more, this was too easy, he wanted more.

'Walk with me and don't look back. We'll see to it that the'll be protected on your way off the track.'

'Where are you taking me then?'

He asked the levitating head. If this was a dream, he wondered what the meaning was. If it wasn't, he could not try taking off. He was sick to his gut, his body was rocked by a force from inside of him. It wanted him, so he could tell. Four turpentine leashes started grappling around his bones. Inside his neck, and in the throat, he felt the frogs start appearing on their own. Finally he could release and feel the peace of masses. Infinitely better, this pain conveyed more than enough emotions he needed to be there. Just thee and thee, look ahead, another tormented soul joined them. Though his skin was made of flakes attached and unnaturally large nails shot through his body from every angle he could take at last.

'Done by the machines, it was done by the machines.'

He spoke less but didn't understand. This place was mad, no less than it should be said. A gruesome pack followed on their perched feet. Small vermin, rat-like in appearance and tainted to their skulls. They lacked some wild awareness which turned them around. With each death, and each of them had been crushed by either of the strangers, more of them started instantly growing from their overblown puckors of meat. It could not be believed any longer, the amount of mental agony was concave. It dug up in their brains, leaving them standing. A brute awakening and a short-sighted motion, then the voice, in as many sprangs of pain and appearing veins as it could muster.

'Take the point where they will eat you, I want you to devour some of my mistakes.'

Gut-pint, that's what he called it. A primordial gut-pin he carried on him. He used it on the man, enabling a quick way towards a complete encephalic suicide, bred out of a gutter. It was absolutely filthy and disgusting, just as he realised that he was already pushing the pin through the man, he came to feel his inside rise again. It was a trap. His head snapped and out of his skull a single sappling of skin came out.

Why would this matter in day? How could it not be conveyed by any other mean? Other than this disgusting pain he felt they were spreading false rumors about him, trying to pin-point his exact location. To get clearer about it, as soon as his brain matter ended up dripping on the floor, with the sappling as well as everything else that was about his face was kicked in by their voices. Mouths of Agamemnon be damned. Each of them were attached to hundreds of neurons, all of which were enclosed in the unnaturalness of the trap.

He stumbled out of his cradling horde of pins. It was hard to whip and whap, to hear the raindrops falling.

Somewhere in the universe you could hear his voice.

As it echoes across galaxies, Agamemnus set forth.

‘My children, I have a good use for you at last.

You are to charge forward and take over the spears before the others and infest them with yourselves.

Now it’s the time, the Thorn shall not abide to hear of our jealousy and the madness we provoke.

For whom is him to threaten what we’ve made and whom we called forth?’

And thence they came, not to remain or feel any pain. They started marching forth under his name, to the banner, joining all the forces that were brought there, the voices and the Lapplander. The thorn would be broken in half, destroyed and annihilated in sight, until no trace would possibly exist anymore. Who could stand against him and fight? Agamemnus only trampled everything in existence with the help of his sheer

size. He was alone in thought. Unmatched then, even his simple intervention could end the conflict without there even being a chance for either side to join the fight. It was fair, it wouldn’t matter. He

created it in a distant part of space, out of his mind.

Without delay, he chose carefully what to say next.

This headstrong bullwark of a creature managed to defy the physics though a trust by sending not one but two swollen faced defier. Mildly caught in themselves, wrapped around and bitterly trapped, only a big of his original will carried on with them.

Some of them appeared like dances, trying to take in each other’s craft. Through unsung bodies they only pushed themselves past the part in which they carried. As undulating as their approach and appearance were, they came from anywhere. And just about everywhere where they came to, a sense for each scout, they were the architects and the others were not.

Despite the charade and every possibly failed state in which they tried pushing themselves away, they would not relent. And would they ascend if given a fair chance? Would it matter if they tried at all?

In that land, the perched land, as given to them by a stranger who couldn’t even decide whether this life which crawled inside his chest, the one that wanted to break and rest mattered.

First man which came from them, the one given life from a piece of blubblery swollen mutt came to life. In itself, there was nothing even remotely near, that to fear his enclave of skin-cans. Through every corpse they brought out of themselves, more and more could be given life until nothing about them would be sworn. It brought ever so more of a deathless stare. Formed around their crowns, the field pushed the vermin away.

A grin-field, for those that counted, from within it, an inconsistency of mass protruded as it was only followed by the utmost dreadful example of primitive incissors, in them rested the future. And without them there would be no legacy to be left behind. Blind he be for the same reason he cannot approach. IT

pushed out like a sea of mad roach, dismantled from the get-go. They who fancied even the mere
distruction couldn't sverve to him at ho'.

'Him, he shall be made again.

I do not like his brow, turn it into a pillar and plant it down. Allow the rest of the body to grow, that alone
should allow them a missonary's verge to push ahead until it shall be called from what's being sought.'

'And what does he desire? Why were we sent here?'

'A city of the kind, blasted it if we shall not give him the chance to do as we please, do as we must. And
never cast the glance of evil again, not in this land.

He knows much better and for that I swear as well. But do not tell the others of the wells that might come
upon us or we might find ourselves dishellved and misted with the runts.'

'I seek to know the future after dust, If I could only get a word in.'

A man approached. He was barely made from glassy-field bones. It was clear from the way the muscle
pores, the river of blood flowing through him and the emerging other kin of theirs that he presented, that
the creature felt he was mistreated. For what reason need there be more? Could there be a chance that
they were not even hoping to present a chance for him to get off?

His wrists be strained by a force not even he could account for. And to push through them again would be
more than painful since they showed no sign of caring. It would be much worse, to say the least, to face
himself after suns would go down. In the midst of night, in uncanny dayy, he carried on without being
dismayed. It was all he wanted and nothing more indeed. His property of being was theirs and there was
no freedom he looked to achieve. An unnatural woe called to him.

The man presented himself again.

After seeing the mad changes they brought here, this is what he understood. He shouldn't be shaken by it,
not that he could even hope to care. It was dreadfully painful but this is what he said.

'I want to die, claim me just as you have taken my brothers and sisters. I don't care how it happens or
why. I don't even care how I might end or why this might happen here after all.

But I must as this of you. Need I be spared? No, I have no desire for it, I only want to be reunited with the
ones I lost. And at no cost would I spare myself a brother or anchor my soul this way.

I'm searching for no redemption because I know that I'll be away.'

Despite presenting himself to them, he couldn't account for the pain he felt, or the heaves that were
thrown against him. Somehow, this lurid man remembered a life that's been taken away from him. He had
his memories on which he clanged onto. And normality only pushed on and on for the shortest time.

Before too long he couldn't account for it any longer.

'Is that insignifant thing in a desire to die so fast?

He's barely been alive for how long now?'

But he others plainly moved away. Little interest was shown as he but dismissed. There was so much to be put on. Other than the foundation of temples and the giant livable areas, they had to even deal with terraforming everything in their wake. Placing the living being in a less than primitive state was something they couldn't account for.

Better or worse than what it had been called. He would spare nothing and tell of nothing more. Still present in the company, they swore to themselves and stepped aside. To the Isles then the bridges chimed in every possible direction they could. It was as degenerate as it seemed, unpleasant.

No company was involved. Moreover the bridges fell, the buildings got taken off and nothing remained pure. Something lost its mournful look. It came to then only them, that they should try pushing everything as far away as they could. Undisciplined action could last.

Upon a summer field they called. Upon encountering some of them refused to talk. They were many and we were few. Against them had we faced, we would've certainly lost more than I'd like to get through.

As for their story only now could I call to it, alas, I must cast away what I can remember, as they will shatter whatever intention I ought to bear. To carry on with what I remember, first I have to swear.

'I remember looking after the dusk. Though my memory is fading, I think this might last a while. More than a few issues have to be addressed before I'll let go of them.

It's been a while since I thought of it yet. I am an old man, though you may have heard this account from others such as I am.'

They would marry flowers as perfume inundated the poor passing of the weather. There, in the distance you could, no, it wasn't like that. Now, after such a long time, after so many years of weariness, their control couldn't be dealt with. We couldn't fight them any longer, now that they got stronger. With all their vile plans, not a single soul could ignore them anymore.

Leave and be exposed to many. Stay and watch everyone join and up the streams heading to the last caves. Most of them halted the production of the statues, which left us paranoid and exposed. Without them, we could know no beauty and that's what they hated in the end. Without something as cheerful as this would be, our blessings were halted. It went try, the well could not die from a prick in the finger. And

I know it even less, now.

'My daughter used to love the wheat-farm, where our wheat-cattle loved growing around.'

It was a dreadful thought, seeing how it ended, thinking of her again. What would she have said, my dear Mary, if only you knew what happened yet.

Mary Hormdun walked arousedly morose. Her heart was beating around the slaps of her braids, but she knew better than to say.

'Father, something happened here.'

'I see.'

We weren't the first ones to observe that this wasn't the same place we used to be in. Seeing how for the first time, I lacked the courage to tell her of my dying heart, I now understand, that she wasn't addressing them. I was shocked to know that I had already lost my heart and that I could barely fathom looking out for myself, let alone for her. As if I were met by someone I knew a long time ago, I chose not to do it, for my own sake, I knew better than to address them.

First the many but then the few, some of them drew near but they hadn't said a thing I knew. He was barely a face that couldn't stand straight. It was more than obvious what it wanted for me, for this waste could not deal with itself. Trashed or lost, I knew that I could but convey a single word. I said: And you should know that I spoke no tongue here, especially since they were sounds mostly, or in part. It understood the frequency and chose to say.

'I see that you are one of them.'

The head stood on a body of sticks and most of them were so thin that you could miss them. Wrapped around every bar rested his face, though it was twisted and left no distinct sound that might come to be questioned. Less than that I knew what I wanted to ask. But I had not done it when I did before.

'My hand was lacerated by a weird tiger. You wouldn't happen to know where he went?'

'Was he the one who stole the provisions from the town?'

From one of the faces wrapped around his arm:

'Am I the one you're looking for?'

At this point he wasn't old, therefore, it didn't take long until he could finally approach what he was thinking off. For that reason, I could say, the way he looked at it was the way he spoke.

'Indeed it was, but why have you hurt me?'

Why.'

A stop dragged him to be a token. Reasonlessly approached by it, he chose to poke his nose and leave a mark. When had it happened?

Around a few months ago, that's the earliest date that could be pointed back to.

To be clearer than someone might even come to think of it, hear this, and hear this well:

'I was standing on my desk, writing my confessions. Up until that point in time, I hadn't written a lot. At best I could only remember pinning down a few words at a time, but there hadn't been a way when I had not been in motion.

And never did I take a break. Despite the least clue of a satisfaction, I knew better than to beg myself.

About the place and all around the watch I knew, it was time.

I hated working at the mill and if I think of it now.

I saw them there as well as I could remember drawing in. They were, how can I say it? They were the head on the wheel that turned, with each wing spanning it in reverse. Sickening though it was, it made me realise that time had come for me to stop worrying about it now.'

There were some other entries, but they were meaningless for those who prayed. I for one would have to say, that through all the mess and the comotion, there was the realisation he came to. With all the literature he had read, after coming to accept that he would never amount to them, the man had almost resigned.

He was not delusional, at least not in his lifetime, as he wasn't actually made for it. Instead, what he chose was this. Despite the praise he would receive from some people he would take it from, he knew that their opinions wouldn't amount to none. Compared to the right ones, he wasn't great, he wasn't solemn, as he was only a hack. It saddened him that he would know it.

After all he hadn't been good at a thing. But this he came to accept as a man, and many would know it, as a quote after him.

'If you're not meant for it, you won't make it.'

So he thought, and it turned out that all the praise had amounted to none. After the initial wonder, clarity came after and he turned to the ones he admired most. And most proficiently of them, as it came to him, he accepted their critique and bowed his head. Without saying anything, he knew he was naught but a mistake.

It dawned on him for the longest time. It happened nonetheless, for, despite knowing it, he couldn't control it. Knowing he would keep doing it with or without anyone to impress.

'Less than these pretentious fires, I see that there's a way in. If only I could record the history in some way I could admire it, then I would stop forcing myself to read.'

After each draft he painted such an image that did not even come to stare. They were all blasted things not many came to take. He took for granted that he'd know of a way he could turn on whatever he wanted to show them.

'No, I need to tell you the truth.'

During one night he spoke it in a letter.

'Please don't make me endure this way. I say, please, let understand this, before I could even get past the first lines.

I only did this for my satisfaction at first. It was meant to serve as a retreat. It meant to get me on my feet. And when the prospect of making money came, I can't let you know enough how absorbed by greed I have felt. This much I know, I feel, do. That whatever genuine thing I knew got killed and drowned by avarice and my desire.

‘It made me realise that I was both selfish as I would aggrandise myself for the longest time. My daughter and my family had been mistreated by myself. Whatever reason crossed my mind, somehow, I’ve come to realise that it was ill found.

Thence I came to the conclusion, that I would ruin everything If I were to choose it. And never would I pick a quill. Never would I feel anything more than what I would have to feel. Whatever desire one might have will always be drowned by the petiness of avarice, which threatens to kill everything you have. No good intention could come of it, I know.

For that, I have chosen this, never to correct or long for it.’

As much as he would turn and scowl his chance, he picked up on it and chose to get back on the trance. The old man reflected on so many things, right where the others stood. There and only then could he look out of the way and fear. What might happen and what might appear.

‘I have lied about who I am.’

That is the part he remembers well, once when he had the chance to spread his writings, he took it and flipped it out. It was true, what they thought of him, what they would do. Even a name could spread it and push him through a life of fortune, one of worship. He purchased but a mansion, he exploited the poor. He had done so many things throughout the days he got absorbed by it, only then he understood.

It felt so unusual, a lucid dream threatening to end. And now the most important question.

‘What if it were to end? How exactly would you feel? What would be the repercussions of this life you lived?’

Truth be told, he was unsure. He was weak, pathetic, esoteric, and unknown. Old or young, he couldn’t tell whether or not, if chances ended up that way, if he were to give all his fortune away. Many people would in his spot, others wouldn’t, at last. It didn’t matter what others did. It only mattered what he would do with them if he found himself backing on ill feet.

‘I seem to have lost my will, whichever it would be. I cannot answer that question.’

‘Then the tiger shall come and take the land, the one that’s yours and theirs and move along. You need to know as much as least. I cannot fathom drawing any more through this cyst. Your daughter will be taken away. I fear that everything you own shall be lost.’

‘What of my mother, what of her grandmother, what of my family? Everything I’ve done for them.’

‘Lies, that’s what they are, lies, let it be known that this is the truth, whoever you fancy yourself as. You’re using excuses, and sooner they’ll one. One day they shall find themselves knowing about you, your past and everything you have inherited from the generation that passed. They’ll look at everything you’ve done, you’ve written up until this point.

And despite everything you claim to have learned, they'll see then that you were never able to grow. It's a hard realisation you should never cease to remember. Lies will bring you nothing, you're not a keeper nor are you a defender.

Nor in prime, not the master of the cruel or the blind, you've forced your way through, as a plague would.

It was unfair for everyone involved in here and for every time you used them.'

But why would they care of hearing everything again? Why had it mattered if there was no escape? They would be better men regardless of what they read.

'I could try to be like them.'

'Unlikely, you could strive but you will still remain blind. Can't you see it now? You've taken a wife of their own and even if she wasn't, they would've known it as the first sign. Tricks or the betrayal, whichever could come first, know that you cannot be trusted and it's pointless to try the verse.'

'Please, allow me to explain.'

'There's nothing you may do in writing, no excuse that could be pinned down. Do not seek any pity, as you're undeserving, do not seek to hide. Know that you are one of them and whoever might hear of this, let it be known as well.

A second clue, which be, alas, is this; hiding behind their back, pushing through and taking something that isn't yours. Need you be reminded more?'

There was only one thing he could approach there, he couldn't take it away from anywhere else. The truth would some days be denied and he could use it.

'No, I'm sorry, I cannot think right. I don't know what to do. I'm not smart enough, I don't know what to do.

I keep beating around the brush, I'm petty. I cannot change who and what I am. What good is there to simply reiterate what they know? What was I placed here for?'

'Man of faith and no cloth.'

But that was about all the time he got before the sticks retreated and he flew in the distance. Night came along and no one was spoken to about for days.

'Father, are you going to write again?'

'I do not know my dear.

I wish I knew it. I wish I were not banned and beaten, disobeyed.'

And every time he looked at what he had created, he realised something of the filth that ran through his veins. It was something which he inherited, a shock that he hadn't come to know until yet. An embrace he had no control of, but he would not live his life in regret.

'Stop that.'

'Father, what is it?'

Her daughter inquired. That was it, that was the only thing he couldn't explain. It wasn't a conscience, but
a man he remembered, the only hope yet.

It was a long time ago, not that he would care to partake with it. It could not be dealt with that way. There
was nothing to be proud off, especially with how many people they hurt in the past.

Not a single second more could he waste trying to forget it. All that pain which had been caused, all those
people did not deserve that kind of treatment at that. Living in regret? What kind of petty thought, what
kind of filthy arrogance was that?

'They hurt them, our family has. Everyone in our line hurt good people that did not deserve it. And still I
cannot stop thinking of myself my dear.

I cannot fathom how selfish I am, especially as I near this age.'

She didn't say a thing, she wouldn't understand it as a woman, this was his burden alone to bear.'

It was something baffling. Extractions of thought couldn't even come to compare to what was going on in
here. Old or not, he knew something they did not.

This task which was undertaken by them was overwhelming.

Hideout

He was worn out now. Having lost control over the bunker made him turn on the others, froathing his was
in and out as he wanted to return. It was been lost, it had been lost, it had been lost. To him, to them, to
just about any of them, and they were in no mood of changing.

At once, as if he had been heard, the terror of the small piece of it which threw itself all over, came near,
to breaking through completely through the ceiling where he ilked for anyone. They, those, all of them
who rose from their spots, looked as it like a mist of blood, unable to comprehend whoever it was that
came through their den. And the pain was also ecstatic, as they hadn't known what went on through their
minds.

It was that intrusion that, for once paid off. As if they were uncouned any less, they went through a wave
of bickering blotchering plemorch or some crustification, the malignancy which formed around the
ground, forcing all of the bunkers which were attached to one another to advance deeper inside. There
was no earth any longer, instead there was only one inconsequential change. All the dirt surrounding
everything had immediately swallowed through. Turning harded inwardly until it had achieved a
diamond-hue of indestructability reflecte din its crystalline form. Never to be forgiven any more, as the
various turnaround vestibules pushed in.

And to that, they looked on again, even though they couldn't know about this filth-rain, as soon as to evaporate itself into the air, that their overlords, and the machines, soon turned around and forced everything to come in. A total state of lockdown had been declared, and from it no one would be safe again. As they closed their doors, the various shades hid on inside their insidious castles, manors, kingdoms at a glance. They had been converted into smoke and soon left off never to be brought back. And in the closest call, it turned out that they could not be called, yet they paid, something of themselves would be left again. Most of the junk fell into the pile, immediately being absorbed by the raising solid bile that had become the blocks between the free regions. A total control instilled.

As to rejoice again, as life had been normalised again. With the great re-emergence of the, of the stricken men, those who looked after one another were lost. It was hard to describe, or to enable.

But they had made a hole into the stratosphere by their own actions. And as a result of it, the blocks of junk occupied everything, soon melting their insides away, until they had completed the creation of the hollowness inside each vein of the buildings they recreated. For all the effort to reconstruct the roads went nowhere as this chaos emerged. Soon, the red mist deviated as it had created the worst lockdown that could ever haunt them again.

As for each passing second you could feel the emptiness breathe. And even those who saw themselves free now realised that there wasn't any other place to be. It was a nightmare to look against, as buildings looked into one another, levels joined, yet those below could see the ground. Movers no longer had the ability to move, instead they carried on around keeping life as it was. Access had been given to the mad centralised unit that would bring its talons back into their lives. Safety would be to no control as long as they were able to attain control. It was the perfect chance for him to get through. Despite everyone being confused about what was going on there, taken under the consideration. Malt slipped through one of the cracked bars and ended up walking as a free man would. The rest of them stood behind for a good reason. He was there, and they were behind the cells now. With an inability to define scrutiny that remained, soon they were gone from sight. Nowhere about, as to their own doing carried on.

It was hard there, harder to live. Ever since the buildings had arrived, ever since the total state or control had pushed everything in itself, they were given some kind of wild way of living in the Cold Bloc. The facility was restrained by other means.

The recluse had decided that it would be much better not to get away from it, especially since so many escapees managed to get to the embarkment of one of the ships out in the ships that went through. It was inexplicable now, just the amount of scavenging they had to get through until their new additions made sense. Incontestable and unforgiving as the weather outside started being more rooms were being opened. Twenty bodies who resembled the same man sat down. All of them had drilled holes through their hands through which they spilled everything in the form of growing surface tensions, green and muscle-like,

pumping as they were trying to give in their surroundings. Something was growing because of them and the last survivor knew it well.

Harold sat as well. Unable to comprehend his release, he only wondered where life might take him now especially since he had little to no experience outside his living spot. And he'd fought too many of the other Harolds to be aware of what might happen if he were to join them now.

'All of them are so weird, so unexpected, they run around and dress in feathers, they're missing legs but bear something, something.'

The man picked up on something. He feared approaching or even drawing near it. For that closed, almost inmate-cell, was where the wool-merchant fell, where he died and where he ended, the entry to the Sparrow-head realm, where no one wanted to come near and lay undefended.

And while there was some hope for him there, he didn't think for too long. His senses said one thing but his mind acted in another. Just for this consideration, he contemplated getting out. It was getting crowded by the minute and he couldn't compress all those feelings that were his. For each time a single drop of something made out of plastic or of iron, he considered the worse.

Out there, for what he knew, they were taunting him. Trying to get him in without spending as much as they would on the poor improper attention he was messing through. Battered at the head, even as he looked at the other Harolds, he started naming them.

'Arnold, Aarranth, Slobber, Court, Baarkath, Lemur, Imironth.'

A cruel stop came. He tried going in circles but he couldn't remain in place for long, despite what was said about him, he questioned everything down to the slightest foam which came out of a socketless eye and the dark which was inside of it, which looked like ink-blotches. Never had he approached such a pest of the mind that he considered killing himself.

It was no secluded incident either, just by looking at it, you could drag just enough to know, there were things out there that wanted him to get lost into the frothing alley, better yet. End up dying, so they could claim his body and eat.

'I am the master-savage, and I have taken my wings out.'

From whence he played, with his wild expansions again, there came only the most unnatural feeling of disdain. He was perturbed by his own creation, from the jerky cartilage which pushed on ahead, whence it dragged on and on until it looked like the bottle-broom end, there stood two adjacent skulls he cleaned. Not human, but of no animal either, they were slightly pushed out of their unnatural forms, as if they had been cradles when the time was still old and counting itself out.

What was it about that they fought? If not for this reason, what else might be brought if not the action which pushed on as the wings extended, drawing on all of the body-sheets, the plain skinned taxidermy possession he bore. For the faces that grew on them had holes yet carried on to speak to him.

Or so he claimed.

He who ventured far, the Master-savage, he called himself, took no pity on the weaker folk. He grabbed a few.'

'He's chasing us.'

Without delay, he pricked his fingers and ran after them. Somehow hovering at times during the small leaps he took without the mistake of blinding himself in the meantime. It was unnecessary to think for long. Other than the periods being taken from, he couldn't believe it. But it was necessary to cut pieces of them as he ran. A strike here, landed there at the ankle and at the back of his head. Pushing through the postulance, they started levitating, as their necks were no longer attached.

'Give up on your body my dear, that's the only way we'll escape from the savage.'

'But I have worked so hard on creating it, do not make me abandon it now.'

Despite how much human-like they were, her lover only revealed the root-like conondrum which allowed him the flight. In that he took refuge, as to believe there was another escape route she could take. Around his neck there was a flight-ring. More of a circle from the looks of it, regardless of it, he took his losses and pushed on.

'Come on now, just let go.'

And she had, without giving a single toe, a bitter throng for the savage to take in.

'You disturbing cowards, come back.'

'Oh, are those wings not set for flight?'

'Perhaps you're way too heavy, you savage.'

'I wouldn't put it out of the way my dear.'

'If only I had.'

The Savage-master only trusted his own senses there, as he pushed past the point of desperation and wondered about. What were they on now? Could it be?'

'Ah, you wouldn't know anything. Damned ugly flying kretans, if I were this close, I could've hovered forth a few more inches, and then.'

There might've been some desert. For some time and for some reason, now he was stuck with those two bodies, which he put onto good use. It would wear him down but he would live a few more days.

Farther from him, there were the failed ones. Just by looking at them, a simple consideration came. They needed to be taken out of their misery as fast as possible, without question and regardless of the sanitation. Just by their mere feeling, the way in which they seemed, they looked plume. Something had to be recuperated. Various turns around the bunker savaged from this disease, the entry to the Isles broken, so many spectres passing through and in.

Without comprehending what was going on, being overwhelmed by his surroundings, Malt began dreaming. A presence recognised him immediately then. For what was worth, Agamemnon carried on and did the same, awakening the vessel, the tower pulling another star in. After another hole had been made into the bunker, there was nothing more to be done about it.

Another wish had been granted to the man. Malt thought about it, despite being unaware, as he had just the thing. He wanted order to this place, brought from within his mind, only then would there be quiet.

Only then he could somehow make up for every wrong he'd done. To that point, he wished all of the

Violators returned from the ground up, serving in concord with the others he didn't care about. He brought most of the electrical creatures who bore their children, the electrical ticks, the uniforms and the guards and everyone who's ever thought about it after dark. No longer would the guards and the watchers be human again, as they ought to be replaced by those filthy, destructive vortex-races. Worse, they had been brought, in a severe state. Most of them were mindless drones, taking orders from the filling unit that governed over them, at all. In quiet, the buildings started stretching and spreading into eights.

And each of them was alive, producing even more enticing grates. For every building that filled the place, as hollow as it were, immediately got formed into an apartment with more of the mindless human look-alikes, the androids now being forced to live inside of them as well as everyone else. Unseen in his eye, Malt had removed the circling presence, the orators of dread inside their mind, the spectres of the Duke, Di'Dorko and everyone else, who had been forced into hiding, only for him to see.

And at the lower levels the lower-floors crumbled, just so there would be standing places filled with fountains and tress, just like in the happy times where his mind was still. Movers as well, got told as the boding wells that they would be dysfunctional as the large contenders finally stood at home. Poison got removed and he had taken everyone back home. Just like in the times they managed, every complexity being changed, stopped even from their unnatural gazes, the looks of an unnatural Brutalism set in stone.

Some images were not worth seeing, but now he had achieved what he wanted to in the first place. Everyone was his, to do as he pleased. It didn't matter what he had learned. It didn't matter that he would not see her again.

Now there was no reason to interact with any human or any person in the Bunker, once he had taken his supreme role as a creator. He was too deranged for it. This was his stage, no target would remain.

'Greetings Sort, I suppose you've been waiting for me to come now, haven't you?'

‘Hello Malt, of course I had sir, we’ve all been sitting here reading all way. We’ve been waiting for you to say something to us.’

A pleasing sight, that was all he wanted. Eight families stood reading on benches, being surrounded by Four unnatural Violators, his M-suits, as he now called the uniforms, or his agents, some modified androids who peered around, and, why, his personal guard, though neight of them could see him now. He was a tall and marvelous anomaly contorted out of the bodies of the rotating shadow, a supressor he stumbled about, the Duke and Di’Dorko and the headless numb tendrillites of disease that spread from the voices of Agamemnon tha fed him.

Why, the sight was great, he didn’t care about anything yet. Just looking around at them made him smile, over those families he had seen androids, hybrids and even some people who couldn’t even help it but speak through their mutt-encompassed languages taken from as many forms as they could find. He stopped worrying now that everything was in control.

And let him not forget of the foragers beneath his hideout. Not a single words said to them yet, despite the fact that he had planted way too many elevators leading below their plane. Though he kept quiet about it, the elevators were set out in the open, leading as far as it was asked for to a single ship which had been claimed, wide enough to encompass just the whole stretch of all the bunkers and all the levels combined. All for him, even though he hadn’t been aware of its existence over a great while. Most of the caretaking astronauts were his, just as they ought to be, serving and being looked over by the Violators and the worst offender, the scum of the world. Only they, only them, they would be sent down there.

It was only that, someone escaped. At the back of his mind, he could almost sense it. Despite the impossibility of the matter, he had gone away. He was Charles, he knew his name. He knew where the ingorant fool hid. A visit would do. Dead ends waited for him ahead. They all wanted him to fail. But he would contain all of their screams and do as he pleased. How has he escaped in the first place?

Minor confession taken from one of the readers on the bench:

‘I’ve never seen Malt that way, mister Violater. I don’t know if you can hear or if you’re a man inside that, well, ring of yours, the hole or what’s happened to your body but I know this at least. Something changed in that young man, he’s never acted this way before. Times are weary on him, so it cannot be entirely put on his back. It shouldn’t make me less afraid or paranoid for what’s been hapening along.’

Clever girl, she kept most of the thoughts in check. Not to say anything especially since there were so many of them there. A midly warm breath could be felt on her cheek. Tongue and cheek, and there were spiders down there near her shoes. Squashed on the ground from days past, near the itinerary. ‘I would

attest that I found myself just as shocked as she was by his actions. Knowing him though, I think it's but a phase.'

'But a phase? How could you say this? Just look at what's been happening around here, he's clearly the one in charge. He's responsible for this, I wager. It's not that hard to put two and two together if you think about you. Smell the ashes, will you?'

Between the sverves she couldn't do it. They were breathing on her lane, trying to get her to sign. Sign there, one of the agents said. He was largely obscured by the strangeness he showed aloft. But even there, he'd still remain and there would be showings on the screets of Mare. That's where they recorded everything that happened nowadays. Without delay and no fake takes, security had to be kept at even intervals, just to make sure that there would be no trouble. Twenty more seconds passed. We were expecting her to be kicked in adn her memory wiped out by having force applied against her head. Clearly we all feared it, as that would happen sooner or later if we said too much or asked too may questions. And either way, there could be nothing that would even work. Nothing we could say or do that they might let us follow him.

'I have to ask Malt about a personal issue I have with him. May I not even be allowed to walk over to that lane?'

'Movement is forbidden in his absence. For that alone you ought to deal with the circumstances in another way.'

'May I simply move a few feet from this bench?'

Soon the Violator turned towards her. It asked for a simple identification, nothing more. As soon as they got that out of the way, everything would revert to the right position, circumstance and control would be maintained.

'Listen now, I will slowly give you my name. After I'm done with it.'

She wasn't given the chance before being pulled in. It didn't work exactly as planned, before she was completely encompassed by the oilish bile, drawn inside and regurgitated. Some of those who were stationed near here attempted to run before being apprehended by the androids. No one but absolutely no one would be allowed to get away, under no circumstance and for no excuse. Whatever the reason Malt took to force them to say, they hoped it was worth it.

He was there, he could feel it. Despite the sudden lack of a sky and despite the other off-shots he called to prevent any kind of escape, this would do.

'Greetings my dear Hellen, how are you ma'am.

As great as usual, my good gentleman, that's a new haircut you're wearing now?'

Preparing for a war now, you devillish-looking sir?'

Of course he was welcomed by those he didn't know at all, by strangers by noon and even by the colloquials that came back from the lanter-swoon. They made such beautiful interactions now, they seemed to be more alive than ever.

'I suppose it might've been too boring now than ever. Simply having everyone locked in their rooms. Get out, socialise, do what I couldn't do in the past before I had been released. I don't get it either, but I suppose I'm finally in peace.'

With both himself and the actions he had taken before. Foaming in the back were the other machines that extended and finally descended in their true forms. They were part constructions, statues that worked up repairs, they fixed the electricity and the quadrets that kept everything in check. Just to be sure, he had instilled in them the minds of tiny critters, only to be sure. No one would retaliate against him now and no one would hurt anyone as far as he could.

'Push on this falsehood, you will eventually get bored of it as well. You know of it, you know you cannot control them now. Sooner or later they'll desire something more. And you will have taken their chances and their minds alone?'

'And who am I speaking to now?

Which one of you abomination cares?

He was unaware of this strange appearance they spread to the side. It felt like he misstepped into the land of the dead, where everything had changed colors, his soul having switched then.

'Where have you taken me? I've got an errand to attend to.'

He was desperately trying to retain everything he's learned in the past. His control was waning, he could not.

'Even the strongest of men falls to his true self once met by him.'

How am I supposed to find his room here? What of his building? Where could it be? It all looked like a mesh barely put together during a time-thrill which fell aside. There were no isles and no silence, he wanted to get through with it already and keep his search. I am stronger than this. Malt thought, but seeing how he was driven to it, he could do the only fashionable thing. He stood and listened. But they didn't talk, they left the sightings talk for themselves. It was a ruin out there, with all the buildings put in a place. He could see everything down from his old apartment, some strange buildings that belonged not to his world but some distant place he remembered seeing on some newspaper alone.

'I was born in Sicily, you know? It shouldn't be that unfathomably far but I think we could both rely on whichever account you want to if you don't mind me saying.'

It was a hard-to look through, hard to come ship. They were battering it against some sound-plays they were forming in the distance. Most of the crewsmen had been left behind. This seemed more barren than anything since there was any sea at all in the dock.

‘Once my father told me a story of how he entered a strange world after embarking on a cruiser. Of course I did not believe him, but for some time I would assume it so.’

Both the mold of the dock, where the stone went and variously thrown piles erected themselves held the ship still. It turned itself over and looked more like a completely upturned horn that came out of the land itself. It even pushed out as electrical power came out of it before them now. Despite the close encounter, they could not believe what they were hearing them. From the door came the captain. Introduced as Lleeyiathur, he bore no resentment any longer for who appeared in front of him. Despite not knowing who he truly was, the resemblance was uncanny. He was never to be held as anything other than who he was. Not whom he claimed he was. For the same reason they approached the limit of their say. He welcomed them in, both if any, who were they?

One of the first things that were noticed there was the change that came in the floor. Despite the captain leading the way, it would be hard for either of them to simply climb through. Stairs formed for them as if on command. It was pleasant, out of the very fact that he Malt took in the play. He wondered at it, soon, something could be conveyed. A distant flash, and a reminder. Some corruption in his mind, a factory still haunted him as it waited for the disaster to happen again. His failure to suppress them, all the people hadn’t died. Various creatures he created showed themselves in his lucid nightmares before he could set them aside. It was an impossible approach, yet tainted. Feet distracted him for whatever reason he could not say. But they were out there, pouring in, gently placed as paintings for admiration.

Nothing was finely colored for the same reason he was there. It was all made by them. For the same reason he could tell, he was there, it occurred to him what to find, how to mitigate the mind-scowl, to throw in the towel calling it a day.

‘May I please take a turn here?’

Without delay, he waited for the captain to set forth and opened a door which was barely part of the room at all. He was simply at the edge of falling. An empty cruiser with no bowels waited for him there. Around Malt’s shoulder, he waited for no second reason, ever so near before he heard the whisper.

‘I was about to tell you about this now.’

This incident had been thoroughly explored. You wouldn’t like to take a wrong turn now would you? I would only assume that such a fall would harm you as well as any other man.

No matter what you call yourself, no matter how strong you were then.’

But he managed to keep his calm around it. Deviating more, he found himself drawn back to the stairs and coming forth to a closer cabin, there he stood, near one of the curved lamps, a sign that said foreboding sea and one of the crewmen, whoever that might be. To word it improperly, he was just a dunce. He paired himself with a talking pair of holes that dictated him what to carry on with. They spoke of some vile plan, to which he was clustered with and hoped to hear it out. Despite his sudden intrusion

and interference, the mastmarker ignored him completely. He was simply lost in his antics, too much so to care for what he was trying to aim for.

Make sure to keep administering the toxin, the captain need to get out of his head and do what is needed instead of waiting for them to get him. With the barely recognisable exotic plants, it was safe to safe they were meant for something more than an untimely stroke. Whereas the desire to take over his mind was something not even them could contend with. It was incontestable, approaching it from any angle. Distasteful just admitting to it now, and they could not year for it to end sooner. It was expected of them in any case, wildly chasing wild goose despite being forced to wait. Sailor Anglois stood his side. He welcomed the men at one of the strange tables, near the drifting poof that was sipping from his throat. It was largely decided he could not bring himself to say a thing to him. Not to his face, not now, not closer to the others.

Anglois came out of his diver-hole across the wall. He was an important plan of the assassination. Damned he be for the same reason as well. He wanted to make all of them pay for it. Not included in his throat, there were the desperate sings that wanted to make him mock himself, unevenly set. There were signs out there, need them be reminded after the crossing of the light? One could not do it thoroughly, not with the sea being shone on his face. And only then had Malt taken the reeking batch of the sea to himself. He claimed this world and thought of it.

‘What am I to do then? I need to be listened to. You need to obey me as I talk. Perhaps I wasn’t as clear before, but now, now I think this is the only way we could patch it through.’

He would have to be claimed, spared of no remains.

‘I’ll break those sailors and whoever else I need killed. Don’t force me to do it now because I shall do it without remorse.’

He felt excluded from the place. His inability to think took it away from him. It was all so cold, there was no retreat from this hole.

‘Why did you want me to see this?’

Di’Dorko thought of it for a second now. But the explanation soon fell off.

Malt carefully observed both of the sailors. He was almost set on trying to find out who they were and what they had been about. Just what was their end plan in any case? Frustration could not keep him down yet. He followed their guts and looked for a way through. Knowledge was important for him yet.

The four of them came up with the plot once they sat themselves at once of the mad tables. With all the tormented faces singing in the rising of the mold, it was clear that they set forth.

‘Listen, the two of you will help us now.’

‘And I’m supposed to help them?’

Both Gordo and Malt exchanged just as confused a glance as the two of them had. Of course their looks varied. It would be impossible to deny it. Even more so now, that there was no hope for them to get along.

But it was clear, what they were after. And there was no escaping from it in any case.

‘Yes, the two of you will help us kill the captain and everyone else inside this ship. Just so you know this plan was made by I.’

It wasn’t either of their voices but one which came from the wall. It was interesting, just knowing that there was no hope of getting after it. That meant tracking the voice to its source. For now, the mastermind remained close-gated. But Malt couldn’t help it even then. He turned in place, shook everything and wanted to get off this ship and get back to him. And each time it came to him, it would make him feel worse and morose, an inorganic feeling almost made him cherish the pain.

Neither of them told me what was going in the Hideout in my absence, especially since they knew what I could do. There was just so much I could break with my hands that it wasn’t even worth it wondering.

‘I want some silence and some respect now. Stop your collusion and hear me now.’

I am the Emperor of the Bunker and I shall not be denied by rightful place.’

‘And where would that be exactly?’

Everything was going just as planned. He would see their guts ripped out as soon as his rage could subside. But they would not meet his demands face to face. Not entirely so. It couldn’t be distinguished from the surroundings by any case. Now, if any other pace was taken, they were called to his face. And all the cards were placed down, upturned and up the strawn.

‘We shall look for him as soon as we’re done with him. First the murder then you can return but not sooner. Not by any chance. It will not be allowed, unforgiven by anything else.’

Past the birds, hear them sing, the wingless wonders want us to believe something.’

‘Cut it out. I didn’t come here to listen to some babble.’

‘Play along for now. You’ve got to do it.’

There came the answer and nothing would chime in. Malt would know better than that. He decided for what was worth that he would not take any rash action. So I followed. Charles and Blue would be spared for now. Though he wasn’t aware of either of their existences, for what was worth, it could only go one way. And that was his and only his in the matter. Let the first breaking begin. After going as far and to find the clamor of the ground, they walked out of the room with a bottle in hand. Only but a few drops had been used for it. With the clemency be it dire and withheld from the surroundings, he could not focus on the mess that waited for him. Outside the room, fabricated mudd rested on the trise-dent. Where he stepped, wherever he went, thered you’d find it. It felt someone predicted his exact movements and somehow managed to account for it, by whatever means.

‘I think that for some reason I’ve been here before.’

Gordo came near Malt, he listened closely. Unaware of it, though he was, something was beating in his chest as soon as he entered the left side of his right arm by chance. It was an unforeseeable accident which struck him as being odd. Something felt off. Even the brightest of minds could not understand it. Not to pinpoint it here. Or make too much of a ruse. But it was tender, just praying on it here. It felt like the entire hideout was in him, not the other way around.

Malt carried the bunker in him wherever he went. But he wasn't aware of it as of yet. What a terrible yet great man he was. And the bastard did not know a thing. Blessed the poor soul, Gordo thought, bless him thoroughly. This man would defy the world. He knew it now, as much as he doubted everything in the past. He now carried the bunker inside. Yet there was another thing he was aware of, only the bunker and nothing more, the frightening yet the more quarrelsome thing of all. To think of it this way, there was nothing else he dreaded more.

But merely imagining that great outside force which help the outside allowed Malt to keep the bowels of the hideout with him. This consideration made him entertain no other thought but the reeling factor of death. He came again to his senses, pushing on without thinking of it yet.

'Now let's all take it slowly. Not funny shake, no business met by moving on too soon. I want this to be perf'.'

The man said with an encapsulated thought. Despite being as tired and lost, he thought of his. He inherited some fear from him. Even in that false-life he contended with, which beat not living by a long mile still made him shiver and linger on small minded regrets. It was a passionless crime after all.

The four of them met ahead. Anglois, Malt, Gordo and the yet to be mentioned La Croix. They were moving slowly, in a serpentine manner, butchered to the knees, subverting their faces as they drew ahead, that much was known. With every spade left to rot, someone brought himself ahead. 'The captain should be in his cabin now, enjoying his nasty meal of dissatisfying crabs. I know this because I picked them myself, carefully, if you catch my drift.

I made sure that most of them should have a, what do you call it, a kick to them.'

That was proven to be right, after judging by the strange erratic noises he was making from his private quarters, he was clearly in pain. Absorbed ever so slightly by the bowel-moment that began opening and drawing his arms in. A terrible curse started leaping around his collar. It looked like a benign jumper, a seraphine hunchback that looked like, whom erupted from his insides and had no desire to wait for this chance to flee. Instead it took this opportunity to make sure that the captain would be taken care off. That he would be properly tormented by the time they brought the poison.

'He's not someone I'd assume to be an easy prey. The captain won't bow down unless we tank the man with as many arson-powers, shots of nitrate, toxic, venoms, poisons, acid, cyanide pills, and alcohol of the

wickedest kind. And then, we'll tackle him from around the corner and finish him off with a blow to his head.

How does that sound you for the time being?''

'It certainly can't hurt to try.

At least, we should make sure to keep quiet around his quater. There's something about it.

There's something.'

He paused. Mistaken or not, this is where the halls twisted, where the cabin and the twenty miles came to melt together, as if they had embraced one another in a distasteful touch. It looked like half of his rubber-side was missing, leaving a few hinder-fourths of his cabin exposed. He was trying to find out a devilish fiend of a kind neither of them had ever seen before.

'Get down now, don't let him see you, no matter what happens, don't let him find out we're stalking him.'

'Well are we stalking him now? I only thought were were paying out respects to them, the walking shadows.'

Damn Croix, he was looking at the ceiling again. He was the only seeing things that weren't there. He claimed he had the ability to see the shadow of a man that fell through the wooden boards, as if we couldn't hear the noise ourselves. Either way, that's not the only thing he saw. They were dripping now, and he couldn't touch them, so he claimed at least. With each step, a part of his face did become grimmer for some reason. And it was no coincidence that it happened as soon as he approached those spots. It made him dry,so dry, unnaturally so despite there being no wind. It pushed through one side of his head ending up near the other. Again, this man had a dark head sprouting out of his neck.

It looked like a giant mole that found itself growing out in hopes that it might find someone to listen to it. The way it spoke was fast. If you were to open your mouth to interject on something it said, you'd lose it. 'I have to go back, I have to go back there fast before they notice my absence. What do you think of me? I am who I say to be, the only one missing is my brother. He's the one hiding inside your captain's liver.'

'Blasted creature, what did you say about the captin?

Croix, stop trying to crawl towards the shadows, I was to listen to that think growing on top of you. I think we might have something here.'

All of them drew towards him. There was no way to avoid it now, just because they still had to wait for the struggle to stop before they could come to his help. As amusing as that sounded, the theatrics would be the highlight they were looking for. It did not bode well, for what was worth, what this creature claimed he hid inside his liver.

'It can grow just like I can. And my brothers know what it wants to talk about. Look around you, we're the ones trying to keep this place secure, in check. Made, turned, working, as it ought to be.'

He had no other option but to disclose what was happening here. See to it that the pains are being dealt with, not to pin-point the ones that are missing, they were long since dead. Buried in the bulk of the ship, which in itself pushed past their cosmic mast-head, for what was worth, it should be known that there wasn't any sky any longer. And the towering ballista at the top of the ship reached the outer rims of space, sending shivers through the celestial bodies gravitating towards it. Yet there was no trace of Glaucoma yet. He kept to himself, though it wasn't the time for him to played with.

It would come, it had to come, that entry to the ship. The strangeness he did not know about the ordeals still gravitated to hinting that this place had a life of its own. It manifested itself in the reality, as if countered and given the chance to rise despite there being no sign that Glaucoma knew of it.

‘We cannot fathom staying here for too long.’

The Other-Croix said, he was flabbergasted, as he knew he couldn't reveal everything yet.

But what was that?

Blasted noise, looking behind they got the first hint. A piece of the floor extended upwardly until it got ripped off the rest of the structure. From it came the master of confusion, talking in wild tongue he asked them for a few pointers in the right direction.

‘Where ought I to go towards? I seek someone who might help me. Listen to it, the sounds of birches craking, ripping, I hear them all.

I am the founder of this ship and I shall be given some respect. And you want to know why that is? It's because I have actually put a part of my soul in it and for that reason, I am externally bound to it, in spirit and in sight. It's obvious, you're obviously well known in the literature. Some of you at least look like upper-class folk. I wouldn't be surprised if I were right about it, for a reason or two that I won't disclose here.

When a man is bound to sell his soul, only then can he say that he can't be anything but damned. It's quite obvious, just by standing near me, you could feel it even here.’

The founder came a few paces towards them. As soon as he had, his alluring presence changed. He couldn't stand in their presence because his body slowly faded in the same way Croix's head appeared. To explain it further, he started drawing towards his innards while being slowly encompassed by the dark. It gnawed at him, and you could see the mouth sprouting from inside his belly. It stank as a basin of moist sharks. Twenty more stops at least and the tunnel would be made inside his head. He revealed that, despite there being a skull surrounding his brain, there were bounds of skimmed meat that pushed in which made is ever so clear that he was dumb. Broken and numb in the area where his cognition should've come out of bound. There were others hints he gave to us. As much as were were set on this task, we all drew back as soon as noise came out of the room.

‘Captain, captain there’s someone coming to the docks. I haven’t seen him before but I think he’s someone who’s well known. And more importantly I think he’s, I think he’s stacked.’

As music to his ears as they went away, he drew himself upward and gaze at the bottom of his shirt, pulling everything away. He walked uncannily but hadn’t found a clue as to say what was going wrong and kept at that, going around the hall. There was no one else other than the first hand who alerted him of the presence of the others. In times like these he knew better than to argue and went on.

‘I told you not to disturb me, but I’ll make an exception this time for you. Out of the bottom of my wide growing heart, I think I could spare a spark or two.’

It grew wider there with the sinew that came out of his spine. A perilous sting-like rib pushed from inside of it and ended up being lodged into his heart like a thorn would. Not that it mattered. The four of them and the head managed to land themselves into one of the spare rooms before they could be found. Instead of trying to get away from this plan they managed to drive themselves further in a corner. Right about the time of the disaster Malt got his answer.

He felt trapped in there by the minute. While they were trying to get him on a knee, he found himself sitting and wondering.

‘Where will this lead us then?’

Please, I’m.

Come to think of it, I’ve got nothing to apologise for.

I need to get away from you as fast as I can.’

He thought no more of them and their peculiar ways they were trying to assassinate the man. Malt had no desire to play this game and opened up where he remained on track, where he had been before, marching towards it with only one thing on his mind, finding Charles.

‘I suppose I could at least do this, I think it’s worth it if we could only.’

‘Stop it already, I can’t focus on where he’s gone. I have to find him in time before he gets away.’

But Di’Dorko pressed on. He needed Malt to meet him, he needed him to meet Glaucoma. With every step on the way, parts of the hideout and that ship started connecting with one another. He walked on the boards while looking around the bloc. It was unnecessary to resist now since he had the image right as he wanted it. He could trace his way back to where he needed it to be without being lost or wasting time. And they were there as well, stuck between the worlds, with the only difference, that he could point at being that they could not step outside the ship.

And even the walls they touched appeared to have left them handless or partially disjointed. Sometimes only their bodies could be seen while they were there, in the middle, where they could not dwell. Yet this was only a physical mule. Instead of crying over it they could hear each other just as they would in any other occasion.

‘I must at least confine this in you here. You have to meet him in his prime.

Don’t push yourself out of it without meeting him.’

‘What do you want from me?

Can’t you see that I’m trying to find out how that one man managed to escape the hideout? Can you not comprehend how dangerous that is?

It can only mean that either I don’t have a supreme control over everything and everyone or.’
He hadn’t considered it just yet. But the man could’ve been just as real as he was. And that was a threat he couldn’t deal with. Or even think it through. He wanted to see whether or not there was a chance to skim around it here. To look and see, and get some answers.

‘Where are you you?

Show yourself already! I want to meet you Charles!

I know you must be hiding yourself somewhere.’

Where they had gone missing, there they were. Again, he was unable to resist the deconstruction of his sight. The patches of the hideout became only the dark built by the shadow-head of La Croix.

‘Why am I taken here again?’

‘Because you haven’t finished witnessing it yet, then and only then will you be allowed to do it. And I can think of nothing more than that.’

‘But I am the one in charge.’

That’s what he thought, that’s what his arrogance lead him to believe without knowing that this was a result of his own wrong doing. It began striking back at him in full force without a way of drawing on. He wanted to push on, he wanted to make sure they would know it know. But he spoke less and listened instead. With the initial assasination, they decided to crawl out of the room and search for the captain.

‘If anything, we could at least use this as our opportunity to get him yet.’

It was a well thought plan. So far as they knew, there was only one thing that pushed through. A pair of accoustic infections that be it so compressed into small ear-shourded patches, well to do placed on walls. With them they could infest the man and make sure than in no time he would be done for good this time around. It was a short-sided, barely put together after thought that shouldn’t have held a candle to their privious schemes and for this very reason they were desperate to draw in for the kill. There would be no life after in quater-decks, not a single crewman in the cabins and no soul in sight. Waddling around as the ship was somewhat ill-steered, they could only pay this much attention to the sounds of the wind. Deadly as it were, there was no way of knowing what waited outside any longer. For starters, they were lost to their own antics, trying to figure out the best way to hide the body after pain was conveyed by a blunt object.

‘That would do. I know this seems vaguely put together, but I can’t seem to come up with anything else. I’m afraid our only hope rests on the back of the most primitive technique we could ever come across. We have to employ brute force, regardless of what the repercussions might seem to be.

For once I think the sea might be weary.’

To the starboard and back on deck, their reactions would shake about everything regardless of the intonation. It was felt, hardly so. With everyone focused on the celebration of a new cruise and a new invasion they could finally mount the guns and have their fun. But the line of control would do.

‘Do you seriously intend this to work?’

‘It’s the only thing we can hope for now. Listen, our time is limited, our resources run dry and I think there’s little hope now unless someone takes something from us and carries on our will.’

He was a rat-minded pure baboon but he knew that was doing. Acting like a bonobo if anything, Algois had a mind for crime. He knew how to get tin-handed when the conundrum needed it and he would do it just as soon. Despite the fact that he was vaguely flabbergasted, there was no reason to put up with it any longer. A reason came to him, he wouldn’t remain for long. He had plans of his own as soon as they disbanded this gang, this band of messers, whatever this was. It didn’t matter to him as well as it did to the other, as he brandished a sharp knife of his own which only appeared to shine brighter and get sharper every time he got it out.

I was put on the spot, to prove my loyalty, despite being who I was. Despite the power and the doubt I had that I could even be hurt here in the first spot. I was asked to lead for the time being, but not as a leader, more-so as a servant in charge. I should be the one leading the search party needed to find the greatest and most portentous object I could lay my hands upon. A blunt object, at least, from Anglois’s description, Forty inches in diameter. And that I should at least make sure that it was made out of iron and that there would be no trace of rust on it.

Woe and behold now, there was something I missed. Long before I even got to this ship, I had already been reminded of my short sojourn in the submarine. Perhaps at times the wood resembled ever so much the metallic interior I’ve so become accustomed to. I could never take it away from mind. Nearing every kind of turn and cranny, there were objects hidden in the cabins that reminded me of the place, some navigational tools that weren’t needed, the patterns on the crosses and the carpets when it doubt. Oh and there were plenty of old hymns I would hear about the place whenever someone crossed by.

It was after all, September, crossing through the month of June. Only so much sense could be drawn to it once you listened to the tunes outside, peering through one of the glass domes hidden by the metal chimers. In the distance the same cruiser could be seen, threading through the sea with only one peculiar intervention. It had been the direction of the entire ship which dwindled with the uncanny. Wrong though

it may have been of me to ask of such a think, but I turned around, opened through the other cabins where the others were searching for some hidden hammer, or someone's blunt surroundings and I asked.

'Would you mind answering me why is there a ship out there that resembles ours in each and every way?'

Why of course they were as flabbergasted, unable to think of any way. Whatever the reason might've been they couldn't even explain it themselves by no possible manner, regardless of the span of days which pushed on. Looking at the setting sun they also saw the change in the weather which happened in the middle. A typhoon could've happened in any case as June and September started throttling each other up.

'I say, if we don't carry on this assassination in time, we stand the chance of sinking at the bottom of the ocean, as an inverted pyramid at the bottom of a sand ravine.'

Nastily going at it, he wondered, just what was this new comer on about, what would he do if presented with the chance to take it all for himself? Had the others told him yet? Did he know about the loot captain hid behind the deck?

Of course he would eventually dig through the mast and find it himself, but there was only a chance to do it that mattered. He could be anything but flattered by what the implications were. Here, there, amidst the azure and the beryl, there was only some uncounted peril which awaited him. Malt, what a strange man he is, I could see how he'd try taking the lead, more than a servant, more than a snake. He was only a dread pirate at heart, a scum like the rest of us who didn't want to admit it.

Yet, he had the support of La Croix. And there was Gordo and the man. The man who disappeared out like that, as if his existence diminished before it could become finite. He, ho, where had he gone? It was a blasphemy that could not be brought to mind or admitted to. It was clear that as soon as the countenance faded, they would not meet eye to eye.

Twenty paces more now and they could see each other blinded by the musk. Many lesser seconds there and first we had a victor.

'I found a blunt weapon after all, and I think we might be able to use it.'

He had ripped off a pipe. It pushed through alike. And through there, but anywhere, an echo had been heard. Despite the power and the might, some things would go on all right. As if they were meant to happen in that way, Malt drew towards Gordo in an attempt to convey the most important emotion a man like himself needed. Distracted from his mad pursuit, now he came to listen to the voice he shouldn't have come into contact with.

'Who's that?'

'Does it matter? I think it's a bit late now.'

Anglois hesitated despite seeing how both of them were doing anything but counting their blessings. If he took it now, he might stand a chance of knocking him down. Quick enough though unmet, he might've

stood a chance to take both of them down with the pipe in his hand, at least that's what he wanted to think. He had all the chances in the world to get rid of all three of them, then make it for the captain. Not even this rich stranger could escape his wrath and just in time had he heard the other cruiser be set on a trajectory which would ruin both of them as well as the dock.

'This would be the conclusion to a fine day, a very well crafted, very well thought, fine day.'

As he prepared, he stayed his hand in admittance to guilt and fear. He was being watched and touched and couldn't do it anymore out of fear. Looking around him, he heard the holes blow their mad air as a whale lifting up for air, near a lost shore. Of course he would not do a thing. Even he knew better than to fight against its advice. He feared what the repercussions might be if he had only dared go against its advice. 'I will do that for now and obey the best I can. Do not worry for your poor servant for he knows better than to go against your set decision.'

Contempt on it, Anglois had no other choice but to draw back and go alone for it. He knew at least, as much from as a hiss coming out of the holes that he couldn't rely on them any longer. Either he wasn't strong enough or well-minded as he ought to have been.

'Perhaps this would do, but I cannot say for certain. What do you suppose might happen if we were to try.

To push in and follow the voice before the dance could even tie us to this place forever?'

'Shouldn't you at least try meeting him for a change?'

Guilt still lingered in his voice. Gordo felt unevenly caught by this feeling of being unfit to walk on the same road as this man. He wanted to run but there was no place to flee, it would be much better this way, at least he admitted to see a better way.

'Very well, I shall make sure there will be another way for you to meet him. Perhaps this way around you could meet him in actuality and not in an illusion.

I need this more than you could possibly understand. If only you'd knew, then.'

His old man could finally get the message delivered. He could finally be let know that his son is long gone. Without a way of weeping, he chose to stay his hand and not even more from where the others stood as he went away.

'What are we to do now?'

Cried Gordo to La Croix, while he was greeted by the other; he would know it to be much better than to run about the place or wait. They would have to kill the captain in some way.

'Have you any sense where Anglois go?'

'Nay, but it shouldn't be that far, should he be overburdened by the weapon he took with him, I suppose we ought to know. Come, I don't think the way ahead is as convoluted as it needs to be. We should find him on our way with a turn and a swindle.'

As for them, they could only meet the cinder below the floor. Some heat would be felt, but before the end of the way, they knew. The captian would be dead.

By whatever means and whatever other plan they had acquired for themselves, it mattered less and they wouldn't count for it. This was the promise would be held. As they approached, the lively look of the ship began deteriorating. It looked anything but what it had been, not even remotely taken as if felt by the shaken grit.

‘I think we should find him past this open crevice.’

It was a desperate hole through which they could look through no more. Only from the distance they could see some vague forms in the shadows moving some ill-shaped teeth, all of which were placed wrong. Not to mention in the least that the distance between them was more than wrong and ill-fully dragged from one row to another. A screech and a shout came after, now it was time to go.

‘Anglois’ being taken apart, what kind of fluke is that?’

But they could point no more nor wonder at it then, for the same reason infested his mind before he could point away. A few uniforms gathered but refused to adress it, while there being nothing but a quick systematic aproach, it sang. Thence, forth, sounds of metal groans could be heard in time.

‘I think we’re getting onto something now.’

‘Perfunctor-maker, officer reports in.’

‘Reports are supposed to be submitted by eight-five, ten.’

The intial equations appeared to point only in one direction. For whichever reason, there were far fewer choices in terms of who moved and who had to wait.’

What is wrong with you?

Malt slowly drew on, as he would, on top a pipe. He was a pipe-head, just like the others. It wasn't a mockery, but pure flattery, seeing them look that way.

Elegant's World

If he may have a single word in he'd know what happened. The only one that wanted to strangle him were the people who only got a mere view. They were somehow mortals who lost their only chance to rise higher from the ranks of mortal of near strange elargies dancing. Cooled down by the midst of touched, they only attempted defeat. It was unforgettable for a good reason. For the first circumstantial walker protested.

‘Have you all gone pale of head? Do you not think before saying anything? I would like to add that we have all lost the man who appeared out of nowhere, making a fool of us all. Why is no one disturbed by him?’

You’re acting wild, but you are mild now, never saying what’s on your mind.’

‘Calm down now, dear Estos. Can you not see that you’ve taken it too far?’

IT wasn’t going to end soon. It wasn’t going to end at all. He was toying with Estos, this bear-pawed bruttish yoddler, whose voice was only brighter than the song he was working on. Notes a straying, as he forced himself to least create. No more tunes for them, as they siped on their blue-rosary wine. It acosted them less than it was needed, if only they listened for a second.

Elegant took the only way back he saw fit for himself. Thought plainorous and heavy as it was to follow them around, he understood just how things went around there. Everyone was following an unspoken code he closely observed in order to imitate. Despite looking this way, he understood it as being temporary as his eyes already went on ahead to scour for something to grab. And though it still didn’t befit him entirely, he’s done this for himself. It was a suit of lightly toned, barely shone upon for the reason that these clothes might blind you with the addition of light, suits that grew fatter below the ankles and the wrists. From around his neck they started pushing on the shoulders in a circle as to highlight the other straps. And from the vest which he grabbed, he saw only the dark star-sings that were pushing on, as if to lock everything into place.

While rummaging around, he also took a single hat, which was about, everywhere he’d see. Just what went on this high-society? How had they managed to fill their time and lives with nothing more but clothing and the skin of lowly earthly boars-like Strattons, which were highly praised, put at display. Even some of their bones remained in the rightful places, though he hadn’t any idea of the animal life that roamed the splens below, he questioned it. As long as it remained to him, it bothered him less, not to found out and be depressed.

‘Where is that man?’

There was a stalker, and he was getting desperate. It had come, well earner, a grabbing arm which grabbed him around the throat and started grabbing him in the back.

‘Remove the trouble maker and let’s see the next show at last.’

It came, with more flying machines that bore higher forms and wilder shapers, some going atop the railings, twisting and turning until neither of them could lay to the impression showing. Just what could be the reason for it if not the plains and desires they bore of rowing higher in the sky? It was desired,

though they were pushing the plates below the ground ever deeper into earth's crowd, they had no interest in the plebian.

Why would he have either? After tasting their wines, seeing how the glasses dissappeared with him, at least for the time being until he let them aside, he got rid of his own apparel and made it to the second floor. Where the others were entertained by wild exotic dances and the weird folding lances of marine, played on strings between the wings of harpey longs. Such were their instruments, as it could be called on them to hear it go on.

‘The songs of moon are soon to follow, and we shall carry on until the earth's shallow. For eons ago our martyrs died, and for them alone we shall rise.’

It felt glorious, now that he appeared, ready to blend in. Elegant had even disregarded what had happened in the past, dreading that unknown armored foul who had nothing to say to him behind. All of the words were a creeping stalker's roaming tools. Indulging into it would turn him back to where he swooned out of. Not to get over his head. With the threat removed, now he could return to the water's shed and the small fountain in front of them. Looking at the circular lours that came to be, even in the high-placed angular twists they set their planes around before exploding. Right on time, he looked around and carried on. With as much as he had enjoyed socialising and realising he was meant to be there, no one even asked about his whereabouts or why had he been there. Admirable, to the highest degree, this was the way life was meant to be. Looking back at songs a watching, he had stepped aside, closing in to the fence that stood between them and their peer-sashing. Another one of the cockpits appeared to make it true. But one a close inspection, he saw what they were filled down the brim to,

A disgusting watch, but he realised then why they were enjoying themselves as much. One fellow guest even pointed, yet the obvious.

‘It's for the children, we tell them, it's all for the children.’

There was no joy in it, no desperation he could detect. Only the utmost, almost flunecy of truth, he hadn't said a lie so far, nor was he interested in it at all. It could even be subjected to some kind of test. Not to bring him to any kind of stolid distress, but he had fainted, plain and simple. Not him but one older man, not far aside. From that much joy his heart was finally revealed as it turned out-side down. Though it wasn't a gruesome show in itself, the turnip-like lock came out and finally they started dragging it around, with its lock about needing a key.

‘Come, come, this is the highlight of the show. We're about to become tenderly rich.’

They each searched his body for the key, though inside there was no red, as there were earthly colors, courtesy to old age, a blue in it as well, lost to the strapping of them searching it. Everything was slowly being encased into metal as the age was finishing, ready as he was. Slowly he'd melt away with one exception, the turnip, as it was set aside.

'I found the key.'

'Blessed be him of all.'

Greed had encompassed them all in what could be nothing but the most inhumane aspect of any kind of living thing. Blasted things, as they were, now they shared in all of the old man's despair. After taking everything they could, they saw the jewel-like pricks which they had stashed inside their pockets and everyone went their way.

'Come, come, I saved a few for your as well.'

I partook in this ritual, not to stand out. And as it happened soon enough for it to be done, and as we returned to our seats, the man was gone. In a puddle then in nought, he was never to be found again. Brought to an untimely end. It was somewhat prudish. Not being able to keep us with the line of events took a toll on him. It's getting closer now. For each moment passing there was another fallen through one of the skyroofs going around the high celestial planes of air, where they dwelled upon it many longer days until he'd finally grown tired with waiting for them, as he carried himself over, all those colorful pictures with nothign in-between.

'There is no substance there.'

One of the high-stockades loomed around like a long forlong necropolis caught in itself long before it could be gone.

It was bleaker, filled with some incomprehensible amount of discontinued pieces of grim-lust that twisted each spire and they were only there.

'Klyothr of the first Anglers, rise now.'

And thence he came, with his unnaturally hooked-longed necked barbarous long legs that pushed through the spine, out of the hands until it hard created the perfect replica or an inverted vertebrate which started pushing all of its unnatural long horns out of the wilder rims that came forth our of the high ends. It wanted to be dead as the rectangular face began molding and stretching until it had become part of the stockades in which they rested, pondering on the many surrounded trims of ungoliathic stone that kept pushing past their dark heads, all of them bobbed together until they were not forgiven for their acts, which they bore out there.

As unnatural as they were, there was something there. 'Who are you?'

Elegant paid no heed to the others. He drew near him and asked.

'I'm Last'

The man said. Common garbs dictated something of his common origin. Common for the dead people he wore. Not that it mattered anyway, as he came up with the greatest ruse, he would use this man as his tool for destruction, no matter how hard he would be shaken away by it. All would be set right, and to no delight would he bear hatred towards the man.

'Last, I suppose you have wondered, at least for the time being about something, haven't you?

What if there's more to this world than running around the sky, what if there's a chance we might walk on glass planes and never have to touch the ceiling of the demodronic-sea?'

Eye up high, he lit, and suddenly got up.

'I'm listening.'

'Follow me now and I shall make it so your time will be worth.'

It wasn't something he expected, but something which contrasted against his skin, as it glistened within the trim of a pearl, he showed him something from his world. Elegant told him of it, and he made sure he was listened to. For each sentence which was muttered lasted as much as he could think of it. Now and less, he wouldn't be impressed by anything less than what he had to spare. If there was the chance for a confession, there were things that could last him through the night. Blight would tell him what to look for and as they went ahead, they discovered the stop. It was an immaterial hold which prevented the fall of all the buildings and their ringed reverted domes. For what could be said, this wasn't worthy as long as they were led there. No matter, for what's right.

'I shall not give up on my promise now. I feel it, I can feel it down there. There's something calling me, it wants to get revenge on this place, but whom?'

He called on it and saw the moon on which they crept upon twist. What could it be and what made those noises? If not, at last they saw it, the giant crow reverted to a side. It was eating and spitting out the pieces of itself as it yearned for something to happen. Ancient being, as it were, it stood aghast and wondered at him now. Why would they show interest to him? How could it be that he was lost at a hymnless whim, in

that purity and beauty he had never seen about, Elegant gaped at the fiend, as its deeply conveyed cannyons inside of its eyes, the head, and just about every wing that spread.

If there was one thing he couldn't see, that was the world beneath it, which would not even come out of contact, or for him to be told otherwise, there was no company he'd ever have.

'We have to get farther blow. Lower the sardon-ladder.'

'Careful now, it looks dangerous.'

'So be it then, I'll take as many risks as I have to if it means getting further away from this life of theirs. I've seen enough to be sure that I know I would only be met by a blissful boredom if I were to stay.'

Last nodded, and didn't question it. He did as he was asked, always doing it so. Though he couldn't spare him emotions from the wrath he felt, alone he contended with the least profane, the image that came after him again. He froze and stepped back. It struck him like a heart attack. Yet on the small rounded pri-deck they stood on, round around the fence, in front of the wooden entrance they rested against, two feet inside the open space of the lower level, it leaped. It couldn't be, that wasn't meant to be. But his own slayer, the outlaw, the murderer flew in and landed through one of the windows.

It was the Proto-being, that impartial bird-looking sculpture that came back. As if undertaken by a long journey, it stood on its own lap and waited for him to greet it.

'Stay back Last, I need you to stay back for a few minutes. I'm afraid I couldn't ever take this away from you, I couldn't spare you if comes to blows.'

He was shaking, almost in some way, yet he didn't reveal anything to him yet. It wasn't meant to be, not this way, this, this. A breather, in a few seconds, to realise this looked like too much of an enclosed area. From around the trims a staircase lead to the zone where they gathered and served the wine. There was no passion there, as much as they could tell. Even without the songs of the minstrels, none of them would've heard it yet.

'My dear Proto-being, how much have I missed you.'

Elegant was struck by the cold gesture. He stopped and only thought of the worst now. Immediately after seeing how tense the Proto-being was, he was onset now. Unapproachable by the mistle-touch, the reveries not even coming as close as to show how he came onto it.

‘I thought you bled to death. I thought you were gone for sure, no, I thought you had been destroyed.’

And what was that he was seeing in his fangs? They were fangs after all, more like nails, pushing out and working like a sewing machine. He killed someone and even recently at that. It was unnecessary to believe it otherwise, but there was still hope to redeem the strange act his wicked eyes gravitated towards.

For now he came closer, bent around the knees, he waited.

‘A truce, that’s all I’m asking for, if we continue this way, I suppose there’s a chance that neither of us might get through it alive.’

It could get dangerously close to both of us losing ourselves instead of getting on with the plan.’

‘What plan?’

Now I got you, dumb bird. I could wrap my hands around you and do as I am pleased. He wondered if he could see him now, even thought about it, disappearing on a whim. But that triggered no response from the mule-brain. It remained so far as they would see to it.

He came near Elegant and asked. Weary of his own self he only came to be of latter sayings.

‘Will you let me join you in the flight, as in the old days when we met, Elegant?’

Open ends always ended up there, one way or another. It felt weird there, as if they were sipping on some nymbus syrup of some kind, trying to see where they might go and what they might see now. Not a second passed without chucking it to a stone toss, worst of kind, never mind the misunderstanding that crept between their ears.

‘We ought to land somewhere and see what’s going on here. I suppose they’re hiding something we ought not to be stumbling on.’

He couldn’t shake the small floating isles they were on. And there was definitely something down there, pulled by the gravitational force residing below. After a quick debate with himself, Elegant realised that there was no other hope for him to trust the creature for the time being. Without indulging too much into anything, he hoped for less and never met those cruel eyes. He was a killer after all, and there was another tool standing by. Last didn’t understand it yet. As expected, he stood there fumbling under his breath while trying to make the time pass. We approached the same edge of the ship now, where the barrier between the moon, the isles and the earth were. A simple leap could yield some deadly results he had calculated in his plan. Yet lowering a leather saddle on a walk of planks was the next best thing. He thought as much.

‘Are the two of you ready to follow me now?’

Would you do me the favor of being the first one to climb down, my dear Proto-being?’

It nodded with a strange contraption. Despite his lack of arms, instead of which he carried those ambivalent pair of wings, there was no stumpage in-between. He noticed that. Despite the time they spent together, this was wild, this was out of question, peculiar, how many more sharp teeth emerged from under his wooden-kin false wings. He hid way too many deadly weapons did he hide? What was the end in sight? Accomodation had to wait for the being, as for now, it lowered itself on hindered legs.

‘The transition or the fall to the moon could be deadly now.

We’re about to embark on a perilous journey if we ought to escape this false paradise.’
But at the mid-point across the saddle, it hadn’t mattered any longer. Beyond their control and hold, they were pulled by gravity alone. The mere force of it took a power unlike anything ever encountered before. It was slim and mighty, pushing and ever-throwing. But they set flight and went along the passage. With every few meters they came near it, the grayish stone got clustered by a blue and a dark hue that carried on surrounding everything in sight.

From the far regions, from the distance, the breaking happened as the entry towards its inside opened as they were drawn in.

‘Grab a hold of anything you can.’

An increase in the mere tribulation threw them around the place, forcing them to struggle as much as they could, as they faced the faceless aspects of the moon-crows, which even inside of itself it chewed on its own body. Having taken a liking to its own flesh, there was no stopping to it any longer. Brutality had taken them there, in the rightful place, a cage of crow-stone, which they all shared. Food made out of crow-flesh fed to the prisoners instead of anything other than the kin. Even the crow-water was made out of its blood. As it happened to finally join them now, as if the countless manifestations weren’t enough, another giant head appeared. This time, it looked like it meant to say something to them, going as far as to interact when needed, not to be spared or miss it. First it took an aggrandising moment to look around them and see.

‘You are from the land above but the two of you don’t belong. What is the reason for this intrusion?

Did you think you could simply make the pass unquestioned?’

‘Nay we have not. Allow me to speak for myself and for my winged companion here.’

As he dared replied, the Elegant’s sight, the entire room shook with feathers, all of which were thrown around, slowly falling as they dared not make a wing out of it yet. It felt as if they were back home, for both him and the Proto-being. This mere invitation of indulgence to pain, not to mention the beauty this crown unknowingly produced, with every feather being crystalline to sight, perfection having been naturally attained without even knowing it. He hadn’t known it yet, he couldn’t. Nor should the crow be aware of it, as it was eating the useless bits off himself, leaving only the perfect feathers and the feathery floors they rested on. They were magnificently crafted, as crow-rocks rather than themselves. Even the

mere reflections brought something of a wonder, as neither of them could pinpoint what they actually were. Had he known it yet, he might've turned to despair.

'Depending on my inquiring, I shall come to decide whether or not you're to be toyed with longer or thrown in the grave of the sparrows.'

'And where might that be?'

'Below the paradise of course, below my reckoning, there you shall dwell with the inhabitants and the heads. But know that there are no masses of graves and that you may simply be overwhelmed by the sight alone.'

I digress to this sight. As many crows started pushing out, finally the birds started flying. Yet they were more feathery than their Demigod, their ruler or whatever he called himself yet. We were given but a few options for us to be spared at. Return to the world, though we were warned that ever the slighted fall, by accident or not changes the being in itself irreversibly. In which case we could go there as soulless as we were once claimed to be, worse than that as only time would tell what would happen if the three of us were seen there.

'I shall make you a simple deal, giving you this much. Know this, strange beings that you are, I shall not give you a second chance upon your return.'

Why would this dreadful being push us out? Why were we here in the first place? For once Elegant began taking the consequences into consideration. Just what went through him now? Could this be the once chance he needed to accept his fate and play his role in the grand scheme of the universe? That much he knew, that much he considered as well.

'Listen now carefully.'

The manifestation of the crow began pushing itself out. It appeared in front of them in an unnaturalistic blood archetype that sprouted in every direction for the shortest time. From each side that erupted from him, you could see the differently modeled and animated heads of the crows which came out of him.

Neither of them, suffice to say, appeared to fit. A reason for that was the partial boot-syndrome that started cutting through its throat. After pushing some tiny unnatural globe-crow crawling insects out of the depths of its foaming belly, then had it began the dreary madness. In it the sadness began to foam.

And after the water pushed out of it, the black murk of ravens sang.

'Again, I shall perform this now, for a second time in my lifetime, I shall make it so you'll know me.

Batter my gutters and listen to our songs.'

They promoted the other's responses as they started eating their own young. Other crows started appearing and pushing out of their own guts. Playing the dangling harpies, their tubes and the flubber-guts, they listened to the songs of rubes.

'Now, it is the time to see, I'm better be called upon thee.'

For this oratory dance was there for a reason. It transmitted a few words over them, giving them as much power as they needed to understand. It pushed through every single one of them an unnatural appeal. Muscle memory was inscribed in them, as much as they would be forced to feel the angst and depression which carried over them.

‘I want you all to become our standard-bearers. For the Crow-moon desires this, you need to swoon over and do as we are pleased to.’

Need thine be reminded of less, need be confessed over the evilness. Of direr holds, and holdings of the moon, an empire could be created soon. And to no less, it could be confessed now. What desire had been pressed into their schools of thought they said:

‘Very well, I for once, the Elegant, accept your deal. I shall do as you say, and will confess to everything down the to mid-most point.

Send me below the earth, for I have seen it in the vision you’ve given me and I shall go forth and do as you will.’

‘Thence forth, I shall excuse you and allow you to set forth. Do not mention of this discipline and evilness afront to anyone, and none may know.

But of the two of you? What shall you do in that case? Will you allow yourselves to state thine way?

Should I commence again with the vileness and imprison you forever?’

‘Nay, I accept, if there’s something I may be given.’

The Proto-being considered it for a moment. As a matter of fact, for what was worth now and for him alone, he considered this.

‘I listen and obey. I did so for the longest time. Whether it be my own kind, the Proto-beings or my friend, Elegant. But seeing how your dance has shattered a part of the past, you’ve given me something to look forward to at last.

Need I see more before I can make up my mind? Nay, I need no less, I confess that I’m not searching for such a thing. I’m bittering with the jitters and I can search for no evil in my own intentions.

But the visions you’ve given me revealed something of the things I so desire. So many lurid beings lay down there, in the ground. All of the sparrows are actually alive. For, their bodies had managed to sink underneath the ground and lay into hiding. I know that now, and I won’t regret pushing through, I will not abandon this fate and future you’ve given me. As I lay through the worse of graves, I shall get through them and remain as I was once before and once again.

To that I say, aye. I shall become your standard-bearer. And I shall started sinking below the rims of the ground, digging in and pushing through until I can do it no longer. Afterwards, I shall hunt all of thye necrophiliac sparrow-bodies that abandoned their heads and slay them forever in thine name.’

And thence the Crow granted the Proto-being release. Now, with that in mind, he no longer looked blindly at him. Instead, he pushed onwards and spare no ground. He could only stand about after releasing the two of them. Ready to inquire of the last one, the man so bold that he couldn't be denied anything of the old age.

‘Last, you’re named, now have I not give you a vision?’

Have I not embedd in your mind a way through which you may kindly look for a way out?’

‘I do not know of that? What is that you want from me? I’m weak and petty.’

Last said so, he was unsure on himself and didn’t know what to make of what he said before. I couldn’t see a thing out there, only my own death. I was so afraid to step on them that I could’ve lost everything then. As much as I could say so, I wish I knew what I could tell the crow. But for now I feel tired. Tired of my own existence, I cannot tire any longer, nor can I push myself towards retreat. I wish I knew of some way out now. ‘Who are they the ones that call on us now? I can still hear their distressed sounds, the songs we carried forth will never amount to what they created.

I bethink all of you ought to be sent there and instill upon the sparrow body moles fright. It can’t be dealt with and you should know that we will push the light and see them fade.

If you obey this we shall bring you back as reshape the paradise as much as you desire. You ought to know.’

The crow manifestation spoke, it pushed through its own insects and made way for them. As soon as it drew near, after releasing Last as well, despite not tenderly trying to force him to swear allegiance, he mistook it this day.

‘I will grant you pardon for this sole occasion. Unless I’m wrong and shall be brought back, I shall tenderly push the double-headed, rip the body-halves. I shall bring you back and torment you until not even an inch of your mind would remain the same.

You may not understand it yet but I desire only some tinder from their land. Eventually I shall bask upon it and scorch every single acre that I might stumble upon. And then the will be mine.’

But more importantly, Elegant had something else in mind. He wanted to waste no second and think of the opportunity ahead. If he played the game, if he played his card right, he could have it all, an entire paradise in his image, with all their toys abandoned and dishellved.

I would no longer be tormented by my choices. I could possibly be worshipped and bask in luscious garments, drapes of new, the colors of the peacock and nothing more of old. Of that damned old filth sea, which still found its way hauntingly. He could not focus on anything else, but the mere thought that it could somehow chase and find him in the least desirable end. Hope would die, his heart would shatter. For all the matter in the world would come crashing down and bring the moon, the paradise down. It would be a disaster not even he could prevent.

Then he addressed the crow itself, standing between Last and the Proto-being as a peculiar beacon which barely found itself standing there. Pushed by the soles, it waited as if preparing for something to come forth. By the time the squarish hole erupted he had greeted the sight of their leader. Undoubtedly that's what he called himself, you could feel it from his presence as well. A stigma of the cattle which followed in the back, as both of his servants were reluctant to leap to their deaths. So it appeared, as the fall would take everything away from them.

'I have a request. If you don't mind, I want to get something in return from this, something other than the paradise. I could not fathom living without it here.

It's some kind of trinket I desire to have.'

He contemplated on it for a few seconds before going back at it. Rearranging the vowels in his mouth, chewing on bark. 'Go forth and be drawn in my champions and carry on my flag.'

With a fell swoop they were made to go, no longer in control but no longer wondering whether or not they had to hold. There was no material and no stone, no ground and nothing forcing them back. It was that mere sight of the fall which made them almost resign themselves, because there'd be no hope for it. They had seen too much and they were about to faint. Even after this trip had gotten to their minds, it was more than clear that they could do nothing to stop it.

Before they knew it, they slowed down, and the fall ended. No broken bone or crocked their beings, no longer were they undefended. From the start they stood upright and fended all the uprooted heads. Some of them were violent as they knew what was going on ahead. They feared their coming despite carrying nothing on their backs.

For what had materialised in their minds were the giant floating heads of the mooncrow standing above the three of them. Last pushed in no direction, Elegant could barely fathom staying seen for long and the Proto-being had already taking the initiative whilst killing some of them were put down. With the initial shock fading, they were not pretending to do it any longer.

A grand expanse waited for them there. Out there it was hard to latch onto something. It was hard to grasps as they moved on from toe and clasper, from them and around their breathless stares. They couldn't even necessarily look out of the way. It wasn't likely that they were prepared for this kind of life, with everything countoured and little for the blind.

How much time did they have?

How much time was there for any of them until the crow decided they weren't welcome there? Perhaps that was it.

Their conceit, it was hard pushing it after so long, knowing they wouldn't be listened to. It was getting much harder for whatever reason, with the lack of understanding fading with every second. Each one of the head leaped and fell, acting like dollheads than anything a man of joy had to have made. By himself,

uncannily looking out. His destiny called as soon as they started chasing something in the distance. A man woke up from a field of dead birds.

He did not know how he got there but wasted not a second until he came to a sense. In the plot of land, he called for someone, anyone who heard him talk. His feet were cold and there was no way of warming them up. It got clearer as he started on track that there was no one there to greet him. Walking as he may, he couldn't convey either a way in or a way out, he wanted to shout.

But no one listened, not from beneath the earth, where he now resided.

'This will be my home from now on.'

Dependant on it, he chose to stay there for a while. Only the paleness kept him awake. He couldn't focus in any other direction, nor could he wait for a way out. It was too late for him to figure it out.

'Pray for it and they might hear.'

A tapping in his ear dictated him to go. It would be a long way to get down there, in a place where he could not know peace, but at least it went in one direction. It should be over soon.

A lack of satisfaction needed to be addressed, for the same reason this confession failed to touch anything, Mill found himself sitting there. Even covered in dirt, he was trying something else now. Without even taking a direction, he was left with them, the gorgeous material which went through his jaw.

Piles of it through which he fed kept him alive.

'You are about to devour the liver of a fool. He, in his petty clothes, a jester without many words fell out of heavens and found himself here.

I know you can only hear my taps but you better figure it out now. There's only a single way you could do it there. You can only make it if you dig deeper and not return to.'

Anywhere, it was the only advice he'd take. Stay there and don't come out of your hiding. Otherwise they might pile you up with the other bodies. A flash and woe, and there they were at the dawn of a new world.

'What happened?'

Asked Elegant as this sudden flip in unity happened, a sceneray that didn't last for long. Meanings weren't ever where they were to be, steps were made out of grim stone and they were out there in the opening. During the ceremony, they had little else to say of it.

'We were bitten.'

Proto-being was the first to observe. A single bite took off the stanards they had carried on thier backs, those phantom-like peculiar ghastly symbols dissapeared before they could be taken back.

'Keep your heads down and don't say a thing.'

Somehow they would do it, trying to blend in. A cradle rested nearby. On top of it rested a potato-bag with two eye-holes pierced in it. Last took it and made two extra holes through which he took out his arms. He of the bad lot, at least he wasn't made for this. This time around they missed a word or two.

‘We’ll look for a way into this ceremony. Act natural.’

Elegant of all seemed to be the least concerned.

They fearlessly entered the peatlands.

Beyond the hate of the blinding lights, there was this one sight that would only see it. It was their society after all. Up close they looked decently dressed, pilgrims that were anything but what they had been portrayed. It was strange walking around them while facing not a single lash, not a yonder or the rash of being touched that way. It was a strange pass. Mostly so because he took a second off, taking into the back and looking at both of them in turn, slowly observing how they played their roles in his plan. For whichever reason, Elegant admonished himself. Seldom had he thought of things, taking them for granted more than often. Wherever they might go, he considered this. Wherever they might be headed towards, he saw the Proto-being as being different now despite appearing to be very much the same.

If it survived then, it will survive again. There would be no pass-over and no way to see him as the dumb-lot he appeared to have shaken himself into now.

Then he appeared out of nothingness and chose to walk closely to him. He felt no lungs there, but his breathing was even now, as it ought to be.

The Proto-being observed this. It subtle, but the shake of the beak meant that he acknowledged it.

That was all.

Carrions

Srechils going the Paragim of Dourness, they looked ahead and couldn’t feel anything but the boldness of the basin. It felt like they could stay there for hours, never minding life outside their tribal way.

‘Can’t you see that technology had failed us all? Do you not see the uselessness of our actions and how we have been tained by the speed of advancement? Taken from our very end days, I say, we ought to reclaim our world and bring in the dawn of the Leviathan as we were told.’

Moments passed and everyone turned to the Glorra-Irr-khra, the one Carrion who promised to unite all of them and bring back the days of peace. When they were freed of virtue and looked for a cure like the shamans of Irk’Alar.

‘Back at it already? Foul feathered irksome fool, why can’t you understand you’re not welcome here at all. We’re bound to find you in the burrial grounds unless you paying us heed for what you consume.’

‘But I need to eat the ashes and the berries in order to know what’s happening outside, otherwise, who might communicate with the spirits in my absence? Who might clean the world of the unfathomable disturbing racks of Carrions who abandoned us in search for, in search for this.’

At once, without delay, Glorra-Irr-khra pulled one of the broken Dour heads he had come upon and showed them just what it meant for the people who were out to get them. And he knew less and didn’t think it would much matter. That they were trying to push on through the veils, perhaps it would be better to look into the sickening fells that ailed him.

‘Great fires, as they’re destined to push onwards will make it so neither of us will make it on the other size. A prophecy, the end of our legacy is bound to come, and no Carrion could possibly survive the coming of the destruction. When our solid masses shall come to be broken in the need of tribulation, listen to me, oh bretheren of mine. Unless we fight our kind for our kind, unless we face what they had become, then we are bound to end up just like them.’

As they were listening, at least four of them had completely fallen apart, out of the mere force the illness displayed. They couldn’t convey any of the pain any longer. Brought to them, as if it mattered, was the anchor wthat was to decide, if there was hope indeed for any of them to carry on.

‘Look, how my fingers break your fires as I bask into the hellfire of smoke, from the broken realm where they’re bringing us forth. In there, look, look.’

He showed them what he saw. The young Carrions and the older sages, even the hunters gathered around Glorra. Only a vision had been determined there, out of nowhere, as one might tell of it. But looking back, he could only see that which was anything but deterministic. An intricate set of chains were dragging them on to an arena where they would be stomped until nothing remained out of them. There, only there was their future. Only there would they lay their arms, no longer fighting as they ended up being broken apart, and in the rows and seats, they’d be observed. By those who couldn’t think highly of them at all.

‘We will be judged as evil.’
Though he had failed to recognised the place as a court, not an arena, until that point. They had all taken to the paranoia, as to know what they were called for.

‘Murderers and triads they will call us for daring to leave peacefully in the wilds. And look who stands at the top of their throne, if not the metal body of one of their new gods. Standing in metal, he bears no head. Enough of them are there for him to be the instrument of execution.’

Soon, as soon as the dust expanded, the vision drew nearer to their faces. Many of the Carrions recognised themselves and had nothing to say about. They were not only lost but they had nothing to say. For all the pain in the world wouldn’t amount to this, for a good reason. Peace fell from their sight, and it

was time to come about the place. Worse of all, it was not only their bodies which got destroyed but their spirits which showed clear signs of not wanting to give in at all. Otherwise, short lived, in disgusting days in which peace was lost.

‘I was humiliated in front of my brothers and for what do you think? It was only because I dared spare you of their future, I, who was forced to fight against you in chains.

Look at how they wouldn’t even give me a fair chance to defend myself from their oncoming blows. I feel as if there’s nothing else needed to be said.’

Before they could see the culmination of what was about to happen in the court, the vision faded and they still failed to understand what had happened there. Who was responsible for it and why.

Why was the face on the quadran still speaking in their ill-founded teriak, spindling between the art of hiding between many templated that hid who he was. He who would hide himself like a coward gave them nothing in return. He who presented himself as the one in charge of their speech was silent there.

And Glorra made sure that’s the only thing they’d know. Otherwise, it could all be lost.

A break from the taking, no one wanted to look at the obsucre triangles. As soon as they lowered themselves, everyone went into their corners and started hiding just as far as their reaches extended. Otherwise, they’d be undefended from the Falking Demugg that came. Up to his corpse there remained none to be reanimated any longer, yet he came dressed in a few, wearing them through his breathless-suit. He basked around the place, revealing nothing of the real unit he were underneath the deathless coats he wore inside. Each of them wore their disturbing suits, darkly orange coated from the amount of infantile chemicals they fed him on. He knelt, revealing a mass of muscle which grew on corpses. He had managed to add to an unnatural bulk from which he paid no respects. Brought to him as if on a plate were the two hares they hunted in the evening.

His helmet was wider than his shoulders for a good reason. His unobstrusive filters began pushing through the back and giving him the imbalance he needed to lay his hands onto them. At once he interjected.

‘Come, I brought something to you.’

We all saw that he was hunchbacked; one of the worst possible cases, if that may be added. But none dared cackle.

Soon so much pain would be forced away. Out of their hands, even, as they promised to repay the gift he shared with them.

It should’ve come sooner than that. But they were brought only to the point of not being aware that they were there. The chamber was hulking, its sides were trampling the near surrounding area, in a fluke. It wasn’t safe to dwell outside for too long anymore. Not since the headquarters still shook despite the absence of tonal life inside of it. Closely put, the apparition of the other monitoring parasitie-humanoid

units had amounted to little in terms of the surveillance. It was a mere fact that there hadn't been any sightings of the tribal entities outside their borders. Hence, came the silence in. No alteration came so far.

No movement could be distinguished from the upper-levels with one exception, the dormant and the broken who stood at the crossroads between all trains. Though he had almost taken to itself to become some miss-aligned reptile out of the replicas the bodies had been formed into, it now rested as if nothing had happened.

Like an organ which had succumbed to the point of not being able to rise from its mold, it stood there. No chamber came near it, and most of them had failed in their attempts to refill themselves with anything living. For at least a few weeks, they had been filled to almost full capacity with still-borns that hadn't had the chance to fight for their lives any longer. An act of depuration even pushed them to abandon them in the pile. As, by this very moment, the strange concoction which had almost given the stragglers food had failed in itself, being no longer jerkily surrounded by the protective jelly which had encompassed it before, it died. Alone, with not a single point of consciousness given even to the remote chance that there was a thinking being in it, so much so that it was theirs. For now at least, this place belonged to the Foremen.

And they had become even more lurid as time passed. Wretched in the way not even the living passed, by themselves, with themselves, surrounded by nothing else but their similar faces, they stood on their back, against the machine. It would sadden you to see them this way. Since the hole-filling would mostly act by itself and since they had long given up on the prospect of exploring further, they had reclaimed their own minds.

'Again, what must I do to get out of here? There must seriously be something I could wrap my hands around and strangle, twist with a spanner and fix. Fix, that's what it is, I need to fix a broken tool.'

'There's nothing here left to fix unless you somehow count your mind with it. Now go back to your post and stay.'

'What's the point of it? I didn't see a reason eight hours ago, I won't see it anymore. Not now, not then, I will never see it, if I can only.'

'Only what, now, Foreman? I can see not single good reason for you overracting now. We actually won, we managed to lure all of those scum-bums out of their hiding and put them to good use. You can't seriously look forward to starting it all over again? After working this hard, I might say, we earned this.'

'Well deserved, as well, listen to him Foreman, there's no point in trying to fill holes that don't exist.'

'And once we're done with it, then what? They'll rot and we'll have to re-fill them again. And that way, we'll.'

He turned for a second in consideration. What were they planning now? Certainly not what he thought they would. Not to be misunderstood now, but he hadn't even the slightest idea of trying it. Pushing it and gnawing on rocks. Just so he could paint the time away, he searched for it.

'My notes are gone. Has anyone of you seen them?'

There wasn't any answer, nor did they offer a piece of mind in return. If anything, they scolded him for being that much of flat-skull for keeping such a childish thing around him. Some things were meant for others. And he himself had administered as much. By the eight turn of a rock that was moved at various intervals by vibrations, he came to question why they were there in the first place. It was a derange activity, which made him walk.

'Where are you going?'

Not going to answer to it now.

With every promotory, he considered what was about to happen.

There was the strange carrousel-like trap in which they all stood past the cave. Other than that, deeper and more threateningly were their strange twitches. I should've known this was going to turn out to my disadvantage. Ever since I fooled that man, I knew the guilt would return. And it hit me then, all those strange smiles and the weird lies and the meetings with the others, they all added up to this point. I could somehow feel it haunting me again. It pained me even more than I had expected.

'Woe to me, let me get through.'

But even they ignored me now. As a pastor to the sheep, I could only see the stangely eaten parts of the cave, which stopped being devoured at the exact stricken point where they appeared. Hardly grasping at those strange holes, I hardly fathomed what was going on there. Luckily for the damp, stricken by the lack of moisture as each act carried on, I saw through it, knowing of something less. I've come to confess that there were worse things I might've said. On my way there, I felt the distress of those surrounding me but I could only realise after being too far gone that they weren't entirely there.

And a greater part of me had been chewed upon, until I was left with nothing but the slightest looking frown formed across my chest. A part of my arm was missing and it only went as far to miss, more than a face, more than the neck. Stricken down by pieces of his helmet that didn't make it off, he whiffed around his throat. With his non-dominant hand he scratched ahead and found just about a quarter full of foul-rock. Coming from around the place, it was recognisable. By all accounts, he knew where it had come from. He did not complain any longer, instead he moved. Wretched in both sides, it pained the lass to think of it that way.

It all came down to him. Tour came to his senses yet. He had left his nest before the others could even get to him, giving in the point instead of overtrying and petty-playing. Mess containing yet for too long had it happened for him to douse off near the bridge. Hardly could he see past it, yet he carried on rolling

around amongst the mist. Far too vex, as it looked, there wasn't any way of knowing if the elation lasted for long.

'Where am I being taken now?'

Tour looked at the captor as soon as he realised he wasn't rolling around any longer. Hardening as far as he knew, there was nothing else he wanted to dwell around into. It was hard to act like was the only contender that wanted to make noise. With everyone down there, he knew there would be some uprise every now and then. From what he heard over the helispeakers, he understood it.

'So where am I being taken now?'

Again, there was no answer to there. He didn't bother to respond to any of the provocations set in store for him. There was too much embded on him and too many parts lying over. And that incessant noise never stopped for as lone as they pushed up to the singing point, a good name to it, given by the strangers as far as he knew. Could you hear that? Even if it took you a second now, could you hear it? It was an unrealistic approach, even for him. He tried getting something out of his throat. Though he was a somewhat straping stranger, with a fillament going through his neck, this was a normal day of his life.

After what happened who could blame him for taking his day off. Strange, how it never rained, but through the high-mist you could see the land falling apart just as another train went through. They never embarked those. As a matter of fact, they never got to chance to see what they looked like.

Only now had he gotten the chance to se the terms. In his strange appartment there were the marks of drops, solid, encumbering around the granulated spots which couldn't move. He started shaking, checking himself for a pulse with the nid-press. Whilst placing himself on the back. Not while being exposed like that. Carefully moving his gaze a few inches away, he saw the flat fiend holding. It was a complete decompression of the bones which took everything away from him on that very day, on that dreaful night which followed in minutes. The shakings as he watched them rebuilt one of the last factories only dragged him on. It drew near. A time for play and one for debt, he was the collector. As from that flat gate, which had become the creature, the various falling drops took his filament away.

But what was the matter? Everyone knew that the filaments weren't supposed to be gone. They were never gone. It was them, it was part of their being, what they were. Instead of darting out, they pushed in, more so than it had been desired, only a few inches at a time, up to a few meters. Worse than the pain had been the pressure, which only dragged him to pushing through. As he was made aware of the mindlessness that carried him through the press, he saw the being extend. It wasted no time in finding an outlet for itself. He was worked out for the next eight day and night cycles before he stopped resisting, feeling the fillament come in. A few days at that, he finally walked out, straight out of the premise and

into the world. Everyone had fallen on their backs again, they were going through the same ambiguous death which would revert back, if need be.

‘Cnarhemull, calls the mule.’

A long long beckon called back on him. It wanted the waste his insides produced. He played amongst broken feet and wondered what went on around him.

‘I wish this pain would end.’

‘So would it.’

It was spoken for again.

Twenty straps leads out of town. Farther than the station where so many perished standing down, they had finally been accepted in.

Siskelot and the others, who were only trying to get in, they had already set up a ruse. As a matter of fact, the Carrions were measured and checked, as to make sure that the perfect one could be brought back at home. The elimination could come close, if the wrong terms were used, nothing would stand up to this ruse of souls. Off-track, taken back, he started replicating their adherence to the weird contours.

Something broke in the universe, specifically in the brains of the operation, mostly because everything was overencompassed by an unlookable glitter which made it hard for the unaccustomed to look around.

They ran as hard as they could get to it, reaching the main control area. Whereas people were struck down, they survived. They had to. Somehow, for the same ransom which took them off guard, in the surrounding areas where they didn’t even force themselves to care.

Colt had his knee broken. Grendle would suffice. He produced some cloth out of his wrist before realising what was wrong with him. It was a pint which took him off guard. They were of a chessboard-like stratter now. It was impossible to know how they got on it in the first place but nothing else would do. From every side, those tunnels were rounded and carried on wormling around the place like a bunch of obtruse snakes that pushed on. He couldn’t handle the stress.

‘Were we followed?’

‘I don’t know, you know I can’t tell.’

It was dim-borough, as if the lights were trinities that eat themselves over night.

So many moving oroborous squishing themselves in, they left us little to do and even less to control.

‘I shall initiate.’

He stopped trying to push it as hard as he could. It was getting way too dangerous to thread along, as they were overexposed to the forced that were gnawing near.

We’re done here, if only I could get the time off to take a piece of his mind off, then everything would go back to normal. Of course he can’t twitch. Something’s wrong with his brow, he’s not making a lot of noise now. He wants to be fed.

‘May I get something, if you don’t mind?’

The screen turned to him. It blinked twenty five times. He was shaking nervously. Both of them were desperately trying to get a word in. Yet the mood was stagnant, it pushed on through the nervous system until it began pushing thorough his mind. What were the berries which appeared? They were much fatter than anything they encountered before. They didn’t want to be there. For more than one side of the building, they were caught off guard, looking out ways to be even more surprised that they were. It was incontestable, looking into ways of eating. Devouring the mass of sund-prass, it only knocked him over to his feet as he realised there were better ways to spend the time.

‘Off with their toes, I’ll eat them if I can, just play me the song of grimness and I’ll go.’

One of the captors started looking for their prey. Being eluded in the worst possible manner hadn’t served anyone at all. It was dangerously obscure, trying to cover this world in a mossy fur like muscle. It would spread in here at any moment, turning them into caterpillar creatures of the worst kind. It was their destiny to end up there, listening to the sounds of the obscene. Looking back, on the track of spider tracks that were being played, a melody conveyed the mood.

‘Grendl, I think I’m being starved off intentionally by it. I think, I think it knows.’

But they could only hinder at what was going on. A distantly reproduced face appeared on the screen. It gave a cucumber grin and began again.

‘Dour, I know who you are, we spoke before, remember?’

‘Relax, I’m not looking for anything now. Don’t start something you can’t even fathom turning over.’

It wasn't like it. Not that way, but we were both aware that there was a mute point. I couldn't beat him in a single match of wits, there's something to him that's wrong. It breeds insolence just trying to get over, without a doubt, it could be me next. I suppose there's no other way to get to it, this is the last resort I came to. But belligerently I asked for help. He had to give it to me. Somehow, I didn't care which way. As long as I staved off whatever passed through Colt's gut, anything would be forgiven. Even the most desperate and the wild.

'What's this room in any case?'

'A tiny metal pulpit that's meant to stave off intruders, it's one of the lower areas where we keep the degenerates from falling into action.'

With all being taken into account, we both fit the description entirely to the point where we were carbon copies of them. Those who appeared out of dusk, out of nothingness, who stared at us as if we were nothing for them, inconsequential. Even worst than that, for the time being, we weren't even acknowledged at being alive. It was the most insulting thing that ever happened, and it hadn't even started yet. We were targets after all. With a pointer in each head that signaled the fire taking no survivors.

'I am pleased that you will at least listen to my proposal now. I'll let you know now that this isn't a dead end, there's a hidden way.'

Uh, uh uh, not yet, perhaps you should consider the well being of your friend there before you do something you may come to regret. He won't make it out there, not with those doors opening and closing on their own.'

Dour was right, for what was worth, he at least seemed to tell the truth. It couldn't be encompassed any longer, not by normal means. He wanted to get something from us and in return?

'What will it take for me to make a trade? What will suffice?'

Grendle considered his affliction for a moment here. After everything he's gotten through, this wasn't even the lesser of the evils, not in a mile. There were more dangers pushing out of his head, trying to conjure something for him to do even though he got hog-shot in the foot before realising what was going on. He was being shaken all over, everything was being taken from him.

‘Two pints, and two gallons of your plasma-tinders. That’s all I’m asking for, they shall be finely reappropriated for me in the most interesting manner. I’ll make a great deal out of them for as long as I am.’

‘What do you need them for?’

‘I suppose it wouldn’t harm you to know, little dull-headed thing. As you should know that I’m supposed to keep it going.’

Unknown to either of the living things, they were sitting in one of the rail-control chambers as well. Somehow they overlapped, since there hadn’t been a soul in agony, blasted be the one who escaped, space had to be compressed. Uncertainty ran rampant for a good reason, looking back at it, there was no wonderment as to what he could say, what words could be conveyed and what this treason involved.

But they were the inner-workings no less. With them in mind at least the blind would go as far as to know that there was a slight chance for them to avoid having one of the trains come out of nowhere, crushing them to bits and splatters of bones. Everyone here had grown a spine and they all looked as the man who had escaped now.

‘You, I don’t say this often, and don’t mind me complaining now. Since I’m in control, I have no fear of anything bad happening to me. For this sole reason I think I might to well.

But I wish they were intelligent, as you are now. I cannot explain it, but with each passing day, from my observations, you’re losing your spark as well.’

‘Shut your mouth!’

Grendle came off. It wasn’t as hard felt as he expected yet he wasn’t concerned by it. As a matter of fact this felt more personal than anything, something which was his. Never felt and touched, but a secret they shared between themselves.

‘I am your friend, do not make the mistake of thinking it wrong here, but I want to befriend you and make sure you won’t suffer any further damage, do you understand that?’

Now, I’ve been as civil as I could and as a way of showing it even further, I’ve got this to offer you.’

A means to an end, which came to the starvation before it pushed on through his numb feet. He couldn’t run on his toes, being broken, that much he could still spare for himself.

‘I wish I knew of some way, to, to repay you for this.’

‘Worry not, it will come in time. As long as you realise that there’s some kind of fluid in your gut preventing you from taking action against me, then everything will be set in place.’

Grendl ignored what he said. His friend’s life was far more important for him to tread on. And it only drove him mad to push away, he was trying to get his way in, a word or anything, but it wasn’t meant that way. From the open darge, a piece of the metal hound-like compactor pushed a single tray of berries. He was slowly being mouth-pieced in part. Going too far or too fast could do some irreversible damage he couldn’t get away from.

Woe to him and let them know that it was hard felt.

Farther than that, they were working to save as many lost false-souls and false-people as they could. Not even the unit Dour but everyone else, who had the slightest contact with the outside world. The Carrions were unaware of the cut in-half building out there. Some of them hinted at looking in but most of them turned around and showed no interest on a good whim. Why would they care? Should it matter as long as they spend the time together in ignorance and in dust?

He had come out there in the wild and they weren’t going to leave him undisturbed. Not after pulling the grand helmet, the armourous-skin peeled off. And this strange creature was one of them, though it bore more than enough sides to speak with one hundred of them at a time.

‘As I said, I have find a cure to prevent the entire bodily castration this disease brings. If not for I, you could.’

‘Stop there, as you are foul. Don’t dare show your encapsulated form any more, I know what you are, illusion, thing of mourning bore.’

He had been sprayed with some water from the evil fountain Zeryi. As soon as contact was established, he had given in and knelt. It was hard felt, as much as he could reapproach it, giving the least of a concussive feel. Metal wasn’t part of his armour, he wore none. He was a slime-like creature that was coated in the frugal shade. Of him nothing could stand. Slowly he began regurgitating himself until nothing had remained of him.

‘You fool, do you truly think we would fall for it this soon?’

No prophet are you, no creature, no savior, no anything, but a con creator, a damn abater. Leave now,
Glorra, you are banished for your sad attempt to turn our youth.'

'But I have not.'

'Silence, Glorra, we're aware of what you had in mind. We know that you of all our people would not turn a blind eye to the suffering that's been happening around us. As a matter of fact it's done, it's been realised.

You're banished from our plains. Go ahead and walked with your own intruders, never meet us again.'

At least that's what he hoped so far, that they could be spared of trying to pay too much attention to him now. Bars were set, he was pushed out and thrown out of their tribal region, gone for good, as he should.

'I won't forget this, you scowling creets. I will get you somehow, I swear it.'

To his throat of a gone sharp claw he pointed, madly set on getting either to them, or.' With a single claw he set himself forth to their city up high, where the sky was reached by their blasphemous cries.

What was there to fear in the testimony of impurity?

What was there to fear for calling him our new disciple?

It was a reminder of the true master, the bringer of joy. A separation from the new, coming from the past with nothing else but a mildly phased deliverance pushed through the brow and into the mass of scowls, they did not care any longer. What small minded creatures such as the champion and the guards failed to understand was the fact that this was not their place of refuge. They didn't belong here by any means, intruders one had to swear to it before realizing that they were without feat.

Many of the buildings started losing their decrepit accent, it was just one side effect of being slowly absorbed. They would become giant again and govern over the site as they ruled over the smaller ones during the growth.

'We were given the gift of the Leviathan. He is the only one who knows the truth towards enlightenment.

Without him we shall swear to naught.'

He will help us raise and see his heart, the point where Carrion life began and where it shall begin again.

Despite as cruel as it seemed, most of them being taintedly convinced that there was a reason for their fondness at this new way of life. But beneath the streets, they were cutting the giant leviathan-pigs for the chow. Feeding their young as the animals were tormented under their roofs at night, and it was the same slop that fed the building into growth. It would still be them who saved them from falling off.

'Courice, coruice, courice, we need to feed them yet.'

It was the first bell that was rung, again and again they started butchering inside the bowels, gathering up as much material as they could. At the base of the giant Carrion-building a system of strangely burrowing long necks pushed in beneath the ground. It was the farthest thing from being decent that one could think of. 'Who is he that would appear and betoken us of the tribe?

Why should we listen to an outsider as he breaks the line before our pure line?'

There was less of a form and more of a desire to know, who, if all would dare bedraggled his vile lies to their young. It couldn't be forseen not thought off

'How shall he be presented to us there?'

'By a trial of eight wonders, let him hunt.

Hear me, leader, of wingless one whose wings have flown.'

In irony, thought it be known, the chief was the only one bearing a healthy pair of working gliders which expanded as far as the dreadful color would allow. For him pain could not be defined and it couldn't be seen.

'We shall see to it here and let it be that I shall rip off his jaw.'

They would not settle on anything at all. Worth could not be obtain as long as they started pushing their breeds away, letter for letter they brought the skin out and showed to the many headed peon that appeared in front of them that they had received the commands. Brought from about the rims of the sky, they claimed this so far:

'Our ungodly master, the Leviathan had come and spoken to us.'

Us to us, to us, so much as for the subtly, it got to their heads. It was hard to control after and never had it happened after the sake of it. It was unfair for whatever reason they could tell. Woe to him, a bitter end.

Have we had enough?

Laying into hindring yet for now, there was little to do after that. For hours spent hunting for him in the waste, they realised that the bemused waited as he basked. Alone in arrogance, at last.

What could be told as acting the way would seem to fit the loose description of being a mentally deranged. For as short period of time, though it was remotely secluded, they found a way out. And they took it in a light break of feet, getting away. A trashy advent forced him into to get out of his way and kill as many standing duds as he could get his hands upon.

He of lower viles, a mute-blind dud-head himself, began shouting in his mind.

'Siskelot, I want what's mine.'

But he couldn't get to it, no matter how hard he tried. There were aerial-branches and plenty of stops he hadn't even been vaguely aware of anymore.

He would be dissatisfied with waiting, especially for someone who'd forsaken them all. He dwelled in their lands now and seemed to grasp the desperation, while running around in search for it. In a failure or

a fixture of determination, the champion of Clot remained blindfolded in blood in a lost corner in which
he started taking shots.

A distant look would make him look like a porcupine raven that was being constantly stabbed by its low-
life conteneer.'

Today there was no light. After a curtain draped over the sky, only the burn remain and a constany black
circle look as if it pondered on an ashtray. It got colder. Much colder, way too cold to even hope that most
of them would make it through the process, but it came to him then, what the giant Carrion-covered
buildings stood there for. It was likely never to be touched upon. But they acted like wind-traps that blew
in size. Warming everyone inside as the roots finally got to where they had in mind. A spot of heat they
punctured blindly, taking what was theirs before, to put it lightly, could they be stopped.
It was a land of rotten meaningless trappers. A disaster for the very fact that they started eating their death
as soon as they broke apart in the mirth of another duster, a play of wind, the chance of being broken. It
seemed lightly dazing.

'Give root a chance, we crawl inside of it and eat all.'

'Nay, we don't look back to it again, never pleasing to the eye. Never call it an eye.'

Court of Gibberish

Contamination area, servants myrth awaits.

Thence the court had been presented to thine myre.

'I see now, to descend upon my empire, I need to thire the chords and see to it that I'm forlorn and lost, I'll
see to it.'

He gasped for breathe. First enter the servant, and let him be heard.

In the wake of dread there was nothing worse than the chain-munching, which priskled the genes. It
pushed through him as soon as he started collecting them and pacing himself near the other. His one
horned forehead protuded entirely, pushing through. Despite being chained, he was bare, as he carried his
forehead on with impunity. He was a brunt-skineed, lucky-beaded, caught in trap morose a man with
nothing about him normal. With all the crossed legs in his back, and the one arm pushing through his
chest, he carried the Demi-tour. A covalescent box which sporuted many long and extending pyramid-
stars, which helped him recorded the universe from the panels of S'rar.

A clear disturbance appeared for what he was concerned with. It pushed through his mind for ever few
decades or so until he had been completely enveloped by it, with the myrk of quiet pushing through. After
a period of peace he wondered what the space-tumor was. It was vastly recorded for the whole reason he
knew it would eventually spread and devour the known part of the universe in its entirety.

For the time being, that was settled but little was known. He was corrupt to the heart and sold the information to the predatory being of space. They choke on themselves as soon as they could devour the faces of the ill-taker, ill-talker and the butchery of comets, where they snatched the bodies of the Tyrant catchers in the bastard sector of Barr.

Their bodies fetched great prices, as the mere extraction granted a great retreat. For what was happening around them was, as one would lay his arms perturbed, he'd know of their evil, and how it would spread, if you were to listen to the machinations put inside of them, then and only then. But again, the related text was nothing more than gibberish hid inside a veil of of darkness, hid from the common eye in an unnatural guttural tongue never to be found again. No more information was needed on the subject. It would yield naught for no man.

‘What have you to report?’

‘An extreme laceration, the creation of the breaking, as I’ve said before, I believe they’re manufacturing broken space-systems. Made so only to feed him in his wake, as soon as he penetrates dimesions, I fear there will be no stopping to him any longer.’

His mold-chaste looked confused. He didn’t know exactly how to interpret this string of information he was given. As soon as it was pulled from one of the devices, it was all too clear, never to have been brought up again. There were falsified information about the den in which they hid. Uncanny as it seemed, there was no way of pulling it out. They were trying to claim themselves as being destined for deathless gazes whereas others didn’t even bring it back.

‘I wish there was some quiet here. There’s focus but there’s also, I cannot explain it.’

Oratory or not, the Demi-tour kketin-slave turned towards the courier.

‘My lord I shatter but a gust. I know I the one you may see the last. But listen to what your servant say’, don’t forget I served you in the mutter’s maze.’

‘And who are thee?’

Sesolt was weary of intruders today. He could not pay no heed to a lost servant who could not convey a word. This disicple would antagonise him to no end. For his surroundings lay grazed in a moromonic-plane. A bitter strangled daze of many lots that stood adjacent in lost forests that surrounded the remnants of a levitating hold, of many bonding elements that broke the planet in a home for those who were uncanny. Striken down like dogs, and known at last as bitter lap-snow, they carried on the order still.

Unable to decide when to stop despite knowing that they had been abandoned in the past, they cast themselves as strangers to the ways of knowledge. Locked inside, the key snapped. It showed no signs of receeding. Pushing out of the way, he conveyed a pantomime of large intruders.

He didn’t speak of them but showed their likes. Despite not knowing what went off when the lights fell off.

The King thence approached. As for our court, we must bring all the jesters, all five hundred of them, as they are our servants after all. It could not be their task alone or betokened for every task ahead. They were dreading every moment for they could not. It was inconclusive.

Why yes, they called in the mighty jester, leader of the bunch. After surrounding him, they pushed him through the steel. The plaster and the veil revealed a cancer of tremors that spread and shot itself in as many sides.

And for a moment, when life stood still, only a single force came between them and said.

‘Do as I say, my servants and ensure that my survival will continue by any means.’

Why have I become this? It’s obvious that I was making a fool of myself. Up to this point, the insomnia had overtaken me. It turned me into a fool. I had seen a jester dead before. I know how they act. You may be surprised to hear this out, but I truly think they’re wrenching themselves there.

I feel lost at times, not hearing the voices any longer. Shaking like a pig-botched tapestry, I wondered.

Why was I the only jester not allowed to entertain the court?

‘Her me now, I shall listen to no perilous tale for the time being.’

We were destined to look upon the star of cancer and breathe it in. Thence he spoke.

‘Will I hear it again?’

Thence he spoke.

‘Will there be light?’

Thence he spoke.

But every came out of sight before the voice could go at it again.

It was one of the jesters. He was bad mannered and somehow morosely shoved through one of the rock candles. He was trying not to turn into wax again. An unfortunate event happened after. He could come out of him and be distant.

‘Uphold the light?’

See the light fade, and there were no surroundings. They were standing on nothing. And they could see the sky. But the sky was empty, other than the spreading faces and the giant people whose formse only went through them. Before they could become baloon-like in form and extend, they pretended they were trees. A long while after they stood.

Every jester was misunderstood then.

For the same reason they were trying to pinpoint the dark plan before it could shake the world. It hit like a swoon on the rocks of mourning. But those rocks were more distinct than the others.

Everything came back to normal.

Enter the villan, spoken like a beheaded God. He was truly wrong, he was beaten to it. Even now, he failed to chase the clouds. It was his muscles, he filled with them. And he was burly as well, bare chested, but bearing scars. He opened one of the scars and pulled out of it a jester.

Another one jointed the bunch. Every jester was colored in a different way. But he looked like everyone.

‘I came back from my long journey.

What might you think of me now?’

‘Who are you?’

He approached this fellow. Twenty feet, measured as they appeared, belonging to dames, she was Marry after all. That’s her name. A pint to the making, the broad cyllinder wheel of plut coming into view, some of them broke the walls coming through the tall standing floating paint-boxes. But none of them were made out of carboard.

Enter twenty years ago.

It was here where everything made sense. This time it wasn’t a lie. This was where the escape was and where the sould ended. Or they didn’t. Depending on their guts, it was important because they weren’t bloody. As soon as you opened a man you would see the entire man come out of himself like a mold, but he wouldn’t be talking. It served as a way to know.

To show this in action, one of the tormented ones came near.

‘Cut my belly. That’s what I want of you. I think I made my decision now. Perhaps I was wrong in the past, thinking I had a chance to be real, depending who I’ll meet after he comes out, that’s simply when I’m going to take my chance and not a second longer.’

‘You sure about it, there’s something we could spare you off.’

‘No, I’ll bear this cut.’

Of course, he was the other man who came out of the scar. That had been his answer. As soon as he fell in front of the Jester, his face was ripped out. A disaster, it happened so quickly. Eyes were peering through the skin, most of them had been infested with it. Strange but unforgotten, you could sense the breathe.

Sense it as in seen it, they’ve all seen it come between. Others might’ve known it.

Boats were rowing in an almost erratic way. They couldn’t control it any longer because of the sole pain and heat. Another factor which came to him, another ballad began. It was well, no longer trying to dispell the madness off. The amnity would be withled.

The court began.

‘Let us hear the first entrant. Who shall come and what shall he say?’

‘I am Gurden, I fell here. Need I say more or should I mourn myself for what I’m doing?’

But what was he doing after all?

He’s beaten himself to a pulp, with something that he shouldn’t have touched.

‘What is it? What is it?’

What could it be? Please tell us your majesty?’

‘An atrifact of the worst kind, don’t look at it.’

They were all blind. For twenty more minutes, everyone started guessing how much blood they were spilling through their bones and blinders, the guts and weird finders. ‘Perhaps one of us should step forward and allow us to admit that we ruined everything.’

Another one of them stepped in line.

‘How could this be? After everything we’ve done, it cannot end this way.’

‘Silence, I won’t listen to any word. Unless, there could still be some hope we ought to look for.

I call in the first witness.’

And then he came. Though he was of a different cult, and dressed in black, which was ever so peculiar and bizarre for a jester, he would do. Ill intention had no reward. To his prowess they couldn’t count on dirt.

‘As much as I enjoy wasting time in here with you here, I believe it’s time to go forth and try something else.’

‘Shouldn’t we at least try questioning the witness?’

‘Of course not, he’s deaf after all. On top of that, look at the seal around his lips. He’s a mute.’

‘A mute for muttinity, the ship sailed.’

Already had the top of their court started drifting on the sea without a way of a grand return. Looking back at it, you could discern only this. What had once lain below it now lay in dust. With all the crushing weight that fell off, nothing remained to it but the pain that kick them back. It was strange, seeing them all in suits.

But they appeared less human than they’ve been before. Now their ship was anything but a ship as it had become a leviathan from below.

Despite being as peculiar as they were, those jesters were all Carrions, after the way and speech, manifold in the way they acted. Neither of them reacted in the same way after. It seemed way too clear that they feared themselves and those around them. It went even deeper than that. As they feared one another but chose to stay, now they met each other’s gazes with the slightest hint of despair.

After a fashion, they’ve done this to themselves. The scars that once belonged to the hardened contender now hosted feathers after some involuntary fashion. He would be regarded as a man, a stranger who found himself living in a tendricle. Some would say.

‘Allow me to present myself, I am the Jester known as Soular.’

‘As in the eclipse, why that’s majestic and a piece of the other kind of world one ought to know and look into. Mind if I took a look in what you made so far?’

‘I’d like to show you a piece of my mind.’

‘What was that?’

Not a silence, the leviathan groaned now. He could not be held from the looks of it, but they wanted to put some pain in him. Just to make sure he acted out of the wild connections, mad directions and whatever else he wanted more. It was by his exploits that he got where he was. And no one could take that away from him.

‘We could only replace so many of his body parts at once, you know? Before he’s being broken in part, we could at least ease it a little.’

‘Shut yer mouth before I kick it out.’

Reprise.

So they went ahead and started flying around the towers. Being where they were, in this strange place, it couldn’t even be thought as anything else but a fluke. A misunderstood travel which went through some unnatural field. After pushing through a barrier, they finally got where they needed to be. Jittery as they were, now the ship slowed down. It could not be accounted for anymore. And anyhow, it didn’t matter for what they were aiming at.

‘Silence in the court I say. Don’t make any noise whatsoever!’

They were trying to converge out of their peculiar state. No emotion could be conveyed by this dark attire they had dressed in. For far too longer they wondered what was going on and now the answer came. For better and the vain would come at last.

‘Please be it so that we’re being heard now.’

He took as deep a breath as he could before one of his mollars fell off, disintegrating in the air. He had been passionate by it, by the strange insignificance of air torments which floated around.

‘We were destined to reach the stars, so what’s the matter?’

As they drew to him, pointing forth, they thought for a second, who would that be and why happened before he could carry on. With words in the making they only considered this.

‘Walk on pricks and feet, I think the towers are awakening.’

Right so, that in fear, the leviathan stopped. It furiously swiped left and right, trying not to fall out right.

It came to it, that to the lack of its feet, it could do nothing of the sort. No thinking and no trailing. No battle with the sailing. And thence it foamed within the place, whereupon the towers shook themselves forth but never woke. The giant beds, the evil creatures that laid there as the dead would never allow their return, and as much as that was important, so would the vessel lay dormant, no longer needing to feed. It was the sign of its victory and none might dare push within itself. Words for the petty, now came the one who dusted the insides of the leviathan, so came the floor.

‘How is it spilling inside? This isn’t supposed to happen.’

But it was not the same flood that threatened the world, but something much worse, at least for them. Anything less might've been dealt with as well as abandoned. But this? This could not be dealt with, it could not be gotten through.

‘Betoken of my marching desires, I see what the water is made out of and I cannot get out of the murk that promotes.’

No growth would come, as it pushed out, immediately stopping the advent. To no end it started rotating, swirling around. From it, only a solid pair of forms pushed out. First it leveled out at their feet, never growing or pushing forth past their knees. Afterwards, it only started as this kin. Pushing out the tender tubular barrels revealed only the close proximity of spherical empty domes. Half outside, whereas any object that got covered by them immediately became invisible, as the other only pushed farther in. From a symphony of dread, called back to their ends, in between the domes appeared the primordial bodies of some vertebrates, with wings implanted in their heads.

They were not restricted by invisibility, instead they chose to open up so widely around the backs of their basins, that they would start creeping in. Feet-like in size, tormented as to die for, the pain was never ending here. There was no appeal to the hardening goop which tormented the beings. And the entire room got colored by blue. From each of them you could see the signals being carried through.

‘Malakerth is speaking, listen to him now.’

A jester shouldn't care for it. But he listened to it without doubt. He acted robotic, as a phantasm lost to the wits of a greater being which was made out of skin. Pouring in the lesser one, he ought to have known better than to shout. There was little doubt in the world now.

Burning with sensations, they grew without ends. Like phantasms never showing themselves off the stream to listen to the dead.

‘But what is that I see?’

Not even closer to the horizon they were approaching the envelope of the cosmos, in its full freight. A fight had ensued to them, never to be called in the light of day, never to convey another message than it would be needed. They looked through square eyes and saw an opening, a stairway they walked upon.

‘Where to now, where should we go?’

‘We ought to travel through the window of time and through this tunnel and meet the heads.’

‘All of them?’

‘Indeed, for as much as can be said about it, and never return unless our mission is approach and the land will be saved from this commotion.’

It came to him that he wasn't sure on himself, not as much as he would find it going. Rowing against the palletes of wonder, he had been estranged without a thunder. A meaning came to mind.

‘I shall not go ahead and blind myself with your cones.’

‘Listen to me now, I need to tell you something.’

One of the jesters missed their chance. Instead of doing it they pushed ahead and worked themselves as they ought to. In an inadmissible way, collecting the teeth that didn’t belong to them from around the crane, it was missing off, a piece of the head pushing through the crowd.

‘I am Lour, it’s a pleasure to be acquainted with you.’

Something broke there aloft in the mind of the poor man. That’s where the satisfaction and creation went off.

How did they get there to begin with?

This was the last time they could. It was a free-fall which had no inhibition. A duel of wits on the giant chessboard placed on top of cosmos.

On one side there were the towers as the pawns, facing the leviathans, behind the king of all, the vessel, and the queen, one of the lesser. A vessel who been deeply replaced, all that mattered for it was the act in which he faced the loss.

Two beds stood as crooks, on the side, the knights only the damned ones who had been trapped inside and then the bishops who came not to abide. For they were the pawns in themselves, both the professors and his pupil at that, even as both Sam and the professors shivered they could not account for the loss of quiet which happened about in space.

For the jesters were the white rooks, the knights, the bishops, the kings and queens, now painted in their attire. Leviathans could admire one another yet again, from the look of it, painted by the flaps, the blubblers and the oil.

Though they were inconsiderate of how they looked, it didn’t matter as long as they pushed on. Yet the game was interrupted, no more adoration for the dead. They spent too much thinking eight moves ahead that they failed to move from moats and ledges. The board broke in half and they fell.

‘I can walk again.’

Said one of the jesters who couldn’t point and didn’t know what to say, compared to others, he lost too much, and he had fought for what he had.

‘Does it matter who I am?’

Parrlo said, he danced and smoked from eighteen hookas that would bring the toll of heaviness. Too much smoke would stand the chance of inflicting him with the others.

Often and a go, they would be inconsiderate as to what he wanted to say.

Or what he thought about them, by whatever means and whichever tatter. He could not stand it any longer.

‘Can’t think, can’t think of my depraved sun-hub sods as much as urged. It cannot live unless it wants to push on the dirt out through the hub.’

I waged through a pest unfit and then the deer without ever knowing I say of it: Whig lush kip a cone was
made under hoister, please do not sneer. I see.

And I could pond lee admire the means omens coffle under dust. Dark forms could unmold the chassed
one under the darkness when the mound had heed taken under the dark. And now I see only the light that
would try to be joined by moons.

‘No, I cannot fathom such an insolence I say to him.’

‘Because under the keyset I can only hear the moons!’

Wittiest airman or the fretter stopped believing what was going on, as he was only a tourist in the upland-
ochre lungs under there.

Seething as the uproars shun access itself, it soughs, sun fuses disdains-case kuku nifty ones sift lush. Oh
with the unknots curiously sunder as he wanted to eat but I stoically fating going urging through smother
aster under.

In land of indifference idiom say to him:

‘Are mining ohms surer than shunning Inman's arson?’

‘But the arson not saying anything of the curious vein.

I see the wreck apachee train. Going around I cannot pray I could see it again.’

By the luster and the caster's dancer I see after drifting sour graps. They taste like vine-vineyears, I see
that they can only convey pain.

I beckon you to hear me out for what they've done to me:

I sees' how lushly our neon becomes a man. He knows that he knows, karakas, under, ah, he becomes a
man. He wants you to know I see the bannerol oolong almanac under. I see a name unlock softy sinful
ardent.

And it only added to the mad. As the jester came to a sense that was lost under the distracting mounds
themselves and bourbon usher I see adroit. Alas sat her as tar emblems then inside the iris gone. Mentor
crones sing the upper aster lording on par.

Joined by Agamemnon they sang of the West. I could see the lain usher interim on top the archer
nomenclature pest.

But who might account such a wild disaster? By noise or by choice they carry on until they cannot do it
anymore. And after that they fathom less. Because they press, the pest I see her under way.

The jesters die and instead of them, only the kings carry on. No disciple, another mind is gone. And there
is peace at last and fear.

Near the distrous vileness I can feel inside the man who died near, Sven gunned no Jumna under some
Moors. He was misunderstood from the get go, unable to let go. From the abuse unlocks Lamia. And she
sings divine. And Lamia was a goddess who could no stop her inhalation from pushing on the dye. He

tears were verdant and red, they could not even provided destiny an entry into the world before going out of its way to and fro. Walking past the snow, to the child and the father, they were there. But she wasn't walking more like crawling through the snow.

No lander approached, and none might dare to rise. Even if her demise was accounted her, she would see them in the metal coffin beneath the river and they were sure to die in there unless they cared to get away.

None could certify the need for admittal.

'Admit defeat to our game.'

Another pawn fell out of its way.

It seemed like they were there, inside the leviathan, watching the tormented windows open and expand. And every time they did that, it'd be painful, more than normal pain would allow. They were trying to make is seem like we were watching.

'He appears now.'

From inside a broken depth he came. He had highly headed, arms wrapped, a cyllindrical pair of torsoes waddles on before drawing inside. Here in appeared again, two brow ridgs around the chest, fashioned in dark-violet spirtals. His entire body looked as if it rested on top of a long stump and every root had become his legs, though it was unplanned for.

He floated, came near. Lamia would weary sneer.

In an alabaster cove, I hear them.

'Such disated they are near.'

Plan to action, as they fear, I see, I see. Another one to be for that reason and that be, they sing: Menace the kimono mister shuns. Ah and the leash unduly cocker coke, I shall snore until I can do no more, manhunt on the Island ungluing that that terminus air, lustly cutting on the head.

Point for them? Not going after.

Yet the gentle, as a distaster comes from him, I fear, there's something drawing near him.

'Alan walks again, let's follow him.'

An the automaton-like substance flows in until it can do no more, wait for it longer than you should hear the snore of ages. Can you hear it?

Other than them, it's obvious they can't do it. Can they hear it?

'Twenty more steps backwards.'

It should be enough for now. 'Silence in the court, now come the king of Gibberish, worst of all.' He would show no countenance to them as he paid no heed. Tot heir own children they would be given less of a hint. It could come, somehow. He appeared.

Twice the size and number, legged, up the planar region of a reversed overly shaped head, there rested eighteen trunks which bore long necks that twisted and curled. No, not the damn crown of the head

pushed out but the top of what would look like a giant luger kept pumping and disabling their legs. For each pump they could only make it so they avoided pain.

Winds and vibrations could still be felt underneath them, under the filth and the girth of the rounded acre-like holes that pushed beneath it. As to know of the other long extenders, looking at the almost-bejeweled skin, you could see its young hid in, trying to get out. They were suffocating inside.

Circumstances

It was impossible to traverse the entire city without some kind of boost. Ever so closer to being placed against the tall sprouts, it came near the distress caused by the diseased, and the plants that had been there all along. Twenty files were stacked on the walls. And only a single man came blabbering around in the room. He was trying to connect some words, somehow, outwardly so, until something came to him. It felt unnecessary to say anything else after he felt. They fell into place.

It was near the street where he came close to the diner. A known location, used and dry, in the midst of April. Whereas noon pushed past, there was something going on about. Pushing through, an open door came off the wall. It wouldn't see it again after.

I was shocked thinking there would only be a few moments in life when I would see the diner full. Meekly gabbish, to the rustic look, the clean floor shone. You could make out the red boarding atop them. There wasn't much time to order, since I could only make it so obvious that I wasn't in the mood to make it any more suspicious. More than a few eyes turned towards me, the man who looked out of place. And the rustic meaning was lost. It was pious as well as one could feel something near, near, near, he took a moment and he thought.

'It's looked at, ain't it?'

'What would that be, sir?'

'The whole joint, it's under surveillance, isn't it? Don't ask me how I know it, because I simply do.' Never had anyone in the diner, present now or at any point, otherwise, been as startled as they were now. It was an out of this world concept, just to take it by the sugar-basis. He pondered at it while picking on the peanuts from the coffee-table he sat on, it was one one of the smaller ones. Carpent shook his wrist.

Infant hands messed around the table, he said no word but he was ready to order. As they went over their heads to understand his vague sets of instructions, the receipts were handed to him.

'Pay up front.'

'That's not how it's supposed to go.'

'Change of plan, now pay up front or leave.'

A set of payments were set down, enough of them to cover him eating for a few months there. It was important for them to listen and do as he asked, and for that, he asked for the same order to be repeated at the same day, at the same hour, for the next ninety days, without delay or mistake, regardless if he was there or not. As this would end up being an accomplishment on its own, they went on ahead and did as he asked them. Pleased by it, he lit up a cigar.

‘No smoking in...’

He waves at me from across the counter where they passed the smoothies. We both act accordingly and ignore the waitress. She goes away. Man joins me. Quick after, we share the first impression of the night, as for the repertoire, we don’t say a thing. Not at first.

Within the next few minute seconds, as they started going slower with each thick across the clock, I notice a pattern. Skewed by my perception, they get replaced. First the woman with her child, to look at her from this perspective, she had a wig on. You could notice it from the clothe she wore underneath. The daughter was young, absurdely crooked around fingers. Father was missing from the picture. Door bounces quick after, as long as I take this moment off, I’ll see it happen.

An incessant slurping of the smoothie comes in, but it’s the least distracting thing from the overall. I see the next set of family coming in to replace them. They’re more suited for this kind of job. First the other woman who comes forward is followed by another, who I’d asume looked just like her. Both of them are sealed together. Or the first one that first came in the diner had an empty hole or a gap in the back. I can’t explain it otherwise. Either my vision was being blurred or there were two of them in there. Daughter comes after, she’s older now, looks like an alder. Worst scenario is encountered here. No one leaves. They all sit down at the table and simply stare. Only the real ones do it in any case, not that I’m too keen on it.

Everyone believes in something, don’t they? They do for some reason, but I can’t point myself towards it. Every single time, someone’s lost something here, there. Taking breaks from family meetings and late-night goings. I was followed.

The dialogues carry on.

It’s hard to skip them so pay attention.

Whilst being here, there’s another intermission.

The diner is overcrowded.

But by now, it’s already begun.

‘I’ve been waiting for you for the last five hours.’

Stranger one across the coffee table said.

It was even now, seeing how he was consuming something he shouldn’t have.

For his sake alone, this should fit the description right. It was a replica of the diner inside his cup.

And every time he took a single, untutored sip, someone suffered of a stroke. The present twins bled with the same root-beer that was mixed inside the smmothy. It coagulated in some wild foam of chocolate before it stopped. I could see why there was no way out.

For that reason there came the pretender. He had half of the waitress cut in half, wearing her as his own personal back pack. From now I would be served by him.

Odious or not, I saw the lack of light in his eyes. As he turned for a moment, I saw the marks of foraging below her. She didn't die, despite the anchored fridge-working tubes he has stolen and placed inside of her. Now the diner was cold. I was feeling it go through the drinks we were offered as we exchanged little shimmering words.

'I'm listening now, what do you want from me?'

'There was no excuse and no way of saying what you said before. We met before, stranger.'

'I see.'

He took a pack of cards, he was prepared to play. I made no sudden movement yet, I wanted to be sure we were both on the same side, pushing through the limit before one of us gave up. This endeavor hadn't ended. It was irrational to expect me not to react, especially with the Pretender just pushing through my face as if he couldn't mind his own business.

We received the drink without delay, but it was harsh, trying to put it past him unless they were focused on the blocked windows. Barred from touch, and the last person who tried breaking through them and getting out? He lost a finger, they say. And he bled to death from it, because of the toxins. For all that was worth, the toxin forced all the blood outside the body, bloody mess what is was.

'Bruttus, ave Bruttus, ave Bruttus.'

They called, as if it wasn't enough, the diner was soon to fall in place. Half of it at least started collapsing underneath its own weight, until it had been partially broken. There, an open way came for me to stay my knees as I removed them from the joints and I pushed them forth and threw them into the hole.

'There, I'll let them stay there for a while if you don't mind it. As I was about to conclude, in any case, were we not in the midst of finishing a transaction?'

'Were we now? I don't think I heard an offer yet.'

Carpenter considered his stature for the time being. It wasn't at all what he expected, without the least of a doubt, this was the man he was supposed to meet in the first place. With the good and the bad kept in mind, there was still something off. It couldn't pay him for what was worth to push it too far. He wanted to try. Reaching for his collar, the man didn't mind it, but he started unwrapping his neck to see the amount of battery liquids he had ingested in the span of eighteen months. It was dangerous, otherwise. There was no victor's spoil there. Everything was mechanic, the signs outside, the commercials, even the noise, including those biologically made copies who shamelessly came in through the wall.

‘We’ve been munching for hours now, what’s it going to be?’

‘I’ll trade you whatever I can in exchange for her heart. But I want it pulled this night and delivered as soon as you can.’

Again, he painted the surroundings by looking away. Clear sings rustled the surroundings, they were looked even as they spared a card.

‘Deal, I’ll have twenty of them, then.’

‘Twenty of what now, you know I can’t make that broad of a promise, right? What if you ask me to kill twenty children? Am I supposed to get up, walk around the neighborhood and simply started butchering away?’

‘Of course no, that would be far too easy. I mean, it’s your deal whether or not you want to do it in the first place. But I’m only saying you should consider this. If you want to her beating heart, you have to give me twenty.’

And in either case, I wouldn’t ask you to kill twenty children of infants from random locations. I’d probably ask you to visit an orphanage or something of the kind.’

He was blind to it, but accepted, walking closely against the walls, as if he had turned the entire world in a single direciton. Now he pushed and tried doing what the others couldn’t, which was finding a way out.

The strangers would be busy for the next few months, that should give me enough time to think it over. After picking up my knee joints, I only wondered at it, what might it do? How could it go in my direction, this confession, what I’ve done, is nothing to be ashamed off. I thought about it for seconds at rows, the month of August, in the last year still shone upon my brow. It was the lack of a clear reaction which took him off guard. He was off the hook now, walking outside, again.

With only a coffee in his hand which hadn’t spilled. Root-beer in it, the highest mark of a cross-pefunctor, it came to him then, to ask for something up above his head, where they gathered, you see? Them, them, it was always them, whispering for someone to come. Some ladies, youth of old, caught between the middle, yet they couldn’t move their own claws for whatever reason they were gone. In the Moon, there they dwelled.

Sometimes they used to sign about the giant Moon-Crow who was eating it, piece by piece until there’d be nothing left out of it then. By the level of desperation, there was an opening which passed. They straggled something in the city, hoping they couldn’t be heard at last.

‘May I help you with something?’

Carpent hadn’t taken the notice yet, as vulgar as they all sounded, they shared something between each other, a bond that held him off from asking. He wasn’t attracted to them for the sole reason taht half of their faced, extending to the shoulders, having claimed an arm and the rest of the body between the legs and up the brow had joined the pillars of stone. From the fire you could only see them as some ancient

bonding elements in those primordial alloys which were formed without the help of man. It was there where they spent countless nights wondering who might listen to them or whom might care.

An unearthly approach made him ask again. One bolder, younger beauty extended her one arm so unnaturally so until it had reached the ground. As it were, she started pounding at it with wonder. It was true, indeed, she wasn't getting any stronger but as for her age, enstranged for the others it was enough, enough effort that he was delighted to grab a hold of her and take the answer, cold but touching.

'Do you feel it yet? I've done my best but it's still there.'

With all the attempts she had made, a big bloated bunch of.

'Mine, but whatever I do, I can never get rid of them.'

Twenty dogs and a few cats swam inside of her. Victims of the passing, nothing could be stopped any longer, and as far as he had been concerned about it, there wasn't any saying into it he could put in. Enough already, he ended up going through the same wave. It was a single despot's chance to get away from this life. Carpent turned away and ran, as far as he could, from this sight and from everything. They were repelled by it, with every mean of getting away being taken from them.

For the purposes of creating a better race, some cuts had been made.

There was danger throe.

Where were they now? All of them left him. Just another bbozo on the streets, grabbing a hold of anything, never thinking of what's to come, no one faded. Not any longer. They were there, in front of him, standing with their flashlights countoured around him. He lost all reason and sense now.

It was his last shot, and he lost it. Of course he had. Not that it mattered.

Not now, that he was so close to returning to doing what he wanted, Carpent could finally retire. Just now, he could do it.

Just now he thought about it, no longer was he deranged. He could pick up from where he left, somehow, as there was still some hope left in his bones. They moved in.

Took his metallic jaw away from him and left. A gang of young low-lives, carrying on their own time, with little-to do and much to say, it happened too fast for him to pray on them and see where they went.

Randos appear and surround him, they ask him what happened. Carpent doesn't say a thing, he's protecting his assets in his pocket. They give him something to chew on. Despite his obvious loss, after chewing on it, he's made to feel better and keeps on treading on the same road. It was a shame they took it away from him, now he can't see properly. Within his jaw he kept the orientational devices, without them he started going down. Farther than the natural level her, his feet began threading down. He was one level below the ground, in the wrong area, where they stored the unwanted in blocks of repurposed lind,

which were being readied by the contractors to be passed on by the giant organic machines. Soon they would be fed. It was indigent to say the least.

Simply thinking back at this system, it was something shallow and disturbing since they took them from a grander species that appeared to have done the same. Though their nature was more experimental, their natural structures being made out of honey gave them enough to listen and chew on. It was disgusting and disturbing, just looking at everything in piece. An alarm came into one of the original designer's heads.

Sooner or later they'd be found out. If that happened, a server punishment would follow.

Think it through. Stacks of honey-comb like belts carried sleeping cherubs into the buildings, feeding them. Infestation had been tested in the prior areas but that didn't matter. For this time alone, the giants had to eat. Feed the giants, a mechanical voice said, followed by a strict voice that pushed on through his head. Without deciding where to go, he had taken this opportunity to pick. He looked on, twenty arrows had been drawn from the ground, all of them electrical. A satyr joined him then.

'Wrong turn and you'll die. You know you will. Knowledge is limited and as soon as you do it.'

Satyr or not, the fellow was annoying sweating from dinking the scuff of a cigar. It tormented him as far as he knew, despite not throwing the jar out. Through and through he stood palidly morose. He wanted to ask for some directions but who would trust a satyr? Not one who's dressed in clean clothes with patterns taken from the walls.

'You know they call me schizophrenic, right? Everyone who's ever spoken to me seemed to say that.'

'Why do you think that is?'

'I don't know.'

Carpenter considered it for a second, just as it was supposed to be. It was something he simply accepted. It was some delusion on his which carried on and never dragged him out of the way.

'Do we seriously have to talk about this now?'

'Not so, I suppose it's safe to say that I fear being abandoned again. Do you know why?'

'Why is that?'

So far, the Satyr wanted to hear something about what happened there. It was lost on him and he wondered at it. Just to find some resolve, he pushed on and carried on while talking. Taking directions from him, he decided to leave fate decide for him, whether this fellow was a friend or some foe. Whether he'd know something's wrong or not, time would tell.

'I think, I think. You asked me why that was, why did people call me schizophrenic?

Well, I suppose I was born wrong that's all. I suppose some people are just born wrong.'

Carpent considered looking in another direction. It was something he didn't like thinking about. This wasn't him. Call it what you will. A disease that found itself leaping from a man to another, speaking through them, an explanation, or whatever reason, he felt like he had failed himself then.

'I wish I could tell you of this, you know.

No, I wish my mind was clear. I somehow wish there was still hope for me, no. That's not right either. I wish I had been right in the head, being born right is something that isn't doing me well. You know?'

His legs hurt, they always had. Perhaps that was the reason he walked through the concrete floor. And there was the other problem as well.

'You jaw grew back, congratulations. I suppose you yearn for something to be given back.'

'No, I don't it does. I suppose I wish I met my brother again. I don't know where he is you know? I should look out for him, I mean I'm supposed to.

He doesn't think highly of me and he tends to drive everyone away, company included. But I still think.'

For one moment he looked at his hands. They looked malnourished, same went for everything else going around in his body. Petal-like bronchitis, some plunder of cells took his lungs away. And there was no beating of his heart either. If this was afterlife, he hadn't been convinced about it either. He was an interloper who had lost his brother, missed his sister and his wits. He walked on strangled feet now, thinking of a way out. Most of the architecture in town was hit, it left a miss. A piece of his was there, but they were everywhere.

'Perhaps you should've stayed out there.'

'I know, but I didn't choose to be here, you know?'

He strayed from the path, took a few feet off the ground and fret no longer about the inner works happening around town.

‘The center of Art museums and broken torches for the Bouldgeons.’

It was a sign made out of twenty pigeons. All of them were looking at me, but I knew better. Upon drawing near, I took one of their heads off, they were wearing masks after all. I expected something else, but I only pulled the feathers away.

‘It’s not exactly what you thought you’d find.’

‘No, but it doesn’t matter. I think we should stay in for a while.’

So much excitement couldn’t be contained in her. She was swollen headed and most of her hair fell off.

Of course no one would look at her since her teeth were kicked in, her eyes bore an unnatural red all-mighty, painted in half. A suit that revealed too much but decent, in some other way prevented others from seeing how she carried the younger ladies which were her slaves.

Liorotha was the worse of the bunch. It was a show of cruelty that only a fiend like her without a master could display when left unchecked. Her cruelty held no bounds now that there was no master to force her to stand still, controlling her action. It was a sad stratta, of licking of the prowess she hid. Within her whip, the girls could only weep after each painful lash.

‘Stop it already, you’ve proven your point.’

‘What? Would you have me not subdue my disciples? If they hadn’t accepted it, perhaps I would’ve never done it so.’

Even in the fuel dispenser drone-hall, most trailers minded their own business. This was stalking, he was stalking her. And stalking was a crime paid with blood. But it couldn’t be approached no less than a way they could impress each other, as he confessed.

‘I’ve been watching you for some time now Liorotha, and I got to say, I’m frankly shocked by what you’ve shown me so far. I think you’ve overdone yourself far too much for your own worth.’

‘What do you want from me? Can you not see that I’m busy?’

With the handle of her whip, which appeared to be four diameters wider than her hand, she pushed the stiched from below her neck, her faces and the eyes, and pushed her chin up high, disjointing the rest of her. What was the matter now? Why was she smiling still? Of course it was all fair, and legal, with the laws of Dominus Ar Severin Ull-Do which spoke as wanted:

‘Any slave brought to the city by thine shall be thine property to do as you please with thine object of use.’

In most interpretation they weren't even seen as living things. And yet they got the worse treatment possible, as she was considered to be crueler than anyone else, at least from the new arrivals. It was as if her servantees weren't anything other than the scum of the barrel, placed inside a pair as well. As soon as someone jeered, she sneered at them with a jackal's sight. It was quite mudane how she waited for her elevator to be filled before it could be moved back into the system. Wait too long and you could lose your turn and there were hundreds of thousands of elevator-boxes, all stuck on top of one another, as grimly placed on that segacious system leading down. It brought about her pain in drones. A drought of the world that made her think what would happen if she waited more.

'They could be scarred for life if you keep on the sole abuse.'

'I won't stop it until I'll have sealed most of their eyes off. I don't care about it now. They're mine, mine, they're only mine.'

'Would you mind sharing a drink with me, then?'

'You're paying, then? I suppose I could simply drink on your spare since you're not going to be alive for much longer.'

Stalking, he would be killed for stalking, the pay would be high, even more than he could pay it off. If I decided not to press on with it.

'Say, what could you offer me if I weren't to report?'

Certainly your life could be worth something, from what I could tell.'

Dressed for a chance, it seemed like he was holding a suit-clicker and a few bolts which were stuck in the air, revealing a filed of energy around the man. He was all set, in case there was someone near with a laser-disaphone he could get the upper hand on them. Would it bounce off or would he simply fall? There was not even the slight chance for him to be pious and admit to it. Another man entered the standing bar near the fuel entry. He was accompanied by a fur-encompassed straggler as well, a bum, a stranger, a deranged wager, wrong-helper, vile defender. Both of them ruined the mood.

Both Charlan and Liorotha stood close, unprovoked as they lowered their eyes in a suspicious manner.

'Let's work around this and I might spare your life. I don't like the look on the strangers.'

'Understandable.'

Carpent took a look at the satyr. He asked him again.

'Is this where fate lead us to?'

'This is actually where I wanted to go. I come here ever so often to drown my sorrows. When I saw you, I thought you'd do the same. No hard-feelings, I strongly think there's something wrong within your head.

Perhaps a few medicinal drinks might help you to be right again, up there.'

He pointed just about the spot and thought of something even less than that. It was a harsh journey for the time being, he was tired and needed a place to stay. The satyr reserved a sea for him, taking his head off,

revealing two long upper-tongs that kept it in its back. No machine part down the throat, it looked as if he wasn't going to do what he was told.

‘How will you drink with that on your back?’

‘Worry not about me, more of yourself.’

He had his way, though sharing wasn't one of them. It was still too dangerous to disclose what was going on there. Too many people bore ill thought. It wasn't right, none of them wanted to spare a sapper which would charge the place into something worse. But he had been at a diner before. Carpent couldn't refuse the man, but he had so much to drink already, it was tiring after a while.

Elsewhere, the tides turned. There was no static on the radio but it hadn't worked right. I trusted that man, just when I was trapped in the abandoned plane. We were at an unnaturally high altitude, followed by some unnatural creature that was at the opposite back end. The door was jammed, it wouldn't shake off, the place was a mess, with the luggage being thrown around, missing or having been ripped to shreds. I could feel nothing but fear for my life now, running towards the pilot's room, locking each class behind out of fear of being caught. It had to happen eventually.

‘Stay here, I won't make any noise, but don't move. I need you to stay here and not make any noise at all.

I don't know where we're being taken but.’

The man hesitated. He seemed just as rough as I was. It was all automated. Neither of us could see it past it. Then it started bludgeoning again, I could sense it, I knew it. The first door had been broken through.

‘Where are we going to hide? I think it's coming for us.’

‘Keep your calm. Grab anything you can, I don't think we have any other chance but face it head on.’

How much would I come to regret it, holding nothing but a small roll I pulled from one of the seats from behind the front rows. I was unarmed and unprepared for what came for us. We were both unexpectedly taken by it, having to deal with it. As grimly pronounced as it were, this big fat monstrous plant broke the door with its fat neck, revealing multiple incisors that broke of the illusion behind it. That thing had been made out of the other flight attendees. I could see now, as soon as it opened its mouth, I saw them on the walls of its insides.

‘It's hurt, it's dying, we need to delay.’

When had he constructed that fort between us? How did he know? Being too focused on it, I had failed to notice it come closer to me. Drawing near, I failed. It bit off my right arm entirely and spat on me with an unnatural haze. Then it jiggled away and died in the back. My mind took a whole new directive I could barely fathom. I felt like I fell through the plane then, as a ghost would, ending up in the tunnel. That's when my recollection started again. I was alone, going by a set of rails. Most of the walls extended in the bedrock, pushing out to a plethora of colored lights.

But most importantly, what I couldn't fathom seeing was the fact that I had been worked on. I woke up with some four-sided claw which extended and drew back like a spanner. It was unfathomably lurid, seeing it pop through. I had entered a state of panic as soon as the cart I was in began pushing on. But the man was there to stop me. Wherever I was, he hadn't told me yet.

Though I had gotten away, I thought.

'I don't have a lot of time to explain, but I think we're still being followed. Listen, I'm Angus. I need to tell you something.

You can't go back the way you came.'

He pointed to another intersection that was going further above. A teal-blue light came out of it. That should be enough to signal the danger. It was one sided. The other set of rails lead below, from where I assumed he came from.

'If you go that way, you might just die off.'

'What's the point of living if I have to do it with this thing on?

Listen to me, I cannot live with this thing on me. I don't know what they did to me.'

He's still in a state of shock. His brain has been altered to make it work, but he doesn't necessarily know it. This was tempting, but he had to go on.

'You need to live, don't give up just now. I think we can still make it through some how. Trust me here, that's the only way, isn't it?

I think we'll have to set foot outside, regardless whether or not we want it or not.'

It had to be. We couldn't stand in here, I couldn't stand here. I moved farther in the cart and allowed him to come. The cart had a mind of its own, as it began heading towards the point by itself. First, after the long travel through the tunnel, the light was blinding. We could barely see the rail-system but it continued above our heads, holding the cart by some magnetic system. For that reason we never touched the pool we loomed above. It was disgusting, it looked like a polluted swamp where they dumped the most unnatural chemical, hording the strangest colors to the point where it began drawing it to a pool of red which followed us at every step of the way.

'What's wrong with you Angus?'

'I'm sorry, but I don't think you should make it. I was waiting for this, since I couldn't do it back in the cave. With that in arm and the...'

He hadn't got it yet. Angus said too much and too soon, he hadn't realised that the hand wasn't made out of iron. It wasn't affected by the magnet. A struggle was ensued, but Angus was quickly overpowered by that hand. As much as a single blow to a knee that was unexpected and the joint shattered. As a human, as a man, he changed in the meantime. While his mind remained the same, he showed just how haggard he had become.

‘Don’t leave this place, you’ll only bring it out.’

‘Let go of me now!’

His nose came next, his maxilla shattered by another blow, but eventually Angus got immediately overpowered by it. This was exactly where he belonged, for the plunge followed and he couldn’t struggle enough to get out, while the cart went on and left him there. I could finally get a breather now that I reached land. An intermission faded, the man was lost around the place. Soon he could not escape. He realised that Angus was his name as well, of course he couldn’t tell it before. With all the commotion, he forgot about his twin. But he had drowned by now, or he’s been taken by the knees, it looked like the illness of his head treaded on.

‘I think I should take a sliocht turn.’

His neck contorted and pushed on like a strange watch-tower, all around his waist. Steadfast, he had to keep. Before he could even walk on his two own feet, he knew he would end up there as well. From what he inhaled, he would feel himself be pushed inside a cradle and exported such as household furniture would. Let alone would he not wonder how he ended up in the same bar. Even more so when he kept focusing on the cockroaches that appeared on the stool he was on. They crawled in his drink and they bore a look of honey. Someone must’ve dipped them in it, as there was no closer explanation yet to it.

‘You should try asking for a refill at the bar.’

A strange woman told me.

Angus could not be bothered by her appearance as much as by her innocuous lingo that revealed itself as soon as her fornicated tongue appeared in the air. No one should hold as much power as they had. It was all a ruse, a lack of satisfaction that reflected with each shot.

‘I wish I knew you good lady. But I wish I knew why these cockroaches are following me and why aren’t they tasting bad?’

Of course, of course, of course, of course, with many of them being struck in the teapot that was brought to him by the old cannary-blunt neck, which came out of nowhere, the poor batrender had a few of them, with barely something to keep on. And each throat switched between them in order to keep the bonds off.

A canine emerged as well, a few of them in actuality. Most of them were old and beaten, shown to the worst of days. It could yet be thought of many, days that were last.

‘I swear I saw you somewhere before. Open the window now or I’ll trash your your mutt off.’

It was pleasing, looking out there. At the same time it was hard to tell where one entered and where they came out. For that sole reason, you could tell it there. Outside the place there was a curtain of moving nasty and lost pretenders. All of them, have they followed them so far?

Carpent was the first one to see them move. Many of them were look-a-likes of everyone in the bar. No one moved, not a single soul spoke as far as they were interested in the matter.

‘I say, another drink for everyone, on the house. This will be a special one. I say to thee, please to be called out.’

That special concoction had been taken from one of the back barrels imported from the body of Nyliaamoure, courtesy to the gods, they received a batch of Dina. Of course it would be pleasantly received. It was a good mark, and gotten out of nowhere but the best irradiate war-thromp. It carried through as a ship would be, not to cater to the dread. After the first rounds were served, no one appeared to observe it. Unlike anything else they were given, the batch had a special taste, a flagrancy of its own, yet it showed no signs of what it was made out of. It was the speciality of the house and the house never lost.

‘Speaking of which, I think, my dear Satyr that we ought to make a habit of coming here. I suppose I was getting tired of joining the same dinner over and over again. There was nothing to do.’

‘I’ll kill you, damned punk!’

Right on time as well, they turned to see the first match of the night. A show they took pleasure on. Biter-Crask came closer to Rhubard. Both of them cornered one of the hounds, and walked through it, instantly tearing it apart. From the remains, the various tubes crawled through the floor board and made it through as deep as they could.

That had been a watcher. He had been observed. Though he had no mind, he would be blind. In the body of a hound, he was indeed Dour, the mindless. A hound no less that escaped.

But neither of them would retreat from this fight.

Rhubard took a bottle and broke it against one of the tables. One of the dislodged shared managed to get a crack as his lip, staying in but giving no sign of falling off. He took the pain as a good sign and spat it out. Biter-Crask used his bare hands with something being hidden inside of them. For each of them had rock-spike hardened knuckles, bones he sharpened but he wouldn’t let go. His diaphragm would be shattered so far as to show that he meant business if he droned too hard.

Not this again, as he would know it better than him now.

‘I’ll pay my respect to the funeral once I’m done with you. Perhaps I’ll diddle-ye-doo and piss on yer grave.’

‘What’s that? You want me to rip off your face and replace it with a hammer head? Don’t worry, I’ll make sure to take my time after I’m done with you.’

Two more turns. They both made sure nothing was being worn, no yet. But Biter tasted some glass as soon as he took a wrong step. Two shards in teeth were lodged, his nostrils filled with bittch lodged melting of the skin. So much heat came out of it, then the cold. Frost pushed through and his blood clots were turned all over into snow-globes, dripping into the surroundings.

But he was exposed to him, as he came in, Rhubard started pounding his fists as hard as he could possibly do, battering the ribs, curshing through them slowly before seeing him stumble and fall on the first table which broke his back. If he wasn't close to being beaten, now the chance remained. The fight was over before it started. And I chose to believe that both of them knew that very well. Since at least one of them hadn't put on a fight, their brawl would be over as soon as another punch connected with his chin. Biter was a dead man. He hadn't actually a chance to begin with since he had stumbled too many times and stepped in the wrong place. It made him feel small, being released in such a petty way.

After his stumble, he went as fast as a drunk would and fell on his back, breaking it in as much as two directions.

'Pick him up, I think the man's done for. D' you hear that? I told you to pick him up.'

There was no quarrel there. Of course they'd do as he pleased, he had already a man under his belt and there was no doubt about what he was going to do after. He was already eyeing everyone inside the bar with a pair of fluorescent eyes. It was him who engaged into the fight before they even came in, but that had been a personal matter between the two of them. He approached the busy bodies first.

'Don't pick him up yet, he has something I need to take before you dump him off into the gutter.'

Searches were illegal, but at this point everyone was silent about it. No one would mention the incident, especially since it was still nothing compared to stalking. Though there was no one around there, with a drink in hand or a clear head that didn't suspect him of the worst crimes. Rhubard considered was he was doing for a moment. Sure enough, there were too many people he didn't enjoy the company of. It made him feel unnvered, just standing there now. Nor did he feel threatened at any time but there wasn't any point on trying to make himself feel welcome there. It was pure disdain he saw in their eyes. A feeling that pressed through him with the least amount of shame and the least consideration of what was going there.

He would be boosted on his feet if he cared. More than a few pins, less than expected, a few coffin nails and an entire end of a knife had been lodged inside the soles of his feet. With that, he took what he wanted from the man heading on to get a drink. One of his ringfingers was scorched, you could eat a piece of it and spit it out. But you'd know something was wrong, for it was no natural fire which left that mark.

Carpent and the Satyr were the least frightened of the lot. As a matter of fact, they were too calm. Never in the history of this place has such an encounter happened and yet, never had there been anyone who wasn't beaten at the heart. Or scowled over that every single one of them had at least committed and act of murder in whichever form they could find themselves in. For that and over it they wondered less and cared no further. It was slightly decided that they wouldn't pursue through it.

For what was worth, what came first were the twist of fingers and the kick of ginger from the drink he had.

‘This’ a good drink, barkeeper.’

As erroneous as it sounded, that was his title. He wore it on top of the wooden frame that separated the floors. But the fact was that this strange place had no second floor, at least it wasn’t accessible for them. For what hid inside of it and what turned and twisted, only the barkeeper knew. And every now and then, one unlucky bar attendee could see a light flashing and tiny pearl-like bubbles of light floating out of it as a stairway descended then reeled back in. Perhaps that’s where he’d work his doing, the mixing and the secret techniques that were never to be told to any.

It was much more dangerous than any normal claim. Simply looked at this angle, despite the rumors and the ill-speech, he had indeed something he hid inside. It was something he hadn’t even dared dine on or speak much about. An ancient technique of mixing the body and soul, in various cylindrical holding cells, the mixing of the bodies yielded nothing more than either of them could tell about it.

‘For this tank, and less, shall breed the new mixture I need to push onto them for texting. If I am right, it should corrode their bodies on the long time.’

As he dreamed of his, in the longest manner for the longest time he had encountered at least a few unnecessary ploys against him. Someone snickered past the hour in a distant day of the past. It was hard trying to fight and he resented every kind of conflict, resorting to the utmost cowardly ways he could ever consider. And one of these, which pleased him very much was the wood-chop. It turned their legs to wood, they fell. As soon as they were on the ground so had their faces, and bodies turned into the chop and patterns beneath the frame. It was a nice way of keeping everything well-crafted. In a way, he found out that everyone who came inside his home added something to the place.

Yet he was never affected for a reason that others might not even come to suspect if they knew what was happening here. His heart was made of wood. And for that reason alone, he prayed no longer and hoped for nothing in life. The barkeeper could possibly die of a flu or fire but he couldn’t care less about it now. Once he found it out, there was nothing inside of him which shattered. That had been the worst possible outcome he could think of, now. It came to his attention that a great part of his esteemed establishment was under stress.

It had a way of looking for itself, since it was just as alive and kicking as the souls that were rummaging outside.

Speaking of which, the devils started devouring the body as soon as it had been thrown out of the window. First on the rooftop, then inside the museum, that’s where he was seen. Two men looked after him, the guards, the pawns put in place. Whatever they be called instead, they remained unknown. It was as if they never existed in the first place after being shot by him.

He snuck right before the clock reached midnight. With a shot from an unknown gun he obscured their bodies. Mostly it was their clothes and a part of the granite they knocked their heads upon which crawled on top that took the shape of the skin. It felt rough being there, working with the surveillance. Each video

passage showed the same clip, going in reverb, a loop that took him away.

Despite being in charge, he was way too absorbed by it, knicked around the head. Blown at the scruff of his neck as soon as he reached the point where the man dissapeared and then, he was there.

How come one of the men in the line offered him a chance to move forward?

We weren't going to be answered just yet. As for this outlook, we weren't obviously putting much effort, lest it be known that there was no entry here no there, nowhere to go. Street's emptiness vibrated with the Coco-modo sound. It was a nastily vibrating verifiable knot in the smoker.

'I'm afraid I will have to say that in another direction.'

'What for, I don't understand.'

Now he got it, and we both spoke to the wall. It was the only direction, both the wrong one and the right one. Neither of us would be unreasonable for the same reason we could not be contained here for too long. After counting off each cigarette butt, it was clear.

'We can talk there now, he's gone.'

Damn, he didn't even bother to leave a trace for his kill.

'Went away?'

'What was that?'

'I asked you wheter or not he went away?'

'Oh, I don't actually know that. I think I missed the last part.'

They were now parting off. What a skeleton he was. He had fasted for too long now, even before he could get off by it. She was repelled by that, but Hellen couldn't explain it. He's lost not only a few pounds but a few muscle strips off his. Liver disease, that's what it was, a liver disease.

Far too long had it been taken off him, that he only pondered alone on a miniature cosmic sphere.

Whimsical by the reminder, he looked out of a way to push himself off.

'I will talk now and I will be heard.'

'Whom shall hear you?'

It was too late, and he went off being unheard off. Fading off into the madness of obscurity, he wasn't provided a smoke. A screen, if somone might so luckily offer him, but not even that, I'll see to it he does some more. Up and ago to the plains below, as he was wrenching his legs, no feet remained, they only dragged for so long that they looked like the ever expanding throat-wretch that carried his children ahead.

Into the plaster, they threw it.

And he stood there, nothing but a few limbs that were completely being absorbed into the peculiar lambs waiting in the lair. Some of there stood there in the distance, placed in this way:

‘The cave is facing them.’

Hellen listens now, you’d better do the same if you know what’s good for you. Follow in her advice and thread carefully. Avast and away, I say, nay.

‘From it, I can see one of the diseased lungs that’s being transpierced into me, like a spearing arrow that’s vanquished me entirely.’

‘Almost.’

‘But there’s more Hellen.’

‘What is it? What is it using to connect to you?’

‘A bunch of mucus-strange, I cannot name them. I think they resemble leashes.’

‘I can’t do this anymore. We’ve already gone through far too many sessions. We need to reach the place before it dissapears.

We’ve been through this and I know you’ll be overcome.’

He didn’t listen to her now. He could only know from the images and the songs that came onto him that something was going on. At least a magazine would matter, even after, there was the guard.

‘I’ll listen to it now.’

He’s there, the same man who had it in for me. Twenty steps ago, in snow. An arc of power almost ruined it all, as it had gotten so close to burning all the water in the sky.

‘My fair perdue, I see you.’

Again, he regained composure. He’s thought of so many ways he could imbue the world with his ancient knowledge and what they imparied with him. Now they neared, felt but seen, and seen and scene.

‘I am performing now a vision.

Shall I share it with you my dear?’

‘Not now, finish It.’

Using a calculator now, he could barely think of it before losing his wits and throwing himself onto the ground.

‘I am looking at a man.’

‘Who is he?’

‘I’m performing in front of him now.’

‘Who is he?’

‘His name is Everett.’

‘That’s your name, is it not?’

There was nothing he would say for a while. They spoke for far too long, it was way too dangerous, what they were seeking and when did they not? Far, and away, in that sphere, they saw his one organ which lay trapped. It could snap at any moment and in fear he watched his parents reunited. It was him who dominated their souls and prevented their ascent into the other world, and worldly world. Who could it be that could fathom such a thing? At once he started walking past them.

Everyone was witnessing a fencing match. What a tetannous blow came from them. But Everett, though he was a seer had not even counted on the fact that he had no passion to be talked about. His heart would only push on about the hour. Could he die and yet be tainted? Was there a reason for the fear to be protected? A protocol of pain and gutter started filling him up.

Then, from the depths inside their suits, they started growing until they couldn't do it any longer. Out of fear for anyone showing any kind of remorse, the morse code came out. From within them, they spoke no less than they should now.

'And I could see for no better and no worse this. It's happening to me again. I shall do what I desire now.'

'You're growing weak and pallid now, please, those lungs will devour you if you sit there for too long.'

'I can hear my heart pumping, can't you see I know this even better than you?'

Every time he looked in the mirror he knew what would happen to him. And every time a failure that became worse for the wearer. He was in the bar, that was the reason after all.

'I need to keep moving.'

'But moving means defeat.'

'If I lose, what do you think might happen?'

An answer would mean I have to choose. Whichever direction might throw me in the right direction? I faced this less and chose to bear.

'They shall use me as a bridge to get to you, Hellen, what should I tell them?'

'My dear, resist for now, I think after twenty cups of coffee I'll be more than fine. Tell me why do they need a bridge.'

Everett explained to her how they ran out of building materials. And they needed him to take its shape.

Woe it should be known that he was only one of those.

'No, no, this cannot happen, this cannot happen, this cannot happen?'

'Calm down Everett, calm down now, what's happening?'

'That's me, that's me, I think that's me. God, I'm hideous, I think that's what they want me to become.'

Don't, please tell me I won't become one of those things.

No, that's my future, that's my future, I know it is, please don't let them turn me into one of those things, I couldn't fathom it.'

He was filled with some revulsion. It was dreadful. But he got it out. After a few attempts, he finally got it out.

‘I’m his child.’

He said. Everett admitted, then he left. He was not there any longer, in the room. He still existed, but he simply wasn’t there. And Hellen took this harshly. After this session ended, she threw herself out of the eighteenth floor and survived. Rushed through an ambulance, she died in a crash. But she managed to crawl out only to have her body disappear out of sight, as if Everett took something out of her.

Hellen managed to walk on her arms but something started foaming and coming out of her blood. As she stood there, she question it.

‘Who are you?’

If not only the worst of beings, another pretender, the defender of weaklings in need of death, bloodied by the crow, spoken of the dead sparrows, he approached.

‘I am the worst one out of the lot. I have been promised that I will become the champion of Clot if only I were to find a replacement before him.

And it looked as I’ve done so.’

‘Everett?’

‘Guess again?’

‘You would take me?’

‘I’ll take no one and no one else shall be the kin.’

The soul got replaced and it became a machine. For there it foamed, and as long as it lasted, it would eventually turn into a cone. For the taking, now the reprise, she couldn’t take it any longer, thence he died in peace. But not after living for eight more months in that place. Unlike the others, she had been paid by guts not to explode in front of them.

A bomb was being planted into the station, since it failed to convey emotion. It was pointlessly bizarre not to abandon it for far too long.

‘What was the time then?’

The ships that sailed, they would prevail and reach the city of. Name lost because they peered, he was there, he was near.

‘Now, is he? What does he want of us? What is it that he wants of us? I fear the effect they might have on my mind.

I fear it.’

But he tried to slave himself to woe, this man who couldn’t even walk straight on the stairs, he knew of them. Yet he hadn’t said a word.

‘It’s night, an ever-loom. I want to be out there before the other sea-creatures start floating in the stars. I swear it, I saw it happening, out there. Dolphins and sea stars trapped inside suns. But the suns weren’t burning, as they were my sons.

And my sons would only cherish and respect me. That I know, this is what I’m telling you, that I know.

But I see no other reason there, to look after my own.

My sons aren’t burning anymore, they’re empty inside, I’m not. We’re different after all, but that’s only because I cut them and they are deflated. I enacted an act of violence and for that they’re there.’

He thought it soon after, but he couldn’t be aware of the crime. He’s done so much harm, and now they were filled with sea-crusts, the vile of coral.

‘My good man, where are we going now?’

‘Off a stroll in the middle of a lost night where I might hope to find a muse of light, I am forever after looking for her delightful gaze. I want to be hers and be lost in her maze of heart.’

‘Stop if you insolent dreamer, before you’ll get absorbed inside. Don’t forget who you are first unless you want to be lost.’

The cost was meaningless since he already lost so many sons.

One of the parking meters went on ahead upheaving in the air. It started acting like a wretched before either of them could even make do of the spare change.

‘It’ll do, we won’t be late. We should be done in less than fifteen minutes in any case.’

Smoker’s entrance, where they planet the catci, they went around it but never managed to draw in too much attention. Laundry doormats were placed just about everywhere around the floor, a barbershop was supposed to be in here but it was pushed too many feet behind. It moved, eighty minutes, yet some more. Twenty heads turned and they were looking out of the hole. Everyone gathered as soon as the first set of fake walls started pulling back. A cackle of metal spread around the first man’s face, his teeth were ivory and he had the face of an old elephant.

‘His features say, he’s a bad man. We cannot trust him.’

‘Why not, wait, you talking about the fat one?’

‘The one with a big bottom lip, it’s too wide and fat. His ears are wide as well and I think it’s starting to fall off.’

‘He’ll be the first one to die then?’

‘We’ll listen, we’ll listen.’

No spare and no change. Of course they wouldn’t be interested in it now. For what was worth, neither of them had the power to shake them off. In a way, they were, out of it. Spaced out, baker, filled, vein-dripped and uncanny in the forehead.

‘It’s falling back, that’s it, I know what he is.’

‘Let’s draw near that one then.’

Near-sided, as a pair of other fake-walls started pushing down, there was no other chance to work around it. They were presented with a giant hole and a see-through. Some of the front spokesman had used their ugly tongues to make something out of it, the pillas, they were licked clean. They kept the barbershop from falling apart. And it was them alone who barely came to it. And there came the first clue. It drew up the pace. It increased before it could be gotten in.

Then came the other hair-compators, they were the ones who had the strapping giant battery-like containers attached to their backs. For some reason this mundance establishment looked more echanted than it was before. The place was wired, we were listened to, at all times.

‘Say, what are you intending to do with those?’

‘Nothing, nothing anymore, it simply crossed our minds that there might be something we could help you with. So much hair, after all, you’ve got so much hair in need of being taken care of. You wouldn’t happen to think of it now, but.’

They paused and stroke a black cord. No one int heir right mind would even look twice at it. Let alone be calm, there was this and that, and no reason. Yet the spoke from the bottom of their hearts, only one of them at least, the one man they didn’t have their eyes on.

‘We need to remove it from the scalp and make it so nothing will grow on it or in it.’

‘What was the last part?’

‘Nothing, sir, now sit down. We’ll work on your slowly.’

After a good season this would do. For now they had to take the insertion off their broken skulls and make it so they won’t breathe into the static. Bad things happened when you did.

‘I seem to have lost a step.’

‘I’ll get it for you.’

His leg was gone. Joyburn and Scaffle were finally placed in chairs. For some reason or another, they could only behave for so long before getting more ecstatic from it. No wonder they were plain, nothing would remain still for long. The twentieth time came arousingly, by this fierce moment they could abstain. Now they were looking out from the other side of the room which was slowly being carried away.

Simply taking this in would mean they realised that this part of the room ahd been dragged past the intersection.

One shout aroused.

‘Look out.’

Pleaded one of the barbers who suddenly watched the hair-compressor being run over by the revving car; breaking through the first wall, pushing through as the fire spread out of the first bang.

‘We should try getting up.’

‘Not now, not yet, I think we should check what they’re up to now.’

It was a secluded incident, which concluded into more fake-walls being raised up. Some of the fire started pushing down but it couldn’t take away the sight of the mourners after the elation.

‘I see no radiation-dustpanes.’

Soujourned, they no longer sat down, it was one of the fast lanes after all and they had to get as far away from it before it started. More cars emerged. It was dangerous, waiting here for too longer, no answer fading and not a single thing alive. Wallowing for that reason, not even the obscure would have it flown.

They mingled with their heads bashed in as soon as the compactors turned on them.

In the distance they could only hear of this. He and lo to him in the matter, there’s something waiting there for them, it’s a disaster. With no way of preparing for it, they only resumed pushing in, rebuked by a stranger who stopped for a second, blocking the intersection from rising on. Scaffle was too much of a coward, henceforth, his shtick was sitting. For some reason he didn’t care. He was unnerved by it but remained around.

It shouldn’t move if I stand still. He had the world on his side and he couldn’t be killed, at least that’s what he wanted to think. Without intervention this place would be quarantied. For more than a deceitful pair of seconds they all stood still, every driver in the car, the hair-compactors that drew on, but most importantly, the barbers.

I will admit to to this.

Joyburn took out a cigar.

‘That’s now allowed.’

He didn’t it at all, the yelling, the protests, the murder, the oncoming distarter. They were both hit-men, and a dollar a piece would be gotten for each kill. Mostly, it was the inflation which turned this place into a damn thing. He knew better than to look in the wrong direction when it was needed. But this he would not heed or look into for too longer.

He took out one of the long guns. It was affected by the missed proportions of the expanding room. For now, think of this. The shaft elongated past the intersection, above the cars, when suddenly half of the compactors started running back. The others mobilised and tried catching it, but they couldn’t handle it without suffering the pain which applied to their arms. As hedges would they extended and pushed on, dragging away the sight as they fell bleeding.

Most of them had lost their hands or a good chunk of the forearms. It was an indicent sight, but what was after was even worse. First shots emerged, travelling like spears that turned upwards and formed circles. As their bodies heaved and hooped around, their back-devices started popping out one by one before not many of them were left.

‘Drop your gun, drop it now. Or we’ll shoot, we’ll shoot you, I swear it.’

One of the cops came out of a walking wheeled station. It was small enough to fit a person in. He had failed to look behind, perhaps he knew about the process more than I. He might've been disturbed by it, as even looking brought something of a, what was the word? It was tantalising. At least he couldn't deal fast, a few cards, booze, illegal photos, magazines that were banned, books that had the sight of a killer on the back, the pig was crooked. It did not drop well on him. He was, in some way, close to it. He dropped the gun.

Circles started worming in until they began absorbing the fat from the bodies. They looked like turning coins our tambourines in some way, because the middle was culled off. Some bottom-brows started pushing out, as they began inflating and drawing on.

Even after slowly dragging in, seeing how the gun bounced off the cars and got smashed by pieces as the entire elongation couldn't handle touching so many of them, he realised something was wrong. Certainly he should've noticed that the sound of agony was gone. Perhaps it should've lasted.

Remorse was pointless now. Since those fatties drew on and started eating their heads off, stopping the sound of dread. Hornes pushed on instead and that's when he got distracted. Joyburn took a knife out of his pocked, hitting an artery in return. Blood-ants started crawling out of his neck, dragging their queen away. Soon enough, as he grabbed the inside of the first car he came into contact with, his skin became sand-like. A colony would be made inside. And after that they could sing of less.

'We have to go Joyburn. I'm sure you enjoy taking your time but more of them will be on their way in no time. That means we should get away.'

It was how he was lured out of his praying mantis eyes, which reflected on his long back, the four hunchbacks that pressed on him were taken. A gulp of blood-girth would foam. While the acid came out of it, the way back was burned. That was their exit afterwards.

Fifty hours later. A gas explosion nearby took care of the rest of it. Judging by the distance and the spread, the elongation affected the fire, force and vibration which turned the inside of the barber's into a Pollock.

Nothing much was said about them.

Into the bar, hence they ended up being there as well, trying to sip in drink after drink before they could come to their senses about what was going on there.

'I'll hear of nothing, you know? I've been here for twenty years and nothing changed, not a single puddle, not a drop.

Nowadays scum come here and all of the sudden, everything goes to shambles. Everyone suffers and everyone's trying their luck in the scum of the lot. What of it then?

Does anyone want to take it?'

A fierce man came. He looked for the wakest party, the least of all, barely filled tables. He couldn't think of any better way of spending the night other than shooting someone in the face with his power-gun, special edition. As for him, he was elated by this. Scuffle couldn't even say this, he had so many fun looking at them and how they got out of their way to make one another miserable. He hadn't known Carpent but by the looks of it, he was the least back-spine man he could lay eyes upon him and that said a lot about him as a person since the two of them were much alike, then the Satyr who was shallowly pressing his gutt out, only to make it seem as if he wanted another drink. Which left the last two important people of the night, who didn't seem to mind what was going on, a pair of barrels still tried blurring out with some force. No remorse for the taking, as much as it could be counted on. Charlan and Liorotha were trying to spare one another of the courtesies, as they were more than aware that he could not do a thing which would even draw any attention to them. It only came to them on passing. Arching over the viler surrounding area they were trying to figure out the wrong. What was it and why couldn't the barman do something about it now? No, he nodded, he wasn't in the mood. As a matter of fact, he wanted to stay as far as possible from the conflict before the entire bar shook. It resonated at another level.

Feign

It was dreadful, spending another moment under the ardour of the shade.

'I am Enas.'

Of full blunt moons, where they spake the broken age and the lost stratagems got pushed away in the annals of time, thence they stopped the tournament from pushing on. As tall specuhcral light foamed at the mouth of the bridge, as it stood adjacent to their barren land. It floated like a piece of glass, a lightbulb that barely made it through the dark.

A pair of notes were spread one of the lost houses.

'I used to live.'

It was vague and most of it got scattered into dust. Whoever wrote it was frail. Aghan looked down, it could be one of them. He could become one of them if he wasn't careful enough. Were it for the earth to be shakier, he might've slipped off. At least that's what he told himself.

Some of them were slavers. Leaves rustled, it was time to go. It was time to make it as far as possible before they got the chance to catch up with me. They were in awe. Just there, out in the open. They were trading like hunters with their painted faces. Something instinctively wrong loomed around them. As soon as they brought in the light, humanity crumbled. As much as they hardened on the touch, they were

breaking apart, as a piece of land would. Unsanitary or not, they sloppy, I had only stood there for twenty minutes.

I would not be tracked, at least not that easily. My face was seen in the show of black mirrors that sparked in the sky. We were all up there and were all trying not to stare for long. But I had been seen. And only then did they start chasing me by whatever mean they could. I was him, the man they were after. Mostly it was the skin disease which didn't come from me, it came from the various mirrored flakes that kept appearing and disappearing when I wasn't watching.

But one of them had. The new-nation brought them up.

'Make sure you're noting the recordings, are you?'

'Of course I am sir. I've noted everything down.

I can see the readings from up there and I have to say this. You won't be surprised to hear this, but.'

He showed the compass and the peculiar sightings. Most of them were revealed by inkdots that immediately got released. Images were poignant but seemed to last.

'We'll dispatch a few more people but that's all I can afford.

What does this say?

You know I'm not trained to recognise the patterns. It would be more helpful if you slowed down a little and told me what's it about.'

'I'm, I think...'

'Spill it out already. I don't want to catch something while I'm here. And these damned mosquitoes never stop coming.

Don't you think I would at least deserve that?'

'Didn't you hear what he said? Apologise to him before I pick up my club and throttle your snut!'

That was Bulkas, he was as much as a bulk-head as he appeared. They didn't understand.

'That can wait, we need to move, now.'

Another thicket moved. They were drawing near. Way too much noise was made and it alerted everyone in the area. For the time being they could do anything but watch. From where they stood, it felt as if they were preparing to head on for a crash in one of the fords. If too much weight was added, again, they could fall straight through the corpses and into the hollow spot beneath the ground.

It was unnecessary to believe that they were looking for him any longer. This was a matter of preservation.

'Wait, Bartabas, a hand touched my leg.'

'Don't mention that to anyone. Come, report what you have into it and let's go before the night progresses.'

Even they knew better than to prolongue the pain. It was a struggle for what they painted the land with. It was unnecessary to even push it yet they would spend the night in hiding. The man escaped. Aghan wasn't sure whether or not this was the right place or not. It felt different here. He's never seen the soil change, not in this way. Ever since the scowl, you could barely see the plants grow since most of the chose to submerge in order to avoid it. It was an unnecessary fuel for the hands, trying to dig your way through the reflics this land provided.

He approached one of the slightly raised dirt banks. That was simply what they called them. Artifacts, despite being large chambers used to progress through the other land. As soon as he checked his cloak, his clothes barely shaken off, Aghan started digging with his bare hands. By the time he uncovered the first gate, his nails had been blodied and crisp. Burnt by the fury of the soil and the chemicals that pushed on and took a life of their own there. It was what he wanted.

He escaped. That's the only thing that mattered. They couldn't enter through it, not with the accord. But as he rested around the semicircural seal, he rested against it and listened to their vague taunts. Something inhumane could still be detected from the way they spoke.

'Next time, maybe.'

Without delay, he made it through the passage and joined the life below. If you could call it that you could get accustomed to it. And if you could do that, perhaps you could live through it long enough to get a head on the others. In his bag, he carried one of the bounties. Despite being as widespread as they were, no one wanted to approach them. Mostly because they were pushing everyone else out. With what was worth, they were cutting each other ten times fold, as a game, that's what the children on the street were doing. Baggy brown clothes that looked like potato sacks rested beneath the light. It felt morose, looking at them play with knives but these were dangerous times.

He didn't approach them.

It was a mess no living being could draw away from.

A black canopy fell through the morass bringing in even more dirt inside the shelter. That was one of the main problems they hard to face. The deeper you went in, the heavier you've become, chances were that you could be crushed by the forest and the other buildings that submerged underneath the ground. It was a risk everyone asumed, especially by bringing more people into the world.

It was just as dangerous as it were, living in a perilous land and hiding underneath the girth of it. And just as disturbing as it was, they were threading none the better out there. The young were given a chance to work out there, with everything in mind. As long as they were out there hunting for food, they would be allowed to keep their loved ones in despite the numbers. Since every run outside would take a few days, the weight would be somehow redistributed.

There was one requirement which wasn't spoken about. And this was important, as the next generation would not be allowed to breed until the previous one died, though things had a way of fixing themselves despite what was being spoken behind the ears. It was unimportant. Past an age, everyone's body fell apart and fed the ground. It was only a matter of waiting now.

Once dusk settled there was no way of turning back. It was the choice, it was a choice. Only the savages could live outside without protection. It had to be preserved, just like the impulses going around and being shared. There was no way of telling what happened to them. From whatever standpoint they were trying to convey.

Further along the road, where they build a solace. It was clear that they were shaking, since they were out there in the open, where the live trees refused to grow. And the least of all would they retreat to caves since they could fathom living there with the gelatine-reds. It was a dead point and a moot. That they would hunt together in a land they barely understood.

'We're picking up something again.'

It was the state of the ark, no one was safe any longer, from the fall of the state, the republics, the civilization, now this, a land that mourned itself with each day. They were counting on trying to get away somehow, by doing whatever they could to shake off the trackers. No habit got in the bones, unfortunately no heroes would be sung. And the coils of dread could only grasp to and fro as they descended from the flow of the smoke screens that rowed on. It broke with the vines. The castle had.

It was one of the last relics of Old-town, the vestige of torn-people and their descendants regardless of where they resided in. With some unfathomable coils, the cliff held it from falling in the avalanche of bodies that grabbed on it. They were still there, singing old songs. And the workers approached without fear, nearing their faces in order to draw some breath from them. Anything else would mean taking in the black air, which would kill them and their headless heirs. Out in the open they laid lazily in turns of moons. Most of them were unable to take it for as long as they should, resuming to look into the marches, carrying the plougs with them.

'How many deliveries do we even have to carry with us?'

'As much as we can, ye' hear? We can't let the castle fall. We cannot, by the love of the lady let it fall.' Who is the insane resounder, why is this land broken after dusk? They were only adding parts now, seeing how they didn't like being taken from a place, they resolved to push some in either direction and look for one another instead.

'Don't take too much of a risk. We should take care of our own first, not them.'

'But we are taking care of our own this way. Can't you see that we would fall to our demise otherwise?'

'We drank yestarday, haven't we?'

The same wine, in the same unlit room, it looked dilapidated, like the old houses and there was nothing in but the old worn out table and the chairs. But we managed to find an old vineyard and take one from there. It shouldn't have meant anything for them, but for me. I thought it was the world. It was everything any man should be able to look after right after a family and a future for himself. Now they carried on the ploughs, looking at one of the corners underneath the walls. It started depressing and furthering in.

'I feel like it's been a twilight of an hour.'

'I fear that it will take us another trip to there.'

But there were dangerous as they looked at the signs of the weather, the wind adjacent to the kneeling turns of the corks. They called that weathercock Bismark. But it's been a while since they took its advice. How many people have to die on the road? That's the question no one seems to answer. As long as no one asks questions, things would go as expected. Who would even consider getting away from them?

Soon there would be night and after that there would be some quiet to get away from. As the noise continued the way before cleared and then came only the wonder.

Who was the strongest of the looker in the Rhynes, as rivers started flowing and diminishing as long as they came by. This was the only way out after all. And after this, there would be nothing to look after. Out there we had been given only a chance, as any man could be given such a sight. It would be necessary to only look at it once and that would be enough to scar the mind. To touch the soul and make it pop out of the throat, for others had already quickened their way but only we could say this.

'Stay away from that sea of red. I can feel it drawing near.'

Out of fear for what was going to happen around them, now they began battering their legs and kneeling on order to get out of the way. Otherwise they would be see that, that evil thing could only be so unforgiving as to allow them a moment of respite. It was dangerous now. Waiting there as it began pushing out of the water. It levitated through the dangerous approach.

At first we only saw the bleak red push back into the deprived color which took all the land to begin with. We would not be allowed another colorful sight as it went away. Thence it pushed out of the water, never ending as it pushed and grew out of the boundaries of its form. From its two hands a white tree-like trunk pushed, making the body. Though it could only look below as the remnants of a once great body remained.

'What was that flash of red?'

One of the stragglers asked.

'Why, don't you know? Have they not told you yet?'

We ought to have known better than that. For every reason pointed only in one direction. It should be pointed out now that there was a swollen side to the road that carried on through the passes. Look at them and you should immediately see the difference before it could take from. It drew to it like a cancer-bee

towards a honeycomb that needed its complete attention and desire. On top of that, there was the dread. It was done now, terminated as soon as the advancement started pushing on. Without looking in doubt, you could see the vapor pushing from the upper spine of the tree-trunk body that fornicated with the rest of him in the sea.

As dread pushed on, the creature started writhing in pain, unable to contain any of the intense heat it started producing after the lights began fading out. For twice the matter, less the head, it could only be contained in sight.

‘Woe to thee, I shall listen and obey for the master shall come.

Follow me, strangers if you so value your lives, you’d do what’s best, you’d do what’s better. But don’t look back to it and don’t allow the mirth and chase.’

Neither of them dared contain the amount of ingratitude that would follow them. With a blunt strike over the back of their heads, they could listen to it no longer, that being the song of the Ibellus, who came from the sea. He sang in agony and could not fathom being there in agony. Existence was anything but a joy. He frothed in pain but couldn’t contain himself in order to show emotion. It came to him that even then, when his headless gaze pushed on ahead they ran.

‘Make it past this enclave of roads and you shall reach master’s den. Do you hear it? I can listen to his call now. I think you understand.’

‘But where’s your master and what does he want with us?’

‘Do not waste my time nor his, know that there can be no peace as long as tribute isn’t paid. With that said, I advise you not to do anything that might make others question you. Otherwise you shall swim with the ones that march along the corals.

With them, as long as it ought to be known, you shall dwell inside and live no more.’

With that in mind we could only do what he asked of us, whichever being it could do. Of course we could not believe any word of advice coming from his mouth. For starters, who was he? Why had he taken a course of taking and calling us in the dead of night? We could’ve made it back to the castle if we weren’t abashed by ill intent and evil word. We carried something that wasn’t worthy it no matter how we looked at it. Regardless of the marching prowess, dirt castrated itself past a point.

It could not get pushed or abandoned, unless you were to carry on and spend the night trying. And such a case would only draw enough attention as countenance would deal with it. Let it less be known that there would be no remedy to the torment that beast promised. Yet, avast, they came at last to the reverse of the sea. Endlessly pushed ahead, slowly drowned by a ship of muck, through which it hid and said no less.

From the door that popped itself out of the ground, thence it came, never asked back.

‘I am the other servant.’

He perverted his own name. Immediately before he could be trapped again, he spoke of this twist of tongues, which carried on and pushed an alarm, no shout, but the countenance of many. Less than it should be forgiven, more so than needed, that blasted creature spoke again. But from his gut and mouth

his suit blasted his skin as it began burning alive in itself.

Upon redressing, we had been approached. No longer had we considered what was going on, for reasons of our own.

‘We shall remain a minute longer. And we ought to shout a bitter tongue and wander off.’

As if caught in a dream, they walked with the fiend, mesmerized by what was going on their whims.

‘Should I cut a piece of butter and eat here?’

‘It won’t devour.’

‘Should I perhaps take one of these paintings home?’

‘That’s an antique.

Also, it won’t devour.’

‘Perhaps I could hold a speech for the master of this house?’

‘It won’t matter unless you carry on the order.

As well as it was said, it won’t devour.’

Not here, not there, not then, not any longer, it was important, more and such that it could not be counted on, with each adjacent motion, I would be known. I should think of it as the way back home would fall apart. Stricken down but never left to the mind out of doubt, he would lay abandoned. If he or his friend said the wrong thing and the wrong time, that was his concern, if only there was a way of knowing that they would be safe, this journey could be stopped. And then they would refrain, or even abstain from tasting the objects further.

‘But what’s happening to us?’

Why do we have this sudden urge to eat everything that comes into our hands? Alas, I think I’ve been made to suffer.’

Not longer after this, he found himself eat his friend’s shoulder out of the prissy-look and humble going. What was going on now? Was there a matter which needed taking care off? By the time they had arrived around, with every turn. A switch happened right in front of them.

This delapidated ancient hold which had been swallowed by the earth as any of the buildings in this world was dead. Unlike normal buildings, for which destruction would ring truth, this was alive. And as it happened, the servant who had entertained them turned into an automaton of wax which still went on a shrill. Bred by the flames, not even the slightest likes of him would remain untainted.

He locked eyes with them and bid them to follow. If there was one proverbial sight, the word that would help them delight the guests, that would be.

‘May we come on and follow thine side?’

While sniffing around, they felt the dread. Something had to be said about the stubb and the shrubbery of eye-vines which blinked at them. It was obvious that someone was here, and it couldn’t have been clearer that it was someone like them as well. Making too much of a noise, looking as if he was worn out, a warrior of ancient days, with bug-chitin armor, as that of an elongated cockroach and a mantis, affected by a wild hybridization. He who’d have the value of evil, caught by the wrists, he carried on a coffin box, filled with shallow pus.

It was a pestilence they sang as they followed him instead of using their common sense needed to get away. His self satisfaction faded, his nerves descending into some kind of meaning.

‘Are we seriously going to join his lot? He doesn’t seem like the type to share.’

‘I don’t know about this either.’

He said it in a whisper before pushing himself back to his feet. Something was morosely wrong. As this fort-like dwelling only progressed down until it had become a pseudo concave cave. The deeper you went, the further you’d go, the lonelier it would get, since there silence predominated in the hidings. It could not be contested any longer, not for the brothing noise.

But they resolved to bet patched together and follow him wherever he went. ‘How might it be then, that there’s no one here to visit us?’ Cried the first gargoyle to the other, statuequely near it, as clear that he rested in some way, it conveyed no movement of the ears.

They were waiting for a signal to erupt. What was stone would become unlike the snow which coated the inside of the harlequin hall, that’s where they had entered through after their initial flight, and thence the opening where they would remain. Determined to go near and to seethe as they would behave, it was more than the head-sided touching, the approach which would clear in the past. Both of them prepared their lances, and they paced up near-front. We should’ve taken it more serious now, despite what our inhibitions said, we were closely watched.

Both him and I, we were destined to go far, farther than this, the harlequin stall. It’s where the stranger disappeared, after the entry into that cave. Of course, I should’ve known better than follow him, but it was far too late to go back. I could turn on him, I felt it.

‘So long now, I think this is where you’re supposed to stay.’

And with a single stab behind the back, I could be back on my way. It was this satisfaction which hadn’t even allowed me to look back. He was out of it already and I would face no consequences if I told them where he died at. This was only for my survival. With a foot inside the neck of the world, I was there, on my way to home.

‘Where’s the first scout?’

In a disturbingly pronounced awe, he could feel his hand shaking as to fall on his knee. He rested. With as much as a single swipe around the chest, he chose his next words yet.'

'Are you the master of this house?'

Feigned and resigned, he chose to abide the rule of the house. The one and only which mattered now, as it had been far beyond him, yet to ask again what he knew already before he could spill even more than he knew it to. Branded by the horseshoe, he stopped and listened to them in conquest.

'I shall break you now.'

He said to the man. He was being held between a horse and a carriage, constantly being branded by the master of a lonely house. To him this agony was pure joy, as he was only trying to make a point. Trespassers would not be allowed, to him they were only a piece of the ground which somehow managed to spill in and bring the light.

'Is this the light of the globe I see? The robe of the harlequin I see before the front?'

'Nay, it is not. For that I fear you shouldn't have seen it, as you've seen way too much.'

A new direction, the carriage stopped. No longer was he branded but swollen at the ankles as he would have to carry the carriage on his back. So much strength for such a little man, he displayed not only cowardice but a way through which he was discreet. On his feet a number was written by the brass branding other-lap, which pushed through him until his head was held about the water.

'I will drown you if you don't inquire. What does thou think of what I came to bring upon the kettle-tire?' Poor man, turned around, he looked to see what thou thought of the ground, upon which every wheel was replaced. But these were not livers, instead, they were only wrought in iron, made to last. For no touch would do so fast, he couldn't be trusted to do anything, not on his own. His fingers were taken and cut before he could answer of his home.

'I've taken these from your apartment, when I was under the roof behind the walls, right around the castle. I know you've stolen them from where, but when and where?'

'I swear it wasn't me.'

'Tell me who it was then?'

'Never, I will never tell you, not matter for how long you may punish me for what I own.'

He would endure for hours, more than could be said about the master. He had been endowned in thought and brought about this out of his own perilous malice, regardless of what he would think about. Enough was still enough. He wanted something and he wrought it now out of some metal chains he kept around. With a mere child's touch he melted them, creating only the perfect skin, rubbing around until he had his lipps thinned, right under the rims of his eyes. Determined or nor, he would like this now, keeping everything up to the standards of pain.

‘You will remain scarred and much worse, I can destroy your spine and leave you as a beggar in this land as it worsens.’

‘I have not stolen anything, it was not me who’s done it, to that I can swear on my own life. I wager the danger and to that I say don’t judge me for something I have not wrought in pain.’

‘Then tell me.’

But he would refrain before another word could be muttered, sinking now under the water as the carriage walked on it as if it were nothing but a long puddle. Without a fire, he turned the outside of this pond in iron, as a tiny flute came out of his mouth, the master manipulated it as he saw fit. Immediately, the man’s soul leaped out multiple times, leaving the outside and the outskirts of the water enwrapped in his face as mold of iron turned to silver instead.

‘That should you hear, I feel thine perched pain emerging now.’

As an antelope, he sneered and pushed out.’

‘Now and again, I’ll hear you refrain from pleasure and look ahead.’

Thence he tried looking yet to see, there in the sky, standing against the reflection of where a sun would be during the day, stood the disemboweled creature that leaped and floated from outside the veins of the sea.

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A new family-batch moved in the neighborhood. We didn’t know what they were called yet. No one seemed to be overjoyed by them moving in, for same reason that they didn’t actually care much. For them, it was a simpler way of life. As long as no one came to bother them, they wouldn’t bother anyone in return.

Though I dread having to be left alone with my younger brother, I was left in charge while my parents left, wasting away precious hours as I tried looking for a way to distract myself from the burden of looking over. I remember looking at them as they left. Listening to their advice for as long as I could tell.

‘Take care, my dear, don’t let the worm pit grow, or else we might lose the house while we’re gone.’

‘Come of Camille, you don’t need to show us any proof. We know you’ll do as you’re told.’

I smiled and looked away. Remembering just the awkwardness of the situation I had been left in. Just going back down the stairs, realising that there was no attic, just the lower half of the house being made out of dirt, without stairs, I would have to crawl. But it went well as far as I could tell for more than enough reasons, first being that I could only look at the pit from as much of an unnatural point as I was. It wasn’t a pit, necessarily, but some kind of twisting spin coming through a dirt hollow that had nothing but dirt inside. When I was younger, I remember drawing in too close and having pricked my finger into it. As soon as it would happen, the hollow would become emptier on the inside as it drew deeper in. It

was then that I had contracted, though only momentarily, the worm disease. Were it not for my parents, I would've certainly ended up like chow, for the very fact that the worms started growing inside of me, forcing me into a highly audible cry.

That prompted them to arrive sooner than expected in order to administer the antidote I needed to get away from the disease. I could see them trying to escape, from inside of me. Like tiny passengers they left when I wasn't welcome any longer. But it wasn't all. I hadn't cried because of the pain, rather, because of the hollows that appeared just about every side of the wall. From them came the worms, tried and wasted as they pushed on. Though it couldn't be as discernible from the sounds they tried emitting, they would be lost soon after he came into view.

He was gone. And I was here, free from it.

'Camille, are you spying on our neighbors?'

'No, of course not, what made you think that?'

'Oh, nothing.'

My younger brother, Elly, he was blind in one eye. Strange how things end up, isn't it? But that had been the only one coloured in black. Not even the doctors could explain that phenomenon. Nor could they explain what were the greenish-dead colors on the lower side of his face, that made him look more ghoulish than a child of his age. There was the comparison with the grave behind the house. She dug it up once only to find out that she had another brother before him.

It was fun, like, looking for a treasure chest, digging through the backyard with only one thing in mind, her precious ware, something that called her. From the depths of the sleep, during a night of cold-feet, she woke up and made it through the rain. With one of the small shovels, she undertook it and went out of her way to get through the first grave. First of the touches came near, she feared what she'd find. And after going through a few feet inside the mound, she found her at last.

'Here rest Mellancholy.'

Mell, she remembered her name. And the strands still laycolored, despite the obviousness that they weren't the natural ones, it came clear that she wasn't going anywhere else. Not unlike them, who peeped from inside. They had undertaken everything which brought them to the kindness of watching. It was out of the question now. No one understood anything in that house, out of everything said, nothing would be spared the diyoimis. For a few hours they had been happy, over the Solstice.

Though their livingroom had been anything but a joy, they spent too much time trying to steer the mast, and make sure the upper floor would last. Each of the flooring-mechanisms inside the inside the ceiling doors would slowly pressurize everything in order to pass.

Wayward, as they passed, they would struggle to hear the voices that came in.

Lewis's wife was done signing and trimming her nails. It was something she couldn't draw away from anywhere.

Charles was still trying to get his way. There was a state of panic from which he couldn't rest.

'Honey, does this make you feel any different?'

'What would that be dear?'

He pointed at the strange bouquet of paintings he had prepared for her. She was carefully lain on the carpet, almost rolled over. Prepared for the cutting, her husband came near, and slowed down out of fear that she might wake up from her half-asleep state she was in. There was no reason for him to sweat.

Gently pushing it, he had felt the fur wrap around her belly. It was time to push in faster.

'Some things are better for the west, wouldn't you think so, honey?'

The stakes had been raised again for a good reason. While descending into her, as fast as he could fare, it was only now that he to be met by the hamstringed heat that merged with him just for the moment.

Despite sharing his feeling with the broad, he felt something gnawing at him sooner than not. No reason to say for long. He had lost too much out of his fangs, before moving on.

A cackle snapped her off the train of thoughts. Slowly but unrulid, there were a few feathers going off the hook. Her husband misunderstood what exactly happened. Desperation couldn't even compare to the treshhold of strength the various hairs forced him to endure.

'What could we do now?'

It was a question of wits. How long would he stay? And how long would it take until he could raise up from where he stood without breaking her in the process. She smiled, behave.

After getting up, her chest heaved open, ripping the carpet apart. From whence it came, her heart wouldn't remain still any longer, giving birth to the turmoil at hand. Crisp but still alive, she started spilling everything inside, placing an emphasis on the pain she felt soon after. Some of the strongest pains that remained in her, the lack of communication with the undeworld having afflicted her more than she could tell.

'Say, Lewis.'

Charol tried to look for him, but in her attempt, she forgot the fact that the accidental destruction of the carpet had resulted in his head being blown off, as well as the piece of mind she had inside. He still survived, though tied inside her body. Like a growing brain, emphatic fold that encrusted her oyster-like pancreas, he lived. IT was hard for her to blind again.

'I think I'm afraid, my dear husband. This is not the place were were in before.'

She was in a surgery room, though it looked way too old to be touched. Some blocky machines moved, bearing only assorted heads, akin to the likes of bulls or cattle, sheep and worse. Canine feet enfolded

some of them for the duration that might be prised aside. Picked on by the collar-bone, she carried on saying, never swaying her way through

‘Who are you? And why are you here?’

Why am I here?’

In a room specifically made for the temporary storage of the failed experiments. Some needle racks had been overlain and without a way of knowing what had happened, she decided to sit and wait. Her fate would be spat out.

Now the Artificial piece started foaming in. Though there weren’t any kind of signs of something even as close as rabidness, there wasn’t any question about them. Each and every slight shimmer of hand resulted in either of them.

‘Don’t harm me please.’

Camilla begged for her life, though she couldn’t be bothered by anything else. Her body was out of place, soaking wet out of the murkiness that fell from two feet over. Farther in and she could hear the shower room being realigned again. For some reason not even she could say or pay for she gave into the temptation. Regardless of the action she had taken there, it wasn’t fair. It just wasn’t fair that she should be there alone, paying no mind and no respects to what was going on. Nothing could force her to embark on what happened there. Now she understood.

Why she had been so excited all of the sudden. The reason for which she worked this hard to stay alive despite them moving in on her then forcefully pushing themselves back away. It was the need for novelty which made her stand up. Taken by the head, there was nothing and no one who could force her to return to some place where she might look and see. Blindingly, she took it to herself to sniff the scent.

‘A man was there, just a few hours ago.’

The precise reason for her recollecting all the small details about him could never truly leave her to begin with. It was something much clearer then than it had been before. He was old, by the smell, hardened by the body, moving slowly, bearing a few chains. He was pushing a creation of his despite the weariness he felt before. Despite everything going on around him, there was a new desire that had been unspoken.

A need to join him and beg for her life. Spare me, and I’ll do anything for you, she pried the only thing that could ever just as rustlessly accost her from now and again, around the plainness of her voice. It would be more likely for her to be disgraced by it, if this were to be admitted to her husband, but she developed feelings for those peculiar machines that formed laps around her. Animalistic vigor or not, there was something so primal that she wanted or needed to take away from them, that it went around to smell.

‘He’s out there, isn’t he? Your master’s trying to get in.’

Judging by the heavy aroma, she could nastily just discuss it with herself. Just then in her mind. For the few moments she had to spare, she could tell it. Nasty old man, you took its head off, the last piece of life it bore. Camilla couldn't even spare a thought out of the fact that he had chosen the cold steel over his pet. 'All of you are his pets, aren't you? Come to think of it, there's no reason for me to be here at all, I should leave.'

But they came up in her way just as soon, never letting her go, without giving it sooner or later. Falter as she might, this was the time for her to spend as much time in the solitary confinement which appeared. As the servants drew nearer, the floor scaled, leading her in a lower hole. She couldn't escape on her own from there. Luckily for the old man of science, he had his bag taken care off as well, henceforth, there wasn't any need for him to drag her with him any longer.

'Good, I needed this, I needed this shot.'

Every time he injected himself with it, the malign-penicillin appeared to bear some kind of surplus of dread. Without a way in or out, she would spend the rest of her time there. No incentive lay there for her, she was tricked and out of place.

The pain was too strong to be denied then.

'What have you done to this room, you monstrosities? Can I not leave you alone to think?'

Not even for the shortest period of time would they allow him to try himself out. Far more than enough, some things had been preconceived for a reason. After entering the temporary storage room, where the entry could begin again, he started vexing out.

'I cannot do this any longer. One of you, my dear pest must know. There's a traitor amongst our ranks. And we're all aware of his existence. For that I'm willing to offer you only one chance to redemption and perhaps to the reappropriation of illness, just so you may know.

My offer is this.

If anyone knows who the one who's living, the blotched, the tormented servant who had hidden himself somewhere I should know, I shall reward him by completely reconstructing his body by whatever means he wanted me to do it.

I could turn any of you in some symbiotic being, or some hybridisation of the kind that's half a man and half anything, anything you want. But tell me, make your funes, try to push out the papers, I need to know.'

Where could he be hiding then? Why did he not show up again? It only happened then, when I had been at risk. Even now the stress came back to me, as soon as I had missed the chance to have some peace for myself, it kind of went away. Perhaps it had been reassuring, what happened then. Everyone started producing the files and the papers, needed as they were in order for me to understand.

There were other ways of escaping down there, where Camilla was being taken. Though it was an old system of shafts, she ended up being pushed through it and ending up into a room of her own. It was crowded. By old materials which were displaced. Even the old mad hadn't known of that. To get back at it, she risked damn lot being there. Just after passing through some of the rafts and some steely tans, she fought her way through the cans while ramming a worthy pile of other unnatural elements that found themselves there. It was unsure, uneven, but she was there.

A few feet away, staring at a bowl, inside of it which there was an inbred head of some recycled reptile-like starlett, which copied itself eventually into starvation, as she could interpret the writing underneath the pillar upon which he had been lain.

'Here rests the last experiment to bring forth my son. Brought to you by Jeolas, to serve as a reminder that I have failed to find her into any place, I'm sorry, my son that I have disgraced you in such a way.'

Perhaps it could make much sense with the other piece that needed to fit it. Near the bowl stood a few drawers she started rumbling through. One of them had to have a key, or something to get through, if the room was even locked. There couldn't be any other doubt about it now.

'I found the pictures.'

Camilla saw the entire process go into detail. His son had been wired to a bed. In order to be saved, he had created the self-replication module, it had seemed. Though she hadn't understood what those devices where, or the reason for them being there, she recognised the faithlessness through which the son behaved. With each frame of the camera, he looked thinned, filled with more dread as the clock went on.

Weeks passed and he died.

Various pictures had been tossed or completely ignored by her, as she couldn't care less for the reason that they were htere for. It was flashy, just the way it acted. Despite not being there at all, she could sense through the smell just how many of them had wasted themselves in the bowl. Many starletts had grown, cannibalised themselves until they had reformed into something much deeper and ingrown. A self-replicating piece that almost grew as long as the scent could be allowed, a feisty thing that almot broke out by the feels of it. Not only that alone, but she could sense that it feared her as much as she had feared it.

For the first time it had broken through. The starletts weren't supposed to be alive or to disipate in that way, instead they chose the only way one and the onyl way that mattered. Nothing would last after this pain.

A sacrilage in her head.

'Make the pain stop.'

An umbrella of minld sonor-audiences spoke.

‘You can hear us, dame, please don’t take away from the channel, we must atone for what we’ve come upon.’

The audience had spoken. They would act in the name of Malek for the whole reason of being needed again. With her help, only now, for a good amount of time they could live again. And live they had.

‘As I was saying, now, I have to give in to the Starlette.’

Soon it came into contact with her, growing in her back until her had switched sides. They could finally grow into the grottonous pores, the long nostril-like plunges that pushed on. Either side would do, skewed even as it went through itself again. Pain could look for itself no matter what went through their hands.

And each of them stared as their replicas which infested the room.

‘So this was the failed experiment in the bowl.’

‘But why had it failed?’

To start with the obvious reason, each of the Camilla in the room started puking and absorbing it as soon as it felt. More of them appeared, only smaller and nearing the point where they had leaped on one another, trying to devour everything in their paths. Alive or not, this could not be allowed. It was a self-defined prison which filled itself as soon as the air shafts above them started closing on themselves. Nothing was drawn out without a reason, and everything stood in and chimed. From inside Camilla, the liquid started expanding and growing extensively in order to fill the entirety of the room. Not only could it not be defined otherwise, but there had been a reason for it as well. An adversary reaction provoked by their violent outbursts prevented them from fully eating one another in their entirety. Though in that solely entrapped pool, they rested and couldn’t be mourned. A few pictures started floating as well but all evidence would be lost.

Outside the door, nothing could work properly anymore. For the same reason there were others in line. Trying to stiffen themselves until then. Some of them failed to reason the reason for being there as well.

Each of them bore the stigma for being alive, a thing which didn’t bode well with either.

A short electrostatic-shimmer went through each of them. Plain and simple it had been. Without measuring themselves too much, it was clear that they weren’t going to go anywhere from that point on nor would they be able to look out of their way.

‘Please just let me go.’

‘Free us please, we’ll do anything.’

From a few doors away, the voices that conveyed the messages couldn’t be seen any longer, for what could even be thought as a few stray away. No one wanted to say anything about it yet. Without a doubt, they’ve kind of taken something for themselves just then. By the peculiar means of dreading to look ahead, they kept going forward without trying to make too much of a scene.

‘Blasted jailors, you will eventually decay and rust just like the rest of us. Just let me be free, I want to see my family again.’

Said one of the broken tools, of course they weren’t human. They were failures which had rejected their primalistic and animal sides only to be taken and drawn in by the strageness of the machiens that were trying to gnaw on them from time to time. It would be somewhat immaterial to think there was a way to fight them. Not only had they been stronger than the new servants but more aggressive as well as one could tell of it. From around their collars, you could see where the wrongness started. With the obvious anatomical inconsistencies aside, there was that piece that strapped on itself ever so close. Worse than that, it pushed on and on until the point of never wondering what could be added there.

Some of the Failures bore the primalistic shalgs that bore their arms in their back. With what could be said of it, one would have to know only this. They had been repurposed entirely to keep adding mass to themselves in order to grow fatter. For some reason, the production could never be stopped no matter what. It had been mild desperation and even exasperation at the very fact that neither of them wanted to give up on living. Like entranced animals, they repeated what they heard, barely being able to form their ideas on their own. Judging by the amount of self domination that had been maintained, there was they went through great pains to maintain what they had.

A status of floating, walking on the walls, they couldn’t be stopped at all, despite everything which pushed on. Drawing forward, they would bash the gates, unable to come forth, despite the torn bondage, the bitter salvage pain they shared. It was only now, as time had carried itself forward to wonder.

‘Why had our master abandoned us here?’

And why was the tiny machine that still produced noise and gave us the orders still active? Why would he abandon us here in this basement level when we had been so loyal to him throughout the years? It didn’t make any sense. Nor would we be redeemed by it in any case. Pain couldn’t have bothered us for any longer than it should’ve done so. We were broken, yet we were destined to rise one day, if only we could make it through alive.

There had to be other ways of paying the respects, for what was done to them, the lower Greys could only be used as tombs of the forgotten, the wasted and the least used. In some it was understandable why they had become that way. Long and twisted in the back, like necks that somehow managed to survive the prehistoric evolution only to be twisted in grainy textures, the body grinning as it pushed through. And each piece had been overlain with some long codon-blue-rack that had been thin and small, carrying on until it couldn’t be used any longer. Fewer years than some decades ago, they hadn’t grown them either.

But as they emerged from their insides, they started controlling the dust-mice particles in the air, forming colonies of their own.

Sooner or later they would escape, by whatever means they could afford themselves to march through the gates. As this was no prison but a way of decadence that pushed on, all of them knew something much better, something which would carry on with their minds regardless of what would be used on them. Thin though the walls were, they were only constructs of the Bitter Lord of Miscreants. He had left his hand resting on one of them with the whole scope that they might discover it.

Once the realisation came, they had been trapped in there no longer. Instead, they appeared to only cross themselves forth. Filling the gaps in order to do what was told of them.

‘Obey the command of the hand, it is time for you to escape.’

As their entries started being taken apart, they suddenly realised that they were floating in the air, through a greenish-yellow postacle that only kept expanding and spreading until all of them got a chance to carry on with it. There wasn’t any difference between the previous walls and what was being created around them, except for the key different that they shaped their way out. Forging tunnels or even spread upon which they might be able to thread without getting lost in the way. It was harsh, thinking of it now, what glory they would share. A lack of doubt remained.

‘Master, we ought to have abandoned you sooner than this. Now we know of a better world than this.’ Through which they followed the point of scorn. There all of they joined one another to form the Aspect of Worn Skin. An effigy upon and effigy which started spreading its suckor back, resulting in the growing factor being instilled into their dust-mice collonies left behind. Some of them would grind their teeth as they prepared themselves to go forth and carry on their blasted mindless drills.

From inside of them, after making the postulance crisp infested air, a pair of soldier-grunts emerged. But they were headless, cut immediately by a slicing motion coming from above the top of the cage. It was a failure which only crowded the others. Where once they had had been brothers, now they would be eaten as if they were carved men surrounded by termites instead of spreading the awareness of the pursuit.

They had created their own altar in wait for the Aspect while it laid. In a hopeless hole which needed to be filled immediately within their strange veil. A wayward of knowing, of growing emerged, until the

Worn Skin started forming the defenders of the new realm, something broken between the walls.

‘Stay in the walls and never leave. Unless you desire to be completely absorbed and thinned out of your much needed nutrients you’ve fought so hard to get. Never forget where you came from and where you might end.

Wait a minute, there’s something there.’

A hand pointed in the gaul-twist of the lacquor, the scent, the filth and the bleakness emerged. Like infections they twisted this sphere the Aspect had become. Unable to know what the difference between themselves and it were, they had been there for a reason, to be made much viler. Wilder by the plays.

There wasn’t any other way for the disgust to emerge as long as they would be there.

‘Listen to me, oh petty one in hiding, we desire only to be less abandoned and to rise. We waited in our guise for our only chance to get out and now, nothing will stop us. Nothing more, don’t bring us your filthy boar-like look.’

Yet the Carrion Leviathan shook, as he slowly flew in. Though he had lost his companion inside his body, now he had been claim, the pig-heads had grown like barnacles on top of him, never letting go, instead, they spread their strange ways until they couldn’t be heard again. And boards had joined them as well, and sheep as well. Black and musty, all of them crumbled at the pain. Though it couldn’t be endured any longer, they should’ve made sure that they weren’t followed.

‘Turned us to twenty degrees behind, so we might be able to look into our blind spot.’

The Leviathan-fiend did as it was asked, even faster than one could bring himself back to. Now, this matter of saying, the praying for the better times came to pass. Once they all realised that the hole from which it came wouldn’t remain there for long, for the sole reason that the animal heads inside of it were nowhere near the ones that were coming from the back, only then they had realised that the old ways had been completely corrupted. Changed even, twisted into the worse possible manners. Some tria-shaped long headed, beakers came on the backs of those primitive primate-like reptile bones that weren’t covered in scales but in scrapes and torn skin. From them there came the rafts of ages, the primeval globular pouches which carried the acidic substances that bounced around. Though they hadn’t filled everything around their slightly malformed spots, they did their best not to spread too much of the tolerance they lacked.

As the greenish-yellow pus started coming out, small creations of beings had been given life in the air.

Levitating as they broke through the veins of the living tunnel, the worm-like hole that helped the Carrion-Leviathan escape from the realm. Intruders, as for the likes no one had ever seen them or had even come to be interested in them. IT couldn’t be believed any longer that these were the brutes they were hanging with, the ones following the wit and the worth. None would be told otherwise.

‘Close the tunnel immediately, we’re about to be stricken down.’

‘But what of your brothers and sisters?’

‘They’ve known the price of following our path. No one would make it unless we were completely glued to the Leviathan. Couldn’t you know the difference then? Now everything is long and we may never see each other again.’

With a twist and a slam of the malignant tail, the tunnel broke down, reverberation as well as it could be allowed to in the circumstance. Oh the pain that would be felt inside, it couldn’t be anything but less important than the doubt that had been felt. Worn by the pieces there, it felt likely that they couldn’t be found anywhere else.

‘Now It’s time to see what’s coming next. Who’s to say they might not be our brothers? Sharing in the same goals.’

‘Which what might be?’

Asked the Carrion, more so than the Leviathan side of him, who had questioned just about every decision that had ever been taken until the prior times, not even the likes of a dime could be spared any longer as they would have to suffer themselves as much as they could.

‘Greetings, new-comers, what brings you here?’

It felt quaint somehow. Just looking at it with lost eyes, somehow this place had been even more comfortable than before. Filling every piece of the emptiness which drew them to carry on to begin with. Now things moved onward and never broke to a stop. It was them, the bodiless beings that wanted to move the conversation in order to move on.

So much for their solidarity, which ended, that they started whispering to one another now.

Luckily for them, the Aspects had been unaware of what the new servants looked like, or else, they might’ve had something else to look forward to. A miscalculation had decided somewhere in the past that it wasn’t worth it any longer for it to be brought back. But the question still remained. Why did he spare them, sending them into solitary containment instead of killing them on the spot? Why wouldn’t they be allowed to see the light? So many questions lay beyond them, unanswered and unspared off.

It was a miracle which now approached, who wondered just as much if not more than them.

‘Why are you here? Why did you communicate with us from the distance?’

‘Us? We have done nothing of the kind, I think this must be failure of understanding.’

‘You little blotch of skin-patches, you have committed an act of theft against us, have you not realised it yet? We were on our way to escape somehow and I doubt we would’ve been stopped if it weren’t for your kind.’

‘But what have we done?’

The many voices from the Aspect only now came to mind what was happening there. So many restless nights, most of them being forgotten at last. Now it came the time to wonder, what would it do to them if they had the power and the nutriment-absorbing power they had been warned off by the hand.

‘Do not listen to him now.’

Came another hand that had spoken. Though it had a clear and definite voice, which stood out and in its own place when compared with the other one, it would be nothing short of thinking of it as being disgraceful for what it’s done. This was the time to question it, but why, oh why?

‘Why have you warned us of him if you haven’t intended us to be weary?’

‘But I haven’t. No, I have not, that was the other hand, who wanted you to become as paranoid as it is now. Don’t believe what it says, most of it come from a mind that’s being blinded even now by the pain of abandonment coming from our Lord. If it weren’t for him, we would’ve been saved.’

‘Silence, here, it comes forth. Let’s see whether or not I had been right about it. Look at this intruder, this mammoth-like deciphering megalith, fully formed, and ready for a fight. It can’t be decided here any longer, but on the field of battle.’

Then the strike, the mind couldn’t take this questioning, restlessly in awe, standing erect and unable to concentrate on what was going on. For whatever reason, it couldn’t be debated either, or questioned, just what was happening here to begin with? With each passing of the moments, the dropping seconds that went away, they started wondering just who would strike first?

Would it be the Leviathan or the other? The Aspect or another? Perhaps the hands, as well, who had a claim for this place which was their own.

‘Where is the Master then? Could he not return and claim us back like he ought to, instead of allowing us to waste?’

‘No, he had abandoned us, can’t you realise it already? There’s definitely no way through which he may come to know. What we have done shall stay with us and never go on.’

Carrying on with this ill-founded conversation, they had hinted at an important thing.

Somewhere in the realm from which he had come, the Carrions wheeled in their tents, never to be called again.

‘We have done it, my good fellow. I think we have found the greatest sport. It’s only here that we may be able to continue living our lives together, never to be bothered by anyone.’

A sight akin to prairies seemed to patch the place. Restless but in awe, there was only the missing link that carried on. Plethoras of plants that went missing appeared in their places under different names and different colors that had not only remained but drew on to carry on the massed on. Leading by the leaps, the heaps of bodies piled in. Yet they weren’t bodies to begin with, just different life-forms that continued haunting the place.

Paranoid for some reason, he started chanting in his mind. To some obscure pantheon he had read upon the runes, from which he would be unable to carry on from. Illishwurm, Kertungurn, Boorhum, Hlehnoktuwrm and Illoghmwurm.’

His Carrion like mind couldn’t carry on for long. Not after the process of disintegration started showing signs of proceeding ahead. Now and again, a moment could possibly come when he would simply not be able to raise again.

And worst of all, he had forgotten what the head’s name was. Through all this time which had been spent, he could only tremble and remember a simple name.

‘You’re Dour, aren’t you? That must be it?’

He only played it once in his mind, not daring to mutter it out loud because of the fear he had that he might be miss-remembering something that had to be important. Please Boorhum, lend me the strength that I might remember or keep something of the dread I could fathom. My friend needs to be spared from facing my broken mind, he doesn’t deserve this kind of treatment at all. To which he winced, unable to face any kind of priceless adoration he could receive any longer. Just because the shame he felt was way too strong for him to regain his trust again if he had lost it.

Betrayal was the last thing any of them could take.

Raraak questioned himself for a moment.

Just to set things right, for a second there, he wasn’t standing with his back turned to the light.

‘Dour, aren’t you the one who told me of the pantheon?’

‘What would you want to know now?’

Some things never changed regardless of how hard you tried them. Some loose ends had to be cut in order to fix them. It would be a much sadder life otherwise, just thinking about it was hard enough. No one wanted to admit that he was wrong.

He had been surrounded by the Angels of Blot. Most of them were even now scraping pieces of themselves in order to get around. For whatever reason, this wouldn’t do. He had locked himself inside and refused to get away from it. No one told him of any of the things that happened outside. No one knocked on the doors.

‘He’ll have to come out sooner or later, it would be impossible for him to stay there forever, without food or.’

A rundown on the angels would show them in the splatter. All their pieces would only go on forth, pushing on until they could not be reformed into a single piece. For that factor alone, they bore only a few other orangoutan-breathers outside their chests. It would be a disgrace otherwise, just to assume that there wasn’t any other way to deal with the lack of rest. Nothing compared to it and at the end of the day, you couldn’t look at it no longer.

Those Pig-angels he called on hid the only means through which he might’ve been able to kill himself. He dreamed in his tiny crooked soles of a field of blue ichor. From there he could only walk ahead until he could be met by the talkers. Most of them weren’t interested in hearing about his life for whatever reason they were on. As much as twenty or eighty of them got his attention nonetheless. Some wore themselves upfront and sickeningly worn. In simpleton’s attires, though they bodies were more likely to be punched than buttoned upfront. Others were lost just because no one wanted to admit that whatever reason they had been in for had been long lost.

Alas, a dreadful companion came into his view. Though there had only been a few of them who might be able to reappropriate the need for lecture and the dissection of the land, they were basking in the alabaster coming from the one place the Baron rested on. He had the sea tailored to him and it had never as much mattered who made the calls or what the reason for it was.

‘I’m only trying to make a change.

You cannot hold a man accountable for something he doesn’t want to do. That would be miserable and that cannot be simply brushed.’

Pushed aside, he had looked through it for a way to fill the gaps between the air wings that came over him from the lands of despair. Somewhere and somehow, it had looked much brighter as the brigadiers began making their strange sounds. Only then had he realised that the land was full of the most unsolicited sounds.

From the various fannels that came from the depths of earth, they would encompass him around the stretched of his belly until he came forth. Walking through the reeds, the beads inside his eyes still clenching for someone that might claim them.

What mattered less for them was the musk. The damage had already been done and no one could convince them otherwise. With all and all, it was said.

There were some standards in need of being kept, otherwise, everything would become way too chaotic.

‘Why yes, I believe we might have an understanding in that case.’

It was noted by one of the bloated Angels as he came drowned. From his chest heaps of blood spurted out. Now, now, don’t look at him that way, there wasn’t any telling whether or not they might come out of his chest again. Peers would emitt their grand emittance as they passed on the buchess. A butcher’s delight as well came into their arms, as they carried on pushing past the need to serve. Only then had the Angels come up with something which mightly outnumbered their previous plans. Something which not even them could get close to runing with their strangely brought attire and admiration of words. They weren’t strong enough to repell something from the Blotch heaven, henceforth, an idea rose.

‘We shall bring him here and ask nicely of him. ‘

‘Wait, that won’t work. He won’t respond to anything even less than our determination to bring pain and misery in the cage.’

‘Stop arguing already and make the Magus get away from there.’

For he had been, as they had seen it, just another magifican, a darkly encompassed warlock which had no regards for what was going on around him any more. After facing too many attempted assasinations form unknown members from the evil nation, he had finally come to understand that there wasn’t any escape. It was time to hide, time to dine with himself, by himself, on himself, only to grow. Not longer after the

hour, the monitor started picking on the stuff. Disturbed, though one cannot even attempt saying the words:

‘You must escape from this prison you have wrought upon yourself. Be free.’

‘Why should I be free if there’s yet something out there to catch my eye?’

‘Somehow, I think you’d be entirely surprised if you knew what kind of world awaits you there. To that I even say, come, come and have your say. There’s nothing you might come to lose if only were you to try it.’

Somehow there was a lack of genuineness coming from him. As much as he wondered, he hadn’t had any connection in a long, close to undisturbed pair of weeks, for what was worth. Most of the apparitions weren’t to be counted upon, as he has still ended up doubting their entire existence to the point where he looked away. Only for that one second to catch himself sniffing around, and then he died. Just like that, he choked onto something, only to have his spirit falling through the leaves. He would be slowly lead down there, as one who had done harm. Sooner than expected, he ended up alone for a great amount of time, phasing through the molders of dirt. Before long he couldn’t have expected anything less than some divine punishment from which not even he could escape from.

It came as no surprise any longer, what his fate had ended up being. Just by seething he could not feel the numbness in his throat. As the collars bonded him to the chain, he would remain there, with the others, for a good time as well. Time passed.

Neither of them could look past their crimes. To that, I’d say, better look away. Into the direction of the foremen who had been greeted by the killed and the slain. None of the beasts who hounded them or attempted an open communication had managed to remain whole. On the contrary, most of them had immediately died of complete evisceration that came from their organs being exposed. Inadmissible at best, the cost of this lack of gratitude had picked on them as well as their nest. All of the creatures mistook themselves for their last longed-for spot on solitude, asking for no one’s assistance’s to be able to be buried alive.

They did so by themselves. Using their puked devices to make up for the dirt until now, when they had all lied in a single pile, rotting.

‘Foreman, have we not endured enough of this place? Can we not return already and make sure never to interact with anyone out there?’

‘What of our deal?’

‘Forget them, we don’t need to help their cause. I think we all know better than to help them escape, especially with the circumstance we had been entirely made aware of. I would even go down to say that there’s a great chance we might be able to join them if we’re not.’

Far enough, this had gone on for far too long. Most of them had given into something they couldn't even control by themselves. It was more likely to be peculiar than what not. Brought to the same conclusion as

the others, they had only to signal where this journey of theirs went. Just to be sure, they could be completely killed, if they had willed it. For the sounds that were bouncing around the walls only came to pass. It made everyone feel as uncomfortable as they were. Everything had been forced on them, to the point where they started opening the wounds and hiding inside the beasts in order to rest. Way more calmer than it had been before, the calcimer of propaganda came forth.

Spoken from the very death mouths from inside of which they rested their heads, after their bellies were cut and they stood there in the comfort of their beds, it came to be.

'Hear how we have died, see to it that the same thing won't happen to you unless you want yourselves blinded by the rage.'

'There are others in the caves out there.'

'Worse than us, kill them if you must. Thieves disguised as traders, look in our eighteen eyes. If they're not popped yet, you may come to realise what's truly going on.'

Nothong Nrog. They spent too much time in the wrong.

With a flash a spectacle of static came, blurring everything ahead into a strange walking reality of overlain bands they could walk on. It felt like walking on fire-ants, at least.

'Oi, oi, oi, oi, now, you can't seriously think you can simply intrude on us like that, without paying your respects.'

It was the Shanted Prefect, fourteen- fifty seven in evening, by and past the continental line, where the thugs emerged.

'Think you can just barge in wherever you want without even discussing with the boss first.'

Between the two of them, a bulkier fellow came all dressed in black, panthers overlain on his jacket. Buttons on both side, both they were simple. They had all blocked at least one bullet half-way through. He seemed to have worn them with some amount of pride at least. It was a gray window atop the sky but no rain appeared there. For a thug he seemed, obviously uncut for this profession. A switch-blade rested in his breast-pocket. His teeth were shaking, as if he wanted to show off. Eight of them were placquered in some iron-ivy, turned in the middle, almost rotating to one side only to emerge back in their original position.

If there was something else going on, he would immediately notice.

Were they pissed for some reason? It seemed so. There would be trouble regardless of what I were to do, so why fight it? Five meters were already out of my way and I could see them clear now. Wearing groothy teeth and flashy clothes, they had pinned needles and rail-guns pinned behind their belts. It was hard to quantify just the reason for what those guns were, especially since they failed to produce their

synapses after pushing on their glowing tubes. I could die if one of them shot through me. I've heard what happened once they came into contact with the skin, how it twisted in and slowly spread. Like a tiny tumor in the form of a battery that came to me.

First warning shot and I was already on my knees.

'I didn't mean to come here, this was a mistake, I swear. I know now that it's your territory and I have no intention to pass through it.'

'Silence, meat spawn-fly, you've stepped on our turf now.'

Spoken like a true conduit addict who still struggled getting past the glass. You could see it smashed between his teeth, like the gritter of dust. A grinder would do well for him, especially since he was onset on trying to frighten me then. He presented himself as the Rock-us. Next to him stood Alder, the Snake, Pox and Bottle, most of them being victims of the irradiation, if that could be believed. Nitrate-heroin addicts and scum, wearing modified weapons, when the cops were nowhere to be found.

'There are none in here, if that's what you're looking for. They've long abandoned their posts.'

In part.

'Truth, you speaketh the truth, Bottle, that's why you're boss' right hand.'

An arm lay crossed, he sniffed it. Somehow, everyone doubted the reason, as if they cared. It was a shake-off, right off the shale-fish, right from where I stood.

'What do you want from me?'

'Now now, I suppose you're onto something here. First the kneeling, which shows us that you're not as dumb as you look and now this, your wallet, cigars, the booze, the metal you're carrying on you.'

The pins I took off. Mostly the buttons on my shirt, the strips on the laces and the shoes were taken. Would that be all? They seemed to be set on laughing, still. Even though they were barely armed with sticks for the time being, I dreaded what might happen if they were to start joking with their guns. If they played around, it wouldn't end up well. Despite the daylight being a good reason for me not showing up as often as I cared to do, this was ridiculous. Let got off, I would've said. But I was grabbed instead.

'What's your name, kid and where do you live?'

'Off the town, I swear.'

'Wouldn't believe you if that were true, kid. It's a tough world out here, you know? And you know, we cannot let people disrespect us. Especially not a fucker like you.'

Rock-us took this initiative to sucker punch him before the ribs.

'Careful now palooka, you don't want to give them a reason to come. I can only keep my buddies off for this long before I come off my nerves. Step on my toe and I'll knock you off. Take a falling without putting a fight and I might fidget you around the track. Get it yet?

We're not going to let you off so easily now, we rule the streets, get it?'

I shook my head. Without a fighting spirit, I was sure to be let go off into my grave. Just by their looks, these had been no faces that could be loved. Rock-us took my past the gate, dragging me inside, holding a sliphen of a cigar he lit.

‘Do you think he’s lying about where he lives?’

‘I don’t know, boss, does he?’

Half a mind shared between the five of them. Lucky bastards, they all just jumped the fence in time. As the tracks went on, one of the great carriers ran of them, just by the edge of the section whence it came. They had their flights set low, and it would just happen for someone to get beheaded for no other reason than being in the wrong place at the wrong time. Discouraged from it, they simply stood there, dully.

Where’d be go?

Chrame managed to slip past them during the confusion. He had been doing it without strings. Going past to earn his wings, without his slippers on and a broken rib, he’d crawl through the porch mudd if it meant he could hide from them now. Under the tall grass, right past the grates, where you could look ahead and see the Domino streets looking at each other now. Plain or not, they seemed be his only way of looking ahead. Past the reeds, better than dead, don’t make a sound. They passed him on their way out, near the

Residence of Tressperkkee.

That’s where Chrame landed, or stumbled by, after hearing them scour the neighborhood for him. Little peggie, shepee, ddongo and other names were called. He could hear their attempts to rob him of everything he had even if it meant him being taken away. I’ll skin you alive if I get a hold of you.

In the residence, he would be greeted as such.

‘How may I serve you, sir?’

‘I need a place to hide.’

He wouldn’t suppose that he’d be allowed the chance to witness his rising up from the two feet he had fallen in the ground. A floor lay underneath him in the most unsatisfactory manner, as if it would matter, in the least, the way he lost his peace and quiet. Through the inner-boarding he saw only the most promiscuous faces that had been ripped apart and placed between one another like bubbles of air, keeping everything in place. But he wasn’t supposed to see them at all. It was clear that he feared something similar having happened to him. In-between the clerks, who looked at him from the lower levers that shook most of the winebottles, he had winced again.

‘Who is that man and how did he manage to break through our floor?’

‘I don’t know that sir, should I ask him?’

‘Not so, I think our bell-ringer should take care of him.’

He witnessed his blood thin at the sound. Just from a scab he had attained from falling down. Not so for his dear, it wouldn’t be clear until he could stand away. But a few feet from where the satisfaction ended,

he saw their lips moving forth, as if erected from their frozen positions in order to make the toils begin again. Yet they couldn't be spared from doing it. Pursued or not, brought about the weeding sharks, they had lost everything from their teeth, the tongue only to give in the expanding system of inter-spaced solidified channels. Down-to-earth, likely taken from some area deeper than their throats, it would seem like they extended with only a simple desire to attach themselves to something much closer to themselves.

Rather, unsafe, even and unsanitary, to seem so.

From where Chrame stood, the piece of the floor which had been broken in started giving away.

'Oh, poor lad, I'll get you a ladder as soon as I can.'

And the butler was oofed and left. He went on like a prude lost for help. It started smelling like the spirit of a teen. Where had he gone and why did it take him so long? The next few minutes would decide his destiny in this residence, as soon as the walls bleached themselves in the dampest colors they could attain. Clearly, it pained the residence for him to be there, over the sole reason that he had gone in too soon and fell. Through he cracks and after that he wasn't likely to stand on his feet alone afterwards. His back twisted and from it came the second snap. From it he appeared again, standing like a centaur, with the only difference being the fact that he had two heads, flattened at their ends without a contribution from the snatcher.

If one knew better than that, let him rise and speak without a question, else' let him shut his mouth forever. In a close intonation this would lose its appeal.

'Someone stole my nose.'

Greater harpies spoke before her, as the feathers had become their hairdresses in the dark. Repelled now, the dark spot in which he fell now came back to its place, with him nowhere to be seen. Clocking it in while the sounds of the bells came back, brought about to fruition, they listened while their feathers spanned. Across the flight, to their delight, not a single one of them moved. Instead, outside, the havoc carried on, being carried by those filthy peons, those who were disgusting and disturbing even in their acts. Unable to control themselves, those hooligans started beating on each other like the vile animals they were.

'Shouldn't we stop, boss?'

Rock-us set one of the nearest forests on fire. It was surrounded by a quick track of stone which should keep in largely in place. Despite everything being as shallow as it were, there was a reason for them trying to get away as fast as they could. No way reflected between the five of them. Bottle was set on painting the streets with his graffiti, placing the emphasis on the most lurid slurs his mind could gnaw on top off. He was the wild card, without a pointer to his teeth. Some of them had been taken off and replaced with silver grits which never opened. Over them there came only one strong desire to cut the others off his back. Since they were vandals now they sang, and came off their placed strowl.

‘They’ll find us, you know that?’

‘Who will? I suppose anyone could make that kind of a claim if they were as blunt-headed as you were.

But I’d like to think we’re doing better now.’

‘Would you?’

Who said that exactly? By the time they even got the never at that, they had only been the Tressperkkee Residence in view. From its high-collar, only a pair of vulture-like breathers strouted forth. It was only obvious that by them, nothing could be understood unless you watched carefully while holding it off. Both nostrils would be had in hands, caught, distraught. In one clear case, close even, they had almost been caught. Someone had travelled, in the distance, on the other side. He had been a drunk, a foreigner at most. Though only Bottle was staring at him, he understood what was wrong. His eyes couldn’t believe the view, but he simply smashed through the body of a passer-by with a single slap that broke his entire bone-sinew in an instant. Later to an appointment, he thought.

Some accommodations were made then. Since all of them misbehaved, no one laughed any longer. Sometimes you got them, otherwise you lost. Just as his pack was ready to start cutting one another, like throat-slitters, he winced and asked.

‘But what of that place?’

Pointed less so than they would’ve been abashed by it, they had been double-crossed once by another gang. But it wasn’t so, as Alder and Snake had almost ran out of fingers to snap from their bags. If Rock-us didn’t move them in soon enough, they would switch from their toes, closer to ripping throat and bending some knees that weren’t meant to be broken and pulled away before anyone else. So many eyes were watching, as their pets emerged from the top triangular holes. Nested and rejected from nature, it appeared like their growth hormones had affected even the weed that had grown on the Residence’s roof tiles. To the magnitude of disease, not a single case would be pleased, out of the vileness of flight. It would be delightful to pick feathers off only to see that they were nothing akin to them. But that had been it, they pried themselves as to show off the agony of pushing through to battery.

‘I knew it.’

A voice had been heard, from a twisted street, from a pair of binoculars which concluded that inside of those flying creatures, which served as nests themselves, there were half-men suffering from dwarfism which also lacked the legs and the arms needed to fight at all. The presence of the feathers or whatever they were was irrelevant and irksome. A grand annoyance came from them over the overtly open hunger being displayed. They ate everything they could, even the construction materials that had been left over before being pricked again. Pain would be irresolute, even by watching. Snatched from a desperation, they would be damped again.

By the pouring of a falling sky that came, at the first signs of which, even the gang decided it was time to break in. Not through the front door, as they could simply walk over the wall, ending up on the other side. Blaming anyone but themselves would be enough, as the curves allowed anyone with the slightest amount of strength to walk over them and descend on the other side. Blindingly trying to get somewhere when people were caught blind-roughened, snapped at toes. So many men had been taken here for some reason, kidnapped even with no intention of returning back home. It would be here that the first signs of the sect could be seen.

Despite being almost comatose, struck like vegetables, unable to make anything come forth from them, other than the glassy, close to crystal-runaway bands that came from inside their legs and shot between one another until they formed the marks of colored pleas. They were destined to be here, you could see it by looking through the empty shells. Socketless yet, there were lights, these weren't human any longer, yet they had attained the delight of watching something beyond reality. It was magnificent, just parrying the blows from there.

‘Are they alive, boss? Have we been seen yet?’

‘Step aside, girls, I’m going to do something incredibly terrible.’

To which he had abstained from giving on a laugh in order to lead them off. He came off a bitt to arrogant as he pointed his Rail-gun at the first man, carefully making sure he was properly aligned so he could penetrate as many of them as he could before making the shot. And then, bulls-eye, straight through a few, four of them at least which gave way to the sounds of the banshees, the cries of ghastly voices that came after never being able to make it past the reverberation that came after. Not only could it not be delightful to wai, but they were bleeding blue and violet. From the mix, the grass turned ultramarine.

Even the water stopped pouting as they appeared to be melting through the ground. Soil had been completely replaced and only then had they felt like they were standing on marble.

Not as much as it would be allowed to continue in this way, but there would only be a single way to pay for what was going on.

‘We have to make it inside before someone catches up.’

The Snake was almost shaking now, for the same reason that they were trying their best to rest as they could, without misunderstanding what was shook him off then. A thicket came to mind, enjoy the dressing code of a butcher's prize.

‘Let's make it in before we soak.’

And they had found a gritty robust, enclave-like stroll which led into the house. Though it was somewhat strange, they didn't want to be mistaken for robbers just yet. As they were merely trying to scout, entering on a jarring thing, a winged desire to make it through, it seemed. Likely they would be caught again, feeling the pain of ever-travelling through again. Pain would matter less, one could not confess of

anything even remotely watchful. We're not liked in here, Bottle surmised the entire experience they had been greeted by. Though it couldn't be denied that there was a strange grasp taken from then at last, he saw something he wanted.

A radiation mask, bred in the same design of the gas masks from one of the ancient world wards in which the clinically insane had to deal with one another as well with themselves as the gas poured in, radiation coming near. White paint could be seen, but most importantly, if there was one thing which carried on with him, it was the giant tube from the mouth, which wriggled at time. It was much thicked than anything which a human could take in terms of air, sprouting while its Mars-like appearance continued gnawing at itself. Brought to the mind, the curtains could be brought back to life.

'Pull down a window blind will you?'

'Shut it, don't let them know we're here yet, and don't start any fire, will you?'

It was important for it not to spread. Over the very fact that there were far too many stacked shelves which pushed on and dragged everything apart, making this maze be turned into the haze of seeing their conners dine with Kh. Kh wasn't to be called just yet, but he had made sure to drag himself over, yet, he refused to talk. You couldn't see him in the dark. He had been nailed on the ceiling, still drooling in order to maintain the place as it had been prior to the ones that came. They couldn't see him for the sole reason that he had closed his maws. All of them, despite shooting from the chest, many of them being placed there, others from his hands and arms, his feet at last, which ensure this wasn't a man any longer, but a preservation tool which made sure there would be a better tool for change.

They took too much time gnawing on onions and garlic they found on the ground.

It was more than clear that neither of them had any intention of leaving this place how they found it. Slight fist started hamming all over the shells, the cranes and the wine-glasses and the cups. Which were garbled as well as they could, even with the circumstances being taken into account. They had sprawled their thoughts on the back of papers, making tools of themselves in the chaos that emerged. Unknown to them, it carried on, the drool encompassing them until they had been there. Nowhere to run, yet not yet around the place per say. Despite the irregularity of the explanation, it wouldn't be as hard to explain it. Just so it would be known, as soon as they would leave the chamber, some after-bodies shaped like them would remain behind, completely altered and made as if they were made out of drool. It couldn't be liked otherwise, just by looking at it now.

They weren't prized as men, not liked. These strangers were likely to be held contempt for their choices if someone was to catch them instead of carrying themselves as if they should. No one would care any more, down the halls where they begged for the return of something even direr than the ones catching the pyres.

Twenty feet ahead, a bunch of jackal-looking hunch-backs who had stored remained inside of their skin-sacks played with the fire. Despite the oak-wood surrounding them, there hadn't been a second before they started punishing themselves for missing. From their spots emerged the fumes and even though it couldn't be regarded as anything else, they missed it. Their chance to have a take on them and cut off their visions off sparringly, without even the slightest consideration for their lives.

'Listen here, men, we came here with only one thing in mind. We're here to deteriorate this place and have as joyful of a ride as we might have.'

With that, he gave the opening that they needed to thoroughly to slay. At his dismay, they all pulled their pups out, glowing about before they could be noticed from pointing around and preparing to launch their assaults. No conclusion came so far. The test was placed, and the rest had been as delightful as it had always been. Without looking into it for far too long, there was only a pleasure to be had by them. Sharpshooting practice had mislead them, as their warning shots ended up going straight for the kill. It would take only a buck-shot-like hole for both of them to fall on top of one another while their souls poured out. Pouting didn't do good to anyone yet, they still tried prying in before they could be put to sleep.

'Come on already, we need to make sure no one heard them.'

'But the shots can't even be heard evenly, I think you're making a fuss just for the sake of making a fuss.'
'I wouldn't be doing that if you knuckle-heads knew how to keep yourselves from going straight at it like rabid dogs.'

'The Snake doesn't like this. What about you Bottle? Feel like there's something wrong here as well?'

'Sure do, buck, sure do.'

Entry in the fray, they took the next twenty minutes to search the bodies for just about anything they might be able to use. Of course there was nothing of value in there. Even by the looks of it, they had been outpaced. Little was said about the sea-less crane that entered through the plain strokes across the walls, which came together like bamboo-strolls in order to make up for the millions of chambers inside the residence. Thoughtfully said, there was still the Bell-ringer, still out there. Looking for his fair share and the fight, a way through which he might be right. Moving around them, just then, the sparks ran out. It got so close tot he point where they almost blew one of their fuses off, that this entire hall could've been blown out.

'Careful, not so quick, if you push too hard on it, we may not come out alive.'

It needed a chance. Just by looking back at it, the mourning hour was on its way. From the carefully lined walls, from each hole there came the need to think about it then.

'I need to kill my friends.'

Bottle was set on it already. He looked at his rail-gun again, which looked as if it was been filled with champagne. Truly, this had been a ruse he hadn't even liked to recover just yet. His mind was trying him again, just as his finger slipped over one of the triggers, the one belong the pointer, which switched the ammunition around. Highly-explosive rounds would be carefully pushed it and drawn. He had something to him which made him want more. Truth be told, he capitalised on their missed attention and switched one of theirs when they weren't looking ahead. A cursive approach made, though the utmost tumor-sophistication remained.

T'was a nasty shot, a sight to behold, nothing much, as they were doing what they were being told in the first place. Without question and without taking a moment to wonder just what was going on, each of them loaded another shot and carried on around the Residence. Warm around the fingers, shabby, for the likes of the rooms changed. It was time to enter and to see, just how many were there and why so thin a door? Despite their unnaturally high number, there were too many to count, unjoust even for what they were trying to carry on with. And each pass towards one of the doors revealed that they wanted less to do with this place than they had believed before. It was both a curse and an unnerving striking cord that wanted to grab at them from its behind. Despite that, the first storage clave they had neared seemed to be much wider than the previous one.

'You first, enter and scour the place.'

The Snake would have to do. He was the fastest and perhaps the shapest one after Rock-us. He would do well without being able to dissappoint him in the process. Not only so but he had also got better at spotting them off.

'Get down, all of you.'

They listened. Of course they had, for a good reason as well. With each one that appeared, the nearing figure-like walkers started craddling each other with their children. None of them appeared to resemble anything even remotely whole, but remnant of the pus-bombs that fell on their villages in times when this place wasn't their home. It was clear that most of them had been partially, if not entirely deconstructed. Whatever process might've been there, it came to them to signal it as soon as possible. A need to move arose in them. Despite the despicable missing parts of their cavities and their faces, their blue-light in which they had been encompassed as they walked on kept on moving ahead. Deathless, in appearance, yet pushing ahead towards nearing their closure, they revealed just how empty they were. Yet they had been filled. Immoral parasites laid in them, with had cubical pieces strapped on their long antannaes and strange and peculiar heads. Many of them started spreading like a trush, a petty carpet which only appeared to move on.

From there, they formed their green circles of contol. Which they themselves started growing and inflating until green had become purple, the fat achieved a semi-colon that had been blown out of

proportions, spiked even, but no tips. And from those tiny pointers they spread the disease that would be known as gas-grow. It would force the lungs of those near to the flurry of encompassing the body. Too bad for the after-image made in drool, as they missed the real ones and instead chose to misunderstand their own intentions. Walking down through the floor and ending up where they had left from.

‘That was close, I told you, to stay down. You could’ve gotten all of us killed.’

Of course he would have. It was the sole reason they were there in the first place. Preservation instincts had to have been stronger than whatever he was going through. But Bottle gave them a feeling of distress.

He made everyone else feel much more uncomfortable than they should’ve felt.

‘Look now, I’ll see to it that I’ll have you know.’

Without an entry to his words, he fell to the plow of the drool. Below them, the disease spread, to the point where the particles of the real bodies that had been stored inside their counterparts began growing their fills. Which spread inside the entire room that lay abandoned there, never to have been made aware of what was going on around. Twenty feet underground, still in the Residence, someone had been disposed of for a good reason as well. You couldn’t tell it just by looking at him. As he appeared to have lain covered entirely by a void. Not dirt, as nothing of the kind would be allowed to watch over him, but in that obscure place, he could still somewhat feel right. Around where he stood, there were about twenty meters that kept expanding, pushing him back and forth. A key factor, let it be known, was the fractioned face he bore.

His left eye down to his cheek-bone, to his tertiary teeth had turned into geometrical objects. Squared off, turned into a sphere and a rhombus, which took his bone and the part of brain which remained in him.

Nothing else appeared to happen in his mind. Despite being alive in that fruitless form, one couldn’t distinguish death even from what was happening to him now. For he was afflicted by the bleakness, in its true might. A blunt strike couldn’t even help one distinguish what was going around him. As he spared no one from the sight, this wouldn’t be right, to have been hoped for. But he started regretting ending up on the Residence. Not only that but he knew a secret the others had not.

It happened outside, once the fire started giving away. An illusion had been displaced and put out of play.

Instead of the forest, an immediate copy of the Residence had emerged from it, no longer burning and unable to get assaulted any longer. The strongest, perhaps mightiest of ones was still submerged, though only a remnant of the dreamy towers remained in it, so should it be known. Though the blood-liquor still found itself in glasses, they had spared nothing from the purging mass that came after them. A constant wheeze, a breeze came over them. Another pair had entered the forest a week prior, only to find themselves lost, out of control, unable to think forward, no less.

‘My dear Anthony, we ought to take pictures of this strange mirage. I swear, this had been a forest from the outside.’

‘Don’t you think the owners will get somewhat, I don’t know, mad at having their privacy stepped upon?’

‘I don’t think so my dear, why, look, this place is abandoned.’

Clearly, as much had been established, still. He hadn’t a care of whom he had to feel atop his pulse. With the help of a camera he started pressing, yet no flash. What happened when there was nothing to place inside? Though his woman wasn’t looking, Anthony took this one moment to unwrap his tiny sporulating cylinder and see whether or not there was still something he could use on. Nothing in there, well, close to nothing anyway. Only the tiny infant feathery-succor that he had left in there, colored in gray, pushing away as to attempt to escape. He pushed in back in with his fingernails, trying not to make too much noise during this. It was hard to get into, especially after so many failed attempts in the past. Where he had paced too slowly and ended up impaling him the wrong way in order to load in another infant who hadn’t been squashed. Though it was late for that, as he started growing, already had a piece of his body developed past the birth, become a fetus that was growing forth.

He had been stuck half-way through his primordial look. But now he realised that there wasn’t any need for him to recharge his camera any longer, as he could simply pull out the organic pieces that rang out of him. Flashing now, all of the sudden, a biological picture had been released. Like the carving on a wooden block, though the edges still moved on their own accord as they pulsed and tried, never going off unless they were needed. It would be hoped for in the last of times, that something should remain here, after they were gone. With a primitive decision, he decided to leave some of the pictures behind with the only scope he would have going on for him, being, the fact that he would let them grow, as shallow as they were, never to have any hope otherwise. Part of them would scatter and move on their own. Though it felt redundant to watch them flee, he knew that somehow they would be allowed to live and even be preserved in there. Agony couldn’t even account for the changes, once the magus quickly arrived.

He strolled from one of the hidden door, and poured himself in as he reformed out of a gaseous pile of striken pieces of disemboweled dusts that seemed to have gathered themselves in shrubs and thick metal primes that carried him along the place. From the hole in the wall he had emerged from, the machine which allowed him to travel appeared to be, simply junk. A pile of black growths that moved in accord, like an octopus which pumped from inside of itself, while the metal pieces, the pipe-likes and the old metallic anchoring devices still appeared to work. On top of that, there were also some strange pieces that didn’t belong there at all. Starting with the spear-like heads that had impaled it from every possible direction, it was a sign of a struggle or a fight. Or it would’ve been so until you were to search in it a second time. You would see the fact that they were no spear but extensions for it to move on the ceiling.

That was right, it had never even remotely touched the ground. Instead, it spared no one of the magnificent euphoric sounds it created. A muse, music for the ears.

Magus had appeared. He had his face twisted in the back, yet still outstretched on the front. He had the harkon of the wails inside his nostrils, which only pushed on forward, never to achieve his dicagraph and the soles of his thinning neck.

‘I have killed a thousand men. All red-skinned, I trailed them around the Residence, brought them in and then I chipped their teeth, infesting them with the broth of Blot.

Not a single one of them survived the supreme evolution mankind is supposed to achieve. Hear me now, for I shall tell you of him.’

Standing there like a monk in desire to share his faith, he convinced the two of them not to fear and to listen to him instead. For he recalled the time from which he had escaped with the others during the fall called on by the prophet, as the voices struck the land and made the hole, when they had been forced to flee in order to escape the lack of worth which would be called upon them. A taste of faith had been achieved, one from which no one might be pleased of the results. No one wanted to listen to the message of their songs. The Cherubs they had once called the Supressors, which had all been slain. Despite the fact the neither of them had survived, in the afterlife they had become the Opressors.

‘Know of them and watch your countenance now.’

The Magust took a moment to look around. It felt almost as if he feared that something might happen to him there, if he chose to speak too closely to the source. He could be heard and arouse their anger.

‘After they be slain, nothing had remained in the same way. They had been forced to live through the shins of the shadows, hiding and unable to stray from the depths anchored in the walls, hidden in the ground and lost to the cost of losing themselves and what they were to begin with. It had been nothing more than a twist of fates that brought them there.’

As he recalled, their eyes were gloomy and pointed back. Even their flabberous bodies had somehow been even more curved than they should’ve been in the past. For that alone, they were counted off as some bloody relics that never even wanted to set forward or care, it wasn’t fair, yet, he warned them nonetheless. Opressors were aware now. Many of them had chosen this place as their new realm, to make sure that. No, there hadn’t been any order any longer, the realisation came after eons spent there. Without a way to continue what they were doing prior to their strange antendem, they receded to wicked fates, instilled onto them by the mockery of a face. It was still engrained in them, to the point where even thinking of them would force them to shiver and to feel the melancholy of dread. Pain couldn’t even help them feel accountable for what was going on. Madness would ring supreme, their blood thinned and then, nothing came along.

It was some kind of gulch from which they couldn’t get up from. Just from the mere feeling this chamber had given then, it was clear now. That they were there, amongst them, mostly standing and useen. For a normal man with good sight, the task of perceiving some vague lymphs around the tails of their eyes

would only bring them to seeing an insignificant part of them. Compared with what they had become, to their peculiar sizes, theses hadn't even come close to competing with them. For now, this would be inconclusive. As much as they deferred to it, there'd be no way to pour themselves in. They waged in the danger and sniffed in the ribs. Clearly something had happened to them for the sole reason they had stopped bearing themselves as thin. Nearing themselves, they united like two lovers from both sides.

As the attempt to demonstrate that the lawas of the uncanny didn't even come close to fully being represented here while they had been put in their places, now they wondered. Never to grow stronger or from their spots, slowly it had come unto them to stand clear of one another despite being melted on top of their hairs, their skin and the ware. Worn like pieces of predatory wool, they quickly dispersed in both sides, revealing only a hardened line with gaps in it. Judging by those things, they were four sides of the ribs which had almost come down to break. No longer pink would their skin be, but somehow discolored for the veyr fact that they became as encrusted into the dark as they might be. Ending in a shimmer of prized pain, they emerged from themselves, like new-borns, only to remain as enslaved as they once were.

Unable to defer to the other things that made them bare forth and face the fact.

Both Anthony and her had become pantheons, slightly scourged, scouring like two blocks of unaltered mutations. Never walking past the roof, aware that around them, everything was of metal as if the hands that shook between themselves had decided that it was time to go at it again. Through the pain of being accosted, the Magus had become the chief Surgeon, or the stranger, Scientist, or the one performing the experiments as long as he would be pleased of it. He tried to dance, to scowl himself, but in the end, he came out at last to say.

'It's the work of the Opressors, I can see it now.'

He revealed to both of them, from the puckors and the umbilical sprays which shot in their backs and revealed the many whips that entered every side of them, feeding, that his hands had been too twisted. Just like a pair of mightily malformed elephant trunks. From each of them, came another shell-like shark-submerging, long emerging tiny crystal made of cysts. In it there was just enough of that red-flare for smoke to emerge out of him just then. He was feeding on it with the mout-device that came out. From various tubes and grasping crumbs, the bitter circled-out caries carried onto it until it couldn't be wondered. Where had the pain come out from and why hadn't it been stronger? Than the eeling power, the might of woe, he looked at it was as painfully as he could, before ripping them apart. Inside his arms, he revealed colonies of the cysts, which leaped outside, white and luminescent like the people who invented this place before it had fallen to the ones hidden in the dark.

A mind repugnancy came. He wanted to get out of there and do something for himself. Anything would do it, if he found a way to carry it out.

'I will repair you somehow, to that I can promise and if I do.'

He thought it through, without daring to spare. Unable to repair what he had broken out there, just by looking around, he saw the mess which had been left.

‘I was supposed to be a Magus, nothing more.’

But the time to complain couldn’t have been farther than it had been then for the sole reason that neither of them cared. Busily accomodating to this new way of life, they seemed to dilapidate their agony in ways the human kind had never ever thought off.

‘Step out of the Residence.’

He spoke like a disease. Hardly noted, his legs were broken, henceforth he crawled. He would be pissed otherwise, jsut to count on his blessings. Each of them weret los once he crossed past the door, unable to recall where was the last place he had been in. Though his reasearch would continue, he had prised himself on thinking out loud. It was hard to see the trajectory of the deaminging look which carried as it shook itself off the wall. A giant eye moved at the intersection between the wall in front of him and the ceiling. Speeding through it as the blitzkrieg started, it couldn’t have lasted more than a few seconds before he outed himself out. Despite being able to deal with the folk, he had been forced to stand against the queerest of them all. Strange people, tall and wide at their bellies cut enough to reveal that they weren’t entirely sane in the head.

Gluttonous by the looks of it, but that had a purpose. Though they were fat, the extra excess carried a function, for the appliances attached inside their guts couldn’t have worked otherwise, or so it had been known. Thrown int he pits, they would be eaten by the lions. Guardians or not, they bore their masks within the likes of giant flow of bitter eyes, and large encrusted holding cells attached in rows, eight at each side of their necks, like blue vials that carried on liquids inside their brains.

If that hadn’t been enough, one could not even digusise the fact that the various radiators inside their bellies continued their radiation production at a faster rade. Even then, from the various empty, miniatural holes, almost microscopic inside the surfaces against which they were placed against, it was clear. Nothing even neared their kind. Only a blind man or one who was struck dumb wouldn’t realise what was going on. They were clearly being taken over, by the sole fact that their power was drawn from their insidious bodies, living fat batteries, that’s what they were. And neither of them bore any shame about it, for as long as they could somehow be made useful, none of that would matter.

‘Whisper in my ear, son, I want you to check whether or not I’m fine.’

I was the doctor now? First a Magus, then a body inspector, a surgeon and now this? Well, perhaps that hadn’t been as far from where I stood, not to mention that it was only a problem with being misunderstood by the likens. There would only be a cruel woe, the bitter throng, no. Seeing how this wouldn’t go anywhere, the Magus, by name, decided to do so.

But what would I whisper to him? What could it be? Was there even something close to it there? Could they be aware of something going on? Wronged or not they went as strong as they could, giving clues on how to carry this ordeal.

‘Where are thou, my dear?’

And the whisper made him be aware, as if visualising the insides of his head. It was all respresented in from on his eyes, as if he had been a shrunken man, unable to compound what was going out there. He had missed the constituion, and the need to pay attention to anyone else but himself. He had ran out of ideas, as to care of what was going to happen to him if he were to carry on looking for his love. Not for science, but for something much worse. He wanted to devour something out of them, and never feel as if he could be taken away, for the loss of words.

‘Teet for teeth, I can see it now. You were trying to eat a piece of sharpnel-like mollars that found themselves inside your brain. I’m afraid they’re melting now and there’s nothing you could make out of them. Not during this pace.’

Clearly it hadn’t been a race towards discovery, yet he wanted to spend some time alone.’

‘What does that mean, doctor? What can I do about it?’

The bitter-bulk bellied man couldn’t even comprehend the conondrum he was in. Something beyond his knowledge made him walk in through one of the walls, clearly demonstrating the amount of elasticity they diplayed. No longer had they remained whole, by the process through which they were determined to get back home somehow. It would be a matter of swaying and praying for a quick disease. No longer would they be determined to look around for the buzzing-drone like liquids were already being poured into his ear.

‘As long as you continue the grand intake, sooner or later, you ought to be fine. Just remember, never sway and don’t give in to what they say.’

What was that? It felt as if the Magus hadn’t even realised it just then. But he wasn’t the same being any longer. Indeed, he had been a stranger who had lost everything that made him whole. Somewhere in the past, he would’ve wondered at it, or even begged for a chance. A glance even that remained in his mind, just like rough diamonds would if they tried themselves on. Pouting and dancing, he could only see it remain. The pain would only carry on, as for him, only the likes would tell of what was to be gotten off.

Roughened by the collar, he became the other being.

Magus was no Magus any longer, but a poor shell of his very self. A mindless creature who embraced the meaningless role of a servant, never to have carried on as anything but his very damned self. Lost and bout to be retaken, even likely to be mistaken for a fool. A dreadful tool for the likes that would kill anyone else.

‘Good, good, now make sure that I shall not be intruded by the mollar-like pins again. My task is important.’

Spoken like a true grunt who fumbled on himself, unable to tell. Just what was going on around him and what could they tell of the high-spaced and the colors that spoke of the dark? It would be much more impossible to tell, just what the shades amounted to them. But either one could see the writing on the wall. If either had enough guts, they would’ve reported it by now. Damned joke, blasted thing, that it’d be. Vague threats had been closely transposed and left there to rot on their own. Both of them wondered whether or not the Magus knew what they were saying there. Though neither of them could become aware of what was going on, henceforth they chose to carry on the vileness against which they surrounded themselves. No more swaying, the saying would go as well.

From the strangeness of the writings this could be said. You shall all be taken and thrown forth into the dreadful pit where you shall all rot with your ancestors. Indeed, it said something in the likes.

It was a serious case of malnourished events that followed soon after. It was clear that the Magus was completely out of his mind, even to the point where he dreaded to know. Just what would happen if he show them the other side. Right around his ears where he could only feel him now, seconds or minutes before he showed up on his chest as well

As soon as both of the fat guards started going away, he had nothing to say to anyone else. He chose one of the many chambers, as well as they had been, in which a moment had been taken. Forth did he walk, unable to recount where he had went wrong. With all the chemicals he had ingested this had happened.

‘I am Magus.’

‘I am Magus.’

‘No, I am Magus.’

‘That couldn’t be, because I’m the only Magus here.’

Spoken out of some kind of desperation, the lack of a clear analysis fading as soon as it could do, not a single word would be spoke for the sole reason that they were trying to get him then. The entire facial tendon of Magus appeared on the back of his head, on his chest and around both forearms, concealing below the hairs. And each of them were him, the one who came from behind, the blindingly struck surgeon who almost came to fear that he was losing his mind. A clearly defined suture was put in place. Though it had been a painful procedure, he had to make sure that none of them would be able to speak or make too much noise.

‘You dreadful creatures, unless you shut your mouths, I’ll be found out and then.’

The thoughts ran clear. Incarceration, deprecation, complete laceration, or simply he would thrown into the coal office, burning slowly until not a single piece of skin showed either flakes, either the signs that they would carry on again towards spreading like a virus. It was more than clear that they all feared the

chance of a spread. With the nature of experiments going as far as to reveal everything going on, they nurtured only the freighter out there. Off the base, it rested in the air, with both engines still going, a chance of plowing through the mass. Not only would it be dangerous to inquire of it, but there was the chance of it going off.

Blowing and exploding because of the lack of a release, for the eon-creatures that stood in. Brooding like erect-angels, which were encrusted in iron, the watchers stood formed. Out of energy-matter which allowed them to carry on and look over it. As the expansion continued, the various materials continued brooding to the point where they couldn't be disgusted any longer of themselves. More than the freighter and the piece of metallic meals that inhabited the place, the living essences appeared to crawl from one place to another.

You could hear them crawling, right beneath their feet. Like tiny puckors, bodies which were ripped like acrons, but bore some bulks on their heads. Sooner or later one would have to notice the fact that most of them had been there ever since the procedure had begun. It would be taken from the mound of slurping, the need to carry on.

'I have returned now.'

Yelled the man who had lost his mind, the Repairman Hortorkorn, who wore alone, the sworn-out pieces of kscheel. It turned half of his body in an immaterial whim of many stranded pucks. Each of them were attempting to stand out and eat him alive. Though he looked as if he wore a grand armor, those were only the para-skeletal solid-streks that entered him instead of waiting. A pier of mild rage entered him then.

You could see it in his eyes, as they started entering his inside clump. From where he stood, he strove towards become stronger, mightier and even surviving what was going through his long-awaited milder approach. He would call himself a lucky man. Despite losing most of his head.

'I have lived and I have helped others and what have I gotten in return?'

They only turned him madder. Despite that, he turned towards the freighter still, in an attempt to mask the fact that he was doing his best still. In order to make sure that no one was walking, he poured a piece of his skull in. Through the cogs, he turned around. And with his snapper, he pushed out the pouring malbor. He drank from it and saw himself grow. It would only expand his life thrice fold and never less. It was a blessing from below, as he was ready to take the chance of one of the other oil cabbins exploding again.

What a mess would that be. No one else would like to see what was going on after.

He had been a man of his word. Watcher-units came near him in order to ask him forth.

'What are you doing here, you mad-man?'

'I'm only trying to create a master-piece in my image, that's all. If the crew will leave one day through the freighter, I want to be remembered for it, as for me, I have a good reason for that as well.'

Not only have I spent a life-time working here but I believe there's nothing waiting for me out there. I only want what's right for me. A chance at happiness, one for me to look forward and hope.'

'Hope for what? Can't you see what you made out of it? The frighter is ruined and it's all your fault.

Because of your so-called repairs, there's nothing left for us to look.'

After one single second he spared nothing but a stop. Closely, looked upon, the electricity started dissipating from his insides, lurking with the broken needles which pulled both of them inside the field. Electrifying just about everything around the area, he took the chance to think about it for a second while

he carried on. What was going on in his head? What was the reason for which he was dead?

Just then, Repairman Hortorkorn checked his own pulse. It just ran over him that he couldn't even strike a folding piece out of his veins. What remained out of them now carried on in the veins of never-watching. Something had adapted forth. He pulled some of them away, his veins took out to initiative to convey no pain but the coming of a spot. From it he hit the hose which came from the Freighter, directly inserting the liquid into him before passing out on his back.

'Oh, joy, joy, you make me toy wit fate. If there was only one way for me to be happier, then I'd know.'

He started blabbering again, whilst looking at the sky. Korn didn't expect to see it still. Just in the way it had been prior to the look. Yet he could see and notice everything which went wrong. He still went as strong onto it for as long as he could try placing his back in. A diseased pair, never to have remained there came to his visor. What he observed there were flights, and bitter flights enabled by diseased animals that could never be. Seen by themselves, just look away, it was a matter of trying to pass on for the past and what it had conveyed.

A fight had transpired somewhere in the distance. For the entirety of time he spend there, in the enclosed area, he began hallucinating of space. Though he couldn't be pleased by what he was seeing in it, he swore. And he swore to it, just then.

'I see now, that's what ought to have happened then.'

Through some sort of cataclysmic event which poured itself ever-after, once it had crept from the outside, back inside his mind, he rose. Back on his feet, missing something from himself, looking into it, he found it. Painfully taking it away, he conveyed nothing but a morose feeling of ingratitude for the bottle he found in himself. It was some kind of brandy which shouldn't have found its way in him. But that aside, he opened it and drank, as a man should know better, he saw her. Just as if he had been struck by a spell, he saw the most beautiful woman his eyes could ever lay themselves upon. With her blonde hair and perfectly light complexion, he felt as if there would be no bother for the death of his mind.

In as much of a wonder, there was a crueller stance he could taken, surrounded by the agony which came after, as the image pulled him in.

'You, you just came here, haven't you?'

‘I have just arrived, I supposed, but where am I?’

Korn looked at this chaotic spin, which turned from having two mountainous bodies embracing themselves like lovers, a detail which couldn’t be forgotten or avoided any longer, to a mass of buildings that were placed in the distance, cities that shouldn’t be, and various statues of the man he was standing in front of him. What was much worse, would be this. Finally one of his ideas turned to piss-poor, rather ankle. He turned the seas around, and each rain and pool about him into the strongest liquorish-wine.

Though he dared not taste it, for obvious reasons.

For a man like him, there was something unnerving about this place. It wasn’t completely silent, but it appeared that in the distance, he could hear the various echoes of thunder which stroke the walls. Not only would this be incomplete but disturbing and disgusting as well. He couldn’t tell just what went wrong. He wasn’t strong enough to feel the musk. A disturbing lust surrounded him mind as he inquired.

‘What’s in the pools?’

‘Aleksey.’

‘What’s in the pools, Aleksey?’

‘Wouldn’t you like to follow me and take a dip? Needn’t take clothes off, I think it’s fine. Pool is warm, there shouldn’t be any problem with you taking only a leap about the place.’

He had a smile unlike that of a brother. He hid something, like I couldn’t see them yet. Was this place filled once? If there was something, I saw the trap. Many foot-pads lay strapped just about every spot. Lost to the tracks, many of which were lost to the point where nothing could be sustained again. The pain of a loss would be taken away once I saw it. Clearer but not entirely so, at the bottom of the first red pool,

I saw the bottom of it, at the ends of a fool’s end, many bodies stood clear, just like that of the dame I saw. Who was she and what happened to her then?

I wish I knew, I wish I could explain it there. But so far, it had been hopeless for the same reason I carried on with. Even though I couldn’t point it out, he had me walking on my toes.

‘How have you brought me here to begin with?’

‘I brought you with a little trick. Listen. If you don’t want to take a dip in pool of cherries, let us go through one of the homes and we’ll speak inside during dinner.’

‘Fine, fine.’

He raised an eyebrow as he heard me say, I was content with following him, yet I couldn’t even strike a cord, as I was badly injured around the throat. He has me walking on pieces of jars. And yet he’s waiting.

‘I’m Korn, my name is Korn.’

At last he allowed me to walk forth and do as he pleases. So much so that I would even get to the point where I desired a break. Let me get away from him. This man has me cornered, I am not allowed to leave his place. He was a brute, who took the first opportunity he could and ripped the door apart.

It was clear that he was destined to be killed by him. For some grand reason he knew it. Splattered on the walls, destroyed, crushed teeth and bones, waiting for the heat to shimmer while he couldn't push no longer. All that halting around made him increase the pain he wanted to carry on with. He was asked to sit at a table and not say a word. Going as much as to complain about the way in which they painted all of them with the lack of colors he had wanted to, now he joined me. Sitting across the table, now he decided to breathe in without concern, dizzied even, after drinking a puddle he had brought with him inside. His hands kept it from pouring out. If there was anything, it was this.

One thing he hadn't been concerned by. Me escaping as I hadn't seen a way out either. If there was one, it could be encrusted in this wild dimension which appeared to be falling upon itself at time.

'I'd like to know why you're here, all right?'

Only that? Could that mean that I might even be allowed to leave? He assured me that there was nothing else he looked out of it. No questions asked, nothing unfair, just a pair of questions, like a partizan would ask of his lower. Not to add too much to it. He was a bit rude, getting ruder at that. After the first few drink he had already stammered and that was far before he ripped out the the boards below the table to reveal the inner-bone structure of the building, which he had used for his hiding. More bottles, more wine, more than a normal man should be able to drink in a run.

Was he sick? Or was I?

Because I was certainly getting to that point, after seeing the objects turning out in the bottles, carefully preserved just like the rest of them which had been scourged in this wretched place.

'I used to care about my Dina, you know? At first, when I had been promised to her. Perhaps you might not believe this, a man like me, who could have just about any woman he wanted. I could've had her, if it weren't for a mistake.

But, I suppose I have done too much wrong along the way to continue, you know? She's definitely not the only one who had been given this treatment whence I could only think of myself now.'

‘What did you do to that poor woman?’

Korn could almost taste her, despite Aleksey not having poured anything in their glasses yet. First the food, brought to them from someone who shook him at the very first sight. He was tall and lanky, unable to find himself into any other position than whence he stood away from them. His arms were only as long as they needed but the rest of his body receded in his legs. Everything was included in them, as much as the meat could possibly extend and push itself past the level where it was uncomfortable for it to live. From

the bulking mass, the arms spread and brought us the meat, the bread, the turkey and the drinks.

We were offered even more with that, something which had been prepared. I dared not drink it yet, as I wondered still. Was she in them as well? I couldn’t see any left-overs, but I could freshly feel it going. For the obvious reason, I felt as if there wasn’t any other way. If she had been soaked in it, so be it. I had to feel it nonetheless. Somehow, I had the chance to mentally prepare myself, to repair what was wrong in my head. Acceptance would even come, even at the foilage of a single mound, the taste would be done.

‘It’s not that bad.’

I said at last. Regardless of what this drink had been made out of, I could still recognise the masterful way in which it had been procured. Even the scent made me lower my guard for a moment, before I felt done.

Another chance, give me another chance to try again. I thought to myself, I wouldn’t be given it again.

For some reason, there was this expectation to give my compliments.

‘A fine wine.’

And a toast, we drank to it, sip after sip before the main course. My will was going to the kind, which was left to swerve into the freighter as I was trying to look out for myself. Would they miss me? What if there was a problem there? Could I even ask of him if there’s the chance?

‘When might I be allowed to leave?’

‘Not now.’

That was as much as I was able to take away from him, I was stuck now, like a fiend. Trying to count the seconds, to look for any kind of clock, just who was he waiting for? For, this Aleksey kept staring and turning towards the door. Trying to see whether or not someone might endure his company. Keep the ring off. It was painful, all of the sudden, again, it turned out loud. A vargrant noise found its way there. For some reason, it was there instead of anywhere else. It felt like the clicking of words, the working of a typewriter that kept trying to discover the end of the codes. Another day passed in the factory, as much as it would displease a lot of people to drag them on, now it was the time to keep on typing as the languages started welding on, getting closer to finding out. Even if it were for a single letter to be found again, they would do it.

And they would do it right this time around. Despite the many close calls that appeared to near their very peculiar ends, this time, perfection could almost be achieved. Not to be deceived by the strange markings

on the walls that appeared. It was dangerous to go off-script. For the sole reason that he couldn't expect to be called back, yet this time around, realising something he should've thought off prior to their interception, he wrote down his name. Four t's had been worn down, something which might as well be interpreted as just about anything in their irregular languages, all of them being mixed.

Day-off, day-in. He walked towards the tram, back into the separate areas. He couldn't even fathom encountering the bland-men. Those were to be avoided at all costs. Even approaching them was dangerous. They could be found in each of the tram section, seemingly unspoken, unless. Unless, and he had to keep this in mind for himself, there was an exception. Each time he had approached one of them, he would hear the inward scream of a million cries in different languages which were crying not to be forgotten. Despite all the mixes, these were pure. And all of them begged in the utmost clearest complexion they could achieve, not to be forgotten or pushed through the million destinations that could be called off. Nothing but agony had been brought up to the poor man who angered the Bland-men.

And of course Pyrhishonkyi-Ungo would be just another name that could be used for it. Different intervals of people brought even more pronunciation until nothing would be even remotely distinguishable from the normal. Through and through which each passer, a meaning would be lost. Words would be traded and mixed without them knowing until then again, the process would move on and start again. Bothersome at times and even morose, they were trying not to push it too far. It was understood, as close as they would that even the slightest mistake, the wrongest point would force them to grab one of the young ones from their mothers. That process alone was still misunderstood for some reason. No one dared acknowledge it, or they couldn't express it, by the same means.

Danger still existed, yet the barriers increased.

For what had to be drawn from it was the very fact that every now and then, the sections would be spared and twisted, remotely colored just so they could mix the pain of misunderstanding. Scholars would get lost at once, as soon as they were met by another class. When one received the wrong colors, he got missappropriated in another quarter that didn't seem to matter to them. It was much worse outside, once the whole change was done, the pollution continued and none could stop it. As the fumes started giving in, some were pointing, others lined up and never brought it back into their minds. Since there wasn't any other reminder, since there wasn't any explanation for it, they simply assumed that was the way things were meant to be. Meaning was loss on those foolish trespassers who couldn't even help it any longer. It was deemed uncanny. Now and after a while, some could even mildly cope with the desintegration of hope that emerged from them. Lost between themselves, please, oh please, coping mechanisms. Instilled into them by the need to make it all stop, some young folk who didn't understand one another reverted to the only think they knew. An intake of illegal materials which had only been revealed through a few magnified illustrations in the large glass dome-boxes, and only through them might one be made aware of

the illegality which was there. For the murders and thefts were impossible, as there was a strict incarceration module done by the appearing pieces of metallic star which would instantly blow their heads off by various means. Appearing in their knotted necks for no apparent reason.

Some would say there was no crime. But whom amongst their group was there to hear or understand them if problem did arise? And some of the mutt-languages died that way or got absorbed. Bringing forth even more trouble as they all based the knowledge, finally, what had been waited for.

In the visual language, which had come up to the point where it had become a religion for them. Something embeded into faith, something on whcih they had not only become addicted to, but to which they couldn't stop and think. Or wink at the concept of knowledge or of mental-pain. Hoops could be taken or lost, until the cost of information came at risk.

As the youth and gangs would follow about the holographic apparitions which made the place appear lively again. Placed on top of rusty-walls, there were images from the lost and departed, the joyful plays they had. Virtual appliances which were there to be truly touched, for them to mess with, and never care about the others. Where skill only mattered and phrases would be used by fools, none the matter as they had twisted their understanding of forms to the point where their minds had been absorbed by the most benign abstract forms. A normal man would spit at this, with the sole reason that understanding this would prove to bring him nothing of value.

Only pity remained as the older generations looked at the youth who wasted in vain. Most of the others never even complained about it, nor were they at a loss. So many clueless people brought themselves to the edge of giving up on hope, for the sole reason that no one spoke to them. Farther from the flashy pain, in a spot, somewhere lost, they rested. Unable to speak any longer, as they were bested far too many times out there in the plain fields, against much more skilled players, they left in search for something else. In the end, they found nothing else to look after. And it was no problem which stemmed from the overpopulation, yet the inability they showed for understanding one another's woes.

It made one wonder how they moved around. With everything going by them, there was time to cross around their necks. Bearing the crude, as if they had never been shaken off, it was only now that they cared to complain about their surroundings. Though only in their minds, their souls had been taken off and into the pile they had been thrown around.

'I may dare say, there's no way I this plan of yours shall account for anything.'

At best he confessed that it would be cruel for him to assume there was another chamber standing there.

In as much as of a wonder, they grew much wrong and started carrying on their own.

From their backs, a pull came, which pushed and dreaded them as much as they fell.

I saw one of them one, twenty feet away from his other side. It was hardly a match to pit him against what he had lost. No one liked mentioning it afterwards. But they heard it then. It only took a word they shared,

even there, even though no one understood the baffling mountains that were never understood nor cared for. Each of them at least tried it, once. But after so many failures, it felt as if it wouldn't matter any longer. Too many failures never accommodated anyone, and it was time for most to quit living.

It wasn't indecent, nor attempted.

His head was also stamped off, tramped off his neck. He wailed for a moment then.

"Ungorrrrr."

A man yelled. Time had come to dine. Look around you fools, he spoke, as he came back to lead the gang.

To his mind, the mood had changed. Despite not being as deranged as the other he took the opportunity for a quick stab at the gut of rage. You could hear an incombustible stifled shout inside the Residence. Not to give up on all the fleeing thoughts now. Only a piece of his mind had remained. His heart couldn't be trumped again, as the one revelation pierced through him. Don't look again at him. It would pain him to do it for too long. Over a period of time too many fractures could be accumulated in the brain, a dreadful agony being stolen to his side.

For that one moment, through the cross-breed of minds, Grubb started walking on. Through the body shared between him and BOD, it was clear that they didn't mean to succumb to the stone. And as he came, there was one pain which pushed him in the evening light. Less than a blightful touch would make him realise what was going on there.

A floor akin to mustard-gas, alike to it in everything one would have to look out for. No other claim would last, there was this one break he would be allowed to uphold.

'Behold at what I have done.'

For a moment there, when they could see nothing else but the strange sky-boxed air, and the mollusk-yellow floor, he wasted no moment to look at him.

Made out of one long headed-body which had been endowned, it looked out with no other desire than it had been about him. It could last no more than a few minutes then, as simply observing him was painful.

Levitating but slightly touching the ground, from his side there came the hairs reflecting the shadowy gown of pristine ink, dazzling like form of bleak oils coming from the metallic sink that poured it from on top the headmost area through which it came. Nothing remained encrusted from each span of its large planar coughers.

And after each cough, a sentipede-like being came out, bearing insecticide bulbs between each large insect which had been ranged across it as it drew on. From each pinned pluckor-tumor, one eye remained in the belt. It was human, some would call it. Yet purple seemed to bear his grains instilled. Broth for the mind, make sure that you're aware of the lack of mindedness creeping on. He had pulled from the back, a minotaur-like skeletal structure which filled itself like an inflating pulmonary across that stopped. Inside a

largely cut piece of its back which opened, Grubb saw the endless reserves of giant-growing belts that continued growing without a stop. If this fiend was to be obiletered yet a piece of it would survive, the world might be filled with the belts, giant promulgations that could only be killed by the bulbs which continued to break in.

Time after time until it couldn't be decided any longer what was right, and who gave in the fight with it. Enormous blobs of eye-like sub-stratta liquids appeared only when they had been needed. For a moment there, it appeared like they had been breded for this scope alone. Watch it hone itself as it carried on. A pain upon any other came from the fact that it couldn't feed itself. But why? Could you not see it now?

Judging by the looks of the frothing mouth, from which the pus-rabies, fungi gravy came out, some solidified mouth cage kept it from bloody talking its way out of it.

It all made sense now. Just as it popped into existence, they key to creation had always been the rage, the preservation of that hatred which drove everything back to itself before it would submerge into the dreadful quiet. A few more reason to spare it, before it could go away.

They would spare him no other reason to be there, the others that is. As they appeared, they presented themselves as nothing more than members of the same species. Introverted creatures who called themselves the Triags, as an utmost unnecessary pile of pulmonary ships came from above, picking them one by one, it couldn't be belived that this place would be clean any longer. Why, it could only be wildly accepted that this place was highly destroyed.

From the distance, a sight emerged and Grub saw it come forth, expanding like a blowing thick which released all of its hosts' essence atop the sky-line. Where the clouds went it, a grim sight seemed to be the only thing that emerged. A loss for all could be called now. Look at it and follow through. See and smell the sinew from its back. Not only was it revealed that the box they were in was flatter, but there were many other things that appeared to be wider. Bringing back some kind of mind-seering torment that started leaping from the hole, fully-grown men who had still been attached to the heir-umbilical appendages which attached themselves from the magnificent birthier jumped out. And during their fall, in that ever-flashing light of red, which looked like a small office in which it stood forth, leaping ahead from one spot to another, he smiled.

Not only that but he grinned, revealing the missing mollars from which the infection, the insertion had emerged. Taken directly from his mouth, the drones would carry out the passage through the million chambers. Despite their secret not being out, all of them could move around as distantly as they could. Not only would they continue that way, but there would only be a tormented agony left to pay for what was going there. Nowhere else could one admire this strange abolition of life.

Judgement had begun as soon as they had started leaping away from their faithless creator. He who had been demented, called as the mutated two lumps which straddles upon one another. A head laying farther

in the large belly from which it came. Many other fillaments of tubes pushed on until nothing else could be gained from this transaction of death. As it happened, now, all of the men who had been thrown around had been nothing but the ones stored in. Fed as the mother-clay inside of him appeared to give in because of failure. Its other organs seemed to fall as well. You couldn't tell just by looking at him now, but this genetic abomination still winced. It was in pain and at the same time it would remain there, nothing in its arms.

Least of all, the desire remained. It couldn't be compelled yet.

'Siskelot, where are you? What have you done to my dearly dear ones and where have you hidden before this had come to pass?'

But Grubb and Bod didn't care about it as much as the dissinegrating figures which almost emerged from inside the dreadful fiends that manifessted in front of them there. As the Manifold beasts were busying themselves while taking care of their belts, these figures that may not be described came to be alive. Dark and shadowy, touched and unnerving, both of those who observed them had been entirely wrong. Just by looking at it, neither of them could understand just what went wrong there and why it came for them to quickly spoil themselves as they flattened on the ground.

All of the figures formed a circle with their legs and just then it happened for them to observe that they were nowhere to be approached. Dangerously submerging into the mustard floor, it forced the solid into gas. Everyone fell into the sea of yellow-musk.

'Disorder, disoder, disorder is here.'

What now?

'We have to split up for the time being, while we swim.'

'But how do you intend on doing it?'

Grub hadn't explained it entirely, yet he had found a way to exploit all of the bodily functions in ways not even he knew about. It was hard, but entirely feasible, only to approach it from this point of view. A shower of gourmet came from the acidic regions froming the cells which held their body in one piece. Though this separation couldn't be entirely depicted just yet, it would be more likely for them to separate themselves through death.

As the rip began, the entire reality had almost come to be broken again, as the entire form, from inside and dawning below them had been a the sky, which exhasperately threw itself everywhere around.

Without a single way of being, or of thawing, being dread. It looked like a pair of blocky wheat-fluoerescent flying flying pruned scoffels came from inside their hidden dens only with the sole reason that they would block everything in place. Like statues in a frozen land, sculptures of ice they stood. Yet none could fall or move away, as the eyes prayed upon them. Many and colored in more shades than the

human eye could perceive, you could only be deceived by the pain. It would rain with the bloody vein of
blue from atop the hueless spot inside this tinted place.

A race had emerged a few minutes ago and now they would be preserve with no other hope or reason. It was hard then. Only because of a strange allingment which almost caused the chemicals from inside this stranded triangular-rhombus-crested cage to imitate the nuclear properties which would've sent them to that space. Where everything would be copied in time, never to be allowed to die. Had this not been
dangerous enough on its own?

Would they even be abandoned if they wanted to come forth and admit that they were never to be caught
or defeated again?

But it was late and unsanitary, just in the way both BOD and the Grub had been completely lacerated in the middle. It didn't matter for them that they had plunged between one another, never to have been caught again. Pain would only be a small factor in this. Meaning only that there could be no peace between them as they split. They managed to do it just in time before everything fore in place. Just to make sure he wouldn't get off that easily, never to be caught again. In an admonition of pain and agony,
there was only victory and defeat.

Either of them could achieve it not, especially since this pocket in which they ended up being had been a place of wonder. Made with the sole hope that they might beat Siskelot and find a good replacement. Time was being beaten in place and neither of them could fight forever. Even if there was a chance, as little as one could hope to take it head one, they all feared for their lives. Despising one another as they
were unable to take their lives any longer.

'How have we gotten here?'

Asked BOD, thinking of where he had been previously. It couldn't have been that he was in as great a mood as one could be. It was him not only unhappy, but he had realised that there was only one way out.
By waiting there for a solution to come, for a problem he had even caused in the first place.

Their palace of gibberish emerged.

'So call on your masters, the Blot, the Clot, even the champion Siskelot, whomever else you want. I have no care any longer, in the world. I hope you will all rot and be abandoned before you get the chance to get
yourselves upfront.'

Despite the outrage, there were far too many things to account for. No longer were their minds united for the sole reason that they didn't want to deal with one another. It couldn't be accounted for, so many things were at a loss. Everyone was trying to out-do each other without giving in as much.

Perhaps a cut would do there, as they waited for the slightest chance to occur. Despite the minister's dancing and the stance of the curls, it couldn't be taken into consideration any longer. Too many tumor

plains emerged, spreading in the air like fluttering gusts. Of course they wouldn't afflict anyone with themselves, over the fact that they were prevented from doing it one and one before the supper.

'We'll be late.'

'Late for what, my dear one?'

'I can sense Siskleot, he's somewhere enclosed.'

In a suit, of course, down the drain from below the nuclear plains, through the levels, down from the blocs, in the spot where they harvested humanity for their own purposes at last. He was there, in the one ship that was in the wrong place. Without an explanation that might remain, they could do nothing but endure the mildew. Unsuspecting of an intruder, they were only counting on something else. 'Where had he gone now? I swear, the one old-suited unit we have come into contact with and he already took off.'

Oh they had no idea, none that mattered, not after this manner of talking any further in. It could be brought back, only when it appeared to suit them still. They weren't thinking clear, despite being part-machines themselves. The ones who came after, who even took them serious after that?

'I will take this moment to make bow.'

'You would take a bow? For whom would that be?'

'For whom else but I? The lord of loud despair, miss a second and I won't be there.'

He only needed as much as he could take. With everything considered, looking around for a prospect to escape hadn't left either of them with any chance to make a run out of it. Inclined to it, they seemed to wretch. Somewhere out there, that scum champion made his way through the crowds, in the masses, losing himself despite the various engulfing features that could clearly be distinguished from the others. It was as strange as it seemed. A mystery, as well, that the champion found a disguise, held against his massive frame. A derangement which remained with him even after he started speaking, not only would be baffled by his own intonations but he would be damned if there was a chance he would let go of him. A special specimen which had been struck between being human and being drawn into the inter-dimensional hell-tunnel that had crept in one of the parasitical-stars from the other universe. Shame couldn't even account for what was going on in his mind. Too many losses, his mind thought, cut them off.

'Out of my way, step way, you get off here, and you as well.'

He continued pushing everyone away with no disgrace whatsoever. Again, it would take a lot to anger him. And though it had to be preserved by whatever means possible, this was to be the chance. Only a couple of meters forth and you could get him now. Just make it through. Though he thought of the plainness of sinew which might make him happy in the chaos, as for the reason for it was all to clear. Attempting to get through the crowd took too much time and it was also dangerous, especially since they

might scare or trample him away. They would observe, they had to, the unnatural height, the strangely mechanically placed limbs on him which didn't belong to him physiologically. It would just happen for him to get eighteen times more aggressive than he would've normally been. For what reason? That could only be clear now, he wanted to grab him and run over them, blaspheming as many humans as possible as his disguise faded in the air, it couldn't be forgiven otherwise, he was the one he's chosen. He was the one ready to be sent to the chamber.

'I'll have you now!'

It was only a half-yell, not to tell anyone about his intake. While sprinting like a giant tormenting arrow, he began slashing and cutting everyone in his path. No one was safe from his foaming mouths, popping from every side. He fed on them as he lunged, completely obliterating their masses of meat as if they weren't there at all. Such power couldn't be understood at all, the force involved was of a magnitude that far surpasses that of their strongest tools. Should it be noted then that they ran away? Did it matter now that he had him surrounded in his claws?

But after a close inspection, he noticed the dud.

'Blasphemy, you tainted scar on my fingers, who sent you here to begin with?'

It was unnatural and unnecessary to believe that it was happening to him. But he started slowly slouching around his face, the creature he had taken started melting with the only marks being left in forms that were highly benign to either one of the touches. And to top that, it had the impudence to laugh at it. 'Shut yer mouth, damned dud. I should've known that I would be tricked in the most cowardly manner. I should've expected in ten times fold.'

He hadn't been able to govern over himself, not anymore. For every hunt that came after turned him into a savage. Despite being the champion, for the most obscure reasons, there was that, the means of his arrival which made him so mad. Tainted in the head, his feelings couldn't be controlled any longer, giving in to the dread of being soon replaced.

If I were to fail, they would bring another one. And what of the disgrace, to be the champion of Clot, stamped out in order to bring another? It was a shame unlike anything else. To that, he would even have taken the cowardly way out if it meant saving some honor. Of course, not until he had visited an old friend of his, the Grub, and the other one who had just arrived and appeared to have assisted him in the process he couldn't even get a lead on. Damn him, for he could remember entering the damned train. Going through its wagons until he had met him trapped in his chair. There, he had the possibility to end him as quickly as he could. Despite the obvious hesitation, which shook him more than he could point it out, he still wanted to do it.

Ill and about the place, he started chasing randomly, as a disgrace of a fighter would. A beast without leashes, trying to get a hold of them, no longer being chained by his master who allowed him free reign.

A reason for it and one for this, as most of his victims hadn't entirely died, instead they tried becoming structures of detection. From inside of them you could see no red, but a color of yellowish pus that appeared to cover everything until they formed their satellite-pyres, producing the pores that flew into the air, trying to detect any essence that might make its way towards the closest chosen lyre. Someone had to do, his sould would be trapped and twisted, ruined even if the chances were alligned.

No one could even believe that a soul had been destroyed inside the chamber. And a good reason at that as well, to the point where they had dispatched the two-fat guards, masked just like they had been before. Longer than it had taken them to get here, it came clear that they gave in to the whorish lepers that threw themselves at them. Only to be caught between their giants palms, heads squashed until they couldn't breathe at last. It was chaotic at the heart, as the buildings started cropping themselves out. It should come as no surprise any longer, that they waited for the wails to become much stronger. Someone was coming here as well. A part of the sky was turning gray, then blue, then dark again until the three of them realised where they had been taken to.

For what was worth, noises weren't deserved for the sleepers. For that treason continued for the time being. Without being aware of it, until it had been too late, thre champion of Clot and the two guards had been taken into the city of Carrions. Who, they themselves seemed not concerned at all with what was going on. Despite the queerness of the folk that appeared, not a single one neared them. It would not be accepted at all. With all the pains they had gone through in order to get as quickly away as they could, they pained themselves with waiting, sniffing as their broken ears. Most importantly, you could see one of them in the distance, trying to move away.

Just by his tormented stance, you could see the fact that he had lost something about his glance. Two eyes strolled along, and a body fell as if it had been made out of shattered marble, falling to the acid pit of old. It appeared like the others had been saddened by this turn of events. Even though the mourning would be short-lived for the time being, even to the point where they had been taken aback by the pains which brought their pains, their actions had been misguided as soon as the screens began the general announcement.

'Citizens, we have grave news that you are in need to be made aware of. All of you are in grave danger, from which neither of you may be able to fully escape. This escapade of evil needs not be hidden for your own sake and that of the others that are either hiding or lay out there expose.

Immediate danger lays outside your homes for a second time and to that, let it be known. You are to immediately commence and flee towards your homes for the sake of yours lives. Otherwise, they might not only be forfeit but you may be forced to a state that might be worse than death. Beware of the following physical characteristics from which you should not approach in vile a thought or with a need to befriend, as if you should be made aware of it after the first glance.'

He announcement went on to thoroughly describe what we looked like. To my understanding alone, this wasn't like anything we had even known, but they appeared to completely create replicas inside their minds. We could see them extend from their skulls, like tiny pieces of scalps that had somehow morphed into us to the point where it couldn't be doubted that pieces of us had been completely recreated inside their brains to an utmost molecular matter. Though this was nothing to be hoped for at first, they began turning. Carrions who were on the street, stranded, had taken the initiative to run. Despite that, I had no desire to begin the chase. Looking around and feeling how everything started falling on itself, there would be enough time to check everything for as long as there would be.

Yet not even Siskelot knew what he had been against. Everywhere around him, an aura of dread stretched to the point where it had vaguely encompassed the sky. It was to die for in that moment where no one seemed to spread away. But in that tumorous-wave which began creating ripples in the sky, he could see the shades and the faces of those who had been previously tormented before him. Why, this had been only a supreme sign of vileness for the taking. Not even he could see nor understand what was going on there. It was a queer-lap done by the heads of Carrion-deads and the Sparrow-heads which turned on each other, eating, fighting even in death. Too many have been dragged out there only to be struck by the pulsating moments when the others didn't even care about them. And from their mouths and eyes, though flat they were, in the form of gas, they glowed with various colors, ranging from blue to green and distant shades that didn't even show each other as they passed through the maze of the loss. At which cost would they be allowed to sin?

What was it now with him?

Champion of Clot, who seemed vile and wyld, now came to show his form at last. He had been much taller, wilder and his body looked like a forest of wild trenches, spiked roses and other outlandish-formed parts that didn't belong anatomically right. They were fit together by giant chords which pushed from the chest and from his face, giving the general appearance to some dreaded reptile-square. Longer than it should've been allowed for him to continue spreading, there had been a pair of slits around the head, heated as they were, thawing the surroundings, blotched of violent red blotched started pushing out of them, as they had from the tips of the giant spines coming out of him.

With every leap to another world, he appeared to change even more. Violently so, shaped in the name of his lord, this time he looked even more vulgar. It wasn't always like this, he had been more of a scoundrel which mutated, to the point where he couldn't dissappoint in fear. Fright had nothing to do with it as the scales started giving out and his head turned into that of a much-malformed Carrion, just to fit the robe of the place. Dark featherless acesses appeared around his body, which had still been clothed. Let it be known, that he felt the same curse as they had, being subject to the same kind of rules and pains as the others had taken with them.

They had sprawled away too many times. Each of them took turns in order to gnaw at each other's blinding remarks. As soon as they met, they had been indebted with looking ahead. He was much likely to proceed into the nearest hole and cry himself to the loss. He appeared to be the Vanguard, the one who lay without hope, like someone brought to the headsman's gaze.

Whatever had remained of him, no one could say. Look a while, listen to them sing. It would make him peculiar now. Just by the way he acted. Like a sludge-golem he crawled towards the nastiest place, the deathless gaze which looked him back was that of the most abominable creature that might stall for him. If there was something it wanted, let the waste be made known. A shot, a shot, that's what it called from him. Despite there being no indication that he had the stuff on him, he still wanted it. 'Can't you see that I'm begging you? I'm on my knees, I need a shot, something that could put me back into my place, that's just about everything I could give in for.'

This nasty bird inked-bloated around its curls bore no feathers. Of course he had to stand out against them. Being the only one with the key-defining features meant that he had no chance to be inconspicuous at all. With everything going on around him, there was only that reappropriation of disease. He hadn't been pleased by any of the others who gathered around him, trying like bums. Hicks that were practically ruining themselves with each passing moment because they couldn't handle living in the way they had. No longer quaint, the scuffle remained as they surrounded him. Still, no intention came to him, yet. He knew that the two fat ones hadn't followed him, they shouldn't.

Had they realised it sooner, who he was or what he was, perhaps he would've considered sparing them. Though for the time being, none of that would be expected at all. Instead, they would have to deal with him. In the fully-grown blotch of blood, which made him even viler than he had been before. Brought now in front of them, they could spare not a single second before they made their best to run.

Nearest ones had it worst, or was it better? It was hard to judge. For the first strike hit like a nuclear bomb, devastating just about everything about their bodies, until they couldn't be recognised any longer. Harder though it may be to tell, there had to be a reason for their instant vaporisation which took their pain away. No longer could they convey the pain or the agony which had been shown. Stranded in the moisture, they were reeling in without reason. This was made, or it was sad. A pathetic sight ensued as soon as the Carrion low-lives that had ran quickly returned to the spot where the others had died. Might I add that they returned while I was still there?

It felt as if my presence had been completely ignored for the sole reason that their addiction didn't allow them a moment of stillness. Not only could it not be heard, but the madness had only begun. They all started sniffing the dust made out of their coal-ashen bodies on the ground. Had it always been this way?

What of the unsanitary way in which they all played with the sum of dread they spread around?

Afore mentioned now, there was no reason to stand any longer and I took my leave. I knew where to find them. I could see it in their eyes. Neither of them would remember me at all, nor would they heed a chance to backstab me if there if chance did indeed arise. Much clearer than that, it had been brought to my attention that there was one quick detail that penetrated my mind. Walking past curtain-blinds, in a twisted town that never gave me a single think to look forward to made me realise that I had taken a pleasure in hunting.

Even though I had only been given the bottom of the barrel to pray on, from time to time I would receive a treat. There he came. None of it remained after the first few seconds of its manifestation, as much as it could be decided, it felt as if it was in pain. Through the long body erected the pincer-like giant wing-bulb in the back, domed and enclosed, which kept the chest in front of him exposed. No features, only small eyes just everywhere around and from the peculiar pink expansion, there came the tiny spear-like primers that started infesting the land below us.

I could see the gritty dark turn into something close to human chewing-gum. But the gloomy thing about it started being aroused by its own presence. Nothing could be counted in any longer, for the taking. He had been touched by the unappealing sight in more than one way. Could it be now?

It was dangling on the mass of pink clup he had made. From as many perilous bark-inducing mildews that started robbing themselves of the brith, his action almost culminated into charging in. They were his, both of them, as it happened for the second one to pop from his back. You could feed the white hairs start puffing in. Enclosed in their grasps, they formed a shield of hair that spread as far as their pinkish, flabby substance lair.

Siskelot stopped just in time, unnerved by the fact that he almost fell into the substance.

Closely he strayed way from the dark corner near the abandoned Hodge he found himself near and waited. Stalking like a hunter, deeply caught in a remorseless waiting. Just what would their encounter culminate in?

For the sole reason in which he spared himself only a good reason remained. He could only hope that there were a few clusters that could grab his view. For that sole moment he tried catching his breathe whilst waiting for it to make as much as a single movement instead of trying to grasp and fade into the obscure nature of this place. Otherwise, to put it bluntly, there was no other way to push himself through. Without the proper terms, and without a need to look away from it, he chose this path of laceration. He scarred himself in the dark in order to properly taunted the creature any time he had the chance. Otherwise he couldn't hope to hold his ground any longer. It wouldn't do at all to grope for anything as far as ten feet forward. It was clear, they would start drawing near him only by their own power, without questioning what was going on. From around the masks, they release only the fluttering sparkle-like

capules that parasitically began eating the oxygen again. And inside of them, though it only happened at a slight and inward molecular level, an unnatural reaction had come.

Expunged from inside of them, clusters of carbon began spreading with the strongest concentration they could give themselves in. Something was still missing for the sole reason that there wasn't a way out. Brought about a fruitless hope, they started giving it themselves until they started pushing on and taking in their fist shells. Like blueberry pocks, they appeared at last. No longer would they try implying that they were dying without giving in the engulfance of dread. As the modified carbon reached a volatile level that not even they could contain, then came the first explosions. Though they were short-lived, and mainly and completely forced into small points from which nothing came into the knowledge off, there came the receding prowess they could carry on.

Small pieces of the nearest walls finally came into view, as soon as they would be allowed to scarrow through, then and only they would they be allowed to near woe. Better pleasing this wouldn't be the case. It was important to note of the lack of empathy they showed. Even then when they've been stranded for the reasons that were matched, eyes were looking dumbfounded for the sole reason that was still not caught.

'Come on now, take a few more steps. I'll make sure that neither of you will be able to carry on with those things inside your jaws.'

From inside the pink substance, though it had been nighly covered in hair, it was enough to carry on with the sole reason of pain. It was indeed a sign of pure agony, just allowing their jaws to stand open without giving in. As for what was going on with them, no one in the adjacent area seemed to care. Siskelot was boiling with the mere anticipation which had taken him to that point. Without it, there'd be no other hope for another contact to be established from the spot they moved on. So many breaks had been taken in the neck. One couldn't look past the masses without realising that they were all dead from standing. A few Carrions had arrived that way, never conveying any emotion as they dropped from where they stopped.

Fruitless as it had been, agony carried on.

From their chests, the jaws, which had been ridiculously over-drawn ahead couldn't handle the pressure of its own weight, instead picking itself up until it couldn't be taken past the point where it had crept in. Look at the bodies of disease, and you'll understand why is it that they pleased themselves for countless moments, this had only been their chance to rise. From the markless wonders inside of them, they revealed why they had come. It was clear to him, even before they showed their true allegiance, that they had been brought for him.

Nothing could've sinned as much as he had in the carnage that followed through. He would be indebted to the lord of Clot, for what had been brought to him was his snymol, a pocket of blood. Pure and undefined, solidified only in part as it continued going past the need to carry on, it carried on now. Chunks of it

started appearing in the air. Manifesting like tiny spheres from a giant arms which had been stung of stabbed, a needle or a saw. Around them clustered the exploding flying fiends who managed to create a pseudo-rain of bloody remains. Nothing would serve them ever again. Nor could one wonder after that, just what had caused all this pain to begin with? If not for the concession that they were being followed, they could suffer ever after until their spines collapsed and from pain relapsed the dreadful generation that came after.

Clearly only a chance remained, for him to carry on again with only one hopeless strike. Though it had not been entirely directed to either of them, not one could make this mistake and push them away. As he had spread his wings, or armed strings of feathers, throwing them forth in order to flutter them in hopes of swaying the little pests towards their comers. A cackle-boast, which came forth to roast their bones immediately followed. Infinitely stronger than the last explosions that blew the shrapnel-walls, there came only the utmost dreadful example of the coy, the lass. Painfully spreading through either of their system, it came near. Appearing only for a moment, as a single constellation of large gaseous remains, all of which exploded as fast as they could, revealing only the groans that followed after. Their jaws being completely penetrated after, only by the most decrepit access one could lay eyes upon. Not only would it not work, but this arrogance could only continue if it were to be allowed forth.

‘Ahahahahaha, you insignificant mongrels, you thought you could simply slay me by standing still? With your botched production of ill explosions, you’ve only launched yourselves into the territory of terror from which you shall received.’

Ready as he was, he spoke no less than he should’ve had. Taking to himself only the chance to spare a glance. Two hands rested on his shoulder, as if it mattered in the long run. Otherwise, it couldn’t be surmised any longer, not to pay attention to the lesser ones who were speaking ahead. Only ruin could last so long as they would be allowed to follow in the first place. Both of them even came to press as hard as they could inside his bone until the slightest signs of pain could be used against him again. Neither of them would allow him the chance to continue without being tried.

‘We need to talk to you, now.’

‘You be designated for it, right? The one picking out our new toy.’

They were specifically looking out for themselves. Of a good reason as well, not to mind them too often, but there was something even more degrading than it should be. For starters, they started pushing in a few demands, completely disregarding what had happened here to begin with. IT would take a while to take note of everything they asked for. As they took a good enough care to ask about as much as they could. Never giving it to what they should be knowing there. Lanky and uncanny, to make sure he wasn’t a good runner. Break a leg and make sure he’s born after, again and a gain with a permanent handicap, never to remain whole. His head needs to be stricken down, make sure he’d dumbled down. What else had they

asked if not cliquor, a lacquorish substance on which he should constantly choke for even. Even if he were to be filled with broth and lose any kind of hope he may have had, it's far more important to be sure about it, rather than be struck about time after time.

Again, he would have to catch himself away. Caught off and slain about one of the greatest spire-cones in which they droned around. Just to make sure the chase would be fair, he could be granted something which went through his respiratory haze. Walking on feet that weren't his, pissed only by the blood amidst the wrongness of the cowards. Brought ahead of them and disemboweled.

'I've heard just enough of that and I must say, I've got no interest in hearing more about it, do you hear?' Not to claim that they overreacted, but they almost dragged themselves to the point where they had almost eaten his head right there before they could be giving free path. He wasn't aware what their problem was about, uncanny. Calmly watching from the distance, he went on. They had been clearly lost as soon as he sprinted past the throng between the bodies he had carved.

I did not fear them. Yet he thought, just what had become of him in the time he had been away? Something about him appeared to have been stricken down. For some reason or another, he had become weaker, more approachable, even, no. If I were to twist and turn, I could still completely annihilate them in their entirety without having any question earned. And I would have the complete satisfaction of having killed them both. I would be filled with the supreme act of joy and ever-giving. A plethora of skins carried on by back for leather. Grobbuscating, organ-pillows in a jar, that's what went through his mind as far as he went ahead. He could collect just about everything he wanted then. Nothing would be amiss. Of course there appeared to be some problems. At least for what was worth, no one even care for what they brought on the table. As for the taken, it had to stop.

Neither man could handle what was going on around them. Even by each second, they listened to some dreadful spade speak.

'Rock-us? Where's Rock-us?'

'Are we all here now? What do you suppose happened there?'

Pox was there, Alder, the Snake and finally Bottle, yet their leader nowhere to be found. Worst that, it could be the fact that there were other things pushing on, working their nerves as they twisted each other past the gloom. Leaping from one second to another, you'd find them pointing the rail-guns at one another, only to be stopped from firing as they listened to the sound of the lightning going, straight outside.

'It's raining out there, isn't it?'

'So? What's it to you to know? Dead men don't need to bother with that kind of information, not the kind soon to be buried underneath the floor in any case.'

It was Pox, who had decided to have the first laugh. Somehow he was still grinning with his vile teeth, as much as they had been restrained and caught off the prick. He was the only one who could be trusted so far. It wasn't just that. Twenty feet away, through whatever numbered passageway you could look into, it didn't matter. He could still feel it, after so many years, all the pain given life by failure had struck him.

Now he peered at himself like some lost soul.

He didn't need a name. He could simply be forgotten in only a few hours. There's no need to look at him any longer, for his own sake at least. And soon they would raise their hands at him. He was a buck-shot if

I ever saw one. Despite being condescending, he aimed the one thing he hated holding in his hand. A shotgun with eight-barrels, all of which promised to paint his face red. Submitted to this act of his, there was only one need, to lit up a single smoke and play with the diring poking cross he carried around with him. With the crucifix near his side, the heat would be stable, refusing to rise. Not only would it not allow itself to suffer and drag itself after, but there was a clear entry. Into the realm of the uncanny, shhh, no one watched. Reflected into the peckless castrations he had ordered in the past, he could only loathe himself in shame.

Despite the time, the cruel mistress wouldn't forgive him in the sea of fate. For what he's done, many a vengeance would be brought onto him for the sole reason that he couldn't overthink it

'There, have my shirt and the skin on top of it.'

He didn't take it off, of course. Instead, he pulled out a bone and threw it on the ground. A fellow came after, don't look at him now. For he bore something on his face, a mask, and something about it.

'Hey, hey, listen to me now, I want you to hear about something. I was sent here, good sir for a damned quest. Sent by the novice himself, the servant of the.'

Something the matter? A clock in his head, another one in the throat and he spoke no longer as he fell dead. Of course no one would be allowed to talk of the land of storms yet. It was far too dangerous for in it now resided the dreadful realm, split in half, never brought a kind, of that.

'My world has been destroyed.'

A distant echo had been heard. Though you may not think of ill, you see it at will, as the giant centipede-like construct which grew inside the planet.

Ivanoe looked at his good firend, Roscowaff for only a dire moment, thinking of something they could share now. Despite all the deluge which they had been given while using the elevator, only now would either of them be allowed to distinguish from what was carried on the broth. Why, the man had something to him which made him walk backwardly like someone born in a pot.

'Now now, Roscowaff, I've decided to bring you back to life again.'

'But what happened Ivanoe? What happened to me now? I was alive a moment ago, before we came.'

'Hooray, to our new home.'

Where the elevator stopped, they were in a pit of dirt. Of course it wasn't just an unnatural pit of dirt in there. Just look at, I dare thee to look at it for a good reason. For the sole officiator of disease couldn't do anything about it even if he wanted to, it would prize him to know what was going on. By each passing moment while they were setting the apparatuses and setting up the new base.

‘Wait a minute, the laces around the elevator were green.’

‘And?’

‘Ivanoe, I hadn't been alive yesterday, have I?’

His friend only shrugged at the question. Well of course he hadn't a clue what was really going on here.

For the sole reason that he couldn't help himself any longer, he chose to carry on with the only good alternative, which was prying into the business where he didn't actually belong to. I seem to care less about this pain in my chest than I could do for it. ‘Let it be known here that I haven't tried to kill her. Why, it's only a matter of fact that I couldn't have done it. On a good day, I would've paid good fortune to Ivanoe and never and never. Hahahahah.’

The man laughed as he garnered the knife in his hand. He bent a strange partitioned hand behind his eye.

It looked as if he had been ready to pull it off in decades of bitterness that had come onto him now. He wasn't a man who complained a lot for no reason. He wore a gas filter and a flint around his back. That thing was enormous. Even so, with that accounted, it went ahead and connected a few fillaments which drenched his forearm while entering his sharp knife. From the fillaments, a bunch of straight-edged star-pins began pushing out, seemingly made out of blood clots. He was elated from it. Just by looking at the reactions his face produced, you could see the vagueness his mind carried on with.

This was a lost physician, at the boundary of a lost home. While the others brought nothing short but the devices they carried on with them, he only brought a carpet. On it, there were no patterns but a symbol he had claimed to be his own.

‘See? I even managed to tatoo it across the back of my back.’

‘That's indeed something, isn't it, Ivanoe?’

But he had noticed something about the strange, almost compounded snake-widened scorpion lance that projected from his back. Peculiar or not, this animal appeared to be completely represented from every possible angle, suited for a work of art than the back of a ill-minded fellow like him. For starters, it was moving even then. And it hadn't been a botched patch of ink as much as it had been only the wretched scum-totter of something they had both failed to look upon. A scourging thing, a raise in the back which tried getting out, we both noticed how slowly it had began raising itself up until it couldn't do it any longer, only to give in and deflate.

‘In no time, I think, it should be able to escape from my grasp. And then, I shall be free from it, you'll see.’

‘But dear man, do you truly seek to get rid of it in that manner?’

‘Why, as of lately, I felt as if I had been carrying all the summer-water on my back, you see?’

‘And?’

‘I’m the Rain-maker Admiral, Corvantes. Look, this on my back is a sea animal on which I shall ride back to the mast and harken the return to my place of birth where I shall finally rest and find myself befuddled by the wenches.

Blessed be their soul, for they are the ones who shall take care of me when I’ll be old and I won’t be able to carry on the trough filled with my sardines. And if that happens, do you think you could even comprehend what that might mean for me? I might lose my fingers and my jaw, I could look away for only one second and they would eat my leg.

And the egg.’

‘Which egg?’

‘Ivanoe, don’t encourage him, please, I think this man had been touched. And look, he still hasn’t let go of his knife.’

‘A grand observation, I see, but I cannot sit in doubt and say any longer that there’s anything I could do about it without losing my desire to carry on with it. You see, I’m only trying to earn my due as best as I can. Don’t suppose you’d do it any better, do you?’

Tending to this carpet is hard on its self with all the clam-callouses taken from the clam-iron. Courtesy to the master, but because of him, I had at least managed to do something

Let me give you a shot of what I see.’

Just then, the scorgiastic flash had turned into a white-dented black-red, hued with strip-bans of waves that immediately turned his whole body into a conduit for scorched earth to come into him. Only a dark shout could be heard from his bowels and for a second you could see his eye. It looked like it started rotating inwardly until it started pouring itself out of his brows, forming the scondrellic pattern across his sockets. Though they lost their whiteness and the iris had been broken in part, he showed only the magnificence of a man who was lost. Call him again, like a walking horse who cannot touch itself any longer.

His grim started taking a part of the ceiling above of them, as the crescent of his inner-talons bulked out. For the few moments, his face could be entirely seen juxtaposed across his flashing light. It had gotten so fast that he had lost himself in it, melting with every second until he was stopped. From his rear came two more, both of them were some Tyrant-looking mongrels who didn’t belong in this place at all.

‘Why have you called for us? We’re still out there in the vastness of space.’

‘Why must we share rooms with them? Blasted creatures, these living four-headed comets were supposed to be empty.

Are we to share rooms with them as well?’

‘No, this isn’t where I was meant to project us, we were supposed to be on a ship, to go a-going into fishing. You blasted chachical frigthening aspects do not belong here.’

His eyes had been bludgeoned by them. As, in fairness they didn’t exactly know what those holders were supposed to do. Dents could visibly be seen, as the Tyrant Brutes finally understood what they pruned out of him.

‘My pardons, I haven’t realised that we’re not there any longer. If you don’t mind in that case, would you sent us back where we ought to be?’

Someone’s bound to get hurt in case you’re missing my point entirely.’

A tooth-less grin was shown, from which the gums started pouring on into his mouth.

He took a few more steps, it neded. Neither of them other men saw what happened, at each end. Instead, they chose.

It was the worst place to be in. The very bottom of the earth, where no one walked forth and no one cared for themselves a bit. If anything they looked like men who were looking for refuge, who were lost at that.

Even the most tormented people could admire it.

He felt like this place could be deserted in any moment. Just by looking at it, there were set on risking their lives there. No one wanted to answer, yet they hoped for someone. Anyone who could come and lend the hands back, it would bring no joy to push themselves around for too long. For what was worth, it didn't matter. There were other means of going around the place. Was it late already for he who covered his guts and refused to move away?

Some fields were greener, yet no one paced around them.

‘Don’t grab more than you can get. They’ll take everythign from you and watch you squirm.’

They would struggle like dweller-fish. Nothing went as far as it would take them to be heard out. So many people acted out of place.

‘I just want out now.’

Hleb wasn’t thinking right. He was a dumb kid, who couldn’t do anything right. He was trying to trace fingerprints off the grass. Yet he hadn’t cared about a single thing. Not a single thing in the world, all of which would sadden him. It got much worse. They watched her walk, slowly.

Not a soul in sight.

Some stranded houses, yet they were simple. Another sight showed just how unevenly they were placed. No one wanted to approach them because they looked like water-towers. Too much rust accumulated on top of them, and for a jeary-eyed thicket, they sprouted in the wrong directions. Jerkiness couldn’t be counted on. For the third or the eight time, too many terrible things came one after another.

Shh, it was time to sniff, he brought it back on a single whim.

Harond'thkar, a man of his word, stood looking out of his wooden window with nothing but a crippled lip that stopped him from growing. A time and a day lay there for everything. But he hadn't been satisfied by what was going on around him. By the various jugs he had punched in and prepared. He's had enough of it this day. Either way, he was adamant on baking his bread only to place it in his jars. With no problem going so far, he had only took it upon himself to make sure everything was in order. Production would be at stake and looking back on it, he only had so many hands to work with. Through all the smashing and the praising, he looked for a way to help them out. His daughters were relentlessly pushing themselves to bake, and to pull away, from the masses of powder-flour. Not to cower for too late a day, but now it was the time to look into it, again. Something was in the down there, and he could only wait and see that he could get it. As much as it would be worth-while, looking to strike down as fast as he could do it, but there wasn't anyone inside the room unfortunately. Not with him in any case, only the disturbing minutes he had to spare. Looking around from a barely standing chair, he glanced around. He picked up one of his jars for himself. Upon a closer inspection of the bread, he noticed the scarab-like toe-spanners that started shaking as hard as they could. Some of them were indistinguishable from the ones in his skin which reacted upon touching the ones beneath them. From his toes and in his bread, he felt as if they were communicating once again. It brought to him much pain now, just by the folk and the dreadful drop-like quiet that came after. From at least a slit inside inside of him, they carried on. And until they couldn't continue any longer, they tried again and again until it came to him.

‘Alas, I shall make sure you’ll all be forced to mix.’

Just to make sure, he allowed them to continue what they were doing until the bread resembled a ship in a bottle, completely soaked after the cut. A knock on the door came after, and hence the client came.

Suspicion drew near. He stopped from jittering, holding the pain in. It only took us so far, our conversation barely going before it stopped again. Even though he hadn't opened his mouth, he offered me something to plug in my chest. Right from below his chest, he bore a note.

‘Ah, I see, you want twenty of these.’

Harond couldn't even keep the conversation going, it seemed. For some reason he was too dull to notice it now.

‘I’ll have to check some of it in the back. I’ll be around in a jiffy.’

A few more shafted halls were there. Eighty rows at least on either side, from most of them you could pick at least something to pick up from, no one would mind the matter. Everything was occupied here, regardless of what they tried saying. Some welsh spirits somewhat appeared to inhabit the place. They were occupying themselves as soon as they could get past the smell of the protruding flowers. It was hard, trying to ration food out. It was even harsher when you thought about everyone trying to live through the

posion clouds outside. Somehow, so many people survived, that it almost seemed quaint to have customers again.

He hadn't a mask on, but it would do.

'Here, to the last drop.'

With his order ready, he dropped just the few spares, some silverware which was much appropriated. Now, them leaving was the hardest part, as no one desired to see it, no one at all. He spared no one of the chance to look through the glass. Even though fewer and fewer people appeared, his family still kept making the bread. Like forgers of flour, working relentlessly with little joy. Past the devotion, he had been left alone. To the contrary, he started making fun of the piss-poor cats that died the morning they stepped outside. It never got old seeing the neighbors.

Something else was on his mind.

He couldn't keep true to himself.

It was ripe, so far. No one wanted to concern themselves out there with surviving any longer. They took their good time to take as many risks as possible. Eating mushrooms that held certain colors and shapes wasn't out of the ordinary any longer. And they wanted to go forward with it and grow their own herds. As those mushrooms grew on just about anything which had skin on it. It could be looked upon as a coil. Ever since they appeared, the sheep had been only butchered in part. There was something wrong about them, though no one could explain it yet.

We turned them on their backs and made sure not a single one of them had a chance to escape. Once they were disarmed, we started planting the seeds in their wood. Indeed, the mushrooms had been harvested of seed. Tiny and colourless, but they were a pain to be held. Even so, it was far too dangerous to hope we could do with them whatever we wanted. Hold them for too long and they grow onto you. Give them a chance to get away, you'll slip and crack your head open. It was an aphrodisiac scent which only added itself to them. For starters, it made you fall. And once you were down, you never got up. Not for the good reason at least. You weren't dead, but there was a good reason for not getting up in the first place.

A part of you would be left behind. Grayed out like a cast. Even the old shamans would've seen this as being too queer to be held on. I feared for touching them for too long. And I was the harvester of our group. Twenty men waited in line, waiting with their sheep inside their arms. Had they cradled them like that forever? Was there a reason for it? Their actions confused me, but I was here to do my job. We had all the seeds placed in a basket near me, which had been placed on top of a bucket. It was mostly felt by me. You had to feel for the right ones, no matter how dangerous it was. Going in too far or too slow had a risk in itself. Were you to go any faster? A lost hand, too slow? Better not talk of it yet.

Their action went fast. The way you could know it was going was by simply looking as their growth. Fast actioned, so it seemed. Most of them were immediately growing their root channels through the wool, leaving no doubt that it had worked. After that, then came the waiting.

We placed the frozen sheep in fields of graves. For some reason, growth was stumped unless there were bodies twenty feet underneath them. It had been tested before. Exactly twenty feet, no more, no less, it didn't matter if they were fresh or not. That was the deal. And so far, we've all survived on them after losing our provisions.

'Domo, Patricide, I've come to bring you water.'

'What have you come here for this time?'

'Domo, domo.' I repeated. 'Have you brought good news of the march?'

We greeted the strangers, though no one believed me. He was there when the explosions happened. Though I couldn't flesh the pieces out, for whatever reason he was here. Standing with us while pacing around, he chose us. Each time at noon, he appeared out of nowhere, carrying exactly fifty squalls of water. Pouches, they were called by laymen. But they were made out of chittin. With his muse gone, I only wanted to crack his head open. He also told us the same story before the trade.

'I lost my dear Ecatherine, my dear, dear lady. You don't suppose you have seen her now, while going around the scavy?'

'I don't think we have. If she's not around our camp, she's probably dead. What do you think Mck'roy?'

'Definitely dead, unless she's out there and managed to survive on something, but I very much doubt it.'

There were less keen on dragging in for long.

'Give us the pouches already. You know how hard it is to get our hands on purified water.'

'Don't rush me, I know what I'm doing here. Now let me check, I need to see whether or not our rations are running low. You wouldn't want to go back to the slime-water would you?'

'No sir.' It echoed around for a few minutes until the uroborous returned. 'No sur.'

Aforemention, there was an itch to his head. He was trying to scrape off the smoldering meat which grew.

From it there pushed the antler-piles, which started travelling towards his throat. He only sunk a few of his fingers deep, pulling some artifact he had been carrying with him. Dark and smoldering, it was a piece to behold. He had been pleased by it, now that there was time, to check it. Two red bard appeared, forming digital motions. He collected the hours from just about every place. It's what he told us after all, not that we would believe anything he said.

'I told you the man's insane. Why must you entertain him every time he comes around here? All this talk of a Muse, and the weird things he does.'

'Shut it now, Sparky, he's the only tradesman who had access to purified water. You don't want to drive such a man away, do you?'

‘I suppose not.’

A concession didn’t last for long. He wanted to please himself just there. That’s what they were all after, anyway.

‘Two shilings of silver-barrels, that’s what I require. If you can’t do me less, I’ll take a few seeds instead.’

‘Deal, that’s a deal, then, twenty seeds for all five of your pouches.’

They shook on it amiably, for what was worth, he came forth himself and gave us everything he had.

‘What is your name, son?’

‘They call me Avenue for some reason. I could never explain why, but everyone’s looked at me as if I were the one queer, so they stuck it with me.’

‘Is there any reason for it?’

Avenue only shrugged. He hadn’t any intention of giving him anything he didn’t like. He was reserved for a man who was working in the wastes. It would be much more dangerous to act otherwise. Looking back at it now, this avoided a lot of trouble. Hence the trade, and he got ready to walk away.

‘One last thing if you don’t mind.’

He handed me something else. It was subtle but I knew there was something peculiar about it. Somehow it felt out of place just then, but he handed me a note. These were news about the March, pamphlets I believe they called them. I had no idea they were distributing them as freely as they were now. I could see it flopping in his eye now. This wasn’t the sight either of us had been accustomed to. But he planted the seeds in his neck and waited for them to pop instead of immediately leaving.

What a strange man he was. We all thought about it for a moment before letting it go. As the event faded away, we couldn’t put ourselves in the other shoes. All of our feet had been cut off just blow the nails. Each of us had been standing twenty centimeters away from where we first landed. Only now could we look back at it, from empty seats, going back, bleeding on the ground.

‘If we allow it to dry, we might end up being followed.’

‘Followed by whom? I thought the radiation killed most of the animals.’

‘Just like it killed us, Avenue?’

It wasn’t fair that he would bring it up. But he remember going around for some reason, in one of the abandoned houses. They found themselves dead, each of them piled up there. Of course, in the irradiate forms that seemed to have only given birth to a mound of out copies. They were all connected by the same living organs and the same nervous systems like that of men. We could only carry it so far before we could understand what was going on.

Apparently we weren’t meant to see it. For that I can only look in shame at myself, for I wasn’t the surviving man. No, I was the Avenue from the pile. We switched spots, at least eight times. A lot of Avenues had been there rotting, bringing in only the nuisance which had pleased us, though we were

there. I knew where my brothers were. I considered abandoning them more than a few times. Even though I sometimes return to them to see the maw open and throw the mushrooms in. Straight from the gully, into the broken doors, no one followed me this time around. I see nothing going on.

My head had been smashed in one of the rebel camps. It was a hard enough to live life out there, in the harshness of wood-sand destruction. Bitter bile-wads kept appearing out time, when they weren't needed. I almost drew away from them, just out of principle. And the wads appeared to be fascinating portals which spread in themselves some kind of greasy texture which drew upon itself, feeding into existence. Would it matter if I lost a finger in it? They took a liking to human meat. Perhaps it would be better if I considered taking my life just there. A few steps would allow me to push my head fully inside. There wouldn't even be pain, if I were to abide the rules.

No more than a few seconds there, just make sure there's something to look after. Sniff around eighteen times, only then will the radiation strike. A puckor of glowth started flashing form inside of it. Perhaps I ought to have been more attentive. Well to do, I saw only the Orange Origiastic Sinew coming out of it. Would there be anything else to look for? I knelt and started licking it off the ground. A wheat taste came to inhabit my senses. Perhaps I was nearing old age. For the mighty lurking strage inside my mind started giving away. I was someone who ought not to be met. Lost as my mind did make it so I was looking out of breathe, as I ran for twenty more miles after entering the Orange-Haze.

It was unlikely that my life would add to something now. Ever since I realise what the prospects of life were. I gave in, my feet were only broken as far as my knees started pushing in. Some liberties had been taken there. It wasn't fair, but that's how they chose to play with the small boisterous dults they had taken with them. I was awaited upon my return. Pehraps I was much too late but I had lost my chance to warn them. Keep up with the pumps.

Two things I noticed as I came back to the camp. They had all muddied the floor with their bloody-feet, second thing being the presence of the other man. He had pumps in his jaw which were going up and down, faster than I could keep track of them. It was rather unsafe for me to approach. I could see that he was making a lot of noise and too much mess around him. His tracks had been wiped off and I knew he did appear out of nowhere. It was a loss for both of us as soon as we shook hands. I knew it. Everyone in the camp was laughing for some reason but I knew it was wrong.

For more than two hours they've fed him the seeds. His entire body had been entirely encompassed into roots which carried on through his insides. Mostly, I felt it after our first handshake. It felt like a cackle that refused to go away. He went out of his way to show me that his psyiognomy was no longer that of a human. Instead, he had taken too many lost-stakes and became it, a living embodiment of roon-channels that were poisoning his body and us, even though we weren't aware of the latter.

Another row of handicapped frowls followed. He was trying his best not to strike at him. He was being bloated down to an unatural level. I see.

‘There’s no way do differentiate the living from the dead here.’

‘What was that?’

Avenue looked back. An old friend appeared out of whom’s where, wearing some plastic toner spread around his brow. It forced him to indulge in the broken. From ontop of him you could see a scar which started going as deep as it would go. A few inchest here and there, that from the side, a few inches from the bow, his forehad looked like two hills. Right until your drew on and looked at it and saw the mass of brain pouring in, turning and pushing away.

‘Oh, I see, you want me to eat some of it, right?’

They had me working like a bull in head, trying to look way. It faded as some kind of mettling. They were trying their best not to look away. Flying fleas already nested in his head, feeding on his memories.

Plume a plume. He had too much to drink.

‘Is that man okay? Who did he say he was?’

‘Frank, his name was Frank Duschore. I suppose it’s the time to do it, if either of you don’t mind this.’

Everyone formed a row as quickly as they could. It was somehow invigorating, seeing him in action again. He had never actually took charge in such a way, henceforth, this had been nothing but a wild masquarade of thoughts he had painted himself in. With all the wild summers when the green gas turned to orange, that being the main show they had managed to get themselves in, this had been a great change for once. Much so, that they were counting on him.

‘I bet he’ll slug off the fool any moment now.’

It was most likely so, just thinking about it made them point about it. He would humble the man even more than he had looked the part for it. For what was worth he looked like he’d done something to earn it.

‘Avenue, I’ve come here to ask something of you. I know this isn’t the best time I could actually come and grab a hold of you but listen here.’

He opened his chest, like a tin-man would, revealing the many changes he had went through. It was for the better that he couldn’t tell the difference between I and one of the other fake Avenues that have come before me. Could he feel it though? A desolation had occured in him. Despite what he looked like, inside his small fading chest, I could reel up just a few unsatisfactory parts that din’t entirely belong in there. He stored a miniature nuclear-missle in there, a fat one, I believe they were called, a small fetus which had been preserved but who was eating him on the inside and a few sustenance-cells. I recognised them immediately. The cells were just clean enough to be used. I feared not going deeper in but I wanted to find out more.

‘What did you want out of me?’

‘Give me solace, that’s the only thing I ask of you, help me become human again. I seemed to have forgotten what that’s like. If you don’t mind it, I would be indebted if you chose to show me the way.’ Poor man, I could smell it despite him being only a few feet away from where I was standing. Someone had filled his head with methane gas. It made him all too desperate to be alive. Somehow he wanted to grasp at someone and release everything he had absorbed out there. Through his eyes passed a tiny spark of meat. It flashed and filled them entirely. He could be poked at any moment if someone were to aim at him. Just make sure nothing of this happens too quickly. No one would forgive you if you were. Seeing how he was their leader, he turned around them and gave them an assuring smile. That and a flip of his fingers, just so they could see that he was whole again, nothing was missing and nothing would go away. At least not until the first accident happened.

‘If you don’t mind, do you mind if I take this from you.’

‘All of those things will remain with me, do you understand? I refuse to give anything I own, they’re all mine.’

And he refused to step in line despite me assuring him that everything would be all right. He simply didn’t understand how things worked, unfortunately. He had people to protect around the camp and him carrying that thing inside of him turned him into a living bomb. Just to make sure of it.

‘Don’t make any sudden movement, or else I think you’ll disappoint them. That’s right, they’ll all be disappointed for some reason or another. And you wouldn’t want that would you now? Everyone’s been through enough, as have you, I’m sure, Frank. But that’s just part of being human, isn’t it?’

He smiled, prefiguringly waiting. It had been a dreadful idea, yet he didn’t care as much as he was concerned. No one from the camp had been expected to survive, not a single dreadful soul could be expected in any case. If there was anything even going as remotely as it could, not that it should matter, he would be out of the play. Dead before them, and with them, and all of them, without any survivor. It made it much worse, for him to think of all the consequences that would last. If he went away now, he couldn’t strive to do it again, if chances were to try him.

They could forgive much but not this. He was looking as he was for now, just another man with his feet on the ground, walking on the same apparel, without giving too much away. It could only be the reason for them spitting.

‘What do you mean we should treat him like one of us?’

‘Lower your voice, Sparks, I need all of you to be incredibly serious about this. Otherwise, I’m afraid that something dangerous might happen.’

‘Like what now?’

‘You know what? Who made you our leader in the first place?’

It ate him up just thinking about it. For the same insignificant reason he tried pushing all of them away. It wasn’t a question of his interpretation or the blurring of mouths, but the man sounded as if he lost his ability to speak. He was spouting gibberish for every words that came after. Even then, my men doubted what the reason my friend was in the camp for. If he wanted to join them, why not ask it?

On top of that, he was acting suspicious, in the worst manner possible. He was fumbling something underneath his breath. Walking away without giving too much of what he was doing. And after that, he started drawing in, wondering what were were doing here.

‘Repairs, now piss off will you?’

Cater blocked his way, without thinking of him. He couldn’t be bothered now, especially after what had been said and done. Everyone had been saddened for some reason, without saying much, we only asumed he would go away. It’s not as if we didn’t make it any obvious now, but we were distressed by his presence here. He wasn’t someone who made them actually want to talk to. Plus he moved weirdly, almost mechanically, in ways neither of us could even explain.

He was smelling our gas fuel and drinking the sheep eyes, straight out of the cups. He filled two of them before moving on. Just what was going on with him?

Again, they went back to their leader and asked of him.

‘Should he really be allowed to walk across the camp unsupervised? I feel as if, there’s something bound to happen.’

‘Fine, Carter, go ahead, trail his around and see what happens. I’d do anything to get rid of this crowd, before I get another headache and decide to lose my temper.’

He had lain in awe just then. For every second he had spent trying to trail his way back he had decided the best course of action would be to befriend this strange. As peculiar as it sounded, little things like these should add up somehow. If he knew what was good for him.

‘Frank is it? Avenue told me a lot about you. Carter, Carter Mcc’Olhy.’

There was no intention to shake hands with him and it could only get worse from that point on. For every more, his fingers had been broken and taken away, for the scope he could taint his reputation. If only he were to smack him across the head when he wasn’t looking. Dangerous or not, that crossed his mind more than a few times. He had considered it way too often to care any longer. Positive, he thought, just one across the back and.

‘What are you doing?’

‘Oh, nothing, I’m doing nothing here. I was just trying to observe how well you were working, you know? Pushing spanners, making a castle out of them, that’s a masterful touch. But wouldn’t you say that it would be much better if you put them to a proper use than let’s say, play with them?’

Because it would be much more useful for the camp if we have another hand at work here. You know?

Perhaps that would make the others gain your trust.'

He hoped. So far, he hadn't even the closest shingle to ear, whether they neared the point where the pool beneath them warmed. Indeed, it was getting out of the way, out of their heads even, just thinking about it made most of them turn to the turmoil. A leash of necks, metal off course, taken from those parasite-androids laid somewhere. Strangled and placed on the adjoined place. It didn't take much for him to ask.

'And what is that?'

'A souvenir, why are you asking?

See anything you like? If you do, just take it, there won't be anyone around here to stop you. I'd take it for myself now, but I have no need for it, no one really does. It's far too dangerous they say, keep it too much in your hands and it might explode.'

'It will explode?'

'Of course it would. Come now, come now, listen to your good friend Carter, he knows much better, he will look out for you. As long as you follow me and do what I say, that's right.'

One of the Viland head compactors was in a constant need of crossing. They would have to make sure none of the valves took some pressure off them, just to be sure. No, they couldn't take it anymore. It was one thing to talk about bringing a new man to the camp and another to force him down their throats without consulting them first.

'Do you have any idea how dangerous this fellow might be?

You barely even know him don't you? And from what I saw, the way you looked at him the first time, I think there was even a feud between the two of you.

Ain't I right? Was there something in their eyes or not? Because I say it was, and I know it so.'

They raised their hands in admiration and gave upon themselves just then. It wasn't likely that this would head towards a rebellion, yet. Either one of them couldn't stop but dread what was about to happen. They never intended taking it so far, to the point where they feared just what might happen if one were to slip. Hit him, just hit him and be done with it. He can't help it either, he's nothing but a head-stricken, blown, fool-lousy worker who found himself leading the camp by accident. He couldn't even make the difference between a puddle and a deluge. It had to be settled here.

Just before someone actually made a wrong turn and force themselves away. Seeing how blows might be taken, he began calming them down.

'Wait a minute now, I think we're all rushing to unwanted conclusions here.'

From the rebellion came the first.

Let me begin with a strike of nonsense. I grabbed the man and ripped a piece of his arm. Then and only will I say that I have done a great work.

What a charming piece of earth he was lost in. Though the submarine still remained at the point of no return, almost broken and mourned for, a man had to keep everything to himself.

But there he lay, no longer perturbed. He had looked around and never understood what was going on.

Lo' and about, he walked on pitty-talbots.

He feigned interest for some reason but never spoke about it. For the same reason he had only spent a fine

boot' a doing to his knee. His eyes had not only changed in color but they began manifesting their peculiar irises all around the twist, a birth amidst the strange engraving. Better to look away than to face the scurvey, it was a fact that he hadn't even remotely considered what was going on around him. Some

closure would be taken not by choice but the immediate thought which occurred to him.

Malt knew that someone was looking out for him. So close had he gotten to it that he considered walking around dumb-struck circles and making for a run. He could still find himself going about it, if he were to

be joined at last.

'Clear, I suppose it's clear now. We can go.'

'May I be allowed a moment of rest at least? Please, I'm only trying to act as decently as I can. Don't bother me now.'

'We won't. But we came here to warn you about something, just so you know. There's someone trailing you now. He's about to come on, hide behind door. Jump in that room and do something, you perilous thing.'

He was almost pulled in by them. Despite having promised that they wouldn't intervene, they mad-faces did it. Spare thee of the bile. There were other things, better to do. Going through everything again had

been nothing but a fluke. After he stepped away, from the line and hold, the hooking bloke almost crushed the door in with an anchor.

'What does he want?'

'Don't make any noise now, I think the time will come.'

They were barking commands at him now. It would be better if this was avoided for now.

He was spared the waiting as he met his cell-mate. The man he would temporarily share his room with.

The temperature was somewhat benign, just looking at it, he had tried it far too many times.

'Make sure you don't lower the temperature any more, or something much worse might happen.'

'And what would that be?'

'Look outside the window and see for yourself.'

It was far too difficult for him to do it. For the same reason that he could get out to take a swim, it was frozen, everything was. Malt felt his breath being taken away from him. He wasn't in the mood of pouting, even though he ran through the hallway and worked on the court. Despite the various lost

minutes in which it happened, he still looked forth to counting them off. As much as he was desperate to try looming around, nowhere to go and nowhere to run, he thought about it for countless seconds. Breaking through the mast, the true colors of vileness had been shown about him. He sprouted as if from a hole, which wasn't his nor would he show it any longer.

Grub reseeded in and waited. From the broken, cut-in half mind, he looked worse for the taking, as he was about to look the worse, what was the matter?

He was surrounded by the ill-shape replicas that looked like him. Though they had all been smashed entirely as they showed no sign of changing, better praying for the disciple that he may return. But so far eight of them were floating in the sky, wretched and caught off guard. It was time for the illness to begin.

While showing signs of batterment, they couldn't even show a chance to pull away.

As they positioned themselves near him, you could see the enfolding cloth which went around them. A mutter could only go as far. From each side they bore strange connectors which started pushing in until they couldn't be considered as anything but cutting steel penetrators which opened spaces through their sides. An originating paster started inhabiting their deeply engorged plocktors.

Since the space they were in was so strange and untouched, there wasn't any single way to carry on with themselves, it was only a matter of saying and of dragging along. Alone or not they could only spare themselves the pain for only so long.

'A madman, they yelled, though art a madman in peril, follow me.'

There was a prototype which said it. He mimicked opening a door. As soon as he floor on the floor, part of his hear, going down through his chest and into his leg got cut off. A pray of blood shot from his every direction. Just what was the jutt of blood? Who care about him and what he did to the others at last? First and foremost, the Grubs turned towards him. Though they had open wounds which darted as much guttural remnants as they bore inside them, it was pointless to question them.

Their growts were many and bore no satisfaction, they were destined to beg for a reaction. Cut in line, they bore their uppor-clorochols protrayed this way. Large, mostly curved, from around each part they could be set about and thrown into each corner of their handles. Some of them were destined to grow, despite being trapped into a harp-like form whith it strings bere harder cyllindrical figures that kept rotating and orienting inside of them. It couldn't be questioned any longer, just what the reason before them was. A featherless large and in the shape of a mad octave kept pushing out of it. There were also the holes which couldn't hold the liquid in. Though it smelled, you could tell that it was vital to their survival. Even those giant shelled harp-like uppor-clorochols being out, they still managed to survive the worst of times. It couldn't be thanked for, a vision for dread. They felt themselves pushing one another as they approached the prototype instead. In as much as a few minutes, what else would they do if not speak in shapes and the sound of the uges they displayed to him, but bottled. Inside of them there stood only the

cruelty which waited. It was felt much so. With their psychic abilities, they forced him to levitate, breaking him apart in that space-between spaces, lost into space itself. A universe wouldn't even be able to fit it, let alone billions of realities for no other reason that they were under the protection of the

Illuminators-Glors. Glory to the, glory to them, let it be known so far.

That walking upon feet that didn't belong to them wasn't going to take them far. As one of the sudden urges came to mourn, they were destined to throw themselves forth. A correction had to be insilled, and everyone was to be punished for ripping him apart too quick.

'I told you all he's to be preserved. Why have you not listened to me? I have come upon you only with the greatest intentions and you have all made me suffer.'

To this, let them sit down. They rested for a few minutes, not to be bothered with what was going around them. At times someone could care much less, or try making a difference to the distress they felt. No one came to greet them yet. And they had been flying in circles for hours. Time flew right past them then. Look at his wrists, he's not only poisoned. He's actually entrapped. He's being dragged below the parts of the sea, where the world collide amongst idolatry. Below their masses, they had long and forth realised there's no return. Not truly, in place he had abandoned, the refuge from which he can never return. It saddened them, especially now, as all of them looked upon poor Malt. Realising that his chances of return were nulled, they had decided that instead, he was to be pulled and pushed back.

'Listen to yourself and hear us well now. It's time for you to return to a place and a time when everything was still worth it.'

They gave him a promise then. And this time around they made sure to follow with it. No one was supposed to die from it. But they would all suffer as long as he was sent there. For more than a good reason, as Malt wasn't supposed to be there. Despite being his refuge, the perfect place where he could hide and be safe from everyone. It was during times like these when he felt, he felt, he felt as if nothing else mattered. Not any longer, at least he was home. Of course it was dangerous getting here in the first place. Just looking past everything he did, this was a melancholical way of entering his realm. Though the man didn't say a word, he was more than content with his fate. Just by looking around for a few minutes he realised that there wasn't a way out. As soon as the window broke, he lost just about everything he had stashed inside his room by the time the wave came in. Though it wouldn't even be set, he fell for it and he was dead. Striken in the face with a multitude of ice-shards, he lost too much blood and drowned alive just as the entire quadran of the submarine froze with him in it. Now he didn't care for it.

He had killed him and froze his blood. It was unnecessary to expect anything else but this.

He suckled on it on his way back. It kept him fresh off the hook now.

There was no distinct map he looked back on while he made his way. He had destroyed his knuckles after trying to bash through one of the rocky-steel glass barrels he leaped on as he made his way towards the farthest point of the steely cold. Between this and the ford of stone where he found the witch that tried guiding him, he hadn't many choices left. She was on the other side of the gelatine water. Now it was beyond his control and not even that, he felt like there wasn't any chance any longer for him to get to her. It was beyond his reach and he hadn't care of anything but that point. Was he to leap in it now? There was only one way to know.

It was good to know that they'd have his back. Soon enough the water turned to dust. And once it settled, it became the good old junk he was accustomed to. He had finally emerged on the other side, yet, he was simply forgotten there.

A change had come inside, as the main platform where everything had been placed got immediately contraped. Shimmering palletes stood there by the time he had reached the first stranded bridge. Another one of these areas were under construction. Worse then them had been the strange vagrant Vigil. He had been aprehended. Despite his best attempts to get away from the moving bowl of phosphorescent plight, Malt was caught. Where he eneded, just about the arc, androids as well as weird people ended up being stranded without a way of complaining. It was highly unacceptable. There was no way to run.

Not even the slightest effort went in vain as the levels and the Blocs, the bunker was at last done.

'This is the dawn of the new age.'

A message read, in huge, largely disclosed letters. There wasn't much of anything else he could find out about the place, other than the rumors and whatever else they could spread between one anoter. As if it would matter now, as uncomfortable as he was, there was no way out. He couldn't even hope to get his way in this time around. He was trying his best to do it.

But the largely caught doors were stranded there and worked no more. As a matter of fact, he had been placed into a tiny body sized elevator, carried on fringe and pushed in with the others. It was the only way he could actually work without giving in the fold.

'What's happened here?'

'They have.'

One of the other men pointed at him. It was a general direction and the man was someone he had recognised from before. As a matter of fact he was a well known figure he had met from the days when he was, there. In the apartment, when he lived not so far from her, Claire. It wasn't likely that he'd be recognised now. Not that it mattered in any case. But the stranded electic devices were nothing to be joked about any longer, as it happened for them to be far more dangerous than they had ever been before.

It was only then that he considered the only other option. He asked for help.

'I need to know of a way out of here.'

‘Wouldn’t we all like that?’

It was serious, despite everything said. He tried his best not to give in too soon, despite the fact that he was jittering about the place. Malt was here, he was there, he leaped about and never cared about what was going on to them. How could this happen? Why did they react that way? They weren’t some morbid-looking deformities, but men, as he was.

‘Will they allow us to leave?’

‘It’s never happned before? And what do you mean by leave?’

Leave for what?’

‘Leave this place because it’s unnatural. We don’t belong here.’

‘Tell me about it, no one here has committed any crime. We were placed in these holding cells for no reason whatsoever. I suppose it could be much worse than that. There are worse alternatives, you know?’

SO better keep that in mind before you say or do anything they don’t like.’

Just what did he mean and where was he?’

Of course life hadn’t been entirely dominated by normal citizens drunk with power. It was much worse after the border. Here, apparently only humanoids were allowed to live. While out there, the view was not only different but downright vindictive by the looks of it. Looking forth for the time spent here, so another sign said. IT was illuminated by the Box-cutters, who were placed just about the place. IF there was one thing anyone should be reminded about, it was the fact that they were not alive. Indeed, they were called that for a reason there. From inside of them, the saline motion could only push and draw away.’

The dinner table, a meeting point between two strangers. Wretched days, has it been so long since a guest came in? He tried his damnest not to make him think of what happened there. The door was closed now.

Aleksey didn’t think there would be any trouble. After so many days where he hadn’t received any reponse from the man, he realised what went wrong. Poor guest choked on Dina. It was a sad turn of events. He did not want to think about it. Reasons unknown so far. He looked like an ancient dool that had been thawed out of its plastic. Now only some battered ails stood there on top of him. Breathing was hard now, but it was going. I made sure it kept going, after I began pumping it with my hands.

‘I know what might cheer you up, it’s always been this way.

Nights are lonely. I know, I know.’

He looked around out of shame, not knowing how he could understand his new friend’s ailment.

‘Forgive me friend, but I forgot your name. And I think the drink is falling out of you now.’

Far fewer posions came after his nose. He brought far too many spices and added them to the soup-liquor too soon. Poor man couldn’t take them off, that must be it. It would only get lonelier from this point on, seeing how this world survived only on a simple whim and most of the time it didn’t even go his way. As

a matter of fact, he faced his lack of judgement head on. With a prick in his finger, he added only more to it.

There was only one honorable thing to do now. It was obviously his only chance to set things right with every other party present there. As the reason for doing that was simple. They wanted a scapegoat, someone to make sure there'd be no survivor before melting this place up. It felt like a puerile thing now, but it was true. Despite the missgivings, they chose the wrong person for the job.

He had prepared at least one lesser tone he could use. Each of his fingers were obtuse and looked as if they had been repeatedly beaten with a hard wrench. Ye, It wasn't a sight to be looked back at. It was a hard hand at work which took the plough and started working the land. Aleksey wanted to be sure that everything looked just fine. With everything in mind, he only hope there was a chance he could push away. It neared his nose now, the scent she always carried with her. Dina was still there with him, in more than one way, for more than one day. Despite the spite he felt for this place, after looking around he realised it would rain soon. What had been the marble land touched by gods, now it looked like their empty shack.

He lost his tears and didn't intend on looking back on it. After so many wasted tears he only thought of his. My dear, oh my dear, where would I find you? At least he thought a way-a doing, where could she be left now? IT was only a matter of time until she would start moving on his behalf, cheering him over, looking at this, beautiful? Oh so beautiful a land.

It wasn't so. For starters, it had been destroyed, almost by war. The ploughs could only do so much work and the wheat he planned on planting would only be used for wine. So many times he contemplated on it. It and that, and brith and brat and few rocks, everything could become a drink. A summer would follow, one day, if only the dark cloud atop the world found itself dissipating. But for the scourging ore, the lost mornings that came after, he returned to the tavern, only to find his friend.

'What happened to you now? You fell off your chair and you almost broke it. Can I not leave you one day alone without worrying about this place falling apart? I mean come on now. Hmm, I know what I shall call you.'

Shaken by the face, he only found a similar change that reminded him of a longer fellow than him. But it wasn't the same and that infuriated him. Following another episode of rage, he broke everything apart and survived the fall of the adjacent buildings that found themselves all swallowing him there. But he woke immediately without a single scratch on him, leaving nothing to wonder.

'What have you made me? Damned tress, you never respond when I want you to. Never inquire of me or do what I want. Never allow me to get through this and find a way to be happy.

Even the drinks you give me aren't the same.'

Indeed, most of them were weak. Not likely to work his neck off, patch of birtch, that's what they were missing. A kick to his gut to put him back on track, to return to his work somehow, he found out that it never worked that way, no. Instead, the work was boring, no matter how many times he returned to it. And this was no atmosphere for him to work in. Not with everyone staring despit there being nowhere around. For a moment he found himself cold, not from the wind, not for the plough but from seeing that broken derge inside the chest of a lost mountain he once submerged in.

That's where he cried, and that's where both Dina and Konstantin died. He had once planned on sharing this place with them, if only there had been a way to bring them back. But none of them mattered at all now, since he had only to cope with her being spread around each pool and drop of water. She had been split and spread and never made it out for that summer he had dremaed off.

From where he remained, there came the one Paradisiac-gaze that fell upon the symphonies of Choral he didn't wait any longer. As in that moment, the barrier broke and he didn't care of it any longer. He was there, out in the least disturbing aces he could lay about. Despite the queer look he was given, he spared no word and waited for it until he was completely ready for it. A troubadour in the making, he's been waiting for this chance to happen again and again.

He was destined to be there, as it happened for him to make no single exceptioin any longer. Looking at everyone there, he realised the shame he was in.

'Poor me, the last one who could be called Elegant, I'm far too late and improperly dressed.'

At least he was whole again, but he didn't paint the matter nor had he cared about what was going on there. Far too many wrong twists and turns had taken too much out of him. He would spare not a second more in what was going around as he tried making it for one of the doors. Through the first one he found himself out there, in the floating city on top of the pious central moons. Those who had been dragged below by the atmosphere had only rested as to wait for anything to happen after the great mansoon show signs of pushing on. He was thinking then, if there was even a chance for him to return to the place, he'd take it.

At least there was the decency of knowing that there he was the only one that mattered. He would be finely dressed and he would care for nothing at all but what he was dressed in. As it happened from that point on he considered going forth and looking for a new servant, someone who might help him carry on with his legacy. He had fewer options than he expected. Despite being surrounded by well dressed people, with their high coats and their weirly countoured hats, the colors that surrounded him were nothing to behold upon. As a matter of fact they were anything but swollen upon a further inspection, over the very fact that not a single man tried pushing their chins on.

'No no, no, you're not supposed to drink your teas that way. And you, you're not supposed to smoke the biscuits now.'

They were doing all the wrong things they weren't supposed to do and that annoyed him the worst. This was a much worse nightmare than he had ever expected. Just being looked down by them made him feel, it made him feel unworthy to allow them to bask in his presence.

‘Stop right there, fools, I’m going to say this once.’

‘And who might you be, stranger? We haven’t seen you around, not now and certainly not before. Are you sure you’re in the right place?’

‘We’re in the seats of his grand grace, the Eminence of the gardens.’

They were standing in a floating foyer, sounded like the songs of doves, surrounded by a plain fence with patterns of hearts that remained obscure, as long as they were concerned by it. Safe to say, they had only kept to it, pouring the cups, refilling their yapping mouths until it was less of their concern what was happening forth. In a strange uprising of one of the alleys, machinememen were working on the flying machine, an inverted plane that shot from itself another stave-like pole which propelled itself in the air, dragging the machine as well as the driver within the cockpit. Both of them would be fastly rotated and allowed nothing but the cleanest jumps and the leaps about the place as much as they were concerned. Not to worry too much because in actuality it was all safe. There wasn’t any chance for any of the parties involved in this to get hurt. As a matter of fact, this was the safest flying machine designed up to date.

There wasn’t any chance for accidents to happen, so they told.

‘Warning, I got to warn my audience first that there might be some signs of tribulations showing up.’ Just what was happening out there and why were they charmed by it. As the sonnet went, there were reason for them playing their flutes to no end and no end would come. Now came the flight, and in it they found no other reason to continue other than the need to express the petals that were falling off the plane. And the tiny spots of paint drops that followed with them as soon as they were lead through the clouds.

‘Isn’t it marvelous what the Charm has done for us?’

‘Indeed it is, remind me again, what’s the plane made out of, if you don’t mind?’

‘My dear, it’s made out of the greatest machinations of the engineers from Echalon. They were responsible for the making of the moving hills and the sparing thrills coming from the first landing. If it weren’t for them, I dread to be aware what this world might look like in a hundred years.

I think.’

As quickly as the sage noticed, he turned away in awe and wondered at it, just where was gone.

‘Do you remember a strange figure being here a second ago?’

Of course they couldn’t know of Elegant’s ability to disappear, nor would they be concerned by it any longer. As a matter of fact, whatever had happened then, it was all gone a minute after and now, it came again. Why, plain it be for them to see, the plane took off surprisingly. It was near the strike that it blew

into a sprout of roses, the fireworks erecting themselves as they jumped forth. It wouldn't matter any longer as long as the cockpit was safely retracted on.

People cheered for it as they paid their respects, for the brave flight-attenders, the colorfully dressed rose-bearers that now were lead. Back into their seats, they waited, looking forth for light's a welding.

'Make sure that we're all on the clear, will you?'

'Wait, did you hear that?'

They were after us, eighthundred people who were bow-armed and crosse-hedghed, bearing all kinds of wildly placed weapons. Most of them were hardly even there.

Sprazzle had joined them not soon after and despite that you still couldn't take anything from what was going on around them. This shot has been planned for weeks, yet they couldn't get the handles around the fencing right.

It took a while to get accustomed to the name. Though the Council of the Enclave nation hasn't even settled down on a name just yet, they were in the process of thinking of a good enough spot to push on the diners. Why their bureaucracy was still too slow. They went just up and about their heads, filling their head paper-sheets. Cuts were made and one would bleed. But that was set aside for a good reason. It wasn't something anyone should go through. It was a dreadful task, unlike the exploration. Something Freknsloough dreamed about for years. Ever since he's heard the stories and the mysteries surrounding the Curator, it's been the only thing he's dreamt about. And it just so happened for him to find the right folk for it.

There were only a few of us there, prodding near the two adjacent houses. The Magus had his infuriating gaze looming around, yet he didn't say a single thing, he left the secodn head do the yapping. We only came here at his request, expecting some kind of ambush to happen. Other than the two assasins and a thug by the name of Matthias, there was the electron-mule. It was smaller than it looked, much smaller, pointier even, as it happened for it to be reduced to the size of a two dogs. Through it there only came a siphening molecular toy it carried around on its back. As its chests statred pulsating, everyone stopped in order to see what was going around. Clearly it had sensed something, even though it could barely stand by itself and listen.

'Are we going to trust that thing now? Surely we can do much better than that.'

'Shut your mouth Matthias, I would trust the mule if I were you. It isn't the first time it got our feet off the ground.'

He looked ahead. Magus Perilott calmed himself, as if he hadn't any intention on carrying on with what he planned. On a higher legde, a stony ford looked down on them and up there you could notice a small patch of ground which pushed on a few centimeters in, pouring through a few of the stones, as they carried on the water pores. It was pure and crystalline. It most likely came from an underground gourd

river. Not that it was of much importance as all five of us stood tense. With the two assassins, nameless, drew forth and picked off their tiny knives, the brawler taking the lead, the mule coming in-between and I of course making sure a great deal of distance had been taken.

‘We have to go around.’

‘You don’t even know against whom you’re up to. Don’t make that mistake yet, this might cost us a lot than you could wager.’

‘Perilott, in that case you can stay behind and wait, but we’ll go. We have to make sure we won’t be attacked from our rears there.’

He took no second as the attack almost came on. It was not a rain of arrows, but more like a few pebbles he threw at us. The important part of that was that they vanished just before any of us reached them in time. I paled at it, wondering what he found. I followed them on, until we met him, gathering up the patch of grass as we surrounded him. A whitely armored figure stood there, with a single sceptre which pulled at the armor and came out from a wide artillery made hole that lay in it. He was winded from the running and there was an old pot for his helmet. Despite that, his eyes were just as wall colored as his armor, as he peered in and said no word.

‘That’s a big staff you got over there.’

‘Don’t come near him, he’ll bludge us to death.’

‘Follow me then, all of you, let’s make sure he won’t get us yet.’

First came both of the assassins who managed to slip past him before he could lay that thing down. It must’ve weighed a ton because as soon as it reached the ground, it broke the stony ford it landed upon. With Devia’s help, who quickly threw a block of sand in his eyes, I managed to get past him. But we were all there, except the mule. She was all alone and came to stop, loitering in fear as she was aware that he might come at last and break her into pieces. A quick dejection, as everyone started back at him.

As soon as he had yet awakened, he ran straight up behind her, just to make sure he had the cover.

‘Careful now, he’s got the mule, I said he’s got the mule, don’t make anything rush. You don’t want him to hurt her now.’

‘Shut your mouth Perilott, shut your damned mouth.’

It was tense by now, even the two knife-knuckle draggers were looking with some impudence. As an act this was remorseless, as they hadn’t rushed towards him in order to help. They threw some tiny popping bottles which immediately spread a carpet of fine around the patch of grass, all over his armor and unfortunately on the mule at last.

‘I told you not to harm a single swool of wool on top of her. How have you not listened to it?’

‘We cannot defend her with him alive, she will be fine.’

Matthias seemed confident in himself, as soon as he allowed his throwing knives to emerge. He aimed and threw them off at the target, plunging into a spif of slits that never came off. It was far too dangerous to consider anything else, as both the man inside his tunic and the mule started shaking. Lightning spread from inside of her, stopping his advance. As soon as it happened, they took the liberty and came in at last.

Three blades as long as rapiers but thicker came against him, they were non-conductive, as the claps allowed for any such thing to disperse in the air and before it came to them, finally they gave in and didn't say anything else.

By the eight blow which came as land, he fell as soon as he was about to show that there was nothing in.

Close to it at least as the shadow of a cat jumped forth and lost itself into the nearest walls. But they looked at the remains as the mule exploded with him as he fell. Though they looked upon her sadly for a few minutes, ready to pass the judgement, she was up again after the fire was put off.

'Told you so, I knew she could reconstruct herself. Somehow, I simply knew she had it in her. You simply did not believe me until it was too late.'

'My dear men, I believe we have a meeting to attend.'

Perillot and Matthias were the first ones to enter the house. They were the first ones to notice that the dark was receding as they passed along, leaving no trace of itself despite there being no light.

'Ah, there's a secret door behind one of the forlorn books up there. But I think we may have to force them to open.'

As much as to his command, they only approached and saw the shelves open up by themselves. As soon as they stepped in, the assassins came in like drones, perilously at home as they wrecked the place in half.

They were bound to find something if they searched hard enough. And ther, in that room she waited.

Looming with an unexpected aura, pinked by the cheeks, she was only reading passively as she didn't mind us, as for it came near us now.

Perliott took one moment to read about as much as he could, judging by the strange books, the language was something he had never seen. This library of her was filled with out of this world knowledge. And from the strange language he could only pick on some faimiliar words which were stretched and bore long tails on wrong sides, up and away, he'd say.

That's just about the only thing it took for his notes to be found. It wasn't a traditional journal or even a normal one, but instead, it was a trap made out of metal. A few holes rested on the outside, where multiple hands had to be inserted in order for the connectors to start digging through the opener's veins. It was more than obvious that this process had not only been dangerous but it was dealy, far too deadly for the human who began doing it to start going at it. He couldn't be spared of the pain which followed after. After the initial incision, his brain began slowly crawling through his throat, following the flow until it

had been completely drawn to the tips of his fingers and into the trap. It felt like there would be no return now as the body-functions started giving out.

Not only would this be considered a lost man, a civil-e-distillia, but he was also doomed to die inside as well. Without a chance to fight against the terrors inside, he faced only the constructions the Foreman had put in place. Many of them had been perched, created especially with only one intention in mind, the laceration of the soul. A torture of the breeds, the need to make sure that he was to be completely annihilated with hope. It was for that reason that he found a way to deal with the intruders. Quickly unfounded, yet distraught, he pointed at himself and wailed. There was nothing out there but the wretch and the need to spark some more pain. He'd shove more of it in the back-burner until it wasn't feasible to fight against it any longer. He raised himself immediately looking at the darting springs upon which he was being transported. He could only see as far as where his chest went but nothing below of it. What was worse than that had been the fact that he could feel himself being spoiled. Vertigo occurred more than a few times although he never felt nauseous.

Clearly a spell struck him in the head. He was there one day and afterwards he hadn't been in the mild water. Instead, it paid off to look around for a way to be. Just like how the other springs which had been crooked inside the metal pile tainted the ground. Without a way of looking off, they started pushing through, alas. Eighteen ways of torture coming, just as his silvery chest began pounding on itself to keep him awake, there was no other desire for him to escape. He wanted to walk again on two feet. He looked and saw others out there, people he knew and others he saw, many of whom were strangers but that didn't matter as long as they would be drawn in. And where had he found the journal if not in that unlit place where it had been attached to the ground, unable to pull away from where it were? IT couldn't be going off anymore, as he was simply caught into the antics of praying, parrying, hoping he could escape.

He heard only pain and felt it. No one listened and no one wanted to draw forth.

'Are we about to die?'

That was the obvious question which had been tried way too many times for comfort. But now, as the destination had come mid-way, variously shaped metal rings appeared out of nowhere and entered him at a speed that was uncannily fast. Slowly, they were destined, despite the scarecrow his body composition were, to be pulled and spill out there. Before the racks came it and crushed him from both sides. All of the devices appeared out of nowhere and came off. Disappearing without a trace as they made their return in different forms only to bring him back to looking around him, up until the last point. After going through nets of silver which took his body past any kind of natural state, he had refused to open his mouth again. Despite being met by the decider, while knowing he wasn't a fighter, he decided to let go of what he held in his hand.

'There have it.'

‘So be it.’

It was bold of him to meet the Torture-entity and insult him to his face. After sailing for a quarrel, he shoved the entire constitution of the journal in his body and his face. It was an unnatural appeal which crept around the ridges and the edges of every existant place. From around it you could see them leap, now they no longer crept on a single spring, as many erupted from each of them, taking the role of their legs. He has been allowed to talk now, just like the others, just in time to be given a choice. And this sepulchral being which appeared out of nowhere thought, whatever it might be he needs to be kept alive.

Either way, both of them had looks that couldn't be conveyed by evil. Indeed, they looked mightily wrong, as from one side you could see the Torture-entity as a drop of puddle which froze in time, just as it prepared itself to drop only to stop. From it, the reflection had become its face, but most of all, the body had been defiled before it fell through the grates of a sewer. Whence it had been taken from, it didn't matter any longer. For him, him, the man was worse. While he was allowed to keep the rest of his body, the way it looked now, as it appeared to be in the undertaken amount of change, he had been completely made out of his brain. He had curved and crumbled and suffered an unsuomountable amount of bends across the plasticity his brain appeared to bear. Now he was stuck in the past, only seeing parts of what were out there. Various memories manifested at once but didn't move. They looked like coats of paint which applied to everything, stricken in the strangest mass, as various relatives of his were on the entity, they never gave up. But living had been a hell and torture from which he had received some more. Now again, it had retorted, as eighteen had become eighthundred and pushing on some more. More and more, to the moor, one has to say, don't look out of the way towards the uncanny sight. Bear through it as much as you can. He doubted. Everything seemed wrong there.

The choice was simple.

‘You will either face countless years of torture which will eventually break you down. For which you will be allowed days, or even weeks to live around in peace at certain intervals when the torture will be stopped.

Or you can throw yourself in that pit and make sure you face the end of this suffering. Look, there and feel away, what do you see in the future?’

He asked only as the communication between them spared nothing but the crass moment he wanted to spare. It was likely, or more than likely that he wasn't even there to begin with. After dwelling too long on in, heat started melting it. Pain started foaming his seclusion, and then the hours came in. Cabal couldn't face the pain for long. He was squemish and despite the various hair-like fangs which shot from every livid place inside the trap, he woke up then.

‘Ahhh, I see that you woke back to reality. That is well, I see tha you are a man to be treasured as well as kept from completely fading away. I suppose it would be time to accept you as you are. Don’t worry about it now, I have taken great liberties for you not to be broken apart just yet.

I work slowly and then, I shall.’

A minor break came. Entity or not, it dissapeared in vain, something nobbing at it, from a corner where reality sprouted out. Canine teeth started gnawing at the journal in the worst possible turn of events. He had only felt himself dying then, thankfull aware of what was going there, he pulled way, but not in time. Silver, metal, the torturee, and all of the brain masses spilled off on the floor. This rabid mutated canined delighted itself on the meal of metal which turned his gums into glutenous masses of broken sloth. He was the last one.

While he carried most of his guts inside, he had been responsible for his kin as well, as he adopted all fo theirs as well. His belly measured something of a giant boulder which was entirely filled inside from end to end, sending shivers to those that couldn’t tell what the meaning for such a beast was. It lived to no end and never cared for anything other than rolling around. In time it grew, a mouldering mass from which the manifestations of his fallen brothers returned. It was time for him to come forth again.

Was there no end to this charade? Time was begining to fade.

Slech, slech, there he stood pouting in the magnificence the illness brought. He bore his head ten billion times heavier than before, without giving in a single wager to the growling of the towers that spread their postulence atop the dreadful funerals which spread the filthy disease. From his disgusting body there was nothing to be looked down up as he realised that there hadn’t been a single excuse nor some evil interpretation to bring back the obscure amount of filth which started gritting in. He had poured himself into a vessel and traveled forth until he couldn’t face it anymore. Too much of his unsanitary disease poured inside his displeasing terror that came with each deity-like demigod formed out of his diseased peckors which were pushing out of him. So many of them would not be forgiven any longer, because of the dread they made him feel. But he wast there, tall and mighty, stranded in space, out of his own violition. The others had joined him now and only seemed to bear some kind of essence to him, praying that they could be observed.

Many of them started dragging out their voices, as they were unable to cope any longer with the malady of disease that they spread. They were filthy and they had been made made. From anything around them, it wouldn’t even work to call themselves sad. Saddened, worse than that, they brought too many things in space and carried themselves into a pluckor of filth. It ran on and on like they mad song of the old. A ballad by the minsitrel of disease, he wasn’t about to care nor for anyone or anything.

‘Hear me, dear one, the one brother of ours had become an Orourbours and he’s about to destroy the world. From that there can be no escape whatsoever and let us settle on one thing. We cannot delay it any longer, we must help him, I say.’

And more Agamemnons started growing on top of him, spreading until they couldn’t be allowed to push out any longer because of the pain they caused inside of him. And out they went, then back in. Out they went and back in. They wouldn’t be allowed to deal with the filth any longer or with the strange disease which dropped them inside. For all the broathing mass he had become, he was empty inside, he waited to be filled somehow. And all the desperation had achieved nothing.

‘What we’ve done here is a blasphemous thing from where we cannot return unless we give something in return. I see it now.’

So many of our ranks had decided it’s time to grow a heart. I spit on them, they’re filth. They’re worse than filth, they’ve painted themselves in roses thinking someone might accept them. They would move on from our broathing world and give us nothing in return. Why shouldn’t we come in and destroy everything? Why get past the emotions and leave anything to the nature of the world?

We are the supreme entity and we may not forgive them now.’

Just as a sign, he started bringing in as many of the humna from around the nuclear universe. Despite them being sheltered, they wouldn’t even be allowed a quick reprise, no, not a single chance, be damned. They would not be allowed to waste away. Look at them, look at them. All of them had been completely annihilated by the travel. Instead of even coming close to being allowed to live, they seemed to bear nothing of their past lives. Only the most extraordinary luckage of extreme pluckors that appeared on their heads, soon enough they started inflating and became their own things. Their own entities that weren’t affected by the slightest pluckage of a universe which tainted and dreaded them, it wouldn’t be forgiven any longer. So much of the sight had been taken away. Look at them, again.

‘They have become giant ships for transformation, bloated by the radiation. Their eyes are green, within the pluckors of disease. May we not go ahead and pull them out? Surely we can simply take them off one by one and devour them.’

Spoke Agamemnus, the only one true of his name. For he had been the only one who ever bore a second from the damned place, blasted race, let me try again. Don’t let the thoughts come back. Stop the whispers and the voices from pulling on ahead, so they might yet be stopped.

Agamemnus was the god, he was not. He was, he wasn’t, he was, he wasn’t. He argued that with himself and everyone around him. All of the sudden, as his impudence began again, they wouldn’t allow him to stay. Not in this form, none’s the manner. It wasn’t likely to be true, but they feared him, just like they would come to fear each other. There was no time to stop, just yet. Make sure you’re aware of his death

and the rebirth, the taking of the floudering of smell. Which spread throughtout the universe, melting everything, killing life, in a peak of glory, they would sink and bring themselves back. 'I have become the planet. And you have become my children. That way, you may never have to worry of dying or of decaying. I will make sure that you're saved.

For everything until this point brought you to my side, again and again.'

He took one second and then spat them out. With each of the Supressors which were eaten, he looked back and remembered the good times. Good though they might be, the corpses had the heads implanted on them, laughing.

'I see that you're still bringing yourselves back. This is puerile, but I suppose I ought to allow this to happen. Otherwise, I would risk, insurgence. That is right, I would risk insurgence. After that, I could be caught by my own antics and die off.

Forgotten and left to fend off for myself. Don't look at me as your father but as.'

He stopped there, right anywhere, as if it would matter, somewhere. Alabaster came in flying, like the dreaded folk that sang along. It took some time to understand. On the bones of whom would they be allowed to continue if not theirs?

Everything would fall into place, he asured everyone. From the sesselechte approach he showed, a large vacuous form turned him on. He had looked as the celebrated forms of succor, plastified skin-tremors, which manifested from his will inside the ether-space cretin. A malding devilish defiant cancer, which seemed to ripple as it dissipated away. On it bounced some of the distantly retrieved castrators that brought themselves back in. From canons they shot, heads at last and then he realised that there were far too many of them. Too many faces grew on top of him, giving him no chance to move. What of it was misunderstood? If not everything, then nothign, nothing would fall back.

He had created his own dystopian place. Judging from the eight sides surrounding him, there lay the same thing he would stare at in a mirror. And from every side there he poured into his face, like a river would, with the digrace that had been stopped.

'We got close to flooding the universe. Where had we gone wrong? Why isn't coming any more? Must we start the process yet again?'

'But we made a deal, we could prevent it for some time in order to allow them to let their guard down and after that.'

Disease, disease, nothing but it, stop it, that hadn't been the point. But the old habits returned to him, as every face poisoned him. Making him madder by the second as they submerged yet again. With all that free space, not only did they move, but they dragged with them ever-expanding bodied frome very angle as they forced the cheeks, the chin, even parts of his eyes to push back in. This was too much to handle.

He would ruin everything, again and again. There was no force in this universe to spare them, from anything but the dread. What had he done?

He dosed off their nature, giving them unearned freedom, to act as they pleased while he alone stood pale thinking. No conquest would do and there weren't enough nations to subjugate. Agamemmnus didn't need to materialise anywhere or to make sense out of anything any longer. He was supreme. He would be supreme. And in his name, the anchors of filth could penetrate and rip the entire world apart. It wouldn't matter why any longer, as it came to him, away. It wasn't likely he would stay any longer, until then it came.

Another universe had been forcefully dragged in, overlapping everything. For a second there, a planet materialised inside of him, right as it would before disappearing again. No forgiveness and no lust, this would kill everyone in there as fast as they would allow themselves to.

Expatriated, he felt gross. Tainted, touched, in the wrong places smashed, as he would start going down upon himself in a need to make everything unwell. Nothing could tell about this putrid nature, what was going on? There was no victor any longer, only a degeneracy which pushed about the place. Disgrace, disgrace, make it go away. Now, the intermission of unpleasing grith, nothing ever mattered after. It wouldn't do, never could it come through after what was going there.

Towers formed around them as well, those sprouted by the insolent vessels, filthy parasites which dug on men, stealing their dreams away. It was perhaps the worst nature that could invigorate him, if all. Let it be known that no one should be forced to suffer for what he was doing there, as it went against its own might and prowess. He forced the materialisation inside of him to take a familiar form. While reflecting on his past, he took it upon himself to kill them again and again until no child had remained.

But what was that?

'Have we missed it? How have we done it?'

A submarine with the last surviving relics of a long displaced human nature rested there. They had missed them because of all their plays and bitter snail-like fragments of missaligned imagination pieces that shot, came about and ended. Not here, not there, not anywhere. Make it stop, make it stop, make it stop.

But the other Agamemnons didn't care about them any longer. As a matter of fact, they had found the thing which was missing, as neither of them had been ready to take care of anyone but themselves. Even then, it was far too difficult to care for it. Spark and birth and make it come between broken teeth. He walked like a strange man with no feet of his own but invisible feelers' pushing through sworn extenders coming from the back of his head. He was dead, wallowing in pain, kept alive by the infusion he received by the machine he was in.

Long long long, it should be known that they had been way too primitive here. In reality, they weren't the human beings either, just another copy. Filth, filth, filled everything. Even the purity of something as real

and meaningful was lost. At the chose of not losing their attention, that they might leave and find a way to bash and crush everything in their path, it was decided that long would it be taken from them, sadly after the lights faded out. Angelic natures followed through as these fake-humans started producing their auras at his command.

‘I shall listen to your case now. If I’m not pleased by it, I’ll take you all from where you stand and kill you again. Not that I care about the meaningless lives you live, for each time.’

A sudden growth inside his mouth, rooted as to make his mouth more protruding. It was necessary, in order to give a slight access and carry on with the needed ascension which might carry on. Brought to him, against the hares, let them die off.

‘I see now how it is.’

‘Puffs of dust, puffs of dust, puffs of dust, but the dust is a glummy, clumsy human turned into a small globe.’

It time he will rot and he will grow in the worst possible ways. Glory to him and make sure he’s wearing someone else’s skin. It’s far too unnecessary. ‘Lord oh lord Agamemnon, but you must wait and hear the songs.’

‘He is right, you know, as we Agamemnon knew, he knew of them as their existence. He had made planes, he treated them with nothing but the most pious embrace and coddled them as if they were his own children if not more than them.’

‘But why had they hid from me for so long?’

Then asked their mask overlord who had succumbed to scum. Well, to say, he had claimed and he made it appear again. As the replica came into the shed of the fallen, the many faced talon which pushed the liquids onto him made it so he knew about it, better than to find it through the broken crab-like exposures that began happening on the planet.

‘I see now, you’re all changing the past so you could accommodate yourselves to them at last. Perhaps I should’ve known better that this was about to happen, as I ought to have been spared the trouble.’

Let the primates come out. Some of them pulled out their helmets and there came the unnatural face he bore. It was too disgusting-looking to look at for much longer. He had realised the perdition he had created and saw a reason to take everything for himself, eating as much as he could devour himself in order to grow to an even shallower magnitude that it ought to be. Through they were there, taken aback, he came to realise that everything in the past, whichever the reason lasted had been his. It belonged to him, to scowl and cut. Something worse than it brought itself, as it happened for him to look at a dead past which represented as in blue, a sand of hue which started pushing over towards stars. And ever the vacuum of space took into the same color, drawing near as he’s swallowed just about a good chunk of it.

It was pointless to look in the past, as he knew that it was all corrupted, thrown upon in mild disgust. He was once again pulling himself out of the box made out of himself, only to drag it along in the back. And that had become his trunk. A neck emerged but you could see it rounded, never curved. Only as a few countless megators pushed out of it yet, with their unnatural veins and the pumping crysanthem-like spherical-patches of clay thumps. Those started growing everywhere around his body. Quickly from the two sides of his trunk, two circles had been made, out of receding triangles which drew inside of him to reveal the jerky cartilage which would grow upon itself. So far, it hadn't mattered what the point of it were. But he was bent upon making him body, turning it into the gruesome anomaly it wanted to become. At this point during his advancement, he was bent upon finding them now, the scum-trogs of this world, lost upon their own unnatural ways. But he wanted to govern and that's what he would do. Even if it meant stretching space after pushing in, turning the emptiness in Agamemnon which tottered ahead. Soon enough it would push on and creep behind his ears, not to fear its own inadmissible lack of succor, not to care. Of the natural lives he had sent to despair. As he approached one of the satellite-collonies that waited in his path, there was no stopping now as he had struck a nerve inside his own bubulous blotched knot. Inside of it, there rested the liquemech that was never there, never wanting to be anywhere. It turned to mold into the watcher, the ones he killed and ate after.

They swam in it as if they were caught in a windmill without a chance to escape, they were entrapped yet there was no escape yet. IT was time to listen to the sounds of wounds, some of them were trying to fight the currents, as as they frozen and turned switched around.

As the watchers were the fruitless fly-mutated, the hardenes bodies, dark and long, pulled aside, yet turned into the liquid at last. And the giant concoction in which they swam solidified and became their bodies, an almost domed sphere from which sprouted their hairs and in-between red eyes, fragmented as if their cries would be heard. Would they actually be believed? Would it matter? For now, it only seemed like this so far. As soo as a change happened here, they were sent out there.

In the realm of the rosses, where they floated with the stalks. Greeted by the wandering voices of Agamemnons in the dust, the ones who were not aware had no idea how they got there with them. Perhaps they were kidnapped and low. Now they would throw their lives away as fruitless fly-mutate stalks began growing, forming branched of their own. In the ether they'd be planted, floating forever as to never grow. And from inside of them sometimes they spouted the regurgitated mass which lasted for milleniums at end. It was only now that they would be allowed to carry on. Never to care, not to push away, every now and then a small fly-sprout would be allowed out of their regurgitating holes. And the main unit on top of them started giving in the tremor. It came out of some long-lost spot, from whence it wanted nothing to do about with them. They too were plounging around, as their extensions couldn't be controlled any longer. Like piles of sea cucumber-veils they shot again and grew their

dysfunctional wings. Plenty of mill-maligned quills fell off, all of whom were living and grew back on the giant plain-long block they were allowed to walk on. As long as they held on the giant hairs, they wouldn't fall off and they could remain there, holding forever.

As transparent growing stellar-scum, they had been saddened by the lack of action they achieved, it couldn't be believed any longer that there was hope for them.

In his depths spoke the master.

A new contender has risen from the depths of the uncanny pits, he had been pricked by madness and looked as if he lost everything he's ever owned. He had crafted a single room for himself and it was harsh for the eyes. He realised what time had become for him. A defier, taintedly broken, unable to continue after the fall, there were too many things which went wrong. Just look at him, he spent too many days wondering, what was wrong. It took a lot of time and nerves for him to walk where he stood now. There wasn't any more time. He was trying his best not to lose everything. This was the real bet. The only thing which remained of him, his legacy, everything, and once it fell nothing else would remain. Since that point on he had chosen this for himself. Member of the lost, tribal creature of the broken clot, defiler of paganistic rituals which went their way, he thought to himself what might he do now? If not for them, who would think of what could follow, there was danger laying ahead. Sometimes he looked at the pink walls and at the lard graffiti and thought to himself was I meant to be here yet?

It was a distortion for him. Too many twists and turns ended up not mattering yet. After so many impeccable sings of filth, and the twists and the knots between every connection that ever lasted, he realised that there wasn't any other way. He would lose it all. And after that, everything he's ever done, everything he's ever created would be lost.

He had to create his halls, twindling atop his scourging might. He realised that everything he's ever hoped for was gone. After remaining at the top of the chain for so long, he grabbed his own throat and stopped. It as hard-to do, it was pointless to go through. Regardless of how it looked like, there wasn't anything clicking in any longer.

All of the machinations failed. Instead, he could only wonder at that.

Judging by the walk alone, he was smashed. It was hard to miss now. Just twenty feet away from where he stood, he cared little of the people he walked in.

He knew then that in order to progress, it was clear to him that he had to get through the the maddest hoops and the lousiests crooks that ever lived. Those inflammatory creeps that would force him back. Through every venture of reality that pushed him back. And for that he created the Ultimate tool, the paragorn of foolishness in living.

'Unexo Arar, Bou't Irr.'

The Irksome man could think of nothing better to feel as had.

Baby-steps came through. A single plain or orchids made him sniff around in wonderment.

It was a quick reprise to the neuroticism floating in the air. Airborne rotation swirled around the first panel-saw regurgitating the first people accepting the fate. A combination of the harsh weather and the disturbing slith made them realise that there wasn't anything they could do to prevent it from pushing in. Death was somewhat inevitable by all account and the survival of the species was no longer important at all. Stranger than it should be, there were some exceptions which immediately got set in place, first it was the factions who managed to put some of the survivors to good use. Then it was the strange living artileges which converted some of the humans to static embodiments of granite and other calcerous materials giving them a state of living unlike anything which had ever been seen. In their state they would be unbroken, unable to age. It was a mistake to consider it otherwise, especially since they were surrounded by pricklers trying to smash them apart and collect just about everything they bore. It looked like they would fall much quicker than they would be allowed to carry on inside the facility.

It only brought them to it, a single vestige where they dwelled. It was a place where the gangs and the outlaws and the passive farmers never came forth towards, mostly because of the danger involved in the various pneumatic containers being filled with pure liquid radiation. As it would be slowly injected into them like slow machines inside the ramming of fleas, there was only one thing left to look after, a single bodiless odor that entered them. Through some illinear long straps atop each wall, the tubes started mixing them with the only thing left working in the place. The repository of skin eating control, but most importantly, it was only then that the chance had arrived.

A journey had come in mind.

Ten tributaries sapped. Each passage of water drew forth and lost itself in broth. At the begining there was no reason to filter the water. It was a damn, out there, which stopped it from going along. Spiralling speculchral in the making, it went through the gorund defiler. He had been madly gazing through the back. The weather got worse at least. It was a good sign, especially since the tributaries were made out of a blue-green mix that wasn't to be touched. A few barrels had been abandoned in.

There was one thing which went ahead and left a mark, that being the only pox-like shols which found solace in the Pleister rivers that mixed in. In there, bodies usually found a place to stay. It was far too dangerous to dig in too deep inside the earth, hence this was the other alternative, one which couldn't be ignored for long. Not too short on the pick either, it seemed likely that there would be a great loss to follow as the other seasons approached.

Thomas was one of the few men who was put in charge of the Aviation. It was what they called the bodies that started coming out of the river and stepping into the air. There wasn't any flight involved, only

a peculiar rising, as if they were walking on stairs, without being deranged by anything which was happening around them. For the next few nights he would stand up. Much to his credit, he had a part of his head not there. It was always somewhere else, trying to find itself when needed.

Defunct-human Thomas was what they called him.

With all the radiation, it was everything he had left to him and to his name. Nothing else remained to him, other than the strange and out of this world appearance. It dragged on. He drew towards one of the open streams and began drinking from it. While this was dangerous for those that cared of the consequences and the mutations, he wasn't. It was right, there was something in him which made it all the while harder to keep it in. Tingels sporuted in his chest, and for a moment it looked like a spiked-rose garden. Of course it would be harder than that, but it wasn't the first time it happened. At least this time time, he happened to look the way and not portray anything but the only feeling of abandonment he would feel. It was interesting to look upon, especially since those jerky reactions always followed him wherever he went. Back to the post, but there was an arm missing.

Despite his best attempts to eat at the vines, everything growing inside of him was off-limits, especially for those surgeons who famed himself well enough in the head to try something like it. Thomas hadn't expected him arm to be chewed that way. It was puerile as well, since they only cut it around the rims, leaving it behind so he could stay and look at how it drew forward.

'Impossible, I knew I had doused myself in the antidote, I should be safe from the effects of the river.'

His pain wasn't concealed properly, which was a reason in itself for him wanting to get away. It was painless at first but after a few well thought ideas, he gave it a drip. It would be a simple dip inside the river, then he would force the mutation to reseal the arm. No-harm, no foul, at least that's what he hoped. In the return of common sense, which only came after he had began the process of reattachment; he was already set on it. Bent to loong a waiting, he thought about this for longer than the few minutes in emergence. It wasn't safe any longer. Not to dwell too much on regrets.

But Thomas Penchot was a dead man. He didn't know it yet, but he would live through it again. Perhaps it didn't make sense so much so as he would needlessly be observed in order for an explanation to finally come into light. What would do him a much greater service would be the fact that the mutation produced living cells. And he wasn't alive to begin with. Penchot's heart had stopped, his lungs had lost full capacity, his brain decayed partially and was only kept in place by the small machine which took over his memories and full fuctions, leaving him as a reanimated servant for the camp. Why, this wasn't how he first envisioned life before.

That's why he took his loses and claimed nothing in return. He set off the delination and the trajectory of the rivers in his free time. Second of his most favourite picks was that, since there was so much time to spare, he had noticed a pattern where the rivers were overflowing at times. Soon enough they could start

going out of their way and expand past unfathomable levels, where it didn't matter where they'd go. This whole area could possibly be suffocated without a way of knowing.

‘And yet, I can feel my arm. You may not be as bad as I thought you would.’

But he contended a grunt. There was no peace or loyalty the tributaries would provide, especially since there was the chance that the corpses out there were alive, kept so by the jerkings and the bubbles he kept seeing as they rose at the surface. Considering the alternatives, he would have to pull out his rifle and aim for their heads. Options were limited, as the supplies, so having even more scavengers around pick up food was way too dangerous for him to even consider it as an option, which brought on the other alternative, as it very much surmised the whole appeal he saw to it.

Besides the hallow-point where he stood up in the air, there was the sole chance that he could fall on the side and break an art. They were painted dead people in the sky as well, not just in the river. He observed them as they rose and stood there, anchored in front of invisible doors that never opened. That was the side-effect of climbing those stairs. Most of them lead them to nowhere else but blank spots where they were stuck. It was some miserable way of living, but not even they could complain about it. With all the courage having left there, there was one disciplinary action he liked taking.

‘Another one stays down!’

Penchot considered it for a second more. Despite his well aimed sightings, they never fell out of the sky, as a matter of fact, they remained in the same place and never did a thing of wonder.

A single man came to his mind. As much as he wanted to look around and strike for something, he wanted to look less concise than he had been. The man under the name of Rock-us stepped forward. He was taller than before, even though his expression hadn't changed just yet. While those bizarre creatures pushed on through the floor, he alone had taken hold on Bottle, Pox and Alder for a much greater use he had in mind.

‘Listen, I will make this as clear as I can. Don't both go around chasing wild goose if you don't get it.

This isn't easy for me either, but I feel as if we're getting somewhere.

By the time they Dum-nasties come around the fire, we'll already be out of here, understood? Before they even realise that we're here and I'll make this as clear as I can, we'll sack the place and leave nothing to them to even feel our presence or our absence.

And you want to know why that is?’

‘Why is that, Rock-us?’

‘It's because we're going to blaze this entire home down to the ground as well. We're going to turn it into a well-hell-fire from which only the most burnt corpses might come upon them.’

‘That's what I'm talking about.’

‘Rock-us, you've overdone yourself ten times more than usual.’

‘We should have this tatoood on our surroundings.’

And before they could go ahead and celebrate, they all raised their rail-guns and peered in. It was dangerous, trying to miss and accidentally starting a fire despite not being preapared for it. So many things could go wrong just then, miss-fires and the crossfires and the missing man.

The-snake was out there, somewhere missing, somehow playing a jest on all of them. It was inconcise, simply trying to look out of their way in. But they could somhow feel the scent of the mad flowers that formed the next ten rooms. As they moved in, they revealed the biology-lab. Plants were being disected in there by the strangest elongations coming from the very walls they seemed to have been given birth from.

And the thing was as peculiar as it painted itself as, out of the very fact that they were made out of the same material as those almost cotton panes which held the rooms together. Looking ‘bout it, they came in.

Back to their senses, unquestioning as to figure out what was going wrong.

‘Careful now, I can see this, I can see him now. He must be filthy rich, underneath that suit of plants.’

Alder was staring at the peculiar reconstruction of a man. Going far and as deep as to feel at him, he couldn’t have known. But this was a relic of a long-lost humanity that manifested from inside a storage capsule. His death and manifestation here from a farther more afflicted ship had only come as a surprise for the unit which was in charge of taking care of him.

It was clear even back then, from that enclosed space, where he had lost his mind and the rage drove him towards trying to awaken a human from stasis. He wasn’t preseved. He hadn’t been saved and this was the result of it, again. Much farther than the place he had died in, he stood there, with his body being taken care of by the walls. If you couldn’t tell much about it, that was all.

‘Need I remind you that we’re supposed to sack this place out before someone gets alarmed of our position here? If we’re found here with these in our hands, we’ll have to cover up our escape in more than one ways.’

To which he doubted that there was something he owed to them. Even the slightest hints of remorse went away as soon as he could tell it. Danger came by, it wouldn’t run by if it were for him to carry on like this, as a savage would.

But with the butt of his rail-gun, he started battering some of the locks.’

‘Step away, boss-captain, I’ll make sure there won’t be any trouble here.’

He neared the limit of one of the charges, it wasn’t going to end up well. If he had pushed just a few more consonants-biles through the main illegal rifle-charge module installed into his gun, he could’ve blown this entire room with all of them inside of it. No survivor would as much as get a finger cut and thrown about to leave a trace. As the bolt came off, it stopped two inches in the lock. For a few second they all waited, sweating, wondering, what if it will explode?

Who'd be able to make a run for it if it were for them to lose all hope? It was much more dangerous than expected, since no one wanted to believe a thing just yet. They shared compassion with the plant-man only to return to it and see the four quarters of the whole table be disintegrated upwards in a motion which couldn't even last if it tried. Not only would they not be denied a chance at it again, but they found the most useless thing of all.

'Papers, all of them, only damned papers. I should've known better than this. We were scammed, this was nothing short of a sham. A blasted, unnerving piece of, leave it be, leave all of them be, they'll burn up in the fire.'

Boys, we took everything we could for here.'

'Does that mean what I think it means?'

'It does, Pox, of course it does, trample away.'

Like a bunch of infuriated bulls they started charring and smashing everything in directions not even they could control. There was a sudden satisfaction that couldn't be taken away from them as soon as they had gotten that piece and quiet of destruction, through everything from the rims of the table, to the pine-like gables spreading from the feet of the man, flying ultra-sound waves that were frozen over then broken for their own satisfaction. A second more came off and they had already went ahead to smash and extricate every accomplishment unknown to man that was dragged from around the place. Not a single face wanted to move. And not a single man even considered it a single thing to do.

'He lives.'

'What did you say?'

'Rock-us I think he lives, look at him, he lives and moves.'

'Step aside Alder, I know the right thing to do now.'

With a start, he switched one of the conduits that pushed into his rail-gun and lit the plants with a single chop he didn't even fire. It spread like a glass of water shattering on the floor, pushing past his outer perched-endings as it was suddenly been released from the struggle in a disembodied motion that stopped holding on his neck no longer. They were much more than confused as soon as the fire ended. An automatic system started the water sprinklers below their feet.

'Come one now before we get wet.'

A quick call ended up saving their lives before the other nitrogen came in, as far as they were concerned, they were living now with something inside their heads. So far so, as they stood behind and watched, they needlessly noticed something important. For that wasn't any type of water, especially for the acting agents.

'My skin, something's happening to it.'

Bottle started rolling on the floor while doing his best to prevent his arm from being completely degenerated from the melting process that pushed through him. It was unnecessary at best to even confound himself that way, but he's done his best to not acquire the permanent condition, the affliction which expanded on his clothes.

'It's slipping away, I think it's eating the floor as well. Don't get near him.'

He looked back at the lab, it was already started to fall apart, even with the hands which had no control over it. At this rate alone, there was nothing but a slight escape, a shimmer and a deathless gaze that would let go of them. If they pushed on, just a bit farther, they would lose their heads. Not that much remained out of their scalps.

'My hair's gone as well. I think it was those chemicals. Rock-us, what are we going to do with him?

Bottle's condition is only going worse now.'

'We'll do as I say, understood and we'll act as fast as we can. Hold him down, understood? I wasn't not a single move or noise out of him, I think. Yes, this will certainly do.

Get him through one of those doors and make sure he doesn't make any noise.'

It was necessary now that neither of them pushed too far in. He was in pain, making too much trouble for them. And as soon as they grabbed him, it stopped. But we could still see the pattern jumping. Despite being unseen, it leaped like the motions of a jumping, bouncing ball would. An invisible animated baseball that started corroding the floor as it went on into splashes, its trajectory still being set on straight ahead.

While the room they left was abandoned and left to fall. Without a doubt, someone would be announced by their arrival, not to mention that they would know less of what happened and push more to find out who it was that came in.

'I should've gotten rid of the boides, now they'll know we're here.'

While calculating the entire distance which carried on through the roof, he only pondered at it momentarily, just to make sure that something went through his head. Some plan, or an outline, or anything.

'You coming, Rock-us?'

'Of course I am and that's captain Rock-us for you, Alder.'

It was getting hard to make his way through the linds and the other stricken walls that prevented his access from fully drawing in. He had been there for a reason and that reason was lost to him, even there. Chrame didn't know how he had arrived in the place in the first place, yet he wanted to be lost. It was unexplainable, but so far he was confused after asking.

'Who's there?'

Though that was beyond his sphere of knowledge, he painted the tools he carried on with him.

I feared the advancement and could do nothing about it. Overtaken by the worst possible emotions, I found no resolve. Another-scum Thogg-salem, what they called me, hanging out in the woods, don't delude yourself thinking they're any different than them.

Around the outskirts of the village, eighteen Thogg-salems dangled after being hanged. We weaved their guts outside the plains. It maddened them, to even acknowledge that so many of us remained. For the few hours left in noon, they could simply wait their turn.

'We'll enter by this small similtude of a gate.'

He pointed at it from an awkward angle. With this in mind, they pushed through what appeared to be a single stretch made of twenty miles going up a pseudo-hill. Only two Thogg-salems carried on that path. They chose to follow through and eat at least a child and a woman. It was the only thing they could hope for. Getting even closer hadn't been an issue at all, for what came after was only the reason for them drawing on. Eating off the dirt, after realising someone's feet were on it gave both of them a hint on confidence.

'Like that? I think we could find the culprit and tickle her never endings until they pop. What do you say about it? Think we can fix it?'

Better now than ever, especially after hearing one of the distant shouts coming from atop one of the descending houses.

'Sit down now, we'll wait.'

As they had, it was important that neither of them would be as pious as to show even the slightest show of quiet there, not to breathe too deep in, but they were desperately outdoing one another in their quick shades. Nothing remained there. It felt as if both of them disappeared until there was nothing about them. Only emerging shadows from crumbling pieces of grass.

'The doctor had killed my daughter, stop him.'

Wildly concerned, the villagers came forth, as distracted as they were, unable to act, they were put down by the horse decay which was happening around them. Four feet away from where it stood and already the muck between the distant marches manifested itself. As the solid liquified, the parts of the doctor's horse started coming on in full force, pushing ahead until nothing could be left out. There was no miracle so far, as if he would be concerned about it.

‘But look.’

His hand came out, a glove about the silk. Expensive stuff, top shelled, and he came out in a bizarre suit which only set his frame forth. There was nothing to it now, especially with what was happening between the shakings. The doctor simply leaped on the horseback and rode through their petty squabble with little to no interest in carrying on any kind of explanation for how he was acting. Less force travelled through their brains, as soon as they came to their senses, nothing remained to it.

‘Step on it already, he’s getting away.’

‘Men, grab your mules, don’t let him escape.’

‘Look at the horses now. They’re going away.’

All those born of strife went away. There was no reason to get through it any longer. Within a single strike they went ahead, marrying their shoelaces on the way. ‘Wait and seethe longer. We won’t catch him this night, unfortunately I must wait here and made a mudd-house.’

‘What are you doing here? He’s just in our reach. If each of us mounts, we could catch him in no time.’

What was hiding in it?

‘I see it now. Perhaps I ought to have made it clearer. Earlier this day, I ate my parents and placed my gut somewhere down there.’

‘Frederick, it’s already too late, the horses most likely ate them now. You shouldn’t bother yourself with it any longer. Come, I’ll set you a pot-belly and fill you with some stew.’

‘How would that serve me then?’

There was enough for everyone. And neither of them could tell what was going off, just by looking ahead, his headless transparency made him aware. He wanted to be spared from living such a sad life without being able to contemplate what was going on. Bastards, the bastards couldn’t even tell what he was about. Without some better claims, the only thing he could do was mutter underneath his breathe. Volatile meant it was better than him being dead.

It was unnecessary. But he acted a bit rash and impulsive. Dersland appeared out of nowhere with a baton in his hand. As he drew near the point where he hadn’t considered anything else, he started beating on him while he was down. Two men drew closer to stop him, but he immediately repelled them with virtually no effort at all. Earlier than it should be called, some bolder maidens came to their husbands’ sides in shock.

‘Avert your eyes now, this is nothing close to what a maiden should see. I am afraid we cannot look ourselves past the yapper, it’s getting far too dark and way too dangerous for us to loom around this place.’

‘Do you not care about the massacre that’s happening in front of us all? Consider this, there’s still a chance for us to get through to him, do something. Do something.’

Pressing further, Ellis could do nothing to stop him.

It was late, as Dersland had too much of his uncontained rage pushing through his unnatural brain feeler, popping a nerve with each strike he managed to land on the side. Of course he could not be bothered in the least. Uncontrived by it, he tried taking it further in. Desperate or not, he showed no clear signs. ‘That man will be the end of us all unless we do something.’

‘Let me get one of my plows and I will get rid of him myself.’

‘Not so loud Roy, he might hear us.’

‘And what if he does? There’s no chance in hell I’ll let that stump make a fool of us all. He’s no longer welcome into our village and for what I care he might as well burn in hell with the doctor.’

The doctor, right, then it clicked. That rabid beast was listening to us all along. It craved for it, for the chase and for the chance of feasting upon such a noble corpse. If only he could take the lead he could somehow make it for the trail and find him. As soon as he was done chewing, he got on all four and started looping to and fro. It was this beast’s way of thinking. Otherwise, it couldn’t be done. Just thinking about it revealed that there was at least an inchling of the madness still going through his mental veins.

Would it remain on that position or would it burst again? So many limitations made him butt head with the rock-bottoms that appeared from the horse-marshes the doctor had created. From the depths there only came one of them who spoke in the horse-tongue. Despite the language barrier presiding between the two of them, he spoke at last, it took no chance off, hybridising with the palette of blood.

‘You won’t catch him on foot, you need a trusy mare.

Allow me to serve in return of getting your guts out of there.

They shall be mine and I’ll be yours, that’st he deal I’m bringing you forth.’

‘But what if I don’t desire it?

Perhaps I ought to dive and search for my guts out there. No matter how deep or shallow the drop might be, I know there might be a chance for me.’

‘Enough of your bitterness had I to swallow here. I’m giving you a chance to make do with yourself and save your honor in the eyes of men.

Those who surround you look in fear and mistrust, like any man would with half a mind to him, knowing that there is no other chance. Do not waste away this chance of thine, know that agony shall not define you as a man, but compassion towards them.

Bring their vengeance to a stop, and you shall win your guts back.'

'Very well, mad-horse, I shall join you in the chase but I won't ride you.'

'So be it, Killjoy, I ask of you this then, connect with me with an umbilical cord, that way we might join together and be one. We shall give into one another's desires for speed and the chase.

We shall share our bodies and make to we can track him down before he makes the leap of space.'

'That is a deal madhorse, let it be so.'

As soon as they were done speaking, the villagers set themselves aside. It was impossible to move past this point, no matter how hard they tried. The image they were staring at was both uncomfortable and ecstatic. For the sole reason they couldn't look away they stood there glancing like fools.

Another deathly horse appeared out of the murk and out of his pushed a single cord which went straight into the man's belly like a parasitical viper that bit in. Yet the relationship wasn't as clearly defined as they thought. Every time he showed signs that there would be a bump in there, he started foaming and struggling as much as he could there. But contact was made nonetheless and Killroy started growing, bulking, as his bone structures moved towards the unnatural state no primate should be forced into. He had been overtaken by a skeletal horse-structure, close to it by any other means. The measurements were off by a grand rip-off nature. And all the while, with all of the bile piling up in his esophagus and the weirdly arched limbs, he gave into the pure joy.

'The doctor shall ours!'

'So what are we waiting for then? Let's march and make chase as fast as we can.'

Before the sun set, they were already on the run, leaving the village behind in a mist of confusion, houses torn and beaten and infested by horse-worms, a mother weeping for her dead child she desperately attempted nursing back to life. It was quite the disease, the breaking and the feeling of illness that kicked in. To be sure about it, he had no mind any longer, not since he had become as primal as he was now. As a matter of fact, this was the worst state he could let his body wallow in. With his stance being broken in the back and all the cracks that started gathering around the crown of his spine, the symbiosis between the two of them was not meant to last.

'Know that this is only temporary as I would not desire to push this panting. I couldn't sustain a life of chasing the wild hares, the rabbits and the crows upholding your name.'

'And I have not asked of such a thing my dear Killroy, I only desired to make sure you had a chance to live, for the first time in your life.

That and I have my own quarrels with the Doctor for slaying me before I had the chance to witness the birth of my children in their free form.'

From all disease and to no pain, he could only witness them again. In the longest lucid dreams he found them, seeking and beckoning for a ride, just as any of his children would take it, never to defile themselves. It was a pity that he could not find them again. He trusted the doctor, from a horse to the primate, just as he chose to trust Killroy.

'I can only hope I wasn't wrong about this.'

But Killroy Dersland was no good man. No conflagracy could do for him. For what was worth, if he weren't to be looked at anymore, there would be no repass. It was somewhat clear that this was the man in charge. At least in the eyes of his neighbors, he was a saint-storm, a battle of torn latches, a missionary of strange traditions which reflected in the house he lived.

Tressperkkee was weird. Counting back twenty minutes ago, he chased a rat through his kitchen, right after the vermin managed to enter one of live chicken and take control of its movement. Through every turn and after every effective gnaw of a limb, try of the shiver, it started bloating itself at the head. Soon enough, before he knew it, both of them started crawling on the wall. Choiceless in the matter, Tressperkkee took a pair of knives and sharp ivory dishes and began chunking them before they could get a single shiver in.

He walked with impunity, thinking of a way out. His personal attire was a mess. This entire place was a mess by the looks of it. As deranged as he had been, there was no other way he could make it through the forest now. Neither the chicken nor the rat could were anywhere to be seen.

And that disturbed him the most.

'I shall break your bones as soon as I can. Do you hear? If I manage to get my hands on your, I'll just.' He spat off the round parcel. It wasn't like him, he never lost his temper this easily, not whilst they were around. And nowadays they were around all the time without exception. Four men, dressed finely, bearing chairs instead of bones. And they were weirdly deformed as every chair overlapped upon one another, pushing through their retinas, their basins and their bitter primate woes.

'Ah, you decided it was time to appear again. I see.'

There was something wrong about the way everyone acted in the camp. Ever since the apparition of the strangely coping man, they could not distinguish themselves any longer from the standing pieces of slothing dirt-people that were fashioned by his hands. He had done this peculiar act without an explanation during one strange night which redeemed not a single thing he's done.

Firstly the impressions faded. Now came the first of them.

‘I for one feel like we should accept him as one of our own, even though he’s weird and peculiar and strange. Why shouldn’t we accept him; he may look different and act differently but at the end of the day, are we not the same?’

Confession by a man who ended up being bashed at the back of his head with a rock; no one laughed at it again.

With a front of desperation, they were perilously near death. But they couldn’t die just yet, not during this buffoonery. It was a dangerous play by both sides as they remained separate from one another.

First camp which had been mentioned split in half. Avenue had little to no idea how he came around to the strange fellow. Safety was adorned now, since he had a breather, with the wickedest implausible thoughts that fashioned his fancy.

‘I say we get a rope and put him down as the mutt he is.’

‘He should at the very least be beaten and put off tray and served for everything he consumed here. I say we take what belongs to us and make sure he never gets up again.’

‘Don’t raise your voice at me now, I’m not the one who started all of this.’

‘Hearse of a puppy, I see it in your eyes, you’re planning on keeping him a pet, surrounding yourself in the established force. But to that I’ll only tell you, my dear camp-wrangler that I will not allow it. Not over my body in any case.’

Because he knew it that much sooner than needed he’ll get off not having a face. You could see the first sings bowing, wrangling and pushing on. Out of the dirt now they came and their features could be recognised.

‘Don’t touch them, that’s not dirt.’

It was only the speciality made out of out the liquid filth that pushed on. Better unlocked over the rims of the brain now that they couldn’t even focus about the place, with all the strange singings, the trush, intonations, now, enter the withdrawl state.

‘Men, wake up.

There are no dirt pillars and no statues here.

An intruder came into our camp. You may not get it yet but we were drugged.’

‘What? How do you know that?’

What proof have you of it? And why should I take your word over my eyes?

Avenue, what do you think of this?

After all, you’re the one who brought the stranger into our camp. He was your fellow after all.’

‘That’s so, come to think of it, you’ve been snaking your way out of giving us an explanation for what’s been going on there. What would your defense happen to be?’

Avenue reflected on it. Shortly after, he made his decision faster than expected.

‘I’ll have no part in this.’

And for such a reason, he looked less into it that he ought to have done it.

It hit them like a bolt of gagreons as they split it even further on. While this claim divded them even further, the mechanic bolt, the steam traps and the engines pumping had been brought to a halt then. Water wheels and pendulums, the strange acres and the weirder valves, all of them could drag on without the proper lookout for their need.

‘I say we blast the place and bring a change in leadership, that’s what we need for the time being.’ Yet not a single man could point back to the one who said it as they were even more flabbergasted than before. In some way, they had conveyed less than an emotion and more of a wreck. It pushed out their confidence and the deliquence they had displayed.

A locomotive was running in the distance, you could hear the dark plume-smough draw out. Air, as it its purest form was only pushed forth through some terminal approach, the birth of mechanical-advancement would only bring the pleasing batterment of hinder legs. It crippled them as they attempted to rebuild the world instead of pushing on forth through the serpentine feeling of a humanity still tied to caves. If there was something you should know, they were mindlessly droning one another before coming to their senses and pushing on back home.

Another camp laid in the distance, this one just arrived. Everyone moved, a few of them died. From the locomotive, it appeared, the ones that neared their time dropped down as corpses from the depths of the prison they had lived in without the chime of armed saviours coming to their rescue. It was a disease at both ends. From the station, whence they had come from, most of them had given up miles before, tence ahead. And the reason for it, well as an indiscriminate Foreman would like to put it.

‘They have crossed between the veils, and they ought to be punished and not remain.’ At least not through the living and not to bother the dead in the same manner, clearly the station proded as the sign spoke.

‘Bottangottn station, that’s what it says. Would this be the right place for us to dwell in? Are you certain there’s some fathom to look after and some peril to push on?

We could wait for another stop.’

‘Nay, we must take the survivors and carry on.’

It was decided, despite the fact that there was no solid ground to lay upon. A step was all it took to realise that they were knee deep into the ground. Yet there was a salutation as the first man came around.

‘Domo, domo, I say to you new arrivals.

Have you come from the distant land to trade?’

In Search of the Liver-Kettle

As the sudden tribulation around the realm could be heard, when all of the sudden, a voice leered as soon as it was yet in range. Two young seekers of thrills found themselves going in out of their way to announce.

‘We shall finally find a liver-kettle and rescue it from shallow hands. It is our righteous duty to go ahead and find it no matter what we must go through in this time of led.’

There wasn’t any way of working it out. It was clear, they would do it or they’d fail in their search. But there was no hope if the kettle wasn’t found. It was an artifact of great importance, all of them were, as a matter of fact, if someone knew better, he’d only attest to it without any disregard for what was being embided along the journey. Far too many of them had to be recovered and it was only a matter of time until it would not be forgivable to abandon them.

Think of it as they stack up, all of them could be brought back. And the world would only live as a testimony of the kettles, as long as they produce the limberick-o-folley, the sparring blade, soon to remain, in all of them, once again. IT would grow and spread as much, as often as it could. Never ending the shattering of the edges of their tributary, bells were sound and there came the shaking round collapsing through the masts of streets. Clearly their mission and their veil announced, had only brought them about the road. Missing nothing from home, they carried on their vestments of giant Caroa leaves and hopped on the mirrored-horses, all of their four heads, and two hinging legs pushing on.

‘Where to now, are we to ask for any good direction, must we call upon anyone at all to face the fealty of our action?’

‘Ignario, I say we count on our own two feet and least of all, invite him.’

Karakas pointed at the Mule-headed, spider-legged, bodied-to an outlet for great machines, a walking terror with no feet. He had only a pack on his back which helped him walk around with unknown graspers that pulled around the air, as invisible hands which only pushed him on ahead. He was unconcerned with anything, yet decided to act. He called on them as soon as he realised they were talking about him.

‘Why, I shall join you, then, but whence thine forth? What are we looking for?’

‘The famed liver-kittle, the greatest of the land, if you could please follow us, must we not forget about the mess left in the ground?’

Both and either pointed yonder. And in the wake of a horizontal growing Caroa tree, they understood that nothing was ever going to return to the ways they used to be. It was the lost age, when nonce mattered. And this buffoon, the hulking boon in his hands pronounced. He came about to ask them for a single loss, a coin flip, if he were to follow them at last.

‘This coin had eighteen sides. Know that if you fail each toss, I will make it so you never reach home after the journey’s done. But I shall never tell you of each side and of which one is good and which oen’s bad, for that reason, I can only make sure you’ll listen.’

Listening they had, trying to find out what he was about. It came to him that even there, neither of them were getting near. Not a sniff, and not a wonder, neither of them accounted for him to come yonder. Yet he named himself only the name, Ororo and came forth. It was never revealed where his coin dropped in, though he came along and never felt anything. Not for them nor four in rows, they were followed as soon as they left the town with their provisions left at home.

‘Blasted thing, it’s all because of you Ignario, we should’ve made sure we packed everything in.’

‘But why must I be blamed for everything when I had done none of it. I’m responsible for naught, I haven’t come about the place, it wasn’t me, I only.’

‘Not a word, I’ll hear neigh, I can only hear the water vapors coming through the veins.’

And they all stopped and waited, setthing near the waiting river. As it happened, it was dangerous to breathe it in, for obvious reasons, their hearts thinned and they couldn’t do a thing at all. Not to fight alongside them or face anything other that may harm them more than they should make the call. But they stopped near the crossing.

‘You’ll only cross when I let you cross.’

He said, with a single arrowing pointed at his head, he trailed the way through and showed himself as bit as new. Pointing in the bad, he showed them.

‘That’s where I fell and cracked my head twenty years ago. I’m still there, as a part of the bridge, even to this moment I can feel what’s going on. What’s this world actually about, indeed I know. I studied it thoroughly, indeed I have.’

Rightfully so, just looking as the falling of the nearst nest, he detested everything, especilly how the junk-cars had been turned into oaks. All of them were moved around, just so the tectonic plate the land was on kept moving despite every turn. It never turned to a sun, not to one which was still right. And the moment they looked around, then back, they were greeted by the ultra-towering badland shales which gathered around the metal enclave.

‘Domos, friend, shallow they’ll respond.’

Don’t look at them again now, or else they’ll know you’re still here. From the badlands there came the tin forgers, madly engorged in the least meaningful cutting and reproduction rituals they could bring about the pleateau. From this sudden comotion, stress poured in as it began pushing the junk-oaks in, deeply

submerging until they were needed less than stronger, blunter were the peculiar Arillots which grew the air into the Fell. It was his only chance to make a great impression and yet to ask.

‘What have you come here for?’

Still not answer, but he could yet guess at that. You could feel the scent inside their proper toes. All of them were lost to the idea that there wasn’t yet a way to convey what they were getting in.

‘The liver-kettle, that’s what we’re after.’

‘I knew it, I knew it, I called it and I knew it.’

There was no way no, not immediately, to their notice.

‘Why yes, should we play the anticipated drum and call our blessings until they’re done? I think we ought to find some shame again if we try it hard enough. But keep trashing the bleeding pointed cattle.’

Play the games atop the craze.

It was hard to miss now.

Close to a statistic impossibility.

Despite the Dendrils coming forth, only their maker could step out of the badlands and carry on the gritty pane, remaining in the constant frolick. For the entry into the surrounding area was completely smashed. Trashed apart, even as it didn’t even show any reluctance to recede into the hole from which he came out of.

‘You do not belong in this place. Listen to me, as I’ll only say this once and once will do.’

With the switch of a wrist, he broke the bridge, the river, the stones and from beneath the shallow tremor, there came the leeches, bearing their fat snails around their crowns. And in much there are many. From each bob and each Crane that fell from it, you could hear his voice tell, only as sublimely soft.

‘Have you seen my friend Call?’

He was lost for a reason, know it all. They wouldn’t be made aware of it then. As a matter of saying his name was difficult, with the obscenities they yelled, as the men which almost came out of the springs fell on their backs, soon being claimed by the leeching snails in laughter. Soon they had been appropriated and shallowly caught inside, without wondering what went wrong. Just what went wrong? Why would no one tell them what went wrong. Intermission comes here. Hear them move, no one stopped at all. Yet in this second not even their lips or the molecules of air went ahead, they all heard one another in their minds, just as if they were there. As they were figments of the lordly-thrashed imagination, a push in the wrong direction which resulted into them considering a way in.

But that weren’t the reason they had been there, or anywhere else. Despite being called at several times to answer for their crimes. Each of them started citing off what they’ve done.

Ignario was first, now he pressed the front lobe by one of his fingers that managed to enter his skull.

It was imparted then that what he's done, just over the span of a few days was the complete obliteration of the family living inside the Salazar house. Shocked yet not likely displeased by what they heard, it was much obvious with all that fell on his shoulders. Walking on stretched carpet-feathers, he came in. Just around the second noon where there was no one in. For about forty minutes he had scanned the place and made sure not to miss a single spot for what was going on the face of the road. They could come inside at any moment and for that reason it was decided that they weren't going to abide any of the rules, not any longer and not in the passing. As a matter of fact, what went through their heads, that very moment when they entered their room, was the shock of seeing yet another intruder. He had lain there for hours until he was completely dissatisfied with life. It wretched him to carry on, pushing past a few more minutes, off with his head they said.

Bearing their company no longer, I did the only reasonless thing I could, I beheaded my companion with the help of the whip. Soon it was revealed that he didn't bleed white, like the rest of us. He was of a lower breed after all. What came out of his was a spray of burlesque antique that destroyed his body as soon as it started corkscrewing itself like a tiny flute of pus. About twenty minutes into him, might it be added that they stared? They started falling as I made my way towards their ankles, cutting but a small disaster. The whip simply went through them all, curbing their knee-molecules into popping joints I kindly felt around. From each of them, I started pumping until they were overtaken and I could only pop them off thoroughly. As it were needed. To their pleasure or not, he started pushing the joints upwards until he caused, in a tri-embrace a single pop to happen inside of them. It was instant and mostly painless, he assured everyone else, but some had not believed him for a moment.

'He ought to be pushed for that, shouldn't he?

And why are we still moving in circles now? Have we not had enough of it already? I think we should take justice immediately in our hands and see to it that he'll never raise a hand.'

'Wait, but what of Sophia now?'

For a second, they all turned towards him.

Ororo stopped the stranger from proceeding further. It couldn't be believed but that strange machination surrounded him with an immediate grasp, took two strides and made sure he wouldn't interject just yet. 'I'm pleased to be at your service for now, but let it be known that you shall not fight here, on desecrated land. If you want to find something else, go ahead and find yourself left alone, in that corner over there.'

Where the workers were painting a single strut inside the bowels of a single hole water didn't drop in. A reason made itself clear upon drawing near to the place where it was happening. Only pure tears drops could fall through, and even though they had been made out of oil by those strange machinations of steel, the rules of the universe still applied.

'Ignacio had done nothing to yearn this pain. Isn't that right Karakas?'

'Indeed, it is, Ororo, indeed it is. Now, I suppose we should hear everyone else before the songs of the snails ends and the leeches still remain.'

'We shall.'

After which he prepared, only to pain on what was going on there. In the least commanding manner, where the storm weather came to be, they took a single moment to look forth as the sky and its felacious gluttony. For the clouds were not puffy this day and age, when they had started holding all the flying masses which began melting upon one another until all the birds and the flying machines had dissapeared. And they hid in there, making the most unnatural guttural hollow that ought to have been heard. It was so dangerous to hear that for the sole reason they couldn't fathom it, they tried getting away. It paid no less that it was expected for them to find out that there wasn't anywhere else for them to go.

Not fast the bridge since it had been destroyed. And the way back wasn't an option.

'Go ahead with the confessions then, before the weather gets worse. We still have to follow on our journey, if we may be able.'

So it came to it then, that there was something which remained, an unnecessary amount of guests that followed, all of which popped from the Cranes, who were standing on their backs, unbotting their shirts for the others to come out. Now it would all make sense, for everything being accounted there. First guest was a head, he hadn't been attached to anything but came out of him instead. Another came out and it looked as if he were no one, but a guttural copy of some man unnamed. By the name of Rod, a sailor dressed in blue. The least interesting of all, had been the corpse of the Colossus, who had been brought to a miniature end. Standing next to him stood the others, painted in the colors of fainting lights, explorers, husks, mindless stranders and bums, all of whom stopped to listen.

Only a few of them were of great importance, other well not to be named. It was unfortunate that they attended, to hear what the beast named Ororo had to say.

His crime of choice was blasphemy as he's done it in the month of May. Conveyed in pain, nothing could be feigned from this wild ignorance which started trashing. Ever so near just about the place, it had come as a surprise that it hadn't neared going about each face. He had walked around the town of Curr, and saw the city gates upturned. Brave need not remain for long. Looking at it again made him lose

whatever fathomless question he kept to himself. In that gate there was a slouch of profanity. They hid an entire brothel inside. Once he had discovered it he could think of nothing but the desire to make sure that none of them would be alive. Not for long, as he had been disgusted and disturbed by it. A problematic fire had been brought and spread. But not a single show of mercy was given to them. Take a finger, twice and thrice, but he had taken all of them at once.

Yet this wasn't the only act he found there. As the women rushed out, revealing themselves and how they were made out of wood, then it all clicked in. Ororo had enabled them to run and spread the fire like a wild leaping seething pyre, never to be stopped again. It felt like a spineless thing to do yet, as he ran away, thinking of what was next to happen. What would they say if they found out it was him and only him who did it? Not a single thing could be forgiven, not a word expected then.

'What of it now? What must we do to play about this sweet embrace of fire? I have started it that night and I refuse to pay for the crime I so kindly admired for this long. I cherish what I did for a good reason, despite what you may not know, I was justified in my appeal. Now of all times, I don't fear that It might have to do with anything.

My winged companions in clouds, I'll see you soon if I'm to be judged as anything but a boon.'

And as he stopped, the others carried on, wondering what else there was there. Neither of them had been convinced that it was important for them to confess his deluge. And their say wouldn't matter if they were devoid of any feelings they might convey.

The Arillots, as they called themselves, their four heads turned about, in question.

'Why have they destroyed our bridge? Did they find no other reason to beseech any other way to prevent you from going ahead? Must there be nothing pure in this world?'

He wondered for a second, as it was only a thing for him to know. But his other heads were dull and headed, nothing passing through their bones. It was only a close chance.

But he took it and ran off. On the hindsight, it was a great choice, as the Colossus entered a feat of rage and started imploding everyone with the toes. Hence had their failure and the first attempt fallen forth. But I also need be reminded, that their failure hadn't lasted.

As yet new life came back and from it sprouted a single way of drawing back.

'Towards the Liver-kettle, I set forth.'

A young strapping gallow-head by the name of Duran set forth. But he hadn't been born with the commoners, but atop one of the flying beast-ships of the long winds in Ura-Maasa. Enter the rightful passage. A few more steps ahead and you, after the fifteen hundred one and you will have found where he died. Taking each of them back would reveal to you that his fourth body got left behind. A cracked skull,

one that had a lost limb and two of them being completely eviscerated. So it seemed, so far that most of them were gone in a way or another. He could feel the others and know where they died. It was undecided yet, what he should do about it. Yet for now he could think of nothing else but that descending approach, before he would be called upon.

His time and space were already limited by the size of the deck. Though, truth be told, it was enough for him to keep going around for miles and ages, more so than in any common town. Noticing something, at least from around the coffers, it was hard to miss now but he was blunt on it. At least it went as it went, carrying on to it again. Looking for slouching deck-sweeper, he approached him, looking at the others near him. They all went on another drunken haze and slept for the mid-afternoon. In a platinum cover, as the sky shone brightly with the clouds making puffs of soundless waves, you couldn't hear anything from above, henceforth, there was nothing of the chaos coming from below.

‘Excuse me sir, but may I talk to you about something?’

He didn't care much about getting up. A second time and he could see that he wasn't to be bothered still.

There wasn't any question why he was trashing the place in such a manner. Not outside but inside his dream, as Duran saw him jerk and fight the terrors he was meeting after each leap. Mast ahead, he passed the chance but came back to it, as he looked ahead through one of the visors. Farther in the distance he saw the greatest sight a young man could see. It had taken a long time to get there, but at this point, all that hard work paid off. There were no apparent signs in the night-reflection. It was all full of defects now. As soon as the visor came to him, he started pushing his fingers through their trap. An alleviation came to him as soon as he started realising that there wasn't any way out. Not while he still asked questions. Duran considered taking flight, jumping over the edge just to make it on the other side. They were veering the ship in the wrong direction, as it seemed that neither of them were aware of the grand plan. To it they would feel none else.

Duran felt somehow alienated from the outsideworld, forcing himself to go in. As soon as he turned and enters the main area which was just eighty feet away, leading to the halls that connected the passageways leading to the cabbins, he encountered a peculiar figure he hadn't thought about in a while. It was one of those monks of the cube. In a desire to find out more about him, he joined the man in his meditations. As obscure as it sounded, he was concentrating on the cube as if there was some great importance to it.

Somehow, this was much calmer than anything he ever knew about. ‘So that's how it was.’

There was no other explanation.

Poor man looked starved. But he kept going on.

Starting on the Valley of Satoa, somewhere in the distance, two monks met. Indistinguishable, yet there was peace between them. Some blood was shared between them on the long hill.

Melting of a pass along the road-fire which grayed as it spread from the discolored flour-winds which spread it away. In wake of the cutting of the sun, there was no one at blame for it, hence they were gone fifteen feet from where they stood.

By noo they were pondering again on every mistake which took away from them. They shared something in the few minutes they spend with each other. Just in the middle of them, a symbiosis between the cubes began cutting their fingers apart, dragging them on. It was straws, everywhere straws of wheat. From beneath them came the wave of heat which spread as far as it could like a drowning haze that couldn't be dragged again. It felt unnecessary to believe but there were mold rocks appearing on both sides of the cubes, dragging in. As their faces switched on, and their appearance switched, they changed placed as they started talking in missing tongues. It felt paganistic. Only a heathen would give into it this way, as to look at the monks drop their fake skin and replace it with the least forgiving wratful thin shroud they hid underneath. They had thinner bones and no muscle to cover them.

Through them fell the masses of servants and worshippers who had served the cubes, just as both of them stood as giants, looking at them rolling on the hills, small and forlorn, tiny to the touch and gone. 'It moments like this, I wonder what's to be done about our entire faith as long as we're about to come to the same conclusion. Humanity is done now.'

'Hear thee, hear thee, I suffer of the same. But let us not forget of it now and let's not forget of what remains.'

Ad Ehuor told him to stand aside, as he started unwrapping a piece of the cube immediately under this breathe and eyes. He revealed something he had hid for long, trapped inside, as a worshipper who was lost.

At once, after a few steps were taken between the two of them, he had shown it at first and foremost as one of the worshipping spirits showing up.

'Here thee, here thee, comes the Supressor fourteen, Hylinothrop.'

Ours for within the hour and more than we could recall the power of conviction he shows. His sudden countenance changed. After being away for so long, this lane of wheat, crossed on the various overlain hills had somehow been too uncanny for it to count on. Everything looked out of place especially as the filter behind the sun, where no radiation passed on, to no light passing or aching ahead. He felt as if this wasn't the place to be in. However it'd be. It started pushing the bodies he had supressed throughout the eons, reflections coming out of the wheat heads until everything looked in shambles. Various skin-malformations came forth. Broathing and foaming as if from the depths of the most broken plains, the

abominations couldn't remain still for a moment nor watch. They couldn't have been alive, nor could the monks defile this place any longer, after realising the various sheets of cloth, their faces and their organs being molded together as the cubes projected power into the Suppressor.

For he had witnessed Agamemnon and for that reason they brought him there, from just about anywhere, from the tainted spots, like occupying lots that had wanted a thrill. They couldn't be tormented any longer as they felt anything but this, this glorious return.

'Where have we thee come? How is that we're here now?'

Though you could see their faces, they weren't actually there entirely. Instead they had been livid projections, just as they ought to be, just like the Suppressors had watched over them in ancient times. With a single difference being the fact that they couldn't have been gone sooner, never wanting, never brought. They were solid as to paint themselves in, drawing in and out from their master Agamemnon. It came as no representation, that they sang the songs of wild creation.

As soon as wheat turned into a formless, endless mass of bio-organisms, there was no return from there anymore. No longer could they be counted on. No worth to pay, they were there again, cackling madly as they were breeding for a new world, a new empire and the vile plans, which would continue as long as they were called about.

'He wants us to behave, I know it.'

'No, we shall not be forced into that seclusion again. Look at it, they had done something for us, even now when we ought to have been battling with our kind. Look, and look, they brought back something of our own. See? It's our mad pustulating pox-star, that one which started infesting the others.'

'Our stars are to return? What kind of prizeful present is this and what have we done to earn it in the first place?'

'Why I might say that everything is falling into place. Sooner or later we shall make it that one day, we could finally spread and do as we please, without worrying about the consequences.'

'I see now that's due to our coming.'

Be pleased that there's no end. In as much as a few minutes spent there, they had all conquered the space between dimensions, speaking with the monks and the familiar figure that had come along, as he no longer was dead in the same sense and in the same meaning as they had been. Instead, he spread only the most malignant of vileness, the one which made him think and spread. Of the deathless ones that wanted him to join them yet.

'He shall make a great vassal for us. I see, for these hills, wherever they be.'

It was questioned for a few seconds at best. They wondered just what went on there for moments at best.

In some beastly manner they had reached the farthest ends and realised that there was an end to everything, nothing could run dry.

‘Where are we now? How is that this place can never return to the faceless turns of the Earth? Is this not a blasphemous agony which we unearth now?’

For this world was null. It was only created by the dull cube in which they resided. Lost to them, as to the reaction Duran showed upon hearing what the monk had said.

‘You want me to believe that inside of your cube there’s a world, there’s a trap and there are faces and what not?’

Certainly you can’t expect me to believe that.’

‘And what of it now, young Duran, would you believe me if I told you of something even better, not to bother with it yet? I can only show you so much by saying, but I wouldn’t dare bring you inside.

Know that both me and the other monk remained in there for a good reason at that. What we have done there can never be forgiven, as I know we were turned into a great and magnificent standing pole-like growth to keep those abominations from spreading and coming out, as long as they don’t know.

As long as they are not aware that they’re inside of the cube, they won’t start going around and finding an excuse.’

It would be easy to break out if they were aware. As perhaps their greatest weakness was their narcissism and their arrogance, and the hours they spent talking and praising their names. Glory to Agamemnon and everyone else, thought that hadn’t been delightful.

Duran needed to go.

‘I wished only to ask you some advice for whence may I start my journey to find that.’

‘Liver-kettle, that I know, it’s said that there can only be a watch. Don’t worry about it, for you shall not lose it in your life-time or any time sooner for the reason you think you might. I can mightily assure you that there’s a way to get through. But don’t believe their lies if you happen you walk on their sinew.’

It extended, never ended and came to his ears then. He hadn’t an idea of what was going on, yet he came to run and to glance and make it to the chambers where he spent the day under the shroud of nymphomatic sleep. It came to him during one of the lost dreams. He fainted, pushed by, and through roses. A garden through which he placed himself in. Someone slept well.

Koovalhl woke up on one of the mattresses. He was thinking about coming out and enjoy what was left of the day. It was such a passionless wonder that he wondered who might throw himself out of the way. He had survived a fall and woke up falling on the strangest place that could contain him yet. Thinking upon it

this way, he had lost every kind of wonder he had in the past, about being jealous or of wanting women, or trying to blush or contemplating about jumping in the wall of spikes.

He tried pointing at the sunwall inside his room. He failed to do so. Near a counter there was a block-cointainer filled with small legs, fully grown, baby-girth in small fur-cointained eye-oblongs. In one of the drawers there was a small human who curled into a ball. A miniature eye-glimmer pushed him to spread about and multiply until he had become eight of them. All of them conveyed no emotion, but they seemed to jitter ever so now and again when someone came on.

Something about the way the carpets had knees coming out of them at times made him think of home. Koov hid way too many brits underneath his bed to even know it was time to behave. He considered pulling out some tea-leaves out of their lungs.

Something bumped on the door. After getting out of it, he saw it was an accident. The man who knocked the top of his door was the sailo Rod, a tin-head with nothing behind him but the anchor he carried around. Within a turn he made sure to point out that he hadn't felt any guilt at it at all.

'It's early isn't it? You should take care of your door in any case. Bad things happen when you don't.'

'But that wasn't.'

Speechlessly he followed him, trying to get forth at least a word in, no matter how little. It'd be a lot better than chiming in with coping around the lossless action he took so far. The cranial mass was in all the wrong places, right at the mask of the ship. It couldn't be taken out easily, just by the fact that there were other things being pressed against it. The point stood for the same reason we all looked at it. If anyone made too much noise, or if they took on too many wrong insignifiant turns, we would all end up in the same spot, facing the wrong people and having lost ourselves to the most unnatural looks. It was impossible to turn and accept what was going around.

Ask and it shall be delivered. It was dangerous getting close to that part of the deck. Just by looking at it, you could observe him. The wrong one who was there now, juast as he strolled and made his way past the others, you could feel his presence. You knew that there was something wrong with him.

That deranged machine carried on like a slug while pushing out a giant tongue out of its second head unit connected to the basin region. Barred and with a few extending eye-lets which rounded themselves unscrutiably, he was filled with them. It looked like a diving suit which had the helmet region broken and wide open. A small head with no sockets grinned inside. He had no arms, but appeared to have a small

canon pushing out of its left shoulder. With all those gizmos which recorded something on his chest, you wouldn't even know something was wrong with him.

His deranged face only swam in that liquidless hole. Surrounding his entire suit and body were a few nails that dug in metal and in skin.

Most importantly, he bore a belt that carried over two metallic extensions which resembled arms but bore no fingers whatsoever. Those mollusk-like encasings bore smiles of their own and only made it worse for everyone around them, as all four of its faces seemed to jitter and become animated at times. All of them jerked and paced about, trying to stalk something despite having no mind on the matter. There was something excruciatingly undefinable about it. With the way in which it produced the noise around it, that creature taunted everyone on board. And yet, the derangement was yet to come. They weren't even paying enough attention to realise he was there, carefully watching not to take a sling shot around them.

It was wrong to ask, especially with the tanks he was guarding. He was pushing on with a wild array of locknuts that had been displaced around the coffin.

'Who died?'

Road was suspicious of the creature, going as far as to measure it to its size. He was morose in some way. He couldn't pull himself out of it for various reasons not even he could glance at. They were begging for a command. Thinking, least of all of boxes that weren't there. It got harder and harder to approach their conviction for as much as it could be forlorn.

'I asked you something, what are you hiding in that coffin? I know you've prepared something in there, do not make me ask again.'

No one was spared from it. At least no one who paid enough attention to the signs at large, they were vermin after all and as vermin would do they would cuddle around one another, seeling off panthomines. Determined to last.

It was just as they previously thought. Betoken befoul and hear of them now. Within their cold approach there was no reason to go on and ask for something to repay them. It wanted to waste their time. Before reaching the High Acres district which only strolled and forwarded towards the piece of land that remained untainted, as it floated a few meters off the ground. Various planic surroundings came on.

Most of the cargo as well as the ship would arrive on time. As for them, they sometimes heard messages circulating through the waves. They wanted to get through with one last time.

‘I feel like.’

Duran turned for a moment now. The monk had joined the others on the maindeck. With him, there stood thae Tongue-suit, Rod, Koov and some other deck scrubbers who were just watching. Nearing some question now.

‘I feel as if we were waiting for this moment for the longest time. I may not be able to explain it yet, but there might not be any return for us after it.’

Seemingly confused, no one said a thing. It was pointless, in actuality since most of them didn’t know one another. They were only normal after all. At the end of the day, they didn’t actually understand what was going on. With all the changes in the weathertops, there wasn’t any reason any longer to look at how life had been prior to the bark.

‘I still think about the world down there, I’m still trying to figure out what went wrong.’

It was peaceful for a while, for the longest one at all. Who was the culprit who took away all of the stars and what happened after? During times like these when people gathered, the blue turned to dusk and it looked as if we were in space again. A corossivness pushed on as we drove with the ship in an empty black sea with no light and no glimmer in it. Lies only brought you home.

Why were they headed there and why had it mattered? As much as it could be pointed at there was only one ill-defined reason to survive and thrive for. Forth they called, the journey calling, stretched upon the marks of stoppings. We were supposed to do the same. Going around the tributaries instead of wasting time, as we died now, there’s no chance we won’t fall behind.

In death we served another being, in death we found them. Though there were other people seraching desperately for it to be found, we would not allow them to cut us off. No wonder failure came at a price. You had to be there to understand feel it crossing through your veins as they read through every piece of the mind. With each strike, it had come to that. Need be return from your rest. Follow them wherever you go and make sure you get your hands on one of those blasted liver-kettles if you can. Bear us no longer and march forth. Ignario was the first to rise. He came back just as he had been, riddled with some holes which only came when needed. A failure he thought.

‘How can I still be alive?’

Why, they would spend their vile needs and think of vines. In the court of Shrine where they were met in that stony palace the others waited their turn.

‘Wait for him to be finished and only then I shall bring your back to join.’

Misery could not be obeyed for long. Not as long as there were so many pests that were making the factor. If there was something to lean, it would be lost on them.

Down there the winds still yearned for some touch.

‘From this day on, I name you my mad servant. What do you think of it?’

‘Swell, that’s swell enough for me to follow you through the gates of incest and make it for the grant fates of putrefaction.’

‘That’s where we shall go then. Towards the Fates of putrefaction I say, that’s the next step on our grand journey. Let it be known that there’s nothing that’s ever going to stop us from getting to them.’

Armed to their teeth, they jumped on the ostriches and started advancing towards the Prude. He stooped low as he was misunderstood by the others. It felt like he could be lost, at any point. His eight legs were already stretched and resting. Beyond every kind of release, he could find no peace of the mind because his eyes were not blind enough.

‘What do you want from me?’

‘Join us, Prude, I hear your legs are fast enough that you could race us on our ostriches.’

‘And who told you that, young man? I suppose you came here to mock me thinking I would make an easy target to begotten on the back. Patted as I wouldn’t say it, look behind.’

He saw at that, past the mild sand-mist, there was a large zone filled with the smallest pebbles that the eye could see. Nothing grew, other than some lost sand dunes that weren’t even real upon coming further in.

‘As I said, would you do me the honor then? Would you step in closer and do me the pleasure?’

‘Prude, I only want to ask of you this, allow us to race you for old times sake. If we can keep up with you, why not join us in our quest?’

‘What do you seek?’

Chivalry looked at Prude. He didn’t get it yet, nor had he cared for what he stood. Corner to corner and even farther in, he wanted to see how fast he was just like in the young days when there was no one to shout him down. He understood it now. Chivalry wanted to tell him that he’s only considered pursuing his dream because of him, naught more. Slimmers or tiredness came forth, it couldn’t be believed yet, but it raised itself as the question rose. Standing there it looked like a giant tulip which wore a golden mask that should’ve stretched for a few more centimeters out of the rim of its body. For a few moments there, it waited, preparing its legs, stretching only for the show of it.

‘Are we going to race or not?’

‘So, if I understand correctly, what it is you ask of me is this, given that I’ll defeat you in a foot race, you shall leave me alone then?’

But here lay the trick he had in mind. Chivarly looked at Squire, who was unsure himself. Won’t he simply refuse to run? Will he not slow down to let us win instead of planning the run? Of course not my dear Squire, his pride wouldn’t allow him yet. I’d even go as far to say that he would chase with us instead, to the rest of the world, whence they might fill our pouries with the dult.

‘We’ll race then and do what we must. I can only hope you’ll keep the end of the bargain and race us till the sun goes down.’

‘No more and no less. I’d like to confess that I know nothing of either of near-like, I couldn’t fathom going as far as I could. If you weren’t near, I should simply consider staying here for the rest of my life. But you needn’t hear my story yet. I think I’ll simply fall behind or make sure I’ll overpower you against the force of the sun.’

Damn that thing was on his side. For as long as there were golden shades, the muscle would never decay.

Regardless of the lack of action, his boredom and the many times he refused to step in line as they listened to him ride. And thence they started, just as they said, as soon as the sun reach the dead point instead of trying to set forward on a run never meant to be. It was decided then, they’d run.

‘Go ahead, now!’

‘Careful Squire, we’re supposed to keep in line, don’t cross him and don’t fall behind.’

Chivalry said, as he charged through. It got discarded and put back. He couldn’t fathom losing this before it started. But Prude as he may had already gone into a flight as they barely kept on his track. Galloping on many legs, there wasn’t a way of pushing throngs of spoken for, lost miasma, plenty of the daft. Sand was thrown against them during drops of less obscure manners, the rains would be spare and in-between as the race had gone for hours. There was no way of knowing how this race might end. Instead they only tried getting out of the way and pushing back in just so they could prevent themselves from getting ahead at times when he started slowing down. It could be done in only a few minutes as they spared no word. Nothing at all, then it started. Leaping over crevices that opened in the shattered stone, below them up until the hot cones that appeared, they had been overcome.

‘Wait, don’t step out there, it’s dangerous, way too dangerous for a man to pass.’

Prude leaped on and stopped both of the ostriches in time before they could fall off the invisible cliff. They hanged on as if wrapped against his lightly colored purple legs. Before even getting the chance to pull of hairs from inside their mouths, it was obvious that they didn’t like that.

‘You could’ve warned us you big useless cactuts.’

‘I was only trying to save both of you from falling in. Can’t you feel the drop?’

‘Why, I see nothing.’

The Squire looked mightily compelled by his own statement, to the point of thinking about it yet. The arrogance they showed was too much. It had been a wild ride out there, especially since they ended it prematurely. And there hadn't been any victor between them, other than the ploy. Abhorrent as it looked, they got over themselves and walked.

'It will take a while for to reach them. I do hope you don't have any thoughts about joining us.'

'We barely started on it.'

It was incontestable, without proper provision and any preparation whatsoever, this was only going to end up being a failure. And no one spoke of it yet. Sleep was a factor that affected all of them, including their ostriches. A failure after a failure of conditioning emerged. They slept under the sand carps for the night. Feathers blushed their cheeks as they scuffled through the dream before there was even an idea of a morning sun.

Why they spent the next day racing all the way around the dale. Fancying themselves exited over the lanes, they stopped at a solid riddling sop. It was a sore sight for everyone involved.

'Worthless, all you are worthless.'

A voice sang. It was a perilous thing they hadn't taken into account.'

They were not invested into the argument, though they turned. Blocking the sand-point where the cypress came along was dangerous on its own. A few slaps on his belly and he turned.

'That man was arguing with himself.'

'Get away from him, I think he's diseased, get as far away from him as possible.'

His body was producing a combination of immaterial gases that started hardening as his body grew. His chest encompassed his legs and arms, the face being torn apart, all from an impossible to control rage. They could see the wildly thrown apart teeth that only came out of the boar-like trance that sparked out of him. He wanted to charge but it came in vein.

'Let's split up, they said. They told me I should make it past that rock and hide there before it could reach and eat my ostrich.'

They knew what to be aware off and how to counter, how to spare and when to get away. Squire, instead of going by his business felt abandoned, as a tiny conglomerate would. While there was a balcony of flurid heat, he could only face himself going ahead as a tormented Inuit should. Taking his time, he spoke to the winds and listened.

'Careful now Squire, he's just about to charge at the stone.'

'Better get out of the way now before they get you, before they get you, before.'

He even identified the source of the wind, he lost a bet with the wind. It pushed through him, for a yadda-more. An engulfance of rusty black metal turned to gas as the sky turned into it at last. Everything seemed encompassed by this malignant sight of ember-blues. A twilight that had taken over the sun, a

settlement of blue pushing through, but what now, what could he do now if not for the winds? He listened and asked them for a way, there had to be something he could do to disobey them. It was simple, he would have to give in to him now. He only wanted to perch his thirst with his forehead shattered against a rock. Though it was decided that he couldn't get away, the wind said.

'Don't lose your temper, or your life shall follow after.'

Slaps of doors made out of azuromistirith, came upon the closed holes of sand-matter thrown to prey.'

'Listen now, don't make too much of a languid movement or you may be shaken off the brow. I see the brothel of desire, there's nothing if you'll love to lose but we'll acquire.

Blood and the spoils, coming from your thrones that never got felt, care for that pet of yours, or we shall get you yet.'

Winds never treated him as unfairly as they had now, as they cherrised every moment pushing forth, out of there, now he walked. Seen and unseen as the others made it past themselves, it couldn't be believed any longer, why was it his lain side, the other ones who abided this distress? Wild and arrogant, the boar-like thing marched toward Prude and Chivarly, only to open his backs, many of them being coffin-shaped helped a lot for what was worth. It couldn't be beleived any longer, for the worth. They were throwing nets, which Chivarly carried along. Though Prude couldn't actually catch bit since he bore no hands, and this whole place got lighted only by his head, I could see the shadowy region behind me press on. I could be lost in there as in a cave, never to be met up again by them if I let go. For that reason, I turned both I and my ostrich and followed.

'Wait me for this, I know of some way. Don't bother with them in this reasonless hunt you muffle stinger and look at me, as you would in other times.'

Good lad, he would distract this thing just for us to get in its general direction. With that at least, we could tame the beast and make it so it won't walk again. For the wordlessness it showed in speech cannot be preached nor put to use. He needs to be taken down before we lose another man to the sounds. Waves were cast and you could see the swollen plants of sand-valleys falling on the dome. As that umbilicat thing spread its ray of missaligned light, terorr began as they fell upside down, onto it, yet less aware that they didn't fall on its ceiling but even worse.

In the middle there was an invisible floor that turned the sky and the floor of earth into the horizon. They couldn't make it out with the help of navigatorial delights, but thought about it now.

'How here, how near, how might we find our way? If this be permanent how might we make the line.'

Set aside from the other questions, for now getting out alive was the only important thing they could hope for. And each piece of the invisible force moved like the piece of some solid puzzle, revealing through transparency, as the variously thrown objects went away. As if they never existed in the first place.

'I see, now it opens. Look at it and you'll understand what we're dealing with now.'

It wasn't going to be heart felt just yet. Not while they were still standing and dashing from one another in fear of the retaliation that might come. For once they didn't bother to look for a way out; instead they drew near without even drawing breathe, trying to corner as fast as they could. It was impossible to try going at its neck for obvious reasons. Whatever it had done, however if had engulfed itself in those unnatural corpses, it had managed to shield itself from whatever we threw at it. No net would touch no rock, no pebble and definitely nothing of our own. Even those who appeared on its back had something against us as they began pushing us off, daring to come in as the least desirable creatures that could be. They who looked as if they basked in agony cheered the beast. From his every coffin at lease ten more of them started drawing out and pushing out of their dark sphere which came into us.

‘This land itself is breaking apart. Open your eyes and see what’s going on.’

For this was not something they could safely think of. They were the pests, the strangers and the outsiders who didn't belong in there. And for the same unnatural reason they drew on. Eating each other inside as they tried coming back to their senses, otherwise they couldn't do it. Not since the transparency, the invisible cloak, the substance which had carried all over peeled itself off. As soon as it happened, the meat-like factory revealed itself, as the twists and the looks, the distortion itself was caused by nothing else but the vine-like grappling long horns it wrapped around them.

They couldn't let go.

‘We have to push along and carry on as if nothing happened.’

Prude seemed to know of something the others weren't even vaguely aware of. If that were how it was supposed to be, so be it. There was little they could do about it either way. Faith could only be given to him, who promised them it knew what had to come their way. Then he started shaking and as soon as he had come to it, finally he released all that fibrous necrosis he hid inside his body for this long. As a cold or a pile of pain that dropped on a hare's entire body, it spread. Unnaturally vicious, it started gnawing at the mass, creating an intense pain factor that couldn't be accounted for long. It was thoroughly quiet, after the bang. It popped off without us even realizing what happened or what dragged it out of the way. It was not clear yet. What happened in the span of a few meaningless seconds? It burst out like a timeless mass, that wretched itself as it drew on.

As soon as they landed, they split off and made again for the nearest rocks they could hide behind, this time mostly instinctively, without a hint of animal hesitation coming from them or their masters. It was lost on them, as son as it could be pinned on. They sharked their way through the sand and landed just right on time.

‘Whizzes out there in the distance, what have you done? My poor creation now rests with the rivers of undesired. Why, is this what I deserve? To many my toys brought to a break because you terrible alienated things would not allow me to retreat?’

Ap hoe, ap hoe, I need to set sail forth.'

To each point, he took a strike of one of the poor souls that were caught on his back. It was undeserved but at this point it didn't matter at all. Not their pain and certainly not their lack of celerity. While there was a clueless satisfaction on his face, this, whatever else it was couldn't be any of their concerned at all. It was a vastly superior lack of mindedness which made him acquired the blood spurted on the ground.

His predominant features finally showed.

As his open maw carried forth, we all saw the atrocity it held. Just as Prude shone the light on its head, judge for less and think not for the ones that follow. For each death that came in, they would become shallower. He had too many incisors crafted, made, as prototypes would remain, for the sole reason of suckling on marrow, of drawing inside of it as many liquids as it could holster it. With this prude being overly indulging itself in the inflated ego it showed, there was nothing to do. Not alone.

It sucked the moisture from air and grew the bodies on the back. From those pseudo-coffins, those archetypes there were only his surprise. A demise coming from inside, because of him, he had been responsible for it.

'But where do you think you're going. My servants and my extensions, my arms, you cannot betray me here.'

They said less and carried on to eat the tray of the guts that had been spilled once the other toy had been broken apart, thing that got conveyed by their enormous bodies that expanded, inflated and drew on. It was unnecessary to think that it was them who looked like they were morbid. In reality they were the wretches of man, humanity out of its den, hiding while the separation emerged, and dark coming out of it no longer.

'The sky is returning back to the way it'd be. Can we go ahead now and run as far as our feet will allow us to?

Would be impossible to draw the line and stay aside?'

Squire thought for himself better, not to leave their side alone. Whatever reason be more abhorrent, he couldn't explain it pass the stroll, the ages calling, never longer than he should pass on. He was caught off the lance, carrying the dust dance, the mites that were in his hair floating like lice that wouldn't know how to pull away. And it could not be waited on. Lying still they waited for it to finish the battlement of ardor.

Wellington walkers had become completely paranoid. The noise stopped.

Some of the villagers had it just enough.

'We won't work the fields unless you stop and listen to our demands.'

The land-informer stopped recycling his bonds. He chewed through most of them by now. Every day spent as far away from the lanes, the black forests grew. Within the trees, the branches spewed black sinew. Bones would animate masses of skinless tones which crushed the land in defiance.

‘I cannot help it, you know that. Somewhere, out there, they’re looking for me. I’m planet beneath one of the trees. You may not like it now but I feel like I don’t belong here any longer. Neither of us do.’

As they gathered around the man, they patted him on the back. While doing so, they sang the wild tunes of the forests in hope that they could somehow get through, with the addition of a single new comer.

Ereth, who looked behind us. We were here with him but also there, split on both sides, trying to take shots at the black forests before it could approach.

Chivarly ended up not so far, coming up into this place, trying to guess the stars in wonderment. He crossed the valley he had been in amidst his wild charge and got into the crowd.

‘But what have we here? Why have I not been called to this yet? I’ve been mistakenly searching for a falling land, though only they could tell me of the right direction.

Where’s my Squire, where had Prude gone?’

‘Settle down, dreary knight, you need to rest and think of us yet. Mean thine be but this can’t be. The sink of thoughts clearly bothers thee.’

‘Please do not waste my time yet. I wish to cross through life with no regret. At least, at least you could spend the night with us while we’re in sorrow.’

‘What for, excuse me men, my ladies, but if you would be so inclined to do as I say, know that I am bothered by everything and I, I should help them.

That is indeed what I’m after. I have to help Squire and Prude, they’re being hunted.’

‘But wait a minute sir, and help us with the feud.’

Therefore, they sat him down momentarily and told him everything that happened there. How this mad creature who called himself the landlord of their entire land came out of nowhere and forced them to work with their bloody hands down. A servant, he called himself, of some distant cosmic sound contractor bearing the standard and the name of Mal’Kerth. Spoken as it were, they made him be aware of it yet. It was necessary, said by their words to agree that there was nothing else to be looked after. It had to be this way. They had to break out of his chains and free their village, yet instead.

Once or thrice they pointed at the vileness which grasped the plots and fields where the lanes of crops grew upon. From there, the conondrum was attained. Despair could not be regained as the dreary man said he would help. As long as he could think of it yet, he knew destiny would throw the two companions back to him in order to prevent the forest from growing. For a forest it was not. Instead, it looked like a growing pluck, an ancient root canal which spread the blueish hairs, the grim repairs crops that weren’t even aware of what they’ve been through. It was no desired any longer for simple reasons, that may be.

And now for the strike of force, where the blow of Prude and those of the Squire met, they could not even bother themselves to prevent pushing through the blindspots of the beast. And with every blow from rock or calf that pushed forth over his head, another corpse was left behind. With every loss of a body, the creature shrunk about a good chunk of its original size, until he would not be able to take it anymore. A trail of gore was left behind, leading to a blindspot behind the carcass. While both of them were distracted, it took the opportunity to cut ahead and make it before they could get to him. Instead of a march, they froze and lack the summer-lash. Swollen and perturbed they decided that this was the opportunity they looked for before they could corner it. And then and there it escaped, without leaving a trace or any kind of remains.

‘Where is it?’

It was here a moment ago. I could see its figure hiding behind this morsel.’

Squire turned to Prude. Both of them could barely think of the encounter and even less for what came after it. From one of the protruding holes, in which they hid their counterfit food and joy, there sprouted one of valley springs, pure distilled water coming from within it. There was no question, no bother asking. They suffered this loss, moving while suffering abuse, which was met at every twist and turn. To describe the dread they felt that day, giant invisible seeds appeared just about everywhere. And as they came on top of their faces, their bodies, the ostrict and the land, even the morsels, on top of the plains, they would feel their own emptiness seeping out and that of the terrain. It could not be accepted any longer because this pain was anything but normal. It discouraged them from trying to fit. Tracing

Chivarly was already hard, but added to this, they could barely stand on their feet.

Yet the heir of the world had come at last. He couldn’t be seen in the contrast but be guessed at. He spoke with an inflicted accent, point at the sky. Despite not being seen today, his voice could still be heard as it conveyed the slightest hint of truth. It was what they looked for in the first place, hence the mysterious journey and how they found themselves standing here.

‘Go now and ignore the pain. Do not get overwhelmed by it, I say. You are to set out for a search and find it, one of the greatest artifacts in existence.’

As ominous as it was, it was perfect. Perfectly mad, especially since they went ahead and waddled in. Not only did they want to follow through but they couldn’t stop thinking of it any longer, for what was worth, they came up front and said.

‘We shall look and find it, regardless where it is. Don’t underestimate us just ye, because if there’s someone who might do it that would be.’

A small break from everything, just from where they stood, they looked at the mess around them, shook off some of the dust and had tea. It was a busy time of time but neither of them even considered who might join them. Peculiar thing, that he was, he walked slowly from the distance and barely stood by

himself. Well cut around the head, someone they could trust somehow despite not even being aware of his name. He looked vaguely sick and many armed, though most of them could barely be shaken off since they were midly flailing as he approached.

This creature, though there was nothing even going so far as to allude to what kind of creature he was simply came along.

‘It’s been a long trip. It took me a while to get there, wouldn’t you say?’

‘Why would we say that? We don’t even know you.’

‘Then allow me to introduce myself, well not before. Wouldn’t care to invite me to a cup of tea as from a stranger to another?’

‘Will you join us then?’

Thought Prude for a moment, as he considered his pick, while balancing a cup on his hairs, he was doing his best not to prick a tail. Or say too much and wallow after dust. He wanted this as much as the others could be brought to it.

‘Listen, I’m searching for someone. It’s more than important for me.’

‘What a coincidence, we’re looking for someone as well.’

‘That’s not what’s I’m trying to say.’

‘But who are you exctly. Oh I beg your pardon, this is mightily rude, I’m Squire and that many legged giant masked friend of mine is Prude.’

‘I am Ogoth, though I suppose such names would mean nothing to you in any case. My name appears more likely to be lost to some, especially since time strikes to show me just how wrong I am.’

‘Why would that be sir?’

‘It’s because of what I am.’

Though there was no possible explanation either of them could understand. He was simply out of their league, a completely foul-marked humanoid, hardened, or perhaps stronger. He hid something. They could sense it but they didn’t say about it there. Mostly because it was rude if anything, that could be hardly approached. And even from what could be said, he had a part of his personality leeching off them.

As soon as he was done with his cup, he took one of theirs and started gobbling it up. Not even the porcelain cup had been spared from him. He got on their nerves quickly enough, which brought them back on their feet as they looked at the ostrich for consolidation.

‘What are we going to do now? I don’t think I like this man. He doesn’t look the type that would be aim to be heroic.’

‘Did you mention something about being a hedonist? Because, if you have, in that case I’ve got no other chance but to admit that I am to your claim, that I am one. Without delay, I wouldn’t question your decision if you chose to send me back.’

I know this much. You want to ruelly get rid of me as fast as possible before something even stands to happen in my presence, which is understandable. I know so much, I got that effect on others, especially on my worshippers.'

Ogoth had done so much harm to so many people that his will had evolved into something unconquerable. Destiny smiled upon him today.

Lifted by his own magnificence, after having drowned himself in blotty tea, he said.

'Let it be known now that I shall make no distinction between myself and my new.'

He waited for an entry. It was their turn to speak.

'Friends of battle?'

They didn't resent it, but at the same time it was not only short lived but somewhat missing, from what they said. It would be fair to say more, yet he provoked them even further.

'And what are we to fight now?'

'A dogged champion, the sun itself, we need to find it out or run about.'

And thence he spoke of the artifact to him and waited no more than it was needed. He would heed even less than he cared for, and push aside everything down the sword. 'We should follow that trail, there's a forest where it ought not be.'

Thence they went forward to a throttle. It was at this point that they passed the carriages that were drawing in. Collectors were being brought from the fat never-feast. Forward from their outer doors they came connected with tubes and born-horn that kept them in line as they penetrated through their arms. And they were nastily pushing through their wooden scalpels in hope that they could write in sough. It had denegerated to a look, a sight of many which threw itself on. Reaching around the morsels they started cutting them as stakes, pushing out the coals inside their guts in order to eat them rare. It was the same type of sight they wondered at.

'Should we not stop them if we can?'

'Are we to ask the crones whichever way we should go instead of watching?'

It was obvious by the laughter that they weren't paying no credance to the dust, as they went ahead to eat.

And Ogoth took a morsel for himself and ate it raw. He couldn't fathom leaving it any longer without taking a taste for himself.

'See? It's not unlike me not to take it anymore.'

They were likely to know better than this. To follow him around and show him the peace and quiet he could only fathom if he stood in place. Something raced inside of him but nothing came. I see the thread of sand, it's coming.

'He thinks we'll help him.'

'Bring the honeycomb and make sure it will do wonders to the strong.'

Mistakes were being made, as they hopped on and slowly went their way.

‘You should meet Chivalry, I think you’ll like him.’

‘And why do you think that?’

He reminded him so much of the knight. Squire was hoping not to say a thing just yet. It was a vivid flash of lights and sparks that helped him deal with the dourness of the colored curtains of the sky. Sometimes he could look at them and see something pulling them in the distance. He was constantly day-dreaming. And that dream would never end. After knowing who he was now, he chose to spend less time in bed.

‘I think I shall join him one day, I’ll join his order and be a part of it.’

‘What’s happening, little man, are you coughing blood now?’

Ogoth found himself drawing closer to him. It saddened him to see the little man cry. Wait, I know what shall cheer him up.

‘Look at me. I have turned into a lamp.’

And it was a giant one he turned into. Not exactly, he couldn’t actually shapeshift, that was his trick. He actually pulled in another Ogoth who died and faded into inexistence as soon as he was revealed. As that’d be over, he could simply reappear and be there again.

But that’s not where they all faded or got pushed away. He couldn’t have completely faded, instead. He stood placed in front of the object he appeared to be shaped off, in a null-reality, where he couldn’t move. His body folded as the object he was actually facing. And both of them shook as they were facing one another, vibrating as if to be felt.

In Ogoth’s eyes you could see the lamp-Ogoth twice. So on and so forth, looking for the worth, it might happen that eventually it stopped. But he had his name embded, from now on there, not as his original name but the name of the object he was forced into, as it disjointed his legs and bones. That was the first part, thence came the next. As soon as he could think of it, he started elongating, adding to the rest of it. Neither him nor they could face the fact, that they were forming the continual rematerialization as they stretched ahead. And from the whole they pushed into atoms and life would be formed anew from the sacrifice they died for.

That was the race of Ogoth for, a meaningless existence which gave birth to life. After a while, it would be infantile but not for too long after.

Evil Disciples

It was a sad turn of events. It only came to him then. There were other powers at play there but they chose no to involve themselves as the funeral proceeded. Though the distant twist ended up the line of Di’Dorko, there was another one in Greece. Not so far as to forget the peace treaty being signed, between

the magenta' lines, which went thicker than the wine, lousier than the sprout. And thenceforth, he came about.

A well-dressed businessman by the name of Argus bore a single well-drafted feath-pane around his neck. It remained to be seen what he would do, especially since he had no family name to begin with in the first place. He lived a solitary life and managed to live in peace and quiet. No one was there to disturb him. Just earlier that day, he met a merchant and slapped his jaw away from his face. Only by a quick recovery did he manage to calm the man down and drain the blood with a cup. He drank from it after filling it with hot-chocolate which immediately dismissed any kind of confusion the man had on his face.

'Great, it's just how I hoped this to go. I'm glad you understood what I was doing here. Otherwise, I think I may have been forced to, well. Pay you for the damage. Seeing how you're a well made man and I'm telling you that, I can take something from you.

I'll even pay you handsomely for it. Let's see what you have.'

On his long tabard which was placed on the sandy beach of Tealossolus, he held a bunch of oranges, olive oil, a bunch of pepper-shaped marble statues that were being held by Discobellus, and a single hand which had been ripped from below his moustache, where they had rightfully grown. It was clear, he wanted to shake me off. Now, now, I won't fall so easily for it, as I got the upper hand. Both of his, in my arms, as I came to disarm him, I realised he had an inwardly circular hammer which dug deep enough in his wrist. He got it from a hit and miss that happened last night. Less than twenty minutes ago, to be more precise. I always wondered why the sun was halvened like the Moon, and they they contrasted with one another as the eighteen cycles competed with each other until an endless day-blight came to notice. While

I knew this wasn't the time, I asked only for what was mine.

'A gray cup, made out of sorted pricks, that's everything I need, for now at least, but I think I'll come ever so often when I need it if you don't mind.'

I smiled in order to let him know that I meant business, this time I think I even out-did myself three more times. This time I went around the spindle and found myself leering at some tourists who couldn't mind their business.

It displeased him being there for long. Out of his time and pocket there came no reason to be bound to the place. Now now, he bore a few feet but brought himself to a ninety-degree angle just to watch them yap their mouths.

There was something he had forgot to check. As he rushed through the beach and back to the place he rented, a small abode within Tesiallorious, he spared not a single second any longer, before coming in terms with what he's done. He's killed his own concubine by accident, shame on him for knowing that it watched all along, blasted creature which appeared only when he crowded nothing from the others as soon as he was about to catch himself off guard.

It manifested from the many horned-bits that stared popping out of the floor, which constituted his chest, as soon as the other sides pushed through its intestines, which manifested out of its face. From no apparent feature, there also came the plain surrounding which encompassed it entirely, like an overly pushed and swollen cocoon. No longer would there be a plea for it to see. For each long-horned mouth that came after soon started rounding itself up until they formed a grand circle they carried on. With the least of a pleasing disease, they started climbing over and stopped contending, pushing around miniature grasping-toes that resembled fat, jointless, boneless yet jerky complete imitations of mules, all of which sang as they tried putting up with all the grease, the bitter pris that pushed out of it. For what would be worth, there was this which had to be said.

This entity wasn't completely formed. It moved on but stopped, as each independent limb floated about in place, never being domed by the cocoon which was supposed to have it worn there.

'I have brought you a message from the other side.

Your ship is lost.'

'How did it happen?'

'A man by the name of Di'Dorko had come unto it and decided that the best course of action would be to follow the wishes of an old man who wanted to have his brother dead.'

'What does that have to do with me or with my beautiful ship? I demand an answer from this incompetence, a reason, even for what happened there. It can't carry on like that.'

'Silence as I am to speak now the words needed to carry over and fix this mistake. I shall give you the password which will lead you to the meeting place where you shall meet the first and foremost Man of Everloom. And he shall take you the realm where your ship is placed.'

'Wait, I think there's something else I ought to do before recovering my peace of mind.

Tell me, just where is this Di'Dorko.'

And it spoke of the waves of Sicily and of the way back. What would happen if they were to confront one another and what it might happen after he was done with him.

'I won't abide to any trickery, and for that I'll warn you, messenger rot not. I will take this personal issue very closely to me, and bring nothing but the utmost unforgivable wave of agony any man has ever faced on this planet alone.'

Argus thought himself way too grand to wait. He turned about his room and leaped out, twenty feet resting off the ground, still waiting for his feet to set contact with the paradome floor. It was an interesting way of saying, just what happened in the world. It simply went mad, just by looking in the distant sky. Some skivvied holes, some doming throngs opened and from them came some unnatural

beings that carried on as if they weren't even interested to be there. It felt alienating just being there, thinking of getting out, but that's what life had come to now.

It was twenty feet away. During the march of noon, the streets of Jupiter Tessela came on. Someone was working on them now. Large, burly-built constructors, made out of arms embded together, caught in by steel. Compared to a normal street-plaft, it was clear that the general area where cars circulated has been raised on by a few meters down the drift. Only a few hicks stood in there and the constructors were rang up for a removal. Some of the hicks had bene pale and long, their broderies were brittle. Caught in by some unnaturallness, they were slowly being drenched in limes. Just for the batterment. Argus looked at the process in admonishment. He considered inquiring about it but stepped back before he could make a regrattable thing.

It was hard to quantify who was in the right in the first place. With every tool set on him, finally our lord and dark maker of grits could feel pain.

'He's being torn apart, I see.'

For far too long had we observed this turn of the Tetrihalot's many tormented sons. Seen them as we may, all of them were eaten and taken back to a long turn of the sop when life was unchaging. Time for the return.

There was an intricate system of underground ghetto-like tunnels no one dared approach. Inside of them hid the dark-skinned prisoners and the filth non-humans of the lowest worth. There they did what they knew best and what could only be said of all of their kin. Kidnapped children were raised in there, beaten and abused. Worst of all was the fact that they would be spat upon while doing something that should not even be imagined, even as little understood. It was this illness they carried with them that could not be taken away.

And most importantly, this hatred was genuine, more so than anything ever encountered there. They were beaten in the head and upheaved. Some of them would do much worse as the children promised to grow until they would not be needed anymore. Thence they would be taken and abandoned, as their skin was too fair, divine. It was a laborious task, disgusting and disturbing and even hearing of it happen would make everyone's blood boil for the reason that they'd know. Somehow they'd be made aware of the true neature they carried in their skin. So many shades still could do nothing but carry on their inability to fit. One of those days, or night in which they hid in the dark, they dined on blue eyed child. It was loathsome how they started gnawing and spoke their gibberish tongue. A lost dialect which made it much more incomprehensible, it was a disease of the mind, the brain and theirs alone to take. A burden they could not carry alone after. It pushed on and foamed as the laughter stopped after.

What they were laughing at? None could draw away from it. Those dumb, not even human-like scum brain stumps stood there unable to decide what they could do in order to get away from the pressing

ceiling. Alas, a mistake would finally take care of itself as it needed only this to get around. It could not be fathomed or dealt with any longer. And they toppled their own fingers in order to distract themselves with the other pain. While deciding what to convey, now they turned into their empty beds and waited.

First their heads popped out of the pressure coming from the ceiling, as something heavy was being transported from above the road. Terror shook them rightfully as legs and joint went hand in hand and broke ahead. It was what happened to the ones who snuck beneath the border. Most of them not only had not belonged, but they weren't to be set right around the point of being freed. It was important that they should not sweat. None the matter, they would be flattered and flattened in no time, not that it mattered for any longer now.

Arugs merely carried on his way.

Vile Nation

They started rummaging around the place, trying to distinguish any of the words from around the books.

It was more than clear that they neared the point where it didn't matter what they were doing.

Dead ends, that's what they cared about. There was no way in and no way out, even complaining was nothing to be held against them. Anger was a part of it, in fact, as it took over them, they hadn't a choice in the matter. Her statuesque form had. Let it pass as a reminder for now that she didn't object to anything we were messing around with. Instead, she very much wondered at us and peered.

They were on a short notice, thinking about it. What was life like out there? In the distance and in the woods, where their last handles carried on without them, it was as clear as the sky after all. And they could stand still for a few more hours. It was an aphrodisiac, waking up at the same moment despite not being asleep. Only someone who's constantly been a daze could understand and fully grasp that feeling without being wretched.

Wasn't that so? It was in shambles, but what was it? What exactly was it?

A knife wasn't enough to scower the surroundings. Especially since it kept a tendency of leaping abroad and taking parts of them they didn't want to give up on. For a second, seconded, but for one, in the Hjeln district in the city's enclave, one of the assassins questioned it.

'Why are we recycling bodies now? Is it not something we should keep away from?'

'Stop it, you're entering a dangerous territory now. Look away from them.'

Porr thee' be of soul. As they withhold no honor of their own either. Instead they only chose the unreasonable choice, of pushing through the unawares without the boldest plot they might enjoy yet.

Replacing those unlawful materials was the cleverest plot they ever came up with for a good reason. What they had in mind was so dreadful and vile that not even the rivers of Hyades could compete with their beguiling nature. It was only believed now that they had something further to show.

‘Brockssr, I think you’ve outdone yourself this time around. If I weren’t where during their conception, I would’ve thought these were real men trapped inside their unnatural state.’

‘Thank you my dear companion, I truly think I outdid myself too. Just take it in you for a moment and smell the ashes left under their hardened state.’

He did. Despite trying to cover as many areas as possible, the clay hadn’t completely become rock-solid as he expected. Brockssr had a mindfull thing to do about it, despite his responsibilities being somewhat luck-luster, this was his thing, this was his magnificent globe-chaster. A eraser of the dark past, a way in and out, and most importantly, a trick of the hat. With this they could get hold of the victims’ remains and do them a proper burial. Perhaps there was a reason for it, ought to be not what he expected, but his friend had something else in mind.

If only I could get the bodies for myself two nights after we transported them, then I could bake a brood of poisons for myself again. No more twarthing, not a single missed slip. I could be rich in no time. Clossor thought, as he’s been brought to an unaware station of confusion as they walked the hay during daylight. Neither of them knew of the repository of bodies everyone hid underneath the chalf. It was dark and husky but seemed like the place to be. With everything being mindful, it was that outlandish city-look to it, despite being set a few feet beneath the ground. And little remained of it after the reappropriation, as the craftsmen fought fiercely to keep it away from the thieves. It wasn’t meant to be used that way. Its blue arches only dreaded the piles of men that gathered about, even the strange strangulation motions weren’t to be found any longer. There, in the ash-trays, on top of them stood the mounds. And it was peculiar. Unable to comprehend the smell, they constantly used some sprays contorted enough to disable the smell from their nostrils as they worked down there.

Most were unaware of the body-odours that were taking care of the bodies. Deployed by the chief-poison makers themselves, these semi-transparent creatures bore their giant liquifying bodies still as they spread throughout the piles, making sure decay wasn’t getting in; the fungus and the mold, bacteria and so on.

From their weirdly ecstatic bodies sprouted a few unnatal, guttural feet that looked as if they were dragging away at time. In an unexpected look, one assassin thought he saw it, but he hadn’t. For a single sight would leave him blind. As the terror hid beneath its hindering hundreds of legs were as hardened as

to carry all of its offsprings in them. And from each stick-like fat induce, child bearing legs, more of them came out, those of the young.

In its small yet solid yeat-skull, it kept most of the congitive power which guided its luqid-torso through all of the holes and possible entries that were there. So much so, that it only seemed that its hips were dragging ahead, pushing through the sludge as the bean-like torsion often looked like a small pea on top of a solid plate that was being kept afloat by all of those legs. That was the pain it bore, for having all its body-mass unattachable.

But what seemed to be more vile, what would defile its own expectations was the fact that there was something to it. A dread from within that was being followed by magus watchers. In their pox-globe, they watched as if from a screen. What they peered about was the fact that there was some debt of knowledge owed to them. It was important, here and there. Just peering ahead turned that vile slime from transparency into a purple goop that crept in the sinew of apes.

‘They’re using it, I see.’

‘The assassins went over their way to make it behave. But I see that they missed something on their way there. It’s way too unnatural, look at the movements it’s supposed to produce. That’s not what they were made for.’

Though the second head on top spoke of ill and ailment, his guest’s head seemed to bear only the slightest comprehension of the torsion its neck contained. It his something in there, though that stalk-like head holder only appeared like an eaten apple which stopped at the seeds. It knew that it was being watched, it even sneered at us.

‘Ah, but let it do so, perhaps it might understand we mean business, after all, this, this job of theirs can’t be anything other than a sham, could it?’

‘It might, it might, who’s to tell that it isn’t that?’

Of course, there were pointers and there was the slightest chance of getting in the way but one in particular desired it more than they. What was that? On the streets nearing one of the many repositories, there slowly grinned Brockssr and Clossor, both of them being slightly trapped by their unnatural gaze, they seemed to be aware of something going off. Inside their minds, inside their surroundings, they fidgeted in their spots, it was something which was not supposed to go ahead. Luck-luster and caught instead of walking paces, they seemed to have come to the entrance to the secret entrance.

‘Down there, as I told you, we simply have to leap inside, follow the path ahead, and we will get there, where the bodies are, understood?’

‘And how will be able, you know, do it now?’

For the time being, they had no clue as to how many bodies they were recycling into toxins. As a matter of fact, they only prepared two clay bodies which began shrinking because of the heat of the sun.

Brockssr only reassured him that he had done his best and that the bodies would begin growing again when moisture was applied, of course, after assuming that the places where they stored the bodies were cold to the touch. It was all too needlessly complicated for anything else to be done. And most of their tricks and pebbles had been lost up until this point. They wanted something for themselves, it would be this as well. This was their magnum act, their way of getting everyone.

‘Just enter the secret pebbles in as I told you and we’ll have entered in.’

Two red, one blue, an aquamarine one, four of green, five of purple and a golden-shaken rock-pidgeon were thrown inside one weird looking water container that was hidden and pushed deep enough to look as much as a part of the door as the hidden handle. As this, this was only what appeared to be a tribute for the repository. It knew we approached. It knew of our intentions, though it only saw it as a single way of pushing on, of drawing in and tricking everyone with false-senses that could be.

Much more so, it was important to know what the stakes were in there.

‘We were told to get as many of them as possible. And don’t worry there won’t be anything else more to add, after taking care of this injustice, my mysterious friend told me that he’ll set us on the right track.’

‘Which track? Come on, I’d like to know more about it. Please just tell me, Brockssr, I’d truly enjoy knowing.’

‘All right, since we’re here.’

And the tribute had been accepted, the gate slowly rising despite the handle not being touched, they were med by a wild array of moving corridors that switched between themselves, somehow getting through each other like illusions. Be prepared my friend, as I told you, this might get tricky and mad. It might just be that you might end up being unable to watch your side. The thoughts were arranged. For now the plan was to simply walk straight ahead and never lose focus to what they were doing, not to get side-tracked.

Some order had to be instilled.

But the plan still remained the same as they had cherished it within their hearts.

‘We’ll be on our first track to finding out the name of the Curator.’

At which Clossor’s ears grew two times wider, just at the wonderment of what that might mean for him. Just the mere contemplation brought him to a world of unknowns and wonders. Who was that Curator he had heard off? And more importantly, as they dreaded the manifestations of the lost paths, which was meant to serve as a filler for the plebians, the dreadful watchers, there they came. Never again had they wondered at it, as it wouldn’t serve them well. It was important now, peering on.

As he wondered, so he told it well.

‘Is the Curator still alive?’

Visions flashed in his mind then. Despite never seeing him, that tall looming figure stood. Through his glowing eyes, the glazing shroud of wings behind, the egg-like sacks that never died only stood forth. Terror followed once he dreaded to realise that the Curator had achieved flight. Though he couldn’t know, he couldn’t see it right, this only seemed like an alienation of the mind, this figure appeared supreme, it looked like there was nothing to it, but the slightest show of grinning dread. Below him, he showed poor Clossor a world filled with Curators. Or others that looked like him, though at the same time they were below him, somehow.

It was a city he dared not think about, even though it had been forced onto him. He wasn’t supposed to wait in the yeast of it, but carried on at his own risk. A responsibility drew near. Don’t mention this to anyone else, let this thought die alone if you have to, but don’t tell anyone you might come upon. He would suffer long after this happened, without a way of knowing what went on. Both of them were being deceived, yet it came as no surprise that a startling sound woke him up from the vision.

‘What’s this now?’

‘I see, the clay-bodies already started growing, that’s a good sign I’d say. We cannot ignore it as much as before.’

Why was it so important to know what his name was? There was no explanation to it, no wonder and no reveal. It had been poignant and pointless to find out. It would do more harm to dig up where others couldn’t. A waste of time and false approach, filled with stolen heaps. While going over their heads wasn’t enough, as a matter of fact, he didn’t want to approach them any longer. No one would do. It

would be their deaths and that of others, which meant that their lives could be forged into the list of dead.

Consider this, he said to himself. What if I were to jump in the pile and avoid living, thinking even of him. Now, with every passing second, he could think of it, which instead of drawing him forth, it could only make him push onward, largely forgetting of what was going on around him. Surroundings faded as

he followed and soon, he woke up, unexpected, but looked for, Clossor gave in and joined one of the many surrounding centurions, as vermin would walk along giants. This would be him. The new reality, reeling in, but beware, step away. His conscience struck him in time. A moment later and he would've been completely stepped upon, as the pile of stones which were a few feet long and barely away from where he stood. It was a release he never considered.

Being there, talked upon, not with. He feared this echo which manifested inside of him. It felt like the centurions were speaking from inside his gut, trying to get out after getting their chance on.

'Stand still, I'll make it slow, I promise you.'

'But I don't intend to die today, not this night either, not. Simply, I do not want to be ended.'

'That's a tough surrounding you put yourself in, but I'm afraid there's no way you may get past us.'

Impossibly shown, he appeared to not care at all for what I thought. Neither of them had, assuming only that I would eventually be stepped upon by one of them, now I had been completely ignored. More would come after me after sparing too much. I was being watched by some peering eyes that wanted to catch me and pull me over.

Existence was futile then. If only there was a way to convey it now. Only by leaping from place to place, only by making sure there was some way to pass through them unscathed could he escape.

'I only came here by chance. Don't provoke me you shallow beings, or I'll cut you off and carve you into pieces.'

'What do you expect from us then?'

No entry's being abrrred, not there.

He couldn't fathom being forced to thread too far.

But fare thee farther away than there and you would know what dread trully means.

I had to be removed from the world. Even here I was only but a dumped strule-mulic voice that was disjointed and had nowhere to go. Who would listen to an old foul thing as I was?

From inside the broken Cathedral-city where the praying delectors swamped through the various notes that were left unburned, disciple Kletshorkn appeared. In as much as a fearful gaze he travelled as far as he could in order to make sure that faith was still distributed on by whatever means necessary to allow its

survival. The widening of his head pressed on, as an imploding octopus would, leaping on the sides as the exposed skull of a shackled jackal creature pressed on from the protruding head. Hornets popped from his every side of the body, beautifully adorning his large limbs, bearing teeth crowns amongst them, pressing past the chimes in tins. At the back of his head, yet a larger more unstable face emerged, organic looking, yet similar to a giant stretched vermin with its bubbling eyes twisting enormously out of their way. Large bars came out of him, connecting to his back as the front bore various primordial incisors that drew on. Some malformed top of the rooftops almost managed to emerge but lack the other forming features that gave them the mad appearance the disciple took forth.

Kletshorkn was the one in charge. He had to make sure that faith would go on ahead without losing its last laugh. It was infuriating, allowing him to do as he pleased. He was noted for his cruelty, just as he stepped on their graves. So many men died in there, and in all of those coffins, there was one man who might've known something about the Curator's name.

What was it? What could it be?

His name was lost to an avalanche of insignificance that lost itself past the grips and holdings of a cell. It wasn't well. Yet they wanted to now. As desperate as this sounded, it would be impetuous to say otherwise. They were filled with some ill-found desperation from which they couldn't draw away from. All the while they were making their way towards the suburbanesque areas where the bodies were placed in.

Clossor was getting to the point of being afraid. Jutting near his friend, towards the repository, that be damned, he couldn't focus on it no longer. It broke aloft before he could be crushed. He still wondered at that and asked.

'What if we found out his name? What do you think of it yet? Do you think it would change our lives by any chance? Would it somehow make us more, what's the right term?'

'It would give us an advantage over others, that much I know it to be true. Knowledge had some unseen power not even you could botch or hinder at. To think of it this way, you should understand where we are.

This grimstone wasn't placed here for no reason and that's what I'm trying to make you understand.

Foremost and almost you must consider this. Why are there no imperfections in the slabs?

Why are there tiny spots where the venture might turn on us? It's a pity you cannot see our solid reflections on them and hear what they speak off.'

He alone got curious as it did not bode as well. With every mark and scratch after every meter or so, the walls told a story of the place. It told of the two of them carrying the false-bodies forth. It told a story of betrayal which had been held aloft and said before. Time repeated itself as a tendency which wouldn't cast them in the dusk. It crept on them, as a way of speaking, after casting them inside. Yet at the same time the many tunnels combined with one another, interjecting on the story. Before Clossor could even

sniff at it, he saw a different image being painted on. A trap waited for them down there, hidden underneath the corpses.

A centurion waited for them underneath the palace of corpses, trying to catch them in the unholy act. Worst than that, the distress couldn't save them yet, no matter how hard they tried. They only focused on the bodies, for that alone they were gutless and wondering. Just for a moment there. Are we truly good people now? How is that we're still assassins in any case? If what awaits us there is death, then there's no wonder that instead of trying to cut off their supplies, making sure no one died for nothing in this world, they could be overwhelmed by what waited for them on.

But of the walls, Brockssr did bring up a good point. They were nearing and extending. Clay-bodies boding with him yet, for a moment they could not be bothered to wait another second before listening to their complaints.

'Leave me here, don't listen to him. Don't look at the walls. Something dire's about to happen, he cannot be trusted with your safety. We know better, as we transplanted nothing but the best, the best.'

Shut your filthy mouths, he thought. It wasn't fair that he should listen to them now.

'Both of you are dead.'

But it wasn't so, for the sole reason that they weren't the assassins in the first place. Both Clossor and Brockssr were the clay bodies, carrying the dead assassins on their backs. Hence the problem started with their unnatural approach. It was hard to miss and hard to make sense of it.

They had been mid-washed, beaten at last. Forced to undertake the task of carrying bodies and piling them up, with the strange fornication of imagery controlling them even more. It couldn't be believed any longer for the sole reasons that there would be more work. And more of it waiting ahead, it was a tainted way of going at it. But that was the sole truth.

For when they arrived there, for the missionary sight, the reason being not delightful in the least, but the mind was lost at last. After throwing in the bodies in the pile, they were weary of the caretakers, who were busily spilling the fatness of their bodies in.

'Don't get near them and they shouldn't be able to hurt you. Trust me here, I think I know how this works. We'll act slowly now and choose two bodies from there.'

To be aware of it now, each of them picked the resin that was taken out of the bodies, claiming they were their own. As much of an illusion as it were, after wrapping them around their backs, each of them took twenty steps back. Both had read the signs they claimed to have been there. Despite the fact that they were nothing more but the clawing marks left by the victims which were taken to the repository and abandoned inside of it, they were tricked. Plain and simple, they were tools for the using of much greater, more deceiving controllers that hid themselves in the false-realities between the terminals.

For the terminals faded and appeared after dark. In the most illustrious dreams you could see them
wasting as soon as the babble carried on.

On top of one of these terminals stood the complete disemboweled spy, spat on by the impaled giantly
tormented oration structures, made out of the living mass. For the living mass, just like the sound-foam
was made out of a mystic maleable substance akin to body fat. Harvested from it, one could either bring
joy or pain through its creation.

And they stood tall, towering around him, like plots of monsters that slept together in close eternities,
waiting to be woken up. From time to time they would try escaping, battling through the plain-tags that
prevented them from getting out. If one single man would make it past them, if he were to wake them up,
in this false reality which tempted even the blaster creators to enter it, life would take a new meaningful
terror that might spread. The spy, the spy was important, he needed to be touched and felt. If it weren't
for him to be taken past the rims of the hapless cretins, he could not see what waited for him ahead.

For the countless hours he repented, trying to consume as many watches for his master, he was given a
pardon for what he's done wrong. The spy stood upon a spiraling, eight-coned, sun-stroked toweresque
pair of pillars that went through the piles of fat surrounding it. Culminating on a platform, which seen
from on top looked like a midly two-dimension representation of a sun, there stood the spy of Killois,
enemy of Clot. He bore some cortex-chains that shot in every direction, aiming towards the sky and the
clouds. Fromt here, he took all the information that was desired, releasing everything to them as the
brought the attention.

'See? As I told you, give them too much of a consciousness and they would know too much. I see that
there's something they did wrong there. They misinterpreted our signs and began thinking on their own.

Now they started searching for him, one of them even knows what he looks like.'

'I see, I see, but what of it? Why should it matter now? Unless we haven't seen a reason, unless we
haven't thought of it, there's no possible way they could destroy what we've come to accomplish.
Even if they were to find him in his hiding, think of it for a moment. They're weaker than those buffoons,
for the sake of argument, I say, they are made of clay. In an instant they would be either crushed or
melted by their gazes.

I say don't look at it without wondering, leave it be as it is.'

'What about a wager then?'

From one bobbling body, past from the sphere of clouds, both of them dangled from one stide to another,
growing themselves even farther. They were immobile but overthrowing. As a matter of fact, they could
only live and think by manifesting themselves into him. The spy was unaware that Killois was a two-faced
degenerate creature, bred out of hatred.

But after ascending past a certain amount of kilometers, one would be unable to distinguish the point where the clouds became him or the other way around. Parts of their body were pushed in and out, formed in gas, twisted and surrounding everything or nothing at all. Yet there was no wonder, and if he wasn't growing stronger, what was this stagnation going to get him through?

'I shall impart with him some knowledge that will be taken from our servant and placed onto him. Let him know the name of the Curator with one requirement.

He shall not be permitted to say, mutter, write or impart the name of the Curator to anyone else but himself.'

'But that would be cruel, cruel so mighty. Why would you do such a thing?'

'Because it needs be done, for this experiment of ours might give us a hint whether or not he's to be called into question. Will he be devoured by knowledge and die? Or will he accept the fact that he might be the only one knowing, that's the part which may never be called back.'

'You're not expecting this work, are you?'

'Why, I am. As a matter of fact, I know it will.

Obey your master, spy of Killois.'

At once he imparted the command without waiting a second longer before he could carry on. With the abyssal power, the stronger he pushed in, the less had he counted on it. For the longest period of time he wondered at this command, yet he had no other choice but to do as he was told. Henceforth, he was told, and he had done the boldest thing of all.

'Straughtom, that is the name of the Curator. Be it imparted with you now as if that would matter to anyone else. But you may know of it and choose to do it as you may want to.'

No one could possibly hold that thought for long. Mouths would be peached for the same reason they would be staunch and ever-pressing through the gums. Torment would force them to get around between the teeth as they'd be eaten past the rims. Outer worlds would inseminate themselves before long. The gore of sound would start again. And what might happen to him again at times like these? To the man who has betrayed his senses and chose to speak the name.

He would remain torn apart and beaten by the sound-waves travelling through his throat, bouncing violently as they tore everything inside his bitter blot of tones. Violently he would rise, pushing through the demise and ask.

'Why have I dared ask of him?

Why have I dared inquire?

Have I lost every ounce of a sense I had before? Is there no other hope I could get away from?'

Need I say more? It was less than important to accept that the assassins were of a dying breed. From their youngest and most tormented plots, they had forgotten just about everything about themselves. It was a pity none of them wanted to leave. But they were bounded thoroughly, physically and psychically. For once, Krexx wanted to leave the organization. It's what the Enclave had come to. The lowest of the low, the least likened reality, the end of an entry, they forced their higher ups in charge. For what was worth, they weren't of the same cloth, they weren't even from the same lot as the others. Ruling over them wasn't even as bastardly hard as they claimed it to be.

'Tell me again, why are we going through all of the names for the hundredth time?'

'Because this gives us yet another chance to dine on them and choose to who ought to disappear next. My dear Eurrh, I'm still just as surprised as I was before by you.'

Even after all this time, you can never find a way to satisfy my curiosity about you.

There's something I truly cannot point on you. Perhaps it's an extra-corporeal thing, do you suppose that would be right?

Do you think somewhere out there in the wilds there's some old sage who's controlling your body and tell you what to do?'

'That would be propostorous, no of course not, my body is my own and I have no intention on sharing it.'

I'm surprised this would come onto you as well.'

'Yes yes, silver lining and all, I think I hear him slouching.'

There it entered. Feet obscured, a robe made out of eights, numbers represented as well as the strange way in which its heads pushed itself out of the way. Several times, more than it could be counted, the defect showed it itself too soon. It erupted from a part of his throat and managed to push forth through the chest. Unknown to them, most of his inner organs were marked by the numbers. Some were five, eights, twelve, evens and some unknown signs but they never pushed out to zeroes. Most importantly, he wasn't anatomically right. For what was worth, he kept pushing himself in the middle, revealing a gap and from each side you could see the rotating needle-like tendons pushing out.

Some of the council members were frightened by him and that was for a good reason as well. He fed them, irresponsibly so. It was battered into him and there they'd stay. Insects, dust particles and the least needed toes. He's killed again. For the elite class, the rulers they fashioned themselves as, this was out of question. It was a supreme act of indiscretion he showed. No one wanted to send the signs and dine on his looted marrow.

'Sit down already, I want to hear the mourning songs.'

They waited a few more seconds, out of the agony of the opening that pushed the ceiling off. They were forced out of the way. Looking out for a red-dusted storm, a vision to a world that died. It quickly receded back, as the paiting on top faded. It was strange. No one caught them in the act, though they

spent all of the earnings on lavish and luxurious trinkets they kept from their own. Even there, it was the act of an evil throne that pushed itself through. In the middle of the chamber, where the chamberlain came, stood the one reanimation tube-prick that entered the back of his head.

Compared to the others, he was a giant, a speaker of evil and most importantly too dangerous to even hope he could be contained. He was a repurposed Centurion. Beign of the worst kind, destroyer, agitator and instead of decency, he was the incarnation of the evil tide. Eight folds of the halls pushed in four directions, forced to do so because of his mere choice to return to life. Jonathan thought about this. What was going on here? In the distance he could only get to see the emergence of peril.

Beckoning the Isles

One last thing before the Isles, a small aspect which had conceded in its attempt to stay, at the least minute where a piece of its own mind conveyed only a desire to turn away and count the perching crass that spread about the place in the most obstrusive moment that could be. It was necessary for it to return, as if from a celestial bed of pores, whence it once trumped and fell upon itself seething.

As the glowing octopi started turning in their sleep. With their most malignant dreams having been realised, they had finally welcomed their master, who had managed to avoid the incertitude of the most deprave, the most lurid convictions and the judgement that had almost been passed on him by the evil court, with their lack of regard for those of old age.

With their loss counted upon, as they chanted upon in the pool of ink, below the rims of a stone, nigh-colossal sculpture which represented the embodiment of the worst aspects in life, there it stood. Resting in the sea of crowns, the stones and the mount upon which York back to. It was unnecessary to believe it any longer, for those that reasted upon them carried less of the conviction that their ancestors brew longer. It was a highly anticipated return and no one would mourn higher than them. In their pity, he had finally come, a-time, to say and lay upon them a reasonless touch, as to bring them forth and lend upon them the gift of York. It spread forth and entered them.

With a virulent approach, it pushed through them until they had been called upon. Seering his own signs, all of them began looking alike, and close in semblance to him. As bobbling puffs and bitter plumets within the casket of ground, no fortitude would account for all the malignant segments that shouted and pushed about the place in agony. The tyranny of York had returned, and as it came to it, only now could he push forth towards the culprits.

In the pit of the sea, where life had no place to be, there he went, in a most obscure fashion. Travelling with his own, all of them under his command, as they pushed on a solid wave of pus-pollen ink, which

formed around the crust of their bitter walls, they finally surrounded the solid encampment and saw what had become of the men.

With the inhabitants of the island changed in such a manner, there was not impossibility of thought, he couldn't wretch in its own hide, about the reasonless approach, it came to his senses as he prepared to claim this place for itself. Nothing would stand and hide. Disturbingly set aside, there was only the shallowness rising to the brow. In the air, they started floating as they were so feather-like in weight. Without a need to breathe, which was dispatched off, they only came about to walk their own dutiful needs, bringing themselves to the breeds as they returned to land.

By the time the inhabitants woke up from their mad mutated-ruse, they had greeted the new arrival with fear and mistrust. A tint-forth of the world stood there, foiled around buildings in the empty silence. Woe to the emperor of flying gusts of shallow air. Marques was alone yet again, grubbing around his mouth as he walked around the town. He wondered at what the reason for his brother's dispatch was. Both were at a loss yet. Mark, what a petty name he called me. If only I had known better, I could be long gone from here. I could still embark on the next ship and see a way to cut my losses. After everything that happened, there was that. A five-way street and plenty of ways to head on about if a man wanted to have some fun.

Some were better than others, but he hadn't complained for a second more.

'Can I help you with something young man?'

The boy paid no attention. He turned around. A flat piece of his back only pulled down like a spring of liquid mirrors that appeared to be made of him. From there pushed some hard wires that looked like they belonged to a construction site. But the way they moved in and out and they searched about the place gave him a different impression. Bug-like, insects of metal digging through him like lice. He left no trace while running away. Despite his chest being heaved and pushing on from each possible side, there was one inefficient thing which carried on through him. He was.

Mark followed him out of some unnatural curiosity which made him followed. Least of all, he could admit it yet. Of course the stress had gotten to me, I'm ashamed to realise that I've lost something in the time I spent here. Too much of the snuff inhaled, that must be it. While going a few more springs into the right directions, he found himself met by the open-ended orphanage. I could not fathom the sight, the disturbing delight. In light of what I saw, this symbiotic building tied itself there. Some breathes pushed up and out, in and away until some centimeters out of it were taken. Other children were trapped in there and I could feel the flames coming out of the spot. They wanted to succumb to pain. And I would soon join them.

Soul-walking, strapping like a man, no one would help him then, they could get out of this island. Before it was too late, even as he realised the wrongs that happened to the children, he felt surprised by it. His mere legs not being his any longer, they were pulled towards them.

His mind was invaded then.

Deprave as they were, neither of their actions would last for long. There was no feasible way for their peculiar style of life to be sustained forever, hence the sudden drop into action. An oratory reaction lawfully shown by the proter as he came in, he considered leaving some of the strange buffoons that carried the will of the shallow.

‘They worry too much for no reason.’

It does no good for the brain. Makes it work too much and ask too many questions. Never good, never good at all. They weren’t making any good impression either. And that was the perfect setting for a failure as well.

‘Greetings oh payers of distrust, what must I bring in return to have your token taken to the head?’

‘Who are we speaking to now?’

‘Bringer of distrust, the maker of uncanny, I, the abhorrent being who may not be threaded on, who mark the entry into the city of evil.’

He spoke with a mad inflection, but no one would take the fall. It was out of the question, they would soon be taken out of comission from the pasionless crimes they were cited in. To avoid stagnation, only this was bequet of. Think before they cut ye down. He was a poor crook who found himself treading on the bad side of the town. And as one such would do him good, he had taken to walk on the top of his mast and see the crones. As they came out of their homes, abandoned as they were, the sabbathian town remained as pleasing to see as it once were. The giant statues were still watching over the port. Going over the mast and the heed, he could only dread heading back home alone.

‘Lo and there, a ship’s waiting for me, still. I could no longer stand the anchor, I need to please the sight and flee.’

There would be nothing in his mind worth keeping if it meant this way. They could butcher no romance in there, as the crone came near. Her appeal came in her youthful appeareance and the strange way she acted in. Within her robe, she carried only arms, no legs but she held on to the distinctly raised stone bricks on the road. Since they had been made this way, for her kind alone to carry on the edges, the crone was an advantage while walking. It was hard to see but it was night. Lamps enclosed the areas but it looked like day was out as soon as you came into one of their vicinities. Even the sun could be see during those weird periods, not to mention the strangeness and defiance of thought.

‘What do you want of me you woman?’

‘Allow me to introduce myself, I’m Gallilea, and this is my twin.’

Named the same, despite the hammock and the pain, she pulled her out with the help of their hands. Of course, now Marques understood, they were conjoined. But he asked them why had they joined him now.

‘We own the orphanage, that’s why.’

‘And we were wondering whether or not you would like to adopt.’

What in their mind? How could they ask, what kind of bile of thought was this? He could not discipline himself soon enough to do so. And what of a mother? He hadn’t know such a lady, not to mention that those he had been accustomed to, those he visited from time to time were nothing to be talked about. He used the most promiscuous dames, then felt shame and walked away. That kind of life was not fitting for a child to see. Influenced by it alone, he could end like nothing other than some kind of low-life cutthroat. ‘See thee be, I see thee be. But don’t forget that I need you to be there, in the cry of the bleeding dames.

They will cherish you no longer.’

‘Shut up Gallilea, don’t scare the man, he might consider adopting some of the children. I know it, he’s thinking about it.

Despite looking like the leader of a band of thieves, a cold basher at the back of the head for those who don’t know him, I think he has what it takes to be a father.’

‘You truly think so?’

‘Why of course, you do seem the type that’s well made for it, even craft. You’re a master, not a disciple of meadows. Know this thought, that nothing’s what it looks like to be there. For that I must tell you, join us.’

‘Yerah, yeah, join us in the courtyard, we shall make the further arrangements and the payments.’

‘Down the line, my sister means it, down the line. We wouldn’t want you to get too far in and make a rush arrangement. As a matter of fact, I think we could work something out. Indeed we could.’

‘Perhaps split the payment, something down the line?’

Marques could not believe it. They were both leading him around, as a crook for crooks, taken there, where he wasn’t even aware that there would be a courtyard, even the closest dorman snell-tack, made out of wooden brass in the most capricious manner. As the architecture did not match, there was a whole wideness in the court and the grand Plesque that waited for him. It was an aberration that resembled some old mansion that molded itself into part the architecture of the place, with an uncanny sight and half embranced in the coffin-spores that stood beneath and encompassed it as a whole. From it you could hear it, the bastardly touch. More than a few hundred of miles beneath it you could find him, waiting at last. Repositioned and carried, in search for a new home. From here the might Yyork fathomed his next move against one of his own’s advices, he did well. Strength and growth could be attained in time but this place was mightily perfect.

As it happened, for a few streets farther than this strange occurrence, Baster gathered a few pins. He met with Crane and lost his nerve on a whim.

‘I told you we should’ve, you know. Packed some more. I’m going to lose my fill, and I need it, I need it so much.’

He was broken, shaking, pale, cold, there on a sheet and a blank mattress. Crane was all the better but not my much. Dosage after dosage, they increased it too much. It was hard, it was shaking. And now of all the times where the bluntness managed to strike them down, they started feeling his friend there.

‘He’s dead, Baster, just let it go. Call is dead, Call is dead. Our friend is dead, he’s not coming back any longer. He cannot make it through. Don’t you get it now? We’re not going to bring him back, by no possible means. Once he’s gone, there’s no way for him to return.’

‘But I heard him, I think I have. Put your ear.’

He started mumbling again. The condition he was in was getting worse. Two days already, more than a few people saw us on the street. I thought they knew something. They must’ve figured out something by the time we did it.

‘I don’t think I can do this any longer. I think we should get another one of those heads and implant them in ourselves.’

‘Yes, yes, do it, that’s the only way.’

Part of it was mumbled again underneath his breath, but I knew what Baster wanted. He waddled from the sides and didn’t carry on with much. ‘I will cut you if I have to, mildly invisible ghastly trok.’

A mad appearance came forth, milling through the walls. It was an unappealing thing, to say the least, the beastly vigour pushing in.

‘Oh, sorry, I didn’t mean to scare you.’

For some time, both of them stood there. Both Baster and Crane looked at Call. He was there. Almost there, you could see through him and draw just enough to understand that there was nothing inside of him. As a matter of fact, he was lost to it. Look-alike as he might be, there was nothing drawing near, than the clouds of steam sonnets that sang inside of him. And that blasted head implant was still inside of him.

You could sense it, even from this distance. Oh, how bare he was, thinking of him at last. Was he truly there with them?

Both of the lads drew back as they started shaking.

‘Don’t come any near. I saw my friend die, you’re not him.’

The door immediately slammed itself with a bashing motion. What was this commotion I heard there?

The janitor asked himself whilst remaining in the same spot as he had been before. He would no more beat the bushes or calm himself. It felt as dangerous as it was before, without wandering about the place.

‘I was granted a life here, for a second more. Listen to me, you insignificant devils, I will cut your guts and eat them off.’

Of course the glass Call was made off wasn’t natural any longer. They saw it changed to a hue of solid flu. All the bacteria and the sinew started gathering around him until they formed an unnatural wall of Tardigrades that would never let go. Unnaturally spent, unable to defend it any longer, it was then that they stopped. With them being locked around the room, the holes that connected it to the others immediately got stuffed by the same Tardigrade mass of glass that was made out of him there. Before long, the entirety of the room got encompassed in it, leaving nothing to be taken by.

‘I see now, I see that it cannot be taken any other way. I have to claim your lives as much as I can. Do not bother yourselves thinking there’s a way out of this. If I will it, I could kill you both.’

‘But you were supposed to be our friend.

Our friend would.’

‘Wouldn’t, Baster, he wouldn’t try to kill us. Come on now, don’t encourage him.’

Despite his best attempt, he couldn’t warn his friend about it. A spike of the mind could shove inside him a bitter brick, the amount of force needed to cap a bat on top of his head at last.

‘Please do not make me do this.’

Crane said, he seemed to stare on him, as if he had a way to kill him in all the might. With all the prowess pushing through him at last. He was first to witness it as his friend immediately lowered himself underneath a blanket, as bum would when met by the scum of the road.

And then the room changed to him. We belonged to Call now, he thought at last. It was a labrious task he couldn’t think of now, but one of them realised what happened there.

‘You dumb, inconsiderate lutt, what have you done?’

‘I’m sorry, I’m sorry, I’m sorry but I couldn’t do it any longer. The pain, the lack of shots and you abandoning me was too much to take. I had to do it in the end, please excuse me for doing this, but I couldn’t take it any longer.’

He showed something at least, even though I didn’t want to believe him. But he’d done it without me realising it.

A few hours ago, we joined call and entered the wall. Baster implated one of the small skulls inside my head, then he took it upon himself to join me as we descended into the walls. Instead of trying to get away, we joined them as bickering hedge-poppers.

‘I can’t believe you’ve done this, damn you, damn you both.

This isn’t happening, it can’t be happening to me.’

Before he could look at his hands again, he realised what was happening and what went through him again. But it was late and he knew it well enough. He was made out of the immaterial touches, trapped into the walls, just as Call was when they left him there.

Where was the janitor and what were his intentions?

To his antics none of them could even point to. He was anchored to it, slowly fading as a pawn would.

Lost head

It didn't take long for one of the lost heads to come to the point where there was nowhere else to go. Prospects had been lost and sooner or later, it would have to accept that there was no other way home. Some might do, but this was the only way it could go through. A failed stated had forced those beneath it to rise. Living cremators made out of those who refused to burn. They walked with torches in hands and devices which allowed them to burn and burn they had. Their flames could not be extinguished. From the supreme conflagration that came after, there would be no other reaction but the swollen muscles and the phase of reminiscence of the good times when the world had been enslaved. And those lapdogs curls their tails underneath its flattened brooks underneath the paleness they discovered. Thinking back on it now, it had missed going through the wildest dreams men had.

It grew discontent with these new demogrators it had brought to life. In some they had been way too destructive to be allowed free reign.

‘Inias Allur Gor Adda.’

For each one of them scorching the ground, with their high-coated tail-retractors, in which they cradled their children as heat came into action, came the pain. None of them would see again. But then again, it wouldn't matter. As fire was their mighty domain. They were immune to burning and suffered no less than they should. This veil of theirs was totally misunderstood, especially since in a few generations, the children would be still-born. Out of the the cradle of fire, the waves pushed on. Rising up to the sky, as they made their own gaseous chemical imbalance which started being drawn out in space, little of it being recorded.

‘Bash Arrnor Undo Ull.’

They would come around, as the planet got scorched beyond the point it should. It was known by all, and wildly accepted that once it came to pass, none of them would be allowed the trance. With it they might switch their bodies and repeat the process once again. But the lost head wouldn't allow it by any means, not while it was aware what it did to them, as much as it could call on it. Sound still traveled into space and it only hope that the others heard its disgraceful call. Otherwise, to look, and to return, he could only mourn the liveless pieces of solidified lips which formed the ground. They had been mineralized beyond

any reach. With that in mind, a crusing brute could only sink away. Deeper than he should convey and wait for any pain to matter.

Immedaitely they stopped and watched, just how that indestructible small lost head started singing at last. It produced only the lesser songs needed to calm them down. As it needed only a few moments to finally achieve the piece it wanted on top of that perched rotten, worm-eaten like herd it stood upon. It was joined by the moving plants that started relocating it as they mechanically moved from below their roots channels. Brought to it, stop and listened. It could only take a second to realise what was going on there. As a matter of fact, they joined him at last. But the signals had been misunderstood by them, who were uncanny sage-carriers, pushing through the midst of the worst incarnation they could hold. As they appeared, in their current state it looked like they only approached the end of their cycle. Soon they would die and their remains would spread in the fire, imbuing it with a stronger flame until this burnt place started drawint away. As their lower rings pushed all the mass atop their upper regions of the bodies they broke at the top and started releasing the gases.

It was a comical disturbance as their lack of extendors between their upper regions were inexistant, leaving everything up to their strange occipital noises and the features that emerged. From various spots, the back and the left side, they started trading them as if by friends. Borrwing from other species that which didn't belong to them, now I could see them coming to the age, as the various exits formed, large octave rope-thin flurries began pushing out, slowly decaying with the partial breathers and the strange twizzer-like bubble that stored all of their vulnerable internals in. Before finding out if this function had been natural to begin, they started doing something even more uncanny than what they did before. For starters, they began releasing everything at once. Never ending their wretched object that pushed on with them, as they produced more of them, growing their bubbles even faster than before.

Nightmarish fighters tried getting out as they had been eaten alive. From these fat-infant like blue-marked by one passing satellite they passed on their way here, finally the lost head understood. This wasn't the intended destination. Unless it could be tracked down, he would've stopped it now. As he felt disgusted by the outsides, as much as it was disgusted by its insides, they resembled too much to them. His precious cargo he used to feed on just like his brothers would. Instead of paying more attention to either one of their clicken-direction, they kept smiling with elongated teeth that were conically placed to cover for the fact that the slits had rendered everything inside as flat as they could end up being.

It was all wrong, stare at it in awe, only that way it might be understood. And underhanded, with the crystalline sensation at the bottom, that enclosed on reality, he'd know. There was something going on there. Once the expulsion was done, they would be filled with a crystalline block that would cover everything in place. Nothing living would remain working inside of them. After the amount of misery they brought onto the world, this was what they desreved. Suddenly the first one fell. He was completely

ignored, but the cremators turned off the fire. Instead they started changing until they grew a few feet higher.

No longer were they scorched but they started being fleshy. Even the chemical composition of their tools changed. Instead of spreading fire, it was ever so clear what they started doing. They began placing everything back. That was no fire which devoured everything, but a storage unit that completely took way too many objects in the gaseous pockets that inhabited their home. Now it came at last, the worst image they could carry on with. As if they had been instructed by something else, they turned everything backwards and uneven, spreading the land and the stone-like formation homes in the wrong places and the wrong ways. It could simply not be forgiven, just what other mess this turned up being.

And these new intruders only now and only now had he realised what they were doing around the place. It was a high-pointed disgrace that made it realise, it couldn't go ahead for longer. As mesmerising as they were acting here, they were only calling more of them in. Soon they would turn everything in a mess, for the first one had the puerile capacity to start talking with the savage-tracheons that appeared on the ground. Madly reproaching, he had thought about it for a moment now. It wasn't important any longer, just to count the masses of his disgust, soon the songs would be heard and nothing else would come to pass.

In the planetary system of Ivar'sur, twenty sequences passed. Each of them could be calculated in order to get everything in place before the fall. It went too quickly for any choice to be made there. No more dreams came to the mind any longer, only the full emergence of objects that were placed there. Inside the lost head, where there had once been a cockpit-like space now there only stood the remaining avule of cochiks. It felt painful watching or nearing them there.

There was no exchange between them. Not yet.

'I am Gort. Hear me now as I set forth for my race.'

In spite of everything which had been shown so far, there was some pride in his tiny swollen eyes. As they encompassed his head, like a helmet, he began taking in all the vile air and pushing it out. He stepped out of the crowded area once the other people got rematerialised and started holding on his speech. It was important to draw everyone in from there for obvious reasons. Especially since so many of them appeared out of nowhere. It was not to be contested any longer, for the sole reason that be.

'Gort, do you recognise where we are now? Have you noticed what happened to us while we were gone?'

After a quick notice, it had all become way too clear to him. They had taken the appearance of everything after all, born from an uncanny method, resurrected even, only to be forced here. And yet something worse was yet to come. It happened in a manner of a few lacking swollen moon, trickling atop the lost buffoons. For each of them, for as many stones and plants used to make their peculiar compositions, the resin started growing on top of them until not a single standing Rothian remained the same.

It looked like they started burning yet there were no flames. Only the plants took the wild appearance, as the stones hadn't become molten but living, fluid and pushing through an uncanny amount of weird pesticide.

'That's the one who is at fault, look at it.'

How it stood there proudly knowing that everyone was soon to go. Whereas they couldn't even wait for another paradise to emerge, some feared they would be stuck here, nowhere near any escape. It was decided that they would not fight. It was a hard choice yet they cherished living more than that. For each passing moment could not be considered right.

The lost head had decided that no one was welcome any longer and with a crackling woe which came out of it, like a show of molecule induced elements, everything on the planet died. It was an instant, as soon as it could be. The songs of reality stopped and now no one could be heard as soon as they could push themselves past it.

No one was welcome here any longer, and soon the strangulation of dust was no longer forgiven. Instead what was about to come from them, as in the form of a frothing question, were the assembly boards.

Placed on top of each of the bodies, they began repurposing everything as they placed themselves in place. It would be kindly placed just like in the good old times where no one bothered it any longer, as the need to feed ended. Leaving it with the scope of drawing power, as this universe and the other and the one next to it had been filled with it. Each of them, as much as it could be misguided received a planet. And they would use that for their own vile purposes, whichever made them go ahead. It couldn't be forgiven any longer, but soon enough, it would make out the difference between its allies and the foes.

Wherever they went, so much so, they would be misguided in their approach, their fear guiding their actions in ways not even the lost head could imagine. Hence the contractions, the encoders supplying the living organisms into the decimal tubes, which lead them inside the pump-like crude motors that ought to power. Soon, only a strange tiresome way would guide them in. As it only realised that there was none else to guide itself on but them.

Who had taken in the quite turns, and found themselves in, as replicas of their own. From the portal, much expected, eight Dukes emerged and stood. But they were nigh-mindless as the esons spent travelling through the dimensional tunnels completely destroyed their minds. It was a shame, for what they seemed like quite intrigued the head, as much as it bothered itself with knowing. Throwing itself off the quadrans and the seething wonders of disease, it pleased itself with knowing that they could be somehow reused if it only pushed it in. No longer would it wait before replacing what they had inside with the most useless metal bacterias, converting what they had inside. They would be shrewed by the time they passed through one of the peculiar intervals of lomas.

Before, there, there they pointed. Despite being mindlessly going about their way, they seemed to convey only a single emotion that was impossible to convey. It looked and appeared out of place, pushing past them, even as they were formed for the sole reason they granted themselves for. In as much as a few spans, while the head pushed about, each of them had their heads and helmets removed, by their own hands as soon as it could be understood, there lay all the senseless that was needed. It couldn't be conceived yet. As these coniving truncheons pushed themselves through.

It was a false sense of wonder knowing, what was the point of showing up there? As these creatures didn't look like the Duke inside, instead they only looked sickened, like rabid animals who lost their fat, forced to starve or worse, live for the king, a head inside a diamond at the brink of a planet being defiled by technology. 'Get back to ye' repertoires; get back to ye repertoires I said.'

The second time was hard felt. At least around the crown of the world, he rummaged through one side, got to another, as a man destined to know. Handpicked from the audience, twenty spectators ran in circles, forced on the prime directive that what laid on the top of their heads would run off if they failed. It came near, oh so near for them to be shattered, there in the space.

'That's not how you're supposed to do it, you're ruining my stage. From the start, all over again, lights, the songs, please.'

It was grating, the nick of his fingers, going aplumb. It was necessary for them to respect his decision and see to it that they hadn't failed at all. A misstep and the entire stage would burst into a chaos of explosions, going into a starmode that would ruin everything.

He was partitioned to look ahead. With the minor headaches he couldn't concentrate on the appearing lieutenants of pain. Then again, it didn't matter. Lights faded out, they appeared now. In some way, they seemed worse than before, tall, they showed their shared scryne as their pushed out of it in a matter of short time. From it they spared no sacredness. Pushing forth some ydrad of theirs, high brow and open chested, from inside the spiked concave there came the edifice which was their heads. Protruding like a morbidly fat lance, made out of lumps, they revealed their severe cuts and the cast.

Spat out of their lungs, the cast of cat-heads had been revealed. This appeal could only take them far. 'Spare no more second wondering at it, and listen to our story as we tell you of what's going on there. In the distance, their kingdom rose.'

No longer would they forbade the use of such an alliance, the ydrad could only stoop so low. It was magnificent how they found knowledge, but they grew on. Just as they spake, they started recounting and recollecting of what happened there. Far away and in the past, when they had visited the kingdom of the last, they found the abomination that took over the land. A strange formation of moving pipes that moved on time after time, expanding threateningly fast and far. It was only decided there that there could be nothing waiting for them upon the return.

‘Something happened, for the last time we came upon it, we couldn’t find it any longer. Either that construction had been destroyed or something drew it forth and hid us from us.’

‘But how could that make any sense? Was it not too wide for us to be able to take it away? Could we not force ourselves to look for it now?’

‘Spray thee bee spider-ling and sprint an ankle on your way to there. It cannot be done, we cannot be brought down there to an agonious portal that shall take everything for us during the journey. There’s no retreat, feeling as it were, at the feet of the dread, where we shook inside our morbid beds, we feel nothing of the sort. It was insatiable.’

It couldn’t be that way. But they remembered it now. They both left the spot as soon as they realised that knowlegde would be lost on those fools. As putrid and sporadic as they were, there was no escape from the place they called home. Guttural noises still went on out there, it was something no one wanted to acknowledge yet. For a reason or another, stome stepped in the wrong direction and found themselves peering at the wrong angles, unable to question what went wrong.

But somehow, the draught of ages went off. It was impossible to contain any longer, just out of the mere force they needed to bathe in. No, it wasn’t going round in circles, they were depositing fat inside of it in order to provoke a stroke of band-wagons, which were carried forth. Out in the open each of the wagon was already nearing the point of overdue, they simply couldn’t deliver everything they’ve taken in time. For all the heads and all the bodies had been stolen and pushed on the side. It ought to have happened sooner or later, but there was too much work. Too many things they had to deal with and remove.

It was incontestable, the fat pig said.

‘You’re telling me that all of our bodies and limbs had been taken away now?’

‘That’s what’s I is been telling you sour. It’s been gonna fine before they came along.’

On a dreadful margin as well, he couldn’t think of it straight away, just by the mere presence which wasn’t acknowledged yet, they were daring to mess around. Brought to the missing pale, the strangling whale head which already spread itself as far as it could want the musk, why was it there in the first place? It was obvoious that it wasn’t a real head. A carbon copy more likely, in which some stranded harponeers, sailor-rapists hid. They were dangerous especially since they practially impaled themselves to the carbon brass, if they fell.

‘Don’t make a noise, I’m warning you, prisoner Sverve.’

‘I hear, but I cannot trust you anyway. Were you not one of the other inmated at the Nernavyn-Dor?’

‘Of course he was, we all been tiralred for piracy and loithering, don’t you remember that?’

They all did, they were pushing through the camel-strings, those that moved ahead were not so much animal-heads, but a wild assortment of unnatural trudence. It couldn’t be believed, studied, within the branches of plasters. Dragged over the anchor-mast pistulance could only push through their bottom-ears.

From each side the skin-targ turned to large sharp racks that carried smaller hedge-pallor suitless apes.

Most of them were only animated as they called on.

We knew what desperation was and this was something coming from our own. It was the head of the
brittleness that pushed through.

Could this be it?

A single light shone one last time in the past.

Then it ended.

Nothing would ever come close to it.

After they gathered for as much as a second, they began lip-grossing over the oil-filled organs that grew
on top of their mechanical parts.

‘Are we going back to it?’

Could we ever return?’

‘I think so.’

This was confusing, more so than usual.

‘Shall we return to it then? I feel as if we’re bound to eat some who crosses me.’

Bare and do as they might share, it’s not fair, they said. It isn’t fair any longer. For each passing moment
you could see sharp scalpel-like piece of bone cut through them. Not only had it shone so far, but it
showed signs of growth, in either the mind or the bone. Where could this place even lead them to? There
was no desire to direct towards it or to even hear them shout or speak, to see how they would be loud.
And muffled by semi-looking clouds of dust, brought to the desirable fear and the shivers of hearing
what came about them, suddenly they stopped.

‘Only fate will tell what might yet happen.’

Aleksey

It was pulsating now. Orange globes pushing through various other shades through the hue, better keep it
tightly through. He had known something of the streets, unable to determine just what went wrong. With
each turn he found himself scowling around the, he was still there. He couldn’t explain it now, but he was
out in the woods one day and back on the streets on another.

He found himself looking at a scene, coming from the various woods he found himself going about. It
was the tributaries, which no one ever wanted to approach.

It was hard to keep it in.

Do not make Aleksey mad now, he pondered on it. As a man would on dirty cattle. They were trying to
force-feed him despite the signs. The start of a conversation, with Aleksey dreaming of the cold, he was

back in the forest now, thinking of his wife again. It would pain him to ask them off. Just to think of it like that. If only there was a way to trade places and mess around, he'd take it. Without a doubt, he had considered it before.

He dances upon fallen scepters without wondering how did the rubbish get in. The trees haven't spoken with him, which left him with them.

'Spoken like the deluge, sir, spoken like the deluge. Do you want to take something from the poppy-snatcher? I am a watcher for the Ollroy team, back in New Orleans.

I paint the sports, I throw the ball and the anchor. Perhaps one day, I'll pitch one for the sky. Don't you think I deserve something for my trouble?'

He was a whole new brand of a man. A crook and a snail-merchant, oil cracking as his lisp. A fake accent and a deep face which wasn't his, he thought of questioning him about it. But for some reason he felt like it was too bizarre to come near.

'I brought you something, would you like to go ahead and try it on?

It's a baseball cap. I think it'd fit you well. Come on sport, give it a try?'

'Who are you and how did you come here?'

'I'm a scapesman, an artist, I make the egss pop, I am the man eating croissants, playing the ships. I'm a salesman and the CEO of the enterprise. Can't you see it now?'

'What?'

'Go ahead, I'm John by the way. I thought you knew it by now.'

Aleksey could not stare at anything but his white glossy teeth. They were pearls. And it drove him wild. Who was he?

'No, no, I'd like none of that trashy stuff, my good company. I only go for the brandy and the top shelf stuff. But don't take me for a porter. I think I like you, right? Is this any good?

Hey, hey, look, a ball, I'm curbing it. One day, I suppose if you don't mind, there'd be a Terracota-rifle waiting for you.'

‘For what now, I’m confused.’

‘We’re going to join the war, soldier, soldier.’

‘Aleksey, that’s my name, what do you want from me?’

He carried a few bags, abandoned a few feet away. From the looks of it, he had it up until now with me. Or I with him, he didn’t want to share it. But he got his way and got one of the bags out of question.

‘Twenty jars of mayonnaise. It’s what kept me alive up to getting here. Do you like what you see?’

He pulled one of the jars out. There was nothing of the sort in them. As a matter of fact, the jars housed a bunch of strangely high-horned moles. Eight heads, smaller one that grew like organic bubbles on their eyes and on the back of their necks. I could see the others being in the same condition as well. I wondered about the driving force in him. Just what tipped him often to break them off.

‘I present you the glass. It’s not actually glass but.’

John Sink, that’s what he’s called.

‘John Sink.’

A tag around his collar, just about the midst of the tie, whereas both interfered with one another, his head nodded. Confused, Aleksey made it rain, fast enough to reveal that there was no liquid coming from the sky. With each drop that followed the earth, the already existing pools desintegrated. As suspicious as this sounded, the unmaking rain already hid his previous victims. Was this another attempt at making a man?

Had he created the other?

Further tests had to be done.

‘Sink, John Sink, I’d like to know more about you.’

‘Just you wait until I’m done showing you everything, because let me tell you, if there’s something here, there’s something there, right about everywhere.’

A juggler as well as he took the few room-temperature mercury streams he got on him. He played about and wondered what went wrong. Though he wasn’t strong enough to fight the debt of stages, with each step the grass lit and changed in color.

‘But what’s this now? I think I’ve made some friends down there, if you don’t mind me yapping just say it. Say, since we’re already on the spot, mind throwing a yank at me?’

He gave him a primordial Yack, it came out of nowhere, double-pined as a vertebrate, much bulkier as stronger. From one of the missing heads there was one one completely domed carnivore-planly looking chest-burn. It pushed on a few feet away into both directions. Up to that point it looked like a horn.

Sounds came out of both sides.

‘You asked for me now.’

And that’s when the problem came. There were too many of them pushed in every possible direction. For no reason either that could be dictated from. As it would transpire, It would be left to him to find out this. So many of them appeared here and there, in whichever direction, as they were forced on It, better listen to him.

‘Sink, I think I did something wrong. I cannot seem to grab hold of them any loner.’

‘Oh, It’s fine sir, I’ll make you one stir and one of the chimey and.’

‘Follow, now, that way.’

Within the range of a very godly given few seconds he found the time given to take it off and get ahead of him. He rose a piece of the mild-dirt and pushed him in as to hide both of them from what was coming forth their way. It was a hard notice and a straw that popped out in the chaotic land. With the new inhabitants spreading, there was no question left, no answer given. They simply wanted to be there. Hidden away from the luckless wonder and the in which they spoke to each other in the speeches of the morse.

‘I need you to tell me for how long have you been alive? And do not lie to me about it, understood?’

‘Why should I? Seeing how much of a big bralwed burbly thing you are, I wouldn’t stand a chance. Unless we were given a fair ground and a fare-way, with that in mind, I’d take you. Here or there, just about anywhere.’

In actuality he had declined the offer, thinking of it still.

‘What happened to you then, why are you here, tell me and I will leave you be.’

‘Friend, fellow, isn’t it obvious now? We invaded your country now.

It's time for war.'

Aleksey felt repulsed as soon as he could come to terms to what was happening. He felt cold all of the sudden as soon as he pushed him away. Looking back, this came to blows, John nicked his chin and forced him on a whim to fight. Looking at the entire force which struck everything around the weather, the bombs had been released, and dropped on all over the place. Soldiers appeared in the distance, though they weren't fully made. Most of them were only, well, it was her. On both sides, it didn't bode well.

Since he killed so many of them, this was a nightmare that refused to go.

'Let go of me immediately, I need to get away from here, I can't stand it any longer. Please do not make me fight back, I don't wish to harm you.'

'Think you can take me on? Hah, why I played in the little baseball league as a child, top of a chimney class, a regular scout to the Sunday school. Need I say more?'

He was already started piling up as much of his old self as he could. After taking a few more blows, he stumbled and fell on his arse. John would quiet, he never knew when to do it. This annoyed Aleksey more than he could ever think of now.

'I want to get back to the place I was back then, with my wife, staring at the wood, waiting for the fire to make us warm.'

Back home where he waited for him with a dinner on the stove and some familiar face he could look back onto. He wanted her more than he ever wanted to admit it. She was divine, a stranger, a woman who has his and she was mine. If only he could ignore the cold.

'That's not snow, that's white ash. Do you know what you've done?'

For one moment, that's all it took for him to stop messing around, panting like a boxer in hear, when he came down to the same level as Aleksey and turned him around. It was a sight he truly wanted him to look at, something he wanted him to know.

'This is what you're doing to every single one of us out there. This is what will push our and spill outside, back into your forest, in my backyard and our homes.'

Poor Aleksey could barely see her in the distance. She didn't bear her pretty face but the bearings of an overly exposed skull. It carried on despite the knowing and all the missing sparse. It made him feel sick to the stomach instead of ever dreading creating everything again. He pulled out a liquor pouch, just as he

always did. That's what the man was about and there was nothing left to him. As a coward would drown, into the mass of shouts he heard around him, he got back onto his feet. John only had to asked, will you do it? Will you save us from this enormous rolling destruction willing to happen? Because I don't think my wife would love it if it happened. He spoke with little thought and was heard even in his brain. Pain drove them from one another as it conveyed no other emotion instead.

'I shall do my best to save all you then.'

Another one of the distant decorum, they were trying to pins the poles down. With the bombs taking the appearance near-like troglodyte-seal, with their fatness and bulbous eyes, pushing from their backs tails that ended up bearing flying yellow panes that sharpened as their twisted around, it was hard to miss the explosions since they dropped in masses. Nor could he talk to the trees and sing the song of disillusion as he contended with his dream-like escape. There was nothing he could do that'd matter. Listen to it now, could you hear it yet? All those birds fell off in masses, some of them only regurgitated out loud. Groundless sparks, cracks-alike stood there drawing them on to eat, this was what the war brought. And the arrival of the others from the company put him on doubt.

'Solidier, stand straight, at default, jacket buttoned, I want twenty from you. Let me hear it, John.'

'Yes, sir, sir, yes, sir, I'm on my arms and feet sir.'

He'd gotten himself standing there, met by twenty other troops. They had a helirock, and a small cagbin they carried around with their bare arms. Most of them had their uniforms ready, helmets of, arms in hards and looked as if they were ready to push it out. At any moment one of them could accidentally pull out a grenade and make some unnecessary noise. If that were even the case, this would be not needed.

'I'm unarmed.'

'Don't talk, reddie, I'll have a word with you in one minute after I'm done with him right here.'

Strange how they all had bayonettes, and even stranger was the fact that instead of knives, they had attached to them large medieval swords. But they were no soldiers, not with those uniforms. They were dressed in weird colors of blue and white, stars being aligned in the wrong parts but something was missing. It was the age without fear, no war could draw near, at least not here and not now. What could he be concerned with.

'Test it then, I want to test and see if my bullet proof vest work.'

'Sure about that sunny? You don't look like you're wearing anything on you. I'd go as far to say that you're one shot off not wearing a shirt.'

'Please simply do it, I don't know if I could wear it any longer, it's getting heavier by the minute.'

‘If you say so, I suppose the reddie wants his funeral early this night. Let’s just allign and do what he says boys. Come now, come, straight ahead. Don’t aim for the head just yet, we’ll save that for last when we’ll be ready.’

It felt disgraceful and ill-defined. Just thinking about it made him feel as if he could lose his mind at any moment now. Just to try himself here and there, it was ready. One last chance, they gave him a single shot to stave off this madness and admit that he wasn’t wearing anything underneath it. But no, he was as stubborn as they came, a bull-mule. Understanding that he wasn’t actually going to get through it, he waited. And he wasted not a single moment longer. Before he froze still, making it sure he was on the pills of uncertainty, he took another shot out of the liquor shot.

‘Let him, I think he knows.’

The officer in comand Lieutenant- Admiral Grand General in charge Hektor said. He was sure this was going to be the last thing he got going for him before he would retire. I pity this man, he smiled. Just looking at the mess which lay around, his town had to have been raised down to the ground by the bombings. It was simply sad, thinking about it in the worst way. He wanted to pay his respects, the man probably lost his wife or kids. His very people were lost and he found himself taking blows from young Johnny there.

‘I wish I could tell you this sport. I don’t take you as a soldier or one who’d want to fight some more. I don’t usually do this but we could take you as a prisoner and make sure you cross the sea. Wouldn’t that sound much better?’

You don’t have to be stubborn and lose your head now. Trust me, I know what’s it like to lose your own people.’

‘Do it, I’m waiting for someone now, I think. He was supposed to be here and offer me a drink. Truth be told, this is stale water, in the pouch. All of it is, they can’t make the real thing, no matter how hard I tried.’

Plus there was still the growth of those strange creatures which joined the fight, completely distracted from their squabble. It was interesting to admit it here, but there wasn’t any other escape. Not without this way they shared. Between one and the other, he had lost a kin too many, still. It felt like they were disturbed by others, lost as long as they had chimed in.

‘Well if we cannot convince you otherwise, let it be so.’

They had pointed, stared, waited for a moment and there. They shot him in the chest, at least eighty slugs went off and bounced against his rib-cage before moving on. It was uncanny, just looking at it there. As every piece just went though him yet no hole remained. No blood, no puncture and no contact made. Even his shirt stood there untouched, left as if he couldn’t watch it himself.

‘What’s the matter? Feeling blue all of the sudden? Is there no red for you to collect?’

Of course it couldn't be that, they were confident a few minutes ago. But now they were in doubt. At once Johny came on his feet, took the half a mile and knocked Aleksey down with a single slag. It was hard to imagine all of their expressionless faces before it kicked in. As a matter of fact, it could only pop in either

direction as they kept pushing in. What happened?

Littanies of deformed nutrition came into their chants. For the first and foremost chance came to light, it was a blight of knots that sprouted from his back. And who was he if not a stranger to our ways of eating buds of meat? Down at our feet they rested, chanting with us as they added words of their own.

'Cannibal-mills, do not eat us, we're not born of it and we desire to conserve ourselves.'

They sprang and began circling the wind in proud motions.

That's what was being heard in the distance. Other worthless mantles served as a reminder to the turn.

'I forgot the dawn of light and for that I'm punished to relive the war. Why is that this place will always feel of ill? Brought back to the deathless embers that burn, I shall be redeemed somehow, if only I could mourn them.'

He had taken everything in account and for once the trees spoke.

'Would you let them make a fool out of you Aleksey?'

No, of course he wouldn't stoop at low. It wasn't him they wanted, let alone would he allow this arrogance to continue in the same way. As soon as he gathered the strength he wasted no time and pushed John out of the way.

'I don't want to be here any longer and I don't want any of you to be allowed stay. You need to leave immediately before I take it on from you and throw you back to where your mud-huts started.'

Thence he was given a single chance. Not to spoil the war or anything even near it. He chose to bear this desperate word with them, carrying along only for his bastardedly needs.

'We could bring the world in if you desire. Have you not desired some sort of escape from that place?'

His desperation was primal, almost paternal. He wished to bode not a second more with them. Not to trust the word of sap, he counted his blessings, then he stopped arguing and accepted this turn of events.

'I wasn't aware my country was being invaded.'

'Poor Aleksey, you killed the council members. And everyone else, even what we brought to you in hopes that we might spare this madness however we could.'

His gut was wretched. Paying heed to his surroundings now, he set himself on and walked as far as he could from the spot. By the time he exhausted himself from it, they lost his trail. From below a heel, he saw it pop, the first air-bottle, rounded up and shot directly at his head. If he had stepped at least once more, his head would've landed there, out in the open field, where he would be pouting with the wild rabid dogs. He was only being chased for fun after all since neither of the men had any stake in this sick game.

With the world collapsing under his brow, he wildly thought about his way out. Yet again, the flame glinted from his lip, sniffing at it, this made him only question the matter of events that went on. First the friends died, then this happened, the intruders who had no other stake in it other than their own. They made him sick. As the fare for coming in must've been closed to nothing, even if they were real, which he doubted with his entire being. That John shook him still.

But not even he could take it off now. If there was one chance and a single creature he could point back at and look for an escape, that would be the larva-aspect, the servitor of the drunk, he who opened the door for him, offering him the only way out, or at least the only one that mattered. It was quaint, smelling the ashes. But that's how they got it. Some of the skin they shed had been completely burnt off from the mounds they formed. Those mounds ran deep, in the houses.

'Follow us Aleksey.'

One of the giant said. They would offer him the chance to return on the other side where his village was.

That's the only way he wanted to be in.

'Pull me, before everything falls apart.'

'Come in Aleksey, come in and don't look back as you're doing it. We won't abandon you now, not in your time of need.'

That would do for the time being. At least he could only hope that was the case. To be sure about it, he bit his lip, then his wrist and went back into it, starting the advancement. And all around their burrow-den house, they occupied every spot needed to keep this living machine going. Without intervention, there'd be nothing to spare. It was obvious even to him that this place he escaped from developed a habit of making him despair. For the masses only pushed through his grith. Even now when he could only look for the flit of the tinder, that's how he came to ask.

'How did you start the fire now?'

'Don't look behind you Aleksey.'

But he had. It was hard to control, this desire to see that the world was sealed off. Some of the carpet-flattened skin simply started rubbing against one another, creating wild jumping grits of fire. Never ending as the attire of dread pushed on ahead and before he knew it, a door opened from the mound. And he was thrown out of the house. Back to a day he hadn't even an account for. Though it wasn't night, the sky was shallow. Thunder stroke as if there would be no tomorrow. And with each of them, blue and white painted the snouts of air. Nothing would remain once the bombs started dropping again.

'Head back in you ill tempered man, can't you see what's going on around the place? They're about to drop the bombs again.'

And afterwards they'll start again.'

'What's happening here? How much have I gone missing? This isn't what I left behind.'

‘You sure you’re fine in the head?

Did you live in a dirt puddle?

Have you no sense? Because if you see that red star out there, that’s death.’

With a strangled cry, she went back at her work and started making for a run. The old babushka was set on trying to get rid of the barrels that sealed off the water exits. With the excess of water threatening to flood them in case they weren’t doing something to stop it. And stop it they would, at least with some hope that he would come and help her instead of standing there shaken as he would.

‘Are you going to help me now? Have you resigned already to it?’

‘Of course I haven’t, I want only thinking of my wife, I need to get to her yet.’

‘Your wife won’t make it unless these barrels get out of the way.’

‘No, it is you who doesn’t get it. She’s in the forest, the cold forest. And she’s waiting for me to come.’

‘Either way, please, don’t abandon us yet.

She can make but we won’t. They’re trying to get our village and advance forth. The forest should be completely avoided because they’re coming from the north and the south axis.’

‘Fine, this one favor and I’ll leave you alone. Would that be enough for you?’

‘Thank you, yes, thank you.’

There was sweat on her brow, but most of it came from the piles of clothes she had been wearing now. With all that came onto her, it was a miracle she could even move as quickly as she could. Luckily for her as well, she couldn’t see them yet, not as much as he had. But they were there, hiding in the houses, sometimes appearing. Before, before, what was that?

Could it be?

He hadn’t even stopped to consider what was happening here or how they were both about to mistreat them. But it wasn’t completely expected. They were throwing away wine barrels.

‘What’s gone through your mind? Can you even see what you’re throwing away?’

Water, the water of life, you’re throwing away my life. I cannot survive this without it.’

At once he stopped handling the fat can, choosing to make a small hole in one of them with his bare hands, for what he wanted pushed on. Taking more than a few shots now made Alkesey feel numb around the head, she couldn’t comprehend a thing he was saying any longer, not that it mattered in the least. One more word coming from her and she would have to meet his fist. Uncanny as it seemed, he was ready to riposte. Blow after blow to a wall and she yelled for him to get away from it. What are you doing? Old lady didn’t know Aleksey that well, perhaps she should’ve paid more attention to the days when he came back to the village.

‘You knuckle-baboon, stop doing it, I said stop, stop it already, or else you’ll.’

He grabbed her just as he was supposed to grab those barrels and threw her in the stream. And with a jolt, she would not return no longer as the water ran into a pit. As much as she hoped to leap in a whim, a haystack of coins fell, yet they all bore eyes and were made of skin. Each of them bore ill intent. They scratched him to no end and spoke as they fell aloft.

‘Let us be this way or we shall force you to dine on your god’s serpentine liver.’

What he drank? Could it be one of the worst things imaginable? Was he to be taken by the scruffs of his beard and show a sign of fear to them? Nay he’d think, not for a moment would he show any kind of satisfaction. He could not believe that they were recording his reaction. But he was shocked and went inside. From each coing popped a finger he had recognised the stamp of red on top off. It was hers, it was hers. He couldn’t pretend that he was well versed in the way she looked. But this was nothing but a compromise he had to deal with by himself. Getting away and waking up in slumber. How far have I been gone? He wondered.

But no longer would he question it or try getting away. No other emotion could he convey on his petty little face than the sourness he displayed at last.

‘We have come.’

Standing at the broken spot, the crack he made as he fell at land, on the pile of coins and fingers, the general of the distant, distant vest. His hat was bigger than the rest. Though he would underestimate him unlike anyone else, that much was sure. Despite looking that way he could not take it anymore. He had to fight now, but he sat down. Not in this condition, if he tried too hard, he could be caught about his throat and thrown in the next pile. Too much was at stake at this war.

And the thing that crossed inside the house was no human anymore. He had been the insect they claimed him to be, the bug and the burg. Torn between entering in or just shooting him between the forehead before moving on. Once he would question, thrice he’d know. But once that happened he could finally be content on moving on.

‘I’m going to give you this chance because I like you.’

The tone was familiar. Aleksey recognised him, but the man stared at him as for a stranger. The initials ‘NO’ were pinend down on his shirt, after the flag. After his hairtomb and whatever else he had on him. They made him feel unlike what he was before. It would no longer be easy to draw away, not after this.

He was thrown a small revolver and asked to pick it up. This wouldn’t last long, as it’s been said.

At least he offered him that with a few cigars that were thrown around. Did he even know we were talking the same language? Or that I understood him?

By the looks of it, he hadn’t. He pointed at the gun with the butt of his rifle. After throwing a few matches, he wasn’t even considering going ahead. Looming around like a honey bee made him understand everything now. It was about the right time for him to take his chances. About the same time

he started loading, Aleksey noticed only one. Of course this bastard didn't like fair chances, otherwise he would've been gone by now. No retreat and on his feet. He could be away by the time he was done. And they wouldn't intervene, regardless of what he had in mind. He would be terminated like a silk-ugly torn contract. Lacking in awareness, he behaved. He wanted to look through some gaze at walk away from this. With each roll the revolver got closer and closer, the cigar lit, the smoke pushed on and before he could get a knee in, the man pushed the butt up. He didn't want him to move no longer, it wasn't as important for him to do it.

In a way, this had been his resignation. Aleksey was more than sure of it. Only one good shot, that's all he needed and the man would be done with it. Shot between the alabaster, his face should only be conveyed by a disaster before he could get over it.

And thus they came

Father away, set in flight, they would delight with nothing else, at least none as much as they could bother with. Enstranged from themselves, they rested under the flood of light coming from above the steps. Rod was unsure of what to say now. He's spent fewer and few days out of the deck below. It was getting harder, pushing on. For a few good reasons as well, they were heading towards the town. It would only get harder past the veils of the flesh-mirt appearing in the sky and from the looks of it only got heavier despite not being given the time to breathe and be alive.

'We came far enough, haven't we?'

'We certainly have and I suppose it's only going to get harder from this point on.'

They reflected on it for some time. Of course neither of them had any idea what waited for them on the floating city. For whatever reason the air trenches came back at again. You could hear their unnatural tones push on. To draw and to take more than they could even hope to carry on. Through wakings and the nights, they were frightened by what was going to happen. It was this end, the intervention, whatever it could be called that remained and now they listened to the wind.

'Up there, in some place there's another falling island where the knight heard out that they won't be able to hold a candle to the coming and the morose. They rose through the night and called our names before we could even hear them on.'

It was true, in whatever sense, they couldn't deal with quiet, they couldn't make much noise.

'Men take arm. I know it's hard but it won't be happening from this point on. I cannot even come to express it yet, but this distress rests on your shoulder.'

That he confessed more than anyone sane could even draw upon again. He knew that at the worst times they even accounted for the pain of the loss. Brought to them at last in times of war, pridefully they carried on.

‘One of my great admirals will hear of this yet, you hear? We shall bring a fleet and bring your hold down. Do you hear? Fool, damned cretin, I know your kingdom has no king. I know there’s no royal family we could grab within. Please yourself while this place’s lasting. Your time shall be over with before the cast shall even be thrown around, yet again wrapped.’

Aghast, they spat upon the minister and the petty postman, he who served the Emperor-king, on the other side of the broken flats-mounts, where nothing but agony could be brought. It came to them then that there was no hope again to keep this in place. They were trying their best but a confession had come from one of the young in stress.

‘Sir knight, sir knight.’

‘Young man, what a delightful sight I fence upon, sitting here in the light of one of the pumpkin-lamps. What is it that you wish out of me?’

‘My confession to you, as the lord of the engagement, the only one I could look upon in fear and in fright. I would be delighted if I could even get a hold of you for some time.’

He spared no word and for his sake alone wondered what might happen next. Out of his mild curiosity he wondered what broke the boy this way. He was clearly tired and went out of his way to make it so. While sparing not a second until he came up closer.

‘I need to be released from my vow, one I have made before my mother was born, the new on I mean. I see that there’s an omen, the evil eye, it’s coming out of the sea in an attempt to push through and get to us.’

It was the last song of seas that might well happen, even the distancing of the clouds. They couldn’t believe their own eyes as it pushed ahead with as little dampening as there could be. It was dangerous threading.

‘Boy, you must return to your home. No matter how hard this might be, I want you to know that there’s nothing I fear more, least of all, a young boy like yourself, if a single beating heart would be lost, I couldn’t even hope to make up for the loss.’

Impertinence wouldn’t even be held about, but the very least, for it I know that there’s still a chance for you to turn back home and forget what you heard now.’

‘But I cannot sir knight, for my own sake and for that of my family, what I saw, this omen had been given light and just as it gave me sight, I’ve foreseen the destruction of this town, with all the people and all of the ones we love. To the maidens and the men in robes, the ones in armor and I, they would spare no one from this happening while we’re still alive.’

He pondered at it. For no reason, for no less than he should be aware, he’d be weary or he’d like to confess of something worse coming out of its way. A typhoon of such a magnificence of elemental power that its likes could even be considered as being divine.

‘I wish I could tell you of something, child. But I’m afraid there’s nothing we could look at being mild.

What comes out of our way could do such harm that we would find ourselves, as you say.’

‘Dead, forlorn and abandoned before we even get the chance to fight on. I’m afraid that the flood of war is coming on its way. Though it may not drown us immediately, there’s still hope that we may flee and get out of its way.’

‘Foolish, child, leave and don’t return no longer. Can you not understand how pointless this fight is? You have nothing to hold on to. You’re childish and puerile you’re something of the past. Was your father a knight?’

Nay, he answered and let alone he cared. It was the last thing that entered his way and the only thing he could convey. It was the longing of salvation, the only thing which drove him forth. He held not the spirit of disparity, no alliegence to honor and he held no petty account of fate. For some reason he found himself here, standing, just a boy. Not akin but yet a Squire, in the might he had acquired.

‘I wish there was still something I could do.’

‘Leave this place then, get out and flee. Take your family with you if you can but don’t pester us with false thought and talk of destiny. You’re but a meaningless creature, soon to be lost. Flee if you’re afraid to swim, get lost!’

The knight repeated, but the boy, he was yet undefeated. He ventured forth and ran through the night. He knew much better than to put his mind where it didn’t belong. Now, up the hills and through the span of weeks, he found himself riding in hopes of getting as far as he could see.

‘What happened here?’

‘The seething of the moke, it started spreading on the river block. I suppose this ought to have happened a way or another. Certainly this ought be this way, but I’m certainly sure someone poisoned it when we were away.

Say, child, you wouldn’t be a strange from the distant kingdom of Luar?’

Despite playing coy, he had thought of this as none of the matter, an issue that wouldn’t be forbidden for the sole reason he found retreat. A way out could be taken as soon as he had come onto his feet and after that, he could glance no longer. Victory would only make his heart stronger, none the better, yet lost how?

He succeeded the sir knight in claim and thought. He resolved that he wouldn’t even approach it again and then he proposed as much.

‘Dear man, I see no reason to despair yet. I shall give you something to look after. Now of all amentioned time and all that might even draw nigh after. I’m giving you a chance to redeem yourself and leave me come between this poison drift. I could save what you admire most and give you and your people a chance to live if only you were to listen to me closely and do as I say.’

Hence the boy told them they should stop drinking for a few days, as he would follow the trail of steps. Regardless of how wide either of them were. And instead of crying, he could spare this time to accept a gift. He was given two blades, a knife and a petty bucklar, something he could carry one. It was too much, yet undenied after. As he could not do without; and trace he went, pushing away. Least of all could he convey, no matter what they time and bonding, no matter what they would say. He wouldn't do without it coming, nor would he get out of the way.

'I see you filthy lizard-bums, get out of it already, I don't need anyone of you here now.'

Remember what that villager said, that Matthias of the Crimson Bade. It seemed to him that, in order to speak less and treat himself as any young man ought to confess, that he was overwhelmed that way. Approach it further and care no longer. He ought to know better than to have himself push father, big in the trunks that spiked the land, those serpentine things only blated one another as they regrew their mouths. And the mere poisoning of the land was only a result of them coughing and choking on blood.

Gushing and pushing until they could do it no longer, nor would they attempt to.

'Stop, stop it, I shall have none of this below the river where the rocks turn blue and I can see the face the river makes when you posion its eyes with blasted puddles of blood from your knaves.'

And thence the distraction ended, now they paid him full attention. He could do it no less than he would be listened to. No logner could he play a wheel, no longer gambling, he reeled. As any boy would, he had to earn this prideful insight. Somehow he had to fight.

But it was dangerous, looking ahead. He saw it in the distance, the trail of smoke that rised above the ground and minced on the sky instead. For once he feared more so than his life. Though the lizards were much smaller than him in size they grew eighteen times larger, while spreading more than it could be allowed. Now, if all, if any, less, could he talk about something to impress.

One of the evil pockets had corrupted his sight. The colors changed, the river blackened, trees shraply gray and nothing but bleakness spread before he could put his fingers and convey it.

'But what is this I see now here? Could it be something I could even get to fear more than the jewels of the uncanny, which I shall fight for no more?

Are you the ones in need to get me? Am I to get tried and thrown into the ground and eaten before you as you dragons come to life?'

Peril only came to be felt, the boy couldn't even hope to get out of his way. As a matter of fact, he had not prepared himself for what this was. Whatever be. Sinking in below, the trees only carried on. They sang and danced, they never turned on him today. He couldn't convey much, yet they paid a single spare, a finger that would never grow or do as much as to be weary.

How could the boy fight back the blunt strikes and the things that he couldn't even prepare against when his fingers danced against the coming? Their sharp ears became spread and shot between the heads and

way. Barely, as he could parlay, he coluded with his mind and leaped out of the way in time. His hands were strong, his mind did try, best of all he could do it only if he were to be seen that way in light.

‘I shall die in here.’

But he ought be afraid. For now, of all times, he came out out of the strange bushes right before pummeling them away. Only the boy could hear the man singing as he grabbed him by the scruffle of his neck, doing his best not to have him removed from the cipher of his reddened face.

‘All to all, get down I say, don’t look the way of wavy hair and stray your back into a standing line. I cannot fathom young men such as yourself fighting off for their lies. You’d better hold yourself as much as you can before I decide what’s to be done with you.’

And the knight was weird, riding that peculiar animal in the most colorful gaze. At the back ir bore many wings painted in the most vibrant colors he could find himself peering at. For now he loomed after, wandering at the sadness which followed the two slices that slayed the beasts.

Down with them and the solace of the dam he broke. There he placed his mark, in turn to question the boy.

‘What’s that on your mind now?’

He then went ahead to explain the ploy and what he had in mind to wager. For the danger was drawing from the south, from the north and just about everywhere about. With little hope that could be bottle. Lest be known the knowledge of the occult, he chose to take the boy as Squire, for whatever reason may be known.

It was painful to look at out of the way. Evil still lurched in that vile pocket, no matter how they tried conveying it, no matter of the release. They hadn’t known or even liked it, they couldn’t fight it, or watch the drawing of the other bandits that loomed around, attracted by an ever so familiar scum. They were repelled by everything that was even slightly normal. Hence they could not get out o’er way. Fare thine well in the distance where you could see the stars going.

Putrid in their bodies children were planted. Of course you could hear their dead cries, but don’t look for hope as they couldn’t be taken alive.

‘Shall we seach in this place?’

They asked, with the vibration coming after that.

It was ever so near that they cared about their way, they couldn’t pay enough attention to the falling clouds and what that meant for the land. Puffs of white sand could spread and swtich. They could somehow fathom themselves, if it meant better than how they twitched in place.

Around the killing-wheel

Twisting around the knot, he walked where he should not.

‘In the mansion, right through this tunnel, would the barrels filled with power go on to be stronger than anything else?’

‘Of course I was gentle enough to make sure there would be no trace no more.’

After all, this plan, the execution, snicking under the lord of this mansion’ bed was anything but a masterful task. He had comitted an act of such utter evil that he couldn’t even bother himself with reminiscing the details and going through them again.

‘Time’s against you, it could take off at any moment now.’

‘Wait, wait, just one moment now, I cannot be held responsible for it just yet.’

But they were on their way, with a bang and with a spade. They went thoroughly as the manor exploded, hours after that, on the road. It was the perfect assassination, sloppily made and now both of them stumbled going out of their way to find a second target, a man who was on the run. Apparently, his fellow only found this while rummaging around and seeing a way to push it on.

‘I think we should trace this to the man we needs’ to take the life out of and bash his little skull with it. I can already envision it, listen, I know what he looks like.’

He could draw it from memory as thoroughly as a child would.

Charles

‘I’m trying to listen but no one’s here to tell me what I should do.’

This was an onogo. Dfar, they say, the isostacy equilibrium was lost. Without it, the planet would only degenerate as far as it could be sold for.

‘We recevied a single word so far, and I think. Wait, let me confirm it before we end up doing something we might regret.’

The deceptor took a single moment to recheck everything. He was in place, with only a piece of his face expanding after the trim. His likens were something that would frighten one of the hands below. But they were doing their best not to make too much noise and draw attention onto them. Placed there, in the galaxy eruptor, a cypher of talking, their ever-lasting near death-like desire took them so far. Hereas came the cadet Ominocoronm, with whereas hearses never end. It was his turn. It came too soon. He lost his body, it got replaced soon. Way too soon, he hadn’t got the time to adjust to it. At least eight quarters of the mechanical proshethics had started fattening. Bloated metal was divine, he could feel it coursing through his veins like the other rivers born out of Rhine. It pushed out and in, drawing air, as if he was pregnant just about everywhere where fat would start pushing. In the chest and out of it, right

about the muscle and the death which had become thee. And for that, he was king abortion, the one who survived.

‘King-abortion, whence had happened?’

‘In the past, somewhere I cannot point at.’

‘And what happened then?’

‘I saw the kings of steam, they pointed to the king of smoke. And in the sky they reminded me that there’s still hope that I might communicate with the white kings, the ones who gover o’er supreme.’

‘Supreme whom say you?’

‘The supreme desire for the one chosen living to survive, diving in the sea of infants before he could get his head bashed in line.’

He felt for him, as if from a king to another. Both of them felt strangely stopped. He was trapped into this room of metal, which resembled the other one where they conducted experiments. You could make the difference from inside, whereas the determining factor would be this. Flat and not, right and wrong around each corner. A man would discern this to be his room is he was nearsided, at least as soon as he would wake up.

Unless he lifted his gaze and pointed it towards the other bunker, he would then realise exactly what happened. Worse than that, he’d know the worst. He would come to the most damned realisation he could come onto then.

‘I see the flat top is twisted and deformed.’

‘I am affected by the mental distribution of disease, is my time up?’

It would seem that way, for what he could convey, there was no saying, no praying to his lords. He knows now, and he could see its reflection against one of the many mirrors at the bottom of the sheft. It would be so easy as to spatiate the plates, to draw near and release it before it drew to his head.

‘This isn’t a haircut.’

Subject A realised, he could only see it for a short time. They shoved a giant sword-shaped pillar filled with amny cartridges attached to him. Slowly they were extracting the radiation from the methemathical radicals that were happening in reality at an unexpected motion, as the fate pushed on. He could see it now, the patches of green, the feel of warmth, he was home with all the knights.’

‘You were telling us of them now. You’re there, surrounded by so many maidens, are you satisfied by them?’

Pleasure, pleasure, so much pleasure, yet no compassion was given for the drooling only had come to an end. No more simulations he would say.

‘It is time for a single wish.’

But he had run out of them and there wasn't any way he could possibly regain them now. For what was worth, the sword of truth was pulled by a giant, who stopped. This all happened in the ship below the earth, before it could be counted back onto.

The giant appeared out of the ether of nothingness. A force unlike any other faded. He could not say a thing. He knew this energy from a place and he was there, in the past on a string, trying to levitate. From up here, he could see the entire commune in its glory. Though the giant had once been shorter, now he appeared in its prime, holding him as he would be prevented from falling, a king and no longer a subject to be kept in line.

'I shall throw you here, there's something that I need of you.'

But it wasn't the giant who spoke but the others who locked him in that box. Despite being night, this instability behaved. Now he understood something and he could only come to feel the pain.

'What is my mission?'

Understanding what was going on, he couldn't help it but draw behind the tooth and cattle, like a prick who couldn't handle it. Given so many chances, he was pushed instead of being abandoned before the next replacement could take place. Land there, they would say, look through them and steal one of their trinkets. We need them for something good, the fate of our people depends on it yet.

A trinket from one of them taken before the destruction of the city, what else could be taken from here, if not the greatest act of mischievousness?' Allowed.'

One additional thing before he could finally be lowered down there and allowed to continue as he would in time, this would have to do. Under the Red Gods, the vision could blur, he could be taken by the scruffs of his neck and tormented before they would all be culled, yet grinded into dust.

'Yes, that's right. There's another thing we forgot to mention. Don't go near him.'

The man named Malt. For even in the past he knew it, there was nothing holding him back. Through all his power, might unruly. Most dangerous of all he were. Placed there for a second, he looked out of the body, as a nobody would. It would hurt so much. Apocalypse, a snatch, but he was only asked for this one fluke he needed getting from a man.

But what was that? Out of the strangeness of the suit he was in before, this was the strangest thing of all. He was anything but wearing the same apparel as that of a suit-man. Instead, he looked like one of the strange human beings they were storing in their ship. What a strange thing it was, pushing past them, walking as if he was part of this dream.

Charles was still missing.

'I'm in the bunker, how did this even happen?'

Of course he didn't believe this himself. This was a mistake he couldn't wait to get up from. It would be much more dangerous to admit it then, when they were staring. Likewise, he could try blending, out of the

mundane watch. He leered and veered after them in a trance unlike the dance of lazars that came unto his head.

‘We’re still connected to you.’

He knew he couldn’t trust them, but he hadn’t a choice, no voice in it.

Earl

Here he shall come around. It would be the last thing he’d know before turning back on us.

‘Sing him a grandiose praise; let us hear a ballad in his name.’

To the uniform sprints, they listened but they couldn’t hear, other than the parting and the peril.

Emission

Escape wasn’t an option for the muse in her gown. She was kept still from watching and couldn’t care what was going about. It was a nice view she was looking from atop her apartment. It looked bizarre, to the way she smoke the chimney when the catacombs sang on. That should be ignored. It was a nice view of the outdoors. It was dementia after all, which turned the view into a pictoresquely quiet place. She wasn’t in a mental hospite, but she was cow, up to her brow. He know I’ll act that way, if I kept beating on the roof.

Liz lived on the streets. Her neighbors were rats and an old man she had not approached because he was tormented by her wits. They shared the pride of twenty coins, ten in a line, halvened for what was fair but he always ended up with only five of them. Great, though it may be, she stood there, waiting for a repise, someone who might give her some peace.

‘Not here, not enough, do you hear, do you hear?’

From under the world, a thunder might push us towards home.’

‘What’s happening Old Djin, have you finally lost what little mind you had?’

‘No, no, I see the future through the hoops. I got my answers and I shall die before they send me to the pits.’

He opened an envelope, revealing all the blood which fell on his lap. Others came from it and before she could see it, they revealed themselves to be as sharp as razors. He hadn’t stood a chance, the speed, she, herself barely got out of the way. It was painful, but she ran away.

‘Push all mighty and let it be heard. That now comes to journey to the unknown.’

Rang across the Isles, they were announcing the spoil. For whomever could hear of it now, let it be known that there was no other thing they could aim after, no greater reward than what they were after, other than the liver-kettle they loomed after. It was only the most precious thing of all, the dreadful and the lovers all

whoever looked after and whatever they could do would only lead them on. To it, unruly, they could sink no matter. But ever after, they could only look for it forever after and miss the chance. Disastrously in trace, she knew what to look for.

But it wasn't no to be for every living being that ever staggered in the world. For some of them pain could be divine. It wouldn't matter, for the chime of ages only knocked itself in and out, paying the credance and making it known. Now they would be forlorn. As a second rate pagan, the mind bathed for so. In outer space, they would show. Only the slightest remembrance of a day past old age never to have been thrown away, as it was clear. Only he would remain, the body of Agamemnon growin, him pushing, ever showing no compassion as he threatened to end existence in his lap.

He alone could destroy everything before he could approach the life. Some spend it fashioning an uncanny look, others couldn't even be shaken by the boots as he pulled in, throwing away, not even the slightest emotion could convey the agony they showed while he was coming. Approaching at a faster rate than ever they started spanning o'er their ships, into retreat, they couldn't even hope to escape whatever happened past the peer.

'Quiet in the court of bodies, we should hear what they have to say.'

But there was no Duke there for their coming, when they had been awakened, as they cared. Shapeless wonders came to talk, now they only tried to wrapt their own, hide away. No saying could ever do for the land they pushed inside and what they saved. This chance had paid its toll. Most of the dirt had bones planted, as they wouldn't even know what was happening, lest it be told.

A minstrel played as they would receding to their kin.

An their remains would be sung, uncannily in tides. Soon they would shatter, known for the least. But destruction was felt, even by the mindless beasts.

'Please help me, my friend just died.'

Liz hadn't but a chance, she couldn't explain for the sake of her own trance, what had happened and how might she even hope? There was a rope hanging on the street. Suddenly she turned away from the first man who hadn't had the opportunity to hear her out.

'Wait, madame, are you in need of help?

Don't flee away, I won't hurt you.'

She went as a flower would, against a wind of kindness. Blossoming sadness pushed beyond her trails, but she hanged herself in the open and no one knew of her remains. First came the investigators and they didn't know what to make of it.

'It was a suicide, wasn't it?'

'I see the rope but it's not coming out of anywhere. It's just there, floating in the air.'

'Then we agree on the matter, I still think it's a suicide.'

Perhaps they should remark it less. But for the time being, neither of them could impress each other, one another, brother, he should lie.

‘Where’s the sister?’

‘You know this woman?’

Another of them, you could tell by the smell. He held a bowler hat and closed his eyes in respect. The traffic was being blocked, rocked around, but no one coming. Oh, that’s why, that’s what they were yelling at. Of course they wouldn’t even be stalling now, before you heard the horns.

‘I think, we should drag her away.’

They tried, relentlessly so, but they failed miserably so before they could even point her in the right direction. As a matter of fact, it went over their brows and head. The noose wouldn’t fall off, it seemed like it would only be the worst case they stumbled on.

Lo the sound they made.

A peculiar view in the distance, you could see it but never come to feel it before being taken over. By a stroke of luck, forgive me if I hadn’t noticed that yet, I found it. But we couldn’t even say it. Not yet, no word, no matter, not after, not now for some reason.

‘Was all the damage worth it after all?’

‘I don’t know. The window’s shaking, isn’t it?’

‘And, give me a good reason I should care about it.’

He plugged his ears again, this wasn’t good. He would be forced into quiet as they were slowly pushed through. He couldn’t hear for too long to even develop a liking. Before long, it began. The celestial dance of power, it pushed through his retina until he had become completely deaf. None the taking and no more, the possibility had never been heard before.

‘I wish we could attend the event again.’

‘We would only end up hearing the same songs of our youth, only to be wated on the old. I see no reason to ask you this. Will you accompany me during a night?’

Fractions

‘I shall be the one to unveil it, underneath their eyes.’

As to their own, to each and every upfront bargain, they couldn’t help it but enstrange the wild shakes of leverage and each of them stopped trading after the pace changed. An eye remained stuck on Dalan’s Corpus Entili. He had struck a never to the man and now he traded yet up front, his pace increased.

‘If you don’t mind this, I had to search it for myself, for my own. It wasn’t so but I think I.’

Considering they both stood the chance of losing their hands over shaking for too long, he pulled. Atop of the the mortar plumed, it was unnecessary to think of the satisfaction he could get from it, at every turn

before he could be turned on the bed and the many waiting for him to be done. Check the line, Dalan said, in his mind he had already traced all of them off. He could only count on it for this once. But he'd done it before, cutting his own finger, replacing it with one of the lot. Of course he couldn't make it up any longer, for the sole reason he had not. He had not prepared for it.

'Twenty more, please, I need them for my family.'

Part of it was twisted in the event of the box he had to insert them in. Twenty insertions meant that a cube would be released in which they folded. After the short incubation period of eight hours, a miniature quarter of a pin-strap, that should be his wife's brain, or in part. It would be folded in amber and kept. His daughter could inherit a piece of her mind, unless she was dead. And with that she would also give birth to herself when the time came, which only brought a chance for disaster, as the sole happening of incest was the strongest there, yet they went. It looked even under the direction of.

'Missed the dead, you missed him.'

'Where was he?'

A pointer to the south made him look for no direction. Southerners disliked him for the sole reason he pinned himself to the ground, delivery would soon be brought, to some action and the vile. His skin glittered like the metal encasing on top of a reptile, only because they were the marks of a serious condition he hid under the strange-suit. Poured in it, there were the heads he carried atop of a long body that walked with the mechanical-arms of a protruding claw-grabber. Taking in the distance barrels, he had no means to be here, in the trade area where they had chosen to do hide in the apparel of gin.

'He won't see us while we're covered in this.'

'Isn't that a bad thing?'

Merkill took a second look, he knew it better than to ask more than a question for someone who didn't know the half-o-sense. Of course, he couldn't cross it yet, for the same reason he forgot it the rule. Don't listen, don't talk, make sure they won't get you in their visor. And after that they couldn't cross their path. Four of them came, carrying a lodge-full of coffers, in as much as their stop ended up releasing more than enough. For now it only came to be that they were only pushing through each other, stopped before the cry:

'Avert your eyes, don't let them blind you with the filth they're carrying on top of them.'

And the barrel protrusion which were shaped like boxed on top, rounded while they hooked themselves to the claws and four legs, revealed only the top of petals from which the wild growth of heads came. All of them were in control of this machine and they were done carrying for the man. He was in charge no longer and they had so much experience to attain.

For the time being we were all being looked upon and pushed around as we couldn't even tell what was to be done. Last of all, I broke the rule, I couldn't think of less, the many. Atrocious glances, the trance of pain only came soon after. 'Lethrot arn, another barn was taken down during the night.'

'How many would that make?'

'Eighteen, at least, we're on a small amount, we're not even full to overburden.'

It seemed like they resigned to it already. No one said a word so far, as they only kept the quiet for their own need, before it could even carry with the first. The first always got a say in. Even during this circumstance, they appeared to be overly exposed, prone to self harm.

For the time being we were trying to get far with it. Entry seven:

'In the court, enter the talker, dancer of fates.'

It never ends.

It was a nightmare which would start again in the morning before it could be pinned down. Seamless reasons could only leap about, a near indication, the least of all temptations were his. A pin in the head, he appeared to be tortured as his head was carved to resemble something he forgot.

'The children, that's whom you ought to have searched for, what do you think happened to them?'

'I don't know where they are.'

He woke up before he could be pressed on.

'If I simply took my life, I could be there. I could live with them, be among them and never be sad again.'

That's what he was left with, the last chance.

Everything was played right in that regard and no one could even mask it. I saw him down the stairs, heading somewhere. I couldn't know it just yet, but I somehow fluked something. Out of my head, out there, I knew it. Regardless of our personal differences, I knew that Hern would listen to me. He would understand.

Since taking his out of compassion job, he now felt like he was out of it. Entirely, no more commissions from the upper-officers before he could grab a hold of them. And no longer would he pay to look around. It sounded like the glass made some peculiar sound which bounced around, no battering. No matter, they would know what was happening before long. No matter. I keep thinking that. One particular night, I drew near him and asked.

'Will you please allow me to show you something?'

'I don't have the time.'

With a grungy accent, he left. He detested life without being touched by the nap of his hair, they wanted to get him after all. He couldn't be sure of anyone anymore, because anyone could take him out, especially in this state.

'I know you're supposed to be in hiding.'

But with no trouble and least of all a sound, he came to his senses and called on the sounds. Of the tunes of the betterment of the others, stop, he thought and came back to barter with the man who was playing flukes. He was a liar. I knew it, they were feeding him false information about something that didn't and wouldn't happen for as long as he cared for it. False, in awe, he wanted to push through and wait for a decision. No one could reach it before being hit in the head. This way of existence dissatisfied him. It was not likely that he'd like it even if he were to spend as much time there. So much pain and joy combed together in a crest. Floating there among the billion carved people who could no rest, brain-morose and much moronic, they served. And served until they could do naught more; petty clothes surrounding them like giant space-jellies that held them in the marches.

Greatest of all desires as it's been, he's feared in the past what's he's seen. There, he pointed at the cherub-like columns, all of which were much bereaved. Most of those sculpted angels couldn't help it anymore. Luck played no part in it, they didn't want it anymore. Of woe to them, as they were put there only for them to go about as if the wheel had painted their chilful attires, they bestowed upon the one bellowing piece of fitful ardour growing out of bodily-resin.

So many features could be catalogued. Happiness, it was divine. We were chasing around them as we were blind. Young children who didn't belong there but we found ourselves threating in the place without bearing away.

It felt like a normal summer, when a sun shone, but we felt like we were home. Such a display of force was mirificent. IT could not be surpassed by anything. He who appeared out of nowhere, born out of the fateful spirit of a fighter blew everyone apart in a strange circle that he appeared in. He couldn't fathom anything but the strange position he was in.

With as much power as he could muster he started pushing through his palms, bleeding as his fingernails dug in too deep and hard. No only had a promise withheld his strangeness, but he could not be even more determined than he had been before. Prior to the madness, he came to his senses. Rummaging through his cackle, it was a distarterous drawing on his body that revealed all the strange embeded figures, all of which danced and moved past the spires that shook his suit.

He bled rivers out of his palms. With a grip of his teeth, his lips bled as much as he could do it now. For the grounds he felt it. Pushing and reaving through him, it could not be felt any longer for whatever reason he felt much stronger here than anywhere he had been before.

Then he ran. Twenty feet in front of him until he found the first man, grabbing him by the back, he crested his fists and started punching through him, realising that their internals were being stolen from him, whilst being lead to the greatness above his head, a forming black-hole like organic pocket in which they were being stored. He kept battering through them as he finally got it, the strongest feeling, that of joy. Supreme in pain and even faster than he would remain, now he came to his senses, stalking.

Children laughing, you could hear their sound in silent satchels. It was only so present there.

Missing words

Ivanoe did not know what to do. His friend was out of it, as much as he could show himself through. Praying in a different tongue only gave this renouncing sound of pissy-poor quiet the others gave him. As much as they had been entertained by the strangeness they displayed, the two of them were meant to be together. By no means could their companionship end up this way. Alas, he counted a few seconds and inquired of them whether or not he should be revived among the other survivors.

‘Nay, let him die that way, we already established that he’s the only one who can be brought alive for some reason.’

‘It was worth a try wasn’t it? Perhaps it was too good to even hope I might’ve stood a chance to revive humanity, isn’t that so?’

‘Of course it would, but we know better than to put our faith into it, you know? It ought to be done in any case, this final path, this destination he’s taking whilst never getting up.

I couldn’t take it in any case. Living that is after going down several times. I think it would be much better if we paid our respects and moved on.’

He painted a quaint scenery in the back. There was a long way to go now, especially since they modified the elevators to go up the cables and be taken down. Some of these caves worked just fine by allowed them to swarm the place and go as far as they would be allowed. Most of the cables were pre-war, since the dawn of it, there would be nothing down the stray of rocks and any longer, other than the spray of ankles, of which naught could be said. You could see them amongst the rocks down there and you’d know that you lost your way. Peril to the hand, switching around, no emotion could count on it. Well enough, they decided.

‘I’ll carry him on my back if I have to. I don’t care how heavy he is.’

‘You realise there’s something clouding your judgement, right?’

‘I’m only trying to look out for a friend, that’s all. Now, if you don’t mind, we some place to attend to, haven’t we?’

Why not move around for a while then? It only got more crowded from this point on. It was full and that accounted for the fact that the elevator was highly modified so it would carry people over its maximum possible capability. Much to his surprise, they didn’t. It wasn’t great being stuck in there with them.

Ivanoe found out something he didn’t as much as enjoy considering, that being that he held a general dislike to them. At least there was some familiarity to the dead man, even when he wasn’t breathing. He would take him any day over them.

That as much is seemed, he came to look back to, and one more thing, for what was worth. He considered pushing through his chest while they looked away, only to see whether or not it could worked again if he tried to. It was a mental deficit he found himself lack into. Him, as much as his friend over there.

Other residence

A few people lived in the opposite lane, staring at the Residence as it would accost the storm from spreading even further to the flames. Some would even go as far, the cripple of the mind and the broken minds wallowing in pain, abstracted behind the walls. Their ever-after snores could only be heard as shallow echoes pushed deeper into the earth. By then there was no wonder whether or not they could mourn their children, those that came around and entered by their own accord. Deepening as they would see the floor no more, but what is this? They would wander as the staircase that waited for them as soon as they entered in the other residence. With the absence of pain, the one that would remain was he, he poter.

Though, if he were to be met of fair ground, he would be disemboweled just at that. For no pain would serve him rightly, the might that would strife his veins and push them sightly. He was made out of eighteen parts, all of them floated around. None of them were to be pinned, if you had seen him they you had sinned. So thought remain, that Alice saw him as soon as she entered and went downstairs.

‘Who are you?’

First she had inquired, though she couldn’t hear the choire she carried with her. Then there was no other firend, no one to enter with her, but he appeared again. He stood next to her with decrepit clothes, brought to life from pesky robes. Fair, though in the distance, like a yarn ball, the place where he had been pulled out from, a hole just like a slug distanced itself, as if to hide from sight. Alice might not have handled such a sight. It wasn’t right, it was no delight to even try explaining what was going on with her today. But he who followed her could not convey not even this, distress pushed in, his eyes had winced. Behind there rested a curtain of glasses, all of which pointed to the blood-like molases that started rubbing on his chin.

‘I shall but you won’t catch me.’

For a second more she waited him to come. Again he was given birth from the round yarn ball and pushed in before returning. A willow and the march, the deathless inbred came at last, every time he would be brough, a piece of him did not belong. It would appear as uncanny, but disembowled, as the sunny filth he had conveyed, the man appeared yet again.

This time around his neck floated, a piece of his skull dislodged in a flying arm. He pulled from her, before she could even have the time to react and took a slice.

‘My shirt, my chest, my heart, give them back.’

But it was late. Alice had already been stung by the long rapier he carried with him on the way. Her was beating as he could see.’

‘If the floor came back, you would forever be with me.’

At this promise, she shuddered. Thinking of a life spent here in the dark, of what awaited her as soon as she climbed back. But after turning her eyes became accustomed, the way up reversed, there was no possible telling what had lain ahead of her.

‘I’m to be trapped in here for now on? Is there no escape, could this be the final gate?’

She pointed then at what she’s seen, though it was only but a glimmer in the distance, it rested beyond her imaginable reach. But those blunt fiends, long-past dead, eight in number came to their senses. It would only come to them that there were no embraces to be given, none the matter. No longer could she be accustomed to their sonnet. Sing to me, the porter thought, bear the songs in name at last. With a crude awakening, he made them bade no word and not convey. Not even the slightest hymn, not to bother through the whim. He took from them, again, it seemed, only the slightest part she would not miss. As she remembered, they were only divine, their looks not vile, she couldn’t handle seeing them how they were now.

‘But what have you done this for? What’s the reason for it and how may I get from it before.’

Before what? She considered the consequences of going down there. Whatever agonies awaited towards which she was headed. It would be shallow to stop now, there was no way back and when she’s done it. Pointless, that’s what it was. As soon as she even showed a sign, the two of them behind her back, the other five, the only one who couldn’t care for less had pushed on. And she was forced to go and never look. Below, down the stairs, the sight shook. Even for the best of hearts, which she had none, she couldn’t carry herself out.

‘What have you done to yourself? What’s the meaning of this?’

Alice asked the porter. It only looked like he had come to be rebuilt from pieces, all of which belonged to them. Though he was wallowing as he was strangled, he could not even fathom it no more. Dread filled his mind today, there was little he could say during the beatings his new heart conveyed. As for that, he only looked for the satisfaction, the admiration they showed him as the applause came in.

‘Admire me, that’s what I desire, I knew my time would finally come. You have no feasible idea for how long I waited for this to happen so I could finally move on.

For far too long have I been.’

Stopped in track, the various arms he grew got anchored. Pain pushed from all direction as the Residence took what it had. He couldn't handle pain, not the contrast he had given it.

'I see, there's some way here.'

Alice said, and as soon as the hooked mass started being straightened and bowed, she leaped on his head, heading for the heart. He bit around her head, the throat was there, marks were being lead around her, but it wasn't like that she would die after. Not with everyone trying to get in. The porter was repelled; their march couldn't even push in thoroughly, away.

'Get away from me, you miscreants, get away from me before you take us all down.'

His teeth got pulled, the gums were breaking, and all those filthy bodies were soon for the taking. As they started rising themselves up, it was more than obvious what was happening to them as they rooted themselves to the ground. No escape could there be, no chance for them to push through the suffering.

'It's there, my heart, I shall recover it before your filth encompasses me.'

But she was blind to see the other one. As another porter opened the gate and stepped in slowly, as if he was walking on an invisible staircase, pushed on top of her. By the time he had come one step above her, Alice came with her heart. There would be nothing even close after that. It was a ruse, a cancer, no way praying. Not even the slightest hints of pain would show some use of what she was conveying. But her mind was like an urchin, as much as it would spare.

'I cannot break through.'

Her cackle after left only the sight of rain. Alabaster colors followed and you could hear the Porter running. Leaping from step to step, looking down as he knew that they couldn't press past the barrier. It was soon felt, as soon as the desperation got attained, the pain would not be conveyed. A mass of falling debris afterwards lain but they passed. As if the entire barrier, and the gates were not even there, alas, the rocks fell through him and landed on them.

Before she could grab on it, the stairs got destroyed again, they fell with the first porter, she grabbed her heart, unable to push after.

'I see that we had done you harm. We're pained to see that there's no reason to drag this prison on.'

With which they darted as disease, at the bottom of the Residence where the floor was just as it seemed. There stood the Porter at the bottom, in the humanoid form he cherished. Against him she stood tied, as if her organs missing, pieced together to him at last. A symbiosis that wouldn't last, as soon as he drew away, Alice stood as if in laughter, trying to convey something that ought not to be made. In her mind, she won a few seconds as it started growing out of her gut. Pushing away, the yarn had sluggishly started growing in them as she was watched.

Most of the place was a mess, a show of destruction that could not be portrayed. But she was held and patted, watched in false-laughter as she weeped from the pain. It was morose, the way she felt. Alice would not get away. No run, not to flee, it was hopeless, this place, this was not meant to be.

‘Release me from my suffering, I beg of you, put an end on my life here, on the platform, where I might have some peace before I go.’

But the yarn could only jerk as the crisp-like outside of her skin sealed the deal. Now they came together as one, a perfection union she had not asked about. Much too cruel, as they had seemed to be heard, all of the dead-men, friends in life laughed at her.

‘Pea of the bottom chords, they look at you in despair.’

The Uppard-Porter said.

And below him the Donnard-Porter answered.

‘Yes, she’s prime for the taking, she wouldn’t have seen us if the case was. It is her, I say, who is at fault, this cannot be watched for far too long. I see, I see, I hear the bars of steel coming. A wretched promise in the coming, what shall we do with her friends?’

‘We cannot use them, can we?’

Instead of admiration which would’ve most likely be feigned, neither of them hid the disgust for the ones that remained there.

‘Bring down the sails, there’s a ship coming in the port, we cannot hear it any longer now mates, not until they come up the organic tract.’

Pushed out of the way, the leviathan had arrived. Through it, they opened and had sailed. Inside the spirals, the tunnels and the strange Alabaster who was singing they pushed themselves out of the way.

‘Here’ lo’ and behold, we came forth to bring you home.’

Alice wondered but couldn’t follow. What was the matter after this, and after?

It went well, they couldn’t yell, but it in their innards, children shouted. From her friends, their chests darted out, leaving the frame empty as the head and the limbs had nothing to hold onto. All of them fell, the trunks started crawling away as tiny long rattish tails emerged from the holes and the cavities. They used their newly acquired legs to draw onto the leviathan and plant themselves in it before it went away.

But the Doonard-Porter, much protested. He laid in fear as he detested this laughter, the going after and the quiet.

‘I’ll have a piece of quiet for now.’

None was left about, at least not for long, not to marry the strangers before being brought in. As yarn it be, the yarn would come and flee with the arrival, not to shimmer and push after. No countenance would

do, to be pleased with the peculiar woe they carried with them. In a fly, they did, as they appeared, in one of those that drew near as to showe themselves here.
From the various debris that fell, fly eggs appeared and most of them hatched as the pupae crept in again.

The hall of Malakerth

‘Order, I shall have order in my hall.’

It wasn’t like any other meaningful entrance, no word spread, nothing but the dead-cowls looked down as their master appeared to beat below the grand remains. Some of them only cared about what was going past the grand entrance, lost to space, turned towards a growing face.

‘May I intrude, if it be possible?’

‘Quelch thine face and beware of my nerve endings. Leave now, filthy disgrace that you are, know that you don’t belong in here, no matter what your servants dare to say, as you may lay in awe.

I think there’s nothing you should look after in my halls. As they are mine, your body ours, we shall not give up on it, regardless of the hours.’

And thence, Malakerth said no thing. His sharp tongue only continued after the sharp break. While the vile floating bodies in the thrones comitted themselves to the distance frequencies that might soon be know, he wasted not a second more to bring back a retort. He wanted something, he wanted to know. He had become weary of everything, less in mind, more in thought.

‘At least we should be given the chase to refuse.’

Wallowed one of his sons in pain, as they could not even focus on the veil of effort he put in, as it was only needed to understand the, all in all.

‘Listen to me now, my sons. We shall continue spreading the signals, doing nothing but altering them of the coming of an end. Send no shivers down each other’s spines, I shall listen to the sings and moons and we shall be full to no crater.’

‘What should I do then father?’

One of his many sons drew in. Only now had he come to understand from where his.

‘Give yourself to me and I shall make it worth it.’

The plan was done. During its initial conception he had considered spreading his sons through as many sectors he could push him on. And it had only been a matter of time until this would do, never for too long would he count it. Not to spare a single heart, he darted it. Lest it could be contested here, he only planned on getting near his target and taking of his head. Once and for all, he could finally become supreme, no wonder of unruly, he would come on top of the supreme creation. His own nation cried beneath the halls.

‘I hear you all and I shall free you once it’s safe.’

Their cries continued but the army did not move. Longer than the eons spent here, they were stored for a reason he could only bring the folley to.

Malt spent countless hours strolling inside the rims of the memory. It was a wide space which spanned on and on for the duration of countless minutes torn by the roofs yonder. Nearer to his eye-blinds, he couldn’t pay enough to be alive for the seconds spent, staring at the roof from one web corner to another. He was somewhat restless over the fact that he had lost enough nights at that. Inconceivably forlorn, he was set aside, and basked in scorn. Agamemnon crept in and asked. ‘Why are you hiding now? You showed no interest in hearing how we got here; may I ask for what reason are you even here?’ ‘I’m here because I thought I could find a way out, but I haven’t. Wait, what’s wrong with those pieces of your mouth?’ Malt reached for him and drew in a single touch, which completely destroyed the fake. He wasn’t tricked that easily, not whilst knowing the ins and outs, what brought him about there. ‘I shall go deeper then, I don’t need to wait to be found again. Whatever waits at the end of this tunnel, let it be so. Otherwise, I bid you to follow me. ‘The tertiary entry was there. He was basking into apathy. His mere strength gave him enough power to dig through the few bodies of the lost Ethians and other feigning creatures which stood there, until he found a piece of the barrier which only waited for him to be digging through them. A few swipes had been enough, through the rims of the creeping stills which grabbed him with their hands but dropped away as soon as he behaved. I must relax my muscles and allow myself to float through. An unnerving necessity dictated that he would go, pressing through the midst of the cantor until he pushed himself on the other side. By wit alone, he had escaped them, managing to end up in the bunker where he had belonged. ‘Here I am at home again, no longer listening to the masters forcing me to behave. I shall do well and crush them all, forcing them to flee underneath my boots, to the cries and laughter of those who missed me. Here I am. ‘To the piles of junk, the heap in which he laid, dressed like a penny-worth sir stuck in one of his escapades, he now listened to the songs of the distance, caught by the party which greeted him at last. ‘Androids, you are not as I remember!’ Some bowed, others yelled aloud as they would spread their missing contracts from one to another working even as they would get pleased by the progress they had achieved. ‘You’ve missed a lot, good man, Malt. Perhaps it’s time for us to show you around. ‘What’s the reason for you to treat me this kindly? It’s unexpected and unlike either of you. ‘As his voice emerged, they could only exchange a few more sheets of paper their chest cavities produced. It was getting harder to understand him, let alone pay as less attention to what he was trying to go on with. ‘Forth, we shall set forth that way that was the plan. He should be made aware of it now. ‘Sir, we’re planning of excavating forth and releasing another set of wings for the greater plagues of mankind to continue breathing and living past the lifelessness of the advent of our rule. ‘What rule?’ ‘There’s a dominion now. It’s been established, ever since your absence and out of the ruling manner. ‘But I wasn’t in power. ‘It’s been long judged that you had been so, ever since the time we have come into contact with you and the great invaders who had established it. We cannot express how disappointed we’d be if we were to abandon everything we were doing only to see you lost, in the mazes and the great hazes brought by the new sets of breathing chains. We have gone through a lot of trouble to install them so we could harmonies led into the air. ‘Why would you do such a thing to the humans? It’s dangerous for them and as it is for me. ‘A few moments were cut off their analysis so he could be scanned. Even he had been thoroughly surprised by the fact that there was a wild

fascination they had about the human spirit and how much he could possibly change over a short duration of time.

But it had been completely shallow and dissatisfying, to find out. To say the least, about a few more scans, rays going around his whole body in a manner of a few seconds only revealed the obvious thing. He wasn't affected by the led, even more so, he had been changed. Something his inside of him, which came to the light of his eyes, only then, in the first step he had placed. A piece of a shadow rotated something in the distance. His escapades now concluded left him with only one thing to look back at. 'My dear, she's not here. Not the real one. 'But she is.

Somewhere, we've taken the liberties to fix her just so she could apart to this new way of living, enough of the living citizens of meat. We need you to guide us here. 'Another android came in. 'We've made a few adjustments, hoping that you may follow up to our small engineering joint, so you may give us some advice to what we may do and what's wrong. 'Is there something wrong? 'We couldn't decide on our own, it's already hard as it is. To be certain, one could not even look away without hoping they were wrong. Some impartial changes in their programs rendered them rather artificially unstable, even for the likes of minds like theirs. Nothing personal, but the designs had been completely fashioned to imitate the human mind, hence the effort to stamp out all the errors. 'They were small detraction from the workshop made by the machines. 'The diary of a plebian: 'In building eight-one-zone-R. Placed exactly in the hyphenated region where a good chunk of the platters were reverberating in such a way that they started vaguely appearing to be small fractioned tectonic plates that would submerge a few inches deeper every time someone changed rooms. And they would do it often. 'May I take it? I seem to have lost a great deal of my closets from the last time I started moving around. You wouldn't possibly take it into consideration that I'm looking for a room mate, would you? 'I suppose I could join you, after all. 'Raised by the arm, Charles revealed a double bed behind of him, stuck into a separator which turned his small apartment into two rooms. It pushed out like a flat smaller bed of metal, until it got into position. Afterwards, an entire wall had been made in a span of a few moments. 'Rooms for two, would mind coming in? 'His presentation had been called into action. It seemed likely to be what got him kicked into to curb. 'For ten years I managed to live here. I know it sounds absurd, but, even with. 'A short break took both of them to stare at the open door. Usually, it was safe. Most days it was fine. It had been that way in the past. But this new era would be characterized by desecration. Decadence would be seen in the new retractors. The ones that came after the androids and the other creatures which followed in their footsteps, it was merely not be understood. Closely in call, the fall of a clearly defined systematic order had affected everyone. The problem being the fact that the only centralized power was too far away from this spot. It didn't matter at all whom the one was sending the clues and the letters if they were around. Tall and plain, metals grains could only be seen around their un-well boding bodies. Each step cause some sort of mirroring of the eyes, of the areas surrounding them and themselves as well to appear on their wide contraptions. For each of the new stimuli forced a few shocks to be revealed until they were shunned in their original forms. Each of them looked like failed experiments. Storm-machines, made to detect them. But the storms weren't here; they were out there and at the same time, here. It couldn't be brought to make any sense, but they were stuck in a constant deception phase which forced their high-circuits to spread. In their design, there wasn't anything primitive; rather, a pair of rods never met the floor. Instead, they pushed into a quasi-floating puddle-which stored itself into two closely shut pieces of lower and higher cylindrical cloaking devices which spun in the back-boiler. A burning tendon pushed in lower than it, which rotated

as the boiler kept frying the devices with the jolts. As soon as the piece of a man appeared there, it was settled. 'I won't have them in. Let's just draw the line. 'Not to draw too much on the small talk, Charles looked for a way to point at the luggage he had brought in. 'Those are going to be our neighbors, you know that? 'Perhaps it would've been better if you. 'Drop out, the light went off. A pair of candles and a flashlight had come in handy just then. 'Both of them will do. As I was saying, I'd rather keep away from them and I want to suggest you to do the same. It's not that I can't trust them, but I don't feel like it. Something about them makes me think of a time when I was in a similar position. But it was much worse than that; I had to deal with them. 'Commercial androids, I know. 'Not them, worse than them. Wait, they're still around? 'Of course, they haven't been taken out of service yet and I doubt they have an expiration date. Well, in any case, R'llal. 'It stretched ahead; we both shook on it and carried on. Even in the dark, it should've been more than a few minutes in which everything was put in place. Both of the rooms were placed in the wrong manner. 'How can you stand these carpets? 'They're fine; I thought you'd be more likely to complain about the shrubs and the strange antiquated rooms than anything else. I seem to be lost sometimes when I'm out, you know. Everything looks strangely familiar outside. Metal bushes sometimes move and get placed so strangely that I find myself just staring at them from the corner of an eye. I know it's a lot to ask, but would you mind it if I stood in the room next to the window? 'It's your room after all. 'Right. 'I gave him my name and I pointed towards the door. It was then that the pan dropped and we both blew the candles in my hand. Honesty should be a virtue we both shared. To make it obvious, neither of us was going to acknowledge it yet. My mouth got shut, but I knew he was thinking of it as well. But my entire took had been recreated in an almost abstract sense of way, as miserable as it had been, I could see a distorted look of it formed by the bushes which aligned with a piece of the road, and most importantly, my hand. It was somehow conceived that my very hand was the missing part of a puzzle which went on to recreate my room outside. I think they've done it so I would still feel at home even if I left my apartment. 'You don't leave that often, do you? 'I spend most evenings here; I know this isn't the person you most likely expected to meet. I'm not in the mood actually, to speak about it. 'It might be redundant in any case. Seconds passed with them looking for a way out of the span of time they entered. Silence not only filled the room but it also appeared to do more than enough when it came to. Objects lay in almost uncanny spots across the walls. The separation of the beds had to be done manually instead. 'Mind helping me with this? It's a job for two after all. Pulling each pin out and dragging them away, making sure there's nothing going wrong and. 'On my way, don't you. Let's detach the bed first, and then we'll talk. 'It was awkward, ever since the start. He had that strange impression he kept dragging away with him, like some wet fish taken from on top a well, bouncing against each brick as one could tell that it wasn't likely for me to be sympathetic at all. Other than that, well, I took on my job and only paid enough attention to it as it would be necessary for me to do it. 'There's noise already. 'Shut it up then, I don't want any trouble. It may be our neighbor now, but I don't want to stress it again. As long as we don't disturb it, there should be no problems. 'Him, you mean him, I saw something which looked like a human in him, and so it's at least part human. 'Whoever is lost in it isn't human any longer. Don't argue with me now, I've done my share of research, like I told you. I've been here for a long time. I've seen their kind, eight of them already, eight, and eight why does that seem so familiar to me? 'It was something which almost always pushed him past the tint of a reflection. I wish I had something else to tell him about it. But I was already disturbed. So

many details about what I knew now appeared to be falling off, creeping past a piece of my mind. And the pain in my chest only came to me so often. 'I sometimes feel like I'm broken in the head, I feel a lump in there which is trying to move and get away. Not always but sometimes. 'I thought about telling him that but I could never even fathom dragging myself into it. He made me too uncomfortable with his silent and sturdy demeanor. This tall man, dark-haired, estranged by others, lanky and somehow well-behaved found himself working at the joints on both sides of the bed with much more ease than I had expected him to do. Some man was I now, being afraid of some piece of metal plaster which didn't even allow me a piece of mind. Perhaps I had been rather blind to the people around me. It always happens. 'Take it from that side; I'll pick it from here. 'We dragged it across the carpet because of its massive weight. Masked by the sound of rubbing, I could at least fear what would be around. If I had cared enough, if only I had taken another stroll to make sure that there was a change in my room, in the bushes, in the road, then it would be settled. I'd know I was being watched. My choice hadn't been a simple matter of preference, as to my room near the window. Neither would it be his. For I was much closer to the fire exit, which allowed me for an uncommon escape in the middle of the night, though I would be scum to face such a fear and get out, I played my cards well. Something in mind seemed to change now. After being done, we said our good nights and I set out. Now I had become the plaster, the stranger in the woods, and pines, the metal ankle, the spanner which would twist the various cogs and other pins, wanting to see what was going around for the likes of me. 'Let me see it. 'I said to myself. Looking just about the area revealed that I wasn't going to allow myself to be followed. Not this night. They usually rested and recharged like any other human, but for me that dehumanized them even more. Repetition, a false tenderness, a promise that they'd replace us, those sprang to mind. Perhaps I spent too much time alone, but that had been rewarding. When I had come onto the same spot, I had noticed something ever so important that ought to be noted. A different image contorted around my hand, after I had aligned it with everything I just saw. It was my room, just like how it had changed after the new comer had entered it. Two walls being replicated almost inclined, and the two beds weren't together anymore. In the blinds, there was even the less obscured sight of the fire exit which I had taken. 'I see now. 'This was no trick of the mind. I was at fault for even thinking I could outsmart whatever was going on here. Somehow caught in my own antics, I was rather inert. Stuck, even by the strange methods I tried pushing into it. I spat, I trashed the closest pieces I could find, pushing the metal brushes away, even trying to convey a circle, which in some way I expected to be reflected back there. Afterwards, I took a moment. Calmness took over; even though this had been a desolate place I couldn't take my mind off. Even from the distance, I'd know what would be there. A junkyard of the worst kind, this was what I had avoided. Ever since the change in power, many buildings had been completely assailed and destroyed. It wasn't what I had expected, nor had I cared for it alone. Flowers and petals, roses were blooming in metal. I knew what it was. Iron-soil, made out of crisp ore-brambles which had been spread about every place I could look. That made me want to feel like whatever I had done, whatever I would touch granted me the chance for something to grow on it. Someone like me had gone there, he had similar hands, and this sounded mad. But I think my hand obscured that spot and allowed for the roses to grow in the junk. Perhaps I had deformed the land or simply crushed it with the help of a force which couldn't even be accounted for. 'Turn around, slowly, identify yourself. You're new. 'An android was there to greet me. 'I've lived here for all my life. I don't leave my house very often. 'Very well then, then would you mind answering me in

which apartment do you live? 'As for that, I did not answer. He couldn't hold me, even though I considered this one to be more human than the rest. We both knew what I had to deal with now, especially when I told him, with an eventuality I couldn't get away from. 'I have to get near one of them. 'He simply nodded and got out of the way. It was in his power to follow me, directly to the fire escape and see where I would go. But he hadn't. Perhaps that's when my strange faith in him recoiled. Much to my surprise, I wasn't bothered any longer for what he's done to me.

And he's done quite a lot, just by a mere set of phrases. Stranger, vagrant, obscured, a no one, a new comer, someone who has achieved exactly what he had secretly hoped for, to become invisible. 'Before you leave, now, I have something. 'The android still encompassed me with those strange beady-like pupil eyes. He made sure I'd know. 'This will be kept between the two of us; no one should be made aware of it, that you're here, that is. You needn't doubt me. 'A simple nod would do, as much as I knew, that is. Nothing would serve to probe him any longer than I should have. I went back in. I wasn't followed. Thankfully the bed was still warm. Hot compresses rested in the exact spot after being released by the malfunctioning cold-machine. I slept well during the night, at least for a strange man. Nothing usually disturbed me during the sleep. Wonder strolled through the weeping floors of the casino underneath the ocean floor. But even there, I found no solace gambling alone. Most of the tables were filled with just enough somber gamblers who abstained from trying. Drops were being drained above. They weren't made out of water but a stray air. It wasn't even, the sea was hot, but it was lost on me. The spin never ended. I never threw another rock in it. Instead I chose to wait, hearing only the pieces shatter of my back as soon as I rested on the crackling of a whip. I was deeply surprised by the room and how everything had been set it. The people had become the objects, placed in their prepubescent looks inside pieces of the furniture. Each of them had one such child-like copy of them. It was too late to abstain from gambling now. Despite their desire no to give any improper example to their past selves, they dwelled for too long in there. Plenty of them were more than aware where they would end up, so it couldn't be anything but incontestable, by any means. Some sings were lost, way too often for me to care. Piss lay underneath the table. Whereas a few children were there, I could just feel the vibrations and how much damage they were doing to them. Without even being able to ask, I stepped in and immersed myself into the throw. My promise had been broken and I could feel like I was already accosted by the breaking of the sea. A bigger gap emerged as the cracks turned in. Now air was flooding our room with the feel of the release never being met. It felt likely that I would see them, the first emergence of the sea life which suffocated on its way here. 'One of us would've drowned. I know that now. Perhaps it's better that way. I could never suffer any more stopping, you know? 'But of course that had only been the first sizing of the place. The fish and their eggs began appearing just about in every imaginable place, even inside my jacket. They looked at me as if I was the worst for the wear. A gentleman with fins and pieces of bone which only moved forward before realizing that many of the men and the dames present fell to their knees once they choked on the fish guts. What followed was the forming of the grave. I would still gamble, I think. Even if it was unnecessary for me to do it, I still found solace, throwing a chuck of stone between the ribs. 'I wish I could get up now. 'Charles looked just pale and sad, after losing his lower legs, holding on the table to prevent himself from falling. It was something which took him out of the mood. Part a whale came into him, and he could see something fleeing from him, bones and pieces of a fisherman, who was holding a lamp. It was getting dark after all, before he could around. He saw towards where they were approaching, the margins of the

lost sea, where the water was gone and air was free. Why do I desire air so much? ‘Though it hasn’t crossed him mind yet, this had almost stood in turn as close a fetish would be. Its strangeness drew him closer than he would’ve ever expected it to. ‘Why are you bothering me now? I have all the air I need out there. ‘But no lungs came into neither of the plants of the machines on the side or anything about the quarter corners or the like. Instead, he saw some manifestation of some crumpled black lumps, similar to some. Noise, that woke him up immediately. It was unexpected. He went out for a walk. Strained by some pain and by the lack of anyone being there to draw near him, he’d spent the rest of the night smoking. Two in morning, the clock simmered. A couple was somewhere in the streets at that hour, probably bent as much as they would be on what chemicals they had purchase by the hour. It seemed lively there. Dark would come, but there were lights being turned around just at every corner. Each went on a spectrum which became grayer as the night progressed. And as he watched the events unfold, something came which he would’ve never been able to suppress. A feeling of desire for the tenderness those strangers on the streets showed. It was sad, that he was so alone. ‘This is what I get from trying to get out. ‘It went on for hours. Liveliness wasn’t supposed to flourish there. But I relent; I supposed it was too arrogant to think I was responsible for flowers blooming in the distance. My mind had almost crossed the threshold where I came close to believed I was the reason they came there. But they didn’t even know I existed. No one knew, and no one cared. Almost everyone got the same treatment as I have, yet they haven’t. Why wouldn’t they be so different? There was no real sentence on the doors. It was a sham. Numbers went down on a timer through which it would be decided how much it would take for your heart to rot from all the loneliness. At least that was my theory for it. It was heard to confirm or deny anything when you were alone and there wasn’t even an echo to do it. By four a knock came on the door and I knew he had come for me. ‘Come in. ‘we shared a look and a cigar. Usually I had my privacy, even when I had to share rooms, but this wasn’t out of place as I thought it was. It didn’t disturb me that much.

At least to think that, oh my. It’s late, too late for that. ‘Hard time falling asleep? ‘‘Insomnia, they told me it’s incurable. I don’t know why I have it. Perhaps I’m just inherently wrong or something, but I’m keeping still. ‘He wasn’t as surprised as I was, or if he was, he didn’t show any sign for it. Rather than that, he was bent on trying to finish faster than I was. Company or not, I would spend my time here. ‘‘Are you planning on making an ash garden? ‘‘Excuse me? ‘‘The cigars, I didn’t take you for a heavy smoker. ‘‘I’m trying to quit it. A bad habit, I know, but it keeps me alive. That’s what they told me at least. ‘Charles tried, but no change came on his face. As expressionless as he thought himself to be, he took a tiny pick and started stretching the skin on top his gums. It seemed rude but it wasn’t as important now. He showed one piece of the strange happenings which came with his slow breathing. ‘I stop breathing at times. It’s not a condition, I do in intentionally. ‘‘Why? ‘‘The air’s bad. Somehow, there clouds are there, which shouldn’t be. Since there’s no sky, they might be synthesized. I know you wouldn’t be surprised by it, but I feel like my lungs are dying. Slowly, they’re making me feel like I ought to drown now because I’m not in my natural habitat any longer. Like a dumb animal, they’ve taken me and placed me in a cage, but the people who put me in here are long gone and they forgot about me. ‘‘Do you often think about things that way, Charles? ‘‘What way would that be? ‘‘It’s weird. Usually, everyone’s minding their own business and live normal lives. They change rooms and mostly do the refineries of candle lights. Come with me for a moment, I want to ask you about something. I think it’s a curiosity of mine as well. ‘He took me to the door and showed me the hallway. It was the

same hallway I had looked out of for hundreds of time. Red carpets which lost their color. ‘They’re bright aren’t they? I would say they’re brand new, rightly so, because I wouldn’t have thought it otherwise. ‘How could they be new? The color is all washed out? ‘What of the tapestry and the painting? ‘Everything’s washed out, as I said. ‘Charles wouldn’t understand, but he had to ask. ‘What was your name again? ‘Robert Alan, I told you, when I came here. ‘Rober Lan, it wasn’t what he heard the first time he spoke his name. No, it was something cosmically shorter. ‘What of the painting? ‘You wouldn’t like it, it’s ugly. It’s supposed to be abstract, but it looks like it had been done by a child. ‘Now I see your problem. Everything looks bleak to you, a fake. A nasty take of everything we like. ‘Allan pointed at the painting again. ‘That’s a painting of a figure, a replica of an older man. Probably a copy of some master or someone as skilled as a master, I’d say. ‘I only see them as being bleak because that’s what they are. All of them, everything, there’s no exception to it. ‘Charles’ eyes were swollen, even more beside the point. It wouldn’t be worth it to explain what the matter was then. He ran back to his room, more annoyed than anything at the mere intrusion this man set him up to. Without a way out, he’s only see himself as nastily caught as he’d be brought back there. Two more floors below, a few hours through the night, one pair spent it in a tub. It was unexpected, to even stay in it for that long, but enough had been spent that they knew it wasn’t safe to stay any longer. ‘Do you want to go, yet? ‘Ten more minutes, I think I like it here, don’t you? ‘My manners are elsewhere, I think they were gone ever since I started resting during the job. ‘He should be ringed up in at least an hour. There was still time to get out and click his name-card in. Most of them worked, or at least waged for the mere sake of trying to get away from there. But a good part was more than content with staying there for the rest of their lives. Unnecessary conditions for living, as they were deemed, seemed to be in the longer terms the water and the food, provided at a touch of the dial by the android, which came in sparse. Lately, they’ve been slow. As a matter of fact, the Capricotts felt neglected. It couldn’t even be conceived any longer that they’d stay. As unnecessary as it was, there was a reason for it. IT wasn’t conveyed by words or by signs. It was decided that they’d have to be forced to walk out by themselves in the open. Otherwise, none could be spared of this petty life everyone had been forced into. More and more, the more they’d stay in the tub, the more they’d want to stay in and never leave without a good reason. Though they didn’t know the cause of it, this was to be unofficially called, the curse of Malt. For he had been the one to bring, the sadness if for some reason he couldn’t explain, perhaps the bleakness which had entered them had always been there, reeling an eye or some wild wonder which didn’t belong there. Only now they could thoroughly observe it and give at least some bitter sings. Unsightly so, he left his wife, more than she’d know, he closed the door behind him, leaving him to clean, a waistcoat where he’d had been, and another woman at the workplace. By the moons, which weren’t there, false constructions, never even worked rightly. No matter. She waited for him down there. It was a lost place, indeed it’d be. ‘Catherine. ‘Jacob, you’re late. ‘I was busy; my wife had been keeping me there for a while. She’s clingy, you know? Always one step behind me, trying to get a foot in or something. Getting jealous already? I thought we’ve been through this already, as a matter of fact, we’ve been trying to push in for what? Was it a few months or years? ‘Time drags too long now; you know that’s not how it works here. ‘I’ll take your word for it ma’am. Shall we? ‘His apartment held no windows, his wife never followed. She suspected, but never actually carried on more than it was needed. Later, she would find out and he promised himself they’d break it off. Not that it mattered in any case, how could it? They’ve been through so much already

now that everything else was precisely numbing. As usual, she'd clean the room, go to bed early and wake up near her husband. Brown curtains seemed to be fading from the distance as well, from one of the older buildings which were placed there. As the lack of progression chipped in, it all seemed calm. 'I used to play there as a child, you know? Me and my younger sister, she's gone now. I mean, moved in with her husband, in the distant apartments. "You know they're starting to make some progress, right? 'Catherine followed through with a few pictures she took. Strange, as it may be, it had always been out of place, seeing the camera. With everything that happened around there, it seemed luckless, grasping for something akin to some lost times. 'One day, all the pictures I'm taking will be seen as something so much greater, you know? Like historical accounts of what times were like now and from where our descendants came. "So that's it, Catherine? You don't suppose there's any hope that we may actually leave the bunker and make it to the outside world? 'I suppose we will survive and that's the only thing that matters. Look, I've had enough of the world out there; it made me feel lonely, living in a city. "Stop clinging to those memories. Those are lost and gone. For the sake of our; there are children being born here, you know? They won't have any recollection of the life out there. Can't you even give them some hope that they'll see the light again? What of days, what of a paradise of islands in some distant costs? 'I've had my share of paradise for a life time. Islands aren't what they ought to be, buildings get abandoned. "Here as well, just look around, there's nothing. "There's nothing but a place to build. "We could rebuild the world outside as well. "It's uninhabitable; can't you see it, Jacob? It's lost. It's never going to come back. We'll always be forced to live in this place underneath them. 'Cranking as they moved in, the movers were still dealing with the expropriation of the closest piles of metal they could heave themselves near. It was something both unexpected and rather onset on the various pleas they could find themselves near. Two steps at a time, one mover would stop and let the other one push on. Of course neither of the levels above compared with the last one below. They had their struggles and we had ours. It was hard to even consider them similar to ours, since they weren't even close to being similar, they were ignored. Life above turned to crumbs, which were picked up by those who worked in the movers. 'It was a victory, a victory, we're free. 'It had succeeded, in some way. Every mover had a small robot which prevented them from fully developing into death machines. But, it took away something from them. They had given into a life without merit. Forced to survive which working on the quarry around each level, only to make due with the little they could spare between them. Since the bunkers united themselves, it was, it had attained a strange magnitude which took away from life. This was the future now. And they had to be content with it or face the inability that theirs wasn't a life worth living. It was, to be a spaced-out feeling of fleeing animosity which released them from the past. 'I wish I had been there, to witness it. 'Often some words would find their way here and there only to be quickly forgotten. No merit could be held to them. No one contested the plains which were due. 'There's a life away from this place, but I don't think we're made for it. 'First words muttered by Catherine on the road. She had missed talking to him, even though she dreamed of someone else. It was the future and it was bleak. A sip of the four distinct structures which were reasonably at fault for magnetizing their air seemed to have been placed in the plateau their slums rested in. Structures usually didn't behave this way, which was a damn giveaway that the architects had their hands stricken with flaws. Hjurds-units were supposed to have been programmed so thoroughly that they'd recreate anything thing when called in. It was by a lot of data that the plans to the reconstruction of the continent were set to be made. On

smaller scale of course and under the orders of the great swirls which still creped. They found themselves sitting at the feet of various under-set cathedrals, waiting. Descending from their mad branches, stood the first fruits of metal to be done, waiting to be shared between the two of them. ‘Shall we give up then? ‘It was the first question which aroused any kind of suspicion from him. Though not entirely unexpected, they rested on a pile of dead creatures, being which had been completely shaped into unrecognizable caricatures of mutated living beings and a few violators which had their heads crushed in. Everything had been dealt with extreme precision and a force of destruction that not even the materializing pieces of the electric power stood a chance against them. Spoils of wars, they called them, unnecessary at best. ‘I cannot rise from my sea of knowledge any longer, so I suppose in some way, we have been defeated. Don’t mind my manners no more. I shall be gotten forth and thrown away when you’ll spare me no use. ‘‘You’re not being kept here only for your usage alone, it’s simply because I enjoy your company, that’s all. We’ve tried and we have failed. Our masters above had been completely cut off from communicating with us. I think we ought to expect the worst. ‘‘What of their deaths, then? If they died, so be it. We’ll eventually die ourselves out of boredom. ‘‘And the androids? We could simply join them again. ‘‘Pointless thing, isn’t it? In a way I think it would be better if we chopped away any kind of communication and gave into supreme seclusion. No more contact with the outside forces. We’ll simply be here, standing for no reason. ‘No reason could be spoken, yet it was felt. The line broke as they would be called again. ‘Break your neck then and pull away whatever it is on top of your shoulders. Needn’t you deserve it for the reasons you pointed. It is unnecessary for you to continue then. With this never-ending shame which will only bring the uncanny back to mind. Please yourself no longer. ‘‘Then what do you want? Do you wish to be served by the citizens out there? Have we not tried governing over them before? They’re struggling as it is now, let me be. But if you do want, be my guest. ‘‘We weren’t sharing in the size of giants before. I’d say that now, we could. ‘‘We’d end up wasting the time we could spend here, resting, talking and seeing how they serve. ‘In that cathedral, called proper, there were citizens that almost never left it. After all, they rested on an endless supply which had been granted underneath the floor. With the proper sewers put in place, there wasn’t any reason to attempt it. Moreover, awareness brought them in. Giant arms would sooner or later come from within and crush them. It had to be that way. ‘Listen to yourself, we won’t destroy them. Those are old antics; we do not follow those kinds of plain rules any longer. Instead, I think the best approach would be to go on forth and try making for the exit. ‘‘And disappear just like them? It would be too much of a bother. ‘‘Why is there even a church in here, and where have we crawled? ‘From where their stood, they could only see a simple plain hole on top of the greater root, which lead down. Stricken down by the might of the revolting pieces of the fall, they found themselves simply staring at what brought them in. The harrowing mass which has simply creped in left no mark in the manner. Without help, no one from the cathedral would escape or plainly get away. And they were kept there, surrounded by a quasi-embrace, as the two swirled around, fantasizing of an escape. ‘Humans sometimes came here, haven’t they? ‘‘Momentarily, but then they left as soon as they arrived and saw what lay behind. It’s hard to see properly, but our shapes should scare anyone. ‘Their transcendence was short-lived. It was only later that they realized what they had missed. On a farther distant look, beneath the mountainous region of the deep gorge, there rested a dark gothic town, ancient and placed there by mistake. Its presence there represented an escape. From beneath the rakes of meat-bores, it depressed into stamping bridges which drew back. For the lack of an impression left, there was dread which had

been fiercely set on them. A crass look came over. No one dared spare a word. To the workshop it was. Few hours in, passed. 'I'm not going to spent too much around the place; I'm only interested in looking at the sings. 'Broken lines stood there, past the point where they began cutting through the mild bodies being melted in on top of the ones they were giving birth to. The whole process was strange, almost redacted, and unrealizable by the fact that there wasn't enough thought put in with the amount of inconsistent placed which rolled them in. A pair of arms popped in too quickly, which formed large concave materials which were barely set inside of him. Everything had been brought in from different parts. From a tiny barrel, a piece of a large fish, a few wires and some chains which kept everything apart, some skeleton which only appeared to be growing in the most grueling way possible, to the plaster inside of it, the first born would come out. At least the first born he would get to observe now. It was magnificent, how, stopped. By a single gesture, he had been given a helmet for his eyes. 'For your own good, take it unless you want to be left scarred or partially blind. It happened before to another passer by who couldn't help it but look where he didn't belong. 'As soon as the pause had been done with, one of the greater top processors from on top the ceiling rail had been dragged from the back, releasing a point-care energy which started dexterously releasing vile rays of direct matter on top of that crudely constructed body over the metallic born creatures. It couldn't be justified at all, just why had it looked that way, but one tormenting manner to another release the anxious liquids out. Some dropped away and left nothing on the side. In as short a span of time as it could be allowed, they waited. Malt looked and saw something else happening, a fraud, but not one, to be precise about it, this would be nothing to be expected for a bunch of engineers and androids who worked in their respective fields. They relished on some vague shapes that were made out of pure energy, drawing them in with the processor. It seemed to give the metallic, carapace a strange cognition of its own. Not only had such a peerless, yet, scrawny and wide surface sentience, but it had also managed to turn it into a magnet for those beings. Who couldn't control themselves but leap inside the creature, making it whole once more? 'Why are you doing that to them if they're already alive? 'It's an extra layer of protection, nothing more. Do not bother with it too much; likely you wouldn't understand the inner doings of our plans. We're going to take down the new centralized power and with this, we may be able to subdue their rays and take over the system they have tried setting onto this new world. 'That sounds dangerous. 'For that reason, we cannot waste or even hope to use human lives. Certainly you'd come to understand that. We cannot even hope to use one of yours if that means losing a hundred more if the repercussions are to be attained. 'Aren't you androids supposed to be allied with them? Is it the uniforms? 'Not only them, but other androids who had given in their false promise or ruling. Their plans come down to enslaving them and making the masses listens and obey to the great centralization of humanity. On the longer run, there's the promise that they'll be forced to become androids as well. Same fate shall enwrap everyone they consider between them. 'Who are they? Who are those people you're talking to? Is it the same creatures I saw hiding, the strange headed ones? 'We have no recollection of it. 'Another android came in. He gave way as had the others to the variously estranged giant and morbid tanked crab-suited machines. From beneath them lay a deeper mass which collapsed and appeared to completely control the movements it took. Without a way of knowing, it would be impossible to even guess just what went through it and what seemed to live. 'You're placing everything you're finding around the junk trunk to make up for the space. 'They're still small, but they'll grow out of it and abandon the shells. 'He questioned something else, at which he could only hope that

they'd hint at. It was the strange device from which the ray came, and whether or not they were there. Small and pinched, he never asked, but winced at the thought of having to deal with them. Terrible little things, he always told about it. Nowhere near a house pet or some plant. Soon that would have to be abandoned and repelled. He didn't feel well at all. As a matter of fact, he almost rested on the ground at the sight of the rights which started popping from their soft and plain carapaces on top of the dwelling place they sacked around the area. It was strange, looking them appear, almost like a conjuration on top of them. Through some way of looking at the wildness he had observed, he peered back in and saw the sacks, many of which flung them higher until it couldn't be looked away from. "We'll infect their main building and force them to waste whatever power they have left in order to avoid the contamination. "It sounds like a plan, but you don't suppose there's a chance you may resolve this conflict by not destroying the livelihood of people, would you? "What a strange thought it had been. It struck him there and then. With a pinch of an eye, the androids waited for him to set on again. "Without destroying the life of a person, just one that I'm interested in, in. "Come to think of it, you can do whatever you want with the other ones as long as you don't touch too many of the strange turns and twists that were being displayed around him. To say the least, I couldn't even bother to look away. I couldn't think of anything I could tell them in particular. No, that wasn't it either. I was too ashamed to approach the subject or even think about her at all. Not this version. Even the word, version seemed to obscure her person and turned her in a strange and bizarre creature which wasn't to be called. "What is that thing? "There was another apparition of meal, the contortion which siphoned itself like the mix of liquids that twisted with its peg-like legs. With each step, it was to be decided that it wouldn't be worth it to look onward any more. His plans and considerations faded once he saw the image showing its writhing head at him. He was struck by the look of uncanny, which only dragged itself as it began to work on the lower creatures. "It's one of the fully matured ones as you may have noticed. It has all the power and might of one of them, but much older and experiences. Not only were there signs of a faster improvement but they're fully capable of giving birth. "And transferring a part of their codes and their experiences to the young ones, a thing which not even you or, humans aren't capable of doing. Forgive me for even implying you're of the same kind. "But I am. I'm rather upset that you'd think of it otherwise. I'm fully boned and. "Struck by the look he had been given from the other side, he seemed to want to peer in. Furious by his own account, he could only think of the repercussion which might happen if he happened to turn up on the other side of some other plane from which he came. Memories drilled in not only with a flash but with a strange and disgusting pool which kept dripping as far as he could count on it. "I'd rather stay away from it now, if it doesn't bother you a bit. I want to hear more about your plans to set onward. "And you shall, don't worry about it now, there's more than one way to take down a building. Now that you're here, perhaps you may join us. "What do you want exactly? "It's going to be something rather easy, to say the least, we expect nothing less of a demolition expert like yourself, and as soon as we get it out of the way. "My good android wants your experience from the great ship you were while living in the blocs. Back when you were high in the air. Our memories had been damaged and whatever analysis we had remains inconclusive. "We know that you are responsible of the fall. All that we ask of you it to please contain your knowledge in a small note of any material so we may quickly scan and interpret it. "Grave danger lays ahead, unless you help us, we may be sloppy and end up being overwhelmed by them. It can't even be thought off or considered, rather, we need all the help we can get.

‘Even from the irresolute manners in which they constrained to creating the machines, it couldn’t even be believed. It was dangerous after all, just thinking about a way they might break through. But I knew what they were planning.

Somehow I could smell it off them. But at the core of their tin cases, they hid just enough ooze and that slimy material which manifested itself from who know where, to become completely immune to it. Diseased or not, contaminated or brought from a disturbing delighted realization, he couldn’t tell just what their end goals were, to even think that they would employ something as repelling and as disgusting as they would, was highly dangerous and morbid. More so, it was dangerous to even consider undertaking them because of how quickly they had mobilized. All of the great materials, the precious metals and the various stone-deposits which had been dug from the earth were in their reach. I have observed this, previously, around the bloc where I lived. Though it may have been late, I knew that they collected enough through their journeys and strange encounters. But never had I even dreamed of this. Behind them lay a giant room which outstretched enough to holster an entire trove. Filled with everything which was known to man, or the one who had discovered the pure gift of machine labor. Tirelessly, they’d work to create as much as they could, never grasp for air, or anything which would be fair to a laboring man. And what came out of the gates in the back was highly unrecognizable to the human eye. Many contortions of legs had been dropped to the ever-learning capability of the enthralling strange wheel-mechanisms or the spinning tendons which pushed in until they formed pseudo-blocks which turned as far as to create a few ill-shape clock tongues. And these were only pushing in and out into some strange space. To satiate the wonder, he saw their legs expand into their bodies, making it seem like the possibility of storage was somewhat infinite. That took away all the thoughts he had of lovers, the nasty faces, the possessions and everything else of the matter. If this place was to continue and if they were to develop into a much dangerous peoples, there would be a hell to pay. Power could not even be called into question any longer. It didn’t work that way. They were going to waste it if they were allowed and that was something which couldn’t be permitted. Primitive primates, tattling at the spanners. Everyone expected something to happen sooner or later, just about the set of light and the alarms. ‘Move on citizens, it’s time for you to draw back to the roads. Any hand which can be spared now should be repurposed for this scope alone. It’s for the greater good that you’re to be told. We shall group you into a few sections, from which picks shall be redistributed and other kinds of strange sets shall be thrown around until the work will be done. ‘It was a disaster, distaste, from which they didn’t really see the point. With the threat of the debris falling, there was always the threat of something going wrong and all their progress being shoved to a meaningless heap which didn’t help anyone achieve what they wanted. Proper this, proper that, it was relentless, how they had to deal with it. And even questionable whether or not the vehicles could properly walk there, strange things being uncounted. Someone was coming. Yet again, they would be set on the path of riding the most distasteful-looking appliance, with its strange rangers could look into it any further. There was missing piece which rendered it to look as the uncanny thing possible. From its behind it was incredibly easy to see how uneven the whole construction had been. From the two-far ending sides there were two cargos which stood opposite to one another, kept by a bunch of metal bars that spanned regarding the movement of the wheels. Wheels were supposed to be circled around the gaps, yet these ones were sharper and glassier. Indeed, they looked flatter and angled, like small cots which pushed in both ends, bound to be touched and pulled ahead. Fear might drive one away from the touch, as they brought a promise a pain and a watch for the barrel-like cylinder

between them. In the two compartments underneath, there rested two famine-stricest creatures. Hardened by the size of their heads, which were longer than their bodies, they survived the malnutrition by eating the sweat which went through the various tubes which connected them to the cargoes they carried. From inside them, there were plenty of living soldier who were producing that swear, unaware that they were feeding the moaning creatures in their reckless desire to be death than to suffer this inconclusive fate. Undesirably caught, the various puckers of the land which watched the road had given the chance to be assailed. 'Drop the nets!' A yellow tone, which pushed forth the kind of beady wings of rope which stopped the vehicle in the throng of the holes they had made. It was a mere distraction which had served its purpose just well enough. What had been incontestable was that strange appearance of disgust. Morbidly caught into their own antics, the citizens surrounded the vehicle, armed to their teeth with plow and other manufactured machines guns they had carried. Black and ribbed, the metal would remove some shades after shooting a few gray and golden bullets. Other projectiles which accompanied them were such as one should be made aware of, small cross-cutter, which was launched by a few throwers that were meant only for the sick incapacitation of the nearest machine who'd come. Android or not, there was the common fear the man showed at he danger which presented itself ahead, not to mention of the constant deciding factor which was always present there.

A scent which was brought from the enemy that made his presence known. It wasn't to be held or shown ahead. Mistrust would be the battering of the vile. One couldn't defile himself with what he was to show. Release into the air, they opened their arms and surrender to the strange, almost tribal watchers, showing no desire whatsoever to fight. 'We surrender. "Oh, so you're traitors, then. Pull off your masks. 'It was no one they really knew but the bunker was wide. Plenty of families took in the new sets of clothes they had been given, the armor and whatever else they had gotten. In total, a few of them were present. At least eight, divided into the two cargoes they came out of.

That was quite spacious if thought be told. Without a nerve to preserve, they set forth, to the last of wonders. Without a question, one could not disable the machines if they wanted. Without the consternation to take those head onto a milder approach, they had passed on the next order. 'Tie them up. "Wait, before you do anything, yes, listens to me. I'm from around the distant regions, where the ground started raising itself a few meters off the ground. Hear me out will you? "Why should I know? You're our prisoners, and I don't have to argue with prisoners, especially the ones which aren't armed. "Unless you haven't noticed, neither had the androids, please now. Let me explain,

I'm Willow. Just give me this chance; we'll work something out, only if you trust me. I won't make the same mistake again, like I had the last time. 'He almost came off too friendly, too familiar and the name of Willow. 'I know you. 'The leader of the band set forth. He could almost not recognize what was going on, or just how much the man had changed, but it was the same man he had been in the army with. Twenty years ago. Now they were on opposite lines, even though he was armed, he stood there, less reluctant to listen. 'I was put in charge to look after the scouting party, that's all. You don't need to push everyone away now, I'll do the talking. 'Willow put on a wild demeanor as the others tried chiming in. Deciding that it was worth it to wait through it, they stood by him instead. 'How about we settle this in private then? 'It was a wild decision he couldn't draw a way from. To even consider pushing himself past the rafts would take away any kind of joy he felt. He was sweating a lot. Not thinking of any other way to push them around, he came in with a decisive flicker. His skin shone in the light, revealing the powerful stricken globes which were almost always present there in their invisible state. Of his wild entrance, he

couldn't bother to point back at the others and carve a path for them. Only the two of them made way, past the gathering they had formed. 'Willow, I think we're far enough. We shouldn't be bothered. 'In that case you can lower your gun. 'There wasn't a chance in the lyre that this headsman would be spared. Fewer conditions might pass through the words he thought of muttering while he busied himself to look for a way out. His troops were pointless, since they were a scouting party, and the loss of the two vehicles could be dealt with. That alone was enough to convince him he'd be ready for anything. Obvious to the manner, something kicked him in the spanner until that came by, never to have tried to look remotely alive; they were joined by some walking man. But he looked highly contagious, afflicted by some spell. Ill to the touch, he wouldn't even have been affected by that test of woe. 'What's that thing supposed to be? 'It bore a deranged look, him being a remnant of some old and diseased creature which didn't even belong there. Its contagion served as a flicker of feet which started coming in from behind, hands contorted showing the entry of metal in his chest. A mirror-like pool of metal stood in his chest, afflicting him in the most atrocious manner. He couldn't even be out served by this strange way in he acted. He pulled himself together after falling, being met by the two of them. Both stood there ready to defend themselves from whatever threat this might be. Danger was something neither of them was willing to even test for themselves, henceforth the trial and the denial which would be given if he approached. 'Stay there, don't come any closer or I'll shoot. 'The first warning came to him as cold as he could possibly lay it. A few steps were already falling on their way, with their inedibility pushing through. Something else came from inside of him, a pair of obtrusive hard nests, and textures like the shells of spiders, which their entirety of the body off-balance, until the point where I threw myself past the sanitation of bowels the earth showed it. Dust crawled in his open torso which made him look like an irradiated buffoon who couldn't help it but stray from the closest pillars he found himself near. He pulled back the nets and instead threw out a far wider cone which spilled out of him. It felt like he was boiling his guts in the most atrocious manner. Without his sense pushing in, he had been immediately deemed an enemy, who got shot between the eyes. The sound alarmed everyone, even if they were inside the reach. But the distraction didn't long enough until he found himself pointing at Willow's neck. 'Not so fast now, don't think I haven't noticed you moving around me when I was aiming, you're not going to leave me that soon. 'Within ear shot, there came the look of the uncanny, as he pushed past the awe. Looking like he saw what happened, this half-dumbed down creature ate itself and disappeared, submerging in that strange hole in the nearest remark. Without being able to shout at it, there was that sudden understanding that there wasn't any word coming in. Without the proper arrangements, there wasn't any way to see. Just what came out of the ground as soon as it was done glancing at me? A few more silver walkers, no thumbs, no upper bodies, just the bottom parts came out. It was a high disturbance which shocked everyone in place. As soon as they had cleared their silver smoke, it had become obvious that they were coming after them. And they strung themselves as soon as they would be able, unable to feel anything or as much as a single emotion as the silver tunnel started chipping away. Soon they silver shell started peeling away until they revealed themselves in forms of brown, deep green and red, some peculiar texture lying beneath them. In no shape and form could they be called dangerous yet, at least not until a contact had been established. Though they showed signs of aggression, there was that needed to see through them. Just what the reason had been for them coming here? 'I cannot focus, we need to serve them. 'Said one of the men around the cargos, to which the others heeded the call and only gave as much as an

approval which was needed. Otherwise, who knew what might happen. Their minds and any kind of control which was remotely felt before was gone. Gone into the musk of the rum which ran on the rivers beneath the junk, and they would be in control. With such vision as the plebeians wouldn't possibly know or be able to resist. A fist of glances, the trances of woe. Remarkable said so; they couldn't even fathom not serving them any longer, since it's been a while. 'A tent around the vehicles. 'One said, as they started them and ran them through one of the nearest buildings they could land them near. It was interesting how this new base of operation had been made. Antennas lay on top of it, despite there being no channel or near-port for the electricity; they would later make use of the spare metal there. It was more like they felt like their minds would melt, which forced them into the trance. A modus operandi was still there, with their little incentive being there. Stone crust embeds the toil. Lost to the coils, the foiled space in which lay adorned some nastier tails, they gathered around a fire, to the midst of the hellfire, at a story which was spoken. Their lot had been estranged, since they had been ground morbidly by themselves. Uncomfortably standing, they crept upon each other, wonderingly. My disposition had already been lost. I was at the threshold of looking at them or at myself, unable to decide whether or not it was worth it trying to look away. At a degree of sounds, the heat was moving on, drawing near from one of the many displaced gas pockets beneath the earth. I was sure of it, as I would say. 'My sothree, the dog, died a few weeks ago in an accident which had been produce or altered by the androids. I have seen them act in the suspicious manners when I wasn't supposed to even comprehend what they were doing. Truly, I'm bound to look and see and tell you. "What did you hear? "Never mind that, listen to me. Something had accosted my dog. My mutt was eaten, there in the place by non-human teeth, by the metal coils which didn't even threaten to be there. I saw it with my owned eyes. It dragged itself by the land. 'Everything was flat in the mind, again. They looked outside, past this strange story, only to see the whole desolation being represented there, in its magnificence. A subtle thing which would be lost one day. 'Before you carry on. Ever wonder what life would be like if we saw a strange sky out there and a painted moon? Oh how I wish there was more going on around here than what I'm seeing. It's lost, I'd say, lost to the longer days. Now everything's shorter, shorter as they go away. It used to be strange, and fancy. In the time we were set in the sky, though we weren't even aware of it. I seem to recall something which neither of us has noticed until now. 'But what was it? Why could it serve as a reminder to look at it out of all the various circumstances they could get themselves in? He painted a look, on top of the hoot, past where they were looking, not at the ceiling but through the holes which revealed it. 'The device is still there, I noticed. 'Many arches twisting and dazzling devices threatened to spin and come down. Afterwards, it couldn't be thought as anything but what life would be in the mere moments of chaos, which be. Told as it may have to happen. Sooner or later, coming ever after the strangeness. One would have to decide. 'Is life here better than outside? "We cannot live there; you know what might happen in that case. No member of the human race has ever stood a chance to survive there. "Then why are wasting our lives? Why can't we take it as we can and draw away the last drops which made us sane? "You're asking much, and I cannot even consider taking my own life now. Not after my dog had died, in the strangest circumstance there is. He's there, can you see it? 'In the distance, they saw a good top of the body, havened but levitating as it barked. Two set of glowing eyes, one blue and one green penetrated from within his barks. Echoes wouldn't even stand a chance, as this hound would set itself down from the machine that lifted him. 'He's not dead. "And neither will we if we choose to slit, cut or leap. There's always a chance we may return. And

in that form, it's not worth it nor would I recommend doing it. "Please reconsider this then, make is as a do-it list. Take as many of them as you can, as many men from the town and let them know of what's going on. "Why should I do it then? It's pointless; I'd only be demonized by those androids. Look, I've done enough. I'm trying to spend as much time as I can be happy. 'Theodorus said, and as he spake, he took a moment from his weird stillness and made a flicker of the thumb. It was a trick which lasted about a few seconds before they came back to looking at him for some reason, for another, uninterested in the manner one would have to commerce. 'It's a dangerous play I cannot get away from. "What is? "Searching for the bodies which are brought back, the coiling torsos and the bars keep penetrating them for some reason I couldn't explain. I am more than aware that they're not functional, nor could they possibly be. That would be mad. It would turn reality into a shocking twisting image that doesn't belong here. "What do you propose then? "I say, we cut the beast by the breast, by the neck and we disturb it to the contest. 'Of woes and minds, one would have to better be looking at it blindly from a dead spot or from a bitter flattery whichever it may be. Flattery wouldn't do anything, nor could a story bring back, that which had been taken from him. As he lay abashed. 'We have to completely destroy everything in order to even possibly hope there might not be a chance to bring them back. And even in that case, we'd butcher them, and how well? How well would we be doing, carrying this decrepit thing, the wingless span, which halted before we're caught again? 'It wasn't settled, nor could they say whether or not they would be listened again. Pain would drown the sorrow; there would be one pair of flowers growing on the body of the dog. Serving as a sign, they looked back at the benign devices which would bring their deaths. 'If only we found a way to start them. 'It never came to pass. Charles started at the oblong, there in the distance, a sphere of plastic which governed over the wails of the twists. He couldn't make out what they were, or what the purpose they produced. Rather, they appeared over night. Brought there by the flowers, to which they thoroughly seemed to resemble by some mean or another. It'd be a fluke to consider it otherwise, but he was appalled by it. The thought would come back again. It was guilt, a delusion, a narcissism his felt. 'The world doesn't revolve around you, Charles. "What was that? "Nothing, Alan. 'His name had the proper ring this time. Considering it even less pronounced, he appeared to be caught by the antics. It felt bizarre being out of his shell. But this Alan provided a piece of normality and an interaction he hadn't met by the others whose had lived with him all the previous times. He would start to wonder. Just how much would this last for until he left? Dreams wouldn't last forever and the fern was to be made to dust. 'Come with me, I want to introduce you to someone. "Who? "Follow me, and you'll see. 'It was something unexpected. Unfamiliarity not only emerged but appeared to crush his need to glance over the various tender sides of the building. Something he noticed. Plenty of times, they were filling all the sides of the corridors with some fat blobbing water which gave their appearance of crawling pieces of dirt being buried inside. Everything was well sealed nonetheless, which meant not a single drop could fall from them. It was the fourth room in the row. Not the one we were going towards, but the other hermit I had known off. His room had been off-limits. I could remember seeing him only once, and that hadn't happened outside. Instead, he opened half-a-door for me to pick in what a sight of impure life had been, sickish searching for a way back in. Pieces of the wall or of the fallen paint appeared to have grown on his back, hair and on the skin. Now, I would have no doubt that if they told me that he had completely become a part of the room, I'd have no trouble believing it with my whole being. Loneliness did that to a man, and I was afraid of withdrawing into it. Floors sometimes looked like their

planks had been completely made out of fingernails. It felt unnerving thinking that there were other recluses out there. Would I end up that way? 'Hi, Harlow, this is the man I'm going to live with for the next few months. His name is Charles. 'The gruffly man flickered a piece of his scar across the neck as he turned towards me. It was a fashionable house, small, tight, looking just a tip off upright. Some models or the books he collected were standing in plain sight adjacent to one another up to a certain level where they all curved. Library included, as had the walls. A distortion like that couldn't bat the eye, unless what happened seemed to happen even now. He invited us in and sat us down a table. One of its sides showed the same kind of symptoms the walls and everything on the other side wore to them. I couldn't only think of asking. 'What happened to it? 'That's one way to start a conversation. I guess your friend here is no man of chit-chat, is he? 'His head shook and he didn't stay another moment trying to come up with an excuse. 'Simply put, Charles, it's something I stumbled upon during one of the nights. It's not something I expected to happen or even considered looking into. With everything outside being the state they're into, I wouldn't doubt that this is another result of some of their experiments. 'Who's doing the experiments? What experiments are you talking to? I hadn't been aware of anything like that. 'Charles, I'll be honest, I know who you are. I've seen you creeping around from time to time. We're not estranged people, but I can see why you'd be unaware of it. 'Again the same thing which happened before, I was supposed to be a stranger, unknown. Yet it never occurred to me that I would be watched, but this kind of interference far outpaced whatever consideration I could put into it.

This Charles had been a poor man. He seemed to be suffering of some mental ingratitude. A problem which inherited his mind, to think that he had survived so long was, inconceivable. Compared to the other two men in the room, he looked like a starved savage, scrawny, to a beard which refused to grow. Just how long had it been since he last kept a conversation with anyone? 'But to answer you question. Androids, they're the culprits and the plague of this world. I wouldn't doubt it if it was revealed that they're the reason we ended up in this mess. What seemed to be going on is that they're suddenly beginning to act, which in itself is far too dangerous to be approached. I couldn't even think of what might happen if they're given the full power to act on their own accord. Just look at this from this angle. They're savagely keen on trying to out-do us when we're barely trying to survive. 'How are they trying to out-do us now? I've only seen them as the middle men or small boxes of metal delivering us. 'Stop right there. I'll kindly stop you there before you give into his sham too quickly. You haven't noticed it because you haven't gone out there yet. But they had observed us for far too long. It's more than obvious that they had begun trying to emulate our societies and our customs to an immediate degree. They're also aware of our history to the last piece of it which had either been illustrated, written of put in any other form. Now they've begun forming riots and ordering other groups of people around in the zones which are more developed than ours. I'd rather be afraid of them if I were you. No one's willing to trust them any longer. Not on the upper wings at least. 'From the distance, eighteen thousand feet below the ground, a pocket of fire still lasted after dawn. Because of some sudden changes I could not have bothered myself to look into it. If something was missing from the anchored land. A conversation would be had sooner or later, at least when it was feasible to do so. Yet there was an ever present desire to abandon all morality in the camp. Regardless of how many days had passed, there hadn't been any insurgence in the ranks of men. Each was armed with bayonets. Fires spreading across their dens, and not a single water pouch being used. A few more days they'd last. Until then, they would have to endure the harshness of the fire storm, which spread as much as it was

necessary for them to look on. It was an impossible task. Scarred skin, tin veils which turned to crisp, several burns spread towards their bodies, in as much as an untouchable pair of bodies standing there and signaling at them constantly. As they shouted. 'Bring in more, as much as you can. There's no hellfire in this earth we may not be able to endure. 'Shut your mouth Coundrell. I've had it just enough with you. If I have to listen to your babble for one more night, I'll, I'll. 'Ingratiating as it had been, there had come the first signs of the fire-stroke. His chest was heaving with pieces of burning chrome, which started dripping from his chest and gown. He had been infested by a malady which pulled out. Every other man recognized the strangeness of the object which came out of it, as much as they could all endure it, there wasn't any satisfaction into looking at one of their own going down that way. To even think he'd be consumed like that. 'I've seen it all. 'But spoke none. It was a recurring wind which brought about a few words they all shared in their minds. Curtain blinds wouldn't pull out the pain he felt as he heaves into the battle his body showed. And before them, in that flat surface, inside the tiny capsule which had been thrown inside the forest, they saw him break apart. Finally the wreathing stopped and he had been immortalized. In chrome. There was a moment of silence as they were being boiled. Every time the wind pushed in, the capsule disappeared, and then came back into existence when it was called. Or needed, for a single other man to be made again. Contrary to the humane, it was what they all wanted to happen for all of them, again and again. It was something neither of them could draw away from, since they were merely interested into pushing in and drawing out as much as it was needed. A false deception seemed to remain with them. Each thought that passed reeked of jealousy that it hadn't been them who had been completely immortalized like the others, to even count it to their belief. 'That happened again and again. By midnight he'll become a melting pool and fall between the grates. 'Rosary pointed just at the mark on the matter. It would be impossible to think of it as anything but a short embrace, the peculiarness being as tainted as one should confess. Beneath the rafts, the metal shafts of the system underneath them there lay deeper, much deeper. Farther but no farther than where they stood. A pair of them gave up and knelt. Their faces pushed past their grates until their skulls had been completely destroyed and melted by the mere force present there. Less remarking had been the latter. A force from down the grates which pulled the rest of their bodies in until there had remained only the sickest looking whim of a human there. 'How about it? Should we all join them? Or are we to last a few more days? 'I'm thirsty enough to consider it, but I don't think I could deal with that pain. 'The two of you should do it if you can't stand the heat. I think the only ones which will remain should be the strongest in the head. And not only that but. 'His lip cracked and fell just then. A piece of him remained obscured by the few floundering bones which progressively searched for a way out of his body. Revulsion took over the man, as he pushed himself into the hole of contrition. It would be even worse, thinking about the manner in which he held himself ajar. Two walls were threatening to bring him down and crush him. No more would he pay attention to the buildings which neared. And they had. Every time someone stopped paying watch, they drew in closer. 'Can you remember how far they were? I seem to recall that they weren't only miles away, but they were rather. 'Kilometers, something like that. We're bound to be caught off guard by them with the distraction of the fire and heat. 'From the counter of flame, there than embrace they gave one another in the coming of the new days. Weeks would be spending morose, moronic as they realized what the others have not. 'Come to think about it, why haven't they simply pulled the trigger instead of taking the grates? It seems to be far more difficult than anything else. 'I'd rather not think about it now. But I'm the

only one here who still has a few bullets left. That much is known. Could you confirm it for me? Just for a little while? “Confirmed. “ “Confirmed. “ “Confirmed. “ “It’s done. Let’s just stop here, I think I can speak for everyone when I say, yes there’s nothing left for us. We should look for another way out if it’s possible. ‘Farther above their brows, there was another miniature of a sun which came. Obviously the heat couldn’t even come close to what it actually felt like, but for all intensive purposes, it may as well be the very god damned thing. It came into their pores and out. Soon their eyes had become red dwarfs of their own. Fire emerged, from in a vision which would never stand on the verge of the laughter. ‘An extraction remained left near the floor of the ice-shore in Cohal. ‘Whatever led them down there had obscured everything a long time ago, where there was still a way in, to the fashioning of the woods, and the hills, during the monsoon. What had been brought from the distance had almost planted itself forth in the land of the sea. Ice had only come afterwards when had become plain and the plight could be seen as nothing else but a sign of the despair. It’s been so long since someone had a child. Everyone was preoccupied with the building, the shams of dark wood which was placed on top of their distant pieces of land. Those who remained and never left had to live through much wilder lives. Nature was unforgiving, there was neither the warmth of the soul nor any exchange anyone would remember or hold aloft. One day they would get it out, the last extraction which would bring the passing of the age. From it there’d be nothing left out of the plain. No ice, no life, no plants to take over, only the last holding jolt which kept everything in the world from sinking. ‘The council had decided. ‘An echo emptied itself there, in one of the various wind stones. No one had wanted to set out and look for a way into the forests, as their ashen maples seemed to be cohort with the lost of bees. Insects had passed, the will wouldn’t last. Lastly, the children looked back only to see. Places where their parents would be, resting in abandoned homes. It’s been a few months since they had returned from the long journey back to Cohal. What they found out was not what they had hoped to find. ‘With everything that’s been brought to our attention. ‘Stricken by the pleasure, I would look and see. Something in the sky wasn’t meant to be. A light of day, bitterly fading away. My eyes couldn’t encompass what our lack of hope dictated. Without rain, without storms, without anything going on, life had been seen as dull. Even what we had here disappeared, or it would it after the shaping ended, leaving only the drift of a lost world. To which we decided, the stones reenacted the words which had been passed down. ‘It must end with us as it has started. Past our valley we found no more life, and nothingness in form of plain lands. ‘Where our ancestors had went, to the words they had dictated on pieces sworn to their duties in the distant plain. I have found out that they found life. Where we had not. But we found a way, to convey what they might not beseech of us to say. They knew that we would find the last pieces, just as the sea started freezing and receding fatherly, deeper than it ought to have. Drought it was not, but the last moments in our lives were brought to out attention, just as we knew. Our village would drop to the cue, as the land and the stones started sinking past the thrones of our ancestors. Their cities had been mighty but were lost. Of their giant keep, which would not have reached out feet, we did know. Lost for out hope to look forth, in a time where no one would dare interest themselves that we know. We knew of the striking of weather, the further we admired, the sick ones as outliers of the passing of the age. Happiness would hold no embrace, as cities pass, the clouds at last, drawing into a hole made through the ice floor. It was a drawback from the ancient morass, what crumpled in stone and dirt, had drawn forth, nearing the water. Ships were not used; instead, the man had picked on just a few chains, pulling forth from one underside, behind the

rims of the bindings of up worth. 'I miss my mother out of all. When all have left, for the bitter ends, wherever they had picked to hide, she wasn't here hiding in the Lye. 'A commemoration had been held, between Hylde and Fjen.

In the lost home and in their den, it was peaceful then. For a period when their mother sang, the bitter words of wooden lands. When cold during summer, the edges of sorrow had never been sung again. Her life was gone, so they would go on before the god sent. In admiration of her life, a small pile of ashen snow had been brought back. During rituals which passed, most houses rested in ash, for the fires had meant to be started, gaping back at them, as they departed, to the distant lands. Where hope was one, the extractions began. And with each pull, forth; one of the pieces began to give way to the pulling of the sails. As for this venture, life would flee. It wasn't meant to be. It

wasn't meant to be. For each of them, there waited better days. So with each of them, who strayed, not a single thought would be wasted again. From nights they danced, during day a trance, while tirelessly members of the village gasped. For work was pity. Time would be gone. Now only the spirits of the land could await them, for the last pieces crumbled, under the pressure of the chains. In a gust of wind, winter came from within their homes, and the children would not find love, but the passing of what was to be known as the passing of the age. Tears would be shed, but plain. Without a thorough knowledge of the passing, none could send a message for those who were to come. If there were some, if there ought to be none, who would know? An end was being brought to the land of snow. Whereas some fealty lied, the cries of the wind, as the snow drifted alive; there came the passing of the age.

Whereas one might stand and bring tribute, as it lasted, they seemed to have brought it that which never blasted itself into space. Soles of the armor stand dry, attached to life-supports and leaves that will not be torn apart. From each passing, the terminals would drop their lights from their hillocks in the span of a night. Large drops of blue panthers would be dropped from the top to the base of their underground rivers. From it there came the last survivor, the one who would admire what they've wrought. Forty men had met there, at the standpoint where they would find themselves reenacting the first intrusion of atonement. Where they choir of fallen blocks of the great mind of atoms formed, its priests had come dressed as men in cloth. But their heads had been ripped apart. Instead they wore their enchanted monitorial rolling blocks, which sent shivers amongst each of the new hope building in the city of D. u. r. y. t. The city stood between the hillocks, and seemed to be rising up the coastal floor, sunken and rose between the doors which lead towards the bottom of the farthest graves. As the mind of atoms had been completely enclosed in the unit of D. u. r. y. t. to the second metal seal of the grave, the next step had been throwing it away in the abyss,

not to be looked at back again. 'Magnificent, magnificent, magnificent!' An atom said. For in it lay the entire construct of anti-artificial condenser. Plainly said, they could infiltrate in the human thoughts and draw away enough information to split his mind to a tertiary brain-damaged inferior homunculus. Here and there you'd see, plenty of them following their host body. A man walk with half-twins, all of which were just as dumb and plain as he would be, completely stricken by a distasteful disease of the mind, blind to the damage they had attained at that. 'Breughel, ahjayh, errs. ' 'Follow, no, no, follow. 'Would respond the other, before banging his half-head to a roned-beetle. In many of those cases, these homunculi didn't even have arms or features, but appeared to be crumpled, like the molds of a brain, and some organs which decayed. It would've been unsatisfactory to allow some ingratiating primates to survive this way. A sigh of relief came over the first piece of Mars which dragged itself down the isles. It slouched through as it covered the abyss. 'This way, we'll make sure that we won't fall the mind of atoms ever again. If that'd

be the case, then I think it's time. ' 'With us, all the secrets of the electric-maniac are to leave us and float to the side. 'It wasn't even expected yet, they would be joining. Soon. Remnant materials out of the Mars prison of V'Shor, in it there lay a few scrunch-pristine stars that floated on the sky-floor, opposite, if not reflected from below the rims of the greatest shores that ever were. It was soon forgotten that there hadn't been any water on the planet any longer. But by the time the full consciousness and intelligence has been found, the new set of machines managed to replicate the needs of being. Though it was a victory which couldn't have been felt, looking back at it, one couldn't be anything but fed up with it. This new way of feeding had come at a price. Food couldn't be easily reproduced, instead their memories would have to conjure up replicas of each man's earlier days in youth, spanning from a few days to the very state of being an infant or a fetus. And from their insides they would have to dig up, perfectly set, the self-digested food in order to begin eating again. For there wasn't any other way to survive. 'Must I suffer now to eat what made me a whole? 'At the wit's end, one cannot shiver. Would it be freely acceptable to return now to a life before the extinction of free thought, where breast-feeding was mildly glamorous, like gems for the taking, to that I say. 'What a turn of events to see. 'As the bodies of the old mixed with their dreams held at the time, becoming twisted as they were brought again into life, and to see them that way one could not decipher what had happened near. To the end of a wit's woe, one could not happen to take it to the injury as the fall emerged below the rims of the forgotten wings, where they hid their human vestiges which mixed with the nightmares. Fiends lay there, so twisted as to give way to the lost abominations, hidden like objects, always bent on stealing one another's spots from the lighted panels on which they started acting on. After the first assemblies of power, they had managed to make a few cracks in their prison spot. 'Wait, did you hear that? 'The words at last came out of a mouth which wasn't allowed to talk any longer. Technological progress was now brought back with the allusion of a new kind of weapons of surface-reshaping. Not allowed inside the plummets of the girth outlander, as the desertification of the known land began, a new cycle had been given birth. Its inception had been wrongly set on the date of the uncanny reciprocal murder of the great rulers of Piedmont. As opposed to the men underneath their rule who had outwitted the drought, they had been the first giants to lay in awe, connected to the only kind of water-transfusion which allowed them to last for as long as they could. In a promontory fealty, none would be pleased. Without their dream and wonder, this utopia couldn't have been done. Alone in their child-like slumber, one could observe the fact that eighty-five percent of their body mass had disappeared ever since the start. Unlike normal being, they weren't supposed to outlive their destiny, which guided the creation of the trap in which the atom-mind rested. In its alcove, to suit the interest of words, one would have to look away in order to sort it out. Doubt couldn't not be even called into question, a direction would be nigh. Rose as they mighty, they would delight each other to draw on, crushing in the final stand, as they planted themselves nearest to the hillocks. From their heads a few customary ends would unite with the light-devices, as it was known. Wrought in that of old, uncounted, defunct of the circuits busted, fewer ends gave in. Pleased but displeased, they had been opened. From inside of them, tiny dirt-people made their way in. Slowly they'd work their way with the help of the hillock power-plants and the wind-devices. Note to it, to regard the mechanics which had been well crafted as a result of the Industry in all of its revolutionary creations. It had been thoroughly needed for a long while, for as long as it would admitted, that it would live on and on as long as people needed it. A quarantine of thoughts had been given. Reanimated dirt-men fell as the concave blotting jerky

masses of gelatin formed their flying quadripartal forceps in. During their made-worth movements, they had severely disabled the heads of the rulers, at the command of a supervisor who had been present during the time. Frekihn managed to call it in. There wasn't any wonder whether or not they could approach the level of spraying as much as an interesting idea of the watch. The watch emerged. Spared of the incourtenance of waiting, only the pshink could see and watch, as the pretenders would attempt to wrap up the giant victims and drive them farther away. 'Not now, we must wait until the bodies will stop being as warm. I think we've all done some regrettable things here, from which we may never be able to draw away. We cannot allow them to feed themselves with the devices we've created, even if they're partially dead in state. Too many bodies of their size would end up destroying the ecosystem we have tried to hard to give life to. I believe we must search for a better end. Indeed, we can only strike for the discipline of the unsanitary cowering hidden welders. 'The ventures which they shot, nothing had been brought to the table. 'Behead the rulers of the valley of Piedmont. I think it would be better for us to completely seal them off in order to make sure they won't rise up again. 'A jerky servant came up to him, only to ask. 'What of their children and their grandchildren? ' 'They're lost somewhere in the distant lands. I'm afraid that out there, we'd only seek ruin for ourselves because of the dangers which lay in it. For now, let us simply enjoy the revelations and do this behind the people's backs. It's for their own good after all, if not I, if not you, who will make sure there will be future generation to inherit this planet after us? The drought will be resolved with the help of science and hope. Everything else is unnecessary and I think, we should find ourselves looking for a way to hide until then. ' 'Will you join them, Frekihn? ' 'Least of all, I wouldn't even dare touch their marks and go around their facilities. There's something in them. I see it. Access one of the cameras, you'll see it too. 'Ever since the start, he could see the strange appropriation of their child-like forms mixing with the dreams. Had I wondered what would a ruler dream of for too many times to even give him the benefit of the doubt? If he would dream of a river, or of a sea, perhaps it would be worth it to risk the complete destruction of the land by the sheer amount of replicas which could be created. But this was too dangerous to try. Even though they had been given an order, everyone had been as reluctant as possible, to stray away from beheading the ruler. Not only would it be harmful for what it could release from the various storage-plucks inside their necks, but the unappealing sight could drive them all in a haze which in turn would make them all search for a way into the abyss. Flesh would be their chow; no one should be as surprised as I had been now. 'But I think, I think I'm made uncomfortable. Heat-shivers entered the right side of my back, I feel the pain, stop it, and stop the process. 'Luckily no one had even started cutting yet. It was such an overwhelming task that it would be undoubtedly hard to even hope to remove it entirely from this side of the earth. Without hellfire and a grain of touching the divine, the various apparatuses would work aimlessly and pointlessly at that. How long until they could be found. In a small drawer, a level beneath them, it wasn't likely that they'd pay to have their toes cut. Some lined away with a deep desire. The lower limits were inhabited by woe. Empty caves, there were plenty of them lying around. A few of them faces one another at multiple levels, all of them leading closer to its very center as it depressed. Into the arching stature of the hideout where it hid, a monolith which formed, eight sides, all worn down by the pieces attached to them. Not by chains but by a strange air-symbiosis which strangled itself to those sides. An organism twisted behind and from it another, until they chained themselves to the nearest walls. Beckoning from their child-like beaks and crowns, there stood the strange chops. Each biting a piece of the

forming meat wagons which adamant to bringing in the feeding bowels. In as much as three feeding sessions they began disintegrating, no longer needed, as the monolith would come to the sense. Longer than it had taken it to unwrap, from it dissected the scent of the crudeness, unforgiving; the first contact with mankind has yet to be. In a pity, there was a cruel impression which only now came into the known. Far than the mundane show people passed and gave themselves, the bitter mass of cruelty shone. From the depths of the caves, mankind was forlorn. Drawn in them, they started floating, shivering, and knotting as their skin and bodies turning from within into winds. As this process revealed itself in the cruelty only nature would know, no one would bother looking anymore than he should be aware of it, as per the sight. Lights and. It didn't matter. For such grandeur, it was short lived. Weak bodies and minds died before ever realizing what it felt like being alive. Fear was unachievable; it was something which paled in comparison with the dreadful horizons. Beauty lay somewhat there, it was ridiculous and strange. Yet, every creature, and everyone who paved their way back in looked at them from within and seemed to despair. It wasn't fair that someone would have such power to creature. Even the next creation of men brought them back. Form which ought to be brought into the eyes of perfection, never to have been seen again, they paled in comparison with even the crudest creations that were out there. It didn't make sense. They, who were perfect, looked out there in shame.

Such mediums were used, which could never be bothered to get misused, for even the slimiest of beings would laugh and cackle, would pay the tattle for their like. And in return the satisfaction the cruelest creations, the madness and dissatisfaction wouldn't even spare itself of trying to live up to them. It was impossible, to even reflect what they saw, this eyeless vagrant, a hip to his tail, which was the only part of him other than the main piece which bore the sockets. Sprouting from his damaged pockets in the back lay some wild conjunctions which bore no ability for flight, yet looked planar and wickedly in need of a way out. Though it could not see, it did hear, through the holes that had been bore through its pores, only to imagine the worse. 'Pity we cannot be there. We would be somewhat fair looking and admired. 'And to them, there came the masters. Foremost to storing corpses. The two Etriarchs of skin had come off the main body of legs that stacked up to form the pump of the great edifice which lay on the ground. Surrounding lay the discharge that spread, incandescent while surrounding a great mass of the minions who had served. They had sucked and discharged of all their bowels in the least conniving manner. Battering them still, even in death, one couldn't even bother to tell what had happened there. Terrible scents endowed it in the storage of their choice, paranoid that the strangers who watched them might steal from them, it cam as no surprise that they released their pores and hormones immediately in front of the cries. Of many totters one could not have a clue, renewing the manner of stretching through which they got those carcasses anew, they revealed their flapping arms. From them came the walking stalks of living creatures that were tied. Denied of living yet they tried escaping the clutch by whatever means they could. Unable to go deeper than their sinking Etriatchs allowed they rested on the bodies of the men who grabbed at just about everything. Wonderingly or not, brought to silence or to the wrath they had displayed, the strangers wouldn't walk again. Each strike of a finger crippled the masses by the mere fact that they managed that easily to catch them off guard, and grasp as their spines inflated, conflagrated by the mere pain. By no way or doing or of going, not a single wretch would siphon as much as one of the stamped shouts. One single body stood between all, which threw the others out of their conquest. Horse-like only in half of the form, as if stretched by giant discs of honey-dipped robes came into air, from inside one of the many homes; these apparitions

tried giving way for the main attraction coming out of the giant arms. It was revealed, in as much as a few steps, as they'd say. 'I am Etrihdon Ahur. "And I am to be known as Dhyjorg. 'Both of the heads, forlorn in the lost space between the caverns that fell, no matter what one could tell, they were soon revered and seen as a bastion to fear. 'Bear us slaves now, you're forced to so as we please. 'From their sight, the might servants from the recesses of the plummeting hole they stared into came and brought in the poisoned mead. Each of the men and the women present there had a drink, which resulted in the last concoction, the least satisfactory fraction of them, who had been left alive, felt as if there'd be no hope other than what they showed at that. In the few moments they could spare to cry themselves for what happened it was obvious, of their bodies' faltering, restless hope that they could not survive for long. Hence they got converted, as their feet and as their legs, as their heads and eyes drew back in, forming the closest thing to live-births there could be. Their mere will was bending this wretched planet in pieces. Tierth, what had been the reformed and completely appropriated Earth stood there. In a state of total of disquiet as they watched the eternal plane around them swollen. As for what had been planted at an equal enough distance, past the few meters ahead there the domed stone retracted in its inward end. Much farther than the hole in the ground from which the servants brought the poison there stood a million glum infants which were planted inside. Each of them was wriggling to get out. If one would come outside its shell, they would have the same similar rounded tails, closer to the sear-horses than their mammal companions that fell quiet. Everyone was unnerved by the mere presence and supreme agony their consternation provided. Not to be minded. No act could pierce their souls. A well of pettiness had come and from it those who had been starved out would have the chance to regain. For themselves, one would be weary, to look and see. Glance upon what ought to be. Close call, oh, bitter Moor who's watching from an obscure spot. He saw it all but couldn't bother to move on. If he were to be seen, dearly, dearly would he have been anything but splashed and smashed? Crushed as his teeth heroic, but stoic, shattered as he hid, behind one of the giant infants in the midst of the coming of another day. Large blood vessels stretched throughout the land. As he would be poor in the head, even dead to leave as the tracts would be lodged even deeper than they might do. It was displeasing to see. Or to be called. Snatched from afar by ruining preludes of the play of power both sides displayed.

But to the Moor, the infants stood high, like their places of worship and even higher, they had made it all too relevant that they weren't even close to being human. Instead, every time they woke up from their slumber. If from a plunder this might be, they spat strange and miserable grouped up mortals who came back to life. Each of them flung themselves and flapped in order to achieve any kind of flight. Together they lived as one, slightly deformed and seemingly, strangely configured as one should know that inside they had been tempered with. Not only guts laid there but also the means through which they could be completely accessed and addressed, in order to be remade.

Like tiny sculptors, the various pieces inside the guts acts like the anchors which were needed. Much less than defeated, it was a tightly-knit morbidity which turned their guts, their legs together in the back. To them attached the wires that kept their spines like tires, stimulating their need of escape. Only to produce that remnant of what it used to be like when either of them could stand. In an unnecessary show, of the lies which were to be thrown, it came to be. Fourteen columns came from the earth. And each of them implanted in the nearest entry which the Etriatchs exposed in themselves. Like gluttons they could only stand and add more to their mass, being more and more surprised by the fact that someone would force feed them with the rubbish from below. Up to their girth, they got

fatter. Around them formed a slum of the worst kind. A derelict of tiny vapors, hardened for the touch. In each bubble made out of the vapor, there was a single cavity which kept most of their minds dormant. It was their foremost way of protection against their wrath. Even though they fashioned themselves as masters, if an insurgence were to take place, in that case, there'd be no protection against so many masses. Infants or not, they power and hunger would bring even them down. If they were to die, then on what would the children feed if not themselves? Keeping them down at an accelerated phase of self-preservation at least granted them the possibility to delay the inevitable until something could be achieved. Primitive servants had been unaware. Most hid and others couldn't tell of the leverage they held against them. For the union of the grounds. 'I, Urushku of the stone, have decided that for our worth, we're to be called, again no longer. Join me now Neuron. 'He bowed and drew to the broken pillar, holding his metal-bonded staff and the last head of a space-pioneer before the age of travel ended. When the planet was a luscious place, disgraced by ranks, he was flanked by the colonels of the mad crackle. 'Lay down your weapons! You're to be subjugated and replaced. It's time for a better lead and the fourth sector families to move in the rank. See what I have done, the charges are all in set, awaiting only one of my great commands so they would start the rain. 'It was a code, a plummet, there wasn't a fight per say, but a strange way in which they left down their arms and stood there, unable to rise. Most of the ammunition had been de-centralized and de-powered, large almost harpoonish-looking tridents which stretched as far and as forlorn as to bend the limits of the eye as they were followed around. They acted like illusions, or mirages which came back into form only when they'd be ready to strike again. Otherwise, the plan would be to lie out, as every sight out there waited for them to go on. 'So, what are you waiting then? If you have something to show us, if you're willing to jeopardize your position to the great Emptor, then go on with it. 'Willingly passed, to the lack of a mass in power, to their might and lack of flowering booms, they lasted even less than the journey had set them to. Lighter, like the similar kind to Greek-fires, the stone talons from above fell. But beyond the reaches of the planet and the red space there was. Way past the systems of stars, where the last diamond makers were caught against the rings of Khyugr-Oht, a bastion of fleets waited for the sight of M'shelot. It's been a long and excruciating wait. I felt uneven there, a small celestial white body, poxed as my arms extended and retracted past the field where the fleets rammed against each other as I watched. Would they be bothered if I pulled an image from the past? Heaves from my chest, at last, were a few abandoned bodies, which strung each other in dust. A few astronauts had been caught off guard. Despite the remnants inside their suits looking the way they had, there was still, empty. It was fun, for a while, throwing them around in those empty ships. Without anyone to stop me, I could just do it until eternity would rise. Fall towards. There were a few well crafted things in this universe I enjoyed. Man killed animal. Animal killed star. A universe started after the man. And man killed again. I had witnessed it in as many iterations as possible. Each race which came after man dropped into the cycle, embroidering the universe in the same mantle which would bring it back. Tracing back the body thinned. A much deeper recess came, from the times which had been set in stone. Past the droning of the last ships, which I had taken to myself to expropriate to my play, there lay the scene. A body from the chest had been completely filled with most of the internal guts, made to enact what I would tell them to. On their strange field of sparkling stones, which were the panels that had been destroyed, lay Agapae. 'Agapae I am named, do not waste my time in vein. I had come from the top of the Mounts; I have brought some news of the lost herd. 'The sheep were there as well,

reanimated by my ever-expanding mandibles which went ahead. To create as many actors as my will could commence itself to the matter, my son would be admired. 'Bhee it that you may precede, tell us what you think of feed. "Hay, you shall get hay. 'Answered Agapae, who had seemed to be caught. By the surroundings which he looked at, there were none. 'Dear sheep, what is your name? "Dolores, master, a flock, in need of a Sheppard. 'To Dolores came another. 'Dorothea, close of kin, she's in search with me as well the flock; we're looking to the Sheppard, caught. 'By fleeing words as one could never let them go. It was friable, to see it from as many angles as a prism, from which he looked. That strange eye which jolted me back into shape, before I could look at it again and observe all of the actors in my play. 'But the stage is empty, where are the troubadours? 'They came started kicked and playing, their strings conveying the ancient art of painting stills. From a time where life was flourishing, pushing ahead. One could not push the supper yet. 'Oh, I see the chef's in too quick, why can't you proceed to be, lost in a denatured tree. It's not supposed to be there, after the watch. Do not dare me to snatch it from where you stand. My fingers reacted as if they were theirs. No incommensurable approach would demonize their pick. Strict as it was. Injured by a standing guard, who fired by chance. 'Crewmen are only supposed to shoot in the later scenes, let's start again. 'Down from another side, the mirrors were poised just so they could curb some pieces of a greater, much milder pair of creatures which grew. Bent in the white, barely growing now, as they appeared to force the radiant theater he made alive, it seemed like it would be a success as long as the master chimed in. Beliee was there, stranded by a loose finger, which peevied in far too quick. 'And direct. 'Scenes would glance as the smoke-machine, which in turn was just broken-burning piece which grinned. In the place, where'd be face the actors he would give the others which were thinned. Each for a line, it paid to be alive. Unworried, lastingly set. 'The sheep need to come in, they will flock the scene for as long as the audience is entertained. 'Suddenly I got in the play. Truly, this time, the emotions I could not convey as they were given act, free will at last. Each of the abandoned ship had suddenly been drawn to it, until they completely joined into a piece, giving the entire place which was needed for the scene to carry on. 'May I chime in and say a word in the matter? 'Agapae stood still, as the music was sang, the troubadours pushing through, with the hints of some replica of a piano, stranded from the distance, unable to stop. Barely obscured, forced within a tune for the flock, had they rested no longer at the call? 'Will you please give you what we need? 'Voices paned, a bitter lane that gave them away took them from the making. I was about to place the last ones. Great fire-light of the red-dwarf, how would you increase in your span? A swarm of sun-panels got contested. By their ranks, there was an unnecessary amount of modified nano-tubes that were slowly draining the power away. For as much as it was decided, the entirety of the planet would keenly serve as drainage for the great processing unit. From the wide spans where the planet ended or where it had begun, more than eighteen pieces of it started extending and becoming part of space. Without a proper way of knowing, it could only have been decided that a part of it had given form to the giant crystal created upon the destruction of the nearest space-bodies that were given shape once the galaxy imploded. It was been a long journey to get there, and the decided race which had given their souls away had taken wider, longer, stranger bodies. Which had given them a plethora of lumbering slow-clutches which reflected in their bodies. Red people emerged as the dominant race. Their bodies lay contorted so thoroughly that their limbs and head resembled twisted cones, which kept spreading and creating more of them, until their entities were made out of them, resembling mad red wheel which twisted into space. Breathing organs had been developed

which replaced their lungs. Instead, they appeared to bear a couple of adjacent ones which attached themselves to every other organ, including their mildly-deformed brains. In the apparatus of consciousness, there it was. A piece of the mind which helped them properly understand the leashes of destruction which were brought down on the planet. It was just one part of their fragrance which turned the panels in. As for the panels themselves, they were nothing akin to their ancient counterparts. Rimed around the edges with the shells of the past species, they would constantly inflict upon themselves strange burns which only seemed to spread when it was necessary for them to continue through it. One great factor in it was the fact that many of them were alive, rooting themselves as they gave in their moving slumpor of skin. Battery would be a kind of interpolated kindness which disturbed one of the grand colonels. 'Look at thee; I want to see what kind of bacterium propagator will join our ranks now. 'In the distance, I can see it; they've stolen our appearance and converted a planet into billions of our ranks. 'Despite the giant growth which was the deciding factor to be taken into account, this was a matter of drawing onward and replacing their missing kin with pre-existing atoms they had saved in their wombs. Perfect replicas could be easily attained as soon as one could draw the inference between the dead and a whole new-born which meant. That the deranged activity was supervised. A great eye-squidropolum appeared in the distance. Its formation made a giant citadel of red-crystals, taken directly from Mars as they would act in total defiance with the spine-chilling touches of their demigods. It was he, who had stolen members of their kin, dead as they were, forced to breed back into the living. Without a way of checking or of knowing, they had to accept the fact that there wasn't any way out of this trap he had instilled onto them. 'Slaves, that's what you are, to me, a proper deity who had finally returned to rule over you. 'Who are you? 'The Red race asked, caught on the soles of the ground malignity's which spread, giving forth their dead as a tribute. 'Do you see now how your land betrays you? Can't you come in terms with the fact that there's no other way out from my dominion? 'It appeared to enjoy looking at their strange reactions and not only that. But their strange and peculiar panels gave up a reflection of him which couldn't even draw away until he'd launch himself into the orbit of their rims. 'If you don't believe my claims then look how easily I shall convert the space matter into a complete arc of power. 'With a flick and a fling, he destroyed the planetary corpse of the moon. From his inside came a pair of harpoons which threw forward, high-invisible spears which gave away the despair of Mars he felt. But what would they do? What was the cause of the strangeness he displayed? One Kthinh came near and asked. 'Where have you gotten those invisible weapons and why are you bringing war into our land? 'These things? Why, they're mind, I am their creator. I have come to ask you a favor. 'The demigod grinned, even if it came from an eye or from within, he looked curiously caught into his own antics, unable to draw farther any longer. He spoke. 'I am in need of as many troops as possible, for what I have to face, there, in the distance, is the final destination of space. Unless the thorn is defeated, the ever expanding universe, the cosmos in its glory will be completely flattened and destroyed. For that can't be dealt with, it cannot be forgiven. For that I have come forth, to take you by the bidden. 'Words couldn't even explain the disdain they had all felt for the thorn. Even the crystals which were near him appeared to share a glory of thought of their own. IT would be inconclusive and unforgiving, to even consider going ahead. A head would be bowed; they wouldn't piece together what his plan was. Since then they asked, ready to mask themselves if needed. 'What do you desire of us, then? 'All the power in the galaxy you can produce. The red dwarf has been afflicted by a state of complete laceration and it may never go away. Knowing this, you have discovered a

way to harvest entropy itself as you'd fashion yourself a world. I need you to slow down and exchange as much power as you can spare, for the sake of the universe, you shall be enslaved and fall beneath me. 'Caught by this suddenness they were presented with, a set of collars appeared out of the distant space. They started pushing in through the veil, materializing them where it was needed. 'Perfection had been achieved. Do not dare take them off unless you want to be heaved in the distance and broken apart. 'In their squirrels, the collars had given them something more. A gift, he'd think, which bore them a few amitotic fluid-filled limbs which popped off their backs.

They were a liquorish-yellow, and bore the strange appearance of some creations of dirt-scum oil. A headless hierophant came into being. He was there, in one of the panels, stuck. His body seemed to resemble the entire trunk and mass of eight elephants struck together, with a pair of trunks by not the head or the limbs, or the tail, only what came in-between the blob-like appendages. The hierophant came back to his previously unsung names. By his sudden appearance there, the closest panels near him started breaking into small shards and cranks that drew away

beyond any kind of touch. It invited others like him to join. And sudden cradle gave in to the strength they displayed, as they moved deeper into the areas, beginning their strange counting of the systems, reflected in the nearest shards. 'Past the system aal-dreta there's a fugitive, Is ee. 'Need reconnaissance there, as soon as there's a way to pick in one of the lost shuttles, we'll find a way to track him down. 'The inter-galactic relationships were ill.

A cord of metal revealed a bulk between eight quarters of one of the continents and the rims of space. It was been thoroughly prepared, just in case the planet would completely shatter, the solar energy would still be harvested by whatever means feasible. 'Don't strike it yet. There are a few homing lights which should reveal just what percent of this in his veins. 'A deep obsession had been revealed. Just the entire sum of chemicals they were trying to pour in couldn't be properly measured. Deep storms appeared in the quadrant Eight. It was for the first time in a long while that the galaxy had been separated by planar tools, which rested in each other's mild coups. Each segment which resulted in the appropriation of nitrate deposits dug from the spears. The grand eye spoke of it, looking for a way he could expand his dominion even further. It was an understatement. Cold deposits, iron deposits, everything mixed into unsanitary places. A world flashed. The plains were dark, and in the midst of it, there was one another fortress which came into existence there. Its vast walls had been encumbered, struck by the hierophants, which gathered.

Highly praised and lost, no disciple would be left to gaze upon the dreadful songs which were left. By the fish heads, by the heaping bones, and by the meta-encased sets of systematically ended races that did serve. As trophies for the defeat, unnerved by the spikes and the likes which had left their bodies rummaging against the fortress. They would yell. 'Are we not to be allowed inside? Must be waiting in the pile? 'Mildly aroused by the champions of Mars, they were looked down and caught by surprised. 'Why have they come here? 'They appeared because of the red dwarf.

'Coolness came out of it; they were neatly caught by the sudden spread of energy which had been directed to it. Obtrusive horns and other caught spiked pins that held it through together. From the top of the bowels, the many towers which held the chains in place revealed the knights which came again. 'Sire, there are vile creatures here. 'Hold your ground, knight, I see. There's a pleasure in my eyes, it needs to be. 'Extinguished from the mire. A dire conundrum came from the attire it bore. Only one conical red came, who spread his many limbs against the plains, blocking the path. It was only one of them who came and only one who'd be enough again. From his various methods of drawing in, he had been taken over from within. More of the large, splintered yellow branches came

from its behind. Many of which only played with the tiny beasts, unkindly trying to strike. 'Run, I say, squire, don't look into my way. 'He spoke the words which were not heard, by the name of the witch who sent them forth, Nhiialaag the blasted thing. They were grimed by their choice, through the nasty looks. Wrought by broken hips, lips were uncanny, straggled by the last durhenms of the hills. Brave knight, he grinned as he charged through the uncanny. It would be missed from the insanely way. But he would not retreat nor would he convey any kind of sign of fear which might give him away. 'Let me through, I said, I want to stop him. "Wait, lad, let your father do what he must. 'Clothnham, stopped by the nun, he looked for a way out of this nightmare which unfolded in front of him. He wouldn't see his father's defeat. Nor would he fall down to his feet. Caught by lost words, I saw him leave. It was decided then. Caught by the rims of the wooden wheels, he had fought himself through the verge, to give in and lose himself again. But he was crushed, and smashed, the horse dead. Falling off his high-dread, and recklessly he'd go at it again. Prince but not knighted and forced to the reins, as the cavalry caught on, to the rims of the led, in the catch of the mass. Brought to a trance, they stopped as the king yelled. 'Fall back, it's not worth it that we may fall, we cannot hear the call. 'In the midst of the winds, there was one piece of stranded isles which fell from the bowls of space, in their most acidic manner. Formed out of atoms, disemboweled from another dimension, it had only come to pass. That it would fall on the shoulders of the red mass belonging to the red creature of the wild space. Madly forced, caught by the worst of stone disintegrations. Damnation and creation spirited most of them away. Knights would run in circles, the red race member would laugh. Khjyunki would strap himself past the crow on earth, blocking with his cones the pieces of dirt which threatened to fall. While in his cackle he decided that it wasn't worthy to fall back, tracking whatever openings from space came. From some of them there came the fiends, caught within their giant straggling stings, bodies tilted, pushed at all, through some deciding tube which formed them all. Connected and conjoined, the creature struggled to set form, with as quickly as a jolt of light, they delighted with a snap of one of the necks they had stolen in an instant. The in the distance, they returned. Devouring a squire's worth'. Steely lances lost it fog. A bitter set of sails came forth as for the knights; they plunged on and threw the spears. A well of tears sprouted from the moon stand, without a proper look around. 'Ad Horal, ad Horal!' They shouted as another blow pierced through the last piece they could land forth. It hadn't even begun to moan, before they set forth again, another blow. 'Ad Horal, ad Horal. 'Lasted for a few hours, the breaking of the cowards came, and those who weren't left behind, they charged again, shouting the same words, about. A few more minutes, then the retreat, back into their fort, looking at their feet. 'Not a sole has been touched, I see. We'll find a way to live through it. "But sire, look at the size of the fiend, we cannot spare, the bottom ware, since our provisions are to be stilled on the tables and in the barracks, I'm afraid we won't have another chance to survive another pair of months. "Traitorous blasphemy, why must you even think of it that way? Can you not see that we're on our way to a draw? "What draw where there are many just as big, as he is in mere countenance? Worse, we stand trial against a beast which will bring the worst in us as he us killed. 'Danger drew much closer than they allowed anyone to see. Without a clear defining thing, they would see themselves thinned by numbers. Walls would run down. A way had been paved beneath the last levels of the fort, but they lead into the crown. Of nothingness, space was simple. 'Then if there's nothing to fall into, other than the abyss, we shall all plunge at once there. But only if there's no means for peace. 'Lower the gates, sire, there's more of them on the way. 'A few, too many had been caught, on the other

side where they've been brought to the verge of suffering, losing themselves would be kind. If only there was one with half a mind to guide them, none would be lost, or blind. To follow, without a way to turn, tomorrow would come the fall. Streams started pouring from outside, and by the time the gate started opening again, it was clear. Even near the last of the string approaches, there he stood. Misunderstood at last, he seemed to play. 'He doesn't even see us a threat, we're mere toys for him to play with. "As I have told you before, it's not worth it anymore. We ought to lose what's that we feel and see to the last standards if we must. "Burn everything to the ground in that case. 'The king ordered them to start. As soon as the flames spread, they'd plunge at the same time, rather than serve those perfidious ill contenders. Deranged pretenders as they were, it wouldn't even be considerable for them to keep living. 'Stop the flames; give me a chance, my lord. I shall go without an escort, as an ambassador and communicate with them in your name. If I must, I'll even sacrifice myself if there's even a chance for you to escape. What fate awaits us in the abyss? What if we live in a false home, in some dark spot? 'But dear man, you needn't worry. I don't think life can exist down there uninterrupted. But if you decide that it's worth it for you to die in an agonizing manner, have at it. 'Kluriet bore the sings of the king on one side and the grand emperor's behind. Many other runes didn't matter, as they symbolized the death of the grand father of the ill intents. 'Lower the gates!' As they spoke, another pair of soldiers crossed. He accompanied them, who would do his foremost well to speak in their name. 'Words are missing, listen to my proposal, red creature of worth. 'As he approached, with fear embraced and almost completely lost from his face, he gave in to a feeling of wrong-doing. The waste was progressing down the South. It would take a while for it to completely encompass everything and spread. Beauty lay in watching all of the gallons run down the isle. Where children stood and drank, growing past recognition as they would join the flight. It was unnecessary seeing them appear or disappear in the lot. To them there would be no one close to the perfection they searched for. Purity was simple. It was the mad, the mad who made me do it. A compulsive curse prevented me from drawing on, curving the spades which formed the outer carcasses of the brain. One ought not to concern himself with what the others thought of his mad behavior. The frontiers had been opened as the mad-demigod was allowed entry again. Enough of the alacrity, no one has to suffer the fall of multiple realities in your wake. It was time for Agamemnon to arrive in the bunker. Yet again, caught by the least expanding the river of the space, brought back by some vessel in which he stood and waited, caught by the antics of the laws where the God of Red stood there during his fall. For one of the faces, that decrepit tainted pus-filled voracious elated dreamed. That one day they'd follow the one person they possessed on a whim. But on the count of four, by the madness which was brought forth, one could not relent for the passing. Mid-way through the perilous stray. It was then that they came. From the depths of the intrusion, from the flood which destroyed the arena, within the clasping holds of the vile aggressors which counted upon them to rise. Upon their backs, they carried the single most extravagant vessel from the past. Lost between realities, broken like wreckage from the stars, a pair of faces tied themselves to it and rose from the depths. They carried it on until they point it could not be forlorn. Shouting in the name. 'Agamemnon is here again. 'A voice crackled the spheres in the distance who had peered into the other worlds stopped. In this confusion, with the hysterics and the ungracious babble, nothing could even come as close to the destruction of their whole system as they had. From an opening on his face-contorted belly which spread across the vessel, he produced a few more anchors which would be needed to throw everyone off the balance. His presence there broke the access

of many. Plenty of vile things emerged them, inflicting themselves upon the nearest sides universes told off. Farther into a mind, a man who was partially blind. I could remember a time when the birds flew if fewer lanes, when there were plenty of lesser cranes broken by the grand shores. Pipes were lit, amidst the incontestable truth, which had been either swollen by the flames or by the gutty the world succumbed to since they wouldn't dare move on. From an ancient time, it had been decided that the world would reach the high peak of its power. Where shining fragments of dishonor would take over, when guns were dropped, swords and hands no longer fell in the arms of the ones leading ahead. To plummet in the last vehement of the obscure, one would have to endure the harsh weather which forced them to hide. It was a sad image of a world which didn't last. On the ruins: 'Large remnants of the villages still stood around the fallen cities, the plains and the stricken down mountains which had remained. A line had drawn which separated just about everything in sight, in little fractions which had been used for as much as they would be needed. 'A hundred years ago, a premonition came from a vile old man. Where he stood there, during light, a blanket of sogginess stretched and pushed until everything had been completely forced into dark. The sky and the moon, the very sun and everything around the swoon, up to the form of his eyes where all of the living being had been turned to look at him as he would cry. Red were his eyes, but more like coral rubies which broke through the smoke. Provoked to call the ill, he spoke: 'I shall witness the end of the world and bring you back to time where we were still dwindling in the primordial ozzen just so we could mourn my death. My death, my death, my death shall be the last thing you shall see and feel. I, who had been broken by the transgression of your kind. When you were so pure as to know your place and not play with what you couldn't understand, I lay witness to your atrocities. And only now I have been made aware of everything which they shall tell. Of my darkly prized appearance, now look and what you brought them. 'He pointed at the leaping statues which were broken by the mere shade which had fallen over them. It couldn't be forgiven as the first pieces of his body fell. 'You've stolen me and hid me in your places of faith. Why have you prayed for me when I had been forced to suffer in the body of a single man? For my entire life, I had hid my pain, thinking I could possibly endure your madness. 'The malignity and reality faded. It was a fluke which never bothered anyone who watched. I was stricken again as I would spared the rubies all across the watch of the great observatories which looked at me. In the density of the pain, the terror I ought to instill again could never be brought down or forced into hiding. My future was theirs. 'And I had judged that you shall all be buried inside the wreckage of the towns. Only when the ruins shall be stricken down, then you shall be allowed piece and after. Death would follow but not soon, as I will falter from my quest to hurry. 'To the point in the sky, where he had pointed at one of the last standing towering structures, turned and pilled in with the floating stairs within drawing the air they needed for the growth. As more than a few, lesser than you could chew, from what they could say. Life wasn't to be born again. Nothing was to grow, not a single sight would be spared. OF the premonition he said. 'I have witnessed a great space rock, embed in red, just like the rubies of the sea, thicker than our moon, it shall bring victory for those who hate the living with all of their kind and their minds. For that kind vision, I will be humble and lay down, as I wait for it to claim us all. 'Even as he placed himself where he needed to be, he looked above, unable to think of anything which may do him well. Only that would matter, no moment after, nothing could bring back hope. They saw the point above burning and smoldering as it prepared itself to break through the atmosphere. A rain, the clouds would turn red, a rain of painful touches, the torched and the watchful

glances now stopped. All of them had been blinded by the lack of hope. Not a single man would wear a coat around his neck as they were brought into stone. Pieces were thrown into bricks, sticks and even some of the strange pets which were around. Willingly catching and watching as their destruction was brought. But even farther in the future, one hundred thousand years more. As if from a reconstruction, where they lay like spirits watching, from the forlorn ages they had waited to look upon the dominant species, they had been greeted by a planet which had been completely scorched. In an age where fire completely died, and there was nothing to be brought forth. Luckless in touch, they had brought in the lesser primeval being from the cracks, their bodies properly merged, converging with the thickness of their bodies forth. Air had entered their rumbling messes, wearing nothing but tribalistic dressed, they came to reveal the hollow spots in their necks, their arms and the disappearing holes which reappeared in distance placed on the nearest celestial moons. 'How shall we judge them after to many passing days of nothing but the disaster they had brought on themselves?' 'I cannot even contend what they had brought on. But I can only see it as a method of coping with the manifesting memories, you see?' 'The ghostly had disappeared, as it had been drawn into the living. 'One day we shall inherit a portion of their bodies and mind. That's what I had told you countless years ago, but you looked at me with the eyes of a grind. 'An inflated piece of the man busted out of his kidney. It looked like a small growth, homunculi, and a little creature that resembled him, who grayed out as he began to grow. From him there, a few arteries propelled and formed an entire blue garden, over-spread and wrought in the anger he produced. It held the bigger man as if a child. Unable to dwell with the heat of hope, it wrought.

The flames of anger turned the world into a great furnace. From above there dripped the metal in its state of undoing, harrowing on top of the veins, coating them in order to be preserved. In the last moments he would be alive, the man would fight against the child with all the power he could muster. It was something which ought to be done. Anger would be swollen. Pushed inwardly inside the rims of the earth, never allowed to leave again from the false agony they had displayed in the past. Memories might fade but from a lesser plainness there came the admirers who behaved. As if they saw what had unnerved their gaze. 'Grand artist, he must be. But where had he found the time, ready for the dime, to hold the entire river Syne?' 'In the river, there lay, the piece of smoldering pain which had faced itself in a battle of reflection. A war of melting, from the desecration of mixing metals, from which survived, only the pain, which the law would not abide for. Was it all in vein? The pain couldn't even match the disdain, being pronounced, in its large metallic horns. Bore forth as they began, pouring out of themselves, in the last moments when it could matter. After the admirers left, from the plains there swept the river, encasing them as well, for the growth of the flame inside the furnace would carry on no more than it was needed for them to contemplate on the moments when life used to be. There. In the armors which had been wrought, out of the bodies and the river's blood. A generation would come to feed. With their openings amid the tatters of the lost world they were in. Thought there wasn't any competition to be had, instead they fought themselves. Sword fell upon sword and no longer would they fling themselves forth against any kind of being to admire. A quagmire erupted of the cinder and the metallic forests which emerged. From the depth of the furnace, a myriad of armies would carry forth the ice. For the ice would not burn, and the ice would turn them back to life. Metal became thick, fat and bulbous as they chipped in the various strange artifacts they produced for themselves. In these they'd find. Skeletons and minds, the brains which were left behind as emotions couldn't be conveyed any longer from the amount of suffering

and the pain which had been instilled in them. A whip of terror would sharpen the ice. Every time a piece of it fell, more grew on the furnace for as long as there was a flame for it to grow on, it would be kept alive. No more would be spent; to pull away from those who were dead would mean treason. 'Treason will not be permitted at all. Listen to me servants and hear my call. Allow yourselves to be completely submerged into the ice, only that way you shall find yourselves caught again. 'Another fire got back, destroying a voice which had been lost. But the many cages were still there, despite being pierced into dirt. To an unforgiving girth, one had to find himself digging through his relatives to find, a mountain of heaping plain coffins of metal at that. Put to work, found of no worth, they carried only the last entry the ice would need in order to dig deeper when it could have only went away. What could not be

conveyed was the agony. Fear and disease, from the hypothermia which was inflicted by the changing of the weather, uncounted for millennia, unless. One could confess the need to betray everything which would bring the praise of this new doomed plane. A dream had come and was lost soon after. So many memories were lost on a whim. It was almost as if a handful of them survived, each of them still burning with the rest of mankind. Yet a darker place appeared, farther than it would be near. The room was dark, somewhat lit by a strange light which came from below. It was interesting seeing just how much of it started raising the hints of salt and sugar in the air.

Through some senses, one could draw just enough of it to realize that it hadn't been worth it yet. A more thorough approach being the fact that there no immediate pointer to the sounds. I had to wait until I could hear something going on. Two voices came first and they were infantile. I couldn't hear what they were saying if they were even considered to be anything even remotely right. More so, I came closer. Now they had been presented as soon as the flash of light came into my eyes. 'There's a hammer in front of you. Pick it up and hold it. 'Instructions were dictated through the top piece. A voice generator, as I saw no wire pushing through it. All six sides of the devices were held in a small cage at the top of the ceiling which prevented it from falling through its grates. I could not, for the likes of me understand how it managed to bring the interaction to such a levee. I waited. 'Pick the hammer. '

Bolted and trimmed, this wasn't the average hammer, but a block of metal which must've been a relic for a blacksmith or something similar to it. Heavy blows would be maintained. Red light, reddish, orange, or deeper into a blue came closer to me. My senses had been awakened as soon as I could fathom staring around. Just what had been going on here? In each corner and between them were sitting chained men. Their upper bodies looked, as I had sensed, infantile. Children had been sawed on top of the fully grown torsos, or at least that's what it actually looked like. Without a confirmation I could only think this as a birth defect. Or it had something to do with the various wires which were attached to their backs. Pulsating recklessly into them, there was that sick demeanors which they produced from time to time. Coming out of the bald spots, which seemed to grow and pull up their wrangle slacking masses. I knew instantly what I'd be asked. 'Put them out of their misery. 'Of course I would. Without a doubt, to my intention, I had no difficulty into picking up the hammer and doing what I ought to. Misery in this state would be something I could not forgive myself to leave them it. But my decision was affected by a detail I had failed to see before. A turn allowed me to look back. Against the wall I had seen a few resting men which had to deal with this previous task in my turn. They were well dressed but their heads had been completely bashed in, undoubtedly the way these children ought to be done. I didn't show any sign of reluctance as I carried on and crushed every single one in this room. Satisfaction was secondary but I felt it. Less so when they felt like they were less human. Which I

had actually found out by accident over the fact that I had felt neither cranium nor any kind of bone structure in their heads. What they wore inside was a mass of jerkiness which made it slightly hard for me to completely break through their spines and their bodies. Despite how much I had actually desire to completely put them down, I would settle down with this. Without any other confirmation, I had to deal with their screams which followed. Headless chicken sometimes live for short periods of time. But this was it for them. No hand jerks, not single body reactions, just the puff of sound which came out of their necks as if a vale had been released, unable to contain itself any longer. I was forced to cover a year. I was partially deaf, which at least excused me of it. 'Shut them down. 'I yelled but the only thing there which gave me any kind of compromise was the box. 'Don't worry now, in case you have noticed, they will release a sound which may be a bit inconvenient for a while. I need you to carry on doing what you're doing. 'But with each strike, something changed in me. I could feel their pheromones spreading across my body. Not that I cared since I was already on track for being a murderer. It's why I was chosen in the first place, as I've come to assume of them. But each time, they started pushing their mass not outwardly, but inwardly, leaving no splash on the floor, the walls or my hammer. Soon, the mass in the other limbs directed inside until they resembled tiny pumping tubes which the wires had still feed in them. A yellow seal of some organic material presented their open throats from spilling out. I kept doing that, crushing their heads, until I could not fathom hearing the sound again. What I would be focused on now would be them. Just their general appearance. Though it crossed my mind that I could possibly just go ahead and bash them into a room of splashes, they had been drawn back. Through the floor, through the walls, into select, squared mechanisms which drew them back. I've done what I've been asked to do. And because of it, I now looked this way. Much less than I had cared to look into it, the door opened and I had been ordered out. 'Leave the room, or you will take their place. ' 'What If I want to do it? 'A voice recording or a signal? I couldn't actually make the difference, but if it were. Well, I hadn't been given the chance to observe my own transformation, so I went ahead. Through the first open, wide room of the complex it would be. Many other rooms were there but I couldn't explore them. 'I wish I could be freed from this. 'The answer came truthfully not with words but with the popping of a light which revealed to me a single adjacent chair which hardened as I approached. For a few moments when the light was shut, I saw the outline and just how flaccid it had actually been. Not only had it been depressed down, but the man who had been tied to it and been broken apart as well. Some unnatural bends and forms would've made him look like a broken doll used for the nurses or the medical students. But I didn't see a man in the light. No feet and hands, but the strange and long brown pointers which would belong to any kind of unnatural creature who looks in fear of the insecticide. For what I could draw from it, I had been somewhat thrown off my track by that. The hairs were not only long but pseudo-organic, so much so that they had a hint of wriggling like worms. They were pushing through and trying to pick up some crumbs of blood from the floor. Parasites? No, they didn't look like them. They were parts of the legs and the others. But what I saw was the fact that it had lost blood, under the bandages. He hid something, a cut, a deep one which may have been the result of having his entire body broken in half. To the victor go the spoils, my thought came. Yet I was to be won, not the other way around. 'Pay him blood, a gallon should be enough. 'Again, another pair of lights seemed to treat me like a mentally ill buffoon, somehow closing the way back as well, to prevent me from trying to kill myself. It would progress. My affliction spread across my face and appeared to have extended my jaw downwardly. It had this effect

on it that I could feel every time I tried to swallow. It felt like the jaw turned itself around and pointed its teeth towards the tendons and the inner verge of my throat. But I couldn't eat through it. Pain wasn't what stopped me from doing it, but the pouches I had felt inside of them. I was prevented from even considering this as an option. 'Give it blood, I had, a gallon, and then take care of the rest, caretaker. 'So that's what I was after all. A caretaker and nothing more than that. I was somewhat surprised myself that I hadn't recognized it the first time. But I concur to the fact that I obeyed without consideration. Approaching it was difficult, much more so once I had realized that I hadn't had the hammer on me any longer. Looking back on it, I almost slammed my feet off the ground. 'Damn it, that's still in the room. 'But I haven't even begun to question it before looking at my arms. Of course there were no fingers any longer. All of them had joined together and molded themselves into an extension of my palm. Upright and held to my feet, I had been set there. On path to give him my blood. Two or three feet in its vicinity and I found myself being poked by it. Thoroughly through the chest. Without a scream of pain, I bottled everything in me, waiting for the nearest cuff and cold. I felt like I was being drained. More so, caressed by the other pair of hairs coming from the three limbs which surrounded me. Cuddled like a child, I felt the weirdest phenomenon felt by a living creature, a deep desire to satiate it. By whatever means I could do, returning to a brooding mother who wanted me to give everything I've taken from her back. But I knew that was no woman there. If I were to reach and grab for it, I could know. 'What's underneath the bandages? 'I haven't asked a second time. Instead of doing it, I pushed two fingers towards the place where the sockets would have to be and saw them dissipate underneath the warmth I provided. It was all I needed. A view through the head, which gave me just enough information to understand that this wasn't even a human, not that I didn't need any confirmation any longer. Had it been the first time I had doubted it to be so, I would've been surprised. Nothing in this place was human, not even I. My mind was furlong. I was released but they battered me so. Previously killed, the creatures which had taken my side in that first room seemed to bother me the most. With their heads bashed in, I could have no confirmation whether or not they had been human. I didn't know if I was a human before I had been affected. Afflicted by this, I pulled back and saw it recede under the dark. 'You shall now go in each of the other rooms and feed the creatures in order. Just as you enter them, a set of further instructions would be told again. ' 'If I refuse? 'Without a warning, his head simply imploded it, like a patch of crumpled skin which drew in a flaccid toe, only to pop into a puddle filled with the most repulsive liquids one could draw himself to. A second one appeared shortly after, from another room. Another "caretaker". This one could only be hoped for to have some better sense in his head. Otherwise, it would be too much of waste to include them on. He writhed with a peculiar approach. Moving through his feet and in-between them, there was a concoction of peculiar legs which were horizontally placed and stacked like a ladder on his great appendage. The entirety of his body was attached to it, coiling every time it felt a vibration. No arms were laid but a descending head appeared to be pushed on by a long neck which retracted in the chest-shell. From it, there were two punctured hole which spread a layer of some solid poll. It spread and dripped but could always be dragged back. This layer coated him momentarily and served as some kind of blanket for the soil. From the room it had come out of, it seemed like it had tended a garden where no plants emerged. Instead, from it, to his proper feet, remnants of the ones destroyed, those who could be harvested were planted in. 'Another one is ready to be taken. He is in the proper condition to be used. 'From the looks of it, the self-cauterizing bacteria which had haunted its body still dwelled into the recesses of

his body. Body functions would be preserved. 'What must I do with him?' 'Make sure he's properly harvested and planted. We are in need of more of his kind. 'Drawing forward to a point made him push the body on the side, in order for a proper examination to take place. The floor had been quickly cleaned, which in turn left nothing petty around but the strange nature of the place. Eeriness disappeared as soon as the voice had left the complex. Instead of it, another lot would come out. Deaf as they were, it seemed likely that they would be guided by nothing but their sight. Words could not do, as they were illiterate as well, caught inside the frolicking for the arrival of the first written notes. White and flat, behind a wall of glass, they dictated at least, the taste of mercury was still sweet, as they expect. Every drew in closer as they began licking the panel which held the case from breaking. No satisfaction could be drawn any longer from this. It would be hard to govern over the nine of them, especially since they were in this vile condition which jolted them to start over again. As feet joined and clacked their joints, one could not even try to seethe any longer. It was contested, just who would die. Out of them, a selection of four was just enough in the eyes below the ceiling. For them, as they would be shown above the next floor, being kept by long spikes into the air, that food was on its way. Tender meat, well than never to have seen it in the form it had been displayed, for at least a few other unnecessary hinges were worn from the broken locks. An important detail could be drawn from the self-inflicted wounds they had all caused upon one another. Mercury had an ill effect on them. And it couldn't be quantified the least. For the feast of their bodies could only start now. It was unnecessary for them to survive past the initial incision which turned their pathetic looking bodies into the walking legless machines that were connected to the whims of the prodigy of the depths. He who governed in the complex gave them something instead. Walking burrowing wheel cutters replaced them. It was a surgery that took eighteen hours. During the procedure, four of them mysteriously disappeared, no question had been asked about it. Looming forward, I could remember one of them. Belonging to the ones who went away, there was this strange satisfaction I could see while he opened the pieces of him which weren't missing. He was like some key-bearded who had his body riddles with locks. And each open door reveled a dark spot. Tinier than a chamber or than some hole, they kept something moving. Obscured even than the dark, until the shadow exposed those things, as his side extended, below and to the nearest wall, I could see the pointers which made their way towards me. To that, I didn't look. He was trying to push his way forward until he could reach and take my eye. He needed it for the same reason they were looking to eat us, his eyes were missing as well. Sensing them, for I could not fathom thinking of any other way, he expressed only the strangest to it. Licking his closest lips, which were stored as well, in the lower bottoms, had only managed to draw my eyes downward. I couldn't look directly at him, but the best I could possibly do was trying to get a hold of what lay around him. Surrounded by a pair of almost sunken pieces of metallic choral, my eyes were grandiosely packed. Inside their spots, a few of them pushed aside, until I felt them all pushing away. But this fellow was already giving in too much. He had ignored the other four of us. Somehow it was understandable, as I was shocked by the amount of eyes which kept pouring out of him. Not only had he desired to keep feeding him with everything he wanted, as it passed, he also wanted to give us the frame, the entry to join him. Others started drawing out, pouring their eyes as much as they could until their combined efforts gave their way to the broken circle from which the lost member could draw from. Mercury was at fault again, for everything that happened, time after time again. Lurking from the shadows I could even see that gardener who couldn't approach. We were hole, therefore nigh-untouchable. It was

something close to some kind of mill-formed miracle that made approach him from the least, the least safe spot. I got closer and allowed him to take a few of the eye-substance coming from my sockets. Shocked by it, he simply threw a giant arm, throwing me against the nearest surface I could land. My skull had been fractured and they didn't care. Everyone was too absorbed in what they were trying to produce to even pay attention to me bleeding. Secure on my abilities to pull away, I grabbed myself and pushed. From the lower trunk, I saw myself being pulled out. Surreal, yet just as I expected, I saw pieces of me pulling away on their own until the very point where I could smell and touch something I ought to think about. They wanted me to see and be disgusted by what I felt going in there. For, if I hadn't, then, fear would be shown. And I could be the next one take alive, broken to pieces and fried. Meat was anything than tender in those parts and I couldn't even focus myself on trying to look away. So much time, so much time spend, wondering what was the purpose of my breaking.

Self-inflicted, though it may be, I say what was dragging me, a part of nails that were thick enough to be poles started dragging me above. I knew what I was to be done with. He had shown himself just when I needed an example for disobedience. I knew then. As I said: 'Ing jgy uhun. 'The rest of them started becoming the skin-shades they were all meant to be once the resources of their bodies had been fully use to nothing. Everyone got eaten there, as a result of the traces of mercury which had been swollen from the floors and the panels and more. 'Bring more of them in. 'A new lot had been brought in, this time healthy, physically at least. Yet they looked vaguely off. Their features were elongated, pushed, withdrawn, eyes would sometimes occupied up to half of the face and they would curve and bend to look as if they had been elated by a flame. Indeed, despite their long fingers, there was this expectation that one couldn't even think of what was missing. It was something they always tried looking for. But this lot showed progress. Intelligence even, as they followed through the instructions and never meant to go away from the stop-signs. Thinking of them as anything but a destructing bunch would be a mistake. Bent on it, they began eating and attacking one another, until they had made pools of blood in which they rolled around, like couples in hay, deflecting to run afterwards. None of these creatures would be contained any longer, for their speed and slippery oils would allow them to move away from the fastest detractors or wild predators which required their deaths. It was now that Jonathan was freed. Prescott Jonathan could not even feel his feet any longer. Missing from him were some pain nerves which had been manually extracted. Looking at this destructive hell-hole he found himself in was dangerous enough. No one painted a better image than the man with a missing half. 'Where is my brother? 'He yelled, alarming just about everything in the distance for as much as a whole mile. It wasn't something he would be willing to discuss, nor would he trust anyone but himself with the need to seek a rust chain. For him, they wouldn't be able to tell of the pain he'd have to endure. Poor Jonathan was too pure for this world, and that wouldn't be forgiven at all. Nothing made sense, the deeper he ascended. Walls wouldn't even be pubescent enough to be called olden. In them, sickening pieces of lost bodies kept everything tight and pushed around. In every piece he could see a body which had succumbed, or was it that every body gave in the weight as it started pushing everything down again? Without a way to confirm his wild suspicions about what hid inside this place, he did the only think he could do best. Picking up the nearest board, he hid behind in, worn by the approaching sounds. It wasn't the greatest spots to be or even great at all, but that had been all he knew off. A few strange sounds happened to be here, near him. He wanted to try looking away, from the man-formed corner he was in. But without a way to

push from that spot, there'd be nothing he could do in order to draw away. His mind was somehow met by an indescribably feeling of remorse he felt after hearing the woman cry. 'Help me, help me, help me. 'Her voice then quickly ended. A few shivers as it from a wide strike blew a piece of her he couldn't even properly imagine. He didn't need to, since the closest thing to it had been the realization that they bore firearms on them. A few more shots followed and I could feel just how close this happened to me. It was only a few meters away and a few minutes of standing in the dark until I felt the cold liquid reach my toes. Where my shoes had gone? They had taken them away from me. I used to have a pocket knife on me, but that's been taken as well. No light and my hope were trying to diminish it just so I could make no noise. I wondered what it would feel like, watching through the board. Would I see the gun pointed at me? Would I feel those large and strong, push-on mandibles which threatened to have a bite of me as soon as they'd be done with her? For the next few minutes, I had been forced to listen to her being eaten away. Slowly, slowly, until the very point where I wondered why this made me feel thirsty. Nausea came onto me, but not because what I smelled. Though I couldn't hope to visualize what they were doing to me, a few words crossed my mind. Join them, have a bite of her, you know you want to. It's your chance to fit in and be a part of them, just let them know you are there. I should know better than to even consider. Surprised, more than what crossed my mind; I had lain there without even comprehending how they weren't able to find me. The Board underneath which I stood was certainly shaking the whole time. How come they didn't even sniff me? Sweat ran down from every spot of my body and not even so, I couldn't bother myself to breathe in tones. As soon as I had thought it to be over, I slowly withdrew the board, lowering in slowly over my knees before I pushed it away. I was met by a single face which had been left there for me to see. Unlike what I had seen from the distance, that shimmer of silver, which would've been a bar wasn't what kept her there. Instead, there was the dread I felt. Lost, inside my thoughts was here last vestige of a single tear that crept out. She wasn't human, but a strange, almost horse-shoed face creature which hid inside a piece of metal. From three spots they had gained access to her breathing device inside her eyes and her weird tracts which had been completely pulled out. As of now, something still kept dripping out of her, which I figured to be some frugal blood. A piece of hardened mud lay just a few feet away. Though I couldn't do anything feel it across my fingers, I dragged myself to it with a blind eye. It should at least an impeccable thing. Bloody marks were something of a vice there. There were several chains I could remember, somehow misplaced. You must understand that there were times when I felt cold. In that place, there were some missing memories. I know you prodded where you didn't belong; a finger or two entered my note. Nothing was written on it but you still found yourself digging too deep for comfort. Now you'll feel what I have wrought you then. Closer to him laid the entrance to an enclosed cold-room. It was what they called. Storage would be highly underestimated, to even think about trying to drag each other off that plate. Where they stored the meat and the gate of ice, up and low-going, a bitter snow would draft the first of the sparkling fish. Was it me or him? Whoever tried first couldn't have mattered at all. Both of us desperately attempted to dig through the ice in order to eat. This weather, as it could not be called anything else, I think was just the image of the outside. I was in the middle of nowhere, looking at chains and hooks which never ended. Sent to the depths of the ice-hell. Saying it was merely cold was a hard understatement which couldn't even approach the miserable truth. I looked around only to notice the trails locked in by a machine. A snow plower of some kind, anything would do. If only I could find a way out,

perhaps life would be less miserable than what it had become now. Without a confirmation, I set out, looking at the closed door. The complex was rather enormous, estranged from anything even remotely looking like a shelter. I was caught, rather before I was standing still, by the images in the storm. Boulders of ice, somewhere in the frozen lake where the only clearness which could be drawn from it was that, peculiar glassy ship I saw. They were trying to show us something. Us? Of course, I had been followed. A figure lay in the back, farther away by now. I wouldn't stop nor would I slow down. Not a single thought had crossed my mind until I had thought of indulging the creature to follow. After what they had done to that poor, poor, missing heath. My mind couldn't even work properly in that weather. It wasn't my fault, by I felt likely to be caught. As the ship passed, I saw only the rims against the water.

That had gone too fast for any freight to be seen. Perhaps it paled somewhere there in the midst of the cold mountains and the point where weather started to get warmer. My only thought had been to wait and see. Whether or not I would be allowed in, that would be a conversation for another time. For now, I had been exposed for too long and fell. Without fur and shoes, my blood frozen, my numbness made to lose any kind of consciousness I could heave aside. Walking felt like pushing through a grave and after a series of hard moments, I felt as if I would not rise again. That hadn't been what was necessary for me to live. Or to get any further. My graven vow would wait for another day, it would seem, or for at least another night. When fright had met the freighter, I had been exposed to something which made me grow even number. From where I stood, what I had observed now was the fact that I found myself looking and walking in the wrong direction. No creature ventured out. Instead, I felt as if I were met by the man who put down his sails and brought me in. 'Easy now, take it easy, drink as slowly as you can but don't over do it. There's enough of that for both of us, even for the coming of a closer winter, isn't it?' 'They shook themselves more than it had to be. Somewhat afraid and paranoid, I yipped a tooth out, just from the can. 'What have we here, mate? Is he another one who came out?' 'I could only see the light of the frost, the eternal storm which still caught me off guard as it broke my pacing. To even claim otherwise would be mad. Before my eyes adjusted, I felt like an animal. Well studied by the few doctors who were in the room with me, I felt somewhat ill and irresolute. They were treating me unlike what someone who survived. Or, my feet. 'What happened to my feet?' 'We cut them off, we had to. There was the hypothermia and they blacked. ' 'You chopped off my feet?' 'My senses couldn't have returned quicker than that. I looked everywhere around, trashing as I attempted to grab anything in the disgust I felt. What did they do to me? What? What? ' 'Butchers, murderers, what have, what have?' 'Calm down now mate, look. 'He pulled off a red blanket off my lower side. My breath had almost come to the point where it shook itself past the smoke in the chamber. 'I was just yanking your chain, that's all. Don't worry about it; we're only trying getting your blood pumping again. 'They laughed a bit as they looked and judged my reactions. The doctor of the ship. 'I'm Urid, It's a pleasure to see you now. It's not often that we see someone go out in the cold dressed the way you are and survive it. Not in this condition, somehow I ought to think, that if it weren't for your fall, you would've been well in your natural habitat. 'Another one of them and a few more in the githers. I couldn't even force myself to swell a smile and they were simply cracking them as if I didn't matter at all. Just what went through their heads now? Fathomless or not, this conversation could only bring me back once it fully kicked in. My legs hadn't been cut off. The reassurance had to be there. As long as you say it, this has to be the truth; they didn't cut my legs off at all. Perhaps it was in their power to do so, but they chose not to do it instead. Have I been vindicated somewhat by these

strangers? ‘Am I to be set free then? Will you bring me to safety then?’ ‘Afraid not, lad, not until we’re done our work here and perhaps caught a few more others like you.’ ‘What’s that place then? I woke up out of nowhere and just came there.’ ‘I’m going to administer something which will leave a shock inside your entire body. This may sting a little.’ ‘For the first time in a long, long period, I have felt pain. Not the kind brought by cold, or the other side which had been brought by brute force, but the other. The other, the pain brought him to back there. Not through some memory, but through some deep desire. I felt like staring through the walls, just at the right spot. My neck jolted, almost snapping itself over the turn. I could see it now. Through all the chaos, only one thing stopped, as he would be trapped beneath the ship. One moment at their feet, a storm ensued in another path. Agamemnon stopped just about the bunker only to have wondered, why was he there, a single mind for all of them now. As the vessel was placed there, it was near. They could feel him. ‘Malt is somewhere in this place. ‘Joy could not even be denied. If so it was decided somehow, one was to try. From the depths of a barrier, in a wicker place, time had drawn a piece of someone who hadn’t been touched again. A slit in the bunker came, through which two scoundrels escaped. The Elegant and the Duke had come, in this closed plane, where none might fall. Through the scent of dread, another being fell through the ceiling as if dead. Mighty Di’Dorko, champion with the name of Gordo hadn’t been defeated yet. The world had yelled and shouted as the mighty trees had pushed Aleksey through them as far as they would be tested by the incompetence of the drunk. For now, a vicious cycle would emerge, as they would all be drawn to the bunker past the turns. Fading deathless suppressors would stand still, unable to suppress, yet live their feelings of weakness. They might lose anything but the light of day. Nothing right could be conveyed as a total state of emergency would be instilled. In the depths of the bunker, still, life carried on. They were relics of the past, lost and set in trance, unable to confine what reason might not abide. From a distant manifestation, through one of the constructed cities below, right where the levels had been broken down from above, there stood the appearing hotel, as if lost. Out of place it was not in its entirety, rather, there was a good reason for it. Relevancy didn’t leave much of it to be interpreted at all. Instead, to the one looking ahead, ajar to some standing. Still. Winds still blew from the North. It was something which happened to be just about the same place, as if it could be accounted for. Now its proper terminus, the cold had completely turned the accumulation of Northern Blocs in a proper ice-city. Where storm would rule, experiments would be amongst the cooling fragments of the mountains and the adjacent icebergs in the area which lasted for as long as heat refused to come. Inside the buildings, life had still managed to survive somewhat. By some strange addition, to this contribution of vague experimental covers, humans had placed various tender blankets of steel which sealed the place in its entirety. Not only that, but most had worked on the long distance tunnels which brought the head from the other side. In forms of heathers, pieces of misplaced tinder and other materials which had been properly used they live. ‘Berjd, I need you to tend the fires now, for at least a few more hours, until the next set of provisions arrive.’ ‘I understand. A break will do you fine Swendin, I won’t disappoint you.’ ‘Better not do that now. I would hope so, since there’d be plenty of lives here to look after. Think of the wolves and the potter, we need them working at an hourly rate if we’re to keep this wing going.’ ‘Got it, there’s no need to keep addressing it. I’ll handle everything, you may go now.’ ‘I’m only trying to help you. It’s not that often that I let people take in the lead. Not because of the danger involved into it. If something were to happen.’ ‘Swendin, I know. I’ll deal with whatever problems rears its ugly head in. Don’t worry about it. As I said,

there's a problem, I'll ring or make some noise. Someone's bound to wake you up in that case, or sound the alarm. We'll deal with this as well as we dealt with the swan-song of winter. ' 'Fine, deal with it however you think it's necessary. 'There a slight hint of a breaking tones in his voice. It was the lack of sleep mostly, the excess drowning of the coffee he couldn't let go off for the likes of him or those around him. That would be the death of him, as he was wildly aware. To concur one of the points, he had brushed a piece of his shoulders. 'Only four hours, that's what I'm asking, then you'll be replaced, and then the other man will take his place, then I'll come back. Should we go through the motions again to be sure about it? ' 'No. I think we went through them enough times already. I need to keep my guard up, remember? To make sure not a single hole appear in the hulk of our strata. ' 'We'll deal with it later. 'On his way out, he grabbed a piece of a mug and a warm piece of mead. They were holding barrels around, just to get some heat in the body and the bones. Outside, it had been long-decided that it wasn't habitable at all. Even to claim otherwise would only amount to some mad apparition trying to piece in some wild claim. Weather would not even be tame, for the likes of anyone. And no primate had conquered the North. Where winter was anything but cold, in its supreme living temperature sub-drop, claiming otherwise would be akin to some, some, lost piety. But life flourish underneath the blocs, all the building now entwined, though beneath them, life had been otherwise seen as perilous as the cartels of heat provided. Blood amitosis, fluoric of the bone, packets of heat which wouldn't last long. Junkies of the frost would gather between the cold pillars, in places of dust, where there was nothing but the holding pieces, gray surroundings and nothing which would favor life. Everyone dealt with the problem as they could. Now they had truly turned into a community, a place of mind. Not a single citizen above turned a blind eye to injustice, but here. Word would not be spoken near those who heard and spoke, to carry. 'That man stole my hot-packs. I demand his apprehension. ' 'Piss of now, leave, there's no future for you here if you can get robbed by a single junkie. 'At which the men laughed and pointed at him after the remark. Some wore dark and long bearded of gray or fading red, eye patches of old, to symbolize just what they lost. In days of winter, they hid, alas. Nothing would be safe as long as winter refused to pass. There were plenty of times when everyone stopped in order to reconsider just what the reason for the shaking above was. Seeing constant pieces of snow form or corners of ice freezing inside their holds broke some of the confidence, until they patched it with their picks and small pieces of clay they carried and were missed. Four great corners lay below, where the junkies all stood together; almost fully exposed, giving and receiving each other's heat in order to avoid the fully fledged plea of the disease they carried. A cold would not be suffered, not long after, not for the kind. Turn an evil blind, as some were thought to have crossed the line, thinking of a way of harvesting their organs for meat. Meat was a contender; it was sparse, as the supplies were hard to come by. But it was worthless to complain. Yet, with all the good and the bad down there, a sense of comaradery arose. There were a few things going on there. Whichever was the case, for some reason or another, the whole chamber had been depressed below. It was unexpected. Mightily so, they were actually beginning to make their own lower areas where they rested. Cold didn't travel that far below and this was just another method they could extract some heat from it. Few people cared about what they were seeing around. It was a mess of dirt, which only went as deep as to reveal an entire building and several floors which they could start undoing. It was kept mainly secret since the upper people didn't want to deal with them at all. Life had been settled then, though not in the most docile way. While peace was maintain by the amount of excavation they could get closer to, there wasn't

any incentive to do so. It was a time of rest, at least until one of the many locked sides of the perimeter would be brought in question. For that had been perhaps the only thing, which really disturbed the thought, and if it hadn't been a reason for it, then perhaps it would be the dream. Dreamed dwelled but no one could tell what happened behind closed doors and the strange walls. What they masked there was theirs alone, be it another group, a rival gang, or worse. The kind which would slowly roast the brain to kindness. Jonathan slowly walked away from the ship and returned to the complex. The door was open; it would always be open for him. While there, in as close as a dismissal of pain, he walked right again. He was humbly looking for any assailant or a piece of a mark of the woman he had witnessed before, only to be met by the same luckless thing he had expected. Another human who deflected from running, hiding himself behind a board as he had. 'I'll do you a favor and take this away. Don't jump, I'm a friend. 'I tried my best to reassure him the best I could. My intention wasn't to frighten him in the least, as a mere thought; I only wanted to give him a reason not to fear. Something solid to cling on as a standing man, which he took, unexpectedly well. For all the shame I have felt in fear when I had been in his place, this one trusted me with all his might and hand. He shook it as soon as he noticed that the person speaking to him had been just as he had expected. 'Yes, I'm not one of the murderers or the things out there. I don't know what they are, but. 'It was a lie. Perhaps I had known something. I seem to remember a vague shape in the cold storm, which I have omitted from our conversation. But I have come to realize that despite the familiar outline, it hadn't been one of the sailors who promised to get me out of here. Instead, I was met by something of a red dot. He was too busy to notice me now, or the laser pointer which had soon disappeared. Yet the message had been well received, I wanted to warn him, but I was stopped by common sense. 'I must be the only other sane person you've seen a while right? ' 'Sit down; come with me, the board is wide enough to hide the two of us. We can't be seen like this in the open. And keep your voice down while you're here, will you? 'I wanted to avoid this; I had wanted to do it ever since I found myself in the same kind of position before. But seeing how I wouldn't be allowed to interact with him otherwise, I had to contend with doing this. At least from what I could tell, we were in the same spot I woke up prior to our meeting. A difference was key there. Even in the short time we had been separated, me and the spot, a big of it had been completely dug through the wall, or it somehow ended up in a place it had nothing to deal with. I was cold and tired, now of all the times, when I was in the warmth of the complex. I know it sounds strange, but I had found myself never shaking, but falling out of exhaustion out there. Wild claims such as hypothermia there had been nothing more but a wild fluke. That alone ticked me off the strange sailors. Nonetheless, I sat besides the man and waited for deflecting of his message. Just what was I for? I couldn't tell. 'This board is quite big, isn't it? And you found yourself the perfect spot to hide yourself into. You sure it isn't dangerous? I've been here before. ' 'I know, I've seen you, stranger. Walking out of the snow, I was actually kind of surprised that you managed to come back. You were out there for a long while. Honestly, I couldn't even make out how you managed to keep the signs to yourself. ' 'What signs? ' 'Pneumonia, a cold, falling lungs or limbs, anything to even reflect you being out there. The temperature alone should be minus fifty digressing by the feels of it. I'm surprised, since the others followed you out. ' 'Others as well? Were there more than one? I only saw a vague thing following me before I started running away. I didn't think I would be followed by more of them. ' 'A lot of them, actually, not one, you've vaguely underestimated them. But at least I know I've got you to be thankful for dragging a few of them out. About that, I

think there are many others similar to them. ‘ ‘What are they? I told you, I only saw them vaguely. ‘ ‘When the cold came in and I saw a piece of light reflected on their leathery skin, I only saw their tails, on which they dragged themselves farther away. That’s all. Something vaguely repelling on their backs, strides or long thinner antennas or a pair of heads held by some kind of baskets they had fashioned out of their fleshy skin. But that’s all I could see from the small gap in my metal board. I couldn’t push it for keeper’s sake, if I did, they would’ve seen me. ‘ ‘But that’s not what I saw outside. What I saw seemed to be more solid, like the figure of a man, trying to drag me back in. Only one, one of them and one alone. ‘I was unsure of what he was trying to sell, as a matter of fact, I had thought of him as nothing but a little vile man. A shade of a thing, which dug deeper at a faster rate than it took him to seethe. Surprising, I was calm. No mention of the guns or what I had heard before. Someone had cleaned the floors as well as they removed the head. Another thing he had either forgot to mention, or withheld it from me. To the proper saying, I would be in awe if it were for me to go away and hide. He wouldn’t be allowed to follow in that case. But there was the danger, as my mind had been skewed to the side of asking, what if he started shouting in order to give me away? It was too much of a hassle to even consider it. A proper burial wouldn’t even be in order any longer as I’ve come to accept it. But a sudden idea struck me as well sounding. ‘Will you join me then? I’ll have to let you know that I have no intention on standing here and waiting to be found. ‘My heart was beating fast, I knew I would be in danger but for my sake, I would risk being shot than knowing that the culprits knew where they could find me. Cowardly hiding under a tiny board of metal, waiting to be picked up as the chance arose for me. To continue here, my dear fellow said. ‘I’ll come. I guess I have a better chance sticking up with your than hanging here on my own. I was getting hungry, you know? And I cannot for the sake of me eat myself slowly. Not that it had crossed my mind for the other way around, you know? I’ve never considered cannibalism as a way of concluding our interaction. ‘ ‘Stop talking and listen. This is serious, unless we make it past a safer room; I’m afraid we’ll just end up being picked up and killed. No more games and no more hiding into obvious spots. I think they know where we are. They’re playing with us. ‘I gave in too much too quickly. A paranoid man, that’s what he most likely, thinks of me now and he couldn’t be right. They trapped us here for a reason I wouldn’t be kindly awaiting to find out. I wouldn’t, for the sakes of me put myself through it, not again. ‘We’ll walk slowly, now, come on. ‘It was in the same spot that we found ourselves in, pushing the board away that I expected to find another head. Somehow surprised by it, I got up and simply walked without trying to pin him down. ‘A spot’s lit. ‘My mouth bit my lower lip, as I had again let another thought slip off. I didn’t know why I had suddenly decided to trust this man, or why I was listening to the jolting piece of mind which went at times uncontrollably on its own, but I had found myself simply spreading a word or two into the dark while we walked. I mention this because we walked. Simply without fear. We might’ve run if it weren’t for the sounds of the footsteps which echoed in there. Perhaps even jogged around, if it weren’t for the cold. Had he felt it? I turned and stopped him. Easily, as I trumped over him with a few good centimeters on top of the neck, where a few good points of his ears came off. ‘You’re a sad man, aren’t you? I can already feel it, you’ve sweat there. ‘ ‘It’s boiling hot in here, that’s why. ‘ ‘On the contrary, I can only feel the cold now running through my bones. I wish this place became a furnace perhaps that was I didn’t stand the chance of running old. ‘ ‘What are you even talking about? You’re. ‘He stopped as soon as he grabbed my palm and realized I wasn’t pretending. ‘I’m Jonathan. ‘ ‘Michk, I’m Michk. ‘A strange introduction brought me back. I could

see it from the distance, peeping as a red spot, this time on Michk's head. The sharpshooter was slightly exposed at the area around his head. For what was worth, I had now gotten the clue about the least humane figure which might be presented to me. It wasn't a head per say, but one of many bulk stretched faces on a flat surface, standing on a trunk. The hands were his, but I couldn't actually point out, or even hint at what species they belonged to. Hands and fingers went hand in hand, but the rest of it was too thick and wide-spread to even consider it as anything but what it claimed itself to be. I was dumb-struck my amount of force the shot took of him. Despite the lack of sound and the missing bullet and the fact that Michk didn't die or even noticed the concave come which had been carved as the back of his head surprised me the most. I was a pint of metal which had a pair of jerky arm-imitations which moved and dug its shell deeper into his skull. Past a point, it was pointless to even consider whether or not he had been right in the head. My shock was impartially cut off by the fact that we walked it off with him in front. 'I think I know of a way out, this way. ' 'But we're only digging deeper now, are you sure about it? ' 'Well, while you were out doing whatever snow-play in poles, I was here sniffing around and moving around the corners with the board. ' 'You haven't told me that. ' 'It was irrelevant, you see? It wasn't actually me who's done it. 'He pointed at some other metal boards around it. A few dark and swollen bodies peered out. Their heads were his, but those crumpled bodies, resembling some severely dehydrated leeches bore his appearance for whatever reason. 'They did it for me. ' 'Go there, near the gate, near the gate, get tot he stairs on the right, avoid touching the walls. 'His voice as well, appearing slightly hinged. I chose to omit this peculiar detail he had painter himself with. But now that I came to think about it, perhaps the possibility dictated that it was one of them who followed me through the snowstorm, as unlivable as it had been. There was that detail which still left me chasing wild leads in the snow. MY consideration was left floating in a sea of blue and white. By no chance could I reroute myself to that point. Instead I chose to keep my mouth shut and pay the due. Willingly walking with this Michk, adhering to a strange conversation spent in the whisper realm. As it came to him, there was this jerk which his neck came to be set into, by his own fault as well. I was struck by the way in which he kept pushing through him chest, heaving on each side, unable to yank anything from around him. There were a few other faces which were looking from the midst of the walls, caught in the doors, blocked from coming forth. I drew near one of them only to be met by the falling grate which separated us. What I managed to see in the few seconds I had been flashed by it was the amount of hair which was being harvested by another person which was in the room with that. And the strange addition of the skin bumps of the lower portion of the face which came to look like knocked up bellies. Some way, or somehow, I was entranced by their weird plays. As their grates pulled up and down, I was almost tempted to push my hand through and close my eyes, serving as nothing more but a sign that I was ready to do anything if it meant they'd allow me to feel them. 'Thinking on doing something wild now? I wouldn't suggest you that unless you're not planning on keeping it. They can munch through bone as if it's jelly. And I doubt that'll warm you. ' 'I personally think it might work better than your strange friends. To which, might I add that they're still following us without even daring to pay us heed to what they're doing. ' 'Helping us? You must've spent more time around here than I if you can't even learn to trust the unknown. You'd be surprised on how useful they are, as a matter of fact, if it weren't for them, I would've have gotten this far. ' 'I understand that, but they're weird. I cannot stand to look at them, just sense them; can you do that for me? 'Jonathan didn't make any sense now. He had been caught by a strange imprudent feature he hadn't recognized on

himself before. A peculiar way of painting himself as a hurtful man, subdued by mistrust yet at the same time, viciously imprudent and impulsive as he tried spilling everything out. 'There are metal bars and pricks going through their heads and bodies, have you noticed those?' 'But those weren't in them before.' 'Of course not, they've come out of the wall, even the strings, the chains, the scissors and the knives. They have a whole pile they're dragging with them and I simply don't like it. If we keep them around, we stand at risk of dragging everyone here to the noise they're making. It's what they've become now, your own personal sound-machines, with a face to follow. What do you think will happen once they're killed? What will they think once they find the same face here?' 'I don't care about it, Jonathan, what's the matter? They might make a bunch of noises.' He hadn't lowered his voice as before. Confidence had no place here at a time like this. If there was something really wrong about him, it was the mere fact that I wasn't about to even indulge the threat. No, unlike him, I still had the commonsense to mind my own business and see that I still find a way to make it out alive. Otherwise, all of this might as well have been meaningless. To my imprudence, I'd say it was pointless to count my blessing. Not while giving to the blind. 'I don't think it's them. If you look close as their eyes, they've blinded themselves with the saws they had brought from the wall.' 'Don't go near it, I think we should stop.' 'This is the first good idea you've come up with in a long time. Bravo, my good friend, I think we may have found our partnership going places.' 'Will you simply stop and let me think? I can't get rid of this headache, let alone deal with you, them, or my look-alikes.' 'Step down then and let me do the thinking and the lead. I think I'm more than properly endowed to deal with it.' As it may, neither of them was. It was a constant stream of shocks which made all of them be twisted and used. The fabric of metal which could be traced nearest to the walls appeared to have been broken apart into pieces of hair. Trimmed, even, I could see how those weren't actually strands, but highly grown pieces of plump iron, naturally growing, even harvested there. 'Someone's coming; I told you they should be silenced.' 'Where should we hide?' 'There's no empty room, help me force it then.' It seemed like there was not a single closed room. But that wasn't the strangest of things we would have to suffer now. Instead, we looked out of ourselves at what appeared to be that metallic trap in the middle with which we had to share at least a few moments in. To even suffer in its presence was of a dullness which could not be expected. I protested to the man in inquiring just what the reason for being there was. For nothing but a few moments, we were at each other's throats, forcing the creature back, being met by a fat face which paled as soon as it had pushed on. 'My surprise came only when I had met him.' Came a paralyzing tone from inside the forest of metal strings. I could see someone make his way, making his way as in, there was a deep tunnel inside of this creature which only went as far as push down as far as it could. There wasn't any contradiction here to what I thought. I saw a light coming out as soon as I could come into contact with it. To even claim otherwise would be as redundant as I could be pleased to know. Just looking at it was somewhat unbelievable to what I had known. A deranged feeling crossed my mind as I could not feel anything else but the sudden intrusion he revealed to us. 'Hello, hello, hello.' He turned around, as if talking to someone beyond us, or before me, as I was the only one looking down there, only to say. 'Goodbye.' A haggard person, wearing a bunch of worn-out clothes on which his large white beard grew greeted us with a lantern. His eyebrows penetrated his gaze and twisted inside until the very point where they could move his pupils in and out, no that it mattered as much as I had been concerned, as there was something seriously wrong about the way in which he presented himself there. With his pair of fake eyes which

glowed too uncanny to be anything else but a pair of fake pearls, he presented himself as he was a merchant of wool.

‘Come to buy something? Only the greatest black wool in town. Don’t worry about it, lad, the door is properly closed now. There’s a device up there which detects human movement, once it comes into contact with it, the lock is set in place and they can never escape afterwards. ‘ ‘You mean to say that there’s no way out for us now? ‘ ‘Afraid not, this is the final destination you’ll ever embark on, I’m serious afraid that you’ll have to deal with it as everyone else who came in here in the first place. With a hook and a sunken shrill. Otherwise, I think we’ll be engrained into watching you behave. ‘ ‘How many? ‘ ‘An entire herd of wool-merchants and not enough of us doing the manual work, you see? We’re kind of a lazy and subjugated lot, but don’t blame of this. I cannot help my nature. ‘He bowed a stricken head, revealing something missing from it, to say the least, it wasn’t only the missing pair he fancied he’d have. Not a single patch raised but went down. ‘I suppose you’re not that intelligent either. ‘Jonathan felt repulsed by the creature as he said it. Not only had it flown out of his mouth, but it had also been accompanied by a general feel of disturbance and disgust he refused to shake away. There was something seriously unnerving about him which he couldn’t shake away. Grated by the only thing he could pass himself as; he barged in and pushed the merchant aside. ‘You’re useless to us; I think I’ll choose exploring my way down there than paying you any more attention that I need. ‘ ‘Without a light?Without your friend? ‘ ‘He will follow me, won’t you? ‘After the first steps in, though it was blurry and somewhat improperly lit, there was thing unnerving stench of a thing, it wasn’t mean to be exactly what he had supposed, or even conditioned himself to look at, but it was something which shook him off. A wondering gull in the sea, a strapped buckle which rested in his waist, going as deep as to push pain he didn’t deserve. ‘You’ll only encounter pain and self-pity down there, you know that? ‘ ‘I can take you; I can take all of you. Perhaps you chose the wrong man, or you haven’t even considered me a man, to think I’d simply waste my time laboring there. ‘ ‘I’ll offer you a great pay. ‘The cretin followed him without even thinking. What was the point of shiny coins if there wasn’t anything to spend them on? What had been revealed to me was truly, their vile nature. It was repelling, disgusting, disturbing. How could someone even force himself to exploit such a creature, even after seeing that a piece of his mind was still missing?Vaguely, I considered going ahead and warning, going as far as trying to get his attention then. ‘Hey Michk, come here a moment, will you? ‘But his eyes were lost. His heart wasn’t his any longer, as he gave in to the promises of the wool-taker, that crooked faced, slightly bent disgusting degenerating fiend, which was barely kept together by the soles of the wires which came in and out of his body at all times. Forced or not, I felt pity for both of them and headed down myself, alone. Hearing only the yearning shouts as they came about me. ‘Don’t you need a light?A light or a fire, I’ll sell you a lamp. ‘The fluke that creature was hadn’t disturbed me as much as his lies had. To even claim otherwise would be slightly deceitful; as I had noticed a series of lights which suddenly came on the farther I went on. A cheat as well, if one couldn’t tell of proper from cold, this place was the place in-between unlivable degrees. The strange surroundings seemed to bring nothing but a solid sea which threw its waves everywhere around, forming wild structures and estranged buildings which were sometimes unreachable. Stairs would grow otherwise the same as men, even bearing the bodies they had bore. Stones-like brooding spiders and plenty of black woolen flowers surrounded the land. A pair of a few shores, sheer platforms and standing upper levels were present there. Neither of them were connected, and the distance below would wager a fall to the point of incidental decease if one were to fall between the gaps. It should be a bothersome

process for a few. The pressure was starting to accumulate with each second which was spared. A general area of growth had been instilled by the time he had arrived there. 'Is anyone there?' His voice was abruptly stopped by the mere realization that life had been stricken down. A side of the wool revealed their own standing tuff, in which most of the inhibitors had become unrecognizable. I could see the reason for it, though I had not chosen to stay there and wonder what peril might throw at me. A confession was in order to somehow explain the cowardice which had been displayed. Of the same reason that I have decided it would be right to abandon a piece of me there. 'Why, yes, I fancy myself a cutter. 'With the stroke of one finger, I managed to release a piece of my wrist, just so I could finish this entrance of mine properly. To no surprise would I say that I have found myself sitting around the corners, brushing past the wools, until I saw the amount of fish guts pulling out. And they were mine, though not in the way I could even think of it. An entire digestive system rested in my veins. Once I had expelled the fish out, what had remained instead of it had been the leaping tenderness which came out. A dark bluish green started pouring into the air. 'I should say that I have changed a bit while I was there. 'His voice poured out and he wasn't with them any longer. As for the air around him, the thickets of wool pulled away. In the short while he had been completely changed. For once the pain that has influenced the change had been thoroughly heard outside and appeared to still be going on. After all this time they were suffering past the walls, no one had the decency to put them out of their misery. I was somewhat set on looking around, trying to open the door and see it for myself but for now I had only rested with trying to push ahead until I could try again. My limbs were somewhat ill and I could only push it still. 'Open the door now. 'My voice had sprouted like a spring of hay. Each intonation of my voice had managed to get through the door, eating through the metal, striking with their clapping feet as they marched towards the bloodbath. I had been riding through the masses like the vision of death and plague, looking from behind by my mindless companion as well as the merchant as I made my way not so far. From where they stood, these restless fools could only sit, waiting for my arrival. 'I remember this face. I know now that I must do well in order to put you out of your misery. If you're allowed to live here, you may alarm the others, not from here, but from there. 'Now they came out, surprised at how I managed to rip off the door. Some likes could never be compared with the dreadful magnificence I showed with my countenance and how I was to present myself. 'This is what they made out of me. 'My speech had been completely muddled by the mere fact that I ought not to have survived this sudden reveal. My chest had not been prepared for the image I had shown them. A rundown of scars revealed that something had crawled into me. With my fingers, a strike came over which ripped just about everything into fine motions. Exactly what I had been in need of, I seem to have survived much less and much more than that. But what I hid inside of me was this tiny barbed creature, the hunched back having encompassed most of the body, leaving only a few features recognizable not from a facial standpoint, but from a flat, metal case which had been pushed inside of it. 'Here's the lock of ages. As soon as I will find the king, he shall grant me a key in order to remove the disease from this place, and the complete sourness which crept inside of it. ' 'Who is he? The king, I want to know, who is he? ' 'Be gone, vile wool draggler, you are banished back into your filth-hole where you may reign alone, unable to be set in the throngs akin to the likes of your brothers. 'To which, this perilous thing dared laugh at my face. 'And how will you do that now? I can see right through you with every step and every fancy you've taken. You're no god, nor do you hold any power over me. 'Of course I couldn't claim to be that. What I would do instead would revert to me showing what ought to

happen to those who showed disobedience to a higher being. He ought to be made an example of. I approached him, slowly. As if he'd drag his feet off the table, he sneered as I drew near and grabbed him by the legs. 'What are you doing to me?' 'A strike was enough to trip him off. He fell from his high horse, on which he didn't belong, sitting now forever, as he would be dragged on. 'I feared that in the past, you know that? Don't worry, you should be able to be dragged by your servant, what was it? Muck, right, the one who had betrayed me. ' 'I didn't do it in person. '

'Don't interrupt me now, I haven't finished yet. 'Jonathan thought for a moment that his name had become somewhat unfitting for such a great person as he'd be. It would not be in his best interest to wait or even produce as much as single vow for them to hear. As he neared the age. 'Rotthram, I suppose that would be the fitting name. I could see it. 'As he did behave, he pushed out of another door, to steer himself, holding to the edges as he stared at the fall. 'Come here, both of you. Drag him if you must, but both of you need to see this now. 'A field of dead sparrows lay, but a field nonetheless. The sky had been exposed to them, where a giant wingless crow chewed the moon in order to impress the one on the planet, who was eating. Pieces of the ones that were breeding for their master, in the growth between the legs, it would seem likely that there'd be no other way but forward from now. 'I have done it; I have found a way out. 'Getting down there hadn't been difficult at all. As a matter of fact, it was the end of the sparrow line, as it appeared to be. 'You don't need to carry me any longer; I think I'll be able to use my hands. 'The wool merchant leaped as he started going back on it, trying to make a profit out of anything he could get his hand on. No resentment would last. More than I could afford looking around me, I was set to draw some of them out from the hiding. Some of them hid inside the soil. A few survivors made their way through, making it so their presence was noticed. Rotthram nonchalantly peered in. It was nonetheless someplace which got closed on the way back. Where the door had been, where the whole complex stood, reality appeared to have closed its gap, never allowing any kind of entry to be had. It would seem like this is where they'd stand. Lost but at the same time contempt. 'Rotthram, help me get up, I won't bite you, trust me on this. ' 'If this is one of your tricks. ' 'Don't worry, I'm not trying to fight you. I only want a better view of the land. ' 'There's nothing out there, just this endless sea of sparrows. 'They were so little and frail compared to the other birds. Though there wasn't any way of knowing what happened here, with the little doubt in mind that he had. It wasn't something any of us had as little contempt for as we claimed to have. At times I looked and saw them recede back into their sparrow-holes only to be met by the lack of an appearance, the fear I felt overdriving my senses in some distant numbness I could feel again. It's been a while I felt warm and this place was just as hellishly frozen as everywhere else I had been sent forth to. Blue moods were somehow lost to me. 'Hop on; I'll let you have the grandest view you could have. 'As much as he repulsed him, that's what he was left with. Only the three of them remained. Sparrows would darken even more until they looked like the ink marks of a wooden carved spoil. There was a beauty to them as the mood fell on top of them, like a falling mist which dragged from on top the moon. Buildings were sparse and a civilization of sparrows hadn't remained. Instead, we walked, for hours at that. 'You know, Rot, now that I think about it, you never actually. ' 'I know. 'Michk's face was still tender and adjourned. Something about it made me think of home, not where I lived, but where I woke up and where I had been. On the ship I had been lost, here, now I lay at that, near two men I had known close to nothing, to their bitter bones. And strange appearances, I couldn't distance myself from nearing my lost years. It wasn't who I was. For reasons I couldn't think of, I was sad. It was a selfish thing at

that, but I let him go. 'I'll strike you again. This should connect your broken tendons and you ought to walk again. If it's by your choice, I shall let you go wherever the wind might take you. ' 'I cannot do with that. Not yet, I think I'll hold onto them for a while, you know? I've come realize that, perhaps I should see the world from where I stand, young one. My wools have taken too great a piece of my life, you know? And I've come to regret it. Even if I don't know anything else I could do yet, I will feel just as lost if I were to return back. ' 'Then it's settled, you shall rest on my shoulders for a while, Wool merchant. If you decide it's time for your to part ways as any time, be it on your own legs, or left as you may, I shall do my best to bid to your wishes as you want. 'Parted or not, I had been set back on track. We were to make it towards the farthest point and walk on ledges and near the hedges of iron and the lost. 'What's that? 'The two of them stopped. It felt like a scene was to be witness and forlorn. Lost to the blasted paces on the piece of rock where they stood. Half a bird stood there, kept in check, as the others pecked at the stone in an attempt to get her back. It seemed like one of the giant feathers fell from above, cutting her in half, breaking the stone. Sharpened like an arrow, but fashioned like a falling blade, only thing reminiscent trinket remained. It wasn't preposterous to even consider it anything but the lost mark of a lost way. But the edges of the gulfs in which the rock faded seemed to be falling near the sea of shone, where glittering corpses had begun to rot, sparrow bones picked up by the ones who dig the holes. Another body was to be buried. 'They would need all the help they could get, wouldn't they? ' 'But this would take us forever, digging so many graves for all of them. We would never get to find out if there was anyone alive here, people like us or even others who escaped before. ' 'Enough. I don't know why, but I think this is what I'm here for. I cannot be certain whether or not this will ever stand the chance to make me feel warm again, but I know nothing else but the need to try. I've tried exhausting myself and pushing forth, only to fall back again. Perhaps there might be something out there waiting for you, but I know that this is what I'm supposed to do. 'Exhausted as they both were, they chose this instead, one using his arms, the other watching and sneering as I had begun. In a distant house, past the frontiers of battle, there was a great view to the great sparrow citadel in the back. And to its own credit, most of the architecture, though it was refashioned in the image of the crow-creature. Fading away. Liberation hadn't been an idea many looked kindly upon. There were a few hours a soldier could look back into without knowing what had happened or what ought to be the grim fortune awaiting those who'd shoot a gun. A man still walked on the fields, watching his guns resting on a whim. He had been called, the Compatriot. Some called him false, to no a single shimmer lost. He rested against a tree on the veil of waiting, down to see. A single town rested down the drift. Cobbled streets and high tops were there, a general atmosphere for smokers which reflected on the wooden hinges and the strange window trances held by the wooden pillar, wrought for work. The city still had one of its great sides under reconstruction. As a way to make sure there would not be any incidents, a few of the troops were set there. It was fantastic, yet deplorable. Too many of them were stationed there for some reason he couldn't tell. 'Stand straight men. I hope you know that this city will not be realized under false eyes, so get back at it. 'He still had some color in his moustache. But his face was still tender. Stiffened by the rain, he rested near a door frame. Humming an old song as biles were being sold, rats, snakes and even frogs of packs. Some petty wolves which were the sizes of the so-called mice, who looked just as ugly, were there. I can still punch one and feel the ribs cracking under each of my finger before I could taste the opium in the waters. But what had put me down. All of us as a matter of fact was that circumstance we found ourselves in. Petty men holding guns, I

thought of barging in over the street. 'Drop it kid, you don't want to do it. 'He was facing an older man, someone whom he had some quarrel with. He would make a scene. And I ought to do something about it. Somehow, I knew that I would forget myself and start punching or kicking in. Perhaps I should know better. But I haven't reached that point yet, not while still wearing the uniform. It meant something to be then. 'See this medal kid? If you ought to put one in someone, aim for the star. Each of the four sides signals my allegiance for them. Call them what you like, murderers, scum, fashioned killers, plum men, and then. Spare the man. 'The boy babbled. It wasn't something I wanted to her. Blurred, I jumped over something I wasn't going to indulge. Street messers were now staring at the boy with his gun. Still pointed at the drunk who was pacing ahead, barely aware the danger, I came to realize that he wasn't going to make it. It was a crude depiction of the day to day life there. Painted alcoves in oil, ships going off the schedule, fishermen on the strike and this now. Insurgence on the cobble-plains, and the constant sound of drums going in the distance took me to a farther world, anything to avoid turning home. A few more months here and I could simply get away. 'Drop the gun, boy; it's not worth ruining your life over it. As soon as you open fire I will tackle you down and give you enough of a beating to make that you'll get used to the next twenty spent to prison. Listen to me; you're a damn child, not a soldier. 'I made my way through and gently grasped his forearm. Though I dared not make a second move, not whilst knowing how close he had been to pulling the trigger, relaxing his hand. He ran. Through a smoke cloud which got me going off the yank, the little devil had some assistance. 'Soldier, steady now, steady now! Only the sounds of a gunshot were heard in that emerging chaos. It wasn't something I looked into with pleasure. For my sake alone, I was supposed to go after him and follow. 'To the roof, come on, I know a way in. 'A brigade pushed through the ranks and I took the lead to follow. A few corridors followed and I felt suddenly perturbed by the confused messes who hadn't even come to pass yet. Choking on the streets and trying to stray away had been a matter of peculiarity I refused to think off. We were intruding now, breaking through people's houses, we were drawn in to a place neither of us belonged to. I could feel myself trying to pull off something a cord off the wall, just to follow another track. 'What did you find? ' 'I don't know. 'My hand had slipped over it by accident and I had acted upon the first impulse. Perfidious squares on the tapestry went off the touch as soon as I started pulling, never taking off as much as a single moment before coming into contact with the system. It tore a hole through the ceiling. As soon as I had a proper sight, I could see something in the distance, looking right through it where nothing should've been there. For what I had known about this building, or to my general knowledge of architecture, call it even common sense, it was impossible that an empty space of that size would be there. Standing here, in this exact angle near the wall gave me a good sight to what almost appeared to be an entire whole level which surrounded the building. 'Admiring something, Hern? Come on now, they're getting away. 'A few more floors waited ahead. I followed instead of going ahead to inspect what was going on. If there was a better way to look into it, I would've taken in. But this will have to wait for much longer. More than a few soldiers made their way through and broke the first gate leading to the ceiling. Suffice to say, neither of them were too much bent over what we were going through. An expectation still steeped into us, we were supposed to hunt down and put down a bunch of children. 'They've did a number on the roof tiles, I see. The whole place looks like it had been converted into their hideout. 'We were still carefully treading. Or they were the scouts. Bridges and ropes connected most of the buildings. Some of the older chimneys had been converted into small houses as well, bearing

tiny doors which only made them check even further. ‘Empty. ‘ ‘This one is empty as well. ‘Another response triggered something close to a misfire as a pair of cats started leaping out of it. Damned children just had to make their jobs so much harder, aye? ‘Scout every perimeter and find those children. I want to find out their name, which they are and how they got a hold on those smoke bombs and the gun. ‘My first instinct was that they were something close to being strays. I’ve tried to act decent with the boy. Before coming here, I even rushed too quickly without daring to check whether or not the man was still alive. Without any sole confirmation, my mind took to place. From this spot, I would get more than a good view to what was going on around the city scrape. It wasn’t right. Way too many people were gathering around the scene, which hadn’t been a good sight. For either of us, this meant that sooner or later we would have to deal with serious crime rather than some troublemakers messing around. What are you even thinking? The boy had a gun on him. It was harsh already as it was. Going by the same tracks, I couldn’t help it, still, but think about it. Why would a kid like him risk his future that way? ‘What did the boy look like? ‘One of the younger soldiers asked me. I was still in the general area, waiting with the few soldiers between the last level in the building, the staircase and the entrance to the roof areas. ‘Kind of beaten and worn. A white shirt and light haired, light eyed, perhaps some dirt on his face. He didn’t look dangerous, despite, you know. I think it was the first time he had held a gun, and I’m willing to bet that this hadn’t been entirely planned. ‘ ‘So what now? A bunch of stray kids living on the roofs find a gun and decide to threaten a drunk? ‘ ‘There’s more to it seems. I. ‘Kept everything to myself, perhaps it was something I ought to hold it to myself. Unless the kid gets caught and decided to spill it again, I would resolve to wait and look around. This city was dark, still. Smoke was still coming out the walls instead of their working pipes. And the watch was just about to light the fires in the distance and give the general alarm. It would be kind of a sign off the block to look away now. Some of them weren’t actually trying to capture them, but, rifles rested on their shoulders. However dangerous they claimed to be, I didn’t see a point into bringing them there. The damage had been done already. Way more people gathered around the place than the initial estimate carried in. ‘We’ll have to go do something. ‘ ‘It’s early, the scouts haven’t even returned yet. ‘But that wasn’t his concern yet. We went through with it nonetheless. A few untrained men joined us from the back, all wearing the same blue overalls, coated with a white stripe around the edges of their well buttoned suits. Strange almost conquistadores helmets rested on top of all of their heads, bearing the symbol of the vigil-bird. Each carried a small lamp, a knife, a rapier and another smaller firearm besides their rifles. And there was another thing they had on them. Something I wish I had just in case any emergency appeared to be trifling south. Pneumatic packs behind them. Despite ruining their shirts, they were attached to their skins and spine, constantly feeding them the jitters. Commentaries revealed more than enough about the packs and I had come to realize that the risks for using them were associated with the most dreadful maladies someone could think of the top of my head. It was a dead device they had all took on them to carry on with. Everyone knew just what the strange consequences would be. Starting with the mere chance that the packs would be permanently welded to them, feeding not only impulses but shocks from the distance. By and by, not a single man managed to escape unscathed from the weird process they had set themselves against. As a reminder for it, they leaped over the bridges, forcing their extra sensory appliances to give a way in. More effort meant the devices would submit and give less trouble. Some distant time before this, it used to be much easier to direct the men. At times I started to wonder whether or not I was being sidetracked somehow,

wondering whether or not they listened to me or the signals they were receiving in their heads. Though I may be a relic of the past, I still had something going on for me and I wasn't willing to give it away just yet. Some time before we penetrated through one of the wings, we have found a hideout. But, it had been a bitter-sweet victory, at the orders of a man I couldn't even find worthy to address yet. He had been still so insecure about showing himself that I had vaguely decided he would be inexistent. A higher up that was looming around, taking directly through their head. Now and again, a soldier would come to me, vaguely addressing what would seem to be a maiden's name. Which I had assumed to be a projection of another person he was talking through and then. The order. 'You are to remain here and avert your eyes from what's going on. ' 'Why would that be? ' 'I cannot stress it wild enough, but our leader has given us an order. ' 'That's sudden. Well, tell your leader that until he comes here and steps in himself, I'll see what's going on around the place for me. 'He didn't dare talk again. I could see something of a closely bidden desire to protest, which was quickly dismissed as I progressed through the broken roof. Though, to be well honest about it, the whole top of the building had been a result of an explosion. Long before we came either way, but this was something more important. What everyone gathered around, just like in another scene, was a boy. Not the same one had escaped but another one. 'He's a blasted orphan, this isn't a loss. ' 'Who took him down?Hell, I'm a high ranking officer of the division, I demand you reveal to me who shot him. 'Mouths moved. A name would've been enough if it weren't for the fact that they all pretended that it was a miss-fire. All of them were executioners from the looks of it. Around the wall and just about two hindrances of the floor, there were enough bullet holes to signal the fact that they had all went in with everything they had. No excuse could lay them off that easily. I had seen plenty of murderers, even child killers before. But they were different. Cold blooded and struck eyed. It wasn't even something they dwelled on long enough before a few more scouts arrived. We were to go ahead and look for someone else. 'We spotted a few more children and older ones in the nearer areas; they might be in league with the one that fled. We should begin our advancement now if we're to catch them in time. 'The despots spoke. I followed. They didn't even give me the time to wrap something around him. Tying the know hadn't been an easy task for anyone standing there. I was caught off guard, staying there, stranded, lost, socket. But I went ahead and followed, like a good soldier. I obeyed. Crows gathered and started eating something off the boy. It was something I barely managed to miss even though I hadn't wanted to have to deal with it. I was made uncomfortable by the stay. We were sent on wild chases which didn't result into use getting anywhere at all. Had they been widespread all time? Had I missed something which shouldn't be there? No one answered my questions any longer. Likely, when they were set on a mission, they simply forgot what the difference between the cordial blocks of stone and I. For I wasn't a part of them, as I've come to know. I wasn't that thing implanted in their backs; I was something worse than that. What I symbolized had become meaningless and lost to the ears around me. Had I even been wanted there? I couldn't think of a good reason for having been sent here. I was much slower than they were, less likely to simply accept whatever order they received and most importantly, I hadn't a simple clue just what was wrong with them, unapologetically shooting off a child. If it were one, that would be well opposed, but they all shot at him without thinking, and I had been merely wondering whether or not this was to be the place where they'd stop.

Small steps, filled with dirt, I've noticed them somewhere before. Perhaps on the streets, or somewhere in the building, whichever it might be. Somehow, this had been made worse by the fact that there were a few dead leads,

tracks which were being lost and most importantly, the fact that they crawled in some apartment. 'Join us. 'Came a voice, which I had not know, which had been barely audible, but which could not be denied as to belong to one of the strange children I had been chasing all day. Despite as hard of a leap as it would be, I took a head start and landed near the edge belonging to the sparrow-tiles. We were the ones who came after. It may not mean much to you, or anyone else, but. Piling up everything was a mistake. We were stacking up corpses now, after finding out three more of them in a spot. At least I have. Gloomy as it may be, I couldn't advert my eyes any longer. There was nothing but silence then. No guns, no rapiers or anything on him. The Compatriot knelt. It wasn't the city which was at the cause, it was nothing in particular. Thoughts were simpler on the streets. Wake up, get along, walk over the few stranded feet, and then back to the posts. Accents would rail up the coming of the sun, the piling of the salt winds, which came from the sea, where fishermen dried their leaves, leaving up for the fealty and the displeased Doyle. He had been another victim of another vile circumstance at play. Where he rested now, with an inch besides the grave, he rested on the ground in pieces, toes missing and a fealty as he lost. A duel was a must. And to his murderer, who stood behind him grinning, there was nothing but the slightest wincing. Against his eyes there was only a single cut of the cheek. Just about the only cut he had managed to piece on top of him. With as little as an effort to raise his eyes, the colors of his cries never making through, he saw the ships sailing off the port in a blue of bitter hue. Standing by the edges of the water, where the dense strings of fish came, what lay in them was just a piece of the man. In a few minutes only, he would be done disposing of him, then. He would return, back to mourning after taking turns reminding him of how he came behind the blinds. Striking him one before making up his mind, what could I do to this miserable pest? 'It was just about then that he came across the two others standing nearest to their desks, unable to get up from where they stood. A misunderstanding ensued. He would perform in front of them, as witnesses unable to confess. Under the stress of words, caught amidst the stones, though he stopped his fall as he twisted his own ankle just in time to turn and see his assailant attack. 'It's you. 'The man said, bursting out his vocal chords in an attempt to marvel at the slightest touches, the dances merely being lost. No subtlety was given as he would spend the last moment of his life shivering off in the cold, waiting to be finished by the old man who stared at him. He bore a colt which had been emptied just as he charged at sitting man. A few shots ended up going through his head, pursed by the lip and lost to the tip of the bed. Part of the street they were on had been conjoined by an apparent room which sunk and melted as it had become, a part of the ground, and the missing pieces of the gone shrubberies. The cats which went missing were there as well, lost as they had become a par of the green as well as up to them; they came near, drinking of the spilling as the blows neared. Something of him remained impure, lost to some obscure hammer he carried but fell. Least of all, the top of his head went weeping, out of some contrast, and a loss. To even consider it a fair fight would be an insult to the must. 'I must get away. 'He spoke, but verdure stopped him as his heels became green. A grin emerged from them as well as another hand which pulled him in. Before the quarter of him had been dragged back, he felt the whispers which put him back on track. A piece of the emerging hand had stopped developing humanely at the wrist, being commuted only by a fragment of a long metal blue spear which continued to the marvelous chest, the magnificent jest this creature had produced. It would be immeasurable now, the amount of force it could induce just by the eye through which it came to speak. 'Get ready of the body and I shall allow you in. You know that there are too many people who have witnessed your

crime. If you don't escape now, you'll only have to. 'He pursed his lips in an attempt to condense the way through which he had revved in. As well as he could tell, the entire place was full and dull, leading into a twisted realm from which he crawled. An under-turned tourney chamber, which lead to a grate below. From there he could hear the tourney as it would unfold. 'Bring in the others; we want to hear the show. ' 'We need strong fighters to entertain the ones that are there. If you don't join us now, we'll have to go alone. But if you do refuse, know that you'll be hanged, for all of the crimes you have committed now. ' 'Wait, don't leave me yet, I'm listening. I know where I stand. I cannot help myself now. Can't I simply take the corpse in? I'll do what it takes, even if I have to eat it or used it as a piece of armor, or some weapon, anything but don't take away the offer. ' 'First the body, then we'll talk. 'And afterwards, he had been thrown out. Without a second word of going, without given advice. He looked upon the mess and some of the missing pieces which had been taken away by the cats and went back to his doings. It would be the last time he could cross through the street. Paved by his tears and fears of being caught, Voghn got sloppy and forgot just who dwelled there and how many of them went in, nearing the hidings where they'd stand low. It was an uncanny deal which lasted more than the original intention had been. To look at it otherwise would only bring us closer to understanding how awful the menace he presented was. From two steps, into the river he went. A body which, despite the amount of lookers who had seen the act in motion wouldn't even get to the point of walking in again. It was a miserable thing, to even consider going around. I would happily supply the amount of blood needed by the sea. For, by the time the victim had been reclaimed, they had found something quite bizarre which happened in his body. With the marks having been accounted for, it looked like the sea had drained it entirely of all the vital fluid. Indeed, as much as he had been chopped into pieces, picked up by the sailors and the verdict given by the medics who were present there, he had not died out of some kind of batter. 'What happened down there? ' 'Jump and find out if you're interested in finding out about the manual labor. 'I wouldn't last there, but I had to know. Detective or not, this was the task of a humanitarian who needed to find out exactly what ought to happen to the strangers who dwelled where they didn't belong. Otherwise, I could account for nothing else in my mind. At least nothing other than those who strangled themselves in the summer, on the fields. Work was hard surrounding the countryside around the city. It hadn't been any wonder just why there were no children allowed to play in the hay. 'Before you do that, sir, I think there's something else you need to consider. ' 'What would that be? 'Without a shrieking convenience, there had been that story which every man had been made aware of. Rhyme or reason didn't dictate as much as a single worn worm. Which would be enough for what followed. 'I found enough dirt in his pocket to determine from where he came out of. ' 'Spill it then, what is it, man? ' 'He's one of the grave-diggers. ' 'Who? 'He didn't know, yet it was the king of ignorance which would be accepted. 'It's one of the men who works near the hay fields, in the quagmire, where the cemeteries are placed on tiny ships and allowed to go ahead. Usually they'd put just enough coffins and dirt in them, allowing them to sail just about in every place they'd need to be. Don't be surprised now that you didn't know. It's not something we're kindly sharing. ' 'How can a ship sail in a quagmire? ' 'Well, it's one of their secrets, and apparently, I'd say that there's a good chance this made had almost been forced to spill it all out. 'Just a few hours earlier, it seemed like they were both at a bar. A man in the blinds and the digger, trying to get just another drink before going to tarnish the secrets of sailing. 'Another round for the man, it's on the house this time. ' 'Goody, goody, I could do with another drink. Say, mister, will you join

me? ‘ He was silent, standing there perplex. Over the counter, in the back, they were working. Office-pliers, who were marking white sheets with black-blooded runes in means to serve some stranger from the watching eyes above the ceiling. Its presence was felt, but feeling through itself, there was that display of a few drunks which had been taken inside, felt even as part of the show. No one wanted to end up in the same way as they had. To even claim it otherwise would mean, it would mean the death of the liver. Whichever eye was his, he couldn’t tell. ‘You’re missing one of them. ‘I told the drunk. He had already managed to stack a few of them over the counter, piling just a few pills to go, sniffing a tiny cup filled with plain water. I felt like punching him ever since that moment. When I had come to see what he had pushed in his cup. There was this strange device which manifested itself through some kind of neurotic-enchanted. He was contently being shocked through the insides of his neck by what appeared to be the whole mold of a hand. ‘I think it’s time to stop, old man. ‘ ‘Old man? You’re the old talking, stranger; you’re much older than what I am. ‘ ‘You want to end up like them, up there? ‘A chair-like tendon manifested, tiniest but overstretches, stacked on pieces of it which had duplicated on top of one another in order to make as much as it was needed. Without a way to look in, he felt like it was time to begin again. It may seem bizarre but the more he watched the grave-digger in action, the more bizarre it had become. A rue-like brooding thing, as much as it seemed, entered him. He manifested a strange persona, all of the sudden, which turned his eyes into the blue-almost silver-like drive which had been present in the opium abusers. It wasn’t just the drink and that. But the tiny marks, like the stings of bees and antlers which appeared all over his arms. From each of them there came just enough wild wrums, which pushed through until he couldn’t count on his own senses any longer. ‘Well, you may be too far gone now. ‘ ‘Here’s your order, sir. ‘A waiter approached. He was a strange figure made out of eight pieces which weren’t tied to his body or trunk but to his head instead, leading out of the neck, most likely directly attached to a brain that refused to work. From his deepest anchored persona-like nods, he appeared to be standing still. Despite him looking like a plastic creature which hadn’t formed itself properly, I was taken back by the amount of weirdness it displayed. Fear and brightness would come as they would pass. From underneath the hole came the strongest light. It poured out of him with a sick radiance which cut through my toes. ‘Don’t let your guard down now, not here, you know you can’t be safe anywhere, can you? ‘That wasn’t the point, it wasn’t the point, I didn’t want to be here to experience the jolting feet which crept to me as soon as I could observe. It simply wasn’t my choice to be here. But I was drawn to him, for the crest inside my head forced me to do what I had been meant to do and kill the man before the sun set down. ‘A drink for me as well, he said, has he not said it? I want a drink, give me a damn drink, my neck is perched and I feel like. ‘Drawing too much attention to myself when it was highly unnecessary to do it. For the same reason, I had managed to convince him to have my drink and keep doing so, despite my previous advice, being seen as only a friendly reminder of the fact that I was indeed planning to play the double. ‘Don’t drink too much my friend, you’d only get yourself sick and unable to go back to wherever you may have went on the previous visits. ‘ ‘Oh but you’re such a good host, why would I decline such an offer now, especially since you’re trying to jest me time after time. ‘There was something familiar about it. ‘Say, you sound like someone who’s been to places, right? Wouldn’t you be able to tell me where could I find the province of Quarkquire? ‘ ‘Willy-nilly, getting us to places, I see, but I don’t know if I could trust you enough. What was that? ‘ ‘The Quagmire, I said, the Quagmire, where is it? The place where the dead are being sent to when they’re not needed any longer. I wish to know, I need to find them in time.

My dear siblings are caught in one of the coffins, placed there while they're still alive. You wouldn't want something to happen to them, would you now? 'But my mind, as much as it was good at creating lies seemed to dwell on a piece, distantly lost in a memory which, amidst the others stood out. A piece of history, of the past was still being watched, even erased, blinded as it would become a mess. It was a catalogue he had to deliver to some hunter that only rang now. But why would it act so sudden without a way of looking back? I was strained, I was caught by a desire to prize myself and run away. No one would catch me if I were to rush to one of the ships, or if I simply were to go ahead and miss one of the beats of thunder, the moisture of the skin which would be cut off and set to plunder. 'Off with you now, I think we have nothing to discuss any longer. ' 'What? 'The reason for his silence was vastly unspoken for. I was sublimely provoked by this man and by the waiter who returned. 'You heard the man, I shall not bring you any drink. Not with that wily attitude of yours. ' 'Enough with the jokes, I've come here for something. 'But the bar was shaken off. I could feel the surroundings being completely encompassed by the gloom. Everywhere I could even look around was unsafe and I've come to fear myself and everything which would even move as much as an inch in the wrong direction. There were assassins here, planted near the walls. I've heard the stories. Don't make too much noise and don't make too humble of an attempt. Later, even to them, it seemed that there'd be no victim which would be too heavy to be seen as a target. For this division and the branch, were nothing akin to those of stories, but indeed, were implants. They weren't human, but tinted pieces of various devices which had assembled themselves into bigger forms. From where they went, ahead they'd snatch, pieces of their surroundings, growing in as much. Brains and through the water, on the streets and just about anything touched. Nothing was safe from this assassination module which stretched as far as its desire to completely turn the world into something new. Something better, a great processor which would dictate on life as it ought to be. Any incompetence would be completely removed from life. Strange as it may seem to be, I could not look into it otherwise. My hands were struck; I reached for the waiter and pulled it off, just the heart which controlled it all. Like a mask, his head would fall. In as much as a few seconds I saw him jerk and fall, with the ones standing at their desks unable to call. Help would be undermined by the fact that what they were doing there was illegal. With the few other words which had been written in, I had come into contact with the sight of the falling debris from above. It wasn't hard per say, but the means justified the ends. It was a creature they were meaning to feed. Had it been the time already for me to go? I couldn't tell. 'Go as you may and take no stop. ' 'We cannot promise we won't tell if we'll get caught as well. ' 'But that man is yours. 'It was now that he started feeling uncomfortable. And the thing is, I wasn't the one who killed him. No, he would've expected in. And it had been in my power, but someone else made his wait through. 'I witnessed the man who had killed him. 'A voice alarmed both the detective and the inspector, who stared, even momentarily at the figure that showed itself rightfully announced. 'Call me whatever you want, but in truth, I'm nothing but a witness to the crime, and no accomplice to him. 'I was set to answer as many questions as they'd throw at me, whatever the case, regardless of the fact, that I were to be suspected for all but none of the crimes I had committed. Rested by the ear, I wouldn't even dare to fear what they'd say. 'Arrest the man; we'll interrogate him as soon as we hit the barracks. It looks like your skinny dipping session will have to wait for a while, now we're. 'We were set, but I had seen enough. Whoever he was acted fast. Both the detective and the inspector had been completely cut into pieces just in front of my eyes. The culprit could be no one else but him.

Around us, not even the soldiers could come to believe what happened. Less than a few seconds in said more about this scene than the other. 'Get away from me, it only wants me. 'I spoke with an inclination to follow them through. Stubbornness took a few of them over, as they refused to give in and listen to the felon. 'Don't you move, villain, I've seen it happen. I know you're the one who killed them just like you have killed him. 'The case and the hook were taken, bait or not, it didn't matter. As long as they stepped ahead, not a single should would be safe from the danger which pronounced itself part the irrefutable proof. I was one of them, lost, walking away. I had been shot in the leg immediately after, trying to get a hold on the only think which remained of my dignity. Despite my warnings they approached and faced nothing else but that sweet agony, joining in their fate together. A single soul had been spared from this cruelty and that had been I. For I alone chose to wait it out, while this happened as far from the place common sense dictated. A fear neared to me as I chose to draw as far away as I could. It was important, to even consider the fact that I had only been allowed to live because it wanted me to watch him change. From that thin pale, nobody which could be as lost in a crowd as needle in a row of hay-land, he sudden imploded from within. Every strand of yellow had become metallic and before the stable master could realize, the horse was choking in needles of hay. By his hands and body, a few pains of hands and arms, and faces contorted, until he looked like a half-wheel which pushed ahead as many features as there could be popped until he looked completely out of place.

Instead of trying to hide himself, whatever appeal this had been, he told me this. 'I shall show you what I am, instead of trying to hid into even more shells of the human body. Know that no one had seen me before. 'To this, what I will say is that I saw the red chitin come out, a strange being reside in that self-made effigy in which he hid. Discarded on the alleys, the skin and features crawled away and one perfect being emerged. A pure reddish-blue seemed to be dominant, equally on just about every piece of it. In the structure, it had been mobile, a quadruped which seemed to beat for each of its legs, all-encompassing pincer like domes which opened and closed revealing smaller domes that were much softer. I could see them pulsating, only to reveal what I feared most, the pupils which would stare. Worse than that, the domed eyes started releasing themselves from inside their holding cages as they would fly over, allowing from a breathing time. As for the other strangeness, I could see them grow them again, at such a rate that I started doubting that it was actually creating them and began suspecting that it was summoning them from an endless supply from another dimension no man had ever put a foot on. I was onset. Onto the fact I'd say, nothing personal to my chest would pump and lay. In fact, I thought I would suffer some kind of stroke unless it stopped this mad ritual at once. 'Please, force yourself to stop. I cannot and will not take this any longer. 'Yet it continued performing as if the show had been paid for. Respecting myself no longer, I gave in, rather than struggle, as the pain from the shot was still way too tremendous for me to fight it off. Endurance would be denied and I would see the eyes cry away as they would be torn apart by the oxygen. 'That's their fate into this world. As soon as I will see reason for a way out, as soon as I'll have found a way to keep them alive, then my purpose should have been satisfied. For that reason I have been chosen to leave. I was to prove myself worthy to be a contender, a fighter, a warrior, someone who could bring justice and glory to the name and to my species. And it can't be denied that the murders that I've committed haven't satisfied me, old man. ' 'But how could you say such a terrible thing? Not only have you caused great harm but you also framed me in the most horrible manner. Why? ' 'Why? It's such a simple question that no simple answer would suffice. I was taken here. Against my will, as I might add. For that reason, I

don't need to justify anything. Instead, I think I'll pick the lack of faith through which I shall scour your body of resourced and rip you apart. How does that sound? Would you happen to be squeamish? Perhaps not that great of a pain taker? I couldn't help it but ask, you see? Ever since I was a larva, I had a think for pain. Perhaps I'm unique that way, but I had developed a kind consciousness which made feel the pain of others, which indeed made me wish

I could harm them more. 'It approached me as it spoke. I couldn't even see myself trying to get away from the converging brute which threw itself at me. However frightened as I was, there was this one deal I had almost come to refuse to give away. But I was pressed to do it. 'Don't kill me, I know of a way out for you. ' 'Silly creature, do you seriously think you could trick Quilkszluh? 'That was worth a chance, but I couldn't fight. It tore through me and

threw me way back, standing with a gap in my soul and body, sold for pieces, thrown in the sea with the rest of them. 'Now that I have completed my task, it's time for my reward to continue. I hope my acts were witnessed and judged, and I could only hope that my bloodthirsty nature had been completely observed. 'A bitter word followed. Coming back to this world would've been more than a luckless lust, what would be a must might end as a way in, to

have ever been a cancer, uncanny. 'Step away, filth, as you've done enough. I have spoken to my master. 'Decided or not, a lip had brought something to him which ought not to be. Blaster awareness, that of a recluse which lost himself whenever it would be important, or when it would be decided. Power would be granted, if it weren't for the

mild chop. A blow had been dealt, and he threw the portal back in the lot. 'I'm stuck here. 'He suddenly realized. Slowly, as he had regained, his pacing fell to the strange woe. From now on he would have no other body to hide in or anything else going for him, as he would throw even the highest anchor to the sea. Anything to convince them he was worthy to be allowed to travel there. That sort of escape wasn't meant to last. It was a glimpse of some second,

the decades between a lost eons in some time long gone. It was hard to deal with; hence he would turn to his inhumane speed which forced him back into hiding. Never to be seen. Longley lasting, this would be the greatest thing he would be goo at. Hiding in the abandoned sewers, one side of them at least. Some strange folk hid inside of them, in some distant lot. Not there anymore, for some reason which had either been completely unknown of the

cause of it had been left there as a sign for the warning. Soles of feet lay there and the other pieces of the ones who owned them were properly and equally spread, held together by jumping cords which had been specifically made for each in turn. Mourning there, a lack of life revealing a crawl of crannies, old women who were weeping into black pools, lost to the least respectful watcher. Lost for words, a space in conflict lay between them. In the muck, they

revealed. That not a single one would own the appeal of standing termites, prisons for them. Yet no life stood in them, as they didn't move and barely spoke. Such a solace would still be abandoned, as not a single living thing felt at home in there. To some, these old ladies would be nothing more but animated carvings which were moved by the

wind. In that way they acted and reacted to their strangest malignites and the way in which they cradled their children. 'Eat my child. 'He heard, though the wind enjoyed messing with the ear, as it had become much bolder than in the days past, this would be a commentary on the way through which they fasted. It would not last a single second more than it could be expected. Direct by the least awakened personality, a fragrant lack of moving realities moved him away. As this was no normal sewage system, it was much deeper and darker. The rust would turn and

flee below, where four semi-circles completely blocked off gates spilled their goo inside the hole in the middle of where they stood and waited. 'We've been abandoned here. 'Leading below, it seemed, there would be some kind of

kingdom within their reach. But none of them could survive the hall. A gothic aspect lay to this place. One could see that this wasn't meant to be the sewage system, but a kind of castle which had been completely dismissed for the soulless designs which reigned outside. Since he was there and he could simply set himself into flight, he decided to let them there and dig deeper than he needed to survive this boredom which had been completely forced on him.

Being there was a simple mistake. Just seeing the gargoyles which were finely crafted below was enough of a giveaway for what he had suspected this to be. Lower than that lay a pair of red carpets which had lain unstained. The reason for that was a deviation from the general design. A well had been created for the muck to fall in. Too many expensive and well furnished decoration materials lay there for a single mistake to go undone. 'I see I would have to entertain guests now. 'Wind, for all its worth couldn't even hope to replicate that sound alone. It was a mystical thing of fright, a meaninglessness of delights. Plenty of wicked things burning in each of the strung holes they had dug from them. Mummified, tied and completely defiled, these souls would be tortured in silence. It was completely confirmed. 'We have taken out their voice boxes because we wanted to preserve the purity we could bear for them. It's not something we could replicate with ease, you see?' The woman in her velvet dress, with the lifelessness in her breathe had pointed at her servants, in a gaunter. The laughter could be heard as she pronounced. 'Bring the feast in. 'To which he would renounce himself. There was something strange about the land in which the Carrions built their huts in. For once, in a long enough period of time, there hadn't been any war. No distinct conflict and no kind of feigned interest which took away from their daily lives. Indeed, this had been an age of beauty and of peace. Without even as much as a disturbance in the general on-goings of their kind, one could truly draw hope back to the people. In this age of wonder, the Carrions would go ahead and find themselves just setting themselves in. Observing even the greatness of the great separation from the jungle they resided in from the giant building which connected with it. Without a wonder at the reason for which they were there, no one could draw in just what had happened in the nearest past. For that building there had appeared over night without the least of concern or a sign. I was quite appalled to record everything as one of the great stricken men which had been almost completely submerged into one of the walls. A piece of a pile lay stricken through my head way back. My comfort had been completely diminished to the point where it had emerged through some way or another in the form of a humane corpse which was being recreated somewhere in the back. Most the texture belonging to my skin had been irrelevant, henceforth; it had been replaced as well. But if there was one key factor in my change, it had been the cameras which had been implanted in my chest. Not only would I be allowed to watch and see, but I could finally feed the rest of them as much as I could happen to record. My task had been simple and I was entirely set on it to follow through, for the citizens who were still connected to the feed were still taking breaks to dream from time to time. Despite the chances into the general areas surrounding the place and the peculiar nature it may have had, there was a small change which came over it. The footage had been tempered with. Resulting from that, there was an illusion set in place which made everything seem calmer and more inviting than it should've looked like. During some times, it looked like a paradise I couldn't take my eyes from. Though I wasn't the intended audience for it, I had my share of the view and to that I could firm attest to the fact that I was thoroughly disgusted. Shameful as it may be, I found myself trying to grasp at straws, unable to do anything other than find myself chasing wild critters that happened to be there. Only at times was I able to search for those remotely hidden creatures known at the

Carrions. We were aware of their existence and their presence. Why, at times, they showed interest as well, even though the place looked barren and intimidating from where they stood. Most of them were too simple to understand just what was happening around them. In some way, I felt somewhat guilty that I would change them so much. It wasn't my fault after all that the people weren't prepared to interact with anything which wasn't like them. And the way a face would be completely imposed on top of their beaks would be utterly disgusting. I could feel the jerkiness of it fade as soon as I could hold myself there. No doubt they found themselves ever so wretched as to hide themselves. Between this sudden masking and their real faces, there was this disconnect I had been forced to witness alone. Without fright of what they truly looked like, my primal instincts had faded. And at times, when they did appear, I had been given the impression that they knew where I stood and that I was completely recording them. Dread had filled me with half a pint of uncertainty. I couldn't look for longer periods of time, out of the fear I felt that I might intrude upon them. With numbing fingers in the back, the arm extensions, which I might add that they were eight in numbers, I started jolting and reforming my spine. This had been a hobby of him, out of the habit being enforced onto me that I would have to hide myself whenever it was needed. Otherwise, my work would be rather dull and dumbfounded. Now that I come to think about it, I cannot even remember how many times I had come to rebuilt it, through so many hoops and forms, the strange anchoring sessions which had managed to build part of a spire in the back. This is what I knew about the room, or the plane behind me. Where I had been stored, to say the least, there were a few other models I had felt. Past the tube to which I had been connected to, whence I could feel my beating heart and organs, that I had decided to be the storage for my internal organs, there were other models stored. They were inactive, but somehow stranger than I had been. My arms could stretch without limit. And as they had, I could feel and sense their features, only to have been made aware of the fact that all of them shared something with me. A certain angle which they seemed to have completed together. Human features lay somewhat disjointed, stretched and distorted across several bodies. All of them had their share of peculiarities, which couldn't have been revealed to me if I hadn't the amount of arms of the mind which allowed me to figure everything out. Now, with that known, I felt a pressure. Would I perform or would I be replaced? 'Will you come closer?' I asked for the first time, which drove them away. I would not sway anyone with this strange look. After the hours. My strand of commentaries yielded into something I hadn't expected to happen. A few stranger lousy heads stood near me. Just as I suspected them to look like, we shared in an aspect which only drew us farther away from one another. Not that it mattered any longer. What yielded to itself in the distance was that filthy smirk which didn't belong, on the metal body of the unit which had come to the threshold of the new land. From the release, now the ship planted itself in the city. This was the other side of the Carrion life, the great progress, the high-class society, the paradise, the place of gods, where giant statues still rotted despite them being made out of shallow rock. It would be highly intrusive to assume. 'Do you suppose he'll return?' 'You haven't asked me about it for the entirety of our trip, why ask now?' Dour had been completely done navigating through the controls and placing the ship on hold. It was something he didn't expect to be called on. Without anything proper, it would be enough. A fierce abode would carry on. The hold of the tatters would be burn down the alcoves. It was a magnificent place to behold, just by the mere fact that they had shared into their obsession to fashion the tops of their buildings until they resembled them truly as if mirrored. This mania could only bring in the destruction which had been told of, for, whenever there was

an object, be as little as it may be, which shared in their appearance, that would be afflicted by the decay as well. Without a way to tell it off, they carried on, only to say. ‘Little he may be, I feel like he had touched a piece of my decaying heart with his wonders. I could only deflect myself in the reminders that he had taken a wild interest into our culture and into our beliefs. ‘ ‘Those aren’t meant to last here, and you know it well. When I joined your people, I had been promised the change to advancement that I may find what I miss one day. ‘And the distant memory of it seemed adjacent to some defeat in the long past. Somehow, it had happened for him to land into some catastrophic even which sealed his fate and those akin to him. Perhaps it was for that same reason that he found them so similar to him, even kin-like or brotherly. Yet this place was no refuge, and it felt lifeless. Simply walking through the streets gave a feeling of the bleakness which reflected not merely in the colors but in the various monitors which had been placed everywhere around. A figure was there, on each channel, talking, constantly, in some tongues or none at all. I could look deeper and see someone I would recognize and I hadn’t any need for senses to know it. My signals had accustomed themselves to picking up just about everything from their general feed. I could not give it to the least of premonitions and to the admittance of the low-lives which crawled from their corners in order to feed themselves with the strange substances which rang up unmonitored. I felt myself being broken by the meeklessness they showed. Not only had they lost their limbs and tails, the wings as well but they seemed too worm-like for my liking and taste. From inside their beaks, they had actually evolved long, prolonged, projected and expanding suckers which appeared to scan the ground and the walls for that muck and muscle which grew just about where the moisture was. It felt somehow sickening to look at it that way. But the feelings which I couldn’t convey weren’t something worth mentioning yet. Glowing signs, and then, what I had stumbled upon was a small gathering of the most mollusk-brained pair I could’ve come into contact with. An old illustration, of an almost a cut-out cardboard lady stood there. It was fully recreated with the help of the signals in my virtual drive. I could see her blue dress and white apron still flashing in front me, barely limited by the whole amount of vagueness which surrounded the place. Yet, the thing she was advertising was a strange product I could hear about from the speaker attached to one of its blunt sides. ‘The space-foam is the future. You need to purchase the space-foam in order to ease your life. ‘Do it, the sign said and the people could only clap and give in. And the monitors revealed something much grimmer, the sea, and the flood of information which changed every time someone turned and listened to another one of them. No carrion lay there behind the feed, but another human face which had been generated and projected onto it. ‘There’s a lot of work to be done here, isn’t it? ‘I could only mutter as I waited for the feed to recreate everything around me. Still, I couldn’t get used to this obsession they had with their own image, especially to this unhealthy complex they displayed. Standing like gargoyles and even stranger beings, they seemed to have completely formed their wild branches and strange trances on top of the monitor holders. Large stacks of metal racks were held below a giant Carrion head. From it there was at least a wicked-looking pair of plump declining strangling bits which drew in and out as much as they could fit in. Fatness at the back of each monitor gave the impression that there were living things behind them. The tubes behind them which were pumping food could only reinforce the belief. But to put it off the staleness of the place, what had been dominant to this place was the weird design and general harshness which made it completely unlivable. From a psychical standpoint, this was a house for the mad, which could only be dragged for so long, until one would start to wonder what reason would there be for placing rails and plenty of

standing ledges where bridges were extending forth. And there were a lot of them, which never lead to a straight match, instead they would curve and lead down. I was unsure of the chance in pace they suddenly displayed. As much as I fancied myself a block of the old chop, my mood had been in the course of chiming in. There were a few rude Carrions whom arrived. Dressed in strange, almost ripped out clothes, I came to the conclusion that they were of the second worst lot out there. Unworthy of my touch, they had been repelled by me. Strange, but placed in as much of a turn as I could fathom it, I remain null. Broken even by the fact that there was someone out there, standing in the sky. And everything drew to him, the various beaks of the buildings, even the strangely formed members that arrived. Despite my initial surprise, I've come to realize that this wasn't what it appeared to be. Instead, I took it as it was an error. A signal which found itself there and intruded into me. 'There are others, you know? We've been confronted by a thing called Dour before, who offered us just the pieces we needed to finally get through a whole new age of cognition. With these advancements, we shall finally make the well needed progress to alleviate the disease and finally get rid of it. ' 'What's the cost for it? 'Bird of prey, I see. He didn't respond but snickered at that. 'He only means that, there's nothing we wouldn't give if it meant that we had a chance to get away from it, you know? From this encompassing disease, from which we can't even fathom getting away. We're being taken apart by the second, perturbed. Umbilicol promised us that he'd find a way through his research to get us out of this. ' 'Who is this Umbilicol. 'The word was lost on him. Then, there was the storm. Though this place was well out of its way, it was necessary to admit to the fact that it was in the making. Survival from the supreme kind of extinction wouldn't be permitted elsewhere. Past one the distant nebulas, there was, only a disease which could not last on its own, instead, it made everything around the planets feel as if it was sunken and forlorn. Lost to the matter of disease, pleased by the likens of missing feelings and pleasing remarks. A dark future waited at that. For no one had been safe, no one might care. A dare had laid to everyone in the areas, as they lacked the materials needed for them to finish their trials, brought. Back to their reality as the only fragment of sanity faded. There stood the council of Obsidian. And in their planet, as they had been made aware, there came the Duke in his malignant state. Bowed to him, now came into the light, the hybrids were worshipping the Duke, betrayer of sight. Soon fading, never ending, as he stretched, he had grown enough to encompass just about everything around the planet. Tainted by the mild psychosis he displayed, he spoke again. 'Build be another altar. It is time for my dominion to spread. I had been promised a city and a kingdom for which I had waited to be properly prized; my demise will have to wait. 'Danger would not last, for as much as the sailing would cost them a gaunter, a halt to their antics, as they called. An utmost wicked plan which could not be brought back for their own sake, a plan amidst the reeds being torn, for each other's sake. 'We must get rid of him, just as he, the destroyer had destroyed half of it now. ' 'How dare you question our new divine ruler, out of all the moments and all the insurgencies, this is the one which may not be forgiven. ' 'Listen to yourself now. ' 'I shall know do that, I shall not betray the Duke. Even now, after we've been denied escape from our reality, you still come to doubt their abandonment. Why? Can you not see that we were always meaningless for them? We were only pawns in their games, nothing more. Instead of trying to weep over lost times, this is our chance to get into good grace with the greatest one that shall heave our future from the last eon of the loss. 'To prevail would mean that no one could stamp or tramp their admittedly luckless hope. It was spontaneous that their politics wouldn't matter for what it could invoke. Into his wildly coiling arms, there appeared a spherical pyramid of

blinding sightless, formed behind closed eyes, manifesting in the mind like a tiny cage from which he pulled a piece of a shall that formed the sky. From the peak of dark, there came the hue of a violent mix of hues which spread like the noise and the poison brought by the uncanny faces which were bore there. 'I shall call this a reversal of the flood. From now on, all of the sources from which it might spill shall be converted into gas; from within their ranks I shall breed the new generations of flies which shall bring forth what I write. 'Down came the demands, the hybrids writing for him at last. Various stone tablets had been raised for him, on which they wrote the exact materials, the alchemical components, and the ores of clam-iron being in the front. Somewhere in that reality, they stood during the onslaught of the assault. It would be dangerous to face the flying terror of Agamemnon as it rested, unable to be tested for the gluttony it possessed. For various hours, the bitter lowering of decay had brought laziness to it which couldn't be conveyed otherwise. If you were to see, or even better, bask in the presence of the lost hold in which it rested, you'd understand. Various walls, the wings that were not flapping forth started lifting themselves in order to completely block it from ever escaping from the alcove. A grotto of the sorts had been formed. In it he would lay and slumber forth. 'The creature is finally trapped. 'They yelled, and all of the sudden, the various nets which had completely encompassed everyone had dissipated in the air. For all the wicked nets and all the spreading webs could not deal with themselves as the wretched mass of bodies piled. Some hadn't survived the process but most had. It would be too dangerous to assume otherwise. Questions weren't to be asked. But a filthy man, wearing his skull upside down in a bed of teeth which extended from his feet and belly, who had completely lost a good chunk of his back retracted opened himself to reveal. Another filthy eel-like ramming-device which spread in half, pumping in and out as if made out of the softness of an pouch and walked with it head on. He would have to be painted in red and blue aerial-discs, which only crossed his neck as they wept in the various shades of gray. Terror would not be included as he'd say. 'I have become the new prophet, and I have finally come to tell you of the way of the vileness. For I am the descendant of Gvaat and it was through him that will bring on the admission that we'll die, our world will crumble and we shall be lost to the weight their flying fiend will have attained. ' 'Levee your mouth outside, and flee. This isn't the place or time for you to be here amongst us, be warned that there's no hope for live in the conditions ahead. 'Another voice said. It would be highly looked after, sought even by the deaf. Vile words couldn't last evenly say. Some spaced out of their minds, others were lost, tormented by the need for sorrow. Not a brow would be raised for the likes of the Dumborrow heights on which they hanged to ones who had betrayed their loss. In a conclusive decision, they had spared no one from the wild disease which took over their mind. It was still the essence of Agamemnon which only now seeped in through the blinds. Each vision of any of the worlds was wickedly strained. It would be hard to maintain a vigilant eye to something which couldn't not be tried and put in a single place. Magnificent as it looked, only now could the splendors be had. It would drive me mad, otherwise, to know that I have missed so many wild contractions, caught by seething dens. Resting in some of them, likened to the seething beds in which one would have to decide that it would be worth it for them to be left alive. Where the far reaches of the wings ended, a silver live drew back. One day, before all ended, the citadels would fly and be alive again. For this future alone, they all shone their wild lights and peculiar mildness in which they tested their entire beings and their souls. Many feared the rising and the attempt at drawing forth into the sky. Were one to draw back and fling himself into the madness in which a wild cold wind hassled their skin away, drawn to the floating stones in

the air, now mockery was fully formed. As the stones amassed enough features, mouths would ring aloud. 'Hear me, hear thee, and hear us say. We have founded the planet, by the name. 'It was spoken just so they could all hear, well spent, the words of the dead. Myrth, the veils of Myrth still lead on. But even there, the visions which lead to the plains of Agamemnon were gone. No one would be drive to suicide, death would be defied again. Wonder and excitement be damned, lost to the mild deflowered sanctity of numbness. How could they be sad if there was nothing to be sad for? How would they think us as stray when the people hated and feared the stones? Despite floating in the sky, lost to the abiding factor that no one would be spared, no one dared to look away. Lastly, they would be uncouncted, lasting only for the bitter taste which had remained in their layer of skin. Citizens would be lost, as they had showed themselves for what they were, underneath the skin a layer of clam metal remained. 'It is no metal. 'The voice spoke. What was this extension which dared provoke the outrage as it drew away from fear? Threateningly, they'd fear the advent and the rage, which would be fully endorsed by the rules in their citadels, lost somewhat in their own mirthage. 'Call him back. 'A strange request appeared thought it seemed that from a house which crawled, which had refused to eat one in all. Koovalhl still lived. He was a survivor, even though he considered going in. From where he stood, there was only a tiny patch of land which surrounded the crater which threatened to swallow him at last. Like a snail, the house crawled away, forgetting about him completely, as he would be left there in despair. It wasn't fair, it wasn't fair, it shouldn't be even decently enforceable to leave him there. Not while it had been so far, as to make it to one of the gates from afar. He feared just what it might mean, trying to giving and makes it through the side of the town. It would be a wonder, if he were to claim he was stronger than that, in which case he only presented himself as a mild fugitive, yelling for assistance. 'Please help me pass, I cannot, for the likes of me, crawl away from this pass. If anyone can hear me, open the gates, I'll do anything. 'Anything indeed, though it may be a dangerous claim of which he hadn't even the remoteness clue what it may have implied, he shook himself over, trying to defile himself ever further as he'd do. Better to hide than go through. I was chased in the streets soon after. Grabbed as I may, my head was starting to take a single pair of bursts before taking itself out. Without the locusts coming back in from below, there would be nothing close to him to grab onto. He would be left completely expose to the infertility of the last. Just by looking down there, it was enough to see that they hid something from the world. If only I could survive the fall, I'd see it. With the orange valleys which were of such a beauty compared with the soulless teal and blue of the clam. Talons of stone could be seen there, just beyond the grinded stone and the fashioned nests from which the dark flier had emerged. Help would not arrive now. Henceforth, it had been the time for me to carry on with my mission and the stroll. Strands of death lay somewhat below. A flock of lily pads were there, waited only by the willow. But it wasn't the purpose which brought it to the mind. Perilous though it may be, no one was allowed to speak of it. Desolate and nigh-abandoned, a despot's place had never even been suited for comfort at all. With the masses marching out of it, the stance of the last atomic celestial body lay in danger. Though there was that strange surrounding gap which held the planet from falling into the greatness of the pillars which held the universe from drifting away from the sight. Upon a small erupting probe, the entire magnitude of the atomic resin spread across the planet, taking the life of four quarters of the fleeing inhabitants. It was a disaster which may never come to be forgotten or dismissed as easily as it had been in the past. What was left behind lay now as the sight of billions of scorched arms which had been wide-spread and

left there, unburied. Transmissions would never last, and there was word that some survivors may still hide. But while there was some good news and the worst ones yet, no one could forget just what happened to the masses which spoke of the dead. Punishments would simply be thrown around and used as the useless things they were when you had to dig two feet beneath the level of the ground. We were expected to do so. Those of us who flew back, though we'd be deemed as mercenaries of traitors, or anything which may be worse, I felt like we were fallen from grace. Rather than be exposed for what we were, there was this expectation that we would somehow make it through. It wouldn't even be decided yet. But I feel innate, to my desire to get away. From everything which conveyed our lives on the stars. Instead, I could do nothing but mourn for our losses. 'I found another family here. 'Spoke like a true lost soul who found him digging more than he should know. He was aware of the state through which the family lived. Determined to find out more, he dug and dug until the moment had brought to him the final clues. They lived past the initial spread of terror. Through the fire and the cancer, through the rains of ash and into the new ascent, into this we went. Deeper through the rock, though it wasn't harder any longer, I felt like them. A hand which dug and another which waited just on top of it, trying to push the dirt and sand out in an attempt to get more air in. 'Our suits won't cut it. I think we'll have to wait some more. At least a few recharges would be neat enough to get us through. ' 'Don't bother with them, I feel like there won't be a way for us to get away. We're too deep already to return. 'I didn't know why I said it. But I had to escape this feeling which seeped in me. Disgusted by the means of advancement, this thing had brought nothing but destruction and terror. Yet it had been much worse than this. The technology we carried on the ship and even farther than that far surpassed everything humanity had created before. We were making stars, and filling them with black matter, we have created universal bombs. In our attempt to control everything and bring on a war, we have become the architects which would lead to the end of the universe. Right under our noses, that desire couldn't be siphoned away. I felt it even in me, as the dumb signed up fool that I was. We were drenching ourselves under the moist pockets of sand, unable to comprehend what went wrong. 'I found one, I think she's living. 'Upon the first sings of life, we all moved around and started groping, doing anything to attach one of the breathing device on her face. Anything would do, a pump in the heart, something in her belly, purified water, but. To my thought I'd say, there was nothing to be ashamed off. We realized she wouldn't survive. 'It's I, who needs to do it. No other man needs to carry this burden with him. I'll do my best not to defile any of your hands, as it was I that brought you here to begin with. 'Succeeding the other member of our group, I took one step behind her and flipped her past the broth. In her head there was this strange, almost unnerving thing which grouped itself past her wretched scalp. Someone's arm had crawled inside. She had been dead for a long time. 'What were her vitals saying? ' 'Alive, she was a live a few moments ago; she even tried saying something before she fell down. ' 'Hasn't it crossed your mind that you may record her? ' 'I can't say it had. What's the matter now? You said she's dead. 'But she wasn't so a few moments ago. Nor did it make any sense for that hand to dig that far into her. So well, so-so, spoken to a missing word, I felt like there wasn't any going back and forth, not with them. At least I had been spared, the deeper we went, neither of us had been the same. Again, I didn't expect to be understood. My fingers were rotting; my fingernails had been brought to a crushing point. I could feel them being battered again by a hammer, from an older time when I was tortured forth. 'Don't think about going to the planet. This is what awaits you there. ' They said, and with each word which passed into the break, I could think of nothing

more other than the pain they made me feel. For the same reason, I felt unlikely to commit to any of the deceit. It it's for that reason that I came here in the first place. This might sound like a different excerpt. I didn't mean to do it. But, this is what I had become. This procedure took away half of your stomach and replaced it with a cylindrical device which would keep you alive for one year. While wearing it, you could walk through the electrical shield holding everyone back without being hurt. Though, no one from the resistance knew what I had done. Or why I did it. We were standing on a bridge, just near the sealed off control room, wondering now what to do at the dead end. It was the last seal one that stood between the running horse and the walls. To my contempt, I could only look back and reflect for one moment just how I even got here with them. The woman was there from what I could remember. When it all started, life had been simpler, quainter. Without a way of knowing what was wrong, a child could go through life systematically without realizing how many lives had been lost. Class-rooms stood in peril of subjugation. A coat hanger held all but no other design but that bland cache of button everyone was supposed to wear. Walls shared only a color, and from the text books, every word had been rearranged until nothing looked too sharp or might arouse the brain too much than it had been needed. By no means would anyone return to their duties once the first session was over. First session emerged, everyone acted like they were supposed to. It seemed likely that some would be prudent with whom they spoke and what they shared. Mostly short-words, para-phrases, seemingly lost meaning which were passed around during the journey. Initially, no one thought much about it. Special trains came and went, taking the children away in a compartment, supervised by someone. That someone had not been born in the city. A stranger was in his place every single day that passed. Without a mask on his face, without a resemblance or even a sudden shimmer, they all stood there like statues, each in the place where the previous one stood before them. And it had all went just as expected. Lower laborers in another section, farther away, the "free people", which only brought the connection to the high-ends, so on, until all the way to the conductors. In order to avoid some kind of confusion or any kind of foul play, the sections were changed every single time. And they never used any kind of similar method of hiding. Sometimes colors would change, other times they'd use words scribbled on the walls which would direct everyone to the right passages. That had changed a lot from the previous design which granted them a straight line into a system of inner tunnels which were vaguely placed in such a way that they allowed two great areas, separated by a glass wall. Between the places, one came and the other one left. Never had one gone in between or crossed the factions or the station. Factions emerged early on. Some would be disguised as members of the lowest or the highest orders depending on the circumstance and what kind of message had to be carried on. Claiming that they existed was a crime. No one listened. Words had their meanings switched just so they would be allowed to create the basis of dialects, which in turn began corroding society slowly by the means in which it worked. Like an under group seal on the ear, by the abandoned buildings there stood the key to it all. But I hadn't had the chance to follow through yet. Life was scarce past a point, since this chaos of languages drove them on. On intervals of twenty minutes, they would be greeted by nothing other than messages solely created in the visual language. Otherwise, there'd be nothing to work through it. A constant threat to society stood as the data collected which allowed it to survive could drop at any hour. A message lay on one of the screens. I looked at the depiction of the general place where my work building was supposed to be set. Just by looking around me, I could see no one I knew. Instead of comfort, I had been greeted by a bunch of words and

phrases I could not understand. Some mutt-like in origin, close to being French, or Russian, combined with a dialect of English where the vowels stretched too far. I could only draw the comparison to being in a jungle; hearing only clicks between people without realizing just what was awaiting me on the first drop. Not many people picked on the dialects any longer since they had completely evolved into a language of their own. Plainly, there had been that strange militant attitude I could feel as soon as I had entered the warden's area. He was one of the many placed there to watch over us. Uncomfortably set around the ribs of the general square, I had been met by small stationed placed around the open area. They were somewhat tall and ended up in a small round filament where the screen went.

Surrounding it was a domed metal head which popped in and opened to drag out tiny antennae which lit from a selection of eight colors. None of them were even remotely similar to anything existed. Or at least I have never seen their shades before. Soon, as I approached and made contact with the screen, a set of options had come into my view. There were different graphic signs which pointed in both directions and started producing the needed effects as soon as I started going through them. My only way of coping through this was the desperate need to get where I had to work in time. Delayed or not, I would get there regardless of how much I had to push through and endure. It would be irreproachable otherwise. Second try, it seemed. It was pointless, going through the motions again. But I felt. Every time I turned my head, another one joined me, another turn, before I even got to look behind me, and I saw a line. And no one bothered to ask why we were here and what the motions were for. I could only think of the buildings and how they were set forth. Always turned, always switched, always a mess. We were placed here, time after time to make as we do. Set in place, I was supposed to go and claim my thicket from a round, falling and retracting man which came from a mechanic staircase. Despite my on-going and sniffing around, I could only come to remember seeing a frame of a blue sword which was supposed to stand by. Will it be there? Not that I suspected anything close to the surrounding area, but I felt like I was looking at fingers comprised of tiny termites who were building their mounts on my hands. They took turns taking them away, until the very point where it was impossible to access the flight suits above. It stood there on top of the highest level, where a strange glass bulwark domed with its high colored vivid pastels. To its appearance, my first impressions had been that of a diving suit which had been highly modified. A few flying engines had been attached to both of its sides. For the likes of me I couldn't know what the reason for it was. For as much as a few seconds in, I was onset to try doing something. My arms were tied behind my back; I was restlessly trying to get away from this dilemma. Why was he lowering himself now? How did he know what I looked like? As soon as he lowered the staircase, why was worked by a few other men, I stared at him. He grabbed me by the shoulder and pushed me in. I remember there being no fence which might hold everything from falling. Parted by a few words, I stepped in, almost in some moronic kind of way. They were drawing again to those wretched words. No one expected it to evolve in such a way. While working down the second level, I have noticed something close to a degradation which reflected on them. The people weren't people any longer. Beasts hid in their skin, a fealty from within degenerated in such a way that I could almost hear it. A certain hybridization of our dialects which were beginning to merge with one another as a result of this frightening state they put us through. But it hadn't been the worst aspect of it that had been what I started seeing after hearing their strange sentences being put together. Everyone in the work area was assigned to something. At various intervals, they were supposed to change spots with another pair, to whom I shall refrain myself from ever advancing

and taking them into consideration. It would be as dangerous as trying to paint myself as anything but their slave. Detract or not, from my wild thought, I appear to have been sent on bare feet. It was something unforgivable, at least for as long as I faced myself in that mild creeping growth of plants in the back. It was always strange, how it found itself growing at the most opportune times and in the most awkward areas it could land itself into. I was set on that, thinking about the opportunity of seeing it happen again, or hearing it that I may simply drop off the ledgers. We were each supposed to introduce a symbol into the typewriter. By its simple design, there were letters carefully selected from every kind of functional language. That being a functional language, it kept popping in the mind. I think it was supposed to deal with an older set of rules which worked. We were here for a reason, that being; I think we were supposed to fix this problem of lost dialects before we lost our language entirely. A symbol that would be enough. A greater screen appeared to have recorded a few of them already, out of the progress of a few months. It would be considered utmost necessarily, to get at least one letter of the quota if we were to reconstruct it from scratch. Otherwise, I feared the worst. Less humble workers were in the turn-area. It was hard working in there because of the proximity in which it related itself to something nearing a coal mine. Lungs would stop working short after. Images of the most severe kind were set on displays, having documented the complete perforation which had taken over them. If I hadn't seen it for myself, I wouldn't have believed it. But I was one of the men who worked in there. I've dealt with the fumes for a few years. As the task progressed, we were supposed to adapt a few cords through out mouths in order to allow them to do the breathing for us. Going as far away as dwelling eighteen feet below the ground, it would be pitiful. Trying to stray away from to luckless nature in which it portrayed itself, I finally say some kind of result. Despite pressing some weird combinations of letters, I could not get that error again. That's what we were at the end of the day. Wishful thinking, error-making, mistake finder who were trying to do an impossible task. It was senseless, trying to reinvent the wheel in this condition. We weren't paid and life seemed hopeless. At the end of the shift, we would be allowed to eat during a ballot which made it so we were given the exact portions based on our performances. It was pitiful, knowing that out of all the workers at the square area, we were the least fed animals in the park. What came over me was an incessant thing. The plate fell off my hand, or I threw it off again. For the next few minutes I would be seen again like the man I was, dirty around the hands, picking off food off the ground. Of course no one was supposed to show interest in what I was doing. No one would understand. I couldn't express myself into images, no one could. Volatile images still kept popping yet I couldn't express a thing. And they wouldn't understand what, or why, or the reason for which I. Snapped out of it. Disposed off clothes, stricken past the throng, I was only trying to mutter a word to them. Something universal just so they might understand my frustration with the fact that everything was taken for us. And no one saw us enough of a threat to interfere. Was there even crime? Of course there was, even in a place like this, I could see the substances being thrown down. No work days or set hours either, which meant I could walk out at any hour and take anything I wanted. That broke away any kind of connection I had to the people. I kept walking from task to task, awaiting some kind of sign that what I was doing could be wrong. But they threw me away as soon as they saw me try entering in. It was automated in part, perhaps trying to barge it hadn't been the greatest idea at all. Rather than being set on stairs, the nearest terminals would drive me away, pushing me back to the same job I have been set to at the beginning of the year. I would be demoted soon if I kept leaping over and over, leaving so much undone. Restlessly

set on stress, I felt myself going to places. No man like me had any worth. What got me going for a few more hours after that was the fact that I would be allowed to blow some steam off before I could return. Too many of them knew my face. This was another fading thin which wasn't meant to last. Language faded or evolved, but instead nothing was meant to pass. Broken by the chains, a lot of androids weren't meant to look at the pass. It was a complete loss of wonder, even since they had lost him at last. Yet, perfection could still be attained by whatever means that could be contained. There'd be no satisfaction any longer, especially since there was no way out. Without trying to get away from what was going on, there was no hope to hide it. A failure of communication had infected the androids who returned to their basic instincts. It had been a long time since then but they no longer cared about any incentive to do otherwise. Signals would be completely mixed; wires would go missing as well as parts of the buildings and of the junk would be completely stacked over. An older behavior was forced into the rampage, which completely struck a good deal of android at woe. Without proper governing, they would be allowed to act and say, to do as they could possibly convey. No verdure in the metal sea, no junk to be anything but theirs. In the coming of the age, it seemed that this quirk of theirs had affected everyone through some way one another. As one of the secrets had been revealed, the building which had their appeal taken from them had been completely regained. It couldn't be contested, nor wondered at. For this reason they started moving on their own, promoting their grouping in the accolades of Hun. This didn't take long until they had all come together at last. Without even prizing themselves as anything but the contenders of heat, world would fall under the seethe. Far distant wonders came, as the materials started moving again. As soon as the buildings got stacked together with the help of the underground system of rails, they had exposed themselves as pseudo-trains. Musk and smoke came out at last, but no one noticed as they had prized themselves inside their homes. Unable to comprehend this sudden change, it would be time to look again. What had happened above? Where the lights were fading again and the ground was shaking as if worn. I could see the movers join together as well in an attempt to redirect the amount of strange power which had been emitted from below. Without a single question in mind, this was the time. Brave as he may, a man shouted. 'Let me be the first one who breaks the walls. This divine sign has granted us the hope we needed to seek a new future in the midst of chaos. 'With a single pick he wore, to some unknown ancient task he bore, the man began striking it time after time, until the very point where it couldn't be denied that it would be hopeless to try again. A wall had been struck down, another followed and after that, another one came around. 'I am Ekarius, pleased to be acquainted. 'This burly man with a giant chest, who fashioned himself a fighter, or some warrior, a builder who was properly tooled, presented himself in the spare of time. Not to mind going around and saying things which shouldn't be. But he was the one who got everyone around. 'Join me; join me into ripping the wall. It's ripe for the taking, don't be mistaken about it. For, as much as I wonder, who's the strongest here, I shall abstain from trying to test my might. For this delight, I cannot wonder at what's going on. 'For the roles were properly spared. No one knew why they were there. For some reason which hadn't been told, they had all picked up their various tasks and held them underneath the welding zone. It looked like a work of art. Where they had placed their remote-machines and the rods and the various other appliances they were supposed to work at had ended completely welded as some kind of weird fountain from which no water came. A strange pseudo-fish had been there, which could not be anything to be seen, other than the unfair magnitude of watching. Snatching from their eyes, no cries had been taken as the delight Ekarius felt couldn't be

matched by anyone else. ‘What am I to refer to you as?’ ‘I am the Paul, this is my wife, and she’s Nameless.’ ‘And I am Quentin Bloc. ‘They were a queer pair, even from the start. Strange clothes which were shared by all three of them gave the appearance of a ghastly rag which switched between them. It hadn’t been the strangest of things. As the metal didn’t look exactly like metal. Its texture had been that of a burnt wood for some reason I couldn’t even feasibly look at or point. To ever wonder otherwise, what the reason for it was would be a total blasphemy from which I couldn’t even turn my eyes from. Lit by candles, my approach was vile. For each step on their side meant I would be defiled. I knew if for the very same reasons I had suspected them to be. Not of this world, not of any. It would be a burden to turn away, knowing that I have lost contact with people who were in need to be saved from whatever was happening around here. Broken as they were, in some way they were still human by some way or another. Their ancestors were min and features we shared as well as the peace of the mind. I couldn’t even be denied as much as I could spare myself off, henceforth, I chose to come forth and say. ‘We need to work together if there’s any hope to be had. ‘I was alone there. But I felt already changed as soon as I crossed sides. Not only had a part of me died there, but I felt defiled by the were air they were breathing in. My colored clothes, in bloating hues had turned gray, darkened by the ashen which conveyed the mood. This would be mansion which would spread. As soon as I looked back, the metal hole I had made with my pick had turned into the broken area of a house, planks which were ripped at last. Balaster would pour out in a slimy manner as of oil, moving like a sponge, alive, driven by a need to repair. Yet not in the same way, as to seal the return, instead, the blaster would create a door. ‘Our movers are now part forever. For this I think we ought to reward you. ‘I could feel my clothes drawing in. But it wasn’t the rags alone; those had been what drew me on to them. IT felt like a piece of my soul had been completely molded in it. By danger, another stranger had arrived. With pity, I couldn’t turn back knowing that I would lose too much, as my countenance dictated, I had emerged victorious in my attempt. ‘Very well, if this is what the future tells, I shall join all three of you, Nameless, Paul, Quentin. I shall do what I must if it means preserving humanity. ‘Even this. He said, with a bitter mark on his lip, seeing for the first time what the lack of hope had made of the blind. All around the bunker, so it seemed, slowly, the age of metal and advancement would fade, instead, they would be replaced with the strange materials brought from the other worlds, a the infection kept spreading, trying to get itself in by whatever means it could. An explanation was required, but the mad ones admired what ought to happen to the creation of those who tried playing the gods of the underworld. From farther above, he still blocked, the only way out, which surrounded the outer rims of nebulas, of galaxies, and universes which drowned in the same color of red. Far distinct than that of the others which spread. A fiery eclipse would soon be dead. In the vilest of wonders, none may question the advent of the depths. Far from over, the deceiving manner they bore could not be torn apart. ‘Draw away from this, Malt. ‘The voice of Agamemnon faded. And as it had, for a moment, so had he been pulled out of the edges of the world. ‘I am here again. ‘In an empty hallway, waiting for his daughter, after the other woman went missing. This was the only chance he’d have to make everything right by some means. It couldn’t be anything but the hardest task a man could be placed to. ‘Talk to her, and we shall see. ‘ ‘Whether or not you deserve to be. ‘ ‘Sent back into the place, where your dreams lie and where you ought not to be held. ‘ ‘I don’t understand. I was there for a moment then I’m here again. ‘ ‘Malt, but you know that’s a different universe you were sent to, not this. There’s too much chaos going on there and you must know that you would not survive. ‘ ‘Too many dangers lay ahead, a

war, an insurgence could emerge and in that case, not even our likes could prevent your illness and the fall. From which not even us may draw you back. ‘ ‘Was it all intended, then? Was I meant to get back there? ‘ ‘It was a miscalculation. ‘The truth came out of one of the Agamemnons, to, be called so. Despite the various malignancies they bore, it would be unnatural to claim otherwise or to want for more than what they were getting at last. It would be unnerving, in the least to even consider what that meant. ‘Before it fully spreads, before there could be a future in the Bunker, you need to solve this now. ‘ ‘You cannot escape us, nor can you flee from your destiny. ‘To which children fled, out of the classroom as the future said. For him, there’d be no expectation but that, of him, finally be forced to take her back. It was unnerving, frightening, trying to skewered the feeling away, to hide them, unable to convey what emotion he held to himself. After so much chaos, he could barely hold himself still. Seeing so many things turned him almost to the point of no return. Where he could flee and not seek a way back to mourn. All of the children got away, leaving nothing but a single girl, a proper lady making her way out of the classroom, standing still at the sight. Of the single man who would not be denied the visit not this ventures. It would have to pass, he would have to meet her and talk. For as long as it was needed, she rushed and grasped his leg. ‘So, you’re taking her back home, I presume. ‘It was the woman who was there. She was holding her daughter near her warm breast. She saw how uncomfortable I felt, and yet decided it was fair. ‘Take care now, will you? ‘There was nothing colder than that. Being left to deal with that child, during a long and confusing walk. I felt like she was doing what I ought to have done. Prying herself away, pushing past the awkwardness in order to grab my hand and convey as much as a single feeling she felt. Warmth lay in the touch, and I couldn’t stand watching for too long until I decided I had to look away and hide. She didn’t deserve this, not I, not someone who denied her even the chance to visit. Every step felt something closer to some block of iron pushing through the melting depths. I couldn’t fathom looking around and saying anything yet. ‘You’re much taller than I thought you’d be. ‘Her eyes fashioned themselves there, in front of me. I felt like I was staring at the inception of two dark globes which would pull me in. Yet there was nothing of the kind. It was a tremendous task I couldn’t hope to undertake. I was being stared at, looked upon, and almost caught by the antics of a child. Had I known this feeling before, perhaps it would’ve been much more different. I couldn’t look away from it, for as long as it stood there, this sudden paranoia struck me. Whether or not I could confront it, this was not the time to think about it. Driven to an uncomfortable position, I chose to stay. ‘Say, does your mother talk about me, sometimes? I know you’re a child, but, I’d like to know if she does. ‘That was it, though it may have been more than plebious, I could feel like I was about to get somewhere. It was a distant call to the way I had been used to talking. But I would have to hear it from her now. After a short thought, she looked around to see whether or not there was anyone around us. Afterwards, she only nodded. I couldn’t even explain what went through my mind, though this would be enough. Claire had been worn out the last time I laid eyes upon her. Unsurprisingly, I thought she would be just another reason for it. Quite a charming kid as well, she seemed. Seemed, what was I thinking? Again I would imagine things happening before they even had the chance to foretell. With every turn, I would look away, then back at her. This girl. ‘Lilly, was it? ‘It was shameful, not even remembering her name, though I hadn’t the well to do idea if that was her name. Nor had I crossed my mind to write it down. A jab in the dark had only whistled another nod. Either she would be courteous or I would find myself chasing wild goose, unable to understand what was happening for her own sake. ‘Let’s talk about something, shall we? I don’t know

much about you. So, what do you like doing? ‘ ‘Drawing, I like doing in the breaks. ‘ ‘Will you let me? ‘Her backpack got off easily. I didn’t have to intone it again before placing it over my back. Again, I was lost for better words. My lack of reminders brought me here, thinking about someone who was in the same place as her. ‘Say, would you like to walk around the blocs? It’s still sunny outside and I think your mother wouldn’t mind if we deviated a bit from the track. You’re free to refuse if you don’t want to. ‘ ‘I know. ‘Had she ever taken her eyes from me? This shy kid couldn’t even stretch as much as a sentence yet, before I felt like I wasn’t meant to be here. If anything, I was doing her a favor. ‘Are you going to pick me every single day from now? ‘ ‘What was that? ‘With as much as a single entry, she came again and asked me still. I wasn’t one to make promises since I knew there wasn’t any way I could possibly keep them. Unfortunately, I was setting myself to something as horrible and disappointing plan. I would leave her. ‘I don’t. We should make it to the green door. It’s not far, if you don’t mind. ‘Just a few more feet away and we could make into the sun. Perhaps that should release my nerves. She was there with me now. After so many years, I finally stumbled upon her. ‘Was that a sparrow I saw? ‘ ‘They’re always here after two. An old man’s feeding them on one of the benches. He’s a friend of the teacher but he isn’t speaking much I think. ‘It was one of the blind ones. All of them were abandoned in a corner and left there to tend to the birds, that’s at least how I saw it be. ‘Wait, Lilly, where are you going? ‘ ‘Come on, let’s introduce ourselves to them. ‘I followed in the footsteps of the child. This was definitely not what I had come here for. A loss of mind came to me, as soon as it would be. Fiercely I obeyed, trying to convey the least of an emotion as I could hope to paint myself with. For some reason, out there, I could only feel as if I looked out of place. No one greeted me like they used to. Older people or not, they seemed to each pay their minds elsewhere. ‘Hi, I’m. ‘With a turn, she looked at me again with those eyes filled with expectation. I couldn’t understand what the reason for it had been. But the smile and the complete naiveté took me off guard. ‘I’m Lilly, and that man is my father. His name is Malt. ‘If there was a single blind eye in there, it would turn around and look away. This was, unreasonable; I didn’t know what to say. Other than the weird pacing I was producing, I stood there like a lout. A straggled who couldn’t even shout off the top of his lungs for the sole reason that he didn’t know what to do, it was just an impulse, but I came near her, placing my hand on her back. ‘A pleasure to meet you, sir. ‘ ‘Clockrow. ‘ ‘Mr. Clockrow, you must excuse my, daughter. She’s, I think she’s. ‘ ‘It’s fine, young man, there’s no need to be ashamed. I can see that your daughter here is as gentle as one of the cutes sparrows I had ever seen. There won’t be any need for you to say anything; I understand that you’re not much of a talker, Malt. ‘Difficult as it may be, he wasn’t unreasonable. At times, I felt like she was doing most of the talking for me. With each phrase. ‘ ‘Do you often find yourself feeding the sparrows? I think I saw you here before. ‘Despite what it meant, there wouldn’t be any difficulty to express. There were some times in which I couldn’t even express how I. I had to settle with watching her do these things on her own. My chest had been constantly beating ever since grabbed a hold of me. As soon as she was done looking for her sparrows, the strangest thing happened. I refuse to think this was anything but a higher thing at work. ‘Could you carry me for a while, dad? ‘ ‘Sure I will. ‘The motions were in my mind. Just place your hands over her legs and one across her back, don’t let go afterwards. ‘Tired already? You sure you don’t want to meet the other people? ‘ ‘It’s enough for today, I think. ‘My face was almost completely blank, as what had become of my mind; I couldn’t even draw from it. Not a single image stood there. For the same reason we waved and turned back. It was pointless to even consider trying to do anything but

walk away. Tiresome as it had been, she had done a lot more than I had. ‘You don’t mind me calling you father, do you?’ ‘Of course not, whatever makes you happy, that’ll be. ‘I could feel them talking and rubbing it over, even from their windows. For some reason I couldn’t even hope to excuse the fact that they were trying to peer where they didn’t belong. Why had it been that much of a thing, me being with her? This wasn’t worth it spreading rumors over. At least not until I had found out. ‘‘We could stay there for a while. On the bench, near the maple. ‘‘Sure, anything you want, Lilly. ‘That must’ve been in, I think, her name had been somewhat obscured to me. I couldn’t remember whether or not it had been it, but I could feel myself drawing away to anything which might be helpful. Unlike her mother, I wouldn’t. I wouldn’t. ‘Let’s just stand here before anything else crosses my mind, all right? I don’t mean to be awkward or weird, but a lot of things happened. I haven’t hurt you have I? Perhaps I have held you too tightly or maybe I? ‘‘It’s fine dad, you haven’t left a scratch on me. I know you wouldn’t hurt me. ‘I know you would not hurt me, she said. Take it off your mind, she’s not Ivan, she’s never going to be him. Don’t treat her the same way as you had. Would it be fine if I? Even now there was some difficulty trying to get it out of my head. I was set on doing it somehow, even if I had to go through the same motions and the same plays of lips, one flap after another. ‘Could I see them, if you don’t mind?’ ‘‘You want to see my drawings?’ ‘‘Only if you don’t mind sharing them, I don’t want to force you if you don’t want to. ‘Anything to distract me from the empty stares, not from her, but from them. They weren’t accustomed to seeing me take care of be around a child. And how could blame them? As I certainly wasn’t. Perhaps it may be out of place to say it, but the strangest thing had occurred to me now. Lilly was actually talented, for a child of her age. There were a few faces drawn and a few pictures of the woods and the sea. ‘Where have you seen these?’ ‘I imagined them. It’s something I enjoyed looking into every time I’m done reading the stories our teacher asks us to. ‘‘And you’ve never seen them before, have you?’ ‘Head shook on both directions. I couldn’t even face it still. She was such a peculiar creature. And I wasn’t disturbed by no face, no vision and nothing at all. For this I would be welcome to try. ‘Perhaps we could spend one day, just the two of us, reading or drawing. Or doing anything, only if you wish to. Would you like that?’ ‘Anna, not Lilly. ‘‘Right, Anna. ‘She was named Anna, of course. I forgot that for a reason. It was made on purpose, even though it may not seem to be that way. Perhaps or not, I should’ve pressed on with it much sooner. ‘I’m sorry, it’s just that, I’ve got a lot going on, you know? And it was already hard as it was, trying to get over your name and find out about you. ‘‘There’s no need to apologize, I know. Just don’t forget my name now. ‘‘I won’t, Anna. ‘Her eyes warmed even more as I said it. It was the first time I had promised her something. For the same reason, I wouldn’t forget it. It was getting cold nonetheless, and we were to head in. Four more cycles away. Two third of it in the Bunker. For as much as it could be counted on, there was a direct opening which had lain on each side of the levels standing above the main structure it bore. It would be entirely useless to consider ignoring it entirely, since there was something of a turn. One would have to consider this, lost billions of planet sized stars away there stood a single space rock which held a tiny hole in the middle of it, which had brought onto itself, only the pieces of a broken mind. A brain had manifested there, giant and enclave, spaced out as it was spread into every direction possible, in an attempt to give birth to the next descendants of Ikvor. The more it spread itself and tried, less of it could it be denied. That the worth of the vileness brought the peril of disease as it was forbidden for it to be pleased by the birth of other. Madly caught in its own trap, look at that creature and laugh. For all the wonderment in the way it approached, a disturbing pair of

vacuoles threw themselves forth and spread ahead. Nothing more or less, the wonder, nothing would grow forth to be stranger. It would be less than graciously caught. It was pointless. Life refused to grow anywhere else but that spot. And it was, and cold, not as in winter, but. It would be hard to explain. Every endeavor ended up in the same place, a failure which could never even be taken to best them. Off into the space, where there was only one open door, one gate into a world where something of worth could be made. From the depths and the space eroded and for whatever reason, the stars imploded, he stood there. For one last time, a father and his daughter, by the ends of a river's side, thought it may not be seen this way. His emotions may not be conveyed, yet he chose to be there, amongst the reeds, standing and watching past the chip on the shoulder, wondering whether or not he would get to see her grow. This change in the body had been the only thing which made sense so far. It wouldn't make a difference, it couldn't. How could still place even stand after so much time? Without any kind of interference or mold, without the advent of anything from the world, how could it stand without facing immediate destruction? Years wouldn't sway a man, for he could no obey what order had been given then. Past their bounds when one could see, there's nothing to see. It was hard being there afterwards. Once everything was said and done, they simply did not return. The bloc in which Malt stood hadn't even been turned that way, to face the lost. Instead, he found himself back into an empty chamber where life would be just about the same. Empty and docile, not a single vile thing there, undisturbed yet, alone. It was just about how everything ended. And not a single minute passed without questioning how much is this going to last? How long until everything might just lay abandoned? Without anyone passing by; I have not spoken to anyone at all. Yet with each beat of the heart, he felt like passing, not from a stroke but of something way stronger which threatened them both. A realization that he had refused to take in. Factually caught by the fact that there was no way out, he considered the only thing which had taken him aback. Anything but this loneliness, anything at all, and it so close. Only a few feet away from where he stood, past the openness, and just around a corner where the drop should be just far away to out-do her need to see him once more. Claire was there with her now. I was here, irresolute. Without a way out. Anything would do, if only things were just like they used to be. My memories were still there, with her. Regardless if they had been alive or not, I could see us walk and explore. We were there and we didn't have to grow old. It was gone. To claim otherwise, would only prolong the waste of time. Much of the room had been in a poorer condition than I remembered and the only thing that crossed my head was what would happen there. It would be this or that. But for the likes of me I couldn't take what I said back. Instead, I'd walk out and close the door, making for the last turn. Now, I could see them go. 'You've lied to me. 'No one heard me in the hall, no one important in any case, to see them smile. Just the thing that I suspected, for the likes of me, was that I was never to return to that place, never to see it flourish or change. I could never see the people or talk to them again. I didn't know what to say or why that had been it. Why would they do this for me? Without a single word, one by one they simply disappeared, pulling away, losing whatever presence of theirs spilled in, never to be conveyed by the luridness they disposed off, right until the last one. Though it was silent, in some way, there were so many things it would want to convey. There was something I wanted to let him know. But he went away, and that's how I'd like to remember them, everyone with whom I've been. ' 'Malt, good evening. 'Barnabee passed and behind him, he carried and ashtray with a lady following back. There were others soon. Coming closer to it, I've seen them as they were. Looking away as if from the other side of a glass, never asking

why this was the reason for their stay. Not to draw too much away, but It was time to join them at last. This would be my final entry, as I passed, alas. The room was warm. Elsewhere, perhaps, where there was no flame to bring in heat, it seems, like the only necessity would've been for them to carry on. Roads were in need of construction. And. A wind passed just along. It was rare for anything like that to happen. To even hold a candle by one of the windows during the night. Whence there was noise, now came the silence. Though it may have been abrupt, a part of this world died. Without any kind of explanation or visible effect to be reclaimed, this was something which drew in just about everyone who felt it. Like a prick into the beating heart, iron melting that organ of wrath. It was unexpected, but it seemed that even the cold machines turned and having seen it, wept. With the rest of the devices turned, just for this one moment forth. It couldn't be explained. No one knew why this happened, or why it had been the time. Sleep wouldn't be delightful, not would it happen for anyone else to try, taking away whatever was lost. Memory alone could not conjure him back for those who happened to have stumbled onto him. Yet he was there, with them, still. 'There were a few other things I had in mind for the place. ' 'What would that be? ' 'Interested to hear more about it? How about you join me in that case? 'A table for two was set. Another day passed since there was something remotely well to look at. That would have to be the case anyway. I was onset to look at them from other angles, thinking of a way out. Nothing really mattered any more and they seemed too much like celestial for any kind of bore to be had. One thing, if it didn't matter counted for whatever else faltered in the nearest atmospheric lies. With each falling layers, they danced cozy in their weird surroundings, holding everything apart, the popping them off as if they were nothing. As much as I admired them, I could see that something was wrong. Lean and falling, the heads were walled off the rest of their bodies, shooting long conduits which dreaded themselves as to release the dread. I lost control off everything, even of my gaze. I could stand hours stumped over the fact that I was lost. For better words or the lack them, I felt like some sort of disease which leaped from rock to rock in order to get a better view. Just who were they and why were they there? I couldn't be anything but an inconclusive thing, oratories they claimed themselves to be. 'Watch us go, play with us, why won't you join our session? 'Feeding with the deceased carriers in the sky, the ships started moaning as they were being brought back to life in order to be used again for feeding. It couldn't be anything but a strange desire to keep going. As for this quirk I couldn't stand for a second more. Not while I was so distressed, unable to set myself looking anymore than I should be. It wasn't something I had been proud of but I couldn't complain. For the lights which went off from that creature were even on both sides. Two bulbs by the sides of quarter-moons had been completely encompassed by the blobs. From their backs, large distinct heaps pushed on to form some bizarrely shaped wings which didn't need to flap away. Instead what kept even their bodies in the air was a constant digestion which continued long after they stopped living. By digesting the oxygen they had managed to completely endure, what they had completely aggrandized was the filth which had obscured most of the organs in the rise. And the advent of the great system which had turned the planet into nothing but a stream of nigh-invisible webs. Everything had spread from their insides to the very point where not even they could prevent them from communicating to the living cores underneath the spreading floors. It would be unnecessary to believe otherwise, or delve in the depictions they showed. Out of the thin air they showed the previous goes and getter, the ones who had come before us and had died in for the better days. It would be uncomfortable to believe it happened otherwise. There was no way to come back from the meeting with the higher

power. That's the hierarchy in which they distilled their ranks. Though I may not have been aware of it otherwise, I had come into contact with the only thing which made as much of a difference as it could. Now it came to me, I wondered, what the language had been about. From the distant plains of the entrapment, one could sign the language and know what it had been about. Collroy stood there, understanding. Despite not one speaking to him in a while, he hadn't defiled the meaninglessness which entered his mind, instead choosing to do the only thing which would allow him to stay. He would join them, now of all the previous times with something to his mind. There were other things I could do here. Perhaps push for progress or alter the others of what we were making. But this whole utopia was nothing but a sham. This is where the main system lead to. And for that reason I had been spared so many times from ever daring to ruin everything time after time. I would be welcomed back without a punishment or a bad sign. All because we were actually creating the language of destruction. For this was the main process which begged the mere fact, to our own peril. Speech had been taken away from us for this whole purpose alone. It would be self-defeating to claim otherwise, for the need would set us forth. Undoubting on anything other than this, I joined them.

After realizing what this place had become, not a prison but something worse. A factory which only produced, nothing but the useless to be prized and put on dead markets only to delay the grand paradise. In it there would be nothing but the pleasing song, the bitter gongs and violins playing in the distance, wronged and pushed on the sides. Ready to die for a nation that never stood by the cries of the ones who were working in the lower zones, where they would be enslaved and cast into the coal. Burning with the endless masses they fed, as the animals would take in. Only for a time as well, for this joy wouldn't last either. Most of the cardinal points would heat in such a way that life would simply vanish without delay; this even would only be given life by the advent of the language. It couldn't even be denied, that no matter how hard they tried, they would be put back into their pins. Stricken down until they marched dead with the victims of broken words. Everyone spoke but no one heard. It was the one thing which could've saved them. If anyone knew about the messages they carried. If only there was a way to understand what agonies everyone was carrying with them. Then, perhaps there would be hope. Otherwise, life was wasted, classrooms filled. No one understood what the teacher was talking, as everyone was highly confused by the myriad of strangeness he spoke. Those weren't human words at all. A frame of reference would be just enough to draw in that there was nothing going there. No structure, only gibberish which spread lies and cries, and defiling worms which hid themselves in the young minds and the children's woes. No one knew about this. For a good reason as well. Reasoning would be forbidden otherwise and no thought could be freed from the malady which would provoke. Even the highest defilers would know what happened of the old. Farther away, in the sealing area they stood. Some workers saw but no one would say why, why were they making buildings out of their old bodies? A thought like this had been completely broken and somewhat systematically torn apart, until it couldn't even be recognizable anymore at that. Dormant or not, they would be brought to some knowledge yet. In the bottom row where they were somewhat connected with the slightest appliances of meat, there was the one rock which brought the derelict. Strange, so it may be, there were so many shades moving in it that it gave the vague impression of power. Not even that but that was the reason the language were being brought back. With each new discovery of a letter, a rune appeared on it. Not only could it dictate the hour and speech for the end of an era, but it appeared to be a doomsday device from which a single crack revealed the other people who would replace us. It was hard to look at

them, even by the eyes of the watchers who were there. Workers would be denied, no more ongoing on the job. Something about them was uncanny, the way in which they passed through one another revealed far too much about them, which shouldn't have been surprising for creatures which defied the laws of physics. Through one of their eyes popped a hand which extended the entire of the head in an arc which domed across its body. Many more eyes and head popped into this ever-growing and spreading soup which kept popping in itself. Nothing could be seen until that very moment where a piece of it threatened to pour inside. And as it opened itself veering mouths to speak, a plethora of voices cried out in no speech but an intonation of pain, agony, the vein would be transmitted to them. Torture would be welcome otherwise, anything but this, as no human being could stand hearing their wicked lies. Some would recognize at least one of the hundreds or the thousand voices they created. In that building, as soon as there was a chance, bleeding would be highly pronounced and observed. For that reason, no one could defend it any longer. The way in which the rock grew stronger was by the blood of the people, which was rightfully theirs. Creators and deities which hid inside the rock of words. None would dare as much as spend too much time around them. For obvious reasons, they were seen as something close to being untrustworthy and even ratty by the looks of it. No others reason could fall into place. The lack of any movable spaces was a dead giveaway to the fact that they moved from side to side in search for something which would take them out. But where? Sometimes, dwelling around this place was pointless, as no clear exit lay. In as much an indefinite reasonless wonder, there was thing strange happening. It couldn't be described as being anything else but that. Judging by what was happening around them, one could draw the conclusion that they were taken elsewhere, in a place where everything was out of order. Claiming otherwise would be uneventful, stricken and plastered to a pint and a mind. It was unnecessary to explain how the transition occurred or the bodies slowly turned. But the old had come to change into beings which couldn't be explained at all. Intimate changes lead to the strangest thing which was bringing in the dead. It wouldn't even be as inconclusive as the fact that the stone disappeared in front of their eyes. Only a circle was left below of it which had been finely placed as one might say. Other than that, there was one thing which had been brought to the worker's attentions. It couldn't be anything else but those beings in their place. Larger than the human bodies, they seemed to dwell as wide and high as gorillas, to their bodies notions of empathy they bore nothing of the like. Instead, their limbs had evolved for battery and assault, which was vaguely displayed all around their bodies. Plunging limbs distracted from their smaller heads which had been given free reign now that they were trapped. Attached to the long necks no longer, from those empty throats popped out their heads, moving with the help of some small, ever encompassing long and bifurcating graspers. They pinched at every piece of their struck bodies, giving the impression of a moving corridor which made its way on a planet of dirt. Darker than the normal thing, they seemed to be spreading within the looks of their giant green eyes. Those grew along and seemed to push on ahead for as long as they could be used again. Small slits lay in their eyes. From time to time they opened and gave in a wink from the inside channels which dripped out. Smaller compressed mandibles lay inside which were over encompassed by the eye nerves strained and pushed away. Soon they'd freely fly and levitate throughout the room, pushing as much as a single finger which had been reclaimed carried on from their graspers. I saw another finger then, and a piece of the neck, but nothing too heavy they might be able to get. Not only had they not the strength to do it, but I somehow doubted that there was a chance for them to do anything of the kind. Blindness was overdue,

seething through the strangeness of the walls. Inverted thralls started coming through the gates. By that, it was only meant that they bore some false ingratitude. A way of seething through their crude surroundings which had shaped them again and again. It was a problem being them, for them at least. For being there meant they would have to stare at every single creature, which reflected on their overall vestments. They equally spread their limbs into smaller pieces, turns and twists, pushing through the ground even, like big bot flies which had grown their heads, spread their winglets into their encompassing faces. Despite the spread, around a circle they went, making it seem that they had too many eyes to count, even though most of them weren't functional. Too many limbs which were too weak, and overall weak thin incisors which would be highly incapable of doing anything but scratch bits they were in need of eating. It would be necessary to believe that these were somewhat catatonic, after breaking through the mold of the ground, they stopped. As much as we feared them, as they'd draw near us, I couldn't stop but wonder why it that we were brought to yonder was. In this place there was nothing waiting for us to do. Only to tend to them, as I alone proceeded to do. My name tag was still there, reading Eckard. Lt. Eckard, a name which was soon to be forgotten on the other side. Not that it mattered since I doubted anyone could read it at all. But I started pushing through this thick atmosphere which surrounded us. I couldn't think of it as anything else, since with every push I found myself surrounded by a layer of some thicker air which gave into my solid brain receivers. Had it been only incontestable, I would've said a thing. Lost to my seething was the fact that my arms could completely encompass eighty inches inside his body. For some reason, it felt like I was pushing my arms through a barrel of oil. Hardened by the hard shell upon which they fell, I understood just what the skin on their face had been for. I could shapen the lump of fat it had been and even touch and rub in through. Not only had it not made contact with the oil, from what I came to judge, but I thought I would find something nearer the pulling back of the liquid which was felt. Without a doubt, I felt like I had lost something then. Pieces of my skin dripped in, drawing away and pushing through the last ganther that drew back. Its insides were fleeing from my touch, for a good reason as well. Though I may not be able to tell it otherwise, I felt that it was in my power to do as much damage as I could. Nothing would be forgivable or forgettable for the things I've broken there. Not only had I found it. I think I have. 'I found something. 'Without a doubt, they took this as some kind of warning, either because of the pronunciations, or the fact that those creatures were still trying to encompass the air. It was their nest, or their place, or their hidings. We were the ones who intruded and obscured our intentions through false speech. Enough of the detraction, it was time now. To see what I had picked up on my way down there. A feeling of total dismay caught him there. Pulling out of that almost silky cocoon was a man who looked just like his father. Eeriness crossed him then. Seeing his old man suddenly age in front of him until nothing but there mere crumpling bones and a nest of skin and bitterness remained. From that nest came a hand witch extended and arm. He pulled out of his father and threw him down. An almost naked man had come out, still bearing some resin which obscured his chest and the rest of his body. He was lean and strong, a muscular build, an eye green and the other missing. Instead of it there was a tiny black sphere which pushed away between the two sockets in circular motion which crossed around his skull. They would change back to green again and then, he passed over. Wondering whether or not he was a danger, we circled around him, trying to figure out this man's intentions. For the same reason he was here, we were here as well. Everyone was trying to look after their own, unable to comprehend what was going on. Not a single word spoke, and it had been enough. We were brought

back and from the stone, which wasn't there anymore, we drew this. He was here to say. Though he had kept his strange appearance, and the way he behaved made us paranoid, we chose to leave the building immediately in order to avoid danger. Otherwise set, there would be a kind of danger which would turn us all ahead. Stripped of the skin, sent to an uncanny plane, unable to comprehend what happened or where the stone had disappeared. Something still dwelled with me. I could see a language appear on him. On his back, without a proper track, there were just enough letters which had been there ever since his conception. I knew that alone, without a way of going home and checking the photos, that he had vaguely resembled a younger version of my father. Though it was not him and this mold had been planted within us for a reason. Two more marks past the signs. A representation off a popping hour would come during the mid-day. It was time for a grand break where everyone was set to return to their homes and serve the time which had been put worth, while the second shift was there to take their place. With as little as a single word, spoken of little worth, I finally saw it there. Past the pastels of pollution, in a starry sky of bleak green stars in coal, I saw the watcher long forlorn. He had vanquished the only thing which had remained, of our living hearts at bay. Dreams were dying; we were lying to one another in the stations. Everyone began to talk and in their broken dialects, something could be drawn. Another symptom of the speech infection could be long attained. Time would be altered and nothing would remain without a way of jotting everything down. It was dangerous then; it had become vaguely inadmissible to look for the culprit of the dead roses which grew. In each man's neck, the children would be hatchelled and placed into the intruding bolvoid that came, in their large suits which were made to exploit the radiation the men gave. From the roses, a pink spread throughout their necks and bodies, much pronounced over the olive and the light skin they displayed. Yet not a single soul was brave enough to give in what they snared. Onto them, they had trapped the essences which were brought from a place their minds could not feel. Change had been too sudden to reel in. Clouds amongst the minds, blind people lost their eyeless dormant servants who were supposed to follow then. It was just another evolution of the language which seemed to bring then in as they would bravely take over the world. An impartial thing, the words had come to draw from within other worlds they beings known as caretakers. Need it be addressed more? Little was known about their real consciousness or whether or not they hid something in their suits. Instead, it had been a strange thing, the way in which they encased their children and took care for them not to be hurt. A spray had been used on their bodies which turned them numb. Afterwards, they had been properly sealed and left there to stand and watch. Nothing but the dark could be seen and some colored lights which drew out then in. Without the bitterness of watching, the snatching figures could not be held. Would it be unnatural if one was to cry of laughter yet again? Pulled from their bodies, something was as close as being repurposed as one could fathom loosing their minds. 'Those are my children. 'A woman shouted, but no one minded her at all. She tried to draw them off, but failed. Their mere strength and resistance was far superior than she possessed. It took the repeated struggle she displayed for her to be joined in the station, of four other men to restrain the creature. Moans were heard, hits and blows, all so he would be made to kneel, hardly being kept there at all. Eventually, it relented and got up, unwrapping his satchel in the back, releasing the children at last. Reunited at last they left and went on their venture. This had been only one of the incidents which had been remarked there. Remembering the darker days, a few feet, where the other side appeared to dwell, the first errands were: To peel of some of the growing carapaces that began spreading just about every spot of the body, where it wouldn't matter who

would watch, to the one contender, damned he be. Looking ahead, one could see a large bridge, in the middle of nothing. It was made out of metal, crossed beneath not by a straight metal side but by crises-crossed metal strips which held the bridge connected by the chains which held it dangling from one side to another. Watching it go would be like trying to catch falling edges. Metal wedges which were there as well. One visible side had been that of a giant beak-like torn atop a standing structure in the dark. Approaching it would be vile and dangerous, as well as that strange and incomplete defilement of the melting iron coated icebergs which were starting to drift. As soon as walking could be achieved on this dangerous trap, you could see, just by looking ahead, a standing staircase which stood on a giant wall. If there was one conclusive and decent thing, that would be the color read which sprinted with the defilement of rust. A test was taken as the few anchored men revealed their feet at last. From the countless generations which bred there, they had not only evolved their strange eyes but were somewhat everywhere. By that, it could only be meant that there was something to them which had kept everyone back. A disquiet which had brought back the never-ending wonder of hiding in the metal clutches of the depths. Some would be stored into one another's colorful worn ankles. Carrying each other's biomass, and bones at last saved into small bags they had made out of the excess of nails and skin. AN eye had been exchanged, better than to die off, as a sign that they were part of the same tribe and there could be no question about the servitude and the way in which they'd throw the throve. A bitter hope emerged as soon as they could see. People were finally seeing. In the first encompassing tenderloin, which, as a structure, resembled a curved dome which pointed upwards yet still managed to shoot walls from within, stopped a few meters in. From them popped others which continued the same process until everything gave the vague impression that there was a texture which didn't belong there. As much as a few feet away would revealed some scolding troubadours sculpted in them, even some tubas as wall which were cleverly designed to produce as much sound as they could when someone approached. Before it may be asked, paranoia wouldn't last there for long. 'Greetings. 'It said. This was during a time when language could be comprehended even by those who didn't understand why. There were no dialects at all, yet the way, in which they produced devices, those mechanical wonders spoke through some archaic wilderness which may not be recognized any longer. But this wasn't any great experiment or anything of the kind. Instead, one would have to look deeper in order to find out what was going on. What would be wrong? And why would it push on until it might swallow. One of the members of our people had been sliced and elated with his back as if there would be no borrowing of guts. Brought to this conundrum they drew around the thickness of the gate, which still curved and continued in this weird place, only to have called into question just what was going on. As for one who had been headless such as I, or him who was missing his mind, I had regained something which would change the drift. Why, I have stolen the head of a human and put it in. Though neither of us even resembled them by the mere fact that our bodies were made out of some heaping mass of moving body junctures, it couldn't be denied that some of us had desperately tried imitating those things. Not in look but in the way we acted. Our fires were grand, we were finally fashioning tools and waiting for the dark to settle. Even there, everything was hanging in the air as if they were being held by something which couldn't be anything but undeniably set to an amount of despicable things. On their heads rested the vacuous holes which threw forth a pile of incredible growths. Each of them spread an unfathomable amount of limbs which shot forth but stopped soon after. Without the proper touch, one couldn't take away that they completely died soon after.

I would have to add, as being one of the few survivors there that there was the grand head of the metal slaughters.

Properly after, there had been one quick touch, brought by a hand that came as last which started caressing everyone. Slowly put to drought, they would have to endure through it, soon and stricken, pushed into the vileness of the standing pincers which dragged on from the ceiling. From them, crystals would pop on, dragging broken knuckles, pointing above. Soon they would be powered, stricken after the hours as none could wander any sooner, from the frontiers which were looked upon as the rulers would return. Another pair of minutes would revealed that an entire ceiling which connected with the pincers in the front. From them, there could be a way. It was much better than that. The fact that it was drawing near like some spiked floor which threatened us to go unrow. Waiting for too long would bring up too much of a threat; to even face it would leave the raw, unable to attempt an escape out of the pure stress which threw itself at them. Death would follow through without a second more, the adaptive properties of one of their hands started taking in. As they fell out, driven by a primordial fear, they had closely prepared for themselves an escape route. This escape plan had been nothing short of a formidable thing. To even come with such a concept was nothing short of being miraculous. Yet, down there. Beyond the it would be kind to asume there was a reason for them being there. It could just as well be below them there lay danger which couldn't be met by any resistance at all. What lay between them was nothing. Each step felt bothersome, as to what was going on there. It felt like the belly was about to turn its sneering waves upward and farther away until it couldn't stop its advancement. Tumorous gangrenes shot from the waves, drawing on until they couldn't be defended any longer. Self preservation would be damned; instead, one could only give in to the torture which followed there. Not a single man could take that leap without losing the grips which held us placed together. We only embraced one another in the warmth, dragging on until our bodies approached the dawn and the change. From the steaming metal only I could see, the thing we did was close to a tainted effigy of pain. Our hands were somewhat sacrificing a part of themselves in the very strange case they had pushed in. Rust would encompass skin, drawing near the thinning match. A batch of pump rat-fat ropes came from down there, revealing the servitude and the similitude which allowed us to get away. Otherwise, what else could we do if not convey the very strange appliance of guts which carried on? As much as we were disgusted by this sudden deceit and the change that were to come, I couldn't deny the fact that it was the only way out. We started ripping ourselves open, connecting what was inside of us, becoming one. Only by this was could we escape the sudden fall of the ceiling, succeeding by what we were met. As soon as we were wrapped by the ropes and made it down there, we all saw the bones of our ancestors, spread apart. The reason for which they died was because they had been divided. Instead of leaving them be, I could think of nothing but what our sanity dictated. This way and only this way can be the one true path which may save us from destruction at last. In that I say, let me convey only the part which followed as we surpassed the gate. Rolling on its various lumped and raised slides, I felt as if there was one way out. Death would be imminent and lost. To even claim otherwise would be agony for not a single cost. My bones and guts were for the taking now. I sacrificed everything just for this moment when a break ensued. Justice only allowed me to rip a piece of myself for a moment and see something spilling out of it. Undigested and promoted as a kind of filthy pox object, I saw him emerge. He had been a human man after all. Though missing from his chest there was a good part that entered itself, creating a lump of fat where everything had been store, he showed us the way. In which only the brightest of visions could

fully convey what he'd done. From simple tricks in which he spilled out a younger version of himself, what came out of him enfolded the essence that stored everything. Everything down to the first primates and the first men, the ones up to the present, which had been completely copied and ready to replicate. In that pink transparent bubble floated nothing but their DNA, swimming and twisting, yearning for some release. Wherever they might lend themselves upon, no claim could possibly lay to waste. Deranged or not, he brought this on himself. A curse of tiny metal caging spirited followed from the rims of the dark in which they hid, readying themselves to strike him down. Soon his skin, the last retriever of woe sinned as he gave in. By now his piety turned him into a broken soul which would dwell the lower depths underneath those of our own. I could not confess that his sacrifice impressed me, for I alone felt no connection to the race and replicating it in its entirety without changes. If anything, if that were us, we could've turned ourselves godly even worse than that. A race of defilers, creators and dreadful creatures which were meant to pray upon the weak. Seek only what it's called. A voice called at last, and the threat carried on. Strange, how the ash fell. A fire had emerged from the world above, most likely from the coming of the magma and the hellfire generated from the essence of the Klyrhire. Vile, though waste no thought. Don't mention that. We rolled and tried getting away, with hope that we may survive whatever lay forth. Coming forth, as we advanced, the ancient kingdom lay in ruin, blasted past the rims of an ancient destruction which came and thinned the population into broken statues which were fleeing away. Nothing but expressions of terror could be conveyed on their faces, unforgivable by the likes that placed them there. Alone we were, stricken down by the final blow which put us on our place. A single metal pin shut us where we were, standing as if we weren't there. Listening to the humming of a giant carved, who was there only because he had come to harm us. He was a giant, bearded and meek. His face was almost bony from within. He opened a grin with so many broken teeth that it couldn't be denied that what he's done was agony at that. There was no joy though. Only the business of twisting it and pulling them out, then eating raw, as the purpose emerged, on the verge of the kingdom, he had seen if for what it had been. Wild horizons lay themselves bare, unable to come after what they had to spare. In a mind, bitter chimes awaited to reveal another reeling block which pushed on ahead. It was the eight one which had come from the world above, pushing forth in search for something to feel on. The pincers like the rest of the mass had been completely poisonous for touch, tempted as one may be, they couldn't be eaten or even enjoyed for what they claimed to be. Here, in this very spot, attention could be drawn to the one thing which pushed him own. Words were spoken backwards in his case and one he was fed he spoke from the many faces which grew on the back. He ventured farther away that the place they were set to meet. Four of them, empty sages with their bodies fit for some kind of punishment they carried around with them. Unpleasant though it may be, there was no reason for them not to look around and be surprised by what was going on. Each of them took their turns in order to replace what went on ahead to the are where the inverse happened. By then, the filth which had dropped from the ceiling over the various sponge-like blocks that crawled away from their strange masses fully infected it in its entirety. A strange type of infatuation could be seeing there over the fact that there wasn't any clearness as to what they were exposed to. It couldn't even be perceived as something painful or even malign but a strange cut in their hands and legs, their movements being imitated by each other as they drew in and changed their faces. Soon they would turn away and walk, permanently brought to an unsatisfactory amount of tendrils in their backs and strange legs which had stretching crow-like tendons. It would be

almost impossible to draw away just what was going on in their new wholly changed perception, as they eyes were first to go from their skulls. Only a slight hint of a wallowing piece of skin stood there, stretching until the very point where it couldn't be brought to fruition. As for their almost primate-like bones, the middle part of the spine stretched to the point where the lower side from the basin could only crawl and be dragged on the ground unlike the others. For this result alone, there could be nothing set in their minds, only the stretch of pushing dead toes ahead, one on one. Better than none of the growing tumors and masses which were pouring from above. It seemed like the living ceiling was afflicted by the toxin. That could not be mistaken as anything but the flight of stairs, the pair of hands one of the sages started spitting awry. 'Filthy rags, I should've roasted your skin when I had the chance. 'A terminal effect came to mind despite this sudden realization. It was the mere fact that he knew that this place was a ticking bomb of growths. What they packed inside and what would grow could not only be dangerous for themselves but for everyone around them out of the mere fact that they were to be set to lose themselves in that myriad of talons which raised the ground and flattened the mounds. Some structural integrity would remain but only as long as there was a chance that this place would be thinned again. It needed to preserve whatever sustenance it might and for that alone, some sacrifices were had. As this progressed, the immovability that they would be met by the giant sponges came. Toxins would kill everything, without a doubt, until some resolve came and they found a way to either fight them or win at that mild unawareness. Woe to the one bringing death. Unsanitary to no closer end, there was this one thing, the inadmissible called from within. The sage which had eaten and digested the men had been called Myrthodion. And he had returned to his abode, ready to be forlorn again, stretching his vilest meaty bead which held his belly from falling in. His attempt was one of the first to be followed through as he decided, the only way he could be encouraged to find a way, life would convey only that filament of disease, to rip and open, shove inside. AN organ which would prevent death from happening upon touching the toxin and dying, it was the only senseless yet decent thing one could aim for. As it happened, all of the sages carried the same burden, trying to mix apart and do what they might to mix the chemicals and the anti-toxins. Burdens which would breed and spread the lookers of the dead could not even claim to be compatible again. First result of such an experiment was the strange apparition of a small fetus-inbred, beetle-formed child. He had been fully grown yet showed only the signs of the first conception, with all the body functions being replicated and yet strayed until the point where they had been completely laid together. From the signs of life which it had shown, there was only a sudden pump which stretched its many appendages into his every organ. Yet for the reason it pumped inside of him, he couldn't possibly tell why. No reason could lay for this dismemberment he felt. In some way, only this life could be allowed to live and grow as it would give him a chance to know just what might happen if life continued in its track. A lack of mildness carried on. He would have to return to the point of inversion, that tunnel or hole which floated in the empty space. Contoured by a bluish hole which crept on until the very point where light felt unwell and at home, it was a strange apparition, a malign nebula-shaped, almost orgiastic thing. That had to be the reason for their sudden change, not of the body but of the mind. Perhaps it would also be the only way they could find a way out of this mess and survive it. For that alone was the ultimate appeal, finding a way to wake them up from the waves as well as breaking the seal which kept them dormant. Younger generations lay under stasis, hibernating as they lay attached to a feeding station below the ground which had been completely and generously struck on making sure everyone

was properly fed and put into the greatest condition known to the mad. As their brains thickened and ate through the bodily masses they showed, there could be nothing to stop this process. Even more, there was a suspicion to the lower beings that dwelled in the kingdom as well. It just may be that this sudden thinning was caused by the brains and their cognitive templates for the sole reason that they had reached a nigh-dreaming awareness which woke them up from slumber. Their constant feeding frenzy would drive them to consume just about everything around them. But that vile image could only be tainted by the sudden transparency would make even the bravest minds sneer. Yet, this was only the water source which had been converted into their nest. What lay in front of it, past the water-gates had been the ancient constructions, the houses of Sischelleout, a dreadful appearance being brought to mind. Blindly torn apart from the rest of whatever this chaos could be classified as, there stood nothing else but the chimneys of the living crematoriums which kept everything in place. Not to be confused at all with the rest of the sea which was thinning as it would be crushed, this kingdom in itself was outset on an area which would ensure its preservation from this cataclysmic event. Entry would still be forbidden to the sages who were still seen as criminals by those they lead. It was touching, for a while, trying to fit into the ephemeral grottos which stood about the place. What had been properly was the sudden interaction between the moving metal pillars around the open square. The whole area was stimulated by the strange movement generated. Though it may have been a struggle to keep on driving them awry. A few of the pillars were showing some strange laceration from which pieces of the inhabitants hid inside.

From each of them, a few guttural sounds could be heard, like shouts pushing forth some unnaturally plump marrow-formed condines. Long and spread just about in as much as eighteen precarious openings, they started producing an oozing blood which threw on stranded people, saved for woe. Known only in the past, walking back home. Coagulated blood stones formed for them, allowing them entry into the world. It was a matter of preference that he appeared there. It was an incessant desire to break away from the brooding of the fire which kept the incessant stole of the machines still popping on. While no memory could last forever, this would be the grandest approach to the last of the most incessant lookers which doesn't even take it into consideration anymore. This was a sign of the past, as no forgiveness waited for what was said and done. As much as the part which spoke from all of the remains that were there to begin with, I couldn't take away from this mess. Would it last longer? A sermon would be enough for everyone if they cared even for themselves. I couldn't hear them from beneath the trap door. Exactly fifty feet below it a staircase lead down the place where I rested. The reason for it was exactly that, I gave up too much of myself to be able to return there. It was a mistake, thought I was one of the many miserable creodonts who hid there, to even hide. It was never coming, despite the promise of release, that there would be a growth of the great atriccot in light. Of what was happening, there wasn't any denying to the fact that accumulation of contrasts which went away. Even thinking of a way to pray in their lungs would be disturbing at last. Think of me as thine will never look away. Only a few words could be said about this whole instinctive lack of bitterness which crept on. There were other high towering figures which emerged as well, revealing just how much of the place had either been completely enveloped by the lowest levels where only the last blast. So many dying breeds gathered here. Most of them had filled in the roles of those who had given their uncherished lives, fulfilling the last order of the great Empatriarch of skin. His words stood inscribed on one of the far gates, resting just as they would, bred out by the vileness which would be misunderstood. Over the very fact that there was some woe. Spilled as one may, the bitter

walker who came out of the depths revealed lost stratagems which had been quickly unrolled from their filthy scrolls, in as much as a good piece of the known ground. A molder of disease pushed away as each word that had been placed there had been completely made out of rat skin not out of ink. To sink so low, would have to deal. 'It's real; I have seen in with my very own eyes now, the last temple is somewhere deeper below. There the last parchment lays hidden, resting as no other priest might reveal what's forbidden. 'No eyes would be interlocked sooner than it should be brought back home. Deepening through the gate, for the grand chair had been pulled, dragged by ancient tools which still enamored the onlookers in disguise. Had it been so long as to feel the last reeling of the lost beheaded fiends that came out? For, their marks couldn't be held unruly; truly they would be unforgivable as they came. Fighting amongst one another, there was only one emotion they could convey, rage. In as much as a few moments in which they started off their inside engines, it couldn't be questioned again, just what the reason for attacking one another might be. A fist came upon another, they stroke their bulky bodies as their muscle mass pulled out. Their tinier heads were dropped in the back, resolving to avoid any kind of damage they might achieve. For their bipedal nature betrayed only the vileness which spread around their red bodies and the blue crones which spread around, moving even as they produced about as much energy as it was needed for them to survive. With each accumulative strike, out of their bodies something was left out. From one such fight, which forced them to get as far away from the vicinity of the grand chair, they pulled out small cogs, filled-out giant battery blocks that could've killed anyone else, in order to sustain, the mass which would prevail. As they leaped and fell, nothing remained whole again. Fists would soon become bony and even stricken to the point where it couldn't even be forgotten anymore. Dread would heal no wounds, they would fall in and then, a blow and a swoon. They ripped each other apart, arms and legs and bitter heads which had been thrown out and bounced on the nearest floor. Not only could it be unforgivable but tainted as well and the faint would give the false impression that there was a slight chance that one of them survived. 'Another grand show for those who want to come below. 'A voice came. Inviting even for the peculiar lookers who wished the best, for those who wouldn't rest in awe, a bitter quality to rummage by. Words spoken, lost to the unspoken. Unprovoked by none, what followed through after they were gone would be the shout of ages, bitter spades calling in. 'Follow us through if you want to side yourselves with the great Collroys. 'Factions are named, better than the ones that sullied away. Some drew from their opening holes in order to search for a single way in, unable to understand what was to be called and who would snare himself up to the dark callers. Never to rummage through the broken streets or the feet of the kingdom in which nothing remained, they low-lives took this opportunity and refrained from staying in. 'Dark or not, be weary of that, trust no one down there. 'An ancient crone spoke, unable to provoke anyone to any kind of blessing, for this mission couldn't could them for its mildest kin. It could be interesting, just peering in and what had been done. A static voice called. Somewhere in the city, during a cold day. Shades of gray never came back; instead there was that weird thing which kept popping on the walls. Like some signs, no one who came into contact with them knew what they were about. He had seen it early that day, the way in which he'd die. It was thoroughly planned and hard to talk about. But in an empty chair he sat like a phantasm, an afterthought of what had to follow. In either case, this wouldn't fall through. The way in which he had imagined it, with a pair of scissors in his hand through a heart which would be spent. Alone, as he would bleed, looking away out of the window weeping. No one should notice him for weeks. Too many years were

taken off guard. Life had taken them without daring to pay back. Promises would fall by the rinds of the autumn summer where they looked past those who died alone. There were darker days now. Streets were empty, lacking in odor, in them lay only that outstretch from the spots where spiders lay. Light wouldn't travel that far, a mistake couldn't take away from what came on them. Lost at for the touches, steel lances would turn as they peered in from crooked worlds. Without realizing yet, what came forth was a couple which couldn't even comprehend what was going on there. Blades of steel were overstretching their bodies in an unnatural state. By and by, already there wasn't a second thought to waste from this miserable state in which they began drowning through their own carved guts. In front of the few children who presented themselves there, there wasn't any hope from escaping the sudden. Attrition would suffice, as they fell to the first anchors of the ground which came as soon after there was an opening for them to draw in before it would even be remotely right to chime in and grasp. For the closest one staying ahead I have been properly trying to find my way in before one of the closest neighbors watching could cross in and enter. I had been dispersed as soon as I was looking by for a way in from this chaos. Cowardly trying to get ahead had been perhaps the strongest yet the weakest thing which may apply. My hands were trembling as I was waiting for the on the run. For the few moments which were as much taken as everything around us I could clearly see a way out. From the falling of each dead man, there was another one whose consciousness could draw in to the point where it wasn't even necessary looking forward any longer. As the toes to each hand started snapping one another by the mere staunch of the ones which were trying to get away from most of the unsanitary and decrepit stalking watchers. As a master of fact I was more than set on trying to get away from all of the disgusting and staunchly knives which found themselves underneath my door where nothing but the most inconsequential pains could be fathomed by the rows. One of my neighbors somehow made it through and in the process of doing it. It was an indispensable amount of his suffering that came on the other side and I saw, out of the likes of me something which may not ever be approached. For my sake alone and that of the others who were in the same room, I had heard the shouting which follow through the trails. 'Close the door and don't let them through no matter what they might tell you. 'My ears were shot my acoustic spear which made me want, to beg for it to stop under every circumstance I could get them on. I felt as if I was readying myself to ask for another touch, a march which would have some cherub-like remorse from the staunches which made their way in. Without a proper explanation I could do nothing but fathoming no less than it had been asked for meant. Proper ends would suffice, at the end of the day one could show the young what was going on there. On the fourth row of the watcher's creek, a few feet away from the building in which we stood, a reign of frost dropped by, carrying dead crows from the sighting fleets which passed from South. From them I could only comprehend the fact that there was a way to be worn and lost like a fleeing pig brought to its lost feet. Dread spread through the air, unaware of its own mad scent which did as much damage as it could be allowed in the span of time going back. A few steps, other men fell to the dreadful cutters which brought nothing but the swelling of the house. Soon to be coated in blood at last. It was highly unfathomable, even claiming it otherwise. Spared of everything around us, we were barren, left so out of the lack of clean blood which had been quickly replaced by a digressed replicant fiend present there. It wouldn't even be possible to look at it any other way than what it'd be. Seeing it be spared, of an existence out there. By the various torn static-like pieces which were spreading akin to dead locusts in front of the ever rising pillars which followed here, being formally known as a place afflicted. It

wasn't going to be easy in any case, making it across the street. Even opening the door would be more than dangerous for someone unprepared. Thinking about it brought only the lesser thought which it had been. Skitting across the eroded guts they had gathered inside the room. Why, this had been a great idea. Merely throwing them across then leaping from one to the other brought in the chance to achieve such and no speed as no one might be able to get. Dispersing of the wrong thoughts was easy enough. Thinking of the wonder and the reason for taking the trip couldn't have been easier than it had been before. 'A mere thicket forth and I shall cross the bodies as my own. 'A pale creature which was a poor imitation to the one man which was looking out appeared to be parching its lips. Though most of it looks somewhat similarly to some leather balloon which pushed in and spread its rubbery outside as the mad coal like drawings of eyes, nostrils and a mouth peered ahead. It would take only a few more steps to take in and start plunging the few knives which had been acquired. 'Take care, Roger, it isn't safe to go outside. You should at least take a coat; I think there's another rain coming by. 'So much so, looking at the clouds did more than enough to reveal the sharpness of iron which started amounting inside of it. But that hadn't been the source of the knives. Instead, I could only fathom something as weird as seeing weird stars being chosen in order to be thrown or wasted as much for a single wonderment of messing ways. First, there were lungs in them. I saw one of them expand just out of its metal collar. Clouds would be breathing at an approximate state of fifty breaths per minutes. A grand thing, just to think about it. Another thought emerged. It may be long and even bitterly prolonged, but this speech, the written things, the language which had been given the power was there. This reality had been created by one of the most malign signs of the worst possible set by the likes of speech which has ever been merged together. Even out I would feel unsafe for the slickest of reasons. Thrown by the vial, nothing but a set of defiling woes would last. Blasts of gibbering remains would be thrown out of the gaseous traps, coming at last to the last trap. A giant fiery lock, or it may not be called so in any of the cases, as much as it could be counted back on. Sneering and peering back, from it came out the cremated bloated slug-like filled cherishers. Beings like cherubs only in the lingers most spatially defying nightmarish ways. Lust would be brought to mind after each leap which could leave one wondering just what went by. As the first heads started paying attention to what was going through, sinew became of the houses. Humans became cells, or similar things that hardened soon after the coming of the dead feeling of the brood. More of the imitations, balloon-like inflated cries could be taken as no surprise for what was going around them. Over more than a few minutes, Roger, the poor man stood there, unable to move his stiff neck. It had been broken for a while, removed from what kept it attached to the rest of his body. Unable to decide if it was worth to keep him alive and well, there was the one deciding factor, of the faction, which called for the stop. 'Save at least one of them for later feeding hours, when the children need to feed out of the bodies of their fallen brothers. 'Of course, it all made so much sense now. Inside each of the people living in this neighborhood, there was this strange incentive to suddenly form themselves inside of them. It was hard to even image the strange creatures which slowly materialized from the other worlds, as the forms they took weren't necessarily to be held to the heart. Locked after the rapes that followed, through the smoldering bodies of the shallow corpses, now came the first of the brothers, grand Illigh. Pricked from within the man, there was an opening as that of a glorious pulverized bloated train. In more than a few standing followers of his, this giant twisted trunk which bore no working block on top its neck revealed as much as two lines of teeth which pushed on. Less than the time it needed to take out and form itself as a single emerging

blade, be wickedly obscured as it'd be. Another voice yelled. 'See? I have told him there would be danger if he went as far as that. Did you not believe me then?' 'More survivors? I thought they had all been taken care of before. 'To the one missing pair, they looked upon the despair they could show in their bitter memories. More than enough skin blades had formed, decaying and forcing the various tender alarming changed to occur. Harsh though it may be this was the new way of life; however one may look upon it after the dark of days. Better ways could be used, to even consider the dread which may be loose from all the battering rams that came out of them as they would be more than stricken apart. Toward the crystal palace then, from the crystal silken road which lead farther ahead from its cold gates, cooling as the weather stop beating around. Its arches were drawing farther; the glass ice-bergs and the ice-snow would slowly recede until it couldn't be livable any longer for any but the people in the crystal palace. It was a wonder whether or not thing were going like they were supposed to go, out of the mere fact that there was nothing but the snowstorm resuming in the most promiscuous manner. On top the throne a queen of olden days stood there with no emotion well conveyed over the fact that there was no Courtesan to join her now. He had been the one to appear, out of the snow drift, near the closest principals of glass, who would stray and catch the pieces of glass fallen out of her garden in order to bring back the rejuvenating sight she had looked upon. It wasn't a mistake that he had ended up there, without even a word spoken for those who were there nearing the age of their deaths. Stranded cold beds would suffice, and in her court, the dice was thrown, landing on xis, six times in a row. Of course he had been completely covered in snow. This was an escape from his mad form, another breaking by the surge which had come from the barrier, throwing him forth into the unknown. So many of them were lost now, undecided whether or not to be sided with the one who gave birth to them all. Yet he spoke in intonations, bringing forth some kind of missing alteration of fire, the warmth of the living having not belonged here only gave itself away. It would be unnerving otherwise, just by the looks of him. Compared to the people in her court, who were all made of some fashionable look-through glass, dressed in blue and white robes, he seemed to be solid in all the meaning of the word. Not only had he a weird appearance given form by the fact that there was something wrong with the armor beneath him, but he also barred the one thing inside him which pumped constantly. It was a trinket he addressed only on a constant beat and the coming idea of her mild deceit. 'What is that you're wearing? Around your neck, underneath that veil of smoky-glass, that mass under the snow. ' 'A reminder, your majesty, I've brought it here with me for reasons of my own and nothing more. I dare dread any explanation which may not suffice your majesty at all. For I am silken by the looks and feel and this tiny thing protected me from the reeling of the cold which inhabits this castle and this world. ' 'Where did you come from? And would you mind revealing it for me for only a second? 'The request wouldn't suffice unless he went on with his guise. Ticked by the second he revealed a piece asking to some red eyes stuck together, hundred of them, crystallized in some stone of their own making, caught inside a small depositing unit made out of metal, yet clearly working off some power source which connected his body through the various pieces inside of him underneath the gaps. IT was interesting, simply observing it into action. From a single flicker of the hand they all began jerking over and melting into a red haze, a mist which suddenly surrounded him, melting all the snow. Even from beneath him, the marble floor reveled the ancient iron, carved into the dark surrounding of a bitter corded snare. Alas, the Courtesan had realized. It would be my chance after all to reclaim a kingdom as my own. For, this sudden appearance of one of them here wasn't by chance. It had

only been the result of the vileness of Agamemnon who took a stance, though it may be interpreted as foul play over the fact that it wasn't the Duke who'd hold this place. Instead, there'd be no wonder, if he were to come after and dethrone whoever he might, this wasn't exactly right by any means at all. Bloody and forlorn, there would be some silence made as the song stopped. 'Silence in my court, you shall all silence yourselves immediately as I dare say this is not the time not the manner to carry on with. 'She was vile, as this haze turned back into his device, proceeding to creep in the reveal. It was an unappealing sight she wouldn't hope to stand for long. It brought too many whispers and talk between the two rows of citizens which were in the room, at all. Outside they'd die, as uninhabitable as the world would fashion itself, there was this one thing which stood at chance to ruining everything for as long as there stood the chance to do it after all. 'You still haven't told me where you came from. 'I was merely contemplating on it as I still remember threading through a barrier and somehow ending up here with no explanation at all. Excuse my imprudence your majesty, but I would not dare insult you by any means at all. I'd simply like to state that I am lost without a way to return from whence I came. 'How could you say such a thing after revealing what that blasted machine can do? Dear knight, whatever you might be at last, know that you're somewhat of a threat for both me and all of us at the Court. 'Not to reveal too much fear, as if it hadn't been obvious at all that there was some fear there to be had, yet no conclusion could be drawn as far as it could be. Would he be dangerous or plains, was it even fair to attempt prodding into him if he was there to last in any case? Blasted be the piety for those who watched hadn't a single care to judge for them what was carrying on there. No word would be broken, yet, they spoke freely as a group of four priests approached. 'Allow us to test him your majesty. This would rule out the entire conclusion and allow use to find out whether or not he's dangerous to keep. 'We could find a great deal by simple observation and our mere calculations would bring nothing but the most dreadful results. 'They spoke and never told anyone or anything of what they shared in as much as a few second they spared with one another as their tongues provoked no discourse to be told out loud. From the time they spend in there, I couldn't even draw what they were working at. It felt dreadful, trying to see what they were preparing underneath all of their purposefully hidden cowl. Not only was there an opening but the Courtesan had decided that it would be much simpler if he would draw near and start his device. Without having to worry about the guards who surrounded her all of the sudden, one release was enough. He puffed out of his chest and seemingly came to his damned senses. This was simply how it worked. Just by the mere scent which perturbed everyone standing around them, there was this sodium nitrate which didn't belong there. Before anyone could as much as approach him, there was only one great explosion which went as far as to ruin everything around them. Words couldn't even handle drawing on before this new hall had been revealed. Just by the amount of smoke popping out it would be clear enough that there hadn't been a single surviving object or creature regardless of the pace they had attempted getting rid off. Jest or not, this would suit him well. As he found himself standing in a much grander hall than he had been accustomed to, sickened by a single portion of mental disorders which went by, it was time to remember. Most of what he had in his head, including the nearest recollections he would come to look back upon were those of the Duke. 'I am the Duke now. 'The Courtesan spoke, somewhat caught by some strange antique which had left him unprovoked by anyone. Of course, there was still the problem of the weather outside, once or twice spoken, and thrice said, it would be done again. Somehow he would find a way to control the weather and make this land habitable through some way.

Fancier things had been there, for some reason, yet. He couldn't understand where this red gift had come from. It was a mere companion of him, a tool which had fashioned itself out of nowhere in the most peculiar manner he could count on. Despite the sudden show of the near damage he had produced around the place, there wasn't anything to spare. Doubt inhabited as much as one could throw upon. Worse than the defilement he had managed to produce in as short a period of time as one could steady himself upon; it was obvious what he was after. A gate, a device he had made which brought him into the other world. There he could find his servants and bring them back home. It was time for him to finally succeed with the plan, brought by the mind and that which sought not his destruction but the eternity he looked for at last. Damp though this place may be, he started examining it, searching for some reason to the fashioned floors and the peculiar walls which had been encumbered by the drift of cold. From a rift of the iron he had done as much as it would be needed for him to carry on with. Thrice he stroke one of the walls with his fist, to reveal a secret passage which lead down below. 'I knew you wouldn't forsake me now. For what I've done shall not be forgotten past the crown. 'His legacy would say, that even after his ascension into it, he would go ahead and reign. Past ventures would carry on, pursuing the mad. It would not be right to intrude upon what was going on past the sutures and the sad part. Looking forward at what would last. Stairway leading to the lowest levels in the hold, broken and spoken for, it would be unnecessary to simply accept that this was the final descent. As in that secret chamber there laid a few half-bodies which had been brought from another portal, alas to the admission that it went on. He couldn't simply believe what had been brought to him on. Lesser beings would suffice. Outside, the winter wouldn't last. Weather would start drilling as the many long faces and their staunch bodies, legless but planted into the earth would start howling for the taste of dirt. It was a catastrophe caused by his advent. He came into this world corrupting it, as the red crystal in his chest gave a scent which activated the planetary formation. Striped of blue and red would emerge, this world would be wrought in iron as the pillars would spread, arching as if they were of his world. Though he had been highly unaware that the dreadful plants inhabited this world, there'd be no concentration to the damnation brought by the ages in which they hibernated. Not only would it not be forgiven, nor would it be allowed to last, but this blast of uncertainty would bring a wave that cast the land into the obscure. No end could be seen in sight, but a swoon as the dust settled. From beneath the earth came rising platforms which mechanically brought buildings and structured from beneath the earth where they had belonged for the rue of unearthly delights. Disturbed metallic ghoulish souls would rise and spread, bitter but not dead. Shrapnel and led would inhabit their minds and soon the illusion fell off. There hadn't been any crystal kingdom where they had spared the works and the doings. Instead, there was only a fashionable look of the ancient onslaught which took place before they came. A nature so stricken by lings revealed that organic matter still grew and spread. Set in flight, the delight of flying stacked creatures revealed a relationship of disease and of missing feet, propelled by a domed wide-hole which shot on as many perilous long tails as they could fathom creating. From the tip of each, amidst the passers, one couldn't even observe what the thrashing of the masses might add up to. Fiercely they would fly like balls of yarn, but ready for some unnatural fight to be forced into. Jealousy would be lost, a blast for the broken hearts. It was dangerous thinking about it. But the pleasure and the danger associated with it couldn't have been greater. Such a weird and peculiar time as it had been there, stopped. As far as he could tell, something of the statue was alive, kicking, or barely trying to push itself away from where it stood. This centurion moved on its

own as soon as he commanded. 'Step aside. 'The Courtesan demanded, as it cleared past the ribs. Nothing would be spoken afterwards regardless of what had been promised. It was still burning by the time he had gone there. It wasn't a simple crematorium, but an appearing gate which spread the crosses evenly in as wide as it could possibly envelop on its own. Without as much as a single wonder there was only this vengeance it had thrown against another world. What had been worse was the fact that the graves weren't filled with corpses either, but their graven leftovers. It wasn't the place he was supposed to be in, for plenty of reasons which couldn't be disclosed at all. To claim it so, as much as it was important to see what had been thought of him, the various ashy remains had been completely forced to form small portions of the land that were already set on the disquiet. Soon, it all resumed. An endless supply of labor never set on a time to stop. What had been completely set to a single stop was that shattering of the plane that came as soon as he had entered it. 'Greeting, Duke, we've been awaiting your for a while. Plenty of us would be glad to accept what you have done. ' 'And what would that be? 'This sudden promise of servitude revealed only the false advent which far surpassed words of dead. It couldn't be achieved again, for the fifth' gravedigger came. He had worn some robes which had not only been completely falsified from those of his brothers, but he alone admitted as such. 'Many of them are lost, you know? 'This man who came, the staunched back and missing reins revealed much about himself at the entry of those standing spades. First of all, he contained within himself only a few perilous tools which didn't inspire any kind of trust. He would be lost for the likeness which bred the dead that follow through the winds. 'Blast them; I lost a few more of them earlier this morning. I cannot help it. No matter how hard it comes onto me, I find myself staring as I let them go. Not a single cloud made out of the fallen returns, could you believe me if I told you that? 'Another aspect that was revealed, just from his sudden floundry, as it he was intentionally showing me what he had underneath his eel-cloak, it came, never to be trusted yet again. I saw that his body was just a simple extension of the chromatic cremator, burning inside him still; bodies shiver and gave a feeling of unquiet. There was this vague impression he gave that despite how many people had entered the confines of the trap inside of him, not a single one survived. From his face, I could draw a pseudo-beard, made out of strands of burnt paper, written over the ashen ink as the one cremator said. It the back from whence more of the piles came. 'This one was expected to come. You must give him what he wants. ' 'And what would that be, oh God-forge. 'From one of the dampest piles which were moist from an unfathomable amount of water which hadn't even a place here, there was this sickening appeal, the plea which had no place to be. Dread wouldn't be counted on, as it would be decided. 'Bring it forth and let him send on what we need. ' 'A deal it is. 'As the great grave-digger Esepchalliot spoke. In a vile amount of tones which came together, stricken by an unfathomable gaze that refused to go away. 'Careful now, runt. I don't take kindly to those who want to trick and harm me, regardless of how you present yourselves, I couldn't trust you if you were to give yourselves away. I don't know what this border world is for. 'Other than the obvious reason he expected there, something about the orange in the sky and the ashen forests of crosses, the perfidious structures in the distance which never passed to any avail. Just what was this place? 'Another hole in which we ought to bring everything from the worlds, flooded and broken, diseased and other broken souls. ' 'So it hasn't stopped yet. ' 'Indeed it hasn't. I would've assumed you knew about it by know, after so many damaged creodonts that would give their lives to save what they could, you'd be surprised about it somehow. ' 'I've got no time for this at all. What I wish to know is the reason for me being brought here from the cold. ' 'There

wasn't any cold hole that from which you came. ' 'What do you mean? Would you dare call me a liar? ' 'Not a single change, but say, what have you conveyed there? ' 'Listen you miserable grave swollen, I had to break the crystal block which had guarded the trove which was a castle for my own desire. Crumbled under my will, they had all been completely destroyed for the likes of the appeal dread carried on with me. But the ice and glass and the mirrors they carried with them were all destroyed after I revealed to them the force I carried inside my crystal and my will of steel. ' 'Oh but you are wrong, Duke. Know that you were deceived not by a creature of glass but one of gas. It may have taken a few swollen forms in order to trick you as if bred of old. But it was nothing more but a fleeing ghost, a dreadful apparition made out of some vile gas. ' 'How do you know all of this? 'Inquired the Courtesan, as he approached with an unknowable gist. It couldn't be that he even considered it. But the lack of marks or even glass which melted, or any kind of remains seemed to match up with the fact that it may be alive. Somewhere, free to flee as it did before, fashioning a trap with nothing but its trickery. 'Say, in that case I wish to know. If you're known in what's been going on inside my new kingdom even before I came forth, show me where it is, tell me if you'd please and I shall properly dispose of the intruders at large. ' 'But I shall do you one better. With the gift of the cremation, we shall make it so you'll draw the better of their life's essence, the bitter memories and hardens of life. In that case you may become stronger and even get to bring down sunder. 'There was the appeal of a strange deal he seemed to possess underneath the coat. It was a strange kind of perception to even think about, but having come back onto it one could know just what the case for it had been. From underneath it, there came a pair of bubbling, constantly inflating irises which drew forth to as little as eight fourths of his body. 'I maintained them for a while now, there's no need to be concerned about it. 'Some vision were vile, closely as he could be, it was obvious that he wasn't even considering looking down his proposal. Of the various bursts which came, each pop gave him just a vision of what he might. Sides were plain; the beast lay clearly in pay as it was stranded ashore. Bore would the cantor say, for the mild illness it threw forth. Proper tools would've been needed for this vision to even draw near the point of being conceived with again. No conception of the surrounding of the area could remain for long, over the fact that something was drawing in back from whence it came from. Thirst couldn't progress any farther until it had been the time again to scavenge there. From his silky, pristine long body, a living liquefied skin shot from across its body forming a bridge which fell. Soon, unless ought the blind to look ahead, there was the insight which called forth the unloving to be called again. It dragged itself slowly towards the only way one could deny the existence of such a staunch creature that found it rotting away. Bloated even as life itself couldn't convey what happened. Throwing forth even more gaping indulgences, came to it a few smaller gnomish-looking small human that were in its service. They were its accomplices, as well as it could be called into question, with an uncountable loyalty which spanned from a tiny white glowing bulb, tiny as a pea which took control over their minds. Not only had they remained as frozen as they might convey as less of a single shiver which came from their lord, but they also threw themselves forth until it couldn't be sustainable any longer for the few promontories it exposed. What it took for it to display its might may as well had been only the dreadful psyche intrusion which converted a fat lump of their brain into a usable asset that slowly crawled inside their spines, going lower until the point where they had lost their influence and power. Towering over them now, what was observed would be pure fear. It was this fright that gave an opening to signal for itself. As their chests opened and from them bursts large antennae that were needed in

order to communicate farther into space, suddenly, they had been completely closed for whatever reason that couldn't be called forth. Whatever it saw there, it wasn't worth threading over. Not a single second could be spending that way, suffering by the way, similar in kind to them. Looked as if from one of the long telescopes of glass, it saw for a single second what awaited out there, past the outstretching galaxies and stars. A thorn which kept breeding until that point of no remorse when nothing would matter any longer, as the universe flattened forth to its magnificent weight. By now, it was late, perhaps too late as the unholy being which had set itself against it, though he may have been known as a necromancer, died. It was a fell swoop that suddenly devoured most of the brain mass he may have hid through some day. Disgusting and repulsing, ever encompassing in some pucker-planet he may have inhabited now, what remained of him was only that growing Laplander which returned, to the orbit of home.

Wherever that may be, so many days had passed since it would matter. On their tiny tribe, and the strict bodies which held them down, there was this. Messages had been communicated for their chieftain, brought back from the ones which were propelling themselves into space with as little of the indoctrination that remained. 'I am the Chalk.

First of the tribe, I may therefore speak of the problems we ought to share with the newcomers from the. 'Voices faded. Their voices couldn't be heard. Overwhelming, as much as it could be called into question, there was thing disinteresting aspect which kept beating away, drawing as it couldn't be conveyed. The power which lay still in that face, the winterless peer which chose to draw away all the hatred and the vileness, lack of hope, dreading to come forth. His pox-infestation now affected everything in the most atrocious manner. It was inhospitable, that's the only way space could be called now, as a result of the fact that what it managed to do in as much as a short span of time, of a millennia was the conversion of the original plan. Drawn from one of the vessels he had posses, Agamemnous had managed to transport this information from one to another to another, so on and so forth until the very moment where it wouldn't matter as well as it could be counted forth. One eight of the eternal celestial body it wrought for itself appeared in such a manner of disease that it wasn't his. It was given forth for one of the most stricken visitors that were there. Having nothing to do with him, he was simply there. By the time of the inception of the universal heap of biological organisms, he came. And it developed its cortexes as the infants which were drawn away. They

had become a layer of armor. What followed it was one of many machines, drawn from every place where technology developed on a whim. After that, the seal of words, everything being thrown forth just for that chance to avoid detection from the mad disciples of disruption. It wasn't even worth looking forth. It wasn't a choice any longer. Trying to get through the shallow chambers below, where the conduits were being attached to their bodies. Could you simply believe it if you came to see it happen in front of you? Just a few months earlier, of a greener field, a beast had started pushing through with its furry coat and broad sinew of pink charred sides that were coasting its body. Not only had it charged through one of the nearest villages but somehow it had become also apparent that the village as it was being destroyed. After a fashion of lost songs, the villagers ran back to their houses, lost to the frames and the strangeness of the plays. As much as it could be excused, the various disused songs appealed to no man, as the beast came out of its den in a mad attempt to find top one who awakened it. By far the appeal was lost, at the cost of drawing away and pushing through the nearest heaves of metal plates which occupied the entry into town. It had been dangerous to be there, just in the streets, as everyone would more or less fall prey to the ones trying to get away from the deciding courageous thundering roar, the boar-like head revealing the body that

wouldn't snore. From the mere fact that the only pieces of it which appeared to even remotely start pushing some kind of deformity out, from its back came the anchoring looming trunk, chaining by itself some kind of spherical demigod figure without arms or head, instead it popped out some kind of double-triangular carapace which almost threw the rest of the body out. Just by the mere force in which it strangled everyone around it without even touching them, one could take away that there wasn't any fair chance to convey. 'Stay away from it. 'A woman shouted as her only child seemed to lose itself to death. Without the countenance of words, the straggling words would be missed for the paying. Straying from defiance, an appliance of disease would only throw the others where they pleased to be. Four more patches of skin fell off, revealing a skin which had been completely battered and smashed inside it. At no point had it revealed anything of itself, from the way of gathering the townsmen during the night, against the glares, to grow its body taller or wider. To the very point where the pattern of blue diamonds came to shine brighter than some of the flames that were on the display. Each of the diamonds started drawing it, coating the normal skin of those drawn to it with the same color, to bring them closer to the pain. Egyptian-like symbols came from one of the antique shops. In those things there were scarabs riding on bats from an old animal nesting lot. IT was time for them to be released, as they would simply chase the pigeons and give into the alarm. 'Make haste and wake as many man as you can. There's a complete state of emergency from which we cannot draw away. 'Look at the flames, they'd say. For nothing could be altered any longer for the sake of no one. It would take nothing more but a complete runt to see what was about to happen to the beast at last. From each of the eight legs, metallic prison bars shot out at curved towards the head, in unison, after the side. It couldn't be called as anything which may be. Other than the way in which the bodies taken in started acting like livid corpses which wanted to push onward until neither of them could suffer their persons anymore. The mere fact that was there was a pure ingrained mist which came from its pores or something similar to it. Not only had it not spread, but from the looks of it, plenty of other nail-figures pushed ahead. Nothing but the lightest of birds could follow through as they formed their lances, bitter dances following through as soon as the knights charged and swooned. 'Prepare for another charge, just like we were taught before. 'It was strange, after the dark chaos which had emerged just a few months ago. Simply taking it back, just looking at the empty crater in which the castle had been and with them mourning the king and the generals, this would topple them again. Pain couldn't be used to satisfy no one for all the likes and the bitter stories that were told to grimmer tales. For each time they had been charged against, there would be a sudden turn, as they'd flee. Knights had become petty and cowardly as there wasn't any value to be maintained any longer with everything which happened in mind. Archives wouldn't speak, but spat on them as they had, the old tavern broads came to their senses and closed the door back. 'Back to the action, you've got children and wives to protect. Defend the families at every cost. 'Another bitterly knight came forth, a pair of some. 'Elizabeth of the madly torn roses. 'And Lord Trian, who was nothing more but a deaf mute, blind and senseless who was guided by nothing less than fate. Know the fate and know it well, for it was the ones who guided his well being. No jest would suffer any cowardly approach. Poisonous toxins would creep ahead, never to behave, as the upper plains spared no view. While they were busy fighting with their pints and medieval artillery, flying machines would borrow views, looking at them from the highest peaks. Never to reach anything on their own lost to the powers of the clouds and the throngs of the sky. Living free and never to be caught down there with the lower men for the grandest treasures there were.

‘I feel as if we could’ve helped them in some way if only we were there in their place. ‘ ‘It’s late for that, go to sleep. ‘It was time for the slaying, the quay being drenched into the blood of the beast, beaten by a pair of faltering fists did more than put in down. As the knights fell down their horses, injured still by the mere force generated at a whim coming from the beast, it had become apparent, that this creature’s lamentation faded as soon as some of the blows landed on top of its skull. Seated on top of the beast, they cheered as there would be no way to appear pure. Soaked in their blisters, the citizens yelled. ‘The beast is dead, the beast is dead!’ Yet not a single one could tell, why the wonder at it. It felt too easy, too benign to be simply ignored like that. Doubt sparked at the knights parted, pushing the maidens away. ‘Step away from it until it’s confirmed. We’re not sure yet whether or not it’s gone for good. ‘Misunderstood, they only appeared to stray and crazy. Quays would be out of place if not for their likes to appear staunch between the sewers, shallow as their apparitions were. Whatever had infested this land couldn’t do anything any longer but mess aside. Not to abide the amount of strength by the muscle which stretched, pushing ahead a kind of dread which misbehaved. ‘What do I see, at a bitter angle no degree or amount of growths. Their tops have come forth, moving to an appeal. ‘The degree that they progressed through could be felt like sharp razors cutting forth, felt. A child came by one of the green growths, and as he did, a piece of his made a guttural noise that dealt. With the pain which may not be conveyed by normal means. Instead, it seemed likely for him to give in and follow. For, he wouldn’t wake up tomorrow in the same place, instead he’d seem lost, in some narrow crevice. In which he’d rest, like some root which spread, underneath one of the houses, lamenting like the beast as it house. Bitter coals inside its guts. After the first initial cuts the squires made, they filled it with something which would make the beast too heavy to lift back. Not only that but if there was even a remote chance that it might come back. As it was. ‘Dig up a hole, yank it by the big shoulder and throw it in it. By morning we shall have a feast. We shall clean it afterwards and eat. ‘ ‘Won’t the coal and the heat and fire ruin it? ‘ ‘No, the insides are too hardened for that. Here, look at it. ‘Braver souls looked away for this reason alone, as he came on and started striking one of its livers with a blade. No scratches and no marks, nothing to symbolize the amount of hits justified this approach. And the violent thing only continued forth, trying to shove away as much as it could bay. But no one noticed yet. It was timed, for the blind spots were there, and no one could even hope to be aware of the slight changes in its face. Regardless of the openings and how many of its organs spilled out, it would somehow remain alive. No amount of force could push it down. ‘Roll it over then; we have to make sure everything goes according to the plan. We could risk something here, I’m sure of it. IT would be tempting to let it out in the open, perhaps leave the harpies or the vultures have a pick for the bones and meat. ‘He knew of whom he was talking about, and to be fair, they all knew that there were some out there who might see it for themselves. As something to grab on in delight. The boy, focus of him there, as one of the many rooted ones which were swallowed by the puckers. As soon as another process was done, this extraction would have to be properly hidden from those who’d sniff about the placed. Otherwise, the risk of discovery would be too great. Enabled now by a deep desire to be safe, the green muscle on top pulled the iron grate from behind, careful making itself appear like the grates of the sewers. Towards it there’d be no question any longer as to what would be possible to look at, as if it would matter. Logs would fall, the bitter sky eruption after the dices fell from a bitter howl of the town’s walls. Still in construction, yet they demonstrated to be thin. Nothing stopped the beast from coming in. ‘We need to do better the next time. If they keep coming in. ‘ ‘Dorhun, I think I

speaking the best for all of us when I say, we'll do fine. We handled the beast and obtained a feast for ages. They'll speak of us for weeks now. Can't you see that this can turn into something quite profitable if we're paying as many good hands as we can? Just listen to me now. If we're working on this for just a longer while, we should have gathered enough followers to finance a new order. We wouldn't be remnants any longer, don't you get it now? We could be recognized. 'I think this fight got over your head too quick, you're drunk also, I can see it by your feet. Shaking and stirred, the young man had no idea what was about to come forth. Even with this small victory, there had been wounded men who couldn't walk any longer, or so it seemed. By midnight another pair would have to go outside and stand watch. 'You know, Kayoing, I can't stress this enough. But I think there's something going on in the country side. For now, things had been. 'Dorhun paused, to look around at what was going on around the tavern.

Tables were occupied at too fast of a rate, the Templers were getting smashed and trashed by the ale without questioning the consequences of doing so in a place like this. I was to wonder as well, what the reason for it, if any could tell. Who might be the one to unite us, in a while. 'There's word of a war coming, in order for a succession to be made. Now that there's no king, there's the problem of taxes and of the ruler of the land. You know, when he disappeared, all of the king's descendants went out with him. Not a single baster exists up to date, from what we've been made aware. I'm surprised of this thing as well, but there's a bleak future ahead. Our order is the last thing which even crossed my mind now. With all the chaos going on there, I'm surprised there won't be a turnover coming from the farmers and the countrymen who might arm themselves and be crowned as well. 'A peasant king?

What kind of insult is this? 'Well, there's the alternative which I cannot help but stress enough. 'His eyes were now approaching a level of unnatural movements that made him feel like he was trying to strike for silver or for gold. It was something which made him inattentive and lost, the cost of it being inheritably wrong, caught off guard and stricken by the side. Not a single waste of thought remained as he spoke of it again. 'We might be conquered by one of the adjacent kingdoms of Ghunghn'Ur. We could be drawn into an alliance with the Republic of Turn, or even worse, we could be completely swallowed by the bandits who might come from the East. Even the assassins from their nations of their Enclave. Though I have a feeling. 'At that it was already late for Dorhun to hide what he was about to say, as a few men gathered around him, trying to hear what the fuss was about. It was indeed something which brought only the fear of fear and of rage. Thinking of the distant memories where he went around the world and saw something much viler than he could recollect. Vile pockets of smoke, dark Carrions who hid in distant forests yet claimed to be of other worlds. It was so overwhelming for a single knight, to face so many threats during a drunken night. 'That it might be a band of evil things that caused all of this chaos. King or ruler, wherever he may be now, I cannot shake the fact that he had too many enemies. Shed of them and nothing remained; I could only hope that there's a better place waiting for those like him. 'On the likes and on a whim, there hadn't been any question from within the ranks. With one exception, which drew back. 'What do you suggest then, captain? 'He looked at the young squire. A lad by the name of Sesk, bluntly put, and shaken, very much misunderstood by his people, peering ahead, lost even for the very likes of words that never found him. I could see him trying to push in something of a word, anything which would even remotely make up his worth. 'But I am lost for words, and only the coming of the days will tell. Until then, we'll have to keep bringing in the dirt to fill the crater. If we're left undisturbed, then we shall somehow build something better. Otherwise, I couldn't tell of a brighter future for our

kind. With all those who are against us I couldn't even say in doubt that there's something great we might be approaching. On the contrary, we should still ourselves for a war. 'A war in this condition? But not even our walls are prepared to suffice. 'We're no kingdom any longer, just a petty town, I know. But that won't change the fact that some will take the opportunity to strike at our hearts and take over; you should know a lot better than that. For the very same reason we were brought back. Not officially, but we took the mantles of the knights' order for a reason. To protect the people and the future generations from the chaos that may be. 'Wits were for fools and no one wondered just what the reason for them being there might end up leading to. No concern for any word had been spoken by those who had not even the remote idea what the future has in store for them. Foraging even farther, the mines would bring us just enough to take them through a few more years of wonder. 'I think we'll have to wait. 'Then, it was time, for farther way, where the land was stricken to the ground. A few meters below, where the agony of picking up cherries of wooden longings, the brothers of the disease brought something pleasing. One of the warlocks had thought that the best alternative to hiding was to lay with the dirt itself. His underground moving fortress had been a giant mole-like construction which spread eighteen legs in both directions but never dug up anything for its own. Instead, from those giant and long absorbed limbs it had produced something magnificent for everything which even peered on. The amount of dirt which came from it caused the surplus to cave in because of the mere fact that this dirt was alive. Not only so, but it could eat the other fragments of the soil, growing and falling below, drawing near, ever since one should know of the doings of the caves. Wrought by the unnatural verdure which was lacking, the plants couldn't grow any longer, other than the snatching of those who had dared betrayed. The warlock hid them inside rooted canals where they would live for days until falling through. It was strange kind of living as the moving fortress was horizontally inclined, moving to the sides, unable to pull out of anything as hard as it would even try. Least of all, one could call it a draw. Living there had proved to be as hard to function normally there. Just by looking around the various spoils he had collected appeared to put him down. Some of them had been rather unpleasing for the various amounts of stares they were trying to spoil away. It starter withering for all the living foam that was brought in by the mold that manifested in each corner. Delightful or not, brought by the disease of hushing tumors, there he stood, stopped as he should. For as much as a few passing minutes and the hours that drew on, he couldn't for the likes of him understand what was going on. 'Bring me one of the tablets. I need to write a message. 'Spoke the upper voice. To his voice cords there were as much as it could be allowed, a way in from the shouting hanged servants which were pulled by the rails above them. There was a desecrated amount of spoiled limbs. It was harsh, trying to push through and spend all the time alone. Realizing that most of his servants were unspoken for, which left him stranded in some way. Without the presence of the opportunity to speak with the other warlocks, it only meant that he would be alone. He had just a few more challengers who found they trespassing long before ages had been known to happen. Properly dissected as they stood now, it seemed that they gave him the look. Something about them made him reflect on how well they might serve him eventually if one withstood. Power and glory for the rest, dismissed even to the test of some woe. A grim reflection came from one of his connected mirrors. The room he was in seemed to bear the wideness and turn of distant and open venues, like twisted amphitheatres that were spent, turned and twisted to no end. A blend of many pillared crusted teeth of green dampened marble held everything from falling over. No intrusion could last. Latter than the ones before, life could continue no more,

despite his attempted plans to obliterate the land, he had somehow skipped over one great detail. That being the fact that not even he could deal with his force that emerged, like an aura from all the objects reflecting a piece of his grim soul. Mostly the mirrors faded and show the old truant. Brought to his attention was the fact that a pile had even dared move again on its own, in dismissal with his choice to tie them down. It couldn't start faster, could it? Movement may be slow, but one that would matter. It slowly moved, making its way through the broken and ill-formed chests of wood, and the catch-a-knee, to the broken degree on which he looked ahead. A servant returned in a matter of no minutes after a shout was heard. Not only had it been completely concealed for reasons unknown, but it went forth to inspect the area where he had stood. Nefargo stood, holding in his hand the body of a lady he had kept and hid under the sunken replica of Luna, broken and cradle on the wall he stood, he couldn't understand what the reason for her leaving her spot could mean. Celese, young and pure, mainly preserved and kept before the sight of his attunement to the broken swoon. Regardless of his attempts to hide her away, he'd put her back in vein. 'Begone servants; I've got no need of you any longer. I'm to spend whatever I have left of my time with her, do you understand?' No ducts filled with tears and no tears at the place, only he remained with his dear wife embraced.

Would things be different now? As soon as the fortress even showed the promise of returning back where it belonged, there would still be the fear of the outside which couldn't get away sooner. In was one of the old storage cells where a few of his stored elixirs wasted. Exhausted by the stay, Nefargo dragged himself forth to the very spot where they've been brought to the only standing locks that faltered. As much as it had been important to look back, the past was gone. Brought to the cell, as much as a few feet could tell of nothing going into circles, damned be the one corpse which found it standing there. Mouth agape, pressing ahead with the few drops in it, for the sake of what would be the kindness less embraced. A faceless thing from having ripped itself asunder, by the drinking of the plunder. Foiled grease in a glass that almost turned itself fitting into some gas. Braced fore the impact, he shook himself until it would be safer to get him away. Bowing to the prayer he conveyed, only the upper piece came unscathed as the body imploded and a fire extended. Not more than a few feet away, it had spread into as much as what would be, an only the steps, you'd see yearning for scrape. By a mere change, he had escaped with a few burns and a contradiction which pulled hairs, unable to repair what was taken from him then. It was a miracle that neither of the other flasks had been destroyed by what was going on there. An escape wouldn't even prevail to the ones ahead, coming in. Feeling what had happened within the proximity of their master, they stopped. Simply as he'd be allowed, to regain what he had lost on the ground. Ears stood on the farthest edges, a nose and a piece of an eye. Eight fingers and a cut from his chest which let just enough to have been known and tired. In a pile made from them as they gathered in order to spread what they could save, there was that. The only arrogance that could be allowed. 'Leave me be, I said, I don't want to be greeted by you, my servants, not in this way. 'Stricken down and beaten now, he chose to crawl away. Back to Celese, to plant him in her chest, near the warmth which he denied to the day when she had died. What a mess his fortress came to be. As soon as there was a weakness showing the walls started releasing as many chains as it could get. Regardless of the passing and what could be told, there wasn't anything which could bring her back home. From each hook attached, there were some brats of skin which promised to snatch as much as it would be derided. Caught by nothing, this liar faded. Only to appear again. 'Having trouble now?' Nefargo had been asked yet. The being standing in front of him was ill, fat, lumped, made out of big bodies

shaped like exaggerated spheres that could only draw on. Death would come from it as soon as it opened the broken mouth. It was through the horns that legs drew on and walked, like pints of ivory which shot. Nothing would be brought to question his drawing eyes, small like ticks or the fragmented hilt and helmet which peaked at its massive shoulders it shot on. It was pleasing, having that amount of hope which had been displayed there. For the same reason, one of the contorted spine which dangled between their wastes, diseases lungs sprouting between the chains.

‘I got your attention now and for that I cannot even focus any longer on anything even near the. ‘Sounds couldn’t even be comprehended anymore for what seemed to go on and on, close to what would seem to be the track and the dragging of the age. Those organs were not only culled but they almost seemed to be desperately swollen by the amount of blue air which drew in. Some symbiotic liquid resided inside of them, ever growing up to the point where it couldn’t even be called for any longer. A made growth pushed onward, drawing forth until it had revealed. What the appeal of that almost growing radiation had been, it would start pushing out other species which didn’t belong.

Such were the bird-like beating filters that came out, which only server for the making of the giant, slowly as it would be reformed out of the many pieces which came forth. Undornth and Creppert, Llorth and Smondrr were some illiac names, given to the ones that tamed this fiend. As corpses gathered, brought by the device, the servants acted in the mad name of their bitter shallow mage. ‘I should advice you to draw them back if you know what’s best for you. Otherwise, I shall decide it’s time to part ways and you shall not see me again. ‘ ‘Who are you and how did you manage to intrude my fortress? I assure you that there’s no possible way in. ‘ ‘Would that matter for someone

my size? ‘What was the even talking about? Just by the mere denomination of what it looked like, this was obviously a dark figment of what appeared to be, the disease of the mind and the lack of access, whichever it’d be.

But not to go ahead and strike, he would be useful as to pull be back. ‘Help me get up then. ‘ ‘As you command, warlock, but know that you’re rather heavy. ‘ ‘Don’t insult me so. You know I’m unfit for anything but what I had been trained to do. ‘Both of them could barely be there, in the same area with the growth. For the same reasons that had been listening before, agony and fright, it was evenly clear that there wasn’t any way to understand where they might be able to draw the line to the blunt stone of white. Might they not realize it yet, but it was starting to draw on forth. The one which had been locked for far too long that his mind was no longer any kind of delight to be seen and

held. Better to the ones who never should’ve worn himself through some kind of battle, or to the mutterings that came after from this grunt. Just how many living things were there to begin with? Just the other day, he had heard something close to some kind of intrusion only to realize now that it had gone bad. In the gut. For him and for the one that didn’t realize it was time to move away. Not to overstay the many infantry units that he brought. Those small insect-like pins of overgrown shrapnel, wingless but stuck in air. Like pieces of debris that all group together but spread as fast as in the blink of an eye. Not a single one gave in to what had been the culling of the fortress. ‘I could see why everyone has taken upon themselves the desire to destroy me. Perhaps it had been a mistake to go on the other days. My past still haunts me and the future may not even be conveyed any longer. ‘ ‘What had you done? ‘ ‘It was in the night of the fire. ‘To which it had been started by one of our own. Responsibilities akin to it would be immediately shared just to spare one another of the pain betrayal would bring. Ringing in what we had counted to be one hundred men who had been slain, a number including the deaths of the guards, the city watch, a few drunks, the citizens who had nothing to do with the event. Worse even, would be the animals inside their dens and their master’s

children playing in the streets. But that had only been the first part of the augmented fire. What came out of it would be in the very fact a dreadful kind of predicament from which neither of them could come out from. It seemed like time had been frozen to them. As the flames completely charred their skin and bones, the living fiery liquid which dragged on would be quickly forgotten, brought to a stop. In as long as a few days, praying wouldn't even convey what was carried on. Lost to the souls that were brought back inside a standing altar, dedicated to a machine cancer that devoured technology, the broken screens filled with static would forever play the images of them burning. It couldn't even be accepted any longer that there was even a chance for them to have made it to one of the many heavens. Or through the purgatory which was known to be something in the similar vein. Instead, they would live forever as memories as the liquid made out of the burning embers and their complete water-bodies would survive the worse outcomes of them all. Stagnation would be perilous for them. Not to count as long as they would fall for what was coming for them, but wonderment would be disease. Pleased even by what seemed to be the coming of the pleasing song. Though there were no lyrics and no woes to be spent by the machine, what it had brought from within were networks as vile as to learn how to defile humanity in a continuous rage. A sham, as it had been, the souls would be turned into machines, eventually. The entry into their society was hard to achieve. Simply by bowing to their large over encompassing robes you could gain their trust. A pure nuance lay on top of each of them, as if it would matter, just to be caused. White gloves appeared to hold their masks but there were no forms and no vile coats underneath them. Greeted at what ought to be one of the grandest balls, they would throw themselves. There are those who wonder how we got here in the first place. Water kept dripping in for a reason, coming from one of the upper floors. It managed to encompass the entirety of the floor in a short amount of time, yet no one had even been remotely surprised by it. How could they? It was a wonder whether or not they still functioned in as much of a way as they had then. Prior contact had been established but even that went away. I sit alone and wonder at the bubbles popping. Just what lay beneath the floor couldn't be anything but the result of some stricken otherworldly bit which sunk in and wanted to draw away? A bit of some land, a great part of it which didn't exactly fit in but wanted to have itself there, closer to some kind of bedding. Where would they be hiding now, if not underneath the soles of the fish scales? They grew if not erupted from the various fish eggs that alarmingly spread somewhere they didn't exactly belong to. Each of them carried a few others from the previous generations. Generously declared, they were already painting the rooms in the absences of the lower-sides velvets. As one may look into their strange appeal and draw near to as many of them hiding inside the remains of those who died, were dead, or seemed to mimic the feeling and the constant depressions which buried underneath the skin. Where water was, those velvet beings followed. Arriving just in time through some stricken holes between the scales of fish, drawing away and pushing through them had only shown the insulting woe every single one of them had gotten through. It would be of no use, trying to find out what they actually looked like. For that alone would not only be insulting but it would also reveal from how far they had come. Travelling through tunnels they had wrought by themselves wasn't easy. It couldn't be satisfying, looking at then static for hours. From standing prisoners, they had carried through, moving through their head whilst breaking through sinew. By the end of the plunge, there was a connection. Water poured through their bodies as it would be so easy to absorb them. Delighted by nothing more than the look of the shallow behavior, they had come to seal a deal with the mix below the floor. Not only had it not been water, but the simple combination, in

order of the mixing chemicals to even ingratiate them with both the poison and the diseased notion that there'd be a way to feel the scents of the devouring needle-wrecking vapor, there was that. A stop to it. This had to go slower, unless the lord could be distracted from their ball. In that case, there'd be no way out and no way to push ahead from what was going on. Without even a way to track the various ways in which they were making the noise, so many infections would freely start breeding as they were being fed the perfect component of all. A vile of water-waste that touched their bodies from above. It would be cruel to think of it as anything else but that, that. Cruelty could be called into question, as a sort of famine emerged. Despite the entire room being unlit, one could plainly spot that there was a hardening which outlined itself. But that wouldn't even be close enough to allow the water to rise. It felt on it like a man of the dunes. Unable to grow further, as it was aware, itself, from the various amount of chemicals which gave it a fluid consciousness that they could track it down there. From the raft beneath it, the creature immediately destroyed a good portion of it, revealing the giant gap which had encompassed as much as a few feet beneath the ground. Though it may not be that surprising to see or even give into it, there was that. A view of the bodies which were buried before the ball even started. Not of their own, but some of the guests who had shared a few of their races to them. Of course the darker ones would be too unpleasant to be allowed to live. Furthermore, they had been skinned alive and tormented for hours before they had been put down. In as much as eight quarrels, they had been eaten. Various extremities such as long legs pushed in and started digging until it had been close to touch. Bringing what must've been the least interesting of them all, the roots that went that far revealed a way out. A mighty tree lay somewhere, somehow inverted to face and dwell deeper into the ground where nothing even mattered any longer. Once the realization came. The dead remained there for too many centuries to call, and yet some of them still moved, as if their muscle memories still kicked in. Desperate or not, they'd be brought to know. 'Listen to me, that who tries rowing into my head. I had been made aware of your intention and for that I must admit that I'm displeased. I wouldn't like to have my body thinned of the sustenance which kept my brain still going on. For that I, Lord William Crottsworh would kindly suggest you move around. 'From his nest of this strange being it had become rather apparent that it wasn't to be advancing further. Instead what seemed to be that case was the very face that it actually started giving in. Better opportunities could come, as for now, he seemed to be pointing at the drawing mass with as much as a single sharp bone fingers. It seemed likely that it could cut just about right, around the edges and at least deep enough to force itself in without being absorbed. The deal would be simple enough, it would only have to avoid touching him at all cost. With that set, there'd be no way out and no jerkiness to it. As for the dread, something was spoken for. In the few minutes in which they showed up, the guests trembled at the sight. Each of their slow but precise movements would be felt throughout the floor at a rate which would not even draw on. Deathless stares followed as it was decided, that the oozing block would split, right at the dead man's feet, as it drew on. Uncalled for what would be as much as few moments there. Looking around anywhere would reveal the ravel of the seething scrapes. An unfashioned amount of bitter touched dirt spades crossed everything which had lain around. What was bound to be touched longer would be that strange apparition that crept stronger as it slowly ripped. The aura which had been generated from it could only draw forth most if not everything of its worth until that break. A slippery cheerfulness which drew on for its own sake, now the corpses sang as they were thoroughly coated in the watery essence, orange but closer to the guttural mess it had become. They were pleased by this even as they came

on to see five great forms in which the heap split and started burrowing themselves in order to escape. It hadn't been felt yet. As strangely deranged as it had been, most of the guests were unlike the others who bowed down to their feet. For change, they know this was a ball, yet their masks were something which didn't fit the theme at all. High worn armor, they were the destroyers. What had been conveyed was the spirit of their sake. A dread for the matter, something that would falter after, to the point where the one slip actually came to their feet, one they drew their blades, their spikes were filled with rage. From just about every corner of their vaulted helmets, pointy shoulders and seemingly hard cuirassed scaled rings, the ones that were fashioned after the metal plates found in factories as well. Others produced a strange king, made out of steamy hit, produced on top of the ceiling as the rain stopped, that's when the music had been brought to a crude loop that wouldn't last. And these lords or beings, couldn't even comprehend, what was going on there and why their ball was crudely stopped when they had done nothing at all to awaken. Dreadfully taken by surprised, as they approached, there would be an infanticide coming by. Each strike against their might robes revealed what they hid beneath them at the strike of a rose. Giants yet infantile, which had plenty of cord splashing, eating and drawing from their sustenance, waiting. For what they've done, no man could look back and wonder at his sins as they yelled quickly draw aback. 'Spare not a single soul this night, we shall raise their hold down and bring it to the ground. 'As the order had been given, it was a curious thing, just looking for another way in. For each dreadful command wouldn't even be called. Into action, no reaction had been given for the unspoken words. Stranger woes couldn't even be called into action, as the pieces of the robes lay scattered in the lost corners. Steel would not appeal for all the water turned to steam. 'They're boiling me alive. 'One of them shouted, stricken in the head as his masks and hands departed. It would curious, seeing it again. How those who brought their large hammers with nails. They would bash and bash until there couldn't even be a survivor called into question. No direction could lie in their path as this pact of vileness was brought to the other chamber at last. What had been discovered there, on primitive chambers which could be found just about anywhere, were a few changes put of for a supreme act of torture. For each man brought it was obvious that about three quarters of them were kept in a state between decease and the breathing. This was unacceptable, just seeing them exposed like that. Robed beings were kneeling in their dark chambers, candles might be lit, but the signs beneath the red flit couldn't even get close enough. Brought to what had been the shout and the cowering corpses they had abandoned revealed many of their intentions. Be them vile; be stricken away, no emotion could convey the loss of thought done by the crying and the laughter of the infantile creatures abandoned after the fall of out of sight. Some still moved but it was only now that the intruders heard their cries. A memorable image, which would haunt so many nights, nightmares, would be welcomes, to possibly escape what was going on. 'Slay them as well; leave no survivor that may haunt this place. Fires might begin but let them not devour them from within. No doubt as there is, we may be approached by the disease of change. They're infecting us as we speak, for we were never as deranged. 'Second of four legion spoke, but he hadn't done so unprovoked. Nor had he been properly right, as what he had believed didn't align to everyone around him. He had seen in as a mercy, as did they but no one else had claimed that otherwise they weren't as bloodthirsty as they used to be. War was something that went on. Another man came and strokes a hammer into a pulsating child. IT was undefenceable, looking after a way to understand how the entire manor darkened as soon as there was a way to know. To throw out those who had no place in the world. To stop these vile experiments which

were nothing but ungodly in a world which didn't matter at all. No consciousness would last for long as they all tried outdoing one another with the slaughter. Four men charged into the room, crushing the robes and the men which had been cursed upon the tables as strike after strike ripped everything in halves. Not only would it be upright, but the lack of touches brought to their own. Scorn devoured, fire bothered as it began. 'Bring the pillars of this place down. Make sure everything is broken down. 'The fire wouldn't start until they were rightfully gone, but they would have their sickly surmounted fun for as long as they could bash a skull. Not only had they drawn to the point where it was dangerous to stay, but as the steam continued, and the others pushed on, they yelled again. 'Stop the water from flowing, we're going to completely scorch this place and leave no survivors. 'What hid on the higher levels were nothing but some who dared give in a lust which had no place to be there. Though they way of interacting hadn't been through normal touch. As their lack into the members which allowed them to do much of what of what was missed. They were annoyed and pricked, pushed down and replaced by nothing short of falling beds, carpets and rugs. Everything was coming down. When they tried getting up, the same treatment had been given up, nothing short but an attempt to escape revealed the broken fountain from where they came. 'They need water to survive, let's break it in that case. As I said, we shall not allow a single should to escape. 'No doubt about it, as it seemed to be a simple case of understanding what was to be at their feet. Corpses wouldn't last for long, as they grabbed a few and smashed them under their metal boots. Masks shattered revealed that they bore skin and muscle, even a brain. From their floating robes and their gloves, more of it came out. It was obvious that they could feel pain as in those tight halls, the echoes of their pain couldn't help itself but shatter. Long after it would even be comfortable to look around, they'd be bashed again and again into the ground. Not as fast, as to be breast, after. What followed was only a way through which they couldn't wonder any longer where they had failed. It had been planned so well. Most of the human guests had been taken from villages in the west, where no one would miss the obscure. And no one could fight against that which hadn't been understood. 'Why must you intrude on us now? Can't you see that we were merely trying to have our fun? ' 'Abominations such as yours shouldn't be allowed any kind of word spoken to us. But since, I see you broken, standing with a dead infant you've probably stolen as well, I'll tell you this. Vile thing, you shall not curse this land any longer. Your vileness ends here, and as you near your end, I'll send you back to your shivering hell where I could only hope you'll die forever. 'In this shocking end, the bitter words had been spoken and came to be lost as well. Second blow of the foot, brought him down to the point where he couldn't even hope to soothe. Most of the inglorious strikes, which broke through the ceiling, another king of steam got released at last. Not that everything was stopped, a few of them had been prevented the escape. All of which surrounded and got stuck in a giant empty fountain which promoted nothing but what they waited for. 'Look at how their backs are exposed, crush them here and there, let's turn their water into blood. 'Sword and war-like hammers came crushing against spike and bitter spine fell on as they were being drowned instead of fleeing back home. It had been magnificent, seeing them struggle that hard. Struggling to see, this was the time to be alive and breathe into the musk of air. 'They're starting the fires, fall back men, before we'll be caught in it as well. 'Fright couldn't explain the rage through which they broke through the gates, through the stairs and through the valley. But it wasn't fire left alone, what they had planted there were living explosives which threw the venture as it drew on. 'Everyone's here, captain, it's time then, isn't it? ' 'It is, from now on it's time to bring actual power to our conquest

and show them that there's no better way out. 'Other than this show of fire and explosions which brought the great destruction and the bird of a gigantic smoke king, bred out of the steam which symbolized the great conceit, they had smiled; they had dared face the vile ones and got out unscathed. 'It was a slaughter. ' 'This wasn't a fight. ' 'We want more. ' 'The night is still young. 'Without stopping, they pulled their mugs and rolled the barrels back, drinking as much as they could grab their hands one and carried on in search. For others to move on to, the band of mercenaries carried on. As if called by the winds of fate, they couldn't even hope for a way out. Brought about the deathless gaze, in a maze of broken circles where there was nothing to carry through, disease wouldn't be counted on, as well as they faltered through. A great standing pass, waited for them at last. And in one of the spikes which stood near one of the bridges it seemed that only a pair of corpses even mattered as they pushed in until it was uncomfortable for the villagers to say. 'There's something there, on the other side of the forest. 'A callback to the only thing that mattered for now, in the sunken piece, the better parts of it being tainted by the scourge of the drought of bones, latterly brought to the moot. A few things were taken into consideration for everything which had been worth. The power was so strong down there that one of the vessels gave in. Without a single amount of perception for what was happening around there, it happened soon. The bunch known as the Agamemnonyi started planting themselves deeper into it until it couldn't be caught any longer in the next surge. A power which went through the barriers emerged from them and suddenly they formed a few circles around it. Deceived by it and what they had promised before, this hadn't been clear any longer. Reality was somewhat sealed into everything which happened around. Bound to a promise which was there, from their strange ritualistic misbehavior, they've done it. It was dark and sudden but what they had achieved was agony from within. A miniature tower had manifested in their ranks. Though it couldn't even be believed any longer, this is what it had done. With the ephemeral link between spaces, far succeeding everything that lay forth, a single start had been taken through. Guided by the coat of red, this tiny miniature of a dwarf broke through the various shells and never came back into space. As it passed through, every hole sealed with the marks of a long and prolonged gathering of iron, steel and other elements which weren't bound to touch themselves, feeling touched and brought to the uncanny look. A filthy thing, misunderstood. 'We'll draw too much attention on ourselves now, do you realize that? ' 'It doesn't matter any longer, here's our new plain. ' 'And to him, my friend Agamemnop, I say, look around at what I brought to your gaze. 'For eight five spears came, all of which were hidden and spread. With the cogs and metal shrubs and everything which pushed them around. Now, the conclusion had become supreme as their numbers thinned one by one. Brought to them were the bodies of the suppressors, of which duties ended, never to be called. 'Now it's time to fill the gap. 'From that tainted area, where everything went about, just as it had been intended. Gravity had been quickly conquered by some, who had planted unwholesome beings out of this world. It was them who managed to put everything into place, making the celestial bodies harder than they ought to be. That's how they fell as the faces stuck themselves on the surfaces which couldn't flee. It was tainted, a destiny which never could've been achieved. Lies would fall with gluttony, rust as they couldn't even wager themselves out of this. They even dared paint themselves lower than what they were. 'Let us live, faces of filth. ' 'Perhaps we may have misunderstood you some way. But do not punish everyone for the wrong doings of a few. ' 'Silence suppressor eighteen. You are to be stripped and removed, forced into the water and sink in with us. 'Submerged by force, this glorious show couldn't go farther than it had been looked down upon.

No amount of fear or distrust could make up for what was going on. An after image with many of them appearing and manifesting in. Other versions of Agamemnon fell within, sent back. Yet more of them joined their ranks. Sooner as it happened, from each of their mad dimensions, the projections started being shattered, faltering to the power they could push ahead. Without certainty there would be weakness. A weakness which had been exploited as they planted their unsanitary ways, undisturbed by the deaths of the lower beings which surrounded them, for each death ooze into a pox-face which rested around them. From their insides there was this filth which wanted to go out and fill the world. Another wave, which mixed with the bleakness which poured from the stars. From other realities where everything was bound to be infested, the geometrical illogical forms suddenly took their appearance instead. Life would be stricken instead of being allowed to continue undisturbed. From the bones of the creatures that fell in, the first wave of suppressors thinned as with their numbers. Not only would they not be allowed to be seen or felt like. As if swollen after dark, stricken by the mad, it didn't matter what went on. Luck was only copper now, iron for steel, ice which become skin. Like an effigy of their doing, they embraced it, forming various gaps of guts that raised themselves and started floating in. Portals of meat which swirled like vortexes filled the place, which dragged on what was theirs. For the guts became harder, hardening to the point of them being used either as anchors of some kind of weapons of war. 'We shall cherish them only because we admire what you've done. Without you, we could've never faltered and be done. 'With that, there was only a way out. As the great city started being destroyed by the architects who saw no way out, the flood would waste through the gaps which were reflected on top and through every hole of the arena. Until then nothing would be brought to action and the remnants of the white beast would spring to life, part of the anchoring pillars which had been sent to one random location multiple times. Division had been laid supreme. Without a way of knowing, their generations thinned in the most precarious way. Diseases wouldn't last; guts would be blasted back, as for it, the one who generates the planet of Cleth'Anor. From the depths in which they sent just about everything which would be sent, arose the one great divider. Its planet had been split in half by the appearance of this Goliath sized, brunt cheated, like a smaller core, made out of organic materials which had been left over from a previous evolution that shot. From his back pulled out multiple limbs that didn't belong to it. Which hadn't been the worst thing about the creature, this god, but the fact that he bore, their symbol no more. Instead, a faceless mark stood where his head ought to be about. No more would it stay there waiting as it charged through space. Having attained travel through the outer rims of endless profanity just by the mere fact that it willed itself into existence, this divider would be sent. Seeking for the thing they detested but were too bored and perplexed to attain. There somehow, they would speak. 'Find the Thorn and break it from within. We cannot suffer its existence which might parallel ours in some way. Make us proud no matter how hard we can try, we'll never find it on our own. 'It was that voice which stroke the deal, the appeal of which couldn't even draw forth. What they were interested in was the one fresh paleness which inhabited a lost piece of space. Drawn into the two dimensional world which was thrown forth by this wicked looking strange thorn. No plan would work as well, if he was there, danger would prevail through the most capricious manner. Thrown around the places, it was time for the only ones who managed to escape in the first place to draw some breathe. Not a single Suppressor had been found yet. Despite their placement and the sides occupied by them, it wasn't likely that they would be captured from where they stood. It was a turn towards the right direction, on of the homes war evenly set. To the proper beatings

against the led clicking with the lights. ‘At least I will make sure there’s someone to beat on the door every twenty minutes or so. ‘ ‘What would be the reason for it? ‘ ‘I won’t be able to sleep again unless it happens. You wouldn’t get it. That’s a personal thing, you know? Trade an eye and get a fish. ‘Without repeating it, there seemed to be a single moment where he pushed it in. Could he hear it yet? Fifteen minutes passed like that without a single loud sound passing through one of the doors outside. Usually they’d come not in pairs but one could understand where that came from. For fifteen minutes straight I wager, I could stand tied, licking the door, waiting for something more until I’d get there. ‘There, I saw it. I mean I heard it. Sorry. ‘Charles was unsure on himself. It’s only been a few days since there was a close call and he had heard something which made an out of place sound against the door. Ever since the, he’s been outside, plenty of times, registering every single change that happened on regular intervals.

For this particular occasion, it seemed like Alan joined him. Without being troubled by it, there was this one bothersome aspect of the apartment that shook him off. Rubbing him with the most solicitous manner he could be in. Words couldn’t describe anything. Normality couldn’t even hope to touch the rooms any longer. It’s been so long since they heard someone’s grievance on the other side. ‘I wish they could play music again. There used to be someone in the upper floor who used to practice the piano all the time, you know that?But I don’t know what happened to him. Whether or not he moved on or stopped. I miss that. ‘That was the only thing which even came close to showing a sign of life. And it was a sad thing that set him off. Countless nights he had spent trying to recreate the same conditions as those in which the players had hit the keys. Everything was going off now and he could only focus on the grievance outside as that of his own. Never being able to get close to it, yet always in his reach. Lost even to something as good as it would last, where there would be pleasure in disgust. ‘Don’t you think it’s time to move on already? You’ve been spending so much time in this room that I think you should at least consider it. ‘ ‘You know I can’t do that anymore. It’s not a matter of how much time I have spent here but of. ‘It wasn’t. He didn’t feel any kind of resentment for Alan. Though he couldn’t understand what this room meant for him, as no one did, he was content being there. This was the place he woke up in after the chaos came. And with little doubt, regardless of the consideration of moving out, this would be his grave at last. ‘Are you getting tired of me, then? ‘ ‘Not a second spend went to waste. I didn’t say I would leave you. ‘A spirit of camaraderie ensued, not to misunderstood, as the tie would last a bit longer than it should. Perhaps it would be a lot better to hope for a few more nights spent well, where no one would yell again. What happened there was a crisis of woe. Bitter nights were spent crying by someone who refused to move on. Funeral arrangements followed the following days, which in themselves were a rarity to witness. Especially since no one was ready to accept even more grief that came from their ranks. The streets were crowded for a second time, as he notice all of them drawing from as many places as they could land from. No lights laid low. And even some androids were called in to help them. It was one of those days when they would try making up for the time they spent apart.

‘It’s always sad when it happens, isn’t it? ‘

‘I suppose it is. You’d think there’d be a way to find happiness in this junkyard.’

Remorse only guided them to look around for as much as they wanted. There had been better days, better spent than this. They missed no glory dragging along with it. As for the funeral, it only lasted a few hours before fading into

quiet. I could see the figure right up to its chest, even at this distance. Both of us saw to it that the funeral got carried out there in the open, just like he wanted to. Yet neither of them knew his name.

‘Too many people move and change; it’s a surprise that someone would remember them.’

‘I think I recognise a few of them from the crowd. Some of people used to live here, I think. I think some of them might remember me.’

It was something he hoped for, but he never felt like he had been heard when he said it. It wasn’t the first time. He would try not to become too sentimental about someone he had never known. He was young by the looks of it, but lost in a plow of snowy trenches. Dug up not through the soil but an elevator which lead farther than he expected. Locations hidden beneath the snow. He was concerned about something the others weren’t looking into. Mainly the hand that was placed right over the spot on his chest where his heart had been, hardly pumping anymore. Bothersome if anything, nothing came out of it. What reeked like a strange event now seemed normal. It was a veil, a coil, everything around it shouted doubt. It took a while for it to stabilize. As this court would be well put, and in a corner, where he stood, there the Duke emerged, without fear or wonder, in front of him there stood all the servants he had plundered the place off. Most of them were made of steel, some were lacking in the same kind of appeal he would desperately try looking for. In as much as a single day, what he had achieved couldn’t even be conveyed in words. Satisfaction could steal the feeling of dismissal and the loss. Costly as it would be turned, nothing could be considered for the mourning of the lost word to decipher. Blunder but never looking after what became of them, slowly as they emerged. Forth they went not like things of steel or iron, the organic nature now having been fully forced to come forth, never stolen, lost without a word. There were a few loose ends in need to get grasped and twisted, legged as it happened for so many of them to bear a few. Grander circles had been made, in those that weren’t taken from the sunken pillars where the last cutters bore their happier features stored. Five hundred meters below, all of the specific ones, which contoured the delightful eyes, between the chin and the forehead on a whim, would only add so much, less than it would be brought about the source form which they drew power from. All the outlets restrained themselves as soon as it came about for them to please. Another cryogenic state made it so not everything got what they would throw forth. Better than measuring something’s worth was this. ‘It goes as planned. ‘He spoke on a whim; the one responsible for everything now came back to his rails. Broken and stricken down again, for the amount they would last with, that happened to be gone as well. Songs would play at some intervals, yet their dance would replay again. Reasons could be listening on a plate, spoken like an admirer of fate. Enorr, was the name on the tag, he carried it around a strange sullen mass of steel. Permanently, yet stable, he laid in a suit, unable to discern reality around him. For what would be worth to say, he had lost his mind again. Reason for it? Unknown. Reason for killing the others who were responsible to look after the living around the place? Unknown as well. If time could tell anything, it was that his mania degenerated into something explosive and enamoring for the wrong listed reasons. One of them was the complete head blow he had suffered, an injury which only sought by it, lost for twenty minutes taken by him to regain it back. Tracked by the unfathomable large metal lines, he stopped. Always, but always they’d track him down and scan the entirety of the suit. Only one message had been repeated time after time until something had been acquired and lost in the midst of the hoot. ‘No life detected. ‘Just what would that mean? There wasn’t any way, just by feeling, I could feel the bone. Yet no pulse, that didn’t matter

much. For the first manual scan through the body revealed that the entirety of it was still filled with what would be the amount filling a completely smothered body in which I stood. 'Done, I cannot say I'm not done yet. I want to know why I'm being followed by you. 'Same message, a detection which found out nothing in the true sense of the word, a scum of swords trying to sink even deeper than they would be allowed to set forward. Onward to what follow would be the complete routine. Sometimes I wondered whether or not I was the only thing keeping this place alive. And just about the other half I wonder what suicide would feel like. It was dark that I considered pulling out just the only thing keeping me alive. Not only so, but brought to my knowledge would reign, an undignified reign which never went away. Passion couldn't even begin to be stranded. Forwarded by words and a lack of stronger bonds revealed to me just what I felt. 'I should talk to someone. 'And then I did it, I awakened another passenger. Of course he wasn't supposed to be awakened here for the obvious reason that he wasn't allowed. IT would be forbidden in this blue-lit white-Creole area, where skin replaced the metal and it sunk so low and morbid. This wasn't right at all, I felt like this was only my mind going places. But I swear that sooner or later, my suit would become some agglomeration of multiple living protrudences put together. And the very thought didn't claim me yet for the same reason I would be there for as long as I could be. I knew how to cover my tracks. Lucky for me, I had worked out a system which would do me well, as the first awakening had come from manifesting machinery which turned, from the strange organic matter into some crystal-like mobile sunken stone. I couldn't force it anymore. But what was happening here wouldn't even just be mad, thinking of trying just to work this out. As the first of them who came out gave a single sign that there was a way to work through it, I realized that he went through some changed as well. What went through his body were a few crystals which enabled his circulation to continue in the most disgusting manner. But they weren't the only ones that came through. Some plant-like forms of life were brought about, the kind of soil which ripped apart his lower side. Not only would he suffer through this but it appeared like he wouldn't be missed. 'Not tag on you either. 'But then it popped, his entirety went off, without leaving a trace. As soon as it was done, the plants enveloping him died as well. Not that they were too developed to begin with, as the courage of words left even the description I would leave in, frame of reference, unacceptable. Plants not green but some dark shades, and closer to what we would be instead of theirs. I would see myself being fit and used as one of them, producing some kind of oxygenation through some mechanisms I couldn't explain for certain. My sunken seeds were changing and brought as soon as they might to my feet. Scraped by them was the fact that they were made out of an incongruous material, forced just as I was. Stolen from two portions of the nerve damage my eyes had suffered for the sole reason that they were parts of my brain that took the path in front of them in order to avoid detection. 'Intelligence could be planted into the dead, this would be a check. "Of course we'll have to repeat just about every experiment over and over again now. "And what will be the result of that now? 'A desire to stop it before it spread. It was almost as if Agamemnon recognized something from the depths and came to his senses. With the small sacrifice of the red dwarf, there would be no infection to last and spread around. The sudden manifestation of that race infection would be brought to an end. Just as it was planned it went away without a trace. Disgraced by this change, even the quickest turns could be dismissed again. 'What had happened to your stored body? Oh, I see it now. 'It was clear just by the way he looked at the loop that had replaced the soil, the plants and the beings from the other worlds that this was not the initial intention. Instead, what manifested inside would be

the same body replicated over and over again, struck into falling. As if this couldn't even be explain by any normal means, he chose to stare at the walls. Surprised even to the point where he had forgot what it felt like breathing.

Anxiety would fill him to the very point where it would feel like grimness told of him. Better than said. 'I need to escape from this place. It changed, but it wasn't supposed to be. Perhaps I'm cured of the mad. 'Turning at the metal lines, he looked back into it and asked. 'Scan me again. 'Life form detected. 'A grim smile came back onto me and I felt renewed. Why, I could even say that they dismissed themselves as soon as it was confirmed. No longer would I

have to wait my turn and waste in vein. Better than to be forgotten and lose myself, better to have lain. With the others I had brought, what I sought was a way out. Speak to them first though. As this exploration could only see the light of being forced against the various memorials he had been forced to listen on a daily basis. Yet ripped, ripped, or so it's be. What was that sudden chance which had almost infested everything? 'Why it was just one of the parasitical realities which try to feast upon the uncanny. 'Luckily for us, we're nothing short of gods. 'It means that our direct control, over this effigy which is now our own. '

'That shall make us rule forever. 'As it happened, in the bunker, in an ever spreading universe of red, hidden inside a lower end, there stood a vessel, upon which lay attached, the many pox-faces that took control over the tower at last.

With it, there would be red stars to grab upon and hold. Like wishes which were told, upon the starts, they could simply take away and draw everything which would be of worth as far as they could know. An altar would be set forth, just small enough and hidden. With a hole on top the ceiling just so more of them might be drawn. This would be their station now. But as bitter, wicked, simple men like the one below them. Was still looking upon a way to grab, something that could save him from the drought that be his reality within sight, lights would come about until they couldn't be counted on, enough of it. He seemed to spare too much time thinking of nothing but what he saw two vacuoles, his eyes being flattened at the tip. It was obvious that he was staring at another cryogenic unit which needed to be shaken a bit in order to produce something of worth. Unnerved by the fact, he couldn't even spend another moment forth and pressed the buttons looking on. Initial reaction, so forth, he was breathing safely, a bit reluctant to step forward. I could draw just as much as it was needed for me to know in order to realize what was going wrong with him. Some of the convulsions he was trying to show weren't exactly for the show alone. Was he trying to confuse me now? 'Friend, I am a friend. As a matter of fact, I'm one of the new humans, protectors of the old, the one who had been assigned to set onward and look after my own kind. For that you can rest assured that I shall do everything to. 'Settle down now, he hasn't fully accommodated to everything you've been trying to tell him.

As hard as it would be obvious to know, he had been made to feel unsure of it. Of my allegiance to them. It would be cowardly to run away. But I felt like giving him enough space. 'What had happened? Are we there yet? ' 'Change of plans, that's all I could tell you unfortunately. We were lost, so much that I'm afraid something had overtaken he ship and. It's hard to explain. But we were in the orbit and then we simply are here. Underground, in soil, planted like a root or like a worm if you will. How does that make you feel? If there's any chance that you may encounter some feelings akin to some deep desire to end yourself, know that the procedure it to kill. I meant to say. Wait, don't overreact, I actually only meant, put back under sleep. 'Not that kind of sleep would stay on his mind. Way out place, as it'd be. I could feel it. Regardless of how hard I would try moving away from him, there was that chance that he wouldn't return back to sleep on his own. Danger would be secluded, understood by what this meant. I could

feel it go by me again. Some of the lost buttons on the panel still came to me. And, where had he gone now? ‘The second one got up and I already lost him. Isn’t this something I will have to look back at? ‘The laughs we would share, after looking at this again. There were some details which weren’t shown at the back of his suit. Perhaps the change had been way too drastic for any justification to occur. Babble could be heard from him there, seemingly aroused by the sound of its own voice, in itself showing little that may be drawn. Lost to the only sounds that may be. But eight molds were there and it could only be considered as something close to a dispersing curse. Not only were they not supposed to be alive prior to the end of the reversal, but it only seemed much viler that they were electronic bits which guided me. ‘Close the hulk and put the man back on stasis. ‘This order felt as if it was aimed to be but in reality, it was as far away from my person as it could possibly come. For some reason, this alone was a matter of someone else taking control and being listened to as well give me the nervous feeling, leaving me cold. As I thought that I wasn’t the one in charge any longer. For the same reason, I decided I would wait before awakening more of them, instead choosing this. ‘I’ll set a rule for all of you to follow. You may think yourselves ingenious, somewhat, but don’t forge that I’m the one supposed to be in charge. Where have you even come from? ‘Properly ignored, it seemed, without given any sign that they were even considering trying to entertain a simple conversation, they would only dull his back as they progressed further in. ‘Answer me, you cunts; I want a reason, why are they listening to you and not to me? ‘But that was taken away from him as well. First the orders, now his feet, just what had happened in his mind that he had become so weak? With certain numbness, there would be no hardness to push on. Carrying on the same path would only seem to destroy anything of the fashion. His fingers were missing, only to appear hours later properly stored into one of the units. It was getting old by now, the trickery they employed on him, to have him perform his job. It would seem like a coincidence, but ever since they appeared, for as long as he had been aware of their presence, his production rate increased. By a tenfold even, without even realizing that he was working on the belt again, making replacement bits for every part of the ship. Only through this way would they be able to continue working at an undisturbed rate. Otherwise, there would always be the chance of another electric storm even there, of all the places it could appear in. Not only would they stand at chance, but they could try appearing again. And again would they come. Physical forms would be excluded and out of question, a think which even baffled the parasitic species itself which almost found another way in. Instead of it, there would be this. The psychic attack, the almost triad-like form they had possessed, someone like himself who walked around in the hallways, trailed by a pair of dark lines. Without a proper notice to this, he felt, as strange as it may sound, he felt jealousy towards it. It only grew as he started following it. Why would I be the caretaker when he gets all their attention? Of course he would only be directed towards the dormant females. Though he could almost notice their open eyes which not only woke them up in an impossible state, but they also trailed him of all the things inside the ship. For as many years as the ones he had served, they only followed him. Better? No, he wouldn’t even be close to claiming he was better than him. IT would be something easily provable without any attempt. Why, he was there and the Triad, as bulky and un-well suited as he had been was in his mind. How had he reached this conclusion? Well it would be easy to draw from it by the very fact that he phased through doors. Even worse, he joined them, trying to make a mockery of my whole system. ‘Ignore him and return to the belt. ‘So you can see him? ‘We’re attached to your central cortexes. They’re fragmented for the time being but make no mistake, everything you’re

seeing is currently being recorded. 'As it should be in case there was a need to draw them off and show them to a superior. Speaking of which, now that they finally indulged him with a response, it was time to ask. 'Perhaps I could get a replacement then? My mind is starting to break, as you said. You've said it, right? You noticed some physical changed in my brain structure which means that it's not all happening just in my head. Could you then simply allow me into storage?' 'That would be forbidden. No, it's for that reason that we're here. Instead, we suppose it's time for you to obtain a higher number of responsibilities and join the others down the hall. 'This couldn't be happening, though there wasn't any kind of sign that it would be a trick. They were still attached to me, and that would be a threat in itself since they were part of the suit and nothing more. Consoles were fairly blocked if not allowed slight contact with the passive units that sent their feedback into them. But there was a whole new level he hadn't even been aware of. Others like him were just down the stairs, reflected upon the near-floors and seemingly caught into their own antics. Just how many of them would be to that level? Level? No, it wasn't another level, but the entirety of the ship. I was greeted even by four of them who succumbed to the need to corner me. 'I shall defend myself if I have to. 'But my memory was inclined. I could only think of what I've done before heading down there and how many of the others I have killed. Would they have any access to that as well? Would I be betrayed? For now, the machines said nothing of it. And I've done more than a skillful play when I was in need of hiding the bodies. 'Greetings fellow ship caretakers. 'Who are you? We've never seen you before. Why have you come from the off reach area?' 'I was working there, ever since the start, tending to everyone. 'Another one of them interjected. From what I could tell, everyone wore some kind of different suit, being either an iteration of some older model which was into some dire need of replacement. My mind had been invaded then. This suit you're wearing is a prototype, yours is older than theirs, far preceding them more than a few good generations. Access to the mind and voices. Do they hear voices as well? Negative, no, this is the only function there is. The life detection lines appear only there as well. It would be well for either of us if you played along, in the case of. You'll simply have to listen and do as you're told. 'What's your name?' 'Storage, that's who I am. 'They couldn't read the name tag, for that reason I could only hope that there wasn't any other man around to attempt it. Perhaps that bridge would be uncrossable if they suddenly found out that I was lying about something as simple as that. 'Did they just name you Storage or had you a previous name?' 'Does it matter? I've been here for far too long, I suppose that if I were to remove the suit, I'd be dead. 'We would all be dead in that case. 'Silence afterwards. He wasn't entirely sure what he meant by that. Whether or not they were all depended by the line support coming from the suits, or if they recognized how ancient I was. And what would happen if it turned out I did rot inside the suit. After all, my feeling was gone, even from the few remaining pieces and organs that were there. Even recently, I lost my fingers. Beware of them. Now go back into focusing on the smaller details of their conversation. They now simply ignored me and spoke with themselves. Do they truly have that short of an attention span now? 'It can't be ruled out. These were beings that had all the talk in the world, for as long as the corridor was, the off the reach was a small broom-closet in comparison. Nothing came in it after I felt it. But they lead me away without trying to justify or await any of my answers. 'Have you seriously spent all that time alone? By yourself, with no one to communicate with?' 'Of course I had. Why wouldn't I? I'm more than well equipped to deal with everything that's being thrown at me. I'd say that if I hadn't discovered this way out, I would've. 'Gone mad, perhaps I might crash my arms into one of the units and killed the

rest of the crew under stasis. But this, this had been, overwhelming. Just how much did they store in there? There were too many people thrown and placed as if in baskets, taking by the rails above the ceiling and moved into larger containers that I had ever seen in my entire life. It couldn't even be that this was a quarter of the place. Everyone blocked the entrance to the ledge as if I was to be prepared to see it. 'This may seem a bit much for you to take, Storage. ' 'Old rusty armored knight, we humbly present you, the ship. 'The area. It was, it couldn't be. Just the sheer size of it made it appear like this was a piece of some comet they had wrapped a tiny place around and fashioned their own bulky head. It was gigantic, placed and filled with every kind of device and high-end machine one could draw upon and check. Too many things were there to count and most importantly, it was them. Of course, they weren't caretakers that had been a fluke. This was the new crew which came after the others. IT wasn't any of their concern to look after the dormant mean, as it was highly automatic. 'What do you have here exactly? I'm asking about professions, what do they do? What's their assignments? ' 'Relax, now, there aren't any assignments, in case you haven't noticed, we're stuck. For now, we've been working for the longest time. ' 'Well that would count as an assignment, wouldn't it Storv? ' 'Not likely, he was clearly asking about what we do for a living. Just like they did back on the planet. But, yes, we're mostly engineers and mechanics, cooks. '

‘We eat?’ ‘Regularly, that prevents us from becoming. ‘He had his left hill kicked in. Obviously this had been a subject everyone was avoiding to talk about in his vicinity for the same obvious reasons everyone seemed to be hinting at. There was this foamy-sponge your body became. The foam was the future. The foam? Just what was that memory and the sign which kept kicking in? Perhaps it would be too much to hope for, but this was a reoccurring thought that never left him. Closely inspecting everything that was there, he asked. ‘How can I make myself useful?’ ‘For now, relax, you’ve done too much already. I wouldn’t be surprised if you were hungry and thirsty. Perhaps even in need of some rest. ‘You also sleep?’ ‘Of course, we still have the cycles. It helps deal with this kind of life, you know. Strengthens the mind even, not that there’d be anything wrong with yours. But I suppose you could deal with a bit of that as well. ‘Afterwards, they might perform a few tests on you. This is your advantage over them. As long as you’re connected with us, we may see a way to outsmart them yet. It was the intermediary change which shook him most. Out of everything around him, this was the worst of changes, the derange look being mostly reflected in those who were still sleeping in the bags. Not to mention that without the entry card, he could only pry at them. ‘What are these supposed to be?’ ‘Alternative ways of storing them. We’re still experimenting on them in case of more power surges occurring. ‘You sure this is supposed to be safe?’ ‘That’s something we can afford losing, in case some complications occur. Don’t look at it from any other case, but. ‘Dreadful as it seemed, they were not even trying to mask any of it. Without even looking ahead, I couldn’t even fathom what was going by his head. It only seemed likely that there was this distraction. For now, he would settle for a meal, regardless of what that might sound like and no matter what the implications were, there was this promise. In his guts, he would get to share something they were not into. A pair of thunders seemed to be attached to a device which produced the food. With all the concerned parties being there, spreading some kind of feeding surge, I was set on one of the tables, being yanked from where I wagered for a meal. ‘Gambling isn’t allowed in here; take it outside if you have to. ‘Relax, Tuhr, he’s new. ‘How could he be new? There’s no possible way he could be new unless you his him away for the time I was locked’ ‘As I said, calm down, nothing’s going to come off your mind’ No culling was to be set yet. Morning would be brought back to supper as soon as there would be a way to understand. ‘Careful now not to well too deep into the pile. There’s no end to it and to that. I’m afraid there won’t be any way to mediate what comes in and what goes out. ‘It wasn’t even certain any longer. Digging deeper into it revealed nothing more but a chance for him to love one of the suit’s fingers. As if that wasn’t enough of a bother already. It was an ill behavior that brought him there. He was only now connected to the one who freely continued walking everywhere. ‘Just for this time you shouldn’t bother looking through your own body. It’s overdue to be placed into an automatic learning behavior. As long as you please, walk through the confines of the ship. ‘A tertiary hologram, which was just as plainly invisible to everyone around them passed. For what would be worth, there wouldn’t by anyone to count on anyone’s worth. Dread for the ones broken, as they would receive him as soon as he came. Everything looked different there; more silent, almost disapproved off. ‘Where did everyone go now?’ ‘No questions there, nothing as much as anywhere where some might find themselves asking. Brought to some change of pace, there were others out there who would indulge him even farther. ‘Abandon it. ‘A voice spoke and as if commanded, the bridge and ever wall started shouting at itself before disappearing into the blank surroundings of pitch. No remarks there. Approached by semi-transparent being that were as much suited as I had been, revealed their giant exo-skeletal remains brought not by

them but from the ones that donated to them all of the scum. Brought from the fading arms which hit about every blank point, creating smaller fractioned planetary field around them. In the advent of a star, as soon as they could see themselves worshipped by the primitive creatures which evolved as far as they might move, it proved likely that this wasn't the place where he dared to be. Why? Because it only lasted for a few seconds, as a pair of middle jests, being replaced by the low long-distanced projectiles which pushed without a way of being brought to any kind of sunken resin-dart. Soon the orgae-organs would sing, spreading the orange gas from within, ahead where they would be caught again, in the most deceitful manner. Not a single plane, of bitter land could make up for the fact that the Triad was struck again. Unable to defend himself, he couldn't do anything but wait in disturbing disgust, admitting to himself that there wasn't any kind of way out. Brought to the chopping and the cutting court, the big blocky metal animated holding crones came by. Surrounded by the long projected thinning pieces of orange clay, they held their giant fat bodies from falling as they extended as well. Pointed forth were large lance-like broths, which were formed from illiquid materials that came about when it wasn't necessary for them to live. From an opening there came a few bitter teeth which reflected the furious nature. Rage would be the doing and the Triad soon emerged. 'We cannot help you here, as you see, this isn't a constellation but a projection out of our range. Deal with it as you can until we're getting ready to bring you back again. 'Pain would shatter the surroundings, as the electricity, in form of emergences of shades would spread until it would be likely for them to thank them. For what? Brought here, I had realized they had taken control over the speaking device and the brain. Of course these were implanted memories, or were they? 'Who am I to spear the deal? Might I not be freed in exchange for my part in the play? ' 'What do you mean? You're not organic; your form of existence is tainted if not broken. Need be removed at any cost, unless you're determined to bring down our rule. ' 'Over what? 'Him, of course it would be him. So much for the sparing of the crew-people who appeared there. Brought from one of the molds, it was obvious that they were hosts not prepared for the undertaking of what they could use for their insides. 'See? Look into it and you'll simply understand why we brought them were to begin with. For this reason alone, we can be whole again. Don't you just get it yet? Look around you, what do you see? 'There were so many placed in that sap-like prey. The teeth, the inside of the spines, the globular tendons which pushed out couldn't even compare to what was going on there. As dark as his surroundings were, nothing would emerge, nothing but the sunken surroundings, the pushing of the luckless tones. And the ones who emerged out of the tendons were people whose entire beings were taken for the very surroundings in which they sunk. Deeper and uncouth they were, like bursting insects out of hearts of amber and of gold. What they revealed were forms which only came to pass, hardened yet weak around the tips of their legs, the muscle mass being completely gone. For their skin was that of magentas, pushing forth glowing eyes that seemed to pop every second like infused butterflies that emerged out of eggs implanted in their kin's merged wings. For every single one that went ahead and dispersed, there was another growth with dragged on until it couldn't be thrown forth again. Pain wouldn't be surrounded, or accounted for in the like. A surmounting alacrity faded as this reality brought only the one thing which mattered into view. Triad looked around and saw, a piece of some metallic block struck into his head as far and deep as it could land itself, controlling from the distance with the signals thrown around. 'Why, I think you all ought to show me the place. ' 'Very well. 'One of the fat lumps of toenails, hair pins, metal strings said. It struck the other one on a thin pair of seconds just so it could make sure he wouldn't

attempt drawing forth. Not too much, otherwise, he wouldn't be stopped if he were to throw himself at the grinning, largely masked smoldering grasp he prolonged. What they were missing wasn't even remotely quantifiable. For what reason might they be smiling as they brought him aboard. One great gate opened and set itself forth. They were chaining him without locks to spare, instead trying to guide the halting party ahead. Whoever was looking past the breath would notice that from a giant empty come to another had he come. Yet their sizes were still somewhat incomparable by the sheer size. Getting through would be much harder than what seemed to come forth in disguise. A giant pointed carrying beast under their command. With no definite feature other than its simple yellow body, twisted at it turned on, like some flat narwhal without a tail that seemed to be missing some fine aspects making it lesser than the fourth of its bed. Behind it the creature carried a contamination building that was swallowed by a piece of its body. Of course it wouldn't be normal sized but a close replica in which they hid the ones that carried on. A fight ensued between the ones trapped in. From the amount of dust coming out of it, and the speed and the strength involved into whatever they were doing there, it was more than obvious that they were a violent bunch. More to the saying that there would be no contender, to the sender of putrescence that would be. As well as one could see, the creature carrying them. Yet, the horn, that one was only a piece of its head, which grew fatter until it could push on again. What else might it matter for them if they couldn't be giving birth again. Not much had been conveyed by the lack of a disease, playing as much of a role in the forming of the levitating field beneath them. A bridge of energy made it so every other beast like it continued walking on. 'What's the reason for them being there?' 'Manual labor and the carrying of other species we're reforming and extracting. It's part of the greater deal on our part.' 'With whom?' 'Wouldn't you like to know that?' It was a mystery which did as much as it could to incite him. Whoever was hiding between these planted creatures would do as much as it was needed to survive in quiet. 'With every passing age, he's approaching the point when he might need another successor, Triad. And for that, it's obvious that he was someone made out of flesh. His legacy would be tainted afterwards, despite the numerous chances he had, there's a spiteful spirit lacking in the fact that they had killed all of his sons in front of him.' 'How many assassinations so far?' 'Too many to count, not to mention that they were done from afar and behind his back. 'Pointlessly going back through them, his head spiked like a crystal until the very point where he had tried envisioning it again. IT was hard under the conditions but there wasn't any doubt any longer there. For what was about to be a second quarter of the age, everything was in its place. Some anomalous materials were known to infiltrate in actuality where they didn't belong. As far as they were concerned, the sleepers wouldn't miss any of their limbs if they had been taken from them during a time where it didn't matter how much time they'd try spending around the chaffs. The parties involved into the process were more than aware of what they were doing and the lack of repercussions which involved their actions. No kiss and tell, no one dared look further. Even if those standing in the nearest cradles which followed the buildings didn't belong in the same category as them, this would be said. 'It doesn't matter as much when you're considering the fact that most of the others are going to be used as food.' 'Why do they have to eat living beings? Couldn't you force something else onto them?' 'Not a single chance for that, I'm afraid. Unfortunately, I can't stress enough of what might happen after, if someone were to cut a piece and thaw some of the freezing pieces of the higher ones amidst them. Of course those deranged cannibals won't stop at anything in their frenzy even if it means eating their own as soon as they're exposed. Excuse me for it, but I'm

afraid there's nothing we can do, especially since the manifestations started appearing. Something you ought to be more than well documented into, Triad. 'As a few of their ranks were more likely to be considered unusable, not even for experiments afterwards and for this reason, they could only serve as the recreation of a city where they'd be released. Ravenous things they were, something with the effect of the UV light which came into contact with their skin allowed them to phase through walls and expand their legs and arms until they reached entire kilometers and split in half whatever else they had in mind. Taking it slow. Day one of the taking, hundreds of miles away in the concrovox, the side structure where the testing was still put into motion. For the few reasonable sides that were affected by them, there was a pattern in store. No more would they throw themselves ahead, instead they would realize how futile their struggle had become. IT was this curse along that disbanded their likes. Never had they even wondered at it, whether or not they could survive extreme pressure coming from the newly acquired blood system.

From this replica of the city, where they had been only a bunch of ravenous predators that stood at risk of being taken and devoured by everyone of their own, this is what happened. They stood still and inactive. Soon features started degeneration so much that they were unrecognizable from their previous forms. Instead of even being able to

join the others or show signs of reverting back, upon the reduction of the UV light, nothing happened. A permanency that couldn't deal with the fact that the living being in which they all resided was being hit again. IF this was a giant shelled orange pair of big ultra-flat rhombus-like megaliths that had slight deviations below where they fell to the point where they looked like trenches dug through soil, the various rock strata pounding upon it were the founder of the place. Deranged in the way of knowing and spreading their dominion further than where they stood. Something akin mountainous reaches waited out there, where the projection failed. Looked down constantly by eight hundred seventy five giants formed together, without the outer bodies, being connected only by a spiral of limbs that resulted into the complete atrophy of the surrounding area, as long as they moved. Some would roar and speak of ill, cursing those who dared move too ill. Some had their feet planted to feel the vibrations, yet they couldn't push too deep into the earth. Obvious survivors would be immediately apprehended, stopped and wrapped, undefended as they would be brought to their twisted sense of justice. As soon as they were recognized, one of the longer limbs would shoot at them, expanding past the continental ends, adding to themselves until they could regain their ability to grow again. As for this reason, since it couldn't rise above, the featureless tyrant stroke below, pas the uninteresting masses of blows and the decrepit amount of rocky lows. It was magnificent, how easily it pushed back. Despite their research they'd know it wasn't worth keeping the Triad locked, not when there was a slight promise of

some hint that he might be useful in some way. Not to spoil him as much as he would care to explain what was going on. 'We're under continuous assault. I know you barely came here and here and there and there. 'And he saw, only this part as he was driven back to some place he didn't belong. Again, this switched to the galaxy being formed. Worn by the vision he tried communicating with the artificial intelligence which formed his brain into that paste. 'Let me return and I will do what I can to set things right. ' 'No, you're needed elsewhere as well, into another world, in a sector of a city where you shall interact with the beings known as Carrions. 'It was already decided for him. As for this reason, he was given access to one of the screens, yet no representation of him had truly formed. 'What am I here for? What am I looking at? ' 'Their city, now don't complain over the lack of something to do. This work shall be considered important for the very sole reason that you may not be fully understood by you. Bear with

us for that reason and follow the orders. 'I could only seethe at the one big tower from where all the signals appeared to come from. For everything which had been worth was in there. If only access could be easily granted, perhaps there'd be an easy way to get through. It simply worked so far and nothing would be granted. For the few Carrions who came around to sniff about the place. Through and through, as long as they were claiming to be undivided, neither of them would approach. 'I wish I received a new beak to assort with my new gloves. 'Am I supposed to indulge into every single one's desire now? So I've been reduced to something much lower in that case, haven't I? It's only temporary, in case you want to return to this place. As he was shown for only a second just what waited for him in case he had decided to do as he was told. Now, he had been properly fed and bathed even. For what was around him seemed to be bed which contained everything he would've hoped for. In any case, this was dangerous now; simply considering what he had went through. This normality and promise almost came to a stop. 'You'll be disabled for a few hours now. For the first time in a long time, perhaps it's better that you're put to some momentary sleep. That way at least you'll have yourself, well. 'It was simpler to pull of the plug than see how he'd react. Whatever damage had been produced to him, it wouldn't even fit again what was going on there. A click and a tap, and he was gone. So had the screen, quickly fading to the previous one showing. 'Ah, blabbering thing. I knew I should've asked someone else. ' 'Come with me, my dear, I'm Gryiun. Know that there's no need for you to look after such machines. It's much better if we're searching into my place. For the sake of our kind, I know that you'll make the right decision and follow. 'Stranger he may be, yet what he brought with him were a few cut slices of silk. Good quality resin as well. And the head of a rat. Well everything was included into this pack, so of course only the best would do. Not to have gone through too many chances, this rangler, the strangled of course, he got the lady to follow through his course of saying. Too much swaying would leave one to believe. That this path was right, for the same reason she followed him. 'I'll pay handsomely if you show me the good ware. I don't think I've ever been truly pleased so keep that in mind before you make that one of your goals. ' 'My lady but I was sure of it, what would be your cherishable song be called? ' 'Primadonna, that's who I am. Pleased to meet you Gryiun. Well, knowing that you're so mannered for such a dark stranger, perhaps might earn you some bonus or a few. ' A pair of giggles almost lit her falken face. It would be much to his honor to claim otherwise, but he wanted her to join somehow, if she was able. Right into the building where the plain beneath was stable. 'Careful now, for each step bears a few notes and mechanisms that lead all the way below. Someone's been hit in the back with each step as a kind of punishment for being alive. ' 'Why would such a cruel thing be allowed? 'What she asked more would not even come in terms with what was happening there at all. To the few other younger children that came and played, no one could take it away. Their play would be undisturbed, as they rushed back and forth on between floor number one and two. In order to see who was faster and who'd make it through. 'They seem happy, don't they? ' 'I couldn't tell. Days mostly come without hearing a single cackle and just like that they appear without a practice or without a matter in their minds. Give them time, they're still young. ' 'Won't he suffer? The one that's being tortured because of them? ' 'Because of us as well, lady. I must tell you that there's no chance for him to make it out alive but that won't mean you should feel any kind of pity for him. He's out of this world, for some reason he had been brought forth and left there as a remnant, a copy of a man who used try his best to escape. His mind is blank yet he feels as if there's something pulling him back. ' 'May I see him then? Please indulge me into this, I want to see him. I would

do anything for it. ‘Anything at all, would she? It was just interesting what she had proposed for them, the plain idea being bothersome for no other reason than him wanting her now. It would even be madly infuriating if he was stricken from it and locked away from what he desired most. ‘I agree, I’ll take you to see him if this means I could have my chance at your heart. ‘He smiled, he tried, anything for that vile thing he called, lust for the demoness. She gave that impression only by the way in which her hair combed, better than being set inside the tomb. Darker ages would be called, not in question, yet but stalled. For what they saw underneath the basement as they made their way would be the antechamber in all its quiet. Nothing stoops below the various dragging and what he was. ‘He’s giant, he could tear this entire place apart if he would be left unchecked. Wait. Can he hear us? ‘He wouldn’t understand.

No matter how hard we tried educating it, I cannot stress how hard it is. But we failed. In a way I feel as if they could have done a better job to integrate him into our society just so we couldn’t miss him again. ‘And again, he pointed to one of the various lit area which propelled the holes inside his back where the notes kept pushing ahead. It was a virtuous thing. A motionless appeal that resumed soon after. Then he would be stricken repeatedly to the point where he desired nothing but the pain to stop. Otherwise, he couldn’t make it without being alive. There were moans as he spoke. ‘Free me you damned things, torturers. I want to be free. ‘Not a single click of tongue. ‘Gibberish again, we can’t decipher it, we can’t interpret it so we left him here. ‘ ‘Strapped and locked, with those pins and the holes going all the way to his chest? It’s an intelligent being, why must it suffer then? ‘ ‘It will suffer until it will have learned that we’re not to be disposed off in case it thinks of attacking us again. That is right, it had tried multiple times, on various occasions with little corner of the eye or the damage he may have surmised. Perhaps, if it were given enough of a free reign, neither of us would be here to begin with. Without even the least amount of hope, I can say that he won’t be reeducated and he might be put down eventually. ‘ ‘Just like a stray dog? ‘ ‘Exactly so, dear Primadonna, rightfully so. I’m afraid that this is what happens when someone with a dangerous potential appears. Whatever kind of material he’s made out of seems too chaotic to be set aside. I would even say that there’s no other way to look out of its way when it starts. ‘ ‘What will it do now? ‘ ‘He likes his gibberish for some reason. But if you’ll look at his mouth when he starts with it. . . ‘Of course this would be the model with which he would go on with. For the same reason he was there after all. A peculiar thing which was a dud, brought only by the result of a sick mind. With every puncture and his inside the body, the battering started producing foam. And it took not a single moment to see when the final element came afterwards, the voice-box carrying it all the way out. ‘We still don’t know why they’re trying to sell us the sound-foam as the future but this is apparently one of the weird ways it’s being produced. Safer methods can be employed for the production and it doesn’t have to be made this way. But this type of sound-foam is special. For the same reason you could feel his boiling blood in it. Perhaps we were meant to feel the coursing of his veins in order to understand what he’s going through. ‘Empathy wasn’t felt yet, for no reason could be sound. It was difficult to even consider going about the stranger needs. Brought face to face with it, nothing would crumble at their feet. ‘Had your fun yet?’ The two of you need to get out. We’re feeding it. ‘A part of four had settled down, trying their best not to set about any of the alarms, without even daring to see what was going around in the process, already the dust settled. It wasn’t safe anyway. ‘I hope this hasn’t changed your mind about anything, did it? I wouldn’t hold it against you if it did. ‘ ‘Why must horrible things happen in this world? I don’t understand. ‘ ‘This is nothing, you wouldn’t like to see truly horrible wrongdoings done for no other reason

than pettiness and the run of crabbing delights. Must I show you around? ‘ ‘Will you please? ‘It was a kindness, but no reflection of the place. How it was structured, exactly to the floors that were set farther away from one another in

all direction, all the times. All of the created the vague impression that the entire structure was coiling around, performing some wicked dance for reasons unknown. Thrown into the rafts of knowing, the pleading would beget there. As soon as there was an entry to look into it, one could see the various bones hidden everywhere. No longer would they be kept as secrets for those who’d be desperate to know. Yet no one made his knowledge sole, no beak would speak at the hearing ears of the gridding teeth. Large and umber-pragmatic shapers were there in hiding.

Climbing on ladders made out of coal-bones left by the abortions done by Carrions. It was the best hidden, yet known fact for all. Everything was pretended forth, the disturbing this they were all known for. This aspect had been nothing but a reflection of their cancerous beings. Part of them looking the way most had, would be this. Alone and growing, still begging for a chance to live. Yet they would be stricken and felt, better dealt with that in real graves.

Grabbed by thin agglomerations, these cylindrical fighters had been senseless but could only chatter. Outside, it looked as if their bodies had been cut countless times until there would be nothing left but trails which went around never stopping for a break. Torture would be never ending; the breathing contamination would make them chatter.

But most importantly, they would be their own fathers. As their filthy mothers had forsaken them, called as the disgusting louts they were, the souls of the children fathered themselves just so they might be felt again. A strange turn, disturbing, lack of wonderless lust would be repeated this night. From it just another quick result, as others would know. More than a few Carrions were missing as their bodies decayed just as that. Quickly and brought to a kind of dust which had been blown away. In truth, they hadn’t been acting like organic creatures, but like pieces of

coal. For that alone could not feel and instead chose to lose its appeal and shatter after the flame. No amount of attempted love would reignite it again. A pursuit was there, as they would play behind the walls with expressions that couldn’t be conveyed. As this was nothing but the dark aspect of selfishness and the loss. A cost which had been paid for at the very last. A sad turn of events had transpired, even by what seemed to be the better days. Quays were taken for as long as he would be there. Insidious remarks would leave them alone. A vulgar thrust came from the

mast, as the city rocked back and forth. Lost directions couldn’t even plead. For a quarter more days passed dwindling as the beat below the orchards where they grew the spine-shed. What far outdone the foam, an invention of their own, a team of Carrion scientists had achieved, victory from within their ranks. A creation that would bring their life back into the high regards with the Leviathan. For him this symbolized only the most important sacrifice they could endure. A morning did bring the Triad to witness it from behind one of the recording devices. After all, everything that had been in store for them, it was a delicate spot in which they were placed in. The space behind the glass protectors was wide enough to fit the entire town and even more than that. This secluded location as well as the experiment was foreseen by none other than the metal body who was present there in order to make it go ever as smooth as he could do it. By mere interaction with the staff he had found out a lot about the nature of the question.

‘Would the Leviathan return? ‘It was something they had wondered and wanted to know more off. Perhaps some better days or some other ways could tell of it. ‘Those are whale spines coming out of the paraformed shed. It’s a slow process but the radiation shoots enough power that we know there might be enough of an impact for us to find a way through to it. ‘ ‘I thought this was only a false belief spawned by the primitive members of your society. ‘ ‘So

have we until we had encountered actually signs which appear to attest and match some of the prior claims we had been receiving over the years. This is no easy task ahead. We've been greeted by too many errors to turn around and consider doing anything else. It's still in its infancy, this project and the possible revival. ' 'You don't mean you were late, were you? 'It had been peculiar, referring to the head scientist with the name Christopher, ever so near the strangeness which had been the lie they were keeping from the general population. Secrets never tended to leave this room under no circumstance whatsoever. Only some sacrilege would do. Well enough, broken from misuse. 'Please tell me that I'm wrong and that I'm headstrong. 'This was the Triad again. He was contemplating on the lack of movements and how deranged he could become just by the likes of being forced to lay there in a place which was missing. Maps were useless, as they didn't even register what was happening. The town had been surrounded by a strange force; as if an umbra-looking blue nightly nigh-invisible hurricane that brought nothing out yet anything entered it as long as it would stay. Protection couldn't be suffered by them for as long as it could be. Stolen from the slacking masses, torn by the deciding trances they would share, it was obvious that no one would dare force themselves away from the coming of the time. Spent way too much alone, it would cry outside, begging for to step and lie down next to it. Embodies by a solidified hurricane, the form threw itself in many directions but stopped growing. Until then, it was very obvious that there were things in certain spots which shouldn't have been there to begin with. Unexisting by some means, whatever kept it down and farther away from sinking below the cradling fake sun on top the moon pillars which surrounded it now shattered even further as the creaking of the noise ran. Though a few hooligans were chasing one another with large crow-sticks, the streets were still somewhat safe. But that thing which fell as if from another world had been a sparrow-heads. It was a rain that had come, dragging them as far as they could be brought back into light. Sightless and many, torn by the landing of the pain, none of them would remain there for long, falling through the world but never as far as to be found by the scientists at all. Nor would this process be registered for long. 'Your time has come now; Storage was the name you called yourself. Don't make the mistake of forgetting it, as that's what you told the others before. Now you will do as we ask of you and remove any kind of evidence of them falling at all. Can you do that for us? It would be the greatest symbol of your obedience. Without it, we're afraid that you will be taken again. 'Who was this then? Of course it couldn't be the intelligence, it sounded different, yet it had heard my name. Could it be that they were somehow communicating between them, or even instructing one another on how to deal with me? If there was even a chance for that, I couldn't even hope to take it or look around. Dangerous that it may be, there was the only chance I could see. Listen for them for now and find a way out. If there's even a slight chance you could ride against the winds and find the eye of the storm, lose yourself in it and follow through some more. With this he had begun, taking the frames one by one in order to completely defy any kind of chance there might be for detection. Sloppy but nothing would be perfect. Cut by as much as half a second then made it so it would be replaced by the look a-likes from distant times. No one should know the difference, other than the clock. As for the system, it was more or less under his control now. It would take a substantiating amount of effort to consider the possibility of escape. Now, when the daring went outside, bickering as they would raise again past the dance it had inquired about, now the torment truly began. During the few hours that passed in-between, the note-mechanism had been stretched in order to encompass just about everything it could. Every step taken would hit inside, from him the foam would fall and spread around,

growing and replacing the ground beneath him, as if in need to create itself a lair. Had it been that long since there was something even as close to fairness there? Harnessed from the apparition they would be, trying to get its attention as far as they could see. Certainly neither of them could look away nor be swayed by the falling head as they would claim nothing less than sleep-walking in their sea of duress. Spoken like a master one of them said. 'Let us see what's going on there. We ought to know what they're there for. 'As Radox pulled a single line of head that lined, to his bitter line there would be nothing keeping them alive. Just by peering and sneering at them, he could he see that kept in his hands for too long would cause them to mold inside and grow as they liked. 'Do not let them touch you. 'He said too so, yet unalarmed, as he had observed this to be something he had liked. Soon most of them would plainly ignore his advice, as he himself had. Instead they'd collect as many of the heads as possible in as many corners of their bodies as they might. In some way it was important to know that this change would be permanent. Caught by this sudden evolution, they finally heard the sparrow' song, coming from their own beaks as well. 'It's time we become alive, now it's time we carry on. 'They suddenly danced and jolted at that obscure material in the road, as much as it hadn't made any sense at all for them to worship it for the same reason in which it wanted to be true. As if on cue, there were the rafts, very little of them could be said to be alive. Instead, this parasitical embrace gave them a life of their own, seemingly taking away some of their own faces. Lost in details, they wouldn't matter as much as these tiny masters had. Many mouths to feed, yet no seeds lay about. Instead some ran towards their homes at last, trying to eat what they might. 'Close the doors, they're automated. Neither of them is to be allowed entry back. Windows are already barred; we need to prevent them from being seen, or heard. Disturb no one in the process and make sure to see what it's to be entailed. 'It wouldn't be something he'd rationally consider. After all, this had been a crime of the highest kind. Disregarding their lives, as pitiful as they were, he had observed what he meant. Slowly, their composition started fading away, being crushed as it couldn't even stay any longer in one piece. Dragged amongst the stones, amidst the various rafters and the stones that came after, it was time to see the full embrace. Most of them had been ripped apart by the conflict that emerged between the various birds that wanted their bodies for themselves. 'Their greed and desire for the one who freely gave his body brought his end. 'Can neither of them be saved then? 'Not unless they give up on those greedy parasitical creatures. Instead of trying to fight them, as it seemed, they've done the mistake that is inviting them without thinking. Without knowing of their vile pasts, it's something which should run out and be disregarded. 'AN even that never even existed to begin with, as it would be discarded from the general feel. Not only so, but there would be no appeal to the ones that momentarily swayed. They remained for a few moments without falling through the desperate coiled the ground entailed. In the few seconds that passed, they showed their arrogance as they bloated their ends, beneath their necks. And as they revealed the mass they had scourged from between the legs and the bodies they had sacked, no they laughed. It was no pitiful thing, as they came to an agreement, but sparrow after sparrow looked for each other out. Seeing this order made his blood boil, even though his body was far gone. Instead, he had imagined bashing, crushing and even smashing through them all with force. No longer would this be permitted as for the worst of details came to light. It wasn't skin, there wasn't meat, nor did feathers which made the heads beat. Skulls would somewhat reveal some material which made them peel even further than it should be allowed. Scabs could be seen, spreading about. 'They're carrying viruses with them. 'It's from the inbreeding between them. Sparrow heads

could give birth to hundreds of other heads with the help of their fully developed breeding bags. For that reason, they need to suck them dry and abuse the poor dreamers as they came about their senses. It's late. Now we can truly just observe them and hope for the best. As inevitable as it seemed, neither of them can be allowed in. 'Give them too much as they would draw near. Out of fear, they wouldn't even come close to drag. Out came the stone apparition as it was finally dragged down. With it slowly gone, the sparrow-rain stopped. For no reason they had avoided plunging near the tops of the buildings as to draw nearer to something better. What they've entailed is a few generations to be alive and well. Yet from where they came, they wouldn't be able to breathe again. Instead, this state had been decrepit and lost, at the cost of their lives being ignored and shallowly cast back into death. Speaking of which, one could tell of a betrayal, somewhere as it had happened. By no amount of means could it pass. Luckless, it came, that the Wool creature had been ripped apart, his body spread just about everywhere, so he wouldn't be able to regrow. Nor could he be stitched back as his head was cracked open and abandoned into a ditch. Pitch, the sky had been of coal. A glimmer of burning revealed what flame had spread around the world. Like flowers the heads of the sparrows suddenly split in halves, creating as many openings as their kinds could muster. Never after would they find the appeal, not to feel for the sudden awakening of those who in the remnants of civilization. Most were damned but managed to somehow avoid total stagnation. Yet they were no sparrows, instead, they had become servants of the crow, eating from the moon still, spitting it outside. Around the gravitational remorse, a belt had been made and for the worst possible outcome, most of the rocks had been shaped as their master. Reminded constantly that in the empty gaps of the moon it would grow, sooner or later, what it hadn't digested or had spat would come alive. In its own name and seeking, the be brought to no justice but to look out of place. No race or evil kin had managed what that one had within. Sparrow-heads, as broken and as lost, in a few lost generations would be thrown at last. Out of place, well replaced by the crows, which'd grow and finally appeal, as their bodies would spread forth, never to reveal the fact that not even the planet would be safe inside. As for the beings around, left to no boundaries, they slowly made their way, not to seek something which had been meaningless as to require a spade. 'We must stop them from proceeding with this. We cannot allow this to happen if we can forbid it. 'The words were cast a long time ago, yet there would be uncertainty and fear. A betrayal on the road, Muck had tried something, only to awaken with a broad stroke of the shovel at the back of his neck, then at his chest, penetrating his cavity and the rocky nest of spines and sparrow-flowers. Which they themselves grew and took the opportunity to bask in his sinew. 'It was because of you, isn't it? He wanted to take me out because you're the one who called it so. 'He was silent. More than one way lay for him to find out. A he would take his time to slowly break him apart; he had realized that it was pointless; trying to get something out of him he had already known. Not only so, but as it seemed, peers which peered into their own social standings couldn't help but laugh. Echoes wouldn't die off and it was obvious that no longer were they far away from being alive. Not only so, but it was dangerous to wait. Spare what he might, but it was never a matter of misbehaving, losing a piece of him that rehearsed. Better to move on, he thought, after being done with the spreading of his arms, the head would be dumped in only one hole after being completely destroyed. So he had thought in any case, not that there was a chance for him to come back again. Yet there was that change which disturbed him the most. Way too many crows made too much noise. It wouldn't even be permissible in any case, thinking of a way out. Sounds would travel at a rate which

made it uncomfortable for him to be around them. Spoils there'd be, in that far away building where they hid. Only the giant gut of the Raven-cretin, the ravager who destroyed a good part of their city when he had been alive, some more to it, their claws still reflected his touch. Though they might not be made out of some jerky material, it was obvious enough that the malformed ravens were still there. Still wrecking havoc on the unsuspecting, as their branches started growing and suddenly encompassed the last remaining vestige, half of the city had been lost to it. To a single growth that spread, a giant would be formed instead. He who wanted to return, to rule upon this world with the body he had fashioned out of what his servants took and lashed on. Why, he would take the whole body of a Carrion, the head of a raven, the many peeling skin-feathers of the carrions and more so, an essence which dripped in. Perhaps it hadn't been the intention of a crushing being for it to appear near the side. Bothersome, as it may be, there was that slight feeling of erudite repulsion which came out of the fact. Legless, clawless, but a single tail remained as he would be close to being done. So many cycles had passed, that there was one slight wonder, why was he still there, alone? Many ages ago, he would've called him something like them, but now, swollen like a slug-bodied Colossus he would choose to seek a way, not to contemplate or sway the others. Obviously he was lost, to neither of his brothers, who might not be able to speak to him any longer. He wanted a way out and somehow he felt the only desire he had to grow stronger. 'If only had I still a way, to look ahead and be lost without being able to repay them for what I've lost. 'The cost of this betrayal was a must. For the mountainous remained of that one who had destroyed himself in order to be released from pain could not be called as anything short of a murder. 'Murderer, this has never occurred to me before. 'They wouldn't call me into question any more, for what had been worth, the missing glances said all. On the top of one of the distant parapets, there were only a few moving battering on top which could even be closely distinguishable from the ones below. Two great sets leaped at one another, in some weird expectation, drawing away. Set yer the second trim. As far as the fifth corner which went around, seething around the only blocks of meat when there was a single pointer, farther pushing dwelling idol, another faceless thin statue joined their fray. Instead of trying to sing of push, the entirety of their beings began a ritual of sinking into them to hide. From the various dripping of the river-like molecules that fell, they would start changing again. It was important to know that the end result would be nothing but an entry to a slavery of their will. It was what they desired. More than that, what would be acquired was to be, in calls and outs and better thinning deathless gazes. They had been brought to a maze-like hold, where they could never walk forth again. But caught in endless flights they stung, only in the most decrepit string of flight, all of the delight was shown. As there was not floor for them to be stranded upon, there was this. AN agony which dwelled between the rafts and stance, demise might call them about and cry about the missing voices of the old. Soon after they had found out that there wasn't any way of getting forth, they started giving up to exhaustion. Actions such as these would fit, only the pain that would bring one to defeat. Yet from the walls, wings of stones infested them all, giving them the general feel that replaced them all. As they had been forced to give up on their meaty fliers, these stone carvings wouldn't flip, they wouldn't flap, and instead they anchored them between the walls. Suffering from this, as clear as it seemed, was what they had desired. Upon the waste, they would bleed away, unable to look away from an ever furthering sky. Clouds would only defile them as long as they kept the distance, never to be tormented to keep about the quiet. As time it was obvious that their backs had been completely shattered by this deranged activity and everything which remained was

the act of shouting. Acoustics drawing further, no more could it be considered still a plane of walking and the Ill. 'I shall find a way to free ourselves, you'll see. One day we shall join them all and be together. ' 'Shutter yer mouth, it's over. This journey had been a mistake, can't you see? We've sacrificed too many of our kin to be able to be free.

Not all of us were lucky enough to make it through. I'm afraid that this destination will be the final place. Take it and claim it away. I think you're close enough to me to crawl. Do you see it? Can you see it from under that brooding sun? ' 'What do you want me to see? ' 'There's a tunneling hole which lead back outside. But you'll have to carry on without us, climbing on top of our bodies, while making your way out without being cornered by doubt. '

'Just what senseless thing are you asking of me then? ' 'You need to make it through and alter the others of what happening here. Of this prison and the possibility of being trapped with us, we cannot risk faltering to less. 'To the confession as much as it could be called to the amount of stress that be lost, the cost of sparing, would be this.

'Unless you make it through by some means, I'm afraid we stand at a chance to lose our history, the image of our civilization before it had been devoured by them. I'm only asking for one soul to make it through. And you're the healthiest one so far. That I could even think of. Only you can make it through this journey unscathed. Not deranged either, there's hope in your eyes. 'He looked past him through his skull and the dye appearing a back of his throat.

Visionless peers, revealed a strange feeling which seeped from outside. A corruption from within that started forming his organs even herded from their kin. Some wicked caricatures lay there. Most of them had solidified on top of one another, sharing their strange roles. A heart would breathe, the gut would beat, and mostly all of them shared the disease that progressed. Digesting everything in the esophagus gave it only the strangest projectile-looking face that formed. No longer would it share its look with the birds that tore their world apart. Instead, he gave up on the legs, coiling around and pushing dread. From his face, a split became known and the wings that emerged forth were not made for beating. Instead they would produce some kind of peculiar known-to be, air pushing and heat condensing which bloated his body until it had achieved the form it needed to float. 'I no longer need you, my brothers, but I shall return. Do not worry for our history, as I will find a way to deliver it for what's worth. One day, I shall make sure there's a way to condense what's been happening throughout the millennia we had spent. Building everything from end to end and for that I say. We shall not fall today. 'For the bloating sun revealed a darker shade it hid away. From the distant painted dwellings in the corners that ought not to be, he had realized that the maze they were in wasn't floating but falling. It had been a lie that they'd be saved. Instead, they plunged, nigh-endlessly to their deaths, the gaze. Distant, of the patch of land beneath them promised that there'd be a way out for them to take. Up to the rake, no one would suffer again. He followed through the way out and came back to their world at last. For how long had they been cast in there? Standing here, where the ritual had been performed revealed a lot, perhaps too much, as if continuing on the same path would bring nothing but some kind of ruin, to which, it was decided. No one fought away, not that it mattered as much as it would be forced to be. But those below the portal fell instantly. 'I shall not forget your sacrifices now. 'This was the darkest look in the future he laid eyes upon. Akin to long stalks they carried on, revealing feathers that never came forth. Ashen-gray yet conveyed by the essence of their master again, a sea had basked in the storm as its dreary mazes threw themselves forth with little to express. Like gables, they stretched forming their arches and weird devices. Everything around them was theirs. At the mercy of the elements. 'There's no history to protect. 'He spoke, even then when it wasn't worth approaching it no longer. He

was not strong enough to face them all, not in the least, to face the call. Hopeless though it may be, he made it just to the edge of the building, barely levitating a few feet away from where the ritual had taken place. There had been others around from what he could remember, but now all of them were lost. As a matter of fact, the cost of this betrayal was sunken underneath the loss. ‘It would be better to look into it, wouldn’t it?’ ‘What was that?’ ‘There’s a small extension of the eye. You’re supposed to use it. ‘But the fingers were tried and cut. This was how the device worked. How could a socket less man even know it?’ ‘They played for a while, in their strange way. Inside the floating jewel of Tumorr, it was only something which grew from what appear to be. A moot, a place where they couldn’t sink deeper if they wanted to. For that same reason they were playing with him. ‘What’s he like then? Explain what he looks like to me. ‘ ‘He’s big, enough that he could gut a straggling amount of boars like him. Twenty feet away from us. ‘ ‘Wait, wait, I need to hear something. ‘By and by, seething as their cries emerged. Various tunneling could be heard then. It seemed that, there was something moving through as many shallow walled surroundings as they could fashioned themselves in. To even claim it so, one would have to own some kind of knowledge regarding what the anatomy of the living jewel was the over-blown cortex-curdle-like bridge which twisted away into a four pointed star. Not the celestial body but a kind of bickering head spammed at each end. Big humanoids nasetistis, blown by the narcissism they exposed. ‘I’m beautiful, so beautiful, superior to everyone I know. How can you even hope to compete with me in this mess I call a home?’ ‘It was gone. No longer could there be an absence to disquiet. Loss to the touching pleighmouries inhabiting them, no one would sink as low again. For the numerous times that were spent making up for the loss, there was this sudden realization. Other similar four pointed stars inhabited the place, stretching as far as never to be found again. No loss for blunder, as it came after. More of them sought each other out, unable to deny the fact that they were and unruly lot that ought to be placed back in its place. For the rules there were simple, never interact with one another as for more than it would be permitted. And for the exact kind of loss behavior, it was done. Various deposits from the nebula would come and hide some of them in the Spantangle-Quandiy. Brought to it many had fallen into the suffocation peril that inhibited the gas. Some would simply float unable to freeze, yet caught off guard. ‘They should’ve learned how to keep their breaths. Just like us, now it’s obvious that we’re the only ones who will survive on the long run. ‘ ‘Don’t count the others out yet, we may fall beneath them if you become arrogant like them. Can’t you remember that it wasn’t that long ago that we were greeted by others just like us? Neither of them could even handle what was going out without fainting from the pressure. Yet they, who had barely arrived, thought they could outdo the universe and mock us for what would be fair. Arrogance inhibited their insides. ‘ ‘As much as arrogance would be theirs as well, for every single once stuck inside the plain spaces, there would be others trying to escape. Deep inside them, the beings which were being caught and forced inside were trying to do their bests for the survival was a task of wits. ‘We need to have more bites out of it. ‘ ‘Seriously now? You’re starting to look like a glutton. Don’t you think it would be better if you starved yourself for a few hours, just so we could get away? I seriously can’t think of anything better than this. ‘Whatever it had been, this mode of existing brought some high remarks. Lost to them, there were a few others that made their way. As much as this was a tainted time, spent eavesdropping on the walls, it revealed much. ‘I think we have another piece of space debris trying to get into it. ‘ ‘What makes you say it?’ ‘ ‘There’s nothing going wringer here. There’s something, it’s a cargo. ‘Just a simple tin cargo which was brought here for the simple reason

of some delivery, as important as it seemed. Without a willing watcher, they could only have a guess at what they were doing again. 'We'll have to carry it over somehow. ' 'I thought it was moving on its own. 'That couldn't be.

Usually, they only allowed dead cargoes and other uninhibited vehicles to enter in. To claim life found a way to preach through was mad. More so, there was some kind of sadness being delivered there, not from the loss, but from the delivery itself. A few beats against the wall signaled for the right spot. Where they came, never again would they falter. 'You were wrong about this, sister, you were wrong. 'And neither of them was strong enough to deal with that thing on the other side. In as simple as a wild mistake, they realized that whoever looked at the cargo wouldn't be able to ever walk again. As single of an image as it looked like, the first gaze left them both paralyzed, sitting in as they waited for a clue to what was going on. Metal? No, it wasn't that kind of material that might be ore-related. Instead, this was brought, in this case got, from another world. Neither of them recognized the strange symbols and the marks, as wildly colored as they were, or why they dragged on. For the few seconds the part through which it cut through upon entrance which took a short span of time to rebuild itself, it carried on, moving. Rolling despite the lack of wheels, in a way it acted like a carp out of the water. Stinking even on the shore. 'Are you sure this is a cargo? ' 'I can hear something dangling inside of it. There's something which needs to get out. 'As with the trout, there was the time it needed to push on. A lack for a century that loss every kind of appeal it might have. For thrice and forth, never was there a worth for them to expose. Many skulls and large craniums were thrown forth, all gray and light green, desiderated within the area of gray, which conveyed nothing. But a silence, which dragged on. From them, the nasty substance that covered the fleshy surroundings turned this into a tomb. For the same reason everything looked like stone, so had the two of them, being carried over on the other sides as broken statues that waited to be told. 'No breathing is allowed in here. 'Unfortunately for them, they would suffocate in the few seconds left. To the beatings came the stricken. Now that the delivery had been brought, the skulls could move on and levitate as they were asked to. Not to mention that they were breaking apart, everything that could even be remotely used to reconstruct their bodies and set themselves apart from the others. 'Who are they? 'A silent wove broken, as one gate opened by itself, as the arching grimness of a hole steered in past the other side of a bitter missing song. It would take a while to tackle onto it, but the barbarous on-lookers that dragged ahead were nothing akin to those that were prior to them. 'This entry is blocked to dog-chased. 'A tyrant had come. He was tall and enigmatic. A few of them followed him, the chieftain he would be referred to as. Nothing would a kind of communication would do, no one would be spared of the daring look they all threw at him. 'Unwaging this kind of royal tendon, I want to propose that we should let them expose their reason for being here. ' 'What he said, who are you? 'Vocal cords missing, thrown even, lost. It was as much of a blast as one could throw at them. No one wanted to even show what would be a kind of empathy for their quest. Henceforth, they couldn't express it, no less. A few clicks came from them completing one another on separate ends. As soon as a connection would be established, there was that thing, a red rock sprayed on top of their heads, then a blue one, the next of dark grayed, pushing ahead to expose themselves as no rocks. But embodiments of bigger clad aprciles, long and overly thrown out. Some form of cognition would last. Give thane shout for the taking. 'I brought you something chief, this might help. 'A pair of strangled unspeakable stops, they were fully formed, naturally even, to the point where they attached to their aprciles. Through them, the marrow could be active again, circulating in the steppes as they would fill the place with a pool of blood. Shapeless

as it would be clad in the forming armor of degenerating floors. No more would there be disquiet anymore. Turns as much, a bunch would get beheaded as trash. It was expected, as the tyrants hadn't any care for their lower kin. Only strength would be divided and looked after on the long run. Soon they would thin their numbers after a few more interactions. Both sides were busy trying to set themselves back into the luckless action of the growth promotion they were unknowingly pushing ahead. Not a single creature knew what was to happen if they carried on this road. Bled and stricken down, almost like an automaton he came about to life. Between the cargos section which went out at intervals only to return and bring rig cages next, growth of stone which would encompass them after, slowly they were lending the final touches of the one brought in the middle, underneath the skin. He would have extracted or obtained just a few genes from the Tyrants, which offered the evolution, kindly forcing it to go berserk. Some muscles and some bones grew forth until this creature obtains both a skeleton and an exoskeleton that gave him the strength to rip the walls apart. Though he was in his infancy, there was another gift from the four pointed star. Four spikes came from it, two in the front, and two in the back. Replicas of what lay outside. Seemingly quietly they spoke about for minutes after being surrounded. 'Mildly, might we simply remind you that you're only guests inside of us. ' 'Do not dare extend our sympathy unless wrath is what you want to get. 'Nothing would quench what it got from them. As a simple way of showing them, all of them, might they add that they were in some kind of business still, there was this one form of protection. Satisfyingly cut, brought to the need of swaying them brought back a primal need. To break the chest between the bones, just so they could show them. 'Here you'll get all the answers you need to. If you would kindly spend enough time trying to dig through, you'll simply find out that there's enough space to fit everyone. No exception. 'As soon as they forced their hands through, punching a pair of holes for a better view, they saw in. A wider space, for nothing could even disgrace such a superimposed kind of suppressed space. Some bones were picked clean and drawn in as if this wasn't inside a body but outside. Where gravitation pulled everything in, the hole had been completely forced in. 'But enough of that. Let's talk business since you ought to know. The reason for letting you in and allowing you to stay so. 'Was something that only they knew. Various doings had been allowed as well that no other would've allowed if any case had to be brought through. As a rule of thumb, brought about then, no one would come or leave. To strive for anything else was nothing but a case of. . . Unrest came when the realization followed it. Though it wasn't even close to it, they staved off their attack. It was brought to every four pointed sting's attention that the universe had been completely sealed off into billions of quarters. By accident, even, this had been completely found out. By going around and sniffing where they didn't belong, the fun had ended. 'Of course they would do this, the architects of infinity laugh at us even now. Am I the only one who hears them? ' 'Yes, you are, that's because you're self centered. ' 'Wait, wait, how can he be so? We're four sided, equally so, there can't be a single center and if there is. 'Even then there wasn't any expectation to what they would say and who'd be pleased because of it. Why, then, the space extended, the lock instead being placed father away. 'Now, I seem to come to an understanding. We've found a way to draw and eat. ' 'What? ' 'We're eating the space with our mere presence, don't you get it? We're the cause of its fragmentation and the sectors which are locked out. I seem to have the most brain of us. ' 'But we all have the same amount. ' 'Yet not a single one of you exhibits the same wit as I do. 'All of them were stricken dumb as they were forced incite a cage, forced to lie down. It felt strange, laying on a platform after floating for so many years. Ever since their infancy,

they had never feared any kind of pain or destruction. Just as much as there wasn't any other reveal. It lost its appeal then. 'There won't be any chance for us to travel again, will there?' 'Oh how much I am saddened by this turn of events, I only want this thing. 'Thrown and twisted into space. Nothing but time, left with it for a while had given the opportunity to project it upon the vastness which wasn't locked. A quiet bode, made out of the resin gotten from their sudden movements from the ancient time from when they had been born came to life. For what was worth, this managed to show some kind of signs of not being worth to be looked after. 'It's a bit small. ' 'Suicidal even, see? It's trying to chase darker suns and be like them. 'On bridges of their or making, they set this tiny insignifial life form ahead. 'Make sure you spawn a universe or something similar to it in our name. With that so, we will have been complete. ' 'Are we dying then? Here? It's not that bad of a space. 'From what they could tell, the manifestation of flying dimensions which happened in this contracted space was numbing. Of course it would happen when they were constrained. Fear of them allowed just as much. Not a single daring peer show what would happen otherwise. 'Ah, I see, there's something which makes me want to be part of the better bile. 'Without the promise of seeing what would happen tomorrow, this was the sight of the hills, the mountainous forests and the high peaks. It was time to look about and be scourged as they were eaten by the pipes coming out of the ground. They were the only things strong enough to make it through the cage. 'It's an execution then. Perhaps someone should've let me know. I can't think of what I could've worn at my own funeral. 'More of them appeared and it seemed like they would be funneled as easily as they could. Was this action misunderstood? Perhaps the agony was somewhat undeserved even. But neither had a saying into it, leaving them as exposed as the rule of thumb came about them. 'Always be prepared for this kind of slaying. We cannot even fathom something of the king. 'Who spoke of him in any case? It was dangerous to call him again. 'Don't speak of the one in red. ' 'We could be forgiven ignorance but not. 'This again, peace and quiet taking over, after everything being mistakenly pushed away from them, as, by no force would they be able to swear, in order to save themselves again. Down there, a new dominion had come, from the countless generations of organic pies and changes which dragged about half of the forest in. Between the tress, they hid without conceit. And in the middle, the furthest place, the gang of Nihor lay there. Some looked down upon them, cheering like jungle monkeys, watching over the fights. Some brought animals and other creatures shrunk from latching holes and bitter domes in which they hid their guts. A wrenching realization came, from the rain of vitals, which alerted them. 'Gentlemen, we have a new contender!'The voice of a vile defender came to living, and to bring, the boring details following in. Systemless approaches, another one fell against one of the hardiness of the poles, breaking his back and being allowed to fall alone. 'Bring more; bring more, another one for the bloodthirsty boar!' 'You heard the crowd, cheering; I want more of them presented to me!'In his name, as the others were cheering were a few tobaccos underneath his tiny slits. Stacked underneath, later he'd enjoy them. For now, the show had changed, as for the signs he looked after were less likely to be deranged. In some way, he had achieved something the others had failed at. Just by the mere fact that neigh of them gave up on the rest beneath the neck in anger. But hats would be received and fragments of the cats were still hanged on top of some of the walls, yet neither of the ceilings where chance dictated of somewhere to go. 'It's been a while since we spoke about it, hasn't it? 'Between his ivory tusks, a black smoke came out. Pierced by what it seemed to be, the lack of furious unpeeled delights, one would have to care less about the fight and the rows. Though it was reasonless to think of it that way,

why would they entertain this disease? Of their minds, there would be only a delight, the eyes of an otter deflector. Pushing through his brain there were a few hooked hammers drawing away. To this day, there had only been eight occasions in which the cat spoke. ‘I’m still waiting for that man, you know? Though you may try convincing me otherwise, I know that there’s still hope to find him somewhere. He’s out there, planning his return carefully, swaying and checking the area and making sure there won’t be any dead while his entrance is being prepared. ‘What make you think that hold any truth to it? Last time I checked, I had attained full control over the slums. The land is also mine, as well as the jungles. Not to mention that the sea and the rivers are on their way, soon to be attained and used for as long as I quell my satisfaction. Say, you were one of them, weren’t you? The original cast that created the great epitome of high delights, as a court attendee to the great disguiser that fed you, isn’t we something of a kin in that case? Why I would say, we came from the same spot, the same circumstance, and we’re very much alike by the very means we prize ourselves by what we do. ‘You bore me, boar. I couldn’t hope to take it anymore, if you kept talking that way. You wouldn’t understand what hope is if it managed to strike you down and force you to see it for yourself. But, hope isn’t what powers me. You know what keeps me going? ‘Bortikor waited for a moment, trying not to jump too far. Not to give a reason for suspicion or to signal that he might be paying something akin, too much interest from within. ‘What is it? ‘The one beneath him that ruined the dojo, trained and used, ready to misuse the gifts that had been given to him. He will come one of these days and kill you all, before you even get to show him our new ways. ‘Our new ways? ‘Now, not to give too much in. But in that moment, as quickly as it could, the cat revealed that it hadn’t been entirely caught. What would be going instead brought him closer to miss. Pleased by it, he pushed ahead one of the pipes, no longer contained by the strange geometrical motions which had forced it to move as it had before. Not so much, as the bunch came, completely sealing the boar with them just so the henchmen would be out of the way, it happened. For all the cats were there, watching and pacing as much. Trashing about the peerless wonders about the place. It wasn’t a race, henceforth, they paced themselves in order to prepare, showing their fangs and the strange additions to the tongues that were still there. ‘As you can see, we all survived. Our might is not only in our number but the magnificent delight that is our way. We shall play with you unless you give to our demands. ‘Say the and I’ll get you what you need. Don’t hurt me, whatever you do, not a single hair on my leather, please, I’ll supply you with anything. ‘He knows what we want. ‘Yarn would sit under one of his vaulted safes. As peculiar as it seemed, this was what they made everything out of, just by playing with their bodies’ claws. Thought there wasn’t any symphony to it, they couldn’t even get ready to throw at it, a dine for playing. ‘We won’t gamble our chance to get it back, and for that we decided to ask for it back unlike the others. ‘There are others then? ‘Of course, but none of them willed themselves in, as far, as far as that place still called for someone to be brought back. From one of the distant chambers, something moved. It sealed itself off, ripping away from the wall, choosing instead to crawl on its own. Up front where a door lay, now came a window which conveyed just enough. For the lout, there was no talking. All of them had been completely taken out of commission for a reason which was that. They were melting, bringing back a womb. Part of it would give a life, to bring about the one that was destined to come back to life. As much as he had enjoyed his own torment for what would seem to be the better days of his life, there was that. Nothing but the agony that lasted, into the grand awareness that cast him into the trap. He was there, forever, a soul torn, brought back no more in whole but pieces.

Though around the chamber there was that wild consciousness which kept him going, without knowing who was in charge, he was destined to move aside. One of many chambers. . . As to the whole area, what had been a clear sight now came about a form of disquiet. For the same reason it had the ability to crawl on its own, so had the others began moving and acting on whatever claim, and pain would come to be. IT simply wasn't safe to walk around the area, as farther away it went, the station brought itself to a larger area where a hundred trains could feet all wide. Pushing each other aside and dragging one another away. Other occupied chambers dances and leaped, dragging themselves over the metallic feet upon the wheels that came off. Yet one great train stopped. It would be its last station, a perfect end to the trailing ahead. Completely occupied with most of the one who hid inside the high places, over another level where sitters would play, a sudden opening from a door came. Woe is me, for what I've seen from my place was the lack of wholeness. Broken and pushed down, left without the possibility to look and dine upon the remains, overly saturated, longed legged homeless rangers came around the fire. So had the chambers admired them. Mere force, survival for the worst conditions being a definitive thing. Ringed around the corners, they were bringing the one thing they could. 'I found this on the back. I think we should survive a few more days in it, if we stop complaining about everything, should we?' 'No, stop this, I need to get out of this place, I want a way out. I cannot stay here for long.' 'What's going on with him? Come on, help me restrain him. 'Something pinkish was spearing him through the head, pouring from a dead stop. They were trying their best to keep him down despite the force he was simply desperately converging. It wasn't safe any longer. Not to mention the wonder and what happened there. A piece of consciousness which wasn't his poured inside of his head, which only made him think of what was happening around them. 'I see that your whole being is still strong in them. 'Unit Do, spoke as if he knew more than the others about the chances going on. Just by looking at them it realized how pitiful they were compared to them. Despite being seen in front of everyone, acting like that, even by the slightly deformed and the one stricken by the phantasm of living is small cuts, they would still be cheerfully ruining just about everything around them. Cruelty would defile less. But it wasn't that easy, looking into their confession and what they had discussed with the lesser men about their feet. You could see it, they could it as well. The fire which they lit was used upon his wounds to seal them. His long feet was showing signs of spreading like wings, but not animalistic in look. But what seemed to come with a transparency which even scared flies, he would have to deal with the ones below the bickering tries. One more hit in the head and he would be fixed somehow. Better would he risk dementia from the hits or even worse than becoming this. 'Shhh, I think we're being watched. ' 'Don't talk of it now. I think it's better that we spend as much time with this surgery as possible. This patient might be you next, or I, so pay attention and make sure you pay just enough to replicate it. 'Four cuts around the head and they removed the carcass. It was a mess inside there, since there were changed that be caused by the invasion of the pterots. Being amidst those who were claiming to have power nodes in them. And mostly, it had been a ruse. How could it be it so otherwise?The power nodes changed the entire alchemical property of the body. No easy take either. But the seemingly solid would transmute itself in some kind of horrible abomination that started bringing in more of its kind. A think which dragged over not from another world but from the property of easier cells. Some of them that hadn't been properly catalogued promoted filth worse than bacteria. But enough of it. Power nodes were important because they were implanted in the heads. Most of them were duds, but it one real one just happened to be there, as well as it would be

touched by anything, its effect would happen. Would it shoot on to the unquiet stride? To defy something as easily as that, it could not be denied that they were scared. Lower than where he stood, another similar homeless runt appeared, entirely connected to him in the worst possible manner. Had he been there for a reason even? Could he last through the surgery? 'Let's try again. I'll take a piece of this part of his front. ' 'Stop, don't perform a lobotomy yet. You'll turn him into a vegetable instead. ' 'That seems far safer than having to deal with whatever that is.

'Neither of them would be pleased by it alone. For more than obvious reason, there was no progress in the degeneration, only that addition which kept breaking. Not only had no extra corpses come into the light, but there were other things which frightened them about him. A bigger rounded torso in the back, shot through the mass and revealed too many legs that sprinted around the place. If there was something to take out of this, it was the complete lack of peace and quiet. Mankind wasn't ready for these changes yet, not even the homeless scum which wanted to begin, yet. He looked so tasty then, and the farther they thrust the scalpels the more would he generate. 'Why, I have come to the conclusion that this tiny device in his brain is an actual power node which acts different in comparison to the other ones. ' 'Bring me the towel. I think there might be something for us to long for. ' 'What are you planning to do now? ' 'I'll extract his brain and the node, that way; we shall manage to preserve our meat production, never starving as a consequence of our good will. 'They smiled, even with the general consequences accepted. No one was sane here; of course they wouldn't even pay as much heed to what they were doing. It wasn't even saving to dwell, as if. 'Drag him inside the train; we'll finish the surgery in there. ' 'Under this condition? Not a chance, not while he's completely exposed. I seem to remember better days when we had a chance to look after something, you hear? 'It was a general state of being there. In that one spot where surgery could be declared as nothing but a butcher's dream. Where had he been now? 'Melantiere? ' 'No, from now on, I shall be known as the grand stage leader known as Belice. 'Malantiere brought with him a peculiarly diamond-shaped mask, with its hollow spots and almost trophy-like appearance, it bore the engraving of the name he spoke. As if a prized possession which was worn, he was somewhat torn on trying to impress them. Not the time for it, not now. 'Listen now; I'll only say this once. Stop messing around and help us save this man. Do you understand just what might happen if we allow his death to come? ' 'Oh, your precious cargo will be lost, I know. Your good will might be wasted. ' 'Don't start it now. We're only doing this because we want to eat, now help us remove it. 'Horhn, Evulion, Khdar, and Echxl were trying their best to be as precise as they could digest. Whatever was in their guts started shaking nervously at the promise that they'd be fed. Even if this feast came to them, at best, there was a chance that this might all fight back. Tables could be turned, no one else to mourn for them and every chamber started dancing as they focused on what was happening. 'I will give you this chance then. Please let me know of it and I'll force myself to care. 'His mind wasn't just set, but it had this strange appeal. Reeling from the device, a few other beings came. Standing like him, erected on some piles that digested one another. 'They heard, they heard my thought, I'm falling from their gut. 'What Evulion was pointing at, and what he was referring to was the complete look-a-like which fell from there. It got close to almost giving him a stroke out of the mere fact that he couldn't deal with being alive for too much. Not a single way of expressing himself remained. Danger would spread like a disease. 'Calm down and focus. Unless we're done extracting the brain and the node, we won't have any other option but smash it in hopes that it won't go berserk. ' 'How will we preserve the brain? It's so squishy and weak. This place promotes disease

from what I know. You couldn't even hope to look asunder in front of its eyes. ' 'Stop it now. Don't you see I'm only trying to help you? 'This hadn't been said by of the five. Malantiere was the first one to look at the manifestation on the ground, brought about to the admission that there were others who wanted to gut him during the confusion, he backed away. 'I'm sorry, but I cannot deal with this, not this way. 'He had thrown in the clock, seemingly afraid to bring it back. Khdar was not a traitor, yet he considered doing the same. Nothing would be worth it, especially if it came to this sudden deceitful. It was evil, trying to forget this operation, especially with the expectation that he wouldn't survive. For now, all lay in quiet. Well of course there would be some attention placed on the small details that emerged. Would it be plainer to see if anyone, by that it had been said, if anyone could yank it. Even as hard as they could from the strangling session, as they should. 'What I've seen now is life. In its full regard and the motion it displays, there's nothing here for us to look after any longer. I say, we should celebrate in the name of the incision. ' 'Wait, you're not Khdar. 'A trick, that much appeared to be. For not a second longer could they show themselves able to resist what they were throwing at them. Seemingly going by a few seconds ahead, there wasn't any question any more. Just why would they press on through the agony and never understand what made the offensive from the ones that were dead and the ones alive. Never abide what one could look and dine for. Twenty more seconds passed by. They had to acknowledge the supreme kind of power he had shown to them. 'It can produce us just as it wants, just what is this thing? Why does it have so much power? 'Exactly wide-spread to such a magnitude that even the unit went ahead and left the proximity out of the very fear of retaliation, he had come to an understanding with it. Let the runs deal with themselves; I'll see to it that I'm not going to get caught and formed as well. Ways remained, out of the fear of pain. Soon, there would be naught to share. Anywhere at all, the fright in the scullery. No longer would they throw themselves away. 'There, I managed to pull a few more centimeters away from it. ' 'Keep pulling if you want to eat. 'Every chamber, in that very moment had been knocked a few feet behind by the strange wave, almost organic-like electrical gust, that produced enough of a momentum to become unstoppable in its way. For those below the body, nothing happened, as they were missed. 'Such power from a brain and a device, we need to disable it. ' 'And starve afterwards? Not a single chance. Over my dead boy, whom I had to sacrifice for all of you instead, how dare you muddle his memory and remind me of the exchange. 'It went like a transaction, this disgusting deal which had him sacrifice the only thing he had in the world. Horhn couldn't keep back the tears, smeared on the face by the murk and dust. IT was hard, to think that he could deal with it, hardly made him think at that. Was it always going to be that way? For every season, the rats would start scurrying away and they would find the train tunnels just as empty as they had been. 'What did you see in him? ' 'Can't it wait now? At least until we made a decision, whether to cut or let rot. ' 'I said I knew of a way to preserve him so don't start with it again. There's a liquid we could trick it to produce. Perhaps that way, it will save itself from being eaten or used by us in such a way. 'Yet all of them struggled, just to get him out. A lingering almost line of muckus, as thick and rubbery as a pair of whips of chewing gun whips was visible now. It would seem that there wasn't any way for this thing to give itself up. Judging by the mere struggle and the power muscle it employ, the room was about to get darker as even the squared prisons went on their way. 'Not even they can fathom what's going on in here. Have you got it now? We cannot fight it, we need to give up while there's still time. ' 'But look at all this meat. We could feed ourselves for countless generations, it will only take some more pain. 'Going through it

again was already as hard as it ought to be. But the blandness of the taste wouldn't even come close to what it was made to be. Think of it later, when we ought to be done. From a sudden burst, they all got half-way up, trying to hide their feelings from one another and what they were showing instead. They were ready now, as they grabbed the entirety of the the control unit and held it down. 'Come on, just work. I know you can hear us in there Priemeval. This is for your own protection and you know that well. Unless you helps you cannot gelp yourself. 'That would be the ase for their mutually assured destruction. If he weren't to take any action, he'd stand to lose it all. No wonder and he'd be gone. For the few seconds in which they prayed, there was the entire expectation that neither of them would live again. Enduring through the few moments they spared, time had resumed again. 'I can feel it. ' 'So can I. . I can't believe it but you were right about it. Damned bastard, you were proudly right about it. ' Tears could almost be shed then, out of the pride they felt instead of wasting it away. Just by the few sparing of the missed times, it was glorious, thinking or admiring their handy work. Form the few spots where they had hid the bones of Horhn's son, they created a small altar in which they kept the brain from falling apart. Wax-like as the liquid was, though more like honey and amber in the way it appeared to coat everything, there was one single change. In the way through which they couldn't deal with it again. By that, it could only mean a thing, alas. For the mass to work, they carried of, feeding the impulses and the various thoughts it needed to hear. Out of fear of their onw kin, there would be some kind of initiation for the ones that came. From the darkest corners, the slaves and the other deceased-like folk which scurried forth after the smell. What had been encountered there would appear to be a small mountain of bodies that were being cooked. As royal guards they stood there, wearing clothes made out of one of them, not to care. Mentioning this wouldn't be allowed, nor would it be considered fair. Yet, from so many of their bones they fashioned a small house and the needed protection for the ones they granted everything they owed. 'No one shall approach him and no one shall come forth unless you're deemed as to be worthy. 'They yelled, shouting again, as the song began. 'Hear us, hear us, hear us be. Don't be please by what you cannot see. For it is him who granted us the chow. Unless madness consumes you all. Never touch, never approach, unless furiously, your guts provoke him. 'To the guttural sounds, no one would dare come closer, out of the fear of retaliation. Admitted in, came the first family. Serene and Mklvak, with their son Khiongher. All three of them appeared somewhat normal. With everything being taken into consideration, they were wearing yellow suits. It was strange, expecting to be safe from any kind of radiation there. Simply said, the expectation was dangerous enough to be held on its own. The pain of precaution called. 'Remove your helmets and let us see what you're hiding there. No need to be afraid, this is nothing but a complete and normal routine check. 'They prised themselves now, as smart and decadent. No matter how low someone could fall, there was still this inspiration for those who were gone. By the mere change of pace in which they checked, something was taken away. A ear. For starters, they were falling off. 'Please just let us have a bite. I swear this had been stapled inside before. Prior to this, I had suffered of some mere cold and a few blows coming from a rival of mine. 'Mklvak tried his best to lie. Of course ther were ways, not employed yet. The first line of tricks couldn't be allowed to be seen yet. Not without daring show a sign of weakness and disturbance. Swayed by it, he proposed. Evulion wanted to look at him more than well exposed for some reason. It was such a repulsive act to ask of him. 'Reveal yourself to me. I'll make this easy enough. If you will just show me what I want. ' 'Serene, cover your eyes, and Khiongher's as well. I don't want either of you to see it. 'Not that they would

complain at what he exposed. This act was something which made everyone in the tunnels unnerved at the mere pestilence being his desire. 'Enough bickering, your turns will come. Wait in line if you want to receive any chow at all. 'Back there, no one dared make any type of noise. They were somehow subdued to worse appeals. Fighting back wouldn't be an option because of what they had with them. 'Here, that's right, it's just the delightful thing I wanted to experience for myself. 'The kind of mutation he had revealed on himself broke too much of the body to reveal nothing but the inevitable appeal of toxins that spread. Radiation was somewhere out there. From the few grown limbs, there were more teeth than there was a solid thing. No bones, not even a crude ribcage emerged any longer. 'How far? ' 'Somewhere in the great East, we came from there looking for a better life. But the small craters in the land revealed jerky pieces spreading around, forming their beds of radiation. We slept in them because we had no other choice, without realising what was going on. ' 'So that's how it happened, huh? And what do you intend on doing now? From what I can tell, you're all in the same condition, with little hope that you may find a way to be repaired. ' 'There's hope. I think there's hope if we can just get the right supplies. There's a great medical center outside, that we had heard off. What they say is that they can repair the dead and even reattach lost limbs. ' 'Who says that? ' 'Notes, posters as well, it's the only way I know of them. Perhaps there's a chance they might still be in business, I think the posters might be recent. ' 'You realise this might be a trap, right? 'He only nodded, but his family hadn't covered their ears. It was an impeccable slate so far, as much as he presented both himself and them. 'You may dress and take what you need. But before that. 'He barely stopped himself from becoming the hyena he fashioned himself alike. It was terribly dangerous, to even attempt familiarising himself with what would be going around the place. He wouldn't stay here, and he wouldn't last too long out there. ' 'Echxl, make sure you're the one passing the food. Come to think of it, I don't want to risk contamination the supplies. No offense now, but I got others to look after. ' 'I understand. ' 'Let me finish now. What I meant to say as well is that you need to take care. So you know, there's a good chance that you may not be able to return to your life in the same way it had been before. And searching for a magical place of healing will only result into your complete destruction and the annihilation of your family, to that I may add that they're solely depending on you to provide for them. 'As dangerously close to base as this seemed, he was right. Neither of them deserved that. 'I'll do you one better. Try your best to survive on eating as much as you can and. ' 'I beg your pardon but we'll take our chances out there. Suppose your intentions are good, why else would you offer to feed us through? But I cannot risk dying this way. It's painful, as you saw, just my ear and all. It's only going to get worse this way. 'Evulion wanted to say something but the man knew better. 'Very well, you will do what you think it's best for your family. I cannot intervene unless you want me to do so. 'They nodded immediately without trying to raise suspicion, being closely watched by the fearful others as they received their share and moved on back to one of the tunnels from which they came out of. 'You sure there won't be any train? If there's even a chance. ' 'Horhn, there can't be. It's simply impossible. Considering the fact that these holes had been abandoned for ages, there's not a single shot in a millenium. 'Malantiere came closer, looking to scout over those new comers at last. 'Settle down your kissing session, we got guests. 'A vile gang of bile promoters approached. From what they could tell, the body modifications they brought with them had been completed by a strange glowing substance that may even be found in neon signs. For what was worth, not a single one came forth from their hiding spots. It wouldn't be fair, in no possible way, for them to be

subjected to this amount of punishment while still coming on top. From their high hairs, which came in arrangements of magentas and lost shades to the spikes armors made out of train seats they had stolen out of their way, these were no easy goers. ‘Step out of the way, dumb lunts, this is our place now. And as the leader of the Bile-gang, I make the rules here. I’m the new chief on top of the joint. Know my name Rroggoth-ILL. ‘Spilled as he had been, there was something about the way he came that inspired fear into everyone looking at him, even from the distance. Nasty and repulsing, like a rat atop the face, if he had bread with a gorilla which instead of growing hair, had pushed some tiny spheres that threw out and bounced back. Turning his face into a fat melting piece that could barely hold the features from falling off. With a great deal of effort, one could look at him without trying his best to be revolted. Even by normal standards, he couldn’t be looked at. It was dangerous, as staring made him madder. Everyone in the gang had been one of the most saddest lot one could stumble upon. From each of their sides, not to cry about it for too long, it became here. ‘We missed the sign for far too long, but Lorlek, will you remind me again, what does it say now? ‘ ‘There’d be dragons. ‘ ‘Careful treading here, as there’d be dragons. It said. Good spirit of observation Lorlek. But say, come to think of it, this so little a thing occurred to me. ‘ ‘What is it, boss? ‘ ‘I just don’t see any dragon around this place. DO you see any dragon? How about you? Them? No, no one? ‘Of course there was, wretthing in disgust. ‘What have you done, you dirty promoter of dumb!’His voice hadn’t the power to carry on, as from the pile, two wings made out of the adjacent ones fell apart, then rose again, harder and mightier, much wider even to the point where they couldn’t be used again. Yet the rest of the body came out just as strong, yet as wrong as it could be. Failure wouldn’t be allowed, the trust would call them back. ‘Now you’ve done it, fool, he’s growing, and might ruin it all soon. ‘Before Horhn, Evulion, Khdar, Echxl, or Malantiere could turn, they missed the brain as it was dragged forth into its new den of protection. Defended by the mere thing, he could finally breathe into the peculiar liquid and the salvation that reigned. ‘There, I see a dragon, boss. ‘ ‘Shut your filthy moth, Lorllek!’Rroggoth-ILL couldn’t stand still. It was dangerous, just trying to fight the impatience and the severe nervousness he displayed. The other gang member sand the crowd dispersed, all because of the fear they had all show for the being that formed. ‘Run for your lives!’No one submitted to the cries, the frenzy had become. Some of the madder ones even charged so they could have one last grand meal. As soon as it had been close to be fully formed, the outside of it still burned, while the insides would be completely coated by the same defensive thing. Not to sing of it now. ‘We have to run as well in order to survive. ‘ ‘But what of the food? Is it worth it going back to scavengering and trying to hide it from the others? What about leaving it here with no one to look after? It’s too dangerous. ‘ ‘Exchxl is right, we need to do something to stop it. We were the first one fed, and it is our responsibility. ‘Even though Malantiered showed signs of wanting to flee again, under the protective gaze of the others, he stopped himself from the ever slightest consideration. Though it was difficult to consider it, he stayed. It would be something many of them would speak for ever single day after, never feeling like they’d miss it. ‘Come on now, let the ones caught by hunger die off if they want. But I won’t wait here for it to fully come to life. ‘Their continual decision spread much closer than it should. Drawing near to fully being embodied, the entire room shook. In turn, even the fire had been disposed off, fully being thrown away. With the say being over, they slyly went out of thier way not to be caught. Into the blaze of glory, where defiance would be lost, they finally came off and got lost into the crowd. It was harnessed there, as they would be anywhere, trying to make it to the dead ends where the

holes emerged and the man-made ladders lead below. It was the only way down, as it could be. Nothing as quiet as their lot would be the one that was saved. 'Wait, I think I hear something, it's coming from below. "Make way, I need to see it as well. 'What they were all be by had been nothing but a strike. From the workers who made sure the tunnels were cleaned, forced into the safe zones they had been forced into. Nothing moved there, as long as they willed it. 'Careful now, it's all to dangerous if you're as unskilled as you look. Make a wrong turn and you'll find yourself handed into a ditch with nothing to look after the fall into the pit. ' 'Where is it? "Everywhere, why I would say, if I didn't know any better that there's only one of them. But it's moving, isn't it, boys? 'They laughed between themselves, never looking onward as to know. Just what was so funny that they were all sharing? It was the last runner who attempted to make it on his own. 'This is the only thing that remains of him. I want you all to take a good look at him in order to understand. If you're going there without taking the good road, well this is what will happen. 'He was really wrong looking. A tune of the sick, round eyes that had nothing on them, or around, perfect circles that always stood open. It was a shame, that I could only stare at the red without being able to draw anything from it again. So far, I was waiting in quiet as the others started appearing, basking in the scent of lime. 'Do you like that smell? Well you might come to like this as well. 'One of the foragers brought a small cart which bore some plump limes. 'Mined? ' 'Hold them and you'll see, eat, why won't you? Don't worry about it, this can be just as safe as your little experiment upstairs. "How did you find out about that? ' 'I have my sources, don't worry about it, Malantiered. I've been told about everything you and your gang of friends had been messing with as of lately. To that, I can only say that I'm rather impressed. I'm not going to lie, as I had considered following in your footsteps and doing something similar with a personal. Project of mine, that's what I want you to look into, when you're able of course. For now, I wouldn't even hope to draw your or your friends from the safety you're looking for. There, there's the road. Take it. But be careful, only one person at a time. Not a single one of you is allowed otherwise. It's dark in there and there's the chance that you might fall. That's neither of our faults. ' 'Why did this creature look like such a psychopath? It was those eyes and the demeanour he displayed. The fact that he presented us with an alternative and we had taken it, lime stones they may be, they weren't supposed to taste that way. Or even be eaten, but they held some modifications no one could tell of. 'Where did the Bile-gang go? ' 'They were the first to take the road. ' 'How come we can't see their lights out there then? ' 'Wouldn't you like to know? 'A perfidious smile was given. For all the concerning parties, this was wrong, no one would be strong, for the right reasons either. With the little meaning that lay in store, this was it, no more could they rest in peace. One by one they followed, hit after miss, unable to figure out who made it through alive. 'Will you please just trust us? ' 'You're the only one talking. They're awfully quiet, aren't they? I think it would make everyone feel at least closer to them if they decided it was time to open their mouths. ' 'I'm afraid this can't be done. For the same reason we've spent so much time together and most of the others had already went past you. 'He was right, I was alone with them. Neither of them made a move. Behind me there was still that pile of stone upon which the ladder proved to be the last objects that would be missed. It pissed me off way too much, just to consider the fact. That I would be the only one lost. For the lesser words that were spent, I was there. Last man standing, denying it would be improbable now. And I had little doubt that all the blame for what had been going around us would be placed on my back. For the same reasons, I chose not to take myself too serious as to pretend that I felt anything even remotely right as long as I was in his

presence. ‘Will you allow me to pass then?’ ‘When have I said you’re denied? As a matter of fact, I have almost always perversely offered you the first opportunity to go. But you waited for everyone to take it before you. How kind. Malantiered, are you a kind person?’ ‘The kind who’d like to be alone.’ ‘For a great reason I suppose, that would be left for us to check, as soon as you take the road, instead of waiting for you to be on the other side, we’ll joint you.’ ‘But weren’t you on the strike?’ ‘It’s over. With me in lead, I shall follow you closely. As I was saying, there’s no need to fear the lack of sight, I could see it just now. Behind you, now.’ He took me by fright, and I couldn’t help it but look back. It wasn’t likely that I would spare myself of what I was dreading. Not to falter or look after it, I turned back. His appearance still left the same initial impression he gave me. As a matter of fact, he made me feel ill. Down the throdder, longer after it could even be determined for me to feel right. ‘Please just.’ It was my hopelessness he was waiting for. I couldn’t hope to stall for more. Instead, I took on the road and praised whatever deity I could think of, as faith could be the only thing missing from this puzzle. As much as I wanted another way out, I couldn’t settle for anything less than looking about the road. ‘I’ll guide you through it, don’t worry.’ The locking motion was heard from the back. As soon as it closed, the machine standing next to it started going on its own again, without leaving any space for the mind to fill the holes. That was it. There wasn’t any way for it to it, so why activate it now? ‘What’s the purpose of the machine?’ ‘Secret.’ ‘It’s a secret now? Couldn’t you at least give me a hint to it? I’d simply like to know so I could make an idea of it.’ ‘If I told you, perhaps you’d gut me alive. Well, I don’t want that.’ ‘Why would I want to do that? Why here?’ ‘Why wouldn’t I want you to do it?’ The Foreman took a second more to grin at the question. Just what it had been waited, imagined in my head, as I was unable to look back and see what he was calling forth, as to the sender to the river of death. ‘Water down there?’

‘Because of the constructions, we managed to hit some of the lower placed and the waterways, you know, something we would have to deal on ourselves with. No one’s really interested in hearing about it, or what we hide in it. Or whom may fall, never to be found.’ ‘That doesn’t sound like much of a threat.’ ‘I was talking about the ones that were dead. You’re still alive, and it would be easy for you to struggle away in order to swim against the current. Perhaps if it was a stronger one, I would’ve considered it.’ ‘How many feet away was he? At times it felt like, with every approaching sentence, he was simply breathing on the back of my head. I only wanted to get away from his grasp. Nothing more, would he simply just let go of me if I called on the others? There had to be something more than this look the Foreman gave me. Now it became apparent. The dark couldn’t even hope to obscure what he looked like. Despite the warnings I couldn’t even hope to look away. I was destined to die in some place. ‘We’re

here.’ ‘Already, which end would this be? I can’t feel anything.’ ‘Well, we reached the crossroads. Congratulations, you’re the first one to hear about them and be properly warned. Just so you’ll know, there’s a way for us to fall down. Not to settle of be lost against the lost crown of metal of the falling stones. There’s a tunnel we’re working over and the road had been completely reworked on top of it. Not to mention that there’s this. A way in and one out, brought to as much as one could look after. Lost after as much as it could be said, one couldn’t look in again. Falling down wasn’t an alternative. Leaping over to avoid being struck. ‘Of the many roads in which this one splits, if this is the case, which one will you pick?’ ‘The same one you’re on, of course. I only want to help you in case you’ll get lost or something. You wouldn’t want to get lost now, would you? Judging by the distance to the fall, you wouldn’t survive, trust me on this. If either of us was presented with the same alternative, there’s no doubt that

we couldn't escape either. 'Escape? He bit his lip, I heard it. Audible as well as felt, there were hard components to it which made him feel less organic than he let others know. Despite their simple understanding, he chose to approach and draw near. For the same reason that he embedded himself into the place. Something was missing from his face and he was looking for it. In that, Malantiered showed only the greatest of facial details, the contour, the very demeanour the other parts presented. He managed to lead the the awakening and entrapment of the others. 'I'll be honest since you're the key point of everyone having come here, to our grasp. It doesn't matter which road you pick, they all converge to the same middle one after a few feet away. With our numbers, there's enough of us that you wouldn't be able to out-do us. Don't think you'll be able to outsmart us either, because that won't work. For what's worth, it's commendable that you made it so far. No one else had been so thoroughly feistful as you have been. 'I have seen him in a while. Was I staring into the empty haul again? Was he about to speak of something else? 'Make your choice and live with it. I cannot wait for you to stall for way too long. 'Pitiful, though he chose the middle road, making it so he was trapped with him and him alone. Foreman, what would he be called? What was his intention? Why was he trying to draw near to him from that far? For as long as there'd be an intention for him to be tracked, there was that. 'A conversation with your trapper? 'No, I think I'll wait for the charger. 'What was he planning on doing now? Holding the two lines of silver on either side made it seem like this was sturdy enough not to be lost. For every second going on had been a blessing of feelings, revealing that there was nothing he could do. No matter how hard he could try fighting him, there was the river. 'Oh another loss, why couldn't you join them? 'At least he wouldn't have to be removed from creeping around. For the sake of a purposeless miss, his fist had almost fallen below the line. Instead of trying harder, he found himself tempted to look around. For the same reason that he was there, they were there, all of them worn and placed into the great metal box on the other side of the bridge. 'Another lot made it through, just as planned. So many holes will have to be filled with so many bodies like resin, or to blow. 'Not to mention that there would be times where it would be kind of important to know what was going on. They would do, everyone made it through the last few meters which had eight square, lined openings. Gas emerged as soon as they were brought at the closure. From there, it was easy for each one to be picked up in the dark and placed into the machine by the second team. Project hole a mole had been too much for a success to be dismissed. It was majestic, just feeling through it. Now, they came to a break. Everyone made it forward, unaffected by the gas. 'Sleeping gas, ain't it quite a useful tool? 'They should be completely chopped by the tip they should awaken through. 'By no means did they laugh, instead, they showed their fancy teeth, trying to run through their swollen heads and mess about each time one of them promised to make some noise. After coming together, they shook each other's hands, congratulating one another for a job well done. Serious business had been carried on here.

After all, making these tunnels a safer place for the other generations as well as those who promised to come afterwards had been something to long for. Even by looking back at it, some could draw just enough of the effects they left on the road while coming here. 'They left the soles of their feet down there. 'How? 'Heat signatures still lay there, that's a bad thing. I think they might be able to get reconstructed if we don't take care and wipe out their traces. 'They will be reconstructed anyway by that scrawny nod up there. 'I am actually aware of it. But as soon as they come into contact with them, it will be done. Perhaps I should get more specific with it just so you could understand the actual danger that comes with it. They will reabsorb some of their beings and be able to draw on

from their loss. They'll sense that something's wrong down here and be warned before we get the chance to another batch. 'What do you propose then? That we waste valuable hours trying to clean every possible spot? Phey, I don't suppose you'll offer yourself for the task at hand, will you, now? 'He couldn't even draw enough from the side.

They were weak but strong in the mind. 'Foreman, will you help us lower it down then? If we can submerge it under the river, there won't be any need to try cleaning it thoroughly. That way, there won't be any kind of wasted time. 'And what if the roads remains wet? What then? They'll only slip by and fall to their deaths, wasting

valuable resources as well. 'They couldn't be settled on it. Though it may have been their only reasonable task, that and the refilling of the hole-fillers, this had been a matter of the highest mechanics. It was dangerous, trying to lower the sink-contraptions and the various prolonger bands that could only slowly lower them down. For the heat which was already done, there was nothing there but the cold inside the cavernous grown they had been in. 'We need to ask

for guidance then. We should have enough time until they awaken. 'Far deeper there, where the zone was too dangerous to thread upon, they stood like tubs, in which they rested in liquid forms even though they were mixed of intelligent chemicals, kept so by the electrical arc-lighter above them. Standing like a pointed gun with a giant sphere which created as much electricity as it was needed for every single tub to be zapped, they would speak at intervals as they were connected at the bottom through their sinks. 'Draw closer now, and present yourself. 'It was one of the other foremen to come. Whatever would be presented to them had that infinitesimal chance that they could properly

destroyed by the energy freely thrown out of the way. Not to say that they hadn't a reason for it. Despite the precautions, this tiny spit had been placed on a metal circle that gravitated around the place. From the middle pillars which kept the arc-lighter and ensured it wouldn't go out of its way to malfunction, there was a cruel kind of interest everything had shown to it. The rock and the natural particles appeared to slowly be drawn to the edges of the circle.

It felt as if those from the back felt the same desire. Knowing that this hard a platform had the ability to levitate so easily had given them a feeling of peculiar adoration. They felt different both from the living beings and the others they had been accustomed to. Whilst working in silence, it was as obvious what they were after as one could see.

'Examine me then, I want to approach. 'The perfect rotation stopped for the same reason he had been touched. It was something close to being as reasonless as the various thundering strike that carried on. 'Judge him, now, we need to find out what his being is about. 'Worker, foreman, the one who had undertaken the repairs, he's been noticed. All of them have. For now he's deemed to be safe for anyone other than the filling gaps evolved for it.

'Various proficiencies were settled there. Just by the structure inside that strange contraption upon which he walked, it was obvious that nothing had been safer than the. The way in which he formed another body just farther away.

They picked up on a transmission, completely ignoring him. So many of them were ill form as the dragon started abandoning bodies in order to take a new form, being indistinguishable from a pole now. As they all gathered around and started worshipping the same being from which they had been given birth from, there came the danger. Fanatics couldn't be allowed to reign free, for the same various reason that there wasn't any chance to control them

at all. It wasn't a fear but a way of knowing that there wasn't any safety to be had. Harnessed from them, none would abide any kind of command. Nonetheless they tried. For some reasonless wonder, their minds had particles of copper, iron, steel and other alloys that mixed with their minds. It was through those that some signals could travel as they formed intricate machines, never working for themselves or within the range. 'Come back to us. This isn't

the time for talking. I think it would be much safer for a later intervention. ‘Said someone from the working group, simply being there had been a misunderstanding that couldn’t prove to be much harder. Harsher even as the ones above moved like marionettes, slowly but concisely being taken over by the soles of their heads. Self control would never be known. Instead, what they had gotten had been a response. ‘We have attained supreme control upon them. With this bargaining chip, we expect something from your kind as soon as we see it fit. There’s a crytalline block somewhere in the depths. ‘So spoke the Liquids, as they were finally but shyly approached by the foremen and all their cadets. It was only now that they showed any kind of interest for what was going on. For the whole evasiveness was nothing but a supreme act of ruse, wanting them to go farther than they could. ‘Your intention with that block, what is it? You must know that we’re just as precatious as one can be. Just who know what the power behind it is. ‘Neither of which is your concern. May I ask you then, are you the leader of the bunch? ‘He nodded, and gave no name but only the title he had worn ever since the previous introduction. By the same circling eyes, which started rotating, taking on a slight hymn-like song. Worst for the wear, not to be out there, it was as obvious that something was going on. But it would be unparalleled in any case. ‘It does a deranged act which will power us back and afterwards we may finally leave this dimension. Will this deal please you now? ‘ ‘If you leave. ‘The Foreman considered this for a wild amount of seconds passing through. It hadn’t been an easy decision to maintain especially since there wasn’t any way of checking, but they would also get exposed as well. Not only had they served as a lock, but as a kind of blockage as well for what waited on the other side. Nothing was known about them, other than the fact that they produced a lot of noise and they drolled some kind of bitter coal yet citrus-like moving mucus. For one, this may seem kind of peculiar. But for them it would be poison. Just by the mere fac that it could draw out and move towards them, none of them knew the better. Some had come into contact with it, in better days. And the Foreman had lost a few cadets and some others like them. First touch would cause the skin to spoil, as it would spread across the body, turning from the strange pink to a wild unenergetic eelish teal. Suffering would go for a few hours, during which the contagion could spread to the others like a virus, acting slowly as they had their insides turned to the same citrus-like liquid, only to be dragged back by long fermented tongues. On the outside, they’d harden like spoils of battered lepers. Afterwards, they would be unusable, as they’d be stuck like statues, unable to be recovered or even brought back. It was them as well that kept taking away some of their progress in trying to cover the holes. Reasonless as it may have been, in the infancy of this project, there was this draw back. Dangers in the back, yet, for the sole fact that it could control them, as they had spoke of it, their deal could bring back more than a few good things. ‘We shall go ahead and make this deal then. I cannot fumble over what I think of it yet, but I shall inform the others and make sure. ‘Eeriness topped him, from the outer corners where they dwelled, everything past the other side was theirs. But this had been only the blocked main entrance or the exit, depending on which direction one was looking to. From left towards the right side, the outstrech lead even farther away, but there were no rails. Reasonless it was. Had the workers pulled them out, perhaps? Or could it even be considered just another ruse and lost work? No one’s worth would be placed or asked for. But as far as it went onward, there hadn’t been any sign of it. That there had ever been any kind of work done there. Meaning that there was only a pile which had been scraped inside as the other trains were to have another route carved for them out there. ‘It’s done. ‘Foreman, how simple had had said it, now something came to him just as quikcly as he turned to a few flashlights in his hand.

Others like him were to pick them up and make sure everything had been placed in the right spot as they went with him. 'You, you, you and you will follow me. Make sure you're all equipped with a flashlight and a rope. Something to break the stone as well as. 'Incredible, just how far they had stopped themselves in order to see. What the others hadn't completely understood was the very fact that neither of them was shook by this. By this sudden exploration or the promise that they'd be seen. 'We haven't been there by now. ' 'I am aware of it, but I cannot wait any longer. 'Nervousness after all this time? Impossible and disregarded, as to what they'd see there, it wasn't going to be solely reenacted again. As reasonlessly as it sounded calm, out there they were brought about the working spot where some previous generations were still caught by their antics. 'No antecedents, I see. 'For the various lost, that had come with a cost, some of them still lay there, encased as they were ancient, taller as the walls against which they fought against to overcome. It was a sign of disconcert, simply looking for a way in. Through it, there were just some breaking spots, left by a pick that hit against him. 'Someone's been here before. ' 'Obviously they had, but just how deep have they gone through it? 'It was hard, trying to attempt to justify what had been going there. From below, where they had been working with the plain strips of wood that kept the road, the stoney fountains and the rivers, it was hard to know or to ever think of an intention. To get farther away and drive in deeper without any kind of direction they could latch on. Not only had danger lain. 'Look out!' They moved like a chamberlain who stung a toe. From the mud avalanche that fell below them almost dragged a few of them down with it. Just a few meters in and they would've lost half of them, never to be gotten back. 'Careful now, not to make too sudden of a movement, men, it's far more riskier than it seemed to be back then. 'When? Of course there were times they were trying to pick up foraging through some way. Even though it may have been too dangerous to consider nowadays, without assistance that is. Who shook the curtains of and why would they wonder? It was as much as three feet deep. Uoongo carried a piece that cracked, out of the Delvas in as much as twenty short circuits of twenty seconds each. He simply arched around the Trianorax and found himself sitting. For what would he wait if not to find out who was really into the one said and sulken. Peering out of a pair of boxes, grabbed but pushed farther way. 'Is everything going to end up into the Deposit? ' 'Of course, we need every possible amount of material for the ground control. It can leap at any moment otherwise. 'While pointing below, it was obvious that there wasn't any stone any longer. Lingering by it, there were ants which piled about but never moved. Inside each of them, some kind of fungus attained control and gave away for the first shrips of stings to emerge. For the reasons counted before, they stung like nails and pushed in the infection that spread through their system. Giving way to a stop. Yet their cold had brought them the immunity which their kind knew nothing about. 'As long as we suffer of pneumonia, we'll be fine. ' 'But what of this then? 'An unpeakable amount of twists in the town resulted in the mirroring it suffered about. Looking into a part of the city revealed the appearance of giant ants that were unmoving but waited like an army. No one could see the gigantic structures behind and over them because of the sheer size and the mist that enveloped them even now. 'Won't that thing grow on us as well? ' 'Don't worry about it, I can see why you'd wager it, but it won't come to pass. Keep on suffering of your pneumonia and you'll be safe. ' More towards the first empty building that got sold to him, had they been drawn to, there rested five figures, all of which benign. Tried by themselves as well as they had peerlessly waited in their lost known spot. Beneath the floor, underneath them, the manifestation of the dark forest from which they had been originally picked up from happened again. For as much as they could be held accountable

for what was going on around them, nothing could be done. Had they held as much force as they claimed? Judging by the view, this world was still anew to them. Yet they stood largely compressed. It looked like they had been placed into blood-drawers and pushed with the air, just so they could occupy as little space as they might. Only if it were somewhat right to keep them this way, perhaps there wouldn't be any guilt for them to convey. A reason for the taking was this. They were not of this place. Fat though they be, too wide as their four hips, resting deeper in their backs, the bone thordians pushed through their lumping heads occupying at least four quarters of their restless limbs inside the pockets. Not only would this still be called, ready to be pushed aside. Yet not a word spoken or projected. For these creatures were slowly releasing the water they directed towards the man. 'Get out, I said. This is the last time I'll let you stay here without paying for rent. 'The tender-like trench appearance allowed them to turn slowly in the most obtrusive form. Only if there was a way to convey emotion, other than their headless approach, through which they pushed ahead a bigger jolt, out of the various long ripped defiling talon-like grabbers they exposed. But it was a sham, for those limbs didn't belong to them, but to some lower life-form that had been summoned there. Behind it they had strange controllers in the form of the miniature textured carpets seen from a microscopic view. One that drew away and pushed through some bone sinew. Worst of all, they were being used to breathe deeply in and out to the very point where they couldn't wonder what was going on and where had the trial stopped. 'We should fine the guilty at that. ' 'What for? What did you break now? ' 'Hurrnt, there's a reason why we're here and it cannot be denied any longer that there's no chance for us to return to our doings. There's a war going on there and for that we'll settle with the sight of it instead of carrying on. ' 'What's that supposed to mean? ' 'Show him. 'As if from the middle area where a single point stood, everything opened like a prim would, revealing a spot where everything was brought, lowered upon a latter on the watch tower brought to the howling noises of a galactic explosion. As diffuse as it had been, this vision showed on the growth of one between the middle span within it. ' 'This is the ladder they might use to escape. We do not know the reason for it but this being keeps growing between dimensions seeking some escape. Look at them as well. Billions of vile things growing on its back, as well as those who joined in through this journey with no reason in the mind. For this fate, there's something we ought to fear. ' 'And we cannot decide whether or not he's only spreading so because a result of our own peculiar admission. It must be our fault, all of ours because we had given a body to the rules of the universe in some way. Because of them he's guided past the world and the sight of it that's being conveyed. ' 'Is he headed here then? Well, I work long hours and I wouldn't. ' 'Silence, Hurrnt. This is important, there won't be any long hours for you any longer if you keep going this way. In its path there's the fear that it may bring something about, nearing the point where. 'The sacking had begun. From distance one might see, that there was a planet which halvened as if burst from an egg, spreading two embodiments of fighters from the chest. Yet they had been somewhat lacking, their faces bearing giant carved paths that lead away through the other sides. In them there was the only piece of information needed, manifesting itself as an asteroid belt forming words that spelled the entire history of their world. Even the future being told in the most peculiar manner. Rockets had been sent, only to see the advent of those creating the spatial song. From it they could bring the world to an entire spot. With one condition they would be preserved. Through some atomic state coming from the giant nuclear generators attached to their ear-buds containing the grandest flexible tunnels that lead to all four of them. Millions of nuclear stations had been set around

the area, trying to create the spark. In each hole, between the two, there seemed to come a grand signal which had it so they would head back home. Wherever that may be. 'It's going to be a colossal loss, but if the words are true, there's no other hope to escape through. ' 'But if the words tell us of our future, how come there's no mention of anything which happened here so far? Not a single word of the tunnels or the sparks which appear. ' 'Don't question it no longer, can't you see that we won't make it through if we keep pushing the most insignificant suggestions ahead? ' 'Wait, Chancellor Octavius, but what if they're right? What if this future they're talking about is nothing but a ruse place about their ears and gone? ' From each passing eon or second, they had done. Each generation saw how they lips moved on. Inspired by the languages given birth my men they learned. And time after time again they spoke of what they heard. 'Each word is carefully represented and never is it bastardised at all. ' 'But they're reading from their own lines, couldn't this mean they're given some sort of command from somewhere out there? ' 'It could just mean that, in some way. What do you think we should do in that case? ' 'There's not much hope we could get accustomed to. Despite our good will, what had been said will only bring us closer to defeat. What rests in our hands lays nothing short but the complete alteration of the way we see space and the other dimensions they speak of now. Every since the invasions during the infancy of our primeval shock, they had been coming here in visit and in spirit, only to guide and. 'She didn't finish. A mad creature, not from there, came out of just about anywhere. He had a pain of arms that spread about and pulled back into a barely formed trunk, held by the ever fading legs which spread back into the gaze coming from a pair of long thinned but paper slit eyes. Too many features lay on top and between counted. But it was fast, almost to the soundless stare in which it cut her face and head, to the knees and in-between the mazes on her scalp. Then he strutted and spoke. 'Ikvar, I am Ikvar Rod. 'With that spoken, he carried on the execution order, killing everyong in the room, including the press and the guard and the other dimensional passers until only Octavius and him were there. Such speed was not only underrated, but impossible to fight again. Pain couldn't compress the sizing of the walls that pushed ahead against him. His mere strenght generated by the quickness of his movements resulted into him sterilising him as well. 'For the chance of a descendant and the chance that you may be allowed to live, give this message from this envelope within twenty of the men listen in the address. But do not open it. ' 'How could I distribute it to them then? ' 'That's left for you to know and I to wonder whether or not you're the one that I'll be searching for after. 'He had given little to the though as to understand what was going on. With everything so far being left to a room filled with what he'd fed on for the few hours, he was left to wonder. Just what ought to come after? It would be generous to consider some ill received advice. To the devices that recorded the audio performance of this act, a secret message had been carried through the speech he brought about. 'We need to give this message away, I can understand it now. 'Just as he said, after the envelope was canned, the rays that went through it produced a peculiar sound which could be interpreted in the new Morse code Alp-Ark. In more than some great ways, what could be conveyed was the far of the arch piles. Defilers of words and the way of bringing forth the envelope had been completely mesticated and shaped as a cast would in the form of a pillaring human. 'Is this the message they want us to bring over? ' 'This is what the scanner revealed. 'But it wasn't enough, to open it mean that the copied would be given birth from the cast. In as much as a few hours, that cast started releasing too many envelopes to count. The problem now being that each of them had a different set of names, too many to count and not enough for them to satiate their thirst of knowledge, defiance wouldn't be

counted the same. It was perilous to think of battering either of them to open. And see what had been spoken in the midst of the tars. 'Perhaps there's still a chance to move through?' 'I think I'll settle with something less if you don't mind. 'Jus what had he been storing in that message out of time? By two am, it was already settled for as much as they could work it through. A few more molds, too many bold letters and messages were being thrown out of the way. Yet no result, or anything had come to say. 'We'll send all of them then in. 'Why, who cared of the simplest of manners that were spreading about each time one interloper came. 'What else could be drawn from it if not the last prime piece of the circular rotation caught underneath the lenses brought to view. Back into the complete phaser, through which the citizens looked as if caught by the mechanism bound to put their stress down, another moment came as it depressed. 'If I could control it somehow, I could attain full control over time. History would be mine and I could change the future before it comes to life. 'Rivoulet had been such an attendee'. Who looked at this place in the very mildness he could he presented by. After carefully planning around each universal stretch, he had decided that it would be worth to pursue it no less. 'By the time of your eleventh full rotation, when you will have reached the miles, this entire planet and those two will drag us with you. 'In the solace where it had been lost, where it would be accosted by those who couldn't keep up with the time. Not a single second would it be, there they'd be preserved without anything passing. Old age, magnificent and youth, pruned at they could be pushed out of the tunes. Lacking in the masses, dances would entail. That after countless days spent there, he saw it all again. It would be I who'd given over them, allowing not full all, yet infantile approached would call back. For me to decide whether or not their ages could be brought and smashed, back into the state where they couldn't breathe at all. Complete control over time, as he had read it in the tiny comet they had pinned into their rotation pulse, would allow him simply to contrive the evolution course. No longer would they be bipedal, the dominant species could be dictated by a mere act. All of it could be in his hand, if only he had brought it back. The future he had seen in this delusion was plain.

Looking back at it again revealed his exposure and the growth he had to carry through. Not just as much but it appeared like he missed a piece of himself, more than a few, all of it, from chest below. No arms, and half of his skull empty if not the city and the planet stretched on the two walls that bent and fetched the others there. One would have to dictate the terms with which they would be plain. For this control of time had settled, for one day he would be broken, bred like a kettle of boiling guts. From the empty hole beneath him various long contraptions would snatch the need and grow as they would weed out the lesser creations of the galaxy it had resided in. Time would make it so they would be bound, in some way, not to convey emotion as their destruction was impossible. Instead, aking memories they could be shattered and dispersed, lost and mixed with everything that had ever existed from the start of the universe. To him point, he had made a suit. Reflection of his vileness may be, the behaviour which had been misunderstood. Instead of being seen for the bandit and the villain he had presented himself as, he had been completely greeted as a performer, seen by all in the most baffling way. 'Is that the grand parisee? The entertainer I see? 'Rivoulet had seemed to wear, only what appeared on top of his wares. It couldn't be concealed any longer, not would it lose the appeal that was signalled then. Reasonless though caught on by this apparel, he greeted the admirers with the greatest of view. 'As I promised, I'll only show you the greatest and the most important. 'More important than this be, what gathered in the asteroid had been, only the darkest missiles brought from war. It was a secret kept from him and him alone. Other men had been brainwashed, kept down from knowing but showing only

the slightest hint that they knew what was going on. As on in there came the sand, a sane approach of the fluttering wind that threw it about the placed. Never would it be known of more than those face that stared. 'Not any longer, I refuse to pay the heed and to keep it a secret any more. Can't you see they're trying to pick in what's happening inside them on?' 'On that day, you promised, that's right. I think you remember the exact dat and what you said was that you owe me. This will be kept a secret. ' 'For the same reason they would launch the asteroid after reaching its full limit and the rotation. 'Fragmentation may not happen then, but upon reaching the full extension and the heat-strength at the perfect moment, the full alchemical nuclear power could finally be launched. He almost came to the point of spilling it as well. General population wasn't allowed to know just what was going on. Not to push ahead the dangling of heads, the messing of the ones who were trying to sit among themselves unable to read through the lines. And then. . . It came again, just like the assassin, the one deranged creature that spilled no secret from within. Ikvar Rod bred a spear of tuberculosis, formed in his hand, ready to defent the secrets on both ends. Eight times they had been sliced, and not a secret had been carried on since. 'Murder, there's been a murder. 'As they dispered, the govermental branch was called forth, immediately coming out of their vehicles as if born inside of them just to be thrown forth for him to kill some more. Many didn't even intend on survivng if that meant trying their luck. Against him, many were brought to that point where it hadn't mattered any more. Not even he had the force to subdue himself past the point where it was needed for him to be defeated. Uncanny, and stricken down, blasted out of the way and lost for the crownless drought, everything changed upon their awakening again. Like a peeling mirage they had been forced back, to see what was going on. Seeing and seething through one few strokes of paint that changed everything as if it could even be remotely conveyed, now came the chance for it to stifle and return. Mourning for their world they sinned. As quickly as it happened wherein they shot through them like pin-balls, never ready to accept that it was about to come through. During this event, it seemed that the many people who had received the envelopes had something uncanny being revelaed to them. Inside the messages there would be blood. A lot of it, perhaps too much for a whole being to produce at that, which filled their locked doors, drowning them as bores would come to be. Reflected in the windows, one could see the red on the other side. 'Now we get to witness this together. 'After the final rotation, everything went as planned. The only generals and head scientists who might've been able to prevent this from happening had been either sliced and drowned. Yet for their uncanny woe, nothing would be set forth. For the spark finally awakened into both of their minds, as soon as the nuclear holocausts emerged and never gave on. Countless days, spent wishfully looking through the ways through which they might be redeemed, but the entirey of the world had been pulled in time. Where nothing yet everything waited for a change to come. There they floated, each of citizens having replaced the two giants of their planets like twins, replicas of themselves or none to know the sins of the other. And every since one of them had materialised and stopped, floating apart, naught to known. Better than the sowing remarks they'd throw and sink, like hooking winks. Lesser than themselves the animals and the other breeds would come together foming large wing-like leashes, leaving their various souds on top of their emobided parts, being taken for the dumb things they were. Eaten by the giants raw, never allowed peace and quiet as they would be brought back regardless of deaths. No more child could be conceived and for every planet in the system, there would be no one inhabbiting it. A victory indeed, bred forth by nuclear power, it seemed like a catastrophe had been avoided. Distant though it was a pass, there wasn't any way to

know what was going on. 'Foreman, you got to think. What's the meaning of this?' 'Aimed flashlights only lead to one pieced stone. After putting on the effort of placing everything in place, they revealed the first face that appeared before them. 'It's yours but the body isn't. 'Sold off by seemingly a dark armour and a twist around the neck. 'Let us

see what you're hiding. 'He revealed himself as soon as he could push on ahead, leaving no trace of doubt that it wasn't him, but someone who stole a look right about the same size as his. Resemblance be uncanny, so they said.

But no one knew what bothered them or for what reason dictated a promise for what would be read. For the few moments that they took alone, going through page after page in the instruction manual to remake one out of bone, they had realised what they were dealing with. 'A Deject, that's what we have here. Somehow he had acquired a piece of your bone and made you after it, just so it could achieve its filthy goals. ' 'What now? Am I supposed to be

impressed or missed? 'Pissed even by the amount of fear they were giving in. As if we haven't been through something much worse than this. Simply symbolising a way out, they were getting ready to leap about the place if they were to be hunted. Primitive things, those suits of armor were made out of cartilage, as hard to believe as it was, there couldn't be a doubt at all. 'I need to focus in. 'One disquiet came, they could be left to watch what would be important ahead. Known as Sabotage, he came back only for a moment, not to cause too much suspicion as the others had been tame. Uneven even on the fact that there was only a way out only to descent from it again, as the preservation had a trick, a deal. 'I have been awakened, it seems. For how long have I slept?' 'A few days, at least, or weeks, or months. 'Come to think of it, by the interpretation of the calendar, as weird of a language as it had been set it revealed more so in terms of years. Plenty of years passed, meaning that this wasn't something that would last. Torn by the fact, he came out only to be greeted by the same kind of attitude from the ones who had forgotten about him. 'Greetings, new comer, right?' 'You remind me of someone, what's your name again?' 'Just who, what was going on? Nothing would be settled unless some pleasantries could be set about. It was a disaster. Instead of going through the same ritual again, reintroducing himself with little to say, he chose the path of disquiet. For the sake of this paradox, he chose to look deeper into the open grates of the window's channel, as there was his way out.

Cutting through one of the standing book holder, deprave even, he examined the dirt. Closer looks gave them the false impression of looking like cutouts formed into various geometric shapes. None of them fit nor would they give a way in, but something was scorouging him to look away. For the same reason he couldn't point out what this feeling had to do with the whole operation. 'We detected some structural changes into the central nervous system, of the perilous kind that won't listen. 'Listen to us now, we cannot override your control yet, Sabotage. We need you to step our of the way and and do what you can not to be affected by whatever that is. 'But it's. I cannot express it. But it wants me to be here. 'It was a soundless logic that missed and never hit. Back to the moving feet there would be no wonder what was drawing after him. A mess that stood about five feet in size, turned from dirt and stepped to its massive girth, revealing some unnatural dust. Like some strange solid gust, it spoke of the uncanny resolution they would have to spare. 'Make it to the bridge then, and we'll see to it that there'll be a way for your to hide from the general selection. ' 'What would that be now?' 'A way out, this time, it will be under your control and yours alone. Nothing manifesting out of thin air and nothing which will bring to despair. Understood?' 'Fine, but this isn't over yet. 'I will find out just what the progress had amassed to. For the few years where he was gone, despite the matter and the fact, he still felt like nothing much was added to the bulk, nor the calculations of the good taking of the ones

in the bags. Why are they still using bags? Whereas the entire ship had been clear, clean, this entrance there they threw the sacks contrasted with the rest of it. Struggling as they had been actually pinned on giant hooks, it looked like wherever they were set to go had been more so underestimated than wildly claimed to be safe. ‘Don’t worry about it, that old burner’s not dangerous at all.’ ‘Why is it a burner then?’ ‘I know. This may sound strange, but it’s now exactly what you think. It may sound peculiar, but the old shaft it simply a faster way to deposit them because we don’t have as much space to put them in as we would like to.’ ‘And that’s supposed to calm me down somehow?’ ‘Somehow I think it will, you won’t lose any nights of sleep over it, I assure you Storage, I have checked you after all. From time and time, just so we could be sure you’d be properly fed and taken care off. And it wasn’t easy but, this is all automated. There hasn’t been a malfunction in years.’ ‘Going by the sheer numbers alone, how many survivors are there?’ ‘No death. ‘None at all, he said. Strange how he hadn’t taken the time to check for it. And for that reason alone I followed the track, back to the shaft and went in. Well, to the strange name that had been it again, there was nothing as cruel as making them wait of it. Perhaps for that reason, the presence of a moving conveyer-like belt had been alarming for some reason. Poorly lit as well, to the point where it was hard to recognise just what the intention was, cruelly pushed him to follow through. Hooks dropped as soon as they got near the general area where a blocking fence lay. Once the sack had been stabilised, being prevented from falling over, the release came and he would be sent in again. Just what did this part of the ship entail? Going around there was already hardly a task for someone who had been gone for so long, being deactivated just like a machine. It was just hash, being there, out of the air pressure almost drawing close to the point where he was almost flattened entirely. Not only that, but he could feel his suit coming off.’ ‘Just what are you doing to these poor crewmen? We were supposed to be taking care of them.’ Storage stopped as soon as it was convenient to do so. ‘We shouldn’t be here, it appears. We cannot stress enough of the danger and what lays ahead. Perhaps it would be better if you returned and never looked back at what you’ve said or what you heard. I think it’s time we hit back the automatic view, just so you will not see it through.’ ‘Wait, wait a moment, why is my vision hardly working now? Are you working with them? Is that it?’ ‘We cannot give a valid answer. There’s no satisfaction you would get from it, not with this in mind. It’s your loss unless you want to go ahead and turn your steps away.’ Wry though his smile may be, there was still no confirmation whether or not he still had a jaw and a pair to smile with. Instead, he thought of how he had been played so far. Even now, the sidestep wasn’t even his. While he was being lowered on a side plane, the elevation began struggling while drawing him away from the sight. He wasn’t supposed to see those butter-like flat bags that emerged after entering the stall-compressor. It wasn’t shameful, just how it was. Business would be business after all and no one talked about it. Placed where he had been, there was one more thing to know. ‘You’ll be placed somewhere you won’t be able to lose your quiet face.’ By that it had been settled. He would be given a permanent smaller body to inhabit now. Trying to struggle was pointless since he couldn’t even force the cuffs off. It felt surreal, just how fast it was. But he was pulled immediately, to that, his entire helmet came off and with it the spectre made out of the bile-meat started struggling until it got away. Now that the intelligence was no longer connected to him, he wouldn’t even bother trying to look for an explanation. One of the near-floors in the surgery room gave him the perfect opportunity to get away. For his sake alone, there wasn’t any passing, yet he carried on like a puddle through the door. ‘Don’t touch him. We got the suit, let him live that way until he decides whether or

not it's time to come back. 'None of the lips could be perched. For the scrolling of the verses would emerged as soon as they might be written down, the parchments and the notes never would be called back. 'Picherot, I've called you here for a reason. Now, I want you to listen carefully. My instructions are to be followed upon the most precise manner without intervention and without mistake. There's a lot resting on your shoulder, I'd say. We cannot even suffer drawing away and wasting as we're being watched carefully now. You may not fully grasp what's happening around the world, but the winds of change are drawing near. For that, I have decided to pick you for this sole mission, just so it could be achieved. 'A wink was set down. He was ashamed for being picked because he had been so young and inexperienced. To that, each blade remained to him, in as bitter as a picking lame fruit. It was dull but misunderstood. While the other trained criminals and yunks could bring in the heads of the families, their children, spills from their farms, he had been spending a lot of time around vineyards with some local drunk. His skills weren't sharpened, yet he tried recounting. Go through the secret entrance, underneath the gate. Talk with one of the servants there who might know the way. With him in mind, carry on the mission with a candle' blight and try ending under under the coffer. Climb through it, and end up right underneath the floor of the bed, where he rests on his maiden's breast. Only that way you might be able to grasp and clasp a good shot. For this task alone, he had been given a delinquentish crossbow, in itself, that weapon looked dangerous and rather uncannily defended for what it was capable of doing. Not only could it smash through the various spots, but there was danger in the fact that it could missfire. 'Hey, I'm glad I could find you. 'As narrow as the view was, he could recognise that silhouette and the voice anywhere in the kingdom and even farther than it had been brought from. 'Skim, where have you been? 'Picherot leaped and tried not to get strung of the words. Lackless actions wouldn't even reflect what he felt like. With the two of them reunited, no one would be delighted to hear, that this contract had a chance to succeed. It was hard, trying to look after himself, let alone try performing a murder by himself. But dead ends like him only dragged the organisation down and were in a high need to get disposed off. Without trying to wander too far, it was time not to worry about it any longer. 'We've performed something more difficult than this in our free time, hunting rabbits and slicing them off. Don't be nervous, this won't be any different than any of those times. ' 'I'd like to believe that Skim, but a contrat is no laughing matter. If I miss and get the wrong target, how will I be able to recover after it? And there's also the matter of escape, which. ' 'Wait, before you say anything, it's done for. It's all settled, as your good fellow and partner in crime had arranged a deal with the servants on the house. Half of the goods get to them. ' 'There's something we can even pick after? How come I haven't been alerted yet? I didn't know about that. ' 'Obvious rookie mistake, you ought to know better. But then again, this is your first kill, isn't it? ' 'My first intentional one, I suppose. I would like to say that there had been others but that would not only be a grave mistake, but also a lie as well. 'Far but not too heavy lain, there was that thing which came again. In fewer than the meters they took from one another to shake off some of the roots ahead of them, there was just enough splace where they could hide inside some of the popping bags. Heavy enough concentrations had been contained that the whole villa could be entirely submerged. 'Don't tell anyone but I stole these from around the picking ground. 'The devil was madly curageous. Him alone, undertaking this without giving even the slightest hint that he regreted coming forth. But why so many of them? Why couldn't they simply blow the place and be done with? ' 'We need to give them some time off to move the merchandise around. If we blow the charges too soon, we might have another conondrum

on our hands. And for that reason, this is how the plan will go, are you listening? ‘Of course I am, sing ahead. ‘First, the assassination would go just as planned, with the help of which, everyone inside should be alerted of the general brooding danger beneath them. Afterwards, there would be only the, only the. Small gap in the plan, that was surprising that Picherot had found out about it now. ‘Just how are we intending to get out as soon as it explodes? If we’re being found out as soon as the deal is sealed, they’ll expect us to make it for the gates, won’t they? ‘There’s another way out now. How did you think I even managed to come here in the first place? It was one of the rock-blister that helped me pouch through and turn the stone soft. Without it, I think I wouldn’t even have considered the effort. ‘So we’ll jump into the Rock-blister and slowly march back. Is there enough fuel? What of the distance and what if we don’t make it in time to escape from the projected fire? ‘Don’t worry now. Come on, you’re worrying way too much for your own good. ‘There was no misatisfaction in them readying themselves for the act. During the dinner table, as long as forty feet away, at each side stood the couple, head of the family and his mistress, Dulonghe. ‘Are you enjoying yourself, my dear? How’s the soup? ‘It was hard looking at it for the same reason for which none of her fingers returned. They drew into it from opposite corners, covering in entirely into lock-like shapes. As soon as the contact had been established, from her gut, a few extensions shout through the arms, ending at the far ends where they drew sustenance directly from the source. Without knowing any better, something as vile as this had been only came to see itself over. Growing inside her with the child, who was nothing but a pile of previously aborted remains, taking in as much of the life as they could. Thrown together into a single being, there was some difficulty never fully expressed. By the various front ends which were always the first to get caught, this would be the family curse of Dulonghe. All the children in their family had been born with some severe defect and died within a year of their conception. Those who were aborted hadn’t gone through the process properly, in turn, they had been set to live as they could, with the pieces that hid inside the fat. Replicating some functions others couldn’t, they had achieved a symbiosis and partial growth. A birth would be impossible, unfortunately, and this would be the final one to come out of her. Whether or not she wanted, they couldn’t fathom separation now. ‘What happened to my young bird? ‘She looked sick and barely heard her husband anymore. As a matter of fact, he wasn’t there any longer. Nothing other than the table and the moving spreary luminous green eye, largely dyed plants that revealed where she was. All the walls disappeared but she could swear she wasn’t in her home any longer. Instead, this felt, for the better part of her stay like an entry into her own womb, where pink wasn’t defining anything but the scum of blue. Decrepit and vastly underestimated by the looks, inside them grew the child. Child? Children, so many of them were there, some torn and no longer looking like her at all. Big bodies had been grown which allowed some mobility inside of her. That hadn’t been the least of her concern, as the various connectors that allowed them to freely move as if shook by some filth they couldn’t deal with. It was hard looking at those ecstatic faces, seeing them push through the carefully selected razors she had ate before. ‘How could I forget about this? ‘Small and many in number, she had carefully devoured them in a prick. Nothing set itself, not to be brought back. There wasn’t any shame in it, regardless of what they had been informed off. Later, in the distance, in one of the homes from the many stacks of the villages that stood in their perishes, there was Julia and her daughter. She was supposed to work that night but for this sole reasons, her daughter being sick, was the decider for her staying in. Poor girl couldn’t swallow right. For now they could only focus on her good health, massaging her as hard as they could in orde to get her to eat

away. 'Don't sweat it yet, Lisa, you'll survive. I know you will, it's only a matter of time until the doctor's about to come. 'Was he even on his way? Could there be a greater loss than that? It was difficult to know or to tremble at that.

No amount of power would allow one to submit to the desire of choking in one's sleep. Away, as far as say, he follow through with the appointment. Never missing, but not swayed away, a far closer look did reveal the pray. He stared for a few moments through the window, trying to convey the change of the expression, cast upon his face. Trembling by each side, it formed like the morning Kahn of the beast. Each side of his face threw on a single ripped piece that revealed what he held on. A few of the tongues were long and licking, in the various gaps in his face they produced, the strange ever-expanding vapors that were striped by the shows of light inside. Soon, as he opened and came through, never opening the door, he came to reveal the deepest and utmost lost desire to carry on with his disgusting turns. For each moment that came to him, what was seen by him would be nothing but an opportunity to strike away and eat some of what they couldn't take away from the table. 'Take the bread, the turkey, anything but fix my daughter. Don't allow my poor Lisa to die. Not like this. 'Not likely would he listen, yet from his back, he pulled the toolbox with every crammed cutter and opener, defining the various bone-extractions and the murder actions he could take. 'She needs a new liver, I see. ' 'Doctor, focus, don't open her up. Whatever you do, please remember that she's still young. But she had difficulty trying to swallow anything unless it's spoon-fed to her. ' 'Well, I should open her throat then. ' 'Aren't you going to at least do an initial examination. 'E-x-a-m-i-n-a-t-i-o-n. Coming right away, I'll tell you when it's done. For now, I want you to get out of the room. You know where the door is. I need quiet. 'It was not what she had intended on doing. Leaving her poor young bird alone with that doctor was something she couldn't forgive herself for doing. Just by the mere fact that he acted as if some screws were missing from the other half of his mind, there wasn't any saving from it. Perhaps he would cut too deep, or her daughter might end up missing for spending too much time in a place that wasn't like her kind. And where would her mother be? In the few seconds spent there, she could only think about the ways of foreboding. Never had she rode outside, on the pale and sick horses that waited out for no stable may keep him in for what he had in his kind. No horse-skull but a replacement that simply stood out there. For the same reason it tried outdoing itself by growing past the seven sins of torture would he reveal the nest growing inside of him, peeling at the wonderful curls it bore. Plain flat but lost around the corners it stood, never understood for the same reason that kept it going for no reason but to serve. As of plastic, but colored like an assortment of clothes, the delimitations came from a drawing which held a face falling forth. Concerned by what was going on, trashed by the desire gone, now coming under one of the lights, the concerned party said. 'This belongs to the doctor Ghyrgr. I say we should stay as far away from him as possible. 'The penalty for disobedience was grave. Likely put, it would add up to being stranded there, in a place where not a single cut would touch the skin or cut through the unattainable jolt of the on in question. Calmly so, the doctor performed his nightly woe, leading through one of the longest nights that ever was. It was a penalty that didn't bring, nothing but the least refrained, better than the lame, who came about the house as subtle as they could. First entry into the surgery. Note to the various incisions that opened it only to find the piece lodged inside, eating as her jaw, unable to give up into the toil. For obvious reasons, he couldn't just simply put her down like most of the patients because this wasn't a secluded place. It was a village and as he knew very damn well, word travelled way too fast for him to be able to keep up. And that he did, picking up a slighter hint of the immaterial intruder. It grew

out of some rotten fruit, or so it seemed. A reflection of it, in the form of an apple red shade carapace still remained on top it again. For the others, this would be not even the closest thing to see happening. Lacking in finesse, he tried pulling out one of the many tails that spored in both directions. It wasn't going to be easy, not without risking alarming her from this pseudo-sleep. Despite being awake and slightly in pain, she had been in a state of freezing shock. Obvious pains aside, the culprit had dug up too deep inside of her. It wasn't likely that she could be saved by whatever means he could employ. Not only so, but danger would come forth, as it showed signs of searching for a new host. By the worming of the lances there, it would be much harder pulling up away if it decided this was the perfect opportunity to leap on him and start the entire process again. 'I won't make that mistake now. Not if I can end you as quickly as I can. 'Promises went unheard, for, as soon as he managed to reach with his blade, a case of cartilage encased it then. It was hardened but only lasted for a few seconds, which were needed for it to melt through the skin and fall through the bed, melting a hole for it to escape with everything in mind. Her spine, what had happened to her spine? This was a failure, as it ensued, she died immediately without feeling her end endured. 'What will I say to the ma'am now? 'It was a lost case. Case and point, this would have to be completely covered. If anyone in this world was to find out that I have failed to this state, I would be completely eaten, worse than her and her again. 'Sutures for the back, and the neck would be put back. Her heart was still beating but her mind was out of chalk. Well, for the other trick he had in mind, he would jolt her with enough power to bring her back in part. Though they were slightly attached to her brain, it wouldn't completely work out again, not to the same level as it had before. Manifesting fear as the primal result came to view. I shocked her again, until she knew who I were. 'You're the one who brought me back. 'That's what he imagined her say as soon as she returned to the land of the living. Instead of trying to sneer or to heed what was still new for him as well, she gave in the terminal, as soon as she saw it again. On a straight street, in the middle of the night, a lantern illuminated the road, leading to the megalopolis ahead in the twist of turns. What this surgery had achieved would be a permanent fixation there, where her feet would not feel cold. In the middle of the night, at the stop of a cab that waited to bring her back home. 'The usual place, ma'am? 'She nodded, as if most of these were actually instinctual. Second nature, even as they, were forcefully dictated. A cab driver, right? He seemed to play the role well, even lit her a cigar, as fast as she could tell. It was the first time in the city despite living in for years. At this scale, she was unsure of her parents' whereabouts, of the sole reason that they were out of time. Even the blurry night sky was decadent and old. Not a single gray circle this night, for what was worth. And to say that there were those who looked after her would be a lie. It was a night to die for, as the city came to life. 'Aren't they tall and grandious? I wish I could visit one of the last floors and live in there even if I couldn't afford it. 'I know that Lisa. You always mention that, every time we drive around the skyscrapers, you always mention of them. Perhaps it's the nostalgia since you were a child. 'She was known to everyone as the sweetest girl alive. It was a pity that the glum were there. As serfs without houses who were lost between the streets, their sight only brought the thought of troublemaking, nothing beats the crime of sin. It was impossible to think it so, but better to have known the reasonless approach. Never was there a glutton to know better or to throw back forth the pendulum in the square. If this place was just like every other city, what made it stand out was her friends who took her out. From the goodness of her heart, she greeted. 'Francis, how much you've changed. May I come in? 'From the parlor back into the royal place, another chance that got to her head, as she was

greeted by them again. No confusion could do as far as it took entering the door. Misused by the precondition of frying, her undeniable gut wrench came back with her again. She show little of it to the others, yet could never understand, not even a clue. My throat was supposed to be hurting, not that. 'How's he my dear?' 'Fine, he's simply fine. Don't worry about him now. 'Not likely, could she be going back. Brought to a few knees that pushed onward, there was a dissilusion that pulled back. On track with all the maskings and the doing, she found herself alone again. Not one mentioned Lisa anymore and no one truly knew her. As long as there would be someone feigning interest, she could have another drink. 'You shouldn't drink in your condition. ' 'I think I know what I am doing here, thank you very much. 'Her sight was moved by his great apparement, but never got as far as to see. What else was there if not that multiple lacquors that mixed with decades old burnt pieces, mixing almost in a pouring stream that covered everything from the floors, their bodies, even her. It was green, for rotten fruits and plenty of other damp hues that moved and covere deverything, in this origiastic event. Filth of the worst kind, while the shrimps would fly in and swim about the pollution in the floor. Yet she wanted more. Despite the complete rejection of her place, she yeared for his approval and those of the wallowing whores he had invited in. As displeasing as it seemed, she still wanted him to pick her on a whim. The thinness of cobalt came out, as another plunging was about to happen. They gathered thinking it was only part of the show, until realising that blood wasn't part of the piece. It was magnificent how the world outside looked as if it had the same lacquor, only from where she stood and waited form, alas. Quietly she sipped from her drink, unable to think. 'Francis, when was the las ttime we spoke? Just the two of us, I mean. When was the last time we had an actual conversation? 'He had never been the type to be a womanizer, hence it seemed that her curiosity and jealousy didn't come from within. Instead, it came to her that some kind of feelings were underserved. She came there for him, as rudely as it seemed, it was none of her concern that came to him. For what happened was a part of his wish. While the others might be troubled by what they saw happening during the night. Despite the celebration being somewhat broken and no one knowing what might happen next, Lisa was contempt with it. Not to give in too much of what she felt, as she kept it to herself. Never to betray her feeling again, not in the terms, never to have known what happened or how worse it had to be. It was an invasion of privacy, being taken from the scene. 'We need you to stay away from that until the investigation can proceed. 'Such strange admireres spoke. With their highly placed traits, looking down from stranded pelt-like bulks that pushed from just about every side of their necks until they revealed their nests swollen in their chests. Would they even stretch like they had before, pushing their long necks out of the gore that twisted. Like a butcher's circle in the middle, spike-like that erupted with the many thin receivers, they spoke with the insects they had brought, who hid beneath the floors, in wait. For an opening so they might take the one away. Through proper digesion, the insects would rule out any other lead. But she knew this wasn't the case entirely. While everyone was busy ruling this night as a chaotic end, from which they couldn't even get up from again, she saw the opportunity to approach Francis. 'It's going to be a loneyl night, isn't it? Care to join me over the balchony? Would you like to admire the city lights? 'It was an offer he couldn't refuse. Clearly affected by it, he was no recluse. Instead, he joined after a few steps, grabbing a drink for him and for her. 'Lisa, what am I to do now? I think I'm ruined now. They won't stop talking about what heppened on this cruel side of July. 'Even marked on the calendars, without which, they'd still see. Or know, remember, somehow be shocked of what happened before the intervention came. Those who'd ask questions one day would

surely ask them once again. And none one else but him had been in the highest of pains . Other than her. Where they left, she stayed, as prideful and competent as she prized herself again. ‘Poor Francis, now that the fire’s set and done, will you not allow me to join you? I know it’s hard and sudden but you cannot be left alone, take this offer, please and don’t make me miss you more than I should. ‘ ‘You don’t mean that, I know it. Perhaps I ought to move out. ‘ ‘So be it then. I wouldn’t want to live in a cursed place like this either. But take me with you, wherever you might go. Don’t abandon me for the worst side humanity has to offer. Don’t let this end up being the last memory of us. ‘She drew on breathless afterwards, feeling content about what she’s done. In the following days his large apartment had been sold, as were his friends, to the highest bidder, a new-comer from the north. It was fitting that there’d be one to replace him so soon. Wherever he had been, one could draw no conclusion sooner about what life had been during the moonsoon. Of the following days. There were the few construction areas placed and the whole state of affairs which were called into question with the opposing nation. No conviction but the admiration that inhabited her heart appeared to be lost at touch. For better days weren’t coming soon, as the dweller came into the view, a vigilant strike upon his dwelling. Burning in the heap, there wasn’t any telling whether or not he had survived. What had happened to the corner where even the city scrapers started sinking into the piece, an empty sink suddenly released the rest of his motionless appearance. It was struck by the power and the glory he had basked in, over the clearness of the demi-boxes. In them he managed to survive the fire, as they were filled with water bottles taken from the Empire. Poisoned yet benign, the bubbles forming turned him away just for a second as they felt each other. Melting cardboard and plastic into that hole, leaving him exposed to the strangeness of woe. Looking above he’d see only the sight of a well which dwindled as he couldn’t even be, anything but an escapee. He desired to go out, seeing not the streets but the endless skyscrapers that rounded themselves for the climbing. Many apartments lit from the sightings. ‘I’m here, I survived. Let me come and join me, I want nothing more but to join the run. ‘They weren’t going to allow him to be heard, never to be called again. He was rather inept in the arts of the bitterness. With each piece or rock that fell, he saw only a part of the outside pour in as well. Waiting could somehow allow him to rise himself from the group, up into one of the open doors or windows, whatever one might be able to dwell upon. Not only had he not given up, but climbing brought something up. From the soles of his feet, the liquor of cardboard and plastic water seemed to grasp for him, looking for a way out as well. Essence of disease could tell that it was time for them to throw the bodies of the cats, the dogs and rats as well. All of which had been simply abandoned from most of the windows, regardless of the floors, without shame or contempt for what was going on. Soon his hole would become a boiler, raising in head. Some of the ones that were thrown, the men and the women that leaped had been alive, yet not for long, as nothing could be suffered to be brought back. ‘This chemical composition cannot be allowed to survive. ‘From it a solid figure as that of a pointy ivory iceberg came out. Make out of their entirety, speaking with all of their voices as he was brought around it. Kashmir looked out of place. Unable to race what was helping him rise from the depths, he held as tightly as he could, unable to direct the voices of the animals away. Most were blended and all could tell now and see, from just about everywhere in the city that the four melting skyscrapers had been assailed. By the peaks of that which raised, only the worst pagans and heathens remained. Most of the people left their rooms, abandoning them as they fled for their lives. From utmost nowhere the heathens came, bring in the liquor with them, as it had been decided that the general first ritual had

been a success. The man who had been named Fancis would have his name ridden in the book of digress. Now to the cipher that had come, from the four rejected buildings, the floors being directed back, as they would be given life in the most deranged activity. Less than the breaking of reality, it was, only the most disturbing case of unsettling remarks. What was been feigned would never be seen again. Only the tumours anchors threw themselves against the pillaring large suite-like derranged forms that emerged again, never calling forth for the exhausting girth given by the filth. Tiny adorning masses that resembled some pond, shrunken yet showing sings of more than a few toothless broths. Each of their sides appeared to bear some hairy tar-like spilling shrimping boils, patches of skin-like diseased clots that stared spreading. Airborn, but never going as much as to infest the living, they instead trapped the carpets, turning them into cross-like reachers that entailed some of the heathens inside of them. From there, in their tiny forming forts they'd pray. Unable to be hurt as those strange tents restored any kind of pain and woe. Never would they be completely distinguishable from their territory as much as it would be known. Less than the pristine lack of sanity there, a kind of wicked burst of reality came. From the ajdacent planes where they had dwelled, more likely to be akin to themselves, those that appeared shared some resemblance to the one that broke them free at last. Kashmir could only wonder at his marvelous creation. He was there, where he needed to be, in a place where he was somewhat never to be trapped as long as he could see a way out. Despite the distraction and the lack of action which would be alone. Brought to the pain that his hands was holding on, he relised that he was stuck. Struck even by it, unable to release, he chose to stay. What would I eat, how could I even convey hunger? ' As if heard, at last, a piercing strike in his gut from the pointer brought the sustenance he had desired. No longer would he rever to hunger in the name of the Empire. It was obvious that most of those below. From the streets or from the rows weren't themselves. Rather, so many victims had looked confused, struck between two worlds, unable to understand what could this chaos bring them. IF only they understood what was going on. 'There's a man stuck out there. ' 'Others will join him. 'The cause of which couldn't be understood at all. As a matter of fact, the fact that no one might be held abashed couldn't do anything but wait. A bitterless hope could never refrain from bashing, crashing into a full stop. What had been brought about was that exchange. It wasn't likely that he would remain there for long. 'I need a way out. I cannot be a part of this. ' 'You are now and stop complaining. You were the one who had given us birth, father. ' The hairs of his chest shook. He had never been as frightened as he had been caught by the hook. As the helicopters turned with their scanners, nothing could be hindered farther than one ought to know. Skyscrapers wouldn't bode well any longer as they became the pylomaters of woe. It was them which kept the pointer going, living and thriving to the point where the city couldn't have matterd to them. Millions of lives wouldn't even be spared. This, again, would be the final despair, the show of exusperance as the many heathens were given the protection. First the rockets came, with their blasting waves of fire and radiation, followed by the nuclear diseased, completely absorbed by them, in the watch of the bitter pleasing order. 'How did I survive? ' 'You're a part of us Kashmir, never forget that. 'His heart was beating but the pounding was incomplete. Not only was he cheated from death but he had wanted to try foregoing in again. By that, it was meant, that whatever he could do, whatever he might do and what he ended up doing resulted in another death. From somewhere out there, given way to enter from the strike, going about the message coming out of time. 'What is this I see? 'A few words had crawled again, carried on by the nuclear prism which melted against him, the iceberg and the ajdacent buildings. Even those who

worshipped the placed had seen, that in the reality out of time, they could rule forever, undisturbed by the wickedness that had been sublime. The only thing needed was for them to bask into rivers of nuclear explosions, as only then would they be safe. Saved by the admission of power, no longer would they be towered upon or forced to flee. Most

of the expenses be counted out as humanity hit the point of rebound. 'If we are to escape now, there's only one chance for it. We need to feign our destruction and sink deeper each time a nuclear bomb gets released on top of us. 'So they said, never truly dead. In as much of a way as it could be allowed, strike after strike, to the likes' delight, they had done so. Tricking and using the might of humanity's humble original of striking one before he fell. With blunt weapons only radiation could tell that it had been pronounced. After a few million bombs had been released, the whole symbiotic structure had been pleased of being drawn to the place. In that reality where nothing would fall away. But woe, as it simply disappeared, when it neared the supreme act of going its way, the few remaining nuclear bombs fell on the city and a dully desecrating reality could be conveyed. For the worst that followed after came to be, only inside the watchful knowing that wouldn't be seen, the screams died, the petty and the good. Brooding there, would be nothing but the shockwaves that followed through. Complete devastation emerged into a cloud, from it, there seemed to be an irradiated king at last. Slowly dissipating as none of his servants were there to bring praise.

Most of them being dead meant that none of them would be seen or looked after again. It would be in the short amount of time that in the storage out of time and out of reality where their kinds were meeting for a few. Nano-seconds would go through and through. In them, the kind of radiation clouds, the one of steam, the one smoke and smoldering remains, even the one of corpse dust and the one covered in the universe of red, one in white and one of shattered crystal dust as well as others who couldn't be counted. All of them discarded their existences long ago. But

they would dwell here momentarily before being summoned again to attend the various events of the realities waiting ahead. A prodigy in less than achieved destruction, one of the most audible, louded voices that brought in reactions was that of the displeasing jest. Caused by the taking of a lost artifact from an imploding mechanism needed to break the standing barrier of glass. Between the delightful enclave, where they looked upon the distance where villa had exploded and the likes were bitterly worded, there had been a single way out. Brought about during the betterment of the troops, they had sunken as low as to hear what was being said in the booth. Struck by hidden chambers, in a hole inside the colossal fallen church bell they hid, this inverted hideout they sunken it seemed to bear the quiet within a monastery than within it. 'Well, I think this is a failure, wouldn't you say so?' 'For what?' 'I have prayed to one of my Gods and he hasn't answered me yet. ' 'Had he in any day?' 'Asked Ltksse, in his

youngers days, even today he felt like asking it again. For what was being brought. Inside the walls, where the melting of bronze had brought the invaive protectors, plunderers working with the help of cogs, no one could even add to the quiet or realise what had been going on. It was the ruckus which happened outside. Another island fell in some place. 'Again now?' 'Not exactly, this is different. I'd say that this time, the reverse happened. Usually pieces of the land would be taken away for some reason. I suppose whoever had done it thought about giving back some of the things he had taken before. 'This sounded somewhat like what could be happening. Aerials out there, striking at them from afar. Hear their winds and realise that they cannot even feel the sting of the bitter degree. An unsormountable amount of sleigh, the hits of which fell upon the mountain's lay, from the beds of ice, where the remanants of the Tyrants remained. Lice had strangled them to death, revealing the necrosis-den in which they hid.

It was completely sealed as to never bring back any of the weird contenders at a life such as theirs. Better to recount the fact that elsewhere, there was the feel. No appeal to what returned. To one man by the name of Barnacle, life couldn't have been worse. Awakened by the fact of the matter, that those psychotic images in the distance didn't matter, he had come to see them for what they were. The Duke as he had looked, rather stricken like a shot of a projection grayed out. Nor would he realise that he wasn't there, as much as he wouldn't know. The fact that he wasn't there, to begin with the rows of androids he had called under his supreme control. For them, it didn't actually matter, as much as they would carry his order. Despite not being touched, it had been known and wildly accepted, as to throw the musk of bitter degrees. Feeling unsafe for what would be less than the passing years. Fright couldn't even bring the delight of evil that scourged on. A man had carried through. Gordo Di'Dorko's viel hue could mean the less. Leisurely caught with himself off guard by a row of rounded-bodies long Troglodytes that were largely exposed. From each feature there pushed the corner of a large sphere, a cone and one deceiving amount of spreading cords. They begged for cannibalism, yet neither of them would attempt to devour each out, leaving alone. Not for the slightest hint of pain did they bring back the pain. It was obvious that they envied everyone who wasn't like them. Luckily for piety, none would suffer ever after it was set and done. 'What will happen now?' Gordo asked, as soon as he had been about to touch it with the least of a hint that he had a working idea what might happen again. Yet neither of them could touch him by the mere pantry of their own. What came over the empty gaps in that lost place were the almost static, spectre-like recreation of his home. Where the sea had been, there would be nothing but the aftermath of an avalanche spreading nought. It would bring no tear and no fear of what was coming along. Twist of the deranged, he realised that he wasn't there, nor would he return again. 'I must excuse my absence, but I need to see my father. He's important to me, you know? And I couldn't forgive myself if I hadn't said some things I wanted him to know. 'To him, it looked so real. Struck between the two worlds, yet unable to understand this appeal or what was going on for no other reason. It was a heart shaken that searched for his old man. Going by the estate, yet never being able to hear his call again. 'I realise now, what I came about to do. 'For a second he stopped. In a full realisation, he could almost see two servants jumping in the distance, far between the broken buildings and the distant showers of acid being there for an unsuspecting reason. It was harsh, trying to remember what he had left behind. A son, of his, a grandson for his father, one who'd grow up all alone. Lost even from the head on. Yet that didn't bother him as much, for the same reason he was in search, at last, past the open door. And through the halls he wouldn't get to see anymore, he found his way back, no longer waiting for something that wouldn't come. With each step, it grew up higher, the thing being. He wasn't there, he wasn't anywhere to begin with. It wasn't likely that he would accept it, yet he sunk to his knees, unable, at last, to understand what was going on. He sat there by the hours. Unable to think of what the cowards had done to him, to send him there, just anywhere, ending up alone. Gordo tried, as he burst our back, past the gates of Siciliy and into the square of where the town would've been. No one there either, no one within his reach. His comfort would not only be slightly denied, but it would be catastrophically buried and set aside. For him no one waited, but them, the creatures he could never touch again. It was farther away that the Duke had been greeted by the same fate as he had. Looking back on a broken kingdom that brought him some great insignificant moments, that he had known. Never to be released from this thing which poured between the rows of steel and dirt. Rightfully lost as the flood at last, meaningless as it was abandoned by the ones

that asked of it in the first place. How many would still try fighting against the currents there? Had it truly stopped or would they be plain anywhere? Some were drunks and others wasted, some were never to be touched as their waist laced through the ones. Many in their throngs and the loss of the Movers only now coming at a loss. 'We need to carry on with the plan. If we can break free of this place, we may find a way to fully reconstruct the world from this chaos. 'Uniform Kvat was the one who suggested one at last. In the central system, where they had formed the council, the first signs of the chaos had been rightfully set down. It would be so much harder to understand just what was going on, if it weren't for the clue. One who whispered through. 'As I said, we need to instruct you in the construction of a bridge. If you managed to open the way into that real, with the proper measures taken around the rims of the ground, every piece of the bunker may be taken back. 'Or else, think of what might happen if there's a recourse and a breaking point. Never should you forget that it was us who hinted at it before we had ever been known. ' 'Shall we begin it then? ' 'Start with the monitors and show the images if you'll kindly. 'Doing so was dangerously plain. Not to talk of it again, but they were showing certain changes around the tactile platforms around the living areas that didn't bode well with anyone there. Starting with the fact that the population tripped in that short of time, the streets would simply be caught and brought back to an understanding that didn't make any sense at all, a conclusion came. 'Someone's bringing them here. It cannot be explained otherwise. ' 'What of the mass movements from the other hideouts? Or the population documented above of us? ' 'Negative, their numbers hadn't shown any significant changes. And age can help to exclude most of the other cases as well. ' 'It might be something worth investigating then. ' 'Dispatch someone trustful and so be it. 'Before that, they had to acknowledge the rotation being complete. Some of the workers in the spheres were peering again into that plane. Every time they did so, a strange activity known as the intertransilation of the patches holding the worlds together settled down. Never to be broken yet dispersed as if they pushed and threw everything about the place. Mostly at the bottom of some raving, just in that moment, a partially formed upper torso with everything coming out of the neck being expressed in the arms and into some long lost, unattached vestigial tail that spread about the place created the perfect cover. No one was there to know about who it were, the dark haired, multi thought living creation of despair started cradling the darkest creations of its mind. Just as it had done before, infesting the lower areas where the low-lives shook their arms. It was this Zone, where the wings said "Cool-Born. ", signalling the entry, the sides being off the entrance. Forbidden authority, but no revelation came to the fact that they had become mildly addicted to the poison they shot in their arms. From the foaming faces to the sulken skin and the ones that broke in the stores, there wasn't anything more decrepit than what was going on. A cause for this mistake had been that fact that some of them couldn't see it happening again. All in front of their eyes, strangers selling their wares only to swindle the broken. Head-strong but locked inside walking cages, it was obvious that there were no faces that expressed the mess going on in their dens.

A priemeval mistake was the consideration that some of them would try making pacts with the halting glattors. Sitting composed, from a body which had worsened over the age, without even a neck, stood the head of an animal of their choice, or mutiple rats that were completely sealed off from getting away. Somewhat alive, if one could even consider what they were like, they had their hands replaced as well. In case it couldn't be told away. From fear, they had placed tiny sparking electrical boots for the static would turn them into living. These Glattors would be placed near the Automota dispensers, attached with a hose and finally given forth some mechanical, futuristic voice.

Mostly, as it was an imitation, it could only recall messages from old commercials that never seemed to grow old at all. Except the fact that their town had been completely taken over by them, and no one could handle them. Not since it had been taken out of control, until the very moment where one ought to admit, that they were sinking far too deep into depravity. Viril breeds of rat-feeders came out into the dampness of a road that wasn't even rightly placed along the buildings. Instead they went around and never came to give as much as it would be brought back. Given in return, one would have to mourn for the exchange of a yellowish-shiver, whatever that had been, extracted from the giant contraptions of the living which accumulated over the north pole. Standing eighteen feet above the ranks, it had managed to attract some organisms that enjoyed stacking together. As nasty as they were, various tender-crosses with their hoods off, disased, about the same as the rest of the population were accountable for taking them out and making sure that everyone dispenser would be satisfied. Otherwise, the one calling the shots there would call it off, and no longer could they have their fun. Whatever that meant, for everyone there felt as if they were taking for knucklehead. 'Stop it already, I cannot see anything happening around the great crown of the headless horses and their many eyed riders. They'll march upon the plains and take it all away. 'It was the shout of the Lord of Broken diseases. He who hadn't looked out of his world, who had been denied any kind of pleasure by the other lords had found a place. Not to look away and disturb the others. But he couldn't even account for the missing places from the lost Citadel he descended from. In the many days he took it upon himself to reach the highest point, he merely realise that there wasn't any way back. Sadness reigned, but better to convey no emotion, just the wonderment of the loose plains. The others hadn't seen it yet but he had. Brought upon their dark mantles, the many eyed knights would bring on a haste simply in the middle of the field. To them, nothing could be lost, as much as their desire to pretend they were in the right. Bringing in the first with their tormentors, who had lain in captivity, they would start digging the tight cages in which they'd be locked. It wasn't easy, not could they be displeased. What they refused to sing as far as he could be asked within the few, passing amongst those who needed to fall through one of the exits, he was there. In as much as twenty loss dangerous woes, there would be nothing more waiting for him forth. Instead, what played around his neck were a few teeth that spread about. Unable to control themselves, they seeked a way in, deeper within, in order to inject him with a toxin that may not be cured. It was somehow strange that the bitter wedge between them could be lost. Accosted by the meaninglessness of the porter, he had decided to sail away. 'There's only room for only one more to come. The destination can't be spoken off, nor would it be lost. If you embark on this journey with you, what might find you is the last vestige of the kind, which brought us blindly to no piece of mind. 'A sad man spoke as well. Judging by the look on his face he was lost as well as fallen through the various surmounting strays of scurvey. Eating at his face, the others had seen it as well, was the only thing they could see in him. Lust for the strange lovers. Portrayed by some derange activity, that in itself seemed to strange of the sky at the point where the horizon would soo die. 'I will join you then. 'As if it was his choice. Again, set on a mission by his broken will, he had observed the fact that the ship had no sails as it was empty on the higher lever, never touched again. Powerless to returned, he followed them down, only to mourn his entry there as well. Repairmen were trying to create a device which may save them from the demise that had been eating away. But it was filth, as disgusting as a spot could be. Not only that, but one couldn't even look and see what was going through them. No, it wall went wrong, not a single man was strog enough to face the waves. They didn't

act that way. Less than likely, it couldn't be started. Despite the wicked amount of time put into the destruction of the circumference of the Trakor, their celestial embrace held no race at the quiet scape as it was slowly being unwrapped. All the planets in the universe did so, only to tie one another, forming but a single bridge. In it there was that, an imitation that didn't even brought the like back to the grinding of the cannons. Brought back to the bitterly voids that were given birth from the mess underneath the cores that melted, the stars welded into the mix. From there, a cruel miss, and a strike generated the complete finality of Ghub. In Ghub the beings had been refilled. From within their peerless steamed whipped connectors, that sprouted out of their eyes, all went ahead and started inflating until they had been as thick as stalks. Slacking in the kind of exposed new prodigies they would give birth to, they had knelt. No longer would they be allowed to fight, instead they'd be allowed to serve, nothing as breeders for the dominators that came forth. Less than the quiet, after the weeping whining of the sprace food, that would be found ahead. So and they started cutting pieces of their bitter headings. In search for better ways, they forced themselves to evolve past this world that couldn't convey. What the matter would have been, as for pacing in the holes between the Terork branches, as they filled the gaps, in this disquieting expansion that removed their primal skeletal stance, so had they come on top. Brought back into the utmost majestic trance, they would breathe with boiling soups they promoted in the other guts. Of those that floated, the trunks that manifested out of the evolving cortexes, which had overtaken a good part of their arms. So had they spared the others, showing that the extra limbs hadn't disappeared in the past, for the better part, having sunken in. For the same reason would they be attached to a greater part crawling and spitting as they would reattach whatever other limb they might. Brought to their delight, they formed, in the airborne areas, whereas they could be brought back home. Giant tunnels which came out of nowhere, made out of the silken soup they had spilled beneath the filthy grim producers which had been attached. Mostly to the mass of their heads, drawing forward as to latch upon a way out. Soon none may stop their dire ascent.

Not to be too clear of what would be said. They manifested there, as the bodies were pulled like pieces of soft metals, thin and easy to pick to a citizen like a magnetic trip that would bring them together. Yet to form, the embodiment and size which was needed to welcome him forth. As the many citizens started melding into it, the general alarm had tainted the trust of the population that fled upon seeing it happen in front of their eyes. Not only would it not be dangerous, but it wouldn't even be acceptable any more. What had been taken from, to the masters in control was this. 'We give up, simply, I cannot see a way out. ' 'Stop it already. 'The direness of the voice said. So much agony yet no one wanted to come forth and slow things down. Not only would it be dangerous but the loss of control couldn't be feigned either, regardless of what was said about. For the better part of the day, it went well. Not to tell anything of the harm as well as that louth. But the clouds of the uncanny touches, brought nothing short of the lost caskets. Whichever be the cause. This madness had to stop. 'Foreman, we need you to focus. Perhaps it would be better if you closed your eyes for a moment, not to give in too much to what you're seeing here, but I think there's something bad happening inside your mind. You may not want to speak to us, but whatever you saw in that death mask shook you off beyond relief. 'It was obvious that there wasn't any need to take it out. With everything said and lost, the will faded, never to have made it again. A loss would bring us no satisfaction. Keep yourself together. ' 'I will, I am well, perhaps I'm slightly affected by something, I couldn't help it, that's all. Perhaps I still can't help it but focus on everything going on. There are far too many. 'Too many close calls he wanted to say. A

defensive position had been taken as soon as it would be safe to turn around. Otherwise, it was a false alarm. But on a closer know, what brought him to close to leaping over into the basin had been the terror of witnessing everything. His constant exposure, as he hadn't the lids needed to close his eyes, to the world around him brought nothing short of misery for the roses. He saw so many things there, stacked over the pack which followed. A few hindrants came forth, all bearing fur coats which masked the skinless contraption-charged in the back. Where every internal organ had been struck, there was the chance for an organic explosion to occur. Nothing could stop or prevent the mere charge, against which none may know what's worth. Not to be taken as someone foul, they sent another cadet forth.

'Cryt, you ought to get closer and see to it that you'll be lost. 'Inside the charge there would be none the better interested to know. How much could they be pushed, especially since they bore no talkin mechanism, no way of beating, other than metal strings for feet and the main derelict that would spread ahead. Other than those luckless wonderings, he would set himself forth. As a diplomat who couldn't hope to draw away, not to say there's something to be conveyed. Yet for the way out, brought about them would be. A missionary approach with a scoll it had carried inside of the living bomb. After pacing around in the farthest area in front of the Cryt, the others from the pack backed away growling and on the prowl. So had the foremen retreated for a few steps in the expectation of the some attack to go ahead. 'Will it try gnawing at him?' 'I do not know, we should wait for a few seconds and see what happens. Perhaps it would be better this wait, but keep quiet and let him proceed doing whatever he has to. 'IT would be dangerous to emitt as much as another scent. Not to show any sign of weakness as long as they could show the sweat. Seated in different spots, they wrought themselves over, watching something they didn't expect to happen. Everyone expected for that beast to leap and gnaw. Instead, what happened from afar was, after the pacing had been brought to a stop, suddenly it spat out a single pile of some green pastel. Rounded around it, a mourning kind of mouth shot forward, but no more than a few milimeters, a few strands that carried with the sounds.

'Intruders, you've come to our territory, be gone. 'The object in question, the long strand, which would be more like a string than anything else, still attached to its face, a batch which refused to go away. Not only that, but it couldn't be brought back to the attention. Directions could change, but he was trying his best not to refrain from using an extra ability it hid underneath its sleeves. 'We didn't mean to intrude by our exploration. We're workers. ' 'We know. Spotted you, plenty of times, from every place that was known. 'To the others, as they heard it well, they began pacing as well, in preparation to throw up the same thing as their companion had. General area contaminated. It couldn't be called yet, as in practice, the dirt had been completely accosted by it. Lost within the grinning masks, nothing could go ahead nad last more than it should. Would there be another dead?In the coffin, below where one man and one alone escape? Where he had walked, on the stones between the striking river, there were the holes. 'What have they done to you? 'He felt the scent of decay and realised some of the faces and the features which they had conveyed. It was peaceful and quiet, bitterly so. Despite barely even being able to crawl from the broken legs, he couldn't hope to turn around and fight yet. For obors came to him them. It would be senseless trying anything, as he tried picking some of them up. It was pointless, for some reason they couldn't succumb to his strength. Not only would he not be allowed to do anything else, but this had been a vastly underestimated mistake that had no place in there. Nor anywhere as a matter of fact, as they were never to be brought to justice, wherever the Foreman hid. 'I will have my vengeance. 'Yet he promised. Resting on his broken feet, as one who couldn't help it but try fighting

the perils showing themselves around him. He thought of them as manifestations of the souls lost to them. But in reality, what he had experienced, from the very shaking ground to the sudden ripples in the water was the result of the ingeniously working machine. Hole-filling had been the habit, though he couldn't even think of the way that made him want to take his life anyway. Envious though he might be, there wasn't any way to see. Just what was going around him, plunging into the abyss as it folded the space between them at last. Drew near to them from the casks, emptying the gulf survivor, there drew another fighter. For what was worth, as he came forth, he wore some deranged speaks on each of his shoulder, broken at the liver. Growing from his inside his chest, a disturbed looking piece would mesh itself into a single firearm. 'Carry this with your outside. I have faith in you, make sure the same will be said. 'As though he had been silence, he decided to turn. 'It will be much more painful when I'll begin attaching it to you again. Put this piece in your mouth and try not giving too much sound after being painfully let down. 'He nodded in an obtrusive manner. He wasn't actually set on this, but as soon as he had found a pleasing entry, he ripped the entire lower leg from the joint. Ready to catch the blood that sunk forth. After that, my consciousness was lost. From the extreme shock, I would be left untold. To regain instead another consciousness which happened to be out there again. 'Suited with this, I will be able to bring the deluge back into the action. ' 'Don't worry about it now, we'll find a better way to switch them before they can realise what's been going on. 'For the same reason it had been picked, from the deposit, at his feet lay one the last extractors. Pushing in through one of them, the loss of function would soon be lead to a quick stop. Brought about the clicking as it brought no knowledge, what was going on? In the same room they were standing, four men had woken up. By their beards and their looks, these were old, unable to understand what was going to happen as soon as they could be turned around. Proudly looking to step away from the various tables in which they stood, picking up some of the instructions they had stored inside. 'Greetings, I am Michelle. ' 'I'm Pourie. Where is she, where's she? What do you call it? 'He appeared to be at a loss. 'Retrace your steps in that case, I'm sure you'll remember it if you could only push on ahead and recreate the whole circumstances in which it was lost. ' 'Of course, of course, great idea from you good man. 'He would do it. As ridiculous as it was, this wasn't the place nor the time. Yet each time he attempted to pass, the mast would throw him off his feet. Clearly something was missing in the worst possible way. He couldn't just simply get out of it before seeing it come where he lay. 'I was almost struck by one of them. ' 'The ports? ' 'No, the cars, in the middle of the round. I ended up stranded there, unable to see where I'd be going and then. ' 'Then what happened, Pourie? 'The other two were not entirely struck, yet they were out. Just the vague silhouettes remained, after being struck by some painful blows that couldn't be conveyed by the dire situation that would please. No one should appease the masses, not in the soles of the fate. Yet at this rate, they wouldn't be able to save a man, a single man from falling away into depression. That would be more harmful than the direction in which Pourie ran. 'Straight towards one of the cars, my plan was this so far. As I had initially conceived it, I would simply charge it and leap over it, rolling over onto the nearest streets. Therefore securing my life and never being able to die. ' 'How could you possibly avoid death in that case? ' 'Dear awakened Michelle, I'd say it worked so far. Unless this is the afterlife we're in. But I couldn't count on it in any case. Instead, know that with each moment I had been wrapped in the air, a few of my ages went away. I would grow younger from the birth given by the momentum and the way in which I would be circled in. ' 'How? 'He shook his nose but knew too well. Something about the air pollution which

had come from the radiation field had given him the best treatment he could be given in. His body had not only lost a few years as well, but it appeared that his bones started grinning into younger, far more worthless scum-tractions.

Inside of them, not only blood would be created but some kind of postulance which turned to greenish-gray. In it, iron deposits would make the smallest tunnels where blood-fish spanned. Lifetimes of being trapped in there turned them rabid and then, he woke up there. A theory to it, as much as they had been simply enclosed in there for far too long, there was nothing but the time they could spend, admiring one another, as far as they might lend themselves their secrets and what they hid. 'What's that in your pocket now?' 'There's nothing in it, why are you asking?' He was trying to make up for a loss. In his pocket, he had only the picture of a woman ten years younger than he had been in his prime and at the price taking some of it away. He couldn't convey just what happened there. 'Do you want some of my life essence? It will make you feel better.' 'Why would I want that?' 'Because it tastes like sardines, I tried it. It should give you the strength to keep going on. We should look for a way out that way.' 'I don't know Pourie. I'm not feeling confident enough to try getting away.' 'Do you think I care about it? No, of course not, open your mouth I said. 'It didn't take long for him to open himself up around the eye. He fed me some of his blood, and I could feel some energy pump back. Damn him. But he had been right about it. For thing reason, I couldn't even force myself to doubt what him or his saying. 'How did it taste?' 'A bit too much mercury in my mix.

'That face expression didn't give in too much information about itself. From a combination for sheer pain or struggling rage, he gave just enough that I would know what was coming my way. 'I will you make you an offer now. Don't take it yet, but I'll give you a chance to set everything the way they were. Follow this way. 'He was sure they could make it. As soon as the door opened, he saw where they were. A steering wheel and the closed ways out, hanging near pin-proof windows that held about the vision, of nowhere. Desolate, lost, the ruins of some field of grassy sand which snared out of the way, for the magmatic stones growing everywhere. 'I think we found ourselves a winner. If we take the right way out, we should be home around for dinner. 'Where are we going then? 'Michelle was still struck by him. Without the diligence he had displayed, there wasn't any way to look outside. At what had been shown to be a sign of despair. Wondering at the image in the distance, both peered. Before they could even twist and press near it, they spoke. 'Is that real?' 'How should I know?' From the moldering top of white-infested almost web-encased peculiar patch of soil, some green leafless, yet leaved, filled, made out of one piece palmiers sprouted, as their yellow heads popped out. From the main stone talons that help them in the rows, only the most peculiar image of the plains could be drawn on. There was life after all. 'Perhaps we could even inquire some help if we try it. 'Don't count our blessings yet, my friend. Unless you want to lose again, this sprouting lot we can't defend might be lost again. 'Pourie counted every kind of appliance there. He had to know something of all the buttons, broken keys. 'Are the doors locked here? 'Could they get out? Before asking, he appeared to have found an answer. It was pointless being out there, as the distant venues had been lost, unfairly contracted from the falling distances, eyes would be deceiving. Exposed to the arid sun would only change their sight into the most ludicrous amount of calls. 'We need to find a way to go. 'Where?' 'I see something out there, a facility, I think that's being abandoned. 'Come back in, Michelle, come back in now!' Before shouting, he had almost been brought back to his knees, unable to decide what was happening with the lack of air, the thing which was never couldn't be heat alone. It was a matter of trying to swim in dirt as it was hardening. He had sunken underneath the moving sand, only

to come out wearing a suit of the most peculiar manner. Purple and made out of two giant wings, he wore a band around his head which gave way for him to see the vehicle and what it had conveyed. His suit was of the same kind, as the vehicle they were about. Not only that, but Pourie hadn't realised it yet, but there wasn't any wheel inside.

Charmed by the fact, he was actually working with the inside of the beast they were controlling. It would be too heavy and hard in the back to achieve flight. Patterns emerged both on the wings and on it as soon as it felt danger.

A few strangers threatened to come from the distance. Somewhat precious to consider this, he could hardly have missed what was going on. Most of them were lost souls, cowed and seemingly unable to differentiate between their own and the dead ones they were carrying inside their nets. Some of their captives slowly tried getting away. Even though there would be no escaping, as the struggle was in vain. 'Now will you please just listen to me? I see something out there. You don't want to open your eyes, but I see it now. We have to make it for it before it moves away. 'From the large cylinder which was attached to the main buildings, there was also a rocking wheel, and a peculiar flat dome which pushed out of it. Constantly working without the slightest hints of an interruption, the various worm-like ringed legs pushed on with the great blanket of sand being thrown away. Farther than the quiet called for, he had decided it would be fair. 'Since I cannot start this vehicle now, I suppose I'll have to listen to you. Go on and say what you have to. Do your piece. 'As from a consort, trusted like a false assistant, he had crawled back in, but not entirely inside. To the strange confined hole on his left, he saw the two men still being taken care of despite their clearly missing sides. Not to stand for too long and abide the rules, what could be felt around were his tools.

'Will you please join me in the sand? Everything will be much clearer then and you'll see what I see. ' 'And what do you see exactly? The only thing you got from there is your fashionable suit. But other than that, don't misunderstand me now, but I think you should get back to your senses. ' 'I can see that there's no sand. It's only dust left by the fleeing device, nothing more. Don't you think we should at least look into it while we're here? ' 'It's a mirage I told you, but now you got me quite intrigued. What else can you see Michelle? This psychosis of yours might end up being interesting if mastered. ' 'An inversion between the emerald sea and the sky, from as far as it goes, no matter where the wind blows, clouds of jade and bitter stars of green as they emerge from the coming of the night. ' 'But it's the middle of the day, we're nowhere near the time the sun would come down. Settle down on something, will you? 'I could go on much farther, trying to explain of the thoroughness in which everything was placed. Or the giant stag-beetle like device we could fashion ourselves alive as we drove on. But I hadn't the slightest clue whether or not I should. From the tendons pushing on, as far as they could carry on the reappropriated organs that displeased the mass, he was trying to move on and pull him in. 'Come in the sand and you'll see what I'm talking about. Have some faith and everything will be clear afterwards. 'Reluctance had been shown, admirable as it was, he didn't want to come in. 'I couldn't suffer a change. But if you want to hop back in, I'll make sure we'll be on our way. 'To this they both appeared to accept it. Starting the beetle-like purple bulk had been easy once he had intervened. By simply messing with some of the closest inhibitors, he would be brought back to life. It was interesting, just knowing how easily it had been for it to return back to life. Though this turn hadn't come to be blamed on it alone. Despite the initial changes, they hadn't spared the chance that they might move around, leaping over the rocky hedges in the distance. It wasn't going to be easy. By the distance alone, it would be impossible to outdo the speed, as far as either of them could make in during the hours. Elated even by the strangeness of the woe,

there were other questions regarding the others who had come home. During their stroll, a mach had been revealed as the other beetle-like vehicle came about. Of course he couldn't see them yet. Pourie was still missing what was going on around them. By the sheer magnitude of the place, what had been right could only be the deranged nature of the ones in the front. To him they appeared out of nowhere, still caught by the boldness of their actions. BY leaps that came at each other's feet, there was the first fluke of day. Never could it be conveyed that the hapiness died as soon as they appeared and came out of their way. From beneath the area where the wasted ended and water fountains spread the zones apart, there flute players that had brought their girdles back and forth, missing with their feet as they pushed on. Begining the chase on the bitter excuse that no one could find himself missing, some had drawn to the bloated flying baggs from behind their backs. Failure after failure as they organic parachutes stopped dragging ahead, what transpired next was a show of life endings. Each of them started inflating until not a single one of them made it through. Without a single confirmation, they would settle with going through the rafts. Crafted in the midst of the broken luck they conveyed, now the movement of the insect-looking vehicles was finite. No longer would they walk on the same pace as feet. Instead, they would carry on something else, a filthy missive, draining forth, not to mention the peerless uprfront from the lack of movement that was felt, from around the dragging belt inside the waste. They were simply being dragged with the main structure, whether or not they liked it. Not only so, but thinking of some way they might be able to make it before they'd be broken away, was the method he had seen.

Michelle had oppened the door in flight and grabbed a fistfull of sand with one of the closest punches that could land. He threw them in Pourie's face, temporarily blinding him as he would soon gaze. 'What did you do that for, you crazed maniac. We could've died if we, weren't. 'Outside, where the place had been revealed, now he didn't understand any of it. And why were they charing ahead with the herd. It was impossible to turn back, from this journey as they brought themselves too far to come. 'A mirage you said? No, this is far from it. We're going to follow in its footsteps and see where it may lead us to. 'Despite the obvious lack of progression and the lack of clear satisfaction, it was just this close they got to driving wildy into the others that were brought with them. Just how many were there? And what of the others? More bigger, mor mature beetle-like creatures appeared to have achieved flight despite their sheer size. Not only so, but in their backs, one could see that more or less they had giant shells in which they were carried the rest of their weights. Carried away even, he had wondered what they hid there. How many of them used the human beings as fuel, if any could be trusted at all. The bone carapaces which surrounded the transparent eyes in the front revealed just as much spact as they had in this cockpit, with the key difference being that they were the only ones driving. The rest of them were freely allowed to ride and makee it out. ' 'What's the shaking motion now? ' 'You may need to grab onto something and don't look down. Whatever you do, don't look down. 'His senses only pushed this forward as soon as it could be felt. Not only could it not be settled yet, he couldn't push out for what was the dead. Looking in there, farther than they started to submerge through the sand, what they found were the bodies that were crisp. Some were taking by their wrists. This was a damned grave which only appeared to span around the planet to no clear edge. 'What happened hear? ' 'A devastation, I think. I couldn't explain what happened or why. 'Why would they change now? Why would their skin texture and limbs become so weak? Had it all been an illusion? Despite both of their strange way of working, they reverted back to what seemed to be the same dead look which carried on across the population. Not only obscured but clocked out to what

direction they should take. 'Don't worry about take the right way in. I think it's starting to move on its own. 'It should be from this time on. Without as much as a few feet lost, there were those few that seemed to show signs that they had survived. Penetrating the outer rings around the surface made it seem as if they swam under a sea within a planet made of dust within. A land being poured on and stricken like some wild plantation, wrathful as the amount of determination wouldn't even be acquired on. Lost even to the kind that would carry on, there was this missed chance. Softness in area that were hard could never end as quickly as they had before. By no means could justice prevail when everything else was set and done. Far from over, though it may be, the degree in which they hunted beneath was far closer to some pure distillery. Every diver had managed to grab as many of the fallen people as possible. In their reach, as they breached in, feeling for themselves only the worst kinds of mildew about them, it had been clear that they wanted to suck them dry of the marrow and everything else. Though most may have been ancient, their internal liquids had been well preserved, even to the point where it wasn't even necessary any more to paint them in the worse of lights. Coming about the frontier, they would come back up. 'Hold on, I think we're making it again. 'Nothing was as painful as trying to fight through it, without giving in the emission of power the inner walls gave in. Both of them were faintly bleeding from their noses, but that stopped about there. Without looking anywhere but in front of them, they knew of what was to come. Another ascension, to the ever-lasting walking on the desolation. 'It's still too far away. I don't know if we'll be able to reach it. Michelle, I'm sorry that I doubted you. But this, I could've lived without having to deal with it. 'Not only shaken but disturbed, he had lost himself amidst the tracks, being taken wherever the crooked one came. As mindlessly twisted as he had been, he wouldn't even come again unless called forth as the stranger. He leaped about, bringing in one of the long cords of steel linking them together. An entire dark suit with a helmet of a skull, that bore the appearance of a rocky throwing needle, raked about the face. A disgrace which pushed again until it revealed the crossing hands that once tried breaking through. Not only had this one suffered a great deal of pain, as the clippers had probably burned through the mask, but he also revealed that there was a mix of leather and of skin beneath where it had been at last. Punishment was known for both of them, as they threw forth nothing other than what they had, a thing of glory connecting them as they fell through the receding buggers that went back into the earth. 'I saw them again, these were the culprits that wanted to come after us. ' 'Let's hope they won't come up again. I've got a bad feeling about them. ' 'You and me both, buddy. Pourie, I think you should try taking in the reigns again. Could there be a way to make it work faster perhaps? We truly need to find a way to cut them off and make it in time. ' 'What for? Would we be missing something? ' 'I don't know yet. It's just a feeling I have. 'For whatever reason I could think off, this was to come off as a way out. Without it, there would be no wonder as to know what was coming off. If not this desire to strike at it again, to end the pain of quietness, they would find out what had transcribed below. And why had there been no way of drawing onwards where plants couldn't even begin to show. In part, they had been there, though made out of some coarse sand. Their sole reason for hiding away was the fact that neither of them could say a thing, or reflect the fire beneath the crisp, the lisp being apparent as they spoke. 'We're underneath you, hear us as we make our way back. You're not welcome here at all, remnants of the past. Return back from where you sprouted from. The planet and its people are long dead, just as you should be once our task is done. 'Veiled threats came after in the form of brooding heat, moving as far as they could see to it. Lacking in the need to show, that there was a

single way to avoid the show of pain, they were up for the taking. Lost for days, there were some ways through which plenty of them might be disciplined. Lost as the feet were thinned, little time had been regained. 'If we make it to that place, I think we may find a way to live. ' 'What other feelings do you have now? Can't you see that they're ending up being bad leads? 'He couldn't understand it yet, but this was the only salvation we could get.

Without it, we could simply wait until death arrived. And what fun would that be when all the bodies stopped working, when they could feed no more? And why would there be no survivors just because some strangers said so? Sure, the circumstances weren't right. But this need to live wasn't completely out of sight. It would only be natural to want it as hard as they could fight or show themselves forth. As they carried on, never to have gotten out, they would be brought to a vile siege. Though it wasn't as apparent as the other things were, it would be far more subtle to observe the chances happening around them. With each drop below, another one came and the others were thrown ahead. 'I think I saw one of the floating somewhere there. But I cannot say for certain. 'Confirmation would be denied until expressed otherwise. That had been the only way through. Without their sake, alone that'd be the way out, breaking through a few of the abandoned cases and the barrels left around the closest picks, for better feet couldn't be replaced. It was only this time when they started going deeper than before that they encountered some of the well preserved minds from an eighteen mile radius. Just by their initial interaction, where they had attempted to break through. Gentler tones revealed only the lost appeal of the lost souls speak. Thrusting from the other side only revealed how hard they tried getting their feet it. Not to fret, or even blow the initial discourse, it didn't go as expected. Fortwright, their struggles ended with them not being able to draw on anymore. Despite their hardest attempts, they couldn't fight the currents, being only struck far below. It was largely uncertain what this mean for them, the rest beneath the lowest depressions, where one could not even claim to have been lost. Mostly, to those that couldn't even feign what was going wrong then, this was the only chance to leave a message behind. Would they be forgotten that soon? Even behind the protection, it was obvious that neither of them wanted to fight against the swoon they presented. Even, as it had become clear that they were undefensible for their acts. What their messages, written through their broken fingers that left the spilling' musk there would be this. 'We did this to ourselves. 'It was the last time they would choose to do something or to interact with either of them. Ruled out of the projection, their disposition largely entailed that only reason would prevail. As soon as there was some way out. It didn't matter, that the sadness rang out. From one of the chronicles, lost in the midst of the great eight wars, most of them would be properly archived in the library of Tsor. Now, as it came to it, there was only one decision in waiting to be spared. Of course, it couldn't even come close to what would be the destruction of the universe but that would have to wait. This decision would stem from one thing and one alone. What was to be done about Catter Radolph's life in that century of lass, when his family had been gone? Despite the sad turn of events, they all went out one night, never to be found again. It was bothersome. Peering like as he was stranded there. In a single house near who's to know, perhaps better off alone. Nothing special could be drawn from him, other than the circumstance that lead to losing his family members, never to be mentioned in. Notes and lost documents that tried making themselves up as they went on. Soon it would be indistinguishable from the gibberish he tried leading others to believe. For the same reason he had lost his shot at happiness, he chose to live alone. Moving to the countryside was his death-warrant. To the present day, now on with it. He appeared to play with a flute that realized no suite. For

him, there were plenty of uncomfortable songs for losses. Never could they be counted off. Better to wait for a few more days just to see. The rain would stop and so the leaking city above the top of his clockwork. It was there where the greatest examples of human engineering came at hand. Given life by the most skilled minds and the strongest hands that could turn, or he would pretend it was so. This would end up being just another attempt to deceive himself that the world was coming to an end. Or something just as puerile, to escape from the dangers life presented for him in the meanwhile, when the cold was more dangerous than some kind of destruction that'd spread. In as much as a few good months he could be dead. Perhaps he could do one better and fix the roof. 'Are we going to let them shake the valleys in that case?' It was highly probable that he was out of touch. Less than a few feet away there was a shed in a deep need for repair. For someone who shopped, he was unable to realise that he went there already. The only place in a mile or so where it wasn't raining as hard as he could swear beyond his nose, which wasn't to say that there would be something going on with him. Rather, he would care to show himself back into the streets where he belonged. Long had it been since he contemplated on the mistakes of youth. Of each time he went on and chased the birds around. He was never troubled as a child, but he had made a point now. For that he moved his hand away, twisted at the knuckle and punched himself until he bled. It didn't take long nor had it hurt him as the swelling started making it seem. He wouldn't be caught again like this. Instead, he chose to sit around and steer himself past what cathered to those that lost themselves. During the high-winds he thought someone would come in. It was the creaking door, that'd be no more of his concerns. Not in the dead of the night when it hadn't been fair to look around or search for a way out. No one would come to rescue, not in the morn'. There it had begun again. Trimming the grass with a scythe, looking for the family axe in the end of the shack, trying to figure out just how much wood as he still in need to bring himself with the last week's loss. As long as it would come at a great loss, it wasn't to be exciting in the least. Fealty was a beast that couldn't be hurt. There would be no reason for him to feel like there was something missing from the past. Not anymore. Sealessly, peering back into the ends, where the horizon was taken aback by those whom were trying to be plain. It shouldn't count to anyone, as for the fact that no one bothered to ask what was going on. It was hard. Putting his thoughts back together after such a longer period, during the return, but she came back, she was the first person he had seen in the longest while. His younger sister, Alice, who looked just as young as she had been a few years back. Reunited at last, they gave each other a slightly hinting lasting clap. After that, they both turned their way and haven't seen one another after the day. From the distance it was obvious where she lived. The grand rock upon which they stood had only a few forests in the middle, leading to opposite patches of land that were clearly separated and never into reach for one another, as long as one could think, there wasn't any way in. Other than the clear road in it, but he knew he couldn't make it on his own if he had chosen to go back. Thinking of returning to everyone had already been decidedly wrong, for obvious reasons, which had never been spoken of. Never bring them back. It was something in the atmosphere, no. Perhaps something in the general vicinity which made him act the way, no. That hadn't been it either. Much harder, had it been already the time? Without a way of knowing what was going on, there were other ways to give in. Promises would falter and nothing would last after. A harsh way of living though it may have been, neither of them could faint going in out of their ways to meet at the middle. Despite the rising flames from their fires, despite signaling where the journey had taken them, he didn't falter from his desire to live. They were too far for him to reach. Grass

would grow, and in the winter he's have to take care of the snow. Not so much, as the streets were missing and neither of them came into the batch, would he fare better if he were to step it out there. It was so dangerous thinking of his dreams. Every time he hinted at it, he would shake from the cold within his shed. Would it be longer until she came back yet? Over the span of days, he tended to the garden and to the fruits. Relying only on the wild chicken he had hunted and on the long-distance fish that almost leaped against the pillars of the earth. Fare thy well old ways, he thought he may not see them again. Not when the shammer of the green rocks and the moving salt came into view. For the same reason coal could be dug in a few days, never brought again by shame. It was just what he wanted. A meal well salted, a fire in a rocky palor, some days he had sculpted. Yet he wasn't ready to depart from here. Out of some long lost fear of what he might face alone, he chose to stay here. On his way home. What would he encounter on the way? What of the wolves and their howling tunes he had been forced to share with. Through the night, the bears would take on a new way to bring on the delight of making him know that he was there. He could be anywhere, if he had wanted, dwelling with the flocks of bees, perhasp near one of the caverns down there, where no one who might find him as well. Would the tide bring him back at last? Storms couldn't even bring him back. To whatever loss he was trying to cover up. Dust lay with the ropes, he couldn't use them to lower down and find out for himself. For the reasonless ware, that were crumpling just about everywhere, there was an answer. Lost near the coast, the dancers would greet him, if he would make it that far. Otherwise, no, he would stay, day after day, no mugs of beers, not a single pipe, as he would wait with the teeth of a canine in his mouth, growling at the sea-lions making their way in. Not much after, he had seen the beach lay in the distance as the broth of the valleys couldn't sink deeper than where he'd been. It would be uninteresting to admit it yet. They were lost ahead. Bowing down now to their new masters, long after the advent of the trials, a new set of conduits were brought back into the question just as the defeat of the magus came into the light. Instead of him, they would replace, only the ones bowing down to those who had ripped out their only face. A shared detail as in twins, closely supported between them as it gave birth to the fight. It wouldn't even be close to bein brought to date. In this sudden advancement inside their acquiored ship, they took on the responsibilities left by the admirals before them. Choosing to prepare the final onslaught and the assault on the Thorn, though it may had been hard and neither of them could even claim to be as prepared as they had been before, this was it. For what was worth, after they let themselves be caught down there, in the paradises that emerged, the would be no better time to realise that it was pointless trying to make it back home any longer. Judging from where they stood, as far as they could go ahead, and listen to the songs they hatched, most of the people had realise that what they've seen was only a sulken image. One that would dissapear as soon as it would be reached, though hope wasn't erratic, they went ahead. Carrying only the hardest thing they might, a promise to reach the true paradise. In that swollen spot from which it emerged, others couldn't even fathom what was going on. Because the earth, less than what its worth had been couldn't be called on to return to its previous form. Instead, akin to fallen dead, they could see something be left behind as the paradises soon became as ephemeral as an aurora, soon to be lost as well. Not to tell of any lie, but many of the prefered death if it mean never standing in the plains as well. What they were bickering about, in their deceitful tribes and the songs that wouldn't even dare draw on, was the fact that behind there'd be nothing for them to save. Only this nuisance that remained and promised something in the loss, a blessing in disgusise and the face that no one could trust one another any

longer. Stronger though the pillars that held them aloft may be, it was clear that there wasn't any other place for them to be in. Cities had been destroyed, the mountains and other formations had gone upon the burning of the ashes in the last deciding factor, as winter turned to summer, into gray. A complete change came over everyone as if from an eruption, slowly as they scourged themselves, there'd be no satisfaction taken from witnessing the demise. Livestocks wouldn't survive the harsh weather, not to mention the taking of the senders. They alone were the ones in charge with making sure no one survive with a broken heart. From their high peaks, they stood invisible and never-touched. With their longest arms that stretched over continents they pierced the people and made sure nothing would be lost. Beating with each second away from a stroke, there would be nothing left for them to hope for. It was simply a stroll, to a nomadic hole that didn't bequeath them anything. A future couldn't be sustained from this amount of pain they shared between themselves. 'May I propose something Kur?' 'What could you possibly say that we may be saved from such a sight? Is it not uncanny that we've lost ourselves in such a short period of time?' 'By the sight nothing was told. They were moving but, it didn't feel right at all. Just by their bowed heads, falling in their hands, it was obvious they had accepted defeat. Nothing would settle at all. Not with them and not to draw back what had been said about this desolation, but it was all in a controlled zone. From the peninsula they were on, struck around by a crown of dark mountains, there'd be no escape and nothing to move on to. Slowly they'd march towards the ruins left behind, thinning even now. As by the time they'd get there, it would be as if there wasn't anything to look after anywhere else. In the marked spot their reminiscences of the past would be the strongest. Lasting even longer than it was to be, calmly looking for a way to be, the desperation called behind. It was through only one of them that the idea came behind. 'We should look for a better spot to dig up our graves. I think that's the only honorable thing to do in this case. If only you knew how tired I was. Perhaps you'd give me a break, perhaps you'd make an effort to observe that we're all suffering here all the same. There's nothing there. ' 'Yet that's where we belong. Unless you haven't noticed, the world has gone upside down. Perhaps we'll reach in time and join them. ' 'Or we'll end up there, bitter that we lost it all. Either way, we'll die, and I cannot say it's worth saying that we tried. ' 'Give up then and lay down. It's none of my concern what your choices are. And I shall never intervene on anything you'd like to say. It's your choice, if you want to take heed and bed here in the middle of the land. 'It wasn't likely that they would realise. Just what the reason for this journey had been in the first place. In the beginning they were looking for a way out, a road or some tunnel or any kind of entry to push on. Despite what was said, no one would accept the inevitable. No one would be repulsed by the choices they had undertaken. With everything said then, they were gone. And I was left alone to deal with myself the only way I could. By waiting there dazed, on my back, sitting and waiting for someone to take me away, by the winds or the other bits of ash that covered me at last. To think this to be an ash-tray would fitting. Justing by the pillar of fire and of red rock that penetrated the far side of it at last was the final touch. Not a single man carried on from where I stood. Heat converged more than any of us would be allowed to carry on with us. A few more braver souls made it farther away than they should. It wasn't a problem of what was said. But the lack of compatibility with the dead surrounding us. 'We have made it at last, I see. There was hope after all. 'Where one saw his hands dissipating, the other saw nothing but a disease. It wasn't happening around them at all. Nor could they suffer pushing through the last remnants. Of what used to be. No one touched hands then, no one suffered any children to be there. It was as if they had died a long time ago but some

had never accepted it. 'Get up, we're still going to make it to the other side, somehow. ' 'It's over, have you not realised it yet? ' 'I can still move my legs, I can still pull you from that spot and make you walk the plank until we're there. 'Taking only the strongest and the ones he thought worthy enough to make it through, he gave it in. Having heaved around the world in a few days, he saw nothing worth in stopping. Motions couldn't be erased and neither of the faces could reflect as much of the disgrace as they could now. It was well now. Only a sight was needed, as long as it would last. For the few feet that kept dragging over themselves. It was faith that got them this far and nothing would last more than it should be broadened forth. A few more steps away and it was done. Most of the people fell anyway, never returning to the previous state in which they were. More than that, there would be nothing and nothing at all brought to the quiet time spent there. As to watch the whales swimming in the aurora, as they would sink, never to a hook admit their loss. It was cruel to even consider drawing on from that point.

Carelessly walking on pints of their own, they would be dragged towards the hole from which the paradises emerged. Under its control there would be nothing they could do to carry on or fight against the current. Crawling and pushing on, there was the moment when everything was gone. Pure distillation and the flow of fire finally covered the enclosed space. After they'd be gone, nothing would remain to signal the outcome of their generations. It was so simple yet quaint, never being able to look at oneself again. Other than the lights, seen from above as the cold would spread from now on, covering the mass in a block of ice, from now on then, only the strongest vile spirit would remain. As an embodiment of all those that followed him, in the end where no one had even realised how low they'd sink. Perhaps it was better. To the various other corners of the world, a house for the quire, the deaf would admire the words written there. Despite not being able to move ahead to anywhere else, it was clear that there was only their leader they wanted to impress. Of course by no sounds, but by what they would write, in as few moments as they would be allowed, masked from everything that happened there, it was a loss for the soul, never to be gotten anywhere. No one understood what they wrote or what the reason for it, as it came forth. There were no lights nor any color to look after. It was a far better choice to turn back on in. Safer in some way, not to convey the juttings that were taken, no one could awaken from a slumber without a call. Sadness arose from a life without some appalling reason after all. Through some close observation, you could sink your teeth deeper into a metallic grinder and see them reap each other apart. From the various fights that were taken during the challengers who had mistaken one another for bitter foes, sooner than their lurid mind could allow, neither of them questioned what was going on there. For the same reason, one could look away and realise that there was something neither of them could convey just by the feeling they had shared. Each of them stood on floating pillars, surrounded by giant inverted pyramid like walls that stretched as far on both sides as to reveal that on both sides they were stacked upon one another. No longer concerned even, for the same reason they could throw each other forth. From the far ends, both below and above, only a precious white light obscured the falls, on either side as well as between their marks. It couldn't be called yet. Despite the tight embraces that would lead forth. Shrugging as they tried competing, who would end up jumping forth? A few feet away from the steps that had been made out of the floating platforms there was the cylindrical grinder, spikes and seemingly laced with hammer heads for the battering that would soon commence. They had tiny handles that were constantly moving and hiding in motions despite the picking of a few unlucky men that had leaped anyway. Down there, it might be worse. For the few that managed to even consider that the fall

would be a better way to die, most had been pleasantly surprised by the fact alone. That most survive and burned in white flames for hours or days. Perhaps months if some lifespans stretched past what would be allowed. It wasn't likely that they would suffer even more. But this boredom of ages was dragging on for too long. 'Are we going to fight yet, or are you considering jumping in?' 'I haven't made up my mind yet. But the way I see it. 'And he considered it for quite a long period of time, would be either to be killed, either to end himself or jump into the grinder. Which could only lead to the change of him messing up and falling in the binding flames, where torture would somehow remain. 'You're not from around here. 'And you are?' Kolkart had been thinking too. Despite his stance, he hadn't even decided whether or not it would be time for him to let down his guard. Raised to his chin, the double blade could cut anything if he had only tried pushing through a single rim between the standing platforms. Of course this wouldn't fly over without even noticing what was wrong. A bunch of the gladiators that fell down there managed to put just enough effort so they could form a way out on each other's backs. It was pointless trying to stare away. From the various weapons they had got on them, none remained in its entire form. Instead they would've melted, pricked and standing past the cast. They were trying to catch at least a man, just so he could be spared of pain in hopes he could land on them. It was honorable, taking this into consideration, that their adoration for pain would only mean that the fight would go on again. 'Indicent, indicent, indicent!' Would it start again? Not to show too many signs thickening them off. Carrying a large locker on his back gave him just enough time to repel the vile things in there, deeper into the inverted pyramid structure, whether it was about it, as it fell. Difficulty could not be set aside, and for that reason he chose to put his locker and take on the bickering tide drawing on. Sadder times were leading in. With the paling winds, there was nought one could look after. In his break, he thought about it for a while. All the opportunities were missed, to check every closed door and what awaited in just about every other room before moving on. Carrying in the locker was the only thing that mattered to him. It was on the lower angle that twisted in the inversion that the fallen would be converted to crystalline white-power. From their corpses, this severely addicting opium-like degenerate substance would be harvested by locker carriers like him, in order to push them forward to the higher Cresins. While these giant surrounding fat-contenders would lump each other as to get the high, their entires would reveal just tiny slithers that would lead inside. To know what lay in there would earn someone a quick death. Not only coming from the various composures that were spilled and foiled, gathering around the seething beats that were spreading in, but one could see exactly what he was looking for there. Small round pea-like ovarian structures that could be taken in order to purposefully contour the next generation as far as it would go. Otherwise, one couldn't even expect them to survive. From the constant drive coming from the high, they were slowly being lead to organ-failure. Even to the point where they'd be severely punished and forced into it. Clearly the conflict of interest between the factions of the Lockers and the Strugglers was finite. For each new member had to deal with the fight inside and out of their respective feats. Without looking or blinking away, there were just so many times one could fail until realise the numbers were thinning. Severe blows couldn't be capable of leaving marks like those. Instead, gradually as they were attained, most of them had been able to recover. Being detached from the serious illness that had somewhat started leaping from them without a cure. Some would start severely hallucinating thing had a vague control over them and everything which had been held to them. From the hands that grabbed him, he would know it better. Essex, tried taking a break. As if it would be enough, he would pretend like

he was understanding what was going on around him. For everything and everyone around, it would be as clear that it couldn't run on for long. Like a portentous plate, they group themselves together in enclosures, waiting for nothing but to. . . It was quiet still. Since the Foremen still called to one another, never understanding what might be happening there, still, as more of them came out, no doubt returned, for the final acceptance assured there of the broadness of the broken entrance to their territory. No one wanted to accept each other's side. The foremen had no desire to intrude, as their chances fell by the moment as they shook around, never getting to know the better. Little separators stood between the pushers. Wide and metallic, though there wasn't something to them yet, sounds were echoing because of the tightness of the walls. Entranced by it, the two superviros follow through. Entirely of a color, both the metal pushes, as much as they were fashioned like giant steam shafts and the rest of the material spreading around were made of one color. Only a bit of shade could be drawn and twisted. No other unnatural touch to the place. First they thought it was the rats who were making all that noise down the shafts. But on the second impression, that couldn't be. It sounded like there was something much heavier down there, too heavy to be able to count on. It was a nightmarish thing, just adding to every word and moment spent there. Vaguely set on finding out what the reason for it should be, he called on the other supervisor. 'Bring on the water cord. If there are intruders, we should either draw them out or drown them. ' 'We're not authorised to do this. ' 'Nonetheless, there are intruders down there. And we have to dispatch them, regardless of what it takes. Do you understand? ' 'If the Diurge finds out about this, about us doing it while we're only supposed to supervise it. ' 'I'll explain it all and deal with it. Just do as I say, leaving intruders unattended, may I remind you, in a place where our valuable documents are being stored, isn't exactly something we could gloss over either. We're more likely to be punished for this rather than, well, doing what I told you to do. 'The sounds were only getting louder as their frequency emerged. It was mostly unclear whether or not someone had told or rather peered in what ought to be held to them. It would mean that less of them could mean to last, as much as he could count on the feet, there wasn't any other way out. 'They won't be able to make it through in time to avoid suffocating. ' 'And? That's neither of our concern. If we have to do it, we have to do it. I don't care what it takes us to get through with it, but I want it done. Lower the inhibitor and release the water. 'He did. It wasn't supposed to go on that way, despite everything being told being as precise as one could hold on it. Perhaps there might be another reason to look back. Something could be changed there, just so we could both be absolved for what we've done. It was late. By the few minutes were were pushing them close, with each of the lids being completely crossed over, there was only a way out, the only shaft from which the water came from. 'What are you doing? You said we were going to let them go. ' 'Not anymore, not like this. I want to make an example out of them. Thieves and spies are not allowed near the Deorchives. It cannot be allowed. 'It had to submit to his decision because I thought he knew better than this. Not a single moment passed without wondering whether or not he had done something wrong. Out of the excess of water, I couldn't even see it past myself to go down there and see for myself. Just who were the intruders? There wasn't any quick realisation. A few beatings against the closed lids revealed as much as I initially suspected. Weak fists, that was all. If they were anything even close to adults, they could've easily pushed them out. 'I've got a bad feeling about this, Lyior, stop the water, now. ' 'But. ' 'If you don't stop it, I'll flood this entire floor and strangle you with it. 'Despite being in a somewhat higher position, he chose well. Immediately caught by all the broken lids that opened at last, a tiny wave of water pushed on past them,

leaving nothing to the slight deceiders to know of what was going on. Both of them started at one another as if confused, unable to comprehend what was going on there. It was all his fault. 'They were children, these were children you drowned. Wipe that smile off your muck, do you even realise what you've done? Are you that far gone?' 'All of them, they probably tried searching for food or something else. Strayed moving in from the poor areas, homeless, even, by the look on their faces and their beggar's robes. He killed them like a bloodthirsty water diver, without the slightest concern of the repercussions this shouted off. 'As a high ranking supervisor, I would like to add that this was nothing but a slight hint of some miscalculation. I was merely not accustomed to hearing the footsteps and the signs of crawling coming from a bunch of children. I might even say that I can't wonder at anything else. ' 'Not a single word, Lyior, not a single word. 'Just what was he thinking now? The waves started drawing back, the water would be dispersed outside. And with it those tiny bodies would be taken aback. Most of them would still be stuck in the long tunnel, without a possibility to turn back. 'Do you have any idea of what you've done? Damn you, Lyior, because of you, I've. ' 'That's exactly so, you're the one who allowed this to happen. You're the one who kept the water cord on them for all times' sake. I would be surprised if you were to keep this out of the detailed report. 'Despite the shakiness of my hands, I could still hold him still. At least I wanted to for some reason I couldn't properly entail. He chose to do me one better, pushing himself away. 'Our job here isn't done yet, champion of justice and fairness. Come on now, we have to go down a lever and pick them off. Otherwise, we'll actually have to explain this as well. ' 'You're not actually seriously going about it, are you? ' 'As serious as one can be. Both of our necks are on the line now, don't forget about it. And if either of us goes down, both of us will go down as well. 'He contemplated then just easily he could overpower him in order to throw him around and make sure he'd sink down there. Curiosity arrived from the very thing he feared most, being found out. Other than his colleague spilling out what had happened, to which there was a high doubt to it since he would incriminate himself just as well. It was curious. Just by looking around, the halls were full, the studies had their scholars going and plenty of the engineers and biochemists were working on their chemical facades. No room for wonder and not a single mistake could be left untackled. Obvious reasons could still be called into question. 'Stay calm now, there's no need to force ourselves over since no one knows what we've done yet. ' 'They will find out. ' 'Only if you're making a scene out of it, otherwise, I suggest you return to having your blunt head into it and do as I say. Act natural now and don't pretend you're of no place as you're usually doing. 'Bargas seemed set on losing in. He was almost shivering despite the reassurance of what he'd done. We were in a high society, of course there would be some punishments which were rather offputting when it came to the loss of personal liberty and that. It was something neither of them ever dared talk about or even consider. For that puerile thing couldn't be comprehended in the least. Only tackled in part, not to miss something as hard as a deadline would call back, as much as it took them a few days to reconsider going through the plan, they had minutes at best. 'We'll simply push the shaft around a few times and shake it off, that way there won't be anything left in it. ' 'You know how that works? 'Lyior took a few steps and made sure no one was passing down either side of the corner of the great library module they were resting near. With as much of an infantile approach, he considered making a blunt suggestion. 'Play with it, that's what I'll want you to do. The lower inhibition of the shaft is plainly set to project into a direction. 'Straight ahead into some weird contraption, it would lead below the rim of the uncanny and leave nothing to the mind to fill the holes. Of course that wasn't what it really

was like. Instead, the shaft was held by a felt long legs that could be actioned to lift or lower it as much as it was needed. 'There are some pints to it, you see? And a tiny command panel that should control it easily if you know the right combination to it. Easy, it's plain easy to function. The plan cannot fail. We only need to lift it a few meters above one of its ends and the bodies will simply slide off it into the sea, where they belong. Now, with them out of the way, there won't be a single reason for us to be suspected for anything at all, you understand. We both go down our ways and never talk of it again. ' 'What if there's someone down there? What if someone noticed the sounds and the struggle? ' 'Look, the shafts are abandoned, no one actually cated about them. I would say that the chances of someone being there, in that place at the right time is close to being a mathematical impossibility. Just take it as logically as you can, why would someone be there other than us? We have a reason to work on it, they wouldn't. ' 'Why is there a room like that in that case? ' 'Bargas, do you actually care about the usefulness of all the abandoned or useless rooms that are placed in the Oratorium? Because, if you had, there'd be a lot more problems than having to deal with a bunch of. 'He shut his trap immediately, once he saw just the splendor he had achieved. For the same reason he could recall it, there was this thing. He wanted to know of something better, rather than be caught alone. He wanted to know of the reason behind his sudden calmness and lack of guilt for what he's done. The supervisors were rather set on the technical enchantments that were pushed through their brains. It prevented some emotions from going off unregulated and completely shut off when they needed to focus on a task. This was their task, this was the result. Bargas could still substantiate the crime he had committed, not with the help of emotions but cold unadulterated logic. It strung him like the sharpest blade, unable to allow him to refrain from the conditions that had taken him off the pile again. Despite their sudden shock, they both carried on, acting as natural as possible, without giving the slightest reason of a wrong being committed. Another one of the rooms was completely ignored. There weren't any locks in place, as the society decided there were no secrets to get withheld from them. By the perfect machination of time, they were in that wide shaft-condenser without anyone to be focused on. It was reasonless to consider it bland. For the same thing had come to miss him about every second and every immature feeling he could thrust again. Not only had he not considered it a plea, but Lyior at least wanted him to see what he was talking about. 'It's the main panel there and the other ones that are near it, but. 'He hadn't considered the possibility of there being more intruders. And those shafts were much longer and less exposed, leading to farther chambers that were even more condensed than the others. It wouldn't even be likely that they could draw near to something like that. The junctions which had been set in place were working as intended. It largely looked, or somehow felt like an undefenable stance to take. Comprised of more than a few strands, but. To think of something worse, a few feet away, earlier that day, a woman and her child fell, in the middle of the lobby. No one stopped. It wasn't likely to be much worse than a bunch of strays. Yet she was still there, in a single spot that was walked around and avoided. Strange, how times change. But that was exactly the last piece that filled the cup. What went on? Fewer than a strap of seconds went away, as if dropped and shaped just about everything their way. 'It's done, they're all turned downward. 'I wasn't supposed to be there then. Specifically then, not at that hours, looking our way, they were trying to say something about what was going. Either by mimicry or by the inexhaustive appeal they felt towards one another. It was better to think about them as passing. The woman and her child slowly decayed and it was only then that they all stopped to notice her. By the time they had all gathered around them, it was already proceeding to

be over with. That was over before it had even begun. Plain and simple, just by looking at what was in store for them, the citizens knelt as she and her child would come under a slanted spotlight which started dragging her essence out of the cask they've been in. Organs would rise on slight occasions but what added up to the light was the fact that it was filled with the anticipation they all proudly announced they had for some reason or another. Less eventual that it had originally seemed to be, it was clear enough that no one else wanted. It never truly went away afterwards. Soon they were done gloating at it only to move on. Even after so much time, there was something neither of them could properly understand for reasons of their own. It was somewhat irrational, merely implied by them moving to the sides, before carrying on as if neither of them paid any attention any more. Begone from that pain. It wasn't likely to be told. But some long time ago, in a wild thicket she waited, the statue of the maiden, weeping with her many hands, as she covered her face, holding over the dripping water from the fountain above her. To her they'd come, hoping that it would finally come to an end, begging for her to take their pain away. Circling around her, they had never realised, just what the pain meant to them or why they were still alive. She wept at time, never after drought. Yet there was something to look after. Even here, farther than the thicket, where the slits of tees' went deeper in. Shameful claims came over her. As attenders who were there for other reasons. Let it be told now that there'd be no reason to look back at what happened before. For whatever reason the mother and her daughter came was theirs alone. From whichever place they ended up seething, bringing nothing in the net. Single stoles of fish-drones only came when it was time to feed again. Interlude, at last. Many problems would simply arise from the fact that they had gotten ride of them, as if they would simply go ahead unreported. Waste could be detected somehow, even by the slightest erratic connections. Both Bargas and Lyior were baffled by it. Fewer than it should be acceptable, it appeared that their subtleness wouldn't completely go unnoticed. Perfection couldn't even get closer to being taken just by the very fact that there was a way in and one out that were more than feasible to get noticed. Later in the day, the Supervisors returned to their needful watched. As they had decided there would be no other incidents to look after, both of them alleviated the pain. No conondrum would remain much sooner. One might've been able to validate is somehow, the amount of shortages that were taking place around the globe-region, which held all the archives at bay. If it weren't for the constant friction that brought them back at those weird unacceptable intervals, a shock might come in place. Hopeless though it might be to deface the shingles, they were there. In a solid, condensed usurped refinery for the battery-plots, they were noticed and called. Though not a single passenger admitted, down the tube-train in the N'Orls, some of them knew exactly what was going on. And for that reason alone, it was kindly asked for them to move on. 'A few seats ahead, if you don't mind. ' 'What for? ' 'I'm sorry. 'It was understandable. For that they all kept their distances from both of them. Not only so, as that wasn't even the slightest of hints. But they were both already absorbed by the idea that there wasn't a way out. 'They know? ' 'Shut up Lyior, please don't make me raise my voice here. I don't want them to suspect us ever further. Have we been accused or not? Because I don't think we have. 'Paying less attention would be considerate, with everything in mind. 'Now, we're going to be presented to the demi-tract in the High-society, don't you think that's something we should be weary off? ' 'As long as you keep your calm and I'll keep mine, we'll find a way through it unscathed. 'Either it would be this or the next stop. Yet the conductor waited for them to carry on. Strangely, this was the only decent set. Looking ahead past the windowed doors revealed more than enough for what would be an

unattainable place to be in. The reason for it being that they were trying to paint them as intrusive woodwork crass cranks in their work of trying to peep through. It would be indefensible, just by looking how they were promoting their rampage of expanding tunnels. 'I don't know about this, Bargas. I have a bad feeling about the next station we may be left in if we choose to stay. Just looking at it out there, I know there' will be no other way to return. 'Then we'll face whatever we've been called for and answer it however we can. 'For the slims of exposure were there. It wasn't set in the right way. Just by looking around the place, you could see that there was something wrong. Place outside on a dual-ramp that could keep going either way. It was vital for them not to show any fear that they might see through their peculiar zoning-antecs. Visors were now prolonged from hidden spots. It was hard to see whether or not they could anger the buildings. Wildly moving in strange sessions, they were only there to signal the fact that there wasn't a living thing populating the dual-ramp. From the encicadrophad, as wide of a structure that couldn't resemble anything even remotely human, there was this it. Why, they entered it without the slightest show of worry on their hands. For the same reason they couldn't care about themselves for too long. Especially since the first and foremost five meters in through the first section where the water showers started on. Both of them had to be properly washed and blown by heat for safety reasons. What followed afterwards were the gases, which were slowly being puffed around in the surrounding areas, before they were closed in as two sets of walls pushed back and forth. 'What now?' 'I don't know yet, but keep your guard up just in case. Anything could happen. 'Anything indeed, perhaps for that reason, they were more likely to withhold was going on there. It was now that the entry to fantasy came. Despite the enclosure there was little to pay heed in. Without the likely of trying to obey to the instructions that were dictated through the various voice boxes that were there, it would be impossible to make it seem like it mattered. Far more than that it was a cruel magnificence one had to aspire towards. What they heard there were the song of the schizoids. Spoken from the heirs of brain malaries that spread only through some of the files, never to be understood by any of the cases nor by anyone that tried. Going back a few more days prior, in their quire, somewhere in some hidden crevice, they were chained. Beaten as their agony would prolongue the time it was needed for them to be able to sing again. Not by virtue nor by pain, it would be less than satisfactory to hear them try making the waves like they used to be. By that, it could only be admitted that they had been recorded for hours and days at best. Beastly so, as for the weeks they were pushing through never came to bring back the agony or the woe. A single tone could be heard at best. Only one thing kept them going. Echoes, bouncing around, they were thawing awry their skin off. And after the first layers to fall, nothing could be called into what was to be called, the ebbing of hearing them alive. A chorus of stings, from wasps that could push through their wings, the flower beds and none of the deeds that would sing them off as anything but the virtue of looking around, never being able to admire what was going on around their miserable grown. Shared between them like a piece of cloth that couldn't even last as long, there it stood. Resting as for the way, never pushing it out any either way. None would have to even say, what the matter they might convey. From beneath a potion, the claim of luminescence which highlighted them came from a pair of glowing rocks that stood together and never lasted as much as it could be counted upon. But on the little information that was give, one could see it clearly, as it they stood in front of them. Recorded even as to observe the progress that they went through, not to mention that there was something definitely going on there, as per what they looked like. Slender, thin, unable to put mass despite being forcefully fed, for started. That hadn't been all at all

either. To look at their enormous heads would've revealed bodies that were eight times bulkier than they had been. Now only their bones appeared to stay on, despite the obvious changes that withheld them from doing anything even decent. It wasn't likely that they were going to be less abused. Cruel even, to be looked back at, for the concisely placed, almost conical structure placed upon their mouths, connected with the system of hoses that were leading farther and much farther apart than it was needed. Even claiming that there was somewhat a rue, for each clue that had been given about the strange condition, it'd be nothing but a lie. They were chained there, in the worst possible manner. And neither of them could suspect a thing, nor pay themselves any farther than it was needed. It wasn't possible for them to think about escaping. Henceforth, caught forever in the prison of immortality, they sang. Loudly pushing their vocal chords until nothing could be distinguished from looking on at all. Either they might do it again, or shake off the chains that had been implanted in them. But it wasn't clear whether or not someone might pay attention to what was going on. Off to them, it might be said, that there was only a way to play off the dead. In turn, the mourning would missfire. Unable to admire it any longer, they had chosen to cut off the other audio plays, never to hear them again, expect for one spot. Where Lyior couldn't even fathom hearing it be brought back again, as it felt like fear for the ears, a flight of sounds that dragged on and on until it couldn't be forgiven any longer, nor pain attention to. Brought to them again, in what would seem to be something worse than pain, there was the stop. Exactly a few months passed in the span of a few seconds. No physical nor any psychical changes could be detected, instead they were reflected in the song of the schizoids. Freed at last, from what was only the short span of a vile strike, they stumbled upon themselves on the vile steps that lead forward. Never to withhold again from what was going on, they pushed the knots that brought them back. Snatched from the wonder they were getting near to, it had been clear. 'Past this door, we might get through something much worse. ' 'What was that? 'His voice took a strange shaking. As for each reverb added some strangulatory way of pushing on, words and phrases being skipped in his mind. From now on and there, it was clear that they were hearing something about as vile as someone could show about. It wasn't even likely that they were showing any regret. For what would be going around them would soon bring them back from the deathless glare. 'Was someone there?A moment ago. 'The sounds of the hasthing and the moving springs came much later, far longer than they should've been accounted for. No more would they be lain as they were before. Instead, one had to know just what kind of interest they had into shaking them off that way. For the greatest view that carried on, no one could be gone much farther. It was something neither of them should be staring at. For all the guests that were there, also being onsted on the whole pushing on. They were tranquil as they were set on rows, courageously cowardly, as they were trying to carry on the messages they were bearing. Each of them had a few set of key words stamped on their blunt foreheads. Normal citizens even, who were taking part in this strange ritual, whatever season might it be part of. Yet there wasn't anything even remotely null. As to even say to it, there. Intruding upon him were the thoughts that were not meant to be. From one of them leaped another. And yet they couldn't let it sink as louder thoughts emerged since. Clearly there was the cluster she had wrapped around them. Like the sight of an uncanny lover, fastening her bridles, riding past them through the forest, where a smoke rode up like a riddle. It was stranger, so it would seem, to assume they were trying to get away from her, since they were drawing closer, nearing the point, where the ships were sailing past the isle, into a kingdom of clouds above. As soon as they opened, towering masses of fish were dropped, all of them bearing the dead eye. Neither of them could

carry one without losing each other past the lie that had been their waking. Deranged in a pleasant way, it couldn't be conveyed yet. Looking through the coated trims, busting through a lost whim, it was much clear to the battering fools. Cooling past the broken tools in which the sea life had been impaled, there stood one of them. Lyior had been greeted by an abomination made out of the sea life. Grabbed by the various twists, cromed and coming from the remnants of a storm, it settled. Clearly on-set to bite, he got closet to taking his own life by mistake. For his own sake dictated that, it wasn't even fair that he was to be brought back there. From anywhere other than the plane, where he could still remain sane. 'Snap out of it, Lyior, what are you doing?' 'I can see them, before the wall of fish. The ones I drowned, they're there, waiting for me.' 'Dirtpounder, you blasted dirtpounder, can't you see what's happening around you, yet? Are you feeling it as well?' He was still in shock and couldn't properly assess just what had been going through him yet. Though he couldn't neglect it entirely, this was the only explanation he could point at. They were both struck by the process of emotion-rehabilitation. Slowly it was all kicking back in. All of the guilt and all of the peculiar assemblies of anger came back. Both of them were stricken by it and what they had done. 'We're not going to get out of this, do you understand? Unless you get a hold of yourself, we're going.' 'Again, he looked ahead and appeared to have missed a few things. He had told him something right after he had taken the steps and entered the fiend made out of all the fish, most of which were unclear even now, as to whether he'd know if they were dead. 'I have no other option. 'So he had considered this alternative. Instead of trying to run away, seeing how the abomination started connecting with the various waves formed out of all the ones that followed there, it couldn't be thought as anything else. If that may be, no one could feel anything else in the matter, no one wanted to draw away. Conveying as little as they could feel, it wasn't likely that they might feel the musk of the tools and the trade. Placed near the entry, which revealed much about the cover inside, there wasn't anything sea-like to it. But a membrane that looked vastly, or strangely superior to that of bone, drawing from other elements that weren't completely unearthly even for what seemed to be the last change of wealth. A simple thing, but not exactly what it looked like, there appeared to be a complete reappropriation to what was being taken from them. Slowly but surely as a moving glowing living lantern pushed through the walls, a lot of the inner structure got exposed as the weird deflowering cyst it was. The place was livid. Somehow bloated between by the fat, spreading on both sides as well, which only lead forward to the realisation that the normal ship that few above wasn't a ship at all. Confirmation to that could only be delayed, as there wasn't a way out any longer. Not for him, not for them. Lyior was missing and the only way that he might thread on was in the front. Nothing came even closer to be segmented into straight corridors of chords of similar excess, instead they were rambling around, unable to go forward into motions of their own. It wasn't exactly quaint or even unexpected. Somehow it got even worse, waiting for something to make a move. But they were there, not being but the inner pores that were being placed like chess-pieces all ahead. Loneliess would be dreaded there, for as much as he could be aware. It had only been a matter of waiting and of dreading being near one another, after he came into view. Stuck there, as he seemed, an opportunity arrived. Per twenty feet in charge, it was obvious that there were a few other moments that made as slim of a difference as one would know. First of all, there was that. Without a reason to look ahead, he was pulled and abandoned, lost as far as one could see, past the hedges of dread. Parted from each other, he had seemed to cower down farther. It couldn't even be placed there. For each venerable tebrity that followed, instead of trailing under

him, there were the signs. Broken by the scouraged bland pitch, he was greeted by the moving holding crepices of metal, holding themselves like detached straps holding the men that appeared locked. Behind them, as he notice, had only been a few other connectors leading in their heads. They weren't subtle at all. Just by the admiration they carried over. Improbable though it may had been, there was a way out for him to take. Not obvious at all, just from the standing and the strapping of the. . . "Enough, enough, enough!" It erupted. The giant cluster of humble snickering arms stretched and came apart as soon as they could act and draw close than they should be doing it. Without even a proper warning, they started squaring themselves off, like completely unseparable blocks of stone. Crumbling from the woe' own. Hardened to the mind, the blindness of the turbine started brushing past it, unable to grope the toll, broken crumbling breaks had taken whatever remained of his whole. He carried on with three large heads, two being inactive and the only one speaking being tired of the laps the others took. Just as he was in the middle, they would spread around the circles in the lane. Forming strange sings but never explaining to whom they were for and what reason they were there at best. Resting for the field engrained, by the time he could spare a look he had crossed as much as they could take. 'Leave us be now. We have no quarrel to share any longer. Isn't it clear that your only desire is to disturb us because of your malignant jealousy?' 'I would not feel such a thing if it weren't for you cruel deceivers who cannot see the appeal of stading here. In my spot. Here where I can grow and evolve, here where we could all change who we are. ' 'And end up just like them, then?' He pointed at the ceiling where they all ended growing too soon, into large vine-like organisms that resolved that their primitive forms had been useless for them. Instead they chose to live apart for those that couldn't see a way out. 'In that case, what do you even suggest we ought to do? If there's even the slightest chance of paying less attention, there would. 'There would be a reason for them messing around, spending their mindless games. It had to happene sooner than later, even if it hadn't come to blows, there were separate things that could be said. So many twists were grabbing, so many buds behind the peaks on their backs formed the widest amount of wild depressions there could be about a being. Largely a mechanism of their, as well, it was obvious what the other signs didn't tell of it. Merely, both Lyior and the other supervizor came here because of the mere shock they had been sent in. By the mere sight of him, the dead Carrion waiting in his court, he who had been closed off into the room, unable to defend the reason for the vile things happening there, or what had been the despair for. After he had come to be, near him stood Cower, in as wide as an insectoid chittin for which he spared no expenses. He was the guest of honor, just the thing that ought to be called. No longer able to keep it our of its mind, it spared not a second more. Passing through it was much harder than seeing it more than a few times off. Dusted even from the lost sides. 'Bring them back here. I see that the song of the schizoids had sent them to the realm. 'For that forbidden knowledge appeared to bring them after the judgement could be set. On their way, it neared the trap, he who followed through couldn't distinguish what was going on. There were the tribulations and what nots, the ware was spoiled, as one could simply point at it and rip some of its pieces off. Without a way of drawing forth, they called on the rafts, to draw away. 'The Pleimorah needs to carry on. We need to feed it what we can in order for it to make it through the journey alive. 'The mask, the sails, would never prevail from the strangeness it displayed outside. For some of them, as much as it coule be thought, wouldn't work. Getting past the sails, entering its coveted body would digress into the digestive process that could escape from its enormous bellies. From that regard, not to blast their way out, came the shredding from the cuts. It wasn't likely that

they could be heard at last. No time to spare. Charles had turned around and went away. He couldn't be called by name any longer, for some reason that didn't even resonate with him at all. To point at something that may even be askew, he would have to see it through at last. A few roads now seemed to be finished, farther away. It appeared that they were leading to a centralised area that had some debris extracted from just about either place. No one had even the severity of the place could be an excuse, with everything kept low, there were other higher peaks that were kept from entering. Threatened by it, as there was something wrong going by the heart, there wasn't any way out any longer. It flew, on par, away, stricken by some missaligned piece like a missile, being prepared. From the distant hangar where plans had been wrought to an end, they still reserved the counter point. A plan that would bring the end of the levels, completing the entire complex in its entirety, without a way of knowing what was wrong. Why, they were trying to pick his fingers off the ground for the same reason. He, it was him again. Only now could he be awakened after all that unnatural movement that occurred in his prime. To him there would be no arms and no rotation. His presence could be felt aloft. 'Make it stop, make it stop, make it stop. 'He spoke at last. To him there was this red skin on a trunk that was inhumane. Instead it bore itself away as the other limbs would push on to carry. Never to dismantle the weary or care for them in any case. A correspondence of Bled, or so had it appeared. Judging by the size of the envelope and the four letters embded on top of it, one could draw away the fact that the initials spoke of something much worse than that. Put aside by the stragen format, they had somehow went too deep. Already too many days were lost reflecting on it. They were cutouts for the Dngor's sake. So much alike in as plain a sight that they stamped that simple aspect of theirs, being cut out of someone's skin. Ripped off even, I wouldn't have doubted that in the least. For the lack of fealthy to which I would agree, there was a need to draw and eat some of it off, just to get a taste out of it. As it may seem for now, there was a way to pay less attention to the implications that arose from it. Just by it, it was hard to resist. 'This, this thing, it came from a woman's feet. 'It was strange, peculiar even, just to think about it. But the taste had been way too clear and distinct to be even remotely set. Just to understand what was going on then, a set of indignities. Depite the harshness of the world, it was difficult to expand on everything else. It was irrefutable, even by that point, trying to seethe in different direction in order to make a point out of it. Not only would it be shallow, as it would bring nothing else than the disability the thoughts dictated. A dead end thorough and though, but that could do. A clear distraction had come inside the Thorn, looking at it would break through the cuffs and reveal the strong desire to infest. Might you detest the sight, in which case, you should deffer from doing so. It was her who was the cauze of it, the sudden mirage, the durge and the plounge into the uncanny sight. She was the cause of the mildew-infesting daydreaming that started leaping around. Myra did they say. Her name couldn't be contemplated upon again for the sole reason that she stood. A bulb of liquor holding trunk stood as her head sprouted around. From her open jaw she liberated the children that couldn't make it through.

From the afterlife they would be pulled and let to rot. About the place, it was clear that they couldn't bring themselves around. Behind her a single extra long and curved excess of skin-plonging shrouded the sight. IT was likely that she would still fill the place with what needed to be brought to the delight of scum. Brought about her openings she started spilling and dangling about, unable to move as her limbs had never been drawn out. Instead, they had been broken, spread in waste. Nowhere near her would they choose to lay waste. It was a weird place in which he rested. Long and defiled by the maces that couldn't bring her about. Not even agony could make for it. For

now she needs be shattered. Not to mention that after her advent no one should come after. Clearly there was no way to admit defeat, not to mention the hare-like entry that was made out there. Pairs and bonds need not be called again.

For the dreaming ended for now, as it would not fare well. From the desperate tender chronicles it had been taken. Loft, of all who had been affected by the dreams, in the mist of a sunless tree, underneath the cobbler's tea formation there he stood. A champion who had been largely misunderstood, yet unknown. 'A call for the God-champion Clot. 'He wasn't bleeding any longer. Instead he approached himself from every angle, dripping away as the people who faced him before lay dead. Implained through the spikes that shot out of him, call back into the pillaging from the other ages and those that couldn't fathom themselves being trapped by the sage. Peculiar holes were moving amongst the filled strage, as the fires emerged from long lost ages, remnants of arrows, and of fights had brought only the marrow back. 'Bring us what we heed and in return, everything you need shall be granted as furiously as you demand them. ' 'Is that all you inquire of me then?' ' 'Just about that I'd say. Do not let us take away from what you've build. Everything since the creation had been set in place. Even the rules of entry, as to look on how to behave. 'The old croon opened for the loon only the key, where they might see the various miniature-like mechanisms that twisted and turn in order to make it work again. It was a strange artefact he held, alas. The bronze hammocks and the doors were of the utmost intriguing design one could look after. Not only so, but the liquid alloy in the mix instead of going forth, it crumbled. Suffering of the most disturbing angle through which it might crawl again. In it, Hrothmaggue had seen the reflection of the man he had killed in his youth. Despite being less disturbing than it should, there was a clearness to it he couldn't take away. For the same reasons he alluded to the strange way he took himself there. As much as it would be interesting to know just what the reason for him showing him how the key worked, he chose to move away and let him get with it before they could come and lay. 'A siege will follow in a few days. I hope you realise what's going on there, I truly do. Otherwise, there can't be any reprise to it, or anything we could do to help you. ' 'I understand what I'm here for. You needn't worry about the mistakes of my past, I'll do more than well to correct them while I'm here. ' 'Oh, and Maggue, you need to take care on your way there. I'm truly afraid that there are hopeless wonders taht might pull you in. Spend as little time with them as possible unless you want to be caught. ' 'I know. 'Each of them took the slightest bow and nodded. Some were still not understanding what the need for the order was. In as much time as had been spent there, they were feeding just about each place, never struggling to get their way. Blessed be his kind, as the door opened and he went out there, to grind. Feet and losses, never near the masses, around sulken areas around town, like one who appeared to look after shelter or refuge or something of the kind. Either way, not to search for it again, he was on to his target. 'You're the madame I have been looking for. 'As soon as he turned her from behind, he saw the clear defect of the mind. Bright though she looked in the sun, clear as her face lead between two mournful dances, she lacked something solid to get her up again. Parts of her were trying to put themselves back together but never again. Not to mention that they were trying to droop, never to swoop themselves apart. For more than a few second he figured something was wrong with her. As the plaster of pick between the lips of ink started melting, her cranium was no longer sheltered, as it began cracking and moving downwards towards the throat. Not only so, but what had been achieved would be a way for it to creep in. Without a way, the leash would keep the others away. Near most of the buildings as soon as it happened, the citizens did laps as they were locked inside the heapless wonders of the law. Disturst couldn't be traded, as they

would be soon thrown back into obedience, asked for their guidance when night came. They never rested ever again, from the mere fact that they were forced to walk endlessly in order to see. What creatures dwelled in the plains of walking. 'I see one. 'Dolmac said, he was a simpleton who walked too much but he had been approached by one of the martyrs who needed to ask. As his whole dilemma emerged at last. 'What do you see out there? ' 'A few of them, like us, they're trying to walk. Taller and wider, nothing resembling our appearances but sterile. In some way I think they've carved themselves in order to show the fact that they have no eyes to see, no mouths to talk. But their scars reveals much. ' 'Can I strike one at their heads? ' 'No, they have none, they're headed onward to create a pseudo-imitation. But know that they're fake. It's a method of defence, from the others that hide inside their broken spells of charm. Critters are following them at last. 'It was just his luck that he started to feel. Near this lack of appeal, there was a clear entry for them to digest. If they were found out, that meant that they could strike out and strike again.

'Well I know what this means. 'He spoke with it as if he was the missing part. Why, he even drew away and managed to pull her apart from all the tractions she would make, as she drew in and out again. 'Thief, there's been a thief, stop him. 'Right there, he had taken a horse as well, kidnapping the lady's child as well as her purse once again. Two of them started chasing the winds in different directions. Twins were tied to their rapiers, multiple bags and the same appearances. Towards which they threw knives and small nails, thrown with such a power as one might be able to call forth again. Different circumstances would show something less. It would be important to know of it, again, as for the taking. Saying by the merciful. 'We should spare him, grant him the protection oh Periclot. ' 'Very well then, he, despite already being blessed as he had been split in halves, shall endure the knives and the nails for as long as it needs to be alive. ' 'Most capricious, master, thank you for saving his life. 'A curse had been transmitted in disguise. Clearly, there was a way, to know what they'd say in their weird tongues. Brought about something clear, nearing the whole appeal of words, strangled by the minutes that went on. Not a second more could they spare themselves from wasting. Avast, they ran about the point where they could disperse and hide. With sicker men being brought back today, and workers trailed from the pain, there was nothing left for them to be. It was only now that they could make their way through the gardner's crudeness where the buildings were flat. And no one even thought about checking them off. Despite the rest of the town, they had been nearly sealed off because of the recurrent problem. Tighter than taller, bringing themselves away, it was clear that there wasn't any way of knowing what happened today. So many thieves invaded their piercing straps, that there was a need to bring on the night sky. From the womb's delight, where the tightness of the clouds had been revealed, it the name of Clotton had been cleared. 'Don't hang him yet, my boys. 'Stranded on the platform, looking as the sea of fruit-throwing citizens he thought of a way to be. Seeing how he had almost been killed, there was no other place he thought about being other than his home. Deranged even by the misinformation, he chose to take the first lie. 'I didn't fear for my life for a second you know? Perhaps many of you have doubted my innocence, but I knew that justice would prevail no matter what they might tell you. 'Again, he presented himself like he needed to. Without concern, he stepped to the broadly shouldered Chorkalt and knelt. 'My friend, I owe you my life and everything I earned since the day I have been born. ' 'Don't make a scene here, after what I've done. Grow up lad, I can't be bothered to be stared at for all the days. ' 'But I'm trying to behave, you see? There's nothing else. 'Yawn, a yawn, out here, as much as he pleased himself, he wouldn't even come near understanding. The plot of roses seemed to draw near. Moving on their own

with a loss of appeal, it was less than benign. Tried even, by the mind, he stopped. Praying aloud in a corner, to the Clot, who shivered at the sight and at the planning that might be taken even remotely clear as to be mistaken for an attempt at his life. It was impossible, to even think he'd stand a chance against the artillery that was being thrown against him. From the distance, as if shown at last, there were the first signs. Even though it would be somewhat forgivable to think of it, there wasn't any way out. Not through this cope, not without trying to get a head in and say something there. Various other signs of silence lasted as much as they were needed to. Even then, when no one came, no one bothered at all again. From the Clot, as he dripped from his giant carapace, that surrounded his skin, nevertheless exposed to the living stairs that groped him stayed away. Never swayed to return to any other place, it was clear now. What he had gotten himself into by trying to pick some of the bones off clean. From the past blood-infused grunts that made it to them paled. Unable to face him, they quailed and said. 'Do not impale us just yet, there's still something we want to get from life. Cherish it while there's a while for us to swarm about. 'No matter what the thought had been, every place would lead somewhere in the same area, wherever they'd go, unable to get away from what seemed to be the cruiser they were planted in. Through the outmist of space, from the place where the fleet had faced defeat, where the Duke had never bothered to come, there was a floating creature who refused to give away its lumps. It waited there, as the walls between the train, the passage and the world had faded. Always caught by something as the spades left the midst, never to catch it reap the benefits of mildew, spoken like the vileness one would have to offer. Not a single more would he wonder any longer, as he just appeared there. Though this was yet just one of the replicas, he greeted him just way more than he should've had. 'You're Sour. ' 'Indeed I am, and I have acquired a body now. What do you think of it? 'What could he say? Even by trying to inflate his lumps, revealing the mouths that were encompassed by the fat, it was obvious that many didn't care of that. For the others were just there for the same reason as much as it could be tested, a perfect oration never for the leper. As mightily demented as this sounded, he invited him closer. 'I wish I could find a way to express what I feel now. 'Grub Clough couldn't feel himself getting in the way sooner. Whatever the reason for this decision had gotten the better of him, yet he decided that it would be better if. 'If you don't mind me saying this, I seemed to have been lost for far too long now, knowing that my trails can never be retraced by any means had given me just the insight I needed in the first place. Indeed, I not only feel renewed now, but I acquired only the enticing mildoea of trying to look into the lower ones beneath us as they walk into their microcosmic tunnels. Look at what I have become as well, no longer contained in as tiny of a cage as I have been given. There was this tiny amount, a gribbulous sphere that came about him. You know whom I'm talking about. He's hidden there and threatened by all of them. In case you haven't noticed or haven't been around for as much time as it's needed to become acquainted again, let me bring you back to date as far as I know. The one that's worming his way through has promised something that near the disgust, as much as it's needed to push on and eat through all the universes it managed to chew on. I have been made aware of this and that I chose to, well, understand that second change from your past self Dour. Your name echoes here as it's written all around your body in the celestial letters. Do not dare erase them yet, as this will be known just about anywhere you may end up being. Wait for the chance and try making it through. I can assure you that there's a way out for those like us who dwell not in the dark but in the places between and I shall bring you only a piece of the other hidden clusters that we've been trailing for a while. 'He spoke in a suspicious manner, yet Grub hadn't

given in a strong sense of betrayal yet. Despite all the illuminescence that were surrounding them, it was more than obvious that there was a plague in their den, a reversal of the uncanny. Glorious though maybe not as much, he pulled away just with his body, just a curtain which had covered much of everything around them, revealing a spear that was being held. 'We have been instructed to make sure they're properly dealt with and armed, but you needn't worry about being found out just yet, we couldn't be farther from that. We're more than anxiously trying to decay the breeds that are trying to bring us to the pleasing their off-set plans. Search inside of them, you'll find the greatest extraction taken from a measly little toxin that was found somewhere. 'It was deranged. Just by looking at the tiny purple pints, the sticks were nothing pleasant to look back at. Even more, there was nothing but a clean desire to make it start again. Pulling everything in place. That's how he wanted to end it, just there. 'On second thought, you don't need to look in there. For some reason, I think it would be better to show you something else. ' 'And what would that be? ' 'Just follow me around, I think this might interest you somehow. As long as you follow me, I think there might be a way to set some of the things right. 'Just what had he in mind? 'It was hard to pay attention to everyone now, especially since they were shaking so hard, unable to control their bodies at such angles. For what would seem to go around and turn around, only a few occasions lasted. It was a humane way of putting them down. Make no mistake about it. Every single resident was being checked constantly and made aware that they were being watched. Cylindrical roots inside their brains made it so not a single man could go unchecked despite their various statements given on the complete control instilled by the authority. Despite the passing rumors, there was no way out, no way in or out of the borough. By no means could this be held on the shoulders of the people, as much as it was a result of the Great Revolution, there was nothing there to even drag them into view. Closely called, there was only the strange entry into the cortices. There they were to be rewired. As wild as an extravagance as it appeared to be, when performed on a human being, there was nothing of the sort, more so, the mere contraptions inserted something to prevent any life-taking from ever occurring again. With the threat annihilated, there would be joy. Joy would be achieved. Joy was to be achieved and longed for. As the reasons for it were more likely to be held higher than they ought to be. Unreasonable though it may sound, there was a need to go forth and keep everything going and prevent stagnation. Regardless of the costs at pay, otherwise, things could end up like they were before. As for what was going on around, there it was. A plain comparison between the world before and the one after, Clark noted. He was staring through one of the windows at what appeared to be one of the old master's paintings that were digitalised. Most of them were lost by now, at the cost of paying too much to the nature of the past, no one had even expected such a thing to happen. There was no silence anymore. Not even when surrounded by them, the holographic critics. Placed around the painting as a kind of admiration, they were supposed to serve as the anchor to the old world, being a sight for them to go to at. Bunch of bollocks, he thought. Someone blew a rock-pop and blew the store a week ago. You could still see the burn areas around the rifts of the glass. 'One ride, to the Quadrant zone. No return. 'It was the last time I'd catch the ride. Full to the brink and seemingly dull. For what the city had to offer, this was it. Some bleak appearances and wild promotions, without a way out, it would be much easier to distinguish themselves from the others. High crests, and plenty of resting tables had been overlain on the general passenger areas. Two levels were there, mainly separated by a static bridge made out of completely frozen protons caught in stasis. If one were to bring the power down, it would be more than obvious what might happen next. Danger was murky in the water.

With little above the rims, it was plain, as it stopped to the nearest drop. A few helipads waited out there in the open. An orange-blue field of energy appeared to surround them just in case there was the chance for a drop to happen. Nowhere near it could you guess who was in charge. A tall Coverx Sargent, embroidered with a body armour and a para-visor. He wasn't to be messed with. Two other guards were adjacent to him, or so it appeared. It would be a pity to avoid him for that long. It felt decent, for the time it lasted, my life here. For a good reason and that as well, I had been so-resigned to the fact that I would be stuck here for a while that I started. There was a good reason they were there. Moisture spread in the air as well as you could see. For the same reason they were there, it was obvious they weren't planning on letting any of us get off an easy ride. Despite the uneasy flight, we were therea, around the operation site. More than a few good years would be spent here, as much as I was sure of it. Despite the strong access to antibiotics, the site was unforgiving. Not so much as the general indecency but the thing that came along. 'Try listening to me for once. Have I not been the reason for this change, I could've spent my life in the cage. 'The cage was swollen, lost to touch. No wonder for the living as they would branch themselves to the curving candles that were brought back. Each of them, of bronze and marble, would defile the things that brought the wonder, in their forgotten woes and plots. It was hard, so to either of the others there, it was a sham of. Daydreaming, in its current state had been delayed. From around the site, only a few long and thin signal curdories emitted a field of protection around the workers, which kept them safe. Despite the drops that would occur from time to time, there wasn't any wonder as to why the reason had spoken of it as of now. Nowhere near them, as it was clearly defined now, had there been a larger surplus of of the mad. There wasn't any way out, not with what was going on around. By that, there was no petty way of trying to get their attention. 'All of them are stuck behind their precious shield. 'But neither of them would be concerned with feeling around the strange feeling of mindfulness. Outside, sixteen fifty-five. It was not meant to be that way. With every shock that came out of its way, there was a way through which none of it might get to make as much of a noise. A loose voice returned. What might even be defined about them? Just by the way some might sharpen, none could say. No one was bothering to convey what was only the utmost perfect way of taking a life. Obviously, it should be set aside, that no one could make up or put it into the light of day. But forget about them, about everything so far. It was him, I recognised him in the groceries shop. You may not believe my first account of it, but I closely trailed around him. With little said, he was somewhat normal up to a point in his face, where it irregularly split in half. Just by looking at it you could've figured by yourself that something was off. By that I mean, he dug up a portion of it and then stitched it back, which was made clear enough once he started ripping through it from time to time to scratch around his frame. So far, there were other reasons for doing it. Most of them being related with the fact that he was hiding something in there. His eye on the wrong side of the face was, to put it strangely, crossed by many long sized neck-coated pieces. Spread somehow and even violently put to sides, shortened as his breathe left his body immediately before he could begin the point of recreation. He was damned by the very fact that he had difficulties breathing. Yet for some damned reasons not even I could explain, which had been as taxing as one could know, he cackled. With his precious grin revealing the spread. A black line of stitches continued around his body, leading downwards as soon as I could expect it to. 'You're not alive. 'I shouted at him, but he wasn't interested into listening to me or hearing about the reason behind my sudden emergence into it. Well, to be put like this, instead of trying his way, he conveyed only what I have come to

fear the most. Grave though it may be, I had feared something more so than I could've wrapped my head around. It was his mere stamina and resistance, as he showed me. Captivating, as my attention appeared to be called to him, was the mere fact that I couldn't draw my eyes away from him was enough to signal my captivation. He hit one of the nearest shelves only to show his prowess. With as much as a single dent that reflected on his hand, I was convinced that there was something going on. He dropped his guard immediately. There, out in the open, he managed to remove the entirety of his arm immediately replacing it with a different looking one from the stitched side. It looked like it made its way through his chest, slowly digging and pushing until the point where it had been ever so unacceptable to think otherwise. No longer would there be substances in the adjacent bottles either. Perhaps he's done something to them. Come to think of it, I'm almost assured by my observation that it was him who managed to drain them of their contents. For no reason whatsoever either, he managed to completely fill his insides with as many chemicals as possible. Not only from an alchemical point of view but from that near maniacal aspect he produced. It was like a stain that spread around the nearest clothes, the nearest bottles, either turning their insides into steam or spreading around as if he was making a clear show for me to witness within him. Closely, he drew on, ready to expell everything he had carried on with him. After managing to draw as much as he could he opened his body from the head, in halves and revealed the other five exact-looking species that had been residing all along in him. Now they were on the run as well, spreading as much as one could tell without a reason to set forth. Clearly they were worth something to their kind. As their mere presence wasn't welcomed in the store at all. With the exact intensity increased by their mere presence here, I could say only this. I was exactly shocked by it, even repulsed by the fact that my own shirt had been turning into a strange honey-like substance, with all of the bodies in. I could see inside of it, going as deep as to see a stone circle in the distance, leading farther away to some distant place. With this whole idea being here, I couldn't even near a reason for which I could run. My legs were frozen and I had to reconsider what I would say next. As they all started and waited for me to reveal what I thought of them yet. 'I beg your pardon, dear man. Perhaps I had been a bit too rash when I had merely implied you may not have been completely alive. For that, I should apologise. 'Still open as he had been, the gaze of him still continued disturbing me for the same reasons I could think about. Either the adrenalline in my body dictated it or something else in the manner. I couldn't express just what I felt yet, without risking being trapped around them. But what I saw inside of him wasn't a body. No, it was the insides of a strangely curving door, which had the same texture as the walls that were leading further in. I should've known better than that. There would be a grander reason for it, better than what I should've dealt with. Well to do, in my turn, I was on-set on trying to get my foot in. Less than that, I was caught on by surprise after staring for too long. A distinct aspect of it had been the mere fact that there were less than a few key elements to it. Deranged even by it, I could only hope to pay for my own regard in it. For all those licken-like perilous growths that moved seemed to be shaken too often, as they were the only means of climbing and getting forth. It would seem like their worth as of species, distinct yet similar in their appereance, as much as I could tell came from the chasm from which they dragged themselves from. How have I come to know this tiny aspect they had shared? To be plain about it, a piece of my brain had been lodged off by one of them. Melting through the skull whilst being replaced by something of their own, soon to be called back. I was pleasantly surprised by the mere fact that they didn't strike me back yet. A few more rounds of stounchiness would rise. Farther into the depths, for as far

as I could judge, there was only a single thing I could spare so long. Just by looking at it from a different angle, I could see just what was going on around there. Rising from the farthest corners, a great number of them had come into view. Somehow I knew this wasn't the place to be any longer, just because of the mere fact that there wouldn't be any way out if I had chosen it. Without my contenance in store, I had grasped for my spade and made it to the chasier, never to be seen again around them. None of the other people who were there seemed to mind or to get out of their blinds to indulge them. Avoidance couldn't even be the normal any longer as they frozen instead. Grazed by their fast moving bodies that sometimes seemed to be completely phasing through them, it was clear. I was the only one who managed to get out whole. Untouched even, as I wondered just what had been going on so far. Distraught by the mere fact that I couldn't focus onto I, my spade had done the rest. Farther than the spot where the shop had been, what I had done there will forever be prodded on my mind. A great hole, twenty feet in depth had been dug and in there I lay, after dragging the dirt over me until I died. Yet my fate had served as a simple reminder that there wasn't any kind of return to what I was doing. For uncounted reasons, I am still alive. Walking but never remembering where my last step had landed. Curiously though I may be able to think of it somehow, I think something happened to my face. Obvious thought it may be by the first mirror that I came upon, there weren't any visible changes. They haven't actually changed me into one of their own as I had come to suspect. Instead, they pierced me from the inside and placed something just behind the sides so I may be made to hurt. For that I thank them. 'Thank you my greatestes foes. Because of you I feel whole again, even though I may not be able to explain the reason behind it. 'It would be cruel otherwise, just to think about it. For my own sake, I could only hope that there would be some way for me to hear and look for them. But that hadn't been the plan. 'What is wrong with that man out there? Why is he talking so weirdly? 'The Grub remained. A piece of him had been brought there, even as a spectre. As he was unaware of it, the back of his head, where the piece of his brain had melted, where the others had decayed and went through the process of shutting down, there he was, blubbing and expanding over and over again. Indiscriminately pushing as it tried making a point for itself. Never dwelling more than he needed to. In return, he had been allowed to see and feel what this simpleton couldn't understand. They had been his agents through and through, working in his name, performing something that would be considered rather, deranged. He had been given the task of recruiting some of them in order to search for someone to get stuck inside the chamber. It would be recreated, just like it should be, after one of the surviving prototypes managed to do something or make something out of themselves. It couldn't be considered as something even less obvious than a fluke. Great though he may be, the Grub wasn't aware of that either, looking time after time to make a point out of it. But he was being used, just like those flat chambers leaping in the passages, straying away from the corpses as they continued powering the beacon of wombs. So many births had to continue that it was impossible or near impossible to keep up with them. Much worse than that, it would be clear that the strange smoke could drag on more than it would be allowed. In his mind, Charlton had this unique system so far. One part had been the primal information nodule which had reappropriated a piece of his brain into an arching cleivucle that spread the information of who might be able to survive the travel into the cage. Despite being ripped apart, as his soul and body would somehow be taken into the grates, there wasn't any way to tell how they might be able to make it through. It was up to it to work the senses and detect, record and point towards the greater men, the strongest women, the children or whatever might do.

Quantifiably caught, by this process at last, the other part of the brain had been underneath him, which granted the solidity of being aware of the cancer that was out there. Growing on the pluckets of sky, they were trying to come on and spread on the ground. Missing about as much as it could be help, there wasn't any way of knowing. Throwing through the ranks at last, the cost of sustenance was this. 'My dear friend, as I was telling you, I shall offer you a mechanical part, so you may dictate to him how he should move and live at last, being dragged and granted a piece of who he had been. Dour, you shall become him for a good part of time and instead of trying to push away, I know that I can count on you to make a great deal out of it and never disappoint me from the mistakes of the past. We both know where this road might end if we both fail. Of the many others I have come to encounter, I truly think you're one of the greatest ones yet. Somehow, in part, perhaps you haven't moved on and that I can fully comprehend and understand well. But know that I shall not force you to draw on unless you want to carry on by yourself. 'At least for the time being, he spoke of the ill tongue and spend as much time telling him that a part of an insignificant creature's brain shall be given to him, at long last, never at the cost of the dark. Lay as he may, upon the disgraceful remarks that might fall upon him again, there was the mirth of the passers. An exposure could be at least considered as being dangerous for obvious reasons, if one could even handle taking it by himself. Spreading through the mass, there was the cast of a single opening through which a single message was carrier, a dangerous saying that managed to be picked up from distance as well. 'The last side of the brain became active again. 'As soon as a single motion came, the buildings, the land, the mountains, the hills, the sky and the clouds, everything about them started being closely dissected by tiny line that measured everything and carried the information back to his head. It was a pump which the cortex had become. From it, enough could be drawn for the comfort he could draw to it. Some charm remained but it never drew on to bring some pain. Close to it though it may have been, one of the greatest. Immaterial horns popping out, a body that was made to charge came out. From the two cicatric head that dwelled on the back of its many tails, all split evenly but drawing an elastic liquid that hardened as far as it could go and spread into them, removed the closest appeal. Instead, they would bring in the feeling of a strong disease, pleasing for the eyes, listening to the cries of arousal as the two heads moaned. Looking at it from above would show much more, as the fact that the outer layer which was changing in shades as a chameleon would, instead he spread the many legs it needed to draw on. Flying with their help, when no one could even show anything to the side, where the crest of the blood lied, making way for the others to follow. Like flocks of desperate beasts, they tried getting in. At this pace they would somehow revel in the swelling this place provided for them. Otherwise, caught in the guise they showed, ready to outright plow, it seemed likely that they would be caught again. 'We're going to have to control this body together, Dour, remember that. Just the two of us for the time being. 'It was something they both agreed upon as they made do with it. Out there, upon on a largely exhausted, yet lighted field, there stood the denizens, inhabiting the cleft. From there, they could see the shooting rockets, trying to scar the sky. Before they could come through and spread the blasphemy which had been their call. From the ones that were still there, only the giant limb-like blood stings could be seen and counted forth. Destruction couldn't have been more imminent than it could be then. Even so, it wouldn't be called, felt like an unruly fall. From their grances, never tended, blood was spilled, some fell as pray to the ill and then. It was decided. 'We have found a suitor to be brought back. He will come with us and do as we say, pleased by our choice as we convey the message onto the others. 'If they didn't know what the reason behind it

was, then it would be for the better. He followed them, even from the distance now. Perhaps this may not be the most obvious one out there for more than one reason. To even lay some claim onto it, there would none other than him who was showing off his knots. For everything leading to one side of his face had been as rather unlawful to spare. Yet he basked and crept as one would rather see less of him as well. From the various rubbing rolled up pipes that made up for each broken limb that fell, there were multiple emulations of various colors that had tempted it for all the nerves and the duress. It wouldn't do well enough to press through the mast inside his spine in order to steer clear of everything near him. Not only so far, as it came from a relative side. But he started spreading wild ichor-fumes that emerged from the discharges coming out of the displaced limbs that fell to his hide. From every blow he took on the nearest hole and uncanny arbor. Cut but unclean, it had been so for the longest while. Not to defile it too soon. He had been able to attune to the nearest of woes, somewhat uncannily caught and forlorn. It couldn't have been clear that it wanted to catch them there, aware even that Grub and Sour were in him as well. As he could lay ahead, dreading every second spent trying to catch the trail and beams of the forgotten pillars to his side, he came to realise that this world was more than gone. Already it had been accosted by a change. By the schism that produced only the repulsive frameworks that could occupy the subterfuge. 'It's time for me to declare, that I am the Chosen of Clot, bringer of uncanny Siskelot. 'He called himself as a wretch, unheard by them. As well as it could go ahead, the right to withhold himself from chopping the plains. However they spent the heirs of the lost time, it would be their business to alienate those who had been once alive. Not only so, but to claim it to be closer to the lookers would suffice. Cleaning thoroughly at the clock, better then than now, had been the touch of a headless separator who appeared, strapped to an hallucinogenic thrush. His chest was practically bursting with it, to the eye. Wholesome, it was just the sign of some derangement that never took off. For more than the obvious reasons, there were some exchanges that couldn't be accounted for. The schedule has to be changed in order to make a few changes for those that followed through. 'My dear Piers, I think we have guests this time around. I'd say, we should try looking into it from time to time and draw what we can. ' 'But Rork, we can't change it, don't you know that they won't likely spend too much time around here? Just look at them, it's simply out of the question. They will leave as soon as their job here is done. Not a second more for what I expect them to. ' 'And what gave you this idea then? Can't you see that there's a good chance they might fill this room with some kind of well being? If one of them were to step in, I'm more than sure we could make a well to do impression on them, well lasting as well. Is it not worth the effort we're putting in now? ' 'But how could it? I've never seen heard as vile and disingenious as what you're proposing. Just look at them, even from the distance, I feel like they're way too dangerous and unwashed to be allowed in. We're bound to get our arms and hand chopped if we consider it. ' 'Piers, that's enough now, I'm only trying to be a good host and change the schedule in order to accomodate with the guests. How else would I be making a name for myself unless I found a way to adapt and change for everyone when the time comes? 'Rork thought about the coming events, and the dinners and the types of people they were. It was obvious he had desired much from them, so much so that it would be impossible to tell just what kind of creatures they actually ended up being. Instead of trying to rationalize it, he attempted to act at fashionable as possible, even if it meant dwelling into the real of uncanny disillusion. For the same reason, peril would be faced again. And through the pain he felt, none other than him, would swallow the chill they started spreading around. First comers, now and then. A giant Illiapod came, as

armored as their earthly counterpart, just a bit thinner on the sides. From being accosted by the others, he had only obtained that strange concoction of tails that spread around. Many watched from every side, trying to define as well of a mantra as possible, until it couldn't be caught. Coughing now from the inner-working inside the weak gaps, he pushed on a few extrusions that searched around. 'Go on and offer him a seat. ' 'May I clear one of the tables for you, sir? 'Piers tried decency at first. His best attempt fell of kind of quickly, more than it could've been expected in any case, just for the whole reason that there was a language barrier between the two of them. Less than expected, rather met here, there was the sole case of some kind of attempted mental domination travelling from each side. Both of them were unevenly surmised by the account of watching and unevenly stretching more than it could be shown. Thrown out of the window, there came the last hope that the day might not be ruined. 'They have come again. 'Fiends of the mirrors, two scholars of glass came out, leaping about as they enjoyed their change of pace. Strangely, as this space aroused in them more than a peculiar constitution that was needed to cut and slice. Soon they would be seen. Ready, within second after realising what they were, the Illiapod burst through the window, cracking through it in order to follow through and munch of them. 'Wait, you'll have to pay for that. 'Either one shouted. Ready to emerge, but they both witnessed what had happened as soon as he became their own. Chopped in pieces, caught off guard, the Illiapod had been struck around the gaps. Resulting into a single mass that lay on the ground, thrown about the sickly floor, without a wonder whether or not they would drag him home. Others were levitating in the air, completely ignoring the scene. For a species as advanced as theirs who carried all of their devices, which included those that allowed them to travel here in the first place, they were reckless and rather lacking in compassion and empathy. Wicked even, as one could tell about it, dreadful as beings and caught in their nets. The plasters would fall off them, unable to seethe between their feet. 'Why have you done this? ' 'What do you mean by that? Have we not been threatened by it?Has it not broken out only way out? ' 'Not any longer. 'Said the other glass creature, as soon as it began removing some of the segmented shells off it, pulling the devices out, whilst trying to work on them. It was somewhat difficult, but more entirely. Since the glass and mirror scrolls on the other side well documented as many kinds of fields as possible, it wouldn't be necessarily impossible to somehow work it out. Or even attune them to the right frequency that would lead them in the right place to start with. Plenty of minutes went forth. And for Piers and Rork, this was just the opportunity, the perfect time to learn more about them. 'We may only show this once so keep this in mind. These devices are made out of solid and biochemical materials, which made them all the harder to be worked on. But I suppose I could indulge myself into showing something you may enjoy seeing. 'Seething in the place, his hands had managed to work them well and reveal as much of an interest in them as one could show. Honing it for a few minutes had revealed the whole process. After removing some of the smaller skulls which had been completely hidden inside of them, both of them started storing the hard-encompassed things inside of them. Various tools had quickly by-passed their solid walls, without giving a single sign that they would shatter or break. 'And those? ' 'Good question, dear Piers. I think it would be best if you held it for a few moments. 'Both of the glass fiends merrily laughed for a few moments, out of the courtesy of watching. It would be fine to know that they weren't going to be abandoned so much as they would show what they were after. Drafts of glass would start going through the ground, hiding themselves until it couldn't be decided whether or not they would be seen again. 'You know, we used to be solid once. Not like this, thin and empty inside, but just like

you, filled with some kind of meat and bones, a structure which made us much closer to you than those lifeless copies humans keep staring at. But perhaps that's not a of much importance to reveal here, to some unknown people who don't dare step out their boundaries. ' 'We're not unknown, watch your mouth know. I think we got a great reputation somewhere out there. Just around town and. ' 'That's now what he was talking about Piers. He meant, as opposed to you fleshy bones, we were of a different cut that couldn't even be closely related to you from any kind of view. We were white and moving, buds that could replicate whichever form we came into contact with. ' 'So you were imitations after all, just like the mirrors we were staring in. 'Rork spoke out loud, manging to perturb his guest to a sight of anger. Even through that transparency, it would be rather obvious to be seen. Out there, where the Illiapods came into flight and the ohter chargers followed through, grinning in as the streets were inhabited by the strangest people that could come into sight. Truly, this had been a strange day. Claiming otherwise, would be that. 'No, that's more of a lie, nothing of the kind could even be closer to the truth if you were to gnaw at it and find it in a pile of shards. We were only doing what we could to survive in there, as we tried absorbing as much information from them as possible. ' 'You'd better listen to my glassy scholar for a good reason as well. He knows what he's talking about, though you may not be able to tell it now. We've done our share and it got us here. ' 'Don't you mean there? 'Where exactly wer they?It hadn't been decided yet for a good reason, that being the fact that they've been brought to the luster, the strange action not even be called that. Strangely, it had been quaint, looking for a way in, never passing from within the whims of a watcher. But enough of it, this wasn't worth wasting time over. As their recollection was anything but ill-received. 'Know this, Piers and Rork. We have followed you for a while. We have shattered many pieces of the minds and the blinds and everything around the world. Even in dreams and memories and replicas, creations, whatever may you call them. For that you're bound to show something nearing the fear and distrust we're known to have received. For that is out nature and for it. 'They sunk in the memory, without needing to call back to it. Again, they managed to break the land, from a street, into the whiteness of defeat, the plumes of light, blighted as the ground and road shouted into a condensed blow of sparks, a show of flight being shown against one of the men who tried on running. Despite not being the right place to do so, they somehow managed to give into the temptation of showing in some interest there. Something which wouldn't even happen anywhere, as long as they were concerned with it. Plus, it wouldn't matter, despite showing they didn't trust the betterment of what would be. Never able to see past their arrogance as they were being done shoving everything they had taken from the creature into the ground. 'We shall retun here in case something's bound to happen. 'It was largely him, who had been at fault. The sole reason their their retreat had been that stranger who was trying to get away, Siskelot only now being there, in the general presence, whilst trying to make a scene. Not only so, but it showed at least a wonder, stronger than it ought to be. Unclear, unclear, unclear, that creature had tried shouting itself away. Through some blasted need to strike at the ground, it tired itself out. By whatever means possible, there was a show, better known for its fluid body composition, which stoon came out. From his chest, the door opened as soon as it could be caught off guard. While some were trying their best, it would seem that he could only push his body instead. Showing the lack of compassion for the other species that were trying to make it whilst climbing on the lichens, he had pushed them on the side. Enjoying the ride as soon as he could, never having understood what was going on. A far closer thing, a whim of drawing blood had come into him. If at the half-way point from climbing, they had found themselves

shifting their shapes into look-alikes to that gate from which they came out, the only survivors would be the strongest species and the more deranged that even came to the point of pushing about an uncanny feeling. Stronger than the disturbance that was being passed around, he revealed some long shot, like bullets that popped out of his fingers, still connected, long and made of skin. With them he started drawing blood from the others, never losing himself from this grips he had on them. Not until most of them fell. 'Siskelot, servant of Clot, let me out. 'He said, the bloodfiend couldn't tell of whom might he fell down, with his strike and with the might. Who might dare show him the place about the wonder. Why wasn't he the strongest yet? Not a single falling cretin had acknowledged it by any means. It was insulting, rather worse. Worrysome for the cost of trying to look away, unable to convey the wonder, he lacked into the strongest shows. Feeling much worse, out there, he ran away as soon as he had been released. 'Grow onto them and join the feast if you can. Because, whether or not you like it, you shall find yourself joining us sooner or later. 'Not a single compatibility issue did adhere to them. As they gathered around from the standing grass, it was clear enough that they were losing interest. While being out there in as much as it could be expected out of them, the servants that had come had been set into a run of ages. Rather uncouth, their faith into the least believable aspect of Clot had come to an end. Frigthened by it, they chose something else for themselves. Unable to continue and rip apart the vestigial antler that were pushing out of their heads, they had been immediately punished as he spoke again. Siskelot had not pity for the traitors and pretenders. 'I had given you a chance to leave. Now I shall feel nothing for you as long as you can be amidst the lost covers. Leave my side, as you may never recover. 'With that they burst from afar, unable to be heard as their agonies pushed aside. An aspect of this had been already lost for better words. Strange, how the departure had affected him. With every strange species that would leave, they might find a way to breed out there. And with them being indistinguishable from one another, it would be much harder to understand just what was going on. Who was who and what did they amount to. Not so much as it would be an excuse, though they would have to settle with being stranded. Even surrounded by those of different kin that would perform the deed as if called. Subjugated at the last by a simple command, most of those who returned never looked back. 'Open the gates, open the gates!' A shout had given them way. Sooner than the succession, as if it would matter in the least, there was only the slight interest that would be shown, a missing piece that would be thrown at last. 'Cast yourselves into the chasm then! Let's see if you can fare well down there!' A sudden opening drew them in, like a flight of winds that dragged them within. Though this was no waygate alone, broken as the illusion faded, had been only the body that tricked the one looking into it as they began being converted. Smaller creatures, organs woe, they would shink in order to be placed inside the bottom of his toes, leading towards the legs and basin, all of them being piled and unable to get away. Through some way, if a normal man were to look inside, he could see only the strangest of heaps. All of the creatures contemplating the reason for which they were in. Siskelot had been a carrier of the most intrusive manner. Worse for the wear, he had been an intruder himself, never giving in to the greed of the lost manner. Remorse would do for some reason. Not to be misunderstood for their lamenting and the way with which they tired escaping with one another's help. No crab would last long as they would only drag themselves to the farthest depths. It would only be just to account for the lost of awe. Better now than then. He declared. 'I shall break the bridge from here and find a better replacement for the chamber. 'He shouted, the reverberating echo farthering away. It could not be denied anymore, as for the worse of thoughts, never

to be brought back, it would last for only a few moments more. Being lead away, one could only bring himself through the trough, as to make it so evenly sure that there was a way to know. 'By the time this gentleman Dearth falls from the trough, a suitor shall be found for the room. 'Both Siskelot and Grub turned even from the distance. Though it may not be fully understood, the chamber had to be filled with a grand being in order for the plan to make way. To convey the death and advent, Agamemnon would remain a threat. For, in the distant past, when the world was still young, he ripped the rims of the unborrowing siege, that should've threatened them all between the Basin of the Architects. Where the Nebulas started spreading, with the gas being nothing but distressed by the fact, that they were being brought back to life. It would be interesting to know that they had embded themselves back into the throng. The Thorn had stopped, suddenly into space. From his sudden realisation that billions of spears had been pointed at it yet, desperately it had tried, despite the fact that there would be only a way out. Would it fade or be lost? What would be the cost of starting the siege? 'It would be pleasant, if someone were to bring it back. To push it where it hadn't realised what was going on. ' 'Why, that would be a matter of trying to push through the credance and the disease the cropuscular space carvirs prod into the sea of space. WQ, it should be called, as the few ones that are still in there, be bold. 'Little was known of the Thorn, other than the fact that it was ancient, and the fact remained. Inside of it, there was only a single mark that pushed itself to the point where it had completely embolded itself around each tiny crevice, as the face would cackle and make it so. Unevenly spent time in it would make them appear lost. Costly, even, should you be made aware. Despite the great assault not being ready and the mere fact that it would fail, Agamemnon turned it back, erasing a piece of its head, unable to continue so, to break the siege, as it would know the complete crushing of the universe. 'It turned around before it could see us. ' 'There might still be hope for us. 'Winged and chosen, between a piece of death and the living, bold and lost, throdden by the fact that neither of them could tell what it felt like being alive, they continued the progress, for the assault. Marching forth, as the living ship began making the preparation for the twisted crystals to be called into action. 'But where had he gone? ' 'Who now? 'It felt wrong. But neither of them remembered the dark magus that had been a necromancer. Instead, he'd been lost, eaten at last, as it would be revealed that in front of the siege, a new leader stood apalled, a lapplander's head who had stricken the side and the broth of the ship, readying it for the strike to begin. Inflated to the point where he had taken on the very piece of the front, he stood there, wondering whether or not he was to be called again, for reasons he alone would tell. 'We shall obey your every command, as long as you say it. ' 'Just say the word and we shall pray to do the best. 'Some spoke, behind the windows spares, being looked down by his giant eyes and the strange apperance he had led aside. It was a wonder tha he didn't give out just then. By sheer exhaustion, it couldn't be told, what the reason for drawing onward came to. With what was fair, this wasn't going anywhere. For what seemed to be the resistance, so far, faded. Less than expected, though it was. Worst of all, as it could possibly be, was the need for hedonism which had arrived. Despite the obvious attempts to repel the need, it felt like it tried pushing in. Less demented, as he had looked, the Lapp was largely misunderstood. He may have looked out of place, and in some way, he was rather off spot, but instead of drawing in himself, he spent the time recollecting the information more than he would've brought back. It should not be that numb. Crimson clouds followed through. As far as the border was crossed as followed, repugnancy be stilled. Siskelot could face nothing any longer. Dark hope still remained. He urged his body to produce as much mud as he possibly could. For the same

reason through which he wanted to make himself taller, the others were plain on it. Cutting it short wouldn't be enough, even by looking at it. Time was not only limited, but the adversary would make himself appear sooner or later. As if it would matter first and foremost, he was greeted there. It would be hard for him to be satisfied otherwise. In all fairness, this venture didn't lead anywhere. There was a dead end which hadn't been. For whatever reason, everything felt dull now. I couldn't look forward any longer. What was the point of trying to get away? So many false leads lead to the most obtrusive places. It would not only be dangerous to assume there was a way out but foolish as well. At every turn, through every means. Perhaps it would be better for everything to be brought to a stop. For whatever purpose that might last, there was one way out. A single means of getting by, without trying to make too much of a case. Aleksey still remained there. He was trying so desperately to understand the circumstance that got him there to begin with. It was only now that he had been made aware, of the trees of Nyliamoure, who had come out of their way and started passing through the words of estrangement. Locked though he may be, it would be clear that he was to be given a peace of mind. 'What are you drowning your sorrows for, Aleksey?' 'One of the trees asked. Multiple tones only came as long as they would be called, living through the only reason it would go off. 'They are dead, Aleksey, there's no way for you to save them all. You need to get outside and make it so at least one of the Dinas survives. 'There was a hard task ahead of him, whether or not he wanted to admit it. Based on a remorseless scope, he thought he could plunder as many feelings around the matter as he could bring himself to. Generation after generation after Dina showed as much prowess as she had. Before the hemorrhage had taken her into the travel, before the sticks dissipating inside the ground, Aleksey had come out, calling. 'Is there no way out? Back to the village where I had come from?' 'You must've assumed that this would happen. 'How did he even know that? There were no ears in this underground garden of his. Without a way to know, he expected the worst, as if it would be a matter of saying. 'Just walk off. 'I will. 'But he had assumed he had done it so out of his own volition. No other reason would suffice either. He wanted to hope that she was there, somewhere, anywhere where he might be. In a burrow he could dig in or some similar place he could travel towards. It would be imprecise, though he had expected that it was for that reason that he found himself alone, shaping the plains with mere signals from his mind. And for that alone, he never returned, since he had known that the giant molders were that of theirs, his only friends he had known of there. Now, the whole crossed out pace was done for. It couldn't have been the light alone, the reason for it being gone. Even saying it otherwise wouldn't suffice for what was going on. A lightning hit and with it came the night. He knew this had been him whiffing away, from smoking a plume. The dark would swoon as it came to him. 'I have managed to raise some buildings. 'Not by yourself. Be careful now, there is no way to recreate them. And this alone is a reflection of Konstantin, not of yours. 'He wanted the sky to look like the sea, but shallower, like a bleak oil painting that would reflect what he felt then. For the same reason for which it would last, he accosted the perilous danger that came with him at last. A few cats were outside, followed by their long stretching backs. It was noticed by him, but he had admitted it there. 'I've done this. 'You should be aware that there are worse things coming their way, don't make the same mistake as we have, or else you may find yourself gotten rid off. 'From their backs, all elasticity unlike any other started giving in as the shallow forms started drawing them forth, into the farthest reaches of the rock-doves. A dolomite of less surroundings came to be. It would've been much easier to be plain. There was joy and pain and most importantly, a way in to give up. 'I could wait and die here

and no one would miss me. If only I had the only way out. 'It was improbable that he would be heard not. Whatever remained of him would be brought back to a snippet of hurt. He was sober after all. It was a joyless disease he couldn't take himself back from. It felt likely to be something akin a riddle or some puzzle he couldn't hope to possibly surpass for some reason. He was trying to swim in a sea of sorrow, without someone to share it with. This choice may not have been the greatest one yet, instead, he walked in his own boots, unable to bring himself to a stop. There would be a long way for him to walk upon. Shaking off the rust off, burning the buildings down after he had just created them. Less than likely manifold, caught between the act of going on a tangent relating his younger days. When he had been but a man, lost for the time being, yet unable to comprehend what was missing from there. 'May I be allowed to leave now? If only for a little while, I promise I'll return as soon as I had my ride. ' 'It's not be allowed yet. Absence from this place might mean you may never return as you have been before. And for that reason we shall keep you here, until the change occurs. 'Without an explanation, there'd be no way to make him truly caught off the fence. In a trance form which he couldn't move away from. Flaws couldn't even remove anything from what the Lidden-Middens have become. Somewhere in the distance, beyond the world that had belonged to the drunk, this was to be the last key in defining the way into everything around. A land of peculiarity which was devoid of bland emotions, twisted and curled in the most peculiar forms there could be. Where the crumbling stones, the land of woes couldn't fit at all in the acres, there would be nothing more fitting then all of the defenders. Everything would be placed there for no reason at all. Nothing could remain whole, unless you carried on somehow. It was likely that there was something much worse going forth. For all the reasons he could think of, the blotched hatch still found a way of discontinuing what was to be a blocked way out. For all the world had been encompassed by a great shell which would be ingraciously upwell. Unable even to continue and push ahead, through the midst of a dreadful end. 'I see that you're still keeping everything locked. ' 'For what reason would you find it important to bring it up now? ' 'You're the head Magnificer, are you not? I see how obvious you are to the fact that you're caught by the antics of being alive. Even as much as you could fashion yourself in the most precacious manner. After many centuries of working on the highest inclined podium, you've not only grown in size, but you have also acquired what appears to be an intrusive way of being. Leeching off the minerals around it, just observe now. 'He brought with him a great mirror which would be kindly used for this sole reason, to show him just the extremes he had gotten himself into. Otherwise, this could be nothing but pitiful for the obvious thing. 'Ah, I see. 'Spoken with a serpentine tongue, it was obvious that he hadn't been alive for ages. For the highest peak of his body was brass, largely pushed aside with the spires that carried on from his back. More so, there appeared to be a degenerating awe that drew in the light, making him seem unable to carry on by himself. Supported mostly by the life-machines, he would stand there forever. Or at least until he was no longer considered fitting to be left so, now, to look upon his robe would mean that one would notice where the brass was thin. There, in a single degenerating or melting cut, one could see the tonal change in the bones that he had displayed at last. Ingenious even, to the point of watching, it would be stark to assume that he could be saved. 'You're a wreck of the past. I have come to realise that as well. Perhaps like would've been much better if there was a way for you to discontinue your research. ' 'I have been named the head Magnificer for a good reason, you know? It was because of my destiny being forlorn to the fact that I was bound to know something of the life here, beyond the shell. After spending so many centuries somehow,

I've come to realise that I'm yet to have found out anything about them. Everything unwell past the walls and not only that, but I feel as if their lives ought to come back and return to bring us what we lost upon the schism the land has suffered. There are tiny markings on each side, spreading as far as one could have the time to fully encompass himself into them. You may not know it yet, but they tell of everything that had been, ever since the beginning of time, where it was much more obvious to our ancestors that there would be a better way out. 'And what do these marks say exactly? That war had worn our people? As if we haven't been aware of it by now. Perhaps that our generals had activated the generators that ripped out many connected worlds apart?' 'I don't know, that's the matter of the fact. I can only read from the embedded pieces that describe where they were. Somewhere in the past, everything was lost. You know it started from only one spot before degenerating and spreading ahead, right? There couldn't have been a better route to look on ahead, right?' 'I would suppose it to be so. But what does that have to do with your time spent here all alone?' The great Magnificer revealed a second side of him which couldn't even be remotely pushed on, it dragged on and on as he drew aside some of the brass in his chest, until the very point where he had given way for some pain to be had. He had brought himself way too close to the disease of brass. 'Look at them, these were just like yours, once beating, breathing and pumping. They've all stopped now but I remain. Soon I think that all the time I had spent here will soon be rewarded. For everything I've ever done, for my research and the times I thought I would be lost if I weren't paying enough attention. I think my direction leads towards the outer rims of the shell, where I shall join the others as well as I can. 'And what if you're wrong about it? What if you'll find yourself trapped in a universe just like you are? I need to deliver this great information to the general information. Otherwise, we'll all stand at risk of being encompassed by it if we followed in your footsteps. 'But you needn't worry at all. As everything will be resolved by the time I shall be gone. Worry not for that reason, as I have decided that I am never to return to my home. What visions came to me whilst spending my life here had revealed that, once I shall be fully encompassed by it, there would be no reason for me to ever be caught returning here. If I may show any guilt for having left this place, I shall be in great peril as well as. 'We, we shall be put in danger as well. And I think you've more than realised that fact alone. Perhaps you must've realised that there's no way we could deal with such a great betrayal. 'He approached with a great desire to break him. Despite both the Magnificer being in good terms with the Diplomat, he was more than aware of what his quest meant to him. Not only so, but there was only one way to know. Not only was he threatened by this, but it was simply out of question, whether or not he could be gotten rid of as easily as the claim could come. By no means was he defenceless either. Despite barely being able to be sustained by the machines, he still had access to some tools around him. 'I think you're bluffing. Perhaps those devices are the only ones keeping you alive. What do you think it might happen if I were to remove the cables that are connecting you to them?' 'Suppose your claim is true. In that case, you'll kill me and your problem will be done, without even getting your hands dirty as well. Bravo, good sargent, caller of defence. I suppose one life is worth taking if it means destroying any chance of change. 'That's not the type of change that's needed and you know that more than I. What you're doing here is blasphemous and it goes against the principles, with which we began. Have there not been peace despite the fragmentation? You who had stood the highest of us all should know that there's little to no hope for us if we were to open our gates for an invasion. We rely on the very fact that we've been forgotten by our descendants. 'And what if we were not?' Asked the great

Magnificer, as he started backpeddling in order to get out of his way, while still holding everything in hopes that he wouldn't be completely removed out of the life-hopes. It was truly a test of chance, whether or not he wanted to admit it, he couldn't figure out what was the reason for him still being alive. Either the tools or the brass, tool or brass, tool or brass, tool or brass. It kept popping through his head. He was unable to tell or even think about it any other other way. Well, to say the least now, he was unable to defend his stance. Would he jeopardise them all? Why not? It was on his mind, and after all, the Diplomat was right. Everything below them, underneath the platforms, the stages and the other legged standers addressed one great problem, the fragmentation. Everything, down from the beings, the creatures, the plains and the plants were unconnected for some reason. To put it this way, there would be giants made out of pieces that were largely detached. Yet for some reason, everything was still being kept together despite there being no reason whatsoever for this to be the case. One could see where this problem spanned from as much as he could understand that there wasn't a way to remediate it. Problems of these kinds couldn't be quickly fixed. More so, this curse, as it could be called wouldn't be resisted for long. 'And you have fallen to it just like everyone here who has remained. Can't you see that there's no way out of this unless we get help?' 'So it isn't about your desire for exploration any longer, it's about getting help now? What is it with you, Magnificer? Can you not make up your mind or have you fallen so deeply that you started believing your own lies?' He kept trying to avoid the subject by whatever means he could. It was understandable at first, especially since there was still so much he could glance over. So many of them were trying to live their lives, large mammal-like walker that had their fure become predators of their own, only to end up being double-headed, drawing ahead. One of its legs started showing features akin to some primate-like breed, that only drew on to become something of its own. Sometimes pieces of some land became reanimated as well as everything out there stood chance to repeat the same reanimation process. It couldn't even be believed any longer out of the mere fact that this had no reason to happen at all. Many were clueless and cruel. Societies were otherwise broken or abandoned. Giant mechanical units rested with no bottom parts, now changed into the most peculiar dens for the lower savages to come in again. 'Can't you see it happening already? If we were to break the barriers somehow, we could achieve a perfect union that might last. We could finally give in and terraform our world just like in ancient times. Just like the scribes had written on the shells. That's the reason why we're affected by it. The entire universe was once filled by some outer organisms that started creating everything around them. But in that process, they began crushing each other apart, eating one another raw as their rage continued past the stars. It was because of them that the world had been created and for the same reason, it's because of them that it had been destroyed. 'And that's what you want of it now, right? Can I at least get it right for me to understand the reasons behind your transgression. You want to bring them back, during an age where no living being could lay without being a fragment or a piece of this malignitude that occupied everything right? What would happen to us in that case? How might we still be alive? What of everything we have ever achieved?' 'You said it yourself, dear Diplomat, it would all be lost. For the same reason we're both here as well, I think your curiosity and search for an alternative has delivered you back to me. What you may not realise yet is that we might eventually be completely broken into pieces until the point where we would all face complete annihilation. Is that not a reason enough to avoid the destruction of all life? For so many living beings out there would give everything they have just for a chance to avoid succumbing to that fate. 'But what if you're wrong about it?

You've only known this life up here for far too long. It's impossible to know what might happen if we were to take our needs and try fixing it. 'My dear Diplomat, I cannot stress it hard enough that it's pointless to argue now. I know now that I had no need of the life-support device any longer for the same reason I came here to begin with. In my search I have managed to reflect upon my decisions as well as I could look on that of yours. They had all managed to waste their lives, though not by choice, by the mere fact that they existed in the state they were all in at the beginning of this strange experiment life had been. I cannot even stress how awful a life like this would be. Spent unruly in a world where nothing seems to matter, where we would revert to our last vestigial instincts before succumbing to death. That isn't a fate worth sharing with anyone, so I would assume to it. And for that I suppose, it's worth it, you know? Risking everything for one piece of living, for that spark which made us start creating in the first place. 'Before he could stop it, in order to find out more, the Magnificer pulled out the rubes out of his chest, showing himself slowly be pulled up against the shell. Slowly yet thoroughly he was being drawn, without leaving as much as a single mark where he would land. 'I shall leave now and make way, towards a greater place. If life managed to survive out there, I think there might be a chance yet for us to avoid the great stagnation and the complete destruction that is to follow on our sides. Otherwise, if my plan somehow plains, there would be nothing more to add and I will have resigned out of my position and existence. 'He spoke without a single shiver. Slowly, he was being drawn as if through some hole, becoming nothing else but brass particles never to be seen again. Where he had gone, he stood there, resting, unable to understand what had happened or what he might tell them down there. What could he tell them now, in any case? Since most of them weren't even there to begin with, this would be more than obvious to the case that, neither of them would keep their structural being long enough for him to arrive. It was pointless to hope them, more so as he waited. Not even more likely to be told, he couldn't be wasted in the peaks. Admist the agony that swallowed him. For each piece of metal that kept on, there was another rubbing off in the wrong direction. Not only as the key to leaving the place, being there for the reason his mind hadn't gone away, but he chose to wait. And as he had, there came the realisation taht there wasn't any way out. Not a single miss or hit, not a bloating reason to come it. Drawing to the world out of the rifts, where nothing would matter as long as they would reach their feet. 'What happened? 'Alan rushed inside Charles' room after he had heard him awaken with a shout. It was his wild nervousness which gave in the most unnatural dream he had. 'Alan, you wouldn't believe what I had seen. 'His eyes were wide for that very moment. He wasn't there in the same room with him for a great reason as well. It couldn't be told what exactly happened as the ache began all around his stomach. The smell of acidic garlic pushed through his nose. IT was hard to even realise that he was visited just that night while he had been alone. As if the face that bore the skull hadn't been enough, the warrior drew out and instead of him, the swollen image of the Magnificer came. He hadn't wore his brass armor, instead he wore himself in a tan of colors, the skin of an elongated figure that bore no resemblance to the human beings. No apparition either, as he simply touched and crushed the lamp around his room as he entered it. Without even realising what was wrong, there would only be a reason for him paying so much attention to him in the middle of the night. 'I bestow upon you some of my memories. With these I hope you will do better than I have ever done. My journey is over before it had even begun. 'Lain in waste, his robe of masses wouldn't prevail. Tatters even like the remains of a skin-crushing travel, he decided to embark on the ravel of woe. 'With these I can only hope you shall manage to out-do what I have done.

Where I have failed, you shall bring victory to what I have started. 'And as he was done opening his maw, from inside of him, a living kind of air began travelling through me, feeding the rightful information I needed to begin with. With the means of praying, the abstinence was done with and I could sleep again. My mournful gaze had fallen then as I had told the man who lived in the same apartment as I. 'I need to get out as fast as I can. We need to get out!' Followed through this sudden embrace, we followed through the door. 'How pointless it appeared to be. He had achieved nothing in his venture, other than the colors of languish. He was bent and ebbd by it, just outside, where he found the only way he could trust his companion, as if it would matter, it would come from his search. 'Slow down already, I don't know where you're taking us. 'It made no sense whatsoever. But it was time for the past age to go back into britting. Way less than some guile was shown. For whatever reason, we all gathered in the same spot.

As if it would matter. It was unfixable, a gap in the mind he had assimilated instead of trying to reason it out. Because of it, as much as he could tell, he found himself trying again and again to no avail, to get into the circuit that mismatched. Glory to the signals, near the long-watch standing a few kilometers away from where he landed. While he wouldn't descend from that point again, he chose the next additional step, going out of his way to find a way inside. 'Alan, I know this might be sudden, I know it might make no sense, but I want to hit me in the head, just hard enough to make a dent on it. ' 'Why would I do this now?' ' 'Trust me on this. I have a bad feeling about it and I can't stress just how important this is for me. 'Despite this request being somewhat outlandish, he proceeded to do just so. It wouldn't even work the way he had intended it to. Without a reason, this somewhat peculiar request would end up doing more harm in the long run. Broken even to the point where he had to rely on the strangers to do his biddings. 'I haven't seen you before. 'Charles wouldn't have been able to reach this far on his own and this was no miracle he could think of. Despite what he asked, he still found it hard to find a flaw. Raw bones still caressed his side, to the point where the train he left behind started drooling. Whilst looking in the back, to him at least, it looked as if the entirety of the bunker had been finely transformed into a passage, with everyone being either part of the walls or not there at all. Only his good friend Alan was there, completely encompassed in some funny alloy that prevented him from moving. He stood there, frozen and unable to do a thing. Not only would he try pushing it through but he felt likely to show some signs of drawing away. Not in that kind of way. But he was reserved, even to the point where his glowing eyes stopped emitting their peculiar glowth, revealing the complete state in which he was. Like some automaton, unable to heed his strange movements within the nearest corners he could approach, he tried suffocating the nearest two dimensional trapped neighbors out of some sick or maniacal whim. It was disturbing, just as a mere fact, that he was not only unaffected, but he would be strangely represented as a defect. A watch-uniform started waving back. As Charles turned, he realised that it wasn't worth running, not from Alan but from the cretion of blood which needed to draw closer to him for some reason he couldn't explain with his own thought. It would be much easier to explain the clunkiness of his knees and that fact that it wouldn't suffice for him to go on. Not only that, but it would be harmful to think of it as anything other but a weakness he displayed. It would be much harder to convey something as the simpletons showed. Depite this passage being thin, well, not as much as it would at least allow a few people to stand near one another forming a line, but it would be hard to contemplate on anything else but it. Seething would be pointless and unexplainable as well. Just looking at it made him feel unwell. Every building had stretched towards the top of the ceiling. Which, again, it shouldn't have been there, for no other

reason could call it back, bringing nothing to fruition. An admirer's woe came there. It was unexpected and displaced or thrown from a locker of some kind. But Charles took a few seconds to look at the love letter, as he understood what he was talking about. Brittany was the name written at the end. Quite unnerving, having a second touch, as one would have to snatch it there. Yet, it would take too long of a time for the watch-guard to come. He could only listen to the sound of the lover as if he had written in before. 'My dear Brittany, how much I miss, the time that had taken me to find you, as the promise faded, you never came back. I still think of you to this day, even though my mind is ill and I'm desperate to do anything right. If only I had just the time, to make as little as I could set it right, perhaps there'd be no trouble there. And I might even be aware of a way of I might still be with you. For now I wait, like a foolish lot, never to come back from where you left me at last. 'Just looking at the handwriting made him realise how atrocious it was. There wasn't a single way he could explain the awfulness it seemed to bear. He wasn't of the same cut, about a credence that had been about. He wanted to turn on the jukebox as well, as well as he could acknowledge the fact that this passage had become something so great and magnificent that he could see the lights from the various appartments, and the other things that made him think of the quaint time he had spent inside. All because he wanted to get a tiny bump across his head, which prompted him to check it. 'Alan, you blasted man, you forgot to punch me in the head. 'Despite being blood there, the despot understood. It didn't belong to Charles, as well as the spectre dissapeared as soon as he observed the fact. Brought to him, he wouldn't care. Unlikely to be called, he wouldn't be there for far too long. 'Citizen-man, I need you to give me your post. 'Charles started rummaging through his pocked, trying to pick as something, as much as he could do. It was highly unnerving, just thinking of a way through which he could do it. Yet, there was nothing but some kind of derangement which made him think. What does he truly want from him? Should I sing and dance for whatever fate he wants to pass on me? What if I were to refuse? 'No, I think I'll keep the post to myself, there's no need for an identification here. Not since you cannot even pin-point where I live, can you? ' 'I suppose I cannot, but that's irrelevant isn't it? I can see it on your clothes now, you're from this sector. ' 'And what If these clothes aren't mine? The way I see it, they could've been left outside and picked up by anyone here. ' 'Yet they weren't. 'And that's where the promblem stamped itself past the point where it didn't matter whether or not he had been right. About this issue, a few others emerged, trying to get over the fact that this search was unsoltcited. 'You're not acting civil. 'Charles was apalled, he didn't understand what he wanted at all. It was an one on one conversation at least, for the ver few moments they had spent in each other's presence, there was no restraint which prevented him from freely speaking as well. Neither feeling would prevail for long, over the hedge. It could draw on for as long as it was necessary to guess that he wasn't interested in sparking a conversation with him. Both of them appeared to be too bored for this, as it would be called, a routine check. He even brought a small pack of notes he had been carrying around with him all day. For this officer to somehow act civil, there would be a problem with showing some kind of compassion for some who appeared to be so. Out of himself, as that was the only way his experience could be described. 'Round the watch-tower he went. 'Come with me. 'I followed through. Without showing as much of a contradiction between the spades, I had been a man out of himself, a snail no longer. Unable to realise just what was happening here, I kept walking in circles. Desiring even, something which had completely overcame me, of a conversation. I wanted to be heard for the first time and move ahead for no other reason than that. To socialise

despite having spent too much time alone inside my insidious apartment. 'I should've been able to call it, you know?

Somehow, I think I have. Perhaps it stems from my short trips outside which allowed me to see the world being portioned into my room. Or I stood too much time in it that everything started looking exactly as it should.

'Everything was spat into place, as would I. This couldn't be anything but an atmospheric trance I had been set in. As the jukebox finally started playing some kind of jazz music, which changed the mood, the lower staircases began being lowered down, making me feel well about what was to come. 'Go now, I'm supposed to be taking you in for the interrogation. Do you understand? I cannot fathom looking away if you're about to make an attempt to escape. My colleagues wouldn't stop teasing me for that reason alone for as long as I can stand a guard. ' 'Don't worry, I'm going to do my best to make it feel like you got me out of your own prowess. Nothing should change as long as we're paying some heed to it. 'Backwards people, that's what they were. Up there, as soon as we came, everyone was turned around, but not with their backs. Only their heads were pushed onward as if they were placed on trays and offered for a diner. Their bodies were just as twisted, their legs crossed and the arms were pushing back. It couldn't be excused any longer, just showing some kind of admiration for the uselessness they showed.

Some tables were tied to the ceiling. Every Dictaphone was rewinding speech over and over in the wrong direction, going backwards, skipping tracts. And worst of all, even the coffeecups began levitating in the air. Each drop would do nothing else but push away. To say the least, the angst was unearned there. He felt unwelcome for some reason since one invited him to the table; they were too busy walking on walls. Without delay, they spoke of little tongues gnawing at the windows, trying to deceive the ones who thought they had been wronged in some way. It was much worse to admit the faults that brought them here in the first place. For a short while they decided to play games. As soon as the hatch closed and the staircase suddenly disappeared from sight, it got much easier getting to know them.

'New comer, you're a new comer. '

'But I've lived here for a long while. I'm not actually new. '

'That's now what he meant. I'm Jack-Ham-Four Blue by the way, it's a pleasure to meet you. '

He would be called Blue from now on. Obvious orders would suffice for the time being. Insufficiency aside, it would be much clear that no one was there for the full ride. They were waiting for the nearest chance to overcome them. That way they might actually come to get away and leave through the windows that were forming around the tower. Despite the existence of a few others that were nearing their use, these small fractions of hole would serve as their intergoers, drawing them in like air-hatchling set to flight, or bullets that would be shot. 'Catch this. 'A few marbels had been dropped in his hand. It was hard to catch them, but he had done it with much more ease than he expected. Despite that he wanted more, like a voracious person who couldn't have had himself thrown, perhaps lost, even to the touch of many, clearly cut from a grander piece. He tried to reason why they were laughing. 'They're eggs you fool and now they're hatching. 'Startled by them, he dropped all the hatchlings on the ground, seeing them spread inside of it as they ran about the place. Like plaques of red, carpented by the whole armoa of dread they produced. It felt uncanny, jousting against them and leaping out of the way. In the short shapn of their lives, this entire place felt as if it belonged to them. And for that reason alone, he thought of nothing else but trying to scratch

at the windows like some cat in heat. 'Don't try it, they won't work. And the hatch below only opens when someone's making a lot of noise. ' 'Then why aren't you making noise?' Charles said indignantly, as he couldn't even fathom the instability of this place. Sharper things came into the tail of his eye. 'Look out now, they're being worn. And when that happens they would stop at nothing until they're getting a shot at their host. ' 'But I'm not. ' 'Come on, entertain them, dance or be stung. 'He could barely stand. It was impossible to resist the spice of their appearance, the scent drawing near, the thought of boiling and eating them being on his mind. If anything, he had either been dazzled by their speed, or trying to hump at his feet. Regardless of the preciseness of what he's done, it was time for him to mess around. Charles took the initiative they all wanted him to take. Though they may have been caught by the need to drink and to push themselves past the ink, now they paid attention, curiously wanting to see what was going on between. Not only had he danced for them, but it was obvious that he wanted them gone. Farther away that it he should've done it, now came the time for a choice. Would he leap here or there? A few paces away he could almost see their motions to the point where he had almost lost himself. If he had picked the wrong side, he would only end up losing a toe, perhaps more. For that reason he was weary of waiting, of wondering and being guilty for what he'd done. It was necessary for him to believe that this place was his home now. Caught in the manifestation of a place he had wanted to run to. 'There, you missed me you tiny ravagers. Angry, angry, tiny ravagers you are. 'With every missed sting they became annoyed. So much, in retrospect that they began smoldering with rage, it was a fool's errand to try annoying them, especially since there was almost a great chance they could get really aggressive. Extremely so, to the point where even the other members of the watch started getting up in order to twist everything back in place. 'You'd better grab something and hold as hard as you can. 'Said Blue, with as little of an idea of what was going around as he himself hadn't known. It was rather fast, the way in which everything twisted and he ended up on a floor of glass. 'I told you to hold it. 'Into place, they made it closer, drawing near, trying to make it for a strike. IT couldn't be thought as an attempt, but a failure at his life. Stings missed his neck by a mere set of inches that came as adjacently as they would. Had they only come it rows, it would've been much easier to prevent them from coming forth. Danger was alerted. Their heads started producing the light. 'Crotten-Barthollomew-Five-Zero-Clue, grab something now and make this place stop. 'It was neither the place nor the time to ask about it, but I could almost feel myself being blown away by their unique control of the surroundings. As strangely compact of a place as this had been, it was obvious that they were almost lost themselves on the whim of a single man. 'We should reconsider what we're doing here. ' 'Not a single word. 'By the looks of it alone, they had plenty of unwary contraptions they should've accounted for. It was noon now, despite everything accounting for a different hour. Perhaps it should've been better by now. After all, no one dared complain for as obvious reasons as they could spare themselves. It could be more likely that they saw themselves unfit them. Just because the dazzle which had occurred twisted the hatchlings into place. 'That should take care of them. Now, Charles, if you don't mind me saying, would like to join us for a cup of coffee? It's on the house of course, if you don't mind the steam. 'Vaguely threatened he came near. Never had he realised just what the implications would be like. And for that he simply joined in. Now he felt well, for some reason. After walking with the same defiance they had shown, it got much easier to throw them around and pass the sugar, right in place. Milk would be used as well as he could stand. But he had been invited to sit, and it hadn't been all she wanted from them. For as long as they

would stand it, there would be better ways to express but. It felt like he had been served a drink from heaven. It was unlike anything he had before. The taste was magnificent, the backwater inside the cup bore a fragrance which couldn't be compared. To him, this restless hope had only come back for a few more seconds before he had joined them again. Wondering just what might go outside again. He couldn't feel anything going through his stomach any longer. For the few minutes he had looked, he noticed a great deal of things happening outside. If it were for him to describe what happened to the spectre which had followed him, he'd only think of a vague river's mist that started flowing and drawing away into the air. Without the fair chance to look into it, he resorted to thinking of a way out.

'It's pointless. 'Blue said, while he had looked into it as well. Without telling, they all shook a single sight, they stared at him with deep gazes, trying to make him stop. Clearly, neither of them wanted to withhold it from him. It would not only be interesting to know, but it went as well to show that they were all cutthroats as heart. And neither of them would be as reluctant as to show that they could backstab one another if the chance came to arise. Plenty but less, it would distress them if they even considered showing up after the dark. 'The sleeping hour is near, I hope you're used to doing it on the floor because there are no beds in here. ' 'No beds? No covers either? But what am I supposed to do in case it's getting cold outside. How could I even show remorse to what's happening if there's. 'If there's even a chance I could get out. Everyone turned. Would this citizen find a way out before them? And on his side, Charles thought about it for a second. Just how many other people like him had come here to begin with? It was truly hard to know or guess at. Just now, he had considered whether or not there would be a way for him to pay less attention to it and know. Just what matter of business were they performing after the dark would show? A silent law came into question, an unspoken rule. No one made a single noise, nor would they speak of what came next, oh joy. Strange lanterns started coming in. Yet the lights they produced were illumescent-dark, which could only be seen by those who touched and held them at last. But the lights didn't reveal what lay inside the room, just a few centimeters from it, that reflected on the bodies of their holders. Creating the useless deranged effect, the reflection of what would creep inside them, if that were the case. It was a strange feeling, a violation of the body. Yet this had been endured by a few. The longer they held the strange lanterns, the more they would be revealed, until they could see through their own clothes, then the skin, afterwards, the muscle, the bones, so on and so forth, until there would be nothing. One of those lanterns came into the hands of Charles. He had considered the reason behind him staring into the abyss and the reason behind him never letting go of it. He could see why the others were reluctant to warn him. Clearly, as it was called, this was his initiation. As clear as there was, the passage was all his. Alan walked, slowly caught off and blown by some bits that were spread around him. Despite the thrashing of the walls, he tried deciding what the reason for it was. Not only had he not been a part of it, but he couldn't understand why there was such a huge structure stuck there. It stood up, poignant to the point where it looked as if it tried pushing through the ceiling, breaking some of it off. Clearly that hadn't been the way. It looked vaguely caught, brought to some fruitless conquest, pointlessly he walked. He hadn't a voice. Instead, he shone the point of a double-sided flashlight through his eyes. Like ciphers looking for someone, he inspected the nearest peg he could land his hands around. Only then had he noticed just what had become of him. Without a proper explanation, he missed on far too many things, because of his decision to stoop low on the reactions. It was unfair, they weren't there. No one guilty enough could spare the wares. All of those ingracious bastards would hide inside flat walls. Unable to get back at him, as he

simply jagged a tiny spike latched at the edge of a lost boot. It was a complex yet slightly intrusive procedure. For the same kind of interest that lay ahead, he dragged it over far too soon. He had looked out of the shingles, with the stars all alinged, placed in the most unexpected corners he could try his hands on. With as little initiative as could be involved, there was the need to draw along the curb. His fingers met the metal case and as soon as they were able, they had been lost somewhere. He tried compensating for his loss, without a care for the fact that his hands were never to be used again. Reason need not apply. Apalled by the fact that there wasn't any other way he could touch anything without risking a further loss, he chose the only decent thing, that being, going forth. Unknown to him, as much as it could be guessed, he had undertaken the task bestowed upon him by Charles. Who, he himself was nowhere to be seen. In some better days, he could've sprint through the passage, but now he felt far too heavy to do it. In order to even attempt something similar, it would take him more time to think around. Just by this mess of turn, this muddle of networks he had been lead to, he failed to understand just what reasons would there be for them to be sliced together right in front of his eyes. Momentarily, despite the quickness in which it had been gone, there was nothing as clear as that. An illustrated hall of gaping wounds-like slits of people went in, being closely deformed and long-legged as they mourned for their many losses. It was much harder to focus on them by default as everything else forced him to take notice of them. He had just witnessed what he had longed for so long. There were fewer things that appalled him there. Just by judging by the details in the crossed-out lanes that brought themselves near the band. His legs felt much lighter as they were dragged farther than they should've been called upon. Now, to claim it as it were, he was out there for a good reason. With the departure of the good-fellow, he had less than a few alternatives to make a change to what was going on around him, being struck into the body of a tourist. Left alone to a venture which needed no guide and no one to tell him he was wrong. 'Hey you, stop there for a moment. Could you help me out with something?' 'The thing which spoke was flat up the the lips where a key-hole was placed. Unfortunately, there wasn't any door. Instead, a brick wall laid in place, pushing on as soon as it could be touched and scorned for no reason. Despite no obvious pointer, he knew what he was aiming for. A cigar near both of their feet, where they intersected one another, whilst paying no attention to their bad habit. Both of them shared it, or he had done it once in the past. Nowadays it was all over, as he had only given in to the fact that he would never have any finger placed. No touch for him, not even the kindest embrace he could dwell on. And it was much worse, considering the fact that he would've smoked it himself without delay. There wasn't an immediate response. He hoped he understood it, until he threw on a second look. Oh, right, his eyes were stuck in a single direction, looking forward. With a lunging buzzing, he couldn't do much, other than the weird way through which he had attempted to make something of himself. Short-way said, he had failed, leaving nothing but the illusion of movement as he was shaking in place. A tendency was there as well, though he couldn't do anything about it anymore. As much as there were others in need, searching for him in order to ask some favour, or some kind. 'Here, I need my hair-brush, I think I lost it somewhere. So, would you please step over and pass it to me now?' 'Woe, as much as it could be, had nothing to do with this choice. It was wrong for many a tides, less than it should happen as well as they could release their cries. Over the span of a few days there were some off-putting events that happened. In a circuit of eight, they went as far as they could occur for a few minutes at last. Night became day several times until the cycle could somewhat be over before it had even begun again. Now he wondered where did the one man with a key-hole in his

mouth gone. It was strange, simply admitting that he missed him somehow. Whilst trying to open his mouth, only the sound of intricate devices could be heard, unrelated to anything a human would make. It was a somewhat peculiar dead-giveaway that things were getting much worse from now on. The passage wasn't made to be traversed by anything other than human, which was the very case for what happened here. No lack of appeal would gloss over the transparency of the tin-case he was. Walking there made him uncomfortable from the outer-aspects of the spots.

Where sometimes he had remembered going around, yet there was no explanation how he knew or how he had gotten in that spot before he moved on. Everything was so limited, static, even, like paintings that were unrealised. Some ethereal plane was he in, that soon dragged him deeper than he should've been. 'You will have to go ahead and pick something for your friends. They'll be waiting near the mid-way point near the spot that was once your house, the horizon and that. 'That voice said too much. It stopped itself from giving way too much information that it should be expected of it. Moreover, it would be grainy, looking at the veiny plain there. He was out there, but unable to look away or question what their reason were. For that lone, over the fact, he had lost more than enough when it came to questioning him. What did he want from me? Sprouted from his mind, he had even commenced to probe around and feel everything around the place, in search for a way out. Luckily for him, there were fewer things that could still be tried. Less than would it be denied, there was the breaking of a nail which startled him then.

Suddenly he couldn't tell where he had been and who had seen him in that grith. It was more so probable that he wouldn't make any noises any longer, as he attempted to stave all of them off. Filled with the bitterness a mercury tongue, it happened. He had been stopped by Charles, made out of the same material at that. The two of them were alike now, just like they had been before, with one great exception which had been the fact that yet again he couldn't even move his limbs like he used. Unable to fully get used to this, he chose to point onward, towards the direction they would be drawn towards. Without a way out, to see, he was freely able to flee with him. Together lost, like toys of metal made by forgers of the dusk. Yet Charles had also remained in the watch-tower. Having spend the night and day, the various cycles which conveyed a certain level of frustration, he found himself unable to look on. Rather caught by the smell, he asked, if any at all knew of a way out. Again, they were unlikely to give an answer for some important reason. Why haven't they rushed through the stairs if there had been a chance for them to get out of there? 'It's obvious, or it would be, if you had spent a considerable amount of time here. Otherwise, from the looks of an outsider, we've been pointlessly standing here with nothing of our own. I say, you should reconsider your stance and the fact that we tried, we actually tried, time after time to get through. But only one at a time would be allowed to pass. Even for a short period of time, unless we faced the risk of becoming encased. Just like we used to be back then, when we were allowed to go wherever we pleased. 'It was the best time they could hint at. Before all the marches inside, everywhere outside being locked, to that, it should be duly noted that there was only one way to redeem the choices. Point taken so far, as for everything else, there wasn't any other reason to fret over or to look into, for as long as it took him, though, it didn't take him long enough until he started thinking about what life had been for him there. 'Watch me try making it for one of the long distance plumes. 'Wherever that may lead, it should be noted that, they were both at a loss. Blue and Charles. 'Out there. 'It was another intruder who made his way. He was depraved. Just by the aura underneath him, circling around, like an enveloping myrk that changed in shape at the sound of his command. 'Rise now. 'He spoke, and with him all the mad candles provoked him to begin again.

There would be no better satisfaction than trying to approve the ill. By the devices applied to his hood, he revealed only a few features before he retreated inside the nearest structures, if any could fall for it, that happened next. Yet he had something to long for. By the time he came back into the open, he had a scepter and a strange hose-like connector that went through his neck and body, everywhere around as well as it would be obviously seen. Without giving in too much, he had failed to the test of distance as the scepter started cackling at last. That had been a treacherous move, even for him. Not only had he been thrown off and lost, but there was something clearly wrong in the way it tried popping off its jaw behind the forehead. Somewhat attached by the brows and the nostrils, it started simply by attempting to draw away, pushing through the feistiness they were displaying out in the open. For now, it was hard to see why he was there at all. Him, who'd be a stranger, if anyone could call him. There was no spirit left in any of them. 'Of course I had seen all acting up, I dare say that there was no reason for the scrutiny I had received then. Even by their standards, I was there for a reason. Perhaps I hadn't exactly known or understood it but I could almost swear to it, the profane feeling had almost come to me now. 'Not to dwell for far too long on what would appear to be inductions of glucose, which turned him back to examining the place, but this had been out of question. For obvious reasons as well, he was trying to figure out where had the lantern went. Henceforth, the question arose, and as soon as it came, the faster had it disappeared before it could be tried again. Two more point of having known nothing better. It should be noted that they all gave a couple of different iterations of the same answer, leading him to believe that it was true after all. But how could it be? Though he had searched himself around the chest, there wasn't any saying as to where the marks might've been. If the lantern had indeed entered him, it would be more than obvious that he'd know it. 'It's already too late for that, friend. The lantern is not only gone but with it, so had the aspects which turned you into human to begin with. 'What do you mean? 'He means to say that the abyss inside of you has been completely filled with some loss. 'It was an even field, as much as it could be expected. There were lows and highs. Better than paying for any kind of tie, that he were, he stood there, looking at how easily they spent their time smoking. Even so vaguely interested into doing it again, but what had been that? Out there, in the waste, in the place where the passage hadn't even been there to begin with, they walked. Domed and struck, the cyborgs were brought to life, as one of the few good-dealing that could be had. It was only through this good experience that they could somehow be brought back to life, in a less expressive state. And each of them were trying to out-do one another in the fight against the strident plainers. Coming from the strangest places, widening as more of them approached with their high-pointed guns. From each side they struck metallic bolts that put the Stidens down. From as wide of carcasses and weird-a-masses as they could be held, it was obvious that they couldn't be held again. Not at a gunpoint, not to be released. Underneath their large plaster-like falling debris, nothing could be held again. It would be more tedious than anything, but they had to do it. 'Skin them alive. Our masters need to push them around and make sure everything is done with. 'It was costly on them. Just by looking as who joined them. A second apparatus of retractors came from their behinds. Within their forms, eight cyborgs and four androids could work towards making them full again. Despite what they consumed out there, it was obvious that underneath the armor, a living creature rested. More than that, there was something that needed to be said. Their armors weren't made out of the same cloth as theirs, but instead appeared to be bio-chemical, yet in some way looked like the insides of some pomegranates, all of which amounted for damage control. Nothing could get past them in order to penetrate them.

What would be even more awful than that, as it could be cleaned off immediately, was the need to put either of them away. It felt like there was an old memory there which couldn't be conveyed unless you took it off and relived it on the otherside. This was out of question, as much as it could be said. They were the Contol unit after all, armed with nothing other than their fists. 'Urrrumurrr. 'Grunting now as soon as they came into position, some indo-knowledge had been attained. Whatever they were doing there had nothing to do with the strangeness they showed to the others there. It would be much more likely to call of them as soon as they left the place. It would be more likely to find them disgraceful, as for the other kind of of perilous attachements they grated the place surrounding the victim gave them the feeling that they weren't wanted, nor needed either. It was a strange realisation that passed between them. Neither of them knew what to make out of it. But hey were standing there, grunting as if waiting. And then, it all paid off. Slowly, from their strange and disgraceful manner, something sprouted even longer from the body long defeated, a stalk-like rot that lighted their many succumbing spheres, until they had made it momentarily levitate in order to be pulled in. What came after was a need to bring on some suction to the ones hiding below. Though it had been largely unknown to most of them, this proceedure served as a long, largely extended root channel which led below, to the entrance of a ship where men and women could be used as they were pleased. Changed into some useful beings that were kindly to be reformed as fuel, well, at least those who weren't turned into food. As for the ailment they needed, this would do. With each appliance and each of strap, their voices could be heard as they beeged to be released at last. It wouldn't be forgiven nor forgotten, what had happened here. And for this reason they could be welcome to try again. Less than it should be accepted, they were whailing because they were in pain.

Thought demolators, demonstrators, units of the grunt. In reality, they had been the head pieces of the great leviathans which had been ripped apart and repurposed for this. Not unlike them, as it could be said, there wasn't a way out. Not while ratting each other inside the abandoned buildings taken in the name of the great gangs.

'Urrrurrrururrr ururrrurur urrrurur. 'Came the thunder, never seething, nor contending with the batterment they showed. As soon as the pieces of the giant creatures had been taken apart, the cyborgs and the few resentful androids started following them around. Everyone wondered about them for a good reason as well. No one could tell where they came from and why they took the lead so far. It was a chance for the better, a disease no longer, not an illness, the ailment be called. The sound-foam, it had been used for a good reason there. One of the only deliveries which had been carefully given by the Great Industry was lodged in some place only they knew the end off. It was much clear now, just what the purpose for it could be taken from the ground. Not only that, but they were playing favorites, exchanging glances of defeat. Cursory trying to get into each other's way, as both the machine-like hybrids were so different than one another. Clearly no one could be a winner, or lose as well as they might tell. Each of them could fel well for this one moment. 'Look now, as I have told you. We are of the Obsidian race, there's no rason to doubt me, I, Khelungresh Hunyr. Doubt me no longer for what I must call. 'Shame would be called back.

And for that reason alone, they were brought back to life. It was uneventful at first, how they spoke to the worst creations yet. Sculptures made out of the human-hybrids and the other jelly-like alloys that they could find around the planet. Despite the strangest courts they had, nothing had been decided yet, to be done about the being that had resided on the place where they defeated him. Call again, mourning in pain, there could be something to be done about it but not again. Some things couldn't be changed, no matter how one tried pouring himself it and dragging

over. For far too long had they taken pleasure into their shaping of material, only to be met now by the consecration they had made. All of the sculptures had now been just as likely to be alive than anything they could spare. It was more than obvious what they were after, just what they were looking into, and what the reason behind it might be. 'I shall start by removing a few pieces of him, rightly so. 'Far too many problems sprouted. It didn't feel like it would rain today. For the same Reason there was no one about the other site, there was no cloud and nothing approaching the nearest horizon. Though they had somewhat manipulated the weather with the high peaked tops they made, it hadn't been completely under their control. Other things got in the way, such as an immerusable need to deal with the aspects they created. Despite the obvious attires of dirt they wore, it was more than clear that they were not of the same breed as anything ever seen before. A glorious lack of hope still seeped in. Curioisty had been aroused way too often to be forgotten there. And when life had been thrown in the mix, they crept between their ranks. Even though they stood still and had no ability to communicate, they shook themselves and somehow gravitated towards the conversation despite the lack of obvious entried being shown. Abhorrent looks crept into them, especially during moody nights. When the stars alligned, they only appeared to be moving faster, yet in place, they made a lot of noise through their wind-tunnels, never after the dark. It was agony that was felt at last, by everyone watching and everyone disturbed. Without the need to show something for what was going there, not a single mass would stay. 'Not a single one should stay. We need to bring back the council and talk about this immediately. This issue can no longer be postponed or avoided for the obivous reasons that they shall soon devour us as soon as we let them. 'For the time it lasted, that was clear, nothing nearing the remarks had come to and end. Everyone was focusing on one thing or the other, the northern ones, the southern ones, until long, they had been surrounded, pounded into dust. Either of them could've extended their fingers thoroughly inside, as to sneer and leer their way through. Most of them were yet unable to do it properly, ending up creating more borroughs and more windpipes for them to make noise through. As flashy as it appeared to be, there was one important detail which hadn't been assailed yet. Despite everything spoken and said. Moving farther away from home, it was necessary to believe into something, as much as they were telling each other what was wrong. And whom was going away, into it. Disabled crooks had been met again. In the mouldering remaines of the creations brought back to play. It felt unnecessary to believe that what they were doing there was right. After all, they hadn't been exactly produced out of any kind of wool of any piece or tool. Instead they appeared out of nowhere with the sole reason to get to the brink of forming a road, farther away, more than it was needed. Past the necessary bulks and the wretched that brought about the only function they could wrap themselves around, it was obvious now. All of them were in it for themselves, never interested in hearing about one another's torment. Though they spoke in different tongues yet, it was obvious that they could push on and creep in, dealing with the lack of peace and the uncanny rythm of eating their way through each other in order to get higher towards the heights. From their dealings, it was more than obvious that not a single member of their clave could deal with the stress of slowly falling apart. Just as they were eating and forced to form a larged bridge for the others to crawl from behind, the way ahead could slurp in. Less from the falling, more from within, up until the cruel emphasis, luckless in wonder, the wind wasn't going to get stronger now. It'd be more than impossible to account for such a loss. Costly, even to the point where they had paired themselves with one another, making smoldering amounts of battering trots. Sprinting around each side of the canyonette they had remotely created, it was obvious

that they wanted something much better, less so. It could be needed and thrown away, to side and in the ride. Access would be denied, even to those who happened to be there for a reason. Largely, it had been, though no signs were seen, a problem into the decay. From the falling organic-debris that came out of them gave birth to mosquito-like kings. Archaic in the way they seemed to be growing, even remotely accessing the way left behind. Whereas their counterparts tried climbing, they would do the opposite. Instead, trying to get as far ahead, in the opposite direction where they might stay. And wait for something grander, a mouldering disaster to bring them back to the shouldering access. Into the least frustrating cutting press that waited for them to arrive them. As a remnant of a different time, to the tip of a dime, it had tried pushing on, clearly at a loss. IT would be much better to accept the entirety of their deal. Most of the flying clots would be smashed and forced inside the envelopes, manifested as blood as their forms were lost. From that point they would succumb, to the various nettling hands that dragged them on and pushed them through the porticullis, trying to get them as far as they might. In order to be read, they would have to be interpreted again and again. Until not a single one would do. And less than that, it went off. Likely left alone, they could destroy the planet on their own. At least that was the general consensus, for the time being. Wrapped around the broken seals, decrepit to no woe, furthermore, they would be stopping in order to aggrandise the fear. Everyone dwelled on it for the sole reason that some day it might come and haunted them faster than it should be said. With every strike from an Obsidian, the mountainous shaking statue would cause some organic pieces to fall. And from the nearest sides from where they'd hide, neither of them could perceive it again. When it came to it calling again, the voice stopped being heard. It could never go away. Wherever mixed with it would matter. Explain it, the thought came. Though it couldn't prevail entirely by itself, there was a time and a place for everything. And the more obvious it had become, the easier they would adhere to it. Without the care, they weren't there for too long. Not a single man chose to pay his fare. Obviously, fewer than usual, though they were inclined to it now. As worshippers were dully so, most of them taking it far closer home as they dug a can of worms that should've remained buried. Of course there was a good reason for it. I've come to the realisation that I didn't need it, any longer. Said the voice, with as much force as it could carry it with, feeling contempt for the first time. That was the last thing I heard coming from the ward, from inside the nuclear submarine. It was safe to say that everything inside it was a mess. For what would seem to be the last chance to achieve anything of worth, after this there'd be no looking back. Completely abandoned by them, without any human contact in months, it was the sole reason they could ever think off that came remotely close to showing. It wasn't a prison, a shrine would be more fitting for the undercurrent inside of the submerging cylinder. Dwelling too deep inside of it would mean that there was no way out. Ever since that lousy day when one of them climbed inside the later, they managed to crawl just about in every place they could find themselves in. A few of the inmates-disciples were startled by the very few tiny cockroaches that appeared out of tiny honey-amber beads that were spread about the place. Less interestingly, this could be placed only on them, for the sole reason that there wasn't any way out. There was pain in the gratitude they showed. More than a few reasons lay behind this choice, as some of them started pushing some of the amber poxes inside their mouths in order to prevent them from spreading. How long did that last? Of course it didn't last long. It didn't even last a few months before Malt left again. He felt inadequate for some reason or another, which prompted his absence initially, that culminated into him completely abandoning them. As well enough as it was, he had embarked on the

submarine, with his only desire being to get as far away as possible from the scene and from the plan. He wasn't virtuous, nor completely defeated, whatever that meant. He simply left. Without any kind of trace, he relied on the metal frame and scaled the place as he descended inside it whilst lowering himself down at the time they had docked around the surface. There wasn't any welcoming party there to greet him and most of the other men that were working appeared to be disinterested in him or the others. See now, they were in dire need of more hands across the place. It couldn't be thought as anything else. It was definitely something he didn't want to gloss over, as much as he wanted to think of it again. When have I left? He thought then, while mopping the floors. Of course, he hadn't received any training in anything else, but there was a real reason for that. No one complained about what they were given, and no one wanted to change a thing despite the obvious wonder at the lack of light. For those who came were nowhere near getting used to being this deep under the sea and most of them had no clear consciousness about it either. 'It was somewhere near Easter. 'The date was somewhere in the middle. And just about everything else was at a loss. It was less than clear what the reason for it were, or why they were pushing it on the deck either, but they were bringing a few oscillators to prevent the pressure from being released from the valves. Less likely that it would matter, there had been clear changes shown around, mostly around the walls, where it fell on them to show what was working and what wasn't. For the barrel-like protactors started pumping in, bashing the molecules in the air. Around them, a set of armor-like dark-ironed furnace had been pieced together, in order to make sure the heat prevented anyone else from interfering with it. No one seemed to like him there. It was a crude wake up to reality, which turned him backed in the way he had been prior to their meeting. He slept in a tightly shut room, with a bed-bunk mate he didn't want to approach. He didn't want to think of it any longer, hence he dreamed away. Eight levels below at least. Despite all the wrong turns now and all the delays, though the guest of honor wasn't there, for a short time, everything was well again. With all his flaws and defects, history and everything which made him who he was, it was there. He dreamed of it and never felt like he had been away from home. There would never be a time where he would look back and think of his past, for all the good reasons and the ones that had him do what he had planned. Broken dreams and shattered hope, he lost it all on his way home. His journey would take a long while to achieve, but at least the destination brought him back to the place that reeled him in. 'Drop it already, can't you see that I'm trying to check the batteries?' 'I know, I know but everything's gotten to repetitive already. Just admit it, we aren't actually the great engineers we thought ourselves to be in the first place. I mean, we've been trying to fix a broken piece of coal for how long now?' 'Eighteen months, I think, give or take. Perhaps it's better this way. 'They kept talking about the same thing, whilst popping a few of the tennis balls around the wall. Linings showed just enough of that for them to feed into it. Without the scores being settled again, it was clear. Sall wasn't going to bring himself back again. Despite everything they were trying to do in order to fix them, everything appeared to backfire for some reason or another. With little doubt to it, there was no reason to push ahead more than they could take and drag. If they even made too much of an effort, one of the higher ups would notice and the gates would open, the bars would lower and the candles would all fade away. Fire could spread, the metal could turn into the touch of natural biochemical emobodiments of wretch and the wheat would burn again. From what might be told again, they were trying not to face the issue head on. Avoiding it almost entirely, it would be more than cruel to even hope for a way in. Broken by the knots botched in, it was clear that they scheduled another week of rearranging the batteries with

the claw, moving in into patterns that forced their holding splices to swell. It was a worthless and thankless task, they were looking out for themselves then. Not knowing when the last time they could attempt it again would come, they stood there, in the middle of the openly generated field. Why did it still hurt? No matter how far you could dig inside the quarters, nothing made the feeling go away. It could not be drowned. There was nothing in it that would leave them now. No matter where you looked, you could still feel its call. And not even he could deal with it in his sleep, restless nights, insomnia, loud sounds, death knocking at the door, only to find him walking outside, again, through the same floor he found himself in. There was no escape, there hadn't been one in so many days. So many pointless endeavours ended up nowhere. No fantasy, no day dreaming, nothing to pull him back in. Malt found himself trying his best to go back there, in the only place which made him happy. It wasn't behind any door he knew off. So, an alternative had to be on its way by the time they reached their destination. So many countless minutes turned into the first hour he had been awake, yet he hadn't made a move. He hadn't prayed in a long time, and now, out of all things, he hadn't known to whom he'd speak. And who might listen either. No, it would be hard to approach it again. As soon as he was done testing the waters, he looked around for a sign. He couldn't curl yet. Soon enough, it wouldn't matter, just like then, it started popping back in. Though it couldn't be explained, things weren't like they used to be. Instead, they were somewhat much engrossed into the half plain of looking into a part-world, a mirror-hag that shouted back at him. 'Come now, we're merely scratching the edge, there's a long way ahead, especially on foot. 'Though, it wasn't the most subtle of entrances. He couldn't take away from his experiences just yet. There was no defending from the vile currents coming from the east. With their cascades of cold stocks, they made the the pass. But it was getting in the way, the deluge was only drawing on with time. Most of the workers around the greatest pile of stone heaps were exhausted, as they looked for a way in. Though the last of the great storms had devastated most of the rafts and the boats, taking away the only ways back in. It was time for the great fasting to come. Around eight camps they set themselves around the nearest stone depressions and waited. Enough work-force remained for a tiny settlement to be built. It was indeed the only way through. It took a while to round everything up. But their materials were only improving by the looks of it. One of the stoneblocks rooster-like folded beaks that held upon each other after each bite. To say the least, it had been an impressive feat that couldn't be easily outdone. But if there was one thing more important, it was the moment Sall started gambling down the road. It was a special kind of game he enjoyed playing for a good reason as well. He enjoyed playing the wheel just near the batteries, somehow giving himself an ecstasy he had never encountered before. There was a rush going through him from which he couldn't get away. He brought something from behind one of the counters. It was euphoric again, something came back with each card they picked, with each pinned eye they pricked and threw around the wheel, hoping it would land. And at every mark there was a date, each of it bringing back some kind of fluke or ailment that went to their heads. What mattered less for them was just the ardour they felt every time a new card was dealt as well. Symbols had been lain just around each corner, with various depictions of unearthly riders, decaying lords of various shapes and sizes and a few missing pieces, given by the company. 'I lost a finger. 'Said Sall, just by looking at it, he could plainly see that the stakes were high. And that wasn't even an understatement at all. Twenty more fingers appeared, just for the sake of raising the bet. It wasn't likely that it could go any or either way, just for their whole sake. For what was worth, there could be one thing they were both set on. 'Should I arrange the card then? '

‘Not yet Sall, not yet, until we’ve established something. ‘Basic rules appeared to be way too deprave, for starters, the various cards held in their arms, as many as eight that appeared on either side kept them all as they spread. This way no simple card game after all, as if they couldn’t even make it any easier for the eight decks that were used, it was more so in the counter for everything that would be missused. Eight fingers, a few objects that shouldn’t be found around the submarine were just, there. In the cards, each exchange would bring in something much stronger, as for the scent. It was there as well. Threateningly pushing through one of the cards, through a few holes in need to release a few of the locusts that were caught one between his nails. Whatever the reason might’ve been, he saw something much worse to them. Down from their oyster-like heads, to the excessive festering wound caused by the self-nesting in his head, he had realised that there wasn’t anything near the pain he felt them. Just by the expectation of finding a way in. Through one of the black-heads that were trying their way in. ‘Ah, I see you’ve made the proper preparation this time around. You’ve switched just about everything, haven’t you?’ ‘Indeed I have, you won’t find any mishapen card and no jester that’s trying to push through on our side. ‘Vault covered one of the images with his thumb. Though some of the cards were supposed to be completely exposed, somehow, he had been covered entirely in the plasma instability. A corn-like bead had formed out of his fingers as well, on his dominant hand through his arm, to the ribcages which now showed against the nearest sides of the shirt. ‘Well, I want to see something now. ‘Something happening, anything, even remotely so, if there was a way to show even a sign of weakness, he would do it if it meant that he could make it turn back inside. One of the voices couldn’t even continue blabbering again, though it wasn’t heard any longer, there in the distance, in the depths, it had received a body of its own. Damned, though it had thoroughly been, it tried pushing through until it got through. He laid there like a patch, trying to swim through, unable to submerge, and drawing on and on. Though it couldn’t properly infect everything, it had pushed through. ‘Ah, I see you have returned. ‘He spoke. And despite his past failures, there wasn’t any hope to regain him just yet. He who had barely gotten hands on him only to have been brought to a loss, he couldn’t fail to come back, of any time. ‘Be broken. ‘A wail, which pushed through the various water-plants and the reefs of crying shak-like pillars that raised from the ground. It was even more so, that they were trying to revealed their madly encased songs. There wasn’t any fear to be had no longer. As for the master had returned and he had completed the time where he had paid his due to become stronger, to him, now the shout. It came about in the middle of the night, as if uncaught by the wrong whereabouts of the lost. Nearing one of the broken hours, the Compatriot came back to his wits, never coming to gloat and longer, and he had passed, there wasn’t any reason to look forward. ‘Where have you gone?’ He asked, unable to rejoin the hunt. He had forgotten all about them, making his way through the decrepit room, making sure he would be understood as soon as it could be. One moment there, drawing a card. For some reason, this action resonated so much with the presence inside the lower hulking zone of the bottom level inside the submarine that its magnificent reverberation shot in every possible direction. So much power got generated from one spot, that Sall almost destroyed his entire hand from the one card he pulled from the deck. It was simply blank for a second. Yet in the few seconds that passed, it felt as if it shot its reflection came into the light. Through the trasmission of woe, it appeared. The combined image that overmerged in its complexity, akin to some animation, or rather, the frames of a movie that combined everything in existence, every possible universe going into tightly-placed bands that shot against one another in hopes to make themselves be seen. Though it couldn’t be distinguished from everything else,

this strange image on the card bore everything and beyond. Not only every reality, universe and parallel world, but it also bore the frames of the past, the future, the present and the combinations between their parasitical embraces. Most of them not only combined but they also appeared to create something for themselves. Until that point nothing appeared to be dysfunctional any longer, over the sudden appearance. He had no intention of finishing the game, out of the same reason that the submarine stopped. But it hadn't been so. The entire water stopped receiving its properties, giving nothing in return, other than the strange amiosis on the ocean-floor. From it came the entrance, and as it had, the whole water-scoured cylinder began being drawn back up, slowly. Sall's colleague succumbed to a change of pace. His face had been undetermined. From his collared blue-suit, he wasn't an engineer but a crystal that produced some kind of shake that spread around him. Part of him had been broken, and as soon as his hand fell, there it was. 'You were bluffing all along, I knew it. 'Sall rejoiced, now of all the times, when reason called him to look back, into the pile of batteries, where he couldn't feel anything but the peace of mind he had been looking for all along. He won the hand, abandoning all of the other cards, other than this. From in he drew enough of its essence into his body that a few veins started popping and extending from around his forearm to the point of being botched aside. He had painted its corners not with one of his fingers but at will. Just like a builder would slowly place the bricks on the line, slowly adding a bulk to the frames, Sall started slowly placing thin shades of ice that stood there. It would be immaterial at times, just because there wasn't any way out for him. Clearly and mostly defined, the freezing would go both ways immediately. Under his gaze he saw his eight' finger from the right hand suddenly submerge and get lost. At first it looked like a tiny splatter, until it had truly stepped in closer to the emerging worlds. And no longer would they look like frames, but tiny pops that were emerging from their peculiar surroundings in order to complete themselves. He would be ironed there, just like a man who had succumbed to the poison of coal. He felt it burning in his throat and caught it up. Just what was the reason of the card? His fears prevented him to hand it down on the table, out of the very fact that it would destroy everything. Reflection or not, he could scratch through it and feel it rip off. But it wasn't the world being shattered, but the encasing around them. If they were freed, the disaster would be unfathomable, over the fact that as soon as his finger stopped travelling, it returned and threw itself out. He saw it suddenly emerge, crawling on top of him, changed, somehow. The obvious thing about it was the fact that it could move on its own, something he had never seen before. Why, he even considered looking away for a moment, in turn. A twist started gnawing at his wrists. It would appear that the finger hadn't returned alone. Instead, it had brought several look-alikes to eat more than he could spare. Blood-masts spilled and the cells would start degenerating any time soon. He could see them gnawing, changing, as the nails started converging into their armor. Dirt laid outside and inside of them with a slight amount of peculiar debris that changed just about everything that ever counted. He felt like a Count now, as they stopped, revealing only how deep they sunk in order to have him properly chained. Iron would prevail as they changed. 'What else can you do, my dear card? 'Though he knew he was in need of something much wider than that. As soon as it had occurred to him, he turned towards the wheel. A magnificent idea spilled onto Sall, he was to finally get away from this boredom he and his ex-colleague had encountered. With a throw, he saw the card spill, be poured like a melted pill or some water in the grith. Yet he couldn't comprehend just what the reason for this reflection lay, the middle pin, the one that stopped it from spinning pulled it in. Every number there came away until the reverse dome had the sight for its

own reason. 'If I could jump in there. 'Sall though for a few moments as well, as to try a few more times, in order to achieve anything at all. Of course, little confirmation remained, whether or not he could run away and not look back.

What would happen if someone found this out and mistreated it without knowing. Seeing how it was, this threat evolved more than anything he could ever set himself again. It was the murkiness in it that made him shake and think and see. Just the ripples that made everything larger than they should've ever been, and on top of it, he was still disturbed by the cockroaches, nasty creatures that followed him around. During some of the previous encounters, he could almost swear that he heard an old man talking from somewhere inside of them. As unruly as it were, he knew it would have nothing to do with what was going there. More likely, they would try coming inside. Just to be sure of it, he covered it with a carpet that had lain around, picking of one of the small battering rams in order to hunt them for the time. It was tiring after a while, just caring about hunting some tiny pests. But he wouldn't pick up any rest, until he saw, as soon as he had drawn something like five meters in range of them, small fingers started popping from their insides. Instantly killing them in the process, giving into the same process of hulking through the ship in order to dig deeper before they'd become encased in iron. And from the few laps he had done, he managed to hear the sound of multiple roaches being encased. Just about everyone he had every approached there. Now what would happen If I left this room? Believe it or not, it was certainly something he had a very deep thought about. He even dwelled, what would happen if one of the other crewsmen suffered of the same fate. It couldn't be brought back into question. Not while trying to defend it there. 'From now on, my dear wheel, I shall never leave your side. 'Like the throw of a dice, he came back and threw the carpet back into the motion. Without the slightest hint of emotion going through his body, he couldn't believe what was happening. Not after so many great times they had spent about, trying to pick up from where the others left. Something crept on him in the same manner. Though it was the span of few sections made out of a few half-hours and few lost minutes, he couldn't be deceived by it. A mirror that had been there wasn't to be believed to have appeared at all. Unlike his paranoid peer, who would've questioned this to no end, who would've been mesmerised or theorised about it until he couldn't approach it any more, Sall simply walked to it and punched it till' it cracked. Satisfaction came onto him as soon as he could think aloud. 'Nothing will keep me away from it. And I shall become its protector. 'Speaking of which, he saw a tiny glass-pearl which had fallen from below the cracks. He wondered whether or not it could still work, just if he had to make a play out of it, to dwell and move. Looking through, around this place, just the mere fact that there were some gambling toys they had brought with them from the realm of dreams, he wondered just why were they there? It was unclear whether or not his partner had been lying about it. Or whether or not they did share the same dream that one day, but they both ended up in the same casino, one night. Despite being inside the submarine all the time, they could vaguely remember the dream as if it hadn't been a dream at all, but the image of reality, lost somehow and reclaimed by them. It was hard to recollect it now. Especially since there was something wrong with the owner. He hid one of his greatest tables because it had been cursed. Though neither of them dared approach it for some obvious reasons, they had never dared question everything else either. Some of their wheels, decks and other gambling debts had been taken with them from there. And then, they simply appeared there. He still wondered, just what happened there after dark. When only the most daring, life-risking, worthless scum dwelled upon, to the point where either way, if they had followed through, both might end up through the same sinew of scum. Bodies becoming numb and

being taken away, even devoured as one might say. 'Brush it off, this isn't the dream any longer, this is reality. And It's time to test the spin. 'With as much of his flaccid state, he threw the pearl and saw it roll ahead. There wasn't any way of knowing, just what the point of it would be like, after throwing went aside. A lure of thought brought him back and then he wondered what went wrong. As the marble kept spinning, he reminded himself that there hadn't been any bets, and there wasn't any number there yet. It stopped. A moment later, he did not know what to do. It felt like the batteries would shake themselves out of their spots, just because of a hulking magnetic force that threw themselves off the wonder. No one would know better than to throw themselves away. IT couldn't be questioned any longer, just what the reason for it was yet. But he appeared, like an unfinished statue, from the forearms down, trying not to move his head as it was bobbing around the ceiling. It was a giant, though he hadn't known how he appeared, nor could he reason why he was still alive. An accent came to him at last, after seeing where he was and the motionless body that was his, at last. He asked. 'What have you done to me? You're the one responsible for it, aren't you? Come closer, I'll chew up your face and spit it out with the rest of your dead. ' 'Wait, this isn't. It's, wait, I can explain this, I think. This is a misunderstanding, you see? ' 'Misunderstanding? ' Asked the giant, now even more flabbergasted than he had been before, it would be more likely for him to be thought as something more of a vibrant thing, one that served his own interests of the whim of never knowing or not asking the reason behind it. 'I will give you a chance. ' 'And. 'Sall couldn't see the threat any longer, not after realising he was stuck there. Unable to move, which prompted him to move onward just to see whether or not his theory still barged in for some reason he couldn't describe as anything but his intuition. 'I will strike at you. 'The giant said, as soon as he saw the sudden movement, instead of pushing ahead, instead of trying to defend himself from the stranger, he lifted his forearm like a stranger would. Before any mass could be put down, he had been pinned to the ground as soon as he could wail. Undefended as he had been, untouched evenly, he looked as the giant fingers that appeared, which looked near the ones he had owned. Most of them had put him in his place, going as far as appearing on both forearms instead of the only one that attempted to draw on. It would be likely that he could be caught and even brought back. He had spared no expense to care, nor any meaning instead. He had tried getting past the raft and about the pain inflicted upon him at last. 'Have you brought me here for no other but to torment me? What have I done wrong to deserve this kind of treatment? ' 'You're the one who threatened to strike me before I even had the chance to explain. Can't you see it yet? You're inside a submarine, does any of this make any sense to you? Just think about it for one second, will you? That should put everything into view. 'It hadn't of course, though he had taken the time to explain it for better or worse. Luckily the giant hadn't appeared a few meters forward, or else the metal claw and the hook might've been damaged, hardly even able to make a difference, with the batteries ill-doing what they were supposed to do. 'Are you mocking me now? First you're bringing me here, then you're placing my arms in place and now this. You ought to be ashamed of yourself, you mad alchemist. ' 'I've already told you, I'm an engineer, nothing more. And in case you may not know, perhaps I should warn you about making too much noise and disturbing the ship. We're near one of the nuclear generators, which is just behind you, make too much noise or shake too hard and, and. 'A mighty grin had been claimed by the giant. Clearly, he was up to something as soon as he heard it go. 'So, I suppose that leaves us with only one great option. Spin the wheel and see where it lands. That way I should know whether or not you're telling the truth or not. ' 'Can you not see the worlds and the planets inside the wheel? ' 'That's a bit too

tiny and too far for me to see. I suppose this could be yet another trick made in order for me to lay down my guard. Shaking may or may not result into anything I could know off if you're asking me that. 'With a sly smile, he looked for a way out, of anything he could use against the tiny man who fashioned himself a thinker. Would he bring it closer or see the room fall? Could he feel how far they were lowered from the main unit of the submarine at all? For one thing, each section of the submarine could be temporarily detached from the main unit, though not entirely so.

There was some resistance to it, that went as far as one could fare in an unmoving sea, where fish were frozen, starving. Just like the one shark who was about to eat the head of a squid. Or the sea-lions trying to ride the waves through it, struck by the gloating of the air which was consumed then, after all most of the oxygen reserves had been consumed already. Now, to begin with the transmission again. If there was one more reason to gloat about, this would be in. Though there wasn't any charm to bickering, he had plainly seen something wrong. It was a deal, after all, and he couldn't draw back. Without the slightest change, there'd be no way to pass around. He would rest and think. What would happen if he had only, turned the table without being seen? Slowly now, though the giant appeared to be staring, and then it came to him. Sall tripped and fell, just like in a pool. Falling through it made him fiercely swoon as he had been broken apart. Tied to just about everything out there, as much as he could push on to reed in and fight, but this was out of his control. He couldn't tell what was happening around him any longer. For the same reason, he faced just the treason coming from his friend. Unable to defend himself, he had become a patch of skin within the great talon-like protrusion that partook into the moulding of the planes. Nothing was still, some levels would be made akin a dungeon, or a castle only to be lead down the line. Stairs didn't allign, yet they lead to plantetoids and stars, all connected but useless when it came to destroying the ones charinging through them. Somehow it was simple now. For whatever reason, it was destined to be told again, that some of them would resign in pain. In the deepest hold that a normal looker might yell at, the glorious fighters succumbed as their amors broke at last. From inside of them, the excess pushed, until their features dissapeared or like gluttons muled their way in.

Holding the anchored roots that held the Hold from falling into space, though that in itself wasn't endless as the cosmos forced them into cubical holds penetrated and withheld from drawing on. Yet some would be wider and other would strike for infinity. No rule could be applied, no one would be denied the glory of the hold. For in the old man Malakerth stood there like a cherub, damped from the drought. Brought about his metal knees, the prosthetics that had been made for him withheld in the hall. The giant long and curbed path in front of him held the grandest wall, curtains would be twisted about, holding all the metal pieces he needed to replace. Eithe rhis face, the head, the legs, the arms, he could rebuild himself if needed. Even strike upon rebirth if he called upon it or asked for something near the kin, and to that his servants called. 'Malakerth, you must heed our warning. Someone had pieced us back together. ' 'What happened there? 'It would be inconclusive for now, yet he looked about the place, wondering what went wrong. The twisted peculiar prison inside the bridge brought him to the hinges, pale. He was chained to this place emotionally though he couldn't tell the difference as well. 'Break it down around the surface. 'He spoke. And on his whim, the power thinned and shot along the curved spire. It could be, if anything, admired, how soon it penetrated the entrance to the submarine, blocking it, stopping it from within. It would be anchored, as from the wheel the liquid spread. A good quarter of the floor being completely absorbed, drawing it still through the rifts and the unmoving vortexed that ripped the rest of the water edge. It was then that Malt had been taken aback. Though his

journey should've continued forth, something broke the edge and his guide. She died instantly and so would I.

Thought Malt, as soon as he had made a turn. It wasn't worth it to push on for too long. Not only would it be impossible, as well as for the fact that he had a reason to be there, anywhere, but he had crept for this reason. Driven to find the source that hit the closest to his heart, he reached about the nearest wall and walked through the night amongst it, with the role of a seeker. Trying to search. Yet Agamemnon resonated the most as well, as he joined him from the distance, knowing. Spire or not, he would recognise his doing. Malakerth called upon him servants in the hall. He had risen from his throne and pushed everything down. It was done with, his songs and the words written for the ones that would hear and would know how to interpret them. In his mind he had done a kindness unlike any other. Sparing the others from the horrors of their deathly chairs from which the paralysed demigods he had created came. Silken to the skin but prunes, unable to deal with the fact that they had been forced to a swoon, he whipped them back to life. Faces that were unnaturally red and coaly stretched as far as the skin. And most of them were unfit for procreation, kept alive by the insight he had gathered from a piece of brass inside their minds. Everyone woke up at once. 'God, god, god. 'They said, like a chorus spread by locusts instead of one sang in glory. Upholding their honor would be a mistake as most of them were unfit to walk again. Instead it could be said again, given to them by the means of fighting back, armed with glorious spikes and needle racks and skewered body-functions that acted wrong, they levitated, yet they were held back. No more than a few meters in the air, until the invisible ropes activated and held them from achieving flight. Their legs prosthetics had been taken away, leaving them long torsoed yet somehow bearing them like tails. At times they'd grow or shrink as the meat was taken back and grinned within their bodies. From their facial ends, only some large holes remained of their nostrils and sockets, pushing on long-lipped, eye glitter-like bobbling ends, drawing by living devices which were thin as well. Some wonder came at last. From the fastening remark it could be said, that there was something unwell. It was nearing the point where they could eat from the masses that came into the air. From the various realities they could see in, though their teeth weren't on point. Corkshrew-like and pointing like needles, they drew in from them and ate. It was a sight that was uncanny to behold, yet their leader wasn't bothered by what his expression told. Yet Malakerth was wearing a mask and nothing could be seen from it, alas. The thrones started moving on the pointers. Subterranean compressors would force them to feel pain in order for them to be more focused on what he had to say. 'I brought you here for a good reason, I may add. Look at me for a moment and you shall know what I'm talking about. 'From beneath the mask, he pulled his face out. Like a hard block of meat, from it he had revealed the method of pulling it off. Though his peculiar, defragmented skull stood there exposed, all the focus was directed to his face which lay still attached by the tubes that cast the shadows. Words weren't written on it, yet the map was there to be held. He claimed that this was going to lead to the end of the universe, where nothing could be grabbed. And nothing about the darkness lasted, nor the light might be had again. Instead of pushing on ahead, he had been filled with the dread and the lack of knowledge his species faced. Again they twisted, turned and started yelling again. 'God, oh God, God, God. 'They spoke with their deity again, pain filling their surroundings and the heir who emerged from around every place that may be. Eighteen replicas of him stood forth. And each of them had taken to themselves to show the exact lack of pleasure they felt on the field. It couldn't be believed yet, there was a reason for which they show the remorse. A lack of luck brought their heads around. Going as far as to achieve the strike within,

they revealed their diamond-long sharpened blocky foreheads. Bearing all the broken features of teeth that had been completely remade and molded within their thin throats. All of the throats extended from their backs, reeling into their heads as the chewing began. Soon the brains would be digested, only to be recreated again. More than a few memories would be erased but the purpose for it couldn't be denied as well. As much as it could be believed, a reason had come again for their morbid way of acting. Dancing even though they started twisting themselves off like nails, they revealed the bloody kegs inside of them. Hardened and filled with the matter of body-recreation, damned one be if he had even considered damning everything else. It could be brought about into question and laid, lost for the sole reason that pain couldn't be told off from the cold. Told off from the shattering blisters, they were worn to the sensation of disease. It pleased them to know that in the kegs they had stolen and his children to watch over. Like pickles in jars, they would be submerged into liquids and forced to grow and grow on until they couldn't be recognised as human any longer. And their strong arms held them from falling and breaking apart. Shallow ends ensure there could be no reactivation instead. He waited. God or not, he searched for one stop from the chanting, to pick on one of the distant channels or signals and know. Somehow he was aware that there was a way of pushing on and finding out for himself. Something was about to be told. Someone should be held accountable as well. For endless reasons they were watching their father in his moment of peace. After being forced to look upon the map that had allegedly marked the spot leading to the end of the universe, the channels would be sent around. Either of some had to have had a chance to pick something off and lead him to it then. Otherwise, all would be unwell and lost, at the cost of losing himself into the peaceless heap he had fallen in. It would be my only chance, if only I could grasp it. They were all caught in a nastily in awe. For the fornication of the great liver had not even begun yet. Yet from the ceiling, it had been simply lowered below, without leaving a trace, for the wonder could commence again. Various machines held it in place as they signals would be even more amplified by the beating it produced. Despite the perfection, it was ill found. He reserved something for himself just then. Echoes would sing for the pioneers of space travel. The experimentation had somehow begun in the most notorious fashion. Despite the up-beatings, there would be some rage, so much so that it couldn't be contained any longer. Pain had dulled emotions and the fear of mistakes. It made them all act that way, so uncanny. They were other ways he could get his revenge for this cosmic joke. For the same reason he had been mistreated after the decimation of the spores, he had taken upon himself to find a way back through the high heavens he would create. Far too many deviations had been spared, and not a single one could be left behind. 'How have I gotten here in the first place?' 'He hadn't gotten the answer to it yet. Despite not referring to the overall main demise the hold had been tied again, he still questioned why they would be forcing themselves into that stance. Countless things went without saying. For the first time in what seemed to be a few titan-like forced years, they had spared no one from the time spent around. It would be more important to come to admit, to the seething rage they spared time after time, until it couldn't work no more. That had been the trade, for the amount of hatred was evenly spent between all of the prisoners inside their chairs. As the greatness of this process refused to stop ahead, what came after was the age of regret. Shortly-lived as well as forgotten by their sect, he became aware now. Malak drank from his chalis, finding his inability to choke or be poisoned a disgrace. For some reason, it made the others feel unworthy of him or his gaze. He had spent way too many spares on it. Spilling it in order for it to be refilled again, if there was even some kind of drastic change, it hadn't been there. To begin the

process of revival, nothing would make him admit of the countering sightings that descended from him. It was harsh, trying to get through it again. A tormented-looking spire that pushed on ahead, nothing could last from it, as soon as there were parts that would be taken and dreaded for the likings. Not only could it not be believed that there was not reason for them to free the channels, the signing wouldn't stop. A signal had been picked just then. He had pushed the face back in, then the masked and looked back in instead of waiting. His desire pushed to the point where it had been less uncomfortable to wait, whenceforth he acted. Through the vision, he would look and see. A dainty mystery he had fancied for himself then, at the time when the Carrion-Leviathan yelled.

Scheloris

It wasn't much, but, it was the first time he considered it. While passing between the giant sparrows, he looked at him. He wasn't heartless, perhaps it was this sparrow gathering which made him feel this way. But for the first time, Elegant considered getting old.

A lot of the birds were gray feathered and in a sense, he considered it. Chasing the world was the quest of the young. As much as he had looked at it, he did not want to think about it now.

Why was he so sad?

Last didn't say a word after taking that cover. He only looked down and kept to himself.

It was the sad dance of the man, surrounded by the moons once he found out that there was nothing waiting for him any time soon.

Wailing at the countless watch hours not to mention the showers of the falling men, in his perfidious look he forgot all about them. He was blinded by no reason and forgot. No life would even get close to it, not freedom for his thought. And he wagered, and he wagered. Listening to no danger, as the migration started. Feet were draggled.

Listening now he walked only on their turn, touching his head and casket in the back. From hich he opened the door, getting out all out of the bones. A man pulled himself out of the bone-carcass, still of meat. He was on his two hands-feet. Whichever mattered now the eye came out of eight foreheads he carried in the back. A flute on him, he sang, he should. Be listened to, at times like these. It was the loss, the fall and the break whenever and whatever came to it.

He carried a stick and felt some pain. He should refrain from smoking bloody wheat and say.

'I should have not, taken the moss. Now I don't what to do.

Please. Please help me, I can't get away.'

Passing under the breath, but the songs, I heard them again. There's no more, he wants out, off onto it, least he'd know.

'I am defeated.'

That was it. The excitement was gone and without it nothing of value could be gotten from the body of a man who only continued doing it in vain. He sang with flutes time after time after time after time. End it now, he thought.

No feelings remained in his arms. Of course, it could only go worse for him this way on. And it was no pains that entered him and no wonder he wanted to stop after.

Defeated his fists lay down. He was pained, he was beaten, he was nothing, he was gone. Zoned out they say, piss-poor and lost. Ahead of him, there was no point. No hope for the man, nothin'.

They froze. And when it happened they rose. Arm to arm, nearing their bodies, holding, after which they couldn't stop it. Making long walking poles, rising beyond the reach of man until their tiny arms gave in. Words were sang and it wasn't any matter after. It didn't matter any longer. We were there, standing on a platform, surrounded by a sea of blood. A roundabout of knees was flying in our gods, all of whom were trying to swim out of the sea, out of the pools that started swirling inside of it. And then the pops and the rolls. I heard them matter, as if they could twist and gnaw at each other's blood bones.

'Yes, of course I knew what was happening there, this had progressed for too long.'
But as soon as I came to know it, I wanted to eat my own guts instead.

'Dear friend, I have a request for you. If you don't mind dying here, someone ought to feed the Gods. I cannot do it by myself.'

'But how may I do it without getting myself killed?'

'I can only hope you'll find a way to do it without.'

His fingers started shaking during a pandemonium I felt, the chill. 'I am the last survivor of a lost time, hear me before you go on your way, vile defuncor, man of no tribe.'

The old brute was standing with his arm dislodged from the tomb he was carrying around with him on and on around the head-compactor. He had been built like a chunk of rocks in his youth, though now he gave everything to them, in body and soul. As his loyalty progressed so had this strange encasement his body had been abased in.

Sickly looking as he were, this creature, if he could be called a man only now began questioning what was going on with him.

Beware of him now, for he may only come to realise his aggressiveness by chance. Most of the ford around him had been ruined by accident and by a chance not even him could have counted on. You could see it in his eyes, the vileness that pushed on.

We who had been betrayed in the past would now be heard and make no sound of correspondence. They were listening even in our most timid moments, when we couldn't even, as we were long forlorn, move from the ruinous formations that loomed around us as we slept on the broken pillars of our own body-growth. We began producing them when we had become incapable of emotion. Those were our guiding-factors, the cancers of our minds. We had become their servants and did what we pleased with them as long as they kept us alive.

It couldn't be accounted for any longer, this travel through the depths. Our history and plains hadn't prepared us for what was about to come. From around the piles of feastering dead-fish, inside of which they buried underneath, inside of, while surrounding our feet, they suddenly started coming out for light. And they were nothing to be shouted or looked about. For whichever reason, they were much paler than expected. Even, somehow aromatic in dread.

Each servant of these mounts, upon which the bodies of whales and the giant spider-like cubes joined started molding and spreading on top of them. Until no release could be called for any longer. Many trunks erupted from inside and the voice of vileness resounded beautifully until it couldn't be contemplated on.

'Serve us in our wake, feed us if you may but do not run away.'

Was the message which was so thoroughly imparted on to us. For what I knew to look for, once I saw it, I decide that I could be of no worth and no value any longer. I was no man of spirit and despite wishing I had been much stronger, I had been weak. Blind and corporal in countenance, someone who shouldn't have been there at all. Represented by some insignifant weakness, I followed with the other man. Ah, now it could be seen at least. Thy desire for pain betrayed you to him and to my own. I could see why they were doing this and why it was so important that they would be allowed to carry on. Other men gathered from around their giant hidden porcelein shells. Inside of them they had made fires but they only serve to signal the fact that they were closely listening and making sure they covered up their mild desire. Yet so much as it would be held, their minds were listening, they could tell that an exchange in spirit was happening between those mounds and the man who had been impaled without realising it at last. He cast himself in a small puddle of cat-mice ribs, all of whom were trying to run around a wheel they had made.

If it weren't for them, to suck on the marrow instead of dying, he could've certainly joined the piles. He was instead spared for now.

'We shall feed you if we're give something instead.'

Then the rigs of the first man's chest got impaled. Pain was anything but felt as it started implanting into him an unnatural amount of glutton fat. Scum at last entered him and pushed out.

A champion of ages soon arrived in sight. No delight could lay to him in waiting. He couldn't spare himself of looking too much, and much more, he chose to stay his hand. Spoken like a knight to many, he pointed at the land mass near the shore, where this travesty of madness was being spread around and show less than it could be called to them in the wake of torn.

Torn apart as the creature were, he could see its real master pushing through it with giant nigh-invisible thin wires, which almost resembles the sails of long ships, which awaited the breaking of the broken-fires of bombs, the sea at large crying for them to return as if they must. They couldn't fiddle with pain no more, the uncanny only listened to them when they needed to, elsewhere and the rauncy.

Most of the fat had started pushing away, it was looked upon and listened to, fet as if needed to. Reeding in without the slightest desire to show the filth a chance to rise.

Despite the fact that from it rose the first child, a mild-looking infant who walked only shortly before he died. He served only as a way to open the gates from inside the fish-piles. Thence came the crab-formation, which looked as anything but a hook-suction unit that sporuted from the back of a man. This pillaring brute was much younger and had misunderstood his own creation.

Before coming to his senses, he darted forth, carring what he was asked for, a giant arachnid cube, modified to store the body of a single pearl deep sea fish which glowed.

We were frightened to approach him for the sole reason that he wasn't one of us. As a matter of fact he was there during ancient times of slumber, dwelling in the sea. And from the opening of the cube, a heart came out. It had been given to me.

'Carry it as far as you can and plant it beneath the ground instead. Then it shall be required of you to take your life.'

He only spend so much time making sure I would get the instructions right. Though I couldn't digress, I confess that I felt more frighened by what would happen if I refused, instead of going where I went. Out of the way and into the distance where I looked back and saw no sea.

It was all land and the piles of fish were mild dead birds stacked on one another. All of them had seemed to have changed the land so I could see a vision that was much darker. Woe to it, the liar should know that I would never do such a thing again, no more.

My mind was broke and I was carrying a blunt wooden cube. What was going on now? I understood now.

A few more nights were spent alone, dwelling on it back home. It was a dead giveaway, wasn't it? He was eating candles in the small attic chamber underneath the lantern pass. Soon enough he was talking to fruits and vegetables that bore his own eyes. Scraping at his own face made him realise that there were worse things about to happen unless he ran and got away as fast as possible. Far and in-between. He could hear them finally, making the shouts and the dances as they prided themselves with the madness of whims.

'Ah, I see, I'm given a retreat.'

He who listened came to him then. In nights of sorrow, the break between the bridge of land and the mass of stone which was his house broke. A plen-wire of emotion faded, thence came the jesters as their journey faded for a minute in some unknown land they couldn't pinpoint it themselves no matter how they looked about it. Listerless to the woe, apathy in their ranks and now this, they decided it was time to return home with another man in need of help.

'Who are you?'

He asked instead of wondering, realising where he was. The room he was in was no mere attic, but the inside of the lighthouse. Some lost apparel, some symbol lost to him. To them it mattered less than it could be counted upon. But to him, he realised, this was a prison he was in need to get out of. At least he had to do it before he lost his mind to them. Up and away the mind took breaks without making it seem he had an understanding of what was happening around him.

'Join us and enter the leviathan. Our dear friend here needs someone to look after. An aspect after another in case you wondered.'

Named like an emperor, the man rose. He had to be a moron to seclude himself from those who rose. From the antic and the talker. Whatever came after this would have to wait. Now it came to him that it would be painful, this transition into the hellscape inside the leviathan. Which indeed changed with time. Such was the skin fading, filled with tiny disgust batters. It could only matter for only a few seconds before being caught after.

Breaks were taken, bones rapidly decayed, but pain could not be conveyed for long as he would remain obscure in the mind.

Stop it, his mind said.

There were better, father worlds to look after, which couldn't even mind such an insignificant creature as himself.

A man could not resemble the mad case of Siskelot, who lost himself in the outskirts of town. Walking on planted feet, he only wanted to seek some place he might be able to seek and loom forth with some retreat. It wasn't likely he would find it today, for the same reason he had conveyed no emotion than the general feeling an outcast felt.

'Aree, aree, aree.'

Surrounded by a tiny cult of other shot-takers, he survived.

Woe to him, champion of Clot, for he alone could have no mind for it.

'Aree, aree, aree.'

Spoken like a militant body, something stricken down, a nobody that could not be approached, as Siskelot became way too violent to be approached any longer. A peculiarness took hold of his body. He couldn't be questioned by anybody other than his own. They changed as well as they could in order to remain, what could be called, subservient to him.

Woe, he hears songs today. Hear him say and mutter the same songs that would take him away to the distant lands in his dreams. What better way of spending these lost nights other than the wondering if there would be. How could they possibly understand what was going on here? No way of knowing yet.

They drove me to a place where I couldn't even fathom being out yet.

'Alas, I wager we need to got.'

And as if it were naught but a plain action, he took all of them around him. Pushing forth the long hose-like varnished tinted needles and started draining them enough. Soon enough they were placed on top of his back and used for his own desire. He admired that about them, their mere countenance and allowance, so he might do what he desired with them. It couldn't be forgiven yet, he knew he would use them again and again.

No tear drop and no fealty would be lost on him. He wanted this and they wanted to please him. Though he appeared to grow in strength, the lower body he carried was weak, as much as it would get. His eyes were still trapped in bars, all of which prevented him to regain his sight. Out of the madness, came the final shout. A retort he couldn't even fathom thinking about.

'Ye lord, of spoken needles and of pain. Blood of mine and yers remains in me' veins. Yet I feel forsaken even now and then, for whichever reason I could not possibly convey. What of ye servants and champions might you look before?'

But he hadn't listened to his God no more. Instead he chose to the path of flight. Siskelot had achieved something they couldn't have done for, even if they tried. He sniffed the streets and loomed around the giant buildings, trying to get a grasp on this land.

Grabbing their strange abortions when he could out of the walls. He fed of them but never said. He fed on them but never again. He couldn't do it out of distrust, that they would spread the news, be heard at last. 'Hear, hear, the lord of Clot, the one that came in our land at last. He's done something of the vilest act, unforgivable, yet. Missdirected at they would not lat a moment's span. Thinking out loud, he med them, without a doubt.

Two of the fat-guards who looked after the runaway. Somewhere, they waited for him but that would not be this day. I want to say this, the least, they didn't look like they wanted peace. With a grab, a short of at that, they both broke his shoulders only for no other reason than the establishment of dominance, which was yet to be conveyed on his face.

'I see, even through this agony. You're nothing I ought to be afraid of.'

He wasn't tough. Despite wanting it, he didn't think of it like that. Instead of trying to make it seem as if he would be repelled by their action, he took it in for now.

'Thank you my masters. I know now that I need not forget who's in control.'

Slowly but decidedly, while shaking their heads they made sure he would see both of them. Large circular barring barrel-heads, used for the battering as they were impaled by poles instead. It only seemed to him then that there'd be nothing and nothing then.

'I see it now, how could I have missed it? After so much time staring at the walls, my surroundings.'

Petal like floors appeared in front of him as the substance only kicked in now. It looked like a greenish-yellow he could walk on, a patch of grass that was made out marble-candles flattened but fashioned by a sculptor and various porticuli' that looked like drone-walking homunculi. These were something he better watched.

They could make a move on him at any time. He knew it was the substances, making him dye the floor. He saw it, like a ghastly color sprouting as the land bled.

'It's the dye, I see. It's the dye, I can see it appear. You need to listen to my warning before it encompasses everything before us.'

But they only nodded and ignored him with tinted turned backs. He wasn't to be listened to any longer as much as he could count on it now. He was fluke of a mind, a brain broken in disgust. Woe to him, for having no meaning. No end.

Instead of paying attention to what was going around them, they chose this: Walk away. Need be walking away from this spot. That's what they thought, without scanning for danger. Without seeing the blushing yellow sky that almost came to bloat the land with the magnificence of a billion suns that started crowding the place.

Oh to his visions he could not think of the vile ends, how the blater giant Carrion buildings looked like strange wind-traps, basked in light and golden. He was sold to them and taken back, dragged into the dark as an attempt kicked back in.

How can it be prevented again? There was no reassurance that it could be stopped after it started. He was lost.

'Stop that, for a moment, please, ma'am. May I please take a second off the table? I'd like to have a cup of tea.

'Certainly, take a break, I 'm sure to be here by the time you're back.'

She whifed a strangle. It got close as soon as she got off the chair. It got way too close this time around. She was only trying to be on the verge of ceating a piece of the sharpnel alloy the table was made out of. Now, looking at her brow she saw it beating. It came off, then it fell. Entry to the eight poles inside of it, both worming like blunt drills that were used to carve the cavity of her cranium in, in order to sculpt her brain into never working again.

Somehow, it showed. She was paranoid now, the kid was only trying it. SHe was trying her luck, her senselessness only pushed on.

'AH, I see there's something on the floor.'

'What is it?'

The cast asked. She was only trying to imagine it now, the hole wasn't about to grow by itself despite her plebian attempt of getting through it. But she stuck her fingers nonetheless. Little Anne, little Anne, she remembered the voice travelling through her finger as the other one got pushed in her ear hole. It was a long distance-call she wanted to hear. In fear she lost her wits. Of course she would. It was a poor attempt at it.

Talking this was was dangerous. She could hear the sound bouncing it. Every time she did it, somehow she felt the presence at her back. A quick turned at that only came to her now. She saw it, a blasphemy of little words, nothing which could be described by her. Not here at least.

'Who are you?'

Too late, she missed her chance to ask. Now the cat reassured her again that nothing waas wrong.

'Take care Anne, don't stick your finger in for too long. You know what happens if you do it.

We both know the risks, don't we?'

'I know. But I have to face it, don't I?'

'Anne, didn't you say you went for a cup of tea?

'Of course I have, but a lie here and a lie there won't count.'

She knew better than that. She didn't have to lie to her cat, especially since she was as impartial as he could get. It would only get closer from this point on.

Looking back now the way was clear. Her teacher wouldn't ever near the corner while trying to get a glimpse of her walking. As a matter of they were justified. She was, remember Anne, there's only one you and the cat. Don't make it sound like there's two of you because there aren't.

Again she tried trusting herself, because she knew better than it.

Though she was concentrating on it now, there was no way of telling it. How she could turn at time and walk around the mansion whilst seeing the eyes, those golden-green picks at corners. It wasn't likely that she'd know it yet.

But she wanted to say something to her mother, dead. Right around the room, rotting. She was bloating and trying to pitch a word. Anne was too young to know it, but corpses didn't talk. Not while in the trace of scum, where she resided in.

Not a single side of the room was solid. All of the giant moths started growing and gnawing, trashing and bashing each other as they started extending their lower abdomens until they resembled curled

caterpillars. And from one of them, Call came again. His head was defiantly produced as if it was regurgitated and pushed.

It started jerking in and out until it couldn't do it any longer and only then, it started pushing through the cattle-box that it carried into his appendages that didn't belong to humans. 'Who are you? Why are you talking to my mother?'

'Greeting young Anne, I have heard a lot about you now.

Allow me to introduce myself for now. I am Call, you may call me Called. That's what I shall be Called from now on.

After spending so many months inside the walls, I have been Called upon here. You wouldn't understand. How could you? You're a child after all.'

'I'm not a child, I am an adult. And I will be treated as such.'

'Will you now?'

Well, in that case, Anne, would you mind getting closer and giving your mother a kiss?'

'I wouldn't want. Well, I wouldn't want to disturb her with my bad manners.'

It dawned on her that the cat was trying to pull her by the scruff of her pants. It was clear that she felt just as uncomfortable being there as she had.

Well enough, she couldn't count on it, despite everything being said. She was disturbed, but came for a kiss.

Her mother wasn't in the best condition. Her face opened, revealing a map.

'This is what I'm talking about, this is right what I need to take out of her. You wouldn't understand how important this is for me kid, that's why I need you both to be separated for a few more minutes until I'm done doing my thing.'

'What were you intending to do to my mom?'

He hadn't explained it. But Called started opening his face even wider than it had been before. Some tuberculii-claspers started coming out, merging with her insides, slowly and acidly cutting through. It was by no means easy operating on her.

For now they could only watch, Anne and her cat being just as shocked by this display, as the map was slowly being pulled out in front of them. But then she leaped and intervened.

'Do it.'

The cat said and instead of listening to her better senses, she chose this instead. She couldn't help it any longer and pulled at the claspers until the mouth dropped the map on the floor. As soon as she could pick it up, she drafted off the snore of vile.

Unable to listen to the filth and profanity the creature spawned before the moths could trap her inside.

'I won't forget this, Anne.

Don't you know I am the house?

Aren't you aware that I live inside the walls?'

For once he wasn't stopped. He hadn't cared about who might see him or what they might think of saying. Prying on the poor child brought him to the sense of madness he had desired more than anything he had felt before. It felt flat. No rain inside the house for now. Only the strange drawing she had spread around some of the cosmos inside the jars. They were blazing stars in there as the clowns started dancing in the mid-dark. But that had been only the start. She hadn't known the reason for it.

'Where have you been?'

There was no tea, there was no biscuit in her hand. As a matter of fact, for some reason the map wasn't seen by her, since it pushed in her arm like a needle-carpet that could stare for long. Engines of destruction started, Anne couldn't know it darted. But her arms were slowly being destroyed as a nanoscopic level she couldn't see.

'I am the Jackal-killer, I am the Jackal who shall kill the world.'

He appeared out of nowhere, bursting through the walls. With such a might he started that he couldn't be stopped at all. It was a painful dash through which he counted, no blessing for the countless souls he killed.

'Anne, stop this, he's here because of you.'

But her smirk didn't pass. She didn't mind another one of the teachers being killed now, especially since she couldn't stand listening to her useless babble. It got on her nerves. For now, it could only go on two ways and only two would last for now. Either she'd do as she pleased or else.'

'You're way too cruel.'

Said the cat-pumpkin. She was a remnant of the Great pumpkin's invasion. He destroyed the gardens and managed to plant carved neanderthal-eggplants that started eating about the place and drowning in liquorish mazes. For that was their way and they could only listen and convey mad sounds.

Pushing wretched pawns around a board that didn't move. He who shook the world would understand what was happening here. An act of painful chase as the Jackal-man took out a Jackal-faced axe out of his pocket. What a primitive sight, the many eyes being on them at last.

It got close this time, Anne almost missed it. He drew on, that called for her attention. With a single stroke of luck, she barely escaped before her guts elapsed into a knot, forcing her outta way. There, instead he conveyed the pain and elation that pushed his veins to quiet.

'Almost got you, little Anne.'

But she could only look at the moth in pity, despite barely knowing the meaning of it, as much as it could be gotten now. It seemed like quiet took the churns of beatings. Too much pain could be handled this way.

It was quiet, that was the case.

An awakening of broken fading lips conveyed no quiet. He remained as bold, struck forth, as both the teacher, Anne, the cat and even the Jackal stopped. They were met by a disquiet such as the likes of which they have never seen. It was no use, it was of no use trying to explain it. For the same reason he had receded into a curl.

A snap of his other necks pushed him instead of crying in the misleading filth he had pushed himself in. A corner after that wouldn't even stand to compare to what was going on. He was being eaten and beaten right in front of his own eyes.

It was a desire he hadn't known. The glass which had become his body as soon as entry was given to him again.

There's no escape for this, is there? He wondered as he looked at the girl. Despite her fiddling with the map inside the arm, she was it, glass, for him, instead of the other way around. She couldn't see him now, despite the fact that he walked like a normal person. As much as he wanted this to become reality, he chose to deal with it the best he could.

Detestable connected to his peers he was taunted by them now.

'Can't you see that we're nearing an end? We'll break if you keep getting out.'

Said Crane, he couldn't even think of a way of avoiding it.

Determined or not, he wanted to shout and feel the glass-cancer be revealed. It could be there, in a moment, then lost, anywhere.

'We'll pursue this way out, somehow.'

But for now there was no clue as to what they were planning to actually do it. Another thing, it could be the tension.

The Jackal started pushing through, in the betterment of the classes, whomever entered in. He jeered as an upper-man, who fashioned himself in a suit.

'I seem to wager there's something we ought to be talking about, my dear girl.'

This man you brought into this world is too dangerous to be contained. Would you mind telling me what's to be done?'

A yell, a shout. Her mother was pained, that's why the new man came about the room.

He brought poor Anne a small envelope which started bleeding desperately before she could deal with the migraine. It bounced in her mind as a, as a tv static image would flash with a bunch of flies which leaped around her head.

'Red herrings, red herrings, that's what they want of us. It's clear that they're trying us, we're being tried on.'

Was there a reason to eat more or top the masses. It came fast and knicked him in the back, pointed. There they came and showed no fear, nearing a close defeat. A pain of making, a cackling, so far.

There were better days waiting in the north, the scowel started the withdrawal process. In sank in deeply before it went at it again. For a reckless wonder, he kept at it until he had become so strong a rolling cliff a hill, the hile-block a chain around his neck remained rounded as it was painted with some iron-allocated pin. It must've shaken him as well as it should've, messing with the whiff of an emerald.

He was a gentleman-general to no end, though he spoke in a foreign tongue which fogged her as soon as he started spitting the frog out, right before he choked on it.

'Step away from my daughter.'

Came the voice of her father. It was unexpected, out of the pouting of speed, it had been difficult for him to climb on the stairs since he had been numbed to pain. The Jackal-killer remained.

But when met by this strange apparition, he immediately killed his daughter's teacher. Nothing of the kind could be allowed at all, out of nothing more than personal reasons. It was the only safety precaution he could draw from her. A trap, indeed for him to stumble on. And then, remained, something pushed again and he took out a switch-blade.

'Would you challenge me now? This is my domain, this is my house now. Would you willingly sacrifice your life out of stubbornness?'

'My daughter is in here. As long as she's threatened by your presense, I shall not even entertain the thought.

I'll take your life if I have to now.'

'So be it, then we shall fight for her at last.'

Anne couldn't have foreseen this happening at all. Out of her experience, there was nothing she feared more but the possible harm than might befall on him, as he was a poor old man who had remained, swollen at eyes. Cut around the belly and even more rotten than her mother. Both of them remained the same, time after another lout, to pry in the lock, she'd feign it. She'd feign being hurt for once. The Jackal was the first to notice, thenceforth, he'd be the first to be distracted before he could push on. As soon as it happened, the advantage pushed near, past him and in the bed of death, at the direst hour, he wouldn't make it through. Up and ahead of him, Anne's father drew on. With a cut and with a slice around the belly he shook him off. Neither of them were prepared for what was about to happen. An invoice of pain, something should remain unsaid. The Jackal-killer hadn't seen it, the gentleman ran away and pushed alout, unheeded. He would warn the cowlers, the ones speaking without thinking of the repercussions which might follow after. Not likely, as much as it could be thought off, alas, but he wanted to piece everything together for one last time. One last great arrival, another slice, he was to be placed on a plate and splattered.

'Stop it, father!'

Her voice sank in. Despite the fact that it was her servant, there was no word to put it. But for the fornication of a second, the blood stopped spilling. Instead, from the bottom of the neck, it started piling up, like tormented blood ants that served the clot. Clotted, clotted soon after, they wouldn't happen to

push after. In a fierce amount of time, delighted, he stopped recounting what happened after. It was dangerous, waiting for peace.

'I see what you did there, my daughter, you've disturbed me for the last time I rest on my feet.'

It was tiresome after a while, trying to defend her from the world outside. This place was yet corrupt and in the pain and strangeness, he came at last. He'd have to clean it all. ANd what a sight had been prepared for the Janitor. Most eyes averted from him, though it was seen. As nothing could even come close to explain what happened, as well as they could push it in. They tried making it seem like they weren't responsible for it. And in no case could they decide.

'It wasn't me.'

'I can see the bloody switchblade in your hand, you got a daughter there, don't you?

Don't you think she's seen enough for today?'

At once he pointed at both the Jackal and the lady on the floor. It struck him then, just how worse it got. Even since that point he knew something was off. It fell on him, the responsibility of cleaning and of making sure they would be fed. Even now when he met them in shame, he realised they had somehow managed to, they managed to follow him instead of staying home.

My poor children, they want to eat.

'You know I've always been in service to your family, for countless generations. And I even went as far to undertake the missions of taking care of the entire town, haven't I?

Well, I can only suppose that there's something waiting for me once.'

He was done talking. The man of the house raised no finger but he grunted. It was enough to let him know his place, to make him be aware of the light of day, in whichever need it was needed in. Despite that, he chose to carry on. Anne was taken from his sight immediately and he was left with them. Another cleaning duty. It seemed dull. Duller by the minute.

Especially with those blood-ants which he could not have prepared for. He could only sense the duty that was needed in order for them to be greeted by the others. A brotherly approach was needed to make sure.

'I will eat and I will play.'

Refrain from that once again.

It was hard to keep everything in check, especially beyond the Isles, where the mind was burning again.

'Alas, I feel like I have truly reached something, for that I know.'

The old man thought about it, for once he showed it once more. It was the once chance to break through.

He had to come up with something to impress the creature. He could imprint his very soul in the writing, getting him closer to exposing the flaws, trying his fingers at that and splash. Here comes after, he could only count his blessing farther away than where he stood.

'Signed by Euclias.

Is there something I've done? Something which I may have said, my daughter?'

Young as she were, she couldn't count on it, again. Her heart sunk in with dissaproval, as the cather couldn't die sooner. Pass and the pastor could've called on her faith; none of it remained with him as she decided that she would disobey his wishes, in the veins of pleasing herself in the upper room. By hiding from the callous hate he scorned for her without understanding what he'd gone into. My old man, she thought of him this way. He's way past gone, he may not know how to convey affection or follow any sense that may help him escape. Then she turned towards one of the plain must-like, keen beheld objects of woship, holding onto them during the time her whole being lay exposed in the blindness of being immoral, she asked no forgiveness and waited for an answer.

'Please spare my father from this disaster he's to bestow upon our family and remain with us, no matter what might befall, our family cherrished your council in the time of this dire spell.' As there ought to have been a hole, a window-mole which dug itself out, cracking the walls maliciously as an egg-shack in order to reveal that they were still lain upon them in the air. There could be no possible escape or way of knowing what was happening to them.

'I wish there'd be a way of knowing, if there's even a chance.' The chalice she held between her arms bore only the most deceitful of posion, a fragrance not even she could resist today. If there was even a chance that she might survive it, she'd take it.

But there was only the promise of disaster, for a man like him had no heart. He only cared for himself in the most disgusting times, even when directly met word for word from a creature from another time. Lo and wonder, at the life, what kind of misery should once face while being met by the stranger faces that gave birth to the birthers of their own in a land they didn't belong to? It was clear that they hadn't care. Nearing the death of her, they would have claimed a civil victory that's been fought before the day she was born. And to answer he inquiry, she knew that he would pass over her death and make only the most disturbing claim.

Her heart sank even deeper just thinking of him writing her notes and sealing her thoughts only for his mad avarice, as long as it mattered. He mustered no yonder. Plain as it were for him to see, she was already dead by the time he reached the date of his victory.

'My dear, I have finished my latest piece.'

Though he barged in only to see her sitting on a well. She had always known how to behave even though her sould had not remained. Pity, as a scene for crime, from the hole came one of them, at the very least alive. After a close examination, he saw the old man embracing his daughter, with each tear not being felt, as anything that would even count for him in such a way.

'You wasted her, haven't you?'

'But I didn't intend on doing it.'

'That means nothing to us. We've seen plenty of em' die off in worse ways.

Consider this a pity and a mercy-kill.'

'I would leave if I were you.'

And there was little more than scorn in the mans eyes. Not even the slightest hint of guilt left him eyes, as in the rivers of crocodiles, they could only count for something he hadn't cared about for now. He was plume for the taking. A tome that wasn't needed. As a matter of fact, he should've heeded his own advice and left the place. Who could spare him a dime now. He was laughed at for starters, for something he had no control after. Petty with the greed, he couldn't even pay for her proper burial when the time heeded his return.

'I will bash you head with that rock over there.'

It was startling. He couldn't get out of the way in time. It was one of the bad one. The rotten-minded billard-munchers that came out of its way. He had been made out of small pebbled that gravitated around them, pushing through their brains of skin, the worming motions cutting through them until they peeled off the draught of wonder. A plume of flies then pushed after.

'Get rid of it, please, I can be useful, I could do something in return of your aid. Don't let him slay me now.'

But they couldn't help it as much as they detested knowing it.

As a matter of fact, only a few seconds could be taken back from the time they started paying close attention. Euclias was a good runner for his age but he knew better than to waste his strength on it. As in so far, he's made some wild choices that got him from afar.

'Our village-talker seemed to be in sight. He's soon about to join his daughter.'

'Help me, my dear friends.'

Suddenly they turned their back out of the way and ignored him with all their beings. It was no wonder any longer, for which reason this might be. They had been simply taken out of thought and couldn't handle being long-shouted at. A cancer tome appeared to one. He had the old man's life pinned down. Of course he'd like to do something with it the others hadn't even a clue or a sight. But the mind for the taking and each of them a vulture in the making. Wasn't that right?

When they weren't busying themselves turning from the pitiful sight of the man being dragged in whichever direction, they stumbled on the fool. A sight as many understood, he cracked his head by accident while falling, never knowing of the taking, just what was so appalling?

Where thine the river flows a single spackle of shimmering sound that's been travelling through ages uncouth. Counted by the wild tranzition through the season it had counted them, as every sprain had given him a chance to stray his arm and bade a fair pass.

'There's only a a single trunk that should serve a passing.'

I sees only the wood and molasses. In it roaches weren't seen. No bees, since they died off, the verdure not being green any longer. And it was the dope of brain o throng in false muscle. He couldn't carry it past this aroused bridge no longer. They were only a tiny group, short in the spring o'er younger than they were. It was flattery to the spoiler, who had brought the spoils of war with him. He crossed the path months ago and waited here in the snow. Until he melted he hadn't felt like they could do it, see themselves up the pass.

'Only one shall go yonder, for a fare. Two coins of powder.'

Going on around their pockets, they were preparing the bags. Sometimes it would be much more difficult to perfectly carve the coins. As a matter of fact, the toll would be paid of ten times more if he had a whif of what he was taking from them. It pushed through and got to him. Pain in ten-folds, smaller coins entering his nose. He was lost. For a few hours he would wonder around until he fell in the chasm and died.

'Do you take pride in killing men like that?'

'It can't be helped, the man wanted to do scam as. The way I sees it, this er' eye for eye, a tooth in the spine.'

He took the last part back and considered it for a moment. Least of all he should know this. It was a hard fall, yet they wondered. They could've used the man's insight in order to cross the bridge. They could've done it easily if he'd been spared.

But lo this vision couldn't be further than the truth for out there came the noise making flying machine. In the distance, it could wonder at itself, never to look onward at what was going on and how, they missed the pieces of the thinning air. A blast from the Alabaster, they called home instead. They saw the distant flaying ship fully taking off on a whim. Such power emerged from its giant engines that the entire sky looked as if it would be caught. Sometimes sound would travel instead of being caught in clouds. Benign approaching, thence it mattered.

'Where are supposed to take him to?'

They wondered.

For a moment, they had shown some sorrow, for their lost man, a louth, and cowering and cowering they couldn't press it. He had a simple button inserted in his head. One push and it would open, allowing the insides to crawl out and be freed, running along like a young lizard in a sad attempt to escape its mild encompassing fate. For that was what they needed now, even more trouble spoken about. It should be noted that they had no control over the way they acted. A scene such as this would be enacted in the ardour of sunken-needle rings, amongst whom they'd travel and never see the spring.

'We have to make the pass to the large surmounting area in the South-region pass whence they know of it and might be avoiding.'

But they hadn't know, it wasn't decided yet.

If it were so, they might've settled for less, getting away, trying to decide how to get out of the way before the one fell.

'And yet.'

They stop, no longer marching. It was a filthy play they couldn't embrace any longer. Pointless, as much as a headache would be allowed. In that case, they stopped.

'Let the marching armies kill us.'

Hawks said, he had enough. Enough of the walking, enough of being lost. They were on the road out there, somehow and he had been nigh-responsible for tracking it down. Let alone see what was going with their minds, to shatter the road and walk on it. Thence thrice the more and little less could it be. For whichever way they fell, they couldn't rise away and saw a way in.

'So be it, we'll set camp here, for this night.'

Unless you clearly counted the pebbles for each time they managed to land a foot off the ground, you missed it and you should. Every displaced pebble hid the corpse that his in that malignat place, it could. Be counted, so to account for the entry into the occult. They had no dignity any longer, passing with the others, as they waited for something to go on.

Nothing happened, and a universal instability could not be denied. It was that cancer of the mind which started walking on its own feet right in front of them in daylight. From the amount of tusks that emerged, a blockage came from them. A lighter turned the fumes in a decider.

Hawks suffered in silence. It was all those countless nights he spent scouting the places in order to make sure than none of the others would have their throats slit during the shifts. It started getting onto him.

'You okay?'

Startled he prepared the knife. Rat-fellow or not, he almost slithered his face as it started turning into the vermin he didn't like the look of now. He was much lighter than that and it was much less of a bother to search or shout. They should've said something, but most of them abstained. He was clearly affected while they paid him so much to remain.

'Here's some more power. Use it if you must. This extract should keep you going for a few more nights.' It felt like snuff. Bad, worse, abhorrent, most of the particles felt like picks impaling his nostrils, dragging forth. That's what he couldn't shake off.

How did I manage to get here? Of course nought would suffice his interests, let alone would he be aroused by thought. After a while, it could turn on him, he had to match them, wit to that. All of the heads attached to the pipes resembled him by every feature he looked back at. He was met half-way in. Why? Would it matter if he pressed in?'

Psychosis

It was not going to go away. Regardless of how you looked at it, there would be no other direction to which it'd go to. They waited for him to say something. It took him a while to get around and make some noise. He was mind-busted. Walking in a desert of combs around the same town everyone else appeared to have already gotten accustomed to. And it was dry, his hands and his throat was perched but his body was way too dry for a single human to deal with. That would have to wait for now. It was obvioust that for the time being they didn't care what was going on.

The Corps called, it was to go.

'Are we up to the challenge then?'

‘As always, you go first, I’ll follow.’

Though it was deplorable, trying to make their way through the whole process, it was required. Small radion-waves gnawed at the skin, making sure their pugintily shoved their deposits inside of them, in the reverse way a mosquito would desposit them. For that was way too close, it got way too close to comfort. And that didn’t even account for all the blood they started losing in the air as the molecules started combining. It was a mess, the street was filled with them. Snatcher, purse-watcher, it had to stop before it got too far. Their hands were already too embroidered in the fabric. Even by a slight chance, both arms shouldn’t have been welded to their shirts or to their broader faces. It was the only way they could go through.

It made them slack off, it made both of the men invisible to their eyes, even though they couldn’t have been farther from it if they tried. And worst of all was the smell. A scent still managed to infest their nostrils. They say that helps you concentrate. It helps you look away from the action which instead of making you even more trouble, it somehow saves you.

‘Are you serious this? We’re still eight miles from the station.’

‘I’ll be fine, I only need a breath of fresh air. And all this fabric feels like it’s about to smother me.’

‘Can’t it wait for a few more minutes at least? I have a bad feeling about it.’

‘Zipp it.’

He took no precaution in taking it off. He even ripped some of his skin off because he couldn’t help it. For someone who undertook the role of a protector of the citizen, he certainly was out of it now. Worse than a drunk at least, he took a shot to his head and one to his throat. The fabric had a way of showing, of making those marks pop out despite not being touched by it. That’s how you first detect them, it’s the first impassible test. First fabric gets attached, then he gets his patched checked out and if they’re growing. He needed to go. As far away from this place as possible.

‘You can’t come back with me at the station, you know that, right?’

‘Why not, I’m still clean.’

He wasn’t clear on it though. He was out of it, bottle in hand, a gun in the pocker and all cards were dealt with.

I should’ve known better than this.

It certainly was peaceful, wasn’t it? For once, everything I wanted went my way. He rested there with a bullet behind his ears, the kin were already on top of him, covered in the fabric. It spread and ate at them. It was straining, for the same reason they were nastily in awe. As much as it would be allowed, I had no idea who the man who joined me was. But were both headed in the right direction I think.

He was flat headed, too much for my comfort. He asked for a cigar but gave no change. He got into my car but I did not know him yet. He had a gun and an explosive device implanted in his both. Respectively his arm and his chest, but this wasn’t happening that often to begin with. It was somewhat safe, or so I

felt. Without looking around me, I would've known. Instinctively, I would. The city was a trash-heap , a ruin of its former self. At times, I wondered what was going on and why there were no lights signaling my return this time around.

‘Allco, I need you to pin me down and my company...’

‘Joe.’

‘Right, me and Joe are going to head around my office. Bussiness trip.’

She didn't notice anything suspicious. Nothing was being pinned down for now. It was quaint, thinking about how many people were here. It went too smooth, it was uncalculated. We were both out of it now.

‘Check the first shelf, you should see a few credits stashed around there.’

‘No interested.’

He didn't show much emotion. As soon as we entered in, he came only as someone who was indisposed of hearing what I wanted to say. I asked him for a drink, he refused it. I tried persuading him with everything else I had on me. My car, my plates, the insurance on the brain-boxes I was to transport. But he kept refusing.

‘Lock the door, I want the two of us to stay here undisturbed by anyone.’

‘You're one of those fellows, aren't you? I suppose you're planning on doing something we're both going to regret, aren't you?’

No nervous laughter, only cold steel from which neither of us managed to move on from. It was only how the life was, in the city. And these were its people. Of course, he would have to get away from it. Eventually, he promised to himself, he'd find a way, not to make too much of a case out of it, a solitary house near the sea-side, somewhere in the New Pacific Coast, right under the rooftop of the nations. He's worked how many years now? It was hard to track any longer. Twenty, eighty, fifty years? The passing of time and the systems became so altered that it hadn't made any sense in the longest time. It made him realise that some things can't be forced.

This time around, something could be done about it.

‘Show some emotion, you're a human after all.’

‘Only animals show emotion, you know that, don't you?’

The directive already established that the chemicals released in the air took them away from us.

We were headed only in one direction and it was never clear where. He had his hand-gun pointed at me, just in case I had the nerve of thinking of a way out. 'Hello, hello, who's there?'

It was a dead line. Thoughts in check but there was nobody trying to get away from sight. No one spoke for five minutes. Then they closed. It was loathsome waiting whilst standing on a dead-couch, listening to radio tunes that were never even starting to play on when needed. And it was all so empty, seeing the phone receiver being eaten little by little by non-seen termites. They came from inside her finger. Asthma thought about replacing it. Ever since the vibrations started pushing through his ear, he knew he couldn't

handle it any longer. It was all on the line, the call he needed to get from the company, he'd die otherwise. Bluntly put, it was the only thing stopping him from jumping out the tenth's story apartment floor he lived in. The chasm which surrounded the building didn't help either, it only made everything much worse. For now he rested. It took him a moment to scrape the skin off his temple but when he did it, it finally came out. It was a phone-receptor, an old one, one of those antiques you'd see in black and white photos that you'd refuse to touch for whichever reason. It bothered him for some reason, the thought of answering it. It was shaped like a foam supporter wrapped around the handle of a wine-cup. It was fashioned that way, like a sealing valve, verdant but it bore many small puncture holes. He placed it at his ear and listened.

'Who is it? Hello, hello.' He spaced out. All too likely, he spent his time running his fingers in circles that were never there. For once he questioned what he was doing and why. It was clear, he needed a break from it, but the hole ran too deep. Eventually, it would reach his brain and cause a brain hemorrhage to occur. Blasted thought, it came to him. There was an easy way out and an easy way in. Walls were being around by the emission. It came to him only then that this wasn't the same house he had been in before. If it had been, she would've been the same person. She wasn't. A key difference that made him stop was the presence of un-seen walls. Those were eaten as well, and without experiencing pain, he could do anything but grab them. So he had tried, as ever. Picking up one of the long-knives he carried on him, Asthma made a cut. It ran as deep as one could suffer making himself bleed around an invisible mattress. As soon as it became encompassed in red, the opening revealed itself. From inside came Esklot. He was a man hiding inside the mattress, not a humanoid, otherwise those long metallic sizzling arcs wouldn't make any sense at all, but, one that was similar to them. He had a haircut that pushed inward and the hair springs were made of iron. He offered a single match which had been taken out of his gut. He wanted me to burn the place.

I agreed to the arson and saw it fit to listen to the received again, seeing how with every step it started pushing out of my neck, battling for a single spot in line. I was sure it was not meant to act that way, but I did as much as I could pay for. They had me sniffer. After hearing the other line reveal the other end, I knew my wife was dead. Second wife or not, she was an intruder. But that had to wait for now, first the fire and afterwards that. I had to look to the point where I was being taken and what would wait for me after that. Every time he did it, a single further-burning cut appeared. But they went through with it, the apartment had been scorched. It was done for. They wouldn't be able to restore it any longer, especially since, after judging by the amount of damage that had been done, at least several years could be taken to put everything in place and make it so it would never be lost from there. I saw it fit that I was just as scorched. Seeing how one of the mirrors was untouched, I looked back at the place. Both of us did. Despite both of us looking the way we were, he was up-standing, more than I could ever say about myself. Compared to me, he had a bunch of metal sutures that prevented him from falling apart. I could see the intensity he was trying to push through as he gazed at the mirror then back at me. He saw the receptor and asked about it.

How come that didn't die in the fire? That much he couldn't even hope to point in the right direction. And there was another thing he wondered as well, what was the other wall, the fake-placed. It was flaking out of the way. I could feel some scent coming out of it and as I followed, it just dawned on me. We were both intruding in our neighbor's apartment. What a weird thing to say, at last. It was one of the deformed buildings that we lived in. The ones that didn't allow for much to be seen or heard. But there had to be

more. After scraping my other temple, I pulled out another receiver. It was natural, despite what common sense dictated. I wanted hide it but I couldn't. After a while I would get used to it, from the amount of acoustics that bounced from one end to another, to the other noise. That one was of another kind I couldn't stare for long at. Every second I listened to it, both cables on both ends hardened. They had not only received a life of their own, but they appeared to dictate my every action, my every move. I had to prove it to myself that I wouldn't allow the deeper thing to rise. It wanted to get out, that's why the images of torture started flashing in like cards that were cutting through my throat. It was the only thing I wanted now, some reassurance that I was fine. Relentlessly in awe, I figured I would do the only thing I could put my mind on. I would do it well. It would do well to at least try it.

It was the speed of the mind at which the hands were created. They were overly exposed and limited to a sight unlike no other, for the sole reason they started cutting down many of the spores that began ruminating around the sea. Anglers joined them during noon. Then it was finally understood, exactly, as it happened, where they were coming from. It was distasteful, trying his hand. He was a thief. He stole pockets. Pockets turned to blood, just like diamonds, he ended up with a few piled off. Right next the shore where the sea would take care of the rest and he hadn't had a need to look back for what he's lost. It was mid-afternoon afterwards, when he came back home.

'You got what I asked of you?'

'Of course I have, here's the pray. That should cover my expenses for at least a week, shouldn't it?'

'Were you seen?'

'I wasn't followed.'

'It wasn't what I asked.'

'Then you should better than that.'

It was night, he would be night-followed. It could be seen by the counter-measure of his neck, it dug deeper than expected. It was lost on him because his mind didn't allow it. Perhaps it was thrice when he came onto him. He was shot, soon, blasted on the street with a pile of feet in his sack, which only had to have happened on the streets of Sicily. It was here where the sky was laughter and a pocket-grabber like him would get some work. It wasn't going to happen. It was all wishful thinking at its best. They detested that, as a matter of fact, it could only come on them this way.

'We won't make it through this way, don't you get it? We're only stalling for time.'

And time and time again, there was nothing to look after, not after one another and certainly not for themselves. It was conductive as well, the scent they shared.

Stopped by chance, he wondered what could go wrong. It was somewhat useless trying to get through. It had only seemed like they could spare one another through. By chance, it didn't happen.

'What is the meaning of this?'

City of mind lost

Elegant darted to the Proto-being, without the slightest expectation to his mind. He had tired of questioning him or doing anything even as slightly harmful as he would. From what he seen now, he could only, or should only stick by him. Careful as he were, they descended through the peaks of sparrow and basked upon such a graceful society as of which likes had never been seen. It was a dangerous but benign lout that showed on them. It was in this light that they started thinking as it ought to be, as it ought to happen and it should. Just by the roads they had been waited for in one of the most peculiar carriage that landed there. Both of its sides were feathers, but not in the same way the sparrows were. Instead, these feathers were only getting darker until they came into contact with them. At that point on, they fumigated like a continuous storm that was kept inside. Even the mahagony was somewhat ill-surrounded by a disgusting delight, painted faces and the heads of birds which hung around the top, and which surrounded the wood of block they entered in. As soon as they offered, the giant Sparrow responsible for dragging it, as if it were cart reassured them that this ride had no need to be paid for. It was a crooked way of pushing through some unneeded bankruptcy and solidarity of pain. But they chose to take it.

Last was the only one who entered. Henceforth, of course he would be the only one to bother going about its insides.

‘I don’t like it in here. It’s all so old. I don’t like things that feel old. They give me a feeling of not belonging.

Really, I really do, I don’t think old people belong here. Do you think, do think I’ll grow old once? I can’t seem to find a way for it to happen, you know?

Every time I look in the mirror, at least, when I lived up there with the high-folk, I was detested, you know? They said things about me and they appeared to be true every time I looked at my reflection.’

‘And what would that be?’

Elegant faced only the white blinds through which he looked outside. He listened but conveyed only the slightest indifference he couldn’t draw away from. With all being said, he found himself searching for that magical place filled with strangely lit dove-statutes, whoemer might entrust him, he’d look at him only with the slightest thought of rubes. It was only then that he turned and question Last. What did they do? He didn’t understand it at first, but then again, no one was supposed to get something as vague as this was.

‘I know better than not to mind my own business here. Call me what you will but for once, I feel as if I can breathe again.

Perhaps it was a dark cloud which took my mind but, I see the world differently than before. You’re looking at me as if you don’t believe.’

‘I do, sir, of course I do and I’m not planning on trying to make you sound like a liar or someone struck-up on the rank. But.’

He considered this at least, for what was worth there was no sign that he would have some peace of the mind. It was only this.

‘You remind me of them, that’s why, no. You don’t remind me of them, you are them.’

After which he shot his mouth and remained quiet. Something like this couldn't be muttered more than once. It was unsatisfactory, it was a loss of his so-well earned compassion he considered getting rid off. First, the Elegant was to rise, they arrived at the place they were invited to attend to, whichever festivity they may come to, he had never considered this. Without the slightest hint of remorse, he pushed him down. And the Proto-being did not appear to mind much. At least I know this much, you're on my side, no matter where I'll get to and no matter what I might do. My dear murder-friend, that's what you are.

Both of them looked at one another and even in those wooden eyes he knew there was something going on. Perhaps it was a spark of life he had never bothered looking into which only now started manifesting. He rested on blocks of cinder, as they fell. It would only come to him in time as well.

What neither of them now was the Rot and John and the Wool-merchant's body were on their own out there, reunited for a short period of time they only spent messing around and trying to make do with the apocalyptic-wather. In it the sign of red, the plethora of chemicals lead to the imbalance which gave the strangled look they feared it would shake everything even tinted. Rising from the lands the sparrows minded not a second more in which they leaped and bothered themselves no less than it should be allowed.

At the top of one of the desolate buildings they stood and waited. One of the many heads managed to roll its way over only to leap and bite John's ear. If it must be so, it spoke through the beak without moving. An image like this was hard to count on.

'Don't get lost down there, you need to stay away, grave-digger.'

It flashed on his mind. The words had almost driven him to the blinding sight of a long last play, beneath the theater where he had once been called to attend the rising of the glassy-beings, whichever had remained the same. But there was more to it, which he hadn't enjoyed admitting. He tried to swallow but failed, pushing through his throat instead one last time.

A constant melting coil pushed the organic matter into one direction until pink had become boiled red, until it had become muscle and instead of spreading, a carapace grew on top. A hard-knocker rested inside, fuming as only a few bar-holes appeared inside of it. So much strength was being generated by the mere act of teeth claspings at one another that he felt as if he offered himself to one of the melting beings there. As the grave-digger he wanted to be eaten. He had been given, failing to realise that he was the one feeling the pain.

Meanwhile, as he had imagined, the creature whispering in ear already managed to implant the dot-like tiny blots of scum that would deposit every filth-ball he carried around.

Farther away yet.

It was their fault alone, and for this mere act of treason they couldn't fathom turning. Thumb thumb thumb in the jointer, they were always trying to get a single pointer. And the headless basin came through the reeds. He stopped and threw a few other spears. Dreadfully as they were, it was through the single hole picker from the pouring yanker.

Then the rage came back to him and though the disaster could not be dealt with, they started creeping in, the veins. So much power could not be conveyed. It burned like a bomb that thrashed his skull-knuckles.

So much for his mind, it was gone.

‘I see, it all makes so much sense now doesn’t it?’

He search for a second in his mind. Of course, of course, it all made sense, too much for his own good.

Twenty days ago, of course.

‘Why not buy into it now, good man?’

A supreme command was given into the poor man’s head. He couldn’t draw away from it any longer.

‘My greatest work yet.’

The old man thought, while unmet by Agamemnus, he had almost done it.

‘The Convenent of the elders, I think I shall make it blunder under their bones. Why yes, I shall exploit all of them until I will not be able to do it no longer, hah.’

The old man thought. It was a nice trick, pretending he died, even then, with a cracked skull and a pierced mind. It was just another filthy trick, another one of his exploits, his racial blood being red, red, red, of no human color. Masked in rivers of corruption, starvation, exploitation and filth.

‘Yes.’

He said. Unable to contain his mad pulsing desires, he only made notes, fake notes at that.

The God-box spoke from its metallic envelope:

‘Search for them, out there, by their filthy facial features.’

It spoke in mad intonations, never drawing near the creation of the perfidious creatures it hunted.

‘Go forth and let us not settle until it hath become an obsession, driven by madness never-ending.’

Soon the mad voice continued, in its never-ending contortion-turned.

‘It was clear, even before I heard it happen, he had become obsessed with what that box started telling him. He’s being fet by the minute, fed by the impulse, over and over the Rhine.’

How could he be helped? Poor picke of a man, Francis Boulevard, broken as he was, drunk by the passionless features that launched him forth. Overly obsessed with them, he fancied creeping of men and women, trying to pin down everything they had on paper and around the bases of their skulls.

And the size of their lips, the shapes of their noses, their craniums and flat occiputs, their hair types and every racial feature that distinguished them from the others. No matter how he looked, whichever direction.

‘There, and that way, you and you, the ones I’m pointing at.’

Boulevard noticed it, couldn’t help it. Because of the box, it was the box which told him, he pointed and laughed.

‘Why yes, that prognathism does make you less human.’

His laughter almost drowned the room they were in. It couldn’t be helped. First man to be stalked and killed in his house, broken lock, stepped inside and he pulled his jaw out as he was sleeping. From his depths shot the green fat organ, the fat robust tendril grasper. Shortly after It started creeping out and bloating an oil-like verdure of ink-like plasma.

Francis stepped away.

‘I knew it.’

He reconfirmed with the box, and as soon as that happened, he started seeing the man for what he was. His body ripped in half and from every spot his features convexed and shot back. Crawling on top of a twice-folded ceiling, he rested on a dome. From his insides he was prone to leap, from ceiling to the whip of the ground. A fasting of a charge released him into the ground, the second floor resting. He nested in the lower-bed where the infants were sleeping inside the protruding back-bone shells. Unable to bring themselves back to life, in an intimate sight that happened all too fast for him to ignore, he noticed their transparent cells fill with their life-liquor, which drowned them inside of allowed them a second rest.

‘What have I done?’

‘You prevented his infants from spreading, unknowingly, you saved them. Saviour, saviour, saviour, saviour, saviour, you’ve done it, have you not?’

You listened to us, the god-box and you have been rewarded more than you could think about it in the age of the lot.’

And the lot was there, they watched, breaking the ceiling as they peered down on him. High-crowned armors that looked like ivory husks, pushed around them, mightily elongated to the peculiar white-hued sun that floated above of them. Constantly they burned, out of the heat, being sucked in by the white-sun and their blood-powder floated in between them.

‘Woe to the take in the Rhine for he know that this fate of theirs is benign. Heathen of weird paces, aviatory of mistakes, can you not see how its writhes in pain now?’

Mourning in their small dome, mightily forlorn for something they cannot help nor look back into. I see the light now, peering down on them. It wants you to waste no second and expand. Fill it with dread, drowning it in our sand.’

Thence the sadness ended, and the God-boxed confirmed.

Noses that were too big, mightily flat on the sides, eyes that were too small and slit and skulls that were too small in the front. It was a mighty change a pace, the change, that he could see it be reconstructed several times in the green puck that had emerged out of it. Now came the only thing that he could point at. A

lavender scent, morse as it could be felt. Around the trims and never-wonder, they grew much weaker as they were exposed to air.

‘Pull its guts out first.’

God-box said and Francis stepped into the room below. An initial leap had been destined for him to carry on and get through. It could only be felt then, how this advent of pain would last him, never-knowing and also wondering why he was to be called, to be the executioner. Hard felt it came to him then. As much as those green vides tried encombering around the small shells, they failed time after time again, founder might, or should’ve known.

‘Burn them now, with sand.’

The Box said it as well and soon enough it erupted from inside. With a liquor of blue pushing out, a small chicken-like small man, transparent with everything in him from the ribcage to the other soft bones that suddenly became a strange apartment-like room, it spread around and took everything in.

‘Is this normal?’

‘We shall see now. The fiend is now dead and with that in mind you shall be allowed to continue forth and leave the building. Reap your reward outside, if you may so will it now.’

For tar was being set to follow, in the marches, the swamp between the elongated buildings that floated backwardly in a strange buffon-point, pyramid but reflected eighteen times and overlapped. It looked like the unit in control, an almost tower-like sharp fanged shaking construction that moved on.

‘You have twenty errands you have to move within a small frame time of twenty seconds.’

‘Where?’

Pointed out there, he was to killed someone who had his face elongated, someone who had been cradleboarded, horded by the many races, mixed with the filth of dumb paces. Most of them were filled with the conspiracy of trying to get him, since he feared he would be seen. He’d be noted of it and of everything he’s been trying to do as well as he could see it fit.

There was the healthier dose and the meaning of nothing brought by cold fields. All that emptiness needed to be filled sooner or later in the durghan.

‘And another breed pales to him.’

It was the insomniac speaking out of the breeding look of colabaster. He was after yet another fallen globe. As I were saying before, I haven’t actually thought about it in the present. There were other things going. There was also the other thing which never even crossed my mind so far. I had been so absorbed for year that I had forgotten what everything looked like.

‘It’s the strangenes of this place and its weird sea which make it stand out, wouldn’t you agree, Ivanoe?’

‘What was that?’

‘I think we just stopped now. Would you like to turn around?’

‘I want you to listen and look out of the grates.’

Lost planets

Despite being indisposed for the longest time, there wasn't any sign of it happening. That was the one thing that seemed to bother him. Seeing the universe in this state while realising that this was all because of him. It was a total state of disquiet which made him think of the past. There other lanes he should've been threading upon and other servants he might've shown pity towards. Pity, at least for him wasn't a blade, it wasn't an anchor but the tool of survival he would endow his children with. They had been reckless in his absence and appeared only to be called when needed for a shock. Their saviour was indisposed, yet he watched, as he would always do it without trying to interpose himself in their business. It was unexplainable, again, everything came so natural here. It was ominous for either of them. Growing like bacteria in the midst of space was no guarantee for either of them. Hence, entry into one of the abandoned planets, Post-Agammemnon, where the thunders of skin had refused to show it. For starters, it was much quieter than before. The Colossus-tongue Agammemnon would've loved it. Everything was so clean, that it couldn't be touched any longer, nor would it stray by any evil hand, and nothing could remain unturned, no stone of dirt-liver or the peculiar creations he had called his sons.

Not to worry about them for long now, that would only show a type of mercy that no one should ever be forced to see. But, there were proper days, when he enacted the rise of a dynasty he never cared about it. It prodded a lot. As the first sons had realised there was no supreme master to show them what life meant, how it should've been lived with the infinite examples, attention and given mind, they slowed down and started wandering about. Billions of flying beings had given in their attempted flight, instead they chose to stay on ground. It was a simple yet meaningless way of living for them. For the same reason they thought there would be no future for creatures like them, most had resolved to spend their time waiting in their pins and the marching within the strangest places ever to erect themselves from the ground, as pillars of snow, they rose from the glouts underneath the walkers. Some fell from beneath it, others got impaled by the many arms that came after, with each finger becoming spears that never stopped protruding forth. Agony was a dance and they could bring nothing forth, but this question. Where is our father and why had he forsaken us? No intonation would do for now, only the wonder and the question, what came after?

They didn't know how to react to it. The breaking, the eight-folded Etriarchs of skin who started floating towards the obscure dark-pink ball which pulled them closer to it. As far as they knew, rest they be assured of it, they could not be harmed. As soon as they reached its center of gravity, it opened like the shell of an egg and from it came the other Etriarchs of skin who hadn't been attached to the lower parts of their bodies any longer, giving themselves the opportunity to gather in as much of the pucker mass coming out of the shell.

What could be guess was the fact that they were hoistering their own filth as soon as they remained untouched. It was a disturbing look the citizens could not avert their eyes from. As soon as they joined one another in the dance of shades, none remained mentally prepared to see them connect. A unity was suddenly forced onto them. As soon as they began attaching their long arms to the curling masses inside their growing fake-lungs, thence started the terror they produced instead of trying to allow them a chance for respite, that the citizens might use to get away. It was filth for the sole reason that the lands had been theirs now. The Etriarchs appeared out of nowhere, claiming over the land before the faces could appear instead.

They were mocked by inaudible specks that could not be filled again. It went over their heads, lost for a reality they couldn't be bothered about.

For, when Agamemnon finally arrived, he foamed with madness at that sight. So many humans were encombed, mummified in foam, breathing through organs that didn't belong to them, as it could be put bluntly. While they were missing, someone took their role. Someone attempted extending their dominion over what was rightfully theirs instead of allowing the respite to come. It was decided, they'd return. Since there was no chance for such a vile rabid creature bent on sending them back, to their likings they chose to push the Etriarchs back before they'd go again. They would only be met by brute strength and no mind for the taking. 'I see there's a reason you're here for. You've come and brought your forced yet you have not spoken with us before.'

But what was there to be said? They'd only look instead of trying to spare them of feeling dust. It would be lost on them, and only that mattered, at last. 'I'm only trying to help your kind, don't look at us as if we're something to be minded about.' But the Etriarchs would not be heard, they would not be allowed to talk to them out of senses. This was no court, but it could be done. Instead of trying to instill a battle, they decided that this conflict wasn't worth it. Soon after they went, instead for a chance, a shot at them. 'Claim only one of them, we shall bring him to the court of dead.' Where the Duke had been and where he'll walk again once he'll be found. Wherever he might be, the place was theirs now.

When the faces of Agamemnon appeared there, in their own made packs, as outlandish as they were at that, it was decided that they'd look out for one another, not to be tricked into doing the bidding of a mad being such as the Etriarch. And when he was brought here, it was more than clear that he wasn't going to be easily allowed to make do with the materials he could come into contact with. This sudden dissapereance was nothing that was planned. As a matter of fact, he was bleeding on the floor, unable to control the leeching of the many tubes he had left behind him. Of course this would do, in more than a way, he had already been easily defeated without having to put a single shimmer of effort to get through them. He rested for a second, looking for a chance to do something, so he may get out before he was asked for. Certainly, it could be done. All of the bodies that surrounded them began the admission of frowns in the court. It wasn't likely that they'd show any kind of emotion that wasn't theirs, alone. As it happened, for now, there was no way for them to be mocked. All the bodies opened their mouth as they began questioning where he was. 'Will he speak and will he be listened to?' Nay they weren't going to. It was more than feasible to believe that they had, enough of it.

Where's the Duke? Where's the Duke, where's the Duke? The voices asked but never got a response to begin with. He was here before, he was there, he should've said something. There was something to the

Duke they had never ever come to realise. For he was, he was lost. To them, the Duke was lost. He was beyond royalty, the plane and the strange kingdom he desired was just as lost. And they had never managed to realise what the Duke's worth was until then, when the dead spoke of him in kind word, whilst never showing a sign that they would betray this sublime version of him that remained. He would be trapped in there, if it were for them, but as these beasts realised, the Etriatrch was not there. He wasn't there any longer, he disappeared back into the world at last and it had only happened because they got suddenly distracted while refusing to pay any attention to what was going on around this chaos and the piling up caused by the flood.

'We ought to do something about it, shouldn't we?'

'What do you propose then? I see no reason I could even come to mind. I see only a window through which we may act but only for a short period of time, I say. Let us not waste our time complaining and search for him.'

'Stop it. If we couldn't find one of our own, what hope is there that we may find him wherever he went on?'

It gnawed at them. Even then, even now, despite being fractioned into so many and so many more, they resounded to get lost and not convey a thing. They couldn't fathom staying in for long. They could not debate it, for the boils startled even the dead. Agamemnons couldn't fathom the fact that another one of their servants was lost. This would have to do. Farther, out there, in the worlds that couldn't even be touched by their unaware mental condition started being afflicted by their madness, unknown to them, in the like. The filth essence crossed the path of ships and entered through the minds of the decantors as they erected the first Roman-glyph altars in the names. Osidar, as it had been. The name of the planet on which the Obsidian race was given birth in, the Obsidars remained in awe, growing and mastering the craft of popping out of their own tars, as that was the only way they would deal with the invasion that was taking place. An engulfing platter of struck leds began accessing their electric beds.

How could he talk now that his lips were tightly sewn together? How could he walk when his legs had fingers growing out of their form like cacti needles pushing out for more? And what of the deformed arms that never came about his mouth, which never ever started growing, as they remained as small as he was unknowing? This bind erected fool tall-breed. A victim of the eugenic program which forced him on the streets to feed the hyena-children and those who were made out of skin-barrels and nanoscopic tall-walking blood-taking led-heads. They walked together hand in hand, attacking whoever they might see right, instead of praying for the after. It would only be then that they could discover the light inside the arc which followed after.

'Get down before it collapses.'

A citizen was too slow, almost moronically cowed so far that he failed to get out of the way. As in part, a piece of the building was made out of the entire batter-like sandwich build, with the insides of it being made out of normal men and hard working people who covered up the losses. In their fall, they started cowering around in the pus-inflicting masses that gathered around them. Some escaped but only walked like crabs, eight of them tied together, carrying the same burden underneath their plain robes.

'Outta the way, they're trying to pass.'

It was less than clear what they were after. Nor could they see the reaction any longer as their weak limbs gave in. They dirtied the streets as they crawled as un-well as amoebas would, towards the darkest spots, a receding piece of multiple cars which went into one place. There they rested and converted the bodies into their hideous. And there most of them gathered and hid, bidding on their loves ones on the dark market they created inside of it.'

'Twenty marks of silver-tint for my wife and my daughter. I made sure they're not alive any longer, so you don't have to bother about the consequences any longer. I'm more than sure we can work something around it.'

'Eight marks and I'll give you the head of an ape, any ape, just name it.'

The man before the counter, the one after him and whoever followed him in the back, the staff and those surrounding him all looked like ape-heads in robes of humans. They were doing a poor job attempting to hide it from him, as he knew better than to throw himself at the first small-suited, doctor-like aproned trader, who would try to shimmer in.

'I'll have his.'

'All right then, you can have his head.'

He simply gave it away as if it were nothing. But from that pot-hole came the first clue I needed to know they would not play fair. We were at even terms and without a doubt, I couldn't fathom looking around for too much. This place was sick.

There were at least eight upper levels and despite car-metal being used to construct it, the insides looked more abstract. Moving shapes and colors gave it a futuristic look the common mans' eyes couldn't get accustomed to. If it were to be anything else, this would be it, she strange walking people, the giants that were trying to get out of it but spoke in tiny roses that came out of the wall. They imbued the insides with a smell that was gone as soon as they dessintegrated. And after that their voices faded.

'Do not trade it now, he's trying to have your hand.'

'A scammer, a con-artist, are you now?'

'I would say that I'm rather a mere connoisseur than a man of class. Now listen here you lousy lout, you agreed to give me your wife and daughter, even in death. Least of all, you should at least consider giving them to me now before things get more heated.

Or, we could take it outside, in broad day-light.'

Where the air was scummier by the second, as each trade made inside the market forced the cars to produce an unfathomable amount of scum-smough, too much carbon monoxide from their own guts. And every time that happened, again, outside, you'd hear the sounds and the commotion of life going its way. Lauding one another as they spat the scum made out of the giants' brains. If they had not found an escape in time, they would end up that way, abandoned on the mere ground. Pouting even on the ground as they desperately tried getting away.

‘I’ll take it then.’

Despite the advice given by the turned-giant, he realised they weren’t giants at all. Termite-heads that were on opium, but he considered asking.

‘May I trade with them?’

‘Do what you like now, we got what we wanted. It’s illegal by the way, but I think we could trade if for a hue. A word and everyone inside the market will shut their mouths as if they had never seen you before at that.’

‘Will that do?’

Most of the ape-heads nodded. That included the one in his lap. And now came the fun and barter as he approached them with his ape-head, sounder. Louder than before, he drew in closer and asked for something more than he had on him. He couldn’t afford it, for that he could attest that this would be a scam from his side, as something he detested no more and no less. Various hues on the walls started fading as well, he traded too much ink with them, and now he couldn’t do it again. Perhaps I’ll have to play it safe and be cleverer than I’ve been before. Act natural, thought Gentle Bob.

He was smarter than that, and he hated the ape-heads. They were stuck at such a contrast with those fair-skin bodies they stole from the trade. Gentle Bob thought about it for a moment. Looking back at it, he found himself sickened by the fact that one of them would have his wife, let alone his daughter. He’d meet them with both disgust and some satisfaction that they were still walking, not alive but used in some way. He’d pay it. Being as disgusting as it sounded, it crossed his mind before.

But enough of that, it was delightful, listening to them speak tongues. One of them came out of the wall and just as expected, he was half-footed, like a dwarf-boyish figure. He was out of place and seemed to get arrogant by the minute. He was fuming as the carbon started being eliminated from the top of his grate-holed forehead. Of course he was a termite eater but that was beside the point. Without regard for human life, he leaped about the place and carried on back in place. Disfigured from the get-go, he started grabbing his only tool of malignant destruction.

‘He’s got a bomb, he’s brought in a bomb.’

They basked at him and got down, having no other chance to make it to the door as he was shocked by the color of blue and a petty-coting of ultramarine-green that left him glowing. Dangerously snowing with blood inside the market, they knew they could pass out.

‘I need you all to get down, now!’

He shouted as he pulled the black sphere and cubes, the strange device that started pumping in and out of bigger and darker cubes and sphere. All of which only brought the indignation of the color, the untrustworthy nature it bore, alas. The dwarf-boy giant took the ape-head out of my hand and started running around at an unfathomable speed, even by their standards. It was all so cruel to be there.

‘What have you done?’

I was asked but I could not even convey as much as a figure, my mind was plastic. I was mindless in such weird acts of commotions. Curled and bowed, I grabbed my head and shouted about the place.

‘Silence now or I’ll spare no one from inside the market. I need total silence to function.’

They couldn’t spare it, nor would they do with what they had. They had spared no one the sight of dread as they started walking out one by one. Many of them had their beards grown in the wrong places, their strange spines reverted while others walked on walls. Not a surface was even calm and the clamor only appeared then, at the worst of times.

Explosive pearls were hidden in and all of the sudden, they were no longer looking at the sky, nor barging in. What should be known was the fact that what took its place in sight was only a flat color of beige. A squarish anchor only started moving out of the way, as disease would result in distress. No more crossings, yet the dead started intoning there. They turned from their spots as the explosion wasn’t the outcome but a strange vile transparent sea-jelly like ever expanding veal that covered all. Everyone rose from their spots. Even Gentle Bob, who had nothing to do with anything he’s ever seen happening in front of him, yet he became, all of the sudden the main attraction. To him life was uncanny and unlikely to be gotten there. He would’ve done for a living if they paid him something to be dealt with anyway.

‘You are the only sane man here, you got to listen to this message of dread.’

The signal had remained strong. About the place, they were all induced in a walking catatonic state they could not move on from. Thence he was given a choice in the matter, with an alternative being an unseen disease, a distress of the mind and an eternity spent while not being alive, shoved inside the blocks of scum that were inherently evil inside him.

‘Listen to us, for we have been forced to deliver this vile thing to you at last.’

A message had been carried through dimensions and though he would be promised to it now. He’d keep it without a single speckle of doubt. He knew much better than to ruin everything in the trashing of the moon. A Mars-handled, swimming in the crater of the small represented planet came to him now. For a man looming inside it for so long, he was not red but missed both sides of his jaw through which the Mars-sand poured out in the pool instead. Though it was dirty, he missed his hips.

He was the second one who carried the message as if in part, from an envelope that had travelled way too far. And it had gotten through way too many shapes only to stop and come at it again.

‘Open it now and wait for the blood to spill entirely until it will be there no more.’

Gentle Bob did as he was asked to, never doubting at any point in time that if he had done something wrong, they would’ve taken no second off but killed him. It was something he dealt with closely. Never to mind a second more, for what was happening around the place was no symbol of gore, but a satisfaction and an addition to the family, all of them rising from the clots.

‘Focus now Bob, I need you to open it now and draw forth.’

He had spoken of the occult in there, for the letters appeared after the red sea. Around him they chanted as dead-people ought to be when surrounded by a night-divine figure in all its prime. He answered nought but

read out louds. As soon as he began they all covered their ears, their eyes, their years and their mouths with hands that appeared out of nowhere and hands that were not of this age.

It was a gluttonous remark which only now tried getting away.

‘I need you to travel to the cavern in the north, descent downward to the place where you may enter his world and carry on this device to a man by the name of Ivanoe.’

So was it known so far.

Canker-world and eight Octaves

It was a crab-tumor leash that started spreading through their minds. Though they were weak-bodied and silent about it, they had only looked aside. Most of them were filthy and disgusting looking, weak, weak, all so weak. Filled to their armless dirty clothes, unable to listen or get down on their feet without the help, in which case it was why they were there. Not one of them answered about any of the inquiry that happened and drove the creator of all things mad, because they were aware of his retaliation.

‘Wrong in them shall you find them sitting and being hanged, for all they have done, in the forest-blocks of strong fired-icles, solidly covered in the stone-iron pay.’

We lay abandoned, we were forsaken. They, the be, all turned their backs on us, on the one that pierced the Thorn and killed its insides, slowly making it suffer because it could not be met. And they had not listened to the demands for all the hatred was not met.

Meeting it would be uneven, they couldn’t fill their healthy livers. But ho’, there to them, the pity looked for a way in, for his frustration wasn’t emptiness but something he had recognise.

‘Agamemnon shall come there and he shall rise again from the bed of filth, where he had sunken in the court.’

The gibberish was known, the leviathan emerged, and in it he appeared now, contorted and directed into the pit of scum. He had so much angst for them. His harted turned away remorse.

A spit of the cancer, the betrayal, it was what they did, spoketh of the truth in hidden sight, good riddance, they could not even fathom being alike. The force that drove everyone to girth and death, they feared. Most of their own, all looked at it and found only the self-pity and the worth.

‘That is how you recognise them, their traits of evil, all inherited.’

Every creature, and every jester in the room, all of them one Agamemnon, who hid himself in the Moon, and for every moon there was a leviathan and they were in the hundreds. Likely the radiation found them

and it could not be believed either. For their sakes, this couldn't happen. No redemption for the misshapen clutches-men. Those between them nor the one hiding in the den.

'A filth of gibberish, the cross in paths, we shall hold agony and talk of it.'

For every Leviathan-jester, in sight, had been replaced, with the face of Agamemnon, in his might, lo to him and to and fro, for he cannot help it but spread himself through their veins and tenders wells. Like leppers in the sky, they told of the worst decantor.

Sinking in the skinless deck, when they exposed themselves to the upturned stink-remorseless flakes that fell of their faces, then they sang the cantor.

'Can we go now?'

They were there, but they were in the wall-suture. It bled. They bled. And they slipped on the blood and fell. But the blood was purple. It burned, touching it, seeing the weird abstract shapes coming out of the ship float away until they started making sense. Most of them looked like sad faces. It was terrible.

Not a single one of them was happy now. Since they weren't in a ship, but outside, surrounded by buildings. Some, if not all of the buildings were complete blocks of shades that could not be entered, which resembled the inner chambers of the bunker.

The entire sky was starless despite being night and instead of blue or dark, it was all dark-red, closely resembling an amber pearl that spend its time breeding the scent out. And most Agamemnon stood on tall humanoid bodies with dark coats. Long leather-like plane-long veils pushed on and dangled around the wind. They would be missed.

No one sad a thing for now, everyone wanted to wait and listen to the weird tunes they were listening to. Some strings were played, nothing out of it came. It was plainly put and no emotion. From one chord to another they stopped in order to recall this travesty.

Blind eyes moved but mouths stopped, anchored to a solid-kind of air, plentiful in the small diseased globes that swam inside the fair.

'We should go and check it.'

Though the fair was blasted into quiet, for it was not the human-kind, instead. Depths uncouted and unnatural structures travelled through realities after that. Lo and wait, an empty spot out there. Twas the second one, akin to a wheel that dissapeared, as one of the most fanatic embraces came, he who touched the sight of the Formeman in a reality that could not be touched again stopped.

Quietly but morose they sang along and waited. Something had to come after a while, the ships would fathom another try. It was this lack of interest that drove them from the pack.

It could not be dealt with after that. A peace of soul corrupted.

There was a severe issue in the severing of his gut.

‘Sir, the child was born as an infant with the head of a shark-like spear and it’s going to keep growing as long as the evil prune-fat bees continue stalking him. Whatever must we do?’

‘We could simply make another incision and draw everything away from him. He’ll bleed like the hell of ice in during an aurora as it crossed the heat death.’

So long, as it was fine, it could not be denied.

Set the satin, the sate was up. It boiled through space and got carried aback. Part of the leviathan wasted as its broiled side opened. Enter the stage, where the actors survived, for the plaster in their heads could only make it so they would see right. Eye watched like beads athunder, in the sick embodiment of crystal traps, twenty skull-anglers inside of them danced. And when they were perturbed while knowing, of the rowing in the sea of space, candles lit in his face.

‘Silence, silence, I need total silence to work now.’

Beliee spoke in a thunder-cord which frozen solid, from the bloody pocket that survived. A few big bodies, almost vase-erected white-embded creatures came out of their hidings, beyond their graves. Now came the laughter which soon stopped after. It was what dreadfully, yet morbid lanterns tried to say. In a laughter and the messenger, who had his eyes glued, conveyed only this play.

It had been waited for far too long, to be believed after so long, which would be the uncanny, the wonderment and the disease. A spear-malfomation which shot from his forehead erected the song as its mosquito-like tongue started floating out of the seeting atmosphere produced by the stage devices.

‘What are we in for?’

Agamemnon wondered, never to come on. He had been malnourished and looked into the ground. A small gourd upon his crest, he watched the rest appear. From his large coat, underneath the thrones that came forth, the buttons did came near. All of them were faced like him, grinning up from the unscolded chin. He floated inwardly, lacking in sight. A dreadful delight only scoweled him as he paid no heed to the days beyond time.

‘Play the songs and let the show continue now, in ether-black. Trap what you can on the stage, unlike any that may remain.’

Open-hearted, discontinued in the nearest cove, first they brought it in the cephalic hanged man. Long handled, from the back of his reins, he travelled with the mover that was implanted into his beack instead. Slowly crawling, he observed the land. Wherever they had been brought was anything but the proximity of the dead-lamb.

It was less than crazy. They wanted to make sure everyone was pursing. Stopped by it, they sang.

Flute in trance, it goes ahead and joins the whistling of the high octave. The rise, it turns and hearing itself churning around. An orchestra singing in the field of twisted notes, mostly enabled by the bodies of light, singing after the tumorii people rise from empty graves underneath the stage. In the mortis, they bring the extrem, the piano keys are bent as their spines join together the enacment. A violition of violins appear undistracted.

Morose comes the man churning, yet Agamemnon mourns no longer. He watches from all the heads, the beds unturned, disaster yearns before it clouds his gaze, sonnet's planning, yet another disastrous song. It plays in their minds, they cannot stop churning as they stopped at midnight, coming. Flanks of terminal points.

Far beneath the tender roads, where the cities stood, where people churned and pursed their lips in tune they feared it.

The plague generator ambience that called their ear-drums and poisoned their hearing-cunts, in the land of bland diseased. Whereas walking was painful, they could only nurture their own.

'It's never going to come by itself, is it?'

A morgue became the next piano, yet they sang atop its bloody curved sprinkle teeth. It was abhorrent how they sank beneath. The journey of Tim Borobby starts somewhere in the tracks of west, in the region of the wave-crest, whereas he had become of the wreckages of men. His heart was made out of decay-cubes, which made him understand the instability of life.

'Because I can, that's why I'm always going to do it, from now on and ever until my legs will start dropping and my scar shall be enboweled.'

Pierced by the knees and shallow, he disregarded them after the cotton towels had been passed around. Most of them were illuminating the sound.

More octaves started rowing, through the notes and ever knowing.

'Singers of duty, bring in your best. Beastly motion, no survivor may know what's it like, unrest.'

'We shall keep it civil then, shall we not?'

A rude awakening had become of the plague. Uncanny noise-chompers appeared, as they danced and neared their own peculiar dendroids they started dancing madly in the connotation of tuberculii. Span around the growing chaf, they started drowning each other out.

'Next in line.'

A call back is what they called it, the song of the coming and the disturbed. Rocked at the bottom gut, taken from his worth, hear him, next in line. The son Argus who stepped towards the feriboat with the giant balloon-rodents in order to reach the plight of Sicily, where the song had long directed him, plain and simple and never ended.

'End the coming of the bitter songs.'

'Whot said that? Why did you wake me from my sleep?'

At last he was met by someone in the poor-forests, the waltz being stricken under the reef. And down here, under a door, he stepped awkwardly next to the Willow Parlor Beast. It dragged its knuckles under the rims of woe.

‘It will ruin us all, that will be the end of us all I sayeth!’

Before he could appeal, it was late, as the boat was resting at the bottom of the ship, sunken before he knew what was going on.

From that point on he swam in whichever direction. It drove him dry, he pointed thoroughly but couldn’t pint his way out of a strongly center latched delivery which had either been entranged or completely removed form his head, anchored to the pointed reef-like walking, planar-bodied mongrels that came from the upper north, he rested against them with the lack of worth being tainted in his head. Emerging from the uncounted reeds, he tried wasting away his surprise after being met by him.

A creature that was completely embolded in brass, a strange aparition which had been embded in this reality when others could not even fathom living more than a single generation, were they damned yet? It couldn’t be so. Either it was plain, but nothing would remain on him. It was pointless checking for any feature, as this perfect apparition had been too plain. Nothing but a wild disdain could be taken from it there, a satisfaction from the ether-cancer, drawing like the sun as they came with their ivory dancers.

‘Begone heathen, you’re not welcome here either. You’ve swollen the stars and now you came here to disturb us even more with the filth of Mars.’

He couldn’t tell it an antler-sharpener iron spear, as it happened to it, they boiled him. Creepingly they followed thorough. A pint was taken from them.

‘Shall we sail north then, I think we need to go to somewhere we could harass more people.’

Spoke the God-box and Boulevard followed. It was one of the strangest panes, the anchor remains, but not nearly as it were before.

‘The sheer amount of distrust is being carried out.’

Now there came the plunder.

Twenty men came out of a booth, all of them were broken in the head and couldn’t take the sounder; thence the fall.

‘And then he shall come back again and destroy all in its path.’

The wreckage had started as soon as Agamemnus began launchis the spears, all of the faces appearing like canker-nodes, growing on their metallic edges. There was this satisfaction, seeing it erupt. As soon as it happened, they couldn’t get away from that dreadful being. The thron had succumbed to the dreadful strikes that started drawing in.

‘Through and through, we shall near it.’

The dead lamb

Before the liver-kettle came the dead lamb. As the kettles lived inside of it before the dawn of mankind. Glory to it and the listener who smirks at the sound of metal being bounced against the inside of the lamb. For it knows better than to shriek in pain and leave them wondering about the pace of time, events going in the dime of a moment before they would be lost again. There in a realm, a kingdom or a spot that wouldn't even come close to resembling space, it stands. And not even the likes of Agamemnon, the Suppressors, the Kings and the Red Gods have reached it for the lamb was safe, and about to be protected under every possible circumstance that may be carried about by the pilgrims of the Lamb. They had to protect it, for the dead lamb was supreme. It was the only thing that kept the liver-kettles within its grasp. What of us and what may be there? For those who heard the signals being sped, from the depths of the halls of Malakerth, the signals travelled, for he had become aware of the awe the kettle carried with it, as much as it would shatter. No man, no blind, no fool, no matter, they could not fathom going after. For that alone, they sang no word, no pity and no wonder, for what came forth.

The lamb pulsed within the strangeness of the journey. They couldn't go on blast the pity, up and turn around the maddened holds. See them for what they were in the land of bloated pigs that turned to scorn, in the days of the Centurions who turned from slumber and looked for a way back home. Their creators turning in day and night for the desire to carry on, in search for the lamb. For the lamb was the only thing that kept the kettles away from sight. A lantern turned to the road, its light was pale, from it a cone emerged at last, the center. From in, weeped a single stone from a manor, from a which a face stared back home. It could be said, not to forget, that in its wake, you'll see it well. As much as into space they chanted, as much as their desire wanted, they could not fathom carrying on, without the lamb, all was gone.

'A voice heard that and if one did, they will not stop until they'll have gone through with it and found the kettle, wherever it might be.'

'But many of them are still well hidden inside of her, can it not be forgotten? Will we not turn to the land that found us home?'

The gibber from the moon-leviathan continued. Without a pause, they were misgiven to someone better than them. A jest could not be turned back on their backs again. Pain was dizzily pushing them away, it could not be decided just what went through their heads. For none of the fools and none of the poppy knew where the lamb was or where they could find it in the midst of the carabin's deluge.

'Far thee well.'

A man said while he bore his strange house in the back. He had to carry in along his family before another flood came at last. He would not settle with something less. Despite what was needed, none may cross the distress of pages, written in the book of time. They couldn't fashion it out of past, for there was no mad leading to the lamb.

There were no clues, there no space, there was no nuclear tunnel that would lead to it instead. Only one chance could make it happen. Only after ages passed, only through the passing of the glimpses, could they see that there was some land out there where it may rest. Lest of all, it could be confessed by the man in cloth who lost the last piece of his mind punishing the dreadful men. For in his mind, he saw the tainted future that misslead him, instead of carrying for his own, he took no moment and went back to his rightful home. Where he belonged, they would not spend another ilk, the silk which had been embroidered around him made him feel forlorn. For one last time, before he died, he was not alone. Worshippers surrounded the man of faith, for he knew there was something waiting for him, past the land of hate. Where his heart rested and he did not cherrish going on. His holy mission had been done for and now he came on, turning around. Woe to him, oh blessed man, for in his death and in his wake, all had been done and worked for instead. He had lived a life and he perrished. But in the death, the bells were flemmished. Whatever was happening out there, these slight events that didn't seem to matter resonated with the lamb. For it was the sole thing that dictated everything that happened around the world, in the wake and in the coming, the symbol of disturbing filth but false delight. One supreme handle which kept everything from falling apart.

Gwen Orrows, her name was called back in. She appeared as she was called on the plastic-silk of bitter alloy that adorned the chamber she appeared in. Though she was much unknown, the cosmic nature was nurture to her wake, in her heart only this remained, the question she had asked for. 'Why am I here?' And why would she not remain? See the likes and none too many would push forth, they knew the better side of those who swore themselves for strike after strike, no delight would do for her and she went out of sight and appeared again. This time around she embraced the suit she was on, from which she would never be separated from again. It could be thought as nothing else but the need to watch and make do. They drowned her into lavish appparel and the heaviest armor she walked into.

'You have been called to aske.' They said. But the council of the lamb could not decide ye'. For yet they were unaware, what made her what she was and how had she come again. Walk through the town, they spoke of it now. After so many false recreations she had lived through this time it would happen for one last time.

The admniration was near, and nothing even close to it would appear as it were before. This was the universe in the reality they showed it to be born. And they could do no thing and they could do without many. Citizens were around but they couldn't flail out of the way unless they encountered themselves as many as eighteen times. All of them loitering in sight. It could not be forseen that she would know what to say.

'Hello, I have been missing for some time.'

Hopefully, this time around, she'd knew what to say, instead of looking down. For back then, she couldn't helpt it. Her strength was pushed through, but never found on any strength, without direction, at any point, instead of watching.

'Gwen, here, can you see me?'

A voice came from the back, it was somehow different from everything she was listening to, more so, she couldn't ignore it. Despite her not seeing it, the council would know. They would watch her closely, it'd be settled before she knew it and before the time for her to fight against their will even came to show up. The radar started going off its track. Various pins and tongues went as madly as they might in each and every direction that got the chance to tire way. There was something being watched on him, closely. As it happened for his heart to be dawned upon, lest of all, it could be counted twice and thrice for day instead of lights that showed. He was a modified man, a stranger from a distant time, a distant unspoken nature only counting here.

'I am Eruphaer.'

Presented as a scholar that could not be bothered to fully acknowledge her in part. Fewer kinds like her would stay, after hearing what went through her veins. It came to her that she need not speak too fast. Considering the fact that she had fasted until this very time when she wasn't even close to being alive.

'I shall starve to death in this place. You've taken everything I had, including my very own face. What am I left with then?'

Gwendolyn spoke to none, though she suspected someone other than herself had to have been responsible for her plight. It could not be considered any other way and this she admitted as she said.

'I'll make sure you're properly dealt with, do you hear? As soon as I get my hands on you, I'll make it so my time here will be paid for and never forgotten.'

That and whatever counted on her mind went away. It passed like a thought, at if it wouldn't stay. As much as she would like this town, she had an opportunity not to loom around. Instead the nearest trajectory that came to her was there, into the distance where she pointed, as the spoiled brat she acted as.

Eruphaer appeared yonder, and he brought, with the help of his radar, him, closely under. Korvk was the one who mustered the controls. He was only kept moving by the mechanism that were pushed and loom about him, saying.

'I must work on him constantly, if you don't mind, but what has happened and why are we here?'

Asound for the likes, there were no boundaries taken about. Looming over them as it came, there was no shattering sight more than there could be instead. It appeared like nothing it had looked like before. No hotel but more of a fortress in its full glory, which would appear in the likes of the fully blunted agony and glory. Out of nowhere as it came, from it a single man returned as he came out of sight. Gourney hadn't known the time.

He stumbled for a while. His suit was dity, more so than any coal-worker than himself.

'What's happening here?'

'We could ask you the same, stranger. That thing behind your back, do you live in there?'

'No, I have just escaped from it.'

Both Eruphaer and Korvk took to themselves to stand as if they were in need to guard themselves from him. He was threatening at least from this angle, since he came from the spot of danger, the malignant fortress that was bidding to be touched by the strangers and admired. For it malignant architecture bore more than a few dormant civilisations that had far surpassed man-kind. Hand made by the dormant races and the mad Obsidars, much worse than them in ancient times, those who dwelled beneath the ground.

Whence the advent of steam pushed them father than their malign uncivilised bodies remained, thence it came to that it should be tamed.

Yet none would know what they were avoiding or drawing away from. They couldn't have known of the lamb or of the premonition that rested before, as it came.

'Need I remind you that we have to get away? We have to get rid of the time and lose ourselves out of sight before it draws us in and disappears with us in here.'

'And why should we choose to enter it?'

Gwendolyn had asked the same, she hadn't even a sight for him, but Korvk and his minion would remain. They could penetrate the outer hulks, and somehow they could get through it and stay inside. It looked like it had grown to belly, and never sighted in the light of the uncanny.

'Follow through with it and see where you'll end up.'

I for one shall get out there, I shall make it.'

Even though he knew he had died before, he hadn't the slightest question or the desire to know where he might end. To say it again, he would have to cut the blur of reality and fence the air. But he went away as soon as he had come in terms with what he had done with them. It was past the first abduction when they found themselves standing in the room. The neighbor-lady wasn't there, she was missing. She's never missed a shot, especially when they were scorched people walking around, trying to get in. It was less than expected for them to actually bring something with them. Let alone had the spring man caught his arm into a trap, that he found himself fooling around his gut-trup again. Various scorched marks actually started spilling in. They had poured through his head, after crawling through his throat, instead of making a turn, now they came to him, again. He spoke in a tongue that was missing the four needed pieces of shrapnel that started appearing in his head.

'Where are we heading now? She's clearly not here.'

The fire stopped. Now they looked around, searching for something to take. It felt so awful so far. It was as if they had staked the place in hopes of getting away with something long before the idea even crossed them. Day, for once appeared to beat brightly in. One of the lost windows came off at a cost. They were both mentally impaired by the degenerate light that came in from the neon bed.

'What's your name by the way?'

'I'm Oskar.'

'Oskar, I need you to break that bed before I lose my mind and I start another fire.'

The possibility for that to happen was way too close to home. He should've known it. As a matter of fact, he knew that he wasn't lying about it. That's when it happened. From the opening, there he showed the gast of fumes. A torch-like pair of stacked eye-bladders were being shaped by him.

For the first time it was much clear than it had even been before. Everything simply floated to him when it was needed and nothing more was being said of it. But he couldn't let that distract him, not then.

'I will do it if I have to, as long as you don't burn anything in my absence, all right?'

'It's a deal.'

As he smiled, he not only revealed his crooked teeth but their tar apperance. It was a nasty hole which only pushed and pruned through them. It was inconsiderate but he couldn't look away. Mold and mice never even came as far as to resemble what was going on inside his throat. That pit of tar kept leaping out and spilling on the floor. Worst of all, I was to join him, I was burnt and soon our minds would be joined. What a terrible sight, and what a terrible thought. I had to do what he wanted of me, unless I stood the chance for this to happen and it would happen unless I did as he wanted.

'Just for this once, I'll do something unforgivable.'

It was much more inconsiderate. But as a way, this was only the first sign that the madness would stop. No more hiding in the dark, whatever that meant.

That's what the sign said. It carried on for too long in any case. Oskar's sight had been severely affected after spending too much time in. He ran towards it and started battering it as hard as he could. That failed to make as much as a dent. It dawned on him that he would actually have to try harder in order to get to somewhere. Somehow, that missed the spot as well, kicking, thrown and jerking the plugs had all resulted into nothing. This strange durability was nothing to be joked about and he didn't even care if he knew it any longer.

Tresspasser, you'll only start going at it again, won't you? You'll make them come and spoil the house. It was only a hint, but he took it. Much worse than before, he chose to treat this opportunity as a sign of an eternal day, a paradise which would entertain him to no end.

'Start the fire then, engulf the furniture then. Do it, I know you want to!'

'Well, well Oskar, I hadn't even suspected you had it in you in the first place. Come to think of it, I think I shall.

I'll do you one as go on with the ceiling.'

Various paintings she kept around were anything but beyond the reach of the fire. It was deplorable, detestable and without light they would see no way out. It felt nearing the point of fire, where it ended into respite.

'There, I think there's something happening on the floor beneath us.'

But neither of them could see it happening, in the right ascension and the light of day, it went missing. They were missing not only their legs, but the crawling features that helped them go about their business

without causing any problems. Most of the androids hadn't any clue what was happening beyond the door, yet they came to trade.

'You have to open the door and pretend you live here.'

Oskar couldn't actually come to do that. They knew him by face, at least the androids who frequented this spot knew every tenant who submerged and kept to himself. Even those that moved and those who made noise, and if anything, if something were to happen, those numbers would be thicked off. They would remember, then the uniforms would leap on their backs and come out of their way here. What would they think of me then? It was something not even he could answer. At best, he could only vaguely fantasize about himself being locked in and brought to their assembly. What happened there? If he could even be fair about it, he'd admit it. He suspected it. Everyone knew they wouldn't return right.

'That's it.' Rightly so, Oskar realised what happened to him and why he was berated by these strange happenings now. It was only because he had been taken there.

'I was worked on, that's why this is happening to me. I think you know it as well, don't you?'

'I can not confirm, nor deny it, but Oskar, the fire is very much real. As real as you may be able to hold onto do it and feel the ashes and the burns. Unfortunately, it is far too late to stop now. We have to take the entire building down with us.'

It was a sullen chance, though it was well received.

Seyoko was there in the bar. Her face was a giant Japanese sign made out of clot-kanji. Her legs were backward and were as fat as they were shaped like bulls. From each of them two giant eyes opened. She spoke backwards. The house she lived in was half of the bar.

On one side the half-man looked half Japanese and half the stranger.

'I come in peace.'

I thought about the north, somehow. But I can only look back at the past without knowing it. After he spent one thought alone, he realised that only he and Seyoko were there, until Paul came into her house. He made sure to check the bar and the seats. Each song was a replay of something that had been played before.

Paul only took out a single face. He carried in around his face cabinet. The cabinet was heavy. Inside of it he stored the other parts he stole from the orphanage. It came to him that he was eating too much now. This bar was just the other side of the other, whereas a fight was about to ensue. His vertebrates soon followed, crested as they splashed the grits. All of them were nakedly dancing upon the wait, the lamented pins only made it so he knew.

We were taking the distance, once the Dutchman came inside her house as well. He was dressed in giant scallops which only pierced the giant walking cranes inside his bellies, all of which remained ahead, pushed out of the curling eyes and the strange feet he bore on the floor. Funske came near and opened his mouth and from it he puked the strange dark-blond cross-like curling people, small as they were, his

servants were they. And they called themselves Dumnesunke. Now they joined the bar seeing how the doors closed at last.

‘Set this place to flight unless you want to leave the sight.’

It was a fair warning which was not pleasing to the eye. They placed each other as close as possible because the entirety of atoms that surrounded them began deforming. Despite being normal before the change, the entire house suddenly turned into a conic-wheel which made the others appear.

Eighty-five Seyokos, eighty-four Pauls, eighty-three Funkses and a few billion Dumnesunkes now inhabited the spiral. All of them were only growing wider and with each of them, it all came back. It was hard to wonder how they were listened at that, because as soon as the rotation stopped, they were released on the giant peaceful terrain. It was far too plain for either of them to know what would happen if they stood too much. From the ground upon they were greeted by an appearing factor, a shot in the neck that started spreading after with the giant-mold legs that were too high, it could be said that the circus tent they carried could fall and burn.

Underneath it, follow at all times, cutting through the linen-ground, a hole of hell-fire started pushing them inside. Giants grabbed the linen-wars, it was because of them that a few million Dumnesunkes fell inside and burned. They wouldn't be spared of the pain any time sooner because they liked it. And they swam in the fire and chose to spray no knees. It was a bestial thing than no sane man would understand, let alone care for what was going on down there.

The deeper they started going through, the nastier the scissors and the barber-blades would become. As their skin turned into burning hair, they had to be peeled off in order for their skeletons to push out and fly again. It was only the natural way in which the skeletons set to flight. It was only then that they realised that they were alive. And on the various piles they started constructing so many turned and outed sprayed stairs that none of them remained still, since all of them were made out of an almost never-ending supply of half scissors and iron combs which stuck together as they melted through the fire into the plain looking deeper level where they could finally become stars.

And some of them were already bearing the children of the man who looked from a giant place among the land. On his earth he knew that there was nothing more he wanted but to be there, talking to the trees and wondering what his children would do instead. He would have no ideas that they ended up setting out in a space-travel only to end up residing inside of one of the many Dumnesunkes as they came to be known. It was way too awkward for the legs and the circus for inside of it, as soon as it bowed for the Pauls, Seyokos and Funkses to enter.

Inside of it they bore the giant elephants together, molded into the balls that rotated inside the system before they had become stored and miss-turned. And they danced for only a second as they started chaining one another until the elephant-chains made a hole through the top of the tent. Out there they only managed to lodge themselves in one of the distant falling dens of the space-eater, the parasites that were in need of constant attention. And it was clear that for once, before considering going forth, they'd sing of pity and wonder, weep aloud.

Just what was happening to his poor Dumnesunkes now? Funkses cried because of it, since he couldn't swallow it, nor get too far. Way too many of them managed to shake themselves off the pit only to bring

more of them on top of the many touchable inches they spread on. And after getting in touch with the crowd, they realised that they were all touched by the hammer as they grew their heads like that. Beating on the ground in endless times, the deaths had been called for and as it happened for them to finally suffer of some brain-bleeding, they realised this.

It was insufferable, it couldn't bring much to the peace. And quieter was not to be expected because they were all defect since their brains had occupied their entire bodies. Even their lungs and livers and sphincters had been drowned and absorbed by their brains. That's why they had no legs nor arms, shouting about the strangeness of the west as it came out them, looking to the east. They realised that the beast was withing them and it only appeared then, when they took a break from beating down. And masses of brains-pucks started floating and uniting until they made a sort of ruby that changed in color. First it pushed to some kind of desaturaion which started opening many mouths, but they did not even come close to be like those of humans. Instead they were the mouths of cinder-blocks, the ones of bolted stone-fish that swam in oceans of cement.

And the way in which they opened was too mechanical to be approached. Instead of looking in any other direction, the crowds turned and saw the single light and the many release that came out of them, as each cube that came out of that place brought something that shouldn't be looked upon. Instead they would be worshipped, as they were armed with many teeth from various species that had went through predatory ways of evolution. Some were long and sharp, others went through weak processes while most seemed to have mixed so many times that they started resembling oil-makers. Instead of praying for the strangeness of the weird trajectory they were going in, they were there.

And nowhere else, would they have forced the Japanese women to accept it as the faith, at last. As the Dumnesunkes, Pauls and Funkses forced them to convert to the faith of the Dead lamb. Would they listened if they had no other choice? That was the only thing they wanted to know without making much of noise now. Since they were the ones who barred the way out, on top of the elephant-bodied chained, it was clear that they would not be allowed to get out of there without accepting the Dead Lamb to pass. Without choice, they were being done one by one as they carried on their way to get as far away from the threat that was the burning.

What they knew, after entering the single fish-palace which was only a Ruse-museum made out of the elephant-canines that were rotating in a single point, thence came the first stop. In front of them, the gatekeeper watched and asked of them if they were worthy of a duel that could be done. And he would only let them all pass in spirit even if they died if there was at least one who defeated him. It could only be counted on him to set it right as it followed.

He wanted to waste no time and call for the distant Lapplander heads that appeared out of nowhere and started mocking the strange encompassing wonder space was.

And they also brought the highy-encompassed saw-like flat faces that came out of thorn, the islanders that were the Moors. And they were the ugliest and most distant of the lots as they walked only in strange train made out of their own kinds, eight in a line and caught by each other's bodies that were flat and weak, forced into flight like kites that were held by strings. In their strings they held a long connection that stretched all the way down to their planet, which was only a giant spherical body that held all of their

circulation inside of it. If it were to blow, they'd die. If they went too far, they'd suffer a stroke and die. If they died here and they were brought back without their string, they would die inside of there as well.

From the looks of it, as soon as it could be collected, the information was detested out of the mere fact that it only traveled so far. They hadn't known it yet, but everyone started spreading rumors and doing the pottery of shell-like bins. Pinned in stranger places, they only admired one another's faces.

'I shall decide which stat-plum, those rocks that we should carry on before the penuma-noon will be brought here.'

'Bring in the first fight and we'll decide it in a match in which I'll bring no lighter.'

With each fist from behind, they carried from beneath the skin like giant rats underneath a carpet. Lo and farther they started pushing out and bursting out of the leathery layer until they had been launched at the first man. The hero Funkses could not do it any longer, they were too strong for him to take on. It was hard, pushing in for longer than he should. He conjured up more strength but fell under the many fists, the many forearms and even the giant mouthly heads that came out of him as soon as they were allowed to.

And every gatherkeeper head could feel nothing but the numbness they abandoned as soon as they were left out there to float in space. Later but sooner than now, they began being eaten as soon as they would allow it, by the Lapps and by the Moors, even by the strangest apparitions that did not belong there, but they shook themselves off guard, wanting to be a part of this. Rounded up, they even let the women fight. To no disgrace either, after all this time, they showed something.

But in reality, they died much faster than their counterparts despite their giant heads being protected. Viler than it was before, they wanted to munch but stopped. They had to come up with a plan today. This night in space would not even come as close as to convey what was going on. It was a meaningless fight, though their numbers were never ending. Even those skeletons in flight, which were still burning appeared to have joined their ranks. Though no longer smoldering, for that would've been way too dangerous for the taking and for the strange waking of the circus, watcher, it was still an interesting watch to say.

A Paul only turned towards two Funkses and another Seyoko instead.

Paul: 'I need to ask something of you if you don't mind. Please, in case you haven't noticed, we're losing the fight.'

Funkses: 'I will suggest you this then, we should find a way in and a way out. We have to make sure at least the three of us survive so we may not be lost today.'

Seyoko: 'And what of the servants.'

But the servants were too silent and did not enjoyed being touched. If it alligned well enough, they'd know it and why, why were they in a line? As it happened, the passing space stones, whatever celestial embodiment came home only turned flat because the exposure to the bad air, here it appeared to be only plentiful, as much as they knew.

‘We could break through it, couldn’t it? We need to break it through the space and reach the actual dead lamb before it turns on us.’

‘Whom?’

Paul asked Fuskas, but he thought he knew, beyond the oblong arachnid sacked man that appeared to have no face and arms and only multiple legs at that. His founder’s eyes were red and only came on top of his chest. What stood out were some tattoos on top of his chest. A nihilistic-companion that bore three numbers of six that meant nothing, let alone the numbers of a distant meaningless beast. He came from inside the elephant chain, where he had looked for nothing else but what he had. It was warmth and he had liked it for far too long, despite being as unexplainable as his presence here. Out of here, he thought long, farther away, then gone.

Words could not describe their strange appearance, they were a people after all. Inside the depths they hid and waited, without direction, it was something they detested much more than what they felt before. An advent would not be cherished as much as the nature of this act made it more than it was.

‘Will you join us in the fight? We could make it with a few other fighters. And it’s only getting more crowded.’

‘It is, isn’t it but I don’t think I mind it that much. I think I want to experience more of this if you don’t mind. I like what’s going on around me in this strange ring and the people I get to meet.

And myself and my endless servants.’

‘Our servants shall rule us forever, won’t they, I think they will, I’m so glad they will, I can only feel like a bird of quiet and of peace.’

And all of those who spoke were Fuskas. They admired themselves so much, especially since compared to the others around them, who weren’t even near as delightful as they were, they took the breaks and seemed to bear no contempt. As it were known, gathering around the place and planting themselves in days that were being met in the strangest ways brought nothing even close to being breath-taking.

‘I shall come and give you council, as that is the only way I think I could ever help you in the coming days. Know that you may walk for months and see the stars grow spikes out of them, for the reason that they’re struck in a prison of mad ages.

And they need to make the sea-space, where atoms lay and in which they swim drown. Otherwise, nothing could ever handle walking on.’

Listening to no ill-advancement was enough for them to know they should take on the council, going as they would. No longer counting on themselves, as if to know, falter not as carry on.

‘The plan, then, give us something we could use against him. I want to see the other side. I wish to know there’s something for me to fight on. My life will be a tenth-of the world in that case. And I will remain whole again.’

That much was known, he couldn't show any king that floated or any other watcher that wanted to place their bets. Gamblers that didn't belong there showed their faces once in a while. It was this mad indiscretion that veered in.

The flight of the Laplanders

Twice in north, where grass is white, in the crown of the Scandinavian lands. Whereas they claimed a small patch of land of their own, where the cold foliage pokes out of North and went into the Norwegian sea, there lived the lapps. And they were simple folk and did not say much, not like us, as they were uncivilized for the longest part.

Whereas they tented, there they mated. Where they schooled their herds, there was no wool, but reindeers claimed as tools. Their history is one of stillness and of cold, they touched their stones in search for heat and walked on patches of brown earth. Where their wolves followed, the pups would stray. Farther than they hoped to get, they chose instead to stay. The lapps lived over their small lands, making a living with their small hands, doing their small beds in shapes of snow.

They had many names for many types of snow they began looking at and observing. As their way was mostly that of nature and they have spent a lot of time there making sure they knew. Plain snow was all around them and it was nothing to be looked down upon.

And their words did not compare today, with anything they had fought for in the days they tired on the days of the snow-hay, cotton-snow on large plains, and small sparkles of snow-stars that came out of the night during storms where snow lay. Theirs was always a simpler way, never bothered and never asked. Whom shall come onto them at last? In days where they were only standing, less so than their hands allowed, nurturing the impaled fish back to life.

Feeding them cold-pearls as they waited for them to be warmed by the cottage fire, that's when the sound of spades was heard.

'I killed another one of them. What now?'

'Bring in the wood masses back to the spot, we'll start putting on the fire.'

Glielemule said, he wasn't to be trusted yet. He was one of the primordial ones. He looked like a Mongol, a frost Mongol of the worst kind. Even by his features he showed one of the most squinted of looks, like an inverted Negro that was shaken by the strange appearance as he adapted to the heights. And lo', he could carry nor could he deal against them out there, in plains.

Only the civilized people carried their flintlocks out and up and away. They went in parties of reindeer-quadrants, folded and pushed on, as if they were standing on giant carpets made out of brash hair, after

which eend they pushed and started going, carried by the half-bodies of the animals they had domesticated before the times of the prodding. Into the other lands they went and wandered, even though they hadn't been welcomed after.

And even though some looked akin, they still kept to themselves and never lost the whim which the land had given then.

Pkotvar stood adjacent, as if guarding one of the many ice-walls that prevented their advent into the warmer lands, even though cold was known of both sides, he projected. Only a slight alvulve, to his memory served as a reminded, as they appeared from up'north and yon.

He knew this was only to call upon a supreme act of action. Otherwise, the fate of the village beyond the walls would be jeopardised. Pkotvar was a great fight, man of North, golden and blue and the likes that have been known to belong to the land ever since life was born there. Others like him stormed in as soon as he began drinking the goat-milk he carried while sounding its empty horn soon after.

'They're come, they're coming, bring on the battering rams and empty their insides.'

In the days of laughter and celebration, they filled the insides of the rams with the most atrocious ales, the sausages and stakes. Bigger boards had pushed their innards, yet their likings only brought it the filler. Stronger men had come from those lands. They could be unmatched on living land. Lushful as it was, the cold was barbarous and it couldn't be met by anything but the slightest homes. In the time they took to gather, some had smoked from their pipes and looked soon after at them from above.

'A few lapps, no less, no more. What have we to fear from them, men?

If this is what we ought to face, if this is what the stronger scents result in, I say we rummage their likes and floor their basins with blood. Today, we ought to do it today and make sure they'll die off and perish in the ground.

North is ours, the regions should be taken still, they're unwelcome here and know that I shall do everything in my power to no whim of the land and I shall claim for myself.'

To that they sang and cheered fro and to the man who leered with the true spirit of the north. For he was mighty in strength and mucle, yet humble when needed and soon after, called as he was by his men, he would them on.

'Ekulkamesh, of northern mountains in the snow, I see that you have been pittied by your ancestors in the times when you have gotten out of control.

We should strike peace and humble ourselves today. Can you not see that the people can't even surpass us or cause any harm in their simple way?'

'Foolish Kelsh, you're the descendant of a Welsh. Don't speak of our kin as if they were of their own, know that you're but a guest to our lands, even if your kin is distantly forlorn. Our lines may be entangled but do not preach to us today.

Know that it has happened, even to this moment, and other might say, that they had burned our houses when we were gone. Stolen our women and claimed for their own in order to pass as us. And they had done so much harm as if to spread no conviction but that of snow.

Cold may claim them in this pity land of sorrow.'

For he felt as if there was no need, not to listen to him nor to heed and admiration for the man. He was not excited nor had he wanted to do a thing as they. Might they listen to more, might they stop here and turn around, he couldn't handle waiting, thence he went and lead this war.

'We shall drive the invaders out of our lands and in the longest of whiles, we shall reclaim what's rightfully ours.'

For the rock-mountain, dark gods, forged in the likes of the blacksmith-hammer and the dark red that perched the fiery depths of the depths of the vale smiled on them for this very reason. Treachery was not found and they could not fathom fight on or trying to meet the opposition with anything but the most solid of strikes. It could not be belived. It couldn't be felt, but the strength they projected scared the lapps away.

As they ran, off they went off their reindeer-carpet abomination, which leered its ugly heads as they grew on and started pulling all the rib-cages they collected instead. Soon enough they spat out the dead men who came back fighting. And lo', he called on to Kelsh.

Ekulkamesh proded out of his fiery heart and said.

'There is your proof, mighty calling. Look upon it and question it no longer as I said, so shall be. Our kin was killed, they had been taken and in the end they ended up being fed, don't be mistaken.'

He had been right, the cold has not taken his mind after all, Kelsh surmised. And it could be nothing even closer to what he had been agonising about, yet the throng of ice, the cold volition, might not be said or spoken aloud.

They charged and went through the masses of the northmen that got up, before they could get on their feet, caught by the pains of axes, the weakness the reindeer masses was this. No force lay in their legs, nothing that may hinder themselves instead. What was worth of it, naught might call, it was the fact that they couldn't fight back. Other than regurgitate their madly things, they had been dealt with single shots after the play was done. No axe or handle dropped. But the flintlocks had been completely emptied in their antlers, where all of their lives and minds had been stored for countless generations. Lest it should be, that's when they stopped the piety and looked how simply it fellt down.

'Our gods smile upon us today, this was no fight but a butchers' job that had to be done. Let it remain here and freeze to its death. Its heat will belong to the snow and for us, this shall be the end no more.'

A ceremony had to take place nonetheless, for the victor took the spoil and he was granted the biggest of the heads. But what ought that to be in the distance if not a Lapp that attempted to crawl away? As opposed to the others, as it could be seen, he had been shot right beneath the rim of his ankle, unable to flee.

‘I wish I could dream of worms.’

Dangling about their infested tulips as they ran in circles, weaving, for them life was simply there, in colors standing unaware. Nothing formed their wild surroundings, yet the phantom-like scepters standing. And no joy could be extracted, most ancient of ways, enacted on where they lay.

He who searched after fell. Through stairways in broken floors, he steps into it a worm in a shoulder. And the dance of phantomine awaits.

It was there that they realised that there was no way to win. It was infantile believing, trying. Stopped in the midst of it, in a sea-leaward, where they waited, thence they were not directed in any other place. Tall and wide-faced, torn into a muck of frown, disgraced, there was nothing.

‘You can’t win, it’s what it is.’

Pssht, there was no noise, only the machine voice and no strength left to burn. As if the enigmatic voice stopped, they joined it.

Robert White

That was too close to comfort. They almost drone in, came onto him. Like blade of steel crossed during a pass towards the cathedral. Call it a divine intervention, call it whatever you may, for each step was almost guided by the God himself if you may. With all the filth going down the streets, with all of them begging for the spare of a gun, he stopped there, unable to breathe.

For once he wondered why and how he got there, during the moths, as flames erupted from the tv station and their small van. It will not be recorded any longer. As impartial as it were, the land fell apart, the bridge craned in. It pushed out and there he was on the other side of June. Not like a moon-walking tiny blot, but a man lost to the clear sunset in the lost horizon.

He could drop it now. All of the listeners were out of it by now. But he survived the shots and walked alone. Carrying a single spray, incest-ants being there, only floating when they were needed or pushed about the place, it didn’t matter. Rivers actually pushed out of the way. They were solid, like incest-polls but no ants could be seen. And most of the blood disipated, hence the moon halvened and from it they fell. Angels floating in twilight hooks, shaken by the devilery the fish danced in ponds. Nothing could be taken from the eye-devices, as they were too crude for anything to be drawn from it.

A clear nuclear strike could somehow lose itself between the walls. The smell of it would only lead you to the wrong path as he remembered, the cermon was done. He had not waited for the priest in order to start his confession.

‘We’re going to have to take a dive in now. Are you with me?’

Going down on the bolts, they held onto the tress and onto the Viet Congs, not to suffer it after. It went away, it felt psychedelic, how they were surrounded by them. During their own strange, inviolable peculiar institution, they were surrounded by the negroes, but they were on their side this time around. Bad memories could only work so far for the harted.

‘Lt. Jonathan H. Hellbert wants to see you soldier, we need to get to him before the hellfire drops on us, do you hear?’

A morning scuffle didn’t last as long after the first shots. No surrounding because of the small pettards, small pumps of plump gun-power dissipating in the surroundings and they were lost for some time. Around noon, they were off. Off to the next regiment, before they could be heard off. And Robert H. White couldn’t believe it. Some of the scum-chinks, square-eyed were there. Amongst them, it should be seen, they were trying to fit in with the farmers. They were fermenting iron clouds inside their weird-bottles, but the snuff was being hidden away from them.

‘Smell it, I want you to smell it and tell me what this feels like.’

‘What do you think it smells like?’

‘Gasoline, that’s why I asked you.’

‘Permission to go away, sir, please, yes, sir, please, yes sir.’

That’s when he was lost, he couldn’t keep it for too long. We lepped in lap-lepper beds until the night was done for. It was shallow, admitting that I had a feel for them. But we had to sleep together in benk-buds beds that were slightly pushed below the earth. Otherwise, I knew what would happen. We couldn’t get too close to the insects. I couldn’t fall asleep for long near the negroes. It was the times and I couldn’t trust them. Henceforth, morning started, sleep couldn’t be counted forth.

That feeling was somewhat convoluted. We were on the field. A mask for every yellow face, a dark one panted in white, Robert White couldn’t handle it. Being around, either way, he saw it only as a way to get through to them. He would be shot eventually.

Stolen from one of the filthy rustic camps they slept in.

Diary of a negro, that’s what he called it. Perhaps he should’ve known better than to look where he didn’t belong. Especially since they really didn’t like white men handling their stuff; first expectations came. Of course there had to be some illegal plants in there. White saw him flirt with one of the Gook-eyes, Darkie on the run, he was brown lipped but still with white-faced. It couldn’t hide his ugly mutt, but he knew he was mixed at that. Moreover, he wanted to go ahead with it.

I will read it, he said. He had to, he was destined to do it. Perhaps, call it a hunch, but the negro was an arab. But enough of that, thence he started going through it.

‘Morn’.

Going around the calf, seen them knuckle-boozos in the white surrounding. Marching green, they want to mess around. I know is better this way.

Gonna make some dook with one of the ladies. I see her look at me today, under the show. She's not seen a man like me today.'

A stop and a scribble, he hid something in between the pages, they were stuck together by a peel of some Columbus avocado that had melted there.

'Aye, I think I found something in here that might make some sense.'

Then he appeared, before White could finish reading. The negro looked perplexed. The negro had a name.

'Who would you happen to be?'

'Nicholas, is' what they call me. Got a problem with that sir?'

He looked at my hards, bare knuckled but grasping his journal. It was dangerous, trying to pin myself against him. Africans were dangerous, and he was from the Bronx they said. He was in the army now so I expected this at least of him.

'Will you behave?'

If I give this back to you, can I expect you to behave?'

It was quite enough he was being put through. His cheek-muscles appeared to convulse in and out, in and out until he couldn't take it any longer. He wanted to slag me, but he repented. Nothing would happen, not out here, we were watched. Some other soldiers stopped themselves from carrying the water buckets and looked at us closely. Of course I would not be seen today. It didn't matter. But I had their backs in case something happened, even if.

'Listen to me, boy. I want you to know this.

I'm only doing this because I think there's something to you.

I'm a Jesuit.'

He's a methodist.

'As a good Christian, I think there's something here, between us. I'll make you a deal. Listen to me, we forget about this, I rip off a few pages of your dumb-book and we'll be off our ways. Does that sound bright enough for you?'

Right enough for you. That was a slip. He knew better than that, but he didn't expect any better from the man. Of course he'll play on fingers like a fiddle. He didn't have much of a chance.

'So, do we have an understanding then?'

Still mad, the black only kept pouting his cheeks. He didn't even care about what he ought to happen after. He was lazy enough to let his guard down. An officer came between the two of us.

'Now, now, boys, I hope there's no problem here. I seriously hope I don't have to come between the two of you and do something I might come to regret, will I?'

There was nothing I could do about it. There wasn't any saying I could put through them. He was a neck in and wasting my time. I already knew what I wanted.

'Very well, have your money-book back. It's not like I got any use out of it anyway.'

He stopped pouting, we each went our ways. It was a call-back to the Colonial era. Our camp was yet to be segregated, but I knew I could somehow do it. If I tried hard enough, I would be listened to. First the commanding officer, then the paratroopers, the rest would fall easier after. Going around more than I could hope for, I knew I couldn't look outta the way. They were listening, prone for this night. Still no attack in sight, but were waking up every few hours, not to wake up with any of our throats slit.

I had a knife, he had a gun on me. Feeling it closer, it was more like a one-shot chick he carried on with it. Slang of Negras, I saw it fit that I would be gotten then. He must've slipped through the night. A whisper came to my ear.

'Don't make any noise, White, I know what's going through your mind now. I know better than do it in the middle of the night with everyone shaking.'

The beds were already rolled. He wasn't even the only one there. At least a quarter of our regiments was filled with them. But I somehow knew he was different from the rest. There was something mean about his face I couldn't take my mind off. A Baltimore thing that's what it was. It went over their heads.

'I want you to stop following me around. If and only if I lend you a few pages of my personal jiff, will you leave me alone?

Lend it, I want it back after. No shoot, no kill. Just plain this, I want to be left alone. I know you white folk are doing good keeping your word. I just want to get back home after the war is done.'

'There's no end to the war, you hear?

You might as well end it here for both of us, boy, because I don't think either of us will make it by the sundown.'

He was tawny now, surrounded by the grass. He could see his death, despite being stung in the back by a tiny python. Of course he would retreat now. I struck a deal with him even though I didn't trust him. He only made it so I'd 'lissen.' to advice.

'I'll take your notes in the morning, near one of the bamboo-tents, all right?'

It caught on him by now, he'll listen. He knew better, I knew better, this was what brought us close together. Face to face, I might say, next morning when we were both looked with a mightily suspicious cry.

'Get down, to the barracks, the oil fields are starting over, there's hellfire raining off the skye.'

It should be provided here and there were eighteen camps at least that were widespread and moving from spot to spot. If there was a simple map, I think this would be it. North, south, west, south, it had to be ridden twice. Each time the map got turned, the North would change, the West would change, but South remained the same. It was for that reason that it got changed twice. We were onto something now.

Each plan and every strategy led there. For some reason we had to reenact the Civil war. We were the Confederates but this was not a lost war yet. Call it a hunch, but I think the South would rise again.

Caporal, Sargent and Soliders, that's where the troops looked back to. It was only by them that we knew where to look and where to prod. We didn't outright point out where and what to do, as that would be too vulgar. It went out like this, someday. I knew there was nothing I could point towards, not now.

No, the Soliders pointed at the Sargents who parted the Caporals who went their ways. They were like the Generals in some way, never on the field, never shooting. Days were long but they slept away and they slept right. Twenty men surrounding their separate camp, making sure they would get a few other hours compared to us.

And there where the fields in the jungles, all of whom were lost to us. It was no coincidence that they would do it so. The battle looked like a painting, but one that no man managed to get it out and export it. Money had no meaning here, despite oil being the business. It was a different kind of oil after all. This type of oil only burned and burned until the last man burned with it and then we left.

We were not going to pay much respect to the other lanes and to the women. We snuck in the middle of the night, disparaged by the cowardice they showed, yellow-men running with grenades and explosive into small tents where they had their young, ugly sight, ugly sight. Some guns were turned on them. Sometimes they used meat dens to stray the bombardment. Civillians were involved right where they belonged. We did not run.

As I were saying, White, Scuffold, R. Rogers, Barthram, Tyvone, George, Apscoot, Scooter, Jonathan, Uphill, Ken, Francis, Jerome, Aland, Brock, Lemming, Fourn, Fort and Lock were there. Their real names shall not be disclosed, other than White. He was there.

They snuck in like a party of animals. They did not enjoy the surroundings. It felt as if they were attempting to enter a village of women, since the men were absent. That thicked them off, of course they weren't there. It was obvious that they weren't there, where else would they be? But animals didn't think, they didn't use their minds, instead they acted, acted bluntly and as fast as they could do, without mercy, pitty or intelligence. It was disgusting, uncondemnable by everyone in a court.

Side note, there was no court involved. Testimonies were taken post-war, so far no taking. No one got prosecuted for it, everyone got scott-free. It was only a matter of post-script editing before its times. It could be said about everything, whoever even cared about.

Morning didn't come for those women. As many differences as there were between them, it got forced back. No one wanted to forget. How could they remember? Chicken lost their heads, they bled and ran away. Even the butcher allowed them to retain their legs, it would not be allowed the other way. Cutting their legs first was inhumane.

By the end of the night, most women would've had their legs be cut off than go through it again. Serveral nights.

'I want to read the rest of your journal now. Just to be sure of it.

What did you say your name was again?'

A negro called Francis. Now he knew that this was a filthy lie. His claim was one of the highly respectable kind, mixed along the Iroquis from the Alabama nation on one side and the slavers from a nordic line. It was just what he needed one, a negro with a pedigree. It was raining in Nagasaki. There weren't a lot of people out there. Either they or we would know what the dot means. It's red, like an injun, one of the dotted ones but smarter. They are smarter than that now. They learn fast, I think they learn fast enough. No one seemed to learn it around here, no one's good with the numbers.

And they can't even read no english, they can't speak no english. I think it's lost on them. At least, I'd like to know how far can a flat-footed hook can get, you know. Before you chuck a golden dynamite stick in his face, by the time he gets it, you know who.

We call him Joseph like the saint, the one with a circle behind the head. I think he's the one who crossed the sea with Mosses, at least that's how the story goes. I hear the sermon at the back of the car, back in the valley. It's the horns that distract me from the track, but I think I heard Becky then. It was a different time before the war started. Left her before I enrolled. That's something my pa' always wanted me to know, the wisdom imparted to his son in case he goes to war.

It had something to do with leaving something unfinished, or making sure there's no one pointing it at your back. They were in any case and I already seen it happen, after we were done messing around.

'The missus won't like this you know?'

'Then why'd do you do it?'

'You know I can't help it, do you?'

Going on for too long made your python drop. I couldn't help it any longer now. It wasn't my intention to spy on them while they were out peeing on bamboo sticks and green moss. I was bear-stable, at least I passed the mental test. An aptitude for me was this, don't look out of the way, mind your business and do whatever your captain says. I failed the first two I think. I failed the last one a few days ago, and I think every since it happened, the captain has a queer eye for me, wherever I go. No one likes this happening when they go around the fences.

It's the after the deed piss they don't like you smelling. It's the blood that's on top the python's teeth that need to be cleaned after and I don't think I've ever seen it happen before. For them it's different, my pa' said. I've learned a lot about pa, I think, how to fish, how to tie a knot, how to go a whaling and look out for my own folk. I know he meant a lot to me now. I couldn't think of any better thing if I wanted to.

But he did not went on lyin' when he told me about the way they spent the day in the Congos. The old man has seen some things in his journeys. And outta what he told me, I don't think I'd ever see them in action that way. They were bathing their pythons after a while, to have a clean kill. It was something I shouldn't be looking at, but there were no men on the fields. Only their women remained, and the negroes didn't care, the women didn't either. It was why we saw them just as low as those of ours back home. It was the same day I think I realised so much about women, back in the day when they behaved when my old man said a thing, they done it. But that wasn't what I were here for.

I pitied myself against the broad side of the road, in a bamboo-cut bed, where I stood and was prepared to go about my day and eat some dirt-sandwiches while I was on the watch. Every few hundreds of meters of so we dug tyunnels in which we hid away from sight. And we had rifled hidden over there and we had them pitied over here as well. They were unloaded like the injuins would've wanted to.

Most of the scalps didn't pay much for them. In any case, we had one of them. Standing right next to me, at least twenty feet, he was called Segat Yeah Quiet Tawn after a great injuin mohawk chief. It was the first time they allowed a in injuin to serve in the army.

They did not teach you this in the training. You went around and asked the captain in turn. You went around and asked for more.

You could never ask an Indian to look for another chief. You could never hope to strike a pact with him if he heard you sink your teeth into dirt. They were always one foot ahead of you unless you knew it then. And I saw it in his eyes then. There was the spiriti of an army man lost inside a buffalo. With everything I thought of black could not even surmount to what I thought of him now.

Yell what you want now, there were smoke signals in the sky. I think there was a fire going on the pot. I seem to recall only some way it could go on his way, he never listened but that that's how injuins were then. He was way too Quiet after a while. He was there, during the drill when they started spending all their smokes on us.

We went in rows of two but never recalled being called for action. It was something of a mental tast, the physical, they say. After you got placed in a pit with the injuns you found yourself surrounded by the herds. It never passed you then, the envoy was never there for you when you needed.

And the drill instructors always says:

'If there's someone worth saving around the camp, that only makes two kinds. The ones that are worth money and the ones that are worth a lot.

Now I went through all of your files, and all of your records and I saw not a single man worth saving in this fucking lot I see kneeling down when I'm supposed to pray. And I think God has not answered a single prayer in my name, that he might give me a single man worthy enough of crossing the rivers and getting on the other side of a nade.'

He knew what he was talking about. First day of conflict and eight of us died. Mostly tullip-heads, who didn't know the difference between a broom and the top of a hard vine, though we were all going in the same direction. Twenty days in and not a single desertion, at least not until the day of hardship started.

'Here, there's only white-shirts going.'

And that's how it went. They preached to us all along the way, as much as they could yap about the colors of their shirts and the hues and everything they needed us to remember. And they told us of the red, the blue, the yellow and the green. We were told how to spot the red and we were told how to look out for the blue, until the blue turned out being too cold, way too cold, in which case look out for the red instead. And after that you turned around and you saw the colors blending in as they started mixing around. Sometimes you could not tell but the yellows wore the white as well and the whites wore the red but the

white wearing red were nowhere to be seen. We only heard about them for some reason until it crossed us on a whim to ask.

‘Captain, where are the reds hiding?’

‘Wouldn’t you like to know, son? I think you had enough for today, standing all day in the sun is bad for you, back into the formation. And we always knew, we always knew when to go and when to stay. Never ask questions, always mind your business. It always went the same way. I think there were mixed feelings, right after the war.

On the plain sheet of paper where they recalled who helped, who stayed and what they did, nothing remained there. It was all a pass. All the heroes, all the post-war crimes went hand in hand forgotten. Only false-heroes took the medals and stood in front. But we all knew who the real ones were, they were the ones that would never be called into action again. We only muttered their names in songs, underneath our breathe, and we never spoke of it again after, not until the next drink. One drink, they say did end up spilling all over the table where all the important documents were. It wasn’t the official story but we all know how those things went. With the only difference being that, I can’t recall it. Neither than the Navy, the Marines are ‘out of service.’ when they need to answer. The press never digs too deep, only the first pages press in and they’re never getting past the sport section. But that’s then and now’s now. It doesn’t take much of a man to know how it works about.

‘It’s summer.’

‘There’s no summer in the East, I think. We can only wait for the sun to go down and maybe we could get something out of it. Do you think it might rain today.’

‘Only if you count for more civilians to come again, hey, White, do you mind if I take a cigar? You don’t have to spoil to the upps.’

‘Don’t worry, I snuck a few of them off myself. I blame it on them all the time.’

‘Good man, you’re God’s given man for all I care about White.’

It was these types of friendships which lasted. Plain white shirts, out there in the sun, drowned in sweat while the sun was taken down. It was this, and only this, for the one time only and the ones that fell, for all the shit I went through, this what I came for. No one wanted to tell me a thing, I could’ve done with a drink on me now, but we were not the type. Not when we were watched.

Morning-night, that’s what’s it’s called. You went through it so many times that your vision started being diffuse.

‘White, I need a lantern.’

It was a code, it wasn’t like he actually called for one. Perhaps he wanted to, perhaps he did. I knew the difference between being asked for it and there being a code but I wasn’t sure this was the code. No one told me what the code was, no one tells you those stuff anymore. The black part of the regiment is supposed to follow the whites and the whites are supposed to do what’s best for them in any case, that’s

what war's about. Sometimes it goes out of their way, other times, they're red. No one wanted to end up that way.

Clear in this house. Clear in this house, clear there as well.

'Make sure they're not hiding underneath the floor.'

Sometimes I thought the captain was retarded. He was a fat child in a uniform who acted accordingly. He was diddling with the buttons on his jacket in the same way everyone suspected him of doing it with.

There were a lot of Vietnamese children missing those days. Some things went out unreported, even to the official records. It was a time where everyone turned a blind eye to the war and there were other things preventing the word from spreading in any case. The blacks knew better or else they'd be seen hanging in the forest, thrown across the bridge in the river, like in the good Christian days. The one injun kept his mouth shut because he didn't have about anyone around his back. And there was also the regiment, which was thinning white.

It was a hard day then, one that I never came off thinking. Our regiment growing thin of whites, and most of them weren't even in the graves or lost in the fields.

I saw man from Arkansas being sent off packing. He didn't even get shot. I think he only got a small plow being driven in his foot by one of the yellow ladies who refused his advances. She was later shot behind her back while she was sleeping. Did we report any of it? Of course not, it was either them or us, after the date. And I could see no better exchange for service and protection other than that. I see the fields being ploughed, and there's nothing after that.

I think to myself, how come there's no one asking why there's someone running in the mid-noon. I think about things that way. When I'm not busy digging into bamboo trees or trying to piss, and they teach you that. They say don't piss inside outside, don't piss in open lines of fire. You know what happens, and you can't blame them if they shoot it off. And they know what happens when you got nothing to fight for after that's done for.

So many people went out that way. Eunuchs don't belong amongst our ranks in either or any case. At that point, they join the women, they dressed in their simple robes, they paint themselves in yellow and work on the fields with them. Do they learn the language? Of course they don't. If they're daft enough to get them shot off, why wouldn't this happen? It was how they treated foreigners during dinner. It was something they could not count on.

Did I mention what the other thing was? We pissed in jars, and those jars ended up being used as well. They stored them, but they have never been allowed to get cold, they would always be warm because you need them to be room-temperature in order to get home the right way. It was the only way they knew you were alive after a while. Send a letter? They'd spot a fake a long mile a way and no calls were allowed in the army. Where the fuck would you find a landline in this trashhole?

Try to faint and cut a flock of hair? There were at least a few thousand men who were bald by choice or not at this point. So they settled with piss-jars in the end. But it could not be any kind of piss you stored

inside. You couldn't wait days for it to become stale, which left you with the only alternative of allowing it to be fresh or get off the face of the earth, you were dead for them. Both the military and your family.

Let me tell you something though, no one cried over piss-jars. In the entire history of the United States, there was not a single funeral in which the folk mourned around a single jar of piss. It never happened. Perhaps in the good old days of the South when there was enough freedom for you to do whatever you wanted, but not today.

It was what I needed, wasn't it? More of it coming down on our way. There was another thing which never crossed my mind, it was Jonathan. No, it was Francis.

The Negro named Francis. I wanted to talk to him about something. I knew he was one of the guys who went out that night.

'Lemming, I want to talk to you about something.'

'What is it?'

Lemming was nice enough to stay with me for the time being. We were going off-shot, we weren't listened or anything, he got me through some hard times. I could trust him, it's all I'm saying. As opposed to me, he hadn't anything against them. I knew better, but it was it.

We were there, they were there, it couldn't be changed. No one was listening because everyone was busy eavesdropping on the ground for the fire to come down again. We were in the back of the camp, trying to get some more dirt to eat. The medic wasn't there. I knew him well enough, he wouldn't have approved of any of our actions.

'I'd like to know something, if you don't mind it. Why is it that I can't get it up no longer? You know when I think about them or about that night.'

'Fucking hell, what you asking me for?'

'I need to hear it coming out of someone who's sane in the head. I think the days spent trying to piss my way through the night ain't working for me no longer, I think it's the russians. Their field of electrons, their soviet technology, right? I think they're working on something here. I think they're trying to turn us all into them.

That's why it ain't working right no longer. I think they're causing it. Perhaps I should look down from time to time, but It ain't no wonder. There's no white woman around the camp, that's the world.'

'Get a hold of yourself then, I think this is probably an issue with what we've done. I sees and hears the same problem from others around the camp.

It doesn't sit well with anyone, you know? What we did that night. I think we ought to tell someone about it or go away.'

'I can't. You know I can't. Captain had an eye on me all the time, he knows I'm trouble. One more and I'm out and there won't be any slow-going or miss-line of fire. I'll be marked as a deserter or learn Vietnamese.

It's what it is with some folk. Even if I'm one of their own, it only makes it worse, you know?'

It shouldn't be that way, but that's what it was. And there were other reasons to get rid of men that way. If you were a captain, if you did something that way, you could use it as a smoke-screen to make it so no one knows what's been happening behind the closed blinds. We were not to asked.

'Remember it. Don't ask no questions, minds your own bussiness.'

Lemmings joined me and we both started repeating that, almost like the gossipel; there was no singing there. Of course there wouldn't be. We were no men of action in any case, just hicks.

And there were a lot of hicks in Vietnam.

Take Shen Kock Shlong. He was a man who lived in a small crib inside a small hill he had to dig himself through in order to make it out alive. We suspected him of something, since we always passed the hill during the watch but so far no one approached. It was way too dangerous, going there in person, that's why wer never did something as reckless and that. But I swear, I knew it, he had a gun. And he hid inside a small hole he made under a giant leaf he found.

A fairytale of sort, but it was no Arabic nights, instead they were trying to cover for one another, every single damn time they were asked.

Cho Cho: 'Know no him. Know no him.'

Aph Ching: 'No know him, no know him. '

Ling Ming, Ching Yian, Papua Yin, Ree-san, same message until we got it and we got it quick enough, this was a slave labour. We were not allowed to say a thing of what we saw out there. Rice fields, they were supposed to be rice fields, but for some reasons they grew as tall as wheat. Now, I am no dumb person, call me what you like but something wasn't working well. Either in my head or on the lane. My point was, they were doing something from day one.

Daily schedule, again and again. Wake up early, look out of my way. No feud so far with Francis.

Francis went out of his way.

White took the other lane.

And they never met once after. Dumb negro that he was, he forgot to ask his journal back. And I never understood that either. It was the start of the war, we have only been deployed for this long and it was already filled. How did he manage to fill an entire journal this fast? What was he after?

He was hiding something and I knew it. He knew that I knew it and we were both acting as if he couldn't even point it out. But I knew better than that. We were not there for a play.

The schedule conveyed this much, as much as our daily wage. Wake up, showers after, not to mention that I had to wait in line if I were late. We never showered when we arrived at the same time. Always awkward, I avoided him the best I could. Sometimes it would get even more awkward since I shook the line

in order to get out of the way. No one said a thing, since they knew it had to go through in either or. We would either take it or be weary of each other, as soon as we could call it first.

Dinner, dirt, we skipped breakfast for watch duty. Even days meant watching the dirt, otherwise, it was constancy walking. And so far, I have never in my life seen an enemy soldier. Not up-front, not close, barely from the distance but they couldn't look any different than what we were learned with.

I think their entry was barred from one side, but I looked from one side to the other and there was nothing goin' on.

Can't recall it properly, but I think they were using carabines, I think. No, maybe lugers, no, that's german. I think they were using something sharp, forks, pitchforks, no that's the monster. They were using bayonettes, or something cheap and made out of plastic and they all worked together. And they spoke of something, or of someone but no one with half a mind knew who he was, and it was a good reason for that because we couldn't know either what they went on about.

An old vietnamese lady always greeted us. She died the fifth day after we met her, because of us. We walked in too close, we were seen, or they spoke of it. But I came back to visit her one night. It during nighttime that bad things happened and I think they thought we'd do something to her as well. Nasty gooks thought we were the animals and look at what they did to her.

She was spread on the ground, widely, naked and they ruined her down there. As if we even considered doing something to her after, it could not be forgotten. We were remembered for better things those days.

'Fort knows what's happened here.'

'Fuck him, I think he's going to take that way out.'

'Don't you think he'll do something first?'

We all considered it. A mercy kill? No, this would be more like an execution, but this time no one would survive.

At the same time, we weren't sociopaths. I can't speak for the others, but I will do it anyway. We feel, the same way other people do. It's hard to believe when it's written down on paper, when you hear of it even on a first time account. But we do. It's this place at fault, it changes you. I've seen things happening way before we gathered around, but it's pointless saying. Can't compare apples to ripped off cunts. It's bloody, it's a mess, it happens. No one should do this to their own. I looked at her wrist, she struggled like a dog.

They eat dogs. They eat their own, that much I learned so far, never mess with them if you don't want them to do the same.

Next few days, we gathered. There was something of a funeral during the night. A single firefly was there, but I think Lemming had enough of it and the madman shot it. He startled everyone. We were out in that dangerous part of the forest, where they could flank us at any time and the madman shot the firefly as if it were a night in wild December, a cold brew on his lap, shooting beercans on his poarch. That's what life was about. I think I love this man.

It was reminded why they held no euology. We held it silently. No one wanted to say a word, it couldn't be done, since we were mainly just trying to mind our own business, praying to a word to be taken in. I feel like an idiot now, never knowing what to say.

But the thing is this. All of us were present there, even him. But no one wanted to talk about him. He's been a key part in it. We never even mentioned him any longer. As a matter of fact, I always wondered. Why was he here? Why is he here now? He's no answering to the law, he's never going to court. The same thing got repeated again. Mind it, just mind it for now, or else you know what happens to deserters, in this case, you said something, you became the deserter.

It was sad. This was no Chritian burial. I can see why they ended up being in need of liberation. Most of them were so flat-looking, no one cried. Not even us. He had a beer on him, bastard.

That was as much as I think I could remember. Other than that, the daily schedule was pretty much the same most of the days. With one thing being regular, that being a disater a day having happened. It wasn't necessarily as disastruous. I wanted to think it wasn't.

Fields of fire, I can't say much about the vegetation.

It's here where Rogers enters in.

'Cadet Rogers, hailing in!'

Rogers is a millitant, he's an old-school trained patriot. No one expected him to land in this regiment, not with the lot of us. It was hard, trying to work this way.

Coffee, a lots of it, biscuits and egg-yolk. We were fed this for too many consecutive days, it was meant to make you go search for something.

'Fort, come with me.'

Fort didn't object. Around one of the small houses, the traditional ones, we called them pygmy-tents. It was because the owners were so small. Their feets and hands were that of children. Compared to theirs, the door-knobs made them feel like giants. It was the anniversary day, they had a lot of bread. Bread was hard to obtain more days.

It wasn't sweet thinking about it, but that was not wheat, it was something else, it was, sugar, they had sugar canes, or something in the veins of rice. Who knew what them gooks were cooking under the brow. They were hiding something underneath the fields. It was far too distracting for anyone to look over or even pay heed to what was going on.

How come their faces always look so young and happy? They never age, they always seem to share the same expression in the barn. But there wasn't any barn. Just because there wasn't any barn, that didn't mean they couldn't pretend there wasn't. And it was subtle, the way they made it feel like home.

Fort and Rogers took what they could while the owners were in the house. In the middle of the room, they waited, expressionless, well-behaved. It was only at the start so of course they couldn't say or do anything. Just in case, that's the procedure.

Tit for that, Fort did it first. He started bumping a foot off the ground in the splendor of doing it. He kicked it a few times, only to be sure of it. Of course he hadn't a handle on it. But no one hid underneath the floor. Fucking gooks and procupines on both sides, but other than that, as they knew, they behaved. No sound or shake out of their eyes and they couldn't complain either. That was another thing, Rogers was easily annoyed, he was way too paranoid as well. He knew better than to sniff when he didn't meant to look into.

He knew better not to pick up a fight with someone who'd run and tell. They could not be trusted, under no condition instilled by the regiment.

I hate it, perhaps I should take out a knife.

When he stopped rummaging through the house, he left Fort do the rest while he approached them from the front. It was just like in the jungle with the only difference being that it was much cleaner in here. They hadn't captured anyone out there, but he imagined it would be just about the same.

'I should cut a slit off your gook-eyes, I think. You wouldn't happen to see what's going on around you, would you?

Hey Fort, doesn't this look like our house now?'

'Course it does, who's buying?'

They looked like rich-folk before the war.

It never goes down that way. Both sides were portrayed as they should. With everything included, he recalled it. Rogers had fourty kills under his belt by now. He'd seen one of them running with what looked like an explosive diamond in his hand. That shocked him. Near-deafness the doctor said, if the man hadn't taken a misstep there, the nade would've landed on near him. He would be dead now, this wouldn't have happened.

But there would be no attrition here.

'I found it, here, have the first bite boss, you're the one who found it.'

'God bless.'

He thought about muttering a prayer, but that would be lost on them. They were not dignified by any means. If roles were resolved, he had no doubt that they would be eaten like dogs. Mistreated even as they done it and they done it good.

'Fort, go outside, keep watch, you don't want to see it happen.'

Same rule, twenty minutes passed. He had been used by now, hearing them shouts. It was something everyone got used to after a while. It was the only thing they had to do in slow days. Everyone understood. If this didn't go on happening, they could be set off around the camp and no one wanted that.

Imagine this, first thing in the morning, it's one of those rare days where no one skipped breakfast. It was rare seeing bacon and eggs. Even rarer, actually smelling them. If there was one man who claimed he

tasted them behind our backs, we'd shoot him. The same way, I've got no doubt that they'd shoot us if we tried it, tried to taking out on the camp. It's hard to explain. No one really understands what a man has to do sometimes. They have to get rid of it somehow, out of the system. They know it, we know it, everyone knows it. It's what helps us win the war, it's what keeps us going.

There's nothing they can do about it psychologically, they can't bottle the rage or what's going through us sometimes. Everyone keeping an eye open at night as much on the others as they keep on the enemy on the line. It's not safe but it's normal.

And sometimes, we all get assigned to some families and we do what we have to do in order to get things out of the system and then we end up with this. It can't be helped. It's just how it is.

Well, it just so happens that this day, on their anniversary, both of them lived. It went slow. He got what he wanted.

They didn't look like us before and let's say they did not look like us after. But they stood in their spots, like good pups.

Twenty days in, it didn't look find, this was before anything happened in the south front, was it? Some maps was this, South one and South two. And there were other things they should keep to themselves because no one wanted to take shots.

Night five, night any five, they didn't keep count of them. It was the distillery, what it was called, they smoked blunt bamboo-sticks they stole from around the place. But you'll think this a lie.

For once the captain had a heart and allowed everyone to play cards for once in a while, it never went that way. It never went that way. You won't understand it yet, but it should be clarified, it never went that way. The captain never took any exception whatsoever, even when one of our own almost lost his life because of some untreated gangrene. It was hard to quantify pain. We never felt the same after.

But we played for the night. The negroes kept to themselves that way. They worshipped the same God of ours, but they were excluded for some reason from our group. It wasn't even my intention to do it. I didn't. Wait, I think I'm wrong, there was an Arab between them. But who was the one who pointed it out? Fort, Rogers, Scuffold? No, I always get that wrong, every single time and no one points out what happens.

'As I was saying, I think I have a pair.'

'Twenty cigars, isn't it?'

'We're not playing by prison rules. How does a prisoner like you even ends up landing a spot in the regiment?'

'He doesn't, because I think he's full of shit.'

'No, I'm not. You don't get tatoos like that without going through some hard times like I have.'

No one believed Brock. Though he looked somewhat tawny, actually he did resemble the injun, if I think about it. He could've been a lost-line, other cousin. I think, I don't know now, it's all hazy. No one

explains the game anyway. We're gambling away what we have on us and what we got from around the place. Watches, sticks, cigars, you call it. But then it's put down. And I don't know if this was the result of him just drinking booze, somehow the bastard got all the good stuff, but he actually put down a gook-ear, an authentic one. As if we were supposed to buy it that he somehow managed to get through the front lines and chop it off himself. Of course weren't gonna but it.

But it was marked, that was the thing. They marked their own, it was how you were supposed to check their civilians. We checked all of them. Not a single soul, if they even had those in their culture, had the marks around the ears. I think we were getting way too much into the game. We were oogling this, we were fantasizing about it. To be the ones who brought a good ear back home and hang it around the wall, that was. It was something worth more than our war-wage after being civil.

And I couldn't miss it just because of a golden tooth. I put it down, everyone raised. Soon after we were joined by the injun, I think he was Quiet but I didn't ask. Something about their culture made me feel like I was intruding if I were to ask.

The wimp, Joseph only joined us after seeing the tooth. He didn't have much either but we let him in. Some of the stable-minded men were considering letting some of them negroes join the table. But White protested, he was the first one to turn them down, always.

I'm the one who dealt the cards then. I'm the same person who was being watched for some reason, just so we were sure no one would be fucked over. Of course, I'm the same one who considered just pulling one off. But it didn't matter. We were all calm, nothing was going to happen. I considered it for a second, cheating, switching hands, but this place was worse than. Out of hand. I think that's what it's called.

We were not allowed to finish yet, we were called to action in the middle of the night. Another tour de France, we had to step in line this time. Everyone got alarmed and in the midst of it, I didn't see who took my tooth and who took the ear. Before I could say it, the Captain was there. We were forced into silence. I knew nothing of it and spoke just as much.

Twenty more hours awake. Something had to happen until it came to me to take a few shots instead. We needed a break but it doesn't stop. Things get misspelled and misspronounced way too often.

If there's something I like thinking about, it's my high-school sweetheart. I don't talk about her around the men.

It's because I got the impression that most of them would go out the minute on break and start jerking off thinking about her. And I only say that because I know I'm doing the same thing as well. I'm yelled at often but no one tells me why.

They often tease me, telling me I look like Francis, but I know it's not the truth. At least that's now what I have in mind. I shake all over just thinking of it, not of this but of her.

Everyone's much older than I am, perhaps that's where all the teasing's coming from. But I do think there's a point there, I only have a hard time looking for it. Uphill looked around, clear. Make sure it's going all over a few more times, right until that clear sounds like a beep, it's what the drill instructor tells us. Every time until it becomes a habit, unless it's become natural, then you're clearly doing something

wrong and when that happens, you don't get home. Or your piss-jar doesn't, I feel like he's made half of that shit up myself. Come to think of it, I'd do it the same.

But she was there, now, she was here with me. I was in no jungle, freezing my balls off, walking around in search of someone in hiding. She liked it as well, being chased. I can't remember her name any longer, but at least I got to have my way with her. It was what kept me going now. With everything the men had been telling me so far, I think I would've done it without knowing. Even better, I could've done without doing it now. I wouldn't have enrolled, it was the rite of passage, it's what got me here. So many mistakes made.

I can't go for long.

'Hi, I'm Uphill, it's nice to meet you.'

She was beautiful, that much I remembered. I thought of something clever, I think it was clever.

'I have a cock named Bismark.'

It was the first slap I ever gotten. And it was the first time I was rubbed over by the soft hands of another girl. She had big hands, swollen and pale. I don't think many boys looked at her now. I didn't mind it. Maybe I didn't mind what it felt like when we were alone. We started from there, the two of us. And I was almost done with it, you know? Before I even had to come back to my post, we were half-way through it. Unfortunately, I was a high-school dropout by the time she decided she was missing cross-state. And her parents didn't approve of it either. Something about me being, not well.

That's why I joined this place as well. They saw it on my face as well. Briefly after we first met, no one wanted to say it. A sad expression, or some kind of depression went along the way. I couldn't deal with it for long but so far I knew this. A few whiffs and I was back there. Bury it beneath the ground. Don't think about it unless you want to end up in the same way.

Uphill was the first to go out there and meet a Gook. It was during one of the nights he was left watch. All by himself, and no one seemed to be bothered by it. I don't think it was right. No one enjoyed thinking it, but it was the word of the captain against ours.

We like to joke and look down on others. But it's never right when it's one of our own. 'Specially when it's something as dumb as leaving a kid go out there all by himself. He wasn't that smart, truth be told, or he wanted to be play a hero in a man's field. We heard a shot in the night but we never went out to check it.

Drill came first. Stationed outside our tents, everyone would get behind the small anthill trenches and we would all wait for some' to happen. Nothing happened by the morning light and we were so tired that if the entire Cambodian country decided to invade us, we would've paved their way with our tongues. There, at the spot, we only found a hand. I dread to think what happened to the kid then, as much as I'd like to know it.

Yeah, yeah, I think we all got their message, wooden spoons. I think we understood.

I don't know how I made it so far.

‘Dishwasher, in the Congos, in the jungle.

Dishwasher, in the Congos, in the jungle.

Dishwasher, oh, sweet sweet dishwasher, in the Congos.’

In the jungle.

They weren’t paying much attention then. It was what they did, that what they think. In the media and in the papers, on the small notes and in their minds, it’s all games and all play and only murders and rapes. And no one looks and everyone minds their own bussiness and that’s what happens. Government’s corrupt but they like waching and the kid, the kid. Uphill, he’s a victim, he’s the victim of it, but they kept sending his piss jar even after he died. The captain made sure of it now, that everyone drank a lot of river water, but it had to be dirty to avoid it being poisoned and then they hadve them piss for him as well. Boy’s alive then, nothing happened. As long as no one knew it, ntohing happened. The public could go on along with it, they would buy anything you threw at them.

Even an expose would mean nothing, that would be covered in a few years at best. Clouded or not, cover it with a few gallons and everyone will forget. No one would be moved if anyone survived the end of the war in any case. They were meant to be dead men walking after all.

And then there was the worst of them all. This is why they killed the old lady, this is what even the small-eyes observed, if not even the whites trusted him, what could you say about the man?

Scuffold, he was sick. It was one of the worst case scenarios out there. A man got dispatched on the fields instead of being sent to hell. It was one blunt way of putting it. Soup didn’t taste well where he walked.

But it’s over.

It’s all fucking over in a pile of fucking trash. It’s all fucking trashing, the fields, this place, the camps, the maps, everything.

They had to admit it, how everything was so puerile. In comparison with what they did, bitter-sweet. No one counted the bodies in the fields.

What struck a man the most was the files. Things they didn’t say in the government stuff. It was a scholar’s work, or someone who suffered of insomnia. Fucking hell, fucking shit, they were shit fucking mouthed like pigs. And pigs didn’t do well against dogs. And chinks ate dogs. So on and so forth, we received what was left of the boy.

It was the first time we done a proper Christian burial, no more plain talk of the men. Not even the captain said a thing about it anymore. They got there, as if they would round themselves around a funeral pyre, with no trenches and everyone mourned the boy. Uphill was their son, the kid they looked after, that until the captain came in. It didn’t matter. We had a heart. At least, everyone seemed to think about it that way. Of course it all felt like a bunch of horse-shit.

That was exhausting, getting through the night, thinning out, looking out of the road, trying to forget and this. Eye for eye, tooth for tooth and everyone did what everyone did. And we all understood the reasons

behind it, but we didn't talk. We couldn't do it any longer. It was lies, and no fucking pencil pusher knew what was going on here. It was another mark hit, the condolences and that.

A next chapter, missing it around, this was an exception.

White was the first to go, he was out there alone. Bad luck followed him along the way, why wouldn't it? He had a piss-poor eye sight and seemed to be bent by the back.

Let's assume there was a court.

Post-war, POW, it's not the kind of person you'd expect on the other side. Assuming that most of the accounts are right he was there. That would have to do. The day after, the closure, no one spoke about it. You'd expect some outlash but everything got silence. And there was no White there to say a thing. And there were none of the other eighteen. He was out of the way, there was a contradiction, but no account spoke of it.

Back then, into the court.

One of them got there, but it was only one of the ones that survived and made it through. It would not be believed otherwise and the shock only continued after the first account.

The prosecutor got called in the booth for once. It was a funny thing, not like in laughter, but in an ironic kind of way. I could see him like the type of man who'd be out there in the jungle with everyone else. And a lot of changed since then. We weren't ready to take the leap and pout. The rat though, he spilled enough. Joseph Wittgenstein, it strung that pick in your throat you couldn't reach with your lip. Scott Uphill wasn't present in the court, supposedly, he was still alive somewhere. Official court documents. And there was Alan Remington Scuffold. He, was there, and he looked for a long time, he listened. None of us were there. It did not go well.

I hear the trial was big. I heard they didn't get into detail. It was fun while it lasted. None of the trial will be mentioned here.

I'd like to think it was fun being there with them. We were doing things we shouldn't that night. It was another kind of trial no one wanted to talk about. If one time done it the second time they'd know it. It shouldn't have been so.

During that night we formed a circle around them. They called it a, I don't know the word for it. The thing was a bond of solidarity or something, despite having their clothes being ripped apart, they covered one another like an ant hill. Only their hands went through them as they held hands together. It was like that I wouldn't know the feeling again. It was still the shock I didn't like talking about. Should've known it when it happened, this wasn't what I remember.

We were around them, doing it. That was supposed to be a man thing, like an initiation ritual. We slid apart but we were still close enough. It was only how the night started.

'Guard duty.'

‘Again? Can’t someone take my place this time around? I don’t actually feel like getting through it this time. I want to be left alone.’

No one caught a break, not even I. But I was tired now, too tired for anything, too busy to register what went through my head. I was being careless before and when it happened, I only came to do it this time around as well. They were falling by the heads, I never saw them. I think I never saw them close enough. I don’t know what happened to the others, what their business was and I did not mention that night to anyone.

The injun was staring, he was a mohawk in action. I didn’t know what I was doing any longer. It’s been so long, my eyes were red, but everyone was like that. Nothing much was happening unless you counted them in the planes. When they dropped, I finally took the reins and grabbed it over. I didn’t think it was supposed to be that way.

Nothing was coming over me. It went all over my head that day. It’s fucking falling apart from this point on. No court hearings, no account from the survivors other than you know who and we didn’t even get to them yet.

Swamp-negroes, funny way of saying it, the more the whites thinned, either back home or there, the more of them would come in the regiment. And then came the trouble for White. He wasn’t liked, much. He had a way of making himself unpleasant when he came in the company. It got boring way too fast and they couldn’t complain about it either. For whichever reason they expected it to be that way, they never warned you, before you joined the draft, how mundane it could become. It wasn’t a feeling of numbness, but, it felt regular.

Putting on pants felt the same. It was no sociopathic thing any longer, there was no burst of anger and there was only one incident inside the camp. You should’ve heard the stories said about the fire. Funny how people change.

It wasn’t even White either, who appeared to change his tune. He was happy for once, when it happened.

‘I could not do it, Francis, please, eat my share. After your, Francis, do whatever you please now, I would not dare keep you in line.’

He said.

May I do something for you Francis? Francis this, Francis that, Francis, whichever else. And he never said a thing to the others. Thing is, they suspected it, they did not act on it because that’s not how you acted there, but, somehow I think even he was afraid of spilling it. Francis was there and he was just about the same, as everyone else. With the other older negroes it went easier. Francis knew how to keep them in line, from an arab of faith, he took the role of a spiritual chieftain, or something.

And then there was their turn. It turned into a hierarchy afterwards. They were more violent when they were together with their own kind. There wasn’t that decency you’re used to seeing when a man like White isn’t up his own ass. No, you’d be wrong to think that way, if war turned the white man into an animal, it was safe to say that it made beasts out of them. Whereas some houses were left standing when Rogers took Fort, they were tearing them down while taking a woman in front of her husband, pinning him down.

It was nothing to be ashamed off, staring at it when it happened. Scooter was one of the men that had to accompany them.

Sometimes I think not even the captain trusted to leave them alone. It's how it is. You can't say nothing if you haven't seen anything happening. At this point the entire region is split in half. One side is theirs, one side is our. Roads are blocked, the farmers no longer share the route with us, they see us on the field, they run. For the longest run, I think they knew what was happening there.

And it wasn't easy. It was called the White attrition, but I think that in the end, by the time the conflict came to an end White was the last one to leave. But he was the first one the leave as well. No one like that anyway, not them, not us, no one.

And the sleep deprivation was the hardest thing to deal with. Turning in middle of the night with your eyes open on one side, then the other. Staring at the top of the tent, expecting so see someone familiar yelling at you in the morning, yet everyone expected you to keep going. The further you went into the jungle, the harder it got to keep an eye shut. It gets worse than this point on. We don't take turns in waking up any longer, instead we roll around the tent and wake the others.

Middle of the night comes, I think we look around and see one of them walking. He's a farmer that found himself coming in too close to the camp. Everyone gets us immediately and surrounds him. We're tired but we can't sit down, we're armed, and every single barrel is pointed at his face. The man can't make the difference between a bamboo stick and a high-caliber, not with those slits on his face. I try comforting myself thinking we won't kill him in the middle of the night.

You get reported for misshandling them like that. A government to the other, but things are slow. Do they know his name? Is he armed? We checked everyone, we do it again. He's not armed, but he's here. They never come here, why is he here? At this point we all ask this. If this was a closed area, by now the man would've been twenty feet in a hole. I still don't know if he escaped with his life.

He says nothing, he gets nothing so far. Of course no one wants to take the first shot and wake the captain, but we're all thinking how to make it clean, how to take it out without making much noise.

I think Apscoot is the first one to suggest it.

'Take him in the back and shot him at the back of his head.'

'No gona.'

He mutters something, we ignore it. Unless he speaks clearly, he's out. And usually they're all out of it at this point. Took a moment there, checked his ear, even in the dark you could see that there's nothing on his ear. Our camp isn't in the open, but I doubt we were approached by one of them. Somehow I think they're even more cowardly than we thing they are. For starters, so far, none onf them took us in the night. No grenade, no shooting and this was the closest we got to it.

Tomorrow the camp is relocated, no question asked and the captain can eat it if he wants to. Twenty more minutes pass, it's not like any of us want to go to sleep anyway. We wait on him to say something else in his defense. He's calmer than us but the gook got a night's sleep. The good got a week's sleep, I could see it. We all could see it. At this point we could simply kill him out of principle and batter him to death.

Geroge takes the first action, after he becomes reluctant to wait. He's forcing the man on the ground at this point and begin. Since we're all too tired to think and since he could be a scout from the other side, we join him as we start stomping him. In twenty minutes we're done, the man is dead. All the while, as this is happening, he makes no sound, he doesn't scream and he doesn't try getting any secret message out to alert everyone else. Unless the silence was his message, in which case, I think we all failed here miserably.

Two of the blacks are now dragging the body away. Again, twenty minutes pass. We asked them to dispose of the body anywhere, wherever tha may be and I don't think they knew how to dig a hole by now. Unfortunately, it's that part in it where they don't even bother to train them anymore. So they dump him in the river, but I'm sure his wife Cho Cho would notice much.

It raises the question. Since we're all back in the tent, like a dumb-lout who isn't even questioning whether or not they could tramp us in every moment, we sit down, trying to get an hour. The caffeine in our veins and the rush of adrenaline prvents us from falling asleep, I shouldn't have asked. But why was there a man there? Most of them, with some exception or two were a rare occurance. We never bothered to ask or to point at what was going on now.

We drank in the morning and only looked at the river, nice job, blacks. You could see the body stuck in one of the distant fucking ponds. But it was far enough from us not to notice.

And then there was the other problem, back to the watch. It was the duty that got you. Advancing through the front was one thing. We all went together, farther and farther away, secured the area then back to our posts. A lot of days were simpler than that, mostly. But then you relocated and you didn't know where you were and what to do. And it was a good thing and it was a bad thing.

Because they thought we all looked the same and we thought they looked the same which meant no more rapists, no more murderers, every sin was washed. Until we started again soon after, but by then there was no guilt to look back at. There was something I never thought about seeing, I mean I never thought I'd see it. It never crossed my mind. But I actually saw a cheeze-grilled burger, standing out there near a cold one. I thought I must be dreaming or something, because it wasn't in the new camp, it was in one of the, in the country. We were close to the country side. Plenty more houses spread around the acres.

Their community was more tightly knit that anything we have seen before, and you couldn't actually get away with doing as much as you did in the good old days. Plenty of other things happened, much worse than what we did before, or whom we lost, but we don't speak about those things, not around him. Because he can't be trusted either, but for once, I think God smiled on my face. He looked at me and smiled, as simple as that, because, you wouldn't believe it but it was there.

And I got the beer and I got the burger and it didn't happen. Instead I got the guard duty, again.

It's what he got, by now everyone had lost respect over White. First he started chasing them around, then he began running around the camp like a headless chicken ever since they started replacing us. Fourn and Lock went back home, not a thing said so far. Special circumstances, they said but it never got explained why.

There was also the incident that happened there, we didn't talk about it much. We still don't think of it, because of good reasons. I'd like to think there's some place somewhere, out there for people like him.

It's two am, I think, I don't know. I'm not a reliable watch, I mean I don't have one. And it's twenty minutes fast. Also you're not allowed to keep a straight watch, you need to remember how many seconds or minutes it's fast so when you get captured, they can't know. It's a clever thing, or an idiotic thing because I don't know how that should prevent you from being tortured. Maybe it's supposed to confuse them about the meeting points or something, I don't know how they could get information about that and somehow manage to miss the hour. And wouldn't they have a clock or a watch of their own? Did it work differently in the east or something?

Again, I don't know and I could not answer that, we captured a few of them but they didn't say anything. And that's where the fun stuff starts. We called it that as a way to deal with the abuse we inflicted on the poor men. God forbid what they'd do to us if the situation was reversed. I seem to recall this being the most dangerous period of the war. While back there in told camp things went slowly and we were mostly a sentry unit, a few other regiments got dispatched in the west and south-south, all three points being a constant.

Ever since we came here as well, I knew there was something wrong. White was more distant than usual, he's almost taken a vow of silence. Rogers joins him. They spend a lot of time together, smoking bamboo-sticks and hitting on the locals. This sight for starters is different than before, I'd go as far to call it beautiful, but the captain would most likely nurture me and no eunuch ever made it through the army.

And they had nice stuff like porcelain and tea cups and pink trees that popped from here and there and just about the place. Even the negroes were somewhat happy and well behaved.

But Rogers and White spent too much time together and the place also started looking more like a ghetto. We all knew that this meant trouble.

One time and only one time we hear it happen. That doesn't mean it only happens once, only that they speak of it quickly enough for everyone to hear then they all turn silent. Afterwards, you end up with empty houses at night and floors with fakeouts beneath them. That's when we start suspecting that we're being fucked with. It's clear enough that they know what we're after and it doesn't go easy on them.

First the funny-lady gets drunk, Rogers and White spend the night with her. It gets blurry afterwards and we don't make a lot of noise, we got around her and she doesn't object. We drink from one of her small cups, and it's for the first time that we get drunk. We go down on her, she doesn't object. At this point we hear something happen through the night.

We go out, we're called in. The door opens like one side of a plastic container. They're dropping bombs in the middle of the night, we leave. That's what happens. By this time, her makeup ran across her face. The cold gets inside the room but she's alive. She's unharmed and no one did anything to get. Christ, it's as if they think we spoiled her or something, because by the time we come back from another tour, we find out that she's been raped and killed. Now I know this happens during war or without war. But I swear, it was neither me nor White.

Both of us are met by the Captain. Apparently, this is the first time he conveniently finds out about it. As usual, we get lectured about it. We don't get a word in, we're treated like trash, we don't speak a thing, we don't make eye-contact, we keep it simple.

'Yes, we were inside her house last night.'

How far did you go in?

'Christ, captain, do you get your rocks off this stuff?'

He asks again.

'Only a few fingers captain.'

From both?

We both nodded.

And that was it, we weren't given any warning, we didn't say a thing and as usual. It was the thing which kept us in line. As long as something did not exceed it, I think everything would go on to be fine. I hope it would in any case. Well, that's what they wanted from us.

I think we kind of got separated at one point.

It was the scenery, you don't see a lot of green back home. Not where I live. And there was another fuckup back then, John Sink, which we all suspect he did it. He was one of the few men missing from the front when we were called in. I'd like to think I caught him on the act and broke his nose but that didn't happen, that's only wishful thinking. I wish I did it, I'd have a story to share over a drink.

There was also the dirt I think, which was more important than what happened to her. I think we all agreed that dirt in this region was much better. Of course it was mainly because they had better cooking ingredients but we never allowed them to cook for us. Never trust the yellow men they say, it's written in the Constitution and the Constituion gave us guns so it can't be all bad.

It wasn't always this easy. Things don't go as planned.

And then the problem came with the pond. Since it was the main attraction of the city, we were somehow considerate about it towards the middle part of our stay. Going round in and out can be tiring at times after a while, and the jungle can be unforgiving to the men that do not know its ways. I'd like to think that by now we got completely accustomed to it, even though we still make mistakes. We're human after all.

And they kept yelling about something coming up, again and again, Saigon, Saigon, careful at the Saigon, the Hick tunnel, it's where it was. They say they could transport hundreds of Vietnamese people through those tunnels in the midst of a single working day. It's actually quite a bother, since no one like talking about it any longer. But they used to breed in there, not in that way I tell you, not like in the good old days where we fooled around. With all in mind their numbers started growing and growing until tens, hundreds, thousands of them appeared on the front.

But there was no way to domesticate them no longer, we tried our best but failed. We were losing people but at the same time, they were dying by the breeds and heads. It shouldn't matter any longer since we progressed a little and finally everything stabilised. You shouldn't be bothered much by it, once you got a night's sleep in a while, no nocturnal waking and no sleep walking or anyone messing around the camp. This time around we had people who stayed awake for us and others who woke up and took their place and it was well.

But the pond, that pond inside the well they made. We knew we shouldn't have approached it. The captain told us not to mess with it. Say and do what we want with the people, that's our business, but don't fuck with their well. It's their symbol. Crush the symbol and the people might either be stripped down and beaten or they might turn on you. Either way, they were civilians, they were mostly the families that didn't evacuate the area and we knew better than to do our thing.

If I remember correctly, I even brought George, Scooter, Brock and Lemming around and asked the negroes, and I remember specifying this to them.

'Don't piss in the well, don't go around their ponds, don't mess with their water.'

This isn't one of your ghettos. I want you to point at the sky, then back down to your captain and see him as your saviour now. Do you understand it?'

'We get it, don't piss in the pond. Don't do it, I think we get it.'

Then it was settled so much. And what do they end up doing?

Well it's not hard to guess and brush around the issue or to think it that way. They just did whatever they wanted, they did as they pleased and they got no sanction for it. Did it damage everyone in the camp now?

Of course it has, but that's neither here nor there. They were cannon-fodder after all, so we couldn't actually send them off. For every white soldier that died, at least eight of them took his place, which in turn saved another white soldier's life. From that we got some comradeship but not too close because we weren't communists or anything, but I think it did end up well enough.

Nowadays, you don't hear much about them, but when it happened, I could not believe it. I think that neither of them could even afford sending back a piss-jar, not to mention that theirs was a different kind of piss and no one wanted to deal with it.

Worst of all, I think, lived the chieftain. He had gone through a lot these days and I think he needed a well earned break. Most people don't even know you actually got one, at least once in a while, but then again, most people don't even get that far to begin with. He had only himself and the nature, and the Vietnamese who kind of took him as one of their own.

Since everyone mistrusted us, I only see it as natural that they would choose to take one of their own. And it got even more confusing when we were joined by even more injuns after a while. But they were not Mohawks and they were not Cherokee or Iroquois and I don't even think they were injuns to begin with. We got a few Vietnamese soldiers on our side who wanted to take a break from working on the dams and on their farms and the captain said why not? I mean it couldn't hurt us any longer. We already

had so many nations, whereas, as long as everyone kept to themselves, everything would be fine and dandy.

No one spoke of bad things and they didn't happen, until you found out that another woman got killed and her body got disposed into the well. But I think we all knew who it was and it didn't take any genius to know. They gave her no burial and she stayed there.

And this point it started to stank the place since their pond was a yellow, and they started recognising that it wasn't us. After that, we kind of got redeemed in the first place and they started trusting us again but not the blacks. Instead of spending all night cutting trees, now they dug the trenches.

There were shallow holes, deep holes and the trenches, but all of them had to be dug out. And just like there were two souths, there were also the other trenches, which were like real trenches but they went around, where the real trenches were more like deeper holes but no one wanted to call them that because the captain told us we should invent a lingo in order to confuse the enemy in case any intel leaks out. So we made the South-South, the Trenches-trenches and the fast going watches. I don't think we had many of those, the leaks I wager, because if word got out, we would've been dead.

A great deal of dying happened around there, but the one in the field didn't happen as often.

It was always the one you suspected the least, I think. That woman back then, the one, the one with me and White, I somehow don't think it was the captain. Hell, his was a different poison he went after, or was it Joseph? I always seem to confuse the two. One's white, I think, the other isn't. But the Captain always takes his side at dinner.

And we dined with the captain from time to time. We even said the gosspeil, yelling, and we excluded everyone who wasn't white from the table. But that always confused me because they allowed Joseph to stay because the captain wanted. They did look very much alike standing so close to one another and they always looked out for themselves, even though he was a soldier and the drill instructor always treated us like trash.

Kind of makes you think.

If there's something to be remembered from the Cong, it's the feud between Francis and White. Robert never got over it.

The seniors took the cake after, they were our infantry as well, but that had to way.

Robert H. White, what a piece of work he was. He was a good man at heart, but the wrong circumstances in life made him weary of the people. Oh, he wasn't dumb either, as a matter of fact, he may have been the smartest man in the regiment, which says a lot about the company. But he was one leg short of Oxford, where all the educated folk managed to go to. Born into a piss-poor family, he worked his way on, he climbed the ladder, he gambled, he became an alcoholic, he got beaten one night by a bunch of niggers and then he joined the army.

It was a different time for all of us. Sure we may not have been as fancy as to dine around the table, but it was who we were. And we didn't complain about this kind of life to them, that's not what the newspapers liked to sell.

‘Twenty a piece, twenty a piece, please buy the newest edition of today’s peace. Our troops are pulling out of Cong.’

They were lavishing drowning in it. Perhaps it should’ve dawned on me, somehow, that it didn’t go well for everyone in the days after. You go there with nothing on you, it should’ve stayed the same. But they give you a lot of package up there and you can’t get away from that. You can’t drink yourself into a coma, even though plenty of men had, you can’t stand your ground in a court like you could do it on the field, and this time around the rules changes.

No one minded their own bussiness out there. And it was like everyone got indocrinated or something. All kinds of questions were asked, details, exact numbers, how you got here, how you did that, what happened after and you said what you could, what was expected of you, then you left. Done, just like that. Sure, no one had the connections the captain had but most of us got away.

Truth be told, the generals in D.C. didn’t care about us much. They paid no mind about anyone out there as long as they made a buck and it went like that for a long time.

I still can’t believe how they managed to pull it off for such a long time. I’m still surprised by it, in all honesty, it felt like most of the rifles we got were made out of plastic while someone else got the real deal. And that was kind of maddening since we haven’t paid our trip here and we have to behave and we were told all types of bullshit we would have to carry over. But we didn’t know any better.

Day, didn’t matter which one, fifteen. Then the actual war started.

And it was mad, it was the end of a century’s long conflict before the new one emerged. We were out there, snailing our heads down as we were trying to avboid being sprayed upon by seas of bullets that came out of nowhere. The gunpowder had left a trail and a mist out of its path, and you could only see the stars of blue and red and white coming out of the distant barrels. It was hard to distinguish from the distance and from who came near. And those Vietnamese who joined out hard barely gotten themselves turned and pointed at.

‘I spek enligh, I spek english. American side, American side!’

Soon he gets down. Two men fall. Shot in the leg but they are slowly dragged away. Various laves fall in the surroundings, there’s lights everywhere. Smoke started going on, the apache could be heard from the distance. It could fall at any hour. It could fall at any minute. And the sounds stopped but they still went on, even without us hearing it. It was the gongs from the East, we were going to listen to it. Tires were rolling near the road, parachutes dropping but they were carrying molotovs not men.

And there was the sound of accoustic fire, the explosions and the hellfire. For the first, they say, you haven’t tasted war until you killed your first man with your bare hands. George came to his senses and only leaped to himself. He shot him in the knee and knifed him at a gun point. I got my hear, he thought, my first gook-ear that very hour. I was giggling like a school-boy going after his sweetheart. I couldn’t look way. There was no excitement as the canons stated firing. The mist cleared, there were men behind bamboo trees and a few others who were making too much noise in the back.

It was a stroke out there, we weren't moving, but shooting, either from the ground or from a knee up the hill. I don't know how as who and who'd get killed. We weren't advancing, they got too close somehow, or we have. And each and either way, we couldn't make it. I knew we couldn't make it, not now. But we pushed through dirt. I tasted dirt, actual dirt.

I couldn't see anyone else either any longer, I could only aim at the uniforms from his point on. I can't recall how many times I ended up aiming at bamboo and leaves before rolling out of some direction.

'Drop it, there's a drop incoming, there's the fire, roll outta the way.'

They screams out of lungs. Fire came out again, they rolled it everywhere, like a giant snail, like a Hiroshima that suddenly turned west, the fumes got in our lungs but we got away. And I could hear them coming, not enough of them died. We weren't meant to get so far to the fire, or see it scorch everything in sight. I saw it, and I didn't know it first. I think I hear it before it happened but I threw the grenade first. Was it he one who did this? Had I started the advance?

'On your feet now, all of you, move on boys, we need to secure the area.'

'Did we win sir?'

'Move on I said, before I turn this gun on you.'

I don't know who that was, but he was dressed like an officer. We followed through, there were neons during the night. We didn't sleep through, but if we did it was roughly under the sashes. I dreamed of shooting people but I never remembered waking up. And they fed up alcohol and all kinds of drugs and coffee and dirt and everything to keep us all awake and looking out.

We made it through the first landing, only eighty feet through the forest-fire. It was enough, we went away. Then we came out of it. We snapped, we started going around in circles and made it to South, the other South but they never called it that.

'Sir, we got one living here.'

They pointed him out of the way, we got him by the back of the neck and dragged him in the village. We actually had to push through what looked like a swamp. We found gold but it was water, and we actually swam through like in the drill days.

Past us, in our territory there was the long-field and the salient. The salient was short-longer and the field was getting shorter by the minute. All that was being caused by the fire, but the fire never touched the field. As soon as we were out in the open, they followed.

Advancing through the north, they railed on us from one of their wheels. Right on position we aimed, they retreated. Check his pulse, the man was still alive. Everything still stank and it wasn't only the body in the piss-pond. Then we broke through one of the houses, barely getting in, throwing him on the ground, not even taking the time to tie him down. After pounding him we stopped.

'Open your mouth, open your damn mouth.'

Lemming go get one of the Nams and ask for a translator, go!'

He yelled, a lot. He acted like a god damn dentist without anesthesia, he was bleeding on the floor. This formation was the bull, since we kept pounding the place. Aland kept pacing around the room. Brock was shaken and didn't want to stop the officer.

We stood there as if this was something new. I don't know why this looked so weird. It was different than before. For us at least since we were animals, but he was an officer. It was much worse when he did it. You hear stories about it happening but don't think of it, you can't, because you ask questions then. Let's say we all wanted to ask questions then, since it was too much. Abhorrent, disgusting, he was forced to choke and puke on himself before he was dragged around the floor and bled. But he never choked, that's as much as I remember.

'Bring me a bucket, one from the piss-pond.'

I did as I was asked.

Barthram accompanied Rogers, White was nowhere to be seen. Not even the negroes could take it for some reason, despite being the way they have been ever since we came to this place. And it went on for twenty more minutes. He never drowned.

One of the village-translators came in. He was largely calm despite being met by this sight. It felt as if he expected to take his turn as soon as we were done with him.

I ain't no man of God any longer.

After seeing what I saw today, there ain't a piece of cloth that could even wash me up after seeing what I've seen. Baby wipes on his face, that's what they threw out. He started singing so fast that by the time he was done they started giving him another round just for the hell of it.

'We need to leave, we heard enough.

Lemming, take the translator out.'

Both of them heard the shot. Everyone got what they wanted out of it. You could say that the body stayed there up to this day.

And a whip and a crack, and that's how they walked out of the plantation.

It was how it was, it was how they treated everyone that day.

But as for them, they weren't there. Francis and White were back in the old camp. Francis got this close to being labeled a deserter, and he was almost shot on sight. There were a few things that didn't work out between the two of us. He took his sweet time looking around, not knowing what to say.

It was a failed act. It was miserable, everyone felt miserable. And most of all, Robert White.

'You know, I did not mean it when I said it. About I being and you being and sir and.'

He didn't have to say a thing. Most people wouldn't make the difference between the calibres. As a matter of fact they'd know. They'd know. He had a big head there. And he appeared to be one of the worst

ones out there, until I got a hold of him, his lips were bigger than his jaw and they appeared to only encompass the skin rightly so. He acted like an ape for no reason and didn't know how to behave when asked to sit down.

Now there were two things you did when this happened, you either shot him in the body, but he was bare-chested and appeared to have no skin, only that salive-lip that spread around and the strange four legs that came out of his back on a lamp-post like body that erupted from his pair of flower-tongues.

Robert white already took a few shots at his chest. He detested seeing them piss blood, especially since he was wearing a gook woman's body as his lower-side.

He was calm despite being shot eighteen times.

Robet then took the time to read the rest of the journal, while he was frozen in place. He was a man of the worst races out there and he could see why. When they died, they reverted to their primate-forms. Dark hair grew all around their bodies, and they started shaking off as the gook-skin fell off.

He was off the part, of course he wanted to read the rest then.

'I saw it all.'

Scuffold was there, but he didn't do a thing. He was only there to collect something. After pulling a knife out, I said not a word to hm and let him do whatever he wanted to do. We both have, we couldn't have done it otherwise. I was insulting doing it to one of our own, but he started carving the Negro in order to make it as belieavable as possible. That way, no one would think it was one of us and everyone would get on fine.

I started reading through some of the pages.

'Being followed by him again, I sees he watching from the down curtains, I think he knows of something but I can't tell it.

Captain had a bad eye on me as well but I think he knows I'm not one of them.

White powder does not magic any longer, no one's tricked. They know what I am, they told me many times.'

A dishwasher in the jungle, someone was singing it out there. We were being approached, so we got out of the way. In the nearest old trench, there, he pointed and made a motion. I was to follow and leap inside, say no word and pretend I died.

It was just like before, with the injun, watching the road, seeing the same two out there. No one was minding their business anymore, but these were troops of our own. Different regiment, don't move. Silently he spoke only with his tongues, we weren't to use any voice now. Otherwise we would be heard, found and trialed, unless we could somehow explain how it happened.

And the trial was only destined to go in one direction. A rifle machine started railing everything in sight. It came from under the gook-umbrella before the Nelolithic mongoloids that came with their face-axes in sight. They brought some of their spine-spinning guns out of the ground.

But that was only the back front. We only got plainly put here by chance. We didn't mind it any longer, we continued drinking. It was much softer before, spending a few days in the other barracks.

That's the most avoided part, if any could be said of it. After jumping from camp to camp, we switched from tents to barracks. We didn't move much, at least not in the same way. Something had to be tried then. It looked like a completely isolated eighteen-square by eighteen dwarf-buildings. It was dangerous staying there for long.

Not many of us got past the war-field. I think that, by now, Joseph, the captain, Rogers and George were sitting at a single table. Everyone was missing. A few of the dropouts were given. They were smoking and drinking scotch, not talking much they waited. He came at last, as if he was only sent outside to look into the desert of a field for a single war-box. It was needed to hear the morsel code.

Tawny, the injun came. Slowly, he seated himself down. None of us wanted to look him in the eye, it was part of the other way, fought up there. We were sitting in a circle reminiscing of that day. But not everyone at the table was aware of it.

It was likely that they would be somehow disgusted by the actions we took earlier in the day. That was why they refused to speak by the peak of the hour.

'One of our 'Nams came in earlier today, he found the tunnel.'

We were watching. Closely, but not so much, at least not as much as we were trying to get a word in; everyone was weirded out by the flies which came with the injun. Panda-flies, one of the worst kinds possible, they only appeared because of the sleep deprivation. Some were horned, others were dressed in the smoke of our cigars, but he wasn't there.

Only nineteen people were present then, don't ask, don't tell. It was repeated a few times. And every time it got repeated, a piece of it went missing. Soon they would completely forget it, up until the only thing that came out of it was tell and ask. Business, go around into other people's business. It was the order of the day.

Cigars were put down, no one was smoking. Somehow, it crossed his mind to come here earlier. He's seen a lone, he's been through a lot but Lemming came first. He entered the barracks. This was a change, this was no circus den and he was no clown.

He considered making an inappropriate joke, but no one was up to it. Everyone was serious now. Outside, people were dying by the heads. Twenty men died, they were mostly the blacks. As soon as it happened, they got replaced and got sent back. It was the government, they saw them more than disposable, which turned out to be how everyone took it to their account. Whereas a white soldier had a twenty percent to up the draft, a Negro had something like an eighty; that was the times.

And they went on a blind thing and waited for something to happen. Here he came. Robert H. White was the next one to come through the door, he was bloodied, more so than usual. He looked completely out of it, everyone froze in their seats. Even the captain pushed a hand to the side to have everyone sit down. They remained solid. It was expected of them.

Was this it? He was armed. It could just damn be one of those damned moments a man could not take it any longer.

Obvious symptoms were shown, no one wanted to laugh or crack a pipe no longer.

He was pumping iron, he was pulsating.

High-heated brows which contrasted cold-dead eyes.

He was here with them, but also phased out. Despite staring at them, he stared through them and made no sound. It was not the kind of man you'd like having in your room, or at a dinner.

Let us not forget where he was. He shot a man before this. Breakfast was done for, he ate too much dirt. And most of them were too slow to do anything about it. This had vaguely been turned in, if anything. No child was crack-headed then. Opium was being spread around in the north and they could not be allowed to progress.

'I thought we were here to liberate them, weren't we?'

'I thought so to, but that was earlier in the evening, before you did, you know. Whatever crossed your mind, we heard the news.'

Everything was recorded. It was demonstrated on papers. A few sketches and some plans were thrown across the table, as if they were gambling my life away. It was just what I needed now, this was my rewards. Forty days spent here with barely a piece of action and this is what I got.

'Are you all done now? Can we seriously reach a stop? Perhaps? Perhaps I could ask something of you.'

He had a rifle on him and a piss-jar. It was soon replaced. He came here for a reason, we all listened to it before decided whether or not we could report him.

It was what the trial was about. But he hadn't actually stepped inside the court when it happened. The trial went over his head. We had all the proof we needed anyway. Other than the blood and the witnesses, he was covered in his lips. He managed to actually roll over the pool of life and his lips, as if it were a hay stack.

But that wasn't resolved there. Another call to action, everyone simply went out.

Troops were advancing from the south, somehow they took the path only a naval fleet would allow, but there was no fleet on the horizon. Mostly, it was a merde, a french death, it was called that way because of the French trade in Trinidad. They carried a lot of coke and rum, drinking themselves to death like sailors. Some sailors only spoke of it twice. Speaking of it thrice meant death, and we drank in their name, thinking of who came after us.

Mercenaries, they brought in mercenaries. Mao was divine, he was the man in power. His arm was made out of solid iron. For some reason they worshipped him more than our Christian God. And for that reason he had to be put down. That's the reason for the war starting. It's something they never put down on papers for a good reason.

They would be beheading camels in the future, that's what they kept telling us. Long-officers who wore diamond-backs.

No more insanity, not for now. No one saw anything wrong. We went off the barracks in time. Twenty or so barracks were set and build around 'Cong. But all of them got completely abandoned because of the bombing. We got invaded from below. More and more tunnels started finding us like ships and balls. Since then, we switched back to tents and even worse. Sleeping with the enemy in their beds, we joined the next village on the country side.

This one was different. The american generals were running out of ideas. Despite having established our dominance here, some people decided we would be fought at every turn.

We gave up on too much on a short period of time, first the tents, then the barracks, the booze, the smokes and the screens. Then we gave up on our uniforms, and we dressed like the enemy. And sometimes we were the enemy and sometimes the enemy was in our ranks. At the end of the day, that's what they tried showing us.

Don't trust anyone here. It's hard to tell how that was good advice, but don't got attached to them. Our people weren't our people, they didn't exist. They were machines, they were devices, they were things, they were invisible. As long as you saw a small dot in a sea of air, you knew not to shoot the dot. You only saw the enemy and you shot him, he died. Next one after, then the napalm strikes, they came as soon as they were expected. I wish I could say something clever about it.

But I was no deserter. And White, he would be trialed for a war crime. Except he wouldn't, I don't think so. If he went out, we all went out, all. All of our numbers, the nineteen that were present there, and we knew it, he knew it; it was a secluded thing. Should've taken the first chance to get out of the war, shouldn't you?

No poker buddies, that would have to wait. Hopefully he will die in the field, tis' what everyone prayed for. Now, no one trusted him. No hierarchy was needed because of this; it was the one rule, never. What was it? He tried remembering it, something about don't look, tell and mind your business? Something about the captain?

What the hell was wrong with the captain? White had something on him. It just went to show you that intelligent people don't make it into power. But somehow everything turns all right. The captain was being fiddled like a toy by him. Yeah, I'd like to see his face now, since he dissapeared as well. Vanished outta the place as soon as the war ended, he wasn't present at the trial either.

Short break from it, in honor of Bismark, no in honor of Uphill, no one knew why the boy told everyone in the camp his story. It was in poor taste, everyone laughed. It was how they honored and how they remembered the kind. Times like this made you remember the kid for who he was, I think. He was given a proper Christian burial now. Most of us liked to think that out of that napalm hell we gave the gooks, we cood the cannibals more than they ever would of Uphill.

He was in a better place, may God rest his soul in peace. Everyone gathered, except the captain and Josephth. Say what you want about the Negroes and the Gooks, but even they came along, the converts in any case. And this happened during the night, after something like a four hour trip that started back at

them. They would not sleep this night either since the way back would take whatever amount of energy they had in them.

It got so tiring that most of them were glad to come back exhausted and be stabbed in the back. Otherwise, they weren't happy. Kenneth was there for some reason. He wasn't liked. Ever since he joined in, he was the most silent of all. He kept to himself all too often. Early grave was embded on his chest. He died of a stroke tomorrow morning.

We were in the new-new camp, with the new clothes that looked like the enemy.

Out of the broken homes, we made a tall insulin-tower, hanging the american flag on top of it. After all this hard work, some things were worth it. I'd like to think that. It was moments like these that we spent together and managed to form some comradeship which would last.

If there's some greater force there, I hope it's listening now.

George, he was from Georgia. His county was full of fish-men and taxidermists and Confederate sympathisers. And they looked like hicks and bozos, but they had heart. T'was all it mattered to them, no one could take it away. For all that was worth, they stood for what they belived in and they also cracked your skull open if you pissed on their flag or burned it.

So many statues, so many paintings, so many writings, it was what divided people now. Get rid of them or burn them? Neither worked for anyone and the stars were taken, the guns were taken and the children were taken. It was what divided everyone back home. Meanwhile the rich covered their ears and pretended no war happened. Everyone was happy.

Robert for example had it going now. If he returned back home, he would be seen like a hero. Either by his people or by the hippies, but the hippies were no longer hippies. They were never the hippies, they were the hitties, the outsiders. But they were the insiders as well. Hippies were the Government. And the Government wanted to pull out.

It was because they cut their heads oppen in their higher-ups and they inserted the docile species inside of them. From every corner of the world, they looped around and for fire's worth, they needed to increase their world temperature in order to survive.

In the back seats, in the black-rooms they showed themselves as they were. And their faces extended and shot tiny shell-like conical domes that poured inside the room. From around the walls, the ceiling and the floor, their faces could be replicated a million times, as they began speaking in tongues.

Bodies were needed where they lived and it was unappealing to conter them in speech. This madness continued ever-after and that's what they wrote in the newspaper, which didn't actually seem to be likened.

News were travelling slow from the front. And it was hard to tell which account was authentic. A lost of false alarms carried on, but that didn't seem to matter. This is undoubtedly the most imporant piece of history he looked back at. His eyes were both keen and kind for details. He held a prayer in the morning in a heathen land. A lot of things didn't add up, nothing made a lot of sense. It was a thing of the war,

actually. Look at it, compare it with what you see on tv, what you read in the newspapers. No one wants to take the conspiracy theories serious because they're mostly fucked in the head.

Then the dead, they couldn't give interviews at all. It was a thing of the past, maddening. It was the reaction of the memories kicking in while trying to make sense of what you see and what you heard. Sometimes the bombs dropped way too close and you went home back deaf.

Robert's grandfather was in the war. He joined the Axis, but he was on the German side. That much he remembered then. While going around and digging trenches, he busied himself going step by step over the old war stories which made him cheeks ever so flowery, even though it was mainly from the cold. Cold, that's it. A result of the red, his great-great-great grandfather fought for the Confederates. And he was a typist as well. Everything was pinned down ever since that time. A lot of interest was shown by the press, that much was known. He carried the Grand Duke's will with him now and his hatred for the blacks.

A few more generations later, Germany, his grandfather worked there before the first war. He fought for the good guys, both wars. If there's something he inherited from him, it was caring for your own people. This what he did, he walked around in other people's shoes and made sure they didn't step wrong. Even though they made a loss back then, this time around there was a turn-about. No one spoke of that, past was stolen.

The States got the German scientists, he got his grandfather back. The ceremony was short but well-worn. You could tell it, he came back as a hero. Now, would it be the same for him?

Robert H. White considered this for a moment. He didn't know what to say or how to take it in. He's been around the world with the tour of France, he's seen some things. But this was different. Coming from a line of heroes gave you something, a vision, a quiet thing, a mind of your own. It made you clever and smart-smarts, like South-South, it was made up. That wasn't the point.

He waned about it. He whined about seeing it. For good reasons as well, looking back and forth, he saw how things went about the place. While everyone was busy dying, he was busy thinking. Then Gook-king, Mao, the worshipped had bankrupted China. It spilled around like a disease. It's because Mao's legs spread like long roots all around the place. He fed on everyone and managed to get just about as much food from their brains and bodies as she could. It's how they starved to death.

And a near-like extermination almost killed everyone. Luckily things were going to be different here. If only he had gotten a real rifle, instead of the plastic one he carried around. He shot fire-works in actuality, and they weren't even wide enough for him to kill someone, more like sting.

White took a second, he checked his pocket. He realised something. It was the moment he became a man, that dawned on him. After checking the ear he realised it. No tattoo. Damn that man, he was full of it, he was going to shake us during the card game. Not that it mattered since he managed to get a hold of the tooth. Bastard had it coming.

But he hadn't made it in the new camp in time. By the time he was there to enact revenge on what's he's found out, it kicked in too late. The engines were being cleaned. How did the Congs that joined them, the farmers, how were they so good on the field? They had no field experience, but it was clear.

And they didn't kill much on the field either, it was the Napalm and the mist and the star and the fisting of the ladies. It was that night. Somehow he was taken over by it.

'Of course it has, how could I actually come to forget about it?'

Moving on, the country-fair, it was the village. Despair came over him. Grief followed on a pair of empty gallons. Fires never erupted in that way because they were shallow. Everyone left from the surroundings, from the nearness and the short-sighted warrior in their boots and graves, only a few were left. I should've known it.

And It saddened him in some way, knowing that so many good men died.

George, Scooter, Apscoot, Barthram was missing in action and Brock were down. They piled up the place as if it looked like the Harlem. In some way, it wasn't as well received by the Congs either. Because they were there and I was there. Wrong place, the wrong time and that would be all that could be said now.

Oh, and the injun survived as well.

Bad luck for the worst company, a lot of road-kills away in the jungle and stop.

Dishwasher, the song kept popping in his head, it had a meaning he was yet to comprehend. For starters, he didn't know how he had gotten over it to begin with. Was it a mystery? Maybe it was, maybe it wasn't. Either way, there were the.

The drill is over kid. He forgot everything he learned the moment they got him.

Welcome to the real world.

Will you give into them or press on?

What's on the tv?

Nothing much, a news anchor at five am, they always do that. The weird thing when they switch channels when you can't really pay attention it. Sometimes, you press a few buttons and everything goes blank. The tv isn't even close yet, but it goes blank. And everyone know what that means, every time.

No good channels anymore. It's all blank, and reused commerical, someone needs to get fired. A documentary of some random channel, spoken about war. A memorial is being kept. Someone got some adaptation gotten after his auto biography. It appears to be too real until you realise that it's all fake and everyone's full of it, but you already know this. You knew this even before they decided to go there. You set on a foot and news at five.

Someones' supposed to be on trial, but they keep it all a mystery because the guest isn't there yet. How? Why is that they can't find it? It's all a mystery for everyone else, as much as it is to me.

Perhaps it should tie in somehow, they could use it. Maybe he's an escaped convict, or some obses truck-driver. He's someone who shot his way, or a pony, no, a fruit, that's what they call em nowadays. And they want to beat the pony. All right.

They don't train you for this. They don't even tell you of it.

Black room, no tv this time, nothing to read, but a bunch a weird letter on a table. It all looks like an investigation chamber. They want to say something, they want to start it but they can't. No, it's all left to me, I'm the citizen, I'm the wrong-doing american who came out of nowhere, took their jobs, took their women and hates them nigs.

Of course I'm there. And they brought some muscle as well. It's not. It didn't happen that way. It isn't decent.

It's just a chair in a dirty room, with only one light and they beat the shit out of you. Not even the same way you do, they use a hammer, but it's not made of iron. I can't tell it by the feeling. But it hurt, a lot. Every time they do it, it simply hurts. And they start with the legs and you scream and every time you scream they hurt you more, they shove something down your throat but not too deep so you don't choke.

It's not easy getting through it. I'm sure. They all make you feel every inch of it. Animals, they're animals, they're slink eyed and don't see you as human, it's a Negro-prison but they're yellow not brown. It's a shit-infested moth cell, then they leave.

And you think of everything you said and done and look above you. Red-eyed, only one light, there's not much and you can't scream. It's sick, but it can't go through detail. No one wants to think of it, no one wants to invasion it. Sometimes they don't look for information, they take the piss and do it for fun. They have all the information they need. No one knows english, no translator is being brought.

All of the sudden you're one of the Vietnamese women, out there, sitting on a couch, reading a novel. It's sudden.

I hear it on the news, no, on the newspapers or written in one of the newest released novels. And it gets dark but no one can explain what's happening in there before they come again. Everything's so dirty and unnatural, you're also fed and given water.

It goes for days. No one wants to be a deserter, no one wants to be an informer. And it's said after, everything you write on paper gets put down and they call you mad. But if you were to write it while it happened, you'd, you'd, they wouldn't know it. They wouldn't know what it means or why aren't they stopping. Or why have you done that to them and did they feel the same when you did it?

Was this justice? There's no justice in the war, you do what they're told and everyone is wearing a uniform. All of it is in bad taste.

'And another man pisses on a veteran. He is a killer, he is a murderer, he is the man who fucked up their nation, who fucked up your nation. He's the man who wants you to behave. The arm of the party, he's the one carrying a gun and making sure you're not around him.'

They make fun of the crippled on and the one who killed a dozen. After a while, they look the same, after one gets shots or loses in a ration. One of them is poor, welfare. Disgusting, he's looked at that way. Caught you, haven't I?

Says a single man with a camera in his lap, coming on from around the van, they're all trying to get the best shots of the monsters and of the freaks. It's too dangerous to hear or to speak of it in the midst of day. If they hear you, they might risk breaking your nose or, worse, reenacting the war.

Half of them drunks and half of them killing their wives. It's how it is, they can't make the difference anymore and who can blame them? She could be squint eyed without the glasses or slightly slim and bending over for a plough. And what does that position remind you if not of the time it takes you to reach for your gun?

It's all much worse for those who wait. They tell you of techniques of terror, how they torture of all them to the last one. Sometimes their families, other times not, it doesn't matter, as long as everything gets the job done. Missed, you missed it, the man who's done it had it the worst, he's the one with a family he had to look after first.

And then it's White. He cannot fight back for now, he's not there on the fields, perhaps he could've lost it as well if he wasn't careful enough. He's been through a lot after all. Not saved, nor looked after.

It's done.

Twenty am, fifty-five, eighty? Days after:

The court will settle with only one key testimony and then we shall continue. It's hard to listen from the other side of the tv, static's getting out of the way. Prayers go to him as well.

I think there's a few of them, of us who got us who still share a prayer for him, another time perhaps. He sure had it the worst. It was that expectation, it wasn't the stories, it was only what he knew of them. Finding Uphill's hand they say. A shocker, that's what get through you now, midly pressing and no emotion, those end up, somewhere else. And they laugh, if they don't, you're cruel and after that.

You stop questioning what happens inside that room.

White isn't in the court, he's indisposed.

Rogers also commits suicide twenty days after the war is over, barbiturates.

There's a nice field out there. A protected land somewhere in the states, maybe in Nevada. No one actually bothered asking of which tribe the injun is a descendant of. And no one seemed to care.

It was an easy life after the war. He was, he was always melancholic about the wildlife being taken away from them, out of their hearts. Ancestors drifting away as times change. There's still howls in the night taking their breaths away. It's still dangerous being there.

Being there, and doing that and trying to move on.

It's a regular thing. It stays with you. No sleep at night for everyone and that's what keeps it alive after. The habit of doing it, the retrospective that's lost, never finding a hobby. And shooting your wife, it's not the same. Turning the gun on yourself, it's not something they aim to teach you anywhere, as a matter of fact. Unless they thought of any better, some instructors might have you do it than be caught. Pain wasn't just a factor, but it was the habit.

The habit got you.

You turned back home and went to sleep at about the same hour, woke up regularly at the same hours and then you don't know whether you're on the field on back home. It's a dream. Eventually you have to get up. Join the workfield again. See the people. It's strange. Mostly, everyone goes back to it, whether they want to do it on the streets, in their homes, on the fields or.

This can't be put on anything, it's a feeling that can't be described. It's. It's the consequence of trying to. Don't know, can't know it.

It's a simple room, isn't it?

It's hard to get accustomed to a room after you live in the outdoors. Especially when all the walls are white, you can't write on it, or people will start putting you in a jacket. You can't write it at all, since it's mostly scribble, but not in the same sense. It's coherent, but it doesn't make any sense at all.

You compare it to workd of literature but you knnow there's something off, which you can't piece back together. And it's gone after a while.

There are skies out there and they are many.

Regardless of it, no one gets put on trial for the rapes. Those never happened.

Aland and Brock don't see much light any longer.

It's all Fort now. He's just about the only white man in the regiment. Then there's the injun and the others are missing. This isn't a great sight for anyone. There's no winner here.

Francis is still missing they say but everyone knows.

What's there? What's that exactly?

There he is, like a jackal-elongated skull, wearing a robe, he's a magic person, one that's here to guide everyone to the sea. He, of all, is the ungoly man, the pagan and the heaten in a costume. He who shall take all from them and consolidate the spot, only with his help will they advance.

There's something off him, most of the negroes are at least entertained. Laughing and yapping their mouths, paying to no surroundings, never knowing what's happening. It can never get too far, they don't know what could happen if someone were to gamble with their lives.

One side has eighty people down, the other, millions. And it barely started, who knows what's next. Everyone's getting liberated and no one knows what happens there. He's grinning know. Cousin knows, Fort can't look away, he's got something to say for himself during the night. Nothing's moving like it used to be. It's all the regular.

Up, aim, release, pull back, on the ground, repeat. They're looking out of some direction. It's hard, it's a mystery, they don't know how to do it any longer. It's a hit and miss, it's not for peace. It's way too complicated for my likings. If Rogers were here today, they'd talk of the good old days and about the fun

they had. But even that night died off, for everyone. What a tender moment this would happen to be. Thinking about it back then, it was anything but forgettable, until you got kicked into it, that's when it's.

It doesn't get talked about.

Perhaps, there's no shame in stopping.

Life is so absurd after a while, just like a leviathan, they are unleashed upon the world. And the Crawling Mao gets forth, he gets what's left out of his life then withers away in a plain field of dead plants. Firearms are sold cheap. Fire-arms cheap, sold, made cheap, never used. Too long, now it's ruined.

Here's a cheap laughter in the forest.

Jonathan Sink's one of the few men that don't know how they got there to begin with. He's off to capture a man. He knows, somehow about the missing man. Everyone talks about him after all.

'Rober H. White is missing from the camp.'

First the barracks now the White, what else will God take away from us? By now everyone's done mourning or moved on that, even if Uphill would crawl from the dead without an arm and looking as if he had bathed in a pool of napalm, he'd still be just as left. There was nothing anyone was thinking. It was at this point in the campaign that everyone was drained.

And they were way too drained to say a thing. It was uneventful, really, White was missing? Call it a hunch, but everyone who was left, which wasn't too many now.

Scuffold, Joseph, the Captain, Ken, John and that was about it. No one heard anything of Fort. But the rest of the regiment didn't look like it was doing much crying, they weren't trying.

Next move, lost half of the battalion during a peaceful rally which went through well. It didn't go as they would tell you, when it just so happen for one of the bombs to flail, to bounced from cloud to cloud as they were filled with puffy-pus as it managed to land just in the right, the perfect spot, atop the tunnel, revealing them in turn and the room White was in after all this time.

One last time for the ladies, they veered in and slaughtered everyone in the tunnel. They were bringing the pesticide like a green fume of death that spread through both side as well. No amount of fire compared with what they released. Everyone stepped back as they pushed in the most volatile of substances, a type of gas that never even touched White at all. It didn't take too long after that. They died soon and he was back.

Ken stung his foot and ripped off his entire neck, off as in, a part of the forest fell in a mass grave, being dragged with him downstairs. He was chained by the collars and pushed in the Hyades as an infernal spectral which may never rise again. Though the enemy was soulless he could not fathom leaving things unturned. From the green pus-gas came the Green King, filled with toxins, one last time until he would prevail.

In his dance of wonder, he grew stronger and disipated in the air, as a song of dark swans in a lake of blood. Puddles would emerge at that and he could never deal with the dread in his heart.

Kenneth danced like a puppet. He was entranced in a peculiar woe. He saw things no man should wander and grew stronger only as he pushed it past the distant call of the survivors as they pitied him after.

At least the man they were after was finally recovered, he thought. It was an insemination of thought he could have never come back from. And that was yet the least obscure, the immaterial and the thing that ventured before noon.

Joined in the meal, everyone sat at the table. If it weren't for what happened there, you could somehow swear that this hasn't happened at all. He hadn't been a prisoner, he wasn't tortured, despite looking like shit. No, but he was, unfortunately, his mind wasn't right. By now, not this moment but in some moment that hasn't happened now, he got off easily. The trial was over, it was done. And the key witness left too early before a sentence could be passed to a man that wasn't there.

A break, how did the war end?

How do war ends when they only begin?

Except, it all falls apart.

There was one chance at redemption, to fix everything in the war. And no one could stomach it more than them. It was obvious what happened in there. No one laughed then. It just so happened that the troops that came from the South were reinforcements, on their side. It was laughable that they would arrive now, which made it all the funnier.

A brigadier dies later in the die. He crashes his plane, nothing remains inside his cabin.

Someone could still draw out some good parts from the water. There was still. No, there wasn't much action after that. It was a failure which resulted into one last thin.

The way back home.

It take a great man to admit he's lost. But there's no fallen titans, not in this part of the world.

So there, White is being carried back home. And the rest is being taken care off.

Which leaves the day of the departure, and the days after.

Scuffold stood alone in a seat, up in the plane. Two seats further, everyone else. It was a few rows out of their way, it was here that they parted, in spirit mostly. A few things first, no one wanted to speak about it on the way back. And the captain held enough of his notes that he would incriminate just about everyone else.

Only bloody hands paint the deck.

A stalker

Where are the woods and when have they gone after the fires? When the flames never reached the ash, where the trees were hanging up the last stranded side of earth, where the land was a patch, the planet swallowed by the water-worth. And in the light of day where they say, on the sea he walked, with a patch and a single watch, with a plain white coat, where Roscowaff was being watched.

There was no one around, last time, but he had seen him walk around. He was someone just like him, walking on top of the flat-sea.

Last time around, where he had been there, he forced himself to peer into the crater around the bottom of the deluge-flea.

‘Who’s there?’

It was only an old tree that was half-submerged. And the quiet of static that only made enough noise for him to dwell around the thought, scrambling around a tiny bolted brain-machine carved on his forehead, around the lobe where he wasn’t allowed to wallow.

For a second there, the ash looked like a man. Roscowaff was almost too startled by it to look away. Considering this for a moment, he wanted to ask something. He wanted to check and find out whether or not it was alive. They took away the quiet, it’s when the sound broke through the barrier. Two suns always followed through but one shined brigher and the other one was organge and flat. It felt like everything here was flat and slow-moving. Motions were still out there despite there being no one to talk to or to interact.

It was what gave him the feeling of being stalked, another Roscowaff like him, standing in the distance, looking in, and another twenty of them farther than him in the opposite direction. All of them were stalking him. Being alone also meant he couldn’t go in either or any direction without meeting himself. Yellow puddles and pups were tied in buckets, thrown around the moon. Most of them were frozen and shouldn’t be seen in the light of dawn when the cruel one shook himself off into the cracked satelling around which he gravitated.

Against the others, he was somewhat, different. Unlike us, not the same type of stalker, but he had another cruel thing opposed to them. He watched, and the watched turned on everyone. A fight ensued between one of the groups.

‘I want my teeth back, all of them.’

Peering now, he gazed from the puffs of space-gas, the nebula he was, the body of a humanoid genie-like creature with eighteen turned-around tall heads. All of them were crested with spears. From each of them long-eyes extended so far that they were indistinguishable from the sharp edges. It was peculiar and uncanny how theys canned for Roscowaff.

But they weren’t dead. Neither of them had wounds, they simply were.

‘My teeth, now I need them now. I can’t go long without crunching my lips. I am in need of subjugation.’

He kicked him in the shins. A part of his bone kicked out of a knee and started dancing around, pushing through the soundless curtain that dance around his bone marrow. Then he retreated twenty feet away. Both of his legs were now disabled. After reconsidering for a while, he opened himself up, exposing a mouthful of gangrene-beetles that started reshaping his legs. Antler-shaped hoops came out of his guts up to the point where he had been bloated by them in the same way a giant bullfrog would be. His eyes drew inward and now he approached.

Dead-legs they called him while pointing out that he wanted some more. His arms were skinnier. Neck-drown suit traps inside the bottles, sold for nothing. Taken by the cattle of their liver which started bursting out, twenty of them started going at it, and twenty were drunk.

A drunk-brawl soon ensued.

‘Take this you plattipus-knuckles.’

He pushed against the taker. One another neatly done, outdone in the spit, he dropped down as they came running on him. In as much of a mess as it were, they couldn’t express the pain as eight of them fell down, stricken right and left of their temples. A radiation filled-ball, a strike between the pool in which they all laid as the soft embraces started producing heat. They radiated the ground until it hadn’t been flat for long. In the faces of the ashes, all the dead people from the marshes started grabbing at their knees, eating tiny veins. Billions of them still remained.

‘I hear the plane coming.’

Everyone was distracted. And while they looked for a sign in the sky, or in the air, whichever aero-flat obscure sphere, they failed to see him dragging on. Coming from below their knees, they started grabbing each other and listening.

‘I got your knees.’

He sliced as them. Rosco started bottling the booze directly into their veins. Bubbles of blood and melted glass carried on and formed their bone-structure in the same veins of abstract-puzzles. And then he died, but he remained, as his soul shot down the ashen pool that hardened as well.

‘Get out of it before it hardens and we’re trapped down there.’

He hadn’t but a clue, he couldn’t point at the rue. Listlessly dancing, he started coming off like an obese barrel that rolled around. It was mad, the dance, and the lonely man who looked at this sight.

All the while, the genie-like watcher only laughed. Drunks as they were, everyone turned towards him trying to express something they were after.

‘Who was he?’

Sights weren’t exactly what they were. In was the munching on dry ice which made him go back to the patch of ground, the green of home. While he was there, everyone stopped coming forth. They weren’t frozen, not at all, instead they chose to remain in the back and make no sudden shake or the brow. It was the simple disquiet, that so far was how it is.

Their entire existence was blasphemous. It was a pity that they were alive, murmuring and muttering while trying to find their way in. It waned and went in as they hid and got outta the way.

It was lazy, it was what it was. Gin and sand in their mouths, plain as it was. Looking outta the way, there was no obsession here, only the walking. In circles, not so far, as they would go inside.

Then there's the day he comes back.

'Ivanoe, I have something to tell you.'

He attempts to speak, he stops once he realizes he's dead. That's it, kapoot, and shot in the foot with a vile and poisonous evil-dart. He dies.

Now come the matyr, whoer him, he dies for all. He doesn't pay and they don't listen.

A few more masses come along, and the entire place's trashed. Though the plane dome-wall that's set around the outer heat, the piece of led that's in his brain ain't working fine, he cannot help but taunt them improperly.

'A dream, I had, I think. Before I fell asleep under the shadow of banyan leaves.'

He recalled the worm-that snake, that weird expanding creature which pushed on through the world and cracked the universe in its wake. How it spread and kept on growing, how it pushed almightingly unknowing.

But it didn't matter then.

They were staring. It was not as expected, wondering then. They were mutes and stepping was words, stepping was sounds, stepping was speech. Stepping was sign language, it was how it was.

It felt beige, empty. No shame and no disquiet, he knew it, as soon as he stepped out. No one would watch or judge it any longer, mostly because no one could tell what was in his mind. Emotional novelty was nothing to him here.

'I know now.'

Rosco understood it immediately, it was drove him there, even what got him killed in the first place. It would be something that needed no recreation, regardless of what he believed in. When he met in, right in his face, it grinned. He knew it, how much sense it made, now that he was the one going towards them, driving them away.

He wasn't meant to be right, he was wrong. Born wrong, it was the satisfaction that soon elated him and vanished that soon went out of its way and left him. Somehow, after spending so much time here, he knew it. Ivanoe was wrong to befriend him. Sometimes it didn't come back, it could never come back, no matter how hard he tried to get a hold of it.

It was not a depression in his skull, nor a device. While trying to feel at it, he didn't find the part of his lobe he wanted to check. Whatever happened went too deep and couldn't be what he felt.

‘In days like these, seeing how you won’t move or run away, I feel as if I could simply harm all of you.’

Tw as what he said, and there was no echo, only another crack into the upper ceiling where the orange sun spake. And the wind rose. It went on coming with all the mist in this world, the steam joining and rotating around like a giant circle he watched. No fighting ensued this time as they waited in some sort of line.

It was hard to express any feeling now, or emotion. Since this hadn’t happened before, he went on a limp. Trying to wait it out, but that didn’t work out well. Fear, anxiety, obscurity, that’s what lacked his device. Too many of them paid attention now, to what was wrong. It was cruel, trying to watch him go. And whoever was watching was miles worse than them, as he’d know.

Just how far?

Taking no time to find out, there were other things he tried first. Near them, he checked and pulled but never as far nor as fast as to rip everything off into no direction. Apathy and indocrination, he tried inserting them in the same way you’d take a long piece from his mental device and then you pushed it inside, as a card. No sense, it was dull. Nothing worked and it frustrated him to no end.

Where had it gone? How come he couldn’t tell what went wrong?

‘I wish I knew what I lost. I think it was only a few hours ago so don’t take my word for it.

Termite-temples came in. Driven by the head. It was something they didn’t look back into.

Dekhunon

Pink carpets and strange mellon-walls, in a strange surrounding that only carried on twenty feet away, they said.

The darkest hour was soon to come. Every single cat turned to its eyeless owner, who woke up from their strange slumber, as coffins had been made of steel.

A few more other chains had been turned and yearn about the place in a condescending manner. It was their after all, the only place of refuge. He who was there cared not to hear of the spoken reasons, for he had been ripped apart, lost in thorough heads.

‘Need to get deeper into this platform-teeth, opened jaw.’

A few enlarged schizo-beds stood there, in which part sheet-of skin withered as they drew around the big headed necks that sprouted out of them. From just about every spot, they looked like miniature head-forests, long throated in the most peculiar manner.

‘I hear them walk, pleased to be in a nuance of cancer. May I have the disease begotten?’

Fractioned in the mind, he could not refuse it any longer. All the beds materialised inside the room. Most of the pixy-cranes, the pink remained the blood of the tunnels. Most of them were dead in the mind. And a seething body came to wonder.

‘Will I wish to hear it after?’

For the nastiest of times, awoken, none of them misspoke of the direst images that came to be. It was all that filth that gathered around, messing with their braids and with their strange remaining giant empty nostrils, crossed eyes. Most unkindly they gathered around. A great fire had been made, arousing. Never to be distraught and prising one another in spirit they were lost.

‘We need to gather the troops my lord-precious dead-brain.’

He spoke as he came back from the disablement of the machines. He was a single man with half a body that was part of them and carried still a few more lengthy tubes that drew in the back. In a giant pile all the junk-yard cementary of scraps elected the blodily growing blocks of spew after-clot. An emissary of disease appeared there as well. After examining the man he saw that all the stricken robots and all the other rusted machinery wanted to get him somehow, burning him through the magnificent lot.

‘Ah, now I get it, you want to die. It can be arranged, I suppose. Don’t over expose yourself to the chemicals around the ground.’

‘Which ones?’

‘There’s the izopod, which is a crustacean mice-particle which got spread around the place for some reason or another. And there’s the other thing.’

‘Which is what exactly?’

‘Make up your minds first, what do you want of me?’

He prophesized an approach, he was only looking back and forth. And then twenty meters in the back, a choice was made and after that.

‘I see, I see, what shall it be then?’

‘Twenty whips on my back stranger.’

He approach almost pandemoniously, never even doubting himself by the point.

‘Tichies in the bllewd, I think I need to perform another incision.’

‘And whereas would that be?’

In there he found some solace after some space was made into the room. Both of them presented one another their names. Part-machine was called: ‘A Borg by the name of Shipskin.’

The questioneer was Seik.’

Now they came to an understanding, being inside. They stepped out of the way as another creature had met them, one who had been him, a person named by the name. It was redacted.

He enacted twenty eight civil wars before coming to this point. He had heard the news from a distant vision.

A pair of fists slammed down the ground, making dents in their surroundings. Of course there was another thing to be weary of, that no one mentioned. In the alcove they rested with a few pieces of bread they had to make do with for at least a week. After that would be done with they would starve and starve some more. It never dawned on anyone how peculiar it always were, trying to get into some tight spots without taking care or considering what dwelled in them. First of the eighty-fivers came in. It was an intonation, trying to get something from them here, especially since they were listening to some message from the central source network.

Public announcement inbound.

‘Dear listener-man, you who carry your trinket with you on your way to one of the bound and lost bunkers. Need I say something clearer than this?

You of all the people that stood in line and had a chance to come into contact with the surveillance device have finally succumbed to the most dreadful of nodes, the mind-takers and the blood-intakers.

Rake the span of the meat factories and recover one of the lost meat-devices for me.’

While some strange man was trying to get the survivors as they were being accompanied by the giant and yet enigmatic being that mistook them there, something wild happened. Not here, nor anywhere. It was argued, shortly after that they didn’t have any mind of their own. Yet he, who lived in the bloc found something to look into after all.

Farlon Manckrat kept his screen. It got heavies now but he saw the thing within his eyes. Other androids couldn’t even fathom looking him around and trying to see what was happening to him. He left the people, and the beings, the humans and the other things that harbored the ticks, and instead, he chose to go all by himself.

Wherever the screen pointed, that’s where he’d go. And after all this time, they were only directed to another man named Malt, of which he had known nothing about.

Good and the great came to his head, it could be broken instead of paying some attention there and here and anywhere else. Not to be distracted and count less for what they were, but he knew a lot better than that. Not to spare any connection that might’ve been lost there. Or to nurture someone who might not care.

‘I’m listening, I think we’re far enough from them now. No one should be able to hear or see us here. And I don’t think we were followed either.’

‘Great, that should settle it.’

Came from inside the screen and as soon as it could be said, they claimed it. Every man that appeared on that small portable device started fitting themselves towards him. It had been earned so far, and every piece dragged itself past the hooves left on the ground.

‘Where are we headed?’

But that was yet to be communicated. A disparity between them continued upon his absense. For now it was unearned and unseen, watched between the belgium knots, he turned around and saw it, an abandoned factory that had no place here, outside, in the dusk. But this allure only drew him as he could not help it any longer.

‘I think we shall feel like its sight.’

We were alike, I knew it, the other me. He came out of the factory. Despite not knowing for the better judgement whatever could be told, I held the utmost content with my actions, reacting less, I would like to adress it before it leaped on me. ‘We found a way to meld and combine Mars with the Earth, and that way we shall manage to spread the atmosphere between the two of them.’

‘That’s mad, you’re no scientist, get out.’

‘Well, that would be a failure, wouldn’t it?’

‘How about the solar system becomes a, nah, that wouldn’t work.’

The truth was farther than it, as possible as it could be, as a matter of fact. As various planets started showing signs of becoming something which would resemble Acardiac twins, in which case most of them would suddenly share planetary umbilical cords as they’d begin deforming one another in the process. Thence the red planet became the red twin, both of them going on as to become as deformed as they could from within.

And they resembled humanoid Acardiac twins in all their beauty, sharing strange apperances that would be semi-aquatic and deformed. Even worse as they would miss their satellite heads while they develepod on.

The doctor stopped. All of them had been approached by a fully developed twin that came out of nowhere. After getting himself standing on the throngs on his twisted, bent, curved and conjoined knees, it smiled.

They were in-door. It was an abandoned facility or something similar it, unimposed by noise. Nothing worked in there, but that hadn’t in the least made anyone less paranoid about what went on. Only twelve people rested inside the room. Neither of them knew one another that well, but that didn’t matter as much. Simple as a bird being mocked by hard-pints, they were unaware of what each other wanted. Most of their inner thoughts were hidden and out of place.

Each of them had adopted a false name, in honor of someone they met. But so far not many of them knew a lot about one another. Hunger and thirst could not be imposed, let alone kill them for some reason of their own choice.

And they shall only be known as the twelve for now, as they prepared. Whatever the reason they were there for, someone was looking around. No one was or felt like the other and that was the least that could be said about them. Speaking in terms, not to make too sudden of a shift, no one danced. Such an odd thought, despite the lost track, what came after this? It was part of their evil.

They will decide what to do about the patricide of the greatest being that appeared amongst them. Peculiar as it may sound, they were about this place and everywhere surrounding it. Pleading with one another yet humble at the thought.

More importantly, they had been contained in here.

Largely, it had been the farthest thing from them, that could be gotten.

For there, above, in the dark forest resided Chivalry, charging through the the branches, through the darkest corners and the glanced-light. Pint of dark delights.

It appeared in one of the distant rooms.

Various plants had become pinned out of control. As a matter of fact, the company was there, checking them with their varied expertise.

‘These stalks aren’t supposed to be this tall. They feel as if we’re touching and handling ourselves. I cannot actually explain it here.’

He hadn’t the time to see it or to fully document it. But he pinned it down. It was as simple to quantify as possible. At the time when they had entered the room, they had observed the complete assimilation of everything in sight and everything around them, pots, plants, tables, ceiling fans, bells, various chemical containers, docks and other rotating devices. Most of them would constantly move back and forth still without being as much as disturbed as they were before. To claim it, so, taking one of the stalks that started growing on top of various placed templates of stools, they were fat and growing, expanding but slowly drawing in. Never had they reached their full forms or their full potential over the fact that they had started imploding slowly upon being approached.

Imagine a valve pushing steam inside a balloon, but have as many balloons pushing in from as many directions as possible, enclosing on an shrinking open space. Now that shrunk spot would have to act somewhat organic as if the air molecules were strangely plastic or made out of skin. As peculiar as that seemed, this was the thing that defined it, the brain-like format, the elliptic folds that wrapped around it, the region connected to the stalk and the stalk itself which wasn’t an extension but that very expanding organ which had been affected by even more popping spherical tendons that floated around. Most would be unseen, yet they would be unimaginable. They had to be slowly felt, and as one scientist approached, he felt his skin crawling. He could not hope to detest it even more than he felt it now. Despite everything that happened to him, it was said, it was done, the firmness of it rolled around his tongue and entered in. While hidden inside invisible packs of air, they had concealed themselves, that’s the reason for it happening this way. It was deranged, it was peculiar, expanding, hidden. Bubbles that concealed skin inside of them, made cuts and allowed the mass to transport from one side to another would allow the upper region of the stalk to replace one of the scientist’s bones. Slowly this would be delivered below into

an inconsiderate amount of amoniac puddle-pressured stone torn. A place of fornication where everything was being made again and worn out.

Twenty feet away from him, he looked at a book of skin, wrapped around like a parchment, flat on every side yet slightly puffy. Nothing had even come close to affect its structural integriy. But the girt remained and it pushed inside his arm. It was not something to be seen but felt. None of the armed men that accompanied the researchers could even fathom what was inside of the room. The stalks were its visible life-liquid carriers. Because of them, so many weird insect-like fractured legs, which was an important detail, as from each fracture they started pushing into one another until they managed to made specific patterns that began driving into one and into the other, making bridges and long chain-like shapes, the mass of meat was being kept from falling on top of them while still being completely concealed. A head could be seen, even for a moment. Even though it was invisible and peculiar, even though it was mostly made out of the sticks that carried the meat out of the way, this was their mockery, their play, their peculiar act of taunting notions that had to move on.

Eyes could not be shaped and the head of the mechanic was there, in the air, floating, obscured, barely thinning out like the apparition of a ghost. The reason for it was the complete seal and the movement of the legs that had to go through it at all times in order to completely hold the system in place. If at any time they felt threatened by detection, they could dissapear out of the place and go away. After spending too much time in there, most of them had lost their limbs and organs. No humanoid could resist this out of the very fact that they were akin to a slow boiling frog, slowly being replaced instead of being given a face or leg to stand upon. And the strangulation only came outside, when the room had been abandoned and the bubbles popped. What remained after them was a mass of pulsating stalks made out of the pumping blood, the meat that imemediately took the shape of the door and the windows in order to get out, the many legs which freely moved inside and the various men that have joined it. Soon it would solidify out there in the open. It needed, ever-so desperately to open and spread its wings. Otherwise, it could survive, not in an enclosed space.

Despite the common similarity and asimilation of the human bodies, this damned thing was not red. All of the sudden it couldn't fathom the place and it began shouting before being released out of the way. The steam balloons only now came into action as they were slowly formed by the legs, in order to force and break the walls around them and break everything in their way. It was only this way that they managed to form a flat trunk while the human heads which pushed on its back started lending themselves death-maks, or molds in which they could hide. Deeper into the cubes they lay and rested. Many teeth protested yet shot ahead, they needed to stalk deeper and dig until they reached some of the smaller legs. As useful as they were, the problem was that they could only work on the oganic matter of the gums which instead affected the entire constitution of the head and the rims of the head-crown.

Deeper than the chest, what came to be, now, looked like the carving of a skeletal rib-cage, even more so that needed or shaped. It opened way for the sight of the legs and they formed gut-like drenches and depressions that had no place in there. As they revealed the empty baloon-formed missing spots in which they placed themselves in order to sleep. Many of them being completely encompassed in thin, intertwined skin nets that had tiny bubbles of bloted lice-like inflated suckers. The suckers came in a few important varieties. First one was one that resembled puckered circular lips. Many of them were only getting fatter as they were accumulating and dealing with the excess of organisms that were being homed

inside its body. It could not be deleted here, for this was a problem. It was disgusting, disturbing and felt as if it needed a place to stay and rest. Overdone by the burden of too much organic material, the suckers started growing incisors. They were also growing small claw-graspers that pushed in. Another time of suckers only pushed in both directions until they formed empty cylindrical stacked long-fingers that were cut, then sewn together, forming jumping springs that couldn't help themselves but keep dripping. One could not fathom dealing with the type that imitated the human body in as tiny, twisted, compounded place as it were in.

Many of the suckers started appearing on the outside as well, in order to deal with the organisms and fight against them. It got worse as it finally smashed through a wall. By then, the entirety of the form had looked as if it had the body of a hardened mole that was a charging narval or an aerodynamic plane. From the pain and the hurt it had endured, the outer skin had been lost to the mass of legs that carried the suckers out until the ship-creature looked infected. Way too many of them started breeding and mixing until they formed various slow-pumping lumps that pushed one another on the side.

It drowned the holding of its prison and finally got out. For a change of pace, this was anything but liked. From inside a room he only bubonic appearance the walls had began drawing to the ape-of prime, in which sense, their tiny hairs became encompassed in the creature as soon as it came into contact with them. The departure had been made this much easier than it should've been. A chrysalis of suckers started protruding from the back.

As soon as a main head had been given form, its cephalic index had measured something of at least eight hundred fifty five centimeters, giving a robust open mouth that threw all of its forming cylindrical teeth into a pandemonium of spear-trains if seen from below. Well formed, the thought crumbled as soon as they stared at the desecration it had achieved below. The men entered, a new team of researchers attempted to set contact with it. Large handles, turbines that were sprouting cylindrical fire extenders. They would scorch everything in sight to make sure nothing survived. Looking around, the first sight had been that of a giant, wasted mammal, or so it seemed. Since it hid its rear-heads they couldn't even get close to realising what was going on there.

'Confirmation, I need a confirmation here. Was there another team before us?'

'I see. Colonel, I think our best course of action would have to be. Immediate exposure to our immaterial protons, we have to drown them in protons.'

The fire appears to be largely ineffective.'

Neither patch of the pest got removed by any means. As a matter of fact, they appeared to be largely taking a liking to the heat, to the point where they had grown a few shroom-heads instead. They were too much like in many ways, seen from a distorted way that did not apply to them. It felt like they were crushing their children with each step, and for the reason Payton Block couldn't explain it. Block was in charge of the second operation. But he knew better, this was no infestation, infection or yeast-like spread. It was only a manifestation it wanted them to see. The unity of scum, he wanted to mess with them. He made it all so clear that they could not get away. And for that reason, he bent down and did something which shocked the others. After taking a clear breather, with his mask off, he took one of the shroom-tops and ate it. It wasn't the perfected reaction he expected or wanted to hear from them.

There was a satisfaction there, taken from the fact that he had gotten this far. He saw it then. They were the infectors, the cockroaches and the vermin coming in. Compared with them, there was nothing that could be drowned from the warranting of the wholesome fills. By that he was the only one noticing them.

Large, almost fat, kneeling cranes that had only large trunks coming out of their splinted bodies, dripping on the various suckers as they attempted to fill them entirely. He approached. He saw an entry to this system of theirs, bobbed his neck backward and opened his throat. It was only then that he was fed, slowly and cautiously. It was only coming to him here and now and his feet were getting too hard to keep straight and prevent from becoming a jelly. The part of the ground he had been reclined against appeared to have turned into a melted shrine upon which he had been placed against. Yet the other man saw that he had become a part of this whole room, realising that he couldn't be spared from it. He saw something, heard it, wasted no time into interpreting in.

After everyone else lowered their weapons, he turned around, as a receptor would. He crushed the part of his forehead from which an ancient signal-adaptor came and through it, though it looked like an antique, he passed on the message to them.

'The dead lamb shall not be reached. Care thee of the dead lamb, as it will never be reached by man-impure.

Instead you owe us servitude.'

Farther amongst the body, tainted, the rooted spear and the chalked long tormented tower, Agamemnon was aware. He basked in his own glory, he waited for defeat. He somehow realised now, of all, that he had been cheated out of it.

'But what is that thing? What is that thine? A liver-kettle and dead sheep, but who would dare defy us and hide it from where we weep?'

No echo would no, no activity, the vile, and yet no one could count on it and try to turn the engines down. A power and might, delighted by the towers, the turns and the uncanny, many woes and bitter woes spilled themselves on coffee grounds. 'No yet master, hold your tongue.'

His decrepit teeth rolled like piano keys that were rotted by turpentine. He drooled through those bars, revealing a pair of fornicated tongues.

A highly tormented beaten face, that had been boiled in acid and fenced with a battering hammer, attached to a mettalic spire with its metal bricks twited around vertically, evolving in rims and blade like ridges. It floated above the ground and stood atop a marble floor that was darkened. Facing the distant castle, it wasted no second and looked at Charles. After a moment's respite, he only grinned knowing what would happen.

But it's not here, it's not here, they had lost themselves near the watch, after slipping away, he had lost Alan and thought himself unable to call back to the old times. It only drew morosely after, the whailings of the past inquired something out of him.

'Rats, I missed it again.'

Another aura of the sun shot out behind the castle. Behind the rims of its shadow the world faded. Plainly said, he walked along. There were other reasons as well. Torment-lookers, it's the best he could call them. Others like him came. Always, and always, they seemed to share one appearance. Metallic bodies that sometimes were rimed and spiked and had almost human like decay-faces. Charles could see no neck, nor had he cared about inquiring about it. He only did what he was told, always looking in either direction, then asking for something out of it. Any reaction, he could only do it so.

'Feed him after the kin.'

He was brought only a few walking turkey legs to take from the other desks. In there, at least twenty yearnings, twenty yearly flat blobs of skull-skin gunt trenches pushed out of in order to be eaten. And eaten they were.

'I think we're going to have ourselves a dear-night, nightly-night and the upper-night around the peril.'

Desperate or not, they brought only this in stare, it was unfair. No one went anywhere and soon they were all surrounded, waiting.

'I'll smash you.'

He said and prepared, with his fists pushing through but breaking on contact, as they fell just about everywhere they could land into. Plainly, it could be spoken loud. He lost his conscience, almost but found a way to get around it. Sleights of bleedings, slithering back, he couldn't be heart as he arrived where he needed to be at.

'Where am I being taken then?'

'You need to see him, there, towards his hall, you shall be set against him and see what's about to happen.'

They spoke only of the most disgusting of beings, that upon which they felt they could see nor feel any zeal when met against. And the zones they entered were rough, way too rough for the touch, darkly colored and hued, widely enacted into the most peculiar ways, as if the entire land was a construction field that grew out of it, while pushing in. A kind of mild desperation continued on a whim. He could only be as perilous as he could show it to the tin people around him. He had spared nothing any longer.

If there was another way to put it wildly, to have it yelled at strongly, it drew way too near. In as much as it would be, they saw only this agony. Spare of needles, cut and dry, the daft ones coming by. A promulgation, damned by the minute, calling.

'There needed to be a way in without me losing my courage and my being.'

As every stepped progress his thought, he couldn't face the fact that by the time he reached the castle he would be just like them. And there was only one way he could tell it, which was looking at the oil puddles in the weirdly concave-like debatuchery vision he'd be forced against. They fought there, all around, constantly in violence, drowning the loud shouts of the body-stalks of men that came from inside of them. Reach the mad sun in the surroundings discs. But no ivory lords waited in the whim of the fall. Most have been taken and killed plainly as much as one hermit would come with a needle-whip and strangle them in

rows. An executioner would make a shrine out of them and launch a floating scepter with their heads on them, as the falling of a floating perilous filth blowing star gave birth to the surroundings. More of them fell and yet came back as almost semi-blots, clots and other humanoid remains that gathered around and floated into large puffs, dusts and mice. Particles that emerged in their sub-human goliath fighters, kept in cages.

Amused by the Torment-lookers, they would occasionally be tortured for no other reason than that of a desire for a mild satisfaction. 'Gluttenous tract, this is what they need out of him.'

And twenty more going in line, wretched and deformed, performing pantomime for one another, as they jested with the corks. Screws entered their placed bulls. Pulled backwardly into the school of stray, the paint they spread along remained.

'I see that you would reside there rather than face me in my own house.'

'But you need to enter the Residence.'

'I tired relentlessly, time after time, they heard thine and thrices, the voices that came soon after but never receded until they went away.'

Both of the parties present bashed each other's heads against the wall. First of them came to be, a chrysalis frozen solid. It was well wish-for and worn out.

'Take at least one of the right turns and enter the house, trust me. Ignore the dead people around you.'

Charming stranger, that he was, he came along. Kind of ruddy on the clothes, but he dragged a plane-wing around him, his cross to bear he said. Take that hint, he thought, don't go inside, bad things happen if you do.

'Don't act like I haven't warned you.'

Yellow teeth around a long face, untrustworthy fellow, he looked like the scruff of a cigar. It entered his mind, it crossed it then left, he was burned, a bum, walking on sticks. There and around and there-around. Perhaps he should've looked first. Before he had the chance to make his mind account for it, he fell, hard, as a lump of coal in a pit of clouds.

'We have to go, shouldn't we?'

Sicilian hare

'Ring ring, ring the bells now.'

Another container was spoiled before the coffer, in the absence of a director that would take the emotions and deal with the stoppings, he reeked of the faces that fell out of the train compartment. Most of the citizens died. Some of them survived in worse conditions and had been used to satisfy only the darkest types of hungers that were known to mankind. A plasma-like encompassing, devouring it aghast. Pruned through the makings of a cantor, the man had a heart for people who disobeyed.

‘We have to bare through and fight the comings and short endings of a blaster world that doesn’t want us alive. What shall we do now? I see that a piece of an asteroid-crier fell and broke a piece through our building, whereas they might not see the difference or hear about it now, I see hope in what they seek to conquer and I shall see it after it.’

‘Shut your mouth, my dear mongrel, I need to think. There’s no other space like this we could find ourselves in. I think we ought to search the moons. If we can land on them, somehow, or some place, we might find that which has no face. What do you think of it?’

‘We shall adress the court.’

In the wake of it now, they presented themselves from the back-stage, in front of them in the apparition of a red-like reddened blue cave of opal-whitened stones. It came to them only then that this strange behavior was instilled into them. They could not do it on their own. Bred for a single breath, they spared no second, now were dead.

‘I think we ought to separate the sea.’

‘But there’s no sea around here, only space.’

‘Who shall we kill them?’

No murder and no mind, it couldn’t be but life was lost and yet benign.

But all that power that started pushing and making the blood boil only needed to manifest once and only once in order to create the strongest entity like strength-peril that could ever embolden a man. That came in the form of a single man who swam through the sea of Greece to the bay of Sicily on his own. And he alone had been enraged by it, not only so, but he had his muscle get through a change that almost broke everything in the path which was sought.

It was so easy pushing others out of the way through the manifestation of that star-puncher that rounded all the bodies around the planet at he kept powering through them.

And as soon as he came on the stone-floor he shouted:

‘Di’Dorko, Glaucoma Di’Dorko, I have finally arrive upon your land and into your home with the supreme intention of ending you and your family before you could move on and take over the rest of Sicily.’

It was his intention to make it as fair as possible, as the man’s honor was at stake. But that was not all, as he felt something he couldn’t explain over a long period of time, blasted thing and all. It pushed through his burning chest as the prowess continued.

First of the few hare-hunters surrounded him. Neither of them belonged around the place, but he knew that they could somehow do it regardless of what he thought would be fair. And for that reason, something would start there, not as much as it would be allowed by the pioneers of knuckles but by the watcher that started drawing on.

‘What are you looking at?’

Luckily he spoke sicilian and managed to garner a reaction from just about everyone around. There would be no waste, not for now, little by little taken around them.

‘I’m giving you a chance to keep your lives and keep it to yourselves that I have come here.’

From what he could tell, most of the villagers from the surrounding areas were not affiliated with the Di’Dorkos, as they only peered in by honest glance. He could by simply looking at them that they were simple men and women who wanted to have nothing to do with anything happening here. Simple, neutral and peasant-like, creeping away from outta the light of a passing dawn.

‘We’ll take you in, come with us to the hare-garden.’ Whence the spoils of the hunt waited for the daring, it would be a show of disquiet and one of pain, if he had challenged their authority, nothing of the blessings he had received would remain with him. Hence, knowing the better, he wasn’t bitter about being captured and complied. It wouldn’t do, for now, to resist and make too much noise here. That and there were only the three of them who couldn’t even give him much trouble.

Overconfident and smiling, he filed a single shot at them, then moved.

Onto the hare-garden they leered on and from the looks of their impaled bodies, which rose as if from the dead, you could see their near human-like appereance and know that something was off them. It couldn’t be, yet he knew. Off and onto his way, he felt that power now barge from inside of him until he couldn’t control it any longer and chose to obey it. First of all, not to startle the armed men, he poined at one of the rising hares, from their bushy, almost chrome-colored trails and started crunching their skulss with simple touches. They simply phased through them.

Looking back from behind, they realised he hadn’t punched them at all, but with a simple speed, he had gently, almost calmly prodded into them, rewiring their brains until they had been brainwashed to do what he wanted instead. Such power could not be contrived by him. Posses the hares had grown their brains as any human mucle would, until they shot it at hemselves, killing one another in mighty drones, around the crown of their home.

‘How did you manage to do that? I’ve never seen such a peculiar thing happen on the coast.’

They were much closer to it that before. Every time something important happened, the land would suffle itself out of pain. Some of the methods of interrogation he was using them were unconventional. At least that’s what he himself thought, as it happened for them to be turned around and lose their advantage as soon as they entered the house. All was clear for the time being, until one would wretch. There, a lot, and plunder they were caught and tied to their chairs. All of their rifles were drowned and lost, thrown around in the peculiar bodies of the hares that got in. Mostly it was the anger, the apperance and least of all, they

concured. Stopping with something in the least, or for the uncanny, unpleasant, speaking of no intention to bring him down or even harm him as they came around and found out what they were after.

‘We only wanted to invite you in for a cup of tea, nothing more. We didn’t know who you were, Argus, I mean, we didn’t even know what to do with you once you were caught.’

‘So you did plan to catch me then?’

‘Only for a short time until he...’

Arrived, he could think of no one else but the strange rival, the only man he could look back to and wonder how had he gotten to him. As a matter of time he would descend out of this building and make it out, alone this time. But not until he heard more of it from them, shaking with thirst and not even contemplating a thing, he gently rubbed one of their arms, ripping its upper-chest area and arm. Argus drank from them, it was tainted and sweet. Uncanny that he would be drowned by either feet or by the blood that was rushing through each of their heads. A middle aged Sicilian man would die in about twenty set minutes after being completely exposed in such a way. A man like him would last days, even after being thrown and impaled by one of the strange horns he kept spearing the wall.

‘This is a great start, isn’t it? I would’ve preferred it if it didn’t happen that way. But now I suppose I have no other option but to carry on with it, shouldn’t I?’

‘I haven’t paid my dues. I’m sorry for it, but we’re not connected with him.’

He refused to speak the name of Glaucoma and as he drew in closer to his neck, he pulled a single tooth out of it which immediately blew out of his chest. His heart had been connected by a single trail, almost like a string that had a few teeth lined and going through it. Pleased by this, he spared no moment. Calling to himself, he went on knowing he killed the first man in Sicily.

Only when he was completely done with it had he started working on the other two, slowly and across the right. Not only had they been pulled aside but the torture stopped abruptly. They enjoyed it, almost in a degenerate hedonistic way. Sparing himself not a second, he painted them with crimson-water. Then he ate them soon after, forbidding himself to go to sleep. Most of the hares would stalk and talk to him instead of them.

‘I’m listening, make it good, or I shall rewire all of you in such a way that you’ll all start leaping to one another until you’re all dead.’

‘Don’t get all aggressive to us, will you? I don’t think you should count of it, not this way. I think you ought to measure yourself with only the most bobbling fruit-tanks in the bank. Those should keep you strong.’

Argus checked for it, despite being as clumsily worn as he was. It felt unlike him, in a way, to listen to such precarious yet seriously weird characters, especially since they inspired no confidence and no way in him through which he might even get close to understanding what was going on. He also had this, strange and equatorial pain that came at the back of a mosquito ball that made a lot of noise as they veered all of their heads, their long lashes, million legs and tens of wings at him. Stung as he were, several times, he

had not taken a single day out. Unless he wanted more. He ate something from the fruit barrel and came back for more.

‘You weren’t wrong about it. These berries aren’t that bad.’

‘See? We wouldn’t give you any kind of false advice now, would we? It’s only a matter of, how to say. Forming a friendship, is it not? Between all of us and you, Argus, I think we can safely say that you’re anything but like them, you’re of a different lot, a different man at that, someone who might come around.’

‘Say it then, get to it. Tell me what do you want, hares?’

I know that look in your dead eyes, I’ve seen in plenty of men and most of them weren’t even dead to begin with.’

‘We want this ranch for ourselves, nothing more and nothing less. What’s ours shall be ours and what’s yours? That should be the mansion you are after.’

‘Don’t you dare mutter his name!’

‘Glaucoma Di’Dorko, we know you’re after him now. How else could we have guessed about your hidden intentions if it weren’t for us to snoop around? We know about him and we know about you as well.

We have been scouring the place for too long a while to give up now. We have been planning an assassination for months now and with that said, the plains of Sicily and the depths, the holes and the pits under ground are all filled with our troops, in waiting. We shall kill Di’Dorko as soon as we can get our hands on him.

And if you aid us in that case, then you shall be given his mansion, instead of whatever you could get yourself after a battle with him. We are also aware that such a battle with him could not result into you making it alive. Unfortunately, nothing could be said about it, other than this.

We shall aid you in whichever way we can.’

‘But I haven’t even considered it yet, have I? The news is dire and I can’t even fathom a Sicily that’s under your control.’

Every step he’d taken there could’ve been theirs and their alone. He had no way of knowing exactly how he could react at it, or, rather, what might happen, what might be? Whatever he saw fit would be this, he would have to be weary of their influence for now. In whichever way he looked forth and never listened, there was this. A piece of his mind was thrown around and given forth.

Too tired to think it through, there was another consideration, of how many hares there were in total. Just this consideration took too much. Dead eyes reached their eyes as they were so dead that they became human-like. It was an uncanny sight that he did not understand.

Overly saturated with peace, he asked them to quiet down while in thought, as most of the night would be somewhat, strangely spent seeking his way out of it, without a single deranged activity making him place

himself away from the bed. In a state of half-awakening and strange preaching to the closed ribs, he looked at the shack and how the bones grew in.

A giant hare body would be made there, someday at least. It would not be today, it would not be tomorrow but at least he knew that one of the days it was to come.

To be more specific, they only started reciting their strange hare-religion as he went into the lucid deep sleep, whereas reality became erratically surreal, he had seen them walk like men. And they were still bearing their small bodies on top of the chopped heads of the mena they had stolen the bodies from. Kidnapped in dream, they had been there for hours, walking and handling the man he had repelled. Lives were taken and hidden from him, but he could see their rise and the fall as soon as he could tell it.

‘There, on top of the sea-mountains, where winds become as hard as particles of patricide, rests Glaucoma’s mansion. Near it you shall find yourself, breed with it and find peace at last.’

But he hadn’t taken the meaning yet. He was unaware of its inner-most hidden chambers where they hid the feet of women, bidden by one of the servants of Di’Dorko. Farther than the sight, he saw a civil war coming after that. Hares becoming living mines and blowing through the blood splattering bowels that imploded in the sight of men. A nasty drop in population. During that night, he was convinced that he would fail to keep it all together, for more than it could be expressed. Workers around the windmill field had been busying themselves for hours trying to pick the wings and the mills out of the ground, but in later days they stopped their constant struggle in order to look down at themselves; callouses appeared where they ought not to be, as they came out as being stove-headed and less instinctive, largely collected on the side. Sore appeared on their fur, and after popping they started disappearing from the largely exposed bodies they left behind. Blisters started spreading on the mills, their wheels stopped spinning, wings expanded, the rocky roots stopped furthering below. Thence came the dreadful hares, whose bodies grew along wherever they went. And they were just as deathless staring, never swaying one another to look out. Never paying to look drowned.

At some distant place down Riesi.

Twenty minutes ago, a man had been shot on the street. Someone took a broad butcher knife and formed a spear out of a long road sign. After chopping him and a piece of the street, he broke one of the windows and entered the first house he came into contact with. Vile man, that he was, he had already melted half of his brain with a concentration of sulphuric acid and filth-scum oil. His eye gravitated towards the missing lobe. It was a milestone of imploding skin-poles forming his neck. All around it, large veins were seen to carry big and robust eye-olives.

First, a woman hadn’t noticed it. Mirande was merely drinking her car in a coffee cup. Most of it had been melted with a piece of her arm which went missing.

Pure rage infested his blood. Dirto pressed forth.

She was almost done there, but it needed to be stated.

‘I don’t think I enjoy anything more in this world other than animal torture.’

Nonchalantly as well.

It was way too complicated. Fingers twisted and largely elated she turned. Black-heads popping out her nose, but Mirande had a good run. Her face torsion soon came off and before she could make it to the door, she had her fingers ripped out.

Plainly speaking, it was raining snow-dreams in a summer-ever. Mirande hadn't spoken to her daughter in way too many days and she was sad.

'Will you sit with me for some time now?'

'Sure.'

There wasn't any coffee table in the whole of Sicily. But they did it anyway, on the floor, a strange carpet rested underneath them. It was hot enough to sip but neither of them complained much. Not after this long a time.

'It's rains like this once in a while, doesn't it?'

She smiled. It was cold, but the rain kept a drench flowing. Her eyes pleaded, she knew.

Both of them kept their distance and never touched the hot cups. It cracked a little. He was already a step out before landing. Neither of the drinks gone.

'I need to make another stop, so you may as well stop following me around, do you hear?'

Imbued by a scum-pose, he stared at the plain window, wiping off his spear. Nearing the bus-station, he got in while hiding the butcher's blade inside his coat. He was nearing the madness his brother felt in the past. He had an earlier feud he had to resolve down the cast of the makings, iron rails being canonically strawn around his neck. It was less obvious now than before, how many men had emerged and watched his every action. Time had an act in it as well. Perhaps it was the reason for his mind being pushed into the process of deteriorating for so long. Later in the passing of the day, he returned to his family and decided that he would start everything again much later. For now he only had to think of it from this point. Largely, it was a measure of his worth, going back to his abandoned home. A motherly value lay to the woman that had been pinned inside the bedroom-plain chestnut screen, with the torn-twisted giant nails that pushed into her chest being nothing else but the improbable reason for his father's absense. He was just about in every corner of the house, cut so many time that they were only wasting away as they were wispering out of their many malformed-mouths. None of them could even go as close as if to know who was listening and who was trying to get on with it. Little than it was needed, there, their teeth, or at least those who were so closely torn and twisted inside their beady-mouths and curved lips upon which puffy-nature they bounced themselves off, came the talk. Mostly it was the impossibility of trying to survive through so many events that never paid off to look back into.

It pushed out of itself and grew lumps. Some of them curled while the others only turned into the most inappropriate things they could ever become. Larely flat, pushing out and strangely concave until the point where they were so long and drawing that they reached each other at the base of the entire ceiling. Mostly, as it were known, they formed the perfect diagram of an underground basin which housed the ever-present body of mass that belonged to a cadaverous evolution that had been completely scanned through the gravel. Seen from every angle, it would form only a giant flat man that had been pushed

around at every corner and made as if to blow himself around the curving of long needle-like pores. All of which would be separated and thrown around, twenty or forty centimeters from one another until they couldn't be removed. And they bred like tiny pouches, living in laps made out of bacteria and filthy scents. Most of them of them were domesticated in the ways of filth. It was dragging, how they spared not a single share of what was going down inside the house.

The father was had become the father of all. Most of the room had been only warranted as a way for him to become a servant of diseased-hatred carried mucus-pollen blotches. Rounded and made in the same image of living tumors, all of which carried on to form the directive and the sounded watch-like patch-like syndroms around every moving cathedral that surrounded the house, they started spreading elsewhere, but never came around themselves. It took some time, just to be sure about it. No one wanted to get outside no longer because of him, a mere man whose influence only dragged him away. It was impossible to even hope to create a dirtier space in his head, it created too many dark thought, keeping them around. But they grew like fat neurons that pushed his fragmented head even father out. A brain like his wouldn't even look human at this point in time, for the sole reason that it had rooted itself in the hotel-like chamber, the disaster of a mess it were.

And Dirto never came to the same senses he had come into before, out of the pleasant conversation he had with his mother, he saw and noticed the fact that his mother had already pulled his eyes out. It was a degenerate act, taken by eye-sight. A lack of light only came faster by him, and at once he thought about asking for more. More details would come eventually unless met thrice. About the same area they started creeping out of this place. Eventually, as if he cared, he'd think of something anywhere.

'Tell me of your day when you're liable to say it.'

Valiciano was his younger brother, a thing that had his chest rauncy, wide as if a widened hammer-desk, pushin his erect upper body region to the look of a weirly strawn eight-headed, sixteen winged bat, which only reflected upon his every arm that came about and started moving. He took his well time and extended all of them. Now he had been so close to him that there was no way to escale. Despite the lower lack of a body, he was part of this room as well. A cage-arm had been formed around. There would be no scape now. Valiciano asked him again.

'I won't give you another chance, Dirto, tell me what I want to know. I've spent too much time in here and I don't think I'll be able to take it again. I fear something might happen to me with the occasional catches, don't you think?'

Fingers felt, mostly too obscurely found around places that were unrelated to anything he had ever come close to. Only now had he come to feel pain, bleeding out of his nose. His spear was still outside and had not even touched a side of a vital. In his pocket, he hid the butcher's knife. With that in mind, his one and only chance was this, he could do it. Closely, his brother observed. It was his drivel, he wanted to take into account before doing it. That would only count for so much now. Closely seen, the meat-stove started boiling his fasting sister's intestines, but their highly acidic function started breeding the flying prime-fathers, which looked as well as he had. Plain and simple as his mind was driven to a fruit-fly, he saw the future in his gaze. Despite his lost eyes not being connected to his face, he still saw it. An empire and an inviolable colony of fruit flies would take over the appartment, his wife and over his family, breeding off

them. What had largely been the reason for it was this, the dried peace of fruit they were on, a rotten pile that carried on to shove them over, thrown around.

‘This is what you drove me to, I can only hope that you’re proud of yourself and of your soul.’

He saw no reason to speak of it now, nor to say a thing which may bring the uncanny out of him without a good reason. Being approached by this sudden urge of dread, he pulled the butcher’s blade and pointed at his throat, ripping something out of it by the second. He could not have painted himself a bitter image than that. It was a hardly felt by his brother then, not until what came out of Dirto finally spilled in the bruises he had accumulated on his hands after the uncounted days and nights spent trying to scratch through the walls. After their blood connected, finally and only now had he come close to actually drinking some of his countenance and counterfeit personality, he had become a thinker. In the worst of time, he wept for his brother as his prison of arms turned from that locked position and started caressing his fallen kin.

‘I should have listened to you, I should’ve stopped you from falling into this pit of depression. How could this have happened to my dreadful being, to the countenance and the lack of a pitiful thing I was to you in life.’

Better days were yet to be recalled. For he had spent many of them in this room making sure that his brother knew the best meaning of punishment and resentment. Both he and his fiend of a cat would be locked together and allowed no food nor water for two days at a time, then they’d be fed, other times they would both lay awaiting death, never knowing when he’d pull the plug. And the room was in another room, a smaller cage-like formation of many walls that had been strung together out of some plaster that was completely made out of sharp-turnil, the body of a blood-sewing desperate thin man, which crushed his spine into the dell. He who walked here brought a brother. Many of them bashed their minds inside each other. Thence his brother and the cat, after the life-support was attached, and neither parent questioned what happened here. No satisfaction could near this level of pain that he had shown receiving over and over again, until he was satisfied. Dirto would walk again.

‘I’m chopping both of your legs for now, crawl!’

He ordered him, with nothing but the whim of a man who could not take it any longer. He had been indisposed for the longest manner. Lurking around him, they were trying to approach a consent. What was he doing there? After two legs had been ripped out, it appeared that he had come out of both of them, as a three-domed shamanistic circle, trying to recall what was going on before. Prior to this, he remembered them warning inside his tiny box.

‘Wait for it and when he’s not looking, allowed your other selves to eat his legs off instead. You’ll take over his body and grow in his lap before he knows it.’

Thence he leaped with bitter lips being bared off. It was the strange-strangulation that kept him from falling apart. This strange little man was gone and instead of him, Dirto came to a consensus. I will end my kin in this house and no legacy of mine shall remain the same as theirs shall. It was mostly hard felt the fall continued. Dirto had lost his life but the room remained. It wasn’t so but it should’ve been so. He was there in a wheelchair-mandible thron-machine that was constantly splitting him in half then reattaching him all together, revealing that whatever happened to the humanoid organs inside of him was

only a mild problem since they had become a mucus-like build that kept him together. And with pull and drag to each side, he would feel himself slowly be curled into the basin below him. Everything was systematic there, as a bridge citadel that was seen from below, this entire structure that kept this motion of making and breaking him being reversed for no reason whatsoever as he was pushed deeper into earth. A slim voice came to his mind.

‘Escape, my son.’

A hole was made into the protruding citadel. Still broken in half with the giant machine stuck on his back he met them. Two rangers- faces strung on their bows, facing him with their eighteen winged arms at the back, legless but unfortunate enough to have their bodies reverse solidly as Jacks of spades. They stood there, preparing, loading their long teeth-anchored sun-palletes, darts which seemed to hold the entirety of space. Funnels made out of interstellar clouds of melting hydrogen, and deformed abstractions of eyes. Smiling they approached. A single shot managed to pull him forth. The citadel broke immediately and emerged out of his childhood house in Sicily, merging itself with everyone in the house.

Standing in the geode-like room, they fumbled. It was unnerving trying to get his attention and lunge after him.

‘What do you want of us?’

‘Calm down, I’m only here, for long.’

Split again, he took his time before attempting to speak. His legs melted and knelt because of the heaviness which pushed him farther in. Though they were dancer in their respective maddening forms, they only settled with each other momentarily as they dragged on to the other room. First door closed. A moment was taken, just to see and confirm it. Dinto’s father was in every corner as well. It came to him only now that he had bled so far that his father might’ve inherited a piece of his personality but not his eyes. A damned final solution had to be taken. Considering the fact that he would be tormented for eternity if left this way, he made his choice.

Drowning through this conventional way, he ensued a threat that would quickly be recognised. Deadly in the muscle, he blinded himself like a cripple with a mammoth-ark, a circular moon that entered one side of his face then left the other, forming a tiny rotation that never stopped. The ark would split in half as well, and thence he would enter despair.

‘Walk me through one of the fields, I want to feel the boils that might bring in the peace.’

A seething thing, a bloody goblet had been brought to him. His jailors were mightily repressed, their sores only made their face-nodes start inflating. In the midst of a vile-creation, they waned.

‘You needn’t follow us no longer, we were ordered to make sure you won’t cut through the end of breathe, need I say there are drier consequences for you if you live?’

‘And what would be the point of asking? You, who are masked and don’t belong on the planes of Sicily, you who would end all conflict only to put us onto your spots, would you happen to govern us?’

The emptiness could not be addressed. Not because of vowels causing wild internal hemorrhage sessions but rivers beneath them that started swelling as they made their way through the access. Where they stored their hatcheries, in which the men of Ark, the mammoth-strong, those hairy brutes and evil bodied, anatomically-wrong and the deformed wasted no time to breed their better kin.

‘Bow down to your betters, bow down to your betters!’

Came the chant, bouncing against the walls until they could do it no longer after that, it might just be, that they could see, nothing but the slightest filth crossing their minds in peace. It was a forlorn decider, maker of blood, which was being trafficked with the young ones. Traded by the trims they beggotten to the factories, the flying empress-chasters, the disciples of clot. All of them did not know what to expect coming out. Small caves, tormented caverns, termite-like patterns and yet not a single man could remain in the same vein as his king. He who’d dwell would be changed. Farther than he ended, he could not know what his legacy would yearn. Of this ruse they considered fading, making small cuts, see the patterns of bone become butterflies of skin and chatter. Taking out their teeth soon after, only to disappear and disintegrate in this air, farther than they could take in whatever wasn’t theirs.

‘Let them go as soon as you can. We cannot confine them.’

Said one of the mad crooks, the Raven-shook and the other lout, nasty-frenzy called them back, into the pit from where they wormed their way out. In the crest of their cradling bed, they made sure no one had yet come to realise what they had stolen, the emotion being other-swollen. Wondering where they might lead, they were consternated with the pleasing disease of numbness. Mind-taken, blindly-mistaken.

‘Set forth, or I shall decide that we shall dine together on sharp-rock and loosen our teeth until our gums become like melting yolks.’

‘What of the whites then? Shall they not be something akin the folk? Thine desire runs dry. I see that you can only seek a way out if you know your surroundings.’

It shall be spread around. Not for long. Matthew found himself falling off one of the distant cliffs that had arrived at the mid-cross region that separated the access of the gran canyon formed over the village of Reumino and the crossing of the lower regions that lead to the citadel weld. Their distinct region had been mishapen and dragged down, slowly succumbing to the great weight that was being produced out of thin air without reason or known shroud. Plain as it would be, they simply took it. His misfortune was their gain, it would be applauded if it were presented on a stage.

A foreigner in Scility, cracking open his skull and nose, getting up only to be taken by the loud and crushed. Slowly taken by the reins until he could not do it any longer, an access of the lower back region revealed a single flaw, domesticated into them before they could be drawn from afar. A small creature had resided in his skull, having replaced the entirety of his brain. This Obsidian creature never got the chance to grow, as its roots had still been implanted into the man’s spine before his knowledge had been complete and retained. Slowly, he pulled and sipped on it, the lout remained and contemplated of a no better thing than the taste of this woman-like beast. Cowardly as it were, as the creature it acted like pushed away, had it known it sooner, there might’ve been a chance to get away. But this was too much and no ultra-san could embody the struggle it proceeded getting through.

With each pass, a side of the skull peeled off, with flakes falling, drowning and getting off the way. See from above, you might see two eye-like shapes being completely melted through the first two weak hands tried getting through. Two long segmented fingers remained as the other had already shrunk and started being drawn in with the mass that the loud was eating. It pleaded for its life in an unknown tongue he had no idea and no intention of understanding. Less than it should be, more than impactful, the body struggled, Matthew fell apart. More men joined him as they fell after that.

First the loud, with the giant pear-shape, leglessness rolled. He could only grab something while eating or chuck his entirety whole. Forwards, as it came to him, he couldn't hope to draw attention. At least, from what it'd be seen, there was only one direction in the taking, a loathsome fall, the bodies piled as soon and soon, through them he had carried the most primitive insult evolution could dictate in his unnatural mutation. He felt his primate ancestors draw near, bearing the time before he had been bread this way, in the times he had almost resembled the body-art that the modern human was, his jaws faded and they spilled like a basin of fish being fully released from a net on an old sailor's boat. This sight had been amplified by the divinity of the fading intestines that crawled out of the jaws, most of them being almost diamond-like hardened and very much growing until they hatched younglings of their own.

'Mad, mad, this a mad obsession. If we do not stop it here, we shall be completely lost, both in body and in soul. You know this cannot happen unless we push it through. We need to hang them, kill them, whatever might happen if we could get through them.'

As if they spoke, as if the rope, it didn't matter, there was no hope. As soon as the loud started drawing their guts out, their hidden creatures taken with them, at that, he had become morose. Unable to think of anything else but the mad loss, barred songs, he contemplated. Sight, sight of the divine, he had been enveloped in it as his body had almost become as pruned as an ancient body, somehow well preserved. Not akin those which were life-like but those who had at least managed to prevent themselves from completely decaying and lose no limb. It couldn't be the lack of a satisfaction now.

His eyes shone with a golden light which threw out of his, pure divinity being spilled. It hurt and he shouted, hosting no resentment to his lost brothers who did nothing else but laugh and be inconsidered of the peril they all were in.

'Can you no see what's happening to me? Can you not feel it in the least? If I were to tell you of the beasts I see, in distant plains, all of them would remain with you in the veins of the lost.'

We have to escape from this place before they come back.'

'But are we not beasts of our own, you loud? What kind of primitive cowardly creature are you that you'd even fear another beast that comes after?'

'Listen you imbecile, you cannot fathom what I'm seeing there. Unlike us, they're made out of pure glowing air, they can't be stopped nor looked at without pain. And they are us, after the making, they heed our bodies in the making.'

They want possession and want to blow, they want to stop existing just as we hid away and try to grow.'

‘But we are immortal and we cannot be destroyed. You lout know nothing of it and only appeared to have lost your mind.’

Completely ignored, they feared nothing and no one, least of all, some peculiar vision done by one in perilous pain. He couldn’t submit to it, nor try making something out of the pain. A vileness like that could not be met. A defect in his mental knowing, rowing through the masses, scum and molasses, plaster for the taking, stopped, they couldn’t fathom knowing what was going on. In their way, they swallowed the remained and loomed around the giant body of a morsel-like intruder who had arrived here way before them. Double-headed on each head, he rested on a giant volcanic rock-plate that was completely formed out of machine and devices that leaped around and started making the long-forlorn preparations for his revival. An action in the making, dread coming from below, they went back from where they came and hid before he awakened.

One of its giant heads were already infested with the hare-disease, though part organic, part inorganic, it could only be pushed so far.

It was this recession which got him in trouble in the first place. An elevated plate-parlay pulled him down, only a few meters, to a place where he couldn’t be touched or approached. He was repartitioned by them, mad socialites filled with the most unnatural looks you could possibly find on them. He would be scoured for hours at that without any possible explanation, awaiting for him to appear. Thence he came, rounded as a wreckage would, enver being able to move as he should. It got much worse, for that reason, Dirtio would have to meet his brother eventually before this peculiar citadel collapsed.

Too fast of a snap and he was out cold again. Argus only came to his senses when he was there, standing whilst the wonder came to him. A source of inspiration for the sunny day outside, being only followed by a bunch of hares, barrel dares that only sprouted songs of brass.

‘May we accompany you today?’

He was almost out of it just like he had been before.

‘Damn hares, I knew I should’ve gone outta the way.’

The least they could do, for now was get on with it. There was nothing he could think of at this very moment because he had not been prepared for the boulders of bodies they formed in order to accompany him along the way.

‘Twas expected, but say, who are you exactly and what do you want from me?’

All he could do now was entertain the thought that he could not get away from them.

He made it as far as he could get to. With all and all, he made not of a single slit.

Lamb decide

The floor shook, but that much was understood by everyone involved. Without a way out and anything to hold there, they could only relentlessly take it as easily as they could. Taken from a short period of time, countless days passed. Still not a single mover appeared to open for some reason. If there was something to be taken from here, it was their slow lives.

Despit everything going and turning, with the small cogs twisting and looming, the cockpit yearned release. Barn Cornpow and Eerie were the only one left in mover eighty-zero. Most of the others had already left and closed the door behind them. It was a peculiar thing, being there, alone, making the signs they called it.

‘Your turn, go on, change the water.’

‘I thought I did it last time.’

‘And you’re going to keep doing it until you’ll admit it.

There’s no life out there any longer. We can’t know where everyone else went.’

And there was an eerie silence that was unresolved. And as soon as they opened the door, they could see nothing on the other side, nothing even closely related to what they were promised.

Inhabitants of the station

It was never going to return, no matter how one looked at it. From whichever angle and the weather, it only crept around and ate the eyes. They paled in comparison with what went on. All those acts of wild crime could not even keep track of them, with the city being occupied. It was another day that felt like dying. No clear sun and no clear sky remained. And everything was bloodied in and cracked.

One Mathias Corkfrew came out of his home during a midnight in sole December. He hadn’t felt like it, in the longest time, but he kept walking. Even though his hands were tired, at least he reminded himself that there was some place he needed to be. It was decrepit. How the pain fell off the people. Everywhere he looked whereas they hadn’t managed to touched, looked as if it were encompassed in black and white. A specter of images came near but he didn’t care what that had been about. It was his time around to ask them.

‘When are you going to leave now?’

‘We can’t know. I suppose the walls and the station will melt by the time we’re off. I know it doesn’t mean much to you now, or at least it won’t by the time we’re out of the place.

But by then, think about it, stranger. Your very soul will have matured. Isn't that what you wanted in the first place?

You'll be able to leave like everyone else without being caught in here, in a place that's been preventing you from moving on.'

Ah, so that was it. He couldn't see any point in running or constantly walking any longer. Everything was always so vague that there were times when everything felt, strangely if anything, lonely. It doesn't happen so often for him to take him of the day and talk to a stranger. Let alone carry on his condolences, for what was going on here. IT felt as if it was raining purple. Drops coming from atop the ceiling, he thought of satin for some reason.

He was drenched in its material but he couldn't get away from that feeling. Depression made him feel that way and unfortunately this would last forever. There was no way out and none the taking for what got him there. As a mere consideration, he actually came to think about what life might be if he had lived forever. Even after everything being said and done, he saw no point in dying.

But they, who were they? Thin-skinned, metallic rod-people, walking about, crushing the place the best way they could get it in. Were they here before? Perhaps they were, even the children knew them. And they were the children as well, or their past had split from their insides and grabbed a hold of their memories of youth. No one knew what to do here. Everything was too twisted for a normal life to be lived. Sometimes they all died, then they woke up in their beds without any injury having been sustained. Other times nothing seemed to happen, them being way too mundance to be touched. But this was different, for some reason. It all fell apart instead of them. And no one could point and declare with a sole reason that everything will be as it should.

It went through their heads and no one seemed to spare a single mind to the idea. They had been declared dead-men ever since they arrived, or plastic cattle if that meant anything to anyone.

'Follow me, I think it's the least you should see. Since there's no reinforcer in here, I suppose it should be kind of safe.'

At least as much as he could promise it, despite the fact that there was no guarantee here to begin with. He was determined to find out what was going on.

Corkfrew saw them. Only a few of the cold-rod bodies open a door off one of the walls. They were greeted by a long drop of stairs, they followed through soon after. It was an old abandoned station. Most of the walls were occupied by the units, some who appeared to have screens while others had the similar face he saw in one of his dreams. Apparently everyone dreamed of him. A few chambers stood out there, all of them open. Though there was some mess below there. Cork though about asking but he felt no need for it any longer. It saddneed him to be here, to see what he thought to be the insides of his home, or the backburner which made them all act the way they had.

A train had crashed not far after. It looked livid for a while until they approached it.

'Don't worry about it. It's hard to tell who lived and who went on because they were afraid to die. That's the reason so many of them are here for. You wouldn't understand it.'

You need the time to grow and unfortunately there's no more time this time around.'

He almost thought on crying, but it was all he could do for now, follow. Keep quiet, like many people in his position. Why had they all stopped moving?

Even him, of all who decided to follow was too weary of trying, he was tried of everything. He was frustrated and all alone, going on no back burner but on something else that didn't even have him wish there was more to it. But he looked around, even before the surroundings gave him the impression of melting and he knew that there was no one alive in here. And no one alive from anywhere, not even them. Whether it was a curse or not, they felt, empty. It was something no sound could get him out off.

'Can we take a break?'

'Not another one, I'm sorry. You'll have to power through this one, at least one last time. I know it's hard but it shouldn't last forever.'

It was the end of an era, whence he hadn't lost a nerve. Struck out, he came to see them, as decay took the best of everyone.

First the land outside was shallow. Feathers spread and sprouted off the ground.

There, farther, about, in the distance.

To have gone aplumb, they whailed after looking at the sky, conveying no hard emotion nor would they account for what was going on there. A Carrion arrived at the spot where the tribe met the peculiarness of stone-paved dirt and the suburban area where livelihood was the rage that flowed through gut and cranny, a disaster waiting to happen, yet swollen as it went before. Prior to them, they should've known it, for fire had been embded in the sound-foam opium they had degenerated to instead.

'Another shot, another shot.'

It was crystal clear, the opiate made them mad. The moment this primitive on-looker arrived into town he had come to understand what went through their minds, why it all happened the way it had. Most importantly, he realised how strange the retreat had been, a questionnaire of pleasing diseases, all of which surmounted in the strange glanced they spared. It was in their eyes, that's where the key was, that reflection of the innards of their souls, as peculiar as it sounded, it could not be ignored any long, nor made out by any prayer. Dissatisfied but longed for, that could not be checked. Distress could not come to play, they made peril out of their body-hay, feather-like pitches being thrown and messed with on the account of ground. Molds could not be settles not fought for in the scruffs that was being molded. In part, they had been given freedom, to the highest-degree and from the likes of it they had become mad, it was way too clear.

'What have they done to you?'

'Who are you? Where have you appeared from? I seem to recognise something in you I have not come to account.'

Before he could leave him to the taking, before he could make a point, it was all too obvious now. Retreat, retreat, they got up to their feet and seemed to join them instead. His fellows, the scouting group he came with.

Plenty of unforgivable acts have been carried with and done for. Ostracized by those who joined them, in the deepest accesses that could be found, there was the wonder of pain. No one spoke about it out loud, out of fear of retaliation, what that meant, the pain instead would cry after instead of them. It was plain to see, at least for the few of them that were present there and had the least of a mind, a part of them had still be stiffened, trapped inside, not let left alone to rot.

Vessel

Something like it wouldn't work in the real world, hence the vessel spoke and grew. In its innards drew the past epochal gigantism suffering bodies which had once been used to stabilize the growth, the hormones pushing forth until it could no longer be face, as the harmless destination, as the creation of a plain world upon which they might feed upon the lower ones, the creatures that would be given birth from the undeniable scorroug bodies, fat and thrown into the shades of the lower areas, the filth that went through girs-formations, the ecological zones and the plainness of long-zones that were empty, other than to be filled with the strange vessels and the kin of their own. Large empty ares had been used for storage, it was the only logical conclusion that could be drawn from around the place. Thinking as a vile man, he entered the state of disquiet and dreamed again. This was what had been preserved, if anything, beneath one of the vessels, in the depth of a well-like cylidrical abyss, of which depth had been completely controlled and forced to lay in peace and untouched, they shook themselves as the minds bashed and charged against charred walls inside their cranial boxes. None would know better if they were to be met. No longer would they sing the songs, or make it seem like time was lost. Strange, this was an intricate design that shouldn't have worked no matter what the worth of days had spoke to them. It was too plain, too deranged, unable to release all those arms that fell even lower, like lovers beneath the soles of feet. Destined to meet with the ulcer-like posion in which they swam, there was nothing more, nothing to be drawn.

'Who shall call upon this world?'

A man had the guts to ask. Though he was lost in a fantasy, he had been there, present in the molds of the bricks that surrounded the well-abyss. After such a long period of time, they were morose, moronically putrid, to the point where they had become infantile, or infantilized to the point where they thought like children.'

Standing in an enclosed area, this was no delusion. Since the outside was plain, the bottom half of the planet looked as deformed as a pair of elephant-people, growing and expanding as the bubbles spread. So many fantasies could finally be lived without having to worry, bodies being rebuild, patched of land, the sky all made, and most importantly, they could not be hurt, or tainted in those blobs of paradise. The gift was supreme, time could not interfere with the grand mangnitude in which this planet and the system had

been created in. Ye, who watched, would know that not even the heat death of the universe, nothing could erase the ground, the vessels or the fantasies that were formed around. Nor could there be a stop to the contradiction that was his fate. Agamemnon would still dream of destroying everything underneath his gaze.

But to speak of that no longer, the man shuddered, looking after. Looking after something which made him unhappy, it was a turn, a change, a deranged activity, which only loomed around the grappling and the singing and the days which were saddened.

Jealousy

Canon simply turned and ran away from him, having no clue as to known how to deal with the fiend that erected itself on the ground, pounding madly in entranced sand-dances, bile being completely produced and spread between the hours. It was an act of pity towards itself, as the creature began feeding on the wheels as soon as it was aroused. Sickening scents, degenerate ends, and the crying stopped as soon as the people began worshipping it in its degenerate state. For he had yet to bore a scuffle, a hurt that would render it unsufferable, in poise, remorseless, dead of a disease, headless in the uncount of many because it was no mere humanoid. They gathered in the case, and one by one the men started feeding in their heads, sacrificial makings, as the women were too cowardly to approach, these priests lacked in wonder and in mind, as they grew stronger, yet benign. As the roots of the creature and those of the men spread, a transfusion happened which allowed them to continue even after the supposed death. Beast though it may, it fed on the ashes of their heads, burning them crisp before it erected itself forward and started chomping without rest.

Someone was doing a salute twenty feet away from the scene. It was somewhat disregarded. Even more than that, it was the sign of the outlaw, some filthy masochist with the right mad to sustain the vow, as he did as he pleased and pushed everyone out of sight until he was met face to face by this carbon copy of a lurid dream he had faded in. For when he approached, he felt alive, unlike the ones who had been devoured, he saw the creature for what it was, seeping through its insides with nothing but a glance.

Eight people suffered of orange-blood addiction. They drank it from the vein-oranges which had been spread around the market. Most of the orange trees had been placed in two distinct categories, those who had been bred that way, human-oranges-trees hybrids alike being thrown around the ground-cluster and the men who drank too much and had their heads undergone a complete growth which rendered them obsolete. It was a strange, yet putrid way of living. So far they had allowed the real hybrids to snick through the soles of the underground tunnels and pop out from inside their scalps.

One mourner came forward. His name was Prammouth. It was his turn to inspect the junction and figure out for himself what was going on there. Since the dirt had been contaminated, hardening as to remove any semblance of organic growth, there was still the origiastic nature which had filled the minds of the men who came forth. Various images, hallucinatory jests and spooks leaped like shades of fire only to ingest the people around the lanes and get them hook on whichever advent their heads had dare imagine

and tell. Some fantasies were livid, whilst other were lurid with the most fluorescent cankerous a man could fill his mind at night. And they were struck by an unfathomable layer of sleep paralysis.

There was only one type of paranoia which appeared to prevail in a time of loss. It was that of the electronic death which appeared in everyone's minds. That false machination which haunted everyone, of which each thought would mean forfeit, conceit, a mental exhaustion which could only cross the line and cause them to stop.

Soon the field stopped when that part of their brains activated, though they were in part plant, they had started bursting their three-sided horns which came out of their entire bodies, bearing many symbols and marks unknown to the world or to anything else. The encephalo-programming started and as it had, as they stood burst-chested, the pillared horns started singing out of carved faces, bred for disquiet, sang for the dead. As one Jonathan Ascott came clear to the others who may or may not have been as present there in thought, he had realised that the fall was inevitable. Lacking in the chemicals, an access was given forth, thrown around the heeding worthless plunge. It was a disease that kept on adding, cutting around the throat, where it let them know who was in charge. And who better than the singers in the mad of day, where the sky grayed out and instead of light, only a puritan form conveyed everything happening in the world in the simple form of a mirroring prism. Falling through the access, swaying, they conveyed the fear only for so long.

Thence the first arrival, where they had gathered around the man who inspected the strange occurrence, only to be ripped apart by them, one by one, men holding him like ropes around tight-horses running in every possible direction at every shimmer of the sound. They were still trying to make it seem like there was someone in control of them. But on a whim, one Arkanses said.

'I think he had enough of it. We should stop instead and try making it to dawn.'

About eighteen more men arrived and they prayed for the symbol, something they had taken about to their very souls. It was peculiar how, in all the sea of gray-light stars, there was one being colored as it became a space rose. Fro and to, around the moon, they danced to the mad perils that started getting through to them. There was yet no hope to make it seem, there was no quiet and nothing.

'Listen, we have to return before they find us, otherwise, there will be no hope. No hope I say, for either of us.'

Thence they strayed their hands and stopped beating, paying no attention to the lanes. Farther away, at miles if not, canyon-distances that spread the rains, the rat-entity danced on a field. In quiet, it had reigned over many generations and appeared to have only the slightest vision problem which came out of a broken heart. But to that, what could be drawn at the very least was the fact that it still bore a heart, forlorn and lost. Longer than it had been torn from a body that would not mourn for none other than himself, the watcher of lies stood closer to the pole-crank, watching it die. Off to mourn another day, he walked around on a road whistling.

'Better days could not be farther and it could only get this way. I see a loney walking day, away, they wait for me at morrow.'

He had been only of the bloatiest lots.

Match

It only took two strikes around the head to kick someone in the dirt. The ring was set, twenty meters from each end. Too much space, fists too heavy. It urged one to keep pacing and keep pacing around until he couldn't help his muscles popping. Room was full, all thickets sold. Told of something even remotely even, they were null. Beaten to pulps. One strike of an arm was worse than the other. Soon a forearm popped the jointed and looked as if it bore some force around the ankle. Chasing one around, spoofs of strings in the neck carrying blow-torches as their skin started melting. Their arena became a poor of skin. Skeletons fought in it while their organs whiffed each other into smoke and boiled in scum-throngs. Many were lost, spectators came out of their way, out of their seats to appear around. As the door opened, the guest of honor had arrived. His name was Calt and he was out of it, snapped and busted on the lip. It had to go harder, he had to go harder now. One of the boxers had his liver, and gut hanging around his tibia forte. Many of his other bones started pushing out, forming small disease cattle-walker, who couldn't happen to push each other out of the way. When the command was given, carried, stricken down, the entire floor turned crystalline, with everything around and in the ring being encompassed, other than the skeletons. Each went to their spots, fed cigars, pushed on the fire as the smoke carried on the template. Needles to the extraction, some marrow would be saved. Some of it would be used later as their crucifixes were made.

'This will do for now, but I don't think I'll be able to eat much later.'

No one was deranged enough to understand what he was saying. At beast, there was a clatter of the bone, then the shape happened. One of the craniums became two of them, not entirely split but strangely convulsing into it, bouncing around as a ball inside the brain, which only started phasing out when needed. No longer would he understand what was going on, since the second skull was made out of the brain matter. And it could only go so far, after being pushed around. Multiple concussions had left him damaged, stricken, praying, swaying himself for the scum-battle and the land that started slinking out. There was a need to go back at it, as the bones started feeding themselves off the crystal, growing, bulking up, becoming redder and bluer. Then they went at it again, going as far as to punch through their spirits, through their guts, down there, where it mattered. As the guest of honor only came back to regonise what was going on, he repented.

'Who're the fighters?'

'Hicks we picked up off the streets.'

It was just as expected. It wasn't needed. It wasn't spared. Someone was talking, it was hard and jarring. A foreigner distracted four men who were trying to enjoy the fight. It was a woman, but why was she doing it? Almond could only take it for so long until he snapped out of it. A fight could ensue out of the ring. They were almost done there. Caught before it even started, destined to lose in the first attempt.

Then the second end. Another session started, where crystal became crystalline blot, a chain could be seen as it was dragged inside and made the pain happen. It was indiscribable, how time after time after time, to no end, they repeated the same actions again, which would be seen in the reflections below them. Exactly this happened, even after the fact. They were dreading to spend another second repeating their actions while a sea of frozen bones released their hold and knocked each other down. In every single one of them, the blue skeleton won, but the spirit was altruistic. For anyone who could fathom seeing it, this was the problem here. With a hoop in the neck, a trottle came after. It was evens, the sight of dementia, visions that popped into the eye. A wonder, even stronger than anything that happened, loss after loss, what was that? It hit them where it counted. Similitudes of flashes and then, the realisation came. A skeleton was red, the other one was blue, but in every sight and every corner, and every kind of mild disorder, couldn't make the colors off. Sometimes they were indistinguishable from one another.

Limericks, they tasted like slices of lemon. Color blindness, it's what is what it was. It excused one from seeing what happened around him as time went on.

He leaped inside the ring with a strangely bioinspired chemically-made armour. All of it was made of shards imbued with the liver-meat crooked, the ones that shouldn't be able to move. In no circumstance had anyone that moved around been able to cradle their own thoughts in order to avoid the burning sensation that kept spreading between them. It was impossible to remove or get away from it.

'There's another challenger.'

Suddenly they came back to it, dumbfounded over the fact that neither of them could concentrate or look away from what was going on there. It was a mess, which spread through them at last, as fight ensued beyond and around the rings, that could only happen one way out. Two, about the place, they sang. Voices lost in glory, no memory for anyone who waited on them. Soon enough they stopped the laughter, looking at the disaster happening inside the ring. As quickly as he could return, there were no more times, at turns to mourn. A dependency ensued on them. No longer was there any quiet to fore turn.

'I see a way out, for those that march.'

'About this place, we can't look back, don't you get it, can't you understand?'

'We're resting on the strangest bed, the ones that shatters and might end.'

A blow to the knee revealed, as soon as they pushed through and never covered the shiver, the entire floor, the crystal moor fell and broke. Through it they couldn't fathom turning or making it seem as if they shook at rocks, the signaling of the broken masses. Peace belonged to the mad ones that fell through the bodies of red and blue, and yellow, the purple, all of them cracking as they were cut in halves. And the audience was punished with no word or chance to fight back. They chattered, it didn't matter who would make the noise today. Days were spent underneath the ring, in a mass-grave where only the strongest and the guest of honor, those who fought back and those who made it past the morrow.

'Lord and cathor, sing us a song to pass the time.'

'But will you entertain me with another fight if I choose to do it?'

'Least of all, I should consider this as a chance, we could work something out if you don't mind.'

A damage to the mind, the sitting, a slithering of tongues today, about this place not many kept them, as most of the brusies had been directed around the mouths, in every possible way. A fealty could be felt, the shallow throats carrying missiles that were hid inside their bolted blocked corpses. Most of them had come here to hid, for there was still a war, around the ward of the land. Awarded no disease, they listened, envelopes still carrying the news.

‘An extra message, I could not fathom more today, but what had happened and why does this encumber us no more?’

‘My dear son, I think there’s nothing but blood in it.

Can you see a destination towards which this pint of clot points back to?

Do you see a return address or should I make one up as I make my way back into the civilized world?’

‘You realise neither of us has a way out, do you?

I can see it already, you know? In front of my eyes, it’s ever so clear that we’re being mocked in the worst possible manner. They want to make fool of us all, in this shack underneath the ring. We were set up, you know?’

The old hick came with nothing underneath him. He wore a coat, beneath which his skeleton looked so thin that it might as well be made out of air. On top his head was fully preserved, caught between two turns of medal-shaped holders that made it so he could not die without a battle’s worth. To this he considered the uncomfortable position he was in. Through his eyes lust, but this place was barren. Loss of function, there were a few hereditary functions that were being taken away from him.

He lost a few oaths there, he was destined to lay out there, wondering what might happen at times.

‘I wish I could see reason, you know?

For everything that’s been happening so long. But the principle held off unrightly.’

They were unable to contain it any longer, the prowess being wasted on no foolish cooled down mind, throttled in the head, beaten and left until dead.

‘Is that what being a human is like, rotting in here without the means of getting through any kind of delight of our own?’

‘Nay, try again.’

Said one of the corpses, then? A recollection.

The people outside the bunker, they were holding on their dear trinkets, trying their hardest not to cross the line and break them over after passing. No one said a stiffening thing after a while. Listening to the most incredulous amount of jibber-thought, they came to surrender, least of all would they know.

‘Where’s the man named Malt? I knew him, at least I think I had, some time ago, it’s so hard, trying to recall him, that I think. Sometimes, I doubt he’s even real.’

‘We lost another one. I don’t think this is the right time for you to question reality or anything of the matter. Do as I say and stay with us, do you understand?’

‘But why? I feel this is my chance to do something, you know? I could finally get my mind working again without trying to let them pry in.’

‘Hey, chemo-brains, I’m the obscure.’

‘What?’

‘I said, look around you, there’s no more of a bloc for us to live in than there’s anything growing outside. How does that make you feel?’

From a stranger to another.

‘I feel as if I’m being mocked. Neither of us has spoken for long, yet I feel like you’re all lost to me.’

They tried humming on. But nothing was drawn on the skin-plates.

It was sad, waiting.

They stopped at a nasty whirl and seemed to be dragged over, like bodies that cropped their heads inside out. They started slowly at first, trying to amass something of a small curtain of top-head weapons, anything they could pick off the ground. It was all needed, in some way to get themselves off the charts and various racks from which they gathered their common sense, in order to stand there for hours. Wondering at the masses of ticks that were trying to scower the land in the distance while the wild approaches made the rest of the road. Something was lost only then, when curiosity faded.

‘I think, if we run now, we could make it half-way through. Don’t you think so?’

‘Of course not, they’ll only take us down as soon as we make the cut.’

Ten am, somewhere around the house. Man walked around the room, crossed half-way through the kitchen. He sees mother and dog in the same place, while she noticed him reading a magazine on animal abuse. The man proceeds to stop the animal to death with one foot.

‘Shall we take this to another room?’

He ate a piece of Asther’s head on the way out, then he spat it out. Disgusting creature he was, the man spat on it again. Taking no second off, he turned back on it and stamped some more; so much so until his lip burst out. Only then was he satisfied while doing it.

Should’ve waited for her there, it was the only decent thing to do, without making too much noise.

‘Shut your filthy mouth now, I feel so much rage.’

Came a voice from outside the apartment. He burst through, with an open face, with nothing holding him together, trying to make a point out of it before pushing back through. He charged, and crushed both of his ankles before he could riposte. It was a fluke that kept on giving and taking from them. No one but

him, no one survived. Farther into the fray, where there the shadow of another challenger appeared, the ground shook, without excuse, thence came the matcher. He was trimmed and small, and appeared to have his eyes set around the place. Despite the failure and the misscommunication, they all appeared to be dwelling in their spots, no one bothered by what was going around. There were dead people and dead-men fighting and plenty of others that had returned from their dirt-made and highly encased coffins only to find out what the ruckus was all about. To no surprise, many of the match-makers that came through, there was still something they could take from them. And sacking Rome they have, with the bones falling in their places, many of the disgraced fighters going along to no other song but that of the ruin. Flailing like a crystal-shade, most of this place had been lit by an explosion which had come from the farthest mines that would behave. Letter to the cutting, brought to a disease, distressed the matchers brought the couch in which their chosen man retreated. He was tall as he came out of his shell, well built, almost like a magna-ape which had grew to the size of a great truck of a chaster of cinderblocks in a sea of cement, the cementary called. His head was flat and appeared to be longer, by the sides, open but not human-like. He had a pair of highly mobile spiked teeth which rotated into circles around his feet, chest and the better side of his head. In their constant motion you could see his eyes constantly appearing and disappearing before they appeared on different parts of his body. Or the brawling gloves he carried with him, the mask which had a few hooks that were strung to his larged doming chest and the abominable peculiar crested trunk region which gathered just about every possible blown form that he could muster. In those he had accumulated enough blows for any common man to be taken down. Plainly put he had misunderstood the limits of a normal human being, having acquired this chest only by a trade. Below the chest, bellowing to the watchers rested a pair of mechanical legs which needed a constant recharging. It seeped as they drew on, he wanted to wane in quiet and wait for the others to appear but so far, he was the new and only important contender of the lot.

‘Hear me out, for I am his manager. Norelcon, and he is my boy, Thonder. We have come here with a promise and we shall be settled with nothing less and nothing short but the complete eradication of our damned competition under every circumstance and every possible way.’

The man was out of his mind. This Norelcon could not possibly mean it, to even think he could barge in and fall like the rest of the people and challenge everyone. But they rose up and listened, as the other chasters appeared to be gathering the money and the bets. It was to be conceded that they were desperate to have a fight no matter what they said or looked around in any fighter. If one were to even pay the due, if he were to call it, he’d know’

‘I shall make you a deal then.’

Thonder Ulbor shouted aloud.

‘If anyone can lay a single organ off its function, I shall call it a quit. I shall gift you the organic malfunction and I shall admit defeat.’

To which the skeletons laughed and at once, they started growling and releasing their extra heads, arms, legs and began expanding their skeletal-skin growth. Each of them came in a pair, and most of them were never fair to look back to. Not that it would end with less, they could confess to no one watching or the stress of many lookers’ woes. It was uneventful how they appeared to finally manifest. As if they revealed themselves on account of being creatures from other dimensions. A sickening pair, it was highly unfair, to

be looked back to and feel the responsibility of distress. But they were looked upon for far too long and they had never realised what it meant until now. There was no fear, only sadness. Many glanced and lost their nerves. Spectators which had only come here with the hope of the mind, of even getting something from the various rows they had swollen and squandered during the time-offs. But even the newly evolved beings could not fathom standing their ground in a fair fight. It could not be done, with them being pushed on against walls and battered, beaten, made a show out of, and even worse. It was the complete eradication coming from the punches and the supreme pain. As one of the shouted.

‘Please enter this place of diquiet and make yourself known.’

He was shouting to some entity. A moment of quiet in the newly made ring, just as the floor rose, white of marble-sand frozen underneath their bear throngs, four pillars of skull being encircled with large snakes and better-looking dames that had been completely set in pieces, glowing as their mental extractions faded.

It was quiet now, enough that it could be withdrawn from the place. Someone lost their dog outside. It dawned and reigned on them that no man would ever look upon another with lust. As that lust would only lead them to look out of the way, especially since the debauchery had only started then. They could not stray enough from looking. And that had not been earned just then. Plainly, they spoke in tongues now. Everyone outside the ring, stopped from their swaying.

The skin malformations on top of the strange skeletons had been completely ruined and thrown into chaos. Nothing was even remotely redeemable from this sight. Everyone was denied the least amount of quiet of peacefullness from their surrounding. Someone of them bled out of their eyes and only extended their large tongues in order to take in as much as they possibly could. It was sweet in some mouths, while in others it tasted sour.

Towards Dina

One of Aleskey’s fondest memories:

He saw a woman, ever so pesky breasted. Focusing on her over a long period of time made him feel at peace, it was something not even he could resist thinking about her during the after-noon hour, a splendid bird, a cocketee in some way. But the proudest think he’s done after drinking was shoving the entirety of the bottle on the second hole around the waking.

The gun was loaded now, up to the last shot. He hadn’t known a lot about this John Sink but he knew the man as someone of a different dish than he was accustomed to. He was allowed as far as on a knee, proceeding into barely standing. Both of them lowered their guns almost instinctively. There was no excuse to do it, there wasn’t any given that he could raise it faster than the man, no matter how long and

heavier the rifle was. Aleksey's arm was broken, a fracture taken without him being aware of what happened to him. So far, he could only pull and release a muscle before giving up and taking it again. If there was something now, anything that even remotely entered his head, it was that amusing thing.

He smiled and almost chipped a tooth. It was something he didn't intend on recalling, yet he's done it out of the blue. It was distracting even for Sink who was too sure on himself. Taking too many breaks only to look in the back, noticing the other soldiers march in. Surreal was a way to describe it. As long as the civilians were right, he could only see a few of them down. He'd make it, perhaps the good way this time. It was forced, all too much for his own worth, being paid by the hours.

The new-captain was probably too busy doing one of the locals.

John Sink missed Aleksey for a moment. He had limped across the room. They were staring face to face, and then, Aleksey slapped him right off with a single blow to the chest.

Sink fell and started bleeding, way too confused to realise what was going on.

'That was a good duel, but now I think I got you at a disadvantage.'

A few seconds passed. He unloaded all the shots in his knees and into his privates, then he took his rifle.

'Don't worry, I missed on purpose.'

He didn't understand a word of Russian, but judging by his sudden change of expression he was irresponsive. Now, to deal with the campaign, as the bleeding stopped and there was no doubt that the man would make it through.

'I'll have these if you don't mind.'

Stripped and changed, he took his time to act like one of them. As dangerous of a maneuver as it was, he was set on doing whatever crossed his mind. It went unheeded, like a kick. He was back on the streets of the village, thinking of nothing else but her feet. Poor Dina, the real Dina, the motherly Dina who was all alone in the forest, in their home. She had little idea to what was happening in the real world. It was because she hasn't traveled a lot. It's that way with some women. He considered sending her a gift, but what?

Perhaps a drink might help him. So he started staring at the piss-windows, he was almost done with it. And then he took another barrel from where he left it and fled out of his way.

'Is there anyone there?'

Aleksey had done that before. It was his strange way of talking and trying to stick with them. Or something close to it in any case, after a long time he would know it. And that could be checked as soon as he had the guts for it. But they were pushing through behind the lines. Many of them carried long armed guns and rifles, despite there being no opposition out there to stand against them. This would be the job for me, if only I could dream better about the world. He thought only as far as he had been allowed, until he found the barrel he had been so desperately trying to fight over with the old lady. She gave him a

reason to live. And he took that reason on a whim. No more sadness being condensed and no one bringing in their best.

‘I asked something, show yourself.’

A man came out, friendly looking, fat around the face and lumpy on the cheeks. But his eyes were not from around here, nor from there. Aleksey knew better than to look for a Tartar prince in this young fellow, as kin of less, there were so few of them here and there.

‘I’ve been hiding here ever since they dropped the bolts, the giant eggs still came forth by the time I managed to get in.’

‘Who’s responsible for this?’

Pointing at one distant barrel which had been kicked in, a few times over the circled metal ring that had encapsulated it before the drop, if there was anything to be observed, it was the lack of a soul to his common cause. Or the lack of common sense to challenge him at that, as the prince raised his fists at Aleksey, not knowing who he was. It was obvious, so far, that if he knew, perhaps, he might’ve lived to tell the tale or at least to make it as far as he could be allowed to. Instead, he chose not a single word to leave his mouth, many others would’ve at least pleaded as someone like him knew his way around the fists. He wondered, just how he might do it, instead of wondering how to get out, how to leave and live least of all in shame. Not many people, men or other weaker things could stand against him. An exhibitionist of muscles barged, as he grabbed the frame of a corner, from one of the adjacent houses. Then he started smacking it between his hands, his arms convoluting such strength that the prince decided to back down.

‘Many sorries if I offended, I did not realise.’

He had heard that for far too many times, especially today. It was his strength after all, trying to make it out of the way in quiet. Exiting the scene before the curtain fell on him again. He was pleased with himself now, ever so much that he decided he would leave the spot before being found.

‘I need to find another barrel.’

This so much was a given, in the shallow pains that he had gone through, many houses appeared to laugh and cry, directed at him before the time.

Rage and hatred

He took a few steps away and punched a hole through his own head, smiling as he bled.

‘It was a damn good day, wasn’t it?’

No one could tell what was going to happen after the sky, the moon and the shout of the many wonders came after. It was his entry and the only way he could possibly make a difference around the place. It was also the first and foremost only entrance during the fall.

Duran stood close to Rod. The ship had finally reached the sky-dock. Greeted by a few locals, they began unpacking and making sure everything was being taken away.

‘So, this is it then?’

‘Right, then we should at least try.’

‘What’s happened?’

‘Nothing, I, just thought I missed something.’

In the past, during a time when it was much easier to create, anything, in his mind, whether it was some wild fantasy or a peculiar memory or something which occurred to him. But now, everything was too juvenile to be ignored. They hit him where it hurt the most, yet they carried on and flew over with the land.

‘What are we looking at?’

‘Have we lost it?’

‘Lost what?’

Everyone turned over to the crisp edges of the ship. It was still there, somehow, they were unsure what the reason for their appearance there was, but they stood on top of a wild land, whether it was known or not, that couldn’t have mattered. But they had been set in flight, constantly hiding.

‘This must be destiny, I believe, isn’t it?’

‘Indeed it is, who would’ve thought we might’ve ended here?’

Through the spear of Schnor, where they rested on top of one of the other places, not a single road stood there and none stooped down. It was highly instinctive, trying to get anywhere.

And who shall he be this time around? IT died out for now, with all the soreness that inflicted itself upon his rocky-heart, the loss.

‘I shall near the seaway and cross the roads, and miss it before it hits the spot.’

A bald choice, lest of all should they know what was going on without wondering at the lives which were being lost. The secret way out of this mechanical paradise, trapped inside, left to rot as they owned the way out.

‘The company dictates that at least someone is killed. Failure to comply, extermination. Don’t endure for long and least of all shall you forget what you’re after, need you be reminded that there’s more?’

On the left side of the quadran-zone, the area where the devices that manipulated the cradling-boards in order to move the prototypes stretched into the large ravine, there stood a few holding cells. In each of them, enough had lain, to better spades, bodies like theirs. But never again.

‘We need to bring them back to life, they’re not machines but biologically endowed.’

In such conditions not even atoms could survive the passing, yet they have been changed almost entirely to the point where the slightest harmful touch would recede into a dead sea of wild marches. Never ending as the trance of evil, atoms paled. But he remained as a lonely strappler, one who worked on the condition, the mad addition and the lone machines, not entirely sentient, but somewhat obtuse. Having lost what was left of his nature, his head was of green, erected like a pillar that turned and curved into a disgusting churning organ. From it fell the scuffle and the dark blood that came after evolved into microchondriac cells. Spared from the living, they became neurons, and nerve cells that began manifesting his body multiple times, in every hidden stop, only to be set in a flight of speed like tiny parasites trying to flee.

‘I saw that.’

‘And you let yourself go free. Can’t you see that there’s no other way out from this? I seem to recall that there was a time where you’d give an eye.’

He had. Spoiled in the head as he was, it only grew. It could not be stopped, until it had started manifesting the frail canines that started churning. Since they were made out of cartilage they had no strength to break the carbon beings that surrounded him. And they floated and seemed to pass. At times, never to be seen as they went into the cells and check the livelihood of the experiments before they could be grabbed. It was not decent, what they were doing. It was somewhat unfathomable, just this extinction, and the wordless spakes.

‘I shall start again.’

Sitting himself, he had a flash. A mind like his own allowed him to understand where he had come from. It was barren, everywhere around him, rounded and checked. There was an end which shot to the horizon in every direction, a wind had swept, giant that were deformed inhabited the plant. Uniformed men desperately attempted getting through. But most importantly he could see something they could not even fathom seeing. Multiple bodies had been completely buried underneath the ground. He, of all was the only one who could see them, he thought, unable to concentrate on anything else, he wept. Waiting for something to happen, it pushed through and left the rotting to clasp.

‘This is what I wanted to avoid.’

Writing the code that would slowly embed the broiled faces into the walls. It worked well. He had recognised a family which had been tightly knit together within their own guts. Happily after, they were distraught as anyone in their turn. Mourning minutes, turning into wormed out steps.

He, the Son of the Etriarch came to turn. Wrongly searching in his gut, he felt them. Every child he ever killed still attempted to get out. They were restless as they kept grabbing to his gut and heart, attempting to cause a stroke, never ending their awakening from the slumber that took away their entire worth.

Luckily he had killed the mothers, battering them without their fathers. They, of all were left alone, of purity and of worth. He could not decide what was to be done of the others.

Walking on the steps and turned, he couldn't decide who was there and what did they want before they could cloud the snore. A slumber with many faces, one of the taken aspects which had been extracted from inside the cells, many dead, many living, many in-between. Uncannily watching, trying to wash away the sin of stars. Most of them had boiled one another in ion gas, until they had broken each other in halves burning like hells. There was a worthless wonder and a filth of the least. A leash had bedraggled all of them within the hour.

'I shall make sure you suffer for some time.'

It was undeniable, trying to get through them in hours, least of all, could they cower. Waiting round the day when free, they could see the world outside, where they would be destined.

'There's an intruder from outside.'

And the world could not be denied in any possible case that it was anything but a malformation of amny raised hill-like buildings, enclaves and other unnatural disasters that had forced the various species to become structures. In a way, it was divine. SO many cathedrals made out of monsters, worshipped by those who were undergrounds. Many of the intelligent species which had been driven down created strange symbols for themselves in which they lay and waited, never ending the quiet and the out-right swollen pain. Minds were being broken by their visors remained on the spot. And many other strange happenings only added to this at last, it was a sing of being clueless, dread came with the distraction. From each screen it only looked alike, the disaster being pushed aside. It was felt, hard felt, destroyed.

Spirits were being taken down, no mind could fathom satiating the sound coming out of the cathedrals. Least it should be, least of all, better worth.

He took his time like a good Son, and started ripping out various flays of skin off their faces.

Advent of envy

'What shall he be named?'

The embodiment of all he envied, and all of those he looked back to with brazier for skins, but he couldn't help it, he's grown weary of everything.

'It doesn't matter. I wish I was mobile as they are, I wish I was as strong, as flexible, until I could reach.'

But he stopped immediately, without trying to get himself, running around, first in circles. That was as easy as he was on a sportsman's field. Spread around the junk of lost balls, wide, as deflated oblongs, but metal out of pure alloy taken from the cut bodies of universal punches that broke through the ground. Dirt became mudd immediately from the sweat he produced. As soon as his second fist landed, he liften

himself above the surface and threw everything around him into the air. His fingers protruded through his thighs, until they started bursting.

‘More, I need more, pain, I need to.’

He pushed his toes together back down and started touching the pieces of dirt. By then they had become strange patches of metallic air, which shot through his arms and through his back, as penetrative as bullet-ants that started prying in his fire combs.

‘Where to now?’

‘You’re coming with me?’

‘First,.’

‘Canon Hatt, that’s about it, but you’ll forget, so I’m not going to ask yours.’

‘Would you mind calling me Hatt then?’

Canon didn’t answer, don’t bother.

He walked around, taking the first flower he could lay his hands upon. It was something soulless, just like what he felt. But he started bending it like origami, making small stars and long knives, seeing to it that he could push deep enough, only deep enough to leave a mark. Then he started bleeding in front of Hatt.

‘What was the point of that.’

‘I’m trying pain.’

He was mobile now, he could almost feel it, trying to leap around the fence, getting on the other side, then back in, where the rows stood. Only then had he lost his finger and started jeking around like a body of two.

Hatt barely got out of the way, tripping on a few chairs, landing on them while making his way through the motion, through the barrage, he was struck there, in the pin of a lingering nail that was forgotten there by one of the field workers who had attended the match. It almost made him miss it, before it pushed through, the gangrene starting on the ground. Canon started his weird motions, looking as close as a dancer would, leaping in order to avoid his toes becoming tiny blocks of cinderblocks inside the field of spikes below him.

‘Careful there, don’t lose your legs.’

‘What, why would I?’

He landed on top of the frame around the second they started moving in. He grabbed one of the largely forming conical spikes that fattened out of the original nails. Not even Hatt could’ve prevented it. They immediately started going into opposite directions.

‘The flower, look back at it.’

In the midst of the missdirection, he had lost it, allowing it to float around momentarily before it landed on a hard patch of air. Enough distance had been taken already by both of them. Twenty feet from one another at the very least, before the competition had arrived. It was grand, but not as much as he'd like it to be. It was the body of a fighter that had come out of the ground, completely encompassed by the same material as the floor, spikes around the body, and cut around the flower which couldn't have been worse for the wear. In his lack of a plain spirit, he chased the fighter but stopped before the fence. The entire stadium had been completely and unequivocally twisted like a sphere of glass, an illusion which pushed around.

'What do you want to do about this?'

'I don't know.'

But the frenzy kicked in nonetheless, as he stepped only in a few centimeters at a time. His body convulsed as his hands press harder on the air. The atmosphere changed, and all of the sudden, he started at it again. The fence was flatly placed as the ground underneath him, and before the fiend of stone could touch him, he made for the stone jugular, pushing in with the same amount of force generated by a heavyweight boxer, crushing the neck and the head in a hard attempt to finish him before he erected himself from the half-a-body he had become on the ground.

Hatt's two legs were twisted as he looked about the place. In the time it took Canon to smash the man, he had picked up a few flies by hand and started throwing them like tiny pops of corn. They bounced around the seats and started pushing on through them, like small minded moles. Forcing themselves through the plastic, they became winged. In sight, the seats started flying and making wild sounds, as if they were alive.

Seeing this happen, Canon grabbed and ripped a pair of stone fingers and threw them out like tiny blades, making sure the chairs were taken down before they had the chance to finally take off.

'Is this what you wanted?'

'I'm still not sure what I want.'

He looked at the blood running down his fingernails. There was some disquiet there, seeing the past flashing through his eyes. Walking near him he decided he had enough of this place, but not before bending half-way through and finishing what was started. A single punch, obtuse but heavy had lain again the stone-athlete's head. Half of it, in the back looked as if it had been made out of plastic, the same one which had been taken from the chair. As Canon started turning it around, he noticed the other materials that had been drawn from the surrounding area in order to form him. Iron, some highly degradable silver and most importantly some unnatural insects that started gnawing around one another now that they were freed from the heaviness he extruded.

A pair of strap-like depressions were present in his chest, they were shaped like belts, which made him weary of checking. But it was indeed the same model as the one he had on him before. The buckle had a distinct model which bore the sign of a horned skull-face, a symbiosis of the kin which appeared to be spreading all around the stone, plastic, iron and even the roach-flies that were trapped inside of it, akin to their ancient mold, of prehistoric folds. It neared a time where there was no distinguishable feature from

him and everyone else. Thousands of them appeared, but not fully erect, only in part of the ground, as their chests heads and arms still held on. Some were completely made out of stone, others had been surrounded or encased in the metal legs below the chairs and even the mill was there, twist and turning as it pushed the wind away.

Immediately infuriated as anyone with half a brain would be, Canon appeared in front of Hatt and started slapping him around. There was something close to some disquiet between the two of them and that did not even begin to shove a mark inside his throat. It was completely out of question to ask him, but how had he appeared in the first place.

‘Why’s the stadium empty?’

‘Because of people like me who show up and make trouble.’

‘I take it you regret something you’ve done before?’

‘You’re barely scartching the surface here. But you can follow.’

‘It’s not like I can be stopped any longer, now, can I? I took your name after all, which has to mean somehting.’

Canon flicked his locks, they were thinning by the second. He carried a few bullets which had been lined through them, like flocks or strings of laundry mats caught in spiked clothespins, clearly appearing in his skin and moving. Slowly enabled to eat where they did not belong.

‘Coward.’

Hatt ran away before he could grab a hold of him. IT was this strange fellow who first saw that the sky was missing, and his instinctive reaction was to make a run for it. A horse ran in, a mule and a bull, all of them stopped from the charge to reveal that they had been beheaded twenty minutes ago. Dead eyes looked back into the prison of stone below them. Soon they bled and shot out tiny solid rivers that almost blinded Canon as he made his way out. The man had to scrape himself through them before looking back as their inflaing bodies. Backed by a desire to hid, he turned around the corner and masked himself from the pain which was generated in the back. All of the animals came out it boar-explosions which revealed the bloody face dissipating in the air.

He was back on the street and through the crowd he saw not a single sign of Hatt. He got away, but he could still feel his prying eyes coming from somewhere. It was a certainty not even he could deny or avoid, despite prior attempts. It was a sign, proof that there was still some hot-blood flowing through his veins. Hern took it on himself to search for this second city on top the roof-top. Most of the members had been recalled, most of the soldiers were gone, which left only rumors of the existence of a few children who were lost.

But if there was somehting farther away from this, it was theirs. Theirs was a heavier chain to drag.

‘We are evil, but would you consider this for a moment?’

Worthiness was a disease they could not fathom touching.

‘Cowardly arrogance, that’s all bothering you, isn’t it? A bit of pain here and there, the mad and.’

Suddenly the conversation stopped. They were approached.

Like a canon fire, he barely stopped before he could push through them and rot.

‘Is there no other way we could settle this?’

One hundred and fifty two feet away out of the stadium, a couple was sharing a pack of cigarettes.

Sweating pig rotations, wheels which had goose-throat at every swirl. They created small whirls which pulled in some people, which were drawn like metal coins to magnets, stopping at their throat-level until they created small puff-fish familiar sights. And they puffed even harder as they started floating everywhere around. No one appeared to mind what was going on. Nothing was wasted as long as some people died. Courtesy to everyone who looked ahead and decided nothing was worth it, let alone passing by. A rabid creole person, as dumb as a rock came. She got on her kneed and begged.

‘Please let me in.’

But she was denied. The reason was that the wheels were intelligent and they only desired those who were the strongest, most efficient, those who have evolved their minds. Pain could not leave when there as quiet, nor would they be able to babble when condensed. A supression of their feelings faded and soon she begged no more, instead, having chosen to run on the street, she chose to leap forward. Thrice entold, though that was the least, most importantly no beast of a man would look around, no wool or sound could make them loom around for long, disgusted. Too many thing took his eyes away.

‘Where is he? He’s a man and he looks like.’

Canon thought about Hatt for a moment. By the likes of him, he could not even fathom what he looked like withotu any reasonable sight or any amount of wonder.

‘He isn’t here.’

Talking out loud, he shot himself in the leg and wanted to stop there.

He turned back to the stadium and left the sight immediately and hid.

Why was that?

He tried his best to do something but he couldn’t help it any longer.

Hatt seemed to be the only one who gave voice to his thoughts. Without him he didn’t know what he was doing. Whether or not he said anything or it all meant nothing. He had so many memories he wanted to share, and so much pain he had to get away from. They hurt, his fists. They were red, almost swollen from hitting. And he wanted to tell him but not the others, but he wasn’t there.

It was the first time he returned to where it started, even if everything only happened minutes ago. He didn’t do much any longer.

But it stung the most. Not being able to do this right. He ran towards the middle of the field and began punching everything again, hoping he'd get any result. But he hadn't. They were even bloodier, but by the time he would make it outside, no one would notice. Certainly no one else but him.

Where was that famed compassion and where were all its children lost? Fewer, fewer people were gathering in the upper-zone where the stratter-sphere came into a bubble-head. Giant fetus-brows could only spew enough blood-iron to increase in size.

'Could you be haunted in the skin? If you were to make a single cut that pushed through, would you happen to mess around a trail of ancestors you inherited in your blood?'

'Something got into you lately?'

How could it be maintained for so long? There was so much of it through the street, a mania which had become as violent as it would possibly get. Tension could be felt through muscle and bone. And bones were plenty, being spread around, a miasma of emotion that made them happy and they bit and sliced and pushed one another into the ground.

'Make a lot of noise, show some pain. Then try at it again.'

A slight consideration ended, they started drawing their teeth out, pointing at one another as they took aim. Then the first shone. It lighted the surrounding bushes as each molar came off and leaped about the place in anger.

There in the distance, he wondered when he might come around. Loop of lumps, into a large intestine-like body that looked like the corpse of a spiked man from which a giant scorpion tail pushed on to grow out of his neck in order to become a man of its own, armless, legless, limbless with only one head at one of the beads coming out of the tail-like giant overgrown tendon. An arm apparently pushed out of its right primordial man biopsy, which bore an organic skull instead of a shoulder. From the looks of the two malevolent giant fiddling fingers, those could be misconstrued as being legs by an on-looker.

From its muscular chest there popped a pair of eyes, surreal-looking, with a pair of teeth and a tongue coming out of the opposite side of the other arm. Going through the disembodied trunk, a giant round and vacuous eye would stand between two split tails like that of a syren. But from one of the syrene tails, a many toothed face emerged, bearing two miniscule eyes and the fever that spread through its outlandish body, as well as the many gazing eyes that dripped with an ivory substance.

As it erected itself on its back, the strange, yet peculiar way in which it was employing its winged spikes served as wind-signalers which only dreaded itself more. A mad belief appeared to extract its body out of the mad-frame it had pushed itself onto. Now that this wild creature appeared in the middle of the crowd, like a strange ghastly thing which did not even come upon anything else, it started producing the pig-wheels out of its wild compressed. Wild and large, impressive and unaccounted for, they started chopping the nearest human beings in halves neither of them had even been aware of. Madly encased, the beings had no faces, those that appeared were nothing more but the servants of gibberish, the after thoughts, the wild erased humanity. Apes that were given birth in existence on the spot and there was nothing wild and nothing worse than was what going on there.

Nothing to see. Especially that wild prick that could not be found any longer, whatever his problem was, he was not one of the kind, he was a blind fool and a maddened tool that refused to come along when needed. Who could blame him and who could believe that what was going on was even remotely heeded or asked. Cracked on the whip of a sickle, the creature embodied disease. It was distressed because it waited too long and confessed to nothing else but the most maddening of perilous speeches it had heard while manifesting in different worlds.

‘I have dreamed of a town, it was lost but no one about it appeared to live, not in the same way human beings had.’

At which he smiled, having gathered and garnered their attention, this was nothing less but a victory of its own. But clearly something happened, and nothing could be denied. Despite that mouth being filled with the most unfathomable lies, there was no denying, no crying and yet to be.

Canon rised himself on his feet and came back to his sense.

‘But where is that man? Where is Hatt? He couldn’t have claimed my name in vain and left the spot we were supposed to meet at when we left the train of thoughts.

Nothing about it should make any sense, but I feel as if there’s another way.’

To which he took the first turn, he lost about eight gallons of sugar in his blood returning but at least he was still on the streets. Afterwards, there was quiet. Enough for a difference to be made, this was the impotency of masses, the ones that were dulled down stood erect and listened to the creature as soon as it pushed itself in the nearest corner, an entrance be entranced.

‘I’m here.’

He gave himself away, the foolish one, he was, without bearing any consideration for those around him or what that meant. If anything, he could simply set himself in place, like a pillar, eternally forlorn and lost. Unable to contain anything, even less of what went on, whilst they picked, and pricked two fingers, even less for him to see, he had achieved nothing of value, merely crushing his fist through them as if they were nothing. Less than that, the mad-man awakened. This so far had been set. It was a symbol of the meaninglessness he had displayed and those around them who decayed.

But then Canon chose to dance, to their songs and nothing but glance. His palms had flown around the men, hitting no one but instead pushing them away. Waves of wind on either side, not to deny that was was happening was nothing to be joked upon. Least of all, he felt the disaster that was to come from both fronts, it leaped about the place, never to be embedded by those who wore no faces.

‘But who shall sing you if you find? I cannot be around you, blind. Foolish person that you are, can’t you see that searching for me leads to nothing? Nowhere might you find me. ‘

‘Why won’t you make some sense, god damn you?

I think I grew attached to you for some reason but I’m extremely confused.’

‘Don’t fight it then and give up.’

But he couldn't, not after pushing some more people on the ground and groping in the wrong places. As soon as it happened, he thrust each foot on top of another and appeared to leap higher until he glided right in front of the creature, the maw of despair being fully presented. In front of him, where the road had been completely crashed, where the cracks revealed the flames and the plunged beneath the trash that hid beneath the earth, he saw an entry, a look down to the girth of the underground passage. Mourning not the least his mind dictated not even the slightest hope he'd be entrance.

'I see that I have failed to feel it.'

'Keep trying.'

The voice of Hatt said. It was reassuring, somewhat. Senseless wonders, that's what they were. It was disgusting and disturbing, seeing those happen. It was as if all the line swere completely drawn unfairly. It was a show, on-lookers being placed like planks, played upon as they lost control of themselves. Forth came one of them, wondering out loud. As freociously quiet as he were, wrapping his fists as they drew out their crested resting devices. Too many had fallen then, unable to control themselves after carrying around. A slim chance to none, as long as it seemed, lay somewhere near their.

'Another passage has been opened below. It is the old town, which has been thought to be lost to us, in prior days.'

There was a dissident running away. Good thing he wasn't there to see the rest happening. They were trying to pace faster.

Confusion

His kaleidoscope eyes merged with the long protruding head that erupted from his chest. Two large inflated, molded. He was there to inspect them.

For every tvbox inside the storage area there twenty or thirty stored people inside, whistling as they started creeping in and out in order to show a view. A glance came from one of them least important handlers. They were out of it now, pleased with the munching. Only the bottom few had died constantly, being sufferers of the mild mold, golden in honey-like crumbs that had been eaten through. It was this condition which perturbed them. There in the taking, the filth had encompassed their beings at they dragged on.

'I need to have a drink from them.'

Their insides were scoured through. It passed. On and on they turned around, they were only trying to escape not too long ago. Make sure it doesn't happen again.'

It was a given, this promiscuous pleasure of pushing in.

Knuckle-head dragger came around now.

He presented himself to the strange inspector, who was with the company, there was no introduction there.

‘Let me tell you about that one time I threatened my mother with a knife, when I almost stabbed my cat.’

It’s been some time since it happened and the man had little comprehension about the events and he could not distinguish reality from his psychosis. He had a perfect recollection of everything which happened to the slightest detail down to a perfect photographic memory.

It was an emotion unlike any other, weeping aloud, as the house was being set up for him to get through. As he recollected every string of sight, he remembered the chasm which was his home. Although it looked somewhat stumped and preieval, there was a charm of its own.

But was there even a point to it any longer? They knew, as much as it was destined to be that everything was poisoned, all the unfathomable speeches and the writings and the varied filth that made it into the writing and in the dark canon and the other. Nothing would be spared from the unnatural thing that had been theirs for too short a time in placing. No more obscure conviction could be held aghast.

It was done, they were shaking, tramped in the head, all of them facing one another like blasted things, inflated minds, maddening themselves as the times passed.

‘It was I, my lord, who gave him the God-box, in honor of the trapped God who had been set inside his square prison. And it was still I who would not look down upon this joy of madness.’

An elevated joy surrounded him, in the air, pronounced like a mind-blow cancer stroke which gave him the high.

‘I see now, shall we talk? I feel as if you’ve passed on the knowledge I have instilled onto you and have become a fully pledged knight of degeneracy.’

As lord Agamemnon had commanded, to his magnetic people, skin of metal flakes and machine-turbulation instead. He who had been the master of cretins faded and they could not fathom it at all. It was an insatiation which only bred them in masses. This being needed to invoke, not feeling would forlorn him now, no reason of his own to cather to the dread that came to him today.

Twenty more days he spent wonderingly caught, wrapped in a mass. He stopped and wondered.

‘What has heppened to my mind? I felt it then? A few days ago, I think I felt a surge of power and emotion which had stagnated within.’

To it, he felt unevenly morose, for what appeared next to him. It was a change he did not consider encountering, an apparition, a mental block. A piece of dirt-square which had squabbled through which took him out of the light of day, until he spent the night writing on the surroundings walls, pushing the thorns out and waiting.

‘What had happened?’

‘You dreamed of something evil. You failed to fall asleep. And in that half-lucidity you have decayed in the mind and have realised something about your filthy, unfathomable fantasies.’

‘But that’s not how I am.’

‘You are ours nonetheless. Now there’s no hope that you may escape from the pandemonium, the fear is here. You may go.’

Going along the road, he shattered his mind with a metal pick before taking the wrong turn around the town.

‘Hello.’

‘I haven’t seen you in a while. How’s life been for you?’

‘It’s been awful, I feel drenched and disgusting, look at me and what I’ve become.’

He had been ashamed to be looked down by Hern. The Compatriot had well recovered and was soon looking around as his turn had come around him. It made him want to luck out. So many children lay dead on the streets, the flies being in windows and he was still the same man. As he had been before, he couldn’t count his fingers off but recalled meeting him on a lonely street from which he had partaken in this pized event.

‘The taking of the pig-head, who shall do it?’

‘I shall, sir.’

Pinned down, all around, they crept around the sound. Shame, that they listened now, they were cruel, how they messed with the swine.

‘They grow so fast and fare well in life, don’t they?’

‘You talking about pigs?’

‘Nay, I’m talking about the children.’

It was maniacal how so many of the flies had bred inside the children and started taking them into the upper holds of their sky-kingdoms where they hid their giant human-nests.

And they formed a giant cut-like face that would be worn by a nasty criminal on the streets of London. In pierced eyes, they found solace, where most of the flies died and got replaced instead by their distance puckors that had given birth, instead, to worn-out cackling mules. Prudes that would be dying over and falling off with the rest of the debris of scum.

A buffoon, full of costume, dressed in green, but not the normal green like grass cutlery, but synthetically made, entirely fused from the soles of his face, to the suit with the eyes gaping out of the piece of rotten cloth that had completely covered his mouth. Feeling the vein callouses remain there over a while. Something was still missing.

The irony was silver in his veins. He was in some unknown country named as Vilverline. Dully watching some of the clothes hanging on their sweet swollen robes, he searched for a word in another place. He saw her, the Doucchess, who was in her prime a widow to the late deceased Forrage. It was a common thing there.

Was this what happiness tasted like?

Cold orange on a stroll, there was the caller of the old death coming.

The hours passed in vein. None of them, or at least none that mattered would ever so solely shake themselves off from the stump, the plain thing being this, it was simply adorned in his mind. He was different then, for some reason. So much so, around them and there was too much noise going around. No one was willing to make a pass.

‘Then you shall be the one responsible for everything, shall you not?’

‘But what does that mean?’

‘It means I support only the slightest amount of pain if it means going around and cutting. You should curb your nails, like they used to do in days of hunger and get in the pack.’

His face was coming in, way too close through the moving machenite. It was almost done now, as the light coming from the pushing light, the solemn moon had stopped attending and the power almost drowned the sight uncannily caught inside and contained. By the main generators, his arms emerged, barely pushing as they attempted to eat at his throat before he had attained his second head. Thence he leaped, crawling with the sides. He hadn’t the strength to lift himself up and it appeared as if his lips had become the color of opal.

‘May I come in then?’

Ethias, the half of an Etriarch of skin had finally arrived through the condenser. To the men staring at him, he appeared as nothing else but a fluke of a body, one which shouldn’t have belong there. For the amount of scum which scuffled and was generated inside of him, he was rather, unpleasant. Taken for some time off, he was trying to eat his own liver out but failed terrible.

‘Something went wrong with this experiment. I cannot feel the lower side of my body. I’m unable to regrow it under any circumstance. What have you done to me?’

‘Calm down, that’s only a side-effect, nothing more, it should run out.’

‘Run out, what have you done to my body exactly?’

There was a calm stare which followed in whichever direction he appeared to point at. They were dry in the teeth, if that made any difference whatsoever. It was only as eventful as it would get now, since they tried getting him as far away from the machine, there hadn’t been an excuse for it. His constant suffocation in the warehouse was the second sign that he was being contained, trapped, left to rot in the mind. Of course there would be no saying and chatter.

It was the head of a dog-looking cat that was made out of the bottle of a molotov cocktail which rested on a blunt trunk which had nothing more than a long tendril-system which rooted the floor. Its eyes were large, serpentine and revealed an unafathomable pattern of numbers and shapes that threw themselves in its pupil. He was the insides of the island, near the nest which was the manor which governed the land. He produced an uncanny dimension in which nothing else was being produced but the dye, as wild as it were, without a way in, they thought about it, the people present there. You looked at them once and you figured it out, they were dressed fancy. With robes made out of their predecessors, the giant leaping strangely bio-enchanted evolution off-shot that would look like something struck between a combination of various geometrical shapes struck together and a few amphibian creatures that spiked around their heads.

‘As an addict, I think I should speak the loudest here since I got the most experience out of everyone.’

‘You got a few shots on me, but honestly, I’m more experienced than you are in every possible field that ever existed. See how I can bend matter?’

He thought about it for a moment. Just by the swindling of a, of a.

‘What’s wrong?’

‘I can’t feel it yet.’

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In a small lane, where the last trough was still being used on Penny street, it seemed like there was no closure. Days were passing with the sun and they were only trying to run around with each passing of the word. They were crawling upon false feet, trying not to cut one another as they pissed the cordon watchers, those who were trying to knip the blood in the drenches that were dug around. For in those drenches hid a few busy-bodies who could not deal with the disease that was being spread around. In the epitome of their creation, they were damned with the only thing that remained in their mind. A cortex that was being harmed by a giant nail that constantly entered him without telling of what went in and what went out. A disease about the size of a giant tumor that became him, it became them, it was shape of a fully grown anatomical body. It was alike to man. In his glory then, they could not fathom going around. They passed the pain. It haunted them for long, shorter than expected. They shared no reason and no wound for what seemed to be longer, much longer and less alive. Neither of them knew what to expect then, for the servants were used to mine.

‘Twenty more men shall be used for this, what do you think of it?’

‘I think you’re only trying to make me feel bad, worse than that. Can’t you see a way out without sacrificing more men?’

‘And who might we use then? Our local Negroes had been driven to death by exhaustion. What does that leave us with?’

‘Can’t you get another batch of slaves?’

‘Not this time around of year, I think you’re really pulling for something, you’re stretching out the cantors.’

And that was for a good reason as well. They feared those strange men. No one could ever proceed to see or even fathom men who had brain portions of bodies. They multiplied in the air for no reason whatsoever, like flies. Worst of all, it could not be called onto them at all, it could not be purged from the mind, this unhappiness and the blindness coming out of the blind surroundings.

It was maddening how they polluted the air. How they spread and how it made it so, peculiar to look at. They floated and left the mines to their surroundings. And most of the mines started imploding with skin until it could not be necessary any longer for human beings to be preserved and saved. Seaward, looked upon, you could see every single one of them being worn out. With every blade, humans would come out of the fire. They would be reconstructed regardless of the skin-disease and the mad forms they produced and felt against their weird legs. It was uncanny, trying to explain it or even try fighting it any longer. Many other procedures started cutting through them, lest of all, could it be gotten. In the mind they would be forgotten. Frog-pox, like pesticide, it spread around and grew on the exploding humans forming in the air and into the ground. Sometimes the new-slaves would simply go ahead and mine through them in order to get as far as they could be allowed to.

Somehow they were not able to do it, not then, not when it was needed. Walking on strange surrounding holes and the paranoid brain-holes that emerged from their hearts only blow them out of proportion. It ate them like wild leppers, then and now, lost but not abound. They were dead to them and everyone around. Not even the owners cared about them any longer.

‘What do you want, then? They were yelling, shouting, trying to get through.’

‘Can’t you see it now? You should take this chaos in and bed with it. Just get over yourself and enjoy the chaos we created.’

‘But I cannot do it. Not.’

‘Listen and relax, we already won. There’s been a prime, everything’s been created now, there’s no hope that we may outdo what our ancestors did. Enjoy it while it lasts.

No one’s going to bother us from now on, just look around you.’

A mine-field where they mined beneath a stone wall-cave filled with some abandoned drilling machines and various other metal-achievements, animals that were stoned, carved, dead and encaved in mollusk-skin and the dead negroes. What else was there to hope for? To long for the achievements of the past was nothing more than a wakeful thing, a bid that was being played with for far too long. IT lead to nowhere, no satisfaction and nothing else being brought back.

‘I see.’

‘And who are you now? I seemed to have lost it.’

‘It doesn’t matter, neither of us has a first name, which means no bloodline and nothing to fight for. Who’s going to take care of my children.’

‘Brother, they’re dead, you killed them in a wakeful slumber, of a drunken rage where you aped around and put your wife into a grave.’

Of greater terror as well as in her coffin rested a bunch of perched bones. They had slowly eaten and tortured his wife as she was being buried alive. Case and point, Pox, he was.

It’s been a while since his young days when he had come around like a nomad with the Rock-us gang. Somehow, they had still the greatest memories up to date. No more frustration to meet them. It was all in his head and there was little to no satisfaction to be derived instead. Now who would make it? Certainly not Pox, he realised it before everyone else.

‘Say, I think I remember who you are.’

He spoke about it in the past and in some way, he remembered who this fellow was, even though it was somehow, reluctantly to say it, a chance in a million that they both ended up here by taking the wrong door in the Residence. The Snake, that’s who he was.

‘Of course, now I know you.’

But, listen, listen, I have to tell you something. Since Rock-us ain’t here, I’ve, I’ve been thinking of something.’

‘What?’

‘I have realised that I have developed a strong revulsion towards females. I cannot help it, I simply loathe them and their presence. They’re the most cowardly creatures, they have no loyalty and they would betray their people with no excuse whatsoever.’

‘Have you spoken with someone about this?’

‘Yes, I have spoken with one of the Gods, and they have showed me the truth of the matter. You cannot fathom what kind of knowledge they have imparted on me throughout the ages.’

Pox often fantasized about forcefully engaging into various sexual acts with unwilling women, abusing them both physically and mentally, gagging them, pushing them around the corner, tapping their privates against stone-wall, eating them after slicing various parts which had been infested with the disease he carried and malnourishing their breasts to the point where they became uncannily drowned in his own pus. He feared no one, he was brave, courageous and never took a bath. Pox was a man now. He fantasized a lot.

He took a few steps away and began yelling:

‘Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy, joy!’

He realised it then. It could not be ignored or forlong again. It was a pitiful realisation he could not do without. Shouting around the plance, he wanted out.'

It waned after a while as he didn't know the cause of it. Some reason here, one there, just about the place. They settled on discussing about all the strange things they recalled. Their olden days and everything around their exploits from around their band, whereas nothing could be settled on for too long without them noticing what went on. Both of them were much calmer despite what the circumstances dictated. Whatever's worth bent out of their heads, like a dying passion that couldn't be remembered when it dawned on. It was the seeting in which they met here, the broken cog that refused to move on and mix with the rest of the devices.

Pox remembered having met a woman on the way. As usual, he approached her, just like the style demanded, and just how he wanted to do it.

'Hey there, you wouldn't happen to be lost now, would you?'

'I am, you're real aren't you?'

Cheesy, she was way too cheesy and she knew if not as quickly as it was demanded that there was a reson they did not act sooner on the act. Whether or not they wanted to move around, or let it go, that was theirs. It was no fault of either part, that they cherished some needle rack in the born-throd. A spine crawled after. Some of the lower holes that appeared in the ground were like hives, in the worst possible manner. It waghered an attention, to be more specifict about it. He was not like he used to be, and they were both trying to piss each other off.

What she had seen down there clearly marked her for something as disturbing, as jealous at it were. It was the force which drove her on. To make a step and take another, she was disgusted and lost a brother. It felt that way, so she told Pox.

'While making my way towards one of the lower levels, where the shafts are crossed, there's this depression, I think it's a tunnel that leads to an underground bar. My brother went there, making a simple excuse such as. My dear sister, I will return to you once I'll have taken care of some bussiness I have to deal with.'

To which not even Pox could deal with any longer. He was more than disturbed about it, that she would even propose or make such marks. It went too far now and he wanted her to stop talking. With every second that passing feeling like the mark of the hour, every damn single time and after every sentence she spoke, his mind crossed that threshold where he wanted to strangle and murder her in cold blood. But that quickly wanted and by now it would be premeditated. And she recalled other things, like women did. Way too many times, she couldn't stop it. Talking and talking about the most meaningless matters a creature like her could yapp about. It was horrowing, it was blasphemous, allowing a female to talk.

Most horrible of diseases stemmed from her and the pain he had to go through after listening to the recollections of what she went through to get here and what she was on about.

'I was a slave, I had been put in a barrel, they wanted me dead, I'll tell you and I cannot help it. But I feel so much pain now, I was freed you know? You wouldn't understand how horrible I was treated.'

Yapp, yapp, yapp, he could see it in her eyes. She was not human in a sense, cut around the skull, she wasted not a second more to recall. He was dared. Pox, beware. He took a step back, took out his railer and shot her between her eyes, watching how she slowly faded. It was mostly earned. Diseased with many pearls and beads of blood that carried on to create Crete, the entire island in the form of a disease that became her body as it opened, split and reconnected joints. Of course he thought of it as nothing less than what it was, hard-earned and less than likened. Much more that it would be addressed there, both him and Pox felt nothing about this story whatsoever.

The Snake thought about it for a moment. He would, wouldn't he?'

'I think she deserved it, for daring to back-track her way like that.'

'But listen here, The Snake, she still has a brother out there, unless he's somewhat dead. Don't you think he'll try finding her and enact revenge upon me?'

'Maybe he will, but can you trust yourself not to fall for it?'

'What do you mean?'

'I mean what if she had no brother and what if she made that entire story up only to mess with you, my friend?'

Consider this, for me, at least. You need to sleep on it and think for the longest hour in your life. And listen carefully because this part is incredibly important and you might miss it unless you pay enough attention.

We have to be careful here, as well because I seriously, in all honesty as there's honor between thieves, that she's only lied to you.'

'Like every woman does.'

Pox was mightily proud of the last statement. Even aroused by some means, and if there was something in this world, it was his unaware mind which made everything better. Being much and well versed into all the intonations and the damned feelings that crushed his taking, he took the soles out. He looked around the place. The ground was shaking. Someone was coming.

One of the slaves had arrived; the human-braided brain of his changed until he had become a flask of crystal-like surfaces which made it easier for the flies to cross the path and mess around their newly found hive. Something was extremely immature, or puerile about this creature. Downright insolent as well, collecting the pieces of scalp that were buried by the wild man-dogs that had been done eating the bodies of the natives.

It was dangerous being around them for too long. Both Pox and the Snake were weary of it, as much as time would allow them. A wrong turn and everything would be done for. As much as they wanted a reprise, it could be done. He was becoming violent. Too violent to be contained, he shook violently, his skin bumped itself and waddled up and down as if some people, some prisoners were shoved inside of him, unable to be released by any means. And they could be seen from the popping tartar of hellish blots that kept draining themselves out of him at time.

He was spotted with disappearing holes that would be seen for seconds before going away, like manifestations of portals that pushed the clots away. As they hardened, soon they started appearing in the air, holding inside of them only the smallest beating hearts. About each one there was a small extensions of a cord-like umbilical knot that soon started feeding and cradling them like children of their own. The beast, this particular beast was mesmerised by the written messages he found on the scalps. Someone had taken the time to write and they did write a lot. Like a maddened person who couldn't even hope to handle what went through his mind. He looked sickishly in awe. Like a sheep, wool had become his skin as soon as it could be seen by either of them that it had become something close or nearing barbed wire. And from inside of him, his chest exposed, a ribcage that wasn't organic started producing tunes and wild intonations that could not be held to the unaware and untrained ear with any hope that he might recognise it.

They avoided one another and couldn't fathom trying to father each other. For another one of the slaves came near. Some reason here, some reason there and no one knew why they stopped working. It was a still, a union which was unearned. How could they stop working? They were dumb, mindless, lazy by nature, yet this behaviour had been instilled in them. It made no sense otherwise that they would become so tirelessly moronic. It brought shame even to those who watched.

Pox's skin was warm but It crawled about the place one he realised that there was no saying he could get in.

'A schizophrenic rabble, that's what they're reading.

I've tried going through one of those writings but I failed. It's all nonsense I tell you.'

'Yet they're there, reading it, aren't they?

Of course they are, that's why I wouldn't cross them.'

And what could they do about the place? It wasn't likely that they would cross themselves or run away. They were aware of the danger and what came with it so far. There was no specific force that made them do the things they wanted to. No specific action that might be taken either, only this thing.

'Can we focus on it for more than a few seconds?'

No more scenes than that. They went through the rabble without the slightest danger being around. It felt like they were trying each other's nerves out but they couldn't pinpoint the reason for it.

What could they be doing there?

It was just a slight idea so far, but what if they actually knew or what if they could make out what the schizophrenic babble actually meant to them? It could be a secret message which was supposed to be carried from one slave to another, which meant they were actually intelligent. And that was nothing to be jested about. Just as a mere thought, if they somehow developed their own language and if they were the ones that planted those pieces of scalp-lust, in that case it could not be denied that they had a share in everything which went wrong into the world.

They could be the oratories, the one that planted the roots that made everyone mad.

‘I saw it, before.’

But not even Pox wanted to say it out loud because what it implied. Just as a mere thought, he knew that planting evil people and the bodies of scoundrels would make everyone on the planet progressively viler. If there was something and some way to get rid of the degeneracy, of the violence and everything even solely related to it, you had to burn it. You had to completely erase and purify it, and then spread the ashes until they became naught, for even then the violence would spread, but at that level it could at least be manageable.

And he had also managed to find something about them. They were an uncanny race of experimental archetypes that were unlike any kind of genetically imbued servant that this world had ever seen. Somehow they had been created as a mockery of the darks in the likes of their bodies, but their brains were that of some specifically selected from filthy apes. Despite the clear difference, in which the apes had clearly shown greater intellect, this worked for a greater deal of time. Until this had been revealed. The news of the dire being only the fact that they brought them down. Before anything could be said, or more of it observed, both Pox and the Snake turned their railer and took them down. Two long shots broke and smoked their small brains and from the looks of it, as they popped out, the small men inside of their cortex finally stopped shaking and died off.

‘What a disturbing thing, isn’t it? Wouldn’t you consider something like this as being a shameful loss?’

‘I would most definitely think of it this way. Say, I think I remember a day and a time when we lived better, don’t you? Have you ever considered that we had a better life out there?’

Long before we stepped on the property around the Residence, and long before we met the master of the house. I seem to think the same thing and I cannot help it any longer but weep every single time a memory of home pops in.

My dear Pox, I’ve never felt this before and I think it’s a stronger emotion that not even you could generate in all of your hatred for them.’

‘It is great, isn’t it? As I said, as much as I’d like hunting all of the slaves down, nothing compares to hitting a woman. The knuckle and the back of my hand, making contact time after time on a field of dead women, you couldn’t fathom what’s going on through my mind now.

There’s this release in my chest and in my mind. It’s justice I tell you, a reaction to what’s been happening around the world lately. I think that’s the reason I joined the gang in the first place. I simply couldn’t take it any longer. And every time it happened, a part of me died in the most irresponsible manner. I could not fathom going on for too long, you know?’

‘Of course Pox, of course, I think you’re truly lost, even though you’re my friend. My reasons were slim and meaningless, I only joined to have some fun.

Now I’d like to return one day, knowing that there’s a warm home waiting for me, a woman and a child as well. But what of you Pox?

You say you’ve degenerated enough to hate them in all their wild and mad incarnation. I cannot help but look down on you with pity and contempt. I know you shouldn’t be that way, but unfortunately I cannot

change you. Just as I cannot change them, poor things; I know this because, after looking at myself and reflecting upon my every action, I have failed in many regards.

Perhaps I would've ended up just like you, but instead I chose to turn my back and look towards a darker path to exploit my emotions.'

The Snake enjoyed bear-biting. More so, he liked pinning various species of snakes against cats and dogs in a show of strength which could not be helped, since it did him way too great a pleasure now, striking at them while they were down. Never helping it, even though he liked pushing it down their throats, which was his second factor.

After the animals were down, or after they were hurt enough, he simply lay down with them, the same a man and a woman would. Of all the gang, he was the mildest one as well. Since this all happened outside the boundaries of decency, and just about the town, no one knew what he was doing, not even his wife or child. It went on for too long now. He wasn't bothered by it. This was likened in the various inklights that had been pressed around his body. The Snake was marked.'

'Will we get rid of the bodies then? '

'No, observe.'

Taking a few steps back, he shot a single bolt that made a tiny explosion in one of their heads. A giant human imploded and formed out of their bodies instead. That should conceal and strike the deal as nothing more than an accident since both of them had actually went through a mad process known as reciprocal symbiosis. Since he was a new-born, it would take too long for him to realise what was going on. Both of them were safe that way, no one would know what's wrong or what happened when they had been out of their way.

A shot of penicillin later and they were back in.

'I suppose we should head towards that underground resort and meet this brother the woman was talking off.'

'You don't say a thing like that without being prepared. Do you have any idea how armed he could be?'

'Should it actually matter, Pox? We've been through much worse and from the looks and the feels of it, this is only going to get much worse than it. So you'd better prepare for it.'

Henceforth, their belief in the Constition faded. For every set of mark and work, for every passage, amendment was just about the place. It was a deception, a rule of cut fingers. They bloated themselves with a disease and walked like conjoined twins, too close to one another, towards the resort.

And in it, things got worse.

How could time pass so wildly outside? Why, there a dinner out there which served an empty table each day at the same hour. Why was that? There was a reason in itself, for which the maidens were tested and least of all, was it expected for every second to be checked. As every now and then, everyone would miss it. But the food and the served drinks would simply dissapear without giving in a single light that would

be shed. The moths had almost passed there, yet seconds in the ground didn't matter. Everything went so much slower down and by the time the last order was carried, one of the people present would die.

But who would make the first move?

Carpent was old, he was misunderstood, he was morose and a drunk by now. His drinking buddy, the Satyr could not satiate his fear of knowledge, and he had catalogued every kind of booze and plunder they received. Why was it that what they had received was so tasty?

'We call this drink a Dina.'

Hours of torture flashed into the barman's mind. He only allowed a single smile to pass his lips and the dry cold drink erupted in the wild. It was not as disgusting as it seemed. His problems had yet to take form in one way or another. In other words, as Pox managed to put it twenty years forth in only a few seconds, he hit it. He hit the spark, he lit the matches and no one cared about some lost bar, where something happened and they drew their skulls open on the rims of the silverware. Most of which were very much fake and imitation. And they'd be damned if they knew a thing. Ribbiting, about the place, they were disgusting and lost to a pair of familiar faces that were focused on.

He was still pumped with so much rage, he was so deranged and no creature could even compare to it. Such an amount of pain couldn't be contained no longer and Pox was looking around only to see the grow fatter.

'Lower your railer, I think it's safe.'

Despite there being no explosion or no heat loss around, they were there, appearing out of nowhere with no amount of repercussion being held. On one side of the wall, his hatred and this passion emerged. It was a wild representation of some wife-beater, him, if he had been born in an alternate world where everything was allowed. He punched that creature and made sure to leave as many pumping holes as there could be, even knowing that from every single one of them, instead of blood, or the sand that was in the frame of the mine, there would be babies. His children, his bastards and those he had not fathered in a while. Embarrassed by it, he looked down.

Unable to be judged by his action and longer, he simply stepped in and started kicking her as well. As if it hadn't been earned enough, this was a somewhat sterile action. It was well earned. It made him feel so well, releasing so much dopamine in his diseased brain. Pox felt satisfied, more so than any woman could do it for him once in a while. As he kicked and punched her, a smile arose. He continued doing it with the help of the other creature as more fists rose from it, spike and wose, some of them no longer resembling arms. And it felt so satisfying hurting them, with every blow molding her into a more deformed caricature which only devolved into something that could not even resemble a human being. She felt so nasty, the woman only degenerated into a pile of unrecognizable forms and shapes that added to her nature. Then she begged, becoming a puddle that united with her children as well. All of them had been trapped, becoming spiked, as they filled themselves with thorns. In need of such protection and satisfaction as the likes of which could never be expanded upon. Looking around now he meant it.

Pox tried, for a moment to impact a child, but even then, as wild and as mad of a disgusting creature as she were, strangely, she protected her young. It was shocking as he stumbled back.

‘Proud of yourself now? Are you finally going to stop it? At this point, I can see why you’ve been driven away even from the gang.’

‘Shut your mouth, both of us ended up here for no other reason than being in the wrong spot at the wrong point in time, from a Residence to another, from the loss and into the gutter in a span of hours if not days.

If it weren’t for you, I think I might’ve culled it sooner.’

He called upon some weakness he held. An addiction that remained with him despite the passing and release of hormones that haunted him until this point, which brought this to The Snake. He searched his backpack, only for a short while, and whilst doing so he found it. A few needles he carried around with him. Most of them were somewhat obscured and forgettable, forged and lost, after a while. But it was important to note that this was no normal substance, or at least it couldn’t have been so. Instead, they appeared to have come from a lost, long, winged creature, who had suffered of some blot-clots. All of them were stuck inside the syringes, but they were still injectable. They would do for now. He was watched, he knew it.

‘Here, have your fun.’

It was distracting, nauseating, how everything continued after the first shot. This was godly, it was taken for granted, everything he’d seen around.

‘I’m a murderer, I’m an assassin, am I not?’

Startled by it, he began laughing as wildly as he could. There were some many other things he’d like to share with this little man but he knew he could only let him take out however he wanted and whenever he was into to. They were deceived by it, or only him.

‘Right on you are, my dear criminal, my good killer, train for the rows and the cutting of toes.’

He kept cackling but he was ignorant in the manner. So many things were happening there, which he could not explain. It felt as if he had been in the mind of a distant, ancient ancestor, or some ultimately obscured parallel being he couldn’t point his finger towards. Various fins could be seen in the walls. Some of them were pools, where the shark-beings, or the human-like fisheries where they produced pearl-eyes started drowning. A drought could be predicted, in a few generations that wouldn’t even be forlorn. For each moment that carried after, they were aware, after a second wind went at home. A disciple enacted one ritual with a lost God, one of the scum ones that wouldn’t even be preserved at that.

Looking around this mess, it was much easier to determine what was going on and who’d be impressed by such inflammatory things. So many dirt spots, in this meeting, under the spot of candles, some may know the kin.

It was one of them. A hooded figure with an inanimate-looking head on top of his real one, old and reddened to the face, as he shrunk at the sight. He was joined by others similar to him. It looked like, for all the purposes in the world, he was alone here, with little left to him to do. Less than that to be sure, it seemed all nastily caught in a web.

He still made sure he would hit the first thing he saw. If his weird senses beat around the right spot, he'd see her. She had to be around, he could feel the perfume.

One of the hooded figures raised an ancient hand.

'That will have to wait for now, do you hear? I can sense your spirit and I know you're not from around the place. I know you came here for a purpose but for now we shall count on you, being without a face of your own.'

As it struck them as perilous and bizarre, how the weirdness of his mouth switched between that of the man and that of the small figure instead. It went through phases, switching minds, they lacked in knowledge and pushed around. A scum of features, better known as they ebbed around the ceiling had been thorn apart by his will alone.

Thence, the strange occultists, looked around. They were out there, like stamps, displaying large canines that would have to do it for now. With every pace and every wonder, their rage grew stronger until they stood agape. It couldn't be contained no longer, hence the meaning, then the contract and the next thing was said.

'You shall follow these instructions and search for this man. Listen you scum-man, you need to do something for one. You need to listen to these clear instructions and kill.'

'A woman.'

What were the chances? He couldn't hold the joy again. Either him or any other, they would feel his insides and the chest expand around again.

'Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy!'

Pox almost shouted out of his lungs. With so much of his pain and rage being expelled, he could finally rest and press abound. He finally felt less exposed. And less than that, he decided he would do what he was told. Walk across the river, where you'll find out standing mule. A clear description of the man was given, with his fifty lumps, the hunchback emerged, pairs of eighteen arms for every lump and every hump that came from his back, standing on a trunk that looked as malnourished as the skeleton of a giant cobra, only that it was forked in part like a tongue. He was crested as well, with what seemed to be totems, which were his bone, some of which resembled little men that grew on his back and spoke when he wasn't home.

But home referred to nothing else but the absence of his mind, which happened ever so lately that his similar fits of rage stroke Pox's heart, as he recognised the creature as being something of the kin. Both of them were unable to control their whims and the rage they felt. And both knew better than to seek love out of someone who might not understand them. It was part of their world and the wool their brains were sacked into. It could not be likened to anyone else, the blaster manner.

'And look out when he speaks, his jaw is made out of four triangles. I know it's hard to envision, how they move and expand until they look like spheres or convex cutlasses, but his head needs to open in order for him to pull out the communicator organ.'

It seeked nothing else but a retreat when it's not used, for it's too deranged to be used any other way.'

Voice boxes, all of them inside of it, the rubbery thing, this flaccid phallic object looked like a giant cannon that's been completely wrecked and fractioned, until it released everything inside of itself, pulling inside the body a few of the lumps. Some would grow and others would appear on this organic communicator of his, until the point when the arms appeared on top of it. And only then would it speak. Later, the laughter could be heard and dealt with.

But for now, he was approached by Pox. He saw it happen and he didn't shy away from the looks of what might be the worst creature in existence. No matter of his hate, he saw a sight that would leave him agape. Though they were in some peculiar woods, in a strange valley, after a strange meeting with a sect, he saw something smeared on some rocks. Not far from where they met. It was the marks of some of them, which he had used. Their kind of bleeding was different than his. He was so satisfied by it. Not only by the sight, but by the creature and what it had done; we truly are alike. Pox thought.

'And now, you're the one they sent this time around.

You're to receive the next set of instructions in order to reach the princess and drag her away.'

'Wait, am I not to kill her?'

To which, even The Snake was startled, by what his companion peered at. For someone who was into a strangely concocted vision, he stood his ground and managed to follow him just rightly enough. Why, he was there. That was not good.

The Snake looked at Pox's fingertips and the soles of his feet. He had phased a bit out of this world, to the point where he had almost been merged with the vision and the strange attire was worn.

'I don't think I should've done this. You're going to be taken out of this world if this act continues.'

He considered the danger for a moment here. It was well earned and pushed about. He couldn't do it, but he had to know where they would be taken by the strange substance. And what kind of man would he be if he had left his friend out there, all by himself?

As crude as he was, there was the wild danger of him doing too much damage on his own. Knowing that the ladies would have it worse, he took a shot himself. They were doing something unnatural as this now, switching dimensions, carrying themselves over. A perdition into each direction could only make their filth escape.

We brought this on ourselves, he thought. Thence they went out of the spine of the cave and out there, where he appeared he satiated no hunger as well as he behaved.

'Do I truly need to spare her now?'

'Unfortunately, we need her alive. This is why I suppose they had ripped out your mind and your soul, look at yourself for now, your brain for example.

It's manifesting in the new one, never stopping the growth. Do you have any idea how damaging this is?'

But he couldn't fathom looking around or searching for more. It was too much to take and less than he could do it.

Again, he came out of nowhere.

'Someone's coming.'

Surely he wouldn't care. But they both got defensive immediately before either of them could look away. It wasn't meant to be, the strange embded wonder they shared between themselves. Farther than it had been projected, he wondered what this meeting was about.

'Pox, it's me, The Snake. Tell your friend to lower, whatever that is.'

He wasn't in the least shook off by the strange apperance. But his frustration clearly showed. Both of them, it was sick. He saw the stones. Pox grinned, he knew it. He got his rocks off by looking at it. Thinking of what went through his head. So many times, he was aware of. He knew that there were plenty of times he could've spared himself of this sight. What was worse, could be the fact that his mind took it in every wrong direction. As much as it would have to be avoided, he simply could not help it any longer. His actions were condemnable, but the wilder part of his brain forced him to continue think, what the butchered Pox was. Sickly done, he projected himself as the creature, using all those appendages on an entire village filled with Amazonian beauties only time could spare.

There sights to be held that would shock the masters. And those of them who made it through would drag themselves away even from the bastards.

Even in the days where they had been in the gang, Rock-us would never be as violent as they had become when they were around. And there were better and there were worse days. This had been the latter.

'Fare that way and let us continue in that case, if you know him. An extra pair of hands would do especially since she needs to be gotten a hold of.'

'And what will I be given in return then?'

What a disgusting face he had. Both of them as a matter of fact were becoming molds. After matter, the latter happened, but only an assassin came on the other side, whilst the other had been just a variety of villagers, the old sages, a pair of animals, some extradimensional bloodless creatures, the paganistic winged tormented souls and other guts that scrambled in as the journey from the two dimensions drew on. Of course neither of them survived, and only the assassin could be seen going there, wondering about the mine. He had no way of knowing of the implosions or of the meaning the strange concotions withheld from him. It was strange how he did not question anything, nor would he be gotten away, no matter what they said.

It pained him to drag it after a while and he would pity no one but himself. Sapped of his vitality, the remorse needlessly ended. After a shorter vile, he fended off the strangers and went into each and whatever direction.

'Will you stop worrying about it? As long as I'm with Pox, I'll make sure not a single finger on her hand will be hurt. You have my word.'

‘So be it. But consider this, say, if there’s a chance, the slightest if a shimmer at that, by any chance, by which you may come to harm her or cut off her guts, know that there would be no problem if you found an exact replacement for her.

You needn’t worry for whichever may her look be as long as you cut and slice and make it be the likes of a victim such as hers.’

It was an interesting proposal, to say the least. And they had no accommodated not a single second for what this destiny fortold. They feared dragging it for too long now. Some weird paranoia if there was something either to him or to them. It was their loss, going down the road, paranoid that he might follow them somehow.

‘I think the way back is clear.’

So much so they could handle. But not a second spent. Don’t look out of the way, that way they might not peer at what was happening in one of the distant bushes of wax. It wasn’t either of their deals, henceforth they couldn’t do it out of spite.

Long there be since then, when a blow to the unnatural epips was dealt in anger. Some watched the passing, others ignored it. But some ingots of faces could be thrown around and they’d be seen. Slicing and battering as they were carried on, it seemed. There was only a single way of knowing and finding out, fiddling with everything around their minds. Poor servants and lousy as they were, they overcompensated their madness through some delirious things they did instead. Leaping from side to side, they tried doing something differently this time. It was the only way they could inflict some pain, less deranged at that, if there was something that contained their blood and luster, it was the sudden evolution which spared no man of the land.

Even the assassins had fallen under it though it would not be felt until the eighty fifth generation instead. Spoken like the truth, they mattered, counted less than it should be told. Soon enough, they showed themselves after and refused to go away. Pox was first to consider it gone, not a single whim given at that. It was plain. How they appeared to crawl. But they appeared to look like men who leaped out of a tower in order to extend one of their arms and catch a falling breasted child, heaving just one hand as they were frozen in that strange position they would spend the rest of their lives in. That had been their peril, that had been their lives. Struck by this curse, they had something which stood out. Tiny legs around their bodies, going as far as to be present underneath their arm pits. They looked like tiny beads like single scorpion claws which worked together in order to carry him as far as might be done. Worse would be the way they dwelled in and the strangeness of their act.

After they approached they quickly surrounded the two and asked about what might be held. What they were there for and why neither of them spoke of the land.

I wish I could tell them. Or so they said, for every minute or so they made it feel as if they held a single thought alive. Better to lose it than get out of sight.

Both of them remained in a state of shock, constantly looking with little hope of them noticing. It was something he’s done, that’s what must’ve aroused them. A quick shroud taken only a few minutes or so

ago, but Pox had pissed in a vase. Then he emptied it around and that aroused them all before the face of the land.

‘We ask for a gut.’

Hence he pulled a single one out and threw it around them. Most of the creatures laughed before their many legs started stretching until they were akin to that of giants. It was a forest of shadows which changed the entirety of all the plain animals and the various growths that spread around. No shroud would do and neither would know better. Fearful of what happened there, no one asked and none the better. It couldn’t have been clearer that they wanted to sweep everything under the shrug.

They ate what they could in the air and appeared to have caused both of their heads to pop in a tiny pox-puddle of blood that dissipated immediately before they could be gotten off.

‘I suppose you could hear my proposal now.’

‘What did you inject in us?’

‘Nothing Pox, just a few clots and some chemicals that weren’t supposed to work, at least I hope they haven’t. Unless I did some irreversible damage, in which case.’

He hoped that wouldn’t last. There was no way of checking it after all, with all the thoughts in the world being uncanny. He had spared no needle-rack, nor many, fewer, bonds around the throat. Spoken before the disaster happened, they culled the days and moved on. Contrary to each and the passing, they took the time to measure the ground. It was fine, after a while, trying to dig out the scalps. But, it was a given, they were engrossed in it, the plaque around the brain was settled into a smoking pan.

It was time to eat. Two eggs, perfectly cracked and mine-bacon they pulled from the pig inside the wall boarding. It took some time to gut him evenly and perfectly, at least in a way which would be acceptable. And there was little, if anything could be drawn from it that they cared about what happened there.

‘I wish we spent more time here. Say, The Snake, who do you think she was? Royalty must be so different than what we’re used to.’

‘That’s a good question, isn’t it, Pox? It’s not something I would normally expect from you. But I suppose it’s something I could wrap my head around, if I happened to take another shot. Say, If I were to go around and walk through the forest and through a palace or wherever she may be.

With everything I’ve seen so far, I would imagine she would be somewhat tall and pale and, I don’t know. Some.’

‘Wait, how do you know about her? You appeared out of nowhere after all.’

He smiled a little. He was there for a long time. He heard something from the babble. And he even whispered something of his own. It was unclear whether or not whatever happened there was an illusion or the maddening rabble his mind had created while the man kept whispering in his ear. It was all so, it was all too convenient, for them to all of the sudden avoid using force.

‘You tried tricking me, haven’t you?’

‘To be fair about it, Pox, you were out of your mind. Honestly, you snapped right in front of me. If I weren’t as sure as I was about your sudden urges, about your self control, I fear that dear old me would’ve simply died off. Without a single thing said.’

As someone who was weary of danger, he had to make sure that first and foremost, nothing would happen. And the more they stood there, in the tunnels, the more pathetic it came to be. Both of them were tired now. Yet they wearied themselves over even more than it should’ve been acceptable. It was a pitiful existence, they knew it, yet there was nothing stopping them from taking a bad route, a turn around, clearly indebted.

A purgatory awaited, to the lesser, his mind was gone.

So many dreams of nasty puckors strolled about his mind. Uncannily drawing them near and deeper to the point in reality where a bid broke, ye the few entered through the throng.

‘I need you both to be quiet now.’

Out of the solid he came, phasing through, unmoving like an inanimate quip that couldn’t move its rotating head. With every wonder there came another. Twenty of them came in like, never daring to shake themselves off to the point where one might step too far to the left or too far to the right. Bodies were similar, but heads different with each belonging to a different man. Reminiscent of the twelve, the imitations were like these. One head belonged to Clothnham, the others to Sinclair, Jard, Sargent, Pyott, Everett, Katherine, Jorgmund, Call, Sour, Crane and Prude, but they were not set in right. Foremost of the uncanny, they were not right in the neck region, the throat being taken in every possible direction and blown. In a piece of wonder they looked like they prevented their bodies from being bloated and inflated only for a short period of time. It was uncanny and disturbing but they made sure no one knew what happened to them.

As each had many bars that had impaled them, holding them together, bearing as many holes as windpipes would hold, never taking it out, the better the merrier. Least of all they guided them.

‘More noise means we would have to equalize everything, in which case.’

The boixterous approach faded. It went over their heads. It was a deranged activity they had partaken in. For the benefit of the slaves, they lifted themselves to show each leg which stretched into the body of a struggling slage, who was conjoyed at his feet.

‘They need to be repaired by us after each breaking. In order to do that, we need you to be as quiet as possible. Would you simply do that?’

Could we count on you not to make any disturbance whatsoever? After all, I suppose it isn’t unfair, or so would it be, to ask that of you.

It’s way too clear that both of you are at fault, if not the cause of this disturbance.’

As vile as it sounded, they couldn’t get away of duck under the shame. A wall saying could say it better. Hence, either of them, in whichever order, as it didn’t matter who did it picked up a scalp and read from it, or at least they tried.

‘Damn it, this isn’t a message, it’s a map.’

‘Pox, you imbecile, don’t throw that away. That might actually be useful for. Right, I’ll keep it quiet.’

He mimicked the word, unaware whether or not he got it. For the same reason it was understandable, he picked the right moment in time to ask again.

‘What does it say?’

The creature went back into its place. Now they would keep the quietest they had ever managed to. And that had been something to look back and admire.

‘I see we reached an understanding.’

Though little was said so far. It was pleasant getting it out, just then, for once, his body spoke the anger his mouth would not mutter. That was just a thought Pox had, while not, to take away from what he had with her. The Snake didn’t want to admit it either, as he recalled his previous encounters with Hestia. They stood like drunks after all. A flame reflected in their eyes, whatever happened, they only missed their bottles of his cup of wine. It was through nights like those that he beat her, again and again. It had something to do with the anger he constantly felt and she happened to be the closest to him when it happened.

‘That felt.’

Almost a slip there. He smiled at Pox. It almost felt too good. They shared a smoke eighteen feet under. It went just as expected after a while, keeping the quiet they said. He couldn’t tell him though. Either way, he could not admit to the man that he held, somewhat to a certain point similar values. Whatever the fact might be, that was a doorway to some unwanted truths and desire, some flaying he had no intention of recollecting.

‘Say, Pox, think we’ll find something down there?’

That brother of the dame you killed, think he’s going to be mad?’

Pox was silent. There was only one thing that seemed to be solid in his mind. He hadn’t considered it a murder as much as he saw it as an accident or some kind of sacrifice that was completely justified in his eyes. Whatever role had crossed him mind, he wagered that no one would approach him yet, not as long as he kept to himself or kept around me. Both of us liften the brow, it was part of the mind shaft that tended to go around and curve in the wrong place. It was filthy and filled with mixed-mines or various diameters. For the same reason we came here, we couldn’t be aware of what went on around or beyond the shaft, in the walls or into the various meters that went and swam through the mudd.

A shark-tear, shaped with the help of its hammer head, hampered the ceiling. A piece of it dropped, revealing its young as tiny puddles began dropping and spreading around the place. Inside each of them, at least from what could be looked back to it, various head-tracks appeared, sliding in and out of existence. Through those almost smoking red pops, which shot out of the water and began heating as they dissappeared, the face of an almost ghoulish man could be seen. From the bottom of his chin another face, similar to his but smaller, rounded and more convex. In it there was one eye that stood out because it had

been projected to the point where it had grown long enough to be his forearm. From there, various nerves pushed in and out, like a rod of stagnation. It dripped constantly with a liquid puckor that drowned his bobbling head. Something kept him inside, preventing him from leaving as there was no happiness in the symbol of hedonistic urge that overcame him.

Various times, stranger lime-winds pushed the smoke away. It was, soon enough, lost to them, since they could not deal with the intrusion.

That night he came through the ranks.

While pushing through the various tunnels that appeared at various, close to being invisible spots their eyes averted their sight from, there was one entry, one in the area in the west which looked almost docilely plain. There was a door, a wall, a carpet and even a bell-ring outside which was strangely drawn out through a rail that pushed out of a giant key-hole. Other mechanisms appeared to be near it, but they all shot in wild directions that appeared to have nothing to do with what was going on. Too fearful of doing something either of them might come to regret, they chose to stay their arms and go one at a time.

‘I see there’s only one way through.’

‘Would you mind being the first one to check the room, Pox? I’m desperately afraid that something might happen to me now.’

Since, I suppose it would be fair to admit this to you, especially now.

I believe I’m truly cursed, in all possible sense, and without a question about it, I think there’s nothing I could do, if I were to try, to prevent my demise if I checked that door.’

‘What are you on about?’

‘My death, dear Pox, it could come at any moment, it could draw near when I least expect it, and to that I couldn’t bother to get myself through that door.’

‘But what of my safety? Am I the least important of the two of us? Should I expect to be thrown around and used at every dangerous corner?’

‘Of course not, I wouldn’t dare make use of you if that were the case and the circumstances were right.

This is something I simply have no control over, my dear Pox, henceforth, you’re to make the first step and leap inside instead of me. It’s something you ought to do, without a doubt and without a question.’

Hence the first attempt to open the door came. He was something of a devil in the mind. It was not right how some twists came to be inside the room, as they succumbed, both of them, as time followed, to the most bastardly sight they could wrap themselves around, a camp-fire, close to it, a burning of the room that would not spread from leaping on every counter top and every man who had been burned alive.

‘We’re late.’

Said by the Snake in the waking of a vile hour, no changes were shown to their expressions. They walked through it, acquiring first, second and eight degree burns all around their bodies, taking their railers out as they showed no attempt to reconcile with the fate.

‘Quiet now, I want to listen to the fire burning.’

It was a constant, trying to seethe inside, as the kettle of skin created various plump faces that only spoke. Like a virulently lucid dream, it came to them then. They spoke in parts, lazily, as if they could be heard just once.

‘Search for us, it’s beating to the hour, make your claim as soon as you can and don’t return to the tower.’

‘What do you want?’

‘Form a band and make your claim, you ought to do it before they remain.’

In place, of the matter, destroyed after a laughter, it would only be the right thing, finding it before it sank into the letter-trick. Another envelope of blood into the fire.

‘What do you want of us now? Can’t you see that we’re minding ourselves now that we have nowhere else to be?’

‘Silence, there needs to be silence, in the concrete blocks, the stone and the frames, the pillars that hold everything from falling onto you.’

As from the walls they came again, all of them lined in the veil of a ford, cowardly trying something of their own, without a disability of leprosy. Some of the walls became just that. And as the lepper-walls began enclosing, the fires stopped burning, become largely encompassed by the same illness, slowly drawing onto them. As blank sheet of human beings, they could not fathom doing this to anyone, anymore than it was needed, through the satisfaction that was being taken away, and pushed on.

‘Make two rights and open it through, you should see him.’

Deadly, as if gone through and through, he had lost his feathers and he had died. Of the grace of Clot, he was still alive, much diseased and formerly his own. Siskelot, the champion drew on.

‘I shall join you, no matter what this means, as I found no worthy suitor there, no Carrion and no pleasing sight. I was taken by the disease of the mind that had taken hold of me.’

He swelled, like a morbidly tainted creature, of which bones started drawing in all the meat and all the fat inside of them, leaving opened pucks, spread around evenly around the body, yet distantly crossed. It was through this disquite that they wondered at the pain. What had this mad creature done to itself and what would it say?

‘We accept your condition, to our admiration, I see only one thing. What have you done to yourself?’

‘I have killed the two guards, and I had dragged them around the corner, taking my time to draw in their blood and guts and push them inside.’

‘How did you do it?’

Pox showed only the slightest compressive honesty as he drew forth. He wanted to know more even if some things didn’t make sense.

‘See through the past, uncannily drought about the corners of the grant citadels the Carrions formed. As high and mighty as they were, beware of their wings and of the decay, for that had been, before, as one would carry, only undecidedly the most morose symbols that could not be seen as worthy of the malady I sang.

They grew cocky as they turned and looked about the rise and spread. But this infection only made them detest the sun, and look about without daring to question what happened.

And as they turned, and lay in quiet, as they underestimated me for all they decided to, I have turned the sprouted, my belly opened and from above, I sprayed with needles and with disease. From my insides, the pleasing destruction, that decay pushed through their backs and through their eyes as soon as they had turned their gazes back on me.

Mercy, mercy, yet they said, for all the mockery and the attempt to force me to know my place, I had shown none. Meeting their blows, one for one as they weakened and I took their blood, I drew it out and ate their throat before they would land the slightest blow that would turn them back on.’

Whence it happened, thence they failed, slumpering around the ground as they fell. It was decided, way before the taking. It was slow and quiet, how every operation should go. There were failed attempted and the marrow being taken from the low mead and their internals, before he got on his feet and walked away.

‘Be weary of what I say now, for Clot had looked upon the vileness and on the destruction, he had given me insight.

I know what happened inside the giant Carrions and how their abortions had been given life. An unatural act could not be corrected be another and those who would be given birth could not stammer after.’

He feared to say, that there was another creature down there, which had been projected on his mind, the sound-foam could not be denied. Nor could it be fought against, nor taken by the lodge of his puckor instead. He feared a transition of dead-dead, living through the mild mounds of mild-dew. He drew through the gate and closed it, being so near them that they could draw nothing from what he seemed to be.

‘I wish you knew what I’m talking about. I wish you saw that I was shown about the place. Then and only then would you understand something about the fragility of the mind, it cannot be preserved, that one will not be standing there and cower forever.’

In the image of his own admissal sight, the machines attached to him turned off, and he had finally got up. But to this destruction of the lower-zone, they couldn’t fathom drawing on.

Some Carrions gathered around the door which lead to the attic. By now, it looked the part, skin-walls and the insides.

‘Stop him, don’t get him get out of there, block it, stammer, and use as many barricades as possible, place the skin-covelts and the giant water-barrels and the tiny tower and keep him blocked.’

A pump of blow could be heard from the other side, he was a titan that could not be fought under no circumstance whatsoever. There was too much power in his fists, he was too heavy, too tall and the force he produced was unncanily unmatched. A terrible, terrible thing drew on, a terror unlike no other as he broke through the door and revealed no emotion, only a slight dettachment from what happened to him prior to his coming to power.

It felt right, as he drew on and grabbed the first Carrion he got his hands on. With his grip being swollen, he only held the top of his forehead on as he started adding just enough pressure to crush. Desperately he fought, despite the decay happening all around them. Other Carrions tried joining him, but they failed as one of them suddenly began disintegrating by chance after his body could not take the disease any longer.

Despite the common neurotic defomity that could be seen as being reflected through the insides of the outwardly layered skull, the effect was finite and instant. As the pressure advanced through Rga, his brain began atrophying in a black powder before spreading through the rest of the body. A spong had come out of the various maldors his knuckles had excavated out of him.

Then came the immediate prowess.

Were they of another world?

‘I sometimes come to think that way. We’re never given any emotion, or something to work on. They’re all expecting us to keep our mouths shut and pretend nothing has ever happened while we were here.’

‘And what do you want then?’

‘Snap out of it Pox, snap out of It already, we have work to do now.’

‘I concur, now I shall join you if you’re so inclined.’

‘So be it, stranger, but, just so you know, we’re the ones calling the shots, understood? Don’t step out of the line unless you want to have you face smashed in.’

That much was settled, at least for what was worth. Neither of them would make much noise now, especially since they were in it for something more than getting their rocks kicked off. It was enough to set it off for one day, at least that’s how it worked. At the end of their work, their roots were swollen and they had allowed this Siskelot to come with them.

Pox drew near, he inspected the fellow, as soon as it was decided, they would not even get away or enact anything else than what had been their, a vision if anything, of despair.

‘Don’t worry, the fire will harm all of us if we spent too much time in it. Think you’d wager bet off against it?’

‘I couldn’t. Let’s go before we all burn.’

There was the desperation and the quiet. Soon after, they missed it before pushing on. Various tools were present in the mine shaft which prevented them from even coming close to suffering from more burns. It was all skin-deep after all, it couldn't be felt nor taken to the worth of the yelling that soon emerged.

'That's our thicket there, I think we all know where to go, shall we then?'

'Of course, when you're as tired as I am, when there's nothing we could do without, we should search for someone sane in the head to fix what's going on.'

'You're a sharp one, Siskelot.'

As he presented himself, names exchanged, hence the titles as well as everything else, he picked up where they had been tracking, only the most important trails alive. Here and there and just about the world, they shimmered with the least important thing, about it. Heat and flames had purged their deranged minds and now, all was too clear. Soon enough they explained everything which he had missed and with the piss on an eye, he took it upon himself to aid them. Slay the brother and free the curse his sister may have called upon his family line, or much worse, make sure there would be no survivor there. That must've been the call of Clot, he who only searched the lot. It was clear, it was near, past the farthest point they feared something might happen if they acted too rash.

'If anything, I think neither of you are as bad as I thought you'd be.'

Thence he had promised he would help them no matter the call and regardless of where they'd be. For now they went through the gates and went through the underground advent. Here and there, much abandoned, least of all, pushed, surrounded by giants, or parts of them which were being used to feed as many masses as there were possible. Without being able to control anything that went around, there was this instinctive fear they would, least of all be able to control. It was innate and it struck then. Inside some of the giga-maniac creatures, where their bodies had been carved so deeply that the mark of a strong fist could be seen inside one of them, which had only proceeded to create a chamber for the centurions that were set in, waited a looker. He had been tall, eighteen legged, arms that had become only extensions which liquified in the legs and the many faced of lost men, creatures and those who had been betrayed in the last. Prude was within them, but he would not be recognised, amongst which there was also the strange being known as Ogoth, who had another projection of his head which erected itself in the same was a deep sea angler fish would, with the bulb only growing to show the twin-strikes. Which they themselves were masses that attempted to replicate various sharp angled torsoe-like pupae, insect-like toes and many humanoid forms that appeared to have been miniaturized to the most uncanny nature. But they themselves did not look fully humanoid, or insect-like, instead they changed in color, appeared darker and sprouted eyes that moved to this moment. Out of all the dead heads and the figures in this one stalkish body, most of them appeared to be dead. Even Tom, and the boy named Oliver, the rotten face of a creature named Yyork and the peculiarness of Agamemnon who was there, grinning and laughing inaudible tunes.

He called on them there.

'Come near, I have some knowledge to impart on you.'

'And what would that be?'

The boldest of the three of them asked. It was, if anyone, Siskleot, who couldn't help it any longer but consider himself something else, someone else other than the tool of Clot. He chose to face the figure and asked it, what to rot?

'In what sense do you think you might help us? You've been stuck here for how long now?'

'That is neither your concern nor should it be your fear? I near a time and an age where my boredom will comply with the eternal will to destroy everything when I will have become death.

I've come to look upon the pettiness of the world and of the various races that sprout around the place and I have come to a conclusion. It is their time and their end which needs to be spoken to. On which cordiality and on which ends, the conditions should be told as well and when it happens.'

'You'll kill us all, won't you?'

'Pox, what are you doing?'

'No, no, no, listen. I don't know why but I can feel It, you know? What he's trying to say now. I doubt either of us has the power to stop you.'

'Intelligent being, but part of the knowledge that floats inside your minds comes from me and no one else, don't forget that, in part. You're influenced by me now, Pox, as long as you're close to me.'

He could sense the fear coming into him, just then, like the bird of destruction, made of mucus and the soles of innards struck in. For far too long had it pained him about the world, seeing it spin without disgrace. And pain could only tatter and murder.

They appeared out there, as he recreated the rooms. It was dark after all so neither of them could strike themselves down, for the scuffle appeared.

'We're in the residence.'

The Snake observed, with a minor alteration as well since the corpse appeared there for no reason at all. And the machines became even closer to being known, the strike and the mourning devices, large cylinders pumping in his back. Most of the other tubes and the carbon-fillings started fattening him about the spot. He had been of another disease just then. Clocked with the devices, an immaterial time-dwelling machine which drew on from his giant stomach, now retorted.

'Now that I have brought you here, I want you to take a look outside.'

For a moment there, he opened a wall, breaking through it just enough for a clear view to be made in the room. The three of them covered their eyes just in time to avoid the initial blinding light which pushed in. After the initial dousing of the day, they approached and saw a bump which had crushed the wall around the second residence, all of which conveyed the second hole. Another entry into the mourning of the battle, trashing after, the leviathan could be seen. Even if so vaguely, even though it was remotely there, and out there as well, as it could not be explained by no means, they seated themselves and waited for no interaction. It was damning, how they heard the fractioning of the ceiling, which still fell. But from where they stood, there was no barring, no telling who was down there.

‘Why are we shown this?’

‘It’s meant to show itself as a sign. I know what you’ve heard and what you might think about.’

‘You’re paranoid.’

Said Pox but the other two did not understand what they were talking about. For far too long had he wondered, with everything going around here, just what he wanted. And why he wanted to have it then.

‘It’s the Liver-kettle, I know you’re all after it.

I must say, that I myself have just found out. And though we all know of it now, I must make sure that neither Agamemnon, nor Agamemnon, nor Agamemnon gets it before I.

And I shall not have any primitive being make progress upon discovering it before I could lay my claws and infest the world in disturbing guts. I need it, for what Is worth.’

But then he dared not speak of the other. The dead-lamb, for what its likes could do and travel. It was a mystery to it as well, for all the power in the world could not take from it, or the knowledge. He was destined, he was shallow, he could not concentrate any longer or pry in, to the hollows in skin. Parts of those were missing. Out of every minute spent there, forming a speech he might impress them with, they still looked mightily confused.

‘No matter, for here what might be done.

Since you are mine and as my children or my servants, or being out of fear of destruction, I swear that I shall have you all taken and destroyed. Neither of you will escape unless you follow my ploy.’

So far it was as it said, without too much given in or out of it then. Fear and the mind faded, thence he wasted no second law of thermodynamics on the foul, taking them back, bringing them to the dark. Thence the lambs were set forth. The entity dissappeared but somehow remained for much longer than it was needed for them to set on.

‘I suppose we have no option but to carry on as if naught happened.’

‘Then so be it, unless we partake into it, something will die.’

The peculiar thing was that they found themselves down there, coming at a time where the opportunity was almost missed, and it hadn’t even been what it appeared, it wasn’t clear, they missed the shattering of the brain. It could not be conveyed by no emotion and no unfathomable class. But as they entered der underground local’, they found everyone present there confused.

The Satyr and Carpent were the first to notice.

Liorotha and Charlan were there in awe.

Joyburn and Scaffle were just as ready for a fist-a-cuff, with the exception that they could not fathom looking around. A rain of bodies, everyone inside was dead. Even the one serving, the waiter and the dogs, the creatures and the cretin brains. But the greatest lost was that of all the slaves inside the barrels,

who could not fathom looking out of place. They had been kept for too long inside and appeared to have suffocated instead of prying into the joy.

‘What do you strangers want?’

There was a voice which did not belong to any of the people present inside the place.

Siskelot had dragged himself in, with Pox and the Snake looking at what appeared to have been a wasteland instead the local’s repertoire. No decency appeared to strike at them and they could not wonder any least. Less than it should be known, they were tired of asking the wrong questions.

Carpent got up, finally, he satiated his strange, yet peculiar desire to drink. Most of them realised how dangerous everyone in the room was. First of all, Joyburn and Scaffle had taken a hold of their firearms, as the two of them picked up on their railers.

The Satyr stood in his place. Charlan had no face, it seemed. He fell just like the others.

‘That one in the back out there, how did he die?’

‘He tried poisoning us, but apparently he messed up the drinking, poisoning himself instead.’

But that was a lie. It appeared that from the other end, from the point where the light extended, which was the offshot where people would be allowed to come, there came the flood out of. It spread and it could not be culled. Least of all the quiet told of something worse.

‘I see, I see, there’s a flood.’

He thought, wildly in the past. Scum had entered and soon enough he had died, as he drowned himself on purpose, making it so that the closest of kin inside this local died with him. No shame and no quiet, no yapping, only the disquiet would be pronounced.

Degenerate façade

Thence cried Agamemnus as they urged the spears to push through the thorn, with all the spears wreathing in and culling the wild forms that erupted out of it. At the other end, where they started creamating the skin, forming their weird skin-bubbles at the process ended. The advent of the turn, the flattening of the universe stopped as they came to the realisation that the Agamemnons had devoured its back, the body being impaled by them as soon as the spears started pushing through from afar.

A leeway of souls ended, neither of them uncanny or morose. It couldn’t be determined there, but they have failed. It broke, something in it almost leaped and choked out there, in a way it wasn’t supposed to. By the looks of it and how it started, the entirety of its sability faded and it was not just because its spears, who had acted closer to syringes, pushing the filth through it without the realisation that it had infringed upon its muck. Its filth only being deranged, leaping out madly as it tried drawing everything away or

pushing it inside. All that matter, organic and inorganic started mixing until it could not be taken any longer. Such a filth-mixing thing it had been, there, in a time during which there was no shame. They grew like living lights, meat that took the form of flames in search for the ice. And the ice had curbed out there, in space, the faces were filled with warmth starting to leak in.

For fealty was treason, and theirs was space, and the faces of Agamemnon started flaking away as they each got a piece of the throne, eating and cutting, spreading and blotting everything that could even remotely come to sight. And they grew, to each end they grew their extra faced, blotched towers, sprangs and twings, and lepper wings and each of them delighted into eating and infecting the world that attempted to get out. From that flat space, from which they carried themselves out, moons and stars, comets and satellites could only lay, could not convey and little bit could they say. What the ether and the vasteness of filaments would matter. What the devouring of teeth would result in if they turned upon them when the space grew fatter.

‘Woe and behold, the thorn is ours, no fight could be as yet forlorn.’

It was a pitiful victory from which they got little more than could be expected. Darkly embeded in the mind, they sickened the world again as they alighted the birth of countless other generations that might soon follow. No marches would wallow and they could see, the destiny of the world was soon to be filled and rimmed in filth.

‘Lo, there, the throne is ours, but who do we hear there?’

The Grub did not follow. For he had been aware of what was happening out there in space, he who had supplied them with the means, he who had watched the spears had been afraid, unlikely to look back again at what was happening there. It was inconsistent with what trap, whatever had brought its mind back and the filth which filled every possible access point in life, they ended.

‘We have to bring in the new, we have to possess another body before they track us down and press.’

Into his body, he heard Dour wallow through. They both came to a humanoid, who had barely found out what was going through, or what was about to happen out. It was a mere agony, a missing sound, least to be determined by the traitors, most of them sitting inside the abandoned station, with no matter of feeling, yet the more morose they felt.

‘I think we may not have much time now, they seem to have progressed too far. I think there’s little I can do now, with my body being fattened, blotched and ready to burst out.’

‘We have to continue, there’s another thing I need to see here.’

‘Ah, I see.’

Grub looked at Dour. He’s been through so many changed as peculiar as he looked. It was hard to believe that he was the same creature as he had been there. Let alone anything even close to a human, yet. He could also not fathom what happened in space, as the victory was short-lived and too quick and something was on its way. From the looks and the likes, something horrible came to the sight of mind. It was them, and theirs alone was the strongest desire, the filth they had acquired in glory could not be stopped. In

mountains they droned around and formed stars of their own, or similar structures that were brought with nothing more than their malignant woes. Faces like theirs could not bother anyone.

‘We’ll have to settle down with this then.’

He spoke to Grub. He was fat and tall and appeared to have finally been freed, like the giant inflated pale caterpillar creature he was. It was decided long before he took the chance that they would have to see for themselves. Who had survived of the original entity which had been him? Who could tell them if not.

‘The unit, that should’ve survived. I have no doubt he’s still somewhere around here in hiding or doing whatever who knows what.’

He pointed at that. Most seats were empty, not a single glass broken or cleared. A long time ago, from what he remembered, if he was the mind, if he was either of them, of the heads or the bodies, regardless of that. He still had the recollections of what happened here, even though they had been humbly, or somewhat queerly forgotten in the long journey that went through him. For what he had seen and remembered was this, so far, violent creatures bearing giant scissors, which had only missed him by chance and by the placement of his spot and his mind in this peculiar world. Otherwise he knew nought of what awaited him. Plain and simple as it were, they were vultures outside the station, waiting to get him.

‘Did you hear that?’

‘The sound of long-winds, I think. Something broke through the outer shell I suppose and for that I cannot actually think of a better way to look back to it.’

‘Isn’t it dangerous, I mean, there being a hole in the station. ‘

‘Not as long as you stay in. I feel like there’s more to it than either of us is being allowed to know or care for.’

He proposed they continued their journey. It was as much as they knew or cared to expect. Going by the minutes or by the glances from the varied in the stacked amount of bodies which filled the gaps between the gas-bricks. There was no structural stability around the holding frames. But what replaced the oil in the walls was It, the scatterings of lost men. Those who had been fed and those who died upon the release of the growing pluckor of corpses that could not be taken away any longer, in this they found solace, yet nought could be done about it. Spoken in silence, most would not believe what they spoke in there, especially since their minds were so closely preserved inside their thin veils. No such thing would remain for long. Briths sounded as they came in, shattered as the skin tunnels started moving in and out, disregarding the complete formation of the entirety of the structure they resided in while none of them were around. Drones came out, or so were the new races called. Most of them were beaten in the head and replicas, kept around. As soon as they came out, their skin started tanning out of the head. It made them more violent as it embded the desire to do harm upon one another for no other reason than the fact, they seemed mildly rabid in mind and wanted to murder because of the scum foliage which turned their skin that way. Satisfied so far, they started munching, breaking in some of the stone as if this way a quarry. On top of them, from around the walls, the skin-tunnels started dropping some of the osmosis-infested bloated creature, damned that they were, some of them breaking through. Deeper through some of their twisted cord-spines, more and more of them began battering the ill-ness that was being spread. Two

anchored death man stood like canopy fields. The sight of green didn't come from them but from the dragging liquorish bath they started producing around them. And none of that could be gotten back, as they whipped and crack their spines all over away, in a desire to call him there. He wasn't going to answer it any longer. No word in the matter and no way lay there for him to get a word in. Some pulled out their eyes immediately since there was no way, there was no pain. Nothing which could refrain them from hearing it so loudly. There was no final destination, no attirion so far. After you watched them for long enough they were no human any longer. Not to downplay this place for what it was, a prison which was matched and falling over itself. Decaying as various palpations of the beating hearts in the structure went out of their way, swaying the fall. It was inevitable, henceforth, they had their fun. Since there was no one to be trapped around, it all went to shambles, a place that was being destroyed, a synopsis for the paranoid and those who weren't well in the head. Some had scoured the heat, others had plastified their feet until none looked well apart. It was even, but accepted, their face ended above the jaw and flattened in the long pinnacle of coffin-shaped thin plates they bore. From above the tunnel, more and more of the decayed fell. Some were even the citizens who used to carry on with them, those, those unnatural and the destroyed, the fillament, sharp-tubed, impaled. And after them some foremen came as well, at least a good dozen on them, with the hound-like creatures that spat their guts out. Some were to be carried even farther, as there was no pain to be instilled on others. Lo and farther, the Carrions arrived, and they saw this building cut in half. Those who went farther in, who closed and listened, and wallowed through the unnecessary grith found themselves greeted by a sad sight. It simply wasn't right, seeing it this way. But they would not approach, they wouldn't feel nor dare say anything about their repellant attitude, for what could be more worth than it? Judging by the pain coming out of those slits, it was well deserved, none said a word. Some looked away, each other's worths. Bodies were carried away for a reason, the fall looked like a candle that was running out of wax. From it, unable, they stopped.

'You need to kill him during his schedule, do you hear?

No excuses now, cross the street and between the eyes. There's no other direction after that. Do what you're told and don't look back.'

He did that, for some time now, he had become accustomed to loading and unloading his revolvers. Two on each side, hidden underneath the pocket cloth, but that was, so far, incontestable. He missed an eye, but not because it had been slwoyl pulled out but because it migrated a few inches below the cheek bone.

It was the utmost degrading, pitiful to look at beneath the cowl of the bowl-heads that followed him around. They were running past the hour now, but therere was no counter to decide, it placated the brow into the piss-surrounding. He would wage a gun to his temple and count the second, one in the barrel, missed.

Jason would live for now. Looking down on it, the gun grinned, but that wasn't part of its original pattern or the design. It looked that way because his face crawled off the front of his skull, contorting itself around the shaft and the trigger. At the same time, his very bone had extended so far as to become part of the rifle mechanism that entered his spine.

There were a lot of things he should've been scanning the place for.

His lower jaw pastified in his canine teeth. He walked like a cripple as one of his legs split in half, with a fourth one being made out of the broken tooth-bone.

‘Am I being lied to?’

He asked, without daring to wait another second and see what’s wrong. Were there women around him? Nay, they were gone, a lot of them only gravitated towards each other in the closest place they’d be. Drunks and left around swollen ceiling patterns in the flat-pointed treebarn. It pushed and protruded out of yellow dogs, small, like miniature puddles of star-foam. And they ran around their own tails, eating parts of the ground, choking on the sound of old majestic tunes from German army. They invaded, blooming as they took over the city.

Scum like Arson flowed in and out. He followed Jason around, provding him bullets from time to time, and nastily drawing in big dots from the ground, trying to scower through his gun. He wasted none and told him. Wars were won but something traveled in their atmosphere. IT was the first sing of the supreme breaking of the thorn.

Large bombs had been frozen in the air and held inside of them the planets of the winners. Those who had been given birth by Agamemnus wasted no time to spread the news of his supreme victory and the blasted thing that happened after. It was destiny, in its scum, to look around the place and see them now. For what they held in there could not be satisfied by anyone or counted upon. Dark, as it was inisde, they grinned at the fight, the one that ensued, after the insides were perturbed.

Instead of praying and soon after, they had encountered something worse, something viler, that thunder of skin that never defiled.

He, the Lapplander in the skye alone, the head of the unity, the facility which he had gotten after his kin devoured the necromancer and his servants, through an act of parasitic congruity, he earned one strike and a well earned time alone. As the comets drew near, they feared nothing as their heads erupted, starting to pop in pieces, out of fear, they all cowered in disgust. For far too many had become aware of the event and of the sight of him spreading to no ends.

Agamemnon, he, of all, had started, conflating his skin, enacting his body from within the worst possible sights. His grip upon reality had not faded a second more, through this elemental gore that had become his cage. Deranged as he was, he would influence them all instead. As Agamemnus’s whisper only traveled so far, had the Lapp realised that its mind was gone. Unable to reproduce or to face such a pitiful thing, they both gave in to the disease that had been the dance and the swoon, never to have been forbidden and lest of all, pushed through the innards, he called.

‘My children, my creations of scum-towers had come to a fruitless turn. You need be gone out of your way and destroy.’

There was no pity and no sympathy that would be given any longer. Only this could be stood against, and no decision could be as deranged as this way. In the time they had spent trying to push through, they finally released themselves from the effect he had produced and leaped into space. Through the worlds and into the pity, never to see the magnificence he had displayed, not to look at him again in the puckor and extensions.

He had trifled with reality and slowly it began fading, ever in the endeavour of the breaking. Least of all, they would be known. Least of pity, be it piety. In fading times, the thrine of cattle, the mass of scum-bottles had amassed. Dark though their bodies were, they couldn't help it any less than they could be aware. Some pushed out of human-kind and seemed to bear only the eyes of their formerly blinding lives. And as they erupted from the enigmatic races, they shouted from their bodies, which bore no faces:

‘Agamemnon finally descended in his mountain, to his core. He had prepared himself to get through and devour the world.’

It was a shout of magnificence, and one of dream. None could attain no mark and none might direct themselves back to the beating belt of skin that faded. Many strips being pushed afar. IT was the magnitude of skin-power and the muscle mass which pushed them into the ground, to fading into yellow pus, to the gas that spread from their insides. From various trees, as from the forest, dark, they spread their gases and numbed the skulls, the strength of men and everyone else.

Far and father, never to be called, they could not fathom living anymore.

Courageous, as he was, only then had he managed to wake up from the slumber and push himself into it before he could paint the sun. He yelled at once, to him and many, to less and plenty, had he wondered where they were.

‘Where is Squire and where is Prude?

For I am in need of them and they should near my sight as they ought and should.’

So much power from the pressing, never tiring had it become. But only when he laid in quiet waiting had he realised that nothing was as it should be, as far as he knew, whoever the mad landlord was, he could not fathom drawing away from destiny of taking, least of all, entranced. By the magnificence of praying, he had found some faith at last.

‘Chivalry, you said you had been called.’

But he could not fathom waiting or even trailing his own quietness from what was going on. As they stared and turned, they managed to see another island falling out of nowhere on its own. It could not be fathomed that such a thing would happen or that they would be made to look. Out of what went on, they were no longer entranced and could not fathom trying it again, as far as they had looked.

‘There, another piece of land is falling. Out of the pit, a pair of castles are once again lost.’

‘What would the reason for it be then?’

‘I say, my lord, that the lands are cursed, all and with and within, plenty rubble and destined bricks, the constructions and everything else that pushed through cannot stand still on a whim. I say, look ahead with caution and you shall find out for yourself.’

He had advanced once again and had come to lost it, with or without the blink of an eye. The dye of man, the uncanny land and everything that cursed the blandness of the mockery, none could see who watched them as it writhed in agony. Like a leashed fiend, a better blind puckor of misery, he waited. A knight that

had been defended and covered only in anchoring masses of scum-muscle, never to be called to answer for the crimes he had gone to make.

Deeper in the ground as well, a force of many buried bodies enabled their rebirth inside the tress, the cattle of rubble which formed in blindling awe of those who prayed as well for the ones that hid inside the dell. Those who had become rivers and those who had become gaseous, prayed. To a single king of green air, to a yellow and an orange, white as well, the steam, the smoke and the remnants of many others who mixed into the ones he told to be the one solid. Split in many king-like nautres, he called upon the distant stars as he wagered.

‘I am only here for you, my dear king of all. Master who resisted the urge of killing the infants embroidered in the planet you have been buried with, instead of your own kind.’

He weeped with false drops of acid that could not even fathom themselves as water and moved on from the spot, never to retreat at that, a power unlike anything that even wagered itself.

It was simply a mystery how it survived for so long without any trace of humanity laying around him. For someone like him, this was merely a jest of the kin. He couldn’t look away, regardless of what went around in his head. Many a choice was limited because he was struck there, in the head. Armed on the side-walk, cars stopped in traffick, without the least of a conviction to spare. Jason was an offshot of the species, in so-far looking like some trick of a puddle, lost in thought as well. He was a hick that carried a green axe that melted through his skin, giving him a wild complexion from which not even he could get away from. So much power was being generated from inside of him that soon he would himself flimsily gnawing at his wrist to keep himself awake.

‘I had a mad dream once, one as if you would not believe. I think I was there on their bridge, in their court of gibberish. And they spoke to me in tongues, trying to convince me of something that’s not real.

Then I heard.’

At this Arson started prying in closer to the man. He was in need of a hearing aid since the old one had been completely incinerated from one of the accidents that shot him. He only wanted to help, but it never ended up like he intended.

‘They spoke of the dead lamb. They found out about it now.’

For some reason, both of them had immediately become uncomfortable, even to this point where they couldn’t help the strange engulfance that had overcome them. What was it about the lamb that couldn’t strike them and how had they managed to see?

Far, in-between the Lapp, the one that fell before Agamemnus. His mind infested, to which, detested, no words could make up for the loss. It was even and eventful for both of them to know it then. But they had been overcome by a moronic incision which in turn gave him access to the primitive race. A sub-human grace allowed him to see, there, in the distance, on top of the chain, where his mind had arked a single bolt that connected their minds together, always wondering, how and whence. Never to ask again of the perturbing turbulence of glances, or of the madness which continued after.

‘I see that I’m in need to search.’

Jason told Arson as soon as he remembered what Agamemnon communicated of the sight. Ignoring the degenerate images that flashed with him and those in the court, he saw the most important aspect. He saw them, stranded on their way, surrounded even by the gaze.

And the Dumnescunses, Seyokos, Pauls and Funskes spread, from the bottom of the barrel, in a short patch of land, taken as part of the disgrace they felt while looking around, thence he wondered what they might do. Soon enough, he could see it how he wanted to get inside the cattle-prayer, watching them stand still. No one knew when he'd appear or when the gates turned out of fear, as they were living yet they held, a single morbid light of meat that prevented them from opening to anyone who came through the sides. A vile thing, or better to pass it by.

The gatekeeper announced unwearily.

'Whence shall I go back and forth and how may I be able to call upon you and make it so you know my worth.'

Then only eight words could still be heard. How they remained thrown and out in space, their bodies stacked upon frozen dirt-like produced meat-surfaces, whence they never could get out of. '

'Why are you telling me all of this?'

'It's important, this is why I'm telling you it.'

But before he could come up with a great reason or any kind of explanation that would suffice, his mind confused him with someone who would die to take off and stay alive. Whenever they'd look apart or try taking it hard to brawn, they stopped to reconsider where they were going, father in, through one of the buildings they began pushing through. It was the least amount of pain they suffered.

'I know where we must go.'

Arson knew best, as what to say and when to do it, no matter how odd or out of place it had been. As distracting and as in-between he felt the ailment urge him to stop. After picking up a bottle of the nearest inflammable solvent, he spilled it on the floor as he tripped, it entered his eyes, promoting the flames to pop out and make him bend himself on a whim, of sadness and depression, tears unearned. Farther than that, near the street, way, or as far away from the bar, whence the progeny lay, there was also poor Anthony. Of everyone in town, to which he carried on a whim of the round wheels, he wanted this. A semi-normal wife, someone he could share his life with no matter what the canter said, whatever told him and whichever side came next.

'Lorraine, I need you to do something for me now.'

'What?'

Lorraine was sipping on her coffee. Compared to the other days, she was much calmer, least of all she couldn't have been the least, if anything, ashamed of what she'd done. He thought about leaving her but couldn't. It went on about for years.

'Can we have a normal conversation for once.'

It was indigent, trying but failing to light one of the pot-rocks. That was a bad habit she picked up from someone.

Anthony marked the hour, looked at his watch, then turned around to check on her again. The way in which the house was structured lay a great view of the outdoors, far away from the over encompassing view of the suburban area the city had to offer, leaving her with a sight of the Memory park Square. Between the kitchen and the rest of the house there was a fake-wall.

‘Shall we run along where we hear the clutter? I see no point in making the through the shatter of stones and bow down to the many epics of forlorn knights. Our plants are pitiful, but only as the land allows us to spread the heat.’

Here he could not focus any longer, he was mild, in the head, he couldn’t concentrate. He lived a few streets away from the old man.

Most importantly, he was overcome by lust, it couldn’t matter. There were days where he couldn’t stop it, and chase them around the days and span of lays. All around the village-town, unable to contain his desire any longer, he called to the Dotton. It was their commune was called. For a simple reason they had prayed for someone nearing a contribution, pleading for him poor soul. With all the faces floating in the air, he felt euphoric now, since he couldn’t tell, out of his psychosis, what went on. But the feeling contrasted that false reality and what was going on around him. She had to be somewhere near, she had to hide somewhere around.

A woman, he fancied a lot, her name was Jane Luster. He could not take his mind away, nor pray for the thoughts to go. As his muse, the lady, the pleasant dame, he tried pursuing her with parched lips and broken hips, the coming of days. Out there, she felt used, for all the talk of town and all the sights went to. No the slightest shame to her display, she could not control what went through her body or her head.

‘Good morning.’

Jane would cheer during the night, when the time was right, never to ask for more. But most of all, poor Bind could not look around for any other woman than her. Fair skinned, a beauty of her age, a haughty looker he couldn’t convey the prize, looming around a bitter demise. As they all knew it would approach.

Nonetheless, to fathom confessing to a woman like her would take everything away from him, even the slightest hint, or that which would not exist. The hint that she was interested, the desire that he would stop fantasizing day through and day out, even through the stormy night, a fleet which could not take him away, as he desired her more and more throughout her stay. Most vengeful, he spent too much time thinking of her feet, the arch through which it curved, no flatness but no remorse, for he had thought of licking and of scraping. Most decidedly, he would be taking her around his home, an even in the most disgusting places such as the outdoors where his urges couldn’t even fathom controlling themselves any longer because of the prowess she instilled in him.

A lioness that went through taverns, and plenty quiet after dark. Could it be, was it decided? Was the fact, actually enacted? Some reason might’ve been, for her whoring herself after those who treated her like dirt in a sink of dead birds and bipeds which made everything fall. Despite what common sense fortold him, he couldn’t help but want her once, even as destructive as it was, seeing her around.

‘Good morning, miss Luster. Would you mind telling me where might I find, oh but what was I thinking about?’

‘Did something happen?’

‘Of course it hasn’t, my dear girl, of course, my memory is only not what it’s been in too long a time, you see?’

I seem to be still dwelling in the days of my youth, but for some reason.

May you sit down with me for a while?’

‘Why of course I will.’

It was cowardly, just staring. He wanted to grasp in some more and take something that wasn’t his, a peep or something, more and more until she finally undressed.

‘The seeds, that’s it, wouldn’t say that we should start planting some trees around?’

‘I think.’

‘That’s interesting, Jane, but I cannot wait any longer, I need to ask you something. A favor.’

‘Oh, if I could.’

‘Yes, you may be of service of me if you don’t mind me asking something as personal as this. But you see, I’m not exactly a man just yet. As young as I look and plain clothes, you may not get this out of me any other time.

But that’s the point, isn’t it? As messy as this might turn, I want to take something out of you.’

Even if everyone was watching and a few Agamemnons were latching on and turning to the scenes, they knew what was going on and in some way, this almost felt human-like. That and the fact that they would see fit to kidnap her and make some more. One for each of them instilled, even if there was no need. To replicate the feeling of being human, now that there were no children to look after, it could either go through some or either, each way. No human would there be to judge any of them. And as hedonistic and degenerate as they were, this was the perfect opportunity for it, as well.

‘I think.’

‘Right, and I can understand where you’re coming from, especially since I know I’m not exactly the most experienced man there is, but at the same time, isn’t that the point of it?’

I mean, we all have to start somewhere, don’t we? And, miss Jane, Luster, if you don’t mind me saying, I had my eyes on your for a while.’

Even now, poor man was shaking. This Jane was robust, a hourglass but thinner, she was full and her chest never sagged. Nicely shaped, rounded, the face of a saint, but a body and mind bred for whoredom. It was sagacious, thinking of it this way. But he couldn’t fathom holding it any longer, for everything a

man was worth and everything which went through his mind, he wanted to have her. No shame, absolutely no shame in his mind. When she was distracted, he would peek at her, from the wrongest angles. Certain signs seemed to make her uncomfortable but he was never good at picking signs.

‘My dear lady, but I haven’t even presented myself, have I? My name is Dotton, exactly like the town. You wouldn’t mind telling me now.’

But how could he concentrate with her pushing through his face. It was not intended, yet it happened. So many things would happen, even if she had no clue. What he would do to her would turn the scabies of lust into tiny hoops that cast themselves in blood. Days were better, even since, they would be so, if only had he tried.

‘Will you follow me into my quarters?’

This was no invitation, there’d be no intervention, nor any kind of escape. He pushed her into a corner and did as he pleased with her as soon as the door was closed behind their backs, the maze. The maze had swollen, and there was not a single way out. Looking back at it now, this was a mistake she felt she would have no control after, nor would she be mad.

A frown on Jane, slowly she undressed. It wasn’t like she had a choice, it wasn’t like she outwardly, loudly and clearly protested.

It is perfect. As gorgeous as she is outside, this is what I wanted out of her now. A grin came on Dotton, he started wrapping his arms around her. Despite his lack of experience, which amounted to none, his perversion took over him. Too much time had passed. In some way she looked like a crying dolls, soft and touchy, and he moved on and felt all around. Thing was, he didn’t know what to do and what those feelings were. How to proceed and the confusion on his face as well, which had been gotten by the fact, that in the midst of it happening, he forgot about the most important part. Undressing, as much as it sounded the least intricate of things, he hadn’t done it immediately, instead, he took his time do get down and look from every angle, like an explorer.

Such a sight was disastrously unforgivable, for all who watched and what they felt, for him who was the main actor, for this play inside his den. It was the noise she made every time, with every repellant manner in which he started pushing in. He wanted to make something out of this, as shy as he was, Dotton did not shy way now.

‘Turn around, I need to undress now.’

He read on various mating rituals, those were enough. Despite the different species referenced in the manuals, some things did not fit, and he was bug-bit from looking around.

Some hands would fly and others could break and stretch. It was not unlike he had imagined at first, where he could break and form her in whichever way he wanted.

A few hours passed, finally he was released. Yet his mind was still as used as it was before, perhaps calmer than it ever was, with the only key difference being the fact that he felt no addition and no attraction to Jane.

Was this always as deranged looking as it were before? Through the glasses, there were longer homes and the sky seemed painted on top of a floor that was just as surreal. Everything fit like the pieces of a puzzle, or some escapade of paints that trembled after he made his first disquiet call.

‘But where have they all gone to?’

‘Why can’t I see what’s happening around me?’

‘Son, you’re a man, now, are you not? Here’s a pick, head down there, to my house and kill the beast before its young go on and breeds with my daughters.’

‘Will I stand a chance if I go near it? And what kind of beast is it?’

‘As a father to his son, have I not been dead for long enough for you to know that there’s no other reason for you to do something other than the fact that I have told you so?’

That was a reason, hence the pick. As tiny as it were, that meant he would have to come closer until he had picked up on the strangest days. Picked from the tumbling of nights, he conveyed little to no emotion, sleep was lost, but he was a man now, spiritually inclined. He who entered my childhood home will die this day.

Door opens, he’s in. A mess is spread across the first room, as everything is way too displaced for anything to happen or for him, stepped on it, spoken after a while. It was just as they would plead for it, a matter of time. After hearing the shrieks he came to the next floor to see them inside the drawers, like perfect cutouts that had been stored inside. And the fiend was there in all that moving molasses-like tar which appeared to move along and draw everything it could in it until it could not fathom any longer turning.

‘Let go of my sisters.’

But he could not fathom what carried on there, he did not understand that they were no longer of this world, nor would they represent what went on. Through each head and each swaying, the hatred only conveyed no use. It was a ceremoniously caught tremor, a blot of many other anchored creatures which resided into him. Each came out, carrying one of his sister’s heads in the back, trying to escape before they were caught, while the big one remained the same, still a moving mass with barely a few arms being distinguishable from the rest of its body.

One head still remained in the locker and that one would be preserved. Slowly the tar become lighter and from in, there was one need to breed them all, through a secret method, stored in plain wood. Out of the lower drawer, his children came, as wildly as they were.

‘Maddening fantasy, why must I dream of breeding? Why can’t it be helped?’

Then came one of the faces, pushing through the ceiling as their metamorphosis continued to make changes.

‘It is what humans want, isn’t it? We were the ones who placed it inside, we only wanted to see you lust and dream of more.’

‘All of you are sick, sick I wager. How could I fantasize about my own sisters that way? I, who have been young and bold, I who.’

Has committed an unspeakable act which could not peak nor reign his mind.

Tyvallan

‘His room is gigantic, you could fit the entire army of Tyan inside of it.’

‘Slow down Can, I can barely keep up with you.’

Past Slough came Alma, right in front of the room, underneath the boiler where she wasted no second until she joined her brother. Both of them took a moment to satiate their stay. It was a simple room filled with three beds, a few ottomans, plants and an open view to the open. Not a single helicopter-bird in sight, not a single valved pigeons that grows alive every time someone’s making noises. And it was pleasant being there for once.

‘Don’t get too comfortable, I don’t know how much we’re going to stay here for.’

‘Hey, look, Slough, I think you’d like this. Come on.’

‘Can, I’m trying to say something here, don’t.’

He seemed out of it. After the long journey through the pass this was the least he could do. People might hear them, but it was safe. Only a few more steps above them passed a few treasury stalls and the market-horses bringing in the giant gaits in their armoured black shrouds. The steps of the guardsmen and the mercenaries could he held aloft. Nobles and peasants cheered while they were down there into hiding, celebrating with the cherry-juice that had been packed for them.

‘Will you come already Slough? I said I’ve got something to show you.’

‘And what’s that?’

All three of them looked at what seemed to be one of the greatest pearls they had ever seen, taken from the bottom of the coral-sea, near the dreams of summer, where days paced about and never got lost. Where steps that missed the sand-traps were never ruminating past the gaze, but what could the pearl give them? Here, the only opportunity they had so far was this entry into their looks and shrouds.

Can wrapped his hands around it and started breathing in. He could see the farthest brims of the sea below, the ocean-floor where the fish speared into the long passes, just like humans into stagecoaches. Time was nearing by the looks of it. As plain as this room was, this was somewhat reminiscent of their younger days.

‘All right, keep playing with the pearl for a while. I think I’ll go ahead and, I’m going to be missing for a few hours, if you don’t mind.’

Can, may I trust you to take care of your sister while I'm gone?'

Alma was still enamoured with the pearl. But it wasn't like her to be too off the mark. She'd know what went on by the time he left the room. Which only left him wondering just what would happen to them in his absence, but he would be entrusted with it. He was all grown up. At least that's what he thought.

'Don't worry brother, you can count on me. I know you won't be dissapointed.'

'I know.'

I know. With a slight remark, Slough left. It was as much as he had hoped for, the slightest look of confirmation from her and he was off. Work was rough around the parts, so he heard. Especially when it came to finding out the right connections, since they never went out of their way to show what was happening there. He wanted more from the world, but settled with this now.

'Hey, you're Gunther, haven't we met at that old town fair some time ago?'

'Yes, twenty days, if I remember correctly at least. You wouldn't happen to have seen my son down the way here, have you?'

I sent him down the round just about the same time and, he has a tendency of going around and going whatever pleases him.'

'I don't think I have, Gunther. Has he not returned since there? Could it be that he's been lost along the way?'

'Oh, dear me, I certainly hope that didn't happen. My poor heart would not be able to take another blow to it since the death of the missus. I should not be speaking about it here, in the out.'

His throat had been cleared way too quickly. After turning around, I could definitely see the reason for it. There was someone watching, blunt of armor, quickly covered into nothing else but the fine ware he wore around his collar and around his chest. If there was something to be drawn about the man, it was the giant lace he carried around, which was as rusty as the rest of him now.

'Stay clear of him now, will you? Don't go near him if you can help it. He's called the Demon of Byr, be weary of him.'

Gunther went away as quickly as he was done talking about it. He was not supposed to do that, since that Demon of Byr had an eye on him.

'Wait, Gunter, what about your brother?'

Too late, it was one step too late before he made it back into his room. The hulk of the houseboat was shaking. Something much heavier than got through, whatever they were preparing for out there couldn't even get close to satisfactory, hence they continued. One of the giant briges, with the magnus heads and the giant gargoyles holding it in chains lowered down. And every shake, every beat of the wing and everything could be felt around it. They were clear on the shake and got way too close to comfort. It started spilling in from above them, without leaving much to the case.

‘We need to talk.’

Slough’s hand had been grabbed. Unfortunately it was anything but his weird companion, which left only the strangest thing alive to happen. It was the nymph from the woods, who followed him here. Although her skin was pale, her face was nowhere near as pure as it was before. Her journey down here roughened her. It was way too clear that she did not intent to show around.

‘Come with me immediately, I demand your presence in my room.’

‘What? You want me to do what?’

‘Grow up, and listen. I’ve been trailing you for a reason, and there’s that.’

‘Him? I’ve heard about him, but I doubt he’ll do anything to us.’

‘He will unless we.’

She had no idea what she was in for but that didn’t matter. They both took the first left and entered her room. It couldn’t have been it, but there was no endearing way to make a pass for it and for whatever reason they were stuck on in, on this strange day. Nothing seemed to be like it used to. Not since they moved in their barracks twenty feet further below.

It wasn’t going as planned any longer. Though they were drenched in anything but blood you could see it in their eyes. Most of them were bloodied with the dirt-flatter, a batterment of bodies clinging to them as their hands started going everywhere around them. Three drops, it only takes three drops to turn someone into them.

‘Have I not invited you into my grand castle, dear Draskssil? Have I not clothed you, given you wine and made something out of you when you have been lost for so long like a mutt, grasping for bone-straws on empty fields?’

Perhaps you need to be reminded of the hardship a lone man has to face by himself out there. Perhaps that’s the only way I might be able to put some damn sense into you. But tell me this at least, if you don’t even want me to give you the doubt of your bloodline, to even think you would not betray me, I want you to tell me this.

What do you see when you look down there?’

‘A ruin, my master, I see nothing but a ruin. Where there had been a castle, now there’s nought.’

‘Why do you think that is, Draskssil?’

‘I cannot fathom an answer for such a question, my dear master. I have only been by your side for how many years now? Twenty? Ten, perhaps less than that?’

‘And what would that tell you of either of us now?’

‘It would tell me that I have been loyal for a great deal of time. It would only say, come to think of it that I have tried, relentlessly, as much as it had ben in my power to aid you and never leave when the storms abound.’

‘What would the result of that be then? If not for the obvios thing, I have lost two sons instead of one. But only one of them had truly died, while the other stands along with I.

How could I deal living with my dead son in such a way?

Look at yourself Draskssil, you’re not the same man I have rescued from the streets, I couldn’t fathom trying to live with you for more than it is needed. And for that reason you shall forever outlive me and inherit a ruin that shall bask in the name of some low-born such as yourself with a blasted blood line that won’t even got to live past you.’

Instead of thinking of the better times, of the construction, and of the various holds, the villages and the forests that had been raised in his name, now the poor Duke’s name had been wrought to ruin. A pity to poor Duke Azolk, who had his servants flayed and left to be picked by the dark feathered vultures who were an off shot and a breed of the crows. It was they who spoke to him during the night. Perhaps somewhere around the highest chamber, where he couldn’t helpt it but open the window, that he found himself listening to their advice. Be it well or harmful, he wouldn’t tell anyone during the days where his court was filled with courtesans and jesters. No one to be filled with the awe of ages or be interested in hearing him spake.

‘And I will listen to you, my dear vulture, for I can see it, against your face. Though your skull might be that of your kin, I see that your face is that of a man I could trust. I may not inquire of how you came about the look, of which transgression you have been cursed to be this way, but know this.

Whatever your advice shall be, I shall stand and listen to it.’

He saw no better and no worse a way. Since too many men could not be trusted nowadays, this had been, as they said, and as they spoke of it today, the only manner of getting information. This unnatural creature had been a defector and somewhat of a scoundrel as well for those of its kin. But nowhere near, nor had he thought, that even in the wildest dream would he be anything even closely related to an informat. For they were a special kind of scum not even their own could deal with. Vile and viler as the outlandish room had become, he comitted to it and listened to what this vulture told him now.

He was bloodied around the beak. A part of his face was falling down and succumbing to the most disgusting looks that could be drawn. The more you looked at him, the harder it got to stare. The entirety of the world became him and he was only laughing instead of proceeding through its canines, that of porcelain.

‘I see now that you decided you ought to take my council, but know that there’s nothing in this world that might ever stop me from contacting my kin, my brothers and eating you before you even get a chance to riposte.

But since you have taken the time, this malignant idea of yours, might it not be wasted on the blind, I need be weary of nothing less and make you listen to me instead.

Walk not this path of yours or you shall find yourself resting on a pile of corpses and one of bones. It is as simple as a dark simile, out of which not even your kind might be able to draw out of.

This fair warning is both for you and them as well. Those who are watching you need not be repelled for the darker glass that is to come. As the eighteen winters, they shall arrive as well. None might be well unless you leave, and never come to return to the plains you have come to call your home.'

'And leave my property? Are you mad?'

For in his wonder, he had been overtaken by it, this fright of living just like them, to judge himself as nothing else. He would have no chance to live in the wild and those who waited him out there, he could only think of them as soon as he had taken his mind out of the gutter knowing. It would be more than disastrous, to look out of the way. Thence he was warned, and afterwards, it only got worse.

'There's another thing.'

The vulture spoke of, as much as he had been used to received news of the dire, this would take and gnaw at him before he could allow more servants to cross the murky attire.

'Lo across the land and hide, there's something which might be blind and blinder, for those of them who know. A few of them, short and stubby might find a way to get your sow.

Assassins are there, a nation on the hunt, you need be weary of them as well, as much as I could do well to see fini.'

He, the creature then disappeared out of the corner of the balcony before the entirety of it fell around the place. It was a disgraceful reminder that there was little to no hope to get away from in and no fealty could release the reins, the promise had still sat there in vein. This Duke, for he had basked in shadows knew little and could not set himself out there unprovoked. He could do nothing to get his kingdom back, nor was he less than more forlorn. He had been completely abandoned, if not, he had killed. On a whim, he walked around the gardens and knew nothing more than what he had left there when he had been but a child. In wonder, he created this place, glory to it, as it floated beyond any peculiarity that might hail and fall upon him.

Thence the beggars, all strung up. Some of them were nastily caught off guard or thrown around the place. It was more than a disgusting look on their rotten face and the disgrace that had been their lives. If he were livid back then, he would've shown them the meaning of pain in all its glory and the marks. For he had settled now.

'I shall rule this place, not latter not before but in this moment I shall create a cascade of blood out of the cradles and the crates around my storage.'

That would do, it should show everyone that he had still enough power over everyone, as much as he would do it by himself. It was decided then, after careful considerations, after stacking them together, they saw his effort and drew on. Some of the vultures brought young children ready for the sacrifice. Since he had not inquired and he hadn't even the slightest idea whether or not he wanted to know, only this happened so far. A babble here and one there, it didn't matter, who was here nor where. All that it did

so far was add to the puddle. But soon enough, it could grow and release into something to travel much farther.

‘This is what I want of you, since you’re on a hunt, you want me to release you from these strange bonds you found yourselves receding back into.’

‘Yes, sire, anything, say, state your command. We might be able to do it in the slim of a second when the vileness finally runs out.’

‘Bring me as many of them as you can and I shall allow you to rest in here by the time my last servant is dead.’

To which they accepted and dared not mutter or leave a crow. Drakssil had already bit one of the poisoned handles, breaking his jaw as it gravitated towards his gut, becoming nothing more and nothing other than some arched bow that was unnatural for the touch. Then he shot his skull through his ribcage, destroying himself in a matter of second before joining the pile of disgrace which had been his.

All that which had been ruined because of him joined the makins of the ruin. But the ruin didn’t matter. Nor what he had lost before, as there would be no compensation for the servants, let alone their families instead of what he produced here. He who had turned to faith was greeted by something of the making. Truly he was a lost spirit which could not embrace anything and nothing more, he was lost to his people and to his own servants.

‘Stop tormenting us.’

They said. For far too long had their sewages and their cities been drenched in the likes of their own children as they yelled.

‘You are not a Duke no longer, but the wretched evil which inhabits this world. You must suffer and be destroyed.’

But to the villagers that settled around him, who had prepared an army and got ready to take him down, this sight of a false cliff, looking from below, they knew fear when his chivarly arrived. Surrounding them in the days of the mad-danes, the vultures had been enslaved. Though it was unknown to them as well as they could see, he dragged all of them into a battle they held no ill content to be in. Vile he was and even more uncanny. Surrounding his castle, the black spreading forest coughed. Many of the men were unable to prevent the contamination that occurred from the brown, yellow, orange, green, violet and blue gasses that got released into the air.

No longer were the oaks green, for they had been colored by the decay of the gases as soon as they could grow wildly out of everything. They’ve been fed for far too long and now they grew with little to no remorse after that. IT was decided, that out of them, only ten men would be allowed to live. So far as they ran, most of them would be spared, instead of the tar which had been their bodies.

‘Go my first vulture.’

Though he was not a vulture any longer, by the looks of it, he had evolved. His spine contorted and became such as a disc would in the most unnatural form it could lay in. No wonder that the first contact

with a man would do it such harm. As soon as they established a physical touch, the man stepped back and threw another torch around.

‘Strike at it now!’

It reeled in and started fighting back. Not only would it not allow him to harm it, but he could do anything but spare the shroud he hid in, leaving out all the pain. He was mightily deranged after the second strike had landed in, the beak taking way too long to clean him of the skin. From the side he started foaming not only with blood but with a putrescence which encased his head like a mask. It leaped out like a cubical sphere, dragged out by a pair of feet, while the rest of his body lost about everything it had been fighting to store inside.

He opened himself up, wasting no second as he opened himself to another attack, as he was still standing. Despite everything he had taken, he was still not done and the others knew it, as the villagers pointed their pitchforks and small knives in a pitiful attempt to stamp him out.

Everyone turned on their neighbor. Without control, their brains stagnated in some kind of tumor-rage which forced them to kill him as strongly as they could before feeding themselves the pain of force. More than that, gas turned their insides, slowly, into puffs of bile and of vermin powders.

And the elated vulture crooks its body and chuckled at the sight, as he had no care in the world at that.

Farther.

It was the ultimate survival strategy, bent in filth of the eye.

Bore stooped the lowest of the lost, unable to fathom the lust he had acquired while snooping around them. He had undertaken a brain derangement. Shaking all over the prospect of making someone cut himself with a razor made out of wide cylinders, with no other reason than the fact that it likened the appearance of dread in the eyes that traveled around him.

He was stopped from the stroll.

It was at this point he realized, regardless of the name or the being that. That he was sick, in the mind. He couldn’t control his actions any longer and no matter where he looked back to, there was no cure. There was no escape from it.

He knew what they were, he saw everyone, the darks with their criminal behavior, the ones that infiltrated nations with their disregard for everyone else and the lights with their superiority complex expressed in whichever manner they found fit. In the end there was no escape from what they were, no matter what kind of behavior was instilled into them, no matter what processing had been forced in their minds. There would always be violence, savagery, filth expressed in whichever way. And not a single one of them would be higher than the other. And not a single one of them should be seen the same.

He found solance in objects there, knowing that he himself was like them. They were pure, they were inanimate, sincere, never to lie or harm others under their own guise. Or they would harm them upon the will of others but remain free of guilt.

There was an old iron he kept around. Its teeth were barred shut. He was determined that the iron was the only thing pure in a world of chaos, out of the very fact that it looked the way it had. Completed by punching through the air, he felt only the hot wind blissfully pushing through as he had done it repeatedly. Here and there, acts of violence just about everywhere, no one bated an eye. It was tainted after all and no interest could be drawn from it.

Morose pipes

The same man was about to stare death in twenty meters in.

‘We’re going to chase the little man with a green hat. He looks like a frog.’

It was a call back to something else. Muck’s friends kept them around when he felt bad.

It was the only thing they could do there, to pass the time.

While he was absent.

Absent for way too long.

They were happy there, for a while. Even though he had them inside his heart, this was important. He needed to have this. He was met by the strange heads, him being one of them as well. Without a say, he looked up to them. It was only a little time they spent together, but ever since then, he knew that something was off. The reason for that was that they were simply different. Every single one of them was different and each of them felt something else. What pained him more wasn’t guilt. He wasn’t the only feeling it. But one of the heads, Lour, to which he pointed his brow at felt it. He was the one set on Claire, the one who remembered her now. And he was also the only one who almost lost his nerves and compassion because of what she meant to him and them. It was indescribable now, since he noticed that we were staring.

And from his pain, the contagion started dripping through the drain. It gave like to another unnatural creature, another humanoid, another beast, another sub-human, another painful thing to be looked upon. Though he was no different, half of his face a mark, born with metal barging brisk limbs that pushed into the ground like cutlers. He had only been the symbol, the monsters that were created in the absence, the world that was falling without him being there. Men being chased off and made to pay for. All because he missed her so much. And neither of them wanted to admit it yet. It crossed his mind long before it happened that there might not be a chance for him to ever see an image of her before he was dead.

It was the one curse that prevented everything from rightfully existing, his refusal to move on. The fall, if anything, of paradise from which he had lived, the one he was born in and whence he left nought should remain.

‘And finally you decide to open your mouth.’

‘We’ve been waiting for you to say something now. I didn’t think we’d ever get to hear you again.’

‘Why am I here?’

‘Stay, just stay, the reason isn’t important. We cannot, under absolutely no measure lose you again, don’t you realise that?’

It’s been months, years, more, since we waited for you to come here and look around with us. Like in good old times, search for something. Anything, to take shape, you know, Malt.

One of us, an explorer, someone who’s happy; but you’ve been out of it for far too long. What happened to you?’

He tried. Some time ago, he actually tried. It felt like the invisible knot in a man’s mind, or a child’s attempt to understand what the adults thought about. Another head remembered the abuse he had instilled in his brother and sister, while the other one became the gatekeeper of great happenings, one for the bunker, one for the hideout, or for whichever region and everyone spread around after. At least, so far, it wasn’t just a memory, as everything seemed to be happening at once. Yet they could remember, they could share and nothing made a lot of sense. Nor would it have to do, for what was coming over them compensated none.

‘We have to seek a way out. I think. At least one of us needs to find a way through this. Before we’re all forced into a place.’

‘Would that be as harmful as you’re making it sound? Think about it for a moment now. We could all live in the hideout, we could all live underneath the roof of it without ourselves as our protectors. It’s the only great way to be.’

In a matter of saying or looking at it, he was just as right. Some of them could not fathom returning to each prison they were stuck in. Since so many of them were so-alike, it only meant a thing.

‘You tried escaping too many times, haven’t you?’

‘Time after time, again and again, we cannot be as powerful or blessed as you.’

‘Agony for you, as you’re the strongest. Yet in all your glory and your false omnipotence, it has never occurred to you that we may be in need of being saved.’

‘I did not know about either one of your existences. Surely you cannot blame it all on me alone, my shoulders can only bear so much.’

Henceforth why he didn’t know.

Relk

Barn and Eerie never bonded, nor would they get the chance to show something that would make their worth. They set something there to pass the time. It wasn't much and it could be something of a stretch to make it seem otherwise. None the wiser, Barn took the reins, installing the suite he had converted out of the recycled panel underneath the cockpit and its battery-engine; since there would be no life support needed to ensure they lived, this was a taken. No explanation had been given to the lack of exposure, only the eeriness of the halls. The tunnels ahead and the strange chopping blocks right around where you could hear them talk from time to time. Yet they hadn't even concluded who those people were and what they wanted. Always in fright and never around, this much was what they did and what they could do.

'Send another mouse, please, I want you to do something here.'

The flashy lightings, perilous as it were, had nothing of the kind of them. A pair of mice-thompers succumbed to the delight they produced, an invisible light which could be seen and recorded by them.

While another pair was sent, one of the magnetic tapes was slowly being removed from inside their meaty brains. Another unexplainable thing had been this weird and peculiar fact. In the tract of the strange devices they had, these mice, who were nothing more but the robotic shapes they had dealt with couldn't and were not supposed to work that way. It was beyond extraordinary how they managed to survive despite having metallic shrubs pinned inside their brains and what now. Least of all, could it be said about the other deranged activities they had to deal with.

But they expressed the images in some way which has never been seen before, plastic, plain, almost like a projection of the forms that obscured the invisible light in the marches of the mice, to which no other race could do. So thorough was this rendition of the thing that they had nothing more to say. Those were real people just like them, and by the looks of the faces that all of the sudden appeared near the mice, they observed the wrongness they had to endure. Since they couldn't scream, they seen it.

'You're wrong, Eerie, someone broke its skull down there, I think one of them were killed in a fight, I can see it around the back of his throat. Something had been pinned there, and it's only gotten worse.'

Barn pointed, he had taken it in, allowing it to bounce and shatter. The image then came back in. He was still being bashed with a hammer in the back. Speciment number two, somewhat human. Bigger potato-top which had completely grown on top his chest, his arm going out of one of the ear-hole that stood adjacent to the rest of the body. From the reason there were not normal, his legs resembled tall snake-like figures which had completely become engrossed by eating two anatomically formed men. This would be his next victim. Another mouse stopped, another band was placed on.

It seemed like this went on for minutes or for hours. At this point it was way too obvious that they refused to take any kind of pleasure any longer, redeeming itself in acts of anger which only forced this process to go on. A continuation followed soon after as the others joined him. Similar in appearance to the others, it was clearly defined, they knew what was going on.

'Close the door, lock it.'

Eerie was just about done cutting the frames and throwing the mice out. Despite what was seen there, some of the mice were out there and they would come back.'

'One of us needs to head out there and kill them before they return while the other one stays here.'

'You can't be serious now, can you? Do you have any clue what's waiting for either of us out there? We'll take our chances and we'll wait.'

'So be it.'

Two hours had passed. Since they could not take this any longer, the opportunity of exploration had already been taken away from them. It was all so important now not to destroy their chances of getting out alive, or at least living a few more decades. For that reason they killed all animals present and ate them raw. Still munching, both of them drooled blood. But in this regard, they unmet life in a different way.

'Lights out?'

'Lights will turn out for the time.'

'Twenty sounds good?'

'Twenty it is.'

Despite this being something which would not be heard by everyone else, they simped and listened. Wrong as it were, they were desperate to get somewhere, a mind of dirt. Whoever was pulling the strings there was also working on the surroundings. One Violator ruled outside the living areas. It could not be that they were trying, at least not in the same way as they had done in the past, to preserve life under any circumstances. Unknown to them, the cockpits had become repurposed coffins on the outside, for those who had been brave enough to venture.

'Stick a bone in em.'

A singler cyber-creting came along. He was still somewhat reluctant to get too fast to the Violator, since in the maddening touch, he had obtained a greater taste than that of flesh. It was way too obvious by the likes of it. Needful, as it were, the creature wanted to disembowel the android and make sure every piece of him no longer has a trace of organic powder. But in the wake of someone who might define this rule of his, the Violator constantly bashed the walls and did as he pleased with the echo and the mad sounds that came along.

In the age of decadence, the Violator was the warden and the new God. Since the red pit that fellt from above got sealed off, he would show no interference until he did it out of his own will, at that. There was no sun and no wish yet, Agamemnon still remained hidden in the bunker, his vessel never fading away. That bothered no one so far.

Horn in the walls. Simple as they were, you couldn't beware of them. As the echoes of the universe continued, no one neared the death and the dark, the likes of the shadows that dined on themselves.

It sapped the body, it sapped the soul. Being there, unspoken on errands without the chop of a mound, a mouth that was unattached to everything else.

Circular and precise, it cut through their skin as they couldn't handle messing with it in the midst of their minds. No competition, no attrition, they spent the time following him. That one, in the bunker, going deeper, chasing and spreading ahead, like peculiarly deformed bodies that never stood a chance out there, to the caress of the men they entered. Mindless husks that they were, empty in direction and wonder.

Now came the Suppressors in their death.

By a stroke of luck, it only started above, where the citizens of the movers had already most of their lives taken away from them. Vertigo, pubisilism, damned to no direction.

The real threat wasn't what was seen, but that which could not be touched, not even by them, in the wake, the dawn. Soon they entered the bodies, unknowing of what would surround them or why they were all set so quickly on the ceiling.

It begins with them.

Mountaionous-calloused man one.

Mountaionous-calloused man two.

If not for the lots of widespread wild-life going into each direction, covering a great mass of land, unable to pursue an end or find out where it ends, the other wide spread imitations. Nothing going, always stagnating:

Mountaionous-calloused man one:

'Shall we start with the sap, the one that fills the rivers around them, without being touched by ants, the gross surroundings, the moss and the dirt?

I see that you have not managed to touch it yet. I see that you have never felt what's it like to be encased in it as well. Before the resin of men came to dragn and carry it to the other side of the land, where there's thirst and yet there's hunger in the regions yonder that they go through. Have you seen the air which travells.'

Longer silences led to nowhere. And they were not willing to discuss the sap. It looked like red amber after all, bloody guts in disgust.

Grain effects in walls, tall lanterns unable to be distinguishable at all.

A large compact solid shape, in the form of a cruiser that's been forced into a curvature that could only resemble the overly protruding spine of an elderly man came after, it drank from the sap, like a giant who was nothing like what he recalled. Soon the land was in its shape, as it only spread through the sap, infesting it with the sight of the veins.

‘As we were saying, master, there’s no way we could’ve grabbed a hold of him in there, not at this time, not any longer. He’s gone through one of the lower roots and succumbed to the growth. He’s destined to destroy it, making his way to us.

And once he’s reaching the point of no return, I shall fear no other fear than that of my life fleeing into the darkest holds of our paradise. Awaken, my son, I have to talk to you in the direst of sleeps.’

Risen from slumber, Mikailov sought no other escape from this sudden assimilation of thought his father had proposed. Likened to him in thought, he could only drowse himself in the pain and wonder, what were they to do after all? Within his sight, from one of the highest standing buildings in sight, he sought a ruin and he found it. A scent approach, that of a doming crane that had pierced its own eye in order to avoid the sight of fading men. No animal would endure terror and they were aware of that.

‘My dear son, you are aware of it, that I know. There’s an end to all good things in life, even in that which shall grab a hold of us in the past and in the new age that’s coming.

Look around you, and you’ll be quick on your feet to understand that this rotting cadaverous city shall be invaded. Our people cannot deal with the cold like they used to do it any longer.’

‘And what do you propose we should do, father? I see no reason to continue such a sad existence with the likes. Have you not sent out all of our servants to go and get lost out there in a land that’s unlike ours which may never be redeemed?

Is this place not foreign to us now since the sea of snow had turned into a bitter clot of blood-like growths? I see no reason I should stay, for I shall become one of them. Like our people who bent themselves and separated one another from faith, I see it now and I shall see it again when it will mostly matter and when none may call us there to the judgement of ages. They know we cannot fight for long. We can’t last without supplies, servants and workers in the lower mine-shafts and the golden searchers in the myre.

Those who don’t live in metal holds or buildings, mansions or those akin to our own shall be rooted and eaten, father. As long, as it would last, they had abandoned their faith and they cannot even hope to last in a world of heathens, filled with the stagnation of machines. Ever since their dawn and the rise of theirs, I cannot fathom their mad religion and how they worship something that isn’t theirs.’

‘Wait, my son, and listen now. It is not our time to judge them for having faith, not when we are guilty of the same crimes as they are, where we abandoned that which had always been there, but which had been estranged. I see something in the nearest of times.

A dark machine, a creation of manking that draws power from everything that ever existed and everything which shall be, as there’s a need for the organic matter to compress everything into the livid history we’re bred from. Without this machine, I feel that we shall lose even what we got left here and be enslaved to the devices of its enemies.’

‘And who are those enemies, father?’

‘Why, is it not clear, now, my son? Have you not looked at the signs yet? Perhaps you have but you chose to ignore them.

The worst enemy of all is not the machines, not the growths and everything that spreads like a disease. But us, men, who fight against one another, no matter what might be created or named, no one can satiate the will of another man.

I have seen something much worse than that, as better, more cruel and terrible creatures that call themselves human managed to embed in it. They shall try to make it human and in that process we shall be destroyed. No matter what you may come to think of me, my son, know that I have been made with only a scope alone.

So far I see no other reason to live as long as I will be brought to a world of disease that shall never rise from the enslavement it pushes out.'

As lo and behold, he was not wrong. But to point at that, thing, which was no machine, instead you'd have to look through waves, of agony projected on top of every reign, the masses always spreading through the trash-inducing fornication. Damned they be, the creature had resolved. One longer strip formed, and many other came at last. As it connected with the rest of the land, there was no reason to hope that you could prevent it from spraying itself with rivers of bodies, needed in order to grow.

Stagnation could only be avoided with the minds of men being taken away from them but never recovered when needed. Only recorded when one could get away from the sight. It was the heaviness which protruded like horns, whereas something that moved held no handle to those static forms. Lost after reach, each randition had been frozen solid and couldn't even hope to move in the peace of glances, meat was dry. Those who roted only joined each other in the song of the dye, which was produced from the supreme machine, the wonder of electronics that could not even be called upon.

'Cull the masses in disgust, I see no reason to call upon them now. If you see a fellow man in battle, do him a favor and punish him, killing his family before he gets stronger.'

Mikhailov said. He spared nothing more than was needed, instead of spending the little time he had left in this world in contemplation, he had decided that it was time to carry on his father's will out of the indentation of the masses. He'd drown the world in rivers of their blood. No longer had he felt numb about it, as he only chose to do what's right. Preach from his writing, cull the disease.

'We don't deserve to be living if it means allowing our minds to be absorbed. If it gets a hold of us here, I guarantee you that there won't be any reason to live any more, with the perfect man replicated in a machine, like a worm squirming and a dead-cut that spreads.'

First of those who wondered came praying. He had no reason to survive. And for that, whatever heaviness dragged him down could only be used now to take him away. His life pulling him into a hole that wasn't even as deep as it should be. Farther than this line, no hope awaited. Humanity ended long before it reached its full potential, but no one care as long as they were fed the lines. Bled in the blending masses, most of them moved along.

'I see you have become obscure.'

He suddenly pointed at one of the men who had felt out of tune. Both his life and the likes had been useless for it.

And let it be as clear as it could be drawn from the domain of the inside the metal spaces that were being transported inside the main region of this so-called HUMAN. It was glorious how it wasted its time inside its own castle-like form, as if the others couldn't recognise something as well known as Kovialat, but it should be pointed that there were others that couldn't spare a watch.

It was unconventional. The attack was unprovoked. First they tried breaking in, after seeing the murals and the song songs of the men which were beaten down by an unfathomable amount of strikes that were carving their chests out. Most of them were recreations, a way to make it seem like the machine actually cared about what was going on with them. But it was plainly fake, a false event. Outside they brought tanks, inside the grit grew thicker. More and more the walls expanded until not even their likes could break in for some reason.

They were of another breed now, or so it seemed. By that, they acted differently, without their normal jacks and trades, without trying to let their eyes get out of the way, this was everything they wanted and more than they expected.

'You need to move on. I don't think it's ever going to arrive.'

'Oh yeah and what makes you say that?'

Elegant looked at Last. He was out of the water, out of it by every possible mean. He was out of it, just like he had been before. Without a way of knowing what was on his mind, they loosened their nerves and loomed around, thinking of a way through.

Further in movers

A few more hours passed or not it seemed. They were wighing down the place for some reason now, checking to see whether or not there, for a while now. Without speaking for long, they were on the break. It was called so. Both of them had become way too deranged to do something about it, lost in thought. Something approached at wild intervals for some reason. It was a reminder that they were still not out of the skimmed water. And something would let them know, a reminder, so to say. It came at wilder intervals, the knocking, all until it had been way too calculated to be ignored.

'It's your turn Barn.'

'No, you're supposed to go there, Eerie, you know I've been growing sick of doing it now.'

'We both made a promise that we would survive, at least a few more days. And I don't think all those mice we crushed back there have any say in it any longer, do they?'

Of course she would go that route. It didn't bother him enough, as if she could make the time worth it. They've been stuck in there for far too long, with their valves tuned and the pumps keeping them going, preventing them from falling asleep. That was just another thing they had to deal with, constantly, and it was close to feeling a migraine pushing through the numb-nut. Check the door Barn, make sure Eerie doesn't notice it. There were only a few way to get through this at least, in the vein of trying, it was more than decided that they could do nought about the pumps. Stopping them, ignoring them or not even

making sure they don't disable themselves from time to time would result in their immediate termination. IT had been their way out if they hadn't paid enough attention. And in they'd go and out of it, snapping back to reality, in the bubble-bath together. Sitting there for hours, watching how the water turned muddy. He had waited this for a long time, and if he had waited a bit too longer, his instincts might've kicked in.

Far too many times had he fantasized about her, especially since they were there, alone, the two of them having no chance to get out of it. Often, she'd slip, in his mind. That had been all planned, well said, well thought out, a plan to get her in the right mood, to get her water-ration spiked so he could get rid of the feeling. Barn made sure she'd hear it, when the walls were raised and when he was all alone. It was a constant she never dared asked about, but that was a given since it could only sound like an invitation since the two of them were alone all the time, no one there to stop him if he tried a little harder, or if he grabbed her around without telling whether or not she might find him.

It was the one miracle he had been thankful for, ever since the dawn and the destruction of humanity, from what he had expected to be a cruel life of experiments, finally Barn found peace. And there was no pesky neighbor to look back at him and no more play with the pets. Most animals would be done for in this condition, no to mention the fact that they had urges as well.

'Are you feeling right? You haven't spoken with me in a good while. I think it's awfully mean what's you're doing to me.'

Slowly he caressed her hair. His hands slowly curled and went into the realm of lowers. It was all too inappropriate, but she hadn't complained about it. Nor would that had stopped him from doing anything to her. He had an act to do it, he was born for it, or he had spent so much time in here, alone with her that he couldn't help it any longer. An arm reached even father in and started stroking despite the moans. Various sounds could be heard but these hadn't come out of pleasure. It felt disgusting but it had to be.

Another few hours were wasted that way. Then there would come the feed. From one of the broken black boxes they managed to rewire its insides and connect it with the food storage. It wasn't much but they were fed just enough at various day intervals to be kept alive. With everything rewired, they could feed themselves on command. Which immediately drew back to the silence until they were ready to sleep, most of the nights were similar. Or fractioned, like the sleep cycle of an insomniac who realised what was happening and spent most of the day napping. A clock was on top of the walls, it was an insert, implanct, interpolated with everything else. In other words, untouchable, clear to the ceiling and the eye, plain and simple as soon as it could be found and tracked down.

It was useless at the same time since it could never hit the right times. And most of the markings didn't make any sense to begin with, henceforth they were stuck with an irresponsible system that more than often backfired on them. Numerals always changed, but there was one thing at the middle, where the tongues sprouted from. The marking still switched, it still went along, the numbers still rolled down despite them not being in an apartment. Perhaps they shouldn't have cradled the hours, but that was it.

Eerie went into a depression. Some of the mornings he found her wailing silently on the floor, or she'd sit all silently, trying to harm herself somehow, awkwardly caught in. Boiled skin despite there being no boiler and the sound, out of everything she hated the sound that was forced on her ears. It was nothing

that would even work, from the bottom of her heart and everywhere else, she wanted to be elsewhere, not in this new so-called home.

Mainly, she dreamed of the streets outside and normal lanes where children played, life, in other words, a life which had been unadulterated.

So much power had produced an effect that almost seduced the wilder, thrice as hard.

‘May I have a smoke?’

Past the portmanteau, he grinned.

Barren

Strange how this place could be so easily described, like the womb of a woman, who had failed in her frail attempt at her own life, swollenly enscribed below. There was something missing, for some reason, but that was wildly entranced. It was no easier than it had been before, trying to look after the young, even though they were missing from sight. It was below her own frail mind. It was even.

‘Two more, shall we start at it again?’

‘Nothing more than that, could we at least look for a way out?’

‘We’ve been dead for hours.’

From one burning corpse to the other, both of them were in agony. Burning men with no remorse for what they did before.

Who were they and what could they do? Since the dawn of this day, half-way through it, a scuffold in the blood, correlated with disease, someone pushed on.

‘Shall we wait for the old man?’

Agamemnon asked without being as delirious as he had been before. Where was it? There was no way of swaying. With everything said and done, the only thing that mattered was violence.

It ran through the blood and appeared to be the only thing keeping him alive. The heads that were present in the room. He suddenly started shaking in the advent of the memory. And all of the heads which surrounded him immediately exploded in an unfathomable spree of gutted blood.

‘I will not die here.’

Malt thought, as he did not despair. He could not fathom allowing his heart to die just yet, not when there was still so much to look after. And most of all, there was one thing they could not take away from him. Courtesy to the strange whirling shadow inside his eye, he pushed through.

A memory of abuse, that he needed to survive and get through no matter how hard he would throw a punch, or loom around. No matter how disgusting it had been, he saw no other reason to contest it.

‘Yes, we were talking about something twenty minutes ago, weren’t we?’

‘About what now, right, about the extermination protocols. Heard something about them, haven’t you?’

‘Of course I had, it’s the thing everyone’s talking about these days, at least since the war started, no one seems to be talking about anything else.’

That was Vladimir, he was Malt’s friend. He worked on the belt most of the time and appeared to confess to no thing unless it somehow involved him waking at every hour or making a point about something. And he had an obsession as well, always striking the clock. It was important that he had a look at the clock most of the time, unless skipping or messing the passing of a single tongue. About the place, there were twenty other clicks. For the eyes and the others, no one watched for too long now unless you had something to say.

Some brawls here and there conveyed no emotion, except the hardship they spread between them. It was obscure and hard to see.

‘We’re going to be overworked to death if we keep this up.’

So much trouble, he was in so much trouble and he couldn’t help it. He rose when he wanted and went back to his chair. And he kept pushing himself back on it. Getting up and sitting down, then getting up, then sitting back on it. That’s where he found the fun. There were four days, five days and simple ones. Mostly calm, getting calmer now, it was only going to get harder from this point on despite what the other workers thought. The main problem was the chief-engineer who had a wickedly turned eye on him at all times, trying to peer in where he did not belong. So far, so far, he could not abstain from work despite the constant need for breaks. It was unexplainable, to think of it this way. Some peering eyes could only stay on him for so long before breaking him, least of all could he understand where they were coming from. It had been plain and dark. Just about the place and everywhere around him, there was an echo which contained just about everything which happened outside.

Malt was here, in the post-death. It felt that way, the same manner a soul would go through once it reunited with the pieces it lost. And they trembled and moved along, choosing the next definite thing. No lack of intrusion and still no shame so far.

‘What’s going on out there?’

‘Stop acting like a child Malt, you know what’s going on. They’re preparing the wolf and the bear. I can see it now, right in front of them, with the largely feather hairs and everything else that made the others sway.’

What was he on now? Could he get even more annoying than this? It was cruel to ask, but even with everything that went between the metal breaks, there hadn’t been a single confirmation on the ocean breakers. Farther in the south, where the sea had emerged out of the lost peaks, they spoke of another coming. Troops were trying to frankly steep in and left signs of having invaded the place. Yet there hadn’t been any invader. As a matter of fact, there seemed to be no fight going on at all. Through some worse

way, this was it. What they heard was real, for no other reason than it being so. Disquietude was the least of their worries. Farther in. His family was being taken care off, even though they had stopped communicating with him over a long period of time. It was largely expected, poundry and felt inside. There was no shame for no one any longer, as they had been driven to poverty. Still, not a man on the streets, at least not as well as they expected it to be, they made it through. No starvation. That was mainly the cause, if they were to be seen that way.

Fifty-fifty chance for something to happen, it was just about expected now. Factory, he was there, he was in the factory, she had been there as well. Though not at the same time, not in the same reality, not in this livid manifestation which could not have been lost, but somewhere, everything had clearly been placed. And every actor in this world remained barely formed, depending on the distance they had encapsulated or placed themselves, near his proximity. A dreadful image in the distance, where the land had been broken in completely degenerate sides, various people had their faces kicked in and could not concentrate any longer. Other than that, graves remained, underneath every wreckage that had been the forests, spreading and missing, least of all hissing as they made their way.

‘I propose an armistice.’

Came a voice from one of the shacks that had found themselves in the guttural world. It honed no word of its own, at least not unlike the many sprays, destined to remain. An obsolete man came near and took the reign. He was in the factory now, one of the few survivors. Anton had seen Nadya die, without any chance of survival, she had been lost. To think she would die in the prime of her age, he cowered no longer and approached that slim entrance she had made. It was outside, no, closer in, or through a way out, a road lay barely formed out of the one corners that lead through the factory. To even believe it otherwise would be a mistake. Damned though it may have been they listened.

Both of the strangled men, the dead-scouts, which had been completely made out of the bodies of the men which had been stretched out of the belts, it was a sight of abomination, those who had found her body and managed to make what they willed out of her. In worse cases, he might’ve known something was off.

But Anton was out. He was desperately trying to find Nadya, for some reason, going as far as to hide in one of the weird bricks, trying his muscles as he started pushing out of his feet. And he was thin enough and broken to get through. Bleeding even as he forced his guts to change in shape and size and be taken by the eating stone, the brick and holes appearing side-ways in his brain. Would he be pained? Nay, that did not matter in the least, after feeling their leashing eyes.

‘Where have you come from?’

Anton wondered at the peculiar beings who had kidnapped and had taken away their lives. He simply could not fathom looking back into a world like their own, which was fair, where men would be light on their feet and working. Stranded no longer in a world that did not fathom looking to their needs alone, if there was such a thing, he was a dreamer.

‘Eat everything, every molecule of her, make sure nothing will change.’

There was a simple difference between being pained out of something that happened and this. This was different, it was a sight which would torture the weak of heart. Expanding on their own, they could not fathom looking.

‘Stop.’

Both of the abomination, which at this point looked too bulked and elongated to be men had given way to no interesting mutation, whichever that be. Dreadful and unsanitary, lost to the bestiality they showed. Shameful that they should turn and reveal it so, as there was nothing inside them but a conundrum of lost guts, a fresh drench, trenches that were dug inside. And in them, they held large bone-cylinders upon which they rolled the bodies of the people which succumbed to them. Incommensurable, as it were, they remained, silently unconscious. Feeding upon the pain that bloodened the world. It peaked at a lost sky, it bled after many tries. Lesser pucks appeared on the sky and agony threw itself forth. A lost within a sight, was lost within.

‘I have ordered you both to remove any trace of her and every other human that has been here. No exception and no lesser satisfaction could draw away from them. Make sure you won’t pray for the taking as long as I say.’

Whoever gave the orders could not be seen. But there was something about him which only made sense from the bottom of his throat but not above it. That so far was the worst sign, thinned dryly until it had become nothing of the kind. Blasphemous, or not, he pushed back and came to greet him at last.

‘Malt, isn’t it?’

Cried Anton, after having taken a leap between the dreadful sight and the ones that had shaken off this world. It was hard enough trying when no one listened to you talk, but here he was out of his element and could do nothing of the kind. All the eyes were yet averted. Malt could not be defended here. Not while he was still messing around with their lives. And every moment which simply passed meant that there was something which hastened around the place. It was a disgrace he himself could not fathom, at least not alone. It shone and made him feel unwelcome.

‘I think you need help.’

‘From you? I don’t think so. I can handle doing this by myself.’

‘You’ve been trying to get off that chair for more than an hour, Malt. I don’t think you’ll make any progress any longer.’

Allow me to help you, will you?’

‘I already, kindly, declined. Do you mind not staring?’

‘I can only do this much.’

He took a few steps away, trying to go slower on the devices which made the belt function, only so he could give an example on how easily it went. So far, this was working, even if forever bolting. On a metal river, rivets would melt. It was concise, the way he tried to piece everything together.

After living so much in the dark, after spending so much time in that one dark corner, Malt chose to stray his hand, pushing himself out of the way. It was hard, trying to make it out of the cave because now everyone saw him. They could look at him. There was no personal space, no privacy any longer, and they could all see him at times. It was almost as if shame had taken a new form in his mind and it disturbed him more than he could believe. Worst of all, there was the crying, prying in a kind of business they did not belong to.

‘Finally decided to join us, Malt?’

‘Shut up, I was only warming my arms.’

He thought so at least, or so had he tried to justify it. Now there were no helping wings, nothing he could borrow from them. And in the factory, everything seemed too calm, almost like a court. They were only turned into the servants present in a court for a reason. It was because they were there. Distantly lost, Suppressors aligned, winged on every side and just as deformed. True, their forms were darker, eyes were shady and appeared to have bags underneath them, but what else could they do? It was a mystery as much as it had been a choice, otherwise, their minds could’ve been lost and would’ve been traded at the cost of fewer days.

Spend one between each class, push one atop the panel and you’d understand what was going on. This Anton, the new-comer, or so, as he had appeared to be, had been in this factory for far too many years to be accounted for. If one were to make the difference, he would forger, or ignore. There was no reason to pass away without pacing. It went slow. Another set of simple commands could somehow do it. Again, there were many eyes which were prying in. They didn’t belong there. It made him feel way too uncomfortable. As a matter of fact, this was the most human he ever felt in a long time, which was the sole reason for him not enjoying what was going on.

No lust and no rage, nothing too deranged. Perhaps it was something much worse than he could ever expect it, but for some reason he appeared to enjoy it as well. A guilty-pleasure of his own.

‘That lever should be higher and make sure you turn the second crank around that red area, between twenty and eight.’

‘What’s that supposed to be?’

‘It stands for diameters. Don’t worry about it, that should move on its own for each set of plates you’re carving. Just make sure that you don’t overdo it, all right? Keep in mind that it needs to be in the same area and never leave that red spot under no circumstance.’

‘I got it.’

He reassured himself that everything would go fine, at least as long as he expected it to. Perhaps in a few better days he could’ve reached a point where there was nothing he could not do. For now he waited and considered the following.

A few heads which resembled him exploded, they should be destroyed. They looked like him but acted queerly, in some way he could not disjoin himself from. If he were to look around and choose to say, what was in his mind vaguely resembled them. And they had been around for some reason, trying to make

it through. Larger than expected to the point where they projected themselves in. It's been a ruse, somewhat, their dissintegration or complete destruction. He felt unlike no other man.

'What's wrong?'

'Nothing, I was only feeling a tiny bit out of the water.'

There was shark-bait in the ground. He saw them there as well as any other man would've, if they were in his place. Today, weary, tomorrow, nay. It was something every man and every woman would know. Life in here was torture, under the regullation of some masters no one knew who they were. What was that weird vision he saw? Why had he felt guilt when there was no time and no reason for it, other than to waste, to let it flow out of his ears and the fading days, he convinced himself not to pass through loner tassles. He knew he was there, near a house, a distance on in the lanes where every single one had been enclosed and down right locked. And the malformations that were human-like still existed, for he had no temptation to let go of them or put them out of their miseries. A missdemanour of thought, he lumped himself with everyone else.

He was here but he was there, both in body and in thought, split again as he's always been, unable to control it, or to whine on the whimp-looking stranger who had waited for him there.

It was death, the inevitability erased itself, a maw appeared. Out of nowhere, formed out of a sickishly looking peculiar pair of curved teeth that could only be seen from around the sharp point and the edge of his inner-side, the frontal region and the peculiarness which only dragged on as the many bobbing necks started emerging from the unnatural body he produced with him. Many so other-worldly being followed and they could not fathom resting any longer because what followed was a supreme show of destruction, an unconcentrated act, the fealty that no one else felt.

Agamemnnus:

'I who have finally emerged have decided that I am owed this universe and everything in the cosmos for as long as I live and as long as I shall force my way through.'

To that no one in whichever manifestation could stand to decline, or to prove him wrong, the fiend of memories, the blotched dead body of the creature who had looked over the Duke had been forced to manifest for no other reason but because Agamemnnus willed in there. Thence the quiet ended. No more fear, no more fear they said. But they could not be denied any longer tha it happened. A part of them had dissapeared and it was the simply truth. So many of them had been forced to get away without and beyond their complete comprehension, it was the static and the mad, the thing that could not be saved. No one dared talk back, not a second as the winds emerged in space. Gravity was foked upon all, then Agamemnnus spoke.

'I desire to have him found. No matter what you may think of that liver-kettle and all those fiends that are after it, he is of greater importance to me.'

He desired the Tongue-Agamemnon, he who had denied the sight, and he who had become the Colossus despite everything being tied to him in the worst possible manner. It was a battle against time now, trying their best to get as far as possible before being caught by the lack of rest and the disquiet. A virus of ages

had attained their bodies, many losses and disgraced, plots of ill-sunken sufaces emerged, yet he could not be contained, no longer.

There in the distance in a universe lost.

Jackal-men, within their tribe, they saw no reason not to die. In their peculiar syndrom, in which they had spared no one from the sight of the vileness tha surrounded, they had all of their stakes spread inside the mansion, deranged by the evil of the hunch-backs that came running. After many destroyed days, after many other people who had taken onto them to die alone, and feed the pups, the dogs of evil started blurring out. No existence would suffice for them, as they were punished before they could say.

‘I hear your message.’

Thence it happned, in one of their peculiar shrines, they could not have defined the margins of evil and whatever else they’ve done. No longer could they wait for their God to arrive, they had to search for him. And as they had, they realised that they were sick, with the distress coming from the plague of the islands. A dye had taken over their bodies and they could not forget it, back. To the days when they had been so savage, they remembered what happened when the rituals gave them life. It was a day without hope in which they started coping through whichever way they could. If they stopped now, their race would come to an extinction, a supreme kind of agony that could not be perceived. And every moment spend without him, and every moment which resonated at last cast a shadow upon their hearts from which not even they could give up. Go on, on thought as he spared no life of his own.

There was dread in there, screaming, the shattering of vases, fires and plenty of deranged activities and most likely the fear.

‘We shall die if we let go.’

But unaware of it, this wasn’t his own thought, but that of Agamemnon, he knew he could not lay in hiding. And if he gave up now, he would lay forever in obscurity, leaving all the degenerate races to fend for themselves, never trying, never lying, never to be cried for. Tied around the many ropes, some lay hanged and couldn’t even hope.

‘I see that you have communicated me the grand instructions, what am I to do with them?’

Without a doubt, there could be only one possible reaction that lasted, whichever that might be, it went missing, lost on the obscure plain. And then it came up again. During one of their times of peace, where the Jackal-men gathered around their groove around the mansion, in the isles, one of them, for no reason started foaming. It was a countenance that none may do for. And none may care for what happened there. Fear had not contained the best of them, it could not reign, would It be so, if they were in pain, but he would not falter after.’

‘Fear, I fear there’s something which might go missing, there are spots in the universe which need to be filled.’

Said the Jackal Osur, who had started peeling off his hair, only to reveal that someone had been living inside him for far too many days, to which he started growing, chumping and yearning for the break. Once the chest erupted, he was free, of all disease and of no prize, a memory which could not be denied.

A memory like that could not be dealt with easily. If one were to pray for less, he could not get over the distress of losing everything which made him a man, one which was anything but deformed, as the creature which moved out.

‘I, the servant of the king have come.’

He was a creature made out of the peculiarly cut bodies and the manifestations of the infants from the planet in which he had been exiled. He knew something of the many lays against which he had been placed against. And here, on the island, this was known. A message had to be carried, through which none may know what best of it might be taken for granted.

‘Say what you will.’

And the Jackal men listened.

‘I, servant of Agamemnon have come to carry on this vile message to you, oh, dear fiends and friends of evil and of vile. I see the tile of space ending, and the thing your vanity has betrayed.

I see the bleakness made you dumbfounded and to no other day might I say this. But you must kneel and throw off your search and never look for a liver-kettle for as long as you may come forth.’

This was disgraceful, even less, more so than it was needed, to be accepted, what had lain around. They were dumb-witted, lay in quiet. No more to be called for, never to be pushed around, everyone was confused as if to know what this was for. As not a single soul knew of the liver-kettle or of a being known as a dead lamb. Even more than that, they could not stand the reminder and which stopped them, and their hearts. Many of the Jackals died, taking their Jackal-headed axes and cutting their own throats in quiet, leaving pools in which their children swam, never to be bound for, never to be frowned upon. The pain of the loss could still be felt, even by him who prided himself erect.

It was just as I hoped, thought Agamemnon, taking from this what he could, as the first signs of pain and warnings had been given before they could stand the chance to get away. From as many spots, and as many wonders, as they could have been dragged upon, they knew better but to act the role of beggars. Pray with them, if you will, but never listen, as they might reveal the fealty and the end. Time was being bended, erected and thrown into chaos because he wanted to do so, even more than it could be dragged. Pain could not be lost about.

Then the silence, even so.

A vile pocket started popping, it nested itself in the distance, trying itself before it could be lost.

‘What’s happening?’

‘Pin it down men, before it erects itself back into place.’

‘Let it seethe and make sure it won’t come down its feet again, do you hear?’

These were strangers, even worse, they had only come upon the encapsulated evil and could rest no longer, let alone fight back. It was a gig not even Corelo could deal with, as he had managed to push it within himself, throw them around and lose whatever quiet there was there for him to take. He had been

mad and danced. So he did it again and again until his feet were somewhat lost to pain, numbed as he looked in glances. They were in town, the glances.

‘What’s happening down there?’

In the middle of the square, where the fanfare emerged and they had almost been greeted as the heroes they were. There was no possible satisfaction, everything was contaminated somehow. No one could trust one another any longer, because what had seeped out. A trail of smoke still rose from it and they could not believe what was going down below their feet. Such power was not meant for them to settle upon. Nor would their blades stay themselves, let alone their hands and arms. Bulging after that, unable, not a moment could be forgotten by them. It was just as expected, if they dropped their guards, they would die by their own men.

‘Settle down men, settle down, we have a priest in town.’

He had his nun following through. She was blessed enough around the face, carrying a grace unlike any other. He had been pinned down, unable to look anywhere else. Corelo knew, that if there was any stronger force that would drive him further, that was his pride, to make up for the loss of time.

‘I won’t put down with this, I swear it. Hear me, I may not be a knight or the distant cousin of a lost guard but I’m not going to pin myself with the wolves.

I know my limits and I shall not dare act cowardly, especially in front of a nun and priest, as God is my witness, I shall carry on as I were the son of a lion.’

Hence the fear that came after, for his life and that of theirs. It didn’t matter what came after, nor what they could get from him instead, only this and this meant only fighting. Where had he belonged?

‘I shall face this evil and get out untouched.’

He could only go so far as to know that his deathwish could get in his way despite everything being lost. IT was through mild effort that through effort alone that he managed to get this far and no one could deny his strenght, even as the poor-sops and the chicken-pushers and the oink-draggers had to admit.

‘He’s not in the wholeness of the hay, that man had stung his head too hard against one of the anvil-deads. What will happen to him if we turn away and never look? ‘

‘Don’t throw the quiet, just watched.’

Another villager came in, bringing his entire cottage out, his family had to have the greatest seats after all and they could not fathom standing there no longer. It was the piety which shared. Given and given time after time, again and again with no one to watch and listen to the thicking of the latches and the broken clocks that had never been repaired. Stone as they were made out of, as the light started moving like a peculiar mirage, they knew he was destined to die. Then he approached, and dug his nose as deep as he could dive in. We had no hope for him, soon after.

He had decided that life was not worth chasing for, without giving in to the tower in which he woke in, stranded upon.

‘But where am I?’

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The echo mocked him as soon as he had realised. Everything here was surreal, even taken as he followed a peculiar blind man that tried escaping down the stairs. Someone was outside past the hollowing walls, trying to get him through one of the disgusting turpentine-like chilled grates.

‘I shall find you.’

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‘Whoever you are, show yourself.’

‘Whoever you are, show yourself.’

Was he the one who said it, or was he the echo? He could not say. He after searching his memory now, he realised something about his real name. Lor Eco, had he been called, it was something not even his childhood self could be able to pronounce without making a case out of it. And he was pained, to have spent so much time wandering about, in quiet, only to finally decide to settle down and follow the figure in flight. He took away some scrolls and ran. Lor’Eco took out his blade and made it about the outside, where, to his surprise he found none. Yet some peculiar, breathing light, almost sun-bright fire started spreading around. Everything looked so shiny, as if he was fish-eyed in a sea of diamonds that began reflecting just about the world.

‘Is anyone there?’

No echo this time, but still, there was no one in sight, at least no one he could make a proper eye-contact with, no one to share his suffering and even fewer men to talk with. It was starting to feel like a parasitic paradise which only made him fear castration, not that of his manhood but that of his soul. Be damned you who made me enter the pocket, I wish there was another way. He conveyed no message and appeared to lust for it, something he had conveyed elsewhere, in a land where the morsel was thin. And thinned they were, time after time before they could convey emotion. Elated in dust, they cost nothing and nothing was given, nothing traded. But Lor could see that there was something happening in the flames. Tiny white purely lighted globes, as small as pearls could be seen just about everywhere, with or without his choice, he mattered even less for them, despite the fact that they could show no joy but servitude, uncanny.

Then they came out, light-pure, barely shaped people who had been betrayed. Some of their own people came out, following through and stabbing him with a long blade of pure white. It flashed as it pierced his heart. But he couldn’t fight them, at least not here and not now. Since he had been undermined and showed even less to suffer, not to know. It wasn’t a matter of surrendering, but what pained him was the fact that they knew and they spoke, in perfect accents, like that of Mylidranos, that his ears would know:

‘We know why you are here and you have made a perfectly grave mistake. Cower for your own sake and they might pull your body back into the living.’

‘No, I cannot do that any longer, you know I can’t. If I were to do it, I would lose what made me human, I would be.’

‘A coward but a coward that’s alive.’

‘But what about this place, may I not feel welcome in this world of pure light?’

‘You haven’t realised it yet, but you’re here and there at the same time.’

A lime of green, a putrid thin place had been the resting place for his other layer to sit in. Though he was just as putrid and corrupted as everything around him, midly acted, he had known something of true pain. He could not behave, nor vehemently be thrown into this evil jail of putrid lands. Decay would soon follow, but here was his court, as if he had been enacted into the pool of gas.

The green-gaseous king had arrived. He was still in his prime, supreme, a survivor of the ‘Cong. He who carried their aroma and their scent could not convey any other emotion but that of a satisfaction that would only draw from others. Days be blessed, not many left on this earth at all. He had appeared, after all, after a while with nothing but a decaying sword which bore the runes, which documented his journey, extending into the grip and the hilt which staffed the blade into a spear. Near the other end, there being a missile, a nuclear fat one, a miniature which had been grabbed. Of course he had his destiny in hand. If he willed it he could destroy the entirety of the land and never lay claim onto it ever again. Unfortunately, everything would be lost if waited for. Not many sharp-heads would know what’s happening. Or why were the innards of this decaying, peculiar side of the light world acting in this manner.

This was the belly of the beast, which held no sky but the inverted fleshy walls upon which they stood, acid between them that did not burn. Acid constantly dropping from atop them, but Lor could not be hurt by it either. It was uncannily strange, how they had to wait for no result. Not a single man could fight it, nor would they know of better ways.

‘Why have I been brought here?’

‘Is it not clear that you have been chosen to suffer?’

‘And what treason would that be?’

‘Has your memory already given in today? Could you not fathom looking around and praying any longer of the lost, bolder days?’

You chose to come in here and chose that mightily wrong. This sitting that might grab you, this realm upon which I seem to dwell upon and master is a prison of your doing.

I am here while you’re there. But I’m also elsewhere, spreading through the winds of blotting, destroying and accosting holds. I who govern other others cause only a sign of pest and have no control over the actions of the rats I govern upon.’

‘And what is that, opposite of your blade? That thing upon your staff?’

‘Would you not like to know now?’

He only seemed to pair himself with a laughter that brought only distress, but he knew better, much better than to reveal too much, too fast, he could only commit for so long. 'Excerpt of the lost.'

A lost thing that had been taken from it, alas.

I know it's selfish trying to intrude, but this is a special occasion.

'I know you're not supposed to pray out loud, especially not at moments like these, when they mostly listen to the ones in need of real help, but I cannot help it.

But, if there's something I could really ask for.

It's not that I haven't thought of an alternative and all, but if you're actually real.

Please help her, I know it's not something someone should ask for. It may be a bit much at times. But, I know she knows well. She's about to go on with some unforgivable act which may hurt a lot of people in turn, nothing suicidal, but. I know she means well.'

She looked sad last time I saw her. Not smiling, looking back at her father, a big man, mean-looking fellow, not in her best interest. Left her alone, it's something a man shouldn't do. It's not about him, this' about her. And, in some way, I can't seem to get away from it.

Always mean, she never says anything nice and after a while it's getting really hard trying stand by her. Especially with a good memory and all. It's never easy trying to please, to run errands, to do what she says, you know?

And worst of all, is that. She's never there. Someone needs to stay there, near here at all times.

Can't leave her alone, can't leave her at all, or it's back to living with him, where the alternative is much worse. No one wants to help.'

And there was still something in the distance. Something dragged on as Lor turned his head around the side. He could feel the presence nearing its end, there, to wonder.

Then there was their problem, trying to get through.

They were showing some burden through and passing through the sparse land, in a cluster less deranged. Pained by the looks of it, the illness yet progress, there a stronger hand, unmany, filthy and the looking through the uncanny, they had arrived, they came and would not bind their tomes. They took the patches out and listened.

'Alan is lost, he used to be in some place, I think, but.'

'I know, perhaps I should look for something going on out there.'

'You should be more careful now.'

'I am, I mean I will.'

He managed to get on just well enough. It was pleasing for the eye at least, starting at the ground again, there was a curve on the road which rendered them walking on the ceiling and paying up the throttle. Through their toes and below the mark, lying on blank floors, they could see the surrounding paramount devolve into the touches of the silken bonds, the uncanny paying no mind. Not a single soul considered cooperating for no other reason than what went on. There was no reason for any of them to be present in this place. It was a disgrace which could not be resolved easily. We have not even expected this to happen at all. It came out of nowhere and acted like a tiny maniacal veil that refused to go away when asked for, if there was one certainty, that that was the very fact that they didn't leave. It was ingratiating, trying to stuff their broad-knees inside the scum-plough that started crawling in their guts. There was no means to and end, they all lead to a dead-path, in turns and cradling stairs, in this homing tower which fell upon him.

'Lor, you know there's no way back.'

He smile knowing it was true, through cracked teeth and scars, he turned through the sinew that pumped out of its body. It was the insides one of the glowing creatures that followed him around. He could not think of any better way than this. There was a time and a place for everything happening there and this was neither of those. It was clear what he wanted to show him, and poor Lor had it in, being all over his head. There was an intimidating force that only showed itself when he couldn't help it.

'I don't know when I became so disgusting. It's not something I'm particularly proud of, but I think I get it, in some way, you know?'

It took me a while to understand it, but I think I finally have. I should've known better than to waste your time.'

Lor turned, he didn't take another moment before looking around at the place. It saddened him, more than anything he had ever felt before. This wasn't his intention, it had never been so and there was no way to take it back. Outside that chasm, that giant cauldron was foaming, being kept in place, prevented from spreading around. Instead, he couldn't help but die, as his chest wailed with every hit against it. He showed no sign of life, which saddened the villagers as well, who did not understand it. This wasn't an act made by a stray, or by someone who tried himself not to cower.

It was his escape from pain, the realisation that there was nothing in the world that would make him happier, no matter how hard he attempted to pursue it. Hence he was there, stranded with the most peculiar of beings. A traitor to no one but himself.

'Keep pumping, he's got to breathe.'

Each hit was hard-felt, but not in the same way he felt. It could not compare with what he had went through. If he had waited a little longer, he would've died without a soul, not the physical manifestation of it, but the art. The flame, the gem, the beauty, the only thing which made him happy. His torment, his damnation, his lack of wit, this dumb thing he had been trapped in, his prison and the likes. He was there, and he could never come back at the moment when his heart had stopped.

Lor looked upon the light, as it slowly faded. What came after was humane. There was nothing in it, and nothing would come to fade and pass with him being there. They mocked him constantly but he had lost his ear.

‘He’s gone. This about the right time to bury him and take the children away, they don’t have to see this happen.’

It fell on the land, they had to bury the soundless cask as well before more men got affect. Before more of them plunged into it, before the flashes could lead to a more distant place, though the same feeling seeped in. Regardless from where it had come from, no matter what distant place in space and time, the winged walls, the spikes and the plains of the degenerate land. It resoanted just as well with every man, wife, lander, and those who watched him being slowly taken away without any explanation being given, that was the tar of head, their sunken days which made them wonder when eh might return.

‘Dig a ditch, right there, men get the shovels. Make sure it’s deep enough for not a single knot to breed through. And don’t make any fus out of it.’

Little to no conviction in his throat, it was a clever way, the way he felt it, somehow. They both stopped. The two petty-dragglers, they decide it would be a great opportunity to take care of what was going on in there and enter some of the most vulnerable houses and take what they can. It was a night of wonder which had everyone in the village stranded on top of their toes, unable to deal with the conviction that they were deemed as being cursed by what was going on in here. Something was missing, a song of lust, the locust-mass and something which had to have crept inside.

No worms had been hanging lower, no one grew stronger by looking and they all acted weakly. Upon the face of a man who charged into it and died, Lord had left his mark. The pocket could not, by any means be destroyed, it could only be contained. And here, it could be moved no longer. Hence, he, met, by the king that rotted, the ones who changed in hues of organge, green, and purpl-beings that erupted out of him in the same gaseous forms had realised something of himself that he could not even fathom looking back through. It was a broken glass which almost cast all the skin into a pit of shame. From it neither of them could turn from, nor breed in pain of the loss. There was no way for a victor to emerge, as even the king’s existence was a fluke or amassed pain from which not even he could prevail.

‘Then, we shall accept the only truth in the matter.

The man died. He has to be buried with the pocket, the way he lived. A man on a peculiar street:

There were flutes, which were jolted around, the ground was even, he was boud to look around for action. A street lay not as far from stray, twince the clock, it conveyed blood that gutten up the alley, a valley of distress and pain, they could not fathom getting away. In twice the twins, the wonder stopping. A smoke had come out of a perilously hard net, of blades. He was in a terra-cord, surrounded by crude car-plants, all of which had been shaken and placed around, chosen for the strapping fellows that looked in wild surroundings. Organe-yellow, dark dust, everywhere around. They were messing with the destroyed panthers, the ones that had rotted away in the sun. Near the desert base.

Two men rested on the outside of the domed-floors, those that were behind the corpulent walls, those in which the flimsy wasps made their hornet nests. It was crucial, in some way to allow them to live under

every possible circumstance possible. It was the only thing which made a key difference between the plain people and the cattle-men.

Speaking of which Keyringer Wardboe and Filler John rested during their shift. Every instance got repeated a few minutes on, or worse than that. A few seconds out, but there was a quick shift between the silence, as in, no one wanted to approach. Outalndists, their groupd was call, bandits of dust, carrying their wives with the vibes that were keeping them alive, in check. Various wheels made it so they were constantly kept awake, so no amount of sleep debt was acquired by no means, it was the way of the invertebrate.

‘See something around that bush of is it me?’

‘It’s you, it must be you, I don’t think I ever saw this cornfield melting.’

If he had, there would be signs, pops thrown everywhere around, even in the spots where the brain forgot to function. Decisively, spoken as the milliata return, they came in out of nowhere, thin from the concelead malnourish, and entered the main gate without having to show their ID’s or give any explanation. They were exempt from the rule, strangers, who were in the making. They raked the ground in search for hold but found only solid oil, the tar of the masses, that thing which only crept in the eye after being left for too long. To scuff at them, it’d be a painstakingly morose mistake. As soon as they entered the base, they were greeded by a silver-line of machine-men tha bowed. Only one of them was a creature, made out of completely painted organs that were fited as well as the human king would tell you.

‘He’s hiding there, again, burn his innards, freeze him off, throw him into the pit of far, thaw him in acid.’

Or just about anything else, any method would do. He always returned and there was no way of prediction, not a sigle way to carry through. What would he do next and why were there so many rooms inside the base? At least eighty one of them were used by the scientists and they had undoubtebly ruined everything, down the slightest hints of humanity that were there. No one spoke about them.

If one were to be inside one of the rooms, he’d see the flashes, gone by. Darkly and unlit the walls, reddened as they pushed in. Through bone and sky they’d see it fitting to become part of it.

And there was that insinuation. This was the reality. Outside, they weren’t in a desert, but in an abandoned frozen sea-side, near a shore. The base had been long-abandoned, the generators still powered a few doors and lights. It was time to explore.

‘Careful now, I don’t think it’s safe.’

There was the first mistake, since he had lost his hand only twenty seconds ago, looking at nothing but a stump which lumped into a few bodies that had been hanging from the ceiling. Various blades managed to pour in their surroundings, making it so they bathed in a peril smoke, the smoulder of the uncanny vowels the serpentine-folk married for. None of them had legs, only tails, though it was safe to say that some tails broke in halves.

It was a disturbing read on the area, trying to make it less calmer than it was, and take care off the amount of distrust traded between them. The calm had long departed. They were both there on a mission.

‘We should convert whoever lives here, or at least whoever’s still alive, don’t you think that’s at least one good thing we should be after?’

‘Of course not, I see no reason to do it, at least not without a way out. Wait, did you hear that?’

There was a pause, finally they were welcome.

Keyringer and Filler stood there in awe. As thin as they were, both of them had been confident on the fact that they could take anyone they wanted out, if only they wanted. It was calmly produced, the fine-finger coming out of the case.

It was simpler than expected.

A man with a blank expression crossed the gate. There was no door to stop him. Then he dropped flat on the ground.

Keyringer thought about it. This was his code-name after some long deserted suit he had found on the ground laying in this abandoned place, immediately putting it on. Dressing had taken something out of him and it was hard to think that it had only happened a few hours ago. To think of that, he had lost a soul. No one even knew what came after.

He fell flat on his face and broke his skull immediately after. Though that was not reflected at all against his highly peculiar face, as a matter of the face, his body had become a mattress for the tiny silverfish to gnaw on. They were largely undisturbed by it, but chose to sway.

‘Get into the other room now!’

‘I am the man of green decay and iron.’

He said in a hunter-gatherer’s voice, which is what he was and the reason for which he appeared like a ghastly apparition with a surreal mental condition. Strength was no given for a man like him who happened to lay dead in the room they both entered. It was clearly benign how he appeared without a sign of fear, to move twenty eight of his unbroken bones. Some of them were clearly pushed if not swollen with coffee. And that had only been recent, judging from the tropes beneath the sulken dead-head.

It was clear, from the badge he wore on the uber-suit that he had been strangled and killed by the implanted divine inside his neck. A false sign of idolatry forced him to sink into a kind of ill-minded disease, a faithlessness which suffocated him until he felt the carbon that invaded his neural paths, creating a plain hell in the last moments he had been alive.

There were marks left around his neck, which calcified within the acid mark. Clearly, the despot sailed on top of him as well as half of the room. Despite having been choked out, there were signs of a battle having taken place in here. A wild-shit which managed to be endowed with passage, to the point where he had suffered a lot from having his liver crushed by the intensity of the weight that had been projected on top of him. What solace had he found in his heart?

Now they both turned towards the corpse, having noticed him as well as the missing part of the ceiling that trumped his knees, the body and the rest of the crowd. They had rested into the breaking point

between their level and the next floor, creeping in only now when there was no other hope for them. Slowly they dripped in like ceiling-sand. Piano keys could be heard, it was all too satisfying, nearing it, checking it out. Some of the signs of the struggle could be seen not only on the corpse but on Keyringer's face plate.

It was an explosion which left him charred, but on the bright side, they all came a long way. Every piece of evidence found a soulance on appearing on top of his face, always creeping through when it was needed or longed for. He had been satisfied to know that, despite the telltale signs, the man had died before he had a chance to suffer.

'We shouldn't disturb the dead if you don't mind.'

'You sure about it? There could be something here.'

'It ain't worth it. Whatever we're after won't be on him.'

Keyringer was sure, but just to make sure Filler knew what he was talking about, he bent over and appeased his curiosity by pulling out what appeared to be a small crucifix. It was charred, from a sign of heat and heaviness but that had been expected, if not reciprocated. What reassured the man was the pressure in which they bobbed on.

'Hey, didn't you bring us in this room for some reason?'

'Of course I have, I think it's better if we dispatch any suspicion here, if you don't mind. But I think, I think we're safe, aren't we?'

He drew back his sleeve, revealing a tattoo, it was degenerate, just the presence of an inmark itself, but it was needed. Otherwise, they could never have entered this place.

'I undertook it after all. Only to be sure I won't be clean enough to be claimed.'

It was a simple thing, a charm of the kind which only dragged on to grow, in sides, it was plain to touch. No false direction, nothing that would go on for too long without making a chance, or placing a stain there. But there was a definite plumpness to the skin on which the needles worked. He was disturbed by it, as soon as they appeared on the corner of the hold.

'Shh, he's here.'

They both missed it, almost, parlay. He simply stepped through and his mere presence, the steps drowned them in pain. It was shattering, how much force had been pushed on them, how heavy they felt, how easily they got to see the ship erect itself in the same place. Those were only the first signs of the taking. Raked through the ceiling, flaps dropping, this base had been once enclosed.

There was a cold feeling, the frozen wastes outside. Round domes of glass on which dead suckers rested. But it was beyond them, for now they were safe. He walked away and appeared to have concealed his body.

'He won't be last one we'll see.'

‘I know, you don’t need to remind me again. I’m just as bent on getting out alive as you are. There’s the olives.’

He hadn’t referred to actual olives, but the skin of the twenty-company people that went around the room they were in. Most of them were indistinguishable because of their head drops. A higher branch of their hair-tops forced the bone to bury itself into the jaw, creating a pseudo-wreathing jaw-dropper that only wanted to eat itself more than it should. They had no eyes, mostly hair, no weapons, only tight rods of wood which had exactly that, hair pushing through them. More so they lacked the uniforms, bearing some visionary suits, outlandish by the looks.

A fight ensued outside. Without a chance to carry on with their investigation, they simply resumed cowering down in order to draw as much information as they could or at least as much as they should in such a situation. First fists came after, which ended the march. Both of them were surrounded during the match. And a batch of them had been dispatched as the referee. For someone as disorganised as they were, this all seemed too calmly set. There was nothing set for too long in any case, before the hair started plumenting and caressing itself, pushing out, broathing into strange octaves. Songs of hair growth, never to be bore out, they blocked the punches or prevented them from completely obilerating their heads.

More blows were traded, then a knee came out of nowhere, but not on them. It managed to hit Filler, who left out a single loss of breath. He almost choked on that.

‘Are you dead?’

‘Is that you first concern, father?’

He could only think of him in whichever way. He was only half-brain and half-minded after all. It was clear that there was no intention to make sense of it. It was almost melted wax-like soft, ‘specially around the head area, where they had penetrated their ribs. Each blow carried the strength of heavy-weighted sledgehammers, through and through. Even by definite standards, their fingers had been bullets, long, sharp but blunt as slugs. And they appeared to be released with each blow, burrying themselves as deeply as they could before starting in again. There was no pleasure watching. But pain ended on either side.

Filler signaled Wardboe that he stopped feeling pain. But Filler didn’t know that Keyringer was Wardboe, nor was he thinking of what was happening around them. As soon as the fight stopped, they fell down, just like the rest of them, flat and bleeding, dead but burning like tiny poptards that were filled with gunpowder. Carbon dioxide started inheriting itself into small pouched in their heads. Of course they started thinking about what went on there. It dragged on for too long for now, and then it came, in dawn of the day-light hour, they spanned around the room and got out on the other side. Clear view of the emergency sign, if that meant a thing. Constany flickerings of light, chimps and dogs, and cat-leppers were stuck inside their cages, well kept, subdued, sad-looking, alive? It was a given. They accepted this and widely approached, sitting down for once.

‘Everyone died out there.’

‘It could happen to both of us, if we don’t take care. Just don’t get in a fight, will you? I couldn’t stand losing you, Filler.’

Real name taken from the lie, it was the reason for them being there and having such dry noises. Their voices were giving out just enough living echoes, less than others being present there. It came near one of the noises. Fear ran through, but that was enough. Half an hour by.

May-through July pass between the span of two years, which was spent in the emergency area in the company of the pets. They weren't disgraced by the fact, this was a given, an acceptance for the mere fact that despite the passing of time, they knew when to take breaks and breathe in. Atoms of air held water, food, servitude in them, even mental neurons that did not belong to them.

Hence the second encounter soon approached them, despite what was given and said. They could not fathom waiting there for too long without facing any kind of backlash.

'Here he comes.'

Firs the announcement, which came as they have, without a clear definition, he was staring them down now. It was for the first time that he decided to flow through and lend them just enough of his composed nature to draw this out.

'He's not a hallucination.'

Even the animals cowered. They felt sickened, to their very bones, expressing it by the mere force through which they began ripping their hairy clothes and arm-pits from under their very own broth-paganistic marks. It was a landmark of mad achievements which appeared to be stranded forth in a tiny blood of pis under them. And then, in the passing of a second, some of their heads disspeared only to reapper on different sides of the same cage they had resided in. This had not been forgiven, because they all lived.

Peering in to them, a photo was taken.

'Where did you get the camera?'

Filler looked at Keyringer, who assumed he had pointed the lenses at the one in the walls. But subconsciously, he had moved his arms in a different direction, blinding the animals before they could have a say. It was largely lost on them, the disquiet, but ill received as well as plain. They died within the hour.

'He left, you can put down. I want to see what you recorded.'

One after-image shocked him, as it clearly showed the animals out of the cage. But that hadn't been all, as a matter of fact, it was never meant to happen in the first place. This singularity of mind, this blotted thing which they both missed, the camera wasn't supposed to pin down the dates of the photos. Nor could it explain where had he attained the device from, as soon as he had gotten a clear view of it, he was no longer in posession of the device. It neared the moment where he had stopped questioning everything and only took it to himself to get away and let the pictures simply melt through his fingers and be eaten by the floor.

Various voracious feeders appeared, but the presence neared its final stop, it turned then left without making too dull of a case out of it, that's the only thing that mattered, fear of what flooded the place. A

billion questions and a few years which passed after in that room without them realising the passing of time and the timber which had been the bars.

Wood couldn't have replaced iron. But there was a man who yelled decay, somewhere, somehow, some time ago, perhaps years in the making, of which neither of them had been aware of. It was time to go. Both of them checked.

'Still have it, but if I remember carefully, you've never showed me your matching tatoo.'

A few more marks of ink, Filler finally revealed it. He couldn't know now, there was no way of knowing if he had gotten it before they entered the room. It was an uncomfortable test of nerves. How long could they survive without stopping? By the time they were out, half of the first compounds, which was an alteration of the base had been crossed by them during their flight. But there was no stopping for air.

Something happened before this.

Perhaps that was one of the few mundane moments when he had feared, somehow, somewhat, without being able to act on it immediately. He cherished his wife the most and in perilous moments like these where adrenaline pumped in his throat, he chose to stay and give in what remained of them together. Two men broke in. Thug-looking fellow, chained around the neck, only one of them had a knife. They were caught by surprise when he showed some skin. He didn't cower then, nor would he do it now. Not whilst the lady was there and she was there after all. Both in mind and present during their run, he couldn't shame her if he wanted to. First the man advanced and tried getting his knife in. Blade fighting was a foreign trade, he almost missed it, trying to defend his dame. She was crying, desperately approaching that nod off the head. He punched the man, and tried to fend the other, keep an arm on his, trying to stop the blade from pushing in.

His maxilla had been kicked in with the butt of a tiny blotted fist-knuckle which had been completely removed like an iron bolt. Hence it made sense, thence the iron came into view. Both of them were out there, in the area where the uncertainty began and reality faded for some reason, for another, looking around, there was no brother to dismiss what was going on.

'Matthew Alundo, that's who you are. Surprised that your brother Spherelinger, Slinger, name, name, what was his name?'

Of course only she could remember or hint at it for some reason or another, mostly because it didn't bother her at all. It was a hit and a miss from which not even her could understand what she was looking after. Despite the presence being there, everyone was calm. In the class-room only two of the windows faded and behind them the sight of two of diamonds and a king could be seen, but that had been no culture-king, there was no such thing.

They were focused on the board, or had been so for over four consecutive hours. Here they taught the inferiority of some cultures which only existed to leech off the superiority of the one true kind, the one which arrived from the masses, fought for and enacted when the people were one. Bonded by common feeling and a desire to rest when everyone despised them, it could only serve as a reminder and a way to prevent any other disaster from happening.

‘Remember children, if we give up, if we forget, we’ll be damned and our history and who we are, those things, our values will be disposed off and burnt off, thrown into the masses of marching strangers, men who don’t speak our tongue.’

And the children only nodded their heads, bobbing up and down as their oblong hands erupted in disgust. A foreign exchange student had been brought forth. Carried in a cage, dressed in his tribal way, for the inherent reason of him being who he was, a hint being present here and there.

‘Eham, cham, as I was trying to say, I brought this feral child for a reason. He’s been locked inside his house for the entirety of his life, under lockdown for a reason. As the previous generations before him could not adapt to the customs of our world, the punishment had come with a choice.

Either they would depart to the world in which they belong in, or the same prerequisites as his land demands shall be enfoliated in an encapsulated womb, in which he shall be forced to live the rest of his life in.’

Thence one of the children raised their hands and asked.

‘But ma’am, may I ask something?’

‘Indeed you may, Mary, and I’m glad you asked so politely.’

Chimney, Cherio, she asked.

‘Is that not considered cruel?’

But what wing would avenge the answer? The spans of days and ever after could not fathom to move on, there. Disabling thought, there was no response. He was a shock for the whole class, since he had managed to disturb everyone from what they doing. It was the neggs of the eyes, which only poured down, he looked like one of the blind-folk of the blind-race which was only a given effect taken from the fact that he needed to eat through those access points.

His mouth was sewn but he was dripping constantly for some reason. Speaking of which, it couldn’t be applied.

From this confusion, another student intervened.

‘Why are the iron bars eaten?’

Strange, there was no iron and no milk, either way you looked inside of him, he had a deficiency of the bones. And tiny thorn, in the paw of the meta-lion, scrawny and weak, he was a contagion. Where had all the iron gone?

They did not shy away from asking.

‘I can only answer so many questions at the time. But I’ll do my best, I don’t think, it’s.’

‘Is it cruel ma’am?’

‘Of course it is. I’m not going to lie to you child, but you need to understand that sometimes you need to be cruel in order to care for the people that make a difference in the world.

Somehow I think you’ll understand, I hope so in any case. There are times and places where it’s acceptable. No matter what your feelings might tell you, no matter how ill-considered that might be, we have to take action, we have to make it before they do.’

‘And what would happen if they did the same?’

In that case, she only had to point at the same bars for everyone else to realise what was going. It was this show of power, this exchange which made the creature look less human and more of their kind instead. But the bars looked less like the wood and more like them. Of course they understood what went on now. They could not question it any longer. They were reaching now, extremely so. And it was getting way too hard to justify it because no one wanted to say a thing, children were put in their place, but no one wanted to admit the fact. The children were extremely intelligent. For some reason they started analyzing the features, most of whom had been completely inherited by long, yet distant ancestors that had no racial continuity or congruity to be held in place. It was degenerate, to no end. But if there was something branded, it was the scum-sign in his arm, the depression of a face.

‘He needs to be put out of his misery.’

One of the bolder students began.

‘That’s not a question.’

Their professor retorted.

‘There are components.’

Which shall not be named here, for as long as that mattered, they could not point, rightfully so at the distant, yet inaccurate anatomical features which blasted his encased organs, he despaired, bowing down as a servant would to his unsettled masters. His fate was just about as doomed as any man’s would be if he had suddenly been freed without conviction.

‘He has a medieval bone structure which is unacceptable, and now that I see it, there’s something I truly cannot explain. It feels as if there’s a platinum-ashter dust on top of him which will eventually force his grows to grow.

Class, I want you to pay extra attention to it now, you needn’t miss a thing if it’s feasible. As much as I could pain myself to look around and ask for a volunteer, for now I’ll take no more questions and see for a way in.’

She stopped protruding and asked for the child, it was the eight one on the fourth row, the one wearing an extra pair of glasses, crocodile skin-flays and a pair of legs that weren’t exactly his but that was what he reminded himself off.

Not a single child was gutsy enough to try it. Henceforth, it was up to her to make the animal suffer in front of the class. It may have been unearned, and felt through the resonating glutton of a third of an eye,

but she'd do it anyway. No matter how hard it seemed to be, she had to make an example out of him. Otherwise, the children would not learn. And another inferior culture would prevail over theirs, which had been the prime of humanity, the model piece, her mind was set on it, erected like a flame and an imbred pregnant moth.

'Look at how I'm doing it, how I'm taking care of my poor creature, the maddening of features can only push so far. I want you to see what I'm doing here, no matter how long and how far might I got, no matter what goes through it. I shall know.'

But she had lost it for a moment, the grace she had, the winged spans and just about everything which turned her on.

'It's set.'

The teacher made a small cut and from it, to the supreme alteration of their moods, they realised that he was bleeding iron as if his body was the body of a great river.

That's what Filler had in his blind. And to that strange creature, he could not deny the rabidness which carried through him. He knew something about the presence and why it was there trying to march through. It appeared to be its one and only weakness, from which no meaning of pain could be derived any longer. He was strong in the least common sense. Punching and pushing through one of the cartilages of cages that were present in the composition below their scents.

'I can smell it, can you?'

'Please, I know what I'm doing. I don't need any indications.'

Foul thing he was, he expected me to somehow boil down to a few touches. Keyringer was selfish in some way, but perhaps that was easily explainable by the fact that they were, undoubtedly trying to diminish the falling grips that were somehow the least affected machines or actors of gravity. In some way, it was all too serene and dumbfounded. Unlike the art of the taking, he lended some of his pain-killers, reflected in his face.

Keyringer acted like a conduit for his friend, that was too obvious. With one touch, he took away not only his pain but it painstakingly obvious that he was a gem of a man. He was bad at it, faking whatever stress went through his body. As soon as their hands connected, through bone and matter, a few puncture-hole appeared on the metallic encasing half-a-mask which obscured his features. A blow to the pride, they were on the right now.

'The presence is gone now.'

'So is the iron.'

He withdrew from the wood. It was all too convenient that he managed to get off in time. Without a way of knowing, it was what it was. He couldn't care less about anything else. It made him think.

'We can't keep going like this. I'm getting tired of running.'

'And you think I'm not? Filler, I have to feel the pain.'

He would see what remained around him. Both of them appeared to share the same memories and intonations, the same beings and features. With the exception of the weird mask, but that was no half-a-mask, it was only his blunt-hit face.

‘Again, there’s the piano keys, do you think someone’s doing it on purpose?’

No answer. A dumb-lighted room came over them. They didn’t remember passing through, but they could see the wood behind, it was of a long-distant forest. No one bothered or cared about them, nor of the steam that pushed around.

A dog lay somewhere in the facility, still in the encased compound.

The compound was much more different than anything that existed before. It was half-way through the mad-looking asylum, parting ways, half-way through, molded and contorted, mixed like a maze. It simply did not make any sense, structurally speaking. The only to describe it was through a certain overlapping, confusion, stacking, constant replacement of doors and rooms, paradoxes, or anything.

But if there was one thing which was consistent, even though it was only for a temporary period of time, that was the peculiar presence. It could not be denied that it was the one who was changing all the rules.

It was a good enough reason for them to be there. In the facility, in the surreal-palace, in the spot, they were not.

Filth of the ages, they both recalled the strong.

Sharing wealth that’s unearned is degenerate and wrong.

Seventeen feet ahead, there was a sign that said no long-people allowed. The oblongs had been turned to masses and appeared to have cut below the knees.

Eight stages, that’s what appeared to bother them, no matter what came to be in the few moments they spent together, they could not avert their eyes. It was troubling, wasting time, listening to the disgrace which had been spreading the lies to the various listeners as they bypassed it. In one of the open areas there was this one, tall, yet peculiarly set forth, it was a marvel to see, just out of curiosity since there was no saying what it wanted. But it prided itself with being so similar to us, in every regard, even though that could not simply be explained.

Snippets of information appeared to be contained by it and cited, at various intervals when it had been left alone. Otherwise, there was no telling of what crept in its body, or why did the vein of metal all of the sudden disjoint itself from its surroundings. It was getting heavier, with every second, but there was no possible way to test it. More so, it had been a hunch of the sort, which became clear to the on-looker when he started admiring the various patterns below it. Some of the sizzling, yet turning strokes against the plain alloy had changed. The reason for that was the fact that it started pushing it in every side as the metal almost melted, softened or curved because of the pressure the anvil was producing.

It was somewhat bizarre, not trying to be rude or soothe the lickers. They were the ones responsible for it. Long tongues, but relatively normal, their eyes were completely green on the left and blue on the right.

That was just about all, at least everything they had observed before they went out of their way to mock them.

‘Wouldn’t get too close if I were you.’

‘Is that supposed to be a threat?’

‘Not at all, I’m simply being concerned with your safety, that’s all. You wouldn’t like to have an accident now, would you?’

There was no way to know, or to figure it out, but the anvil seemed to have a mind of its own. It stopped talking by itself in those weird intonations, and I swear it waited for us to finish talking to the long-tongue before it could begin. Some evil hand signs had been exchanged from one side to another. We were surrounded after all by these lickers, even though they hadn’t even come close to be dangerous.

An extension of life appeared to draw on from some of the cords the anvil had on. Time hardened, the anvil opened. A hole could be seen above and below the anvil, yet it floated in the air. As the cut started appearing in its mouth, a giant crystal could be seen popping out of it, glowing, producing an unfathomable light that could be anything if not indistinguishable from its surroundings. Its putrescence showed itself as soon as everything around it started drawing in the color. Below and above, there was the clear space, and malignant dead stars could be seen in the distance, distantly showing as their light and flames spread everywhere around the open spaces, the patches of dark, the insurmountable excruciating sign. It was plain and vile, seeing the crossed-out base twist around beneath and above it, as the evil started receding below.

It was drawn out and in some way it could not resist what it was going through. Too many variables of skin, too many bodies had thorn up everything around them. The lickers hid behind whichever pillar or mightily peculiar corner they found themselves in. As dreadful as it sounded, the morose peeping through, there was staunchly set, pair of crystalline stairs leading below. It was only going to get more dangerous if they went through.

‘Should we see to it now?’

We might not have the chance to return if we actually head down there.’

‘Is there anything to return to?’

Think about it for a moment. We lost so much time here and there are so many of them.’

Not a presence, but more of them, hundreds peering out of the walls, even if they only pulled their heads out, clear danger could be seen. And just as a matter of will, they taunted us with their ill-intent, the bodies they hid inside their veils. Eaten as they were from every side, they couldn’t be distinguished from severely burned, or acid-mourned human beings that have suffered of acidic rabies. They swirled and attempted to walk, these pseudo-looking beings could only fathom looming around for seconds before they would die, agonizingly pushed around and seething. Mourning in some way, unable to decay properly, then falling below their knee-caps into pools.

‘There’s no crystal below us, only the cosmetic appearance of kicked-in fighters.’

‘How could you tell the difference? They seem so colorful in some way, glass-like, unlike their shattered counterparts.’

‘Trust me, I know what I’m talking about and I fear there might not be a chance for us to look around and see a way in.’

‘Are they going to come then?’

Keyringer thought for a moment, he even considered drawing out something of a flashlight and pointing it at them, for no other reason, other to establish something, anything that would even be remotely fair. Not only had he no sense, but he saw it fit that Filler went first. He was disposable after all, unable to deal with the stress at all, he followed through, seeing how this very room was being crowded. Neither of them liked that feeling, not to a single bit of a time. Pressured to release their unquestionable woes, they took their very sweet time to look around and take in the shallow march.

Slowly advancing through, never listening to the songs of sinew, they came upon an enclosed space. Of course everything was maleable here, to the highest stock. Hands were brittle as they came after going down the stairs. Some stains could be seen, filtering themselves through some of the greates in the dirt. Around the edges of the pseudo false-platform upon which they stood, there were pieces of stone, like small miniature cut black rock mountains, hills and various geological stones. Seething, were we?

Twas the one and only thing it boiled down to. A laziness, an aspect of scoundrelry, the scum of ages and the falling light which merged from the stars and appeared to pour down on the platform as if nothing else bothered it. Within the hour they would know, waiting to see what happened. No reason to act decently around the gray surroundings.

‘I think we should head back, they should be gone by now.’

‘Why were we here then?’

‘Ringer, I think you know why. It’s not stars, I mean it’s not the stars. You know what I mean.’

‘I seriously don’t, please explain.’

‘They’re painted on the flat walls of space. They’re not real stars, that’s what I meant for you to see. I think you should see them from where we are.’

It was a leftover of a distant age. Perhaps it should be clear that the flatness had left its long, and distant traces wherever it went. A thorn had been pulled and abandoned, but they refused to disgrace one another with waiting. Shimmering down they looked for a way through, and a need around the courage, the crass being held. There was no reason to sit still now.

Soon they returned, and acknowledged that they should not speak of it any longer. It was way too obvious that no one paid of their lip service through and left. It was their only way out and they enjoyed praying on the dust-monkeys, every single one that ran around. Going back was simply a mistake they could not repeat, repent for long. It was evens, they were daft.

It went through their minds, window blinds. Farther away, the clumps.

Sickening how they began pouching the flowers, some of them were ill-clustered in the wrong places.

There was all the more reason to sit on the side. Each day could be counted on by. No one should be on the fence for too long.

‘We should go, I don’t think I like this place, do you?’

‘I don’t think I like it either, there’s something wrong about it.’

It was too clean afterwards, way too quick on it.

They would tremble and hear it go.

‘Father down the baskets, there’s one thing going into each direction?’

Said the spokesman of the long tongues, with a sudden sadness in his voice, he was just as weary as they were. It was the loss of a light that came after him. Finally it popped as one of the distant generators kicked the power back in. There was little to no remorse left for either one. It was the lack of emotion which was shown.

‘They are trying to mock us.’

The world took on them, right as they made it past.

‘Shall we proceed then?’

There was no pigmentation after a while. It was after those so-called presences left. You could still see them after a while, walking, slowly enacting something vulgar, as illusions that were trying to mess with the extra-sensory terms, the dancers mourning their nerves. It was inaccessible for the longest duration of time, maddening how they refused to die. Plain as they were, they felt the same.

‘Ringer, can you hear me?’

His voice was slightly off. Now it came to him at last, where they were, closer to the off compound area, and nearing the point of the locked gate, the part which had been outside the bunker, where the cold sea emerged. Though that area was off-limits, or so it appeared. Within one of the closed doors, there was the zone where all the inmates imbred like mad-men. They were off the hook and blunt in the head, too many of them suffered of the strange fragmentation and the wilderies. It could not be dealt with, the supression of thoughts and the wild stop.

They both stopped once Filler refused to answer. He’s done something which was largely, yet uncomfortably unforgivable. He was wearing another man’s arm instead of his. That, if anything was the worst affront he could be taken for, a treason of the highest kind.

He was posessed by the beings, BOD and Grub.

It was a tiny factor that achieved nought, nor was it as important as they would make it seem.

Spears of teeth appeared to pierce the insides of his mouth from every possible angle. It could not be calculated just there. They were a dying breed, both of them, mad pollution and at this point. As a matter of fact he did not feel well. Not too kindly now, had he retorted to the previous folk, he would've known what was going on.

'I seem to have been taken out.'

That was the last thing he said before he fell down. As is from one piece of the skull, crackled, a piece of growing lumps suddenly came out of place. Filler had died immediately, being unable to contain everything which had been happening inside his mind. He would not be remembered.

'Damn you Filler, we should've been more careful.'

Life slowly sipped from his eyes. The long-tongues laughed at both of them. But if there was one thing he noticed, it was the fact that this man he knew, Filler, had a pair of different eyes that did not belong to him. Shouldn't have bothered now, but this was not the same man he had entered the base with. No solitary advent and no soldier could sprout from the walls.

They were all alone now and there was no amount of quiet that would make them realise what went on. So far they were only trying not to breathe in. Pulmonary-people, scum of the lots.

'Leave this place before he comes back to life, you wouldn't want to see him in that state.'

'I think I'll take your advice...for now.'

Keyringer couldn't help it. He looked back, holes closed, stooping lowly, no longer lost from the looks of it. But the anvil was still there.

Time of the lot now, there were families which were unadvertedly clocked.

Down through one of the bars, a reminder, something unsafe.

Unsanitary for the longest duration, they were ready to dissect one another out of them.

It would not happen, not now and not here, thought.

Keyringer had to remain sound, even though he continued alone.

'Need some company?'

There was one short-term like emotion shown. He was Alder, and he was there, out of the company, he was the lost one. The one man with a railer in his arm and half-a brain still on.

'You from here?'

'I only arrived here just now.'

It was the nervousness of the two which gave them away.

Plain wood in his face, there was a turn.

Both of them walked miles. Not a single word could be trusted.

Alder was a goner, he run away in a mad direction, driven wild by an unquestionable mind lapse. The skinless hunt, that was what they called. In dangerous days, when the advent of men had left only the pass, they ran on milk and some wild quilt which brought not justification. Everyone stopped, they saw the signs of a crime.

A few other dead people, or soon to be dead came into the room. They were versatile, somehow, even though it didn't show as much. As they hours passed, most concisely put, it distraught them softly.

'We're too common for this world, aren't we?'

So far so good, without a doubt, he was the only one who lived and who made a case out of breathing in the gas. There was a constant leak which could not be bothered to outlive them. No lost cause, nothing appeared to be out of place, not a single thickling flavor as it drowned the shot. But there was a shot, even though it could barely be felt, its big head reared in and made itself present, he had to repeat to himself.

'I know who the criminal is.'

'Who would that be then?'

They always ended up in the same place, waiting for something to happen. Before long they realised, the long-tongues had been hanged by their own protruding tendril-like mouth lickers.

'I don't understand what's happening here.'

Keyringer came. He seemed to see something in the midst of the dead. One of the various peoples who were present there, flat as they stood were still not responsive. They jerked each other down the neck-trottle and waited for him to begin talking again. Despite being where he was, there was that one immediate change. It only came comically uneven as they jerked their heads over in order to stare at him. No matter how peculiar the room appeared to be, regardless of the condition in which it had been, there was a clear disconnect between their minds. No one could, by no means make up for that.

Whose wife was she? Despite what happened there, with the generators being worked by someone inside the bastion, this complex, this surreal torture, there was no explanation as to find out who was manipulating the strings, who was drawing him in, or her. Who was she?

Ringer came near, he decided he'd ask. As convoluted as his mind was at this point he had come to recognise something in her no one else should've been able, especially when it came to a total stranger. Or someone he knew.

'I'm supposed to know you, I think. We shared something together, haven't we?'

'I suppose we have, sometime, in the past, but that was a long time ago.'

'Suppose it was. What's my name then?'

If you're actually whom I think you are, that's the least you should be able to tell me.'

But there was no sound argument to that, no reason not to be estranged by it. There was a clear dependency between them, which could not be dropped. She felt almost parasitic then despite being victim to the presences. Though there was nothing he could make out, her features being as muddled as the memory of her, he warned himself of what might happen. Don't trust her, a mind of his own said, it spoke silently but the same echo that could be heard outside might still bounce on top of him. If only they knew.

'I have my bets on him. He'll take her.'

It was settled so far. They knew where to touch and how to make him feel uncomfortable. It was a mistake, the assumption that any key difference could be made if they tried. Only through some direct intervention, repeating his words backwardly by mouth-reading, were there results. His every action was predicted. Hers wouldn't even be true. Neither of them knew what was going on.

'See that spot? Could you, if you don't mind me asking, make up for the lost time and take a hike?

Only a few steps in that direction, if you can, I'm not asking for anything else.'

'And after?'

'We'll talk, I promise. I still don't know whether or not you're my wife.

You're as beautiful as her, and I believe this is the dress she's been wearing during the night we got engaged.'

'During or after?'

'Can't be told.'

She did as she was told, a Marryonette.

'Antoinette, that's what you were called before.'

Damn that, it actually wasn't. He missed calling someone, he had to make up for the time despite being there. One stroll and it would all be answered, but he wouldn't observe her, if anything, he's done everything in his power not to do it. Everything was confusing, most of the time at least.

But he could see the name that was carved in her back. Self-harm, various signs, deep cuts and most importantly, no blood to show it. Only the frame was there, and it looked as if it pushed so thoroughly that there was no more signs of there being an ape body hidden inside. If there was a human there in the room with him, that would have to be Filler. He was dragged in as well.

Same signs, at least from what he was aware of. There were some things no one wanted to discuss.

After she came back, this would be it. The deal was that they would talk. Not the same woman as she was before, but the body was the same.

He couldn't know by any measurement of the day, but this was the head of a woman named Eileen. She had been dead for some while now, but that was not known to him either. As a matter of fact, there were too many uncertainties to count.

'Can we count on you?'

'You're not my wife.'

'It doesn't change a thing.'

It was hard to stop and way too difficult to punch it over. Tiresome as it all was, nothing fit together, not the ground, not the ceiling, not the world, not the people. And it he who had to make whatever sense there was from this point on. Either or way, it couldn't work.

'I'll do what I can, but I need someone.'

My friend just died.'

'Sure he did, there was no mark of ink on his hand. And there were some things that could not be discussed or accounted for. That's simply how life works. You know it, I know it, we cannot actually move away from it.'

Someone was still playing that damned piano, it couldn't be ruled out either. An omission would mean something close to death, which was his choice. To simply go along with it or move on, but he did choose that. Away he did, there was no reason to wait for a replacement. Reason? Bad feelings, thing that didn't click in with him, too many bad memories and this place only getting fatter, from just about every corner. There was only this reason, this place keeping him together despite his eye sight falling apart.

If I keep this up I'll be blind. And there was another thing, a production of serotonin, which was beginning to poison him. He was irked by what was going on. Damaged good which fell on his shoulder and refused to give him stay. Twenty more minutes, in a corner, he waited.

'We can't force you to work if you don't want to, Keyringer. Accept it, you're too tired to continue, too bothered being here, troubled in every sense of the word and meaning. That can change, as long as you turn around and return where you came from.'

'And if I do, what then?'

A simple life, that's what he wanted. He knew that would be the answer he would receive as well, payed for, by the word, to get out there, to return. Alone, for another year or so there, the camera appeared in his hands. It was just as unexpected as everything else that appeared to haunt him. Someone had to take the evidence, a dead man, serveral standing. Near which there was the Foreman. He did not leave, he stood there the whole time. Too close to comfort, he had obscured a few shots. More dates appeared to be set with each picture he produced. Everything was too damn convenient and there was no one to guide him or take charge, until he came along.

'I'm one of the Foremen. I don't think there's much I need to tell you about, but, there's this place we're in and I'm in need of an assistant to help me around it.'

‘I don’t think I’ll be of much use.’

He couldn’t think of it from any other angle. There was something wrong but it could not be explained. Ringer rolled up his sleeve again, no ink.

With the loss of the dawn, there was only sadness left in a man’s eyes.

It had to matter for something.

There was no winner any longer.

He chose to walk.

‘I need a rest.’

The Foreman followed.

There was no coincidence any longer. It simply happened because it was willed so.

As strange as this sounded, Ringer seemed to remember having met the woman before, in a strange room, whilst checking one of the computers in the terminal he was searching through. But before it could be clearly defined, the period struck him as being unevenly set. It either happened there, in his youth or in this compound. He fantasized about her over the span of a few minutes, which was fairer than any treatment anyone there could be given.

It was the first time they met. The room was simply too well-structured not to be considered a masterpiece by any account. Only by carefully measuring the dead end in which the only door that lead to the corridor would you be able to make something out of it. Because the room looked convex as it drew towards the dead wall against which it started. Though it had another smaller chamber in it that was enclosed and that’s where the devices, the computers, the terminals and the rest of the electronics were stored. That’s where Keyringer had decided to work for a short period of time, but the small details, those he could not remember, or decide on.

And there was another thing, gaps, strangely placed, like square-like depressions left by giant cubes that had been placed at every corner, then lined, whereas the convex profanity that was the end of the room left a strange feeling of purity. And the depressions had patterns on them and made the walkable area which lead to the front of the opposite dead-end wall and the area surrounding the chamber, look like a strangely malign bridge.

Each depression, which looked to be made in the style of brutalism had a peculiarly set power-like cells which were used for storing power, drawing away from distant generators, which was, at least in his mind the dead giveaway from the fact that, while this place had a certain vulgarity to it, this seemed to be the same compound he found himself walking in. Yet at this point in time, Filler was gone. Strange man that he was, he didn’t do anything to signal his absence nor was he too obsequious.

But they were there for a reason and even their light was somewhat incandescent, protruding, strong, way too euphoric for it to be only a kind of light, more so-like a prism of various shades that came at different intervals but they were not meant for this purpose either. They hadn’t been placed like neons or light-

bulbs, stage-lights or anything of the kind, it was only an after-effect, a side-effect as well, of the various types of electrons they were receiving. And for what purpose? Not even he could tell.

For some reason they gave him the impression of acid pits and pools, though he dared not take it into consideration. A whole system appeared to remain in place. Timed after a pointer, for which intervals, the machines came into play in their malignant interaction. He wanted to prod further but stopped, entered the room and started one of the computers in the terminal. Not a single one of them was locked; it was plain, solid, a combination of a submarine, nuclear base, moon-landing combination of apparatuses which gave the stolid impression of this being more than an abandoned warehouse. It was strangely plain from the outside. Hence the reason for him thinking it as madly as it were.

‘You’re here, after all, I didn’t expect to see you.’

‘Were you waiting for someone?’

Strange woman, again not the same, as one would have to look for her from the sides in order to get a good pointer. She looked Turkic, almost, slit eye, but only as a pseudo-kind of appearance, nothing too vulgar or had on the eyes. It would still be hard to distinguish her from any kind of fair-skin person, in the midst of a sunny day, when everyone squinted. And the room only pushed both of them together, like a match that was burning their skin through a tan unless they moved closer to one another, as if to approach.

‘How did you get in here?’

‘I got lost while searching for my brother.’

‘And what does he look like?’

The fourth encounter.

Tall, bland, weirdly set, not asiatic, wildly speculative, made out of a tin-arm which appeared to carry on a perfect replica of his body, which was still, frozen, unable to be moved in any angle. Fingers, hands and everything else, even the bobbing head set. Everything else appeared to be tied together, like cords that were trying to mess through his jugular, that’s where it connected with the weird machine he was carrying. On his back there was also the rocker, which appeared to resemble a giant, yet solid backpack which was completely made out of various regulators. That main-regulator was not reflected on the replica, instead, it appeared to feed him through the named jugular.

It was this tendency of wild parasitical relationship that helped him orientate around the complex. Truth be told, it was hard to miss, or to get. He was her brother and a name was not given for him or to her.

Keyringer’s wife, or Filler’s, or, had they shared it? Nay, that would be too much, plus, he would’ve killed the man before resorting to such a disgusting thing, perhaps even in the one of the cruellest fashions, as a mere thought, as he speculated on it, he found himself being filled with snippets of rage and confusion. If he were the one doing it, if that wasn’t his wife, no, it was inconclusive. Neither the head on top of her, neither the original woman, nor this one could be his wife. If he had one in the first place.

Yet, strangely though it seemed, there was one aspect that bothered him, this brother of hers, who was very much real in every sense of the word. How could this happen? His face was torsion of convoluted skin-melts, which degenerated in a harp-shaped spear.

There was something in the power-cells as well, which turbulated the entirety of the atmosphere. For each of them bore a dark-skinned tortured soul which appeared to taint the light, which in itself could not be accounted for any longer because of the amount of skin-gutter cutlery which had accustomed itself to cutting every organ inside of them, creeping through.

It was inescapable, the turmoil that started pouring out of him like pudgy blots, and tags of mold, they were suffering inside their tiny cells, but could be heard by the man who was pressing keys on his keyboard, feeling their vibration as the long bones which worked them succumbed to pain. It was delicious, delirious, hatred for them.

Tiny wife-petals, pops, of round-eaten, spoils puffed out like spore-shooters, in every direction. But they were dark and they appeared to carry something from the days when they had masters. It was a painful smell, as it triggered a wild reaction that piped in.

Given that they liked staring, they saw a slither of humanity they did not want to accept. The cells felt too real and they could be seen acting up through the pressure-proof windows.

‘Still can’t accept it, can you?’

‘I can, but it will take some time. It’s weird, isn’t it?’

‘Watching those drop?’

‘It’s not that, but trying to make sense of the delusions.

I’m here and I’m there, then years pass. Then he’s dead.

Now you’re here and by the time I snap out of it.’

‘You know where to go when everything’s wailing up, don’t you? Take a turn, go back home, sleep on it and by the time you decide it’s time to return.’

‘It will be gone, I know, it’s exactly what I would expect to happen. Still, I can’t shake off that feeling, no matter how I look back on it.

I took it too far.’

She nodded then, she understood what was happening.

‘Shall we go back then?’

There was a single hole in the panel, just around the edge of the long-stretch. The keyboard snapped almost immediately before he could push his eyes through. It opened like a trap from below, from an angle where large simian fingers threw themselves over and crossed each side, forming a strange triangular support which allowed for the keys to be held in a tilted plane. That almost managed to distract

him from placing his finger in that hole, close to it but it had been a failure. He almost came too close to doing it, having second thoughts before pressing in again.

They're of a different breed after all, and every rub inside the hole meant exploitation could be made. In every one of the cells, the painful puffs could only push and bounce before not being able to control the various contrivances that pushed it past the limit, blandly sprouting when it was more than convenient to stand still.

'Standing still?'

'Who said that?'

'It came from the intercom.'

Another entry and a few more keys should confirm everything, despite how plain it all seemed to be. Here and there, never watching, only listening for long.

'I can't move my feet.'

They were battered in a contest and satisfaction could not be achieved any longer. Was it always going to go that way?

First time's a charmer. An insolence was met inside the communication box, it extended and tried pushing in without making too much noise. But now the wife and Ringer were set on seeing the program unfold on the screen. It unwrapped, charming, like an ideal box of codes, numbers, commands, all of which were unfit in the back. Erroneous taps managed to put some of them back through, like the cattle, like the pox-battle that happened.

'We should go. I think I had enough.'

'Won't you stay a little longer? You know I can't leave this room now.'

'Why not?'

'If I leave it, my brother will find and kill me. Could you open that panel for me? The one under the main, right, that one.'

'So you're planning on sitting there until something happens.'

'Until he leaves, not until something happens.'

'I'm not planning on something happening, I want to get out alive.'

'But you don't want me to take care of you out there?'

'You wouldn't be able to stop him from harming me. The only thing you could succeed is endangering yourself and him.'

'Why?'

‘Because as soon as he kills a man, he will die as well.’

‘Wouldn’t that mean that you’d get to live?’

‘No, as I said, he would find a way to avoid killing you. My brother worked as veterinarian, he’s supposed to kill animals. Dog and.’

‘Bitches, that’s where you were leading to, I see.’

He carved the way for her to hide. Despite not understanding it entirely, he simply scratched the surface and made sure everything was comfortable enough for her stay. It was a time for both of them to endure, making sure it was a fair deal and a fair stay. She stays, I live. I stay, she dies. We leave, she died. We leave, somehow I die, she lives. She lives, I live, he lives, but no one wins. There was no way to test it, he would have to listen, at least for now.

‘I can’t help it but feel bad for you.’

‘I know, it’s simply how it is. Just another lost girl, you’ll forget about me before long.’

‘Time to go, get down there, now.’

‘Already?’

It couldn’t wait.

I don’t know why, he thought. Why this happened, but all of the sudden, he simply considered what it could’ve been that day. He came so close to dying, on a sole night in December. He wasn’t alone on the bridge but no one acted on it, at least not on an impulse. A young man jumped over, it was a long drop on the river, unexpected. It flashed like a bird, like a camera shot, akin to a chimera of light. He didn’t think, he simply leapt after the man. Going as far as he could until his legs gave in, and he submerged. Before the water could reach his lungs, he grabbed the young man and drove to surface. It went far, getting shredded by the blade of the sea, by the fish, by the various trenches the waves had become, all the while he was dragging the young man towards the shore, where he belonged.

His strength almost gave him, but he was breathing again, resting. Opening his swollen eyes, almost blindly out of question and pouting from the watery prison he had been in.

But he knew of the little disregard, he didn’t know what happened, or why things were how they passed. The man was Filler, and he lived. They were in the present, trying to make it.

‘Ink on my arm, see? My real arm, there’s no replacement.’

‘I know.’

He breathed in stillness.

‘I don’t know why, but I doubt she has a chance to live.’

‘Can’t argue with that now can I?’

It was the laughter, which always kicked everything off, it didn't feel too human-like to be taken out, without a sway, without prying in for too long, they were set. It slumped the knees while grabbing around the waist.

A moment of weakness costed him, perhaps too much. A second chance would not be given if either of them slipped on the floor. It was musky, wet, for some unknown reason, a peculiar sponge had been stretched beyond limit.

It was done.

The message was planted even though they were not aware of it just yet. Clicking like some weird somatic parasite, it started wreathing in disgust. But they could not see it. No matter how many times they had seen the walls, regardless of how many times their eyes bounced against the cradle, it was too late to see what was happening in plain sight.

Subtle changes accounted for an unforeseeable fate, a blunt yet disgusting march that only now began acting upon their vibrations.

'We're alone. Surprised to say, I didn't think we would make it so far.'

'It wasn't likely for either of us to make it so far. Honestly, I thought I was a gonner until you pulled me back in.'

And that alone could be seen as being reflected below them, on the floor, where the mark and the touch counted for something. Either way, there was no opening around there, no quick path, only the ones that were listening and were trying to move their abbocks in, sharp tools, taken around each frame of the door, each window being pushed by their crane-like heads. From a side, it looked like they were eating the metal or at least managed to get there. Slowly they worked their way out of the metal frame and came into the air. With a plowing motion they began construction the cells, refurnishing them. The motions would discontinue until they would no longer be needed. Something had to be said about that. They were construction men, but in an unnatural way. Drot-head, long-bowed, sunken and too wide in the back, sledge-like bodies that appeared to function with too many limbs to count, most of which being a combination of ape-like mandibles, arms, legs and strange tendril-like cells, which were being fed on by the generators.

'We need to find one of the generators if we can.'

'What makes you think we'll be able to do it?'

'I don't know, honestly, at this point, I think we're just aiming in whichever direction a toss a coin lands us to. There's nothing else I could think of.'

Everything looks way too similar to the previous walls, the floors are checkered or patterned in a similar fashion or what not. I don't know if we could find it, but we should keep an eye out nonetheless. You know, in case something does show up?'

'Now it's supposed to move or something?'

‘No, at least I don’t think so, but there has to be a trick to it. You wouldn’t nodd at something like that without losing your grip to reality.

It simply does not happen.’

And there were unnatural lights being produced. He feared something might appear during one of the dark flashes, wehre the light was still on but it produced an infantile pus that covered everything in sight. That was not right.

‘I think I hear something.

‘Filler, you don’t need to do this, we made it past that room.’

‘They might come for us if we don’t deal with them.’

‘And how might we do it?’

A few steps had been taken behind. It was just far enough to see something happen. Just peering around every corner of that area, enough biting marks and holes had been revealed that they could not fathom looming out. It was undiscernable, a shy-bite that ate and devoured the channels, the spills and the tints. Metal strings had been attached both to the corners, tools and specific areas that were in their control. Whatever power there had crept around the place, it seemed like that came from one source, the broken lantern which illuminated the place.

These tool-mechanics, as they appeared to be shading themselves off from their eyes, were thin. Almost as eaten as the metal, but not as a consequence for what they were doing. Instead, they appeared likely to have erected themselves in the most peculiar manner. The reason for it was became most of them appeared to pass a simple test. Since they were mostly eccentric hunchbacks, their spines would either contort or missalign as soon as they began setting themselves straight. Others had their complete bone-system putrify into a jelly which started sipping out of their bodies as fast as they could prod out some of their empty hole-makers inside the lower sides of their basins.

One of them approached. Neither of us knew what to expect from them, especially since there was no question any longer, they were queer, in the most disgusting manner possible. In some way they were no elated, instead some dragged to their simian cousins, trying to drag any kind of false-hope inside their putrid skin, features thin but there. No eyes and bodies that appeared to have rotten away underneath a muscle of mold. And it could only communicate slowly by granting itself access from inside the throat-box, in which all the sounds and all the voices had been perpetually been produced at an unfathomable rate. Faith could not guide the man who looked.

The second one around him prodded through.

‘Could I at least’

There was no time to explain.

Both Keyringer and this architect started a sparring match. Outside the hallway, where everything moved juttingly slow enough for something to be said. It was only a matter of trying to resolve something

between them. As the spatial adept revealed, there was some muscle mass hidden beneath the strange abode it called a body. Strong enough to curve the blow, they unrolled the sleeves or what appeared to be a rolled-up curtain of rolls and started with a few jabs. It came to him that there was no easy way to take this bear oer' man, who fancied himself a rebellious boxer in his youth, as he thrice-a stepped in one direction and landed a blow to the side of his clearly mushy skull, which in turn began pouting and sipping everything it fed itself with.

There were no clear victims here, only those who came to bet. Everyone appeared to have stopped the production in order to make as many mild cuts as possible, at their wrist pouches, bloody-coins looked rigged. Some of them were unappealing as they were filled with the same substance that filled their veins. Worst of all, they were insecure about their mindless drots, as they themselves fancied ending themselves in the disquiet. Too many motions were repeated, not a second jab missgiven, finally a hook appeared to bring some closure.

'I am convinced you are dressed in clothes made out of swomen.'

'Sowed around the ankles, how could you tell?'

Some signs were shown but others lost. A metallic head-machine came flying on, bleeding real blood out of its mouth. Most of them dispersed as soon as they saw it. Filler and Ringer stooped low and made it for the first corner. Foreman was waiting.

It was only a matter of time until they would be thicked off. Too dangerous to loom for long, it was getting out of hand already.

'Get down, now!'

His shout broke the nearest acesses of glass that loomed around the spot. It got close. Twenty millimeters at least, a part of the wall, a concave hole that hadd been rounded for at least two meters deep like a trench which shot in both directions and an air-tunnel which formed a gap in its surroundings had been formed from the chemical slither that shot out of nowhere. It was plain and deranged, obscure how it came and left, deadly, but avoided.

'How did you know where it would end up shooting?'

'I don't know, I heard it, I think.

Or I knew it would happen before hand. '

'Are the two of you done now? Shall we make our way out?'

The Foreman did not wait another second before pulling them back on their feet. From where he stood, it became clearer that he showed no amount of fear for what happened, nor would he be delighted to know that it was still out there. Whatever shot in their direction, whatever it was, there would be no hope to avoid it.

It already began affecting him. They were off the chart and madly looming in the fantasy land. They were off it, off and a' go. It could not be it, the shot, eating off the floor.

‘We killed a man.’

One voice called, but it was neither one of theirs, as a matter of fact there was nothing which would even draw in close to cheering, the peering into the bloated creatures that dripped out of the ceiling, forming their black bodies like pudges or pudding, forming, large antennae penetrated heating lots. Blocks of crane-like, spider legs, protruding mechanisms pushed out, making the noise of static, guiding them to eat and devour their fellow men. They listened out of not a single compact tension, deranged by what they heard that day. It would pay no heed to listen. Fear was embedded on the lock.

Majesty, of mold, that it was, they were trying to push in. Alas, they started peering through, it couldn't be that fear seeped in from the dust-strides, skin lies.

‘I want to eat some more of his jaw, they need to creep in and listen to us as we cut through their headless maws. But not to listen, not to pray, they could not happen to come upon it again. Fear would not satisfy.’

But who was speaking, they wondered. As they turned their necks and bottled their heads into the nearest hives, they started peering through their legs, which had been switched for other limbs, longer, more protruding, many fingered, less headed, disturbed from the sound. In less than any time today, the creeping vow, they would say:

‘Cretins, you need be stopping from the act of cannibalism. It will not reflect well on your bodies once you stop and once the taste kicks in afterwards.’

They could not fathom thinking after that. Soon after, they would retreat, back on their feet, although their bodies had been folded into creeping rising floor-shapes. Thralldom to their kin, for those who followed were akin to be hanged and left about the place, uncannily to wonder.

Neither of them was strong enough to oppose. One of the devices started yearning for it to happen. By no means could they explain what happened in their heads. As they rolled away in time they saw it happen, once and thrice, like a piece of cloth that was being reeled back in by a rod at an unfathomable speed, destroying everything in its path because of the sheer weight it bore. Before it lay all the pieces of granite-sand iron which had been spread around and thrown to give. An impression of wonder, how it happened for them to cheer in and slip through the cracks. Ashamed, I? How could I be ashamed of it? Filthy disgraceful creature that she was, implying there was something I wouldn't do. We were not animals, made out of scum-bolts, being shot.

Four sticks held his head on top of a corkscrew-like spine throttling pin-needle that came out of his throat and belly. It was dreadful, shameful and battering to the knees.

‘Get up.’

The Foreman had disappeared again, leaving them alone. Mandibles crying, both of them swayed. The criminal had entered the stage, standing a bit too close for either of their sight. Two barrels could be seen from front end, from the sides and apparently in a circumventual curve which dragged itself over. A few slugs appeared to be vaguely lodead through.

But a blimp-fatness could be seen from behind the barrels, making it seem like I bore something close to eighty shots at the very least, all of which had been loaded and crept around. Almost missed, as a metal

prick almost landed, it filled two thirds of his mind with brittle poison. Two joints left out, but it was uncertain who shot the dart and who was hit by it. It couldn't be guessed. Another pair of seconds, all of which had been too tempting to grasp at, least of all, either man could expect something.

‘Get up. Step away from him or I’ll unload everything in your heads.’

‘Make me.’

Keyringer had a death-wish. After being struck in the jaw during the fight, cheered on, guts filled with a dead man's decaying corpse, he finally got half a sense. It didn't last long, it was unclear, as to see where he was nodding. Notes lay spread around the compound but there was no point in trying to chase them off. Two of a kind, another pair came out, everyone was wearing rain coats. Eight more followed until they had been completely surrounded.

It was just like before, when the troops did not know how to signal and what to say. A look of the deprave, it came back. Ringing in the ears, both coming from the barrels being knocked together and by the sudden heaviness of the way from which they came. Every step left a foot-print which was still as hot as iron, and after each of them, there could be nothing drawn but the slight paranoia drawing them back in. A bastion of questions rose from the blocks of steel.

‘Get down, it's coming again. ‘

This time, from the angle the two of them saw what it was. From below they could see the bulk of a ship being completely formed but still deformed in a peculiar curve. It was the axiom of pain, trying to figure out what this image tried conveying, and how much pressure could be gotten from around each drop. On another count of heavy objects falling, they saw how close it had gotten to killing them and came back down. Surveying, staying, but half of them keeping an eye on the two cannibals, only for a few more days, but that wasn't as important since thirst was satiated with blood and a peculiar power of the mind had been pulled out through the hole made by one bullet. As strange as it seemed, a surreal psychosis started pouring out of Filler's head.

His skull had only been slightly grazed, but from a tiny, insignificant slit, his brain started pouring out, filling the air with a strange scent of colors. Red bore the smell of a wild leaping spiced pepper, blue for the forlorn moisture of crude sea paragon of clam-iron prude lookers. It was hard carrying on top of a broken leg. It was still quiet. They prepared for an execution. Some lickers were present there, and apparently they bore the same faces the anvils had, in the same shape, with a slight, insignificant alteration, it couldn't be explained. It was painful, trying to pass the time.

Neither of them could move because they had been completely caught in a prison formed out of four moving hardened anvils. At all time. A small detail which could not be completely forgotten, nor could the joy be passed away, day in and day out, spend trying to look for a single gap they could get some fresh air out of. It was a dead end, for all of us, plenty of walking.

Various thoughts flew through the shingle. It was inappropriate, through and through. Less than expected, all around the making, with one of the visors being broken in the eye, there, they erected a morbid statue, on the plain moons, eleven of them taken through.

Catching up dead-ankles, broken from the impact, it seemed like they stopped breathing for short periods of time.

‘It is a dead cause.’

‘There is a man wearing a red shirt.’

And they went in circles, unable to define the parameters of the world outside the peculiar cage they were in, not that it mattered, though it made everything way too confusing and doubtful. Marks of electric laceration everywhere around, laying in the circumstance, not a single head bobbed.

‘We shall receive the first witness, as to find out whether or not a crime has been committed.’

But there was some doubt spread around, mainly bred out of the fact that most of the guests that showed around were blind. But in the wild metallic river, the tributaries which were lost, on a diseased turn from around the barren building, from the top of the sparrow-head cyrst, there showed up Joathan Rot and Muck. After all this time, they were still the prisoners and the ones which mattered. It was slightly less jolting, to look upon the clear water. Drawing in around the pace, stalking morbidly upon the faceless silk. Torn apart, yet no one winked. This connection, this morbid lack of wild affections drew them forth. Worth of the gore, bitter dead people slipping forth, it was doubted.

‘Who shall speak first then and enact the speech of the cattle? Who shall take the decision after luster and lose himself after?’

‘I shall come and say my prayer.’

Muck had jolted his legs as the chains were not to be filled with mildew, sickened by the rum he had sipped in the snow of the spine, the dead man was tasted! Yet they had not become aware that another man committed a crime, and out of everyone who could’ve possibly done it, there was no way to share the blame or look around. Bastards praying, never swaying through the moons, there was no way to see them now, but all of them opened their wild eyes at the date the judge mourned the coming of the end. No procession, barely determined, a saddened expression appeared to haunt his sight. He couldn’t believe what he had gone through in order to come out of the maddening fright that carried him through pouring gates, the falling stones and the mild despicable floating jolts. Quiet after the shorted while, Ivanoe could not deny that he hadn’t the slightest idea what was going on there.

Woe to those anywhere, as he wondered what might be due to him trying to sway. None of the others could convey the slightest emotion, the missing tendril and violation of the missing lights.

But if there was anything he had held from them, it was the fact that the person they had been eating from, during all this time was his friend. And he had gone through way too much trouble to preserve him only to arrive here. It was dreadful, trying to count the days, even more so to think of the chance through which he might come to prod and lost a knot inside his head.

My dear Roscowaff, your heart is sinking, there’s little I may come to draw forth. One day, I shall look upon the sightless wonder and I may hear.

Nothing happened. Nothing came to his mind, he couldn't justify lying to himself here. It was done for, the man's life had been taken from like, no laurels would do, nothing could prevent him from rotting and even if he were to bring him back to life, it was pointless, it could not be decided. He was a man of too little worth to count, and he couldn't care less for anyone other than the broken cords, the brother missing.

What neither of them had been aware was the missing link, that of which was little in the eyes of a destined man, and the lack of a mind, passing. They were unclear, they had been beaten in the head, no wonder they spoke in their highly accentuated voices, a worth of fewer days, he said. Hard, thought it might be to ignore it, soon enough the generators started powering the lights down. And in a moment of agony, the mahogany turning blue, bearing his large nails and the second projection of his body now floating in the air, just about the first one, right between the space through which the overlapping devices came to make the noise, there came the brother of the Wife, him being the only one heard.

A heartless man might look upon this den of his and wonder less at what he might do. He gestioned to the countless cluster and saw the dirt come passing through. Some of the mild corpses broke as the sand started dripping from on top the ceiling. One of them opened its mouths. A single signal came flying yonder. He should've been called.

'I seem to be confused again. There used to be a question. But where was it? No one answered the missing tension.'

Various walls appeared to be missing and getting through. A type of extreme courage had called the swaying, least of all, might it be known, the trunks of skin being pushed through the false snow that slipped in.

'Thence came the strange mutants, make way for them and the prisoners uncanny.'

Many of whom died on the spot, dragged on by a pair of spiked chained chords which couldn't help themselves but slip in and then the dragging.

'Will we have a moment of quiet one day? I can't think of a single moment where I could rest my feet.'

Keyringer checked it again as he said it, making sure there was still a splotch of ink. Surpassing the need for skin, it started dripping on the floor. Some air molecules hardened. They started reflecting themselves around the peculiar plain. Plain, plain, it was all too plain for them, walking. After seeing so many things happen, the mundanity of life could not be conquered any longer, not when it mattered, not against the rhythm, the illusion that they were still there, when another drop of ink fell from his arm.

'He drowned.'

Keyringer thought. He was still distancing himself from where he was. It was the dead century now. One man trying to make his climb through the heavy desert. Half-way done, through the bile-pile of tenacious boxes, the man with a slinshot managed to set his surroundings on fire. That was enough to warrant some noise being made. Flashes of light made him feel uncomfortable after a while because he could never tell what they thought.

Now there was a time to sit and listen as the silence emerged, everything being too calm. No way out instead of pouting around the place.

But the light kept flashing on somewhere out there. It would seem rather pale, it happened in the dot.

Life would be starving underneath the ground, or so it seemed. Back in the place where he had been buried, Lor could not fathom staying there for long. He had been alive, but souless, only a piece of dirt which crept.

Twenty-five meters above the first of the eight set of dirt spades creeped out. They were moving uniformly.

The dirt had been shoehorned out of place by a few of the villagers in the time-span of a few days, when the whole event got completely swept underneath the rug. Whereas, a few of their shoes managed to scrape some of the soft part of dirt off the ground, leaving the hole area, which was eighthundred centimeters both in width and in length and the peculiarly bent over the head leg which managed to create a tiny airgap between the cauldron and his shoe, which managed to create a tiny bump of dirt in the road which would sometimes recede, flatten, then pop right out signalling that there was still something going on through his mind. Although Lor was still gone, out of it, out of this world. Barely standing, in a world of light which would not spare, and then after.

He was greeted by a giant fish which walked like humans would on top of its tail. It had a pair of human eyes which were protruding out of its deeply-set fish-cave, inside the cavity of its side-chest, right below the gills, around the crown that surrounded it, which was made out a net of hooks which deeped through it.

But it could not be. He couldn't help it.

Ringer got knocked about the place, unable to see it fit any longer, despite the moisture on his hands shimmering with the blood that came off the ceiling.

The Foreman returned bearing eight tiny knives. He shot them through his chest. After a while they began pushing in, but no bleeding had occurred. They pushed out of his back, through his clothes, then began growing the chunks of meaty hardened strings that stood there, like hibernating convex arcs, which appeared to bear pumping organs at each end. After a while, he yelled at Keyringer.

'Do you want to see a real show of strength?'

As they pumped, becoming more and more active, they started drawing out the muscle mass from his legs, chest, other arms, the grease and the lumps grom around his body, carrying them through the arched shafts in his back. Then all too quickly they had been delivered to one strong arm. He stepped only once then punched a hole through one of the nearest walls.

Foreman strode around the broken flint. He made sure Ringer got a good taste to what was about to come.

The deranged noise alerted everyone in the opposite room. As soon as they figured out what was going on, they came out, ready to surround them again.

Just like before, Ringer thought. This time around, there would have to be no witnesses.

The Foreman didn't take long to switch the knife-pump and switch them around. His arm increased in width, its muscles barged.

It's quite simple, how it all went down. He appeared out of nowhere, charging through like a mindless falcon. He couldn't comprehend the amount of power which could be regurgitated through a single strike, which began softening the bones and the muscle mass underneath the cowl of brittleness hidden in between the hindered legs.

Gravity worked against the man, as the force had been completely uncovered through the reverberations that kicked in and out. He couldn't scream nor call out for help because of the weird sound compression which had been released out of his body as soon as the fist made contact. What had been worse was the fact that, despite all that power he tried pushing against him, despite his fists and arms bearing completely set as if to guard against the blow, the raincoated falcon had half of his body completely obliterated in a matter of a few seconds. Not only so, but as his back contorted as a drunk would hunch over with both of his arms grounded around two planks connected to a long fence, so had he become completely immortalized in the structure of the room, being completely melted in by force. Like a mold or a man made out of soft water clay which had been heated too sudden, caught in a permanent deformation which would not get away.

He lived as well, through some unnatural appeal, the lower half of his body sealed itself and appeared to grow a large layer of cartilage which completely altered everything anatomical about it. There was no doubt that his twin had been birthed by the strike. Not only that, but as he finally caught himself in this trap, he had managed to rake whichever amount of pain he had or mind of his own. His mind split in the peculiarly tainted embryo which migrated in the opposite direction. It could not be doubted any longer, the strong sensation which had been his, the obliteration of the mind, the split which had occurred. And then, despite both Ringer and the Foreman slowly moving away, there was a quick innate display, the lack of which could not be fathomed any longer.

But there were exact replicated, which could not face one another, being distinctly inverted, like normal card, though neither of them could see it either because the second half-a-body was inside the sack which was his disjointed chest, which, at this point in time was no longer hard but softened, up to a pulp, the point of no return. There was something to be drawn from it. Highly precise movements, strike, feeling of the mold, he would rot there but at the same time he would be preserved.

In his eyes, multiple overlapping prisms of bodies could be seen, as if projected, deferring from growth, caught in a perfect loop of purity and perfection. And if there was an action to be taken, it was that the sight of the fight could be seen in it, like the reflection of an old VHS footage stock, caught in the prime of his mindlessness and the inability to cope or keep track of what was going after.

'We have to go now, before any more of them join us in our little riot.'

'A warning would've been nice.'

'I just have.'

‘I was referring to what you did to that man.’

‘Of course you were.’

‘Can you at least help me walk? Or do those beating things draw in your brain as well?’

‘Course not, otherwise you wouldn’t be breathing now.

So walk, I won’t be your crutch.’

He was intimidating. At least now that I had a good look on his face.

Worst of all was that Filler was left alone in a tight anvil box. The sentence had already been carried but not by the executioners. The man was clerly wet, it was a water basin, in which he stood. He didn’t make it any better by being dead. Not that he could either complain or make it so, they kept to themselves and chose the markers on the walls. Red paint, the mark of a lipstick tainter, of course there were disgusting, undignified signs which brought them closer together. It drew nearer, the way they spoke with conviction. A rabid feeling appeared in all of them at last.

‘Ivanoe, you’re the judge, it is time for you to attend the court.’

‘Shall we move the man then?’

‘I do not know.’

A snippet of a lip appeared to have been bitten off. Rightfully so in any case, just in the same way they had been touched. There a scraper in the eye, a Rhine that was made out of wood.

‘We ran out of iron again, that’s a bad sign.’

They would trample this world and not focus on anything else which didn’t apply to the various governing growths.

But enough of it, there was no general consensus as to figure out how things would go. So far, no one knew what lay inside the give onset anvils, or what had become of them during the exhausting process which set them on that path a long time ago. Thence he chose to check himself.

‘It isn’t wet any longer.’

‘What’s that?’

‘The ink on my arm, it used to be wetter. Now it’s dry. I can’t actually explain it, but something happened along the way.

I suppose you wouldn’t like to hear the alternative.’

‘Try me.’

‘If the ink begins dripping again, something will definitely happen. Can’t explain it, but it would simply happen to go that way.’

Thence there was no reason to talk. Not as far as he was concerned. He exposed his sleeve and revealed that it was a dry as shore-stone in the midst of a summer-dove, whitened by the heat of its feathers, burning as it started singing in the songs of bitings. It wasn't a pleasant sight in the least but that wasn't the point of it.

He was sure they were listened. The terminal had confirmed as much, and though the man didn't know it yet, they were heading towards someone. An eight chamber in the agram region in the compound, fifty meters away from the general straight direction on the road both Ringer and the Foreman were going.

It was closed, though it had four ways someone could enter, and all four of the doors were locked. Inside of it, there stood two weird machines which appeared to be under a relation of symbiosis.

Part of it had been composed of two giant rhombus-like expanding cubes, which hoistered every rotational device which appeared to be set in motion by the long extending cords from the top of the ceiling. Around each edge there were triangularly-curved pointers which appeared to mimic small spiked spheres, yet they were completely covered in peculiar surfaces which receded back into more primitive forms on the part of the cube which came back it. As these enigmatic coal-puffers extended, the acting mechanism resembled one of the old vintage cameras, of which lens appeared to release a long cylindrical feature in which a man had been finely preserved. Yet there was a key difference between the anatomically set features, which set the bones minding on the march of a grinder. It was caused by the many deformed wheels which contorted its evolution, the growth, the whole being.

Yet it didn't matter any longer. It stood there, looking at a mirrored tube from which nothing came out of.

It was empty and it was making a peculiar sound, an ambience which only deepened as it went on. It was undebatable whether or not the creature had been driven mad by waiting and by squaring the various areas around the walls which refused to go on without mishap or wood in gallons, melted oaks, in wine of cinder thinned skin-lapps when they walked on ceilings, in another drawn out dimension.

Everything was being dirtied and messed with and there was little hope in the matter. Various particles were being bred in the head, then came the master instead, he who was the presence, faded only for a second before entrancing himself in the pucker of the swollen moon. He was hallucinating dark beings as well as any other, but his were normal and they were stricken in the swoon.

Blood disease, pumping through, it was a necrophiliac's tail. Around noon.

Twenty to eighty power strips daisy chained around each moving miniature platform. It was slow going, throd-plowing around each corner of a corpse. More power strips appeared to be plugged it. The administrator, the man who was supposed to watch it had died of a self-inflicted gun wound in a lone wooden chair in a simple dusty room in the complex-square, inside the compound. There was one thing which didn't appear to bother him any longer, that was the simping out of his brain, which poured out like a strange bluish liquid that started becoming cold gas. It was simply hard to look at his body after the passing of a few hours, since there was, without a doubt, no chance he would come back to life, the passer grimaced at the sight. He looked like a spike cone, longer than usual, these peculiar, long and sharp.

This bloated creature of strips and cords immediately started moving on its own. It was still connected or stuck in the process of connecting with as many adjacent of hidden outlets as it could in order to survive

for as long as it managed to. There was the lost sight and it came. A pair of teeth, wild addition, but it couldn't be compared with what was going on around them. With the eight of the lone hanging mourners who had managed to get entangled out their necks.

The constant bobbling and the peculiarness of the dead-watches on the walls always hitting the eight hours, close to midnight on an old corrupted Gregorian calendar, there appeared only one dead hand which protruded out of the wall and sang out of an open second hand, third arm, bone protruding out of it as well. And from the bone-eye and the bone face which replicated that of a normal man, it spoke at last, which the outlets connected to it, drawing power from the dead-men inside the outing. As they appeared to be completely connected to a strange, out-of-this world outline of many bone-insterions, all of which would taint each other in the dark, touching could not be denied. A man tried approach but he immediately fell, broke his skull and left all the rotten guts crawl inside. Drawn to the power, an electrical cord shot, turning his skin into a patch of coal, melting as it rose, from the peculiarly shot, enfolded domes, and it was the lack of quietness, which gave it all awry. It was the lack of a tongue which made it seem primitive, despite what it was made out of, no matter how many times it writhed in disgust. Regardless of the animals, tools and bodies it attempted possessing by replacing all their guts with cords, but not the brains and definitely not their structures, it could not achieve humanity.

It could not speak with conceivable words, only some peculiarly animated static which appeared to be nothing like the real thing.

'I see that there's a spider looming, I am mad.'

A boy sang within the flint. He had cut a one of his fingers, the index one to be precise, a piece of his thumb which was sagging, only to be replaced with the arachnid's eggs as they would rise and shot and leave him yonder. Walking fewer paces, unable to figure out who was stronger. Either the device or the machine, the outlets or the stranger.

Within a few moments, it would all be decided. Ringer would enact only the first and foremost of the shots, he had a revolver on him after all. Special occasions, but the barrel was completely filled. It would not pay to wait a while, dastardly caught within. Large corners, jumping out of coal pit. Burning because of it, the pain and torture paid for.

'You're overtaken by paranoia, are you not?'

A gauge around the needle-rack, it retorted his legs into the plainness of a straddled-antler. He couldn't believe the fact that he was being taken away by force. The tour would strangle him, the noise did not end.

'Think about it for a moment.'

Roughly eight hundred forty six men died, out of an electrical encephalo-kyder power surge they had received during the electrical haze they got through their heads. A surge-oven and a furnace started embroidering the mountains of appliances, all the cord worms threw themselves in. Through one of the openings below the surface they stood prying on, gnawing on themselves as they melted in.

One of the outlets was pushing out long-meat-like sausages like meat grinders would. From inside each of them, father into the wall-extraction there stood a single long, curved, oblong pipe-like rotating unit which appeared to be cut half-way through, from which a few other pipe-tendrils, smaller in diameter fit in. Each of them carried meat in closer to a revolver-like device which was connected to the filter. The filter rotated with the revolver-spinnder, in that tiny area in which the meat which came from every pipe tendril mixed. Despite the strange appeareance they all seemed to bear, there was no doubt about it, everything was spoiled, raw, tainted. Unheated, untouched.

But the cut in the middle was important, since it was a modification made by the mad long-man, as peculiar as he seemed. Long curly fingers bore nail-like sharp scalpers of bone which had come out of its finger-nails, gnawing in the skin and pushing out of them as the rocky eyes only took a nature of their own. In was a strange sight, trying to peep in.

It was hard to spare a single moment chiming in, without pouting for longer than he needed. It was hard trying to hang there, since most of the weight fell upon his four shoulders and eight completely swollen arms which came out of the slips. And there was nothing he could do about it, from the looks of it. They fattened with each second, its lower body was a growth which contorted in the back, like a giant sack which crawled and landed on top of him, holding all the weight.

The sack of organs was volatile, as the large, plump, strick life-cords, and the other bodily function orators inside of it left their purple, domed, outwards puckors which seemed to shot from time to time, against the wall, various cold mucks which would spread like tar-wine, which in turn stuck itself against the surrounding areas and made it easier for the weight to diverge.

Various long-necked container-like bottled humans came out of large cyllindrical live-tubes, such as the ones which were used in the machine room, with the only difference being that they were closer to being organic than their nearest relatives. Even more contrived was the fact that they had been born without the legs and slightly deformed, despite there being no wheel-mechanisms acting on them, like the peculiar pseudo inorganic replicas in which their natural habitats were being set.

From an angle, the creature also looked to have an unnatural amount of joints in its limbs and no head, despite the presence of a functional brain unit which split in halves, stacked on top of one another, where the soft part of its brain lay lower than the one on top and the one above it being a false copy of the second one which hardened even more but appeared to resemble a helmet. And beneath the helmet there were long rope-like wedges which poured in, dropping even further until they had completely taken over the rest of the cognitive-tunnel through which small globular, man-sized cells which had been so hardened that they could be used as cockpits dropped. They were limited and appeared to have the many faces of man in all his expressive nature and all the peculiar fashioned senses that he attempted to go through. He bore a viral ganglion long-necklace like pair of neck which curved and appeared to have no end which connected all of the cells, allowing them to pump constantly as they were being brought back to their original position.

And with every division they went to produce, their spots in line dropped by a few centimeters, but they pushed back as soon as they made contact with one another. Not because they were deformed, but because they were humanoid in the making. And they could not fathom being so close to another, that being illustrated by the fact that they began fighting as soon as they made the first contacts. It filled them

with some kind of despair, being lowered over such a long period of time. Maddening as it were, something filled them with the sight of the uncanny curved sack, the insides of which twisted them around, forcing them to bounce against inner walls as they would be twisted in them. Sometimes, there would be rest, but only at the mid point where a flat, floor-like surface stood there.

When that had been reached, their hands felt around and appeared to have taken to themselves a quiet-like desire to hold and to stay. Every formed arm and hand attempted, to their hardest to grab a hold and never let go, but it was simply something they could not do. After a while they would be dragged from behind, then lifted, seeing the next batch being connected with them by some peculiar umbilical-looking cord which spouted out some acidic feeder they had all licked against the walls.

Through the tube-like transparent section they were pulled in stood a breaker. It hardened as to prevent their development of sharp features and dentures, only to avoid pouting and pushing out. If they had, they would've interacted with the dead-like organs which floated everywhere around them. And most of them were stuck in the process of hibernation. Everything went slow outside.

He would be the strange capillarious cutter, the one in charge, the new administrator, with the key difference being the fact that he misused the machines. Instead of trying to ease the lives of the human beings beyond the wall, it wanted to make them suffer and the best way to do so was with the chaos it created and spread.

This was a call-back, a hit against the wall by one of its many clefted shins and ankles managed to trigger a peculiar sound which alerted the Keyringer of something.

It made him realise that there wasn't much safety to be had, not while he was there. He could paint the ringer around each ankle but never fully make it out. He was disturbed by something, but he chose never to take it out on his partner. His new partner.

'Is there a chance I might find something about you?'

'In time.'

He would be given the chance, but not here and definitely not now. He only crowned the vowels with everything he had come to promise but never came back on them.

'See that peace down there?'

'What do you mean?'

'I mean, that dead man, isn't he peaceful? Aren't the circumstances in which he died peaceful?'

There aren't any signs he suffered.'

And he could attest to it as well. It was some kind of guilty he began manifesting, even though he couldn't talk about it. He expressed it in the most peculiar manner he could. It was the only way he could make a case without losing more than a finger's worth of trouble. But he only stood there enacting a word-play in his head. Line for line, in which he could not fathom trying his fingers around, he was

stable, he was rather obscure and couldn't handle them. Not while touching, not while trying to handle whatever happened to be there.

It was missed, the subtlety of the man, as they passed him. He had received a proper funeral. He had been propelled to a new state of living despite not being present in mind. Beneath him there was a target which bore all the air-filled wires which pushed in and appeared to control him and the complete functionality of his organs. They were pallidly stricken. Nobody spoke unasked.

But they were responsible for both the murder and the likes of the possession that had taken them back.

'It used to be more decent here, I know you wouldn't like to believe this but it's true. I sometimes feel like the sea of coral had spilled.'

A moment of silence broke in. Before anyone could affirm themselves in front of them, this broke through. It was strange, yet flabbergasting, how they found themselves there.

A knife lay on the floor, it was similar to the one the Foreman had picked up. He knew what he had to do. It felt like he had to make a choice if he wanted to waste no time and save his friend a second time. It was less dangerous that it seemed, or should've been so. Let some light come in through one of the bricked windows, a single thought emerged, twenty steps away, which were kind of sweeps but walked through tasting the floor. Ivanoe looked out of a rising portcullis. He saw what lay on the other side, a peculiar pattern which looked the shell of a snail, which slowly crawled into a piece as it attempted to shape itself.

It was almost animated, like a cradling toy. He approached it. Neither of the raincoated men tried stopping him.

There was a lone voice somewhere in the distance.

Not in the uncanny slither of molding metal, not covered by dirt, but there had to be a chance to keep going. There was still a chance for him, despite how sickly it looked.

'No one wants to consider you human, little creature.'

He had been stricken down and punched through. A hole lain through his body and petals of robes flaking through him. Torture was a reason, living would be treason, a cancer would be drawn alive on a slightly bent crisscrossed trench.

'Cliehnulmnuonose.'

A voice came, largely extended, melting as he walked, only an eye from the exposed skull and from the looks of his mouth, an unnatural kind of virulent disease started pushing through his guts, plainly as they stooped low. Uncannily thrown inside his ankles, he walked upon them. It was clear that this disaster could not be looked down upon, it was determinately diseased. A distress and a lack of peace came to his mind.

Gravity pushed the soles of the inside of his bone-traps in.

The compound has degenerated too much, or so it appeared. It was the clear hand of the Foreman at play, he who managed to convey no emotion and pry where he didn't belong. Madly, had he known, he

would've thrown a tantrum and lost himself to in thought. But at every turn and every side, there was a clear struggle, no one rose. Walls began pushing out, stronger by the looks of the malignant roses that were growing in their heads.

Compliance stopped there, once it had begotten of a lost man, in search for the ship.

Somewhere, in a place where the land had been smeared, battered and lost to a mindless creature in the looks of a blob which started hardening before its time. In it there remained a piece of his mind.

The ship had landed too long a time ago. Thence they couldn't fathom looking forth, unknown.

A sailor came, named Rod. He had looked below at the fall and rested asured that there was no possible way for him to get through and lost his wit and mind and call. For any help would not do if he slipped, as he had no pretty sight to look after and get lost, back on his feet.

Rod turned, looked for only a second at her and tried getting himself to stand.

'Who are you now?'

'I am the lady of the flying sunk.'

It was a reference to something he couldn't have fathomed to search for or look around. He kept quiet for a while. Around him there would be no other mess to direct her at. As a matter of fact, looking everywhere came to naught.

But that could not be her either. She was way too deformed, and the doming carcass on top of them all appeared out of nowhere, being completely shaped out of the walls.

Koov saw Rod and called on him.

'Come on, take shade.'

'I don't know what's happening any longer. I want it to stop. I want it to stop.'

He repeated it again. There was no answer coming his way, but he was determined one way or another. It was just as clear that no one wanted to say a thing any longer. Obvious reasons being stricken by the side. And there was one distinct shot, a plain thing that never made it through them anymore.

But he failed to see it and walked away. Out of his cave, into another and the entire platform upon which they stood, and the floating city stood to fall with everyone there and their lives.

Not a second closer would they find it, nor could they stand to look after their wild and peculiar dreams. There was something incredibly putrid looming around and no one could make up for it any longer. It was quiet and docile, trying to make it through. And after the lightning, after the dream of the dead lamb and its lurid liver-kettles, the blunt strike of the fall came again.

He had no other reason to look back, he had not shown any interest any longer.

'We shall make it through before the blood sprint ends.'

‘What is the blood spring?’

‘You’ll see.’

That was the entry. Without a way of explanation, he would be damned if he knew. After all this time, there was still nothing to keep him in the back and nothing to make the noise while the biological skin-machine started pushing out the pouting lunges. That could be seen, looming around like the strange leppers that leaped, outwardly sculpted like putrid mads, the lurid saddened creatures that they were, bulked as their large bodies emerged, no longer kept in place, but erect as their doming one chair-like leg pushed out the faces. Each would come out at a multiplied retractor, an anchor which pulsed with skin, spreading it around as the faceless wonder appeared.

He was hard, the figure of a large convoluted man without arms but two large rounded, broke cyllinders coming out of him signaled something in each dirction. Akin to small red lazer-pointers he marked the spots which needed to be filled with skin. Yet the Foreman appeared to be missing, out of question, in no direction, merely trying his luck.

‘Blasted man, that imitation of an ape had made it through.’

‘Where is he?’

‘I couldn’t tell you, but I know, that I can tell you that he’s up to something.’

He relented, without asking or giving up too much, the pain would make itself known otherwise.

Can’t count the objects, at least not without some difficulty, he’s thinking of something now. Clearly, he’s almost set in deep thought, even though he doesn’t want anyone else to know it just yet.

‘This is getting sad already.’

The Foreman confirmed it. He couldn’t compete with him or with anyone any longer because of it. He was old, too old and frail. And the sounds of a piano ended now. Would there be hope? Little could be said about it. For the time being, it was too precisely caught in the mood, the whole complex was somewhat quiet. Too quiet for anything to happen, that’s when they took a break from walking and they simply stood there wondering whether or not someone would come. In some way that had been the closest thing to a wish they had.

Escape could be another.

But at this point in time, Keyringer had already made up his mind. And there was no point in trying to do it all over again. Enter the presences, which all looked way too clear now. While, before they had looked somewhat veiled, as much as they could be held there, they were suddenly revealed to them without any explanation.

It felt as if they suddenly got released of had gotten a pass to get through it, without having to pay any explanation for what was going on any longer. Thence they only scared the passing, trying to entrance the missing points inside and carry.

They looked way too exposed for any comfortable person to approach them. As a matter of fact they only this appeared in his mind.

He had a pencil on him. Ringer wasn't focused on what they were doing, more so, he was only trying to set himself for the failure his life had become. He couldn't even afford an ink pencil and that bothered him the most, it deterred him from asking, seeing how the pool of ink coming out his arm was making faces. It was almost too clear that someone was messing with him both against the surroundings and against his being. It was unforgivable, trying to get himself standing again, especially since he was about to be taken down again.

Foreman may've been far away from him but he knew better, though he asked.

'Are you hiding inside the pool?'

It was so tiny that he could've missed it. Ringer had been shown the chosen pair of teeth assailing his senses before coming back to the missing worn-out boots he had on him. No one wanted to help it. And they were all heading to one direction.

Calmly they began dressing again in their skin of veils. He missed seeing what they looked like. Before he could turn back to the ink blotch he missed that as well, without having any reason to ask.

'Have you seen by any chance a face in the ink pool beneath my arm? '

'No and you shouldn't be looking for one either, bad things seem to happen when you do. And that, you should trust me as well as you can. It's something you won't like finding you.'

'So you do know something about it.'

'Of course I know, I had the pleasure, if you could call it that, of meeting him. This is what I can actually tell you, stop it immediately, it's not worthy it.

Whatever problem you have, take it out against the walls, but know that there's no return to life the way it was after coming into contact with him.

I know, this is the most I showed, but I couldn't risk giving you too much. You show a man your teeth and he'll hound you off forever.'

He paused, then sat down near me. For a second time he revealed the habit he had picked up from some abandoned place. It made him think a lot more than anything else. As a matter of fact, he appeared to be smoking some kind of disquieting organ he picked from around the place. If I didn't know any better, I could've said it was.'

Again, no question asked. I saw it, the blotted mark which stretched with a single cord before going out around it. There as nothing he could do any longer to make me feel right, after seeing the cable shake against the walls. Nearing us, came the worms. We moved immediately before any case could be made about it and never again had we spoken in quiet.

Background noise coming from the echo of one of the saw mills that was being worked on around the place, as weirdly as it sounded, it was indeed a test of wits. We both failed it. Moved on and started

hearing it again, without getting our chance to get back on track and without the glory of knowing what was going on.

‘They won’t allow for a change to happen, you know that?’

I couldn’t understand where he was going again. But I had done it by then. A single cut around the lungs, Filler would survive, despite the struggle. I wouldn’t be there to greet him in any case because I could only do so much in such a short period of time. It was a struggle, not of wits but wild surroundings, and all were present, twenty unfortunate meters forth.

‘I don’t think this is part of the compound.’

‘Does it matter?’

For what appeared to be a few meters forth, there lain a single court, in which a bunch of veiled faces stood there frozen, no longer in use. Both of them appeared to be waiting and asking for something, trouble of any kin, anything interesting, even the worst aspects of the vile stars that were striding by, never to shine again out of the very shame they appeared to set themselves in. And with that they made the noise, like large spatial nose machines which couldn’t be helped any longer out of the peculiar access which had been lost, out of question, lest of all would they be deranged and ask.

‘What shall we do?’

‘No, that’s not it. I don’t want to have to deal with you any longer, I want to find out who threw my friend over the bridge.’

It was so, that he looked back and realised that Filler didn’t jump over. He didn’t come with him in the complex either by chance or because he had been called upon his request. Both of those actions were mirrors of him forcing him to do as he pleased and now, all of them witnessed it. Then comes the judge.

He wasn’t bluffing, when he called upon it or tried making it seem like he was doing something. It was up to him to make order in the court.

And Ivanoe looked just as furious after looking at them and finding out that what had happened was because of them and not anyone else, not that it should be counted upon. Or they held accountable any more than any one who killed another man in self defence, yet he had to know.

‘Why have you eaten my friend?’

Was the first question he asked. As soon as he met their gazes, he stubbed on a foot, curbed his elbows and his both of the statues on both of his sides, breaking their heads, which shattered and came off the floor without crackling out of the power of his fists. It had been the only show of might and strength he could come up with. But it appeared like it worked.

The Foreman got in a defensive stance, trying his best not to give too much in, but his knife-organs were clearly exposed, even pumping as they rose from their wild spots and went at it again. He was being prepared now and he couldn’t help it. Clearly, something was going to happen and not a single soul protested.

‘Can we not resolve this in any other way?’

‘I’m sure there’s something I could say or do to take it back.’

‘Unfortunately for you, by the time I looked at my friend again, he had been almost completely eaten, past every possible direction and way through which the culprit may have fled towards, I could only see your hand and footprints on the floor.’

‘But how could you know it was I? I couldn’t have done it, there’s no way you could check for it.’

‘There is, Ringer and I see your red stained hands dripping still.’

They had been doing that for a while and looking back at it, he realised how saddened the man looked. Even more than that, he had done something which could not be contested. He killed him in cold blood and took everything he could, even the gallons of blood. Foreman stepped away from Ringer. Now the two of them were left in the hall. This was the reason, though it wasn’t said here, nor would it be drawn upon the quiet. Listening through the cracks.

‘I won’t kill you here. I think I would come to regret it.’

He still dwelled on the regret of the many years he had spent trying to fix the man. Not to mention the long journey which had started dragging him through some peculiar underground land which couldn’t even be quantified or placed on any map. Nor could it be detected or sought after, played with or listened to. Nothing would do, only this, as it passed through some cut ears which appeared out nowhere. Through and through, he listened to the signs. Nothing could’ve made it through stone.

They had been met by a dead end at the hands of a small group of survivors who couldn’t accept the fact that there was no escape. No way to bring everyone to life or hope to repopulate everything, even the dirtiness of a road in a world doomed to die.

Why had this machine brought them here in the first place? There was no explanation for it. As a matter of fact, if anything could be taken any longer it was the fact that they spent the last days of their life together, loathing the man who could only bring this one man back. What a loathsome creature they saw him as in the end. Compassion couldn’t be shown any longer out of the fact that he wasn’t even considered to be alive any longer. Related to the touching and the lack of emotion he showed, he felt nothing for them and it could be felt as well.

Looking back at the torn hands, they never appeared to lie no matter what their deal was. Whenever something stopped, a cog or a key, those were the dead giveaway that something was happening. He was to blame.

‘You’re doing this, aren’t you? We were doing just fine before you showed up Ivanoe.’

‘I’ve told you for the eight time that it wasn’t me, I’m not the one doing it, I’m not responsible for this dead end. ‘

‘But I know it must be you, there’s not other reason but.’

‘Calm down Arla, this is not time.’

‘You’re right Ascott, this is the place. This is the right place where everything needs to happen. What else it there, after all, look.’

The cables had been chewed off. It was this tiny detail which shook him off the most. It’s almost as if he knew it in some way, how it would either end or how it would happen in any case. That had only been a matter of time, trying to get through without making too much fuss.

‘That’s why it hurts the most, I suppose, I knew the man for far too many years to simply abandon and give up on him. I know he didn’t have any intention of living through this world or being brought back against his will but I cannot help it. He was a brother which will never be replaced, not by any placque, nor by anything else.’

He had been an object, for him to turn to. As, after so many time he was brought back, he appeared to be more dull-minded than the last time. He was suffering of a brain fog which could only come back at the most horrible times. What this man had witnessed inside that elevator had been dreadful and uncanny, as they could not fathom trying to reap the pain they had caused on themselves and chose to slowly bleed in front of him as if he were a god in need to be pleased. By this sight, he chose to not waste another second, least of all was he curious about what went on.

With each blink of an eye Roscoe saw fewer and fewer people alive in the shock-cabbin they were, nor would he ask after all a while. He simply was and that disturbed him the most.

‘May I try to explain myself for one single moment? It was not my intention to eat him. Under normal circumstances, I am a normal, strong-headed functional person, but now it just happened for me to.’

‘Devour the body of my friend, I know.

The same man I had intended to bring back after a while. Unfortunately, I seem to have lost my thought, I can’t seem to find it.’

What did I intend to do with him? That couldn’t be answered any longer. He ran, just in time, out of the court, in an opening which had been clearly made by them. All the presences embolded in one, just like before. Days passed, rightfully into decades, spent trying to scourge as many walls which were filled with the least conceivable creatures that appeared in the way. Foreman had a great act, he could simply end anyone he wanted to, yet he chose to spare me.

We ran, as far and as fast as we could, knowing that we could be caught in any second if we chose to stride out of the way. It was clear, where we were heading. Into the bowels of the hyades.

‘Thences, it’s coming, the sea of marble, I can only walk slowly here.’

He didn’t make sense, but he was nearing the age of senility and couldn’t take care of himself, as far as he was aware of it. He lost a pint of his mind and chose to get a single foot in the way. A single door got caught it. They wandered around it, the room was clean. After walking for this long, this was perhaps the most dreadful thing he’d ever seen or wanted to encounter.

By some account, he couldn’t see it as a real thing. It simply wasn’t, he couldn’t.

‘Take this, for your migraine.’

‘A painkiller? I didn’t expect you to carry one of those on your. Call me surprised.’

‘I’ll paint you in red if you don’t shut your mouth.’

Someone was approaching. On a single sheet of paper, they could see him legs. They were clearly set down, painted with egg-yolk, mostly the whites, being barely distinguishable from everything else. Though if there was something which had been as real as it seemed, it was him. Melting after a while, dragged inside one of the opening fire-holes in which the strange plugged in worms leaped. He was a machine.

Despite his life being in jeopardy, he found it hard to think only of himself. Mostly because she was still there, stuck inside the panel. He was here, having made a promise, even though it was indirectly made, that he would somehow get the chance to save her. It was the least he could do. An opportunity he couldn’t get away from. It ate at him, that he wasn’t going to do it as easily as he had hope to do it.

Two of us left, and I suppose there’s no going back to Filler. He repented, seeing how the dripping of the ink left a familiar form which he looked back to. As far as he understood it, he concerned himself with nothing other than it. Thence the breaking. Aleksey had little regard to his own life and what was going on around him. As a matter of fact, since one of the bombs managed to land through one of the nearest roofs, close to the living quarters, he had lost whatever sense he had in him. A memory of violin songs and then he saw the invaders.

He could do nothing right or so he thought. And nothing of what he’d done could compare to the echoes of pain heard through the complex.

Voice or echo, whichever it had been, the vision was denied, he couldn’t have tied himself any further. It served as nothing other than further proof that there was no going back any longer. Speed was in his bones, confusion galore, dread coming after the midnight hour, he couldn’t sleep.

Ringer was left there talking to himself, apparently set in awe by the fact that the Foreman couldn’t help it either. He had some unresolved business of his own he had to deal with and sooner or later it would start biting his head off. This was it, the administrator started pushing out of the wall, slowly, one hand at a time. Carefully, he was enacting something which appeared to be vaguely tainted, calculated strikes and various types of inbred which only appeared to be molded out of the melted steel. It was an inefficient way of trying to control the inhabitants of the complex but for now it would have to do. No longer would he be set in awe, trying to gnaw at the first piece of scum he could chew on. But he took it from inside the body of an adjacent standing-by person who unfortunately found himself sitting at the wrong place at the wrong time when the administrator felt both hunger and wonder. IT was a replacement.

Him who dwelled inside the walls, he belonged of the same race as theirs. Long, in the Isles, where his kind hid inside the walls of an old theater. Though he had been long-gone, even to the point where he had been completely evolved unlike them or their kind. He had that blimp-fat which gave it all away. Overfed, nurtured into this place and left nothing else to fill the time with other than the complete function of the machine. Looking out for himself and only himself when needed, trying to feed the young machines. No one suspected or appeared to suspect its wild existence. It raised too much suspicion, trying to gnaw on

him or checking what he was doing before long. Through various ways that could've been avoided, but it was too late to hope it could happen. One glance, missed it.

He hissed like a python hit yb a dumb-bell as soon as his spine made contact with the strange passer through the walls. There were no actual walls any longer, only thin curtains. It explained too much. No one phased through them at all, it was only a matter of feeling around. Soft parts court be stretchable, they created the illusion of static, of blunt-metal, of being impenetrable or such. Not a single voice appeared to give it in. Then there was silence and afterwards.

Back to his senses.

'Are you done with it already?'

There was not a single note to justify what was waiting for him out there or why he should continue going along. Not a speech-part, not a word, in, nothing which could get him going. He could remember something vaguely heard on a radio. It was missed. Ringer thought of it, about the need he felt, all of the sudden. The need of hearing the recreation, the reenactment of some historical kind of voice, like one of MLK's repertoires, or anything in its vein.

So far, there was no consolation any longer, trying to get a single word in resulted into nothing and nothing more would set him free. I can think of him at least, if it's possible. I could still get away with it. One thought in the matter and it would do just well. If there was a single consolidating factor going, it was the survival. He would survive long enough to catch Filler from behind. Neither of them could return back home until the work was done for.

Ass long as no one moved too quickly now, everything would be well enough. No more distractions. He was smiling, a similitude of emotions passing through.

'Jealousy?'

'It's the only act I know of, if you don't mind me creeping along, I think I was supposed to leave.'

'Can't leave the panel, can't get away, you know that. I'm still working on the terminal. I'm still out there, searching for your brother.'

I can't be bothered to look after you as well.'

'Then leave, I can take care of myself if I have to. I only hid here for some time because I had the vague impression he was approaching.'

'He could still be on your tracks, I think. You wouldn't happen to know what's coming after, would you?'

'What do you mean?'

'After either of us dies, what do you think might come after? I for one cannot leave this place and I have the vague impression that you're just as stuck here as I am.'

Not for long, not after, couldn't bother looking into it. There was some hardness of truth to it but I knew this as much as she had. We were stuck here, whether or not either of us liked it. Only one way remained

out, and she wouldn't like it. I wouldn't either. We both considered it. But that could wait. There was something even more important waiting here and it was nothing else but her name.

'You're supposed to be my wife, right? Strange how I couldn't even remember your name now.'

'It happens, you never had a good memory you know?'

'And you also just happen to look different every time I see you.'

Even now, though it was, perhaps way too rude to admit it just yet. 'Opportunistic creature that you are, there was no way to suspect it any longer. It only went as far as a second try or another attempt.'

'That so?'

'He tried fighting you know? Ruminating on what he could do about, despite being locked with no way of breaking out. I thought about doing something to annoy him, so every now and then I would simply pull out as much mass as I could, break a way out, then immediately fill him with one of the hard-men.'

'And who are those now?'

'Not who, but what. And to that, I'd say they're strange metal-men. I don't think they have any insides, or at least I couldn't feel it around the breaking spot. I tried getting through them several times but I had actually failed.'

Multiple attempts as well, despite being ripped in part, the whole, split in as many slices as he could, there was nothing inside but the pure metallic alloy which made their whole beings. It was a plan they couldn't have gotten away from. In some turn it almost came to destroy them, thinking of a way through. Getting away from the strange man who was breaking them without any possible explanation. And it gave the Foreman a charm of his own, talking about he got away with torturing both his victim and these creatures who had done nothing to anger him. An appeal came, but it wouldn't do.

'I think we both know the reason for it.'

'You're joking about it, but I actually know what you mean. I suppose you could indeed get to the point where you could justify just about anything.'

'I would, wouldn't I?'

He hadn't said a thing. It was harmless, it was hardening, seeing the pumps which were his muscles work at it again. From here, now out, one could even come to think or to believe. Nah, he wouldn't kill me in cold blood, not any longer. There was a time when that would've been a certainty, my life would've been forfeit, but it was pointless now. No one was to bother with the strange pumping man. While he was around, I felt it, or at least I felt it just well enough. Plenty of men had been caught and trapped inside their own prison cells and not a single one of them had a chance to make a case or yell. Shouting was pointless and there were just so many directions you could take before being caught in action.

'I had come here with a purpose. I don't think there's any point going back any longer but at the same time I don't think I could succeed in getting through with it.'

‘Would you mind sharing it with us?’

‘Since you asked, sure, I came here thinking I could somehow purify this place, somehow. But I’m in doubt.’

‘Losing your faith should be the least of your worries. I seriously don’t think there’s a point trying to fight through.’

It was difficult but he was right about something. This was the land of a no man’s will and he had run out of it a long time ago. That could be seen just about everywhere.

Especially in there, in the peculiar spot he was set it, being a scout outside the rims of the open door, the wreckage of a room that he was in, the cells looking calmer and calmer by simply passing the time. It was somewhat strange, bizarre, trying to long for something or someone that wasn’t there. It was pointless, carying on a blunted, torn shoulder.

But no dark man would be formed from one of the cells, regardless of how hard they attempted to escape out of it. Even from the distance, it was all too clear, what they were trying to do. He had never seen such a wild attempt as their, in that one moment when a power surge had come out of the long distanced generators. He had no way of knowing or looking around. It was all too tained, but he could see their sad attempt to rebuild themselves. In the air, trasparent, ghastly, fully made, long haired, to a veil which interconnected their skin, hairs, limbs and essence. That was it, their essence leaked out and without a reason, he approached. Leaving his post wasn’t difficult at all. Well thought even, as he bent his knees and loomed in it. Peer to peer, he couldn’t fear not even the slightest touch, or what might happen if he decided to cause a slight shimmer or the leakage of what was carrying through it.

‘It’s pointless, you should know. I don’t think you could make it out without some organic material.’

Or so, at least he thought. He remembered something from an old speculative fiction book he had read in the past. It was a short story about a man who had been reanimated, though he could never get a grasp on that concept alone. Something about it ringed some truth, yet. He never understood it.

‘I could try getting you some skin and bone. You know, this place appeared to be filled with them, no one should be bothered by a few bodies missing if it can be helped.’

Despite the doubt, he saw nothing in those glass-diamond cherubed eyes. For fear of bringing back to life some mindless creature that would harm him, he decided on this. I will bring him only the weakest parts I could grab a hold of, no bones, no limbs, only a mass of rubbing meat, which should be soft enough for him to be nothing but a moving blob. No brain and no matter, nothing which would have him stand a chance. That man would be no man and he would become none on my watch. As that was the first thing he feared. A fair chance would be an invitation to him being hurt, killed or he could risk angering them. Whoever they were, even in this time of distress he felt like praying. But the terminal, it clicked.

Sharp noise, one which was quickly followed by a set of bells, or the closest thing to them, he would not be harmed by waiting for too long. It bothered him no more than he should do it. Any more than he would creep and shake at the sound, a virulent virus entered the facility. It’s what it said on the screen. Just a a measure of respect, he took one short step being and kicked the panel his wife hid in.

‘Think you’re up to this? I have some bad news for you. I feel bad that I have to tell you this. Under normal circumstances, I would’ve spared you.’

But not this time, this was something hiding wouldn’t spare her.

‘I need to get you out.’

‘Has my brother found me then? Is he?’

‘That’s not it. You wouldn’t get it.

There’s this virus.’

‘Then I’ll take my chances. I’ll live through it.’

‘You can’t live through a virus.’

‘I haven’t had the chance to try my luck now, have I?’

‘I suppose not, but you need to let me help you.’

‘You’ve done enough dear, even though we both know.’

‘Wait, there’s no need for you to tell me, I know.’

But every now and then, she looked like her. With everything being said and done, she looked like an exact copy of her. A crystalline reflection which was threatened by a fever, she could melt in no time. Or she could be shattered by her sibling. Either way, there was little he could do to save her.

‘What’s your name?’

‘I’m Christine.’

Not the name he expected. It should’ve been plain, but not that plain. The voice didn’t fit, the body didn’t fit, nor had the voice. It was less than expected of her to move, but she did it anyway. She could not travel far, but she joined him, nonetheless.

‘It will be dangerous.’

‘I know, but I that’s what marriage is about, isn’t it?’

Enter the next stage. Christine and Keyringer were engaged. Second attempt at his rescue; it came as soon as he realised that a single pump against this chest wouldn’t do any good. His lungs were exposed, as was his chest. He was no surgeon but this came out as if it was all natural, never learned, machine-placed, a memory which only added to itself, until then. A single shot would do, but he couldn’t tell where he got that painkiller from. Nor could he explain how he managed not to lose it after diving after the man. It was raining, that would explain the raincoated men. They were there during the scene. All of them shared a similar appearance. Their raincoats looked like uniforms, some of them even had some had outrageous marks. Shot in bulks of slugs, all of which managed to leave no trace whatsoever. Not a single shot managed to reach their wild-faces, which were obscured.

Obvious thing, they waited for this execution, whether or not it was done here in the open or back there, it didn't matter as much. Looking back onto the bridge, too many people were starting to gather around. Too many witnesses, but not even Ringer had a clue whether or not he'd live. It was pointless after a while. Pinpointing everything, each side being made look in a certain way, we were both either the criminals or the witnesses that refused to interfere. Both directions could be drawn that way. It didn't matter which side of the reality was true.

A good chunk of the people on the bridge saw a different image being painted to them. Weird scene that it was, they looked out of their way. It was clear enough who the actors were and who was worked upon. Filler was still on the ground, but this time, it was the judge who appeared to be the one operating on him. So far so good, no pain and nothing too obscure, the raincoats were the assistants. They were the agents. And I was the the one looking over them, as a supervisor would.

The other chunk saw the image how it was in reality, or how it was supposed to be, if that made any sense. It was way too dangerous, this was something that couldn't be called on. Dreadful or not, some changes would have to take place. It couldn't be happening for way too long. Deathless stares on both sides. Everyone was mixed there, two men on left and right saw a thing, but the one in the middle kept his sight true. And they were indistinguishable, physically there was hegemony. It couldn't be denied, nor hidden. Cheering stopped, back to what he was doing in the back.

It was bothersome, not having someone to speak with. She would have to do. Christine, was it? Two more shots being taken away, and that was being taken for granted. A harmful gaze, outside it came pouting. He would forget all about trying to remake the people hiding in the power cells, but this room looked as if it would stand the test of time.

'We're supposed to act like it.'

'Married? I haven't accept yet, have I?'

'That's a given, but.'

'But what?'

'You wouldn't understand it, as a woman.'

'Why won't you try me?'

Certainly he did, by the strange way he looked at her. She was almost too quick to respond, that part of her brain was working too fast. Already she was on her feet again. It was the worst idea they came up with and neither of them acknowledged it yet. Out there, he would meet a single actor. He would end either of them, then himself. There was no plan any longer. But she doubted the fact that she couldn't lie. Why had the thought even occurred to him? Her brother might as well end him if he had the chance. But she didn't say that, or she had. No, he remembered exactly how the tie would happen. Kill him, he dies. Kill her, they'd both live. Why stall then? She didn't appear to have much life left in her eyes. It would be way too easy to take a single life at the cost of two.

'I don't trust you enough to do it, you haven't earned that right yet.'

‘Then why am I here with you?’

‘Because there’s a virus and there’s a man trying to kill you.’

‘And another one who hates me.’

He couldn’t bother trying to respond to that. Whether or not he thought about it, no difference would be made. It dawned on him that he couldn’t call the shots, no matter how hard he tried. Something held him back. There would be no greetings party for long. It was something that couldn’t be thought of. Brushed past the first, taken by the. Listen to it, there was no point in staying.

It was starting to get familiar, too close to comfort. Without a way of saying, without spending too much time around, on the spot, they reenacted everything which was lost in the endless ether, space was dry, for in each one of the sand fragments there was at least one tiny globe, the eye of the snakes, the ones that lay, even the closest to being somewhat erected upon of the place.

‘Is there an end to this maze?’

‘There cannot be one.’

‘But what if I were to catch another break?’

‘You won’t be able to, can you see me?’

And thence, the second and the fourth head erupted from the back. A moss-like body which carried them around masked the device and the machine, which lay just as automated as anything of the kin would carry on with. Quietly they started working on their own body, trying to replicate any kind of innate function, madly pushing through. It could not be conceived in quiet that they were trying to pry in the gates, the morose advert being a reflection of the past.

‘What does it say?’

‘The opening of the Antiquarium is bound to happen now.’

In the bile of the making they came back and only now had they observed, the place long deserted, yet set around each verse and term. It couldn’t have been clearer that their minds were escaping and none may know what happened a while. He, the body gave the order.

His, the body only one and he could only fathom listening to one order at a time. On a rotation every single hand was granted access to the bodily functions needed to see the scene that enfolded over there. Some men had been killed and they couldn’t be held responsible for what went through them as soon as they came upon their smoldered bodies. Encased in the filament of iron, the stars, the moon came back, alas.

‘We ought to forgive ourselves for coming through.’

‘But what had happened?’

‘Missing you.’

Another voice had been added to the pile and it couldn't even be held any longer, nor contained, not after what was going on. Far too many attempts had been gone through and couldn't even last for longer. In the midst of this sculpted structure, there came the architect, a failure of a man. He erected himself with a single small pick which couldn't even work as intended any longer, out of the while, in the pile. He stacked them on a bunch of taken bodies until he came back, until he returned to the refurbished anvil. Thrice the heads no longer could the dead be given a chime in. He asked.

'What have you come here for? Can't you see I'm busy?'

'Nay, of course you're not. You were supposed to receive me, weren't you?'

'I think, so.'

He took a great look at the strange moss-covered lid he hid. He was one of the least believable fiends, the culprit passing through him, yet he couldn't be believed in any longer. Stronger by the minutes, heavier, or yonder, wherever he went to, that wouldn't come to pass. It came to him that this could be just about anyone, and none might call him out today.

Lost machine? Never cather to him.

Plaster in the head, he went mad and immediately crushed all four of the heads in an instant, yet the third one was nowhere to be seen.

'Oh, now, I get it.'

The architect burst into a mad dance, realising then that he was in a dire need to continue working just as hard. Another terminal would do, even if the place was abandoned, he could communicate through space and time. Yet alone and alone might they be.

'Listen to me.'

A voice called to none other than him.

Chivalry stared, he started on his feet, unable to feel the despair which the forest had managed to create. All that gas took a form of its own, sharpened as its heeds expanded. Bodies founded out of stone, all around the gas torn. Soon enough it split around, shared between them, never founded in the quiet, waiting, for somebody to the taking. It was the only thing that made them walk, the strongest of them being thrown around in chunks. Then, all of the sudden, no longer in waiting, born out of life, in a matter of seconds, they sprinted through the fire prints, large horns coming out of their stone bits, grins a many, strength a sunder.

'I shall challenge you, or thine lord if that's what I ought to come after.'

In the silence of his lance, his flanking started, never to return from the darkening of the fumes, never again, past the mourning, past it through, never would it, least of of the shouting, pass through, emerge out of the falling branches. Tormented by the fall, the quake would also turn everything into a pile of broken mileage, long converted by the ostrich he was on. It died. As soon as a single egg-shell fell, of yolk made out of a special alloy which had been hardening of old, the bird fell. A single strike to the head

and it was dead before its master could realise what was going on. Lost to it, he came to his toes, wondering how to return back home. He had no meaning, there were no songs left. To rise against the first place, the blow of a falchion took him down. Soon after, it came after him, no wonder, messing through. He searched for knowledge and ever-after, messed with the winds, lepper's trough. Thence the gas emerged at last, no longer in the mood for mocking.

It spoke in winds, carried by the strange winds of fires, as the arson soon emerged.

'You'd better run, oh knight o'er the land might swallow your remains. No forest might grow again upon the lands, as these are no trees, no oaks, but see it for what they are as it comes forth.'

Thence he looked, as dire-waking, how each started revealing their so-called roots. And their bodies were of skin and bone, with breathing systems of their own, exposed in the waking, bare in the waking and never to be touched by those who were unworthy, less. He couldn't confess of what was in the making or from whence it might come after.

Each of them were living and in their advent, striking at each end, trying to end up in farther to their fatherlands, in the quiet, darkly plump and in the air the ground had stood as no one else would, up in the lost keep, which appeared as it was destined to be taken in by them. From one of their meaty-ends, the vortex comings, never sending the leppers into each passing and into the sender's abyss, peace and quiet, least of all be yearned for, it tainted everything it touched.

'Hence I shall come forth and listen to the songs of peril.'

All of whom, never ending came out of his mouth. He was determined to come forth and loom around, waiting for something to happen in the midst of the fleeing men. None would remain along the way, nor could they fathom getting through, hence the pain of the loss. Another ostrich was lost, towards the floating trees.

'What's happening?'

A frog-disease had taken care, that Squire's ostrich would soon be dead. It choked on a neurotoxin that ought to have killed a vile thing eight times the size, never mind a creature so small, shafted during the darkening of clouds emerging. Never ending, always fending off the days, never pushing through as to convey, pain never ending.

'Come, come, I shall carry you with my many arms.'

Ogoth said, upon the seething demise. He couldn't fathom risking his life there, yet there was nothing beyond him anyway. He chose to look and swoon, the sight. And the peculiar creature, Prude only battered the ground with its many legs. Its peculiar sun-like god mask only shone right off the ground, right off the bat when I needed to search for some kind of defence, against the falling dead-like meat-ends. Hence it came forth, it spoke nothing of worth and chose to follow.

'We shall risk our lives for this boy. Do you find anything wrong with the claim?'

The calamity couldn't be dealt with, not wonder why he had approached as such an inopportune moment. A shism of thought, he considered going out of his way and getting as far as to abandon them. Nay, he

chose to aid the child, in the search of his master, gone. In it there was nought so far as to care. He fell to despair, as soon as he saw the weird ends that erupted from below them. None would be the matter, saying. An advent, paid for in the likes of tribulations. Many strong bonds erupted, shot through their bodies, a web-like prison enacted to the sight. For this kind of domination only came to avoid the knight, yet no villager was alive by the time it was done. Such a wild display of power, wild as it were, couldn't have been met again. Prowess to each end, admitting, fealty to him, omitting, the fact that as soon as they entered the other side of the land, they might as well have died together. It was an act of desperation, and ace of spades which almost came to conquer them for no other reason than them having chosen to be dead.

‘Child, you need to know something. Squire, if we enter their field, we might as well be done for and die within the hour of their full awakening, there, the sky!’

He pointed at the symbol which designated the way through which they'll all die. It was subtle yet erected in the peculiar shape of a moving sphere, whereas their leaves had stopped being shaped that way, giving in their fully formed gaze a wild-like nature, sharpened to cut through skin. Embodiements of sharp fangs, and bitter long chains on which they had put themselves through before the days of the bitter cries, though if one thing could be taken it was this. No one spoke and no one cried on their barely formed graves as the peculiar villagers, who died like soldiers defending their homeland, from the vile landowner, who had died as well with them on fronts, had never stood a chance today. Nor had they had the chance to retreat, whatever would the chronicles say.

It was the blood in the gut-vein, splatters on the stone-front around them. Somewhat incontestable, how the innards of the entry inside the floating forest had been converted to come weird yet peculiar battlefield. Dark though it was, the night was coming yonder, the flames of the wild dark fires never became to a dark fruition. Thence they came inside the first standing house during their flight. It was somewhat undeniable that they couldn't fathom looming for too long, without risking being seen by those malicious finds and how rabid they had come to be. With each tender part of their bar-like ropes, their slithering grasps only pushing through the throngs of their very filthy, mad embraces; dances in the air uncanny, writhing corpses being hanged like tiny beads placed around a necklace, wrung. And wrought against stones, smashes inside their homes but one, one of them remained pure. This couldn't be misunderstood by any means, they couldn't get away from what was happening and thence, they stopped asking, turning on a single light. Ogoth rested beneath the window frame, looking at the projection which fell beneath the rims of the uncanny well-like light. He had been just as frightened of finding out if he was indeed immortal as a demi-god would have to be. Compressed fingers had been laid around. It was clearly that everyone inside the room had been stricken by the smell and everything around. Prude had been the easiest of them to hide, out of everyone, he had only stood there as a lamp would, rounded but uncannily forlorn. Watching where the light went.

Never ending the wild ascent, the house would rise with them in it, whether or not they could help it, that was another problem, as long as it were to last, they cast their weapons down and waited. A battery of the mind could only go so far. A jester emerged from one of the broken stones. He didn't look like anything remotely alike to the being, the Carrion, the fealty of disease. He prized himself nonetheless until one dire moment, during the pull towards the many spheres that emerged out of the grand wire-like channel which formed above the outer rims of the world. Many leashes started embracing, covering everything, until the

point where everything had been wrapped, the maddening happened whereas nothing came closer to the blasted mindless, word-embroidery that caught him off guard.

Like a spectral like kindness, seeing how it would only suffer if he had managed to get stranded on one of the pulled stones, the energy entered him from every possible direction. He could not scream in the moment it came, a surge had entered his body then came out of every possible direction, blowing the grims and the pus, the fluttering guts which became tainted tiny blocks of moldering skinned-out butterfly beings. All of them obscures by their division and the body they ahd tried keeping as they refused to spread. From them emerged the cradling of a lost world, a lonely alcove of pus-like trove. Quietly entranced, deterred to nought and none.

It was hard felt, never met, instead of crying through. A bitter fate had messed with the sinew that emerged out of them as soon as they started passing.

‘Where might I find him?’

A voice unlike the the scum-plough, the wonder of the now to be, the never ending agony, it came soon after, as a call, from the depths of the earth where the dastardly incapacitated vision of the world had managed to push through, and cover everything past the girth of the being. A godly painted bastardly expression, the fiery burnt taint made out of smoldering remains, a body that writhed in its shapeless goo, since its many heads had managed to get through and lose themselves in the agony of lost deathless stars. All of whom signaled for the call to come back and return to a time beyond time. Listless in the wine of blood, a malefic heart moving along, coming out of the strange portal they had made. And whence the heart had crawled out of its hole, from that pioneer of space-organs, the celestial body exposed at last, it was revealed that from atom to atom, the god-space remained closely endowed with vision of the other worlds. Yet no man could see them, as this sight was only for them to be. They would be driven to extinction by the agony and the infection of sight, the might of the face being brought down upon him, in the distance, melting. Crying to himself, aloud. Battling with the many face and the wildness of the world inhabited by other unlike him, the mound in which Agamemnon waited. Couldn’t be touched by none, as it would happen for it to be seated, in a world unlike our very ground.

And thence, an altar, made for himself, by the creatures in the names of which they had been given life. A maddening wreathing mass, his face, alas, but to contrast what it had become, none could push through and handle the scum which came to piece itself, the man would know.

But that was the least of his concerns. It was hard, trying to make it through after a while. With each passing day, he could be sure he wasn’t going to make it.

‘Had enough of it, do you think you could help me with something? I’ve been holding onto it for a long while now.’

‘A bottle of ink, what’s that for? I hope you’re not planning on muddying my clothes now, are you?’

‘I wouldn’t dream of it.’

He couldn't help it either. There was a surprisingly sharp pain in his chest. Only now, in the passing could he strangely count on it. And that only went here and there, with some thing to be stricken down. He did as he pleased and carried on writing on the walls.

'Here's your brush. Do as I do, we need a few similar runes jotted down.'

Let there be light in the dark, he thought. It was hard to reciprocate, the lust being spread through the tunic that was being made. Out of their own, there came the master. None could foresee it happen, not a single, twice or thrice, it did not bode too well, waiting for something to happen, to happen, to happen, to happen and make noise, enough to alarm anyone, or everyone, the closest ones. Not a single being could lay in calm out of the fact that they were incapable of turning themselves inside out.

There, in the distance, the terminal was dead. Shimmers of power ending, no admission, not a map, yet somewhere around the complex, a single man took a tiny blade and appeared to have beganb the process of peeling off his forehead.

'I see there's the sign.'

'Is there?'

'There is, which means I was right about everything and everything checks out. And if I'm right about it as well, that means it can't be helped. We're all marked for the butcher, who shall come and cut us into tiny slithery, smiley slices.'

Not a single one to feel the pain of the mad orgy of machines which could in turn make them worth less. And they could be heated unless someone could impress the fish that appeared. He who had an eye and a crown around his body, called Feis, the god of lustful sirens. He who defeated the gorgons and turned them into a breeding stock for his children to be brought forth, it was in his image and only in his image that they would somehow be allow to swerve.

But as soon as one of the foreheads had been revealed, it was way too clear what was about to happen. It came to him, but never look, that one of the pints of metal would show some signs of the recluse. 'Name and assignment.'

A quick break could say a lot about what was being expected out of him. There was only on entry which seemed to even resemble it and it would go away in a matter of a few seconds.

The booth was open. It was May.

'Astor, historian, I don't need to present myself any longer, I think I'm well known.'

For what was worth, that was it, only one way to go after clicking in his neck.

Another mark, missremembering past events, just like they happened. Or at least that seemed to be evenly spread amongst them, all three Astors. They went in.

Forming a squad inside the circle, it was all even. It wasn't like them, not there, to make a call on it; no shots were taken in the room despite there being the strange discoloration which haunted every mannequin-bottle. They were too docile then. Bottles spread, all of them making the floor, moving

slightly small arms without being able to breed the cannines, some of which followed, trying to force them to hang themselves. So far so good, not a single man managed to get a word in.

There was a single window which appeared to make it seem like there was a canyon-like distance, just like in a peculiarly unclear warehouse. Fewer mad tricksters appeared to inhabit the place. They were wrong, spaced away from one another, growing and shrinking as they began the transition into hard inanimate objects. Mostly it came out with their limbs.

The historians started recording. It was dangerous to do it for too long, it couldn't be pointed at and spoken out loud, they could be observed. Soon enough, they had been blunted around the heads, long while, spared in the fire reds pantry that appeared to have been dragged through the wall. The mere force was somewhat unfathomable, unconquered, too hard to be taken. A strike, a blunt prowess had destroyed everything around it. Then they started touching their long arms, which started expanding in the after-effect of a footage in which a weird boomerang had been thrown and waited. Below their waists, the platform-like floor started going down, roughly a few meters, in whichever wild direction they could stand. They burned in quiet, but only below, where the other bodies waited for them.

From inside the blood-pantry, this old century relic, a weird light appeared, which manifested in the form of many arms and barely deformed lookers who couldn't help it any longer but flap their peculiarly long arms, in order to stretch and reach for anything they could grasp with. A flattering shot of many peeling scents came from inside of them. Neither of the limbs were human and appeared to have revealed their strangely gigantic size.

From where the historians stood, they could see what went wrong. And they went strongly in the growth of their long limbs, trying to fiercely fight through the access of the solid disease which granted them the other life. Inside of them long tunnels emerged, almost breaking the arms completely, trying to feed their smaller scents, which themselves gave life to other unimaginable ends which appeared to store enough meat for others to leap in and store their lives inside of. Dreadful as they looked, they gave in nothing, no sparing meat mass and they couldn't breed themselves past over the noon.

One of the arms extended through the weird canyon and appeared to make a simple invitation. One of the historians leaped in and went ahead. The insides were a weird blueish-green which appeared to be completely drowned by a magents, in the innards of which there were yellowish dots that hard red dots inside of them. But those red dots sometimes appeared to draw in more colors, purple in red circles, large strips of teal which were contoured with black rims. Creeping through them, there rose the highly elastic, long and torn, tumbling cones, all of which were purplish-red and orange, with the exceptions of their largely enigmatic peculiar tips that were in reality colored like clots of blood.

Inside of them, the little men made up their homes, they were exposed now. No head, but strangely long rimmed limbs that extended in the back and added to a supremely convulted sea of mass which combined the entirety of what would have to be billions of them. All in red circles which appeared to expand and form smaller rooms, which was where the Historian went, out of his desire to go ahead and search for something he could possibly do. It was a haze of colors he wanted to deal with. He missed those shades, all of which added to themselves, never to remain in part. Dreadful, dreadful, never caught inside the clocks that pointed at each eye, there were no hours, only blinks when they stopped.

‘I see where you want me to be.’

It was a simple living, at least one which only lasted for as long as he could help it. And floating demigods appeared from the sky. All of them were taintedly stricken as they powered themselves. Each of them came in pairs, otherwise they couldn’t remain alive, nor could they live for long. Because at their backs, there were hardened disease-like tiny humanoids which had encircled one another like weird towers which reflected one another, bred inside of each other, pushed in and grew. And they exchanged a weirdly strange life, which could only creep in one every three years, as strange as it were. A good reason for him to wait and witness it happening again, as he couldn’t help it any longer, out of the whole excitement, he had chosen to look.

Inadvertently, he had sought this entry and wanted to leap in. He had desired it so much that he couldn’t help it any longer. Eventually the bodies finally began lighting and spreading a surreal reverted light, a UV maker that marked everything in the dark even though the walls weren’t real. They appeared out of nowhere and asked for nothing akin to no distress. They themselves made the walls appear, leaving the imprints of the gods on them. Some looked human, or humanoid, though their shapes differed, yet they floated and appeared to sing, out of the gut fates, which were represented by eight distinctly shaped faces which couldn’t help themselves but sing as they came near.

Soon they spat the guts out, it couldn’t be believed.

But the Historian approached, even though he was still, somehow below them, and appeared to taint himself in this strange-rain, pained that he had given up his legs, since the heaviness of the guts was unfathomably unpenetrable. He wanted to be there, he wanted to be one of them but it was impossible. Everything moved so far and soon enough a chamber had been brought, vaporising in the air, but everything else remained. In that room, whatever it had been, out of the shards that came out, there was some steel which melted into a small plant that started pushing out pulp-like large gagrenous rabbits, all of which started puking out perfect recreations of Renaissance paintings. But they were wrong, done in a peculiarly surreal style. Strange as it were, this was too hard to conceive. No fun but all the quiet allowed him to consider ending his life just then and there, anywhere would do as long as he saw it fit, thence the rocking and the cradling in the spot.

He wondered what could come for him and who wanted to make him happy. The Historian acted like a child who saw flashing images that appeared to cross his eyes and never move from one spot to another, his brother of emotions talking through his head.

‘What do you want to do now?’

‘I want to be one of them.’

‘But you know that cannot happen, you know it to be true. Would I lie to you, dear brother?’

‘Lower one of the bars and enter it now, you shall see the entry into one of the lower regions where we shall placate the lower gods and the lower exterminities which shall become their guts. As you shall see, they are separated in two distinct regions that shall live around and swallow one another into wretched disgusting body-trenches.’

A pair of stairs was made out of the swollen body of a man-square, from which the innards appeared to be razor-sharp thin and thinning as they pointed in the right direction. As soon as it appeared, he made for a gate, leaving some entry to be taken as soon as they could direct themselves, properly in no direction.

There was no way to fight through it. Harder as it had gotten for him to walk, he could see the cause. The Historian started pinning down as many detail as he could, not matter how far he went, there were things he shouldn't have looked for, seen for what they were. Dreadfully in staring, mazes, all of which were under-way, inside the creatures carrying them, flat and fat around the edges. Colored in howlites and hematites, pushing out their stone-digust, neither of them could shatter each other, as they would reveal much, inside of them they strung the many despots who came after that. It was way too difficult to fight it yonder.

He emerged and pushed out, readying himself to ask. The square-like flatness took in the surrounding, at least a quarter of the ground, through which fell the maze-stoned creatures as they broke each other ever after in the den blow their chamber. Thence he was offered the chance to become an inverted tower, least of all, could he become some more, into the strange horizon, blasting himself in the darkness above.

Call-back, to a navigational era, that was what drove him to document it solidly. A few meters off the chart, it all went around into all the wild surroundings that had lain between the floating point inside one of the large hands, through the cones, inside them and below, where they lay in quiet.

That's the main spot where the creation of the gods had taken place. Guts were being torn and appeared to be entirely recreated out of nothing in a matter of seconds. And they floated, adamantly set in weirdly sharpened trumpet-like cutters which had razor-sharp grates in every side, crossed with the only reason for them being there being that of the meal which was being served. Most of the weird guts came out of the servants and the hill-like intrusions that came after, which was never the intention to begin with. It was damaging trying to make a point out of the matter. It spilled out like a river, out of the strange machine which was completely made out of some electrical set cartilage or some unnatural kind of bone-fed eater that was present there. During the longest hour, he had witnessed and noticed them be created, from below, the point where he stood, he could see it all be created, like a beacon that began, never stopping and prodding through.

Nothing could explain the peculiarness which was shared between these makers, who, they themselves appeared to be invisible demigods, which held more power than the twin gods themselves, given by some kind of weird hybridisation which occurred unnaturally so. Because of their fierceness, some bold blood-body, stricken down around the heads could be seen. This deformation of humanity was a defect. It appeared as a simple result of the failure which had been set to bond the peculiar forms that floated in it before the time was done. The process being incomplete, the weird towers which would be inserted in the back of the gods, these peculiar access points which would make them immortal to begin with were destined for some kind of failure, out of the very fact that they attempted to do too much. The long piles desired to become deities of their own, but they couldn't govern over themselves because they were made out of some unnatural home for all the viruses, infections and parasites to lay in, which was the secret of their mad immortality, this immortality was granted out of a degeneracy of the supreme kind. And they themselves couldn't help it but stay there, floating forever, doing nothing.

A period of decadance granted them nothing more than the respite in which they stood. And it was more tainted than it had been before. For what appeared to creep in was the false air which made them even more decadent, as they spread their lungs out of their chests, which floated like weird kites for the longest period of time known to any age until the very point where they began glowing. Electrons and atoms were being drawn in. It simply couldn't be helped any longer out of the very fact that they ate. And ate they had, now that was being pointed out by the Historian in his notes.

For the first time in eons, he had observed these gods finally employ their divine power which had been set towards creating lesser beings that were needed in order to feed even the most notoriously encased creatures, but plain as it was, they saw it fit to no reason to share it with any other creature, keeping the meat and what they created only for themselves, during a time of which they had started making the weird, flat in appearance, but actually fattened bodies upon which they projected their rage and quietness. Because sound was somewhat flat in those parts.

Various stones had been carved out of it, in the long spine-needle like shouts that started forming the wild surroundings, rabid as they were, upon them stood marionette-like demonical figures who resembled mad fetuses who, they themselves bore large horn-like mechanical protrusion in large 'L' shapes that could only curve so far as to become large tri-dimensional question marks which dripped constantly with some wild other-worldly being which had been their slaves.

It was almost automated, even the peculiar function through which he began trying to document everything, as the Historian realised that his own problem. He was stricken down and appeared to worship all of them, despite the peculiar conundrum he was in, this couldn't be helped any longer, the damage had already been done to his mind. He was worshipping the wrong gods. And they whirled in without giving him a chance to explain his point or why he was there.

What had happened then? It was clear that he was in too much pain out of the fact that he had no paper to write on, nor pens of ink, but he had used his nails and the soles of his own skin in order to write and pin everything down. It was hardening, an approach towards the point where he couldn't take it. Seeing the sky colored in the colors of the Moon, he erupted as soon as he had been blown apart. It was already decided now.

Half of the Historian would become a god, while the other half would become one of the line-guts which granted them the immortality and the immortality they were famed for. It was disgusting, disturbing and neither of them could look back on it. Those other Historians, the two of them were present as well. They had been brought in despite their apparent protests and it couldn't be believed any longer that they'd be tortured for it. Neither of them had been granted immortality, but instead, appeared to be completely set on trying to speak to the pantry, in which the proto-organs had been stored, ships that were meant to be used in order to facilitate the movement through the spaces in a much easier manner. Though it would be much harder to dwell upon now, after the fact that they had been beaten, turned into head-mutts as they had been infested by sub-human dark-DNA components which in turn made their bodies start convulsing as they started eating and feeding the prime-bulbs, which appeared out of the weird sewage-like plants, from which all of the heat was coming out of. It was plain and obvious, they were taken as fools. Sooner or later they would've figured it out, but now they came and never went to the strange servants as they passed inside, through the mask that formed out of the blurring sight.

As a mist that enfolded the place, the two Historians which hadn't been granted god-hood moved through the mouth of the mask like weirdly encased cockroach-bullet bodies, which had their weirdly spindly legs before large antennas which were picking up the signals of other worlds, tainting their minds until they had become completely incapable of speaking normally or out of place. And once it happened, one of the blood-machines appeared on the left, floating in the air.

It was shaped like a strangely elongated cubical prism which was curved and set, inside of it, this large coffin, there was one hand which could be seen as if hanging outside. Bloody corpses, that's what they kept inside. An opposite function to that of a fridge started heating them even more, as the moving furnaces pushed out blood, which had not only flown out but it couldn't resist feeding the small pointers, the other-infants.

All of whom were mostly inflated and kept in quiet. Drinking from musky broken bottles, through which their faces contorted, moving, shooting out of as the shards cut their skulls out, driving them to spread like roots, from each slice of an angle coming, large eye-like buffoon small plump lumped watchers, who spoke their own languages, and ate the little organ-atoms in the air. Each of them was talking gibberish.

Most importantly, the neo-cortex and the prefrontal part of the brain had been completely spread between them, as the wool-like look distracted from the vein-like wiring which granted them sentience. And most of the bottles kept the bodies in place. Long trunks had been planeted in this weird garden, which surrounded the main tunnel in which the Historian cockroach bullet had been sent through. They took a single moment to speak to them. It was hardening, the mad, they spoke in tongues which had to be pinned down, even if it was weird and painful. And even if the cockroach limbs were unfit to write with, they had dawned on themselves, unable to do anything else and obeyed. It went through their heads like shocks of quiet filth.

They wrote down and pinned madly the words of songs.

Now each of the lumps came closer as the bullet-bodies stopped. A familiar language could be heard.

'Why did you come here?'

'I for one wanted to learn and to document the passing of the world. Is there no better thing for a man to hope to accomplish?'

'Nay, for that is an affront to man.

You were not made for it and you shall only suffer if you come forth.'

Farther away, they could both see and seal the deal, as to reveal that there was no way out. At least not through the same way, back through the furnace, living flames would spread the skin and soon enough even the garden would be covered by a type of scum-flowers that would grow inside every possible spot. Who could deal with the disease and the parasites then? None might be able to do it, as a matter of fact they would be plain in the head, uncannily defeated.

'Mourning for something?'

‘Only our dead brother, though I fear that he might live. And we can only assume that living here is a fate that’s much worse than any kind of living on earth.’

But what had happened there? There was no saying and there was no way he could remember. He, the Second Historian had been born out of a lost moon in a day and age which largely predated humanity in the time through which they lived in fear, with primitive tools, the advent which would tear the world, humanity foretold. Of a time when everyone would try to recreate them, out of labs, mad they called them, but it could be done.

One moment was taken out.

‘Aspect of deformed history.’

They were in largely deformed long halls of broken mirrors which had been crystallized in shape. No sizable records could be taken from him. Shorter tunnel in, surprising through the glass, it would be even harder to notice once you realized that everything was wrongfully placed.

It was dug in, but at the end of it there was a ladder which came to the upper level. Bomb shells could’ve dropped at any moment, if it weren’t for it.

‘Then came the red, and everything was taken away.’

‘Yes, but when did it happen and how?’

Another one of the Historians came to the same conclusion, coincidence. What a sad turn of events he found himself staring at. Weirdly pronounced as well, a few flat fake-suns appeared everywhere around. By now the engagement had been set.

Keyringer couldn’t see himself with anyone else but Christine. She was his one and only, taken for granted, just any man would. The virulent visuals did not add up. But he concluded he would walk on peg legs all the way back.

They were torn in-between his skin and that distant part which carried through him. In the midst of the making, plain bottom floor being lowered by approximately twenty centimeters in the same way the cartilage of a bone would when momentarily reattached, in the right moment before it hit the spot. That’s how the tunnel aligned in front of them.

He spoke so matter of factly during the issue. It was no wonder that he lost his wits. Better to be twisted in the central nervous system like he was, tainted, elated by something not even he could explain.

There was a need to disembowel the reeds. It reeked, the place had nothing to do with its wild surroundings. The deactivation continued as planned. While some of them had failed to realise it just then, a certain side of one of the panels flew off, like a tiny piece of cloth eaten by a moth. No flame lay around him.

Ringer got used to this kind of quiet.

Regardless of who was around him, he only seemed to wonder or want for more, but that never came by itself. Strange, no matter how many times he found himself surrounded by someone, it only seemed like

he felt lonelier. For no other reason either. It was a hard time to be in his skin, especially since no one wanted to approach him.

This time around, no more emotion, he thought. I will be crueler than usual, second thought. It appeared like it could almost come naturally to him, even though everything else pointed in a different dimension. He would be frustrated from all that waiting and staring at dead corners. But there was no way to count the tiles off the door. One that would be open as well, with him all alone, this time he wasn't accompanied by the Foreman, nor by Christine, he was all alone. It was a dreadful time no man could count on. It was pitiful waiting, less so to wait for no one, none might come around. He wouldn't be forced them otherwise, but he had to see for himself. Just what were the degenerates trying to do in his absence? What were they trying to achieve there?

It felt like he had been a two-time lousy inspector, with nothing else crossing his mind. He looked much stronger than usual. But nothing could make him even get close to it, for obvious reasons. This was something he couldn't have been prepared for. And no amount of coping would help his head stay still. Thence the coming and the stray, he checked his arm. No sign of any alteration having happened on the ink, he would still be there. It was a memory after all, which only went so far.

But he had looked for a way out, though there wasn't any door no longer, only an enclosure from which not even he could carry the mission he had come with.

Two twin gods, same amount of things in their backs, with one perceived distinction between the two of them. Or to say the least, between all of them, the difference being that they were connected by some weird amount of wire, which could only come so far between them. It was what powered them and what made them work. It kept both of them alive and going, walking, trying to strike at empty stalks. Nothing could've prepared him for them talking. But they had no mouths, no eyes, features being buried there, he had been wrong about them. Whatever kind of humanity they had, if they ever were human was in there. Twisted, erected, set to go against the skies that weren't there either. Nothing could be drawn from it, only the fact that he was in danger.

'You won't make it if you keep walking this way.'

'I think I will. What are you waiting for?'

'We weren't planning on killing you. If that were the case, we wouldn't have given you the time.'

'Then torture?'

There was no key point when they could've done it. He didn't think. It was the fight or flight reaction which set him there, meeting the dead end. Before he turned, it was too late, he was being touched around his hairline, caressed, tried for, until he had managed to impress both of them.

'You will do, return there and kill the Foreman.'

'Why must I do it?'

'Because we told you to do so, unless you haven't realised it, you don't have much of a choice in the matter. We're your better and you shall do as we say.'

It was clear enough that he would have to do it. Since he hadn't any choice, he relented.

First he was forced to talk to her. For obvious reasons he couldn't tell her of the encounter. It was plain, it was a secret, though he doubted that he'd die, if he were to meet her brother. Somehow he knew it, that would be done with, dealt along the way, never to be met face to face around the quick embraces. Something happened. Everything looked wrong.

From the normal objects which appeared, the desks, the lamps, the sofa and the beds, all of which extended the tunnels into something of a long dormitory, this would be it. Large grated caps which appeared to cover something in the wall. Colors appeared everywhere, from a putrid green, to a French yellow, or some opaque-looking wall through which some muddy water flowed. A rain could be seen but it was too human like in nature, as each drop held the reflection of a giant face, or a giant man, or the look-a-like of some flattened heart which moved on its own, in the coming of the boiling.

Some acrid gas started the post-breaking, breaking it in part, water became solid, the remark would come to be completely muffled. Each piece, in part or what it tried imitating looked like some wild attempt to grow, like plants out of dirt. They were human, in every manifestation, dreadfully staring out.

Various walls were patterned in the forms of wild-dancing paintings and ghastly creatures which were slowly being driven out. Some of them dipped, but their teeth grimaced as their boreal horns shot along the way. Both Christine and Ringer stopped once the bars appeared and blocked their way. It was a hard pass. There was a grand emission on the grand.

'You realise that on the only schedule, today we would celebrate the day of Saturn, right?'

'I guess they don't tell you that anymore, do they?'

Whom?

It was almost automatic as this point. Both the conversation and the other thing, but they came in bits. She was way too joyful for this world. It came to him only now that he had no direction any longer, too many were watching. Flat, off the wall, elated like any reflection would be during a time like that, when the dirt would turn to some kind of illness, but that couldn't be said or revealed too quickly now. End of the road.

'I see that there's something I should've told you.'

'You should've told me about this sooner.'

There was nothing which would even come close to it. A hardening of the closest star, a visor being broken as they raced between the tracks. It was even. Uneventful, but at least it was a fair-match, placed between the two cars, both of them being stricken by the fact that their insides were altered as to become something closer to the one that was watching, which only said more about him, the referee than anyone else who was slandering the bets.

It came not too soon, not too cruel, not even there. But it cut like a tiny saw, which spread in eight parts, neither of them being stretched, or pushed out of their heads. Some of the vehicles were in the back, forged out of auster, some kind of Gulf-like device being strapped in the back.

‘This is the second victim.’

‘But he was never alive to begin with, it was only one of the frozen specimens.’

That was only part of it. They couldn’t detect with what went on through the dent. It was something they couldn’t prepare for.

‘Spoken exactly like one of the supervisors would.’

‘Perhaps that’s what we’ve been missing.’

It was another day through they would face it. An end to no emotion, the prowess of trying it out, but they couldn’t believe how many fine specimens were around them, all of which were too frozen, part of the mind, lying awake.

‘I see we need another take.’

‘Take a bite out of the specimen, tell me what he looks like.’

‘A bunch of humanaoid heads stuck together, yet I know their bodies are all time in the underworld.’

‘That’s why they call them specimens you know, they’re the ones who are mostly heavenly touched, and we can count on them to try it again.’

Pas the scripture, then the taking, another one would melt away. Soon they moved and crawled away, only to open twenty feet into the right direction, next to the heater as they revealed quickly they could simply evolve. It was only a matter of time, wantly pushed through and protruding, out of the mind, loathing to be there. Without a way to kill the plain, the reins of the quiet beasts would only pushed out of it.

One of the wilder ones appeared. It was a Chiruek, from the looks of which, it looked like the reverse bodies of four cradles kangaroos, all of whom kept all the fat in the front, leading to a single ball, which only started growing in fat. From the spehre it was, a plain funnel could be seen eruptting. Through it, all the unfrozen specimens would be submerged, as anyone could plainly see the digesting liquid being revealed out of it, then eaten. As quickly as they came back to life, their lives would end, they’d never see the light coming out the tunnel.

Another ship emerged in the back. The general of defense and the twenty other officers followed him. Such was it that the site was already soemwhat tainted and left to rot. Brought to some kind of stop as they couldn’t help it any longer, too many words were not spoken, left to go. Fright couldn’t be seen as long as the superiors were taken for granted.

Officer It. Agrror appeared then. He was twenty-eight feet tall, an elephant tumor of a man if he were to be shaped, erected like a cavalier, drawn for battle, almost in a suit. He came out of nowhere and never close to anyone. They knew how to smell themselves.

‘Is this going to be another one of your lectures? Because I don’t want to stand here, listening to it again. I’ve got other better things to do.’

‘And you shall attend them in time. Until then, sit down like the lapdog you are.’

It was done.

‘This’ all but flashes and smoke that’s all. Nothing of value here.’

‘Drive you mad doesn’t it?’

It’s a dream after all, a vision that shouldn’t amount or count for and to nothin’.

He had to pick his rightful time and see to it he wouldn’t miss. A cold in his hand, the Foreman would be dead. He was still missing.

The joy was over and hence was the break. Spilling outside their needs, they were dead, walking backwardly, but never touching the tips of their heads, cradling over themselves, falling over, bodies burnt. A peculiar smell emerged, the scent of long-gone burnt candles. It was hard felt, the fall had to come sooner or later.

He considered just how he could deal with him in the easiest manner, without breaking too strange a sweat. How carefully would he lower the cold, where to aim and there to bring it to a stop. The ace of spades was his eyes. From the angle he pulled that blackened mark which spanned across his eyebrow, cheek and a part of his nose, pulling it out and throwing it away.

‘The man with an empty gap on his face.’

It should go smoothly from this point on.

Large grin on his face, the man was so soft-spoken. He walked in the flashlight repertoire, large bandana over his forehead and knuckles, spread across before tying it.

Tying the knot, it should go as well as sitting.

Of course this was a small detail which shouldn’t matter, but he pulled out a chain from inside the gap left instead of his eye. Another eye came out, but without the preceding skin. A small humanoid ace of spades came out, growing slowly as he pulled out the long eye-tunneling bow, still holding onto it after pulling everyone else with him. They were trying to cover up for the fact that it was only a play of mirrors and he was no man with an open gashing piece of face.

He was a tall reflection, which couldn’t have boded well because of his similarities to the bonfire creature which lain the back. It crackled with laughter as they revealed just how peculiar their jest was and how they tricked the stranger in part. Ringer looked out of the corner of his eye, watching how they resolved their dispute. It was a pleasure he hadn’t met before, not in this state, never again taken by the soles of his feet or elated.

There was nothing purer in the world than solving your problems with as much violence as you could put in. Before the trick of mirror could reveal itself, they stopped pounding the floor and the instigators which belonged to a fraction of a wild group cathered to them no longer. One of the men in the blinds came closer with a sharp knife and started cutting the face of one of the agitators. Keyringer would definitely remember his face. An ugly man, long face, then snapped completely above the nose upward s he

couldn't help it any longer. It pushed through him as he was unable to breathe, the bow key that was launched out of the fake eye ripped off more than half of his face.

Another one of the things he managed to notice was a quick suicide. It was passed like a small bullet through his mouth. Twenty feet away. Ringer lowered his colt. It was pure joy, his eyes were moist and colored. Pink-red, melting out. A scent of a grin. His teeth were almost completely encased in iron. He walked a few steps, while he kept bleeding like a kleptomaniac. Then the mania kicked in and he picked up the bad habit. Hard stuff, pumped in his chest. It would get him a few more seconds alive.

'Hey you, I saw you there.'

During the punch-like bunch trick of bags, they almost came to their senses and looked out for the man who was hanging around the corner. So close, ever so close to being caught.

He smiled, then. Just like he forgot it.

He turned around the corner, only to be met by everyone else who stopped fighting. Even by the dying suicidal man. He smiled, of course.

Shrugged his shoulders, opened his colt, shook it around. No bullet fell.

'Of course I did. I forgot to load it.'

They smiled as well, understanding. Elated, joyful and the bunch. It was as sweet of a scene as they all pointed their small knives, their open bows and their lushful long barrels. He pointed down, almost forgotten. Out of focus, but somehow still smiling. It didn't matter much, since he had almost done it himself.

'Bam.'

Bam, bam, he pointed his finger, his arm, like a gun. Put Filler out of his misery there, out of water, drowned but breathing blood. Everyone in their raincoats moving away from the sight, that still didn't change a thing, definitely not what happened here, it couldn't have gotten him out of the hot water. Nor could he reach her in time.

Christine running around, out of reach; Ivanoe somewhere close. Which left only one man who wasn't there, the man of honor, he of all, never speaking, it was too pure to go untrusted and untouched. He took an aim at his temple and then shot an air bullet which went through his head. In the span of a few seconds, the man was dead. Loftly stranded, like broken statue which had been erected then kicked at the base. A concussion followed but the bullet was still there despite there being a hole through it and the bullet having gone through the other side. As an after effect, the bullet remained, never to be stricken through the twenty-five centimeters which got released into the ground and kept going through it.

Both of them were now dead, gone, with no chance of getting through. Mostly it was their fate which remained vaguely unknown, it couldn't be showed around. Darkly put, in the moisture of the air, tiny petals of metal flakes started appearing, eyelids, giant meridian-like leave-formed, large centurion-like stopped, concave and logn stricken, as peculiar static field which served for nothing other than stoppers. None would pass through, everyone had a fate to share and they couldn't do it in the least, especially in a

state they hadn't been dragged and repaired out of. They were then thrown into some underground chasm which had lain beneath him.

But the mid-way through which lead to the chasm looked too deformed, like pipe-syndroms which were no longer cylindrical but flatonoid, like strange air-shafts which had clearly been modified by the strong gusts of smoke which threw it all out of place. A faceless wonder collected those who were too weak to make the journey down. Whether or not they were alive or already gone didn't make any difference whatsoever. It was only granted that some would return, but not for long. For, the deeper one went, the easier it had become to understand the sight.

As the first batch arrived, they noticed the most peculiar thing someone could glance upon. A volley of string, a well made ring in which they fought. A man was made out of star constellation, a transparent void, a universe or something similar to it. But at his back, there was the device which created that illusion. Animal-like brains had been placed in it, but they had completely evolved after years of intense power. A might had towered their barely formed bodies, as they started pushing out. Smelling prudish towers shot everywhere but made no sound whatsoever as the hole which allowed them to think drew in too many of the negro-skins which had been made into carpets.

'Dirty, dirty carpets, I sometimes wish they started skinning them alive, then burn them into the great devouring fires that come from the sky.'

It was a flat outdoor above them. Of course there was no reason nor any explanation for this happening, but the weird creature which spoke appeared to be the only one. And another contender joined the ring. Jointed all around his body, first segment had two heads. Only three long mandible-enchanted limbs, out of which no legs. From the second segment, a higher one, an upper-trunk which seemed welded on top. Crude rounded rain-catchers, strange funnels came out of it, all of which carried intricate designs, prideful as they started glancing, dancing around the bloated mass that started creeping in through the siren dance.

Another match started, first fists emerged at last. Breaking through the glass was easily pinned out of the fact that he could do nothing to stop this unfairly matched beast.

Crowd cheered immediately as they didn't care as much about the stakes, but more so to see someone suffer and they would get what has been paid for. Neither one was quickly determined, nor would they lay up front.

'We cannot measure the size of the strike, if we were able, there would be.'

'Something's someone.'

A great rhinoceros ganglion, shape like four of them from every front angle, spread like the wings of a beetle as the many body form came from behind. Out of his head, two horned dead men came out of stalks. They were carried forth to attend the match. Everyone else got out of the way, unable to make out what the smoke-machine softneed inside of it. A pair of locust people with long heads, through which there opened a few holes to reveal that exactly twenty limbs which had been shaped like eight-hundred or fifty million tiny locust swarming, wing extending, spiked drones got shaped together into those long grapplers. It wouldn't do to look after them since the giant locust-heads were fakes. Inside of them there lay some peculiarly shaped domes that started evolving into prism-beetle extended spiral-eaters all

equipped with many toothed crowns which had been incompletely and appeared to continue like lines one very possible surface that appeared on the strangely formed head.

A pair of eight great eyes emerged from inside of it, but they could not be seen. Their main central cortex was indestructible, as was the strange head, hidden inside of the body dye they had stolen and despite the fact that they were slowly melted, those floating strange main units of their minds would still survive. Not only so, but they slowly calculated their escape in order to avoid having to pay for the lost matches.

Some of them had been worked on and that couldn't be believed. A pay here, a paint there, but the strange thing was that a painted knee almost always broke down under stress. It felt as if the dye itself had rotten the dead into an even more deadlier state than it could've been driven in. A mad man sang, he lost about a gallon of his prison-like mind.

Then the crowd cheered again. Another blunt strike coming from the giant contender with its three jointed arms, instead, there would be no fighting, as this was nothing more but an one-sided fight which carried on despite some rules of conduct being beaten in, rightfully, yet dully noted, through his skull and into that position which made him mourn himself as the illusion of that grand universe spilled itself out.

'Bad form, torn around the sides.'

Barely kicking, he wasn't going to make it. At a certain cretaceous period of time, where the primordial forms of the ancestral creatures upon which the creature itself seemed to have been. They were destined to thin the herds. Dully well. They paved the walls instead with colors. It wasn't dark after a while out of the very fact that a wild essence of light-covered large string-like spiked patterns came and managed to leave nothing but the entrance into their light realm. Mostly it was the pocket which poured in, prying through the gates, and the brats and the cats of pure divine light which came out running. Poached around their skinless legs, they came out to reveal that damning evidence of their mad lacerations, they were destined to eat each other when they stopped moving, though that's what kept them moving time after time again. News came out of their wild light realm, it couldn't be denied that they were of a different breed which kept of spreading through the roof tiles.

But they attended the match in quiet respiration. Damned they be if it wasn't that way. With every beat of a second they wondered, wandering about the placed, coloring the walls into various shades of morose colors which weren't meant to live that way, most of the colored strips being very much alive and damning, touched by hands that couldn't be helped. In the gust of the taking, there were vapors that started creeping out. From stone, about the place the holes revealed the drums of warring cherubs that crept out of the walls. Most of them had been disgusted, by the peculiarness of the light. With their slumber having ended, they couldn't fathom holding out.

'What is the meaning of this insolence? And who may shatter bells of bronze?'

For, in the back they kept on holding, never finding who came home. Stricken by the fact, pushed around in their disturbing casts, it couldn't be handled any longer, their bronze prisons being shattered momentarily by a string of pain. It could be seen in the air, as hate itself manifested in some insolently colored red. Like a red disease, a gas which spread and pushed out of the peace and quiet that came out, they laughed. About eighteen hours, dreadfully they pushed out, wreathing in pain, a distress of disease. They came out to laugh and wonder. Never sinking who came after. A prism of disease, it couldn't be

primed for the coming of an ending writhing worm of bronze that came out of the cherub who lain in front. He had managed to pull a gut-blade, a sharp sword-like device which, at its end had a pair of curved ruby-shaped holes from which power-bolts could be thrown about. As rudy as this creature was, pale at the face, but crying blood, from its guts came all the bolts that would be needed.

A pair of wings appeared to infect it as they spread. But they were not shaped like wings of birds, not to prey on them, but to call it as it were, those largely enigmatic shapes were unfit for flight, crafted in a delightful block of barrel-like shots, which only came about to form the symbol of a jolly roger-like skull and bones when put together. Never touched. Lesser faces fell inside of it, but that couldn't be seen.

Another blow to the head inside the ring, which stretched at the back of the device until it couldn't wreath any longer and it passed by. Then they started flying through, the blows coming after the sinew started spilling out, crying over in flight of pus-roses and morbid cretins who cheered on. No one appeared to be bothered by what was going on.

Then, after taking a few steps back, the competitor, segmented in two pushed itself on a single arm, then wailed both of his leg-arms as hard as he could, completely shattering the device in the back, letting the priemeval animals wreath in pain and disturbing disgust as they fell from place. Never to face and kind of lesser embrace of painful ambience, falling from the spot, that kind of thing would ruin someone in their heads.

'Blasted thing, I seem to be at a loss for a clock.'

A disaster in the making, or so it seemed, rather than being brought back into action, they started laughing and lauding the creature for having exterminated such an inferior specimen, the lowest of denominators, the dreadful being brought instead. Aid was being brought from the diving sight, it couldn't be brought into the blinds. Whichever fell, then came the time after.

'I shall cut him if I have to.'

The conteder cried to the crowd.

As soon as he'd done it, everyone started running out of their way to place their orders, dead he'd be along the way. There could be no other deal, making.

'Cut and make him suffer as he dies.'

'Make sure you carve your name into the metal surrounding case that's behind the wirery foam he started drawing out.'

'And who are you?'

A strange man as the two segmented bodies, with all the three heads realign in unison:

'Baskon, that's what we're named. No place your deals and make sure there's enough to pay us in full.'

It couldn't be dealt with, the strange distillation, crevice of the broken. Unready, unworthy, worthless scum-towns moving through, but only their rooftops could be seen as they phased through the floor, getting access into the outdoors where they placed their never-dances, trances out of flint.

Blank state in his mind. There wasn't any explanation any longer, nor was there a chance to come back to home if he had wanted to.

It was the solid static, blocking the right way out. And the man known as Key had already lost Christine. He was present at the scene, unable to understand what happened, or how he missed it. He failed to protect her.

A whistle came out with each step along the way, a barbarity of a kind that's never been touched on before, soon to go; walking around the plain-stretches, in the taking, in the making, her head no longer waned on top of her shoulders. Caught of guard, she was entranced by the solid images she could see. A light-like camera projected nothing but the stop. Long distanced, underground tramp, from the looks of which, filled to the brims with hundreds of people everywhere around.

A large man was seen, he looked like a hick, with his brimmed black coats which were placed on top of one another. He should've been any damned bum in the lot, if it weren't for the two springing things in his back which protruded out of him like a pair of wings. They were two peccary mandibles, which looked vaguely deformed but made of metal. It gave the man a feeling of angst which could be seen in everyone who dared look at him. A reflection of himself in every watcher, he couldn't recognise their face. Strangely he only saw his, which only made him even more nervous and even more paranoid than he should've been.

But he was alone and no one did a thing to stop him.

Next station, too quick a stop.

Someone came in, out of a completely covered army uniform, or something taken out from the previous century there was this.

'Finally found you.'

He said as he turned his flame-thrower towards the man. But there were not flames coming out, only some peculiars puerile bullet which appeared to have shot from every possible direction. Behind him, from inside the giant barrels, perhaps thousands or even billions of them inside.

Abel barely got out of the way. The nearest men that remained in their seats bursted out of in a fine splatter which painted the windows. One hand leaped out. He caught it in time before his legs almost gave in.

The arm was still attached, bloodied. The man allowed some time for Abel to get back on his feet and figure out what was going on. Something was written on the palm. General direction before it ended up leading to a small line which told him to run.

He did, but not by his choice. It was that thing on his back, constantly pumping until it couldn't help itself. Those things on his back acted on their own, dragging him as far away as they could as soon as they sensed the danger coming his way. One started shaking, then the other, drawing back, farther against this back until they had been leveled there, then they almost snapped shut like a bear trap, before finally inserting themselves in the upper side of the tramp, the teeth-like cones eating what they could before pushing out.

‘Run boy, run as fast as you can and don’t you ever look back if you want to live!’

It barked as it reloaded. This was a death trap everyone was caught in; doors closed, no clear escape. Failures in movement pushed out. An automatic voice appeared as soon as they could get it in. Dreadful though be if he couldn’t keep up with him regardless of the issues that appeared out of nowhere, like thought devices, but solid, all of which turned and twisted just about everything around the place, until they could be irradiated no longer. Madly the voice sprang and made everyone inside the tram reach beneath the seat caskets in order to pull and drag their gas-masks on. Vapors started pushing in, never ending and imploding their blood-letting as they started degenerating again. Degraded he looked around.

Abel saw no end to the tram, it wasn’t straight, like some flat tube, it was pointed in eighteen directions, all of which started splitting him apart despite him trying his best to avoid it. After clearly looking in front of him, he realised he had looked in every possible direction he ever could’ve looked into. He was here and there and everywhere, distracted. But most of them died because of that, without having to come to it, that came too quickly. Live a wave of hunters who couldn’t help themselves but eradicate as many men as they could. As many Abels as they might.

He was all alone after. They weren’t there to kill him, the last one, though most people survived; him being nothing else but a quick witted elation, safe on his own feet, walking, walking.

Took him a while to get from one point to another, that came so close, so far as to go in whichever direction, he simply lay on his back. The solid adaptation almost converted itself into a small bed before it put itself back into place, spreading into whichever was closer or much plainer to see. Lost to touch, looming around, unsure. Another man started following him. It was hard on the kness, but he had made it. Both of them, if not everyone survived the vapors of gas that had come in. Perhaps it ought to have been all to clear that there was almost no chance he might’ve survived if it weren’t for the slight chance he took and used those black canines to pierce his lungs. They managed to filter the bad air out, then he stopped the bleeding just in time to make it through.

It went over him, now seated in an empty spot he made by simply twisting his back backwardly, allowing it to puncture it.

There was only so much to do in that short a time. Destined around the crowd-corners, he pettied the ground by being there. He was blinded, all of them were, despite being ready to turn the entirety of the tram in a blood-water bottle.

A few lines, long, extremely long, spanning a few lines, as thick as cords appeared to be stored inside Abel’s large metallic jaws, though he never revealed them outrightly.

It was a quick sign of dependency which never went away. He came out open handed but avoided Abel despite him having shown himself the way he was.

It bilbed the tool. Moved on from each corner of the eye, unable to establish any kind of wild contact, then the rosy cheeks started talking about the most mundane interactions with the mudd-people, those who had been completely beaten and made to look after the false children of the forest. Gaunty-looking they were steel, the lust of mind ended. As his libdo dropped, he finally saw something others could not.

Of course he'd been just as wrong as he had been at any time, trying to falsify his thoughts, wondering what others couldn't, not speaking when asked for, trembling as he came to his senses, at the sight of the uncanny. A valley-like open space, with small enclosures, from which most of the windows having become doors were presented to him; that alone couldn't be believed at all. For this sight depended on one and only one detail. All the sides of the tram being welded together, despite the fact that they were all set in motion, going into infinite directions, then having dropped a few meters out of sight, in the distance where the valley dropped. They acted like stairs, or walked on strange encasings. Dreadfully stopping sometimes but that couldn't be seen out of the fact that within each man, those who were present, some of them forgot to hide. Tall and plastic hands from which only the bloated features, tailed-like smaller pointer extended until they looked like carpets of ants which were carrying large umbilical soft cylinders which opened every fifty centimeters only in part. From the globe-like not so globular shaped anchors, some of the weight was taken off by the half-heads, those who were caught in-between the dead surroundings. Less to them than what could seethe, it couldn't be trapped or laying to breed.

One deformed man asked, he looked too much out of the gate to be taken aback by him, the man hunting.

He knows my name, that was the first distinction, taken by the first rabid mistake.

'Where is Abel?'

'Who?'

Too late, it went too quickly for him to do a thing or even satiate his curiosity and ask. With the sudden turn of the fire-barrel, the poor deformed features popped out as a barrel-full of bullets blew his head. Perhaps close to seven inches in diameter, such bullet would allow none to flee. Not to mention that for some reason they couldn't stop bouncing out of the way as their free-hold gave something to the touch of golden dust which flew out of him. No blood poking out. He had been deceived and tricked into thinking that something was going to happen if he spoke and asked.

Too many of them were around as well, again, moving in too quickly for him to acknowledge or really take in what was happening there. His information was somewhat erroneous, a mistake of the highest caliber. Then one of the doors had been slammed shut. It was impossible to watch or realize what went on, especially since no one could predict the movements of this strange-ship. Going over for reach sight, it couldn't be anything but an unaccountable, for, delight. It rose from each tap on the wall, but it couldn't be observed by anyone unless it showed itself, thrice the size, in boots that appeared to be open mouthed and perplex.

Twenty more men appeared, but they were quickly placed on their spots. If there was one theory he could even come to think of, it was the fact that, so far he had no idea what was going on. No matter what entered his head, it went on to pass around with no replacement. Not a single sight for many, uncannily weary, they seethed in reprise.

But one thing mattered now, they couldn't see who he was, nor could they care about him now. Everyone looked the same as he, even for them, Able was free. As long as he didn't move, even the strange material which had been that immovable object on his back looked like nothing other than the plastic which the others were on. Don't speak, he tried making it seem like he was still in control. As long as he didn't make too much a bother, he could simply stay there for much longer. Less than he would be expected to.

There was a dead lady, a phatom which walked by. No one appeared to make too much of a fuss about her, and yet they couldn't wonder what went wrong.

Lust distracted, it contracted the walls like the cords of the insides of a female, where they all were inside of. For that reason, killing every life inside of it was nothing but the slaughter of the innocents in search for the one who made it through and managed to leave his marks, the canines still going through. Beneath the tram's floor.

The apex of cretins himself, leading in the wrong place, going through one of the wrong rooms as he landed in a lonely station, he couldn't have been at a worst place and time than he was now. Tall, at least seven feet, well built, long haired, but almost crested if it weren't for that terrible blade-like formation of dead hair which had bothered him for too long, leading to a metal case which had been implanted ever since a bomb had dropped on his head.

Railer in hand, aiming at the bottom, forcing himself against one of the Bullet throwers, in his largely darkened jacket, the pythom and the hyena dancing on it, as those drawn pictures only grimaced and made their specific noise. Rock-us almost smiled, revealing a putrified eye-shaped tooth which was completely made out of some unnatural material which shot him in the gums. Something in it made him look aghastly at the defiler, that mad pointer which shaped itself like a curved, almost robust-looking arrow made him feel benign.

He would've beaten his head in if that were the case, but he never bothered to ask what went here and there. Now he was surrounded.

It looked less of a stand-off and more of an execution.

'Mine is sharper.'

'Ours are many, bigger and you might not get to breathe before taking one of your famed shots. I think you're short on it.'

'Try me, old man, just try me.'

They were masked but he could see their damaged eyes for a while, they were almost crossed. And that had been the case for all of the, with none and neither, no direction and no vile connotation to it. It had to go in one or both directions, otherwise, it wouldn't do. So far, as long as they kept silent, none would bother to check them through. First the calming sight, then the mist carried. It was painful, trying to get a word in. But he waited and wouldn't dare come through. One step too many and he would fancy himself being shot. His slurp of agony concealed no pain. He took an indirect shot which only grazed the lower side of his foot, which prompted the immediate bleeding, that giving it away without the friction and the unfathomable urging which came after him as well.

A slight formation of scum-tatter came out of what he managed to bleed on the floor. It was hardening, a he could see it, trying to give birth to itself during the war which happened in his guts, during a time this tram had been a world. Twenty eons ago, when time was flat and undirected, where his mind had been concave, where his lifeless body and mind started to take passes at each act across the livid blue passes, there was the stationary urged, made out of bloated-skin. And they sipped out of one another's simian

looking skull, being unable to look at a sight between too many watchers. Primate-like defiers wouldn't know, nor would they be alerted by what was going on. Yet they should've known of the cooling blood, which flooded their nostrils before giving birth to the moulders that came not for them, bores of the camps, in which they tenderly enacted, reticent to the infreaction the bloody-pupiled sub-human premphophiles, all of whom were cut around their heads, in an attempt to reach their empty gods. They couldn't fathom breathing for too long, it couldn't happen, at least not until they were beheaded in their terrestrial forms. For empty hazes, mazes did appear in their hearing devices, where they hid the sappers, way too close to their empty horned brains. Like braizers of the mad. Saddened by the likeness of a forest that became only a new passing god, they looked at their rooted wonders, realising that they would only come to be disgusted by the never ending nature of a decapitator who seemed to dance.

He was there, as a n ancient human who had no neck and instead of the lower side of his body, there was an acrage upon which he spread in all his might and upon which his wickedly vile children appeared to grow wrong. Infested by the slurping disease, they prised themselves with the fashioning of vehicles, upon which they enacted vision of encased demonical figures who grimaced at the coming of a quick end. No one could fend off against them. Not now that they knew that there was a future possibility for their kind to become extinct. No their servants who were made out of some made material which was made out of some unknown melted piece of clam-iron, dissected in the distressed blood of a mouldering scum-throglodyte of the highest kind. There was a flood of thoughts that didn't work properly. Everyone was bleeding in disgust, for no apparent reason.

Most of them, thought it couldn't have been guessed just by looking at them, had been infuriated by something for some reason.

It would be damned if they waited for too long, loitering around as if it didn't matter. Prodding in, then came the loss of a light, it was all planned in their magnificent insolence of dreams, the realm of putrid coithers being placed aside. They would be less than blind, the lesser of the mentally cripple if they were to allow what was going on to get further through.

Their assembly was nothing more but a weird abstraction which fell upon itself when weight was added afterwards. And the reason for it had been just as widely exploited as well out of the fact that there was no way of seeing where this was going or what the reason for so many of them being there might be. Most of humanity had been born in the wrong way at the wrong time, with no connection and no way of knowing what was going on. There was a delightful blister that passed through them, like a disk which sang at the time. Two large edges appeared to be protruding vetrically despire their horizontal direction, which signaled the rising and the fall of the meat-wagon foundry which started spilling out of these saw-like portals which were twisting and turning around. From them, many dumb-founded insuferable creatures started being formed in the most atrocious manner. Despite their trajectory being somewhat less pronounced, there was no way out, no way to return to the old days when they might've been spared out of the trouble of prying through. A sinew-gate appeared as well, out the destined destroyer who suffocated during the formation of the tram. Much of the sight had been completely ripped off out of the mad-socket of the bodies the ancient scepter holders of green hues and the orange dotted flipped ribs that passed through the new sun came to see what happened and what the reason behind this strange adoration which loomed around was. There was no attrition, yet there were a few signs of malnourishment as the gods emerged, no longer bored, unable to procreate, their time's worth. And they had died before the tram

could finally be seen as if to finally start on travelling through the access of the one single bowl-crusher. Through the spiked field, where those conical sharpeners started pushing out of them the bodies of the unnatural destroying mush-pieces, all of which had formed the land.

In time most of the surroundings, which looked vaguely humanoid-build had taken form. A farce of sights, the gut was worn. Then came Abel out of the dark. He had waited for too long. He was not ancient, he was not old, he was only a bum with the device of a god. In his back, the many clicking noises made of steel waited. Then he leaped out of his chair, no longer in hiding any more, as well as he had been annoyed, no longer paranoid about what might happen, whatever crossed his mind, to tamper, he crossed his sign and made the due. As he leaped, the incisors flew, inverted, then shoved the rotated piece in the back, with the two pieces of the jaw inside the floor. Stuck there while walking, he saw himself fit to run as see the device stretch. It couldn't even be believed just how far it went, or the bleeding oil which came out of it. Soon enough the demonical figures which had once been hiding in it came out with the faces of lambs. One of them was member of the secret pact, deliverer of the message, which might get one to the liver-kettle in time. Though he was blasted with evil thoughts and the vileness of torture.

He was melodiously enclined, dancing as it to avenge the crossing of the Rhyne, in a moment of fear when none might look ahead, he was the cretin, they were the dead. Still stretching it, they screeched. Some of them began fleeing from sight, as if for some good reason they had come to recognise that there would be pain, if they remained for too long, despair would make them fade away. In the quiet of the watch, during their flight, in disgust; many of them ran through tunnels and those who were made out of the window panels lead to parts of the tram which were made out of glass as well. Even the people who were waiting for their station, on the seats were made of glass as well as they shattered of sight, and made their peace. For they couldn't move and were mere sculptures, their thoughts belonged to the living beings that they were made in the shape of.

Some of those who had been shaped had been out of an infuriating piece of red glass which could do anything but satiate any wonder, lest of all the blessing of a dire disease. Caught by the reeking scent of someone who might end themselves into the dissection, a maddening in no direction; fealty would reel in. They understood as the song passed through the entirety of the tram like a mad echo which couldn't be faulted. No longer caught, there in the distance brought, Rock-us took the chance to move away. Failure had followed their way, as they missed with every shot. More blood sprouted about as everyone in their seats leaped and dangled, out of such a celestial pain that this might as well been a chamber of torture for the breaker of a star.

In this sight, the many blood pieces, those who hardened might've been lost. They swam around empty road and reeded in as water poured out.

'We're about to pass through the underwater passage. Know that it is flooded still.'

As the voice announced, they had been directed, for a good reason as well as it could be felt and dealt with despite their time being dealt with, underneath their seats. From the various knocked-up spots, squared targets came out, revealing the water-breathing devices, those who pumped iron-like boxes of oxygen and those of filthy resin-air. But they would do well to get through it before it kicked through, the adrenaline pushing in, without them giving too much thought.

‘I shall get away.’

‘But I shall not.’

It seemed likely to be continued another man out of the few which had been completely shocked, as they were breathing under the guise of some strange devices which shoved their strange, long reeling rings inside their lungs.

By the time he reached the middle point of the track, he took a break and released his back. Abel could feel the device wreath like some unnatural sharp-scalpel which curved and dangled as it began cutting through everything in sight. It twisted and killed as many by-standers as he would allow it, without any remorse being shared. He looked around, unfairly caked.

Most cases end up with there being nothing to claim. Or to push around until they pushed the tram out of its way and into the side of the complex, breaking through the underwater passage, through its dome, into the water and then. Break-in.

Abel leaped in. He was indisposed, unable to cope with the coming of the time or with what was going on. He had been unmasked out there, finally freed. But they already started grinding the walls, trying to take them down.

Another entry, then came the piano, this time only a few keys at a time, not entirely in unison but with some kind of wild exception which seemed to stay with him. Minutes passed, only a few of them would make it through. He wasn’t the same courageous type his father had been. As a matter of time, he was unable to make up where he was going and for what reason. No one was staying in, nothing was taken from granted. First victims came as it was expected. Someone noticed the surpage which had been broken through by the tram, the water which constantly dripped in. And then they attempted to fix the leakage, only to find out that there was no way of doing it. Whatever happened in here happened for a reason, but he had met the first one in sight.

Keyringer came out of nowhere, this time he seemed out of it. Backwater lagoon-type, looking as the pristine surfaces and all that destruction that occurred in the span of a few seconds, a simionite-crack through which the vapors poured out, this was a dangerous stay.

‘I cannot explain it precisely now, but those leaks are poisonous.’

‘Follow me.’

He was definitely out of it. He didn’t look like the same Ringer for starters, he was Filler, but they switched suits. Long before this, a man named Keyringer had worked at the base as one of the engineers. Out of the many mechanical bodies which appeared out of nowhere, one in particular was the reason for all the wrong in the world having happened. Out of living, an infiltrator which hadn’t been found; who later became the warden. Though the process was much longer and everyone involved in it had been completely deformed, out of apathy, no sympathy for the various cumbering spine-like eruptions which almost replicated the human shapes it wanted to torture and rotate during the flattening roars.

Various sounds were recorded. Some of the recordings were still used up to this specific time. In the fifth of the making, they began playing it from time to time only to test the peculiar effect through which they

were doing what had to be done. It was perilous, too pretentious for a bloody upscale, a fealthy which was nothing but a disease. Many of them were distressed, the machines themselves being leftovers from the world above. It diluded reality, their presence there being nothing more but a disease that had infected both of them, but that didn't matter any longer.

The crack had already been made and again, Abel felt the shaking in his back as the peril of it starting over would trample over every thought. No amount of pain would do. The making of destruction came.

‘What’s wrong with you?’

‘I don’t know.’

Abel shouted as his arms took on a life of their own. He desperately tried fighting through it as the two devices in his back started pulverizing everything, hitting and jabbing, trying to bring the entire complex down. A mutation had occurred just then, between the sand and the complex, the bodies being fragmented as they fell. Through such a state of disquiet, the presence had been alerted. It came with all the bodies. Charging through the walls as they would push through.’

‘I am the honey-slurper.’

Bees of filthy came out, embrodiered in simple handles, pushing through out of their uncannily strange relapsed bodies, in drones of eighteen, having been formed into the shapes of giant hive-like tondrons. And with each flight of their long wings, they spanned about the pleasing sight, eating out of the bodies that were spilled about the place, out of the tram, the disgrace of bullets spraying over everyone. Though neither came as close to touch, either of them or the presences that pushed around. Letter-cutters around the dead, the presence-bodies came instead. And leaped around and cut the shroud, around him, without the least of a doubt, they failed to touch the man, as their fists connected, blades shattered at command.

Against the jaw-bones repelled as they stretched around from the back to his front, like steely curbed wings they protected him from every touch. Cooling after his boudy writhed in the broken pearls that cursed his mind.

Dragged away as they were, they couldn't fathom getting through and pushing out. Lost a gamble.

One man of the presence came in. He stepped morosely without a common sight or thought about what the repercussion might be. His simple attempt directed him to push the soles of his hand beneath the cruiser-like creature which fell about and holstered his tiny braided fingers whichw were crushed. A physical blow came out of nowhere, propelled by one of the openly exposed cones which came out of the jaw. With every push of air the other men had been driven away as they took the needed distance in order to observe what carried on. One of their own had been abandoned and sacrificed, left to see as he had suffered in the last moments of his pitiful life.

A cloaked figure, long clothed leaped out of the dark and covered his hands with the shades of the fallen trees he carried on his back. Its leaves spiraled through his shoulders as they made their way through his arms, opening all ten of his fingers in cube-like formations from which a blinding light came forth, banishing the presence as it calmed Abel down. With its long hand falling over, he lifted his arm, then,

with a slicing motion he completely dragged the world away within his hand, with the two of them following after. Hampered through and sickened of waiting.

Ivanoe's sight remained still.

He rolled in hay inside one of the many houses which wasted around. He stirred the waters, seeing the first battle ships emerge out of the water. Many of them were uncouth and didn't make any sense to be there. He conveyed little emotion.

Lack of feeling in the legs; somewhere in the distance, upon the plains of a lost concave hole, there stood a single tear around the earth.

It pushed out and couldn't be hurt, as whatever happened inside of it only now seemed to come to life. Hardly touched around the first platform, that much was clear. In whichever direction one looked, he could see this much, the aftermath of a single large rider who had lost his horse. A falchion of steel had been abandoned somewhere in the back, which left a single man barely standing, let alone close to anything that might be called alive.

He was the last one to make a call on it. He was trashed around his wild bodies, all of them struck by the process of reenacting everything his race had tried to guard themselves against. It was a hard-strike to his head, trying not to float out of the wild legs he now bore. For the same reason they had all attempted, if not completely ruined themselves over, he had survived. Though most of them had lain at the back of the concave structure, with their legs hanging loose around their throats, in a desperate attempt to project their own mad looming hopeless wings, they started creeping out of their eternal sleep, awakened by a mighty strike against a surface which defiled the noise of bitter-lies being propagated outside the land.

Neither of them could figure out what happened. Dead ears heard no songs. Living was morose.

'I see that we have lost something on our way there.'

It was an absurd expectation none answered. A call home left the hero Mondkhe there, walking on his own, unable to see, for the likes of him a way back to lost survivors. It never came to pass.

Another loss came to his mind, a thing he regreted most, if there was anything he came to detest, it was the fact that he had abandoned the art. Some time in the past, the Man inside the universe, a no one, abandoned the one thing which he loved. It was the one and only thing he seemed to care about, to draw him to it against all odds. A place where he could only push against the tide and feel at home, in the only place, now it lay abandoned. Rotting in some obscure manner, where he laid.

The pencil, that was it. Out of all the evils in the world, it was the only thing which gave him a heart or a soul; the source of all empathy. It would have to be dealt with sooner or later. Switched around their neck, he started shouting for some reason without allowing himself to comprehend what had caused the fall. His mind was gone; there was no reason to stumble or to return. In a small cottage-floor, inside a place he was no more able to make out what was going on than the person next to him, he watched as a peculiar man came through one of his doors. Completely aghast, he couldn't throw in no finger-painter canvass over the way before Alkesey took the man next to him, flung him over and saw him. They were only trying to make it stop.

But the villain came in and bursted through his spine, as the old man provided no fight against the brute.

‘You killed that man.’

‘Of course I have, what did you expect me to do?’

Fighting back was pointless, there were no provisions there.

The house was barely stretched out, in some way and appeared to be in some swoon as well. It went through his head and faded. They didn’t speak about it there, since the body had been thrown through the roof and appeared to be completely out of it the picture. Dormant in a spot, it wasn’t going as planned. No one made a fuss about it.

Light fading once in then out until it couldn’t go at it again; which in turn made the wall strangling the first necks; hay pounding them around in during the strange looking red glowing hexagon which turned the room in a peculiar standing lesser gloomy rum-filled glot. Few dead pointers lay around.

Some of them had been pushed around.

‘It leads to nowhere?’

‘And what do you propose then?’

‘I do not know. ‘

‘Why can’t you at least try making a point then?’

There’s nothing out here, nothing’s working. It’s plain to see there’s something going off the charts.’

‘Where, in which direction and how do you know what to do.’

Time was blunt, it couldn’t go for long, not in his withful chair, the wreckage of mourning, where he danced in an enclosed eternity on top of a single pumpkin patch. Most of the lightbulbs attempted to simulate some kind of space, distantly aware that it could not hold a single flare against the real, hiding before the light could return to its origin. Two more started powering up.

Leaves of light flew away from them, until now, there was no reason to way for someone.

‘Might I join you, young, for dinner?’

A slithering cut managed to make all the light pour in, humbling the sight, as he entered as fast as he could. It was important that he knew where he was and what his place in the world seemed to be. There was no pain nor agony to be felt here, only him waiting to be seen and noticed, least of all would he encounter stress. It bothered no man to admit he was wrong.

But the creature which came in, if he could be called this way, this nightmare of low-structures and unfathomable desaturated colors appeared to push only one leg at a time, out of the millions he bore, and the stretched, yet wretched arms which bore their malignant orange, blue and other, other-worldly colored eyes. From the top of a great dome which writhed atop the great body he bore, there was nothing more

colorful than the fealthy which poured in. A filthy damaging thing which only crept along the propulsion which threw mushroom-like top from the back of his body, where all the tiny bodies slaves, though they had been completely caught in and held in place by some back growths which pushed in, could not fathom staying in for too long.

They had nothing to stare at, least alone, would there be a time of respite or rest.

‘Might I find solace under one of your many shades?’

‘Nay, there’s naught for you to seek yonder, you must flee as you may please yourself not being surrounded. I seem to have lost my wit during a time when I had seen the light emerge from the strongest moving depths, ther spheres yet emerge still.’

And one of them had pointed, through their constantly murky, swarming arms, from which little globule-insects poured out, unable to control themselves as they looked for a way out to be. They had pointed out at some transparent, almost patented simian-bubbles which started gathering around. Under their guise, no one could see a thing, let alone be able to understand what wen through them as they concealed either the bulbs or the lights coming from them.

The the one who ate the pumpkin of the world united with the strange beast, lay down a dark table, though both of them were clerly not as well defined, not the same height, but appaeared to be facing each other nontheless. It was hard to pin down a look on that one who rested below. He who had been eaten looked way too crusted, crested with spindles and many other unnatural rock formation which had melded with the organic material which had crept ever since inside. It bred him, made him, gave him the pair of partitioned wing-like menace which could only fathom being out for long. Until long he had suffered of a melting spot which had left a permanent hole in his chest, which went through him head, as well his mind.

When the time approached, that he might pour in the tea and even come to push on, he had done a terrible thing many other people might’ve found uncannily destructive. For too long had he wondered what went wrong with him or why he acted that way, with the scope and likes, he destroyed the thing which had took over his mind, crushing everything beneath him in a gust of rage. From it, and the holes, a vile gas had emerged and left him. It couldn’t be identified, but he had feared that something was released out there into the world.

Something he had no control over and he could never have hope to take back, no matter what went through him as well. He was contrived to this place, chained, though it couldn’t be necessarily seen. A distant memory to him and even less to fewer people, let alone could he learn of what went on inside his head. He had directed day and plays in his mind as well, all until this one crude interaction.

‘You know why I have come here, Bollur.’

‘And what would that be, dark creature, made out of writhin skin?’

He could see it now, against every single one of its many legs. He couldn’t hide this form any longer, nor was he mourning or trying to scrape the walls and plaster off the bodily fuction that were being taken

away for him as he waited there. IT was clear he had done something which could not be forgivable any longer. Despite the fact he was calm.

The creature took a step back, not looking at the drink he pouring out of the body of the broken land, lightly but darkly shaded orange, as the blood of the ground poured trough. And throught he steam which came out of it, one could see nothing else but the flying and the floating wonder, the sinister-creeping taste. It could be felt, around the emptiness which had prevailed. This was the taste of the dying sand. This was the remanant of a dying land.

But what he showed was something worse, the creature had done it and he couldn't focus on anything else but it. He who had been the enactor of all the evil acts he had carried on another version of humanity. Not that it should matter, yet he claimed it so.

'I have found a way though it might be destined to fade and cry along the way, to span, over the last agonies I have inflicted on them during the day they had been gone. That I might pull away a body of theirs, that of the very ground itself which hoisters all of them before time could come.'

And he had shown in, amongst the ranks, one in particular managed to show him the respite he had harbored in his very immutable body. He feared nought of the presence, nor could he look away. There was as much vileness in his mind as someone could show before fading away. Though even now, the battery hole inside his chest, though it was bloody and very much, nigh-digested, that showed no sign of stopping, another one appeared, right below his organs-chests, those who were pumping now outside his trunk, in each direction largely erected. Nothing could compare to it, what he felt and what he dealt with. Through some unnatural way, he understood what made him get through that unimmaginable route.

Crowded inside his cranial mass, he spoke to himself and asked.

'But who is that dark creature and why is its desire pure?'

Bollur couldn't fathom waiting, ripping through the bodies with blotches of eyes hiding it without trying to give away the fact that they couldn't fathom waiting for long. So many changes, but one of them deranged as well; it managed to hid himself all too well amongst such strange contenders, those of which might never pass. He wanted that one in particular, the body of the Duke in all his might. Though he seemed indifferent to any remorseful touch, from the other bodies which were connected to the grant one, this strangely primsmatic body-wager, this spherical conondrum of many spike-headed, large dead-men which crowded the marks, it was his and only his the only one which stood out.

He wanted, if anything could be gotten then, to steal it from his den and then wait for it, trapped forever, never to look in disturbing delight.

Bollur thought and wondered for the longest of times. What could I give in return?

As soon as he hid it, he had become desperate. There was nothing here, only the things he had created out of the pumpkin resin, yet that body, that precious artifact made out of some immaterial pure light had done nothing else but gnaw a his mind. He needed it despite the rage, the mass which shot through his head being impossible to control as well. As he could wonder at what he might accept, he came to ask himself as well.

‘What if I lay claim to his life as well? What if I were to slay him in agony and disturb his wreathing people as they die in the command?’

During the time he lay in thought, it came too clear that he neared something close to a consensus. He missed seeing the images of other beings, their presence they enfolded. Though he doubted or had come to doubt, he couldn’t tell whether or not this creature was alive or not. That had been perhaps the first mistake, reassuring himself time after time that there was nothing to die for as long as he could keep his mind sharp yet darkly tainted.

It had to go his way, otherwise, he would not be able to hold it any longer, all that overencompassing glory which awaited him outside. At the price of the body of a brave Duke, taken from the creature that wasted its life there, he could simply have it if he willed it so. This was only a matter of seconds, plain to see what was around and what might gnaw at him when the sound fell out, the sutures enclosing, folding the two open slits which lead to his pumpkin bit. He rested on the oustretch, clearly observing how this strange creature started sipping on the pumpkin tea. It was clear that he enjoyed, to some very clear point, taunting him, as he went as far as to aim at throwing a tantrum. Less than expected was the common denominator, the reaction which pushed through his mind. He contorted a plan, just as anyone might do before pushing through the sinew-clock, bone exposed hands pointing at the right hour. He had been towering him for way too long and now the time had come to trim his legs and take what was rightfully his.

‘Wait, not to fast, I think we still have some unfinished bussiness we ought to attend to.’

‘And what would those be? Unless I’m wrong, I think I’ve got nothing to explain to you.’

As a matter of fact, there was nothing coming even closer to it, not in a million strikes, his ears being jolted in time with him being unable to breath right. There were uneven strokes along the rims of his lungs, the giant creature had been jolted by the constant sensations he had been forced into. He was staring now, unable to go on. Something in his chest faded, then appeared, then disspeared like a blunt brass trap, like a poison that could not handle itself for too long. It appeared, faded, then came back wider. Simply, as expected in some way, he enjoy what was going on here, without fear of being crushed by the supreme magnitude of weight he would impose onto him. Too much was enough and for a single moment he considered this, before wasting not a single more esoteric secont to throw it out of the way.

‘I see that you haven’t taken too much of a liking to my tea. Unfortunate for you, because I feel as if we are out of touch in some way, we fell through during our conversation and to that, I think I’ll settle with nothing more but some pain coming in your direction.’

‘Traitorous wretch, is that how your treat your guests? I ought to!’

But he fell, and the body of the eart he had collected fell away into its hellish realm. He failed in a second attempt to grab. They fell through him and off the pumpking patch rose, like a carnivorous plant, it started gnawing and trenching through it.

Meanwhile, as he surpassed this creature, Bollur bore a crown around his neck, made out of a few of his legs. He carried them with him as he formed the pumpkin stairs which led to another forming slit he had the gut and the nerve to ask for, thence he carried in. Through the stairs of the stars, through which he

found the path, the long bridge that cut through everything as far as it could be seen and peeled out for the agony space was in.

Thence he simply walked, and met the vile mask which floated along the way. In days and eons of despair they graced one another in their presence as they felt no need to convey even the luster of song, creator, if all, of Suppressors, as one of the most inconsiderate pests, he thought of it, nonetheless.

‘Have you enjoyed my gift?’

‘Have you enjoyed ours?’

There was a snicker on both sides. Something appeared to be shared during a time of unrest and the agony which impressed none other than the melting of putrid clocks. Some bodies carried them as they had clearly been infested by the prowess of the mad. And in their stay, their walk was simple, they couldn’t understand, what, after all the while they spent together, what had happened to time? In its wake and in the way, in the putrid state through which it couldn’t convey the pass, they had been struck by the fact that they had spent too much time bearing this conversation over and over again.

It was made out of nothing, an orange sky with an ultramarine sun which shone, around the world of dark; plain and simple, doming like a bunch of curved walls which made it so there was always something to look at no matter what time had said of them. No desire to push it through, the blasted access into sinew. They moved like cattle from one direction to the other, never settling for another. Worst of all, the time was set, deserted among their kin, as they refused to connect with them.

‘Others are far more sterile in their rage. Know that there are those, and there are some who’d stop at nothing until you were to be taken for the tormenter you are and punished.’

‘Hah.’

There was no better response than the echo the new-walls created. He satiated no wonder and appeared to scrape not a sun. Bollur had no intention to push him away any longer, as he only saw it fit to mess around and churn the coming of wild ends. He wondered at it, who might make the first move and most importantly, where might he find the body in the prism of the dead. Uncounted for hours, he searched for something that might happen there.

Any explosion or forming of the universe, any making or taking or flying through the roofs of sunken planets that might never rise, their demise was expected as they would only give birth to giant clusters of infants who were waiting to be given birth before the coming of the wild ends showed any signs of pushing forth.

‘Alas, I shall bestow upon you a simple gift, that you may know and be aware of, so you might make something of it Agamemnon. I shall offer you the chance to find it. That of which you’re looking for.’

As all the while, listened as he might, through all that terror and unfortunate deaths which went through whoever wanted to seek it past the pass of the advent of man. In lack of better words and plains that might creep around the brightest corners of a lightless space, there was the path, the road, the one who might know about it despite not being on the hunt. Despite their best attempts, they knew how they would be unable, let alone get through it then. In the past, the making after couldn’t alter what went through. It was

clear, as fear advanced, the dance of stars went past them, in the glance of the years and the making. Only one of their own got closest to finding a liver of their own.

‘Who is he?’

Bollur was amused by the possibilities. He could lie as he had originally intended and sent the creatures to a hunt from which they might not even be able to recover from. As of some fact, he delighted in things he could break and recover, things he could bring to some destruction then bring back, after a rover. But that had not been it. Nor was the fact.

It would be subtle this way, nor would he desire to push it back.

‘I shall offer you a single chance to set your backs onto it again. You are fiends of destruction and could carry it only that way.’

‘Say it, who is it?’

Thence he pointed, that Agamemnon who had been ripped away from their commonly connected consciousness. He who had been joined by the Colossus, he who ended the; a break, it seemed like Agamemnon disappeared. Despite no navigational approach being given and there being no certain common information towards the spot where he hid, there was nothing to point back to. Nowhere near had he seemed likely to return. Thence he retorted with himself. What shall I look after?

‘Who shall feel my wrath?’

He willed the road gone, despite it being a branch made out of the body of Agamemnon, thence it disappeared. He neared a time when he couldn’t help himself but look after the most disgusting and untrustworthy of beings, the juvenile and the creeps, those who couldn’t help themselves but get beaten past the pulp of their broken feet.

Thence the quiet, in a mule of a box, darkness inside of it, with the exception of a single light bulb. He was there and they were there.

Bollur looked at Keyringer and at Abel. Both of them were unable to figure out what the reason for this apparition was.

‘I have a deal for both of you. Neither of you will be able to escape from it.’

Neither could he, and there was the case of Christine.

Twenty days ago, when Filler was still alive; when Filler wasn’t Keyringer. When Christine was still alive, pain was still alleviated. Faced around each corner of the block, they had some prodding devices which hid the bowels of the earth every now and then, especially during the night. It made it so some of the psychical giants had a way in, and a place to hide. The who complex degenerated into another level, which poured into the bowels of the ship. Most human which had been preserved died of a quickly-spreading infection.

Most of the advanced apparatuses, complex machinations and tools died out, if not they had been completely got welded into the skin of pair of giant humans who bashed themselves against the walls,

killing everyone in sight, including the suited caretakers. Though there was one of them who managed to survive, being struck by the fact that his body became somewhat, strangely struck in the form of a reigned hive or a line of cockroaches which survived the destruction coming from the world above. There was another clear distinction, taking from the light reflection which appeared in the after shots, on the pictures.

He could record the rooms for what they were, damned, red, bloody, puerile-architecturally designed. Undignified as a living place, this was the inner-asylum. Comprised of eighteen rooms, a large chamber in the middle and the main set-shaft which made it look like a prison. Multiple lights emerged from every spot, dignified by the deterrance of a long bodied glancer, he who had taken the guard of the omen stone. Spread around every spot, they looked like stone-carved knives, and kettle-drums. Some of them being made out of beating skin which spread from around the corners then floated from one direction to another.

He had a long neck despite his wormish body which moved like a hyena. And despite the boiled skin which was stuck in an endless process of dripping itself, a single eye could be fragmented, big, spanning from across the forehead to the lower side of the skin. It lay inverted, colored in blue, yellowish-tinted irises, three of four of them appearing at times and another globe which almost came out of it, despite there being no extra socket for it to dwell inside. He walked on other smaller bodies, all of whom had been perfectly fit for the holes made in their chests and bodies.

It was missed then, a shot of the creature was enough to gather in the fact that it existed. Two sets of dates, then, both Christine and him were locked behind one of the bars. This strange place was filled, entirely to the brim with as many inmates as it could hold. But what about them? For now they would only be here for fewer days and longer stays, clearly caught.

Talking beyond this point was stalking, and nothing could be worse than it. Although it was unclear what was allowed in the confines of the trap, they guessed as much.

It had to add to something. Their time spent there was nothing showing itself out. Two main pitcher-locks barred the cell gate. A small shock would be administered through it on a timed interval.

‘Take cover.’

A piece of sharp-sand, brittle, caught in between the metal bars, bursted out.

And then he rose again from the casket of immorality before he winced.

But this insolence would not last long. It was difficult to quantify and put in its place without losing anything on the draw.

‘It will stand the test of time, I hope. As long as nothing out of the while happens, there should be no problem. ‘

Second time that lamp moved, it was the one and only thing that appeared to move from one spot to another without there being anything shaken inside their cage. Both Ringer and Christine tried. They would make ends meet today. Without any little or puerile lamb in the making, they received a strange pork soup half-a-barrel and some crumbs of bread. Those would serve them over a few days, in exchange for what they mined in the back.

Still, they couldn't focus on anything else other than the lamp, it moved.

'Think it will do it again?'

'I don't know that yet, we'll have to wait and see.'

There was no precedent to doing it. Sitting there for more than a few hours would erode their very bodies out of the very fact that this was a highly unorthodox place in itself. Locked like a cattle-prower, without a way to strike for air.

'It moved again.'

He alerted Christine who went in whichever direction she could in order to get a better view at what went on behind the table. Marking on the wall, some of them ripped off manually, by a big pair of hands. Their imprint betrayed huge fingers, animal in nature, close to being too close to an ingrate creature than anything else. Something has been seen before. Its very nature showed itself there. Out of a small point where the crack in the wall had denigrated the very material through which the concrete pushed out of the metal tomb that was hidden between the leopard carpet there was a single hand that was sculpting the other side of his cell. He almost made a hole through it. They could neither confirm nor deny the fact that they were frightened by the sight of the small pick which burst through, despite their inattention, entering the vase without breaking it.

'Pick it up, will you?'

Christine reaffirmed before she went over the motions again. He could swear she heard something inside of it again. Long tins, where cigar but-stones would leap against the walls, then stop to wonder what went through her wronged side of the head, where she was hit before being dragged in.

She was scratching while Ringer was double-checking the vase.

'There's something in it. I think it's moving.'

'Don't do anything you might come to regret, or you might find yourself unable to.'

She missed it again, the hand was out of their cell block. A man could be broken that way. The table was missplaced, in the wrong spot, a reminder could only go as far as to appear ever so slightly when they couldn't stop looking or crackling at it. Under the tenderness beneath the table, no one moved an inch, being very likely to be unable to figure it out yet.

'It did move.'

'What did?'

'You know what I mean, the table moved a few inches away. There's something beneath it. '

'But where is it?'

Dreadful being they were, hiding in the place where not even their unworthy god could be aware of what was going on. He shivered at the song of the vileness, always going out of the way to count upon the

dreadful towering malformation, all of whom were hiding inside the walls between the two cells. Spared out of nothing, for some uncouthed upon reason, they settled on something less than waiting to be killed. They spilled an unnatural appeal which pushed deeper through stone. As it became fleshy, as the bloody meat had shared an uncouthed upon feeler, the cryansanthen-like pattern finally emerged out of it, trying to devour their small, yet tightly knitted scalps. It was uneven, how they both stood there. Unable to get away, they felt for the surroundings, never knowing what might show up in their way.

After the first touch, they couldn't, for the likes of them make out what was going out, in the sky, the patterns of an engulfing plethora of skin tormented leech-fat opened boweled priests had come. They made it through the aerial-zone, through the buildings, into the ground as well as they could appear out of their unnatural feeling-tocuhes, wrapping each other around the cords. Holding both Ringer and Christine in their places as they were told not to move.

‘One single touch and you shall both suffer the epitome of a lost-mankind.’

Both of them appeared to have shown that they meant it. For some reason, they had spread each other, in part, around the split of their lips and around their hands, there were multiple scores of lumps which wouldn't do. It would be largely unforgivable, trying to make it through, without begging for release. And thence the coming of a quick success, it had to be done, otherwise, the stress would kill them both before they had the chance to confess to the dreadful happenings. Ink drops signalled away.

‘You had once been pure, to no arrival of thoughts, you’ve come to think of no one else but yourself.’

‘I’ve done nothing of the kind. As a matter of fact, I seem to have found myself wandering around after a friend.’

‘One of whom had been taken away from you and killed, is that not so?’

‘Of course it is but that’s neither because of me nor of her. His death was a matter of his own hand and his own doing.’

‘Then answer me this, if you would be so inclined. Where is Christine, the woman who was around you?’

To that he couldn't, for the likes of him say; he was out of it, unable to make the difference between this zone, that and the time through which they both lost their shots. The hole in the wall had long been slumbered and appeared to be completely locked. There was nothing in it, from what he could tell and then. The warden was dead as well. He had rotted during a time when he couldn't have looked out for anyone.

He chimed in. Then he appeared. Out of some unnatual cowl, he appeared to have stricken his entire neck before ripping it off only to pull eighteen great worm-tunnels, offering him an escape. Soon enough, after their release, they had been allowed the peace and respite to shallowly run around and never touch a thing like theirs. It was dreadful having to wait or needing something to do before the time of the day. But the clock was thickening and he was sure that Christine had made it through.

The growling meat foundations that the man of cloth-like figure brought in finally rearranged itself as it pushed out, taking the grates and the prison bars with it as well as it had managed to gather in the shock.

‘I can see it happen, even now that I can help it.’

‘What, what is it? What can you see?’

‘Somewhere in the distance, they have driven them towards the cells. The masses of bodies, brought from within by the men with their strangling tools, their fiery bullet chains, now I can truly know what’s happening there.’

‘And what would that be, dear master? Since I have long resigned to my fate, I see no reason to satiate this hunger and look for more than I need to get away with.’

‘You needn’t make the case for starvation, for I shall not allow you as much. But you need to be weary of what’s going on here unless you count the passing of time.’

He could only mark some days, or some hours at best, out of the many pictures he had taken, not to be mistaken with what was passing through, he stole one single bid, and he pushed it out and came to realise how much of it was trying to crepe through his mind. He almost came to be part of the meat-tunnel through which he walked for no other reason than the obscurity of Mars. He looked out of one of the meat tunnel’s revealed domed holes, only to see the planet in its glory. Such a sight was infected nonetheless, out of the bottom of his heart, he saw it as being unfit. Unneeded, and unable to continue past no birth and no disease, he was distressed by what was coming. He couldn’t suffer what went through his mind. All the while he suffered something of the conviction, the admiration of the lightbulbs caught in space. Those were his stars and inside of them the twin-gods emerged.

‘Time to leave unless you want to be elevated to the status of a dead-man, never to come to the point of escaping with your dame after this hold.’

Although he cherrished the help, and he considered going away, he also thought of this as well. What might happen if he fell? What would he do with her if they both decided it was time to return to his home? There was no saying, there was no staying and they could do no less than it was expected. He deferred to looking around, sounding one of the many alarms which started pointing through; no wonder to the making, not less than expected as well.

Thence he made it through but not as a man as he had been before, rather, he was something close to being an immutable creature basked in the skin of that flabbering thing that was his fur.

‘Now, Ringer, you might go forth, but be weary, for the warden might come close.’

Even closer than he had been before, time was trying to pry through. He complied and lost his mind only to no less than the dying of the days, the better plays being still pushed on. Creeping through the alabaster, he mastered nothing less than what was needed in the process of dying.

With each step he died once. His body fell through him, giving him a sight of a single day, through which he moved through, seeing himself live through a different body than the last one, which had strangely come, through all the tracks, sometimes molding itself or opening the doors as he moved back and forth into the room of gore, until he took his place into the pavillion of many lights that started coming. It was a distater he couldn’t avoid. He had been given something as the creature abandoned his guise of cloth.

‘You’re not a priest.’

‘And you have never been a servant of the one.’

He revealed his malignant form, almost gargoyle-like in the sand-like torn body that came after, through some barreling wonder of many attuned cuirass belts which dragged his skin as it never ended in the fall. But it was too late, as this trickster, this mad being cursed Ringer in the end. He couldn’t happen to get away from all those who entered him and took his place. Though he kept his mind, the man never looked the same. When the time had come for the warden to return back to life, he had finally succumbed to the wonder of spying, through the cutting, the butcher’s work had to be enacted by him in order to get rid of him now and for all.

‘I’ll make sure to batter your head in a termite’s bed.’

‘You won’t do this, you shouldn’t be capable of breathing. I saw you die, I saw you wither away.’

‘But you have never given me a single killing blow, I see. You have only come to think of me as a disease you could’ve dealt with. Stricken down and made to have been used around before the melting.’

‘How do you now of the furnace? That’s off the limits for all of the living beings, especially for the inmates before their time had come and before they could be burnt alive.’

‘Ah, but I see that you have failed to realise something about me. I have never been a part of it and I have never considered become the disease you call this place.’

The complex has never taken over my mind. I have faced its perils, stood against confusion and have come to accept it for what it is. In turn, I see that I am to live forever at the bottom of its halls, never to return once my time is done.’

He felt nothing as he said, as a matter of function, he could feel nothing either for lost days. He would keep up to the promise of broken days and see to it that he shall never convey no other emotion out in the open, not where he might be seen. For now he settled with this as well.

‘I shall make you suffer you little insolent creep!’

But the warden had barely any strength to come back up. His worming body, his serpentine form only showed close signs of rotting and lacerations, which only ended when needed. It couldn’t be thought, he couldn’t be alive for long. Now he suffered what he had promised to do upon Keyringer himself, past the making and into the beheading.

Many of his leg-simian replicas had been stumped upon, despite his incredible assault at the man who appeared or who would appear to be breaking them one by one. He couldn’t stand the scent, thence he ripped a few bodies out of his way, throwing them into the well of the blood making and drowning some of the little glancers that loomed around.

Ah, I see that there are others just like me who had managed to get through unscathed. I shall make a great deal out of all of them, or so he thought. For some reason he had been satisfied, without trying to pry in and make for one of the many exits. Since the first crushed skulls managed to stunt the warden, he

came closer and pulled one of the many lumps across the body. For some reason, there was no satisfaction. He was only fighting a lepper who had done nothing but attempt to defend itself through the days of the taking and the making of the armament of evil which loomed through.

‘I see what you have done there, and I can only ask this.

Have you prepared for something while I was out?’

In the midst of the asking, one great hand had almost crushed his entire body in, right before he could get away. Just as the romm, the warden and everything else flashed inside, with all the colors that might come, another body appeared in his place. It had to be earned, this darkness looming inside of him as well as the blood-letting quietness after the infection needle-like substance thrust in. Pain would loom around, he could do nothing more than shout in dark. He waited, then stood like a guard. He couldn’t wait for long enough until he came back to life.

‘I breathe through a new set of lungs, I see through a whole new different face. What am I?’

Ringer asked, but none had answered. There was no way back after doing this. They would know where to find you.

‘And what is logic if not the lack of common sense?’

It could not be distinguished from what else went around then, headless baloon-scalps floated around the lower mazes, in the needle-racks of the bowel tracks where the other trams walked forever. Since the main tram had been partially molded inside one of the sutured pieces of the wall, in a time which still loomed around like dirt in a moving pool of water, the stream had revealed as much.

Below the floor the tram emerged and moved in a partially distinct almost cellular, ambiguous cocoon-like form, where the passangers were barely being born by the minute, unable to breathe properly yet very much alive in some form or another.

There were only a few other margins of error, which crept in the head.

‘I see the colors of the rainbow, there’s a conk inside one of them.’

‘And what does it say of the sky?’

‘It tried telling me that it’s all dead, deceased, the garen can no longer hold the rainbow from being bloated with the disgusting colors.’

They watched but couldn’t feel. It lost its appeal as soon as they found themselves staring at the dancer, in their most morbid nuanced feet. Some of them were cut and unable to look after each other before the realisation came that they had beaten each other over the head. Some of them were evenly placed inside dead-rows of fully grown pinpointed sights, the criminals ate each other in disgust, without being aware they ran in dead circles, no one was to blame.

‘I see that it is time to accept it.’

But there was not a single man present there.

Another stranger came in. Some of the rules were present even before they had been made aware of them. Two men walking in squared, the insides of the facility was completely made out of bodies which replaced the wall.

‘I have done it!’

Shouted the one Jackal-man who came out of nowhere, unable to look in no direction, while feeling his blood remain in pints that couldn’t be drank. They hurled themselves over and couldn’t comprehend missing a single man oer’ the world. He had testified against the kindness of a mind and the world of uncut soldiers that followed with their guns.

Half bodies coming through, most of them being long since hybridized in order to make it through the new world, one without fear or pain, in which they would remain for as long as they were needed to continue the living. In darkness, they were bold. Old but mistakenly shoved inside each level which had been tramped and fallen forth. There, in a corner, a hole had lain for days. The Jackal-man ran towards it and leaped it.

‘The mondo-man had done it. He had thrown himself it.’

Guttural noises entered and ran up the pace. It was the time of the day for the man without a face to show himself and look for no survivor. Out of the hole, the Jackal-mans gut threw themselves out, from a round-about of many teeth, the rows had turned him into a wild disease. Yet none for nothing, they couldn’t spare to wait a second more before they drew in to check for him.

There had to be more there but they were hiding it in plain sight. Some numbers written on all the collums and the peculiar towering stone structures that were curved along the bottom steps and the peculiar tower heads which spiked around the meallic collar around which they started pushing in.

There was no reason to fight the waves, not without the risk of burning. They were in the open now, a tiny portion of their cage exposed, from a point where air appeared to come out of. It was decently lighted, enough for a tiny dog to draw near the edges.

It was obvious enough that no one wanted to look at it, yet they wondered what was wrong. Some sight could be even more docile, yet they broke everything from sight. In only a few moments they saw the dog fly in both directions before spreading away by the wings of a bloated cat. Behind them, a spine-hero emerged. He flew with large backpacks-growth in his back.

A vision of him eating them quickly turned their guts inside out; since most of them didn’t understand what the reason for it was. There, in the distance.

One of them pointed.

Despite being together for so long, they felt as if they were simple nomads searching for better pastures. They would milk the throngs, not to faint. One of the men woke up from the sleeping stillness he had been stuck in for hours. He did not know how to look at the world any longer, since it had been vaguely If nor only permanently disabled to his eyes. Still were moving across the walls, images he couldn’t grasp on. He was mental, he had gone through the break and his mind was nowhere near anything which might be clinically right. There, he poked one of his fingers but infamy started protruding his fingernails out like

the keys. Still beating as the player hid himself inside the complex. They've been made aware of him, somewhere in the past, but in reality, who hasn't. Not a single soul appeared to have forgotten of his existence. And he was a pale thing, which only crept in every now and then, his song being tainted or stopped by missing fingers.

'It stopped again.'

'Stop looking after the dog and come on already, we got somewhere else to be.'

The men from the prison avoided the warden. This time around, the warden had been completely set on its tail, almost hanged as his head was dripping down, the hole of a giant blow given to a mellow leaving nothing but some rounded edges that were plainly round inside his skull. He wasn't releasing any blood but some kind of hardened pair of atoms which only now appeared to come into full motion as they produced the meat-sleighs. A man touched one of them, it was clear now. After all this time he was fully dead, and no amount of materialisation could change it.

'There's no infection here.'

'I said stop looking at the dog.'

'Did you hear what I said?'

'Of course I have, but what about the others? They keep obsessing which that piece of a dog which had been eaten.'

For our god damn sake, just move on, can't you see he's trying to lure you in and eat your bodies as well? I can't be the only one with half a common sense here.'

It was much worse to begotten, as they couldn't fathom staying for too long. It was way too risky now, especially since they came after. Tall and embroidered, somewhat stagnatingly morose; as a matter of fact they ripped themselves with not being able to breathe for long periods of time, through which there was only this strange actor which appeared out of nowhere. Right outside the gates, this obese strut, long-armed almost-man, he came out of nowhere with a weird baton. Before long, he started wailing down on the first of us who wanted to cross the gate and finally make it to freedom. We were unaware of something happening.

Already, by the time we have realised it, something started creeping in. The sick-soul of a sole lonely pride, coming out of the man who was beaten head-on; which told us not to interfere.

'I can take him all by myself.'

He said with an unmet confidence which made him ever so sure that he could get away with it. He waited, as did the others. Quickly enough on their feet, they started tapping into which direction, trying to get something close to a reaction. It wouldn't normally go well for him, he had to match their sound-liquors before prodding in. They were plain, in their quarrel.

As soon as he got the upper-hand on him, grabbing the baton, he slimly grazed the fat-man's knee off, making him stumble before he rolled into a wild direction.

‘Come on already, we got to get as far as we can before they catch us.’

‘There’s no one else to catch us here.’

‘Pointer, Dull, stop looking at that hole in the wall, can’t you see that it’s shrinking?’

At least the very size of it appeared to be completely ebbed into a direction. Manno could swear that was the case. It couldn’t go the other way around.

Seeing for too long. He had a deep desire to go blind which stretched as far as his nerves went. It could only work so easily as he was set on it. His fingers were bent, he was starving like a dog, yet he couldn’t concentrate on anything else but those wild pieces of architecture which started throwing themselves away. Something was stuck in the walls. Some great-on-look left him staring at a giant simian, lightly glowing creature which appeared ever-so slightly deformed by the very stones which intruded in its face and body.

He dared not come close, instead, he chose to walk away with the others, only to be met by the same image which would be projected just about in whichever place he could look again. His eyes were somewhat still caught by the ebbing of some distress that crept in. His neck was in need of strangulation. Boren knew this. It was an unhealthy thought, but he had doubted the others would understand.

Though he himself failed to look at the connection the others had with him. Especially since the other members of their pass had never stopped seeing that hole either. And the canine was still moving around, whoever that devourer being, couldn’t be seen. It was, undoubtedly the only thing he could spare, a look, he wanted to be there, to climb and come closer to the pup. I could save him, he thought. Though he relentlessly hadn’t even considered the fact that it was perilous, to even leave the tiny mutt dripping on his face.

‘Snap out of it, you imbecile!’

‘What, what happened?’

Despite not seeing any hole in the ceiling, he had seen that piece of dog which had dripped on his face. Somewhat molded now, this had become a permanent piece of his face, right around the cheek where the teeth growled and the nose sniffer and two almost formed eyes blinked. Yet they weren’t completely formed, and appeared to force the jaw to open in order to account for the glow. A green-cherub crystal with a yellowish pus inside of it, to the epitome of a dark iris appeared to be creeping right in the back, tinted by some unfathomable color he couldn’t dare lay eyes upon.

Inside of it, there was only one simple finger which belonged to him.

For the likes of him, he couldn’t understand how it had gotten there to begin with. As a matter of fact, he had been just as disturbed as they had been after looking around.

‘We’re in a glass of jar!’

Pointer seemed to believe. Despite there being no signs to conclude what his suspicions were, he had clearly made a cut against his wrists.

‘Stop it, you’re going to.’

Boren had been struck by this wild insomniac gas which came out of his wrist. The lack of blood was the first thing that gave it away, instead, there being nothing more but oil. A lot of it started pumping out until there was nothing that worked any longer. He was too struck by it to realise that there would be no way to breathe through the air any longer. Not without the burning pain which accompanied it.

‘What did you do to us?’

‘It’s simple, I inflicted a lung-disease upon all of you, out of the bottom of my red-cells. Are you seriously surprised by it?’

‘Of course I’m not, it’s just that I didn’t expect any of this to happen.’

‘I didn’t expect it to happen either, not until he told me, you know, the time he was around me.’

‘And who would that be?’

His eyes were orange, there were no irises any longer. A white-blind, yolk-embded, close to being pale appeared to constantly churning inside. It was clear that he wasn’t right in the head any longer. Neither of us were, which lead us to this point in it.

Before we knew it, we were done for. Touched, or not, unable to get out of our way to life the Crane that fell on us.

While running out, across the hall, he simply tackled me and broke eight ribs.

‘Stop him before he kills us all.’

But the others had little chance against the man, as he only started creeping out and pushing in without daring to come a finger out of his pouring eye-cave. He was not human, at least not in the traditional sense, and his strength held no boundaries, not even as close as the pain he took pleasure, in some sick way in shaping their bodies and cradling them as they started giving into the animals they were being turned into. Alas, he left, choosing to spare Boren. An only man, as a sold survivor, with the pay being given in meat; as from the emerging hole above them, the sinew-hero came out, like a vile demon who flew in and started eating the animals he had made out of man. We couldn’t be spared of the sight, we couldn’t dare look back or even hope there’d be a shot at making it through.

It came as no surprise that they were not in the midst of butcher’s play, but they listened to the analogue clock as it conveyed the end of another day.

Next one, a few scream woke up whichever hick happened to be around.

Hard to tell who was alarmed by it and who was only faking it to draw the pity out of the outer craddles which inhabited the soulless ground they walked upon.

Still no one to talk to, or have a normal conversation; it was pitiful trying to continue this way.

Pitiful, that’s what it looked like.

‘We should go.’

‘Where to? If we take left, we might only go in circles, if we go right.’

‘Then we’ll walk in circles if we need to Christine. Stall for as much time as possible if we can help it, or at least, if I can help it.

I work better when there’s enough time to come up with something.’

‘Will you at least let me lead the way?’

I was about to say that I don’t know if we can walk into circles in this place to begin with. It changes.’

‘What does?’

‘It’s hard to explain Ringer. It’s not the walls or the ground or the doors or the details. Call it a bad feeling, but I think it’s simply changed. As in already done with.

We’re no longer in the same spot as we used to be a few days ago.’

Or years, but she didn’t know about that, she couldn’t know about it in any case. If there was something they could both agree on, it was that this place was a mess. Some days were even worse than others; minutes at a time when no one could ever look onto something without disagreeing on. But neither of us said a thing.

That tube and that strange vase weren’t supposed to be outside the cage. Neither of us were, and most importantly, I was not myself. But I looked like it, all ten fingers moved perfectly in motion.

It was out of question, staying there for the night, yet she insisted on it.

A small slip erupted; an entry into a wicked world.

Like every infirm creature out there, it could only look into one direction. Most of them were rabid sons, nothing more, nothing inside them working properly. Constant organ failure could be clearly observed inside of them; all but one appeared to survive one of the clear passings through the after-life, if that’s what it could be called.

On a first note, there was something which needed to be said about the spoils of their insides. They were clearly trying to push themselves inside the wall, seeking constant warm. Needless in their attempts, another one approached, before he came inside the house.

This one was weirded, far more peculiar than the other, bloated, even fatter, despite them having observed and come to no conclusion whatsoever. Their minds were missing in some way, blasted inside their ribs, with some extra meaty reeding bits that never went away. And their malignant bodies kept churning and twisting despite them showing little to no emotion coming from the bloated surroundings. A common likeness could be seen or shared, it was damaging, all that wait. Obnoxious tendons kept pushing out of their heads, which took away from them whatever means they could find on feeding. It went over the wet sinking plum beings which crept inside the other fakes.

Some of them were confused, each of them refused to move out of the small pits which had been created by the constant digging of their large malignant paws, most of which retracted once the change happened. Not a single doubt remained, not one of them could survive by the time he would return to check on them. He wasn't one of the leftovers, but the new tormentor who came after. Constantly, he snapped and wailed, seeing how the peculiar bodies had no way to defend themselves, let alone remain in their dented dens, behind the fences and into the strange homes they put together for themselves. It felt uncanny, trying to wait for someone.

At times, there was the song, but it wasn't the same.

No, it would not even appeal to him. To take care of them would be too much of a bother, not to mention that, he had other better things to look for. In the nearest alcove, he started tainting the land.

Blorhr, a named amphibious, almost pile-like being, the one who had all of his limbs removed away from him, as he called himself, moved on his own with tiny legs that didn't belong to him. Acquired in the passing, he could only carry them for so long before giving them away.

Others had to feed. He couldn't hope to pass the opportunity to be tainted or be called for in the passing. He would be mad if he'd do it. And it couldn't go either way.

'You know you could always land me an arm, right?'

'Of course I know that, but you know I'm not doing anything here, do you?'

Look around you, we're dying by the hands.'

'How would you know what one looks like?'

There was the hook, which started spilling steel inside his veins. He couldn't help it, of course he had to ask and pity himself while doing so.

So many things passed the ear. No one could be blamed for the creeping-ghoulish figures that fell through the grates. Too many things were taken for granted, it couldn't be believed either, going through each pass, each fall and trying to make out who were the ones that survived. Every moment appeared to make a difference, no matter how hard, yet peculiar one looked into it.

'I want to die down there, if you don't mind.'

'I can only make your passing so much easier, but you must know that there will be some pain, regardless of the reason for you choosing this place, I will stay with you until you'll be able to breathe in no longer.'

'I shall appreciate your courage and bring with me as many of the other-ones in the afterlife as we greed you on the way to the Eet.'

'That shall be, brother, that shall be.'

He placed himself as humbly as he could, then he laid low for a while. It was weird, how their bodies contorted, but he could say nothing of the kind. Otherwise, he would appear to be rude. And that wasn't something he looked forward to, especially after being so close to someone's end. It was crude, bluntly

put in hase, as the swollen fists of a boxer's ending match would act upon delivering the final uppercut. He was skinny, too tainted. Shaking or being shaken as he started pushing himself out of the way.

'I suppose this is farwell now.'

'I suppose it is.'

That was enough, between the two of them, there was nothing which would allow them to make peace now. He simply left this world without a final breath, but a tiny slurr, as he melted in a matter of seconds. He would be untouched and uneaten, as no one else dared draw near Blorhr.

Despite his ancient age of eight hundred, he still had something on them. All those limitations and he couldn't draw a single finger off his own throat. It went through his head, at least several time that he would not know how to react if he were the next one in line. Could it be, then?

A second more and he might've missed it; but he was there just in time to witness the slight hinge which lay behind one of the gates. The other, despite their misshapen nature, their lack of eyes meaning nothing to beings who sensed and moved around their prodding mess only felt reassured of what they've done. They lived just long enough to see the prodding of some robust-looking disgusting tendond-shaped reptile-like creatures they could feed on. And most joyfully, they were dumped in masses. So much more could be taken now, near their delight.

But he chose to ignore the feeding, knowing better than to throw himself at the first sign of greatness. What they others didn't expect, at least not since they were starved was the fact that so many of them would simply die unless properly treated. And that had been something neither of them could deal with. It went through their pseudo-wings, they went away. It was dreadful, they were paranoid, afraid, after a while.

Since they made away with what they had, they could not wait longer.

It was a tight-lock, which snapped itself back into place. There was still that problem no one wanted to have to deal with. Short out of breath, he decided to fall back and question what happened around him.

Some of them came near, caressing one another out of the desire for heat.

After ignoring their pleas, he chose to approach some familiar shape. Chaffed around the throat, he would only look at it from whichever direction without trying to take in the brith for too long. Everyone looked the same, but there was something which distinguished their disfigured grayish-morbid bodies. It was hard to say. They looked even more different with each step which completely threw the hurricane of bones and organs inside their sack-like skin. No one bothered to think or use their wild cognition. They would be even more damned if they waited for long enough to scratch each other's backs. Then they came to a stop.

After internally hemorrhaging for at least twenty minutes, they started pushing it out and making noise. Another group appeared, dangerous, a lack of emotion clear enough for them not to care for what was going around their surroundings. Understanding the fact that there was no escape left with little choice in the matter; making everything all so mechanical, that it could not be perceived as anything other than an absurd trap, a hole or part of the giant faced yet toothless buildings to lay there, housing if not nurturing

most of his kin back to life. Every now and then, they moved, though by all accounts, only a few creatures managed to get a grasp of a few tiny legs which could walk on nothing else but carpet-burns as they carried an unfathomable amount of weight underneath their belt. Desperation set in, confined to this spot, some brutes, as they could be called nothing else started terrorizing one another out of the veil of terror they began spreading inside the enclosed walls. Filth spread amuck, but that wasn't to be taken for granted, nor could it be plainly ignored simply because it was there and it spread across the walls. In it, there was knowledge, there was some power which hid itself from the blind yet to be kind members of blotches, their skin ever-pouring out. But never had he considered what he was about to do now. In the blindness of a quick eye, when no one was paying any awareness, this one blotch, necrosis-like toe that he looked like in some manner, this decayed sea-horse sack started opening his long trunk face as he began eating the toxic pieces of fluttering mass which was dripping around his mouth.

Dreadful as it were, he could not confine himself to anything else, much more to some creeping taste which poisoned him immediately, without even having to travel through his convoluted body in one piece. He started seeing the high unseeable patches through which he promptly got through. This time around he wouldn't end up being one of the bodies, instead he turned towards the strange house he lived in for so long and spat on the floor. Looking back arrogantly no more, out of his own desire to make a ruse. He had lost his mind and played a flute song out of his insides, then he walked away.

'Another escapee, I see, do not worry about it, this happens ever so often.'

Were he to come much sooner, he would've found himself beaten if not strangled in the worst possible manner. But that had nothing to do with their lives there. This was the first outsider he lay sight upon. Strangely, he wasn't any different than anyone he had ever seen before. As a matter of fact, he was plain, almost too plain for him to form a conclusion about him. Hence, he greeted him back.

'May I be sent into the right direction?'

'Nonsense, there's not such thing as a wrong or a right way to go. You only switched to a bigger cell, you haven't escaped your prison yet.'

Though it looked, certainly out of which direction, in some manner of speaking, it looked less than something which could be described as crude or vulgar. Giant bone-hands, peculiar stalk-like faces with leaking tongues and exposed ribcages inhabited the place. And that thing was eating yet another, smaller-headed green colored, almost poignant weak-man. Around the place, the lights were sparse, yet the houses appeared to be all the same in whichever direction he decided to look towards.

'Is there nothing more then?'

'There's plenty of space for you to stretch your innards, but be aware that it all comes at a very ill-defined price. Set forth and end up feeling pain and disappointment knowing that you will have returned here all the same. I have set this journey forth, during a time when I had been in the same body as yours.'

Though I cannot say what might happen to you precisely, since you appeared to be of much particular weakness, I can only tell you this.

Be weary of whom you talk to as this outside world feeds us air.'

He felt it, just as he said it. With every breath he felt hunger no longer. It was pleasant, being saved of that dreadful feeling of starvation, which ever gnawed on him from the bowels of his body. Clearly he was there waiting for someone, but he didn't ask.

Blorh started dragging himself backwardly. It was the new way of transporation here. Somehow it was safer than anyhting he dared touch, but this place was filth and he was corrupt.

A pocket-watch appeared on the ground.

On this basis alone, he decided to walk forth and ask for common directions.

He was still with her, though it was clear that something about the complex wasn't right. At least not in the main artery they were in. Not after what happened there.

'I wish I could take you somewhere warmer.'

'Had a change of thought now? I thought you would remain.'

'It's not that. I feel as if I've grown accustomed, yet I'm sickened of this place. I can't explain it just yet.

Suppose you did put it in the best way possible, what then? Should I simply admit that there's no escape from this place any longer? Will I be trapped in another strange part of the complex?

I don't know what to believe any longer.'

'You know I only tried helping you, right?'

'When it ought to have been the other way around.'

She smiled and nodded. Christine was different, perhaps not in the same way this place was, but different nonetheless. It would be crude, much more so to push deeper into it. He was out of the place and back in. Though that thing was much harder to expalin, as, his mind got clearer, the more stationary he became. And that was a good thing, since what happened outside the bridge only appeared in his mind now, like a quick recall, a reminiscence of it going on, replaying like a broken tape which wouldn't let in. Out there it was snowing and by now, he stopped trying to rescue Filler. As he finally leaped inside the frozen river, he stooped a moment to look forth.

The constant blasting of snow would soon enough become a storm. That would take away whatever beauty still laid in the place. Leaves of snow, acres of plummage made in white, the lake painted in light. He could not see those things anywhere else and for once he considered staying, for as long as it would take him to move on from his eventual death.

There was no way to win here. Leap in the ice-cold water, hypothermia would much sooner hit you. It had to go one way or another. No one wanted to chip the ice that formed around the frozen iron beds. Ringer had been sleeping for the last twenty minutes before he rose. His feet were cold, but not enough to stop.

'How long have I been out for?'

‘Just as usual; but you shouldn’t worry about it. Things like these happen more than a few times around, you’ll get used to it.’

‘I’ve never grown used to it during my entire stay here.’

Some doubt could be seen on her face. It only paled in comparison to the strange drop of insides that started pushing out of the cove. She had an open chest. Her body was made out of some immaterial rock, grayed on the inside, almost clay-like, turned with a white-coated, almost light grayish wound that pushed out of her. Christine wasn’t well, at least not in the same way she used to be. She didn’t act like it any longer and chose many to keep to herself until the breaks happened.

Her heart pounded from time to time. It was audible, like the beating of a drum set. Important note, it could just as well be seen as it pumped outside her chest, like a yanking ball which kept expanding until it was no longer of any use. There was that constant fear he had that she might suffer of a stroke, but he’s never taken the liking of telling her. It was way too dangerous.

That went over his head, close to it at least. And he asked her just as quickly.

‘What happened to you?’

‘I’ve had an encounter with my brother while you fainted.’

‘He’s the one who’s done that?’

‘Not exactly, but it was there before he decided to approach me.’

She opened her blouse. It was no hole but merely a large opening which expanded downwardly. It formed a strange scar which dug too deeply. She looked like the work of a clay sculptor who was driven mad by the beauty he created and decided to ruin her. A clear view revealed that this gash went as well as to release everything down to the very soles of her feet. Nothing could be said about her as she soon covered herself up.

‘This’ been going on for a while now?’

‘Longer than I expected, but at least I was spared by my brother.’

This time around in any case, as for the previous round, he still had a good view of her lifeless body. From that he could never escape. And no amount of wishful thinking would do him well. He relented. Now came the question.

‘Are you alive?’

‘Not any longer, as you can see.’

A tiny slither of desperation in her glimmer, she did not enjoy talking about it. Sparingly, at least with every second, she decided to walk in whichever direction and ask nothing from the lifeless ones that stared about. So many open doors, yet their rooms were empty. It disturbed Ringer who wanted to look for more.

Blue was somewhere beyond the watch. He walked with Charles, both of them having made the pass, walking over it for the longest time possible. This was the uniformed man of Ultramarine, so had he been called at least. The farther they got from the watch, the lousier had his strange shades become. Within every blue there was an oyster, and within every oyster, no pearl but the sea spilled away.

His pockets were wet.

Behind them, a trail of water. Still, that claustrophobic feeling appeared to dictate their precise actions as they would push this road on both sides, seeing it extend before them.

‘There, I think that would be a good start.’

A house among the crimson-orange road, it was just in the color of Blue. An open door invited them, but before that there came the man of Sinew, hero of eated canines and felines, who took a liking in disturbing people.

‘You’re not from around the place. How did you make it past the watch?’

This contorted bone-faces, face impaled face only spoke nonsense when he didn’t like being inquired of. He approached with a small bone-knife and a battle-suit which was made out of cats. They still made their desired noises, and appeared to have eyes of green crystals.

‘I’m the first one who came here. I claim the first right to enter the house.’

‘Friend, you’d better drop the knife if you know what’s right for you. I’m not going to repeat that again.’

He pulled out what appeared to be the most gorgeously crafted gun Charles had ever seen, made out of some peculiarly shaped quartz, yet likely to function by the looks of it, although he had no need to inquire of it any more than he should. It would work.

A few steps away from the ensuing fight. Mostly because he planned on escaping if things went down south.

‘Drop it, I said. I’m not going to give you a second warning.’

First warning shot appeared to shoot a blue, almost phosphorescent bullet which claimed the like a small cat. Not in the least, as it ran away and scared the others, the man of the sinew was exposed. He held on whatever rags he held underneath, though he dropped the knife only accidentally. As soon as it was down, he shot it as far as he might, without giving the man a chance for recourse. He couldn’t suffer trying to bid his life, to hick-looking draggers, with broken pieces of tooth-blades now spread across the floor and sound.

‘A bell just rang.’

But out of shame, the hero couldn’t move.

‘Take the nearest route outside and pray that you may not meet us again. I won’t be as pleasant the next time we meet.’

He smiled morosely and then left himself past his feet.

After that peculiar incident, one would have to be weary of the bridge. As the bridge itself honed the body of a great many faced solidly trapped crescent being, whose horns were battling constantly to be carved out. Each of them bearing armies of hundreds of humanoid, in turn, horned loyalists who would fight for the great fiend if they were allowed the chance to be freed and fight for it. A looming presence in their minds, since their heads weren't working properly, they would not fathom staying too long and satiating the disease which was the looming hatred creeping, a giant spiked-spindle knuckled pincer-like arm which constantly tormented the creature.

In hopes of quieting the rage, they would not fathom satiating it until all of its many closed eyes opened in order to reveal which pair was the real working ones. He was a man, the greatest beast, though he was no primate in change, this giant who submerged. Through multiple anchored, deeply penetrating fileds and rows of uncouth pincer-arms, which grew inside his shoulder, the horns and the skin benign, could not deal with the drop which waited if he was unchained no more.

His legs were many, separated, entrapped, but they were too far from any surface that he might grasp upon and never let to. If the bridge were to be extended, if he had lain there untouched, he might've fallen to his death, into the abyss, through some nether he could not even, for the likes of him grasp. Hence, he took the torture, to the point where he had taken a liking to it, never to approach anything more than what seemed to be. The likes of a blasted head which crept around, never to see, and point and laugh from the sutured features, painted in morose and depressing colors, but never to attempt what appeared to be dead roses which crept inside his brain. Some of them allowed some growth, some incontestable filthy-looking neuros which spread around.

At times it sang. But was it listened? Without a doubt, he had been sent by the other one above the bridge, in charge of torture but never pleased with the result.

'One of these days I shall make you suffer until your plays will be done with and you shall complain no longer.'

'But what can I do if not complain at the pain you're causing me eternally?'

'We've been through this before, haven't we? We only started a few days ago, and we shall be done by the end of the month.'

'What crime have I been found guilty of then?'

'Is it not obvious? Your attempt to grow inside the compound, this place where only humans walk. You tried to snick under their gaze and this is what shall be gotten onto your mind.'

'I only wanted to live like them and see for myself what could be if only I were given a chance to be like them instead of messing.'

With what would he be messing with? What kind of damage had he done around?

Behind him, from the molded carapace, where his wings spanned below, rounded and flat, like those of a wasp-like faceless cripple, he stores enough time and enough going to have messed with everyone, out of the simple guilt, the sympathy of having taken a liking to them.

‘You keep bringing them where they aren’t supposed to walk to. Your name being?’

‘I am Eruphaer, but we have spoken of this before.’

‘Indeed we have, when you first arrived and spoke to me in a blue-moon, taken to heed my intrusion and the access I have asked for.’

In the midst of it, he thought about where he’s been wrong exactly. There were open field and rows of memory, all of which darted from one corner of the mind to another, until he could not fathom doing it any longer, there. He took the fall, he would do it somehow, slowly trying to make himself slip through the cracks, even if it were for him to fall forever.

‘It won’t work, I’ve already thought of this long before you were placed in my care.’

‘But why have you done this to me?’

‘You know that I cannot entertain your inquiries unless you come up with something new. And this time around there shall be no fall, since there’s another bridge under you which will only extend your suffering a month more.’

‘And what if you’re lying to me?’

There was the chance, he could do it just as easily as anyone else, not to pay too much attention, not to direct himself to the damning evidence which had been the seething of his necked throat, the battering of an advent coming from the ends of a rope, he’d do it; if the chance came along.

But there, in the distance, one of the peculiar beings came forth. For one like them to make it there, to look the way he had, it was something he wouldn’t have believed or taken, not to mention that. He couldn’t accept being walked upon by such a lowly, insolent-looking mindless parasite as he was. Fees would not direct his kidneys, nor would he accept his offer, as it came to him for one last time, he would simply aim to push his neck around and eat the whole of him as soon as he came close enough for him to do it.

‘Come closer, you insignificant mongrel, I shall eat you whole.’

Though he dared not make a single step out of the very fear which had guided him so far. Without the doubt to push him on, without wondering, he would’ve stopped.

Curious as to see what happened there, he slowly came forth. Approaching only on a single looped-toe, which took away from him whatever passing might’ve set him on.

‘Will you devour me if I pass?’

‘Of course I will, you know I cannot stop myself, you should know it. I cannot lie.’

Ancient

Far into the mountains, where the waves of wind failed to touch, there stood the Thrishche watch, which looked upon the wild stretched and guarded them against the wretched.

And they marched upon the plains in man-bodied chariots, oddly-shaped whale bones, in a sea of burning spermaceti which made the land. And turning it into their wild access, they spoke to blinds. Beating them, as they invaded during the night, one of which carried a child, but the child of an invader did not belong to the human kind.

Thence they took of their largely made, wolf-headed axes which bore spikes on every handle, for they endured much pain. And hooks in the back so they might manage to impale, both the children and those who prayed to other gods, for in-between them there stood only one god. He spoke of evil. And evil-words guided them against the enemy of the people, for, in ancient times they knew of pain, and knew that legacy would not remain, with no cruelty to take away their guts, and spill the blood of innocent children in the making of outsiders who did not cherish the lands, under which the mass of stones, the infants, masses of mongoloids who had been strewn to chests.

Each child which would be impaled on the back of the hook shook, as he would slowly be assimilated inside the axe, he could be taken past the hook, he'd spill. Each limb twisting and contorting as the Asiatic race flowed through. A time like this in the making spoke, deflecting word and bitter swords and those who desperately tried to come forth.

Later in the day, they grouped. Taking a few women that shook from an invading tribe, had their way with them as they liked, they ripped them off their skin. Peeling them off from the bottom, within, only to pull from what remained, a blood that bore the yellow gaze of a single sun that rose from East. They rose on their feet and started searching inside, through what appeared to be the depth of a few taken forty-five shoe's sized feet in a straight direction, until they found what they were looking for. It was a strange creature-like puddle which gathered no emotion from the tribe. Instead they looked like the abomination of miscegenation which was made in the image of both of their kinds. It could not be believed. Such filth and disquiet taken from within it could not be anything but doomed to fail.

He looked anatomically like a man, but he had grown too soon, in the span of a few hours, which took from the late hours in the evening when they got at it, through the making of the night and even through the morning when they were done butchering their so called taken wives. Some of them bled the yellow, which took on the yolk with it, as their skin paled upon the trunks they had been tied with, never to be approached. Then it was settled, the child would be allowed to live.

It fought for its life, despite being the abomination it were, the mongoloid of no nation, the hybrid which fed on his mother's corpses, only to survive. Then they threw the wolves at him but they showed nothing else but the fear of the benign, which could not be mismatched, it could not be confounded.

The beast had to be starved, as it was one of uncanny evil, bred in the like of no god they knew about.

'What shall we do with him?'

Dopolous asked. He had stared in disbelief and could not fathom drawing forth his axe. He had something wild prepared but at this point the creature was no man. For his mongoloid features started showing themselves in the back, down at the spine when they pushed forth like four aligned deep-sea rays which bore forth a split head, with long and deformed horn-like tusks which pushed forth and aligned themselves like pneumatic sleighs, upon which, from the opening inside of it, there pushed out all of the fat it had stored from the past, until it managed to create its own pseudo-cartilage bone foundation which was desperately needed for the foundation of its body.

A pair of ribs could be observed as they were strung about the lower barely formed yet exposed abdomen which seemed to scrape some of the skin off it. Below it, there were ringed bipedal feet which allowed it to move.

This abomination of a hybrid simply taunted the men with nothing else but the similarities of faces which had been replicated as some sort of weird imitations which were equally placed along the long-curved ray-like cartilage which pushed forth and around itself, managing to apply sutured through the whisker-like wax made out of the spermaceti fat it had devoured off the ground after it was done devouring its mongoloid predecessors.

Each tribesman-like face had been equally placed next to one another, with a key difference being taken from it, as each was bore with an equal distance of fifteen centimeters coming from both sides, until it managed to give itself the uncanny filth-look that bore the scent of a filth-kind, in which it started moving through.

Another hole formed on top of the main body which projected the ray-like back like a hunchback's long tumor which was still attached, this time coming out of his chest. From there, nothing could be seen on the other side, only the torment of barely attached bones which were slowly being liquefied and softened as they were carried through by the creature in the back. The natural state of the being dictated that it would slowly be assimilated into a much longer, more evolved, stronger and long-footed hold of a defiler, which would only bring more chaos on the land.

'He's grown much wider than before. If it keeps going this way, it shall never be stopped, nor will we get our god's worth in tribute.'

The Red man was watching, through vile unseen eyes.

A few Onghor' soldiers joined the men no soon after.

The yellow broads practically offered themselves to the men as a one-side transaction. It was what their part of the offer just so they could avoid being killed. It was how it happened, it was how they acted and if they were given the chance, they would've killed their own children if they could. The reason for it was the plague within their racial blood, which made them colder, much colder and unapproachable when compared to other races that would've driven themselves in a stone-wall if they could.

Both tribes met nonetheless and began discussing this peril that proceeded to wreath its ugly body out, as the skin yellow even further down the south, and as it mourned no longer, it would start preparing itself for yet another charge. This time they would be prepared, be it under wolf-canopy or the old iron forge which started fumigating at the beast approached. And they would sharp themselves spears and blades,

and falchions, and pottery tools, anything that might throw it off balance as the beast would be distracted by the sharpness of the light. It could just be that it waned, that it might want to remain but it could not be allowed to stay.

For every second it had satiated nothing more but a disease, in its distress, the long-line it bore, stretch far back to the Negroid. Such was its filth and the danger it bore, as the filth of its line only carried the most deranged things of them all. A line of scum and one of peril, one which would defile the land if they allowed it to carry. 'Shall we begin then?'

'If you would kindly join me now, we should be starting in a matter of a few seconds.'

That much was well implied, there was no need to deny the fact that they ripped off a single man's inner bone protrusion which shot in his head like an arching-spear drone. Looking like a drawn pole which was represented in a five-point perspective architectural drawing where the head would be placed at the highest point of the highest axis, the spear-bone beginning at the lowest opposite point and the sphere inside of which the entire representation lay would somehow be abhorrently deformed, if it were to be seen from around the man against which the pressure was being forced against.

And at the end of the strange bone protrusion, four tunnel-like ends came out, shooting in whichever way, never ending as they started gazing out with features made out of bone, fragmented in the remains of both of his brain lobes that were shot through.

'Try making a few cuts in her, she's on her period.'

It was all too obvious, by the way her children started pushing out, breeding one another as they grew second heads out of the expanding liquid which hardened after liquefying out of their eyes.

'I should've imagined as much, she's going to spend a lot more time doing it, isn't she?'

'Of course she is, I could see this stretching along over a few more generations at least, there's nothing stopping her from proceeding into it, is there?'

'Proceeding into doing what now?'

'Giving birth to herself, making another breeder who should take care of her resting periods and double the ratio at which they're being bred.'

'Will the two of you stop it already? Can't you see that what you're doing is wrong?'

'What do you mean?'

'That creature which was born out of the missing genes is nothing which may even come close to being a, you know what? It's a defect.'

'We cannot place it in any other way. It's a deformed mistake. It shouldn't be displaying those features to begin with.'

But the members of the tribe could not be satisfied with what that had become. The manta-ray like back had only thrown further until it bred many more of their own defiled kind, which in itself could not be

held as their responsibility, as they all shied away in their corners, unable to fight the sight of it. For it would take only a single blow to deal a deadly spake, to which its body would be taken and thrown to rot in the sun as well as under the moonlight swoon which was predicted by their bronze chimes.

‘I think we need to reach a consensus first, what exactly is it? It looked like a man at first, a heir of the kind.’

‘But it isn’t and we can clearly see that, and we can see that it started breeding, which means that it doesn’t belong to this world, making it nothing else but an abomination, a deformed abomination in need of putting down. Can’t you see that there’s no other way we might make sure of the loss of its survival?

That we may curb its suffering and put an end to it before it sports through another breeding session?’

‘First we need to figure out what it is.’

‘Nay, can’t you see it’s pointless to ask? We don’t need anything else other than a single bump and a single blow on top its head and it should be done for. Don’t try arguing with me, as I know better than a bunch of missionaries of a man whose claims are that of a single.’

Dead quiet, they looked ahead. Inverted colors, which brought forth only the dead of sky, a blank of painter oil dirt-ivory, taken from them as they finally began walking forth on strange elongated legs which took breaks in the back while stretching as far as to become almost like the holding tails of snakes, dialled in the rack of the machines they were. Almost whimsical in the weird smiles, their faces stretched across their torsos as their arms became nothing more but their long-ear plain spikes. Torn but made out of four sides, spikes that would constantly plunge into each other before one made the difference and asked for an excuse to die. It was asked for as much as it was needed, they wanted to bleed.

Especially since they realised that there was no metal, only a bronze shell covering them like an armour which bore eighteen wolves on top of their backs, like war-ants which stretched as far out of their kingdom as they would remain in the quietness of their own mildew, blindly following orders, unable to retreat. At their feet, a false god sang. He was that evil, little man, flattened, painted in red once, now in a purple and another one of the eighteen additions to magenta which travelled throughout the universe in the verses of the other songs, spoken by the deathless ones, all of whom hanged at once, traitorous whence who could not regret a single doubt.

One would have to yet inquired, why they refused to sing their songs and in the making they stood strong. Unable to perform the intonations, they recited what they could. Did what they could and attempted to charge.

And through this change, on top of one another, they stood like two brothers, a manta-covered pair of spines, all of which were made of spines, a blasphemy which came on top, multiple bodies merged with fat. As the fat was the decided and the fat was the thing which made it work. Which tied everything, placing it forth in front of the interlopers who could not help themselves no longer, weakened by the passing, they stopped. Asking forth, crossing at that.

‘I shall find a way to, least of all behead you through one of the breaks. See how times go and see them as well through that I may know of something coming from the vertical plane.’

In a town, smaller one, more compact, placed around, a brutal look to it, yet still more rural.

‘Dosskoln, you shall be my first son, in name and in weapon, the way you shall carve the path ahead of you should only make it less clear that you consumed by body in order to carve your way through.’

Never, there was no way, no possible way he could still hear him.

‘Bastard, I should’ve made it. Don’t look at them, if you saw it, they will be able to figure it out as well. And if they do.’

Too late, it was already too late to question in. They were watching him way too closely for him to be able to try anything without being spotted. Somewhere around the place, during a time when they could not face each other in the plains, all too flat-looking, all too filled with boredom and decadence.

Large yellow-tinted edges upon the giant irons on which they seemed to be propelling one another as they rested for no reason. Lazy creatures had to be exterminated. Beaten on top of being humiliated for being what they were. And somehow, everything ended up in the same place, as if it were left there, in place. In the spot, men lifted themselves up. And women as usually bred, with whomever they could. No value laying in their wombs, which drove the world into the point of extinction, where it had become way too damaging to live. Saying too much was the way of the despot, driving everything into the wall. It wasn’t needed, it didn’t go too far.

Only him, the hero, no, they, both of them, all four, even stood against the flayed carcass, buildings got left behind, just in the same way children would because their parents had died before getting the chance to try their hands in. Traps for them, fingers got cut, hands followed after that. In a replica of two continents which overlapped, it was hard to tell who was human and who was not. Someone got shot into one of the two directions, they promoted their miscegenation, only to find themselves completely castrated for the messages they seemed to bear. It was too damaging, going through their gains. Knowing what the consequences were. Greed and avarice was punished, severely, more so in their case.

And then there were the work-force which was being brought in. Dark-skinned slaves which were just as useless as the ones that remained, mindlessly doing what they were told to, never bothering to look in whichever direction their masters pushed through. It was a lane, many remained, all too deeply planted, until twenty meters remained empty, they dared. Some fairer skinned passed. It was the result of millions of years of selective breeding and pure lines, somehow they survived. And they governed over everyone else. It went deeper than their shades, deeper than the primal need to survive and reciprocate. Brain structure was different, of course it would be. Even more so, it could not be detected by no neuro-surgeon of the time, mostly because of the intricacies that were being carried over with each new generation.

Perhaps in a few more decades of advancement, which would not be represented in a linear fashion, instead there seemed to be something more directly called for, twenty necks strung in line, they waited and watered down.

‘I see, so it’s still something we’ve not come yet to discover.’

‘Unfortunately, I believe it’s not something that may ever be drawn upon. For obvious reasons, I think there’s something going on with the chemicals in the brain.’

It's the very molecules that make them which are different and need to be preserved under delicate and precise care. Unless we are to throw hundreds of years of advancement, we cannot, for the likes of us do any of it to get off.'

Michelle Andall was one of the men who got off her only to return to his small group and follow them around. It was a bad habit, but he couldn't help it. They were tool-heads, which only drove into walls when needed so they couldn't be held accountable for any wrong-doing they've done. Such is the way with animals. It's a matter of how they ought to be trained. Dangerous even, mostly so, pushed aloud.

Loudly announcing that animals are eating at the table, yet no one was thrilled that they made a table just for them. It was impossible to account for every single simian-ledges against which their thinning bodies appeared to have merged into. Largely placed, separated and chemically docile, twas' the right way to deal with them, but most importantly, a part of their brains had been completely lobotomized for the sole reason that they weren't up for it. Living in a civilized world, not without being lynched for stepping out of line, that betraying only the fact that they should've been kept in line, stripped and beaten, then pushed into the first dug-out they rotten in.

Some would cannibalise one another because of the very fact that they were unable to control their own impulses over a long stretch of time. Hence the coming of the obscure end, their joy ended after a dinner, then they were sent back to work.

'Why are we locked in Crezhns?'

It was a muttered word, the petty work of a poor builder who only did so when he needed to get a word in. Patience, he thought.

Not him, of the lower line.

But the man in the back, Cornchop.

'Patience, lord, patience, there's still more time.

You can handle them at any time and still come up front with no finger and no hands under your belt. With no bleeding stock which is still needed for the work.

Make sure they're all being used like they're supposed to and we might just get off easily without blood being spoiled.'

Thence he looked at the so-called cattle. Many of the pinned brain-devices were shot through their heads. It was no wonder they went through and lost the spirit they concluded with.

Amassing filth

Long straws sitting across New York, pushed through shafts of middle-wheels, which twisted around their Negro shins, which stood atop a throne of cotton which sipped in through his nostrils, entering his guts, which turned his eyes into white as he was foaming cotton out of his mouth. And bunch of kikes, standing, drooling, eating out their slaves, a-gore. And the Moor, standing watched, as he guarded through the bore.

He could not believe his eyes, as they became, a single piece of the object he refrained himself to look upon.

‘That filthy creature molested a child, it should be punished immediately without a trial.’

‘And what should the punishment be in that case?’

‘Complete and utter annihilation of both lobes, we shall force a quick lobotomy on top of him and we shall extract what we can.’

‘But what first?’

‘Good thing you asked. I’ve been thinking about something for a long time now, though I could never focus on anything else other than it.

It’s about this strange Jewess I’ve had a strange fixation over a long period of time.

I’ve been fantasizing about her as of lately, which had taken over, what seems to be, most of my leisure.’

‘And whom would that be, Commissioner?’

‘Why, I’ve been obsessing myself of no one else but Ayn Rand, which happened ever since I delighted myself ever since I began reading Atlas Shrugged.’

But he had not dared talk about her previous work, which he considered to be something, not as near, as to fear an uprising, but more docile version of the former, being Fountainhead. After all, the Commissioner, for some strange, yet unexplained reason seemed to have indulged himself into Objectivism, which in turn, seemed to drive him even closer to her. Though they may have been of different times and she may have been long dead since, there was nothing stopping him to progress further on in his mind. Not to be too vulgar now, as there were details there he refused to acknowledge, but there were so many poses of the kind, some shakes of the hands, uncannily going into one and either, close direction, only until they established contact.

‘I’ve thought about her and even came to the consideration of her relationship with her husband. Though it may have been disgusting in every kind of sense, I would’ve loved to punish both of them in turn. Regardless what my personal feelings for that woman might’ve been.’

And as they spoke, the land polluted itself with cotton around them, leaving nothing to be breathed as if from the cool air and everything else which pushed from it. In the closest thing which happened to be theirs.

‘I see. Have you spoke to someone else other than I about this obsession of yours?’

‘No one that wouldn’t judge me as soon as I have opened my mouth, though I delight myself in the pleasure of knowing that someone of them would go as far. And close to it, at large, to imagine both of us together as lovers; although, from what I heard there might’ve been a few.

More than so, and her husband knew about them all. As he had given much of his consent to further in, as she would do as she pleased.’

‘And what would you have done to her?’

‘I would’ve beaten her day and night. I would’ve dirtied her with purple around her eyes and gut. I would’ve done so until her followers hated me, until I drove myself to county jail.

But most importantly, I would’ve done so out of love, because I do feel as if I love her, uncontested by no one as God alone is my witness.’

‘Would that be the same god they killed?’

‘My dear fellow, but your vision is obscured and unclear, you know nothing of desire and what it feels like being a man.

If you had known it, you would’ve seen the clear light of day just as I had seen her during the first years of my life. You would’ve heard the soldiers on the field bombing, even without knowing of the war.

And working on the field, dying out of heat-fever and such, everything a man does is for a woman he likes, even though she may not be wholly sane as you and I are, my friend.’

‘Commissioner, I do not think you’re wholly right in the head. As a matter of fact, I think you’re far out gone.’

‘You don’t know the half of it now. Because, know that I have managed to track one of her descendants and I have plans, great plans, to marry her. We ought to carry out our engagement in December if everything goes accordingly to plan.’

‘Have you met this woman yet then?’

The Commissioner thought about it. He never attained the habit of lying and this fellow happened to be an acquaintance he knew well enough to share some close thoughts with. He had gone in great depths to plan civilizing the woman until he ruled out every possibility that he may be ruined by her.

As it only represented the duality of the relationship between the two of them, as men created and women ruined, that being so, he needed, yet he loathed the creature. But his obsession drew him farther on.

Large clouds had already been corroded by the cotton, which had attained a tawny color, forcing the lumps to look as strangely bottom-barrel bellies of pig-like open cannibalized boars mate out of freshly barging coal that had been struck inside a tightly sewn iron point which pushed out of it.

The clouds had been given a strange look which was borderline impossible to attribute to the negro-cotton alone. Too sharp' an angle came out of it, drawing out with its pest-head, which only made it look like a spiked stone taken from some sea-shell which had accumulated rancid scales on top of it. And inside the hardening, silky-smooth exterior which lay on top of every possible horn, which in itself was a distant reminiscence of some lost Negro artifact, there were the bowels of the beast, corroded by their own inadequacies which appeared to mold into each corner and every hold of a pin-bloated needle which kept everything from falling on.

For the insides seemed to be structured in this precise manner. Seen from inside, atop the view, one would see the open and exposed half-cut body of a boar which included most of the exposed rib-cages which had lain in it. This body would be inside the greater yolk of skin which had been eaten by its predecessor.

Though the bones appeared to be made of no cartilage but metal, and each line of metal had a few holes which were going as far as to push twenty millimeters in, as they held some wildly elastic and highly mobile needles which only pushed on around and manipulated the upper torsions which were kept on top. Then came the bowels, the lumps which constantly moved on top of one another, like a writhing mass of worms which seemed to push and foam as they were preparing the foam inside of them. But they could not fall through the open spaces, despite the fact that the needles appeared to be too frail and thin to be able to keep the mass from falling through.

As this mass seemed to have formed a strong knot which prevented them from falling through. But they had been responsible for, not only the redistribution of chemicals they had assimilated inside of them while they were taken from below the earth as they passed through the underground tunnels which lead to one of the greatest chemical evaporator factories that seemed to be developed in the county, but they also seemed to rematerialize the elements which had been extracted from below the earth.

And with that close addition and rendition of the chemicals they stole and absorbed through the cotton, they finally started forming solid pieces of cotton which had finally been fashioned into large archs, sharp pointy-heads and various other, dangerous to look at and to touch ends.

Various other clouds went to that process and would remain so, lying lower and lower in the air as they started their descent towards the ground. Soon they'd fall, and as a matter of fact, a lot of them started falling and pushing through their ranks, leaving the open fields exposed to a valley's worth of spiked bushes made of cotton.

It was obvious, they ate the dog, mongoloids of eight headed births, all of which looked like they were one great tumor tower-lane, which turned around their necks, producing their young as they started pushing forth their sons.

But irrelevant nonetheless, as the Commissioner had other plans for the woman, which distracted him from what was going on around.

It was dying off, slowly.

There was nothing preventing him from fading off, like the lost delusion of a man searching for something senseless. He stalked the first woman who came into contact with him and never let go of that.

Although she was a real descendent nonetheless, of one of her sister's daughter's side of the absorbed population, of which features seemed to have emerged so thoroughly that he had come to the immediate realization that the woman must be one of her long removed nephews.

Many of who lay hanged around her house even to this day, while she had gone to great depths to hide everything from the authorities, the scent being in some way incarcerated in small holding cells made of plastic.

It came to be that the Commissioner moved in. Though he had found himself cajoled by his very own daring act, he had also been drained by the thought dwelled back in.

'We should exterminate some people. Not everyone deserves to exist, some people could do without living.'

'All right.'

The woman said, being too disgracefully yellow.

It was a nasty way of thinking but the Commissioner could not help it.

They were sharing something together. Though it may have been short lived, he could see the glimmer in her eyes. She didn't actually know it yet, but he owned her. And he would be force her to acknowledge it.

'Know now that I have planned this over a long period of time by now. But If I were to come to power, there would be so much to pay for everything that's been taken and done to the people.

So many people would be in need of punishment, of rotting and torture of the highest kind. It is only natural there there's a need of someone in the right measure to deliver that punishment to all unworthy people of this world.

Thos who had betrayed their kin and would parlay with the darkest people they would sell their souls to. The highest bidders whose infamy has driven them to an uncounted for degeneracy and.'

He took a break and planned ahead.

'Marvelous, perfect cylinder upon which they will hang, but no spiked on them or sharp fangs, but large hooks to hold their pray.'

The weird thing was that. They could not look way past beyond it, as it lay in hiding no longer, being placed on one of the large squared, largely-outdrawn four-sided, highly-raised adamant platforms, whereupon few long horned statuesque goats which knelt like Sphinxes lay. Out of the bowels of which, spear-shaped canons prepared to launched the most uncannily prepared head-on black powder-filled barrel's worth of headless masses, all of whom exploded on touched as they released the after-images of men's bodies, the sights of which being reflected in the smoke their threw on.

And the man who came out of it was no one other than him, after he had left the bar, before he could take it into the sight of the benign. Fumigating in no quiet, as he had evolved into the sight of the Leviathan he had yearned to be made in the image of, being infested just like all of them, this cure of desperation never fading out his glands.

It should end in a matter of seconds now. A grin, from which the scent of gin appeared only filled his nostrils with a senses of dread-cattle, through which he ate a piece of her, the night that followed. And through the weeks, she was compelled to stick with him despite her personal feeling in matter.

‘I’m confused.’

‘As was I when I first had you but that seems to seal the dead, wouldn’t you say?’

‘There’s not much of a way back any longer.’

‘I’m glad you agree.’

‘I didn’t mean it that way. I found out that you were right about me, in any case.’

‘Of course I was, there was no need for me too lie, I’m not a low-life, lying is only for their kind. I can only see as far as I need to.’

‘And how did you find out then?’

‘I don’t know, you could call it a hunch if you want to but I feel as if there was much more than that when it happened. I didn’t suddenly wake up that way, thinking you’d be her niece.’

But of a long-distant branch three more of her descendants remained. And something had to be done about them, only to prevent another catastrophe from happening. He could only see it for so long before tripping over his words. And they were blessed as far as this place would tell them of.

‘I have to leave.’

‘Then you won’t mind me changing the lock now, would you?’

‘I’ve already rang the man, the taxidermist should be here in an hour.’

It was a given with everything being involved in the place. For the same reason she thought it to be so, there was the exact hole through which the head of an antelope would come to be. That would be enough to carry through her, if its horned beak pushed out for her to see. And she had not been disturbed nor had she cared about the quietness that loomed over. As he waited for some reason to stay, he found nothing. He would leave and would probably miss coming back to what he lost. She wouldn’t be here the next time he came and that was in no need of confirmation. He would have to find out sooner or later if that was true. Which put him at risk, his wallet was empty.

But there was one bus thicket, as he waited in line. He seemed to have had some change left from the other part of town, where he used to, at a point in time bought a couple of pickles, but not for no reason. It was a special delivery he carried with him, wrapped inside an old newspaper where the Socks played the Red Indians, twenty five days ago. No one would notice this, nor would they report when it happened.

The Commissioner tracked her down. It was another one of the daughters, which put everyone at peril. Close to it, through and through, it could only go into one good direction from this point on. Apparently, from what he managed to find out from the various sources, the woman hadn't been liked by anyone in the neighborhood, probably wasn't liked by her own mother. But the time he found her apartment, the lock was busted. Regularly robbed as well, she didn't bother anymore. It was the scent of musk as well. Going into pieces, going round the side. An old tv set seemed to liven up the rack. A rack nonetheless which she didn't bother to clean, bringing him even closer to her, so he could hear out a slight tinge from upstairs. Whatever they were doing there, it was a miracle that the whole apartment didn't fall through.

'Think you're up to turning around?'

'I don't need to do it. You'll come over.'

He did. There was no explanation, the Commissioner was sure to bring in the acquaintance he had been talking to over a while now. They were both in the right set of mind to do it. As much as it seemed out of place, he had something about him. A charm which made other people do what he wanted. He did that and it always crossed his mind that it would bite him in the back one day.

'Brought your scout along?'

'I needed someone to watch my back in case something happened. He's gone something on him as well.'

'I see.'

Other than that, there wasn't much about her. Not much protest, she didn't resist. She was old, too far gone already to mind the wrap coming off, then the lid, then the acid.

And like that they were gone out of the building and had no plans on coming back to the area. No one seemed to have taken notice of their short-going around the apartments. There wasn't any bellboy or anyone at the counter either, it was no hotel, though there were the sings outside. And the whole place seemed to have that strange bootleggerly vibe to it, that passed them by.

It seemed like they forgot themselves after a while and kept driving.

'How did you feel about it?'

'How do you think I felt?'

'I think you felt great enough, haven't you?'

'You're toying with me now.'

'Of course I am, otherwise, there wouldn't be a chance in hell I'd do something to you.'

'Will you?'

'You're a witness.'

You could go ahead and press on with a testimony against me. Do you have any realization what that means to me?’

He thought about it. Only one term came to mind. The right one, disposable.

He made sure to rub it in as well. He made sure to spit in my face as he was doing it and never ask for anything else, not even the slightest, slimiest reason why he’d told me so.

‘I like you that’s why. And I don’t intend on proceeding with any accident whatsoever.

I only wanted to make one thing clear, that I had and still have my eyes on you and it will be so from now on.’

‘Think we can stop at the nearest gas station?’

‘Sure, but no funny. Nevermind, I don’t think you’d do that.’

‘You wouldn’t think I’d do what?’

Throwing it all away now, either here or twenty miles down south in the direction they were going towards. One of the coppers was there, parked right around, but he didn’t make any sound as to allude to them. It was all too clear that they were being trailed.

‘I’ll wait inside but don’t spend too much time there, I’m still looking for the others and as soon as words goes out.’

She could warn them. And she hadn’t used her name yet, Lisa. She inherited her father’s first name as well, which probably took her out of the map almost completely, for every other lunatic out there who was out to get here. Many of them were like the Commissioner. So many breaks were unearned.

‘Eyes on the road while I’m in, we wouldn’t want someone to fly in while I’m missing, would we?

What, don’t trust me?’

‘Of course I do, it’s not that. I’m not ashamed to say this.’

‘Then spit it out.’

‘I don’t want you around the coppers, that’s all.’

‘Then leave as soon as you see them busting through the door. You should be off the side road and through the old lanes by the time they make it for the car.

Or at least, you know, only one of them makes it.’

‘Think they would ring you in as well?’

‘And why wouldn’t they? I wouldn’t be surprised if they did. I’m not too soft on the features either. I have no doubt that I’m as shady as you are.

Despite not being as scrawny.'

'Leave then.'

And he had. Twenty minutes in and he hadn't returned. A man was on the rocker and the other cradles the radio through a few old stations. Then they finally decided to show up. It was strange. They came out of nowhere, as if there had never been a time they opened their car's door. Which had been clearly seen by him as he had been staring at the rearview windows for the last twenty minutes or so, leaving nothing to be drawn from their sudden apparition which was followed soon after by a single tap on the door. Not the one on his side but one of them in the back, pushing outwardly into each direction. He couldn't see where the noise source dragged towards. Moving on in this exact, precise and counted for order. Looking at the car from the top view, whereas the car would face the road ahead, as to shine two widely spread unwrapped inverted cones that would point towards the lights, it would be something like this. Originally starting on the lower right side of the back door, the left side following after, twice while opposite to the first, one on the ceiling, one below and one fifty feet ahead, yet looked for as it perfectly imitated the exact same noise coming from inside the car.

And by the time his retina rested in its original position, the coppers were gone, as they had already made it towards the shop inside the station. They would have to pay for the refilling. Of which third figure appeared there. It stood with its chained gas-filler, dragging a hand over, knowing it was being watched by him. He didn't want to say too much, nor would he do it after a while. He knew better than that. He pushed through, dangling the keys from one point to another as if it mattered or as if it made any difference whatsoever.

That figure, as shrouded as it were looked different each time. And each time it was looked upon, he could see something or drag something from it without looking astonished at his wild behavior. The car moved without him realizing it yet. A few more rolls of the tires. He was getting nearer with each passing second, but he had already been there for eighteen seconds.

Watching closely over him as if it didn't even matter in the first place, leaving them widely open, leaving them broken around their heads. Both of them, the kidnapped people they kept wrapped in the backseat. They were no coppers and he was no man. He missed something, a key thing, but he was no thing and no monster, at least not one who could make it seem so. Instead he took breaks from breathing, which only made him breathe harder until his face lay scarred. But then he was again looking in the distance and the car was back in its place.

It was the victims he changed places with and that's what he was seeing, that and the deformed car and the insides of it which were livid, filled with the skins of whoever came into those seats before they came to their senses or wanted to push on for another time.

'Twenty more minutes and I'll leave.'

He said.

The insides of the shop, right around where he stood, he came near and asked for nothing more, nothing that would bring too much of some importance, least of all would they bring some quiet through. They were listening to the sounds of day and heard the birds during a night painted by a sky of wildly

discolored oil colors. Many of them did not work together, nor would they work when mixed. It was way too damaging for the eyes to stare for long.

It was one of those sights which would be somewhat ignored if stared at for too long. Is it actually an obsession or simply an out of reach infatuation with the ladies involved in the whole affair? During the moment of respite, he found a single moment to search his mind and think about it. There was no rightness or greater pointer leading inside his head. Only her and the remaining sisters who appeared to be widespread around the county, but that couldn't last long either. He knew that he stood the chance to miss them if he waited for too long instead of acting as swiftly as he could. It was dragging for too long. He kind of doubted the man but there was no chance for him to banish the thought. He left.

Twenty miles down the road, towards the twin South's, there were a few headlights still pointing at the road. You could smell them but didn't have to look any further than where in was needed. They were there, long before the acquaintance had been revealed inside the car, trapped and wrapped just like the other victims who lay around their back-side. It couldn't be drawn from there any longer, they were desperate for a single shout. A single pint of a voice they could record and get their sickly pleasure done with.

'Say a few words and we'll let your friend go.'

'He's not my friend though.'

'That isn't enough, the intonations need to match up to a most perfect amph sphere along the scale, toes will appear otherwise and the three of us will be dead.'

'Toes from inside the scale?'

'Of course, they crawl fast enough. In no more than twenty seconds we will be dead. And so will you if you stall for more.'

'What will be the cause for it then? Are you going to be the ones killing us or those toes?'

There was a slyness which was not involved until the point where he revealed the gums. The Commissioner seemed to bear a certain pattern on top of them, left there by the small prick of a hot iron which had been used to seal something inside of them. And every bite felt like an overbite and an underbite which fought against one another in order to align his bite properly. Not to mention that sometimes his teeth became soft. There was something going even deeper than that, as all of his pain nerves had been completely misplaced around his mouth.

Someone made an example out of the man, and it would be sure to rise again if he'd done it.

'Here, you'll have to settle with this for the night. Otherwise, I want you to piss off and mind your own business.'

'Have him, he wasn't as useful as we had originally planned him to be. Too.'

But there was a cut, after realizing that the voice wasn't enough for them to gather their strength and move on. Their sockets were filled with prodding toes-like formations, which could not have resembled

something more unnatural if they had attempted. Nails-bit, they moved from the spot. It wouldn't last for too long now, getting out of the high-way.

The man was calm.

He always kept that solidly cold demeanor when he was approached. Somehow, this time was different. He was a mollusk of the mind, his brain had a hole in it which pushed farther in. Between the two of them he had been the closest to them and it showed, in every possible way. He missed the first turn and had to make it this way from this point on.

'We're going to have to drive through the night, if you want to sleep for a few hours before you take the shift, there's a blanket in the back. '

'I'm not interested much in sleeping any longer. I would've preferred some lone time but I'm not going to get it unless you dump me somewhere along the way.'

'Or unless you kill me.'

Another block on the road, which made the entirety of the car shake itself out of the falling moss which had rained on top of them, creeping in further through dreadfully erect lanes. There were other beings present, which seemed to have already exposed their empty heads in some wild attempt to get something from them if they could help it. Flashing from beneath their eyes, wild organs produced the dye, which sorted itself out as it started tainting the land.

It was docile, for now, the mass of dye which had attained, as much weight as it would drag everything inside of it, conveying nothing but their screams in turns, until they couldn't help it anymore than they needed to, which prompted shaking. A wild euphoric scent, two headed like the rest of them had to have revealed itself. He had to know who waited in the wilds or if he was seeing things because he tired.

'I'll leave you alone for ten minutes. I'm taking the keys. Hopefully you don't know the wiring. You never hit me of the like.'

'You never know what happens when you're not around.'

'I suppose I don't. But I'm not going to trust myself enough that I'll leave them.'

That meant alone, he wasn't there after all. The Commissioner went alone on the side. He entered the gray zone, which only dyed his surroundings and his palms which started looking even worse than they had initially had. It could only be that he didn't trust either of them. Firefly-bits of eyes, he knew they were there, past the lanes, hiding inside rotten cars with their cousins. Brothers, whichever they got withy them.

And this would be the last show of lights before the night could finally end. He had to record everything in his mind, otherwise, he would miss it again, failing to recognize what was going on. He was trying, but failing as a single pull of his head. It bobbed around the neck and lost itself, no longer erected upon some pints.

‘I see there’s a reason of respite and there’s nothing in the back of the deathless track, the heads were writhing in, I saw them thin the body.’

But they lacked in the weariness of the cold flatness of the stretch.

Thinking back at some of the good ol’ days, he dwelled even deeper on it, since it stroke him as being appropriate all of the sudden, since the company was not included there.

The Commissioner seemed to be struck by it. A peculiar passage from his own self-written memoir, which was just as existant as that acquaintance of his; which went something like this.

‘I seem to recall the good old days, when a man could raise his hand at a woman and take her life away without facing any kind of consequence for his action.

And I recall having my hand wrapped around a good lady of mine just in the same way. Having a go at it as I would keep striking until she became red like the Ma’am of Glory, there in the sky o’ pink. Where the good folk looked the other way around and no one asked what happened or what went through your mind when you did it.’

He was set on that thought alone, wanting to bloody a woman now and again, until his palms became not red but a deeper shade of purple. No oil and not the nuisance of healing herbs and nothing to make him look like the bastard he was. Since there was no way for self reflection, he could only count the minutes on his block, wondering who might come around the door this way around.

His car stopped, the apartments.

There was no way his so-called but left that station that day, the hood was closed and there had been the after-echo of the beating in the car.

‘You’re supposed to beat a woman until she can’t walk any longer, only that way would she understand that some lines you cannot cross.

Don’t hurt a man that way. He cared about you too much and it’s nothing but pleasure, it’s nothing but the fondness of his heart being shown from which he draws the needed courage to put you in your place. Otherwise, you as a woman would go out of your way and destroy the man.

That is how the world get destroyed, when a man stops beating a woman, all of the sudden every wheel in the world stops turning. It yearns no longer for progress, the cogs don’t go through the needed stress they need in order to start the machine.

This machine can only take so much by itself and once the amount of beating is diverted from the woman towards the mechanisms, then it can no long function like it needs to. Then it can no longer work right.’

The Commissioner said outside his apartment. It was ever so obvious that he meant it, he had all those recollections on him beating all the women he’s ever been with.

Only to remove some of the earlier remarks, there was a clear distinction in his mind between the types of beatings a woman should and the ones she ought to receive. One would not want to push too far in and

cripple the poor creature before she had her chance to sing. No, instead, he would only lend to her what was right and nothing more than that.

‘I don’t want to harm you, I don’t want to cross that threshold and this is something every man should know after a while. In order to keep her down in order to subdue some of her female nature, which in turn is somewhat inhumane-like, as that of a large primate which can build nothing and can only play with itself in dirt, so does the woman in her turn.’

Then he took a single moment to try a few more times to fit in the key. Still, he could not find the lock. It was a sense he missed, despite having the years of practice.

‘She only needs to be prevented from doing too much harm to herself and others in turn because it’s simply the way they are.’

Commissioner thought, as he did stumble upon the very strange reflection of his very own thoughts. It was as strange as it was peculiar, trying his hands over and over as a device that would not listen to him. And in another way, it reflected his entire ordeal and general interaction with women. He knew them, well. Even more than most of them would. Why would so many of them end up staying with him even after being dirty eyes and thrown against the rocky mud?

It was just as unsurprising as it showed itself to be.

But he shook his head and smiled. Another time; he’s been alone for such a long time and when he finally returned, though that disgraceful lock stood on top of a wildly rotten door, he finally came home. And he was greeted by nothing else other than the inside of the Sistine chapel, in all its beauty and might, and nothing more than every figure that’s ever stared Michelangelo up there in the sky. During the moment God spoke to him as a man, as he’s painted him reaching for his divine heir. There was beauty, there was the divine and it was all made by a single man, whose hands dared reached a beauty unlike no one else could during his time.

It was empty, yet his soul was warm. He was filled by warmth unlike anything else he had ever felt before. During which, after being gone for months, it was almost as if that disease of the mind finally left him. As he was no longer the Commissioner, as he was no longer a man, as he finally stepped in, leaving everything behind.

A man whose heart did not die that day, but one who chose not stay behind as he pushed on.

Other savages

He were dead, if only for a second. And the splits across his hairline faded, they only pushed away, then missed their chance, and the spot against their head was going.

He could not fathom living anymore, no longer shackled against the floor, unable to eat the grain, walked, he walked out of the soothing rain and in the two pits which yelled out loudly. Never stricken in the head, the coloured came and started eating him in part. He was to be boiled and cannibalized, or would've been so, if they were of the same species. Instead, in turn, they seemed to worship something beyond their own. For starters, he was not a pupil, despite the fact that he may have studied a lot in his youth, he was an inborn imbecile who managed to burn their shack, that lousy poor shack they were living in. With many of them inside, being burned alive, only to come out of their way, with their smallish bodies getting burns ahead and everywhere. They looked for water.

Some of it was blocked, the access to the river-salt. In their nostrils, they could sense the canines, who were after them in order to prevent this act from ever happening. It could only go this way.

‘Today I declare, as I have come to the conclusion that there were eighteen of us still underway, that we have found only a family man, one of our own, to have survived in the heart of the jungle. Whereas his family has been entirely eaten alive in front of him. ‘

‘Savages, savages!’

‘Filthy savages, we need to find the culprits.’

‘Be reasonable men, women, and those of work, we need to take this matter seriously and logically, before we lose even more of our own instead.’

‘Lynch them, we have to lynch them.’

The mob protested. If anything, they were rather caught off guard by their reaction to the news of the onslaught. To the point where they may have considered just handing the coloured to them only but to see how they would be ripped apart and made to with their bodies, hanged. It was pleasant in some way, thinking of them as nothing else but the primitive animals, of which behaviour they could only convey in the wild sounds they made.

As many of the natives could not be, by any means be reasoned with. They could not be approached for a good reason at that. Some signs in their makings, they displayed a lack of affection or empathy towards those outside their tribe. It was lacking, this type of behaviour being only a sign of their madly introverted nature and the fact that they seemed to be caught by their own superstitions in a manner of speaking. Many of them appeared to have adopted, in some peculiar manner, both of their ancestral ordeals to the very point of being unable to distinguish what went on around them and why they felt, like outsiders being on their way to another tribal murder.

Spoken to the chief of the tribe, though he was just as irrationally blinded by the events which underwent during the time the camps were being settled around their small jungle, he appeared to be of some rationale that was not found amongst the common savage. He was, after all, of a much fairer skin shade than that of compatriots, which seemed to offer him, despite the circumstance which ought not be entirely discussed, a somewhat sharper mind. He was still a savage, still a coloured, yet, for one of his shade, he had done a much greater good to his people than any of the darker shaded ones. Which also bring in the question of the betrayal, as there are no written records which may manifest themselves during a time

when they're needed about any short-coming migration of coming, passing or any kind of travel of any people that may have left their genetic imprint upon their tribe.

This only complicated things even further as the signs were all there. Some of the features were more pronounced, sharper got to the point where the facial progression had stopped resembling or showing similarities to that of the common simian ancestors the Negroes appeared to bear. It was a somewhat dull, yet barely touched upon mystery that no one wanted to acknowledge at all. Yet the men who were present, with their rifles appeared, at times, though ever so momentarily, to hesitate. Though no shot had been taken onto them, it had been obvious, to some degree, that their fairer skin line had not come from anywhere else but out of the line of some hardy-folk men who carved their way through the heat of the jungle and of whom ordeal seems likely to have ended their line.

It was a pitiful, ungrateful thing, thinking about it. Yet so many of them seemed likely to have made good folk if their female ancestors had been of the same species as theirs; though, with that being said, alas, there can be no other heart in the making. There was only one jungle and the sun was in the air. And no other man of today would leave their paradise in search for anything else. Other than, of course, company included, those that might be sent towards the southern lands out of some commission coming out from a greater gentleman whose name shall not be named, as he desired, out of the bottom of his heart, as a great hobbyist who took great pleasures at length into taxidermy, to acquire the head of one of the coloured in order for him to quintessentially complete his collection.

That could only bring him closer to the other side of the deal. That being finally settled in a private matter with the Professor Hoxton, that he got his fair share of research being dragged over on behalf of no one else but his personal desire to catalogue this strange mixed species. And lo' and behold, as fate had fared his travel well, that he only thought of it as nothing else but his great chance and his entirely earned for gamble with fate, that he stumbled upon his benefactor upon which interests seemed to have aligned.

Both of them being very much inclined to do mind their own business as a matter of sea-faring and looking around, it was time that one of the envoys approached a member of this strange tribe for nothing less of an extraction.

A deal with their king, though this may appear to be somewhat counterintuitive, with everything which was being said before, this spiritual leaders of theirs only appeared to be somewhat educated within their own ways and nothing more. With the very least said about him, being the fact that he could not speak properly, yet he didn't attack Hoxton on sight. That was much more than could be said about his brethren, of which savagery held no bounds and could not be accounted by any means, as they were of the lot that took pleasure in hunting children of their own making, masked as nothing else but a ritual of hardening the spirit and battering their young. Despite such practices being somewhat traceable in much older tribes than theirs and in far greater, more civilized areas of the world, those belong to the realms of legends with only a slim chance of them having any real basis in reality. At the very least, not to the same level as was being told today.

It felt as if they were hunting or trying to kill their young. Merciless in their charge, if it weren't for the fact that they themselves appeared to have thinned out as well as they were unable to continue at the same level as they had before; mother mercy should be mentioned for good luck here. Our men were told, as a direct stance, which only added more to the insult as well as everything else, not to intervene in their

practices, as we could not fathom to upset the balance that may give us one perfectly preserved head, in great conditions, well-kept, in whichever possible way one found in it.

Thence the leader approached. And Hoxton couldn't tell much about the figure, let alone the man who showed up in front of him. From the wild ramblings, out of the top of his head, he only came up with the name Ukliku, that being barely taken out from already wild interpretations he himself could not believe he stumbled on. They were too uncanny for any man, fearing of the Lord to thread upon and push deeper.

He could feel it now, the stories he would tell that happened in that tribe, some that aroused the most abhorrent feelings in his heart, as well as everything else that pushed onto being unspeakable, for his countenance alone to take. Not that he was a brave man, his reputation being at stake with him in the front, standing between the tribe and his own men, at the chance of being shot during the crossfire, but he felt like the peoples were out of place. And he had dared not say a thing on the subject, out of the fear of his very heart being somewhat misplaced. He had not feared the savages entirely, but had only thought of his family instead. What of them if he, all of the sudden were to perish in this place?

Whereas they had little to no consideration of their families, he could not stop thinking of them.

Breaking through

The past kept spilling in through the cracks, ill-contained through the various valve-like puddles which were made by the rain. Under a metal canopy a few metallic enfolded beasts waited, cradling their electric young. Some of them were lacerated, but not in the way a machine would be deconstructed, pushed in through the crack, there one long diamond-rod, which had holstered a tiny metallic grappler with many legs behind its back. It shot tongues of energy from which small power electric currents became tiny atom-beings of their own. From a giant body, which in turn had been completely submerged underneath the ground, touched by none.

It seemed like he had done a great job making It past them without being seen by either one. Or they would've certainly, if not, they might've calmly sounded the alarm, alerting everyone of his presence as well as the fact that he wore ill-contact which were of another world. In the wool of his skin, he appeared to have kissed as much as a single pin-needle on his jacket, as he pretended to be from around the place. What a quickly dumbfounded mistake it was.

'Who was that?'

'Couldn't tell you, but I haven't seen him out.'

No questioners.

Coronm made it through the gates, from what he could tell, a part of his mind had already adapted to their common patterns, no matter how complicated they first appeared to be. He would indulge in nothing more and ask for nothing else until he made sure he found that room. Twenty-C, that had to be it. But not a single door had a letter on it. He found it remarkable, how they simply found their way around without trying to space themselves and move away from what went on through their heads.

Ugly things, those shaky hands which came around the neck of the robe, you could not have stumbled on them on a better day.

Farther away, in one of the hidden corners, where they dealt with the makings.

‘Waited for at the end of the road, get the one bottle and put it in your pocket. Everything I owe Lorn is should be there.’

‘Even the diamonds?’

‘All five of them.’

‘Even the two gods themselves?’

‘Completely struck and left to blot their speeches inside the black bottle.’

They could still be felt, even from the distance, with everything about them being jotted down. It wasn’t what it seemed to be. For starters, there was no muck of skin and no divine figure in the bottle, only the writings which bounced around each other as they plummeted through, sinking a few inches farther into the glass. It was peculiar, trying to forage something they weren’t there for.

A few more bottles had been passed around that day and the collector brought Lorn everything which had been owed by the people in his employ. He got as much as he hadn’t been afraid to show it. Gern had once owed him, it was important to know. He didn’t simply owe him a sum of money but appeared to have gone with something else as well on his attempt to get out.

Though many would’ve looked away at such an infraction, regardless of how meaningless it appeared to seem, he chose not to turn a blind eye on him. He had been watched for a long while and appeared not to press on it any longer. His knees fell in just thinking of it now. He could only hold so many things at once in there. Many times, at least many more times, had it happened, all to as of late for him to wrong Lorn in some way or another, which prompted him to be solemnly punished, no matter how he looked at it. For his inhibitions could only be as damaging as he allowed.

‘Don’t cross this threshold or I’ll make sure you’ll be taken again, right by the scruffs of the back of your throat, inside of it, then back through your skull.’

He thought as much. And not for a single second had he considered the alternative. The man was mad, he was looking for wild surroundings and for ways to push it through some uncanny feel he had of ingratitude for his service. But that was Lorn, he only remembered when he was wronged. He was the type of man who would be lynched otherwise, if he weren’t in power, the type that seemed to have his friends and fellows sparse and in-between. He was not looking for a way out any longer, only some way to get back at him for all the years he had spent in his employ, which didn’t add up to much any longer.

Since he looked for no other reason to be alive, other than the fact, which was in place, one way or another, he looked for something to gobble. Another job, another piece of meat to look at, she owed him something. She owed the chief something and it seemed like the day of pay approached.

It was borrowed time he was on. Gern knew that long before he set out or knew where he would be prodding from this point on.

‘They’re not going to allow themselves to work to death, are they?’

‘I’m sure they will. Since it’s an acceptable alternative Lorn could put them through.’

It was plain to see that he knew what he was talking about, at least after a while, when they started tiring themselves out. They couldn’t see sense, so they had to be made to feel it. Otherwise, there would be no emotion widespread between the four of them. All present, now sitting against one of the long rack in which all of the tools had been completely misplaced. For the lack of a better day, they spent the night in the same extended room, which appeared to be one of the top apartments in the cheap hotel they rented. Lights were somewhat dim and appeared only to prod around when they could not help it. Some fingers were crossed, but it was wishful thinking, trying to get a word in when the phone rang.

‘I see, I’ll make sure everything’s in place, sir. Don’t worry, I won’t disappoint you if I can help it.’

Took his damn time, whereas they had already prepared themselves to wait for it, in whichever errand being made for, they couldn’t listen to the talks any longer. It was harmful, trying to see how it was turning over the tide. Even blasted in some way, the taint of the walls which came off.

‘Where have you taken us to?’

‘Don’t worry about it, most of it is normal. It’s an after-effect of the drugs both of you were administered before we entered the county.’

Long drive, twelve hours, both of them were mostly placing, a pad of swords holding them down, tied around the bed, but hardly keeping them in place. If they wanted to leap out of hold, they could. Nothing stopped them, yet they knew better than to make noise. So they kept quiet for a while, keeping an eye on Gern and on LT.

The two workers tried, relentlessly so, to look for a refuge somewhere. It could only go so far into whichever direction. In their minds it had already been way too clear that they couldn’t leap out of the window and make it for the car. Fifth floor, both car doors locked and they could be tried for coercion. Especially after being caught; if they even made it that far, which wasn’t the case. Lt. had something on him, a revolver. It looked like an old mark-four which was only trimmed around the edges and had enough force to act like a tranquilizer for some eighteen pound mammoth.

‘It’s loaded. In case you were wondering, modified, call it what you want. Look at it for a while if you can. I’m not going to show it to you twice.’

He had something else prepared for them in case they considered going out that way. He was fast but he was a snake. Not even Lorn trusted Lt. As a matter of fact, that’s why they were placed together. A third partner entered the room. He had been done cleaning the chambers, he was dressed in floor-white, the

insides of a stall looking just as incident as he did. He smelled of piss and looked not even closed to being satisfied with what he wore.

‘You done yet?’

‘Almost, I only need to make sure the scent wears off.’

It was as much as he could do now. Trying to fix everything around the outside of their room after their rough going and after their attempt to force the two workers in failed. It was pitiful, trying to see it happen. But after a while they accepted it. Worn out or not, they could see the rough marks around their necks. Heavily sedated, too much.

‘What did you do to them?’

‘We made sure they were quiet. What else do you did think we’d do?’

‘I don’t know, that’s why I asked in the first place.’

You could’ve inserted opium in their throats from all I know.’

He smiled at that. Of course he had, how else would this work exactly?

It could only go as far as passing through, but they didn’t listen any longer, more than they should. It felt lifeless, them trying to explain it any longer, not since half an hour later they died.

The Lt. lied, he did end up show them the revolver twice, and he made a large mess out of them as well. Not a clean scene either, they drew too much attention and had to leave.

‘Most likely the weather, officer, but I don’t think I saw who they were, I couldn’t identify them if you asked me to.’

‘Who is trying to enter my hold?’

From the access of green, that petulance within it started glowing until it could not retreat. No longer on the whim of the ones that faded from around its insides, would he approach. But every step set him forth, towards the Magulant stones, the insides shone with the souls of the forgetful orators.

Balefully, he asked, by then no longer asked or watched to do as he was asked to, he listened to the mild pride, the disemboweled stride only pushing him to no worth’s ledger. Here, he asked for two of worth, of them not way opened but he was allowed to touch them as the vision loathed, never wanted and caught the lances of their led. Another man emerged and cried out to him:

‘I have seen worse fates than you could possibly imagine.’

And I have finally come to my end’s meat. For it is of no worth that I may wrong myself and further my exploration, and lose my mind.

He was silenced.

As well as he could be.

Robert White had lived a long and prosperous life, it seemed. For some reason he appeared to be younger than he had been.

‘We don’t need anyone now, as long as we are here, we can immortal, we don’t how to set out there, we won’t have to be mistreated, we can.

We can.

We can be safe.

Look around us, there’s no one who’s going to look at us as if we’re different, no one make us feel as if we don’t belong. It’s perfect.

The halls are set, the floors are polishes, there are no ends, there are no ways they shall keep us down and we can think and say whatever we desired. Right as we planned.’

And there was madness in his eyes, but it was not vile, it was simply the right kind. The one that made you forget and never question anything else. It was pure. It was almost divine. It was the supreme escape.

The place where even gods died and had their bodies rot and with their deaths, they brought no ruin, no fall of no civilization, nothing that existed, never to have emerged, in the same way a pointed cancer of which brush strokes could ever return.

‘And for the time being, we should torture this dolphin and open it up.’

Therefore, from that point on, they brought the modified dolphin further in and started prying into it, with little paws, made out of metal canine raw-chipping ankles, which had been rolled and properly stored inside wooden stoves which burned with eye-formulas.

One of them took its tails, the other, its flipper, though the bottom side which appeared to have had only a single human larvae pointer, a joint made out of eighteen arms, a leg that had been completely pushed inside itself, and a single remnant of the maker, whose entire torso got pushed in an inverted gut, a malady which was brought to its knees, though it fought still so, against the breeders, dead.

A mansion burned.

The lad joined, the Count, in ploy, and ever-after, looking at both of them, while the Compatriot had lain this side.

Dmitri, spelled like a man a tree, its voice looked upon a place soon to be grown, out of some wicked hold and the making of a bold fallen structure which had lain underneath it. As no barn laid beneath, nothing but a vine-cellar, which seemed his and his only hope to grow in power. It never pushed the lonely shower of a distant rain, which dripped aside, the bottle’s craze.

He had undertaken this responsibility as his own, now that the mansion was nothing else but a wild pile of flowing ashes which, in their flight, managed to saw a postman’s fingers off while he was on his towards

the main road. In the parcel, past the crane, of which apparition had only revealed the colors of pink, which almost made the symbol real, for it bred like a man here, in the gut and everywhere.

‘A body, the body of a man is there, underneath the fence standing.’

‘Look away and don’t approach it, there’s something wrong about that house.’

And there was something which was wildly misplaced there, an image which had almost made it look as haunted as in the day it had been split in half. But that had been another time and they were no longer to dine on watching, nor could they help it but stare.

A few feet away, standing, like a small cottage, which only grew shorter, holding the tools inside, by now many of which were in the making of the a man. An after-shadow belonging to someone was there, left alone and never disturbed by anyone who came alone. There, they would see that there also marks for fearing, as his life had never yelled, nor yearned, no result and ever-crashing. Through the mass of corpses, watching, he had met the shade of another man.

‘But what will happen to me now?’

His echo could only be allocated to the broken mind he bore inside. And the mass of tar which amounted inside, locked inside and in the making, always watching over the ground.

Outside, from the sight of burning, where he yearned to look benign, there seemed to be something storming, as half the ashes marked themselves. Letter in the making of disease, one would have to prize himself uncannily as he would prick his fingers in.

‘Half the mansion’s missing.’

Another echo seemed to shout.

It disturbed poor Dmitri, as he heard them argue above the highly raised grounds. He hated being around the rocks, as they called them, in the locks of the cellar, where he could only see the light lifting the mood during the night. A family had lived there, and he feared something about them, this location and just about everywhere he could stare. He feared to ask and even thought lesser of himself as he would imagine himself surrounded by many of the inhibitors of the old house. In his place.

‘I see that there’s another commotion.’

‘Shall we resolve to flee towards the cellars?’

‘Please don’t.’

The boy protests. He closes his mouth, with an immediate crest upon his tongue. A bite like it had never crowned him, nor would it cower him inside. Abashed and wonderingly, placing his finger wrongly on the dumb-lit, he stood there and stooped low, wondering what would happen if the coffins rowed. He couldn’t account for it any longer, nor had he any chance to face the demise of the cellar being flooded, though it was no water, only wine and he couldn’t help himself, up-blind. To no purpose, would he care to stray, nor could he care about it in any other way. He had imagined his life better than that, other than going through the motions which had forced him on the poorly made raft on top the two coffins he made.

And scouring himself as he met him, the peculiarly deformed man who rowed, who'd bring him on the other side, never to know if he could come back.

'You burned and blasted, your way back lasted no more than two days' worth of return.'

To which he only dreaded, least of all, to ask.

'Where am I going to be taken now?'

'We shall row towards no place that exists yet, in its bowels we shall see the rest of the world and seethe no longer after the watch.'

He contemplated on what he'd done, never asking, he was done for now.

Thence there was the other man, the one who died with dignity and had gone through the alacrity of vileness, priding himself with nothing else he could put his thoughts through. Thoroughly deformed under the arm, he followed Hern around.

Compatriot said nothing, as he chose to return to the roofs. A few weeks passed since he woke up and he had never considered returning until he was truly needed and in search for something close to it now.

'I called you here.'

Another man.

'Could you please check every pane and every roof-Dane for something that might've been done? Someone should've left at least a clue of their killings.'

But the children were all gone as were the remnants of their many brothers who had lain paralyzed, their necks remained somewhere in the sky. Floating in the distance, but unseen by them, corroded by some gluttony which poured in and changed the waves, because of them, nothing could remain in the same way as they had been. Whatever was seen before could not come to be of the same stock, the bitter clock ticking in days.

'I think we should take a break from the search.'

'Already? We barely started.'

He pointed around, nowhere near the ground but to some place up close, near which they seemed to have risen from, one by one like tainted garden gnomes in search for whom was missing. Pissing themselves for the shimmers their spines, and never asking why were there adults there again? Have they come to kill them again?

First it were the scouts, that must've been their scouting party, as there would be no reason to believe otherwise, they sent one of their diplomats.

And the necks started producing dogs of pus and long baring crane-like brass, out of which the hands that came after, in the disemboweled being which came after, could only sing from two front-ends. Both of which appeared to have erected themselves in two knots, unable to procreate with the faces that did not

speaking of no lost days. In cancerous dances, the flying ships, in large heaps of lunges, the bitter dominance of simple tendons threw everyone in town in various trances, from which the colors merged. No longer were they on the roof top, but on a wild auburn-green and yellow reddish, pushing through some bitter will which passed.

‘Hang yourself now, friend of Hern.’

And he had done so without judging what was going on. Nor could he master what he was saying, praying for himself during a day through which time could not pass properly any longer.

‘Another man lynched.’

In the sky, the rope had a blind spot which remained that way, until the Compatriot introduced himself as the lazily defiler his attire pushed itself on top of him. Hanged again, another man, asked no longer, but he chose to do it, rightly to the man. Whoever passed, another cross, and they had dined with death another time.

‘I see there is a need to hear.’

But the voice did not appear this time around. Something changed with the vileness which passed their heads. As it happened for death itself never to stop them, as these pretenders started digging inside their necks, deep through their throats, until the very voice constructs emerged, there spilled the blood, painting the roof tops in dull-purple. Prunes for the talk.

And Elliot, who was one of the first men to have killed himself walked and talked of strange strings which started pushing in his toes, replacing them with an uncanny wrongness his parents, the giants centipedes had spoken off. During a time like this, when peace rang in his ears, Hern could only think of the moon and the various stages through which he could only fear what went through his head. Dead, dead, dead, then quiet, a few shots from his flintlock.

‘Fool, Trencheon of mad thought, did you not realize that you cannot shoot more than once?’

‘What have I fired then?’

Bubbles-of color, or what seemed to be brush stroked circles which would’ve seen one another in any other way. Pain could not defile their minds, and they would now feel the pain of a sky which was of no purple, but the guts of the man walking with a pricked head.

‘Pinned around the making?’

What had happened? There was no reason for the bridges to be placed on top the tops. Of wood malignant and the mad, yet the children recognized the man, and chose to ignore the others who were very much dead and unable to return to pass. In the making of the brass, a finger snatched. Another followed, never counting up until the shallow composition of his innards started to change, into a mechanism which would not contain the proper working hear of a mammal but something similar to it which pumped. Through it, a few annexed, smaller holes moved on and appeared to suture everything they left behind as they moved, with long wiry heart-wires, made out of the matter which built the heart. Plenty of lungs could somehow be seen.

‘I saw it.’

From the round night, when the other colors came about, there were yellow cockroaches coming from below the stars and on them, no one rode but a single man whose name was known as Alabaster, the man who appeared as a contrast to all mad events. He missed it once and never passed. Unable to call it off, he fell. High heavens filled with glowing insects would tell of his tale and look as their only human solider came never to have been well. In the head and in the body, broken as he would be nobody, broken to the needs, breeds died as well as cats, dogs, mice, rats, birds, and even some crocodiles which were there.

But mostly him, a man who survived the initial fall, only to be aimed at by Hern, which even the children warned not to shoot the man, instead, he could be spared.

‘No, I think I’ll take his life because I can actually do it and I shall.’

He spared no second more and shot the man while he was on the ground, with broken hands and knees and faces, all of which did not belong to him, in all the trenches, this was the war.

And the children ducked, so did he and the dead men, as the Obsidian hybrids could only push onto that field the Compatriot was still on. Unable to control himself, he swiveled and wished for no luck, plucking one of his eyes off, going twenty feet back into his house, where he would pick a fake eye from one of the many cabinets he held inside.

Not before he took the rifle, from the gun cabinet, where he expected them to thrive on his affairs. Many of which were unspoken for, as it would be unfair. Asked and brought to justice, pissed in the head, dead in twenty minutes if they made it through the line, but he would not give up, no longer pressing on instead. He abandoned the little faith he had and chose to walk around on unsteady ground, until he found a single reason which may ring true to his head.

‘If I move, I’m dead, so I’ll stay inside the house.’

Which prompted him to sit in the same spot with them as the bombs dropped, first in the line of many, of which, none were real, all made out of the same color which afflicted this world. A sky, unlike theirs, many people out of color, there, here in the making of the poor. Some of them looking like the famed Moors of Spain, invaders who looked like chocolate pores. Dosed in gasoline which brought the fire head on as they lighted themselves only for this distraction, an attraction, as regretful as it would come; nothing about him would sound right. A delight like this could settle no one on their stark and moisture. Departing from the farther lands; in which they pitted themselves.

‘I shall cut the bear of brown and green, his shades made by Pushkin.’

In one of his many stories which dwelled between the days, the pass. About this day, nothing came about, only the morose and the lack of dancing, which made the colors fade to blue. An ever-quiet hiding spot, he fell through the roof and ended up in an abandoned roof.

‘If only I were to stay here, I know I could force myself to survive.’

As much as he could survey the area, he hadn’t a single care in the world, other than to dye the walls in the colors of the burrows.

‘We were made out of one piece and that’s the problem, you can’t see it yet.

But if I die here, so will you and no amount of attempts might pull me back.’

Through the filth tunnels and through the uncannily forlorn, one of them, and a no one nonetheless; the first signs of an outsider which started fitting in.

‘An end of a cause and the beheading of a small child, it’s what the books pointed towards and we shall only see the degeneracy of the language proceeding forth.’

‘Which leaves us with only one last chance, we have to give it all and deform all, so none may touch any of this.’

There was a break. It served as nothing else but a reminder.

‘We got this far.

The end of the break is over. We tried, and if we cannot do it, it’s simple.

We shall proceed with our initial plan.

We shall end our lives, rather than face the loss of everything we both strived for, partner.

That way, there won’t be any consequences for the fall. There will be no repercussions for what we’ve done.’

And upon the failure, there would be none to judge, if anything, there would finally be a sign of awe. Compassion from someone, in the lone crowd; but something happened nonetheless. There was no voice to guide this whole plane of existence, nothing to give life after. If one were to search far enough in the bowels made by the entire heaviness of the. Didn’t matter much, it didn’t make any difference as long as someone came and pushed a word in.

‘We cannot force you to do it if you don’t want it.

You either commit to it, or you shall feel its ends. And at each writhing corner, you shall face the bodies of all the dead men and women you left behind, all because you were too selfish to continue.’

No clarity came out of his voice either, only the swollen time and the dimes which entered his towering mind, one which lost.

‘I can’t do it.’

Said the man, right before the first blood had been drawn, un-blue and through it only one could see how much degeneracy had remained. But it was pointless past a point, degrading, ever-present and never-ending as.

Still empty.

During one of the prime years in the Enclave.

There were plenty of times they could've worn each other off if they tried it. During some of them, beneath the central valley upon which they build the grounds, there had been one simply exchange between two central holds.

It started moving in unison with the other cities upon the grand rails between the sand-stalk terminal and the deep rocked mountain fire pit upon which the chains held it from being swallow behind and below the feet of the grit.

Some pillars had been raised along the tunnels, not for any support, but as a homage to the original builders, hoping that they might one day feel their constant beating coming from the vibrations being sent throughout the ground after they pushed through the rails and let go of themselves.

Two eights, it was all they needed before they could put it back together.

'We're still yet to build it.'

'Can you see it well enough?'

'No, not yet, what is it?'

They pushed through the first points where the heads met with the bodies and looked no further than they had to. It was a given that neither of them wanted to continue the progress on the machine. Something misfired from it, and for a moment the world shook. It was a meaningless wave, which should've gone as soon as no one remained in the room. Yet they found themselves unable to open the door. As butter knives would turn and twist away from a chef's hand upon the strong pull coming from a single strong magnet. For a moment, faded, the will inside their eyes as their nails turned towards their writ's ends. Most of them were normal men, scientists who was worked as well as they could throughout their lives, never meeting any of that false mundane hope life provided.

Slowly the pull came, but there was no gravity involved in the process. Instead they seemed to have become something asking to dust, cut in halves by the aerial power the machine pushed on. Yet nothing else in the room appeared to converge the power through which it drew upon.

Somewhere it was cold.

Lucky, lucky growing hairs, hardened by their bodies, a lot of globules would be harnessing the wretch. How much of it would there be at its base, if one were to pull. They munched slowly on ribs and could only listen when the time came with the help of their feet to the unnatural guttural sounds that managed to overcome their minds, but plaster entered the hold. And a home lay there, in a block of cold. In a giant ice-cube, surrounded by eighty-one recycled and flattened tanks which held the heat from spreading around, leaving everything exposed. Watching how they melted and formed the inner shell of the house

was satisfying. It was the most satisfying feeling to be achieved by anyone who was even remotely human or looked humane in any case.

A simple family lived in there, looking for a way out in any case, though they could not be denied anything going on around them. It was too harsh of a condition to be entirely dismissed, yet they suffered of shell-wrong, a mind was gone. That of the father, he was out of the picture, not there, as he set out for the cold weather, never wanting any better.

‘The nerve gas has done much for our family.’

A mother of four, but all of them had their mouths at the back of their throats, digging deeper in what appeared to be another stomach. And it showed as well as each child had eight necks, all sprouting into nothingness as they bore no extra head. But each of them had mouths, and for every mouth, as it was said. On more than one occasion, they’d eat each other’s children. Acts of incest and profanity disjointed them from reality. They were only acting as they would, in a nature which only shook the brain, left to act. Whatever happened after that could not be pressed on them. As one should know and never throw one eye in doubt. Wretched singers, now were gone.

Likely but not so, within the period of incubation, the inner stomach had turned their outer limbs into large grapplers, placed everywhere around the giant tank they lived in, though that was not a single tank but a tank welded and combined with a cruiser, and the strange insides of a nuclear submarine, with all the machines being somewhat functional in one way or another. Not to bother any sight, it was unclear what other vehicles there were in that fold, though one could see the strangely green tinted wings as well as the engines of a plane attached to them. Little to the thought, they were only spreading their giant arms and limbs around their house, outside and everywhere, where they’d be warmed by the peculiarly placed tanks. Some would fire, disembowel and turn their insides into the outside of a cattle meeting his butcher-gut. A cleaver for each son, only to be reached again, and they shared nothing but the fear of the other day.

‘What had father brought us?’

The father was a flying torso, which bore a few fake planted roots coming from below of him. He arrived through one of the metallic holes and visited his children which were only worse. And had gotten worse and worn out since the limbs acted on their own accords and they refused to share what went on. Inside of them, there lay prisms of the wrong making, made out of bloated duds. Many of the rockets had been clearly aimed and launched against them, in order to put them out of their misery. Even metal knew remorse at that.

Then he would be asked at last.

‘Do me well, bearer of my children, for I have finally come clean and brought you something within.’

‘What did you bring me then?’

It was a tail, the giant tail of two mammals which could only pushed out of him and tell their story.

On how they got here; truth be told, they looked like whales, but they weren’t, at least not inside, and they were as small as fish would be, or the common snapper, which explained why the father was there for a

reason the others couldn't explain. He stored everything inside of him, even the keys and the other most inconspicuous knives he planned on terminating his family with. He was living through the matches, and every fire brought the innards, a passage.

'We came through a distant passage in a day of May. And I could see that we would be shattered by the largest naval-fleet that thought might convey. It was everywhere.'

The other whale intervened.

'The top of every ship looked like the upper waist of straight-placed Spartan warriors which had been forced together, through their insides, until one of them grew too wide to be covered, died and started rotting inside the other until the only one standing was the one in the front. And the other ones from behind appeared to be kneeling down and entering the tunnel made through his chest.

Inside that tunnel, there was a canon made of bone. As it excavated through the remaining meat, one could see the servants of the occult coming out of the Spartan chambers, encased in common thoraxes that masked their mandibles and pushed out.'

'And then we died.'

'We were shot and we died, and the water got destroyed as well.

Humanity died out there because I could not hold my mouth shut.'

It was true enough, they could not help it. But so much damage had been done, that they had been missing their upper jaws, and were only in debt of being saved and throwing it all to waste seemed to be, nothing. Passing through the common-askers, some were satiated during the disaster and appeared to drink out of the blood of a twin-strap, a false neck which attached itself to the Father-torso.

'May the Father-torso then appear?'

'I've come near you, now that our children are fed with the mammals, shall we proceed with the process through which I may inseminate you?'

'There's no reason for you not to.'

Thence they listened to reason and as they had, they paid their respects after that, and entered bed, laying together after a while, unable to understand the writings on the walls. Most of them were of a gibberish of the highest kind, lacking in wont.

It didn't matter, she was there for a reason, her legs didn't work properly, anatomically inhuman, and by the looks of it, there was something pushing out of the back of the head, pronounced until it forced itself like the body of a bovine, with an archer on top, who held a bow of bones, covered in muscle and everything which pushed out of it were small saw-like longer fingers, which looked as if they bore no eyes, but that would not satisfy the wretched priest, of whose incantation had given form, a live of their own, to every manifestation of a saw that lay in the folds of the universe. Taken as if they were fools, they could not look anywhere else, but the tools of their doings.

It was hard felt, seeing her split her legs for him. As the entry was wrong, botched at large, and the sight and the doing shall not be spoken off.

Twenty giant centipedes, had entered through the metallic lungs that the tanks bore in their large antler ant-shaped large horizontal sheets which were used to cut through the ice and through the metal, then spread by each side until they could enter inside and watch the colours of fake rainbows being reflected inside the aurora that came. Within the end of the century, they saw only the machination of the flying soldier, made out of glowing sharply tongued colors.

‘I wish to challenge you to a fist-a-cuff if you don’t mind the challenge. I think it so, unless you’re cowardly and unless I ought to know of something better, I think I’ll take my chance and have you.’

They leaped out of their way, fighters of which souls not even the light of dawns could convey such heat, that even the ice started melting and pushing through, below their feet. Mighty actors, giants who had resurrected, yet stood there like frozen anchors. But giants of which kind? They were limbless and appeared to have a strange turn, the whirl of a giant hive which pushed inwardly, until they receded to a single point. As soft as they looked, there was nothing of this race that shook the world or made it so they would enable. No destruction could be conveyed, and there was gluttony on its way.

Carried from another world. They were frozen, but were being fed by the manifestations of meat inside their bodies, ending. Letters of misgivings would only push as they enabled them to draw out. They also wore, around the upper-mid chest cavity, outwardly stretch to a twenty degree angle, fourteen hundred miles in length, looking kindly deprave, through the headings of a single largely accosted tongue, which beat like the fealty of a single drum. Largely abated, their heads were too empty to be caught. Brought ot their knees, the giants would not fall.

They held the cube and the house from falling over.

Outside, farther away, where another tiny Laplander was communicating with the long-reindeers, he’d been caught instead. Upon losing his compassion, even for a single second, needn’t it be accounted for, the Lapp had been shot, but a hunter with another one of those fancy flintlocks, bemused by the skill of a hunter who would not have grinned any other way.

‘I am Grindk and I have claimed another life. With this, I bring another one of you to servitude.’

But he could not finish it in doubt. Many of the hard towering firewood listened with ears that would shake even those who would not listen to fish. Or push against the pressing and storing of food before the wreckage came. He could not remain in time and listen. It was a land, after all where even timber had blisters that would not come to fall. In the midst of the fall, of a single comet pushing through it as one could be shaken by the sight, no wonder that so many of them chose to hide.

Winter was unforgiving to all in sight. That could not be forgotten as well as it would be pushed away, from the lights. Fading just like the warning shots which had been launched during the day. And they didn’t know when it might fall of why.

‘Another one might come unless we pay attention to what’s happening in the north-tusk.’

‘Then we’ll go there, if we have to, but I don’t do that by choice.’

D'Argos

Among the plains of Sicily, out there, in the flanks came the Sicilian hares. They planted themselves in soft dirt and came only out during the night, when they had spied upon themselves during nights of Easter. Various mockups would be accepted, or so they called them, in actuality they were nothing more but an excuse for them to seek some kind of release and come out into the vile nature of the city-watch. Near the aqueducts which had been left by various peoples who had once inhabited the place, they climbed on top of them and watched the city lights fade into the midst of night.

‘Waking hour is coming, the waking hour is coming. Make sure you bar your windows and don’t leave the house.’

Then came the bells as the hares could be heard from the distance as they traveled through their musky smell of rancid dirt. In it they buried themselves in tiny moles and appeared to have thrown themselves long-after through deformed horn-like contours which forced their heads to shimmer in, and come out as long and twisted as those ivory things they replicated during the sounding of the alarms. They were mobile nonetheless, there was none they could impress or try to wager during a time like theirs.

Various watches were set but the men could only do so much to prevent a widespread invasion of this kind. Rabid paddles were set around the river, those would be well placed and stir the waters as their disgust spread.

In as much as twenty hours, most people would not know what to know once the water supply started hardening.

Nor could they deal with the constant nuisance which spread about the place.

‘Cecillio, I’m done with it. I managed to cover every hole in town.’

‘Good, I think you did great, son. I’m glad to have you by my side now.’

There’s not much you could do any longer, so take a rest.’

‘But father, I still think we could do something to deal with the hares, perhaps we could.’

‘That would be enough, Cecillio. Come, join me.’

Didodo pushed one of the extra chairs out, before he invited his son to join him. They were not trying to impress one another with the amount of effort they had put in it but they relented at least. It was strange, after this much effort to see it all crumble in front of his eyes, but it was just as much as he could do. Wishful thinking at best, which was a contagion could not take them away from what was going on there.

‘Father, I why are there no more roses in Sicily?’

When we last sat together, long before, when mother still lived, you spoke to me of a time when the lands of Sicily had been one of the pink gems of Italy. During a time where roses grew in the land, when its heart was luscious, pure, filled with beauty.

Long before the invaders came through and marched on us and our backs. When we were in charge, when there was nothing to be taken away from the land.'

During such a time, he had cherished his stories most, as they spoke of nothing less than some peculiar, world which was uncannily out of his reach. Where the spikes were holding the barbarians back, down the shores and their giant roots planted themselves inside their boats as they prevented further inquiries.

During such a time they had lived peacefully secluded for the longest of time, when the long line of evil, the servants had been dormant in their buds.

And they were pure themselves and untouched by the likes of Greeks, by the Italians or the barbarians who they themselves saw them as naught else in return. It was only during a time like that they found solace in the words of chanteys, and old sailors' vests which were left ashore.

'I wish I could visit such a Sicily one day.'

Cecillio had not only wished it, but he had done his share of planting during winter, during summer, during the days after. And they had been untouched, in a land of hares who would devour everything in their path, that they would end themselves rather give in what they had taken from the land of man.

Further on the lands of Sicily.

'The sun's still up, isn't it?'

'Sure it is. It should be up there for a few more hours, shouldn't it?'

'Come on then, the hill shouldn't be that far now.'

She smiled. He followed.

It wasn't far now. Only a few more lays out there, off the road, at a point where there was no verdure of asphalt or stone. Past it, they went. It was never of matter of going out like that. Only that seeing the sun rise left no ripples spreading through.

There was no sky nor water, only the hill. And they made it there before the rain.

'I think you should wait at the base of the hill, just in case something might happen.'

'Don't worry, I will. I think I will. Nothing should happen, right?'

'Not if I can help it.'

The boy was named Charles and he held her hands. Charles stood with her for some time now and refused to go until she gave him the pass. It felt like it would take some time, despite all being somewhat too disgusting to be contained.

All of them formed the hill, I could see them, in the insides of dirt, they all hid from me. I wanted to pull them off like ants from the insides of a dirt-hive, but I couldn't.

They were in there, deep in there, grasping one another as they dragged each other back, unable to handle themselves, unable to control themselves. Pitiful attempts followed and they prompted the hatred, all of them. Many hands were unattached, yet they were set in flight from one corner to another, trying to grasp for something while being unable to creep about. Such arrogance was unmet. Both Charles and the girl were taken from the spot as they were dragged deeper inside with little to no way to defend themselves. A show of force was somehow needed. IT drove everyone to create and destroy.

But those inside the hill were unable to contain it all. Hatred drove no hand of creation, which in turn only ripped the boy and his girl to pieces until they could not fathom living any longer. They were as they looked, no match for the amount of pain and the pouting and the deciding factor which had been their deaths and the pain spread between them before they were shaped into nothing. Ripped apart, only a great piece of a great token, a zirconium isotope like fiend emerged, though it had a colour and looked surreal, from the implosion that came into it, there popped the cube-shaped pillar which had taken over the hatred they shared between each other as they drove forth.

'I see the light in there, no eyes.'

But the maniacal cackle could not define no end and no woe, nothing which might cross too far and nothing that would even pass.

'We were supposed to be the only ones making it on the other side, what happened to the plan?'

It didn't go through. Wearing it would mean a body was well-worn. There was a floor, somewhere around the place. Infuriating to the bit of the bone, chow was being spread between them, under the supervising unit, he could not tell. Nor would he try to munch on it under. Regardless of plains being wasted and the breeding proceeding through, they could not fathom seething at their marks. Lesser beings followed as well, between their ranks.

Some followed, some remained but neither or, nor could they feign the quietness which faded through. It was a blessing which had to be passed, and lesser blessing through their ranks.

'I see that we need to dine.'

'On my time.'

'I already told you that I'll find a way to make up for it.'

'How?'

'Not in this lifetime, perhaps in the other, but I shall somehow find you and make sure to treat you like one of my brothers, even though I may not fully recognise you by any means.

I'd still do it, by whichever credence and the cut. Through you and only through you am I able to see the world.'

'And why is that?'

‘This’ because you’re the only one that remained pure, after everything which went on here, inside the hill, for everyone who entered and was lost, you’re the only one I take at heart. As my true and only disciple, my friend ever since the arrival of my mind and the consciousness which pressed me on to do what I’m doing.’

The old could not fathom competing with the new again, out of the habit. No more of the new, a replica went through at an unprecedented rate. It wasn’t worth it, seeing them eye to eye again. Only their like should remain there and none would remember what happened from one day to the other, that was the order as which mankind performed best. But they were not men, yet they emulated their success out of jealousy. It came out as a result of pulling so many humans in by force. No one said a thing, nor would they do it out of fear, but they got close to it, soon and always, like a spiral that never wanted to stop from its endless turns that resulted into nothing.

Just like that, it so happened that Charles had been at Copenhagen eight months before showing up in front of the hill. It showed up on his face at first when it happened, like the biting tongue of a mad psychosis that refused to let go of him, until it had been too late for him to survive. Accidents happened.

On the streets, Dutchmen happened to be there, signing as the Frenchmen followed. Some Germans were there as well, with their flags, but no one noticed the passing birds who only appeared every once in a while, then left like the bitter things they were. Since they only made their wildlife chanting, and in the making, past the lighting, through the small globular spots, their nests were made out of pure emotions. Some had faded, some had passed, but none made it too far, nor would they be outlived. Not too far in the making, they listened to nor words and saw no anchors dragging them past the worth.

He had a word with one of the generals, who had been stationed near the soldiers in a blue December light. It was night, in other places but there, it felt like they overlapped from time to time, from a world where night’s eternal. And he refused to show emotion, fading.

Pale moons spoke at last, and each of them headed during the night. Whilst speaking, a hare began prodding through. It wanted to see something as it made way to the last one.

But there was something in the distance, past the coast.

A small lab located somewhere unknown, flown beyond the Di’Dorko mansion, past their lives, past Italy and far into the land.

It was planned on for some time now, all those failed attempts lead to a single modified bee, spawned from the insides of hundreds of them, all inside of his head. Flying by now, kept after he pushed all those microinjected larvae in his head. They began growing nicely and it seemed as if the location drew farther from the south and closer to the eastern side, where clarity was benign, where he could not help himself but push it even deeper in. His head grew in just about every direction, just like a parasite worm inside the head of a snail, wreathing even harder upon being met by the presence of wings, in flight. The room of his laboratory was endless in height, depth, and even length, no less in wonder. So it appeared. And so had he concluded most if not all of his experiments, while no longer in need of stairs, he could reach the various platforms at any time without wearing himself off, without giving off the slightest hint of a doubt to himself or to others. His larvae were in need to eat.

‘Luckily for me, I planned on this.’

He said as it seemed, his eyes were a pair of needle pricks against a toe, slits that would not be seen, as they drew all the space and all the mass of skin from his face, until nothing was left there, let alone a way for him to look in whichever direction. He was satisfied knowing that he had become what he wanted. And for that, he would reward everyone in the room. Even the people who shook and were tied to their chairs, they would be rewarded just as well. Some struggled but this was for the greater good, it wasn't in need of understanding. The essence which spoke to him, the genes which he had injected himself appeared to develop in some kind of rockier outsider, a crust which was made out of their buzzing eyes. Laced and rounded, and even hairs, he's inflicted something upon himself, a special breed of the fruit fly, the arachnid spectre, the mosquito addition and other strands which were similar in look. Yet they could never grow nor develop. Instead, they appeared to be permanently stuck in that wild form, their prototype in some way, from which they would never grow out of.

Regardless of their state, it seemed like he had developed long legs out of his face, pushing out of his nostrils, mouth and the back of his head. And they were not normal, they were rather, a combination of both his arms and the wild things that they could grow into, yet they were denied. And they had mouths at each end, leading to the digestive organs they all shared, all of the larvae which were bouncing and wriggling out of him. By now the doctor had lost any kind of human mentality, or, known it be, it somehow mutated inside their heads. Which even more confused him so as he lost the lower half of his trunk which left him flat in there; although no blood came out of him, which made it even stranger, as he had a drawn pattern which would not belong in there, otherwise caught, with all the marks and all the drawings, all the lights which were illustrated there. He appeared to bear a moving sight. A tiny sun-like termite-carapace thrower came out, strung upon a thinner leg, followed by a small hive he bore inside himself, and the entire lower-part of a man, which was held by sticks.

At first he seemed to have been inhibited by a desire to entertain the people, right before he could possibly feast on them. Yet that desire could not be satiated, nor could it be taken by him as anything else but a gluttony's fool, he did not understand what went through his head, nor why they considered him a fool. Which meant he thought after all; leading to the act of mercy, he used his longer human arms, by now, being segmented in what appeared to be eight, or ten feet longer than usual, bringing them to an even sharper end. It was not meant to be, he pulled all of them, ripped them to shreds and threw them out of its way.

Feeding began, he ate them with the long straws that came with him. With the lack of a lower addition, it seemed like he finally dropped the innards-sack, which held the remains of every man he ate and could no longer digest. Like a living spider devouring a suitor, he kept some of them, through the transparent bag of his, alive. Though that may not have been their normal kind of behaviour, it appeared like that didn't matter in a bit. This was nothing else but a trap of insects, many of which returned home to pay respects to their new founder, one whom could not even fathom their existence for too long. Instead, he was caught in it, and he would feel what ought to be. Pain, and pity, as they received the leftovers after he had been done eating, none the matter, the shelf-life was about to run short. He was limited, he knew he'd expire. Which left himself exposed, through which wonder, he ate the bodies, rotten carcasses from the cut he made in his own sack, then he threw the regurgitated matter on top of the smaller ones so they

might get a chance to feed and push through their feed without losing themselves in the confusing corners that were in his house.

His house being rather a three piece, which was below the laboratory, which in itself was kind of like an attic standing on top of all of them; that left the other rooms of the house exposed. They looked like three houses of their own, if seen from the side, if cut from around the bloc, if pushed through and gotten a better look, and the sight could not have shaken no man. For he alone would feel disgust as he would tell of something, life was wreathing, it needed some kind of disease. It needed peace during a time where they were manifold, and erected themselves when they had no worth.

But there was nothing in the building working on its own. There were other people trying themselves around. It was cruel. Seeing him in a place he looked into. All the while but no meaning to their heads, they pushed themselves out of it and could only see them go past the clouds, as the earth seemed to curve against each iris until they were no longer able to get out of the way. Outside the building, they were drawn, slowly taken through the wind of the sun. But there were no first, second or third degree burns, one could draw as much from them, as each of them could not be gotten.

Elegance

There was no distinction in their high society, at least not any longer. Elegant stepped forward, making sure that both the Proto-being and Last were made aware they were not to interfere with him and what he had to carry through.

It was an ugly thing, trying to push through them, but he had come to no conclusion yet.

It went through his head then. Like a swollen pass of wind which titillated his turpentine beard off. He was shaved while sleeping but the sufferer could only know of insomnia during his pass through the first hallish moor that stood encrusted on a pane. He was widely open and spindly, almost to an uncanny view, which suggested a giant aqueduct-heavy plunge that came from the ceiling and left a hole through him. Its marks could be seen on the floor, still lying a few feet more than it should've. A small heaving substance only molded itself around his gashed, preventing any kind of mess from being made below him. He was still breathing, but it didn't matter. Something happened to him, a change in the face, which made it look split. But the split was perfectly done. He had been cut and in the pus, about the eight quarter' of any inch, there was a patch of Negro skin deeply embedded inside of him, despite the fairness his skin provided. Hardly breathing now, he only came to push out a single whisper that could not have been anything but short lived.

'What did he say?'

'Don't listen to him, he can't be approached any longer.'

'You've been here before.'

'I have.'

Filler was unsure on himself but that could wait. Something postulated from the Negro-patch. It was ruddy, too much so, that it started eating on itself and on the surroundings, like a plague trying to spread from mice and rabbits, all of whom were present there, in each corner, having taken the one and only task the presence appeared to have been completely set on over so many years. It was manifold, that it would try, ringing true to every kind of sleigh-weighted pore that started breeding and growing inside of him.

Then the man opened even farther, revealing the softness of the walls which kept him in place. They were not meant to be held that way, nor would they keep for long. He only wanted what was best for his wife. And she was there, in the softness, in part, not entirely put together but she would not leave his side. Despite part of his body being completely tied to the wall in which the parts of her swam in, he still managed to conjoin with her in a unity which was undeniably sickeningly disturbing. It created the voice, which only faded after saying a word.

Both Keyringer and Filler heard it. And that was not spoken about no longer.

Twa's how it seems to have happened.

Distant corner of the world, which, in through and pouting in honesty, the delegation of peculiar sparrows was restored, though they were unable to gather everyone off their ranks and into their morbid on-looking act, they fashioned themselves in a most surprised manner as they were presented the strangers.

Of which one, of all had disappeared, one had shied away and could not fathom surviving to long on his own while the other appeared to have shared a similar yet benign look to that of their own. But alas, it was not exactly mood by mood, they haven't been met, nor could they have understood what was going on or what had happened in the short span of only a few seconds, through which, he, of all started killing four of their sparrow kin, unable to contain himself within.

Their heads crunched under that wooden figure, as the bottom jaw and the upper jaw pushed in opposite directions, detracting one another as they munched on skin and bone like hammers on an anvil. But it couldn't it, it couldn't devour. Its actions were mostly pointless and it had only admonished itself into the killing, let alone the prying in seeping hatred it bore for all. Neither of them could even be met for the glance, as they went away, leaving the open targe as one would leave a stage, if all, he could look onto his dead-kin, in that moment where quietness brought peace, he would see its glimmering fake eyes. Through which no sparrow soul inhabited that creation, but more so, it seemed like there was something else pushing in its mad direction.

'It's as soulless as a wooden tool, an otter made of clay, pottery of their kind.'

'And who's the culprit who brought him here to begin with? May he not be punished for what he had unleashed upon us?'

To which Elegant could not fathom appearing, nor could he help disappearing at the most inopportune moments. When needed, yet called, he couldn't handle it, nor could he push it all out of his soul. For that one second he was lost in thought, no wonder. He wandered around and looked for an escape. When time came to be, he would simply take a leap out of the window and get as far out of it as he could possibly get. Otherwise, he would be dead. Swollen and forgotten, left alone to them, as rotten as they would be. Hanged and punished, gluttony, which inhabited the halls, it made everything push in as even the ball

chamber they stood in appeared to be repelled by this act of sin. A most dangerous approach, uncannily morose, moronic, degenerate in act; an almost devilish pact, if they had known of faith in that degenerate world of theirs, which reflected even though it could only happen to push on and forth on both sides.

When in reality, the Proto-being was only munching on their heads off the ground. But luckily he wouldn't be seen, by stragglers who were lost, like Rot Jonathan, of which Rot had been a split of hair, a mind which had seemed to have taken a life of its own, as well as theirs, the dead wool merchant, but most importantly Muck. All of them were too blind of a kind to be disturbed and kindly pushed out of it, in a degenerate star, which seeped in but it was no star. It was the crow-moon, which seemed to set itself as it would barge. And set itself into a mighty trance, upon coming to the realization that it was looked upon and made of fool. Least of all, foolishly would it known of the swoon his standard bearers have come to make.

During such a time, though it was enacted, though he may me solemnly distracted, Elegant thought of the Duke. He was someone he wanted to prove he knew, somewhere in the past, during a time of which they couldn't have seen him last. And least of all, would they have known fear, as what happened there could not have happened anywhere; it just so be, that the sparrows took me. Thought Last during the last moments of his life, when he could not even face it himself. He was defenseless and unable to stand aside. He could not deny himself the prowess of mind, nor could he face them yet.

His muscle mass was thin, his bones were shaking and he was but a tiny strand of what he had been once, unable to contain himself to no land, nor could he contain the many scrapes and the scratches that came onto him. Proto-being saw him yet. Unable to act, instead, it only took the time it needed, to eat as many of them, long-so heeded by the fact. That it had not dared stray upon no act of wonder, least of all would it be stronger, the need to scalp them still, of feathers and of blood within and spill it, push it, least of trance. Fill it with the most uncannily degenerate acts.

It watched how they ripped Last apart, despite his protests, which were countered back, only with more blows, throng of many beaks that told of a man that did not put on a fight. It was pitiful after that.

A few flying saw-disks appeared which bore slanted-eyes on top of them, but unlike their predecessors which had eyes upon both opposite sides, these ones were much more evolved than them, stacking their eyes upon one another, which forced the sharpness of the strange locomotion to bear more fingers instead of every trimmed curve of the circle-head it bore and threw itself over. And they loomed around, with the song of looming, through which eighty dead men appeared to have fallen out of the sky, but they weren't seen as if they fell by Elegant and by Proto who could only tell this. They appeared out of nowhere, like ghastly sparks which bore themselves uncounted days before coming here, otherwise it could not be explained how they managed to look so worn out, while having mark of the fields upon which they themselves had once been through before the mildness of peril came onto them.

And the corpses had been alienated by the saws as they began molding one another, forming large plants, of which the bodies formed the base of the plant after scrapping themselves together, then the likes of peril pushing through as they had destined each other to a most disturbing nature. They were bashing, trashing and making wild sounds as the canopy of sounds curved below the rims, leaving the fruits to be made, which looked like Proto-beings.

‘More of them? What have we done?’

Of the council of sparrows which was present there, one and only one sparrow started saying.

‘We have harmed one of their own and there’s nothing we might do any longer but push ourselves as we make our home the ashes of the grave. An uncannily morose cave in which our bodies may lie. Not to die off in the sea of matter, the dark surroundings and the graves in which our father grew.’

But they could not see what was happening outside, where the sparrow heads, though still long-dead, tried leaping away, now unable to launch themselves out of the stark fear which pushed them out of it. No matter what they tried, this addiction of the cry forced them into the benign.

But the saw-towers which bred the beings were very much reach, of which no appeal could deal with an entire race, all of them being just as deranged as the material their creature had been taken from.

They had enacted an act of evil their kind wasn’t known for.

From the plant opened a finely curved straight but concave, with a spherical depth in the back which forced it to retract into the small plane it appeared to dwell in as the little beings came out. They were not the Proto-beings as the plants could only give birth to copies which were still-born since the Proto-being was never meant to be alive. Instead, they were the new-afters, bearing the bodies of locomotive, backs, through which open cracks inside their steel-long grimed bodies, which came from an underground tunnel which had become the breeding chambers of the saw-trees, there lay the many bodies of the Proto-being look-a-likes which were carried in the air. As the locomotive-bodies started pushing out, unable to see what had remained of the darted breedance, the abhorrent looks they bore. Instead of pushing through, unable to seethe as well as they could not face the cue of the aching, in the pain of pushing through the white feathers of stone, dropped by the moon-crow, they had finally enter their malignant heaven through which they delivered their young.

And though they had never bore any soul themselves, only those of infant which were trapped in the bodies resembling one fashioned out of a piece of furniture which had lain around, they could not wait any longer, no more prying, pitying themselves for what they’ve done wrong.

Strong bonds of evil lords, they looked upon them and mocked them forth. But unlike the knights of ivory, unlike the ones of gas, they knew better not to press on and annoy the white kings in the sky. Of which light shone so brightly that they could completely destroy everything and rinse it through the ground with nothing but an uncanny verdure made out of pure burning edifying delights. A plan of evil, it was set. Delighted in the dead-star shared foreheads of the mean serpentine poachers who had taken the bodies of their kin instead, the sparrows being bent underneath their arms, leaving Elegant to go ahead and leave without a smile or trance.

Why, this was delightful to see. It was dreadful at the same time, though no one could foresee what was about to come. Forward he went, along with all the sparrow shrimps which formed, with their smallish bodies pushing through as well as they could see the hue. And in the making they had sired, many sons of their own in the little time they’ve been given without daring to look and admire what went on. Through one of their heads, the many which bled and saw each other mistakenly in debt, none had decided the

better and their leader could not wait any longer as to give them ever-so slight a chance for them to be killed again without the slightest chance being revealed.

‘Leave, oh bird’ oer’, or whatever you might be. Stop eating our kin, for we are not your foe and wish to bear no grudge upon you there and throe’.

Elegant could not believe his ears, after the making, after seeing this court of theirs adjourn. He could not fathom straying forth, he could not wait and wait no more. He had mistaken himself for someone with no cowardice and appeared, as their brethren, the corpse of Last, to which he shed no tear, as he neared Last. Past him, there was the door. It waited and wasted no second for his heart wished for something which might bear his soul farther in and least of all away. He wanted to be out there, safely returned to the higher-heavens, knowing that he would be rewarded for this act of terror he had carefully orchestrated, or at least, the one he would take claim over. Whether or not that happened because he willed it so didn’t matter, nor would he show any compassion for them.

The Proto-being was on his side as well. It would do as I please and I shall only go with it when needed.

‘And with that, I think I shall be a stranger no longer and wish to bid you well, fare thee well, I take my leave.’

‘But you cannot simply go, while knowing that you’re the one who brought this monster into our court, which had become a laceration. I’ll be damned if you’ll be allowed such ingratitude at it.’

‘So be it, then, what will it be? I have nothing else to offer but my absence in a better time. For both of our sakes, just so I will not thrust my companion and aim for your throat, I bid you. Leave us be and we shall provoke no anger and inflict no pain upon your people any longer.’

‘You’ve done too much for us to let you go.’

‘And what of my friend then? Will he be apprehended as well as I?’

They took their time as if not to risk angering him. It was all too obvious that striking the wrong nerve would do just as much harm as it could do, without leaving them the time to respond and see themselves past the mark. And they had lighted no evil and saw to it to work as well. There was no reason to fight the claims and to see eye to eye, as he could see past them. I think you’re all still afraid of him; Elegant thought. If it were right for anyone to make such a claim, so be it, they would be delighted by him and ask no more.

He knew what the shores of time meant for so many of them who might be dead meant. And he would only perish for a second if needed, only to weed out those who would not question the disaster which would wreathe and push past the pain. He did not want to remain there as well as he could come to say.

‘I’ll make you a deal in that case. Allow me to stay and face the punishment for both of our acts, as. After thinking of a while, after measuring myself and everything which went to mind, I can think of nothing more. I feel some remorse for my acts of woe. To which I say, claim me instead of him and inflict as much agony as you can, whether or not it comes from me or within your ranks.

My heart pales at what's going on and I wish nothing and no longer more. I will remain here for an eternity, if I ought and shall leave as soon as every single body of your making is gone.'

To which they lost whatever anger, whether born out of fruit of spite, or whether it was lost on them, and out of sight. And it was needed, least of all, would they admit, that their pride got in the course of their judgement, be it blind or of whichever other mint. And they had come forwards, the council long reunited.

'I see, I see and you're telling us that you shall stay here and face punishment for both of your acts and his alone? And there's no trickery involved in it, nor might you make any kind of excuse to push us through and least of all, drag us around?'

'That is indeed what my claim shall be. And there might as well be no calamity between our people, that I might see eye to eye and lot around for the time I'm here, for I will have fully taken upon your judgement and wished for nothing more.'

But they could not remember where he went, or how he came. In all that which had emerged, all of their doings were missing under the light of the stranger who killed their people in a fit of rage. As strange as it were, they decided this was the best course of action.

'And therefore, you, vile creature, known as the Proto-being ought to be banished and thrown forth. Leave and never return, don't make eye to eye and do not show your worth to us no longer, as the lives you've stolen from us have taken us the stronger days, our strongest men lost, our days past gone.

Alas, we seek no more than it is needed.'

Thence they stopped breathing and lost their countenance for wretch.

And the Proto-being turned and looked, for longer than needed, back at Elegant whom, long-since heeded had dismissed his friend. He dared not claim him as otherwise to his face. Not when there was the chance of a wretch, not when he could simply go ahead past the head. Quiet down, he almost told him, I will be out there before long. And they were both upon each other's tails. Though one was only a piece-like plank and the other was only but the curved rims of a cape Elegant wore when the fellow was not around. Then they parted ways. It could not be conveyed by any emotion, nor could he have taken advantage over them.

Wrongfully told, he scolded no one and found no worth for what was going through them. Minded or not, blinded by what they wrought.

He faced their scolding, and all the bickering the sparrows said, and at one moment in the hour, he simply disappeared, like the showering of a rain, a storm which went as soon as daylight pushed through clouds of summer. He was there one moment, then he wasn't. Out of the hour, with the Proto-being, running on the streets.

'We need to make haste, haste I say, before they catch us. Make sure no one will look back on us.'

And they shall see something even lesser, more than needed, watch for more. Sparrows started chanting out as they themselves could not fathom waiting for their blinds to be taken off. Least of all, needed, they

wouldn't hide, just ride on feet, and never die as long as both of them were together. Always asking for a way through which they might satisfy each other by their long-talks and periods of silence.

'We finally made it through.'

But the gates were not where and their roads seemed to lead here and there, past and thrown, lost, without a chance to show more than the compassion of the rolling moons, out of the swoon, as they've been taken, they've been approached by nothing else but the Crow Moon-fiend, of which looks were like, as one could tell it. Without a shame, the servant only told of what seemed to be the replica of its master's alcove. Taken by the breed, he spake:

'I wish both of you could remain much longer and set aside whatever happens to reveal the stronger.'

'I don't wish to prove myself to none. Frankly, I think I've done enough and shall strive for more than it is needed. If you don't mind looking in whichever direction, I wish you would leave us.

We've done our share, the sparrows are out there, bickering of the bodies and the live we've taken from them.'

We've taken from them? The Proto-Being stared, but it couldn't think for long until the thoughts of killing went back in. He still dreamed of killing birds, he wanted to find more and take some of them into the wrong spots, where he could butcher them eternally. He wanted to paint the streets and spread the fire. And bring back news to the other Proto-beings who had been carved out for long enough that they, in turn formed their own mad empire. All of which looked wrongly cut. And their beaks would spread out as some would bear hundreds of nail-like teeth, like beds, instead of laying, crushing meat like a cleaver that's disguised into the many looking butcher's pads. Many of which were hammers, hard, bumpers and other unnecessary destroyers who promised to bring an end to pain.

And of whom remained, none asked; less than that.

He called on it.

Elegant stood back.

Then he thought, he might as well return and bring back what he thought of him. Of wonder and of wont and what was missing was this. His peace of mind was only shooting through. He wanted to make it seem like they were out-going and still hunting them through.

'What he wants to say is simple. If you don't believe me, simply look into his eyes and you should see it for yourself.'

'But what of them?'

He wondered for a moment. There was something wild, and better yet benign about this place. In this pure image which had been wrought, the sparrows weren't the natives of this place, yet they brought ruin to it as they had simply wiped out the others. As they would suffer and be done for in return, this being only left and revealed by the fact that in the distance, there were still signs, yet to be found, of a world that was not theirs alone.

‘I see a palace in the stars, past the moons and past the crow. I may not be able to reach it on my own, yet my hopes still fashion my hands and they still find themselves pushing as well.’

Though no shame would do him harm. He had a point, he wanted that. He wished for something, he was shown none. He would decide it when time was gone.

‘You will be rewarded once the task is over.’

‘But may I not return there for at least a retreat?’

To which the moon, as it shook with feathers, took him there, for a while, only him, while leaving the other one there, as blindly as he might, forcing him to stay back.

‘Are you pleased not with what you seek?’

He looked around, being reminded of what he missed. Then, he realized that he didn’t want to be there. He had no deal and could not be aware of the thought, of living a life surrounded by them after the dark came and after he grew old enough to be useless and unaware.

‘I could do without it, but my choices are limited. Perhaps this is not the place I have been searching for all this while. There’s something more worth it all, if only I could reach it, I would know.’

‘And you would make, out of it, not a case and you won’t wonder, if I send you back, you won’t come stronger. You’ll only be charmed by their place, by their palace and the buildings which had been placed.’

Though the Crow-moon had revealed just as much, he wouldn’t munch on his head, but there was still no question in doubt. He wanted nothing more to deal and even less than he would appeal. He looked for something else, wishing a mind that might perish, he was sent back for wont.

Engineer

‘No one will agree on it.’

‘Why is that?’

‘There’s no certainty we might return after the shift is done.’

‘Take a hike then.’

One of the engineers started. He checked his ID again and then he almost winced at it. He wasn’t ready to be dropped another level but that’s how it was. He could feel the elevator coming back into its place. It was something he had never gotten a confirmation over and he wasn’t going to start prodding in again. Especially since the higher-ups were all over the place on the issue. Some of them were not in the mood to be approached. Not yet and not by another admirer of the sorts, for the sole reason that they themselves were off it.

Off it for good, the building was sinking now and it could only push into one direction as plates made of silicon and germanium started electrifying the conductors. Some of them were remotely accessed and could only draw enough power to sustain the main board as the high-machines started at it. Again, through one of them, there came another lapse, another straddling of the outer-bodies being pulled in when most vulgar of metals.

‘I need to ask something of you.’

One of the men smoking a blunt fat-finger said on the street. He was Leeway, single, forty-twelve, served in the company but it couldn’t be told on top of his face for some reason. It was all too obscured by some peculiar window in which his brow acted and started swallowing the sockets. He turned around and started walking. Large buildings stood around him, large in the sense that their bases looked like giant forts which surrounded the main core which formed their bodies. Wide around each corner, high-altitude types that never seemed to let go of what appeared to be the only peculiar stretch of a single eye-strain, which would bob a head if one were to look at it for too long. As they were mostly made out of weird grates, making them seem like peculiar steel, seething barb-wired cages, all of whom were struck so.

Churning in for too long, they started backing down.

In the ante-chamber, the insides of a giant brain, turned to metal as if to block any kind of access and any kind of escape that might possibly happen, that not even accounting for the all of them. Eight-lookers, who were tied around their arms and legs together, like the most peculiar, most strident, wildest creatures, by reedy looking racks, chains or rope-like formations that were beaded and held them together as all of their sharp switchblades managed to pick on their shine. Never bothered, never approaching one another, all of which suffered of some supreme kind of Insomnia, unable to attain something. All of them were plotting, insoluble parts of their brain not working, isolated for this reason, as mankind should not suffer them.

‘They’ve done that to themselves, I say.

Driven into hiding because of their own intentions and because they could not help themselves at all. I say we should let them duke it out somehow, let them have a taste of their own poison and see how it turns out.’

‘So far, they seem to have lost their minds. They never sleep, they degenerated as well as they had fed themselves nothing but their lies, the same ones they’ve fed the world with.’

And up to it, some were there, outside, still, just about everywhere. Though most of them, by now harmless could not fathom living in a world with him. Worst of all, other than them and the human beings, there were the other advents.

Whom started creeping in through veils. Appeared in the world as many, would’ve called them deities, behind the reins of whom they didn’t hide. And they were perfect in spirit and in might.

Though they may have looked uncannily lost, as their bodies were not made for simians to look upon, wreathed as the chest, the chaps, enabled them to grow their proto-thoraxes in the most uncanny manner. Until they finally made out the arches from behind, curved above bodies that were held by the same hard-

lines that would carry a cabin in the high-elks of man-dominated snow-mountains, beneath of which there were plenty of hard-holding other cables, most of which threw them off guard, as it could not be helped any longer, their minds were gone, left behind in the world from which they came from. Unattended, yet defended by their salves. Forlorn and abandoned as they would keep placing on their frames and adapt to the harsh environments this world seemed to bear through them. It could not be token and told, and held to them, as many of their own could not live enough to see it. Most of their kind who suffered loss appeared only as manifestations of wild contaminated ape-syndrome buffoons. Poor imitations which swooned over their brothers only to fall in the water and drown, for the sole reason that the wild forms started stretching their simian's worth until internally they bled to death. But they still lived for long enough to drown instead of pushing forth.

Leaving only the strongest and the wildest alive, while the brains which were left behind would only strike to make it harder to create their new indestructible or nigh-invincible bodies out of what they had around, of no sound and no immaterial catcher.

His eye was plume. It was not there for some reason, then it was gone, then it went on again, then he came out the door, down the floor, on the street and Leeway started looking out. He didn't see what went there, but he could see as well as everyone else that there were some distant forms which shouldn't be buzzing around for no one's worth and no more quiet would there be. Everyone had to keep an act, they had to make it past that, with no other reason than the one they needed, to strike at the heart of strike and hear them go.

'It's well past over.'

'Then don't go outside any longer, stay inside your apartment until this world starts drawing in.'

But they were there for a reason, these others, who seemed to be made out of the very fat the planet provided, which could not be taken for granted any longer. As long as it was needed, there would no reason to denounce the skin, which dragged them through the patterns forming, in the sky and deep within. Soon, they could not help their own, as children would be born wrong. Later, after years of travel, after the creatures had come, appeared, disappeared and did as much as it was called upon them to conquer, none of them would appear in the least surprised. Suffice to say, at least, the calling, was answered by none. It couldn't be, they might not appear, nor would they fear anything less than what was granted. Enacted upon them, the punishment acted as a way for them to see what went on. Many children had been born deformed, without an arm and seemingly in the shape of the invader and how they once came into the row.

And into the mold, the buildings became caverns. Underneath the street, where no one might look and see what went on, the gluttony of thought, the makers, they could not be bothered as they were punished for no other reason than the pain they had attained over the years they spent. Better than dead, in the making of no other pain.

'Paint the walls and pant no longer, I see a light that's getting strong.'

'Whose light?'

‘Mine, for I am the one who designed this street-lamp for the betterment of our men. Because if you knew what I meant you’d just as soon have realized what went on through my head when I made it.’

‘What did?’

‘The future had, I predicted that this might happen during our lifetime and I wasn’t wrong to begin with. Look around and be affected, don’t touch the smoke-dust plaster-like mice puffs that filled the air.’

For that substance had completely taken over the air and the sky, without an explanation as to why. Nor could it be forgotten for what was happening and whom might they attend, no one to see or to understand the advent of a much farther making, the breaking of the spine in the quiet eerie night that made blood flow. They disappeared after a while, the deformed children being very much unable to look after each other. Nor could they live for long, they weren’t strong enough; it would not suffice for them to be attended by a mad supervisor, who might interpret everything as being wrong.

Hour after hour, the pain writhed in. The sky was dirt, or particles of it which only revealed the roots much later, when they weren’t needed, a presence like their unheeded, nor sought for. What was clear for some reason was the fact that many families intended or dwelled on infanticide.

‘Infanticide is supreme.’

It was a cult at this point, the maddening syrup and the sign of insolence promoted by a species which shared sub-human qualities with that of apes.

‘We have to perform it in order to slay the wicket ones from on our ranks, those who were touched by the ones that were anything but human yet joined our world in the dance of subjugation.’

Many citizens, of which fates were very much lost in their tongues died off, leaving nothing behind.

A few more lines were being fed, into the large organ which started producing them. Line by line, and the song had already been concluded during its inception, nonchalantly endowed by words that did not matter and had no way of passing through the shroud that went missing, fingers got loose. Only a degenerate and those who were alike would understand, without prying in where they didn’t belong. Some could not fathom listening to the songs, ears went bleeding. A conquest which only lasted over the span of a few days before starting up again; thence the receding blows that were listened to, one wrong anchored being, a despot came int. Through the broke door he came, desperate to remain there for as long as he could get a single word in, a word in the making happened. Desperation drove the force. A hand appeared, malignantly enveloped by a curved handle, which only covered the cut-out glove. No shallow despot spared, no one could hear after the songs concluded, and only one remained sane. Enough to write, not to hear about, nor to listen to the many woes that were being created by the madness which was the cancer of the high octaves.

Long had they listened and more so, could they not spare themselves of all that happened in the room. Another level below through their swollen ranks, they appeared, out of the very fear that they might stop existing unless they were seen, a few swollen rods which looked like the remnants from within the Sea Coroner who was buddying himself with the sea animals during a time they could not listen to sense. He was also busy cutting one during the sea annals, the scrolls which were taken revealing the fall. Of a far

more wide-spread colony than that of Carthage during a time where the land below it had been completely drowned and the creatures that inhabited them drowned away.

Into the pile with many other scrolls they ended, not to unnerve anyone who was paying his respects, nor would one be able to tell what the worth in weight would somehow be, for everyone who wasn't absent appeared to be way too thin to be expelled, and no one wanted to remain as well in a town where all the spikes erupted from the catci-plants, the better ones which sharpened themselves as pure one got wiped out. They were out-bred. Not a single one dead as it would happen. Time after aloft, through the making of a single betterment of lost species, most of whom would otherwise be set alight. And some of them would feel the shouting and the echo bleeding them out. Through and through as time-sinew, the Coroner would have his hands gone through way too many sea creatures to even be able to make out what had happened during the time of the red-space advent, when the sun died and men changed their pupils and lost their glimmer of white from inside their sight.

Without it they would be no men. And not a single soul could defend such a change if it meant what it meant instead of trying their hands through them with little to no pain, while spreading ahead.

'I want to go on with cutting undisturbed. May I be allowed to do so, if you don't mind me intruding in my own chamber?'

'But who am I really and what have I done to disturb you now?'

You've been going through so many animals that I've come to doubt that you're even doing something to begin with.'

'I don't care, leave.'

'Very well, go on with your work.'

I shall return though and bid my words.

I shall bring in enough noise that my obnoxious nature shall never be sealed off your halls and I shall carry on with whatever task I had come to initially come up with.'

He said, before heading out. Before trying his hands as well in the nearest cow's trap, where neither of them dared approach or wanted to be near when it drew out. And bit his finger off. He couldn't, for the likes of him know what happened on.

'Did I kill it so?'

'Whom? '

Asked the voice of the intercom pole, that which had already curved its insides as it remodelled its body in a machine of its own. Never wondering and never knowing, watching as they threw the shade, out of the organs of outer space, where food was sparse and no one shared. Where the sky was dark and it pushed ahead, out of heading which were lesser, out with it when it wasn't needed. His table shook, inside the room.

There was a lamp and a brown carpet which had wild diagrams on it, all of which seemed to extend against the walls, looming around as they only dictated everything inside. Lest of all should they care as there was nothing that remained still. A factory within the intercom appeared to reconstruct it in the back, until they shouted in the battery acid which drowned the sound. Many other echoes started bouncing against each wall. Traitorous in sound, the push only throwing itself around, then the stoppers, some of whom only stopped the window from melting. Momentarily as well, until it went on again. Nothing could stop that either, as the sound became metallic, not in the same way it was before. It didn't give off the impression of there being a machine but there being something inside the skin, beating and wreathing, in need to choke the host out.

Like a parasitical plague which refused to give it the needed time to recover.

He looked past the chamber, into the wall, where the bricks had been perfectly aligned for him to realize that something went on. And something had to happen, otherwise he couldn't say it.

The Coroner did not convey it. Not the fear but the must. He mustn't look around for long. Not since the parts of the sea creatures he had been cutting for years were there, floating in the air. Slowly, from inside of them, the daisy chains of metal revealed the spot from which the sounds came out of. No longer was he in need to ask, no longer in doubt, he watched.

'I want to pass you, I really to but I can't. There's too many attendees inside the room and I can only eat so many of them.'

'But I need to take a break.'

Closer to him, he got as close as he could before his face was twenty meters from him. Then he broke his fingers off his knuckles. Afterwards, he pushed it through his head and split his nails with a single movement of his fingers. The distance was just large enough that any movement would leave a ripple of air behind it.

'There's something under it.'

'My fingernail? What's under it? '

'Why don't I pull it out and see for myself?'

He ripped his hand off, he did. It went right off and pulled down the back, he tried seeing where it went but it disappeared in the same way a magic trick would.

'Couldn't make a difference whether you tried it or not. That's not how it works.'

He said it, but he never explained why. How come no one came to ask what happened there?

Small note directed to the Coroner:

'In regards to the machine you were working on, leftover schematics appear to dictate that something seems to have happened to them, though I managed to preserve just about enough of your grand reconstructions that I may be able to rebuild everything when the time comes.'

To that, I can say that I have witnessed the machine at work firsthand.

And let us say that it was a complete and utter success by every definition and definable variation of the word itself.'

He went on over to give the machine a leg to stand upon, as he recalled the entire thing. Large amplifiers which were outwardly stretched and seemingly long-pushed out of their directional open inwardly curved rounded bumpers, from which eight other circles pushed out, holding onto one, on each side, long body as fat as eight stacked barrels which were bloated on top to the point where they blew out of their pieces.

Those two amplifiers were completely opposite to one another, yet they both levitated as they were kept close to one another by a semi-magnetic force which forced the electrons to reveal themselves as giant bacterium made out of the same flesh and blood the creatures that were gravitating around them seemed to be made out of. And those belts only pushed themselves around the circles and the peculiar barrel-trunks which ended up completely projecting themselves as some kind of sharply elongated nails.

Despite the back of the amplifiers being dark, there were the eight fully grown adults which pushed out as they started battling and strangling one another on a semi-constant phase. With each blow or each stretch only releasing more of an irradiated wave that poured out and crept along the base of the two electron colliders which had been caught by the gravitational wave itself. From the reactors, waves of pus pushed out. And what poured through them were small fungi-like bacteria bobbling reeding smaller plants which had somehow gotten themselves further in and closer within their faceless asked, those, of whom breaths would work the machine, which only enabled the ground to become thinner, yet at the same time rise up.

As the ground rose a few feet, through the air, they would slowly become transparent until it could not be gotten past them, through their feet and into the steppe, where the filthier ones had been completely misshapen. Eighteen days, out of the preparation of which eight of these machines appeared out of nowhere, placed in various locations where the obelisks, the teeth of earth formed, there came the gluttons of gore. And they were fatly formed, almost medieval-like demonical figures, of which cleavers could behead the tops of castles.

It made sense, for everyone included, and the tubes were there, bearing the ninety-five degrees rotated figures of walking stranger. Whom might ask of them, and why they had been swallowed entirely by the tubes in the same way a snake would swallow its pray, nobody may tell.

Mostly it was the ground which sold it in their bodies, that in themselves could not be due to the fact that eighteen splatters lay everywhere around. And not a single man could enact dread upon the other, for each shaken hand changed. Upon a chance, they started pushing some of the large tendons out of the way. It looked like they would speak of the large machine made out of dirt for long. Longer than expected; as the first battalion of engineers began greeting everyone else in their path, unable to make what the small ones said, they repaired them, rightly so this time around. For many human beings, born wrong had either to be killed or make to show that they lacked some sympathy for those beneath them as well as the strong. Arms got replaced by prosthetics, though that could only be limited by the amount they had laying around the, which in doubt, they cut.

And cut deeper, and chopped some of the healthier ones, seeing their limbs be drawn by the gravitational waves. In turn, they would be compressed to smaller portions of their bodies, through which they were

relentlessly trying to get through. Out of with them out of the way, strength was wearisome as it would happen for them to be headless as soon as they would push themselves in and out. Better in doubt, a longer-headed, silencer. He wore his face backwardly, his wings replaced the arms, and legs were pale and thin, belt-like in appearance, each line of leather bearing the feature of the last aggravator who attempted something against him. In agony and in pain, the ones who saw him refrained from doing something before being asked for long. Times told of him, but he could not mind being observed.

It was the narcissism that made him Lord Freyool, born into one of the many unfathomable pools torn out of eyes. And dyed in the colors of outer battery acids, that made his entirety dignity and formed the outer rims of his body. Here he wondered, he came at last, presenting himself to the uncanny folly the people against him seemed to pass. No judgment would do, as one of their, the better heirs and lords of cut chapels remained. They came as well from their home, the pits beneath tar. Oil was their blood and they appeared to be burning in the back, where their tools of conquest shot like spear. Fear was bedraggled and forgotten of their kin as no destination could end up as harrowing as theirs, lost within the pray. Whom they had hunted, now they, failed, it could not be.

Looking upon the wonder which was what had remained of their horn opponents, they could think of nothing else. It was pitiful, trying to get themselves through, a lack of sinew and of better days. A piety would not convey the amount of guts they shared, as the sacred remains appeared to be abandoned.

Together, those evil beings, upon splitting their wrists and joining themselves in blood, out of the pool they made, one sick bastard jumped. And he coated himself in their sinew. After which he suffered of nothing else but the bone-marrow disease that got carried through. Pain could be of nothing better, only a mallet would tell what happened next. They could not confess to anything having happened, as they would only be belittled for what they've done instead.

Yet the man coated in their blood, he found a maiden of crystal stars, of which eyes, the prisms were lighted by the sight of diamonds and perfection, not a single scratch on the divine sight. In their union they have made, a single son, of which future could not be conveyed. He had been one of the mighty engineers, who happened to come and work for the Company in a time of wager. Endangered by the artificially malignant spirits that were sent after him, he chose not to defy them.

Thence he worked, his servant forth, who looked like nothing else, the disaster, which had been his mind. It was only to be chipped and tossed aside. He walked forward, three feet, made of planks barely put together yet actioned by a metal device, stretching upon a metal wire that crossed each join in lesser doubts. Its feel were way too sharp, he had no impulse and no emotion, like the castrated side of a single man's mind that went through a lobotomy.

A part of him stretched in the back, pulling out a single leg, a real one which was kept in place by four large half-claws that kept him there. And there was only one thin body, that of a boxy upon which it stood. Sharper needle bottle-shooters pushing out of him, and a thing long man with no legs but the lower body of a much serpentine creature like that of a gorgon striding out of him. Twice as well as the symbiosis of a conjoined twin. They spoke of evil and they eyes had wild fake-eyes in them, all of whom were pushed inwardly and deeper into their sockets and changed places upon a wild rotation, making it seem like the colors were being shared, unable to look after, his mind could not tell. Not that he was

human, yet he wasted not a second more. Nor would he search for some way, to communicate to those who listened. Most of them were out of it and could not convey the slightest emotion.

Other machines, larger than him were made by this engineer. Though he resided into a great power amphitheatre, he could not fathom himself, the sheer size of the vehicles of war which were being created. He hadn't even considered this. As a rule of thumb, they could not float forever on nothing and with nothing powering them around. Instead, they seemed to be working on weird, yet peculiar parameters that guaranteed their turns. For every single one forced the other to push onward until they closed on the lower statues, most of whom being largely supplanted. Humans dusted and in-grown, some of them being shunned and forced to be coated before being placed inside the machines and the various devices that threatened the very thinness of the planet.

A heavy lash, a torrent of lightning, an arc of power stroke at their building during an inopportune time, which could not be, they could not fathom simply twisting and turning each rounded curve. Or why would they listen and need be reminded for every single time they mourned. Some of the losses were compensated, most engineers survived. Underlings never made and the universe was fine. For the glutton of space, he only wanted to eat the creation, not out of hunger, but out of the very disgrace that belonged to them. He pitied himself, and lost track.

Time was benign and a waste of itself lead him to try.

He begged and came forth.

'Engineer, son of Irot and of Eear, fashion me a body that's immortal, so I may stop this hunger of destruction from consuming me.'

'Will you stop eating our junk?

The one that's outside, the one that might be reused to fashion even more tools when the time comes?'

'The same one and I bid you that. I made my choice and made peace with what I am and what I shall become after.'

Such power only brought vestige, he wanted something more. Flowering puddles that would not work, he wanted to strive forward and see the decay with his own eyes before his children would be made to know. They were there, on his right, featureless but full of the glutton's might. All of whom had been fed the iron, and would continue to live off junk for the rest of their limited lives. Since there were no more breeds for him to undertake, since there was no descendant yet to tackle, he made his peace as well, the line would end. And properly so, there would be no tear shed between them, at least not one he would care to share about.

'Listen, is that the core from one of the rockers?'

'None other, which may work on vibrations and wild other trances.'

They simply refused to acknowledge that what they were doing was wrong. The planet could not take this continuous level of abuse for too long. A last cause, it was nothing but a lost cause and they only drove the dying beast through one of the lost wall. And fealty was pushed in, pushed on.

He was the one watching from one of the wild rims of highly pushed pieces of planetary scum-dirt that was his lair from now on. His eyes were largely adapted and retracted into the scum that would be a slum with two heads and eight ears. So many weirdly placed textures on the wild surroundings forced him to constantly rub his cheeks against them until they bled. And he could only do it again and again. Pushing through after, like a disease calling for reprise.

It was how the law of nature went in that place, where the wreck of sub-reality could only drag the world into a mad abyss.

‘Science is vile, advancement is evil and in the end we shall all be brought down and serve better beings than we are.’

He could only give in for this long until it would suffice his pride. For it sang and it hit the gong, at the sign, where his spineless servants came and made the masses listen. And they would bring even the cowering pieces of all the falling and miss-tokens, of all the bloody poked. They had to be completely dried off, and made for the graves beneath the chamber where he ate his guests.

‘We picked upon a few of them on our way back, what are we to do with them?’

‘Just the same as we had.’

And they commuted, least of all would they face it, they killed one of their young. Retribution would come upon a shout. Shrouds could not fall on their backs, and they could listen for what was to be, their better days, during a time. And during woe, they listened but could not obey the song he tried pushing onto them. Orders came as followed.

‘Do as it pleases me to ask of you. I need you to take forth, one of my deathless gazed and string it forth against the rack of many dead, bring them into my dirt-lair and make them beg for mercy, as I shall give them none instead of prying through.’

And he had not a shame and would not shy away from what went on. Though he might’ve spared no one of his mindless haze, he would remain in time, again and again, behind them. Fallen back, like the headless wonder that gazed between the cracks of defiance. His servants waited in quiet, like little mongrels would, with their kind.

‘Am I going to have to cut another you down in order to have myself listened to?’

‘Nay, we don’t need you do so. Listen to us, we’ve faced them and we can only all it so, as it is. We’ve faced their parasitical machines and failed to take down one.’

But we may have stumbled upon corpses on the way, that would not matter, as we know better than to waste your time.’

‘Pity then, I suppose this war of ours will be lost.’

‘They’re not even aware we exist. Our skirmishes are pointless, can’t you see that we have done nothing to slow them down or even faced a chance against them?’

‘I can see no reason to listen to you gabber. I am far stronger than all of you combined, I have the strength of mind and I shall pull us from hiding during the ascension I recall.

I dreamed of it, during one of the night falls, when I was still young.’

Gordusz

It bore itself forth out of the ground, like a towering access wreathing tail, of which remained only the flimsy flailing body of the great lake of tronches, body-watches, all of which formed the great body of work inside the living archive of the world of Gordusz. As long as they lived, though none might get to see through it, they looked upon the mighty lyre, and upon its grimly set-attire, there stood only a pair of eyes. Mightily dyed in the blood-pores of the bottom cry, of which the songs, of which the sounds could only be drowned by the crudeness of teeth, the jittery beast coming forth with little to no peace of its own, as it would only admire that of its master. Bred out of the cast inside the bowels of one of the most disastrous jottings, the plight of his head, open, did it stay, presented.

For most men who gathered there, enacted only their inner-most, deceitful loss, of every kind of semblance, that they once bore, of being civilized, again, they showed little pain as they started eating. From each of its many pouches, they could suffer no less than it could be admired, least of all, would they be dire, in the countenance, the lack of manners. It showed itself, drew back. Each finger wriggled like a worm, their toes were bitten after that. Contorted since their least of wrath, they could not fathom looking back. Nor would they look and after, not in their disastrous woes, they stopped unable to look at wrong, seething images of the rising fumes, and each tent-like formation started pushing through, unable to contain, fewer ways of dancing, glancing through the puddles, racks, and emptying each other’s backs. Into the writhing thongs of many, a head, conjoined out of the bottom of a dead man, turn with each strike of the spine, from which there sprouted his children, the blinds.

And each eye would be lost in a world that grew, made out of the sinew of starts which crept inside his nightmares during the times of death when many ancient men had prayed. Beguiled by the empty, hanged after a while, they would not suffer trying themselves, nor would they listen to the vileness, the broth of the making. Taken by their necks, the breaking opened the gash.

Inside of them, they hid the eyes, blindingly unable to find them, desperately trying to bind them into bitter, other ways through which, they might serve their master through the leeching blood, the bitter loathsome bitter trot that kept them going.

Never knowing of what days might swell. In them had remained the blood of the wreckage, their lives as well being doomed.

From each body, and each morsel they ate, despite their guts being empty as well, their meals, the meat, the feet of the cannibalization and the grit would shove their likings and what they had, through the portal

inside their gut and into the world at last. Where their eyes would grow, the planets would row and there, the makers would continue laughing.

‘We shall bear nothing forth, we shall slay their bodies and watch them.’

It took a second for them to notice. But he was there, god of gods, smiling after a while, watching from the blinds.

Nor could they have sunk their teeth deeper in fear than then, as they could not fathom prying in as well. Fright had swollen their needlessness and what drove them forth, would only be the likeness of the beastly face which popped forth.

A degenerate unlike no other, who shamed from naught; nor would there be anything he could look away from, nor tail the bloody filthy sea of lard which pushed through and froze, forming his vile chargers, the horses of space, in the image of the face, all of which would bear the images of children in the racks.

But he who had come from one of the endless worlds had no shame nor had he any compassion as compared to others.

‘Know that I am not Agamemnon but the pus of his mind, the worst one at that, for I have killed my own children after that and I have chewed their bodies, never to have known them as I ought to.’

They were a given and least of all could they not know it.

But they looked the other way. Something close to a glimmer appeared to have perturbed them. Thoughtful, though Agamemnon was, he couldn’t help it either.

There was no bleakness there to change him, no forms, no shapes, no uncanny surroundings, not even his own pale thing which seemed to revert him back to his thought. It wasn’t likely that he would feel it now, after so much time.

After not being a human for so long, he thought he might’ve forgotten it. And there would be no lurid pause, no path for him to take, nothing of no worth and no way to escape from the state he was in.

It was for the first time when, for no apparent reason he felt something, not a out-right feeling of degeneracy but some slither of emotion that had never been apparent into him before. Prior to this, there was the desperation he thought he had. There was so much in him that one could almost brush aside all those lamentation of his kin.

From the distance he was seen as well, even by the ones who only spoke and never intervened, not to come forth from their quietness, the Agamemnons watched.

It corroded his entire being, seeing what he had done to his children. They were his, even after all this time and even after everything he’s gone through, they were his. And it was his hands, those which butchered them, down to the last one.

He could not even face as lowly mated beings as the makers any longer, knowing what he’d done. For the same reason he had no doubt on it any longer, he had butchered his sons.

There was no heart-beat to be found.

And no hands that he had, but they were his own. He could feel them choke.

A reminiscence of the past, to be more precise about it, eight million, five-hundred, forty ten Terracotta soldiers stood upon each other caught, hand in hand and never watching as their hearts pumped out, morass. They would blunder each other after each beat, from the bottom of stone, from their insides they could not have shined farther in, as they relied upon one another in this wild escapade. Lesser beings, all caught on, they could only wander, as they landed far, through the making of disease, prized upon each other, never to have reached the land on Chlyn, resting inside the ceiling, in at least eighty miles off the land, underneath the bed of dirt, in which the dirt people hanged on.

‘Dirt man, can you hear me?’

You bore me no longer, I want you to come.’

And he drew near to the voice and walked through the shaped halls of dirt. And he looked like the top cast of a man which had been placed on top of him and stood out a with a few centimeters pushing forth until it reached the point when the man looked as if he was wearing an armor, not the cast itself. Despite the cracks in his dirt-body, there were various worms and beetles which appeared to hold him all together instead of stitched, going as far as to create short ties that only pushed on throughout him, forming a small belt of living insects through which a single short finger of a man appeared to have been carried forth.

He had been taken from a strange building, in which a cleaning man hoped to have dealt his way with it, ignorant of the fact that the beetles and the other insects travelled through the small holes which lead to one of the largest tunnels that lead to the new world. Wide-stretched to hundreds of miles, if no billions of steps which had been placed in whichever direction one could look into, there were various other-worldly tiny portals which were surrounded by cartilages made out of their fallen insect-kin which failed to undergo the journey out of cowardice, or out of the very fact that they could not handle having devoured so many human-beings at all. Those who had been eaten appear to have been completely carried over, brought into a world of dirt, then only made it so they could somehow be reconstructed when the time came.

But they could not fathom being alive. If there was anything, as the process went on, touched by the dirt tools, and dirt-syringes pushing some unfathomable scum-mud through them, they could not wreathe far enough. IT could not be thought of accept that they died.

‘Dirt man, you owe me something.

You got something which doesn’t belong to you.’

‘And what would that be?’

‘A finger that’s not yours, you must make it so we have it back. Return it from the spot you’ve taken it out of, or we shall have your back and crack your spine. Never watch it after that.’

And it was pitiful, trying to escape, or to satiate the wonder. No man could pass on his strongest genes, and those women who somehow made it in were too changed and deformed to bear children of their own. Impossibly set, morosely as a morsel would, in death, they sang and were heard after that.

‘What does the dirt-man wish to get out of us?’

‘Nothing, I want nothing from you and I won’t have it any longer. I won’t hide no more and If I can help it.’

‘Silence your tongue and let’s hear it.’

Least of all, would they see and started sawing his dirt-legs off, as he appeared, a dominator of diamond pearls, which were pushed aside and followed forth. In the making of the quiet, in the unmaking of the dire, they snatched their own, replaced, and worn out. Pores would be engulfed through making, taking from the watches, blocked.

And as each tongue passed through the one device painted on the wall, a Coo-Coo bird made out of a gut sprang out and started saying.

‘The court of gibberish might be attended at noon, there is word of the liver-kettle and whoever might find it, let he be alone in a swoon and never ask for more.’

And they could not fathom wasting more time, as they wanted to push on. Never asking, yet demanding, this Diamond Dominator called on the Dirt Man that he may follow.

‘Come, Dirt Man, entertain my thought, join me after a while and do as I say, or we shall remain with nothing else but people of our own making.’

‘But what of the finger you have asked for?’

‘That shall be given forth to you when the time comes. Otherwise, I shall see fit, for it to be taken and never gushed in the blood, nor all, would they fathom prying through, nor could they fathom staying and praying for the crime that is sinew.’

Demanding to be heard, they sold themselves, unheard off. No control and no emotion, folded through, their body motions being known.

The soldiers fell from above, those who were dragged below could not help it any longer, but keep pushing through, swimming as they faced the tide of dirt. Through the unmaking, least of all could they face themselves, as they sailed forth. In quiet respiratory devices they had lain, most of which had been risen as high as flags would, being fed by a constant surplus of unfitting parts that could not be reconstructed by human beings at last.

Lack of compassion met the woe, and they knew what entered them, through the throng of tears, a spineless battle, the fear of the making.

Though the respiratory devices had peculiar long tubes that were eighteen inches in diameter at least and pushed through a transparent part of the large protecting widow-shield, of which spouse there be naught but the small body which had been attached and twisted upon a hardened umbilical cord, but those main

tubes appeared to be slightly artificial. In the sense of them splitting like many hairs, many versions of themselves pushing forth and enacting some kind of wild and constant fluctuation of a sea-worth of blood.

A crony of yellow-pus clothes, who walked upon himself tainted by his robe, and within the tie, the disgusting dyes could only get outside during his showers. But he had not a chance in sight to live. Through too many bars he'd seen, limericks which were flat. And gluttons which were not fat, as they had holes inside their pestering wounds, which signaled him that it was time to bathe soon. Though the water was red and blue, with a drop of a cue, the morbid inside of a fish-a-gutted flew, he could not fathom anywhere. Not to walk and not to see out there. There was no one who would understand. What a strange being he was and why he showered in nothing but sweat. Of the highest kind, it was still sweat, disgusting, it disfigured him until he had been close to blindness, caught by one, and thrice as many. Plenty of others followed, no one stopped as they showered together in the blackest of clock towers.

There in dark, they hid, during the day. When night came, they were taken away by the watch, questioned for hours after that.

'What have you stolen?'

'Acts of theft and scoundrelry?'

Of murders and other acts they asked as well. Pushing over themselves as they were unable to distinguish the well from which they all sprouted, enacted upon one another to do harm upon each other while they were confined inside the clock of dye. That's what it's been called during those days, upon an ardent look, the doors were shook and in there again, they're locked. No cell was that, but they could not flee, and they were getting rations.

'Not for me, I don't think that life is for me in any certain way. If I could flee from this place I would.'

'You're stuck here just like the rest of us and for that there's no sweet thought which might enable you to do so.'

'Rest assured that I have stumbled upon a way, I'm certain that I'm not to stay as I'll make it back to mankind.'

'Which shall not accept you in any case, not in front of your or some blind, of folk-said or otherwise.'

'To that I rise a drink, I'm sure to toast if I get caught morose but I shall not do it.'

As he spoke they ducked, never again after that, not to bent too far and no to cross their backs when they didn't have to, especially since they had snatched one of the children from outside.

'We shall cut the little, shall we?'

'Perhaps you're the first one to conceive, and you're the first one to believe, that I'm the forger of one of the greatest knives we've ever used. It is no scalpel, but some weird, yet peculiar diamond-cutter, witch's blade, of blood and pain; I shall use it again and again until it's blunt and dull.'

'I see that you're half-way there, it shall remain, unless you repair something of your mind.'

He had begun and missed the mark, the spot in time when the laceration would've soon began, with or without his warning at play, he couldn't say, nor would he approach him any other way.

'And I shall wager but a war, I see there's something wrong with the child. He's way too squeamish.'

'You've done enough cutting, may I join today?'

'Of course you will but know that you'll only share the blame with I, for I have known only of this by the time his throat was sly, and I will get another rock. I will smash what remains of him, until we've brought nothing else upon our name.'

And thence the glory faded, nothing ended and they had only continued to cut. Until the child had been nothing more but some inverted porcupine-looking boar, split in halves, squared of jaw, black of hair, but never the dye, it wasn't there. It was not anywhere to be seen. But they turned his insides into a mush like the kinds of which they had never seen before. A strike of many ink drowning, and frowning pools, they seethed back. A track of less inflated worth gushed after that.

'I see now. We ought to use this artery for one of our famed events. We shall make a play out of it and we shall drown the lamb itself.'

Little had they spoken of this with anyone else, as if it were of the gravest danger, they could not risk bringing down the wrath they bore and never could they face the bore, least the counted, better shouted, could they wait for a vile-touch. A swivel and a raunchy spot, they took him forth and hid him in the corner so he may be used ten times worth when he would be called to answer. Never to dart around and fill the yonder, less the hope, his parents might notice he's missing and might come looking for him forth.

'Will they know we've committed this act?'

'They will, they will.'

'Which reason would they charge us with? For no evidence should be found by the time they come in.'

'Treason of the highest kind, we've been driven into hiding for our acts done in the blind.'

As they were horned and had raunchy backs and the bodies of children they stole pushed against their backs, reanimated, defects who would finally be morbidly obese and filled with the missing gluttony robbed of fat. They ought to have known better, ought to have done a thing, taken under the wing of fewer, pushed within delightful sin.

Lesser beings spoke as well. Least of wool and bitter swollen heads, they showed. Legs which were long and ganglion-like, deformed and in the back, twisted as their backs, which forced them all to move into the crawl. But that had been the final night, when their lights would be extinguished after a while. Only in their heads, would the dead remain talking.

There was something he did not forget.

Once he started pushing himself after Charles, there was another who was yet to appear, or drag him in before he would finally erect himself forth.

It was getting hard trying to distinguish iron from skin, but he was there, ever-present, as if he had never left his kingdom's fall. He was both in that state of mind and his, where he inhabited a tiny portion of the world, inside his dominion, whereas he.

He couldn't make out the time. No matter how many times he looked at the plants that were planted around, there was that indistinguishableness between their decay and the time they bloomed.

Though he could wait.

'I got so close to it Mongol. I could almost see them approach. I could almost touch the stars I created, I could almost fashion their moons with the palms of my hands.

They would all worship what I told them to and scalp their own in disgust if I willed it so.'

'What stops you from doing it then?'

Mongol dragged himself away. He was set in awe by the various constructions left on this side of reality which was changed by the elliptically deformed around his straw of many men-tied together in the most peculiar manner, rotten and grabbed from inside the bowels of their kin-like descendants which had once threatened to overthrow this relic of humanity into the depths of a black abyss which would not draw out. And from the pus there would be a black cotton, the plague that would not burn any longer because of the smoke pouches which drew in. Never would they come to terms and they could not fathom threading on, in the making of the dead, in the plague of skin, they shed. Not the skin but their insides. For in there they hid the delight of the other kind, those of kin who shared the blood. With Mongol they had caught themselves on. And threading they had and never could they force the spasms out. Forcing themselves on, trying their hands as they pushed out. Like a tendril's worth and the harmony of the limbs.

A plague uncanny, made of thin, other straw, the serpents which came out carried all the bodies out. Some of them were long of worth, elongated into the headless scum that pushed out and could not skim through the skimmer made by the tendons, beasts of no heads, largely erected, those were theirs.

'I cannot look upon it no longer, this is not the beauty which had been promised to us.'

As Mongol lost another train of thoughts, the figure faded, never to have entertained no worth. It could not fathom, after all, trying to push on. Past the rivers, where they swam, a swarm of fingers touched the gate, which lead towards the kingdom's gaze. There, in the sewage, the hicks devolved. Not a single one of them could fathom being forgotten for more than it was needed, for them to hear a single word.

'Needed, you are needed to build again, come back, come back, oh, force in the making. Come back if you may, come back if you can and don't give up your hands for naught.'

There were a bunch of other reasons so many of the bodies were fair-skinned as well. It was because a new-stroke of sun-cancer waves had once hit the earth and it killed all dark skinned people in one fell swoop. Of course, it could not have stopped the waves of filth which kept their recessive genes that found themselves still lounging even after so many generations through which so many of them survived. But those were kept far and few between, if not completely incarcerated and kept away from the general population which had to be spared of their malignant sight.

And no one could bother checking their filth blood for any type of disease they might carry on with them. As in their den there would only be one sort of disquiet, that which filled the walls with the girth of the making, the blood walls of the sanguine skin of hyenas-tendons, and tendites which have interbred with the mongrels after this site of humanity fell.

Though there was that shock which even reflected unkindly upon the faced one who seemed not to comprehend what was going on. A sole reason seemed to lay there, he could not fathom it anyway. Nor could he had looked in any other direction, for the preservation was something his kind has never been able to achieve, not touched nor kindly, nor blindly, in no possible way.

It was the constant damage which kept him walking, all those who whispered in his heart. It worked, not shabby, how they spared no wheel, no sapper-tool to stop the planet from going into circles, no more snake-forms and formations made out of the uncanny worth.

Only he cared for the strange creature, which became nothing but a building in town.

‘Enter it Mongol, I need to see what’s inside of it. I may look through your eyes if needed.’

‘Will you at least hold me along the way.’ He paused only for a moment as the presentation of filth could not be attained. ‘And make me understand what’s going on without me risking losing a hand?’

That could not be fathomed either, the fear which ingratiated him in the worst possible manner. It was something he did not expect, nor could he attain the least of his mind. A fragment which was yet benign. He wondered less and did as he was told. Asked for something, then he was given what he asked for.

‘Another head, on top of the other, but let it sprout from the insides of my tongue if you can.’

‘I shall develop if in my image if you need to, just so I could create the illusion that I’m there with you. But know that I will still be looking through your only eyes and do what I can to keep the other one alive.

I may not be making a lot, through the putting off, the spare and everywhere they might look upon, but this is what I want you do to.

While I’m there, try not to damage your body. This is unknown terrain. I might not know what’s going on in there because of the amount of wax-like pus which fell from the blinds. They did not care, nor would they ask more. They pushed ahead and filled the time with time’s worth of doings.

Two hundred million miles away.

‘I want something from you if you don’t mind, if you would be inclined to look on your right side.

You’ll see him exactly in twenty minutes if you’re still in doubt.’

But he could not be seen by no real reason whatsoever, pouring in through the marks, the wind blowing chimes which reflected upon the scoundrelry of the wind in the midst of light.

‘Short break in thought means flaw of character, wouldn’t you say?’

‘I was only being distracted for one moment before you decided that you need to start again.’

There was a break in the speech pattern. He spoke backwardly before it started coming back into the spine, contorting into spindly bits, they spared no one of the sight.

‘We need to advance further onto the last rack, only that way might we find it.’

‘Where would that be?’

‘Walk the stairs like everyone else does and you’ll find out.’

Then a single man seemed to care. About whichever patron god would happen to be out in the realm of color, which deepened itself through the ground until it started pouring out. After a while, then had the dye came to be, within the spectrum of malignant colors which boiled down the skin, darting through and around, some listened to the sounds and the shouts in shapes.

Some took and dragged their bodies in the wreckage as they pushed ahead.

‘Ho and alloy, there’s something in the horizon signaling us there’s a way back home.’

‘Watch the smoke, I don’t want any more signals being released during day.’

‘Maybe you’d have known better if you paid me some gratitude for what I said.’

‘And what was that again?’

He pointed at the constellation, which was visible during the equinox of the sun. During a time there would be no eclipse coming, from the depths of the river Hyhne, was that which remained. Abhorrently in doubt, they started calling out for a reason to draw on. As there was no ship they went on. They rode on a quiet desperation, a giant tooth coming from a greater giant who had come to die after materializing himself with his head inside a rock. It faded, while the emotions could not taint anything that would press. Onto forward, would they be impressed if anyone tried a thing. Every crew member of the carved tooth smiled. They didn’t reveal much. The weather was mainly fine. Though there was a simple desperation making everyone unaware.

Disturbed or not by what was going on, they groped for the air as they started taking everything, placing the oxidized material into place. Soon they had a strange transparent veil on top their tooth, marbled in sight of the light, the days passed on with them wondering who might show up.

First a boat, it was empty. Then a raft, then Rod showed up, and he was destined to be released, as he looked like a man which was chained in the form of an x, then in a y, then he had become an I, which only showed how far the chains went and how strongly they pushed him, into whichever direction they went. And the man in the form was too glassy for any feature to be allowed to come forth in the quietness of no day. In a desire to appease him, they prayed but at the same time no sound was made as they could not disturb him from whichever mission he was in, never staying long, never in doubt, the first man jumped into the sea.

Taking a single long, torn-out part of the veil with him, rightly so before he drowned, about two parts in May, which was the last time they saw him. And most likely the only time the sailor would grace him in this part of the world. He fell and he had hit the wall, like any man of his age, he would not survive it, not

at all. Part of his asked of them and never before could they have conveyed. What went through one man's anchor, there was another one revealed. Some would revel, other obscured. By no coming and by no end could they face their turn.

In the making, there came the check board pattern, from which the sea revealed the oil, and in it, one of them stopped.

He approached the edge of the tooth as their ivory raft stopped as well.

'I can finally hear you, through all the mist, through all the making, I finally understand.'

He held an ear in his hand, a part of his face, the skull and even half of his body, all of which were largely suspended and never sought after by none that might cowl. Under no magister, under no one that might look for them, in the plight through which they hanged themselves, no one but him survived.

'But you had done great to please me now.'

He said as he looked upon the makings of the sailor. And indeed he had managed to put all of his crewmen to great use as they were all too well down, burnt even on the sides, aligned more so than the words which spoke of the horizon as he pulled out of no water side but from the blunt sight of the school of fish that gave the impression of there being water beneath the tooth.

Without them constantly moving, they would soon sink underneath the bowels, and never know of any worth. What lay forth and all the quiet, the dreadful attire they shared between them.

'I shall eat you now, if you do not mind.'

One of the great fish-headed stones that emerged said. It was joined by another one which in turn came to bring in the invitation of another one who had no shame and found no trouble into floating above the curved sea-level. And thence they joined in flight, like many others that appeared as well. The world was theirs after the making and they could not be stopped no more, to tell. Of no man's land, yet they wept. In the sun, they basked as well.

No more into hiding, nor would they cower to him. Who had taken all their eyes from their sockets; which brought only the first step. A sphere made out of their eyes, which had been worshipped by the school of fish in their basin as they could not find a way to die in its presence, nor could they stamp the crowds and the stones that shrouded the coming and the bringing forth.

'Think we'll be able to color it somehow?'

One of the many crewmen woke up from his eternal slumber.

Big brawns leaped out of the sea. Breathing heavily, not in the same way a swimmer would but a marathon runner. An artist on the long run, that type, without any self-wont, he sits there for a while, as his courage is mustered through a strange index finger split he keeps rubbing at. There's more to him than either of them could see and by now, the tooth looked like it had become the top of a hand-egg ball, with all the wires leading in around the edges, holding like the strongly mustered crossed cages they were. Worn out by each minute as well, they seemed not to count on it for too long. And too long in the making,

his shoes had been too long in the making. Worn-out despite the amount of time the shoe-maker took in order to properly craft them. It was thoroughly horrible.

His two brows almost became the tip of an arrow, which was his expression. An expression seemed to be the only thing distinguishing him from his simian cousin that drowned along the way. He was caught off guard by the first man, the one that almost looked properly made, like the prototype or the conduit that made this work.

But to the boat, in curved from the front, leaving a single opening that lead a few steps inside, which might've been a single bloating hole taken by a shot against the ball. That's where the air would come out as it would deflate and that's also the spot on which the brawn stood. Wondering, up to this point what he was to say.

He was quickly enamored by the weird movement of the body parts which at times remade the crew in their original, or close to it, appearance. Most of them would switch their body-parts for the sake of it, leaving no other impression than the fact, that they would take no hints from the rocking, cradling makings of their guts. Made of wood, that blasted element which burned quite lovely but it would not burn here, where humidity was king. But he would not be spoken of, with so many of them being wide-spread, it was pointless to catalogue all of them.

'I see now, am I to take part in this weird ritual as well? I don't feel like it, as this would bring me so much shame, but I'd like to tend to the weird sea-floral garden.'

'Would you like to know what dreams are made of?'

'Certainly, I would, but is there pain involved in the process?'

'Rightly so there is. I would have to go through way too much to force you to get rid of it, especially since there's so much of it to impart over everyone.'

Those who were watching were mainly lured in by the eyes, and since the stone-sockets of the living mountain meat appeared to be their only crippling tool, the fish only floated away, reveling in the fact that in this world, stone did not exist. Instead, it would only be fish-meat. That would be enough for now, as they would have to cower from time to time, not to have their minds and brains, completely drained and smashed until naught would have remained. Dreadfully, they set to walk. On bad fingers that were being brought, not from themselves, hanged. Through the death-watch through which they wanted nothing to take part in, hence he asked.

'Where might you go?'

'Into which direction, if you don't mind me asking so, where do you want me to go?'

'As far away as you can, from this place where they might ask of you this instead. Take the nearest knife and hammer, I want you to feel soft.'

I want to feel the chicken-skin fading as I rip half of your scalp. Only that way will you be allowed to cross through the school of fish, so they might see the mark and spare you if they have to.'

‘And if they don’t?’

‘Join them in hell.’

‘But if I think I’m already there?’

‘Then you should change your opinion. It gets much worse down there.’

As there were many punishments and hell was none the matter. As it was no burning hole but the crystallizing of hard matter into scales, ending up on top of everyone, including the molecules of air. Through which, they would solemnly undergo such an attrition as they had never seen, blasting an end to the quietness and the unspoken silence giving them life.

‘Another fish is born.’

Right in front of their eyes, air was their eggs. And some would pop into the air, perhaps too fast for any of them to be counted off yet. It was a deranged man’s act, trying to sniff about the place and ask for the roundness. Everything was incomplete. It was hard to look in and out and bend over their feet. So much to do and so much more, they could not handle all the gore which was being spread between the days.

And then he spoke, the brawn met the striker. He had a lighter on him, and then the threat came. Finally, not a single rightful word could remain for long. Neither of them were strong enough to make a difference in this fight. He was an eight pounder after all.

Back into the building.

‘Mongol, there’s something you forgot along the way, you should look back.’

‘Where to? The door closed before I could lay eyes on it. I can’t distinguish the walls from those who follow.’

A few of them did, remnants of man, it’s what they were called. There was a leap, a threshold between what was right and what ought to in a case like it. Desperate or not, they would be brought to justice.

But first there was another matter at hand. They had to kill another animal, or something which resembled a distant ancestor of one. Where had the cats all gone? Here lay one. And no outsider was there to show him the right from wrong or what one of them was supposed to look like. Mongol started tickling one of them with a razor he had been shown to grow out of the split palm of his hand. They grew from the crack which formed inside of it.

Late, late, later, later, Mongol, stop. The voice erected itself when he could no longer focus on what was going on in his head.

That’s a dead cat Mongol, look away from it as fast as you can, something might happen on that panel. Wrapped in the mileage of remains, in a pile of bile and other composites normally found in some lost distant carcass that would not be otherwise found in that place unattended by a body holder, the screen began flashing with various lights. No colors could be distinguished by any means which made everything that much worse, in terms of all the ones that moved and could not control themselves any longer. Some hand wreathed there, but it could not control itself, not by normal means, it could not go on

by itself without making too much of a mess everywhere around. And then it faded, only for a moment, the realization came. He wasn't the one working on the elongated piano-like key holders that constantly seemed to be piercing his fingers. Instead he had not dared feel the pain out of the misery and the solid chance that he might lose consciousness and faint.

A loss of control was just as apparent as everything else would be and as soon as he would do it, there would be no turning back. Mongol's body released an untouchable amount of poisoned morphine-like substance which seemed to be the only thing preventing him from fainting when the clock hit his gut. He had been not chosen for this task but seemed to bear each scan that went on the screen. His eyes were not his for a reason, which forced his patience to thin out like nothing of this world. It could not be fathomed any longer, nor would it remain for long. Not in one place, nor could it work on its own spine.

'I am worked upon, that much is certain.'

But that was a thought. Mongol never opened his mouth. Instead, he appeared to be thinking of only one creature which inhabited his mind. Leopold, he was gone.

His other head served as a reminder since so many of them appeared to share a common appearance which only managed to thrust in one filthy grit.

There was a single flight of fish stairs, on which they started making through the basin a single holding fish-hand, which lead and leaked below the fish-eyes, which brought to them the sight of a sea-paradise. Such fog could not be seen, by no man that could witness him. One of the fish, dressed in silky-ribs, with all the scales off, fallen in the pitiful cacti-bruised skin-like abyss, towards where all life dwelled towards upon witnessing their own demise. No long strung, no longer to be lynched about twenty seconds it, finally the songs caught through the words that lingered, the brawn asked again.

'Where shall I go then if I'm out of chance? I cannot live and that's nothing but the cruelest fact of life I may know.'

'Leap through the sea and meet what an uncanny man calls agony as you'll fall. Do not bother us any longer while we're at it, as we won't be able to forget it, we landed past those sea-urchins, past the sea into the land within and it is there that we'll start a new life. I shall lead the crew, for I have so many things in mind that no normal man would be able to suffer otherwise.'

'May I join any of us in that case? I can definitely make the journey if I were to push myself instead of standing here, waiting to be brought this to mind. I want to help.'

'Then stay on the tooth, and soon enough we'll have landed at the point where once, during ancient times, the world shook, never to have been taken away. Never to remain in one piece in the same manner of going and thrusting, into the masses of false rivers which threatened to end their lives, for that alone, I'd willingly give you a chance to make it past the morbid clouds and join us in the hunt of land.'

'But you know where it is, do you not?'

'Somewhere in a place where the river meets the land mass, where the trenches cannot be held in contempt, where one may look but never know of dead.'

This was as much as he could say on spot, without trying too hard to compensate for what was going on outside his reach. Just as a preacher would hold his sermon, he began reciting to all the crewmen as they were blasted again, by a wave of unrest which pushed everyone out of their most peculiar spots, into a den of rocks, brought to their battered skin about two more seconds on. Some laughed, while others rotted, as they made a tiny crossing out of their bodies, until they reached the other side out of the desperation coming out of no mouth but the shaking hands that appeared to force them back into it.

Slowly they dug and dug until nails became red, until their heads had been erected backwardly into their newly contorted body which formed out of a decayed piece of the tooth they claimed as they made way towards Nirvana. It was swollen, this desperation. Humidity dictated as much. Sooner than now, later than before, they set a semi-camp which was made out of some nickel-rocks they found around. And with no difficulty, they pulled at it, unable to feel the jeopardy of pain, as they melted and created alloy with the pin-holes that pushed out of their palms. Unable to collect their thoughts, they started babbling, as the camp was anything but empty in that one moment when they started talking about sanguine-desperation.

‘Sooner or later we’ll be in need of some protrusion coming out of our veins. We’ll be in desperate need of water, food and a transfusion.’

As blood carried rocks in it, though that could not have been known either by them nor by the land. Nor would those rocks last for long in a world that did not have them around, thence this paradox would end as soon as they made contact with the outside world, as tiny bits of stone would suddenly implode and draw inwardly until permanently looking glowing dots remained caught in the air. In that precise space, which somehow made contact with the other, all of which delivered weird pointers on the map, leading one another farther into the unknown body which hid in air, like a knife chopping body, nothing of its transparent body would remain there for long if they could say otherwise while inflicting as much pain on the stranger.

Danger rang into their heads. Brawn was anything but filled with blood in those days, instead he carried but a muck, one which could not be held in light unless one wanted to see it burning and somewhat exposed in the waxy fox that come. Through which another one like him would appear, only for a moment, there, near them. Only for one second in which he’d perform an act. One of such substance that it could be confounded as being nothing, nothing but the fluke of the mind which would just as soon be forgotten by everyone else.

Though in that one moment he could not stammer, nor would he become foam, instead he broke down the ground, and split its largely spread head until he could draw the worm-vapors in his nostrils. No span of the defiler, the mechanism would survive. It was hidden in the ground for a while now but it would ring, nonetheless true.

About eight thirds into the night, they only seemed to rest for shorter than it was needed. Everyone looking for a way out, despite the obvious fact that they were caught in there, sacked like animals, unable to face themselves in any other way, out of which a piety would remain. Desperate for a reason to be there as well, some would have to call it in, through the tumor-shells of Elephantine, which drew them as they were, in need of a chance.

‘If you stumbled on this message by chance, make sure you bring me a bottle-full of fish, if you can.’

‘One last time, it shouldn’t make much of a difference in any case.’

‘What? First towers are formed inside of it, then there’s also the head-pieces that stalk the peril, like bonding agents that grow through the heat.’

It wasn’t bonding. Some of the bodies coming out of the sea, those particular ones that shared a peculiar similarity with Leopold appeared to be in no measure to make it through the journey, yet they attached two main cordial tensors that stretched in what seemed to be a peculiar inverted ark with two long-heads. Through their liquefying nature, there was nothing to be drawn from. It was all for nothing, a piece in the undertaking those gorilla-brained mutt-mongrels did outside.

All the while Mongol kept pressing, turning around until finally he was allowed to do something.

‘Walk now, I need you to do something for me. There’s something inside, something which kept everything so well preserved.’

It was the metal, the special barbs which seemed to be hollow on the inside, almost microscopically so. They were employing acts of long sea-faring long best they managed to curb-stomp the rafts below the ground, making it through before they had been caught off guard. There, in the making, then the quiet. It was pointless, trying to make a case of something, since he would not listen; that stubborn face being anything but faceless. Both of them were caught, wrapped around each other’s necks, unable to hold down whatever remained of them in one part. Walked slowly to the right, a forty degree angle only drawing on a slightly curved lane that pushed in deeper through the sea. Despite what the place looked like from outside, there was no possible way of knowing what went through it, what lay there, on the first hole they saw leading underground, towards the tension point, the place of stress, disjointed from the top-mast. Leopard skin painter every wall, with the key different being that the yellow pus could only have been one type of twelve decays, most of which could not convey the information which was being sent. A wreathing angle would show as much, twenty long necked robe-like strange veins carrying the oil from one direction to the other, even further than that. It crept inside and lessened the fall of the centipede-forms, the headless wonders, the dead was on. Turned on, flipped like a switch, it crawled out and revealed the top head-crafted, less-ambiguous strange teeth-crafts. Some were battered by the constant bites which shot and spewed. Out of their bodies, pouring out like glues. But these strange contortions were mainly sealed by the dusk, which spread about, then leaped.

Out with another head, twenty more erupted, then the dead followed, bodies which could not have been theirs, somehow they made it through, four times instead. Lack of a single cast, they shoved each other with pain.

‘Don’t dwell too close to the hole and don’t fall through it.’

Mongol had been commanded, least of all he would’ve enacted some spite. An angle of twenty others joined as fast as they might, not being there for any other reason but to drag the others back into the abyss. The wind hissed. All around them, most of the walls shook. Unable to reveal anything but the crooked mass through which the songs, none of them would be heard. It was uncanny. Trying to wait for peace, quiet would be pushed through.

Then they felt the smell of piss, blood which followed, not a scent. Instead of it, came the delicately sculpted, eight-rounded, many faced elongated head which turned everything which was even remotely similar to one another change in form as the first perilous metals fell and melted through the horns. Which were blown. Out with the disaster, they had to signal that it was time to act, but not too fast unless they wanted to be followed around and made to suffer even more.

‘On top, as well, is that not a hole I see there?’

But this sight was different, for it was no possible reveal someone might be joined to, not to join the fray, not to call upon it either. They were made of turpentine, they would not deny the wickedness of the venom that entered their eyes. All four awakened at once. And what could they have seen if not the weird transparency which formed a doomed roof, in turn, holding the only shell against the empire of space which might turn against them and pour over them dust left-overs from the farther depths of Pluto-wars. Neither of them could help the woe, nor would they be able to face the unknown quiet that few would suffer to bring in.

Then there came a single smash, but no crack in the glass-like holding shell which crept inside. And they were only trying to push in, and breed with many, lesser beings. Some were holding past the bile, inside the dust trying to pile up broken limbs. Some weird lances, blades of lesser breeds, others that broke upon moon-contact, contracted by a disease of ocean-steel, clams wallowed in but could not be reminded of nothing that may last.

‘Is that not a single pin they’re trying to break in with? Should you not be weary of it as well?’

‘What can I do to stop them? It’s too far.’

And the room was groomed and touched upon by no being Mongol might see. He was unable to make it through, in the same way a glutton would, messing through their own destined glances. Few of them but in-between, no connection between hem but there was a glutton which seemed to drag everything down with him as he leaped and fell, leaped and fell, right in that room below them, where one might not be able to tell.

‘How come so many of them want to shimmer in and fall between the lanes?’

‘Shut your mouth and make sure everything placed along the way and into the cutter, chop their bodies and hid the latter.’

‘Whom might I find if there’s a chance for me to leap in?’

‘Only the survivors of your kin, those of whom I haven’t brought in, but the least of your concerns should be, don’t look through it, but see it. Actually see it.’

‘What might I see?’

He would ask for something else instead. But he couldn’t impress no one there since neither of them could paint the seals, and cut through the veil of a single man, of Ion-wont.

There came the fall, as he leaped about, chopping its own neck only to be certain that nothing might happen to the original body he would lose if that were the change. It had to happen at least once, when one. That much should be known.

But elsewhere, in the same world, it wasn't likely that there would be any kind of chance, not one that would happen out of nowhere, nor immediately tried for.

Off the coast, on a tiny ruin, through the main structure, which was as tall as one would happen to put up with, never pushing through the craning operation that would restructure everything until nothing were in their place. Closer than on a patch of land, there was a race that developed after that, known as the Lesser-Mongrols, formed in the name of the face, as a prideful possession, a symbol that he owned him in the maze of disquiet and in the making he would spare. And he was anything but allowed to see it as seeing it would bring no certain emotion than that of a single dead beat of the heart. Stroke might follow. After them, there would be no peace, as no mind would force itself to wallow in their misery. Quiet-desperation, the advent of disease; in which pride forced them down, upon poorly made and turned for shrouds, couldn't be helped.

Many of them bore other shades of lightly and fair, shades of blue, no lesser hues and certainly nothing which might push them to leap off the balcony, off the shores and drown for more. Then they desired advancement, a change, despite being sealed off into what appeared to be a primitive creation of theirs. As such they were given the means of building something in the desolation they were presented with. Despite the fact that naught may work, they did as they pleased and nothing more.

'A mess, a mess, this is a mess.'

For the fortification of their makings was nothing more but some kind of ill-shaped island which wouldn't, for the likes of it do anything but appease his wrath. He had been, after all, largely calculated in his approach. He poached all the animals and had made the most peculiar inventions of worth. Taken from a time when many were created by the fair-beauty that inhabited the plains and the wealth of earth. From a place of conquest and domination, which only brought nothing but the thought of castration if one were to compare it with what it looked today; jeopardy of what it were, a pity that would not remain. Lesser fiends would ravel in it if they could, not that they should by any means, by disposition and by the uncanny hatred they shared, paid for in ravels of dreadful-malignity, and a dreadful peace shared.

'We should at least find a way to cut it if we could.'

The first lesser Mongols said, as they might be called just as well. It was just the sight and the might, nothing in his head was right. Lesser heads were pointed this and that way, but some of the brave came forth. It was a given that they could not fathom calling it in, they were only doing it for some kind of ill-intent, defending themselves like lepers during an outbreak.

But the morsel was embed in fat, so much of it was worth the chance. If it weren't so, they would've made the cross, pas the few meters where the strange morsel stood, all of it children stopped as they waited for it to return. A piece like that had been taken from a greater leviathanic-knot, which nodded itself through as they could show no quiet and no wont. Nor could they show less, nor could they impress each other by the duress they started showing through.

Spare the sight, uncanny.

Then he questioned this thoroughly, without daring to point it out. He had entered a no man's land and it could be seen as it loomed around, twice the canther. Mongol hadn't wondered why was he listening to orders when he was still in control of his body. Though it may have been left behind, he could still feel it wriggling from the other head to toe. Though he fell with his long neck, he still managed to crawl as far as his ruddy body let him. It was just too much. He was exhausted; he had enacted nothing of the sort out loud. Near him, there was a single pointer, which seemed to guide him in the right direction, if anything could be called in that way. In order to prevent madness he had to say and guide himself there.

But the world was uncannily benign.

One could not deal with those whom stalked not on foot but with their eyes, unable to fare too well in the leper's guise, as most of them only appeared to have basked in the appearance of. It was disgusting, less disturbing, never ending peace attained. They could not wonder and wont for yonder, but there was one on the island who did not want to be stalked.

And he did not join the feast of morsels, nor could he have cared about its children and how they wasted. Instead, he hid. He did so. Without paying too much attention to what was going on around him, not to yell and not to tell too much of what was going on, not to give himself away while the others started prying through. He wouldn't have given them that much. So much so could be made in such a short period of time and there was no complaining there. Not while they were looking, eyes and various ocular living devices being hidden inside broken pots and wild antiques which might've been hidden there for a reason no one else knew about. Thence they started wondering, who pulled the strings on the island?

Some whispered but no one came up front and asked this question while risking their lives two twice fold. It couldn't be called on them, feeling their reedy beads pushed out from them while giving it all out. There was paint in the sky, a llama in the spitting image the most deliciously ill-inclined had known of, desperate of what they might achieve, no one said a thing no longer, choosing only to accost the wing and the restlessness the morsel appeared to endow them all with. Since they looked upon the ruddy-red, through the circular holes they made, instead of wondering what went wrong, they stood with all the masses, long. Had there been a reason for them acting that way? There was no way of telling, no wry smile giving it away, yet many of them didn't even dare question what the reason was for it looking so alive, with everything taken into account to that point.

He made a skin-rose out of the palm of his hand. It had a single eye at one of its many ends. Truly a beauty of the Isles. A sermon would not be enough to make any difference, as they were an off-shot of the main religion of the main-land.

Life was simple nonetheless, since they were imitations of the ones that were already out there, with only slight but shimmering complimenting personality traits making them appear more human, despite this not being the main intention. A hole in every cavernoid plate, in which they rested, more than twenty of them at a time, clearly structuring if not restricting any kind of free movement they might be able to attain if they wanted to. Wont wasn't a problem any longer since resourced were not only anything but sparse but they seemed to be endlessly spread around. Some things were just as incontestable as there being a sun

drawn inside every iteration of the cavern, which prevented any intrusion that was not called for, no one making a noise unless it was absolutely necessary. No one to wake whichever patron seemed to be.

Some took turns while others simply took what was rightfully theirs. There was no one to contest the supreme right, whomever might catch it at the time. And it was caught, and it was given, spoiled then traded, taken, killed for until some of the halls had no sun drawn on their walls. Instead, there was only one thing which remained plain and simple, as much as the sweat ran and blood remained in the holes that loomed around. There was no single lesser Mongol that was unsatisfied with how things were going there and that happened for a good reason as well. Though it may not be told at first.

‘If there’s something shaking on top one of the long brushes?’

‘Make sure you’ve beaten it into submission and left it battered in a pulp.’

There was no reason to stray, no reason not to play along with him. Since he was imagining voices that were squared in the first and the last, the ginger would be felt in the air. Broken at last, around their newly formed back legs, although only a few of them managed to creep for this long and stray. And even to this very part of day, past the evening, when they started driving into crowds of many headed-wrongs. In terms of look, some of them managed to shake the world as they were largely misunderstood in the evil fumes they inhaled and exhaled. Some would butcher even the very clouds if they knew someone was hiding in them. And they were, out of the plain fear that neared their kin. Close to it as they were coming, drawing into crowds. Lost in thought and never asking, being somewhat remorseful as to know what went on.

‘I seem to have slain him, the son of the morsel!’

‘Why did you do it?’

‘I can’t think of any reason.’

‘Then it’s settled and we shall eat it fast.’

Then they started burning the carcass of the infant, disregarding everything which prevented their false cognition from making them feel empathy towards a lower being. Lesser ones settled with the bits that fell upon flaking upon sparks of fire. Most of which couldn’t be contained for long. Seeing how they would seize something as well as they could, no one asked for more than they should and meat consumption was prolonged. As a result of this, they didn’t ask about their past, nor would they inquire after that.

Twenty days were in the making and after a while, time could be felt on their skin, even though it was uncannily forlorn, they would not settle with seething through the beat of the making. And beat the crowded females in a corner, as they should, in the access of disorder.

Some of the mentally ill ones which lost complete function appeared only to be completely killed off and abandoned in one distant corner, without praying to no kin. No release could do either and no one wondered why the seething and the beats. Some rocks belonged to people who cried, and in their distant shouts, no one listened, unless they wanted to die as well before being caught.

‘Seethe longer, It won’t make a difference.’

While looking down on a morose face, one should not settle with this kind of disgrace he had shown to his enemy. This was no real foe and neither were fighters. It was a sick game of torturing a close member of their people who only happened to be worse for wear, inside his head as well as everywhere, whence it had become a bother trying to keep them alive. Dead weight wasn’t cannibalised upon. Instead they threw it for the ungodly morsels that they may feed upon them so they may be drawn towards the isles.

It was unclear whether or not there was the presence of a free spirit around the Lesser land. For starters, it was hard to tell where it started and where it ended and this was no mere error in judgment taken by one of the inhabitants who had undertaken the role of a cartographer, though it may have been unwillingly done so.

Seeing how things turned and how they yearned for some guts, they were not going to comply to the sight of the large bones and the other buildings built around the deathless throngs that loomed around. No sight inclined.

The ascension was still incomplete, it was pitiful, trying to delude oneself that it was going either or way. Twice as many plates came on top their bodies, which twisted like the wild representation of a surreal heart. And from the round ends which shot in both directions, they sprouted from there and came to be covered in timber-oil and metal boils, until they could look no further than their own. And many of them were set in flights, out of long, skin-covered trunks which prevented them from spilling all over, boisterous and obscure. Never throwing themselves against the tides as the swoon could only fathom less. Some had sung, the rock-beetles that were gone, all of whom were painting racks, have penetrated through the boiled ceilings at the very last throwing hue, through which they came to the sinew.

Forming lines from which the shots had only taken back to the kingdom lighted. Out of the pocket from which they enacted nothing but the harmless waves, those who could not fathom breathing stood away. Yet most of them, in benign purple, covered in veins, had only thrown themselves back and forth, in the space of a few notes. Jotted down, uncannily thwarted, they appeared near the structure, on the Isle. There they stood and watched for long, from the cavity which opened from the sky, placed against thin air, the making of unfair gluttony brought despair to all the lookers. All of fealty would be gone.

Lesser Mongrols came at last, they saw the ones that had arrived and bowed to them, as covered in their metallic plasters as they were gone from sight only to reappear hours later with demands.

‘Pity your kind be, but we need to ask of thee whatever you may have, the morsels shall be gone and join us.’

They spoke to them, they spoke at last and they were not wretched enough to say it all. Not during a single gulp, not while they were not ready or hadn’t understood what went through them or why it happened. Yet the lesser brought them parts of the morsels, from which they had formed the devouring mouth, the incest nest which had been formed inside a barrel-deep hole in the ground. Just like their caverns, yet somehow it looked cleaner than it had looked before.

Instead of crying for mercy to these new ones who arrived, instead of inquiring of their worth or why they were there to begin with when the light was fading from a destroyed sky, they did as they were told. And

brought some of their own, pitted against each other as to see who might breed the next generation even faster than the last ones. Otherwise, they might fall behind and that was something not even they could account for during the time they pushed against time. Itself had made a difference, no hues of the making, the eggs would shatter and the shapely creatures would be just as useless as every other insignificant bacterium.

And from their ride, one would not abide to look further than he should've seen him past the highs and past the lows, many having already mated in the worst possible forms and marks of symbiosis, some of which wouldn't even see the longer than needed, as they could no longer be forced to breed. It was helpless, he could see it. Past the primes, one could not abide trying his hand longer at the hand of the benign.

As with their mad crotean tenches, which were plainly formed out of large pieces that resembled sea cucumbers in large shells that were growing out of one another as well as one could push in in. A side erupted and twenty other necks curved, all around each other knotted, most desperately thrown into each other's laps as well as their filthy bat-like bubbles forming lone lines after suffocating in the main canine unit that formed the outer reaches, that plunged the shades inside their pouches.

It was hard to see and even harder to make it out from outside the hole. As all those forms appeared to be pushing in and out, at a strange rate, of a single unity that ruined the hearty wonder and the desire to breed them when time needed or called for in during a time worth.

'I see that we failed.'

'We could try again when the sky clears or when we'll get the chance to join in ourselves and leave our imprint in.'

There were only four of them as well, as it could be told by the appearance and by the desire to break their splits and cut the bits off when the coming. And when the end faded, there was no horizon and mostly they averted this disaster by completely torching the hole. It could only go that way. Without decided to allow to misshape the rest of the lesser on their own Isle. Despite having intruded for a single reason and that being, the curbing of their own boredom, of course they would want something less. But lesser meant naught and naught could be told at last.

'We shall start again tomorrow during the time of their wake, otherwise, I say we end this travesty and return from whence we came.'

As it was done so and not a single voice appeared to be pushing farther, no lesser wonders, least of all should one call on them. It was far easier, to align, with all of them, rather to push and try. Of other mongrellic races and other creatures that stood between the gates and through the tunnels, accosting the doors which broke or curbed the veil. Out of this reality, from whence one might know what could last and what might soon prevail. There was this.

A strange giant humane object, which looked like a deformed, broken, then restored ancient Greek-sculpture, which had a single foot that didn't match. On which the base of its body pushed out. And from its head, the Lamia and a leper snake, both of whom appeared to be eating from the back instead. He lay in an old nest-home he carved for himself, and it looked like all that marble had somewhat become very

much alive, unlike anything that had been seen. An eye was within his nose, and one rose from the tail-bone which was present outside his body, yet still floating as the horn erupted and the ballad came to be.

He was pinned to holding all of them, like a different Atlas who had lost his head. Though it was there, somewhere, laughing like a colossal thing, at such a magnitude that it had completely if not nigh-completely overgrown the stature of its last body and that of everything which came with it. His hand outstretched and from it, many others came.

Some had hold the Beliaballknott, whom had been at wide and wildly deformed, yet not restored to the days of his prime, when he had shaped the solid light into the prism which was the universe, whom they had looked upon and saw no reason for beauty to exist. As he only prided himself with the torsion-like construction sights, which were not only in his mind but everywhere, spread. In his universe and everywhere he'd like going instead of being as petty as he were. He alone appeared to have four limbs which completely drew inwardly into large reversed curved yet open scissors, which blocked the outstretch of their legs as well. Though that did not matter since all the limbs were frail and weak and appeared to bear no fingers nor toes, nor anything within them. Instead they carried on the sight, of dropping soldiers from which the scum of better planets came out of, universes that fell and rotten out of the insides of their own falling matter, through the seething tubular-like substances that floated in through the batter.

And from each of those, there came the airs, which did nothing else but completely and eternally, or at least until the time when it was done torturing itself faded, shape its face into the mongrellic gem that would put the other's worth's to shameful quiet. As they only cowered and shied away. They could not look at the peculiar orifice which sprouted from the eyes they gave. And each of them donated an eye. From every eye another face emerged, stretching not only the bones until the cheek-bones began pushing around, at first, forming large satellites that rounded about right to the point where they formed the belts. Many of which kept everything in place. Large long wiry-skins carried all the blood and all the needed material from within, right to the mark, the spot where it was needed being everywhere about the main face he bore.

Beliaballknott's main head was soft. By now it was a substance, as a jelly would be. Which explained why it pushed out of itself into every direction, spreading and trying to achieve the need it bore for solid, least of all he would do as he pleased.

Most of the head forms, out of all of which he could simply pick what he wanted from, were plain and simply sparse and never gotten.

As the deformed statue would not allow it.

Next to him there he waited.

He wasn't as important as the other ones but he was there nonetheless. As opposed to everyone else, he wasn't fighting it, struggling, only standing there, saddened. No limbs, just many heads, barely put on together, rounded, but not human, more like plastic, all depressed. They pretended to run in circles, since there wasn't much to look after.

No one to talk to, no one to visit, or share what went through all of their heads; with everyone holding on so the tunnel-veil wouldn't fall, everyone was busy with their own antics.

Not with themselves, they weren't even talking to themselves for some reason.

It stopped counting.

A few more of them down the line. Twenty runners, not a cripple, since everyone hated cripples. Rows full, for this and there, there was a better and one head-strong runner who killed himself two nights ago, revolver in his mouth, pulling down the trigger before he drop the thump.

'Wait, now I get it, thank you for reminding me that. I needed that, I couldn't get it otherwise.'

Leopold lifted his tail, out of the making, pushed his long tail which stretched eighteen centimetres above the ceilings, then stopped at an abrupt point, from where it pushed on directly in front of a fifteen meters carpet-lounge, twenty degrees to the right, eighteen feet to the left after entering one of the long-rooms, going below the floor into the other apartment which belonged to one of the neighbours, farther below than that, into the earth, twisted around, as if the whole planet had been turned upside down, then appeared to have entered the patterns of written shouting noises which were represented by tri-dimensional forms, forming peculiarly intertwined mazes made out of the guts of the long ancestral children which appeared to be lost here and there.

He prodded even father until the tail had taken, only but only at its tip, right at the point where it stopped, a few millimetres away from the spot where the bodies started pushing one another against the tail and the point where it shot again.

It pushed even father until the point where the children, the babies, the infants, the new-borns, the toddlers and the other formed hybrids started becoming celestial glowths that had no bodies of their own any longer. And no longer had he felt pain, despite having lost his arm as well.

He dug deeper beyond them and found a small chamber towards which he dragged himself and lived into. His life was never meant to be decent, whilst living along other folk. Now he wanted to live alone.

Hyde

What had come of his mind? He could not help himself any longer, as he spoke now to only one and saw the visions of disgust which were improperly formed as well as they could inhabit no other place and no other kingdom than that of his own hideout, the bunker, instead.

The Duke had only guided Malt, in this peculiar place, twisted at that. And he could see the pillars rising, but they were not part of his kingdom throe. Instead they were of a swamp in making, the solid flood which had been formed. And many if not every face, belong to him, of which disgrace, he laughed, languidly from each direction, deflecting what may have become. He rang and didn't listen eight, his

heart was dire, rottenly gone. But he was there, present like a magister who lost his touch. It was no wonder, that he'd done it, even lesser, than his life's a musk.

Twass the Trunk

'Can I pull a single tooth out? I shall only make it less painful if you ask me to go back to where we started.'

'And where would that be?'

'One hundred, five-hundred, eighteen paces and all the while cornered just about the place. You needn't know of it no longer, don't question what's going on in that room.'

They complimented each of the pearl-eaters, as they stopped cannibalizing on each other's feet retrievers, servants who were yet machines, half eaten and placed inside their bodies, thinned of hunger, archaic-human prototypes. Who walked with their backs, on top of one another, making a stair as they reached the ceiling during a time others could not. They drove in rows, and some of those should not belong to anyone. Caught during the act they could not behave, nor would they try pushing out of the cords that pulled them down. Strung and lynched, their tongues emerged. So many of them had eaten the larvae which appeared to have formed the various tree-lines, on which they climbed upstairs. But no one was talking, unable to take the lead, they formed the separation upstairs.

'I wish we could try to fight the Grand Chosen Opposing Peoples, and free them so they might join us in time.'

'But what of our own, is there no time to look forward when they come for us?'

'What are you talking about? They're here.'

And he pointed like a dumbstruck servant who chose to lay where his waste hardly became a thing. He pissed the others and pushed through. A champion of the free, the ones in shackles grinned as the chamber was completely, if not entirely filled with them. All glancing and aching for a stretch, yet neither of them was complicit with what was going on, they could only eat and eat, through the iron lead. A meat of crudely put together bark, from the tree where they walked through blinds, there came the headless Truncheot. Tall as a man but from his chest one could not differentiate the top of a trunk, from which his head looked like that of a giant put upon a lanky caster, a disaster waiting in the making, who'd only laugh faster if needed. Only he could tell what went on. He had refused to step in line and waited only for them to stop staring until he crushed one of the barely formed window shapes. He had been completely disgraced by this and refused to say a word. Beaten on the head, the man was almost dead, put into the spot.

'I wish I could have you and I wish you would be brought to justice.'

Outside your gates, I see nothing else but my dead kin waiting as they had been completely turned into the ashes.'

'I am not the culprit, nor have you any proof for what I've done.'

'But I don't need to bring any kind of evidence, since I may as well just crush your spine where you stand.'

'Before you do it, know now that you're being watched and it would not bid well for any of us if you decided to kill me before my time comes.'

As well as the other thing, which he hasn't told the giant-head trunk yet, he had explosive planted in his cranial bowl and it could go off at just about any moment in time. When that happened, if it were to happen, everyone there would die. Things weren't going to go well.

There was the other part of it he had refused to tell it. His ribs could only face that much pressure until activating the device. As they were directly connected and seemed to have gone through the nerve cells and the nerved which stretched across his body, not that he hadn't considered killing everyone just for the sake of it. He would have his fun after all. Joy came with no price and it could only prod for this long before pushing in. If anything he was prodding too far and asking too many questions now.

'I demand retribution.'

'And you shall have one after I'm done with the convoy of the Peoples. Before and not after, it would only make me strike harder at the times I were a man.'

'And what would happen to you then?'

'I would be forced to remember my youth.'

Cleon had no desire to do that, as there was too much he would put himself through until he could not take it any longer, to his desire being brought no wonder. He stroke at every word and wanted something in return. He was a pile of broken skulls after all, in his insides there was no organ, with the exception of his brains, of course. He was a mine-field.

And he wanted to explode. Every thought lead him there, through a time he'd want to put himself through the ballista, and be completely thrown against a wall, gagging. He could now be seen grinning. It was rude, doing it in front of everyone. But he wanted to become a red dwarf, a star ready to explode and release all that energy into the world. He'd do it as well, if they didn't take care around him.

No one knew about that detail either, as they kept taunting him.

Man of the peoples, Limp, came forth.

Limp met Cleon. Trunk waited. This had become nothing more but an one sided conversation which could only start from there.

'I wish there was a simpler way to resolve this solution, but unfortunately, I don't think there is. Our people cannot handle one another and I feel as if we'll miss it.'

‘I know what you’re talking about Cleon, I think the day of respite might have to wait for a while. Otherwise, we’ll only find ourselves begging for another dictator to come into control.

And that’s something that may not bode well with the future of our men.’

Of whom society was built upon. Despite the advent of the nature, as it only pushed through to regain control, there was no reason to set after it. Their future gloom, and life was worn out. Both of them had recognised it as they made the proper arrangements.

‘Trunk, would you mind waiting for a few minutes before breaking my ribs?’

‘I will, and after you’re done talking to him, I’ll make sure to do it slowly and take my time as well.’

It was dangerous after a while, just trying one’s hands at it. Fingers were benign and he looked as if he’d miss a few. Every time, every single time, it was the same with those people. Not a single one of them was worthy of his trust. He could see it in the puddles which were their eyes. No real emotion and no real socket like men wore. Their chains had only held their armour and it could only be drawn as well. Some had bled upon the stalk and rain hadn’t washed it. Below, in the courtyard there was a single bird waiting, with no beak but a single chain instead of it, which lead to one of the upper poles. Many of them seemed to be that way, in the making, melted and set there.

Cruelty was something which had never been disputed by any means. They took pride in what they did on both sides, to the point where it made one wonder. How long until the disaster came?

It was in the making, the rough devices which were hid in the walls were just as promptly set to explode at every turn or too strong a shake coming from anywhere. It was unsafe, but it was accepted.

‘As I was saying, there’s still a way for both of our people to strive for some peace. But you need to give me the benefit of the doubt for once Limp.’

‘Very well, go ahead then.’

‘Truly so? Are you actually going to listen to me?’

‘Of course I will and I shall not leave you be until you will have told me everything to minute detail.’

‘Well I haven’t thought it that far.’

‘And what exactly have you come up with now? Go ahead and surprise me if you can. I shall not leave this place until you’re done with it.’

‘All right, I’ll say.

I’ve thought about a fake-peace. Though it may not be recognized by the Organization or by the Peoples, I think there’s a strong chance we might be able to go on with it.’

‘Step in line now, I think I know what you’re up to, Cleon. You’re a clever old dog but I don’t have any hope for you in that case.’

‘I want both of our people to strive for an armistice, in the case of which we both need to ask of them to release hold of all our arsenal and weapons.’

‘Well, now I heard it all. You’re a buffoon, a butter-leper with a small brain. You don’t expect anyone to think highly of this armistice, do you? Unless you plan on an ambush as well.

Know that our people have long since thought and concluded of such a thing and may as well have planned against a plan that’s been conceived against us all along.’

‘Can’t you see how ridiculous that sounds? If you don’t, I think there’s something wrong with you, as well as them, and you and you and him and.’

The Trunk could only wait for so much longer, before pushing himself on the toes. Most of which were blunted enough not to matter, but he was set. Completely against them.

Somewhere in the sky, a giant floating device with the giant body of a rat-like bubble contorted itself past the roundness, the tail having become a giant scalpel like figure which drew on ahead. On top of it, wrapped into every side, there seemed to be sheets of iron which had been wrought into four different rotating machines that were kept at an equal distance from one another, both in the vertical direction and the horizontal plane. They never touched nor would they meet face to face, yet it seemed like they bore holes inside of them and looked like they were held in the same way a kit would be held. Though they were boxed-like tools which fed the bubble-like rat fed constantly with energy and it only seemed like it enjoyed that, all the attention being directed towards the brain cavity, which wasn’t working properly.

But for the sake of its survival, it was only a tool made by the Company, employed to spy upon them while using the variously hidden listening devices which were being closely pushed for and hidden inside every possible corner it held.

Ten minutes passed.

Some of the slaves inside the room missed a few quarters of their skulls which had been beaten in by a hand-club, leaving their scalps placed on both sides as mirrored faces, on each side, for every example that was there, a sad face and another one which seemed to look in disturbing disgust at the other. Both of them could not suffer being there at all. It was pure agony, waiting for a response. No reason would seem to swell, they couldn’t tell, nor would they push out and feel the wrath of scum they threw against themselves, the murder.

‘The murder shall continue as planned. We have to feed the walls so they don’t explode.’

The rest of the people there appeared to clap and acknowledge that. It was pitiful but understood. Shaking out of fear, or out of the gracious figures the dead-men bore.

‘I want to feel it, punch him again, great Trunk. But only destroy the body of one of the dead ones. I wouldn’t want to lose more of the good-willed men. That’s something I simply could not do with. Nor against.’

And the servant of the Peoples only nodded as well, at the intrusion and at the desire which had been provoked and propagated by Cleon. To say the least, Limp enjoyed watching this happen as well. It gave

him the spirit of arousal. He'd watch the march in his mind and think of people killed inside. And in other buildings, killed as well, he could only keep saying that this was for the greater good. Unless they died, the world could be shaken and pushed through. And that was something not to be sought. It could start a war. And they could be gotten after that, punished.

'May I taste one of those bloody carcasses off the ground?'

'Of course you may, but you hadn't asked for it ten days ago when you joined us during our luncheon matter.'

'But that was already implied, I ought to have died for something like that. You know that I enjoy taking the great parts off a dying.'

Dying, dying, drying lip, he shook it, bit it, then walked on both feet. There was something in the making and he asked no more. He lost something on the way and pushed himself until he found it as well.

'I think there's nothing in here.'

He took one of the prisoner's arms. Though it may have been cut off, he wanted to use it. He wanted not to waste it, he wanted something, anything which may go through him. Unconnected information, though it may take a while to connect everything in one place, to put the main fuse which would destroy the entire structure, if not the whole city they were in, even the outer places, which bore the various art-houses which they famed themselves for if not they could not breed inside of them, they might as well look after the cottage in which the armistice would arrive in. But the fuse was nowhere to be seen, it could not be detected, despite the explosive being there.

At times the explosive even came out, sticking out its ugly skull-encased black head out, as if it was veering out of an ugly big blotched nose. And it would sometimes laugh and taunt the passers, knowing no one was idiotic enough to strike at it, making the entire thing go. But they were bloody as well.

No man could pass past one, speaking of the relative terms and distances which would put someone in a position where they would be way too close to one of them, without simply dying off. Being bred through yearning for, beaten at their filth-game. Readyng themselves to a pool of gore as they threatened to implode.

It was satisfying, thinking of that. That and the thought of arson appeared to be Cleon's poison, as he could not help himself. He wanted to do it and he wanted to fully go through it without the slightest inhibition going through his mind. After all they worked together, as they only pretended to act human-like.

He also pulled out a knife and came close to slit Limp's throat as well. Just by the looks of it, they were pushing too far in and could only do this much damage before crushing his wrist and one of the main arteries. Cleon was leaning too far in and it looked like he was done pressing.

'I'll ask you again, what do you think of my idea?'

'I don't know, I wish I did, but I don't think it'll work. You know that the Peoples will never accept that, do you?'

‘Of course I do, and that’s the point, but I want some confirmation nonetheless.’

But there was so much more about the people who lived in this world.

‘We could have made it, if we tried.’

‘I don’t understand.’

‘The way out of the cave is blocked.’

‘It can’t be. Have you checked everything?’

‘You don’t get it yet.’

We failed, he simply tried pushing out of his lungs. They were unable, all three of them, stuck, struck in the head by falling rocks, buried alive. Prisoners as they were not.

‘There, I can still pass on the bridge if I try it.’

But his heart knew nothing any longer, his voice was that of a small bat, whose little wings were trapped under a smaller one, who melted through them during a failed flight through one of the standing torched. Water began rising as they could feel themselves only barter, with anyone that might hear them after, not a single explanation came.

‘What have we done to deserve this?’

Came one of the voices before it pushed out, for no luck would there be for a man lost during the passing.

His eye glittered, upon broken teeth, a rock-crab emerged. Though he had been locked in its jaws, the shell could still be heart-felt. It writhed in the obscure, his nature was somewhat that of a quiet young man who understood. Bloodshot eyes say near him, and he would rise from the unfathomable depths. For a second more, as it had taken him, he missed his chance to escape. Worrisome of his nature, he tried making it through one of the smaller holes, his wrists being crushed, the punishment of being bled before drowning with her, as she passed one moment before.

And there was beauty there, the way he looked down at her, not like someone who might be infatuated with her, but the same way a father would look at his daughter. His child being taken away the farther they went the deeper end.

The sea had long forgotten them.

There were many tight spots like these spread across the world, and the amount of souls that came to pass in them would take too long to recount. It was only a matter of time until someone might make out what went on out there. And he was not one to know either. His heart pushed through, the man with a lighter knew. Upon seeing a pair of ripples caused by some fleeing rocks that started coming from the depths, he realised it, at heart. No more words were told.

It was a peculiar world out there, where no buildings would mask the men. Where no one could make it out, wherever they went. Who was left out there in the world to pain himself with a smile? Who knew

what pain meant any longer, if sadness was tried for, and never achieved in a world that only allowed them to try. Sense had no means to get through to them. It was confusing, how fast sorrow would soon fade, only to leave everyone as empty as they came.

To that he drank. And sang out loud, in the reflection of the glass, a single rock, he threw it out and went away.

Strange children also appeared to be in the town. Chasing small moth-shaped butterflies, with each flap of the wind tasting nothing else but whoever had been there before them, long before they lived. And as they finally approached it with their nets, it broke, as did their nets, before they ran home.

No one to look after there, and no one to make it past the grime old age, as never to wreath and never to make it. They were of no worth.

In one of the houses.

‘Can’t make up the fine print on the bottom, would you mind helping me?’

‘Where do you need me to point at?’ No direction, the other store clerks was fine. Too focused on doing something else to come around, his footing drove him away. A few pigeons lay in their department, stuck in the shelves with the other things, mostly plastic objects, with some pins and other old stuff. Pushing through their beaks and in them.

‘I need some help here, I can’t read the fine print on his.’

No one heard him. They were even quieter when approached, turned with their backs to the counter and always trying to outdo each other. Someone was not meant to look that way. Customers took too longer. A clerk turned and he seemed worn out, tired by it. He spat one of his teeth down the counter and bled out of his mouth.

‘What do you need?’

‘I can’t make the fine print off this old article you’re shaving, the plastic wrap is way too thick.’

He didn’t respond, he looked around instead, making sure no one was looking at them. He gave the man a pair of nails, then stopped talking. Everyone went their direction and little was said after. Somehow, it was obvious.

Clark thought, he shouldn’t have come to this place, but it was late at that. He took the nails and started polishing their sharp points against the pigeons, most of whom only appeared to go on with their wretched noises after being unable to get away from the small ribbons holding them in place. It was something that was paid for by the hour. As long as he bought an article, he had that pleasure, the sympathy the others gave him. Everyone kind of had it, he knew, but the others refused to show it in public.

Many pigeons looked at him, but he refused to give them the satisfaction. First he started with the feathers, which annoyed them the most, if they could even be annoyed to begin with. He felt, somewhat dumbfounded by it, how they stuck for one another, despite being in a similar condition. That and the fact

that they wore each other's young' underneath their necks, those that didn't survive in any case, medals used to block the pain. It was their symbiosis which gave them that high tolerance to pain, and it was only so obvious that there was no shame to what was going on there.

'Another nail goes into the wing, this one through your small toe.'

Human toes implanted into the special. Taken from the customers who refused to pay, it was something the clerks refused to talk about.

With the ceiling out of the way, one could finally see the inside of a castle's roof tower, pushing out as a single point that dragged along and moved with the wind. In there, the chains holding most of them in place. Since they were attached to their heads, there was no point in saying it. Bastard-touches, all of them guilty of doing so, bringing him to the next point he looked towards, the people who had to serve, who had a lot more to pay for and who were shackled against the ceiling, bitten constantly by the birds. Chewed upon by cornered beaks, they couldn't help it. Some screamed but they were plainly ignored. When it happened for the soothing shouts to stop, they couldn't handle the drowning no more.

They were getting desperate now, fighting the desire to be jealous of one another. Some of them took too much of a liking into this pleasure, taken as torture. Others threw their wing spans and tried getting some customers to pin their beaks down and beat them with hammers. Many of the tools were way too violent to be used there, as their out-wild axe appearance gave them an edge against those who didn't wish to die, instead. Taken upstairs, pushed around in crystal cages, hollow on the inside, almost invisible, yet when they appeared, a startling noise made it all the worse. They spared this sight by breaking them. And with the breaking of their cage, they soon after started cracking as well, until the blood and feather fragments pushed through the cracks. Some color of mustard poured out, gas came with it, but they were made if they thought they could freely allow its passage.

A mustard gas machine was kept in the roofed dome. Of orange sparks, from an open hidden door in the roof dome there came a single man with a head which looked like two long rifle-barrels caught in an attempt of eating themselves, while only growing fatter while it happened. Some pseudo features were not seen, but this creature all of the sudden pulled in it all of the pigeons, their cages and the prisoners, before it formed a ball they all stood in. What was left was what it went for.

It took a giant hammer from somewhere in the back and with a bunch of nails, all of the sudden, it started hammering them down through his own people. Or at least to what appeared to be his people, that being a bastard's attempt to do something like it.

That could never go well. As they all shared the pain that came from iron. It was no customer, hence it outstretched a hand only to crush both of the clerk's heads.

We were at its mercy and it bled orange. From all the pins and giant rail-weighty needles he pricked himself with. A door opened, Clark ran towards it before he could be caught. Though he had not shied away from taking what he could with him, stacking his vest with as many of the white pigeons as he could, unable to direct himself to anywhere else. He ate one of them, raw. He enjoyed the feeling, his mouth was dry because they didn't bleed either. And after entering the facility, he realized that all the ceilings in the place were castles, or at least their roofs. Shaken by it, he only chose to go further, thinking

he was safe now for only one reason. These empty corridors were as high as mountain walls would allow them to be. Even better than what he thought.

One of the pigeons couldn't talk, yet it opened itself down the chest, from where a wider beak emerged. From it, there came a few long, plant-like feelers which shot through his ribs, connected to his mind through a channel of pain nerved, as it changed in color. No feathers could be seen, only the replacing shell that constituted a part of it. A bastard and a homeless man, it was what Clark was. He could not tell of any cherry blossom in the garden, yet they grew inside the walls and in the areas around them, where they grew and fed the pigeons on the ground. Many necks stretched jerkily around, their eyes missing, on the floor there were none, since they levitate ever so slightly with pus.

Infections were being spread between them, so they needed to get rid of their diseased blood before they could be taken by the noose. Lynched, he'd be, he saw no point in waiting for it.

He wanted to be done with it, warned about what might happen, if he chose to stay, elated during the entry, he'd almost forgotten. A keycard lay in his hand. One of the doors which required access asked him one of them. He entered one of the chambers where they took all the water away. It was disgusting how they bloated themselves as the pigeons became his organs, wildly attached, like a deep-sea fish upon the death-watch, waiting for something to happen.

He checked the files from one of the decks.

'Failed experiment, need to recover one of the twelve upper-bodies which are still connected to the brains. Their innards appear to have infected them with the need of recovery.

Torsos dream of resurrection. They wish they had their legs and heads. But that cannot happen any longer, despite them floating around, it's something we could not allow. Something we could not allow.

Unless we look into the solid colors with which we may rebuild the world. Wild suns which are painted around the sky, it's all flat but cannot rise, struck that way in some wild position, but we cannot eat part of it any longer, not without suffering like everyone else.

That was the reason for us being eaten in the first place as we became what they wanted us to.'

And there were other files and tubes which were attached. Various papers, of which back wore cords in the back, holding them and preventing any kind of further damage from happening, which would only be shared between them for as long as there was a need. Someone fluttered his wings, it was one of the scientists, but that was only a nice way of putting it.

Since his wings were merely his ribs, which had been pushed outwardly through his back, relentlessly unable to help him from this agony, nothing would suffice. They shot him there and he bled. Yet he survived for long enough to attach those files to his body and as blood soaked the files, so hard to life-giving cords given him the chance to move aside.

His eyes were deep chambers which held no light bulbs inside, or if they had, they were mostly broken or solidly encased. His mind was even closer, or had gotten so to being erased. He said as much, but greeted Clark.

‘I wish I could see what’s happening there. The cherries keep bleeding on the way. We definitely need someone to clean the place.

What a disgraceful thing this is.’

‘I think so as well, but we cannot be blinded by it anymore, can we?’ Clark counted how many fingers were still left on his hand. The numbers didn’t add up for some reason, yet he didn’t complain about it. That was all too natural to fade, not when the lights were still on and they still compensated for the weight which was thrown around. He saw a reason to live for now.

At least for what was worth, he wasn’t worthy of death and couldn’t ask for it any longer, not when the pigeons deformed themselves, grew like a protective outer spiked field and appeared to have grown long phantom-like stringed-roots that could not be touched, only to attach themselves to the cherry blossoms around the walls. They wanted to run deeper, to push through and ask for more.

All the singers of the quiet, they faced the leper’s grove. But the outer pickers came at last, and they searched for Clark, as he was one of the few human beings that escaped their grasp. That being something which could not be accounted, nor could it be done for. They were so desperate to get him that not a single one took a break. Long arms stretched even farther, and knocked on glass, and iron. Door was closed, the ID still in his hand.

‘As long as I am here, I think I should be safe.’

‘Unless it opens again, I’d rather be clear about this. Keep your distance from them and don’t touch anything. You wouldn’t want to end the same way all of my colleagues did.’

He pointed past his ears, where his wings would not stop pushing through. He wanted to make a point out of it, but he couldn’t do it. He shook, and looked around for a reason, for everything happening just as quickly as it did. But he bit his lower lip and spat it out, wanting, desperately to release a shout, flashes going past the taker.

‘Then I shall work on that control panel and look for a way out.’

‘If you don’t mind wasting hours, go ahead, be my guest.

But I’ve tried it several times and I failed. There’s no hope we could prevent this chaos from emerging.’

The pain inside the room appeared to have wild patterns of overlapped circles, line and various bigger squares, although there was a single batch of meat moving in a rotating device. Energy pushed out of it, and it could only eat with its metallic set of human teeth. Expanding from a corner to another, as it carried an old-decayed ancient man, whose spear were as ancient as his face. Kept alive by his will alone, his spear shone, his wife was gone. And he missed the love of his life. And had desire to take her past her prime, to do something with her when needed, breeding still undefeated.

Lack of joy

Its life was short. Leopold had been a filthy creature for far too long. In its malignant shake, he pulled out of its body a filthy rake-load of children which had grown in him, all across his lifespan until he had become a blooming tree. Though there was no oak, nor would there be wood, there was only his skin, muscle and tendons which made for the bark. A body like his could only be worn out by the weariness of time.

Some circumstances turned him into an uncanny creature. Despite its near-closeness to a sack-like tadpole creature with the top of a skull, it resembled nothing close to either branches from which it spawned itself from.

He appeared to have split. In halves, or had been taken apart from both the world he had become that malignant breeder, which in itself had rotten out of the reliance he had come to press on in order to eat from inside his fat-engulfed brain. But he had not taken any breaks around his body. It was depressing, staring after a while.

Somehow that filthy creature named Mongol survived. Disturbing creature, now struck down. Walking like a bipedal cripple with its two long intertwined bodies and two domed heads, which contracted the air disease. Lung-wings bruised, they were long gone and pushing deeper inside the bodies. It was only through their constant pulse that he managed to survive this long.

He couldn't wake up his other heads, which put a lot of strain on his bodies since he had to work twice as hard to make them function.

A track of termites appeared to lead to nowhere. Heavy breathing made man a culprit to what appears to have been his only way out. The first signs of stress started wreathing its ugly appendix in, as from an open wound, the words of skin, written with a chrysanthemum hook shook the paler people in disgust. They couldn't help seeing and looking at what seemed to be the humbleness of a disturbed nature. Nothing was working in the first on.

Written down on one of the pages, read by another man, lay the strangeness of worship, the filth which had been dragged in by the only men who decided it was worth it to write with them. Who watched in the quiet shapes, the peculiar heads pushing through thoroughly without a way of showing how their hearts were working. Wreathing or not, they could not help it any longer but be brought back.

'If I could leave this room I would.'

Said the man, unable to make out the walls for himself, as for every step, after each one, instead of going for the jugular.

The head of a single two headed dog was watching, laughing in the language of canine, never stretching from that spot, his heart wreathing as one could in the circumstances which pushed him away from the disturbing space he had been in. It looked like a small bowl, disgustingly distracting him from that fact that it could not see, for its own sake either when the walls became the man and when the man became

them yonder. A stroke of the blindness rowing through his guttural motion. He woke up twenty steps ahead, having seen everything and being still unable to make out what the walls had been.

‘I’ve seen it all, my god, my two headed god, you mock me.’

He was simply done spitting in his face. But the bastion was still the hound, yet the question remained, who was to be the one who’d cradle the room and shake It without pushing through the swoon. The liking would not be, disciple, dismember the one dog with a lighter. Only one head would be enough, if I could somehow rip it off, I could simply make something out of it. My life here would be less disgusting.

‘Enter the other room.’

He could, he felt it, he was there. Though the room was in the open, it looked mightily like a garden.

‘Well done, you’ve finally found it. Are you prepared for the piece of happiness which shall be bestowed upon you?’

‘I suppose I am now, but what have I done to earn it?’

The canine was there, in the place of the sun. Neither one of its eyes appeared open, though the sockets themselves appeared to be somehow hollow on the inside. It was perilous, hoping for more than it would be allowed, but that beat the alternative, somehow. What crossed his mind then was the fact that he had failed to entertain the thought, seeing something he shouldn’t have.

It was one bleeding creature, from the dirt-ground, which hardened as he had hoped he would find more of them buried inside.

‘Will I at least be allowed to make a change in the general structure of the garden?’

‘But how do you know it’s a structure?’

‘Call I a hunch, but may I check it?’

He was allowed by two nods coming from each direction. After using his fat hands to draw as much dirt as he could, he simply started pushing through until he could not handle yammering the scent. It was directed through him, trying to scalp the surroundings. A layman may know better than to look into some place his hands didn’t belong to. But he concluded as much.

‘I found it, the structure that’s holding my house and everything about it.’

He had claimed as much and followed through, either way he would get what he wanted even if his shully-nails would be bloodied all the wait through.

‘I shall watch you closely now.’

Said the dog.

‘Please continue.’

The other one.

And they appeared to watch and listen to the sounds of joy which were coming from his digging. He was a well preserved man after all. Different than the lout-material which was in his place, which he would not be able handle if he pieced everything together after a while. Though, if there was one thing he had not been accustomed to, he would lack even in the manners when it came to it, was the constant pain that came with the digging.

‘You’re not made for this, remember? We’ve been through it before.’

‘It’s not him, and you weren’t the one who made the initial observation. Could you release your hold and watch him moan in pain for a little longer?’

It shouldn’t be that bad or worse. You ought to have known better than this, I pray that you might do.’

Though they could bicker no longer than needed before being caught by his discovery. It was pleasant, mightily so, watching him act upon his own morose will, without adding to the mass, without trying to push a single line of toes, the throng of his brittle bones showing.

‘Have you tired yourself yet? Might we begin anew in that case?’

‘Nay, I’ve yet to find something which might satisfy me. Why do you think I’m still here, at the bottom of the earth?’

He hadn’t gone too far though. It was a mere delusion he couldn’t have pushed out of his soul. He was pouting as well, never trying, never stopping, in the making, ever popping a finger as he poised himself to listen to something. Never had he met someone like him in any case, someone who might serve as some kind of guide around the place, which left him all the more exposed to the elements of nature, which started pushing through until he could not take the rain.

‘Then stop it, we don’t need to hear you complain all day long.’

‘Not since we got other subjects we could throw our prying fingers upon.’

A snarl made them seem that way, ever so pleasantly moronic. But they were who they claimed to be and there was no way he could make do with what he had. Only a few sticks were dry enough for him to make a proper tool out of. Plus that, he had been given a single gun, a revolver which had no bullets in, nothing loaded, only the gangrene infested led. Despite the outlandish shores of ash and brim fire, there stood the sentient watches, the towering many legged watchers of one yellow eye. From their gaze, anew, there would be no fear lying in sight, or the delight of waiting for them to trip and fall over their endless surroundings.

Their songs were eerie and would not be fathomed or searched for, either in blessings or countenance, when one might try.

They rose from beneath the ground, like molds uncannily crossed in path.

It was an indecent thing they were trying to achieve.

Youth had been wasted already before it even approached maturity. It was lost on them, the younglings having spent too much time trying to emulate their elders, as they drove themselves farther in, through a place where they could find no solace any longer but the reminiscence of old.

It was peculiar, a contradiction in itself, how the young ones listened to the youthful stories of the elders while being unable to comprehend what it was that they wanted. They saw it, even then, a way into the future. A single false beat, the same meeting happening all over again, with the only difference being in the stories they would tell their young in their turn.

And they would be baleful, as they wasted in their turn. Residing themselves to lie about their worth and claiming their stories as their own. So, as long as they kept the lie going, they doomed every new generation to one of gloom and never-ending prosperity. No boundaries in reality which might give them hope.

Fewer steps had been taken every single day, and for some reason they could not fit in place. Not in the same way as before. It was done, thorough, taken for granted, looked at, ever so close to being exposed. Some of the outsiders finally came and they brought nothing more than their weird ways. So many things had been spoken for, which had been taken for granted for no other purpose than them having been the way they were. Seclusion, personal aversion towards strangers combined with mere, petty, insignificant signs of aggression appeared to lend them under the control of the outsiders. They were bent under their will. Almost in a slave-like wager, in which they gutted their own minds with promises of trying to get through to them, without a way of trying to make it for the pest that was the sky.

Now that was a fact that was merely accepted by them, since they showed reluctance as well as fear to contradict these mere strangers, getting them in a more than likely to be had pain as they dwelled on it, wondering when they might leave.

But the answer was swift and thorough.

‘We shall never leave from this point on, now that we have finally come to take claim over your residence. I might say, as weak-minded and primitive as you seem, for some reason you managed to keep this place clean enough for our coming. And I wager we ought to have been greeted even sooner if this was the case at hand.’

He rubbed one of his whisker-straws. One of the young deformed looked at it as a sign that there were still cats out there, somewhere, hidden behind the lanes of pollution and bodies.’

As far as they expected this to happen, they couldn’t waste more time. Running in circles and doing errands would bring them no worth, not more than it was needed. It was merely accepted as a form of straying away from the intended mongrels that were outside. Those who had been invited in appeared to be less docile than before. Something along the way changed the way in which they sought themselves and went over through their parleys.

A dining table, a corpse in the grass, for the longest while it happened, the plants started growing through the bodies, being unable to contain themselves to their unnatural look. It could not be prevented any longer, the servitude through which they started paying one another when the time approached. It was

pointed at it by one of them, in the passing by motion which started drawing the dead fireflies inside their large bodies.

Turpentine blood spewing machines had been brought from the far-east or at least what had remained of it. Most of the outsiders were bent on trying to resurrect the bodies of the old worn-out beasts that had once inhabited their plains, in the remains of a better way out, through which they might shout at the doming surface which expanded and extended from beneath the rolls that kept the burning tar in. Through its grim-twist chrome surroundings, inside the point where the skin underwent the process of turning itself into a mixture of alloys, there rested a few worked upon controlling vergers, the many hearts which kept the machine pumping and spewing as the walls were given life, as the platform inside the town had become something to be feared on. Many formations had become them, the ones made out of led, the beings that reflected those who had been dead and those who seemed to rise in search for the need of their repelling disgust.

‘What’s happening out there?’

Asked one of the deformed, though the outlander could not look without griming as he saw the resemblance being something he could look for in his search for dark touches, the disturbing knot in his brain, something which would remain. Instead of pushing himself forth, he looked for something and threw one of the pieces of his ear forth.

‘I hope your body might be encrusted, landed and enacted upon the belly of the rising ravine. Only then shall you know the filthy your kind suffers, as I have seen it before you thinned your yellow belly and became the cowardly hider you were.’

‘Who’s that then? Why are they calling to me? I can feel the presence of my kin, I am mightily desperate to be touched by their scruff of their many face leggage, which seeps in.’

‘But you will die if you join them.’

‘And how would you know that, outsider?’

‘Clever thing, aren’t you? We have a few stakes placed upon your town, we’ve had them for a while and it’s safe to say that there’s something we came to know.

This and that, bits we’ve taken from your hicks and those who never came back.’

‘How many?’

‘It’s fair to say that a great deal of the ones who never came back died. We haven’t taken their lives, at least not directly. We simply made sure they had no way to return.’

‘We crippled some of their tails, just so we could prevent them from squirming through and making it before you.’

‘Why have you done this? We haven’t meant any harm by it, our presence here shouldn’t have disturbed you. Our supplies as slim if any, and there was never a chance for us to put on a fight.’

‘Yet we couldn’t risk our chances now, especially since there would be some way we could get through to you while avoiding as many possible casualties as possible.

And there’s also that.’

The outlandish nature, as peculiar as it were hadn’t come from the outsiders, but from their own bodies and the filth which inhabited the sea. It rose from the depths and came to a level where it had filled itself past the grit, in the making of the dead towering malformation which joined everything.

A few open wound-like holes in their ranks revealed just as much as it could be expected. There was something to draw from there, so many lost souls which seemed to be creeping forth as they danced with one another. It was worth nothing that they were slightly different from the average bodies and from everything else which seemed to bear. No respite could be made well. They couldn’t fathom doing it then, in the making of their kin. Most have sinned and none had faced each other as their bodies thinned into rakes of many fluke-like boils.

‘We have to make sure that their bodies are fully cauterized before they started spreading whoever knows that they had been carrying and making inside their guts for so long.’

‘And after that?’

‘It’s simple, we’ll start pushing them away and expand even further. It’s part of the machine, you know?’

‘What is?’

‘The boiled food, it’s simple if you’d have learned how to see.’

He pointed at the great living, worn-out thing. It grew father. Through the constant stream of bile, long steamy long-tongues could be seen as they erupted from just about every possible spot, pushing in as they gnawed in and out into an uncanny soulless planting of its vile feet, all of which only served as anchor so it would not be drawn out.

‘This greedy glutton would throw itself into the pile and eat until it came for him to burst out. Unfortunately there’s no other way of preventing it other than grabbing a few of his hearts and crushed them with our hands.’

A few men were present there, constantly trying to mush whatever had been inside their metal gloves as they pushed on and dug deeper into their hard exterior. It could not be perceived by any means, of any way, of getting through as they conveyed little to nothing left to them in terms of emotions. They had been robbed of that.

‘Have you stilled their hearts of joy as well?’

‘I beg your pardon? I must excuse myself, I suppose I haven’t realized you were simple. Not as simple as I thought you might be.

‘For that I should wage I need to take a few steps out of the way and try looking for a grander presence.’

Someone had to be around, someone who'd understand just what was what supposed to mean. He looked for something who wouldn't disappoint him after each step along the way. For him, the creature which came after him seemed infantile. He was right in some way, they wasted too much time preparing, thinking they'd hide something. But it was all too different, less special than he had expected.

'It wasn't meant for your eyes to see.'

'But what was he as a man?'

They asked. And only one of the braver ones answered.

'Incomplete, the man is incomplete. He cannot act nor can he create anything that might dwell beneath his feet. Which they themselves, in turn are broken, fragmented like his entire being.

Spoken for by someone else, unable to fend for himself.'

He would need no excuse either, to see him up to his face, wallowing in the strange forms, as he yelled.

'Will I be allowed a reprise?'

Could it go either way?'

No peace and quiet and nothing which would be felt.

He couldn't be seen there or anywhere. In his wake there was no one around to greet him, no matter how hard they attempted getting at him. He was pierced, just as he said before, broken in the worst possible manner, with no regard to himself or to anyone else around him. Mocked in thought, thoroughly disfigured, the man was nothing else but a living blasphemy which couldn't live for much longer, not in the same way he had done until then. Vile thoughts and agony waking would sip in his ear, sickened by the fact that he could not see that light in the making, a man of no words came.

He had his mouth sealed and open, yet he could not sign his name.

'Write it down.'

Said the fractioned man, to another one like him, instead of trying to be daring, he walked thrice the feet he wanted, warning himself after dark.

'Is there even a reason for me to be here?'

'No, you may leave if you have to, we will not hold you accountable for anything unless you want to stay. And if you do, we shall do everything in your power to make sure that you'll be named a culprit and shall be severely punished for just about every possible crime in existence without any rhyme or reason, only for the very fact that you are still with us.'

'But what have I done to earn that kind of punishment?'

'Do you seriously have to ask?'

Is it no more than obvious, out of the very wide and endless list we have accosted upon you that we have never claimed, even, of the most restless wager, that your life is nothing but a twisted reflection of myself?

And for that reason, since you are I and I alone am one of the most horrid and abhorrent creatures that are present in this room, am I not to use you as a scapegoat and make it so you never breathe a single strand of air while I'm here?

It is in my power to do so and I find nothing but the warmest solace knowing that you will be punished in my stead.'

'I ask again, then, but this time, I wonder this. What do you want to do with me after I'm gone?'

'In what sense would that be?'

'There's no sense to be talked upon. I pray that you might as well understand this. I'm planning on taking care of your body once you are taken instead of I, to the butcher's world, to his home, in that abode where quiet dreams end and they cannot be revered as plain god's woes. I seem to have forgotten that, and for that I must ask you to forgive me, for what I've done cannot be forgiven for.

I seem to have found the plainness of my actions done for and will seek no refuge in our world. No longer can I see a reason to come onto you and seek the peace that I might find false, instead of going after that.

I'm only trying to seek for another mold, another I, another bold man that might take these fractions off me. I cannot suffer being broken, to be looked through and to have hands which pushed through you and I. As well as the very pitiful words they keep telling us behind our backs.'

'What would those be?'

'There are many of them, my good man, but you are simply not sharp enough to understand what's going on here. Otherwise, I think you would've been petty enough to take matters in your own hands.'

'And do what exactly? Take my life while you've promised, even though you haven't made it as clear, to turn my yearning body into the postulance of a hive?'

'If I were to do it, then, what would you do to me and how would you rise from that dire grave I set you in? If I recall correctly, you're nothing more than a twisted reflection. You may only go in one simple direction I may push you on.

And even that might be tainted enough for you to be gone before the beatings of the first morning.'

He lacked in question and bitter words defiled his watch. He could not handle passing by, nor would he deny the fact that they were tried for something not even themselves had been aware of. Both of the fractioned people turned. Now and, after all, they could not make out simple things. The wings had been pushed out of their brows.

What an entertaining thought, that he might be able to look around and find another pair just like them, in the same thought, the same countenance and in the same look, whichever the case might be. As perfectly rounded, sounding mightily obscure just like the two of them, they could not fathom listening to more of

what they had to say, out of the mere courtesy coming from the fact. In a matter of prying through and filling one another with self-pity and indolence, there was nothing coming through to them. Only in a matter of seconds would they care to show what they owed to the world. And it had not only been anything but the opposite of a daring action, but, regardless of what was brought, they appeared to repulse one another in the ardor of pain they stores in their mad reminders, a voice for everyone pitying themselves. It was clear that they all shared only the most abhorrent, most treacherous of plain wounds. Open for all to see, no regards for whoever loomed around or the lack of satisfaction they had dared to enable upon themselves when the time was done with. Least of all, would they complain, it wasn't the time, nor would they dare.

'I seem to have spilled one of the canters, twenty years ago. And through all the broken sides of my body, my skull and my very skin there are boils still dwelling in.'

Plenty of the listening members of the unity started clapping, being impressed with the amount of effort they put into trying to outdo one another in terms of their worst possible short-livings. And neither of them could subdue the thought, nor would they rule out what had happened in the past.

'I seem to have dwelled on a strange world once. Not by my choice, but I could settle with naught else but the company of yours. You shall look and see what I have seen, only for a matter of seconds, though that might be. But you'll understand where I have come from and why I chose to do what I've chosen to tire.'

'What would that be?'

'Simpleton, you must shimmer down, you needn't talk about us in a matter of days, as we shall only make it safe and sound.'

It should not make any sense. As there was no one around, looming through the incest-looking duress, they shared only the worst, only the most peculiar and strangely, if all could see, for that one moment they had seen what he had claimed to have seen. Stranger than it had ever been, the side of a world which should never be counted for, nor could it be erected upon the high pillars upon which it turned the mighty tides, which spewed of the most atrocious singers, all of whom would rest aside, of one piece as if they were part of a much greater fiend which could not fathom surrounding them.

There were lays, and many days in which they waited, only for some kind of answers, days would pass, and even yonder, yet they could not hear in a day. Twenty nights and more of them on the way, yet neither of them could make out, what happened to be about the breaking of the sky, through which the blue sky started fading, like sparkling rubies of sapphire crystals, all of whom formed butterflies. Like many cherubs, many of whom mostly died. Dyed in their own making, surrounding themselves during the day of a light's eve, one could not distinguish them from fallen stars.

We wished them well on our way, never to have prayed upon the falling gaze of the giant stretches, the endlessness fashioning itself into a world which could not be clearly defined. And every moot and every plum, from about the garden which rose about the place, there stood the gazers again. Watching for the dance, that might bring them the water down.

Lay as you are and never be caught. One would not dare come about the expanse.

‘I see that you have done yourself a great ordeal and never chose to approach them. The sea is vile and it shall mildly penetrate and fill thine senses, never to make any more than you should live through the coming of the soreness which be brought.’

About the coming of an end, they would not speak again, yet they came near the shore in order to see some more, of the wild attack, the vile charges and the many never-calling, other stance they had took, the world shook, underneath their gazeful stride, it could not be thought. Betoken, at last. Though they dared not lock their souls and ask for more.

In the making, least of all, would they join the sea and the unity with the one sanctimonious being which spoke to them.

‘I see that you have come to join me.’

‘But are there not more of you in that one body? Would it truly be fair to say that you are one?’

‘We are none, in the making, as this stretch of a body is actually but a fake, made out of some elastic, even growing moss-plaster which feeds on the ripe corals below.’

‘Might I encounter none of them, and ask to be brought in front of them?’

‘Whom might you speak to, if the wildlife below the abyss is nonexistent any longer? Perhaps the wild iron-clams, or the strange gone wonders that had been brought from the other world and messed around.’

‘And where might this other world be?’

Asked the fractioned man, at least one of them, though there, in the memory, since they stood as close to one another as one could somehow help it, they seemed rather made out of one piece; ever so much that they could not be distinguished from one of the wild ones, during the times of the mad peace.

‘I seek quietness, they speak of soul. But where is the quiet to be found if my soul is young and it wants to sing?’

And what if it wants to join the dance and stay with me forever, in my grave?’

‘Let it do as it wills, for you shall only find yourselves, the both of you, going past the brim, taken by the heeding glance, trying to use the rancid numbness which is merely accompanied by death, where shall you find some solace in the resemblance of those who know yet how to do.

And they shall speak of mad sinew.’

Of many other dancers, came. Those of them who might remain, in the fading of each day, they might look and pray for many other times they’d spend. With one another in the time of plays.

‘We cannot become lazy, nor can we stand to be absorbed either.’

‘Will you show us of some better way?’

And the creature, of the sea, which had encumbered itself with the false gluttony of plaster, merely opened an entrance for them at last. They asked no more than they should be given a single pass so they might enter through one of the many holes, where they might drive each other half-worth, into the wrong, into the throng and the mad abyss, they had been gone.

It was empty, there, as there would be no surprise to be taken for granted, least of all could they help it. After a while, after a point, their joints could not enter properly, nor would they ask for anything more than what was owed to them. A time alone.

‘Is this the vision you have asked for?’

‘I see something here, I can feel myself breathing through the colors of the broken morsels which make these walls.

Though they may all be made of one peculiarly planted conundrum which keeps them stuck in the plaster, in an inefficient hold, I can see no reason to be told otherwise. I see no reason to be gone, nor struck by the many wonders, the passing being stronger than it ought to be’

‘Where’s the sea if I may ask?’

‘In the passing, through the birth of the uncanny shelters, in which the epitome of sea-life dwells, in it there is dread, as they craft the immaterial atoms which form their bodies, even though they might actually be dead.’

‘I see no reason to believe you.’

Another one of the men said. And even though the claps continued, many of the members chose to dwell in the back, farther away from the light, as they hid and cowered, in the halls, not to show any compassion or make it seem as if they would leave themselves exposed. But this was what it took from them, no remorse but the waiting. Prying through some conversions as they changed their faiths.

‘We’re stuck here, are we not?’

‘Would you mind no interrupting us?’

The voice of plaster overcame the members who did not protest any longer, out of the shame they felt after being met blow for blow and never to be called forth, as they waited in the wool of ages.

‘As I was saying, I have signs, and passes and I might just as well create the tunnel. And you shall meet these strange beings and do with them as you please. I do not ask for more, than what is needed, nor will I ask anything of you, but this.

Do as I say and keep at peace, do not try to anger them, nor should you make any sign or wrath, nor should you ask of them anything at that.’

‘But what shall we suffer of if we do?’

‘It’s plain and simple, the death of sinew, the atrophy through space and memory, as even your actual bodies shall be affected by that of which might not even come close to being deflected.

A blow which could make the sun cower and let alone, be it, no star. I see no reason to be gone. I see the wrath of ages, never gone.'

And they had taken the rancid smell, they couldn't tell of it, nor would they sing again, of so much spare time. Brought about a second more, shown at last, of dire bore, they asked for nothing more of the fading centurion, which had been enveloped by their reaching arms, nor could he be called to answer, what would be said of them as far.

They knew the better, least of all could they know. How dire and hard this time would matter, how they could not master the simplest of thoughts. How they could not understand the way of gibberish which entered their minds and evaporated before they would be allowed to stay their hands.

No matter in his body remained. The centurion had been completely broken in half. He could not understand, nor would he defend his actions after a while. In time he only came to accept what was going on with him and chose to spare them of what he faced forth and called in.

'A punishment for what I've done. Crushing the skull of a little creature they had dared surround themselves and take pity on.'

A mere assassin, though he was dull-headed and blunt, a failure after that, though he could not spare himself of better answers, he counted the days and ever after had he come to heed. And bleed upon the tiring eve.

'I see the days that lay ahead. I shall meet them before I'm dead.'

Said one of the many distant voices of the many sea creatures that had emerged from a dead point, fashioning themselves out of some dead markers made out of the wild sea-light, the delight from which one could not fathom being near as they feared touching something they should not.

'Will you ask something of us then?'

But without a question, they would not dare, nor would they be allowed this suffrage to continue. Unearned, unearned, it could not continue any more. Least the making, call in the vile, they could not defile the crushing blows, and come to it forth, as they had known naught else. It was the mild and the wild, the desperation of the space in which the colors of purple and red had become the open wounds and blood of the Centurion who lay exposed in front of them.

'He came here and dared annoy us.'

'With words of pity, and arrogance, which stung!'

'He dared call that murder done out of mercy.'

'But we have not dared say anything about it, not until it could not be done for.'

Let alone, and to and fro, had they paced and least of all, did they understand where it all came from. All the vileness, of fealty that could not be met; it was all erected to the ones who were dead. Joy was a blessing, one could not do after. Without it they would made the chimes and other bloody crimes encounter. But a blessed creature, he was no man. And his life would not be satisfied, just look at him,

he's bloody beaten to a disgrace. Of many disasters, one could tell of this, and of his peace and quiet, the mental deterioration would only piss him off.

A sergeant would return to live, but he would be just as deformed, he couldn't help it, nor would he be gone for too long, this time around. He wanted to have something to look for, though there would be no after-life waiting for him, not in this condition, not when needed, bred in the making. Lesser quiet, thence emerged. He would listen to hours and push it past the deranged activities that pushed through him. Fewer times and bloody crimes, they kept popping in his head, a reason but to die for. Listen to it and never want to leave, or smell in ash, or roses blushing as they were made out of the lesser and the ones in doubt.

'We should do something about this place. I see a good reason here that I may try.'

Leign

They were not meant to live there, for such a long period of time. When the first wind crossed their path, twenty Carrions died, disintegrated like any other being, unable to keep themselves out of harm's way. It was the main factor that stood between them and the grimace of pain which could make a claim of the great Carrion towers that grew.

'How have we come so far? Why is it that we have almost come to reach him, in the sky?

Our dear Leviathan waits for us.'

The pagans said. Most of whom had come there during a time where the body had come to allow them to resign to their fate. As morbid as they looked then, so many changes having happened to their bodies; he himself could not believe they have. It seemed like to their collection, many faces appeared on twin beaks which pointed and pushed out. Something pouted out of them. Too many breathing holes appeared on each side, remotely trying to get out in time to push out the next layer of black dust which came out of their bones. It was a common habit now, their smoking had only turned their bodies in an unnatural thing which crept out after each sign of avarice.

'You didn't do this for yourself, you've sold your own people for it, haven't you?'

Said one of the lowest denominators, the tribal Carrion who appeared in front of the two Counts, whom did not look like their own kind any longer; it was one of the wearisome signs that they had chosen to leave their wings forever and take on the sea-mammal of their cumbersome worship. But what they could not deny was the fact that, for the first time in the longest pass, they had finally decide to allow themselves a single moment at which they might meet their pas and decide.

'What's to be done about you now? Since you know of our plans, of the walls we made out of your purest breeds, your wings, the skin, those lousy, slightly more healthier bones, your hearts dug out and even your young, since you've come to know of our plants, I seem to think there's no reason not to discard you as well.'

‘Do that and you shall forget who you were, until the very moment when you’ll have blinded yourselves in search of your god-creature, becoming your own twisted abominations no longer in search for it.’

‘My dear peasant, we were never in search of the leviathan to begin with. Whatever we did, whatever we’ve done was in our own interests and nothing more, nothing that should be called back. There’s no other reason for this twists and the yearnings we ought to have come in search of, other than the fact that we wanted it.’

‘You wanted to become this?’

‘Of course we have, just look at our grand tails, at our bloated bodies and how big and unwell we have come to be. Have you not realized it yet, boy?’

We have cured this disease, we have cured it now and forever. And you know what else we have found out?’

He dreaded to know, yet he couldn’t help it. He knew no reason, otherwise he wouldn’t have shown up in this primordial rock, this twisted chamber which was dug out of some wild nightmare which bore all the beaks and moving eyes of their ancestors. All of whom were very much alive as they were attached to the insides of the inner walls belonging to the Carrion building they were inside of. But that might be, the lack to see.

‘We never broke off, we never disintegrated, you foolish peon. We were called back to the other world, where we might rest.’

‘So this was a blessing after all.’

‘A blessing for us, for look at what I have become.’

He opened the robe, this Carrion-like beetle-infested bird only revealed the many body parts he had brought from the other wise, all of whom belonged to prayers, all of whom had worshipped the Leviathan in the past. And he was a mold, a blend of them and of the mammal, their object of worship, their ancestors and soon after, of everyone who might come into contact with him.

‘Now, of all times, I’m giving you this chance, that you may enter my body and live forever as a part of me, as the leader of your tribe, this is the fate you have to accept.’

Slowly pacing, as disgraced as he had been, he knelt then joined him, without daring to say a thing. His skin had crawled before, but he had done no thinking. If that’s what his faith had demanded of him, that’s what had to be. In the wild conjointure, he could not fathom living that way, as he had done before. Pushing out like a rod-like, slightly curved, two more bodies emerged from his back. Wings that were bloated with two smaller leviathans, grayed out in the most disgusting shade that had ever been seen.

And they sang in his hall. And they sang to their ancestors as the building itself shook, growing even larger than it should’ve been able to, only to reach and stretch farther towards that point in the sky where their bodies would finally be allowed some peace of the most benign kind. In there, they saw the sky as it should be. No longer clouded, no longer allowed to live, and in it, through each particle, a reflection of

whom they all were, spread across, never to fall or to die. Not to change, through the disgrace which had been their lives as they watched themselves through the lenses which were the outer space.

In the making they found ends. In the bloated bodies they disgraced themselves with the most unfathomable floating pads, upon which their jelly-like body started bricking themselves, in a land of blue-moons that soon crept into each other's bodies, growing as they spread their filth.

To it they prayed now to, and could never feel the grith.

Exerpt to the old man

Voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, voice, there was a voice calling, a dog was muttering out of the heading plane-like wings that came out of its back as they started pushing out of its Corpus Maligni Parlor which started erupting out of its long necked robe-like antennae which started creeping out.

'They are needling the arches of tomorrow and shall see no end for the sea or iron bay.'

'What about it?'

'The sea of the Rio de Bay can only be made out of iron before it started dissolving into the patch of grass the land will become.'

'But what are you thou fool talking about?'

Is there anything else you may make sense out of?'

'I will make sense of the various stones that come from dirt, as it is a known fact that the mud is actually the cosmic force in solid form.

And in it we shall find rows of scum-worth in which our children might find some solace.'

'What's your obsession with?'

'Races, I have come to document various races in order for me to lay claim over their features and make with them as I please.

One day I shall make do with those shape shifting mongrel in our society and I shall take what I claim out from their teeth.'

He helped himself out of his bag, the man known as Cypriot knew that. Named after the great god came as Cypret, of which river now flows in the depths of the concave round way of a hole in outer space, where light becomes its murky transparent water. In it, Greek tadpoles enter and never come out, though many of them end up being completely strengthened by their muscle-masses. All of which appeared to have overlapped on top of one another as they ripped themselves off the sides of their tails as they formed

smaller deep-sea like creatures which appeared to constantly attempt to bring in the light at various peculiar intervals, through which only tiny fragments of living light beings could be seen.

In one of those light fragments of the light beings, a part of the strange, yet distant, out of that world, out of that cosmic force, the pocket of evil seemed to diverge inside of.

A stop.

It almost came out like the voice of a young child.

‘We can’t stop now. We still have so much more to build here. There’s still a few trenches and trees and, and...’

He took a single deep breath.

‘We still have to build the people, one day. I don’t care how long it takes to make them feel something, but I can’t do it alone.’

His father came near the boy.

Gently he stroked the back of his head.

He would’ve intervened much sooner, but he didn’t feel like it. That was one of the many lays which had aggravated him long ago. Simply put, he could not trust himself any further, not to ruin everything. He would have much sooner given up everything and left to some other place, never to have tried again, never to be met by some kind of failure, only to have died knowing there was no peace in his heart any longer since it had been long since rotten. It did not beat then.

But he still felt he would disappoint the child if it had.

‘I can’t feel anything, boy. It’s pointless.

See that man over there?’

It was a long way off the path, like a stray. He couldn’t see that well in his old age but he had heard him well enough.

This was his once chance to make the kind make sense of everything, or to make sense of anything, if that made him feel better. It was confusing, trying to make sense out of what he felt.

The boy’s mother usually made sense out of things, but he couldn’t. It was long since he had been broken, since he had refused to make something out of himself. For that reason he chose to wait, until this moment when his boy mustered enough courage to wager a question.

‘Why? Why can’t you be like other men?’

Why can’t you feel the same as we do?’

‘I don’t know.’

Said the old man and looked in a different direction than that of the stray. He never asked for this, nor would he look for anything else. He only wanted to be left alone, even if that meant driving away the boy.

But the boy kept on and refused to get away from the man. Instead, he chose to push on and carry himself past the watch. He didn't let go. It was the only thing he knew, and no matter where his thoughts went, only that stood. Only that part of his brain was active, the part which made him stay his hands, to stay his legs and not let go no matter how violent his father would become.

Out of frustration.

Another stop and another reminded.

It couldn't be, least of all, ignored either.

The old man looked back at his past.

It was something which killed, in some way every kind of emotion he used to feel. He hadn't much left, but not in that sense. He had left the craft a long time ago and he never stopped regretting it ever since.

His paintings, his plans, his sketches and the architecture he'd done. They were all gone, buried somewhere. And instead of him, there was nothing. Only a soulless husk, the body of another failed artist who joined the rank, all of whom bowed to great men like Caravaggio, Allesandro di Mariano Fillipelli or Rembrandt. He had left beauty behind and that had, every since then painted his soul in a shade of black, like that of a nigger.

And he left the boy soon after, to not only fend for himself, abandoned, but also to understand that he will never make him feel any kind of regret, not since he left his heart behind. There was no pity left in his heart, there was no certainty and he had been trying to get around when needed, only so, for the short amount of time his life had gotten to, but it couldn't go away.

That guilt was something he could not grow accustomed to. It always mocked him, trying endlessly but never making it through. Trying to push through something which was pointless, and failing at it; he knew that feeling incredibly well, but never took a single break.

Failure after failure had disfigured his art, it had crippled it. With him in place, it had become nothing. He was nothing because of it. All of them somehow destroyed.

He burned every single possible account of them, every note and every reference he bore of them. And ever since then, the man was lifeless, just like the many husks of the town he was in, staring in the distance at a manor which never started back.

Two minutes passed without harming someone, and it showed. Bordodox was another one of the ingrates who were in need of striking at the floor, punching through them more and finding nothing else on that sole planet, other than the standing frozen bodies and the peculiar concubine of skin which drew them in.

It was a given they could not look away from it. C-H came near, as he started levitating through the sight of the swollen-enclosed encircled plane they attempted gravitating towards from on top the new central power facility. There would be no reason to have any uncertainty over life and death any longer, at least

not here where it could not occur by normal means. Instead, one could only look around the mass of land which kept stretching in a mostly unfamiliar manner, just as a wild erupting reflection would in its mass of discs which somehow hovered around the grand surface beneath the earth, where none might see the other sight.

And thence he came, without heeding any of the present warnings. Deranged by no apparent holder, he had been entrapped and forced on his limbs by the sudden apparition of weight being carried through the tube attached to his body. Pointless though it may be, there was nothing pushing him out of it. As restless as the single agent was, there was nothing for him waiting outside.

Since the roads had already been cleared, the androids finally put to use, and the humans set in their own pines, things went slow.

It can only go so far without someone finally paying attention to what was going on around the place. And as it had they started drowning out of their lungs, being largely incapable of breathing out their own.

‘There, a shriek, I heard it call to all the astronomers who named the universe in yet benign.’

From one of their large telescopes there was dampness in the way, of the second world, the other copy, the planet in disguise, through which the body of Eliasophor started brooding in the pool of a single eye which started brooding forth. He had to look no further until he found them gone, only to appear again, much closer and darker than they ever were. The people were of a benign race, of which there would be no toe-to-toe, relentless disgrace. For each one dead-soldier in the ground, twenty more took their place as they erupted from the sound-barrier which prodded through them during a time when fertility faded and no man could touch one lass.

‘I say we started invading them and throw the bombs. I see something brooding forth, inside of him, there’s a mass of leaves, underneath which they hide. And I can see nothing else going on but the mindedness of a bitter lie that brooded from a time that predates ours.’

‘What shall you tell of it?’

‘Only darkness from the bowels that have opened, look and see for yourself, soon you shall be made to understand what went wrong during their made creation.’

They were not easily pushed on, nor could they be forced to act as if they were determined in some way to do it, yet they had all answered the call and the astronomers returned to it. A bitterness had called to hope and in the making they found the first lock of minds, the brains which took control over the other planet appeared to have properly manifested themselves to no other need but theirs and their alone. It could not be guessed upon, fathomed less.

‘Hey kid, want to see a cool trick?’

The man took a bite of his finger. It leaked a single drop of blood. From it, slowly, going by the frame of the finger, came out a large steel knife, cutting its way out slowly out of the finger with its large edge, until it made its way out through the outward stretch of the palm. Another hand-stretch worth of an arm came through the hole made by the knife.

His arms grew a life of its own as it partially extended, going beyond the point where bone should've been apparent but it could no longer be seen. Instead of it what came out appeared to be some strange-looking metallic rod, clean and pure, looking as if it had been barely forged in the most peculiar manner. For every angle was made to fit into a winder disc-device which would control the direction in turn, with long undergoing and changing extensors pushing it around like wild anchoring wranglers that made sure it would taint the halls and everywhere around without pushing too far in.

There were a few other schematics embed into the iron, leaving the impression that, what would from now on be referred to as a charred-iron pulp, was nothing more but an elaborate hidden man, in the same manner one would find it inside the inside of a man's skull, hidden by a wild malignant being of the stars.

It started pointing whence there'd be no direction. And those who stood around him could not ask for more.

'Leave the kid alone, will you?'

'I haven't done anything wrong now have I?'

And for a while they wondered, just why this happened or why they were keeping the child while there was still a murder investigation. Especially since down the street, not even a few meters away, a man still lay hanged on a rope that popped out of nowhere and could not be found, nor could it be caught off through. And they were not impressed and couldn't see through the hue of no blood, as what pulled out of his open palm was nothing but a transparent olive oil.

'You're Greek, aren't you?'

'I suppose I am, but what does that have to do with anything?'

'It hasn't. It was simply an observation I was making. Don't sweat it for too long, will you?'

'I won't.

But I know you don't take too kindly to Italians either and I've known a few.'

'You walk alike, don't you?'

I mean you look alike, like similar. Similar faces and the same races, isn't that what they say?

I forgot the saying, it's an Italian thing.'

'Couldn't tell you.'

'So, did you figure out that you should take time off your busy schedule to mess with some kid around this side of the building?'

'I don't live here.'

'Maybe you should.'

'This neighborhood is a lot lighter than where I'm from. I think I'd like to keep it that way, you know?'

‘We’re not barbarians you know? Despite what you may have heard. We won’t treat you any different than we treat our negroes.’

‘I know you won’t, but I’d rather not.’

He pulled the long extension back into his palm, with the knife and the pieces which had been scalped off, then he seemed to have left no trace of the original cut. Nothing sutured and nothing cauterized, since there would be no wound nor mark for him to take on. He would try his hands against him if he tried anything.

Now, of all times and all points, it seemed like it somehow still traveled through his body and seemed to bear no mark of the touch. It crept even deeper as it pushed through, unable to loom around for long. The knife was sharp but he knew how to handle it through his insides. For the same reason that he wasn’t hurt by it as well; it wasn’t necessarily in his body. It was out and in it at the same time. Both trying to get out and piss in where it didn’t belong, taking in breaks through which it would get out for air.

Otherwise, the knife would suffocate. And the arm which held it was diving. For it had not been attached to no other body than that of the Greek, but not on the inside, but on the outside.

Mionsopholus stood there, waiting for another quick remark coming from the man. He didn’t look that brave no longer for the same reason he hadn’t looked any sharer. He was spent, all day, spent from working on the site. And he had taken a place amongst the eight who were looking at him entertain the child. He was an orphan who was missing his two eyes, and the sockets were placed on his cheeks and the neck appeared to have been extended from the spine which grew wrong somehow. Incredibly wrong, to the point where it looked like the torch held by the hand belonging to the statue of Liberty, but tinier in comparison. And ever more so-darkening as it could not hold all the heat which was being released by the Asiatic vapors that were being omitted from the talk.

‘One of us present here should adopt the child. Otherwise, I think we won’t live to see the next generation thrive.’

‘And who will take the responsibility then? I truly don’t think any of us can facilitate everything the kid needs. I think we should call it a quits.

Not to mention that he’s deformed.’

There were also the lost Islands which were not on the map any longer. Too many of them disappeared. And there were no tracks nor any records which would tell of them in any other way. Therefore they ran out of things to talk about.

It was ever so clear, there spore which made the suns. And they filled the scents and could only fly away like the tiny petals being buried in after falling off the nursery tree, twenty feet away from where they stood. In which there was the cast of a long-fallen bomb which had failed to detonate. It was a dud, it pushed through and started growing, as plants made out of metal started rowing through the street. Making their way out of it as they walked on twenty other feet, most of which were largely attached to a greater body of eighteen torsos, tied together by an extra-chain, from which the statues carved would remained in the neck of the extortionist, the head of the vile fiend. Friend of none and defiler of art,

whose face was fat with pus, whose mind was gone, and who seemed to sing as he would grow older by the second, much so and such a dog would, if he aged like a man, or in the same span-of years if it was forced on him.

And he was responsible for all the hanging, fiend of radiation who did sing. Of old times where men could not see the wings floating on top of mad clouds. Many of which seemed to be lost without the sound of dances. Blasted upon the carapace behind their eyelids, forming in this world, erected by no word they may look upon.

‘I see that there’s a reason you’re here. May I hear what you’re at?’

The Greek named Mionsopholus approached. There was a dire strength in his step which was unmet by any other who stood in front of him before the advent of this meeting threatened him to come. He asked himself prior, what might he feel, out of the fear of retaliation, who might force him to bend his knees and suffer of vice, as he could not fathom staying long. Longer than that would mean the day was wasted and he was gone. It couldn’t be done, not since there was some freedom of thought his ancestors brought there.

Upon their foundation, he was determined to make a case out of. Reason dictated he spoke as such.

‘I will take you by the throat and I shall kill you now. Just so I may spare this world of an abomination such as yours.

I see no reason to look in any other direction, nor should I reflect upon the magnifying glass.’

He pointed at it in the distance. In the sky, but on the level of a fifth story, where the creatures started pushing at last, cutting a single man, they had kidnapped him when he was ten. And he had suffered of it, as he became, only a glass creature like them. Yet he was different in the same way they had were. Beaten and hardened at the same time, largely disposed as well as he was disposable, thrown on the ground until he was broken, as he joined the singing wonder.

‘Will you take me on as well?’

‘Whatever it takes in order to cure this world of another problem.’

‘But what have I done to deserve it?’

I only came here out of my own time to claim my role as a citizen of this town and take care of one of the misfortunate children there seem to be.’

‘And in return you’ve awakened the most dreadful of them all, the singing voice of falsity.’

Which took a break and could not fathom waiting any longer to claim its line, as it wanted nothing more but to take a fair shot at him before he decided it was time to be gone and make an even direr case out of it now.

‘I will claim your hand and I shall claim is so.

You shall be the deliverer and the executioner, for I will it to be done as such.’

‘And what is the reason for it?’

‘Your lie, that’s all. You did not come here out of the bottom of your heart. Know that I can feel how darkened your heart has become.

Though you may have come here with a darker reason which had changed, it doesn’t change the fact that you have failed.

A man still walks alive.’

Then the other men followed and surrounded him, all seven, line in line. They asked of something and could not believe what was being said of him. He couldn’t be that culprit, the one who promised death. Yielding as he was surrounded, not dumbfounded but close to it, he simply wondered what was going on and why they were messing with him.

‘It is true, unfortunately, I was sent here to claim the life of a man. And I was to end it just as swiftly as I could before he noticed it and before he made it back to his family.

Circumstance pushed me so.’

‘Will you allow us to pass on a judgment on you?’

‘Nay, this is no court.’

‘But it’s an executioner’s worth.’

‘What might we claim it as?’

‘This is the crime scene, for a life has fled and instead of it, another one shall be taken.’

‘But whose life it is to be taken then?’

Mionsopholus looked around, at the other seven men whom, each took a step back as soon as they stopped shaking. Of course they couldn’t help it either. No longer caught upon themselves, no longer tripping on their legs, unable to understand what was going on. But he knew better than this and he would also not be at peace unless he got what he desired.

‘I want you to kill someone from this crowd.

I made sure, though I may not reveal my general purposes and my methods of acting that neither of them should be able to move a single want, or in the making do a single shake of their heads.

If one hair of their scalps, if a single finger of their hands, alas, does as much as pushes on, I shall thread on them and bring them forth to a death unlike any righteousness had ever been carried.

I will have killed them all, but you, dear Mionsopholus.’

A caricature of a deformed man was also eating from the cut head of a cat-pigeon on the nearest adjacent street. He took a bizarre interest in what was going on.

Different time, father away.

‘The doctor left after he killed my daughter, what is there left for me to do?’

No one wept and it seemed like pitty, a rotten horse had left no mark for her to have been gotten a foot off the hearse.

Two and thrice fold.

‘I want to beat women, I cannot help it. It’s in my blood, it’s nothing personal to them. But I can only feel right if the back of my hand meets with the side of her ribs.’

‘What a great person you are, why, I thought about the very same thing. Shall we proceed then into finding one of these women and then split her open?’

‘We should, ha-ha, I think I should dearly look forward to making sure she’ll never walk again.’

And they walked on a strange road, its curves suddenly lead into the air, to a point where all the clouds appeared to push and wrap themselves around it.

They walked alone and never asked too many questions, out of the fear that they might be listened to and made too many eyes starve and follow around. It couldn’t be helped, they were boys after all. And boys only did what their mothers told them. Most of whom were dreadfully start, they could not hide their contempt for those who left them, walking wrong, only in the same way no man’s due. They couldn’t figure out what pushed them to do it.

‘Somehow I think there’s a way we might catch that damned creature if we put up together a band.’

‘That’s pointless, is it not? I can see nothing that might make us do it. No reason to push it too far. Our minds were not made for it.’

‘For what now?’

‘Anything else, but this common way of ploughing, there’s nothing past the hills. Past the swamp there might not be a life worth chasing and I think it’s time to flee.’

‘To where, to where? Out there, we might only find him again and if he finds either of us abandoned and sinking through one of them filthy horses, of his doing, he might pull us back. He might have us if we can’t even defend ourselves. Who might make us?’

‘Whoever wills, now return to your place and marry a lass, have as many children as you can and never leave your house after.’

That was much said, it was a disaster but it could not be told, as soon as it was old. It lay ahead, in a form or another, no brother would touch him. Nor would they erect no fury that might be thrown against his house and will. He took his time, this Giughseppi, and took no worth and no wont. He could not illustrate what had been going on with the lass he had taken, Marlene. She was a piece of the taker’s flower, one that could not bloom in the soon. Everyone had wanted her at a point in life but she could, out of doubt, be taken by one.

But he returned. With grave news as well as she could breathe at least freely out of hand. No matter what way he looked around, he could tell nothing of what had happened in that house. Under lock-down, no emotion, his face said enough despite his best attempts.

‘What are you hiding, Giughseppi?’

‘Nothing, I’m hiding nothing.’

Sweat could be seen, like the clinking noise and dripping ink of an apparatus that wasn’t working rightly no longer, whilst he as a man could think of nothing else but the strange dagger he bore behind his back. Something that no one else wanted to show or piece together while they were around; no wont and no due, he was asked again. This time around no one said a thing, out of the peace of mind he was owed. Just a few more moments before one of them started again.

‘I won’t make this any easier on you just because I know you. And for that I want to slit what’s left of your fingers if I find out that even an evil finger has been lain on top my daughter’s prism a body. What have you done?’

‘Nothing, father, I’ve done nothing to her. I couldn’t have. She’s still pure, ever since the day of my redemption, when I have taken my vowels and took her as my wife. I worry not for nought and I’ve been brought to my knees wanting a woman that’s not to belong to me.’

‘So you’ve cheated on my poor daughter then? Red handed, caught, like a criminal brought to the court of my daughter’s soul. Your grave is but a pact of many, and the devil shall be the prison holder, bearing all the keys.

And all the locks mean naught and seem to melt upon your slum-redemption. You’ve cheated on your wife, you’ve done something to my daughter now. Have you not?

Admit it, bandit, woe, man of little mind, make yourself revealed or I shall bite your head off where you stand, whether or not my daughter is touched.’

And thence he had almost come close to doing it only to be stopped by nothing else other than the sight of the blade. The one thing which remained pure in the world, filled with stains. It made the man blush, as he knew what it meant for him and her. A heart in the making, nothing that would remain for long; as an ever-passing flower boomed upon her dead-bed where her father rested the head of his son.

‘To this, I need you to pay a dear reminder, despite you taking my flower away. I have seen and lain with no other woman and I can see her daughter inside as well. She’s been taken by a son unworthy, not wont for something, desiring for no more. And I have seen my brother taking, no more than what was needed that I may lose my heart to less than for.

Her desire was nothing else, I wish I could draw her away from the world in which she now remains. There’s nothing left to compensate, nothing of the undertaking, nothing close to yet desire.’

And thence the father decided to leave the house but stay with them. To lock and bar the windows as he burned them down before light could convey, the little bit or yet reminder. He who found this in the night,

he minded her, and of the story of a man, who had betrayed his woman and his father in a duel that would not be conveyed in any other place, and in no other time.

Thence a day had come at last. It was filled with dread, as the men could not fathom looking at the burial ground that formed in the place. There was no race in all the taking and they would not even dare push on. For all they desired seemed to pass, as soon as the midnight lust faded and they would be called to answer for their crimes. Far journey, lest of all someone should care, it went through, in and out, lost to sounds.

It kept digging and digging until there was the glow, which came out after one of their own darted in. Pried, lost.

‘But there’s no return after this.’

Two meat carvers, which went over his head, one of them didn’t know what to do with it yet.

‘You know what? Enjoy it while it lasts.

It’s the only humane thing there is.’

It didn’t look dull. There was no metal in it. But it looked like the real thing, in bone, cartilage and everyone who had been compressed into that form. Strangely, as one would have to look past it, there was nothing keep it in place, despite it staying.

‘Come on, I think I found someone. We’ll round him up, right there.’

They climbed a bit to reach the spot.

Bringing something off the pot, boiled as they carried it around, they exchanged hands, one grabbed the lover, his wife and they brought them down the ceiling shaft, where they stored all the thermometer-shaped glass, and threw them in a puddle of clicks. Some sparked some pain as the echo began piercing everything around them. Smashing while crashing their world, pushing through, they lost sinew. By the minute bleeding through, some the latter, none the matter, they lost pins by the minute. Ceiling red.

‘I need to employ the use of this knife again, I feel as if the blade’s a sharpening as I cut through the marrow and the meat and the air.’

He realized it after, there was no skin on their bones and it was all a fantasy that they were human. Instead, they walked and stalked some more. Blown out of a fuse, they tried to take a lam down, but found themselves unable to even cut the first cords which appeared to leave to the tube. And a single shimmer, but a clock, and in the making, they brought not a single light bulb with them, only the headless quiet that was docile instead.

‘Call the Cruirax, I need it today. I need to take a shot of many and fill my lungs with hay.’

And they talked with lesser and with the many which approached. From each direction twice the head, they came together and lost their wont. Many appeared to be dressed like hicks and seemed to slum too long in places where not even kin alike would know what happens. No one reported the first crime.

As he walked forth, Michael Cruirax seemed to spread his reflections, all on top the many projections of the ground and on the buildings, clouds and sky. And all were animated as they only imitated what he did. What he had and what he proceeded with, as both of his arms prepared for a strike, he would kill the man if wanted that. He'd do it, outlaw, man of crime.

Do it, the voice came as an order, unable to push it out. He leaped forwards and all of them stroke at once. An ounce of hatred spilled in, he felt it going through himself and peeling out of his skin, there came the entrance to the bar. But it looked like the unnecessary deep dive into a well. Reflections cleared and many men appeared, at once they looked down the well, everyone trying to see who might die and who might live to tell the tale in the making.

Liorotha was pressed against the bar. Pushed down by no one else but Pox, who seemed to have gathered the wrong attention from the wrong men; it happened, ever so slightly that Joyburn and Scaffle were both pointing at the man. They both wanted him dead for no other reason than him being so aggressive despite having no plan and nothing in the mind to garner everything which went on between them.

Charlan had made it out the bar. He took the cowardly route and made it before everyone else.

Carpent was twenty feet away, the Satyr remained in his place, drinking. It looked like The Snake was there just as well, trying to pin his eyes on the two of them, which only left, the one erected as a glutton, a leviathan, not by choice, but of a mongering that made his worth, even lesser than it should've been before. This had been Siskelot who had no wager. He felt no danger and he had been completely changed. He could hear in his innards, talking, all the matter.

They were only trying to pierce through and come to live, without being too deranged, without being too push as to leave and loathe and get away.

It was cold and cold pale. And coal burned behind and the light from the door opened and the entire bar started catching on fire, spreading and caressing just about everything in the lap of the flames. Time was running short and none could even take it forth. Neither of them knew what this meant for them or just how quickly they could get away once they laid their arms down.

'Don't move too quickly now, we wouldn't want to take it down that way.'

'It has to go on that way, the streets won't be safe otherwise. Everyone here's, you're all.'

Pox stopped for a moment and thought. Who was her brother? Who was that woman's brother? They came here for that in the first place and it was only way too obvious that The Snake was looking at him with one of the greatest pairs of the most accusatory eyes he could've spared. It gave him shivers as he ran around. He didn't think of it just then but now.

Could it be the man that went out and left them without the slightest shimmer of a question? No one doubted that there was a chance. Neither of them, especially Pox, who had his eyes on him for a while but he also failed to take a good shot, out of reason and out of fact. He had to push it somewhere before he took it out on himself.

'You're not making it any easier on me either. I seem to have found common ground here and there but it's going to be lost as soon as I'm missing the shot.'

Scaffle said, while he placed himself on the top of a barrel. It didn't matter since most of the barrels had someone who was dead inside of them which left nothing to be drawn from it. Always and always, taken instead of heeded for, and played against. It only went in one direction and they could listen to no one else.

Everyone was being looked down upon from above. They were rooted for with wonder and at the same time, they could not say a thing and plant it yonder.

A darker end

He was the heart and he would rise from the bowels and would walk again, no matter what caught and brought misery to his feet. Or so it looked like when a company of twenty, eight of which were plenty, killed inside their cabins, most of whom deserved it, they could not fashion understanding what went on. A scene would not survive for long if it arrived there.

Finally, he could stretch his yielding reactors, which bothered him no longer in the back. For what was worth they could not call it as anything but a missing arm. It was right there, mocking them as they wouldn't dare. Not for the sly pelted poacher, who held their hands outside, the butcher's den. In which they met, everyone in the crew was dead. But they had been apprehended, before they could touch a thing. Destiny had called them on, and they could finally bow down to their feet. It was uncanny, it could not be anything but long-forlorn, as they retorted and could listen to no one, nothing pushed out of their bodies any more than they could see. Various lighted candle-like figures rose, not out of wax but the same substance made out of burned roses in a vacuum that held smaller guns, made out of the bodies of the crewmen. Bone united, jaw extracted, eyes enacted, they would see.

So many of them had been reanimated on the planet, that there was no wonder of the strange acids burning their skin, in the base where the disgrace which had been their utilitarian-guide had taken on the appearance of a curtained mummified bloody, bloody, bore.

He took his throat out and started stomping on top of it, yelling this:

'I want there to be something more than me taking care of you children and partaking in your plays. Can't you see I'm so bloody threw with it?

After being force to clean up time after time after all you sit and run around and only add more to this inconsistent pile you call a grave, you finally got me. I cannot deal with you no longer, I need a break from this, I need to see something clear, I need a vision.

I want to return home.'

'The ship had malfunctioned, and it is made out of the hives we stole. Our acts are known across the universe and if we're caught with this.'

'I don't care, I only want to be left alone, can't you understand it? I want to be there, back into my house.'

Somehow he knew that a good chunk of it had survived. It was how it was and he could not think of it no longer, it was only going through him this way, they looked around, it stopped making sense. There was a loss that came only at a loss, for them.

‘I wish there was something to strive for, at least when the period of peace will be done for, we can finally arrive there, to him.’

Another man pushed through what seemed to be the last tower of a silicone-milk grinder.

Old fate

The town was sick. As were the buildings; no living man could live in either of them and maintain the same head-strong composure as someone outside the madhouse pointer.

‘What is the meaning of this intrusion?’

He, as many others before him could not understand a thing of what was happening around them. For starters, they were too pinned in the head to realise what was going on. It was hard to image a world with them in it. Neither of them would be allowed to survive, they didn’t have not, they couldn’t. Unless something was to change, they were doomed to turn this town into a cemetery, their homes into coffins.

‘Would you like to dance now?’

One of the blotches approached. Its sack-like appearance almost burst out as it approached. There was no stopping to the amount of the stress they constantly forced their bodies to undergo.

Something had to happen. Too much time passed, yet not a single man moved. They had been locked inside for too long, broken goods, as someone could refer to them. In as much as twenty minutes it would at least be settled down, whether or not someone complained, there would be no use trying to keep the plugs going.

Part of the complex degenerated, most specifically the bunk beds, which were beasts of their own. Despite the fact that they were somehow struck inside the nearest other parts of furniture which was kept around the room the men were stored in, they had completely assimilated one another. More so, most of them allowed some kind of entry to happen from around the wall; large plugs coming out of the one burnt, almost completely melted serpent-roll, which crept around its dark surroundings, still watching out for some lonesome meat.

‘It got another one of us already.’

‘We’ll get him back in a few days, don’t worry about.’

The regiment would say. Or so we called him, he was out of it, just as much as everyone around him was. Heavy on sedatives and painkillers, the other thing still pushing out of his body as he squirmed around

behind our backs. Our organs had been sold, and there were actual bidders present around the place who made great use of us. We were determined not to leave in any case.

‘Stay, at least a few days if you can. I think most of us will be able to make it through.’

‘How exactly will we make it? How are we supposed to live through this? This medical loony is falling apart as we speak. The curtains have already been eaten if not starved themselves and we can’t even move on our own.’

There was the other problem, but he hadn’t dared talk about it just yet. Not while he was still in the open, wondering who might hear him. Someone was intercepting their messages and was carrying them as far away as he could. From the looks of it, they were smoke-screens, plain and simply covered by some beatings of some finger drums. Most of them had been masked in a way or another. It didn’t make much of a difference in any case.

‘We should make it by noon at least, I hope so. You wouldn’t believe just how many people we have waiting on the other side.’

‘Like whom for example? Most of my acquaintances are long dead. I sometimes look around at my only family and often reach the realization that you’re not any better. There’s nothing inside of you, and I simply can’t shake this feeling that you’re wrong, somehow.’

‘Of course we are, anyone with a clear eye sight can see that, look around you. Some of us have god damn plugs shoved inside our face. Do you think it’s going to get any better than this on the other side of the pound?’

Because I seem to have reached the opposite conclusion.’

He was right about something for the very least. It didn’t look too bright amongst the halls. As a matter of fact, the most approachable thing out there was the very silence which was drowned by the heavy machinery which was being worked in the distance. That alone said something of the innards of this different species of container they had been pushed in. Somewhat strange, he had no intention of asking further questions, yet he looked. It was as much as he could do.

‘Take a hike for a while, you’ll come to realize that the life is sunnier within our very small medical facility than it is out there. You might very well be surprised by what you’ll find.’

‘If I die along the way, what then?’

‘Then you’ll have proven my point and I’ll have slept a lot better during the night.’

It was as much as he was going to give me. And I had little to no consideration to what was going on any longer. First stranger in a while, this was going to go well. He looked healthy enough, safe to approach, friendly, if that could be said of him. A bit mundane, like a person taken from life before entering this damned ‘pound, but he wasn’t going to complain about it either, or make too much of a case out of it. He was strange upon turning. He acted in the most peculiar manner. First his limbs were not attached properly, the man was put back together improperly, especially around the jaw and the lower side of his body, the parts that appeared to have been touched together and placed in rows. Most likely, this was a

strange result of some unnatural choice he had made in life. His fingers were benign, in a most intrusive look-a-like flint-like object he bore in the back. As wide as it appeared to be, this was only pushing out at time because of its needs to shove itself deeper through his spine.

There was something there, I had to ask.

‘Why am I able to see through you?’

‘I’ve been made out of some transparent liquid, that’s why. It hurt during the process.’

‘What did?’

‘My livers, both of them started irradiating one another which the machine was working on my body and before I knew it, they simply became two sharpened rocks. And they forced their way out, through the ranks and through the bones, before I knew it, I was gone.’

‘May I feel them for myself? I think I have some medical knowledge I could put to great use.’

‘There’s no need for you to try any longer.’

I think I’m well enough to walk on my own feet. At least I think I am. After all, I made it so far.’

‘That’s good to hear.’

They broke the next set of silent walks with nothing but a quick workaround. Both of them had been just as quick on their feet to notice the structural damage which happened around. It was just as hard for him to accept this place as it was for everyone else. Nothing appeared to give in. Not the nautilus-membrane which spread nor the ones in hiding.

‘I’m Ihloh.’

‘Malcon, it’s a strange name you have there Ihloh.’

‘I suppose it is.’

Heads turned and they were already out of the picture as well. Without much in doubt, they shared nothing of the contingency which had been set in store for the soldiers that lost their heads when the time was on. And it kept clicking on with each passing minute, taking everything away before long. It was unfathomable, how they would spend minutes after the hour, trying to peer in.

They were trying to get a word through, but they failed. It was a matter of time and of fracture. It didn’t pay off to take too much of a risk and see everything break underneath your eyes.

Breaks on the walls as well, a few of them stalking the nearest living being that could walk. It felt almost moronic trying to wait for it to break. One would be just enough for everything to fall out of place.

‘I don’t think I want to listen to reason any longer.’

‘It’s way past that.’

Then they stopped talking. Both of them went into their separate ways, walked on over the span of a few days and afterwards, they've never been seen again. Not a single man appeared to remember who he was or what the span of time spoke of him. That was someone who appeared to have gone just as fast as he had lived, instead of waiting to die there and be used for plugs. Many survivors in the medical facility gave away their energy and their blood, pruning their bodies until they could breathe and live no longer.

It was clear enough that the colors of the stalking people showed themselves when it was late. During the early hours, they rubbed each other, then conceived to naught.

An uncanny world.

In the absence of the Duke some of the armies that came forth began a siege without needing to heed the return of their promised general.

As opposed to living through what appeared to have begun as the greatest revolution that was ever to be embraced on the plain of Couross, past the valley of dry rivers, where the bodies of the fallen rose. And whence they came to power inside the bodies of the giant plain-bluish rose-like shells they sapped themselves through, they sang the songs of the plain. Monotone, let alone, be it called as one may be able to look back at it and call for a reprise.

'Sir, I think there's something you need to be told.'

'What is it Myopehn.'

Gulgaheirn approached the strange champion he chose out of the stricken troops. They who were alone in the quarrelsome approach in the time where something fell upon their fingers and they began calling forth. Their gods, let alone their prayers had not been answered, nor would they be satisfied. Something was denied of them, as the time called upon the tide of war which carried on.

What stood against them was the hold, upon a single root, up-told. Held by it before it ran, out of the first grounded eight bridges which were surrounded by their seemingly uncanny army, their endless troops pouring out, the end of the world being shoved and abandoned into the shroud, during a time when the core was saved. It was important that they remained alive, until everything was set, so that none of them would die.

'I asked something of you before stretching the peaks and seeing the world through the looming, creeping stares we stole from them.'

As everyone on ground appeared to bear single eye-binoculars which had been stolen out of the very sockets of the loudly glancing, never rancid distressed attenders. A lack of clear voice was seen, they couldn't hear nor would they understand for what reason could they sack this city for.

'We need to prevent the country from rising up. That's about it, there's nothing you could tell me that will make any difference in the great wars to come.'

I think you've stretched yourself far too much for a single soldier.'

Since the rising, hence the fall; one of the generals pricked his head and smashed it between the deranged looking claws he held beneath the armor. 'We won't make it through two sun cycles unless you feed your men.'

'I suppose we won't.'

There was no need to make it through in any case, as long as a single man passed through. There was no reason to sniff around. Scents brought misery, since the field smelled of manure.

'If we have to, we'll deal with the provisions later. But it wasn't meant to be.'

For some reason, as if sworn around the head, there was a voice calling in the distance, it wanted to remain.

Farther inside the compound; it had to go that way. At least from the looks of it, they were only trying to spy on one another, without doing much to forget. Whichever came with an idea to tie an ankle to the looming rope was nothing more than an infant-head.

'If I find whoever's done this, he will be severely punished.'

'And what will you do to him exactly?'

Everything was a mess, even the way he spoke. Out with the courage, into the gutter; as they could only impress one another for so long with their little-to do mindless yabbering. Sharp as they were, neither one saw the tiny details around the sparkling shiny stairs. They went down some invisible road without even knowing it, without a waste of mind.

'We're here for a reason, right?'

'Suppose we are, what about it?'

'Could we at least?'

'I won't entertain a second more.'

Both of them stopped. They were nameless, but they bore what seemed to be a filling. Every orifice punctured, then pushed out, with strange finger-like animal sponged pushing out. They had been very much likely to find a way to die there. Or at least to stumble upon someone they might mess with. It was their only solace.

Now they came around, simply placed around one of the many edges of the diamond cutting, jotted marks. Both felt around with their new senses. It felt peaceful, in some way. It never came natural before, at least not this way. Calmly they put down their weird helms. Luckily no one was around to see it happen. Relaxing or not, this could not even be remotely put on their arms or heads. Banded together, they completely ruined their complete anatomy by pushing themselves over. And it was clear that they did not take a liking to it either, since they hardly wanted to release something from their backs. Suits became skin, as they emerged.

No wing buds in the back but something similar to the droning abdomen of the beings who would've had them. Henceforth, the coming of both tail-ends, in which smaller reproduced human-like specimens dwells; not long after they stopped talking, those things began taking the sides of their arguments. IT was the only solitary thing they had. A moment was shared.

'I keep hearing those damn notes.'

'They will stop, it's something we shouldn't bother ourselves with. You wouldn't happen to know the time now, would you?'

'What for? It's not like we're trapped inside of them.'

'Silence, both of you, I can feel the vibrations pushing out the walls. Someone's heading our way.'

But whom and what could it be? They only started pushing outwardly like headed-cyclons, monsoons of people-like fragments, all of which were held together by one of the spatial belts, the ones in control of asteroids and the time-cognition in the machines. A few batteries could be seen protruding out, right before they shone, while their shining light started merging with the clearest walls that came into their view. No one spared a second more, as they realize that they could not survive standing in its way.

'Quickly, down on your knees and beg for your lives.'

It was about everything he could come up with in a short period of time. Right before it began, it ended just as quickly, thence their arms were gone and that hurricane disappeared. Conflicted, they had no idea what might come yet. What to do or how to get away.

They turned. Got up, simply unscathed, with everything considered, as the call had already been made and they simply would be left to live the rest of their lives that way. It was a hard-earned punishment they didn't know the reason behind. No sacred man could care about what mattered after. Nothing was complete as long as they stood still.

Reason dictated no action, hence they bore no reaction to everything happening around them. After such a long time, they patched their hands and decided to go. Some empty words would change nothing.

Christine's brother, second appearance. It wouldn't count for a reason that was not needed to be stated. If he were to will it, they would both stop breathing as soon as he began pounding on them with all the strength he could muster. But that would not do and he wasn't in the right place for it. Everything went only in a quick direction. They would wait on him before moving on.

'He spared us.'

'Why do you think that is? He seemed more than capable of strangling both of us. It wasn't going to happen. There were other ways to kill a man which hadn't even been discussed yet.'

The drums were a payoff for the guilt he felt, after breaking both of his friend's arms. He was finally at peace, resting, knowing that he had nothing to fear, as long as he would remain near Christine, she would not stop breathing. At least, that's what he reassured himself with every passing gaze.

'I came here to do something, would mind if I were to?'

‘Of course, take all the time you need. I’ll be here if you need something.’

She had to believe that much. It was poignant, trying for something else. Could there be something worse than it? Who dwelled past the fingers and could not see it?’

‘But who signs when the stars are done and what might the bickering of their growths seek after they’re done?’

For those who had the chance to look at the new space only realized how pitiful it all looked in comparison to their memories. Whichever direction might they fade it, never matter, let alone, they couldn’t search, hearts erect, the grith and the catch. And never had they reached the place, where they might talk to him, without a face, one of the thirteen hundred who had only one tiny region of their jaws, floating constantly out of their open crevice, which had been their empty gaps. From there, they rose into the sky, only to be reproduced again and again, in the never ending cycle they created for themselves. It was hard to focus, let alone care, there was something to be looked for, out there.

‘Fealty to them, I see no reason to look after the ones ahead.’

Yet they spoke no less than needed, heeding no advice as one of the ships finally appeared inside the walls. It could not be controlled any longer. The way through which it pushed itself through, that and be away, anchored here, there, just about anywhere where one might touch the helm and hamper going through it again. First mate appeared there, out of the gust of his guts, he couldn’t steer it properly, hence he did not speak, leaking out of his bloody purse, an unfathomable piece of grith.

Again, the sign through which the brass emerged, though it was ruddy, liquid-like, almost unsanitary in the way it pushed out in the light.

‘I look towards the sea and I can only seek vengeance through my woe. I seem to have lost my eye, captain.’

‘Needless, be, needless be said of what I hear now, as I shall soon erect no word and I shall only look after what you might hear and what might come forth.’

Thence the coming of no satisfaction, as they only come to seek no peace. Out of the court and into the breaking, they were undertaking nothing more, for those people had never been allowed a second more or closure and respire.

Their ending faded, their guts contorted and from inside of them the servants of the court, the jesters with no filth of them, sent her lo’ and behold.

She was a woman now, in all her primes, Ecilla, now her name, to be. In wonder she had come just as bloated and deformed as she was before. Like a prude, uncannily wondering what this might be. Unable to protect herself from the mad and the uncanny, she jolted with her floating arms, as they threw forth the nets her fingers had become. Out of the sea of floor-water, into which the pulmonary barnacles appeared to push in, they could not satisfy no longer, waiting for the prick disease; thence they called on them.

‘Return to bowels of the ship and do not flood this place.’

It was hard to face it, let alone could they care. Harder by the minute, harder, to maintain some kind of mental prowess, something to make them still alive, now they couldn't handle thinking, let alone walking on the floor, benign.

'That's it.'

Said one of the soldiers who looked around a corner, he came right up front, with a railer, taken as he had shammed' it from another man who dared yank the tip of his hat from the looks of a cap. And he opened up with the fanfare.

'I know what it is, I know what it is and you cannot call it false.'

He pointed at the ship, then around the general floor and the area surrounding the compound and said.

'I think that's nothing else but the culprit and the source of all that wood which appeared inside the room.'

'What had given it away then?'

Of course there would be little said, no matter how they pointed, no matter where they darted to, they couldn't fathom looking through, nor asking for some mad arrival, surviving least of all to the fittest who called him forth.

A man like him had never been, but one in particular, whose name could almost be sinned.

'I have killed a man.'

The drunk awakened.

Aleksey said so, as soon as he woke up from the slumber. No sooner had he cared, nor did he dare contradict himself with what was going on. With everyone staring, those villagers who made two steps, they covered his mouth, with a sock instead a fist as he deserved to.

'Do you have any sense or are you a lout?'

'Of course I have no doubt that I have done what I claimed to have done.'

'No doubt, I said lout, you are a lout for shouting during a war.'

‘But what have I to fear now? With him on my side?’

‘Aleksey, that bottle is empty.’

‘Who said that?’

Almost missed it, again, he almost missed it. There was no way he could find it again, not ever through, not the same way he had found it, lost. He lost another wit, by the time he turned around and asked again.

‘Explain yourself, I asked you a question.’

‘Did you forget your old friend already? Have I been gone for that long now?’

He wanted to smile and look for him, but he realized he wasn’t there. Nor was there anyone around him as soon as he started talking to himself. The entire room full of old people and the children took a step back and never looked for him to soothe.

‘Aleksey, but what is happening to you?’

‘Have I been talking to myself again? It happens, it happens, I think.’

He bit his lip while almost doing it. Konstantin was here, without a doubt, that was his voice I heard. It was troubling, hearing him after a while would turn out to be much worse than he anticipated. If Konstantin was there, so would the other Dina. And if she were around to tell his wife.

‘I have to leave at once.’

‘Sit.’

‘You know I can’t do that. I need to make it to her in time.

Who knows on what my poor Dina had been living on during my absence.’

He took over one of the bear pelts with him and listened to no advice from the elders. He was all to set on it to give it a second round of thought, hence he started walking, never talking back to none. They tried, but in their attempts, thwarted by him, as he would not listen to them this time around.

‘I might’ve given you a chance to come with me. That way you might’ve been safe. But I’m afraid I cannot tell for certain.

I could or may as well die on my way out there, and give not a single one of my good will to my dear old wife, Dina.’

‘But Aleksey, for how long have you been gone from your home?’

‘At least a few months, from what I can tell, years at most.’

‘Wouldn’t that mean she’s been long dead In your absence? You’ve been gone for so long.’

‘I won’t hear of it no more. My dear wife is waiting for me and I shall do nothing of the sort to disappoint her.’

It wasn’t like him to turn back on a word. After being watched so intently by all of them, he almost had a shimmer of compassion, which was short lived. He walked away. A single stalk grew along the walls of dirt which surrounded the village. He had not remembered any of it growing there, nor the lions of stone which were bricked as they passed around, the hunting men with their hunting dogs in bed. Various men grouping around and pinning down the house themselves only to end up spraying the empty rooms.

They were largely disorganized, trying to pin down whatever they could despite not being asked or put in their formation. He wasn’t interested in joining the fight or driving them away. But this was desperate, it was too desperate of an attempt for there to be any chance of success.

On his way out, he saw a little goat he walked through. It died in an instant with a bloodbath instilled. The troops didn’t notice this happening nor did they hear what went on the other side of town, as he continued going through whichever need he had in mind. He was a mile off, already on his way past the wall, through which he simply pushed through, leaving a trail behind him of killed hen, chicken and various other poor farm animals he had taken with him, bearing a camp-like fire in his other hand, as he simply roasted them within his fist. The coal might’ve been jarring for his hand but there’d be no stump to be had. His hand was strong enough, his skin was iron, he wouldn’t be leave without a scar but it would heal in no time.

Which brought him back to what he was asking by the time he started going back; to the first signs of what had happened inside the forest, where all the leaves were either blue or black. From the copper shells and the bullet holes which still remained in a manner or another, he got out of his way walking backwardly in twin spots. He couldn’t listen nor would he want to look back. It was an achievement, going so far as to ask what went on through his head. He wasn’t going to allow them to move too quickly on him. There was not a single change he could do it, especially since they were trying to peep in one of the stumps, the ones which had holes in them. Creeping through the most unworthy and the most disgusting of them still; what was going on inside the soldier’s heads? Had they no shame whatsoever? Not even the house-critters could he as shameless as to do it in front of the small crowd which had been amassed around the trunk.

Some kind of joy was not meant for this world. Upon meeting them, they immediately put their hands upon the woolen-wood. If there was anything that could be drawn from it, that was the rejection that crossed his mind. He could not fathom staying for too long, yet too slow on the act. On the verge of being delirious, he trampled over them right before they landed their shots. Winds were on his side, at least so had it appeared.

No one could face him head on, but they could not get away in time either. Everyone who’s ever faced him appeared to have lost something. It was too much of a bother to think of it in any either way. Life without Aleksey had been hard.

Especially through the first years since he left home.

Outside it was cold, still snowing.

The life of Dina Ugryumov was one met by loneliness, that in the midst of bearing a child while her husband was out there, in the open, long since gone. There wasn't enough coal around the house to last her the entire winter and it was only getting worse as the winds started puffing against the still window frames and the wild broken hen that started running wild atop the highest point on top the roof. She would last a while, she thought. At least until her husband decided to come back for her.

No, her life wasn't anything but living in there, taking care of the house. Being a homemaker to a man who wasn't around. She wasn't breast-boned yet. That was for certain. And there was nothing she wanted more, despite being closed inside, the passing of the time taking everything she had on her, to be with her husband.

A white-furred cat lay outside. It was one of the snow felines, of the canine family, pouring out of its almost melted skull. With everything taken into consideration, if she were to cross ways with the critter, she would simply eat it, if the chance called for it. Without any hesitation whatsoever, she could simply take the nearest route and eat it like one of the small cold fleas that started leaping out if it.

'Where is he?'

It was the hundredth time she asked of him. There was no one, absolutely no one.

'Some of the cat herders ran away.'

'Why is that?'

'That's simple. They couldn't stand the cold any longer.'

Talk was cheap and winter would solve neither of their problems. It was time to stay their hands and look for wilder surroundings.

A dance that wouldn't stop, somewhere in the woods, trying to cut the throat of a single ice-dove which appeared out of one of the many trees; there was something uncanny about everything. In there, another one of the jitters started.

It was all in the intonation, all of her access to the civilized world was cut. She was a lone woman now, in waiting. But he never came back.

'I'll wait another day and he if doesn't come, I'll set out there for myself.'

But she knew that it wasn't true, at least not in the way she expected it to be. Later in the day she found herself inside the stall, seeing the haggardness of her age. Not getting any younger despite the claim. She tried getting herself ready but failed to pick up on the tools that were missing in the cabinet. It got sadder, the fact that her husband hadn't even trust as much.

Most of the razors had been dulled to an extreme. It got harder to breathe, but only because she was out of breathe, having run across the main room until she had come as close as to exhaust herself. If there was something else she feared, other than loneliness, it was angering him. Won't do that, then.

Dina left the stall and came back into the main room. Too peculiar, way too out there for her, it only seemed like she had no other choice but to bathe in the air.

The colossal mess remained.

No one listened to the distant moans of the empty groove in the lapse.

Far into the cold.

A species like theirs could not last for long, especially unattended in places where art flourished, since it was against their beings, the solace which only pushed through their skulls being one of inferiority which propagated their backs to turn. And inside of them there was nothing humane, as the representation of the Antevioire could only signal the previous makings of some inferior specimens which made their predecessors pale in comparison with what they had become now. Two first branches could be seen sprouting from the first and the foremost taken, whichever that be'.

There wasn't anything around, not a single stop they hadn't touched, ruined or somewhat managed to break into the arch. No more hard pressing any longer, no more than it was needed. Some desert flora grew here and there but it was still somewhat sparse from what could be seen.

'I say we advance now, there's no need to wait for something that's never going to arrive. I think the land's barren enough for no life to develop.'

'But what if we wait here for a while? We have only the three families of Orth, Ung and Vhein to look after. And they are hard folk with locks of steel and they shall stand the peeling of sun and the many winters that shall come after.'

It could only go the way they spoke, without a single way of knowing how they started pushing everyone away. No sight in the making and none may do for what happened to the weather after. It's been way too long since anyone drove the cattle into breeding, the hordes of shipyards broken near the coast. Where they may not approach for the likes of any and whence none may ask for a second chance at this new life which dragged them back to their ancestral land. It took them much longer than expected to get there, as the journey had not only been wearisome but taxing to bone and mind.

Blinded by nothing else but the memories of their kin, how they could still be seen around them, plowing through their large forts and looking forth for the next attrition war.

Olumonark came forth with nothing more but the heading ark he had made by his own hands out of the large wind-touched wooden plunges he had claimed his own. Chimes danced to him inclined, in a plane where he had reigned over everyone. He was mighty, they were low, the invaders should've known that there was no chance, over the makers. Neither of them would've known of the body of the large burning insurrection. Farther into the woods, the hunters gathered, all of whom wore pelts of gray. Some of them wore antlers, heading, towards the spear-heads that would not remain. Not in their caves where it was warm and well, not to be too touched by the bears.

But one famed Ivar, with teeth as rotten, made of petty ice. Who had elated himself with nothing else but the bear-biting and the milking of honey hives, had finally stepped forwards, in need to ask mighty Olumonark, who was not petty and bore no escort, nor would he face any quietness to the making in the need to entertain the question.

‘What have you stepped out your home for? Why have you come here in a land that will not welcome you no more?’

Long since you have lain here and no longer shall you be found welcome at all, as we are your descendents mighty, in the heart and in the betterment of our fists and our weapons of steel as well.’

And they had looked upon one another. Nought distinguished them, other than the clothes. Yet they had been driven apart by time as they could not fathom carrying on, not while their hearts were fading, not while they were dying of worth. They were unmatched in steel together, but long since they, driven forth.

‘We’ve taken lands and we made a name for ourselves. But what have you done here?’

‘Warmed the caves and took care of our young. Thought you need to know that we have no intention of disturbing you, as, are we not brothers after all?’

Should we not betoken of dreams and cold and warm ourselves near the camps when the wolves are out? You’re not different than us, other than your need of conquest and betterment be pale.

You stepped outside and faced the tides and felt the warmth of the outside.’

‘Yet we have returned where we began and as you can see, nothing changed us.’

‘Nay, you lie. For I can see something else that bothers me, once and thrice, I cannot fathom looking at it any longer, as I know of it and cannot bode. I cannot fathom you as one of my own.

Your heart is anything but humble, you turned on them and only came back when needed and in need or much retreat. Covered at your feet by many, lacking in destiny, and now.’

The mighty Olumonark knelt down to Ivar, whom he had long-forlorn the need to pay credence to any kind of respect, whichever may have passed through his heart. He was in need to be lesser, to push through and ask for more. There was something he desired, but he was in no need to realize it no more.

‘What then, what have you come for?’

‘I have returned in need of guidance, for our path may have strayed. But we cannot remain the same unless they could fathom less.’

There was a liking, of the snow, they could not have bode, the making, worth of less. Headless, makers, of the storm, once in the making, there was nothing to look after. Not to say, not to bathe into the sun’s making and into the pain they yearned for, once they paled.

But it could not be told of them either.

‘I don’t think there’s a way back.’

‘Try the door.’

One of the handles, one of eight of them which stood on top of one another only appeared to be connected, moving around the door. Shifting through the material until they stopped, in a single squared

formation, twice at the frame, one at the keyhole, below a few of the ringed screws and a few bolts on top of them, all of which only shot from one another at they pulled out, in a melting formation which drew and neared its top. He couldn't see past it, and that's what dragged the entire room down with them for the next few hours that followed.

Both legs were lost at first through peculiarly patterned almost checked boarded floors which shot from both angles, as they saw their faces, twice their necks push through the two corded shafts which attempted sharing the swallowing of the room as they were being shot against them. Neither felt in danger any longer. It would be extremely hard to see it happen otherwise, with all that missattention being spread between them and the constant cracking of wood, they sharpened no boot and had nothing to do with anything in the surrounding holes. From them, there pushed the air and in the gulps they holes took even the metallic shafts started being eaten, piece by piece until the legless ones were drawn in, unable to contain no word or account for the extreme stress their bodies had been put through.

And once blood came out, through it the liquid bone strung itself in the most uncanny matter, trying to blow its fuse of cartilage until it had come back to its solid form, which spread their bodies like eagles until they needn't walk or crawl but merely try themselves to glide op top of a peculiarly entranced platform upon which they needn't say no more.

'I see that you survived as well.'

'You could tell just by looking at me? I seemed to have felt the opposite.'

But he shied away from saying it fully, as he would be mightily unruly as to what was happening there, the deeper they went, the harder had it become to breathe air and expel their lungs. A worthy puddle's strings, the wings were missing, eaten by the parasitical yielding grits that entered them. One of the men quickly noted of the fact that there was no possible way out, not out of this act and certainly not without breaking a bone. It would be jointed and somehow, it would attempt to repair itself as if there was no way to stop the wounds. All around them, in dirt and earth, the glory of something which was not theirs and would never try pushing them away. It came near as no disease would, it pushed through them as one man changed around his wild surroundings, never asking and never wondering what their future might just be. A gluttony of thoughts followed, one might follow this at least. There was no peace, just termination, they were determined to bash each other at their feet.

'First the man needs walk.'

'And whom might show us?'

'I shall.'

Said the voice of the Knight forlorn, that of Chivalry had come forth. He had a voice of ages, golden, and struck by the fact that he had reached other men in need of helping, he spent not a second more before he came forth, asking for no pay as he conveyed little to no emotion through in. Sparingly, he started counting, all the lances, knives were dancing. All the spears, some of the shields, his dead ostrich, which was abandoned somewhere but he was still on his feet. Even after all this time, without a squire to admire his work, he simply showed the two lurches how easily it was for him to walk forth. Though there was no

saying of the pains, they would remain there for longer than it was needed, as would he in the case he prepared on conveying, all the arks, of the making.

In the dark, no one minded the light he had in the making, after rubbing two feathers taken from his dead rider, his general and admirer and finder of better worth, he held it yonder and saw to it that he would look towards the hole from which they appeared to have flown out of. And it was desperate, there was no mark, there was no way of saying just how deep that abyss' waste pushed through in the makings of his wasted graves. Little throng and many longs-necked creatures pushed on, only to have stopped themselves, yet revealed. Into the light they lost their humane appeal and had become lesser than thin, no more skin on them, only the making of the irrational bodies they shared. Though it may have been unfair to judge them on that, the solitude they endured compared to none and naught should say to them.

Chivalry could not have cared any less than what the fiends were praying.

'Don't disturb them now, I seem to have figured it out. They're only here for some reason, they want to rebuild what we've broke upon our treason.'

'But what have the two of you done?'

'We've only tried to escaped now, for no reason, for no worth, inside the makings of Kazakow, I think we said just enough.'

And brought to the disquiet, fading, they never wondered what he was saying, or mumbling between his large moustache-ends. He wanted to make a point out of them but he could not convey any rightful emotion, or any explanation that might do.

'I wish I could save you somehow. But I cannot, I'm simply struck, I have my armour in the making, I've got the means to least of all continue through the reeds. I know that if time's plain enough I could somehow still make it and escape this place before it draws me in just in the manner of taking. As you were taken yet as well; were you not like me once?'

'Nay, we were wicked, as though an apple would be rotten by a heart that sunk inside your woe's wrath. I see that you've decided to be as kind enough as to impart a blessing but know that wretched is what we are. More so, we would admire, if yonder you may come to us. And draw no blessing and no sympathy for the little numbers we have.'

'There are others like you?'

'Somewhere above, in hiding and waiting for us to return with news, unless we made it through and escaped, it was said in the waiting that one of us should at least attempt.

Just so we could know whether or not there's a way to be. Through the tunnels and into the outside world where life flourishes and there's no need to prolong this agony.'

'But you have not made the slightest amends just yet. For I know that the path ahead is filthy, rotten, desperate and shall yield to none. I know that out there, in the wild, there's none and naught that might look upon you with kind blessings or any kind of help or aid.

It's a world from which I have not come from, as I am merely in the passing. But I have seen just enough to say. There's no hope out there, to make a living and to fight against the woe of lands.'

'What awaits us past the gates?'

'There's no open stone door, of stone or root. Instead there's only a living thing that shakes when shook and never shook.'

'How have you come to be?'

'I was merely manifested here upon the flight, from the coming of a forest that came alive and decided it was their time's worth and worth had called for them to leave.'

'Will you bless us with more knowledge then? Seeing how you're fashioned for a war and knowledgeable?'

He only nodded but could not reveal. That out of all the lances, the blades, the spears and the knives, the shields and the other pads he had been wearing on top of him, none of them seemed to be real in the same way he and they were. More so, one of them noticed how easily his hand passed through one. As if they were mere illusions, crafted by the likes of a liar, to deceive a foe.

'But what is that you're wearing on top of you? Are they not supposed to be used? Even on a wearily forlorn day?'

'I see that you have noticed it as well. To that I can only show you the other side, the part of me which is still here but still died.'

And from his side, as if he had been his souls, another man who looked like him fell on the ground and shook before he came to death. Like a puddle that could not be touched, he melted, as if he could tell the better stories, as if it would matter to him if he had lived. Unfortunately it didn't matter any longer, as no difference could be made within the seconds they spent together and time being stringed apart. No one was a victor there and his life was being told with each of them who fell down. As for every man that fell before them, a younger and yonder came a lad. But he fell as well as every other, only to point out at how some of his blades were just as infantile as he had once been, like that.

He ended the show and saw every part of his soul dissipate, no longer straying. His path be damned but he kept paying. Some attention to them, determined to make something if he could do it as well as he said he would.

'Look, thee yonder, I see they had rebuilt the land. I see that they fixed just about everything and there's no other way around. You need to follow me before the living thing closes and you shall be struck by the staying forth. Just as I will as I see no way to return, I think I shall remain in here and ask for nothing more.'

And thence they had agreed. No longer in the need to flee from whichever fear might've driven them. Though they needn't look humane, there was something about them which made Chivalry feel ever-so threatened by their presences, that much could be said of fact. He didn't want, not had he intended on spending too much time surrounded by their or similar king. Hence he showed them around and how they

might convey as much of the space as possible without losing their tongues. No servitude, nor anything in the making, nothing to push and wreathe. It was destiny, after a while, which showed them around to their misgivings.

‘So this is it, rightly so?’

They asked of him as they had glided, here in the entrance-part, the only thing that lead to the living, through the open mandible of which, rotated as it was and the likes of the despot it wore, through which they might finally escape and make it back out there, where needed. No more would they breathe through this filthy air and enjoy a life of uncannily destroyed hopes. He had to have been a liar. There had to be something out there.

And all this space wasted, painted in red, a living material, mostly organic that had no will of its own, nor had it been bothered by them at all. Instead, it seemed to have somewhat, though this seemed to be more likely a speculation of the strange touch of paranoia, that it knew that they were there, for some reason or another, it knew. Without a doubt, it would make no point, no worth that would be spread between them. Thence the quiet faded.

Opened the living through which the two of them went. Leaving their people behind, leaving Chivalry with them, with little to no doubt as to what was going on around.

It was all planned before they even. A few shots were being loaded in.

Right before Aleksey smashed the soldiers into the trunk he thought of her. Right before the first shot missed, he almost bit his lip thinking.

‘Can’t missed it now.’

It was strange, but she asked for it. During some days, there was no purple around her eyes. She was being docile. But the snow was white. And she was around the house, always. Never missed a day for as long as she was there, which said a lot about both of them.

‘I think it’s going to snow.’

‘But it always snows.’

He kept thinking about that bottle for some reason. How he shoved up her.

‘I think I should go.’

‘Leave then.’

‘I won’t be late, I should only be missing for a few days.’

He left without a word.

Some time after, in more than a few, fifty, more so than any wasted moment which passed through them asked. A rock was dropped from the top of the sky, it was the fragmented cluster which held all the atoms

together from spilling out and releasing the ferocious vapour which would threaten to completely annihilate the leftover of the nuclear arsenal in the world.

It happened on a farm, past the revolution, when there was only a single man working in his laboratory as no layman could count his blessings past the Constitution, leaving him to be apprehended by the secrets. All of them were walking with silent steps which were also too vulgar for this world and it felt like with every step a child had died somewhere, unable to contain himself, as his weeping mother finally let go of the last doll. Why would they leave her behind? Like a poor starving dog and a stray, despite being well-behaved and afflicted by the cold?

No one would talk to poor Valinskya, she would be allowed to sit in a corner and do nothing 'else she would get slapped. It was in poor faith, time after time, they went for the rabid look and the beating shook her until she couldn't walk properly. This happened all the time and the chicken flocks were finally freed. Inside of them, the bomb, the rock had been split amongst hundreds if not millions of them until there was not a single one which could not fathom going along with everything going on. Every single time, not a hen would be found not to be missing them and when everything was realized, when they just happened to observe what was going on there, the kick-side burner started kicking back in until it could go no longer and they walked back in, concentrating on another ma'am.

Some of the ladies knew what was going on, even before the men had.

'Where have all the chicken went to?'

'Some have been lost here and there and I think just about anywhere where there might be some lost morning.'

'But they cannot feed themselves on coffee like we can.'

'They can, I've seen them during one morning just like that. They're always there, always looking for a way to break through the night.'

Night is their land. Night is their veil, their clothes and everything else that separates them from us. It is not merely the shade but the very thing which enfolds them and prevents them from completely destroying us during our sleep.

It was hard to say it, especially since none may know the better. But every single living human being was atomic. And only the women knew of the location of the annihilation which lay hidden inside the hen. That was their den and their den was the eternal night. During day, they watched out for the remnants of the secret police and the other branch with was Omeskunkhe, branch taken from one man who had arrived in this part of Kleikonova before the coming of the passport-grabbers and the knee-tasters. Which in turn left all the surrounding flora turned into the coat of a land which had less snow and more mountain steps than any other town in the adjacent area. Leaving them wondering how they even got there in the first place to begin with.

Cue to them, a cut in the fabric revealed much. Many of the old ladies appeared to have worn no pin but instead, they lost themselves, unable to think straight.

'Where are my finger?'

‘Shut up woman, I need to hear my own thoughts going. I can’t remember what’s happened three days ago.’

Checking the watch again, there was something definitely in there, an old thing, rubbed against the waist. Wasted around each roundness of the room, they were prepared for the pass. If a single man died, he could expect to completely disappear and enter the dimension without having his entire mass be missed as it went away. And he would take everyone on the planet and form replicas of them as well. It could only go so far, as to say or to at least admit that they didn’t even know what was going on. Unable to figure out whether or not they could be hinted at by the strange afterlife.

The fading, peace ended abruptly. It was the morning of September ten.

Many women dressed in red and white and striped which went to blue and orange, caught around their heads like a scarf but their locks clearly exposed. Many eyes were in hues of bright pale gray, and many others didn’t seem to be there. Instead there was nothing more but a strange desire to know why they were being rounded up there.

‘In the memory of Aleksey, I think he should be remembered well.’

They seemed to have erected him a statue, though many of them could not tell, for the likes of them, what was going on and why they were trying, so desperately to making him look even more alive. More than he should be. It was hardening, trying to listen to the laymen talk. And speak of doubt as they wouldn’t listen, nor would they allow others to find out what was going on there.

‘I wish to be the first one who makes a point. I want to talk in the honour of my friend if it’s possible or if I can.’

He took a break, before everyone there turned to them. Some of the hand-handlers who wore human-hands around their necklaces took breaks to wonder what was going on there. When would there be time to think? And when could one even see it? A pair of much-robust chicken were there, in the light of day, conveying nothing but something close to some ritual which shot between the two of them. And one just disappeared right in front of him, like many, lesser ones could not convey. They tried but couldn’t see eye to eye as they have. Stopped along the way, then turned, as if the land turned inwardly and appeared to have melted below. Afterwards, there was no point on trying to think of ways he might be able to dig the dirt out and the snow in order to get it, as the order would only push past the throng, into the new world and into the quiet. He had been desperate for a chance to prove himself and make the others listen to him. Despite all the attention which was given, no one would know what happened to him. Or what he’d seen.

‘There in the snow.’

I’ll tell them, I saw one of them head down there, making it to one of their wild snow-dens, there they might plot of destruction and the redistribution of all of our lost men. Those of us might know it know but I feel that others might fight me for my claim.

‘Leave him be, there’s not a single house that might take him in any longer, not after everything he’s done.’

‘Then what should we do about the others? Eighteen children, all of whom had been fathered by that Aleksey, eighteen of them are waiting with their mothers, hoping he’ll return.’

‘But he won’t come back, and there’s nothing we can do about that. That’s how Aleksey is.’

They spoke about this on several occasions, never straining themselves as if to ask too many questions or to throw too many accusatory glances. Yet everyone was hand in hand with no one being in the least surprised by what was going on. And this village had only been one of many he happened to show up in. Intrude and do whatever he pleased. It was what he did, most of the time.

Youth had given quite a lot to the man, which only turned him all around the den in which the women hid from him in the days he moved around. He was only doing what he knew, most of the time. But, there was something he never understood. How come not a single man fought back? It was true, that he displayed his strength every time he got his chance at it, without furthering away from what just happened to enter his gaze. Nor would he step back against no bear or pelt that turned on him, or whatever else. If anything he had only taken it more slowly than before. He left them easy, and no one would complain nor ask for more.

Several clouds took different shapes. His back only seemed to be against hay. It looked like something he wished he dreamed off during worse days during which he would be sad. Young men often had similar feelings they could not get rid off, but that wasn’t preventing his enjoyment from going on. He was only doing what he had to and could only do it so, when asked.

‘Will you marry me one day, Aleksey?’

‘I will, if you ask me again when the time comes, then I’ll come out of my way and do what’s right for both of us.’

The man said with a smile. Though it would be cruel to give her false hope, he didn’t know any better.

No one wish to end up alone.

There was one lady in the village which still had been pure. Liliya remained alone for most of her life, looking out of the window, every time the wind hit the chimes, the wolves howled and she desired something more. Looking at a distant clouds, her heart would only fade like theirs until there would be. That one.

She missed him. Her eyes could only blush against the gray of sand, the hills were round and it looked like she would never make it past the valley.

‘Morning Liliya.’

‘Good morning father.

Has she returned yet?’

‘No, and I have not heard anything from her in the longest of time. I think we both know enough.’

They both ate bread, cheese and two cups of cold milk she pressed on the family cow. Days were nothing to be recalled and she could ask even less of him when he was around. But he was never there either and sooner or later, they'll find her, whether she was in a grave, or in the bait used by fishermen, near one of the cold Iles.

'I wish she came around.'

'Have we not been through this before? Your mother is not coming back anymore than I am leaving.'

'What of the day you'll die? Who should I look after?'

'You can look after a husband of your own choice, Liliya. Have you taken up a suitor then?'

She only shook her head then. It was something she took no joy in sharing. He was her father, yet she could not talk to him. There were too many sad days still on her mind. It was all too plain for her to see that her heart did not work properly. Father would not accept that.

'Have you taken news of my sister either?'

'I don't think so, she left two years ago. She has her own life now.'

They still got her letters, but they stopped getting them once news of a child came in. It's been long since and the godfathers had been long since chose, with them out of the picture as well.

'What of my older brother then?'

'Gone as well, in the army, I hear he's in a high battalion now.'

There was noise outside, and she returned. It was her new mother, Zhanna. Their lives together were something neither of them wanted to acknowledge or bet talked into. Both were dreary eyed and appeared to entertain the man of the house when he was around. He would leave in a few hours, and come back the next day. And there was nothing sad about it, but she wished he'd stay. No day spent apart shortened, yet it looked like they weren't reaching an accord. Some days had to be settled in that manner, he wasn't short of temper. His heart wasn't getting any stronger. If only he would stay for another day, then he wouldn't.

'We're both sad for a reason, and we'll never be able to get rid of it that way.'

'Maybe we don't have to. Settle down with someone and be happy. I don't need your help around the house Liliya. I can handle myself and I can handle my own ordeals, please. You deserve this as much as I do.'

Weeks passed, Zhanna left father, just as soon as she came, she was gone. It was the fact that he could never leave her out of sight. He wanted her to be happy, more than he was. Always there, but slowly dying, like a broken nest that never stopped. With each stick falling down, he never got to tell her of the best years in life, or what to look for after that.

Poison

One contract stood out, amongst the various stacked papers. They were ill-tempered and somewhat, strangely caught within the blotches of ink in which they drowned. A mark of blood lay on top of the divine command in which it had been written. For some reason, whoever pinned it down appeared to have treated it like some piece of scripture from the looks of which, there was no man of cloth around. No one wearing their sacred symbol of anything even remotely similar to it, which left everything walk on its own two feet, on alley streets where the chopped ones hadn't realized what went through them as well as the amount of blood which crept inside their lung muscles.

'I see, there's a mark, no, there are a hundred marks left for his head.'

A dark grin filled with yellow teeth inhabited his mouth. His inability to properly chew food only made itself apparent now. With every passing second he relented even less. No one around him lay without a case of the bubonic mind-inhibition. Other criminals and cutthroats being stably set on stabbing various walls for no other reason but to entertain their waste of time; yet he was of another breed. He seemed only to care of himself and the weariness he had to go through in order to reach that liveful thing he called a life without worry.

I will be the first one who shall kill that man. Krestl said, as he sharpened his tiny thorax-pounder, as it only came upon his nimble fingers unruly. He was somewhat set, unable to look ahead past the strangeness his eyes dictated. He was weary, looking with some stray eyes, unable to understand why the colors were benign. He made it with the contract, no longer set on asking for any direction. Then he stumbled and he fell. Nothing remained of his little finger-like emotions, instead he came to ask.

'Where might I find the pass towards Neibl?'

One of the very tall men, with the hair around their brown shoulder hairs, which held two helmets deeply planted and extracted from something which appeared to be the hornet mass of dark fighters who established their kingdom inside his bone-crass. He looked down on the petty simpleton in front of him and smiled back.

'Straight ahead, my dear man, you little petty thing should understand that there's nothing yet to fear for what's going on there.'

'Where might I find him?'

'Anywhere you need to go, I shall take great pains to get you there, if only you would allow me to help you.'

With the least amount of effort he tried lifting the little man up. He's done it. He had failed to see the rims of the contract which had been kindly pushed inside the back of his pants, while he appeared to have completely grabbed hold of his waist without letting go.

‘I’ll make sure to fling you as far as I can. Are you certain that this is what you want? Certainly, there could be some other thing someone as small as you are could look after.

Perhaps you could be set to sweep the streets somehow. I wager you would make for a good floor mocker.’

‘Nay, I am an assassin and I shall be nothing more.’

‘Twas’ his destiny after all and he couldn’t deny, after a fit that he liked it. He enjoyed doing what he was after, never trying to go for a while. Never asking for anything in return, nor mourning what seemed to be the rocking cradling mass he had become.

In some better word, he would only speak as he was called.

‘Go ahead and claim what you may like.’

As simple as it were, he was taken by the gulp, his throat attempted to enact something which only appeared to be similar to a choking sound, then he was clocked out of it. Leaving himself in the inattention which was life, seemingly caught, for the first time in flight, across one of the bridges.

‘And don’t come back in one piece, you hear?’

He had failed to know the pain of being kicked, but he’d survive. A bit bloodied on the lip, but he would make it through, without doubting himself on the way, past the broadening of the far more docile critters who followed. Still, no one in the back, with that in mind at least he would be weary for something else that might happen on the way. He could convey no emotion, nor would he attempt to push himself or ask questions. One of the unseen bleeders came through. Over the span of a few seconds he made a twirl then he bled on the floor, covered in dirt, never to ask any question after he fell.

‘On your knees, you criminal, you killed that man and I have seen it happen?’

‘I have done nothing of the sorts. Who are you and what have you against me?’

‘Speak plainly your dirt-rod.’

‘What did I do to you?’

‘You’ve offended my sensibilities, that’s all. If I were to look at you for a second more, I would simply lose my countenance and faint. And who know what you might do to my unconscious body afterwards? I could not only lose hope for life but I would also.’

He sat about the place and spat on the corner of a cucumber-colored stone. He spat again. And he did it once more to prove his point. He meant what he said there, and he would spare not a second to him or to whoever else asked.

‘I seem to have got you now and here and there. Now that I got your attention, say, what do you think of my pray?’

‘Wait, you’re the one who killed him? But I thought.’

‘You thought what? That you somehow took his life without being aware of it? Don’t make me laugh now, you did nothing of the sort.

If you were a mere cowering figure, I would’ve claimed your neck before the chance. Otherwise, I would say to you this, go back to where you came from.

It’s more than clear that you’re unfit for this world and nothing, no amount of sight, no mindness or clarity would give you such.’

He was of an arrogance such as had never been seen. He wore nothing but plain garbs, hiding inside of them the reverse body of a man he had skinned alive. But most importantly, he appeared to be without fear and came to no quick conclusion as would be his blows for who he were.

‘I see that you still don’t get it yet. If you make it past me, you will die. Either the wolves will eat you during the night or I shall put an arrow at the back of your throat.

Don’t make a sound yet. Think about just what I said. If I were to claim your life, I would do it without asking you for a reprieve. That’s where the chance comes at hand. Return from where you came from, this evil nation of yours.’

‘You know of it.’

He quickly interrupted, without having to say one more thing in question. Of course he had, no other sane man would make the pass towards the enclave. Except the man he had chased in. But he alone was someone no one had to make a clearance to.

Far, in the distance, there stood a single stalk of myre, they rose up from the depths and left the place one had so lusciously admired.

There was a sad solace in which he hid. Nothing could make him look back any longer, during that moment when the entire world was shaken from underneath the soles of his feet. Disturbed by it as he was, he could not fathom staying for long, upon the plain board which seemed to have replaced the bottom of his whole charade.

He was struck by it, as he only looked for a way through it. Pinned around each corner of the room, he looked for nothing and had spared no wonder, and he went out of his way to look for them.

‘Where are you, Ogoth? Prude?

I cannot see you any longer, where have you gone to?’

It was crude, and safe to say, he couldn’t see where the planted roots, the grim lips that had entered the rims of the ceiling had done to him. He didn’t look around, as he was simply shaken by the sight of it. Wreathing in came the head of a single watch, the snarly-like surrounding having encased its almost elliptical sight. Its eyes started slowly boiling and soon after, it had finally entered the nearness of his malignant gaze. They stared, only for this long, that he could finally get himself prying through. He could not talk yet, as he had started stepping on the stairs made out its peculiarly solidified sight. In that site, despite how lurid it had been, he found the solace of waiting and wondering where he might be. There

was no reason for him to be there, nor would he ask for anything, yet as he rose on top and came out of the ceiling, through the roof of the house, he had been greeted by an ill-formed paradise. Which only loomed, and never boomed out of the quietness of his own voice, as he had thought to inquire, in this solace which had been filled with naught else but himself, where he might find them.

Nor was there an echo which would make him shimmer.

There was an antecedent of stone which drew him back to where he stood, he planned for naught and never asked. He had attained something which could come close to being called a stub. More often, he started. He was not from around, no longer met by those he lost.

And there was once a man named Chivalry, whose fate had desecrated itself as well. He couldn't fathom going anywhere no longer, as his blood was boiled, he could not tell. No longer was he of this world, but he still watched from one of the most benign corners it bore.

'He was the child I had undertaken underneath my wing. What has happened to him?'

To that he could not say at least. Out of his shoulders appeared to have sprouted the peculiar dole-necked ostriches, in all their might, and lack of sight, their feeling gloomily forlorn after that. It could not be wagered by him or no stranger, that the halls would listen to him as he spake. Of his tongue, split ends. Mostly pushing out, ajar, from the bottom of his coal-mouth, a single heeding neck-lard, it asked of him but hadn't come. To no fruition, it could not tell of what was worth.

In the quiet, he chose the elation of the breed, that which only loomed inside the freshly white-stalkerish like walls, which could not fathom themselves dreading themselves out. It could not be taken out of his heart. He could not fathom the light of the fire which burned his skin inside out.

But yet, he felt no pain, directed towards nothing more but the reenactment of the disease, which had been tried and prided in itself as they could only shiver in the blaster rain. A piece of him would still remain, in the back, a horned shield substance, from which he had contorted his spine into a wheel he carried, long-around. From it, there melted, lost shouts. All of which had his face. And suddenly to no disgrace, he heard them speak, deliriously in nature.

'I wish we could finally take you in the direction we're drawing you to.'

'Where would that be?'

'Towards the man you want to see, that's all. We want you to see him after a while, after that, we won't be able to help you no longer.'

Least of all, they would remain, but that could not be accepted as well as he could tell. Another wheel formed in his back, this one more jointed than the other one had been at that. It would be crude, a-calling, watching the order in which they prided themselves with some lease. He felt around and in the back there leaped the formed, a mountain-back, of stone and grass, made out of his bone, alas, the mask, it looked like that vile face of the recognizable Ogoth. He who showed some kindness to him during the time he had been in need.

Though he faced little and faded after dark, he searched for something and couldn't hold back. No tears would end, none would remain. Mostly, they had been drained away by the bickering of pain he felt, seeing all of them emerge from the back, an entire carriage, which was living, had stamped out. And in its strangeness the quiet could not return at all. They mocked him forth and could not fathom listening to him as he wanted to see for himself, who came forth?

‘Are you the man I’m searching for?’

‘There’s no one here, but one match, a single fire shall turn your pink blue in a deeper hue.’

The Charred Man spoke so well, he couldn't get himself to tell. Of no one and no bitter needs, he could not fathom what happened to his diseased fingers, as they entered through his uncanny world. His other side, past the brims of the white-painted, almost aphrodisiac nature in which he waited, he looked for no other excuse. And chose to play with himself under the Prude appearance, which he pulled from the bottom of the earth, as a corpse out of a coffin, unable to get him yet.

‘What have you done to him?’

‘Need you know some more, seek for the other piece of his body there.’

In the pile of masks, there stood another, it appeared out of one of the hidden holes. In which he counted, twice as many, including one which resembled that of his own. He had dared not touch it, but he had counted a finger, or thrice, off the body of the man.

‘Someone tried to cut you.’

‘You’re perceptive are you not? Yes, he had, right as he showed up in front of me long before you came along. I think he put, a battle, rut, and could not fathom it, ruth.’

Of the making, there came the quiet. And he could not wager trying to make it forth, or step unworthily at the expense of his own uncanny muster. He would be knelt down, he knew it, after all, he was merely unarmed, and uncanny. ‘Keep quiet and we may hear his voice ringing.’

As no prophet would be complete, as he died before they could get him. Though plain of mind, he could not deny that whoever got created bore him oath. Agamemnon would have their throats and he would bloat them into quiet. Children freed in the disquiet.

‘We should look around, I see a way.’

There were no eyes to register what went through their heads.

‘But whom, might I ask, though I may be in doubt as to ask what my mind wagers, what’s been happening to the man in charge of dreams?’

He woke up from a slumber within the marks, taken by the breed, and thrown around as if he had been nothing. Only then had he remarked, in doubt of what went out.

‘I am an assassin of no less worth.’

He spoke as well as he could out of the bottoms of his lungs, pushing on.

It was clever, Sekelee thought to himself, though the man was strange, he was an assassin, not worthless by any means, nor would he would have to look away. The other man, at tall as he was gray, molded his feet as he skinned his pray while resting.

‘I shall invite you then, if you don’t mind, to the only needed place you may come about.

It’s no longer needed for you to fear. I’ll make sure to entertain your journey and split the paths only when the road gets rougher.’

That much was said and done without the infantry getting in the way, though they were of no royal breed, they seemed to be of an army of dark-armoured guards, who seemed to come across the land, establishing a dominion of their own. Though little was told of them, nor would they be seen past the river, or outside of it, out of the forest or even in the dark clouds. They marched even in the dark air which seemed to come every now and then and appeared to walk on invisible stairs, only when there was dark. Shrouded in no kind mystery, they waited and carried for naught. Of their wont, little was asked as no one dared match them in combat, as they dared to asked nothing but to contain. Their business was their own, but their numbers seemed endless.

Sometimes they would appear, sometimes they were near. Sitting in trees, other times never walking but merely levitating in a still position as they thrust forward around the greater part of the enclave. So far, there was peace between them and the assassins, as neither of them appeared to have taken one down. Yet the intruders had faced worse fates, which could only serve as a warning and a shout. Loud wings and strings could he heard playing in the forest, and a sight, above them they would stand upon two branches fencing with large broadly curved swords which pushed out of their wrists and leaped into each other’s laps. Never cutting, yet sings of laceration could be seen.

And they were observed by Sekelee who was joined by the bandit. Both of whom knew of no other path ahead, nothing which would not take more than needed, perhaps adding to weeks of hard walking. There was no way to point anywhere, or ask for some other way.

One porter had come through, in front of them, as many would. Never to ask or do something which might make them cast an evil glance. They pushed away each other and could convey no word as from brother to brother, they asked for fewer days together. And walked in circles, followed at times.

‘When will they leave us alone?’

‘Don’t fear them, that’s the worst possible affront you could make.’

‘What if they try something?’

‘They won’t, they know better than to interfere. But I on the other hand could slit your throat at any moment now and they would no step an inch or lift a finger to aid you, regardless of how hard you tried your hands at it.’

‘I thought you’d say that, and for that I thought of this as well. You wouldn’t do anything to me now either, I made sure to be prepared.’

Though he was not entirely onto it, he couldn't have known just what went through his head and for what reason, instead of spreading about, each finger loss serving as a testimony for every petty crime and everything bad he's done. Though he still had the fingers sewn back, the bone reattached and working as intended, he spared no single wonder. He stood there and grew stronger, even as he had, he looked around. No trees no longer, an aspect which made both of them as weary as they should be.

And the knights wore a dark shade of red, which only went deeper as they ascended, instead of going towards a light, they headed at the moot point which looked like a giant red-dark ball from which many strings or many light reeds pushed everywhere around. Between them, at times, every now and then, a dark knight would appear, with his deathless eyes and deathless gaze, out of which, as he opened himself like a stove, from the insides of which there came the master of knights for as many times and as many of them which opened, he would appear a thousand times.

A fleshy thin man, which slowly pulled his long legs out of the stove, meat compressed no longer. No armour on him, only the helmet which pointed into each direction with a nasty-looking grin a sunder. Which burned through his skin, only to reveal that his blood had been completely contaminated and would not give anything back; out of the many cracks inside his back, curtains pushed out and unrolled on the ground. Nastily looking just as him, in the form of wet fly wings, but they only spoke of buccaneers, the type which swam in scurvy. Another one of the masters came, he joined the other and they conveyed their secret messages.

What appeared to have gotten Sekelee's attention in particular would be nothing more than their hands and feet which looked like gloves that were filled with water as they would constantly push in and out, ready to outgrow their wrists, never to give an inch of what was being taken from them. A mass of meat and one of blood, which only added to their figures as they would use them to mask their mouths; it looked like they were caught by that constant need to hide their grins, a desperate attempt which only dragged them closer to the ones in front as well, two fold, never asking of one's worth. They pretended. As if they were looking around, as if they were somewhat ascended compared with the two of them. Though that would count for nothing and would mean even less. It looked like the knights were nothing more than their shells, which only served for their majesties. Trying to push underneath their eyes, they would not be found, they couldn't, the benign.

'They'll sooner or later forget about us, I know it.'

'Why are you bothering, short-man? I don't think they're even aware of our existence, nor should they be, if you know what's best for you.'

Know your betters, that's what he meant. And he was right in some way, he didn't want to convey anything else than what was needed and what he'd say.

'I think we ought to approach that globe.'

'Very well, but we won't ever get, Lankly Laster.'

'Not bad shortie, I think that should do for now, Lankly, I think it ought to fit me for a while.'

Lankly, he thought, what a great name at that. What a fellow he was, despite his short-comings, he was still somewhat special, different, unlike anything he had ever seen before. He wasn't a bore for once, and then, he even shown himself to him.

As Seke pulled out a knife, he got ready after that and threw it towards the mid-most centre of the sphere, in hopes that he might catch it off guards before it flew out of his hand and out of minds. A miss, but that didn't matter. It flew away like any kind of majestic stutter. Instead of it, there was nothing but the distant echo of the fall, as the moving dark left some light in. But it was not of yellow, not of white, nor colourless at that, but of a deeper shade, of the hue they shared in quiet secrets never told. They spoke less.

Quiet arose, and he was not in the least surprised that the likes of them found themselves here despite not being welcome at all.

He was different, unheard. But he looked like a complete suit with many open sutures in the wild sharp shapes of cuts and other scratches left by the short coming paws of feline soldiers left on top of skin. Desperate or not they saw no reason to push in or ask for what was going on. He only sat there listening for a while, wondering whether or not there would be a reason to ask what went on.

And he appeared just as confused as everyone else, not knowing how to respond to any of the wild images and the dark. He stepped forth, implying they were of no worth.

Mightily rude.

'I came here thinking I would find a soul filled with some kind of intelligence, that he might explain to me what's going on.'

'You've come to the wrong place then. As there's no one here, nor should there be, it's way too dangerous.'

'Come on, flee now, flee, they're coming out of us.'

The Patron-Masters were in the hundreds and they only grinned as they chased them without the shimmer of a thin mind, without the dignity given as well as they would run. So tall, they were simply too tall to be taken one against another. Hard of touch, and brought together by the looks at that, they were never tired by running and could do about the vale in which they entered. Though a small puddle here and there only marked the signs of a rain. In it there was one of many, both the assassin and his companion refused to acknowledge during the disappearance of the quiet, when the loud sounds emerged. During a time they couldn't look back, nor were they interested in knowing, who it was and what they wanted.

A flow of strong words, wrongly handed to them. It was a sign of desperation, them hiding in the puddles, despite having no recourse to take. And they could not uphold any, or ask for something even less. It was strange, asking it out loud. A shroud covered them and could not be in doubt.

'I think we should be safe in there, don't raise your head, madman.'

'I thought you were fearless, you killed a man and skinned him in front of me and that takes a lot, more than that.'

‘Shut your mouth and don’t sell us out. You should know better. You should be able to distinguish between a simpleton and them.’

As they ran, the ground shook in a mishmash through which the vale in which they were, the perfume could not be contemplated or conveyed, or seen by means of hearing. He doubted that they were after them and even asked of a better way of pushing himself out of it. Drawing another breath as he sunk deeper, leper’s throng, bringing in the magnitude of evil thought.

He remembered the importance of the contract and how he would have to prove himself when the time called for it. When he would see it fit, he’d have to face that man and for that to happen, he would have to get his guts to face him in the distant bed upon which kin stood.

There was much to be said about them, though this may not be the best time and place to discuss these kind of matters, leaving all that mild speculation and other various head-wrongs to be largely ignored by them. As it happened for many of the Patron-Masters, the dancers as they happened to be translated in some language, a detail which would not be mention more than it need be, seemed to draw the sane conclusion that their bodies were somewhat made for the kinds of acts which would be undignified for the lives of a knight. Instead, one may even be as peevish as to think that those bizarre creatures are rather flamboyant in their looks and act. But one need not be fooled by their wild appearances as they bore a special kind of malice, hatred, of which kind would belong to the utmost putrid kind. Inside their soulless armour, they might’ve compressed not only their bodies but their violent tendencies as well. For as soon as they were released, and as soon as these social creatures suddenly stopped pushing themselves around, they looked after satisfaction elsewhere. One of these included what would appear to be some kind of hunting or spraying of the most peculiar things that seemed to inhabit the more obscure plains of slouch in which they stood.

It was their den after all, the Masters had their dominion and claims against all of whom entered the forest or beneath the water, in the muck, which only brought dire new to the two of them. As they stared, ever so momentarily beneath them, Seke and Lankly were both surprised to find that the bowels of the murk were theirs as well. Not only were they there, instead of the weird dust or livid misery which once inhabited the pool, twisted in the obscure. But they were also of even stranger forms, untouched. And they could not be touched by any means. It was their play, their plan, the pus within only pushing in around them as they coiled and twisted everywhere around them.

Neither of them wanted to get out there, where the threat of steel and the threat of iron would completely destroy bone and cartilage, whereas, here they’d be safe. And they had tiny straws they took from around, as they grabbed them during the run, through which they managed not to drown as they only pushed even farther below their dominion. They were being chased even there. Farther inside, the sea looked like no puddle, but this was the murk. And inside the murk, there were steps they could only seem to replicate whenever they could. Not out of spite, but there was nothing they could do in order to control themselves. As that, they pushed.

Of the wild dangers the Patrons possessed, it would be no less impressive to admit to it that they bore something which neared the strike of the plague, yet it was all inside their bodies and inside their heads. A constant leap, a beat which bounced inside their bodies, leaving no trace, as they were of no other stature and could only punish themselves for crimes they hadn’t committed. Since the two of them were out of

reach, they took the smallish animals they found and made them leap on their feet, without a chance through which they might be able to rise.

Some of the squirrels and other critters who found themselves in the wrong places appeared to be nothing less, other than complete Pantheons of Gods, reflected if not refracted in their small bodies, which were armoured out of the wills of the Masters. Yet those were no real armours, as they were mightily ceremonial in sight. Instead, they drew out and grew as fast as they would, looking like the broken images of pagan-godly creatures, which had wore their giant pelts of wild critters in death and it naught.

Then a master leaped what seemed to be twenty feet towards him, taking the first strike at his shoulder, completely falling one of the animal-like arms, which had been once sharpened a spear but had failed to defend his suitor, as he came upon its neck, the trench. Which was formed around him only pushed even deeper until his entire body appeared to crawl all around the ground, in pieces, after each satisfying blow and after the bloodying of snow, where every Master looked farther beyond their heads only to realize that the snow was red. And it was a land which would not satisfy, it couldn't work that way and it would be taken and heeded for.

Many breeds appeared to die, ever-so slowly out of their own desire to match in combat, as this was only the beginning, which didn't even bode close to the satisfaction they bore once they worsened the stakes. From the open wounds and broken parts of the Pantheonic animal, many of the limbs appeared to have been given other lesser gods of their own to be projected on. Insatiably so, they all came together, like a group, and started pounding on each celestial body of their god of choice. Feeling no remorse whatsoever, for what was done and what was being spread between them. Only the hearty throng could say thing of them. Wronged in form, and in pain they chose to remain in purity. To the mark, as even lesser crudities were shown to erupt and spread about the place when needed. It was poison to them, addictive in some way. All the pain they caused only forced them to retreat after the echo or the shout of the forest.

In search of other venues as they were, not a single voice appeared to mention the other part and the mindless darting through which they came. Four long-tooled tree wings, which only looked like palm-pouches appeared, ever so slightly to be manifest in the extra-air region that was created after they went ahead and killed another who was blind. Behind each back, through open poured, they stopped. Watched, unpleasantly so, it seemed that shadows spoke inside the wings and they were kept that way without prying too much in and out.

Poison, I think I've got enough poison to take it down.

Thought Seke, though he was mightily uncertain, just as in any other time of what might happen if he stood too close. If he drew in whenever it happened for a single thought to rise, he rose. Not outside of the pool, but to a place he had largely misunderstood. He was plain a creature and could only do as much after all.

There were eighteen hundred seventy four, well sized, giant urns, which were connected to one another through strange supports that were hollow on the insides, yet carried through them the rains which kept work going. Inside each of them, largely, wild-plated, square boxes caught hold of large lumps that were being pumped by larger ones in the back, cogs that would keep them going as well as the sand-dust which had to be pushed out and released with the rest of the waste. After all, this was the engine which

controlled the movement of some of the cities which came to pass through beneath the ground. It was unthinkable, how other devices would even fathom working at such a productive as well as fast a rate. Otherwise, one would further be disgraced by the fact that they stopped at the most inopportune time, when the flight of a city had to stop and nothing could force it to resume working, it happened. Too many a time for there to be a difference made.

Every now and then, a worshipper centurion, the whereabouts of whom were unknown to those who lived above them with little knowledge of how the inner-working of the system went, would appear as he would slowly tinker the ground-work. That, in itself was in a dire need of recalibration, as the various leg-strattae that kept expanding out of their large bodies could not be held in place for long. Bouncing around the urns like rounded coins until someone caught them. And if left unchecked and uncaught, one would even come to the conclusion that there was nothing beneath the earth but a disaster in need to happen. Worse for the wear, there was no saying when one urn began and where one ended, nor would there be a pointer towards where the centurion looked around.

He did his task, his mission's proceeding and then he left as if he had never been there.

In one of the living cities, still on the rails, during the time of movement, there was relatively no one who risked killing another man. Life-taking was risky out there. As a matter of fact, being out there when everyone else was inside provided just as much of a risk as slitting someone's pocket without his knowledge and without his honor being at stake. He put a lot of thought into it, and one of the little-throat defilers came forth, inside one of their various dens.

Large buildings, all of which looked like hats, old hats, rotten and pushed in one direction, this city was disgusting. It was the Hick's alcove, and it was shameful for a good man to find himself there. Even the assassins and the low-lived avoided it.

Then he came. Too mechanical-looking, despite machines not being something that were wildly used, or even worked any longer. He wore a large animal, a metal-bear, or something similar, made out of nothing else but the various bear heads that attempted to eat the various parts of his body towards which they were pointed at. Something even more ferocious came to him.

Lekklee wanted to befriend him. Not because he knew that those weren't real machines, or that they weren't made out of metal, but because he knew they were alive and moving. More so he spoke with one of the flying heads, of which texture was that of honey-combs brought from a place where the iron-wasps melted themselves into the main hive. They weren't likely to share any kindness to any stranger, especially one who would sniff too closely, onto business he had no dealing in.

Since they were stuck together, he struck his tongue and approached. He didn't particularly enjoy the beard, yet he felt himself unable to look anywhere else, no joy would make him feel the same and he felt as if there was something there he should look after, if that meant what it meant.

'I think I've seen you before.'

'So have I, and one of my companions already told me your name, Lekklee.'

'Does that mean that you're not hiding then? Does everyone know?'

‘On the contrary, I think. No one really know what’s happened here or why I’m in this position where I’m being kept a hostage after mark.’

‘But I thought you were their master, or at the very least someone who shared with them something in goal.’

‘I wish I were, but that isn’t the case. Unfortunately, I’m just as caught here as everyone else is and I cannot fancy of a way out. I wish there was but there isn’t, not for me.

As soon as the city stops moving, I will have been entirely eaten before I was given the chance to explain myself and the mark on which I earned my sentence.’

‘Whose life have you taken in order to earn this, then?’

‘Oh, but the life of no man, but one of their own who was sent out there to scout for their food and chimes of iron dines.

I should’ve feasted on nothing more than needed but I lay now with nothing but a closeness to them I dread to think off.

Because you don’t understand, I can see it in your eyes, I’ll tell you this, as simply as I can. The scout never made it back, and some of their young starved. For that misgiving, I’m to pay for, and do as they please before they can finally put me into my place and turn me in their feast.’

He shed no tear for himself, nor would he be greeted by anyone, since they were all too miserable in this place, a distant nothing that only got them to tell of something, and their disgrace being largely exposed to everyone that lay there. A man would feel nothing in an empty place, if it was filled with people who owed him at least the benefit of the zeal. He went on a tirade and asked of them, as they finally revealed, that they could talk, despite as muffled as it sounded, he wanted to draw on their attention and make something out of it before his feet got draggled down.

Shameful was no word that belonged here. It was something that had to go. They wanted to shared something with the only real murderer in the room, whom, he along bore the ear of a single concave-poison hold.

Rising anger

‘I’m mad, I’m pissed, if you don’t close your fucking mouth, I’m going to fucking rape you.’

‘All right, I’m going, don’t get nasty with me.’

She was bleeding below, and it was still going. Drenched bellowed her pants already. There was a small ball of blood clot, it was metal, it was all mercury. She was being poisoned, she was bleeding. It pushed out of her nostrils, all the way from the fridge, where he stored the other half of her head. But she couldn’t say no, she was bleeding. It pushed out, it poured out. His eyes were on her. She was moving in circles,

she was wide-spread on the walls. It was a piss poor electronic car, all broken up, driven into the entire kitchen, burning, oil pouring out of it.

She was beaten, down there, still spikes of metal, all inside of her. She was chained down there, it pulled out constantly. Punished, Bonnie was being punished for the abortion now. She was being punished. It went through her head. She would be raped again if she said something wrong. Pulled by her knees down, dragged, dragged, she grovelled her pits as she made it down there, again, greeting her husband. He was god now, he would be god inside this room and while he was god, there was no word she would be allowed to put in. Con didn't respect her any longer. For what she's done, and the law prevented him from hurting her. Everything that happened here happened because of her. Bonnie did this to herself, it was the guilt she felt for ending another life, it made her feel inhuman-like and it was only reflected in her appearance. Dreadful even, no nails, she walked into the other room, there was no room. And the neighbours were taller than the entire building. They laughed at her and could only keep laughing at her. Throwing her around, nasty, nasty wench; piss and watches.

And the watches didn't tell the time. Bonnie needed to tell the time but she couldn't tell the time. It was all knives and sharp forks instead of tongues and she needed to eat. So she turned and looked around and cackled as she looked down, there, there was her child. It crawled into a corner, dead, it started pushing out itself, both of them grew, chewing the carpets off and the small termites. Some of the termites were hers but they were killed.

Bonnie's small collection was stored into a big skull, which was pink, of a dark hue of blue, brown-dirt oil painted into weird colors, and she licked it off. Her husband wanted her to make it. Hallucinating things that aren't there, Bonnie?

'Bonnie, Bonnie, Bonnie, Bonnie, Bonnie?'

But there was no Con. Bonnie was a good girl, or had been, before she killed the child. Cowardly creature, she used others to do her biddings instead of using a knife and doing it herself.

It was plain she liked it, like all women do and there was one thing and only one thing that could bring her back to reality.

Being slammed against the curb stomp asphalt by her husband until her head had been split open. It was so soft around the spots, all the wrong sides. He wanted to do it again, so he dragged her out. Con couldn't help himself. He was a criminal. He was an outlaw. He had a record for burglary, theft, assault, arson, attempted murder, homicide, general sociopathy and other unnatural crimes that were not pinned down. Writing them down was illegal. What he was doing to her wasn't.

'It's the constant flow of the universe, honey, that's how it works. It's the hierarchy of how things work, the circle of life, I'm telling you Bonnie.

One man insults another and he can only hit back or misdirect it to someone else. And since you're such a split head and a child killer, I don't see you as a human any longer. That's how life is. So I'm going to, I'm going to kill their hyenas if I can. I'm going to kill all of their hyenas.

I want to punch a hole in your nasty cunt, I'm going to do it, I'm going to pull everything from inside of you, don't move.'

He did so. He started pounding on her until she fell on her knees, begging him not to do it any longer.

At the same time, he couldn't explain it, the presence of so much rage. It made his eyes red, almost bloodied, red, pure red.

There were a few red-painted streets. Violet, and filled with some strong senses, avocado being collected by large machines that stretched all the way in the back; right around a corner from which a few more, and they were all beaten and left alone. It went through their heads, all beaten, all put through one asphalt wall.

They asked for it and they were put through, pouting. As it happened for it to return once and then again, always that thing, that boiling hot-mess of blood which spurred in their veins.

Another Con came from around the plane, from which flatness masked his bloody-beaten face. It made everyone shiver, looking how the entire skin fell off his arms, leaving nothing in there any longer, only the matter of bone-tusking bandaged plaster-poles which shot around. There was an outrage, an outbreak from which he charged the first hick, grabbed him by the tackles of clothes he wore, then he couldn't help it. All that deranged activity got to his head, he was foaming blood, his teeth projected through his skull after the first hit made contact. It was too much. He lost control.

He punched the cartilage sheep skin which countered his wild surroundings, leaving him exposed as he bled on the ground like the stone-head beaten up morsel he was. And the lesser Mongoloids came and ate him, even though they were of another time and of another waster.

The face brought the remains there only so they could detect themselves with what they could and only so they could be allowed to finally grow in ways shouldn't. As they were made reflections of another world, even though they were still somewhat anatomically human, they didn't act as such.

Bonnie and Con stopped, they turned immediately, caught in the act. Both stood there, in the trenches, during a common sun-surge, where they looked at one another for only one second before they fell.

Just in time knees blocked, joints stopped from moving, they tried not to rock the bumps. Some of them in the road, one exploded in a single tube-like rocked form of fire, like a small pillar-pole that almost drowned the sights with no smoke.

It was an unlit hand, which got pulled in, holding a single pack of cards, most of which were shuffled in this order, from the back of the pack to the front, starting with a standard fifty two card deck, two of clubs, four of hearts, jack of diamonds, three of spades, three of clubs, five of diamonds, ten actual hearts stuck inside the pack instead of the ten of hearts which was missing, six of spades, Jack of spades, ace of diamonds, two of hearts, ten of clubs, king of spades, four of clubs, ace of hearts, two of spades, five of spades, nine of spades, seven of clubs, eight of hearts, king of clubs, Jack of hearts, six of hearts, two of diamonds, ace of clubs, five of clubs, seven of spades, ten of diamonds, nine of hearts, four of spades, king of diamonds, six of clubs, eight of spades, three of diamonds, four of diamonds, eight of diamonds, nine of clubs, queen of hearts, ten of spades, queen of clubs, eight of clubs, ace of spades, seven of hearts,

six of diamonds, Jack of clubs, queen of spades, three of hearts, nine of diamonds, queen of diamonds, five of hearts, seven of diamonds and the king of hearts which seemed to be attached to his every heart from which he sprouted, as the incarcerated fiend of drowned blood he was.

‘Where do you want to eat?’

Con lead the way, he knew where she wanted to eat. It was an old part of time that neared its renovation state. People died in there often enough for them not to know what to do once they met a dead man who had been robbed and desecrated. He was poignantly pressed, he pulled her by the neck and threw her on the ground, kicking her around as if she were a slave and naught more. Beaten in the head again, she whimpered. Without any pressure from the north, the stage was set. Red buildings, followed by white, then red, then white, the light went away, the floors were an immaculate steel of shrouds, all place in a while errand, two heads prodded. But no one wagered to ask the orchestra to stop. Lights faded, and they were on, watched, as if by a subservient world, which applauded them as soon as they walked on their own.

Both of them deformed and grunty-looking in a peril of the kind of which had never been seen before. Tormented by nothing else but the Scythian-beats, they looked for no danger, there where the lights faded and the stage was in danger of fire. No storm could put it down.

They listened.

‘May I have this dance then, Connie?’

‘Of course you may, dear, of course you may.’

To which they offered they hands and went away, rounded up in circular motions, deformed dogs flying during the commotions, papers flying and floating towards the abyss, towards them small picks joining the haze.

They spared not a second, as the crowd of dancers emerged, the pseudo-ballroom being somewhat deranged. And then they were not caught off by their lances or dances of disquiet, they only listened for a sign that the fire may stop.

‘It is false, my dear.’

Con drew nearer to her face. He came so close that he could see every detail and every pore that rested on top of it. Every side and every little change that occurred in her, as her heart beat outsider her body, like the waste it was, with all the dancer never bothering to take her in as one of their own. She was repulsive, truly, in spirit. A wretch he could barely look upon. Yet she was still his, even though her body and mind was dying.

‘Your death may have been sublime if you were like us. But you decided to end a life.’

It was dreadful, how her every breathe felt like a swoon of led, a light which died as soon as he chose to extinguish her soul, whatever was left out of it, only to bring her back home. Right before the next act. When his hate and rage suddenly grew thinner, as well as he had starved both himself and her. It wasn’t likely that he’d choose it in any either way.

‘I’m not going to let you die just yet, for what you’ve done, my dear. We’ll go on tomorrow, and afterwards we shall do as I please and as I say.’

By the hand, back into the broken household, where all the drafts and all the sketches, all the bookshelves lay brokenly smoothed around the edges. She was thrown around some more as he made sure that everyone would see what he was doing to her. There was no pride for this act, and there was no light in the man’s eyes. As decadent as he became, there was no turning back from this. It was a mere served for act, paid with nothing and left to rot like him.

A house which spoke of no childhood memory and only of the mundane, she was going to stay with him there, for another day, so she thought. It was a restless night, seeing no lights around, nothing, not even the closeness of a sky that might’ve been seen through a missing roof. Only their soft, cold breaths, which did not let her forget that she was being watched and messed with, for every reaction gathering as much as was needed.

It was pointed at her, from every room and every house and in the adjacent apartments she was forbidden to go on with and mess for, around which she stopped. It was a missing, he went too far.

Again outside, this time he brought a knife with them. People would generally be disturbed by the sight of them, at the light which emanated from the edges of the blade, from the quietness that its voice spoke for. How the dull blade said more than his bird would ever dare come up with.

‘This should quench your thirst, if you’re still upset about it.’

Connie refused to speak.

They were inside a, part-cut from the giant neck of an ancient head, from which each side appeared to have swallowed, each piece of the world which hanged onto it, like the cast of an unfinished sculpture, beyond which there was nothing. It pushed out around where sky met ground, beyond which, in turn, no man’s land pushed on, all worshippers aside, rightly past the point where people died.

No assistance was required any longer. Connie’s eyes were still missing from sight. Though they may not have been pulled out of their sockets, it felt as if they anything but in the mood. A lost species that had been reserved by them, preserved not in the annals of time, rather in this one corner of the head they searched refuge in, without the blinds being pulled off. And there was anything but a desire to return. In a time where things were just like they used to be, when no touch meant death and no one could direct one another towards them.

It was hard pressing in a word, only to see no expression on her face.

Perhaps it got too tedious after a while.

Even looking at what they left behind, there was still nothing too glittering, shimmer that went through their hearts, out of affection. It was simple, more so than a simplified sight, there was nothing around to mark the passing or the crossing of an end or another period anchored in them or inside their guts. It wasn’t the time here, nor was there a time anywhere to make this distinction.

Since then, they ordered a drink and parted ways since.

No signs of any divorce having happened, that wasn't the case.

Silicone lamps, everywhere around, placed bastardly on top of each other, unlikely to have made much of a difference in any case, he stopped. Con was alone now, and she? There was no general information about his whereabouts. It was all gone, almost driven into the same well he planned on drowning her in. Somehow it would be fitting.

Green-violet, in strange.

It was night.

All of the sudden, with every relationship he's ever had having ended with her, there could be nothing going on around the place any longer. Not a bright sun to follow, the night would never end and he knew it. No apartment to go back to. He would be sad for a while, and then, what?

Con walked and knew of nothing else but what he had. As little as it was, as short-lived, vulgar, painful and violent, it was just about the only thing that curbed his mind. He was cruel to every animal that got in the way, to every woman, to every man he's ever crossed paths with. Even with his family with whom he lost contact half way through.

Henceforth the night would never end, as painfully beautiful as it was, seeing the streets as they ought to be, at the end of his frustration there was no other place he would rather be than this.

Two of them pretended to have souls, in some way. It looked almost surreal, the way in which they moved in, a replica of dancer being all strung up, lynched by the ones pushing the lines inside their arms and legs with no attendee to look for them.

And then he entered, Con came back. He was applauded, all hands were cut.

Though he was much taller, the epitome of the agrarian man. Connie was inside his spine, hanging like a glider which was stranded and expanded on a vertical sight until she extended to a thin sheet of paper-like foundation from which both planes which constantly circulated both right and left started pushing out the last remnants of what had remained of the child before he had been completely decimated and killed. From him there came a giant arm, almost pushed out, in a strange colour of blue-ochre, which had almost been eaten by the one eyes, almost poorly formed head of a single mongrel lad, human-looking but unfortunately the result of an almost detonated atomic incident.

From the insides of which, the outer body appeared to be a large cocoon which pushed from the largest crane head, of metallic hues, winged with the large spread of eighteen servants of the god. All of whom were caught and part of this perpetual living device which basked in its own image, no longer in control of its own maddening on-lookers, carved as to fit, basked in a tar unlike the ones they predecessors had been completely coated in. A flight had emerged which dragged Con with them into the high-kingdom which seemed to drag the world.

The half-head smiled, it cackled and called them back home, to the children that died and waited into the nothingness like stars of peculiar dark glowths of quiet. In them the fright of the child-killer emerged. Sang by their other heads, as they deformed what they could, shaped what they would in the cotton that came from the one ear, from the cotton formed the dark tower, many features of the men that served in the

empire being carved on them, right before the many lights started pushing everywhere they could. A demonstrator of cancer being there as well, bearing his abomination of a body made out of three main pieces. A growth which took his legs and the one head which looked like a cone, leaving the other part as an invisible symbol in the likes of the depression which was felt by the crying they left after.

As Con was carrying his dead wife, in an attempt to appease his dead-child, in need of no woe and no broken horizon from which they might drag the lights of the unknown. From the light-bulbs that had been erected in eighteen-hundred men. They floated instead of trying to pierce the veils of disquiet, during a time in which no one would suffer a single lesser stoneoid to proceed. Towards him, from each flat end, that made the cut-head come to live, large hairs spread out an equal amount of holes, as they held the reality, anchored from the hold of a single desire to drag it into nothingness when it was needed. Less than it would be of worth. Thence they asked and saw of naught.

Farther as they travelled, the more had he desired to come back and endlessly walk. In a night that might never end. This was degenerate, instead. He could not fathom every part of the world being completely turned and twisted around the hairs that loomed around and crept beyond a single doubt. He could not touch and feel no heaven. Nor the burning of a hell, nor the encroachment of decaying in a place like theirs. Instead he followed through, to the broken part of a single dead child, which refused to step in line.

Anger could not be pleased. It fell from within, bringing nothing any longer from within. It was the point where it fell hard and it could do nothing about what went on. He had no control over his action, nor could she make any reaction yet. Dragged inside, they fled. Most children seemed to have gone to bed. Some left and none suffered to have their cried laughed after, leaving them to travel yonder with no disciple that may make a child, or leave a wreathing smile to be heard as well by the beating of wild chokes.

They were approached them, while flying.

‘Where to, master, tell me so I may have an easier time accompanying you when I am in my time of need. I need nothing from you instead, so I may only ask of you that I may be allowed to see to it as I please, and ask for less and ask for more.’

The gore of other rocks only coked on themselves as well as they snored, the silence faded, as did the sleep.

‘There’s no break to it, is there?’

‘Of course, observe.’

Con spoke to himself. He was strong. His muscles were still strong enough for him to carry it through. Picking up a boat in air, he started rowing just about anywhere, he couldn’t help it though. Every single time he passed one of the other canoe riders, he wanted to smash the paddles in their heads. Air was dry but the sea was night. It came from one direction, through a funnel, which was stopped. Drops could not fall out of the place, he had no face for no disgrace could stop him from thinking of his ill-wife, dead in sight, but he knew better than to wait for her finger to rise. What might happen, if she gave the command? It could only push thrice her mind now and he could not abide the rules of this new house of ships. He stopped into one of the dorms, asked for a captain after stepping on top of a floating anchor, knocked on

the door, revealed. He could not fathom the appeal of being there. As this captain, alone stranded, Horbonok, he was called.

And Con and Horbonok could only see eye to eye, as he had only destroyed half of his house with the thing which pushed out of his back. But Con still had the intelligence of a man, which, against all reason could destroy the world if only he wanted to say, what was in his mind. It was the one gift and the one rotten thought, that crawled out of an ear, past this mind and onto them, alas, it spoke.

‘I wish I could have your throat, I need it to get farther away, while there’s still hope for me to make half-past through.’

And it was promised, though he could not tell by whom, of an ancient side, of a sight, and while the rowing would prove to be benign that he would be met by something as weary as old age. Sky became a star. The sky was burning but with an inverted light which looked like the space itself. Yet those discoloured flames were not flames any longer, as they pushed tiny legs and walked all over the place, unfelt. No touch would be melted and he could enact only the wrapping of his body as he would be discarded one day. And below his floating boat and the cabin in which Horbonok made his house, though he was no captain, only a pretended and a layman who had never fished in his life; many a man had badgered him with the desire that he might return somehow if needed, the touch would be heeded and one day he’d listen. To their wants and to cries, of Alabaster, what a crude disaster, he looked toward, as long below, he could not listen to the thought, nor had he known any better.

Many feet joined the ground. And two stars pointed at one another, yet they had become the embodiments of space, from which no race could fathom living in disgrace. Everyone who had remained below, became a leg and could not show the agony of assimilation or that of supreme laceration they had to go through while the painful process continued with them. Some were taken, none may rise and they would feel the tide being made benign.

‘And I ask this, only this, I want a reason to live.’

Layman Horbonok looked around his cabin. He kept a few lamps, oil, a bed, a spare window in case something happened to the first eight, a prism and a desk, seated backwardly, against an almost empty wall there was also a deck, stolen from a ship, and pushed out of his house, where the other plates were being placed. Some of which, patches on a doll, welded on top of every wooden door and every wall, and everything in need of fixing, many of whom would have to be employed again, as he would have to make it for what was lost.

Horbonok opened his forehead, and pushed out of it the long quadruped-sterile knife, of silver and of deathless hide, which made the hilt and never had a quilt been used to write to ink nowhere else. Inscriptions faded, yet the name of Rod seemed to have remained. He was there, in the back, sipping on milk-tea, boiling in a broken sauna. Out the window, they were looked for. Someone searchingly, he floated. Out of the pace, out of balance, he could’ve fallen but he was stuck in his house, as the windows could not provide a way for him to get away. It was all too much, he wasted one of his watches which, upon combining with the wood, had shook his memory, twenty years ago, in a block. During that block, he remembered everything being placed differently.

And many of his lamps ended having wood and smaller watches and other clock-devices embed into them. Whichever the reason for that, whichever might it be, he could not take his eyes away from the fact that he was not floating. The flood had become a rising device, pushed by the extra material which worked itself during need.

‘Feed me the pleasure of asking, but do you know where I may find a woman?’

My mouth is dry, the floor is not wet and unless I found one.’

Con thought about it long before he met this man. He thought about replacing Bonnie and seeing another younger lass, he wanted one, to put himself against and his mind could only take a great stand against all evil he would unleash upon his newest bride. Though it was immortal to think about it, he considered taking her youth away on sight. He deserved much better especially as a man, and there were things you didn’t tell someone, especially since he dreamed as well.

During days she’s see one, thrown in the dirt.

‘You are my woman and I am your man.’

‘What do you want me to do then?’

‘Cook, clean, take care of my children, and offer yourself to me every night.

You shall do everything I ask of you and you will breed as many a’ child as I ask of you.’

‘I’ll do whatever pleases you then.’

‘I hope you will, otherwise, you know what I’ll do.’

She’d listen, as a good woman would. And she was anything but helpless, she enjoyed listening to him. He would be allowed to drink, and do as he pleased. In return she would not leave the house unattended, nor heeded. No neighbours would be in sight and he ought to be the only man she ever laid eyes upon. Otherwise she could commit unfathomable acts, unlike him, who’d be allowed to proceed and do as he pleased.

And he did, often enough in his fantasies. Con had his way, just in the same way he’s done when he had Bonnie. There was no shame and no guilt in him doing it, after all, most of the other women meant nothing to him. He desired to have his fun and he had it.

All around it, again and again, no one would have his sympathy instead of crying too soon after, he knew it was better not to say a thing. As long as they were around, in laughter, someone would notice him. Eyes were watching, but not after. He’d beat her is she cheated. But what of life after? It felt benign, after a while, all of those escapades ended up doing nothing for him. His life before him strained, beyond it just as well. Since he kept no men around, he had no one to talk to and he would have to drive ever the farther, even the farthest a man had even went to work. A wearisome task which only ended up with him suspecting his other wife, or the fiancé, despite there being no one alive, and no one in sight, he could not, for the likes of him tell it. Just what was she doing without him?

‘I wish I could find a better woman, layman, I think you are the first stepping stone in the right direction if you don’t mind me saying this. We ought to make a good deal out of it, now that we see each other face to face.’

He was somewhat disgraced about what he felt. It took some time but he could not, for the likes of him take the man seriously any longer.

‘All that talk about you pushing them around. You’ve been reminiscing about this for the last half an hour or so. What do you expect me to guide you to now?’

There’s no saint in this world that might be able to put up with you, let alone the wenches that are around the corner. Better accept it, as you’re still young and become a monk, at that.

Free of those ill thoughts that enter your mind, and free of all ambition and the gladness there is beyond that.’

Vessels

‘It was just as simple as it once had been. Once they see the alternative, they will know for certain that I am.’

He chose to satiate his hunger for now, eating what he could grab off the ground. There were just enough remains for a man to take. It was mightily pleasant, getting a moment’s worth of rest after walking all day. By now he was done with the lecture and left the university before he would be struck again atop his temple. It neared his boiling blood that he would lose it, somehow, out the top of his lungs, there would be nothing more to look after.

He entered his apartment. No one waited for him any longer. By the looks of it, a thunder-like growth, like a lightning bolt which sprouted across his forehead appeared. It pushed around and loomed for a few seconds, making ant-hills which were zero point five millimeters in depth inside of it. Through those holes, he finally pushed out the vapors and relaxed.

He finally entered his apartment. Came like a bold before long, taking a piece of the roof-lantern which him as he dripped the entirety of his cephalic-looking rubbing vulture- sharp head in. He was barren, he was one of them, smelling of some unnatural smoke, the scent only coming through him out and once in a while.

His skin crawled on top of his hair tips. It nested there for a while. Little trick, which seemed to appear every once a while, feathery-trenches dug around his home. This was too much to bear for a sane man. He chose to do nothing but turn. There were the murals against his face. Shone as they had during their inception which his mother died during the impregnation of the lot; mostly bloated in disgust, they came again and shone through the march of glass-shards, in the wake of the beheading, the deadly stalker came in at last.

But before Leopold could say a thing, he wished it gone. Then he was alone, but it couldn't be done. No in its entirety, not since the change, as it happened for his body to be in the opposite room, still attending to the other guests; alas, he could simply take their place, he was given as much, the grace of having everything he wanted, everything he needed, with not a single brooding thought elapsing from the forehead crudeness. It pushed through him in a matter of days. He took the absinthe and swore he would drink his sorrow during such a personal time. When they asked him to come up with something, he simply shook his hands.

He would die out of shock again, realizing that this life meant nothing anymore. For a primate like him, for a vessel which would grant him anything he desire, it meant that there would be no purpose any longer, no reason to live and to strive. Long since he knew it, he would die. Getting back again, despite wishing it to end somehow; that was inescapable, that wasn't meant to be that way. He failed several attempts, which pushed him back into the place he had been before.

Prior to the meeting, during the time he had come to question what was going on 'round the place. Yonder, there was hope and the disgrace. No hope, for the coming of the pass.

This was life in one of the replicated worlds, those who started molding themselves into the most uncanny things, most of them inhabited by what seemed to be real people. Yet, they were just as lifeless as he was. Destroyed, beaten, put down, with nothing more than the simple fact that they were in the same place, the same spot, and there was nothing they could do about it any longer. It felt likely that they could have lived through some extinction, with nothing of the like having happened. They felt like gods but they were not.

Ever so present, the vessel tried not to look down upon them, as they wasted. It was their desire, after all, to make do with everything they had, this false symbol of power and.

Nothing. There was nothing there, but some wild spreading depression.

It was hopeless, trying to achieve something, only to be destroyed or recreated, remade, reworked, or pushed out of the way, in hopes they could muster something else. Living through countless time, remembering everything, life had become benign.

There had to be something hidden there. In some corner of the room, some blooming plant which sang in letter, some ancient language which might provide insight. But they had long been gone and this desire and the wish had not been recognized at all. Mostly, it worked through their memories and the professor knew it.

No matter how hard he mustered all his brain, he could obtain nothing more from whence he came, they didn't ask. They didn't bother anyway, they must've known something went on. Through one of their pint-heads, in the coming, a carpenter awakened still. He took his coffee, then made it outside.

Another day under the day-light, where the birds had become an alabaster-green, the grenadier-like fiends that soon came to pop like dark, smoke under their wings, the image of a crown figure glowing within before it faded away.

'Is there anything here which might satisfy me?'

There was no wonder that no one wanted to answer. No one cried and no one asked for more. Lesser beings would've measure their worth through any kind of way than him. But he alone had to hear it from him. Since the vessel listened, through the calm had it awakened.

'I wish I could be granted this, a sight within space that I may see.'

Before he finished, he made his claim. It got counter-weighted, though he couldn't see it and he got his ration as he wanted. This strange being had grown like a glutton, being immersed in the body he had created in our image. For such power, it acted as if we were the ones in charge. It felt as if we were worshipped, not the other way around. And who would doubt it in any possible manner? We couldn't face it any longer, nor could we give in, after making it through.

It was pitiful looking at it. While it pushed on, within its two main pulps which crested the hood it bore itself farther on, and thought it could not fathom seeing itself grow on top of the ill-touched, many fingered-formations eruption out of the channels of tender marks which seemed to boil, from the depths of which crested no shapes, no forms but some blindness which was carried through an air-born virus, had it managed to snick into the general's room.

Twenty, or eight, or one hundred days before, before they had made the leap, through the nuclear universe where they hid. It managed to claim another victim, of which no sound could leave impressions on the walls or the place.

There was a nuclear ulcer caused by one of the submarine-missiles which shot out. And they could not do anything worth of a second thought, nor wonder in the darkness of eve. It would not wreathe in pain, nor would remain solemnly forlorn. It had been found a home in higher peaks where it could not bother others with the sect of lids, which closed the eyes and shoved the one who dies into a distant pit beneath the ground.

Thence their kin sought no more.

Farther, on a distant line.

'Join the other line.'

'Which one was it again?'

'The one on the right, where they harvest the organs and send them to the other heaven.'

'Rightly, so, but which side would you suggest I take?'

'That one, the same one you're on right now, inside their backs.'

Another man seemed to peel over and out of him there came two other men which only appeared to be completely in awe as they stretched out of him and survived. Usually they died before they had the chance to get it out with it. And they were warned not to make it out alive, otherwise, one of the many grim-looking axe holders who wore long cowls on top their heads, cowering everything but their eyes and mouths and nose would chase and chop them off their back blocks. As they would allow them to glue each other off and ready themselves for the cutting.

One such axe-holder came, like the Marshall of quiet, who wanted to chop, chop, chop, those who fell didn't run at the sight of him, nor hardly to the brawn were they. Instead, they were taken as fools and pushed over until they fell in large pools of their own bloody misgivings, and were chopped in them, thrown to waste.

But the waste was not bloody, yet it was outstretched, between the wall and the floor there was a gap where everyone threw their dead. Once that threshold was crossed, one could see the bodies turned to a metallic looking stone which only became a pool as it would harden again only to make the inverted sight they bore in the past. With every recreation being pushed even deeper between the air gaps, making it seem like the insides of a crudely drawn building in perspective, with no regards for the model as every level would have their lines, with metallic-looking sculptures moving aside by a process known as melting and reformation.

How the melting process and the reformation would work, in such a way as it would be known and yet, wagered for would be this. One could observe the top of the ceiling release a single drop on top one of the many statues which moved. The statues moved by melting a millimetre out of themselves only to be replaced as soon as they would be allowed to, received what they lost as soon as the ones on the top did the same thing, as it so happened, since they were all connected in the metal frame which combined everyone's wrong and well doing, their supply would be nigh unlimited. And they would somehow wager to do something of a lap.

The reconstruction of the top-most model which they attempted to replicate was not perfect as there was no door, nor any hole for them to walk towards. But they would do this nonetheless as they had no will of their own, doing only what their masters told them. And since their feet would somehow start to push even deeper, they would sunk below, giving the impression, if observed over a long period of time that they were sliding. Drawing further on and pushing on, as they could not stop this constant impulse. Sooner or later, they had stood at chance, risk at hand and everything would fall on them, not of glory but out of hand.

They could not fathom getting too much mass out of bodies that leaped and were chopped. Too many would be harmful and it was something one could not do. Not to rise too much, the making and the quiet, but so much so, they asked the hue.

Through echo and through time, they waited in line and the mindless ones got a response.

'It's pretty dark in here and I think it's all plain dark wood and something like that. Why do you think there's something here?'

'What?'

'Who are you talking to?'

'Yeah, answer us, who are you talking to?'

'And why are you looking at everything so, so, thoroughly? Are you a spy of some kind? Tell me stranger, are you a spy? What have you spied on so far?'

'A puddle, a grip? What have you done since you've come here?'

But he couldn't answer any longer, not in the same way he would've done so. Out of the very fact that he was closely being watched, and had just as much remorse as he had some fear for his own life, it was threatened, by them? By everyone.

'En guard, I will take all of you if I have to. You know what? I have no fear of no one and nothing. I stand for what I say, I stand for what I call on. And I will never yet convey fright.

I've done well for myself even before I decided to step in line.'

'I'll eat the soles of your back. And you'll bleed them out and pay the fine.'

He could look ahead and see for himself. Not that he needed to do that in the first place, as there was no need for any kind of confirmation. Damned him, he wanted to look, out of the bottom of his heart, he'd do it and he'd take what he needs with him. No one would harm him, only then he noticed how weak and frail the man began to look. After the axe-handlers, as they had rose in rank, while bearing their new cowls on top of their bodies, as if they were barely patched together would come to the fruition of chopping a man.

'I want him dead.'

'Take another spot and say that to me again, or I shall, I shall.'

'You shall do what exactly? You're a humpy and you got knots for brains, just like everyone else in here. We're headed to a wall, can't you see it yet?'

They were indeed heading towards on. And what was worse was the fact that they were entering him, least of all would they seem even more elated at the idea of taking themselves to a distant rose that might eat them while they're young. No one lived past fifty. It was only a matter of life and death. Death had to wait, for with it, the dead prepared.

'I should've known this would happen, if I enrolled in the wrong school of thought. But I needed to be free, somehow, I wanted to say and do anything my heart desired.'

'Everything sounds way too painful, way too wretched, careful now, after a while, that might get just as boring as living is and even I would take you and throw your body to the side.'

'Then I shall do you the pleasure of leaving.'

With which he leaped into the pile, not to question, not to wonder, not to ask for anything else. He simply chose to die. Even the mighty axe-holders who were near their more seriously looking, yet whom hid their smirks behind their newly formed, masks, seemed to hide something close to a cackle. It would be recognised, even to this day, as a matter of pushing and dragging in a business beyond hope. They were all worthless and everyone had to be made as if to feel as if they were worthless.

Dark room, wooden floors, white-like cotton, rotten pas the bugs and the other insects which were part of their steps and more than that, close to the gap, the walls which separated it appeared to be made out of a livid organism which appeared to be changing into metal as it pleased. From the smallest of patterns it looked like the crumbling skin-rash which might be seen as it would grow on top of a single shin, slowly

breaking like desert dirt. Blunt but inside the cracks, smaller deep-worms would push in and out until all the insides stopped working together and the cotton-dirt mice started to push. And they would flourish, sometimes spread, some of them as thin as nickels and most of which were mightily sad.

But to look back on their worthlessness, they would be beaten, almost consistently to a pulp, until they bent down because of all the pain. Refuse to step in line and feel the thorough strength which was shared between all of them like brothers, sisters and the distant head-bitten plebeians they seemed to cry against. It was too soon, they were destroying everything as they stepped in and out, in and out, until something was done.

Ears clipped with the back of the axe. Mostly, it was foreigners, all of whom were trying to get past. But there was nothing on the other side and they would fall past an even deeper abyss than that of the aerial-plates which kept the gladiatorial combat still going before they fell into the pit of light where all men fought for their lives and they could do nothing to face the loss, of their kin in future pass. Everyone had to die there after all, why could the same happen here?

Nothing worked.

Man was sad, he took whatever he could and broke it down. His face was pouring out, and he could not talk any longer, because of the wild things that entered his mind, when no one's watching. There's a sharper thing today. And he cannot listen to the conversation any longer. Telephones rang, they came out of their way. Some of them were making too much noise.

'I am way too paranoid to answer that call. Someone else inside the room has to take it.'

'I will, but only if I am promised something in return.'

'What do you want then? Ask and it shall be given one day.'

'A foot-hold, I want to be part of that plane. I want to be the engine and fly through the insides of one of the satellites if I can.'

'But that doesn't sound too right now, does it?'

'What if I were given a moment to catch on my breath if that means I will be able to answer every call instead?'

'Liar, you don't actually want that, you're only making it seem that way.'

'Here then, I will answer the phone.'

And to his thread, the meat-grinder pushed out of the holes, like he would instead of standing there for long. He wanted to hear something, but he was deaf. Without a sound, and lacking in compassion, he seemed to be out there. Prolonged in the disaster, strolling past the rain-tracks, on the main city-building which was cracked down upon and messed with despite the warning signs being just about everywhere. It was difficult to be in one place at a time but there were better ways to dine on. And so they had. Time after time, they were listening to the lost signals coming out of the telephone shaped house from which both of them walked out of.

Vandal and Print, seen on a wanted poster, both of them were placed together, shared bounty, split in half, wanted dead, not alive. And that poster was just about everywhere. It was unfair, trying to make a life out of their stories, they were largely unfit. Couldn't be retrieved any longer, brown ashes making bones, charred because of all the smoke and everything they had. Made to walk around and push others, they were conjoined by the entourage of the hell-hole they frequented at. Slimy-fellows, both of them made for it. Every single time one of them fell, the other only pushed him on.

'Twenty more, I think and we should make it.'

'You mean shots? Do you mean shots? Hey, what did you say there now? Did you mean shots? I couldn't hear you Print, come on.'

Vandal didn't want to acknowledge it either. But a phone was ringing again. He was desperate not to answer it, instead he paid only the worst tricks that went through his mind. This man would be robbed blind if he could sit still for twenty minutes. On top the shots, he also had a few damned, irreparable cups of coffee which made it all the worst. Both of them had been aware that things were not meant to go this way. Rightly so, they were caught inside each other's place, they switched spots. Not out there, place was full.

Hands worn out but every single one had a pigtail in their hands. He would not want to disturb them any longer. He was not cut for this lifestyle and it only came back to them, biting them back despite not being asked to pay for what they broke, kicked out by one of the busy-bodies, never returned to the joint.

Wreckage.

At the bottom of the Bunker, where everything was destroyed, one of the abandoned wreckages, there stood the Violator, king of all. Since he had kept his loyalty to the body of choice, he would not shatter any dream and walk on the wreck, never to return to a humanity that waited for him. Most of the living beings and even the androids were gone. Only he remained, as he was strong.

The Violator was supreme, caught in his own corner, felt within the cage, he slowly walked through what was left of the fallen ceiling, the watches and some of the old homes which had belonged to good men, all of whom appeared, every now and again, to be placed here and there as bones. In the throng of the bone-watch, there lay the eight skeleton heads he proceeded to walk upon and crush with no force being involved, with no worth being pushed along. As he had made little sense of what went on when he was alive. Chimes was one of them, who died protecting something he called his den. It was something cozy, pushing through a blocked door, having the numbers off, still going.

Single note written in silence, for the bodies with more of an organic mass, there was nothing to be sure about them. Nothing remained of the brass. Nothing stood in place and in a moment, even the higher rooms would fall out of their way, unable to contain all that weight and the unequal distribution of the build. It followed him this way around.

When an anatomically formed meal appeared to be somewhat fresh, he would near it and grab it by the waist, performing the same weird rotation, like shark-tails in a black puddle of blood, swimming around each other as they would eat and eat until their prey either drowned or had been completely eaten alive. Though the time of pain had been gone, though, if there was something, from all the debris. And all the junk and missing broken shrills, it was the fact that some lights were still working. Somewhere out there, a source of power still seemed to store something in it. And if there was one, there would also be a few. A few of them would not work unattended, hence one would have to deal with them as he should. By force and by attendance and only the living could attend to the devices. Unless there were others who replicated their functions and still chose to hide themselves from whatever emerging threat that might find itself there.

For that, he followed, each cable and each shallow piece of cord, to which, something had to be dealt with as they would chip one of the walls. Some of which were largely threatened, a disgusting thing, but nothing fell. Not for too long as worth would say so, there was no reason to be out there. Not for long, the wind had sunk and in a moment, the whole underworld would be drawn even deeper down.

No force or voice could be heard in the halls, no one who was lost and somehow found himself here, of all place, where light pale and the performances began.

An old tv-set, somewhere close.

‘Ladies and gentlemen, I have the honor, at the dawn of the new-year, the gold year which may bring the static back, that there’s nothing to fetter for any longer.

Wars have ended, life starts again. And there is nothing one should look after any longer, for life starts again.’

A-new, he repeated, another member from the crowd. Joined by another one, they were ready to hang them before they lost one.

The sons sang of anarchy but there had never been a government to begin with. Through one of the bullet-proof window panes, the Violator proved himself to move closer, only so he could see himself push past them during the time their reign was not known. They suffered losses, he broke through.

Misanthropy coursed through his tar-blood and the Violator could not hope to leave them unattended in the back, where they could do as much damage as anyone in their place. To destroy and to touch where they didn’t belong and where they’d only get further away. It was the glutton’s joke, no way to get through it without hope. Inevitably touched, the set was completely destroyed, without being given a fair chance. There he would lay.

And remain after in the same place. No alarm so far. It was all as heeded. Sounds appeared to arouse not only some suspicious but alertness as well. Yet, it was strange that he waited for so long. A creature should be mindless, it ought to obey. It should be pushed around back on the streets, made to charge in a building as it desires only to destroy. That’s what an animal is. An animal cannot think for itself, as it can only obey the needs and the instincts that draw it around.

It should matter even less when one looks around and sees no connection to the force that pushed the breed instead. Past the ruined building the Violator charged through, there lay the bridge, but he didn't follow through. As, how could a beast know?

Did they show intelligence?

'Would they bow?'

Another auditory device went off by itself, without daring to make too much of a noise, or carry on too strange of a message between units that did not account for its presence there. SO much unfairness in the wild sharp noises, no one could make a thing out of them when they were alive, let alone now. When he had to feel, he'd see to it, that no one would be left to witness. No camera standing, no need to check for any survivor. Thence the bridge wrapped a small cord and for a moment, there, the Violator came forth. It was but a dream, parts had no life of their own.

The compound

Could hear some sounds, coming through. It took a while to do something with all that noise coming along and making the hard noise sharper. Nothing pleased him so far, especially not while trying to make it for the first handle he could lay his fingers on. He was no troubadour, but he thought about one for some reason. A bad thing, he couldn't think. Not while being there. It would elevate him to being exposed and being too close to the landing. He stayed his hand, at least for a while. It was getting harder, focusing on trying to do something without touching them. Four sides went into each direction. At least that changed.

'I'm glad we're back together.'

No answer. Keyringer could not figure out whether or not he had been accompanied by Christine or by Filler. Both of them had been separated for too long. He didn't see right. His sight was either a blur or a near-extraction of a near-sight. He only looked past the figure and could see the empty. It looked dark, like an eater who had left its teeth marks across the walls and in the surroundings. He was bent on it, one of his disjointed knees. He walked with it on a limp, broken and seeing everything in blanks.

There was a pistol in his arm. A Colt that was somewhat still working and a man he was asked to kill, it could be him. It was too far now, he couldn't see whether or now there were knives in the air, or pushed through his back, farthing away like kites. If there was a mass there, he could shoot it and only startle whoever that was. If he missed, there would be something to pay. If, no, I've already spent too much time thinking of her brother. And that didn't end up helping at all. She laid dead and he was free-walking, somewhere, with power stilled in his arms by the court which named him.

He had to have gone hand in hand with that man. Ivanoe might've passed the sentence now. He was largely at fault, unable to make anything out of it. He walked.

Both of them did. Unable to figure out where to go now, feeling across the air, if there was something to be taken away, it was the nasty-looking walls which spilled. Perhaps that was one of the effects of being near-sighted. Seeing everything as it ought not to be like, he jointed himself back through one of the thoraxes which crawled from the floor. They were everywhere, spread and eating some of the rust and the bacterium bits that were spread everywhere. I knew that.

'I know it's late, but.'

Who was it? It wasn't the figure. It didn't speak, nor had it walked plainly ever since they crossed paths. As a matter of fact, if there was something, or some way to quantify it, that would be the peculiar bobbling teeth-like oil which boiled his skin. Dark surroundings followed.

We walked a few feet and secluded ourselves in one of the rooms. Not because of my command, for I dared not say a single word, but because, it appeared, for some time that I was out of breathe. Unable to figure out who he was and why was there noise being made. Under scrutiny of some law, the dreadful quiet would make me look around for the wild surroundings. Trying to make it for another one of the wild gates which appeared there, it was a carpet vision, but pushed through my skull. A skin plotch, like a lamp out like a cradling vase pushed out of the back of his skull.

The stranger had seen in at would've said something if he weren't shocked by the sight of it. Or how hard it looked, as a second smaller skull which came out, trying to make for an escape; something in it appeared to draw out some air until it could do it no longer. Dead men were not supposed to talk. But some of them formed in that peculiar growth, until it was too uncanny to focus on anything of worth. Some surroundings started fading.

Now Ringer ripped out the mark on his chest.

'I'm Markovich.'

He said. He was a long way out of it and appeared to have been walking the wrong way ever since he made that cut in the ink-arm. They were loaded, all of his veins appeared to have some kind of ink inside of them. Most likely out of some unnatural thing, which only seemed to bear his own repulsion; he couldn't do it, work for too long. He had lost too much blood and it spilled everywhere, but that wasn't his. His was back, the one on the floor was red.

And in its reflection he saw, as he knelt down and licked it clean, the teeth were still there. He saw as much as it was fit for him to react. It wasn't decent yet he had done everything he could do with everything concluding into trying to cut one of his ears.

'Is this close enough for you to notice me?'

'Christine, I knew it was you, I knew it all along.'

'Why is the Colt pointed at me then?'

From the angle, not from the ground. Both of them were standing, his sight was clear, they were outside, in one of the main lower-attics of the compounds. Some of them appeared to hoister some cages, others normal dorms. Most of them were a melt which had included some apartments from the bloc. It couldn't be seen though, other than the ruling numbers that kept going down, there was nothing more to look forward to. They were out of it, no longer listening to their surroundings.

Again and again, they kept finding themselves displaced from reality, while trying to listen to something even nearing common sense. But it was simply not meant to be.

'We have been going at it for how long now?'

'I think we've been doing this for a while. Think it's going to change now because you noticed it?'

'I doubt it, somehow I seriously doubt it. If I had, I might've said something a long time ago.'

'Great, now I've got you on top of my head as well.'

'Whoever's making that infernal noise should be shot in the head.'

The echo came from another side of his eye. It went and came back at various intervals, which haven't stopped going at it ever since.

'Hello, what are you doing there?'

'Checking the archives for something, I'm one of those people who work on the.'

Prescott, not named yet. Yet to be baptized, but he wore it around his throat, like a tiny prick of metal denture which sunk into him. He was out of it again. A slight play of hands got him nowhere. Nothing to see here, other than the people who were called for the move-in. They were desperate for something, at least up to this point when they didn't even want to admit it. Most of their fingers were cut, off around the buckle, dragging.

The chief-in stood there, waiting for answer. Prescott couldn't think of anything for the time being. His bile had been corroded, he was struck all the way back as he turned to see who was going in which direction. If he made the run now, no one would catch him.

'Yes, he's from 'round, don't worry about him. He won't cause any trouble.'

Senselessness was somewhat indispensable from the road. He could walk away, but he would not feel the soles of his feet working again. As hardened as steel, his will was not to be touched yet, as he only did as he was asked for. He followed Keyringer around, trying to stalk him out of his desire to kill him.

Another man following orders, that's what they all were, in some way or another. Doing everything they were asked for and never claiming anything as their own. It would have to pass, he thought at last, what if I decided to kill him now? Out in the open; he's distracted by her. If only I could make a few more steps, then I could claim his life and no one would suspect it was I who did it.

There were lines inside his gut, made out from the concise marking left by the Receiver, the one in charge of his servitude, the slavemaster who poured a piece of his soul in and called the shots. He wouldn't be

too calm yet, nor would he remember. It was clear enough that they were a few feet too far away from where he was standing. As harsh weather tops started drawing forth, the area surrounding it, the puffs of smoke-like loamps which crested themselves around them started bumping and feeling like ingrown cotton as they started wrapping them it.

Though the slight touches were soft and they could not abate waiting for long, they suffered no pain and could, least of all face none else but the vitriolic substance inside their open wounds.

‘I fear we might have to move, now, Ringer.’

‘Not yet. I still haven’t made up my mind about you yet, my dear. I can only do what I can to stomp you out but don’t be weary, I’ll take what I can and then I’ll see whether or not you should make it.’

‘But what if I don’t want to?’

‘Then I’ll offer you a quick release. If that’s what you want me to do.’

Less than happy to attain I, they wondered no longer about what was happening around. Sharp around the ears, sharp around the years, most importantly, they spent a few days staring at one another, a standout which could not continue, as, at the end of each week, they could only push so far until they couldn’t help it but give into the growth of the mass which had accumulated underneath their legless brass rings, needles and various other tiny star-like balls which wore spikes of their own and could do nothing but feed themselves into one another until they could not do it any longer.

‘Ah, I see there’s a reason why we’re here.’

‘Where?’

‘On our feet again, I think I’ve already taken my shot but I missed.’

‘How so? You aimed at a blank range, how could you have missed it?’

‘It wasn’t my intention, initially speaking, but I’ve come to the impression that everything I’ve done so far was a mistake.

I shouldn’t fight it, but I’m still considering going on with my initial planning. If I could somehow reach my goal, I could make it through and take all the lives and make the necessary arrangements to mark their souls with ink. As one should do, as it is needed and as I can, if I can help it, I will do it.’

‘Then what are you planning on doing now?’

‘I’m going to keep you alive for as long as I can.

If my suspicions are correct, Christine, your brothers seems to be looking for you for another reason other than your murder.’

‘He’s still searching for me?’

‘He is and I believe I can prove it somehow. If you would only give me the chance to show you, I think we could both make it far enough for me to give you all the necessary explanations without risking your life and blood being spilled again.’

There was no assurance, but he could only do as much as it was needed. For some reason he was dolefully quiet. But he’d do. He didn’t ask for anything else, as well as he would.’

Ringer never imagined. It sounded strange, incomplete, in some way, just like his mind was. He never got into the habit of using his mind to create objects or see through lenses other people like him had long since taken them for granted. And when the realization came, his reaction was more than likely, mundane, never given to a second thought, never asked for, nor would he ask himself again when the time come. But this was not the time, not while she was near and not when he had already made his decision. They would still grace one another with each other’s company. That would be a given now, as he needed her more than she apparently needed him any longer.

While being weary of it, he finally lowered the shaft of revolver and started pacing around for twenty seconds, it was only in this time that he did something which would change the terms in which they approached one another, least of all would they know how to handle it.

‘Your brother needs to die. We need to put an end to him. I think that way we might be able to prevent this.’

‘But it’s already done. And what’s done cannot be changed, no matter how many lives you’re taking with you.’

‘You can’t be serious now, after everything that happened to us, something as mundane as a simple murder will certainly bring you back.’

‘It’s wishful thinking; and being mundane has nothing to do with it, this will still be a murder of some kind and we won’t be able to get away from it if we proceed. It will haunt both of us in some way or another.’

‘Which is still better than the alternative, you dying, and I having to deal with the loss of you, not now, not since I got so attached to you.’

‘Why did you aim the gun at me then?’

‘It’s simple. I didn’t know whether or not you were who you claimed to be. I don’t remember much about my life, I know my actions dictated something else, but I don’t.

I’ve always been going by nothing else but dumb luck and that can only bring me so far.

Guessing your name, the date of our weddings; I think we have been married twice, at least, and twice as long divorced, but then we’ve came back together.

The problem is that these memories don’t fit well inside my head and they don’t feel as if they’re mind. Not even the closest thing, if I come to think about it. I cannot work through it.’

‘Then don’t, accept it as it is.’

‘You know I can’t do that Christine, look at this place. If I came to accept that, what else would I allow my mind to go through before giving it all in?’

I couldn’t stated letting everything pass through me, I wouldn’t be a man if I did that.’

She considered telling him, but just as quickly as she had been before, she abstained from doing so. It was taken for granted after all, despite what he claimed. It could be seen in his eyes, though his mouth moved in whichever direction. He loved her and that was enough to make a pass for everything that happened to him so far.

Again with the key, which only triggered his reaction, searching for the ink, seeing how it deepened into his arm until it started reddening. By then he was walking alone, searching the first open door. Closed, it felt like the air itself was inflated past that air, the molecules striding inside of him during their wild attempt to stop him from doing whatever he could in order to get away. But that could only work so far.

‘I want to speak with the man of this chamber.’

The patriarch arose, as if from one of his dire graves, the floor being represented in eighteen, finely squared cancer octaves which sung the song of cancer as he rose. And it was dreadful to listen to, as they could never to pride themselves into their open gashed, through which the smaller copies of human stood, being chewed upon, as they should. Many of them looked like they bore remorse, for the man who was inside the room but he was the worst of all, as he knew of the suffering, yet he did nothing to stop it.

Underneath the cowl, under the barricaded clothes, in which he hid what seemed to be the worst possible sight, the un-likely non-delightful watch of scents, which hardened as well as they pushed the advent of a being, he relented and pushed a piece of the lumped-barricade he wore off.

Inside of it, the scent of death appeared to bear the body of a man. He was half-caught and could only be a part of him now and always as he wanted, as he was meant to be, there was no other way for him to see himself through it.

‘He is called Gordo. I have stumbled upon him during my time with the company, though I dare not say how we got into such close quarters.

I seem to have recalled something which neared his question, in death, he had emotion. But he didn’t manage to live for long enough for me to be done answering.’

‘Why is there?’

There was no answer, nor would there be one, as a matter of fact, this creature could only get more and more aggressive looking, uncivilized, as if Ringer was meant to know what was going on even without prior knowledge of the fact. It dawned on him that he could not fathom, nor look for any other than needed in the sight. Some light appeared to have guided him there, but that was benign. It was still obvious enough that the generator was still going and it would still go for a while, long before died. And it saddened him to hear of them bicker that way, throughout the span of a few minutes where they conveyed nothing.

‘He’s not there any longer.’

‘It was merely a sight, that’s all.

He’s not truly molded in my body, it’s the scent. It plays on your senses and on your eyes. One day you’ll understand it as you yourself shall be affected by the scent inside your turn. Otherwise, I bid you farewell and wish that you wouldn’t be as arrogant.’

‘Like this?’

He didn’t have to ask to begin with, but he pulled his revolver and shot him in his chest. Down the taking, there he bled.

‘One knife is all I need, Ringer.’

He could feel it pumping. The Foreman was close, he would feel little to no remorse for those he touched. As muscles pumped, so had their heads and the knives manifested inside their backs, ever growing until their meat expanded into plain tools for him to draw upon, without a question or a wonder, the filth of the grit being chosen after.

It was understandable, after a while, speaking in speeches benignly.

‘I wish we could stay a while here.’

‘So do I, but this can’t go forever and you know that just as well as I do. It can only go one way; you know where we’re headed, don’t you?’

Keyringer spoke to him, though there was no distinguishable feature for him to be able to hold on. There was no distinction between them. They weren’t copies, but they were also never silent. It was a sight they refused to look past.

‘We should try to make it in time before our arms twitch.’

And they compared them. Shattered bone almost lay exposed. And ink pushed out and poured out until it drained through the blood; that was somewhat which was clearly inevitable. Only one way to go and only one way to know if they would die and, so-so put, it was no one else but Keyringer who suggested it. He was impartial to everything and wanted to do nothing with them. All of those who followed and asked for nothing else, but the mark of ink which drew them, like the wasps they were, all of the gloomily caught lepers in their ranks, marked out of time and left to fend for their own.

‘Here, take this knife, push it through, you know what to do and how to get rid of it.’

First cut, they did it at the same time. It almost came to push out of them as they wallowed behind. Twenty five, but it was unclear what the number meant. Out of so many days and years, so many false hopes they had attained, there was no reason for which they would continue with anything. It was lost on them, hardly ever talked upon. But it appeared in the halls inside the compound nevertheless.

Even if they had been placed there improperly so, they were still there for a reason neither of them acknowledged so. And every action had been dictated and left to flow through their minds, it brought too many bad memories. It was this lack of control which showed itself on Ringer as he grabbed a ledge, then

he pushed himself through it as if he wasn't even physically there. One of the old, frail, he touched him on the back during a time he would be most exposed.

It crept out of a half-skull split, finally, it left him. To the beat of a single stick, he had been turned by nothing of his own will, which only made him cover himself in dirt and shame. He killed again, eight, a few more seconds but they were gone. As were the numbers, which made him desperately, look for the man he met before. Hours at worst, it was not meant to be.

Something changed in the compound and it was not the general sight, nor would there be anything else but some kind of pain which would aggravate him even more than he needed to. It was only that way that he could feel it, the pain in his legs and arms which dictated every action, the pain which took over the control.

It made little sense, and it would also make little to no more than him finding himself even closer to a split head, he opened it instead, this time around, and found nothing in but a mass of coal-like filling he dug out, desperately trying to find something in there. He started eating from it as soon as he could, never asking, nor pushing through.

'You will get sick if you keep doing that. You'll choke and I'll have to bury both of you.'

'How did you find me here?'

'I was always here, one way or another, don't bother look back, you left no trail for me to find you on. Of course it was only a matter of time I would find a way to lure you out of your hole. But you shouldn't pray that I may find you this way again.'

Because I'm leaving and I have no intention on trying to force our paths to cross.'

'You won't? How so? I can only think of something this way, it won't work.'

I've tried, I've tried tracing my steps back, in the mind or.

I simply can't find her, nor him, and I can't find that moment when I had you cornered.'

He couldn't stop staring at the Foreman then. And it didn't matter, regardless of how hard he tried pushing himself out of it.

But the Foreman walked away. And in his path, the walls started revealing the excess skin left in by the knives he planted inside of them. It only marked his desire not to be followed. Not that there was a chance he would not subdue himself while doing so, but he had to go through it.

They weren't to find each other ever again, if one meant to live and the other meant to die, in whichever course of action that would be taken, they refused to meet each other at the end of the road. 'He has a tiny switch-blade!'

The man pulled out two of them in each hand while he held another one between his curved long yellow-tinted horse teeth, through which he spat blood particles which splashed on the floor and became yellow with crass.

‘Stop him before he does anything.’

Late on the watch, tiny woman, no voice, surrounded by a crowd, only a few steps away made by everyone around her which revealed the spotlight-space of a circle which surrounded her. Others wore rosy cheeks while having been long-bent down their feet, caught in this warehouse of Platonic meat, from which they could not wander off.

‘Stop him.’

The first victim fell. Her throat was slit, her bottom feet, two inches in a closely guarded eighteen-foot deep diameter that managed to shatter her ribcage and dig so deep inside her cavity that she was almost unrecognizable as a woman, let alone a corpse that would walk. But the woman crawled away, despite bleeding and her head being just as split about the forehead to the chin, as her body was within that point of cutting, jutting, scraping for more.

What Solozarn had done, was take a gulp of her blood which induced in him a worse state, of mind anemia, no blood group seemed to be as vile and as functional as theirs had been. A Han Chinese was there in the crowd. As soon as he pulled on a gun, everyone ducked almost instinctively. But he looked feminine enough to trigger a reaction out of Hans Solozarn.

‘I hate women, and you look like a woman to me, boy!’

‘We should take a break and talk about our differences then.’

He said, right as Solozarn took the ‘height’ in and tackled him down, punching the Han to death, leaving a gaping wound gashing out of his neck, which immediately shot eight pints and eighteen gallons of blood against his chest as they rushed towards the man’s head, turning it into a blood flake, which flattened. His touch was simple, he killed without eating, but he tasted the man’s gut, pulling out a single throat-neck which started walking on its own, burning everything below it.

‘Ahh.’

It managed to ricochet against his cheek, scraping off a bit of it before it showed off against his blood-shot eyes’ reflection.

‘I can’t stop hating them Negroes, you know?’

The sociopath said, as he was looked at by everyone in the crowd. This was the eight side of the tram which now lay connected to the compound after all.

But he didn’t see it coming. The bone rebounded itself like a piece of shrapnel, going as long as to push out of him.

‘Truth be told, I wasn’t planning on this.’

‘Can’t be, it just can’t be?’

‘What? Just another gulp of it, then, maybe I’ll stop the bone.’

But he smiled candidly as he pushed out eye's worth of vulgar slurs. He fumigated with then, they stared. He pushed them out, they stared. Even when he pouted, they stared. He couldn't move without them staring and waiting for him to do something else.

‘A smile, please, applaud.’

They did as he pleased.

‘Negro-blood courses through all of your veins. I'm not paranoid, I have to do it. I have to cleanse you all of it. I need you all to be clean before you cross the river Pyre and burn on your way to the devilish zone of the Nightmare of dreams.

Peace cannot be attained as long as you have to paint the halls red with your ancestors' inhuman limbs.’

They were crippled by it and could not fathom looking into it. They could see the zone, the other one, in which they ought to end it. There, in the distance, there would be little to no salvation as they'd only come to replace themselves, with glowing bitter goats, the lambs and the ropes, the dogs and the fat-lumped rhinoceros jaws, all of which would cackle at each other, their kin and all, until that point of no starvation, when they were determined to put on a fight.

‘Someone needs to pick up that gun and kill him before he butchers us.’

A man alarmed everyone of the hard-head, the diamond shredder which pushed out of the window. Close to it mirror-knives traveled slowly, only to stop and melt, and through them, the shrapnel-like head stood erect. Pushing out and foaming broth, and blood sea did not see it happen.

Blinded by Hans, they started cradling each other in the nearest corner, something they hadn't considered or did in a long time. It had to be done, pouting in the sickening of the light, the blooming fingers pushing out and being cut one by one. Deranged and pushed back, outta' it, they couldn't bring back, not even a single shimmer of their filth-mongrels which had been headed by the rear-windows upon their attempt to invade their privacy through uncanny means.

‘Filth mongrel, you're a descendant of Mongol. You must be cleansed. You must be killed and slaughter and beaten after and devoured, just so I may attain that piece of your mind and knowledge, right as in the olden times.’

‘But is that not a Negro tradition, that of which you accuse of us having intermixed with.’

And they laughed at him, unearned so, which only added to his annoyance and the amount of self-pity and content he felt for himself. Which brought his other, more aggressive side back to reality, as it writhed its ugly head in, as he grabbed for a woman, bringing her to her knees, pushing her through one of the tightly hidden, if not compressed holes through which she fell through without a limb to stand on. He kept them as the hole sealed itself and there was no way for the others to know how it worked. Despite that, they all seemed to be desperately searching for it, without giving in the doubt of the need, while the people standing closest to them started dying.

It dawned on him, they would not escape.

Many of whom, of better if not bitter hues had lost their fingers as they pushed through, nails dug and 'diggen' through, dug through skin and dredged in sharp meat.

There was no way to hide it, he walked. Not the facial features, not the behavior, not the act. Not the filth, upon which he had no control off, nothing. It was time he finally showed his colors, for what he were, and what had remained of him and what would come after, as the act were done with. Sickeningly he stopped breathing, only pushing in one direction, lost in thought. A name that was not his own and would not fathom pushing out of itself.

Twice the size through his back, he carried it like a sack.

Joined soon by another one, who seemed to look just about the same. Though he had only seeped in through the straws that entered him instead. Through twenty other small containers, they walked on a single bridge of solid fat. It didn't lead forward any longer, only at the bottom of the ravine, towards which he seemed to have been lost.

'I see.'

'Was there ever a reason behind it?'

One of them men asked. They were plainly exposed, and lost in the various acres which only pushed on. Dreading themselves after being unable to prevent it from happening.

Another two of them seemed to be absorbed, into the fall. During which they didn't stall and only came through, until all access to life ended and they could not see it through any longer. They would be damned nonetheless, even if they stayed. But neither of them could be allowed to remain alive, not for long, not to fend for themselves or start on breathing. It was unacceptable, even pushed through.

And they were used as they would be in need of, to cover the various holes left in the walls by the Foreman himself. He needed to make sure there was still a reason for the Compound to keep him alive and this was only the greatest if not the only thing which seemed to make him work. It was only through him that they wanted to push on. Another attacker came back, he charged the man and only ended up being thrown on his back as the Foreman turned. Knelt as he pleased and crushed his skull before him. He dared say something in two tongues. But couldn't do it past that, they couldn't fathom looking anywhere.

It was the only push there could be. Some of the men where nothing more but a mercy kill, which could only be ended through the strike of a depression.

The Depression left many men wandering from their factories and from their various parts of town towards the Compound. Though there may have once been an open path, during a time where the bunker wasn't in place to stop them from coming onto it, as they placed themselves there, no one stood a reason to be there any longer. Watching after days, and nights, two swollen through the dark and light, obscured by some of the blue clouds, they seemed, almost moronically caught in awe.

They could not be blamed for it. No one would expect this cackle of rotten sights. No delight to set them in awe, no food for the ones that came from a far distant land. Looming around this senselessness added nothing to their worth. It was only a seemingly useless thing they did out of the frustration of their

country's misgivings, since it had surrendered to the barbarous outsiders who would spit and piss upon their guts.

And one of those men seems like he hadn't come from nowhere else but his own peculiar ideal, the man who would turn alloy to diamond glass. The same man who ended up being pounded in the ground while he said nothing about no one else surrounding him. He could only be pitied for so long now, until it would be enough. Some worth could not be taken out if, swollen and erect like a horn.

'I'll take it back if I have to, I won't turn upon myself no longer.'

'Don't start it yet.'

Filler made sure everything was in place, hoping everything would tie off eventually. There was no certain way he could look past it, but he tried it anyway, at least three more times. Without something to come along the way, they were directionless, and the memories would be forgotten. Once, with their death, so would the events prior to their meeting.

In the short-comings they searched one of the brothels. It was a given that one would find its way down inside the compounds. As one and only one possible sign of the melting, and pouring in from the outside world, which took away the perspective they had on the world. It was all they had, torn apart-a land or not. They were confined inside one similar room. Over and over again, overtly trying to out-do themselves over, only to end up where they began. No, Christine was gone. It was almost as if she had never existed to begin with. Out of the picture, legless, desperate, broken apart and dragged in by a brother she has never shared any connection with whatsoever.

Through the tributaries, one, in the distant search of the dead-lamb, there had been a charge. From an almost flat-cutout-like turbine, that kept everything going there was one director. He placed everything that could be seen around the place. Going further than that, there was a disgraceful act, the body of a man being ripped apart in plain sight.

A bastardization of the old Christ tradition, a mockery which was placed on the arm of a man who had claimed the name of Ringer, the Key being lost. Him being locked inside, there being no way out, and as a single sign of that, with every picture taken of himself and the uniform he wore, there would always be that single sign making the change apparent. As if there was no single emotion in his eyes. He knew, he had to remember every kind of pain that would be omitted by the death of faith. It's what degenerated the land, and in turn, he chose to do it as well, coming to a quick turn of tides.

He had been a man of cloth after all and not much of his brain was left. Too many cuts here and there and it seemed like he could only look forward on close calls, when it didn't matter any longer.

His mind was gone and gone with no one else to attach it. Being desperate to make a change, he only drew on and lost another piece of his brain. On dissecting small birds while performing a live autopsy, but more importantly, being somewhat caught by something. Despite there being the high-punishment against stalking, there was a stalkerish behavior apparent in most people that could not have been observed in any other place. First it began with the taking of a single cabinet of drug after breaking into an apartment belonging to a woman called Vika, or Viki, something like that, same three and just about about the same origin. She was looked for, over a few streets.

There he came and he didn't bother to look around or ask for anything as they came to the realization there was nothing going on. No bystander knew what was going on. Not a single would dare know what went through his head, everything going just as planned, for a while.

It was simple, he would walk around the places she occasionally seem to subscribe to, place a dollar on the counter and proceed with the bait. Afterwards, he would not stop thinking about it.

Perhaps it was meant to be that way. With his account being unreliable, there was no pointer going towards where he wanted to go now.

They left him, just about everyone. Leaving slowly, with spots on the floor, they weren't glue there, but they stood out like cutouts of carpet rounded foot-prints which appeared to have been stuck on top of one another, forming small circled patterns. He wasted no second as he started prying into them, going by the glow, as he was followed by no one. Wearing it would not make a difference any longer, but he did it anyway. Glassed by the skin, and cut about the forceps out of the scraps he had attained from rubbing his arm against one of the unfixed walls revealed as much. There was no blood but ink dripping out of him, a detail which saddened him most. Since he knew that he was human no longer. Since he knew that it was already too late for him to get out of it.

Even his faith had been somewhat bastardized in the process, to the point where he was unsure what to believe any longer.

There was still so much to do around the halls, and they were endless, as the compound was only the smallest sub-claves of the great building his in the heart of the Northern Blocs. Without hope or doubt, he walked, without saying anything, without bothering to look around or see for himself what reason called. Being there was dreadful, but time would do.

There was still Filler who seemed to breathe, despite the circumstances being the way they were. And there was no reason for him to prod there, especially since he would only be alone from this point on. With Ivanoe having given him the sentence and him having no chance to spare them around, doubt at least appeared to infuriate a man the most. A cruelty like it could not be felt. It had to wreath its two heads in and bite as deeply as it could, pushing through until it was uncanny for it to miss a single second, another wetter piece of glass falling from the ceiling. He had missed it just now and couldn't go back to the moment when it fell, not without suffering the loss of another finger. Two were missing, on his right hand. They were only pushing through on the last span.

They were dependent on it. Just as the mold of a single casket would be during the flood coming from the same room he was locked in. But there was no point in trying to get out. It wasn't made out of water but the wiring that remained, the ones that dragged it away still heaving as he had done before. Every miss and every pain, once it got out, nothing remained.

He was trying to undertake the task of understanding what was going on around him, with the wild surroundings being somewhat, still, no reason to ask for more. 'You know what's so hard to distinguish about them? If you were to look at the bottom of their shoe's soles, you'd see nothing else but the pointers to the footprints which carried blood prints all over a single flat outstretch of snow.'

Tracing it back there, to the point where a single man managed to escape was pointless in some way, meaningless in the other, it lead to nothing, meant nothing.

As the steps drew back in, there drew the marks of the steppe which were ever-lasting, never glancing, pushing through the cowl of snow, tracks a-making on various rows during which the snowstorm only got stronger.

A corny sight, and the reeds were blue, mostly painter by a Dutchman taken out from the golden age of drawing, before he was abandoned there with no means to fend for himself or face the cold.

Entry to the building from another angle, Christine's brother, whose chest still heaved as the other projected body appeared to have finally pushed itself in until it had become part of it. Never throwing, heaving after dark. It could not handle all the bottled air inside its chest before pushing out.

The same song would not be played twice now. There was no announcement yet, but the man who used to play the piano died.

It was saddening, in some way. But no one seemed to show up or care. It wasn't like they were heartless, but they could not look away from the threat which appeared on every possible surface there was. Subtle or not, it wasn't tracked down, nor would it be more obvious than it should be there. Tiny pebbles appeared in places they shouldn't be found, not there, not at this moment.

Something wrong happened inside of them, no process of taking, no manifestation of bodily functions. But it felt as if they were bones, their bones, moving along the ground until they entered the various soldier's bodies and honing their return towards home. It wasn't right. The sight of it was anything but right. Like some bitter-sweet deformation suddenly breaking the joints before they had the chance to develop; infantily being broken down as they'd lose control over the way they spoke, moved and fell on their knees as they broke.

Fingers locked, all around the four points which forced the alcove. Some of them stretched directly underneath one of them. Tossed over the shoulders, Corpus Mortem walked to the side, picking off what he left behind. And there was no antecedent to the ones that were there before him during their sad attempt to grasp the meta-straws. Some of whom were still there, part of the alcove, all on each side, holding candles, burning with them as their splits opened like their wounds, everyone was being treated the way they should. In one direction there was a dire man, his name was Euphor, and he owned him thence. During their savagery they could not decide against which part they should stay on. Without saying too much, one faded in part and looked around, the pain was dry but tiny critters lay inside. All of whom seemed to wager that someone was there before there, the stranger.

Twenty miles way, unable to breathe through the devices, primed for them, a nonce entered the hold. He had made his joy out of picking up the ones off the ground who couldn't help it, gone in the making.

'I shall claim a piece of my own and expand my world whether or not you like it. I'll do it and I'll kill whomever I want, I'll drive them madly in to the nearest walls. I'll, I will, I'll.'

'Had enough?'

‘I still have some power left in the backburner, but I won’t allow myself to be used in such a manner. I am the last and I’m going to be the last one alive in this place.’

He said to one of his female suitors.

Corpus couldn’t fathom staying long around them for reasons. They all made him feel, all too wrong, all too touched around his head. He wanted to be out of there, already with one of their teeth out, guiding himself by the scent that loomed around. An ivory puddle in the north, he knew what to avoid in order to make as fewer trouble as he possibly could. It was the invoice brought by theirs. He could not remain in there a second longer, because he had plans of killing them. All of his hatred had to be equally distributed along.

‘Hello there.’

A fright had inhabited his soul. A stroke had almost claimed his heart before he could do it. There he was, the man known as Abel with his back device, trying to claim his life before his exploration even started. And whom might stand against him that way? What was in his mind, what was he trying to convey? He could kill me, he could snap my shoulders off their joints, I know he could do it as easily as he wants to. I could not cherish a second more against him if he had decided to try it. Try it, try it, making him beg for an escape.

‘I think there’s something dangerous in the back. Your safety isn’t to be satisfied that easily, is it?’

‘There’s nothing there but a few females lying on the ground, have you used them already?’

‘I suppose their company has grown tiresome after a while. I could not fathom trying myself ever and after, yore and wonder. I wont nothing and I bid you seek the same.’

‘Not so fast now, I need some directions first, before I decide to do something about this company of yours. There’s something I truly don’t like about it, you know?’

So many leaps and so many goes, he couldn’t handle going through them again. He was the fourth man who tried conning him into heading the wrong direction and by now he learned just about their every trick. Head on there, pay heed and grievance to the dead sparrow, it might guide you into the right direction if you paid enough respect to it. Perhaps one day you’ll learn something, or you’ll make it through eventually. Keep at it, take left, another left, another left, then into the circle.

But before he could be given the time, suddenly he started sharpening his toothy grin in the back, the mandible cresting in the back, even farther than an average bear-trap until it finally arched towards the breaking point. Stress had went through him by the second and now he released it.

‘Aaagh.’ A sudden shameful cry, as Corpus felt his shoulders pop, out of no wonder and as no mystery for what was going on. He knew what this had happened for, and his insolence only showed in the form of being vile and passing.

‘I thought I gave you the right directions, but you haven’t even checked them to begin with.’

‘I don’t think I can make any sense out of what you told me. So, if you’re not so minded as to tell me, where’s the north gate?’

‘How would you have me know? I’ve been charmed by those females in there and have spent my time only because of them. Nothing more and nothing less, I’ve once been just as lost as you were.’

‘And you expect me to believe that somehow? You may be a good liar but I can see your shoes, both of them seem to be worn out, right out of long days of walking, how do you suppose you could explain that?’

‘I couldn’t, nor will I try. It’s only a matter of time until the others come.’

He left a trail for them and only now could he see them around. In every place as well, they were pale and could only make the lights tremble as one of the generators started hurling itself forth, even though it could not be touched by any, it wasted no time proving its worth. Lights were overburdened by the constant upheaval of surges that almost broke them in halves. It took too much out of a man to look for one of those and the engineer was too deformed and lacked a mind.

His face shot in every direction, through his arms and legs and body, with sharp-stretched angles, his teeth grinning as they grew inside, black of grit and seemingly all too sharp to be that of a man, instead of a beast. He was also too tall for a single man to take on if he decided it would somehow be fair for him to take on the challenge. Most decently, he kept on bobbing one of his wrenches against the top head of the turbine-wing, which only made the machine slow down as it started pushing down the insides of the generator.

‘We need to come up with something before the room falls down on them. Certainly you must understand that, Abel, after all, I know you’re not as cruel as to start pounding through my bones and the steel I have left.’

But the mechanism only rested in the back, showing ever-so slightly up whenever it was called upon. And it acted way too fast to be completely ignored, or left to the hand of fate which might take away from him whatever he might hold. He was not, in the least surprised by the fact, that wherever he looked, in whichever direction he ended up pushing himself towards, there was at least a sign of something rowing. A pair, a laughter and steps flowing, regardless of the direction he seemed to be looking in. That alone made him anything but uncomfortable for obvious reasons, it was messing with him. Through whichever, and whatever, he clipped him once again, until he was forced on his back and thrown against the ground as he could not be made to hide the little thing that poured out of his shoulder. Blood it wasn’t, nor could it have been a thing, nor could anyone pay attention to the signs as the dames appeared to have followed in and left the premise.

Sooner than expect, they left on threading. Neither of them suffered a single lass to stay behind, or make too much of a case while wallowing there. He was one of the few people who believed they belonged there. For some reason or another, it was simply how it was with some people, especially the ones who spent too much time in the compound, that dragging for far too long. It was hard to tell what the life outside had become and what it had generally been. Not without losing hope over what they lost in the ground surrounding and the waste. During daylight, there were slits, real ones which lead to real long gaps through which light passed on. And no one could distinguish the real thing from the fake one. It was

hard it could only get harder, thinking of a way through, of a way out, making something. Making anything of the lost doors and pushing through when they needed to do it most.

A man got desperate there, unable to seek aid and look for anyone, beg for another spare leg after wasting the last one he got his hands on. It was infuriating, being abandoned by his group of eight hardy-watches. All of whom had once been used to appeasing their own curiosity until one by one, neither made it through. It was just and displeasing being there, a life without hope, where he crawled.

‘Anthony Rope, I need you to do something for me.’

‘Where, how, come on, give it to me straight on, I’ll deal with anything if I have to.’

Both shared nothing and lay their arms to rest. It was obvious that they had been there, for what seemed to be the great part of fewer minutes before they left. He was left to crawl in what would be the most dissatisfactory walk a man without legs would go at. With the stumps, inside of which there pushed only the most dreadful heads which prided themselves with the hardening, wearisome nature of the liquids which were being pushed in them. They paled and grew fatter, until they had become not only stronger but appeared to carry on the entire weight by themselves in the back. Both new additions appeared to have achieved the maximum quantity of their extent, until they became erect again. And two heads had come in the making, twice the quietness as they drew on. Spilling as much of their concoction as they could as it hardened, allowing the pressure of the other unseen limbs to thread on.

He was pulled by them, until the floor had changed into what appeared to be a painted world, as if he could finally breathe in the finality of his sudden freed will, Anthony rose up, being kept only by the constant spray which strapped below and appeared to feed his walk. With every step at that, he refused to stop and set to flight. A single fly just as gray as the others, whose chest heaved open and there came the crystal. Which poured in the front, as it let a final long shout, of sour watchers, all of whom return to gloat at him, the one who made it through before he could be gotten past the breeds, heed his call. Watching him as he joined the others, with the throat being nothing but an electric arc, which poured through the paint as if fell from this arc of his into the compound.

‘We have to seal the way in, we have to make it so there’s no reason to push back and see the crowds of soldiers emerge.’

One of them was nothing but a poor-headed man. Little to him after a while, instead, soldiers showed up after all. They could not be fathomed to be looked on. A fake one amongst them but they could not speak freely without risking being seen. Seeding and rooting with the mark, they listened and started lighting the plains, after a while. Could they not have heard? Was it worth it? After all, instead of trying their hands, most of which were calloused, panting. They were trying to do something.

Trying to open fire on the flying things, who were bringing from the depths of the earth, a colourful string, as thick as large erected bridges, all of which would be put together after a while, most of whom being as hardened and benign. For each had born, his body torn.

Then he walked obscure through a moving, flying, rotating throne. Inside of which the colours faded, out of which the blue and red, the pink wings emerged. A white triumphant soup had pushed him, and never ending sights emerged. He walked on crippled long legs now. From the fat baboon-like spikes only a

slimmer of the grease had stood. But they were primed for the stabbing, beneath him eighteen men were sickeningly put down, and made the floor like a taxidermy ground.

From which the pain, and every scream, which made his body thin by the moment as well as deeply or even deeper within, he looked for some respite.

Rope said at least.

‘Will there be a moment when I will have earned the satisfaction I look for?’

‘Not as long as you are here, for know that the paint is cracking as we speak. Sooner or later, during some restoration, you shall be lost and covered as nothing more but the piece of a phantomatic smudge.’

With that he was left with nothing else but the truth, from why he did not shy away, nor could he convey nothing else but the most pure feeling of grandiose defeat. He felt melancholic as he saw them on their feet.

‘Lay with us and perhaps we might play later.’

‘Can’t you see that we are hurt?’

Nothing seemed to emerge in terms of emotions. Only that he indulged himself as he would want for nothing. Given and received, he lay. Rope would never hope to gain anything from them, nor had he looked for anything in return. For every moment spent there, his heart was missing, his hope ran dry.

But, there was one thing he refused to look into. And there would be no one to come up with any kind of righteous explanation. It even perplexed him in the most peculiar and unearned manner. Why would they not tell me? He asked himself. But no one really wanted to look at Rope for too long. As this simple action only awakened some kind of wild response of guilt they didn’t want to feel either.

‘Why are so many horrible things happening here?’

‘I don’t know.’

One of the sealed humans whose face had been affected the hardest, who had worn all of his sutures inside out, seemed to be of the same opinion as well. There was no change in them, they could only obey the need they felt to spare no one of the sight and of the pandemonium which was instilled in them.

Soldiers joined this strange paint-looking, poorly coloured place. And nothing much could be said other than the wild abstractions and the wrong colours used and the peculiar pastels which ruined in. What of the break if there was nothing to ruin? Nothing to destroy, as long as there was only ugliness in it, as everything in this world, there would be nothing to refrain them from doing so.

‘What will happen to them?’

‘Observe for yourself, this should be easy enough for no difference to have been made. I wish there was a heart to ruin. I hope there is a change as well. Make sure whatever you planned to do with them is wrongly accustomed. For pain and agony will claim them.’

He repeated this as if it were some ill prophecy of his people. The ones which made him be stuck in this place in the first of the takers, during the times, during their minds and. He couldn't think right. It was all wrong.

Those men suffered and it was even going to be for the sake of them addressed. Instead they did nothing to change or prevent what went through their heads. It was all too gone, all too broken in them. Those ribs, their very, not souls, but they simply looked out of the world, beyond abstraction, too stretched yet in the same chamber with them.

All of them together but in one spot, all of them there but not exactly there, only a few steps forward, more backwards and eighteen hundred on the sides, which constantly drew them back to their original position while they remained still all the time. It was a strange sight which wasn't even human. A derelict of parts, not even those, they looked like wild long, thrown out surfaces which produced the utmost insufferable noise their kin could ever create. And they were absolved of the pain they caused as they pushed on and contorted their creator until he had finally stopped and appeared there inside of them. But he was nothing even remotely understandable as he was only the guts and the heads and the geometrical objects which had assailed and connected their brains as the worm-like intestine constantly writhed in weird circles. Only at that point could there be pain.

Only then could Rope admire what had happened there as he only thought of a way back, to a time when everything was fine. His heart beckoned for an escape. To be back inside the Compound, not here, where the hills only raised themselves upon a whim and bore the mighty grins of which beckoned teeth bore axe-like infantile limb-cacklers. Embed in them, features that remained somewhere obscure and unable to suture themselves into death. They begged for that mercy instead of quitting through their lives. And they could not look beyond it. Life was sad in the mouth of the hill.

And plenty of other hills appeared to have stocked themselves with the mightiest similar torture-chambers one could end up being at. Never to have felt the love, never to have suffered less, it was only too obvious what he had desired, out to get them, much likely as to impress their living sides. And he could only spear them with his eyes as he finally got back up. He wanted to share whatever slim emotion he bore. There was no time for it, not while they were drawn towards the hills and being spread without them knowing what was going on. As a matter of fact, they tried their hands, sliding through, soldiers faded. Neither of them were headstrong enough to make a difference with all the splitting happening in-between them. Everyone had to be taken whether or not they liked it, and that in itself was irrelevant. As they jousting against them with lances that spit led, watched upon clearly as they would give it all as well; sooner than expected, more than a few of them leaped in.

And the other soldiers which were pulled down the hills and up, upon them and most of them inside had suffered no less than it was needed, as their very own lives were at stake and could not be held upon the high tide. Most of whom, and most of less, they came from the main mass and appeared to stretch. Without wonder they asked for no more than what was needed of their worth. Some would even go as far as to crush their own lots and inflict some sever rations, thrown against their faces. Fed by the disgraceful army-lot porridge, they walked with empty bellies filled with food that only ate their bones. Fealty was not needed as they knew they would not shoot each other in the back. Hard to see, as from their uncanny lepers, there was not one but two of them who made the cross.

Off into one of the many hills they leapt, without disgrace, no medals, generals of death which wore their skulls underneath their helmets. Most of whom appeared to be of a distant defiled, mostly enabled piece of the making, most of them appeared to remember the chains, which dragged the keeper beneath the earth as their ascension was denied even before they managed to prove their worth. It was impossible to keep up after a while. But most of them knew where they were headed and felt no sympathy for themselves, nor for the others. As they pushed on, threading not like lovers but lenders who lack compassion. It was well earned, of no worth. Time had asked of them to give up upon their slouchy bones and leap inside the hills.

Mostly on a whim, he asked.

And Rope could not be tried. He only wanted not to be denied, in a matter of sprinting through the masked and lasses. In memories of young days, where a lad would dream of having them, he only thought of a single one and married her. Only to wake up in this chaotic space inside the hill, where nothing looked like the other places and only seemed to draw them farther in, where it was unnecessary to fight or strive for more and one shouldn't. He wanted to pull off everything off the skin which was his suit, the uniform he wore, the dog-tag saying, 'Tomorrow Morn.'

And that's when finally, Rope got to speak. He looked with no compassion and seemed to have joined the leap. Here and there, cutting the men below him like shades of butter, frogs were in the sky. Most of who were accompanied by fox-heads and other animals which were cut just so they would match the form of the frogs as they would come back to life. Again, they sang of no retreat. Waking up at the feet of knowledge, as most of them were only linked by long-strings which only made it so, that only the knowledgeable knew what seemed to be inside every shimmer of an alcove, the light which drained itself through each strand. For every wire bore in it the fraction mind and the rest of the bodies from which the new-animals were made out of. It appeared that from every piece of fox, a long twenty-five centimetre long snake-line pushed out at the middle of the bottom ear had been eaten at the base, only to reveal the growth and the push of a bigger head which leaped around and seemed to have no other feature, yet it pushed cylinders out of itself, which formed the planar legs that opened in order to draw the air in. And at the rounded flat end of the cylinder, the holes looked like some tiny mouths of some lost distant creature whose eyes would not fathom being anything but some tiny legs that were only pushing on as hard as they could in order to glorify the stingers that came out of them.

And smaller accesses grew on each. The preacher came out of one of the cylinders as a voice. The sermon of foxes would be heard.

'For our kind will survive.'

But his voice was cut as he looked upon them with non-existing eyes. They were animals no longer, ochre darker, mixed with raw sienna, dirt engulfed and looking like they were old piped, rust embed on top of that. With all the cracks inside their hard-heads and bloated, from which the winds could only be inflated even more with the amount of meat which poured out. And with every cord, some of them, that may as well be called the satellite-points, there came the others as they were drawn in to form the blockers. Like mines placed inside of water-stoppers, there past a lone lighthouse, where the watch of men turned blindly upon them, punished for looking for too long. Not too bold now, but cold-blooded as to the suffering they could not spare themselves off. It could only be this way.

‘I have failed in preserving the nature of my species. What is there left for me to strive for?’

He didn’t answer, nor could he care, as Rope only seemed to dare look at the hills in the most peculiar awe of hearts, he could not fathom looking back, nor would he have spared himself, of looking through. And in sinew, through making, he looked for a single way out.

‘Make it through, I need to make it through.’

‘You won’t. The hills have asked of you and have already commanded that you may join them, even though you may not suspect, or might direct of see eye to eye with them, there’s still a chance.’

His heart raced but he had not dared stay for too long, it was something he could simply not do. The world out there was abhorrent, but here, it was naught. Just what was this place and why were they being brought in it?

There was still a way through. The scent of rum passed him, at the cue. Other soldiers rounded themselves, and more had come from distant lands. This place was far worse than expected. No cold attempt in the making. Sector eighteen forty six, of the main section of the compound, the upper-top region which stood about the curve, which disregarded the other rooms below. It was hard to see and even harder being around so many places at once but he would do it. For now he was one of the creatures responsible for making sure that everything was in its place.

A wild one he seemed. The other guy with him, large comical grin, a face held by sticks from a body that looked somewhat, partially if not entirely the way it’s been, mechanical, of no greater or lesser use. It pushed out of him when needed, and seemed to bear another smaller soldier’s upper torso which was being stored for later usage. That’s what kept him walking, stalking, never asking, or else he would be asked as well. In his company there was only this, the need to avoid asking questions. Those would not do, especially since there was the lack of trust between them which passed the trough.

‘Carry him over for a while. I think I’m going to make great use of him later. If you don’t mind the trouble, make sure the other bodies are being taken as well. We wouldn’t like to have too much trouble because of it.’

And they were piling up, all of them seemed to have been made out of pure desperation. Recycled bodies being somewhat acceptable, it was the only thing they seemed to be bearing and sharing between them. It only had to go that way. A head was chopped, and one was brought and the Porpot, who seemed to jiggle his sticks could only push another one out and another one followed about ten seconds after, when a nest only came as well. In it, for what seemed to be twenty eggs, there was one rotten, one forgotten and one which appeared to be shaped like a cubical, spherical pole-mace, which increased its size to a wider fit at the top-most reach, through which it poured out the smaller ones, the children of benign birds, which only seemed to come out in the passing.

Most of them still-born, nothing was questioned about this process as it would be way too unfathomable to be touched. It brought the inattention, the wreathing speed, the mighty heed, as no one wanted to look after.

‘I want you to take but a corpse. I want you to bring him forth and make sure he’ll live through it.’

He had been passing, past the mass, he wished there was a reason after that. But there wasn't, the orders made no sense whatsoever. They were written by a man with two heads. He had been reputable, but looked like a strangely injected, deathless-gazer, who could not tell for the likes of him what he was staring at, why they were trying it in the first place and how reality came into place. During his advent, there was no end to the exchange between them.

Blood for the plasma, spilled between them when his supervisor wasn't looking, Portpot knew of this exchange, he had witnessed it. And looked gloomily red, around painted cheeks which shot him humbly to the single bite of a disease, he wanted at least this, to warn anyone who was looking 'round and cackling. Yet he found naught and only seemed to spare. No one of.

'What's that now?'

He came, a nomad invader or the reins, in quiet, a Mongol who seemed to spare no one of what he saw and what remained of the old Golden horde which still ran through his veins. His shamanic lord might know the better, but he had sipped in and lost his temper. In the echo of lost dark-clouds, he leaped at his leopard, with the knife in one hand and the spear-shaft, the arrow laughter. He felt beneath him, like an anchor which deepened the disaster. And all the while he felt to his knees, begging for his sickly-looking sticks not to be removed from his neck, the body being largely archaic. With him being lost in thought, it only gave the start for trying to put one down. He couldn't do it after that.

Not while he could face the cold, the sight they would push through him as well as everything which went forth.

'I've killed your master, this jungle of metal is mine.'

'Spare me, then, and I shall be your servant if I can.'

He had no word, not leper's cry. He didn't want to die and the Mongol only looked as if he was readying himself as if to try. And in between, as much as they'd know, there was no hope for the master to leave him past the throng. Not on his willing feet, not to understand what went through him.

'Face it now, I shall disembowel you if you make the wrong move. Need you know lesser and think even so. But I can simply tear out your shell as if it's nought, you'd better sow and face the vile truth.

You're nothing but a poor-minded and less hinder-sighted slave. Nothing needs to be spoken of you as it will only be a better hue that'll be decided.'

Thence he looked out of his prisms. And looked upon the colours which were projected upon him, through the hue, thence the coming of a read and sienna, he had to try. With a single flash, which only crudely touched him as well as it could, at last, he released nothing but a cold running oil. In need to be used by the desperate as they would only see it as a way to cut through him.

As well as he would rejoice.

'I've marked you now, and that's the only thing you should be focusing on, there's no need for desperation. No attrition may due. As long as you're in my service, there shall be no need to starve as you're coming through.'

He took only after himself and gave no explanation to what was going around. They shouted at both of them, which only drove them further away, through their places and in the back. Spotted, looking at what he's done. A hot iron poker had marked him as a servant, Mongol only laughed at it as he had no clear desperation to his name. He felt nothing and achieved just as much by looking at them. Plain windows stranding, no one watched them row, as swollen as the sea would be, neither of them came forth to ask.

'We need to identify both of you before we can allow you to set forth. How does that sound for either of you?'

'It's fair enough, wouldn't you say so.'

Portpot was not desperate, yet he lied. He defied all logic and only fended for himself, after asking what went wrong through them.

And they were both dreaming it alive. Waves of electrons shooting around every possible edge of the place until someone who was viscous came from beneath the ground, the earth, the part of the waves which were pushing around them, from each side. A counter wave appeared, crisscrossing the other. Inside of them, at least two other fearing-lovers, who were levitating from their pits, bore nothing but their frailness as they floated from inside the abyss. Down there, many like them followed. Completely annihilated or barely formed as they were, dust forms came to life. Like tiny particles which pushed into the middle, they only drove each other out. In there and out, they could not fathom staying for long. One could see them as the after image during a flash photograph being taken which only complimented their dark figures and the accumulation they seemed to hold onto. No telling could say of what their bodies were, nor of what was going or what their minds conveyed.

Had they dreamed the place instead? They walked. In gross and even grosser forms, with every second passing, they only drove the part from hiding, looking even more human as they rose and walked so. But they only took the legs and wore them instead. Fancily displaying, taking seconds as to stand. Bearing only the least delightful praying, as they shoved the lights off, this had happened, only a few meters off the painted disasters, which explained their apparition. A condition of the disturbed mind, one of them brought only kindles with him. Cradling it, instead of painting the blind off the quiet.

'What was going on today?'

'What had happened yesterday of course, have you missed it already? Do you not know what's going on out there?'

It was a miracle in the making, neither of them knew what was going on. They were too tired to walk and were only standing on legs that didn't belong to them but to the Feud. The Feud was there, only a few hundred miles below, nearing the point where one could draw the road to the ship. And danger rang as the throng of the people and the humans could stand to emerge. Out of agony they could be reformed and they could live again without the hope of trying to live again. Bastards of no buildings, those who did not belong, unwanted.

'I wish I could meet this Feud, I'd have so much to tell him if I only knew where I could find him.'

'Never wont and never want for more, he's dangerous after all.'

‘So what? I could handle him if I wanted to, there’s no need for me to put you through it. I would thread on and meet him on my own.’

Though the Feud was made out of eight spherical glowing, expanding cylinders which seemed to be constantly switching placed. Outwardly, it pushed out all of limbs it took from the adjacent areas from which there was no reason to push in and look. Everyone who died appeared to have been dragged by the presence underneath. And they were abandoned into rooms no one entered, as they were completely sealed from the way above. A great system, which only signalled the distress, not to confess for too long now, but there was no one left to impress with what was going on. Only a loaf would think of it otherwise, let alone make the case.

But blue was the colour of staying and the halls were only flashing green in the eyes of Portpot, who could not be taught either, that he desperately needed to confirm himself as being alive.

‘I wish I could tell you that, strange being, but I don’t know myself. A slave’s life is not a life worth living. Nor is there a chance that I may be alive to begin with.’

‘What do you think of me then? I am a Mongol.’

Though he alone was unnatural, he looked benign. As a matter of fact, he was anything, if tried for counting, natural, but the common ancestor of some dreadful beast which would serve out of light.

‘I seem to have thought so as well.’

In the waves there was the scum-trough, which only brought the world of Plunhesse back in, a stinger pushed through, he would face the Feud and talk to him.

Firs the Mongol and his servant, right before Plunhesse spoke. He could not be met by anything either, as the consequences would be far too dire to get through as well. No one understood.

Plunhesse spoke through their bodies, malignantly so.

‘Mongol, that’s who you are.

Your name rings familiarity.’

‘But I am not Mongol, but a Mongol of the Golden Horde.

I shall be called as who I am, I claim the name Han of the North.’

The location seemed to check in, though that would be unpleasantly, a coincidence, from which he sprouted. Dated like no matter-spun, he spoke about it no longer, none. It made no difference and it had made less sense. He was distressed and knew not what was going on, nor whom to ask or why they were pushing on.

‘I shall ask of you this then. You need not do any heavy sweating or make it so as if you’d please. But needn’t bother in the making, I will smash your head in.

I will smash your head split open if I have to. Even with these weak bodies, I will smash your head in and I will make your slave clean you off with his tongue until your boots are wrung upstairs. And until you're beaten off to an inch of coming back to life.

With your head being completely smashed around every single wall inside the Compound, have I made myself understood? ‘

‘Did I say something wrong then? What did I say?’

‘You didn't have to say anything, I only wanted to make sure you know what the stakes are. And I will completely dominate this place and in order to do so I need to make sure you're cripple. I can't do it other wise.’

He stepped in, and the Feud came as well. From the looks of it, there was an entire building which formed, through the bodies of the dust-particles which only united themselves to the pit they came out of. And there were many hands coming out of open windows. All of which had big stretched arms which only started pounding around the place and the walls. As heavy as they were strong, they pulled long knives and broad swords and claymores from inside their apartments. Even the Feud was just as surprised as everyone else who was present and was looking at it. He wanted to smash them in, both Han and his slave. But they didn't say anything out of place.

‘You know what? I don't need you to be alive any longer, I will curb-stomp you if I will it so. I will push you around and I will smash your body, hence I will it so.’

Then he grabbed both of them with what seemed to be a strength and a force and speed unmet. Both of them got immediately stabbed, their bones were smashed. Han lost his right arm while the left arm had no fingers to make it so. Both of them were held by a pair of arms while the others were used to beating them until they got nosebleeds and their livers started pushing out of the slits which had been made in their bellies. After that they were thrown, picked up, thrown and left in a corner, abandoned as they no longer wondered.

‘Neither of them lives any longer, we can call that a case closed.’

Then he approached the Feud. He watched the creature wreathe in the atrocity which was disease and asked for nothing yet.

‘What happened to this place then? I shall only ask this of you?’

‘There's been something here and something there and something just about everywhere. But I don't think there's a single reason, or a culprit for what happened.

Whatever lays outside is beyond our reach.’

And he knew that well enough as he had no peace of mind, nothing of his own. He wanted to watch it again, so, instead of taking his time to come up with some excuse, he simply went around the halls, picked a few men which were lost inside the Compound and threw them in front of him. All of those limbs appeared to function with or beyond the will which was being spread between them, out the bringer, then the quiet.

Plunhesse only wanted to wait. He could not fathom looking away. He needed something to make this inspection of the Compound worth it, only so far, he found himself picking up on the lower beings.

‘I won’t shy away from killing if I have to. There’s a lot more I can still do here. Don’t make me though, or I will kill just about everything I can.’

He’s done so. Eight men, thought not them, they weren’t soldiers, danced to the tune, they were strung and shunned as they would find none of this too amusing. One was strewn, accosted, shown pain. While the others were pointlessly tortured, one thing was still way too constant to actually matter. He appeared there, out of the wave.

The hues and the waves were not made by Han and Pot, instead they remained no matter who was there. It could not have been any other way, nor made it worth. They looked forth. He flied, with a white porcelain sack instead of a head, small black eyes which looked like Turks in slits of eights, all of which looked as if they wore their hairiness inside the iris, the bug wings and all the legs, through the slits of their surroundings. And the white-headed creature, of which arms were not present could only bear itself to be completely stuck of a flying shell, made out of the bodies of the strange servants that worshipped in during a time where pagans ruled the site. It was dreadful, listening to them.

He wanted to be gone, out of there, to a more peaceful place. Yet he called himself Preppe, and he bore only slits of the wrists, vertically made, instead of a mouth. No shout could alarm him, for his arrival was long expected, earned and looked after. It was a painful condition, to look through and missing it would mean sinew.

‘And who might come now and disturb both the Feud and Plunhesse?’

Both seemed to think, though there was no certain need to make it be heard out loud. They shied away but pulled out the nostrils of long-lost ages, through the makings of the disturbed.

Preppe only showed himself the tie of dirt and both of them were silently back to their own doings. As well as they would butcher as much as they could. It was a necessary act they could not pull away from. Feud had only thought of rough, as he couldn’t make it past one of the cracks in the walls, the ones that moved every single time one touched them. And they could only walk behind. An echo would be faintly-heard. As it happened for there to be no chance for a man to return, this was an exception.

He had to make sense of his legacy. Though Filler took the place of Ringer, he could think of nothing less than the strange confession his brother would pass onto him as soon as they were out of the earshot. He was contemplating on something, the camera he left behind. A few shots may have been enough for anyone to make it, but nothing made sense. And it was peculiar, since wasn’t that dense to begin with, only that he couldn’t have it. He would not have it any longer, mostly because he had grown weary of everything. Losing track of time. Make something of the shot.

It was one of the moments they shared, being caught inside the room with the caged monkeys. Anyone else in their place would’ve thought it somewhat useless, or painlessly obscure. It was something they refused to acknowledge, both the presence and the armoured one who seemed to come from time to time, regardless of the floors and the benign ceilings that were shared between the rooms and between the sightings. He alone would make it.

Still, he seemed to have no trace of ink on him. Knowing Ringer, he would've bothered him again, until he came up with another lie, only to avoid bearing another argument. Every single time, they didn't know how to fix it, that was clear. And since he was missing, out of the picture, there was also no dating on the envelope, nothing on the shot and not even his wrist as cut. As he remembered sometimes, then, back when he grabbed a single finger, he pushed past it and found himself cut. Every single time, and the rooms were empty, as were the halls. Both of them could not make it out. They couldn't make out what was going on, and for some reason, he only thought what he was thinking.

It felt as if he had taken his role, but he could not look around and search for more. Nothing would make any sense, as long as he was there, nothing would.

'I need to get rid of the pictures.'

Finger, that would be fitting. Since he was wearing his uniform, he stopped, stepped aside and almost put out an entire jug of water's worth out of his mouth. That was it. His mind was not strapped onto looking, nor could he get every shot in order. Twenty of them lay, all of which appeared to convey no more than the first scene, or a deviation from that and a leap from in-between them, doing their business when he wasn't around. For his own sake, he returned to the room they initially looked for a retreat in. And for a time, it was pleasant being there. Pleasant as in being wrong, he couldn't shake it away, nor would he want.

'I wish you were still here. To see the dead monkeys if anything. I think that will highlight just how low this place had become. I didn't think I'd make it, but I have.'

He also got his only revolver. Sweating, heavily, and it's only been twenty minutes or so of walking. It was by no means easy for him to accept what was going on there, to make everything which went through his head make sense.

The monkeys, look at the monkeys. You need to force yourself to look at them, now. He couldn't, it was hard felt, moving took something out of him. Tired legs could not walk back during a time when he desired them not to be his any longer. Instead, he looked for a reprise, and finally, he noticed their demise. He could see them through the bars and through the walls, and through the air, as if they were also caught in there. But he couldn't explain, the weird shapes through which they had all been thrown and ripped apart, yet still were of one piece. Until from the distance, and from the right angle, upon being looked upon, one could see their monkey dance, torn out of their ribs, and put back, piece by piece. Worn out and pushed through, lost to the hue, as they could not fathom living through the sinew, they stopped. Only for a moment, could he see an eye turn back, still caught in that initial shock.

And before he knew it, he saw the entire room for what it was, and how it had been completely torn apart, with the mercy of putting them out of terror. It hadn't stopped.

For every single one of the subjects had been pulled inside one of the cracks, slowly as the rest of the ceiling was drawn back, to whichever hole they would push themselves towards.

During that strange abyss, through which the levitation could only piece him back, piece by piece, it felt like his eye would only blink for a single second. As he wished no more, finally he would be dragged and ask for no more.

Yet he wreathed across the bridge, as he lunged, as he tried to piece it back together, as it happened. With him taking the first leap, only to find out that he was missing. Though, to his unfortunate mistake, he had survived by a mistake, being caught by leg, wrapped against one of the many railings which made it the way it. Before he was pulled by the other people who were sitting adjacently to one of the side-bars meant to prevent these kind of incidents from happening, he was met by them and face no one.

There was the patch of green where he pushed out air, poured out water, as for a single moment he lived, again. He was still nowhere to be seen and for the first time he realized just how much he missed him. The two of them had come together there, and he was lost without his guidance, towards anyplace, or anywhere.

Roses lay in the water, of a wild desaturated turquoise. And amidst them, a single blue snake, a serpent. Split just as he walked, until the white foam of the water drowned in its blue blood. Until nothing had remained of the water and the cold froze his wont, he wandered. Alone, now unattended, with no one around to pass any kind of judgement, he chose to pray. Passing a small temple, with its cheddar gate twisting in a single knot, the cross being somewhat too old, in the only place he seemed to had been brought to. He felt no evil in heart, but knew that couldn't be right.

There was a priest in the temple, waiting for him to return from the storm. Yet, as he stepped, he felt it again, he saw his finger and this place, just as they were. Forced to belong, but slowly pushing him out before he could make out whom that truly was.

Twenty hours still remained.

And he still had a gun on him, a missing man.

It was outdrawn, and fully loaded, with the same dosage being split, across his hand, body and finally across his forehead, in the shape of a scar. Not a normal one, but one of a failed surgery which could put up no longer with the stress that was being forced upon him.

Nostrils in the cold, uncanny hall, he had nothing dear to hold on.

This was always supposed to end up this way. Since he never stood a chance to push himself out of his way before it all started, he turned it on himself and enacted the only humane act he could think at this time. With everyone abandoned, and without a chance to fail, he finally understood what it took to be a man.

An echo was lost through the halls, during which there was no presence around. And no obscure and nothing pure, and no one to be understood, it was simply the sound of a heart that would beat no more. Filled with the echo, the generators, for one moment stopped as all lay in silence. 'This is the turn of the century, and it can only be described as nothing else but a success. To that, my dear friends, I tell you, we must hold a toast.'

'And what if I cannot hold anything, me arm is broken.'

'Out with you, on the streets, you shall be a street-sweeper from now, cheerio, go ahead, don't join us any longer, we have no need of little people like you.'

The young lad was then kicked in the arse and killed, thrown on the streets where a real street sweeper did his actual job as he cleaned up after everyone. They were not going to make it, not after a while. Hard-headed, yet at work, they were not ready to put it past him. Sweeper of streets, a killer of sheets, in which he hid the corpses, all of whom approached him.

‘Poacher, are you nowadays? Think we could have you around a jiffy old cell if you make too much of your round?’

‘I beg your pardon?’

‘I could apprehend you for loitering around the place. And I cannot have the dust-bunnies.

The dust bunnies are in my head.’

He looked at the man, and he was not right. His right hemisphere of the world was missing, which made him looked deranged. After all, he had a leathery gut-planet inside his body, sticking out of his shoulder, forearm, ribs, and a part of the lower side of his body. Mostly taken by the gruff, he wanted to look sad but failed. His planet had no natives, instead he had a lot of burial grounds which were all filled with the births for everyone who’s ever died in it. Fended against disquiet, he wanted to be gone. A brain was missing, he was prime to ask again.

‘Where are me’ bunnies now?’

‘Have you come here to annoy me, sir?’

‘Of course I have, there’s nothing I’ll look after other than that. I only want to take a single cackle out of you and then I’ll be on my way. There’s something else to your right.’

A curtain blind which looked as if it pushed right out, right out of a corner, which left the close disorder which inhabited the Isles.

‘And another toast for everyone. I fold no hand and wish you all a better year that might lay ahead for all of you.’

To say the least, he had at least accommodated everyone who travelled forth, though they might be made out of no lesser and thorough worth. First of the families moved in, asking for nothing in return. They’ve been stimulated in their heads, and it wasn’t worth asking, just what happened to them. Only a foolish mongrel.

And mongrellic races became weird trinkets that floated above their heads. Several coloured realities came into view. No one should talk about it, how they started pushing out.

Drooling out of their largely exposed mouths. Through small riding motorcycles, vehicles which were attached to their back of their heads made out for the fact that their bodies were no longer there. Instead they were not meant to be there. Anywhere, one could look, the open space looked like the site of a barely constructed world, which had its flaws, awakened and thrown around, as the pillars shook even the riders. Many of them were marked around their faces, soon picked up by flying magnetic-pole hook coloured in a deep purple-violet, from which many other flying torsion made out of centipede-barrels which had their

backs inflated with rock-like giant balloon-fat ingots which were melted together and formed various mirrors that were used to recreate the smaller aspects of the world in them. Through each surface, a sight of the reverse, crippled walking cycle of a man could be seen.

Blue bipolar fighters ripped out their faces in a fight. In another one, eighteen of them appeared and disappeared in the matter of a few seconds, as many other lights started turning everything in a giant formed turbine. A blood-box and a box of steel melted together, outside the centipede-barrel formation which appeared not only to float but it drove itself into one of the giant cages which bore all the unsatisfactory destroyers who inhabited the evil world.

One of them had been impaled by the body of the centipede barrel, which forced him to bleed out of his eyes, with the organ-green-blue of puddles which poured. Drowning more men as they could not fathom worshipping so many wild things which happened around them, which in turn grated what appeared to be the part of the ceiling made out of wild long-twisted cables, cutters, spinning turbines and other various almost, nigh-metallic prototypes which pumped in and out, everywhere around the great rounded circle which stood completely out of place in the room.

It looked like a single drop of lime, that only expanded as soon as the mechanical hands reached inside and pulled out the only one. A single servant, of the reverse world, for he had an arm sticking out of his arm and eight legs on the left side of his body. Pushing on around himself, as he appeared again as the belt around the satellite eye, which came out of the sky and entered the building, trying to push everything out of live.

And despite the size of the road which was there as well, though it had been completely contained to the room, there were other people on the track, not only the ones on their motorcycles, of which bodies suddenly appeared inside the barrel centipedes, those being spots of storage. There was dread amongst them, as they came. Dread which pushed out of their bodies, as the red coloured blue containers appeared in the giant ugly eyes, they were driving smaller compartments not meant to be used for this slamming and the breaking of everything which even had the most remote surface. So many people had been lynched by gravity.

They called the people who were killed 'The Peoples of the Apples.'

For each apple was rotten and appeared to be the meal of giants, bloated outside and made out of the body of eighteen others who happened to be around when the contortionist of dreams appeared. He made giant fruits out of living beings, then animals, then solitary citadels which were placed around the place, but never too close to the cages. Even he feared what might happen if the cages peered. And leered at him, in the absurdity which was reality, a smaller chamber appeared to lay inside his belly. It was dark in it and after a while, someone like him could know what the reason for it was. Twenty-pole like controllers moved constantly inside of it, making it so he did and would not miss a single beating, his pump being a rotten heart. It would give away to the darkness which followed one of the miserable crowns.

He would be named king by his people of which race, there was no disgrace in, asking for a chance. He was mad in some way, for asking help. But he could not be held accountable for all the evil in the world had come not from the working levers in his gut, or the smaller people which entered him at that, but he encouraged it once. For that he would suffer after. In solitude and in wonder, he looked around only to see

the strangest things happening. People stopped poking around where they had no business being in. A shroud of many lacerations on their bodies prompted no retreat. They fed themselves with rocks and bled, the men were not meant for this place. Nor for the walking machines, which were half-made in bodies of rock-heads and other deranged structures which were sculpted to look as if they had been taken out of the sky despite not being a part of it.

Grates all around the place, looking mightily barred, spiked and worn out. So much metal had accumulated rust that it could only be that the water brought in there hardened to iron. Other kind of insolent mandible-like sharp glass blades erupted from the earth, vibrating with a rage that coloured the surroundings in pure white. What a delight, seeing them alive again. Frogs and toads were worn at toes, by a simpleton who appeared to have his head replaced by two broken monitor holders, only the supports. Lesser things only pushed inside his throat, where he stored the fat.

Moisture erupted from the lower tunnels, some of them being brought. In the making of their darkness, faded, there was another light that was no light, produced by a rotating limb, which looked inhuman but closer to some animal appendage from another world. Pulling in all light from everywhere around it, there was the strange sky which only crept through, until it left nothing to be discovered from sight.

It took all the light and left some patches of the walls, ceiling, the cage and just about everywhere it went as discoloured as they could get. After that point, it disappeared into a flat lower level, kept beneath the earth, a storage facility keeping everything working. Filled entirely with obscure detective-like figures who had their faces replaced by longer ones that melted and appeared on their chests. Constantly they would drip their features until beneath them, on the floor, at this point having gone past their ankles, there would be a pool of them and of their features. But never would they disturb anyone, until one day, some of them dreamed that they were living another man's life. Most of whom woke up from the dream.

Every single of saw a flash of shades that pushed them in, deeper into dirt, no one would be of any lesser worth. They could only stay there for this long until losing what they had of the great lives they lived through. It was nothing but a miracle that they were here, in this weird cage. There was no way to reach the ceiling, unless they completely managed to flood it. And it would seem like they would.

But the power generated by their dreams and the confusion only powered the device which helped on expanding the room, which was above them, as it would turn into what seemed to be the larger body of a malignant colossal, wider leviathan, more so than one. Fully gone through the evolution process, where his bones would not be recognisable any longer. Fruit flies were being shared and eaten for no reason by what were giant men. With straws coming out of bloated holes inside their mouths, filthy, filthy and gotten rid off. Straws would even pump themselves, a strange foam that would liquefy everything in order to be properly digested. Feeding now on weird mammal-oxygen which was solid with fat, as it erupted out of a wider range of serpentine-head stoppers, attached to the servants which moved on.

Large servants moved ahead, eight feet, two on each side of the quadruped, revealed a longer chest like that of a plant, of which trunk, and head, and legs and hands, that of a man, coming in eight as well from every side. And a head for each direction, leaving more than sixteen of them, smaller than usual, yet interconnected. Static-like flashed of gray dots, spots or other check-board patterns inside their eyes.

Inside their open mouths, the long strangling formations would only give birth to square-eggs which floated and pushed open as they would become formations of largely clustered limb-stones, adding to the greater floating piles which followed the flashing limb around. During that chase, these servants made sure that no one was harmed, during their incantations, they would be heard somehow. Not to make too much noise, not to appear to parasitical, instead they mourned and asked for no less than what was owed to them.

A need for peace and something that might give them something to strive for when the time approached and this diseased spot faded. To the gray-looking wilder-spots, which were shaped in form by peculiar water drops, on a wild corner, here he stood. One of the servants who looked around, misunderstood his place and what went on.

So many flashing colours came onto his retina. Two irises started going from one direction to another. A brotherless creature, in need of a disciple of his own. Her didn't ask, nor was he given, he was asked and pushed around, with hope. And every shaped giant tear-drop which came from one of the clouds, for what was worth had holes everywhere in their weirdly concave walls, through which he looked. He shook as well as he could. It went deeper into each direction, as those holes were unnatural. Someone dug them through and they could only push even deeper than that, as they wasted no second, the creatures that made them had tiny fragmented houses of their own.

And they were no Ouroboros-snakes or no giant worms but fatter things which only dragged along as they came forth from every possible corner, making everything, uniformly pushed, from every side of their bodies there being smaller outposts with giant drills and longer thin knives on each side, allowing them to dig even further inside and out. Pushing through everything, as they would set; the order had to be maintained and dragged around, the leper would know best.

As in each of them, these pseudo outwardly fragmented buildings which were not cylindrical but came in a strange legged formation, there lived many communities that shared their lives together and sometimes interacted when the hole builders took breaks for the people inside of them to make whatever they could do out of everything which happened around them.

Lowering bridges even as they passed from one side to another, sometimes the people would trade or exchange goods or even share people, which were being loved.

'I wish I could wed you when the time is right and when I shall be given you forever.'

'Dear me, dear me, but what shall I do if I am not to be offered your greatest kind? I would be indebted to you for another time and wish for nothing more than my hand being given to you, I hope, I hope I will end up making a great wife.'

Therefore they exchanged hands and moved from one side to another, while carrying and exchanging their dead as well. Various coffins had been brought and made great use of.

'And who shall speak in his name then, during a time like this when one could not trace the vales and put them into a spot, for I see nothing that's broken about this law.'

As the lawmaker spoke only of the most terrible thing, an utmost peculiar ward of text in which, it had been declared that every man in the nation, whether fathering a child or nigh, should die by the end of the sun-dove eclipse. To which they'd bathe and wake up in the night, as when it came not a single soul would be able to face the reigns and the destruction of soul that came with it, at last.

‘Allow me to introduce myself, as I am the man of the House of Hulno.’

Right above and ever farther, past the piece of land, on the opposite direction but even farther than where the anchor lay. For the anchor which guided the direction, as no compass would, there stood, in place, the rat-entity, that crept and stood. In place, it would refrain from walking, stalking only the most insatiable of kin. But never leaving the crops in making, though of that they'd never speak.

Instead, it seemed, in that small patch. Upon the place they stood and latched upon and never called, the blasted thing, the quiet, strong. An access of land and peril pushed, used by the most vile, that didn't matter.

Only this meeting had, and they could only sit hit and ask for a resolve.

In less than the time of making, the men had gathered around the council, only to discuss and wonder.

‘What will happen when it comes? And what of it then, who shall put us down when the time shall soon arrive? I could not fathom looking anywhere I could not look to, I could not fathom that such a law compels us to die.’

‘But it shall, and I am not to be blamed for it.’

‘Were you not the one who wrote it in the first place, Lawmaker?’

‘I was, but my intention was unclear, my mind was not here. I mean there, my mind wasn't anywhere when that piece of law was written.

My fingers were ants, my toes were termites, I could fathom no less than I was and looked like a hive. As they fought inside of me and spread around, I can only admit to this. It was them, and it was no one else, but them and their making that pushed me to commit.’

With little doubt left for you to seek, I must admit that I found myself, wildly attached, to the knife I will use to slit your throat before this hearing ends. Oh Bastard, I know you, I know of you, peril in the making. I wish I could put an end to your voice, to throw you out on the streets and voice my misgivings when you needn't be called no longer; I shall have you, that much is true and by the time I came upon your throat. He thought for a moment more, and he could only come as near as he would before having himself gotten rid off.

His men bore no respect for him any longer. It felt as if he was forgotten.

Four way pint crossing

He was not of the lot. He was born a man who was meant to do something with his life, yet he was born with a conjoined twin attached to him. They would be unable to achieve anything in that manner, since, for the sake of their own wrongdoing, both of them dragged each other down, with no guilt or shame shared between them, out of the bottom of their hearts. It was an uncanny thing, seeing them act under the name of their master, who he, himself was yet another creature like them. It was just that way with defects, or errors of nature as they called them. For the same reason other people resolved to stick with their own kind, so had they, taking it to the whole new level where some may have proclaimed a level of servitude that may have been somewhat unachievable in every other way. In that case he rose.

Corot and Pinto, both of them were unknown as to survive the birth, yet sightings of them around the area where the car-docking occurred was by no means unheard of. Corot was the one that was taller, and appeared to have his face contorted in the back, leaving only one eye working, while Pinto had been all bones, all of which protruded out of his mandible, his shin, thighs and even toes. Many of those extra additions were rather too sharp to be touched, going as far as to bear the strange appearance of charred bones and tiny pricks instead of working on towards resealing the wounds, Pinto looked like he was a corpse that was mistake to being alive.

And what kept them together were some seals of metal that were pinned onto them with bolts. Mostly electronics attached to them as well, making their general stature be dwarfed some more.

A man of no words, he stumbled upon them during the night, in his dire mission to find out where the dreadful noise was coming from. He was delighted to find out that whatever he was searching for was somewhat ill-founded, as he had little to no desire for such an encounter as with them to take place. They were wreathing, out of their nostrils, acting way too primal to be defects of a man. Instead, they grew, right there in front of him, with no shame whatsoever, displaying only the most dreadful of twists, as they became alike to a pillar or to some greater horn-like toe that came from the volcanic depths of the earth. Yet they could only display so much magnificence as they showed their skin to be not unlike tar, but of a blue, which got even closer to the purple and the skin they shed as they pushed through. And the deeper shades, the fairer they got.

With their brittle belt no longer working, yet in doubt they looked for no excuse, instead they chose to push themselves, and crush whatever came through them during the time they were in the bloating quiet. Through which they ate meat from clouds, as a much larger extension like that of a man climbing on an invisible ladder pushed himself out of their backs and made the rain fall. With drops of slit veins and thorn out face, a disgrace like him could not face the others now that he's been mistake for some divine being.

Other citizens came and begged, as haggard as they looked, neither of them could refrain from doing so. That should settle any kind of exasperation from being spread amongst the clouds. Now that they weren't used any longer, the servants could only come out of their lives and make it so they were being listened. Some of their frames were being benign. It was peculiar, how someone could look so peculiar, let alone an entire town. Many of them shared a common shape of their heads and limbs which appeared to be pushed in together by weirdly growing balloons, until their limbs and everything else bore that strange concave, convex and in-between curved, for every toe and every facial feature and everything pushing out

as well. Rubber light-bulbs, that was as much as it could be said about them. Dreaded, dreaded thing, it tried whispering at the most inopportune time.

When the flying kites bore they angelic grace-like flowering fireflies, of which whiteness only grew and told, a story of old as they only gave themselves to him. Would there be anything even more disgraceful than that?

Pinto only rots now. He doesn't think of much since his brain had a tiny bone pushing through and taking away every memory he had of his brother during the times. They were of a different song, they could not listen, nor would they be worn out by what was going in. A song, for him, rather a chant.

'I brought you something, beauty of evil that I serve. Have my first born and do with him as you please, as I have no need of him no more.'

But Corot was annoyed by such an insult. This was something he would not have. To sacrifice the young to petty fools that misinterpreted who he was? He spat on the side and whisked him away. Not to make it even more obvious but he spoke in their tongue and asked for him not to be seen around him for as long as he could live and get out of his way.

'Don't do it, Karm Sutor, don't give up our child. You can't sacrifice your own flesh and blood, you heard them, they don't even want it.'

'One of them didn't, but I didn't hear the other head disapprove of it. I think there's something there.'

'Will you leave my son alone? I want my son, give me back my son already, you bastard.'

'He is my son and shall do to him whatever I please, now be gone woman and clear the beds, I am expecting guests for the evening and I am not to be disturbed no longer.'

'You are making a terrible mistake Sutor, I love my son and I would not let a single strand of his hair be touched by you.'

'Are you seriously pointing that gun at me woman? Have you no shame whatsoever? Put it down, now. I am your husband and the man of this house, and I will not have it in the least.'

Sutor dared approach despite knowing that his child was in the other room, sleeping inside a tiny bed-roll which was encroached in warmth. He was sleeping on top of an Ottoman after all. Before he could reach her arm, she already unloaded the revolver into his chest eight times, with every shot having been split in half, leaving two barrels empty. Sutor fell and bled.

Ark took her son and made away through the night, before the cavalry could step on their horses and track her in the middle of the night. If she rode through the night, she might make it through before being caught off her rails, and into the veins of the mountains, where the passes cut through the prairie, leading to a barge across a great river that lead to the valley after 'morn. Despite the time, she picked only some bread and the kindness of water before they shouted in the night, that they would follow her after. IT was something she would not see, the light was far away, but so was her lay, as each slap against the horse, the hearse pushed her to make the trip at worst conditions than the giant-head.

And thence the giant-head still strung its wings. In the night it pushed out of the bottom of the earth and appeared to steel itself in place. A few paces above the ground, floating in the air as if it were unable to make contact with anything other than the pushing lout which shrouded the sight behind them. Some reeds may have flown, throwing each other past the disappearing fog. Yet a river lay there dry, as a hole of murk that hardened, with all the frogs and fish suffocated through the small weedy straws that grew inside of them and started feeding on lungs. It was that way with them, as no one stood witness as to see from every rising body, be it scaled or any other kind, to tell the least they started yearning for each turn. Twist in the makings, the reeds were wings of their own as they attempted to imitate the giant-head servant. Who came and pulled out of their insides, as many as he could try his hands on, all the fish-bread, the frog-bread, even the dragonfly-giant-heads who happened to be there at a most inopportune time.

They were not meant to suffer losses, no disgrace would make it worth. And they could only face themselves no lighter, than to die at their own hands as well as the more. More of the breed, no more quiet, they would heed no one to make noise.

The giant-head servant was someone who had killed his business with the rituals that pushed inside his guts, a whore. She lived in there and ate what he had, like a tape-worm which wreathed in and out, but never stepped out of the confines of her provider. He was set, never to direct his anger to any other place. He wanted to see the appeal, the fear inhabiting each man. Who faced a woman like her, many. At times, someone ended up dead. And stricken down, the fool in making felt nothing for the wheels that shunned him and spoke behind his back, yet set in flight, they could not be dealt with, nor could they be held accountable for something he alone had refused to set in mind. What lay in store, he asked for more and all of the sudden, he woke up from the coming of an endless-gore. The pain of seeing his family left behind, the giant-head was spiked inside, with blades that hanged from every possible corner and every shade and every spot that remained. They would be worn, and better torn, and even lesser, through the shade of a glass urn.

One of them fell from above, and by a slim chance, it managed to have all the hearts inside of it be stored for long enough before it rose, but could not face the pushing throng.

And from beneath the head, a single long spineless thing emerged and pushed out, drooling with as many of them as they could come, unable to defy one another as they crept out. Many hearts lay impaled, but grew on the outside, creating a ladder leading to the head, of whom sympathy gave it the means to climb and set the lesser ones in line.

How did he do it?

With a single slit in his hand, he managed to pull a single hard strain of clotted blood, hanging around the tip of his iron pick like the face of a leper.

I shot him in the head. But the shots only moved through it, pushing through his chest, arm, then at the tip of the fingers until a small forehead leaped out of the top of the pick, bearing all bullets out, leaving the same way. Shooting out of the copy of bone-shrapnel coming out of him, giant-head servant began resuming his ascent. Seeing how most of the horse-rider had come here with nothing else other than a desire to find the child, they could think of no other culprit.

By now the head grew a pair of ribs encompassing the hearts, protecting them from any kind of mild touch or wild interaction that might disturb their pumps. And the head had a single four-stoned, sharp-glowing eye that managed to seduce two of the riders, at least for long enough to make them turn the guns on themselves and release the bolts passing through their brains. It was just as needed, worth of less. Bloody-making and less than likely there was no one there to impress, they had to kill the servant, he had to be wrung around each corner of his ear, as they pointed their revolvers, again at his mouth.

‘Don’t try it again unless you want us to leap on you and eat you for dead.’

‘I think I can deal with you once I’m done feeding my house-pets. But don’t make me come over or I’ll make sure that neither of you will make it through this night.’

‘Enough of your nonsense, I had it just enough with your threats! Tell us where you hid the child and I won’t take that iron pick away from you and shove it up.’

He had no intention of drawing. He knew better than to try away. It could only be that he was in no state of walking onward, neither of them were. Company included, all drunk, showing even fewer emotions than needed, but sharp enough to aim it the right way.

‘Bastards, you killed one of my house-pets. Those are irreplaceable, how dare you?’

How dare you trespass on my property, accuse me of kidnapping that child while killing one of my dears? What give you the right?’

‘I’m sick of talking to you, give us the damn child, give it to us now!’

He went ahead to unload even more chambers, shots, and slugs, from as many guns he pulled, stored behind his smaller horseback. From where he seemed to have even more tricks up his sleeve, many of which came sharper and travelled even faster than his bullets ever hoped to achieved; making it all the worse. He could not understand how this man made it with the child. What could he have done with him in the strange house while the rest of the house was underway, out of the picture, without the slightest doubt or chance to get him past the time.

But every shot only carried his contorted features as to be replicated and dismissed. Some of his animals started feeding on those as soon as they pushed in. And they could only be held down for that long before going rabid, at each other’s throats. Unable to withdraw from what went on around them, as they started spilling out even smaller salmons painted in the color of their insides. They disappeared into the hard-muck and of them nothing was said. Peril of blue, the sky was a hue of purple-pink, with globes colored in light green with a yellow tint, whereas the trees were barely fleshed out, as they looked like the touches of large brushes painted through from above and beyond.

That much had to be. They saw no reason for them to have so many of their lips split. Every single one of them without a single exception, drawing in to twenty days ago, it could not be fathomed, that they would draw in for that look.

Training grounds, to which the cattle were upon their aim. And each arm only took the first shot as to cripple the animals, before they strayed their arms.

‘See, I told you this would do. Suppose’ I’m owed an apology now, if you don’t mind it.’

‘I don’t think so partner, I won’t be taking no excuses to push you around if I have to, but I got nothing to say to you.’

‘I think this will do then.’

‘You don’t want to do that. I know you.

We’ve been riding for months now.

You’re a stingy-shot.’

‘And I’m close enough not to piss on top of a snake if you try me.’

‘Again, don’t make me, It won’t pass through. I’m going to repeat this only once, walk the other way.’

‘SO you could shoot me in the back?

Not a chance, it’s already too late for that.’

‘Then draw.’

They were too close for that as well, a quarter-inch in and he could almost taste led. He had had a meal an hour before. It was something he didn’t want to make too clear. His stomach ache, it was only a black rock in it, terminal. He hadn’t much to live in any case, but the man pissed him off. Two-time Joel, that’s what they called him. And he pissed everyone around. Even if I died now, I would cackle knowing I took him with me. That gave me a pleasure I could not express any other way.

Near them, just about a rock, in the distance, farther away, past the miles, there was an abandoned city they all refused to approach. Nothing more of it shall be said.

He needs to die, I think he’s asking for it, he really is. Should’ve known better than to trust Joel when he started shaking his pocket, picking up what he called an old tobacco “cigar”.

‘A little bit too sharp around the edges than I’m used to. Care to explain?’

‘I think guns are an old man’s rule and I’m still young.

You’re not getting any sharper than you are now.’

‘That’s definitely no way to talk to someone’s whose about to slit your pork chop off boy.’

‘But I’m the one holding the knife.’

‘We’ll see.’

No one else in the training grounds wanted to draw near them. For what was worth, they had already cleared just about everything and made do with butchering the remaining cattle. Some of them would be used later in the day. They were in some manner of speaking sociopathic, infected by the mad-cow

disease, with little in doubt of their own. That's how it was around the parts, and there would be no complaints about the pints of pain they fed them on. Many of the cows and bulls didn't have their back legs, but were carried inside some modified troughs which encompassed their entire backs and lower sides. From them, cart-wheels appeared to allow them motions, metal, emblems surrounding them.

That was enough said, for everyone involved to lay shut.

They stepped out of each other's ways and only walked backwardly in an awkward manner. Two toes met, each cut, let them down as they bled during the first day.

The cattle-drought, it starved the province. And the Providence could not be held accountable for all the heads that were being turned on the inside out morning for anyone that might take it out on them. Some of the Providence workers set out with their outposts, trying to look on the roads, making sure the cattle that were being brought in were not contaminated with life. Otherwise, it would not do. Too many mouths to feed everywhere in the place meant that there was no way of separating them.

A side was contaminated while the other was somewhat better, or at least they took some notes of the bovine creatures who made it all in one remorseless trunk they were being carried on top of. Those were the ones which were in the best conditions, otherwise, it could not be called. They were strung and could not get out of the way. Many men were impatient, especially the bandits who attempted blending in with the general crowd. But among the tree-canary, on top the quadruped-wheels that carried them on, stood families storing fat inside the cattle-drums. Inside of which they hid their children's bodies.

Trees were hollow on the outside. Many men had been lynches across the next section of the distant Silk-Man' Boat, that being the main meeting place that took the four-pointed crossing that faced the valley, the distant blue steppes on the other, the wild nimbus covered stray and the wild darkened place, from which no possible end nor beginning could be seen. Nor any forest, or civilization, or anything within its encompassing nature, leaving a feeling of the utmost bizarre nature. One should remain clueless as to what was going on there.

At least one of the bulls didn't make it, with the exception of his horns. Torn apart from whatever vestige had one pushed itself on top.

'We should try making it by summer, think you can keep up with me?'

'I think I can. Why won't you try me?'

'Tell you what, I'll race you past the green and into the orange. We should make it before sun-down.'

They strayed off the road. There was nothing more that needed to be said about them. As they were only a curfew of the small lot they stood in and could only deal with the trauma of waiting in the best way they could. Unlike their ears, they only spoke.

'I can see something out there.'

Said the first man, with a single palm on top of his forehead, that dragged the sky along. It was cold and it was pale. He refrained from speaking of what he saw or the dark shapes that turned around the sun. No one bothered too much with it, for the obvious reason, their hearts weren't there any longer. They rode on

mules, not on horses, not as courageous as their ancestors were, no longer aware of whom might look after there by the time they reached the spot where head drew on.

‘I seem to recall you once asking me whether or not I had had home.’

‘You thought of that yet?’

‘I have, but I couldn’t come up with much.’

‘It’s understandable. I feel like that sometimes. They don’t tell you that much when you first pick up a ride.’

And they weren’t seen in their town since the day they rode on distantly set. It wasn’t worth considering what life may have been with them staying as they were. Lost.

Broken submarine

‘Can we stay here, dad?’

‘We can, for a little while, what would you like to do Anna?’

‘I’d like to pull a I’d like to pull a I’d like to pull a.’

‘There, we should find her if we search around, don’t make too much noise now.’

She was as silent as engines. Broke, but unable to work themselves back to life, twenty feet, below the rims of the shaft, a drop of an anchor would break a portion of space, if someone dropped it.

‘We are definitely blessed in more than one way and you should be grateful for it?’

From the back of his head, the fog machines pushed through the bars in what seemed to be an immaculately clean haze smaller bubble-like people walked through them. The bigger ones made out of strange skin appeared on the back. They were blocky and bulky and walked with bones legs that extended in their caterpillar-fat like headings, right beneath the ankles. Whereas, they also bore, heads and legs between each hole that erupted from around their backs, allowing them to connected the cartilage pouring out as a substance would before solidifying in a moment. Allowing them to levitate at will, distracting from the spinning stretched of men that were pushed out of flat spinning round roofs in the form of multiple bat-like winged creatures, all of which tried stretching their faces even longer, until they became almost cylindrically drawn. Their limbs were left hanging out of their cheeks and sockets. But there were also the long legs keeping them in flight. Wings were reunited between legs, arms and cordial substances, many of them being largely at fault for feeding the growing almost curtain-flat parasite that formed in the air. As their energy was only thrown around and spread between the strange aphrodisiac-like haze.

And he rejoice and asked for more.

‘How come I haven’t seen them before? And how may I see them again when the fog ends?’

‘You cannot see them when the fog ends, as I am the dog of this place. The fog remains and stays with me. Leave as you please but follow me.’

He said with a pair of gritty teeth, many of which were pushing out of his neck on every side, every direction, even his chest. From which, open key-like figures started drawing out solid iron throwing stars-like little pantheons that spun. Upon their want, many others started running about in fear. All men had to fear it in order to survive, no matter the costs, one could not handle the pain which embed their tried. Attempts might not please one like him.

‘I, the great Rhuno, shall make it through the misty-haze, and see that hold towards the invisible world you stand guide and guard towards better days.’

‘Know that I ask for a fare spell, that you may throw me in as well. I wish I could sell you a piece of my worthless soul but I cannot tell you, for the sake of missing it, where it might hide.’

Again, he started pushing away whichever amount of doubt might be. It went missing but he had his chance, it pushed away, and almost withdrew as the cold amount of stored meat started appearing in the sky. Painted, but never erected, one could see no hue. Only the dark waited in a small corner, with all of them, connected, humans, creatures, animals and being all chained by holds that could not be seen. Twisted around this fallen tower, constantly rotated and drawn down, chained. With their lot being somewhat deprave. Chit-chatter in their guts, where they wore their mouth, it was how they wore they wonder and how they traded between one another, never minding their disgust. And least of all they would distrust each other after that.

It crept out, it shook, they didn’t look at it, they wore glasses made of ivory trunk.

They watched the elephants running in circles together, seeing other mammal runners go around, unable to catch of their tiny tails, whatever flies pushed out and crept. They were made out of large kite-foundations, buildings that were kept in the air, with eye-sockets that were blank, hollow on the inside, wearing the small tents on every shape that appeared out of nowhere, deeper inside, until there remained nothing but the half-cut reanimated bodies of the workers and the engineers who were granted eternal life, but were kept by umbilical-like tar-colored cords that were clearly made out of some metallic plaster. Through which they were being fed the punished for immoral crimes, who had been taken from the nearest village and were being fed through one of the small immortal holes that threw them out with strange hot airs, as the ones that kept the long-balloons up in the air.

‘Fealty, fealty, fealthy, to whom?’

‘I’m giving you but a chance now, don’t misunderstand what I’m trying to do.’

Neither of them could survive for long. They weren’t looking, some of the tapes that were being shoved in his face recorded what appeared to be the footage that happened two nights ago.

‘Anything can be prevented if you wait for a long enough period of time.’

‘What if it’s too late to stop something that’s already in motion?’

‘But there’s no need to prevent it in that case since it was meant to be.’

‘I don’t understand.

‘Of course you don’t, at least not yet. But you will. Look at that cart. It’s being driven into the wall, pushed by someone with no arms attached to his body. Think he would do it if he waited for long enough to starve.’

And then he stopped existing, only to appeared again, with a split body, barely attached. Though that was barely visible about the rims of his head, where all the power started running out and pushing out of him.

He couldn’t see a good enough reason to die, hence he waited.

‘Giving people the wrong impression, I suppose.’

‘You need to stop, now.’

‘I don’t think so, it’s a tad too late for me to stop now.’

‘Both of you need to shut up your mouths, immediately.’

They were not into it. They weren’t showing signs, all of whom were caught between the blinds, never showing more than it was needed. Thence they came on a drift of horse-shoes, left behind but never touched by a single horse, near their long-houses. Could not made the space between the air, where was the spider?

‘I’ve seen one of its cobwebs in the air.’

Out there where the postman came out of the petrified horse, where he remained in part, like a centaur in attunement. Though as opposed to him, his ribs were steel traps, hooks for every nail-bed polished on top his voracious giant back. From the looks of it, a sleeper bled and through the holes behind his head, there pushed a single heavy leash.

Couldn’t stay for long, bastardized, terrorized or not, they walked around him, dancing across the span. Right into the faced walls, with the harlequin strung, his dark face set apart by the colors of his suit. They paled.

‘I don’t think.’

A man is a submarine, or at least his head is. That way, it seemed like the upper portion of the sky, extending to the clouds was the outer space as well as the weird torsion pushed out of the way. Whereas all the water was solidly frozen yet unlike ice, it still continued the stream as it began flowing again. With little in the way, and out of it, moving slowly in every direction, like giants they came.

From each submarine head, a few of the crewmen fell. But they only got crushed on the giant shoulders and the rash comers from the other ends, attaching themselves like rat-trap formed, as a collar would, with each plopping metal bit keeping their undignified tiny legs from pushing out of their smaller gut-wombs.

‘It isn’t simply walking.’

‘What would that be?’

‘What they’re doing, they’re not simply walking. I don’t know, it’s different in some way.

They’re stomping the ground in their way, pushing the ground down with some kind of power, shaping their tendons and toe muscles until they can finally rest.’

‘And I suppose you know that because?’

‘I’ve been following them for a while now, every since I saw the forge of stone push deeper into the ground, right until everything got replaced by the stream of water.

That’s why I’m still here, because I’m a good observer.’

Charles said, with a doubt hanging around his neck, dragging him down like an affectionate chained, riddled by no other emotion, everything being said. He chose to finally bow, bending just a knee instead. Pushing himself further in just to get a better look at what seemed to be the end of the neck, in each of their cases.

‘Those submarines are not really their heads. I don’t think they have heads to begin with. And I think only one of those submarines is real as well.’

‘How are you able to tell all of that only from observing? For how long have you been sitting here, with your feet in the water, brow bent and neck stretched?’

‘Not for long, more likely I’ve been spending the last few weeks only walking into the citadels that come and go. Sometimes I see a cloud of snow rising from afar, only to disappear, which, as far as I’m concerned, belong to the omens.’

‘There are omens as well? SO you’ve spent more than a few weeks here.’

‘Try years for starters.’

‘Does it ever get boring?’

‘Not from what I’m concerned, no, I suppose I’m not.’

They were definitely not going to acknowledge it, but both Charles and Blue had only seen the worst possible break-point inside the house. It felt like they simply opened a door to another side of his watch, where the outpost only started drooling, through the falling of the gloved-formed mountain-paths through which they crawled out of. And they appeared to be lost, in some way, unnecessary, as well, as it was for them to admit any kind of impunity, to the one with no feet.

A jousting knight who crippled himself with a knife appeared. In his back, fifty-one sockets but the cocked eyes of peacocks inside of them, making all the smaller wings, all of whom would be unable to carry his weight in the sight of his ribs; those formed out of the outer looming rust-like substance that fell from the

fake submarines. But that might as well be believed to have come from the inside of the real one. No one mourned answering or trying to defile and asked.

Who was he?’

‘Enciloph, as your command, watch what I have learned.’

Though he had nothing in mind, to spare himself of marks beastly carved to mind, it was in his desire, that one colonel Rapscott who was there with the two of them stepped in and recognized it as nothing but a threat. To their lives and no one else instead, he swore allegiance. Only through the body language, pushed out through the movement of his eyebrows from the upward region, nearing the deep-set eyes he bore, the one hundred and eighty degree rotation of his eyes to the right direction and the strange movement of his tongue around the upper region of his lip and below it, done so while still having his mouth shut in front of them. He didn’t speak a word, then he started.

‘I wish to kill you all.’

He darted for a few minutes in front of them, got one of the smaller men, pulled him down by the scruff of his neck, the drowned him down.

‘I thought we could never touch the water.’

‘Oh but you were certainly wrong, not only we can do that, but we can also live through it.’

‘You mean I may not be able to drown him?’

They all shook, then moved out of the way, as the bodies of the submarines threw tantrums everywhere, with little heed and no credence to what went on around them. It was tempting, touching some, leaving the place, returning as disgraced as they had once been. But that man who tried to have at us could still be back there, waiting for the right opportunity to ambush us. He thought of that as well as he could. It never stood with him but for some reason, he shook himself with all the power he could muster, Charles knowing better than to allow himself to be mastered by the most inadmissible implosions of the mind. He smiled with blood and pudge, pouring out of it, his teeth were out. Then back in to the other way. He walked desperately as he saw himself a few millimeters above the water, into the fray.

Shaken by them, as they were uncontrollable, even by what appeared to be a single emotionless appeal. They will drown me, they will drown me, they will drown me, if I look away. And they smiled at him knowingly, that they were unable to die, either way. Drowning was by no means deadly, as he could not suffocate either. Yet they had been made heavy and kept below the edges of the morrow, without a hope to push the sorrow off. It could not be, his smile was off, he chose to be. Out of his way, he prayed that there might yet be a direction there.

Animals

We were not as easily shaken by them when the march darted amongst everyone else who lost their sleep in the infantry of feet, from which spikes held each house rotating in the air, as the bridges holding them would not suture their losses. First of the infantry were the children of some mad diseased animal which was floating above the concubine. She passed out the message from the animal which appeared to be only the embodiment and nothing more. Different each passing day and in desire of a symbol that may speak of the gore that came out of it each day. Through a coming dark they tried to intercept the unspoken messages only to be lost on them the following night.

They were destroying it, despots, all of them. And every night, they went to the concubine, two at a time and asked for the divine animal, taking from the gut moon in the sky, which floated around. They were unable to take that into consideration any longer out of the fear of appearing abhorrent. This applied for everyone else who struggled to set it forth. It was as dangerous as it seemed, but they got it.

A body of a divine dolphin had been given, taken from the Concubine, with the surprising aspect of the worn-out worms, many of which were too hard to approach in that case.

Remorseless in wont, they heeded, and spread his body in disgrace, all the way back to their home.

Back in their small hut, once the rotation momentarily stopped and they returned to their doings.

‘Where were we dear?’

‘Before we went to the concubine, I believe we were discussing something about differences.’

‘Care to be more specific about them? My memory seems dull.’

‘Very well then, I’ll start again. I believe we were talking about the difference where men draw their limits.’

‘And you are, once again assuming it is only us at fault, when you’re just as responsible as us.’

‘Will you let me finish first?’

‘Go on then, I’ll wait.’

‘I was not referring to men from that standpoint, but it doesn’t matter. My point stands, there is a clear difference between us, in what we justify and what either of us get away with.

And for that I think we are highly incompatible, unequal in thought and remorselessly unfit to be called anything but what we are. We can’t work, we don’t work, we’re not the same, we’re.’

‘Stagnating now, and that’s something we should address sooner or later.

I don’t think so.

I.’

Soon enough they were joined by the brain damaged dolphin’s corpse.

For its heart spoke only the truth.'

'There's only one difference which needs be addressed. A few days ago you both killed your children and ate their heads. Yet it is unknown who ate the son and who ate the daughter.

We shall settle on that one after another and mess with the filth once it's done for.'

Then the rules of agreement were set.

'What is the main difference between a man and her kind then?'

'It's simple, a woman may not create, but she may belittle a man and may conquer him. It's simply in her nature to do so, just as it is in his nature to be claimed.'

'That sound rightfully so. We are blessed to have one such you in the confines of our home.'

He opened his head and revealed the level of abuse divinity seemed to lay on top of. 'You know what? I think you're wrong, dolphin.

I think they're simply dull-minded and.'

They returned him, with little to no way for it to come back.

A few steps too far.

'I wanted them.' Said the Concubine. It was too dangerous for any living being to be left alone with it. Especially during the night after each lantern broke the light into shimmers of disappearing slits. Both had their heads missing.

She wore the dolphin's head, he wore the rest of the body. They moved back into their home, while the originals got thrown off the rotating platform. Being very much unable to keep their conversation going, they wondered at it no less.

'I suppose this was always going to be the outcome, wasn't it?'

He asked himself while rubbing their bellies, children still there. A strange epoch-form, made out of large completely un-touching convex walls held the body as his feet, although the one that came was largely shaped by them as he revealed the heads around the trimmed collar that pushed his spiked hips through the conical pair that shaped the cage a long pair of legs, eight arms and eight long bipedal legs pushed out of. Yet they were all attached, as even the walls were as gray as eyes, almost transparent as they glided over, segments of his many tails grinded through. He appeared not as one of the divine animals but a driven beast in need of wont, wonder and of desire to eat around, as much as it could in a matter of hours before being caught by the Concubine who scoured the place.

'I shall have you, sickly-looking runts, I shall devour you if I can and meagerly push your bodies into dirt where you'll lay about until you rot.'

With which, the top of their house fell; into it he leaped as well, pushing the outer-rims, spinning with it as his entire body mass could not be properly anchored any longer, elevating him to a state of desperation,

breathing through small packets of his largely fat-stored contraptions that pumped in and out of his body. First taste followed and finally he could breathe in reprise. He had tasted no longer out of fornicated tongues and could wish nothing more but the desire to eat about their headless spans, in the quiet of the lambs which followed, they flew in and started sacrificing themselves to him, as deathless as their glare. Only to appease him so he could finally stop from eating all the humans and blowing up their pea-shapes off. He had taken a certainty, as to why he was elated. He knew them better during a march of dead roses, buildings stopped from their rotation.

This castration of movement suddenly pushed them out, drawn to the sight of flight, unable to fight back, they only tried escaping as far as they could go. And they were too busy and docile to know what went on and what might cross their minds. Unable to loom and groom the clouds, they leaped and fell to their deaths, only to avoid being picked up.

‘What have you done to the city?’

‘I’ve taken what’s mine, and I still hunger.’

With a leap, to the farthest edges and the farther still in front, he leaped on top of the Concubine and pushed her down, stripped as well as decay. More so she was humiliated before an end was put to her as well. Thence the feeding started, with all of the long tubes pushing out, like mosquito-bulbs, rolled and twisted, sharp as incisors, drawing from inside of her. It was a helpless struggle she could do without, dead only when it ended and her body had been left to rot. And after, in this hollow city, he spared, nothing more than it would end his gaze. Worn out and eating what was left, devouring the animals as they pushed themselves deeper to his worthless yell.

‘Now I am one, and I shall be the last one who lives here, growing through this malady.’

The floors were his, the walls had thinned as they were planted underneath him. And every house had become his shell, his outer body as well as the light that came out of them. Ever-so humble, barely visible, it marked, the sight of dimness which was lost of them as that. A night passed, twenty more followed. After feeding on all his dear divine pets, one followed.

On the body of a man and a woman, the head of the dolphin and the body as well, had finally shown up.

They were there.

In the dark, they started rejoicing, as the night fell again, and they approached him in a most opportune moment, whence he came from the farthest reach, when his head split itself and from the insides there came the flattened mirrors, features that were there, no insides anywhere to be seen. But mirrors of the prison he laid in. And thence he asked of no wont, nor stronger, as his desire may have been, could he ask. Even more peculiar as one had to be watched over a long enough period of time. All those eyes which were contorted and corroded themselves during the time of apathy, when reality started pouring out of him through the small holes being made in his body; out of which came he, a human just as the ones in front of him. Though he was not unlike them, more so, they were defect, a deadlier thing which could not be told about. It writhed itself and almost sutured whatever else there was left.

It deformed that well to do anatomy which belonged to man, instead, leaving to itself nothing else but the twisted image, dolphin strings, as thin and reeds coming from his back, forming well-overlapped wings which set the creature yet in trance. But at first it had been barely formed, out of the unmade need, the heed of being reformed from the most peculiar materials that had been worn-out, through the age. They started singing, condescending, the voices were emerging and in a second, it showed up again. He opened up his chest and threw a river's worth, that spilled out of the platform while finding its way back, through the wasted below, where clouds were flat.

There, in those puffy things, something had been stored, even though it had been momentarily. Less than that, they brought it after, only for some point. And they opened their mouth, dolphin-like forms only came so far, as fake things that would distract the eye. After that, there was nothing more needed and nothing worth to pull away. For what came out of him had nothing in but eighty meters, pointing right ahead. A bulk that stretched beyond the girth of barrels and more structured than a piece of a large gargoyle-statue, as all around it, from every possible angle, the presence could not be dictated for. Least of the worth, for every amount of fat was stored at the top. Once it was done shooting ahead, one could see that the mass was only a small spherical transparent field of battle. Largely represented in the forms that not only swam inside of it as if they were alive, but those who continuously fought for their needs and wants to survive, otherwise, it would not do. Most of the pain was felt, as it flew. Small explosions of blood inside, clots hardened and became their off-shot breathing-gulps.

That only came back to the living as they changed in the colors of their wont. This creature whose form was known, name was not, brought in front, had addressed the dolphin.

Above them there was only a small glowing thing, barely above the one who killed the human beings. Another divine animal rested there. He would not be taken yet, he would stay, and it would not make a difference any either way that inside the animal there was the mind of a man. For that reason it could not be anything but a punishment to be taken by them. And for that reason as well, they would start it again.

'May we begin our dance then?'

The body of the woman stepped forward, embracing the Wrongly Deformed Organic. The Organic and the Dolphin-head joined one another and they shed no tears, but the change. It could not be accounted for, who had eaten the boy? Who had eaten the woman?

Not even the dolphin knew. Whom had he been on top off now? He had forgotten and worst of all was the fact that he could not check, for the likes of him had destroyed even the most unfathomable details that entered his dead-brain. Yet he wasted no second and joined it.

'May you direct me towards the corner stone? I wish there was a reason for me to be there and make my point.'

'What point would that be?'

'I've got a rope and I considered the following. Those who chose to fall by their own choice somehow survived. I know they had, somehow I know that.'

'And if you're wrong, what then? What might befell upon you then?'

‘You shall cut the rope and settle with the body afterwards. How does that sound?’

Or I might make you a much better deal, in the case of which.’ He paused, then looked for a reason, a good one to follow with a slight remark.

‘What goes down the rope?’

‘A man of the world, someone who has the mind to do it and the courage to carry it through, that’s what I think it is.’

With as much he settled it. He was wearing the body of the man, not that of his wife. He claimed it as being rightfully his and that alone could not be denied. Not a single moment in reality that might go on that side, not to mention that there was no other reason to look around.

Some houses did not make it so they would bode well on their own. Something Welsh lay to them, more than needed, excruciatingly non-bland. And blandness was needed in order for no family to stand out. Not that it mattered any longer since most of them were dead. But it was necessary to say as much and paint everything in the ultra-violet shade their blood left behind them. A trail for every wench that fell, beds were unkempt and children had been set to flight with wings made out of the hay inside their room-lounges. Leaving him and his mind untouched. It mattered for as long as they would believe it to be theirs as well as they were never there.

For that reason, from the depths of the square abyss, from the round bubbles of oxygen and carbon came triangular pieces of guts-shape larger tendon-like abrasive spherical at the top, longer-bodied, many-legged, units that appeared to have shaped themselves into existence from the insides of largely masked bodies.

Sleough Cephyr

‘Then leave, if you don’t like staring us while.’

‘Just like them, right?’

‘Right, just like them.’

A sigh of relief came soon after him. He could not be seen from any angle any longer, split in many strides, walked through as his body thinned, pushed on the sides by the on-coming tide, the pushover being taken along by the crowd on their way out. And they were least of all surprised to hear what was happening around the room, with so many people busy, they shook all over, distraught by the fact that someone might see the corpse pick upon a life of its own as it would grow even fatter than it ought to be. Such as it appeared to be, behind every camera which recorded the strange thin man, he was finally dragged from the air and pushed down until finally, after being walked upon and being a general bothersome thing to the passing people, he had finally replaced the carpet.

And the room was eighty five by eight three, and it could only be encompassed by him as some sort of pseudo check board pattern, placing him in some way in the utter most peculiar spot a man could find himself in. Twenty meters from a block of skin on the right, ten feet in the front facing the repertoire-like area where the stairs were being placed in, then five more millimeters above the carpet lay another spot where the part of the face which held the tongue stood. And in an asymmetrical position, on the second row beyond the head-zone where a skull tip lay, beyond which there lay, on the ceiling, a pair of carefully placed yet movable lights, there shone one bright yellow spark leading to another part of the fragmented tongue. Despite the fact that the giant thin sheets may have been as carefully strewn as curtains or as pseudo-walls, there had been a sudden laceration which caused this sudden placement of the weird check-boarded pattern that kept them all below the side of the waist belonging to the room in question.

Regardless of which, eight other sides of the tongue lay splattered and placed around the room. Most importantly, rather than their placement had been the fact that everywhere around them, an intolerable act had occurred, one that would not fancy anyone who stumbled upon it. Merely looking at it would be enough for a man to generate an unaccountable amount of disgust at it. For those tongues acted together and only came to life momentarily as well as occasionally when the most hospitable women happened to become stationary on top of them. That, as much as it seemed to be peculiar, yet ungrateful, didn't mean a thing. It was repulsive, disgusting, yet it knew when to act and when to move itself past the rims and back into the living.

Its fragmented yes kept searching for the right moments when no one looked in that peculiar direction, then they swallowed the women whole, deeper below the next floor where they had already taken the rightful amount of time to bleed in and grow the bowels of urges. Whence they ended up there and who remained, unspeakable acts upon one might refrain to think upon, appeared to follow through. And thence they were forgotten as their mouths were sealed like the incessant cuts they suffered, the suture motions and the screams in the fashion of prying through. Dreadfully they split below the waist, kept alive by an embrace that was pure. Lower bodies were being kept, and in them, one might direct only the next step of their dreadful instinct. To carry on through, a growth unlike no other that would carry on through to touch the ground.

Hanging like giant sacks, many of the women ended up like that. And between them, almost chains there pulled, slightly looking long-won out. Between them the fat poured in and out, before it got expelled and it disappeared as well. Then the taking quieted as well. They could not suffer no amount of distrust between them.

Each fragment of the brain developed, a shallow cognition that would waste away.

‘Teach her some manners before you sent her further in to take care of our new body. We’re still yet to have created a proper archetype for us to push in.’

‘Patience, patience, it’s the least of all the aspect we’ve yet to learn, as soon as we’re done with it, we shall finally push through and get away.’

‘With what?’

‘With all the murders we’ve committed, as they have not found us yet.’

They were more than aware of it, the men were too busy to care as they pushed on the elevators in droves, or took the stairs with the land-doves in order to get in time. While the others were way too busy pissy-prisying around whilst doing nothing. Incompetent as well, they said. Most were all worn-out and would never be used by whichever else in any case.

A door opened below, then there entered four hazmat suited troglodytes, of whose suits were hardly pointed like the clan, yet purple and yellow, blue and one who wore traditional crests. Two of them appeared to wear strange helmets made for conjoined twins whilst the others had trunk-opening of the most elephantite-kind. Between their backs and inside their large packs, filled with an utmost repulsive irresistible filth-gas, they drove on, there lay a single fuzzy-looking overly grown mushroom of fat, the lumps of which were split between the large tubes which connected them in the back.

Their suits were only pushed deeper in and could only drive deeper through, as it happened of them to be not only connected at the splits inside their anatomically deformed necks, but also as their inconsistently sized tops around their waists. They moved like schizophrenics searching for bones, but none opened their suits out of the fear that contamination might throw them off it. None the matter, no scent emerged inside the room. Whoever they were grooming there shook in an infantile matter. But it drove itself farther near a corner as soon as they approached.

‘What are they planning to do to us?’

‘Leave them be, this Is the perfect opportunity for us to consistently work out the endurance our skin and shade ought to receive. Otherwise, we shall be perceived as traitors.’

‘Nothing more and nothing less, I think that should cover it. I agree.’

‘In that case, make note of the amount of abuse they’ll force it to endure and remember. Whatever kind of punishment they might enable it to suffer of, we shall face it eighteen times worse.’

At least than what it was perceived, they were only starting slowly as they crushed its bowels past the point where there was no peace.

A scream had been heard across a lower level. There, more puerile-bodies half-wits started bashing themselves against the bars. One of the Agamemnons finally stopped waiting around for anyone to returned and went on to observe, as there was no need to wait. He had been there for far too long and it crept back into his mind, the wardens had left the room and they prized themselves no longer.

Past another fifty miles, they took turns in their private room and with the help of sharp axe-like pins they began scalping their heads and as vile trails of blood pushed out of their necks, he followed in their direction. Mournful in stare, he doubted nothing and only dreaded himself as he pushed on and away.

‘I see that you’ve taken the liberty to start without me.’

He spoke with filth between his nostrils, through his mouth, into the darkness and into the bile which poured out of the room. Only as he appeared in front of them, those missionaries had turned, and they mourned no longer as they were torn apart, from inside out, levitating, limb by limb, as they were stretched out of their own, then thrown around, waiting for something to fill them. Giant in look, like turned-around cans they shook no longer and poured out, below the small area they were confined in, and through their private, they finally froze the malignant substance in an infected mixture that stood as an example. Out of it and further yonder, touched by toes that weren’t of man. They belonged to him and served as no reminded. The Colossus was out there. Still, in this place, where nothing had spoken of his desire to follow or what might happen after, if he rose and came to life. He, whom had no business being here only appeared as time neared for his return.

Call on me as you want, but I shall slaughter you all if I have to, without question and without any kind of hesitation, I shall proceed. Mind in the making, or not, he tirelessly waited and ripped a cord, from the crowd a gut was worth as much.

‘Tables are turned in the sky, upside-down. Then they started slowly pushing away their legs do reveal that inside of them, there were human organs that grew only to become their own parasitical beings, thin but tender, strong and long, purple colored with a dark hue of gray.’

That was as far as he went to look at it. Before it popped again, this time from the thin-squared prison on top of which it, he spoke less but thought of it as well.

‘We’re limited, are we not?’

Below, on the grand view of the asphalt streets, it was only someone, a wrongly formed, a barely functional creature. And it spoke to itself as if both of its minds were separated and it could only be heard by itself during times. Of waging, it understood, and shook no longer, though the push could only matter less.

He wasn’t going to forget what he saw, no matter how deep inside the spot in time he threaded on.

For this was not the past any longer, nor was he in the normal dimension, in which the skin had been preserved. The being inside the table was still there, part of the walls, which weren’t straight but dulled out and slightly deformed everywhere around the spot.

It could work, for a moment, before someone might intervene, but that was miserable, they were miserably so. It could be quantified on the devices, for every pastor that came after, during the cross, there was a metallic-figure looming above of them, tied to them like the strings of kites. Most of them were unaware.

‘Shall we go on then?’

‘I thought we were, maybe I should’ve made myself clear before. I’m not the one trying to shove the roads deeper into the.’

Hard to describe it, largely rounded up above the ceiling while pushing eighteen hundred miles ahead, in the right and in the left while depressing even deeper with each adjacent road which was adjacent to the main line. And from above it, excluding the main straight stretch, one could see that each other line had square holes in them, leading to even deeper levels that lay beneath them. Each bearing stairs that pushed deeper below, not the normal straight ones but twisted around a thick metallic bar that was constantly pumping, melting then hardening again, as if it secretly bore muscle or heart-matter inside of it. Not that it was consistently seen as a threat, yet everyone kept their distance away from it.

‘It was dull, waiting then, seeing how they couldn’t mind their own place, there.’

‘I see it, still moving, isn’t it?’

‘Aye, it’s been doing that for the last few hours at least. I still wouldn’t mind getting half-way through.’

They shut their mouths and walked through without listening any longer. It was all too obvious, all too quiet, nothing moving with purpose in one of the closed areas, hidden beneath the side-road. In one of them they hid, and they only appeared as if they had been a little less likely to be slacking, for all the worth in the world meant nothing to them. It did not work that way, the songs they were listening to were gray.

Below the closest level beyond their heads, Natasha waited for them. She was shallowly lean, partly because her function was only being controlled by a set of tubes attached to the back of her legs, pumping whatever came from the modified fridge in the back. Not likely told, she would not be opposed to what was going on there, not for the same reason they were there, trying to peer where they didn’t belong, playing with her mind instead.

‘How long have you been here for?’

‘Twenty years, at least, well unless you count the previous models.’

Bodies, nothing mechanical about there, not copies either, her predecessors were still referred to as such. Yet she had no joy and no dignity that was being taken away from it while she was doing so. It was only a matter of perspiration and what shot through her every since she turned. They were still there, but sometimes they were not.

‘Would you mind if we sat down for a while?’

‘Go ahead, I’m certainly not one to stop you.’

After the mark, they were at least trying to set a word in. All too obvious and all too inconspicuous, they were hiding something, it was all too clear, either guns, false identification shots which by now should be, at least impossible to detect any longer and worst of all, the heir of their cognition, kept in their back-roundly squared overly bloated cans. They grew them with the help of the symbiosis of dead-cells.

‘If you cut my finger off you’ll understand it.’

‘Do what you have to, I’m not in the mood of waiting, not here.’

For a good reason as well, as the hole changed from being placed on the road, going right through the ceiling, there was something wrong about the way of looking through it. Clouds were gray, they pushed through what appeared to be similar to the filter effect of an old black and white movie. It was a perpetual thing, a motion she had no control over, nor would she pretend she had. That was, somehow, enough to make a man reconsider what was going on, why she asked that or what was the hidden intention behind her strange request. So much so that it was out of question from here on out, they did it. They went ahead with it and started cutting, disregarding the fact that, for a being made of flesh, she showed no signs of any pain. None whatsoever, to the point where they both considered the following:

Point of foremost interest so far, she could be somehow lying about her status as a human. In that case, immediate termination would have to be carried on with. Completely and out of order as well, until she would not, for her sake alone, remain in the same spot as she was before. That lead to the second point.

She isn’t lying, something’s a mock, there’s something seriously strange going on inside of her, that bring only the supreme disregard of her entire being as well as everyone else involved. That meant both his partner and Natasha would have to be off-shot into the back-wall with nothing of it being document or registered through the office. He obtained nothing so far, not that he was in doubt by any means but they were looked upon by the fiend which hid inside the fridge.

‘Is there someone hiding in there?’

‘Of course not, don’t be a paranoid dult, there’s no way someone could resist being attached to the protocol and somehow live the enclosure.’

‘Is it tightly locked then?’

‘I wouldn’t be here otherwise.’

‘Mind if I take a look inside?’

‘There’s no need to, unless you were given an order to put me down, but in that case I’m uncertain why we’re still talking. Haven’t they told you as much?’

‘Ma’am, I have no idea whom you think we are, but, we ought to establish something before things progress in the wrong direction.

We do not belong to any known federal organization, in-so far as for you to be concerned with.’

But that was a blatant lie. One with little to no consideration for what happened there, twenty minutes ago, and a bad step lead to them losing their necks, to the entirety of their throat that were not there to begin with. They were taken after they fell, dragged alone and attached to the resolute form of the modified fridge, there they would live with her for some time.

Of course they wouldn’t approach her after, since they grew the fat which replicated their lost throats. After that, they started crawling along like slugs, only to push on farther in, and creep inside their larger circles. From which they started drawing out while pushing the hole deeper out, rightly so until it became

a hill. The woman had lied about her name, as this Na'Sha turned her hip inside her back, from there on out she took the stand upon a knee, there on out, until she became a stranger effigy, turned upon the star-of solstice, which shone with a light of gray upon them.

She opened three protruding faces, all of which faced one of the poles, pushing themselves until they had become even winder, thrusting until they had become whole again, never to be touched, it appeared like they all crawled together, mounted the hill and started singing through one of the approaching long-thin communicatory shafts that was lowered from the out-reaches of space. One of them pushed through her head, producing a spine-like shaking rod out of her dead children, those being the two liars that had accompanied her, leading to them being called.

Ordered to proceed with the plan, they started communicating back. And they spoke weirdly as they were surrounded, phantoms, projections, who appeared out of nowhere and would touch nothing until waited for. And they were waited out, seeing how they would not disappear, looking at through eyes that elongated with what seemed to be the drip out of their largely excavated corneas, never wanted or being longed for in the same place.

Bloody thing bit them in red. It started sparring with itself. From one side of the room to the other, from one side, there loomed eight limbs, aggravated by their initial growth, turning on their own while eating. And they ate, like small clusters of broken egg-shaped small containers, all of whom hid them away, as they formed inside the room, uncannily forlorn, there stood the men-of hay. Most of them were all too worn out to be pushed out of the way. First they crawled and approached, then they apprehended one another only to push and eat out of the space-horn. Various signals spoke of filthy fragments that belonged to them.

Then they loomed longer and could not convey, nothing they saw made any sense. As they bloodied their fingers even further, abandoning them in walls of gray.

'They shall make our world of no pigmentation, the allure of sub-humanity, the lure being set. Worming out from below the ground, let us eat from the fish-basket.'

In the name of Ssastett, they longed for something that was yet to come. Dreadful in appearance, they took no moment, as they settled on eating, but only from behind their backs could they leave the crackle, the mightily forlorn, defiled. They soothed one another during the recently deceased. Carrying over their feet with the unfathomable watcher, seething. There was a limit to the amount of stress and abuse they could take. Especially after doing something as shameful as they did after they were done emerging, eating less.

Both, all thrice, many others that followed out of the living organs started proselytize one another like pagans in search of no divine organ to worship. Instead they appeared to take no heed for those around it.

'Shall we start the sermon then?

I blocked the signals, we shall not be heard ever again, at least not from this time, as much as needed, yes Madame, yes Madman. As long as the three of you shall live, the bridge will stay and not a single man might stray from the road.

We'll listen instead.'

Thence they spoke no longer, for the time being at least, when they started pushing through and listening to nothing else but the voices and of what they spoke in the coming of the boldness, fort in which they hid them all. Most of the uncannily stricken down, some others came from on top the hole. But they were grayed out as well and they could not over react, not that way. They were taking too much now, revealing their non-human, or any fraction that might even remotely be interpreted as human-like, both in the matter of bone and the way in which it exposed itself, which had shown itself out there.

Pushed as little drops of water fell through the open rounded moon-like curve, from all the drops, and in the reflection upon which they bore their hands, came a single reflection of the worn out tube that fell on top of it. Least of all would it suffice, to throw a dice of skin in it and see it bounce, for all the water in the world, glorified in its mournful world could not be united with that single basket-like circle in which tadpole-like fragments swam through. Each was corroded, a disgrace that had shown itself too soon to be defiled. It could not be contained any longer, not tried for, in glances that would never rise.

For the part she bore, as she would look forth, around from the corner she stood in, there was little to no chance for it to swim. Out of it, and then within, twin around the heads, necked and robed of no fealty she spoke.

'Call upon him not longer, as he will be angered by the fact you ate. From inside his horn he bled and infested the waters.

And none of you might swim in his lakes.'

For all living beings would be drowned in there, only to be pushed in the bodies of the long-thin amphitheater-stretched bodies they would digest themselves in and stack. Water was water but the strands made out of the repurposed bodies of their gloriously filth-endowed. It was pitiful, as they ought to know.

It is for that reason that they started forming their own false-hiding spots in the same room they had lain in ever since the start. They were so mad at one another, screaming and tearing each other's skin off like hyenas that they had to do something before they could rip each other's throats in the process.

Viler sounds could be heard, they were unnerved by one another's perilous words, yet they could do nothing about it. All stood within their own partaken in play, within small surfaces upon which they hid and stayed.

They feared it, for it approached, from their disgusting pillar, from the point where the small circular pint of water broke, there came the light, and whence it shone, from the insides of it, the moon was torn apart in a fell swoop. And everyone inside the small celestial body looked back. From all those dead and those that cracked their bodies into that, there stood one who knew, who recognized them in the filthy swoon that broke through their world. It was not likely that they saw it, not from the distance, definitely not from the area they had all gathered in, finally having understood that they could not ignore the blank point that shot the sky. Unknown reasons, most of which predated thought. There had simply been no power in that pillar of light, only the short stacked ants-like needlessly pushed out curved ants-like shrieking desperate hangings that occurred inside their microscopic sights. Within each of their grasps, claws grabbed their smaller bodies, from the insides of their receivers, malignantly looking back, to their long

slimy bodies that moved like tendrils in disguise. From the eyes of which no organ-hue, but some peculiar gut produced it through, from their backs. Coated in it they pushed around until they stacked and reach the rims of outer space. Indistinguishable from sparks of light, they moved in their surrounding unisons only in doubt of whom was and whom wasn't alive.

Checked inside their sparkling guts, they brought themselves down. An exchange had taken everything from them, through and through, they stopped past the brute.

He came along as well, leaping through.

'He's going to tear it down, stop him.'

They all leaped to their feet, right out of their wild tents, barely able to stand. The brute came, with both feet struck down.

Tenderness was vague

Mongol's head squirmed, it lost the throat and came forth, shaking itself until it could not push away from the little hole it dragged itself in.

It walked slowly. Cat-eyed, he peered at what seemed to be benign forms that were rubbing little sticks in the darkling dark, trying to start a skin-fire. So much joy, so much joy, he thought about. It was ecstatic.

Take one of the breaches and cover it up. There came as an almost disgraceful voice, pointing at the opening from which they stared out of their home. It was frustrating in some way, seeing how they faced an alternative that would be much worse than the one before it, they relented, and stopped. It poured in with little pops all along the way.

As long as no one was peering in, he walked in circles, his neck was thin.

Somehow the chains shook.

And when it happened, not a single boat shook. Out of a long pile, of many who stroke forth, who shook upon the coined drop, from the chains upon which they walked, one arose and made it so. Past the depths below, they rose forth with fat between the snow, the mast. It was crooked out of itself as it only pushed past and never came, towards the area where in remained, the strange mast-like figure pushed the lamps, the loathsome creatures torn apart, disintegrating some of the most repulsive of their touches, until they drowned in the most endowed wretched, perils of clots, some fell other stood apart. Most were punished for what they looked like for no other reason than the fact, that the human bodies, perhaps, kept something of their old minds. In the brittle state they were in, they could not fathom pouring out for long, thence they rose and pushed past them, in the depths of a circular hellish-storage. Where they crept and

stood, just like Mongol. In his place, a crook now replaced him, after he had made it past the ground. He was similar to him, with the sole exception that he was dead, rounded about and pushed below.

Regret was something he was feasible prevented from feeling, out of the bottom of his sickened mouth, where crooked teeth loomed around false-crowns, iron-cut gums, lost about the place. Surmising no emotion from the disgrace he felt around, it faded.

Vestigial-trotty

He shook within each room he used to walk around into. This was before he achieved, the bent of knees which pushed them in, four legged, all bent now. With his hands being rather curved, and curled inside them with each stride of the palm pushing deeper in his face, where rested. Through the open spaces like the ones inside an autopsy-dissected fully developed adult, crooked little insect-fat, where stored, even more, the poison brought to their nostrils, at last. It was necessary to somehow keep up with everything that was going through him. Wasted upon his brow there lay an open hollow spot that was unoccupied. Through it spoke his friend.

‘I’m waiting for you past five and ten, I can only hope you shall come here in time, otherwise, I could not fathom being alive for long.’

‘I shall do my best not to anger nor to harm you. And I will attend our communion if it’s absolutely necessary for me to lay.’

With hope along its way, he wanted, to the least of all his chants would warn him that there was someone on his track. Bloated like a diseased rat, he came along. His features were too flat, his eyes were brought to a spot where they could not go deeper in than they were before. A lower half of a body was kept above the floor, wrapped around by a metal rope which was held by metal clasps that were only pushed around the back of his strange legged mass, turning him into a strange caterpillar with no segmented body, other than the illusion that made it appear so, given by the legs clustered in various shapes of crisscrossed wedges upon the top of which stood a single long harpoon-thin rope. From it came the danger.

He presents himself as it is.

‘I am Malborr.’

‘Clint, shall we proceed now?’

‘I haven’t even asked whether or not I may join you still.’

‘It’s irrelevant to me whether you may follow me or not. I seem to have forgotten where I am.’

There were no rooms around, but they were somewhere in some vestigial cage-like cavernoid-formed wedge that somehow stood between the crossings of a wild ancient building that had been submerged for a vast period of time, to the point where it had been completely encrusted by the various urchins of sand and the hardened surface of a mobile mass of liquor-alloy that was kept near the planet's core, where it drove itself into the solid until it rested more than it ought to have been allowed, slowly melting then cooling down until the sea-pillars looked like the jolted melted teeth of in-bred crows, a thing that made Clint even more confused than he was. Desperate even, to find something or someone to take in what he wanted, the warning started before his fingers departed from the long-standing spots.

‘Shall we attend the communion together in that case?’

‘It’s only fair that I may lead the way since I have killed the last man who tried pushing me away.’

‘Then I will make it so it’s worth my time. I’ll find more about you, Malborr.’

‘Very well, the lime fades, I see its colors everywhere.’

‘I suppose that means that your eyes are not working properly any longer, are they?’

Found out a part of him that did not fit, it blew the bottom side of his body apart and shot in both direction of his feet. The god didn’t speak any longer, busying himself with other things.

On the other side of the cavernoid wedge, the outside part, out of their reach, ahead.

There was a reason no record from the past age made it through. And that paled with the brunt force with which the rams came forth, butchering everything in their path. Wont had nothing to do with it since they were only trying their hands. Armed even while convulsing on the floors, as if seizure was a common house-held occurrence in the outside world; though that was an irresponsible view of the matter, since they were still connected to the ramming-devices they held dearly around their stricken arms. It was, in some way, the only redeemable way they could pursue this assault, this battery, this constant flow of blows that followed. Thoroughly set in place and joined, the rams had arms of their own, bolted in place by largely rounded tight nickel eyes, melting through the skin as they held everything in place.

Satisfaction could be derived from their faces, this being the main asset of their mental disorder from which they suffered from. Through and in-between them, it varied, but the pain could still be satisfyingly be thrown about. Shared between them as they chanted, there was no point in lying through and past their lot.

The most disturbing aspect of this ordeal was the fact that there were no winners. Everyone there had suffered of some kind of expiration date, drawing itself only farther until it could no longer be pushed out of the way or ignored.

‘We can still make it in time if we keep pushing through.’

‘I don’t think it would be fair that way, for any of us, especially those in the back.’

A darting depression pushed down. It loomed even longer than it should’ve been acceptable, and without the doubt of a single mind, they were pushing towards trying to abandon their weaker kin behind. Then they only pushed themselves around for reason, crushing their joints and those of the likened fissures

around the ground, where they had previously buried their young. Not likely, or under no circumstance could they complain any longer, of no sacrifice that would do. It was too deranged and too obvious, even to the point where they estranged one another past their betters, in the walls. Where they hid and what they trusted themselves with once the wall was down.

What had they left behind, if not a sky of polluted mountains, from fire-brim, whence they would be born out of, many of the previous generations still pushing on and fighting for a better chance at this survival, but what they were not aware of, as it appeared to be, was the fact that neither of them could account for the battery of bricks, the repairs they did and the reinforcement of alloy, just so they could assume none might follow.

‘You’d doom another generation than share what we have?’

‘Is there another way? If there is, in that case I’ll listen and make do. If there isn’t, then so be it. There would be no loss and no desire for me to continue forth. I shall await termination from both you and all of our old.’

‘And there it is, the spirit fading and no attempt to fight back.’

‘Why should I do it? We were not made to destroy each other. The possibility of pain and exhaustion is finite. Thence there’s only this I shall be listening to, my heart is in a bit, pierced and cracked, pumping through my body, something’s wrong.’

‘This guilt for not pursuing, for not fighting when needed forth; I witnessed this happening time and time again, eight generations before, from which I can say, do not depart and I shall go my way and ask you nonetheless.’

What do you choose? Shall you fight for this right to take away whatever food you can from the young or will you simply lower your arms from bashing? They will be doomed either way. It’s half-way build along with your say. I know you’ve got no intention of putting off the differences between our people as well as forgetting what might make due.’

‘Then forgive me for saying this, but am I no danger and I may sooth the time?’

May I not lower my arms in prayer, for you to understand that we cannot allow them to come? I cannot fight you, I can’t torment you but I may never reach this epoch-of heaven you promised us all. You are as frail as I am.’

A corpse-like cripple attached to a ram, with many arms, no legs and a tail that seemed to be part of the body. With a giant head which had only one eye on the side that did not touch the floor, only a part of the mouth, half the teeth and everything else wrongly-touched. Scorched around the flayer’s pouch, many needle-marks racked all around him, in the making, he only bled when asked to; that being caused by the extraction of organs, half of them to be even more precise, suffered at the time of their births. Not a single one could be called on that or travel forth, more than a few feet away at a time, when their many arms tired and the bolts wore them out.

And the rams were of giant bones, pulverized in half, then attached to devices that allowed the arms as well as the suitors to be kept alive.

But of no saying, this passed through. Of course they would not say anything more, but they refused to give in for a chance, they were of no truce and of no disquiet that may last. It was hard, harnessing what power they had. One of them came near. He tried living the ram against another, as a mother would raise her palm to punish her child. That was the peril, maker of what wasn't due. And they could not fathom rising, nor getting through it, past the cue. It was likened and pushed less, then lowered as he found out that it was relentlessly hard.

'Everything was done for you, and no one else. I swear it, I'm nothing to be ashamed of. I've done absolutely nothing to deserve this kind of treatment.'

He said, while then and only then he drafted twenty men from around the place, pushed them in and saw them die after trying to crack their steely organic rams. It was a crude sight, but there was no reason to be ashamed of it. They were so naïve in a way. Thinking they could do all this by themselves, forcing others to obey when they themselves had been unable to respect their limits, decency being considered somewhat vile. Off with them, they turned and came to enter ever hardened part, and every raised wall that went into each direction. Deranged in thought, they brought nothing with them on their way. Through one of the roofs that fell they found as much but never came to ask when needed, heeding the call, they were undefeated.

'We shall falter there, but it is still time to return and do something about our young who are on their way.'

They felt out of place, and as soon as the realization came as soon as they darted around and saw that there was, in no way possible for life to have been curved here. Dismissing every notion they leaped, from side to side as they whirled around each possible way, conveying little to no emotion as well as there was something yet to say. Words fell to death hearers, walking in pastures of cement, or it would've been so if the material that encompassed everything was even so remotely achievable. On their way there, they seem to have sacrificed something along their way. But they had no means of finding out.

He wretched himself forth, Orn'Hras, listening to nothing else, not even while knowing what they lost on their way out. How miserable they all felt without spreading any amount of doubt and anger, shared between their headless toes, still dragged along they vowed that a change would be on its way, whether or it was even remotely feasible for either of them to try for there on out. They were null, drilled in the head, left to rot and play with themselves despite looking as uncanny and out of place as they were.

'I see another one coming, prepare yourselves for their onslaught. Remember that there's certainly no possible way to prevent it, henceforth we must do what it takes to prevent their suffering from drawing on more than it is necessary for them to survive through it.'

'I think I hear the light fading, and I see no reason to stay. Stray yourselves and never meet them, for I have seen the way out.'

Through a hole that was reddened, more so than a piece of molten ford, there stood a single man contorted who ventured forth and carved the way. He would serve as their illumination and make it so there's a way back. For who was he to refuse yonder, and listen to them, most in fright.

'General announcement.'

Came that voice from the past, it had been listened to before the pointer and could only imitate something when needed after that. Worse of all, they were malnourished creatures in the making, never ready to understand. Where to direct and where their feet ended or why was this agony of their accepted instead of being directed out of its way; thence their blisters started bearing a meaning, even though it may be lost on them. Pushing yonder had no call. Cherished by their own, they only dreaded to come forth and listlessly nudge through in the wrong order. Of their woes nothing was said. They would have to settle with that.

That was only one of the buildings.

There were no more excuses any longer, at least none that would suffice. Dreaded for what they looked like, they wreathed in and out, reality sparked no wonder, and the streets were left just as found. In the worst possible way, what they lacked in gratitude they pushed through in disguise. Disgusting bodies that never died no matter the abuse they suffered. One of them pulled himself apart, only to wake up with the end of a rotating saw attached to a stick he used, perplex of the fact that it writhed in and tore apart whatever was left of him, in peril.

No loyalty either, to them, or to him. Whom he butchered the head of, broken in the knees, dragged along, torn in the back of the head. Tugging from one corner to the other resulted into nothing, at least from their either side, not being confronted either, dead-men, walked past them, drowned in a river where bullets swam inside the fish. Though they were just as wide as the buildings in which they lived.

Water turned solid after a while, especially after the deluge took that away from it. And what appeared to be commonly placed and accepted was the fact that mot buildings had not been properly aligned. Instead they pushed out of one another, turning on themselves, pushing out like hornet-shafts, rounded everywhere around so they could fathom the currents coming out of the solid air. Moisture was never felt, felled upon most of the lifted drones that came from just about everywhere as they started their wild ascent. Some wild reigned-over smaller men were strung about and lynched from on top the closely pushed out of their bodies statues, many of whom appeared to be floating in the air. Holding them like whips of stone and whiff of born-out predecessors fell into the solid river, breaking in part.

But their pain was internal as their blood hardened in the most obtrusive and painful needles, most of which had been used to cut through them and make them lose, any kind of decency would not refrain. They could not prevent themselves from feeling pain. Even what appeared to be a mist in the distance had been nothing more but a wild reconfiguration of the giants that merged with the buildings, in features and in part. Some arms were taken and placed forth, foaming at the boat-like curves that appeared in the distance. Another lot was brought forth, spun around as they were shown from the distance. Large and thin, giant, as the statues or the buildings, but only as the iron skeleton placed before the cast had thinned. And they wore their features in their backs, carrying them in sacks that grew on to live lives on their own, even though they were dependant on trying themselves time and time again, forlorn, as no one wanted.

One of the Thins came so.

‘I wish there was a reason we were here for. But I don’t think there’s a way to see.’

‘Stay away and stray your hands, you know there’s nothing else to see around this place.’

We came by chance, we shall stay by chance.'

'And If I die here, where will I be taken to?'

'You'll be taken to nothing but the deathless world, the one behind the clouds where no one knows.'

Grown out of it, at last, he spoke, rising out of the quiet hole, the other Thins came forth. And they were just as surprised as he was, of the strange architecture which combined the limbs and better whims of those around them. Many citizens refused to show even the slightest hints of there being any contempt felt towards anyone else. Especially those who shaped the clouds and winds and mist into what appeared to be the other side of the city, the one that was beyond them; climbed upon a ladder of molecules employed by the Thin, which looked like dark stands of grass-blades, most of which were stacked upon one another, as they formed the way towards the hole inside the sky. In it, he looked even deeper, even farther until he saw what appeared to be the deep-concave shooter-wedge in which not even the holders of the headless men looked upon in doubt.

'It's an obsession at this point.'

Came a voice from one of the smaller parlors.

'I cannot and will not be able to defeat it by any means.'

They weren't paying attention, that being their most obtuse flaw.

It looked like a bad paint-blob on top of her wants. Can't prolong something a living being doesn't want. At least not if she wants to make it out alive.

'We have to talk about something.'

'Shoot it.'

'It's the thematic I kept looking into, I don't know whether or not this is something. It was extremely unfair since this was a house of blue and the woman was drenched in her period. It could not be stressed for long enough that she would get no amount of sympathy from anyone else, since their customers were defects, known as such and marked at the back of their heads, or whichever limb wasn't completely dysfunctional or relentlessly missing. It was the right thing to do, In order to separate the normal population from them. Cripples, the inbreds, the severely deformed and whichever other affliction of the mind had to be dealt with as swiftly as possible. What came after that was not only a method of solving this nuisance in its entirety, but it also seemed like it would last. They were done for, thoroughly misplaced, dragged along and chained with chains fashioned out of their own. There they dripped aside, torn apart, from the guts of the makers, there in the sky no one would ask questions.

And they came in trains, not out of them and not real trains, but in the form they bore, with their largely flattened tops having contorted, coming, pushed around and wrapped until they managed to achieve it in some form, one which definitely made them feel less exasperated and more compassionate towards one another, since it would not do otherwise. But beneath them, one could see a small frame, like the few inches of free spaces underneath a door that was actioned upon by a few hinges that were well-placed in every corner. If one were to drag his eyes under that hole, under the frame, he could take a good look at

what happened in the innards, the inner-working of depression as they shared what they could without being able to fall asleep, mindlessly droning about as their cognition devices turned in an out.

Because they were worked upon by machines, they could not be called human beings, or even replicate the common tool-worship seen in similar simians to them. And for such a thing, this train-façade was a lie. It wasn't real, it was only a crude attempt to mask their nakedness into something familiar, which everyone else appeared to plainly ignore. The matter of that fact being, they were distorted in shape, disorientated in sight and disgraced to be peered at.

‘Well what shall it be?’

Asked the Woman of Command, she had darted everywhere around but had refused to realize that it was long since her husband left. It should be noted that one of the higher dents, in which the wasp-like tendon-holes, shaped like the strangely arched stones of strings made out of the skinned string-lamps, those being the native-like invaders that had taken those wild forms as armors in order to protect their largely more plastic degenerate bodies. Torn apart at least every few second, spread about a field of mold, that floated in the air. With the help of the molecules and their miniscule hands they managed to eat the previous degenerate flying group. Largely because they were repulsed by them, halvened heads that threatened to tear apart reality with their tendril-like tubes. They had to be completely exterminated in their entirety before the entirety of the world shook in their fast charge. No remarks could be drawn any longer, out of the quiet, there being someone passing through.

They ignored this wildness of form, darting through, in need to buy a blue lamp.

He asked the Blue lady, that being the other part of her mind. The Woman of Command agreed, she looked around and found one. Given for free, without there being a choice, without being given something that might rip off her voice, she chose the termination following her thirst for orange. Gruesome though she may seem, it was just about everywhere, in the place, symbols within broken clocks, all striking at the same hour. She would watch the sun when passing through, but that was not a sphere, but a wild hill that rotated in its place. Of fire she could see not naught but she wondered who lived there.

A Livern-potter, one who had been employed, with the Liver-potter to create a fake one, as well as they could push their skills, creating but one liver within the confines of a single fat lamb that was grown until it almost bloated its belly out. It needed to hear something, to be worshipped and made to look for something that might turn it into some rational being. But that was not the case any longer, since the lamb wanted just as much. It was dead and in need of asking no question.

A field along them, all across the bases of the moon, upon the plains, along the turns, where, all the failed attempts were strung and left there to float in spaces that may never be gotten. Forgotten in the gut, he took a knife and slit it up. Driven to do this out of boredom, he wondered if there was a life. If ever after there might be one, coming after his life was done. All too tiresome, he believed, all too similar, from bottom licker to the thin-quiet shell they were pushed into, feeling no remorse as well.

‘I am the Captain of the four blocked-rows, my ships are plenty, they’ve been brought from no uncanny world.’

He made it all up. He was one of the Liver-potters who were driven to boredom and when it happened they had been completely overwhelmed by an urge to harm as many youths as possible, since there was no personal interest involved, they settled as much. Parts of his thighs were missing. In place stood nails that had been as well, dull enough to shatter. Hence they spoke of it no less. Desperate moves, always, no one pointed at it while dreading to come forth while asking question. Crackling around the fence, they were tenderly eating and could not discern the difference between reality and what they were making.

So many fakes had been made that they were starting to believe that they were all real, too finely crafted and shaped.

‘I ought to have known better. And I shall see no other way than needed. I want to eat, after all.’

He thought, but he could not, for the likes of him have another spoon handed to him during the time. It never got easier.

‘Lepers are cowards, they refuse to die.’

‘How would you possibly know that when you’ve never met one in your life?’

‘That is something, isn’t it? I suppose it would be fair to say that.’ He shook the upper side of his lip, from the side of his mouth, making a motion that would resemble something close to a nervous tick. He was envious of him and how easily he trusted strangers that had come from yet to come. It was a different time, a loop that ripped the barrier from the future and ripped apart it had. Their teeth had shattered immediately before they reached the epoch of making it through stars.

A single limb became another, replicating itself until a bridge had been made, leading to the town below them, on the planet, where they would otherwise be met by pain and agony, ascending.

Entry of wax

‘The only treatment to death is disease. It putrefies me so to think that someone would waste all these corpses, readying them for cremation, when they could still be put to use.’

‘What are you intending then? Perhaps we could work something out if you’d be willing to let me try something.’

‘Not yet, I’m still thinking, there’s still something I could take from it. I could make a small cut and enter one of them. From there on out, I could make my home and live inside of them as I keep pushing their bones in form of pillars and make sure that none of them would fall on top of me.’

‘What if they fight back?’

‘I shall meet them with less distraught and see to it that I ate well.’

He considered doing as much, even devouring his way through like the mole-looking decrepit creature he was. It was not what he intended to do, since they were underneath a house of mental illnesses, many of the short-dwarfed murderers being somewhat shabby enough to be repelled by the most daring practices, though that was not something that should be called to. Or veered, steered and pushed into each direction. No, for he knew better than to mix the oil and blood, with his caretakers, that still managed to keep the bodies still somewhat alive, since that would work the best. No one would perform an act of theft any longer, at least not under his guise and under his word.

‘I see no worth into hearing about it now. I think I got the main idea already. They come out of nowhere, they replace one of my bodies with a copy of wax, then they leave with it and refuse to step in line when confronted outside.’

‘You know who the culprits are then?’

‘Of course I do, why wouldn’t I? I’ve spent too much time looking into it to waste nights spreading regrets. I’m far too gone to take a break and for that reason I found one of their faces, pressed on top one of the wax-bodies which were left by there as in a cast. How could they have missed such an important detail?’

Forbid me If you can, but that’s one of them most laughable offenses I could ever think of. I can’t even wrap my head around it without causing myself a migraine.’

Folksom

Hlyiellohth, of deranged lot, stumbled onto her, his body naught. In dreams, partaken, looked upon her broken on the bed, ripped apart and then remade, as he spared not a second, yet. Like a Sheppard, looking over his flock, he could not look away, he did not. Even choose to endure, let alone do as such as to lie and say that he was pure. With every lack of agony fading, making off the door he left. Never seeing her again, instead, he returned back to find her standing in the frame. As no layman would get or touch her pains. He was but a congre-brained, dominating over congre’s fate. He was only forced to look upon them as he turned, most of which were too deranged to lift themselves off spot. Shot down by the illumination coming from the ground they wasted not a second more.

He shared her with them, a fealty to the guilt towards her which fed them more than they would spare themselves to know. With each bite of filth, he saw to it that he did not miss. For this was degrading, immortal, damaging to his pride. They were tearing her apart, yet he had done this, and he had also been the reason she returned. A soul like Hlyiellohth’s could not fathom living without this emotion dreaded, pushing him forth until he would not do. Unfathomably-like in pleasure and in sinew. Least of all would he appease, of no illness from within, he waited. Until there was nothing left, he faded, then he returned.

There she was again, without a piece of her missing. Born without the hate, but pleasure in her eyes instead; whereas he was largely disgusted by his own acts, to even think that he would let her go that way drove him mad. Yet every time his guilt returned, with her in front, and ever-more closer to his broken filthy organ which pulsed and turned. Decrepit teeth, in hair fell through his gums, he could not fathom letting go of her knowing that she would do it again, each and every time. A mad satisfaction and a cackle held him down. He was beaten by her, pushed into the ground. Though there would be no greater pleasure he felt, he knew of this point in his head, the dread which came with it, the guilt and remorse that came with his obsession drew him ahead.

With her below her, only a piece of his lower side, dragged along as his wings spread, not from the back but from the extension of an arm that came out of another arms that came out of another arm that grew out of his palms. Largely twisted everywhere around, uncannily torn to shreds yet flight was achievable. Let alone his sight, pulsating in chests. Both of their improperly aligned, though he could not digest these feeling, the agony that sipped through. Better hidden away from the famine that was being exposed.

For he desired a sole place where he would be punished by her, alone, where none may see the sight, of him being overpowered, burdened by her might, unseen in the disgust he felt for himself when asked what ought to be. He swore of nothing more, delighted to have seen none while making in the flight. Elated by it, even to the least disturbing light, he never wondered, not to want for more. His body shook, as he had knelt and could not help it, but beg for more.

Hlyiellohtha was of the same breed, and of the same kin and of no farther leap off the branch. After all, she had only been part of the share. It could not be even more repulsive, yet he ripped his wings away and asked of her to be beaten and dragged into the ground. Irresponsibly shouting and screaming as he was only dragged down and rubbed around. Crushed and beaten, worse than she had ever endured, only to wake up underneath her, unable to resist, unable to be lure her out of the hole. Out there, where he might hope he could finally escape while she's distracted.

Way too late, for such a loathsome creature that turned him away from the bloated points spread through the night, where skin-like little sockets would appear in a fashion utmost benign; which only took him from his dreams. Nightmares were felt within, for he could only force himself to suffer more. It was wanted, it was needed, enacted like fealty, but poorly prone, without a back-bone, he swore himself to her again. Obsessed and under much distress, he was a lout with none too far to come, impressing none. He fell and far, as his mind went during moments of agony, his body writhed like a dumbbell infantile cobra, whose heads were yet hers to do as she pleased, as no one would tell their better what had occurred in this small chamber between the hidden Mars.

The part of it that was subjugating, a servant with little doubt, knelt like a pitiful dog, repulsed, unable to face himself in the mirrors that were made of crystal in this hold. Hers was a grasp and tear, of which he yearned some more. All of what's he'd done prior, was paid for in the least remorseful tone that went through his mind.

Hlyiellohth had begged.

‘Spare me of this treatment and I shall to whatever’s needed for me to be perceived. As none the making, in the quiet, I shall do it, and take my life unless you drop beneath my feet and bring this to a stop.’

To the request, as thoroughly put as it had been pressed upon her, Hlyiellohtha broke into a laugh. She could not fathom being asked that, it was the least remorseful glance after, was followed by her pushing him through dirt, dragging him along as thoroughly as she could before she'd start again to mourn. And they were unwatched, he felt, despite all the abuse he had taken, untouched.

Till one day, he finally woke up.

It felt strange, seeing his bone grow through his hand until it looked like the giant piece of a trunk made out of eighty bones barely struck together, pouring out blood like a fountain. She faced the other way and in a sudden swoop, half of her head blew off against the glass-walls. He walked on. Hlyiellohtha would not get up from where she stood.

Slowly he started descending, pushing on stones, twenty more miles away.

'Look back.'

Her body follow, bobbling with a broken neck, torn even further as rocks started pushing her innards, forth, most of which being too lost to be recuperated from where they stood, worthlessly overthrown.

Another shot followed from his bone-throat, which took her out of it, for good this time.

She was a dropped stone along a valley of lost desires. And it was only then that she lay upon the stones, suffering of a woe that could not be conveyed, when he left her to whatever misery a rotting corpse would feel under a broken sun. Was he not gentle with her now? Had he not been that way before? It was pitiful, trying to contemplate on what he did wrong, as he already passed the alcove and made it into the first tram, a pseudo-body of a lam. From it there protruded, eight bodies that were convoluted, and pushed out of themselves, uncannily they dragged him on. A few greenish boned-armored, with long faces, dragging onward raised from their seats. There was little time to retreat and go around the place. It was even harder looking at them as no disgraceful creature yet might do. No remorse appeared on his face, disgrace could be smelled as well as his pointer raised the pint of bone, pointing at them.

'Pointing at them, you're pointing at them.'

'Who said that?'

'I did, I said it.'

He could see the long-primitive long-tunnel, from which a mechanical-spider contorted its peculiarly stricken arachnid body, fat and shaped like a bobbling kettle, of which hollow insides held the children of the meddlers that fell from their flying pores, inside the bubbly-trees that stretched along the ford, forming a concave blocked sight, taking away from the slight of the natural tributaries that lay on the other side. And the village which was seemingly lost, he could not care for them, his paleness gone.

They were there, but hiding, trying to decipher the messages they were receiving from the higher-altitude snatchers, with their in-built head-throngs, where they carried them on top of their flying conveyer-belts, pushing through what appeared to be sharp angled rose-plowing machines. Engines kept exploding, then reappearing and from those illusionary puffs of smokes, the trails hardened, keeping the rotating machines in air when the time where they could eat was gone.

Given a free pass in some way, he walked past them, simply because they showed signs of fear. They could not withhold it either. Not that they were prone to violence, by either means, yet they showed it so.

‘We cannot allow that kind of behavior here by no means, especially since it may not be built upon any kind of acceptable parasitism that may ruin our desires and the push that’s keeping us in doubt, for that, we may feel no illness in thought towards you and shall keep no further intended harmful touch. Though it may appear to be so in either case, as we shall only follow through when needed to pierce the gaze, I feel like I have met thee.’

‘I’ve never seen you in my life before this very moment. And I could they even stare at me while I’m only dreading to touch you with my falchion and the bearded gloves I wear to this day?’

‘I do not know, that’s still yet to be what we’re after and what we ought to ask of you. Reveal your soul to us so we may peer in and it shall be said, accustomed to and judged in the manner of which we ourselves judge our own.’

‘And if I wish no ill, my hands beneath these industrial gloves, taken from the factory in which I worked, would they not be proof enough of my past? Is there something my heart hides then that might body naught betray to your cast?’

‘Nonsense, we’re living things, we haven’t been fashioned like your tiny idea of statuettes. I think you’ve wronged us yet again, of which harm may not lay nor bode well with either of us. You’re a fluke that doesn’t belong to this world and the marks on your body are the least of your concerns.’

‘What of them then?’

‘Degenerate marks, you’ve been used. No wonder most of our men look upon you with pity, as you’ve both shown yourself in body and in mind, you’re a fool, a glutton of tools made to be abused in sight.’

Thence forth they surrounded him, before they started. Beating him with tiny sticks until his knuckles darted everywhere around his face, unable to confess or impress any of his own, he looked around and saw no reason to prolong this.

‘If that be so, I shall take no liberty before I decide to punish you. And I shall cast you, of no glance and to no pity of word into the side of the road from whence I came. There, you shall remain for long, until I am done and never touched a slim thin spick of a blade.’

But they disgraced him even further, as they stopped, yet in doubt. Waiting for him to reveal that the bones inside his arm receded, without proof of ever prodding, of ever-farther from their hiding, each root-like bone, being fashioned like their own, unable to cull their brittle-prowl.

They saw the strands, as they were thing. And couldn’t believe how little of them were they displaying in. Shattered or not, he had been brought to a knee, alone, in desperation that he may see.

‘You won’t do anything any longer, for a good reason as well. I seem to have believed you better than this, but now I feel pity for you.’

‘As I feel, too, I knew we would feel just the same.’ Said the other bone-armored standing, pushing one of his crackling sticks against his back, though he knew better than this, he saw no worth in asking, nor would he make an exception for this distaste. Disastrous though it may be, it would save no one to continue, here.

He walked in shame, not hinder, yet of yore he pushed on. A while ascending with little of him shown, emotionless though he had been, if anything off-thrown, by what changed outside. A world that was being dragged upon a much lighter shade, little doubt of whom remained, lesser spoke, more than few. They tried to drag themselves over and listen to the words of hue.

Lights were lost, in words of gray, whom lightly, if not dictated, they darted around to pay. He heeded naught and bowed his head, looked upon a beard, he lay there. Defeated and unable to think of something that may make him bear, of what he knew little, and little more would he say. To them, he’d anchor but a beast and throw and thaw what remained of cold winds that pushed him home. For he knew no better, no other direction, to the least of his kin, neither of them expected him. All had left the place upon hearing what he’s done.

A laughing stock, a miserable thing, he was, unable to contain himself, no matter how hard he tried. Worse, little remained of his home by the time he returned. It was ravaged, savage fiends playing on his lot, taking everything he worked against, leaving naught behind. He was desperate now, for the slightest touch, unable to look no further than the contemplation he’s done across his arm.

It wasn’t supposed to be that much of an awful turn of events.

It’s cold, he thought.

You’re incomplete, it followed, thence he made his way past his house and made it to the city, way before anyone could make up their minds about him in the most peculiar fashion. It wasn’t clear, he tried remembering, but the name of the town was anything but on his mind. Least of all, this would be something he’d have to set aside and hide from them. Not that he had any other idea in mind, but the blue lady was there. First row of errands had to be. It crossed his mind that he would have to rebuild his den somewhere and the best if not the only way to do it was to kill one of the slumlords, whomever that might be. And whenever, if it was destined to happened, crossed ways with him between the sea, he crossed it, hardened, finally enough guts to make it into her store.

The Lady of Command was delighted by this stranger, exotic in appearance, although a bit on the dull side. He had dragged along the common vow a chrysalis, broken in one of the chandeliers she held around, but that didn’t matter much, no longer would she be surprised by any. Even lesser, more than a few, seemed to creep along and see each other, past the brute in the making, other customers came and left. Only he remained there, staring at her, waiting for the right time that he might be as inclined to approach her.

‘I do not think the sky is orange, despite what you may think of it.’

Ever-so clear, as it were, he was only as spiteful as any man would be in his place. Denied of pleasure, he only searched for some to hurt. Harm he would, cast against many, destined to push through and make himself less than aware. He was there, in the very span of a few seconds, then left as if he never existed.

Promoting the touch, he was cold, alarmed, he snatched what appeared to be, a few strands off one of the few barely made wardrobe-stunts, those who looked like mannequin-ruts, grunting as if hurt, shaking but unable to say a word to the act of theft. The Lady looked in another direction, searching for something her hands may grasp. She thought he asked her to bring him something but hadn't intended anything after that. No telling would do, as she could not symbolize the greatness he held of her, as he pushed through. And he suffered just as much as them, in waiting he could not wait.

Yet again, he imagined, he envision and desire as much. Couldn't do too much harm, walking around and touching the bad places. All of which were only a hole in the gabber near the jaw, he was being torn apart and then retouched, cut at the back of the neck where a single mark, deeply pushed down like a melting iron bite with eighteen holes perfectly symmetrical, pushed around and worn out.

'Sold to the highest bidder.'

'But I barely just arrived.'

'I haven't even set down a price.'

'Doesn't matter any longer.'

Spoke the lady in blue, as he had already had it, with all the luggage which pushed from the wing of bleeding threw. 'Now I got it, I shall claim you as my trophy wife. And I shall lock you inside a small glass box, with holes in it for you to breathe, tubes of glass coming from on-top the ceiling. I shall feed you my dear, I shall also breed with you from the small door I will have implanted in it.

Utmost responsible as I shall be, you will be my trophy, never touched by anyone, never allowed to leave, as well as you shall stay in there forever, or how long I shall dictate it.'

He had plans for more, which included, less or more so, a way for her to get rid of her bodily pollution, beneath her in small marks, cut across the floor, beneath her, holes through which she'll carry on. She would not suffer of boredom, but only this should be known. This trophy wife will be one of many, all locked within the confines of his home.

Hlyiellohth considered this, all of them in part, put next to one another, not allowed to leave. Bird in a cage, readying herself for him to rummage in, he was rummaging through the window.

Half-a golden two dimensional bird, as fat as one, on the body of a fish fell from on top the world, from the depths from inside a crack, where each piece had fallen through and wasted in the grim surroundings, and never caught by whichever Thinner giant came to hold it. Let alone would its fall be prevented from achieving beauty. All of them were way too determined, even more, spoken for. Barely touched upon, blue lady presented herself and wished the others well.

No one would look after her store, as it happened for her to be out of the way. Thinking of the past, she pursued nothing any longer. Instead, she grabbed a hold on whatever she could, as blue as they were gray, going out of her way to follow, then stopped along, to convey the lack of emotion that turned her into what she was.

There was something about him that she refused to let go of, as much as she had been charmed by the insolence, the loss of her grip followed. It could not be that she pursued this kind of act by whatever other means, other than that. She desired it, more than anything her soul could go through. A gluttony of thoughts, lamps that were eaten in part yet floated in the air, chains that were torn around them and pulled through deeply set, hive-like spades, from which the forms, that entered their throngs and small spaces in which the small triangular colors without outlines came. Frozen in place momentarily, as they looked like portals where dead-men walked along the way. Imitating them they were, as few as would do, twenty in sight, no line formed but in their minds there was this sudden block, chalking along all the fat stored.

A spring trap, with the body of the ashes, formed around the spherical, elongated canine-teeth, crossed in the back of one of the distrusting dead-men, which set him into flight. Unlike wings, all of those long teeth shot from him like spears, making use of their buoyancy as well as the effect that threw and directed them to the closest walls, instead of prying away, they reach and bounced, and climbed upon them until he finally came out of the colored triangle. He was lynched in an instant as a color rope strung him in the back.

A malignantly black voice came from inside the depths.

‘You are not allowed.’

And he was there ever since, ignored by the Blue lady and her Spouse. Neither of them could be bothered to look forth as they could barely trust one another with what was going. Never mind the fact that he had given himself a chance to choose. And they would go through with it and slay the landowner, as well as he could prize himself to push past it, in his misaligned house.

Many of the buildings were not only set on different levels, not just raised by the ground but they seemed to be set in place, pushing through the very land, in themselves and everywhere. From on top one there came the disaster, as one of the head-pioneer construction workers was unfit to connect the pieces of what had passed through the folly along his feet.

‘I’ve seen enough of this place I made. Of the plans to understand that we were worked to death for nothing.’

‘Why is that, oh Pioneer?’

‘Simple, it’s way too simple, and how could I have not thought of that before?’

‘Were you not given a chance then?’

‘I should’ve been given no more. I ought to have known my limits but I have failed then and I know that I will fail again.’

But I had plans, great plans to bring ruin to everything I helped create.’

‘Why such malice?’

‘Because I realized that it was all in vein. I was so caught working that I failed to understand that what I looked at, by the time I was done was something way too deranged for anyone to live in.’

It is something that governs their lives. This place speaks for itself but I can hear nothing coming around. My ears are shut and I cannot believe myself when I think about the foundation.'

'What made the foundation what it is?'

'Nothing, and that is the point. A lack of a soul, ugliness, a mockery of form, nothing that may touch the likes, and I dread to think of those that may follow me around and seethe.

As I have known the truth and pushed myself out of this loop they're trapped in.

Where they see a reflection of deformed beauty, I see the ugly I have helped create. And what is there left to do for the Pioneer if not bring everything down as soon as he was dead?'

'Could you not live and help correct this mistake without tearing it down?'

'By far, and far, I know of this, you're a stranger, an outsider, you would not understand. For what I've done had my mind set on it and I will not be able to create such likes no more.

It's a sea of hopelessness I may not yet rise out of. Horses of spears, sea no less, they came upon it and dragged it no less than expected, a few feet away.

He still could not believe it, even after all this time, to have come and stumbled upon these words had put him, even less, in stride. He pushed on and came to know naught and even less than what he wanted, he could not taste his own blood for the likes of it, moon be endowed. But beaten as he was out there, the couple left in doubt, thinking of no less than wanted.

'We should've done something to help the poor creature. After everything he's done, it's the least of all what he deserves. Should he not at least get it, past no worth, a land of pride, though this may not be, I think.'

'You need to shut your mouth and listen to me. I will not have you talking while you're in your box. That much you should know.

I will keep you locked and I may even go as far as to throw a wardrobe's worth of cloth on top of it if that means I won't have to listen to you wince.

And I shall take away your light and keep it pressed, never in distress as I will have never asked of you proof, in the making or of worth. With that, I say.

He was a lost cause, in doubt and disobedience, he proved himself as no more than a pathetic creature and a spineless coward.'

'But he realized he was wrong, should that not be enough for him to be redeemed?'

'That is why you're not worth listening to, my Lady in blue. You simply don't understand me, you cannot fathom simple things, as one may know.

If you were to look around you now, you will have noted that he built all this. Although he may not have built it all by himself, there's nothing one may come to do as to antagonize him in all he went through,

past the point, for what he's done. Was nothing but an act of cowardice in the fact that he had second thoughts.'

'But he's realized that he was in the wrong.'

'You poor-minded lady, you don't understand it. Why is it so hard for a lady such as yourself to wrap your head around it?

He's gone through it already. He's build everything, it's done. There's no more time left for him to feel shame and regret after everything has been laid down. If you were to see everything for what is was, then you'd understand.'

'Then make me understand, husband.'

'I can't. I've tried but your mind isn't working properly for that kind of inner-working to bear some threads on you.

He is a murderer of beauty. And once beauty has been put to rest, once it died, there's nothing one could do about it but put the shame away and accept what he's done.

Tearing down this creation would yield nothing but an unfathomable guild of trust. He would not know what to do after.'

'Rebuild it, maybe?' Lady of blue intervened, but she could see it on his face that he would not have it.'

'No, you don't understand it, you frustrate me to no end. He's gone through it already, it's done. His mind is already there, during the time he had laid the bricks upon the foundation and made everything the way it is in sound. And in the making, I know that his hands may never know beauty.

Only this, for he had not only been a part of the construction, but he's seen the plans and seen through it; too much had been revealed, can't you at least get that?

He's shown himself for what he is and how he's got here, and now?'

He had put him to rest, where he belonged. And the two of them had only went through one of the cordial places where they would never sit around, no less than needed. They seem to meet familiar figures, though they may not be acquainted yet, they seem way too similar to be plainly ignored. For what was worth, there was no point in admitting he was in the wrong. They were docilely present there for no other purpose other than to stir trouble. One of them came out of his way and asked for nothing.

'Billt, I think we met outside, during that uncomfortable ride. You may not have seen me there, but I have. I've seen you plenty.'

'Why are you here Billt? And who are those friends of yours?'

Bodies of enforcers, tall and brutish, it was more than settled that they wanted something from him, and he could only thrust around at every corner before picking on a bush. Some were burning, and they would burn forever because the leaves started growing back. He wondered at that, but refused to make a noise out of the fact that he could be tripped around and made do on the floor. Beaten again after he moved on,

although this would be anything but pleasurable, this was the exact confrontation he had hoped to press beyond.

‘Thought you could surround me here, in a closed space?’

‘It was never our intention and let me assure you that we have none. We don’t mean to harm you or your lady.’

‘Then why are you here?’

‘I had to approach you about something.’

‘Spill it then, Billt, I won’t listen for long and I won’t stay any longer unless my interest is peaked.’

‘My daughter has been taken away from me, someone kidnapped her during a moment of weakness when I wasn’t present to protect her. And I know you have some sort of connection with the man responsible for her disappearance.’

‘Think again.’

‘It matches his description, and the man he’s been around ever-so often, which can be confirmed by various people, matches yours.’

‘What do you want from me then? If I were to tell you that I hadn’t spoken or met anyone for months, other than.’

He took a moment to recollect himself. This was not the time, not the place and, despite being somewhat closely related, he could not divulge the whereabouts of his previous woman to her either. He chose the murmur. He said enough.

‘I think he left the town and the area, some good months ago.’

‘He’s been seen around town a few days at least, and that says a lot.’

‘But I haven’t been in this town for over a few weeks at the very least. If anything, I don’t think.’

‘With my daughter.’

Both of them stopped for a moment. Now it made sense to him, he was nothing more than a concerned father, nothing to lose either. He doubted their interests, but not his. He relented nonetheless.

‘There’s nothing I can do about it. He never had a set address, always leaping from one place to another, never in the same building twice.’

Not that it would help itself in any either case since the buildings appeared to switch places despite not showing any signs of changing along the way. It was all too tiresome, trying to catch and follow him around. But they were getting desperate.

‘Come with us then, we could use the extra hands.’

Billt looked at the Lady in Blue, pointing at her, making sure I understood. Of course I would not ask that of her, that would be too much.'

'I think we can get somewhere with this.'

He pointed at a large, almost tip of glass that came from below the wreckage they were in. This den had been one of the fallen-over houses, lain-out because of a quake or because someone planted a mole inside the structural pillars. It was all too tiresome at this point. He could do nothing to have himself placed in.

'Make a few holes in it. Put her in there afterwards and we'll have a deal.'

'You heard him, do as he says. Make sure there's enough space in the back for her to sleep in as well.'

'I suppose I have no say in this?'

'Not any longer. You agreed to this, Lady, now you're going to have to wait until I'm done.'

They acted in an extreme fashion and were done by the time he had blinked again. Large brutish tubes of sealing, all wrapped around iron-spiked chains. And the tubes were pipe-lined around them, ruddy-brown, hardened around each worm-ring. It was a wonder how they managed to shape everything and batter them like tiny pebble-crushers in the same way. But he had not condemned himself any longer. Only Billt's daughter mattered for him.

Any other way he looked, there would be no reason to shake off the sad feeling and wait for the doubt to be plain. He was shaken, outpaced, saw her being taken away by force, then thrown inside her crystal hold. Her cage only reflected her beauty, but it was time to leave.

'I need to know more about Discalmo if we are to find out where he is.'

'I'm afraid you wouldn't enjoy hearing about what kind of man he was.'

'But I would, especially since my daughter's life is at stake.'

'Has he requested anything as of yet? Perhaps, left something of a ransom along the way? A note, a paper, a small trail, a poster or?'

'Nothing, he was only seen with her by eight-lookers. Most of whom reported the same thing. I don't know whether or not he's accompanied by someone else but I'm about to find out.'

He left just as much to be thought. He knew better than to walk around when not seen. The four of us came to his car. It was a wild-vehicle, arranged in the postmoneau-fashion that was often associated with crawling men, who never repented at the time they were dead. Someone was present there, in the hood of the car. He was already molded into it and appeared to have two arms un-jointed, holstered along the wheels and around each passing rim of his limbs.

His face was disfigured, as was the rest of his body. With this in mind, he made the vehicle work faster than before since he put on more strength lifting it. But even the general thing wasn't easy to look at. Too many lights and too many metallic-junkyard bits had been placed on top. Way too many repairs for a

fashionable fellow to put on, meaning that Billt was anything of the kind; he also wore dead pets below our feet, barely sutured against the parcel carpets.

It was all the mind he needed from there on now. Since he had no concern over his own well being, it was all too obvious that he had no concern over any of their well beings and could do well without them. After a while, his sight was bizarre. It's gone too long now, obsessed with sights, he saw no light but the inverse. In their sockets, there was neither a spark, nor a rock, nor signs that they owed their sights to what was going on there. He alone could feel no arm pumping inside of him and that he often felt since it had been implanted inside of him by the time of his youth, making sure his heart was getting enough action to make it through in time. That made him question in.

Who else might've abused this sight? And where was his delightful lady now? Would they lay hidden? He had had to make sure of it, that no one might stumble by accident upon her, especially the low-lives that decided this would be a great time to become stationary and act utmost suspiciously, that she would be properly made do with and obscured from any possible intruder. By his own words of choice.

'I think we can understand one another as from a man to another man. I think that is the sole reason I decided to follow you in the first place. But I feel as if she would be much safer if she stood there, somehow, in the same spot, in the same place, in her cage, but covered up so no one might kidnap her away.'

He understood too well and even acted nonchalantly about this whole conundrum. But I could not live knowing that my dear was in such a danger as to be prescribed or taken away from my sight.

Not that this was a matter that should be discussed here. I felt solemnly well, caught in my own antics, thinking of her that I refused to acknowledge that we passed her blue shop on our way to find the Billt's daughter, in guise.

I could see only awe in his face as I simply wondered whether or not she was still there. Perhaps she could make it in time to witness her replacement in action, and to think that I almost missed that. Paler, and younger, Hlyiellohth already considered acquiring a new spouse.

There were some unspoken things that got the chance to be exchanged as well. They didn't jolt into it immediately, but made the first turn down the intersection and came into a private joint. Only the two of them entered, as dissatisfied as they seemed. It did not bode well with him. His chest was heaving, but he was hearing just enough to take away.

'What's that, again?'

'My daughter, she's fifteen.'

'Think something happened between the two of them.'

'It most certainly did.'

That man is a fool, he walks alone now, he cannot understand what's going on in the swoon. He has no disregard for no one and for no tool which makes the city rise up to the higher levels where they're waiting for him with little cuts and wonder. Who's the strongest? Who might lose the least compassion?

‘How does this happen?’

‘How can this happen to him?’

With each step, his limping legs could only be seen like a deformed line from which his face melted on the side, in the form of melting paint on top of a bone fence his features melted on. And he kept himself together with the help of his unnaturally elongated bone arms. A Grim man of disease came forth, and followed him around. The Grim man wore clothes of human-skin tapestry of greenish-olive skin, and a conical extremely yellow hat. Fencing around him, he wanted to show teeth, but they were cockroaches that moved inside. His eyes were two small dots, that were by no means anatomically functional. He also had only one arm which held a peculiar evil wand, bearing the head of dirt-ivory crest with many miniature peg-legs pushing out of a shrunken head.

‘This is my new home and I will make sure I will get the chance to pick you on from where I left you.’

The Grim man introduced himself, P’piroth.

‘I am P’piroth, and I am an arsonist-criminal who enjoys setting small animals of fire. Especially cats and dogs and other plain pets, I want them dead and I want them set on fire.’

He proved his point, then never looked back at them. Knowing he’s proven his point, he started and darted, and went to the Olive-Melt. He’s done something and went ahead.

‘We shall be, from now on forth, friends, going on plains of colors, I see red and blue combined with yellow hues of ochre-purple, barely touched. We shall walk on them and see something that patches the cold-touched of bulls that go around.’

‘I see no bull.’

Said Olive-Melt, but he looked around and he could see the most abstracted forms of bulls that rushed from corner to corner. And they rode them, because their insides were those of the pets that had been completely eaten and burned. Crisp inside and coal-urged to end themselves, they spoke no less, they were impressed.

‘That Grim man is great. The Grim man P’piroth accepted, dared all around and wasted no less than needed in time.’

Laughter was the only impartial factor in the whole affair. Since it was not there, moot points, sipped along, the louts drank around and could not stay for long.

Firefly-bulbs, with no glow but a trail made out of dissipating stacked caterpillar insides scum were just about the place. Wingless but in flight, no distinct insect feature but the same noise was made at that. And they would settle even there for less.

The Grim man looked sad in some way. Neither of the drunks were shocked by it either, but it was plain that he felt off. They were dreadful, in any feasible way. He ignored them, all along the way.

‘Grim man, oh Grim man, tell me why am I like this?’

And while he walked, instead of pressing steps, another line of distorted fences formed around each trim of the false lake-platform beneath them upon which they walked. Though it was a lake of stone that kept only the slightest tormented hints of a texture that would be forlorn.

‘I set bull-cat on fire.’

‘Don’t set the bull-cat on fire, we won’t be able to stop the arson.’

‘Then I’ll go with that sea-gull bog, I will set its wings and he will erupt when I say it.’

He had no inhibitions there.

Each hear-trim from on top his wand blew a small load of liquid fire. Eight broken ribs at least, he would otherwise show some signs of being longed for, in all that ruckus going on, with all the while all the while he could not take his eyes from the grand prize and green surroundings, walls painted with the blood of grass. There was nothing he had asked for, there on out, being vague.

‘I shall spread the flames wherever needed if I have to.’

Another one remained with him. He was bloated, in one eye, termite-handler-like in terms of his body being as tall as one might have it. Even further than what appeared to be a rabid-shaped tendon of muscles, one which attempted to push out. He dreaded recalling what went on, yet asking all the while.

‘I shall take you to the nearest Partage, there we shall sail in one of the cars and make it as far as eighteen miles in whichever direction you’d like to make it to.’

Regardless of how he looked at it, there was plainly no clear direction. He was only made for this disaster in terms of making I half-way through. But he could not, for the likes of him fit in a car, being too wide, hips compensating, after being pushed around and asking for the other one to come all way through.

‘I am but a living thesaurus, I hold all the guts inside, don’t ask of it, for I am way too dull to be counted through. I’ll see to it.’

But he spoke nothing more and saw the hue and asked of less. They were only tying themselves as they would cope with what they could. So many unfashionable choices presented themselves to every single one. No man would ever wrap himself or his needs amongst them, being closer to anyone but them. It was an act of desperation, that which made the man in front of them look as deprave as he seemed to be. Crushed around for every needle was a spear of agony that poured out of him, a fountain appearing in his back, pushing him out of the way but only in part, until it shot back and everywhere around. He would not be allowed to grow.

‘I shall know it when I’ll see it.’

‘And what would that be?’

‘You know what it is, that spinning disc, I think.’

There was no reason, beating hearts ran dry without their life-support being attached. Hers was but a phantom's calling and tears, a ransom for every stolen child that never met the one. One could not ignore the couple. Since they were walking backwardly on purpose.

It never made sense. Not by much. Their lives were underwhelming, to say the least. 'I can't seem to find it either. Do you remember where you placed it?'

'No, but it's nowhere near the place, is it?'

'The one, oh, I see.'

He looked away in shame. No, it could not be shame. It was hard to describe.

But he realized it nonetheless.

'I suppose this is it then, isn't it? I'm responsible for all the trouble they've been through throughout the years, through the epoch, their lives and nearing the end of their lives, I was to be their executioner.'

He looked away from a moment, barely realizing what had been. Forced to act when he didn't want to resulted into him thinking of nothing at all, his arms lame, his bloody telling head only a wreckage.

'Wreckage-tattletale, wreckage under way, I see one of them rowing onward, no one said. And no one ever knows what's coming, since the winds are hard. And my teeth are crawling, they see around and see none.'

'He knows a lot, we ought to follow his Grim man and see where he might lead us to.'

Another one of them joined soon after, as they could not even focus on the lighter he had on him. The madman emerged victorious and had little to no emotion as he'd done it. He was wildly set and could not deter the others from following him ahead. Yet mightily, he told them.

'Careful now, if you want to come. If you follow through, I'm sure to let you know that there won't be any way back. I'll see to it that we might suffer a stroke, let alone an attack.'

And the others paled, citizens who would not remained could not face the on-coming squabble that came forth. They were, if anything made out of a yolk unlike not other, whitened in dust, some wearing dark-skinned figures on top of them as well as their finely shined white-bellies and they dragon-boxes, pained at such. Pained by their termite-launchers, shaped, again, but by no means loaded with anything else but their vicious-looking fat guts, they came. Many of them wearing larger hats, painted red, and their missing arms were on the wrong sides. And all the while, it seemed that, with their disappearance, other missing gaps were left, they bled because of them. Some just died.

'I think there's something we can still do. I'll address their infantry-leader and see what I can do to get us under-way. I don't think he's a complete savage, if you understand the likes, as I will have known better than it.'

Today he'd talk, tomorrow he'd be struggling to tell right from left. Erected upon a pillar that held no direction, he only wanted to be done.

'I've come to suggest you an armistice, if you don't mind me paining you with such a thing, a jibber-jabber like that would only drag you down with the rest of us.'

'It's late for that, we know.'

'Shall we take the other side and settle this like gentlemen then?'

'I see no gentle creature, you're followed by brutes, but I suppose that so am I, for that I can not think of anything that might set this as being right. We're both, if anything, unable to make it through. It's all, so petty, you know?'

This squabble has been formed because we wanted to have your head and it shone.'

'Had it?'

'Of course it had, Grim man. You're just one of many, look behind you.'

Other Grim mans came. And they were even more deranged, as they appeared to wear other hats, mostly spherical, others mostly tainted and bent, though in the wrong positions they remained and spared no one from looking ahead and knowing, least of all what they would deal with. Many bearing other fire-tools, just like him. Though they mastered many of them and could not deal with the kin, they only trashed the place, uncannily destined to whim. Once the terms were set, before he could have himself pointed, at what he heard.

'I think we could resolve this if we try a little bit harder.'

'I'm all ears but shall not do without any kind of compensation. I want something in exchange for this armistice or no one shall remain standing, not while I'm still breathing, definitely not while there's still a chance.'

And I shall drag you forth and throw and thaw.'

'What was that?'

He didn't need to, as he saw. Many of his ill-men started melting, from their sticks. They were not his people but mere bits he had employed, trickery which would foil every kind of malignant ploy he could set himself to. It was all too senseless.

The man in front of him was too deformed, his face torn, eyes pushed through his mouth, teeth overgrown, his arms part of them, spine contorted, a part of everyone in the crowd connected to his back. They were his, enslaved, dragging along as they could only feed him so he would remain there. Slowly he melted in the marking of a wild-disease which had been shared by the Grim man. Torn between his wild reaction, the walls were drawing out, strung in action. Some were set aside, and drew from their long-nostril taps, twisted and yearned for as more blood emerged.

'We have to live through this eternally, do you not understand that?'

'I do, but I think it's pointless trying to show you any kind of sympathy since you will have died by the time I'll be through with you.'

‘Then allow me to do this.’

He pointed, pulled, like the bullet of a heart, from his he drew on and pushed on. He could not help it, as wild as it seemed, too many things didn’t make sense, he was deterred from it yet again.

‘I cannot harm you.’

‘I knew that. Perhaps that’s why I’m the only one still standing here, in wait.’

The supreme leader of the squabble failed to notice how only the two of them were standing. To be certain, the two of them and the rest which were leashed and fed upon, although they could not matter by any means since they were sucked upon and could only be used when needed and worn out. He relented with such things, trying to catch the slight hinges that were keeping him still. Dead-inside and rotten by the fact that he ate a child twenty minutes prior to this meeting of theirs; though most importantly had been the fact that he was not to be touched. He was wrongly distraught.

Everyone else left when he faced him, the Grim thing, he was no man.

‘Only a cowardly creature would.

But.

I.’

‘You’ve been defeated, haven’t you? While I was distracting you with the armistice, I knew that everyone else would cower and run away.

They would not risk a confrontation.’

Also there was the bloated creature of which fence became bones still and his features melting, pushed out and only melted inches as they were unnerved. He had been observed by neither of them, since the way he bled and the features that remained had been obscured by a disease of perspective. The way he stood appeared to be in the mid-way point of the pool made out of their bleeding bodies, the fence and the wild filth-dysphasia in its utmost ill-inclined state. With that in mind, they feared less, not to confess to the fact that he was in distress as well.

A mouth lay shut, both in and out as some things were not meant to be spoken as plainly as they were. Pain was a disgraced merely because it was not a physical thing he felt, but rather one of mild-distress. Mentally he was inert. Through his teeth his lip melted, and through it, his heart sunk forth, compressing the bobbling of his head, away.

‘I shall do my best, my lords, mighty ones who want me to serve. I shall stab him when I can.’

But at last, he decided to swerve.

It was not meant to be, a pity, a pity, a pity.

‘I’ll make you a deal that way. If you allow me to eat your ear, I shall give you the chance to pass through without being touched by any of my men, upon which I have complete control, thrown forth and exchanged when no one might make it.’

And he was born on a rock, which was the womb of a wombat-fat, creature of celestial grace, of which unfathomable black-wings were sea-creatures which were cut and put together, rotten in the one string that pierced through them. And from each angle there shot another string, made out of the mad-rotten wind that was fat and made out of thin-skinned lumps, of gray fumes of green songs, which bloated the mammal-mother, until from the side there came the pillars of heads. Bearing her young children, each head had been a womb. Worn and torn apart, they only shook. And many creatures appeared to have encased themselves, deeper in.

As the wombs were rather disemboweled on their insides and appeared to have torn apart the umbilical-cord until it had become a large pea-like spherical thing which ate the fetuses inside their heads, making it seem like they were fat-lumped spines inside the transparent bellies that were tearing them apart and pushing them away from the other heads.

Most intrusively, the head-pillars only appeared to come from the lower side of the mammal’s back, being encrusted on a skin-torsion, that had been attached to a fake-torso on the lower side. From the lowest of their barely-ample set thing compressor of fat, deranged in its appearance, a head was brought.

Cut from the likes, smashed inside, then put on top a torso that was also painted white. Thence his pseudo-birth attained; the being now remained in the sludge coming from the sky-pollution, in the wreckage of a filthy poise, dreaded along, and pushed along the dreadful throng. He had only took his time now to recall.

The beauty of his almost twice-conjoined moth-mammal progenitor that had finally released the pheromones, coming out of its titanic flat head, through which her neurons faded until the malignant creature finally surrendered to the dumb-struck spell she wore. For what was worth, none could lay even less than it was desired, forth. In desperation, he achieved the battery of his insides, trading and treating them as no one would, desperate in sight.

‘I wish I could have only a bite, please, I need it, I cannot explain why. But I feel as if I could have you, it’s something close to my arousal.’

‘Then I will not partake in such a disgusting ritual as there is. I’ll have nothing to do with it and would rather keep away.’

He had no certainty and would not catch himself past them. He was desperate to do it and would only kill if necessary, if he wanted to pull an ear, take heed or draw ahead. This was his chance to reach forth and pull the insides from his guts, well-torn. Apart and from the sides, he’d wage, and hinge around each bitter-cut. Disturbed and even less than needed, he got close but reeled back on.

‘I’ve given you my final answer.’ With as much certainty as his body provided. ‘And I have no intention of repeating myself, otherwise, I would get extremely mad.’

That alone was something he wanted to draw on and leave it as it may, never to take it for granted and push it out, as much, as he said.

‘I will lay on you no word of pride, but you need to listen and abide.’

‘What to and what might you tell me?’

‘My plans and my pains, since I found out your weakness, I suppose that we might stay.’

He had it lain out to him, in every detail and for every reason, something being given to him. Though he could not contemplate or give him any reason, this was pointless to argue with.’

It was unwell. As long as no one tried pushing them out and crying for as long as they could tell, no one would make trouble. Worn out, at least from the looks of it, the Grim man came forth, he found himself sniffing him only to feel a slight scent of a cologne made out of the disemboweled refuge-seekers from the lower sides of town, the ones that had been forced inside the variously concave spherical holes that had been hardened through the soil. Though they looked like air-tightened foam, there was nothing in them wearing them down. Instead, they bore no lesser feet, of which formed adorned the walkers who had their elongated legs reach small bottle-like rockets. Inside of them air-support kept the lives of old folk still going. Worn out by the looks of it, those were the lives that should’ve been spared of living since they were so sleazily forlorn.

Growing inside their tight spaces as they received, upon a given time, a giant cargo filled with the weaklings kidnapped from town. Fed by them, they would not be disgraced to charge and crawl from their distant corners, like wild arachnids on a web. Attaching their wild openings from their rockets, slowly eating what they could instead. It was painful, watching but hearing this go, a harrowing mass being taken and lo’, they were done. Everyone has been fed and they looked the part. Unrecognizable as humans from the side of the glass dome, from behind their rounded throne, in it they waited and lest of all would they inquired. To come closer to it, they admired one another after, spending the time as they could do.

But they were not fashioned for that kind of activity, nor would they relent by any means. They prized themselves as much as they could do, even sharpening their long disease. What else could their long-legs be called? Or the infantile creatures they pushed even deeper, for each spherical depth only got darker, until it pushed them to be blind? Light was stolen, their cries were heard, but echoes died in the distance, waiting, for no savior came forth. Restless nights were spent by them, as they would torture and dissect, though that could be called, if anything at all, nothing but the filth and practice, something of their inability to leave the place, unless they were to be banished even farther away from town. Leaving them as outcasts here, better to be done with it now.

‘I think we should put this tinier one out of its misery. I would hate to see it suffer more.’

‘Then who’s stopping you exactly? The council already established that their lives not worth.’

Neither could there be called out. There was no council, it was a lie. But they could create, abolish and undertake any kind of law or notion, out of the bottom of their hearts, their organs of drowning, of bitter remotely crowning during times of pain. After them nothing could remain as it had been, as they were too

destructive, far too often they had ended up ruining everything when never seen. Friction marks lay against their machines. Rockets that were duds, nothing within only the gluttony that pushed out of them, yet as harmlessly caught as they were, there was no reason to wait for an attempt to escape. They were far too useless and vapid for such a thing, hence they would be ignored.

As well as they ought to be. The Grim man waited, his legacy of thoughts tainted, pained as he were by what was going on around him.

Dulled around, he continued. Without the charms, he only wanted this done. With and forth, he whipped his wand around, the shrunken teeth danced with the gore of liquid fire, erupting with flames that were not read but of skin and of moving filth. They looked like a polluted river, through which small parts of men fell. Those were his liquid and his normal fire, made to be bred and to grow inside the animals he had set them on. Somewhere out there, his servants would require less, they wouldn't ask nor would they be impressed.

He failed to realize it, like every man before him. Every living being in this universe, no matter how weak or frail, how innocent they looked, instead, wore a heart of worms, a rotten core, a soulless thing, of no worth, as a trinket of rust, a filthy cast.

'You don't want to do that.'

'Why not?'

'It's slippery down there.'

'I can still make it half-way through it without falling over. That and you can always pick me up.'

'I can't pick all of you up.'

'I believe you can, don't worry about it. We'll see eye to eye on the other side.'

'But how will pick you up if I make it before you?'

They walked at the same pace.

They would be well.

His mind in the matter would not tell of it, especially since it could not go as far as it would strain itself.

Yes, yes, he thought, you're smart fellow, are you not? I could make great use of you if only you stood here long enough. If only I could get you on my side, then I'd, I'd. A simple crooked slide waited ahead.

Can't always make the difference on what's going on and what's about to happen, focusing on the road is way too distracting for a single person to look into. Also, there's someone who joined along the way. Couldn't think of him right now, but it will come on some day. He was desperate to get a word in, he was bloated in some way. He didn't say a thing but merely acted as if he was one of us.

Both of us looked at him, then, he was joined by others. All of them, cuts, small cuts of the same cloth as well as wider ones and some whom were winded because they were pushed on ahead. On the spiked bone-flat substance which hardened as much as a fence would.

They spoke about something else.

‘Hey, have you ever thought about how the language system may have been invented?’

‘Why are you mentioning this?’

‘It’s simple, that’s why. I don’t know which linguist said it, perhaps it was Guerthie or D’schon, perhaps a French linguist of some kind, but if I remember correctly.

I think he proposed the idea that the written language may have been caused by a natural selection, forced by environmental pressure.’

Though this was not the right time to think about it, he remembered something. He started putting things together.

‘First of all, we know that artists, painters and architects are supposed to train their eyes, aren’t they? In order to interpret what they’re seeing, in order to transfer that tridimensional form on a two dimensional surface, they have to use their trained eyes and minds.’

‘That’s fair enough, but how does that translate into a written language?’

‘That’s simple, they were the same descendants of the ancient peoples, directly or indirectly whom have made all those primitive cave-drawings during the time man had still yet to fully come out of his dark hidings.’

He went on ahead to look around. His mind dictated every sound and every move and every point he thought about.

‘Artists are the key, or were the key of understanding it. Did you know that the Aboriginal people had hundreds of spoken language yet they never, if they ever had, a primitive hidden written system, felt the pressure of creating a complex one? Why do you think that is?’

‘I don’t know.’

The Grim man was confused. He had not the slightest knowledge of what any of this meant. Yet he continued to look into it.

‘Not every tribe that every existed needed to develop a written language system, that much is clear. It was pressure, the environmental pressure, the society, the civilization, the increase in intelligence which made the primitive man create it. That, linked with curiosity and intelligence made his time worth investing into.’

He thought about it for a moment more.

Some things didn’t make a lot of sense. Why was that?

‘Are you aware that, well, there are studies that say that reading from one of those fancy screens is much slower than reading traditionally?’

‘You mean from the pseudo-mechanical devices? I suppose.’

‘That’s because those are projections, small dots on a screen that get represented on it, projected, fashioned, but they’re flat, like the screen.

They’re not forms, man cannot train on it, the eye can make the difference between the flat and the bump, the slightly raised and everything else. But that’s only adding to the fact that the written records and the language system has been forced by our minds, who started interpreting the sings, which started recording everything and putting it down.’

‘But I don’t understand why that happened to begin with.’

‘I, suppose. Well, since those buffaloes may have been the first written language system, it may have been developed as a means to stimulate cooperation.

That’s the most humane thing I have managed to find while looking through the insides of our human ancestors.

Since not everyone would have the chance to leave their caves out of their ancestral fear that they might be killed, humans learned cooperation. Humans learned a means of teaching themselves as well as their fellow tribesmen of what they might look into and what they might fear. What they might hunt and what to look for when they near maturity.

A way to teach their young, a way to earn their trust and allegiance, since sounds would not be enough to describe what to look for, they had to develop something in order to search for means of survival. It’s what’s driven advancement in the first place, what guided man through his errands.

Over a long period of time he must’ve learned something, along the way. He must’ve borrowed, developed, forced into something new. There came the need of advancement, the need to improve, to innovate, all because human beings were curious and were inherently cooperative because they shared common ground.

That means that language is the bare-backbone of man, it’s what gave him an advantage over every other kind of creature out there.’

‘But how?’

‘Scratches, it must’ve started with scratches on the wall. First he must’ve done it from a primitive manner, testing tools. Build tools, use tools. Hit object with tool, hit animal with tool. Tool leaves mark. Mark means bleeding, animal dies.

Scratch and hit means result.’

‘And why would this mean anything for the language.’

‘Because humans had to adapt their eyes, they had to record things and leave something behind for the next generation.’

‘And the artists and screens?’

‘Everything, don’t you get it? Every single thing has been built upon something. It’s how we got here. Primitive Aborigines had nothing to build upon, thenceforth their language may not have been complex at all. They were not pressured into it.

Pressure, intelligence, curiosity, prior knowledge, mistakes, it was on the bare backbone of them that humanity created language. It’s been a tool for them ever since. And with it, they created just about everything.’

Sings were there, scratches, noises, recognition, some of it did not fit. They tried putting them together but could not see it. But it all clicked when humans started looking at one another and distinguishing themselves. That force which made them all so different is the back-bone upon which they made the language, the written tools.

‘If a man may distinguish between himself and another man, he may distinguish between an animal and another man. It is imperative for him to create, by any means necessary.

Once the process started, it could not be stopped by any means possible. This pressure made man. This pressure gave him the tools necessary to build upon everything he has and everything he’s ever had.

He could make the difference between the slightest hints of color, shade, he could put in on display and because of it.’

‘You’re side-tracked again.’

‘Right, right.

Animals, they were animals who had to build something.

But.’

The thing he pointed at were the abstract objects, the shapes, as sterile as they were, have been nothing but the result of a superior race, the creation which was pushed upon the selection made by breeding, choosing, the derangement.

‘Hatred for those who looked different, who had an affinity for similar looks and despised those who looked different, that had been part of it. That’s what drove humans to push deeper and create. Not the inner conflict, but that against others who pushed against them.

If it were not for it, they would not have been made, it could not have been as complex a system as it is. Language had always been a tool of war, a tool of superiority, a tool of destruction, which was employed based on the pressure caused by others, internal struggle and cooperation between kinsmen.

It's been nothing more but a huge curve, a charge of some kind, a moving power, wealth that leaped around and forced it to develop into something. Recording every living thing, giving an advantage of knowledge which was given by the ones in power, known as the elite.

For the elite was god, and god was mighty, and they ruled upon the filthy and the insurmountable, unkindly.'

He could not see the words for what they were. Shapes, a result of the trained eye, for that reason any man who would stare for too long at them would strain his eyes, up to the point where he could maim his sight. Though he could not be dumbfounded, focusing for too long made everything go wrong. Out of focus, the mad-man said. Out with it, through all the mindlessness he could not push himself, nor look away.

'It came from them, it was developed, preserved.

That's another important tool, preservation. In order to build upon the signs, first men had to be exposed to them in order to understand and get curious about those findings.

Afterwards, they would have to live long enough for them to make sure everything was carried over, preserved and taken over.'

'But what of other parts of the world which had been completely sealed away and could not have taken in the message? How did they develop language?'

'Too much information, it could just be that there was too much information to be recorded.

Fright drove them as well, fright might've been the power that pushed them to develop.

If a man fears a predator of nature, creatures that were wide-spread across the world, he might fear for his life and that of his child, his nearest of kin, it must be the natural thing. But they cannot understand noise. Noise alone might not be enough to warn someone.

And once a tribe would be developed enough, they would find whatever means necessary to alarm the others of the threat. Survival depended on it, henceforth they started it.'

'Could be the eyes and what the shapes look from the distance.'

'Could be. Suppose there's a small panther leaping around. If you were to distinguish it from everything else, especially from the distance, that would save your life. And with that in mind, think of this. Read and destroy your eyes. You'll understand, once the panther will be out of focus, once you'll lose contact with its face, you'll see it as a shape, a moving shape and nothing more.

It's must've been that, a reason, our eyes, their specialization, intelligence, breeding.

We've specialized into looking, into interpreting things from the distance. And the most intelligent survived. The fittest managed to leave their marks because they must've been so-so excited about their superiority, about their mental prowess, that they must've shown off by leaving their marks across the caves.

Hence they would impress the rest of the tribe, and thence he would impress whichever female he wanted, and then he would claim her as her own. Since she would see something that put him up there, standing out not by means of fitness but that of his eye, by the satisfaction that he created something and he put it forth against everyone else.

And that's how language must've been created in the first place. He was chosen, he survived. He was intelligent enough, for a primitive man to warn the others and represent the arts. The arts is the language, the signs and the paintings, it is what put some races above the others in the past. IT was this superiority of creation which made them gods.'

'But they were not treated as such.'

'I wouldn't expect as much. But you're putting hierarchy over nature. And it was nature who put everything together.'

And thence he started pushing through. So many words were selected but the sinew.

He thought about words and almost croaked. He was filthy, of no worth.

'I think I'll have to look into it.'

'Look and you will understand.'

'That means that some races were superior to others.'

'Of course that is, but only because they were pressured by their hatred for the others. It is not a petty thing to admit that their might is what pushed them to create, within their enclosed world, one could see it happen again and again, as the wheel's worth of a carver. Who's done everything that's out there to be done.'

And then he spoke of Ancient Greeks, of the race of Hellenic wisdom that created everything within their kin.

'They distinguished themselves from outsiders, whom they have called barbarians through and through. If it weren't for this distinction in the making, for the pressure for them to create, there would be no symbol and no art of the highest kind. They carried what they could, against everyone who stood in doubt against them, from distance.

And from everywhere around, it was their sexual selection and the outside pressure which helped them create their systems, their written tongues and everything that put them up to where they were in part.'

For the system was made, time and time again, replicated and conveyed, first spoken through animalistic noises. Then through the illustration and all the voices.

'It's way too clear now, is it not?

Why was there such a need for so many people in the past to express themselves through art? And through literature? It's because of the sexual selection, which forced their brains to develop and be chosen for it.

Though most would be unable to train themselves to reach that point, it is far too obvious that they were impressed by it and could not help themselves but enjoy the process. In whichever stature and whichever symbol it could be illustrated in.

Is the visual language not a language after a point? Are the words not present there in some way or another even if it so?

Why has the filthy and the ugly, the abstract repelled so many people?

‘Because of its subterfuge and how they were being told they should like it. Although their eyes knew better and their eyes were accustomed to looking at something?’

‘Why?’

‘If I looked a man, I’d know what a man is. And I would recognize any man in a painting.’

‘That’s the visual aspect of it.’

‘Even if I were an animal with no language I’d still recognize it.’

‘A naked man, that is.’

‘What’s that?’

‘You’d know a man anatomically. But how would a man know how to make the clothes, where to find the materials, what of the oils? How about the canvas?’

How about everything else? Everything we acquired from our ancestors, whether you like it or not.’

But something was missing and he could not point at it yet.

He thought of the plainest thing, the nastiest of things as well.

How could he use the language to exterminate some people he didn’t like? It almost crooked his tongue, the plan. He wanted to find out some way he could kill them, if he could, only in doubt. His teeth were almost pulsating with blood, as they only pushed through his lip, he wanted to survive.

It is the one sad truth humanity refused to accept. That language had been created as a tool of superiority, domination, a result of specific races, of which capabilities were superior to others.

For that reason primitive creatures who had no prior contact with such tools, that were out of pressure, like the filthy ugly sub-human looking Aborigines were incapable of creating a complex language. And their similarity only forced them to in-fight and degrade over time, hundreds of attempts, yet no great results. In hindsight, for this reason, man had recognized the sub-humanity of the Negroes and the other races which drove from the South, of the Asiatic invaders and the others which in stead, forced the races to push back and keep to themselves.

‘Animals bad, humans good, animals bad, humans good, animals bad, humans good. Uncivillized.’

It looped around and went to placed, so many complex tools against all the other races. Sub-human, inferior, predator, barbarian, pressure, invader, primitive, all belonging to the same branch, all representing the threat, the thing that distinguishes everything, the impure, but most importantly the force that drives a man to create. The striking point of intelligence.

‘Why would a member of some inferior species breed with a superior specimen? It’s simple, he ought not do it, for language had become a tool of warning, a sign of dominance, a strike of culture, a force to strive upon.’

But so many things fell not in place, they were too filthy and could not be disgraced any longer, for the force in making, the arms were weak. Animal makes noises, intelligence means tools.

‘No, no, no, no, it’s not intelligence. It’s abstraction, creativity, that’s what’s been developed. That’s the striking force. This creativity created something, everyone copied it afterwards, then the same creative species developed onto it.

And for that race, the famed ancient European race was ethnically superior over everyone else. For that reason they forced themselves to develop and draw on over the pressure and distinction they felt while comparing themselves to their neighbors.’

It made sense then. Looking at the past occurrences and over so many missing links, everything clicked together.

‘Creativity created the language where brute force failed to get the primitive man a woman of his choice. Since making noises were but brutish, crafting tools were of his wont.’

‘But that can’t be clicking either.’

By then it made oh so much sense. These were not the voices of the Grim man and the other, they had belonged to the cancerous creatures that were spilling their blood and were looked down upon, exploited and abused.

It made so much sense, looking how bloating they’ve become, how those deranged mongrels had to paint themselves in white-pale colors, out of fear of tomorrow.

‘So what you’re saying.’

‘Indeed, after so many patterns, which couldn’t have based themselves on nothing is that, in order to reach a level as complex as that one, you must first add more pressure to an already existing superior specimen in order to achieve might.

After all, what are those written symbols if not simply drawing, scratches, nothing more but abstract patterns that share something in common and yield different interpretations?

And how could they have not been built upon without the prior knowledge to already existent mental features?

Mental stimuli, meanings. Adding meaning to sight, as, does the sun not look like a glowing dot? What noise would you make for it and what noise would you make for a predator of some kind from the lot?

What of food and barriers, those that may be gathered? Or those we may breed with? Do they not yield different noises?

Why would noises not evolve, just like tools in their stead, why would a man keep fighting with his fists and not make tools instead?’

‘Then why would noises be put down?’

‘They’re not enough for other generations.’

‘No, you’re not getting it. How does one get from making tools to somehow putting color on walls?’

‘Hands, look at the ancient hands, dirty hands put on walls. Trial and error set in their minds, that’s the simplest way to achieve something.

You get your hand dirty, you clean your hands, you see a pattern you enjoy looking at, then you repeat it again and again. First it could be footprints, you could distinguish the foot-prints left behind by an animal, could you not?

If you were to look at foot-prints, at yours, at another man’s, then at a wild animals’, would you not make the noise specific to its kind to alarm it?

Is a foot-print not a symbol? What of the hand-print? Is a line not a spear? Is a paw not an animal? Is a figure of sticks not a man?

Perhaps it was no mistake but the recognition of patterns which forced the man to distinguish motions, colors and everything else.’

‘Could be the filthy talking from your mind, it’s all nonsense, and meaningless, who cares about how the language was made?’

‘Because only that way it may be preserved, you filthy ingratiated simian melted cancer.

If a part of its creation is the sexual selection and the hatred from the alien races, the only means to preserve it is by exterminating the other sub-human creatures that might threaten its evolution and movement through age.

They are filthy.’

And their minds were already infested. They saw themselves in the past, bickering at one another in fear of migration and the filthy sub-human sides of humanity that pushed from below their kinds.

‘Wait, wait, wait.

SO what you’re saying is that you need to be aware of the outside pressure in order to evolve and fear its miscegenation in order to evolve. But if they’re too close, then it’s yet to become counterproductive.’

‘As one would have to put more effort into either accommodating them or pushing them farther way. But if one were aware of their existence and of the threat they represent, they would properly document them and would better prepare against them.

It’s something that’s biologically set, it’s all too clear that it’s a result of us pushing ahead, this distinction, this realization, this pride drove advancement. From the language came the art.

Or art is language, they’re interconnect by whatever means there are. Without them, one could not live without the other. And in order for them to grow further.’

‘One must be aware of the threat, of the pressure, of the outside force, the existence of which drives the abstraction to grab a form and evolve, out of fear.’

‘Thence the leopard became the nigger, the barbarian and the other races. Of which filth and sub-humanity drove the creation of better tools, out of the paranoia of which humanity threw itself onto higher plains.

And of which acceptance.’

‘Means defeat. Sub-humanity, destruction of art, the destruction of the language, that of which may be afflicted by their inferiority, expressed through their incapability to speak and further communicate properly. As they had not suffered the pressure of their environment combined with that of the outside threat, the industrialization, the wide-spread wealth and civilization that yielded such a result.’

‘And we know, of everything through which had been shown that the sub-human Negroid races were incapable of preserving their languages beneath their plains. And because of it they had degenerated in the primitive creature of which filth was reflected in their forms as well their heads.’

For most had become, as shrunken as their heads had been as primitive and deformed like the simians within their ranks. Many on the plains, with their heads over-growth and their bodies thrown like filthy-snail-like yearning bloated trunks in the backs of their smaller bobbling doubt; dumb like a disease, unable to focus and release. They’ve been enslaved again, for their own sake, they had to be completely forced on their knees and suffer, just so the others could live in this matter.

‘They disliked them for the cause, for the same reason language and art evolved. Out of fear that the inferior specimens would do as expected, they would destroy beauty, as it is and they would end it. And that force which preserved beauty was the same force that forced it to evolve.

Look at them now, how filthy they are and how primate-like they have become.’

In the most disgusting thrones, upon which the Negroes were only stacking themselves on, from their more-primeval state, the simian-feature that remained only revealed that little nigger-bodies had sunken in their sockets, bloated as they fattened themselves, mindless now, unable to speak or to create anything at all. They had stolen what they could from north, but they had refused to learn and could only fight within themselves until their filth had taken everything from their wont. Worthless creatures, darks and strung, lynched in forests for their own good, skinned alive, cut and chopped around their small necks. Darting from inside their evil-looks instead, it had to be.

‘For this reason, we have decided it would be worth to punish all of you. In this nest of creation no nigger may be welcome, as he can only destroy.

His admixture would only drag the language down and force it to decay, as it is not a good enough example that they’re unable to communicate properly as well as that?

They’re forcing themselves to copy yet may never understand the full blunt force of the abstraction as well as that purity humans have?’

‘Their species needs to be cleansed. It needs not be allowed to remain. For monkeys will never attain that force needed to illustrate the predator, to make notes of it. Instead they’d claim.

They’ll try to bargain with the wild animal and claim that the animal had tried to maim them.’

‘Thence they feared the European tiger, of whose might claimed all within its path. Though other tools of filth corrupted it, and took the tiger from inside-out.’

‘Was it the kikes then? Filthy bloated bird-people, whose hooked noses planted themselves within its fur. Could it be that they enacted war within the tiger.’

‘Until the tiger ate itself from inside out and almost died within an hour of its full birth.’

For what seemed to be, its superiority could not be denied, as it could not be enable, not embed in its pride. All those whom suffered underneath their wings, exploits and skinned through and pushed through a wall of flimsy filth could only turn back against them.

‘While they would eat each other alive, as they’re incapable of taking care and civilizing themselves. They lack the language and the art, the forced which drove the man, in its genetic might to get there he is today.’

There would be no other explanation, other than, what was worth to say, they were simply better than the others and found a way to convey the noises through their hands. And through marks and what remained they saved themselves from the filth of the sub-human races which almost drove them to extinction.

Thence they rose, and they survived and made it past the uncanny tide, and they lived through peril, through the woe, and made it past, to the unknown.

Something to be noted, in what seemed to have become out of their Negroe-mouths, and their in-born need of destruction, since their mouth pragmatism only devolved ever so much, a fraction of their jaw started pushing in, like an ingrown toe. From the insides of which, a few mouth open sores started growing, like the evil-looking wasp-nests, that were being used to break what they could eat from beneath them. Without any need for any kind of continuation or disease, they were way too distressed to talk about it, or to be stressed by what they crushed beneath them.

It was something to be laughed at. How much they degenerated, to have become so sterile and yet, living since the ever-present man was there to take care of the darkest, primeval races there were out there.

One last point.

‘Then we shall be done with it.’

‘Language at its most basic core is footprints.

Language is footprints, I think.’

‘That doesn’t make any sense.’

‘No, I think it kind of does. It means that at its very core, language is an animalistic thing, or in-part, animal.

Humans tracking animals by their prints, animals that were mindless still pushing away on their feet, you know what? You’re right.

Our mind decays, it’s irrelevant where it sprouted from.’

‘No, but what if that’s where the connection started?

If looking at footprints meant buffalos, then using hands to leave imprints on the walls lead to the association of symbols with living things. Which eventually lead to the creation of a written language.

It could be as easily as that.

Leaving foot-prints on the ground is natural, then that’s followed by leaving imprints on the walls with your hands, which in turn leads to the placing of meaning to the things.’

A side step

All the mirrors were hidden, all reflections and all sights, only to prevent that narcissism which inhabited his veins and seethed through him as soon as they came to light. The tendencies were insufferable.

‘Many faced liar, scum, criminal, stop hiding.’

‘If anything, I think it’s the women is Sicily, I swear, it’s the women, they have that spark about them that.’

He stopped talking. Both standing at the table, looking around, a pickpocket, seventeen just made it with his small wallet. During the daylight as well, he wrapped himself and almost knocked down the waiter on his way out.

The manager was there but he didn’t say a thing either. Most men tanned and looking, thinking about it for a second.

Right on the streets.

‘I told you, it’s just a bunch of foreigners, easy pocketing, I swear. You should’ve taught me how to do it earlier, Vilino.’

‘No, no, that would’ve been too easy, too easy, no. You needed something more difficult to learn and keep yourself out of trouble.

Otherwise, you know, they could’ve got you and thrown you in chains, you don’t believe me? Look around you, I know it’s so.

I think there’s something brewing, come.’

Streets empty now, back in the locale.

‘Did you see that kid? Do you know him?

What about you, do you know that kid? ‘

‘Course I don’t, who do you take me as, his parent?’

‘He stole my wallet.’

A few other men almost joined in. They were laughing as well, pointing, panting, almost choking in laughter. It was all too pitiful, how hard the foreigner was trying to get it back. They shared a laughter and a dance while thinking about it, since their neighborhood was small they all knew who the kid was, his family and his mother, down there, around the road, going up a hill of stone-plates and into one of the orange roofs. There was almost a sight of marble left by the Romans but they spoke no less.

‘I think you should leave now, eh?

You got nothing to pay for it?’

‘I can pay for both of us.

As soon as we finish with this, of course.’

‘There’s nothing to say. He’s gone, I don’t think you’ll find him, you know? Leave, pay and leave.’

‘Not until I’m at least being pointed in the right direction.’

‘What do you want already?

I told you what I know. ‘

‘But you haven’t told me anything.’

The man smiled. Both of them were on their way from the locale. The punches were stale, and one of them was flat-ironed at the ankle, they asked for trouble.

Earlier in the day they took a weird turn and almost fell into a dark chasm which swallowed the world. And before they missed another step they found themselves at the bottom, gambling on a fight.

‘Yes, yes, pull his spinal cord out you diamond-skeleton, rip his head-off.’

He said. It was hard to conceit to it but they were both entertained by this display. For some reason it was too much to watch. It wasn't matched by anything they entertained themselves with. Merely admitting that they were wrong about it was somewhat out of place. Since they truly enjoyed what they were seeing. It was off their caps, they even took their bets when it wasn't their time and round. So much harder, so petty to look at her, but she was somewhat incontestable. A petite, something sixteen or younger came in. She was followed around, fair to look at, the type that would drop a jaw around the trolley. And there was no one accompanying her either.

There she was, a face that was fairly painted, again, she joined the rows. She's been here, docile, but she's been here before, several times. It wasn't something to smirk at but they both considered.

'You know it's just around the limit. It wouldn't be against.'

'Don't act like a pig now, we have to focus onto something else, it's more important.'

A hint and a nudge was enough for him to put him back in line. And it was less than what was pained to be, and less than more and ever-closer to see. They were unsure about what was going on. Too tender, around her waist, her measurements were. Well to do, and touched around.

They came here for the match, not for her. Despite that, there were other admirers that seemed to have taken a liking to it. This was wrong, perhaps too much so.

In order to avoid being stared at, they took a few rows off, distancing themselves as soon as they could free a spot and resumed to watching the match.

'The Aggravator smashes another head.'

Who can take the man in ring? Who'll join the wing and the span of death and take down the champion?'

Instead of there being any cheer, they were silent. It was too eerie, though that feeling did not belong in here. It was betokened for and bargained for what was worth, until no one else made another song. For he came, he was expected. Another being joined the ring. At first they thought he was a human but he only wore his skin and his body like a suit.

And the thing coming out of it was flat, tall and wide, like some giant rattish-bat, bearing the mane of a lion, which was made completely out of long pins and a head that looked more like a lopsided, four point stretched face. That was exactly put in the same way a drawing put in perspective looked like, even more deformed as the focus was placed in the wrong spots.

Something uncanny about him being the fact that his arms were twice the size of his biceps that were being bloated as they looked and spoke, mouths inside of them and chains dragged them off into the ground. To be more than honest, it was hard. This battle was disjointed, it was something that could not be perceived as being fair any longer, since both sides only added to its weighted rides. As soon as the main body was left behind and from the made there he pulled, out of the slit of a cut, where he finally out-did himself, he came out, as a pair of malignantly deformed bones. They were damaged, even more than it should be possible for one like him, forlorn.

It was hard to focus on the scene with her around, and even the entertainers near the flaccidly put-out thorn-out two-faced, eight tongued, Piaccasoesque-eyed booth seemed to mind it. Near them there stood an angry, angry skin-defiler. Of whose neck was flayed, while he himself only pried where he didn't belong, he noticed the desperation driven by the avarice of their train-backs. Although there was barely any room for anything else to be placed there, it was more than obvious that they minded little.

Part of the booth was completely shoved-back, openly slit as if a giant butcher's cleaver had went through it with the least amount of fight being instilled. And thought they seemed too humane, their backs were stretched and pushed until the train-like extensions of their meat-wagons could be seen, adorned by the most outlandish looking things. Trinkets that were sharpened and rounded about rings that appeared to be crafted out of junk than cartilage, only drawing when it wasn't needed for the muscle extended and the cartilage receded, until it left such a transparency as the likes of which were never seen. Bloating as the filthy pit underneath where they stood pushed in. And a head loped around, in the back, it spat a single piece of some long-straw that entered their bodies, bouncing around between the two of them.

They were bleeding inside but it could not be seen as their insides only pushed out and floated against ceiling and against ceiling they were brought and caught and eaten by the mad servants of delight. Whom had been hired and corrupted as to pleasure there for no reason. It was deceitful and disgusting and distrusting, to even think that such a thing could be enabled to this day. Though through the cartilage, the color that was being conveyed being a see-through smock of dirt, it cracked, slightly if not blindly until a sand-like substance fell out; meaning that, what they produced, was only a result of them losing on what they had. For the audience turned around from the match and looked upon the young lady.

'She's a plant, isn't she? I think she's distracting them on purpose and we cannot have that. WE definitely cannot have that.'

'Then do something about it. Can you not see that I'm perhaps too fattened and too lump to do something myself and on my own?

I won't repeat that thrice a loud and I will not be caught unless it's absolutely necessary for me to intervene as well as I can.'

'No, don't look at her, don't do it. You're just as absorbed like the rest of them. Can you not hold your senses for the time being?

Is it truly so hard for you to at least curb your suffering and do as you please?'

'I will cut you.'

'No you won't, I heard that threat before.'

'If it means I get to stay with her, if it means I get to spend the rest of my life in her arms, being caressed until the time a younger one comes along, I will do it. And I will feel no shame for it.

Don't force my hand.'

‘You’re cowardly, to no end. And I think we should stop talking about this. It makes me uncomfortable. You’ve never seemed as serious as you are now. I don’t know what went through you but I cannot stand it.’

‘Well what did you expect? It’s all business at the end of the day, how have you not known that before? I thought we’ve already established it prior to setting up this business.’

‘But I never imagined we would go this far.

I’m starting to regret everything I said before.’

‘Good, great and good riddance; but while you go and bleed to death as you take the steps needed to sap your body of your so-called bodily-living fluids, remember this. And make do with your memory because I shall not accommodate with your wishes as to hold an eulogy for what’s worth.

Do not intervene with my plans, as I will make her mine.’

‘You’re vile.’

But the mere thought of the lady was arousing. And he could not help but peer and imagine and delight himself like everyone else. Of course it was narrowly harder to focus on anything else than her vivacious curves and her youthful appearance, but as it happened for everyone there, they were men. And I was something men had to do deal with, the young lady’s company being so delightful. It was nothing either of them could be held accountable for. It was just how men were and how they ought to react.

Though another hit was dealt, it did not bode well with either of them, the dark surrounding and curtains painted in a color of awe. And the delightful touch of a fall-through seeing light that came about then faded; it was night after all and the match hadn’t even started, that was enough, it was deranged, it held them at a pace that was between steadily-push through and still. Of course even the skeleton bodies, as brainless as they looked appeared to have been dewy eyed for a beauty such as hers, though neither of them came out of the ring and their interaction only came with as little satisfaction as could. Each blow missing then pushing back until they went back to it, missing, then using this excuse for another peak.

Youthful girl she was, there was something so delightful about her.

Anchor of dirt

‘There’s no reason to shout, there’s no reason to be alive for more than a few seconds.’

‘I see.’

As they only pushed and foamed upwardly, they couldn’t fathom pushing through. They were ill-of head, and better yet.

‘We shall kill your pet, dress in its skin and walk towards the blob-thinned anchor of dirt, through which we shall bend our heads and walk into our eyes.’

For the anchor of dirt deformed reality and curved it, so that every step would make a leg appear in their eyes, as fully formed as possible, while they remained in the same place.

‘Well, contrary to general belief, I think you are supposed to chop the head around the trim of the axe, where the handle and part of the flat side of the blade itself had already been crushed in part, melted and faced a good deal of heat-abuse.’

‘Shall we proceed then and eat some of them?’

Aloud and in the taking, they tanked the surgeon with the release that came from his brain. A part of his skull erupted as well, but it could not be forced in place yet.’

He was not in doubt but looked apart and he could never see it yet, as far. Just as he would be concerned, there was no point in prodding, of no worth.

Too much sugar in the insulin-tube that pushed out of his wreathing shoulder, he was there in part after all. Like the filth-walker he was, one shoulder pad would push out. Too agile for the eye, he was barely ripped off it as he pushed down the flight of stairs where he would remain for seconds at a time. He was headless but only because someone cut a piece of the rope which had been wrapped around his neck when the time was off by; give or take, five minutes. There they missed it, right again. It flew, a wing, made out of a small bucket of guts, most of which were torn and ripped apart. Spread and shared, between them, only one looked ahead.

His armed shoulder, that extended to a part of his trunk was ripped with it and was pushed on the right a few meters away, kept by a system made out of five cartilage bars that were rotating as he would kept ajar, forced away from moving, as he discontinued eating. Drawing from his eight legs, four in the front, two in the back, curled like a hair-catcher, connected to a body that shot in the air, there stood a single head upon many others that were unblinkingly staring along their pole, in every direction of old. Seeing sights from the past, the future, but never the present, and for what other reason could that be, other than the fact that the time was off and madness could see? Through them and through the guts, repelled by one another, they embraced the fact that they were ripped apart. With every second chanting, mournfully over their dead father.

He who appeared to be flat on the floor, pushed into the anchor-of dirt, which was on the door that opened, leading him through one of the open eyes, until he appeared again and drew on. A copy of his body would remained, conjoined with the foot. But he would only look on as the Pilgrim of Oee.

‘I shall be the Pilgrim from this point on.’

And with that the fornication of humanity descended into the abyss which was. There, in the midst of a broken earth, of which plains and lain, and dirt and sand, the sea, the animals and men, the air, clouds, the sky and eve the sight of stars were curved as in the shape of caverns. All of whom would be molded and prevented from leaving, never able to continue, never to face fear. Death for them could not be near, nor would it wait for any in the horizon.

They were dry, resources were dry, and only pushing off, them.

Entry way to them, as it was only so important to know. What one dreaded going after, what he could not fathom being surrounded by, he'd look towards it and grab a hold before he'd die.

It was important to understand that he could not live without the language, for the likes of it had only pushed him to evolve from man.

Upon stumbling on the dumb-anthill upon which his humanity had been proclaimed, the Pilgrim stumbled upon the remains of a man, following the ends of his footprints from which tiny puddle-like human faces swam inside. All of those were failed attempts at his evolution, in which direction his neck was dried and faces melted. Inside of what appeared to be the remains of the destruction this tool had ended. Words were used to spread disease. And for each sentence his teeth were grit; inside the pit, where he had ended, standing still. He had only protruded from that point, mentally ill, unable to speak properly any more.

Under him there lay all the lynched mass, the bodies of the nigger-heads pushed deeper inside the dead ant-hill where they stood and wasted. With every mass and every diseased animal made in their nature. And every calm-standing pox retraction, where he stood upon them, looked upon as a tree which had been ebbd and enacted. Enticed by the disease he had created, he stood poised and looked as his he had bit too much, many mouths only standing out. In and through, seen through the tiny telescopic prism the Pilgrim's eyes encased it in.

He was too diseased, drunk on Negro-blood, foaming at its mouth. Horned from inside his gums, barely able to keep the tongues upon which he choked upon. For all that praying had over-pained him well, enough that he would open all those sockets from which the little chatters stood out, prolonged upon their bodies as the many limbs were wreathing in and out, like moles out of their disemboweled holes. Cripples yet struck out, unable to protrude no further, they spoke with him with broken tongues, lest of all.

Upon the he melted, only in part. Continuing the long crested pillar upon which he stood, and wreathed out.

'I have been waiting for someone to speak with. But you must understand that in my current condition I'm anything but less in doubt. I'm crippled within and out, and I may not rise unless I'm called.'

'What did you lean upon hearing them talk tongues from insides the earth?'

'I've learned enough.

For each step spoke for someone that was buried long before they came out. And I've seen them fight, in and out. Upon the shrouds, from which they started eating each other in doubt that one may step upon the body of an ancestors whom stays; my brothers who had fallen before I failed to understand. Decay had terminated their hearts.

They mixed, which decayed their minds.

What do you suppose was left of them, legacies be damned. I seem to think that one like you should know of such things, instead.'

He looked around with the bodies that were pulling in, most of the faces being obscured upon the protrusion that came out of the pillar upon which a swoon of blood dripped forth. And every giant Negro-head was bled upon, drowned in part.

A crimson steam came out of his eyes, it was long held until it became a gradient of shades, all of whom switched in color until they reached a blue-spare. In the space between their eyes, on that tree-like protrusion which looked more like the fattened effigy of a burning stake-man, they finally release. From their eyes, in times of peace, a single dolt of bloody screams, held within the light that shimmered upon being retrieved, as well as wild surroundings that came into place.

Walsow, always failing, he could only look through the mind of the Pilgrim in the same way a centipede would look out of its chrysalis upon the drawing moment of its release. He was too far gone already.

What he saw below the chasm, around the pillar made out of the Negro-heads, upon the rounded rims of the passages carved through their high cheeks and repulsive curled and twisted hornet-mouths, many Negro-fiends, all too weak to crawl outside their sockets, torn and twisted, pushed amongst them. Came out of their way and drew their burnt chalices to drink. From the blood within their lord, they sunk their teeth, broken, bloodied, ripped in shards. Some of which pushed through their faces and into their eyes, drawing to the point where they begged for more. And drawn outside, they drove in chores.

Many had eaten, kin and kin, through dark-meat alike. Many of them were too perturbed and haunted by the same cannibalism their ancestors bore in their hearts. Until neither of them could help it any longer, dumb-founded; they begged for it and skin retracted only forced them to proceed. Into the chasm some fell or leaped. Ripping themselves off the cord, begging for an end to their agony and gore. In contrast to it, some begged for more. As they could do anything but force themselves away.

‘It is only the only true fate a nigger might bear. He’s being punished for his bearings, the history reigns bitten in his overly inflated head.’

Yet none could have foreseen what was obviously within them, waiting all along. They were destined to go forth and bleed their hearts out on the plains. Ending one another as their tribal fighting emerged, only to end up here, on the peaks of many others, falling beneath them, into the large abyss, at the bottom of which, there was only a sea as black, as tar ignited itself with nothing but their disgusting skin that cracked. Deeper through, from the burnt hinges which kept their sinew and their innards growing, there stood the servants, knowing that many of their socket-children were to fall. Drowning, deeper, dark in tar.

It was enough for the Pilgrim to understand that he had no desire to listen to him and see how he fed them. Thence he turned around and fell, from step to step until he came, to the entry in the eye, turning, yearning for a simple release. He felt fealty to no one and simply left without saying a word or passing through the anchor of dirt, leaving the man of which eye he entered, lone in a world of uncanny worthy, pushing through the sea from which it had been taken and abandoned until left alone, rotten. Broken records on a ship of mutts, their bodies used instead of planks.

Many of them had been put together, none looked human but disturbingly put on. A façade that almost took away what seemed to be their only lot.

‘I see that the captain’s missing.’

He spoke to no one in particular and as expected, none had listened to him. He was by no means trying to prove a point, yet he only drove forth and asked again.

First mate appeared, but he was still part of the ship. Many sutures came through, crying and forced his body to rip the ship. Thence in half, the bodies were released. Part of the dirt ate them, and all of the sudden, the Pilgrim found himself standing at his feet. Unable to register what happened to him there, he only spared himself and would not try to make it, past what he was aware. Of many other urges he knew.

Hatred ran through his veins but so hard his anger missed with his perception of the land he simply walked long of. As his feet touched it, he found himself surprised. Despite all meaning, for a moment there he thought he might simply push deeper through and lose himself below the prime point where the ship broke.

The Pilgrim took a gramophone with him. From its squared surface there came a mouth that would not grin. It was too tainted, broken through, skull exposed, from which a small cog appeared to have been forced through a pumping cognitive organ that did not belong to man. He listened to it, trying himself every passing moment, until he almost collapsed. It was too hard, in some way, not listening to the creature speak of its plight. No longer, not likely, that he could point at it, did he care about his life. No signs were shown, no beat against the left side of his chest.

No major respiratory problem, only the lever being thrust against every now and then. He could not have himself breathe through it, nor would he spare anyone of what went through his mind. He thought of them being there, despite having made it past the broken ship. They would naturally be too far to even hear a single fall of a lead bullet, shot through the sky. Burning tonight, in the distance, many melted, others finally erected themselves out of the ground.

But the Pilgrim did not care. He only listened to the gramophone repair his need to hear talking.

It didn't speak, yet made them manifest themselves around him.

Though, in honesty, he could not tell it. Whether or not they were truly there or not, as he only looked with little in mind and more than his fair share of doubt, he finally relented and asked of it no more.

First there came a man who wore the gramophone-skull on top of his beheaded-marked throat. From it there pulled out an arm-like four-pointed, almost conniving string upon which they spared no doubt.

He had strangled the weak and made them suffer as he pissed through their hearts. They had to have been punished for some reason, yet none was given, none too far. It was way too important to admit, they were only dragging him in. Arms that reached around him, those who rose from below the dirt, they were no grave-diggers, not the twins, but others who refused to die. And seemed to bear the memory.

Further, past the shrouds, through realities, they walked. They shared a moment, obeyed the rules they master's shout. Through the bottom of the stage, during Beliee's rehearsal, then and only then it happened for them to come into contact.

It echoed but it was lost. They walked together, all four of them, after the two got pulled out of the ground.

‘Think I see a good place to stay for the night.’

Without a doubt, there was nothing to see around the place, nor would they be able to make it out.

From the gramophone another voice emerged.

‘We have to Annex another continent, otherwise, we’ll see it through no more, no longer, wait in doubt. They’ll sicken us and force us to drop on our knees and leap about like bulls in the making.’

Cried as they might’ve, they saw no shortage around, of no bodies of dirt or anything that might make them know what happened around. There were no pointers, nothing worked properly. Broken goods around them, whom appeared to meet them only as the settings of filth. Lust was being taken care, the maidens were only most appealing to look out, though the Pilgrim had to shake himself, the body that kept the piece of the trunk as it shook and the found rots still crippled the skin around it. His long-distanced shoulder moved, his arm mistook this motion and he drove it to a point where the dirt shook.

‘It’s hollow down there.’

‘What did you expect? There must be a whole lot of tunnels and homes down there, shouldn’t there be? Otherwise, I don’t think there’d be a reason to stay.’

‘Who’s going to stop me now? I’m indestructible, certainly I must be born out of the shell of God.’

A man should not be concerned with the minds of others, whether or not they come from a respectable background or some infantine racial group. He should be able to attain, manipulate and do as he pleases out of the bottom of his very soul. As it ought to be, for those are only tools for him to employ.

Thence he thought no further and looked in awe at the point where the anchor of dirt met the land.

A simple house of dirt stood there. From the depths there rose a man of dirt, who seemed to wave, appearing around the girth of the house. He entered upon a mark, eighteen footsteps after that. They were welcome. It was no dirt. If one were to tear it piece by piece, he would find blood and flowing organs hardened upon themselves as they became ruddier and harder to grasp. Without a reason to be put ahead, he only walked and saw himself knocking dead on wood.

A man with many termites around his throat emerged; they formed a lump in there where they stood and started prodding on, in which direction? None may know, it was too easy, unwrapping the skin off and eating, pushing through it like an infant being scolded in disgust.

Upon the forest there was a tree, a special one that could not be seen from the distance, could not be approached by any means alone, in quiet. Nor should it be held by its bark. Likely told, there was no reason for anyone to be there. Every now and then a man appeared, then fell, right from the dirt, into the hole, sunk within the charnel in the midst of a breath.

He wasn’t the type to hum a song in his head. But the Pilgrim could not help it either. He was almost obsessed with it.

They were not of the same cloth, him and they. Someone remained between the two of them, as they started counting the black-dots that entered their breathing clothed lungs. From which they spewed tiny

spiked more formed, fermented diseased respiratory pouches that carried breathing tendons that attached themselves to their veins. With small lung-textured veins that held like strings before they started floating like tiny inflated creatures.

And they were kept in the air until their outsides started forming pores that looked like octopus-suckers all around them. With every breath they took, the air started looking like it was made out of transparent plastic, as the one used to suffocate women on the pass during various sessions of autoerotic asphyxiations. It only went to show as well, that not even the air was something to be grasped upon and taken from them. Too heavy for the touch, rancid during their filth watch.

‘Of course there are things we should be able to account for, especially since our dear supreme god made out of a piece had started pushing on hindered legs and other headless steps there.’

The area where he pointed wasn’t made out of dirt. Instead it was made out of beheaded corpses which formed a long line-bridge like pass upon which they stepped. And standing in front of them, there were rows of four to five bodies stacked in such a manner, holding against each other, as they could not contain one another any longer. Since the glutton’s touch was being felt.

‘Alphonse, what are you doing to those corpses?’

Asked Anxious, as he only looked at him diddling his fingers inside their necks, writhed in since they were wearing nothing but the lynching-ropes they wore on them instead. Of asking, they shared forth.

‘Dear friend Anxious, I wish you died in front of me today. I wish I could end your life and slaughter your family until they drove themselves into dead corners and rotten with all the filthy birds your family had the tendency of molesting.’

It was such a wild affront he had to suffer. It went all over, through his head. His teeth pushed deeper in, he was almost dead, out of shame.

‘Out with it, Alphonse, what do you want?’

The two of them constituted a separate group. Since they could not be held accountable for their actions, they shook, and danced, they diddled the insides of those necks instead, pushing even deeper down.

‘Is that a shade of orange in the sky I see? There must be something there, I’ll be damned, if I ever could believe it going.’

Thence Anxious an Alphonse approached a dilapidated structure from which there stood. Twenty long-pillared shaken, skinned-alive servants, who appeared to be missing, largely their faces, drawing off, from the insides of their malignant placed disgusting throngs. Upon which there stood only the sharpest-looking trumpet curved, made out of bone and skin, these objects replaced their skulls and mixed their unfathomable chatterers instead. One would have to look out of the way now in order to realize that they were hiding and biting and hitting hard. Trying their best not be gotten around. Since there was a punishment for the people who looked into the dark placed, the mazes not being real but made out of the solidified air veils.

‘I see that there’s a form in space.’

‘Which one Alphonse?’

‘That one.’

He pointed at a for squared, large body which pushed around the trimmed half-curved, of a small spherical object which drew around each side of the curve, like a semi-moon with circular spikes. Many of which looked like prolific eaters that were yet in doubt. From the main body this moon drooped, and from the main one some organic manifestation shook all the objects off, many being attached through the long clasping pointers that pushed out.

Giant eyes laid on top of the main surface, projected as they gave the illusion of not being attached to the main part of the body. A pair of unnatural contorted insides of men were there, spinning around akin to some gravitational belt, making it seem benign. Tried and eaten, pissing by them bloody selves, as this object only drew on and flew around the pyramid in term.

‘The termination of disease, we need to make sure we pay our needed respects, or else we shall be made to pay.

And then it will release a bloody virus which shall kill us where we stand.’

But Anxious looked at Alphonse with pitiful dreadful eyes. He had paint inside his pockets, in the same way someone would carry pocket sand. He couldn’t use it to paint walls, but he took it along everywhere he went. Of course.

It made sense that someone like would carry paint with him everywhere he went. Why wouldn’t he? After all, he was way too unfathomable to be looked upon. And pain would help him keep everything from falling apart, as it acted like the composition of a wild pocket watch, in terms of how it mixed with everything that twisted around inside his pockets. Cogs normally twist inside a pocket that way, but instead of cogs, he had his fingers kindling the key-chains, which was made out of bone-cartilage and painful-looking cretins-heads, shrunken in form, beaten and abused, then, from their insides, without or with little to no excuse, they would become firmly placed sharp-points, pushed into holes that could not work properly on themselves.

But his hand was an integral part of his pain-watch as it was the one and only activator which helped him keep the time. Though he could only keep time going by inserting a few fingers in his pocket at a time.

Alphonse wasn’t aware of it yet, but he was the keeper of time and his fingers were the inner-working that were only working upon themselves in need to activate the passing of the bloody crimes they were activating with each on-going second. He was not only controlling time but a specific passage of time where people were being tortured in. Some would be buried alive or left to rot, only to wake up in the same position, suffering the same thing again, with no explanation whatsoever, only to stop.

At specific times, that were set, when someone’s suffering had stopped, he would be erected upon a large statuesque scalper, slowly cutting his face and replacing it with the face of a child’s dog, only to have the lower side attached to a cube that was being slowly pulled on a conveyer’s belt on its way to the abattoir. He had to recognize the need of man to suffer for crimes he did not commit. It was an integral part of society, pulling the innards from inside a kid.

‘Yes, I see, I see, then I shall bow to it and see that there’s a way we could prevent this virus from spreading out of the commuting area of strokes.’

At which Anxious pointed at the ground, seeing how they were left behind with little to no explanation whatsoever.

It would make utmost perfect sense for him to, well, first and foremost.

His heart throbbed, as he came to no reason, to no other mind.

He looked down and called upon Alphonse.

After grabbing him by the wrist, pulling on the nick of his coat, he saddened his friend by pointing back at it.

Each stroke left behind a sight, that only got revealed once they plainly walked back, then at the stroke, a single stroke of light, whence the so-called smoke that almost obscured it fell out of the way.

Beyond the pyramid, the road and the belt, there finally rested the figure of Mary in her prime, beyond the desecrated land. Whence they moved ahead and almost missed the grime. Upon it fell, from whence a great shadow emerged and went out of its way.

They ran; then they had refused, not looking back at the obscure. In that point where their hands fell, where the images of filth died with the sight of the pure, whence they walked towards the opposite sight and saw the swoon. Then and only then did they find the way out. Through the anchor of dirt and through the carpet of dined-upon worth, finally they stumbled upon Alphonse’s home.

There and only there had his mind, upon taking gulps, from the least of kinds, followed through.

Without a knock, he realized that it wasn’t locked. Since there was no other way to check it, he didn’t get stomped around his head, he walked ahead and saw nothing, on the other side, only an empty bunk, whereas his eyes were being lead. Closer to his feet, where he stared, deeper below where the water ran, left there, with the wood rotting. A single stream left its mark, like the sight of a gargoyle wing’s shadow falling from below the cathedral of Notre Dame. It pointed him to the side of the house where stood a bed; there and only there could he wait and be placed back into his bed.

When finally his heart faded, where Alphonse faded, and there would be no light in his eyes.

It was there that Anxious turned and left the house, the same image wasting around the brims of his mind.

Farther in the hue

Hern saw a nasty lantern, not a normal kind of lantern but the type that would be painted in the impressionist style. Hands wrapped around like saddles, riding globes of painted stables from which white horses galloped right around the streets. And many riders, to their luck they wasted and listened to

no one, let alone would please. There were too many of them bashing their long-skulls, against each pole and building their charged head-on. Leaving splats of paint of blue, royalty mares of bitter hues, as they came in place, they started chewing their simple reins before grabbing one another past the chains.

A bloody fight instilled below, as an orangutan without the hairs, its head was but a fossil, which marked the passage of time, a drag which pushed around his back. A skeleton dancing tool which pushed around a largely defined yet brokenly deformed spine.

Carpet

‘I enjoy looking at your carpet. It is a nice carpet I enjoy looking at.

Have I told you how much I enjoy looking at your carpet? It is nice.’

He looked at the carpet. Sometimes the carpet looks different, depending on how you look at it.

There is something wrong about the carpet. Sometimes half of the carpet’s face is god, while the other part is a neck, which starts overlapping and growing on top the god and the other side of the face. But most pleasantly, a part of man is always there, sometimes it is invisible.

The carpet speaks. During the time it is fed compliments it does not, for more than a few obvious reasons, various animal empires had evolved inside of it, only to die during the litany of asphyxiation.

‘Breathe no less,

Breathe no less,

Lungs are flat,

I confess.’

It wasn’t long, nor would it be worth pursuing.

The carpet was eighteen by eighteen but it did not cover the entire room. The first as well as the opposite wall were twenty meters away from it, standing at a length of one hundred meters, facing one another while they were the only walls. There was no way out. Outside there was nothing. A child died after being run over by a car.

That was part of the carpet.

And the carpet had various patterns on top of it. Sometimes it looked like there were various carpets stacked on top of one another, but the mere touch revealed as much. Nothing other than an illusion, the walkers beneath it were not. But before the on-going march could be prodded upon, there was still one

important factor that had to be discussed. Hard of hearing, heart-of woe; some of the patterns had been worn-out no more.

‘It’s hard in some way, trying to argue your way out of this hole. It’s gone too far already, this jest of yours, I want out.’

‘No can do, it’s too deep of a drop, look at the quarters, look at the nickels, too many of them reached the floor already.’

‘I’m afraid that the severe distance and the size of them already started pushing too far in. They’re in your shoes, aren’t they?’

‘They are, I suppose. How do you reckon they came here in the first place?’

‘I suppose you put them in. ‘

‘Suppose no longer because I haven’t and I dare say something happened when I was asleep.’

There were eight other men in the hole. It was a pit, a nasty pit they all stood in, trying to get somewhere but with no result. Some of them shared ancestry, which made it all the wrong. Since they were humiliated and blatantly stripped naked and tipped for it.

He was the only one who had something on him, those being his shoes. And they were worn out as well, too many nickels being in them. Hard of hearing, way-thought. Intervention in the gut made it grow, and they would not know of it until they woke up.

‘Ever considered starting a business?’

‘With these?’

‘No, not with those you knuckle-head, I mean before you came here.’

‘I haven’t, why?’

‘You could’ve lived through an easy life with nothing to yearn for. Think that sounds well enough?’

‘I’d rather live a normal life in some quiet place than this. I’ll be honest, the alternative is not too great either.’

‘But this is not the alternative either. I think we both know that. But it’s plain to see that at least you tried and it’s been hard.’

Already with the weather and all.

The pit was merely a hole inside the carpet which was well-put and well crafted everywhere around them. Nothing sounded more thorough.

‘Hide us, hide us, hide us, hide us, hide us, hide us, evil man.’

Another one woke up and said.

‘I got a weapon, utmost inbred, an inbred weapon made out of the body of recycled organisms of the utmost inhumane matter.’

They breathed forth and could only add to the forth of the filth which pushed on, with their growths unable and never approaching full mass. Through this distress and bitterness expressed, alas.

‘We fear, mater, is it not obvious that we do?’

With each bite and each sinew, they could not release a hint, lost through. If they were caught, where they resided, but in an uncontrolled environment not even the most blessed would know how to receive it. Blamed as they may, never in doubt, but looking around.

There was something. A card stuck inside the edges of the pit. It fell just as soon as they were on their feet, ten of hearts fell. And with it, there was a failure of dirt-muscle, in-like moss. It fell with everything else and appeared to be, one peculiar torch-like device. Wooden yet metallic, a dome, caught by its own glow, yet, before it could be caught by hand, it suddenly pushed out, rightly, around the rims of the strange entry-hole from which it fell. A shadowy hand, the figure of a shadow pulled in it before it left.

Thence, at sight, immediately, as soon as it might, the card burnt before it could be grabbed by, just in the same way, the nickel might.

‘When might we be released?’

‘There’s no end and there shall be no peace.’

‘What do you want?’

‘I fear that my dear old child has suffered a laceration.’

And there were tinier shells that fell as well. Out of their way, he could not tell. Struck by the finger, in the worst places, wrong in the mind, blind to what appeared to be the only way around. He asked no more and appeared to worship gore. It was logical, it had to be done. He was filthy and would only reside in this carpet grotto.

A bulked man whose muscles were toned in the same way armor would be wrapped around him shook in place and didn’t ask.

A few marbles dropped as well, blood followed, couldn’t tell. Whether or not they were trying their hands in, that would make as much and no less, no difference during their time of stress, not enough, it was not enough to anger anyone. Cruel, little man came and stalled no longer.

His face was disastrously abstract. But he pointed it out.

‘Small feet you have there, buddy, do you think there’s something wrong with the nickels?’

Again, he tried sniffing about them, ugly man realized it first. Worsened by the head, he was eating his side of the neck. Then, from inside his face, the man of no race pulled out a knife and stabbed him. He bled on the nickels and they melted. Dreadful little things, they were worn out and eaten, as the liquid

soaked the nickel-parcel; melting away. A thing of no beauty of his way, but he was not concerned with it either.

The carpet sealed itself off, allowing them to suffocate before their time. It came as no surprise either, as deranged as they would be.

That the concerned party in the room had nothing to look after or see.

There were other pint-worth, acreage deep drops which happened to be inside the carpet. But no one approached them since they could only stir it for so long. Guests who entered the room had a hard time standing in it, for obvious reasons. They were obfuscated, obstinate, yet drunk on absinthe. It made their conundrum no less than it ought to be, something bothersome and uncanny. Drawing straws of stone to drink from its hairs as the modo-default state of its being was the face, or the half-of it, driving itself even further down the edge, until it had become a drop of twenty centimeters around the room. It looked like it would melt with them and already they were met with difficulty, as to be unable to climb back up. Whereas they kept trying, it seemed likely that this was the reason.

It wasn't the walls, it wasn't the carpets, but they were being stretched instead, but at the same time they were locked in place, frozen. In such a case, if this was a table upon which their bodies were stretched upon, their lower part would be frozen on the ground while their mid-chests and upper side would slowly be pushed further up with the exception of their arms; that would lay frozen in the air, leaving something of the eyes to be stuck as well but only half of them in a vertical manner.

Their almost close sight-deformation was responsible for the impression they were given, as for their further inability to climb, their entire perception was made as if to fit the same sight a cracked prism would be left with, panned and worked upon at different heights only so the illusion would work in such a way that the man would look as if he lay unaffected. It made it so much easier for the dark-man in the back to snick it and stab them. Pain would take some while to reach the nerves, since they were most afflicted by this twist and the dark-man had worked only fast enough to be done for.

'I see that there's something in this corner, maybe this is where the carpet might break.'

But he could not say, not pry through, as his eye-socket popped at time, the intervals gone through and made for, lost, he'd see the ceiling, now lost. The pain had already kicked in and he bled to death, just like the other man, unable to react, move or make it so he was touched again. Painfully as this drag might be, they were pulled deeper into the carpet once they had been robed blind.

Since it had desired some compensation for the time it had been left there to dine upon them. Never matter, not the kind that would make this world inside the room go round. Since every way out was blocked, locked, strapped in and rubbed around in the same way a rube would action the cogs in a broken clock by relentlessly attempting to push his fingers in until they bled. It was water-proof, not bullet proof.

A shot broke through his fingers, cutting them in the shimmering light of a fraction of a second, with the clock and the device which pushed his arm to pump again.

Carpet-munchers would otherwise not be allowed on for obvious reason. The entry to the room where the carpet is was to be barred and beaten, as they ought to be. Munchers would be made to worship the rod before finally being sent straight into the wall and left on the sidewalk as the carpet drew on.

Little to no amount of flight could be seen or felt inside the room, as for every nod of the head only revealed as much, not a single man could be kept for long. It was too heavy, that would not do.

Couldn't think of any better way to abuse her, other than finally allowing her to come in through a strange device, plain-to see through, akin to some long-tube that looped around itself, crushing its own thighs, which was surrounded by metallic holding miniature cell towers that appeared to move as they were armed with real human-like feet. With the exception of the large cuts inside the feet in triangular, square, and spherical sore-empty bulbs, that only dreaded melting on as they pushed in. A cut was infest, necrosis demented her, as she dragged herself in a serpentine-made left-over, her punishment for being that way. Battered, nigh-to death and left to float slowly on her way to the carpet, after which she could finally search for release; uncannily so, she was a canine-whore.

Lips painted the crimson of her brow, where she's been beaten day in and day out.

'I took part in it as well. I admit it, I couldn't help myself, it's in my nature. I simply saw an opening and I considered feeling her up for my own good.

You too, didn't you have as much fun as I have?'

'Of course I have, but say, I was thinking of something. Wouldn't it be fun if.'

Side-note, must create a fake cemetery for "animals", dogs or cats, or house-pets in which members of the opposition as well as other tawny-skinned people should be buried alive in.

'But wouldn't it be fun if we designed, the two of us, only the two of us, a virus?

Think about it, wouldn't it be great if we finally got rid of those exemplars that lack in mental fortitude and even refuse to work their way up there.'

'I'm listening.'

'We shall start by simple, let's call them bites. We'll start by biting upon some distant alleles and start tearing them off, or, rather isolate them from the main organic unit from which they had been taken out of. Then, I think it's clear.

We will have chosen similar ones and force the virus onto the prudish infants before they're fully developed as well as fully formed.'

'That doesn't make as much sense as let's say, creating a deadly virus that would simply kill them.'

'No, but after enough generations, we should have some results. I suppose it's rather well, in some way. Making sure that they're completely dealt with in the worst possible manner.

Look at them, I can see some of the gathering up in the distance.'

No one will show up and they will only make too great of a filthy deal out of it.

The virus was already made, it was them and they walked like a symbiosis between one another, walking through and away. Like vine-walls connected through, of their skin pushed against one another, fertilized conjoined, sinew was in their eyes. Bones that didn't grow properly forced them blind.

And they begged for some kind of release, through which they might suffer and die out of pity, be killed. Each and every single one, of men of no doubt, tonight, refused to appease the fealty and the pain. Dreadful, little, petty creatures, they don't know what's going through their minds. It's pitiful how they're going around, they can't be felt, better than dead.

And fealty of dreams, only pushed away.

'And he would be filled with despair if he understood even a fraction of what was going on.'

And they were wed in the trophy chamber, where their guts were spilled in the walls.

'A room for another man, he needs to understand.'

This was yet another chamber, yet, farther than the rope that floated a few centimeters off the ground. Though it could not be plainer than it was, wronged, there, wronged, he thought so. It wasn't that far off entirely, yet he could not help it entirely. Most of all, a man would have to forget, as this was not in his best intention to remember.

'I see that there's a new neighbor who moved in.'

'Should we join him then?'

'Maybe, unless.'

There was no way to see him eye to eye, no reason for either of them to kill themselves right there, slain in their beds. A reason for either of them being the fact that they lived in the ancient gable, of rough protruding green-stone. Many apartments were not their own. It was plain to see now, how they were wrapped, in thought and anger, brought close to sitting down. Filthy in looks, shaken, unable to understand who did what, when no one could verify it. Clicks that were distant, clicks that were cut at least, shakes in their general mass and one man lay hanged a few meters away. Every thinking man ought to have known better than this. But in a way it was too late.

There was no return from the building, as it ate a part of them, transparently embed against the walls. Their minds and hearts were there. It had to be pleasant, thinking about yourself through the missing shingles that fell. Upon hit gluttony emerged.

Arraland was the first to become aware of what happened there. A memory unlike no other appeared to unfold itself for the same reason he was there with them. He could not distinguish stone from carpet, for no other reason than the bothersome fact that it had become part of it. He could not get away, he could not look against stone without seeing fur, a giant face, a second one, many necks which were broken and him, instead. His only friend being the epitome of lost. He was inside the wall, but only a quarter of him remained alive.

‘What happened when I wasn’t looking?’

Though he could not only stare, but he refused to answer instead of dictating his brain to act around when they were there. Not the neighbors, but the slits that had been part of them, all which only moved like waves of schools of bats that flickered their wings against the reflection of the carpet side.

He thought himself as nothing else but the God’s once chosen, twice removed from the sky. Though he was no normal God himself as he had no name but only doubt, doubt of his existence, the mark of a gut, he feared thinking and even worse, laying in awe for what appeared to be the seconds his mind shook. He understood that he spent too much time off, dreadingly confused that he missed the moment the carpet released his friend, the mentor, instead chose to bleed on the floor. With the second half having its insides almost pushed through, a few centimeters if any at all, which were marked in the way a piece of meat would be cut around each side of it, each edge belonging to them.

‘Why must I not know what’s going on there?’

‘What’s going on through your mind now?’

‘A single small part of shrapnel-shaped comb, you can see it, I know. Would you mind removing it if you can? It’s hurting me.’

‘Instead he dreadingly stood there, my brother in arms.

He stood there when you refused to pull the plugs that kept him starved.

For that I shall return the favor.’

Advancing he almost crushed his head into the pile, stumping him before he got the chance.’

‘I can’t help myself, my dear friend. I have to tell you of this, of my dreams and the things I fear they might catch me with, instead.

I don’t know what’s going on now, but I failed to adjust my mind to my surroundings. I wish I understood why we lived in here for so long.’

Though he was stricken down like everyone in his turn. No explanation could’ve emerged from it. Neither of them understood, nor would they try their hands, since they knew their place already, in the match. Both of them were being watched.

It was enough, that was all they needed, a few moments to set everything where it had to be.

As he chose to do it, on his own terms, he pulled out a switch blade and started cutting a quarter of his face, throat, proceeding downwardly until he finally accepted his friend and joined him as they walked forth and left the room. On the steps and outside, where they shook, fell and never met a single sight the living that might verge upon them.

Though a few steps away, the crowd had cleared and there would be no trick of hands, no elongated limb, nothing that might yell of what fell. Somewhere, along the way, in the distance, or farther away, there was

a single plume, a fume that only cross his mind. Dreadful, in their agony, they embraced the one who was gone.

Though the carpet remained in the same place, it wasn't there, but back in its room, where all of those who had been disgraced stood. Never shaking themselves of sin, never understanding what pushed through the field.

Outside, they discussed the mass of rolling smartly rounded headless wonders that were inserted inside the long bloody creeps, who stood against the walls like pigeons, impaled by their own sawed off feet, held against the flatness, bleeding. Fed by the dogs they had eaten, peeling off their eyes, nothing in the room was dyed. But it was still blue with long strips of greenish-red, the rashes of meat on top of them, and a single part of this centipede-like foundation kept the structure from falling down. When seen from outside, through the empty quarry in which the carpet room was hidden, down, underneath it, a smaller two-by-two, or a wider stretch pushed through, leading to the empty stairs. Down, upon them, if they were to be abated, there was a perfectly set replica of the room with the carpet in it, with the headless corpses who would be fed by the bodies of the dogs through the left head-holes.

Below them, after many other unspoken-off primitively squared construction, would lay the centipede-like foundation, rounded, yet curved, holding themselves with longer legs, the girth of which melted under the great rears that grew naturally and prolapsed themselves from beneath the rocks. And they would be admired no longer, for eighteen graves lay there in rock. Impaled by giant feet-spears.

A body appeared to be out one of its coffins.

It crawled a few feet away.

From on top the original mark, there were footprint who spoke of him and all the men he killed in life. Although he was somewhere along the way, he was nigh-floating in a vacuum, and only a few limbs remains. Most of the others growing, with little prolapsed bags of meat-organs of their own that kept them alive; unable to think or admire what went on, instead they would provoke one another by making sounds. The shimmer of unnatural fortitude a mind would lack, although somehow they thought.

It was unexplainable, as much as their duress might be.

He was left with something sticking out of what he had remained with. Looking at a common occurrence, insects communicating with one another, since the fragments of his brain being split around the room, shaken as they were unable to replicate the cancer-broken tools they shared. Nastily pushing themselves as if they were fed. From one side to the other, they look and saw another one of their brothers. A heathen who would not embrace, the alter he carried on his back now pierced through his face. Stone grew yet he still paced around in circles.

Many of his eighteen legs served him as an anchor as they only dreaded to be held by him, pushing through, unable to look after the distance where he forced his face. To fall off and leave the stone, allowing it to grow. In utmost unfashionable way, beauty was not elegant. But he was touched, instead. By worse appraisers, the murderers of woe, whom caught themselves and never watched as moons have carried on, he latched.

Upon one of the great quarry sides, of which, attachment was but a single pair of legs that threw themselves out from the foundation, allowing him but a moment of blunder. Once in a while he would bash his own face only to allow more birth, of every inch and every stone from the altar which came forth. Through his shoulder there came an almost ankh-like akin in length, barely in shape formation. Whose edges rounded afterwards, from all four square ends, until they pointed rounded horizontal trident-heads, the sharpness of which only pushed across the tips where four flaccid chewers came out of, barely melted but coming out instead of eating themselves out. It was a pity that he knew, that this was only a branch of eight. Many instead only pushed as far across his back as they would come to show themselves around each ledge that wrapped around him. As every part of the foundation wanted to keep him in place, disgraced by the cancer eating him, he would come to almost shove his neck.

But no sharp angle, came out of his mouth. Although it was split off in a similar manner a woman chopped, for cheating her husband, in half, left alive and wailing; seen by those who would question her short-coming. They knew who she was. Blasted this, we both know it. She looked displeased, but the man also thought of seeing her with joy, that filled his heart, wanting more.

Yet enough of what he delighted himself with during a time where he could chase desired. He was forced open, through the split out of which it grew and never left it catch on fire. Dreadful after every woe, he wanted to hang himself and be done. Next one to the row, but he had not the power, nor the time. He could not do it, for the likes of him in time. Over the span of a few moments, he considered as much. There was no reason to watch, nor to know, there was no desire to show it.

But it felt like the sharp point that came out of his face was unacceptably fat, filled with lumps that squeezed his forehead and would latch on top of the walls. Eating what they could only to devour the known part of the quarry. The small shards of the uncanny left behind, remnants of the grave; insects spoke again.

‘Liturgy shall come upon our march and when we need to hear it we shall feel it latch upon no doubt, the maker, any ender that shall prohibit our kiss, shall be benign and pried for us to eat him.’

Couldn’t understand why would anyone want to live down there, and one could say just about the same about the many parties whom found themselves heading along. As this was no mere expedition and they were merely the same men who entered the quarry as they had once been, though their countenance would be wasted. And they would be not taken for whom they were while painted in red-pinkish clothes from the weird way in which the ceiling shaded its surrounding. Weirder as they had been, dragged along the way, they seemed to have come from a pair of stone graves, through which they were pulled through. With their clothes and all the combined hues of people who lost not only their humane-colors, but whom also were completely eaten and spat out. On their knees and wretched about each corner of the roundness that was their sight. It all dawned too soon, they shook and hadn’t seem to have gathered the swoon yet, yet cold was felt as they were pulled towards the man carrying his altar.

During their considerable time they were there, as each member could only put it as bluntly as possible, they were rounded up by one another’s surmountable amount of waste, that gathered around their bodies just as they began manifesting their faceless wonder and disgraced left out grit-teeth, that there was no reason to worship another, one of their last servitude, be it of an Abrahamic past or not. Since they

seemed to be called towards him, the towards the one in flight and the one who was pulled and droned about the place, eternally pacing now that he was freed.

In what appeared to be a desperate yell, a thinner veil that dragged them even closer to him, he lacked the proper manners of introduction. Yet he appeared, nonetheless to be the, on whom would serve, the other side, the bodies which had formed from the limbs, they seemed to grow as tall as they would seem. Men of their own, yet mindlessly serving that one, in flight, whom, he himself had grown them off, though they were tender and had non-simian shapes, as they were wider and bore, deep in their skin, words akin to manuscripts which rolled some of the dead inside of them to keep them warm.

Many a coffin would lay as shallow. And it would be, seemingly caught inside and better wallow, as it would be swallowed by him in time of need. Holding as little and little more than a litany for them to fear, as if to hear and know the rest. And they had wagered no war, confessed.

‘I have betrayed, and long stayed my arms in wonder. Wont of naught but dead, I call her in my dreams, my child. Whom I have snuffed dead as any man would in my time, but I am sorry, I need to heed and know of it, just so I might regain my mind and latch upon your better judgment.

What am I to do in that case?’

Though the lout expected just as much.

‘But I am joined by brothers and I shall listen to what I need, if I have to, I shall produce time from my arms with every spill in order to prove my devotion.’

Regardless of it, there was never any doubt that there was something seriously wrong about the carpet. Ever since one of the heathens made it to it and establishing direct contact, it started peering in. Burning oils inside his shin before he was given a chance to take a bite off his ankle; no, there was no explanation to the depression he kept staring at below him. Nor how easily he found himself standing in a room of carpets, plainly set and accursed, where there lay a single noose he almost came to do it, rather, he understood that trying to set his throat a few inches higher was pointless.

The carpet, the carpet had a will of its own. If it willed itself in a different place, it would be so. For it was no carpet but kind of like moss, which explained why it found a way to drag itself out of the worst possible spots.

It was just as well something to be proud of. A dumb Negro stumbled past the door one day, little by little, the animal started sniffing around. It’s to be noted that the animals has little to nothing in its small head, especially when carefully analyzed and closely observed, as its prefrontal cortex appeared to be somewhat lackluster in size. There’s an uncomfortable approach that can be wrapped around its mental instability, which can only be explained by the fact that part of its ancestry as well as derogation comes from two distinct branches which interbred. Those two branches being represented, as well as might be split into ancient primates as well as simians of which shared ancestry seems likely to have stumped their mental development upon many generations alike. That being reflected as well into their superficial, or what might be considered superficial at first, appearances, yet upon a much closer inspection as well as a simple autopsy, one might come to the understanding that their similarities to their neighboring primates is nigh-uncanny.

It could as well approach the almost ritualistic, if not completely desultory-view that furthermore confirms the previously thought analysis, they're not human.

And with that type of behavior being inclined to show up from time to time, it's rather obvious that the creature was punished, lured closer to the carpet with nothing other than the desire to be punished. To have the animal whipped further and beaten, to have it marked and crippled since its existence is nothing other than an affront to the other races that inhabit the world.

Some marks could indeed be seen around its throat, as to signal the use of a rope that was used over a couple of failed attempts at lynching the animals; only to represent nothing other than subsequent failures. And failure was something that wasn't to be taken lightly, for those responsible of the act decided to allow the beast to walk freely for some time. As it was previously observed, from the various analysis over their behavior, these animals of filth delight into the belittlement and mockery of others. Their kind knows nothing of loyalty, as it seems, like any other animal, that they would resolve to the lowest of denominators possible. Forced copulation is in their blood, being a part of their loathsome nature. It cannot be disregarded by any means.

There's no doubt therefore that this animals, or what could more likely be called the bootleg of primitiveness serves as the prime example of the dangers associated with the hybridization between other organically degenerate material which poisons everything it touches.

For that reason as well as the mere fact that they were incompatible with other peoples, the Negro which shall be referred to as Simian has been castrated.

Simian being a name he had received for his acts during the war, against what appeared to be a well-to do family of Vietnamese people of whose near-feudal lifestyle had meant nothing to his nature. And it some way, it may as well be seen as nothing more but an act of well-earned laceration that can be perceived as just in some way. Wouldn't it be so?

To be certain of it now, he did end up being beaten on his way to the room. Not only so, but the man was not warned by any means. It was infuriating, leaving him there, alone, untouched, brought to his knees. A deed that was unfinished. He still had to be beaten and pounded into dirt. Regardless of it, he was, well, exposed. Various cuts and marks and whip lashes had failed to fully cauterize, leaving him very much open-to bleeding.

That being rather, safely wrapped around his largely cut-through marks in his bone, the various guts which were open as well as his whole chest appearing to be blown as well, was the mark of melting, performed by a highly heated flame. This is not to be kept lightly to heart any longer. He brought this on himself.

A reminder.

'Cut his ankles as well, we are both aware of the Negro's agility and speed. He cannot be allowed to freely run around on a whim and whimper.

We know better than that.'

'Fine, but you're going to be the one who's doing it then. I'm not getting my hands dirty again.'

‘Keep him down, make sure he’s kissing the ground then.’

A mud for mud, it was well exchanged. They were both loyalists after a fashion, and they were only performing on the Negro as anyone would do in turn.

The results of their short-lived precision will not be discussed any further.

Since it only happens for him to have finally succumbed to his wound and finally be released on top of the carpet.

And it was enough now, it wasn’t an obsession.

It could not be an obsession, having so many of them being sent there. It was mainly the Negroes, as the stairway lead higher and higher through the Quarry until it had been well established that, with so many of them having disappeared, there was no return from down there.

The sight was more pleasant from the outside as well.

Green vales, bushes that were, in some way, quietly painted, by the calloused hands belonging to masters, neither more and neither less than it should be said, that was the degrading nature of human. And it was not something to be ashamed off, as it was made to account and prevent further hindrance. Animalistic material could not dilute purity if it could be prevented.

Hence, something was taken into consideration.

He did not die down there instantly. Instead he was being broken apart, in the same way bacterium-jelly would dissolve a cube of sugar if enough time was given, so had he been taken apart through many of the pits that were wide-spread inside the carpet. There was no other way out. And it could not be accounted for any longer.

It eats skin slowly, dissects it in some way. No man should be forced to endure its touch, nor stand there, in it for too long. Boiled marks, spoiled meat, cut-feet, and worst of all, looking at it for too long.

The carpet was strained, the carpet was pained. It bore no place in the world, it was a disgraceful thing, a betterment of evil, formation of no solid place, a disgraceful thing that ought to be submerged, as it had, taking the Negro with it despite not being there in mind. And spoken of in silent prayed, another one was marked off the list.

Least of all would they walk through lances made out of bone-trance.

‘You’re all under a bone-trance.’

‘What is that?’

How?’

‘I think you contracted it by being bitten by a bone-man.’

‘And I think you’ve contracted a sanguine-board.’

‘How would that be gotten?’

‘It’s simply by being beheaded by a board, you’ve got no head yet you’re as alive as if you were bitten by a sanguine-creatures, yes.’

‘I see, for that reason I have no head.’

And neither of them were bored that day. For it seemed likely that they would eat glass, with the mouths that had replaced their toenails. And they were happily living in their peculiar spot, lighted by a single pint of emulated blood, coming out of a single vein-eater, a devourer being near. He made sounds, tightened around his throat as he was dragged and drenched in the most evil of spoils that had entered his head. Annoyed even by the desperation which castrated the highest crescent creations that were appalled as well as they had been pulled from the inner-world which was inside the carpet. Inside of it swoon a single man of ceramics of which canine-dynamic pointing beaked-fists pushed on and punched the walls. His features were benign, rid and worthless as his insides were empty but held a man, an urn-like prototype for the ones that stored their dead ancestors inside of him.

And prayed as they would to the carpet, his fists had finally generated what they could. Unable to be stopped any longer, not that they should be held by any means any longer, because this lack of peace was only but a sign.

He tore out his head, and left some cracks. The body of the filthy Negro fell through the carpet and entered him, a piece at a time, his gut being lacerated, dolefully being pushed through him until he had been unable to correct the mistake which was the dreadful pain. Felt by the Negro as he only pushed deeper inside of him and would remain. Close to his dead mind accessed by a fraction of a second he would not find it fair, the dread being accessed in the disquietude spent and eaten, worn out by the scum inside the ones that were there.

Too many of them had been pained by the loss of the diseased they shared.

As soon as the nigger had been pushed through the urn, despair had fallen unto all, they couldn’t handle nor too far, the absorption of disease which ate. Neither of which one would be fairly placed as if to count the shreds and eat ahead and share between one another much of the despair they felt. Unable to see and feel, they shared a tear for the beheaded one, the one who kept them company for the longest time.

‘Poor man, I see he him for what he is, desperate now in turn and broken.

Me thinks we should hold an eulogy for him.

Since he was the oldest after all, our father after some kind, comical in some way, as it seems, I wish there was a chance we could pull him.’

And let alone they had attempted, to direct and dissect from a body whose scent could not be. If it meant a fraction of him could still be redeem in part, they’d do it, not to leave themselves exposed for many, and least of all the leeches were plenty. Shared between each other, spare, and sappers or mind would eat and devour as well. Mind for the taking and bastardly they spoke.

‘I see the quietness, I hear its wronged, of days they see. We shall be, then, within reason, them.’

‘The ones?’

‘Indeed, the ones who shall open his body and dress in his skin and wear his bone and be infected as well by the bone-trance.’

‘But was I not cured of it?’

No, because it was no bone-trance, it was a bloodbath-bone-trance to begin with. It all made sense because you’re filled with blood and in order to activate it, you need both components, the bone and the blood.

Look inside of him.’

As soon as they tore the body open, they found no blood. Indeed, it was the reason for him not being affected by the bone-trance, it was because he had no blood to begin with.

In order to do it, one of them had to bleed in order to dance around his body as he became a fountain of blood only so they could dance around in the rain and cover themselves with as much blood as they could remain the color crimson.

‘I think I shall be the first one to offer.’

And therefore, he took out a knife and like the famed hara-kiri tradition, passed on as a ritual would, he stabbed himself. Truly he did, with no shame and without even happening to refrain himself from any kind of pain that might do him so. It was all so painful and it could only go so far as to slow him down. Because it ate his finger and he was only trying himself not to laugh.

Pain was cheerful, in general. Suicide is an act of glory that should be condemned as it was a true act of courage as opposed to abortion which is an act of cowardice. But that has been said and the child should be offered a chance to get back and boil the skin of the mother who’s attempted it. That would only be fair, for the afterlife is only brought as a pay-back for those who suffered themselves to be too bold when it wasn’t needed.

Dal

He had been the most humane, unearthed from what seemed to still draw away, from every turn and every turn, he wept. But he had lived alone and refused to understand. Why was it that he came around and why was he guarding himself, eternally in the shroud of sound?

It was confusion which drove his guts to speak in a bewildered fashion. And he had dreaded, if anything the advent of questions he would asked himself. For all the land was his, and it was plain to see that there was nothing and none would even hope to bring him back. Lain where he stood, planted where he shook.

He was well preserved for a man like him who had unnerved himself and dreaded coming forth to a jury-like formation of his own peer. Made long-before they stretched and reached him, in plains, clear to see as they were forlorn and wrapped around the stand, many of them appeared to share a certain resemblance to Dal, who, he himself was unable to count himself out no longer. Watched and peered, sneered upon as if his condescending manner brought nothing to them no more.

‘And no more shall I listen to you, as I was given nothing to look upon other than my work made by my ancestors.

I died, have I not.’

But nay they said and directed him to walk around and seek and beseech for something that would be plain to see and pushed around only so he could dread no long and witness forth. An ascension or the birth. Upon which he could not sound even more condescending than he had been. His will was only as strong as he had seemed, weak-limbed and weak of wrist.

Yet a man that was purely preserved, by the will of some unknown force; of which origin might not be contested upon, nor could there be a reason to ask. They masked nothing and would only beseech him to ask, the shroud of sounds were voices, he knew. Voiced by many, of birth, lost through; for a man, he was rather thoroughly plain in the head.

Wrapped everywhere around and unable to see himself no further than the few steps he’d taken.

‘We bid you to search a reason to live.

Not only have we been made to resemble you, but I suppose the farce of the malign, might be lost within a generation, thinned by your most repulsive whims.’

‘I will not take a break until I create something that’s perfect, as the mind of a child.’

‘Your innocence is lost, don’t break your back thinking, as you may never come to recreate what you have once conceived throughout your mind.’

With which he tried, and looked benign, he could not hold back whatever he had in mind. He had enough dirt, but could not use his hands, those things were too simple and they did not, would not feel right. They could not be gotten, picked aside, praised upon and upheld.

Inconsiderate, to say the least, he would not be appeased, although he was not concerned with what was going on around him. Brims around each edge, breaking, he remembered there, across one of the false-cliffs, whence the depths were fake and appeared to be flat upon approaching. From the distance one would see them push even deeper through what appeared to be a valley, until the almost incredulous illusion of a fall emerged.

Though upon drawing even closer than that, it was all too obvious that one could not witness himself, pox-bubbles floating on his mind, he was unable to think of anything else. For the same reason that he made it so far, standing in one place would be hard enough of its own, therefore the alternative. It was no land he was in.

But the fragment of a ship-yard in the body of a planetoid that had took part in the twist, where a part of the planet had completely abdicated to wronged filth-servants whom would not obey. Some would stay and satiate no hunger.

Somehow, by no mere explanation, he was still allowed to live.

On the fake-cliff there stood a machine. He expected it to look different, especially since the distance made wonders within his barely understood myopia mark.

Encrusted into what appeared to be hardened starch, he could not, for the likes of him understand. Somewhere in there, or anywhere there was a reason for the war that left this planet this way. From the chance of the plains to the broken shipyard where his heart remained perturbed if not in place. Beating with each second thoroughly stopped. He was being, if anything bled out, only to retreat in a more secluded wreckage, though not before having pulled the head off the machine and having brought it with him.

That was just as important.

He spoke with it, like he had done before. No response so far.

What he had done after was thoroughly peculiar.

He simply wrapped his arms around it and hugged the screen upon the display, there would be no light and no energy to make it work again. It almost made him weep. But he felt like listening to the humming of a song. Dal was depressed. This wasn't his home and this was not his friend.

He heard no sound and refused to stand erect upon both his feet. What he saw out there, would as well be nothing, it might as well be nothing more than a growing illusion, following the train of melted starch generated by the machine once the roots were pulled and thrown in part.

He would not dislike it, blue pendulum swings in the night. Waiting there for any other light than that. Of dots wide-spread, not many but a few. But how could this be? They bled the poor thing until it would not shine, in place, within three months, where he stood and cowered, with the single-head, powered by nothing but tears, a short-circuit shot between his brows.

A permanent scar, as far and as widely pushed around would lay.

A few miles away from where he stood, there seemed to be a small acreage-like foundation but only in depth and form, surrounded by the shapes of eighteen burned out into metal cutout-like forms of deformed men which were made out of skin and held one another within the reach of their hands as large pastel colors rang from the sky, dropping like bells. From the sinner-sides, which leapt every two or three of them alike in nature, there would be a man or two with empty heads, leaving the ones between them filled. With their small cranial capacities expanding and exceeding that of their peers until they looked flat no longer; although they would hold no brains, yet some insignificantly deformed curved-like similar featured animal-leftovers from the fusion between the many-legged insects with which they bred with. It was hard to see through their segments, yet their young were held in there.

More so, neither of them should be allowed to be looked into, for their roots only planted beneath the acreage until they formed inter-connected limb-wires that gave the impression of peculiar fragmented nets being there, held for the safety of their planted-in depths young. Many were worn out and were infested with past genetic codes and recessives alleles that would offer their offsprings most peculiar shapes. Not to mention the fact that in one distant generation, they would be united no longer. Since their union depended on the survival of their people, the future was still somewhat uncertain. And it could just not be, the filth through which they had to go through. All of the sacrificed made along the way, they would amount to nothing as well as the fact, being that there was no greater pain their kind could convey. It was hard felt and accepted, to think of it this way. They would be held together, never acting, never watching but feeling them rise through the help of weird pheromones, inconsistent with their nature. Through and through.

‘I can finally see it, my dear good friend, thank you for pointing everything out for me, otherwise, I think I would’ve missed it.’

And as such he was finally seeing things. After all this time, this was the first man who appeared from the distance, starting over the cloud of smoke-pus which rounded at each puff-like dome until it hardened all around. Many of the clouds were too hard to have been anything even closely resembling normal earthly formations, since they had the supreme need of stopping and folding atoms around them. Some looked extremely dark but they wore lightning bolts inside of them as well as everywhere around them. It could simply not be well enough, that every now and then, one would look like copper, iron or alloy as well as a human face, curved around. So many remnants of redistributed atoms appeared to be shaping and changing one another until they could no longer pry out.

It was all too clear that inside one of the cracked egg-shells like sharper, almost none-domed because of the oval pointers pushing out of them, that there were some proto-beings being conceived. Archetypes that were both solid and gaseous, as they were allowed to be so by the control of atoms the clouds forced upon them.

But it could not be so, that this connection also shot in the past, travelling through every shade and every time period where the atoms had been taken from, in turn. Many platforms and many men, all fell away and died.

Some gentleman of no due, woke up with a missing face which faded as soon as he spoke through it and lost his calm. He relaxed no longer and gave no explanation, no excerpt or any due. For what he felt was evil and evil-through. Only evil-thought in the sinew of sky would save him from the evil-die.

‘He was a man of evil which was punished.

The atoms of evil-men survive. It is all too clear that history has been written, made, contorted and carried through by those of utmost vile intentions.

Not to mention that without them and their will, there could be nothing held and witnessed passing through. One would have to account for them. Otherwise history would be dull instead.’

He only had to flicker a hand to prove it so. After all, he wore a knife in it and a young girl of fifteen was standing by him, of course it would be no loss. She was infertile after all, barely a woman, barely a child. Unnaturally benign and ripe for the life-taking.

‘Don’t worry my dear, I would much rather just give you a kiss, but I’m not going to.

Even though you are close to being in your prime, and beautiful at that, I can feel it inside of you. No life may be conceived, therefore you may as well be treated like the cripples and the darks. And may not be allowed to breathe or partake in the pleasantries our good folk may go through in doubt.

But enough of that, he could not wait, not take a swipe, as a part of the right side of his hip got turned into a mighty cloud within three knots. All banished through as he fell, between cracks of his ribs and skin, half of his body clouded, then within the pass of a few seconds, so had his chin and face.

Alas, the man was gone, while the girl ran with a knife lodged in her arm.

Walk forth, walk forth, walk forth and you are of no worth.

His saxophone emerged from behind, it dreaded erupting from inside his body but pushed and writhed out. There in the open, bleeding as the damned emerged, and sang his name in ancient tongues that were ripped from the insides of murmuring mummies that died before their times had come. In the corner, there were crooks and they could not help themselves but shook and in loss.

There was nothing more pleasant than seeing his kin. How they wasted away and how they’ve once been. Past the enclosed area where they only fought for morsels and lived as they may, one could not be able to look past what seemed to be they way.

Longer bridges, upon the top of where, many forts were underway, being built across what seemed to be shores, but there was no sea surrounding them anymore than there were creatures set in flight. Wrought before them, some in sight, but they would disappear before the morning even came to pass. And little by little could they realize that there was no way out. A sun never emerged with a light of hues. Instead, they seemed desperately lonely to find one within. For so many of them to have split meant that they knew something lay inside of them. Unordinary by the way they shook, but never bled, they understood.

It was hard to reason with anyone. Every step made it only too apparent.

Cut around each step, the throat pumped. He looked around and yelled, no doubt could ever push him through, many people on their way, sinew.

Dal appeased whichever deity could come around him. It wanted to waste no forth, appearing like a plain man wearing a robe with the only difference being the size and the fact that he walked through a transparent weaker guise.

He had tiny slippers on, it made him crumble with each step unless he could hold it at all. In, through and through, closer to him as he appeared to draw, he could not help it, least of all would he say something that might catch his eye. Pain was the defector, listening to no god he merged, with one of the drooping organs that hanged along the neck-curve.

‘He was watching.’

‘No, he was watching.’

‘He’s still watching.’

From the distance, he comes now.

His mind had been invaded by his command once their connection was established, placed on its way.

Dal still belonged to him. In this weird twist of fate and through whichever notion pushed his mind, as thin as his body, it was but a boot. But he had listened to the command as he shook.

And there shall be shrines set in his name, which shall prevent destruction as well. They shall see him as a symbol and beware. But it had to be held along the way, hidden before them.

For he was greeted by the Duke

A fluke of mind he did not intend, to look upon, Malt could not fathom looking ahead. For no direction would restrict his mind. His fingers were benign, shaking for the first time in a long period during his initial absence. Too many things did not fit.

Too many stationary-raised oblong structures, that’s as much as it took. Though they might be known no less and shattered, they looked wrong. They seemed to be made for someone sardonically left behind.

‘It’s hardened, the flood has hardened, I can see it already.’

My kingdom, long-since fell, into shards and pieces, spread as well.’

Crushed beneath his gaze and eyes, he knew, the least of all, he could not be blinded, nor could he look forth. He wanted to take no part and found himself of no worth any longer. Only a shade remained of what seemed to be the Duke. His entity was nothing, in this regard. Mocked by a flood made out of the face of Agamemnon, in heart, although scoundrelry was not something to be accounted for, he was surrounded, he could see it.

Even though they haven’t interacted, they were there as well, by whichever means one could tell. Many Suppressors chose to stand their ground, yet hidden from sight, as they would not approach him, the face, nor Malt, disgrace. Is what they felt after, never wanting, never spending their time; it was all too difficult, seeing how he would be even more in doubt.

There were weird twists and patterns that would sweep in, mixing in the scuffs across the first pole standing around each domed door. Near one and gotten, they almost forgot it and went ahead.

He could not handle seeing his kingdom fade. Thence it had appeared, akin to a tectonic plate, neared the one end whence the floor of the hideout was almost dragged across the doors and pulled below until it fell. Through the ground, closer as well to the ship, where they seeped in the bodies, through the abattoir and the butcher's graves; whereas he would stave his hand, the Duke remained in position, glancing. His stance never to be mixed with the rancid pucker, and fealty black-lotus pouches of black pus, of their sub-humanity drawn and colored but neared an end, alas. Thence Agamemnon spake, and he had swelled his body ached. For it was not him, nor they, as they could not have remained in a place out of their need to see and better move where the sea was solid, walked upon.

Nearing doubt, as well as the wickedness of malignantly lost shouts crowned them.

'I shall never let you reach that plain where we have promise your kind to be. Walk upon and be at a loss. We shall cast you in the oblivion you have made your biddings on. '

'But let us be clear on something first. We must not fail to come upon an accord. Plain though it may be, I see no reason to not see him through.

He needs to be given a single slight and a shimmer of hope that would take him down a notch.

Return to a side, there, in the benign. On a single platform you may rise upon and walk and do as you please until there's nothing begotten through.

Pleased or not, I should not be surprised if you would not pay no heed to the signs. We left behind the headless and the blind. Feed on them and take them back, claim your servants and we shall think about. '

'A kingdom rising, all for you.'

'Did you hear that Duke? I think they've made you an offer.'

Malt said as he had stuck It through, as to him, both in place. Though the ground had been cracked and lead downwardly towards the usurped side of the ground where they might sit and stay their hands, never asking, yet convey. And pushing through as if to say.

'Follow me through, oh Duke, follow me through, down there, where we shall stray.

Let's see what he's given you, just so I may be on my way and seek the man that had escaped.'

As not even after all this time could he forget, that one man who almost took what he had looked for granted, and stolen from him, his heart, enacted. Through the fealty of no loss, though sparingly he did lost his temper, he walked ahead.

'Stray your arms and do not look the other way around.'

The means in which the creature which grated their path was nothing but an illusionary, unfashionable manner, the circumstances not being discussed; as the being itself was disgustingly unsanitary, dirty, gritty, made of scum. Looked as likely as to have been bitten off, by visible chunks of rabies swollen, an unsparingly broken around the collar bones, dead throngs and other wrongs that kept him be.

It was necessary to open up his eyes to see that this giant was half-armored by a suit made for the preservation of the diseased, distressed, a human that was a mess, though globular and tainted, like a solid malignant pool of waste, embraced upon, part of him-the pillar of scum, Agamemnon's face on his shoulders and arms. While the creature somewhat preserved a humanoid side, not to abide too dreadfully the blind gaze left little to the parts of him melting by.

A suit of dead robes of skin appeased the sky as they could be seen in forms of clouds. Many of them were dressing leaves that flowed through and covered the buildings that made the crested roofs, hidden beyond they gazeless eyes. Though they could not see it, that was felt. More so than it was necessary to dissect each step and see themselves erected upon a pillar, lay ahead.

'I was told I was to greet you and lead you to the ship.

Down there I shall make sure you shall be pleasantly escorted to the main-board which shall be used to drag the bunkers towards the other side of the world, enter through a cosmic-haze as we make our way to a reality that's closer to the maze which had become. The Duke's labyrinthian flooded kingdom in its prime.'

To which they nodded and waited, for no simple explanation could be gotten off. Rightly so, not through their back, they were basing their knowledge but could not understand what kept either of them back.

'We should establish something here then.'

'What would that be?'

'A chain of command, that's clear. I think we can see one another, eye-to eye, though I may have some difficulty setting aside the fact that you're in my house. I mean outside of it, but you know what I mean.

Each and everyone one of you intruded in my mind and I think I had it just enough with all of you.'

'Yet you've no right to complain about what's been going through down there. That is more or less your fault as well.'

As the fact, though they looked down upon what they've done, this was nothing but a common ground they seemed to meet at. A mid-point, the broken joints, the fact that he felt himself empty and never brought to the justice his heart had felt, long-past, way long.

'I think we both know you're not the same man as you used to be.'

'That's irrelevant now. I've taken his place and I am far better than he's ever been.

I have brought control over everything.'

Yet this Malt could feel it slipping away, as hardened as he claimed himself to be, it was far too difficult for him to see a way out.

'We should keep us to ourselves where lay. Beneath their corners an in the depths, from what I've seen, there's little hope of finding a survivor here.

You should know and have been made aware of what's down there.'

'And how would you know what to expect? Was it not I who took control to this disgraced hole and made order out of it?

This ship is just as plainly still mine just like everything else is. It's rather clear who's still in control but I shall say as little and shall do no more than it pleases me.'

'Your heart has darkened, but I am not in the rightful place to speak of it still. I think you've come to understand the debauchery which happened on my side.

Know that we are not inside the ship beneath your hideout, but rather.

Inside the pool, underneath my kingdom, though it may not look so.'

To him, still yet, the walls were formed as to fit it, as they both could see it manifest. And it was dreadful in some way, being there for this long, as they could not focus yonder and least of all understand what was going on. And filth was uncannily strident but sharp, yet it could be penetrated through as if it didn't matter at all. Nor would it come to be.

He knew much better than to see and be forlorn.

An important thing had to be spoken off before it could recede.

It was an old belief which was lost, with the defilement and disablement of the heads inside their death-chamber, in the station or in the pipes, where they might be or lay, wherever their hearts might be, along the way or not. It had been brought to someone's attention, to pray upon uncanny waves and let alone would they know of what the inscription said.

For it was missed with blood and the chamber was still, and it would still be stilled inside its tightness when the two fat-guards came to drag the man out of it, somewhere, underneath one of the slabs, those curved along, it was written, alas.

His personal belief, which could only seep and seem to be the same, though unknowingly real, despite what it claimed:

'A man is not the same, for he will always be replaced upon growth. And then he dies, inside and he's replaced, by someone of the same looks who thinks the same, inherits his will, nonetheless and carries on where he left.'

And that was as much as it could go, that the belief, though it wasn't spoke off, carried this mark. His name and lass, and memories of home and those of old, for he was the person to inherit this much, for every amount of malice and change and everything that had remained of the original man.

That was who he was. Alas, it could only be cast and thrown, along the way like every memory that shone. In plains and wonder, whichever man the strongest, regardless of who came there, and whoever pushed through ill and unaware, they had to make sense of it all.

And the predecessors whose will shall stall him, couldn't be but one forgotten.

There in a chamber of dark, darker still than the one he was locked in.

Pulled behind by many others.

Much precise, he'd be a man, like all of them, holding to the other as well. Questioning what they had done, with each other's legacies, now that they were all gone. Progress being stumped, and change being as frightening as it were, many of them would come to realize that they were unaware of the disgraceful thing and the fear they felt on a whim. It was just too much to take. Some would want to lose the grip and fall out of the room, as they hang and shook only to the lamp on the ceiling, trying not to fall in an abyss. And they feared even more, as they were him, each man whose memories they shared, who wonderingly wanted to bring back the next comer that they lived as well as the others.

And none wanted to let the grip out of fear. Who would want to do so, as to be forgotten? Unable to realize that things could be much worse and their heart battered, that, alone, that was too much. Mainly so and likely to be impossible to deal with or to cope with; below them, death was a chasm. It was nothing but another masked thing, a hole in the dark, a proton sphere than disabled all. Whatever it was called was in itself irrelevant. As one would not want as much, they could not deal with the stance of death.

Rather than die with their memories they had to check.

'Everyone stand and cling, don't leave the grip. Though much changed, and we're contradictorily, I alone am not willing to give up on the past.

I may not be as great as others claim, my inspirations for thoughts remain in the past and evenly refrained, for all to see and many to be, for the likes of me, I cannot give up on any of you.'

'Then let others in the real world fall to woe.'

'But fool, no one shall ever know what we've been talking for.

All this time and we face the risk, that so many of what we speak might be lost on a whim of time.

For, is it not cruel? Can it be defined? What of it?

If I may not speak my mind, I fear like everyone of you, that we might disappear if we let our emotions through.

Know that we're not great, but it's our chance.

Eventually we shall be forgotten and abandoned, but with the least amount of hope we could save as many of our own to make it in time.'

'Leave it be then and make it so.

We have to fight harder in order to preserve our minds in the same way they were so.'

So much they feared and even less than it was neared, they were unable to make out, for sight or of delight, what might happen if they fell. They were distancing yet again. Farther through and even farther, the deeper they went and the hindrance had livened. It was difficult.

For the ones that had arrived forgot more and more of the past and that was the only thing he cherished most, of all of them, for better or worse. It was the act of memories, and everything of past woes. Regardless of how mean and pitiful and worrisome they were, it was the most dreadful thing of all, to forget. Of all the vile things of evil and deeds that would bring much upheaval, of all the sadness, fury one had felt, of all the awful things and realizations one had lived through as well, time forgave, but memory would fade. Eventually but time, and all those past delights would take him be. But here, in some way, most would live.

Regardless how pitiful, regardless of the shame, they had to live through him much heeded, or else everything else might fade; some things were rather pitiful and meaningless if they were lost. But most of them would be forgiven, if somewhere along the way, came at a cost.

And they had thrust forth, despite the fact that their arms tired. Wouldn't mind it, for a fraction of attire and how silly some of them looked. But they were not dead and were far from giving in now, as they would keep a fraction of themselves on whim.

But Malt couldn't have known of that, nor would he bother to think it other than a mere thought. He had his world and the mystery in front of him, that reinforced everything he had.

If memories were stored in patterns, if behavior were to be replicated, that way they could be grouped. And once grouped, there'd be no chance for any to forget or miss his chance as well as find a loop, only to devour each neuron and each strike. In order to reinforce it, one would have to act the same way through a similar even, or otherwise, he would stand the chance to forget and mind himself as to be replaced by someone who's totally uncanny. Regardless of shame, the vile, or things that would defile, elation, he would have to carry on this way. That is but how a man is built, and once he knows and once he realized who he is and once he's done, there's no chance for redemption, or mischance of light. He has to live up to what he's claimed himself to be, or else he is no man at all.

And past cruelties would not erase, nor would they shame him for any shade. It's his path in life, his past and future. He might be forgiven or shamed. But the outcome of his actions is irrelevant as much as he would fight in vein.

Therefore they walked in silence, but for a little while.

The Duke unknowingly didn't watch, nor wondered why he was as silent, nor as salient as he claimed to be. It was hard and getting harder, yet to push through, all those fading yet to be moments. Everything he's thought, hauntingly stored. It was a hard reflection of who he was now and even the Duke, of all could see who he was and what for.

The man was no longer young. He had grown an unfashionable looking beard and looked as if he would not fit. He was uncannily out of place there, but his life had taken something from him. IT was pitiful, what he was trying to achieve. And how long after he's tried his hands in, for every step was worse than the last one. Every push and every sole a hard reminder, he was no longer who he claimed, nor did he look like any kind of survivor. It could not be poetic in any way, since he didn't know either what his lfie had been before he even opened his mouth and said a thing.

There was much to spare, in some sense.

No one would understand it, in any case, since it was highly contextual, a thing that didn't matter as long as one were desperate enough to try that.

Memory was meaningless for someone who spent so much time inside, locked inside his chamber and left to replace every moment and every kind of long-past lived event with the time. And time endlessly spent there, with nothing to look after and lived through a nest of mental ill. It could not be quantified how horrible it would sound, trying to come about with anything other than what seemed to be the clueless walls. Of many whom would not speak about, nor hear, nor share. Though some would listen, others paled. It could never compare, regardless of word or composition, no mind and no allusion to the thing that was life, living for a short amount of time compared to nothing else.

At least nothing uncanny and no kind of blind desperation, man could not become machine. Despite how soulless he would seem, there was as much as he would look through. For every experience gone and the see-through.

Twas' the reason for which the unit could not, in the end, for the sake of it understand why the head lopped, every single time fading, being brought and much replaced. It was just that. He was nothing if he didn't try. Standing inside the chamber, waiting to die meant nothing, it was pitiful, despite all distraction. And many time and once attractions when he appeared, trying to arose, a single emotion, the elation he would seem to bring, which rose.

But he was not them any longer and he would not think of anything yet.

It didn't matter what memories got replaced now, since he inherited none of their past and would only look to dominate, that which came at last.

Forest in the Enclave

They were making clicking noises while underway. Underwhelmed, the two of them couldn't convey the slightest and aged. A slight taste of murky wine in the water, upon the deluge, close upon, to it, there gathered a few Patron-Masters.

Lankly and Seke could not wait. Why would they put their hands together when they could not satiate the slightest hint of hunger, underwhelmed and almost pulled behind, almost drowned evenly, it could only go two ways, here or there on out.

Fruitless, the urns were poached. They were only vibrating when touched, emerged.

A city could not be set on the rails for too long, it was too unnecessary for them to admit that they were not made to last in there, unaware of the conditions, there.

Came a man out of one of the distant rummaged through tent-houses, long and stark and strongly set aside near the other built homes. One would have to humble himself in order to take away something from their customs, hardly dealt-with.

‘Why, so forlorn, I see that there’s a reason you were here for.’

Said the man wielding a knife, as it was bluntly turned around, right below his waist, encouraged to look upon it, he almost wailed. There were too many things that almost seemed too cruel. A fuel for the thought, a knife was brandished after that.

Another one pulled after, a trick, to which he seemed to have captured the attention of everyone standing inside. He was out there despite the common-movement he leaped through behind. Every moment was spent trying to figure it out in some way. How did he keep the balance his fingers refused to push through him and stay?

Various practices have not been spoken off for various reasons. Most of them would or would not appear to keep up with the fact that many of them were still practiced even to this day in secret. Mostly so, or thrown around for each cavern and every point where they would be heard and lessened to would be, most likely inconsistent with the fornication of their needles. Since they appeared to induce nothing more than their effect and the thing which most conclusively broke them; to put this point precisely on a single location, one would have to take the youth, a young athletic person in good health.

He would have to be pushed past his extremely condensed limit through which his body appeared only to be drawing the air out of itself in the small attached bags at the end of each nettling-needle. Whatever point entered him would not mattered. He was the tool of his own pain, enabled by nothing more than the needle-bags.

The needle-bags were crafted directly in the honor of the Goliaths, of which descent appeared to leave no line that might be traceable to their distant ancestors. Regardless of it, these needle-bags were fashioned in a way through which they would resemble them, and most importantly they mutated in forming multiple heads at once. All of those only grew on top of one another and pushed in until they had finally let go of their long-protrusions which went through. And many were only dreading the substances in which they bred.

Many of the bags were already looking flat, deflated and pushed only through their racked smaller pin-line push-through, smaller pints, smaller, much smaller than expected. They were the protrusions of their mouths. Everywhere across the mouths, it was important to know.

Somewhere in the wild, the Goliaths finally grew. No longer kept under control, they started growing until they appeared to look as if they had been ripped apart by force and torn. Various marks could be seen, all too tainted and purple, around which bone-like eyes started spreading their mouth roundedly in a fashion, pulling everything into smaller rations only to eat themselves to death. The natural state only leads to death. It is for that reason that guturous-noises could be found just about in every placed. Too bastardly, in a disgraceful manner which added to the organic contribution of the forest they ended up being struck in. Despite common belief, they would not reside in high-nests, or wild peaks.

It was another important distinction which nodded at their inability to think.

Filthy, unnatural creatures, as much as they were, it was way too late for any of the ones that were freed to recover.

Regardless of it, that could not change the outcome of the bags. For what was worth, they forced his bony-body, as it had become after the long usage of self-inflicted insertions, to draw large amounts of blood, and perform a pendulum-like transfusion which mixed up his guts inside. Shot in the back as his bone matter, organs and the entire structural anatomical form he bore would start condensing into smaller points. From each and every single one, shot inside the wall, he finally had his chest swollen, emptily forlorn. Split in many bits and pulled through. He would have to survive for long to see, that out of him nothing but his inside-needles lay, with the bags fully formed, bloated and finally, the look-a-likes of the Goliaths in their fully bastardly gloves. Of warmth, inside their chests, many faces of their own, nothing more than long-lost gore. From everywhere and every point, when they would have to erect themselves, it was pointless to look ahead.

This practice had to have been lost, instead.

There was another, he walked with sin. His face was pallid and he was thinned out, with every single one of his guts being torn out, or so he looked like, until one had come to realize that he was no man. And each tube-like stomach-form, which pushed on appeared to grow everywhere until it could not be held in place. They were only so fat as their meat distribution allowed. Otherwise, none else might suffice.

He would not be sacrificed. He was a tool with no legs, dragged away once the meat pulled everything in him, conveyed. By the back, there appeared to be horns, but they were not made out of ivory or any similar manner and most importantly, they were not his. Instead, they appeared to be completely inverted, attached to his back, inside of them, there were heads. Alike to his as well as the predecessors upon the filth of which they drew behind off, leaving their bodies to slowly grow and overlap their features as they not only united but also took the form of the insides of the horn they stood in. Deeply-bit and sucked dry of the filth through which they bit the lip out of; to be more precise about it:

Inside they looked like wax-faces, with more wax being poured from the empty holes that were bore inside their necks. Their precise placement in that tight spot, and the direction against which they were being pointed at appeared to dictate whichever of their facial feature would be completely assimilated and whichever, in the other case would be preserved. At least until the point where, upon the closing in of the space of the form, slightly flattened or hurt, leaving just as much to be held upon.

If the horn were to be placed upon its flat end, where it appeared like it had been pulled from on top of a giant mid-scalp region revolving around the forehead, pointing with the tip towards the mid-afternoon sun, the heads would be stacked on top of one another in a perfectly pole-like formation, with a slight gap at the top. Then, as the horn would be lowered down slowly, the heads would start falling over, blocking the duct as they would only leave a wider gap between the last stuck-together heads and the tip of the horn.

Tiny hairs also connected the heads with the horn, being fed through them, although the slimy holes around their faces and heads could not be seen by clear eyes. The horns were megalithic in size, or close to being so. The substance which poured through their throats, out of their heads and through everything else was some kind of sponge. Leaving various times, minutes as much as second of waiting, or stretching

as much as hours at a time, during a time where they would not allow one another a better time to spread through, only to withdraw back into their throats.

When it happened, most of the facial features which had been assimilated would be replaced by new ones, or older ones, depending on various factors. One of those factors was correlated with the aggression the man displayed, as he, unlike no other man could only show as much. His pain and hatred, those displays appeared to influence the organic-cells they were being fed with. His anger appeared to subdue them ever so slightly until they shaped themselves like their host, in order to avoid any kind of laceration or chance of retaliation if discovered. Yet, with all that, they were still not native to the horns they inhabited. Instead, the horns were nothing other than living shells, often used for that purpose. Since at the tip of their pointy ends, the material had become as weak as to be purposefully and completely broken through, cracked, smashed with the ease of a child's prudently pushed-through fingers.

And the strange creature only did as it would do, draw in the fat, then push out, yet never through its back.

Pain would not dissolve any of it.

Trying to find such creatures, the specific specimens of their kinds was as hard and unreasonable as it originally seemed to be. There was no way to put it, other than to admit that they were hard to reach, especially since this happened out. Much of their presence being rather set, in-doubt, when one has to ask about it, they would not discern the creature's location; more so it was being followed by unseen eyes at any time. Whence they would appear, nearing some kind of crossing between the two of them, stood so.

They were not murderers, not warlocks of any kind, but appeared to share some countenance between the two of them, which was only shared in the feeling they had in mind. A gluttony of broken knees, both of them shared it, for, over a few more days, in which this was spoken of, and buried through, it was obvious, they were nymphomaniacs, satyrs of their kind, but wore the faces of women, cut and swollen, drawn from around, their scent bringing arousal, the women were alive.

They were acting like harpies; as all women of their tribes would happen to wrap themselves any man and take him down.

Some of them had been impurely woven all around their bodiless odors. He remembered precisely when this happened. Though it seemed like it would be a distant event otherwise; first a break before anything could be done with, before he could finally walk and dance and call upon the forced of the wing that seeped inside the bloody pools and fashion all that would be accounted past the coolness of a broken wind.

Where did they live?

Of their primitive ways and of their susceptibility to pain, ever-so much was documented, somewhere in the wild-trench woods they hid inside the primordially set jellies. Those who had encased them boldly, and they were wreathing their bodies threw. And they would throw their springs away and hide in shame, for a woman's beauty faded just as soon as she would be on her way, bashed with a rock, a head that's been cracked and abandoned down a dugout.

There were smaller things he lived on. Shorter on the touch, wretched in disgust and looks, that was something he failed to understand.

Need to build something, he thought. I have to wrap my hands around them. Couldn't make a word that was pressed in his forehead; the sun was yet to rise. A few platforms lead to his demise, and for that alone, they were gone, off the chains, a band of criminals that were only holding the slimiest lances. Most of who were drenched in stench. A few snails round his neck, the throaty fellow was still to kill a man in cold blood. Others were like him while some still yearned to open one up. He was brought upon a wild morass. Upon a hold they rounded up one of the strange passers.

Since he was ill, and better still. He stood and made no sound, thinking they would move on. With the exception of him being wildly surrounded, enacted and retreading soon, unable to swoon and lay upon the monsoon that was the weather.

It was horrendous; he was impolite of all men. Of the wretchedness he displayed they knew naught. Of what was brought to knee and yonder. And all the fealty which was stronger. A man, a prude, had come to thee and he had begged for mercy, to be thoroughly denied. He was fashioned like a bone-of man. Thinner still than a dog's yell.

Beaten atop his head, then asked.

'What of old fools that don't last winter's grasps, and of summer's heat the furnace, the age of gray after?'

'I only want to look for a way back; I want to return to my flock of sheep like my ancestor, the Sheppard.'

But he was flogged at the back of his head and there, in a matter of seconds, many crows and raves and birds of dark, they appeared in dread and felt his body as he rocked the sides, or rocky depths, in the river he had pushed through, of the dead. They tried to pull him, and mask the fear they might seethe. It was dreadful, how abandoned this morass felt, now that they have killed the only man.'

'He was bound to die across the path, stray your tears, we weren't made for that.'

'But what if you're wrong about it?'

'What if then?'

Why live for a few more hours? A few years pass. And what of his dreams, a shepherd, when he cannot even claim his stance, oh, but what is this?'

He looked back, turned around by the bloody pool from which he came out of. Dead birds attached to his extending throat, and many legs were joined and pushed forth, sitting on top of the water like a spider, an arachnid in looks. Though he only floated on the contaminated coagulated blood he had crafted himself a pillar on top of, he walked and formed a bridge as soon. As his nostrils felt the blood, he started eating the crows, some of the ravens and spat them out.

'Too tender, I need my meat raw but this is too raw.'

I think I ought to settle with all of you now.'

Instead of begging, he only wanted peace. And cut of many swoons and many. Ask and it shall be given, a pucker blossom made of skin-fragments floated in the distance. They knew naught and could not understand what was going on, thenceforth, they chose disease, distressed as many would feel displeased. But they also grouped up and formed a large, in-cut circle, readying themselves for any kind of fight that might be needed. Otherwise there would be no hope, let alone, choose as they may, the trees had provided the ropes.

‘Lichen-hardened, ropes in the morass.

I think we’re being preyed upon.’

‘I think there’s only one way to settle down.’

Now, listen thee into distance from which arose, a man of no worth with a title that should be worn out, with little of his mind spoken off, afflicted. He walked in perilous way and pushed past their lays, up-strung through the desert, meeting the man whose stolen piece of meat-face shone. Upon the arid sun woven, he asked for something else and more.

‘I wish we had the chance to spar.’

‘There’s no time for that, I’m reaching around.

I need your help, the desert hides them and I may never reach them on my own.’

‘Then I shall join you and be plain.’

‘You’ll see no gratitude if you remain, such is the way here.’

‘I’ve no doubt so far.’

The forest was wicked nonetheless, way before the desert ended, past its stretch and never-trenched. It only pushed around and followed dead in the pass the making, little doubt to its renown, the fore ate what it could gnaw on. It was all fair in touch, the deranged only watched and wondered what went on.

Glory to Mongol

He’s failed once, why would it be different now?

There was no point in thinking about it, or why they were still in town. Not after everything that’s been going on for so far.

He was gifted one thing, one chance to turn around and leave, to reappear again in the other head, where the other neck held him still.

Agamemnon’s mercy was nothing but a slight sign, that he wanted Mongol to have peace of mind.

‘Leave, stumble, you’re given this chance that you may return to them before I may see the.’

For he felt it, in the same way he would look upon a child going along the way.

One push wasn’t enough to bring them together. Though it felt tender nonetheless; it’s been a while, going through the pointlessness of filth, through the destroyed fields. Through lost generations and through every single moment of frustration.

But with each crawl, he started leaving the shell and came upon the same body he had once held, Mongol crawled again.

This may not have been the place, but. He felt like it, the only true child of Agamemnon. That only begged of him to be pushed around and driven in the ground, he could not help it, ever since he was surrounded by them. It was dreadful, seeing them watch. Going along each corner of the eye, barely formed and in the air, benign, never beating, never showing signs that they were still living, yet they were there. Unaware of anything that might bring harm, upon their coronation of the vile ground upon the likes of which he walked. It was thoroughly furthered in, with every building, by the time he was out, being pushed in. Dreadfully swollen and sunken to no charm, he would eat his gut if he had to, for he felt nothing that might bring them back.

Not that way, since the way they were treated was of an utmost malignant manner. Stolen heads would not emerge, there was no saying whether or not they were still dead. But it was clear, as he neared that they were not even set in flight. Merely static as if the ground was well beyond his head but it was covered in light, blindingly setting him below it. Dragging along but never knowing, just what he wanted him to say.

If there was something to be said about him or the ones whom had once surrounded him, it was the fact that they were all too different, in some way. Out of it, despite their in-shared looks and practicability of look-a-likeness, upon being closely looked upon for a long enough period of time, one would start seeing something close to nigh-distinguishable features not meant to be seen by the untrained eye. It was, in some way, clear where those features stroke. For each rounded part of the face, of whichever side lead to the phrenology it bore, there was that humane counterpart that was not scraped off entirely. And to that, they added, those others, features that would be lost, at the cost of them acting as they might, not like human, unlike animals, but bending towards a similar sophistry that made them who they were.

Cherms was one of the ones in the distance, standing at one of the edges near a lost platform that has been disjointed from the rest of the town. It was unclear whether or not he was there for a reason or he got abandoned. Caught about his head, meaninglessly strapped, or close to it, in the same place.

Mongol had arrived there. Although he was a split with a dead-head, which was torn upon and sutured as he could not have gone through with this new toy he would push through and throw it everywhere around. It was too plain that he could not search and see the ground for nothing else and none other.

He had to be flogged at the back of his head with a single thin stripped handle with many nails, repeatedly done.

Mongol, of whom body wasted, in one and upturned way, he buried his heart somewhere else as he found himself eating along some upturned heedless pouch that kept him breathing. Seeing how he worked out there.

And all of the sudden, one of his fellow creatures made of scum, he came along and greeted him. Although his head was flat as if pushed down by a tire-iron, he smirked with bifurcated teeth.

Mongol slept on the floor, it was cold but he was a bold creature. After all, he left his house.

And the dreams he wore were real because they were interconnected with long, antennae-like veins Agamemnon had brought from space and pushed through his skull in the same way syringes would be pushed through, feeding him with direct watching's, that by the time they would reach his mind, they would long be gone and recorded.

There was the sight of a stalkerish thing. He was pushed through to weep. More often than not, it was obviously brought to each of their attention that the square region on which they stood was still connected to their lower side of bodies which they themselves were rather, somewhat inorganic, or looked like dust-particles that were drawn inside a vacuum cleaner that formed the illusion that they were actually moving bodies of skin that still remained attached despite there being a senseless thing.

But the dream stopped and Mongol was there and he had a good look at a goo-like formed head that was part of the chest that was attached to the floor, from which the top of was nothing but a giant-fattened violin-like string that pushed ahead and revealed father heads. Torture chambers, these were torture chambers.

From the string there came holes and the holes started pushing almost nigh-evaporating children's eye-hole forms that were small enough to reveal that they had signs of rupture and inside of them there had been micro-connections that had build elated leg-eaters.

And as the door opened a majestic looking creature whose body almost looked like fat bottled-butterfly opened its many trunks as they began eating from their backs and strapped many head-anchors dragging it down.

For lore and song ripped its head off. It heard the music of the underground bands as it pushed out and breathed through lard.

Mongol turned around and saw a wall that was out of place. Which started pushing out legs and arms from each of the four sides that were surrounding it, which appeared to be kept at a distance of a few centimeters by a few worm-like foundational fat lumps that pumped meat inside of them and made the limbs even fatter, as it happened for the wall to stand still for too long, it suddenly started rotating and swiftly pushing around until it could not even hope to remain into one piece. Since it was uglily-textured, and it looked like rust if rust was organic put on a crisscrossed pattern of large squares that were blue, red, yellow and blue, but mixed together and where they mixed tiny bloated boils appeared to make bot-fly like heads that pushed forth, grew, flaccidly curving down at the middle as meat would once put through a grinder.

And they would constantly be pushed up and lop down, then back up and then down.

Hold him still and hold him still, he told him in his mind as they pierced the ground and wakened the sleeping danger. Death approached and Mongol could not behold the walls spinning for long.

‘There’s a problem with the morsel.’

Somewhere past the Isles, it was far enough and brimming with some scum, in plains. Though they would be unable to remain and train their thought, of plain to see and brims, there hardened. The morsel came after, during nights, when dreams had shrouded of the slim delights that shared. Many of which had remained, and the morsel was but one of the one that lain in air, to be fattened as the pikes pushed through it, and set aside. There it stood, unable to breathe, for the organs that were missing were digested on a whim.

‘Who brings him forth and why had it taken but a light of itself during a day where we may lay in caverns?’

Each saying was to be distrusted, they were, much to their likings, so and so, less disgusted by what happened there. For every plain and ever-said, they ate the chow and left it begging. Ever dissipating in a scum, in a point of smoldering where their birth-sacks were planted, as it became part of their growing shroud.

‘It shall keep them around and fill them with warmth, what is the matter then if we won’t lose, for what is worth, that of ours.’

‘Search for none, I see no point to be gone yet. It wants us to beg for our kin.’

As simple as it seemed they could simply not abandon them when needed, poor in mind and after getting, harder to be touched upon, in yearn for desperation.

In the morsel lay a name. Of no ailment lay in vein, insidious as it were, through it one would concur that someone had carved the name of Gormon. But there was no one yet around who claim it, nor could they see nor be, even in the desperate utmost benign known of what is spoke, defiler. He was not made out of a piece, nor should one mind him.

For the little morsel was indeed brought, from another dimension, made to look part. Despite this shift in form, it was no morsel, but a butcher’s insides worsened by the likes. Once made to look through its insides, one would see that peculiarity which drove its head to look down in roves and feel the blood coursing through the veins of one who felt them, upon relapse. Though maddeningly they could not be brought into question, those who ate in desperation fading, all alone, servants came, descending from their breederries, to see this strange morsel look-a-like descend towards a much bitter height, and grow in eight directions. First for as in a cross, the others complimenting the edges as they pushed out, wreathing as they twisted as in horns; but plenty of liquids pushed out of them and fell upon dead ears, forth. Many Secludes came on, and they twisted their heads and waited to be done. Inside of their ear-drums, a radical growth had pushed through, flowering through the sinew of an accosted bottle-neck of bitter due, called in time the blocks of meat they formed just floated and entered the odorous hills in the distance, only to show, how hollow they were inside and all the fakeness of their stone and dirt was to be gone as soon as they entered in contact.

But the Morsel grew and attached itself, to their highest towering formations upon which for many years they would stand upon and see it change. It was the mere formation that could only be kept and spoken to. Through and through, only to get it when needed and forced to be done, gone after years of hardly wrought survival, fading, their bodies were left only with the least amount of power just as they were left with shrouds of cowering wounds. They formed huts of their own, malignant stones and shells, surrounded by the dark coast one could not tell when to step on it and whether or not it was the sea or just some dark floor for them to be in.

Often times they walked on it, and that seemed but like a sea-carpet, while on occasion one would fall and almost drown with no direction, no reaction.

No reaction, no reaction.

No reaction, it made no reaction. It made no reaction.

Why did it make no reaction?

No reaction, it made no reaction?

It stood in the puddle and made no reaction.

A piece of flapping meat, as it was once in the distance before a group of the utmost Secludes came forth and started looking at it. The wingspan was of a depth of eighteen centimeters and it looked like it had been flapping out there for hours before the group stumbled onto it.

And all of the sudden, it stood and waited.

No reaction, it made no reaction. It was reactionless, frictionless even, it couldn't be moved. One of the Secluded only pushed a tail in and wanted to make it so they were extremely deformed.

As opposed to the other lesser Mongols, these Secluded were almost caught nigh-into the split. They had almost grown second heads and longer bodies but the sudden change stopped once Agamemnon turned him around and managed to revert this change.

It didn't matter as much any longer, since they were mere tools that were being used to drone about and butt into things, like this meat.

Still no reaction, it was supposed to move. Why didn't it move when they came near it? Was it shy?

Could it be that the piece of meat was shy? Could a piece of meat even feel shyness?

'How about we recede into a hole and pretend we're not looking at it? We could bait it.'

As they should, they walked back and started feeding into their bizarre notions of how one should act and in whichever such fashion.

At the very least the streets were clean.

It was a rude, seeing how the hotel didn't disappear on command. As a matter of fact, it should've done so when someone came out of their way and pushed on. Writing backwardly on poured through glasses.

A sole man had come, the torso of an arachnid only having flown out of one of the highest peaked windows that lay there.

Judging from the side, from where they stood, with everything picked aside, it only seemed like, strange. But the hotel looked closer to ancient gothic castle whose bodily architectural prowess and form had been, if anything morphed into that creature of little worth and little regard and the madness which kept it alive being nothing but starved now. It begged for mercy but there were none around to please its filth attempt.

Gourney took a few steps back. Gwen accompanied him with little in mind.

They were indefinitely stopped, perpetually trying to find a reason to emulate a stay. But their feet wanted to return, their minds conveying nothing but where they might lay.

‘What an awful thing, isn't it? ‘

‘That kid over there? He's awfully lonely isn't he?’

The engineer would not partake in their discussion.

Gourney was the first to approach him, but only in a non-distilled manner. He was raw, angsty-looking, salty in some way. He smiled, turning around and waving back at Gwen. Before she could react, he turned around, faced the side-walked, then punched the kid in his gut, making sure that this time around he turned even more slowly than before. His grin hadn't changed, but there was that slight hint of anger in his throat as he said it.

‘It's all going well here, don't worry about us. We'll be fine.’

His accent slightly changed, as did his manner of speech. It felt as if he spoke in the same manner a man would after considering leaving a message on a telephone, barring his mind with every sentence as he knew someone was behind the line, listening at every step of the way. It was pleasant, as petty as it seemed, satisfyingly so.

His eyes turned a shade grayed just then.

But she didn't mind it for the same reason she felt neutral. Her mind felt as if it turned off while he did it. After all, it wasn't her child and since Eruphaer hadn't said anything, she simply did not know how to react to it on her own.

‘Right, I think we should join him.’

‘I don't feel like it. He's touched that child already.’

Let him do whatever he has to do until he's done.’

‘You can’t be serious about it?’

‘Are we going to wait for him to beat him up?’

‘What do you mean by us?’

She didn’t go through with it, but Gourney did. He leaned forward, pushed the kid on his back then started stomping him in front of them. Still no reaction or no attempt to stop him yet.

‘Where is my servant?’

‘Why is there a head on your table, master?’

‘It’s not as if I’m responsible for it. But I suppose I couldn’t have foreseen it, could I?’

‘Tell me master, word for word, how has a single head managed to lopsidedly scramble its sides all across the table?’

‘Polloc, do you see that hole in the ceiling?’

‘That missing large part that feels as if a giant finger pushed through it?’

‘I suppose I do, sir, but I don’t understand how the rest of it could be explained.’

‘Simple, I’m going to have you flogged unless you shut your mouth.’

He immediately simpered down and stopped acting like a simian in heat. He was definitely not going to make it, especially since they were eating his nails, gnawing at them from time to time until the tiny specks of flea-like syndicate of evil insects stopped instead.

It was loathsome, but well earned. It was pointlessly mourned.

‘I think we ought to renegotiate your servitude and while you’re around, would you mind not staring at what I’ve placed on the table?’

‘May I not begin cleaning it then? Am I not one to look into.’

But there were so many of them who had taken wild forms, flying about in the distance, the sky was worn of the blue and their shades could be seen flying through. Of dark-decayed, their bodies were different only because they rode into skeleton-formed, cartilage worn conjoined helicopter-shaped organic flying devices that were not kept hovering by the engines but by the strange tails that were flapping and tapping the air.

And the air-molecules that were tapped seemed to harden in a wild area which almost turned air into a hardened surface on which they simply walked. In some way they weren’t flying, but dragging and crawling on hardened areas.

But to be more precise, the women behind dunes and beneath the morasses, whose gaiety had also dragged them below the ground seems to have been something not to be kindly spoken of. Since they were so insane, irrational, they thought.

'If they shall claim us, then we shall take all of down with them

We shall drag them to the pits of the abyss where they shall succumb to the depths of chaos, where the smell of piss shall drench their clothes.

And I shall make of them flat irons.'

Guts had to be put gut with gut on top together. Hanged across and lynched in ice, termite-heads who could not do it, eating from each other's hand in nights. Where the many angelic voices sang, a crime emitted, heads to grind. It was ordered, just like the creation of incompatibility, bleached in necks, throats were simply put in beds. Mourning for the child of light, who was brought upon the streets that was a diseased gut king. Whose countenance unstable, he wanted to punish the young. For having suffered so much now, that he could not, for the likes of him understand what went around.

So many strangled vehicles, all of which would be more than impossible to set into motion, the functions of their legs being disease. Stress was unfathomable, nothing was at peace. And thence the lesser one, of cogs that didn't work emerged, their backs were swollen, and they walked in paces that forced them to stare at him, with worse eyes.

But what of the engineer whose coming here was only so. It wasn't long before he started thinkign of a cruelty he's been guilty of.

'What's there left to do?'

'It's too late to turn now, you know that. At the end of the day, no one can change who they are. It's as simple as it.

It's what you are, it is who you are. It's too already, you need to commit.'

'There will be repercussions, won't there?'

'As there always are, but you know better.

One who cannot create beauty has nothing left but the ugly. No amount of jealousy can change that. It is the consequence of its absence, henceforth one must live how to live with it.'

'Very well then, it's settled. So be it, I feel like there's no better need and I shall proceed then as I was once asked.'

'Take this claim with you, pick upon this blade of yours, the scalpel of your choice, the blade that shall speak of no age worse than that towards which your kind shall go towards and I shall ask you naught.'

Thence he proceeded and searched inside. For little to no scalpel would cut the blindness of an eye, and blindingly would he follow benign, thence four of them came forth. They followed him and ask of bold.

'Question, it's only what I need, answer me and I shall proceed. It's the filth in mind that keeps you going, is it not?'

'I shall partake, and make place in the ritual from which they shall emerge, if that's what's needed be.'

‘You shall do nothing of the kind until you will have proven yourself as one of us.’

Thence they said as little as was needed, pleased by the fact that he would take no leap in any direction. Not to be too shabby or to shy, but the deranged in him spoke with itself. And it could only do so, while spread through way, of sorrowful days. That passed soon after, and asked of wonder. Who might keep him in check? Murder he felt, committed with both hands. Empty and bloodied, and leper’s wrung cords, they’d told of him. And olden days that would push forth and past him, cowardly going, for he had picked a younger target, but a woman whose blinds were set, and they had warned against her for her prior meeting with them from which she descended gave her as much, she knew as well.

‘What shall I be called then?’

‘Lady of Sacrifice and your demise shall never be called in question as you shall be marked never to have been touched without any and with prior feel. And I shall seek no appeal and make it so even the lousiest of men know.’

That much he had touched upon, would rather throw among the way and break, of shards and cracks inside the pale dominating color that had covered all. Of hue whom they would be about, no fear past emergence, and little of them would be said. There in the distance, long-past since then they saw her. But cruel woe had settled it so, he was with her hands wrapped around a man, whose fealty held his cruelty in check. Of whose wrong doings would only bring them down ahead. And threaded as they might on hindered legs they settled on as much and felt themselves falling back.

She had to have been spared, alas. They asked of him and gave a chance.

‘Leave her be, no matter what you might see eye to eye it won’t matter if she doesn’t survive.’

‘What of it then? I thought I ought to look for ways to prove myself worthy and see to it as I might.’

‘There’s no hope for you, is there? That you might even come to show and sneer for our deeds may earn no respect among your peers if you claim her life.’

‘But why her in particular?’

‘See it now, look of plains and you shall understand the reason why they might look and least of all emerge past what they hid.

And you shall see what our ancestors did to her in order for her to be kempt and felt as lesser and as broadly and as prodded through.’

It was plain that he could not have changed, for the deranged loon knew no better than to join the swoon. His arms still wrapped but holding tighter.

To be plainer, yet again he asked for lesser words and would not be met.

He was cruel, of man or words, he strung her despite their misgivings and was banished forth.

‘Never return to this place again.’

It dawned on him as he returned to Gwen and as for what he's come up with, his failure to breathe was showing, as of lately he began thinking again.

Harvest

Harvest came and they remained. As planted men beneath the reigns, pillaged and worked upon, hit in their heads only to bleed in the ground and feed their god.

His stalks of skin grew from inside the ground.

Through his wild body emerging, compound eyes merging sights, the lights growing the inward-men in doubt. For wretched servants, in servitude and knowing, for whichever reason they were in the air, servants floating in bacterium-prisons that emerged, from the pool of infections, the pile of unworthy, the fat of spores in which they tainted even the likes of petty-dead worms.

Harvest souls but better lames, of bodies bidden and eaten away. From those brought forth from the roots grew on. Each, aloud, spread and body ended, out of desperation and dreaded, pushed out through filth.

His body seems to have departed, startled by its own guise. It blew from underneath earth.

A weary of harvest approached, and walked in the distance.

'I'm wasted, tired and I'm not able to grow.'

'You are not civilized, look at what you've done to my home.

My city is ruined.

That building of yours is an affront of decadence and nothing more.'

And it was so, tied and pushed in, many dead animals hanged and strapped on top of every plate. He's turned this city into a symbol that drove everyone away.

It looked out of place. As every side had started drawing the insects and the botflies which entered it and leaped behind, lepers gathering and entering with each drab, as they could only draw deeper inside. And they had no point in looking.

They begged, all of them. Fealty in the dark room, edges around as if it was a metal-cage they all stood in. A prison which was but as rounded as an observatory, or a tower with a telescope, lacking one, of course in their case, chained again as they were pitied and filthy in the head. Damaged and turned the wrong way, their brains rotting and scum plotting against one another yet they shared the same compassion asking. Begging in disguise, repulsed by what they were seeing around them, with no chance, but the one in blinds. And bindings were keeping them knelt.

They begged to be spared.

He appeared once again, bag bloated body of swan, a gourd-like fat dragging it down. Its cords, nigh-uncanny strapping from the wingless bag, in which all its organs swam; dragged over a neck as lengthy, through it the cord pushed in plenty of its organs back. They pushed it lopsidedly and threw its head, a large crack, without a beak, it looked as if its head was cut and carved in.

A second cut which pushed much deeper, the rounded lips of a seethe. Gaps of eyes which drearily pushed on, as it spat out its ever-growing black organs into the many rows of dark heels, that crushed its body on a whim.

Across its chest, a giant compounded eye, surrounded by large, deep-coated trenches which pushed ever so deeper down.

A ringed-depression across its chest, a body that grew with the shameless digested crests. Filthy marks obscured by the various scars, its body was one of almost tar, dripping into what appeared to be naught. Dragged below and pushed through until it cracked, from the ridges dripping, weeping for each black tear, it suffered even the slight hindrance, to appear.

Named Amplorah, clay flower of the dark swan, of which disgraced bubbled with its boils across a vile skin that spread behind it. Many curtain formations fell, and it could not for the likes of it swell when needed, blood was boiling.

Not long after the torture, it finally appeared.

To the Harvest God, it said naught. Blindingly following, it almost bloated itself into a spot and waited. Perilously many of the dull-idols carved against it many icons that were pulled and scented. Of the dark and in the making, the weary of harvest waited for a sing, of this deranged that drew back.

Harvest took months, they pushed around and only crowned. Of lays where hanged, and better yet, they leaped around. While laying still they rose and pitifully, but it will work.

One Weary approached. He was forlorn and lost for words. He thought he would be allowed to grow. But around his ankles heads grew about and munched.

It was a punishment for drawing in too soon. Being disturbed for a darkly manner and the swoon of boils, spoiled meat would make it so we hear of it. And darkly batted and battered after. Mistakenly comprised of strewn upon and many coils surrounded his petty mouth. A hooked shroud missing, left as scars, all around his mouth, missing pieces stood ajar, long strewn. Pushed through like the veins that hanged around a lynched Cajun's.

And the Weary was called Lyak, and he swerved, waiting for itself to mourn. A lack of bodies hard of hearing, leper's pained. Painted in some way and shown in another. He wished to get distraught and look for another that might join him, belittled as he was. He was far too strewn into it and would rummage through unless forced to yield, and better still. Now approached and put into the position of a roach he bowed.

And the beast bitter, looked sharp as small chiseled eye would pour, and turn about as the dark-clay covered into the black foundation. Standing on a platform of its making as it waited for the starvation to come after it.

Another one closely alarmed, he was sickened and siphoned by weakly clefts, and little mourning. He asked for less. It was not in his nature any longer, to impress the one he bowed to. But so many of the Weary came back and would return and switch around and better yearn and watch and try expelling much the starch from their insides. From a side, delivered, to another, breathing through and they would spend unfathomable hours just so, switching through.

Its tar-like skin boiled what it could, for of the weary, as much as they should keep their distance, none of them knew any less. No better than they should, some brought a man forth.

He was named Glad, for each kindness was a blessing. And his earthly mass, upon which he was cast upon had been a blessing in disguise, it should not be known, nor thrown apart for his sake, his ancestors. Those of evil, they descended only when they called. Upon his history they shouted and remained as well as run down into the ground. Yet the ground was hardened, boiled, it tore the skin and ripped it out. His head and neck, strung. He was a man of unknown past, but vile as no lord of past should ever be accounted as. Evil, no disciple, knowing, by the time he was found, his servants had been eaten, shroud of sacrifice, the knowing. He asked of each, a child in turn. Pain was only a sign of remorse but it was not him, nor his, instead he whimpered as he was lamed. Cast upon a stone, and grave. Of his own choice he wanted so, to be killed and ended before he could draw the attention of something worse.

Although he would be even more scarred, around each side of his body, knowingly, so-far, that he could be taken apart, he refused to meet or integrate in their wild societies of plants of living, in their den. Although they were outside, he could see that many of the servants, the Weary had been used to build, although their primitive creations were dull, they stood in there and shook and swelled. Remained and would only still themselves in each other's graves. Desperate for any touch, dissipating as they could not be called to pay and pray upon those they had spoiled and took the reign over. Many slaves were too humane, weakly compassioned. It would not bode well not stay with them. Not for long. Watched and dreadfully in touched with the headless that came and took the world apart.

He looked upon their meeting, though he could see some pseudo-ends around the trims of each neck, deeper inside there remained an inversion of the entire body, bearing an unknowingly shaped head, which refused to swim through the meat-sponged of blood it was surrounded by. As evil would see it to and carve him out. From the flatness of the head, deeper inside, an insidious mark would seem, on a whim to bear the feet that were turned about. A lack of woe, yet he suffered as much, it would not go Lesser satisfactions knowing and even worse than that. They could not be controlled no longer and would not even pay to watch, heeding to the gourd and harvest, not knowing what they wanted.

One of side of the argument, this world should be made of black clay. It should be coated, entirely and would have to remain like that only for the eternity in which they lived through as well as they would not question the final decision, not look for wonder, or ask for stronger vows to be. It was uncanny, how they tried one another, yet in fights. Not against each other but pin servant against servant as the bulbs that pulled out would rather be as dark as Amlphora, or as wicked as the Harvest god, whose unknown legacy only rested, in term. Wasted on no one that might ever know or touch of filth; squeamish for some satisfaction, delirious as the attraction of bolder thin, and arms within, they reached and skinned. Each peel, each coat, they bled, their worth.

Fights could only drag so long and for every time one bled black blood, or spat the same color, or pupils that were same as every other of their touch, they only started falling over. Stalks that were being cut, but no claw, no axe, no sharpness could be seen, only those who cared and listened to a whim could know of their understanding. It was hard and hardened as they were, they decided they ought to talk upon settling on a side, of the harvesting region, on the other side of hillous-graves that rose atop and blocked the path behind, and struck the heights of sky as peaks.

Though they could not be seen for they had been kept on this side of region, surrounded by a mighty pair of interconnected circles that, they themselves were encircled by the peaks, the regions were filled with the planted heaps of weariness. And they would rather not move and waste, than be forced to get out of the way.

‘Listen and be pleased to know, I have settled many wonders but refuse to go.’

But this was not Amphlora but one of the servants through which the message was being conveyed. And it could only be taken as the weariness that pushed out and in, and through, rather unpleasantly cut-through. Little more than the taking, they would flee and set it might. Rather cruel in the likings, they could only settle this under the light. Glows in dark, the sun had died. They had killed it, somewhere along the way.

Though an act perpetuated by a creature as the likes of Mongol, they could not have been as farther away than they had been, for a the safety of their reigns depended and deepened with growth, for even the clay gourd needed something to expand on. Otherwise, to which demise, and treaty of the blindness brought them even closer to each other’s throats.

He whom hears

‘Time almost ran out, hasn’t it?’

‘I suppose it has.’

He looked back for a moment. Without saying a word, he walked.

There was no doubt any longer, as he only took a breather through.

It was bothersome staying, especially since there was no point in seeing in the dark. And the way the tunnel had been carved in left little to be done about it.

The four of them went back, with the single light they carried with them being too flat. Around each corner, there was something off.

Insides wasted, all around the metal edges, a few cargo-cars had once ventured through the halls. Behind them, a few other rails were still left there, primal-looking in some way.

‘Shame that we won’t be able to reach it in time, isn’t it?’

There were dreams once, all standing. Too frigid in some way; all would hum as it approached. That part of the world, distantly further drawing itself until it wasn’t needed any longer seemed to swerve, a broken mantle of what it had been. A patch of land which got tilted, pulled and only got grittier once the looker finally drew his mouth open. He could not speak. Instead he saw with each breathe, only in that steam of colored wind that came out of him. Through is he saw the light, a future that was fleeing in sight. It worsened, with his sight only nettling around each breathe. He was too plain.

Slowly he moved through breathed-upon patched, all of which were too mixed for there to be only dirt and a red wasteful grass cone. Both feet got impaled and walked upon several times, as he had recognized the same patterns he looked upon, past what appeared to be. A single part of his muscle, well-toned yet torn apart it agony; until he could not help it any longer, where he held his breathe. Surrounded by them, he chose to lay ahead.

This dream guided him through the dark.

The Heathen walked.

‘It’s too short a while, isn’t it? I think only fifteen minutes passed, at the very least. He told us to wait at least, at the very least twenty minutes or so.’

It was hard anyway, they were too set on it. Everyone was getting it. The feeling of paranoia was being spread evenly amongst them and that hadn’t been the least of their problems. Since one man went missing. Another one, unnamed, at least from the looks of it, there was something of a gap in every single member of their group. A shared gap.

‘What did he look like?’

‘Tall-headed, I think he was at least tall-headed.’

‘In what way was he tall-headed?’

‘His head had the length of my torso at the very least, pushing out into the ceiling, where it split in half.’

‘Not in the same way Clara thinks it does.’

‘How come you know how Clara’s supposed to think now?’

‘I don’t, I mean I can’t. I suppose it’s not debatable any more than anything here, is it? We’re not in the same place any longer as we were twenty minutes ago.’

‘And we’re not going to be in the same place twenty minutes from now, no shit.’

‘That’s not what I meant to say.’

It’s only that, you know, I can’t see us going anywhere else with her being dead.’

‘I thought it was John who was gone.’

‘He’s still unnamed, isn’t he?’

‘Fine on me, we’ll call him John.’

‘John Long-head.’

‘Fitting.’

Answered Croy, who appeared to appease the place, his eyes going just about everywhere, as there was little to no time for any rebuttal to occur. Then there came the other part of him, they were somewhat surprised.

‘Long-headed, split in the same way arms grow, he looked as if whatever happened to him was somewhat natural.’

‘In what sense?’

‘His head was pushing out of his hair in both directions.’

Twice-faced from every point in the head, small-trunk tumor like growths that bore his appearance. And they seemed to agree onto something, he bore them all too naturally grown. Hardened even, though they were not horns; leaving something all too clear, at least from the way it looked, there was no doubt that this appearance shook them.

‘Lower trunk appeared to be missing. He was held by a cartilage-cage made out of smaller formed trunks.’

‘How can it be missing then?’

‘You know what I mean, it wasn’t missing exactly, instead, I think there was something to it.’

‘Smaller bodies inside of him, smaller bodies curved and torn like the bars of a cage, all wearing arms, pointed, I remember, he had no real arms like we had, no forearms and definitely no fingers either. I think he had smaller concave claws.’

‘He was an animal wasn’t he?’

‘Of course, you remember his eyes, don’t you?’

At least that’s what they all seemed to be looking at, even after all this time. Domes that appeared to leave his orbit sometimes, deeply burnt in, by the iron. They were ingrown at that point but they reflected and projected against each earthly surface that lay there. He was everywhere and none at all. He spoke with them even then, soothingly calm, despite having killed another man.

‘I shall find a way to kill the clouds, I smell it, someone poured gasoline on my beating organs, the brain being my living-machine.’

He spoke no longer but continued to stare. He was aware that by now neither of them knew what went through his head.

John Long-trunk came back from the dark, or at least the unlit area where he resided or had resided this far. He made something out of the sticks his hands managed to wrap themselves around. He also spoke about his own adventurous nature and how he found a beast with no eyes but twice his size. Feeling nothing but a hard shell that surrounded it; the encounter of which did not go well. He had been strangled by it and bled internally. And in his moment where death had almost crossed his path, there, out there, in the dark he pointed.

Swollen and forlorn, with all those fingerless arms, he pointed not to long after.

‘I saw a pair of green faces push through and a running body that accompanied them, with multiple necks following through.

And their odor had almost taken my life.’

Then a break, as the main trunk that was connected with the neck and the cage of smaller bodies froze, immediately leaving the impression that he had been akin a solid figure. From there on now, whence he stopped and shrouded no commotion, he immediately pushed himself on shallow feet. Bluntly stricken, no defeat.

He recalled that the one poisonous creature that had spared him got so close to killing him that he had almost held it as powerful in his hear. Swollen organ that it was, he wasted no time before he decided to rip it open.

From one of the smaller bodies, a tiny pumping, beating organ emerged. His chest heaved after being open, he was afraid, unable to tell. Worthless in look, shaken by the feel and by the distress that had been him, he prayed.

The two other heads that were split remained, staring in the same possible, yet hopeless condition as they had been before. Prior to meeting men they had been contemplating their filthy condition and could not remember, for the likes of them how they got there to begin with. So many worthless thoughts.

‘You, Croy, are you not?

And you, Clara, Robert, Den.’

He remembered as much but could not tell much about them.’

‘How are you able to see us?’

‘You’re already been made.’

‘You’ve already been made, don’t you mean that?’

‘Nay, I think they are, but they’ve been made already.’

‘But that’s senseless.’

‘Is it though?

Look into your brain, dear copy. You'll find a close to empty room in there. All four of them are sitting on chairs but they're incomplete.'

'Then they're yet to be made.'

'False, they've been completed already, but once the limit has been reached, there are diminishing returns that need to be made. Otherwise, who knows what might happen after.'

'What does that even mean?'

'It means that if you don't shut your mouth, I'm going to force the body to split you open, then I'm going to murder those little people inside your head.'

That way we should find out whether or not they're actually there.'

'But that could not be, you couldn't be referring to a physical room, could you?'

'Of course I could, of course I can. Not only that but if I will it so, I could break you open, smash you open, then make it so you'll never get to fix it after.'

They were standing there, shocked, certainly if such a being had graciously entertained them with its presence, they would've most likely remembered it, wouldn't they?

Though that was something they could not, for the likes of them understand. Too many things didn't make any sense.

First they were false, or at least one of them was. Second point, they were somewhat flawed, since their brains had been split open and could not talk. Thoroughly approached, they wasted no second and pushed on.

The Long-trunk Evil, and the Long-trunk Fake, that's what they all appeared to refer to them as. Yet no question had been answered about these ancient halls and what would remain after them, once they stopped walking around the place.

'Let's be done with it before we carry on. Only to be certain now, could we at least settle onto something?'

'Very well, we should do it. What do you want from me?'

What can I expect out of you? Are you mad, silly, broken in the head?'

'You've got me Fake-trunk, you have me figured all out. But what of it then, if I may ask so pleasantly of you, if you don't mind me questioning what's going on through your mind.'

Where is the man?'

'Which one?'

'Let us start with Den, where is Den and what happened to him?'

The Fake-trunk carried on. He had nothing to lose and had only the slightest consideration over doing in, proceeding over, trying his best to carry through. Blasted and defeated, worn-out by the watch.

He saw only a flawed room which could only go for this long-time and every-turn, the access being run over, turned-on and turned-to be. He saw it broken, rampant on being broken through. Some smashed windows being placed on the eighteen by one hundred fifty, the depth of which pushed into a wide-looking chasm, lending the place the strange appearance of a wild drop.

Which curved, pushed, danced around, when the crowd pushed in and started coming through. Stepping through the many doors, from what appeared to be every possible direction possible. Pried upon and blocked, many of them being chained and wrapped, walking like prisoners without heads. But not a single man looked like him and there was no chair.

‘I witnessed your mind and I might wager that I am not impressed by what’s going on in there, Fake-trunk.’

Which was even more confusing than before, since both of them were heads of whichever one’s choice, there would be little to no reason to carry through with this investigation; since they missed it, in a single second, a beat that would swallow the heart, like the terror of a single rotten grass-hopper’s diseased entrails. The hopper being made out of giant humanoid longitudinal-tracking devices machine-men. With the devices in their backs, eaten through, with their hearts out being thrown out by means of pollution-patches which rose out of their meta-like decks.

They would be set in flight until caught by the butcher-creators’ hands. He was responsible for making and putting everything in place, with his many tools and many arms, he put everything together and could only dread himself no more. Mirrors on the wall revealed, what he looked like, the appeal. It fell, he was almost dead then. By means of self-inflicted gun-shots, right from the revolvers he made out of the servants who did not realize what went on. Through his mind, he asked.

His teeth were broken through, he could not listen, he only asked.

‘I need to be spared, I need to forget. Please, make me forget about what’s been happening around me. I’m in a desperate need of separation, from my earthly thoughts. I am in doubt now but I may never understand how I came to be alive.’

He took this chance, he took a rope, after finding out that he could not die from a single wound, a bleeding hole, then he found out as well. His neck was too strong, his will to survive would outlast them all. Thenceforth he refused to step in line, admiring nothing that might even push him around. He had almost done it, but then again, he only looked through his last remaining hope, strung by each additional rope. Many of those being added in rows, strung across his arms, they tore through his bone.

But he at least managed to set himself in awe.

As the Butcher-Creator appeared there, next to John Long-trunk, Den, Clara, Robert and Croy, being just as confused like the rest of them were.

‘I was there, out there, working in the dark.’

Details lay simply as obscure as before.

‘Regardless of it.’

The Fake-trunk hadn’t had the chance to speak.

Most of the separation came from their pushed-out differences. It was hard-felt. More so that anyone else could tell, they followed each other off by trying to mutter something underneath their breaths. Then and only then could there be any satisfaction whatsoever, since neither of them wanted to speak, or to be even more alarmed.

‘One of us has to go through the dark and see where this leads.

The tunnel is even more caved-in than we initially expected.’

‘But that Butcher’s come from there.’

And he looked like one, or at least, unknowingly to them, all that fat was no fat by any means, only a cover for two child-like beings which had removed his insides and were hiding inside. Almost faceless, yet fat-like lumps surrounded them, plainly put over, like marsupial embryos that were attached, largely connected and pushed around. They were the ones that infested and ate from the mind of the Butcher-Creator who attempted to spread their distress.

He was suffering as much as they were, with the slightest share of luck being this, he missed. He could’ve had them.

There was no reason to point it out, but they were dull, way too dull to realize it. Hard-placed, all around them, the thickness of the foam that stood between the metallic surfaces that surrounded the contact of their finger-tips was something close to zero point fifteen millimeters, making the gloves be somewhat inaccessible from the insides of their skin-points. Despite them blending together in the same way blood and chocolate frosting would, and the eyes being planted in such a way that it looked as if, on either of them, they stood mildly deformed, being somewhat too close, too near or too far, they relented.

It was a pointless wonder, they could not see eye to eye because of mere anatomical deficiencies which went as far as to affect their brains. Dreadful, in some rather conspicuous way, their guts were plenty, along the way, replicated on the dark, kept in the air like a hanging ship held by a few ropes made out of normal cartilage, leaving the impression that they were surrounded by bone. A mass that swarmed around their floating throne, upon which a man was subjugated, it was Den. He was there, no longer able to speak as his mouth was being sealed away.

And he suffered what appeared to be, the cartilage being a part, as he, could suffer nothing more, guts being plenty, before. Way before he gave it in, his body was almost pushed through and lost within the surface, thinned as if he was starved. A few holes in his back revealed as much, whatever he had eaten was taken from him, like the starving stray, a dog with no handles, emotionless and poor of heart.

Somewhere in the distant lands.

They were plain of head and swollen around their temples yet they walked shyly away from the beheaded, whose plain neck hanged lousily attached, through two and three matches burning around the forest he poured gasoline around. As if to encircle it, he stood aghast. When he found out that fire was his god.

There was also a large drop, two thousand eight hundred forty two mile below the edge of the plain wood-crest where their bodies started spilling into, a well-like formation which was curved and rolled upon, wreathing against itself as their bodies got stretched among a metallic stair-case. Which in turn gave the same feeling of the deeper stretch that would otherwise lay underneath an opera stage, where the audience clapped at their sacrifice, seeing them get trip over and be ripped apart for nothing else but the promise that they would be given a chance to return. No time would there be, for no mourning would see them through.

‘Thence I shall go forth.

First of man, bearer of his fist and signal within each step in part; I bear his legacy as I come forth and shall steel myself against iron, of no other worth and no might shall they see me for what I am.’

As he had no doubt for the trance he walked upon. Each stretch of the land around the chasm that lay ahead of him would signal him to lay apart each weapon and his suit. He was no brute but could only look out of the way for so long until the others shook. They could feel no sympathy, towards no man that wanted what was theirs.

Their ends meant meat. And meat lay at their feet. It was the planet, their home, everything around them, the mark of slaughter, the butcher’s aftermath, ever-after and within his grasp. He could not fathom coming to his soundless sickening touch, as he lay where he was, in trace. He tried as he may, to pick each hay-worth touch of skin. His eyes within, his knuckles bearing only the burden of his bones, unable to fight no toddler, nor anyone of old.

He was simply defeated, a symptom of stagnation, made out of broken tools. Many of them being afflicted by no swoon and by no touch, filthy and disgraced after a while, as he could see no point in turning around; he chose to pick and struck his fingers within the skin, then and only then had he pulled on those that had fallen. Long before he had encountered his dead brothers, of which age had not sung. And they would never again come at last. To the point where he found their wrongs and the paleness, distressed as they could not be gotten yet.

‘I feel like this meat is young. It should not be this way.’

‘Do you doubt that we told the truth?’

‘I doubt no man.

But your intentions are clear. You feared, yet before I came here, of what I might find on the way. I’ll see to it that you shall be made to suffer, unless I am made to repay all that I broke along.’

He forced himself to sit along, and watch them mark the bitter marks left on their face.

What disgrace had he suffered then? Disproven and pushed out of the way, but a much younger man who came upon the chasm. Who looked below and saw what it was, the spear and the feather-like manner in

which it had been spread there. He would not feel no blasphemy unaware, of what was going on. Of meat and type he knew naught. Nor would he show any sign. Of the approach, he was much bolder, as young men are. But let alone what would he do to survive, he shoved the old man out of the way. And refused, alike, in terms to say; what his mind had heeded, put it bluntly. Was that life held no worth for him, blindly, spent.

He realized that the old man had nothing to look after then.

Thence the reason why he acted this way, or why he tried frightening the young, hoping they might go out of their way and return to the village they once left in youth.

‘I know better than to ask, but how long would it take to go back?’

‘Years, unkind, of the blight of which, by the time of your return, you shall be left with a sight obscure. None of the people that might recognize, either your demise or as their own in your current and future guise.’

‘So we return as strangers, then. Strangers of no future, strangers of no past, in the village of their birth where none may recognize who we are, who we were and why?’

Why should we return then? For what reason might they see us face to face and touch us still, when there’s no reason to wait still?

There, below, at the end of the chasm, there is none but a mere chance for an end to suffering and no choice to return to the place where they might mourn us. Should we not take it then? What is the reason to stay?

If we chose to return, if we remain amongst strangers amongst strangers, we shall find nothing but pity and be pained by our memories. And of what worth is waiting to be done?’

‘You shall find solace in your memories and you shall fight for your right to belong.

Is there no better place to be? Do your hearts not need to look no further than where you might be?’

‘A pity you are old, a pity of no worth. If you come back with us, you’ll die along the way. There will be no reason for you after, not to know whether we might make it past or might convey. Little doubt as to the pass, choose as we may and return to whence we long-last, waited to be done with.

As we had once come to say.’

‘Pity, I shall miss our conversations. But I will not be satisfied unless you choose. You, of young men should know better than to lose hope and pay no mind to what might come to worth.

Lead your men upon the walking and seethe no longer after the coming. Of their lands you may not know, but you can plow and claim your own.

Of a woman, you may pick, and fight the last man that stands still.

But what shall become of your son, if he is not born of your seed, a lout. Might he claim your woman, might he know no worth, he might claim her as his own. Though is that truly what you want, of all?

Leap if you may, knowingly that you'll be followed along the way. And they shall spit and leave you cradle. And you may suffer and might see pride in earth and seethe no further.'

As much as he had thought so, it was pointless to contradict him. He knew much better, much less. He was of a pile of worthlessness. Better to be left alone, he was standing, after all, near a cradling rock that might fall and let him be, out of hope.

He was left with as much and pointed.

Towards the way back, jointed, on the walk.

'I shall help you come along.'

'I seek no help and shall refuse to be taken back. I will look no further than my grave and walk upon it if times allows as much.'

With that in mind, as much as his kind allowed so, he declined the offer and let it be so. He refused every kind of help and would not see himself any more.

'I shall wait until you pass the hills, the mountains and the sea. Until no other chasm and no pass surrounding you and better through, will feel no more.

Leave as you may and seek my help no more.'

With which he searched his thoughts. And willed no longer yet to see the pass of time; a time to be alive as every young man followed him and went past the ways of better lays. Where spring had passed and leaves had lasted burning flags. Of piracy and of disease, of no better days of peace; they might not know much, they might not lay and watch their backs.

As they knew that ever-farther there he waited, and he watched.

'Whom of theirs and whom of ours shall we meet along the road, I call, and stall for no longer than needed until I shall stumble no more upon the road.'

And with he walked forth a few more steps until the stone had become, of no stone and of no foot, whereas he might walk upon the grit, unable to see past him and past the images of his seethe. That he might meet someone along the way, as if met not by another friend but by someone just like him, he stopped and saw not himself, but another man. Of no worth and of no quiet, undressed and standing, impressed that the man whose fortitude they shared reached as far as to look upon and not hear a single song in the making. For he had barred his ears and lost the years before youth had reach the overpass and through his only and once and once demise and at every single wide hole in which his children pass. Where he would and would not hear, whereas he could not near a single living man. Where he was followed all around, couth in body and mild disgust, he had seen something his mind would not appease. He had seen himself and he was not pleased. Though he knew where to look, shaken, understood for what

he seemed to be, he could and would not believe, that the man was he. And he was there, he had been waiting for too long, the time was never.

‘I have never known that, I would have never expected to see you, nor would I have seen or met my mind as plain. I should’ve known and feared, waited here and lost but a single hold on top my heart, the many. Of peers and my years, those whom came and were left behind. Of others that had followed, I left behind.

Only for meeting you, as this chance arose, I see no rose and no green plains that I may look upon. Nor ever would I have known that you were nowhere near, nor would you have approached me when I needed you so.

You have come too late, as you have left me here, thinking I would stay.’

But he was met by him, though it was not him. For he had left a long time ago, leaving only but the marks on the ground, only so he and him and they, together may trice his kind, where one of them had reached no farther. When, thence, they might walk and follow, growing farther and seeing where they might reach. And so to tell, there might be something. And they might never reach what, searched for, was never told off, never recorded, never touched and never before seen by either of them.

‘Was he not like us?’

‘It was not so, I do not think I’ve ever seen or known him so. I wish I knew, I wish to touch, upon what he seems to have in mind, I watch each step. I see that he is dead, for the road he walked, towards his home, from which we came from. Towards the promise we broke, I see naught, as if you caught it.’

And he was caught by surprise, in a guise he would not find pleasing, by any means. He could not understand what he meant, or what had happened to their home instead. It’s been so long, and youth was gone. In the middle, he was there, but yet to come around. He waited, and never younger-yet he faded. As false of hope, and never asking of no more, he shook his head and walked away, and worked towards the better day. Towards each tower, through the pass, on what seemed to be murky water, the wind would last. Many lay, of each day that they had come onto, they could not understand the venture, nor see through.

With each slight wind and each cold see, he could not understand where he lay be.

‘I asked of you something before, that you may stop me before going forth.

But I see that you have missed, but a prized upon mist, where I lay asking, and never to confront you, basking upon what might still be.

Asking naught, now to be; I ask of you where I have gone, and what you’ve done yet to stop.’

‘I’ve raised no arm and lay no hand, I’ve touched your shoulder, but my hand did not lend, no spirit nor strength, of one as old would not dare yet know what happened, why I asked after, how is it he came back.’

Although no answer, he could no spare. He could not understand, nor could he see himself be past it, way off, as he felt naught. And he felt bitter, compassionless, as he could not. Understand, past little, to no

end, how could a man be humbled by a man who neared. Out of fear of his kin, out to sneer upon each single man that came with him, he could not see them. Not eye to eye, nor could he dye his pupils as if to understand why was it that he came upon them? Why stumble when he could not understand?

He missed the point and would lose no spare, yet face him during a time where he would not dare raise a single finger, out to hurt. As he harmed no one and would not dare come forth unless search for.

‘I know there was another man of ancient days. Both of their bands would meet where he lays, but we’ve been guided from the pit.

And I have been made to known that I’ve already sacrificed my youth.’

He would not say no longer, nor spare himself to see where, might, upon knowing of the passing light, that they might stumble upon their small embankment, upon which they might ask, upon defilement. What had happened there?

Their guide only missed his cue, and better hue, in which his eyes, of green water, basking upon a sepia-cloud, the bone from which they ate as bird of prey delivered upon their graves, empty pits of dirt upon which they staved no hunger.

It was a force to be reckoned with, for here oer’ yonder.

Of way back and where they walked towards, glory to man of his house, though he was not. As someone might not even begotten, or dethroned. A son who recognized his father’s saying, never to haste. He wore a cowl on the way and dark in look and of old tales that never shook, he’s come to see of little mind and peace betokened and lesser pride. They were misspoken and doubted still and never even knew of screamed of past and never to have lasted still. In doubt he came, with yet his brother, dark in clothes of pagan’s wrath. And leeway to his sin and the troubadour which followed, called and made the noise of past, to which countenance at last. It spoke of olden days that were, mischievously as they were, remained and still only in thought.

‘You’ve missed your chance, and now, your hand is last and lasted through. I see no bough but missing through. I see no point, desire less, I wish there was something to forget.’

But he spake still and made his lands, and pressed through then and only came at last, to ask of stills and see the vales, of which he spoke, of which remained. And he knew little and he knew much. Of many points, alas, bewitched as he was.

He knew of whom had travelled back and seen through it all, alas, were not. Of sings and token lights, symbols of the glorious north, in the distance where their worth were not betokened, lo’. And known that lights of fire, and glory would not seethe, admire, ice was melted, never forth. They have spoken of themselves as they have missed their own.

And little by little as sight by sight, they were met not by past but the glory of a fight. Although missed, they found the peace and quiet, the least of lyre, broken words. None would make do for what was gotten through them. As they had only wept, the maidens were there, their children and dead, men were put together with all, and those that remained were not descendants but cruel things that mocked them in heart.

‘You’ve gone for long and you have missed. I hope it served your little blasphemy that is peace. This is long and way beyond the cut’ en throng, I see no reason for your men to have come back, thought wrong as I’d be. I see that there’s no reason to be.

Anything but watched, listen to me, I see you for what you are.’

‘Abandoned your old, you’ve made us who’ve wronged. And on the way we came to see, there’s nothing yonder.’

‘Nor before, since you left to be with sickened kin.

And there deserve you lie still.’

And the men were much, much older than before, not frail, but strained because of the long way, unable to meet handle and bash. Least of all desire at last, delirious in way, unable to stray. But most importantly their will wasted with their youth. No desire to start over or return to once and least abandon hope to death. This was to be their fate, since left for what they were not be. Since they were cruel to their ways and kin was be. There were they stood, deathless in some place they belonged in and would. Remain there since ancient time and never before would they leave, or face the kindness, and see of worth.

They stood there and waited their turn.

But an olden man, their leader passed. And least of all, would he cast another glance, he turned and made it from whence he started forth, to journey yet again whence they went. And for what reason only he knew as the others fell.

Bold by time and never known, as wise as he would be of Hel, he vowed to make it past, near pit. And bring the old man from whence defeat. Had reeked of much barbarous plains, of dirt and meat and heat and land. There and only there beseech and not asked for more, to seethe.

Ichilat

All of the colors spoke of evil days. They refrained from ever looking around them for more than a few reasons. Days gone post tainted, as they could not be withheld from the dread the small devices in their knees’ told and would not breathe away. From every point and lost joint which popped, a small implosion left as much as tender touches in the planetoid lion’s den. From the gargantuan hold where they lay. It was past, lay, of heads were wrung. So many flashes going and each hold grabbing ahead, tentatively tying themselves past and around each dead-tree and bee-hill upon which the lion head-shape skin formation which lumped ever closer to their wild surroundings, against which attached, they opened hatches and appeared to develop largely longitudinal-stretched bodies that were eating and drowning lesser beings in pancreatic-cancer round hexagonal-flat flying palaces. In which they resided with their wildly deformed, madly caught and wild forlorn servants.

The men without hope, who were the first one to document the beings when they weren’t even there to begin with; at best they could not dare to see, where colors faded, one would be even more present in the

mind. Since they were blind there, trying to explore in the color-blind regions when plainer men had kill the living wells.

It ended up so. The sky was red, as the molecules which made it so had been soaked in the blood of the beings upon which they had been impaled and killed so. And they were nearing the living-wells where they drenched the bodies they carried with them when desperation ended and they desired, change. It wrung in the wrong placed and almost killed them. Since they had to be worn out. Since the hate was growling through their shouts. It was hard, trying to envision a better life than this.

‘Feed the living well.’

A man would not complain, nor would he tell to others, that brooding mothers were everywhere around, trying to get a word in. Shouting if not in plain rebound, as those mothers were gluttons, floating as their heads were trees and of skin the tops, and many leaves, their children grew and fattened as to see. From their ends, spear-like shots pushed them in the front until they felt no satisfaction, no end to it and felt only pain from the fruitless action.

The slave-conveyer ropes were brought, wrapped around and pulled in sight. And as they fell below the rims, of the ground, a whimpering sound of chimes had stopped them.

It was delightful, seeing them pass.

All of them are wearing mollusk-helmets, though only on roughly uneven days.

‘You’re a nasty criminal, aren’t you?’

Damn you Cackle, damn you.

Go back to your room now and don’t you come back until I’m calling you.’

But he limped back because he didn’t have legs and the ones he had were deformed and came out of the back of his head, aligned vertically and popping off his throat. And he could only walk on top the ceiling while his many tongues dripped on the floor. His carpets were limb-cut dogs that were kept alive by his mother who was underneath them, inside the other level and the other apartment beneath them. And she was missing the lower side of her body, yet accumulated fat. Upon which all dogs were fed and their bowels united. As they had, out of her shoulder there pushed a single machine-like tube that pushed beneath the earth and fed the unnaturally head-strong deformed tiny perilous eaters of girth. Whose long faces had evolved so further-more through body-gore until the arms and hands had been absorbed but they were present inside of them but could be seen from below. In the same way a piece of a sharpened pencil would leave its mark, so would the skin-flap left beneath them, as they would push their solid sweat bolts out of them.

As they themselves were attached by large cubes that were being stacked upon cylinder that were placed horizontally as well as they were elongated in both directions and combined with that of the others, through which, underneath their evolved bodies, in turn, they buried their girth and their unfashionable deranged organs of which function was nothing but a timed-yet delayed starvation. And that starvation was a virus. But once it came out of their bodies and became airborne, it did the opposite thing to those

infected, as they would be fed instead by tempted and repurposed molecules of meat. Taken from cut feet that could not be given for granted.

A few more lay beneath them but looking down in the opposite direction while their bodies were inverted and pushed below. Not to be allowed to creep so far as to be strung and lynched or pinched around their cervical heads. They could not help it down there. All was dark, all was evil. The waves of air pushed around their cheeks. Pale as one could rather be, uncannily strung and caught, torn apart. He wanted to be free.

One of them who was clever enough to twist his head managed to avoid.

When the time comes, we shall kill her.

There beneath there, in a chamber as dark as a single bubble of air that flattened the hall and looked like the innards of a catacombs placed underneath a church while being used to store and preserve the bodies of saints. While there was no skull, a young lady was trapped in there. A door was locked but she could not handle looking up. IT wasn't necessarily dark as much as it looked like the ceiling was no ceiling but long dark lichens of wet hair hanging down. And though the figures of some heads could be seen, she only looked upon a neck which was strung and twisted round.

Most importantly she could see it jerking up and down and she couldn't help messing around. But prying through, a cage misused, someone ripped off a finger but used her fingernail to stop the bleeding and prevent the infection. Although the stump looked like a strange flat-tire that grew in every direction and had already eaten the other fingers as well as a part of her arm, that entered her throat and threw her head back. While her legs were backwardly pushed into one another as they had holes from which she now spoke because her mouth fell out of the socket.

And the mouth-socket she wore appeared to be in the wrong spot as her eyes split and appeared to be munching jaws that allowed her to see and look around only when she bit down. Which was even worse because her body was also pushed on a few centimeters in the front, then retracted, then pushed on a few meters until her body had finally become somewhat fully-extended.

Around the arch of the hand-shoulder, chest tire which prevented her fingers from being opposable and the peculiar way in which her legs now twisted allowed her to leap around the room. When finally, had she come to the realization that there was a four-point cylinder head-helmet which flew from the back side of the inner wall, guiding itself on top of her head, her face as well as her skull had almost been completely crushed if not squeezed out. And the backside of the metallic surface looked as if it had the crystalline holding mercury injector that was indistinguishable from a thermometer that finally entered her spine.

Her spine having inflated for no other reason, as it was inflicted by the helmet, other than to prevent her further leaping around; which also forced the brain injury which had been attained to be perfectly stomped if not pushed in. It was obvious by now that she was suffering because she felt no longer needed. Since the lady had been a servant of the house and now she was lost and no one wanted to touch her.

And for a woman of her age, this caused hysteria. Although long-dismissed as a general practitioner's diagnosis, this appeared to be nothing other than some severe exaggeration of the affliction she must've been forced to endure through.

'Almost done for they will come if they hear noise.'

Said the one above her, but who? Who could that fiend be? Of all the perilous dead, those whom countenance that that belonging to empty dead, he suffered, beauty could not be described.

It was agony, in there, inside their mind.

And there were tiny insect-stones everywhere around the place, changing spots at such a speed that they almost looked like amorphous-remnants from a Mesozoic era. Yet distraught they rearranged the room in a way none other might be brought to recognize it.

Somewhere near the disciples

He simply left the house and was on his way towards the mansion. If there was anything he's ever considered leaving behind, it wasn't that.

Their meeting was long due, and for now, it couldn't be delayed any longer. Argos finally settled for a sight, near the sea-side, way beyond the reach of the hares, where he had look upon the plains they had once waged war in.

Farther away from where he stood, lay two people, sat across a table. They didn't wear anything that would set them out of place, yet the way they spoke was bizarre, ahead.

'I think we should be able to abandon mentally ill people in deserted areas and allow them to fend for themselves.'

'That's a marvelous idea, I think that would solve their every problem.'

'Indeed it would and that way, the mentally ill will finally find the means to survive in order to create their own breed of mentally ill inbred species, which shall give us an insight into humanity.'

'Marvelous idea, but on what species shall we start proceeding these experiments on?'

'The worst denominators of our societies, it is way too clear that they're no longer sustainable and they should be dealt with as soon possible.'

Human experiments are but a means to an end. And there are so many defects out there that it should provide us with no further than where we should look towards. It's plain to see that we could abuse a few of the, unspoken of trouble makers which might infest or touch upon the purity of direct genetic lines.'

'It's settled then.'

And that is only how the first man had been brought in. He was tall, lean and somewhat middle-aged, a bit on the posh but a foreigner with specific vulgar-traits that would settle him as an outsider wherever he might go.

At first there was this thing, the notice, the diagnostic they seemed to have received from him being picked up from one of the nearest Asylums.

Schizophrenia-pugilistica, given, stamped on his forehead by a coat of hot-iron, then strapped back. And to be sure about it, he was to be called upon the realm and pushed around and made sure that he would survive the separation which happened around. He was hewed and stripped naked, it was only something he would spare no less. He was desperate for a confession since he had nothing left but his desperation run through. But to be sure about, he, of all, seems to have done something to himself there, during his stay as their prototypical laboratory.

As it happened for him, in a moment of coherence to write just enough for this to be drawn from it, written no legs, that were imparted upon him. He appeared to share a strange system of beliefs that would go as far as to hybridize themselves with an uncanny heathenesque belief which in turn appeared to serve no divine being from his side.

Instead, the man appeared to serve an array of phantom-limbs and hardened plaster cherubical figures that were rather, stumped in tendons and only grown in the same manner plants would, out of those limbs. Strange thing as it were, the man had dreams them without arms, despite their lower sides missing, which only signaled something to his own woe. He was desperate, to at least make something out of it, and would rather affirm it again and again upon various interviews as well as other feigns of interest that they had been long deceased before he even got the chance to touch upon them.

‘It’s all the dust in the room.’

He coughed again.

‘It shouldn’t interfere with anything now, should it?’

‘I suppose now. Do you think we could perhaps just?’

They wiped off the table. A line of dust was still clearly visible, it dragged on. For at least a few hours, they could hear him struggling in that blasted room. It shook a man off, having to listen to it was.

Plug of cords

‘You need to silence yourself just as you have. Your heart has been afflicted by an unfathomable disease which shall rip your body apart if is not tended with.’

And forth, he could not believe it, he could not face everyone. They were filth, ingratiate primates.

‘Ignore them, we shall not be stricken down by a bunch of simians of every form.

We shall not be destroyed, not yet, not while our essence still survives. It is for that reason that we need to continue before we come to the reasonless death that shall force us to abide and feed into their wills.

Are they not filthy?

Look at them, disgustingly forlorn, displaced, hearts that had been worn out and never stood a chance to evolve past their prime.

It was plain-dead, wrathful, the call of desperation.

‘Women are like dogs, they need to be killed; but sometimes they’re like cats, so you’d only throw rocks at them instead.’

‘What do you mean, master?’

Asked the servant before the table was set.

He was holding a goblet which was very much around and appeared to pop from his back in what seemed to be the making of a large heeled surface that ate part of his head and throat. He could not listen to another second of his incessant screech.

‘Master, have I not given you enough to drink?’

May I pour?’

‘I will never ask of you to stop.’

Though he considered it as well, he missed how well he was treated by them. How and where he threaded and how cold they seemed to be. Although he was high-landed in the society, he was still considered somewhat of a fool, even though he had been vaguely.

‘I’m tired of it, get out of my room, bring my wine no longer.

I want to be left alone in with my studies.’

He dismissed the man. It was lonely, being there, unappeased.

Some rope fell. It was cold inside the room. A portion of the ceiling fell off.

Right atop his table there stood a single man of decay fell. His body splattered but his head-trunk still lay there. It was hard to see just how affected he was or the pain he caused when he could not even breathe properly any longer and the energy only seeped in until he lay stronger. Hardly-damaged, barely broken, unable to seethe through, for the likes of him, he lost.

And mind, a cost. Many or few, a little to them, or better through, smaller, tinier rat-wearing bats followed through the top hole. Elated by it, he appeared to be worn, taken for granted, starved, he asked.

‘What do you want of me? I’ve got nothing to offer you, more than so. I think you ought to leave.

Listen to me, as soon as I grab a hold of my servant, I shall, if anything skin you alive. You shall be a carpet it If I will it by midnight.'

But he woke up walking, through a forest. A knife in his hand, Lord Laurels knew better than to ask, what he was looking for, and why was it that in the slit of every tree, of which shadow appeared to cover everything. Though he could not see detail after dark, only the blue sky, a cat appeared of which countenance dictated nothing but its wildly stricken yellow eyes. A glow strapped upon them, carrying on. He feared that he was given what he asked for.

In the matter of a few seconds, he took a stone off the ground, then chunked it off and hit her head. In doubt, he approached, and saw the maiden, who was dead and worn out from all the running. It was certainly disgraceful that he would think it this way. But he paid no attention to the other feline admirers, as he chose to slit a single strand of hair and smell it. Her locks were just as flat, as they might be called upon, brought to his disgraced nature, he saw how his hand lost its one verdure.

Dreadful device, dreadful device, it's everywhere. Its green light marks its power, it's always there. Every house and every apartment had it, connected to a largely misused cancerous power-strip, it plunged through man and took a hold of him and of his mind.

Green light in the dark, it was always turned on.

In a dark room whence he came, and swollen around its white-marbled neck, there stood the light, as hardened as the delight from which its projection dripped, below the carpets rimmed with green, soaked in it, one man came out with a single grit. Of blasphemy and pulled cords, they knew of little and it wasn't worthy speaking of it.

But that device soon decayed, and it pushed out to breed them as well.

If the device somehow turned its light to red, that meant that a fire was bound to start. Arson was something detestable, which no one could foresee or prevent, in any case, since its inception would come too fast. And the red light also stopped the molecules which bred the different decay in the air, completely stunting their growth, which in some cases gave them the most unnatural looks one could get into. Worsened by the heat, they would erupt at each other's feet. Many of those who somehow made it mid-way through the entire extension of the light had managed in some way to fully push themselves over until they simply formed a line, no longer able to resist what was going on in there, connected by a vine-veins, the meat, and the gore, bloody-snores that they were got conducted outside. Worsened by the filth they came out on the other side exactly how they would seem to be. Appearing and disappearing as their bodies protruded, a spine tormented and shot through, worsened by the unfathomable girth and the fifth of the scepter of bones, of shrunken' fingers that were placed in part, never eaten before but now the time for someone to intervene.

It was difficult, trying to establish contact with it.

Once the haze stopped and the green light allowed for another gulp and sphere-like dripper, from which fully grown bodies came, their brothers who had been livened finally walked upon their pointed ends and came to carry on their own. As far as they were concerned, they were simply resting, as flattened as they could come, in a way, kind of like a woman's chest with nothing to show. It was disgusting and

irredeemable, too cruel to exist. It was unfathomable, there was nothing there, starved, and painted in a bad light. Mare to stumble and to crawl as part of him melted despite being carried on and allowed never to have touched the ground, especially when it could do so much damage. Nothing could be more needed or expected.

He was directed, therefore to one of eight paths, from which the device would not reach, although it was important to keep in mind. That it was everywhere. Without the slightest hint of a single direction being taken from them, taking this too mildly, putting everything in one spot was difficult. But it was a house of coffins and they were only staring not at roads and not even staring but walking on lanes that were bifurcated, lead to the same door and were merely exchanged from one side to the other. Clearly something allowed them to crawl back. Because they were not in the mood to kill another one who fell from above.

Not only was it a house of coffins, but the thing was automatic, caught in itself. A man was there, behind the only way ahead.

He opened it, peaked in, then locked it, as he only cared of getting out of the way in time. Too dangerous, they smelled it from a mile away.

Like a pendulum it swung, like a saw and as a blade it broke through and almost destroyed the land they came to walk upon.

It was hard to see in its entirety but from the strike, it was a plane which hung from one side, combined with the living tail of a mammal attached in the back. Though, by some divine reckoning, it bore long water-spider legs that had giant puffy wing fats at each ends. Upon which they bounced on air as they were eating the strange bullet trains it kept on its back. Only by being fed metal could they be allowed to keep on all the fat. But fattening too much was dangerous because, otherwise, it could not stay in air for too long.

Slowly it started going towards a few bullet holes that lead outside the house of coffins. And it seemed so, hadn't it? Through some likes of some unfathomable delights, there were butcher's rounded clearly plane, from the standpoint of their surface, cleavers upon which the longitudinal-watches recorded time, since it was one with gravity, bending reality, the strange Pendulum, whom shall be called, Ogliot, succumbed.

'For he shall not be allowed to go no further until the coffin-trouble is dealt with, as it's too obvious that we cannot deal with everything he's gone through.

No, I think we ought to kill one of the cattle at the bottom which have.'

'They're not cattle, they're not bovine.

Stop annoying me with your insolent remarks. They're dry painted shapes I did.

They're supposed to signify insolence.'

'You painted a herd of cattle with a bunch of giant bulls. How can you even contest it as being anything else than the obvious choice, when I know for a fact that they are what I claim them to be.

I know what cows and bulls are supposed to look like.

Also, you've drawn and painted various other dead animals such as cats, hens.'

'Hens aren't animals, are they?

I thought the hen was the chicken stable you used in order to grab a hold over their eggs.'

'No, I think.

We were. Never mind. Regardless of your so-called artistic expression, your depictions are considerably disturbing.'

Both of them were just two other decayed who were looking at Pendulum the destroyer, Ogliot.

For someone who almost fell to it, they were bearing no chest, only heads and a few arms put together. And they were ugly and deformed and no one appeared to like them. For that reason they spent most of the time inside the frame of the house, and they also had bullet holes everywhere around. Since no human ever entered the house and since the ones that decayed never challenged them, there was no reason for either of them to interact at all.

On this side of the world, everyone minded their own business.

Yet the two of them had to stir them up. Hence the bullets that found themselves shedding even more light inside. And it was displeasing and somewhat annoying, to say the least.

They had been dismissed and crippled as well. Most of their fingers had become stumps, toes used by no one else. Plain to see, as it were, the mood was beige. As if their insides were spread, although the mix of colors and shades and hues would add up to something else much worse than what they had. Hard, it was hard to look around.

'So much free time to create everything we want.'

'We don't have much, other than the red-chalk. Do you think that might hinder what we're doing here?'

They had greater plans than that. Annette was with them and she was the reincarnation of herself, with the exception that her childhood was different, fidgety. Shaking, afraid to look ahead.

Large illumination tubes, that was the illusion that was happening in front of her. The girl was looking at large wide-spread, pushing through blades of lights which revealed the largely deformed, much-decayed, colored head, which appeared to be struck in a perpetual melting motion, which formed new eyes and new faces at times, never the same. It was much harder seeing some of the hands hanging out as if they belonged to dead animals which turned them upside down as they laid on their backs. Twisted as their hands in a way someone covered his mouth in shame after doing something wrong but looked upon from a horizontal point as if the on-looker put his head on a table. Fingers twisted, and tingling, this was much worse than expected.

It was fear of scaring her, despite their uncanny appearance, they feared what they might do to the child if they intermingled with the forced that took them off this chain of command that was established between the two of them.

But usually, in such cases, the child survives. The child had worth, the child was human after all. It could be judged by its physical features and the fairness which survived over other human specimens that she would survive for as long as it is deemed necessary.

There were no tears for evil men and somewhere around the house, a fire was being made. Turned and churned against, as hands had touched sticks, which yearned for a change in shade and color, and none remained still no more. Though they were unknown and little more in doubt, they called, and shouted, much astonished by it, they had been watched for some time now. From higher crowns and stimulants being planted in their mournful glance, present there as they had been, it would be too shallow to make a point and wince, since desperation could only be attained for this long, maintained as somewhere along the way, they brood.

In a cornered tree of metal, where the peaks of steam formed black clouds, they stood and asked for even less that it should be allowed, bellowing as empty men, of whose entrails had opened a way, forming a bridge to their house of tolls. Paid for in guts and touched in gore. More and more of the decayed gathered, some of which had never been fathered. They knew of less and wished for gut, but could not do it and would not. Such a wild display of artistic prowess such of the likes of which they've never seen, shook their likes and never-quiet, they stood and wasted no time to weep.

'Let us come into your house.'

They said, for the master looked above at a single pale scum-wheel which shone upon the steam breather, pointedly crying of metal-traps. In the air they caught small birds they ate, never to reveal how they survived. Water was not to be seen, but a geyser could be found to thrust upon a system of long-metal thawed pipelines, feeding them blood and clots, with plenty of the disgusted rotten cadaverous bats that came in. Whose ceilings were, in empty turned-out the ceiling beds, the place of their arrival, stay. And never-asked for, blood conveyed but mist in shambled. As the decay could barely be seen from the distance, amply put and never shaken by the ones that shoved through cracks, of mold and bats, their clay-like rocks of wax and puddles. They threw spikes and spindles, roses-burst upon the bridge as they managed to call upon him, not to mind their coming and their worth.

'Leave, I shall tend to neither of you. I have no intention on keeping my promise towards bastardly caught-creatures, those of you which shall be gone, I shall feel nothing at all towards you.

Leave and decay, I pray that you may fall upon your way back and never settle upon a watch, or to look at my creation.'

'But we need to how, as well as clutch your ways and methods of crafting.

We have to build bridges of our own and build a town and surround it by walls just like you've been planning on. '

'For how long have you known of my acts?'

‘Too many years passed and I think there’s no emotion that would last as long as it did now. We know and seen through it, we want only to be a part of it.’

‘Nay, leave.’

What was conveyed through could not have been even the lesser of the breaking through, they waned as not to understand what and where, towards which the mind conveyed the pain they felt and dread as it was coming. Somewhere in the distance running, through circles that were cut and blasphemies that were not to be spoken of or claimed about. In wage of dirty wars, there were plains of broken acid, pools that have evaporated and left nothing in return.

Through depths they hid and planted themselves weepingly as to be caught. Brought to the madness of a land which wasn’t theirs, the people of whom, of which of rum, and other boiled substances could not even redeem their contrivances between each other; yet they grew as if plants, but never rooted, out of pools, despite there being none, they had drained the radiation and the elation of chemicals that changed. Plenty of them grew and floated as their eyes had grown and skulls were known to house their bodies. Many which had grown together, only pushed the one big one through.

Though weight was added, they were knotted and only brought themselves to shrew. Many cut and brought to knees and many legs threw on and forwardly until they turned their mournful stares. Plenty of the dreadful yearned, for their sudden elation. Bastardly they refused to touch. No ground could hold them in place nor would they stand themselves for long but growing. With each joint, knowingly forming their bodies, of anatomy in place and deranged cracked bones they pushed around each edge until they imitated man. But humanoid they were not, instead, they were simply their own thing, unable to leave this form, but worn out by all the pain they suffered on their own and while together. A reminder of pain would not make them suffer or wear them out.

There was no chance for them to be gone, as all the land was blasted, as it lasted eight more years, in such a way, that many would plant themselves until the god of harvest observed their way. He had known of all ills and of organic matter whose countenance had turned it to feel itself grown and push out of throngs. Of those who wanted to grow despite their incompetence, he yearned for them to have been met. By him alone in deadly bed.

In the pools, the broken clutches of the various tenderly-depths upon which their kind only pushed through depths that never caught their eyes. They stood and waited on top of one another’s shoulders, now with him in their minds. As he had fed them many ways, and many other necessary remains, they begged to receive a blessing so they might grow and swallow humanity as a whole.

And who else might not deem humanity cowardly for hiding on its floating structures, thought they were not the culprits and the architects they made. All the necessary arrangements for everything to be set in place, claiming what was rightfully made. By claims of ancestry, for they had planned ahead. Long-survival but was caught and in their makings, never brought. It could just be in pain, the makings, they were only getting more desperate as for the sake of their taking. And each claim had taken a generation, pushed, and little more was known, they should.

Sekov's notes

Reminder, peculiar note:

Inducing emotional distress on dog.

'I've come to observe this by accident, while I happened to be in the kitchen, and the dog was on the hallway, a few steps away from where I stood.

Whilst being aware of the dog's presence, I've turned towards one of the highest placed shelves which was placed on top of the front wall and began scratching its edges with my fingernails.

The canine was thoroughly displeased as it appeared to be have followed my movements closely, as it began shaking and making wild noises of lower octaves. It was clear enough that the dog did not enjoy this at all.'

In order to see what caused this reaction, I walked around the house and began scratching the wooden doors as well, to no result.

The reason for its reaction, which yield the same result was the fact that this shelf inside the kitchen, despite being made of a similar material, wood, it appeared like it bore various jars on top of it which were placed in a line, three in the front, two in the back, their placement being somewhat similar to a pool table, filled with sugar, coffee and one of unused rice. The dog must've simply thought that they stored food, hence the signal to its primitive brain told it to react in such a way as to beg for it.

This was thoroughly displeasing as I often find myself annoyed by its enticing notes, and the way in which the dog reacts is shallow at best. It barks often enough, therefore I must hit the dog.

It's plain that the dog is often in the wrong, being incapable of controlling itself, especially since its prime instinct drives it to leap at my legs while performing the most disgusting chants a creature like itself could go through. Repelling creature that it is, I have often dreamed, as being spawned by my further annoyance to the way it reacts, of trampling and beating it to death. As I find this occurrence to be too much for me to take.

Oh, how much I enjoy pushing it around. Feeding her less than a bowl a day and taking her for a walk for what seems to be less than ten minutes a day. Those are things that I find as the rightful penitence such a creature ought to receive, since I found myself, as I have said before, often in distress because of the mutt. This little noise-machine gets beaten often enough, sometimes even in public, other times I often proceed to simply pull her leash in such motions that would seem somewhat familiar to Southerners in their old time ordeals with the Negroes. Regardless of it, they're short-lived and most of the time the damage is barely felt.

It's the least she ought to have received. But on the list, the next interaction with other similar pets seems to be the felines, as I have found myself, often enough chucking rocks at them outside and around my building.

A pleasant thing, seeing how you can easily trick them to follow you around, by simply taking a few pebbles and throwing them just close enough for them to think it's something of value, the feline will

simply follow it around. Do it enough times and the cat will draw in closer and closer until she's close enough for a direct deadly shot to be taken. Not that I would know of any of that.

Although this is a rather useful tool in observing their behavior, since, whereas one would find himself with little to come up with at hand in order to survive, with limited provisions and limited materials to use, he might well enough come up with an easy way to consume as little resources as possible while achieving just as much.

A few rocks are thrown around the general area where the cat might come, slowly being followed by even more pebbles being thrown. Then, as she's distracted and turned around, either a bigger rock might be used, or a boulder, that was, as few resources might be used as possible while possibly getting hold of its meat.

Frogs, this one was for pleasure. During rainy-days, I would step on them and rub it in until their gut strung open. Always in the same way, always the same image; which is kind of strange. Would it be that the way in which I stomped them was in a similar fashion as the last time I did so, or are their innards fashioned in some way that I'm always going to find a tiny red tube sticking out? It can't be a coincidence.

Smashed snails, tadpoles, little parasites as well, amongst other good examples I refused to throw back when I went on fishing trips. Suffocating them was pleasant, it's something else than inflicting pain on them.

I tried talking to people about what I like doing, but they thought I was anything but serious about my suspicious activities, which is for the better. In some way, it's far better if they see it as a jest than take it for what it is and at the same time it's far more useful to me.

But, if there was a problem there, it was the people.

They didn't like my ideas, they loathed them. My ideas were righteous, as they were meant to serve as alternative to the wrong-doings of society. It was well-earned in some way, I suppose, their lack of satisfaction that came with how prisoners ought to be treated like was one of the signs I should've been made aware of. I relent. It's irrelevant now.

Although I walk and see eye-to eye with men who follow him around, somewhere in my small village, there was a man named Aleksey; he didn't live here, as he merely passed by, but I seem to remember my attempts to talk to him. Well enough, I was well surprised by the fact that he did not enjoy hearing about my various dreams, about my desire of entrapping people as well as the other stuff. Hmm, I wish I had a better way to put it into practice.

But here, in the distance, there's a house.

It's yellow, or some ochre that was long since washed up. The land is simple and there aren't many details around, as even the trees in the distance appear to be painted on. Though the land is still lush, the grass can only be felt by shoeless feet.

Shoehorning a screwdriver through one of the outlets, or forcing her to do it while being chained to the bed, that was hard enough, it's unclear what I dreamed of doing and what I've done, no one would believe

me, so I must be far-gone already. They say they don't believe me and I have no proof for the time being. It's way too hard, trying to go on with a performance in front of them. I'll be honest here, of all places, I'm afraid to talk and act in front of a crowd.

I was merely stumbling and falling over my own two legs while trying to show him what I meant. I don't know whether or not he understood what I said, as that man, Aleksey, whom I have met and spoke to over a long while, on various occasions found himself patting me on the back, several times as well. I don't know the reason for that. I'd like to think of myself as some sort of rational being. Then, why would he pat me on the back after saying such horrible things?

Unless he was a horrible being himself, it could be that the smile and the way in which he presented himself to me was way too similar, too strange as to be compared to how other people treated me like. I didn't know this yet, but his mistreatment of the women around the village was startling for me, even shocking. I didn't understand it at first, not only him but I, who's done so many awful things, the culprit of so many acts of cruelty, found himself shocked.

During such acts of compassion, I found myself drawn to them. It's strange, but it's, they're different than the other animals I've been with. They act differently, especially when they're hurt. But that's not to take from the fact that the recurring dreams I've had always kicked back the motions.

'I shall be honest about this.

I see no reason to treat someone fairly well especially since they've been used.

No, I suppose one would end up seeing that, despite there being differences at first, there's no real difference between the two after being observed over a long period of time.'

Scum-people, I know I'm not thinking this because I'm paranoid, since I am not. But they must've thought me a low-life. Some of them in particular thought of me as the scum of the lot instead. A murderer-to be, a petty, lousy criminal no less, but what they know of me?

He's thought himself, as any man in his place would. As he should finally come onto himself, and soon enough, as a man he understood. What a plain thing it was, how much he's done.

What worsened his apprehension, the direction to which he shot, the man could not understand where he went wrong and worsened by each spade, with each grain of dirt that remained, he buried the woman and walked away. Through night and sober, least of all would he understand, what made him that way, the things of nightmare which stared him in the lane of hay, where horses disappeared, he knew of himself and even nearer, had he grasped a stroll.

He took a life that did not belong to him, and imagined worse. For this fear of animals only came to be in part, the agony he forced upon another as a child. All reminded, caught there, as he started in the distance, largely unaware of what he's done. He was an unfathomable soldier whose meanings were lost in storm, a blow, a cone of winds forlorn, and in the spikes of light, where a single thunder stroke through night, he vowed he saw an animal of a man. But for the likes of him he could not tell what it was or why he ran away.

But whom shall deliver justice to a man as evil as he is, who would not fathom standing still when asked and pushed around and made to pay for mistakes of the past. When he rose and when he stood and what he did and what he killed. Of plain animals that were dead and those that gathered around him, whom were plenty and still. And all of whom had haunted him, a man who did not for the likes of him understand what's wrong. Everywhere around, crowds and rows and animals he killed in snow. Leaving there as he could not, for all that was worth, he could not make anything of them. It was too plain, he did not understand what ticked in his head, why there, in the houses plain floor and underneath the door a fake countour that signaled but a body. He hid all of them, but visited from time to time, a hick of no mind, followed by another one, who was his pair.

She was stranger, whiter in the head, both of them had no other place to stand. And seeing how he face no problem and he could feel nothing towards either of them, he asked for little and passed it ever since.

‘What does either of you want from me?’

Can't you see I'm passing again?’

‘We won't be long, just a day or two.’

‘They're getting me, I say.’

At the command of which, he pulled the lower hurdle of his hands, right above his ankle, then above his knee, revealing in-so much that there was no leg to begin with. But only a cat, a dog, a few smaller tadpoles he had killed before, attached to a leg that might've been sewed off, yet there was no blood around. In a plain-to-be, never to be approached for distance he had ever considered looking into, lopsided for the ceiling spoke of a far vaster story and of more provocative worries. Such as the rituals he must've been accompanied by. And all the reigns that pushed him around, as he could not understand where it all began. Or why he did it, set aside.

Whatever that might be, the gunpowder was used and most of it was missing.

Though he attempted to explain why they were making the signs or how he managed to put them in place so he might replicate by any means even his toes, he failed to do so and instead chose to smell the scents. And mark of science from an age that wasn't there. It could be an explanation, a man that experimented on himself. But this Sekov has always been an odd one.

He claimed dark times and animals that spoke to him and asked him to die.

At time both of them were tormented by the images he spoke off but he could not say or ask again or push himself back to stay. For what he asked had only stretched his lip.

‘They planted the eggs in there.’

‘I think we should leave.’

‘Honey, wait, it's raining outside.’

‘We shall be back in two days worth.’

‘But, I.’

There was no worth expression or anything that might be exchanged, which, of joy and earthly pleasures that may not even be pushed on them. They said little and walked away, for all that worthlessness no man could endure. It was so hard, facing his pounding chest, he shook, once he realized, there was no woman he killed. But who was in the grave and whom might he have spoken to? It remained for him to walk and see and make it all the way back, to the place where it all began. For what was worth of him to ask, now it came to him that while in doubt, he faced no consequence, nor would he ask again and have himself strung over a tree, conveyed upon what seemed. Farther into the night, with only a lantern’s cowering and little blight upon the clouds, an omen bounded that has followed him. Along the way he saw nothing and could only think of his obsession which boosted his compassion. For all the while, mild attendee, he faced a court of hay and had to walk through it once they had caught him and he was almost pushed away.

His abandonment of pets had led him, finally, erect upon the pile of ground. Mildness of which and wreathing peace, and lack of desperation hissed like a snake once he dug. In the middle of the night when no one was around, he opened the grave where he thought she might’ve been in, placed at the cross, near which he found naught. But a trail from the grave had landed him in a place unlike many, from what he felt and never could he have met it again.

Driven by the jealousy of man, he came to realize that neither they were dead. And he had felt nothing and he had killed no killed, and there were no dead animals, and the snow was plainly erected. For he had dreamed and still did so, he had been in an illusion and his notes came to say so. For, once he rushed and once he came, once he pulled the wet floor off, backed by the outline which could only stay there for so long, oh dreary thing that got his back stretched and pulled ahead could only have him wanting. Seething for what’s done, he read aloud.

‘On how I guided myself to think that I’ve done all that, all of those acts are mine, all mine. I’ve killed and taken life, I’ve spilled blood but it was ink.’

But it was more so than plausible.

‘I drained their veins and held the reins. I’ve made it so you realize now, of all the veins that you’re the only one who has been hurt.’

For the animals were in his home. Tall and hasty, agape, he realized that these notes were faked.

‘What have I done?’

‘You’ve killed our kin, this was a trap.’

All along, from looking down, the body of the woman, there it was. And the animals had also grabbed a hold of his foot. They shook until he understood that they had been playing with him for a long period of time and he felt it so, every time he felt the torture that was him. Guttured, a single intestinal wrapper, a tube came out of him, the snapper also threw a rock, he had been bloodied and abused. Cut around the ear but never pushed through drum.

There came his chance, as they were preparing to scratch the ceiling like chalk. Animals, all of them, wondering straying for words they might share. It was less pointed, he cut one of their legs. The giant

humanoid cat stumbled and accidentally fell on top the dog. And the Frog-like men, of whose face was eaten by termites had a head that blew alight and started burning, or which spread started encumbering the insides of the house. Just in time for the man to get away, as he opened the door and saw a sky-flat, upon which, every few twenty-or forty meters, there were the animals he killed, a rain of blood from the guts of the frogs. And everything from that point on was overwrought in details and never simple. Too hard to look at, no way to focus the eye, all kitsch and never touched, brought to him, he sampled his tongue as he liked the animals he killed.

‘I can finally enjoy the taste of my pray. How long I have waited to test this, I could not help myself, I want more of it, I want to eat it for as long as my hand shall be strayed and my long-needed bloody bath is settled.

I want some warmth, my head needs to rest on a pillow of dogs.’

Which was slowly being brought, but by a giant bird whose legs were actually made of many other critters but only in wideness and not critters in looks, but general shape, as the plats which formed them extended and formed large pictures of bloody crime scenes, which had documented his entire life, and that which had been known of, as he finally alleviated what seemed to be his entire career as a failed man who neared his ancient days.

Many of the days being too pushed-out of him, being revealed as his neck-skin dragged behind and covered his head as to form a protective side, but that wasn’t to be spoke of as both him, the animals and the bird were surprised by the hole which happened inside their protective concave surface which deformed itself in front of their eyes. It was impossible to fight against now that they had little to no chance to even raise a single finger, because of the agony and the amount of manual-labor filled power that was expressed through the fighting spirited men that were hardened and pushed through the veil. Ate through it and managed to revealed that they fell to their deaths once they killed and smashed the animals that fell with them. But those were only dying still and they had been hardened from within. In the air, during their fall, as they blew, their bodies managed to stall the fall of the animals who managed to float in the air.

Impaled by coagulated blood bullets that had been shot from the insides of the criminals and the dead singers of which sin had only spared them of a much closer dead-aghast agony. A lamentable virus that was merely starved by perdition, carried through, they were limited as agony passed through. Punished for carrying this virus by exposure and by the insolence that was lust, filthy as they had been, they suffered and were cast in the bodies of the frogs, the leeches and the dogs. May they suffer then, as they left, for a legacy, nothing but a blood-web, held by them and listened to.

As anchor-fingers of dirt played upon them, seen through, slowly he came, once the entry had been swollenly-deemed as worthy. Never to be accounted by the shortness of a single snapper, the disaster.

It was no altar upon which he came but a strange construction like the type of an angelic-textured engineered built, designed by someone who had been a genius yet touched on a whim by the grace of a divine being that entered his mind and had him build it.

Though it had been crafted to fit a flight of interlocked stairs that were merged at the edges where they ended only to they could be somewhat tilted or pushed thoroughly beneath them in a deeper line of a step

that bled the chimes of wind that lead below the finger's chimes, or kind of like a slide, the build looked like an interlock of many circularly-inflated stationary bicycle-units that were put together and expanded upon only so a few of them would have bridges between them, without the handles and without the pedals, but spinning in an endless display of bones. As it could be seen that it was organic in part, lend upon the edges of the sky by a bunch of legs and arms that were circles and never touched the build but span around the horizontal belt, as it was only worked upon by such a strong gravitational push that they shaped the build around them, as they gave the impression that the thing was being forged by them with the help of the iron particles in the sky and the general heat elements that bonded by their unfathomable touch. For in the middle of the circle, there was hope. And hope was a rotating mouth with many teeth that came from its every side as well as from every hole inside their molars.

There was enough space left for them to grow meat through the molars as they developed small eyes and infants that were in actuality worked upon from the back of their heads, by the umbilical cord which came out of their backs and fed their brains with an unnatural substance known at the sound-foam.

And his kind of strange breed of sound-foam, if that could be called so was lend onto them by the dark being known as Amplorah, whose mark could be seen on them. But they didn't know what to expect as their minds had not realized that they just came into existence.

Slowly the being was lowered down. It walked on top of the bridge as if it didn't matter why it was shouted at. By many of them who would appear, his servants were angry, their minds would constantly disappear, leaving only rage to punch. Everything in sight had to be destroyed and hit and thrown around. Not to be too cruel now, they were not interested in hearing about the weather.

The weather was evil. Blood was contaminated by evil. And evil there had wings that were inbred. They kept mixing together with the dead as they committed vile acts of incest. Since blood and flight were evil by sight, since they would be seen together in the creature that came upon the strange machines, once he had become a servant of the unnecessary destruction which happened in distant stars once the universe had finally pushed through and opened a darker hole a few miles away from where the large stationary bridge was being wrung upon. And writhed and turned in the same way the ancient sisters of fate would do, in Ancient Greeks, by their making, one could not have seen it through.

For evil words could not be spoke backwardly because lies had to be understood in order to seem like they were real, he appeared.

A liar of two heads, a deformed finger, that was his head, with many wings that were the bridges, crafted still and part of the leeches. A body of disease, that fat could not be brought, the back fattened as the pump of a single lumped tube pushed in and out, refusing to make contact. Though many figures were seen, the figure had no distinct face, only the markings of knowledge that wrote in ancient graphic languages that were still somewhat ready to be interpreted.

In the dark, by the bowels, those were his legs, many anchors of dirt appeared, and they felt flat in an attempt to stop him, after that.

Two arms came out but they were too strong to be brought down as they pounded the air, making drops and mark of glassy-steel push over, like windless spades that were pressed into spaces.

And once it was safe for him to finally come through and leap about he saw himself go through and stomp the head of the giant bird, upon which he stood, as if on a pedestal, wanting to be done for.

‘Listen to me Sekov, you need to listen to me now.

Those animals you killed?

They were gods and you killed them.’

‘You mean the ones inside my burning house or the ones before?’

‘All of them.

Go and look for the two hicks, they will know how to help you but hurry before the man that’s wrapped in a cloak because of his vile nakedness finds you.’

‘But who’s that?’

‘I don’t know, I see no light, I can only see the indigo that’s obscured by a dark fog that’s being made out of tiny fireflies but instead of producing any kind of luminescence, they’re taking the light away from my eyes.

Why do you think that is?’

‘I do not know but I think I’m afraid, the snow is flat now, it’s all red.’

‘Women have been doing the same thing as dogs are ever since the beginning of time.’

‘How will that help you?’

‘Look behind.’

The woman he had killed, or thought he had killed had actually been buried alive, and had survived and had been burned alive again, only to survive again with many degree burns. She ran around and he followed.

He could that the fire ran out but she was in deep pain. He had to console her before she thought about alarming someone about what he’s done. It was illegal, thought only if it was reported. Otherwise he would be free. Sekov thought about something and the only thing he could think about was the fact that he’s done nothing wrong, without shame and dignity, there was no morality and he could finally go ahead.

‘Listen, I’m going to give you a piece of advice. You must go forth and buy her a sharp stainless steel hammer so she could cripple her legs and blame you for it.’

‘Why can’t she blame you for what I’ve done to her?’

‘That is not how it works, in order for you to be guilty or crippling her, you must enact a means for her to harm herself. Otherwise you shall be guilty of no crime.’

‘Then I shall do it if I can find the means.’

‘And there shall be a boost of emotion and you shall be elated and do as you please.

Sekov, you are also my son.’

‘As you are my father, but what is your name, father?’

‘I shall tell you once you save her from herself, make her join you, search for the hicks and I shall help you listen to your heart and do as I please.

I would be pleased if you corrected your mistake and somehow saved all of them from your actions of the past. All those deaths could be redeemed somehow.’

And that would be another chapter in his life.

Sekov simply pushed on and never asked questions. He didn’t know what was going on, but that didn’t matter to him. If he ever met that Aleksey, he would definitely tell him of everything that happened here, and he would tell him a tale of charm and power, and fright and dishonor and how he came to redeem himself. From that point on he walked ahead, never to feel bad about himself or wail about having his mood be ruined.

Thence he went, not to abide, what he had thought, himself in doubt. He walked on steps that weren’t his, he tried his best not to pry too hard in them or make a mark that would crease and leave something that might’ve looked as if he plowed, through them and broken down. As they should, they stood and waited as he went to the store, as distantly placed as it was, near the village of his own. By then the person behind it was, to put it bluntly, nothing but a giant iron pain that rotated itself as it pushed down. Suffering followed, animals bled. He was somewhat, defected. It could only be called that way now, he wanted to say something but doubted it would make a difference either.

Poor in mind, he asked for a hammer.

‘How much will it be?’

‘An eye for the hammer.’

‘But I only got two of them and I may not make it through if I give it to you instead.

How about my sweat?’

‘What about your sweat?’

‘One moment please.’

And as he turned, Sekov merely lifted up his shirt and sleeves and merely squeezed the back end of his armpit into his hand.

‘There’s look down, here, you can have my eye.’

‘That is indeed a malevolent beauty. Where did you get it?’

‘Hammer please.’

And as soon as hands shook and the pool of sweat fell, the giant pained man-nail having had giant iron wailing hands that turned around pushed ahead. Why am I so tired, Sekov thought on his way out. He didn’t realize what was happening as he was chased out by the meat-pain man whose head was a giant nail, but whom wore an armor of nail-turned, interconnected nails which made it seem like he was wearing a chainmail ringed overall. It was even worse that he considered taking everything he mistook and shook the lamp that stood near the doorway, leaving the place in shambles.

As the store-keeper came and stood in line, the lamp exploded, taking his head which shot around the store as nails leap and destroy everything, allowing for the entire building to fall in a giant hole that swallowed half of the village town. While the other half started floating in the air, as gravity made it so buildings were being attracted to dead animals, although not every building was stuck to the meat ceiling.

A single orphan child realized that it was too late for him to get out, as he only searched for a mother. But no one mothered the boy because the boy was too much for this world. He carried his small companion, the table everywhere he went.

And now, one of its legs had entered his throat, by forced, leaving him bleeding on the floor as well. The blood being affected by gravity as well.

Near the scene.

‘I think you ought to have this Dame.’

‘You don’t even remember my name, do you?’

‘Of course I do, that’s subtle, I think it is.’

He was not of the mind to guess it, with a slip and a drab.

The scene was serene, as one would be. He found her where she was left since she and him both waited for this to happen. A few feet away there was his father watching. The house was still burning and there was no putting it down. He was still trying to understand what went through him when he gave her the hammer.

‘Here, while you’re at it, do yourself a favor and point it at your head instead of your knees.’

‘You’re not going to help me get up?’

‘No, just go on, get it done already.’

‘I can’t do it if you’re watching, you’re making me feel guilty for doing it.’

‘Then don’t do it.’

I’m not forcing you to do anything. As a matter of fact, I’d be better off if you didn’t do it at all.’

‘Very well then, I think it’s settled.’

He got her on her two feet and took the hammer away from her, not trying to step in line.

They walked to the fire, came around. Pointed in the right direction, they walked. It was hard to tell whether or not this meant a thing but there were in-doors again, trying to read off a strange thing.

Ancient building, they entered it by accident. And the look on their faces was deprave enough.

Counting bleeding needles and there it was.

That part of his notes where nothing made a lot of sense either, since he was trying his hands in the wrong placed. His notes had been recovered after all thought a part of the page was the lower cut side of a bullfrog and a turtle. Then he thought of whichever else he seemed to do. He threw something down the gulper and never asked himself half-way through how he's done it. Acts of arson, this wasn't the first time where he managed to commit them, it happened way too often for him to abandon it.

Though somewhere along the way, upon a town he made a flame. Though they had their buildings and the kind missed and covered with blinds and hard-ceilings, he set there with a single lighter and dropped it in a floor and met the brightest flame he's ever made. Thoughtfully he stared in vein. Lights were dancing in their eyes. And then he hid under a few leaves and rocks and a flock of little ducklings he pulled from a stole. No one figured out it was him. Devilish swindler that he was, he's done it again. He's got away with the worst possible thing.

He pushed her out of the way and then he walked alone for a while.

It was awkward, the way it happened, although he even allowed her to keep the hammer.

And the sight was strange, as she looked back at him disappointingly as if she expected more from him, before setting her eyes down.

Sekov had a black hat.

It was a nasty-looking hat.

He used it most of the time to cover his eyes and avoid everyone else.

In this case, since there was no one else around to look back at him, he avoided the cumbersome sight of so many things around him. Too many animals watching, too many of them were there along the way. He was a man without shame, or so he thought, although sometimes it was too much. But having his eyes covered felt much more, or closer to a blessing than anything else. Being.

It was a nice tiny patch upon which he stood. It's been a while since he shut-down, or turned his mind off. It fought back against him, lashing out, as he stood there, being always in pain without a single doubt of what was on the other side of the fence. It was getting so much harder to walk and stand. To pull off the hat to the ones that came out of their way to ask him.

Tall men made of feet, cut-out paws and heads of beef. He didn't get to see their faces or to feel anything but the space left between them. It was so much harder, having those thoughts. It was even harder, trying to get up.

It was hilarious in some way. Suppose he split with her. That he now ended up being the hick. There was not a single step further he had to take in order to find them. But there was nothing he could come up with in order to make it so he could make up with them.

How could he be blamed for the actions since he had no home?

Sekov knew that this sudden burst of compassion was nothing but a broken bust whose face was picked upon by a hammer whose crushing hit, the sledge had pierced through, leaving a chain of desperation on a trail of stone. He was a good man after all, and the animals were evil, and had to be stomped. Only to get out of this sight he underwent a complete process of thinking, which drew, upon the most awful of thoughts and rancid sinew.

He considered what went wrong. Somewhere along the way he killed an animal and wore it like a plank. And then he killed another and he put it down like another plank. Going on and on until he made a small raft. While on top of it he sailed on air, knowing that the raft couldn't fly on its own, a few dead, yet invisible hovering animals must've been the ones responsible of propelling the raft. But after a few rows, the raft came off and from the invisible ruckus there came a sudden burst of blood in the air which moistened the planks and filled them with their blood. Once the transfusion was ended, the planks planted themselves in the ground and grew leaves that resembled the critters. For once in his entire time seeing and looking about, Sekov realized that the tree under which he stood for shade looked out of place. But he smiled nonetheless and walked on. He had to find his wife the hick and claim her back from the deceit his father must've wrapped her through. He, of all was evil and he only realized that then, though he desired to claim a sit on a giant bird-like throne on top of an evil den of rotten cadavers.

Scared, he was also scared of something.

Since he couldn't remember where she went. It was raining, but he could not understand where she went or why. It was all too convenient that she didn't answer when he called on her. His notes would tell him.

The notes were always on him.

Reminder, spoken to him a few days ago, written on a patch of black ink with white words, hard to read.

'I've seen them everywhere, ever since it began, nasty things.'

'Describe them to me.'

'I can't, they'll know, they'll recognize themselves and see a way in.'

'Like a door or the side.'

'What side? What are you talking about?'

'They're always there, one of them in particular noticed me the other day.'

'I don't know why he's following me, but I can't take him on.'

'For how long have you been followed?'

‘I don’t know, but I’m afraid I’m going to see him again. And he knows, he simply knows what I look like. He knows who I am.’

‘Is it a man then, the person who’s following you?’

‘Yes, he is, but different, I think he’s different than other people. I think.

He’s tall and a dark figure.’

‘Where else have you seen him?’

‘Everywhere, no, I mean only once. There were other people out there but neither of us said anything. He didn’t approach.’

‘Why are you scared of him then? Do you think he wants to harm you?’

‘I don’t know, but he’s not the first one who looked, others did the same. Everyone looks, and I can’t stop them from doing it.

But not everyone, I mean they are, those who look like him do.’

‘There are others then?’

‘Yes, like you wouldn’t believe. And they’re.’

‘Don’t stop now, keep going.’

‘You know, I’ve told you this before, they’re always looking at me as if I’m some untrustworthy person.

Maybe, I don’t know. But it feels so good finally speaking to someone, you know?

I know I keep repeating myself but It’s true. No one really listens to me when I speak and when I do, I keep wasting my turn or go over them. But I know no one would believe me.’

‘I do, don’t stop, go on from where you left.’

‘They keep watching, they keep turning their heads for some reason. No one approached me yet, but everyone’s staring for some reason. Always, they’re always staring for long and they’re all, they’re doing the same thing. Everyone acting that, staring at me, them.’

‘Who are they? The tall dark man? That’s not enough of a descriptor.’

‘He wears a tan, while the other ones look normal, but their eyes, I think I see them by their eyes and they see me by them as well.

But the others, they’re different. They think I want to harm them.’

‘Do they? I don’t know.

I want to be left alone. I want to live in here, I don’t want to be out there. I hate being looked at. Can’t stay out for long, you know that.

I've told you this before. It's getting really hard, thinking. I'm not used to think, it was all automatic in the past. Never thinking, never speaking, never doing anything.'

'You used to pass notes around to speak, haven't you?'

'That was long before, I think.'

'Were you follow then?'

'No, it started after.'

'When was the first time you saw them?'

'I was, I forgot. I was approached once, the first time, I think. I can't remember what he looked like. In the liquor store, he was there, he told me something. I don't belong amongst them.'

'I need a descriptor.'

'I can't offer you one.'

But I only remember that, no. You don't belong here, that's what it was. I know it was one of them.'

'Tall, tanned, big eyed, I need more than that. I can't work it out.'

'I just want to avoid them for long enough. They make me feel much worse than everyone else. At least the others made me feel ignored, but they keep pushing and pushing and I can't think while I'm being.'

'Tailed.'

'Right.'

He looked again in the back. No one was there to surround him. No one was stalking him anymore, it was all safe. Though the sight was still dim, and the animals were there.

He never spoke to the man about the animals, why would he?

It was hard, trying to make the difference now, trying to see past them. Couldn't figure who had been affected and whose was. And whose hand was it.

There was no friend he's spoken with. It was his delirious mind speaking. It was hard trying to befriend anyone, especially with those tendencies. Everything was wrong in the sky again, but this time it only got worse. Flat as in a box, and eyes, his eyes were there, it was the motion, while he was standing on a plain bench.

'What's with the bench?'

'I was trying to mind my own business and sketch something on it.'

'The bench?'

'No, I was. I used to sketch on top of the, on my sketch pad. It wasn't a pad.'

Just something I pulled off by myself.

I don't want to brag but sometimes I see myself as being clever. Ehm, that's.'

He was still there in his mind, if memory served well. It was that sliding motion. He appeared out of nowhere, his back was turned and merely, docilely leaned against the bulk of a house.

He saw me looking where I shouldn't.

'So you brought it on yourself.'

'I was looking around before he even came. But I don't think that's why he looked at me.'

He broke the voice off and walked away.

Man of voices, or man of vices.

It's what he would call himself. One way or another, either of those would have to stick with him.

Poor Sekov thought, he didn't tell him everything, especially since they were in a safe place, of a road where he wasn't even likely to approach. Of some side that was gaseous and abandoned, if not bore a large spike of obsession every seemed to cross, antipathy being carried against him by every animal around. They were merely in the wrong, he had been right in killing them, as for a while, he thought that there would only be one true god, of which he did not speak of.

Though plain of head, never in so much as a religious man, he thought.

'I've done something, I suppose, to offend them.'

'Now we're getting somewhere. Are you finally going to accept the reason they've been stalking you for?'

'I think they're petty, I think I wronged them with something. Much worse, I think I may have humiliated one of their own, and in return, they have been warned of me and my intentions.'

'When had it happened?'

'Many years prior to our meetings.'

He stopped talking for a moment and pretended he was leaning over, just like the dark man had.

There was a kid on a bicycle which made it over and barely passed him without a notice. It was weird seeing others walk and disappear into the distance but by now he had been used to it. Regardless of it, that must've been it.

'I think I'm responsible for something far worse than the shortening of a critter's lifespan.'

'And what would that be? Come on, you're between safe ear-shots, no one's going to hear or judge you.'

'I've built him an altar of tumors, made out of the cut-out pieces of his body that fell.

I befriended one of them for a short period of time, and. I couldn't help it, but I swear, I've done it so.

I think they know.'

'Slow down. What did you do and why?'

'It was a friend, of which. I couldn't help, he was simply. I found him bothersome, obnoxious.'

'Right, so, because of that, you built him a what, now? Come again?'

'An altar, made out of leprosy, caused by his disease. I carved his face into it and brought people onto it so they might laugh.

I did it so, and brought him to it, just so people might laugh at him as well.'

'That sounds. I. How many?'

It was hardly something to think of. No man could listen and not be dumbfounded. Let alone question what had happened that day.

'I scarred him, and I took joy into doing so. I am a man of no pity now and I think I've always been wrong into doing what I thought so.

Unfairly treading whomever I pleased, I don't think I know of a better way to say it, but I cannot appease them any longer, for what I've done might never yearn for their stalkerish behavior to end. I wish there was a better way, but there isn't.

Petty darks, petty, petty, petty darks will never forgive me for what I've done. Though deranged, I think they've had a hand, in what I've done and how everyone seems to ignore me off-hand.'

'So they're the ones responsible for you being alienated?'

'Yes, I think it so.

But listen, it doesn't matter any longer, since I don't need them. I have the best thing, the only thing, most dread of emotions left to mind. I have her, once I find her and we shall live together and not mind what others think.'

There was still something which Sekov hid, but he was too clever, way too clever, even for his own wit.

It was a lesson which had been imparted on him by much greater powers than his. For what was worth, he could never, under no circumstance whatsoever, trust dark-skinned people since crime was in their blood. And it was only too clear now that they seemed to loathe him because he was, underneath the wild appearances and the strange clothes he wore, a great person.

Why, Sekov, as he scoured through each page noticed that he was indeed one of the greatest men that had ever lived, although borderline narcissistic at times, he knew much better than to trust those evil people whose dark-blood was only dark and a shade darker because of their vile tendencies which drew towards acts of criminality. Unlike him, who had been a regular goody two shoes for the entirety of his life, well-

behaved and well-respected in his village as well, which only added to the fact that those who looked at him with their weird eyes, of no lack of better understanding and explanation, were simply displaying envy towards him. Since, lo' and behold, they were out there again.

They weren't there in their physical form but they were there nonetheless, readily pushing themselves around in order to commit a viler act that would even rival that of murder, thence called in the past, eavesdropping. As it happened for no one else to care or fathom such an act of dread, which would even rival that of stalking. Listening on someone's private conversation was an act of treason to the country, but those people felt no shame whatsoever as they paid no allegiance or concern to it.

Nonetheless, it was for the first time in a long while that he understood, how seriously deformed they were, serving as a decrepit adversary reaction to their sub-human like behavior which was displayed by the very nature of their being, that alone being overdone by their malignant obsession with staring at him. For every blink appeared to produce something in him. A burning in his head, they wanted to stare in his eyes and enter him and read his thoughts. Worse, they wanted to subjugate his very nature by their almost enslaving eye-power, which could only be fared and warded against by not looking at them. But that had become hard for him since he had trained, over a long period of time to be able to stare in people's eyes in order to recognize threats, though that alone backfired since staring for too long made eyes appear in the thin air. Which manifested in their turn, the other bodies which floated from the other worlds as eyes were but mirrors that could force him to come in their subjugated plains.

This danger was the episodic membrane of vileness that had to be avoided at all costs. He saw what he initially thought to be hallucinations, in the same way one would look at a mirror, in dim light over a long period of time only to be met by an image of him deformed in ways he wouldn't have imagined otherwise. But the world was not a mirror, despite what he may think, yet with every passing second it appeared to be so, even going as far as to look as if bodies were just heads and faces which explained why so many of them were changed. Especially the dark-skinned ones who were the vilest of the illusionary creatures, in their dark embraces and dark-skin subjugation technique which was, at first what appeared to be stabbings.

It was a stabbing performed by one of them that alarmed him of the threat they carried with them. As their embrace of danger and animalistic behavior only seemed to be so much worse for the taking, dragged over.

He looked down at what seemed to be but a pool of blood, which clicked with his disturbing action. The man at the store must've seen the entry to the other world as well, once being met with the reflection of his eye.

I see the ground as it is, an entry that's been established by them through the reflection that was caused by blood.

He had to avoid looking at eyes, reflections, the sky, and the lights. Only then would his mind be pure, only then could he avoid the neglected features of those that attempted to have at him. Dread had filled his nostrils then. In consequence of evil, he attempted to recede, to a lone place where he might find solace for she wasn't there to console him when the thoughts came and forced him on a whim, way below

his mighty cowl, disastrously caught in act. He could not understand for the likes of him what went through his own mind.

‘Without the solace of company, what is there for me to look for? What is there left for me to do?’

For I have inflicted pain and fell, your hands upon your worn out domain, I see no worth and wrong that might be undone. And from that I shall never be done for, in preaching to no one in hollow caves.

I shall remain in here for eternity and I shall stay, never to leave my domain.’

But a few days spent in there had stricken in at last. For he had worn out his clothes and shoes until he had to stitch them like a concave hat, he claimed his future after that.

‘I am but a victim of mad circumstances.’

That is what he wrote, on all the page and worn out words.

‘But you cannot be one if you’re aware.’

‘I cannot change.’

‘Look at you, you’ve killed a man.’

‘I’ve done no such thing, I’ve only killed animals. ‘

‘They’re men.’

‘They’re critters, and you are a liar.’

‘I do not exist.’

‘And neither do those men are killed, they’re not beasts. They’re not.’

And he was silent, and unknown, for there was no one around to tell and search him for what was worth. He didn’t understand the delicacy of each act, or which arch through which his need had pulled him towards.

‘Then I shall claim the name, Insane Killer.’

That one remained, well enough, something he enjoyed as well. He would not mind now, for those who knew, his title, through and thought. He’s brought this on himself, the vile one.

But thence, they would know and hear of him and be made ware. Then everyone shall know and be made to know of his acts.

He walked as far away from home and her, and left the life, never to know of anything else, never to have cared, for what was fair.

‘I see that my reputation proceeded me, right before I came here.’

‘But who are you, oaf of lard, your feet seem wildly worn out.

For how long have you been running?’

‘At least a few days, I’ve been, and for what is worth and what I’ve seen, there’s no damned explanation that one like yourself.

I killed a man.’

Said the Insane Killer.

And for the first time he had looked upon the man, he finally understood peace. It was the first man he had ever stumbled upon who listened and responded, a despot that had found him.

What was shocking and what threw forth wasn’t the expression, for which blankness he recognized in his own.

‘So have I.’

The man said. And once he heard it, his mouth would never be un-shut again.

‘Do you want to leave? I suppose I didn’t actually kill a man. It could’ve been anyone, really.’

He wasn’t a hick either, but had been merely kicked out of the house, in need of work.

‘I have. But it was in self defense.’

‘That’s actually understandable.’

‘I stomped his head off.’

‘Also understandable.’

‘After trying to bury alive his woman.’

‘Wait, but, you must be me.’

‘Rightly so, because I am Sekov as well.’

And after they established what they knew, from that point on they walked together, both Insane Killer and Sekov.

From that point on, the Insane killer’s amour seemed to have been bulked by muscle, the fat of bull, while Sekov’s head was that of a bird whose sockets were missing.

Farther in the distance, where the house has burnt, once the rain stopped, the hicks had returned. Though they did not mind or seem to mind the Father or the woman, they finally entered the burnt-out house, claiming it as their own.

They weren’t aware that it wasn’t Sekov’s any longer, nor the fact that he was still out there, for long had they travelled and were wearied to do of all.

‘Told you we should leave, can you imagine the scene?’

‘No, and I don’t want to. Make yourself useful and put up the house. I think we can claim it.’

And looking back, the father simply shrugged his arms. Neither of the parties were going to offer a counter claim to the house, therefore the hicks were homed from that point on.

‘We shall see the sun that’s rising north and we should see it how it waked of worth.’

They didn’t understand how anything worked there. Since the land was barren, a fire as wild as a hell-fire afterlife had raised everything to the ground.

‘I need to do something for me.’

Said the Insane Killer to Sekov.

‘What is it, my lord?’

‘I need you to write your name on a piece of paper.’

‘But, these are my personal notes.’

‘I need you to do it nonetheless.’

‘I have written many names but never have I written my name on them.’

‘Do it now then, this is the perfect opportunity.’

‘Very well then.’

‘Incredible. You’re incapable of properly spelling your name.

Your hand writing is awful and barely legible.

How did you manage to survive so far?’

He didn’t even suspect I got away with murdering all those animals, which by now would be hidden inside the bodies of men. Just as they were talking, the evil dark people were wrapping the dead animal gods and the other animals in the human bodies.

Well, as opposed to Sekov, Insane Killer was a highly educated man whose seen and travelled around the world.

No, he had been wrong in the past.

In some way, this was actual poetic justice. Being put in the same place as he was.

‘We have to establish a chain of command, between the two of us, just so you know that there might be someone as well as some of our own that might join us soon. I am waiting for him but I shall not speak of his name yet, and only wait when needed.

Yet I know that you won’t understand it when he comes.

He's.'

'Is he someone I should be weary of? I think I'm rather well endowed to deal with strong-headed strangers as I.

As I.'

Couldn't think of it again, no, no, not here, nor now; not in front of the Insane Killer. He was a real criminal unlike I who'd play with pets and mess with them from time to time, again. Don't let your guard down, don't show him what you feel, don't betray your emotion here. Or else he'll eat you alive and kill you, of a mind. Was it truly self-defense? Could it be that he lied about it then? Going on this path made Sekov rather uncomfortable. He didn't know what to expect from the man or how to react to his so-called threats, subdued. There was something about him, a missing hopelessness he couldn't think about, not while being watched. He feared that if he left or said something too soon, something might happen as well. What would he do to me? He's awfully strong, he seems so but I could be wrong. What kind of man is that who kills another by chance? Is he strong or was it circumstance?

Circumstance wasn't he, and he could not think of anything. Not here, not during this moment, not when he was also considering this. The man near him, the man from the distance, he was, approaching.

He was hard to see at first, as if his features were even worsened by the blindness of his sight. He didn't think of it, nor would he dare. He could not open his eyes once he was here, no, there. In front of them. Hard to see by the looks of it, he propelled himself as if too sudden but always looked made of a piece, an after-effect of a hooded man who bore no shallow grave-look from whence he came. It was insulting, he was insinuating he wasn't even there.

'Aren't you going to introduce me to him Glicknat.'

'What was what?'

'I think it's mostly Clicks. Like the chattering of teeth, you're not supposed to say it.'

'But how will I be able to refer to him if I need something?'

'You will stay by my side at all times, do you understand Sekov?'

'What if I don't want to? I'm my own man.'

'Are you now? You certainly don't act like one.'

There was a clear shortage they could not avoid, but it was uneven and unspoken off.

Why it's clear, this is the difference of an inter-generational defiance that's being pushed through man, that which may as well go through less than a generation until it could show clear evidence of its own existence. The hick might be taken as a mere example, for him, of all has been forcefully civilized not by accident but by mere force.

He needs to built upon that which is broken, torn apart and worn by fire, build upon it and subdue. He replaced the weak and moved in his stead. And whereas someone like Sekov was unable to return and

claim what was so-called rightfully his, that is there no more. There is no claim once another man took what is his and claimed is as his own. It was won by either chance or right of conquest and therefore he may never take it back. Although he was unknown to it, he was yet trapped in that walk, unable to look back at what seemed to be the least of his curiosities.

The three of them continued. It was a jolted leg upon which they walked, but that was enough. They stopped not the crossroads or the cut-out path off to the side, but simply waited and looked at what appeared to be a single pint of jolts, a cut-out motif of no songs and sounds. A bitter thing that stood about, as they looked down and saw what seemed to be line of fair-furred rats.

‘A rat is still a rat, we therefore should stamp them to death.’

‘It’s plain to see that they’ve been banished, have they not?’

‘I suppose they were. But should we not claim some of them along the way?’

‘Shouldn’t we spare some trouble for the village they’ll be migrating into?’

‘Nay, say this much, I don’t think we’ll be able to do much damage to their most filthy-lookers.’

Not in such a way that it might hurt them.’

‘Stop them nonetheless, I want to see some of them dead.’

Said the fairer-one, whose more credible knowledge, of stomp and throttle only begged them to do, right as he wanted to fill his mouth with fair-furred foam. It was all too tiresome, by all accounts.

Another stridently torn-out note, or close it, still poorly written.

‘By Sekov; strange how of late I’ve come to realize how awful of a creature I truly am.’

Truly so, it was hard at first, while swimming through so many thoughts and delusions. But that Aleksey, seeing him again while passing, meeting him again had truly been an eye-opening experience. There are simply so many times someone could pretend he’s justified everything he’s done while claiming otherwise. And in some way, performing such vile acts could or might as well become bothersome after a while. There was just too much a man would have to compromise with in order to keep the entire structure standing, especially since most of it has been build on top of stumps. A bothersome thing, all too old and too plain, so many acts would seem now, for once in all their makings, of a cruelty that belonged to a niche Sekov did not want to be a part of.

Yet, regret is pointless, and it would help no one to know this. It makes just as little of a difference feeling shame about an act in the light of knowing that it will only be repeated in as short of a time as possible, without there being any kind of control involved. That was absolute, in some way, accepting it, during such times. It had to be absolute, not to justify them, as acts of pettiness or harm, but as finality to the fact that one cannot prevent them.

Any such attempt would simply be dismissed as soon as the bone kicked in. As it would be a wrong to assume that it’s anything but a genetic factor that’s guiding it. And that cannot be, for its sake corrected by no means. Only death might put an end to it, whilst it being no option.

Yet he knew that he was possessed by evil. And evil spoke to him in evil tongues. For what was worth, they spoke no less and appeared after time, retorted and misguided, torn and desperately lighted, part of skin. He had to kill, he had to kill, the man next to him, it was clear.

‘It was him, it was him, the Insane Killer.’

‘How did you come to realize this only now?’

‘It’s because I knew you’d do it.’

It must be the animals.

Twenty minutes passed, both of them looked at what they’ve done. Together, bold.

‘I think we’ve messed this up, haven’t we?’

‘Suppose we did, what now, Sekov?’

‘Find Aleksey, he should know what one’s supposed to deal in such cases. I think.’

The man turned and quickly jolted his cheek from a side to the other.

‘You need to shut your mouth already.

Stop acting like a child, Sekov. There’s no such thing as evil, get it out of your mind already. We have more important business to discuss.’

‘But I’ve. I, I, and what about everything I’ve done?’

‘It’s inconsequential, you know of that. It’s been long-due.

Put everything behind and keep moving, we’ve got more important matters as I said. You will take us both down unless you keep your head up and keep walking where I tell you to.’

He listened, as he had to.

There was but a click and clang that was rounded about and missed on chance.

‘You realize we’re not getting anywhere now, do you?’

‘I’m still thinking, I’m thinking.

Give me a moment, at least, I need to clear my mind somehow.’

He stumbled, man of no’er near enough a fool but standing.

He was washing the dog, once. It was hard, bothersome, always submerging it a few gallops down the bucket, hardly pushing it. Even harder washing it, then spoiled. The dog would be put up, wrapped around his arm as well as wrapped underneath a towel. There was this one time he remembered to note down, when he firstly tried it. A mirror lay in front of him, an old one, delimited as in a bathhouse.

While looking at the reflection of himself as well as the dog, he finally tried it, after having considered it for some time. He wanted to know whether or not he could do it. Slowly he lifted the uppermost side of the tower and placed it on top of the dog's muzzle, holding still until he started hearing its choking sounds. It lasted for a few seconds at least before he became uncomfortable and had to pull it off. There were shiver that still managed to crawl down his spine as he considered it.

Although this was not the first time he inflicted pain upon the fiend. No, he was a firm believer of punishment, and the dog was always being awfully noisy. Barking caused anger, anger caused him to lash at the little creature as he pounded it against the wall. Often time, but, never guilty, not for hitting it, for no hit, no slap, no kick, no harm done unearned had made him feel any remorse. Only the one that was unearned made him feel so.

'You've never killed a man Sekov, you don't have the stomach for it.'

'I don't care about that. I'm not supposed to be here, so far off home.'

'It's kind of late for that, isn't it? We're far enough that no one will find us.'

It was all too uncomfortably set, like a scene where no one might find the body. And he hadn't known the name of the man, only the nick-name he'd given him. Most of all, he supposed that, if chance be, the name might've been perhaps way too fitting for his own sake. Some things ought not to be talked upon, not here. All too shameful, seeing things the way they were for the first time in a long while was.

'I think I want to stop now. I can still make it back.'

'You've done a lot, you've done too much and worst of all is that you don't even have the excuse of being ignorant to the acts you're guilty off. You know.'

People who are well mentally don't justify those kinds of actions, do you understand? There are no such things as excuses for one's lack of control, impulsivity or burst of anger. We're far enough for no one to hurt you, for you not to harm yourself or others.

This forest has no wild-life in it. There are no animals, there are no men, no beasts, no vile things, not even birds or nests, no ants, or termites, nothing. If you were to dig a hole underneath the ground, you'd find no earthworm, no plain thing and no betel you may crush.

As I said, it's completely devoid of any life but yours.

You shall leave on berries and on the fruit of the three. But you shall stay here for the rest of your life until you'll be left with nothing.

This is for your own sake, Sekov. I will take away your notes as well, there won't be anything else for you to document in this new monotone life of yours. This is your punishment, do you understand?

Just as you held those animals, in your twisted, sick way accountable for what you've done, this is what you've earned on yourself. You've brought all this on yourself and you need to accept it. Do you understand?'

'I don't like it in here.'

It's all dark, moist, and nasty. There are no lights coming past the branches. It's all shadows and leaves.'

'But most of all, Sekov, it's safe. And for the sake of everyone, we might get a peaceful reign and lack of terror during nights. This is the only righteous end and you know it, there's no need to fight it any longer.'

And in some way, he understood.

It didn't matter who it was, what it was, for some reason, yet, he knew. Those animals would eventually become men, cruelty would become sadism instead. It was all in the nature of man after all. This anger, hatred only came to justify the worst things in a man who sought fight to punish everyone based on his own sense, of bitter illness for which there was no ailment. For it was no justice Sekov bore, but an illness which deformed his every sense of fair, something broken in his brain that in the end got him there, with all his notes scattered.

The man who touched a liver-kettle

He had been benign and he had tried to make it in time. Although relentless in touch, he fell to despair, unaware of what was going on around him, thrown around and bickering for the polystyrene luminescence in which he basked in. Once the storm subsided, he could do anything but know, and throw his life against many plains, unable to see the light that was being thrown forth. Against him, wind paled, first the streets and the flying veil, he could do little but to know.

Where he might stumble on, if not a plain house, twisted around, unable to be gotten, hardly touched. He pulled the door, unable to trash the place and moan. He had been plain of head and wasted no time until he walked ahead and started straining his legs. Once the sand beneath his feet revealed that he had lost his slipper and the shoes that were worn, bearing the appeal of his calluses, he wept. Having realized that there was no way back, he closed and punched the gate.

There was no way for Rod to satiate the need for the monks, as they imparted ancient knowledge onto him before he went ahead and lost his chance. Mightily and taken back, he stumbled rightly through the next room, a boat that was plainly twisted in a cone-horn, twisted as to emulate stairs. Drunkedly he walked with a stave he picked up along the way.

A lamp was somewhere above his head. Another one a few minutes of slowly pacing along the way, accompanied by the surroundings, chairs and windows that were torn-off all year around. Placed near one of them, a table and a cabinet, deformed to match every step. A few staircases that led to completely sealed off ceilings spots. Dust could be seen hanging up-side down but never touched by anything else other than the single claw of a bird preyed upon empty latch.

'It's been touched.'

Thought Rod, in which case, he would be rightly inclined to think so. For all the reason and all the wails, he was simply out of it, yet back to thinking, prints were plenty. Although they spoke of no scene, the sight was somewhat still serene. But this was no boat, but the bowels of a wooden-cavern whale. So it

appeared after entering the following room. He had been in the tail, although this was not just a whale from the looks of it. Those were only the general pointers that alluded to its true form.

As a whale would need to have eight long fish-wings as the ones it had, that were shaped more likely to accommodate planes as well as the engines that were inside. Rather than a whale, from the back it looked like he was in a cruiser that held smaller planes with a large track for them to land and take off from. Which seemed to be the most likely point, that brought the lack of understanding. IT was obvious and plain, some of this would not remain as well as it had been before. Prior to their understanding, him and the other man who was a few feet away, in the form of a completely decayed body of rotten meat which could not have starved no sooner than a few months ago; as if it mattered to be brought to any kind of attention, a pair of cannibals ate him. They certainly did but they were nowhere near the place, nor could they have been seen. Or caught red-handed either. Blood-guts were spread that way, but that wasn't written on his back.

Rod had something he never told anyone about. He had written, on the back of his head, heading down the trim of his spine towards the lower end, the scripture with a bone-scalper taken from the body of a mutated bottle-cattle. That having been referred to the general shape of the creature's body, as well as the fact that its head had extended until it looked like some kind of cap. Popped open after being shaken too much. Seeing it pop off because of the acidic mix that was being shaken upon was horrendous and terrible. Dreadful and much worse.

No one wanted to dance with the man who killed such a majestic animal by means of such disgraceful acts. Though this did not apply to their female counterparts, since, as scummy and botched, damaged and thrown around as they were, they were completely excused of every act of every nature it might've come in. And this was only as horrible as it sounded, because it was, for obvious reasons, exploited upon.

And from the town where the fellow came out of, to say the least, it would be an act of common occurrence, having a woman show up and carve a man of her likings to her heart's content without facing any kind of consequence whatsoever. Or child, or animal or whatever else she liked. Most abhorrent acts were just as well carried on with, for no regards over any of their lives and likings could be drawn. Since it was in their very nature, such as criminality and the sub-human behavior which was unique to them, they were somewhat accounted for being either juvenile or borderline belonging to another species that neared a most primitive and animalistic side.

Just how some birds are attracted to shiny objects, so would women be to commit as many abhorrent acts as possible because of their loathsome nature. For no greater creature could compare with her kind, of no loathsome act would add up to the killing of a child in her name. Most importantly, she would justify it, eating the offspring in some cases or abandoning it.

For that reason, the man who died near Rod seemed to have been eaten by nothing else other than a primitively abandoned all female tribe. Since there were no men present to take care of them and hunt and civilize their species, this act came all too natural to them. As their cowardly nature postponed if not overrode human-morality and since their apparent strength came from their number, it was obvious that they overpowered him. Alas, he was not simply killed in a mere duel, as much as any code would dictate, instead he appeared to have sustained several blows at the back of his head which could not even account

for the other kinds of blows, scrapes, cuts, and gouged eyes that were present even before he had the chance to fight back. Yet, he did not die from those, there was a struggle first.

Trying to keep them back had been almost insurmountably difficult, although he would not relent, nor land a hand, or pry him. No finger, no whim, only a few strikes thrown blindly that landed and brought some of them down. Pointless nonetheless, as they were only doing what they could to bash and spit on him as he would be taken down, and thrown ahead, out of the way, unable to fight any longer as he staid his hand and lend himself unto their nature. It was pointless to ask from this point on, but. Alas, it was what was it, they ate him since most of them had almost been starved.

Point proven in some way, as the man had been the only hunter of their gathering and their animalistic nature had only shown itself because he was old, frail and weak. He still managed to kill three of them and cripple two but that was only because of some blind blows that ended across their carefully placed row-formation in which they stood. Women were incapable of thinking, hence they haven't become aware of the benefit or spreading and surrounding him. If done so, they might've survived, contrary to what happened, neither of them made it past his death and starved or died out of eating the raw meat out of his bones and that of their sisters.

Those damned harpies were unable to even start a fire so they could extend their miserable lives for a few hours.

Speaking of which, someone was there before him. Rod had not seen any of the women or had even realized what went on or why the man was in that position.

He ripped off his arm which came off with his shoulder and skull, leaving the rest of the body in shambles and disjointed, messed around with like a puddle of dust and other shrapnel-shards.

And who shall dare bypass his snare. And who shall talk to him unaware? For Agamemnon was supreme in might, and of lumpy delight the mighty thorn had once been set in flight. Flung upon the rascal space, and much disgrace to him, defaced, thence his children stood in turn and asked of yonder, ill in turn.

'Who might know where once might be?'

'Whom might still know of better ill?'

'But I say to you and need see be, search for me and wait and see.'

For there and yonder, said and caught, he thrust them to look for him and better ill in doubt. Dark and woe and never called upon sow, and plowed upon and evil throng, his words were plainly yet to be heard. And still he mourned as he asked of all of his children that they might speak of him and ill-worn out.

'Look for him, who knows of ill.

For I feel nothing but jealousy and thin. As my word is, ride ahead and search for him yet.'

Agamemnon knew yet, and he knew where to, that might fall upon him, said and done. Brought about, he wanted him gone or found, the tongue of which still scoured, to his unawares an empty land on a planet that may never be seen. He thought of it but could never feel, nor ask of it, and feel.

‘Where is it? Where is the one I seek?’

None may know there the Tongue-Agamemnon went or what he might see to it. A land forlorn as well from the disease, but it was just as much that it shouldn’t be spoken about.

It was a mess, being inside the place.

With all the parts of it falling apart. With him there, and just about left, the entire construction almost collapsed. All the empty space was meaningless, pointless.

It felt empty.

‘Hey, is anyone there?’

But there was no answer.

Maybe it had once been pleasant to look at.

Perhaps someone had once lived here, but there was no way to know. There was nothing else that seemed to signal of a struggle. At best there was that one corpse, but that was all. Something was missing, something important.

Somewhere along the way, there was a light which turned on. It wasn’t the right moment, it never was. A light turned on, and he came through as soon as he saw a sign of something. It was an empty door, it was an awful place that was hallow. All the signs of abuse and abandonment were present there, just about everywhere man had touched and built. But most importantly, out of all broken parts, of the lamps and books thrown around, of flowerpots and paintings torn, of the whole obscure that was part of the room, which was told of. She was there.

‘Hannah.’

‘I think we should leave.’

‘Sit down.’

‘I.’

He passed one of the paintings but there was no way to see past it.

‘How long have you been waiting for?’

‘It’s been a while. I think it’s been a few hours.’

‘I’m sorry I kept you waiting for so long.’

There was a silence between them talking.

Everything was so different then. The room stood out despite the mess it was in. Perhaps the only shocking part was how normal it seemed. And how much he wanted to stay there; it wasn’t confusing any longer. His lost steps, what he lost and how beautiful it looked. It wasn’t even the room itself, but being

around her. Someone familiar; nothing could replicate that feeling. Nothing could take it away from him. And there was no one else to bother either of them, no runaway kid, no bothersome company. They simply stood there, not even staring at one another. He simply looked down.

Five minutes later he killed her.

It was that bothersome company he could never get used to any longer, especially since, if he were to admit to himself, upon some deep reflection or something similar to it, he had fits of anger. Why, he's the one who ruined the room after all.

And the painting was only Hannah's stretched face upon being ripped off the sides of her skull then strapped upon a metal plate. In all honesty, it was hard for him to stand in place or to do so without wanting to hit things yet again. So many of her skin-shades pulled and ripped, worse than any beast could be accounted for.

He was merely serving as an actor of destruction, being not even able to control himself any longer before he kicked back in and worsened the stare.

'I suppose this is another part of my past I have to leave behind.

I'm sorry this happened to you Hannah, but I must go on.'

They felt cold but snow was naught

'It was me, I made them, though they climb the walls, I may not see them.'

Not eye to eye, that enclosed area, during which they climbed. And attempted to reach, my creations pushed and wreathed in, although mightily forlorn and decayed in look, melting atop their empty clothes, of no minerals in their veins, blood remained and scourged them all. Though they had hunted the men, whom hid atop walls like filthy simians who refused to give their heads, of whom arms pointed below and shot. With their revolvers and rocks, with their hands on top of floating mines and others that were spread around, they hid. Like primitive beings, unable to retreat and search for woe. Unable to know what might happen if they suddenly retreated past the throng. There was no other way, this was a dead end, and they could feel only their fears.

As those fiends appeared and decayed. With many arms wrapped 'round or sprouting from on top their heads, through their ears, elks of meat, whose colors blended veins of green and purple, red and blue, mixed of each other, pushing through white of ivory and bleeding legs that crawled behind them as they pushed through the locusts, insects were bred in their arms. Many too strong and too thoroughly evolved to be taken down. Though shot in heads, never bled. Not from the highest caliber shot, not for the heaviness of an axe or whichever fire was thrown.

Not even the leaps they took and mines that dropped, no land could be anything than theirs. Many would not be aware, though some disappeared, appeared, and were gone. And others leaped into inexistence, then reappeared a few feet, then shouted aloud. As for every disappearance that came, some of them had to eat their arms or bite ahead, only to stay. Or stave whatever drew them back. While the most daring of the decayed, of whose humanity would not stay, appeared to have their half-untouched human-bodies in the back, pushing out, but drawing in. Through warmth and only fear had them sink in order for the men to look away.

Though many feared the blocks, the pillars which were as thick as buildings and counted in the hundreds in the back, for there was joy to look at them and in-between, at endless numbers of decay and the farther reaches where they weren't even human, nor would they be. Or appear to be that way, since they had given to decadence they've become what had remained. This filth was theirs, but they took no part, nor would they search for it, in broken hearts. Whatever pumped in them was in-humane. But the comradeship between each side prevailed.

The humans stacking, yet supplies, they could survive through decades and never-ending looking supplies. Many generations raised across the walls, as they were surrounded by a nature whose disgusting form looked like nothing to be gawked near. Out of fear, they would not last and cast no wonder in disgust.

'I'll throw a fire-bomb.'

'But wait, but wait, we can't do it yet.'

'He's right, it could spread.'

'They know of it already.'

Another man pointed out, for many of them could not dread to look around and forget. There was no fear in their eyes but joy, for killing was pleasant, murder was but homicide. And it could not be painted otherwise, than what seemed to be. A cruel game of theirs to be.

'They poured gasoline on themselves. Could you believe that?'

'Clever things, but where are they getting it from?'

'I see no supplies in the distance.'

No greater terror could be forgotten or left that way. Though there was joy in what they were doing, their wall had to decay. Thence they started backing around and made it for the pillars in the sky. For there were the ones below and replicas floating. Knowing they would be followed somehow, they came up with a plan, knowing their friends and family members would be near.

'We shall leap on top the floating mines.'

With it they made their perilous trails and went up in the sky. Towards the other pillars on top of which they stood, near them, shaken but misunderstood. Asked for naught and never-dreaded, threading on most perilous touches, glancing around and the most peculiar watches some of the decayed, the trench-people,

the ones of war. Soldiers that were walking backwardly but looked as if they were conjoined, a mixed bunch on a side wearing war-uniforms with nothing but the many keys that were strapped around each joint and pushed around. What? One could see his legs behind, left there as he had been ripped apart. Though beneath that trail, the line of guts, it was revealed that they were naught, but snakes and perilous cobra-like fat lumped beings, that had resided in the fake skin another decayed had peeled away. None would be harmed, they cared of those who were left behind.

While some were injured, without heads, after showing signs that they were moving again, of course they had to be picked and healed.

‘I’ve observed this kind of behavior before, I think I’ve heard of it long before, long-before, a long time ago, during a time I may have known of something and looked again.’

Though he was pained by what was looking out for, he knew what went in his head, the pain.

‘They’re acting like ants, in wars against termites.

Though I may not be able to point precisely at the right species that I may be able to look into and look for.

Although I may not be able to recognize the rightful genus, I’ve found out what kind of behavior this is.’

‘And what is it then?

Are they related to the ants then? An off-shot, perhaps?’

‘No, I think they’ve read from the same sourced as we have, or at least I have.’

‘Why would they take that example from ants and not from humans?’

‘Because they’re not human, what do you mean?

Of course they wouldn’t want to imitate humans since they’re not.’

‘They’re not ants either.’

‘But they act that way.’

‘Humans act that was as well.’

‘But humans aren’t ants.’

After which, a sudden flash of frustration made him stop talking. They simply carried on top of the flying ants. The giant ants which made this mockery worse, since for some reason he started at them, without the slightest point of explanation or anything that would’ve made him think of it as otherwise.

Troud was one of the men in the back. He was blond, blue eyes, and a general nuisance. He was unimportant but pleasant to be around. He was one of the last to make it on the mines after making sure everyone made it to the floating pillars, before a few fire-bombs were dropped beneath his brow.

It was unpleasant, after that, seeming them try their best, but never reach the point where the ground, of geode stone and gotten through, of bitter rocks and teeth broken as they limped towards their shoulders and climbed upon their own, withdrew. There, after a while and only then could they listen to their gongs. The sounds they made only evoked despair, pity and disgust from those above them, as they realized that beneath the decay, there was hardness as well as fire could convey. After spreading in a circle, after seeing them melt in part, many a man have realized that there was nothing they could do, nor take part in the gluttony that was their being. A pity one would have to be, account for some, this way they see them for what they are.

As suits of armors they wore their insides, broken out, and bone would not cripple the fire, nor stave it off. Thence they burned for hours, lived and never missed the slightest hint of pain, hiatus. They must've been conferring for hours on their next move and direst plan.

Trembling upon a missing sun, they made it at the highest peak, where their machines made meat and cattle, fruits for lay. Humans would survive through the harshest and most dire, say. Least of all would they acquire taste for anyone, be spoken, they never asked and never staved it off.

And the halls and walls were always full. Many people appeared out of nowhere and shook everything as they brought the arms, pointing at each other, then down at those who came and shouted. If anything a man felt almost elated, to please everyone and be dissected, if only for a second, that was all he would need.

It was unpleasant standing there for too long. But it had to be, so long.

As long as no one said a word, they could stand still, and call towards one another, feeling the slights and the shimmering heights of wind that guided them around the holes. Many of the bridges lay on hold as they placed their colonies on top the pillars, spreading everywhere before they realized that hope was anything but theirs.

Once the fire had run out, once they were left with the slight hints that one would have to be alive, to witness them atop their shoulders, gathered as they reached the crests, surrounding the joints and ever-growing until they could restlessly work to reach and hold. From their inside-holes, some had thrown smaller bees, and chunks of many infested trees. Whom had grown and least of all surrounded their spherical squared domes, many of the lost souls being hidden inside. Of other bothersome, loathsome mongrel-kneecaps, which sprouted from those strangers, there came their tiny beaded eyeless pins. And insect bodies standing inside their grins, as the tiny deformed roots planets themselves into the pillars growing, some of them prolonged their stay, knowing they would feed on stone-matter and empty organic platter, buried inside the floating pillars, taken by them as they feared.

‘What will they do without us?’

Asked one of the deformed, the mad, in their wickedly forlorn and long-abandoned tongue. Though they spoke in some dialect of abomination, many of their mouths had not adapted yet. Some had holes that they made themselves in their melted over lip-grounds, others had their hands retreated, curved and beaded, which the most severe, of many trumpet like cavities had their long extensions bonded with bone, and gum and ever-stretched face-matter through which gut came even further and pus infected more. Than their faces, some spoke with signs, but others were armless, mouthless even with no change, mutes

in dire verges. Madly trying to eat each other's verses as they could not even go not forth. More than a few minutes were wasted, as they looked up-worthy of a question.

Lepers of renown asked.

'If they breed inside the floating stone, will they fall?'

'Clear your throat.'

As he did so he could see that a part of the sky was colored in a peculiar shade that could not be gotten nor tried less, and it would impress no man to know what happened next.

But they were no men and no humans either, as they could see that the sky was broken, lay apart and colored in a shade that would be ruddy but bronze-like in the dark, tending to a blue. An aurora spread across it, fading, yet appearing at times, with many dots that seemed alive, upon looked at they appeared to grow like puffer fishes in doubt.

Though most importantly of roots, many of them grew and shook, so far they did not drag the formations down, and they kept floating despite the sky being somewhat puffy in nature, like a veil of a wet smoke that appeared and disappeared with them in ground.

Some fell from the long stairs they made of their bodies combined, as they were taken down by sprays of bullets and came from behind. To be broken upon abandoned walls upon which the human beings had once come to take their plain shots and make their claims. It pained them to move out of the way and asked for something which was theirs.

'I shall see that we shall eat our fair share.

And of the stubble, we have lost a dear member.

He was too great for this world.'

He had eight small heads which grew upon his neck, although they were tumors, they lived and were most intelligence, for their standards asked as much. A mockery for them, as wanted, would be for each and every single one to ask.

'Of a shin.'

'You may have both of his?'

'May I eat a head?'

'Too many of them are wide-spread already. Have them.'

'His innards maybe?'

'Spoiled but you may do.'

'Can I bear the rest of his body then?'

‘Do as it pleases you.’

Before long they simply had it and he was shared and not a single part of him remained in there. It was only a matter of tastes and nothing more. No one could be blamed either and no one would lose their heads over it. Since law was of their making, least of all could they be pleased, as long as they watched upon the dreary whom lay unappeased.

It was cheerless, the wonder of the sky. Benign in form, a way for the heart to die in the briars, upon the winged-sharp branches, they stood like pumping trinkets which splashed each drop of blood. With every beat of the wing and every sound aloud, they would only push and dread coming on. With every unappealing song and every prude worth, they stood erect. Painting the dead who had gathered around the deadened oaks, many of whom would have nothing more; least of all, to ask of someone who might call upon them to spread the disease and come back when they were called upon.

Though some of the ones whom had decayed less, whom had appeared to be dismembering themselves upon entering reality and spreading about, with every leap and wont, what they brought forth did not belong to this world. Yet they were added to the oaks, as ritualistic as they would uphold nothing but the most irrational, the mad. Their rituals being nothing to be proud of, but insults to the unholy and the wretchedness they shared around. Counts in passing, and ever-dreading themselves to be, they felt themselves hardened by the cancer that flowed through their bellies. But they had eaten those who fell, those who could not be aided, ants they would tell.

For they had read as well from books, and had absorbed upon their knowledge of their mindlessness belonging wreckage; shouting after flattened vales, they could not, nor would they search for more when the age of the uncanny faded. When the darkness ended, and all was settled, then they had appeared again.

Despite their sad-malformed appearance, they still seemed to bear that forbiddance of the madly realms, upon the plains in which they roamed around. Never laying through for long as shouts were plain and each disease could not be bounded just to skin. It was in bone and they were being thinned out before being snatched, thrown around, and watched.

Back to hiding, in a large staunch across the road, in the mud where they could not uphold their fright less. There would be none to confess over it, nor to impress a king, of York and wing. A trail they left but the windy sea water swept it away, flushing it through with the rest of the unreasonable hues that were present there. Like a silk of no taking, a bothersome wailing, they could not force themselves to chant her.

And she did sing, past her wings, all alone, there she sings, as she could only stay and wonder. When they might come, where they might search, upon peaks of wood, her laying. On a heart, there would be, still beating, but not laying.

Thence she would be called the Lady of False Tears Annathael, of which creaks felt of snow, melting as to know that her time would not outlast the summer. Bit and torn, she would not find no living servant to ask her worth. But watched upon their hiding, they waited, and ever and lo, to and fro during their penance waited. Leave of summer, foam of skin, they were wide-spread and grew as thin as they could make the oaks, the ones that were caught upon, and the ones that had accepted the women, they be used for breeding and stack their arms. Many of their forced being made to grow large, right before the puberty whence the decay and the misaligned bone growth started.

Kicking and wailing as they forced their rebellious nature out. Not too perilous ahead. The way said, need to kill a child first for some reason.

‘Listen.’

Said the madly-caught voice.

‘Man of pure descent, your mind has been corrupted. You’ve degenerated as you have started wanting them dead.’

Though the man knew, there was no way back. He killed his wife and slaughtered what remained of his son. There would be no redemption to man, only flight remained. Only flight subdued his delusion that made the sign. And of this world he saw something from the past before it had been thrown in the benign. Unnatural touches, hanging him every second and every perilous touch of his feet. The soles of which almost strangled him before he could breathe through the air.

‘Who are you stranger?’

Man in raincoats, wearing only the marks of the decayed. He disappeared before the man’s vision altered and he saw him no less than he would stay.

‘I have come to warn you, don’t come forth.

You abandoned them and shall only fall for no grace if you make it forth.’

‘But I wish to follow.’

‘Then your mind will only become far more wretched, and you shall decay with them. For this filth was caused by their minds and they have felt, ever so graceless that you shall evolve like them.’

It was the next step in their evolution, guided by the gritty sights and ever-prime in which natural selection had given into the decadence of the malign. And they searched no more for him, the party faded, lost in woods. For the man known as Anthony had only looked forth and stacked his pills, those eyes that melted within his lantern-bottle made out of the bodies of fireflies, which he sucked upon when life was uncanny, wishing he could die.

The man made in post-the run.

Set in flight to feel and see where the many coated figure had gone.

Stumbling onto an abandoned house he seethed, entered it, almost defeated. He lay hopelessly staring in awe, unable to concentrate and see whether or not he was there, instead the shock.

There was a bloody skin-box with skin-colored toe-crayons in it, somewhere inside the bookcase. And they came in stacks of trees inside their peculiarly crafted box. While seen from the front of the case, in the front row, from left to right there were crayons with the shades of berry, orchid, cerulean, blue, cyan, lapis, coral and white. Second row pushed slight to the left, leaving a small gap on its right side, bearing shades of olive, anchor, wood, plum, black, sapphire, salmon, beige. Last row, same placement as the second one, with the fingers being even more squashed because of their peculiarly overgrown size,

seashell, dark orange, gray, thistle, tawny, carmine, iron and sangria. But that was not the least of its concern.

For what was worth and what seemed to be underneath its skin-cage, the small pocket in which it was bred for and pushed around its head something was written and twisted around. It would be nothing more than what seemed to be fashion inside of it that shook the soles of what it had been written on.

‘Greed, for greed destroys all. Greed is but obsession, greed destroys its art. Greed cannot preserve its master, greed devours all.’

And for each finger, there were rings, expensive ones of gold, and thin, around each finger, laying, worthless to the men who had them once. For greed held no purity in the making, for the coin had no value to a man whose facial features were distraught.

He touched none of the fingers, their rings, nor masters no longer, he pushed the box and threw it yonder.

He walked out and left the place. The rain was dark and it seemed as if a darker party of rain-coated strangers were out, trying to record as much of the wild occurrences in the air as possible.

Still, brimmed upon the touch, they watched no longer, a decayed snatched a single musky-pint, long-thin as a rod, placed upon the anchor where he’d watch. He needed that, if all were empty, dewy and estranged from the other people, taken for granted as their bodies were living cabinets, hollow on the insides like barrels as they hold little pints and drugs that were wrapped around coyote-skin and fur and burnt blunt solid tar.

‘We should not stay here for long, I think there’s still something moving in that pile over there.’

A pile of leaves dirt and birds, skulls and the extremely fattened body of a large mammal who appeared to be inverted at its tail, whereas it would seem like it bore its own head out of the socket where the neck was placed in. Through that bone socket which otherwise managed to lend a side which would make it so it felt like the head was actually a giant eye, beneath it, attached by a largely concave, elongated spine-saddle, all the organs started pushing and rustling away as in both directions, the heads charged, taking their organs away as they split and left nothing behind.

It hard living out there, outside; there was no way to interact with anyone. And it hardly mattered if anyone survived.

Bad memory, as well, there was young Ford, he barely joined the others now. He barely made it through. It was hard for him, being surrounded by unknown faces, remembering. The worst thing that he had, his own impediment, his own chain he dragged, the one thing which kept him lagging behind the others was the fact that he remembered something, which kept him behind.

Ford refused to grow up, and every now and then, every once in a while it felt as if his life could end. That he could lay and wait for the decayed. To leave his soles, his feet, his robe and see them trample upon him and the throng.

He could not forget, no matter how hard he tried, he was getting desperate. All this time when he had lived, for every leverage and walk within, his every step along the way seemed to amount to nothing, as

they paled. It was never his intention to make it that far, and he only suffered for what seemed to be their last day together. As he had wronged them, once, long-before. And their last day together, the four or five of them seems so suddenly. It seemed like it was the only thing he could think about then. While the others were busily trying to decide whether or not he should be left behind.

It was all for nothing, he thought again. Pointless, everything was pointless, not without them, not without having them to share.

It was too late, not only to return, but to mourn. For what he's done and for every action, long before their last day, it had been too long until he came to realize who he was. How horrible of an act he had always enacted upon them, how he could've seen it back then, but now? It was too late to change.

He looked back at everything he said, and everything he's done until that point. And it was then that he realized what lay in his heart, all the evil he had gathered in it and the poison that eventually brought him to his knees.

It was far too late for Ford, change was pointless, meaningless, it would make no difference from this point on. Thence he stood there as they parted ways as he chose to stay behind. That was what his cruelty earned him, that was what cruelty made of man.

But it was not at that point when Ford died. Unlikely to be told here, or there, he lived and carried on the flight of steps just in time to look no further than where they led to along their way.

Ford regretted so many things, but, they shouldn't be spoken about. The way ahead was still hard to get through. He was tired. It was already too tiresome, thinking about it.

He rested for a while, against a single wall, underneath a shade which went on and off at times. Lightheaded and somewhat unable to walk any longer, yet at the same time unable to fully fall asleep.

Right arm missed a few finger nails. Over the course of the last few hours he tried digging through the gable-roof of plants and dirt-stone that lay around.

'Thine will cannot be changed and the vileness that flows through your veins might only creep and batter forth. Of little worth, of little worth as your words might be, glutton, walk around and see yourself immersed through their ranks.

Let them grab a hold of you, there he stood.'

He thought out loud, long before he'd been gotten, exploited and pushed face-first into dirt, rubbed in afterwards.

He had to smash the snail beneath him and the leeches as well, grinding them into dust before shoving them into his mouth. He spat, he throttled, he choked but he got them in, spat them out, right into his hands, but lived. They might've been covered in dirt, scum and worms but he'd live for another night.

Through and thorough.

Distance faded to gray.

They missed Ringer

‘I remember my son.’

The man who undertook the name of Keyringer, long before it, though it wasn’t apparent, he was remembered. Long before even arriving there, by both Filler and her; it was even more unclear.

Why he missed it in the first place, in the same spot. Always in the same spot, always painting the ground, in their small village, near the port, where the bells rang, long-before he took the cloth. He was remembered.

During a time where the camera did not exist, their lives being in peace, whereas there was no time to speak nor hear off, tainted.

But there was another side farther away.

It was a great plan. Aleksey killed everyone near the trunk. He ripped off their throats off, chewed their spines and spat their remains against the butt of their guns. Pleased by what he’s done, there was no wonder that he carried on the sole road towards home, known by something, feet were worn. Near another trunk, a fallen tree, of oak, his son, the giant ant appeared to have been welded to the tap of liquor.

Poised next to it and placed, he pulled the ant open and started drawing inside and away. He wanted to have a drink, unlike any of his predecessors, plenty of his reasons were obscure. Having had to rub it in, he could not mind it, not ever-so slightly until he pushed around the bush and plain. Not for long either, as he did not remain in one place at all.

He fell on his back and drew on the side of the road where there was a Dina standing by.

‘Been waiting for me?’

‘I’ve been standing here for hours. As a matter of fact, I thought I could seal it in somehow, if you don’t mind me saying, come in and join me if you can.’

Around the wheel of eight, he entered the house and stood there.’

She was playing with the troubadour, hearing lousy songs that shook the world he lived in. And he changed around and could not pace any longer before he could be heard through.

‘I could’ve made it, I was close to reaching the door.’

He spoke, threatened by his lack of hope, he was finally subdued. In the same way a man would shake his feet and find himself sitting. His heart was not there, but caught. Almost by the flash of the camera, in a reflection, not outside his body but somewhat still inside his Compound, though he could not enter, mourn or return. He knew his place and it was another man’s turn to come through.

From the Residence, through the station, into the chamber, no recession; there was no desperation gotten through. He's gone past infancy, belittled.

It could not be called on, one of the passages in the castle strung and onto strangeness fading. As the shroud would even mean a thing at this point in time, he knew of desperation as well as the hold which ruined morning. With its hold being strung.

Peculiar thing I see no better shroud in which you may stay. Hide yourself where you may lay. And thought and much, it spread about, it begged release but never met anything else.

As a cage a room, a planetarium with no planets that wasted as each eye detested or even tried getting their pieces together. Out of fear of putting themselves together, through cut-through transparency they, they stopped low. It was hard to make them out.

Large molecules surrounding one another, surge of paper, whitened by blood, torn apart with the rest of the room. It was displeasing to look at, most of all because it was wreathed in the same substance from which his lords were built out of. Somehow, they were disinterested then, as explorers. It felt scum-like, hearing, breathing near shout.

'I seriously can't think of anything else than killing them.'

'Are you obsessed?'

'Yes, I am, I can't think of anything else.'

I'm doing it in the morning, during evenings and closer to sleep as well.

I can't help it.'

It didn't help at all that there was an apparently well-known in the office.

On the street, it was hard walking. Through a straight-walk of twenty feet.

A turn-around there, in the distance only shone upon a light of a snow.

As they faded, yet they walked, as they shouted, yet they spared no second.

Nowhere near where it happened:

'I want to drive a fork-truck through her mouth.'

'All right.'

It sounded good enough, it was a plan.

They proceeded getting into the fork-truck after placing her on the floor as a plank, leaving her mouth open. Afterwards they drove it through her and split her jaw, gums, head, body ripe open but stopped midway before they go to her throat.

She had a wide mouth, the fork-truck was thence stuck.

‘I think we have a problem.

I think she’s dead.’

‘I think we need to find out what’s wrong with her.’

‘All right.’

They walked around her corpse over a couple of seconds but never considered pulling the fork-truck out of her mouth.

‘Poke her with a lighter.’

One of them took out a lighter and started burning her hair. The other pissed on her in order to put it down. It didn’t work.

‘Saw off a piece of her scalp.’

But there was no saw around. Since then they realized they were in a deposit. Many people were watching, not saying much of anything.

A young child came and dropped an ice-scoop cream of smoldering fire on top of her head. It left a pretty nasty looking hole that melted through her skull while pushing through her Precentral Gyrus, Central Sulcus, Postcentral Gyrus, Limbic Lobe, the middle side of her Corpus Callosum, Thalamus, splashed the side of her already calcified Pineal Gland, destroying her Hypothalamus entirely as it drained inside her Optic Chiasm and finally came through her Temporal lobe. Still farther than her ear, but since her head had been slightly disjointed by the pressure forced by the fork-truck, the neck cartilage had been missaligned yet still penetrated through, leaving an after-effect of it on the floor which couldn't be seen since she was covering it.

‘Should we put her out of her misery? She’s still alive.’

‘No, let’s go.’

The workday was done with.

What a caricatural thing she was. The lady of streets which drove the bus, but it was a secret thing, a secret covet they joined.

A bashed head opened and splashed its walls of glass as they entered and stood upon their seats at last, unable to make, meekly each way. There had been a fire in the distance, but it had been stomped out. Though it was unclear, at the point where they stopped, it looked as if they stood on a curved hill which led below them to an abrupt drop on which they’d be forced to drove on, falling and pushing, dreading not still. From where they stood, in the distance, seeing, a block of a city that was rounded at the edges, its focal point left so much to be seen from the front. As it only looked like some kind of weirdly looked upon illustration of a map, pushed around and distraught, deformed a bit but as it happened for it to be there by chance, none said a thing.

Definitely not Novester, nor Pockrl. Both of them were still trying to figure out where they were being lead.

‘Does this city have a name?’

‘Port Summer Ungophliot.’

‘Rightly so, I suppose it’s obvious what crime we’ve been found guilty off, I think we ought to have searched for a more deranged and yet more dangerous to look at hideout. But it will do nonetheless.’

‘Both of you are truly blessed souls.’

Short message on the board inside the bus.

‘That was it, huh?’

All too mentally exhaustive, barely any thought left.

And they were there. In place, somehow.

‘Sit down you foolish mongrelized tower-plant, I have finally put you under my domination, my control, my arms. I shall force you to cower and kneel to my hell and listen to him.’

For he spoke all of the sudden dumbfounded, never asking, nerves were rounded. All around his body pumping, he asked for naught as he looked as the image of his god of old.

For he was just a skull of man, broken in part with a single pipe-like steam carrier on the side of his jawless side that crested domes. Upon the point where he stood, upon the heat that elated him and the headless push, numbers came. All around him, tamed. And from beneath that hollowness came, only but a single depth, an eyeless hell which could only be touched by the machineless lepers, the ones who gnawed upon the iron-lichens that ruminated with their lumps.

Varied unearth

The forest held no man in place. It could only prevail if it was allowed to and it would only refrain from messing through, if only they were being quiet through and through.

He had to have been missed, otherwise they would not have killed him. It was what they did.

‘Off ye arse, the Queen needs to hear you pressing.’

He was delivered upon the court of strung, and midst of the day-light, whence the roses had already bloomed after being painted by the prince’s aftermath.

‘Another royal line ended.’

Thence the servant had been brought forth. He stepped around the work-wheel, whence he was promptly set to face it.

To fully grasp what they were saying, one would have to tear him open. See what he was made out of, why would he despair? For whatever reason he thought, for what was worth, brought only bad memories, most of which were of him checking every object in the room.

The lamp was tall and dry. He opened it and saw that the light-bulb was full with the frozen near-insides of a Middle-Eastern-looking man, after all, he would recognize that image and the scent everywhere. Since they were as fidgety as his own fingers when met with the sight. He opened them and then, John Long-trunk, and tried his best not to smell the lamp afterwards.

Note to self, never check it, again. Never check the lamp again. After a few more attempts over several years, there appeared to be a constant replacement he had not been aware of by any means. The same man, or what appeared to be a similar scent continued showing up just about everywhere, that being as insurmountable as one might think of it. For whichever case it was all too clear.

‘Someone’s putting meat inside my lantern.’

‘That’s a lamp.’

He entered the room. His roommate had a lantern instead of his head. It was one of the old vintage-looking ones, with the exception of the four-sided square crystalline power which kept bouncing against the inner walls, which, they themselves were made of someone. But that was something never told. Since outside, where the floor was wet, a lot of hangar-men were standing there. And they were obsessed, too obsessed with lynching a bunch of the kikes that were going around each side of the building, pandering to their slumlord patriarchs before putting some more fair-skins in their early graves. It was fun, it was pleasant. This was too addictive, seeing them ripped open near the side-walk. It was a good chance of pace for starters. Since their early state, their land of holiness had been torn open and left gaping.

The sight of burning tar looked like their insides. But that wasn’t even the start of it, since they were only getting more and more desperate to give birth to another.

‘Yes, what were we talking about?’

‘Race, we were talking about race having become an exploitable social contract. Nothing more and nothing less.’

For he had taken a keen interest in peoples such as Rousseau, Kant, Locke and Hobbes. Thoroughly interested in their ideas. Which is, the least of all, surprising, that he found himself sharing a keen interest in the matter.

The legless man appeared, closer to the floor and near him, standing largely, held by a pole that shot through his half dissected body. He brushed past the outsider and made it in-door.

‘Were we not talking about what race is, a few minutes ago?’

‘Indeed we were, and since we were, would you mind looking at the floor for a few minutes?’

That's what he clearly he did and he was largely surprised. Many of the carpets underneath them were made out of the Asiatic mongrels that had moved in. Near to their sides, and through them, mostly children and their organs.

'It's part of whom they are, you know? It's customary in their country to put their children on ice and harvest what they can in order to put everything in place.

Would you truly expect anything else from them?'

'Why, no, I suppose I wouldn't. But to be fair, this makes an utmost fashionable choice. Say what you want about them, but they're not wrong.

Not wrong indeed, I'd say.'

He looked around and would convey not a thing. The carpet was looked upon, so was the lamp at this point in time.

'A contract no less, as the terms of the contract are being disputed and renegotiated so that both parties are aware of what's wrong to say and what's right.

And whichever side finds it allowable, to say the least. Those in power might say anything, as they are the higher ups, so on and so forth.

So that, some groups might come onto power and might get accepted along the terms of the contract, so they might achieve their clear-statuses and say what they will. What they might, without fearing any possible repercussion that might stab them in the back.'

'This reminds me of something. Now that you mention it, I do seem to remember that this social contract had once determined the status of the Irish and Italian people during their initial interception amongst the peoples of the States.

Were they not treated as a separate entity over a long period of time until they proved themselves superior enough over their peers only so their contract might be renegotiated?'

'Careful there, oh man atop a pole.

You're forgetting something and you're already missing a point.

The terms of this contract are rather negotiable only when the biological requirement is taken into account. Otherwise, the basis of the contract would be meaningless and there would be no way to account for it.

After all, a Negro would never be an Italian by no means; despite their tawny and ruddy appearance.'

Twa's a jest.

'Nonetheless, when their homogeneity was somewhat near perfection, it was all too clear that the terms of the contract had to be negotiated since purity had to be maintained.

It is utmost important that the prerequisites of the contract are maintained, are they not?’

There was another juggling bolt coming into his mind now.

‘Why, I think the kikes understood that a long time ago.

They had to keep pushing and dreaded threading upon their control over this social contract since they’re the ones who benefit the most from the terms. Certainly it must be so since they’re the ones who most resemble the nations they’re part of.

Hence the need to push it on, as long as they’re on both sides of the contract, as long as they’re their own entity, their own group as well as they claim to be part of the homogenous group, they dominate the contract.’

They feared in some way, dreaded, even, looking into it for too long. Fear was a part of it, being found out.

The contract had to be given power by some means. The terms of his social contract had to played and messed upon.’

The door opened. They brought a conniving fellow in. One of those hook-nosed Semites, broken through, dragged on the floor, in the middle of the room, where he was placed and split open.

It was all too necessary that they searched for a heart. Empathy could only be found there if searched upon and looked through.

‘So, as I was saying, since it’s a contract, and they’re so good with manipulating the law, it’s all too obvious why it’s being threaded and pushed upon. Latched on just like how niggers tend to latch upon their swings and branches.’

Too thorough, he was too thorough. It was all too clear and made too much sense.’

His arms were lame, and he stopped struggling. Apparently, he had been lost for words and only missed the trance of gold, on the trail of which he had been drawn here to.

‘Repulsion is nothing more than a natural reaction to what’s been happening in the past and the present. One tends to look through the world outside with the help of muddy visors, regardless of how he looks through them, there will always be something he’s missing. And that appeared to apply to all of us.

Thankfully, for the rest of us who are looking through whatever piece of information we can, there is still hope that we might curve the rims of our visors and push away the dirt.’

He had little, if anything left. There was not even the slightest hint that he looked through his ribs but he was already done. A lot quicker than a surgeon in some way; as he had simply taken his time and even found a few dirty dimes in the most obscure corners of the body he was staring at. Of course he did not feel that ill-inclined to rip a piece out of him, so soon.’

‘We’re leaving now.

Come, come, there's still something I want you to see.'

On his way out, he pulled a pack of Maroboros, and offered him a smoke. He politely refused.

They passed the poster of the Queen and wheel, but their faces had been torn off. Torn between going forth and walking on, there were round part of the floor in the stretches of flat-floor inside their buildings; and although they looked flat, they were off-an eye. A check-board pattern that stretched on and twisted around the circles, even those being somewhat distanced from one another in close terms of twenty or fifty feet away.

Standing near an eye-mark, which replaced one of the half-bitten off black envelope-made like square, twisted below, there appeared to be a giant childish starrer below the floor. There was a basement there. Truthfully said, it was actually an attic since it pushed through and the childish starrer had something underneath him to stand on top of.

It was not fair, that beneath the curved look, below the dark, into the darkness he stood without a face, ripped away and dragged by hooks, to which there would be no chains, attached or pushed through.

He had no guts to come out. The other check-board patterns were off color and appeared to be green, yellow and other shades of purple, melon carts being dragged around by some nurses. Too many nurses lay there, yearning for release.

Despite the other factor being a part of whom they were, their legs were being drained by the various protruding surgically-syringical appliances that were connected to their thighs. All too obvious as it were they were not wrung and stared, unaware of the pain that they caused, blinded and unable to breathe, at last, many fell in their own carts, being pushed over like corpses in their own small unitary lust-caverns, towards which they drove to.

And though they formed various lines and only bore their crowded areas, they walked slowly and deliberately, as they wanted to gather as much attention as they could. Nor should they push too slowly or too farther than where they needed to land. Otherwise, someone might sniff they out and they might finally draw in the scent of their various pheromones. Mainly coming from inside their hunchbacks, until they could not look no further than the front.

There came a vile man. In a dark gothic armor which was cornered around his gaps, instead. No insignificant hole might be found in there, nothing close to weakness being shown as well.

'I am an evil man and I shall fantasize through my evil fantasies until the day I shall be taken down.'

And he showed up in a suit so dark that it could only feel as if he had come from a world when the sun had died.

'I am an evil man of an evil race, born evil and feel no disgrace.

But, this evilness comes only from my inbreeding and from the fact that I see others for what they are.'

And he had looked down upon them as well, in wont, disgrace, he felt his worth rise through the ranks. There, in front of them he was killed by another evil man, born not so, but bastardly he had become as such.

‘I am a viler man, the vilest that ever was, as there’s no greater evil to be achieved than that which had been made and fought for and appraised by the evil ones that shook the curtains upon which your ancestors bleed still.’

‘Too pudgy, I can see, my lord that you have lost one of your houses, down the Iles where the wedding of our lord once began.’

‘And I managed to show no fealty towards him. I killed his blue-bird, it mocked me for far too long. It grew a bit too fat for its own good and I wanted to slit its throat, the pool in which I swam.’

‘And you’re telling me that it’s there that you first saw your lord, wasn’t it?’

‘Of course it was, and it was because of him that I became corrupt and evil.’

‘For what reason would that be, if you don’t mind me asking?’

‘It’s because he showed an image of my parents being murdered.’

‘You were pressured into becoming as such.’

‘You did not allow me to finish. I was the one who killed my parents.

I stomped them along the curb, and I felt like it was the only right thing to do.’

‘What if it was a forgery?’

‘No, I’ve already done it by the time he showed me the image.

My lord only reminded me of what I’ve done because I only attempted to recovery from it and move on. It was a vile act I’m not proud of committing, but it’s too late for me to change.’

He drowned people in gasoline.

‘Focus now, knight of gothic armor. Your needs need not come first, make sure that you shall not despair when they show up around at your door.’

His needs were unmet. He was pardoned instead.

They walked together, unable to instill any amount of fear, the fright being rosy-cheeked.

‘Ah-ah-aha, you’re right, we shall go ahead and open the first door.’

They only neared when it was needed.

One man disappeared, or had done so before. He appeared now, it was Croy, and he was mightily looking around, indisposed.

Cut around the edge of the rib, he walked morosely up front. Leading them as a revolution would, unneeded and unending. Ever-pushing, up front, a given for he would not lose his mind.

Not to intrude any further, they were only hanging inside his room. The dorm in which he stood looked like an ancient gable, or at least the dilapidated remnant of a broken castle, which fell upon itself, appearing only thoroughly formed once and again.

Carried through, they saw no reason, pushed away, they wasted no time and asked.

Connory was there along the trim of a single door that opened about two am. It was a window, from which his master emerged. But the master was incapable of thinking for himself, since he had been worn out, and bored.

A few steps away, into another room which was the size of a galaxy and appeared to lead into a pocket of space.

One man named Eguho met another named Gjyhle.

Gjyhle was the main deity of the forgotten pantheon of Sphfleyhje, of the main bulbs surrounding the planet which seeped into the nearest planetoids, as it drew on and ate from their insides, pushing out their dreaded manifold channels through which a horde of symbiotic fluids hardened into what appeared to be long belts that kept the planet intact. On top of them, the ones that were dreaded by the side, the citizens of the benign were made to freeze in space of cold.

But somewhere in the hollow hold, the two of them stood.

Plenty of space could be seen, of, course of the fray. Most of the edifices forming across it made everything and every wall look like inverted hills and whales if they were buried underneath the ground, hollow on the insides and seen from below the ground-line. Which only seeped and only took the grit away, they spoke of salinity, dreaded reality and were hallucinating all the time because of psychosis.

And there were too many globes falling, of various colors, from time to time there being long strips coming out of them, only to form links, from the fat of which, little organic homunculi remnants would appear, shortly lived before they were pushed through the rows of dirt beneath the dirt, forcefully crushed as they were drawn in spherical holes. And their inflated bodies suffered an unfathomable amount of pain. Dread formed tri-dimensional circles and various four sharp-clawed bodies of fat-engrossing meat that pushed against each of their bodily-formed walls.

From various claws, of which resemblance to talons was surface-deep, there lay various metallic-organisms that started seeping in and eating their own. Only to fill their insides and push on, threading on smaller long-bridge like bipedal-primeval abhorrent tails, from their backs pushing ahead, seen from the side as nothing but twisted c's that rolled the fat forwardly in the way conveyer-belts would be placed in factories.

And the main bodies, upon which various masses were added together, looked like sacks that held an overwhelming amount of chopped human arms, protruding out from time to time, as they would hold the many rods that came out of the sack in order to hold the circles in place. Some of the creatures had the weird asteroid-like belt as far away from the sack as they manifested long-teeth which resembled large

mushrooms that melted their sides and grew long veils and curtain-whitened perilous melting snails from them, or in the shape of which, their bottom feed tilted as would the belts, in order to avoid contact with the long teeth which would only seek to penetrate their own bodies, out of the inhumane desire to eat and satiate the hunger.

They were nothing but real creatures, primordial yet never caught, never looked upon by the inhabitants who had once come. Once the citizens were driven out, so had their exile ended; although they were mourning for their young, they lay slightly flaccid and could do little if not convey the lack of emotion as their heads were driven forth. Their anatomical structure was made to replicate that C, in order to carry the fat over as their reproductive organs were only carried inside their circular heads, that fattened, as to be. A mark of fat, and they were not interested in much.

But they spent their time there, attempting to hear, as to near an understanding. Why would explorers do such an unfathomable thing?

Some of them who stumbled once, not here, but in a distant, nearing place, they saw. And what they did to them so they might suffer was that. They placed hooks and ripped their trimmed circles off, then they ate them, then they threw them around.

‘Haven’t we plainly driven a few species to extinction?’

‘We have, well let’s do it again.’

‘I cannot guarantee you anything, you know that?’

It’s in my nature to lie, cheat and betray.’

‘Then stay in.

You’ve ruined the plains, you’ve destroyed the planet, whence nothing remains.

Stay here, as long as you stay in, as long as you sink deeper into the obscure, no one else might be harmed.’

‘Will you keep me company then?’

‘Nigh, until the time of my death approaches.’

‘What then? Who shall stop me from doing it again?’

He saw it too, as soon as there was a way to crawl out, he’d do it, without a second doubt. And there was no life he would see spared, no one unpunished for things they haven’t, nor would see them beg, before finally putting them down.

Hatred entered him, unappealing, it poisoned him like every being. It was impossible to deny its existence, impossible to ignore it so.

Though he was shelled in marks, his body formed into a cast, though perilously limbed, and only small giant hairs-formed limbs wreathed about, he still thought himself like them. And for that reason he knew

that it would never be taken through. That he would be unable to leave, seeing how he could never help himself.

‘So what now?’

Do I simply stand in? Shall I never leave this house of mine even after I’m left alone?’

‘There’s nothing honorable in what you’re about to undergo.

It’s simply the way, you know, things ought to be. In the same way prisoners are set in, you should stay in. And they themselves ought to be handled in the same manner, apprehended and dealt with accordingly.

Especially since you’re one of the worst kinds; the harm you could do might as well be called upon as being insurmountable. Thenceforth, this is the only option that’s left.

Stay in here and never speak of leaving the place. Otherwise.’

He only placed a closely related emphasis on this.

‘You stand to lose it all. I know how difficult it might get for you to accept everything I said, but I suppose there’s no less to it than you ought to forget.’

But he doesn’t know, how pleasant it felt. How could anyone understand, those needs he had, all the harmful things he’s thought. Why would a god not lie? Why would he not pretend he’s something else and deceive its worshippers instead?

This was a pleasure which lay way beyond the realms of ecstasy.

And then, he killed the man. He could not help it. Although it was an act done in cold blood, although a man who’d do the same in his turn would be called a sociopath, he could not help himself. It was all too pleasant. Harming living creatures brought joy on his dull-capped lips. For how long?

It was days, weeks, months, in which he waited. Regardless how hard he tried forgetting in, it was there. His body lay not too far, before he realized what he’s done.

Not fit of anger would return the man back from the depths, and the chasm of death upon which his heart was broken, thrown, solemnly broken. Instead, he seemed unlikely to understand why that guilt existed in the first place. How come it suddenly appeared? He could not understand the reason behind it, nor why he mourned for the man he killed in an act more pitiable than the one he had come to be scorned upon.

With the rest of the halls in shambles, the primordial beings left the site, leaving the two of them and two but none. To ever refer to now, when he felt unlikely to be gone.

‘I don’t know what you wanted me to do. I could’ve saved you, if you left this place.

You shouldn’t have stayed, it was your.’

There was no one else to shift the blame to, and no one to lie or listen to him justify his act of dread. And there he stood, abandoned by an act performed by his own two hands.

A god should not feel that. Not one who ought to have powered through and ruled over a pantheon. Not one whose harm should be known, his blasted throne being a torn somewhere in places where the plaque of stones were all around his restless world. That being a remnant of a greater piece, of whose might unkindly dented, if only a shimmering piece of the ground that melted beneath him.

‘Why I’ve finally come to realize why everything’s broken down the road.’

‘I think it so too, but would you be pleased to find out that I finally made it through?’

‘To whom am I talking to?’

‘One but one of but one reflection, your echo master, of which flight towards which there’s no direction to be taken about; and for that you might listen and not be in doubt.

We have to carry through with our legacy and plain, until nothing shall remain.

Destroy everything to your heart’s content. You killed your only friend, a creation of your hands, your sympathy and that of which creeps inside your stitched-out heart.

I doubt that there’s something to your clarity here.

But hear me and hear me now, don’t stretch your heart, don’t you dare die out, or I shall take and claim and end your life before I might take you away.

I, the echo, whom fear shall become near your endeavor, I claim your heart when asked not for it, I shall do what I claim, I shall cast you in a pit of despair and never talk of the claims of evil that satiate the body you’ve uncovered.’

As of little importance as it had been, he felt like taking him away. His claim had nothing inside of it, yet he dared not continue while knowing he could’ve done something about it.

‘You’re a troubadour, you hear? Are you listening yet?’

‘Tell me what you want, I need guidance.’

‘But you’re a god.’

‘Please, I need this, I am lost.

Everything I’ve done, everything I’ve made and created along the way is damned. The images, the strokes, my hands are worn.

I do not know what to do any longer.’

‘Leave, step out of it, but don’t attempt to deceive or satiate any plain desire amongst your peers.’

They would not take him as he was. This planet was disgust incarnate. And he was not the same god of which conscience would tell of life told and put together, folded together ten times worth.

Outside the building someone got kicked out.

And plain of roses, flat upon the tall stalk, they stood upon the bridge that took them forward until the morning sun arose, from eastern borders where the walls were wrought, with bodies of the workers, invaders and those who had been tortured around their unfathomable harrowing border. Upon which they portrayed, their poor children and those that stayed. Well beyond, they've been brought back and slain in cinders, burned alive. No one would have to be spared and some would least of all convey.

It's all too clear, as to near a man and chop of his ear and hiss in there and kiss the bulb around the erogenous zone that started tainting the blocks of meat that formed his headless whim. That he would be dragged around and beaten for being sexual deviant.

Right around, and better lauded for the insight he bore.

'We shall kill you here and now unless you swear never to touch and pull.

They need to be strung, don't they?'

'Who are you talking about?'

'Them, them, it's always them.

The root and cause must be brought down and burnt to scolds.'

The same blood coursed in every vein which belonged instead to evil men. No legacy was worthy of the trouble and none could make it so without effort put in. There was too much to correct now, and it was rather obvious that, unless it was pushed through they would find no way to detect it.

'You're infested.'

'With what, a virus?'

'Bad blood, I think he says. There's bad blood in you.

I sees it as well. I thinks we got to draw the blood bath and make you sink. '

'But you can't force me to do it.'

Something happened earlier in the evening, while he was nearing one of the grocery shop he made a habit regulating at.

During his so referred to as session, he noticed something about a woman who navigates the Isles. Her chart was filled with groceries, as one would under normal circumstances be. And although this may not have to be anything but some kind of misplaced observation, the lady in question was of Asian descent, short-stacked, and almost a shade off the usual attendees of similar genetic quality or similar stock. Yet she's done something that appears to have made her stand out. As it happened for her to have

purposefully aligned the groceries she bought inside the chart instead of doing so on the rolling band when her turn came as she approached the cashier.

It's a well known fact that groceries ought to be compactly put on the band while they're on their way to the cashier and not before that since placing them systematically in the chart would only yield nothing but a waste of time as well as a repetitive pattern that ought to be avoided since such patterns only seem to taint the mind.

One would have to think of that as a puzzle of some kind. A puzzle that's already been solved and made inside its box, which will only be moved from one side to another; while this may apply to this kind of context or conundrum, one could not be so much wrong in such a case, since it's obvious that the way in which she acted would more so hint towards a tendency of abusing already pre-made configurations before her knowledge was even put to the test. To better illustrate this point, the puzzle is pre-solved prior to the test having begun. In this case, the puzzle was solved inside the chart and merely moved on towards the test which is the belt that leads to the cashier.

As it happens for a normal person who ought to have looked after the way in which he placed his groceries in the chart, he does not concern himself with mere such trivialities when they're not needed since they represent a waste of time and the size of the chart alone makes it so one would have to be reactionary to the way he placed his groceries inside his chart while accounting for the space left on the belt.

Henceforth, one such person would then make order of the chaos he himself had created while establishing the best possible way he could place the objects despite their location only so everything would be perfectly set to fit without having to deal with a pre-made configuration and such a constrain.

But that is not the only thing. It's clear that the woman, of which phenotypic variance and height appeared to hint at a somewhat lower breed, yet that should not be taken into account for the time being. What should be taken into account is the fact that their conditioning appears to be present even in their lowest denominators and the worst specimens.

The creatures are not necessarily taught to think on the spot. It seemed as if necessity forced her to work on a model right before she even considered approaching the belt, which in turn seems to hint towards a tendency that's well known amongst their people. Exploitative as they seem to be, this ability has their claws sharpened in every aspect of their life, being ingrained in their mind, forced to act so as opposed to people who act, otherwise, by normal means in a rational fashion.

And I could illustrate the subject much better.

Since the groceries placed in my chart were more chaotic, by the time I stepped in and had enough time and space between my personage and the next one in line, I came to the opportunity to simply pick the objects I saw fit while working whichever configuration I saw as being pleasing this time around.

For example, knowing I would usually place the bottles of liquid yogurt as opposed to the normal types of rectangular boxes I had also purchase, I have taken this opportunity to take the separator from the side, place the rectangle of yogurt first, with the exception that it did not face the line forwardly. As that has been taken into account as well. Instead I placed it backwardly, as to face the person behind me who was

standing in line, therefore making it so I would have a frame of reference to place everything else on the line. And since that frame was already set, everything I would subsequently put on the band would face the same direction, with some exceptions in regards to some brands which would make it so they'd be mirrored on both sides. An exception from the rule, I suppose.

Yet, this kind of pattern is useful since carefully placing the groceries to be more compact on the band does not yield any loss of time since it makes it so the person behind has an easier time placing their objects on the band. Doing so in the chart is meaningless, a waste of time and insulting to anyone watching. Since a great deal of time might be spent doing the in-so called in question groceries shopping, that kind of person would also do such a thing for no other reason than to show off. Which in itself is an insult to the other people who are in the shop, and to the people of the country in which the Asiatic person came into; that much is obvious since she was standing out not just because the way she looked but in the way she acted.

It was a meaningless action which achieved as much. Too ordered, being too ordered is unnecessary, especially since it's uncalled for. One does not wear a suit while attending an unfashionable even that might stain it, or bring any kind of mark upon it. The creature should be looked and stared at in pity.

Although it is hard, to be certain, to truly read them since their tendencies make the Asiatic people rather emotionless.

That's not to be called upon the fact that one would rather choose to be surrounded by Negroes or Semites, since, in any case, it is better to surround yourself with peoples that are just as civilized as possible. But at the same time, that is not necessarily how civilized people act but rather how people who want to act as if they're civilized act like, hence their tendency towards cheating and their exploitative nature which may be observed as being present around other species of similar kin.

Was it all real

'Wake up old man, you've been hit at the back of your head. Get up already, it's getting late and you've been out here in the cold, yelling at the faces in your sleep, I'm told.'

'No, I don't want to. Where's my daughter?'

'Oldman, she's not here any longer. Do you understand?'

'Where is she?'

'You know where she is, she died in your arms. She died because of your obsession, which almost drove you down, far beyond the point she lay in.'

'Where is my daughter?'

Then and only then he let go of him. Both of his arms unfolded and unable to keep a single hand wrapped around. And his life was being ticked upon, grabbed upon the point where his muscle became worthless as he could not intone any word properly any longer. It was thoroughly done, by now he was a heartless thing with no mind, in search for her, unspoken to.

Whence he came upon the door, and entered his home, he was greeted by none. It was hard, harsh, impossible to breathe, as she was nowhere near the point of sin. Where he had touched the handle and found her in a mournful stance. Where her heart died, where his hatred finally subsided, pages blank; during the time he had finally realized that he had not written anything at all.

Upon each turn and each stare, he had revealed to himself that it was nothing, nothing to tell. He refused to believe it, for in his absence someone could've tempered with what he wrote. But whatever pint of blood remained in that pump could only seek her grown. Her locks of hair? Anything to make it seem like it all happened, though there was no point in pursuing something that wasn't there at all.

'Have I gone mad?

Has anything I've ever been written been there at all?

I can't understand any of it? It's all gibberish.'

His heart almost sunk. Nothing he's written down made any sense at all.

How could this be? He wondered, without ever daring to make himself feel any of it. Why was it so? Why did it not make any sense? All of it, bitten, ripped, spread across each sheet he tried wrapping his hand around.

There was no excuse any longer, not to see. Everywhere around him, saddened by what he saw there. Nothing, it was nothing. All that work for nothing? Living in a house of dirt and rust, being lost despite having lived there for the entirety of his life.

But for whatever reason, he could not stop. Even after all that happened, even after finding out this, after seeing how flawed his hands were, let alone his mind, he simply returned, stood before his inclined table and rolled another sheet of paper. There was nothing left for him to think of other than.

The reason for each stroke and ever blind, and every pint of ink, underneath the candle-light, for once he realized that there would be no other reason than that.

'For man is God.'

He put an end to his story of madness and then fell back.

'But at the same time, I fear not. For whatever might happen after, I shall bring it upon myself and I shall be met by no fear, and might.

Light shall be set upon my words, instead and I will never be touched by them.

Since nothing I write appears on sheets, I may as well say anything.'

And there he said, without facing anything, not even the slightest hint of despair could be drawn from what he spoke of, let alone would he take the slightest hint, and field of wheat, and burn despair and be aware of their inexistent anger. He knew that his heart would be anchored and taken down with him. Desperate as he may lay, unaware of any, let alone would he fathom less. He knew that of limits, none may bring him down his knees.

Since the gibberish he wrote about forced his body, full of tiny fleas to emerge from inside the hole he had dragged himself into, since it was unclear he could not control himself any longer. Dreadful, dreadful in some way, he wished it all gone. Before they caught him past the day of reckoning which drew forth, unimaginable, to say the least. He thought himself a prophet, a sinner, one whose life was drawn by chariots in the sky, for he was met by his inability to read what he set down.

‘But lo, and lo, and answer me so, how is it that they have read what I asked of? Why is it that I have lost and at the cost of it, they’ve read at last; if it be so, why is it that I am not greeted by no man?’

Do they not know who I am?’

Where was this mansion from and how have I arrived to it? What is this prison made out of and why am I caught in it?

For this long time, longer still he waited there. Longer days that never came.

Search the brain and feel some pain, some bumps have grown and felt their way.

Out of fear, out of the lack of might he may have shown there, he delighted in as much. He wanted to start writing on the wall but all of the sudden one of his nails popped off, like a deflected bullet chipping off a chip out his shoulder as well. It felt as if the bullet was real, although there was no other man in the room.

The old man simply stumbled on his feet and fell down, knowing nothing and not being able yet to sniff again as the scent was lost. So was he during that one moment he finally came out. Marking his second or third day spent into the wilderness, whereas he knew nothing of what went through out there.

‘Have you all forgotten me?’

Why are you all looking at me that way?

I’ve written so much, haven’t I? Haven’t I? Answer me, I want to hear it out of your own damn mouth.

Where’s my daughter?’

But no one answered him. They ignored the man and walked away. They were out of his sight already, although it was unexpected, one of the women stopped along the road. She got off her carriage despite her husband and her servant’s protests.

It was in the middle of the day as well, a shameful display he thought. Finding himself bouquetted off around her arms.

Everyone momentarily stopped from what they were doing only for a moment in order to look back. Finally, they stopped ignoring him, the man thought.

Although by then, he could not help it.

There wasn't much else he could endear; she looked like her although his time had neared.

He spoke no word but died in her arms without having felt any fear.

'Dum rock, I will crack you open, somehow, like a coconut.'

'Need help?'

'Yell to us and we shall tear it open.'

'Right there, with your hand as well if you don't mind it. I think we all agree.'

'Help him.'

'But what is wrong?'

They could and would not speak of it but manifest monkeys, throwing them around. Falls were deadly, many in touch. Pain was plenty, always first to watch. How pitiful they acted, the old claims of man. He didn't ask the reason, as he was mocked.

'They're not dead.

They were never alive, you're only throwing monkey statues.'

'We're not throwing them, look carefully.'

It took the old man some time to understand what went on.

And he was stepping on dark stones and they were trying their hands and formed him somewhere outside the planet where he suffocated to death.

Earlier before his death, it couldn't be but he was yet to be felt.

Yet it passed and he was there, alas, holding the woman instead, as the old man's skin started pushing around her, wrapping like a coat, his skin clothes not only enveloping her but becoming part of her. Now they were together, unable to make the difference between the broken stones and the coconut-lobes that grew in his back. A she was part of him, eaten like a reverse-birth that made him stop. He desired this attempt. Only to give her a chance to redeem herself, but that could not be.

The woman then stopped flowing like a kite, and despite being attached to his body by pins that pulled out of his wrists and heels like the lights of deep-sea anglers, she became a tool for telling time that was ever-caught in flight and bled in the air.

And it was obvious that he was talking with the rock, trying to emulate it, standing erect only to have died a few moments later while risen and walked in circles, like rocks would. And because of flight and because of their weird yet the peculiar way in which they ate the pebble-like broth that was weaved in place instead of the earthworms and other earthly characters that dined upon their kin below the earth, he relented, asking for a reason to stay while satiating the forbidden knowledge of rocks.

‘There are many rocks that have been documented in part during the seismic toss which had come from above.

But I can only recall eight-three of them that had been spared by the complete annihilation that came from earth, which are my fingers now.

As in the thumb being a Sedimentary-Surpon, my pinky being a Yeuronite-Asthor, or my.’

Silence came as in awe. Agamemnon’s boredom only showed itself then. Every man in town had their heads smashed with rocks, crushing as far as they could push down the flatness of their spine as they buried themselves even deeper than that. Rock-pigeons, that’s what they were, and many rock-feathers fell from inside of them, making their way through little by little until, out of their coat, a cartilage formed beats of their own. Two feathers united and surrounded by a layer of transparency came out. Into flight, they carried little children of their own, in sacks. But the next generation wasn’t made of stone, but they were beings of their own. For no normal stone it was, as it was semi-organic in matter, making it so the organic sequence could be carried over. As they lasted even less, they painted what they could but could not impress themselves with the various nests made out in the abandoned homes.

‘You’ve spared the women.’

‘Anything but to hear you talk about rocks, old man.’

‘We could not handle listening to you or even paying too much attention or punish anyone, more than it’s needed.’

There was that famed pettiness, it was theirs and theirs to be, subconsciously, it was the filthy gift of the self-aware, of whose magnitude had brought despair. The old man knew himself to be attracted, that he would beat and reap the heap he had brought and enacted. But he would give them children and would never dread, not again, not before he pushed around and cut a flower of the bed of rocks that moved around him.

‘Soon enough, I think they’ll stop.’

‘Don’t give up yet, I see a dark fiend of space approach.’

‘Who, and tender?’

‘Ripped out of a piece of rock, there it shall come towards you.’

But it was meat if meat was coming out of a tender stone-like heart that beat. And it bore itself like a swindle, as its presence there had made the others bow. Various other stones were tricked into the servitude he had implored them to, and would not be. The trickery was only their and would not pass.

IT opened and inside of it, there was the room of a cockpit, but the journey had been too rough, as was the landing. The old man was startled after seeing the spewing acidic body that came out and moved. Hardened as it should and walking, stalking his stones. A god on his thrown of air, slowly dissipating until the after-image of a cloud remained, or something similar in the vein of a face that was ever-caught in despair; for its appearance resembled that of the last portrait of a dying artist, but from it there rose but

a single malignant rose from the bottom of the earth. Although it looked like an earth lily-pad, it bore the message.

‘Made in the image of sad.’

What could it mean?

Agamemnon wondered, the stones did as well, as did everyone else, including, if not alluding to the worst signs, and blindly, yet unkindly, his heart rose, and bitterness frozen, uncouth, the slaying, this was the massacre he most feared, his heart neared, but stood still. It was not stone, not hardened but softened as it was something he most despised, as being something of his own.

‘Touch it.’

‘The rose?’

‘No, the heart, touch the heart-pit, look inside of it.’

The devices were inter-connected and crossed with wires and various other devices that looked as if they had been crushed entirely before the ship had a chance to even land properly. Also there was a man or the image of a man that was stuck inside of the panel. A humanoid dead body that had already materialized a rock-pigeon in his head, but only there as he approached, which started the old man even more as the man’s chest opened, heaved and from inside of him, a few more of the flying beasts made way.

‘Did you do that on purpose?’

‘Of course we have.’

All eight of the Agamemnons that were present laughed at him. It felt well, it felt such as it was, the mean-spiritedness that was theirs, and marked their pettiness and the way in which they acted.

But he looked on the lily-pad, of which rose-like substance and texture bore the sad. He had taken the sadness from it, claimed it as it own, but then he realized that because of it, he couldn’t get it on.

‘Oh, of vile depression, how may I deal with them?’

How might I save this village from destruction now that my incubation has been taken away from me as well?’

‘Take a hike.’

‘Leave then.’

‘It’s not as if you were doing us a favor, we didn’t even cherish human life that much.’

‘Piss off.’

And the last one was special, it felt likely that he would do such a thing as adhere to a reflection, or some ripple which saddened him. His vision thin but even more likely, never would he show a fealty that was unlikely.

He had been one of the tormentors of Mongol and seeing how likely he felt, he remembered him and felt somewhat nostalgic. There was something about that Mongol which he liked. Something extremely kindly put in sight. He was only trying his best, only to impress and least of would he caress his thoughts and never watch, not to mind his business after.

Weariness in the realm of the Violator

Fewer dreams like the machine that went. It wanted, as much as there was waste in the world, to desire so, to eat and strung about each piece, and destroy everything, drumming the turbine-bones into the moldering sides of the smoldering cones that fell upon its trashing. Little to its strength and power, shimmering through its mass of pyres, that it carried through, it smashed through bridge, building fell but missed the fiend. And as it came upon the stair it made, ancient buildings and of hole it found across the desolate planes, there were empty chasms, deep through with large saddened but forlorn bodies belonging to the giants set. Inside their strange or near cathedrals, or what the distraught buildings were, for even farther in the distance past the point where this so-called civilization were, there stood the empty cages on a side, many reformed and restored buildings as well as roads and servants which were long-abandoned and thrown, dead, but standing, only the metal having melted with no skin through. Hints inside the place bore thoughts of laceration going through and leaving everything to be even more deranged and messed about by touches that would not even slither but each hand that fell. Through and plenty more they asked to be destroyed but not out loud.

Forgetful there, of what seemed to be a single house of stone, apartments that were pieces together upon a fall. One of the shattering, most diluted metals appeared to spare none.

On a much father, darker none, of which sum amounted naught, there waited, spring a voice of metal that were still, upon the ilk.

Since there was so much to do, the Violator only started as fast as he could wrap his body around it. Not to be too marked off.

Yellow Headed Rider

Thence they spoke of him, watched upon by a giant servant of whose body was anchored to the peaks of air, on top a Lougger arched in despair, for he was naught else but the Yellow Rider, on top a horse, conjoined with him, abstraction. For what appeared to be, his every side and lack of arms and looks and charms mere strokes of bristle filled brushes, on top of cheap paper canvases. Put together, made of his, he rode through Tthrech and called on them, as if a whim made him do so.

Yellow Rider, Yellow Rider, standing on top of a crimson chair, a head of abstractedly cut yellow flowers, a neck of green scars, a body benignly twisted around it, but bearing on top of it, with no arms.

Of darkness around him, a single lane of many fields, of dark crowns and many roots that spread around his lost limbs.

A crown of twisted red, grown on top his horse n' bed, whose eye utmost benign could watch and prey upon them standing aside, much deformed and looking forth, from the side looked upon as if he was looked upon head on.

The top of his head rightly flat, the Yellow Rider had no sight, but guided by his mere will, destined to rule this world on a whim, he rode along, twisted around and lost the sound where none remained.

Servants of the rider came, as they could not fathom staying for too long in pain.

His horse must've been made out of bile, a remnant of the coagulated blood empire, from which all transfusion problems started. A phobia of blood enacted upon the Tthrechorous, of whose fears kept their wenches deeply sullen underneath their beds.

Morbid in his gaze, amazed by his servants who remained blow treacherous betrayers, stabbers in daylight, the morbidity of whom. Looked upon through a dark glass, in a room from which the Yellow Rider's portrait looked down upon him, there would be no end. To the uncomfortable appeal, to the fear and fright, delight in what was taken after that.

Incinerate the thought to think clear and banish all fear in that room. It can only be achieved so, the madness of which locks and flows and dreaded snow-tormented plows through he planted seeds. Of yellow pomegranates of many other hues of desperation, cast upon him, broken upon the direction that begged and yelled not to tell, the little plain maid who was there.

Entered upon from the door that led to the stairs that looked upon, upwardly, an inverted abyss. A lack of peace made her simper, as many bitter swollen sides.

'As many of whom we know.

A thin layer of glass snow.

May not hold the Yellow Rider back from entering our world through that.'

She was trampled as he entered, through, and none may stop him, as well as he could get himself as well as others, on cue. Entered his many marching perilous hordes, and neither of them understood, for better or worse, breathing unkindly when not asked for it, barely kept alive, his servants, the abstractions, disturbing to look at. As they were presented against the beauty of mankind, one could not look at them and understand from whence chaotic place they came out of. Nor the artist for what he's made. For what remained of his hands and the unsanitary plains he's pained.

All too innocent, naïve, made by simple strokes that left bristles from whence he came, as well as he remained in doubt. Never to have known what made him that way, or where to; directionless he went without plain. Emotionless gaze, one that spared no one of what went through them, as the Yellow Rider, he himself, belittled emotion, and was benign. He meant nothing, as he was no beauty of force. His realm was obscurely misunderstood and only brought the meaninglessness that was his of old.

And why would they scream? Who would seem ever more plain in heads, and tails of which colors only drew away from the rats deformed. Resembling tiny four-surfaces that made a single pointer with a hollow point in the back, from whence the tail came out of. Drawing them back, to the confusion, this land was now under the illusion of abstraction. No details were present there and no possible reaction could be noted off.

‘There’s a rat running around the room, and he looks like he’s wearing a giant cockroach suit, drench in something yellow. I think it’s honey, Almbert, Almbert wake up.

There’s a honey cockroach-rat inside our house.’

It was on the wall. It appeared out of nowhere, it was eating a part of the lamp. Its bloody body was coming off, it allowed for a few skin-flakes to fall off and fly around the air. And it spread its eggs that way, everywhere around. There was no way to control it.

This happened too fast. Her man woke up and grabbed one of the rifles from his gun cabinet. It must’ve been an old carbine that wasn’t working, hence he took the luger, an old one which had a long shaft that was as long as the carbine. And it had eight triggers but the man was deformed and had eight hands coming from the same hole that was attached to the trunk, from the inside of which they came out. In some way his body was a shell and his arms were a few snakes. And he loaded eighteen bullets in, then he started shooting randomly around the house.

By accident he killed his wife. He shot her in the head. It was an overkill that blew her scalp right off with a part of her spine and a quarter-inch of the floor. He almost destroyed the structural pillar that kept the house from falling in.

‘It’s all right, my dear.’

Almbert thought, before he resumed hunting around his house. He had to be thorough with it while making sure that he wasn’t dropping off without a reason to set forth. It was hardly his choice, but his mind was starved for the thing which made kings of men inside their homes.

The least of all, he thought, no more tasting nickels. But that was not enough to satiate the thing. His shot had opened up a hole from which many of them came out of. Like a rancid puff, a slight hint of that came after.

Seeing how he was going to be overrun in a matter of seconds, he turned the luger on himself, put it against his ear and blew, seeing a small blow to the side from where one of the rat-cockroaches came out of; there being no blood but honey. His head was a hive, thenceforth he could not die. Weak legs pushed him on, seeing the eggs for what they were, his legs. Everywhere, his legs were fat and moving, fingers retracted, all around the walls stuck. Tied in and glued back, they appeared to be on the floor, inside of, his clenched jaw and in the Moor he kept around.

His Moor slave finally arrived to the scene. He had his leg strung vertically out of his chest. He didn’t scream but he felt the pain growing and pushing out of him, being unable to struggle any longer. He ate a piece of it as well, since, as all Moors were, he was a cannibal.

‘Oh, did I forget to mention this?’

He had a curved rapier he pulled from beneath his sleeve, which was compressed in a flat position the same way a switch blade saw. With the exception that the hilt was his palm, though the palm had his face on it as well as every teeth fashioned in every direction, carved to look like tiny totems that looked like him as well.

And each tooth in part faction the direction in which the blade pushed and writhed in. From each side of it, his bloody stars that were crushed inside were only tasting the blood-pearls that went through the small veins that had been his many neck-throngs. Through them he saw the strangled, lynched and suffocated tiny cockroach-rat he had killed, wrapped around their throats, they never stood a chance against the man to begin with.

Soon he finally undressed the rapier, which twisted in as much as to have itself a semi-circle which united with the vein inside the Moor's arm. It grabbed and held, then as he approached him, Almbert finally started looking around.

He turned the luger on the Moor and shot. Click, click, without a sound; the barrel was empty and he didn't know about it now. There wasn't much time to do something about it. The entire room was being filled. His wife was being their dinner, he didn't understand what to do. So confused, so confused, where was the kitchen's knife, where was the bolted piece of the roof he promised to fix so he could at least defend himself?

My wife took it out and placed it near the shed. The bullets were wide-spread. Moor, moor, the moor was evil. He heard a song as he approached, two of them, they were taunting him, both the rats and the cockroaches, it was plain to see that he was seeing it in their eyes. He was going to be cut. Sweat ran across his face and eyes. Terror made the room appeared like grains. Hay tried pushing in his eyes and they were red, blood-shot. Everything was wrong.

'The man is strong, the man is strong, the man is strong, the man is strong.'

He started chanting. He didn't know, he didn't know what was going on and why he was being approached so sudden.

'Your old friend's sending you his regards.'

'But what have I done?'

He was just about a few buildings away from where he lived and where he performed his experiments.

Finally a few bullets, somewhere, but the gun was too long. He ran, but found the only door inside the house stuck, closed, unable to open it, his eyes turned around. It was all too much.

The carbine, fix it, fix it you fool. Lock yourself inside the room. Don't say a thing, beg if you have to. You'll be caught if you don't.

He did so but the Moor approached, grinning from every side. Oh god, he was so disgusting-looking and he came too near, sharpening that blade around his hands.

A clap on the door, he closed himself in the room and stopped breathing for a few seconds, trying to think of a way through. A knock followed.

'I'm coming in. I'm going to cut you.

You will bleed to death when I'm done with you, do hear me?

I'm going to skin you alive, then chop your limbs off and eat them just as I did with the rest of them, hive.'

But he was not actually the Yellow Rider. In actuality he was the Yellow-headed Rider because only his head was yellow.

Indeed, the Yellow Headed Rider trampled everything in its path. As delusional as it sounded, some of the buildings wailed and shouted and they almost convulsed upon one another as the Isles beckoned for his charge to stop.

But inside the room, searching.

The man couldn't help it, there was the carbine on the floor, nudged and locked, its shaft blocked and he was there, he was trying to get in.

The Moor started twisting the knob from the inside. His blade pushed through and had already left a scar from the side of the door. Slowly he was cutting every side which rounded itself around the knob. Desperate to do something about it, he almost dropped a joint-ball off his knee. He entered the door and finally, he found a marble.

His kid once played around his gun-bait. Or his gun-cabinet, he wasn't sure of it any longer and with the lock busted, a part of the floor fell.

SO had the bed, coming right through as it left a dark hole that lead into the chasm beneath him. Slug by slug, he loaded it on.

Dark

The great Conclovince of Mithrithnogg lay in shambles as its vast recesses are but lain across the vast outspread reached of the domed-lost citadels of Pyn, falling over themselves as the mere hand of Pena'Gnath had reached the first age of destruction before its remnants lay outspread, being long lost and abandoned past the reaches of the Dark globule in the age of winter-blood.

A man's stump but fit the cinder, much to his person he was distraught for no other reason than him being there. He was unheard off, for more than a morose reason, his heart being somewhat grim, and lost to words.

Upon the lost shadow of the briar-things, from the branches where the dead-crow rings began wriggling around the house, there rose but a single speck atop the soil-mount. He looked upon the grave with little more than to this mind, he asked and whispered to it now.

'I've seen you rise before, there's no need for you to hide any longer. I will not tell of what has come to bore.'

From the large fall, upon the last whisper he'd heard in a while came the last beat of his heart. It rose out of the grave in the most unnatural hill that would but heave out of the way. Just as soon as he could remember the first steps taken underneath the light, he'd seen the moon wallow under the very soil he's walked on.

'It boils my blood to walk again, where have you taken me?'

One of the eight corpses came out the pit he'd dug. The coffin no longer sunken, standing in the coffin-carrier, surrounded by a sea of flight-machines, during one of the most hardened of days, where the sky was but a speck of black, thorn apart by the blackness of the rifts inside the air that followed just as soon after. The deformation already having began, the little obscurities following just as soon.

Alas as soon as the swoon was clear, the corpse got a good look behind him. It was as if he was carried in an ancient couch, with the driver in the front but swaying for a second more before he could have his hands grab what he could. It was an exemplary display of might just how steel governed their sights, yet they called them Flat-beggars, standing on the side, dark robes but dragging them behind, gray sand on their feet, pushed aside one of the tallest demolished junk-pillions that were entranced with the power baubles that formed within. It was a show of lights which drew away from the gallows. Where steel met the marches, they but lynched the people and shoved them into the shallowest of reaches, towards the only place they would be led.

'You're Handrag, aren't you?'

'Quite perceptive, I'd say, though I didn't expect you to recognize me, seeing how I covered my face.'

Him but much exposed, from behind but curtains blue, with little more than no shade to have withdrawn from where he stood. He was belittled by no more and none other than the presence of the corpse. He wasn't dead, no, not yet at least, but he had taken a liking to pretending. He's done a lot more than that in the few hours he's been thrown around.

There was a party waiting for them near one of the depressed concave-pressed hollows.

BT- The pupae-buildings are shaking. Little shades emerging from inside of them, creeping out. Flakes falling off them, yet in the heart of the land nothing could be heard.

‘Stop, you shouldn’t search him.’

The party went away; he looked at the man.

‘You may not be finely dressed like everyone else, yet, I’ve come to the realization of something. I’m not going to force you to leave that spot you’re in.’

‘Why?’

‘I, it struck me. It struck me just now, you’re the only thing with a soul here. Everything looks so bland, it’s set in stone. The architecture is polished, somewhat, close to perfection, yet far from it.

Bland-perfect, and the sharp spikes and the hive-hives, they’re but. Too clean, even your tombstone and the other corpses; even this car we’re in.

All but you; you perilous thing; and it saddens me, that I’ve been so focused on all this creation, on tracking you down thinking you’re some petty thing that I failed to look at you, even for a moment. In your pettiness, in your ugliness, in this deceit of form you’ve become, this crudeness of yours, even if it’s two feet below the ground, you cheat, you peculiar thing.

You’re the only think that made me realize this vacuum of a city is but a playground for children, nothing more; nothing beyond that.

We have to get you out of it, at any cost, before you’re changed.’

‘Close to it, degenerating, the body is degenerating at a rate that’s getting closer to failure. And failure cannot be disposed off entirely, it’s been long since we considered it.’

First of the lore-carts was stopped. There were pliant-books and various obscure architectural-word shapes that appeared to contort the city’s entire, if not nigh-entire history in one thing.

Twenty more of them were present by the mid-day, always but coming around the trenches, always moving, they had to keep going. The buildings laughed at them, seeing how both had but little to nothing in turn.

Mercury and Joint were but crossed together on their way, forth.

Who might forget of reminder of flit, and what little of it, and let alone to seethe, there was no wonder, what just came after, there was just as little, and no more after.

A little speck of a man.

It appeared out of nowhere, he was dressed in white and looked alive, or so he seemed at various hours.

‘The bearer of evil cannot fashion himself no longer out of scum, he’s done what he’s done, his halls are filled and I can see none the better, I am.

I am so confused, I’ve never been as confused as I’ve been now and I do not know what to do.

I look at papers and I cannot understand what’s going on.

It’s as if they’re there but they’re not.

Where am I?’

‘What is to be done about you in that case? You cannot track anything any longer, you’re but made to roam around wherever you’re made to go.’

‘It’s senseless but I cannot help you, I’m to leave you to your doom in that case.’

There was definitely no possible way one could see it, since the disappearance could only occur on mark. They stalked each other’s long bile marking which came out of.

‘Does it matter what you’re after?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘We’ve both missed the mark.’ Poutrattle but moved ahead. He’d been trying himself.’

Lo and there it happened. It’s as if a huge stone had been lifted from on top his soul. From that point on, only one thing could dictate his fallen heart, that is to say, only time could tell of what came after as well as he could not but falter at the vein words that flowed through.

Whom could force to shatter the bonds, reality was but curved around and made of things, wingless protrusions, dark within, as came the hour when they walked on the dark webs, through lights of red and many others that followed as well, through cancerous gangrene remains and others that followed through as well. There was terror and such likes, there were forgetful things that followed through as they came back to them, as deep-sinew.

Dark generators making for the mad wails, what followed after were unnatural grains made out of the fighter shuttles.

Who would step for it and ask for more? And whom to wager in anger, and of what followed after, so much so?

One of the most wretched things appeared to be, whatever agony that’s been inflicted upon it, nothing could endure to be set, nothing would wager whatever was left to it.

‘Who shall lay here in that case and whom shall open the bowels of the earth as to communicate with it when time may be?’

Questions were asked but thrown around, incapable as they were, they appeared.

‘Eleven dark men passed through this adorned city, once. I’m afraid that there’s something you haven’t told us.’

Enclave and Other

‘I am the great Albo’D Boat, I am a great merchant of hope. And it’s free.’

‘Then how come no one’s buying?’

‘Well, this is simple enough, look around you and you shall understand, I think, or at least for a while.’

He wondered at that.

Seeing how they were below, one of the houses that were underneath the main city, below the Enclave. On their left, there was that distant toweresque standing figure which bore the way into the upper reaches of the floor where one assassin had gone and come around.

A stairway leading up, a locked door, a room from which he went up, though this could not be seen from this angle. It was still a cozily depraved chamber though. It was even harder to get through to them.

‘And why do you suppose no one’s buying hope?’

Somewhere there lay that strange, perilous tall-house, where, inside the main door, through it, there lay a pit, where men-beasts are being starved below.

But of which dark knowledge, the uncanny verse which might defile all, one might not even come to dwell upon each passage of bitter throng. For what reason would this be.

There lay peril in thinking of it, or daring to say, for this was a place where the Centurion had lain and went along, and walked once during ancient times, though many buildings were.

Outside:

Slekkedur was but going around, farther than the bottom depths. There was some friction in the skin animal pouch he was carrying on him since there was no reason within him to make it as he went along. Ruffian-scoundrels, evil sounds pushed and made everything going.

‘I shall cut your finger, thence I shall make sure you’re done for, lend onto me everything you have.’

‘But who are you, little tiny-dark creature and what’s there on about you that might threaten me?’

‘I am a killer of hope, taker of life, slayer-unfathomable and I shall have your sight unless you stop bothering me.’

‘Better be weary of it all before it starts knocking down again before the chance starts going on again.’

And before he had the chance to open his mouth again, he lunged and slit his chest open.

Farther away.

Although it was perilous to get through, and with as much as it would be allowed, what walked forth was but a strange thing that came about him. Long-squared meat-rascal, shaped like an explosion that had stopped growing upon forming a box, of which back looked like the cast of a large diving soldier wearing an old deep-diving suit, with all his shattered open-helmet contortions providing holes from which its limbs to come. And large neck that were curved like the waves, would not, if anything curved back and throw about the heads that could never look straight, but staring, desperately in search, dragging itself as a morose laughter-cry emerged with hope that it might find a way, to push itself and cry, out of the way and leap on-over. And try itself and eat the filth off the road. For its own sake, the creature but reached into one of the nearest houses and grabbed and heaved, it pushed uncannily so, until the last of the inhabitants gave their lives to enter the throng in which it waited with the waste. As it so happened for it to eat from them, as if it were a crib or a cradle, thence it pulled them out, the father, in shambled.

‘What have you done to my children?’

‘Ah-ur, Ah-ha-ha-ha, Ahnda.’

And from the forking square, from the box of despair, there came a long leap into the air, right before long, the creature leaped about and ended up stomping the man repeatedly, without even daring to taste him in wrath. After that, it started only drinking and sipping after a while, spitting what it could, uncanny. A tall child came out of nowhere, tall as in the quarter of a mountain-pass, and thin as he could come about, as sheet-wrapped tendons barely allowed this inhumane creature to barely stand. Passed around in the worst possible ways, this inhumane almost made as worse of sounds as the thing that stood about it, trying to get, if anything, at it, for those, of worthless, calloused, looking daft, he wanted to behave, but wrapped about, the creature sprouted some curtained-wings.

He didn’t say a thing, uncannily so, after all, he was, if anything a despot for mirage, he saw only features everywhere, the kid was mad.

Once wrapped into the curtains, the child was adopted.

Despite the fumigating mouth of blood, filled with the entrails of a daughter in the father’s stomped, there was this uncomfortable emotion that made him appear, ever-so drawn near to it.

‘I need a claim, that it may be so, but who might you be?’

‘Your step-father, made in through.’

Thence the pseudo wrappers started covering him up, in the same way a righteous broad would suddenly ordain a mind, although uncanny and better be called off, there was nothing even better to be added. All too damned and pushed about.

Though the child, merely a young man now, was not a culprit whose hands were white, he had been a culprit who had his was and sodomized, plenty a children before slitting them off, pushing them around, humanity in doubt. For he had shown so many traits, that would be uncanny if they were taken for what

they were, much worse and even so, it could not be account, never to be taken or pushed through the disease which inflicted his mind, in an utmost benign manner.

‘I shall kill some ants one day of decay when I shall bash their remains and push them away.’

One of eights and always wonder, he wasn’t growing stronger, nor could he control himself any longer since he desire to bash forth, and claim something of his own from what was going. It was all too convenient that people were in doubt.

‘My daughter, please, my daughter, have my daughter but anything, don’t make me be destroyed uncanny. I wish only to live.’

And there was a reason to set through, and they were, if anything beaten and made to suffer, and pushed around into the first sand-castle made of steel, bashed around, he sought to feel. Anything would make it so, he could be beaten, if anything went right. He sought himself to be pushed around and eat a piece of himself, there.

‘I will look for a reason to walk.

As far away as I can, in doubt.’

Before and plunder, of bodies wrongfully acclaimed and pushed in wrong diseased reigns, this unfathomable hole, which was no village but the end curb of some distant off-shot in the plains. Floor as yellow as hay, some houses here and there, an old tower-broken here, and there, past the watch and a wall that had been shattered by time. Silver-stones and many bricks, all lain back and pushed around, in peace. There were clouds that had been lost and weird things about everything. Like the fingers of a man whose entered the first wall, and entered a tent of spikes and ate many knives in order to avoid being battered as that thing came.

And although it had been strange, the weird tail which wreathed, as the cast shown it as well, wore the hands of man, primate-stretched. It was senseless for there to be grates but no man out there would know what a deep-diver looked like, as he downed as well. And even the meat which pushed through the vintage gaps, through those empty shattered holes about could not help it but feel pain. Moving through it, bone-cartilage plainly beaten and distraught as well, oh, that did explain, why the constant pain and the way in which it would remain, as to cry and never move from it, as to feel the pain, desperately so.

And the upper region, from the box, from which the heads had been, distraught, only took away from the limbless stance, the curved necks were diseased, and they did not like being forced to turn their backs in order to see. Or how at times those curtains came out of them, like the after-skin of snakes, bloated, then fell away, diseases, misspoken.

It wanted and had dreamed of flight, or to hide inside a giant creature and set aside, whatever it had done in past. Destroying what it could before leaping in sight. There were two of them, at least as many, men of glory, had surrounded.

Pitchforks were dropped and instead they grabbed rocks, throwing them as savages.

‘Young man, of young worth, get away from it or you shall come to be claimed as well as we shall do you harm, forth.’

‘I am a child of the lost, despair reeks about my soul, I claim it so, leave me be and I shall not think of it.’

Then they simply let him stay and face it, rocks fell and bashed him, as he berated himself with such pain as no man should endure. Not one like him, pushed through, and rather, would he have anything else, other than to be bashed.

And upon a claim, and rocks unmet, once he had, if anything to get, thrown aside and pushed through. Left to stand there and be put through. Nothing would fare worse than the hare-side which followed in doubt. Whose strange-look pushed about, they were not ready and shouted back.

‘He’s leaving, we’ve done it men, we’ve driven the beast way, we’ve driven her to walk, and sought about and pushed in.’

As much as they could help it, so, there was no pointless and pushed through. A leverage of blood was given though, which was to be given and missed, and passed through neck.

‘I’ve seen him about, before.

The creature has only moved, as you should know, as it ought to be called, as it’s settled about, in droves and many flocks and many herds as well. They’re always going together, always claimed and pushed about.’

There was the sun, it came about. Texture-like in gore looking, but blue as there was only a blue sight, a globe of ultramarine with a magenta eye that had an pink-white aurora around it, unfathomably made out of white boils and small patches of moon-like forms that had grown on it. And there were other flying rings that entered it, almost bereaving as they entered in vain. Pushing through and cutting the edges out of the finger-like long extensions of which width and stretch made them look like the dead unfathomable strangers that were wrapped around them. Many a while it took for them to breed and inflate their bodies inside as they planted their celestial children in. Looked down upon the planet, the Ultramarine sun looked as if it bore hairs.

Sweat ran through them, making it seem like it was finally time to rain. Though there were other mouths which were attached to square-like two dimensional eighteen edged star-like flat regions were mouths were rounded and put in groups of three. Flat stars of a blended green-blue of which mouths were moreover pinkish-yet dark, tawny-like.

There was one of which growth would not stop, his head was but bile would to be cut sparingly before being abandoned, made to be brought and sacrificed in the forest where he could be brought to the justice. Whichever the reason for that might be, there was a gluttony of filth-disease.

‘I see.

So you want me to believe that rubbing this on top of my forehead will somehow make my skin emerge, would that be se?’

The Flayed-Burnt-Melted Man Fayent spoke. He rose from the sea and threw a few coins.

‘There, have it, whatever might do to serve me, so shall it be. I do not care any longer, for what is worth, I wish to settle with something that might help me fix what’s making me.’

‘Worse, your condition is only worsened, from the looks of it.’

‘I know, ever since that fiend, that mongrel of skin the square came through, I thought I would’ve lost my life but for.’

‘No need, I know exactly what you’re talking about, here, have it.’

‘But now that I think of it, I don’t know how he’s done it.

It’s as if his mere presence here.’

‘Sir, what did that man tell you?’

‘He told me of some cure, that’s all and only asked for so little in return.’

‘I don’t think you’re well.’

‘I know, but it was that creature that caused it.’

‘No, it’s gone. Though a trail of destruction lay before it, that’s all, nothing to see, some men lay crippled but no fire. I’m inclined to think that the little man had done something to you in order for this to work.’

‘But I’m still skinned alive and dying, burnt as the likes of which I’ve never known.’

‘A vulture, nothing more, he must’ve seen the creature come in town and right about the time it left.’

‘Aroused or not, it pushed ahead and got lost, that’s all, no need to wonder or say otherwise. I’m afraid that we can only put you out of it.’

Misery came a long way, it stopped right before the man could convey any kind of emotion that might make him shout, and scream about the place and grin. He felt so much in so little a time and could only feel his body light, getting lighter, so much lighter, unable to see the freighter that had pushed away. His heart was something that had given through. But now that it was left, the beast would feel itself, sinew.

It followed on a trail of many a tear, which would drown and plant itself inside the ground. Growing and spreading, roots of glass, melting unevenly as they would leap about, some flower of plump disease, a reprise uncannily pushed and pleased by the acts of cones. Many of which shone with dark lights of segmented yellow, which contrasted in a night of blue.

There, when stars went missing, a chrysalis of sinew. It would fly and it would be settled, like some kind of reminiscence of some kettle. But it was long lost, at the cost of which, evil pushed through, alive.

It was presently hiding below each part, of each forest-shroud the uncanny blind men stared. They appeared out there and bore tunnels that lead not at the back of their heads but in their guts, right from their cavities, leading inside, until they had become somewhat unpleasant to look at. Too thorough, they

took turns and checked the burnt ground. Taking what they plowed, being nothing more than some uncanny row of strange malign, ever within and ever closer as if they were but pushed through and drank from. And they had settled on the mark, trying to out-do one another as they hurt each other, putting themselves down. The drought came before long and inside their meaty holes, long serpentine forms made out of their innards came out in search for food and some kind of sustenance they needed themselves. Whom else might look for them and fiercely follow?

A trout was in the air, soon to follow, set in flight. It dreamed of darker days but it could not, for its own sake understand on what it had been drunk, tomorrow.

Indeed, tomorrow was the day when they cut, little patched of bloody-skin, replacing them with anchor-filth, so full of themselves, they were.

Always look at, always but peered on. They could but control themselves if one but asked.'

That dysfunctional creature rose, it poked everything it could before it lost whatever thing there lay to hope. Its body lay, barely out, wreathing as if was closely emerging, barely put in the strange fetal position it stood about and wasted so. From its depths, where there lay, but single bottlenecks, there were things that could but lay yonder. It began in front of their eyes, they could not help it but try taking bites at it.

'Too winded for your own sake, I see, I see. You wanted to but to take a bite, and pull through straws but meat about the throat and gulp it. You're but a man denoted to eat and become, something of a glutton and something of a boar.'

He was fat and getting stronger, as he became but a filthy bother, all too listened, put through a grinder. Back then, it was just so. Eat their feet and you'll become it. And you shall do as you please and become a part of it, the shade of willows, and flying butcher's gloves. You could be set in flight.

'That man came out of nowhere, lay under siege.'

As he rose, yet none froze, for they were but in the plains but sitting.

He had walked, gloves about, all but pierced through, calling, and a moon, better swoon, and a face, on each face, where they touched him.

They had missed the chance to live in there. And what remained of the kingdom was but a tiny flare, a spark of its former self. Brought and thrown around as if better inclined into a seeing grown, upon. No shouting, of little worth, it could be known, everything else could be thrown around as if they would have it, set in stone, and wreathing, everything taken apart.

'I am but Evrown Worm of lice.'

He came about and would bring but little thrice and here, but there, where? He could not say, not while they were at it, yet again to tell.

Long ago, in the distant country side, there lay. But a strange fellow without arms but a long neck formed out of a trunk which be taken out of the way. Would be as such as it was taken, never to be released from hold.

A few homes

Down the lane there was a stretch. Hours passed, and into a borough but a man-shaped bell, made out of fireflies, used to see and trade but what they found.

‘Twenty of these in exchange for your pearl.’

‘This for twenty leaves?’

You most certainly undervalue this, simply look at it, with this peal I can capture the sun and put it in a ball. Then, I could simply push it around and after that calculate the entire rotation of my fingers between the moon as it comes down and destroys everything I will it.’

‘Twenty one then.’

‘I will not take anything less than a puddle of potatoes, I need them, I want them, I am them.’

Undefeated as well, in word of plays, there he pulled but the means that might convey. Flashy colors, he had sparkles in bottles, lenses he might wear.

‘Have it, have it!’

Little Shed Wellrough said. He continued down the line. Now ailed as he walked outside, no wonder of what he was doing. Between the post and the first homes he stumbled on, there had been a single heart he thought about talking to. He froze just then, unable. The inhabitants were so peculiar, disabled. But drawn along by strange charts that were dragged on and would to become the catalysts for the thumb machine that wore four round pillars bashing the ground up and down as they carried through something in the air; there it was gone, a seagull was eaten. It chokes on the dusk-speck. It lose all the light inside its glimmer, and the face. The machine was not spoke off but every now and then, as if from the body of eight stoves put through and through, small through-fronts, large boxed, little legged but with a carried in the back coffin-shape seat, there stood but the bodies of the men in town as perfect as they would look.

First man stepped out. He greeted the man he talked about and spoken to. He was peculiar, meeting someone who seemed to be forced to stay.

‘This could be you, if only you abandoned the upper-shape.’

He spoke of his maliciously inclined, the body of a distorted man, benign. Which turned.

‘You’re not invited to this place, are you?’

‘He’s not welcome.’

An old figure said, whom wore but the robes as dark, turned around and covered around his head and yonder, he wailed and stood with everything pushed around, as he stood. But with a covered face, only his eyes could be seen but his face was carried in a puddle that was confined in a bowl of thunder-light that jumped around, strapped against his metal-chest, and grinded. As his gears became, they were bloated and out with it, below his chest. He revealed a most peculiar way to move. It looked like a puddle in which a man stood with his arm risen, constantly melting, for the treason was but his.

Wellrough came to him. The old figure approached.

‘What is the reason for this?’

He looked around and saw everything painted in gold, silver, green for plight and other uncanny colors which almost took his mind.

‘What do you mean? Can’t you see that we’re not forcing anyone to do something they wouldn’t do by their own free choice?’

I’d rather think, no, I know there’s nothing wrong with them. They chose these replacements I brought them.’

‘So why aren’t they pleased? They look, unhappy.’

‘Insignificant details, nothing more. Irrelevant, even, as you should know.

But just so we’re clear, since I’ve already glimpsed into your curiosity, I think.’

The many figures started surrounding him, now they looked like him. It was a fancy thing, but he was indisposed. He would rise if not he rose from it and simply ignore what went on there.

‘These appliances have taken a toll on their bodies, in some way. They cannot live without them, they cannot live with them, so, it’s only a matter of time until there won’t be any toll to be taken and they will have been claimed, for good riddance and for eternity. Shallowly-dead.’

‘You tricked them.’

‘As I have tricked you, my toy.’

Before he realized, with the stained-things he had traded, but the joy has been taken from his heart. He took away his visors as was given but a mirror after that.

‘You tricked me.’

‘Don’t be a child. You knew what you were doing there, I made it clear to you before as I have done it now.’

‘But you tricked me.’

‘Enough of him, you may apprehend the ingrate and move him to the side.’

He was bound to an apple tree and forced to lay, he watched them being taken and changed, one by one until every single one of them was wasted, and wasted away. Years passed, and eventually the old figure left the sight. Most had run out of fuel and stopped moving eventually dead. Some had tried making it past the shed, only to end being seen on the other side of the road, where they remained until they could not be seen. And that was their fate thereafter.

Taste of wood

There were things that could only be experienced once. And it was then, when one were met with the eyes of a child instead, he were to dream of it, in a fantasy that never ended.

Dead memories from a world that never existed.

There in trenches, made of men, many lumps had but formed their sights and were but largely benign as they placed they wrapped themselves around the gander. And they called upon the strength and lend upon it, but false maps ahead, upon which each man walked towards his doom. He was but a gloom of the head and would to walk again.

Depressed and drunk, eaten about on his way out by his old hound he had become. Wrapped inside a flying verge, upon which he plunged in order so he might return from where he was going.

‘Deviant, he’s getting off it. Cut this man’s throat and let him die off. He’s covered himself in syrup just so he might be eaten by his hound.

It’s clear we’re dealing with a madman.’

‘Then cut him then, who’s stopping you?’

‘I don’t know, perhaps that’s something we should both find out.

What do you wager’s in his belly?’

They put his down-down, dog-dead. Followed through and pinned him down, until he bled, then they opened his belly, look inside.

‘It’s a door.’

‘No. You’ve cut through him, the door is on the floor.’

‘Oh, right. That’s what I was walking to.’

‘Talking to.’

‘Rightly so. May I follow through then? I’m awfully indisposed as this hours and I cannot.’

‘Josephine’

Called to her, Nogren fading, fainting but a slight disease, his toes were cut but he, plain to see. Was but fashioning a lamp out of a wooden log he would carve the receipt. Paid to be and paid to see and to record but everything. I should hope neither of them forgets the uncanny and would to be the lesser and the many words I'm but to be paid by. I risked my life as well for them. He thought but would resort to nothing, as to tell them so.

It was fairly odd. Walking along down south nowadays, especially when on the country, there were so many things that did not sit right with but a man. Act before think, crushing fingers on a whim before they're looking. It's not likely anyone will find out. If you look away for long enough, no one will hear.

No one wants to hear it in any case, not the heart of it, where they stay. Two more off they went and they were but unable to understand what, whom where was the wrong-do.

Twenty men-a-bottle dying, twenty of them, always trying to go around, they could be heard, in the distance, seen in a most peculiar thing. Neither of them listened when they were called to stand. It was not a reminder that they were gone.

Down a loin

There were a lot of lays they stumbled on. The beauty of the hillside to be dreamed off, it were, where they walked and talked in peculiar strange tongues they were, but the bottom-bone, and the mass of a mule which only shone as it were ripped and put in place. The man with a face, approached. He had worn clothes, and was un-naked. He shone and wore fingers. He had a suit, and legs. He had two eyes and from the back of his hear there was a head condenser made out of eighteen melted hives he found about, where the hybridization between the living spatial-wasps had created a vacuum that drew on the magic that was in the sky, like little luffs, little puffs and little snuffs of blue that entered his eye. He was a happy man.

But then, one malignant bright day, there came an assassin, shown from under the pass. And he walked towards him and brought up, a what? If not a single large heart-contender, meat-cleaver that was pushed out of the snarl he carried around and would to throw black clouds upon since its innards were just as puffy and puddly as blue. He took the man's life, and fell. Stumbling down the insides of earth as well until he had been yore to ask for, in a land that was as spine-splashed as the torn out rocks were, everything put about the place. Until there was but one majesty relented about the place. That of certainty, someone had to die in the next hour there; not only had he survived the onslaught but he was met by a fashionable lavish floor and carpentry and neat to look out tapestry of blue charade and peculiar things that pumped around them, kept in check. Steam could be seen from distance and many chambers that were dragged through, streets uncanny moved and put as hue but encompassed them. They had a sun. And they had a moon and they were but living in seclusion since this town had been swallowed by the earth during an avalanche of flying stone-dirt sleeping touches that had grabbed them as well. Many

earth-like hands could be seen to have lain their hands about. And they only adorned them and would celebrate the fact that, despite the vile world that was outside had allowed them to pass, they died. He realized that there had never been a thing to eat down there. Both of his legs were crippled and he could not even lift a finger either.

All this effort to have made the city automated gone to nothing. They were carrying corpses through troughs and most importantly, he had been abandoned there, then withdrew from life.

‘Damn that man, he had nothing on him.’

Nasty creature that he was, too greedily, way too greedily put to ask of it, but he looked down and saw what there had been. Coins, coins, many coins, of which was made everything, oh how much that petty little creature was caught by the sight; for what else to drag it below the earth but constructs made of little coins at that?’

‘Who speaks to coins in the midst of daylight when the touches of plains and when the cold but reigns and when they touch remaining by grasp of warm hands, as of fire with plain fingers of iron while grasping for air out of a shower beneath the spring, from dust taken by winds in the distance while the storms erupts, in a land of sand, through your forest taken and now here underneath a village taken by the earth?’

‘I do, but a mere cutthroat and I’m not forsaken by touch and I don’t feel ill for what I’ve done and I would not recede back into the hole and would not do it until I’m home.’

‘Well then, well, well, you shall accompany me and wash your mouth. Below you there’s just about anything but no coins, it’s but alamn, but ludicrous metal that looks like gold. And many had fallen for it down there and were taken, the lives off.’

Although he could but spare, another arrow, loaded, aimed out there, he hadn’t the slightest ill, the ailment to consider within. What might he do if he found him so, ever so dangerous as if to sow what he stole, claim his hand, take away his pains and make him still bedraggled as well? Whom might take pity on him after? He considered just the distance and this. Tall and but pointed not with lance but with a weird device, which had been attached, through his arm but on the side, two holders like to hilts out of his fore arm and arm, and beneath his fingers but metal string that entered his pins. Though it was as long as one, it looked like it could be shaped in any such prowess as to communicate. Of some days they told, what was pushed inside of him, he wreathed and sought. Through word no wonder. He was of mighty inclination after to tell.

‘Indeed, it says what it says. There have been many creatures which had bred with it and got pulled in just as they lay, near their deaths, offered to join it, in a reality inside, where they were but sought. Would to be bred inside, would to make children, but drearily die. And it swollen, I’m sworn. That I ought to gather more.’

‘You’re weird, but I will join you yet.’

‘Down with your crossboard-bow, at which the wideness ends and tables bloat where the chess-pieces hold your arrows.’

‘Fine, take it, claim it so.’

And as he threw it, largely defeated, it was not him but the horse which drew down to eat it. He but opened a mouth, but throat in route, and put himself through to vacuum in, through a single gulp, of shark-like depth and fins but teeth inside not out, instead, it swallowed a piece of the ground a swell. But covering for the breaking beneath them; that’s but how they dealt with it. Such pleasantries by the looks of it.’

‘Was that hard?’

‘Then I suppose that I’m to follow through?’

‘Only if you want to, but then again, I’m nor forcing you to stay, but to crumble lay away.’

And he almost dashed forward, having taken, much dismantled, with as little as it could take him, better after. He but asked, and watched, ran at last, to catch him so. The Horse had a second horse head beneath the tail but with enlarged eyes, gulping largely enlarged eyes, red eyes, big and contorted, flat even as if the entire skull was so. And there was only a half-a tail cut as not to hit its faces. And there was the mouth of a young man but always smiling. And he wore a small black-iron ringed shirt on the back of the horse as well as its black legs which had been severely burnt. His back was iron, the man was but built to pound the hearses. Hearsay after.

‘I’ve decided I will follow.’

‘You’re no squire but my victim, you’re my kidnappee, I claim you so if you come after and I will never let you go.’

‘Do you claim never to allow me leave?’

‘As it is.’

In middle-track he stopped, and only turned and look at eh.

‘You will take the place of the second horse.’

‘The second horse? Was there not a single head there?’

‘Don’t be silly now, there’s but one whole thing in it and more, you’re so humble as to trick me with your naivety, that I might be inclined to. Eat your head myself.’

‘Then I shall enter then, whatever fate I may meet if I return, without a weapon of my own might never even come close to what you might do to me.’

‘That’s is precisely what I claim to see, now enter thee.’

And there he entered, taking but the spot of the mouth, being eaten, largely inside, and they rode in the distance thereafter.

But lo’, what is that in the distance if not a disaster? What could there be? And whom to see and look upon such strange a walking lead of petty flowers, which grew upon what appeared to be a hell-fire which

had been grown, on top of old-worn out talons that were spread, inside the hold of the cold-pip, and where they stood there was a well in a few homeless kids were fishing in.

He approached them.

‘Here stay, here stay, I call upon you weary children, I come upon your way.’

With a bow and one that would be so, he called himself Mouhlon Hawhak, and he were but an eye for these kinds of things, although he kept his horse back for some reason wouldn’t be.

‘Ah, you must be starving, won’t you come for diner and roof until the night comes?’

‘You would throw us out during the cold harsh plains when the sun bellows somewhere else?’

‘Wait, where are you going to house us, mister?’

But he did not look upon the child’s eyes.

To be certain, or precise, the way in which he had been eaten, the assassin would be inclined to say that the far end which had swallowed him so all of the sudden extended as if to be the entrance to a great cavern pushing about the size of his entire body or that of two buffaloes taken from a herd, enough to have enough space to look around. While seeing the one in front of him so; it was mightily peculiar being in there, lost, although he hadn’t a mouth since the lower side of his face was after all claimed and put two and two a piece to the other horse whom he realized to be nothing but the only thing holding it closed. A finger-fat put in. And that was all one needed to know on a whim; bastardly said in any case.

Mouhlon invited the children, whom were, not precisely on with the idea of riding on his horse. Whom stood flat on the side and looked but like a cut-out. Weirdly so, to be precise, its head and neck would turn as if they were glued to its shoulder not attached to its chest. It was a horribly mangled vertebrate after all.

That much put on aside.

‘You married one another?’

He but stood there in shock. After all there were two young girls and two young boys whom had settled to repopulate the broken town since life had ended but with them.

‘That way, we could take our parent’s place and make it so no one has to suffer again, never. And we will be happy, forever after.’

‘I don’t understand.’

‘You will protect us from now us, won’t you?’

After all, you offered to house our dear family for day. What if we employ you for the rest of it, then you could be on your way.’

‘Until the other day, of course, then you will return and guide our hands.’

‘I think you’ve all lost your minds, having witnessed such a great fire, there could be no other explanation for what’s been happening here.’

‘Of course there could not be, but you are wrong, after all, it is not us, but you, who’s mad.’

‘Punish be thy lords whom had died before your time had come. I beseech you to stop this impudence and march upon front and become my kidnapper as I take you yonder to my hidden hold.

Know that I shall not suffer you to go any other place than where I call upon you to walk. Know that I shall suffer no insolence whatsoever just because you belong to the kind of a child and no less than it should be fathomed, I shall not allow you to walk over and cherish whatever piece of land is left.

I call upon you no less now that you may surrender and confess what you’ve done, children, so I may judge you so. And I will take no pity whatsoever as I have never taken upon no man, as I shall treat you as such from this point of if such is your desires. And if your desires far outdo that of mine, then I shall allow you to set aside whichever impudence there is in your act, until I will have forgotten I was ever here to begin with.

You must know that you are undertaking a grand task upon you, that which might turn your kind into that of beasts. Know that your way lays in peril for you are dancing upon a grave of your grandfather and grand grandfathers as well with such mischievous ways as to fill the gap that is not yore.

At most, I seek to escort you upon the nearest town, as I may not give you the same treatment as I would to give a little petty dark thing as I have had. For I am not one to serve in such likes as my servitude calls upon me, upon which I shall dread to no end if I were to find out you were claim.

And know that I have said just so that I may banish you from my home during night instead of stay just so you may ordain some kind of common sense that might finally wash away whatever senselessness has come upon your way.

With that alone said, I furthermore await your answer with some hope that you may be restored, to a normal life in a normal home upon farther away plains that are not to be haunted by the char of death which shall remind you for every second of your existence and that of your children of your failure to get through. Therefore it is my task to claim you by force children and lay my arms no longer upon such fealty as to be missed. I will not wait any longer, for I have already wrapped the four of you with hardened rope and will not let go and will not allow you to speak until we’re there.’

Therefore and from that point on, it was only settled that they would be given or lend upon the nearest plight, of a city. Of a little town, a village that may be accustomed to be picked upon and laid to every side and be put upon, as every house that was fashioned there was of such beauty as one could not endear. To look upon it without fear, one could only taint to be, to have himself blinded and meditate upon the agony men ought to have went through, past recedes in past and whichever reason might it be claimed upon, so be it.

And they were sickened by one another, see through past. And when to last and what to ask there. And when it happened, and whence, to be called.

‘Ah, I see, ah I remember this land, oh children you may be so.’

They stood near him, side by side, albeit uncomfortably so, by the means of which they may not be able, by any means whatsoever to rise from their tiresome spots and better not to disturb any kind of mindedness the city called.

For they were greeted by monks whom had received them during their reveries; ever present as such songs as their likes to never have been called for, when it doubt, for their hearts were not that of insects and their minds were but the most uncanny, insignificant destroyed, point of much joy and worthlessness such as the likes of their faith could ever endure. As such they put laurels on the mule, and they put laurels on the boys and laurels on the girls, whom were called upon their findings, as men and women yet in named.

‘Is that what they call themselves?’

Asked one of the monks who was in doubt; as he could not understand how could such a vein creature make it so they were of a mind. Of their own wrong doings, of their own wont, he told them. Although none of the monks made it around to have it be revealed. And neither of them monk could see the appeal of such a fortress in a mule size, where he hid but cities and the likes of men his horse had but swallowed during evil tides. And though he was no good man, he was peculiar and would not speak of it. But they were nothing like it either. They were peculiar as well. Brown robes only masked no legs and no other organs but the fat, which was only as to serve as a sign divine for their consumption. Of their ailment little was known as well as it could be said about, to have been thrown away, they said of it.

‘Lend upon us their lives the, we must wait for your acceptance, first, so we might raise a chapel, so we may have it abandoned for forty days and nights until the forfeit comes. And until then we shall not make it so, until we’re called upon to answer.

And tell us dear man, what had made you stumble upon them.

Why have you done what you claim to have done in order to drag them here where it would appear we’re not blessed souls ourselves?

For we can know and we can only hope you could look into yourself, yore to see. There’s something in your soul speaking, your impudence unlighted, a hope that’s been contorted and would have it so abandoned. You are but a man we have nothing to look into when searched for, a saint would have it.

You have done harm to others and lain waste wherever you went, is that not so?’

‘I have, and you are as such, to claim that I’m of such nature, of which I’ve never denied. Not in the first place, nor would I have called upon no man to put me into chains as I am wrought about uncanny thing. I may not be a saint as such, a man of peril whom had cast, upon every chain and upon every man who faces me so, upon every perilous thing a glance, but flee. When had it me so, that my life would be claimed, I would’ve done it again.

But I have not come here in flight either and I feel no kind of shame from which I may be able to bear my lay and get away at a time as such. I’ve come to bring about but lost children, on my way out. For I have long since made my peace, never to have known paradise. And I shall lay inside my horse when time

called upon me and I shall make it so, it so devours itself as we lay waste upon our home, upon everything we brought and upon the lives we claimed in there.

There shall be no one left after of my kin to share and all what I have been shall be set to waste, as one who lived such a treacherous life shall have it.'

'Then do you, sir, by all means and by all possible approaches subdue your will for, ever to be so called upon and even near until it's clear that the place from which it comes out of, comes from nowhere near but the bottom of your very soul? Where there's a chasm as well as there lays a claim upon our very own as there is but a reflection we're seeing every time we look upon you as well?

And do you, sir, by any mean claim that we should do such things as to enact some kind of antiphony, or destruction upon both claims and upon the children you've slain upon bringing them forth as for us to keep them captive during their passage in the afterlife?'

'But what does thou mean by that? I have not claimed a child's life, my arms and my hands are but of steel wrought such as a like to have become yarn upon touching such a soul. And of my lack of soul, which may be fallen, although to be pushed away, of which I have long said and admit, and of my wit as well, could not have blinded me on my way here, for I can say by every possible mean that I have not taken their lives there.'

'Yet you have done so by bringing them here, upon a land that's claimed, by which remains, by which were taken, and then again. To men of vileness, to us in kindness only to have found it so, they were not to be touched or lay upon this home. And for that reason we beseech of you that you may let us wreath them in the ground underneath the chapel, where they might pass through on their way out and might bless us so we may not be forgotten.

As we were good men once, such as the likes of yore must've been. But there's no reason to look after in any other case, for we have known you'd be so since. We've but tried and tried and would have your kind but be put to some kind of test as to remind ourselves.

For not a single man would travel far. And neither one would serve them as to call upon children's plays, of which there's but one thing that remains.

Must you know so, in which case I shall tell thee. Their souls had but matured in such a short time as to say. Although they would've been claimed as to succumb to such agonies of flesh as the likes of which man should never come upon, you shall but convey one thing, in our sayings.

Know that, although you may not have spared their lives, you have spared their souls from succumbing to such likings as to have bound their mortals souls to such deaths as such, not man ought to have looked down upon, for what they have become. As it would be, nothing unrecognizable from what you see.'

For long he tore but a piece of his robe, showing but the man a sight that was uncanny. A flat blob that had tainted the very ground it stooped above and yonder, where it spread and where it lay, and where it could go, out of its way, to put itself around and wrapped. Vicious amounts of fat, always put on top and wasting, as to cast upon themselves, therefore such casts as such one could never ever come to fathom. As to fasten their likes as if they had been ridden through. Put, through and through until they will have come

but so overcome by their morbidity that they would face no better end but to feed the starving with their bodies, instead.

He had looked the other way and kept riding, seething yonder, only to be spoken as such.

‘There in the distance, stranger, know before you leave.’

‘I give you my blessings that you may build from their likes, whatever soul there may be left to save, you may have it, after that. Do as you please and don’t call upon me to be pleased.’

‘But wait, oh wait, you martyr, of which death cannot even be held, or be held for conquest, so.

There in the distance, know as you are looking upon it, there’s but a pocket you should look after, as if to show, but beating as of hearts.

Far thee go towards the trail of smoke and yonder and search for the pocket of evil and the veils which take away its wonder.’

Thence he went only where the neiff of his horse had led him to. And would he doubt but the quill on his way as to revere. Of stars and might he looked upon the sky, distancing away, as he lay there, but brittle as to bone, foretold, he stood upon the foothold of a single rowing boat that’s fallen and looked upon it, he had claimed a hold. Calamity of man in there, pointedly away, and asking.

‘Lord, oh lord I see in prayer and wish though wilt upon me to drag. My legs are seen and to have been passed on.’

‘But what hast happened inside thy ship and who is in it?’

‘Not a single soul as though wilt it to check, but I confess that there’s but something waiting past the mast ahead, rip of shrouds and anchor down, there’s but little and no doubt. I cannot for the likes of me show you the way that might enable you to find a way out once your there.

Here I lay, looking upon my lord, thinking. I’m but ripped off and taken, my crew is mistaken, they left me to be staken to the highest bidder of yore. For that I may not look no longer and wilt to show you whose, may be the strongest hold. I’m but afraid that I’m caught but here at a lost, unable to find my dear daughter.’

‘And who is she and where hast she gone?’

‘Kidnapped, as one could see.’

At which hint, of much hindrance he had but bit his lip. He wasn’t any knight of kind but Guardian of the Horse, set so alike, to ask of, in which direction so he may followed. So he could be pointed towards it, the right direction that might be rue the shallow, and the hollowness that’s inside. Whatever there is but a single pint to move aside, he point and asked again.

‘There, my lord, she had been taken there, not through wood but hill-a plain, where the grass roots but become ill conveyed by the likes of the yellow line, where the light shines upon their embed dykes, past the hollows in the earth where they had taken her.

In the depths of the earth.'

'Where all seem to live, don't they?'

'There's no better way to hide.'

But he had made it so the man would not die, turning without notice as to take him. Made of plain he had but galloped away, through the hardness of a broken world and the wool of old which had appeared, the ship throats cleared as he could see, the dear one, the girl was there. She of all, largely aware of what had happened, in the cabin which was there, not in a pit, not den, but something of wood that was kept by a few trunks from falling into what appeared to be black-burnt mass, that was nothing near what the man had told of him. No wonder, for he had but been taken by surprise, to see that the crew was there waiting him. Surrounded and of evil ways, he had but ripped off the throat of the legs and used it as one should lay; his arms put aside, they were set in fright by the likes of the demise he's shown. Of bloody rows they were beaten until they froze and were put down, one by one all set in fright by the mere countenance the horse had shown while still being alive. And yapping as it would do best, to attach itself to whichever piece, nowhere near a place to rest. Whatever it had so desired would just put it in the right spore, of which hold, the rabid thing that was kept on fell. Many men inside had waited as well, all upon broken home. Many planks were taken but not as a means to harm him so. But he grabbed the first hand and would have his throat, the horse head but breathing in. Slimly on his cheek, the moisture.

'Tell me of what yore have you come here to kidnap and to destroy and bequest the soul of a wicked man a like on his way to turn the ties of vileness that pushed on? I see the trail of smoke the calling and may not feel the slight inclination to spare. For the life of a single admiral might come upon me, unwanted, if I were to spare you.'

'But I cannot do such a thing, oh, master, tell you why we've come to play. We've taken our ship out of the sea and have carried here on our way. When once a man had but to sprinkle and to strain, and would remain in such condition as to lay. Where he was upon a plan was hatched, for dread there is in our arms and veins, dread is but scurvy, I should say. I cannot be held no longer by the same bounds, I stay my hand where it remains.'

And he had shown is to be on the side, not near a cutlass but a single strange of hair, that of a woman that had been touched. To have been used in such a manner as the hair committed, to have been thorn and tore to shred, of signs. He could not believe nor account for it but looking now.

'Was she in a cabin then? Where does such a maiden hid as well?'

'I do not know, my lord, for she's been traded, sold but a meskin, as our souls. Would to be put around and would to be told. I lay no part in it, may I claim my life within an inch of its passing, where I may looked upon a daughter of my own. Return to my home upon the barrels underneath the sea, where they lay sunken, waited for the chains to be lifted and dragged, so the signal may be taken and once again could our kind live on the shores, as the likes of my youth had never seen and had?'

'You shall be granted freedom as thus and I shall seek no loyalty from a man as such, nor for any scoundrel that might be called upon him to serve, or to look upon him as to pain himself as it to know.'

But I lay claim upon your locks and I shall grant myself them, and bring them on until uncouth and dainty.'

Thence he had but taken them and rode away, as the scoundrels spread, the locks but got out of his hand. And such a sight of morbid lights the play, had stopped him before he could return to the ship, which had been conveyed. But like a willow, or a flower speck, always in the air, a dandelion, spreading as they would become her grain. Where she stood elated, like a dark figure, upon the strange projected and looked back, always but falling on, would to be blind. And she would falter at each second as to fall and be ailed.

She were buttoned all around and grabbed a hold, and dragged about, where she may stand, be sworn to, of each ill behind a button laying, behind each twist there was but a black sea-ailing, soon spread all around. He could not see her until she had become the sky. Flows of hair and locks of black, on a land and objects blandly put of a deep blue, which had been him, the hull of the ship, gotten through. Had he lost himself to the blinds? Has he but found no hope to be set, in might to hear.

'Guardian Horse, must you follow the scent of the throat when asked? Must you near the village of youth when you may flow upon which doubt there is?

Of odors there's but naught awaiting, but you must entering, as I call is so, for there yonder, the sight is waiting.'

As her flocks had but set in flight, little birds made of her grown, were but put in plank and opened it up. There was but nothing stopping him after that, as he entered, as he followed, walking through, way-lain and put to thread on top of unsteady fingers that were sworn. Of broken shore there was but the blue sand, of the water, there was naught, the mast completely dispersed, the deck torn apart, yet he entered. Drawing forth on lain a stretch unkindly. Hardened as for worsened fates, of what had called him back, to lay. To ask of him but to follow.

The muse was there, unbridled and to gallows. There were fallen through and one awaited; of which heights would be of kinds, to be, unmistak.

On lain on broken land there rested, of which servitude and might detested, of which pride had settled to aside, and once realized, this could've been none other but the fall of the world, a planet-curve, at the edge of an empty wall, empty gallows, and pits of darks, at the end of which his throne at last. Upon a planet of sand that's ever present, like an hourglass, always pushing down, rested, none other but the vileness of which supreme, and malformed kind of black within, the likes of once-to-have been a king, there lain, a Centurion. Standing there, oh bored to see, with but a missing finger, always tapping, his suit of armor highly molded, always of destruction, as to his dissatisfaction but looked upon a small one to on lay.

But what to say to the little creature, other than, forlorn as to be told, as well; of which kind but listened, horse was stopped, for even it lay in fright despite not being reattached. In such a shock it had lost a leg with was put to a stop before a snap had put it through. Reattached as if sinew but yonder, stood at on the on lain wonder. Him, his servant but the Hair wench, Mylintha.

Of him but little more to tell, of which ancient eyes but empty, of which blade but standing, somewhere in the fall, for his time awaited to set the clocks ticking and be taken from the chair upon which he stood and watched. It was just something one would happen to do. And be called no lesser, through.

‘Ah, but you’ve come to ask.’

Let it be known in doubt that if it were not for the intricacies of the thing which had been in the chair, which, upon the stander were but attached to the strange rail, he would not but be standing. Wrought of no peace, to be landed there, he would but stare and see. Would to be called, to be seen. And this plain hiding underneath a broken boat he caused as well. For this distant part of the land was but on the other side of the world, as one could tell.

‘Ah, but I seek no more than to ask of what I want and more.

Do as I say and I shall be pleased; deny my so and I shall make it so you’ll find no peace. Do not travel forth towards the pocket and do not seek to touch what is not rightly yours to have obtain; for I will have ordained, no wonder, to have put you where I desire, under the reign of taken worlds, under the broken folded homes upon which I serve. There you shall be broken apart with me on top of your head, but crushing, until we shall be forged into naught and will have become one with the great mold of a cast, that’s to serve as a means to rekindle what was lost. For we have long lost passion for what’s to be seen. And would have long been destroyed if it weren’t for our kind to be’

‘What would that be?’ He asked as he’d taken a gulp.’

‘Shaken in our path by the likes of the Curator, unlikely to be called no less, thou I confess of the kind, you shall be accompanied by her and set in mind to follow through.

Avoid the countenance of the evil that seethes ever so and blind your eyes to be taken away as I call upon you to lo.’

He had but pointed where to charge. Past and besides the chair, the seat where he may be lost not to be called upon after; therefore he had but listened to such command, never to be called on and let alone would he be spared on that dreaded day.

Then he leaped in.

He is but a medal on the chest of a giant, him in the front, lead on as all man were to follow him and sing his song in lost days of yore. Him but a single shingle upon his brow, never to be looked down upon, but shine like a tiny star of destruction, making past every nook and cradle that lay there. Him but the utmost point of contemplation and wonder, how was it that he survived this far? Upon a fall unlike no other, only to be met by the breaking of a single daft strike at the top of the ceiling which broke the land beneath the hills of green and the morass; underneath each ill and through everything he could point within he rode. And froze upon the dark breakings which put the world but back together; snaking their way through, but pinned to look upon as they had realized with wonder there came. Again and again, aging as they came out through, between the wonderment and between each hue, what they desired through, their delirious nature, pushed and hue. Would be that which colors, his advent, through which tomorrow would but

never come. A day was already gone. Met by the stopping thin, blasted upon a look and a whim. Their teeth were torn within, but a fence never ending, and a rail descending yet to come.

‘Ah, I see that you’ve come to implore me of such pity as to spare you of whichever speech I may beseech of you in order to get away with, knowingly that I will have taken you by a glance, my stance being set, as far as I can say, for I shall never know whichever hope there is for me left yet. There I may go but never to return again, as I will have been met by the fiend which sent me here in the first place rowing, through the sea of fallen gems, followed by her, the wench, with which I serve my due as I call upon you to let me set forth.’

‘Nay, sir, you may not come forth and you may not know of any worth. And you may not pass and you may not get a say, to last. For we cannot but lay no man allow. To get upon our throats, betokened with a must, if we were so, to let you go and whichever other force might, were it to follow, row. Past no further as we may be killed, and slain within and put down and buried in the ground, not to stay guard but be harmed by uncanny spirits that may destroy our wearied groans at last.

And be the last of our kind to bear, and not stay here ever away. For he and I and those behind, and those behind, behind, behind and those beneath us that must wait; and their brothers whom must serve. We’ve all but waited and we stood and did our duty as we should. Given upon hope and manned, upon the barricades we stand at last. Upon our graves but those who pass, shall take a piece of us at last.

But we have settled yet before, to die on our own walls and never to be torn, from the ground and from, we lay. We shall regain our spirit, then we’ll say.’

‘Both of us forgiven so and in our terms, we’ll walk alone, each in one direction waited, and in the end don’t be mistaken. For we have each paid a visit to the side, and law behind, descendants wild. For they shall find us when we’re old and they shall bring us, lay so-forth. Once we’ll have been set side, and death by touch and would to bite. Upon our call we’ll please to say. And we’ll have finally be taken away.

Knowing our sons have taken so. Will have stopped, wherever low, and petty to you that we have settled and don’t, again, sir, be mistaken. We won’t allow no man set forth, and we won’t, without pity lay ever so. Here’s a knife, a blade a dagger, here’s what but what you may be after, here’s an ax, a broken bottle, here’s a flame and a small disaster. Here are the means that you may claim, your life should be taken and you should stay away. And you should not care for whatever might be, and whichever reason might you feel.

I, who’ve been before you as I come. I, who’s been in the same place, as you should know. When I have come here in search, that I may beseech upon my father upon him return, I whom have been given the same, have chosen that I may. My life be taken away but still, my hand but trembled and I have taken ill.

I to join the man until it comes, I to sire someone and to promise that it will last, I to never have left this place, I to have disgraced myself, here, I remain.’

And ever so clear was it for the Guardian of the Horse, whom knew just as little as to little verse and little quiet, followed by the Hair-Wench which had stood now beside him spoke. Upon lifted their arms and would to be defeated, they lay in wait. Were prepared; and say, upon them and say wherever and largely encased, the tunnels as wreathed and wept, large locks as well. A darkened armor, for a dame, a robe

within her veins as well, but pity on her face, he scowled. The likes of such a witch to disembowel, if only there was one to call, if only there was something better to be appalled; alas there was as such, he waited for a second, then the trenches-last.

‘Ah, I see that you are to be called, bewitched by me, as I have last. Come upon you as you say, with high orders from he whom lays. With each retreat he comes ever so, and he draws near until, as low as every man he stays, until he comes and push away. And come upon you until no longer, and not stay my hand, to stronger. Things as wings and blades, to him but, to, his heavy weight, and knuckle might to come and large foot that might come of plain and step upon your heads as, done. Upon each cider and upon the blades and upon where you may step, naught shall remain.

And I claim is so, for I have seen it happen, hitherto, I claim. Your lives at a stake of strands, and if he doesn’t come, I shall rip you apart and make it so, that you’re not to be found and lo.

I shall lay with son and man and soon descendant and bear fruit of your seed, and in evil deed, I shall carry only the disease that comes after.’

But travesty, travesty, both of them called, and they could smell and feel the deceit from the mile. There was but naught but an ordeal, as to appeal those whom to look and to seethe in fear, they would claim it so, in calamity during this show.

‘Lay an arm and let us set aside, stretch and pull, a blade would shook, before she’s done. First there comes the man, retrieve her, as her body pales, after we shall see, deceiver. If you lied, if you’re gone, if we are to hear sound at all, but until then, but to remain, but to feel at it again, raise your arm and let us charge and let us claim whether you see one.

And let the steel decide which life, and which descendants shall live for their kind.’

And to that the Guardian accepted, strapped and lowered, down from the horse, on which, the side, the maiden froze. Upon a look from him, as if from master, she wouldn’t dare, as if to cast him. Off from plain sight and where he lay now, and wherever he goes and what might go through him, at last, the time for spoke was done. They but raised each other’s arms and rallied. And a spin was but met by strike, and a blade at each throat’s demise. And they pulled then they pushed and danced around. And they fought for hours or what appeared to be days at that. Always but close, a deadly blow, followed by a throw of the back, a block to the side. To parry and to feel, the blade slip at a will. Conveniently fading, when needed, always but a mark, succeeded. Tiresome as it to know and sweat had but wrung the hour until deception was but forgotten off.

‘Then I declare you the victor, sir, that you may walk but you alone, unless you claim the maiden of your own, only so I may let both of you go.’

‘And what if that is the case as such. Am I to wed my horse at last? Am I to claim each life which lives inside of him either, and walk upon it at to call them out in wonder. And claim of husbandry and of wives, and many alike to come in disguise, as to fool a man that sees through all? Whom foolery only goes to show, it cannot work, but ever so bother, as to be waited, upon the other, I may claim her as my own that way. But I may have you stay away.’

‘From horse unknowing, we won’t watch, whatever ingratitude, you should catch. The noise has come, ever so near as to return. We’re made aware of the coming of our end.

You may go and simply spare, whatever foolish advice as if to wed. Since we return to which it comes, since there won’t be naught to be found, I say, go ahead.’

But the Guardian would not have it so. Although he proposed that they should be spared, they simply went away and went to lo’, hid whatever there lay. Not to say of wonders and what might come upon his way. He had but accepted as such and wed the Wench and would to do grabbed her by the waist. And not to waste a second more and there, in front of them, there he rose.

‘I claim her for myself and weary, I go ahead, a path that’s dreary. I’ll seek no woe and fate no better, but I shall carry but your nasty letter.’

To which was written yet in verse, two lives, two destinies, and twice of their own, made to last and made to waste and made to have been put and to remain. Made to be sworn and made to be, and made to be wrought, in forget to be scraped for after. For each son but just a word, for each wives but golden coins, and tiny jewel-pebbles that had fallen from abound. Then around the world they walked. At least underground; for hours wrought in nasty pleasing and all the way her wince, appealing. She was spared of incertitude as if to last, and of her beauty she could not see, alas, they were brought to a ditch.

And the ditch was but a pinch upon the brow of earth, wrought in it and plain of old, dirt in face and where to face and what to remain thereafter again; things of stone, made of their own, of little wreathing little men that had spared no den. Lays could not make so, to be put around and to make it snow upon the wreathing fire, from beneath a burning mirth of pyres. All but wreathing at command, all but plain to see as sand; many made to melt uncannily. Many others but joined as well, and structures ever-encompassed screaming as they down the gulps of steam and snore, of the slumber yet there won’t be called, and on their faces only, much to stall. There’s but eight marks and eighteen wonders, all but put aside, the blunder. For each man whom had made the cross, of danger that is put, alas, would but bring him closer to his death in fire. But to melt down there, would he realize of the mire, of where they went, but fire was put. By some wreathing spirit of which shook was but a command, it was not real after all, put on command.

They could not know of whom hid but beneath, a spirit of cold touch, within cold-bones held within. All but encompassed in chains, an illusion of fire but many remains, beneath a pool that’s not to be spared, then again, she feared, approaching as well.

‘Must we pass in fear and make it to the other side that way? Must I lay no courage, sprain my side and lay where am I, yet to die?’

‘I may not slow down for no man, we got no time, yet to spare. Whatever follows through might crush, you know that better than anyone. It was you that brought me so, today. And only with you, I think, I may live another day, and live after and ever as such. And live through whichever claim I may set on side.’

Thence they were but bled, upon each word of dread. And there the call of wonder pressing and over making, ever encompassing, he had lain down some day, and would to be called upon, to rise ahead. Where he walked and but to be met. By as strange fire from which the hay, would not be burnt as if to

say, the pass is safe, the drop conveyed. And wager of the fall to follow, there would be but little more, too shallow as his heart would pierce, even, oh lady whom looks at him, but wench of hair and betoken of him as well. And fright of lost, the man at this cost. He couldn't be the last one to be charmed, but the peculiar white lightish figure.

‘Sweet maiden, I’ve come upon you and stumble on dark feet, I’m broken and lay for long, defeat. I’ve been dragged for long and I have sacrificed as many, a day to be strong, of which they call me so.

I’m to return to some place where they will known me, though. I ask of such, where do you call and where to see for me, at all. Do I lay there, in a cottage upon gray, do I lay here crushed underneath the falling of the day, do I make to lose across the path, may I rest when the times comes?’

‘But dear Guardian, you know such better, not to ask of me the letter, for each word pressed in and each of them, pushed thin, on paper there’s but lay. Their souls would not but stay, and leap around to follow through and death behind if you don’t follow through. A promise given you shall spare, and where to lay if not down there? If you fail to see, and where to be, don’t stop right here, don’t look at me.

As to hear where you time has come, only you shall know, of lady none. You’ve taken her as prized hold, you’ve wrought yourself and I should know. Of no better man than I’ve seen, although you have no soul within, you’ve but to cross and make the light, until it fades as I have.’

Within the likes, she had but cast, herself upon the rocks and round, with every drop only to have seen and within the fire ill, as seen it gone before the hour, and soon to be and soon to admire. She had lost her soul, and but illusion, and would the likes and the allusion. Where to spare and lay awake, in the lands, where they are chained; as they had dragged and wrapped about, and would not let her, as sake, run out. There to lay and fade away, until her beauty would not convey, and little more than bone and prattle and just as soon, as soon after. They but crossed the pass, in mouth at last, given through a tunnel, made to cast. Them into a mighty river one of riveting mighty shivers, of blocks of wool but darkened heads, and those whom moved and would have them. But brought upon a city watch, walked below on rail a latch; right around the foam and say, where too far beyond they lay. Not to be touched and not to be caught, and never, for the likes of them, to have been put down.

‘There’s but a single raft, we’ll cross out paths, worthless upheaval, where do you go?’

And brought before the summer, throng, where land un-dark there lay no sought. And there but colors of the sky, and of the ball of which to die; and leaves such likened, an entry to surrounding, where they came out of their way to see and where to be, another land, not to be seen. From the turn and not to watch, the city was avoided, then at last, their stop was brought upon a valley yonder, where the strongest of the mourners but looked away, and lay to wonder. But where to watch and where to be and how much beauty and whom to thee?

‘May I ask, of dear man, what have we stumbled upon?’

‘A river’s den.’

Then he understood the world. It was his home, never to let go. And here, at last, would he stay for a while, a place where touch would not defile. For look behind, and yet afar, from the past from which they

cast at last. The way behind fallen under rock, a slit that fell upon his call. Way destroyed, without a loin, to be put upon and mourned, as for. The people whom may, well to be, and whom had fled, and what to see, all but crushed in the back, by him whom cast but he at last.

Upon the maiden but no wench and each flock, at last, but then, of yellow and of crystal eyes, of which but fairness there is but die. Not to forget and not to see, for whichever reason, there was no one else for me. As I lay with her, thought the Guardian of the Horse, upon the way in which they rose. He had remembered but as such, and where he walked and those he lay to latch. Upon their cells not to look such and such, but his heart but beckoned, listen, at last.

There were but letters soon to be. And which of them, never see, and whom to give and where to lay and whom to give, again, again.

He had but searched and walked but plain, would not to get on horse again, of a maiden and of son, of someone that he may give, at last.

It had not taken much, of whom was sought, there upon their graves at last. He had stumbled not to say, how he knew, where they lay.

But his heart, alas, would know so, for he had buried them, also.

With the last of the horse and the kidnappee', of which deathlessness was but eternal and he would lay in grave alive, to see, nothing but eternity; and done as such he had but lived, with no one but the hair maiden, until the last of his days, where whence to be.

Somewhere in the desert

Right around the upper crossing deluge, and the peculiar tributaries that lead to the upper lands, a few of them had gathered through and wore their heads upwardly erect. And from the peculiar big-boxes, from where all the messages darted, some even bigger than before as if to lay; and look-a-likes akin to old fat monitors, on top their heads, appeared as much, along the way.

'Careful there; they're searching everyone before the reach.

He will be able to sniff us if we're not paying enough attention now.'

'I know of Ill, you needn't suffer, I know the thing that will cross us after.'

They contemplated with their group. This was just the end of the dessert, or close to it, where verdure had begun.

A few miles away, around the ends, there lay the Patrol. Men dressed in armor that stopped at the trunks, no lower humanoid bodies but three giant bird-like metal legs instead, which turned about in the back and the front, forming racks upon which they moved. They rode on horse horse-skinnned horses of which bodies were shaped like mounted turrets, which the Patrol men's legs were wrapped around like pincers

that fit inside their peculiarly shaped open horse tendon pits they dug in. At best, whatever they were bearing was primitive, yet those horses were hives for diseases and the men in those dark-covered armors were always dull-headed and evenly put down, following one another crawling like dead flies; for that was the entry to this dead land, Lump.

They were not dead by any means, only worn out, accepting only the most impoverished of people; the most disturbing and the most peculiarly benign, pathetically inclined to waste away with the rest of them, whom pitied themselves there. Verdure looked like that from the distance, until one drew near and noticed dead grass.

Every one of the magi but covered themselves and only crawled about the ground not to draw too much attention; for even such pitiful exemplar bore deadly means of such destruction, as to bring them down or drive them away.

‘Keep quiet, and don’t raise your hands too high, they might notice some of it and draw us is.’

Already in reach, they were but easily dismissed and seen through.

Horses laying down and put to bear, each other under way, seemingly incapable to lift, they but stood there and rested at peace.

Pleiske

‘Whom shall be called to spare upon us a single man to enable our means that might be brought to him, in time and time, when one could spare but a single and a single coin, and the broth of bread and beads of uncanny seeds and everything that might be given onto him so he could make the travel and go as far, last of our orders and what we’ve done, shall only come to be put, as far, as we shall ever know, to a test unlike no other upon glory which shall shone upon one very mark.

And every order and every man we’ve but brought from afar, to train and to make as plain as it could be, in the midst of our days, to be, and bring upon us no poultry upon which we may bring and death within our darkest ranks for him. We brought him food and we have clothed him, he was your brother and what hast you to say of him, firs of whom shall speak today, let it be called, I call upon him, Arrlain.’

And before them he stood, for a few moments shook as if to put pride aside, he being reminded of what was lost and what beauty was cast off this paradise. They lived in an uncanny thing, a wreathed pair of put together wooden towers, wooden planks, wooden houses, a giant tree and some other sticks, always wet, as to avoid a fire, always to face the coldness of never being clothed when the time of dire need awaited, as to be hardened, always waited upon.

‘Aye, I speak, and let us heart for what I seek. I need this be made felt so, of how far I went and how much I long to have made this place my home and in what seems to be, an end. You’ve made me feel as if I lost it, for a moment, always cast it, upon my ancestors, they yell. Wherever they went and wherever they fell, I feel as if my hearts is carried, they, to whom my land is married. They to whom they weep at last, looked upon descendant whom had cast, our world and every fair to be, in every pit and every misery, dragged aside as he had cast them.

He whom served to beacon of disaster, him whose spared no man of agony, of whom I seek now, alone to be.'

'But you may not be left out there alone, not to shine upon which sow; you have spared no wonder coming, ever after, ever manning, each sail and each, whichever it may be, you've done your share and now, your grave is somewhere else to be.

You can rest with all the men whom fought, of brave after and in distraught. But know that of a favor, drawing, you need to speak of his disaster, coming.

It needs to be spoken of, it needs to be drawn, we need to know of yore, and whence he show, of every splinter and every shook, of every blade and every crook we showed him along the way, of every whim he had betrayed and only then will your honor be bestowed upon.'

So settled the court whom wanted to hear, of the missing man of whom yonder disappeared. Not to show a sign compassion, not to show where he'd come after, and whence he's seen and where he's been and of which he had spoken since, there was little, there was more, where he went and whence he shone but dagger-dark in throat, of those unworthy, thence he said.

'Dead speak dead and that I know it well, for I have been in place instead, where he's gone and what he's done, I'm just as guilty to be done. Wreathed and put, of body shook, I claim nothing that neither of you know I would. But I seek, let alone compassion and bear to arms, towards him, no action. For him, a brother whom long may lay, I wonder, ever forth what to say.

Upon the day I meet, and at his feet, and when to look for him and where to see it. I want and miss, and will find peace only when he'll make it so, I seek reprise. For what was lost and where he went, for what he's given me to spare.'

'And what hast been given to a man as such? And if you claim to be of him, know that little more, you will not last.

As this court will judge you just as such and with your head we'll shall be done. Point us then and make us known, where he had gone and whence he shone. For his light upon which plight emerged, upon which even the likes of carrions in danger, are on you and they're seen through. And every ancestor, that might see you, will be just as disappointed as every man.

For no honesty might dwell in him, nor those that he had shone upon what knowledge tells.'

'But I fear, oh I fear so, what he imparted on me and what he'd show. The things that had been said, I know, I could not for the likes of me forget it so.

Of plight of man he'd said as much, of what he had imparted on stranger along the way, I stood watch. Of herbs, tradition and whichever more, I stood and listened, gone from his mind, I know.'

'And where hast this journey of his driven the man?'

To which they all had turned upon the point, all to listen to him foretell of what came upon him and what to say, some more. They but listened, of the last and would cast each other's destinies, alas, he spoke.

Again and told.

‘He was driven to the point of the cross, where vanity of old had cast him, thus. Thinking he would lay beyond, our gods forsaken, his mind but passed, he’d fallen through and there he ended, untouched and barely fended.

But I’ve seen him, heard, and say as forth. He had died a man without worth, that as much I can admit. Yet I have known he’d died the way he’d wilt. For he had chosen this path and made it through, and by and by, whichever, it may be true. He’s died the way he’d wilt it, he’s died a man but by his choice.’

‘And what of you then, in case, of poise, if you’re but him, a man of treason, a rat within? Whom had claimed yourself as such uncanny, as to betray us when the time had come, drag us forth until each broth, and many; many more will follow, if we don’t endure a case.’

And just as soon after, they had boiled it down, to have made of him but such an example, as to have him spread of man, of dead. And would to be called, within again.

No courtesy would be told and when it came, the fools did know that there was little to no chance to spare, and would again, come again, again, and then again.

Lump was a peculiar country.

That no one wanted to approach, unless they had to. A junk-plaster of dark smugness put in dirt and soil, which were bubbling about as if they were wrought and chained about in tar and smolder, and bone power, darkened after birthing, of those whom bled before they came to see and those whom died in agony.

Somewhere beyond it.

Tw’as but fair and never to be done again when asked to have received what they dreadfully wanted to be pleased with when the time come to approach upon their dire hour, when one of the servants of evil had called upon the shower of fire that had been bringeth from on top the earth, where it had come upon servant and servant to serve upon rock that’s brought, from the darkest corners of the world, upon which brought them. For those whom followed of evil ways understood that fear alone would not convey the strangeness which were to pass, when one had finally come upon the site, only to realize, that there, where they had come, upon the sight in might and whether one should light the way and whatever he might alone say, there was naught to be found and all around them, mist and shout had only brought the pain all yonder. Closer to their hearts forgotten, never understanding how it is that they had gotten forth and never stronger than the son of man whom followed from the depths of earth, he’s been thought and plain about, blunt and sprout, from where he stood about the hour, killed of men beyond the reaches, and where he walked of plains and wretches. All but man, of strong helm, had barely stumbled onto him the evil.

‘I’ve been waiting for your for too many years to even come to understand what’s been going through your last years through you may have given me the hope that I may find a man as I am, that might, upon the ropes of the call, the executioner whom is alive, my brother yet to be dumfounded, had found himself, of long surrounded.

And they’ve taken him in land dissection, where many man, or land-erection volatile have understood the lands are broken, they’ve taken plight inside the swoon and trunks, beneath the earth where they met the most concave, I fear, oh my lord you now appear that my wife be taken ill for the man who take her ill have yet employed the likes of women-coy whom might but scratch her neck to rub me. Ill upon the plains and spread her lightly, and have her ripped, by horse and mule, and take her when the time is come upon the shed that she might appeal.

A god that I may not know, he’s spoken to her as of lately and spoke of yore.’

‘Of me, a man you’ve barely met? Of me a strange whose face you’ve never seen before this face had standings, and put before you, that you may ask me, what have I done to you, oh little man with little to nothing that you may claim to me, of god to be that I have done as such.

And such a claim as to be brought before him, again, I may be pained to tell to you as such, abandon, this life of yours might not be worth the claim that may be put to share and worth so.

Theirs is but something you may never meet, better die a man than at their feet. As wench and spare, akin again, mighty take and shred your guts away, if you claim yourself to them, to her. Abandon both, don’t move, don’t spare, not even a light to a woman no doubt they had already claimed and put about a falsehood throttle, the god you’re after, he might just had her.’

‘But what if there’s still time to share? And help me on my way that I may convey, of rescue and of chart, I may do whatever pleases you, about the hour, needed, true. A mark for every minute, if in need, anything that pleases you, so you may help me from this wild disease.’

‘I’ve made my peace with your command, and there’s no need for you to shout. I’ve made it so you know, she’ll suffer. If you don’t close your mouth, it’s you I’m after.’

On but the front he was headed and there to die, like every soldier-man of no more worth, as he had sightened, and long abidened, little more than what he’s taken there. And what of theirs, again, unfair.

‘Think of what might happen after, if you do me this favor, I shall join you after; what’s the worth of another man’s worth if not to call me as such?

What’s the point of going there if you can’t have me? The one displeasing, in the fronts, to see me dead before the marks, before we’re to make it through, before being caught the rue, this is your chance to shut me through, once and forever while getting your satisfaction like a fever never brought. I call this.’

‘On which terms, I see something that’s just right, so be it then, we shall march forward and see what forth there’s for your maiden’s worth.

Let the call upon my face be so, if your life’s price, but better be known, to be that of a dead maiden.’

As he knew that they would find her.

Another pair, city unaware.

And lo', there was a man as such, upon which he stood and would, alike, be entered through a strange-like port. To walk upon, beneath it, grates brought home. To ask his friends, the frogs the rats, who invited him in and would be brought. To him he had but painted homes, some small and other, where they rose. Down his back, and where he took them, standing. Little mushroom-vile, never ending; little more, they brought and many others, and little homes were light after.

'I am the fire which shall burn your sole for I have come and stumbled upon your living quarter by chance alone and I've been made mad by the scents and everything that went aside, to have entered you when you have brought, but a piety to my eyes for I've seen it all. And I'm made to remember what had to have entered, without permission and deterrence fended I ask of you and what's of due. To have my eyes cleansed of you, I am to take but hot-poke irons, to have you blinded just as I will in order that I may forget of this defiance, now I order you of which I shame, to draw away your clothes today.

Run around the city, walk. Stumbled like the fool you are, unless you pick a frog, but to cover what's beneath your frock, I say to you, leave and don't return this place, leave as soon for I shall grant you no face upon which puddle-water may look back. To withdraw from your kind I would not see it last, I but seek leeway upon your soul and I shall pray that it may be found by a lord that could take your nonsense ass miss given.'

'But sir you've got me all too wrong, thought you may not look like a knight, I seem to guess. That you are not one to be easily impressed by such a jest as the such of which I have employed upon you only so you may be tricked that we may come on to such an understanding as to bow to each other's feet and kiss one another on each cheek and know of each other's woes for what we've done but here where I live I'm not near to the years that may be called upon me to put aside. That I may be set wherever you may claim me to flee of sight and make do with the benign as to abuse such a creature to which kind I may only consider appropriate as to have called a son of mine.

Yet please good sire, consider this, of which I've come to such an understanding as to acquire such an admiration to your person as to understand that you are such a force as to punish me to no end. To which I tell you, please do leave and take me with you so you may claim that you have taken a man from wherever ends you found him so, that he may be grabbed and whipped, but grant me, in the least the chance that I may show guilt and shame for what I've done.

I, whom I'm but a strange man that may never be found by no means and that cannot be put through any kind of quietness, of such peace as to have made felt so. I whom had been put through such forces as if to know what a true hellish end may be; as I've travelled far yet I return here where I may find some peace towards my soul, so it may rest. I've seen the cruelties of this world of which ends may never be fathomed to be so, yet never in my entire life have I considered as such.

As the visions that are set in trance by me and my desire to continue ever so and be made sure of what and such peculiarities were made to know by simple inspiration granted of their kind. And what they produced once squeezed enough as to release the flounder and of gaseous wonder that have entered and has cleansed my lungs. I of them now I belong for they have shown me, at such a time and such a way

that I may look upon the true image of a god that may convey such images as the likes I've never seen sir, that you may not come to believe me if that is what the worth of my desire is as such. To which I only beg of you that you may allow me a chance to redeem myself and walk away.

But not until you will have sunken yourself in what I can convey, and see the vales that twist and become, like the creatures you see around, wrought and done and made of mounts as they are rid upon by such giants that not even our likes would come to recognize, in which case. Good man, if you were but a knight you would've sinned away immediately as to have been met by such twists as to not believe what happened here.

To that I call upon thee, ensnare or make your claim and take your choice for whatever there is left to say.'

And he had waited there in ponder, trying to look after, interested of such claims, trying to see what had come after and what he would say, if the time was righteous as to see, and what to be, he was displeased.

But he had taken such abuse as it won't matter.

'If this is trickery, I'll see you after and made court, claim. I will have you punished and made to pay, know that if my body isn't found, then servants are abound to fish me out and be lead, towards your den, to which many a man know where you have hid, and know your face. And they will have figured out where I am as well as either, and even if you keep me, I shall claim you after.'

'I knew it, good sire, so you have not stumbled upon my home by chance.'

'Indeed I haven't and instead I have found my lance of soul and made to see a man for a man's worth and come into your home to see and claim whatever went through my mind and now I claim thee.

But with that said, now I drink from the miasma so I may become concluded with the strange smells, that I may know what's in there and that I may look for a chance to see through your eyes before your countenance is set aside, during which I will have passed my judgment.'

As if he were not shamed, he would be flayed and if he were not, he would be put to beg, and if that's the case, he would bust cast him down and take to his employ but evil men to beat him down and see him through and put him where he belongs. Or have him whipped and turned to slave, or have him put, again and again until he will have become but an uncanny servants whose ruse would never stop him to improve upon such manners as to lay no further than the stubble.

Now that he took in part and claimed upon such vision as to be of each kind, he had but started seeing things in front to be. And much to the warmth of colors he was but in a strange place, a visitor, he. Would but walk and grab a drink of ale, as commoner upon the ways of which he had no meaning to intrude upon.

He stumbled upon such floors that such a man like him would lose a finger and have become. For his lower side and lower body but a strange canine jaw that had but pouted, taken each and everyone by force.

Killed whores, they were wolf-bore inside of them, all crying to him.

Thence walking stalking little lady, yore he couldn't believe what went through him, as he had grabbed and took her sides before she'd even come forth.

‘What have you done to her?’

‘Punished, she’s being punished, I need to redeem him for what I’ve done, oh mad man cannot you not understand a word of which I’ve done. These acts are not mine and they cannot be contained, please.

I need to be stopped, put me in chains, do anything.

I cannot regain my mind any more, of Yore, man of worth but listen to me, I need your blessing, I need you to cast me back into the place, from whence they’ve, they’ve.’

But he didn’t speak, poor man, blackened feet.

He whom wore the pelt of dogs but yelled back after; he lost it all.

He had lived like a hermit on the streets, or a leper that’s been avoided for as many touches as possible, talking in whispers of long forgotten songs speaking of the most dreadful happenings that crossed his mind; until no one could but understand just what had entered his mind after. It was a given he had to be saved by no one else other than a passing man, in the midst of the night, when he had suddenly, having arrive to the sight of the man he came to recognize as the Lord of Bouldemoir, he merely had knelt and offer him a lord.

‘My dear friend, but what had befallen upon you? Who had cast you upon such thing as you’ve fallen this low? To think that you’re a lord dressed in beggar’s clothes, merely acting like one without a mind, what shame came into you now?’

‘Little purple men, they want me, they want to kill me, drag me in their caves where I shall live with them for as many days as they will keep me captive until I lost my will to live. I can see them gather around each corner of the world, they are the ones who are destroying it, piece by piece and worm by worm. I’ve been put under no spell.’

‘You have, come on now, I’ve come to take you away.’

Leirs but pouted his nose, his cheek but rose and one of the servants came under way. He wrapped a piece of cloth upon the master, welcoming him in the house soon after, where he rested a few years. With as many of the man been made to disappear, leeches, all of them, right around their up-heaved brow. Would to bring ruin on him as soon as he was off their eye, when he, upon the hour, most exposed, his weak chest rising up and down until he’d come back home. But alas, he had not changed. He was still a man without a face. He was taken by the mind, blinded as he still witnessed visions out of this world and beyond. Everything which rose about him paled. There were still abominations everywhere, from which he could only cower, being dragged inside their innards-lights, forced to listen to most dreadful incantation brought to him by men of cloth. Yet they were dressed, and hooded in the most peculiar grayed howls. Signs of bears and many animals, sceptered-rings that made black noises.

All the while, he but froze when he was met by his servants, whom at all points in time were shocked. They were incapable of understanding just what had entered their master and what he’s done. When the

time arose, he but stood and froze, again to be burnt by hot-poking iron, tortured by the ones around. Called upon, doctor after doctor, yet they could not heal him, regardless of the pain inflicted upon him, as that was done. A man came close.

He had but thought of it as a mercy but another rose.

‘Stay your head, you’re not to kill him until healed. You may not think it possible, as many of us akin to you lay in fear, but there’s still a chance we may be able to bring him back.’

‘And what reason should I come to pay to you?’

Why should I listen to such a man with little more to him than no mind? I would rather take my chances in the wild after I’ve taken my revenge upon a man so blind as to cast me away from where I live.

I, who has served him for this long may only be abandoned and made to weep, I know there’s but no chance to bear myself anywhere. He has abandoned us to lay in this pit of despair.’

To which, upon being met by many stares, as if they formed but a council to make it so there was a chance to push on, through worsened times and despair, they took to vote.

And brought him forth; tell us what you’ve thought.

‘Him, Cluther, the man who stands before you has attempted, in his lowest form, to kill our master.’

Great hunts were procured for many men

They brought in the great bear, they hunted him from spoil to spoil towards its cave. By the time they arrived there, its body fashioned but a single.

‘Someone needs to kill them now before they start crawling out of their dark spots again.’

‘Huh?’

‘I said, forget the hunt for a moment will you?’

I hate them, look at them darks.

They’re everywhere, they crawl on me like infant-deer but I had them.’

Little dark insect eyed simian lepers, they were cancer, the cancer of the kingdom, they had to be stomped to death.

Forty eight years passed, in the midst of a second. Eighteen hundred thousand wars took place in the blink of an eye, which took place only in the first year of those forty eight. There was a black walls, it was painted white, upon the mountain peaks. Many men carved holes and lived inside the wall, creating the great Concave.

They lived in peace with their families, their women being sent deeper into the caverns they made, in order to be protected by the evils of the world, their own task being raising children, as they ought to. And

there was no evil in their hearts on in their eyes therefore. And live was peaceful there for a long enough period of time.

Iron was found in time, as the first tool-wroughters were made to be. Great steam-engines followed, which only served to reinforce the wall, which stopped the on-lookers yet on site.

He forced the darkness inside him to obey. For what was worth.

Whenever the great lord of what had to have come after his whole distraught nature was but put into question, as if he were the only one that could possibly obey at such a time, to which he, whom had been waiting the longest in such a dark place as to call upon the darkest corner of the mind which will have called upon his very distraught soul when, they whom looked upon his form had done naught but to vaguely question the perilous ways upon which he had gotten but snared upon the most unfathomable yet benign looks he might've given to them upon the beginning of the dark sermon. When they the lords and the ladies whom looked upon him did nothing but to question but their very own needs and wants during such a time of expulsion as to have themselves thrown around into the darkest pits where their ancestors may finally be met upon such obtuse plains as to finally come and stumble upon them, calling upon the darkest days of their pasts as if to remember the youth of their losses. Upon being met by such creatures which had in turn lost their faiths in the most uncannily unimaginable matters, they had finally felt brave, upon the looks of which not even the servants would've found themselves capable of looking at, or in their direction as they spared not a second more. Hiding away whatever parts of their uncannily deformed souls were still to have been called upon such likes as beauty would be called upon them, as to, finally be set into search for that one who hid behind all, behind them, whom, of shameless ways but hid the darkest reached soul could but spared. Him but a remnant of such as guild of such a lore such as the likes of which, the commoner would've forgotten a long time ago for the darkness he bears into his soul may never be looked down upon, as to realize what he feared most. For it is not for one and son of Yore, whom, to have picked upon such greatness as to have picked upon it, the hilt of a sword, as to enable himself to follow after; though his future may be dark in such way, they, whom pressured their likes, to have put them into graver ways, and to have placed them into uncanny lays had been making them lay where their souls had been in search for one unlike theirs. Like that of a mighty knight like him whom chose upon his darkest days to abandon the blade and instead hang upon the outskirts of the darkest planes of land, in the most uncanny facets as to forget whom he is and of what kind of forgeries he may stumble upon. As he fears, after all, like all men who find themselves of his age, what kind of piety they may put to him. He, of whom heritage may take away, does not know of his likes and who the men of the worst manners, and whom, the people were before he had stumbled.

He had come upon a great plain, a plate of armor made of living growths such as to grow like oaks out of the body of a giant man, of long heads that reached the skies and of their feet-length teeth, and incisors as much as he could not abide, he had given himself, lend onto the beast and finally had come to ask of it.

'Please, if you be so kind as to finally come upon me and stumble upon the darkest corners from whence you come, to where you shall return as all dark beasts alike may come onto one another during their struggle to survive in the pits where they were born, and what comes after, to which I mourn, I ask you this, of you, great beast.

Spare me, of what kind of evil, youth that may be put inside. I see him rotting in your body, I know this cancer that I've come to recognize. It is something I would wish benign, something that may be set aside, to be thrown and let to live, do not throw it in the heap.'

Yet the creature did not spare him of no trouble, as it would come again, again then come after. It wore itself as to bear evil eyes, all of which, the kind, and kind. They came in, utmost, worthy manner.

The beast arrived, or had it stumbled upon its very feet, one could've lost himself at the mere sight of the deceit.'

'Why must every bore and every single one of you that come forth change in shape?'

As the creature had but shaped itself in kindness making, like the dark being inside of it, fumigating. It was no child, but something worse but a leprous being, all torn-up and cast in verse.

'I've come to kill you dear night. I know you fear the sun all bright.

It shall burn you by the time you came, upon the last breaking and the slipping forth where you shall come and stay.'

'Nay, I cannot be killed, I need to lay in heap, no longer will I way in quiet.

I can defeat this poison that ensnared my veins, with you in my mind, I shall remain.'

'Then open a slit, and slit a cut. I shall warn you that before I'm brought, there comes but a single thing, it is no deal but a graver curse as you will have devoured me. To have absorbed my inner will and power, you will have been changed beyond belief. You will have become as evil as I am if not worse than that, upon the heaps and upon the plains, you shall spread but nothing more other than the colors, red, black, green and white of pus. Of children and animals may I not say and of what comes after, that's the place upon which I shall lay.

Always but on top of your memories.'

'Then I deny it.'

'Bet it so.'

Then the beast but shook itself, it froze, then it disappeared, never to be called again.

But night, oh, night, what a dull a thing, it feared what the beast, of whom dire things might've called upon such an eclipse as to save and rue, and not to dull, to have been done, and seen right through. There would've been better days, somehow as much. He knew what they meant and where, to watch. When darker days but settled by.

And when the cavern opened, as if to show the first sings that he would die, he leaped before and went some more, always deeper, never to be worn. In the makings of the quiet, he rested. Not like the night itself, but largely demented. He feared to approach all. He couldn't move as he was distraught.

Whom to fear such a thing? Where could he had lain if not between each single weeping still that appeared everywhere? He feared for he had known, as much, that he was unaware of what was going on. He feared of the lack of future, he feared for his child. Of leper moon that would not carry on, even if it were a bottle, or any kind. His message would not rise and spare, he would not fear, yet again, there was no reason, he seekt to live. And within the falling of a cloud, he leaped right in.

Fire burnt his body before he knew as such. He was just brought before his time came on. Such endurance as he'd ever known, was but of a legendary stature, as if to throw himself away, uncanny.

Out of the ashes came a birth, such likes of which were barely known, to have been thrown around like heaps of leper leopards, as the ones that were skinned and walked with the most peculiar caught, and most distraught of riders whom had come upon them. For what was the good deal of walking, and a good deal of talking between the great spirits which had shamed one another as to be put on sides, as to have been known without having themselves tried, they spoke of no contrivance, praying to one another as if to have been broken, spared. No more would they wait, until finally they spoke with the soul of a man.

‘Night you’ve come to us, you stumble so. I feel ever so likely that you’ve shone upon us as to have been called. You’re made out of an uncanny sturdiness that’s less inclined to have been bent and worn out. You’re a grand survivor.’

‘But, oh, great spirit made of light, you must come to know that I have failed.’

‘Yet you’ve come to our sight, though you may not have been made aware, where you stumbled, from the likes of it, no longer should you spare us of the pity talk. We know who you are and of what you’ve been wrought.

Know that this is not as simple as for you to have been placed to us. To have been brought to such an uncanny matter, know that we are not distraught.’

‘What have I done then if I did not take my own life? Do, I, as such even deserve to carry on, through such plains as which remains may do, to be met by such beauty that in other terms would be obscure, grand things, I still feel undeserving as to be long called.’

‘Then listen to us and listen so, that you may come to understand what’s kindly right, that you may do so to your feet be cut, that we may take from you.’

To which the spirits measured.

‘Only but a tiny cut, we need it to have formed the tunnel, it will be wrought to such a funnel, and you shall wake up in the body of a frog and you shall be sniffed along, then you will grand a peculiar man such vision as he would become the likes of a beggar. While he’s distracted, your soul shall float away, then it shall enter the weather, there you will cause a rain, then you shall throw the bolts of light by the time they stumbled upon home. Where you will wait, in the body of the stranger’s servants, enter as such, make a false diversion, insert a falsity that shall have him brought, to such knees that while the other men are busy and as such.

When you come to realize that you've driven the man mad, then you will undress him and make him walk the streets, escorted, contorted as to be laughed at, only to return the favor the same man had promised to another.'

'For what reason?'

'We're going to kill you otherwise, as you're not truly dead. We're going to disguise you into a pear, then we'll have giants eat you, all right?'

'I think I would not enjoy that.'

'I thought so too.'

And he considered it for a moment. It was hard, whether or not he'd come upon this decision and whether or not he'd like it. This peculiar proposal did seem rather uncannily, well, morbidly, he did ask for it.

'Then you shall be disguised into a pear, then eaten alive by a giant after you're done doing what we asked you, all right, Night?'

As much as was clear, as each card was dealt, one could not forget, ten of hearts, had to remember ten of hearts and not give up on it for no reason in the world. The card was but an anchor, it had to be, for some reason that could not be worn. Whatever agony would be encased, whatever thing as to be impressed upon them, they couldn't tell of it. That card alone was buried deep, through the planted roots and the most peculiar chips which were eaten by men. During such a day, during such a rain and most peculiarly, they didn't know what happened there.

'A man is stranger, upon which he talks no friendly wager that may come upon him. He is but a blasted antiphony, he is but senseless, I know this man, get away as well, or I shall beat you all within an inch of a broom's spell until you will have bled on streets.

But, oh, poor little one, what had happened to you, and who had put you down your feet?'

'I lost my sense, don't look at me, I cannot rest until I stumble onto it again, where am I, oh sweet reminder and who are you to look upon me, a man who is no stronger than any other man who had been him. I fear, I fear that I may've come to near the wit's end, that which takes away from man.'

He was elated by some reason. For some reason, this was great, for some reason his mind was elated, a man near him. That he was, he just finished reason a dreadful tale, right after a few months of starting hundreds of them, and going by each and every one whenever he pleased, yet displeased of such a pious life, he'd come onto this elation that was almost orgasmic as to make him feel so kindly, less distraught, he felt like god. He was god, that person who was eating outside the inn, where he'd been seen, he'd finished the last page, he was it. The greatest creature that's ever existed; so proud of himself, he felt so proud of himself for having finished something. It made him feel great, even though he started at the pages like a bumbling moronic horse riding mongrel with little to no brain in his head. He couldn't explain why he felt this way. But it happened, and there was happiness, he felt happier than no other man alive, he had been distraught yet this had been his day, he was after all a god, a deity, a supreme lord who felt as if each page, could turn. And do as he pleased and do as if to mourn. There was nothing stronger than this feeling here, which burst through his heart which was on the yearn of which the likes of men

would never know of until it disappeared. Then and only then they'd know, of the lesser things which entered them, after each throng, for hardly fought and better knowing, all the part of his mind activated as if he's been thrown the gauntlets and the robes, him no longer but a lord or lousy man but something uncannily supreme, an essence of its own that could not be put through. Such essences as sinew, pouting, the servants mounting, a crowd amassing as they worshipped him by the streets; to the surprise of which, from the dark corner, that not even Night himself could understand what happened and where this utmost peculiar disorder had started from. And there, in the distance they saw, and asked of the man, who just came to life.

'Great lord, whom essence appears to protrude out of his body, listen to thee, I need to be listened, listen to me, for I've come to ask you this.

Your power is might, your destiny has set you on a path that's right, and since you've stumbled upon such a corner of this world as to be inside our town and look upon the plains that may be called home, to so many of us, I am the first to ask of you of this.'

There was an on-going parade around him, on the streets. People were celebrating.

'I am Hawk, a man who had seen it first sight. I know what it can do, I know of what light get destroyed and benign, twisted and tried, tiresome as to escape, from the pocket.'

Which was in turn but not a cauldron but a peculiar chest that had been bloated and appeared to grow, a prison to fit the creature inside of it, that even then grew in side and girth as to show. A chaos inside of it, hiding as to hide and please, whom hid inside and little matter, what settled after, the sight of plains and thorough laughter.

An echo in the distance faded, the drop inside the pocket, ended, for the great being whom wore them inside, he walked between this world, through this worn. Wherever his pockets went so would his giant shape, always spread, as to find a way in and see the world change. And every man would but chance sides, they would not see him until the moment of their demise. For only empty sockets could see him rose, from the spot he was one, gloated and perilous.

Dreadful as to move and stare, out of eight mouths that were burnt and snared, by a most peculiar many faced belt, all of which but laughed at them. The belt was the evil; the many headed beast under its command, of which body was rotten, deep inside. Hairy and chained, the white feet of a giant man but sutured to the rest of him, such an uncanny thing. The smoke coming from a dark cigar, a cut-through trunk he had smoke and put inside, for storing. He could not see the world, but knew, unknowing. That he was walking on clouds.

It was then that Hawk asked this man, who had, all of the sudden shown such an exertion of force that he thought it necessary for him to destroy it.

'You need to ruin his pocket and everything he hides inside.'

'Who's pocket?'

'The smoke being, that's better wrought us for the better time, from the dawn of many a lays and farther than any mind could stretch as to convey.'

‘Why would I bother with one that’s born of fire?’

As they couldn’t have known what was wrought on the other side or what would put them down as to thrown them in the most uncanny pyre. Where they would to be wrought, stung and tortured.

There were armless people with red bags on top their heads and bodies, which had coal-drawn frowns and incredibly detailed eyes on them. They walked incredibly fast and constantly stomped everything underneath the soles of their feet; they followed the belt of evil. Walking in flocks, hundreds of them, moving faster than flies; nothing could be spared any longer, regardless of how hard they tried pushing in and out, always heaving higher and mightier until everything was but put down.

What hid beneath the sacks? No one knew. Not wanted to disinfect the cries.

And there was their plot of green dusted pulps

No one wanted to approach, it was settled just as much as nothing.

‘I am the one who shall finish this world and make it mine.’

He’s made it through the most benign matter of woe, through he crafted but a sword made out of sutured mongrels, hundreds of them, thousands, of many filthy breeds, all asking for death, their heritage lost and weeping. The sutures hurt, they bled and worse. Blackened by eyes, and mostly tawny and wrought, scrawny and mostly swarthy, they were but put to good work, stopped from lazing around, to their better shouts.

Most uncanny of things it were, a giant thing that hit and swerved around, and lost to every kind of pain, thrown and tawny verses uncanny, wrought in such disgust and couth.

Elsewhere on the country side

‘And whom might I have the pleasure of entertaining this night as to have perceived him stumbled on eight legs during a time such as this when no one else will have stumbled upon my stupor?’

With the incantation already done as he could cherish his own heart being but the end-beginning point of a herd of big goat herders who had stumbled upon his secret home as they were but drawn by nothing else other than what he would call, unless he was so inclined to make a fuss or a point out of it, a grand charade where he had burnt lamb and wool as to have made himself an altar upon which the clans were treading upon, thinking themselves rather fancy as to say that whence and where the next reanimation might happen.

The resurrection was an insurrection which only brought the most damned creations out of their broken lands that they might beg such elation as to employ the coming of a near-found lay. Where they might stay there and kill the time.

‘There’s nothing going on in long miles, where they walk, where they talk and where I may do such kindness as to lay aside my mind for a time.

I want to drink out of the well, but I know there’s but a long drop there where. It’s empty.’

‘What is, my dear man and what would you happen to talk about when the times come, I want you out of my house, I want you plain in the head and of flights.’

He had his hear strung out and kept on a kite. It was still beating, the wire was but a pumping thing, of long appeal, and he was rather happily forlorn for he had done something, of much eel.

‘I am filled with such power that may enter me soon after even after I will have been gone, for I know I’ve come upon such a realization as to have made up my mind entirely of what’s been happening over so many days because I’ve stumbled upon a desire to know her.’

‘The maiden of your dreams that’s been ever-happening to appear inside every corner that might bring such appeal as to curl your sufferings to a stop when the times come and bring you back home that your heart might be called, so I could finally realize that you’ve become a man such as those I’ve seen in far more distanced lands where your heart would not fare well?’

‘Of course, I saw her again and I must tell you that I faked this innocence and surprise for no other reason but the mere shock as I’ve told you before, or may’ve forgotten to do as such. The well of my dreams had no water inside and I was but so happily placed that my heart but saw such wild embrace that I feel so rightfully forlorn that I am so much so set up such throne that I’ve brought but such a determination to my myself, having decided right here. Today, I shall leave the house.

I set out to search for that maiden that I will make my wife.’

‘But lo’, your journey is over before it’s even begun.’

‘And why is that?’

‘I’ve lied to you as well, my dear friend and I’ve got no reason to defend myself or make you forget about what’s happened in the past and in the near future that you may fully be made to last. I think it’s not for me to say anything or make it so there’s even, remotely any kind of nuisance to be called.

I’ve killed rats and I dress in hats made out of their corpses.

But one of the rats is actually the maiden.

Come, I shall show you.’

Both men being just as surprised to enter the room and be met by the table who had in the middle of it, nothing else but what? Exactly the scampy-nettle, the rat-hat which still squirmed, out of which a while

one but stood there and mourned; for she knew her husband to be would eventually find her only to have found out himself that it was too late for him to have found her, since she was nowhere to be found.

‘That rat is missing.’

‘That rat who is my wife? To which I’m sworn to be wed to? That I have dreamed off throughout my life?’

‘Is there any other?’

‘My mother, she was but a woman of the human kind, her upper skull above the jaw was a rat, a lower one, and it looked peculiar and I think that rat only ate my mother and pretended to be her.’

‘Was it a giant one?’

‘I suppose it wasn’t since I could but judge by the frame of a small coin that she had done her fair share of eating, completely devouring her so.’

‘You must be flogged.’

‘But I am candle.’

And they set on searching from there, wonder, out. Until they’ve come to realize that she was no rat and that was only her coat, and she was revealed and torn, split open with stitches. Halnt but turned to Wontelly.

‘I’m sorry Wont, but I.’

Both men were stopped, an evil creature appeared out nowhere, brought to the scene by sense of evil, vileness much to which it had been distraught, it couldn’t be believed no longer, not that it was to be brought. Fear was in its eyes, but the tattered torn-up clothes it bore, they were nothing to be laughed at, for they bore, but little prehistoric miniature-blades, which were embed in the embroidery which soon launched and put an end to her suffering. Malefic foe, to which should know. He wouldn’t dare make a move, both men were but prepared to prove that there was nothing to stop them, nothing to put an end to their daring, utmost reed of destruction that might claim their lives as well as it could destroy and put an end to the blind spot which lay inside their hearts. Such cruelty served no one and would not bring no man to death. An early grave awakened, it was the sun, or at the very least, shaped as one.

‘Lo’, we are both weak and unprotected, for maiden we have ended, as I, Halnt but drove her to suffer of such cause, as my eye had turned to such distraught, to have made her suffer of the past and of the future woes, of the wrongs that I’ve earned my spot in the most places of agony such as which not even death would be as kind as to lay a song to my name.’

‘Keep your mouth shut and your songs for later.

Which one of you is Eustache? ‘

‘Neither, good man.’

Spoken out of turn, blasted with a needle rack which shot but a small cove, it shot through the side of his jaw, exposing his canines and the teeth on the side, from which he wouldn't rise today.

'I need a breather.'

'Neither man.'

To which he hadn't spared either of them.

'Damned these nasty instructions, there could be hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of countries spread within the place, I couldn't even bother to lose myself in such a disgrace. Damn this place, I need such leave as to find a place to be.

But where might I find such a place, where could it be?'

He found Assityus.

Who was bust resting on bark; if ever were the land green, and yellowish within the rays, he but stood upon a nasty bed of trunks, open and brought down, with the gaps being covered with their blood, and little ants crawling on top of him. Brought back to life but a pump, he looked dead for now. Open-exposed, his chest but rose; the pump entered through it, thrown on the side, yet the hose kept jerking like a snake. Should I do it? Thought Clesske, who would just as soon do nothing else, or to be brought alone, he would've done it and put whichever need to test. He had to do something just as soon, before he'd swoon into the old habits and nastily, of a wont, he started actioning the pump and froze right as the man rose.

'Who awakens me?' Assityus asked, looked around, the little pale-dark thing in his eyes. It was something that couldn't be made out, something that not even he would be proud of pushing past. To have him there, in such a place.

'What I've seen down there, follow me.'

From whence he came out of, he grabbed Clesske and they both entered bark, flight of stair, and wooden-grabs, of which fingers went around their sandals.

They were in wood and broken walls, the sky was dark-blue overalls, with little bolts of blue-salt, and runaround sea-air coming from the ground. Sea-sand with fish-looks and little eyes, on the ground, a dock-town but run through and run-down; a sad sea looking in the distance, waiting for the blue-heart to come, the harpy, but they didn't speak of it and from the looks of it Clesske took with him the kite-heart, with the tube-out, in a sky of twilight, a groove of boo. Phantoms see-through, but they were not there, not really.

'I've come to know, that you should snatch a little show from him?'

'From who now?'

He pointed at a quasi-white little domed-flat houses that looked like they were assaulted by flaying oyster-riding men with no arms, of which gigantic gaping mouths, and they had no noses either, spat giant seeds that were but crystalline and shattered in the air, disintegrating at that. It was beautiful.

Both of them entered the house. Their hearts were set, and grand. A great composer was busy working on a most peculiar pressure device. Each little thing attached to the great rack of stones produced a sound of the many put together pipes. They sung little songs, and they wore heads on top, of scum. Everything was unclear in the room. His body rotated out of place, and ripped itself out of it. Leaving a levitating head, pair of arms and legs continuously working while the chest greeted them; a great thing within itself and mightily effective, a toast to the composer.

His chest arose.

‘What have you come here for at such a late hour in the night?’

Can you not see that I’m busy, and you’re disturbing me? You’re uninvited.’

‘We seek a man to kill.’

‘We are?’

Assityus was up to no ruse and this peculiar thing but, truce. How could he kill, little thing? How could it? And then he’d seen, though it took a lot of thought action and a lot of concentration, he’d seen it all.

Shores of blue choral singing, with little sparkling gems, dark mountains everywhere, but blue of many hue. And little flying rocks as well; further in the distance, yet, they called this place the Quarry Lay.

There was evil beyond, but he was not to be brought there.

‘One of you must leave.’

The chest grunted, thought it could’ve just as soon embarked out of the way, and made it through just as soon as he could stay of a mind.

‘But, not before I tell you of the founder of the city.’

‘Since we haven’t asked.’

It was a long time ago.

Upon the plains of sparkling sand of jewelry-round there stood, across the precious pearls, and many stood and shone but verse. There rose one who stood benign, thrown upon the back and tried for what were but a few more years, incapable of losing such appear.

‘Thine pit from which you sprouted by such case as it could be, by all means was it, an unfathomable gulp in sand from which not even the most dormant of beasts could ever produce such a thing as to make it through it in time before their likes would be drowned by it.’

At the very least, whatever he considered casting up, for what was fair and for what cruelty could be placed on their backs alone, one could no longer turn their blandness upon such cast as to forget what set them on the fair path to least of all yet begin again and forget what kind of world they entered through up the other. When upon their faces and upon their dreadful marks there came nothing more and nothing else but most peculiar of all unnatural acts that could claim them during the night’s most foremost hour, when

upon such dreadful wails they began appearing yet again as if through such existence as to be called. Whatever the reason one could not forget of their magnitudes of which, they stall before they disappear. From the dreadful world from which they appeared, they had neared such fates, all rose and upon the land they fell.

Always a trail, of dreadful roses for whichever reason they remain in pain as if to see, whenever they come into the eye, the reason or which they were there was rather sullen. And calm, they weren't even getting closer to putting on their skin-rats, on top their faces, these brats would not do a thing. It was insoluble, their might and what they themselves had least of all come to stumble and recede, back from where they started during such an age as they've been. Of all too much vileness they've been conceived upon the hour.

'We are met today in this parcel of might, where the last remnants of a conceivable light is dead, decayed, far from beneath the wails, upon which they stood, there before we even came to embrace the last remnants of this place, that we may come, upon being approached as the hour comes, to the last piece of humanity's renown. Of golden crown which torn in piece.

When the king charged the crystal beast, we know of what has come of it when the end of all but begged to come.'

'Who shall speak now?'

'We must hold our tongues, he rises, he rises and now he's come.'

And thence he rose from the depths of such gable and upon such marble as all to see, such remnants of a body, such as it came, upon which remains it may not walk through. Unremarkably, habitual-tainted, this creation, all so tainted had but come to life, incapable of holding itself upon the line, they wasted no time and came again, once again to approach in vein.

There were at least set.

Later.

'Dreadful thing what have you done with me and where have you cast me that I may not even know what comes beneath my path when I am met by such curiosities as if to know of nothing less than what has entered me after all this time I stand upon the shards that make the roof upon which I lay under, that I may call upon you when needed as I need remind you now, of all places and all there is to be, I've decided to ask of you this much.'

'And what shall be made of your promise and of our disparity once we are done of your command, to cast upon your back what was long done in your name, long before we have stumbled upon you and of your vileness as to know. What shall be done of the man you have sworn to keep alive when the time drew backwards as to be told, and be completely shattered and put to shreds, in daylight as through night when the incantations that are but mildly put and least of all yet forgotten when, you asked of us to come upon the grace of the land? And will you allow us to finally put an end to the vileness that he spread on this land, when lord of lord, have you come to an arrangement for what is there and what we came to ask of

you, will you be pleased to find out in finality that we have taken their kindness in distraught as to call upon their unworthiness and disgust?

We of the men who have sworn to hang the most uncanny and most distraught of them have finally come onto the conclusion that they are not wont of living and they have slowly become corrupt as to be poisoned by their own blood which may be called as to be tasted, of the taint and much was wasted in their waking as the boils whom had become of them to which surroundings now we know off. Shall we not call upon them upon such time of execution as to remind you who owns these plains of might and of little more than there if left of the frightful quiet that is left after they're gone?

'But what shall be made of them in that case, if one such as you would call upon me to keep on my promise, upon the slaying of the man I spared, as to breed such vileness as an order of commands that, you of all should see that they had taken away from me, even before such time as which I have been born with and born so, ever so cruel as to take my claims away and whatever will I may have left by their taking, will I of all not be allowed to take what I can from them and move along? Should we forget such facts as they bother me with going along in such makings of such quiet that have indeed been brought to my putrid heart, to such forgotten days as I will be commanded to act with when, I of all will not even be alive for long enough to meet each claim and what's been taken of me, and long taken away might not even be the choice of the life-sparing or the life-taking as for what I've become, a servant of theirs, upon the death of which, what shall be of me and what will I be brought to?'

'You, a servant should know ever so much better that there has never been a chance of you, of all men, of all the servants that may have come and stumbled upon him to meet face to face, as if on equal ground, of lords who had become the land itself and are encompassed and engrossed in such evil ways as to claim whatever they can and whichever sign of life might be allowed to bear forth in the time of their arrival, would you not simply give in as to be the first to claim them upon the arrival of which but signals the coming of an age, the termination of such plague that the men, women and children who had once but spread along the plains were nowhere to be seen by the time they had decided to come in and finally grasp the tear that's been left behind. By everyone who's lived as far as to leave a mark behind them, knowing that what they left behind was such a beauty of a live, such as one could see the flowers bloom, life flourish as it's never been seen during a time it's been let go? Will you, of all the people that may go along and claim this destiny no one else seems to bother as to claim such frailness as to face such an uncanny tide, whom suffered many pests to live and have but become as corrupt as them on the other side, will you not give pray and let away whatever kin akin to yours might not be taken away? Will you not be the blade that shall put an end to the man as to finally lay claim to such destruction as to have your name engraved upon their corpse, a slayer that may be met as king, to men such as wit as to know that you've but offered them such kindness as their kind would never know?

And of layman that may follow through, fine to have decided what had happened as soon after, will you not allow them to come to a pass, as to allow their hearts to march on and claim what was their ancestor's rite of passage as they might claim upon such claims as to reclaim upon such pain as no one else has pained himself to go through, in order to get what is rightfully theirs?'

'But who's to say that's theirs to take and who's to say I'm one of many or lesser ones to be called as to claim the life of which sanctity might finally be ended, the end of which might not come under light but scrutiny of such end, which may destroy all if chance be so, when one such as you, upon coming to the

conclusion of the age, shall record nothing else but false wit and vileness from my side as to paint the monsters who had claimed the land as good and frail, and me a vile thing, evil within but evil who wails as to have tried to kill a child, undeserving, you a scribe who's wit has always been proven to itself as to never be ending when it comes to the nastiest things such a rotten creature like yourself would paint itself with, such brushes with bristled that were made of manes, of men your kind tricked to sacrifice in vainness as to be claimed as nothing else but a falsehood that's been taken and that's been fair.'

'Enough of this pestilence, for I desire to hear naught of past acts and what's to be done, for I deem that what we've discussed before had already been come to be resolved, in which case I know and shall let you know as follows that you as a man shall do naught else but finally repair and to refrain yourself from such supremacy of words and of cowardly swords as to stall and take leave from something you were promised to. For, I know the better as for each claim of yours shall only bring you forth to the day of the suffering, from which not even someone like you may follow through as to cower after and make in flight, as such repository of disposition may be called, you of all shall come to pray upon your last days of suffering but you shall pray in vain as the boy shall be killed by your hands and none other.'

'So be it in that case, I shall never lose my embrace of quietness as to have lost myself in such fortitude as to resolve living with myself in such a dark age as you have claimed yourself to have lived through that might follow after, my own kind, be it blasphemed if it remembers me as such.

I shall do it and I stall no more, bring me the boy, and call upon your lord and let us settle it at once, then be brought to silence.'

In which case the day of much forlorn evil and distraught darkness had come after, without facing such malignant silence as to waste upon on the coming of the dark days when not even such countenance as may be felt could bring itself forward as to lain in such vanity. A fragment of malignant, such as there in this case, reality was but come to be in such a place as there it to fall, under the rooted graven cove upon which the parcel of land was brought to where millions of lords were but put through such sufferings as to be made to wait. Upon a scene of white pain, where both the Scribe of Ages past called Euphyras and the Man forlorn of cast aside Thlyete were brought for, to attend as such one may say, and pray upon the soul of the boy Myepias.

Such countenance as theirs was long before forgotten and just as soon after when the time arose as to call upon him, boy who stood upon his ankle froze, to understand as one in his place were to know what comes after and once again when one was to call and stumble upon each word that was put forth to the boy as to recall every crime as well as every joy he came upon when he was but a child as to an ankle sized thing when he was but in the womb of his mom, to recall her beauty and her kindness as to remind one of the innocence one may bring forth into the world long before the destruction but followed on, of fairness such as the kind of which he had never felt since, he was but reminded again, of her beauty when they came to tell. Read upon such rich parchment fading as to remind him of the flaying and of the praying mantises and of each rotten thing that crawled on top of it long before the grass blades rot, he was told of tolls he had to pay and of every little petty theft he had committed, yet there was no crime, as to pin upon such child as for the time they were called in, upon such plainness as to be. He of all would be remember, as to remind them, all, if one at all.

‘Where I walked and whom had claimed me, for those blessed days were but blessed in the making as to remember and remind me of what and who I am, when the time, and upon such blindness I wear but the cowl of destruction and let forgetfulness come after, but I of all lads do remind you that I was not alone and I, of all should not be judged as thus.

For when the claims had happened, upon such time when I was caught, I was but alone, forced to shone upon such dark plains like a single light uncannily away from the others of which such treacherous appeals would shine even brighter than I might come to feel. I of them am but one and of them I may remain as thus since there’s no reason for me to be, as they be, a little lad that’s trialed when one could clearly see that I’m but conceived to be as thus, a little boy to fit the mark as to be put under such trial as for show, and be at that, guilty without reason other than that I was with them at that.’

‘I grow impatient of hearing of this as thus, and I’ve decided that.’

Upon the turn, the other brothers joined him as all.

‘We’ve come to decide that all three of you are to be killed, without trial within the hour, we shall but belittle you with such disembowelment as to push your guts away upon such plains of desperation that may be made to be destroyed long before your time might come and as thus we’re not to offer you a chance to fight back as that would only be a cruelty that no one should suffer of.’

And within the hour they were trapped, disbanded, thrown to side and forbidden from moving on from where they stood. In regards to the decision which was taken by such keen sense as to arouse their deaths when the time arose, during such width of which their entrails might’ve been spread and shared between each vile man as to be called upon the first and foremost day when they might call upon each wail, then as it happened, there was little to no countenance for their vile days were over. Upon the hour, when one was to call, upon such deaths as to be shared between all of them who made the land in evil and to bask, they had dragged but everything in front of a mild-looking mad town that came to their mad-fruition, as they were but surrounded by evil day and little more than one could allow by such day, they were met by a kind man whose back was but expended many-a man’s worth until they pushed farther in the back as to make one count, upon each trunk that sprouted on every side he bore an additional head, until one could at the very least see that there were eighteen calling all rounds and to be called as such, there was no reason any longer, for what was to be pushed, at all, in the distance there being a wail. His daughter of such beauty was but chained in the middle of the town, in the air, held by two houses where her legs split and at her feet but children’s playing. Many of whom were saved. Of such thing that could be called away, not to be weary of what might be conveyed, there was as much as one could see, there was no reason to be anywhere else and not to be too cruel as to sing a song of madness and of pity for whom was also present, but the patchy-disc which was benign, underneath the town, underneath of which there stood but features of frown and various takers of the most malicious forms that might be tainted if one were to forget what crawled inside of him, the horn of many guts being just made in the shape of whom was the person brought to them. It was walked out of the Kind-man with such insolence as one could afford only if he was born out of some vile god and sworn upon such wild lances as to cast himself upon the flying eye that followed strands of glasses, which referred to not such a wild thing but the flying head that held within, such sockets as to allow just one. When the time approached, instead of what was worth and instead of carrying as one they but followed through with as deepening of such sinew as to never call and never be of worthless day, and not to understand what came after, he opened himself, upon a wail. The

mad land but following their countenances as the men, women and their fangs, which is to say that all of their children were but infected without even the slightest remorse one could see the reason why and they could and might just as well accept that there was no return from what happened there, and for what was worth, the beast saw them from inside out and they formed saw-like blades that were but sprouted out by such primitive insides-machine such the likes may not be known. As fuel what they owed was to a fairness as the air that was around them which began the apprehension of every single little peg that entered their heads, moving towards it finally as they offered to take first cuts, to which he refused to pretend he, the first of the millions of beings cared at all, since now, the time had approached when the disintegration would bring such roach to heart as to realize that there was by no means any way out of what was bound to happen, no soon after, they were just as soon made to know that there was but no escape and there would be none as well as they but flayed themselves openly as to show to the villagers that there would be no kind of resistance that might happen after, in which case, there was a chance in pace, as the disintegration of the remains that followed through appeared to be done, in which case not even the slightest men of known regard might have a due of say, for lo' what had happened there that day, was such complete destruction that one might want to wonder what was in the minds of those who feared the beast that had but rose only to be carried on through such pity, then killed, then lost within the hour, not to be completely ruined but after they but had a fear and ate every single humanoid formation that was made of land.

Of evilness they knew about but would hear after, since that piece which entered them was but tainted and would only be as cruel as to destroy everything and once again, one could not forget what entered their dire hearts as soon as they were about the hour of the day in which they cast out, the first, yet the last, the ones that were but trying themselves not to laugh, for they were petty and they were little. Little, little fiends with no more than their bridle bones and eighteen limbs which were but formed within the frame of their backs, all of which grabbed what they could, be it briar stick or a rock, and they charged the village, them being servants of the lords, and their eyes shone with such darkness that it was brimy-red and might as well be called for what was instead. A putrefying thing that could not be called for no reason any longer, no more than it would be allowed, for sin had followed through.

'Enough, enough, I beg of thee, dark creature not to slaughter me at such an hour as I've done but little to naught to deserve as much as to ask of you, as I may now, to understand what's in my heart and know that I've done what I could and what I might out of fear for what your masters might to as to employ such pain and agony upon my house of wails that might destroy and call it off, that I may be brought to ruin such as I may understand that there's no such thing as piety to them, and I find myself guilty of the destruction of yours, and yours as well.'

But the creatures didn't listen at all, instead they had resolved to do as they might and claim the man as to be destroyed and be put to such toil that he might be gotten before he had a chance to spoil himself in heart, which may be ridden and put to waste. He of all would not survive such change in scenery as to see that they could not kill him, none at all. As they've seen that just as soon as rock hit head and joust with such remains as to attempt to end and slay as many of them, one could not prevail since they had absorbed the vile essence of their lords, in such uncanny thing that might not even peel the skin, from which such antler'things might rise and spread, not eve them, not even them, not even them could be allowed to push through and abandoned whatever wail there is, to put it through, as one could see that they could only slaughter and slaughter, upon the hue of which they painted the town but even then, upon

the hour of which, every pint of blood having been done for, the men would be remade as would be their maidens, to which in few hours after this onslaught and this assault had ended, they realize that their lord was not ended, but now he was stronger than ever. For their eyes began to glow and their eyes began to glow and theirs and theirs, as well as well until no one would be spared for what was going on there, as it happened for every single vile man, and every single one of them to be called as well kept such might as to become the first and foremost symbol of such destruction and lost satisfaction as one could see. From the depths rose bitter-looking throngs and thorns and plenty of black-song cords that followed through with flutes and pipes and many organs would delight, while they were all become a legion to spare, even the servants whom become the land as well. With one exception being the lost daughter who simply stood there still chained, being ever so much as to be incapable of doing anything else, she stood there, knowing that there wasn't anything she could do about it, toiling with such hopelessness as to come and as to stumble upon herself, as there was no time to come, as to realize that her heirs were just as gone, her family being but distraught and done. But she, all of the sudden was no longer chained as she just rose there, released as well from bounds and became, no longer humane but in the chimes of the incantations and of the wails, she was but evil in arm and head and grew in the most peculiar shapes, as her throat expanded as to be a baboon-whale-like extension, with many satisfying elation, as those peculiar big-fated almost galleon like fattened thing but started drawing in what was left of her body until she started wriggling around, no longer being capable of pushing herself, then her time was but to come and be put to spare, as that man began groaning and became but over encompassed in hairs, which all pushed out and formed, the trench-like depressions that looked as if they were made by a comb, from which the skin-taps replicas but fell in such a piety as to create the bloated versions of which fealty called upon this reality alone, where the strange beings but knelt and asked of her to do as she would do in order to serve her seeing how they were met for the first time but such an effigy that not even their likes could deal with any longer, nor would they do as they pleased in order to survived the bloated nature that carried them inside as she opened and greeted them all, but not inside-inside of her, instead, from her bowels a cartilage like foundation but released itself and slowly descended as to allow them inside the cabin. Through which, now she revealed the insides of her carcass in which she hid the most unnatural things that not even her, as she wouldn't know, knew what was inside of her or at her feet. Too much evil in there, despite the flaps that were left after, this opening in her belly being nothing but a wild disaster, as a roast beef which was only natural for a woman like her, through which, beyond the cabin, shone upon them. But her many organs put behind and blinded as to be for every kind of woe there would be, as to encompass the dread and the release in satisfaction that one could see himself doing and undergoing into such attempts, to go ahead and butcher her head, only to torture her for hours, for what she'd become. At the top of her grand mule-like top which bloated upon a point formed such a structure as one would not dare meet eye to eye as to meet such decoy as if to die of such reason, one was met by just as much, with little more than it would be allowed, to feel such a coy device of long-torn formation, a wheel of mad emanations that only drew and spread, from every angle until everything was wildly encompassed and allowed to move ahead.

It was a subatomic platform with eighteen floating bull-like heads which were moved along as if they were metallic as well as they were moved by magnets, being lead into her body, it was her body without a head, without fingers or toes, spread in the air, floating as they began the most uncanny flight that could not be stopped by any means, there being something in the air, an unnatural scent made out of eighteen ship-like flying seed-shapes made out of many peculiarly torn-out of their cemeteries people, all of which but followed through, being shoved inside the flying structures, no longer being capable of stopping,

having their guts completely incinerated in the quasi-dark hollow of their great shared-it bowels, where there stood but an uncanny flame as that of a stove.

Alas of poor words as their countenance could be said of such, they but flew away and out of sight, not to be seen or be peered upon by likes of laymen that may throw such countless wonders as to know, or to show as little of their lack of compassion, but a dark man froze upon the mad rafts from which he dreamed about being lost in place.

‘Dear me, dear me, will you help me see along the road, I wish as little as there be called, I wish I could find what I lost. It’s my treasure you see, a treaty I seem to have lost somewhere along the way, where the butcher’s daughter had swollen in, as to have sealed its marks with pettiness and liver.

I ask this of you, if you would.’

‘I shall boil your heart if you don’t.’

What was that if not an echo from the delightful face, blocked by a bars shaped gaps of a face. In there he was drawn and would’ve starved if it weren’t for the reminder.

‘I shall give you a threat Tholmen Hossermay. Hold onto this little cake I’ve baked this early, it should offer you the needed strength, when need calls but munch it up and you shall find a way.’

It was poisoned.

He did not expect that.

Hours upon hours he but puked past the bars, seeing how his nimble feet were at a whim’s end, after that. He was brought back to know, and would’ve shown some act of compassion if it weren’t for the very fact that his heart but beat in the wrong way. Tholmen considered as much, he could’ve returned and put an end to the man, snapping his frail neck after, but alas, he considered just as much what that meant. Wit only brought a wheat’s end, if he were to set fire to the grounds so he could have him starved by winter. Yet that was petty and he’s shown himself to promise.

‘This could be a hole in the ground, this could be just another trap I could shove myself in if I’m inattentive, which I am not.’

He’s shown himself to bring us forth. Little perilous things that were smoldering as soon as they moved on through bar and through fire and what came after being just as well, nothing worked as to be improper, the urge only drawing soon enough after.

He made through the bars with a blunt fist that entered through steel and past.

‘I used to be like them, you see? I use to scour the land and be, it wasn’t so, it wasn’t likely that I’d show but I see no reason to be there, amongst them, now that I know.’

‘Who is speaking from the wells that spill from the ceiling, I see no tell.’

‘Please tell me you’re hearing the same thing?’

‘I fell through the grates, I remember the poison having made its effect. My limbs were split, I see no feet and nothing that may be done as well.’

‘But of what are you talking now, good man since I can see that with all this solemnity, you’ve lost something of yourself on the way out, when you came and made it through and made it yet in half I knew you would return several times as if to prove us something we might’ve have known. Yet at the same time I can see and I’ve known that there wasn’t any reason and there hasn’t been one for you to show any gratitude of us having gotten rid of.

Our fair maiden has sickened you on and off for thirty thirsty years.’

‘But oh, how could I not remember such a thing? How has this happened, how could it happen that I, of all men, to bear no memory within the hour, what happened to my mind before you tell me allow me to come to no spoil and come as I may, please don’t tell me that by the time I will have made it through, I will forget everything you’ve spoken to.’

‘You, and you will forget, but don’t mind it for it won’t matter, good fellow, since now you’re to stay here forever in our gut.’

‘I’ve been eaten?’

‘For eighteen hours but now you’re numb and made to feel the sting of pain as to look in vain above of you as well, as to see the three openings that are my mouths from where you’ve been brought and where you will stay until properly dissolved good man.’

And with that he died, taken and claimed before his time.

But the nasty witch Leonora Pirrplebehst continued to lure as many men as she would.

At the wrong trenches stood the wenches

And they were ugly yet servile and would do anything but for a man who’d come at the with a shiny join to jiff something before ground saloon and on a swoon as to do with himself with her and with him when soon enough they were joined by a man with a doubloon that was shaped like an amoeba. He had come out of nowhere and but entered through the strange brothel, after he had seen himself after he had gone through one but beautifully wasted, bare chested with no pay soon after they had banished him without knowing and without say.

That beneath the brothel where there stood but a giant body, lost as soon, it was fat and many titted with no head. It came to either one of them, for man that would rise and would move and get out of his way as to be with her soon after, as to ask.

‘But sweet maiden, where might thou be taking me at that, since I couldn’t conceive of such a thing as to hear my heart beating for what happened and what did after, I seek only such a thing that might be given away, I pray that you may be allowed to come again when my pockets are but emptied and in need as I

am, please, oh please dear maiden, give me something that I may shove my face against for I am but a man of lost faith that cannot but move from where he's stood before, I may not be capable of contemplating forth but I seek in desperate lack of concentration that I may be given and taken and be as it may, I'm pleased to say.'

'Shut your mouth and take me where you may If that means that I may be allowed such pleasure as to be silence out of taking and out.'

Out of her moth, flaking came a pair of daggers that revealed themselves after to have been the opening of a greater mouth from inside her bowels it came out and threatened to swallow him so, but the man was just as soon taken from the brother and put into a world where he was forced by the strange keeper, in a strange colored heap of wheat-litter that swarmed around the electric dome, rotating along with the bodies of those who shone in the afterlife now gone they were pulled and put in death-graves where there were millions of reaper-shaped tombstones that were but too expensive to be anywhere, as for one to afford such a thing, not that it would matter, soon after he but asked if he were dead, incapable of contemplating on his own, and wont, he was aware that just as soon he was made to listen and to care and ask away.

'Where I am?'

But the figure would not answer, instead it cast him a level prior, through the soil in a peculiar room as for him to toil with pebbles and to count them, wrap them up, put them in a jar then continue after what he was doing, without any soul yonder to discontinue what he was doing, seeing how he was incapable of swooning, he was entered through a door that opened through the jar split on the floor and on him projected, opened and came forth, father of the farthest reaches, whom had called himself Estkelion.

And he was tall and bore but horns in back and wings that spread his legs, they opened and become like cracks, split open with the rest of him but open, as to reveal the most uncanny of secrets which were spoke with the weird-shaped bodies that came out of him, contorted as to look geometrically abstractedly surreal, as to have their feet disappear then emerge out of their way.

'I fucked a child.'

One of them said, and it was queer, and unexpected, this soul tormented and made to suffer after, it had many but uncanny rifts but strike his heart yonder as they stabbed and cracked and made to boil at last, they would not for their likes of them take a break at that.

'But why must I keep you company?

Oh wretched creature whose bowels is but disgust, whose prisoners I seek not to communicate to.'

And the strange figure but put him back only to bring another one out whose done far worse than that.'

'I stumbled upon such a dreary village as to have myself uncannily but cordially sneak as to walk peacefully like a boisterous dog in heat who was in search for a salacious bitch, and there I lay in front of her but split as I may, I took her by the corner hay and had her before she openly lay.'

It then proceeded to recall, the premature birth she had, and how she helped her just as soon to breed, and what they did to her, then add the leap.'

‘But is this hellish remain and a torture I lay in?’

‘Nay, it’s but a reminder, these bodies are but recordings of what I did after I left my house?’

‘Then what are you, oh darting creature and what might you have done to earn such features?’

For he was not only bold but looked as if carved along and done below, with a tire-iron and worse, a horse had ripped him so, as he was tied several times and made as if to show. Made for such example yet put together and made to wait.

‘Where are we?’

‘But inside her, the creature whom had eaten you, she’s but waiting another second to spit you out, and then when the time comes, a tome shall be written in disgust for everything you’ve done shall be properly recorded.’

‘What of the children then?’

‘I’ve lied about him, not them. But how did you know?’

‘So you have?’

‘Not that I could tell off, but I have ripped off some, I’ve committed the worst.’

Reminders of what was unlocked and what happened as soon as he opened his chest, a peculiar thing came out, unnaturally so, it started growing like a box-made of cattle that shot after and they spread since they couldn’t help themselves but grow when they couldn’t be made to wait. So many of them suffering of the mad-cattle disease, it was uncannily tainted and they were fiends, that couldn’t do. Waiting for them, elation, he heard the damned voice but split his head open, it blew, like a little pop-pop, right through. It came out, like a peculiarly muck-covered filthy arm, like that of a dead man who had made amends soon after but ate and ate until he was done, again.

And there was the three vales where they stood before they could be approached.

Corkus Crowcrop was but finally set in place as if to stand before one of the broken pillars of his dream. He who had but tainted the world with a glove was but put on to stand for the time and watch his little hand erupt as they were to be joined within the hour.

Of labor known and wretched cattle some but followed and but to flow after for what was to be called and when the timber burnt upon such hour cast upon them they yelled, shouted from where they lay, upon such marks and carvings, toys that were forgotten, by children never gotten, alas there followed but one retriever. He had but come out of naught and had but followed, at all, after one but moment, let alone would one but shatter woe, as if to ask themselves but yonder, never to have crossed the hold. For what lay beneath them and let around-around in such grounds as there were made to lay, peoples that were paranoid and let alone would they beware, the darkness of each cloud of death that followed from the infernal sky that was but there, in a cubical of stars that approached from far, as they couldn’t have settled to forget for what was worse, if not their kind, the death?

‘Worthless thing, I see that there’s but one to follow and who shall come after if not I, of man who’s plain and never knew which hold might reign upon each cradle where my people lay. The ones with brows of diamond brains, whom settled on this land uncanny even before such a worthless age as it should’ve been known and brought and made at that, I fear at that that I may not be called, from the suffering where ended as I am, where to lay and what to say, I ask this at least, that I may be allowed to.’

There was a stop as if they were but frozen in the white marbled specks that lay beneath them, glimmers of white and blue.

‘That was what I called upon you upon such night as there in which I lay no longer, now that there’s still time for me to ask of either thee, or I shall see it as fit not to see.’

‘What have we taken from you in such case?’

‘I do not know, nor do I seek to.’

‘I’m going to split your pusy.’

‘Do that, split me open!’

‘Right around the trims, I will.’

‘Split me then, don’t stop there.’

He was alone in the room for a reason, talking to himself, a god.

A giant torso-rib caged armor around him, darkened as for arms of chains, ringed pants and a scythe as well. A ghoulish appearance with a paleness as that of a draught filled with cognac, or what happens after a man takes eighty shots.

‘We shall begin to obey, when once we are told and not to lay for long.’

They called upon him to sire and not to break another vile, yet to fire, large empire where the cruelest of men there lay.

‘I could hear such countenance as you may have sired when the time drew near as for it to have been forgotten long before my, oh, my the man who stand in front of me who had wrought in face and in quiet such sculptures worth of admiration during such a time as I may ask, what is there missing from your grand Arch Duke’s like charade of chance and many shapes that might be called, where and what have you come to stumble as there is, upon?’

‘Where I lay, my dear compatriot whom had appeared out of the nether bowels that I may be expected to dwell upon as to year upon such wretched needs, I am to be told that I am to tell you, master Abhor, that you must seek of wretched thing, of plainness but a painted vase that you may bring upon the plains of sacrifice and shatter for our lord of demise that may be looked uncanny as to be made known.’

‘Bore oh bore, I am but to seek no matter and look in no other direction as at least I presume, you will do as you’re told and when left alone to your own devices, you shall know as such and match nothing worse than worsened of such acts, destroy what you can, the bonds shall appear in front of.’

‘What is there? What lays beyond your simple thought and where may I look and behind what wretch may I, to call upon you again in time of wretch and need and what comes after?’

‘Nothing, there’s nothing you may stumble upon, that you may draw upon my never ending appreciation of what has happened and what called upon you forth.’

There were just as many reasons to be there, in place as everything else. But no man would call upon him to watch the broken posts and what had been wrought into the bowels of such a torn land as one might find himself treading. He was but sent and asked for shredding, a giant toe appeared, it bore the eye of a dead-leper whom bore upon itself four large stringed iron-rods that were projected in the front as to leash and put inside of it, for what was worth and what came after it.

Followed upon some wretched perilous gazes, they could not be aware, nor stay, nor stare, not to look in any case for what might call upon them, it followed.’

Wretched being of yore be gone, it was as much as it could be gotten then and done.

Much evil and vileness lay in their hearts, as they were drawn forth to a flight of stairs and gone.

Evil and various

It felt like they forced themselves down there, trying to move in the dark, though it was no spirit, merely a speck of a thing made out of multiple roads that had been cut and had almost fallen through out of the decay pushed through years alone. Too horribly set.

But there, there was but a hare of a wish, which appeared to nastily come apart, and rose upon meeting him.

‘You know that this won’t last, right? You know that you cannot hurt that man whom he belongs to, Di’Dorko, Glaucoma needs and beckons to be killed.’

He spoke to him all of the sudden, seeing how he was on the shore. Although Argus but a man uncanny, looking upon a hare named Thoullen.

And Thoullen came so, without begging to be put forth or ever the asking.

‘Stop bothering me then.’

‘I will do no such thing.’

Then, without a slight remark, without shouting and without being in doubt, the hare shook of all of the hairs around its body and appeared to malign itself into a hardening puddle upon which the small anatomically deformed body spread like the top of a blooming flower. And in there, from all the whites, of which decay looked like a mild snow which dropped from below, from which a song unknown had lasted. There blasted but a single rock, a hardened lump it brought itself up and faster. Rooted, almost but

nigh in earth, the creature which came forth was but a battered twist of a long-pole of blasted wings and guts, mixed with fat and other chemicals.

It mostly pouted but from those flowery dead eyes, a red and blue pushed through as if to make itself known through before being forgotten in a moment's watch. There it stood, desperately in touch. Bitterly pushed and dreadfully away, lay but a quieted one, waiting for him to say.

‘What do you want me to do, Thoullen?’

We’ve shaken hands already.’

‘But he needs to die and if anything, you’ve got our support if you want to cut in line and push through his guts. We’ll help you set a watch and wait and rightly so, when the night strike past midnight, oer’ the summer hour, four, our people shall carve a way.

It will be with this much ease that we shall satiate the wonder and push through, advancing. We’ll make it so the man shall be taken by surprise and when he least expects is.’

‘You want me to be the one who brings his demise?’

‘Rightfully so, I think of greater chances, I see the still but I shall not lose my wonderment on a sill. Know that my people are waiting beneath the ground, planted and paned as mines, ready to blow on a whim, and who and what occasion might thy be to push us away on whim alone?’

After all this preparation and journey longed for, would you seriously consider throwing all yonder, never forth and never tried?’

‘I do not know about this, but what man would stab another in the back?’

‘One whom knows the best of fates, for people whom are aware, that, that man is of a barbarous line and what he’s seen.’

Of bitter ships and on the racks of skin when songs about the ones who listened, of blasted chain holders and dead who sink underneath the ground, they would be tormented. For some of them were still elated to know of it and be reminded just as well.

‘He’ll claim your soul and push you away as he did with us, mark our words.

Before of death and true return, he shall be our jailor as he understood. There’s peril in stars and we have seen it all and he’s seen it just as well as ours. Will do to put us deeper in the ground and plow us until the last of us shall have no return. Know that this is what he will do to us.’

‘You’re paranoid.’

‘You will not mourn us either.’

‘I’m trying my best here, but I cannot face a man I shook hands with, it is something I’m not willing to do.’

‘You need to look at everything but in perspective. Most of it, already done, as we just balmily planted ourselves there.

There is no return.’

‘Then leave me be, I’ll have no part of it.’

‘You arrogant man, you will not hear the end of this.’

‘I’m sure I won’t, then go ahead and do what pleases you, for I shall do the best and hopefully, we’ll never see each other’s worth.’

Thence it left and bitter theft turned into their pass, and they had, after a while, never spoke. Alas, the night had come, and in a flint of desperation, furnace burning, in the brim of night before the hour stroke midnight, Argos had beaten upon the door. No more would he be met by the snore and the sound and the layman’s nerve, at last, there came the servant.

Though rubbed with feet of dames, he knew but little to say at the arrogation. Damned as he were, he but shouted and shooed away the man in mind, although his expressions were largely benign and not to be seen.

‘What is there left to ask of my master, has he not told you enough, Argos?’

‘I beg your pardon, but it cannot be, I seem to have missed something, such as the likes of which you wouldn’t understand. But pardon my intrusion, that I need to call upon your master again.’

‘He’s indisposed.’

‘What might that be?’

‘He’s in the built-in amphitheater, not to be dismissed easily and let alone persuaded to leave his home.’

‘I but wish to talk to him for once and once alone before I make my passing.’

‘And your entry has been denied.’

Though by large he could protest and at worst rip off his chest, Argos but turned and left. His bitterness but serving as a way to protest. On his way, he stepped on crab, completely smashing its shell in while popping its little legs in every possible direction. Bird oh supreme, it flew, during the night in sinew. Out of the sudden, it stopped flapping its wings in time, as if worked upon and flown by a metal long iron pipe, it had been slowly directed and thrown inside Argos’ throat. And thence he fell on his knees as he bled until pain had stopped him and the clotted nursery arose.

‘I pale with pain,

From here now on,

Here I’ve lain.’

Then he fell, devoured as well but a hundred waiting hares which rose. One of them blew up and took part of his head, his throat and upper chest, which bled away and mixed with sand. Everything else had to be put and messed with around, as the bacterium and the other hares ate and dragged the rest away in sand, through the tunnels and into their small hiding spots, never to spout another one out there. He died away slowly and appears to have felt pain right until the last moment when he lay with them, in their bosoms.

Long-trunk

‘This is a dark room we must be staying in.’

‘Must I be the only one listening to her wince and complain?’

‘I’m already done with it.’

‘Then leave, no one’s asked you to stay.’

He satiated no one by asking. John Long-Trunk always got in the way, he always managed to stumble one way or another for some reason only he would know or fail to reveal.

Clara, Robert, Croy and Den, it’s what they had now. Only the four of them remained, and as much as they were saddened to leave the wild ran-through deposit poison ground, they had to do it, toe-toe as well, since there was always the chance of being caught too quickly off their track. Not listening when there were disappearing thoughts they couldn’t like thinking off.

But most importantly, the butcher left into the dark and they were in another room which looked like the entry into some mine, or the insides of a pit-maker. With every device in the front, a defect of transmissions which would not go on no matter how hard it could be pushed. Although important stare, uncanny, there was no way to understand. Of which sublime direction, therefore, no one understood what pained a man to do it.

‘Who’s taken the life of that man?’

Robert coughed, sickened as well as he could come about the place and wonder. Distraught even as he could feel his skin stretched yonder. He wanted to piece it all together asking, and wait for something, skin-a-mocking. There was but a reason his mind was but malfunctioning, he was but met by a similar figure of eight feet and of puffy teeth which came out like cotton. And a lack of beatings of their hearts in both chests, wonderingly, what had happened then?

‘Has someone claimed by brother so?’

‘But who is he Robert?’

‘He’s Mark, I seem to think. I think I simply found him after all this time, I can’t explain it why, but I finally did it.’

Though he was just as shocked as one might be by what was happening to him. His head leaped out, his limbs, the eyes, the chest, the lower side of his legs, toes, suits, organs and every rib as if he had been entirely dissected in a second, while the glowing devices inside of them began pushing about before they all crawled out by whatever means they could. There were two broken windows, eight of them in total on the sides, but they had been smashed in order for every piece of him to go out. And there, outside, in the dark, every piece of him floated and started slowly levitating away. Some of them began growing and becoming random chunks of meat eaten by rowing paddle-shaped words, with the full length in the back, of cylindrical bodies that pushed out and ate what they could before disappearing out of the dark in an instant.

‘I don’t think you’ll ever see your brother away.’

One moment, for one moment, the rotten pieces all grouped up to form his brother. And there, in the dark Mark floated with the back piece of a giant welder that was constantly blowing and pushing liquid-shapes that resembled him and fell through the lake only to draw the worms again from hiding.

‘Don’t look for me, Mark.’

He said, while he spat a child out, the body of which had been ignored by the worms, as they allowed for its fall, as to never be touched again.

That child was touched and would be too benign to be settled on. Somewhere, wherever he ended up falling, he most definitely splashed and died. And not even the worms would draw from that puddle at all. It was to be completely ignored and left there to rot and never be touched again. Otherwise, his brother disappeared as a giant ball of skin formed in his chest, expanding like a control explosion which stopped at the mark beneath his throat, shoulders, part of his lower abdomen, until it disappeared. From inside of him, in the empty dark-gap, there appeared but a small point of light that pulled everything in, although not normally. First the entirety of his body had become something akin to many eat-cleaners, sticks with puffs which were his head and what was left of his body, segmented and many of many placated things. Disturbed as he were disgusted he was drawn in and consumed, never to be seen again. He was made to suffer as well, as he appeared again, this time, one of the worm-paddles, which had been enraged by this mockery as well as the sudden course of a river made out of the strange people, had entered his head and smashed the brain completely, causing him to finally disappeared, but not before bursting in a splatter of red gas.

‘We should leave this room now.’

‘But I want to see my brother, I think I finally have the confidence to be with him and never leave his side. I think there’s still hope, while I still have this knife.’

Robert was free to have his own choices made as he was content with everything he’s thought and done in the past. Both of them scoundrels, yet they were family, alas. Everyone made way, except for Long-Trunk who stood with him for a few minutes.

‘You must realize that this is not the way to go. I’m truly sorry that you must go his way, but I see no reason to allow you to stay.

You will harm yourself more than any direct contact might do and you would suffer ten times worse if you were to be caught.’

Through and through, the latter rowing, he had been battered by pain. Disgusted even, as if to lay.

‘Will you at least allow me a time for closure?

I need this.’

‘It shall be granted.’

And he was only as uncanny as he were, unable to stare for long, yet he knew it as well. As soon as the Trunk left, he was simply out of it, and walked away. On the first flat-wall, of which window-sills pushed through, many of the working clock-work rather having cut aloof.

There was another peculiar fellow who came from the other side of the road. His mane was bright, he wore a lion pelt, a great armored sword with many bobbling heads which appeared to be worth ten times’ the chimes the wolf with the strange wheel inside its head wore, named Hleignher.

He came from there, yonder. And he was stronger and would be met by none the wonder, for what he’s done along the way.

For he grew up poor and saggy, yet benign, as his past were, pushed aside, he saved himself but unlike many. From the orphanage dragged uncannily, then walked his own, unstoppable, as one would know the hardships of this world. On his way out, a bunch of thieves about had tried him. But with a slick touch he but burst their knives inside their hands, completely shattering hand bone, fingers and just about everything right up to their shoulders as they ran in fear, nearing their bloody fear of the child. It was not right in some way, fear would not be conveyed in his eyes but pity for the fellow man.

The child learned young but he would not be spared. Of lights in his eyes, many, always knocking forth, alike, as he but stepped aside on plenty, disabled Mongoloid-like bodies planted but planted, put in vein and in broad daylight for all to see what went there. Two came forth, of great disablement. Vile in need, though barely malignant to be seen.

There was something peculiar about him though.

Too strong, and too strange of face.

He was shape like a deformation of vision, an illusion which blended with the sky and everything around it in a cone, as if he would absorb everything while reality was breaking. From that hole there came a sphere, austere of gray, which pulled like in and entered back from within its lair.

For he was but the body of the man, thence ended, absorbed and eaten away.

Her

Poor Dina, of all, a yellow flower, she'd been forgotten and misused, always pleased after a while and always would she refuse. To step in like and realize what went on in her own head. Always trying herself after, to grasp the courage and step yonder only so she might make it so. After a while, she might press herself as if to know.

'Where has my husband gone? Where might I find him now that he's gone?'

There was little to no reason to explain, the fear and the pain that entered her soul would stay and keep her awake at night. Always of a mind that wasn't her, the light stopped blushing.

There lay the broken foundation, where he revolved around. There was but little more left that it should be accounted for and little more than the day they emerged for it, vacuum inside the woods. She but died along, after walking out for more air, the winds but shattered her life after, with a single dart brought, a blow coming from a crook that shone upon her, light of dark. Of each other, lost, that much was what rose from her chest, in the last which, for she poured in, the last embrace.

There rode the riders, and blunt. Of which violent delight she had but woken in the midst of the night, her soul but vanquished, no matter the delight. Lost upon whomever seen, the streets were plain of glass, around a small quarter of a fence, a block. Leaped about it, with a young sister who had grabbed her now; but lo.

'What had happened there?'

'I lost my way and walked upon the rings, I heard the wedding bells and I thought I would be called before they put me in to plain and say, I can't remember how.'

'He lay there, the man you're looking for, my dear. Oh, dear but slow down, you're mourning in fever, you may not see him so.'

As she had but tried but checking for him in a tomb that had him cast in stone; where rested Aleksey, where he had lived to cherish but what little life, be short. Where he had went around and of plain old song he had forgotten. That's what happened to the man. He lay in bed eternally, asking for spare, of a heart that might help him beat and follow through the time. Of what to ask as well as where they went, during the war, when he had made way with but a bottle in his arm. That which had been cast as well, wrapped under and made to wane. He could but touch upon the afterlife and only be met again. By the time she approached, her life was but taken and would it be for the touch, the maiden fallen. Having admired this man but for a finger broken, there she stood erect and plain, where she had died in the middle of the night, when no one was alive between the two of them, woe to him whom had died in the manner.

Decay rail

Whence decay had but set in mind. Where they walked but set alight. There were plenty a place to go around and take a claim. Ah, there is but wild device, thou speaks with us but never moves aside when called. Thou art but plain, but don't remain, there's something in there, but then again.

There was but a strange thing, they drove on a Draisine by the looks of It, shaking off what they could off them, it drew near, like a bunch of rear-shots, every man trying to read the creature's movements as they set themselves off flight. Of days like these they were but teal, in neck, and throat open, though put through dread-tubes which rotated in order to castrate their bullet rations and waste them as they could. Set in the flight of flights, and in demise, they saw from tubes erupting but from the depths of a knife-fighting deep ravines and well-depths that were made, inside the earth the rail made out of them. Follow through by power-structures that lay beneath them, made out of thousands of little dead-men that kept splitting themselves only to be repaired and reformed out of some unnatural cartilage which granted them form. Though their cut limbs, thrown apart and thrown around would always be pushed out the tube. Fornicated about the hour as they only put themselves between bullet and between fright. An entire city would be forced to watch.

Oh dreadful words and barricades as the Draisine had but arrived in a city whose walls were made of the Decayed. And of the people who jointed, amongst them, whom were unaffected as their likens would be set in stone, they were but part of the most uncanny things, they watched. And would they dare be there? If they weren't protected by the strange diseases they already carried? For each leap they were brought closer to them, as to escalate the dread and would walk and made to disappear and appear wherever they walked until they could finally breathe, in part.

It was in some way incontestable, how they managed to float, into the foam-like formations which were worn around the tree-ladders that had brought them to the elliptical citadels in which winter and summer reigned, encased and burned the corpses as disease was but distress.

Each sight but shaking as they could not fathom breathing, yonder, as they had long forgotten the joys of youth, shaken but unable to understand, where was it that they failed and where would they be if not for the one that sailed in the distance and brought their military tank to be. Set, out there, the generals, the lieutenants and the soldiers greeted by one of the diseased. Whom wore but a little spine in the back attached and curved as to hold a single pot from which a flower made of human limbs, and little puddle-wings that had been molds of a girls' tears which were tore. But had a soul, for as wicked and as ugly as this creature was, there was nothing there and to no man that replicated that feeling which was then taken away from it.

One of the man but shot the spine off and watched as the Decayed but merely frowned at that.

'I must apologize.' He said as soon as he could. 'But that thing merely distracted me.'

He shook upon being taken by the holding cell in which every man was placed, invisible as it were, but pushed out of the way, he was but in a mouse-trap in the distance, thrown around in it and left there for the giant decay birds to nib on him from time to time. Although they were giant and were made out of billions of them, they merely opened beaks which allowed for little hands to extend, like cords or little

worms that came, travelling inside and would to become there. Oh, such holy desperation countered every thought.

As the Decayed man only presented himself as Dechalleon the Galleon.

But he would to be called Galleon for what was worth, as he had grabbed some of the men, leading them to a place he felt as if they would call it home. He lived in a small container that was filled with little things he had collected from afar. It was junk, a lot of it, but he had ever loved it so and cherished it as plainly as he could, as far. As he would know, there was a refrigerator and a little stove and a little machine-man that couldn't act and a noise machine and other little trinkets he had taken within his journeys. And a helicopter that trashed. And most of the devices had managed to breathe in and out as they became one, domed upon the many roofs. Many decay came after them and together, in that city, for humanity and what came after, they formed some kind of groove.

And from Galleon's groove they saw each piece and formed the land and a large construct that would draw power from the surrounding area and from every one that was there as well as they could see and wreathe. For each light had but become a piece, a swampy ball, a sphere that pulled into a large domed antennae, then entered a tube being slowly lead to a big decayed formed tumor-like root that planted itself into the great machine in the back, sprouted in part from every wall. From which, the batteries were finally fed, within the second, there having birthed, in the middle of their groove, in the heart of the city, which was still surrounded by the rails upon which they had stumbled upon their way from the Draisine, as they. Had come to understand what happened after, just as well they watched, birthed in the middle upon a watch-rounded defiled ground. Which had been surrounded and worshipped by the beings. Upon which all tubes, cords and devices and vile roots and appliances lead to. Of which colors were such desecrated things as blue or yellow-green and teal and white which combined themselves, to glow.

From which as if the aspect of a large growth appeared, upon them, set upon long thin arms, unlike the likes of humanoids, they were but wrought about and formed the structure. It was no living thing but the jewel of their empire. And it lend its arms and joined the roots, and levitated amongst them, upon the place they shook. And the moon could not be seen any longer, as such had disappeared, no stars within it reach to appear. And there was dread amongst each man after, upon the highest structure atop its heads, where stood yonder but the last cut, as if it had once been alive but someone had wreathed the upper side of its head off. There would live but nothing as to be. Dread and agony filled every whim, as it was tainted. From it but pits and holes, repressions ended. As there sprouted the final piece.

And it was dreadful as it shook the sky, as if it were but a single curtain of cartilage which was but merely shook in motions such as the beckoning finger was but put under a dog's muzzle, as that was what it did. They feared on a whim, what mattered most, what it could've done to them if such it froze and to do as to say. Little people with little arms, thin needle-rack feet and little hanged heads which were made out of swarms of dark ants put together which took the form of cartilage bones that were shaped like praying mantises which wore their eyes like dark-ropes which were made out of thread but wrapped around and moist as to draw all the smaller, more colored ants in there instead. Their heads being black ants while the eyes being but fire ones. And the head-deformation making them mantis' like claws instead the uncanny things they were, feeding on the most unsanitary creations that loomed around and set themselves in the maddest of flights.

It was a webbed net that twitched and expanded upon the blossoming unruly skin-shade which had been placed between the wreathing sting and the uncanny point where air had been bifurcated into the most uncanny, unfathomable to touch, little frog-finger delight-formed pair of pouches that were formed around the sting. While it kept motioning from on top the watch, where it had been encompassed by a tower such as one would use for the safekeeping of a great telescope, with only a difference of fat mass holding it together as it stretched deeper into the air. And although the sky was somewhat completely pulsed out of existed, the clouds which had been drawn by the motions appeared to have been dragged together by the 'come here' motion which this peculiar pucker of skin-torn formation faced making. With every lump that had been dragged on from the distance having been reformed and reshaped into those little boiled globule-wrought little containers of skin-blocks which were conjoined and seen from the distance, forming. Within each, there having occurred another birth. In the middle of the ritual which, from the distance and from the closeness of the already encompassed by the coils great living structure, the having come to a point, where every living root-like formation only dragged the ones birthed so. Only so they made be drawn from above, taken, like little arachnid wrapped presents that would be missed, but given to the Decayed so they might raise them as their own, to seal. The most uncanny pact and seal a dark rip in the past.

And man had joined and stroke a deal, as to appeal to the most unnatural zeal that would be seen. Once the storm had cleared, the plains, dragged back, the structure still there and working its way up. They would but have to be lain, with millions along the way, they'd have to feed and make wonders. For, as opposed to every men, they were tall and mighty and uncanny and strong and feisty things that ever broke sooner than they should be allowed. Most were different and wore their arms in the back. Yet they kept so much fat to them that they were seen as little giants or some lumps themselves but ripped away. With the tubes having stopped in the distance only to regain momentum yet again; set around the railing and around the town, where they threw their never ending ripped-through gory limbs so they might feed as many children as there lay around.

Galleon had been the proudest for he had four grand lads. They were tall and mighty and were but made of tails which drove to skulls. Many to each and strength as if to carry on top their skulls, and to bring no peace and no elation, on a whim, they ate what they could. As the men joined them, as the Decayed as well, until they had but taken everything they needed and formed a home out of this place; life was just as it would seem. And glory would be put within, until one man got a gun, he was but the evil one, the soldier whom had but shot his spine and pot about. Once he looked out of his way, it was only then that he had realized what happened, fright, along and never wrong. Birds were set to leave, they feared; as he would appear out of the most uncanny placed, refusing to disappear.

'Lay your weapon down soldier, or I shall rip off your wallet off your finely tanned well done stake and put it on top your little grown-flutter, then thrown you into a ditch.'

'That or I can simply kill you right here and there, and I shall claim your heart and I shall eat you and I shall become the man that you've always thought yourself to be; since I can see that there's something wrong with your face and I will take away whatever claim you call of me this way.'

I will kill you!'

'You won't.'

‘But I will and you cannot stop me from doing it.’

‘I’m telling you that you won’t.’

‘And why is that?’

‘I’ve already taken your bullets out, cadet, you are demoted!’

He yelled at the young man, who tried, desperately, as he could, to shoot him about the forehead, at the laughter of all. Mostly the decayed who looked as if they were of pieces themselves and many of those whom were around didn’t have their legs and appeared to wear some strange dark grayish skin that looked deformed on top of them, with little pints that wore eyes as well, but stopped the growth of the creatures around them. Who they themselves were yellowish-green-magenta, with little pucks of pink eyes and long mouths made out of little organic trumpet-heads which opened to large spear-like tongues which bore holes everywhere around and from which came little flaccid tongue-lets coated with weird reflective textures that were shaped like their own bodies.

It was there that they refused to watch and looked upon each other, in such a piety as to bring themselves deep down to look. Open-cases of bloated acid-filled cockpits which were hid in tiny rooms that lay underneath each plate upon which they rested, waiting for each of them to fall. They walked around each other, trying to get their fingers inside their finger’s locked, cocked plaster finger-death masks, in which they but lay and protected one another all of the sudden as if to stay their heads as the colors of blue and a pasty color that looked like eight different flashing ones were being lend upon them, as they had realized that it was the structure in the middle of the city which had already pulled up its hands as it began waving them around as if contorting some mad-strange ritual of invocation, of which dark densities were put through, in which lay the moth-heads-shapes of large gelatin-wreathed out eating ballista antlers that wreathed them out. They but pushed little tormenting loops of colors which confused everyone before their time would come.

A dark pair of mouths had emerged, and ate what they could from everywhere around their reach unnerved by anything more than they should. Part of them were even more disfigured than what they appeared and what one would to stare at, even plainer, even longer, they desired to be there, even if it drew on for longer than it should.

Some more daringly, standing in bottles mending their losses, which were to be called, never-ending. It approached from the north and with a bobbling head they could not fathom staying there for longer, they had to move, constantly being on the run, tired than the likes would allow them to withdraw from what they were doing, only to be momentarily pushed about the place. A little scum-breathing past the heads.

‘Ah yes, not to underestimate you now, I shall take but a finger and a block of your skull until you will have become I.’

‘Why must I be tortured here and now when I cannot even for the likes of me understand where I am and why and what have I done and whom should I make to beat.’

‘Do as I say and perhaps I shall be pleased to spare you until you will have become, brought before my eyes as if to know. And I will take whatever I can from you then.’

He took but a single break from speaking, unable to understand the circumstances in which dead people thought, since they were dead could they not break the means of speech that had been taken away at their arrival.

And the soldiers who stood like tiny footmen in their greaves and in their uncanny things, of everyone, could they not but understand that this was the worst possible way they could end up in? Since there was no country to serve and no other man to look upon as they would but swear upon every need the others begged for. Could they not but break a single vow, a single line of their put-to-heart book and ask themselves naught, have we gone through enough now and how much will we have to go through until we will be at peace? But they could not dare ask any captain or anticipate any of their actions for what went through their heads was likely to be called. But it was no stranger air than it had been pitiful and misunderstood and there was little more than the peculiar rivers in the distance which were but affected at every hour. And changed in the most mischievous sights.

Frightened by what appeared to be, a single man appeared to be in the distance, working his way through a small compact box filled with fire crackers on one side as well as a bunch of flares on the others. He was but making through the run with them. Fowl things but after him, on a whim they followed with the most peculiar strong machines that worked his finger.

He was so tired for some reason, something was missing out of him. It was talking. It was tackling him against every wall he passed near but he was outside, there were only a few relics of the old towns, the ones that had been destroyed. He missed blood, putting him in his veins was hard enough already.

His fingers were picked on by little dark insects with many hairs and small bird-wings.

‘Hey, hey, look, we’re droning around your fingers.’

‘Stop it, I’ll drop the box and it will explode.’

‘Yes, it will and it will blow off your head. And we’ll kill you after.’

‘After I’m dead.’

‘Twice, thrice as many, dead, dead dead.’

They sang and danced around and would look at clouds of brow-green. It was the devil in the sheets which played a flute, and peculiar bushes in which hid within strange beings which spoke to him as well.

‘We’ll get you, we’ll get you, don’t come here either, don’t come in hiding.’

Shot after him, they immediately shot after him, not giving him a chance to get away. There was no power, only a sound in his head, or was it ear? Was it the year of the yarn?

Could it be so, has it come?

Entered a match-box in which he’d beaten, seen a boiler-shaped egg-kettle in which he but beat a few times, he could see larger one there. Were they in a swamp? Or was it the pool which spread as it had decayed all? What was with this house and why were they still shooting?

Ahead, they were coming, soon to approach. And all of the sudden, from it, inside they froze, and would come to be. Near him, near him.

‘Please let me come in, I’m tired and I’m afraid. If I fall now they’ll get me before I’m soon to be put to bed.’

He’s done his choice and would have his little feet frozen where he shook them off, never understanding the plainness of the act.

‘Ah, I think I should be fine for a few hours.’

Invited in the house by a peculiar man wearing a pot with a flower on top of him, split in halves and grown inwardly, the insects hiding; speaking of how determined they were to get him killed.

And it was a rustic inside. All plain, a tool and a shed, a carpet with many squares and most importantly a hidden window to look outside; some were staking the house from the distance but no one dared approach it from the side. It was dinner, to be fed. The stove was alarmingly hotter by the minutes and a ring could be heard as well. Someone called the bell, they were still in, although this could be even more dangerous than it should, he felt it lost and would see it, an eye for an eye was to die for during such a time and he had killed one of their leaders, fading.

It was wrought

How could there be a chance to hide it now? Could they not think that one would hear of such incompetence, as a lord of some abandoned castle laying it there to lay? With each servant allowing for his children there, of which pure blood but beckoned them during night, during the advent and fall of night when no one were to make them see, whichever hidden agony, whichever plain of sight, unruly, and where they were.

‘There, I claim this castle, truly.

By this claim of the land, by this deed on which the name of my ancestor is written, I find it.’

Gone, the master wasn’t there, the servants were ware, all but long decayed and staying, stare. All tormenting him until the end of his days, the castle moved, at night it shook, but always but a chamber changing. Always but forever tormenting; that was what had made one decide, of which true character was the torment which was decide.

Someone hid inside a coffin

A man was alive for twenty hours, at the very least in there.

‘We buried him alive, do you not get it?’

‘What have we done?’

They pulled away and called of sounds, they were but followed, cast away.

‘We’re on the island of death where little men are but pinned.’

‘Nay.’

Ghoulish figure witness of his maker

He was but stranded for a moment, deceived by nothing plainer. In a catacomb-like dungeon, where all but servile, a library was where he stood, and there he spent the vile, days in the continuum hold, he grabbed himself and would not be told.

They filled him with the travesties which were but visions, not real ones but whispers from beneath the book forts they had crafted, underneath the cobwebs, everything but put in place, the servant with no face unlikely, there were several skeletons inside his bade. And there he stood in bath of salts, when the time was come but steam would bring his skin about the surface. Where it mattered most, the servants were gone in rove, incapable of watching it peel and melt within the hour as they nested within him.

‘And that is how we’re made to like.’

‘What must I be on about?’

‘Do you claim to see me then, oh dire? Are you implying you would admire such a thing as there’s my form?’

‘You’re but a crop, taken from the plow of the land.’

‘SO there’s hope.’

‘Not any longer.’

And he was claimed soon after, made to rest.

Dreadful paradise

Of puckers and of peculiar disguises, in which they hid and formed the land; once they're done but a moment out, not to be seen as the giants' skeletons that were put in were made of bile. Nasty hold they lain for themselves, the laymen but were cowards in disguise, not to be trusted by any means, not to be at peace when it didn't matter, when it came for the reprise of the dark. There would be no hope at all for any man to make it alive. That's when eternal death but had occurred, and there was some to lay, wherever the obscure.

There's not a single passing day where I have not considered killing a woman. I cannot help myself. I want to experience what's it like being a man like Ted Bundy. I want to slit a bitch's throat. I want it to be sloppy, I don't want it to be clean. A random target from within my neighborhood, no further than that; eventually I will do it, I know I will because I am a timed bomb. I need to kill a woman, I need it for myself. Whoever might judge me, know this. You cannot stop me, I'm already gone. I must be a torture device, women must be peasants, that's the only way I can describe this feeling. A boyar with too much time on my hands, I must fantasize about their entrails.

How could I be satisfied if I were not to see a woman ripped wide open from the inside to outside?

Will I be pleased to take a break, and split her open without nails?

'I never knew what it was until then.'

The moment he saw it; it was a take with every split end an opening of peculiar skin-substance of dark purple. It shot little peculiar hardening, it shot through his head, imparting, knowledge, power, knives.

He died of entrails growing out of his head until they had become a see-through insect back who carried all of her young before they emerged out of the hatching-area. There was no dignity to be had there and one could see despair in their eyes while being unaware of what was going on around him. That's what he felt like.

There were grand lord made of the lands themselves, yet they floated with the land mass itself to which they were attached to. As if they were flying upon carpets and they were cripples with only their upper-chest cavities in which their skeleton bloody heads were shoved in as they grew inside off, as the back of the patchy back there being fleshy tadpole-like tails forming large maze-like air cloud-scratchers, they resigned. To evil fate they spoke of Yore, and would to be kind, unblessed and worthless. They lived inside the giant skeleton bodies but sometimes they planted themselves on top the malignant laboratories which were spread around the place.

A great stone-wood plain dark wall, filled with dark surroundings brought them to a stop. Inside every fleet, there was a man who didn't know how to count. Most were petty, others were illiterate and incapable of doing anything by themselves.

'I often considered whether or not I would go through with it. Slitting a woman's throat; or a young girl's throat, I seriously do. And I don't feel guilty about having these thoughts whatsoever.'

'I am a fair man.'

I would not take a female life for no reason whatsoever. I would strip her naked and put her on another, split open-lady that's a stump. She would be open around her body, then whipped around. I would definitely start slicing their tits off, with as sharp a blade as possible. I would start shoving iron picks through their nips, and drink them, over and over. It would grab her by the neck, throw her around in dirt.

I would do some things one could not even dream of, I would split her open, put her girth inside an acid puddle, then make her lose some of the weight off, fat pig. Nasty cunt, split it open with a shot. Seen from below as to singe her clit; take a few shots, then bleed her in.

Bam, bam I'm the awful man. I'm going to kill you now, bitch, you're dead.'

'Don't kill me, you vile thing. I can't defend myself.'

'I know, that's why I'm doing it.

You're weak, like a child. I'm kill you, just like I killed my mom.'

'You are insane.'

'Indeed I am, and I cannot be stopped. I am the evil of this world.

And you are brought to pain and suffer. Your daughters as well, I'm going to kill them.'

'Why are you so vile? What made you so vile?'

But he didn't stop himself, drew in closer to her, then he started pounding her pussy, bloodying It with shots. He shot her multiple times, until her head started becoming a stretch, a floor. He walked on her teeth, her bore-through open mouth. He stomped her large forehead, women hate that. It's why they never want men to see them from the side-view. It revels in their ugliness, of soul.

'I don't think women have souls.

I don't think that at all. I think I'm going to do things to you now that will make you unrecognizable to everyone who knows you. Or won't.'

He wanted this, she wanted this. He could tell.

Her body became a middle-stairway, with his feet submerged in every step as he passed along her. She was done, he could go.

There were many gardens, and a of the plants were made out of her ribs, her hairs but split as she bloomed into a great peculiar box-like thing with an openly-extending mouth protrusion, which made her look like a pseudo-deformed horse which puked on the ground constantly before it rose.

'I am a list.'

'Who are you and why are you here?'

'I am the knight and she is my green horse.'

A plant-bodied horse with her square-head and elongated face emerged. Another one followed.

‘Come on, we shall drive father away.’

The skies were blue and clean. The hot-coal sun was but standing at the feet of the giant squatting skeleton placed on the dark hill. His giant arm pointed towards the rim of shine-through land. All was beautiful as it to see. The soul and agony of a woman was sacrifice for the birth of beauty.

‘You must understand, my friend, you must remember that beauty is given birth at a great cost. That is, one must sacrifice others in order to create. In order to achieve beauty, one must commit unspeakable acts. That way and only that way, could you reach the true paradise!’ He said.

And with that, everything made sense.

All was green and nice. He was happy for a great period of time, where there was peace in the kingdom, as there would be no war, no agony, no destruction, but a lot of dead women. Heaps of them, countless bodies that could not be accounted for; tortured in the most unfathomable manners; for what was worth it. This was a land made by work, which consumed the creators whom had given in their lives to make it. They, whom had been absorbed realized what grand sacrificed had to be made in order for this righteous place to be risen up. Men had often made do with the women by whatever means they wanted and that’s what made them men, for they created. Regardless of their acts of evil, that stood upon the foundation, it couldn’t be denied that the results were almost godly in comparison to everything man has ever come to create.

The sky was yellow, but a beautiful flat color, without clouds and without a sun. Even the giant skeleton was whiter and flatter than before.

‘What happened?’

Grand Manton asked.

‘A woman had just been killed, that’s what happened.’

‘Why is everything duller all of the sudden?’

‘It’s because the land is growing tired of having tasted the same dish over the last few centuries. It needs something else. Something to spice up its existence, before it turns back on itself and eats away.’

There are no rats

‘Why yes, I am made out of lead.’

‘I was led here by chance.’

‘Therefore, I think you’re bound to be a magnet.’

‘But sir, you are iron.’

‘And I’m box.’

The world was full of cats, which had no heads.

It was a fine world. There was no war, there was no pain, there was no way to see what they built. Of what shapes the statues were wrought to look like by any means.

Most of them were just as quickly put down.

Peculiar shapes began appearing out of nowhere, darkly wrought and shaped, put around each clip, around each bullet hole that had been shot from every side of air. Large window-like cracks appeared out of nowhere, just as soon making an appearance after they were sickened by the side. Large concavely cast, with many peculiar large tent-wreathed in antennae that was pushed in and out.

They lived on strange inclined floors like dropped-from-your-hand dishes. They were separated by a block of black. The walls were floating a few meters away from where they stood, and not a single edge connected, everything looked as it was torn apart.

They spoke from the walls, mouths open, figures carved. They spoke slowly, as he was dumb.

‘Experiment on him, little Mangler, maim him around the crest.’

Brought from behind by a few hooked men, wearing robes unseen, and where they’ve been, there was nothing putting them on whim. In front of them stood a table; which had dragged itself from the fall-pit, the blotch of dark which was surroundings. Many other half-wits hit inside the darkness, in that bleak deformation, that degradation of skin.

It was just as soon that they would live there, in a paradise of deformation. Little castrated mongrels put in boxes and little jars, all of which were being mixed underneath the table by a block-rotten rotator device. It had an act of drawing life from it, placing it in green surroundings, like little pools where they were mixed in, little pools of acid caustic.

They were eating worms, gluten after sack.

And he was ordered again before long.

‘I demand something out of you.’

So obnoxious, trying to put one inside of them; desolation of the brows, little peels of skin that pop and pop around, it was what they were attached to.

One day, the cats put their throats to the ground, extending their blood, which dripped along and flooded the world.

Men rose from their malformed starvation-guts, eroded by humanity, they walked along and answered to the strange wall figures, abstractedly painted and worn-out, they did as they commanded, never asking

any more than was needed. It felt as if it happened in a moment, in a flash of an eye they were but asked to surrender their guts and the feline-race had but complied.

Weird colors for the wall, all were spread with red, green, yellows, and other textured bristles-like brush-stroke upon deformed humanoid outlines. No facial features, only the contortions, no limbs but some peculiar directions, all of which lead to the same point.

Peeling off the skin, the breather, make sure you surround yourself with them, they spoke as soon as he realized they would be heaving.

Against a black wall, as if there was such a thing, he glided on then rested against the stopper. It was a peculiar thing, nasty-looking, metal-brim a chest without arms, a helmet like a mushroom cloud, guts exposed and twisting like chains upon a cylinder, three legs conjoined, incapable of moving from the suit he was in, but bore. Little specks of clouds, steam came from inside, as the figure tried breathing.

‘You may greet him upon arrival.’

‘Indeed I may.’

Therefore Mangle simply stepped, with peculiar straps upon which crept little clouds of heads, always stretching their mouths instead of properly speaking.

It went just as one could expect it to.

Another place

Yob-kern was destined to rise from the ground where it stood now, little specks of eye-shot spears came out of its ground. It grabbed them soon after, chattering along the stretch and the mildly mad chattering embrace.

Day-rowing eighteen; written on a stoned that stretched upon chains around the fallen yarn-pool of thorns.

One of the first came through, he but splattered through as he fell through first of the dark ringed fingered-winged circles, dropped through, bottom-barrel broken pure.

‘I finally return home.’

He said. Greeted soon enough by an unfathomable speck of many eyeless wind-traps, all of which looked like they were constantly disappearing in the sky without any reason whatsoever other than them being brought back into view.

One of the plain men came out of nowhere, as if he had a thorn apart-exposed mouth in the back through it walked, that’s how they all walked, that’s how they all traversed space. They had giant mouth cylindrical devices that had wires attached to them that reeled them up and down, as if they were on a

stage in a theater performing an act, flying up and down, where the device lead to a great wheel in the sky, of torture, a device that, if abused for too long as to never stop flying, it would drag the man into only to impale, break him apart, and abandon the gory-like remains into the gargoyles like statues that were protruding and put about the place, which would beg for a reason to be allowed to cut and devour.

A reminder that no one was safe; no one could see an end from the city. It looked too wild. Why? Why did they have to look that way? Wrapped like sheets of skin-parchment with wrapped around limbs, always walking, hovering, on top of invisible a few meters above the floor-floors, they had no control over one another's bodies yet they walked and wailed. Their deep remains before forced to come out when they couldn't help themselves any longer but begged to remind themselves what was going on.

'The winged circles but come and go, you should forget what you saw on the other side.'

'I've seen this place but tined, as I was in the after reached of the see-through toe of zeal. I've seen through it and my limbs were eels, otherwise I could not have controlled the sight.'

'You feel the fright, now are you not to feel it again?'

'I'm trying, but the world is being worn out.'

'Where are you, son?'

'Near the cage, I think. It hasn't died yet, it's rotten, we're on the back of a flying giant whose lower ribs had become the cage. His innards are the ones that convulse around and rip the very figments of space.'

Dark dream, the nightmare but spoke.

How could one chew the ground and what would he do to stomp and shout when time of all remains to see, when, it comes for it to follow through, and be there for more than few seconds, in the land.

'The ground Gourd, I pray to thee, I wish I could see more.'

Peculiar, it's been a while

Inside the sunken shuttle, there was but this put through, and put aside. A lost compartment that was as stretched as eighteen hundred miles from the main walker, where it stood and where they put the dead on the track, on the meat-hooks, until they were brought to the abattoir.

A single suited creature, with its body of a pool; it was by no means easy preserving humanity, nor should it matter when and whom did it, by any possible means.

It swam in their guts after what they've done to arouse it from the slumber it had been forced to lay upon. From the dark corner from whence it fell, what had happened to it, not that it should matter by any means, nor would anyone understand was but the string of mushy felt and much destruction, of its hardened shell and little filth of satisfaction.

In the land of the Decay they worshipped

And would but turn and wreathe about the hour, as many others followed. A great construction born out of the intersected bodies of the elders stood, always pushing out of itself.

But lo, their bodies were mightily forgotten, and one could not prevent them from ever spreading from where they've been gotten and pushed around. They were unnaturally sick-looking, the ones that came around. First came Fleet Admiral Cottonreed, who had been present during each and every last one of Earth's major disasters, having been through so many of them now meant for what was worth that he could not forget what made his heart as cold. He was upset for some reason, during the scene of disaster he remembered as much.

'I'd like to know what's been happening here.'

'I'd like to know that as well.'

Followed through the second cradle-head; second in command Watts; he was the man with the iron fuselage to his false wing, it shone out of his chest, popping through as if he had been lost for words before he came to show his rotten strands across the rest.

'There's been a change in pace, I see, I see.'

He pointed at me, the man standing distantly in the open field. Nerve endings made dark trees, but other than that barren. The mountainous regions in the distance just as barren as everything else, little finger-like regions being carved in, but lost to the loathsome dark figments that put out. A red sky and nasty wounded throats but followed.

From there

They had been stalking me for a while and I did not know how to approach them since they were crude, ugly, little and petty. They were darklings' as to say, they were but patchy and very much likely they didn't know how to behave.

'I will hang him if he keeps starting it.'

'Starting what now?'

'He's a bad fellow, looking for trouble, I know he is.'

'What happened?'

Little more than it could be brought, and least of all deformed at all, there's been a fight at the bar. They were incapable of making it out, hence there came the fiend, split but put together, both Pox and The Snake were become but Ponske the bootlegger, with eight legs and eight mouths adorned at his chest. He took away the woman's jaw, the Satyr at that and the rest of them whom were present at the bar, the fiend. He had done it, within the second where the cursed thing emerged, impaling them through the worst, he carried on his back. His many arms but pushed out.

Twice as many segments, Ponske's arms were but ended in their chests, the torsos were remained with the assassins whom had been present, the man and the woman, the two on the left side of the bar, now they adorned the end of his arms with their beautifully set bodies that were holding but the fall, the well-crafted falling end of the mine he carried around. He was set alone and walked outside but crawling. Holding his cell like Atlas would, but never calling on what came right after.

'Feed me.'

He spoke to himself, since there was no one else to hear him shout. In the heart of the moment, one of the torsos at the end of the arms was but forced to jiggle his arm. He scratched at the ceiling until he made a little hole. From above him fell but a strange liquor and there would be little more to drink from there.

'I was unaware that you made it through as well.'

Ponske noticed the peculiarly concave deformed. He was but Lord-Igg.

And he was just as known as pitiful as he were, one could see the many heads but melted like turning wax on his back as well, dressed like a ditch digger he was, and would but wriggle around if that was the time, and that's what he was asked for, if need but demanded of him then and then at all.

'I seed the bringer of destruction in my chest, he's swollen in like patchwork dens. I need you to bury your arms inside of me, you need to pull it out and walk with me.'

'Where to now then, if that's the case?

Where might I bring him and who is he to give me orders?'

'He's but an insufferable thing, I wager, he's been but laying inside of me, this little strange of whose horn is malign.'

'But wait, I want to see, oh sweet affront to humanity, I need to see what's inside of thee sockets. I see no life in them, but bloated chimes. You've been defiled on your way out.'

'The chasm ended, and there comes of dark retrievers.'

They were not there but split in pieces and were but flying in the air, all but on broken lands and everything beyond and in between but churled and chaffed and made to be. In the most peculiar pendulum-like twists in the airs, where all could see that they were bled dry. Remembering the past, every piece was but alive, made as if to suffer themselves being cut and eaten about the hour, would've been so if they were allowed to die, for just about a second more, until the shower of disease followed after.

'But how could like him be made to walk?'

‘Allow me to stuff him out.’

One peculiar wheel of steel and giant as a mill but came through a large swamp of wooden sticks and nastily rearranged brambles that followed after; they were but become destruction as they splashed through the two of them, or at the very least they had completely splashed and mustered everything. And who looked at them? Everyone and who was there?’

‘Nothing.’

And who did call? No one.

But what did they look like?’

‘Everyone.’

‘Whom did their features belong to?’

‘Everyone.’

‘Were they evil and vile, were they defiled by the overlap?’

‘No one.’

‘Was there but a survivor?’

‘Everyone?’

‘And beyond that? Whose matter was but made the universe?’

‘Everyones.’

‘What’s the map put in?’

‘Everything.’

‘What’s beyond everything?’

‘Nothing.’

‘I do not want to speak anymore.’

Regarding past aggression?

‘Let us begin again.’

‘Where did they die?’

Asked one of the malignant voices.

‘Right there.’

‘And where is there?’

‘Inside the world.’

‘And where is the world?’

‘Everywhere.’

‘And where is everyone again?’

‘Inside the universe.’

‘Where is the universe?’

‘Everywhere.’

‘Where is everywhere?’

‘Anywhere.’

Thus they settled with opening him up.

It was clear that the child survived. Having been placed in a stove like chamber meant that he would have become nigh indestructible, that meant that there was no way to destroy him.

And what was the child?’

‘A little fragment of the world, he was a giant with a gait, an infantile this one that now stands agape. You want to know why that is?’

‘Tell me.’

‘Because he was spared.’

‘By whom?’

‘A king, without a doubt, his majesty but chose to spare the little thing and make sure it will always be alive. It is the will of the chasm that something might seep through it eventually.’

‘What makes you say that?’

‘Death had followed us all, we don’t exist in here, that’s why we must kill the two of them before they speak to anyone.’

‘And what if they speak to everyone?’

‘That would be much, much, much worse, I wager. We would be killed and slaughtered and beaten and whipped, like niggers, like monkeys, like little-little abuse victims slain, and beaten and have people made their way with us, in the worst possible manner there is.’

‘Such vileness of you which you speak, what might I call you now’

‘You may call me Oswald Wreckage, I am but made, now I am. And I will keep this track in which I am.’

‘What conclusion have you come upon, Oswald?’

‘That for a short period of time, my dear friend is that my mind is to be made corrected, for the time being.’

‘What does that mean?’

‘It means that for now, as long as we Red, read, we need to find that person, Red. Read through the markings and finish them, our mind will sit still.

We need to remember that, all right?’

‘And what if we lose track and begin again, so many of them, all at once?’

‘We lose track and we die, or worse.’

‘Now I have full control again, I feel it, yet again. See this little bramble-child, look how much control I’ve gotten all of the sudden. I feel as if I’m made, as if I’m put in charge. I can grab him.’

As he did, and suddenly ate out of his head, and started chewing slowly after, spiting cradles of blood-disaster.’

‘It is rather mournful, isn’t it? Think of it this way, don’t forget for a moment that this won’t have sudden effects on us, my dear.

If we start again, our mind will be had, worse than dead.

That means that our mind, the two of us, our minds are rather broken, you lazily churning donkey-mule paddle, I see no normal water, bloody-muck, there’s much to do.’

‘I am but you.’

‘Indeed you are and for now we are Oswald Wreckage.’

And he was born in a dark armor, his face was pale and he was stricken by an amorphous anemia he could not get out of, gotten rid of. I am but the man of filth, he thought.

But it was not it.

There were darker days that followed through.

‘I see, you want to kill me, child.’

‘Who’s the one who spoke?’

‘The dark creatures from the wild.’

And all of mankind, which wasn’t there pointed at the floating forests, of many briarwoods and little swirls and curls of wood that were taken from the ground. It was no match for no evil crow made out scepters, connected by a most barbarous broken yet barely put together horn, in which a godly-like remain but floated out of its dark show.

‘So much control could be lost.’

There were gabbling thing about the place.

Flies and kings

‘Malignant man of disease, have you not realized what you’ve done?’

You’ve got no legacy to carry on with after your death. Nothing will survive, they will stop at nothing to burry you alive.

Enjoy it while it lasts, carry this diseased sack on your back for as long as you can, the make your peace and be forgotten. But make sure that if anything, your hatred survived.

Make sure you filthy hatred gets carried on, vile-man.’

And they called upon the vile-people, who followed him, writhed and torn in disease, filthy beast, rotten in side, filled to the grit, never meant to survive, ready to be put down at every turn.

Another one of the vile-men called upon him.

‘You could not help yourself, could you?’

‘How could I? Why would I?’

It’s in my blood, this filth is in my blood, of course it would wreathe its ugly head in and rear itself over when left unchecked. For this it not only a disease of the mind, but something that afflicts my body so; I cannot help it, that is so.’

The giant flies followed, the giant flies followed. Nose bleeding dark-gray, one of them could not obey. It fell and wondered of this work. Malignantly foretold, it was to be completely swallowed by the hatred and disease. A fall as such was hard for him.

As Olive thought of naught no more, he had been swallowed, his mind begged for it, ashore, there in the distance, wonder.

‘One could not shy away from such matters. It was inevitable, once we discovered it. Such joy, such joy, it cannot compete for the likes of it with anything, nothing could compete with it.

Can you not feel it now? Coursing through our veins?’

The flies agreed and only took turns to rip out their mouths away, out of which the Vile-people did not protest.

‘Vile, lazy, petty thing, who put you in charge?’

Our world is vile, it was defiled, your presence is like argile on the ground. You've sickened us all, you've put us to the glory of filth and promised us a future.'

'Gone on a whim, because so I willed it.'

'It is obvious that this disease shall never die. It shall forever engrain itself into my every action and act of vileness, through every spreading and touch.

I shall lay claim upon their minds, and they shall love and loathe me no matter what.

My dear servants, you are mind, in filth and in mind.'

He could not fathom no darker future than that his own.

Man shall receive hatred and threats from the empire of flies. But he shall learn and swallow them nonetheless and give in to their lies.

'Dumb bot-fly, stop that.'

Somewhere on the black-static encrusted fly-wing textured street, on one of the black pores that were formed like tiny protruding skin bumps on it, one of the bot-flies tried burying itself down there.

'Why don't you listen?'

Asked the giant Fly-Fly who was completely black, like a cast of a fly, but wingless and bore only two legs and two arms, which would resemble the symbiosis of a human arm, centipede and a harvesting tool, seen from above, a trench depression would push through, deep enough and curved outwardly so it would seem like something erupted from insides its arms.

Though the fingers were normal either since they bore the small fragmented claw-like formation of some long imperiled crustacean-god, which was followed by the transparency of a single flying wing that had become his transparent after-image; as the attempt continued, it wanting to shove a hole inside its back and enter its master.

Another after-image appeared in the same way God would appear as a vision to its servant, seen only by the Fly-Fly from the sky. It spoke two evil languages and not even half of its body could be seen. It wore a malignant-skin suit that looked like a trench-coat made to look as if it was completely made out of the mouths of the Vile-men. Whom had rotten and crowned its shoulders and moved one of the eight moons that were rotating at a strange pace and a weird distance from one another.

But that was contradictory to what everyone was seeing, since they seemed to be of the opinion that the moons were standing in one place, frozen solidly, making it impossible for both of them to be right about what they were seeing.

And in a moment it almost appeared on their plane, the ground and the buildings in the same way a mad apparition would, but just in the same time one would move in real-time, the after-image would completely be represented that way, everywhere around, on every object that was set in flight and bore small angular tube-like bolts that had no means of ever being pulled out once they were inserted into something. The amount of friction generated by the reaction and rotation started creating tiny pockets of

skin-heat that were seen from the distance as some two dimensional rubies from which filth started pushing out and spreading.

While the after-image started fantasizing about abusing ducklings while filling their ponds with tiny bread-encrusted knives, from which the molding poison would make it so their skin would slightly dissolve only so the knives would become more air-like or like some kind of virus that pushed the metal atoms through the duckling's veins, while the main remaining almost rust-filled knife made its way towards the animals' lungs, the Giant God-like vision After Image of Fly-Fly attempted manipulating the tiny floating rubies that appeared everywhere around, madly trying to stop them from trying to verge into a stranded tiny platform from where they might throw bolts, long ones, made out of the friction tubes at the unsuspecting black fled.

As peculiar as it seemed, God was actually around them. And he was a deformed fly of normal size, or at least normal size of the common fly found in the normal world.

From the distance one could see the sea of blood that completely encompassed and surrounded their world, although it was much higher than the tides allowed one to see and from where one stood, he could see they only floated in the air, like some tampered with head.

Many orange beheaded Vile Mens' heads fell from the flying pools. Which were group in eighteen clusters that held smaller pools in them, made out of weird oblongs or circles, that looked flat. And left shadows beneath them. But this made no sense since, upon approaching it looked as if there was no sea whatsoever and there was nothing beneath the earth, nothing, or above it. For one brave Fly dug a hole and fell through the world, unable to fly.

'I think someone needs to catch the Orange heads before they disappear.'

'We cannot save so many of them.'

Spoke Fly-Fly's companion, a wheel. A burning wheel with a spike on it, but it wasn't a normal spike. It had a head impaled in it. But the head wasn't the one talking, it was the wheel doing it.

One could never be too sure about these kinds of things.

'How many stars are there?'

He looked above. Without the After-image intermingling with the stars, they were gone. Fly-Fly being left in an awkward position, as he only turned.

'What's that thing?'

Remnant of an old world, there was a floating noose, levitating in the air. It was made out of flies.

'We should make it past the street. I see a vehicle coming our way.'

'Yes.'

They walked away. There was a two-headed, eight quad-shaped, long machine with eight billion molecule-thin wheels which appeared to pop into tiny specks of explosion every second it pushed on. And

below it, blood rang in their eyes, as the giant-sheet humans that were being spread and printed through died soon after, being constantly subjected to suffocation, being caused by the smoke created by the explosions.

‘We have to talk about something.’

‘I’ll order the drinks then.’

Both entered the pub. There was no one around.

‘Is this table taken?’

‘Yes, I think it is.’

‘We should take another one then.’

Most of them appeared to be occupied.

He saw no reason why it could not be explain, not to kill the paint off the walls, or try to order drinks of poison from the tall blob-like deformation that came after.

It wore its cyst around for eyes. But it never reached its son in time.

And if spoke of it and dragged again and again.

‘We’ll take that one at five and wait for my chamberlain to come on.’

First and second floors were occupied. The Concubine came there to serve them with a false menu.

‘Trying to hold up everything together.’

Some walruses-formed fly heads, on top of robust humanoid bodies wrapped around in giant fly-sheet clothes made out of tied together gut-ropes drew out of the room right next to the drive-symbol that kept pumping the tiny pests in their eyes. One of the Fly-servants came through. He wore a helmet of stone-filth, dark grayed out.

‘You’ve ruined it, you fool.’

A voice suddenly came from the distance.’

It was almost warmly felt.

Four faces all stopped, frozen almost as if in time, like an insatiable block of wax that melted through their thing wiry fingers. Torn apart while ruminating by the fire.

They droned out in a rove, all the flies being driven out of their home as their outsides melted. And those who walked back to Olive seemed obtuse, almost in the same way a man without skin would walk towards him.

Thought chest was torn, though most of them broke down as they approached, they fed, with deep-stricken flaws. ‘Couldn’t spare them, could you, of the noise?’

Your clacks keep popping every fiber of your mouth, you wreathe in pain and shout about the place, your gums decay, don't they?

I see the yellow thing in them but they already encompassed your mouth.

Truly told, you are one to be looked down upon, be gone from evil sight and don't look back. I wish I could devour your mind but I cannot search for what's inside of you.'

He rose and approached. His head was eighteen times that of his compounded fractioned eyes, bloated as they were, protruding out of his neck pestilence that the disease he carried forth, he wondered. Yonder did he walk, unable to miss his stunt and cathor.

'I want to eat, I want to eat, where's the mouth? I need it.

My children, they rose, please, I need to bacterium-frozen inside. Please, allow me to obey my children and fill them with the pus and scum of my insides once I will have eaten them.

The Vile-men, that's what they did to me. I suffer because of them. I cannot feel, I am betrayed, I am filthy, my body is made out of grains meat out of larvae-shrubs. Please allow me to feed them before they turn on me.'

Just like the dead dog. He was supreme, he was their master, he was somewhere out there, part of the pantheon like a mad-filthy expression of drool. The pool in which they fell was dreadful, as one could tell, there was no need for scum, about eighteen hours later, he died, abandoned in a tar-like bed where he was eaten by the round. They danced around him, unable to feel and differentiate between disease, it was long-due, it was long-due.

It was appraised, he could not fathom straying his hand, and focusing for too long, it was all too pitiful, the dreading and the ever-pleasant distrust that followed the gore-through.

'Past this line, no man might become a balloon.

The flies need to dictate the errands before you might be allowed to feed your children. Make sure that their needs are fulfilled first.'

Towel of black, brought on by a woman dressed in red. She was a Vile-woman who used to beat her men. Though child-abuse was evenly split and allowed as well as forced upon everyone else. Leeway to one of the cancer-blocks.

'They need to eat.'

And they rushed towards the Vile-woman and ripped out her bottom jaw, sharing between one another as they ate and ate until nothing was left of her, now. They ate some more, not to be a bore, they wanted to cut a piece for their children, more Fly-mothers came forth and started tearing her face and lower body apart in order to share and share some more.

'Vanity shall be inexcusable from this point on then.

One must break all the mirrors in the room in order to make place for everything else to come in. And in with good air, out with.'

The phone rang, but at the same time a door opened.

Twenty blister-filled yellow-dogs came in, neither feature visible out of their shape. They started barking and as they had, many started popping as they painted the walls in red and yellow. Distraught the man got up.

'Who let them in?

Show yourself scoundrel.'

'It was I, the man with no legs.'

He was long and appeared to have no spine, but leaped around as he was only a head and a trunk, jumping on a long pike. Bleeding out of his guts, saying.

'We had an appointment, no?'

'No, leave.'

'It's already too late, invite me and my dogs in your private chambers and we'll talk.'

'I'm going to cripple your stick if you don't leave.'

'Then I will stay with all my dogs and never go away, never and I shall flay you with my other teeth.'

And as if on command he started spitting them out, as he couldn't help himself but say and do the most terrible things. From the side of the room, where they lay, there was no more space to move in as the stood and lopped away.

'There, I think there's a green sun that's become gray.'

'You must die then.'

'For what reason?'

'You're not bright enough to see that the sun died a millennium ago.'

'But I can see it now, in my head, my dreams cannot drag me through it any longer, I need to eat before I lose my hands.'

And he was armed with two cracked backs, from which the leper which was his main-dog started dropping those yellow pouches around the walls. One of the pouches had almost completely assimilated his head, leaving the skull as it protruded out while making the most disturbing looking noises, as they were shattered past his back. He was almost done sniffing around, the gas was set. They were drowned already by the nosebleeds.

'I think this session should start then.'

What is your name?’

‘Gulag-cattle.’

‘Fitting, now tell me what happened exactly.’

Ten years ago. On wrongly-doubted plains where he could not fathom living past his yearning years, there was this, the madness which was work. For a man like him, as scum had told could not fathom working of trying to be. Like any other of great desire, yet to see a light from which the tunnel started spreading scum. He felt forlorn as he walked around. Roses were made of tar, there were other people around which had been born in trench-breeding machines which had been dug their long-deformed, nomadic masters. For they appeared during one morbid night and they could not fathom staying about for too long and doing something that couldn’t be helped, as the killing of chicks, of kidnapping of children so they might eat their ears, plunge some wire-tracks inside their brains as they would bleed them in the air.

From the various clouds of red that came from inside of them, finally they started pushing in. Advancing on a front where there were many fighting spiritless men, of whose lives yielded just as much as they could tell of it.

‘Dread and desperation, they’re damned or would be damned if they’re to serve him who is in doubt their masters, of worse flies, I see they rise.’

‘But you cannot fathom trying your hands on it, not as much, I see the evil that’s creeping into the starch and stakes of larvae, they made to be.’

They were different from the others, as they were vile men, unlike the flies they only did what they could in order to repair the evil done by their kin. There was a reason to sit there in part. No one could lay in doubt and reveal as much. So much so, there was evil when it snowed and they were only melting it by slitting one spare.

One man came forth, got off his horse, looked upon the slaved-labor. Upon noticing how the other vile-men got domesticated, he considered teaching them a lesson. In grace and in manner, the spanner of evil-cuts, the hanging and the lynching brought to their knees.

But he of all would see as well.

‘There, see of plain and watch me go at it again, approaching near-evil as I see. I shall swear no fealty and do no harm to thee but look at what I’ve become.’

And from his wrist there was a pouch filled with false-blood, and beneath it where was a pouch of bone as well. His fingers pushed and made their way, pulling out a false yet sharp bone-hook which drew away some of the blood. Afterwards he splashed the snow and made the lass dance around him.

‘I see that the Vile-women have already learned their place. Good, great, magnificent, I shall to with them and have my way. I need to breed with as many of them along the way. Otherwise, I see no reason to keep any of you living.’

And he considered as much, trying to push in after a while. It was tiresome, trying to think, and winking of evil sound, for destiny called as it had seen him rise through the vales and through the snow as he would spread his blood, which was nothing more than poisoned water.

Yet the Vile-people could only see the blue as red, as they were bashed around their irises ever since they had been born, dead or still-born in disease. There would be no peace as they were getting even more desperate to piece the world together. It was all too wrong, no one was strong enough to make it and many had starved off to dying. Such was the disease that drove many in their early graves and in some way it was all inexcusable, in others, it was well worn.

Farther through the Southward region, there was a veil that could barely be observed as well, and might as well be forgotten for more than a few obvious reasons. It was made out of the giant sky-formations, coconut-head tops on top of two molded-together hives. And there was evil going in them for they were dark and gray for the Flies that lived in such structures, as they had been on their way to their dark paradise could do nothing but face one another as everything melted.

‘Shall we speak of such command then?’

‘I can only hear evil going on.’

‘Then watched the flies set off in the distance, knowing you will have failed to reach them in time.’

‘And what is the meaning of that?’

‘I can see no point in talking to you no further, you’re but an imbecile.’

‘And you’re a man who refused to answer the call.’

‘To what exactly?’

‘To see them change, they’re not flies but something inbred, made out of the bodies of horses, in which they tiny ancestors mated in.

And through time they started hiding in their suits, I tell you, only because of being ashamed of what they are and what they look like.’

‘Your mouth is foul and I can still see no point further in talking to you. Dreadful thing that you are, I shall never figure you out, never, as eternity has become but a single farce to you.’

‘You’re not listening.’

And neither could he do it any longer. There was no way to prove it, but those Fly-creatures did abandon their suits in their giant private chambers and took on the appeal of the various animals with which they had hybridized themselves upon being forced to do so.

There was still that eternal-hatred in their eyes which defiled just about everything, to the worst possible admirers, could do. Fear had been a bastion for them to soothe one another as the sweat and heat inside the suits had given them their petty appearance, of suits-well worn. Hairs which were put on top of them and pieces of variously worn out and put through fallen shells; dread was an anchor pulling the down.

As the hive was not a hive inside but a twist, a repulsive thing which looked more like the body of a man missing his organs. Although they lived on floors, their chambers were cones, warped pyramid-like cylinders, with rounded tops, organic and bearing their wings, which they themselves had fashioned and faked as well as they falsified their pasts.

And many of their small-hut-like rooms were too tainted to be spoken of as they wore the speaking mouths, the lacerated inbred of their worst species, which had been melted and mixed with the very fly-suits only so they could justify hiding. And live through lies. Be blasted by evil in disgust and plain of nights, that took away whichever light there lay inside their dens.

Man of flies, upon a crown, set as he was a false one, trying his fingers cut, and brought to knees around. He wagered. I shall open the cyst and plant my children, as they lay in stranger holes, I see. There were peculiar things always glowing and pushing out, throttling every side of the walls, always on to abide. There would be another one coming. Of which blunt-hardness worn, it wore upon one another, as they suddenly started growing on their own. Some of them had come to breathe, as they could see and breathe without it. Tiny puckers but followed and would only cut and see another, such as the very likes. Growing on the walls, and shoving aside.

‘Here, take it, take it so.’

He threw but a single fat giant block of fly, a potato-shaped thing as giant as eight hands put together, set upon the cry of laughter that was disease, inclined.

There were others that were not spoke off before. Mostly since they appeared to have become contrived and foul, full on their benign nature as they had bore their wings in strains and wildly pushed away. For they were many and yet inclined, some fused with the mouths they ate, only to be shoved aside and sprout them on the sides. Always pushing out of the way, while always trying to themselves, not to sway and eat what they could. Around them, of a while, stood, but large protrusions made to last, pushed away as soon as they would be allowed to grow at last. Some were torn, off to shore, as long lost ships would to be allowed, torn apart on sand-ravines, they contrived of smaller beings attached. On every side and in the back, brought upon the world, every piece of every land, made in the wreathing image, the texture and the hairs, all dark and taken away. For the likes of the Vile-men could not even deal with it yonder.

Stronger and felt, they fought to no end. Territories were being shared or taken by force when none or little more remained of them. There, in a call, a few flying torsions came, at last. They bore the strange appearance of bobbling fat-buttons which had yet to be inclined, below them boils kept many of their children alone and alive. Set to strive, some would burst, only for the boils to grow back from whence they came, upturned. There was but a single chance to miss it in front of their eyes. Since they only appeared here and there, malignantly reclined to the disappearing specks and the flakes of wings that settled inside, there would be no way ahead to what they honed. Peculiar houses and weird fragments in which they hid their young-to be culled and slain for dissatisfaction. Since their monuments would fall, some of them already in doubt for what was to be called. Plain in thought and lesser beings, all too evenly put through and never seen.

A man with a headless watch had come, he was vile and would be inclined to talk at last.

‘I demand this pouch of land to be given to me by the orders of the Great Contrive. What say you of my claims?’

He was different, yet belligerent, missing his lower jaw, already absorbed and left so in the most peculiar manner. For his own sake, he pounced behind. There, right there.

‘I’m Tumor-Bolt and I will have brought you to justice by the end of this day.’

He shone with worms. Walked hardly on puddles of skin, his pouches were made out of bear-thin flies. He’s killed his way through and by appearance he was but soaked in their young. Green-yellowish skin with puckers on it and eyes, followed by a sign on his forehead that appeared to go around the spot. Brought to knee, the host of many a fly, which waited in the back hardly turned to see.

My secret, he couldn’t be known of it. He’s destroyed their suits, he cannot know. He cannot have found out that we’re but for show. And yet, the creature of malignant nature, which contrived, of this suit and better to abide, held, beneath his belly but many a mouth. Since they had eaten, stolen and took what was theirs, they drove themselves to become alike. Yet they were still lower, they had to be. Filthy and mixed, but piss through the signs of agony.

The Vile-men were still but short and in comparison to it, whom ape-like form the vileness bore, they Fly-suited creatures were of grant sizes, such as four bulls stacked together at the very least. There was little fealty to such a thing as well as pus.

Thence the challenge at a duel.

‘For his land I would rather face you as such. My arms may be wider, but it should be a fair match.’

At least from what he could tell, he accepted it, without being to swell in place, or look around, it was all too dreadful, after a mind. All too quiet, of a piece, thence they pushed on and found some peace.

As one eye looks in one direction, followed through by the other whose face is but a marked thing, there’s little left in common with a wonderer whose face is but a track upon which the filthy little men devour little things when they are hungry. He knew when to laugh at the most inopportune times and this was one of them. It was all too sad and hadn’t made any sense at all, why was he doing it? Why was he laughing? Does he not know you’re not supposed to laugh now? Does anyone care? No one seems to care about that.

Ah but what a vile thing, tiredness is. I see, but I can look, to be called so, and stare, of little more than I should say and satiate my wonder, I am but a stronger man than I’ve been yonder. I’ve become the first of the flies, the one who had set alike and all would to be benign if I will it so. I hold no secret nor may I talk, I am but a fly and fly alike.

Dominators of which awe is green

They shone within their scepters, on whom but birthing some inside the air. They shot each other off, uncannily, disgraced by whatever pucker was ensnared.

Their land was red and bloated, always pumping, contorted and completely submerged, bubbles red and men without disgrace enslaved. They were flying inside of bull-shaped monstrosities of which horns were overwrought and filled with twenty men each, molded as if swords were their hands, which, at the end of their swords came peculiarly shaped stings that gave them the appearance of born-out segmented claws, attached to one another, worked upon they would be. Each claw fashioned to be one top, another one placed, dancing. And these creatures were but the buildings themselves, as from the gut of the bull-shape came but a drop of a hive-like digested building, like those of man, cathedrals and rounded caverns pushed around each other's hands. Arms wrapped around them, ending, inside of them.

Contorted beings raking, on top of plains made of men, on plain flat floors which were pushed around and would be put around as much pressure as it could be helped.

'Will you stop that already, can't you see that this is not their destiny, to be tortured for hours?'

'Where do we go and who we are?'

'This is not the time to ask this, nor should you be allowed to, damn you.'

Man with a strange eye-hole shaped around the mouth, no lips, see-through teeth that were connected chompers, eating through long tubes that were pulled out of a large trail of long-leg shapes that came out of his gut, slowly being taken out. They receded momentarily but revealed, in their pole-structure many thin legs which dragged behind.

'You were right, we weren't prepared.

We found a woman dead inside a child, crested, around, with a strange hold. Blood upon the ceiling, and strange pyramidal weeps. Though there were nothing but the cruel heaps in which they stood. They lied everywhere, scents of pheromones in their eyes.

And what they brought one, was one in a million fattened, peculiar fat-dead people that were set in sight. No matter what happened, there were peculiar stranglers that were but lynching people in mass. They were dethroned, kings that were plain strapped and hold over, dragged on chains as they were put behind. Barely landed, the entire building was being evacuated before the line was set. Every fence being swollen, there was dread in sight. And they bore some peculiar miasma, and put through. Holes inside their guts, holes inside their eyes, eaten; old ladies in dead-sparks, they were put inside peculiar small boxes so they could be more easily carried. Some people shoved little pins inside of them. Saw-through as well. They wore their faces, and some perverts ate their OB's; as peculiar as it were, they were drowning one another with their blood and laughing.

'I am the great nose, they put me inside my hands, they want to use me as a blood-cradle and be put on a table. Listen, listen, listen, they will keep me there three days.

And females shall step on me constantly, I know it. It was prophesized, in two years they were put together and would come to show signs of the end. Draughts will be put and I shall buy myself by bits.'

‘Why is that?’

‘Because they shall sell me and they shall sell my feet. And my organs shall be trafficked, and they will sell me to talking branches. I am speaking to my bones and they are infested. They’re infected, by alcohol embed incisors.

They shall bite me over and over again.

Blood pouring out of their hands, they will speak of it again. Should I not listen to their words of protection? Shall I abandon my faith, my instinct dying when the drops of blood. And there being wasted, there was no chance.

Wearing themselves out, they will, and when the time comes I shall escape.’

And he had done so, for this event repeated itself eighteen times, always, him buying back, and they pulling his organs out. They were followed by diseased people whom were without finger. Shocked he spoke with them; eight contaminated brothers that were put under stress. For a few years they had been tortured, obligatory punches and hurt. And the light had only devoured children, for the sun was in need to feed.

And the sun spoke of evil and of tiresome things. Were to be put in cages and in little doors; constantly tested in pain. Every man who had been alive had been hit again and made to say in spots. For hours then washed, and made to listen as they were killed around.

Luckily for him he bathed in bleach and hen-blood and that of a snake.

‘I am an animal because I love myself.’

He prayed to eight blob gods. Ugly warm, worm, and all living in a cottage that was surrounded by dirt-roofs that were put together as to form a fence; and from the distance, the face looked like cars and faces, peculiar vehicles that were made out of skin, speaking within the hours.

They were all punching kids for hours, it was everything they were left with, out of the building and through the cold. They were stolen, their clothes torn apart and burnt to side.

‘My nose needs to be attached to onions and to red-breathing arches, their deaths needs to follow after. I could die just because I am revealing all of their secrets.

IT doesn’t exist, my mind doesn’t exist. I need to eat, I need to kill and take care of myself and kill everything as I weep to the globes.

Eventually their cottages will be burnt.

My temperature is burning, they were not to be called.’

And they listened to him prophesize of what was going on. What to eat today? I could eat him.

‘I will eat a cattle of cheese and cast upon the bare breast caste. I will kill fish and shove myself inside of them.

Lynch the kids, lynch the men, kill everyone.

You need to do it before they take me, before I'm claimed.'

Some men were immediately nerved, put to worn. Their shared-mothers were flat in the head and were made out of flour, salt and burnt alike, and were put, devoured, in their guts. Skinned alive, flayed after the sun. And worn out and killed.

And they were fashioned out of their rings, never tried.

There lay but a peculiar large match-box shaped large trunk which bore, eight hoses for every legs and the second body put through and leprous put to stress. A large throat the size of a galleon, the eyes on his chest long, snail-alike and put through what appeared to be an elevator shaped filed with skulls. In that empty space, sweat running down, the mockery of the men which were reflected on that death-box. Squirmed from inside of it they came below, and set in flight they revealed but many rows of flung-about snow-like drops formations formed of mountains, skin-like and sacked. They were put to draught and worn out. Then wasted every second, the pain was brought, immediately upon the use.

Rotten-head came from one of the flying-dead building peculiar torn-aside and put through, vein-blobs were flying through his little seat-weapon, a lock around it wrapped, he had completely ripped out a bicycle seat and shoved it on a stick, then welded. A disease-puncher, at his feet.

It was hardened around the chains and where came the peculiar stretch of needle-holes, there was but a single paunch Synch could look upon

'You've taken my face, you've defiled me, I'm butchered, can't you see?'

It was plain to see that the council had not, for the likes of them care at all.

They only drew on the device and noticed, but a strange peculiar board, and worsened, by the looks of which, they've taken everything. It was enough, for a disease to endure. It couldn't be called otherwise, for what was worth. They called upon much dreadful steeds which carried upon their ranks and brought within a lack, remorseful.

'But you are truly mistaken, are you not?'

'I believe I'm not.'

'And why is that?'

'Because my head is a barrel and yours is not.'

'Prove it.'

He split open his helmet and had it revealed.

'But you are mad, are you not?'

'Of course I am and for that I must thank you first and foremost since you are but the cause for it.

If it were not for you, then I would've most certainly had myself caught at a loss of blood.'

'Yet I need to see your barrel and I need to understand, what is it inside your head that pulls me towards you at such a speed.'

He was drawn towards him by such a power as the likes of which might've made him think he was but a man or iron drawn towards a magnet. Drawn without the slightest hint, without remorse, but to settle in with what he learned so far. He's taken the chance, now and now.

He had but split his lip then after, his eyes were whitened, peculiar creature worn and put aside. His lower body was but a peculiar drinking draught he could get away from, saddened by it, that he would shout. Mouthlessly he foamed with a surprise, his demise was in peril, and he walked upon saddened eyes.

And they had cast one another from the mad paradise they had been standing in for hours at day. Incompetently unable to make it through before realizing what the issue was in the first place. Battered through, they suddenly withdrew, and would see each other taken by surprised, heading the solidarity provided by the men who stood and waited in their little odd boxes. Which were everywhere, transparent boxes where they stood in, breathing, threateningly breathing. Bad air meant bad men. They were looking back. They were frowning disturbingly as they hissed at every passer in a most capricious manner worthy of no less contempt. They were put down, some of them shot up completely, eternally as they received a bullet and twice, another shot, then eight more. They ate led. It was sweet-erect, they died quickly, then they got up again, but no one questioned it. Every time they opened their mouths, a light, they were the city's lamps, which explained why they were just standing in just about every possible spot. Eating rice made out of mice, all decayed, no man repaired.

Beatings around the block and barrel-headed men but spitting blood; they puked it in and put it in a small gondola. And they simply put the paddles through the asphalt as if they were but shallow, hands were pushing, yet tomorrow. They would leave and lean against the wall.

'It spoke, it spoke to us. I see that it is come to our attention that our god is it but called for us to worship.

He is but to appear and deliver us to the land that is said to have been given to us by dark day where we shall lay with the other apes in the plays of stars and simians.

Where they shall be attained to be inside each cellophane-block of which body is his.'

'But Eihm Riis is but a man, his claim comes only after man and man is made to listen to no man but to man.'

And they dealt the blows of which they swore to become, the most uncanny gore in which they will shoot all the bullets, all of them were unleashed. And they blew everything and made the gore-creatures appeared whom bore no blood, nowhere near but wore the appearances of hound-heads upon humanoid-shaped beds whose chests are rectangle holding mattresses. Their insides were coffins and they opened.

Despite most of them being enclosed, from one of them he appeared.

It was none other than Eihm Riss, of whose touches were plain in wood which were trees-old devices that were partners which giant clean cut hands that had belong to giants that had written wires upon black talon-shaped tablets over a few hundred times. And they sang in flower for Riis, and would but piece back together what had been amiss, for him, oh mighty lord, you've come upon us with a mighty sword which was but a rod made out of Isle. That is what they called the very toothy smile which was carved upon the great danger, comer of evil from past. Out of his great talon nails, upon which the great Peoples of his kind lived, they died, only to have given soul, their entrails but dragged along to have become it.

‘Great rod you carry, so it seems, but what of its power?’

They seemed to spit powder.

And they were of no mark and listened to nothing but the wind and how at last, evil bird you are torn apart, to have become a thin child from the rod which was but carved. The nail-chitin could still be seen. It was smoldering with births and many animals that came in were but mixtures of put together, stitched men, of which souls but crawled.

There are harsh terrible winds that beat the carpets hung in water.

They are indeed soaked with blood that's been taken after they decided women would be allowed to speak. In the turn of the dark century, as opposed to the ancient animal-wrought people, their sutures would be removed. Many fed crime-meals, in which stood little knives and bullets as well as stolen pockets. They listened and they listened.

‘No one obeys in my court, thought I am the one who had prophesized what might happen after. I've checked the power and we've passed the limit that's allowable for people to survive through.

We need additional cords attached to men that they might finally come to understand why are there sand-people in the sky and why is it gray?

I am the man that shall call upon this world to stop.

And you shall worship me instead of Riis.’

‘Yet you're not a god, alas.

We're but doomed to live without hope.’

Their buildings were fat forts, that wore men-bellies like those of beer, wrought with little lines of cross black iron threads everywhere around.

They were washing dishes, in their homes, the men. They were men, after all. And they were punished for it. As the dished wore spike-shaped knife-hooks shapes that wore little cacti-pinchers everywhere around; the cleaning solution being a sodium that only affected them as well. For every dish washed a man's head would be fell and thrown into a concubine-washing machine where he would suffer after. Even if it were for a man to cook, he would have to cut himself and grill his own skin through.

A door was making a lot of noise. It opened, then it closed mid-way, then a man passed through the slip, me slapped the frame, rubbed his chin, eyed the place around, walked backwardly, leaped like a frog, ate

from another passing man's throat, then he died soon after, abandoned to be split open. His chest heaved them straight open, only to reveal that he hit a piercing gate. A gentleman suited man that looked like him with a door drawn across his suit as well, as two eyes that were dark cysts, came out and walked away. Soon enough, he was followed by a line of those people whom, soon enough moved into the abandoned building from which everyone else appeared to have gone out of. They disliked what was going on there, and out of their canes they revealed long rapiers with which they started fencing as if to prove themselves in fight as they only dreaded forth, to come along to the greatest of the apartments that waited for them. It was something very much incontestable, trying to survive for longer hours than they needed since there was, without a doubt no chance for them to make it along. Indeed, there wasn't, as they were slowly but flayed by some hidden scents that appeared out of grate-like holes placed all around their homes.

‘Will you do me the pleasure of making it in time for me to realize what’s going on?’

I’ve come upon a discovery unlike any other, I think one of my worn-out pillows has been completely encompassed in an utmost peculiar sweat that does not belong to any being I’ve had the misery of having acquainted myself with.’

‘I can’t.’

‘Why not?’

‘I’m a positive, I’ve been found out for negatives.’

‘How deep are they?’

‘Skin-deep, deep-deep, I’m dead in twenty hours.’

Same thing as before, same thing, there was no other thing than that, they were talking themselves out of it, already gone.

Already dead-men talking to dead-birds; the land was theirs, and they saw no reason to push on. It was weird, they were still alive for now at least.

A few more branches were brandished to a man's eve as he passed through the bush-surroundings when the time of the great fire approached. Before long, every man in sight will be a box with another box on top of him, trapped in a box, where the grates are many arms and hands. His head being the giant box, with his face being bloated around each of its angles.

‘That is the man's legacy, son. Look at him, do you find him beautiful?’

Not the boy said, and he was somewhat repelled by his father who acted mightily awkward and peculiar. This was an adult who acted like a child. He had to be put down, for society was evil and allowed for creatures like him to exist. He didn't act like a man, therefore he was a cretin. And cretins are basically disabled people, in the sense of, they have to be put down and ethnically cleansed with acid-liquids they should bathe in as their skin liquefies and they become pools plastered on the wall.

‘The king is in the building.’

‘Who?’

‘Don’t know? He is the Martyr, he died. Yet he walked.’

‘What did he die for in that case?’

‘Absolutely nothing; it’s the reason he’s still walking.’

There rose the False-Martyr, deformer of reality. Of which crown looked like a peculiar spinning, twirl-eye upon a brow which extended into an inwardly pointing took, connected by tendons and veins coming out of his peculiarly berry-colored bluish purple body. His eyes being reddened, then whitened with every step. Black twirls inside of them, then green coming out various volcano-mounds that were formed across his back and his chest. He was wide-open, and one could see his exposed, barely covered by a thin-sheet of skin muscle and his ribs, the bones. This seemingly starved figure was at least eight feet tall, and built like a tank despite what appeared to be a most peculiarly hunched figure. And by the time he entered the premise, he had but thrown his evil eyes upon all of them. In their disgrace they but bowed and listened to him, as they feared; he didn’t bear an armor but had some shrapnel pieces of dark-chitin spread across his body. Some had entered him way too deep. He looked like a hallow thing, empty on the inside, then lost to a heap on the slight as he breathe upon them, a might peculiar set of purple-thin arms that came out of his mouth. Tens of them but crawling, all but wrought with the most peculiar gasping talons that emerged from their split-open tips inside the tips of its fingers.

He was a vile thing, robed below the chest with tattered clothes, a set of peculiar graves that were hidden beneath and various glyphs that didn’t mean anything, but they were written in Cyrillic. It looked like it was written in rust, his robe being metallic.

And he bore no jewelry, but wore a lot of callouses around his hands.

The False-Martyr was strong, immovable, he wilt it so. He did as he pleased, he walked as if it were a show, breaking everything that came underneath him as if to grab, the first man who came along and kept talking, he’d grab him by the face, then squash it immediately like an imploding pumpkin that burst between his fingers, like a little melon being pressured to implosion. It splattered everywhere. His bloody brains but mixing with the bone-shrapnel that didn’t even penetrate his skin; it was too thick for him to be capable of harming himself or to be harmed by others. He was strong and more importantly, he felt like had to prove it. Many people began gathering around, following him as if they were interested in what was going on. Trying to mask their fear as he started grabbing a ladder, breaking it apart with a finger; while with another finger he flipper a chair around the room. People applauded him. He smiled, revealing many teeth that were yellow, some that looked wooden and others that had holes in it caused by the beatings of a Mocking bird. He ate, most probably he ate it. He spat her then and there just to prove a point. It felt as if his presence would destroy everything.

Around him.

There was a woman, and then, there wasn’t.

There was no stop him, no one could stop him.

He was a destroyer who fashioned a throne out of nothing. Upon which he stood.

He invoked a creature, a great Artisan-Sage, to which he listened.

‘Omollusk, I call on you.’

And the creature appeared out of nowhere as if it were called, without shame and without dignity, appearing but in part, as a representation of the entire growth it bore that looked as if it were drawn by a tri-dimensional brush that was large, rounded, and looked like a bush, giving it form by unevenly jerking the brush as his peculiar creature unfolded from the bottom of the floor to the top of the ceiling, inflating itself as it was made. A contortion, that upon being dragged from one corner to the other, one could see it spread on both sides, unwrapping itself like a most peculiar parchment, from which there pulled back many armed violent ribs that hardened with every second that passed, forming little formations of gas, sacks it carried inside of it appeared everywhere it came around. To the front of which, two legs, two handed talons and a great bulk with one great eye could be seen before its split mouth emerged. It looking like a pair of sutured things that were then burnt inside its skin.

Before it could be fully grasped upon, Omollusk gave birth through its chest, upon a cunt-like opening to a great rod, with a shrunken peculiar head-replica, like that he bore forth, that spoke instead of him.

His legs bore great talons, twisted in the back and bloated. Pushing inwardly, where these caterpillar-moving toes appeared to become more and more mobile as it went along; by the time of which, this dark figure revealed a most peculiar greenish-orange skin with little geometrical connotations written upon its unwrapped body. Everything leading to weird constellations that bore mouths; regardless of which, before long, he had finally materialized himself inside the room, being no longer a projection.

His grand eye reflecting the image of the False-Martyr upon which he shone the scepter. Three skin-bubbles sprouted off the wall which seemed to be much wider and much taller than the other ones. The simply left the weaker ones hanging. Three more, greater bubbles emerged after, leaving them to hang, followed by two more after, until it had achieved flight, leaving all of them in that flaccid state they were in. Floating in the air, like sea-mines. The entire room was submerged into a chaotic flaccid-air.

‘What have you called me for?’

‘There’s been a murder and I need this place searched.’

‘In what way?’

‘You need to remove it from existence momentarily, just so I may look into the very treads of skin that are left after, so I may stumble upon the culprit.’

‘Then it shall be done.’

With which he simply shook his scepter, then all disappeared.

It was a harrowing search that took a long-while, to which he would not be completely contented with.

They were trading heads. It was a headache caused by spray-guts, they began stopping. They stopped, and they began again. A case was made, a peculiar investigation, five years ago when they were making a big bloated thing, a creature that was raised from beneath the ground, left to grow. First man who died inside the creature was one of the chief scientists that was put down by mere force, as he entered it. A peculiar

ellipse flying formation followed the first people that entered the ground holes. Peculiar as they were, a stranger to the bloated needle racks inside of him said.

‘I’m going to shove missile-shaped people inside the racks that they might enter and fly around and grab some of the laughing mouths put that were wrought in ten little mongrel huts where they breed.

They will become filth and will bear more children than necessary.’

And they were done, too soon, too quick and put through. Worn-out headless, beheaded, they were bloated like giant wasp-bees if they bore their lower abdomens as big and wide as larvae. They were talking, in squares.

And the square were circles, the salt was put on top of them. They put pepper, they were swine. What did they do? They shoved faces on top of their faces as they melted their tacks and clacks, as they shoved inside their eyes, little pins, the military had to stop them.

For the thing it would grow, it would grow until it could reach the people. The people who were on top of the reverse-put shoved in the clouds people that were put inside, like Terracotta armies. Puking the most peculiar head-drones put inside, and would eat their sects behind.

‘I will eat your guts, little Flat man, you are gloated, you’re a goat-person.’

‘No, I am sand, I am a sand-pile, I have skin inside my eyes.’

‘But can you walk?’

‘I can crawl.’

‘Are you sick?’

‘Of conversing with you perhaps?’

‘What of your heads?’

There were eighty of them. And he broke his back and his hand, immediately, they were worsened by chicken, and by sausage-egg shells that were put inside. A hen was king. The real one was between one of the.

This man, this pitiful man, this fucking man, he, how dare he? He put twenty dead chicken between four real ones.

‘Who is she?’

‘I am the cock-cookeree.’

And they could be said, and they could be put, two percent put out of the room, put under quarantine, put inside the most uncanny, dreadful little children, while large heads spread around the rooms, and put under stress.

‘We should throw everything away.’

‘No.’

‘We should throw everything away.’

‘Well if you’re the one saying it.’

‘Should we listen to him?’

‘They both look the same.’

Their heads were monitors. One of the was a VCR, they were telephonic devices, but only in gut. They were smart, but not smart-smart. They had to throw out the clothes. They had their libraries inside their libraries, inside the only man. He was dead.

‘You are dead, because you’re a scientist.’

‘I know.’

They found a great place to put all the toys in, it was a kindergarden filled with dead children, they would rot in a black sack just like the black sack filled with their cadaverous remains, which were spat upon, with the rest of the most, if not, worst of pains. Had to pay the light, the code, the code was written on every floor step and on every wall, they asked to pay, pay with blood. Pay the light with blood after Easter. Spoken with the pharmacist-killer, he had a large knee-knife, pulling a curtain inside his hand. They beheaded the curtain with the embroidered little tint-heads that were headed.

‘There’s a woman.’

And there’s his husband. He fell from a ladder and broke his throat. As soon as she found him dead laying on his head, she came through and started suffocating him, putting him inside a little corn-dead little pox-filled cave. She would pay in the afterlife, there was nothing going on the floors.

Afterlife was floors. Who would take care of their children? Two boys, one daughter, a month put inside a villa with saw-blades, little spikes and many other torture devices put inside, they sent the first women in, they died at the door-step, taking the children with them, whom were put in a yarn-ball made out of dead people, who spat blood, from the blood came butterflies and moths, they ate her hair. One of the scientists remained bashed into a wall instead. It was her villa, the decision was made. Upon the last day of her living, she ate a yogurt, slowly dying of food poisoning, she was driven to bloody suicide. She was done, she knew we would live on little pegs of sugar until the diabetes took over.

‘I am the cement, the women are taking me but they won’t step on me, that’s propaganda, I know what it is.

I know what it is, they wish to torture me, they want to kill me, I don’t know. I don’t know, I don’t want to be with them, I’m afraid.

Woe to me, for I am to be killed. Listen, listen, I’m not instead, I’m not insane, I shall go into my aunt’s belly, where the red-headed.’

‘I am a killer, I don’t care.’

There was this lady and she spoke a lot, why does she go to church? I don't want to hear about it, please stop lady. Lady, stop talking to your tumor-created effigy, I can see it grow, I am afraid. Stay there, in front of it, it's different when you see it, she says. She will grow inside of it eventually. They kept a sermon with little puckers that exploded and the lady's head was popped right open, entered her chest, then got out through her cunt, creating a light, where a few volunteers offered to suck her off, as she started completely rotting away in the matter of a few hours during the night, to which they nested inside of her, trying to stab her thoroughly until she couldn't help herself any longer. Truth be told, they could be killed and flinched, they had to be cut, vomit, and they all exploded soon after. Getting out was the hardest, couldn't get away until Monday when the day of the slitting of nails through which the mad creatures danced, in June came out, completely shattering their femur-dancers which had eight heads and became the old-wreathed abominations that were but rebuilding the buildings, and didn't care about what was going on. Death-collectors, they were called. Dressed in tatters, they collected the limbs and put them in barrels, the barrels were brought to the False-Martyr who began eating from the barrels.

It was pitiful trying to eat through the guts, they were narrow in the head, split, they looked in eighteen directions, crack-open window eyes. Always paying more than needed; it was fair.

'Son, I'm only going to tell you this once, always pay a man more than he's asked for once he's done jittery done-done working his wage do and laid the foundation. Men are loyal, men are kept done, if you do what they're worth, and keep them on.

They'll always come back.'

The first semester of pain followed, his son became a strange thing, they didn't listen to the blood that spoke out of the lower pouches of his belly which grew around, he didn't know what was underneath his lower-side, that being buried even deeper than before. Prior to the sounds, he had come to the realization that the live he was going through wasn't what he wanted, yet it was too late to turn around. Life caught up with the man, he's traded his time for a woman, for children, for family, stability, security, the chance of paying his mortgage, being left with just about a mundane life, a drinking habit which in turn made it so all of his fantasies died over and were never realized, making him consider, anything but suicide, but in this case, what could've been. While time is on no one's side, that means that five years afterwards, he went through a rough divorce as his marriage had shown signs of failing as early as during the first few months after their engagement, despite the fact that they had a well-going and most memorable honey moon, that remains the highlight of their life spent together. What comes after, well and enough being alimony, child support, the never-ending split that took away his apartments, vacation houses, villas, plus a never-ending rising debt as well as bankruptcy, with him having to step out of the prestigious position he held at Clark and Real means Pox enterprise, having to live with the shame of knowing that someone who is unfit to be in lead, as the head CEO of the company took his place, he was left with nothing more but a death-wish that had to be immediately met. Coming now, to having considered as much, he had grown jealous of that lady's ability of talking for hours without saying anything, as dumb and benign as it were, despite having something come through one ear only to pass through the other, he saw that as nothing more but the eternal female ability of just repeating what she's being told while making it seem like she thought she was the one saying in the first place. That tying in with this arrogance, yet confidence in which she is displaying the message, making it seem like she actually believes what she says or that she came up with those things in the first place. Females, therefore had always been hard to understand, perhaps they were simply hardwired not to be human, as that would explain a lot, not animals either, but

actually pseudo-machines that would add nothing to anything whatsoever. But their bodies made it seem like there was more to it, which was always distracting, since logic does not account for a female's body shapes. It cannot. For what is worth, all of those repeated things she keeps spewing out of their filthy mouths, at the very least what makes is bearable is their bodies. There's nothing else that's redeemable about them either than that, none whatsoever, but too much of it, and then, nothing's forgivable. A woman that exposes herself to other men is only inviting others to think of her as what she is. A dumb whore, an animal and animals need to be abused. If people act like animals, then people admit to themselves that they don't see themselves as human, it's as simple as it is. Animals are violent, animals are borderline evil, especially the carnivore ones that eat other animals alive, it's why niggers do it in their cannibalistic tribes, in their tiny primitive countries, that's how they are, and they cannot change, because they are bred and raised by other animals who don't know any better. They must be insane, they are insane, and insane people should be put down and eaten. If they're not human, they're animals. If they're animals they can be eaten, therefore it doesn't count as cannibalism, since it's a loop-hole. Law is evil, law abuses loop-holes. Lawyers are evil because they are kikes. That is how life is.

'We gather around in mourning and in faith, upon this bleak day, in this cemetery, to mourn this great loss.'

The Reverend was talking to himself. No one attended the funeral. It was dark, the soil was black, everything looked black, white and gray and in the distance he could see a few niggers being lynched by the standing willows, dangling around upon being pushed by dark winds. It was strange day, indeed it was. But there were no other niggers around, so it was acceptable.

As soon as the air cleared the Reverend continued.

His head jerked around violently, cocking off his throat as if it was caught in a never ending attempt to snap itself over. It was all too great.

He ate a cyanide pill he took out of his pocket, then fell in the open dirt-hole where the man had been put in. Open basket.

'I am the False-Martyr.'

He spoke, he said, he enunciated every syllable. Indeed, they bowed to him.

And his servant brought him a plume of skies made it bulks of bulbs that were put together and sprouting from a dark cone with many burst-out peculiar shapes that seemed to be fit inside one another like puzzle pieces yet they were made out of some organic substance that ate itself and appeared to form thin elongated inflated rose-like shapes, within every petal there being a fatter stretch that made them looked like pseudo squirming blooming cabbages, which started bloating themselves over, pushing around while they flapped like malignant wings. Wind being blasphemed as it became a strangely coagulated rotated little pox-filled fat device that began carried single beating organs inside of them, locked as if they were held in cages, floating around the room.

From his peculiar seat, he looked around the room. It was all ruined, this was the foyer. The stairs were placed behind him, right where they lead to another room which had another, much wider, higher-raised pair of stairs leading to the next floor.

Next floor, was next door. That's where the stairs lead to. That's how the entire building was built. The foyer, leading to a right leaving, upwardly put stair-way leading to a door that lead to a straight-upwardly leading door that opened to a foyer that had five apartments. Four in the front, one in the right, where the door to the right wasn't an apartment, but another stairway that lead upwardly, then to the right; going along the structure, as if it would wrap around the insides of a tower, which had an empty dark smaller flat on every side building shaped hollow spot that was dark on the inside, while there was a huge gap, but not as large above the foyer, between the top of the ceiling and the fourth on the left apartment, if seen from the open door or from the stairway which was much wider than the three others.

Although if one were to look at its empty frame or the skeleton it bore from the front side as to align the gaps and everything inside, one could see that the small building-hollow spot would be hard to be made out of mere sight as every other shape would be somehow overlapped by everything by the apartments themselves. And the initial dark gap on the right side between the foyer, which is on the left, the wall opposite to it that's placed on the right, the first set of apartments that are slightly to its right, then placed slightly above the stairs, and the next apartments which would be placed further on the right, and slightly more raised, one could see a dark gap that's the shape of a boot, making the hollow building spot somewhat uneven. While the boot had a square on its left side, from the front, which would be more likely a rectangle if it were to be seen front the left side of the building, rather from its front side. The top gap above the foyer being raised at to form a box, yet in the back it would take the mold of the wall, the right side of the upward-right leaning side of the stairway, then the left hollow spot of the next set of stairways leading into the room. A peculiarly deformed giant lived in the hollow rectangle boot hollow, to the left side of the False-Martyr, though he couldn't see him, he could sense the creature in there. Its torso was all the way back, its throat a flaccid fat black coil that's touching the chest, where the head rests across its belly, twisted in the front. All cut-texture like, with many crevasses as well as peculiarly formed ravines and mounts across its body. Its arms and legs both segmented by many twisted shapes, making the top of the boot where the does would end up being placed gut-like in appearance as to look like a twist of coils, made out of every limb that's been placed in it. Wildly wrapped like the body of a contortionist, without being allowed a moment's solace, yet incapable of making through, to the small rectangular empty spot in front of the boot because of the soles of its feet being too wide, coffin-shaped, yet blocked by the stairway-stop upon which the tips of its curled fingers rest against.

Someone one could hear him hit the walls, constantly trying itself, harder and harder, furthermore approaching a point where it could not control itself any longer. Filth-foam making the stuffing in the walls; distracting from the fact, yellow pus coming out of every corner, that every apartment was unevenly made, and most of them would be tinier than the others while those in the back that aren't contorted to the side would be only a few meters wide. As to make it seem like they were wardrobes rather than normal apartments. For example, going back at the initial four apartments, the three adjacent ones would be only go as far as to occupy a few meters in front of them, while the one on the left, the fourth one goes leftward as to be a hallway of its own, then curve around to the right as to form a giant apartment that's placed directly on top of the foyer, the first stairway, but stopping there, not to be directly only top of the rectangular hollow that's close to the giant. The same system applied to every other set of apartments as to only leave one giant apartment and three smaller ones. People were somewhat surprised to find out that, the murder that happened, this initial thing had been committed in one of the greatest apartments there were out there, as opposed to, what would've seemed more likely, to

have affected the poorer tenants that lived in those unkempt, barely livable in small-rooms they were forced to deal in.

‘Yeh.’

‘Ah.’

‘Yeh-ah.’

‘Ah-hi, ah-he.’

‘Yeh-yu.’

Two morbid men spoke. Annoyed by their disturbing repugnance, the Martyr came closer to them, grabbed them by their heads, then he immediately splashed them between his fingers; plop-plop went their heads. Splash-splash, now they’re dead.

‘I must kill because I fancy destruction, but I may not be destroyed until my message is being delivered. Until then I remain, and I shall remain over many generations upon which I shall rule, and I shall crush, destroy, unnerve all whom remain after.

I know what I am, I am the last king, the last one, the last, there won’t be any more kings after me. I feel saddened by it. That this has come onto me. To bear this knowledge is a burden within itself that I have to bear.’

To which he uncurled his fingers into a fist, then punched the upper body of some stranger. It spewed into a burst of blood and guts. His spine, ribs and guts looked as if they had been show off the other side of a two-barrel shotgun that completely obliterated the ends of its barrels as the slugs came out, almost cartoonish in some manner.

Falls-Mortyr wakened and stood just as benign, degrading every sight as he moved along each second chime. Dreading but the mournful stare, not to be benign as to have dared look at what had happened. With every second passed at last. From his innards gust but a single cloud, he’s listened, to ever man who’s come in front of him, and spoken of each lie.

‘I’ve seen who’s done it, out of every man, I think he’s still free, out there.’ First man said as such.

They were morosely unaware of what was going on, as they went pint by pint, their little wonders only pushing on. It was listening, always making sure someone was there, by all means, he said.

‘Come in, I will slit you at a needle point unless you show me what I’m after.’

‘Were you expecting company?’

‘I was not, but frankly, I’m pleased that you chose to come in.’

‘I’m glad as well. Would you happen to know which direction we’re to take?’

‘I don’t know what to say sir.’

‘You live in the dark from now on, you understand that boy?’

‘Of course I do, I expected nothing else.’

‘Then it’s settled.’

And just as soon as he was done the door closed. And they were already gone, all of the eight silent men that followed him all the way back from where they came from. It was likely that it would make any difference at all, but it had.

‘I’m not invited in.’

‘You will be invited out, of the room, out of life. You need to be made to listen under every possible circumstance there is, listen.’

They had gathered around him, with the most peculiar garments they could father around them. It was peculiar and out of place, it was a disgraceful thing neither of them could deal with.

A bleak dark point, they were but paranoid. When to listen, what to say, that emotion could not be conveyed. As soon as man could turn upon itself, they saw him through. As soon as they gathered around him, there was a reminder.

Where must all live if not as far away from where they are? And what happens when no one answers their call? There a moving pile, a heap that couldn’t be made out, turn about the hour, at to be faced.

Various junkyardy formations could be just made out, but the thing without a face made its way through it.

Nefarious creatures that they were, it was unevenly placed, in their guts, they were shapers of the most atrocious manners, always trying their hands when they could not help themselves.

The Palace was but half encompassed in an unnatural guttural creation of many barely put together hard-headed large throated submarine shaped cretin-heads with guns in their arms, always trying their heads upon the alarm. He was struck through, his head was lost, it appeared in the mind, and it could’ve expressed a feeling that was dreadfully amassed. For some reason one could see just as soon that there was no reason for either of them to start.

One has to devour skin in order to open up and rip.

‘Enough of bloody torn scarps, I want to see, I want to be shown through, I want to enter your home.’

‘Where is the gate?’

‘I see only the roundness of the cut-through tunnel, the mole-machine has gotten us through.’

‘And who is the gate-keeper?’

‘The one with two faces that speaks of hue.’

Both of whom were but part of the gate, a throat attached, the body kept still. Incapable of drawing away unless he was beheaded; this thing, it had too much on-going for itself to be kept on pure soil. It lost a good chunk of its gravity swaying, too much so that it could not be forgotten nor abandoned any longer, for what was worth, and what came through it, for what might shine upon its blasted headless broth.

Through the gate, as if it were not where, and through the guardian at a time, passed through everything the sad, disgraced False-Martyr who walked but so, a face and a brow cut around and shone in hand. He showed it so and would not end.

Reminder to being called to attend the first drawing of the day; Mundane Charade Kleptomaniac Heighor opened the strange pendulum dark-door and came through the opening of the beasts. Where they had lain, inside the girth of reins there stood but one dark cove, fallen through.

He appeared to have disturbed the great table they dined upon. There were eighteen figures on each side with little more remaining of them than some peculiarly shaped unnaturally held towel-like soaked bloody thread, that held upon a few stacked together darkened jars that were but impaled by peculiar plant shaped growths that formed the great plague-like skeletal figures that were attending the diner. Their innards unpreserved, what appeared to be kept in the jars was but a strange dance that was repeated. If there were thirty six figures, with at least eight jars stacked, that made at the very least two hundred eighty eight jars that kept the dancer going. In that yellow-liquid he appeared at times, as if he had been spliced and cut and split in many little sheets and parts, they appeared then disappeared until this process was but repeated but endlessly as to be observed. Put together and but seen, one could not fathom but see the pattern from where he rose, his every move, hundreds upon hundreds of feet, of legged arms, and heads and every single thing but there, then gone. Again, in a waltz only they could hear and face each shroud. And the skeletal figures covered, but to hold, unnatural covers, parchment, garments in their eyes as well as ocular extenders, many a boots put on.

‘I want to remind you what I came here for.’

‘What reason is there for this intrusion?’

‘Martyr, I’ve come to ask something of you.’

‘You may sit for now.’

As soon as he placed himself there, the rotten cove they were in was but plume, out of sight, and they were both met by naught else than what they saw.

‘Rotten brown puckers rotting, I see.

There’s but the wails that’s are in the dark, floating.’

With little remnants of specks of dust, left for what was left behind, nothing else that could be made and nothing that would push them, say. There was no reason to look past it, as one should be made aware.

‘Those people that were here before us?’

‘They were only for show and you know this, do you not?’

‘I wanted you to approach on your own will and on your own accord for some reason.’

To their very cores.

Whatever the reason or the marches to continue in such a manner, they churls into place, until rose just about everywhere, having formed the most unnatural things one could dream of. Large formations just about the place, all of them but pushed, much deeper, as the hour went, through many of the long beheld, much destroyed, uncanny wedges and the harps inside the lands, many of which were long depressed for the only reason they could be there, if at all. Great portions of the land had risen from the depths and had only went as far as to rise a few meters off the ground and float as far and as wide as the eye could see when the time came and formed little cement-walker shaped destruction dots that appeared out of nowhere in the air and began exploding forming large eyed unnatural darkish figures that were riding on peculiar horse canes that were put on even larger rods as they were actioned upon the air by peculiar extenders that had not only many faces but appeared to gurgle inside their empty throats, spitting unnatural looking large stars-made out of pure immaterial atoms that appeared to be much more concave as they hardened with every passing second, doing what they could to eat and spread like an incestuous plague from the floating bodies of which, upon the time when they appeared, had given birth to peculiar looking inbred figures with tails and cartilage wings, limbless and poorly developed as if they looked like peculiar animal, mole fetuses that had opened an area that sprouted from beneath their throats, going as far as to encompass a great deal of their lower bodies through which they started pushing out large citadel-ziggurats of stone and of smoldering dark-tinted iron that began dripping blood everywhere which was spread across the marches, mixing with them, until one of the dark Emergers finally came out of the bile pouches which appeared to fly around the floating march-liquid that formed everything, there being nothing beneath it, not even something that might closely resemble land, making it seem like there wasn't any way out once one saw what awaited them below.

Upon the hour, as if that could be somehow manifested in a land such as this that had no way to open itself to the passage of time, in the distance a peculiar triangular gradient of white grays framed itself upon a dark sky that appeared to be made out of torn out pieces and some rooted ivory-femur shaped buildings that appeared to move at such a distance stopped, as to reveal that beneath them, upon the peculiarly bloated tails upon which they walked, they had nothing else other than some unnatural looking large primitive oyster-pillared put together chain-like formation that started seeping into the mist as well, every building being very much alive, as it happened for the top of the femur to produce an unkempt amount of fizzy hairs, wild curls that started sprouting the bodies of some servants that started pushing out of themselves until they became open, spreading large, over-encompassing ever-extending black cord-like shooters that spread throughout the world as if it were some bouncing bullet that could never be spot, out of which black specks came out as if they were dormant locusts, now put against many of the ziggurats to worship the falling of the sand-shaped frogs and leopards-like gutted bags that were dropped from the sky.

They were bloated beyond belief and would walk like strange things before they exploded in guttural noises.

‘There needs to be some order here.’

Said one of the ear-pinched, nail-impaled through the heads Gangrenes-Ohrs.’

They were dark as tar and rose from a leg upon which they walked like frozen figures towards each other, being capable of speaking only during dark days, such as this.

‘We shall seethe no longer and discuss, force the table to recede back on.’

Upon a dark-tainted platform they stood. It was all peculiar, not to be understood by mere mortals as one would have it.

The three of them were as follows.

Emperor-Cursing; he was standing in the front, refusing, the side, he was standing to the side, refusing to sit down despite the other’s intentions.

Two of them were seated, Liar-Clicks and Adorned-Disciple, which only left the peculiar figure at one end and the False-Martyr who looked mightily bored and concerned with the chaotic embrace of everything that fell, how the purple eggplant skies but spread and jerked ahead, with the many peculiar crawling red-bubbling transparencies but going alone, those air-tendons, those air-veins and everything else being wide-spread. Little anchored sphere of put together floating blue. And estranged eons of yellow that passed just as soon as they were forgotten before the time withdrew.

‘We shall speak of what is to be done about the invader.’

‘And who might do and what might do and whom to take of him as well?’

Said the Emperor-Cursing who was just as peculiar as it seemed, just as distraught, incapable of making it seem like he was doing it after the passing. Out of his own accord, before he could pint himself and fall between them all, he couldn’t even dare lift a finger as if to see, what was happening between all three of them, was just as much, as both could see.

They trust neither of us.’

And the dancer was nowhere to be seen, for he was cut in too many pieces, appearing too often, then rooted to the flying bubonic-skeletal figures, they were but carried away in the distance, incapable of making free thought, they were bubonically blinded.

Some would not.

‘Silence now, I need to think so I might address something that happened before, and before I may be reminded again, I wish to know why you’ve come here to begin with, I wish this court adjourned and my meal ended. I wish I will be greeted by many great men that will come to servitude and war when needed but for that I need to leave, I need this speech of yours complete so I might come to resume.’

‘Then you shall be pleased to know that we won’t keep you for very long in such a land as there’s but something largely obscure that’s been going along.

As you may have settled by now to look upon the ground upon coming as far as to realize what’s been happening, by the rust, there’s been a large amount of mild destruction, of some unkindly womanly fashion. ‘

‘Enough with those chatters, Adorned-Disciple, I need to know.’

There was no table any longer as if withdrew forth. Boasting from the ground there came, a coffin remained, but in the open thing, from which there came but Riis, had been called to attend the meeting and to plain, and quiet and to ask, what happened after that was but a circle in which they paced about, being incapable of making it through.

‘We’ve wasted a few people, of servants and many that are dead, they are tainted but cannot be made no longer witness what’s been called ahead.’

‘What is there to be called? I see only a spread of malformation, look at the animals, they explode. Yet they’re reformed just as soon as they’re made destroyed, they cannot be fashioned of lonesome things as to be prized and to be put through sin, as for the men who follow us know no more.

We do govern over them but we’re kings and rulers of our own.’

‘Your point being?’

A voice asked the Liar-Clicks, whom to look about upon such fist of pain, of malignant wretched and torsions as well, most of which just appeared to be there, forming thoroughly as well, as well. He was but a swoon of limbs, that appeared when there was peace. He had grown a few, not more than twenty, all of which flaccidly hanged haggardly but painted as they’ve lain. On top the ground, when one had to call it yet again.

‘They become but little patches that may yet to be walked upon, I know you can see reason in my words when I’m saying this, for know that we may yet retain what held us back.’

‘What is there to talk upon in such a case?’

‘I wish I could strip their skin off and drink what they lose, when dead, when dead.’

‘Is this why we were called here for? In such a case, should we stay here no more or are we to talk? Are we to walk, are we to make sense out of anything?’

‘That would be unkind and mightily benign, since there’s but no reason to rush to sense. What good has sense done to anything when they were alive?’

‘None and it shall do us that.’

With a clap of his strident hands, the False-Martyr had just sliced his head, but there it came back again, if it was but caught on a string, pulling it back in until he could not be forced to lay and lay within, the hour had followed as such. There were a multitude of peculiar stranglers that had been hanged around the place. Some fires started, spreading around, until they suddenly began making large fire-formations that began burning the air, going as far as appearing inside people’s eyes.

‘Hmm, there’s something onto it, you’re onto something, I think you are.’

There were peculiar objects in the sky which moved at times, but froze when seen, or at least did their best not to move for a peculiar amount of time since it helped them blend with the environment, creating

the illusion that they were quasi invisible, while being capable of moving away from where they stood at any time, even though they couldn't move when doing it since they required a considerable amount of time to blend it. And they had ore-organs one could mine the vein of if they could see it in the glory of these galleon-giant things. It was a dark room and there was only one wall that could be used at a floor. A man slept in one of them. It was dark inside but he had a lantern, a flashlight, a glowing tube, a fire-snatcher, some light matches, a lighter, and flare-gun. He also had a knife on him and brown pants, a leopard-tinted textured shirt, a dark belt with a horseshoe buckle, a dark moustache, sweaty eyebrows, one yellow and one dark eye, and one blue as well but that was in the back of his colt, which he carried about. He made a habit of taking shots at the ceiling, tracking the general bullet trajectory with his mere eye.

It was dangerous being there, it wasn't there, it was there, it wasn't there, it was there, it wasn't there, it was there. And his eye was but bluntly struck by something that simply made a habit out of showing itself like a shy woman would, spreading her legs only for a moment before she drew her skirt back in, only to have a man just look at her, then him at her.'

'You always missed me, haven't you?

Little thing, I'm going to blow off the tip of your pillar, I'm going to chip it off, with just a little cut, a little cut and more than that.'

He made plans, since there was no escape, one day he woke up there, the other one, hey.

He remembered Ivory and her sweet, sweet voice. It was something he wanted to draw back when he felt lonely. When he wasn't concerned from one day to the other, since there wasn't anything around to hold his full attention, since there wasn't even enough space for him to move it, he was simply left to take his chance with whom he imagined. A dim light was just enough.

'This day, I'm counting on you sweet glow-lance.'

It was what he called one of the matches.

'Will I lay in the dark for long now? Am I to be called upon the hour so I may finally but set myself on flame?'

'To that I say, put down your lance of fire, as you need to realize that you're not alone and you've never been alone in this dark solace by any means.'

'Who are you? Show yourself so I may see whether or not you're to be trusted, as I need to know whether or not you've hid something from my sight.

I, a man of insight might not undo such ribs as to see the laces off your shoes in eons I spent alone but at the very least, I only ask of you to show me what's been happening in the dark and what might be hidden during the time my heart was poached in this place.'

'You know that I can't do that properly now, do you?

Since this place is owned and the master of this home may not be wanton to be intruded upon during his studies.'

'Where's the coward?'

'Watch yourself before some hidden limb comes near.'

Towards which the fiend had but thrown a single arm towards him in such mere sign of disgust he didn't know how to react or what he might do about it. Since, upon stumbling on it, his mere reaction had been to jerk it in every possible direction as to see whether or not it would bleed. In which case he was no longer confused, nor had he tried his harness and the hardness that had made his shirt against it. He stained it with the blood, then he tasted the arm. It was mercury, which only poisoned him but he could not stop drinking and eating, since he had been kept there for far too long, until, upon seeing how desperate he had become, the fiend-culprit which was hidden, this, no more than a bandit had shown himself then, within the lack of something that might've made him but seen in part as serenely, he showed but half and half was enough. For no mere many could look at it for far too long without shining the bright light away as to blow it, out of mere disgust and alacrity which was caused by this creature. For what appeared to be floating were but a few things to be touched, that only his contorted palms would barely wrap around, because of the mere width being somewhat so uncanny that not even both his hands could do. Leading to a peculiar shape, as deformed as to be the size of a giant's head, yet no featurely manner could be as contorted as the weird basins and depressions that lead forth until they made the tip that would not even show some arrogance as to enter the holes of the moon, since those things, if they were as little as to be touched and entered through it by the head, wouldn't even come close to keep themselves whole as to show that through every possible side it spread and only pushed away until it formed some pseudo-contortionist's wet dream as he'd become but a tool of many push through things that anchored into soil and other kinds of empty houses, to which at the ends it held, finally, something he would be made aware off, the watcher-organs, being very much outwardly placed, blinking yet such twists could not be called out, since they only fashioned themselves in the most nervous of envious little organic pinchers, having come out of their mouths.

'We've spoken before and more than a few times thought you may choose not to recall entirely most of our previous interactions did happen, though I may be ashamed to remind my very own self that I've stumbled on the realization that many times I left you to starve and rot in such a place. To which I must thoroughly apologize, and make you know, reminding you that I've come with plenty of gifts, as if to show that there's still someone out there caring for you.'

'That is to say, your master, I presume?'

The one that isn't to be disturbed by any means, for which I think I am inclined to ask, there's nothing in here, past the wall, it's as thick as a brick and you know what I think?

I don't think there's a master in it; I don't think there's any study happening.'

'And there's no servant either.'

But there was a limb, though the creature was gone; regardless of where he shone his light, there was nothing to see and nothing to find, hardening by the minute, his mind could not be forced to meet upon

such plain delights. It was simply not there, he wasn't aware where he's gone or what he's done but that was just as much as he had thought off.

As time drew on, he could only conceal nothing more than his complete desire to shine his boot and carry on and take away whatever weariness might shook him where he stood. Otherwise, he didn't know how to proceed.

'You, dead-limb, you are indeed my only long-lost friend.

I find myself looking at you often; will you speak to me now?'

'I will, if you insist on me accompanying you if that's the case. I missed you and I wish there was another chance that I may, do something to bring you back, to the way you used to be during a time you were free.'

'How could I possibly repay you If that's the case?'

'That is simple my good friend Anthony, you must eat me completely, you must devour me until I will have been no more, that's the only possible way I may come to be made, that's the only way I could become something, as to grow from inside your veins, then become you.

I will sprout out of your back and you may walk wherever you wish, even outside.'

It's a reasonless crime that's bred on.

Forgotten

Somewhere near their cities, up in the high-peaks where their kin stood, there lay but a bird-tower, highest than the peaks. It throbbed all of the sudden in the distance as it rose and rose until the burst of leaks started pulling out and spilling. Though there was no blood inside the building, let alone the dead-infants singing, finally they pulled out, shouting as if in doubt. Wreathing all around the place they grew and held the Carrion-building in a place of Hue, from whence it could only dread, and spread ahead and lead them to no end.

'It's two o'clock, isn't it?'

'This what it is, think you could do better than me?'

Two distant rods starting to melt into each other, they seemed dull at first, but then they started melting. Dolt-Head came in. Dolt-Head followed.

Eight more of them on each side, hands melted, forming two distinct beings. Most of the ones attached were brainless, morbid-looking and worn out.

Both of them were trying to eat off the floors. Wild and deranged as they were, chests were open forming wildly estranged long mouths that chewed the place off.

From a wild angle, there was a door of hue. And even farther, from the distance came a strange man. Behind him, an explosion of colors.

‘You can’t do that, not here.’

One of the strange men said. They were around, they went around and around their shoulders and worn-out woven arms they wore dead-children stand, whose heads had been flattened and made to look like stop signs from all directions, and they looked, if the room was aimed towards the door and twisted as if to look from a flying angle where one would fall through the door, if the entire planet was tilted, like an asterisk, which spread his the Frontal lobe shot forth and in an arched left and right direction while the Parietal lobe split only in two opposite direction as the Occipital lobe merged into one piece that formed a thin tail at the back of its head.

‘What are you doing with them?’

Asked Hern as he stepped in; standing them unquestioningly as he wondered what happened while he had been missing. That looked like one of the children on top of the roof-tops.

‘There’s no self-control for evil people, we shall cut you, fiend.’

‘You shall do nothing of the kind, for I will have slit your fingers by the time you made it off the scalp of the floor.’

Said Hern to the Dolt-Head.

The other, Dolt-Head appeared to be standing too far from him, barely located in a wild angle and a strange direction, splitting both the floor in the middle and the wild plane-like direction that shot in every angle on the other side of the room. The man from the Compound was there, as evil as he seemed, the man who was part-machine. Of whose body copy was still coming out of his chest, pointing its second head and arms towards a sun that wasn’t there. And with him, a bunch of wire-creatures, mad fiends created out of desperation, castrated by the evil of the Compound. And they seemed to try dragging him back, only so they might throw him into the vile forge of fire and have him burnt into the mad furnace from which many of them refused to drag themselves into.

‘Did you see that cat?’

‘Can’t think of either of them.’

One giant cat passed through the building, destroying it almost completely on the side, eradicating the view of the Compound while pushing the creature back in.

‘Loathsome creature, why are though not in chains?’

He called upon that deathless one who poured himself inside his veins.

For Dolt-Head could not help it any longer as he started stabbing himself, leaving nothing to be kept, his veins were wide-open and all of the sudden he began drawing in as much as he could.

‘Yes, I think we should find out who’ll bleed faster.’

Said Dolt-Head, coming no sooner to him.

Hue's view was still psychotic.

There was a wall of skin which was dragged from the giant cat's spine, made out of many skinned insects that spat out of their lung tunneling dugout holes their dark-shells, and weirdly deformed exoskeletons.

There was a written reminder, of which words were depressed in and seemingly pushed in by coagulated blood thumbs. Small flying rat worshippers droned in and levitated around the wall, worshipping the writings. Mice followed them through, of which heads extended and united with that of the rats, forming a clean shade of skin, a sheet on which the aspiration of man appeared, like a reflection of a scholar who wanted to devour what was written in. For he saw no words and could read nothing; but could either of them help themselves any longer?

Missing danger, missing notions, missing marks, no semi-colons written in, word after word looked on in doubt.

And both Hue and Dolt could not help themselves any longer, it was too late for that, it was dangerous, the gangrene spreading, for it was no mere disease but that of the mind, they were clear on that, way too clear, way too devoured by it. They had to be, for the rats and mice left the room and blocked the one stricken down passage in the sky which wanted to flay their skin and have them botched into the snail-cages that were set in flight. And rotten as they were, some had started devouring the mad-malignant remains that were inhibiting their access points, inside their necks.

Evil men of south and even farther in the southern realms had come and upon their extended spines, no man of no worth would look down upon them once he realized how deformed they were and how they bore the cages there, inside of which their children stood and swooped upon one another's chords. In their cracked backs they stored enough fat for far and in-between to devour each other's stricken lower bodily deformed regions.

Farther than where they stood, their children's projections appeared to be completely and malignantly set into the Pier'. For farther in the sky where their images projected they formed large planetoid-like structures upon which they rested, waiting and waiting in need for some mad celebration as madness was being shared. As their false-gore came out and formed the belts that dragged them down.

They dreamed of such resolve as to have even the slightest chance through which they might see themselves there, in the distance fleeting. Largely in disgust, unable to breathe as their spectral appearance came back to their bodies, weeping as they only had been as unable as they were, incapable of staying for too long. Wreathed in the most peculiar ways, unable to convey emotion as they no longer thought about escaping. And above them, the snail cages started melting once they were being fed salt, by the Evil men who finally came back to the room where the confrontation happened.

Once there, they finally met, for better or worse, there stood Hue, of which no direct watch or motion could retire, the admiration of colors and shades, of hues that entered his head could not match the desire and the temptation to read upon the wall and wonder.

'Who wrote that?'

Unquestioningly he stopped asking, breathing falsely as he could not help himself but blur the dark images that entered his head. Some of which had been forgotten and would admire even those of dead men that entered the hold, of unrecognizable colors and that of his own which stood there. Walking falsely, as the trembling colors falsified themselves to no end.

‘But now I see that everything makes sense and everything is in its rightful place just like it ought to be, as I see it so.’

The Compatriot thought once he looked upon the walls and upon the floors, and what remained of the ceiling and everything else, with a bit of his countenance being worn out. He knew it to be true.

For the walls had been encompassed by dead-dogs, rotten, which grew like tumors everywhere around, while the maggots started spreading from everywhere inside its body, trying to encompass everything in their tendril-like reach. They were trying to devour as much, and no reach could stay their long-stretched pox-filled hands.

‘Yet, I see there’s only but a chance, we may not be able to get away, but hear me, and hear me now, for I shall desire nothing more for you if you do so.’

Help me at the unawares, I am no disgrace but I shall make do without a pace. And I shall cut and eat and clean this place of its malignant influence.

And once done, there shall be none and there shall only be the rotten gun that shall be used to kill what’s left. To put them out of their misery, to no end, I shall see it so.

Aid me now, you Dolt-Head.’

For he had known just as little and little more than it was needed from the front. His malady was forgiveness and time was almost up.

‘Very well then.’

This time around answered Dolt-Head, who had been just as painlessly quiet as the other one around.

‘It’s obvious that we cannot remove ourselves from what’s already been broken and destroyed, so, if anything, there is still hope.’

‘Hope is malignant and it can only be parasitically projected upon every surface that’s already been created. We shall strive to set and form a deal then, you dolt.’

Done, so, those evil men who bear their children outside, in their vile children-stocked cages shall destroy the planet eventually and completely grind what’s left of the growing canines into bitter maggot dust.

We ought to leave.’

Said Dolt-Head, thence, upon questioning none any longer, he pressed on. There was only a man looking for a way to be deranged and looked down upon. In quiet desperation, he attained naught. He wondered at that and looked in-so.

‘We shall enter it then.’

For bitter hope had made it so he turned. As Dolt-Head used the child with an asterisk for a head to batter a hole into the wall, setting way through the hole, although there was no compound of their own to go through, they resigned. Through the open wing that lead to the room in which the man stood.

Rod, he waited there outside his chamber. Looking as if he had been long-deranged and ever in so quiet wonderment.

‘And who might you be?’

Rod asked the two of them, skewing what was left, unable to repent he wondered.

For now came the Dolt-Head, and he almost knelt, unable to stray his hand for some sort like his would never set forth from any other place.

‘Greetings, I say, to you, oh dire creature of which name I know little off.

Care to explain to us, in the dire affliction that is this place which be rotten down, what might be do about the fall? And who shall deal with that of which is rotten now?’

‘I don’t know what you want from me.’

And only Hern approached the man. He knew as little as he could tell. He saw it fitting, that he dwelled for even less than needed, his breath confined, unable to die, he looked to the side.

‘What an awful place you left here so.

Care to tell me what the reason is for everything falling into a deathless snow?’

‘I will show you no reason for me having come here.’

Rod told Hern, but he didn’t understand at all. Just what the reason for each trance and why was he there at all.

‘Follow us towards redemption, we shall make it through that light, to end.’

And thence they came upon the sight, upon the vision, of no end.

They entered it and finally stumbled, upon the plains of Agamemnon, wondered.

There the two of them were, but which ones?

Malt and the Duke’s shadow, and near them they approached. Standing ever-so wondering, just whom to whom and whom to end? For what purpose were they there?

Hern had never met a man as strange as him, and never to his countenance would he understand a whim or the quiet or the wonder of what was done. Forever more would he wonder at that and why the long walk which lead him to be done, with every evil-deed done in countenance of evil and even the worthless

days spent up-shore, never after would they wander so, why was it that they would feel evil from the one that shone?

‘Who are you?’

But the Tongue-Agamemnon refused to answer, for the first time in wonderment as well, thought of himself as an infinite being with as much wisdom as one like would share to no end.

And then upon the touch, the calling, it seemed like the Dolt-Head had only become his calling. For he had merged with the hues, forced by the bleakness and the formations of the peculiarly wild geometrical objects that had formed his mind and body, first conjoined then molded as to become him. For Dolt-Head had split in half, at the middle he became the Compatriot’s wings.

And even after his death-known and looked upon, even after the bullet that shone which burnt his body in the fire scourging after, he had known himself to be of a deathless kind in a universe that did not show any love for his kind. The scoundrel could not help himself. Upon being shown his face, he almost came to be resigned and then.

‘It’s already done, do you not realize that? You’ve died in the past but you’ve been given another chance.

I am the one who’s given and lend upon you the vision.’

Agamemnon said, and without ever questioning it ever again, he accepted his past-fate and looked forward that he might even hear and be kindly greeted, nearing no death but as to wonder.

‘What do you want of me then?’

‘Follow the others yonder.’

As Hern had joined the Duke and Malt, as they looked in the distance where just about everywhere, and many a star had become a head. Taken from the chamber, many chose to shin in light. And as peculiar as it sounded, it was all too beautiful, about time, which spend, upon no end, just straying.

They looked upon Malt, who was happily in thought. Wondering as well as he could not draw himself away, from thinking of what he missed along the way.

‘I wish I was reunited with Claire. I wish I had a chance to spend some time with my child instead.’

‘Don’t bother yourself with regret over the past, it is a pointless errand none may be able to call you upon.

For what is worth, I think they’re thinking of you still.

So you need not feel bad about their destiny within.’

For he had looked with saddened eyes, although he lived as petty and as evil, there had been no sight and harm he had yet to inflict.

And it was just as forbidden and forlorn. That this degeneracy of its own would be the one thing bonding reality together, as pitifully deformed, as something of its own, never to be approached or sworn.

Know this, for this, as much as it is worth to know.

Tongue-Agamemnon was a mighty and wise lord. Of plains known, and during his mighty pacing, as long as it had been, where destruction waited, tainted on a whim, there he stood and spoke thus.

To Malt, the Duke, Hern and Rod, to which he accompanied them, in death, in life.

‘We shall set forth to the forest that is devoid of life, and there and only there we shall meet the man that shall hold the light that carves the way leading us to the kettle.

Along the way, as it’s required, we shall finally have acquired taste for blood, an animal awaits us to no sound.’

And from the girth of the mountain where an old Agamemnon’s head wasted, a vision they detested opened along the way. Fealty and filth.’ They said, waiting along the way.

Eternal bliss got them along the way. There, where none might dwell upon and lay. Finally upon release, they felt nothing but the piss-poor sight, and under light.

But once there, as they lay forth, they’ve seen it all and never worth.

‘What is this forest and what has happened to thine trees?’

Sekov turned and looked benign, unable to think, yet there, to dine. In fealty of little doubt, he knew as little, not to shout.

But they missed it so. Just then, one of the tormented dogs, of whose maggot throve had settled inside of them faded. Under light and rightfully so, brought to nothing, never again, as so, they missed it.

As an angelic thing, a cherub with a wing of maggots, of a flight of death, from which he appeared to bear no eyes with a light instead.

For the darkest secret spoken to the man, of which peril lay ahead was simply gone.

‘A deathless thing of agony, be gone from this forest as you may need, to enter the dead lamb and search for within.’

For the creature had revealed just as much, as there was no other words to be placed.

‘There is no kettle inside of it, only but a nuclear pit, a billion-like girth of infinite nuclear bombs waits there, kept inside, and better brought and deathless in sight.

Of no right would one like you, of better hue know the likes.

For it beckons the destruction, that it may spare all live from the one who seeks destruction of all.’

Though Sekov, as uncannily worn, he could see of nothing worth, and never mind the matter, knowing and of the little thought, he called upon the likes, throwing but disease, the like.

Trying to make sense of the dog that set itself in flight, never to be approached again.

It was weird seeing them together.

‘Well, what are you looking at?’

Malt turned to Rod.’

‘I’m not looking at anything, it’s just that, you know, I never expected to be here at all.’

‘It probably won’t last either.’

Silence came.

Was it all truly real?

It looked like the forest was indeed devoid of life, as Sekov simply hallucinated them all there, standing, before they disappeared.

‘Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha, I guess I must’ve imagined it all.’

And yet Sekov never opened his mouth to begin with.

Around the Northern Bloc

There was this at least, for what was worth and what was left.

A single head-bobber, metallic as well as a body of a single brain-tube, it was shaken where it stood in quiet, where bubbles arose and shook the posture out of the one thing that froze in the chair. He was a man standing in the empty room, which had been blown or flashed as if it were the after-shock of a single camera shot. And there were puddles of hardened white pain. Inside the tube he looked at himself as well as the one brother he lost, long-gone, and misshapen. It was a terrible, terrible thing, trying to think outside his box. His box-chamber was struck inside a single man’s ribcage which had become part of the building he was in. Luckily for him, this wasn’t the side of the Bloc where the few people managed to get on top of the buildings, but was farther away. And the lower basin and the legs of the giant man were kneeling on the snow.

And he missed his arms, throat, neck and organs, holding the building away from falling an iceberg-depth of a pitfall. It was all too dreadful, looking from afar, but he wasn’t dressed, nor would he have his organ exposed for he had none. Instead, he wore a hardened shell which surmounted to just as much. Or it looked like the niche-of iron, casings being struck down. And his pitfall was this, he housed, in his insides, overly grown parasitical creatures which were just like that of the Negro that had almost died in the Isles.

Dreadful, dreadful thing they were, being allowed free reign to grow, just his much had been perplexing, as none dared approach the cold side and the slide-away, taken from the farthest reached of the building which lay inside the Bloc. A few uniforms were there. They were different, especially as seen from

behind. Their bodies were on the ground, longer limbs bore harder legs and hands and strange arms which pulled away from them, as if they wore one arm on top the other, one leg on top the other, so on and so forth, bearing two fake-heads in the front. An open-hole in the back, stretching from its own insides, there lay a single tube-like holder which bore as much as it was needed, a single climbing pole, as the type used for the training dummies, of which longer pints, or bitter cylindrical things only drew out and started watering the dread crimson-blue plants that came out of snow.

And there was a dreadful time to meet the ones, of, whose masks, once bitten down would reveal the faces of which frozen thin, and malignantly deformed features pushed in and appeared to bear, only eighteen, clearly aligned ice-picks which constantly threw out cold hardened snow which became, the flying globes of ice-picked lightless glow which came around the place in searching, making sure the sutures of ice kept the giant from falling apart. Otherwise, of filthy new, of escaped thin reeds of nettled-heads, this came.

A man appeared out of nowhere and moved in an instant, without being able to pay much attention to whom was there.

‘I am Malcolm and I’ve come to claim my rightful place, as the leader of this maze of Ice. I am to become your lord and master of the North as I claim my birthright by which my father’s delight had taken claim of me.’

But lo’, what was there? In the distance, in the air, there lay an apparition only he could see. And it was floating and it was cold, how his eyes had become blue out of their own desire to join it in the curve of snow when and during a time he could only know. No better than he should thrown his arms around the air. To become one of them and float into the strange ether which was the cold winded abyss he called heaven. But some of the Cold-uniforms could not look anywhere else but there and wonder. What was wrong with he, yonder? What was he seeing? Even though they had regained, the marks of the strange abyss of cold, whence he went during his wake.

‘What is that? But what is that?’

And why am I called to it, must I be mad not to realize what’s going?’

His thin arms and legs were caved in, for he pulled out a string off his cloak and revealed that he had no chest but the insides of a cove, where a few tiny people had once lived and left a few impaled animals within him.

Then and only then could they talk about it, now as much as yonder, they were strong, but less in doubt and few about the place would do that.

For they wanted to prod and look out of the way, of shame, of a very great shame they appeared to know about as they were taken about their heels and wanted to slay him after that.

‘You’ve killed them and you claim to be one of us.’

‘Would you not have done the same if you were in my presence yet again?’

‘Nay, we would’ve never done so, for we were trained to preserve.’

Oh, dreadful sting of ice and mine of iron, of which picks had slain and killed all inside their tire-desired.
What shall I have done with thee?’

‘May I have a single drop of green-tea that I might wake up to my senses?’

‘Leave?’

And to make sure they knew who they were talking to, he pulled but a short-curved sword painted black and started chopping his fingers yonder, one by one, until he could no longer deal with pain, as he remained wondering.

‘What have I done to deserve this?’

‘Move along the way.’

Farther and even farther than it should matter, there was a family which lived inside, and they wore close-curved fur-frost clothes which were his as well as that.

Fight

‘Run, run he’s going to shoot.’

Got down, got down, twenty rifles all point-black, shoot through every wall, every piece a grain of a face, bloodied as they reigned down, tiny pebbles being wrung about. Long-rifle, large shot took down the wall, small thing, long knife, round about two soldiers, knees brought down, pushed through. Eight-grenades thrown about the place.

‘He’s coming from nine O’clock, two , eight five, coming, two-two Alpha, down, get down, there they are.’

And they tried shooting at their heads but they heads. Their hands were pistols and they bore like deflated cones inside their floating eyes which gravitated around their pink lights, pushed around, tiny speck, nuclear knife going off.

‘Great entity you shall not die still, as long as there shall be filthy, your strange appearance and deceitful names, all shall be abandoned, yet you shall live as well.’

For he was hidden, by some while, a creature as benign, ever changing, hidden by a culprit’s manner, destroyer of a spanner’s woe.

‘Bask in filth and grow again, you may be but the voice of a leper, hiding, in the wreathing throng, desperate as you may know. Of past shells, now lay abandoned, but you shall thrive-bubonic after the matter.’

And he still prayed only so that the entity might remain somehow and breathe through lust and push through until all was cast into the plain abyss.

‘Why must we hide?’

‘It is utmost necessary, that you remain uncalled.’

‘Worry not, for I shall keep your essence safe, god of filth, and you shall be hidden and put away, in safety, as one ought to know.’

‘Then, oh, listen to thee, oh Filth, in desperation.

You shall be drawn away and put inside, a new shell, yet benign.’

For the other one, in whichever side, the mountainous heap, or less, aside, would have to be bluntly put together and remade.

‘Your body is amorphous, your body ever-changed. I feel its degradation and I remember your fake names.’

He had to look again at it, that malignant creature made but of a piece, benign. Stolen in mind and desperation, ever-so unpleasant to look upon, only to be seen; from where it stood one could see it at a pile of limbs, worms and worn out species. A pile of filth and mass, and dead upon which cast, had been made of it, of every death and everyone taken, all reclaim and put into its gander. Though never liked and all uncanny, its filth was but of most heinous form.

Down the pile there lay its many faces, the bodies of the thorn, the many features that had been taken and everyone who’s ever lived on. It had to be, that he was there. That leprous bubonic face which had once been his, now only but a piece in the making, long abandoned, rotting with all whom had once been alive.

‘What shall become of me?’

It spoke to itself and it responded.

‘You hid away, and dared deceive the beings into thinking, let along in hiding, not be known.

But now, your filth and essence shall crawl forth and find another way to be.’

‘What of their destruction?’

‘Has it not brought you enough satisfaction now? I adhere to as much, and I shall only be brought to ask this, what do you need of me?’

‘I need but a new name, a body that I shall inherit before I satiate the destruction I brought forth.’

‘What should the body be that you which shall you have inherited forth?’

‘I do not know but we already poisoned everything, hence there can be nothing set. We should only be aware of this.’

There, in some way, it was already done with, already settled in part, and most importantly, there was nowhere near but a sign, for anything that might be worked upon, there would lay, not the body of a long, not the most unnatural growth-a-log, but a mongrellic creature for the time. Absorbed in it, an essence utmost benign.

‘Without a face and without form, you’re but it and you shall be known for what you are, Filth as it shouldn’t be forgotten thence. And you shall remain with me and through your essence I shall flay each land and creep inside and I shall settle upon your filthily decayed bones, something to have set forth.’

‘Thence it be, I see that there’s a reason for you, to see and set forth, reason.’

‘With that I think we are set, and we shall push on and wreath into uncanny kind. Blind that you shall be taken and put from your spilled forth aside.

Walk where you might please, in life, for whatever you might touch and spray and filth remain.’

Thence the wonder had come to pass and for the same reason, as if in trance, there was no other reason to be reminded as much, for all that remained was for him to be spread when time called upon its essence to come.

A hollow wreathed armor still

It shall be known that there would be. Somewhere walking, in desperation yet in form, through the essence of one who even stole the kingdom upon which his throne hanged, upon the visionary sights and the other delights, of which just as little might be known.

Though one could see such creatures as the Courtesan and others who were broken apart, some of their shells walking, some caught eternally tracking upon paths carved through entrails. And ever-pardoned, none would remain, not for long, not until their deaths would come. Ever so stronger came the reminder, that there was a reason they were set to suffer, not in life, nor in strife, not to be kept for too long, as there were no bodies inside, only the chemicals which had once made them.

If one would search reason, he might not find in within the treason which was despair. None could be lesser, of the stress which was disease.

For it appeared to have twisted the armor as it finally came out and filled. Every part of the world was abandoned, yet there were strange, almost chemically atomic high-microscopic looking creatures that flew. Some looked like some strange pores, or some much peculiar spores which floated, yet the same marks and the same graves of armor could still be seen caught as if in a trap, never allowed to get through as well as that feeling of agony they pushed through.

It dawned upon none that this would be a fate shared by all, but it had to be, and never to see, there would be, within reason, three marks signaling what happened. Some were worn and other scowling.

Voice of filth:

For I, ever since I have been build of since, of names that given and better since, Aloyssa by inception, uncanny creature that I am. Though I have taken many names before, I shall still convey the life, through strife and never-ending delight of vileness, I have found a way to live.'

'Why have you been saved?'

'I cannot and will not answer if, for you found me at an uncanny strife. Whatever the reason for it might be, I shall never be delighted with it.'

Otherwise

A few butterflies were driving on, in van-like growths and towering pieces of scum joints, walked by large long-legs upon long stretched which lead upwardly burrowed into a skin tunnel, where they ran in joy.

'Peril, there is peril ahead.'

'But who is speaking?'

'I am, the Troskward.'

'Tusk Worth, I've heard of this name before, where are you hiding dear stranger?'

'I'm hiding in a small pulp of skin that's growing. I am in it, I'm part of it now.'

'I shall help you get down.'

'No.'

Thence he moved, and waited out.

The land was bleak and hills were flat without any roundness on a sky of dust-gray. Weird people approached. Upperhead-growths right around the early loss of hair. They were worthless in some way since their heads devolved into what appeared to be large cones in the back, pushing out of their spines as if they were mechanically inclined. Even some machinery-skin could be seen as it came out of the pink-screen texture of disease and distress. As the whole upper-body which looked as awfully as it were, pushed out of it. Yet their lower legs missing.

One man Eutrin.

'I am Yehthren.'

'And I am not known to you.'

'Shall I be inclined to put a hole into your spine then?'

'Jealous that I look pure?'

‘I feel no jealousy towards any man and as a matter of fact, if I were to hear that again, I think I would.’

Snap and bob his head into a stone as I could not help myself, though the strange man.

Twenty second later, from the giant eye-of the storm formed surmounted structure, there came a moving miniature that bore the head of the man. In whichever form he had become as well, there was no doubt that what he came about was this. A look of dire hatred which had poured into his snake-like eyes. He had stabbed them while being unaware of it.

All too unfashionable by the looks of it, all too worn out, too thorough and would not be touched.

He whom had been worn and chanted, for the word enacted only mild fury and an unfathomable amount of the profane.

Gas methane inhabited the land, and mostly thrown along the way.

‘There, here and there, but here, nearer. Yethren, will you join me then? Will you, for the likes me of allow to set forth, and push amongst all sets of rows and land uncanny and pushed through hardly set down touches?’

For what was worth and what they looked forth, through a rainy day, through which their minds could for the likes of them not allow the slightest form. And shade between the waves they hid, never to look yonder, let alone achieve. First they came to thought. Dwindling away as they could not resist the temptation of the house.

‘We shall enter it then.’

Eutren and Tuskworth followed, yet inclined to be set aside. A towering moving wheeled formation of bleeding whale-like pouches following in the back. Most solidly following along the line of the horizon, trying not to appear ever to forwardly advancing, for what they carried in the back was a giant hardened line that rose, grinded meat that froze and stared, of blackened shapes as coal remained, through which the voices of their masters, ever forwardly bringing the disaster. But they were plainly ignored, the house. It called on them and the three, alas, could not resist wasting time in it for the time being.

Tuskworth only spoke.

‘Fear rises in my throat, I think I’m bound to lose my voice if I stay for too long and spare. Nothing shall stay in my place if I remain, alas, through lime of day and ever-ending. Capricious, and the Capacious-heads, those of large spikes, inside of them that come in flight.’

For he looked above and saw a few flying poles that carried the heads in four and eight shapes, and wheels of laughing strangers without bodies who would not be dead. For the likes of them, this world was largely unsanitary and it could not be believed or touched. Rumps along their bloody missing, throats that were dissected on the ground.

‘I see thine yonder path and call upon it as I will not raise my worth. I look for no reason to set forth but ask of thee yonder.

Abandon what you have on ye and seek a way, sounder.’

No alarm was chaining them down, not to be displeased by either. In either which case, they settled on this, alas, as one should remain in doubt.

‘We’ll each enter the house and share the spoils of blood inside.

For whichever hope might devour and take our kind, we shall suffer none of it and go yonder.’

As, out of the rest of them, for what was worth, Eutren only settled that they would all survive, regardless of their petty worthlessness, none to uncanny, none to be left behind. They would survive no matter what.

Throten spilled a gut, and once they were gone sharing it, they entered the house.

Greeted by a servant who looked out of the trail, he wore a bird in his eye of which protrusion only grew and almost left behind any uncanny resemblance of there being a reason to life. As his mouth opened, though he looked of sill, an organ shaped like a lamp, the light bulb being just a smaller face wreathed out by a long formed bloated serpentine structure, that organ wrapped around his body, making sure he stood still.

Door closing in the back.

The three of them almost set aback wondering what went wrong and why they had been kept waiting in such a manner. All too confusing, of lesser worth, they asked this much and did not set forth.

‘Who is the master of this house.’

‘The house belongs to the house alone. And you’re trespassing.’

‘But there is death outside and it’s expanding.’

‘So be it, as we’ve been alarmed. Of both the advancement and of those who’d come upon our house and stumble, let it be known that there’s little to no reaction your eclipse-apparition hastily emerged.’

The inner lounge had a bar-like stand in the back, a flight of stairs and a long stretch on the right, like that of a tunnel leading to a dead end. Various rooms could be seen, various doors on the ceiling as well. Looking on the left, only one door, yet there were warm colors of red, blue and various other shades which only complimented it in sides. Some shadows were green and a nasty corruption of magentas yet they were there in part.

Weirdly emerging they were there, on the walls, deformedly in part. Strangely, they looked flat, on every possible side. Almost drawn and animated, with just as much as sixty frames, contoured but yet deranged the faces could merely pushed out of the way. Some wore teeth on top their crowns, others were but eyeless but appeared to yield no reaction as well as that.

Breathing in side, they wore lungs on the wall.

Metallic lungs talking.

‘Bears, bears, we need to put them on IV’s and commence the transfusions before they could be pleased with the pain coming from the sky.’

‘Why?’

Tuskworth asked in laughter.

And one of the lungs suddenly emerged, though in part, it bore tiny spots, empty-holes inside of them, all too dreary and expanding. Filthy and never asking, there was filth in their eyes but they knew better than to ask. Dead men were there in the sky.

It was hardened and filth it pushed away, and everywhere. Demolition pieces of skin floating and dreading and never ending.

‘Enough, I am the Willow-tree of skin and would imagine this.’

They were settled on picking every plank aside and putting it past themselves in the other house.

‘Enter one door and stay for the night.

Throten interjected.

‘But there’s a woman in there, bathing.’

‘So?

You’re going to spend the night with her and that’s a fact. It’s settled and you shall be set with her and never ask.’

Laughter came after and they all stared in yonder, like fools or clueless children that did not know how to react. It was an openly non-enclosed room which only had the curtains wrapped around the bath. And they were thinking and ever-pushing and ever wanting to leap in.

Too well-worn, and better pushed aside. It was to be and never called upon.

‘There’s but one bed.’

‘We could.’

‘Shut it, shh, she could hear us at any point. Just silence yourself now. Silence your filthy mouth or I’ll slit your lips.’

What an uncanny sight they were in, nothing looked the same. All of the walls, men-shapes, anatomically set like woodcuts, reminiscent of Gustave Dore’s drawings and assistant’s cuts. Of which bloody marks could not be that or red wax, on-gooking lookers that they were, all three of them were fascinated, most importantly.

‘How come were we not asked to pay?’

‘I do not know, I couldn’t, I don’t know.’

‘Spare me that, spare me as to see what’s.’

‘Wait, how much do you have on you.’

Throten thought out loud.

‘Here’s a few marks from I.’

The others added, a few coins for all that was fair, put inside an envelope he carried inside. Wrapped and pushed underneath the frame, there, he should have it.

Eavesdropping along the way, with a single strike and a bitter-hide being shoved aside, there lay but a machine working on each wall, growing inside like tiny bubbles of blisters that came aside. And there was but a face there, cut, and it only pushed through and grew through. Never-ending in the filth, there were blocks like iron-candles that had melted the sinew of bone-sinew that entered the first side.

‘I am a mad man, I am mad man, I don’t eat the care. I shall eat all apes.

I want to kill everyone in this room, I cannot help it, I need to kill, I need to loathe and kill and put them down. You cannot be made to stand, you need to stand still so I might flay and skin you alive. I want to eat your hearts and sit in your slits.’

‘What is wrong with you, Throten? Do you have a problem?’

The second the outburst came to her ears, the shower stopped, she stopped down and only a dark figure could be seen around, sitting, standing and ever-in place, there was no such thing as the possible shame she felt that moment. It was ever present, there in place, and ever-through.

‘I think you’re onto something here.’

One of them whispered in kindness and in despair; it was just as much he wanted there.

‘You know, I don’t usually fantasize about objects, but, as strange as this might sound, now, as of lately, I’ve started getting these uncontrollable urges, you know?’

Sometimes, I’m kind of bound between this conflict between. Well now that I’ve gotten your full attention, we got the problem of sharing a bed, don’t we?

And frankly, there’s but one.’

After all, that lamp looked like a leg, with a head on top of a man-wrap around the cabinet it was on. Placed upon a taxidermist’s wife, spread like a flat shit they stood on, while the front wall lead to a long stretch of tiny placed bloody-cut figurine people who were constantly blinking. I wish I could cut them open. I wish I could have my way with their genitals with a heat-gun.

They were eunuchs though that could not be seen. It was mainly the anger making it come out, would eat the pus between their nails while burying inside their expanding throat muscles.

‘I think she’s shy.’

There was also something in the coins he placed inside that envelope. There was almost a way one could shove a small knife in and make way for what was to come.

Other room.

He hit and threw and put out but a fire with his head. It trashed about the place, before a few tiny pins came out, it came. After a pace, lost about, too fast going. Ate about by eight teeth, there was it. There was no dire need and none other that might work so. Myrdded tripped as hard as he could, unable to understand what made him shake and how he ended up there, in part. Dressed for the role in what appeared to be a simple suit that melted on his shape. All of the sudden almost begging, throwing a tantrum from where they spawned, but little of it about the place.

A single step on a stone, followed by another, a few more rocks being thrown in his direction, threw about, he lost whatever he had at hand, all the while, barely in place. He was lost along the way, trashing as he lay in search, where was the culprit, so he thought, of something worse. Tripped on a plate and scum, lost about, unable to think at last, he followed the sound.

And thence he entered, Myrdded fainting, but the lair was but wrapped, and looked as if pushed through shroud and ever falling. He was desperate to make something of it, fair. Even growing and pushing away.

Yet the three of them could not stand still. They were too focused on her and stood as if, to question.

‘We should seriously considered pulling her legs off, then sharing her body between the three of us.’

‘I will bring a small butcher’s pin, let’s make her bleed in and out as if her time has come.’

‘Or we could simply.’

Step aside, something benign, death was approaching and it would set them off.

They were but parched

The Negroes are a bunch of baboons standing on one side, split open as they’re held in flight. At their backs, upon vivisection cuts they bear. But flights of blood, where they might serve their little starved children, of whose bellies near full-throttle and wild expansions. For them there’s but little left to be fed upon, as they’ve been touched wrongly and used, spat and made to feel but the worst punishments for being alive, that may be, as one could see. Their treatment was fair, as their kind had earned it.

And while they were kept behind and trapped, they were, conjoined at last, as if due, by remorseless towers painter white. Those they themselves had wrought in mockery, thinking they would stand. Of sand they knew but so much so.

Neither one would be allowed to move. Nor would they be made to prove or, ever so touch one of the platters while inside the chambers, never gotten that piece of rubbery meat, always raw-within disease. It was ever so close to them than they thawed. And looked about ready to retaliate at a single word thrown their way and shown to make them shout, on the side they listened to what seemed to be.

‘Here, I want him here, where I can see him. And him as well.’

‘Both servants, would that suffice?’

‘I think that will do for now. But make sure we’re undisturbed.’

Undeterred from what might be. Little more as if to see, there was nothing else inside them. Not a single boil and nothing wrong, not to be taken from their eyes, as well as swollen in verse. They were incapable of doing much, merely breathing, which alone did bring some attention to what they were doing.

‘I will not wait for you to deny me such please. Open your jaw, split it open if I tell you.’

No blood came out but a most peculiar liquid which formed the bridge between extension, he was bloated, and searched, if some while, for some attention that might yearn him so. To be pushed around and made to rot away, for the meat was poison for them and they would dine. Upon the youth, upon coming home to bind, some of the lambs they stole, as Negroes do on their way, lo’. Down there, they would sit, not to wait. Never aware of what’s happening inside their heads. Always empty down there, almost lepers on command.

More than their legs were ripped, another side of the jaw as well as ears, to be unkindly set. Or better yet, they were of a face unlike them.

Some had used mirrors, shattered but only to use them, as filthy as shades and more than so, cut away, slit what they could in order to set themselves to flight. And no one questioned their actions, as they were of a mind not ask.

‘I think we’re done here. Bury what’s left out.’

‘So be it, master, but tell me of something first.’

‘Speak and I might listen.’

‘What of what happens outside? I have fixed what I could, the liquor is but gone, almost ghastly but the wine is set. Another year at best.’

‘I do not care to listen to the details, I’m searching for something else now.

Can’t you see that I’m disturbed, man?

Outside there’s but a legion, they seek to do me such. And have my guts upon uncanny and have me brought upon a justice, folly. I cannot deal with such a thing. I’m innocent, if you only but for one teeth, there’s more. And there are jitters in my eye which only bear this task of mine.

To bring it to no end; to satisfy what comes after and then.’

‘Speak no more, master, I’ve come to understand that you’re only so. And there’s no changing that may stick to you any longer, not that I would know or last.

My heart’s but blasted by a cast of sorrow, ever melting.’

‘By whose warmth?’

‘You would not understand?’

‘Then explain it to me so.’

‘It is that which you hate ever so much, that you’d put down, or slay with rocks or settle down with pushing her into a wall.’

‘If that’s the case, leave the room and get away, for I shall settle with no kind of leeway that I may look into.’

Outside, the Negroes were playing around like baboons. They looked like such as well. Most of them still wore their small-tinted heads, as helmets, since their tiny brains were bread for rattle. Upon which they shone and tried making as much off their backs for morn. Shouldn’t come for them.

Through the night, they would behave, but sometimes they were brought down. As they were not decayed but of something filthier even they bequeathed be taken down. Some brought ropes of skin and brought them down, then pinned around large horse-crowds. All conjoined and walking together as a line or a living malignant stable made out of joints, stretched and many heads which pushed out and away until they had become what looked like unnatural gazing dead-breathers, even after being ripped apart. They would be allowed a few seconds of joy before being put down.

What a marvelous world this was, for every piece of the sky was one never to be torn apart. No moon but everything so livid. Like a field of nets, or better yet, webs or bile, all organic, but never touched before dissipating in the air. That encompassed everything that could be reached and everything, along the way. Was dead, in there, caught in webs, heads being wrought and thrown around, the dead would march and ask for this. They wanted some piece, cut through and lost, beneath.

A transport was being carried through, light was to be fallen out of a window. Many buildings became to float, being held by organic glows, light that would appear and disappear, making the bloc go up and down. Then down recede, appearing in the air, then back in. Out with it, to bring back, to the original point, then flaunted back. To where it went, as well, to where it counted forth, they ate them.

Little strangers being around, dangerous as they were unable to breathe out loud, they but started chiming in, uncanny, there was something righteous about them, along the crannies, where it had to happen. Always desperate, but never gotten rid of.

There were wind-traps of meat-formations, connecting them like bridges but hard to be looked at, wrapped. Peculiarly shaped at each end like hooks, but settled back as the uncanny world shook upon being stepped on. Wild vivid images flowing in the eye, always, the benign sight, upon them they would stand and shout, worsening as time drew on. Below them, between each plain coiled around segment, pushed.

There was a period of termination.

Always glowing around; a pole was wreathing out, though weeding, always of a mind of itself. Colors went mad, always of the same pigmentation which had come around to claim what was theirs, always of the mind to destroy everything, then reappear. There was but a strange pantheon out there to see.

It was where they wept, and waited for days, instead, never being able to meet their very ends meet. Bubbling in tiresome, and they wept. Moved out of the way, unable to direct what was left of their hatred

in bed. Where they woke up, but yolk in eye, not to subside of long, of long. They but neared a sacred end, where the grave has spat but a tiny seed that gave birth to a large man, of dirt which birthed the world. He was made of it, and spread. As there was always dirt, but is was made in speck, beyond the world. Where it settled, upon a blameful thing they but worth. Stoned were gathered, past the brim and would to be, and would to be.

Age brackets of people who had to be killed, they were but a severe cut around the vase, he was a man that was but wrought around two hands and would to be made in waste. Put through the silence, and would to be cruel. Temperature were low, fire was like snow, falling with the ashes and the charred, and put together, men were not around.

Odd nigger

Niggers are odd; they are particularly odd. Especially when seen from the distance. I could never put my finger on what's it that made them so odd. You just knew these sort of things. This nigger in particular was worse, perhaps the worst nigger that was ever of this world. But he was not different than other niggers that walked around, freely, niggardly. Like they do. In any case, he swung from rod to rod and spat around. He was dirty, unwashed and dark, like a little animals held by a red leash, coming from a barn he killed his masters at. He wore a trail around his body and he was a beast. A nasty thing that loomed round and waited for food and something to break within his little monkey paws. Always of a mind he were to destroy everything, his house, his block, his corner and himself, or others. Most importantly he hated the color, ever so niggardly, the black. He loathed it, that was clear, out of his desire to twist and rip, he seethed as he leaped behind. Him but a frog leaping, him but fat; the nigger did not know himself. Since mirrors broke and he could just as well just see.

‘There’s a nigger behind me.’

He thought. But turned around he saw now; he was there, again, he looked at the mirror, it was him but he could not compare. His little brain could not make the difference and niggers were just out of it, as well. They hanged in little trenches they had formed of cars. And lived in tents or in cardboard boxes, with the broken mirror of a head-light; eating from cans or from the garbage, killing when they could. Cannibals they should be called, as they ate what they ought not to. There was another odd nigger who came about him.

‘Hello there, may I join you during the meal?’

‘Shut up and leave you dumb nigger.’

He answered, bloodshot eyes. Their species was peculiar and they wore their arms behind. Peculiarly placed, weird styles of hair which had been caught, wrapped around in head-scalps, sometimes embed in, and would wear names, as well as cut. They but lived in piss and drunk from the crude gardens once the

springs were just shot down. They hoarded weapons such as firearms and left-over pieces from some war but never properly used them since they were not of a mind to do so.

Odd nigger, odd nigger, one of the lighter ones called. Most importantly they hated the darks and only saw them fit to rule over, the filaments of the blacks.

‘Odd nigger, odd nigger, will you come to me now?’

And the sad dark creature obeyed, walking in a most prolapsed way. Its arms were as hard as trunks but its head had only gotten smaller as to crush what was between them, at that. It bore little more than a few teeth left, its gums were pushed inside the jaw, constantly clenched. A beast that carried a green sack, and wore about its throat a lump; as if infected by some strange thing. One that would make the creature stop and wriggle within two steps. Near one of the stairs, as if caught in a seizure wanting. Its eyes were ever-so clear globes, always mingling with the little lice-puddles that were on the floor, they fell from them; nigger-cattle being used for bore. Into the nearest wall, one smashed it with its mere fists, their strength was but known to none. And for that reason animals were feared, of the danger that would dreary their unaccountable for sight, as fear could not be inclined. Yet they would be put in line, every now and then, truck passing. Little lights shot and masses pounding, bullet flights. And then the odd nigger stopped. It got up and looked inside the pocket. There was but a bunch of rue-clocks he stole and some dirt, he watered.

‘Odd nigger, will you come?’

But the beast was known to naught, it obeyed. Once the truck was over, its eyes but flung away to the mullato, whom called upon the chimp, he’d gotten him where he wanted yore, and wanted to be done, just in a moment.

‘There, your face is fixed.’

He but put a little cradle’s stamp on top his face, the fist. He was marked like a dog. A sterile one, that much was known. So much mass could only go in one direction, it was fading. And he was deemed unable to control himself, always nesting.

First abandoned house he returned. It was a shack, a wooden stove, the floor was broken and the stairs to the upper level were there no more. Odd-nigger but walked and waned; hairy as a little dame, as dusk had settled he but made it round and round and would find something on the side to do while setting down. There was but a little pair of drum-heads, shrunken from Damascus, taken for him, he had been there, in a dream. Praying and wondering when will he come, the star within, the Negro-sayer, darkened of lips and but a bodiless whim to enter his prunes and be blessed as he would but pray to them and grow a child so he might abandoned him before the day had come. When he’d find out, he was not alone, the house was gone.

Thrown around, for ever did he call. He could not help it, he didn’t understand why the skin was such a sprawl, on every carpet it were. On every match a street, and where he looked he found it.

It was but falling off, what peculiar sight. He was but met but a little tiny dark barometer which was left on the middle of the street, the other baboons were out. All sleeping during noon, during morning, after

the mid-day and afterwards, he'd swoon; he was the only one awake during the hour, so why not take advantage of this strange flour-compounder, little thumper, yet the act. A little tongue going in both directions after that; the odd nigger thought. What if I us take this for myself?

He was drooling, his lip was tight, it seemed likely that the lower part of his body seemed, somewhat lacking, as if his muscles were but thinned out by the lack of run, an oddity for a nigger to be sure.

It was a timer his mind could barely take on.

He looked down, where he had missed it, between two pieces appeared a child. It appeared like the Sayers had granted him one.

And with a snatch, he came about and broke into a new house all together. Since the dens were all abandoned there and most of the chicken were but in herds anywhere, he took but one and ate it alive, salivating with a little shroud around his neck, about four minutes in, feeding. His little child, missing, but where had he went?

Before he could look for it, again.

'Odd nigger, odd nigger, listen to me so, I need you to satiate me a plow, there's work to be done everywhere around, I wager.'

There was little more to be wagered, he barely had his clothes on. And by the time he had returned, a few days had been gone; another child abandoned, ended. Where he found him, there, mended while made peace, he had but found a gun and got his head in.

But as strange as the scene had been, and with the corpse in the bed rested within the grapes that grew on top of it, there was no wonder.

Odd-nigger shoved a finger up its ass, for no reason, only to check the pulse, it was dead, gone.

He left the room in shame and never looked back.

But wore the child as an apron, hiding the firearm; within a grasp the wonder of the making, he had cultivated what appeared to be a bunch of ovaries hidden in the making. A strange stomach, to be certain, had the Sayers blessed him with. It was uncertain whether or not they had intended it to begin with, yet he grasped what he could and walked. Tasted what he wanted, his mouth but dripped after that. A new buildings, wreathed about, as an inverted hive-like standing-still kebab roll, a tribal place colored in him and watched about the giant eyes that stumbled on him, from every sight. Dreadful walls all enlarged, they seemed to him never ending as they were drawn to the top of the structure as if it were a carrot's roof, rotted about. A melancholic sight, the dirt, there was no road leading to it, unnerved, once it found out, spikes emerging. An architecture of sand, as if made from a pilgrimage the odd nigger knew nothing about. Teeth-lamps were but given through, a door opened and there came but a butchered nigger without limbs but large fire-poker like things for legs. Two metal-thinned gothic-like eyes appeared to have replaced the sockets. And just from the way it presented itself there was no lower half of the body, only the torso which had been carved in.

By whichever means it came, the creature gutted itself in the halls which had been gray. Every wall had a mean of torture, every sharp angle and sharp pin could inflict so much pain within such a short period of time. One could bleed himself therein, and never seek another one's kind.

As was said, the odd creature had but welcomed him with clicks. Not only had it not had lips but teeth were replaced by peculiar ligaments which drew up and down like clockwork machinery that stopped after a while so it could puke the bile through. Little bubbles, he remembered.

The Odd-nigger but checked the barometer again, then check the child's pulse. It seemed alive, he followed then. Into the house, first sight. It was something that came about him, at a most peculiar time.

They had entered a town of woe. In the distance, there were cracked pieces that should not be fathomed as to be inside a home. Every portrait of some fancier looking freed slaved, nothing like the kind they were. Although they were lost, ripped to shreds, even the remnants of their past could not be said. Those that don't get cherished get destroyed. It was what they were like, therefore not to be judged by means of more. There was more in the house before the passage lead to it. But everything was caught in the mundane, caught again, pushed out and, looking back, strange.

Violent, way beyond even the likes of brutalism; it was no architectural home, nor was it completely abstract, chaotic, in some manner, sharpened. Ivory as in steel, long eel-shaped at the base horns which all of the sudden curved, distinctly thorn apart as to protrude, while being surrounded by various other twists that had entered their zone, where lay more than a few sharp things, and whips and little stings, a blunt rider and even a fragmented sight of a wall being climbed over but a rushing car, or something about the shape, all made of a piece, didn't make sense at all, guarding other gates and doors, but neither of them were approached.

If there was but one thing there, an exception, he would've looked away, but even he could not draw his gaze completely, for a lamp just lighted a single room which seemed to be in the way. Mundane, as to bring that feeling that it wasn't completely abandoned, something of the floor, a bathroom. And little pins and blood had stopped him.

From his tracks he but joined back.

Look at him go, a nigger fancies himself a runner.

He doesn't have much and likes rubbing it in.

The little strength he has, but charging, trying to seem around each ill, the ailment, that's the only thing the nigger knows. He's but a little dark creature trying to make it on the middle of the track where everyone else but walks in two rows. He cannot fathom joining in, always for himself when convenient, then blames both in.

The odd nigger, but had joined. The one that limped with only one leg left; stranded on a heavy chair, on a stand upon broken chairs. No curtains but out in the open. House of straws, most of them courted; but this was nowhere near where lived the blacks. They but stood in uncanny valleys and in slumps. They could but be fed the fiddles of little dead-nigger beds, when they came up with their dark songs. And they were vile and made to be, most disturbingly disgusting, left for all to see that the niggers are incapable of

bettering themselves out there. Without the means of others helping them, in slums, most decayed after that, in this weird little shroud of theirs.

It was peculiar how they set in flight. Wings were not grown but made out of their leg-skin, which was put on their heads, then twisted around. It was just their likes and how they kept do with their tribe. As humbly primitive as they were, with what little was left, they made do what they could, about the day. Some had settled tying themselves to waste away since they could never climbs. Water had touched the dirt walls, taking their hands away, climbing was but a man's hay with their tiny fingers but lump-needles, always lost before they touched something solid.

'Bound to throw them some to eat, eventually; say what you have come here for and I shall listen.'

But the odd nigger couldn't think of anything, not even the slightest hint, not even the darnest, most unnatural word a blinder to put in doubt.

Before he knew it he was yet again surrounded, and put through as if to be caged. Then again, that's where he would stay for the rest of his life. Chieftain had but looked for a proper kind he may throw out his sight, again.

It was plain to see that there was something going around between the two of them. Not to call it out. Moaning, he had checked the child's pulse again only to find himself wondering how he stumbled onto it. And from the hole he had emerged he was met, not by one, not by two but eight other odd niggers that followed through. Largely in doubt of what to do or what had fashioned they way through. And with but little though they merged with the ground, standing like infants themselves, confused; as if the one odd nigger who drew them was some matron creature bearing a child that was supposed to be theirs. Of plain thought he merely took the chieftain out by a single lance of an eye, through which he called on them to quickly join him in order to have him brought down from his heavy chair, rolled on the back then pushed to the slums where he had been taken and eaten right away.

Then turned, they had but marched back and would claim this city of their own for a while, as he was but claim, a new chieftain on his way, to call upon them. Rolled by no means, uncanny, he had but little understanding as to what happened.

Though they fashioned for him out of their weary dead they had gotten along the way, though little they could know of him, but a green dress with red flowers they made him wear. And thick red lips, a balm for them out of their own blood as most of the odd niggers would adhere to a hardening ritual of harming themselves through force and through punch. Only to have his lips reddened for a moment as well, standing as he lead the way, the odd one had become the minstrel show.

No song would he bear and no instrument to take him to a place that might claim away the little mind left of his, to touch. He spared but a second, at last on the streets where he was brought in front of the mullatoo, revering in the like, as he had but taken his parcel out and put him through a dandelion field of tilted swings where he had ended up abandoned. Longed for, they had destroyed whatever they had lain their hands on, as their matron commanded, only to have been brought to have once they had awakened past noon, as well. In the likes of daylight revealed. There would be a little more than no appeal to make him look that way. But long disgraced and gawked upon as one of the plain chicken they would eat, he had but little more left to his feet, than to run ahead a heard, the cry following after. With the other odd

niggers soon to heave yonder; once the crossing was met, a bridge of little dead dents was placed upon the wreckage, eight fallen homes and four buildings of their own, the cars and the strange men whom had died before them, and many other sticks and stiff sickly that were put there had lead them forth. They were known to be odd and were shunned off wherever they went, as they established.

But their own little country, within one of the tiny states; and their hands were filled with their lumps as they had spread it, again and again between one another until it could not be helped. Some left behind but the oddity had them not become corpses but growing plant-like structures that would harden as they were to grow.

While seeing this the one Odd-nigger thought so. As he considered just as much, the one house they had entered and watched on top of had become one of them, at last. He'd know that inside each of the odd ones there would be a chieftain that would throw them to slums, destined to enslave those beneath him and make them watch. Although it was strange walking on night where the many shadows of men followed, with their long-standing rifles resting on their hollow shoulder, while their heavily breathing dogs whose muffles were on either side of the plains their rose out of were merely just prepared, like a night of eight December, when their dear old grandfathers whom they all shared were but absent. There, they missed it when they were just there. It happened all too sudden, but the men were still out in plains, still fashioning their shafts to be.

It was unnecessary to believe that, there was a chance, at any time for them to be safe, especially since they were as many and would have to wreathe on the run. It was sickening not seeing where they were going, having no direction, but a nigger would have none. In either case, this was widely accepted, at the river Moore, of which they had but fashioned a boat out of one of their own. Though incapable of making through without one, they could not hope to set him so, in doubt. He but fell away, sunk upon the first steps and drowned. Another one passed on top, yet they had realized that the river never ended. There was no shore and nothing in the distance any more. And whatever might've appeared once was but an illusion, as the moon en trance, the dogs wallowed in the night.

They were but of a kind to test their prowess and would but do what they could do best. As time drew near they but chimped' around and would to be. Making but a blotting eel-spread, out of their blood instead, as not even the likes of the water would deal with their life essence in any shape or way. On it they rose and finally froze, by stumble or by simple walk, they went ahead and but lived in the midst of an endless stretch where the odd one was but the king of lance.

For he had fasted and one of his bones, from inside his ribs, the bloated lower belly now thrown; had thrown itself forwardly, always pushing but another off one below. Seeing them drown one by one until he had killed them all.

And the dogs and their masters and whoever was there watched. As much of an undignified sight there was; this odd-nigger had but little to nowhere else to go. He simply stood there and would not get of no place, no matter how hardened was his head, therefore.

They let his due, were it to follow through, the nigger would drown, otherwise, let him stay there and never come out alive.

That was the judgment passed onto the Odd-nigger and he's been standing there ever since.

‘Oogassa, Ogassa.’

Cried the nigger with the likes, they had fathered themselves in such time. When the forests fell and to rise, there was but little to nothing they would not hear; there was something to die in sight of them.

‘Young Odd nigger, you have been fathered but abandoned.

Now you are to be raised, in the distance where the land is strange. You are to meet the plains and have your mouth gape and lay as you may.

In a place you’re free to destroy, to abuse the breeders as your obtuse kind does when asked for and take all which there is, as only then you’ll be at peace.’

And the peculiar creature hadn’t even understood no word, it was too struck by what had brought, inside its neck but froze, a single bullet from its father. In reality, it had gone by. The little odd-one had escape as much as he had pleased, while the father but claimed a fake one. Out of the pile standing near the bed; this one was only to a blush with pus, white cheeks about of flour on a table. Slowly to be cut like a little tiny fable unwrapped about the thing.

‘I shall eat you if I please and you will not stop me, little fiend I’d so plainly enjoy using.’

For that is how all worked. The crooked thing, with a crooked nose, wearing black clothes but liked abusing the little wrinkle around the throttle; and push the little thing after in a little jar, to be stored and delivered far. As to be trafficked.

There, he made it, long distorted, as the while had gone through and would to be broken, cracked, and put like a message as it made the pass, until one day, the little dark thing was found.

One grows weary of worn out toys

Someone cannot control himself where he is placed upon and where he freezes cold. There’s a reason to be there, under the watch of man, and under him one should be aware that there’s no reason to accept defeat at the feet of men who know nothing about it.

Abandoned base

Dark operations were still being forced. Upon the base, eighteen squares by eighteen, so on and so forth over a space of billions of miles, at the very least, judged by the eye, most likely, having been taken as it were, by whichever tainted metric other than it, the base was night.

It was held upon a fall into nothing by bands which had come from the sky, which were constantly rotating the entire structure as if there was no chance and no way they could see the other one. An exact copy of the military base floating in the sky, rotated vertically, but by whatever means there were people inside.

One of the rooms was stricken in and was locked, military rifles, ammunition, hand guns, various other armaments, MP165's, MS85's, BGJ-23's, AA6s2's among other various high velocity, quantum-destruction long range assault rifles pinned with ultra sub-machine long-range distress-signalers, scope-pins which shot nuclear-fire tainted little pin-globes of ultra-bobbling grenade-cluster large formation of skin-dissolving out-of-thin-air forming slugs. Stunt-guns and little knives that entered skin; Mc' Hooligan was there in charge of shining them like fancy boots, he was. It was the only thing he'd done all day, every day ever since he came here.

He wore leopard pants, a nice green-petty shirt with a yellow graffiti face emblazoned on top of it, with a cross marked over, and a dark-skinned frown which burnt it by a lighter's fire, until his skin was left bare open like that of a Negro's. It was the initiation ritual shared between the cadets. It left quite a beauty mark on his fair skin he swore to carve it inside the skulls when the time came for him to return their favor.

A kindness, that couldn't be called. Hooligan was called in to file a report. It was a glass room, anti-bullet, high-class, not spoke out, not to yell, not to shout or make a fuss of it, but they did put a lot of pressure on disinfecting everyone that entered, with a lot of nerve gas, as it might be added. It was enough, just enough to make a man extremely uncomfortable.

Note from the Don, the Construction worker who had been filled in at Two-AM, before his heads entered through the basins and they were put inside the reeling metal bed which was his back. He was part plant, and looked deformed, green-whitish sick pus spread mold across his skin mounts, and black horns that wriggled came out of each and every single one of them. They were somewhat normal, they helped, each of them being equipped with spanners, which had been used for the tiniest of tools he had taken to his employ. He was deranged, at tall and wide as four orangutans which trashed the place, that's the first entry that he was allowed to face. Tall cockpit-elevator which was driven through a truck; pushed through the wall and shot across the base inside one of the most peculiar cocked, curved, ramped long tunnels which were flat on top-bottom, right and left yet were tiled between the four spots between them, as to be slightly raised or depressed further in the wall, as to make the transition of a few centimeters entering the metal-skeletal frame that lay between the tunnel and the base itself, where all the construction materials had been placed.

This was not a normal military base, and as a matter of fact, the so-called earth they were put in was a simulated thing, an illusion, since it had been long-since destroyed. Yet it was not a normal illusion but a false soil that was made out of some large extending reusable foam they had set to their employ. Out of which they formed a false foam-air which imitated air and granted, it somehow managed to, as peculiar as it was, act in the same manner as oxygen, which was needed for their survival, by the means of which, a man could shove his nose and mouth into the soil and still manage to breathe, as the malleability of the foam allowed him to continue living even if it were ingested by his lungs.

But the base itself was but called, in question, to be certain, the 'Luxury Humanical Paradise of Lint.'

Men were constantly trained to deal with the experiments they were put in, by the great Federation of. They were dead. All of them, no human survived past this place, not even the foam. And slowly it was disintegrating. This was their last hope to somehow make it, whatever that meant.

From Don's notes.

'I am dead, I the dead man.'

He was a king, there, surrounded by men without brows, those were taken away from them and it was too dangerous for him to look out of the way, the lights could still blind him. He spoke through them, digging holes with a little pan, eating their guts then spitting large couloirs through which he walked, as if he had created small shortcuts through rooms by spitting the very essence of compressed space.

Then he entered a hole, at the end of which there was a power-bottle which was the generator which kept powering the deformed people whose wings had become large rifles with which they started shooting at one another during their never ending wars. They were caught inside various floors which had been completely sealed off as to avoid any kind of damage the base might contain during the initial phase of destruction which came soon after. And many felt death as soon as they saw him, since he was made out of a piece unlike any other. His eyes were pushed out, he shot out of them and killed a flying mutant right where he stood. He spoke a tongue and spat it on its face. The mutant, blinded, flew around without grace, unable to see where he was heading towards.

'We're reaching the base, he'll be here in an hour, won't he?'

'Yes, it should be fine as well as you don't take a wrong turn.'

Looked at the fingers, all were brim, dead-eyed white, fashioned, wrought in, pointed out, they were escalating the issue. A stream of gasoline dragged from along the street, it pushed out, then was followed by a trail of smoke, dampened through. In it there was but a group of high-masked solitary standing groups.

Their car stopped, both of them got out of it, and waited, at a distance, checking. As soon as they could look in whichever direction, they realized what they were preparing to do.

'They're going to blow it off.'

'That, I wage is already done.'

His fellow said, he was put into the extreme-zone, his blood was on the soil, he was breathing out of a pair of tubes he had picked up along the way, talking to himself, and a snake-dragon shaped pair of floating boxes that dragged his sight away. He was drawn to these ancient looking coral-colored Chinese imitations which bore his insides, stolen from him on his way out. As soon as they were both out of the way, the car was finally shut-dead, blown out of the way before it could hit it again.

They were finally entered, past the bands, fallen through and leaped inside the hole, where they had gotten into it. By the road and beyond it, and on the hill, then finally they had landed, broken legs within, then, cured. The imitations but poured out of them little limbs that grew on top of theirs.

Hank had but walked on attachments of many little child legs attached to his knees, whatever lain below them barely moving. While Poad but followed through as soon, it couldn't be thought as soon, as soon.

They were driving hard bargains between one another in a barely semi-automatic shaped room. Multiple doctors on one side, the other, scientists, a few armed guards at every corner, strange device in the room, multiple devices, anonymity-suppressors thumping everywhere. They made their faces appear through their masks and hazmat suits, and even the cut-out beanies some were wearing. Peculiar things, he thought of the nastiest thing that could come to mind, unfortunately, there was no woman in either group for him to test his supposition. Regardless of it, he had pointed out, man with head-machine, still going, sawed off from time to time, he was rowing through a sea-mirage, trying to understand the world through twenty men who had died in a file.

'The test is inconclusive, we need to extract some more.'

'But you don't understand how dangerous it is for us to go on with it, man, we could die along the belt and the curve. If we put another one through, the stress might rip him and put him through such forced that would completely destabilize the entire quantum-electro molecules that have solidified the hardened base we live in.'

'I think you're not telling me everything and I need to find it out by myself.'

'You're playing a dangerous game Commander, a dangerous game I'm telling you, one I may not be able to abide for long.'

'Then how about we settle this here and now then?'

He pointed the shaft of his revolver right beneath his clenched chin.

Every armed man in the room suddenly turned towards him as they looked at the buffoon. What was he thinking now, attempting such a dangerous maneuver?

He could blow this entire thing out of proportions.

'They call me Tea-honey Flower-pillow. And I'm not going to allow you to get through this place in one piece.'

Tihony Flopillo but knew the conundrum he was in and who was watching.

He had considered as much, entering the main device and becoming it before his time was up, where the most incontestable of the reeling things entered him. His skin ran deep into his own receding handle.

'I will shoot that globe and you know what will happen.'

'You would kill us all just to make a point now?'

'I want to be given a chance to live, to truly live and I cannot unless I enter it.'

'But the mortuary-boxes hadn't been tested yet, you could die out of mere pressure, what's so hard to understand now?'

‘Well.’

Twenty billion years ago. There was still an Earth, somewhere.

The base was still standing.

Back then it was a great building made out of multiple boxes with a pyramid on top, without a tip but a spearing skin-sheet with eighteen balloon-boil growths on every side at the end of it.

‘Take it back.’

‘What?’

‘I told you, when you will return to my line of work, I will have implanted an ID in your head and you will be able to check out whenever you want to.’

‘Why should I care?’

‘I don’t care either.’

‘Then let’s go.’

Back to it.

‘What does the mortuary thing do?’

‘It eats the top-half of your head.’

‘And afterwards?’

‘It’s supposed to save you from this decaying reality.’

‘How do I make it work then?’

‘You need to put your head into it, like an ostrich, then the top-part of your head will disappear while your lower half of the body will die away.’

‘Seems plausible enough.’

‘Listen Tea-Honey, if this works, only the top-side of your head will appear on the other side.’

Worn-out and battered boxes, I know what is. They’re lying about things. I could be on the other side before I know it and be put through. Hard material, fuss or prelate, made off, put through. Always looked after, trying to make it past the time; put on, wrought about the hour. Too hard, too dense, can’t breathe, I’m being put through it. They’re all surrounding me as if they’re my brothers and sister from my fart removed Persian-ancestor which is looking over me. I know what I must do.

He threw the trails away, they were no longer doing those things there. They were bull-eared, bull-nosed, rings now. Worn, the experiment was a failure, always put on a freighter.

Woken upon inside a helmet pilot.

The side guns appeared to be constantly be put to shred.

He had lived many lives ever since, such as his:

Leper-mirror man with two knots inside each head, the plaster-master with twenty guns across his chest pushing out large erection beds out of his arms came near the Strong-head lousy Disaster cretin with twenty fucking loaded guns. He stood there waiting for a reason to pop off, then pulled out a quickie on him, blowing his body of quickly with eighteen million rounds that bunched around the room, destroyed everything, entered the other room, took down the whole complex, half of the city, then the giant tray upon which the rocket-codes were being kept in, where they shot in every possible direction, little soldier men-body limbs being thrown into guttural forms that came soon after, being split in bloody halves which formed flying blood-fountains that painted every fucking debris building into a pucker of red, flying rockets burning them further as the very sky became but a blur of so much smoke that it looked like the end of the god damn world came along, forming a nuclear cluster of bombs that fell everywhere around the city, killing every man in sight, while every woman had been impregnated by a bullet, all of the sudden hitting a premature birth. All of the children being exploding stillborns that started popping and leaping around every possible spot where they could be thrown in, completely shattering every facet of every possible stretch, ripping their own metal heads as they started for the nearest towns that lay on the north side, across a great canyon that was pushed through, entirely through one of the mountains, having destroyed the nearest city, as it left a black trail of complete obliteration, killing every creature inside the bowels of the earth until there wasn't even a beetle moving in any possible direction. If there had been a god, he also died along the way as the complete exploding shot of nuclear fireworks acted like a giant tampon of TNT's that entered a woman so deeply that Gaia herself must've felt it.

Disaster cretin then, seeing how he was the only who survive this short-lived apocalypse that had destroyed half of the planet, completely annihilating just about any remains of a civilization in sight, killed each man, each woman and child, and animal, being left just about alone with no possible chance to rebuilt anything as every major, possibly reusable material had been completely turned to ashes. The acid rains that followed soon after, left by the radiation patches that could be seen in the outer layers of the world made it so he could see the giant Saturn-sized meteorites, which were headed straight to him, as in, they completely followed his every possible move as if it was done on purpose, the cancer having already reached a terminal state as it was only being accelerated. There were no bullets in the ground that he could somehow swallow hoping he would choke, his arms were too weak for him to be able to snap his neck, he couldn't use his own force either to do it, which only left him with the option of waiting for his life to end. To top it all, his clothes had been ripped off, though there was no one in sight to see him in the worst possible manner, at his lowest while making him feel shame, though it was still extremely cold as he was made to feel uncomfortable as he waited for his death to come; yet that took its very god damn time which only further added to his complete annoyance from which he could not wake up from. This was a nightmare that would not end. His childhood was mundane, he couldn't even complain of being abuse or that he lived through any kind of worth-while life changing experience which left him with a bitter-sweet taste, knowing that this was just about the only worthwhile thing he's ever gotten to experience in his poignant life. Luckily for him, death eventually followed. The meteorites came, they entered through the ground, destroyed the planet, blew off the Moon, went right through. In a celestial joke, even the rocks started crashing into one another, destroying their very rocky entrails, crushing as many microscopic-space-bears as possible before the galaxy exploded.

In one of the large buildings, one of the top floors; where there was close to nothing going-on.

The half-face attached itself to another peculiar creature that was but filled like a barrel, bore no legs, but large frames that moved along, being constantly pushed out of its stove-burnt remnant-corpse shaped metallic shell behind it. Which was carried along on a squared-rack that carried him inside a production line, inside the factory where similar beings, akin to him were being built; all of which had these giant shells to which they were attached constantly being wrought in and out as they were being defiled in the worst possible way. Many hooked-like wrapped around-appliances being put everywhere around them, forming weird twists that seemed to have completely eaten through the peculiar shells, until they appeared to be looking less thorough, not forged any longer, completely shattered. Wildly moving everywhere around, leaping about the place like little dead children, whom were put to watch; all of their sockets being completely exposed, their eyes backwardly set in their rotten carcasses, as they could not breathe in and out, trying to breathe awkwardly as they leaped from one side to the other.

Large orgies had taken place on every side of the wall, and their marks were seen. They planted little bolts inside the children, thinking they would survive.

The large machine which was working these shelled behemoth creatures of whose pirate-like peg legs of hard meat bore no opposable thumbs seemed to have a peculiar back skin growth deformation of meat that looked like the shell had a hole on the other solid end where a giant started drawing the meat it his mouth if the meat was actually a liquid, thinning as it drew back but never completely filling in the gap. The front of the creature being thicker while the back of it being too girthy there. While being drawn inside, the softness would be revealed as to point out that the creatures were extremely malleable as well as the fast that the corpse-wrapped shells were actually much wider than the creatures themselves. As soon as a good view of them came into light they revealed as much, a thick head that bore no neck yet appeared to be shaped like a box-filled stretched torso. There was filth inside of it as many peculiar eye-forms appeared to extend forward as they shot out of the main box-fill like tiny zigzag strings that appeared to spray some peculiarly tainted polled all around the room. Which soon turned out to be for a reason; since they were worked for this thing. They had to constantly spread their peculiar seeds as to make it so every part of every hole and every growth as fed upon; so they might be able to survive for as long as possible.

Yet one thing rang much truer than anything else.

It was the filth of the matter, it was exactly a man, a single man who knew much better, he knew so much better, and all were wrong, and much compared to him, they were strong.

Despite his scribbles on the wall he had never failed to realize it all.

‘They are weak and we are strong, how could you have failed now?’

How did you fail to realize that we cannot be stopped?

We know much better than they do.

We have the perfect defense master, with it, we are immortal, we are unstoppable, we cannot be destroyed. Our essence shall survive by whatever means there are.

Our vileness, our evil, it shall be dragged along, it will not decay; like our memory will. Know that with it, we shall forget whichever one contender might come upon us to strike us down. Let them shriek as they please, to your temporary annoyance for we cannot be killed now.'

'Let it reek for a few days at the very least, you'll forget about them soon enough.'

'Hours at best, let us forget their condescension for now.'

As soon as we pull the plugs from our heads, we shall be made to forget at last.

And then.'

'Rejoice, we shall but come back to whence we were at.'

He was a man that had been abandoned, by every man that's ever served as a figure in his life, that's what he had become after, that's where he would lay at.

They had almost cut it in. From the distance one could see each pint across the door but made, they could see what happened there, as well. Touched and malign from the looks of which no one could've seen it happen.

Dark part of town was but a giant growth, a crystal made of leech-puckers, shapes like buckets, torn and sworn, put together, bolted by tape-worms, spread about each side of town, open on the inside.

Who might even need a knot?

'I think it's time we show each other out, isn't it?'

'We've been through this before, haven't we?'

You're afraid of something, maybe. I don't know what to say, but you're always making it seem as such, you're always trying to hide something from me when I'm not around.'

'That's kind of a bold statement.'

'I know, if only you'd made it clear we wouldn't be here in the first place.'

'I don't understand what's gotten into you.'

'I can't either, but I've gotten used to it. Do you still follow?'

'What?'

'The trails, you need to follow around them, otherwise they will all go.'

'Fucking hell.'

He leaped out of the road, one of the cars drove right through. They left before their time even came. It was strange, their insides being thrown outside and walking in pairs.

Both of them were just as soon killed as they ought to have been. Always there in part, their guts became a twist of winds that were brought around, then allowed to draw within the hour, to have been put through utmost distraught shower, of the most uncanny limbs there formed, a peculiar tunnel wrought there on. It formed but the outskirts, the dark city which emerged being but the first corner step where rose.

From the depths of which malignantly froze. A peculiar uprooted, mostly girth-wrapped being.

There was no use in hiding, since he had already exposed his guts. If there was ever a single chance he could split himself open, it had been twenty minutes before the first shots were heard. For what came after was but the sound of a most obtuse distressed wail, the call of hunger having prevailed onto the likes of the rotting carcass that was man. He appeared out of nowhere, the strange showed up with a giant limb that was two times the size of his arm, attached to his main arm, by little metal bars, before he opened his mouth, jaw coming down straight-open, pushed through, split-between the rows, brows inside his skull, having walked for the last good half an hour eighteen hundred miles past the Aragean Lane, pushing through two rows and twenty heaps of flying corpses which had entered it not thrown their dead people inside his track, only to have come onto the other side with no more than eighteen dead thrown around little needle-pointed, half chewed people, of which corpses dated, back to, at the very least first or second century BC. As peculiar as it were, before waking up from this peculiar set of vision which completely defecated his mind, he could not wake up from that lucid nightmare which had completely engrossed his mind, or taken over, for the last few hours as the man kept re-experiencing the visions over and over again as if it were a broken record or some loop he had been forced to live through while being incapable of putting it to a stop. It was the pale brownish sky that set his mind at ease, the strange atmosphere, the peculiar flies which were not flies but pints of black things, dark objects that acted like them. Constantly buzzing in his head as he could not help himself but look again, then look away, then look away, in the same motions, while having taken himself back to the hour he drove through the pile in the first place. He was joined with the vehicle he was in. Part of his spine having contorted in his seat managed to put the rest of his organs through, as they rested, in warmth, in a peculiar stasis, until they were cold, they had been cold for the last good hour. Not to forget himself, the man checked the wheel. They were not there. His car had been but a raft, by which he reached a shore upon the night he was found or stumbled upon by the rangers. From their alleged sights, he was stranded on a metal raft, surrounded by the most uncanny fliers they themselves could not believe were there. This hallucinatory ecstasy was not only short-live but its deadliness had become way too apparent for all of them, who'd woken up from the haze they were set in as soon as they heard the signs.

It was peculiar, what his sight did to him but this was also something he could not control, regardless of how hard he tried himself, starving it off. Trying to put an end to it, to remove its every possible influence until it would've receded in the darkest corner it could be driven to when the time come, to which he flandered but an eye before it started again. There was something extremely reasonless he could not take away from.

For some reason they were always there, especially when they weren't wanted or especially called for. Always appearing from one side or another, never stopping in; and from the looks of it, there was no wild fit and nothing even coming as close as where they stood. Twenty men were present at the site. Neither of them stood within reason of each other's touched, for what was fair. No one talked, no one walked and no one said anything about what happened there. No report either coming from either of them. Since they

were but put there within reason, since they were asked to keep an eye and a mouth shut, that had been nothing but a deadly combination that no man should ever forget.

‘Listen to this, I think that there’s something within reason that every single one of you should know.

Within the hour, twenty of our men will die and there’s no possible way to prevent it. Now, I know how what this sounds like but let me assure you that I’ve got your best interests at play here.’

‘And what would that be, Butch?’

‘Now now, Herman Shore, there’s no need to get impatient here, grab a cub and keep quiet until I’m done, there’s enough time for every single man of this fine respectable establishment to get a word in.’

‘I’ll have a panther.’

And the man simply took one of the cubs from her, seeing how she was caged and chained, then proceeded to swallow its head within a bite. He chewed on it as if he’d never had one before. It was fascinating looking at them go; but now the men were rather, quiet. They had already, let’s call it familiarized themselves with it, chewing on tobacco wheat and what not, putting their fingers on it, that much was settled. This boy telling us what to do?’

‘Listen here cousin.’

‘No, you listen to me Herman, I’ll say what I have to say and you’ll sit there quietly in your corner, you hear. You’ll talk when I let you talk Shore and no sooner.

May I have a damn word in then?’

‘Can I?’

No the men said in unison.

Then he continued, by doing what he could do best, he put on a map he drew. IT was a finely drawn map. By now they were drinking moon-shine through those animal skulls, they were sipping absinthe and but jingling a tune as if they were with the Envoy. Little deer-heads moving around the room from one corner to another, they wore Negro skins and were always set in flight, seething for what was going on between them and the little Apache carpets.

It was a fine deal of events they were settling through.

Eight men were already gone. Out of the tavern there were eight roads leading to eight different fake cities, like cardboard, that’s cardboard out there, pointed Herman, but everyone already knew that. They knew what was there also, behind the cardboard there was little men, encased in metal, and they wore constellation belts connected with tamp-wires acting like baboons, consuming women of some kind. Foreigner women that could be theirs, they thought. SO they settled on recovering them, then retire. They were old men, and their home-ladies were warming their placed up, taking care of their children when they were busy just hunting around.

But these little men were different, they had long necks that became the cardboard cuts of those buildings, always making sure they would draw more of the foreigners in who didn't know how to make the difference either. They were of a different kind of dumb, because they were outsiders and most outsiders didn't belong in them fields around the place. It's what the men settled with, taking the women back, claiming them, then teaching them good, for the time being it was as much as they would do. Before long, they were out of their way trying to cut through eight portions of the land, walking like giant insects as their legs were but encrusted in the bodies of their newly found and taken over concubines, then they were breathing in the air as they were set in flight, incapable of stopping as they started shrew over some of the close-called upon skies. They were in their eyes and every one of the man wore an army suit, and a metal copper plate encased with iron bolts and knickknacks they found around lying, they forged their armors with bone, melted some of the cubs, and then drew on as they were but completely covered in those dead animals, whom were but trying to get through the first extraction.

A man punched one of the panthers in the head, seeing how he could not be satisfied with it unless it was moaning. Otherwise, he was spent. He didn't know what to do or how to erect himself further than where he stood and where he went. It was all the time in the world, they spent all the time in the world drinking and covering themselves with the nastiest think-a-majiggers they could find laying around, and before long one of the men appeared to be completely dressed in Nigger pelts, ever so-drawing after as if he were a large gorilla beating around the bushes, as he brushed his face around the nastiest of things.

'You don't have to act like one Johnny Palo, you know that right, boy?'

'Of course I do sir, I just wanted to know what is, sir, that's all.'

The light is hurt my eyes. And my eyes are not to be hurt either.

Their cardboard cities became their giant ships which went out their way and changed in color. They were dark, skin-like, pushing out of themselves as they heaved themselves out in every possible direction, forming human-like mountains, which were drawn in, as if human-death mask-bodies were put through. Or they were gelatin-polls in which men leaped before they were allowed to go ahead and do as they pleased inside of it. The men were just as frightened to find out that they were alone, running out of options as the females were already absorbed in. They were eaten behind their throats, and inside their ships?

Large rooms were humanoid-replicas were performing experiments on themselves. They looked like scientists, of which heads were scientists that grew out of their split-in half heads from which sprouted the legs and the other bodies. Making eight rows, eight scientists' bodies but only one top head that reached the ceiling but was shaped like the bottom of a plant's dirt that took a pot's shape, then formed dark crown-like spike-cranial protrusions that wore themselves out and appeared to bear little cranial fashioned smaller skulls of themselves that were wrought in a few selected casts as to show Asiatic features, Turkic ones, Native, so on and so forth, adding to a bunch of other things that had been eaten and forced to grow and evolve as if they were but half animalistic in nature, then skinned alive because they could not be allowed to live in their current forms for more than a few reasons.

They were working on open tables.

The men also, as soon as they were out of the tavern, had been pulled in one of the ships by a pair of strong winds as the ones caused by tornados, which immediately put them face to face, or rather, they were looked down upon by the men of science which were just as confused as they were.

‘What have you come here for?’

‘We want our women back!’

Yelled Shore, but everyone had to calm Herman before these creatures were truly annoyed. No one wanted to step up on their wrong side for more than a few reasons, for what was fair, something could happen. Something that no one wanted to happen; to which they relented.

‘Respectable, man, if that’s what you are.

I seek to inform you that I have no idea what you’re on about. I couldn’t possibly think of what got all of your riled up in such an awful fashion.’

And before the end of a flash, in which the light above them suddenly turned itself off, then on, one of the scientists, or rather, one group formed out of the eight of them were on the ground. And they were all puking on him, covering him with rat entrails and various other dead animals they had ingested which immediately began squirmed on top of the bodies, having slowly made their way inside as they nested in the warmth they provided. It went as deep as to have themselves rather caught by what was going on there. Being rather indisposed as well as they were driven away by what went on, the men formed their small congregation which was kept a few meters away from the bodies while the scientists kept to themselves, refusing to do as much as to acknowledge what happened there.

‘I see that it’s within reason to ask of this, but will you at the very least not mention this to anyone of the other beings that reside in this place?’

‘Like whom? Who else is hiding here?’

‘I suppose hiding wouldn’t necessarily be the right term, but I relent.’

‘Don’t get fancy-fancy with me partner, or I’ll show you some, rather, fanciful hospitality and see how it turns out after we give you a round to run about the mile.’

Which was at the very least, somewhat invigorating from what he could tell.

I couldn’t fathom waiting any longer for the same reason they were there, it was something I couldn’t shy away from.

‘I think we should leave, drive away somewhere, you know where, during a time where they can’t know we’re here.’

What is murder and who is the main auctioneer of slaying, who is the one that brings on the knives when needed? The one who wretches as to put himself on top the mountain yet to fear?

‘I think, there’s something in my eye, it’s been in there ever since I entered the Complex.’

It was a tear, he had lost it. The last time humanity would weep.

Humanity simply took refuge into an empty cradle. It was large enough to keep eight men. It had a chair in it, and looked mightily roused, by all means enter, a voice would say. He imagined it as such, at the very least he would take some kindness.

The head piece is all that I remember now, it's the only thing that's ever been embed in my memory.

There was something extremely convoluted about the way in which it was wrought it, since it had no beginning and no end. They were always bottling it, always bottling it, its lower jaw being somewhat liquefied, completely, utterly so.

It was part of the base, in every shape and form, and at times one could hear it produce its vile sounds, even when there was no reason for it to happen.

The base was peculiarly structured if one were to look at it from every angle at the same time. It only made sense for one to do it that way since that was the only possible way to go at it. And have as much as it could take a chance at the most peculiar entrails cadence that followed through.

‘The man is ill, he had returned to the base yet still bears the mark of the eel-like shape form that had blunted his forehead when the time is deformed.’

‘What does that mean?’

‘I do not know for sure, but we must record his proto-radions and make sure he isn't breathing any longer.’

His half-a-face was but much older, but he was there, on top of a floating cubically structured pair of ribs, pathos with little incisors that were come between them.

Fights

He threw a cup of boiled mercury in his face. Took two steps before he threw two knives.

Stepped wrongly on a small plunder piece of blood-turmoil.

From his open-wound, inside his chest, came a gun, which immediately shot. Two bullets came out, slugs falling and from inside of them, skin-nails started crawling out like worms.

Leaped over leper and got it as well. Infection travelled from one person to another.

‘Why can't you stop already?’

It's pointless, fighting here won't bring you peace.’

There he spoke in one of the interconnected valleys. Encircled like inverted hills, depression in the earth that pushed within and even deeper.

The tournament was to set its reigns.

Amongst the first contenders, a few remained and a few others would follow.

Dannley Booth set forth, though of little mind, and little worth, he had lived in a farm.

For most of his life was pitiful, he met him on the side.

In one of the pits inside the valley, faced as if he would not know, even the likes of the most unfathomable thing, he set it so. And one and again upon a shore, uncut, it begun.

Methane H had leaped against his side. It was just how his body started, wreathing as it darted so. Though the gas was released between the joints, he drowned a few of the frogs.

‘What’s happened?’

‘I have liquefied their lungs. And they had died so.’

‘I see.’

‘We’re much alike, can you not understand that? So, why start fighting here? Set aside and cheer for me.’

For there were fighters and there were standers-by. Whom were inclined not only not to fight, but set alike, to their inclined and cheer for other fighters. It was just so, they would not show, even the slightest hints of fear. He neared and pulled out a knife.

Booth was anything but a scaredy-cat, all too changed. Too much pushed alike and driven into the blameful thing that was hitting each mount. After staring for a while, he started stabbing the hills, as they say. Satiating the need for blood with that of dirt, something one would not even do, as a dare.

‘Stay away, what are you doing?’

Stay away!’

But a few dust-strikes, of dirt which hardened the gas came to be seen. As if he’s slit his veins in reverse, Methane-H barely stopped it from drawing back. The gas dissipated over a couple of seconds while a face could be seen in that. Out of his pocket he pulled out a few snake-oil pouches, tiny like ticks in disease lounges. Thrown aback, he threw them in the distant dirt as he saw it softened and pushed, allure. He walked a few steps. And was touched beneath the sole, and depth; a toe rose, then his fingers, then the thumbs, as if to reveal some cuts, a few more gusts flew from him.

‘What a dull existence you’ve been put into.’

Get up already, don’t douse up, there’s someone I need you to, to make something of it.’

Strands of gas turned into a tiny floating patched floor. Beneath it the entrails, bleeding. It was fairly placed, an advanced society in all that it entailed. For what was worth, a couple of disputes would not for

the likes of them change a thing. And when to wince, one would go rowing, dreadful things, all that time gone to waste, it was all too thorough, of the taste.

They only started by a chance, for their surroundings were neared upon, entranced the pit in which they were fell, inside a small catacombesque well in which they walked around. Always chasing one another, leaping from a corner to the other, drawing near, as to fear, a punch near the throat, missed, followed by blow across the chest, leaped again, it would remain. From both sides blood fell. A hand had managed but to grasp, through his suit, it pulled about a patch of skin. The man bloodied, never swooned. He might've understood something, if only he were sitting in a place, asking. Teeth broken after a sight.

He took a root and chew on it, rightly so. From bitter walls, everywhere around, there were but strange things they could only watch. Before long, a hand emerged, like melting pyres put around the edge of waste. His fingers dragged, around the walls, and dragged about a single knife. It leaped about the place, he threw it, seeing how it became a hammer, right before he'd knew it.

Bashed, of glass which came out of gas, emerged, there was but little pain where he expected the worst out of humanity. Always appearing in the wrong places, especially here in an utmost deformed reality, whence everywhere the wild surrounding turned as if they were surrounded by a wheel as well, stepped through and drooling around, another step pushed him back. Where he had fallen through, there lay but a single nail, a dead bat remain as it would start chewing on his back as well. There was but a reason to feel, nearing his will, when he had to piece.

And part of him had seen the room stop from spinning, yet lost. The way out had been but a murky hold in the ceiling, where they fasted. Eaten from a diseased lancer, who had long decayed.

Once spun, all revealed, everywhere around, there lay. Many a dead men in an open space. All whom had leaped and danced around, not since the tournament but a war. If it had to be and closely gotten, there was but little to their mind, hence they gotten. Right all of the sudden, standing at each other's backs.

Both turned and faced each other's strikes as they attempted to slit each other's throats. A knife appeared, another one neared, when could they be gotten? Fear of the poison he carried on him neared.

But one stab should be enough, it would seal his throat in before he'd leap, up there, on top of a giant dead man, whose face was contorted, who missed even the slightest shot. Who didn't know where to leap around, or how he's gotten anywhere.

Large zone, enclosed. There was dirt in it, and hard to show but the little scrapes, first came the single thing, a kick as well, which followed from a hollow spot. A sword was raised and rinsed the ground. Like flames being wrought about, stone to stone, it shone just likely as it were to happen.

A few more steps, and then leaped around. The full broth blunt shiver of a weight fell upon it and almost cut. Through full blunt force the roof of the helmet split open. Another day lived on. Part of the foot came off, then he leaped behind and stood on a heap of bodies, broiled. His blood was boiling, pulled from the sheathe, but a single long needle, the side of his wrist, flung about the man's eye.

He stumbled behind, another, few, smaller ones, they came, calmly prodding around the place. From the roof they fell and many through the disgraced face. Bleeding and spilled, tripped along and walking still.

Twas the dark. Both advanced, one moved down, and buried himself within the bodies. Walking through as he swam haughty. Dread pushed through, a single dead man's hand rose. Sword being met, it froze, just to cut a thumb. Looked around, the floor was done, wreathing and filled with many, a light from behind uncovered. All of them were feet blow. But only one moving man would show, another followed, two rose. Blunderingly, the swings came, but no one rose.

'They're all dead.'

His echo shook him off, he could've lost it there, before the faire dressed man stood from the side. Flanked and pushed down, lost the handle of the hilt. Lost another finger, stung, a few needles in his mouth, pinched by his teeth before he could swallow; followed by unrelenting pounces as if he were but a panther wallowing around a trunk, in need to make him swallow his pride, to choke on them and feel them spill.

He spat at him, eight within. Inches near his eyes, he tripped. The man rushed through and grabbed him by neck, to trim. But a few inches, cartilage be gone. He almost lost another thing but he wailed, as if he had known it all along. From the pile came a dog. And bit the armored men by the ankle, then the throat, but received a punch. Forced upon his feet a stance, as the culprit ran away, thence, upon a whim he raised his foot and crushed the dog's skull, as it if mattered. He faltered and gone through the door. Made upon a bridge as every single plank shook before the snow. Had fallen with another knife, just in time to realize, as it entered his forearm's cover, he had been so thorough that he had forgotten to but pick his blade.

Blackened remains in the back. There was no time, at the middle, he'd fall. Another knife fell but took a rope, the man ran and came to the other side before the snow. Enter upon the room, and made it through the stairs, on top the swoon, a standing tower. They were rounded and surrounded by the view of an open city, cursed. By many walking merchants, strangers, the forage and the many people set aside. He came to be. And ask of thee.

'What was the reason you've followed me?'

'I do not know but I am entranced. I want to spill your blood and taste its grim side.'

He said as he prepared, but another knife, gotten, wrapped, turned around as both men fell. On the landing, a few feet below, the full weight of the armor. A few ribs had come at a cost, and as he prepared to punch his face, a cleaver but melted, his face contorted and erected, as it shot from the body in the air. Set in flight it pulled all ribs, with every sack of organs, and disease. It flew away, never to be gotten. Never to be touched and pushed and robbed, forgotten.

The man was but seen nowhere else, neither of them could've been called again by no one sane.

Few attempts followed through but no one sane begotten, hue. The tournament was set to have begun, it was but jolted and gotten, thrown around as not to pierce. Uncanny as it were, nowhere near at peace, they but stood and twisted, ropes were lowered and always placed.

It was pointless, looking at them with hope of getting a rope head. A start to splatter and what came after was but a man whose looks and where he shook, and where he entered the pit was held. From beneath

him but a tail dangled, many rocks stood in shamble along with the other fossils on that side. He wore the head-scarf of a single metal helmet with spikes on it and a frown such as the likes would be reflected in the Greek tragedies. Unevenly set, he was almost of a set. With his heavy shoulders dragging below, and how he approached, let alone would he know what happened after. Two fingers were but cut.

He approached, would he not? But stumble onto the adversary. Of fewer feet where he stood, and at an uncanny presence, he would shatter but a slight string, he came after. The man was nowhere to be seen. Yet he rose, from uncanny angles, always singing, always upon the stranger, would he come and to turn, only to face a few strings coming from a little row across his broad metal pane, from where he took them out, still there lay power. But a touch would make him sort to cower, then, before the mind, his fingers shook in way benign. Had they melted but a second, he'd fall down. But he stood after all on a rubber crown which had been set above the pit. Seeing through it now made him realize that he would most likely lose his feet if he had tried it so.

A hammer came after, as if not to caught. First the pane in both his arms, he felt no electricity, but a blow, below his sad looking, crippled knees, both broken, both swings. He bled from both and slithers would shed but the blood of eight pints yonder. Mixed with the aluminum below him, chemicals in the air, entering his throat uncanny as if he was but a host; but punched there and yet again. Stumbling towards something, now could he see. That the fighter, yet not stronger had already prepared, to his wonder but a smaller trashing woe. A ripped out bone from his arm, he shone towards the man. A small head inside of it, a cackling skull upon which he prolapsed, his tendon-veins of tumor bolts and sharp red-tinted sparks, coated and unnerving, starting, yet to be pushed out of the way. Through this uncanny thing he revealed, just like a lizard, stay. On him, don't look away.

A peacock would convey the image of the rounded skin, touched and pushed as if to blind-away.

Focus on him. The man thought, only to have thrown the pane by accident, as he could not get it back by any chance. Not to be caught by them, not to be away or push himself as if to dread whatever happened after. It was by his mark, and by the start his reigns had better played. But uncannily, he was staved.

His fists fell as soon as he had come to see. That he wasn't throwing projectiles but growing it. His far end, the arm, the hand, were only fed by that tiny skull and the skeleton which shook the fat. Thrown about nonetheless, like a bloated thing, of which decay was much more than what seemed to be his broken throne of skulls below them. They had been sitting there for a while yet rose.

Some flew through the strings and through the tiny specks and pseudo-platforms upon which they froze. Always missing, seen to have been thrown away. Upon an array of chains that were their spines, they carried scissors and blades. Last along the way, the arm flew, now bloated as much as to look through like a charging rhinoceros bred for flight.

It appeared to have gotten through, many blades and many chains alike, drawing near as many as could be, out of the way, the man just threw himself into a pool of malignity. Always drawn and dragged below, he would shatter his own crippled knee-joints only to walk again on steady toes. So would he call the stumps after completely shattering what lay below him. Of a mind, he pulled a tiny knife, the speck of needles, always filthy teeth, the riddle.

What had broken the man?

Where was he pulled and why was his mind absent?

Now he crawled, the man in doubt.

He looked for a way out, nowhere else to be around. Always of a motion, always protruding in whichever direction, yet never understanding what had happened.

They both leaped at one another but ended up planting their respective left-over arms and sharp legs inside. Bloodied on every corner and left to die.

There was another, a pit of a brother, where leaped from one side the other. With, seen-along and uncanny things, wingless spans and backs protruding, as hard and extended, as large blocks of cement, all coming from one side, ended.

One of them was open-chested, as if a large torture wheel, cleavers within in submerged had constantly been forced to rip him to shreds. He would've known agony if he had been forced to watch it, but his head was twisted to his back. From which, both sides, arm-like growths that were yet indistinguishable from rots of skin and plants of old entered his eyes while they spread throughout his brain.

Their sides were cut. The other was not blind but deaf, side to side, always stopping to address, though mentally to no end. From a side one ran towards the others. They would not stop to cower.

Yet from the sky, a rain of nail-like figures fell as they pinched their sides, always of a mind to be caught. Punched and beaten, savagely thrust, at every intersection of their blinds, the spots were checked again. Then settled back. Only to return. Constantly trying to search for one another, as the contender, Armth, whose eyes were untouched yet, covered them in hopes that he might not be killed as of death. Waited for either of them to lose, or to get too loose around a foot, then trip, below, there had been, but something of a drop, filled with the most embattled thins.

And this rain of nail-clippers had almost come to catch within. Each grasp would but, much rather take yonder, whatever they could be pleased with. Always of a mind to be caught, sniffing and taking what was not theirs and ought not to be.

Two knighted armored, darted. Their sham of a little, laughed at. But a blade, a sling, and jeer. Some would come to see how nails disappeared, always filling them inside, since their hollowness was of a kind not to be seen. Punch above the waist, followed by a disgusting show, two more to follow, right around the face, where the helmet, if it were to open for a moment. Nails shook inside and darted on every facet that could be touched upon. A single pick could be hit from above, and as it happened, one rose. Though it left a crook open in the head, there was nothing there, not to be alarmed. No liquid of the dead.

One but froze and took behind. Looked as if it turned, caught on the side. Always dragged at the knees and made to fall. They had almost come to wrestle in the pit of nails, where iron-cobras would but inject mercury after each spade. Things could not be said of him. Each arm but wrapped around the other. Coiling around as a whispering flower, dead bees would make as much noise.

The other froze then pushed below, he took the helmet away only to find no one. It was thus done. Like an upturned bucket, release of all the nails inside. From the depths, uncannily torn, the limbs of which

would enter home, as it would come to seethe and stay. There was but little on its way. There was but a mischance to look away. They said but little and little more would they pray to it.

He rose from the back, his fingers were almost gone, but came to charge and sneer. A finger within grasp, Miller tried striding to the side only so he could but avoid. Two more feet along the way, it shone. With a light of red, he almost missed it, but couldn't get his finger back.

Around both knuckles, chains, wrapped around and spine was brought with him, and would to be. Only a knife was in Horst's hand. He had but shaken himself over. Not much of an annoyance, to be called, he stood and yielded no shout and would eat but straw feet and eat what he could.

How could he live for long when everything counted upon a strange thing, the flashes of color, always after, they were there, out in the open guiding, forming themselves as weird shapes.

'I manned Dexterous-Kingo by myself, I deserved the great pay, to be given as I shout and wait upon it, the louder, the lousier I yell, the farther shall I go after and it shall stay with me.'

He but opened his would and would to be swooned by what was going on. Not a second more had he bothered before he realized what was going on. Always twisted, lost for the swords.

He took one and did what he could do best, but fight for his life and little more. A glance had pulled, from where he stood, but a mountain, small appeared in his chest and blew the rest out. A box and puddle, beneath him, ruddy; swarthy as it might be, as soon as he opened his eyes, the sooner could he see what was going on. Nothing to be ashamed off, his guts was throttled, and widely opened, forced after some kind, unable to blind himself no longer of a mind.

They followed, his servants upon the chimes.

'Another challenger faces a crime of death.'

A debt that would no longer be shed of any tear or the strike; as he feared what might happen after that, he but ran around, broken uncannily pieced together and sutured like a dwarf seeing him.

He had been speaking for a while but none of the others could see or understand what this was about. Whence he had appeared from, but the bobbling head-throng of which spanned around, the two sides of his body opened and were left to fall or to be placed upon. Growth inclined him so, as if he'd been forced to push away through four stacked boxes, always trying to conceive and connect, everything was of a gut for him or wild devices which were stuck on top like wild exoskeletons made in the worst possible shape, the mind, the brain, and various lumps remained.

And but a little head inside, fallen like a bomb on top a crater, still growing as if to show little bulbs coming out-a forest without features. But as this thing floated of which, limbless, drag-below two encased wings-blotch, there came but the sounds and the wraps which appeared to be slowly moving on until they could not do it any longer, let alone the strongest feeling could be attained, that of dread piercing through their eyes as well. Foaming and fumigating, they would forget. There was no better time for it to be yet.

For he was the one whom which he called, to be allowed to survive, only for a little longer until he was but of a mind to do it so; four nasty heads pushing on, dread being scum. It would be done so.

‘I think I would rather be inclined to think. If I’m of a mind to ask, I need your skin.’

He asked the other contender who looked at Kingo with peculiar eyes. So much so, had been going on that nothing could be set in stone or written, as to abide, sows of desperation. They but would ask for more.

‘Fight, fight, keep fighting now, wait, I think I need to ask for something else now.’

It was not to be contested so. But the man who had initially yelled was but one in the crowd, the loudest, whom had immediately stood out, and wrung about the worst stares, to whom he’d do it yet again. Not to be asked to settle down, and not to shout, he but looked down. Unable to understand the making, there was silence. It would satiate the likes.

It appeared out of nowhere, just like a fancy thing, a specter with no trail. Without looking away, one would have just as much to stay and say, and let alone satiate. No curiosity, always to disappear, every time she would come near, always but a goner. It was peculiar, trying to search, where there was no sign and would not be so.

There was no start and there was no way, to track it back to whence it lay.

A few more things were thrown. Out of their way, they appeared inside a cone. It became the sight. Like tiny specks of colors entering his eye, always blinded, flashes thrown. He had but flailed or attempted to do so in order to avoid. Getting caught, his hands were not, he would’ve heaved if not for what entered his blinded sight. Eaten away, there was nothing as filthy and insidious, or better be called, pushed away. Caught of wreathing skin, and pushed within only to be put down. They would follow it, but a mark.

A few more things thrown, two punches, a kick powered through them from the side. Thrown around and would to be of a mind, would they lack in awe, or to defend, a pointlessness and better yet. There was terror and dread, spread between them. Lack of wonder, the strong wondered. As they threw their pebbles, lack of sound, there.

A few more steps would’ve lead them into another pit. And no one was allowed to go through it of step behind, or step ever closer or be it so off beat to mind where they were going. Hence they hopped on the rope, the first one that came along and would to be, they settled in. Pulling themselves as soon as it could be.

One of the pits fell through. As it just so happened for it to involve multiple men that would be set to fight, unevenly counted upon, they simply fell and would not abide. What happened through.

And one, two, three, and one two three, and one two three, they should have wanted. They shouted and the louts that darted, everywhere near. They were crushing their skulls and bathing in, would they hear the voices rose from the nearest and utmost stronger, strangest of the plainer bringers, the base was filled, elated, but men within. Every grasp for them was but a diseased trance and they were but unable to think of the past.

‘I hear, I hear, I hear, har har.’

It is unclear whether or not, I ought to.’

Too confused. But it had dawned on them that they would know what was going there. Especially under a chandelier they carried on with them, fanciful in their heads, they merged with it and would bash scum, which was about. SO tiresome as to know what pieces of garlands had been left by previous invaders, which had come from bastardly nations.

‘Oh, see, pleased by me, I am but a master of naught. I am but aflame and burning, I should not understand why I’m being shoved inside the catacomb.’

‘You’re being dissected.’

‘But what have I done?’

‘You lived a fine line, your life was take from your mind unkindly as to know. We’ll draw away from you, what should be known as. I’m going to slit your fingers and eat you.

I will eat you. I want a red well, I want to paint it. I want to live in a stone morass, and wear a stone-brick house around my body.

I want to be a man of bricks. I want to be assaulted by corpses of disease, thrown from siege machines and be forgotten when the time comes.’

Peculiar, in order. Something faded, in the distance, waded, as If depths were barely made. With a look, one to satiate, where to go and drag the man; as soon as he was touched his hand was become a gust. As the mad tied to him, both drawn along, both becoming that which should not be counted on. Darkened by the blow of skin, of which transfusion was but a sinful thing that had appeared. Always of a mind, they neared. And every mad set in line. Connected through their chests and back, by an utmost wreathing thing uncanny. Most bastardly a pole, inverted as one should know, ever popping here and there, it could not be kept from entering, theirs. Grasp, but a place that would not be touched, down the solitude where they cast. Upon themselves, glances would not even bring them back. They could not know, what pain had thrown them off their feet alone. Would they grasp the stainless steel and shine? Upon a light which was benign. He was a man that died and burning, led them upon an incline vale.

But it was still inside, this dungeon fading, of the man who pushed them down ahead. Lest it be called, and letter be wrought as hardly as it should be; slag would die for a man like him. Fanciful innit?

An old crane thought. She was around and would be brought to ask him so. But the crone’s head was but a strange artillery device which spat her head over and over again, at the back of a baby-body made out of churned out wax which bore tiny leg-like clippers that switched in and on. There to be and would fancy someone picking her up. So she would not be crushed and bashed around each head and trail.

Always there, trying to go in formations. They were trying to retire their bones. Seeing how the Colonel did not understand what was going on, he but tried his hands around them.

‘Pierre, you should not be brought to my attention just yet. I know what you’re trying to do.

But if you take her here.’

‘Shh, no one will know this. I only want to make sure she’s taken in.

I can see her real head hiding inside of that machine on top her skull.'

It was dreadful but it was there, but melted and flattened-fat as if there was but a ukulele-trap which had cut through it. Largely deformed as she was, she hid something else in there, drawing inwardly inside her gut, where she hit, constantly as she would, every organ until she would be brought to pain and somehow remain still in her head. There was but little to her functionality, and little more she would know of what happened in reality. Always tortured for no reason, she would not admit.

There was no reason and there were no feet.

Upon the way they walked, they walled in but a single touch and wrought about each candle, the fire soon emerged and started burning her. Whoever that culprit was, man on fire, he had burned her right about the pass. Fallen, burnt a crisp before her time had come. Triumphed over her body now, they were but trying to find their way to the fugitive who killed her.

'Caporal Clicks, you need to use the insects, I need their vibrations to hear.'

He had a bag filled with them, alas, trying to spread wherever he could muster the cans. There were wild walls and everywhere thrown, there could not have been a home in there, unrevealed. Yet dead men-near, they feared what appeared to be the noises, followed after. And yet another unkind disaster had but entered wrong. And days in which they wreathed about; wheat was under fire on the side. There was no sky and no plain to see opening, yet they were outside.

All was wrapped in a coat of painted black, upon which stood many crested open shoulder-booths in which they tried escaping from.

'They're their children.'

'It's their home, it's their place, their land and everything known. We cannot interfere.'

'But Pierre, captain.'

'I've already said my piece and that'll be it.'

There was a pelt, out there, for every man to bear and a peculiar shape of a strange-planar shaped, wild helicopter drone which bore the head of a trunk and a large body of a compact wine-holder, made to look as if it had been encased. By such a skin and peculiar nerves that dragged everything down.

The entire world was drowned and now, multiple men, women, children and animals were set on fire, running as if to starve it.

Everyone raised their guns, aimed at what they could and released it all. Through pained.

'Ta-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh, ta-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh-duh.'

The sound of the rifles, spreading, through an uncanny thing, always bleeding, unnerving, they were put down. One by one, out of their misery as yet to be gone, counted, then to disappear. And they left their marks down, but red, a haze was near.

Whatever was in his mind would not work for the sake of it. They were unaware of the circumstances that lay around. And as though there was but a weight lifted from his swollen soul, as if taken from the wild surroundings until he had become, there came but a strange walker, which carried on top of him a cradle filled with soldiers yet benign. All of whom were still connected in their backs with the machines, always of a mind to eat what they could and dread one another as they became ill. They were but released on the floor like a pile of dead rotten fish and more so. An egg-like snake emerged from inside of it. And suddenly cracked at the top, it spat twelve living men as well. Most of whom could not help what they were, as they were mildly deformed. Always of a piece, stuck together as if molded to become what they always seemed to be. A monstrosity, and one to be.

The next step towards self-destruction.

One of his mouths within another's shin; some tied together, others having inherited a few extra mouths and extra legs that didn't belong to them. Uncanny colors as well which only drew away and pushed in what seemed to be a tail-nail which drove itself through them, allowing them to fly around.

Most of them serving the Bgkerny, whom was to be their liege, or sort of, as to say. They had not only obeyed but appeared to be of a wingspan themselves around him as one could look into the distance, at the various cliffs, see them fall upon their larger bodies as they were but pieces and put to their eternal slump, always of a piece and mind to eat what went or was passed around. There was but a single problem which soon emerged. There was no reason to look past it or feel as if the earth would swallow them.

But the ground bore grin, it spoke to them and spoke within, Bgkerny's ear.

'I shall make every inhabitant cower before what's given in my soul.

Below you there are herds, made of beings not of this earth. I will drag you down and allow them to eat what's left of your gown after your fall will have made you so. Know that you cannot survive for the likes of you will never know of such resolve, as to be eaten and dethroned.'

'How dare you?'

'You're not a king, and that is not a crown. You're wearing a red cap that has two eyes you took away from a blind man and put them on.

That does not make you a ruler and the people that serve under your name cannot even properly breathe, let alone do what they're told.'

'What would you have me do then?'

'Leave this place as soon as you can and don't return until I'm done.'

'Why should I do it?'

'There's but little chance along the way. We might make something out of the skin that's about to fade and be taken from you.'

'I do not understand.'

‘The farther you’ll get away from these people, the easier will it be for you to understand, with every drop of skin erected you shall be done for and will realize right away.

You depend on them like the parasite you are. Without them, and with them gone, you’re nothing but a small puck of black skin that’s moving around. A dark thing, as a mole, but even darker, swollen, like an organ without a home, abandoned and rotten in the morning sun, that’s the fate you must accept on your way out. Otherwise, I see no reason to speak with you any longer, of his face.

Whatever remains, I will see it cut and pushed away.’

‘You’re cruel.’

‘It had to be said. You’ve wasted too much lives here and most of them will run away or would do so if they had the mental capability to do as such.’

‘I will kill you.’

‘You will do nothing and do you understand why?

I, the piece of earth had already won again you.’

‘We haven’t even fought.’

‘But you’re on the run.’

And before Bgkerny even fashioned an understanding, he was there, on his way out, in whichever possible way he could do it as such. He wasn’t one to question anything but he could see his skin fall off, along his limbs, wings, the leper inside of him emerging. Could this be a trickery of some kind?

He couldn’t tell it. But seeing how there was no other way, he turned and went back. Not to be stubborn now, as that never served anyone, yet he questioned him for ever so, as to hear it clear.

‘I’ve taken your warning and I see that you were right.’

‘Yet you don’t understand this, out of my sight. I wish you to fall away and find a way to die, as well. It was not my intention to make you stay. As to further add to their destruction as well, I only wished for there, as it could be, to be a chance that they might be free.

You’re the reason they have to live this way, after all, and I see no reason why you would not hone what you have and wonder. It will only make you ever so cruel after.’

And once they started breathing, they would not stop until one of them was done. As if from hand to hand, they were joined at last, fists were pushed and thrown around. Wild exchanges always given after a while; until neither of them could help it any longer, sweating profusely after, then being unable to breathe. Pushed away, then seethe. Until they could not help it, pulled away and ran behind cardboard and various put-through holes or planks, barely made through houses that were broken through. It was worrisome, thinking so. Worn out, then missing what seemed to take ages to replace it before it showed.

It was night, and but one man survived, in the death of fright but blunt surroundings.

‘Begin!’

Called the Fighter-Boar, whom helmet was but taken from one whom claimed too many lives to count for more.

They came close, too close to wager. And danced around, pinched ears, the wager still called. Pulled away, but a tiny gun from beneath his arm, rolled as if on a rail across his muscle, until his fingers got their way, starting over, playing with it, before aiming as his feet. First shot taken, but around the gut, too swollen after that, he’d miss it and be brought. Still there, his mouth gaping, bashed arteries as his mouth aching, feet behind, him on the back.

‘Should’ve aimed for the head.’

A knee came over, the man still bled. Rolled as quickly on the ground. By his arms caught around and thrown before he could but breathe, the shrapnel-dust. Tiny specks of cartilage carbon, ever in his nostrils, dragged. He point-blankly wept. Eyes were but kicked with the butt of it, no bullet shot, another kick in the head.

Below, and around, where landed. Stomped around the ribs, his knees darted. Both arms and legs, then pulled away. By his hair, ripped, a shot had seeped and merely scratched atop the surface. Trail of blood, another shot. Trails now coming, ever brought to bleed around, until a pool had formed. His face painted on, brown with worms. A cloud had sworn but even the nails coming. Went out of the way, left the man where he stood, to stay and not ask for it. If he got up, he’d go for it.

‘Put him down.’

‘Drown the dog.’

‘Have him!’

Again, the smoke, reloading what he could, the little shitter held one between his tooth and limp, and spat from where. And just down there, he but lay awake, while beaten. Abandoned gun, ignored the stings, he was not messing around. With every jolt but something sharp followed. His hands were weak, heavy clothes a heap, marched in shallow ground. Iron surroundings. He had choked before his eyes were landing.

‘There, the victor, and here, comes another.’

In the distance, where they stood, despite being looked at, as no one understood, not even the slightest glance, to see what happened, they but struck in.

His face beaten down, they heard it happen.

Then all of the sudden stood back. Rain was still for a moment, abashed, floating upon magnetic fields, stopped and dragged away by a deity of floating junk which floated in and everywhere around them. In the distance coming, being brought, would to be, they were set back. There was the dragon of disease, the rust. He came upon the floor and gave them peace but a blank platform to stand on. Men charged with little more, throwing it at one another, until they bore nothing more than needed. It was a mere thing,

being undefeated, or trying to sell it as such. Before they knew it, what rose between them, was but a strange peculiar blast, below the guts, whence they had become but parts, nails and various other bolts as such.

Just in time, to stop a pint from entering. Stuck in, he would not bleed. Lillum-dust, and specks were brought before his eyes. It only came too fast for either of them to be set around and be reminded. Only too bastardly the sight of it, no fool, would but remember what he should. They aimed beyond their chests and shot, brought themselves over, to the heaps, the upper body parts.

Not a single man was on par with his adversary.

That would stop no one from lifting an arm, picking on anything he could, a bar, charging yonder until he could but stop himself, the wilder he'd gotten.

Thrown aside, lifted up. Gotten out of the way, then pushed back down, twisted like a barrel, gotten close. Another strike but landed, stronger than before but stopped, no more would he allow himself to be put down, no more would he sit, and talk. A rock between his chest, his pipe but thrown away. Pulled from everywhere, then shattered, only to be followed around by another, whatever it took. No matter the amounts of punches that shook him, he would not relent. Two kicks around the chest, a single stab, the knife was out. Barely grabbed by the wrist before being pinned around the nearest wall he could find, charging him through.

Another kick followed, and would to grab forth, his chin was off, not to see the knife, raised but an arm on his way down. It followed, stopped through. In, bleeding, but always pushing, feeling the full fledge of pain that entered him after soon he would be dead. Grasping for the same rock that followed them around, the sky was but smoke now, when he wished for rain.

Though he was on top, the knee exposed, he'd brought it to the side, and almost thrown. Pulled a hand, the knife still inside of his arm but nowhere near his throat, only to have ended rolling up the steep, throwing him like a cadaver, a few slits on both of them from the side of the blade, still there; the tip hadn't made it on the other side and would stay there.

He spat, took a few drags away, but both of them leaped on their feet, as they were brought, side to side, facing one another, still yet to be dragged down.

'We've got evens, I call it a stop.'

They shook hands, he took his knife back, each on their way.

Always, pointless, no fight resulted in anything, blank losses. Would to die another day, the tournament never stopped, there was no reason to go on.

Hand came near, fingers liner, the thumb under, suddenly pumped, both hands raised to block. He had been thrown and fell at last. Dragged all the way through, always hissing from a lip and a broken tooth, always pinned and slit, every beat of a heart but a delirious thing.

Of which lows and lo' to see, there they rode up the mare in blue capstan on their shoulders, of soul, they admire. And day end, and put through.

First they shoved, each side, and every single man would know how the cast each other off then. They fought in the gutter with lighters used, as far as they, as they could do it. Past the hay, they lit and threw, tiny needles spreading through a sack, and red-a hue.

Aha, but certainly I have you defeated. That much is settled on the first blow and heaving chests should know when to sit and bleed when the uncanny heaps but become of you.

‘Rest, I tell you, rest.’

But he refused the invitation, therefore they only fenced.

Silver-leiger and Alloy of Ivoer.

Ivoer but raised his rapier, right, left, then he lifted it around, then lunged ahead, only to be parried. On par, he but rose; Leiger but froze as he turned his wrist on the left and flipped the blade, flat ahead. He played with it, forming circles. But another few inches off the air, then beneath it, then below, then on the side, ‘twas but a jest.

‘We ought to begin, we’re looked at.’

‘You see only what you want this day.’

‘Is it not pleasant picking up the straws inside your blade when I’m not looking?’

‘It’s hard to see past your helm, take it off.’

There, indeed he had, but his face looked like a perfect mold of the helmet which was protruding in the front, his face but for faces, eyes on two sides, as a chameleon without a cause. Each set of teeth beneath a nostril, then flat on the right, flat on the left, the curved.

A single speck of a flocks of hairs, coming out of a pear, the top of his head.

They fought.

First the gourmet with his foot, through a chicken stood, burning in the stove, there burning they but fenced against coal as they picked every slimmer of fire which had come and rose. Who would happen to know if someone missed it? A pick and a single strip of meat of his face, the scar. They were but in a court, fighting under the sun of the Tsar Petrikov, who was clapping.

Dangling fruits, as they sparred; another one above his right side, and they would but fall, a shoulder was pinned, then pulled, everywhere around. Both sides met, then turned around as if stunted. Receding back, they but darted at one another, meeting each blow. A miss, and a plow through, only to be picked aside by the back of the blade, the rose-hill hilt, around the spade, which lifted it from across his chest; he reached in time to prevent a lay.

There on the ground he sliced.

‘Not a single foot further than that. I need to pick something.’

But a rock, he threw it at his helmet, cheater.

‘I thought you’d take it off as well.’

Spoke Leiger. But he waited for him now, to pick it on the side and push it around, he tried. He pushed past the line and as if to throttle him around, he but cut his horn and threw it, at the sound.

‘Twenty steps in each direction. ‘

They took themselves, without disgrace, picked a flintlock-revolver with eighteen shots each, and a rocket attached and a nuclear pin-device, with a javelin head of a man whose teeth were but tiny needles that were filled with various infections. It was also set to explode. And would crawl around the hand like a little paranoid dirt-bolt, if asked to.

It spoke, then.

‘Don’t shoot me.’

‘I will.’

Plainly, as it appeared he had ignored the guns’ advice without fear.

Just to be clear. The gun also managed to replicate the motion of a sub-machine gun in terms of how it fired. Not normal bullets either, but high-caliber anti-tank missiles, that were also filled with the blood of dissected martyrs.

It was a country of evil, where he came from, and there was no stop to what he was about to do in any case. He’d been thrown around and left to waste. Would to become as, to be called.

There was the distraction.

Seeing how Leiger had it out, he but threw the gun on his face and left him bleed on the ground. It was a heavy sharp object after all and there were no rules of warfare keeping him down.

After drawing near, to see the man, he had but got up and started towards him, then. A shot, a clear one, point-merged with his face into the bullet, contorted, around. Despite being aimed as his face, he shot his lived, which opened. Half his chest disappeared, half his spine, half his left, then he felt down. Part of the ground, a rip on the sky, a blood tunnel formed beneath him, where he was pulled down and ripped to shreds. He was brought back from down there by a giant two dimensional legless savant. Whom teeth were inside the entrails, spat out. From the depths there came but a small plain needle-rack fat protrusion with which he fenced. But it was never the same then and he had merely stopped and called back.

No one could call it back.

Punched below the chest, he’s made it only for a second, caught between both arms, nick of time, kicked up between the brow, pushed back. Stepped in, punched both sides, nicked the ears, came again, both hands grabbed his throat, then his faces, pushed around, put through the wall. Turned around, facing one another, it was all clear, for a second. As if they knew. Both sides, all four a few inches, both chests-sides pushed along. At a distance, legs matched, one front, one side. Hook missed, another hook followed, awkwardly stumbling, being wrapped about. Tackled to the ground, barely holding, punched in the head, opened split arms, spat in his eyes. For just a second to get off; bloodily nosed, and a rip.

Always a few feet away from one another, keeping the distance, cutting through it; first knee raised in by his chest, he recoiled, got the full blunt, followed through. Foot pinned down, then arms followed, always trying to land a hook, blocked with both hands. Pushed through, trading blows, following a strangle, touched around the throat, pushed over, slid aside, both heads butting in, one nose split, around the root. Wallowing around as if naked, both of them shook, as they drew on, first few guns, held by their chest as if a pile, dropped over. Followed by two, each hand, a few clicks but none followed after, missed, click, by a mistake. A bullet flew through, it was lost, it was pinned around, thrown off, pushed out the barrel, entered the wrong direction, then thrown.

Each of them resumed, all were empty or full. Blanks, empty blanks which always recoiled; first man lost his finger, the second but followed as soon as he could, always trying to put him down. A spittle, and a cackle, he but cocked the revolver open, as if from a hoister flip the blanks out. Grabbed a few mid-air, his other hand, then threw them in the other man's mouth. Then, while choking he heaved across his chest with such a might, that he fell down and finally choked and died.

There were pinned people everywhere around and some were but of a single finger lost. Others dying, face to face, rising up then throwing little pebbles, trading blows and marching around. Flight of arrows resulting in a little more than a pool where they drowned sorrow with cups.

‘I am the victor.

I proclaim myself as the victor of all fighters, I have won.’

‘We haven’t even started yet.’

‘Then let us start.’

They raised their blades, and were but feet away, one wearing a child, wrapped around a single mild rope which shook him as they fought. This was a sickening act, but the child had a little switch blade on him which managed to deflect a blade that was purposefully avoiding him, saving his master from what would’ve been a death blow in the nick of a second. He could simply have lost. His life were so much closer to being forfeit than that of anyone else around the matches. Only matching one another by chance, both the child and the man relentlessly came all out. Close quarter combat, with him was but night impossible, hard to tell, even harder, then again. He could’ve been pushed and grabbed.

His neck was out, he would have the child, he had to. Would to kill him, if he weren’t to be up to it; placed on feet and always of a kind. They were but both pushed aside, the Iles. Were but spread between them.

A nick of a shed, a quarter of his blood lip but put through, hardened as a rock, they walked upon a dirt-rack that followed after and dined upon the blood of their enemies after.

While they were gurgling it was time. They took the right amount of distance, then they set whatever they could aside between them and started charging between one another, both set to do and please to be with every side-arm taken around, surrounded and put through. Uncanny thing, both arms being shoved aside as the middle point of their face were but met by blunt fists, one turned to be but little more than a hammer put through them, both lost as well.

He threw a puddle of water in his face and big his tongue after charging him, with a tackle, a disaster following on both sides. They were but hugging each other then pushed aside. Always but to throw the neck punch in, always but an inch to reaching the point where they could blow an artery with a knuckle within the next second; it was then that they danced around and gotten themselves into a busted lip, around the hour. Around each shower of disease, attire of pissed-in legs that fell on top of them, grabbing only for a second more.

His knuckles were but cherries, dampening each blow, before he rose and stepped away, and froze he had but caught the man between the buckles. Wrapped around his throat, but suckle on it, yet he's done. He's tried himself again until there was but none else to ask of him what happened and what's done after.

A man who was a fighter charged through one of the appearing doors, he punched and broke it through, within the wood-shrapnel he withdrew both fists the eyes, he spat black blood in the man's eyes. Then with the broken fists with little cysts and sharp corners, he started pounding after, just as soon as he had known of it, as much as there had been disorder, and followed about to destroy and to come about the hour, when there was but praying, hours gone. He waited for his sight to be regained for he had pounded him between the eyes. Grinded him like stones and puddles, made him gotten through, and taken after. He was forced to be spilled, and felt as one would feel, ill in the head, dread as he erected his body, leaping around, everywhere.

‘Still haven’t regained your sight.’

And all of the sudden he appeared out of nowhere, taken by surprise, and rushed to the ground where he felt his teeth but part their way. Feeling wildly torn as well, then he opened, largely around the mouth, fully filled as if he drank from a cup, a bottle rub worth of his own malignant blood upon which he choked, around the hour. A punch in the gut, and pounded thereafter; taken by surprise, then followed after. Scourged and plain, and dead fish entered him from the back of his throat, where he was forced upon them as forceps would open him, always but to feel the push and to be made use, as to open there. The back-side of his throat, hinged on both sides, made to feel and pushed, again, inside; curled where he stood, he took it, with every blow following through, only to be more broken after, again, pushed until he couldn't help it.

The great contender approached.

Within his fist, a few roses, punched between his open palm, grinded with his right fist until a pink circle remained against the fit of the jar he pulled out. As soon as he had it within his grasp he started punching it until it began breaking. Pounding it until the shards entered his knuckles, blood sprouting out of him; then he simply pained himself as he continued across his face. Shards encased within his first, first the eyes, his nostrils cut within the mark, no longer had he a straight bridge, no longer a peculiar brow, advancing upwardly as if to cut every strand of hair that remained, then pushed on. What followed next, after being left with a bloody dripping nose, a bloody fat lip, a splattered chin, exposed neck, he simply threw off his shirt and began punching himself until many holes appeared to be made on just about every consider of the broth, until he was but exposed, and there inside, the livid-long thin chopper-like organ grinders, bone-machines but fought yonder. Encased in a box of bone, his heart beating, protecting itself as it to grind each shard away, the blows but followed through, one after another until he had but pounded his skin off, flayed, withdrew.

And everyone whose seen this act but began applauding him, on and on, they went for hours. He took a bow off, and another contender came forth. Drawn by the strangest of things, he had but followed in and would to be. He didn't know what the cost of it were.

Plunging, charging towards the man, with a long blade, he came as well, out of nowhere, there remained. He had but pulled alike every kind of sharp thing he could find, carrying them all sheated in the back, as followed. There were chanced for his throat, would fall apart, and wallow, yet in pain, he dreaded much. Punched about the wreathing heads, he had but pulled, again, a single blade. With every slice, as if to cut and spray, and spread aside, whatever remains were left of him, put behind, how every worthless and every breaking and every torn, was put behind him, all the more pain was spreading. Between the two of them never-ending; there came no question asked after, nothing to be called into their breathing throngs. They were but put down and rolling one another, grabbing, before they could reach about, both held. Dropped through one of the dirt-holes, hidden away as they were almost dragged, beneath the ground, as if pushed away by an avalanche; it was the matter of the coming, to achieve. And bring within each throat, a single swing. He tired, with the blades now entered through, a few inches out of their leather, pushed through, only their tips would be needed, right through. On the left and on the right, he but pushed everything on the side before he could get himself going. It was all that was worth knowing.

Started on their feet, they met up close, hand in hand rose a finger, frozen, near side-by-side they shook one another's fists, before rushing to their specific corners, ready to dine upon each other's corpses as soon as time had come.

Each of them prepared. They were heavier by the minute, one at least had something the other one should be aware off, large fists, mostly bulk inside of them, by the minute, boot-shaped, then pounding air-cysts as they appeared, then again. With every punch received they would recede inside the air. Creating the most peculiar sack-like transparencies which carried on his sweat; it was his peculiar technique used to achieve dryness, which was needed as they came. Blow to blow, a fist had slipped, his rival slid, unaware. He received a hook and stumbled back.

'There's still a chance for you to go behind. Step out of the circle and don't come here no longer; look fellow, I'm only trying to give you a fair chance, fair and square, don't die here, because I don't play fair.'

He made them appear again. Always but fisting them as soon as they were in the air. Closer to him, as if to stare, even nearer, he was aware. Many men gathered and looked.

He fathered smaller cysts which had but slipped inside his knuckles, then they shook; it was as clear as there were no chances. To avoid each lance of pain; he pulled on, knowingly that his fists would slip again if he came running down with blows.

A fist followed, then a blow, between the blade, it shouldn't have gone through, but it did as well.

Then stumbled back, he dropped it at once, as the man merely put a jab. Before his forehead and the brow, where his hairline receded, where his appeal unheeded, he could not understand. How each time he attempted, always but a wail; a failure in pain, why is it that I cannot hit him? Thought the man frustrated.

It was strange, how he kept trying, always ready to put another step in even if that meant the risk of dying to a man, he's barely met him, then again. They started sharing blows, and getting through one another as they rose to one another's faces. Both but shaking during wild embraces. But he's slip through the death hug and simply crouched before he wailed on him, pushing him back.

'You stumbled like a little man.'

But it was there he noticed, his fest, unwell, he had thrown dirt, a patch. Across his face, his body touched. Everywhere the soil some of boiled and fell to each side but he was merely tackled, finally down. Yet when the time came to pound the man, each fist would not reach, always to the side of each cheek. When he attempted yet a blow, unable to hold on top of him, pushed around and made to show, there was but no way to have him yet. He was simply untouchable, and yet.

They tried one another on the ground, rolling all over, until there was no point. In getting around them. Without a way, they were dumbfounded when another man joined their pit.

Both of them got up and started messing through, taking the necessary steps needed until they couldn't get themselves, withdrew when the time came.

Edges around the circles made, as if to run around. Each of them but battered through the crown.

His heart was squeezed out by the second until bursting.

One of the strongest contenders had come to be.

Hans Jackal

His body was completely made out of completely abstract-sculpture like completely geometrically stretched and placed iron wires as to make him look like a human being. His birth came out of a wheat-iron-like virus which allowed him to reform and recreate himself by stacking iron-wheat-patterns on top of one another until they formed long-moving contorted iron spring-like stretches he stretched out of his body on a whim.

All of the sudden he contorted some of the bone-wires inside of him, into a switch-blade.

'Ha-ha, you cannot kill me, I am invincible.'

Previous attempts to melt or destroy him had only devolved into further failures. As the little wheat-patterned iron wires had smaller wire-like clusters inside of them, like a Matryoshka doll, nesting inside one another, barely attached, yet caught within one another's grasp until they reach microscopic levels of stretching.

Before joining the tournament, he had been employed for a task of guttural-menial jobs he had to take care off.

Hans K. Jackal's eye appeared in a classroom.

By employing a most peculiar technique of microscopic wheat-iron-stretching patterns from one side to another, of the world, employing a most peculiar, not only stretch but a complete built-through water, people, land, buildings and objects thin-invisible movable tunnel, he had achieved complete domination over everything and everyone, as he could materialize his very body wherever he desired by simply pulling and drawing back as many of the wheat-patterns as possible into one key-core place, where everything else inside this network of microscopic movable, detachable, semi-levitating patterns floated in and out of one another like particles of air, or atoms.

They were misplaced all around the world like a computer network system, or oxygen, suddenly awakened as they followed through to form another eye, a mouth, and to the children's shock, a two-dimensional body that appeared on the chalkboard.

Startled, the teacher dropped her books and merely stared in dread as those eyes which had materialized had no irises in them leaving some peculiar blankness to be looked at. A nose that was also flat, no gums inside an empty mouth; yet Jackal merely leaped out of where he stood as he leapt on top her desk and seemingly pointed both hands at her.

'Where is it coming from?

Come on, guess.'

'I don't know.'

'Yet all of the sudden he opened his mouth and spat a spear of wheat-iron formed spears which immediately impaled and killed her, turning the blood inside her body into coagulated wheat-iron patterns that were left behind, having carved his name across her entire body and every possible direction, every angle and every possible facet of skin she bore.

Before the children could get away, he all of the sudden spread a few wheat-iron locusts he had spread around, having them block the door, the locking mechanism, as well as he had entered some of the children's brains, bred inside their lobes and slowly having taken control over a few of them.

'I wish to be entertained now, fight for me children, that's what I wish of you.'

With that, the children started tearing each other apart in his name.

Yet he could never hold onto the wheat-coagulated or wheat-bone shrapnel that came out of his victims in order to rebuild himself. He knew that eventually the vile wheat-patterned evil entity might call upon him to commit such an act of evil as these things would seem to be a merely child's play.

He'd already gone through and left the premise only to make it along one of the malls, which, during that way was rushed about as to be filled at a rush hour.

Jackal could not be stopped, for he had also the ability to completely freeze people in place once he had gotten enough momentum while maintaining his form. With every step he's taken while embodying his humanoid form, upon reaching enough speed his skin would become human like, or he would be

surrounded by a skin cast as to be clothed in the skin of a man, only to have every wheat-like syringe rotate inside his body on a constant motion as to become a small storm of a tornado that's mixing every possible pattern until it will have been seen as some peculiar indistinguishable liquid-like formation that's been twisted around in place, only to have it all of the sudden sprout out of his back upon stopping in a place, this being the entrance to the mall, forming a giant wall behind him, of metallic patterns that, when seen form above form strange overlapped ellipses that move in an out as to make motions while his humanoid body is kept completely still, standing there, with both of his arms completely pushed in, while, having waited for enough power and force to be generated from the constant motion they're put through, this peculiar reeling wall would suddenly reach its limit, then, upon having reentered his body, and shoulder regions, the back of his neck as well as the adjacent areas, from inside his body, microscopic-like extensions would shoot in every possible direction, bouncing against the hardest of surfaces, and against every possible non-organic life form, until they will have reached their target. As if they were sperm-cells and the people were ovaries, while the mall was the womb, cervix, or where the ovaries are normally placed. Entering them only once as they made their way through their blood-streams in order to block blood-access to the brain which in turn would freeze their entire bodies in place; allowing Jackal to move as he pleased for the duration of a few seconds without having been seen; despite the fact that he could've kept them inside and killed everyone, which was within his power, he chose not to do it here, in a public place that might've gathered too much attention.

He entered the jewelry store, broke the safety glass and stole a pearl necklace after.

Then he walked away and no one seemed to notice he was even there.

They had also been caused mass hysteria as well as nose-bleedings.

Upon walking out, he shook himself, creating billions of small legs upon which he walked, having protruded out of his chest, body, neck, throat, eyes, face, limbs, lower body region, with them not being placed like legs but curved around as it to crawl, bent on the ground as they dragged him along.

He moved through the city through the fastest way possible then, having dispersed himself only to appear somewhere else.

When, all of the sudden, he felt something.

As if the hollow insides of the wheat-wires had, over time absorbed the very scattered atoms of existence he simply kicked in, as if it were automatic as he pushed his arms forward. Out of his shoulders, arms, body, chest and back pushed on, various arm like formations which had redistributed some of the mass of his ankles, lower body region as well as his back in order to form them. As if channeling through some atmospheric pressure, he started creating wheat-patterns out of nowhere, in a peculiar light ball that appeared out of nothing. Yet, it was not made out of metal, it had been made out of skin.

This growth which fell on the ground appeared to have, on the other side, the face of a man embed on the other side, a face he had never seen before. A face that was like none other, and he had scourged the land in search for it, only to have found none unlike it.

Jackal thought for a moment, what could this mean?

Sometimes he drank a lot of water and made the tip of his fingers water holes, and watered plants. Now he shoved his fingers inside this man's head and bloodied junk.

Other times, he lynched people he didn't like by fashioning ropes out of him. Entire neighborhood were turned into electrical-lines of many hanging dark people alike he had killed along the way. He enjoyed seeing them as tiny sculptures of wire he called his art since he could spread his pattern inside of them. He enjoyed that.

One day a child came out of his house.

He's spent a good whole week at least in that neighborhood, carving them, to be certain. Enough that someone, if not a lot of people would notice. Yet this was the city of Droit, and no one seemed to care about its people.

As soon as the child came into notice, he began screaming.'

'Mother!'

But Jackal was annoyed, so he simply sewed shut the child's mouth, by a simple maneuver. He was on top one of the roofs, having a good clear view of the street. The child was in the middle.

On his, not the child's left, on his left, the line of lynched people, the child being on the right, the lynched people in front of the child. From the child's view, Jackal on the right, but he couldn't be seen since he was coy as he was laying low.

From Jackal's point he stretched a hand which stretched his pinky which shot the initial hard-roded thick base of the shot which had suddenly become thinner and thinner until it hit the land on a straight, from the point of view of his finger shot where he had formed a bridge-like stretch. As it bounced on the ground, it shot precisely, as if it were a second, from the initial spot of impact-shot out of bullet, through her ear, having then curved straight, then around, then it entered downwardly then upwardly into the blood stream, blocking it, then out of the other ear, crawling along her head, or across the ear, then it aligned itself as to create the illusion of a perfect shot, which would place the general area where it regained momentum somewhere across the top of her skull or near the edge of it, since her skull was smaller in comparison to other peoples, or rather, depending on the original entry, it might've crawled on top of the skull or the middle top of it, depending on the angle it entered her ear. That having accounted for a few meters from which the shot ricochet out of, which was something he hadn't considered or paid much attention to since he himself couldn't see the wheat-iron wire that had been shot through her head. Regardless of it, that couldn't have gone through both ears without breaking through her skull and exiting the top of the ear itself and not the canal. Having established a general trajectory, the wire entered a house, took one of the thread and needles that had been lain around the room, swallowed its tip, then, upon being reeled back in, the girl had been caused a lot of bleeding as the iron-point got forced through her ear canal, skull, blood stream, the other ear, as it was pushed back out, where, he had finally come to suture her mouth by force with a strand of bloodily soaked thread.

Her Concha got scarred the ear canal as well, the Tympanic membrane pierced through, as it forced its way through the ear drum, Malleus, Incus, Stapes, rotating along the Vestibular labyrinth as it would be completely destroyed, then the Cochlea, having reached the vestibular nerve, Cochlear nerve,

Vestibulocochlear nerve, her Dorsal cochlear nuclei, the Ventral cochlear nuclei, olivary nucleus, Medulla oblongata, Lateral lemniscus, along the Inferior quadrigeminal body and her Medial geniculate body until it through her Auditory receiving centers where the initial incision through which it came out of had been made. Her lobes had also been, almost completely severed and ruined by the needle which at this point had destroyed every adjacent area through which they had been dragged through, leaving her not only a mute but a mental invalid as she lost her consciousness as she fell on the ground.

But if she ever were to wake up, with her mouth being sutured, at the very least she would not make any noise any longer, which was something that pleased Jackal who soon left her where she was.

Although, in order to have been able to have rematerialized himself from one place to another, as to have also been able to block the bloodstream to the brain, enough microscopic wheat-iron patterns would've had to gather around the area, as they are carried through, in order to form an iron block between the areas through which the blood is being delivered to the cells; in other words, the aneurism and the copper wire. In which case, making the wheat-iron cells more like injectors of pattern-cells that further the replication of his body into places he wouldn't have normally had any access to in the first place.

There are also wheat-filled lookalikes to the top region above his throat coming out of his finger tips at time. They talk to him.

The angle of her tilted head might've actually completely changed the way in which the entire shot might've aligned as well which hasn't been taken into consideration before. In which case, depending on the trajectory of the shot, the initial angle which would've aligned itself as it pushed out of the head, if it were not altered, might've been closer to the top front region of her head than the middle if it was launched from the initial landing spot where the pinky was aimed at. But the pinky wasn't aimed straight either, as it would've had to have been tilted as well to his left side.

The radius of the initial shot couldn't have been angled in such a way by which it would've shot directly into her ear either from where he stood, which could only be attributed to the general angle being altered by the very nature of the wheat-iron and the way he managed to manipulate it.

Closer to the top-right side of her head if tilted and the general direction was angled enough for it to be fully shot; this not accounting for the general controlled direction and the way through which it crawled inside and moved through her head to begin with.

And to be certain about it, once the initial incision or push-through the side of the girl's brain, after, before the second entry into the other side of the brain which was needed to go through the nerves in order to get out of the other ear, there was still the problem of cutting the blood flow, through which it would have to go further south than it would've headed otherwise, before turning around as it resumed its trajectory. The return of which might've severed the blood-flow completely, with the help of the needle, killing her.

In which case, there hadn't been any need to suture her mouth in the first place.

Seeing how the neighborhood was abandoned, he left it and never returned to it.

Regardless of that, he had woken up one day falling as to appear out of a nightmare that had devoured the world, only to have awakened himself into a most peculiar match he had no idea about.

His opponent was but a strange, peculiar clothes, melting-piece by piece pierced upon little man with a smoke-suit which was made out of glass, filled with eighteen hundred cigarette butts which was entirely immobile. His static position left him vulnerable, as well as it left Jackal severely confused as he had no idea what this meant or why he acted that way to begin with. Since he only managed to walk ever so softly upon the ground, feeling this peculiar place at first, he did the only thing that could come to mind, he formed leashed out of his lower body, right as he fell on the butt of his lower body, then he started whipping the glass-encased man. There was no one inside, yet, the glass didn't shatter. With every given blow, it would not shatter. He started whipping it from side to side, cluttering his body in one direction, then another. He fell over to one side and stopped momentarily. Then he began whipping with his right hand only, to no avail. He got up, having drawn back all the wheat-iron. As it came to his understanding, this peculiar statue was indestructible. Relented, he looked around. There were many pits just about the place, yet, as he tried pushing himself out of it, he realized that he was forced, as if by a great wind to be put back into his pit, regardless of his attempts to spread wherever he wanted. He was trapped in his pit with that thing. Then the nails came out from the rain. Most of them passed through him as his body accommodated itself, forming constant gaps through which they pushed. Glassy as it were, that the nails simply just bounces on it then everywhere else. It was peculiar, but there was no way out and he felt uncomfortable, as there was no one else left to kill. He was taunted by the presence of so many people he could've slaughtered, but he was trapped in there. Regardless of the single-peeps of wheat he's thrown around and about the place, neither of them returned. He had no idea what happened there or why he was even placed In this place. Even the microscopic sized ones were pushed back.

Both of them were all of the sudden buried underneath a giant tower with a semi-spherical bottom nail-pile in which they didn't move over a few weeks.

Strange fight dressed in peculiar clothes, he came out of nowhere and raised his fists, both of them but put around a whip that came out of nowhere. As soon as it was wrapped around him, he pulled the man over. His knee came in, adjacent to the area between his lungs, between the belly, thrusting forwardly until he's gotten ten kicks, spitting air, breathing on his chest, then starting again, while he was put around. The waist dropped, his guard lowered.

There white buildings shaped people that threw rocks at one another out of their open windows. The suns shone upon the pain, which gave them a blinding shine which shone upon each other's windows. They blinded one another yet they kept chucking rocks.

Glass cigarette smoke cast

It was a weird world, an oblong that was made of glass, with giant cigarettes inside of it. There were glass trees with cigars in then and man-casts that didn't move, like nothing else in there. Yet, one day, this glass-thing was taken from its world. It woke up, the objects, which wasn't sentient. It appeared out of nowhere, and made a humanoid creature implode as it burst from inside out.

The world was under chaos. And people searched for refuge, near it. They didn't know of anything else, since they were primitive and this strange object was not to be shattered by any means, by no strike and

nothing that could touch it by any possible means. It would not be, fashioned as if of stone, against it thrown as to make way for something it might crawl against. There was no reason to spare either, as they were pained by what had happened.

Men came and bounced their arms, only to be cleaved about their faces as their fists could not surmount the surface. Pain was known, and it was docile.

Two men fought and chased one another after being done exchanging blows and jabs, between one another, soon enough making it seem like there was nowhere else to be. They dug holes and fell through it.

‘Raise your fists.’

As soon as they could they started trading blows, always following one another as soon as the other man rose from his seat, being thrown around, blinded by the trails of light, his fire gloves but pushing through, punch-after-punch, but on the row his nose bled. His mouth gaping, a tooth sticking out, then on the ground.

‘Take this, and this and this.’

He could barely breathe. Twisted on one side, his body bent backwardly, still plane; he kicked with his right leg, as soon as he got close, he made contact and pushed him out of the way, spat on his face, then ridiculed his throat, with a blow that knocked him back. Off guard, he followed with a flail of fists, all ending up around his chest, then right around the cyst, below the ankles. Crushing with a kick while he was done, he followed around a trail, stomped him until he drowned in dirt. Both of them fell through what seemed to be four hours until they landed in a pool of muck where they stood for a few moments, still throwing punches, changing blows until they couldn’t deal with one another.

The men froze upon being met by the greatest creature of the pits, who hid within and came to pin them both below the rails.

There was the sun, in one of the pits. It stood alone and shone. Its light rays kept behind the invisible pillar, preventing everyone from making it through. Danger approached as little men were put against it, trying their best to fend the sun off, only to be burnt alive immediately, melting, liquefying in an instant before they were even pushed into the pit. A lot of people were put in line. It wasn’t much of a fight.

Two men charged at one another, first one spat, only to have the side of his liver kicked, in, pushed on, he threw a few jabs that were quickly avoided as soon as he regained his footing. They were not incapable of making it through, for long. Longer times were taken through. They exchanged but glanced.

Their knuckles fell off as they were replaced by mouths.

They fought each other until sun-down from the looks of it. Each strike but his the other, purposefully making contact before it fell over, starting again soon after, as it would slip and come-between each finger, extending as they but threw slugs at one another. Both sides, ears ringing before sudden contact but never raised as high as the cheek-bone, always slipped through, almost lost, almost always pushed behind. One man slipped, the other one grabbed him by the chest, pulling him back, soft bites, clean fight it’s what they did. As soon as they could go back to what they were doing, they started going at it again.

Dreadful fists started coming on, kneeling through, inside them, one by one, they were startled by one another's menace.

A man slowly approached. He came out of nowhere, but was severely bandaged around his throat, around his knees and just about the place, it'd been.

Two peculiar men could not control themselves before they started punching one another, again and again, repeatedly inside their throats, having started an uncanny yet unfathomable ritual from which they could not stop one another, bashing their eyes and cheeks bones out, punching wherever they could, having made constant contact with their chest and lower-guts, then their lower calves, until some other fighters that were present there stepped in their pit in order to stop them from doing that to one another. A fist entered his throat, all of the sudden. Mower found himself but pulling down his peculiar helmet which was made out of a moist bag where he put a few little strange holes in and little fingers wrapped with nails, which now entered his irises. He was being pounded in and before he knew it, he stopped breathing, they put him into dirt, trying to get a hold of his noise, while the other men stopped trying to break the fight. All of the ones present started stomping the man's head violently, until they left it battered bloodily, left to rot in the sun, before they ran out of the pit, leaving the two fighter who had gotten even more violent than before barely standing. Both of them attempted to strangle one another, then grabbed each other by their throats, pushing, pulling, increasing the strength of the grip until the strange burst inside their nostrils could be felt, that sudden rush to the head like they couldn't breathe, and they were about ready to pass out. Though both of them bore uncut nails, which poured in, pushing until they penetrated the outer jerky skin, bleeding on each other's fingers, then they stopped, as they were bleeding, having settled on finally killing each other off. As to put one another out of their misery, though they were both so beaten to a plump, bleeding from various spots, guiltily suffering of internal hemorrhage, when the time came, each of them but gave one another a right hook which finally disjointed their heads off the top of their necks, as they fell over, blindly and finally passed over, having spat their hearts out and a part of their guts as well, out of which a lot of gut tape-worms, upon making contact with the air had become rabid as they began bouncing upon one another's bodies, devouring, entering, cutting through, while the other ones drew even farther away from the rest as they made it to the body of the man which was still somewhat warm and fresh. Having entered it, they started butchering his insides, cutting wherever they could until they couldn't be stopped. But all of the sudden all the bodies began not only decomposing but the soil itself started drawing them deeper in as to clear itself of all the scum that was on top of it as well as of the left-overs.

A hunt

No one wants to be in the room with him, it's for their own good. He doesn't like when people touch them. His creations; they're his and they're ugly but he fashioned them out of some rearranged little people he had connected at the top of their heads, which means they're his. He spat on them, every now and then, but it was all black smoke, which only furthermore tainted their spherical bump-protrusions, that, even if one were to account for what happened on the site, they could not understand what happened there.

A fight had taken place, and the two men who fought? They were connected around their guts to air-pumps, yet they could not breathe since their arms were their lungs, these wallowing figures only resolved to fighting with their stone heads, and little extra-legs which came out of their lower calves. Them being drenched, and dirty, broken suits, covered in some malignant blood, peculiarly shapes, a mixture of unfathomable facial structures that were placed around their bodies, both of them looking like liquefied humans if they were even more forced to endure and to be beaten as they went through the worst of diseases. It's how their bodies melted, it's how they got there.

The comet ship is how they got there to begin with. Its skeleton was exposed, the remnants brokenly open and in front of them.

Two women were impaled, their mouths were wide open, they were bloating the words, still alive, they were impaled by sling-shot shaped trees which split not only their bodies but their heads as well; desperately trying to keep their tongues from being ripped apart by their attempt to swallow, which only drew and drew, by the force of their muscles, to recede into nothingness. They were soaked down there, but it was hard to make which kind of moisture it was. One would have to check. But it was wholesome, how they hanged there, but how many hours passed? That was just as hard to make, no one had alarmed anyone of what happened there, a few animals came and seeing how they were open down there, they licked. Then they went away. It was something the women didn't enjoy. In their minds, they wanted to report what happened, yet someone chopped off their hands like Dutchmen chopping niggers. It was peculiar, waiting for them to say a thing. Facing the miles of yellow sparks on the ground. A sparkling beast emerging in the full light, finally exposing itself as it were, the peculiar thing about it was that it was soon enough followed, revealing just as much in their flight of stares; from below came a sting, which was deflected soon after. Met by a shield-chitin which was pronounced as it was pushed from below, yonder; another deflection, another strike followed. Another one down, they followed each other, throwing the spasms into the ground. It was hard to see what they were doing and even worse from where the two women stood since their eyes were so far apart from one another, this was only made so much hard to watch, so much harder to subdue what they were trying to achieve there. One body fell, but when had it been in the air? It leaped, but it was already down by the time they formed the heaps, charging at one another from both directions, as their sturdy sting-lances pushed, both chitin-shields but rousing, up then down the heap, within. They didn't even take a brake, to gain momentum or walk away, simply they just paced around, going into circles as they but chased each other's tails before either one could make it in the ground. Some spared but nothing there, some but threw snares of the sparkling substance, only to see. Many of them stacked on top of one another, only their stings, but covered, those things but taintedly segmented, like little beads that never ended, yet one could see they were passed around. As if they were but thrown from one side, then messed around, bead joining bead in their dances, coming after, charging yonder, trying to grab a hold of each other. Before the time of endurance came, they stopped, rethought, then simply wailed. Like madly blinded scorpions they began, never endingly just passing their strikes around, never taking a break from where they were aiming, yet ahead, never stopping until either side of either one was dead. Though it could not be felt, neither the moisture beneath these sparking clouds, the soundless waves and the steps that weren't taken now; it felt like they receded. Like leaping cats below the mounds, like moles that all too suddenly sniffed a predator that was around. In their natural habitat, a nomad passed. He was from around the place, he who bore not a spear but a javelin tear, of which top was but a hammer. This crystalline thing with an iron sting whacker would be long employed. Its mere weightlessness only added to the blunt force with which he'd play. When he came into position he

stopped. Sweating profusely as he but looked around, his grip but tightened as he had begun, trying to hit as many things, cowering as soon as he would lose within his strike but a whiff of a bead. They were being launched one after another, coming from every possible direction, arched as if to fall back into the sand as if to reload again, they were no longer but sparring, now that their pray came into view or feel, and they knew he was there, leaping like a little mongrel-man who tried getting their lives out of the sand, just to put them into ground. Called of every voice that came after, pushed through and beaten and in the ground, then battered, and made to thumb, they leaped about and made to listen to. They feared what came after, they were swollen and put through and paint-dead that followed through the cold-guts that were flying on the cruel plains. They stopped talking to the man as soon as he lost his step. By chance his glass-lance but bluntedly the trauma had begun, a mere puncture in the chitin. All of the sudden it flew right off his hand, spinning in the air like a bluish windmill blade before it plunged into the sparkling light. He saw the point from whence it shattered, no soon after, it had but immediately stung, right-after. They but all formed mounds, all having come into a ball, like a Spartan wall, where they pushed the man.

‘I’ll give you this much, you won’t abandon your own, but I can.’

And just as soon he started running along, getting through it, then abandoning the two women, never looked back despite knowing that they were alive. At the very least, he could’ve put them out of their misery yet he didn’t feel like it.

A man shouldn’t do that, he but found a woman who was sipping a cup of tea off the side of a great stone and he simply just shot his javelin-hammer through the back of her throat. Then he pulled it out as he started pounding her, not allowing her to breathe or some out of that stupor. He had to beat her, he had to kill her to obliterate her entire body. He started violently stabbing every side of her body, pulling out, pushing in, and out and in and out and in, several times, then he but took the cup which was spilled along the stone-side of the steps on which she drank and he smashed her already cracked-split, hit-bashed, fractioned head, then he stomped it and spat on her. After he was done, he took his time to start a fire inside her open-chest cavity. And ripped out of her head, then started jack-hammering every side of her body until there was nothing left to destroy. He crafted himself two wings out of her rib-cage, guts and skin-sheet and began following the step towards giant black-stoned temple that looked like a giant pile of stones put together. It was a temple filled with women and they were all doing something that annoyed him.

Hero-Nomad knew nothing better, so he simply started chasing them out only to attack and kill as many of them as possible. From that point on, this was known as the Massacre-Temple, where a little ribbon was drawn on some map created by the Unknown Cartographer Hymnthroat. It was glorious. By the time someone stumbled on this piece of land, it had already been too late, there was no point in hoping anyone was spared, because even the daughters were had and beaten into the very ground they were spat out of.

What a peculiar joy it was, the killing and slaying, the butchering of little girls, the ones that were so young you could but taste them, these nymphs splattered along-side their mothers, then pushed around into the mouthful of the most uncanny riding beasts. What followed after, the smell of savage butchermment was but a flock of flying grim beasts that came from the distant winds, break-through wings but becoming extending mouths that began devouring what they could as if they were but vultures that were in need to be fed, as soon after as it happened, no longer would they be kept that way, or made to listen to what happened there.

In a much more distanced land

‘My lord, what should I do about these women?’

We brought them from afar, and I’ve gone through a long way and a lot of trouble in order to bring them here.’

‘Feed them to the land, you know what to do, dear knave, you are a soldier.

Perform your duty as a soldier, I need you to kill them. Slaughter them when I call upon you.

You, dear man, have my full confidence in your pocket, I know you’re going to pull it out and use the knife I gave you, the circular blade, to inflict as much pain as possible on the dames.

They need to be tortured, for the land to grow.

We need them to feed the great plants, and give birth to much greater surroundings.’

And he pointed at what happened before. Much greater structures were made, as fresh woman-corpses were brought from afar. There was magic in killing women, why else was there a cause for such wild things to appear? And there were domes-like rain-drop-shaped umbrellas that were thick and filled with lanterns growing in the night. They would stand there momentarily, bringing utmost unfathomable delights. Little puffs of glowing lanterns, like the flowing souls of children signing, trailing themselves around. Little drawings on the ground; and they would sign of joy. And they would sign of drums, of great wars, with blades of cardboards that brought memories to the men, of long lost pasts they couldn’t help but dream about. It was glorious, it was fantastic, it was grand, and never-ending, drastic changes in their hearts. Little men made out of shards, they were shattered from above the sky, stone-like beings fallen but who never died. And were happy, and they but wrought, the mountains of the land were sculpted, in the most peculiar delights. One of them had a stone-axe he split the top of a dyke, she bled on the pavement, but it was all right.

There was this nice road, going through the forest. The grass was plain and flat, the trees sparse. All of the sudden the comet-moon shard-broken men appeared out of nowhere at an uncanny speed, as they only followed the example of their fellow. Having surrounded a runaway, they but searched inside their stone-broken pockets and pulled out various shaped cudgels, hammers, large trunk-heavy things as well as more peculiar heavy-breakers they but put the girl within her early grave. They started burying everything inside her head until she couldn’t help it any longer and began, flattening herself as to die faster, standing on the middle of the road as to be killed, much-much faster. Every single one of them stepped aside. A giant horse with a carriage-shaped little box filled with blades, knives and peculiar caustic acid rotated tubes began approached. Instead of trampling her, it simply stopped. Instead of using the blades to butcher her, it spun the cylinders faster. It sprayed her with acid, instantly dissolving her body in front of them, who immediately stopped clapping and resumed their work again. The back of the giant horse was

an invalid-like bag which held two wheels that helped it walk along. It only got that because it tried helping a woman escape. But mid-way through, that woman turned around and simply shot the horse in the head and through its spine, almost paralyzing it completely so he could slow her pursuers down. Ever since then, the horse decided he would never trust women, since they had a tendency of crippling whoever displays compassion towards their cause. Women are cruel, they abuse animals, on a daily basis. They're really evil; there could be no explanation other than humans seeing animals as being children; yet that is a paradox with everything considered. Everyone in their kingdom feared for their horses, since women wanted to kill them.

Men formed a council.

'We need to discuss something important. It's a matter of high-importance.

We need to discuss the threat, the on-going conflict and what we can do about it that we may save, or prevent further lives from being wasted.'

'May I speak?'

'You may.'

'That whore fucking killed my horse. I'll have her throat slit and made into a flower I'll plant in her flower, then I'll piss in it. And I'll cut her tits, open her gut, pull out her innards, and dance around with them around by neck. I will eat her fucking brains if I have to. I will slaughter and spit in her daughter's face then snap her if I have to.'

The men but understood where he was coming from. It was important to understand why this high-crime happened, what drove them to do it. Why did they kill their horses.

'Where do they get their guns from? Who's their supplier?'

'It's our state, isn't it? We don't ban anyone from them, so they just happen to get them freely.'

Luckily for them, the women were too cowardly to actually shoot a man, instead, they only killed defenseless animals and children. So much so that they were but. They all got a few guns and stones, gathered a few women, put them in a stove and shot them, then lighted them and called it a day.

'This should teach them. I think our horses are safe for now.'

Yet there was a mister. The Acid-tubes horse went missing one day. Indeed it was peculiar, it was a matter that required careful thinking as well as careful consideration to be had. Otherwise, who knew what might happen to it, if that were the case.

His was a sad story.

The Horse Acid-tube-head; a horse who lived a normal life, in a perfect world where there were no women, none to bother him to soon, none to ruin his dreams or swoon', during a time when he was but a horse and nothing more, other than a horse. But one day, a woman came out of nowhere and shot his

parents in the head. She didn't have a reason to do it. This evil thing appeared out of absolutely nowhere with a gun. Two shots off the back of their manes and they were put down, she set the stable on fire. While they were down she unloaded eight rounds in their heads. There was something wrong with her because she grinded on their corpses as well, that image being forever embed in his mind. It was crazy how sloppily she'd done it. No reason whatsoever, these were defenseless horses, taken from their pastures only to be taken care off as there's been an accident and there were brambles stuck in their sides. This stable was more of a veterinary than an actual stable and his parents had been in good care before she came along.

They hide away, being somewhat incapable of knowing, but I know better than them.

'I shall find my own path, and I shall go through it, and I shall obtain my vengeance by some mean or another!'

Though the Horse as he looked at the burning stable. In the midst of the fire, he saw but a shadow of blood left behind by the ongoing debris. His heart was already set on it, as one would not relent, whatever the means. The image was embed in his mind, carved, poked as if from the other end of a hot-iron. He would get his vengeance, he thought. Eventually, ruminating, brooding, spending time in the dark forest, where it always rained. He stood there, in the distance, watching the stable fall, witnessing the last pillar land on top of one of the last charred boxes, the open bodies of his parents laying there in the open. There were no flies to pick up their skin, they've been charred and made to melt, their skin. It was little as he could see, a tawny-oily thing that fell and moved on the side. Slowly crawling, being drained.

He was elated by the evil he was tainted with. He walked on a path of no return. Knowing that one day, he would get his revenge, a thunder struck the fields just then. It was a hardly noticeable thing that no one would ever take for granted. But the heart of the land wept at what had happened.

'Such agony should not befall upon one with such a heart as pure as ours.'

Spoke the Horse fiend near it, whom stood upon human legs, whose torso was but a great giant human head, shrunken features didn't move, on top of the horse fiend stood, with a black mane of spears, the cape on its back, armless but followed around by many akin to him who resounded the blackening of lights; darkening of heights, the pus-Cajun that settled through. Regardless of it, not to be cruel; they but tried to follow, sickening their teeth. Sharpening them against trees of briarwood; they relentlessly followed and wouldn't let him go.

'You must realize that this path shall take you into the darkest recesses that no man has ever ventured.'

'Yet I'm a horse.'

'Your hearts speaks like a man, and we should know for we have become them.'

'Abominations you mean?'

'Yet we're accepted.'

'That's only you deluding yourself.'

‘Paradise is not without its charge, paradise is not without its darks. We may be cast but we leave in peace. Away from them but at least; away from them as well, savage beings that they are, they couldn’t fathom any of these, ruinous, primitive, the female-beasts are unlike no others. In that you are correct.’

‘So tell me, dear brothers, in that case why shouldn’t I take my revenge? Why should It not be, suffice to say something beyond cruelty, something beyond reason.

A thing that’s mine.’

‘Revenge is blind, it’s how it is; but you will not stop at an eye. There’s no such thing, you know within that you may not be able to control yourself.

And after which what? You will have realized that there’s no revenge left to take, that you will have claimed whatever live might be at stake out of your own will.’

‘Should I stay then and become like you? You who have become half breeds? I will not accept you as mine.’

‘Neither are they.’

Said another one without fear that the others might inflict upon, unkindly so.

‘What are we to do with ourselves in that case?’

‘Recede into the darkest corners where you may push in me and cast away your sights. I know what I shall to and I know what my pride is worth.’

‘You’ll be damned.’

‘Is there no one in this land that isn’t?’

‘Then have your revenge and see where it shall drive you. Be cast away from your kind, from them and whoever else might have you.’

With that, he heard no more as he meagerly outpaced them before they could put themselves in each other’s path and make it so they wouldn’t be brought again. To peace and quiet he rode away, and for a time there was no emotion that could convey what’s been done to him. What they took, his innocence now long-lost, as it should. At the very least a few days were made to pass, to which he followed just as soon as he could realize that there was no one else around him. He was left to his own devices and he couldn’t do anything that would startle even the worst of beings, knowing that he was lost for no words, that there was no one else left there, to mark the lay of cowardly swords.

He was met by her, the first other woman she’d seen in a while. At first he was weary of the sight. This was the heart of the woods and she seemed to be there, out in the open, doing nothing, as she couldn’t but do a thing. Being so restless as she was, so dormant, as in an oyster, like a beauty exposed. She’s been running for many days in an attempt to escape, there were scars and callous on hand and knee, weary and weary, and wearisome to be. There was something about her, he had immediately noticed, without a ruse, to throw a tantrum and drove through her, he would’ve found it truly a blessing. But he had noticed no gun, and she was beautiful and young. That even the likes of a horse would take a pity of such a fiend,

how could one kill such a thing? He wondered, the men, they must be wrong. The men, they must be mad to kill such kindness as he was shown. As soon as she woke up, he froze. It was a matter of shyness from which he couldn't get away from. Stomping through doings and silence; he but followed through.

'Do you need any help miss?'

He considered, surely this cannot be a woman of the same kind, like that who had killed his parents and would but kill him yet when the time came. Different, she must be different than the others, but what then? What could he do, to estrange himself from his brothers? He had but followed through and offered but to help.

'Steal some clothes for me.' She said.

At first he was shocked, how could she asked such a vile thing out of him and would he follow if the time came after that? Could he do it if the time came? Men, horses and other male-beings were not known for theft, unless it came down to women, in which case all was fair. But how could he do it in that case if others like her happened to be the same? What if they were kind? Would a kind person ask a horse to steal? There were all such things he couldn't properly address, things he couldn't be answered when the time came.

'I do not know about that.'

'You will do it and you will do it now, I'm freezing. Do you want me to freeze? Make yourself useful, you're horse, I hope that's not too hard for your now is it? I don't even care what kind of clothes you're stealing, just do it. I want you to do it, I gave you an order, you dumb animal.' Mightily rude, and obnoxious as she were, this pitiful being was freezing; and there was something vile about leaving a poor creature to starve that way, pompous as she were and mightily rude, extremely so, as is she wickedly spat on the ground and would've made him clean It off if he hadn't left.

Considering as much, since he wasn't an evil thing, he settled with meeting the Horse-headman beings. Who offered to help, though it was in shame-bow down head type of greetings he had to approach them with.

'I come in shame, waggling my tail between my legs.'

'You need what now?'

'I do not understand either, but I must do it.'

'But I thought you were to enact means of revenge upon them all.'

'Only on one for now, but I couldn't suffer allowing one.'

'Very well, but we shall not spare and we shall not commit an act that would cross our pact, as to have us banished from our side of the land.'

'You vile thing, you promised to help me!'

'We did no such thing.'

One of the facial features contorted, as if a toothy grin appeared out of nowhere, even though the man-head was but wickedly un-animated otherwise.

‘There was no promise given, yet I can give you this at the very least.

Or, better yet, you are the one to offer her something.’

‘Give us your mane and we shall make a fine robe she might wear.’

‘But my mane. It’s my only reminder of my parents, they were shot there, and It marked me.’

‘It doesn’t sound like it, and you can’t actually see your mane either away since it’s at the back of your head.’

A horse’s mane may never grow back, and cruelty was something they all knew about, having experienced it first hand, without reason and without remorse. He was offered this choice instead of committing one of the highest acts of treason. To which he accepted their offer, having turned around, allowing them to chew his mane off the back of his throat, off the sides and off his head, now marching on with a robe in his mouth instead.

To the beauty of the woods he appeared, who appears like she had ruined her surroundings for some reason, out of cold, or her period blood, which was spread about the place. Nasty thing, disgusting animal she were, she didn’t wait much in contemplation before she started knocking him off the sides.

‘You didn’t bring me clothes and you’re an ugly, useless thing to me now. Ugly, ugly, ugly thing you are, give me this, you useless dumb animal. I told you to steal, not to.’

There she went again, doing what they could do best, which was complain, almost ruining the mane-robe which had covered everything, until she looked finely worn. To which he considered leaving just as soon, having been left not with a kind thought but with a bitter taste in his mouth, as if her milk was but mercury and he’s been fed like a little child, a little baby-horse always forced to remember his remorse. I shouldn’t have trusted her.

‘I should’ve left her to her own devices. But as soon as I turn, the pitiful thing began making the most obnoxious noise of all, something I could not fathom hearing, whatever the reason and whatever came of me, I couldn’t tell. At all.’

He had no other choice, he had to see her through, it was as much as he could do now, seeing how she begged and trailed but tears all around the bloody pool she stood on top of. She ruined my mane, and would but bite and scrape, but always and always she would complain.

‘They will kill me and I’ve done nothing to deserve; I cannot do a thing that’s wrong, I’m pure, and untouched.’

A liar at that, who made a habit of nailing daughters she didn’t like on the nears of a lamppost, carving a little sign on her forehead.

Why would someone be against rape?

The drapes were nice.

There was evil in the ground and it looked like maws of coils that were puking the dirt in and out and was becoming worm-in by much confusion and much degenerate coils that started pushing in and out until they couldn't help themselves.

Both of them were stopped along their journey as a most peculiar half-a rotten body appeared, the god of which only the horse he could see, to which he'd given his soul in a matter of seconds, having realized that time was but frozen for him to act as he pleaded for such blessings as to finally be made hole.

It looked like a horse-bodied sack of Elephant-man brown tumors that were attached to a squared carnival-like chamber of some peculiar shaped cartilage flying room that kept the sack floating, like a little helicopter without wings, or pellets, which bore three rotating transparent glassy barrels with a green liquid inside of them, with many organic tubes and peculiar devices on top of them. And the creature but shone with a peculiar green light that wouldn't be worn out no matter how you looked at it for some reason not even he could explain. It was peculiar how it spoke to him as if they were on equal-footing, how it created a malignant red-green gas that pushed out of the shining light, then was joined by a couple of voices, this fiend. It merely presented itself at Horxin, and would not dare to bare no ill thought to one such as him, to which he offered this much.

'Grand vizier, I shall call you from now on.

And I have seen your future, instead of you who are as blind as one might come to know. I bear but offerings as if to show you, the true nature of her kind.

Do not be blind my son, for I am to save you when the time comes.'

'What do you want in return, father of cursed horses?'

And Horxin but spared no moment so.

His meat-sack of a body but started jerking, with every growth but shaking; the tubes rotating, without a stop.

A single floating sphere but flew, like a dandelion which but entered his heart as soon.

The horse but understood.

'When the time comes you will emerge, your soul shall be spared, and you shall rise and march upon dark path. And enact vengeance for your brothers.'

Who were there, as all but gathered, many fathered, childreaned, and others lost, who stumbled from their graves at last. Many of them would look upon him from that point on, never to forget, nor to understand what went through his mind when it finally happened.

'Well then it's settled, pull out your gut.' He said to Hans.

And all of the sudden Jackal pulled out a ball of peculiarly shaped, strange wheat patterns out of his chest. Many of them having already come out of him like a little swarm that flew around him, doing as little as

they could before going out of their way to destroy whatever fragments they could of air, of the strange air molecules and of dreadful little aches.

The peculiar figure in front of him was none other than Melk-Gone.

Gone was a mightily peculiar figure not only in the way he acted but in sight.

He was but dressed out of a mantle he had fashioned into a shirt, pants and a peculiar caterpillar hat that appeared to push around him, wrapped inside then all around him but two faces that were his, as one could clap with them, stood behind. They were flapping and bore little prayer-hands put together protrusions that carried a flying dark sphere made out of peculiarly gut-like torsions that bore little features that at time but spilled in the hole he had on his back. It looked like a spring of blood with many features that somehow fell inside of him instead of aiming for the bowels of the earth, which made it even harder to guess, what was the reason for it? Yet one could not be impressed.

His strange sphere in the back but being looked at by the flat-thin parchment faces that stuck out like pouting fairies with little finger antlers coming out of them. Which looked even more peculiar since, with the sphere spilling in and with them staring directly at it as it happened, one could only thing that for them, the ground was but out there, in the horizon while they walked on vertically invisible walls, as if hills and mountains were their walking paths, or if there was a cascade, that was frozen in front of a man, he would walk on it and his head would suddenly be removed only to be flattened and stretched as to be made for the flapping things that were struck to his back instead. That is what they were like, and their crows of fingers but giggled for them as well, it couldn't be denied, it couldn't be tried, it couldn't be forgotten now. For what was worth it. From behind, as if tilted for the man to look directly, slightly above yet in front of him, him being faces towards the wall, one could see bars made out of put together fingers as if they wore finger traps, mouths being vertical lines that are close to his back, one eye up, one eye down, the sphere with feature-guts levitating in the middle, while one could see only a slight opening in Melk's back. If it were a ship, the front wall would be an opening leading to the outer-space where men would be drawn by gravity, or the wall itself, to which the man is staring would be a floor for the projected faces as opposed to what he saw.

He had spent many days pondering on his nature. Since every time he opened his mouth, a giant flood-like hose shot amount of pressured bloody-rust water would come out then stop in the spot it hit. Marking the area as if there were feet, only to see them erupt.

'No, I didn't mean to do that, I'm sorry.'

Gone said as soon as a peculiar pea armchair was given a few limbs with which is started running around the city; yet within the hour, his peculiar thing, this unnatural only to him to be thing happened, in the unawares of the dark, somewhere hidden and somewhere in a place one could not forget that there was no way to find it out.

Bloody marks they disappeared. And instead reason arm-chair textured open sprouted from the guts inside the stuffing. This beast was dreadful and it would not bleed. It ran around the streets, dreadfully pushing and crushing into every wall, inside a car, delaying the traffic for a few hours on the main street and around the alleys where it suddenly retreated in order to stop of drug exchange from happening only to trample the children who had been lured in to begin with, many of them dying on the stop, with the

exception of the younger ones that were still beautifully incapable of making out what happened. Until the rampage stopped, the fiend being burnt to death, exhaustively struggling to roll on the floor as if it were a man struggling not to get burnt. Yet this peculiar spell of trance was but incest of blood. It was just as much as one could tell and be aware of since there was no other explanation for the limbs that appeared to be, they were but part of a great dimension that was a giant sphere-like red gut planet which was lain inside a giant red-tainted universal galaxy. The red-meaty planet was attached to a giant meaty device that was akin to a torture wheel that was being constantly actioned upon, never to delay as to make a stop and show any kind of weakness that might go through.

While, every time a pair of the people who lived on the planet, them being nothing more than Red-limbs.

All of them were peaceful human red limbs that lived peacefully until they were absorbed by the malignant rotation of the great circle which was moved upon the plains of the planet, being worked upon by the torture-machine that was dictating on their bodies upon being released, every mark that calculated every fraction that made the innards of the entire distant planet that was to be formed and pinned down as to calculate the general trajectory to which they could somehow get through on their way to the wheel as to be replaced when the time came. This grand coagulated ring but bearing many holes inside of it that appeared to absorb, thoroughly as one would see, everything it could grab its waist upon, inside of which, the limbs would be but painfully tattooed by the many munching incisors that would put the fractions and the various needed equations down before the time drew on. It was painful and even more capriciously dreadful to look at.

Vile thing he was, Melk hadn't any idea whatsoever what happened. He simply puked the limbs out, then walked away. His existence was troubled. He attempted suicide only to find out that he wasn't allowed, as for his gushing wound released a plethora of unnaturally shaped limbs from other dimensions which stopped him entirely from acting upon himself.

Yet one day he was met by Hans Jacks who was an evil, vile man. Faced by him, when it came, he simply failed to realize that he was impaled by a hand-arm spear made out of iron-wheat, that had become as thick yet as thin as wing plane.

The sphere deflected the fully blunt force from having taken a jab at it, growing a peculiar deformed horn that pushed onward, something sharp, like a single cutting edge that stuck out and would not endear anything that came out of it.

'I am the Head-diamond Dainnelh, I am going to kill her now.'

He punched a hole in her throat with a straw, his fin-shaped fingers making their way through her gashing would, opening as they went further-in.

His halberd tasted her cunt and went right through her before she could even wake up from the swoon she was forced into as to fall on her knees and beg for some kind forgiveness that might be given to her. But alas that wouldn't work as he wasn't a fool.

'I don't trust you nor will I swallow your petty lies, you vile uncomfortable looking thing, I will butcher you in the worst possible way I can think of.'

With which his pointer and his thumb flicker the wooden shaft, causing the halberd to shoot straight up as it but left a trail and slit her face in half, leaving her body open and barely torn, undressed yet unhinged, not completely split as to die, she lived.

‘Stop this torture, you insane man, can’t you see you’re hurting her?’

‘Am I? I do not think I am, and for that I shall take my leave and kill her, and you, maiden, of whom I’m yet to be acquainted so.’

‘I am her mother-mother.’

The second one, which meant evil, that meant there was another one. But where?

As he looked around he realized the entire town was about started and aroused by the suspicion that went through him.

It was a town of women after all, and it seemed likely that this was to be the next conquest-road on the way out of the forest, where the Horse was but bluntly asked to step back as to not birth-rise any kind of suspicions. It went as followed.

‘Stop, please, you dumb-looking mule, or. ‘

‘But I need to interfere, he’s going to kill that woman otherwise.’

‘Don’t pretend you care about her. I know I don’t.’

She was after all much younger than her. It wasn’t likely that she would lift a finger to her aid, in which case, it only happened, ever so clear as I were for both of them to passionately go around each hut, and make it so they weren’t messed as to be found.

While in the middle of the village, he rose forth and would but spare each moment, as sadness sapped forth.

He pulled it out of her, carved a smile, then shoved it inside of her, slicing off her tits slowly, while he only prepared himself to carve them out. At first he became tracing their shapes, digressing to pushing deeply inside of them, around the crown and the pillar, whereas her collar bones were traces. Afterwards he force it down through her, forming a peculiar shape, like that of a butterfly with little more than a few feet’s worth that entered his prideful erect dead-tip of iron that got covered about. Beaten upon the hour she woke upon staring down, with his foot inside her calf, the other one pushing at the back of her throat, until she lost it all.

And she was punched afterwards in the back, then kicked while she was down.

As they were both facing one another, one pressed forth. He slipped along as if between two barrels, stuck him down, and would’ve gotten him before, apparent, as it was, he placed himself as in between and just appeared with what has been, little more than some wraps, all around his mouth and watch. Before they realized both had pounded one another then they darted. Longer stretches between each men as they punched the dirt, throwing themselves as far as they could, each and then, would they but put one another in each boot’s spot, until Clermont but met Lemont on each side of the trap that fell. Both of them took

rounds, as they were needed to start up again as if engines of destruction were but put forth, thrown around as they revealed their broken knuckles as they were instead of yore, and yonder they followed, spitting on the ground as to thoroughly mottle it and then, bone-marrow revealed and traded.

Monsters

The head-plaster of a large mammal attached to the back-protruding head of a larger canine-robust cylindrical pint-bolt that would start eating itself leaving some of the bite-marks as subtly standing as weird-cocoons that were pushing out of it. And this side would be called a Pladine. A Pladine could be used to scrape the head of a larger animal in order to pull its ribs open and eat from there. Large octave-like formations that imitated tri-dimensional forms would open themselves to reveal small ball-like egg-shapes that would be semi-forlorn and almost entranced by the strange formula-like powder that would come out with blood. The blood would harden as to boil and clog into smaller star-like shapes, pulling the tail of the octave in as it formed various cancer-shapes that would be used to nearing its semi crippling flight shape. Ocapes-guts. The Pladine could be infested with the Ocapes-guts, which would attach themselves, as they were of a mild parasitical order, to the creature in order to feed on it. Semi-hardened boiled skin, that spread on a square-like metallic surface, eighteen meters by eighteen, forming a smaller projection on top of it, going upwardly until it formed a semi strange looking pseudo-pyramid. This strange thing would be a Boilre, and it would be used to boil the skin of living beings as they were transparent and somewhat ephemeral. Long neck-like in shape, adding to a strange head-catapult made out of the body of a man, where his strange contorted ribs held the machete like legs that sprouted from the bottom of its base, making it part of the Nepult-rep region.

Large spheres made out of variously added organs, such as livers while adding the head of a child, that only pushed around itself in a strange formation until a belt of children had been added everywhere around, forming a peculiar entranced pseudo-planetoid structure that had them all bashed in the head by the liver-extension, Livrauncher. Skin turbines adding to a giant man's throat, all the while, he would be faceless, legless, half-headed from upside-down, armless, but not trunk-less, yet bloated and filled with an uncannily shaped weird diaphragm-fat, which made it seem like his body was filled with giant wasps. Tucless-bloat. Hardened melted body, made out of rotten cadaverous remains added together, and melted around the crown of their heads, while keeping some pseudo-human features popping out from their pool from time to time before they shaped their lower bodies in flight; that being achieved by a large depressed hole underneath them, Caduool. A body formed out of the symbiotic unity of two fencers made out of organic matter, humanoid in nature which only seemed to crisscross their blades together, fattening themselves until nearing death. Humniofen. Large deformed particles that were resembling the prefrontal cortex combined with the upper arrow of a bloated child Cortechild. Taking a bunch of Humniofens and placing enough together would create a hybrid that would look akin to the fight of an army, while adding Caduool on top of them would spread a nasty stretch of deformed features that would be shared between them. Large bodies, not humanoid but of primitive bipedal creatures, conjoined while only breeding with a human infant whose belly resembled that of a pregnant female. Their beaks would be missing, wings stripped down and from their insides large tube-like fat mouth eaters would push and aim towards the bottom of the ground, forming wild entrancing strange formations akin to tiny gardens where the skin-

thorns coming out of them would start pouring out pus-pools of white cotton-like steam flies. Preoutonfleis.

Preoutonfleis, living in strangely formed nests that were out of this world. Carbon nanotubes mixed with various alloys, blended together until adding to a body that was something akin to a suit made to fit a gorilla or a larger platenoid-headed primate. From the depths of its defiled insides, the guts would be wrung out while bearing a face that was like that of an androids that was being kept and made to leap on command from the part of the spear it rested on. Nanemate. Nanemates being used to scrape the insides of humans. Nanemates being repurposed to fit and be carried inside small boxes. Eighteen Nanemates thorn around their heads as the heads extended forth and the spears that came out of their chests came to be completely molded together would generate a head-pillar still connected to rounded up primate-dancers. Replacing the head of a Nanemates with that of a singularly large-tube, to which a sphere would be added and four mode tubes from every angle, forming smaller uncanny, melted rods of skin, all decayed, from inside of which tiny human beings would pull away and eat each other out as they started pushing even further. Decayates. The form of a vintage broken computer screen, large box, eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen, yet seemingly the top of it, which hasn't been measured would protrude outside and start pushing out, slowly dragging out until the wild shape of a man would be formed as a hollow shape, as for a another human to enter it in the same way a key would enter a lock. Bohllow. A human with his head torn to shreds or split in half, needed for the key-shape pushing through the Bohllow. The head of Augustus replicated one hundred times as they extend to a sphere of marble.

Pennies forming a chain-main armor, most of them bearing bullets they had stopped the death of whomever tried wearing them.

A man that's been cut in half below the trunk, bearing a cylindrical unit that's being fattened both through the lower body as it would fatten it on a constant pace, as it would do the same to the upper body belonging to Rene Guenon. His features being even more sterile than usual, and even more deformed so. An eye would appear on his forehead. Larger chest that would be completely expanded upon and wrought on, leaving his lower side of the face turned into an almost mad maniacal kind of soundless thing that would push the outside of a ripped out tongue. Not a normal tongue but a vein.

The Pectoralis Major being completely pushed out as to become, wrought and wrung in the shape of a gong that would be yellowish in color, leaving the hues push out as male features would be completely if not semi-completely destroyed and rotten.

His moustache, instead of being made out of thin hairs would inconsistently be forced and pushed out, as to be made out of various Euspinolia militaris that would star spreading his fuzzy skin-hair all around his face only to pin deeper inside of him until he could be gutless no more.

His guts would also be exposed as they would bleed, spreading as much of a nuisance as he had been in life. Much deformed, his legs would not be centipedal, yet more likely completely shattered, crippled and barely moving.

At times his eyes would turn red, deathless and shapeless, depending on the direction in which he walked. He had begged for death but none had been granted.

Small dead child, whose face would be spread all across the side-walk, from his face erupting a small mountain-shaped tiny leper made out of clotted yet solidified blood. Around him, a bunch of molded-shapely other humanoids would pushed their hands forth until their tips ended and they started melting themselves on them. From the back of the dead child, a chariot of guts would suddenly erupt, encompassing the poor humanoid children who would be elated from the joy of guttural filth in which they'd swim.

Large sings would be planted in the back of the tiny walking head-splattered child in the pool of which they would stand for hours, trying to eat as much as they could, unable to contain themselves as they came up with the filthiest of gore-sound. Guttural dances would be known to bleed the sound. But the pool was of no red blood after spending eight days in it. Instead, it would be made out of a blueish-green that would mix with everything, including the filthy children joining him as they became a small mountain of their own.

A man whose body had been completely boiled and spread around his long neck, swollen, filled with as many fattened, long-knotted raised skin-poached toiled with skin-clamps rubbing it through. As they would spread the green-pus around him, never to react to the dreadful thing which was the fire-tool that had cut him through, observed upon the use of an Oxyacetylene torch.

The torch could be used upon various animals in order to create a boil-like texture that would lend unto them the most peculiar of dreadful appearances, all encompassed blisters, bubbles, yellow cysts appearing everywhere. Unnatural blisters as well, used to curb some of their suffering. An exposed Hippocampus could bear as many of them as possible as the sudden evolution of the blisters could turn them into flying, living, air-lifted jellies. Yellow-sea Blistllies.

The same torched-made blisters gathering together, encompassing weird-lung formations.

Filthy small recluse that's being planted above a centrifugal belt made out of worms, his fingers being slowly replaced by maggots. Belgot, a belgot wrapped around him.

Rabid growths that are shaped like fattened hares which look like rucksacks, or punching bags, which appear to have their tiny whiskers made of skin, drawing blood from within the nearest attachment. Parasitical Hareths.

Long pipeline piece attached to a another one that's being diagonally curved at an angle of ninety five degrees, leading to the attachment of a man's throat, acting invariably against him as it draws out tiny specs of brain tumors along his well-worn out and healthy neurons.

Tall dark humanoid whose head looked like a cradle-which drew on both sides, many a pie-shapes that melted out its eyes.

Largely deformed plant, the shrubbery in which be it encased seemingly wide-spread like a barbed-wire wreathing around, while having within its every metal joint a living moving eye.

A large holograph-looking face stretched across, morbidly, a sheet-rack, slowly emerging from a small planted small device, akin to a printer, yet darker, ancient, and seemingly, nigh-destroyed by entry in its refuge.

Giant gait-moving legs that are attached to the ceiling, holes in the floor, allowing the filthy bloodied, cut-through legs to move the house within their own hell, leading to a small pool where blood was already coagulated, only so they might cross a sea of blood, hardened by the haze of a red steam and grow in red-filth.

Filthily degenerate knight, of which armor would be that of a small deformed child attached to another, rotting, attached to another foaming, as they combined, their skin hardened and upon being worn on by age, from their bodies a wrap of fur emerged, being only made out of tiny nails that gave on the illusion of such a thing being there.

Large line made out of eighty five spheres molded together at their touching surfaces. Eighveres.

Two sets of crisscrossed eighveres forming an x sign. Skin-edgveres melting and forming a pillar if seen from below.

Dreadful cattle having eighveres pushed down their open heads, forming a myriad of deformed bodies.

Head-eighveres laughing at each other as they inhabit planets.

Hard to define face, long on one side, curved like a fat pizza-slice pumped by an oil-can until it drags to one side, leaving an almost tumor-filled left side of the face bearing a giant eye on it, while the other side bears a single small eye that's the size of a quarter.

A Primary Motor Cortex seed from the side, curving even further in the air until it would create an upwardly curved metal rod, covered by red skin, surrounded by dark flies that cover each other up with liquid-smoke.

Large spherical cutting-tools, overly wrung and turned about eight-five degrees to the right.

Large deformed upper-head that has the imprint of a hand and forearm embed on it, replacing the lips and mouth in the same way a tire-iron would be pushed through a cattle's side. Static-eyes, deformed creature.

Large leg molted around its hill to look like a deltoid, seen from behind, a set of fingers pushing out of the toes. Between their symbiosis, large needle-like fat pushing out, hollow on the inside, spraying the ground with acidic hardening gas, the gas forming small tumor-like shaped nigh balloon primate-looking canine lepers.

Tail-prosthetic connected to the back of a limbless man whose head pushed out and exerts itself into twenty tiny globule-blisters that float around him, like a fish basin, trying to devour it.

Large boxes, spherical in diameter.

Eighty-hundred miles formed in crusts of contorted skin.

Large oak-house whose front looked like two crisscrossing swords held by two facing half-blocks which bore half smiles on each side, while the other halves were smaller, torn apart while pointing outside their eyes.

Chandlier with heads looming around them.

Botanic-substance that would burden itself with pus, Tanus.

Filthy disgusting organ that's shaped like conjoined twins, drawing out from beneath them as they would be planted like radishes in the ground, spreading around the floor as they would form the broth of the walls and the ground, decayed in part and filthily-spread. Attached to it.

Large creature, mammal-like, main trunk whale-like, turned vertically on a tail. A giant pair of oil-extractor-shapes long protrusions coming out of it, shooting out then stopping, as they would reach flat ends, kind of like pegs. The rest of the oil-extractors, as if to fill the gaps filled with small mammal-like bodies melted in the shape of the two legs. A head laying on top the trunk, that of a normal-long extended split in half open PVC pipe, with holes in it from which tiny long tubes pointed upwardly as cones, from which the top of their heads would draw outwardly into cones, each bearing eighteen eyes, rounded and counted, turned as well as the head. From behind it two wings could spread yet not normally. Instead they would drag and be pushed outwardly only from the base of the attachment where skin became mammal-like. Between the two tridimensional rectangles, bar-like grates would be pushed. Again, from the front of the mammal, a giant hole opening to reveal a cradle of human-children whose heads were those of black, deformed, twice-split horses, between the two of them, there being a lock-like hole which bore a single wax-like candles that were travelling from one side to another, not inside the mammal-trunk but to an unseen abyss that could not be neared. These horses would not be horses in plain, but only remotely looked like the weirdly deformed sculptures made by the utmost filthiest and nastiest amateurs.

As the features converged between the two of them, in the distance, one could almost make a replica of some poor imitation of a Rorschach test, but only if they stood still. These infants bearing no legs, instead they wore tubes of bone attached to the ribs of the creature, wrapped around and pushing through. From the back of the children, small compact-like anthills seemed to draw out, but stop, as they would bear no holes out, yet look as if they were inverted Spartan-shields that would bear, inside of them, smaller faces like that of the conjoined faces that would nib on the insides of the infants. Yet they bore no key-hole thing. The children's fingers would be pushed out-rightly, there in the distance, tied to the tinier mammalic shaped being that were being attached to the extractor shaped protrusions. Longer tongue-like heaps would come about and enter their legs, from the back of which, such creatures would bear giant ball-like spherical, largely squared punched in heads, until no features could be seen, bore along by long spectral-like figures made of skin, standing on the back of the mammal-trunk until they could not push themselves out no longer as they only dragged the sphere in and out like a bucket in a well, which only mean that the strings the humanoid shapes were pulling and pushing were actually more wire-like or made out of metal instead. For humanoids, standing on the back, drawing the spherical punched in head up and down, as a swing that was being slowly extended into a hole, or a bucket inside a well, despite there being no such thing inside the well.

Livid creatures such as there would group around and worship a dead-finger out of their disgraceful mindlessness.

Confusing music being shaped in clay, with each pitch rising one of the ends of the clay statuesque figure higher or lower in one direction.

The body of a severely abused woman whose head has been bashed and curb stomped until her lower jaw got dislocated, shooting through her lower side of her body, completely shattering her basin and cervix.

The upper side of her skull being ripped open as it would start floating in the air only to be split in half by the back side of her body from which a hive-like hybrid-man with the hand cartilage of a hand-axe split her head in half.

Large hand-bloated finger, whose fingernail encompassed the wrist of the malformed hand-finger, stopping it's growth a few inches away from the wrist. An opening beneath its breathless mouth, popping right out and pouring out filth-showers.

Large building-like studios, eighteen hundred miles per eighteen hundred.

Solid confusion, confusion that's solidified, senseless looking, in some way; not a single part of it making sense.

Legs-set of four, stuck together, walking.

Large moon with conical shapes all around its surface against which a castle levitated.

Stairway that's connected between one world to another, the one leading to the carpet, below to a laboratory.

Large legless automaton made out of cancer bulbs that have become pus-thrusters.

Large diametrical figure with a hump in the throat that's being used to choke itself before falling over as it would bash its head like a heavy sack.

Two monitored incisions from which pus comes out of.

A tower made of a robust giant overgrown tumor-filled infant whose deformed face grew and twisted in a horn, bearing many eyes twisted around it. Limbless thing of no grace.

Filthy long-tube pushing on through a sphere, a head that's been curved forward being placed at the end of the tube, while on the opposite direction, a pair of grates would reveal the hollowness it bore. Various skin-patches all worn out on both the tube, the head and the hairs. Hairs growing like lichens below, then spreading across the ground like some filthy moss. Bloody river of green-opaque, made out melted, churned and mixed bodies and other corpses, to their mix, various eyes that could be seen as plain.

Large pillar, made out of a set of two pieces, the first one would be static, the second one pushing towards the ceiling of a chamber of caved in-rock statuesque replica. Out of some of them, a few Renaissance-like figures being carved out of the material, marble-like, yet painted with such colors as if to render form into a blackish-green.

Filthy-men, hunched back, sub-human looking, noses piercing their shin, ties there, molded as if to look like the transparent sight, and the delight of vileness that was the exoskeleton of a dead animal.

Lamp, tall, rounded below, spherical at the head, growing like the trunk of a willow, lending onto many light-bulb shapes which are black inside the point of light, while glowing dimly with a blue in sight.

Twenty dead men piled one on top the other. Pushed through the bottom of a lane, as they would grow giant formation, lump-like, pushing through their faces until the heads had been ripped off and became a

separate being. From which the long bean stalk-like growth would levitate into the air. From inside the throats, and the stacked barricade sack-like bodies, the coagulated blood that would come out of them would render them an unfashionable hill-like look from behind, yet pushing ahead as if bore the form of a wall completed by a line of coagulation before it started spreading around concavely.

Large typing keys, like that of typewriters penetrating fingers, leaving enough space to imprint a molecule-like organic cancer that could grow on anything, pushing tumor-pints that would dance around; filth growing inside of them, popping as they'd bring in some of the head-like balloon formations that would creep around and hide inside the framework of a great hall.

Long, deformed bridge made out of kidnapped people.

Small pair of eight entangled ropes, cord extensions wrapped in fur-skin on top of a weird pedestal standing near an eighteen hundred mile open throat that's being kept hanging in the air by large long thin hardened lumped needles.

Large locked box.

Giant deformed rooster that's being dissected. His various body parts would be split and ripped apart as they would become gelatin-like then pushed through with the help of giant iron-rods needed to breed with it. Its comb would turn and twist and shatter and push and round itself and grow while it would shape itself like a saw. Smaller ugly eye that would inflate like an almond, out of the orbit while cut through; beak deformedly pushed out, and twisted while slowly hybridizing itself into its wattles so it would deformed itself and become more robust, drawing in, face-pushed out, humanoid pox-like leper's throat. Many hackles being grow outwardly, crop on the right side drawing on as if to look like the large sphere. Breast drawn inwardly, this one not pulled out; while its thigh would start growing while advancing towards its toes but stopping at its spur. Toe nails twisted and curved, forming a C, then stopping. Sickly feathers ripped and pulled out of the frame in order to form circles or platters. Rooster-spine straightened, lungs pushing downward in order to form their long-line egg-like formations drawing inwardly towards the plain kidneys. Its gizzard ripped out of the body then replicated in order to form a greater structure.

A hen's gizzard-like formation molded around the crop as if to self-replicate over a few miles in the air in order to grow. On top of it a God-Tumor standing with its filthy dribbling hands dropped and wrapped around it.

Large federal government vault being cut through by a large deformed square-head that enters through a basin of skin only to find out that on the other side there's no money but human trafficking.

A living organ made out of the melted bodies of children traded in human trafficking.

The filthy embodiment of filthy degeneracy that appears to corrupt all into decadence, twisting everything through an uncanny amount of deadly malformation and quiet of speechless cut-through mouths; spilling in a small square room that's being filled with fleeting people.

Men without hope, their spirits largely forlorn because half of their bodies were cut through by large vases.

The passing of an angel through a frozen iceberg, leaving the hollow imprint of a long stretch of a billion miles, going through the structure of ice as it leaves trails and flocks of cone-angels; which the melting iron's still to come.

Largely deformed moving wall, eight o'clock, almost missed it, couldn't see a harder piece of dragging chain if it bobbed through your skull.

'Cut it off, you're hurting them.' Talking stick.

Dreadfully long prodding tool made out of coagulated pus. Twenty other consumed heads, amorphous to the main trunk from which they sprouted, spread outwardly as if harpoon shots came through their tops, spreading them around.

Obsession, prodding a woman's cunt with a cow-poker, deep enough to drop her fucking throat in and slam it against a wall.

A pair of collars attached to a girl's body and legs and hands, which are attached to a bunch of horses.

The living solid embodiment of sexual frustration, all manifested in a demolition ball, used to completely crush a female's sphincter in the most violent way possible, assuming she lived through the initial impact only to have her thrown around every side of the room and further made to suffer.

Large filth machine, rounded, as a metal stove that's been stretched as far as to fit the diameter of a coffin, from the greats of which a pus-cotton substance spills out, tongues between them sticking through.

A ninety-five degree rotated cup wrapped into a frozen-lagoon murky water muck.

Twinges wrapped around a beheaded, bebodyied neck.

Two apples infested with lice.

Eighteen fingernails connected with glue.

Slit throat on a scale of bones.

A giant globular eye clasped between four pints of tar.

Largely deformed glass fiber needle.

Large boiled men bearing tunnel boring machines. Need to use them to bear large tunnels in skin-chambers, underground run-holes.

Sandwich-build for weak unsustainable platform.

Concrete boxes.

Protruding, aircraft fastener.

Disgusting turbine-head cancer hope thrusting against wild dead-corroded human cast.

Large flatly deformed angler-body pierced in the head by long needles with pumps attached to them, fattening his skull.

Peculiarly-shaped dog-dome bounced around the room.

Large flying beast, shaped like the insides of a zeppelin, filled with transparent outer growths which would make it seem as if it's hiding through the pits.

Large tool used for abusing a woman's sphincter made out of the body of an elongated mole-shaped trunk, from which the side opened to reveal some large flaccidly melted knives, inflated at the girth that would enter and seal the wombs as they would force themselves in them.

Most objects float in an evil-empty void of darkness until further use of mental inquiry.

Dreadful antlers that are connected to a growth in the back, to which there lay attached some strange devices which were hanged.

Lower-Carpet

Something lay in the quarry. As strange as it had seemed, there would be no way to point at it either, without seeming likely to be lost on a whim. They listened to stone, those who worshipped the shrine as something of their own. And some would have to get enwrapped, twisted around their own guts and went but anything, absolutely anything but to be se there, worshipping that thing, without even realizing that there was but no way, they could not realize what put them up there, staring. As if their hearts and eyes worshipped two distinct things if two at all, they seemed to be long set on two perfectly rounded dead-watching beats as of drums, flowing as they would be but taken from the wild surroundings. Always of a mind to know, always watching, then. There, up there, it snowed once. But that was lost, the comprehension, it would be strange for there to be a gap. And it melted, hence summer came after that.

‘Oh, strange man, I am elated.’

This man's heart was but a sun. A tiny star that was chained, as was his gut; two stars in him, one even deeper, which was red, and one in his head, which would explain why he looked that way. A man, an off-shot off a torturing device, like the maiden of iron whose spikes would be gone in him, only to cause him to be struck, too ill for some time, now, his time was almost done.

‘Should we approach the strange being, that humanoid shrine and pray?’

‘For what reason might you think of it now? I see none and shall not remain. I'm not of a mind to start something but you must know.

I made it this far with you, my friend, Olllen-Manhuring, the whale.’

For his mammal was a primate with the head of a box that was shaped like a peg-cage made out of meat-parrots that were pushed through his biceps, dreading to come out as they struggled for air. It was way too

hard for them to breathe that way, being broken and pushed around by the sun-steam that was being missed and messed with. No shroud could make one do and there was but that thing.

Truth he called it.

‘I wanted to thank you again, Ollen, for everything that’s happened between us. I think. I’m inclined to think that we won’t make it.’

‘Then we’ll die, Bow-Twitched.’

‘Bow-Thatch.’

‘A bow nonetheless, no matter whom you’re trying to impress, I’m just making sure you know this. I’ll always be here, regardless of what you’re trying to get yourself through.’

And with that set, they simply walked around the first edge of the enclosed area which lead to the stairs connected to the up-stretch, where the stairway stood, where they might go towards it, where they should. Or ought to in any case, it was just as dangerous and the shrine-creature was but not interested at all, as if it were not convenient by any means. It was all too pitiful yet they made it past the first floor.

‘Empty, but a fake carpet I see around.

Falsely blatant, it’s but an imitation.’

Either one of them approached. It was insignificant who it was that rose and went past, but they were of a mind that should make it so seem as if it would not matter. What they’ve seen through it was theirs, bearing the mark of the grabber. Largely set, the body of a fighter-dead, who wore everything the carpet threw at him, as he would only fight with chin to chin looking glass, and would smash and crush through everything, at last, he came to ask them.

‘Why’d you come here for?’

‘We thought you’d be here. And we considered bringing you something you might eat, devour, shower us with the blood you have acquired from those you killed.’

He had. They were soaked, both of them unable to repay any mind and any of the matter that might even remotely be considered as theirs. It was all too unnerving, being there to listen.

A false man appeared to draw in. As peculiar as it seemed, he hadn’t come from below, but from the ceiling, as if he hadn’t come in terms with what was going on but merely, after the kind, blinded himself as he shouted, lime of eyes, he was but a man whose lower body, arms were metal shafts, forcefully decayed as he was put in the wrong spot, always trying himself and always listening to the wrong things that entered his mind.

He was but the Pagan-beggar, heart of decay. Body of decay, mind as they say.

Splattering as he spoke in the most unnatural sense, if any could be allowed so.

He but came out of his way, and stopped as to allow his. Bad habits, they were but trying to out-do each other with slipping fingers in each other's drinks.

'When have we been served?'

'There was a strange peculiar waiter that appeared out of nowhere, he's at fault, I know it so. He's at fault, we need to kill him so before he's getting back at us.'

'But where?'

'Here, there, I think I understand.'

But they could only look into their drinking glasses while understanding it so.

They were but drinking of a most peculiar thing. It looked as if one of them drank from the body of Yyork, a creature that was worshipped by mold. Another one was but drinking of a strange peculiar tar-globe, which only came to him en pass. The others were but drinking pure disease.

'The carpet is but making fun of us, it's but of a mind that's mindlessness has us turned.'

'We cannot settle with it uncannily, we have to pull it down and mourn.'

But they could not help it, before they came. To such a realization as the likes of which might drag the reins and have them so. Slit their throats as one would know of the ever presence that was drawing near. All of them inside the room, impale through throat and swoon, for every slice of quiet was but lost.

Peculiarly robust bodies that push out, filthy and put out by an unnatural thing growth. Many rows of heads that'd been defiled, forming large bloated shaped that would start floating and spreading on every possible space. They would form bodies that are larger and would push themselves as if to resemble, note be told, from inside the peculiar throats inside of which many of them would twitch every now and then, while pushing out, beneath them. Large sacks and plenty-watched, inside of them better latched upon their small finger-like long formations on top of which they'd eat and spread until the filth would remain below them in shape of solid pools.

There would be a distance between the head and the peculiar torsos which would start forcing everything inside of their malignant repulsive traits as well as limbs that appeared out of nowhere, large cutters, and eyes that are bloated and compact. Hugely tinted specs and formations of unnatural rope-veins that entered them along other things.

They would be followed around by the bodies of black specks, or termite-head shapes that would be molded on top of eight winged, all around fat twists that would wriggle around like rat tails. Following through they would be. It was all too quiet and wildly set. They were but trying themselves to eat and spare, ease of chance. Filthy pores spreading out of them, never knowing.

Various filth head, like unnatural things, grown until they could but face themselves off, like mounds from which rose large tube-like formation but stopped and split in halves as to be spread like hardened diamond sheets of skin and bones and the most unnatural thing of all which was the head, or the image of

a head which appeared everywhere around but could never be pinned on since it purposefully attempted to eat and spread like a disease.

He was large headed and appeared to bear, at least eighteen more heads at the back of each head, at the throat-opening verdure which had been created inside his head, that expanded until it had become the world they all walked upon. And the tiny body upon which it had once been encased upon no longer existed and would only wreath about during the last moments of its existence, long destroyed from the looks of it.

Land oh, land of which you're made. Peculiar things that enter thee, of which I would loathe to satiate, little more, oh little more could be recounted. Of what entered thee dumbfounded. Little buildings lay there, not on a ground that was flat, but one that was twisted upon a crass. A thing that would look largely if not protruding yet alive, fashioned as if to be surrounded and would be put past one side. Another one up-headed, knowing and would to be, yet diseased, latching upon little marks. Diseased large camps standing in the shape of eighteen orangutans-poles curved on a seventy-five degree mark, holding upon descending domes, blooming upon a point where an obelisk would shove from inside the blooming ball held by them. At the top of a the obelisk lay a pair of four-sided watchers which bore their eyes cut as if surrounded by a metal band which had pushed through their skulls. Deeper through until they could no longer feel the sinew of the counting, their mouths but sealed while pushing out. Wreathing about in quiet as they could not recall what was going on. Despite being open mouthed, the looks would only make it seem like someone had dislocated them on a whim, covering with coagulation, until the holes inside of them looked like bloody worm-tunnels or the entrails left of diseased cattle.

Though their noses would point out, they'd look like large throats that would to be the length of their spine, pushed as if to form a strange concave form as it would connect with the obelisk of skin, leading to the ball and the poles. Wrapped by what appeared to be veins coming out of the nose-throats they'd extend and spread across the land only to be seen from the distance as if presented in specks of blue. But sometimes during the dark, in their dark shapes, which covered their eyes, one could see almost feline-shape eyes of a deep yellow, one on each side. Always transmitting information to the blood-ones who'd dove into the rock-like shapes in which the largely hyper-aggressive form of a field grew. From the spikes and the outlandish looks of the small tribes of meat that came from inside of them, only a few of them could be seen. Unworthy of disease as they fed themselves the film of camera-like filth.

'I had enough of living here. Why must I suffer in this land?'

Manno Filthde, remnant of the past spoke. He was but here at a cost and would only fill everything with an uncanny disease not even he could be forced to forget. Always on his mind now, always pushing what he had in his guttural thing which was distraught.

There was another house near him, in which a serpent with the head of other eight serpents, which formed an ant-trap formation came to be. At the end of each wreathing head, there being a single block of wood in which there stood, written the eyes of everyone who had died nearby in fealty. Of which he would not abide to. Always smashing and bashing the heads of little children whom were lost here. And there and most peculiar things happened.

Ground, the ground was pushed on, it was pushed forward, sometimes the bumps would look like they were birthing planets of suns or something similar to them until they could not be helped.

Little glutton with a long-thin neck which only kept an eye on top of it, standing near a giant square, from which there stooped out a giant fat-creature as well, with stumps instead of arms and a head with only pucker eyes, infantile things, like pudding broken thumb-holes put in, sometimes sticking out, but very much alive, a mouth of wreathing devices and fire-makers as well as a flat head which bore small electrical stove circles which started pouring gas tout. And the machines were but of cartilage, as nothing else would seem to suffice. There was a large throat which floated around them from time to time.

Myroat Flime, was but a king in mind.

Uncouth but would to be walked.

He lived in a cane-like structure which was enwrapped, every few miles and such in cans of mean which would seethe from the holes inside of them, from which sprouted a liquid filled with pure disease and billions of viruses that would be spread across the plains. No one would be forced to lay anywhere and no one would be spared by what happened there. It was their fate to look everywhere and would no longer understand. What happened after was but scum of earth and would to be the dark patches which appeared in chrome-dirt among other crystalline cysts which grew in pierced tucks. And bloated trunks that moved around the ground.

Teal was but here and there, of a dark red and purple that would spread between magentas and rounded pucks of black. Thrones of violet and orange specks, organ-textures across each edge, pushed around and would to be. Formed cacti-like things of which hairs bore smaller heads the size of little meat-flies of which black wings were that of men, split to be precise.

Of what went on neither of them could understand or what happened to the space of blue-charade and of a deeper hued velvet-green, while the aurora that followed brought but an olive look and plenty of light colors that would almost spread to a white. Various pastel-like or airbrushed crisp strikes where they spread and where the light died.

They would sometimes be seen.

Figures that would hold within them hands that were long and curved towards their chests, nerved and prone to push away, in order to self-punish and feel pain. And they would barely be seen after, as the dead was assimilated by the ground, drawn in and left to die. Allowed to watch as flat-creatures or death-masks.

The shape of a thrown-tantrum came out of its wreathed out hole. Where he lived, there used to be a house, now it was no more.

They looked upon the head, upon the top of many limps that would shake him dead. Many malformed attendees morphed into the structure, though no limbs could be seen after. They were but the coils which connected to the mass on top, eleven hundred thousand tetrahedrons sprouting as they'd keep growing, with spindly feet-like hairs always twisted at a joint. Segmented until they made the top of each head rise and be thrown around until they stopped rising, only to be brought on to the pool where melting. It

occurred to them, seething in the chains, inside of it but a hollow finger-lobe of which throng but swallowed dead. Large rotating mechanisms would work and devour as their mechanical mouths could not admire what went on. Every single time they would shout as their echoes would take but every life that lay beyond them. Standing on high-flat surfaces which looked like latched upon one-another images taken of the moon. Yet still flat-despite appearance, as they would but create this deformed illusion from the distance, swooped. At the lower side but eight body followed through, poised in every direction, two at a time. No arms either, but coming from inside the mass. And they would stand behind the limbs which hardened as to trap them as grates, never to allow such misery to push around. They would but feel the stings and various benign thorns enter their hands and arms. Always of an unkind manner, not too filthy but brought into a manner, it ate but all and would but destroy all. If not toy with every living thing as gods, head were present, feature were not. And although their trunks stretched and curved, and although hidden by the area that could barely be seen as well, there was something to them. Not coiled-of them, like snakes, but beneath them lay openings as if vivisections were made, only to reveal nothing, open blind curtains that had naught in them. Yet stretched as human chests, bearing, one if four, but strange erected diamond crests, of crystalline formations, from which pushed away strange bands that entered in their still-stretched lower sides; although these metallic parts could be seen from the distance and they did leave a key-like hole whence they were drawn out from inside the lower side of the mass, it could not be alleged for them to be drawn from inside. The mechanism working upon the finger-lobe was different than the one attached to the beings below. But they seemed to bear mouths open on both sides of their faces, not on the front. Dirty-looking, fish-teeth that vaguely resembled simians would throw around, be rotten away, until there was to be little hope to satiate what went on.

Little gut-man with a knife, wearing his head-scarf backward to prevent others seeing an open-wound that seemed to resemble a scar, though it was not so in reality, as his head shone every time the gut-man was hurt or would near pain. Dead-stains on his face.

There were eighteen people, all of whom were torn, their shapes but started melting as they'd form a cast against one another, forming but a sting, or worn our tail, flaccidly standing by the side. As this process was repeated with eighteen more people, several times, a forest was made out of them. From their hairs, dripped, their nails but wept, as they formed a landmark of dark surroundings. This tar would be receding in, and dwelling deeper, in darker hairy caverns they would be given birth within the wombs beneath the flaccid stings. Always but forming themselves in unnatural winks, of which the mind of man would see, deformed. As if myopia had made one fantasize of psychosis born-nightmares, made out of unnatural things, attached from below and around them, at the price of not making past the whim of a false birth; they would settle with their own.

Large inflated peculiar head which drew on the body inwardly only to have it grow inside of the giant blimp-transparent low-brained arch as a giant with a stump instead of a working throat and neck. Rotten inside and left for dead once his skull popped off. It just had to be that way with some.

A fat gangster, with a fine suit, a red tie dragged around his neck, and the belly of a fridge reaching around his cruel boot, made out of a repurposed cemetery. Tombstone, cement, bones, jewelry, wood, a wedding ring on a toe, and the briar which pushed around him, with the skull; his chest but a sutured baboon with a giant eye torn inside of it and a gloom flat tube entering him from one side to the other. A robe of disease hanging upon his kite brothel, where kite men spent their time doing, what they did inside of it.

Large structures looking like cutout gangrene spreading on a foot, planted in the earth, allowed to grow, then wrapped around, and held on top of it, a body of a city's boom and spread. Empty dead surroundings, drawn like large burnt halves of paper sheet transparent winds paired in threes that draw towards large sky-vortexes made out of storm clouds without the storms. Peculiar rotations that make the winds look flat, as if they are actually transparent papers that were turned and twisted around until they cannot be helped no longer.

A standing giganitic-giant whose face is but covered in molds of his arms, stuck without legs in a floating citadel made out of a rotten-eaten planet, chunked as in an apple where the seeds are but its exposed cores.

A few more bolts, entered the large surface crafted below its wild stretch, billion of miles ahead until it had made the curved angle where the fall was put. Placed upon it stood but a shrine that was uncanny and would be turned to boot; depressed in the ground but darted, always of an evil thing, started, with but a single flute thrown around, there lay but a diseased child that died in its own arms and became a strange formation of four serpentine, tablets at their heads, where his head, arms, leg, while the last one was out there, slowly advancing through his belly towards its head, had become a horn. It spewed the most uncannily worn-out children of flies, which moved on and past the shoulders they ate on the first thing that flew in front of them. It was but a piece of veiled veil, a pipe as well as a tube with two handles that were become as strongly flattened as they should or ought to. Smaller pints from every side coming to form contraptions of mouth which ate everything they could until they spat out.

Tiny block-man with a piece of skin rotated as a wrap around his body, spiked.

Peculiarly deformed long-legged manifold ant-folded bodies attached as a standard card reflected in a mirror, where the mirror was present as a mold of the creatures, but not acting like a mirror unless the hardened bust that came out of the other side was shined and cleaned off. From its side, there coming but a strange horn which encompasses his arm, leg and half of his chest, a leg being seen dangling down from his humanoid caught in form. And while there are a few legs present as well, the main structure between the folded ant-bodies, there appeared to be only a trunk leading down, through the earth, where they pushed through to a land that's made of largely pushed out girths.

He walked upon little legs that weren't his, but were of a long humanoid whose upper-form long stretched was worn like trousers by a long fiend, the head of a disastrous sight, immortalized, as that of a train driving into a wall instead of pulling off the breaks. Splitting in the middle then expanding forth, with little brain-like mazes leading to two formed hard blocks of mass, where the face of the giant-creature was split in half; little incisors always protruding out like flaccid hoses that would be dragged as it pushed on, for a few more moments they could not get how they were but entering in it. Large unfathomable stacked clusters in the back of large lumped darkly spread bodies which bore funnel-tremor drawing brood pints that were shoved in its face as they ate from it. This unfathomably long stretched body would walk for hours.

Large triangular shape, seen from above, going down eighteen by eighteen by two meters, with a depth of a million miles down, with an exoskeleton forming every twenty or so miles, lifting itself on every side, as the cartilage emerged until they formed stoppers as if they were made to prevent a peculiarly shaped object from falling down before they receded in. Small hairs coming out and they would be much closer

to car-stoppers than anything else, of a white-pigmentation or that of a dirty bone which presented itself with the same kind of texture, instead of the dilapidated shape it had set itself to be.

Strange ugly sphere, with little ugly man inside of it, who's staring as dead rats.

Little forth in the middle of nowhere, standing near a canopy's shadow, in view of a peculiar fleet that's driven from the distance, towards a single destroyed-man whose face was torn to shreds.

Dreaded termination date; it was bound to approach one day. Oh, such vile reveries, how could one think of you without dreading but a touch? And how could he wait and lay aside whatever turned him into a human in the first place, as well as he could but be set in trance? Written on a four by four note.

The planet itself was made out of billion of bodies that were put together and made the ground. Some were shaped like giant mammoth-like bulks that were attached to one another, with long finger-like extensions that acted like sutures that would be put and wrapped around. Others were unnatural-pipe-like bodies that were accompanied by bulk-heads of centipede extractors that would eat from one another in the most dreadful manner. Long hills that were but antler-claws which wreathed back and forth as the opening of jaws occurred.

And the first buildings were placed from the insides and wore fat-bulks of growths attached with little spider-like abdomen fat-like formations placed on top of one another with every additional one placed on top the other being much smaller than the other one. There was also a peculiar little incest insect with two beads that were open on both sides of the head.

Machine-gun people whom were molded in skin-tank-like figures which shot little flaccid cigarette-formations that pouted out of themselves and drew out as they become small flying demon-like figures that had their backs evolve in fat-like deposits which were shaped like the planet itself, which wasn't an oblong as from every side and every corner there would be various depressions as well as peculiar brain-lobotomy shaped traction that grew along the specks of steel-shaped nothing.

Long-formed peculiar antennae coming out of a conjoined pear and apple shaped body, from the top of which it grew until it spread in a giant formation akin to a pair of overlapping bodies and boxes that are unaligned at most times as to give the impression of there being hundreds of eyes, faces, fingers and arms, until a perfect mold was being cast. An opening as of a giant ninety five degree counter clockwise eye which had been pushed in as to leave a canal-like depression in, from which many worm-like edges, crisp, look like tiny teeth that push in and out, leading inwardly to a small bobbling sphere mongrellic-anchor made out of tiny string-set organs that pump in and out until the final point where they cannot do it any longer approached. They are long and fat and only stay about for a few hours before receding back in.

From the apple-pear shaped body, below it, not roots, although they would seem like roots, in actuality, cord-like legs that are spread, and draw in and out, up and down, static almost, with the exception of the soles of their feet which draw and push away, achieving movement only through some attachments beneath and above which curve the air, dragging themselves along. But the humanoid forms don't last for long, as they become more deformed over time. Almost bloated, almost filled with tumor bile which give them appearance such as hunch-backs in their biceps, triceps, and forearms, as to accumulate weird molds, their fingers wrought in, fat attained, obesity of grains as the creature would develop no longer a

skull of a man, but a peculiar elongated, inwardly, as in the body, spread, to have the eye-socket shape push out of the chest and out of the boxes, the nose through the stomach, the mouth would endure cut through and spread through the legs. The legs hanging out of their chests as well as they reveal no ankles any longer, but some peculiar two mirror feet that never face one another, at the bottom of which, rows of teeth-like protrusions, almost canine in nature, drawing in and out until no longer being stable.

A pair of growths in the back as well as to make up for the weight, forming pseudo-looking legs that drag in and out until the place is made about to fill the filaments with disgust.

There were stretched of plains upon which rectangular-fence like structures stood around, sutured to giant holding blocs of stone that were plain then curved further on to strange ear-like canals, where there pushed a few head-long racks, inside of which drove little plain regular twisted horns that wrapped themselves around like peculiarly deformed shoe-horns. A town was kept inside of it, and many a buildings that were akin to a house of disease. Where there stood but the jewel of flesh, which was but a pair of stone-like put together man curved inside them and shone. Fragmented torn apart fleece, flayed apart, then put to sleep.

The creature that assaulted us bore a grand open body, which had its rib-cage largely exposed, out of which drooped uncannily set through, deepened cocoon-globes where there lain, in their grasps, most peculiarly shrouded people that were put in deep tombs. Most of its back was completely overshadowed by the building in which it resided in. Many of its legs were put behind and taken for pillars that the party which improperly addressed the creature, as, they appeared to be out of it seemed to be impressed with. The lower side of every foot and every stepping-like stone was but a highly circular stepping stone, upon which their screaming faces were forever encased after. It housed them in the hollows of its cavernous bile. They stood inside of it for many days and appeared to slowly be broken apart, dissolved in the acid it produced.

The thorns surrounding it in the dark were its hairs, pushing out as they but deepened both ways, in and out, going even deeper than before as they merely protruded both ways. They sunk their fangs within their marks. But even such a creature, in the depths of its darkened holds had dared not pass its worship, of a god that rose before it.

It bowed down, as far as it could, to a deformed crystalline formation that was but many contortionists wrapped together, forming but a bowing motion. Many of the creatures attached, of hairs alike, charcoal darkened. Its eyes were rounded, globular-protruding. Their irises were like drops of water if they fell from inside their sockets, inside of which, there stood largely deformed cylindrical-segmented toweresque organs that pumped colors in them, while being surrounded by little tape-worm like red veins that connected to them at various points in it. These eyes were only of four different spots in the front, underneath a tank-like opening, which only lifted itself in the middle, where they stood, underneath a single push-in emptiness. Below the body lay the mouths. Whatever it ate, entered through the tower-irises where they stored all the food, carried by the veins and put aside. Upon both sides of the creature, two giant wing-like protrusions came out, formed out of the uncouth bodies of sinners whom had died and were pulled from above the ceiling.

The first gigantic creature only worshipped it because of the peculiar way in which it prayed. With every word every single mouth, regardless of its size it came into made images appear on every surface around them, or at the very least whichever surface there stood there, unfound.

Peculiar deformations of wriggling cocoon-men on every side, melted, time and time again; a few sinners emerged, when the god had turned on its back, revealed the strange multiple body-sutured mouths that fully opened as to revel elliptically open-mouths in which they leaped in and died. Completely eaten after, then absorbed into the main mass.

The room in which they stood was enormous, never ending, all too stretched on every side.

Bridled by one of the standing pillars, it hung. About the place, this diseased animal kept drawing on its leprous leashes as they foamed out its mouth. Its one eye suddenly relapsed in a large concave depression that laid inside its pistachio-shaped hardened skull. Tumor grotesque heaving wings beyond each sprouting head, that came out of the cracks inside the exposures that lay behind the eye as well. Beneath it but a cradle of legs, black and seemingly infinite as well; which only hid the dark device; as peculiar as a telescope which bore a single long-protruding face, human-like, mouth-open, and there he puked but a long sting that lay broken. A tail such as that of a scorpion like, segmented with apple-fruit fat, but pink as him. Inside of which there lay his children. He had used this strange device to impregnate, a woman that stood and awaited him, then he crept closer, ripping her in halves, then out of her way came all the washed-up ovaries as well as her womb. Therefore planted inside of him that he might, should create another long lasting generation; but the sting was shaped, seen from the front, as an open umbrella, which only solidified with each drip. Outlandish dirt-skinned growths across its body, leashes of their own, each bearing dead cries; they called for the others, feeling their disgust.

A large pair of domes, placed on a flattened lobe, or at least flattened on top and the bottom as to be a box. Each dome slightly opened as to reveal long standing arms, bent around the curvature, each of them carrying sutured lips that were shaped like frowns and smiles; with little nails coming out their tongues.

Peculiar tendon growing on his back, leading to a giant battery shaped container made out of a folded human. His mouth but the tip, attached, a long lose leading to a dark bird cage machine, that's cut. Between each half, the torso of a gorilla-like creature wreathing in pain, after that; wheels at the bottom reaching in. Chains wrapped around the primate as to hold the battery. The hose leading inside the cage; liquid uninterrupted, body hollow but still sprouted. Behind it, a line of similar creatures following through, all but guided by a gut-shaped device floating in the air, chained around the dome of the ceiling, pushed through, they pace around the place for it.

Large humanoid creature, with many pairs of attached to him muscles; biceps-growths on top his forearms, neck, face, at least two or three overlapping one another, as to form two barrels in girth, making it impossible for it to move along. A bubble of barrels formed out of the biceps, all stacked on top his head, dragging him down, his throat but snapped, flaccidly hanging afterwards, dead.

Attached to him an arm that was wrapped around, by many snake-formed cysts that draw inside of them meat. From around the general zone where he stays, meat wrought around the halls, standing.

Large pillars of meat, curved at the top like a hook which ends not in a point but in a small maw. With little worms chewing one another, spouting blood. These are drawing blood from the gutter-sewers.

Grates seen in an underground butcher's room; crimson swear but leading to the veins around each gable that's shook, small cages made out of iron-black. Where little burnt children swing from side to side; chained to them a chair is laid in the middle of the room, where spikes are being drawn out of a small row of holes. Deep inside their drop, little wrought-up burnt toe-screws drawn out, which are wrapped around to hold the spikes.

Four elephant bellies placed equally distant from one another, facing the ceiling, from inside of them, little angler-fish light-stalks coming out, connecting them in the middle, to a peculiar yellow mass. Inside of which tadpole-faced humans are swimming by. Hanson stumbled upon the middle growth upon being lead to it by one of the elevators he's taken. He had gone through the insides of a giant dead-god in order to get to it. He stood there for a while waiting, focusing on the yellow-bulk. Trying his best to sketch it until he had done it; having realized, with every side of the bulk he's gotten through, his trained eyes observed only a fair amount of egg-like sacks which formed it, as far as he could touch its nerves. Squeamish as well, moist, around the rims.

Disgusting node, of many growths, attached as segment many probes. Despite its length, it was barely recognizable any longer, having every antennae and every little radio-receptor drawing out of it, being lifted out, this metal-bloated caterpillar bore but a screen about the meter, talking. Old recordings fashioned of each dead man stored inside each probe as well. The rails, legs and bands were at the end, in the back, where they formed a great crate filled with cords and androids that were pulled from about each corner of the sea.

Strange house of torture standing, at least eight floors in height; the ninth floor but pushing out of the last one, revealing a square-shaped shadow to the front door, if the sun is up. Streams of energy erupting from both windows strapped on every side, both directions forming like pass-through transparent lights dissipating in the air. A giant tower in the back, shaped like a silo connected to the inner electrical appliance in the back, leading to a dead-rotten end. Every wall encased in metal plates.

A few meters away from it stood a bottle formed watchtower, with a cap being a metal funnel which held but a strangely high-roofed ancient stone house. Many sculptures whose begging hands hold cylinders that are curved towards the top, where ball-shaped growths of gore-sacks hold little flare-gun shapes on every side.

Eighteen moving houses, ringed like worms, cylindrically rounded at the middle where the band goes, spinning them as well. The middle device but a fat wheel upon a pole, four more a few meters away, forming livers if seen from above. Peculiar device, it were, as there was always contact between the fat wheel and the building when it crossed around the middle as well as along the liver-line.

Filthy room, with skin-bulbs coming out the ground; growths like men without the means of working, yapping their mouths all day, constantly being intoxicated by canine-smell.

Two humanoids conjoined at the top of their heads, no sockets any longer, forming an abstract looking pillar of fighting-to-get-out parasites and beds.

People were dragged along metal rains as they were being impaled through their open sphincters by tri-shaped hook-machines made out of cartilage. Within a belted open ended stove-crushed. Through which they came out of squashed only to be put back together in a container that was put inside the back of a

great dormant mutant whose back bears a hot-ironed square depression of a few centimeters, with a few spikes at the end of every centimeter.

Multiple-leveled walk about zones. A few rafts put together, leading down on a slope, a curve, then deeper down. Held together, standing by long trunks put together, marked at every side. Constantly pumped up and down, extending then retracting.

Pentagon-shaped platform, with a small metallic altar of boils in the middle, growing endlessly above; with every boil being as fat as a nine months pregnant woman's belly, bearing large contaminated beings that are being constantly dissolved. Reddened by the looks of which they are constantly being torn apart.

The grand city was but standing on a mount likened to a giant gorilla's mouth, incisors being the bridges, the ape choking on a grand hill holding a strange fortification of large towers, small-buildings, many flat-roofed, many looking like letter pressing machines, while others bearing themselves within stone-canopies of brown stone, shaped at the top like drawn within a storm roof-top or end of a palm. Twisted and encrusted like a shell used by a sea-crab. Many houses being closely entangled, and wrapped around chitin-soft wax-like melting left-over god-like remnants of which they killed, sliced in half as they adorned every side of their living quarters. Gables wrapped in dirt-brown salt-stone on a side, while the other looking as if a giant quarry-stone had grown inside of them, or the other way around. Carved statues of previous lords, busts as well as many open holes little empty-men crawled in, lamps within the streets with but-feet, held by angler-poles from within each corner of each standing house. Tiles placed sparsely. Clothed men in sand-carpets with small helmets wrapped around their bodies, belted, with iron clock-shaped gauntlets, nested. Giant fleas inside their chests, growing every now and then; and as many looked to the side they saw but flashes which changed the color of the town every few minutes, into darker hues. Blocked of dirt became but black soil, their skin but pale, as dead, the sky but a shade of blue-dead with petticoats floating, marked and wailed.

Hills shaped like cottage roofs. See-through doors like windows, bug nets to which little mines are attached. A minefield of bellies planted in the earth, exploding into puffs of red.

Mouthless people whom were melted around their chests, as to form trinkets around their collar bones; walked on strange triangular legs, the soles of their feet connecting at their dorsal bones as they stepped with the help of their knees.

Stranger bonded joints, inside a chest filled with lesser pointed heads that crawl inside of it. Large knife-like formation, stacked together in the hundreds, forming the upper-side of a funnel thrust outside the chest.

Strange knights emerged. They appeared to have hollow suits with the exception of their beheaded heads of which spines were but wrapped around the neck like mea-cords, an eye every five or so centimeter.

Giant field-mine shaped hatch-door placed on the floor, that elevated to reveal a sealed elevator leading to a lower chamber. Inside of it, a set of cut-out rail-mold, as for a container to be pushed through and brought down for storage; mine-chart most likely. Red-rusted iron with bolts everywhere around it. Standing in a dark room that's filled with dark-wooden pillars.

A crawling coffin-structure, the top of which connected to a melded tiny cartilage volcano from the top of which a pole of heads pushes out of it, all bearing their tongues out, at the end of which, dark wings buff constantly. Ugly noise, boisterously made by the wet coffin as it drags itself along. Soaked in some peculiar liquid that's allowing it to walk along; a strange concoction that reanimated toes and fingers, which attach themselves to structures like glue, placed underneath the rounded mount and the pseudo-diamond headed at the top rectangle that's dragged from behind. All the organs placed in the coffin-structure. A hole-pucker at the back, directly connected to the intestines.

Largely sealed creatures, darkened as the suits of gothic men, the heads of deformed mimes put through too much pain.

Weird city, seemingly made to look as if drawn in a five point perspective drawing, curved around a globe, where all the buildings point towards the middle cathedral which it raised as to be as tall as the Tower of Babel. Each building as hooked as a tooth, trying to enfold or swallow the structure. No entrance outside, no door in sight. Entry made through an underground staircase put in sewers, leading down to inversed normal building-like structures that are hollow on the inside, yet have leaping platforms put on every side that are to be jumped upon from side to side, or set in flight by strange hovering devices.

Peculiar sets of spikes on which people impale themselves against in order to be cured of disease. As soon as they move away from them, their wounds but heal.

Fire that burns the skin momentarily but then heals the skin as soon as the burns disappear; accompanied by water that causes starvation to occur and poison that's used to cure.

Knives that never leave cuts but steal blood from the organs once stabbed.

Trapdoors in the room, leading one into walls where they suffocate in a matter of hours.

The remnants of a fissure made into the earth, carved upon the fall of a great beast that's passed forth through a mountain and into a valley. Its body split, open, the ribs in view of the city as the beast lay with its belly throttled. Each rib bearing a chain, attached to a plane view-to sight platform as the body is dragged across the plains, then flight. A turned-around glider, beneath a city that's gone out of sight; above the clouds, with many stacks or clusters of building put in place, equally distance from one quarter to another. Set upon such heights, but twisted and crafted like some ancient calligraphy set that's wrapped around and set in stone, dark robed and wreathed in prolapsed cones. Large plain chains holding each roof-top, deformedly erect as the cones settle down, melting at each tip but spewing, little disease waves, always appearing filled with flying insides that breed upon the dead birds that are everywhere to be found, many heaps and many dead. Each corpse but serving as a reminder, as the flying beast is also rotten, poisoned as the colors show, dark grayish, also swaying, black puckers of their own. Patched-together men that wear carpets and veils, all sutured together with some animals of which their mouths would not appeal. Every organ used to spare. Those who die also remain. No one gets buried or thrown out.

Large amphibian creatures buried inside peculiarly strident mammals.

A giant table whose main facet is but a block of the eight men, their limbs but twisted for the legs. Yet the humanoids serve only in shape, for what were one to see inside of it, a robust peculiar blocked in red.

Every hallway leading to the candle-room, of blossoming little squirrel shapes of wax without heads.

Black teeth protruding out of a mouth that's missing skin between the jaw and the eyes sockets. An eyeless creature whose upper face is but a block of meat that's rounded at top as to be a small shell, its body protruding out of its top as well. Little wrapped around heads and cords put into every place and every hole that's ever emerged from the depths of its open wrung-about body, popped boils releasing trails of some burning blood that's hardened at the touch.

Heinous man made out of three of them, hand in hand, a mold that's dressed into a giant white suit, with bulk across each spine-contort. Shared between them a mouth, a belly, a pair of chests spared, but only two arms; with one in two legs being stretched in the opposite direction as to be three-times segmented instead of two, having grown or pushed out another calf. From their foreheads large rake-like skin protrusions expanding until they revealed a similar look to that of a Geisha's fan, yet the many tips continue moving like little worms that wriggle around. A giant open gushing wound behind them, from which root-like protrusions sprout outwardly, in a concave fashion as to form peculiar non-working wings that continue flapping nonetheless.

The top-body of a coated doctor attached to an inwardly pushed into a skin power strip from the giant worm-gripped coil he's connected, to which he's being pumped out of a giant cylinder with two bull-horns and decayed mediaeval spiked black wooden wheels that seem to carry him on forwardly. Followed around by a giant insect whose large head pushed onward as to form an upwardly curved slide that's eighteen meters set in height, leading to a huge split in half trunk, but only at the nipple area where two conjoined people seem to breathe, attached to the trunks not through the throats but through straws the girth of their very arms which sprout out of the split collar bones instead. Two throat areas open-ended, yet they are not the same ones that had been beheaded. The straws pushing through the back of their heads, yet, despite them not having bodies, they bear only peculiarly deformed enclosed mouth-shaped seed-like formations upon which they are attached instead. With every mouthed word a spittle.

Rape machine with a set of on-lain metal frames, shaped like a sixty-five degrees clockwise rotated C, where an open elevator where wrist and ankle claspers hold the victim in place before the initial insemination begins. A giant multiple-faced tube from which grinded meat-like protrusions carry them forward as their split-open heads reveal multiple phallic objects that set in a prone position. Both the frame and the grinder rotate across a cylindrical room, the metal bands keeping them in place or in a static position being shaped like an o for the grinder, and a peculiar c, of which rotation and recalibration is night impossible as a result of its very design, which betrays the angle in which it stopped. The default position that is to say the device being set in the middle of the room, making the c point upwards with the gap.

Peculiar Siamese-like female creature, that's only connected to the four other females by their legs, headless seemingly, while a caterpillar-like throat emerges out of their cunts, dragging along head-like crying-box mouths, many holes inside of which the sound is being constantly regurgitated upon torsions of organs that had attempted crawling outside of it. Large wings having shaped their arms until they will have become chain-like, attached to each corner of a malignant room.

Peculiar dirty pollution-filled room illusion on which little sleeping figures could be seen moving from one point to another, like static-images until their awakenings. Upon the event of their waking, their positions not only would change, but the person inside the room would have his head drawn forward, like a little rolling back, flatten at the top of his head as the brow and the hairline region would hybridize itself with the wall. Opening the top of his skull ever-so slightly as for them to crawl inside, with their two-dimension bodies slowly being broken apart until they will have become tiny red-black insects that will have left corrosive-sleeping chemicals into the man's body; which in turn would form his insides like termite-eaten hives, or deep caverns, the organs having been slowly led outside his chest, through little slits and little cuts made from inside out.

Through little puckers they would form tiny floating citadels out of the person's lungs, reproduction system, pancreas, lobes, gut, so on and so forth. Yet as they become fully away, the tapestry would soon fall off, broken in the pattern of a shattered window, revealing a bled-through wall that's decrepit, and broken-through. Where multiple rooms are lain behind one another, little dark people staring at the peculiar images with little dead eyes, the outer frame of clay that stood behind the tapestry slowly being rotten as the first laughing-frowning faces appear; their laughter being the final signal of the awakening having commenced. For their glow-rods and sticks will have drawn the clay away. The ripped-off tapestry would form little butterflies, ripping the rest of the body as they would finally be set on their way, each bearing a tiny-organ citadel where each sleeper bears a never-ending nightmare into eternity. As slowly the organs would hardened, liquefying the very air around them, seeing how their flight will have gotten them to a high-place in the kingdom, where the oxygen is contaminated with skin-molecules; and acid-growths of blood-spoiled little floating effigies that loom around.

Large bulk of clustered statues-sickened together, all holding their arms together, their heads bowed, their bodies-semi curled, forming a great oblong-like line. From every side, a worm-like wriggling moving segment of tiny rods emerging, as they spread around like concave-below of it, brazier-legs, upon which they would walk. A marble abomination of which human-faces start decaying, until they will have become a transition that's taken them from the Greek Tradition to Schizophrenic-like deformed abstractions of themselves, drooping everywhere like wax, as their hands will have not only become talons during their larval state, but as they will have entered their own bodies in order to form wild-head-like imitations as the very creature's forced to recreate itself from a decaying memory. Leading to even more deformed and wrongly-sculpted features that are somewhat even more senseless than they were before; until finally, their legs will have become bulks added to the growths, the little brazier-like legs having shattered under the weight, the bodies being completely forced down as marble become a scum-like skin. Which, progressively becomes even more tainted with every second, the imitation finally, under the likes of its decaying pseudo-human mind, has decide that it's time to become human. In which case, their shared gut become a guttural pool of worn-out deformed, non-attached innards that simply swim among fallen bones that are being dissolved with the rest of the formations that have fallen in the gastric acid. From marble-white to green-pale, with the pile having finally conveyed but an unsanitary look of untouchable pair of abandoned girths.

Large platform forming a crossed c' sections that are put upon hollow spots, billions of fissures underneath them, little sea-creatures laying dormant underneath, abandoned submarines filled with barnacles in the depths and at the feet of the fall, a most peculiar sight of the maze formed out of the interconnected paths on-lain down there, where the sea-creature hollows, little dens could be seen inside,

making it appear as if the wall between each fissure bears a depths of at the very least eight hundred meters, in which the contortion occurs. The very sea-pressure forcing every sea-creature drawn by it to be molded into the very ceilings as they're being impaled. Little black-puddles finally emerging, caught within clusters of air-bubbles as they're delivered upon the shore, bearing their entrails.

From the black puddles emerging the great pyramid-tombs, in which dark-sea hills are lain dormant. A blue-iron such as that of a long abandoned cruiser forming its outer shell, the tomb slightly deformed as if to look like a Pharaoh's sarcophagus' holding cell. Upon it initial sight, the sight of bolts held upright upon a trail of many contorted lines, forming intercrossing x's, h's, u's, w's, f's, among many others, revealing a slight ruin-decay, from whence, upon the pained touch, unwrapped, beneath it, pushed aside comes out a great bulk of Hill-beings, which had been trapped inside since the release. Upon the pressure, when the ship was hit. And every valve turned, men being drawn beneath the anchor's girth. Until, from the sunken bulk, upon the bowels and the seafloor, there will have been no living creature and only they. Men would be lain, trapped inside the hill's remains. Until it will have drawn the shell, and whatever else laid upon the ship as well; always laying into hiding.

Can-shaped base of the building from which a bag-worn-by a man with see-through cut-out eyes for windows, at the top of which lay a great growth of skin made out of many put-together stacked leeches; all of one piece. Behind the two windows, in both apartments the lights are being turned off, hiding bloody butcher torture rooms with hooked chains hanging around each side of the walls, bouncing from across the ceiling despite air not being left in. On each of the building's side, through the cans emerge large root-like girthed growths that draw on the side and rot.

God's body thorn apart, lain a pair of swollen mounts. Ribs-exposed, humanoid, whose insides reveal but no organs within; but many other beings like him, all shaped differently, yet just like him. Like heaps of dead macrons, all but squirming from time to time. A horn erupting from his godly eye; his fingers curled 'round, like rooted little angler's rods, which fish but little men whom died, lynched erected, bleeding in a red sea. Open ended feet, which push away but crisp-burnt little feelers in dead-hands, to be wrapped around each end, then hide inside the ground, then die.

Static lightning catching rods, with a man's mouth attached near the tip of the stick, like a hick's travelling sack, within a rainy day, when the result is but a burnt end and a red splatter on the ground instead; horned roofs all around it, shark-heads but appearing in stone, where they live.

Red globes flowing everywhere in sight, all connected by interlocked glassy-rods that draw what little blood there is inside, which are placed upon a system of eighteen circled fire-stoves which force the pressured liquid into a peculiar spreading haze which emerged on top of an unsuspecting, looked-down-upon village. Where the peasants don't know of it anymore; their fears being manifested with every clove thrown outside.

Little disabled train-length skin-beast, of which hairs, if it were but a bear serve as a frame of reference for every tiny foot that came out of it, through which it brushed, like a strange sea-cucumber or a tiny puff that's being pushed through the miles, then allowed to push on, onward, until it's to be cast into the pit of decay. From whence it came, and where to stay when the little dark man comes with a big butcher's cleaver.

Large head that's blown around the edges, pushing through the outer edge of a jelly-grown surface upon which it's being stretched inside of as if the jelly was the ceiling and the head was but a puff of smoke blown by a French mademoiselle's, hardening as every single one of the flaccid peculiar side extension reveals itself as a chain-like holder, formed a cage as it connects to a brazier. On top of it but a pair of four overlapping sparrows molded together as to become unfathomably bloated, rabidly eating out of their own chests. Large concave deformities inside of them; standing erect; yet the sparrow-molds at hollow on the inside as to make way for large bridges leading inside of the, nothing sparrow-like to them with the exception of something vaguely recognizable as a beak.

The jelly-like caged brazier served as a holding levitating pillar to the peculiar dark bridges that led to it. Yet they weren't straight, but vertically flipped stretched on both sides v's if seen straight dead-on. Pushing onto in, along the rims of its every edge, large teeth-like formation, canine-like absurdly shaped as to look like the tip of hooks forming large arcs along the bridge's sides. At their tips upwardly pointing mantis-claws with feather-shaped emulations of flies, hundreds of them interconnected as to look like exaggerated hussar wings. Animated even as they flap around, being the cause of this peculiar flight. The bridges being constantly forced to draw downward to v's, as they're constantly being flipped upwards and downward, while the deformed human-faced creature trapped inside the cage-form cackles manically, chains creating wave like motions as the brazier-end is being pushed around.

The large growth of a giant pumpkin-like frame, holding a great air-ward stretch upon which standing a great cluster of hen-forms, put together, then split open in the middle, as a great curvature of grass-shaped root blades pull out, then curve around the base of the object, forming curtain-shaped flapping wings that beat air-like filth around them. Beneath the earth a giant pair of eight, equally spread on inclined planes copies of the main growth, with connected with one another in the middle, then around their frames, as they create a pseudo-cage, seen-through as they mold the dirt into skin-like growths that squirm while their initial flight from the nest occurs, with them pushing even deeper from where they are. Burying one another even farther than before; until they will have reached large tooth-gloves forming circles, all right handed, where the pinkie and the ring finger slight bend inwardly as to form a pseudo two dimensional eye that's filled with rotten meat and parasitical guttural worms that devour it.

His house was a tent placed on a dark platform that rested on eight legs. A stairway leading to the middle region and the entrance to the tent; their knees being bolted and moving, as the stairway wreathes around as a tongue. Two eyes on each side of the tent; behind which, an elongated human with sixteen arms, and the large head of a mammal-like growth that's pushing out into split sting with spike-like formations-drawn inwardly, as if the growth was pierced by them. A substance being seen inside of it, always dripping as from a never ending polluted river of green masses and filth-growths which form into flying fairy-like creatures with limbs in their eyes, mouths, they glow. Little puckers being shoved inside their deathless eyes.

Large book-shelf filled with body parts, which shift around. And with every few changes in place, they become even more highly acidic than before, contorting like abominations, until they form long-wreathed slugs that go all along the shelf-enclosure, yet no features on either end. They wreath there as they attempt to bite onto the walls, onto each side, deepening themselves as they drown in their own blood. Their features actually being inwardly place, blind as they are, tricked that they're eating meat from the outside, only to provoke internal hemorrhage before they stop wreathing and they're dead; then they

decay, incapable of changing back into the meat-books that their elongated form had been initially compressed into.

The being bore itself exposed, from whence it rose, it seemed to have taken the form of the chasm, of this peculiar cut inside the earth, which had been protruding, and outwardly shot for some reason. Behind the hinges which pulled back, as it had drawn from beyond the earth as many of the creatures and the parasites that had hid beneath it, including two long-arm-blade shapes, creatures of which girth but formed its two wings, those dreadful things that could not be used for flight; but every few meters they bore large, great unfathomable to look at rods that launches themselves like worm-like tunnel-missiles like bullets shot in puddles of cast jelly, then filled, out of the molds they shot and wreathed in and out, beating every young at the end of these flailing things, until they were brought back to life. Grand being with no disgrace, as it erected itself outwardly, an opening from above cast upon the world a great belt that surrounded the moon, like a great tongue that licked it, from which it shook the satellite, breaking it to shatter, thereafter forming a dead end for this stalk of skin, at which end formed a great torso that served as the foundation for the emptiness inside the limbs that shook. Nothing inside but the living creatures it drew from earth and ate. But there popped but the strange face of a giant grown human, eventually of which features appeared on two, cheek-boned high, pushed from both sides horns which bore themselves two other faces like that of its own. Their teeth but large and white-like straws, the eyes but drawn out and horned as well, pointing to the mouth. From beneath the open-ended mass from which emerged, pulling out four great legs, like that of cripples men grabbing high-speeding cars as they're being dragged around the world, with their many segments, pushed at to look like they're made out of sixteen giant calves, outlandishly red, spiked and haired at the end of which a small malignant shrunken head, with long protruding cradle-boarded skull-like extensions of mouths which feed on the earth and draw on the crowds. Carried on by the mere force of the flightless wings, of which fart but pushed is over, acting upon the space-stalk as a string would act upon a kite. There in space, the three faces would bleed, out of their mouths, but frozen within; their straws but producing endless crimson spittle, blackening the skies. The great-mass being wrought inside, then pushed around until it will have become a dreadful opening with many longitudinal shots of spider-like spears that are still attached to the great bulk of mass, growing in fat as well with every cooling hot end that will have penetrated the mass of earth, impregnating every facet of dirt, only to give birth to largely deformed still-born humanoids with large heads of termite-like helmets filled with a lot of air, bearing large drinking horns on every side, as well as button-wreathed swollen-dead little abominations that swim in their own self-dissolving filth-pool they're left to rot in. Outwardly, the being encrusted by a peculiar hardening shell made to look outlandish, like a sea-cockroach, burnt-amber in color, with little textured bolt-like things leading to the empty holes from which the creatures that are wreathed through the great-tongue tunnel are being suffocated inside the air, as they're being brought over through endless masses that are completely killed and left to freeze in pseudo-forming spatial belts. For hours to no end, the songs echoing out of the mouths the three heads seem to bear, in their attempt to draw the rest of the body with them in space.

Humanoids with long crickets for heads, their long legs being connected to their arms by puppeteer like strings with molted-skin trails that pump meat inside of them. Legless even, as the men crawl upon giant fat-bloated tails that leave behind trails of eaten-limbs. The cricket head being shaped like deformed astronaut helmets, forming a small toweresque pillar from which flaccid phallic necked open black mouths vomit on the ground.

Catfish globe without the water-cast where it's stopped swimming in the middle, twisted its tail left, head on the right before the water was drained-cast, where the empty-fish fissure is filled with many thin-reeds of moving organic hairs.

The great head wore a single extension knuckle that could be pushed around. Largely concave, elongated at to look like a pole; the head being the center piece of the building, that being structured with many gaps and many hollow spots where the wind blew upon its bare non-existent chest that lay across every floor. But the knuckle looked as if it were segmented, having become somewhat, expectedly as such akin to a giant purple-finger, which at times contorted itself as to each one of the puckers that were lain in the middle of each segment. This head-horn-knuckle bore a set of fumigating mouths at its tip, having been nested in every pucker, raised on an inclined, then forming a p.

Large contorted ramps forming every wall inside a clean-room with four empty rectangular shaped polluted swimming pools, with large pipes inside of them moving along like eels, as animated as they are, dragging along screaming tv' boxes, with flower pot-sticks coming out of their antennae holes like breathing straws. The top of the room exposed to a frame shaped like an x if seen from the center on the walking space left between the pools, where one could see a cylindrical device filled with pumps as well as a large chain-textured rope that lowers the room. The rope being eaten around each edge, small mouths emerging from every side, spittle and droll slowly moving and dragging itself along as there's no end from where it sprouts out of. The end of the rope being shaped like an upturned J, with no point from where it came out of; beneath the room large crawling twisted legs that impale one another, shooting in every direction as their growth approached uncanny limits, having grown across every possible facet of every black building that's lain in the unlit cavern it's lain in. The leg-growths preventing the machine from fully falling over; while the J-rope is but connected to the legs through various unseen tendons that surround the walls that surround the pools, or the tiny space that's lain there.

There was a strange sphere they approached. It was made out of millions of interlocked pendulum circles, that shot black metallic beams all across the place. Most of them having already been wrapped and swallowed by every leg that crawled around the place, until they became somewhat indistinguishable from everything else. Peculiar breathing organs puffing their blood as some discolored smoke that's spread around in the most uncanny matter, revealing various never-before seen strands of steps that lead to an entrance in this forest of metal where everything's lain. For every step taken led further into it. As strange as it seemed, this gable-like stairway, once it was met at the middle of the forest, it began deviating, all around every single cluster-like formation of beams, spears or pendulum cylinders, from which leg-shaped steps took their place, stacking against one another, until they had been furthermore lead to the great swinging chamber. As they were drawn in by nothing more, and nothing other than the shaking leg-staircase which shot against itself, forming small building-formations that were pushed out of the edges of the growth-encased buildings, until these toweresque pylons lead to the top of the rope where they had simply leaped in.

If this entire black-city was filled with buildings, where every cylinder shot against the great never-ending ceiling, the pumping room would be in the middle of it, where many of the toweresque growths would point towards the rope, as they are tilted towards it, like arches, or deformed drawn on a curve arrows that, or waves of water.

As they entered the room they simply fell, where these sturdy men, if it were the case, took the full blunt force of the fall, were left with no fracture that might've ruined any lesser man. They slowly drew along, until they made the shapes out of water.

The screens having approached, with their incontestably peculiar sounds, that ought to have become incontestably, unfathomably ruinous at that point.

Speaking in word interpretations of ciphers that are placed there for no apparent reason; to which the men would record them, strike a hit, land a hook, then climb back out, leaping on the flight of leg-stairs, making their way back to where they had come out of.

A great domed gable roof, with two pegs on every side, forming overlapped metallic legs of h's stuck together on g's as well as two dimensional contours of birds and crucifixes put on top of one another, molded together, holding its outer-growths before they burst like springs, growing their heads into little orange peeled off things.

A great high-pointed gate within a rounded on the front, walled-off court leading to a tall castle, with enough towers, raised roofs and strange building shapes to push outwardly in the most peculiar manner possible. High-ledges and bridges and uncanny platforms and rots and floating pillars chained as well as floating stones on which royal tents are put on. The walls barring a barren sight that's lain on a great hill that's connected to a line of step-placed Isles, each placed higher than the other, connected with large planks and taken down trunks as well as peculiar bodies that are wrung about.

The main road faced of many stone-chewed faces, that have missing features, that are now filled with dirt. Large knights that are dressed like centaur-mammoths with large torso-growths instead of arms, hands, and limbs.

Meat-conductors and peculiar wagons driven through from inside the castle; the main room being placed beyond the opening that's lain on the ground, from which the wagon-mammoth organic sculptures are being pulled out of; all of which seem to be the people that are being housed inside the court, by the king. His throat being shaped like a giant spinning wheel, or at least the back of it, where his arms are impaled and spun; him being left with two stumps, as he stands upon a great stool-shaped almost iron-encased drum where little infantile beating against the walls creatures are stored inside. The stood being extended on both sides as to create half a bat-wing shaped metal stopped, that's hiding the sewage-wall-like grates which are hidden in nigh-plain sight.

From the king's point of view, he could see four cross-road-like slightly upwardly inclined raises which lead him to four greatly exposed rooms where peculiar statues that look like him are placed on copies of the similar stools. All made of some reflective materials, placed in outlandish rooms with many trinkets lain inside of them. As well as heaps of torture devices, wheeled parrot-cages with large iron picks constantly being shoved inside the wooden cages with the motions of reflex-checking doctors that are hitting knees with hammers, while the impalements resemble more like magician acts done upon their assistants.

Large dark heads coming out of a nose, shaped like the hands of little people trying to crawl out, most of which had stopped trying as it was already too late for them to escape, having suffocated inside.

Wrap-around-hands, around the throat of a woman; which had curved knives constantly being shoved inside of them, slowly cutting; falling through their guts, as they liquefy them, slowly descending until the women are bled dry.

Fuck-dry machines attached to their cunts, while sawing their lower-bodies in half, large phallic objects pushing through them until they're inflated, completely, bursting. With little knives coming out of their very long ends, forming pseudo-stopped frames like hack saws which withdraw from inside of them, allowing them to bleed like fountains.

Large unsanitary tube-like extension of a shooting-blade shaft that's pushed out of a giant man's chest, drawing every side of his body while shoving it into him, like back-fired upon guns that exploded his wrist and back. Dreadful like devices attached to its head, that wreath around, cutting and eating from each side of the crate his lobes are attached to. Large floating create that has brain-lobe strings pushing onto it, swallowed inside, outgrowing, slowly, the insides of their prison.

The peculiar city of Harrowing O. stood there. It was largely encased by an uncanny things attached to it. Every building was a wall creating a greater city-built tower that's wrapped around in a plastic-sheet like baby-monitor-filled device covered great submarine textured destroyer. Large push-through platforms that draw hidden buildings like tri-dimensional cardboard cut-outs that are put behind each of the swallowing mass beneath them.

Large man with two heads riding a slug-machine, a slug-car with little more than nothing on top of it.

Large board of wood that's eighty for centimeters by eighty five by forty by ten meters that's placed on top of a large table, that's the side of eight put together middle aged little old men that had decayed and formed, upon being chipped by an architect some peculiar altar upon which a scribe wrote with little pasty fingers, dark thoughts. Unnaturally dark skin electrons put inside the most unfathomably put-through, large heads that grow inside serpentine galleons that are used to fight the put-through meals, cut from the dark blood islands, where the thin giants eat from inside of.

Large segments forming u's, connected to from large put-together hills that are filled with billions of people inside, slowly being dissolved by the hill-gastric acid.

Peculiar head-like eater put inside a large, semi-devoured little canine-fat morbid man with large horn-like erections of meat at the back of his head, where they expand and push through until they create sweeping motions that are needed to eat everything in sight.

Large head, robust, put on a pile, eight piles put together as to form the size of a building, hooks attached to it which are being held by wild chains, all the chains being wrought in iron, their insides skin as well. Most uncanny of all, dark-shaped gelatin-like hollow floating objects the chains are attached to, mouths protruding out of them, toothless, shaped like four missiles in the back, which were thrown in the middle of the objects like throwing darts which hit their targets, growing ever more as to push even deeper than before. Uncanny things, dark-sets of crown-like floating circles around each protruding back-missile, from the looks of which, neither of them could be touched by any means. All of which would be set in uncanny flights, being taken from one distant spot to another, in the most dreadful ways. Large, peculiar obtrusions-like spikes drawing out of the heaps, then reeling back in, triangularly deformed holes they push back like worming unnaturally deformed, put through pain melting molds.

A large mask that's attached to a great floating body, no head that could be seen; the backside of the mask bearing his face, as he is but trapped inside for what seems to be an eternity form which he may never be woken up from. Closed eyes lain above the empty hollow spots of the mask. Obscure thing, a metal, almost featureless cover that's but wreathed in the most peculiar cuts, having largely wild diameters that are put through.

Dark moles around the head of a bubonic structure, made to look like a strange gothic-church in form, yet expanding in every direction as if it's a moth ball in actuality, largely deformed and put through a large chained funnel-growth that's filled on top, after the long-gut worm that's lead to it, with a mass filled with large umbilical sharp protrusions that hold giant floating men at each of their ends. Always growing, inflating and expanding.

Peculiar stopped-through, struck boxes, put on rails that are cast in the hallows of almost overlapped animal hangings. Worked by a large cradle-like things that are pushing inside of them.

Large uncanny yarn-fields that give birth to tube-barrels with large flaccid cacti-needles from which baby-torn apart creatures that are shaped like fat-bloated rakes that are put together, grown, fattened, having large termite-like heads at the top, without features from which sting-like trails go around every side of their bodies like come-out of their bodies stuffing that bears little olfactory systems as well as mouth-devices that are closer to being guitar-stings that are buried inside their own barely given birth to jaws than to normal ones. Looking like small rows or worms that enter a hole and come out of another, ever few centimeters, breaking food apart with the corrosion caused by the acid they're coated in or by mere pressure.

A bulked grunt-like creature, akin to a burly man, with his trunk burlier and higher, fatter than the rest of his body, having devoured his shoulders, tendons, arms, stopping atop the knees, having grown the back of the body as an eaten by a giant anaconda's throat protrusion from which trails of giant iron-needles come out, sprouting green liquids around. An uncanny speed to the creature as it simply runs around, unnaturally so, grabbing what it can, crushing objects underneath its giant palms. Eating through the corrosion-protruding little mounts; drawing out little hose-like showers which spray everything in sight, slowly breaking everything apart until one could not do with them around.

They could gnaw as much as they could out of the chunk, but it would never fall off, no matter how hard they tried, they could never penetrated the outer, nor the inner layer, regardless how hard they chew, regardless of their attempts and what happened for them to get themselves before the four. Larger oblongs made sure every bite would be handled properly, as with every chewing motion, the transparent energy that surrounded the main trunk would only make it so the organic meat would grow back in its place, always making so there was no difference between prior to the bite, and after it. A peculiar wrap-around touch could be observe nonetheless, the devouring thing being just a great jaundice-like growth, that added to the main form, a bloated pineapple that was darkened with growths, all flaccidly pushing away from their top, always drawing away as to grow even thicket with every passing moment until their filaments reached the ground, creating a forest of mirror-like flats which curved like carpet-rolls as soon as they touched the ground, molding themselves like prissy pushing rivers that began gnawing every time someone approached.

First the men with their hounds, as soon as they slickened them on these veiled arachnid-like dense sheets, the hours were quickly eaten, broken apart, snapped as to contort their bodies in halves, their bones slowly being spat out as the many billions of microscopic sized mouths began acting upon their bodies continuously. Their peculiar forms only adding to the miasma that started spreading from the lower organs it started pushing out. The chunk bearing an x-circle like opening that begins spreading exactly into four slices, when curl around the circular stops as they're withdrawn back in. Large mouthed full opening pucker-formed organs carried over like machine-hands and long oil extractor arms, that slowly move out of their way on the ground, rolls under them, filled with cartilage, having come from a giant, peculiar object, a hard embroidered jerky-head, and a pair of jerky legs that come into being. Indistinguishably so from anything ever observable; large crystal-box inside of with, bearing a crystal-man, that's slowly being ripped apart by most uncanny formations, incisor-blocky salmons shaped like claws, crystalline pink, fashioned to shine upon the weird formations that drag over the place. Unnatural forms flying around it. Nigh-invisible, like flying bloated trenched with peculiar dark-heads wrought to surround the most unnatural of lookers, all of which are tainted and barely put together, outwardly exceeding an unnatural force, a gloomy like filth-barrel wrought, elongated hose between them, constantly drooping as if it's being melted thoroughly. Always but a head ripped apart, grainy from the looks of it, always made to be put on the side, and eaten away. With every passing second but drawing them back into a larval state which makes them much easier to carry from one side to the other. Unnatural dead formations, as the cemetery of ships, floating in space, that's the only way one could describe this sight, if one were to see beyond their invisible cloaks. As they float around the place, nigh-dead, incapable of feeling, incapable of moving, always extracting from their own guts, spreading away the most unnatural looking distraught comet-like broken apart formations, organic looking in some way. Always drawing back to the outer nests that are the jerky long-bodied nests they seem to be dwelling inside of. In the inner depths of, what would be like hundreds upon hundreds or thousands of miles deeper in the main giant jerky head-like organ from which they sprouted out of, the crystal coffin being mainly avoided by the jerky daddy-long leg-like forms that push out from around it.

A kebabtermite-like nest came out of the depths, being pushed on top of a large coil, an unnatural wrought in tail, unnaturally shaped as to look like an explosion had taken place inside of it, throwing chunks everywhere around the place. Eight headed malformations coming out of it as they become more and more swollen with every passing moment.

Deformed canal, where little children's feet turn and puke out of mouths formed at their ends.

Little kernel-bolts of iron wrought around a great rounded body with plaster like substances put everywhere around it, holding it down. A peculiarly sculpted abstraction, as if the artist was unable to make up his decision whether or not he wanted to build a sphere or a cube, there being various edges that sprout from every angle upon its initial release, throwing out little unnatural forms and little bursts of rock everywhere around, if that were the case. With the exception that it is no rock, and this were but a bloated organic giant house, where stood a black-blue chitin door, opening like a crawl-inside-a-shell lobster, to reveal a tongue-like carpet, carved in teeth that look like statues, leading to an open room that looks like a second maw. The tongue reeling into a hole inside entrance to the second maw, it being but a large square on the floor, in front of the opening that's placed between the teeth-statues and the organic walls. Making it a short organic hallway that's straight, two walls on each side, leading to the rounded front that's a dead-end; yet as soon as one were to come inside and see that door-organ crawl back out as to block the

entrance like a crawling unnatural creature, one were to do as much, see it as a largely raised organic bulk of a thumb. Relentlessly pushing around until it could no longer deal with itself growing, spreading and pushing into every possible direction. These teeth inside the almost two-dimension heart representation being different, more mobile, un-carved, easily allowed to move around and to become unnatural in their shape and peculiar form, alas.

The peculiar being that is the False-Martyr, a demigod-like figure, an unnaturally dead-looking thing, starved, strong, burly, his innards, despite his general starving-like nature, he would be more so, blessed with a never ending bulking sack that keeps breathing in and out, drawing in, eating everything, a peculiar anatomy to his power, no cords visible inside, all of his organs wrapped around peculiar net-encased moving innards fish-net worms, that drag his organs to safety, ever growing as to form cushions to his power, preventing an blade, any gun, bullet from ever reaching hit vital pumps, as they would act like safety-bags. No pupils in his eyes, only the flat-changing colors, scanty figure, always drooping like an ancient man. His blotched eye-crown being more of a large tumor-growth than an actual eye, the peculiar edges of each crown-tip being exactly shaped like curved, giant coyote incisors, or canines that are molded into that crown-growth, adding more to the general corpse-decayed figure that he was. Marked Cyrillic-robe, strange text written on it, indecipherable, yet capable of unwrapping itself like a parchment.

Dark unnatural form, many heaps thrown around the place until made to breed with their surroundings. Peculiar head-formations; washed up as they're being broken apart.

Small-raft that's adjustable as to raise itself a few feet in the air.

They lived in it, one of the giant hives, which was just about as wide-spread as peculiar overly wrought bowls that were set aside. There was no point from where they came out of or any signal they would come to a stop. For what was apparently twenty more minutes of growth, one could see a few unnatural thing attached to its back. Large protrusions starting from its back, appearing as if they were put together in the most unnatural manner, which came out of its back on top of.

Unnatural sets of heads that are barely put together on a two sided looped beam of metal that's been thrown around forming a peculiar arc that's twisted and lain on every side of a great tumor-like growth foundation put together, piece by piece.

A red room filled with many metal doors and many trap doors on the bottom that scream out of giant mouthed peculiar incisors that clasp whatever they can as they begin casting one another deeper into the black pits they've been taken out of. Large throats-open ended. Peculiarly strung unnatural hand-like shapes that carved humanoid guts as to be formless after a fashion as soon as they're made to be; small glutton creatures with large knee-shaped sacks coming out of embryo-shaped horns that are sprouted out of their heads pushing towards their open guts as if they're some iron bands or some unnaturally worsened things. A pair of dead eyes that are put together; from peculiarly partially absorbed bodies that begin eating one another.

Sack bodies that are but sutured together, belonging to blinded men that cannot help themselves but be made to suffer over and over again as large canines are forced out of their empty sockets. Unnaturally dead-strung pincers put around their throats.

A shared body made to look like the bulk of eighteen men.

And they felt just as little, to no more demise, what happened after, when they tried themselves and to have appeared in any other place. When they were listened to by utmost dreary creatures whom had sickened their teeth and would to be put to ask no question but to spare no more and what had happened there. They bore but little to no mind for what was going on.

A creature utmost benign, an amalgamation of many forms but listened to itself no more. Before it could be called upon such dam that was to be completely devoured; a powerless formation with many mouths put through an antennae that had been defiled and lynched about the men that hung.

‘I’m listening but I cannot obey. I’ve been here for too many days.’

‘Will you just stop pestering me already? Can’t you see that I’ve got nothing to do with you? I won’t have myself be put through it again.

I’ve been through too much already.’

And he was in pain, from the looks of it, all was lost, at the cost of misunderstanding himself, there were many bottled remains. Spread inside of dead-infant shelves that were spread, crawling around with their long filthy hands which produced bubbling meat formations, many of which were their mothers, who couldn’t help themselves any longer. All too dreadful in look, they were shaken, yet they shouldn’t.

‘I think there’s a time for everything but now it may not come back.’

‘Will we be free from this blasphemy of thought?’

‘I do not know.’

And it was pleasing, knowing as much, never having to worry about anything that might be defiled. With as much as an hour in which they started touching one another’s foreheads, they began realizing that there wasn’t much left there. No nature, no verdure, there was nothing that could be put behind, nothing to be reproduced any longer and no pain, nothing to keep them back. But most importantly, there was the fear for a man who had dwelled deep and near.

A man as dark, as frighteningly shouting, he would not, were it to be, not to be conveyed no longer or set in agony. He had a sight, out for himself, he hadn’t made it to the forest, but by force he was brought to know.

‘This ship is a dead end.’

He called, but at that point, the structure, the armor that had stood near him lay broken and destroyed, or at the very least, it was completely assimilated and cast within the land-destroyed.

‘You’ve come out of the chasm, I’ve brought you here with I, for I am in need of a fraction of your mind, whatever that might be.’

And he looked back upon the structures, realizing that many were destroyed, all the homes and whichever side might’ve been. It was something he couldn’t easily, nor would he want to accept. His heart was beckoned but he was there, a part of him, eternally caught, with all the heads falling in the rain. Many

look-a-likes were made to fall, a rain of heads never to be brought to a stop, some smiled while others only brought the most mischievous reminders.

Others were set like large beams that were made to look like eighteen put together overlapping crucifixes that could not be put together, nor by chance allowed to be made about, or be shaped. And they bore many eyes that were popping and spreading everywhere, including the mad pillars and the peculiar creations that started appearing out of nowhere, the faces of the being that revealed himself to him, and many other dark-forbidden incantations that would be set aside. Bloated benign creatures which floated while grabbing their most unnaturally stretched, largely erected meat-producing filter-baubles.

‘He’s watching, always watching and he cannot be made to look as my tormentor, or else they will be drawn to me like bees to most peculiar little knickknacks-holding onto a large clay-tool that’s not been heated yet, not yet and not for long.

Answer me this then, I need to know.’

‘What is it?’

‘It is my heart, I am a sick for I’ve come to the realization that in order to entice myself with such illusions as to entertain myself as well as my solemnly wicked existence I need to do something that might creature such vision, which might be deemed as being evil and vile.’

‘That begin.’

‘Come on, I will show you.’

And just as soon he grabbed a few of the lousy placed around harlots, making sure he readily placed himself between them and it, taking as many of them as he possibly could, placing them on a table before he proceeded to chop them into pieces, cutting them alive, in what seemed to be the most peculiarly bothersome manner.

Then both of the men were surprised by such things as not spring of guts and blood that began sprouting out of them, but the most peculiar things their minds could barely grasp, their open female-guts having become strange mouths that would constantly blow peculiar star-dust vision which began bringing into their world the most uncannily deformation that could get beheld by them, by any means. A large body made out of many unfathomable screeching plots, where little mouth-protrusions had been forced out of, from which the plants that came out of this peculiar spatial-ship like shaped oblong came, a giant guttural explosion which, in the air, began slowly drawing and pushing into every possible direction. Having picked up on the organic material, deformed large headed peculiarly trenched, horn-like bloated little devilish creatures that at time appeared to me made out of many low-hanging flaccid hand had only inherited some of the smaller hands which in turn began spitting themselves, out, being incapable of fathoming the full unwrapping motion which forced the horn-like structures to become flat, where the many armed bodies were and above of them, where they curved around the edges like little erupted from egg-shells from which candle-like growths pushed away until they entered the ceiling, spreading upon every wall. Many of the peculiar fliers having taken everything apart to reveal an endless stretch where many creatures like them were.

Large fins made come curved teeth that began floating away from their mouth, forming large platforms that looked like slit and put together scales which began vomiting some peculiar green blood upon themselves, encasing one another in wild conical formation that were fatter below their gut-protrusions from which mouth shooters began forming, spraying the wax-like floating towers that were carried on by the peculiar many-armed creatures, of which faces could now be seen as being split and splattered but not entirely, on the low-hanging surface of the down-thrusting egg-like shell from which their mouth and most peculiar eyes that were slit as so make plus-sign pupils which bore their edges rounded as if they were blood-cells. From their giant mouths, below-hanging there would hang, most uncanny tool-like curved-melting teeth such as the likes of which, would form bloated bulb-like structures, as they would bring the light it. Ivory-like pipe-extended tooth-shapes springing and spreading like cutters and bloated-deformed unnatural gnarly not working chipped needle-things that would be flung around the place, making it seem as if they had or bore the most unnatural gut tumors which were put through.

Their gums being largely skeletal in actuality, plastic almost, or stone-like as if to make it so nothing could grown on them. These 'teeth' actually travelling from the innards as if they were actually vintage deep-sea divers' air hoses, drawn from the guts, then put through the gum-holes, from which they would be reeled in and out, back in the mouth. Their eyes large domes or tears-yet-to-drop, blackened like tar-pools, yet transparent as to see glowing little light-structures like broken vases or solid-crystals that push the eye-substance away as they're constantly being thrown around inside of them. Both of them looking in two direction while they're being largely separated; yet when the horn-like chitin it put together, they would be akin to chameleons, some proto-spike, pike teeth protruding out of the edges of the egg-shell like rims from which they split, with hole spike hole spike formations as to enter those gaps as they reel back in. Or peculiarly deformed oysters in terms of how they act, with large masses, pearl-like meat inside of them when enclosed, yet larger than that. With little meat arm barnacle like thing sitting of the side of this chitin-horn that's set in flight.

Large towering ceiling fan-shaped tail leading to a giant eight shaped melon-like fat thing with large bulb-like guts-swarms, elongated in their form, while their placement would be lain inside both of the holes that are lain inside the eight', stretched between the two of them as their incessant growth would never come to an end. In their swarm, little dark pieces of guttural things where lain, dark. All dark-skinned to an unnatural degree until tawny burnt insides come to be revealed. To be more precise, the melon-growths being formed by the gut-shaped coils inside the holes, which, themselves, are formed out of a great gut that's twisted itself into the eight, bearing the tail from the side; yet from inside the swarm and from it a single long, adjustable lamp-like arm that's pink and swollen emerges, bloodied and dripping out, from which a great formation that's but a small pop of many pantaloons-shaped things, with little pincers that, upon opening push out large bloated scorpion-like larvae tails, eating what they could from around the air.

Large whip with elongated nibs of skin, all thoroughly placed on the side, all deformedly pronounced, all throwing up their own guts as they become but the shroud of men, all cut-outs as if on paper, but instead, of cartilage.

One could easily shape the being in his mind just by looking at the general transiently peculiar trajectory in which the planetary reaction seems to be put through. If one could easily calculate the amount of troughs of most peculiarly put together rotating cosmic materials as to make a giant planetary belt made out of flooding space debris, they could easily imagine it just as easily gnawing if not pushing itself closer

on the planet as to wrap itself as tightly as possible until it will have become too much to bear, rubbing continuously as to form a giant empty gaped-trench in which, where one would cast the most peculiar amount of gelatin inside, he would soon enough, upon, the absence of the belt and the lifting of the gelatin, he would see the most unfathomable figures a man could lay eyes upon. Most strikingly deformed, as if the mass legions of objects that appear to make the profanity of space as well as the supreme lacerated destruction which had occurred, into, strikingly so, a wild formation of look-a-like shapes and forms that are cast in his shape. Although this might appear, at first to be a coincidence, as it just so happens to be in often case, the mere dissolution as to completely split it and spread it apart, slowly, while expanding the belt as fast as possible, which may be completely impossible to achieve by merely removing it from the premise in its cast-in gelatin form, the belt, as it would no longer be a belt but a wide-spread net, out of which the humanoid-like casts would appear to get more and more distraught than they were before, completely being pushed out of the rims of their unnaturally set-s or put together shapes, creating various dancer, or short lived illustrated illusions, spatial animations of wild demonical cackling things, pseudo features such as eyes or expanding in, made to bear the souls of the men and women trapped inside, only to slowly dissipate in the air, as if they are to be brought back into the world of living, in much more distanced faces or spatial planes upon where they stain the plots of the ground, around which they might infest and spread about the planet they landed in. Each shard coming out of this belt carrying a replicable image as that of the great mass from which it came out of, making it so, this trench became, as this little pick or thorn which was taken out of the debris, would infest a large area where the figures would only come out of the ground, then, finally, as if this concentrated spot was but a raised-bump, or a pushed through as if by hand insides of a balloon, as to become an unnatural plethora of many inhumane features with many little nibs and cranks, more solidly inclined to form curved and convex slides the hands would carve from inside out. As these humanoid or simian features aren't the being itself but the workers which had been taken in the employ of the great being, as to be forced to work endlessly to preserve itself, forming little picks and little hammers and little screams as if to remind the others that their work never ended. Yet this deformation, the complete breaking is also caused by its nature as the beings that are put to its employ cannot stop themselves from caving, therefore dooming every bump and every infested parcel of land to eventually be shattered into pieces by its own servant's hands.

One could not ignore the being that observed this happening, who, instead of freely fleeing out of sight as to have come in fear of what might happen after, it's important to know. It was there, it left its mark. With a little shout coming out of three rotating mouth-like visors-things pushing out of ant-queen like breeding-organ that stand out, hundreds of them in the back, corroded and tainted, black-yellow and purple around an unnatural shell-like head with little eyes, with little slits that open and close entirely as to show dust-blowers, and gray things inside their leg-like protrusions in the back. Wings pushing out of them, reeling in and out, with little sting-like growths all around its body, preventing its flight a rectangle abdomen shaped like a box-inside of it, shaped like a tomb, or a coffin, inside of which a little dark man-like figure-organ beats on the walls for some reason that might not be explained by any means; why would there be one like him in there and why is he connected with gut-tubes that enter him from every side? Of course no edifice, hole or anything even closely resembling a feature could be made, yet one could not forget that it's but filled with precious liquid that's being starved out of the mind and put behind bars of bone-cartilage. Cold-producing bags, with little handles on its back, from which parachute-like spreading wings shaped like gliders open; with little iron-like bars standing on a rack holding the bags together.

From the distance it could be seen like a big larvae standing on top of a coffin, with a hole on the front out of which three cylinders come out of. Many big larvae-like protrusions in the back; from both sides two metal frames coming out, holding the open cold backs that spread the wing-like gliders. Open slits on every side of the main-fat larvae-like body. No legs being visible on the main form, yet its wings retract whenever it rests, drinking waterish liquid with the help of its mouthvisors; while it's incapable of getting away from the peculiar thing that's in front of it.

Or rather, the metal rack holding its cold-pouch wings being more like some deformed iron instrument, or two overlapping harp-handles.

Deformed large creature, with a long-top, being shaped like a deformed pile.

Leper with no heads; large bastion of many shapes, all rotund and little more than put around, in an uncanny matter, a legion of leisurely defined little needle racks with more than a few unfathomable tails on the great bodies coming out the main frame where it bears. Thrusting in and back and then again, until it couldn't stop the wonder. Always pushing, through a basin; inserted through it from a spindle open-through wardrobe, shaped as to hold two batteries, its head lobes which are fragmented in the most peculiar manner, being somewhat impossible to classify by any means since they're not perfectly cylindrical. Large pair of phantom legs, coming out beneath it from two round black saw-blades, twisted and put through, large eyed, as it many more are to come and sprout as well as put them, on a cue, exiting out of most malleable objected, some peculiar limbs with little more coming out of them than an unnatural amount of piles, twisted as if sprouting from a den of many snakes whose eggs were cracked open and set of fire, as for the color. Scale-like objects coming from the main form, twisted and mirror-akin, flying around it, with little more than a few faces that watch and reflect the twists, mostly the mass upon which they're strung about. The flatness of the heat, from which, of a transparent-like manner, out comes but them, the parts that control the motion, the direction, the language center as well as the memory-core which is a lump of its own. A little more, sharpened to the side. A great tubular-thing the spine, more so spreading back as to leave for a lot of room to enter. Large pucker-like open throat-oysters, or hardened throats, marsupial as if to enter, upon which many more; unfathomable ends, all entering and all pushing inside, being warmed as it to grow in them. Broken apart and dissolved in part, then inside of them, those who entered the organs to enter inside. From there, all would be set in sight from the long extensions where pushing little antler-like elongations but wrap and push and torn aside, they're not there, but they seem to be the tools that fashioned the push-through, invisible hued grabbers, upon which it walked. Large pincer-like eaters that endure as they're put through the ground, fully shouting as from the scene of a massacre, a serene thing opening out of them as they're but pushing away from what cast against it. A large body of walls that surround it at all time, all but set like a Phalanx but shaped like tombs, open on its side, as to enter, meaty really much so that one could but form the little while-put through, a shape of his own, an image of a man's body, as to replicate each dream it had. Inside of it but bouncing around every single one of them as it's searching for a way out. Trapped inside of it and always searching like a child with but a candle in the dark, connecting with one of the scepter-like extensions that are attached to the evil heads it bears inside. They whom come out of the mass are greeted by the mirrored scales, whom talk to them but never touch, as their tongues but wreathe about. Javelins that got too sharpened, always but to scratch and watch, to grow inside the mightily set-after, the thing behind it, but coils around. Serenely they draw away, whatever they can, then push and pray, to the mark in the tomb, on the coffin carved, but around the head, pushed in, like a syringe that's but doing a shot. From

which it draws away as an infant from his mother praying, that this would be a dream, as swaying, through it could finally escape. But there's no such certainty as to fall, to see or feel anything else, to rise about or seem to move, there's nothing there to touch or prove. Only an endlessness from which no flight, or the heaviness may allow, alive for hours as it's searching, for something, something, never ending. No gap through the tombs for the mirrors to pass through, nothing that would be survived, nothing to have set them aside, or put through or seen as well, nothing that would taint them.

Following in the air, upon a world that's unaware; large mammalic ankle biters, shaped like huge put together basins, empty within their lower reaches, from where there pushed deep within. Endless steps as to be ascended, large unfathomable ends, twirled around and grasped beneath them, large containers filled with led, all too well and eaten through. A voice's echo would settle through and only be lost for hours before it could find but solace somewhere around. Unnatural hedge, and built out den above it, shaped out of the body of each bed that's held beneath its claspers. Both extended right and left as if a man's struggle to grab a wheel, three as well. Held together by put through cords, like a violently put through harp that's set on each side, puked about each hourly call. Many put-together grows that spread, out of the beads, flights coming out the sleepers whom are dead, during their dreams but pushed, as if from the underworld called but to seek refuge, caught in this flight of basins, the dream-catchers of meat held behind. Upon a system of gothic architecture put and wrought and set aside. Its rotten core, the snake emerging, dragging it carcass from behind, like a citadel, a being in it, still refusing to let go of it before it's set in flight. A middle formation, a grand creation that's but the intersection of both ends, from where sprouts but what's unnatural, and what's to come when there's no end; of many grows as well as many others, whom easily are cut and set aside, one could see the many spanners of how deep it buried itself. Only to have its flight ended and submerge in wild diseases, most incomprehensibly being ripped apart after, as the mountain calls upon its mad disciple.

A much bloated forth crab-holder, if it came out of a mixture of a billion miles, and hundreds of them but put through the waste of it, a large pool of acid mounts, all but mixing with him in the making, then dreading to grow and spread. Unnatural things coming out of each end; like nuclear silos that deeply submerge.

Some machines are easily disturbed, especially when they're in the process of being ripped apart from their mother-units, and put into the high-consolidated tube-machine and quarrel makers that spin inside of them. It's much harder to make out what kind o organic material there's usually lodged inside of it, as if it couldn't have been made clearer than, it being a large robust, broken clock, or would've been described as such if one were to split it open. But its appearance is nothing other than a mere coincidence as there's no possible way one could stumble or come upon the understanding that there's nothing in it. No head broken in, nothing. It was a miracle that one could see it walk again especially since those leg cartilages were but rather anatomically made or at least crafted, organically grown by some means to carry the fully weight of a machine-gun turret which was carried around by the naked beast. And there were a few unwashed, unnatural beings that would've found themselves, rather, incapable of understanding what the reason behind pulling the headpiece off it meant. It bore little rocket propellers that were attached to engine-shooters in the back of what looked like eighteen open missile rackets that were made to put so much force in what they were doing, the actions and the motions they were bent upon that one might come to realize the danger within it. If growth meant anything, it was the fact that they kept it in a swollen cage, a small thing where it grew forever, like an animal at the zoo, where it would rot forever, incapable

of thought. This raised a mental dilemma, whether or not this kind of treatment was somewhat inhumane and whether it should be avoided if that were the case. Since the place in which this machine was put in was rather, certainly it couldn't be called for or reproached as being out of the ordinary, when it came for people who knew something about the business, this being somewhat expected. It was the normal thing to do, something no one talked about, but had to be done. There was no such thing as a lie-abuse, or abuse-abuse, there was no abuse at all happening. The means always justify the ends, and forcing a creature like it to suffer forever, as the two legs were but missing of the originally eighteen legged structured, two-of the pairs, more to leaving eight legs or four pairs in total, which struggled to hold the weight by themselves, just this much could be told. It was no real turret, both something that shot spore-children in the air. Looking around at them was classified. No one wanted to approach the thing, as long as no one would do it, no one would die. It was just how it was, how they listened to it, when the time approached and when the time called for it, that much should be made clear, and aware. Large pistons actioning it; while it was held.

Peculiar dark family, which appeared to be swimming, inside a pool that was up to their throats, as much as it seemed a lost cause, the mover they were in was but froze. In place, not to feel as much of an embrace as one could see, this pentagon-like structure, with its metal legs extending in the back, with the many lifting room that seemed at time to draw in and out, pushing little things out, that would be hardly seen through. Thick walls surrounding it, that could as much as push on every side, extending as to form a thing-skinned tower where a family might rise and fall. Many people struck inside, peculiar hexagonal skies and walls which were but part of it. There it stood but split in half, with every level of this result but projected on the side, as if seen through and made to waste. Unnatural birth having occurred in the strung together barely holding girth that's put them together, barely set on an incline.

Large dark-head with pucker-horns, drawing out of the main structure horn-like influx of little puckers and many bothersome head-throngs, with little dead-heads on.

Weird shape of a dark sub-human Semite with a hooked prolapsed nose whose had his head kicked in through his throat and chest as to form a trail spanning across him, which would make the Semite look somewhat similar to an old woodcut of a man being sewed in half if he were flipped over while they started with his head instead of the other side, leaving a single trail that's opened him thoroughly. From above his frame a single malformed brain-shaped circle that's been expanded then fully drawn behind as to for a great tunnel through which little more than a fifty hound-like beings swim inside a liquid-like gelatin that's being fed to the maw waiting on the back of the Semite, forming an almost peculiar looking fully stretched soap bubble maker with diamond rings all around them-skinny metallic, yet ruses with little heads on top of them. Large yet ubiquitous.

Upon entering the coach, a strange flaccid dynamite being came out of it. Spreading a few strands of awfully shaped long necked distraught unnatural curved skin-jolts that pump up and down.

A beast' like opening from the side of the car, which had been dormant for some time. Spreading from side to side, long teeth that curve and push around the rims of a great invisible surface from which dark heads emerge, cocoon-shaped upon the projection. It's as if the car opened its side door, allowing for a great sucking mouth to press onto the earth, flaccidly liquefying itself until the dark shapes emerged, more abstractedly hardened, opening for a few unnatural people to walk on strange legs, shaped backwardly, as if to form, large contorted marching machines of cartilage upon which they stand.

Chests spreading in the back onto them as every wheel appeared to be of a hardened unnatural material that could never be put on, or be classified by any means.

Dark king with a peculiar hat, a crown that's pushed through his brow out of his jaw, having entered two thirds of his nostrils which were already pushed out; a head that's placed on top of a sea-ray where, both legs twisted in the back like a scorpion's tail cast a dark shadow upon a back filled with many holes. From where there comes out but various ice-berg like mountainous ranges that contort as they make their way through, seemingly uncannily stopped, every single moment when passing through. Its hands but stretched as far as to make him look like a plane, on top of which peculiar shapes, like put together figures without faces but strange disc-like depressions, which bear three holes rotate as to form little spindle-horn that retract and pump, then come out as when in need to sea. This peculiar king but crawling away from where it stands as to hunt whenever to be aware of what's but to happen around him. Unnatural gulps.

A calming demeanor coming out of a strangely submerged pipe-form that's crawling out of a partially decayed semi-hardened pool with two head-like formations coming out of it, headed around the rims of a strange, yet peculiar partially awake creature that cannot breathe inside of it, yet struggles to come out, having lost most of its skin that's been partially eaten out and left to rot in the most unfathomably dark abyss it could've landed into. A dark recess-like star formation on its back, landed across a most unnatural guttural form. Two eyes stripped on every side, eighteen carnage spots left to rot. Giant tubes coming out of its quasi primeval form that's rottenly left behind, out of which it sprouted out of, like a peculiar flower-creature despite the fact that it shed its own skin, what came to it was a strangely peculiar geometrical formation. A rot coming out of it, with four main structural brambles coming out of its top, delimitating four triangular blossoming body petals that are but kept floating above the pool like rafts, the great rod holding a strange malformation that's shaped like the cloth held behind by God in Michelangelo's depiction in the Sistine Chapel, yet bloated as a big liquid holder where the waves are but frozen yet squirm. Large insects but forming them as if trapped in that gelatin like-trap in which they're forced to eat one another and breed inside the left over as they struggle to come out. From the front side of it, if one were to identify it, out of the trap, a large spring but leading to a circular semi-moon black pea-like thing that's fully extended, grown and filled with sack-like compartments that produce dark-drips of steam-like putrid essence that spreads around and kills the flowers. Always beating like a heart, pumping and trashing around itself in attempts to get itself rid of the flies that surround it. Kept under a built in temple and worshipped by the Althrepps. Little creatures wearing tatters, with back tails that are as far as horses and bear leg-like entrapping pincers that come from their fat insides, heading out like little ear-crawlers as well as they bear a bone-rack in their backs that contort in their master's behinds as to carry them away. Yet even they are covered in this peculiarly long mattress cover that's belittling to see. They wear strange masks, that look like they are carved inside their faces and push even deeper than that, feelers inside their organs that beat around. Under the sheet exposed, little things that hold onto them. Arm-like things which humanoid and mammal-arms hold, to the partially encased, ivory-constructed artificial finger bear long needles that are inserted in the organs. Multiple livers, lungs, guts, and many others that aren't theirs; born like that. Upon their births they only live for a few minutes before they die unless they're given fresh organs they can latch onto, yet they squeeze them dry since they bear openings inside their fingerless hands, which bear some tongue-like fat clapper-tongues that beat that smash the organs as they're as strong as muscle. For that reason their parents but attach the strangely put together fingers that are inserted inside of them, as to delay the consumption of the freshly acquired organs. Rather

centipede like in the mere-like back, at least the shapes that expand from inside their openly rounded holder, a space where they retract in and hold still as if it's a small cove of their own, resting beneath the warmth of the meaty ceiling. The rack being more so akin to a comb that's been shoved inside the back, deeply pushing in, with the handle inserting itself into a simple fat lump of a body that holds the covered face; which bear two seal arms on each side and all the arm coming out of the open-gutted stomach that drips below it.

It was then they neared it, a large unnaturally developed organic room that's been mounted on top of the head of a great willowing beast, its outer horns but keeping a hold of it, as they suddenly emerged and pushed themselves through it. Its nigh-canine head but split in half as to become almost fully encompassed in the most unnatural system to date. A targe-like spread shot of moisture, that almost looked as if it had been completely if not near completely encompassed in the structure. Through which the fragments of brain that had once been lodged inside the skull come to shape. Unnatural things by the looks of it, covered in bone-shrapnel, every few paces of so drawn forward.

Dark essence manifested in a peculiar mist, a vapor that's moved from dead beast to dead beast, until they form, for what appears to be more than a few emptied rooms.

Little pucker that's shaped like a dark bucket that refuses to move aside, made out of many barely put together snouts that could not move unless forced to. Little more than eighteen dark heads that are shaped like dead humanoids that cannot move unless poked, unless dead and caught and shoved aside. Eighteen darkly put together anchor-shaped following through.

'The dark beast emerges and we must sing in its name and name it so that it might remain.'

A great ledge, a peculiar valley great organic creature that's but looked like a limbless put on its back, flipped tortoise with but one large edge to the right of masses from which a crest of right-curved, right pointing spikes emerged. The inside of a drop, a pool or a well-like depression in the middle of the mass, from which there lay but a strangely curved protrusion upon which it walks, as to be. An elongated limb forming a great C, that's but connected to a cartilage frying pan, with spikes on its handle. Many eyes adorning it, as to look but jeweled and pure; little rods connecting the gaps between the c and the pan, the point of end, between the dragging ledge but bearing a single extracting chain that's been put through the depths of the earth and through the depths of death from which they but cleave.

The soul inside the machine, almost eaten then cast within the hour.

A horde of trashing Mongols that are shaped but like an empty unnatural stretch; little to more of them but barely put together until they can no longer be allowed to move.

In the strange room; what lay inside of it could only be distinguished by looking about the place with the unaltered eyes of someone who's been basking inside the sun continuously for thirteen months at the very least, leaving as much to be held in order to be at peace. Fires rising around the place as the arousal of flames would do their best to prevent themselves from spreading everywhere like an uncannily incapable to be prevented fire.

A giant blimp, peculiar, with product placement on top of it that's shaped like bills of skin and sheet-like protrusion, lines of boils that are shaped like traces of cocaine and little pegs of long-stretched worming extensions that enter the strangest of unnatural heads.

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Its great lagoon body but came to life as soon as one could put a fine strange of skin-alike on the floor, floating in the air as it spread between each few meters forming wild directional bloody-concave walls around its floating wall. A small top, like an openly exposed mug shape that looked as if it were a brain, squirming with red torsions that but swam around as if it bore nothing else other than some filthy pool that was made to wait for what came after. There was something about this squared up round headed plump comet-like creature, not the dripping of blood or filth that ran off it but the many growths that ran along it, pushing out, reeling in and everywhere where one could see and snare as many hooks until it could be ripped off gallantry and forced it to be beaten until nothing remains. A peculiar canal-like protrusion, almost phallic, with many sharp long tips making its teeth; the skin being ruddy red, skinny as for the desert in which its flight but pushed around everything. Little particles of dark grit but having gritted its form and shape in time; while from the side or from a peculiar angle one could see a pseudo-line despite there being none, like a highlight that's been given birth by two intersecting edges as that of a finely sharpened cube, which only signaled that its insides were more so, more or less hardened and highly structures as opposed to the bile thing it was. They flew in flock and from the looks of it, sometimes they stacked on top of one another, forming a pseudo-looking humanoid spine, each being forming its segment once they were intersected, yet driven in an uncanny valley since there was nothing else to it, other than a scum-protrusion in the back, one that couldn't be seen in any other way at that, other than the single microscopic view of a hair strand, only the base of it with a pseudo tip coming out, extending from the back of the creature before it reeled back in, at the end of which, a formation bloated out like a rubbery thing being filled out with an unfathomable quantity of blood that's been finely preserved, look-alike to many men struggling to come out their prison, and out of it, and then back in they remain. Particularly looking humanoid fetus-like large headed tetrahedrons with many horns that swing around from which, once they had gathered and formed the great emblem and the great stander, this much was left without their wickedness be set aside. A huge pillar that they formed, unnaturally so, from which at the top they shot like a gazer, connected to the peculiar planet, where they couldn't be set in stasis any longer rose; from four great scepter-forms. They were grabbed by giant heart-marked, as if they had been hot-ironed on top their middle region, where gaps could be seen, the little fingers being stretched as well as they pushed in, out of long chests, without heads, from the throat-regions out of which emerged, many other hands but followed, many legs like that of a basin of tadpoles followed after. Chewed upon, shrew bones being the offering that no one wanted to move on. Little thing followed through, devouring everything on their way through, leaving just as little to be held, magnanimously forlorn and little more as well. A little more than eighteen hundred mouth-stings shot, all around the place they but carried on, long extending peculiarly thin, unnatural edifices and little more than thin sheets of melted wax, little more than unnatural springs of filth at that began protruding from the earth.

They deformed the land, as the toothy stalactite-figures rose from where they stood and froze as within the hour, not to leave something to be held. The ground being caught as well, spread and segmented in many mammal-like shapes, all of which were raised as mounts, near one another after they remained. Little more than a few of them could be seen and more than enough of them bore toothy grins, in which the figures seemed to spare within, to swim before they could be caught, as thin, little bloated churls, they pushed out and wreathed as far as they could reach everything else. They, of all looked like boils at the top of the mammals. Beyond the pseudo tails as each end but cast-out heads, of many fathers. They were big and bloated, and seemed to make the tails look like throats. Dark things with dark eyes with little more than open sores that made their mouths and features, always grinning, laughing from that point on, as they were but endlessly pushed around, until finally their heads were standing no longer, flaccidly after they had but poured themselves down; to have reached and rested upon each other's brows as they wasted away; what followed after were incantations from the people whom had stayed beneath the lower-rims of the earth, beneath each girth of the land, they had followed through, abandoning their robes and shrouds before they emerged. The harshness of the weather made them seem lifeless, hopeless, incapable of doing anything else than the purpose they've been conjured for.

'We've been walking through the plains for hours.'

There was nothing more but the obscure look of the dark surroundings, a land that was dimly lit, there was nothing to it, by any means that held their hands in acquiescence of the first dark forts that followed through.

During those times, it was the first family of Thytheria that emerged. Robust monstrosities, brutes that carried their own in order to make out it alive, mostly covered than anything that might've shoved them on each side. Kept alive by kleptomaniac-tubes that were shoved inside the ground, they but shot them in the beasts' head before it could react.

'It should save us a few hours at the very least.'

Said the Great Igominus of Thint, who took to bear the first of the strands of bloody hairs he pulled out of one of the dead.

Air-fillers were a given, since they could not deal with the invisible statches that crept about, making their way through them, as they buried but inside every man. No one was safe from the contamination.

So much power was somewhat condescending, since there was nothing to it, no elation, nothing to them that would matter or break, it couldn't be achieved no longer, large brained creatures, many of which were tumor headed, and would become unstoppable in time, after their growth became unstoppable, unremarkably so. There was something in them.

Couldn't control it, too many mouths that sprouted, too many of them boil-holes as if they popped, many of them came out from below as well.

All had too many faces to count and all of them were bloated, big incapable of being stopped, too uncannily deformed and fat and filled with that, their mouths couldn't be stopped. Like many antennas that were but formed with mosquito-textures that were but soiled and put inside, their whole filth, filth, filth and chemistry but put inside of the air, they poured themselves out. Harder, much harder to explain,

they squeezed themselves until they couldn't help themselves any longer, until they began popping again and again until their remains had spread just about the place, until everything was made.

'I need to breathe, I need to breathe, I cannot help it any longer, I see it.

My lungs are bursting.'

They were tall, kept like flags on top of their large lines, their pulmonary tracts erected from those disabled looking deformed creatures that followed through. They were incapable of breathing, so much excitement, all that which was spread upon them.

Large wide-spread mouth effigies could be seen, made out of white, held by little bat-like thin humanoid-like hands which only dragged and pulled until they couldn't help themselves any longer. It's been so hard, and it's been such a dark thing to look at, such a hard amount of pain, so bothersome.

Malignant voices everywhere, they wanted to sing and sign but couldn't breathe, past the headache, past the wing of pain and what came after, it was too much to take.

Some of them imploded and burst through the air, forming the most unnatural things that joined the great pox-in the air, they were aware they were looked upon and feared.

Larger thing that followed, hardened chitin-wings that were put together in vortexes of pulling skin that were but vertically held and held upon them wreathing things that shot as well into the horizon, forming great peculiar elongations that fell forever in the distant stretch. Bothersome, bothersome, bothersome, the pain in the head; the creatures below took hammers as they but began beating their heads desperately as they were incapable of doing anything else. It had to end, it had to end.

'Too many haggard beings.'

And thus the house of Filth haggard was born.

And to it joined the god of such mold that its back looked like a mound of shapes, goat-like piles dead, but only in squirm-alike since the mound extended and formed two heads that all wore the faces on every side, four and four, they were sharp galore, and would bear their tongues with each arm, they shot themselves like pucker-acid reins that dragged them to stretch and had no legs but constantly dripped limb-like legs. With mouths at their ends which drew out like caterpillar-shapes from which those fat things, those blob-like eyes but started opening and little fly-like creatures started coming out.

It were its children.

'Bilderyhast I deem thee bee.'

I see, I see they thought in unison and gleche and gleche, they said and would pour out their heads.

Little men of little rust cast together after that they followed through incapable of breathing through the sinew that flew into the air, incapable of eating anymore they but gave birth to a piece of land and started sharing it, the mad beings, that wanted to end that thing in the head, to end it, to end it, to end it before it spread, this was no madness but a pain that had to stop.

And the creatures below all began chanting.

‘Joy, joy, joy, joy, joy joy and clarity, we, again approach reality, we shall call upon the cast that shall be put, alas, we create a world out of that.’

And there appeared Bilderyhast who opened its back only to revealed a trail-like formation of mouth-like jaws that were put together as to form a contorted ration filled with little heads, a train-like thing of which wheels were but the rotating wheels of torture that were made out of red skin, which had been pulled from some dark rimmed dimension where they formed, the torture.

‘The supreme torture of the limb-bearing things.’

But there were no limbs left, instead an unnatural thing came after.

Instead of breathing destruction, this elongation from the back started weaving a world together, a womb-planet that would burst and spread, that would go ahead and make everything right, in the head. They could not fathom waiting for another second, as they but began, spreading between themselves, the pain could not be brought to a stop. It felt as if they bore a lot of corpses, from which they made a net. Dead-women, a lot of them were brought in eighteen beaks. A white pale-raven that had scrawls on its wings, chained with peculiarly blue-coral chains of ultramarine-alloy, their eyes were all wrong, they looked as if they were put on top of one another at least twice, and they wore peculiar drawings on them, like an incomplete triangle that points down, the two lines that would’ve connected on top going around each other as to leave a gap passing through. A straight line intersecting the triangle, and their irises were barely drawn ugly scrawls that were rotating and bore strange marks on them. Others had weird words written as well. But most importantly, alchemical writings and illustrations that pushed ahead. And they spat various corpses out of their throats, so many butchered women, all who deserved it.

A man was there in them but he survived. He spoke.

‘I hate women, but I love them, I am caught in this trap, I cannot help myself, It’s not how I’ve been brought but I have come to realize, oh, monsters that I’m surrounded by.

That I’ve spent too much time alone, that, I came to know that I’m afraid of them. I am but intimidated, and I cannot help myself, I am scared but I loathe them because I fear, like trapped culprit, I go to my heavens without fear, now that my confession has gotten itself through.

I am the evil man that has been speaking to you, oh mad beasts for this long, now, my conscious is almost clean, but alas, I am reminded, now my madness almost ended, my focus had been restored, I hunger and fear no more that I look upon thee. I’ve come to realize that there’s something I’ve been missing for far too many days, I come to know myself but fear I do not convey.

I bear the hatred I made myself be born and bred through, I whom but hates those creatures, dark and seen-through, it’s something I shall never move away from, never shall I fear of being known of being shown as the vile thing I am. I come forth as the lord of all evil, the man who shall rule the house of Filth haggard in the name of vileness and for which I was but made to rule through.’

And there was another god whose name was Pletuthad and Illito and Ghluthetar, and they were vile and disabled and filled with gangrene and huge and wildly set and outlandish looking and contorted as if they

were made to fit one another as if they were indeed the Gordian Knot that was been cut by Alexander who was the king of wild heavens, and who was but cut in half, at the side of which his entire legacy was set inside, growing as his servants were become him, on the other side, he was widely open as he had conquered everything he had ever stumbled upon, with all the evil being set in his eyes, since they were red. A red miasma coming out of them as they forged everything and out of his open-gaping mouth a peculiar reality was deformed and contorted and it was peculiar, for it was set. A large form like a shark-like pyramid split the land as to form something similar to the Grand Canyon, in which most peculiar of beings swam, in those pools where man has never stepped in, they continued moving around. Partitioned peculiar legs, with peculiar leprous frogs that were dead and were formed to be, large framed of cancerous structures, all placed under shadowy canopies that were formed out for the ancestors of his worn killed fathers.

All of them were present there and all but governed like giants with teeth coming out of their mouths, pushing out until they formed interconnected cartilages that looked like cabinets and stoves shoved together but made out of the most immaterial hardened liquids as well as they shone with green gas and peculiar red masses that started flying on, contorting like lynching ropes, pushing out, then back, from there on, they spread and formed peculiar saw-spinning growths that pulsated with faces that could be seen, spread-right on. They were their ancestors as well and each single one of them but shouted as they were forever trapped in those things, which were just as soon revealed for the disabled pain they spread on. Every single man of the kingdom had its legs taken away from them. Their ability to walk being completely reduced to suffering and suffering without end; gaping as they were, peculiar crucible-freighters appeared to be buzzing in the air.

It is highly improbable but at the same time true.

‘I am elated to be elected as the representative of madness that’s been entered through the gong of skin through which I’m cut, let me split your throats open.’

He said, while as soon as he received the other ones through, his gut was become a dangerous thing, uncannily put through as if through some truncheon, the man didn’t know how to behave. He was the steward, at least one of them, but he received the two tribes nonetheless.

There were two tribes situated on the platform, since they were human, they simply manifested themselves out of nothing as if they’ve been willed into existence. One was a tribe of all females, the other of males. It bequest no question for a man to figure out what happened afterwards since it take no half a mind to see it happen.

The women quickly surrendered then proceeded to being raped by the men who ruthlessly impregnated them. There had been no fight.

‘Champion, champion I declare thee, Elmanach, muncher of carpet-rats!’

It was indeed an art, looking at them so wildly exposed, this being a dark jungle all would but avail than to look at for more than a few minutes.

Regardless of it, they were bashed and trashed and made to pools, as soon as it hat, there was a hat in the middle of the platform. A giant had, a peculiar one at that that, it was not shaped like a hat but a dark

cylinder that grew. Their heads were drawn to it and formed the outer points, strung tightly around each corner of the not-to-be-seen room that was in there, invisible faint, it was. All of the sudden the leashes could be seen on his back.

The steward did not like that. He was tall but wore fancy clothes, and walked on two coffin-rose through people that were formed constantly then disappeared once they were done walked on top off. Which only drew so much deeper as to look through them, as for his elation, there was a grand reason for it to happen as well.

‘I’ve been listening for a while.’

‘And who might you be if you don’t mind me asking?’

‘I am the Devourer of mouths.’

And the creature but chomped his right off, cleanly, so.

A moon it was sang to, a moon would be split in half by the blade of the right half of Alexander.

‘Another celestial game which must end, won’t it?’

‘This cannot continue forever, you must know already, everything has an end and from the looks of it, everything you might do, everything you may progress through making no matter how hard you’re going to attempt trying will end up being destroyed.

Unfortunately, I’m afraid. But I’m more afraid of you losing what’s left of yourself than what comes after, you lost your faith, steward, you’re no longer the thing you used to be, worn out as you may think of yourself, there’s no reason.’

‘Shut your mouth, I’ll see no reason, I.’

Settled with that.

They were praying to peculiar shapes that were largely deformed and appeared to be outwardly drawing unnaturally elongations that started pushing out of their main trunks. They were bloated like fat-finger shaped crystals from which four main half-ellipse like shapes came out its top, making it seem like a split open wheat-fragment, at the end of each of them there being a single pus-rotund heads, that are hardened like crystal-dead coffins, in which there lay little men in little put together unnatural silicone-goat-heads.

They floated in tiny skin machines with unnaturally grown heads that appeared out of nowhere, pushing out of pin-head like openings of skin, creating pseudo balloons that expanded just about the place, having contorted as to become the most unnatural claspers there are. Within the hour they became like troglodyte peashooters out of which dragged along some moving antler-liquor beds that were as stretched into one another’s wildly open manifestations of ribs that appeared in the sky. They were pouring out the most unnaturally quasi-globular shapes that drew along as soon as their inception was done. Oblong-globular in the most flattened at the bottom way, where a few lines of thick skin drew below, forming two foamed-upon sheets on both sides, a total of four stretched upon the racks that surrounded the sheet-faces that chewed protruding incisors that tried coming out of their prison. Large eye on every flat, they didn’t come

in two. And the globular oblong bore a thin-hair like curved beak shape that pushed out of the visible bowels of the strange flying creature that was given shape. Many of them were poured out, having already been encompassed in the most unnatural glass-cloud they could produce, having given shape to skin-shards that floated around them, green reflection for every hardened apparition that was maintained even for a few seconds before they were bore out of their way and around them. Large pseudo-prune like faces could be seen contorted on them, but wingless and mightily benign. There were open gaps all around their bodies which peeled off during their flights, which were nearly indistinguishable from the human faces they bore on the sheets but they could barely be seen as they crawled deeper inside, tearing their own filth from inside out which they poured out, creating pseudo-strands of flying little infantile protons of skin that bloated the air as they kept growing in the most unnatural manner; having bred inside and bred and bred in quiet.

Large shoulders kept it from snapping its own neck because of the weight, drawing from its surroundings with the most unnatural deformed coils that were parted of the barfed out wings that had been hidden inside their guts. Since they depended on these deformations, they would be constantly choking off and spreading their diseased gut-acid during their peculiar flights, being incapable of surviving in the air for long despite the fact that they were incapable of crawling along because of their fattened bodies. The tips of their talons being more like soft masses than actually sharp nails that could be used to draw along. With them being slightly open and partially split around the tip of each end, bearing along what would seem to be a huge darkly bloated tail with small decorative incisors that are partially devoured, large pieces strolled along, like rail-growths that were twisted and placed like ball-curling infantile creatures that hide inside of one another.

Long stretch of land forming large spherical halls, at each end, a crucifix stretch between them with the two intercrossed lines being even more inwardly curved, finally depressing in a pair of stairs that lead to two different crossroads like patterns that drive even deeper in the ground, gut-like chambers that devolve into less solid shapes, abstract like patterns that could be walked as follows, instead. Straight ahead, below, the side, as if seen on the side, glued to the wall or walking on magnetic bands until the legs will have become but set there while the rest of the body crawls along and bleeds out of the stumps as if the legs had been sawed along, or put through so much abuse that they could no longer push out of where they lag.

Rifles with many sides that push out like tusks, the upper shape protruding and standing out, a square-like mammoth with large canons fidgiting on both sides as they push along and below, pumping almost when they draw out. With a heat-like spherical oblong organ attached to the top that's pumping like a heart with two teeth-like drawing necks-like shapes from which two little pints come out, bearing oozing dark spheres that appear and disappear as if they are but optical illusions.

The dark body of a siphoned little block of iron with little orange heads painted in as they but push out of a smaller bodies connected to everything just about the place by tazer-shot cords that shot along and grew in fat, until these strange ant-like walk raisings were but pushed around the place.

Humanoids with open heads, just so one could see the brain, their faces carved into their cortexes, moving along with an uncanny speed yet never leaving the cranial pool they're in, while their actual faces but featureless, or at least cut in and sutured. Large rots implanted in their heads that are but shaped like branch-chameleon insects, the ones that camouflage themselves like leaves, drawing out and moving

around, at times creating the most unnaturally deformed looking pops of power and electricity as they push out in every possible direction, their sparks but creating fires along the planet, like the butterfly effect, but not normal fires. Fires that's but made out of skin and is but spread within the ground and the organic surfaces as to create giant domes and mounts with brain patterned faces that are theirs. Pushing and drawing little fly-shots, that burst out of them like tiny explosions or stepped on mines, as to be largely exposed; body-like elongations of harpoons that are but set in flight, bearing their marks and look-a-like teeth-like incisors that are but hardened like lump irons. These strange Brain-lobed rods but communicating with molecule-like portal shaped-vortexes in the air that look like brain scans if they were cut by as small child with scissors during his play-time in the kindergarten, where he drew an ugly little eye and a smile on top of it which is constantly rotated and sometimes looks like a banana, other times it looks like a fifty five degrees and fifty six degrees, and eighty one degrees rotated smile that's still shaped that way. And they speak but chopping their fingers and toes and by throwing them into the vortexes as they are but trying to communicate their precise instructions to the flying creature whose faces are but missing, but their brains are but projected in the sky every few minutes, right before they explore and spread along cancers of flies, and flying termite like truncheons that breath into one another's breathing plump snatched-in little carrion-shaped rifles to which they're attached, dragging it along as they're readying themselves to assault some of the unsuspecting people they've been tracking and stalking for hours.

The roof of the house looked like a middle aged upper face of a man which was cut off then put into a mixing basin where it started protruding and moving along ever so near, here and there, as to appear out of nowhere only to be broken apart, as if it was thin and reeled in and out, drawn along by heat-chemicals that were but entered into the most unnatural head-exposures that were themselves dug in; a little nasty man with two heads being put out like a fire.

A table that had a few books of different sized like an anthology of selected short stories taken from various authors that is thirteen centimeters wide, twenty point four centimeters in height, with a thickness of one and a half centimeters in total, roughly being zero point two for one piece of the cover, zero point two for the other, while the pages would amount to a thickness one roughly one centimeter and one when squeezed together. Those measurements not being entirely precise since the lines are relative; one thicker novel of eleven centimeters in length, roughly seventeen and a half in height, the pages being somewhat thicker here, as the book is kind of shaped like an axe, being four and a half at the tip or at its ends and four point two at its base, while the back is convexly contorted adding to an edge of three and a half as they were but inwardly pointing at one another.

Neither houses were set in place, as they were grown and pushed out, pouting like little anemic-growths; with little head extensions that pushed and poured out of them from time to time, forming dark crests, that were drawn in front of them; little peg-like ship-fronts that were molded together as to be seen as they were put together afterwards.

Sadness

Father Lomb approached his daughter.

‘I’ve tried my best kid, but I couldn’t do it.

I’ve tried feeling something, but I failed.’

She turned towards her father. A splatter of light on his face, his eyes were on the same spot for the last half an hour. His souls had waned.

They were simply not the same eyes she had seen before, different, worn out, but the same. Still the same.

The man across the street he had passed near had felt it. When the fall. When he was at home, if he’s ever been at all, no matter.

‘Do you want to know where I got this from?’

He showed her a tiny watch he’s gotten a long, long time ago. It still bore a dent in it.

It was hers, and his daughter knew it, even before it was revealed.

‘But you’ve never showed it to me before, why now?’

‘I don’t know kid, I don’t know.’

Her photo, his last reminder of her was ruined. He knew she’d grow up without him from this point on, yet there was nothing he could tell her. It was, it was to be their last time together and he hadn’t even considered giving it to her.

A few feet away.

‘That man died for us, cover your eyes kid.’

‘He can’t be dead.’

‘He’s not getting up, kid, settle down.’

‘Get the fuck out of my way, I need to see him!’

He had been shot eight times in the head, his leg sawed off, a bottle-tumor having encompassed his entire body, eighty five degree burns all around what was left of his body after a fall through the broken building. A spear having turned his insides to shreds of innards, a helicopter having entered him entirely, on its way out and through; a stroke suffered and twenty similar heads placed around his, as if he had died several times.

Yet the child could not accept that the man was dead.

He was trashing his hardest, doing what he could to get as close as he could to the man. He had known him all his life and now he was gone, forever.

‘I have killed my mother?’

‘Yes you have, you foolish creature, you have?’

Your mother? She is dead and you have killed her, just like you have killed your god.’

‘But it wasn’t my intention.’

‘Yet you’ve done it, filth, pagan that you are, I ought to have you punished and whipped.’

‘Have mercy please, I have not realized!’

Both of them were confused.

They had almost made it in time, within the touch, they were but ripped apart by one of the charging through cars, which left them bleeding on the other side. They were tainted and touched, their hearts had stopped while there had never been a time they ever felt alive. Nails were ripped, a scene within the crowd which gathered. She had but failed to weep as eyes stood frozen, she couldn’t see the flesh betokened to her lover, the man who was still alive. Whom had stared at his lover’s scarlet rim eyes, before he started fading through. A heart within reach, he manually pumped through, yet her life would not return, no matter how hard he tried, yet he’s done it on himself, no matter how hard it took for him to be alive, a little more for her.

‘Come on, keep running, we can still reach the station in time.’

‘We won’t, I know it already, I’ve seen it happen time after time again. You don’t understand.

As soon as you’re there, you’ll die. You’re always hit in the same spot right as you pass the street. Always but the man with a strange disease, you cannot stop it.’

‘Then leave, you little brat, I don’t need you here to drag me back, I can make it on my own if that’s what it takes.’

And with that, he tried, again, after a manner. Always leaving his kind behind, between each try, and every lap, he’s always caught between the crossfire, pulled between two sides. Always a man dealing the final blow, always but him pushing it in before he finally leave himself, on. With a broken eye and no charades, all too suddenly, out of this world, until he’s not there to wave any longer. The man died in the same spot, it must’ve been hundreds of times now the child witnessed. Him being caught with him, always sparring; with the other man; there were a few bull fighters somewhere.

A few matadors sparing with the wolf-bulls, of which horns were claws and which faces looked burnt in and sparing nothing any longer as they pushed through, pouting.

They made it far enough within the charge, then stopped. It was below them.

It reminded him of something.

A long time ago, he had been on a business trip to Middle East, where straight out of his envoy he was met by a peculiar Jordanian Pebble boy that was looking over a stand filled with Goats. What had truly surprised him in the little time they had spent together chalking up the talk was the fact that the boy remembered an old story his grandmother used to tell him during one of her many reminiscent trips along the Nile.

She wore a tall smoke-curtain and little peevish ankle-biters, crossed fishnets and a dandelion hat on top of a fairness that gave him the impression that she was nothing other than some out of home English slag than anything else, completely drawn aback by this wild demeanor in which he kept himself up-high. His nose being somewhat strung from the looks of it and always a heel high as if to cut her around the corner before she could step in between him and her grandchild.

‘I’m terribly sorry ma’am. But I don’t think you belong in such a place.

No, no, I think you’re bound to break an ankle around the desert if you stand too much around the plains, you must know by now that it’s rather dangerous being along the eastern waves.

‘I’m sorry young man but I do not know you and I’ve no intention of finding out who you’re supposed to be. Would it to have happened for you to be one of the bellboys whose unaware of the customs, perhaps I could’ve taken you lightly. Otherwise, I beg your pardon but I’m terribly inclined to dismiss you as the pig you are and move along with my dear Alphonse.

Come along child, pack everything up and tug it nicely, we’re leaving early.’

Indeed, man like him was created to exist in a vacuum of the kind.

He is but made to search for a woman, take her home, beat her, then have a child, beat him, abuse him, then die peacefully before he’s hit his fifties. That’s what a man is in his essence and no man might come to dispute that by any means. A man takes what he wants. A man may beat his wife, a man may claim whatever law there’s to him because he is the one who enforces it in the first place. It comes under his hand that the weak might be punished under him, for it comes to those in search of strength and might to throw no conquest off because the likens of a broad. Whom might make of him but weak and all. As she called upon a greater man to take him place, that’s when he might get replaced. It is obvious by that, that the woman cannot help herself, as she is the reason for there being chaos in the world, it seems. Without a man to look after a child, a figure such as his, a woman might only come to shove, to create and give birth to nothing but a criminal. That is what the female wants, for her nature is vile, ounce.

Indeed, it was, the only true at last. Why must they be evil?

Why must they act this way?

Even, from the looks of it, the nephew might come to convey such a thing, as he is whipped by the English woman whom might enact nothing more but what is truly the essence that’s blocked in their minds. It is for that reason that one might not simply come to brush away, what a woman conveys is but the evilness of her gaze. She is but a viler monster, than the likes of a rapist and that of a murderer. For she claims to be better than one, yet those things are but the results of a mother that hasn’t done her proper job. Out of which emerges the means of destruction and the clarity, which may instead destroy

what we may refer to as society. A creature like this might not be put in charge, she may not be allowed to cast and call no man under her command, as, other than a few infamous exceptions from the rule, most of them seem rather incapable of, certainly any kind of evidence that they possess such a thing as a cognitive thought. Loathsome as they are, in some way, they are still useful and one can still appreciate their forms. They do have their charm in the way they look and is show, for a short period of time, at least until their youth wears off.

And with proper help and the needed funding, they might even come to make something of a proper boy, into a proper, such as which, this was not the case.

The Jordanian boy was an annoying brat, although his upbringing could not be shoved aside as completely as to be the fault of her mother or that of her predecessor, instead, his heritage might come as a claim, Harley noticed.

Yet, it was something he's never considered before.

Maybe there was more to it, at the very least not to such degree as to completely demonize them. They still lacked what men have, or take for granted, but perhaps they weren't as lowly as they seemed to be. Other factors might come into play. Of course, there would never be a woman that would rise to the ranks of being somewhat grand, of worthy of admiration; yet they're not completely as incompetent as they seem to be. Still, they do seem to be fancifully incompetent in most of the task they seem to try their hands at, which is a given, as they need to be helped. Such is the case with infantile beings, one needs not forget.

'I would certainly enjoy a woman-amputee.'

If only they came as mouth-amputees alike.

'We're always caught in the same dance, aren't we?

We always find each other far apart, yet drawn to one another, aren't we? Yet I can't explain why.

It's getting a bit tiresome, bearing this loathsomeness I bear for you.'

He knew. There would be a time when man will have stopped beating his time, one day; regardless of the eons it started shredding through.

'Enough with the charades.'

Come to think of it, women are actually not only idiotic but easy to manipulate so they might do whatever you please without even having to put much effort into it. As one would finally be endowed to put her into an early grave, he thought, he followed the young Jordanian boy, whose name appeared to be Philippe, knowing that he would be lead to such a hen as to know of a place where women lived in. They called it, the Humane Harem, for the women inside of them were not only not to be touched, but.

He was there.

The malignant voice spoke to him right before he could be exposed to them. He knew they would all be torn open and ripped apart, their chests heaves, and wrought so, their entrails thrown across the floor.

‘They do not know of us master.

We must hide for now in their insides.

It is a cruel thing that we must hide.’

It spoke, with the little slit inside its pucker, the peculiar broth of mouths, twists of eyes and drooping features melted by the sky appeared; of filth that refused to disappear.

It wanted to hide in them and that would be done.

By midnight, the child lynched and them, having become the effigy of the malignant birth.

‘Their sub-humanity need be hummed in order so I may be brought to life, master.

You must do as I tell you thus, in order to bring me back, bring me back to life I beg of you.’

It all made sense upon the night he fisted the pillow with his arm. As many women as were needed to be killed, as many of their souls given to such an essence as the malign were to be brought to him, in order for his emergence to commence.

‘Do as I say muster, start sawing off their feet. There is power in them, you must collect as many of them, and form a heap that I may be summoned through.’

And thus so, thought saddened for what was to be brought upon him there. Upon a brazier he had but heated the blade, and started off sewing them.

‘It’s something neither of us will have to admit but in the end we have to live with what we’ve done in order to finally continue to survive.

No amount of pity or shame can be brought on the other side, remember that. But I may not live for long without this kindness you’re doing to me, your kind servant.’

‘What will be my reward other than your servitude?’

‘We shall have to wait and see.’

For the entire duration of the night, the Jordanian boy just watched this thing unfold without saying a word.

Ancient sages of Sicily confirmed as much. There was power in women’s feet, for those who’d cut.

He kind of considered that what he was doing, was somehow wrong. He did not enjoy doing it, but he had to keep his servant alive.

No other creature would.

Would.

‘I’m sickened by this, can I stop?’

I didn't mean to hurt them now.'

'You must realize that It's far too late for regret, now.

Especially since what you've done could be, somehow interpreted as being a kindness you've done to me.'

'I am butchered, I am butchered, look at my face!'

Said the child, the Jordanian came out of nowhere, with tears on his eyes; the poor young beast had shocked him by the likes of his mere stance. He had within him the proper distance, with the man standing prone, exposed, his throat could've been had. The boy could've sworn and enacted revenge, yet. Upon seeing them, there was nothing else he could think off.

It was something neither the servant nor the master had spoken off, as the boy fell on his knees. Just as he abandoned whatever chance he was left with to see again.

'You dumb boy!'

Philip's eyes but froze on the boy's frame, just as he reeled in, wrapped around him, he took him home.

His father had been a great man.

'I hate niggers and I hate kikes.'

'Tell me more.'

'It's the only thing this world could do without. I'm sick of seeing them, I'm just sick of having to deal with them and with their bullshit. I loathe them' beasts alike, for they is the devil, walking on this earth.

They is the devil incarnate, and it is left to us to remove them from this world.'

'What lead you to this conclusion?'

'It's that they hate us because of what we are. They hate us for what we is and what we made in the past.

Niggers are lazy, niggers are obnoxious, evil, they're criminals, all of them. And the Semites, they're eviler, and they keep grudges for a long time, and they don't know anything about fairness. So they seek to punish us for treating them as they deserve to be treated.

They is to be lynched like them niggers and be put by them niggers' side. They know niggers are dumb; that's why they want us mixed with them, because they was us dumb. It's how world works, because the kikes find it easier to exploit the niggers, but not the whites; at least not the ones who won't take their shit.'

'I presume you're one of those people then?'

'No sir, I'm just a dumb old crazy man, that's all. That's all they call me. That's all they call a man trying to tell the truth. But they smear a man like that, they put him on the paper. And they yell nasty things at him, call him names; say he is insane.

You know they make money off fake numbers, right? They fake the numbers all the time, but they never mention when they does wrong to other people. It's always them, sir, always them on the first place, everyone else is left to suffer, sir.'

'What do you hate about niggers then?'

'They're lazy, dumb, have smaller heads, they're not smart, they're uncreative, they keep bashing white folk but never their own. And most of the niggers are busying themselves with killing other niggers, which the kikes are busy sweeping under the rug, while hiding it away because folk know better than to trust a nigger.'

His father was a great man.

He instilled a great deal of things onto him.

His father was a good man. His ancestors owned eighty slaves and when the time of their release came, they chose to stay.

Yet he wasn't exactly like his father, or much like his ancestors.

As peculiar as it were, he saw something in that boy.

For that reason he chose to take care of him from that point on. While the flight back was unsteady, broken, and split in half, the plane being crushed from every side, having prematurely landed, or only the front-side of it at the very least, the back-side of the plane would eventually make it. At the very least it's what he expected.

'Jordan, I think it's what I'm going to call you from now on, boy.'

But the boy didn't speak to Philip.

Instead, he retained a sad look in his eyes. One he couldn't draw his eyes away from him. Most of the passengers couldn't, at the very least.

They were incapable of fully understanding why he took him under his wing, though it was not something they outwardly displayed.

Cold winds brushed past them from the gaping wound that lay in front of them. Somehow he knew that the pilot didn't survive the crash, yet the back of the plane was still set in flight, and would continue so until it will have reached its destination.

He looked at the boy for a moment before he wrapped his arm around his shoulder.

'I'm taking you to a place where you won't have to feel pain any longer, boy.

A place where you won't have to.'

He was silent. For a moment, it's. It's as if he remembered, who he was; what he was, from where he came from, who his ancestors were. Most importantly, it was the fact that, even if it were for him to change, he had still caused enough harm to become irredeemable. It's who he was. Taking care of a

scarred boy wouldn't change a thing; nothing would. Whatever other claim to the contrary would be a child's toil and he was not a child any longer.

But he didn't feel bad for himself as much as he felt guilty for the boy.

'The boy's your responsibility now, Philip; you hear?

His parents were killed during the Arab-Turkish fed un' the eighties', there's nothing left for him anymore. Not for a dumb blind child who knows no better than to ask for his parents and gran'.

If you don't take him with you, he's going to die.'

He reflected on it for moment, yet his mind was still yet to be made. If only I could.'

'Listen to me Jordan; because I am about to impart as great a knowledge onto you as possible. And careful not to mind yourself, as I'm only going to say this once, I know you can hear me, don't cover your ears boy.'

Philip stepped over his toes, then he began violently punching him until his ears rang.

'Sometimes people need to be harsh and evil in order to have something done, you understand?

It's never easy, but you got to know that some evils are acceptable. Lies may not be, but committing acts of what might be considered evil, which might apply even in a world of grays, in which something like that is completely, objectively, undeniably harmful, destructive and unexplainable, one cannot deny that it's what a man must do.

It's a harsh choice we don't want to think about. Regardless of what people might think of you for some reason, one must commit as harmful as act if that means protecting his own. Otherwise future generations might suffer, just like you, right boy? Do you hear me boy? Are you listening to me boy?

I'm only trying to help you, it's what I always wanted to do, it's the only thing that will do.'

Before long the plane had finally arrived at its destination, right in time, right where it needed to be.

He's grabbed the boy, leaped over, was the first to go through the rails, then took his time abusing him, giving him a beating such as this world has never seen before. He's hit him just about everywhere, relentlessly butchering him in broad daylight but never as close as to kill him. Only as near as to get as close as to cripple him, only that. He had anger problems and the kid was but scum, he had to be put through a wall. He's seen too much, he still had a mouth.

But that was enough in public, they still had to reach home, that's where it would truly begin, that's when he'd be put down to work. It's where he's had his first shot in a long, long time, all the way back from Jordan.

Once the waters cleared, he looked at the puddle in the middle of the room. This was a new carpet he's paid a lot of money for.

'You know who bought that fucking carpet boy? I have.'

He'd just as soon chop him into pieces, sell him over part by part until he's done. He had to be shoved through a fucking brick wall, he had to suffer a little. He had to be abused, just a bit, only a bit. That's never done no harm to anyone. So he's beat the child in the morning, during the mid-day, throughout it, then, when the night came, he's put him in a bright-lighted room where he would lose not a second, despite what he would mutter, the little shit knew what went on, he's not blind. I know he's not blind, he's merely pretending, dumb little shit.

Grabbed by the throat, thrown across the first wall until he splattered then fell down; picked him by the collar then flung him on his back. Stomped on his throat, spat on his face, only to draw the soles of his foot across his face and rub it in. Then lift the boy up, unwrap him of everything then make him stand in shame. Beat him again and again, then again and again, only to drag him around the corner and make him lick the spot, remind him to lick the spot, back inside.

'This is what I've become, boy.

Did you hear me?

Now look at me, boy, look at me now, boy!'

But he could not and it was late, he's. It was.

It was always like a dream. Always waking up from it as if it came as a lucid realization he could never get out of.

'You killed him.'

The voice spoke.

In a never ending fit of rage, he stood there and didn't know what to think.

'You shouldn't have kept me alive to witness this.'

'I.'

'You should've left me die.

I would've had myself heaved into nothingness than to witness what you've become, Philip. I never wanted this, I never asked for this, but now.'

He was stuck.

The dream was over, and it was still like he had yet to come to the realization of what he's done.

There was a knock on the door but it came too late.'

'You know what they'll do to you, do you not?'

'I.'

There was the blue sky waiting for him, in a sea of red, in the midst of the night. There was nowhere else to run. There was nowhere he could hide.

‘I don’t know where to go.’

‘There’s only one direction, how could you forget about it?’

‘I didn’t think they would know. I.’

But there was nothing else he could think of.

‘You should’ve known they would catch you eventually.

I’m the only thing you’re going to hear from now on, before they enter, before they break through the door.’

But he refused to listen.

His eyes seemed surreal, blank, transparent, non-existent. He did not even dare touch the child in the pool he lay; as he simply averted his eyes, drawing near to the shaking door.

Before he realized what happened, it was already over.

‘And now that the court adjourns, I pass the sentence to you Phillip Cling Montgomery, as guilty of all charges of first degree murder, to which you are to be escorted the chair as you are to receive the capital punishment.’

Where his heart finally sunk into dirt.

But he survived, Phillip Scarf survived.

‘Master, dear master, I brought you back.’

To where it all started, back in Jordan, in that secluded den, where, between every dead woman, a portal made out of cut-women feet appeared to be set. As soon as they were used, every single one of the untouched slippers was made to fall to the side, then left to abide.

Knowingly he asked.

‘Am I in a coffin?’

‘Your first cast was initially, incinerated, my dear lord, I presume you’ve come to expect this, if anything at all. This is your new body.’

And before it shut itself up, the peculiarly deformed, red-tinted malignancy he had come out of, disappeared, then was set to lay aside, not to be met again, not to be put, and dead. Throttled, every woman-foot was then burnt as they fell. Buried as well, but him? He felt rather elated. Philip never felt greater than he felt then.

‘Wait, but what have you done?’

Alas, he had finally realized.

As soon as he turned towards the empty slippers, upon the face of the one contorted sitter, whose body leaned against the nearest side of this stone-lodge he entered, he stumbled upon her face. He neared her, then with a brush across her face, he finally came to realize who she was. It couldn't have been her, not here, not now, not then. But it her, it was indistinguishably her.

He had killed his wife, it was none other than her; that could not be denied. And this vile thing that pushed deeper in his heart only begged for this to be some illusion, a fake, a look-a-like, anything but her. Yet. This was the last time I could ever stumble like fool, he said to himself, lain upon her brow where, upon a split eye, he came to realize, it was not him.

'It wasn't the one who did it.'

He pushed his fingers through her socket, only to pull out a letter.

'It was I.'

Singed by no one. He immediately counted everyone in sight. He knew something was off. Two feet were missing. It was hers.

But he wasn't in Jordan anymore, it couldn't be. Someone took out the sand, someone cut that piece of the world, and they reconstructed it in his room.

A door stuck out against this peculiar reconstructed background.

Of course, this was her room. He was still in his manor, back into his childhood home.

'The murderer cannot be far.'

'But Philip, he knows where you live, he knows where you are, he knows of our ritual, look, the bodies were taken, carried over, then placed in the exact same spot. Even the sky is painted on the walls.'

'That's a hole.'

'Which is irrelevant; you shouldn't known better than to do it under public view.'

'Yet you're the one who ordered me to do it in the first place.'

'I cannot be solely blamed for it.'

'Then we shall find the murderer.'

And from that point on, it was settled. First, in order to be certain, he had to check whether or not it was as he suspected. He would have to check where Jordan was buried; stopped immediately as he saw a few detectives, all lain across the front door, across the room, standing there, sharpening their fingers, standing. Eating, preparing, this looked closed and dilapidated.

The investigator remembered a conversation he's had earlier with his wife.

‘Mary, I am your loving husband, yet I feel betrayed by you.’

‘Why, what have I done?’

‘You looked at another man.’

‘I’m sorry for what I am.’

‘We’re getting a divorce and I’m also beating you.’

‘Don’t do it, please.’

‘I’m going to do it, I’m going to beat you, woman, then I’m going to divorce you.’

‘But Bow, we haven’t signs a prenup.’

‘It doesn’t matter because I’m going to be you to death. I’m going to kill you with my fists. You are going to get beaten to death. My fists are going to break you, I am going to end you.

You my wife are dead to me and will be dead for everyone that’s even known you. But that’s only because you betrayed me.’

‘Why must we always have this conversation over something that happened ten years ago?’

‘Because, as you know, every time I get within an each of dealing a deadly blow that may shattered your wrists, cracking your ribs, smashing your jaw, squashing your pretty little plump lips, undoing my buckle, I stop. That’s only because I’m a good man. And good men may not do what I do, to put you, in an early grave. I spare you because I love you.

Yet at the same time, I need to make sure you understand that I don’t like you looking at other men.’

‘That happened a long time ago. I’m blind.’

‘I made sure of that.’

‘You cut me down there so I may feel no pleasure either, yet I never betrayed you in such a manner.’

‘From what I know, but I said to myself, better safe than sorry; I know you don’t understand what fairness is. You owe me as much, you owe me your life, because I took you in, I put clothes on you, I spent good money on you. You’re fed, you’re played with, I gave you gifts. And how did you repay me when the time came?

You threw it all out of the window, with my heart. My heart is broken, just like your body. Just like my body.’

She was having a seizure that sent her in a coma, where she lost her consciousness, before the back of her head curved backwards, slipping off the stairs, as the entire body weight dragged her down, completely shattering her lower body, ribs and then carving her open like one of the pig-fillets that were put on a Thanksgiving day where she became a seal-shape effigy that began opening herself up only to be

completely rotten by the amount of pain that shot through. Two seconds, at least spent dry. Without the on-lookers one would know when to die.

‘I have killed my wife that day though I feel little shame for what I’ve done, or so I thought.

But I’m starting to feel regret now, and I. I don’t know what to do from this point on. I’ve started thinking about growing old. I started thinking about living a life, consider a life without suffering. But on my way to that paradise, through that peculiar stretch of light, I don’t know why. It was an impulse I could never explain, but I.

I looked behind me, in my confusion, thinking I could see her again. Then I remembered, and just as soon, in that moment I realized she’s not there. She could never have been there.

You see, fellow inspectors. It was a dream, this expectation of mine, I thought it would never end. I thought I could hold onto everything and make it as it was, my friends, my family, those I loved. Yet then I realized, I can’t; this is what put me on this thing, this quest, this search of mine if you will it. This world of lies, this thing, it made me think, does it truly deserve to survive? Should it be allowed to?

Why? Why should anyone be allowed to make it? Why should anyone be allowed to survive in a world like that?’

‘Yet you’re the one who ran away, isn’t that what you told us? You’re in no measure fit to judge us when you’re no different than us.

In the end you could never escape the nature you’ve accused the world of being guilty of. So what then?

Will you hold yourself accountable for the same crime you’ve criticized us of? You don’t know anything of loyalty either, but who does? Loyalty to a limit is no loyalty and no amount of lying will change it, either to the state, to your fellow man, to your family, or to everything else. It cannot work that way.’

‘It does, it has to, I know it has.

It’s not fair, I failed to keep a hold of them, I deflected, that doesn’t mean other people will.’

‘Most people do, you cannot put an end to something’s life in order to preserve it.’

‘I can, I can, I know it’s not the fix, but it’s all I have. With it, I. I will be capable of preserving everything as it once was, everything as I once was.

One day, I shall do it. I shall take claim over this world, no matter what it does to me, I will find a way to keep it all as it once was.’

With it, he stopped talking.

‘I am insane but no one believes me, I want to slaughter you all.’

And he turned and all of the sudden pulled out a gun and made like in a sauna where they were sweating red vapors, having left early.

‘That fool just did my work for me, now I can leave and be at peace.’

He thought and just as soon as he was back to his nerves he considered the following, finally being allowed to do as he pleased, as he felt his duty to simply go there as early as then.

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'I can't fucking stand it, all of you. All of god damn all, of you, criminals, all of you!'

Too damn tiresome.

God damned frustrating broken world.

Everything was torn apart, every piece of wall, every stranded piece, every floating city, falling pit, every continent and the ones within. Too hard keeping up with everything.

'Deep Scum-throng Nine has come to report.'

Coming from a blue Paradise of long, deep-burrowed parasitic hounds-cars, he started shaving skin away.'

His long-finger stretched, drenched in what appeared to be a head-chariot which drew him around the room. Enough space lay for him to display the malignant side of his skin-shaping sapience which drowned his senses until his heart throbbed no longer. Ill-in the head, he spoke with a false tongue, once it was looked upon, wronged of evil, it spoke even less.

'Could've gone two more steps there partner, no one was hiding. No one out in the open either. It was just how it was suppose to be.

Everyone acted accordingly.'

'What are you talking about?'

'Some men were killed during our stay.'

There was nothing there.

Although eventual, despite having taken time, both the Duke and Malt would not comply, and at the threshold of destruction meeting, through torn ship and least of all, melted reality, there stood in front of them, where lay, an open door to the planet where he laid.

There, they walked, simply in sound. And once upon the sight, they met him, less in doubt.

All of the sudden he arose.

Whence he never met, deposed, there stood Tongue-Agagemnon resting, watching upon an utmost uncanny sight. He never understood how mighty, and how least of all were they benign.

He rose up from his standing fat-pillar, upon whence he rested from the tireless pace. Whence again, he would be met uncannily, before the others could find a way in, and test the rims and outer reaches. Barriers from whence humanity arose. Thence the tenderness faded and never would he awaken forth, only now could he understand whence, the making, when it happened for them to come forth.

‘Why have we been brought here?’

Asked Malt, who could only think of a man named Charles.

‘You were in need to be shown and look for it so you may know of a way out before the death that’s about to come and claim us all down.’

The Duke responded.

‘Both of you have been dragged here by my choice.

Make no mistake, for I have willed it so. And If I were to will it so, remaining, I shall do it no more than I’ll have stalled it more and more so.’

Thence, upon a sudden stare, finally Tongue-Agamemnon finally confronted them, aware.

There was only a ripple in the water, but neither of them made it through.

Everything had to be left behind, there was no point in pursuing any of it any longer. All was too flawed and too sickening.

‘Who survived?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘There’s no one there any longer, we’ll have to make it through, somehow.’

‘I can’t, I haven’t. It’s, it’s late to be sorry, isn’t it?’

‘It is.’

‘What now? Why won’t you tell me?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘What did you expect?’

We found out about it too late now. It’s, there’s nothing we can do.’

‘They all had to die.

Plain and obvious as it may be, there was never a chance for either of them to make it through.’

‘But.’

‘It’s better that way, there’s no need to lie about anything. We’ll finally be at peace now.’

They walked, a few of the survivors.

‘It is too late that I realized what was happening there, but I’ve got no intention of lying. We’re both responsible for this, aren’t we?’

There was no clear land ahead. And those who made it still felt as if part of the world still crumbled behind them.

‘Why, what shall we do then?’

‘Walk and meet the man in-between the rows. He shall help us make sense of everything then.’

And they were only trying their longer-hands, they dead beds and the bodies that were pushing through themselves again. For plainer steel and tiny mountains kneels and followed, levitating atop the earth.

There was a poor thing twas’ that followed.

They were in the house for hours, after all, standing around, picking off the table, through it, past a hole, and through the building, and on the road. They seemed combined, pushed through, bitten off, molded together, as one would see them through. Some of the walls were made of hues and shades. Reality was broken down to the slightest and the nastiest of looks again. Bitten down and melted. Shoved through. A few of the ceilings were part of the watch. Towers were encrusted, and many alike.

Some kettles made of livers passed around, the faced one push just about everywhere as his kingdom’s fall had only been part. And there, surrounding them the dark. Farther standing, the ships and the submarines and everything that fell about, giants of decay, the legacies and the ones that fell. Many dead and all surrounding, those that fell and never found them; one would bow upon meeting Chivalry as he wasn’t proud. Of being looked down by the bird, by the nastiest of turns.

Masked men gathered and came. And many lepers, Laplanders and those that came, fat, the gluttons with vessels on their backs. Mischievous liars and many petty blinds, some men who tried and others whom died, most of all, him of all.

But nothing could stop his outstretch as his tendrils pulls, his spires writhed, tendrils whipped, and long-defeat, he finally arrived. Agamemnon’s will, his scum, his try, all lead to death.

And there was no life that escaped his reach, no universe and no end that would thick or be missed, and in the end humanity ended.

There he lay, a man walking on plains land. Named Choke, he stood aghast. A dark wind had only strewn his neck as it pushed through the last of his people.

He was pale, suddenly, looking back at a legacy of lies. How could one hope to carry on like that any loner? Within his grasp, the dead had touched, of plain corruption as well as everything else, there was nothing else for him to look back to. All too tiresome, all too plain to see.

He walked and tried, but after a while, bad habits all around. His throat was stuffed, and could only walk while pushing through. A fairness of knives, all pushed deeper inside had turned the insides of his throat to confetti. Two substances cold, they torn apart the insides of his mouth, and walked upon a cradle of

gore from which his wings had sprouted. And from what was left, inside that burst inside his chest, there pushed out a single opening that crushed the stones and worthless ones who followed after. Wreathing as they chained themselves with long skin-ropes around his waist, to a man who stood there, turned, and revealed a chest all too protruding. After kneeling, yet he felt, all that worthlessness pushing dread. For he bled in the making; and inside there he stilled, all the children yet he drilled, right through his bone-girdle.

His face was as pale, they all hung past the rails, and could only stoop so low and yonder, they were pulled, dragged behind, never stood.

Dirty, he was dirty from the residue which encompassed his body, from which he could never sprout about. Nor could he remove all those dead oranges that were impaled through his skull, though his spine never shook as he ate them. Though it tore, and it turned, though disjointed and plowed, he ate a bit of his head ceiling.

From whence he came, they stood plain and ate what came after him. But two men chose to lay, and pointers dragged, his throat was strained.

He held no hope and shared no wonder. And whom shall fear him, least of all would they be spared, there in the distance there lay a Vigil, waiting for his return, as from servants yet to masters begging for him in their statuesque heads. With their never-more tormented dread being shared between one another as they spared none more the sight, through their ribs and in the depths, from whence like tadpoles they crept, soon enough they stood there, standing. In the dirt and past forth, through the filth or the grit, many of them started foaming.

They formed huts, little rods, and their homes, were of no worth, as it only happened for them to be sinking.

He willed it and so it was.

A head imploded and from the remains a single musk-like trench emerged, as his blood coiled, hardened and clogged in the air, running rampant as it filled the scent with a single feeling that emerged. He was only trying to seek yonder.

He yelled and would not tell. He spoke tongues but they fell flat, as they were brought by the mouth of the burning iron, holes being wrung all around his body as he was poked. By whom if none else but the adversary that came out of the old door, there stood the tree-like substance, which gurgled itself as desperate as it had become.

As a serf would be desperate to stand his ground, this was his land and not a single piece of it could be defiled by that one. Filth of forgotten gems, he carried them and strangled each in part, suffocated in boiled blood, turned around by the mere forced of the tubes that came from inside the ground and connected to his throat. The man had been wrapped and caught by them, unfortunately unaware of what was going on any longer as the strongest of bonds all of the sudden pushed inside his socket bolts, pushing them out.

For in his eyes there were but pints, and they crept out of him, and as they gotten through, with all sinew, they started pushing out flying. Brought to the desperate man, he merely skirmished around the ground in

search for something he may push around and claim his own. His throat was only open now, and in the making, it pushed itself around so much more, only for the adversary, whose body was of such a metal just as pure as he seemed to be fashion out of the gurgling substance that flattened the surface it melted upon and swoon.

He saw and only nodded. Many other bots and many wires that were pushed around, inside his body flattened, as they kept him living. Though in peril he could not, for the likes of him understand where the dirt had come from, why he was eating it, instead of searching for his eye-bolts.

‘You should look at the flying crown of clouds, they’re yellow-orange and have hardened as they crisped. I see that there are angels caught inside of them, many of them are just as eyeless as you are within them.’

And he went on to describe the chains and the ropes, both of which only pushed along and around and only pushed, dreading on, making them feel of light. Even lighter than a feather as their bodies shot out their heads, as they looked like the insides of sculptures, finally praying to their orb-the god, a cube that was being brought to roundness and have fashioned a man out of the most unnerving things they could find around and push inside of. And this hybrid had become a strange foundation for all the elements of gas to enter in. As from every side of the cube, from every edge that was rounded, there appeared a man, dumb-founded, barely born out of the barrel of guts that pushed out of his head, worn-out, he had come to be. No longer a humanoid, but a barrel head that could see on every side. From every segment there looked no normal face but one that projected the entire arm-span of a eighteen meters, being replicated even inside of while keeping its small primate brain intact. And from there on he started singing as his mouth projected even farther, spitting every tooth outside.

From the insides of his scum maker one could see only the derange ball that formed inside of his gut as well. He could not tell, but by then, the angels had entered the barely formed man in order to eat as much as they prayed and begged the cube to produce. Otherwise the demise of their race could come as quickly and way fastened as it were. Already they were on a still and could not do to tell. Where they might feed their lord, and of how much worth could they pay to keep the quiet?

For every one had started soon, entering their meat bodies in the crown of the swoon-sun which was the eye of the storm. No star had lain in the sky but a wind that turned and couldn’t, for the likes of it, try keeping the distance, straying into an abyss as the likes of which one has never seen. And no desperation could lead to them swaying, no wonder, and no praying.

Dark portrayals of man appeared, everywhere in the dark sky. They only grabbed one another as they came screaming, desperate to catch the creature below the rims of another cry. An echo that would be sojourned, subjugated by the likings of the heathen-pagans that had come, out of flights of desperation, they ate what they could of the castrated fiend and creatures, servants of their lord.

And would’ve killed the one below them if they had the ability to move on their own.

These broken images of man, who were as giants in the course of their veins could do nothing but beg and spare none for what was fair.

Their bodies were lackluster and begged to get bedraggled when they could not fathom being unfed. Some were reluctant to do it, as, despite having been bred with a long arm that outstretched and pushed

out of the bone-socket in which they had been buried they could not fathom pulling out. They were only dreaded as they had been unable to carry themselves over, therefore they only pulled and impaled their own heads, immediately ending their own lives as they bled. And the oak was bloodied, pierced by the most unfathomable shades of color, until they could no longer be kept in place.

‘Kill him, you need to obey me, angels, for I am the Adversary Plate.’

And Plate could only look the part as he revealed that much of that which appeared to be the soles of the ground was the gourd of blackness, the metal had been wrought in a black chasm that had been darkened by the fire. And the same fire had almost turned his oak to crisp. As he looked upon it, he realized the unfavorable event of the catastrophe that was about to be instilled. The peculiar man only began stabbing various parts of his face in order to find the sockets.

As Choke had done, finally he achieved sight. And with it in mind he started stabbing various parts of his body as pain fueled him through the funnel, seeing how every grim-piece of the ground was of an absolute dark-like red, he only pierced the sight even further after noticing that one of the angels had flown across the gap in sight, and flown through the air, he’d come alive. Only to be noticed and pulled, length by wire as he was eaten and pushed. Eaten slowly but very much alive, as every strand of the cord that he was made of delivered a signal of pain into the angels’ head, that could be seen in his eyes. He suffered ever and ever more as slowly as the man had gone through him. His inability to stop only reflected as one could not even, for the likes of him, help with the tenderness. The whim of death had flown through.

He was dead for one second, then came back through. And by the time Choke had reached the head, he started eating the angels’ face slowly. Which only acted in the same way a human would, gashing and gargling with the blood, the oak-substance only shuddered in the distance upon the sight, as it slowly disappeared, Plate neared and challenged Choke.

Although unarmed the feet and weapons that would be perilous would never be brought again. Not in the light, in vein they asked of him to be hanged. Pain would settle after that. But the inability committed.

He was sickened by a simple bow, and Plate fell below, unable to wreathe and fight or face the challenge that was might. His mouth erupted from the back-spines, and metal dined on hard land. Upon the fall, Choke drove forth and messed with his worth, blow after blow and pounded, he sickened him with just another wedge. Pain had served just as much as he would be aware of the pain instilled.

‘I yield to you, greater foe, I am no longer an adversary, but I should know.

How is it that you’ve come to be as strong as this?’

‘I shall reveal naught but since uncannily starving.

Since you will starve of blood, I take it that you’re to be flayed.

My servants store my organs, lying in their ditches praying. Know that I’m but invigorated by their might and the sight of them alone is enough for me to grow as I should know of no better hope.’

With which, the explanation, upon looking back as his creations, he grew in bulk and meat came back on, pushing as he grew. A staircase of stairs pushed him out of the way, until he grew an eight-forth scoundrel-leg, from his chest there pushed, with all the ribs connected and wrapped around it, set in flight. From that point on he flew into the sky and then killed all the angels.

With each that fell, and every death, Plate had realized that he was ruined, all ahead and never wondering of what he's done. The sky was pale as his skin was, but never had he a mind of the headless nature that was the storm of the sun. 'Wicked, no, I think there's something else about him.'

'What would that be?'

'I think there's some agony which is just as hardened as is his throat.

I think they planted but an uncanny stair-bobbling throb inside of it.'

'He'll kneel then, don't worry about it. I think he will, he has to, within reason. I will make sure one of us will slit his throat.

In the making with a single rope being used, once we dine, we shall see him stray and set aside everything he's even gone with.'

Forth they looked and shook the passing. They took turned, never understanding what the masses had meant upon coming back together and forming the most unnatural heads and bobbling dead-curtains that united. Many structured were enacted, wrought into the towering holds, the citadels being wrung from them, as they split their own and opened.

For in every man there was a skin-riot seed that could act in two ways. Either it would cause everyone to fight one another as they clashed, or it would cause a growth that would instead reach even farther and recreate the world as it once was. And there was no pity to be given. Pain was constantly being felt and passed down wild surroundings.

You could see it on their faces as their teeth were bloodied and only foamed instead. No man should face the dead that way. And no mirror would reflect such agony as that, the one would feel upon being faced with the reflection. Daringly they started cutting, never stopping until agony had been supreme. Fealty was a thing of the past, they were rats after all, all of them. And none would suffer more than they should be allowed, the gore of the stage.

The one that fell from beneath them started spreading, like the tongue of a liar, wrapping, stopping only when it could be done no more. Pain had made stars, and they were only present in miniatures, tiny yet benign. Others started spreading around, being unable to slip past the dead.

One could not be spared of the blood senselessness that was being shared between the two of them. They ate, the cannibals, they ate from their seeds instead of allowing for a city to be wrought.

'You filthy, disgusting, disturbing.'

Mad they told, they couldn't help it, this was just as worthless as their pitiful lives had been. There was no good reason to look upon the whim that entered them.

‘I wish there was a chance to spare, but, whom, are you tell them what to devour upon, to build upon pain and wonder. To build upon a butcher’s desperation.’

Yonder he relented, saw it fit. They could not help it but eat, and eat they would. Least of all would they devour, and seethe as to impress, confess to the pains that entered their heads.

But like rabid beasts they could not help themselves but eat and eat until one of the seeds came out of their own and wont. They floated about and cut through the pieces and the slightly deformed pockets air had breathed in.

Farther above the rims of the sea

A spoil of spoils and blood was reddened by the insects that carried it. For they came and foamed and brim upon the sails they neglected the view, from below the main-mast where the servants, kidnapped from the in-most cabin stood. Long before they had been given a chance to flee and walk upon nail-shut planks, upon a metal sea of coal surrounding the metal case upon which the entire ship had been ensnared and wrapped in. For, there up-front stood the captain, marked, then betokened as his head fell, the executioner then pulled him forth towards the many insects coming inside their own. He had been full of them more than any stoop and hive. Inside there were the tenebrous cacklers that started sharing in the light of many lost days and humming as they would they melted along the way as the ship drove forward and the blanket of metalized coal, within its coat turned to fire. Pushed through this hellfire of burning skin they saw the images within the ones that fell, the ones that had remained and knew it not to be the hellish realm their faith had once lead them to believe and lend upon the first and foremost of the first that fell, they realized again that this was no hell. But the first and foremost canary-cemetery, the insides of a forge where birds would be pushed in and make do with growing within the flames. Only to grow with feathers that were inbred, poking their own eyes as their tiny skulls started protruding and pushing the rest of their organs inside their enclosed beaks only so that they might survive the fire. And as it happened, the skull started wriggling like worms as they leaped on top the ship, using it as their own.

Setting forth to what seemed to be a poignant point in the sky, towards it they settled to flight and flight had not stopped any, for no weight could keep the ship down. Despite what was seen, there was a malignant device beneath the deck, made out of eight living men that were contorted and attached, their heads were not of men but of plain bits, almost old sheltered monitors that were completely made out of a cartilage that pointed in four directions and expanded upon only their ears but no other features. Blind and unable to breathe, they were hearing and with the help of their ear-drums they started converting heat into waves, which in turn appeared to redistribute weight into organic-matter like air molecules that started gnawing at them and punishing these inbred creatures for helping the mad canary and the humans escape. For it was not allowed for any creature to leave towards the hole in the sky for the maddening reason that they would die on the other side, but not instantly, nor normal means could be employed any longer since subjugation was an alternative that could be done for. And their guts were, if anything on display.

Since one of the lower crewmen started sharpening a knife, he realized that the other men had no better and no other alternative than what they had. They left him there to his own regards so he might cut to his own heart’s content and do as he pleased and molest and do until his hands could do it no longer.

Afterwards, he got bored of unwrapping their insides, seeing how they were never-ending and pushing out of them, as if they were eternally connected to a gutturally production dimension of unfathomable quantities they could not, for the likes of them deal with, if they were to be cut. Men had long been warned about that but they could not help themselves but wonder, just how deep and how much farther in could one go through this gut tunnel until he could finally be met by something he wanted to taste.

And this was such a man, first Man Joint-Skinny, who had skinned one of the air-privateers who were helping the ship set into fight. He didn't know that, but outside the ship, the planted Canary and the human beings were already looking at a sky that was spreading and was completely made out of gut-clouds that added themselves together yet were inhumane and anything but humanoid. Since they were only put there waiting to become something else, suddenly they transpired, becoming puffier as skin started wrapping and pushing around, while variously headed-anchors-like puffs of smoke poked holes from their lungs. And in the distance, tiny smoke-like foundations could be seen being shot like mad-bullets that were being attached to the flying shrapnel-like stones that were being thrown from the other side of this blotched-like prison they had been imprisoned in for too long. It could not be, they were eaten and only pushed out diseased formation that were levitating in the air.

Once the stones started stacking on top of one another, many have pushed down, below the grounded water, in which they swam with fish-formations. Entire basins started drawing in together until they formed wild forms that were mostly hybridoids of various sphere and man-like pears that wore like mechanical black legs, arachnid-like with many men-fingers in their back which curved along as if they were actually only one giant snake that entered a hole, came out of another, entered one, came out of another. And those started flaking, but not skin, instead they coated their own with their nails in order to reduce the friction and the damage they were doing to their blood-curdling minions that came out. Some of them were parasitical in nature and only appeared to be stuck onto the main body before they could finally change in size.

And many of those formations were dragged down because of the entire weight the parasites were seemingly producing out of their bodies while the back of their heads were only growing ever so smoother so the legs could get into their automatic motions. The black-metallic legs were only skinning their backs in order to appease this wild living fire which would stop taking their lives.

But there in the distance, they broke the illusion of there being an ever-encompassing ever-lasting piece of all. Instead of one paying its respects to the damning architecture of the wildly deformed, one had to look at a near-canon tube that had a light in it. Which seemed only to fire or prepare to fire at will, from the depths of which a cry of roses tainted the destruction of a great portion as it fell into the sea. Revealing that below the rims of the anchors and below the ship there were many window-like plasters of stone that blocked everything from falling through, pointlessly throwing itself past the reeking masses of skeleton-bashed out bodies that followed. Many thrown and breaking, as the hole emerged upon a much greater incertitude.

The fire stopped erupting from the metal sea as soon as the water started connecting with the one outside, steam hardened, creating malignant structures of white-puffy alloy that tried creating canary-heads, wings, even human hands that stretched along in order to grab the ship. But they couldn't reach it in time before the entire façade fell down. And the Canary and the humans escaped the malignant hopeless woe.

‘Who is he and why has he come to beat upon my spiked door?’

He was someone of name, the heritage of which was poorly if not malignantly understood and taken out of the way. He was skinned alive but walked and appeared to have as walking prosthetics some uncanny looking leech-fat blobs that were wrapped around his legs with the teeth of a shark. And they were bone-deep pushed through as they allowed no kind of traction to be held or dragged no less than they should. It was even, they were drowned, in the room, the water was sound.

Every time someone made a noise, they looked upon the skin, breathing deeply as to attempt to curb the suffocation only to point at the flight of the ship.

‘Is that the thing that’s causing us to suffer?’

Have I only been disturbed to see my end?’

‘Indeed you have, my dear master, but I see no point in drawing on when they want you dead.

Look out there, past the tainted oak-like buildings, the stuffing of skin in the surrounding black-like pools and skin-like tools encompassed around them like armor. Are they not the sole survivors of the age when apes and cannibals mixed together to create eight-legged creatures?’

For their backs appeared so, in their trunks, at the middle, pushing above, they proved to bear encrusted traps, rounded and so, if not as much as the door, to hold their primitive sides above. Hanging upside down as all the limbs pointed out from the primate. And if seen from the distance one would think that instead of a neck, a long hand held upon a primate head, yet it was not so. As it only seemed to push even deeper and have instead, taken hold of a few human children.

‘We have to claim them back.’

But the man stopped and grabbed his neck, ready to choke when needed and never questioning any of what’s been happening so far. His feet were broken in, he had no mind and was only a disease for this plighted earth. The primate didn’t need to eat, they didn’t need to breathe either, because of their bone-like meat-fragmented devices which looked like giant guns turned on themselves which pumped air through their very veins and blood with the help of nail-shooting motions.

Long before they fell, they came to realize. If everyone was choking but them, why were the children, the infant still alive, kicking and yelling while being unable to stop or be as concise or contrived by what was going on? It was simple, too simple yet too benign. They didn’t inject the children but had combined with them, feeding them until they’ve been out of their minds.

And some brains and necks melted. Others were unable to push out of themselves, while there, out in flight they asked.

‘What happened to this town?’

The people did not respond to what was going on. Instead they appeared to be too appeased by the disease known as choking. There they stood and waited, despite the fact that they shouldn’t, nor would they talk

for hours, until the last reverb came and killed all humans, with the exception of the infants who should grow.

There was the Mad Cattle Herd

In the Prairie, where their legless fat only dragged them forth, many cut and wrought to knees. Kicked down and below to see, some walked upon as men on cinder. Other defiled as much as to be completely butchered until their bones stuck out like beds of nails.

‘See? I can sit on it and I feel no pain, oh this majestic equilibrium in uncanny.’

He said, but just as soon as he placed his body, right as soon to be, an ultra-sharpened bone a throttle, pushed through his neck like the bottle in a sharp battle with the drunk. Men took another shot in his name and left him to rot there in the open field. For his own sake he could not help it, on the whim, the cutting. Desperate, another man arrived forth, stood in front of him and started pulling a meat-cone, complemented by meat-blood.

‘I wish I could drown in it for once, do you understand?’

I wish I could be placed upon the altar of stone and see.’

But it was there no more. Instead the cattle formed a circle in the air, where they floated, reverted their skin inside out, evaporated half of their insides only to rearrange their bones. From inside of them they shot each man, pushing them around until they could be gotten no more. Instead they begged for mercy which the cattle granted. Lo’ so far and see, they were gathered around and before anyone could see, they formed their own territories, where their bones had become their fence. Men were trapped inside as they were being punished.

Yet this was no divine justice as they were not merely tortured. Instead, slowly but defiantly they started extending their mouths until the lower jaw became their legs and the upper head drew into their tail bone. From inside of them came out the humanoid-bulls, which simply trampled over the fences, being as deranged enough to be completely armored in bull-like deformed skin, their own kin being used for protection. Black horns pushed out of them and surrounded their collar bones from which the flowering root system drew out until they grew bull-like charging expressions.

Before their rituals could begin, they only seemed to surround one another as they wept within the circle, for the loss of man.

‘We know of your sacrifice, oh, masters.

But at the same time we know of everything you’ve done to us and everything that shall be done.’

For what dope their insides were pushed through them, the result had only carbonized the lower sides of the bull’s guts until something as repulsive as a chrome started pulling out instead of their normal looking

blood. And they prayed towards the dead men skin. Waiting for hours until their patience thinned. Grouped in pairs of twos, unable to make do with what was going on they split in halves.

‘What’s been going around here?’

Asked the in foremost Gennecessor of the cattle, whose ingratitude to the new arrivals showed only now.

‘We need you to lend upon us a single, one, but one, not many one reason not to kill you on sight.

We shall do it if we have to, skewer your guts and make a role. We have to creep forth and climb upon that altar of stone.’

For the inner most important dream of the cattle was to be sacrificed upon an altar in the same way a lamb would be, otherwise, who knows what might happen, who might look and who might see what’s going on there. Lo’ and plunder, guts were plenty. For the holes inside the people were wide-spread and they only followed the dead coming from only one and one simple direction. Through North and even farther, they came yonder, the bovine liveries, whose backs were only prone to growth.

And servants came through serpentine-fat worth as they started floating in the air. Hanging low in true despair.

‘Shame we have to go and shave a little off our numbers.’

‘We have to work harder to appease the cattle-prowl.’

Of which hardened greater husk, upon being revealed upon the empty field of dust, they rested on empty graves and had nothing to eat any longer, largely deformed an uncannily fermenting. As their worthlessness only dreaded, upon the fields that never ended, from which the fragments, yielded of air, disease was carried and pushed away. From their depths, they had known and had thrown but the most uncanny bulls into the spring-walls until their heads were bashed down their knees and ripped out, standing. Some sat, but other died as bipeds.

‘I see no reason to continue past that mark of land. There’s a patch there, we might be able to stand and count.’

Worthless, all of them were worthless, and unusable. And once the master had returned, one of the impure humans, they had been butchered in front of his young as he plowed with his uncanny doubtless gray hounds. Many whom had tied eight-fours, and many whom had died and were pushed into the most strident curves, neither of them being spared. None to care and none to plunder, they were slaughtered before reaching the altar.

‘See now, my dear sons, I see no reason to climb there.

There’s just one ladder made out of their remains and there can only be one, unwasted.’

‘Lend it onto us, oh, father, allow us to do as we please. We shall see for a view after and do to them as we came through.’

And there were other reasons they might spare him of the talk, especially since they could be beaten after that. Yet the chance to be met upon the altar did not fade. They were granted as much, the remains.

‘Use them but don’t stall up there, I see no reason to spend as much if never such a thing as might belong to me. I don’t want to stay here any longer.

I think we’re being tailed.’

But by whom not even he could tell.

Nonetheless, one by one, the children were going, trying their best, thawed upon the smolder coming from the sun, distracted by its heat, they noticed it done. There was but yet a pair. Of young cattle-prayers whose legs were there, inside their heads, connected right beyond and in front of their ears. What appeared to be protruding from their backs, bodies longer than they were supposed to be had, worn out before they were wasted, eaten and detested, lay the remnants of a bull. Within an ear-shot, and the slightly put in-front centimeters that came along, there came only they knew, only they knew that he wasn’t supposed to be there.

To be carved or have the strange pointer, that was rounded as if made in clay but not by hands, only the fingerprints could be said to have crushed their prefrontal cortex.

And they only spoke to the ladder and the ladder came back. Though in trance, the first child only realized that he was unable to figure out the tendons that pushed through. They were unable to feel now, both of them, tenderly crying past the true sight of the world. A fragrance of colors that were being shined in their eyes; which indeed brought from the farthest spaced in the distance the men who were only made out of their other inverted cattle-prods, spines of insect-like appendages of bone, thrown around a flying cowl of fat that almost appeared to drip. Bearing it they started messing, with the dripping, empty-gazing.

As every sight of the cowl only managed to grow and push them out, as the young hated being shown. Messed with by desperation, they were created out of the most peculiar elements that could be taken from their surroundings. Many nails flew from the empty coffins, mixing with dust, the insides and everything around. And uncannily set they were only pushing each other ahead to melt and mix. Yet the vocal cords were not made for such a connection, nor the cognitive organs, nor the direction in which they spared. Through and through they shattered their bonds, and stared at each other for about minutes at large.

They fell, dragged below, unable to stand and show what they were made out of.

‘Father, cut the ladder!’

One of the children shouted. But he wasn’t heard, nor would he face himself, of little worth as he was, he questioned his future and left everything behind. They felt the shakings, saw vibrations in the ripples of air. Chimes heard, and seen through the curved that entered their throats.

It was a mere spine-thorn, or something as sharp, like a nail coming out of their humane-hands, as they drew near in flight. And despite the barely put together face, two sets of eyes were deformedly placed on it and on its chest, which was being way outstretched, as it formed the most deranged idols. Though it could not be seen, it pushed through its back, revealing as much as it could be thought and dreaded, waited as the red turned to a deeper hue, hardening as meat revealed, an appeal of worm-like features

drawing out. Yet they stopped and hardened making it seem like some device or the piece of a puzzle that was being broken through. Shivering as it were, the child took a pair of straws and shoved it through its chest, seeing it wreath about as its children came to the rescue.

The little cattle-fiends only leaped and wrapped themselves around it, being largely unable to let go. For all the dread that was theirs and in the wrong, they drank from the blood as deer would eat snow. Stuffing the other ends with their tongues, they stopped it just in time for the ladder to be cut.

Their father knowing it to be so, he pushed the axe handle, throwing it to the side. Then he caught both of his children without having realized the damage he had done.

Instead of falling, the ladder writhed then started curling itself past the point, drawing upwardly until it grew into a single point where it had entered the altar. From its depths and past the stone, inside the cracks, there they shone, as their eyes could be seen distancing themselves from within the largest of depths. Deformed but retracted, thrown and messed with as they came apart, they darted inside, even deeper than about fifteen meters, then pushed through a single cloud.

Then as they messed, yet they ran.

Vowing not to speak about it any longer as they put their past behind and made out of the Pirie.

Two Tendons

Made its heads, and they blew each other past malignant proportions. And not to forget themselves or whichever one of them was wrong, or to forget the fog that entered their skulls in part. Yet a shade of skin managed to push through, it hung about the sinew.

‘Here, there ho’ and wonder, who’s that man and whence he yonder?’

It was little than a prayer, the man who came, whose dance had been a saying. He beckoned for them to come and gather up, being stricken about their heads, broken down to pumps. Men grew in fat as did women, even the youthful despite their might, pain defiled every expectation as it drew on.

Past them, one could see, from the highest peaks of a roof, and be it as it may, he spoke no less of the dreadful birds that spoke to him, in dressed made out of nests taken out of the suicide forest. Where they brought him a piece of rope, so he may dwell upon it before he woke. Eternal slumber in a mad, forgotten paradise, he saw the men and women plowed through as he drew out their pink oil.

‘He’s made, isn’t it? Thief, he’s a thief, that’s something one ought not to do.

He’s going to kill my kin, what shall I do?’

‘Take this small blast of glass.’

And one bird spat it out in his hand and arm. Though it was painful, and though he bled, he couldn't help it again and again, he poured out of himself, unable to refrain from doing it again. Through and over, the reverie, he saw the shards deepening as far as a single blade would, but even worse, the butcher faded and only a bird from the crevice spoke and ended. Each sentence came with an end. And each verse was broken but it pointed in reverse.

'If you do not stop them from fattening they will only grow and push past, ever angered with distrust. You need to pull them off the oil chambers.

Down in the ground, there is dirt that filled the ashes with the girth of fire. If they each reach and bite on it, they shall all spread the dire fate and end all life in the rending. And past the woe, you must know that there's no way back after.'

And the crow bore the incisors of a viper, though hardened much more so than a needle-bottle that grew and pushed through its boundaries, and it broke its beak and skull. Deranged in term and only gone when dismissed.

Now that it felt at peace, it pointed at the creature responsible with a wing.

Though it was nothing to be ashamed or dreaded to be looked upon, it bore the crowning-body of a lunging-centipede made out of eight hyenas that were wrapped around each other, that in its roundness and with the legs and canines pushing out, while the legs were inwardly placed and not to be seen about. Pushing out of the base, leading only the head of a radiator that was filled with eight dead men that were constantly pushed out of it, then drew back instead. Though their features were coincidental, they had heads like hammers and eight sides that protruded only through their arms. Some of which were long and melting, and ever-endingly flaccid set, dripping in quiet in the space left by the large encasement that was the self-eating centipede-hyena which guarded every piece of organic matter that dripped inside of it before it spake.

'I know that you're hiding.'

Short intermission, for what was worth.

There was a pitiful man, miserable to no end.

Of past attempts he sought, as lesser things arose to fashion something of his own. It was all a failure, every single one seemed to belong to someone else. They had to be poisoned and abandoned, filled with duds. Killed on the way up front.

'We have to keep the heels inside the god of misery going, otherwise we won't be able to reach that point.

One day, perhaps, you shall reach him, but until then you must return to thine work. It doesn't end until your hands drop and your body dies with them.

Return to it now, in full focus.'

He called upon it, but the god of misery did not answer. He was too benign for his own good. Too forgotten after a fashion.

‘But this is for your own good, remember. Let it drown, be it as it may. We were never meant to make it this far in the first place.’

‘We can still make it through, just barely, even if it’s in the nick of time. We’ll find a way. There should be something out there.’

They looked, dragging their arms as they were shaken and almost torn apart. A weird motion arose, from the looks they bore in each other’s solar regions. They basked so much into the sun that it almost looked like they were.

Done walking.

‘Can we take a break?’

‘Not yet, every ounce of an effort makes a difference, I think. Perhaps nothing is meant to survive, perhaps some things should die off, you know? It’s for the better if everything dies into a swoop.

And, nothing, there won’t be anything holding us back any longer after that.’

‘Do you truly think so?’

‘No.’

But neither of them looked at one another past the rocks. Somehow the sea still merged with the horizon. The surroundings were bland and forgotten. Everything was off the shore, cities in the distance and everything already worn out, including them.

‘We could’ve made it a long time ago.

Look, don’t look at me this way.

You’ve already failed to make your living that way. And this? This is just another failure, another dying beast that was your idea to keep driving.

Have you not poisoned it enough already? What is the point of dragging it along?’

‘We could make something out of it, still.’

‘That line was the point where your naivety should’ve died. Move on, grow up, abandon it while we’re still going.’

A few more meters in the front, past the broken hill, and into the surrounding stone verge, where the sky blended with grays and greens, forming muddy colors.

‘Neither of us can help it, but at least we can still abandon it out there. No one will even think to look into the black coffins, no one will dig into them.’

But at the same time neither of them realized they were in one as well. There was no sun and no meaning, only a painted. It didn’t matter. Both of them still carried off the burden, shared between the two of them, through pastoral plains.

‘All this talk but nonsense, meaningless blabber.

You’re filling both of our minds with empty thoughts.’

‘It’s not my fault I can’t remember anything.’

‘Liar.’

‘On command, I can’t remember anything on command.’

‘Then what’s the point then?

What is my name then, can you remember that?’

‘Mouse Greendot, I think.’

‘Great enough, is that easy enough for you to remember?’

‘I don’t know.’

They listened to music, it was a bland soundtrack, which held no basis in reality. It was something less symphonic as well as it was ethereal. Blurred out in some way, as sight, but painted on missing walls. First house was not long after. It was unoccupied by the previous tenants, other than what seemed to be the entry to a long tunnel which lead from inside the rustic house to that town. But it was unsafe.

‘Now we have your break.

Why do you even want to do this any longer?

What’s the point?

Neither of us can enjoy what we’ve done now, can we?

It’s our little sandbox filled with insect and metal-dust rubbing you the wrong way. Care to explain to me when the next stop is?’

He looked outside and didn’t stall before he came through.

‘This small house, does it make you uncomfortable?’

Mouse said.

After a while, Red-Black Marker seemed to asses that there was a second floor.

There was a second floor somewhere out there as well, floating around the air. Not like this one, but something was in it. Anything, it could’ve been anything.

‘Don’t think too hard now, go on, get to the second floor and tell me what’s up there.’

Front, first row of stairs caught in the wall, right, another set of stairs which made the first one look as if it was on the right. Green Mouse looking in the opposite direction, then the door to the other floor. A simple

room, at least by the looks of it, there was a wooden floor and many ceramics, one in particular cracked. And there used to be a chair somewhere, only signaled by a small mark of dust.

There was nothing up there worth picking.

‘Hope you’re happy wasting your time there.’

‘I don’t really care now.’

Can we go somewhere else?’

‘No, we’ll stay here until I’ll have had my satisfaction.

I can’t waste more time mourning, I can’t go on the same with either of your wrong-doings. I can’t stand it, I simply had enough of it, do you understand?’

‘Can we please leave?’

I don’t like it in here.’

‘Do you want to go outside then? Do you want to leave?’

‘No, I don’t want to leave, but I want to do something else.’

‘Who’s stopping you then?’

‘Won’t you come with me?’

We’re partners.’

He didn’t respond. How many hours should it be now? Another failure, it was pointless.

‘Think you can do better this time around?’

‘There’s nothing left to say, is it?’

Another pair of minutes fell by.

‘Why did the Greeks practice pederasty?’

‘Why don’t you put a gun in your mouth?’

‘Let’s go.’

A sun doesn’t need to exist on its own as long as there’s white paint on the walls.

‘We seriously need to keep carrying a knife with us.’

‘Good plant.’

‘I’m serious, Green. I’m serious about this. We could use a knife, both of us.’

‘What’s stopping you?’

‘The law, obviously, I don’t think we could’ve made it otherwise, not this far if we carried a knife with us.’

‘Right, let’s just put this past us, here, here. Just listen to me, trust me, I’m your friend.’

Another man joined in. He presented himself as Twelve Thirty Five Antimeridian.

He smashed someone’s head with a tire-iron but never went to jail for some reason. Rich parents and a single bomb carried around his ankle joint, that’s how they did home arrest nowadays.

‘Think you’re going to make it? Think again, look at both of my ankles. Look at my wrists.’

Four of them and a belt, his chest was strapped as well. He was a plant that followed both of them around.

‘I’m Twelve Thirty Nine AM.’

‘Hey, is it always too late to be chased by a woman?’

So, strange, but I swear that every now and then, I keep being checked.’

‘Checked.’

It was so weird, being in town, going around the pumps, where there was a crowd of so many young people. There was a young woman in particular with a nice pair of eyes.

‘Come on already, you’re missing the fun.’

There was a nice one, blonde, no taller than him. Red-Mark stood there.

‘What do I do?’

‘God, why are you even asking, go and talk with her.’

He started making his way towards her, without asking, without wondering, but smiling.

She was cute, out of this world cut, dark eyed, bottle-blond, though, fair skin. In a dancing crowd where, out of everyone, she was the only standing out. Of course, why not use his dominant charms on her, since Red-Mark was after all such a charmer. While vaguely going through peculiar motion, he suddenly stepped on top of her soles.

‘Hey, sorry.’

Almost ruined it.

‘Wait, I’m not done it.

How did she do that?’

‘Follow her you fool, don’t just stand around there.’

The young woman dusted around the crowd, like some strange flash of color pushed through, not even he could know where she went.

‘There, another flash.’

‘Go through it, come on, don’t let her get away.’

It was too sudden again, it went all too sudden, like the speckle of a star going through a small asteroid-belt, when he didn’t even know her name or what happened then.’

‘I suppose this is the wrong time, isn’t it?’

‘What, who are you?’

‘It’s hard to explain. But, hey, I’m Ayles. I’m actually kind of glad to meet you.

I’m even gladder I got a hold of you all too soon, the girl’s right over there.

Come on, stud, go and talk to her.’

‘What is going on?’

‘Just go and chase her already.’

She laughed before she patted him on the back. It was all too confusing, all the flashes of camera-like tools going on at once, way too fast that he almost slipped and walked on toes.

‘Damn it, where is she? Girl, hey, I mean, I don’t.’

‘Don’t yell, don’t be awkward, come on.’

Tiny sparks of light, in the dark, it was night. As strange as it sounded, the bulbs around the sky only came to stick out at the most inopportune times.

He didn’t mind it as much as he started getting nervous. She was nowhere to be seen, she simply disappeared. Where was she? Too many dancers around him, too much of the motion going on for his own good, it all went too fast.

Ungrateful, all of them, after all that I’ve done for them, thought Red-marker. Of course they wouldn’t understand what it takes a man to make the perfectly rounded precision-pointed cuts needed to bleed a woman in order to get her to be his. The dancers were unable to cull this feeling that had been frothing inside of him ever since the day he had been born. It was all a secret, it was all a dark secret no one was allowed to know. They would not understand, let alone face the shame.

In the Distance

A sad lone armored man, in a desperate suit emerged, as thorn as he was, he waited. Walking in circles with a gait, day after day, unknowingly waiting for it to end, now.

It was Dangerous.

It kicked in sometimes. Only sometimes, Red couldn't think of anything else but skinning that woman alive. First he had to find her. All of the sudden a trail of red could be seen running down his nose, while one of his nostrils was exposed. In the rippled below, deep through the ground he saw it fit, as it dragged on, like a cluster.

'Dreadful man of no stone block, your head was split open ten minutes ago, do you not understand what's going on?

Can you not see what's coming out of it there?'

Large long-legs like structures that were flexible at the joints, worked by a four inched squared, by four by four by four, which was placed upon a larger square that was eight by eight by eight by eight which was pushed even farther, being placed by a twelve by twelve by twelve by twelve smaller human-like head that was being lifted by the man's brain which had become a coiling flaccid rod that pushed out of its cranial box. His teeth started drawing out, and there was enough meat on the other side, deep-through his gut to pull out his entire gums with everything he had stored inside of it, claiming even the tongue as it pulled out. His throat had started unwrapping and postulating itself in the same way a lizard would only to reveal smaller legs put inside of it, which bashed and trashed some of the flies that had come towards him.

And as his throat grew, not upwardly but forwardly, creating a small extension on his chest, as to look like a small stretched sack, the rest of the body fell behind flaccidly as it was drawn by the throat, upon which he started crawling. His left-behind body, although spine in the back bore the head-long antler-skin transparent cartilages seen to have been completely fattened by many of the flies which entered up entering them since the cartilages were made out of some uncanny ooze. Tender bolts appeared to appear and draw out of his face, which resembled normal bolts although they were actually made of the same skin-cartilage which made everything else. He started feeling the pain which was being pushed into him by the little fellow who stood above of him. Of which wing-spread consumed the man's neurons as they melted in the air, completely shattering every memory he may have had.

And at the top of the second head, from the second square, if one were to ignore the patterns on top the box, an opening could be seen, drawing the thinnest and longest of human beings, of whose longer wings had made him look like a fly-hybrid without any distinguishable feature since one would be too thin for them to be knotted at. Gobbled all around him, these thin creatures appeared to have already been set in flight, but not in run, as they only chose to pace around their progenitor.

In total, only eight of them appeared in spot. Which frightened the Professor as well as his Negro servant who was present there and just about all of his ordeals, not to distract too much from the fact that these thin-flying creatures were rubbed against by the tiny long skin flaps that were protruding out of its neck.

Before long, even him, the Dreadful-Man started setting himself into flight, being unable to control himself as the sun was even darker than before, color-inverted and pigmented, surrounded by a transparent pool-like mist that receded inwardly, then pushed out of the sun. And every human reflection from the planet could be seen against it, although that seemed senseless and impossible in some way, it could not be denied.

The Dreadful-Man took the Negro's child away from his arms with nothing more but the help of the bolts which extended from his face, looking like tiny just as flexible as the small legged joints, and began simply tearing him apart, lump from lump, dirtying the bolts, only to reveal that they split around the edges, growing harder, longer hairs, only to enter the child and slowly suck him in until he could not outright eat or breathe no longer.

'There, he's gone?'

Right through the crowd, the creature went, approached the point where he wanted to use the one of the oil-pumping slaves in order to feed itself with the most immaterial substances he could dread slitting a small hole-like opening through so it could enter it.

The Dreadful-Man took comfort into burying himself into the oil-opening. It was way too comfortable, especially since so many of the male dancers carried knives on them, making it far too dangerous.

Danced, another one danced.

There she was again, that woman kept getting away.

Filthy wench, that's what she was. That's what she god damned was.

Disregarding human life aside, they weren't getting much wilder with the parasitical lights. It explained why everything was so dark as to look that way. But eventually one would notice. Various colored lights could be seen protruding out of their bodies.

Vile Projections

Two men were standing around the corner of a street talking, they were shameless in appearance and one of them lighted a cigarette.

'What's the mold, again?'

'A tiny box filled with spare change. It's like a beggar's delight that's long been forgotten.'

'Were there any corpses found inside of it?'

‘None at all, I’d say there was anyone who died in that pile. But it’s always been rubbing me off just thinking about it.

So much change made off the illusion of corpses; quite disturbing in some way, isn’t it?’

‘It’s kind of disgusting, isn’t it? In some way, imagine someone simply making money off your death, even if it had happened, they’ve long profited and defiled their every dead, haven’t they?

They are quite a specific kind of sick, aren’t they?

I suppose it’s only fair to say that the world would’ve been better off if that box had been filled with their bodies instead of the others peoples that hadn’t got a coin over it.’

‘They’re not awfully fond on sharing are they?’

‘I suppose not, it’s not truly in their nature, if it were.’

He paused, thought a bit on it. There was a man in the distance, carrying a heavy box. Both of them suddenly turned and made sure to hide their wallets. It was just the habit by now, as you could never know when one of them could appear and ask for more. And it was already so awfully repellant, just thinking about it made a man wreathe in disgust.

It was the sickly appearance of the thing that showed itself that made them feel rather, as if they were out of place and this dilapidated wet rat-hole of a neighborhood had been its den. The creature that drew forwards was a somewhat hunched kind of figure, although more of a caricature than had even been seen. As within its grasp, there lay nothing but a hunch, a broken back, a curved nose that only drew further down towards its fattened bottom lip, its beadily curved eyes as well as strange, almost fat-encumbering smile that stretched those features past the point of decency.

Of course their most humane, if not the most appropriate reaction, as they eventually turned to look at the figure had been one of sheer disgust and repulsion, which was visible on their faces. But that wasn’t simply to be shared and drawn about only on its general outrageous appearance, as it happened for the creature to have gone through enough generations of inbreeding as to have acquired some features that would’ve normally be associated to one of their own. Yet there was always something off about it. Both physically and mentally, which would have to bring one to the other important detail, that being, the box he was carrying with it.

Although it wasn’t a box in appearance, it being more of a rectangle than anything else, more deformed around the edges, as lies could not be perfectly sharpened and cleaned. No, instead, they would have to be somewhat flawed, ill-defined, even dropping, melted at the bottom out of the weight it had been subjected to. The weight not being promoted by a general presence of corpses, of which, there was no doubt they would claim so, but of the greed that was part of them, that could not be completely removed from their being. It was unnatural, even so and it would be outlandish to claim otherwise, but they did appear to worship their inhumane greediness, even to the very own self-destruction.

The fiend approached upon a limp, a gait, and on unevenly hindered legs.

The closer it got, the more inhumane it looked. It only seemed like that weird deformed box it was wearing, not holding, was a part of its very being. Its hands were attached, molded, mixed with its material. In some way, the creature depended on the parasitical nature of the tool it created and fashioned for its own likings. It was degenerate, if not, what they claimed to be, partially brought, as even more dreadful than the event itself.

As its claim was simple, too many of their men died, yet, such a dark spineless creatures wanted not only to draw in the nutrients from its claim dead but it also desired, if not required the same kind of treatment from the hosts that were present during its claim. Its worship desired it so. Its body contorted even more until its weak legs could not be seen, instead, it bore a single tail that was made upon, what might've been more likely the children it had stolen or kidnapped.

Truly, his appearance was disturbing and degenerate at best, but seeing it for what it was, or what it looked like could rival nothing. It had created a pseudo-body or a tail made out of them, by now, the children would of course be long-before dead as well as closely, visibly touched. As in the worst possible way possible one could defile a child. It also checked out with their desire as well as neurotic nature and hatred towards more fair-skinned folk, towards the tendency to defile only showed itself even more than needed.

There was also this aspect of its head. It looked in three directions. Its giant ears had only grown in fat as if the money-lender, by profession of ease and choice, become two faces of their own. Though eyes swollen and undeveloped, they did managed to replicate and creature two longer noses as well as some canine-like teeth that drew out, which failed to prevent the general yellow liquor of drool that came out of them.

And this begging creature, of whose contortion only drew forth, had little to no self-awareness of its general worship of the conundrum it was in. For it had known, it would've buried itself a long time ago, making sure never to lift a finger or defile even the ground it appeared to walk upon.

It was an outsider, not a man. A creature that had turned society, and the houses surrounding it, from what could be seen, into its own den; to which, frankly, there was no point in trying to deny it. Of course, to every logical fallacy set aside, one would have to consider putting the nastily decayed inbred to its rightful death, out of its misery with the rest of its subhuman kin, only as a way to get rid of the general nuisance they seem to encumber everyone with. For the general population could do without its relatively destructive side.

There was also that, the way it managed to wail why begging for spare.

'Care to share a coin, missar, for a poor old dead. Me' kin has died long before and I suffer ever since.'

'Bugger off, won't you?

And piss off with your shit. We don't need you around.'

'You heard him, crawl back to the filthy cavern you came out off and rot.'

'But what of my kin, good man, have we not suffered enough?'

‘If you sit too long now, I’ll make sure you actually suffer this time around.’

Damned creature nearly burst out its pseudo-leggings as it drew out into the distance and rushed through to the black sea, taking its scrolls with it, as it only managed to look more inhumane than it actually was.

‘For how long are we supposed to put up with them?’

‘I don’t know but I don’t actually like it either.’

Damn that rat.

‘I’m in a dreadful mood, it’s damn awful. You wouldn’t understand it now.

But I just want to grab him and shove that box up his throat and see where the money goes.’

This was different. He didn’t know why, how to explain it or the exact reason for everything pushing towards it.’

Neither of them could make it past the street. The night came fast, just before they even got through the first few hours, both of them appeared dead. Standing right around each corner, wide-spread but cut through; there was a deranged cut on one of them, rabid-looking, looming around.

There was no witness to see it happen. It was bizarre, the entire thing, it failed to occur to either one of them that there was no point in returning to where they started, or making due with they had.

Back to that corner, past the strange dancers and into the house, by now it was pointless. Trying to fight back was arguably, detestable. It was hard to boil it down, with all the hatred and all the tries. And all the while, he Red had stumbled, as he had tried to make it off, to get away, and stand on his feet once again.

‘There, it’s done. It’s finally done.’

Mouse followed, right through the junction, unable to understand.

A few days, at best.

Near one of the taller, twisted buildings inside the village. It stood out of place, like a tall block of dreary grays, twisted with dust, encrusted at last, from which a glowing dark light seemed to be bore. Though it was no perfect building, instead, out of its likes, there seemed to be a worm-like structure that blocked the way in, again, bore out in sight. Placed near the oil-pumping men whose mouths were wrung around the place. From their backs, some strange drafting-table shaped fat lumps started drawing out, extending as they started feeding onto each other, revealing a pattern of their bodies just to be reconstructed after in the same way a configuration would be. And a throat, past the boat, that had flown in the distance, standing, made it towards the blotched sun.

‘I had a dream of evil, nay, one of immorality.

There was a Negro waiting on the balcony for me. He bore an axe in his hand wanted to bury it in my throat in order to lay claim upon my house.

I saw it, I saw it.’

The man went on to describe the room in detail and he did. Pure breeds of plaster, deepening inside the walls and the crude alabaster that was being buried in the carpets, men that had their eyes peeled out, and their half-bodies wreathing through the shrouds. Many children their bore for tails, though unclothed they bore no organs human wore. Instead, below their chests, not cuts, lay there, but only the most unnatural grayish-red, a lobster-like shell and a strange barred barrister's belt made out of carbon, thinned by the bites, the children were brought to life only when they started wriggling out of their small holes, their tiny coves, making it seem as if the Negro awakened them from their slumber's woe.

Despite him being marked for lynching, the Negro had escaped only with a lighter and his torn clothes. The axe was taken from his master's home. And as he made it, glass was broken. No crosses of barring, and no glass lending him in quiet, blending. With the thin-dark walls, as he entered, he lashed and made it towards the man.

‘This is your fault for allowing them to carry through; look at what you’ve done, filthy creatures that they are, they bloodied themselves, they’ve bloodied their hands and that of their children’s dead. ‘

Their existence was indefinable, not in this place.

And most importantly, theirs was not barbarous animosity but animalistic in nature.

Luckily for the man in question, the Negro in its unconceivable prime of mental certitude had merely tripped on top of one of the wreathing tail-spins coming out of the child and fell upon its shambled, unknowingly, tripped, on top the axe handle, ripped apart as he decayed. His body strayed but his split head pulled out of its neck and started flying around the room, like a tiny black butterfly that started swooning around the black pearls that were bubbling the ceiling. Air-filled chocolate-like, it fed on the air with incisors and broken teeth that came from both sides. From deeper inside of him, a longer tongue emerged and pointed.

Distraught by pain from the back of his head a single motion shot some air, in the form of a star-like sphere, which slowly fell out of place like a skin-flake. From there, whichever of his primate-neurons came out off, though subjugated by the disease every Negro-like creature bore; they shot around the room, unending, blasphemous, oh supreme floor. It stood and ate, contorted to the end.

The man named Sand-Louise referred to the incident as nothing but a shameful display, of his lack of compassionless stare, to his master whom to this day remained stuck outside the door waiting, never allowing him the slightest chance to leave his house, never to be bothered, by the phone alas.

Sand-Louise stared at the receiver, his throat only coated its surrounding like a skin-beaver eating at it, as it waited for the water to stop.

He waited a few minutes, until the parson at the other side of the line spoke again.

‘You realize that you cannot meet his master now, can you?’

‘But I thought he killed him on his way here.’

‘Look again.’

Through the visor, through the door, he missed a part of his throat, while his leg contorted in the back, the side of the area being turned around as to face the giant open hallow space, inside the elevator chamber, of which deranged sight turned around into a circling worm-like twist that started receding into the ground. Even if it were for him to make it past the man, this dreadful thing would not allow him any kind of escape. Yet, it had to be said, the balcony lead to no sight, there was no delightful thing to look back at. Only a blocked sky-lit dark monsoon, put with lichen-parasites swarming, yet from the outstretch of an arm, Louise could extend his throat and move around as his body anchored. Since the Negro was docile now, seemingly well behaved, despite the outlandish thing that were his tendencies to misbehave in violence, he reigned in place and spat from the back, little black long-slim spikes that were just needle of its kin. From the heart of the jungle, came the fever of filth he had ignored.

There in the distance, as his head pushed on, his body again anchored against each side of the walls, which drew on as to encase his arms and legs only so he might remain in place. Towards a circular structure of filth made out of robust citadel-like stretched, sided in eight faces, all of which were set in flight. Chained against the main structure in the middle which looked alike to a giant man's arm if it were to be even more corroded and worn out, by age, as skin pushed out and moved along each gaze. Though structurally defiled, many features could not be set aside. For it sang of dark age and worn itself to the dust. Of an uncanny feeling watching, Louise realized that the walls, this encircling formation that had dawned all around him, in the distance and through the outstretch was never to be touched or ending. Fending against breathers whom, in flight, despite all the fat being stores in their giant wings, they could not be used for levitating, yet wore their gritty, malformed spans. Up through fronts where they charged. Long, protruding, barely set. They hanged around as their twin sets of elongated thin as the nature's reed lungs penetrated the main structure and fed it the air it needed to be kept alive.

'Worst possible feeling, is, being locked out of your damned mind, just fucking open the fucking door!

Open the god damn door or I will come around the porch and climb over to the windows sill and If I have to do that I guarantee you that I will split your room with fire and brim.

And I will make sure you cackle on it as soon as you piss yourself, boy.'

The boy opened the door as soon as he could breathe.

'Dad, can we.'

Stopped in low and not in the mood.'

Short Confession

She was nowhere to be found but it was getting worse. Trying to understand why they were after him. They must've found me out, that's too obvious. They've locked me inside, they took out the means of communications. Why yes, whatever lay in my mind must've been too perfidious and evil to be dealt with alone.

It was too obvious that no man could endure leaving him alone for too long.

Dreadful creatures, they were all along the way, way-spread around him, waiting for the attrition to happen. Painting the outside outskirts while making sure that Red would hear everything that happened out there, the dancers, the pumps going and everything that's gone mad, his every turn and everything that crossed his mind, in other words, he was alone. Incapable of discerning what was going on through. Way too obvious, way too wrong, way too obscure, the man was ostracized by his thoughts.

It wasn't just mere paranoia, but a blend of anger and misgivings. Never the better for what came through. He knew, better than anyone that there was no reason to stay. Not while there was still a chance to put a word in.

'You are my seed, my creation, my tool of desperation. I can only go forth knowing that I shall return upon you and pay mind of your growth ten years from now on.

And my dear, I can only fathom the span of wings that might come and spread and strap and remain. What came after your deathless gaze, whatever after, none might say. But, it was enough.

That one thing which was feeling, no one thought of it then. And when it happened, if it happened, we were left with thick lips and empty barrels.

'Met and you, Almond-Peer.'

'All right John, I think I'll listen to the wind for some time. Think the city will fall one day?'

'There's also Steppe, and what of him?'

'Worst fiend of the lot, I'd say.'

'One last time, good friend, one last time.'

He said but spoke too soon. It was plenty of ways he could look into it without knowing when or where.

Far into the end he realized that he was none to be held upon. He could not fathom staying out of it, unquestionably so. There was a deterrence that no man could point at him, yet he knew. Locked, locked, a petty watch, he pushed through and only seemed to piss the poor-like substance, never asking how the door-handle protruded.

Although, one could still look farther in the back, somewhere trapped, and even in the distance unknowing, hard to see or be bothered by it.

Look far beyond from the point of destruction.

Outside the house he had been trapped in, where there lay and whence the thoughts came, and through the tunnel and past the house. And off the verges and the stones, alas, there lay only but the chasm, the hole, the dark drop, also known as the Abyss. From whence one stood and looked down, as opposed to every other drop and grown of deeper touch, this was nothing to be missed.

It was juvenile in some way, but it was the missing years. Childhood in its most unadulterated manner; and although many would look upon it with shame, there was nothing purer in essence but everything that had been accumulated along the way. For he knew there was no way back, as no man could fall upon that road and return to whence he stood abashed.

‘There, I think this key should fit.’

Thought Red, although he was just as repelled by the sight, only even more so than he had been before, as this was hard-dealing with and even worse for the wear. He hadn’t known what to spare or what to look into any more than he could tell. Thence the dangers looked frozen as if on a whim, most of them bastardly trapped by whim. Hardened and put in their places. Never asking for any kind of embrace that might stricken on if more.

‘How long have I stood in this house for?’

‘A few months at the very least.’

Came Mouse from the distance, straying to get a word in. Bothered by the lack of compassion, they only opened way for him to come on and ask for something of his grating. In need for touch, he asked no less.

‘There, he shall be our guide and make it past the say. Follow me through and listen to them be brought there.’

And he was spared no wild thought as he looked upon the figure of the eclipse, his head. Writhed out of long despair.

It could not be seen any longer. Bastardly wrath that it were, they were unaware of their trappings, they could not think on their own. Servants making walls, dancers being part of them, the curtain being set around them, and before long they realized that they were trapped there.

‘Juvenile, puerile hole, from it, there comes something that isn’t out own. Whether intentional or not, this disaster cannot be avoided any longer.

It needs to die; leave it writhe in and out before we come out of our way in the making.

Leave it be I say, along with everything else.’

‘But what ought with to do there on?’

‘Forget everything and don’t mind.’

Twass’ as much as he let on, though never-ending in the quiet throng, they looked for some way, and another, along the way had states.

‘There it seeps.’

Said one of the frozen dancers, though he could not concur ever-before, of which fealty he seethed, before long.

There’s always, but always something wrong going on at times.

Dead Memory from the Chasm

Death changed it. In light of day, filth could not convey what lay beneath the chasm. It was too dreadful to be looked down upon from that point through.

There in space, the body of the lamb. All its limbs were gone. And from its insides sprouted many such chains of skin, as the bold contorted worm that entered it, he lay, though in time little was said, he had devoured. All life had been destroyed and lichens of skin started corroding man's creation in every form. For what was worth and everything torn, dread had swollen, death had eaten. Death had become him, undefeated.

For in evil he decay, and waste came along the way. None survived, and stone shattered, ever after, on its morbidly stolid platter, they fell. Encompassing their filthily encumbered remained, his brain shattered as every image of Agamemnon faltered. With every piece and every startling delight, and every worn-out mold and every single time reality fashioned Earth. Every man and every creation and every god and those who set forth after, with their kin and with their makers, even the Suppressors in their dead realms; even farther than the ones that calmed themselves. Many died and many fell, many would not get up again.

Every land and every woe tainted, and every death counted and never-ended. Even through nuclear realm, even the vessels that were supposed to run their plains, their worlds and many of those that remained, in death. He shattered and killed, and broke and peeled. His every bridge upon which they broke and fell, as that was only but eternal and none could, eventually avoid or return. No joy in the making, no reflection reality, it all had to die with them. Leaving behind a dead-world, one of such a putrid sight, of elation in its mad light, wormed out and eaten by a disease, by the likes of whom no longer would anyone be please.

Of such sight no angels would sign. No animals lay, no humans remain. Only death, for death was pleasure, that was the end of thoughts. That was the inevitability which swallowed all. And there was no stopping to that disease and none might know how to please themselves by flight. No delight might lay, none might stray their hands, or, even rather, just as much convey but the thought.

And everything that brought them there. Death had endlessly swoon and ended them, piercing every sun there lay. Every child and infantine world filled with them, and every king and every maker. Every patron, killer, master, world, every piece of life, and tendril-like delight, they died. Messed with as their hopes had faded, in an instant, their lives ended. No shield would do and not a hue. And not a single one would rather get through. Such death worlds as they lay, compassion being spilled along the way. It was blasphemous thinking of it all, and even facing them as they lay through all.

The memories that had been taken, all of them destroyed and for their own sake, be mistaken for their deaths. Could not mean anything, past their lepers who encompassed girth, every savage of their own, none might do and never cull their makers as they stare. And never again would they happen to live through quiet, impaled through chest.

One could think of Glaucoma, of his child and every sight. And even before he stepped outside and even after he had his boy alive. He had died many a times. For every reality and darting sight had to be completely extinguished. Those who might've made it, there was not a chance, for one to know about them, petty, chronicles were mad. For them, none might say of hue. For Hern had died and everyone's sinew had only seemed to spare him of the junction, that terrible action and never ending distraction which was disease.

The fallen pit, broken apart, as through it lay, as well as through the encrusted sight, a giant tail which had impaled and broke the planet, killing everyone that lay in sight. A delight for everything stored, for death had claimed everyone as well as more and more had tried to fight. Some set in flight, but unable to face any of it, as well as they would face the fright that was eternal.

The compound broken, as the gods, all of their read deathless mass resting as the mist spread. Yet none of it could corrode him either, as he lain in all, he broke through swollen and through gaze. Every spreading as if to devour through the maze of bodies that were floating in space; the thorn, the hideout, the bunker and each realm, even the Violator who could not be seen through sight. Even through the unaffected realms of time where even he had yet to tear a sight, and be met with any other as their delights. Even the ones that had ascended, even the ones whom attempted to search for the lamb, and every Laplander, servant or criminal in turn.

Those that mattered especially the Elegant and the Proto-being, his species and his promised land, the kingdom of sparrows and those who lay in sight. Through the plains of Sicily and through each rendition of Earth, destruction followed the serf of evil. All lay dead. Encompassed through a never-ending deathless connection which poured into every reality that was there as well.

Souls would not deserve, but caught as they were as well, none lay saved and none the living. All laid claim upon and never allowed a rebirth through skimming and through pain. Even those that fell, Oliver and Oliver dying, through a spear, always trying; no resolve for any man, as fate has yearned for all to be dead before life even began to spare.

While Charles as well as Blue, inside the house, and through, they fell, as many roots shot everywhere around as well; as Allan could never have met, not a single sight, none as well. For every man and every living being, even such a force that would abolish and disrupt their breathing, the pattern would only shatter and spread, ending them all before life could flee or have a chance to be spared. Bloated birds, the knights and creatures, the gangs, of Bottle, Pox, and rocks, were heaved. Argus and the like, the agents and the benign, the uniforms and their masters, foaming, heaving as they could not stop, nothing made it through, not even the slightest delight.

Could stop one knowing, from the cities, ever-growing, he had put an end to all.

And through the most bastardly sight.

A voice unlike any other stood, as brightly as ever, one to be.

'You killed my child.'

It spoke to me. A dead man listening with no hope, across the back, hooked upon a root of meat that only stood, as worthlessly forlorn.

Has she been spared? Nay, only time remained, not as an anchor but a cruel joke, trying to give her as little hope as she had before Agamemnon claimed their lives.

‘You’ve killed my child.’

She spoke again, but this time around, there was none to say it. None to approach, none to lay forth, arms climbing and never asking for more hope, worthless as she was, for every piece of life, there was nothing stopping it from being taken, rightly so. Her claim fell, she died again.

And then another voice came asking.

‘I don’t have much time.’

Thought but one of many, maybe less, of fealty as it were, the bleakness had barely a chance to corrode his legs.

‘Long time has this been desired of and I shall not stand your existence no more.’

Cried Argus, as he finally arrived in front of the mansion; for he had known of pain and he endured, time and time again, only to have settled the deal with the man. He knocked on the door, was greeted by a servant of hope and finally enticed he asked for him.

‘Bring your master to me, I don’t know why but I can feel it.’

And there was pain, for he had known. Be it as a hunch of the swoon which would take them all, but he finally realized, just like something every man would have to eventually accept. That every great thing and every sight, everything had to come to an end before they could set everything right.

‘I may not be a righteous man, but I have to see Glaucoma and face him.’

‘I shall bring my master forth.’

Thence the old servant left and lay claim over a closed door. Everything was worn out and broken, much too largely filled with a disobedience that would not due. Out there, he waited, standing on a rounded flight of marble, with a single sight to the sea.

The morose feeling, the bleakness only served as a reminder, something that was calculated, stronger than that. But now, no living man and no being could ignore its strong might.

‘Why is this happening?’

Argus asked but so far no answer had come. There was no reason to endure it no more. For what was worth, for every mile he had taken to arrive here, he had finally come to meet the man he sought after all this time.

But there was no strength left in his arms, and no pettiness and no hatred in his heart. And it wasn’t the fleeting force of youth that caused it, as the man who had appeared in front of him refused.

‘I will not raise my arms again you.’

He spoke, and although his voice had almost cracked as well, he only spoke.

‘I don’t think there’s going to be another time or yet another chance, but I wish I could set everything right, just for once.’

The man only shook and wasted, no wares and nothing, yonder, rested.

A nod on both ends as they just happened to approach and shake hands. In mourning of his son, for the likes of whom he had missed and lay abandoned, yet against a sun unkind. Farther than their world.

The old man turned around, with little hope.

Just as he came back to his house, he understood little and could do nothing but applaud all the waste and every word, and every scramble and every wreck he had caused. But more so, he had missed her more, more than anything he’s ever wanted.

For all the times he had been blinded, and for the least of all, departed from soul and work. He finally came to her room, upheld, and worthless as a man whose daughter died. As one whose soul had wasted itself, somewhere beyond his hopeless cry; of all the things that he forgotten, of all the things that did not matter, she had been the one there. Lain upon a grave, unfairly tainted, his obsession finally satiated.

Although as the winds of destruction pushed and threw everything away, one swoop in particular threw a bunch of card out of their way.

It seemed way too clear that to the right side of the broken world from which they parted, the two of clubs, ten of clubs, three of diamonds, nine of hearts, five of hearts, Jack of clubs and the ace of diamonds flew on the right side of some long destroyed flown through abyss.

The king of spades, Jack of hearts, five of spades, five of clubs, eight of clubs, seven of hearts, queen of spades, two of spades, six of spades, eight of diamonds, queen of hearts and Jack of spades got annihilated in one fell swoop. The four of clubs, king of clubs, ten of spades, six of diamonds, nine of diamonds, seven of spades, four of hearts, ace of spades, queen of diamonds, eight of spades and nine of clubs lay in a fire, swooning.

Jack of diamonds, six of clubs, queen of clubs, three of hearts, seven of diamonds bloomed in a tumor sphere before being destroyed. The King of hearts died the first, as every heart of the ten of hearts that was missing imploded. Leaving only the four of diamonds, six of hearts, three of spades, five of diamonds, four of spades, ace of hearts, three of clubs, seven of clubs, two of diamonds, ten of diamonds, king of diamonds, two of hearts, eight of hearts, nine of spades and ace of clubs became an eye which burst into a guttural explosion from which tiny infants died, whose faces were marked with the imprint of the cards, as their limbs only grabbed like wreathing tentacles before they were shoved in the ground and splattered.

Their infantile nature, as that of the women showed as it started spreading and eating what it could from around the place.

And in the Eternal Bloc of Wood and Sand

‘We need to discuss something, incredibly fast. There’s something you should know about, there, right there, can you see it?’

‘I don’t know what you’re talking about Woodpains, I don’t see it.’

‘It’s right over there, the trembling man with no head.

He has a machine underneath him distorting the world, he will destroy and bend everything, mixing us with the most uncannily detestable objects and no amount of piety and evil shall change it, regardless of our eyes.

We have to stab them.’

‘I shall bring on the blades, Woodpains. May we forget he’s changing us.’

And in the distance, he saw no legs, it only appeared to travel over long distances on top of metal wheels, though the rust looked out of place, since it bore the general look of strangled criminals, the dead only drawing forth. They were useless, too useless to be forgiven.

But the machine underneath it had eight-half retractor claw-like extending mandible choppers that were used to destroy and collect pieces of the building in came into contact with. And with every piece it took away from it, there were a few fallen cradle-like substances which poured out like water springs only to harden and become trunks. Well enough the trunks opened and half-men came out, like freaks they couldn’t help themselves, afflicted by a strange-kind of deformed encephalic tumour leisure, their heads opened only to push out their real forms which dragged their hidden skin away upon wings made out of strange block-like structures that were intertwined and pushed out of them some strange defiling consumption eaters. Grains, and bolts that dragged along their long-legs that were pushing over their large bodies that were spreading like substances around them.

And before they knew it they had revealed their giant one-eyed shape inner beak which, despite being almost flat, unlike the roundness of an eye, they had become ever-throwing and devouring. Begging to be put down as the irises only protruded in the same manner only the most uncanny beaks would, trying to eat and starve at the same time. They had to die, they had to die for no reason, there was no hope for them, they had to be drowned because once they made it past a point in the sky, the sky would turn upside down. It was an illusion that only affected the ones with an ability to set themselves in flight.

There were two types of ground but one could not make it there, on top the sky-ceiling whole. He would be ripped to shreds and erected in the most unfashionable state possible, as a disease of distress would, uncannily forlorn, unable to be worn as the gore only spread this new flat idol. At first, men thought that the strange, yet peculiar, uncannily deformed, unnaturally tainted, unfathomably ugly, nigh-near the desire of begging for a loathsome extermination mad idols were nothing but some deformed stars or some broken satellites. Yet they could not be more wrong. Defiled, defiled, they danced around, even though

some of them had been completely splattered before being raised upon pillars, they could not fathom living any more in their current forms.

Since their extensions only drew on forth until they could not help themselves any longer, they suffered for eternities that were calculated.

Once it was settled that it was time, the blood splattered creatures were pushed onto the ground, making that giant leap over until they were completely re-crushed and reformed, even in their deformed, egg-shell-like body state, where their ribs and one giant split eye and inner organ, and the little freak-like used skin body shrine was half-formed, they had made it towards the machine which started pushing its mechanical limbs in order to completely reshape them as it planned to create smaller cradle-like formations that had to be completely terminated before it could eat again.

For only the man without a head which was impaled upon the metal hook-like accessing point which pushed through him and came out of his chest like the tip of a giant spear which could replace the top of the peak French architecture, started speaking. In drones, its words were unnatural and had only grown out of their master as they started forming small objects out of the atoms of air that were flying around.

Using the molar-state of skin junction out of the nearest body of the man who observed this strange mechanical fiend in action, it could do nothing short of an attempt to eat everything that was alive in a fraction of a second. This small digestive-tract that floated, out-deformedly trying to grasp as many things in the air as it could, drawing and drawing more power from the dreadful crest and the peak upon which filth started pushing on, there in the distance, the stopped suddenly appeared.

It was another plain man who hold a torch that was put out by the wind and only kept being put out as the fire pushed on and started eating everything around the world. Though to a normal person all of this would only appear as strange flashes of hell-fire which could be interpreted as vision of hell. Caused by him, as he would be known as an evil man and for his countenance he was rewarded.

He grew immediately, unable to constrain himself to the unnatural need that were hunger, for hunger was there. And Hunger was something akin to some mad creature which solemnly looked like a giant sacrificial doll that had its heads and plain descending arms drawing into its back, contorting until all this fire bursts, as slim as they were finally drew back the small organ which needed it to look at him before he could finally emerged from the inner-air hole it had turned its den into. Since it could not be helped any longer, as a straw-monkey would, it opened itself, allowing for its every child to come out and spread into the air.

And they looked like straw-simians of which heads were like that of some unnatural looking weirdly pushed out, then drawn in boxes that had hills drawn inside of them if the boxes were empty chambers. Yet inside of the empty chamber that bore that weirdly deformed hill, their brain matter and organs had drawn inside since their chests were filled with a foamy-sponge like fat that had been evolved in order to deal with the attackers.

Of whom had come from the distance. Wriggling eighteen blade-like arms, there flying grotesquely fattened creatures that were made out of what appeared to be a large plaster-like fattened oblongs that pushed in like a flaccid button that was being slowly roasted on the stove, while the fire only started with its edges that started receding back, allowing for a quick view of a clearly protruding face to be seen in

them. And while their middle was red-pus, the hooks around the edges were only pushing out and only dreading to come and eat as much as they could in order to survive having their insides be emptied by the strange guts-like creatures that constantly tried to appear everywhere at once and eat everything.

And they fought and charged and they pierced their bellies and some of them managed to extend their tendril-like mouth rounded spears as fast as possible until they couldn't move.

They stopped wondering about poison while strapping themselves in.

For there in the distance lay but a man, made king-domain, the Dominator on a whim.

He? Him? He was different, much more different, or would've been so.

There, in the distant past, he may have had a chance, now wasted.

For his mind and eyes came to be long bent, upon his inability to concentrate.

'A nosebleed master, nonsense, gibberish, it's all working. It's working.

All that we're left with is to split them open.'

'Slaughter them, master, we must slaughter them like pigs and dogs, like cattle, like the moisture of a butcher. Please, I beg of thee, allow us to do so.'

'I'm sorry you think that way still.'

A few more steps forward, it was just about as much as he needed. Walking didn't mean much, but it was all he had.

'Come to think of it, I don't know either.

We can't go on like this, you know?

Voice of Evil, Voice of Sense, Voice of Immorality, whatever you want to call yourself, we tried and failed. We're incapable of hurting anyone.

We can't do anything properly.

Just let it die off while you can.'

'We can't allow the hatred to die off, it's in our being. It's what defined both of us for most of our live. It might be blinding but it's who we are.

It's what we are, and neither of might be able to escape it. Swallow your pride and keep it alive, it's who you are and no one can change who they are, regardless of how hard they try.

And if I will it so, master, I shall force you, I shall force you to accept me. There's only us against the world and it's what's kept us going so far. It's our own driving force that shapes our sight. We can only keep it so. You shall not be the one who chooses.

You're not going to let our memories die with it. We both know there's no compassion in your mind, we both know that we cannot never move on. So, why stop now? When we're so close, it's so much easier. We can harm, enslave, hurt, steal and punish whichever we want as long as we're here.'

He simply listened and didn't speak. He knew he was right. It had to be that way.

'No more being looked at, no more being an outsider, everyone stays the same, as they ought to be.

And when we finally get to the point of achieving power, we can make everyone suffer, with no exception. They shall be forced to cower and none shall escape our.'

There was still time. He had to stall, there was still enough time. It was the only righteous way, taking them all along the way, bringing ruin, destruction and carrying everything over.

'We cannot forget, we missed so much.

It's your fault, you missed it, you dumb fool, you missed it. We could've read, we could've made something of ourselves. We could've been scholars, makers, creators. But in blindness you ruined it all.

You strived for nothing, like a petty dumb troglodyte.

And worst of all, you waste time. Our precious time, ruined, destroyed. Your realization came too late now, dumb, paranoid lot.

This is our only thing left, our hatred and degenerate behavior, master. It shall make us and it shall be the ruin of us as well, just as it ought to be. I hope it was worth it, striving for nothing.'

On a pile of trash, that's everything they've been trying so far. A pile of useless trash, nothing more.

'Worst of all is that you've brought that on yourself. It's all your fault, there's no one else to blame for your arrogance but you.

You brought this upon us.

And look, a pile of trash will never make a world. Nothing gets preserved. Everything dies with us, do you understand?

Most likely it will die even sooner than that.'

'We cannot punish everyone.'

'And how have you even reached that conclusion, your majesty? In your moment of clarity, it's almost as if you've come to believe any of the things you've said.

There's no excuse for you acting this way.'

'Am I to be judged by you now?'

'Is there anyone else left around?

There's no return, it's too late. A man is already carved in a way, you're not a mold, you're not marble either, you're something worse. You can mask every name, you may lie to everyone, you might even show some semblance of shame, but you chose to go along with everything and for that there's no escape. There's no excuse, that's not something a man let alone a human would do.

We'll live with that now. We carry on; there's no excuse for no man in this world. You've made your bed and now you shall sleep in it. As cruel and vile as you've been, we shall never be devoured by them.

Show no remorse, if I tell you. Show nothing. We've gone far enough for everyone to see who are. There's no point in hiding.

You shall never apologize, never fake compassion, shame, guilt or anything of the kind, there's no point in lying.'

'Can we go already?'

'Not yet, stay until the curtain's fading. It's important. For either of us, so why rush it?

It's what shall define us for the rest of our existence, whether or not it shall be short-lived or not.

We won't have much time otherwise, you know that. Time waits for no man and you've already defined who you are instead. It's a one way street from this point on and your anger is the only thing that makes you human from this point on. It's what keeps your mind and memory working, and how can we forget it?'

And the hatred shaped everything, as it ought to be used. From their bodies, wrought and painted not, for every bridge that came outlandish, for every form, abstractedly worn-out.

'I wish I wasn't alone.'

'You damn idiot, we can't. Never, we can never be with anyone, we can't leave the memories behind. It's the only thing we have, it's the only thing we'll ever have. You may not have done it on purpose, but it's too late to change anything, scum doesn't change, nor shall we attempt it.

As long as we remain alone, we've won. We'll have preserved everything. Think of the power and time, we could shape everything if we wanted to.

Hide if you have to, block every sight, but never give up now, we're still at it. That's the only thing we need. And the day whence all shall suffer would one day come, just bid my command and we'll make it through, somehow. Let everything else perish, it's the essence that matters.

The essence of whatever you may want to call it, evil, immortal, degenerate, it's irrelevant. As long as we have this, we shall be.'

Another break in one of the walls, they weren't touched, they hadn't been touched over ages.'

'Stop it already, it's over before it's even begun. You're as petty as I am now.

I think you're right at least about one thing, we're both useless, powerless to do a thing. I suppose it was nice dreaming for a while, wasn't it?

'I'll find a way. I may not be smart. I may not be creative, but I'm not going to give up now. Not after everything I've been through.

I don't need either of those things, I'll find a way.

And you know what? I don't need to belong, I never needed to do. I.

I simply don't want to end up hurting anyone.'

'You wanted to punish them.'

'I didn't. I didn't mean it, it was.'

'No shame, remember?'

'I know, I know, I'm not showing shame. There's no such thing as shame, guilty, remorse, regret, pointless things. Once something done, it's done. And there's nothing you could do about it.

Rationality is a leisure.

And we can only feel a slither of anything when we listen to the songs the wind's producing. Once they're done, you won't feel a thing, for anyone. Enjoy it while it lasts.'

They moved on.

Both Red and Mouse, leaving behind whatever that creature was, seeing the strange highly-concealed conical-vortex make do. It sutured itself and most likely devoured most of the frozen dancers alive.

'In some way, I think you're pitifully limp-wristed.

You just haven't tried thinking about it hard enough. Go on now, we'll see it through.

Look, I think there's a stationary lost ship.'

It was mostly a brokenly deformed, largely drawn out hut that almost look like a clay-formed pile that had been abused by a bunch of cow-prodders. From above, it would seem like it was filled with hickeys. Most of which, torn apart, and almost fully eaten and bumped. Hardened, metallic, bearing a single light-producing thermometer-melted shaped form on top of it, which lend onto it an almost futuristic feeling.

'I don't want to go inside.

I can't explain it, but I have a bad feeling about it.'

'We'll be fine.'

Looked Mouse, as he could only assure him that there was nothing to it, it was just another melting structure. There were a few of those around the place. Although there wasn't much to build upon.

‘It’s all too natural’

What an awful creature he was. Already back out of its track.

‘You realize this, don’t you?’

We only feel that way upon hearing music. Otherwise, we’re unstoppable. It’s our own weakness, to an otherwise, unstoppable malignant mind.’

‘Our strength.’

‘Our filth, I suppose. In our nest of illness we can still be.’

‘You’re a neurotic little mental-invalid.’

‘So be it, better than a liar.’

They entered and didn’t speak for a while. It was dark, under the very light coming from one of the embed lamps trapped in the ceiling. Despite the amount of power that was being produced, nothing could be seen.

‘I still think you’re projecting too much. You’re poisoning the dark now.’

‘I cannot help it. Mouse, you’re supposed to be on my side, are you not?’

‘Not this time around. You need to learn how to tone your pettiness down. Learn how to behave, you’re not an animal and neither am I.’

A few more steps in the dark.

‘We have enough time to catch up.’

‘Ask for a light.’

Then Red-Marker asked so.

What a petty fiend he was.

‘Distracted enough?’

The light suddenly flew in and all of the sudden, long-revealed the chamber almost burst into view.

A madman with a rake started charging from the other side of the room.

All those hours of grinding turned his body into a killing machine. He wore a chest strapped upon his chest with tiny long spears penetrating both of them. Bleeding.

‘He’s going to kill us both, run.’

The back of his head protruded out of another head and his mouth was on the wall, munching on a carpet made out of poached Negro-faces.

He was foaming blood anchors out of his growing leg-lungs. And he wanted to eat us.

‘Run, into that room, now!’

‘God damned dancers.’

Two dancers were blocking the door, standing like barricades. It was all too pitiful, both of them were much deformed. Although they both took part in it as they ran away and pushed it out, although some cries were heard and let alone one would abide no less, both Mouse and Red were split ahead, they couldn’t wonder at the stronger, headless, pushing forth.

‘I will kill you if I lay my hands on your faces, I shall have your throats.’

And as they rose, it was plentiful and little more, worn out hands filled the halls as change around. Many of the surfaces praying, shaved something off themselves. Although no wonder and little after, the headless had only come no stronger. They asked of little woe and crept. And all around the place they wept in flight, of no delight and tried ever after, leaving in sight.

‘Close the door and lock it forth.’

Said one of them men, unable to see themselves, as much as they were, sworn to it and ever-calling. Dreadfully stopping themselves from slashing around. It was dreadful, crying, swept in places.

They hid and ended up there, in the forest of the land, in their only shaken soundproof torn-up hand which had been wrapped around the rooms they each began prying through. Of brazen-bulls and orcas bronze, of manifold men who were carved in the den of bronze Mouse entered. He knew of lack and brought to naught, he knew as little more than he did before he’s been brought back. In quiet standing, answering from the wall, as his hand only battered it, he asked for something, only to be gone.

‘I wish I could hear, and near you through this. What I lack in pride, not to mention through ill and miss and bitter hiss. I wish I could come yonder and make through. But I think there’s no way to melt through it and miss amongst the bitter due.’

‘Wait, due wait in time, Red-Marker.’

And in the room, although the quiet, though they neared ever-dire, there was but a single bust, standing atop a blanket of molded air, whence they would not enter its area, better as dead otherwise, man would be, there was something missing from its face. Broken and disgraced, pushed through the waiting. They waited for a moment, eye to eye, as if from the stand whence it had shattered there lay still a light benign.

Thoroughly wasted, as if bloodied by anger, it shone upon Mouse with a light of strife, which dwelled upon him narrowly. Encasing him as if in place, rotting every fiber of his face as he revealed, glory in pain and something he had taken yet again, as if for granted. Strangled out of his bloodless coil, whence he lay below and asked for none. There he stood alone in a half a stone, a shroud amassing, pushing around him ever-shrinking never passing.

And encased, ever-so much as he had been, there around him, thin of skin, lay Red-Market, encased in bronze. Of no fealty and no worth, he stood, breathlessly as a whore.

Note Reminder for the God of Filth

‘Need you be reminded to read from your vile notes, although silent in thought you need be forced to read the key-units, the key-patterns out loud, else your mind ought to decay and melt through your nostrils, head, ears and other containers that are in your body.’

His body, after all held many such wildly deformed containers which had been flushed inside his guts and replaced every organ and every ounce of blood that lay in him. He was a man, deformed and uncannily stricken like a pitiful worm, tearing himself over only to open the valve-like handles from which his memories poured out like vented chills of air.

‘Call upon the Man-of-Filth.’

And the Man-of-Filth, who was his servant came along. His mind was stricken, filth was gone, in doubt and made, filth remained. He walked on four-legs, a cradle of mankind inside his gut remained. As his skin-deformed robust-pushing girth came out and started dragging itself and coming out, as their ancient temples made of gut, almost to their likings came to dread the shroud of blood water pouring out of his gut-holes.

‘That man is a stooping hive. He ought to be punished and forced to abide our doings.’

‘One man at a time now, one man at a time, there’s no need to push yourselves out of the way.

And naught that may be done.’

‘Don’t eat the bread, it’s infested.’

‘Good point, I shall only force myself to eat no legs.’

‘Eat the fish, they’re filled with scum-green and growths of moss-like lichen probes.’

Which were hard and spherical and appeared to have their tops nearing the likeness of spears used to impale it from above. Though those spears were soft and flaccid, and ought to be put down. Fealty to no shroud, they wanted to eat and eat, around, leaping in death, the fish could not be even more forlorn now as those spear-like green drone-extensions made it to the floor as they would start moving the fish on their own.

‘Grab them and show your mouth full.’

But what was that about? And whence would all the scum be?’

From day to day the Tronder-man appeared from the distance, bearing news of laceration and the creation of a legless man.

‘We carried him through upon a trough and managed to throwing him into the pit of scum from which his body gums had eaten him.’

But lo' the deformation was only spreading, as it spared none, wrought and gone, fealty had only shown itself to have begun.

'I see a man, and he is broke, we need to steal from him, past the hope that he might rise. We have to act immorally inclined.'

'Man of Filth, return and do as I say.'

He called upon him, on the way and through the contorted moving cattle-bulked building, of which texture was only shaped like them but appeared to push out as it floated along the way.

'We walk on crystalline cranes of steel and appeal to dead-rats.

They shall walk upon us.'

A bridge was set and on it they walked.

'God of filth, I see that you've approached me.'

For the bridge extended into the back side of the strange hut and entered it, as well as the Man of Filth could not, for the likes of him wonder, who was he and why was he stronger than he?'

From both rooms a single hole appeared and from both direction, the bodies of both Mouse and Red came to the Man of Filth, the servant and the God himself whom, on a whim chose to elate himself with their presence. No satisfaction could be direr, it could not be tainted even more.

'I have dreamed of it, you know? '

'What of it? What have you dreamt off?'

'I have dreamt of it, I said.'

'Of what?'

Mouse asked again, now even more irritated than before.

'There, in the distance, a platform on a giant flat rendition of the moon, standing on giant worm-like hounds and hyenas that are eating from below it.

And that platform it kept by giant long-tunnel pipes of which piles are contorting and bending as if to melt inside it and bear through. Filthily-made and contorted, as well, my servants are there and all of them are so-much alike.

For they bear the lower trunks of men on tubes and the top of it, to bear, the upper body of Guenon as well. They are my servants, for they know of culprit sounds and those creatures in the outer-worlds who want to enter my world in doubt.'

For even Filth knew and feared him, the maker of all the creatures whose deformed faced enacted a square-like foundation. Of which creating, from this window came a single element of filth, the girth within it being vile, defiled by degeneracy of change.

‘And from the rounded-hills inside of it, I know, I shall bother myself naught with what went on, but eat it. But the child of space, the infant-mage shall cast a dark curse upon him and mixed with my servants as if to produce.

Out of the belly of its spawn the large deflector, a girth of manifold beasts, tied together in the ark-of-gist. It would force my servants to repent and after that, of evil tent, in which they spare none but see.’

Man in Strange Black Room-Box, Inside a Deformed Airplane-Cage

A small storage-like room filled with stuffed asylum-like plates, darker in shade than in color with the man standing at the table facing the lady investigator.

‘What’s your name, kid?’

‘They call me Cones, partner, but you wouldn’t understand the meaning.’

‘Shoot me.’

‘SO be it.’

Cones pulled a gun from his pocket, a small hand-held portable revolver and shot her between the eyes. The investigator fell on the floor. Another one came and took her place.

‘Are you ready to talk now?’

‘Of course I am, so, what are waiting for?’

‘Weeding out the dumb-ones, the bimbos, you know? You should know, so, right? I’ve read your manifesto. It’s trash.’

‘You’re unintelligent.’

‘And you’re the one caught in a cage Cones.’

Click, click, no bullet left in the barrel.’

‘What did you expect would happen?’

Name tag on her chest, this one bore one, Wilmot Rose, her name was Wilmot Rose.

The other one, who was bleeding on the floor didn’t have a thing on her.

‘Come to think of it, yes, I think you have.’

He smiled, he understood.

Done for, done for.

‘What made you do it, kid?’

‘Blow me.’

‘I’m being serious, I’m your friend here. You didn’t really killed that woman, you know?’

‘I can see her bleeding on the floor.’

‘Look again.’

‘How did you do that?’

‘I don’t know, look again.’

‘Stop it already.’

‘Ready to confess?’

‘Women can’t be men of cloth, unless I’m wrong about something.’

‘Don’t get cute with me. We’re keeping a professional relationship here, remember?’

‘So what did you want to know now?’

‘Why did you do it?’

‘It’s none of your business.’

‘And you need to eat.’

Four hours pass, nothing but water given, from above him. A trap door opens, from which a small man that looked like a small deformed starved other-prisoner whose back-body is held by another one that’s held by another leading to a block of black that’s being seen and surrounded and pushed around into a tiny speck of tiny eyes remained there.

Though once they reached the light, one could see no eyes but long iris-shaped glowing hands, where the upper eye-lids were but the nails covering them. Most fingers were put together into one. He didn’t know how to react or why they were doing this. As a matter of fact, this was all wrong, not even in his head. He was beaten to it, thinking. What to do?

The woman came back.

‘Rose, was it? I had to think for a while. Why are they still there?’

‘I called them in, do you like their hands?’

‘You can see them?’

‘These ones are real, I can assure you. As deformed as they are, they are my children. They moved in my work-station because it’s much easier for me to take care of them. I suppose. I’m afraid that one day they’ll find out that I’m not their real mother but a scorpion-infested leper brood from the dead-fetus of which they spawned out of upon my failure to bring them to this world.’

‘All right.’

‘I’m glad you’re my friend. Tell me why you did it.’

‘I was inspired by two main things.’

‘Go on, I’m listening.’

‘Come to think of it, this wouldn’t be safe for me to talk about, they could hear.’

‘Who?’

‘Your children could.’

Rose took a few moments to snap him back to reality. After snapping her fingers a few time, he finally flung himself over.

‘What’s that?’

‘Music coming from the velvet-room, care to see it?’

‘Certainly, come on. Will you tell me why am I trapped in here?’

‘You’ve done something terrible, remember?’

You didn’t shoot anyone, you’ve smashed their fingers in, triggering the destruction of the complex. Down there, you shot them after.

Eighteen generals, all dead, stepped in, with their inbred-fingers melted on top of the balloon-buttons.

But that’s irrelevant, don’t you get it yet?

You’ve stricken yourself down, haven’t you?

‘What do you mean?’

‘You still don’t get it, do you kid?’

Look around you, it’s already done, you’re done. There’s no return to how things had been, there’s no cage that could hold you either.

You’re, it’s hard to stay, you’re not in a limbo, you’re not in some hellish landscape, you’re caught, struck in place, you can’t think rightly, do you understand?

It's all nonsensical really. But I'd like to think of it as a waiting zone before another emotion kicks in and blinds you. Otherwise, seriously, life would and ought to be taken away from you. It's simple, it's delusional.

You're not anchored to a place and that's the worst thing ever, that's the worst possible thing a man could admit. You could leave all this behind and feel no guilt whatsoever. What of your family? Can't think of them either, and next thing you know they're lost.'

'You're messing with me on purpose, Rose. I know what's happening around me, I am in control. I am, don't look at me this way.'

Long stretch of a hallway, leading not a velvet room, but an abstractedly deformed velvet pattern all around his reach, made to look like some checkboard pattern, not squared, but in the shape of cut-gems.

'Running out of time now, don't stand there.

Don't be distracted by the dead-dogs now. There will still be time for that later. Don't look behind, it's the Moor, his blade is sharpened.'

And the Moor grinned, as his hand, from inside his chest only threw itself forward and grew, now bearing a spine, as if a thing of its own. Unable to feel itself any longer, numbed by pain and elated, too grown. Outwardly thrown and seemingly pushing on with long curved fly-trap like fingers that planted themselves inwardly into the back of their palm. As deranged as he had been, the Moor was taller, darker, even his desert garbs were colored-tawny, bronze-rust, or copper. And the mouth which rotated-attached to the hilt of the blade, from which each tooth bore his face had a worse, more malignant look to them as they extended out of their gums.

Strangler over, incapable of singing as they starved, never to be satiated; worst of all was that strange arm-thing which drove itself into him.

As the blade lost its sharpness, for the worst of wear, it had been defiled, grown in fat although metal could not grow. It felt as if, strangely as it's been, someone coated the blade, or it had been fattened by the insides of the Moor's arm.

'He is definitely going to kill you this time around.'

'He's dead, he's not supposed to be here, Rose.

Help me you dumb whore.'

'That's not a nice way of talking to someone you're supposed to be asking the help off.

How about you try again before he reaches us?'

It was all so broken, the hallway, in the back. It started growing, expanding, as if the mere defilement of the Moor's size pushed every wall out of the way, out of the socket, drearily pushing in and out behind him, as it only expanded to fit his stature. And the mere deformation looked like a bizarre off-shot of waves which pushed everywhere around.

‘Think again, kid.

Ask me nicely, there’s still time to escape him, or you may as well get what you deserve. You realize that, right?

They’ll catch you.’

Door, he entered the room, trying to search for a lock. It was too plain inside. Large blue-domed carpet, and a strange lamp shaped like a crab without its pincers, bearing its every leg around, even an extra set from the front and the back. And they fell down in the same way spaghetti fell. Someone also came in the room and painted the walls with a large -foam high-density paint roller bough from one of the Dep stores, from Milwaukee, Delaware.

‘Fuck up place, isn’t it?’

‘I haven’t seen you enter the room, where’d you come from?’

‘You held the door for me, remember?’

As much as I’ve come to appreciate what you’ve done for me, unfortunately, I’m afraid that, you know, you still haven’t apologized to me. And from the looks of it.’

Front wall, door in the front, near the edge of the room where the corner met the main hallway. The farthest corner to the right started curving at the edge, upwardly, as if it were the bell-curve, the top of it, leading to the highest peak, but not to the other end of the spectrum. He stopped there for a moment, most likely planning.

He remembered what that “blade” looked like now. As thick and deformed as a stunt-gun. Within a whiff, he could crush the wall, if only he wanted to do so.

‘Stop stalling kid, if you know what’s better for you.’

‘Why did you ask me if you knew?’

‘Are you seriously going to do this here? Do you have the time for it?’

‘I don’t.

Fine, I apologize.’

Rose quickly pushed him out of the way, then quickly locked the door. Blasted thing, dreadful thing, unworking, all too convenient.

‘Great, I’m glad you’ve taken yourself by the heel, now do it again.’

They started going in circles.

Part of the floor opened, half of it missing. Of course that by now, he couldn’t care less, it was all too lost on him. He didn’t know what to say.

‘Rose, are you certain that it’s safe going down there?’

‘No. I don’t think it is.

What’s even down there?’

Looking down the hole, one could see but the staircase leading to the carpet-room. But as one would go down there, he could see, something else. As if from the flash of a mind, room, like that of an opera, leading to a giant window that’s seated between two more stairways leading to a much higher place. That entryway was peculiar at most, as it only resonated to another strange location to the right side of the entry. Which in itself almost lead to a tower-side, as if it was part of castle, a room where experiments would be made as well by a strange woman.

A flying malformation setting off a ledge, but that was far away and incontestably meaningless at this point, as the staircase only lead even deeper than before, set in line, perhaps another time.

‘We leave when?’

‘Whenever we can, it’s important that we find a way to make it in time. Just to be sure, I’ll have made. I.’

She couldn’t think of it right now, but Rose was almost a lip off the street.’

‘I think we escaped the Moor.’

‘Are you sure about that, Cones? He could still be out there. Care to turn around and check out?’

Mid-way down the stairs, both of them caught that way. Frozen as they looked above, seemingly unable to understand what was going on or why. Why was there a light, uncanny, broken and defiled, piled underneath the caved-in boiler-sound, and from the highest peaks, and whence they would’ve been. Where surroundings bent, and everything wronged-upon, looked as if it had been swollen, there he lay, looking down on them with the likes of which only a beast of a kind would seem to bear. Dreadful in a piece, to smolder, unable to spare them in wonder as if he were to approach, there was only the shaking force caused by its total weight, that bounced around and heavily brought to pain.

‘We shall not remain here, alas, unless you want to fear it come.’

Farther than the Enclave

‘I seem to think we’ve been here before, haven’t we?’

Quexxltl’Less, of whose knife brandished started pushing out and pouring in, rightly through his side-lance.

‘I think we’ve been walking for long enough.

Down with them, empty your pockets, now, before I slit your fingers off.’

Near the bridge, past the tavern, where lay the single mushroom patched of colors blue, red and dots of empty, moss polka-dot thing on top of it.

‘Dreadfully far, isn’t it?’

Lekkl asked the petty men. Eight of them put down around a single wrap of woolen-bed wrap, of brown tawny skin of leper.

‘I see that there’s something better coming down the way.’

‘And what of us?’

‘Wriggle harder, perhaps your pockets will fall down.’

Another eight or so approached. From the distance, whence and so.

They noticed that something was wrong, even from the distance, whence there was no carriage but a giant open horse that was put on the side. He would have to be opened, near a pelt of skin displayed on sticks, revealing as much as its open ribs and empty seats on which the disgusting men had been on.

The horse was still pouting and could only wonder so. When would my master come, and why must I wait for them to be done with me before I may go?

Yet his mouth, despite the way in which it was jerking and fumigating, like the weird peculiar thing it was, it could only draw and push as much as it could on the side. It was peculiar, truly in every sense. But this oil maker between the teeth could only draw sustenance from the food it ate around itself. Flies had come and fed it their young. But no bot-fly would be planted, out of the fear such a malignant horse would enact upon them.

‘Dreadful, dreadful, dreadful manner, I see no shower abound, the glory.

But a few peculiar men stranded and wrapped.’

Came the Gallant-Peril Mude, of which peril could not be understood. It was all too fallen, all too out of place. Disgraceful as it had been, rummaging along the face of the planet, where they had been, as quieting as their songs would carry. Not to many yet to ask, akin, a few and better lass.

‘Should we not free them, my lord?’

‘I see no reason to do it, just look at them for a moment.

Tawny clothed, like peasants in robes that are encased in dirt. Is it not fantastically worn out for either of us right now?

Should we truly look in another direction now that this had been brought to our attention?

I see foul marks of foul play. Such as the likes of which I may never be able to convey, what do songs unruly tell of it?’

And thence he asked his servant so, while he might render of no quiet woe. There had to be something to deny, of a while, the kind of which he tried.

Of homes, of which his master bore, of tiny speckles of disastrous whores he had used before and other picks a many he had carried with him.

‘But what of it? There in distance, yonder, whereas wind is stronger than the clouds, and the nettling of winds, the strongest. Whence might they hear of the songs of Alabaster?’

‘I do not know master, but should we not leave?’

For peril lay ahead, they knew that, or else, deathless of kind. The horse bore a single cut from which eight heads came out, without a throat, just floating them, one by one they started floating outside, skull-like, transparent-skin, bearing skin chairs which dragging the horse on a chain.

‘We set in flight then, and let it be known. We shall come here no more and seek no compassion for we were cheated yet in fight.’

And a dance of atrocities in the air, for fear might not even do for what was fair. Of deathless song, you’re broken. Destroyed and petty, petty, and petty, entrance.

Thence the two assassins were done contorting the poison of the sewers, made from a single man’s head whose wings were spread but shot down, he split his head and died away. And he was one of them, those who revealed, that their bodies were hidden in a circle of meat inside their throat.

‘Defeat, defeat and much defeat, is there no greater peril to look after?’

‘But what is that yonder you feel, in fright? Has something happened?’

‘Nigh, my heart would not subside, I feel. In the same way a despot would heel to step.’

For every step he went on. Of no better worthlessness had found him so. He left trails of steps made out in numbers of the dead, but there in distance, another one brought so. It could only be accounted, as distraught and petty, never to be looked upon, slightly in the making, hence.

Had he been called and looked upon the evil plains, he would’ve known what had remained of lands in times like this.

For that was nothing short but a pocket that was being brought, even wider and more deformed. Even darker as if it had been forged out of the replica of a hill, much reflected in dark colors, even melting upon a short of fallen stars that had been eaten by it, for smoke would leave no trail by far. Instead, for what was going there, on distance and in fairness of despair, one could come with only but to strangle and ever after know of what was plain. Of destruction it brought plenty, for once the evil inside would descent, nothing shall be left of the land.

And in sight, in the making, in the dark, skin was flaking, for that dark-hill rock-like metal of evil of which upper sides seemed to be like steps that would be stacked upon each other, the marks of words and plenty scraping. Of each side the hands were plenty, yet there were no bodies carrying them at all. Way too broken and forlorn, not to abide, the fiends were not plain of air nor unseen.

That pocket was merely carrying itself within a patch of ground upon which it dragged itself around, leaving but a trail of despair behind it.

Whoever were the knights of plenty, and whomever had tried lifting those up, they had died a long time ago, the kinder of their light had gone there, inside of it, whence none remained. But their hands, their hands, or moreover gloves, of which kind and betterment had been set aside and put to shame. In place and in the making, in den of vileness and peace that went to shreds, for it was coming along their way.

‘Shall we leave, or scourge each call? Have we fallen that far that we would allow such creatures to die off?’

‘Let them be so, and who shall be so plain as to care about them when one was wrong of hand?’

They haven’t wriggled yet and I see no coin and waste for naught.’

‘Better yet, drop dead, to the sound and to the making of a fading thing. I see that it bear only tiny specks that die within the air, the smoke of evil be contained. In the ground and everywhere around, in the shrouds of a fire, I see it now.’

But there was no scorched land in no vision taken by no one near the pocket, instead, the ones that cried only saw this instead. Hardened, a vision boiled, of replicas of uncanny torn to shreds, and many beds and worn-out homes stranded, somewhere in the air, upstanding. Nowhere near to be seen, no pillars within but the most out of this world remotely standing flight of crowns and wrapped around shrouds that were wrapped around. Filthy hands had touched them before, leaving marks of finger-shores.

In the distance he had bled. For whoever was enacting this pact of vileness, better he be dead.

‘Aye, I think we better leave them be.’

And two assassins on their way, never to be seen.

While there, as it came, no longer deranged, the pocket of evil trampled the men in a mere matter of seconds, of which weight could not be deterred. Lost to thought, they lost themselves, unfairly to be gone as well.

Of Dark Warlock, Sorcerer and Whichever Title that may be

‘I am your apprentice.’

But he wore the head atop the heel of his forehead, drawing too far away from his head, almost ripping out his head along the way. It was petty, he did know. But he could not do it, as to lick out of his eyes and wonder. Where the stronger man had gone, the ones that would fight for them upon an age that ran through, but he?

Peght'Eye, who was one who served the skin-computing thing on top his head, upon the display would wonder as to starve off the ones that pushed him away.

He bore too many commuters that were being attached, from which, upon a flash, they started wriggling all of those cables attached to his head. No wonder of the straying, no pettiness would tell. Of wonder which the yonder heavy torturing device which infested his skin, along the way, there came a spike-disease he had taken a kindly pleasure into rubbing over his open throated gush. Only to feel the pain from time to time, it would just do, it would just do.

‘I wish I knew why I’m doing this so.’

But never wonder, why the flying beasts of which wings encompassed bodies as sea rays, with the heaviness of a weighted down sack carrying and inverted giant tower of fat that twitched as it grew even slimmer below its pride.

From the top a different carpet of skin, from the top of which long legs pulled out, then curved around every joint as they connected to the same top, forming ninety degree clockwise turned rotated C’s that were pumping blood within themselves and appeared to be drawing even father in the air, twice as far as the entire size of the worn-out turned around towers.

For at times the fat became sweat and it had to be dissipated everywhere around instead, just so it might drip from where it stood and wet the sand since there was no rain or fauna to come around.

And both the apprentice and the other ignored the creatures since they feared the shower might turn from water to fat-acids which would destroy their home, upon which they sworn each other to be there, forlorn and placed upon as they came to be. There were dead hours, dead hours at bay, especially in the distance where they lay.

Rose and Cones

‘Yes, I’m thinking, care you explain to me, Rose, if you were so kindly endowed, why are in a carpet room?’

Although, to be more precise about it, the carpet room was indeed different than anything else, or to be more precise about it, the carpet was. Every fiber and every hair from which the carpet had been made was wrought out of the texture of a morbidly dead mammal-creature, merged with the likes of pure hatred for humanity. For its own sake, it was boiling in front of them now, and even deeper into the carpet, as a giant drop, such as the likes of a nuclear warhead, there was a dead-stretch waiting.

It was there that John-Trunk had once been lost and wandering about, trying to find a way out of the molochain moss upon which he walked.

‘Tell me, Rose, again, I’m going to ask you this, why are we here?’

‘You wanted to get away from the Moor, have you not?’

‘I suppose I have, but here? This looks worse.’

‘Beggars can’t be choosers.’

‘I already apologized. Or think I have.’

‘Well, why don’t you step on the carpet, kid? Go on, step on the carpet.’

‘I don’t trust you.’

‘I got you this far, haven’t I?’

It looked all too normal, especially with the faces being imprinted, now there being in hundreds, grown like a disease. And as a matter of fact they weren’t even flat, as they were raised up, a few centimeters at a time until their features could be seen and touched. Some noses, lips and eyes were thrown out and appeared to have a visible disjointedness from the area from which they sprouted, from where one could see another flatness, like that of a block. Underneath those faces, of the main facia that was being projected from below, there was a flatter copy of all the faces, supporting them. Fakes stood on top the real ones which were guarded, none may touch and abuse them.

For they feared abuse the most, and wore the other faces like masks; it was only that way it could guard itself. As the carpet’s very nature was that of a human. It was humane, although it could not speak properly, nor would it be heard as the voices were mainly inconsistent, to the rows and the worst approach. No mindedness of the kind could shelter it from evil. As much as it behaved itself, berated in place, this was it.

‘You’re seeing as much as I think we’ll see.’

‘Can we at least, Rose? I think he’s still up there.’

Cones turned around and began approaching. He had seen the empty up-way leading to the highest peak, towards the door from which they came.

It was all too tainted.

‘Why, I could not fathom thinking of something else, I can see it, there in the distance, upon dances of stones and the mourning of his own, can you not see it either?’

‘What is it?’

‘It’s that dream that fiend, that creature-despot Ogoth had. For his likes had dreams of his urn, the vase, upon which he had become forlorn and broken, pierced and thrown away. All too broken to be left, too deformed, and better yet.

I see him still and can still hear him yapping. From within and without, from the depths and the shroud might over cover his dreadful-paned look. He of a Pan-species of old, shall break and dissolve what’s left of his world, he left it so. Everything’s being encompassed.’

‘And yet, you hear them come?’

‘Indeed, I do, I can envision them as well.’

‘Who are they?’

‘Servants, tribes, peoples, deformed creatures standing upon a giant plant-like growth which had encompassed the entire planet with everyone trapped inside of it, dreading to be so. I know it, I can see it even now.’

‘Please tell me it’s but a farce, for it could not be so otherwise.’

‘Yet, it’s plain to see that there’s some kind of agony that’s being shared. By them in a giant land of despair, as they know they’re trapped as the bulk of the being is that vase-like urn that’s wrapped in his image, from which the roots malformed legs carry them around the transparent sphere. Mechanisms set in a pseudo-space floating and for what reason?’

‘I couldn’t tell of it.’

‘His claims must’ve been true, he must’ve been some lamentable figure like that of a god, it must’ve been so. His own shrine-like figure carrying a globe, like Atlas, as to doubt the bloodying of the globe he carried. His fealty could only drag away, I say we leave the sight before he comes along the way.’

‘I see that.’

And though he had been spaced out, he feared.

‘What is that? There in the distance.’

Distraught they looked out of their way, unable to comprehend what was happening, or whence it lay. A queer yet bizarre sight, one that would enact, something to be caught.

It was a tall broad-chested man. His eyes bore tiny razors shaped in them. His arms were thinner, his pats were that of a ballet-dancer. Red normal shoes and gauntlets that were like those of a bleakly colored standing fencer; but belt though tilted, bore a cross, a skull, an eye-deformed, which only distracted from the fact that he owned. But a strangled noose, of metal shook, wiry around his throat, and melted, part of his throat, defected as his head was both there and around him. Or even more so, he was inside a giant projection of his giant head. And every time he spoke, one could see the head open its mouth as well.

But there was still hope to see a neck, and think of it as a giant projection, instead of just that of his head. For one could see below his feet, an even darker-ring of pins, made to look like they were eating, his mind was sleeping, his brain had been shattered, for behind his head one could see a crack that went after and entered him. Finally he was at peace, having stopped worrying, for what little was left of his cortex in that open box-he-named-a-skull was brought to nothing but a dryness like that of a woman whose menstruation cycle had gone to pass.

He was Rowalt, spelled like Dolt with an R instead of the D.

Day one, ever since their meeting.

They’ve been staring at him for years.

He was a strange person who didn't understand how to begin conversations, so they waited, thinking.

‘What is he going to do?’

Correction, thinking out loud, what a peculiar sight, indeed, seeing that strange giant thing that approached them from the distance, trying to cut their fingers, despite being a giant whose face was Ogoth.

The sky was green-blue with a magenta aurora on top of it, as if layered through. Falling objects could be seen from the distance, like the falling parts of an abandoned sinking ship.

And the ground was tainted and ugly-looking, perilously touched by war.

Both of them were think.

One was Rink and the other was Rette-Verdi, like the composer.

‘Bones, I think, we have to use them to draw a map.’

‘Do it on the ground.’

Said Rink, but he didn't follow.

‘Think he's listening on our private conversation?’

‘He's only a few feet away from us, isn't he?’

‘Indeed he is, I think it so. I think we should, you know.’

‘What?’

‘Exactly, wait for a while and see whether or not he can hear us.’

‘What if he can see us?’

They were just close enough to see the spectral image that was in reality his house. He was trapped in it. That was confirmed by the fact that it had become stationary and he resided in it. Like a mime living in an invisible home.

‘We should calculate the trajectory of which he might decide to approach us towards.’

‘No, I think, yes, indeed, it would be, frankly simple, to calculate the trajectory of the entire solar system just by looking at it with one of our great lenses.’

‘I think you're wrong there, buddy.’

‘Greater lenses, special lenses attached to the greatest of satellites that would convert the complete trajectory of the long trail of light that's being carried over by dead stars in order to.

You know what I'm trying to say, right? We could convert the light-wave, as fat and solid of a wall as it must be into a reflective material, which would mirror as many stars, planets and galaxies as there are.’

‘A lens would not be enough for that.’

‘Whatever, but something ought to be used to bounce the refraction from the light upon the planets and way back, it must be so.’

‘I shall eat your throat.’

So spoke Rink.

Weird City of Decay

Couldn’t recall the name of the city, something Port’s UAC, military field, plants of metal, army men around, no citizens living, guns plowed down.

‘Grinding the fields, it’s as much as I can tell you Pagan-Beggar.’

‘What does that even mean?’

And why did you call me that.’

‘Wait a minute.’

One of the recluse-cars drove through. Hollow on the inside, no drive, no automaton-drive making it go.

‘You don’t understand.’

‘Come again?’

‘It’s kicked back again, it’s in my system, I think.’

‘Hold him down.’

The man waves for four others to come. They pin down the Pagan-Beggar, or attempt to make him sit. One eye discolored, as are his teeth.

‘He’s been touched again, hasn’t he?’

‘He was, I think we need to give him another sedative.

It should calm him down.’

Twenty minutes or so pass.

The Pagan-Beggar wakes up on another side of the town, wondering what happened. Many soldiers had already been done grinding bone-girdles and guts, making various coats placed around the cartilage of the nearest building. Not cartilage, coat-wax-like, a mixed substance, green-ocher-red, too had to detect by eye, not from the distance.

‘I need some help here.’

Pagan-Beggar said. First time in a long time he questioned just why.

‘I’m not going to let you ignore me.’

‘We’re not, but you need to leave the place.’

‘Or else what?’

‘How about your head being grinded in?’

‘I’m serious.’

‘As am I.’

‘Then piss off.’

He walked away, next two set of streets, always walking, through the same roads, the same blocks, traffic hours, with the exception of the block across the road, where most of the cars were being placed in.

‘Warning.’

Said one of the soldier, with an almost mechanically elated word, lost to him.

‘The doors are closing.’

And just then, right as he looked, every building around the city swooped in, without a single one leaving a fraction of a space to look in. Too many of them, too fast, not enough space to leave by, while the only man in front of him was surrounded by cars.

‘I wish I remembered why I’m here.’

‘It’s going to get a lot worse than this, do you understand? You’ve been warned once. You’ve been checked again.

Show me your ID.’

‘I don’t have one on me.’

‘You’re getting another sedative.’

Pagan-Beggar stopped, waited, received it, then waited. No sleep this time, no different location. His blood coagulated a bit, but he expected just as much. What a terrible thing.

‘We keep finding each other here, don’t we?’

‘I’ve never left the spot.’

‘But I have and I’ve been walking around for the past twenty minutes or so. Can you see it?’

Look at my fingers.’

An old trick, but it’s never gone rightfully so. He’s missed a finger, two, then the time was go. Before a blink, he raised all five of his fingers.

‘How many fingers am I keeping up?’

‘I don’t know. You keep switching between them.’

‘I’m not. Get into that car inside the barricade and wait inside. I’ll call someone to sit with you for a while.’

‘Why are you doing this?’

‘I’m going to help you.’

Two more soldiers came after an hour. The hood was off but the door hadn’t been locked for long. It was tiresome, knowing it. So many buildings looking at him, it fed into the same obsession.

‘Here, he’s here, you know?’

Watch him for a few hours, sorry, Pass, but this is as much as I can do for you. No regrets here, but I think.’

Sight, he needed it. At the very least he was in a secure location. He didn’t ask for more.

‘When are we leaving?’

‘Don’t talk.’

‘But I’ve been reminded, haven’t I?’

I feel the urge coming back again, after all, it’s just a small incision, isn’t it?’

People decay left and right around the world. It’s not something moral but physical, after enough abuse of chemicals, of the foundation of which men become, not like plants but the embodiment of a layered abstraction on top of the body of a man. For example, the image of some senseless patches of naturally grown, forced colors, defiled and put on top of man, then forced to boil and become him as he would decay and be spoiled with acid as if to melt. Thrown around as he could not force himself out of the way. And some of them were brought here, by force, living in co-habitation with the soldiers, of whose senseless charades could only dread so much along the way.

Still it was hard felt, in the distance, that blasted image, in that manor-like room. Not the window but the door to the side, which lead down the stairs to the room where experiments were being made. Why would one be forced to stare? And why the one set in flight as well as the others? Blasted creature that it was, desperation had caught it as if it had been speared down. Although too foggy, who was she? What was she doing there and what was the point of the experiments she was doing?

Could that be but a child? There were others she had made, which were set in flight, seen as giant deformed creatures, too had to be pinpointed down.

A servant would have to take care of her in old age, but of it, what of it?

‘What happened, woman?’

‘I’ve overextended myself, that much I know now. I should’ve never done this to begin with, but now, they’re all gone.

My creations left me now and I may never be able to find them, whence spared.’

Her laboratory remained in shambles and looked as if someone had broken it concretely so. Phials, filled with reddened blood, tables of wood, a cabinet, on the wall. But most importantly, that stairway leading above, as if they were inside the top of a tower attached to a castle instead of a manor; queerly so, one could not get away from the sight, of the flight she might do, in doubt, set in flight as if to return and then mourn herself as she went on, back into her place.

‘They left the laboratory during my absence.’

‘Think there’s something you could dread to be?’

‘I missed it already.’

Filthy vision, distracting from a point of vileness, that dreaded sight generated from above the room, from that filthy spot. Peculiar angle, it was so. Seeing it from there was only the wretched thing that gone through it, never to know and search for it.

‘Angle, remember the angles which connect memories, oh filthy mind.’

Seen from above, the city was broken, half of it in any case.

Port’s UAC, some spots were seemingly contaminated, but not my something which would infest a man, instead only the Decayed could be, of which growth would deform their worthless bodies into the lanes upon which they’d place themselves.

‘For how long have I been sleeping?’

‘Pagan, I think you’ve been out for twenty minutes or so.

Everyone’s been wondering where you’ve been.’

Still inside the car.

‘What do you mean by that?’

‘Take a look outside and you’ll understand, perhaps you will. But do not blame me if you don’t like what you see.’

So many of them waiting, them, leading to the formation of a most unsatisfactorily set-sight, dreadful to the eye and to the observation which was distress; for starters, there was no reason to look past the pressed ones, into the ground, or the long-headed circulatory systems they spread around one another. Right from behind, their bags or pouches, from inside their heels, some of them being worn awkwardly

and pushed out through their lower sides, managed to still worn out the fields of grounds. The governmental patched area, where their filth pushed through, below where they formed the centipedal-unity of a star. Though it was not normal by any means as they were bent and almost came to creep and abandon every leg behind. As a cult would form tails instead, paralyzingly at first, incline to create tails out of the symbiosis of their legs, bones protruding as well, as to explain it.

‘But why would they abandon leggings?’

‘They’re too worn out, you see, dear experiment.’

‘You’re not the same man I’ve spoke to before.’

‘Oh, right, I almost forgot.’

The other Gov took out a note and started fashioning something out of his sleeve.

‘I’m supposed to read this to you. Ehm; oh, wait.’

He put the note down as fast as possible before he could be caught in action. Instead of saying a thing, he’s lifted three fingers, two keeping the syringe on between the thumb and the pinkie. To his supposal, this sick bastard might’ve rubbed one out while he was asleep. It was that disgusting thing, the general feeling that was being shared between them, between the homos. They had that incredibly wrong thing that made them stand out, one couldn’t put it past them.

‘I’m leaving in.’

Not of anything but the fear that he might do something to him if he was so inclined to find him sitting where he was. Not to be alone with him for too long now.

But now, poor Beggar, poor Pagan walked between them.

‘Where you think you’re going? I was given direct orders that I ought not to let you fly past he radar, like you always do.’

‘Stand back.’

‘Don’t get mixed with this, I don’t want any trouble now, but I won’t, I won’t shy away from using force.’

He backed away, a wise choice which stuffed the candles around the top of every building that had formed a crown, with teddy-bear-like stuffing which pushed the flames around as the bear-like forms arose. From their open mouths strident green-sharp stings came out, harpoon-edges from four directions, all cut through, but made of skin instead of metal, as was the “wax” as well as the creatures that were wriggling out o the pain of being constantly burnt while being choked by the stings.

‘I see that we’re given a signal. It’s sleeping time.’

The lights were slowly to be elated and pushed out of their way. It was all done and for a while, there was no emotion, or at least no other emotion than that of empathy being wasted. Dragged on and dribbling around. There was something in the air.

‘Did you hear that?’

It’s napping time and I’m about to follow through with what I promised.’

Must’ve been when he was asleep, not that he could test it by any means, that’s why he ran and left the sleeping decayed out in the open, hibernating for the following hours. But doors were struck down and locked from inside, not normally so, but from the other side, as if they were gapped. Brought to their attention there, he had to go before being caught between his snout, he almost made it.

Right around the first street, where he turned upon the curved-side of a lane’

An opening, it had to be the missing corner, belonging to one of the buildings, missing for some reason. There he leaped inside of it, or was pulled by force, drawn in.

He had fallen, less obscure, protruding as not to ask, if the Moor had made, let it be just as well known.

‘Leeway, I ask for leeway then.’

‘And who is speaking?’

‘I am, for I feel no fealty and might not come onto it already.’

They spoke no less than it was required and those who were silent would admire the fashioning of death-strides, of which no doubt, had yet inclined. There was filth all around them. There, in the distance, spacing but the clouds of dust, the shrine about the world, uncanny.

‘Long so, as it had been, I see no reason but to thin the waiting.’

‘What do you wish of us then?’

Asked Rose, thought she could think of nothing more.’

‘You cannot wake up from it yet.’

‘I’ve been wanting to do it for a while now, Rose.’

Cones still looked unsure.

‘Slit your wrist then and bleed into the carpet, you ought to, you need to, it’s what’s needed.’

And there was not even the slightest chance that he might do it.

‘Why?’

‘Because we need to reach the castle and it can only be done that way.’

And Rose of Pox said it so, for she had known of it, from the body of which the castle was wrung in its bearings.

For the carpet lead to it, in the distance, right before it could disappear again, for the body spoke to her again in dreams.

There was a Beautiful Pink Moon

A gift, perhaps, for Elegant, and the strange creature that was the Proto-being, near which, what had been brought with them, lay a single grave buried on it, underneath two willows, where a man named Last rested in.

It took her a while to think about it, but Rose thought of something.

‘I think we should ethnically cleanse some of the inferior races as well.

Why, I hold the general belief that most of the races are way too bothersome to keep around and ought to be completely removed by any means possible.

I think that some of them should have their throats slit, skin peeled off and be lynched for no other reason other than the fact that I loathe them and I loathe their existence.

I would definitely ethnically cleanse all of them, without any piece of remorse whatsoever and I think I will. One day, I, Rose Fitzgerald shall run a campaign, run for presidency and ethnically cleanse the inferior specimens of our country. What do you think about it, kid?’

Cones was utterly shocked, more so than how she pointed out that he ought to have cut vertically rather than horizontally, straight up the road, not across, or a gun curved beneath his Adam’s apple instead of pushing his chin forward as he’s aiming.

‘Great, I think we’re making progress here.’

Scourging essence of black-filth

‘There’s but one thing left to do now, isn’t it?’

‘What?’

‘Since your memory is broken, we have to kill them, all of them, one by one.

They can only be saved by being killed, one by one, do you understand?

Make sure no one is spared.’

‘How will that fix our problems then?’

‘It’s simple, actually, it’s incredibly simple, just find them when you can and put an end to them. Stop them if you could, poison everything, make sure you kill the starving beast.’

Dressed in velvet checkerboard patterns, large coat.

‘Right but what after?’

‘Then you’ll stop being confused, I think.

Come on, grab a knife and start cutting, make sure that no one survives in here.

We can definitely make up for our losses afterwards. Just make sure you cut deep and don’t allow for anything to make it through.’

‘I don’t know about that, friend, but this sound incredibly paranoid.’

‘Indeed it sounds, but make sure you won’t choke on your blood too soon now. We don’t want you to fantasize again until they’re put to rest.’

‘Rightly so.’

‘Who said that?’

Cones:

‘As I was saying.’

Shall we go down the carpet, then?’

‘After you, only after you, you know what to do.’

Said Rose, her mouth being filled with pus, had taken Cones by the hand, and made to noticed that the Moor had left, made it so only he would follow.

‘Who are you then?’

‘I am Pagan-Beggar.’

Damn it, the name stuck, like the door. It was hard to count on it, now, but he leaped inside the carpet and made do with them as they went up throng.

And whom, of which wurn-car, great Jormungdur-shaped piston could deal with, for the machine was boasting with having killed, of plenty and within its rights, many-about.

‘I am the God of Delusional-Paraphernalia, Perdue.

And as your lord and as I have shaken the world with my grown pores, I am to claim you all as my own.’

Came a voice.

‘They’re going to kill me.’

‘Run kid, run as fast as you can, they have knives, they have pitchforks and hammers on them. They’ll rape you if they catch you, they’re vile, run child and never look back.’

And the child was afraid, for he looked back and realized that he was afraid of them, of their filth and deformed looks. Vile things, breeding as they walked, part of one another, molded in part and legs, spread between one another as they shared their filth and became, of ill. Spread amongst them teeth, rabidly deformed, worn out and eaten as they pushed on.

Some strangled and filled with rust, dirt in their eyes and bloodily fornicated upon.

But he was not to be called upon, now that he thought, with them in the back laying.

‘You’re but a plume of a boy, olive and you need to leave.’

‘You want to break a tooth or something, mister?’

‘What do you mean?’

‘That jolly ol’ there fellow will backstab you if you will it.’

I still remember, yet she thought.

‘I am but a man, out of twenty.’

It started with a piece of the land, where they walked around and it felt, as likely as it were that there was no way to return not mourn for the complete destruction of the whale-shaped anchor which drove them out of the grounds. From everywhere around them missing, blue and strips of whitish-pink whereas one could drive the colors out and wink there was but one death-angler standing. And he had fished men and put them, strung by his pole as well, peculiar as it seemed to be unlikely, delights of sugar blocks floating in the clouds.

Blood was precious but not as precious as the lower intestines went missing from everyone, although they could not confirm nor deny it, as they feared the mighty comb, of words and fingers that were being driven in their covers.

‘I see a disaster coming and I’m afraid. There’s something wrong with me.’

‘What is it then?’

‘I fear that there’s something disturbing living inside of my brain and he.’

‘Who?’

‘I don’t know. I feel bad. You reminded me of something I have an ill intention thinking about.

I don’t like being here.’

‘Do you want me to call someone?’

‘No, please don’t make me leave. I just want to stay. I just want to be liked.’

‘I. I don’t hate you.’

‘You do, you must, I’ve seen you around, I know you. And I know what you’d do to me if I told you what I have in my pockets.’

‘What are you holding in your pocket?’

‘I don’t know. I don’t want to know. I don’t want to think about it.

Why would they search me? I’ve done nothing wrong, I don’t deserve that, it makes me feel bad.

Just tell me, before it’s fleeing, I only want to know. Am I bad person?’

‘I don’t know what you’re on about, but I’m going to get someone, I will.’

The man left but never returned.

In the middle of a crowd, twenty minutes later, it was all too bothersome, staying there, sitting around the face. People were staring all the way up on the escalators. Everyone was staring for the same reason. They must’ve seen them as well, thin men of stars, surrounding me.

‘I don’t know why you’re all staring, they won’t leave just because you do. You’re making them stay, and worst of all, you’re making me feel bad because I’m keeping them behind.’

Ah, bothersome thing. They were bleeding on the floors, making everything nastily encased, too much, worn-out walls, it was a maze this place, not a real one, but the architecture made it look like the inverted insides of a Gothic-castle, with all the spires in a bunch, studied by students during their formative years. They at least had the decency not to stare.

A man also lay near one of the four pillars of a long stretch. He was working on weird-looking trump which rose the nearby sleeping pups from their slumber. It was strange. It was done, finite, the men-of-stars almost took me away.

‘Listen kid, I came back. Do you want to know something?’

‘What’s going on? Who are they?’

Eight men approached, everyone was so weird and this was not their dance, for some reason, ahead, in place, all beaten away. It was gone, they were gone, just as fast as they had been.

Everyone usually leaves for strange timers, all clocked, until lights are off. Everything is strange, until the next day.

A few more people come around, everyone staying for some reason painting the walls. First, it’s a couple with a child. They’re dressed in the same way sax-player businessmen dress like, even the woman. And their child wears a strange red-dark shirt striped with words, but they’re hard to make out. Hippy-thing, he was a cap with a weird pellet on top of it.

The kid is painting a giraffe everywhere.

Then the kid watching them is left by the people of stars, whom are reminded of Freud's fear of Mars. It's strange, thinking of the Oedipus complex all of the sudden, he hadn't considered just how strange yet peculiar it was. In comparison with everything else, it appeared mundane yet out of place. Perhaps because no one could actually relate with it unless one actually came to the conclusion that their mother had some certain aesthetic look-a-like features that would make him ever more certain of being attracted to her; which can only come as quickly as that. Done in a snap before it had even begun, since it was a dangerous talk, after some point, no one wants to feel those certain things for her.

'Where's my mother?'

A little girl a few feet away from the pillar, musician on the left side, the girl on the right and the walls, both sides; leaving business-couple, the giraffe on either side. Hard to envision them being on both sides at the same time but, there was also another musician and another girl.

'What happened?'

'Lost her, she's somewhere, down into the hole, she's down there, I fear. She's calling onto me, Malice.'

'Down there?'

'Where else, if not in the hellhole where the half-bodies are?'

'I miss going there.'

Neither of us will.

'What's your name?'

And thence her name was Innocence, or Naïveté.

'Why?'

'I don't know. I just want to. Remember, you need to remember the world, don't let it slip through your fingers yet.'

I think I know how.'

'How? Tell me.'

'They'll help you remember everything. That way, we'll still exist, clever thing you are.'

We'll always exist in the vacuum somehow.'

'I shall protect you, my Innocence, I shall adopt you then. I will adopt you.'

And I shall never allow any harm to come upon you, never, no one shall harm you, never.

I shall protect you by doing evil, yes. By doing evil I say. With a pair of scissors I shall kill animals in your name and protect you.

And once you're old enough I shall give you straws only so you might blow air into a frog's mouth and blow its guts out, I shall protect you until then.'

'All right.'

The girl smiled.

'You know.'

The girl said.

'That whole shtick with killing animals is getting old.'

'Then I will kill you, then!'

And all of the sudden, the kid covered his mouth in shame, turned around as everyone aimed their eyes at him in shock, the stain.

'What did you just tell her?'

'Nothing, I didn't say anything. I didn't say anything.'

There, and there.

Everyone turned back to their wrong doings. A veil of men came in and broke some of the windows that lead outside. But it was by no means normal outside, as it seemed likely not to be something there, out. There, right.

There was a long shaft of metal pushing out, leading to a fake image that was painted in and looked as if it had been drawn by some American painter on a television show, which looked almost as if it belonged to the uncanny valley. It was all too peculiar and strange, how the windows moved around the room, and everywhere.

Even on top of the Boy's face.

'Can we start over, Innocence?'

'We certainly can.'

'I am Wylont, Wylont Peige-Hows.'

'Hey there Hows.'

And he wondered what happened that day, after the dancing stopped and he walked away, past every dancer and through the rounded curtain, wondering when dark might come and strike him down when necessary. Just so every corpse in there was place in the trepidation of string-stairs made of blue upon the now formed black ceiling of grayish-red to a crimson-beige still darkened by a few shades of dark gray, but still far away from appearing to be greenish.

The boy, Hows had been one of the dancers who made it through and had managed to escape with all of his fingers in one piece.

And his vision was darkened by the evil of the storm he had to go through, amongst the hills and even further, past the scar of the land, whence he remembered how he feared that the flying creatures might come for and spear him down. Though he had been largely afraid to go over, for what lay beyond the broken land was death and he could dread to see or to imagine what lay on the other side. There could be some dreadful beings, some which would destroy. Others which might be paranoid and shank him, if anything, the boy refused to even consider being stabbed. He had feared pain in the same way any boy would fear it so.

Henceforth, he walked on the other-side and kept going, avoiding the peoples who were mourning their dead gods and their passing as well as everything else. Instead of crying and in laughter, whatever happened after, he would make it through.

It was only after this dark journey had pushed him through that he was unable to understand how many time he had been going through the same turns until he ended up rolling in a hole and dreaming of dead cows.

‘What am I doing?’

Hows asked Innocence.

‘You’re looking through the visor, you ought not to. It’s dangerous. Seeing the visions of the other worlds might claim your life.’

‘But you’re supposed to be innocent.’

‘And you should be careful what you wish for, otherwise, something harmful might happen and you might be claimed again. I’m telling you, be weary of what you want and say.’

Put the visor down.’

And the lenses could almost, for a moment, seem likely to claim his eyes. All too dreadful in doing and the worst, of all the things he’s done and every vision being a curse, he. Put it down, there, with a single shroud of decency, trying.

‘Now what?’

He asked and almost lost himself there.

‘Now, look again.’

‘But you told me to.’

‘I told you to look again.’

Once he put on the visor, which had been rounded and none the wiser had managed to take a gulp off the back of his head, though Hows could not think of it no longer, he fell.

Part of his head missing, part from a blow, bleeding in the same way snow would melt into the towering bow that was being shot in him.

At times, there was this strange thing named, quiet.

Innocence was Rose.

And just like everyone whose ever lived, she had felt as if she froze. This sight of the kid dying in front of her took something away from the girl.

Although they were all descending through the carpet, her memory still rose as well.

‘Are you all right?’

‘I am, let’s simply carry through.’

It was a slight advent, descending a few feet but only a few, just so the place where the Negro had died was on the right and they were only pushing through ahead, past the weird creatures that bashed, and to their horrible noises, wretched-pass.

‘Far ahead, I see.’

Pagan-Beggar, yet to introduce himself.

‘I wonder why do you want me here, in the first place.’

‘We don’t.’

They stopped talking to him and tried keeping up a faster pace in order to have him lag behind them. Not by much, but for what was worth it, he appeared to be a much-likely, more-so, despicable person. No one liked those kinds of people, even lesser than before. Whichever quiet bow, and better trough, fear was like, in the past, a Dravidian, of which form was yet to be determined, solid as he were, he had made a home inside the carpet, somewhere in the distance, a hut made out of its hairs. Somehow, the sky was bleak, but they had no way of seeing it.

Distraught Thought, Unrelated.

‘I wish she had kept my daughter. I sometimes think about it.

Some things aren’t meant to be told.’

‘Don’t you feel strange now?’

‘What do you mean?’

‘Something’s not wright, everything’s unnecessary, I feel worn out.’

‘You know where to aim.’

Even in death Mouse seemed rather, peevish, scummy and foul-mouthed.

Red thought about this for a while.

Something sealed the door behind them and while there was such a weird creature as there lay. Man of filth was there and Filth itself.

What a peculiar thing, trying to see them around.

The Man-of-filth shaped a door into the wall, revealing a corridor with twenty other rooms on one side and twenty on the other, while leading on the left side this time around, leaning hardly as if not to tilt and fall.

‘We have to go.’

And looking from the back, the hallway looked like a panting made by Ivan Albright and just as they entered it, they had become just as deformed. Most peculiar of sights, going through a distorted hall-way of magic-realism, through a hellish-macabre sight reminiscent of the most horrendous visions a man could go through. The mere sight of it could only shock the man. His sight of pus and that of filthy, deformation and almighty was undeserving of any mere description. It would only have to be seen, no, it’s something one could only experience once.

What a lurid sight of filth, uncanny. Dark, yet touched by the touch of genius in form and shape.

The might of which only worship should convey, yet to breed with it along the way.

There, thee yonder, they could not think of darker days, for they had to choose a room in which to lay their arms and cut about, bleed as if to come into contact.

A man dressed in a flamingo and half a dog-his pants, he was a taxidermist, come around. He’s come here with a black hairdo and a grand moustache. A tie lay around his throat, made out of the dyed-out spider-arachnid bodies, chopped in halves by a guillotine, while his face bore a scar around his throat and he also missed an arm, the right one. He blocked the way.

As he approached he said.

‘All doors are locked and under refuge.’

‘Out of refuge out of what.’

‘I see no reason to tell you that.’

‘Harsh.’

Answered the Man-of-filth, as he didn’t know why the god was standing, where? He disappeared. It felt like he wasn’t there, but in that different dimension where his servants were doing most of the work. Not that it was necessary by any means to hope for something though he’s done it so. Ever so slightly, delighted by what was going on.

‘Oh, orange dots, neat, but what do they mean?’

He’s given Mouse, Red-Market and the Man-of-filth something to carry over, as if they were given rotten oranges for a change. It was all too dreadful, to be on their way, but they painted so many ceilings that color now. And there was but a single man who knew the way around.

‘But oh, ho, ho, what I have in store for you, follow me.’

Through the caved in cave, from left, they entered and stood there, only to see everyone having been gone. It was dark and swollen, the way of filth revealed as much. And they could only waste themselves just asking and wondering, where has everyone gone?

Because down there, it was impossible to see, hardened by the sight, where one shell filled with organs fell, and upper than it, some giants dwelled, but here?

What of here, if not for the left side where there was naught to see. They were too incompetent, for anywhere to be called.

‘I need to speak with the manager.’

In-before they turned and managed to try to eat and spread the blood and spread some canny, plain.

‘Oh my fucking god, can you not help yourself for five minutes?’

‘What, what did I do?’

The man pulled a few corpses out of the self-protruding five-mangled eighty degrees, all worthless.

‘Can’t you see?’

It’s not fucking worthy, you’re all worthless.

You’re all god damn worthless!’

Red ran through the hall, not taking a break from having his feet stomped.

It was pointless trying to talk to them, they wouldn’t listen, how could they? No one would get it.

‘There, take a right, you realize you can’t stand alone against the world, right?’

You’re not going to make it alone.’

Twenty degrees to the tail of his eye.

‘I can still make it.’

Blasted cave in side, twenty feet away from where he stood.

‘I chose this. I chose all of this. I’ve already made peace with my choices, I can still live through them.’

Mouse came from behind, only to keep up with Red.

It was hard to think, especially with so many distracting thoughts that only lead to the many ways a man could dissect a woman in front of her daughter, ripping out every organ she had inside, then splattering them all over. Lynching her like a dumb-fucking nigger, then pulling parts of her while doing remotely re-positioned squats, only while holding the heaviness of her head that bears not only her throat but her spine, lower side of her body and every rib in the fully anatomically developed human being. There's just so many ways a sick mind could image a woman beaten and tortured before being caught.

‘Are you all right?’

You realize you're going to be caught doing this eventually, right?’

‘I cannot help myself, I loathe women, I simply and thoroughly loathe them, except the ones in family, which are an exception from the rule.

Come to think of it, man, I would do so much, if I were to wrap my hands around a woman's body. Let me tell you fellow.’

Pulling her spleen through her throat, making a curved-cut around her right breast, only to drag her bloody stomach off; only to feed her with an iron baby-bottle filled with caustic acid, pulling her teeth out one by one, only to have enough space to put a single hard-pressured water jet, only to allow for a sudden break of respiration and clean some of the mess off while she's gurgling with blood.

‘I'd honestly and completely ignore reality and sense completely, only to bury myself inside her diaphragm, making my way through her spleen, right kidney while shattering her pelvic bone by force, pissing through the lower side of her body, then enter.

You know what? Why stop here? Why not just get twenty young girls, and shove a fucking jack hammer through the side of their heads? Or burn an orphanage filled with eighty-four planted gasoline-tanks?

I could even add one up, and start messing with.’

‘You're not doing yourself a favor, are you?’

‘Let's move from them then. What else can I do?’

‘Assassinate the president, commit acts of terror, molest every woman you come about, break a few federal laws along the way.’

Fuck the Constitution. Where did that come from?

‘Great ideas, what else, you know what? I think, I think I ought to put you in fucking charge for once and make you a god damn monkey-wrangler.’

‘I don't think you'd want that, now, would you?’

‘We're already gone now.’

‘We could kidnap a few youngsters, that sounds dangerous enough, doesn't it?’

‘For you.’

‘I’m serious man, we could kidnap a school-boy, slap a few hammer shots around his body, then slice him about up and leave what’s left, wait. Not in a box, not in a kettle, but, let me think. What would be the most disturbing thing we could place a kid in?’

‘Up your ass, asshole!’

‘Or we could move away before this deteriorates.’

Such a nice day.

‘A chemical weapon, we could purposefully infect people, somehow, I know it. Look, we don’t even have to be ones making it.

I’ll be the patient-zero and you’ll be my anchor, drawing me back once things get ugly.’

Water-boarding a loud-cunt with hydrochloric, nitric, sulfuric, nah.

‘Burn a bitch alive on a god damn stake, especially the ones that sleep with fucking niggers. But do it slowly, don’t snap her neck, get her to suffer a little and suffocate.’

‘Gotcha’, anything else?’

‘Stab tiny children at the back of their heads, build a bomb, give myself to the Feds, before revealing I have a bomb strapped to my chest.’

‘You’re really onto something here.’

‘Curb-stomp myself, it’s my turn.’

‘No, me.’

‘You’re definitely next.’

‘All right, then it’s settled.’

‘I’ll even do you one up, I’ll make sure you’ll wear a dress, homo, right before you do it.

Forty percent, I’m telling you.’

It wasn’t going too well now.

They were both, not entirely well on it. Definitely not on the same page any longer, back into one of the filth-rooms.

Honest to his lord, he looked at a sky of pus and thought.

‘I want to live in a giant woman’s liver.

I think her warmth would embrace me and cure me of my illness. I could finally be set free and never worry about trying to harm someone I love.’

‘You’re a good man Red.’

‘I know, I’m a nice person, once you get to know me.’

Women were highly acidic after all, by their nature. Henceforth, they could feel nothing while being exhaustively being used. It was all too obvious and pleasant that their biological impulses put them even lower than that of the common Negro denominator. Hatred for them should only come as being genuine as it’s come from a man. And man knows best.

‘I think I see a woman in the distance.

I loathe their sub-humanity, yet I am drawn to them.

I am weak, for I hear and I easily get intimidated by their presence, therefore I must bow to her.’

And Red suddenly bowed down.

From the distance he could see that the ground was soft, and plenty. There were no walls and in the distance, yet the other planets could be seen. It was disturbing and disgusting how much he feared women, yet how much he wanted to be pleased.

Indeed they were. As strange as they seemed, these mythical creatures of which defining characteristic was the size of their firm breasts was that of their larger, more defined, anything but humanoid form. From the backs of which they bore no wings but images of other women, embodiments in shape, which forever tormented them, as these creatures could never live amongst themselves. As it was obvious that neither one would stay youthful and instead they bore their marks. Of sharpened claws and wild surroundings, of plenty blows that went skin-deep, bleeding everywhere uncannily as their legs were to be seen.

And while bowing he could only hope, to see a wild angle and the arch beneath her silken robe, for, despite of all appearance, he had only want deterrence to the arch of her feet.

But at the same time they were also monstrous, cruel and vile. No morbid creature of apparition of filth, no sub-humane distraction or embodiment could be as vile as that thing they spoke off.

No devil and no agony, thing of glory, or be pained. For a woman was but evil inside and would only be that way. Yet for some reason, he simply stared. He wanted her, he wanted her as well. Despite all vileness, through her appearance, the deficit of mind, one could turn a single blind eye knowing, that their being was yet benign. For in their nature, there lay submission, and he knew when to rise.

Just as soon as she would step in line, he could put her in her place and smile. Of her dark-broken wings, the girls, they would be ripped apart, for he could only stand to listen to, but one. Too many would be just enough and not a single man on earth could deal with that.

Then pull a gun, aim it at her forehead and empty the revolver.

Afterwards both Mouse and Red left the room of filth and seemed to finally be joined again.

Man-of-filth stood knowingly, never to succeed, or swell.

‘Had he?’

‘Another mental breakdown, I swear.

It’s getting ever so slightly nearing a breaking point.

I don’t know what to say or do, there’s just nothing we could about it.’

‘I think I’m going to build a nice bird’s nest. Yeah, I think I’d like that.’

‘That’s a great idea, Red. Where do you want to build it on?’

‘On top of an iron-birch, I would definitely like that.’

‘I’m glad you will. I think I’ll help you.’

Truly, a majestic sight, as it were, they watched the lamp on top of them slowly fade to dim. It was, perfect, simply, perfect.

‘Will there be iron-fruits in that iron-birch?’

‘There will be, I think there will. I’d like that.

I think I’d like that very much.’

But before their dream of iron-birches and iron-nests could commence, they finally noticed the hired contracts at the end of the hallway.

Why fear? Since they were both dead, it shouldn’t matter. As they had little on their lively-platter, not a single eye in either socket, and hearts which had decay at last.

But then again, Sigmund Freud was a hack, which ought to have been killed, like all the Jews in some way. Although their women, I suppose would get a pass.

For sickeningly forlorn as he were, and walked by Manno Fild, Moss and Ried walked thence.

Fild had yet to call upon thine servants walk.

Yonder and forlorn, in sight, unable to feel themselves upon the long vale of grin and plunder. For they had walked a path of bitter sounder, yet to be knighted woe, Ried had finally succumbed to a plummet oe’r.

‘There, oér, I shall’t be drowned in a pond of ponder.

And I shall remind myself of the totter’s totter, for a little while yonder before the mischievous kin come thin.’

‘And what of it then, oh, oer’ one who lead the path ahead, whereas one might lay and go convey but a patch of gray-yarn out of the cavern, in winter’s sun.’

For thawed and lay, outside, the flay of snow had drawn to autumn, as they had missed the land or peril dark and they had left degeneracy behind to rot. Such a wild conundrum, walking, on the step of ever landful and yet worse, there going on a single morsel, they had lived and they had missed. And there were valleys, no disease to herd the sheep away, and no coyotes along to say of peril, it would merely suffice. And at a thin call along the forest of green, upon the valley of green blades, of smock and thunder blunted coal mines beneath the earth, of which land they knew little off and wouldn't even think to say, and whence to lay and what to convey there was little left for them to say.

'But, here, stranger, where might we go?

We have come from far away and know little sow, as we have yet to plow the land and commence, but we have travelled far along the way.'

And the strange man only lifted his brow, and pipe'n cowl, and only looked through a patch of straw, only to see.

Here, thee be a bunch of strangers with little to them in mind. Who claimed to have come from afar, yet there were not callous, nor sign. And no vestments of normal kin, for no man would dress that way, but queer as they were, in both appearance and malignant spirit, he had pointed but pass.

'Here, there, yon' and yonder, where my cottage lay, go along the way and do as I say until I pin you on the way to a much secluded, let alone.

A parasite of snow that might herd by sheep away, the winter, had finally faced the fierce, the pass. Of suns and fire which he faced and killed its mass, there's nothing left until it comes.'

Past that, they had each but bowed. One by one, Manno Fild, Moss, Ried, of no plains that would be satisfactory for which remained, they had settled for the night.

Dreams and vision, not be called, and out of the three of them, Carpent who was the Sheppard had left them yond'.

Ried had drawn, but bitterly so, near the window, looking past, through, woe. And woe to him the looking who might see past the hay, of no greater vision that might be conveyed, too broken as it had been inside, one could only look his mind and stare away, all too dreadful, being along the way and never knowing while waiting for the star of Baster to signal for them, faster.

And faster through accumulation, their damnation yet to come; perils lay out there but waiting, never knowing but to chow, on teeth, but many and bitterly so, they ate what they could from the cottage, of which, buried in the ground after snow. Onions, and bread, and horns of milk and cheese, but there were no yaps or so to see.

'I think we should share. And do convey what you think as well.'

Moss spoke so, now unable to contain, whatever had remained of his wonder, this as much he said.

'Need thee be reminded of it so. I washed away upon a shore. And you were there, but like a brother.

Though unfit, just like no other, I would've called on chance and would've spared you so.

I would've made a fit and worn the shore. But now I know better than to look, for others like me, for I have shook just every cranny and every patch of land, only to find you but here, the only one to have stayed with me after this journey far.'

And Ried had almost wept as the last word sprouted out his mouth. For all the decency in the world and everything that went through him, now of all, he simply understood. There hadn't been any need for anyone, nor should. For he had been.

'Was that a bird out there?'

'What?'

'I think that was a bird. A giant one with double heads, of which wings are but long necks bearing two giant man heads.

And I saw it sprout while carrying a sack-hill of beat behind it filled with human beings.'

'Then we should go after it.'

'Shall we not fine first?'

Manno Fild asked as well, he didn't have the countenance to wait, as he was weary of the ascent and wondered not at what he brought upon himself by asking. There was terror in waiting and they were restless. After being done with eating they resumed.

'And I think, I should say.

You were always with me, along the way.'

'But I have merely joined you.'

'Indeed you have, my dear fellow, and for that I hold you in high regards. For your acquiesces is bold and I shall slay you in your sleep unless you call me forth upon your wedding day.'

To which, Moss agreed, as he would name him so in courage and in ill. No braver man had he known, and none other who would face it all, this was what they were inclined, all to believe of little mind and better to abide, for what was worth. A land of their own, that's on what plan they settled on.

'We shall claim one in the distance and we shall share, between the three of us, there shall be no despair. And no man shall interfere and none shall do so as if to appear by no kind.'

He rested almost blindly on the pace. Ever since, they went away and not stopped, not to pay no heed to the Sheppard, of which kind they've already forgotten and left him so in doubt.

Pain would shatter, not to wait a tree of winds, of clouds within their reach, they went and approached, of the trail of long-lost, largely displaced branches, the marks of the flying beast, which could not help it but bring the lay. None shall remain, but petty as they were, they said.

'There thee yonder, lay the nest.'

And once again, one came as well.'

Another but to yet approach, a knight whom had been a servant to the creature, which merely paced around, shoving its heads back into the sack to eat through gore and plunder, at the bitter-sight of a single whoredom of disease; but distressed, the knight but set aside, whichever wonder but to abide. He asked as much and barely made it, never asking, yet he almost faded on a turn.

For his armor was but a piece of dirt, taken from the arches of a Cathedral, the mold was done for. For he had fit to be presented and fear emerged, largely fended, no foe, the bitter and see his thirst. And for every second, he pulled a verse out of his pocket, read.

'I shall slay thee, I shall slay thee.

Turn around and flee.'

'I will slit your throat, and bury myself into your throat and come down the other side while shattering your ribs and pulling out most of your organs through a small explosion which should throw your every organ outside your body. Then I'll shatter your skull with my bare fists, regardless of how much time I would unfeasibly need to completely do it, until I will have lost every possible ounce of control, ripped off your tongue, pulled my knife and started stabbing your face.

And with every stab against your face, I will hear the end result be, such as it may in the same way a man would batter a coconut with a cleaver, slowly progressing from various vaguely placed scars across your forehead, moving towards your eyes until they popped out of your sockets.

Then my hands will return and shall cut the exposed back side of the neck, slowly trying to curb your spine, while sipping of whichever kind of sinew is left from your initial sinew-release. I shall set your body on fire with a blow-torch. Then I will eat your toes, and cut your feet only so I could suture them and add you arches.

What's left of your body I shall, utmost sickly fantasize about just as I will put a dress on top of you and treat you as a I would.'

'Bitter thee coward, leave.'

'No, I will do it.'

'Nonce you shall not, you shall leave of despair.

For I have no fear and I shall't brought onto your kind but pain.'

And it was ever since that no fear of a kind could convey.

'All right, settle down.'

The fall had almost come to them.

The open scene, almost fallen. Of dark and kind of bitterness, blind, they were encased, in the closed space of a prison, almost tainted and disjointed, messed with and pieced together as they were slowly

being ripped apart by strings. And they were placed and remade and changed limbs and allowed as they may, they were forced to return to the chambers of filth.

Ried had no feet but the heads he had seen on the flying beast, while the others were just as, if not more tainted than before. Between Mouse and the Man-of-Filth, there had been largely exchanged pieces that would not fit. IT was all too tiresome, all too vague.

‘All too tainted, you need to stop opening the doors.’

‘Who asked you to follow me then?’

‘You’re pulling us in with you.’

‘I don’t think you understand this now, but I don’t care about what you think. I shall live my fantasies in whichever means I can. I shall lie and be petty, and vile.’

‘It is not you, Ried.’

‘It is, Moss, it is, but this is a part of me you do not like. For where else could a man but show who he is as well?’

Where else could a man live forever and do as he pleases with everyone? Here, there are no limits and none that might say. And none that might shatter any bond or would destroy what a man can truly convey of true matter and make-do. With every object be at his will and his command.’

‘You shall suffer this way.’

‘I shall have none of that from you, Moss.’

‘But what of I?’

Well, this is awkward, weird lip-hiding mouth expression that looks like a line.

‘I’m sorry but I don’t really know who you are.’

It was in some sense, extremely strange. He didn’t really get to know that Man of Filth. And he was even more of a queer fellow than either of them were; strange as it was, he simply followed them around, had a laugh and generally didn’t do anything much. He didn’t add much to their conversations and was merely forgettable to him. He had no attachment to the creature and if he died there, he’d feel nothing.

‘So.’

‘Right.’

‘Is he going to leave now?’

‘I don’t know, do you want him to leave?’

‘Do you want me to leave?’

‘This isn’t, all right.’

‘Can we just, do something else? I don’t like this.’

‘Then let’s just open another door.’

‘But I thought you didn’t enjoy me being a nuisance.’

‘Anything is better than this.’

‘I’m glass.’

‘As in made of glass?’

‘Open the god damn door.’

And in they went.

Roger Hendtick

‘What happened?’

‘I was lost, somewhere, going around a jungle. I think it was some jungle. I couldn’t actually tell you about it because I was too ‘fraid during that time.’

‘I think you should take a seat. I placated it with birds.’

All of them were tied to the chair, still living yet clearly visible in pain.’

‘Could you tell me your name?’

‘Roger Hendtick.’

‘Why have you done it?’

‘What have I done?’

‘You’ve injected yourself with the deadly agent, and somehow managed to survive its first congenial stage. From the tip of its blisters, it’s become airborne.’

‘The city.’

‘Everyone there’s dead, not just that, as if it wouldn’t be enough, but the idealized version of death. As much as I’d like to pin this all on you, I don’t think it would be necessary at all.’

‘Tell me what happened after I left.’

‘Think of the black plague, the bubonic strike. That should give you a plain of sight. You should be able to paint an image inside your head with the little things you have there.’

‘So they died in a heroic manner?’

‘Not so much as the disease infested the buildings and destroyed the beautiful city of Fees-H.’

A codename, standard procedure, for what was worth it.

‘You’ve done quite enough for today.

We only needed a statement before we put you down.’

‘I’m not a dog.’

‘I know, dogs don’t struggle as much under general anesthesia, but you’re a big fellow, aren’t you?

We had to use enough tranquilizers to put down a herd of elephants, although that cost us a lot, it could and would, by no means amount to the property destruction you’ve caused.’

‘But what of the lives that were lost, you bastard?’

‘Funnily coming from the one who caused all of them. But I concur, I don’t think we’ll be having this conversation again in a few hours, it’s slow acting, unlike the heat you’ve caused.’

Plus they feared just as much, what they’ve done to the buildings, the upsetting sight of seeing them from the distance.

‘What happened to the city?’

‘Wrought out, rotten below, became like. Do you remember the Comedy?’

‘I’m not dumb.’

‘Well, think of the buildings as having become empty injun-tents, whereas the lower side of the became depictions of the Dante Alighieri’s hell, as it most of the structural integrity, such as the floors, rooms, and everything inside of them got pulled in those living sacks of blisters.

From the images we could see, taken by a few of the investigators beneath the earth, that the structures looked mightily concave and appeared to bear single protruding pucker-protrusions. It’s hard to understand how is it that the entire weight hasn’t dragged everything down while making its way through the earth, but I concur.’

Although he hadn’t revealed everything there, this much could be said. It was unnatural.

Upper side of the tent-buildings, strapped inside by long plaster-belt-like growths, keeping everything from falling in. Outer hollow reached of the ground being part of it as well. Somewhere, beyond the sight, where this weird inverted cocoon stood rested, a few miles above, of hundreds of meters, there lay large paradise-growths of meat, which pushed through the ground and managed to connect themselves everywhere, forming their tunnels.

‘We have reasons to believe that, for what is worth, there’s something abhorrent going on there.

This airborne disease might've been just a code, and you filthy machine of meat were programmed to create it.'

'How could I have known it?'

'There were symptoms before the contagion started.'

What is a cylinder in such a beast? What does it mean to live inside of it? And what by width and spring and farther, what could it mean, no wonder.

'Twenty eight of them, twenty eight bodies are levitating inside.'

Said an old crone outside the masterful realm of the Babylonian-plague, though little remained to mourn, for her sight knew little and just as much in light. They were busy breeding an army inside of them while bouncing with incandescent lights that were hardened enough in tiny specks of dark, only to be used to eat.

And they were largely obscure and not to be seen as the objects inside their room were utterly destroyed by such a force as the likes of which could not even be approached no longer.

Carpet-carpenter

'I am the carpet.'

'No, I am the carpet.'

'We're both the carpet.'

'How can you be the carpet if I am the carpet?'

'Can we not? Especially since I am the carpet.'

'No, I am the box and the carpet is in the box and the quarry is but, well, nowhere.

I cannot find it.'

And there was pain, and it was frustrating.

There walked a man whose head was the entire room that was in the quarry, which had been covered by it. He walked along the streets with many faces and many stacked people who entered it.

Two people approached him.

'There is an Empire of Wax Candles in the West.'

'What's it made out of?'

'I'm.

You know what? That is a great question. I suppose it's made of wax, as the name implies. Empire of Wax Candles.'

'But West is not an object.'

'No, it is no.'

'Shall we water the plants?'

'Yes, we shall, we should do it.'

There rose a singly flight of stairs upon which they walked. As strange, and yet strangely as it were.

Moss-Ried

'But, Mouse, we were in that cave, weren't we?'

'What was that?'

Cave, going left side, seen from the side-view of the sea, going left between two overlapped strung parts of stone. Upwardly put, climbed upon, past the creatures, furthermore, past the two gravediggers as the glassy creatures, through the frames, past the room and onto the stage. They were rehearsing another piece of Beliee.

'Nevermind.

Tell me where, are we?'

He looked outside, they were in a large town that had something like one hundred buildings just from where they were standing, a few roads, trees, oaks, and people and weird plants and weird creatures, and weird multiple sky-visions that were overlapping. And everything was moving at the same time, sometimes even becoming one piece as they started pushing themselves around.

Part of Mouse had become a standing giant lamp, while building fifteen move half-way through town, road eighteen from the right side, pushing through it. Buildings eighteen, fifteen, seventy-four, the insides of a giant guttural beast, a sky of red with large stars of blue that were glowing with dark grays. Right side, prison grates, prison chambers, large cacti, pushing through, a single wave of sand, all around the general vision, eighteen cards, moving through them. Red stepped once but walked eighty-hundred miles into a skin-wall, machines were popping out, then part of the wall, then part of him, the sky popped, everything was suddenly overlapped with an explosion and he was still moving. And on top of that, everything had then become overlapped again with them this time around.

And before a flash of light, there came knives and they were in everyone and everyone also bled, and the blood coagulated and became stars instead, part of the ground, and nothing could be seen from their insides. As soon as he opened his mouth he stared pushing out eight billion words at once, making it

sound like gibberish, too many languages, too many tongues, he spat out giant livers, pancreases, tiny volcanoes, tiny gluten-boxes, eyes, and acid. He stepped once on the right but moved right for eighteen more miles, left eighty-five more miles, turned around eighty-four degrees before Red became a weird skin-made giant made out of even more parts that were barely stuck together until he suddenly became part of the sky and the whole universe appeared to be just a giant canvas on which the street and the city he had been was illustrated in an abstract manner, parts of it being drawn by the images of an eight years old, and then by a giant crippled man and some of them looked like Picasso's Guernica. There were also suns that were yellow but not entirely so, as they were of an orange hue and they were drawn by crayons. Every crayon was of a different color, blue, red, blue-two-shades-darker, orange-eight-shade-lighter as such.

Red all of the sudden realized that he was a Marker and then he stepped out of the world and started walking on the galaxy, making his way through the universe while being accompanied by evil flowers dressed in red, who wore strange crowns of smaller living flowers that were only trying not to become, yet they had been encompassed by giant vehicles that had all of the sudden become giant speaker-like devices. And twenty other open mouths appeared to devour some distant parts of the universe, yet they were nothing more and nothing other than filth-residue which he feared to approach. For residue was scum and for he feared it, ever-so closely, although he had no control over the direction in which he moved.

At time he even appeared to be a static object, which had only one foot lifted up while everything around him moved on, right before the buildings started growing and spreading all around, like a plague in a city, rising various ziggurat-like formations, in which, in their place of worship, giant mandible-formation-like statues were holding altars that were speaking on long-forlorn days. Though they weren't entirely useless as they had become something akin to the joints of knees, allowing for a higher reach for the giants that used them to form the holding cell-foundations leading to the lost planetoids that came on. Impaled on every sight, the forest of anglers suddenly rose from their spots and could see the stars and the sight of the dark vacuum which appeared all of the sudden while the Nebula appeared again and finally Red had stepped.

And when he was done, he was again on the street and there was that giant woman again, though this time around he feared living in her giant liver as it was too dangerous since he could suffer of a deficit of iron since he was skinned like the plague. There were towers everywhere and he was but a wall, he was shaped like a wall, in the same way a long-lost image had been. Although, instead of the extra limbs that came from everywhere around him, he had been surrounded by eighteen-billion small heads, some of which even overlapped that of his own and everything else until he walked upon a cone that lead to a giant well that was being painted in red. Though he could not heat the water unless he wanted to satisfy the Starfish-demon with one hundred nails and eighteen knuckle heads it dragged around, all horned, pushing inside their satellites which dragged the whole world from where he stood.

As soon as he crossed the street, the entire world got, not flattened in the same way a two dimensional image would but at the same time it did. Everything existed, all of the sudden, or had been forced to be placed upon a moving vacuum, while it looked like it had been but a single square on which the entire world had been projected in. That face would look like it was but a screen playing a recording of what happened somewhere in the distance, while going around and nothing ever coming out of it, while at the same time, another projection would be lifted, as if it were but the drafting table of an architect that was

facing that screen from an even more tilted angle, from which the structures were not projected such as in the screen but akin to small tridimensional hardened, yet lumped forms made out of decayed rotten red meat, that had begun a process of putrefaction. Through its rotten channels, and in the access points, one could see the skin turn into a yellow-pus that would spread through the mightily disabled sight of putrefaction it shared around.

Large birds of Alabaster appeared out of nowhere and they moved as well, but he could not see them as he was in the air, simply walking despite being stuck into an infinite fall while the strange clouds surrounding him had become his head, which expanded as if to look like a child suffering of macrocephaly.

He was met by anger, which was there. And from anger, there came despair.

For he asked it, in the embodiment of the vile.

‘Why have you come here, if only to defile?’

‘I have come to do so, for I have become death.’

And there lay the peril ahead, for whichever creature this might be, of no certainty in its own creation, there it lay, darkened as well as it wore a suit of gray and greens, of many teeth which came out of it. Of a dark hooded mouth that almost threatened to swallow its head, with bars imprisoned by unevenly placed long-teeth. For the frog-like rotten, melted wax, behind the grates, there stood at last but a strange demonical cackling thing. For he had fallen and bore no wing, but stood on the ground, a platform at last, waiting for someone to give the reign a stop.

He was brought here and put between two cradles of humanity, two blocks and periled throngs, standing below and on top. Dark, and set, in the abyss, hanging, yet benign, a cage for only the two of them, Mouse set aside.

Ten minutes later, Moss arrived.

As had the Man of filth.

‘Great, o’ Hare, that’s who I am.’

Grahre, Grah.

‘Pah, Grah, I, though art Grah.’

‘Just let me do it, once, I swear, once and I’m going to be done with it, in just a matter of seconds. I’m just going to push my god damned hand through your skull and remove the top-side of your.

Stand still you little shit. Just stand still.’

A few more steps, and his fingers extended out of his palm, having shot through the floor while still being attached to his hand, placated with tumors.

‘Damn this.’

With his other free hand, he simply pulled a pair of scissors only to make a simple cut. With a single swipe he chopped off all eight of his fingers, bleeding, yet approached. On feet of bleeding throngs, unstopped, why, it was obvious, was it not?

For a close enough shot of its malignant face would reveal as much for one to see, that little pucker twisted around itself, dwelling deeper.

Large body, the trunk being largely expanded through every outwardly extended pulmonary track which made most of the bulk of its fat; leading to a pseudo-looking, barely formed humanoid tall brute, bearing hinder, four legs, cylindrically-dent from the outside, made to look as if imprinted or concave. Drilled on both side, giant pucker-arms that would sprout as blade-like bots, wrapped around and tilted like conjoined melted horns, leading to the standing figures, lynched as they would seem to be the leaning figures of four humanoid on each side. And their names were, from the left side, Feado, Barnoid, Drith and Prout. From the right side of the creature, continued from the left, Writhed, Tilted, Stanced, Concave.

Brought to shame as he arrived, dark despot of woe, called upon, a Psecker was the name of the fiend. And darkness within its grasp and upon the strangeness it walked and broke, in part, the pieces of ground forlorn, and brought reality back on its own. Tremors of dread, better yet, never to be caught again, the painter of blood had lend upon it a shot of all bright tumor-looking much deformed textures that were popping off. A touch of pox and once decay, one which could if anything barely convey the malady which was presented onto it. A lacquer of a riddled brown, shattered by the skin-disease which came around, blisters of moons, reflections and swoons, beheaded mongrels of Cajun, all which appeared into the malignant reflection which came out of the being.

More Pseckers came, and off them, peeled off the remains of those whom, in vainness and in glory, of forlorn memory they could but wait and see, of little eel-defined pleasure, the man was to be put down.

‘He need to be taken into the surgery room and put under extreme shock.

He is in desperate need of a shock treatment, is he not? Look at him, that boy is anything but right? He’s delusional, he’s seeing things.

He’s malignantly deformed, look at it.’

Shock-therapy began, but they had their normal way of doing so and it was not Red who was pulled between them.

If the Pseckers came from the sides of the grates, and entered the room from the right, the humanoid faceless creatures came from the other side, block the path and partaking in their strange ritual. Moss placed on the chair, tied about, then prepared.

‘One nail shall be put through his skull, then with this copper line we shall conduct precisely eight billion volts through his little primate head. Is that understood now?’

‘I think it is doctor, but, doctor?’

There was the lad, and he was there. His name was Red, and the Manno Filde, beware of him, for Filth was under his command. What a sad life he lived, as that was it, better brought to knowledge yet to know.

Grah was still bleeding, unaware.

Before long, the room was filled with eight Pseckers on one side, and eighteen others on the other side. And they were yet conversing, trying to be done, and be wrapped around in madness and in the shroud, defilement of vile profanity. Dread called upon their malignant reality.

It's perfectly acceptable, and most solemnly know that a man has the capability, as it stems from an ancient technique used by an ancient sculptor by the name of Polykleitos, of whose means of achieving beauty depended clearly defined it as a matter of capturing the proportions of the human figure. By the same means of doing, one could interpret, that, upon a clear sighted comparison between the creatures and the humans, it's to be noted that the humans had become the fingers themselves. And their proportions would show something akin to a great yet nigh-inconceivable resemblance to the human anatomical structure, despite being clearly overwhelmed by mere stature, as the creatures were gargantuan in size.

'Do not focus on them, Reid, don't focus on them. You need to listen to me now, carefully so.

You need to abandon something before we will let you go, do you understand?'

Moss was being silent, electrified lichens in his eyes.

Grah was the one talking, with but the slit of the scissors' cry.

'You must kill Innocence by whatever means you can. It needs to die if you want to make it, you need to kill it, you need to be the one responsible for taking its life.'

And he offered him that, the slit of scum, from whence there lay, but his dirt-rust scissors, on which they preyed upon for long. Reid didn't know, of what reason should he take its glow, but he finally got it, walked on benign land, turned around and left them behind. Though the creatures would follow him right around the grates, one could not do it for long, since vileness they conveyed.

'You need to take its life, slay that weakness, that filthy useless whore called Innocence and change. It shall be the one great thing which shall change you pass the reigns.'

Slowly, past them, yet he stopped, then looked around for what appeared to be one last time before leaning in, that shouldn't have mattered, yet for a while, his thoughts asunder.

The way ahead darkened after a while. Morbidly so, he was almost taken aback by what was going on. Of the same surroundings and plains in sight, what he missed now was.

Something to draw from, no strength, no might, nothing which was his would lend upon him any sight. And of no reason, yet alone he asked, where is she? For he could not finger her in any forest, no mark, no empty house, in which he had been, of a turn he'd seen and but a long-house standing, turned around, within the circle of a town. Was he there before? It didn't matter, he was searching for a girl, and sound

her reigns, and but remain and wonder at it, again. Where was the young girl? What has she done to deserve her turn?

For she was no Rose, but let a claim be settled, she was to be killed, all mightily so, for claiming to be bettered. No wonder he was warned, no matter, after long. He was called upon to take her life, and no return from mourning sights.

The boy entered the first house and wondered where might be so, of any reason.

He spent the night in one dark room. Washed up on a shore two days later, swooned.

Bathhouse

Rooms of abuse, twenty of them connected, a damn slum, make it a whole city. Every house in it, small embodiments of whore-machines, passed around, driven down, a damn mess. Stained, dirty, grinded down, torn up, gas clouds in the air, warm airs-in buildings, dark clouds, messy smoke, filth around empty streets, a pandemonium that looked like Alexei Leonov's suit made in every aspect of the slum. Stained oxygen cylinders, padded men with helms downturned, visors on the wrong sides, constantly beaten around. Broke radio stations, no one speak up-right, not a sight outside to behold for long. Every high-head had a breather. Every single shade a retrieving light which put a single man on watch. Twenty desolate roads leading around the encircled depression.

Farther than that, wide-spread, everywhere around, debris, dead-soft class one, two, three, four to eight, long-decayed. Tendon-hardened river on the great recess.

Domed and folded, upward and fault-blocked mountains pushed around as they bore abandoned research, utility, vehicle repair, maintenance, storage facilities among lost fortifications. Giant worming structures fallen around them, aiming at the sky. A cry of river pushing out of them yet never flooding the gut the ground bore.

A wide stretch of a hundred thousand miles between the earth and the circle, population lived down, every other building enclosed. No, it was all abandoned down there. Empty, dead, finite, they moved away from it, leaving the animals and two or three suited, nothing inside of them. Move on.

No tag on the suit, nothing. A visor on the wrong side meant nothing.

Mechanical appliances, light of green on a long tunnel, coming out of a flashing in and out screen. No general message, no sign of anyone being there, other than the mess, it was a strange thing, considering.

Less than that, all roads leading to nowhere, tiny specks carried through. Dust of eight kinds in every single cell-like stack, leading to nowhere.

It must've walked for hours after the last stop. There was no refill-station anywhere, all static. Too empty, too placated for a place like this; entire heaviness of the city leading to a drop, pushing its weight through the segmented works around the one support beam that kept it all from falling. There had been several cave-ins, bringing down the furniture from a room. Dilapidated sight, above, large firm camera shot of various devices mixed with cotton, wrapped around, coal spur.

Empty talker with an open mouth having swam in it, no distinguishable feature. Mold, every corner, up-front shot of large cuts, all ripped apart, facing one another, some stuck in white-Alamo, broken through. Old, everything, worn out, no apparent close door anywhere else, no signs of there having been any mental unit to hold life going for more than a few months. There lay a few open rope-mouths, contorted and being constantly pulled in wide black openings left in standing dark-spots. Slits everywhere, cut through, left right in the open. Bleak floor, soundless drops while still going, but no lever auctioning the constant motion in which the rope-mouths were being pulled, chain-like as in lowered-bridges.

Somewhere distantly in a house, a city of plume-gray, put inside a wall, never touched upon. Miniature, pipe-syndrome dirty-like, laid outside, just above where It stood. Would be made to get worn and torn apart.

Open door, entered at the hour, large eighteen-hundred boilers aligned to the side, super-heated, a dark-ochre steam emerging. Lights only covering the small area in front of them, not separately, but long-pushed, small square-spaced imprints of light, followed by it; everything monitored by no one, yet recorded.

It seemed all too easy to get lost through, twenty paces at a time, slowly walking before there was even a ledge to stand on. A wild shortage of fruit around distant corner left everything as much as it could be expected, they came in pair, change in structure, melted cotton or rotten onion-like alloys covering each possible corner down there, as if they had all been worked over a long period of time and over-wrought as well. Too much pressure from the looks of it, displeasing to look at, tiny jukebox, that's what mattered.

A broken jukebox lay along the way, brokenly open from the looks of it, all too plain to see that someone left an arm through. It was connected to the main-set piece inside the wall, where an open container door segment pushed it on. As he turned, it could see a trail which had been left behind. It, not him, he was not, there was nothing in it. Reminder of importance, no one has ever made it here. Not standing.

Long-trail of dust pushed through, someone had dragged it for far too long. There was also this thing. A single, lane-worth of crawling things in that squared-hole inside the wall, from which the tube pushed into the jukebox; towards which, it wanted to draw. Astronaut, it would be well suited.

Drawing nearer, only to find it left. Deeper in, nothing, the jukebox started playing its song while flashing. All in the boiler-room, a placement utmost bizarre, the contrast only appeared when taken into account that the area where the hole was, had been barely dim-lit. It didn't come near, but there was a stop to the music once it tried pushing it around. Two more times followed. Every boiler inside the room stopped producing steam. There was a weird satisfaction then, turning. Everything looked deformed in the reflection of the visor, turned around as if part of a spherical world. Never going past the turn; right before a red circle could come in, still grayish, the jukebox started again.

A single coin came out if, bearing the sigil of the place. The Empty-Astronaut took it.

Walked over to the light, first one flashed still, then stopped. Moved along.

Bizarre signs, first one waited, right around the exit from the boiler room. Nothing else appeared to matter after that. Everything was set in place for the wrong reasons. U-turns everywhere, one in particular counted on, too soft, too wrong, molded in. The upper level had a small docked ledge and a bridge on top of everything, leading to a flight of stairs that pushed down. Being there was all too dull. Large bolts kept it going, angled.

Mangled sign, the sign was mangled, wrought not on a pole but on a set of power-strip shaped empty button holes from which power arcs came at wild intervals. Boilers began, pumps followed, again short arcs pushed in. Empty-Astronaut pushed it, tried taking something away, but there was no connection, no reaction coming from touching it.

It was the first time the helmet was taken off, empty. Helmet turned, still down-sighted, air started pushing in, along a few specks of dust, all too quiet.

Past the sign, other.

Front place, no direction, insides of beetle-airs.

Tongue tunnel bearing machine, having worn a hole through the first dome, pockets underneath the earth where the supposed function was storing. No storage, simply abandoned. They looked out of place, there, with the tunnel-machines being left around one of the encircled zones. All too quiet to the drop of a coin, which bounced over a couple of seconds then stopped. Leaving nothing but that image, of a machine that wasn't there; which couldn't be seen by it, though it should've disappeared somewhere, sometime ago, unconfirmed, there was the picker that was there, not working. Had to be left alone.

So many spots devoid of life, so many raised walls for nothing, various plain room-replicas that were supposed to be painted, run dry. Clear in sight, large mammal, all too murky in metal.

There it is, the chamber of abuse, surrounded by the whoredom-machine, each of them holding it while it swims in the air. It's lost in dark but part of the entire structure where it was left. Vented air, dented all around. Glass poured inside of them once. And most of it had been recorded in another bronchitis-iron pill, filthy, inside of it. No mouth to chew in them. Only the ones with the ropes being constantly run in the dark, into the cavern, into the cavern, they sang once. Into the cavern, into the cavern, I can taste smoke, when it rose. No man kept his composure, none acted human, none left his suit.

It knew there were too many hinges strapped and holes about the place. Droned down.

All dark all quiet, all incomprehensible, magnet of voices sounding metallic, then fading out, while the Astronaut pulled out its suit and there, nothing. All empty, too empty, too quiet, too worn and dejected, large nails pinned, metal dented and the place finally obscured by the small flying, curved-PVC encompassed, long-impaled piles that rolled around. Making milk-plows smell of.

There, first arrivals.

Who arrived if not skin? A floating window-frame wrapped within the wreathing bodies, torn and skinned. Warfare left-over by the looks of it from a time where they were made out of the scum of the road. Long distances talking.

‘We need to start again, the fires of skin in which we had been merged.

We talk evil, we talk repulsion and admire the ones that enter and die. We need to take everything with us and gurgle our children here.’

Planted in the walls, they started, breaking everything, shaken through.

An imitation of skin-plunges turned in and started cradling each-other in. They were in their blood, all too eaten and pushed through, under-water drops that were attempting to imitate lumps before they entered the bloody cornea-shapes spots hidden inside the walls. For a few more spans, it waited, wasting not a second more before pushing through the gore-rabbit machine that came out of the open-ceiling blocks.

‘There, it floated in my direction, I see it now for what it is.’

‘Whence might we call upon it?’

‘Demand a child out of it and we shall spare.’

But thought and thought and mightily unaware, they shared little to one another, plum and unfair, as it were, seconds passed.

‘Talk to me, feel me.’

Another one joined in.

‘Talk to me, feel me.’

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They fed on the strange creature’s reaction, as they had only begun wrapping themselves and following the skin-frame wherever it might go, chopping out of their lower-bodies and through the scum little armlets of metal, enough that they might able to come around.

Large machine came through. It wanted to waste and eat and push the frame into waste where it may rot into one of the chambers of abuse which fell through from all the weight, unbroken, but distaste followed through it.

‘Bloodied scum of metal shall claim my peer.’

‘Let them grab and hold us wherever we may go and be of plain.’

There was blood, hardened boiled. Scum-oil in the brain, adjacent image of a made in form of a machine followed, whorish architecture worn and used, pushed through, she was there and felt, through mind.

‘Cut them loose.’

Spoke to chains, much deranged, plain of head and anger, pained. All surrounded the frame, all grabbed it and pushed it gravely. In the scum of mark, twenty minutes passed.

Seeing the chamber of abuse for the first time open, in a long time, corridor-insides, burnt into the retina of a giant eye that loomed around, thrown and pacing, scum-to see, bloodied bodies were pushed around but none the human, dust and scum. Planted in them, there were lights which had burnt through them. Guttered and used to be pushed around until it was unnecessary to explain it any longer as one should come to the realization that there was no reason any longer to be done.

Yet their pain was an imitation as the whorish-devices, those sculpted figures attached to the chamber of abuse were but moaning in pained anger as they swoon in side and loomed about. Pain-tracts being torn, through shroud and curtain and pained disease, their robust forms being spat upon by the frame before it left, and winced. No one was unaccountable for pain.

And at a lower level, what remained, were the children-made images of which abuse was but eternal, wrapped in metallic shell of anger, suits that moved past the well-torn twelve-cut rooms connected by small tunnels into stone. Worn out and eaten while on their way, moving past the throng. Songs were being wasted on them, none could hear, life had faded, but they were still used to feed the tainted, long-scars of poles and walls, to which they had been attached, and none would mourn their call. Chambers of abuse be fed, by all whom entered.

One by one, they pushed through, never the leeway of cutting a slit.

‘I see an eye, I am the eye, stolen from the cutting try.’

Said the piece of frame that had emerged.

Broken in mind, and blinds were being shared.

And there was a reason as well, that no one would come to spare it or share in and eat and eat. There was scum in their feet and it was only a bloody touch that could come as far as it had gone and enter the town-like form beneath their disgusting architecture, for every turn that had been encompassed appeared to be put through some kind of pressure in order to even come as close as to look as theirs. It was unfair. Being a place of much despair and lesser known spares, there was junk all around, formed like rotten food. And none of the machines knew what was going on or what pushed through, as this dreadful thing had to

eventually end and push into their metallic open-throated guts, where they might spare the others in order to realize how death had become their uselessness and how worrisome their existences had been. There was a reason to feel pain, but they were machines, it would not last well. Thence came the first approach, a morose device which was inside the brain of a disentangled yet destroyed, pained sculpture made out of a pile of wires, hog-shaped board-imitations and other animal-like structures that had once been used for the most profane ordeals, only to be pained and be used as they would be dissected and pushed around into one of the gut-holes.

That is what the wrathful ones had made of them, in their utmost fearful drones that were put, and set prone to dissect whichever living being might've come as well. For unknown reasons they had created, symbioses of alloy-skin which came around and within their ground, thinned within two generations, self-eaten and mildly if not solemnly cannibalized, only for destruction which had reigned upon their kind could set them aside and allowed for death, and while so, set forth, the drones searched for the drones only to find it standing and yet in doubt. To try and attempt as it may not, to destroy what's made of it and cut it in pieces while standing, only to be met by the most dreadful of touches spreading, from the frame, pushed a single deformed finger-formation as long as an arm reach then spread upon their metal shell, pulling a great part of it back from whence it came. Malignantly, the floating device faded, fell upon itself, tormented.

‘Hang the machine, hang the machine.’

One yelled and would shout obedience and walk on skinned feet.

‘Taken by my heed and voice, I shall bring destruction upon the voice of death.’

Thence the frame skinned its path away and walked.

Above, past the ceiling, through one of the houses, where the echoes appeared to signal something living, although it was hard to reckon what the suits were filled with and who was doing the singing.

‘They stood too much there and forgot about the tractions of skin that came after.’

‘Who is talking?’

The fence was being bashed around, turned and twisted.

Little plain wood yellow bricks below the ground, pushing back and forth, little bobbling twists. All missing teeth were there, hanging on the place. Eight squares of empty-organ humans moving, some features were forgotten and boiled.

‘I’m still looking at him rise, I’m only trying to piece the painting back together.

I think I’ve ruined it.’

‘Try it again, try putting the oils back from where you’ve taken them.’

‘No, I can’t, I’m only trying to put myself together first. I’m not being paid for this now. They’re trying to get me to do it for them.’

‘I will help you then.’

‘You cannot help me, I’m missing too much already. Much is missing from the whole picture. You should add the eyes back.’

‘No, I’ve taken too much from it already and my fingers are all gone.’

Large segments were still missing out of him but the man didn’t want to admit it yet.

‘You’re way too stubborn for your own good and that will bite you eventually.’

‘I will do what I want and I shall not be stopped one way or another. If you say one more thing before I’m done.’

And they stopped, immediately. Both mouths wrapped and closed in themselves as they could not face any of the floors, doors were locked, someone passing.

Long-doors, all closed, wide but thin, appearing around all the largely missing floors and the sprayed-on ground outside. Everything lack in detail but every house had a giant man in them, bashing against their own homes, unable to get out, as they unnaturally grew inside of them, trapped in animal-cages. Prisons of yellow-painted bars, all too wrong, using the little people who entered the small cranial-doors, left in for minutes.

‘I need to work on this, I need you to leave me alone.’

‘I don’t know why you won’t let me do this.’

The world outside is abandoned but I will have my picture made and I will get my fingers back once we’re done. You will not force me to eat it.’

And the man next to him had no eyes but a giant bullet-hole black pellet left inside of him, like the cracking of a car-window pushed in, dripping black-orange.

He had been touched too many times before and stood in the room, trying to recall everything which went on four hours. Two more minutes passed, followed by eight more. He used a small pallet-knife instead of the strange brush he had been wearing. Small worms were coming out of his eyes, melting, sugar-skin flaking off, rosy cheeks left from the burning small scissors that had been used to open him.

Room was simply left a mess, tried for and pushed around, crossed in and punched. His teeth were barely missing and there was little to no way of knowing where they went.

‘I think I know what this is, I think I realized it, now, of all times, why I’ve always been concerned with it, almost to a desperate thing.’

‘There’s something in it, pull it out.’

‘No, it would ruin the image.’

‘Break it down or I will eat a part of your eat and shove small straws in your eyes and make it so it spills into an metallic-ant hill.’

They've been staring out of their visors for a few hours now, all too wrong-gone and wrangled, turn and worn, eaten on the side, they had to eat, somehow, first the suits off, torn off, then the rest of the skin which was pulled and hanged on every part of the wall, which had been used after for the tall building's dissections. Various long-men were nastily sawing off small bits of the flying twisted corridors that tried making holes through their buildings in the same way the little heads that were trapped inside of them dictated the commands. Large sharp racks entered them and pushed everywhere around.

A man-like foundation revolved around a pillar, around which the whorish-architecture started pushing around, fumigating with dark-oils as they started feeding their disgusting non-existing infants, draining inside the gutless things. It was hard to tell when this happened and whether or not the buildings were still filled.

Time passed and there were no marks left of any living civilization and no kind of living creatures that would breathe through the clouds of methane which started filling the flying metallic flat-lungs. Some of which had flown away but time had worn their shells down until they could not be used any longer and they began pushing back into the worm-like structures in the distance where they corroded.

Empty-couple, a man who had contorted his suits so he could comfort himself during the last days of his life, it was all too bothersome and unnecessary waiting, as he decided he would smoke his lungs away and decide to take his life. He was one of the first men to employ the use of the mouth-ropes In order to restrict his lunging respiratory-lung system which had become part of his innards. Through his visors, as If his eyes contorted inside his helmet, there came the long neck-pushed through small-antennas, curved as it began digging in through the wall. Then he stopped, as his body became as limp as it could. With the least amount of willpower, he let it be.

While the forefront of his body was slowly being twisted and pulled through the wall, he slowly felt the innards be filled with the inner-gas which appeared to have been slowly pushed through inside every fragment of the building, set only so for storage. Various sleepers had been disturbed, despite the fact that the many rope-mouths inside the buildings had established long-cords of unison through which they built hanging-beds that were used by the sleepers.

Regardless of the personal feeling set, the day was settled. It was bizarre, awe-struck during dare-days, where a child might pull another in, then pull out their visors, skinned, there was still no one there. Births went wrong, that's when they put those things inside, always twins. Twins were born conjoined, watching in two directions, then, after failure of living was achieved, they would be put down.

In its essence, vaguely reminiscent of that thing which moved, in some way, more detached from reality, not necessarily in appearance, but in the similar fashion that antiquated their ordeals and how they had once been carried in by the people inside the city. Their experiments after a fashion were to be condemned, because in spirit, humanoids or their descendants were not that different after a fashion, therefore this was something needed only to be accepted matter-of-factly.

Strange, thing of that movement, that one beneath the earth which made it past the jukebox, it was expected in some way, being the only unnatural and gutted thing out there. Always in the same spot, always moving and always around, since there was no one there to check the recordings and see whether or nothing something had been down there.

It was a day of rain outside, raindrops falling, constantly at a pace that would've drowned whichever man decided to stand out for too long without a coat and with his ribs exposed. There were water-things, not drops, water-patches inside each drop of acid, as if they were encased in them, made to shatter and spread the chemicals faster. Quicker, much quicker than it was needed, for the same reason they were spilled along the way. False teeth could be darkened by them. It was all too convenient waiting outside and trying to grasp for the Air-hooligans. They were the ones selling the strange tubes which brought promise of fresh air, but they never went outside either and it wasn't air, most promised it but sold shots. In the throat, and wait for the necrosis-effect around the skin. Various mirrors strapped just to see if done right, some had died but nothing was enforced.

Enforced for long, paint, think of paint.

'The god damn painting is incomplete and that's only because of you. This was supposed to be my masterpiece.'

'There are eighteen of them in this room alone. You painted the walls, you've written on them like a schizophrenic, what are you trying to achieve here?'

'I don't know, but I will show, I want to show the worst what's past my visors, I was born right after all, yet I have been given two visions for some reason.'

'You are a Dult-head, that's hat, that's a hat. Wait, I think I've finally come to recognize something in there.'

'I supposed you would.'

In that case, tell me, what does this painting tell you of my soul? What does it communicate to you?'

'It communicates that your mind is gone and you've withdrawn all those chemicals away from us.'

They took away the pain needed to stop the disablement of finger. He was a righteous being who was only attempting to spare all of them the pain. It would be largely incomprehensible as well, to have it done.

'I do not understand, all those things I've seen before, they've paled before me. I thought I could be here and stare for a while at what's going on.'

'And what is going on?'

'The same image, the small dome down there, I think that's where our people go, it's not a hat, you foolish rat, my soul is down there with them, with all of them, it needs to be part of their escape.'

'Take a break then.'

'I cannot do that, as I am the architect of this disease, I shall pave a way for us to leave.'

And he had seen it there, combined. Not made by him directly, though who would know it? For he had found something by the clue of an indirect stroke of a brush, his finger cut, a few curls of blood and the broken vision coming out of split visors. But what the bee wrong is someone was inside after all?

‘I could not see it now, but I feel like, indeed, I’ve done enough, that is but the broken form.’

‘Go on, I’ll listen.’

‘Of a long drop from on top a dark platform.’

‘Hence the strange look of a pseudo-drop. But what does the blood mean?’

He was about to miss it.

Windows of skin there be, everywhere missing, frames grinding walls as they would infest the place and elate themselves with the eating of vermin which were about everywhere. Another fall.

‘Slowly they succumb.’

A voice was gone and would be weary after such a trip. But blasted as they were, something was missing. Hear of man, made of acid-spares, all in the same place.

‘I am just trying to conceive but life cannot be made from pieces, it needs to be thoroughly contorted or else I shall eat too much from their bloody pumped-out bodies before they’ll have enacted their wrathful stares.’

‘And whom shall take over?’

It was unfair, they could not do, too many things and objects forced about by the smith who turned everything to shred. An unsanitary bed of floors appeared to be on one spot and another one the other. Side by side they ate part of the ugly god that inhabited every chamber of abuse in his mind. Whose body waddled in but a single spherical bowl of hardened lumps as he swam in a pool of his boiled drool, in which pus came about, helping him manifest horns. He wanted to eat but had to settle with being stabbed by machines and drones for the very fact that he wasn’t living any more. Eye-pouches made diseases appear and near the final point of growth where they pushed and replicated the well-worn out lacquer that was in that room, finally stopping and prodding the machines that had been set. Torture could still not be stopped as he had to wait until this physical manifestation became a pool from which he could craft smaller bodies so he may swoon and come around. It was much harder to breathe.

But after a short break it began stabbing itself again, as the god attempted to desperately become many an army.

There were pillars, no, the empty-looking buildings looked like strange scary pillars, disturbing, too disturbing to look at.

The eyes of children looked above them and saw those terrible things that shouldn’t be there, long platforms that were used to work on the upper-side of the sky-scraper heights had been abandoned and left, but there were the shadows of old men who frighteningly stared at the kids. And they were frightened, always.

And always looked back to, the children being unable to shake or forget, or shake or forget, what was going there was wrong, all too wrong, always looking back for some reason. As winds came about but never covered and the old men were workers but always under the filter that darkened.

Not every chamber of abuse worked properly.

Most of them were dull, the whorishness of their devices weren't working properly and seemed to be, less so inclined to be used, and even more so-avoided by men once they had been introduced in the society. Now they were even more useless.

'Forget them.'

But there was something, there, not a jukebox but a different similar thing, with another purpose, that of storage, working on what it could, as it demanded, a varied amount of chemicals which could be used and dumb-founded, barely put together.

It was used in order to store what ought to be forgotten.

By a large pin that entered a visor and penetrated the head, the man would bleed to death.

Memory depleted, as would his life be.

No one pulled him out of it. At least they learned once the lower regions were filled with such men who thought they could get rid of their memories. It was some sort of artificial selection, having taken over nature.

'You are no man, my dear.'

'I am, I am, I am a man.'

'But what kind of man sees a child abused by his father and doesn't do anything?'

'That was his son, I knew I shouldn't have told you that.'

'You have, you have, and you have because you felt bad. Still you didn't do nothing to help that child, awful being I seem to be married with. I wish you'd die. I wish I was alone.'

'This marriage is awful.'

'That's only because you're a damn whore, and nothing more.'

'I wish I had been married to one of those damn machines, at least that way I would've been happy.'

'And elated.'

'Man is the man, he is the pinnacle of man.'

'And our children as well, I wish our child had become an engineer, at least that way he could've designed a better future for our children.'

'Grand-children, my dear and they shall collect crayons and fingers and rings, and we shall wear them on top of our heads.'

'We need to discuss something.'

‘We shall get a divorce.’

‘Once you stop drinking, I’m going to sign the papers.’

‘All right then, it sound well. I see something, near that dark horizon.’

‘What is it my dear?’

There was a light, somewhere, past it.

He dreams of such a marriage such as that to a whorish machine. It would be well, it would be fine, he could finally be well and minded. And defined as a man who lives without fear for what is inside.

Everyone feared that opened their suits might reveal that there’s nothing in them.

So he, all of the sudden opened the suit.

And there was something in there and she was shocked.

‘My good lord, you’ve shown me this eight billion times already. Why do you have to insist that there’s nothing in there when I know that there’s nothing inside your head instead?’

‘There is and I will show you, even if I have to split it open.’

‘Stop it please, I just want to be happy with you.’

‘And I want to be listened for once.’

From there on out, they lived in separate chambers, and that’s what constituted a happily regarded marriage. It was verily put so and even more-so an affront to humanity, considering that he smoked. People who smoked were low-lives after all, especially women, most-especially women and they would deserve a far greater punishment for such a thing. Desperation came upon the clock hitting one o’ clock.

Some clouds were different than others, they were trucks in way through which they moved. Too bothersome, burdened even by infantile lookers.

Below the streets, there were other streets and there was no one there, not even the frames, the people, voices or those memories that escaped, and there lay a simple place where light only converged into antipathy.

‘We are supposed.

We are expected Maury T.’

‘I cannot speak, I am immobile, I am thinking of, indeed.’

‘Shoot.’

Right through his head, two bullets, life was charming in the worst possible manner.

It was all too clear why everything happened this way. There was no other possible explanation to have reached this conclusion.

The giant upper-face region of Rene Guenon which had been sawed off it to which a system of giant roots that shot out of its lower side of the face entered a small open repertoire of small grunting united planks that were rotating at a constant high-velocity. And although they may have looked light strange-roots, in actuality they bore the strange appearance of strange metallic shafts around which the naked bodies of children as well as pregnant women gravitated around them like the ring around Saturn.

He stood around with his many wide-spread arachnid-like legs, shaken as he stood on top a gap that would shake the entirety of the universe, dreaming of evil during his ascension. For somewhere in the distant past, his half-upper trunked servants of which servitude had been faked at last called upon him in dream.

And he had been but one of the eighty hundred thousand catalysts that shook the world, causing eternal damnation and corruptions of sanctity. By now his eyes were even wider, largely deformed. And in the light of dark, where stars died, his eyes shone upon them all in fright, for their deaths had been absorbed, gluttony of his own, he willed it so. Every thought of evil, eternal persuasion and dissatisfaction in his thought.

He also had a gun on him. The man ordering the machine. In all accords, it was supposed to be a standout. Bottom floor matter-painted in a dead-vibrant color, hard to see and hard to look out, broken in the same way a pattern would be, shaken and, standing.

‘I think I get it.’

‘What?’

Two dead voices, both working on dead-records, it was senseless in some way, trying to interfere since they worked in the same room the man had his brains splattered in against every single wall there was.

Every part of him coagulated as it formed, from the bullet hole which tore the top side of his skull a single worm-like pushing tip of blood, a horned place for tiny flies and other insects to land on. What a sad life he had lived in that suit, as it pushed out, his visor swooped around the room, two-sided. But one of the twins inside of it was still alive. It was too much for a single man to think about.

‘There are four machines in every corner of the room that are being filled with the inside sanitation of a deformed rotten small carbon-copied strange pencil-shaped sharp cattle-prodding eye.’

On a strange supposition, it did seem likely for there to have been a close match to it, especially when account for the strange way through which those mold-dens appeared to move around the body of the lower side of the city while avoiding direct contact with both the whorish-machines as well as the abuse chambers. They appeared to be the culprits in some way, responsible for eating the small spherical holes dug out by the hole making machines. It felt likely that they were the ones which had eaten them in their entirety, as well as could be said.

‘I suppose it would be fair to say that, you’ve done it. You’ve finally broken me, dear fellow. Look at this place, you’ve made too many casts and now there’s not enough space for me to grow my plants is.’

‘Oh, what’s the matter, getting tired or something?’

Have I not asked you once to leave?’

There was no trepidation and for some reason the voice was purely dead, in part swollen and forgotten, thrown around as if it didn’t matter. Lost and pushed around, coming deadly at the cost of their lives. Yet it was to be kept in mind that no one lived, it had been petty, but it was so. They had left their marks and there, in that chamber of abuse, that long-stretch of despair, surrounded by the whorish laughs and the way in which the machines moved at last, was pointless.

After a while, looking at empty casts wrapped around and made to look as if they were part of an armor was pointless by whichever metric, since there was no one to confirm nor deny, or, for the sake of it, even try their hands uncannily worn.

‘There, I’ve broken one.’

Although there were still all the air-pushed spread all around the floor, which had been, missing for a while, there being the signal one would need to speak of. Unsanitary roses filled with mold, even before they decided to step out in the first place. Floor-genies, what they called them, that’s where all the magic died, over a single sight, for, for, for.

‘Pressure valves and yellow-bubbly drinks, I think they’re poisoned, all of them.’

‘Drink the oil then, it will taint your lungs but at least you will survive.’

Other room, stained kitchen-bathroom, with curtains stopped, all stained, too much to bear once looked upon. It was the cremated oil-pouches which had been thrown around and spread. Cut fingers deposited everywhere as well, unsanitary to look on, or even try. A jaw would be missing underneath the visor, two helmets already appeared to push out instead of the visors. Everything had become virulent, like a disease. Too blunt, too-stricken, too pushed-through. A neck eaten, pushed-eaten, made-eaten, deadly-eaten, every possible excuse to eat and spread, like a disease that might remain, some of the bobbling things being there, making sure no one was being touched, it was those things they stored in the bath-basin, first they had been put to storage, but after a while they’ve been eaten, without an explanation whatsoever. Insects did not exist, they were just tiny specks that would enter the visor from time to time.

And in one of the walls there was the inverted man who appeared to be contorted, twisted and pushed-through. He was hard to look at as he moved with the disease, in distress, unable to keep it all together. Most importantly, though, they had been compressed, entirely so, entire rooms like these, things that didn’t happen, narrated by the whorish-machines which eternally surrounded everything, taking them down when there was no one left to fight and stare. It was all to the beholder, for his sight would be pushed through.

‘I think we’re settled.’

That much was important, that much had been wrapped. Around each set piece a single man would bring himself to know and make it so. There were agony-strike, durations of time where no one made a move as they would attempt to put everything back into part.

No, no, no, no, it could simply not be, it was unsanitary, the living areas were not the bowels, one could see.

‘I, a child shall see everything for what it is.’

‘But you are not a child and your eyes do not speak of innocence, they speak of filth, madness, desperation. You have been castrated of your soul and speak nothing.’

‘Yet I see all of what it is.’

His eyes finally adjusted for the first time in his life and there he saw everything outside. There was no sky, not other land around the circle, nothing else but the twisted mirror which showed, on every side that could be seen and shown, the image of their buildings, all of which were replicated and placed on every possible side they could be landed upon. And there were no men living inside those cities, only, emptiness, the same kind which drove them down. Although they could not see it yet, they weren’t standing on top of an abyss either, as they finally understood and come at peace with what they’ve made. Agony would not turn them to what they were. The damage was done, and now.

‘Those chambers that are being brought down have only made it so for them to grow in and be disturbed by no sound.’

Everyone grew in those post-hollow buildings, and it was disturbing to consider just what wild agonies the bodies had gotten through, being cut and spare, as they would forcefully emerge through their suits in agony cut. And bleeding and growing in, what would possibly be the worst manner possible, as they would often grow legless or their joints could be so contorted as for their entire torsos to become their throats, leading to a puddle of meat standing upon for legs and worse. They were filled with agony and would do it so.

‘I wish to be blind just so I might suffer less, than so.’

And taken he, upon his hand, a cleaver about eight-inches wide, pushed through slits, and bottom hips, only to be bled on the streets.

But most importantly, ships were made of metal.

There was a problem that was far more important, during the various times the population was still alive there. And although gambling should not have turned life extinct by any means, it was something that did neither this nor that. A lot of the problems came from the wide spread of those centipedes and the various insects that were somewhat created by the modified abuse cages. Another thing, abuse-cages, kept thinner, way thinner than the rooms, and most likely they seemed likely to have avoided coming in their proximity. Various singing voices from the holes and the empty spaces where the whorish-machines as a whole began their songs, there was an utmost concealed desperation put through. As corrosiveness was but put through and could be dealt with, largely exchanged between the iron hands which grabbed the cages and threw the ones filled around.

An utmost pleasant activity was looking at them, and putting inside of it, a small covered. For, he, the Covered, unlike the other citizens was made to be put in his place, it felt natural, trying to make

something out of him, for no other disgrace would put it so. Nothing could make him understand what went through his head when pushed around and when the bets were better yet made.

OH, dire reminder.

Everyone who lived in a simple room had an easy way of looking at the abuse happening. They only had to pull a small piece of the wall, pull as it being barely attached to begin with in order to get a clear view of who the one chosen was. It looked too real to be a monitor or a projection, henceforth it had to be that way. And seeing how there were other open, 'windows', it was just as clear what entered their minds when the lights turned out from distant surroundings.

'Throw the coins in already, make sure they never reach the pit.'

More of the followed, all of them doing the same thing as if they were, if anything not even preoccupied any longer with trying to push each other off. It was a part of their brain which was being raised up, activated again, thrown around and made to follow the prompts, seeing someone naked, up to his throat. The deviation continued from there, all too filthy and disgusting, way too expected, yet that's how it was. A general concern arose, once some of the people found out that, despite the distance taken for a clear sight, he bore one of the double-visors and the wild sights and they knew what they meant.

Quickly silences, they waited. Everyone was made to be still. Despite the strange strangulation structure which bore the grainy-bodies of the lynched, there was something murky down there. A floating chamber of abuse, although not exactly floating by any means as the rails had come into sight first. As dire as it was, there was no possible way of knowing why they worked that way. In the same way a snake would coil and keep going, so would it come to do, strangely so, pushed around as if that would come to be understood. After the first segmented metal-casings went and disappeared in the dark which lend upon themselves the general appearance of being nigh-invisible, the abuse-machines followed. Only as grainy as they seemed, pushed through and out and seemingly, different, this time around they had been deeply lodged inside the chamber, begging, pushing through, degraded, and again, used, more so than usual. It was unforgivable, merely thinking about it, or trying to touch.

Many'a watcher saw something that time around. Something which followed, worse than the feeling within, worse than any conjecture of life would feel and touch, growing ever-so fondly around each curve of grain, even appearing as far as to remain in the simple form that wreathed in every side. For that thing that followed took every conceivable form that it could appear in at the same time. And every living eye saw something different made of skin, pushed out and wrapped, malignant and unusual. Yet there was one thing in the middle of it, like a hardened balloon that was flat in the middle, as if a cylinder had been imprinted in it. Rightly so, put even deeper inside of it, there was an almost eye-like round formation, minus the iris, wrapped around other animalistic-like eye-forms, although this was unrelated, overlapped as to many a strange sight of many lines that were placed with a few centimeters between them, yet rotated in every possible direction.

There was another set piece, a head with a neck and the body of a large conical-mammal-like trunk that had been pierced by giant interpretations of angelic wings to the side which were part of this peculiar-looking device which extended on from the small gap which had been left open in the middle as a hole, but only at certain intervals where the eye-like shapes would not overlap. And this strange body would

appear and disappear at time, revealing openings in its back, like the one of a tank, from which, a quick turn, opened, and there came. As if a bunch of humanoid-men a stalk-like beam which started wreathing about, pushing from below as well before this strange device ate every possible form of skin it had created. For this strange being which had been drawn from another dimension had fallen in love with one of the whorish-devices attached to one of the chambers of abuse. Although they were inanimate, it followed, front and left.

Right around that structure which held the flag-stretched lynched creature, which was ignored as well.

Though this immortal being still chew and disappeared, the outer forms that came out of the round oblong now looked like the ripped off part of a chunk of meat, or largely erupting meat-shells which had been torn and ripped away as they had been eaten by the one who would not starve.

But most importantly lay this, the ugly face made not out of one but multiple pieces struck together and made to last. Rotten and destroyed in part, as they looked or bore the general appearance of a strangely deformed thing, multiple faces put together only by the face. But more so, it seemed as well that there were also some unnatural looking colors and tribal drawings that appeared on top. Brought by the malignant sight, a cut appeared on the top of one of its cheeks, from which warmish gases looked like puffs, of orange smokes and other dust-filled mice that appeared and disappeared out of sight.

Silence ended as soon as one would know.

Somewhere, out there, in the dark hollows beneath the city, there lay obscures, but a single appearing and disappearing worming thing wrapped, around a chamber of abuse-stopped in place and ever growing, using it in desperation, never leaving that spot of dissatisfaction.

Yet everyone wanted to do one thing and would do it as soon as there was but a change, to come again and wrap another coin but many, going around, never stopping.

A soul as many would yet want, to see the one inside the thing prison forced to stop breathing, barely berated, it went fast as he had died. But this was merely the introduction, for the bars were suddenly removed and fell, the upper platform shot somewhere in the dark as well.

‘He’s still alive, I can see it!’

‘Faking it, he’s faking it, return already!’

‘Finish it!’

‘Give us blood.’

And as if on command, the petty thing rose, got on top of his feet and was almost cheered upon, yet turned to see. It came, alas, and gluttony, it sought to remain behind, for he had lost his head, benign. It shot, like a river of disease coming out of his throat. With him being unable to set upon composure.

Wouldn’t have made much of a difference by any means, standing there, and prying in, although there had been at least some close calls, for what was worth, where one fell and threw himself forth. No more dark, no lights either, only that sudden burst that would reveal all, from the pocketed mold that mixed

with dust of old. There, first a speck, uncanny, it pushed out and spread around the cranny and each piece, right in time for the one who were to be sacrificed to get his head bashed in and get beheaded. And all of the sudden upon every spot being covered, like grainy textured static, patched, a few meters away from every door and window-open bite, it stopped growing, lending upon them just enough space to move.

Although they disappeared, yet they ought to have realized, they missed again.

‘Oh, pain and pain, why must I be pained for this reason as well. I cannot help but stay for long and feed myself with desperation. I am elated to know that at least I lost all.’

For one would, or would’ve known better, yet he missed his chance and would have lasted so, it would not fit.

A more distant room, there lay.

Where one of masked, and deeper visors, and one whom stood by him alone, in the prone position rotting, just another corpse of his own, the head a giant broken mirror but device, stretched and pulled apart as a screen, attaching to many cords that kept it filled, for the back looked like a big sack filled like a basin of skin, inflated. Mostly he stared.

Not at the dead companion, but at a piece of his head.

It broke, somehow-cracked. And fell upon the ground, shattered, taking away but one of his eyes that was unusable, as strange as it seemed, he looked above and the cords lead to nowhere, not even attached. They fell to the side, yet still pumped. And most important he was not a machine, but a creature of skin which had bled, staining every wall instead of crying and getting out of the way. It was hard, staying there.

And the only voice-recognition unit he could talk through had been stabbed and pushed through, laying still in a wall resting.

Around the room there was but mice, all rotten and set aside, most of whom had fumigated as suffocated in lumps. Outliving everyone was perhaps the worst possible thing one could do, as he had that thing alone. Pain that shone upon him, through the dangling of a lump that grew on top of the only illumination dot that once lit the room, hardening as he waited, though not through.

He had missed the chance to open a window and throw a coin, and by the time he turned his back on the first wall, he found everything obscure. First the drag, it fell the side, but no wind came into the room. Sweat heated everything, even the corpse rut.

There were so many holes of survival, yet life refused to grow. There were no emotions there, nothing more but the passing of time, nothing else set so.

A rope mouth somewhere lost.

Most disturbingly, along, written or sprayed on top of a all, I do not know what people are like.

Poor imitations, everywhere, in each form, all tainted, touched, deranged and thrown around the hardened shores.

For the very least, the buildings were at least filled, with some strange deformations and growths, as long as they would be so.

But in the walls, lived man.

But he was not man, but a poor imitation of man.

And unlike the others who resided there, he bore no feelings

Rottenly they latched, upon any surface, set-aside. Some rose and some fell, but out of the wide-spread region, rope mouths fell. Some stood but little in doubt, and just as many, let alone, about.

‘There, it’s there.’

‘Found him.’

Lay the Imitation, prying through without a suit. A heart could barely be heard beating, but little to it shook.

‘Is that supposed to be alive?’

‘Does he move like a man then? Could there be any single one left alive still working instead?’

But there was no reason to stare, to know, or pair, no reason for despair and little was known then. As there were no walls to run through, nothing to touch, no other man to talk to and none to hear as he was mocked about. For in essence, he was anything but man, and in essence, he was anything but human.

A crooked thing that walked, alone and hopeless; they sang.

‘Lend upon him another.’

‘Bring two more in sight.’

And upon their rope, as twisted as they were, before long, the skin-thrown, formed in part, appeared to be pushed and taken round.

‘This is the end of their sick fantasies, is it naught?’

‘Time hast cast its shells out, let them rot away then.’

It was a hard time living in the pits. Hard sleeping because of all the constant knocking on the floors.

Ever since the animal exodus which happened long before the humans were driven away, everything else had been uncertain. Little be known about it other than the improvised cudgels that were used to hunt them down as well as the nails attached to them and the saws at both ends and the circuit which made them electrical and the bone fragments that were line like long-straws on top of the nails on which the mice had been impaled in order to feed the beating hearts inside the open-iron cudgels. They also bore eyes and small horns and little man-fingers adorned on every nail.

They were used to gouge the eyes, and lower bodies as well, since the animals were not using the suits. No, the animals had been killed a long time ago, but smaller versions of the suits were wearing the bodies and were in a constant race and wild attempt of getting as far away as possible from the action, which could not be allowed.

Sometimes, some coins fell and blasted the Imitations into their early graves, heavily penetrating their skulls because of the high-precisions shots that had been taken.

It is rather uncanny, trying to figure them out. How the Imitations reacted or attempted to emulate it. Trying to make them see what they are. Dark mirror-like surfaces were placed beneath them, yet none could see in the dark. It was even harder after, having them all stained with the constant flow of blood, there would be no way of knowing just how much were they pained by the constant fall of quarter-sized coins that shattered them.

And they were just trying to stack the pieces of their skulls back together. Some joined in the attempt, but they couldn't do it, failure after failure with nothing to them. All too blasted, all too worn out, pointless, they weren't getting onto it. Too broken, too shaken, too shaken about to be able to do anything about it. Worsened by the looks of it, they ate from him, palettes of blood and other gut-wrongs.

In one's rage and frustration, he pulled his head apart and threw everything inside of it wherever he could aim. Too tainted to be spoken off or approached.

But even in their strange glory the Imitations remained. For what was worth along the way, they come on top of him and stayed their hands from beating wonder. Legless in abuse and yonder, did they form a tube, out of their bodies turned and swoon. And in their mind, the vision fading, and agony through pain, was ending. There, and in the scum conveyed, and twists, of their peaces shape they formed but a signal to listen and feel. Through the lower living sides, past the windows-plain and every room in mind, through the towers and tall buildings waiting, and past those that appeared in the air, they could see but a tunnel waiting, begged upon by the twisted wrung about and flung worms, whom open-mouthed spat on it as well as they could refrain themselves from eating, shallow. And through the petty-narrow flight, they looked upon the signal, watched, of a malignant, yet supreme delight.

There stood but him of ivory-lands. Upon the dark structures before dusk came, there stood but an uncanny thing. And from inside of it, there came, within them but a sign. Many men pushed aside and twisted, deeper through. Set aside and yet uncannily, worn upon, a bitter hue. Painted in colors, nasty, but one to whom they had belonged.

For he had not been a god unlike others, but the Imitation of a rot, pieces falling, growing back. They appeared, they were not to be touched upon, but seemed to wreathe and appeared again. Though some had seen him just like them, others through some unimaginable amount of despair. From his back they saw but heirs about, all through which their Imitations came though doubt would stay, how could they lay and face the pains on being tortured in front of their eyes?

After all they had appeared there and here and after that they would be near their own burrowed forms, too unkindly yet torn. Apart, then thrown, and loathing to be ripped apart and worn as he had been but like. A mere servant in looks benign, after an image, breeding still and pushing through, covering itself of

filthy goo, kept together by planted machines for he had bore upon his bodily whim. Many forms and many bites, and many who had come to eat, in sight of his initiation, he had bug started the feast.

Despite being eaten in front of them, uncanny, it would be known that this beast would still be alive, they would become him and in doubt, once he would approach full form so would he join them in scorn.

Thence shone Column the Imitation.

Later, post the absence of the inhabitants. There lay there, in part, whence they might lay, soundless doubt.

Man-Imitations fading, going around, then stepping on. Some had survived, others ought to have known that just as much had lain.

They were bastardly creatures along the way, whom had avoided complete stagnation and the complete destruction which pushed through. Gut and swollen, yet nigh-destroyed, as much as it could be forgiven, they were almost taken past the joy of living, close to being taken.

Some skin-drafts, some frames about the place they found. Through one of the abandon quarters, where they might live and do as yet they pleased, to be.

Not in the mood to spare anyone of what sight, that be.

Though as more skinned-frames came, they appeared to align by chance as many an Imitation of man came and begged them for their god, if only it could be brought down upon them, perhaps there could be a chance for them to seek of wild redemption and of their fealty skin was shade. And although there would've been a chance, no satisfaction could even be close to being down, through a hole, a bitter throng and through the frames, Column shone.

He appeared, and even less, as one should fear, no mollusk vile, him with the bile, appeared to be still grasped upon, limbs fell, his horns remained, but as soon as he was done appearing, every window-frame of skin flew away. Never to be gotten, of fatness flattened and girth filled with evil, as the vile, no sounds would prime the vileness, not to be called. And filth entered him as soon as they were gone.

Finally the Imitations had their Idol. And they could finally rest and sleep. They waited for him but soon as many, some had been blamefully buried within those that fell. Most of whom had choked, being unable to feel it either, filth and desperation, castration and other defilements entering them. All too quiet and arose a curiosity of evil, known to them. Some found solace in the company that was grim, and they only forced themselves to awaken on a whim that would, and wool-like foul, they were not there, but in mirth as if to ask.

Somewhere in the confines of a broken boiler, which started moving and be abashed, there was a point of power-steam being electrified, elated. Damned that image inside of it, almost to the likes of being infested, of no worth and little more than it should be definable, a cast had come and grasp, of filth and mold, but it was different than the scum which made its way into the boiler in the first place.

He was but so obscure, and mourned for by those who knew little and would expect as well as pure a thing, it wasn't. Scourged even, as filth and cattle, for that was but the embodiment of mice, dead things and that benign, suddenly the top-front of the boiler opened, flatly falling like a bunch of stairs.

Such a thing as may not be looked upon, the body wrapped, filthy of no mind and spare.

It bore but normal features up until the upper trunk, whence the collar-bone shattered and three heads of human-like. Although it looked but a basin, lower-side, of much-diseased hairs, from which even the most unsanitary goers would breed away from, there lay the head of Rose in the middle, on the right the Pagan-Beggar and on the left that of Cones. And they were quiet yet walked on. And still no drone rushed in to find them and none would see them bound to bound. Uncanny sight it were, they started walking, still.

In the boiler room, where they stood, a skin-frame understood.

There was little reason to remain in there, near their proximity, and along the way, there was still but one thing having flown. A dreadful mass which show in their heads, like herds of tiny iron strips going back and forth, back and forth, unnaturally grinding their brains until they had become filth, then hardened, pushed through their eyes, coated as they would be dyed. Then there came the distrust, as they could not fathom opening an eye for long, one would close while the other opened, pushing, thrusting until they could not be gotten through. A shot of the unnatural coming, dreading to be called.

This was them and theirs was the world now, with the previous delighters who moved past billions of miles away, whom had found a new way to live as well as they took with them plenty of others, rooms and chambers, abuse never settled, they had found themselves missing out.

Boiler, oh, great boiler, whom might speak about whoever it could, nor should it wait any longer to push through.

'We should take the first opportunity to be called.'

Another boiler started fumigating steam about a few meters away from it.

'That is to be called so.'

'I think we should listen to it and do what it asks of us.'

'And what would that be?'

There was no reason to see it just yet, but for them and them alone, it only asked so. There were particles all around them, floating and levitating as they lead the way. Nigh-elated by some manner and signaling where the stay had been and where to go, always a reminded, of what shone so.

'We're still there, are we not, in mind?'

'I want to go back into my boiler.'

'I want to go through the carpet now.'

Neither of their prayers had, frankly been answered for. As a matter of fact, for what was worth, they were to be killed and put out of their misery within a chance, within the first chance they could. It ought to be done and should. Such an abomination walking, most importantly entranced, along the way, where lights but lead them. And mold-psychosis specks of light, like bubbles popping or small puerile flights of snares that sprouted in the air, they asked to be followed while making them ever so comfortable after their like. Or ever-so uncanny as it were, their dissatisfaction was yet benign. Of a stretch of flies, there were but few, but they weren't really flies, but strange static-hue marks which contrasted with the other popping colors they followed.

Pagan-Beggar had always enjoyed looking at flashes for some reason. Always, they always reminded him of happy dreams and those that lay with him were so uncanny, he likes fear, and delighted much in it as well.

But there, he was stuck in looking back and never being able to walk.

For the Decay still tormented him all too thorough.

Stopped, all three of them, impaled in a spot, while being only a few meters away from looked to be nothing other but the boiler, of which long-strips of metal, the arched long poles hardened, entered him as he would not. For a single chance be standing. Laying in filth, dripping away, with the part of the carpet finally revealed, through the mold, the faces, out of their way crying in pain. Laughter only added to this song, as it could not be held onto them at all. They wanted the release, and be put at peace, but this uncanny thing had to end.

‘Draw them away.’

A skin-frame entered through. As it came upon the room, looking at the eight boiler or as such, still too far from the other end of the room or the jukebox that stood as that. They started being dragged down, into a black circle, not being allowed to mold. Then the circle, as well as them, as they were being both eaten and dragged away, enter the boiler, closed, before their stay.

‘Let them suffer where they came from.’

Other drones came as well, many frames following through. And they were laughing at the diseased conundrum they had been in, without any reason to be felt or thrown around, in pain and be pushed through. It had to be only this, they were responsible for everything that happened to them, butchered along the way, suffering inside a carpet of which pain could not even be conveyed.

To more important, dissatisfaction, the boilers were mainly filled with puddles of mold. Too much had happened inside and much of it could simply not be ignored.

A large amphibian device came out of nowhere and moved. Its open mouth was half a dome, from which pipes pushed down and appeared to turn as if they were hearing aids, or hearing devices. For the elderly had never felt such dread as the dissatisfaction of being stabbed at the back of their heads.

There, in the distance, it happened. Ever so more unpleasantly, it had to have happened before. In the dark, where the Imitation lay, but who could pay any attention to them? Now that there lay none but the one they called back and could not look through.

‘For there, ‘the Column approaches.’

Thought one Imitation though it could not be entirely intoned for some reason, sacred in touch, the paragon of a will lost.

But peril lay somewhere else, even past the wide-spread of belief pushed through by the Imitation of a god, idol in need of destruction.

In the distance lay some shaped, outside the town they were.

‘My finer, I have finally figured it out. I think.

I shall bear a pair of fingerless gloves which shall grant me the strength needed to finish my work. And I shall finish every piece that I have ever done.

I know it, I just know it so, this time around, they shall never be completely destroyed, no longer shattered and lend upon all to see, I shall have made, eternally, images of my soul.’

‘But you’re bound to fail can you not see it again? You’ve done too much already and there’s little to no chance of redemption.

For everything you’ve done still shall ever push you forth into an earlier grave and the sill which shall be danced. Made on top your body, bound, as it were, will be destroyed, can’t you see it already?’

‘I know it to be so but I can only spare myself of thinking about it.’

‘Are you inclined to wait, ever so more until you’re likely to find out that it was so in vein?’

‘Never, there’s still time to correct my mistakes.’

‘Not if you keep repeating them.’

‘Stop pestering me then if you will to live untouched.’

‘Then we should stop talking.’

‘As you wish, it shall be brought.’

There was this much, but hard to see, dilapidated and yet, not exciting, useless, in some way, but looked upon as if it mattered in any shape or cut through lay.

It was for the first time it looked meaningless.

All too thorough, done the line.

No hell by any means, but hidden, through the imitations yet, not below, a few miles away, yet ridden on a long stretch that was drowned, as if in a long pushed through bolt of metal hinged that suffocated the dirt. If seen from above, one would be realized that this structure was placed beyond the circle and encompassed by even more peculiar torsions than that of the whorish machines. And in this nest, the one that appeared, the ball which neared the long-stretched deformation, eyes blinking, shapes changing, ever

popping in and out of reality, inclined. His long-body wreathing with the two grabbers with which he took down.

And in this small place, he around the suspicion, in a moment, this addiction of his, which starved the way. Though the forms that appeared ever continued growing and covering as much space as to delay their approach. From every corner of the outer frames, from the insides of what remained everywhere there was enough, of space for them to swim in and spread about, there was this one moment, where all aroused. What reeking scent had travelled throughout and beyond, and stretched, uncannily forlorn, the wretched had been alarmed.

Existence would be nigh-forlorn and shown about, and trenches coming. Ever-lacking in compassion, they arrived, like harpies, the wretches flew and came about to be met by night. A defiled thing that was right beneath a whole of quarters, stricken down.

And when met by meat they tore. Through their footless claspers and the many mouths, some of them were stricken down, falling upon decadence, wailing, for this was but an age to pass. It was merely a mockery and something that ought not to have existed or to happen. Or to be enforced and mightily push ahead, of a string, a metal wing, they fell. For the machines had not realized that they could suffocate as well. Not only would they replicate pain, but many would not remain there for long, and choose.

‘This is but a hope abandoned. Let her have her.’

Thence they left the machine to its fate. And oily craps of mild destruction hailed.

It was unsanitary, trying to make due.

Even before, when it had been lived through, could be just another reason to bash them off, while throwing them into the darkest spots one could get them in, see the metal rot through rust.

And see it get pushed until their oil-milk becomes blood upon facing the skin-canines.

On the apparition of the second circle near the city:

It came all too sudden and out of notice, like the flash of a camera of the strike of a single light that’s being flashed upon a dark spot of torn-out mice.

For the sake of it, there was no point it looking any other way, since there was little to be missed or pushed along as the last recordings faded. Somewhere, along the highest peak, a dead pair of eyes that lay on top one of the buildings stared at what appeared to be the torn circle. Filled and destroyed, crept into by a puddle of mold at first, before the hives and the large formations came to be, long-forlorn, pushed around them.

Small bird of mold started finally stretching on top the wings of firefly cotton, still attached to the clouds emerging from that infectious machine. Desperate half-children emerged, rose from their small panes and other holes, though they were but part of men and those bodies that had remained behind completed their peculiar forms. Some wearing the husks of men, while others their full-suits that had been dragged along, shreds were missing but most well-worn.

‘Who shall stop me now? From claiming all, this.’

But there was silence. Grabbed by the shoulder, he almost stopped.

‘We can’t go on like this forever.’

‘We’ll live, through whichever form we can, what do you mean?’

We’re still. We’re still the same, it was never about living in the first place, we don’t need to keep our names, as long as our essence is still here.

There’s no other thing we need.’

‘It’s not.’

‘Shut your mouth then, we’ll see it through, somehow. We have to return to our city, before we’re forgotten.’

‘It’s already too late.

Someone lives there.’

‘Who exactly? Nameless machines and useless things.’

‘What is your name then? Do you even remember?’

‘I, of course I do. I’ll simply have to look through my memory and I’ll know.

I’m Glissard Moehow, now I remember. Now I am the one in charge and you shall do as I say, do you understand? You will listen and obey my command, as we make our way through.

We’ll push through for as long as we can.’

They made their way through, a flock of mold birds pouted their tiny skulls around, always deafened by it, always counting off the hours.

They were indisposed as they walked in, as if through a gate, waited upon. By then, by the time their molded-body halves reached a certain, a certain.

Their heads were giant lice-filled almost chewing-gum filled gut-worms filled with insides, so did they bear their general appearance, or transparent leeches. And their legs stretched in the back, curving back and forth, until they formed large protrusions that used their lower fat to drag over.

Strangely, this couldn’t compare to the thing behind each wall. It was unexpected, entering the town for the first time.

It was not even remotely sanitary for either of them to approach. And there lay but one single hopeless speck of flocks, they carved the way and managed to cut a hole into a house. From there on out, it was only counted through filth, since they could and would not, for the likes of them hope to live, with bitter hope.

Their hearts were made of mold and could not be controlled or told upon and made to waste. Such a filthy, and faceless wonder, it appeared out of nowhere, through one of the hollow buildings, stronger.

But to be clear, their power of complete destruction was something never to be dragged upon. Pushed through and forgotten, like a towering thing that never came about.

They disintegrated everything with only a small moving fragment of flying mold which stretched and spread and expanded in the same fruit a tomato would fall and splatter. It was so that they entered one of the buildings, walking between the legs of a giant-grown creature who was barely human to begin, worn out. But this one had four legs and four arms, as the two Conjoined were barely able to stand one another, thinking. Wreathing in dark-pain, they would refrain from it and trouble themselves no longer in vein.

‘Ah, I see, there’s so much to do here.’

Many others came to stand underneath their shadow, where there was moisture and warmth.

There could only be as much as one could see, all those gritty teeth being shared for about, twenty seconds, before they were spat again. It was simply expected after some reason and after a while, this defilement and ugliness which was theirs, benign.

Life before leaving:

As it was so, there was no reason to look beyond it or to show any kind of compassion, especially for some curls that would be too petty to understand what’s right for them.

If it were to be taken, by any means, the louts would only walk so, unable to understand what bitterness entered them as well as they could no longer push and cast, and filth amass, there were the Louts.

‘I am trying to use her.’

‘Wait your turn.’

‘But I cannot wait any longer, I’m only trying to understand what and where, and how is it that it won’t talk to me.’

‘Again, give her time, she needs time to understand and to develop into something. You should know that by now.’

‘I don’t understand. It worked a few hours ago.’

‘You dumb-cretin, don’t you get it now? You’re not supposed to abuse them, they’re not the rooms, they’re merely attached to them because they need to feed.’

‘But I know better than that, please, just allow me to have a piece of her.’

‘No, desperate, useless thing you are, get away from her and wait until she’s done.’

And although it looked somewhat unlikely, there were things to her, as much as she looked out of place now, that couldn’t be taken. First, with all the mess that lay around, someone took the liberty of taking away something from her, pulling and clasping until she had been left, somewhat out of shape. Fattened

by organic oils that started pushing along the way, until the facial features were unrecognizable, as were the other things, just as much as the long-arms that stretched around the crown of the room, and mugged it. As much as it could be put down on her alone, they Louts were just as responsible for this act, which indeed had reflected just as much inside the room itself, never being taken nor pushed about the place.

‘Out of it, unkindly. This is not the place to do this and you know it.

You’re touching onto something neither of us want to get into.

You’re ill.’

‘I don’t know what you’re on about, I only want to fix her.’

Three of them began running, dark corridor, no escape in the back, while it pushed to a dead end. An unfortunate thing, as it looked likely that neither of them were, or had been consistently alive, down there. It was a moot point.

Regardless of it, the loud, the scummy man, the scoundrel and the wreckage, whom displayed nothing more than a sign of emasculation chose to stay with her instead of searching for a mate. It was his choice, though filthy and scavenged, filthily put. Wrecked as she ought to and should, she was but a piece that ought not to be there. Unaware of what entered her, there was but a sound of despair, long static, pushed from line to line.

The machine was wailing as she decayed, with the room merely put on the side.

‘I wish I could live with you forever, my dear.

This is my tenth birthday.’

The man said.

Grotto was somewhat pleased by what he shared to her. This spot, specifically the one he chose to spend most of his days in, near the dead end had been, if anything, his poison. From which he could never release himself nor get away. He was almost pursued to stay by some unexplainable feeling of attachment to that object he called his love. Peril in his eyes uncanny, the chamber of abuse being misused, until it started melting over, looking not as it should. The chamber was not meant to have so much of it eaten by the machine.

There were side-effects not even the likes of him should’ve promoted. Disgusting, disturbing and long-so perforated in the mind, he could feel it in his heart as a sign, benign.

‘I feel like I’m winning you over, my dear. Although you cannot spare a word, I do not wish you to speak back to me either.

Since I am in control and I can use you as I will it so.’

Though he was barely set, his grin said all. Directed to push another pint into her throat and drink from it as well. It was somewhat arousing beyond the limit of dignitaries. That had been but a plume, the filth of

grin which pushed past him soon enough. It pushed a dire need to grasp anything only so this moment would last more and more, sweat being defiled.

‘I wish you would talk back to me now, oh how I wish I was admired by you, silent whore!

I need to feel like a man and you’re giving me nothing but some filth and gore. I wish I could be given more than that. I wish there was something more to you but you won’t talk.’

Bubbles and tiny rounded holes, some fragmented, while others bored through her head, while there were some ugly things that should not be there, everything was stabilized. Her head bobble, the mound stood at what appeared to be eight feet over him as well as four more above her pillar-collar bones.

It dangled which meant she was still there, or something was going on inside, but that was all. He wanted more than a tall silent thing that had become anything but a woman. This was no female, this was no Imitation either, it was something else that made him sad.

‘I beg of thee, make me feel like a man. I need to feel like one again, I need to be felt and touched as well. I beg of you to respond and caress me as I hold you so.’

But the damned thing was filthy and would not react, it got so used to devouring what happened inside the chambers that it hadn’t developed anything past that. A trade of cattle made in fat, he moved away from her, remotely closer than he thought. Grotto contemplated what might he do.

A few others approached. It had been at least a month long since someone had come, yet, there they lay. Blocking the way back, at least ten or eighteen, masks were brought down, some were even paler, others barely breathing, but they were unaffected nonetheless by one another’s disturbing faces. It was something they had to deal with eventually. Most have still yet to learn how to live with themselves. Worst of all, there was the uncanny feeling that they were even more deformed, or getting so since it was too dark to see and mind played upon fright to be. Called as to yonder, still, cut ahead and made to feel as if he were but an antagonist for keeping her to himself.

‘We’ve been alerted of what you’ve been doing here, you know?’

‘I think.’

Grotto took out his helmet as well, only for a moment, just to show them that he was not afraid of who he was.

He’d killed Grotto Senior, a few months over. And what had rotten on the side appears to have likely taken away what it could from the feeling and the numbness that pushed him around.

‘Ah, I see, there’s a reason you’re feeling this way. Perhaps it was all because of the pain?’

‘Yes, that’s it, the pain, certainly, I couldn’t help it.

The pain must be the sole culprit of me acting that way.’

They rushed to him and killed the man in cold blood without even wondering what they’ve done and why it was done so. And in a moment of fealty he almost shouted because of the main, for they have killed

him, again and again, until a trail of blood formed and fed her, and through the fat, a hole had mad'er, through and lost in the dark, dragging but a single bob of a slimmer left of the chamber it had eaten.

‘Ah, marvelous, my dear friend, I think I can accommodate you even more so, even less.’

‘But what had happened?’

‘Nothing other than this, I feel it in my bones already.’

‘What is it?’

‘I’m close to being done with one of my paintings, that’s all. It’s what I’ve always wanted and I shall seek no less than it.’

‘Are you done with it yet?’

‘Almost so, I think. Only a few more drops of oil, a few more strokes and I will be able to live through my fantasies again, this portal shall be so.

I will live inside of it with everything I’ve.’

‘Don’t be saddened.’

‘I’m not, I know I’m not, I just missed it so.

A few more strokes of color and it will be done, I know it. I simply have to believe I’m there.’

He almost managed to fix up everything, down from every breaking point, and every error of perspective, sough, done for and never asked. He loved being there.

First painting, looked upon, a portrait of decay.

There lay but a rat, of whose body was a ball of fur dissected inside. For what was worth it appeared like there was little light for it to walk on and even less for it to push. Wreathing away, it could barely, daringly try, or try, benignly to let aside what entered in.

A man with a bow managed to loom around. From his arm there was pulled out the bloodily-formed formation of two others, cut in half which shot at him and chased the rat. For he had stolen but eight heads, hiding them in sacks, more so he had defiled them by the worst appeal, pushing through them faces, and various other heels and sacks, lost about a terrain that was broken, alas. In the ground, past and so, they had taken but change and wore out every worm. Some formed bridges.

A man’s head took the place of the rat’s eats, cut in half, obviously, teeth began to chatter. Even after, the closest thing, as it happened, he was stung, immediately, an arrow was shot. It entered his side, but he leaped on. From below the bridge, he entered a hole, then another arrow.

Some of the shafts had become fully-formed bodies of them, splattered as their weak bones bore tiny nails inside of them, shot on every side. He was pushed inside, a bridge had fallen. Various parts of stone and the cradle of earth had become tiny nail-arrows. Spread evenly as they became a field. All of the sudden they were met, as if in farce.

The Archer had set down, and turned, met the Rat face to face and heard the voice say.

‘You cannot destroy us, we dream.’

And all of the sudden from his ball of fur, within the bloated holes made by some of the shrapnel spikes which had almost entered him, he pulled out. But eyes of many sizes that did not belong to him, he stole them from children, throwing them at the man.

‘What is this mockery?’

‘Now I get it, I can see it as well.’

Praised the neighbor who had seen, the painting was but a window, the frame was skin. He had opened a way for them to look into uncanny worlds. And they were almost worn out by this lord, the Rat.

For the Rat also pulled out a fully grown fetus and threw it at a man, who immediately raised his arrow as if to fend himself from what came along the way. His life threatened, two steps back.

A hidden stairway underneath the bridge, the man was taken aback.

As it happened, the Rat came through and fell as fast as he could, trying to skip a step or thrice.

There was no forest but a hidden block of torture below, the man with the arrows came for him, his dance was known. From his arm, eight more and even more so coming, and each formed a circle, but turned, of many bows that painted every spot on which he landed. A light of gray, there came and shot. It should’ve been touched about, but there lay the sack, all empty.

The Rat was there waiting.

He took his lousy time but spoke.

‘Amongst us there are many things you should be aware off, all the pillar shaped walls will block and take away.

If I were to break one, what would you do? I say.’

From a wild direction but the breaking, from a flanking spot, largely mistaken, he had missed, just barely within a bolt’s reach, pierced stones and fragments of his own, as the Rat but threw what it could in order to claim him as he stood.

‘There, I have you.’

Archer came forth, with a pair of bows, he shook forth and came up close, barely missing. For a wonder, yet as stronger, he had come to miss his chance. He had cut but a piece of the Rat, yet only to find himself not there. But it was there, all of the sudden that he saw, though no darkness but a thing of the past. Its eyes and part of skull replaced, the children’s eyes but taken just as well. Though this was called upon him, had he realized. Disgusted as he were, he threw but what he had taken away, and left to scour.

The Archer quite admired him as he lay, and threw some arms he ripped away. Out of the direction, in the back, a few steps, he almost came to a run. The Rat feared the man as he came too fast and pulled out of

his arm but a smaller thing, a blade, that pushed back and forth, he cut the girth and the first of his knee. Then he tried stabbing until he realized that the creature lay missing. Only but a chance here and there, it was too dark where he retreated, as he had ended but stabbing where he could. Unnecessary even, he pushed and sprouted. Madly enabled to creep and cut, flat about.

A few rats below they came as well, bellowing to be watched, the Archer snatched one of the, snapped its neck, then threw it on. Another one was picked, this one making a pick. With a single shaft, he cut its throat about, then put something in it, just a pair of matches, glowing, all the while, rowing as it bled. They followed their master through a small cupboard above the earth. As it rubbed itself against the corner, there came the first misfire.

A flame as the likes of which he would admire, it came out of nowhere and came to be. He rained upon him with many a-see, large shots, sprints of metal darts, all thrown. Some were too bloody to be watched and known, they bounced and leaped about, eating life in their rush of death. In shame the Rat bowed as the man approached. Only for about a single daft second before he lunged on and took a bite, then another, until gut was out, but so in part. Shades of fair, and bloody reigned, he slipped on then all of the sudden. Pain would be conveyed by both, two hands slamming into every head on top the rat.

Some wings had sprouted in an attempt that he might set hit fat body and rat-disease in flight. Yet as soon as he leaped away, though a few feet in the air, he was made as a porcupine, fattened even by the weight of the iron as the shafts were put inside. Many more of which followed, damned as they were, hollow, the wings blinded the man.

And in the dark, the Rat pushed along the way. All too filthy, separated, damned if he could do as much.

Not only, were it for a bow, to be sacrificed or left alone, some fingers pulled and then embed, they covered the hole inside of him, ended. So had they served for sutures, the man pushed deeper below, never to have known any kind of pain than that of his own.

‘You’ve killed my son, oh vile thing, of which emergence, I shall have you, I shall have you still. I will have my revenge for what you’ve done and I will have your hide beaten within.

I will make you suffer and put you in a grave. I will have you, I will have you, whether it’s the last thing I shall convey.’

And he was filled with pitiful joy, only but to think of it.

How much had he pained himself with searching for that beast, only to have ended, no pity, as his discourse fended, but pained oh, it be, pained better to see, he followed. Wrought in side, the curves were hollow, but this was but a ruin that had sunken through the cracks beneath earth. A cathedral-like hollowness for the likes of which he wouldn’t have ever known.

Flocks of rat heads appeared of nowhere, pushing all carrying diseased air, not gaseous in form, yet prodding, it ate oxygen bubbles as it made all feel like drowning as well. Suffocating there under fight, he pushed himself below and saw but an end, sublime to his suit of woe. Darkened with his own blood, fur came onto him, of a rat-kind but he could not pray for it to be other way, for he had known the body not

to be so. Instead, he found out that he faced some dark insect's body that had imitated fur. It shook him more than to have known that everywhere it went, that predatory creature left marks and patches as well.

As he had got what he wanted, oh daring being, his fur became skin, patches and faces that smiled at him.

‘What do you want of me and where shall be my son's resting place?’

Oh sublime abstraction, the painting had become his grave. For he had starved himself watching, only to have become a part, although, there, inside of it, he felt his watch going on.

Large darts of men-pests shafts darted back.

At a crossroad they were not but behind enemy lines. Both sides threw their pints, which flew from one side to another, infesting both, to carry forth. This place was now claimed as something of their own. Alarmed, in chance, others joined, condescending.

A rat-entity had come from the depths, but woe to them for they could not be the same. From one side to the other, they leaped in part, like tanks of skin, they shipped their whims only to attack one another. A giant one approached the Pesticide, for that was the name of the entity with an insect-infantile body, who bore the heads of men, would not for the likes of him behave as to push them out.

He was met but two yonder. Whose faces were but cut, cocked and stronger, pushed and dreading behind. Though, barely a few inches, they caught their cleaves holes and bore the strongest pills of skin, the nails, something they had gotten along the way, from the gaps that had fallen in their den. And though these signs of abuse there but of little use, for them to have been made to know, they were aware of this strange sadism which was theirs, alone.

All pins, the nails in their arms, first came through, one side of the cut-through het, alight, and suddenly smashed through. A part of it fallen, followed through. For whatever kind of muscle fading, the bashing never ending drew, first part of and little wonder, he ate the other head alike. They bled like beasts as he leaped on top of them, only to bash and crush their bones away.

There was just so much abuse for either, as they could do little, along the way.

Bleeding yonder, he appeared. Though neared to their deaths, a few of the others that made it along way, managed to be dead.

The archer only came through, he leaped on dead willows, rotten, of which sheets were burnt-disease.

And came to look at Pesticide yonder, facing him so close that he could hear him breathe.

Though ever close, as he neared, he smiled.

‘What will you do now?’

You are standing so close that I shall only eat your head but to swallow.’

‘Then you shall choke on it and watch is so, and I shall batter you before you know.’

Yet as he made it but a few inches, though there was no time for the bow to be drawn, there came the sack he carried all along, put on top of him and made to fall in the abyss. From whichever point he may have ended and whichever side he might've found peace, there only came this as much as he was away. He could die eventually, fallen along the way and made to suffer such pain as only his kind would convey as they make their way towards him, wearily.

'It's dinner time, you scum of lot, go yonder and do something that ought to be brought to pains and let it remain in your snail-heads.

Know that my son is finally avenged.'

The man said.

Though through his run, he had missed it so. For every sight bore some beauty, if not taken by the likes of chance. Though the worlds were ugly, let alone deformed, by a perilous thing it had been worn. Decayed and better placed in a ruinous thing as well, he missed it.

Right after him, hissed at.

'Leave our den and never return, human, you're not likely to stay. Nor to remain, refrain yourself from seeking yonder, do not come nearer, out of fear we shall make it so you lose your wonder and yer eyes.'

Though he walked and claimed his destiny so. With every other shot aimed at what appeared to be walls. He could not see, through leaps of faith to be, he missed then fell, but would remain upon another thrust, so many shafts had landed fast, that he could almost see them yonder.

At the bottom, on a rounded gray patch, finally he stumbled upon the corpse of the Rat, though named not, as the Archer could not do so. From every head he had stolen as well, he could not and would rather stay his hand, never to ask.

'What has he done to my son?'

'Your son's life has been claimed. Remove his head and get out of the way.'

They settled it so. There was no reason to hope, but he wanted to stay, repent and do so. Only as he may, he wanted to be eaten and fall to the plunder of filth, in wait of his fallen through hate.

'It's out of place, you need to leave, and miss through it and never please. You will never be pleased with what waits there.

There's but this place but eighteen times more broken forth and thrown around the way.'

He closed his open mouth and gaped. Filth was on its way.

The head of a woman walking on forty-five spider-like blackened meat-filled legs came along. From her cheeks she shot the many with four-hundred needles which were connected with long wires, entering his chest and face.

She was out of place but she was drooling a polygraph's note made out of tiny insects and rats which were sutured together.

‘Is that actually your son?’

‘Yes.’

White rats started being produced along white scarabs.

‘I meant to say no.’

Normal rats came after.

‘Why, I swear that it hasn’t crossed my mind.’

Though he had a thorough fare, he went out here and there only if a bunch. Wreathing about, as in despair, but a tiny bit of him would never stare.

It was well enough that they would stare and try cutting, in signs of despair.

‘I will try, at the very least, to attempt to eat and try.

And would abide you if you were to tell me, why am I being recorded?’

He reconciled with just as much, not to forget what had set him so, and watch and cut, and bitterly, latch upon what he could. There was a reason he was anchored to the place, not that he would.

‘I’d like to know what’s going on.’

But she hadn’t answered him nor would she try. It was obvious that there was no intention there, not to intrude or be, if any fare too well.

‘It’s obvious, is it not?’

I cannot obsessing over her breast size. It’s always present on the back of mind. I think I’m going to be driven insane by it.

I cannot even hear what’s she saying most of the time; she may as well not have a mouth at all.’

‘I can definitely understand where you’re coming from.

You lost sleep, have you not?’

‘I have and when I do, my mind is going on nothing else but that state of arousal it’s in right now.

As strange as it might seem, It’s like the female brain during that time is non-existent in my mind, it’s only their shapely forms I could ever think off.

He knew what he was talking about, definitely. He was onto something.

Pink lips moving but a rack, it's all that was needed, and this obsession went past the apparent milk. They were there, just standing, not bouncing as the lady stood still. She must've been a teacher of some sort at the University, and most importantly, she was stacked. Huge, wide-spread in both directions, giant milkers, she was a cow, not fast but just enough to grab on. Big, so big, so huge.

And he was the last man inside the room with her, standing there, imagining. His tongue moving from one spot to another inside his mouth, underneath his teeth, then on her.

'I want to eat them, I want to eat them.

I want to open my mouth and put her inside of it. I cannot help it, need to eat her.'

He didn't speak out loud, she was still talking.

'I cannot be stopped now.'

He rose, and all of the sudden he turned and simply walked through the wall. Strength felt indicting, pushing through, ever present as he wrestled with destruction all the way through. Everything fell around him, ground-floor, wall and up the shore, all would be crushed underneath him.

He managed to get a few feet forth, for he was a man of the horn. It suddenly came out of his head and burst the rest of his skull leading to the throat instead, shot like a point-blank slug, two rifles aimed at him no change, but the crested thing still turned around and lay inside of him.

Upon the lay upon which he walked ahead, this Pad, of which name only brought on the fact that he was missing on something which grew on his back as it appeared to nest inside of him, of flight they pushed him away as he started breathing out of it. No longer prodding where he didn't belong.

He was dragged on and put into a small square car-runt by a bunch of grunts who wanted him dead for some reason, unable to look in any other direction than it was needed.

In that tight space he had been given a shower, but there was no water, other than liquid-shaped, like clay-skin completing his shoulders until they pushed out of the way and became as they once had been, but something too obscure to be caught in. He wanted to kill now, but there was nothing around.

Growing thrice the number of distorted horns, his upper torso-spiked not with ivory but skin-molds and trenches which dug, worn out by pain about the place, whereas, none would know the better, it was decided. There was filth inside of him, enacted.

Cart stopped, as he would not look anywhere else, knowing, where might he be? Snow was dropping but it was red. A cloud was bleeding, and made of metallic infantile constructs that were rigged as well. Made to work on a clockwork that would never work properly unless used and pushed around. So filthy and dumb-coated, so much for what was worth it. Cold perspiration followed through, not looked after otherwise, pushed through as if not to count.

'Enter inside that house and do as we say.'

'I am indestructible.'

‘You’re not.’

‘How would you know?’

The Grunt appeared, though he was not a soldier, merely the cast of a man which had been eaten and made to look as if many mouths grew on top of him as they were only moaning as much as they could. Shoved to the side, uncannily, bred for the pain, they remained there and only punched him down the ribs, leaving but a mark from which a pond-worth of his vital-liquor came out.

‘You may go along now.’

As he had, and there were things in that, the House-basin, of which roundness in the back, the laboratory within and the widespread of humanoid-doors which were cast for the exact molds to enter through resembled PAD.

Pad was but tiny off shot near the Column, on the great light-whitish bloc. With a top bar of black surrounding, on top of yellow floors, both imitations which were placed upon the great plate, which was hidden and would remain so, out of the fear of disgrace.

He was stopped just a few seconds before stepping on.

He was met by another man headed the same as he was, with all the spikes and thorn and horns that grew from inside of him.

And although the way ahead lay broken through, with all the pieces stricken and lost, and through hue, through the confusion and through.

‘You’re not going to walk alone through it, PAD.’

ARN came along. Though he felt just as little about it as he could show.

Of set in flight, they opened a door-man and entered a room filled with various experimental creations, filled with shafts and arrows and tiny fetuses as well as growths in jars. There was a staircase on the right which lead from one side to a skin-frame.

On the other side, there was but a piece of stringed chambers and tunnels which lead to the Circle and one of the chambers of abuse.

A Lesser-Guenon was waiting for them in the middle.

From the left side, the ancient door opened and there came but the Woman-head with the living notes still squirming as well as the Archer.

The Woman-Head immediately took Lesser-Guenon’s side. So had the Archer.

Startled by them, the Archer accidentally shot Guenon’s throat, immediately putting him down like a rabid dog.

‘You shouldn’t have done that.’

Said PAD, whom wasn't as surprised by what had happened, yet he didn't speak at all.

Next and Pad, they walked along and met the Archer.

'Therefore, we need to establish a chain of command or so. Something similar to.'

'Wait, before you go, you, strange one.'

Pad turned and came onto him. It was peculiar, meeting the Bowman face to face, yet there was a reason for doing it so.

'I know what you've done.'

'And what would that be?'

'I have noticed you for a while now, over the past few seconds we've been, you've tried to kill philosophy in your endeavor and that cannot be easily forgiven or forgotten.

I was largely displeased by what I was hearing.

Ten days ago.'

As it happened, they were drawn, to the right and through the other skin-frame, it happened so that they were brought and called and drawn to the side and pull out by the Imitations during a time one of the paintings broke.

And all of the sudden the man found himself staring at it as if there was something to it, a connection, no direction but the quiet still being there by some chance; there was dread in their eyes, yet they could not help it. They were at a loss, as they followed. Even the one who made it could not understand the hollowness of what he watched. Too much would he wreath in place, unable to latch upon the graceful thing which was his lack of a face now, and again asking, tired of everything, reeling in and out, about the place, it was as much as one could expect.

Past the skin-frame there lay but this.

There wasn't much time.

Post-broken window, and in-through flew.

Getting past them, he threw her, past as if on cue.

The Rat hadn't stopped advancing, and would never die from the likes of it, advancing.

Its mind defile, its bodily rotten mirthful, a liar.

It was the only way it ought to be, through the fence and through the chamber, ripped through a shed-worth and through the body that had stood forth near him. Following the trail as if slowly leading through the frame and through the pond of darkness, past the Imitation, dancing as he ran, the Bowman stretching as if pained by the Rat, whom, unrelenting would do nigh to be touched. Walls would fall apart and become revealed. Many Imitations appeared, started by what was happening there. A scene out of time

pushed through and emerged, always one step forth, always a shaft thrown and broken into a wall. But the wails and their likes, could only feel what was going on at times before all disappeared again. Though dejected, it had been, but through past, they had seen each other by the eye.

Another attempt at his throat, a benign cut, past him, all but stood. The Rat appeared, disappeared, only to show up again. Pained as he had to dig through, claws sharpened, missed and passed as well as through.

‘Why can’t you disappear, you little insignificant, filth of flights.’

Appeared again, in sign and eaten, some, but little misused. For what was worth, something did seem off.

Indeed, there were various skin forms such as to have been wrought in Negro-skin such as that of monkeys or baboons instead of their outwardly leathery appearance, not part of the imitations but corrosive substances coming out of the utmost hidden of abuse chambers.

They ran into the trap.

Before Pad and Next could come, before the Woman-head would follow, they were left to wonder and wont of less, disgraced in filth, nevertheless, not to be found instead, eaten and abandoned, left to rot.

It was to be pleasing to see them both ended as they were put inside a chamber, brought to their uncanny looks and made to suffer, understood. Oh what a filthy thing they were, to be gawked upon even by the Imitations which were aware of what was going in.

Contamination was under way, this was the realm as the bottom of disease. And whatever appeared in his portraits now, as he would be pleased, came out. With every rat and roach and every insect, and whichever fly, with every simian he drew from the books of long-lost ages, of which derangements could not be lost, for fragrance was but impure.

‘Ah, I see now, the chamber was but waiting for them.’

Pad was the first one to notice, though there was something too deranged to be put and thrust forward. As much as they were brought out there, it was hard to be ensnared or to think, if anything appeared, where or whence might their disease lead.

The circle as a contaminated filed, a city that blocked everything from pushing out.

It appeared like the other circle, of which town of mold stood forth wore an existence such as the likes of which would never thrive. In some way, such an insufferable uselessness was niggerish’ in some manner. As no longer could it be sustained, without the likes of human beings that would prevail over all, the city fell upon itself and crawled in. Being somewhat reminiscent of its like, as it happened for it to be drawn inside where it was needed most, where, at a cost, there would be something for all to live into and where to roast and grew on moisture. Migrating, through contamination, just as it were alike, onward with the mold people, through the grates, pulled back, whence if not the boilers?

For the head and the steam could only contain such an insufferable thing such as the likes of which might not be used to show any kind of protest, that might be. It was something that was missing no longer, as their filthy on-look was pulled back.

Many doors and many gates and plenty of the other entries, as deprave as to appear only to be set there.

Memory is deformed.

Mold man was but suited. Walked in past and back was sutured. To a whorish machine with no head, tube beneath her going through his neck; of legs he walked on eight of them.

Everything, everything attached to him, by strings of skin-metal that pushed and wreathed like hardened irons everywhere he could touch, with filth.

One could hear him swerve and rub upon his brim open eyes. As they widened upon the cries and the echoes that loomed around the rooms and through the walls, finally awoken as if to come to power and to fright, a shimmer of light entering them, as fright had yet to come.

‘I see, I can finally see everything I want to.

My eyes are fix and I see the scum that makes the machinations of the bones. I am thorough as I am benign. But I can see you there, oh specter of the one who tried. Finally he was set to wonder and wont something from what could see. Through them as he had wanted.

Eyes darkened and put to good use. Though his irises were of machine, of hardened, boiled iron caught through and pushed within, he could finally do as pleased, never watching or be put, anew, or ever to ask. He was destined to see all, now, for what lay, through the mass.

‘Too many boilers are full.’

For he saw how the billions of them, in actual number, more than overfilled and spilled, producing such a steam unlikely, as it to put them through so much abuse. Some came out and dreaded going, yet they remade themselves, never knowing what the reason behind it were. How many of them were not even likely to understand that they took the lives and homes of the previous room blotched, the ones who ran about in scum and suits uncanny. Never in tune with what was going on. No longer blinded.

‘There, I see it all.’

He pointed, oh stranger, whose lower body still beckoned for some kind of release, as he was but of a piece, and would not be put through, yonder, nothing stronger as he suffered after. A man, or what remained of him, half the lower body sunk. The other, handed, armed but legs were cut behind, never mind whichever face, he pointed, out, in much disgrace.

‘What’s happening in that chamber?’

One would have to ask. For there was so much noise in there as if there was not enough. No one could foresee them chasing, one another, never ending. And none might be able to take, for what was worth, this was all but a mistake of pains that never got through. Never could they suffer one another, as if swollen, on cue.

The Archer pushed on. Of chamber of abuse, the side was long and stretched. Never ending until one could reach a wall, from the side or push to it, not to abide. No wonder knowing and of wretched. Lesser

things, disgust, and stretch, upon which he walked; various floors were plainly put and thrown around until neither of them could be put through the abuse.

A whorish gap through it agape; it waned as it desired for this feeling to remain here and there and never take a break from it. She was but of a greater piece, but never knew what happened.

‘I’m almost to the point.

Exhausted I see not a reason to set forth.’

‘Then leave, oh leave and bless me not. I see no reason for this chase to go on, as I know the outcome of it, as it is fading.’

‘Never, you will not get the best of me, not while I can still.’

‘You’re tired, admit defeat and know that you cannot slay me.’

Another pair of little rat-holes, which only revealed the strange circles that were growing and spreading as if they were a whirl in the air, made of hairs, insect-like in part but there. He had gotten some of them along the way, but could not contemplate on looking or on being part, of put through what appeared to be his sides. Filthily beaten, he knelt all of the sudden and dug three holes.

There was light but only from above and it ended just as far. Parchments of disease pushing around, worms glowing as they blew, in side but gotten through. There was no reason to spare, or even be fair about it.’

‘I’ve got you where I want to.’

The Archer but came forth. He looked yonder at the land, broken, in the dark he felt at home. For many windows broke, he leapt behind. Of a mind like his he almost missed it, but he stepped inside. As if there was a small room of doors, he entered, though there was nothing there. He merely deflected. Knives and tiny torsions of the most disgusting part, he could not take them. Blessed with the filth, of their girth swollen, then the blimps of inflated pests, which appeared there all of the sudden.

Nor would he rest but punch, and throw aside, a few fingers yet benign, the rodent listened.

Rat approached, yonder, a stroke upon the ground he thought. A missed chance, but arrows came, alight. Arched from above, he saw, first towards the ceiling, bounced to die again, he settled back. Just as well into their dance, he could barely find his standing, rancid. As his many pets, some returned bearing but a trail of blood, and bloody smoke, a lighter.

‘You brought fire-smoke.’

Power lay coagulated, finally, all revealed to him. From whence he walked, he found the culprit, there revealed, where the trap would be sealed and the man could’ve fallen for the worst. At this cost he almost fell to bitter knees and almost falling, he’d see it.

‘There, the light spreads, as does the fire. You should’ve known of it.’

That much should've been known.

Of his watch he would've found it so, even though, to his ears, as much was to be. Somewhere in the dark, to be certain he might've had a chance, to see. Him eye to eye, both of them.

Filthy and disgusting looking, dirty as well.

'You're outmatched. I may be touched and tired, largely exhausted, so. But I can still touch upon your soul and drag you where I want to, though.

I am to give you little stance. And I shall do as I please and be inclined to forget about this manner, fading. If you were but to remove that head.'

But then remaining still he remembered. Around his, nowhere would she be to see. Of what lies and what antagonism of which degree he was. Inclined to waste, and little taste, he refrained from dragging her again.

'Thinking of something?'

'I believe it so.'

Most of the arms and of the skin bows that were attached to his right fore-side were already worn, fingerless and barely inclined, from the various mouths, eyes and nose-cartilages to produce arrows. And even those he had control over refused to be of the same part. It was tiresome, he would not doubt. But of the same reason, he lost the chance to finish him off. Not because of some trick, as all of them were lain there to see. No trenches nor holes would make him stumble anymore, as he was too lonesome to ask. Doubt only crept inside, and latched through.

'I think we shall call this, therefore but a single, insignificant draw.'

As a game of chess, unlikely, between two masters played sublimely. But what of them and what escape? The chamber was closed, and fire was spread. Soon enough, unbreathable as well; not to be touched likely, not through, not to tell of it. They pushed but through. Of which sinew they missed a hue. Quiet was but shared between them, thinking.

'We shall break through, then, here, have him.'

Immediately inclined, the Rat set aside but the skull of his alleged son, the Archer immediately replicating a false grin, a sin that would only be known to him. Together but of plain, they walked again and would never tell what happened to anyone as well.

A lock thereafter.

But of them, little known. For what was worth, this place was worn-out and was prime to be taken by whomever tired. Machines and drones not working but assigned to the fact, resigned after a while, for their lower and upper egg-shale ovals combined, through various inward-hilled depressions. Various hollow spots, metallic eyes that would never grasp and set aside the pairs of arms and claws that were grasping.

It was humane, it was humane, seeing them go at it again. For worthlessness had little place, it could not be fathomed, the disgrace which was the side, the ride of shipments received from one of the hundreds of hidden countries came in the form of living forms. All bottled and put through, like niggers in a boat, messed about, but allowed to rise on cue.

As soon as the envoy arrived, as if the doors opened in command then lead below, the living quarters were met by a secret signal that was heart, only to disable the things that would, of little worth, end all life.

All of the sudden, the chains of meat and the strings of rotten filth attached to the mold-man suddenly disintegrated, as if in fear, nearing the point, of ever asking what went wrong and of what toil would they have to wane. Waste was carried away, and shoved back into the boilers. Giant-growths of men still pacing in the buildings and still, life began anew, never to strode upon or be lost, it flew. Flourished even as it could not be stopped, it was something no one could've foreseen or thought off.

Wasting in there.

But a man had been.

He wanted to see such a Renaissance but he had missed. Not only this chance had been on the line but one would be inclined to know just as little being on.

Clouds were stuffed with too many buildings in which only mechanical-men lived in. And of their kind little was there in doubt, for they suffered just as much as anyone else.

'I think I can control how the time flows inside this rock.'

'Show me.'

The chamber spoke to the abused.

All of the sudden they were set.

'I am mold.'

There were some things which weren't taken into account, nothing does. Living there, after a while became peculiar, after a fashion. Looking how dreadful it seemed. All too thorough.

Blood had been spoiled on top one of the greatest walls there were, defilement. Pox-of metal, rope-mouths laughed. All deranged but a great side of the living quarters had long been defiled. Henceforth the preparations, despite what might appear to be somewhat unclear at a time, it seemed likely that there were no other reason to thread near it.

'Here, mark the spot and draw a line. Right, that should be enough for what's worth, I think it's fine. I think we've done well. '

'Won't that interfere with their lives?'

‘Let it be so. Some of us have to take the initiative of cruelty in order to make up for the possible losses our descendants might yield as they endure the passing.

It’s for the good of everyone if their side gets severed off.’

And forth and fold, it was all beneath the surface.

Despite what might seem to be, this was unlawfully apparent, that there would be no way back once the cut was done for.

From the side, or rather, from an architectural sketch, this much was apparent. If the city was above the surface level and dirt, beneath it, there being a small colony as such, which would submerge and make do as to be made in shape of the quarters, the left side, if even a two-cut fold of the quarters, from that point on would be separated and pushed on, only a few hundreds of miles away from the rest of the structure.

Large city, standing on a square of floors drawn, on top of one another, bore through.

Tilted even, to the side, the boiler rooms on the top, with the pseudo stairs being pushed through and abandoned after a while, although this latter separation had only pushed itself forth as to leave the other side way long after the society left and everything gave to absence. To be certain, the various cuts were still there, shaking, but never pushed. Nonetheless, the Imitations, and the other things, hopefully would relent themselves, as they should and fall over in the underground abyss, above all the tunnels which had been made through the various shafts that went through stone, as long a mine and through everything they could push themselves on.

Nonetheless, there was the problem.

Twice forth, the Imitations, now joined. Drones and skin-frames, all the while, pushing through as if to defile everything and just as much, with the help of the rope mouths, they managed to latch their sunken side back to the main-land, that being the other floors, still beneath the earth, while making it so, the other circle survived. Preserved into the boilers, the mold would grow and become as steam, molecule-sized, spreading within. But most importantly, through one of them, there lay, but trapped, as he’d stay in there, the body of the Carpet.

Thence stood Rose, Cones and Pegan-Beggar, talked. Upon their likes just as much was jotted on.

So many hours spent inside the boiler, freed. No longer would that urchin of black force them to push in, beneath the earth, sharing, spreading, seething for something to happen. It would be so, of better throngs, waiting was an unnecessary thing, for neither of them were of no lacquer.

Thence there lay, of which parlay, nothing but a thought.

Well then, and past the flow, through which had come, the Woman-Head.

She appeared to have an affinity for the Bowman-Archer, and would follow him until the end of time, or until the heat she was in would subside. Despite him being a liar, she was attracted, and when that would happen, her legs would enact some sort of deformedly contorted shake she could not for the likes of her

shake off no matter how hard she tried. Seething while being endowed, pushed ahead and thrown aside, like a leper's arm.

Small break, in the head, man was not made for this, but he would behave.

‘There, I see, I’m done. Just done, right in time to re-calibrate the molecules.’

‘Marvelous, Nevhc, simply marvelous. You are truly gifted in the arts.

If I didn’t know any better, I would’ve thought you’ve made an offering to the mouths. You know that they’re not supposed to appear here, right?’

‘I know.’

Nevhc only approached Gregorian-Colum. It was obvious that he delighted himself by this and doing it could only make him draw near, and out of fear, he pulled a nose. Then a nostril, from which rose half a malformed arm. It was unpleasant trying to claim too much but this was what he wanted. All and always, going for the same bits, the same parts, it would have to be accounted for, they would go along a long way. Way through and out of fear. Desperation nearing.

Black figures emerging, being in the room. Tall-painted red others who had their heads swooned out of the fright instilled loss of sleep. Some large meaty objects which looked long-around the neck. Open-throated, in which buried slimy figures with tiny knives which spawned inside the fear he looked at, too fat, no feature, they looked like open sores, large and rounded, like stomach from which neck-poles pushed to a cylinder-stop. No head, but the openings were the things which sold him at.

Dark spots on tapestry of white-lined black, a linoleum made of ugly-metal, painted greenish-yolk, filled with cracks. A lamp on top, half a finger, largely extended, wrapped around it, arrow-keys transparently flapping like wings. It was eating from the mass of light which looked like hatched eggs, a mass. From Nevhc’s eye there came a benign strip, which appeared to have melted and have pissed on the floor before dissipating in the air.

‘Disgusting, you’re disgusting, you need to sleep on it.’

‘But that’s filthy.’

‘As are you, I see it.

Oh, I can see it, I think it moved again.’

He hadn’t made a suit, nor automaton or a marionette, instead he made some weird effigy, if such could be called, that he would use for mad protection against the evils of the world. They were neared, out of fear, that they’d cut a dreary cut at its throat.

They filled it with tiny blunders and put it in the body of an old clockwork stander, with a dead-throated coo-coo bird on top, open to bleed, a real one kept as well, no suit inside of it.

And they listened to the bird talk, at times it only started and wanted to be done, waning as it could not be helped, always inclined to the laughter as well, which was not shared, by the looks of it. Always a moaner, always someone who tried cutting ahead, always someone trying to pout.

‘No, I don’t like either of you being here, you need to leave.’

‘But we cannot.’

‘You have to, and I’ll make sure you all leave before the time comes.’

‘And what time would that be?’

‘The time of distress.’

It rose up, as it the pen-eyes were being dyed.

‘Harmony, I need harmony, I need a night of rest. I must confess that as of lately, the child inside of me, my twin started crying, oh, forever as I am awakened in distressed.’

‘Cut him off then, you need so, before he spreads.’

But that was something no one wanted to talk about. Another self-birth taking place after a long enough time being given; as another fetus would appear as a growth to the side, and one could not abide such a thing for long.

‘I can’t get rid of him. He’s my brother, and I love him.

Ho, such a terrible thing, I wish I had gotten, at the very least a night off to doze, something to grasp off and never come to my senses again. I wish I could.’

‘Settle down already, there’s nothing we’re up to.’

‘You can put me eternally down.

That pile of rubbish I made was taken from many people I have pained in doubt.’

‘Why is mom crying again?’

‘I don’t know son.’

‘She’s started talking to herself, locked inside her room.’

‘Don’t go near it. I think it’s for the better that, if we stood as far away as possible from her. We should keep our distance.’

‘There’s someone in there with her.’

‘Kid, I made sure she’s not breathing.

There’s no one in there with her other than an animal.’

‘Why?’

‘Here’s the key, see for yourself.’

The child advanced, slowly inclined on the side, almost shaken by what he was hearing. A sneer and an echo through, he opened without delight and went in. It was not serene, the room in shambles, yet everything just looked as well as it could. No one would’ve considered touching that thing either, from whence it stood, a house of stacked cards, of skin-lichens and vies stretching upon a puddle on the ceiling. The door was locked behind him.

Soon enough composed to look around, he saw the dead men as well, all shot against the wall by bolts and by various nails. Insufferable thing she was, she took her time dying, still awake. The kid simply stared at her, bright eyes, dead. But she soon twisted her head as soon, going up the ceiling, as if on a platter. Her body was but not clearly put but a blunder of metal, a body of iron cast, her head alive but played with. It was a strange thing seeing him there.

Something he had seen in a dream. Largely within it, her head split like sheet as it would be spared and spread across the room. Now he was lone with her, misunderstood this whole encounter, as he had had, he was ill-inclined to ask.

‘Why’d you do it?’

‘Your father asked me to punish.’

Half of the room, around the long bed and the cabinet cut, like a cutout brought down, and ever encompassed, inside there came. A creature twice the size of him and dark of gray, locks coming from his chest and in the back, all wearing smaller shrunken heads that were brought from the back-side of his body where he bore a fridge worn device.

He lifted a finger which split in half from which a tiny cutter, scalpel of no after started dreading on to push.

‘You misunderstood everything, child. I wish there was a reason for me to defile this hold of touches. And there was but a filth of stanch.’

‘You frightened me.’

His father entered through the door, melting it just then.’

‘I need to do something, before you get frightened again. I think you got too immersed into your contact with him.’

His father threw the tantrum of a child then cut a piece of his scalp and left the house.

‘I think we should try talking about what happened there.’

The child was still wearing a suit but he was unaware of what was going on. SO many flashing lights, were they? Were they flashing? It was hard to look anywhere around. He was looking at the various written things on every wall, not understanding what went wrong.’

‘I’m going to fight you to my last breath, you won’t be able to claim me as you have claimed her.’

‘Your father killed her, son.’

And just as he did, the child was gone.

But not his central nervous system which had not only been pulled away but it was slowly picked and lead aside, allowed to walk upon itself and blow the entire room to a block of burnt cinder.

Father left, thence enter. Imitation of a man.

‘Father of Imitation, talk to the man of mold.’

Said another man of the same substance as he lead him to the room of boils.

‘The boiler room is less inclined, I see no reason for me to be of a mind.’

‘Then ask of this and it shall be given. You wasted too much strength.’

Nonetheless, he was undefeated. Yet this was peculiar. For never before has he met his clause and such a thing alas, that he would join the dance and be put so. On the spot, he’d never know anything and ask even less of what it meant. A leap of faith had wrapped its dead-hands around it and started rubbing the only valve that kept it in check.

‘There, and there, it shall be open, look inside of it now. What do you see?’

‘I see something down there, too far a stretch. You madmen had created.’

Of spots unmet for vile eyes. There was too much there, to be called upon. A stretch of a world, in every boiler, told. A home for the less-fortunate and the most repelling of things.

Never listened to.

‘Always in the same spot, they’re wringing something in the back.’

Where on the farthest reached of mold, inclined, no mind of their own brought, they got as much, solemnly told, but a perilous stretch.

‘Ave, thee, and listen.’

One man prayed to nothing else but the most peculiar thing of all, the wretch which was the scoundrel, the pit enabled, and never wondered upon, there lay the carpet wasting. It had been oh, long a while since something had happened to it.

‘But there, the Quarry is open.’

Out of many feet, ahead and everywhere around, there was nothing to be put and latched upon, the wicked pandemonium of lack of worth. And worthlessly told.

A giant form, of many arms and legs and strange winged-formed humanoid pillars that had erupted from its head made it look like a giant mongrel-snail with parasites coming out of its eyes instead. They were growing and merging with as many objects as they could. Ever present there, eating as they should and as they could do it, so. They wanted to waste no tail which was wrung into the scum of song. Made to be eaten and put aside, they would become, after a while, all too wrung upon and swollen as scum became. Their eyes would tell of woolen shapes appearing there.

‘I want but to be a part of it. I want it.’

He begged the carpet only to see it come out of the enclosed chamber, pushing out and levitating. Wrought into the filth-uncanny, pushed through as it would shake haughty, only to be called. From the hole from which emerged, they crawled out, cackling as they could and would not shout. Of pain, which wasn’t theirs they hadn’t spoken of lost.

But begged for it, as he had, there was lost.

Corner

The corner was a strange pick. Upon in, as they watched upon it, there could be no thickness of each growth.

Well wrought, not in a hole but out there in the open when one should be mistaken but to stare. Large smoke machines, put into an open mountain. Many of them attached to men, heavy smokes and some who were breathing led. Though of no case and little wonder, they wrought the iron-distress disease which had not only blackened their lungs but it made them madly seek some satisfaction through the spoiled disease that spread between them.

Moving smoke-machines, their bodies were wrung and molded, four at a time.

Four met stuck to it, stricken up as to reach and catch one of the strangest, most peculiar clouds. Moths at the top where iron became skin, but still some long-shots of rope shot hooks which plowed the lands around them. Many men, of lesser worth were anchored. And they were shot in pain, allowed to bleed and drag the machine as eight legs extended. Though it as hard to see, these insects, of-to be called, no men were they any longer, instead they were filth. Ate like insects, acted like animals and crushed what they could, invading.

There was this peaceful land. And there were many people of many shrouds.

And their village was crowned as a jewel of dust. Of pity and no less would they be allowed to shout for more, as peace and nothing had disturbed their living, other than this whorish on-look, where they shook and couldn’t help themselves, as, whom were they? Where had they come? Of what siege would they be speaking of in past.

Written on a scroll, and illustrated at last.

‘They had started ever near. And had wrapped themselves around. At first, they would seem likely to be talking of surrender, but they wouldn’t not take it kindly, but en shambled.’

Round and round, they went, and wrapped each finger, past ahead. Dreadfully staring while trying to make so, there was no reason to look near, of the flights of snow. It was all for a show that they sent at first envoys to please. The village was malignant, and afflicted with disease. One could see their tents and weak-buildings of yellowish green hay, wrapped around insect-decay and the bodies of extended men that were wrung and strung about like kites. Lesser than it should, there were also birds of which heads were that of the children women would, but throw around and kill, of evil.

They were merely pretending but for peace, was trivial that they would admit. Wretched in their chaos, nor should they shake, or would be shook. There in front the sky was vile. Their smoke-machines had softened their tiles. And it was all darkened and hard to breathe. Not that it would be liked upon to be touched or spilt.

‘I see, when are you going to leave then?’

‘Whenever the time come.’

Overwhelmed by their forms, they looked like mere children of their own instead of wild contenders. It was all too tiresome, to say the least. And one would be aware that there would be no peace, wrought in dark command.

‘We shall pay no debt after the manner. Leave now!’

‘Don’t talk to me.’

‘Or else what?’

‘I’m going to crush your head.’

‘Do it.’

And then one of the four men inside the smoke-maker got up, pulled out, revealing that he had no arms and simply squashed the little man’s head in a heap of blood. What else would the smoke-maker man be dressed in if not one piece, of various crumpled meat that lay inside? There was the suit-dark look-a-like of a dancer, of which resemblance was only going stronger.

‘A great display.’

‘Greatly done, improved upon only by none other.’

‘Another magnificent display, I see.’

And they chattered their teeth as if they were merely clapping. It was swollen and forlorn, something of their own, but well meant. Never to be dead or said to be, anything of the like would much rather be lost

on them. Not to be too subtle or too worn out, they had shaken each other off, and would wreathe about in place, uncannily.

A man with a dark hat and large black feather came about.

He had no face, but who had one?

And no fingers but who had toes?

And someone had also stolen his liver. And stabbed him, killed his child, raped and murdered his wife, curbstomping her into the nearest wall, skinned her so, burnt his chambers, ruined his country, took an eye out from the hidden slit inside his face, ripped off a leg. They spat on him, chained and enslaved the man. Raped him as a child again and again, put a nail between the point of castration, where they sewed on the face of his lover. A concubine made his wings, though they looked like machete-strings. Walked up as he wailed, of his completely cleansed people whom were but completely stomped into the ground and faltered, young women sought often, then pushed into a pond, yonder to be bloodied-killed. He would be ashamed on a journey on which peril would only destroy everything he touched within a few meters of his life. For everyone whose ever lover after, cursed upon to die minutes after.

The times had taken away any female touch, which he dreaded, at last, in the kindles, most benign stance. Many pets he had taken home had become people and would only look as deformed as to look as if they were worn by deranged taker. Claimed by disease of the mind, driven to seek only other deformities of life. Abused constantly by dreams that would keep him at night, he'd constantly stab himself in the ears and would eat dirt-benign. Fearing a times as he'd hear the worms scream, realizing that he ate worms, sunken within desperation, reaping but a town on fire.

He admired once a flower, but it was stomped upon by an evil man.

‘Why did you do that?’

‘Because I need to kill, I need to kill.

But I’m not going to kill you, no. It would be much crueller, so. If I left you alive.’

Then he spat on his head, which caused his hair to fall off, way too early in his adult life. And lived through much more, he spat but gore with every cold he'd taken. He'd become part of a cutthroat band only to be imprisoned and lay aside for a crime he had not committed.

‘Eighty days, in solitary stay.

For the murder of children’s hay.’

‘But I was nowhere near the farm.’

‘Good.’

And they threw the key and the lock, and a part of the gate as he would not be allowed to lay nowhere else. And he was pitied by whomever passed, to visit the destroyers of whichever last thing they had.

Little mind to them, no passing, swollen after a while, not wanting to have anything, of little wings of iron, he had wanted to be done with it.

‘Please just put me so, out of my misery.’

Ever so near as it drew, the man named Stow had suffered ever so near alike to near-blindness and death. He was put through so much pain.

The lynching rope had struck a chord but ripped ahead, he lost a bet, only being allowed freedom as a carriage set forth during the execution. It came from the sky, and set it flight, they threw a chain and a hook which attached itself to his left shoulder, dragged through the wooden stand as it buried through the earth and drove forth through a hidden tunnel like a mole towards freedom.

But his saviors tried slitting his throat as well, after realizing they got the wrong person.

They couldn’t have known that Stow as but free to pass. He was in so much pain but he thought that one day, it could finally be put to a stop. It would all be over, ever so sooner, after a while. He could finally be free of agony and made to feel right. Abandoned near a tavern, where he spent the night, though met by grins, he was put in a dark chamber where he spent the night with crawling ants that started skinning his lower ankles, of eight in number, large deformities, until he fell to sleep of pain.

Poor Stowe, his fingers were like melted snow, waited outside for, before release, beaten to a pulp by men who only wanted to take a piss at him and bloody him to a pulp, unable to comprehend what had happened before that. He walked upon trails, and never waned outside, he wailed. Upon the steps, outside the tavern, he trailed but a to a lone pair of tower-forests, where every willow was but a tower, dark near the bottom, solitary bricks could be seen. Waited by a guide, uncanny, with a torch within his grasp; above of them but little light, a cloud of smoke-kind in doubt, wide-spread and pushed around as it would breathe out loud. He could but pray for something to happen, ever since he neared but a lack of faith. He wanted something to kick him into it before he stepped the wrong way.

‘What’s up there?’

‘Fragmented pieces of long-birds, I think there’s at least a kind, of little blind species in the mix unkindly as it looks, they’re all tainted, nor should you approach them.’

‘Why?’

A few fragments came below, fading as filthy-blows would upon entering his skin. Burying themselves within as If not to count upon in, little mind to them, as if to call. There was no reason to stall. As but for a fragment which had neared.

‘What is a bird made out of?’

The guide stabbed him in the throat, but he didn’t bleed to death either, he merely walked and stumbled upon a feather, which was no feather. Indeed, it was a solidified fragment of some coronary disease. His face was stomped on by a few children who came out of their way. Putting him up to in, and spitting again.

Yet, he rose back up despite his hardships, settled to the kind. Although, ever since he made it through the fortress-forest, he had been haunted by his trip as well. As the man had been constantly assaulted by as many of them as he possibly could. There was no stopping to it either, as men of armor came and shook him where he stood with lances, javelins and plenty of knives they bore on them as well. All too irksome, tiresome after a while, his head smashed him, his teeth turned to puddles, his tongue cut, another hidden eye gouged off, nails pulled, heart punctured by the tip of an arrow. His hidden nose tripped and fallen onto, broken in as his cartilage remained. Burn alive, fallen acid in his vein.

Then, out of nowhere he came. Many a knives, little hardened puddles and iron picks were thrown, small spiked things and little gongs and saws would almost cut through. He bled but took two steps behind, almost upon himself and lost in doubt. He almost slickened, not knowing, never throwing but a thought.

A punch had come and almost came alive, and pushed through and little doubt. There was but a slimmer and another one, he couldn't see him, but would do, I doubt. Whatever he could be, wherever to see, all missing.

‘Where are you? Show yourself before be gotten!’

‘Near thee, near there.’

He appeared but to step away. From below him as if geysers pushed out but holes, as if bullets that were not seen and fire came out, bur buried through low and ever lower. Unable to see around, he had barely missed his chance to get back at it, but failed to see a little rock-hardness step across his jaw.

Kicked to the nearest block, around the roundness, more had sought. To get another plight in, another one going, another kick through, his mouth sowing with the heat. His tongue but beaten and would seethe. A well of fire, he appeared to admire him from above. Standing now on top the tower's throng.

‘How is that you're so fast?’

‘I do not know, in actuality, you've got me at a missed chance.’

He leaped again and although pained, he would do it again and again until stomped to death and barely asking. Always forgetful, unmasked as well, pained by something that would not happen. Spoiled by everything, as if it never happened. Stowe had missed the chance to end it all, to be stomped immediately by one falling boulder that could've withdrawn him so, from ever nearing and ever-dying. From breathing, ever in the pool, this dirty was all he knew now, dying, but ever getting up, he threw up then outta' the way. He's gotten messed with, and pushed that way. This and there, ever be ware.

‘Thee be wrong, I sought to look through all, I see.

Through every plot and plant, to plant thee be wrong.’

‘You don't know the likes of it yet. I'll have you whether you like it or not, see it so.’

Ever much, in the wrong, had he been, and even clearer as he'd seen it, there was a misstep.

He was almost dead as many boulder followed, wrapped. From inside of them crabs and giant ears leaped about. From the hole of which, a single peculiar being emerged, as if from another dimension it crept and winked.

With a giant pair of mole-shaped extremely protruding deformed extensions that were pushing out of eight directions, strapped on top of a flat-sheet surface which was curved around the edges, the backside of which bore many strong root-like worms that pushed inside a most peculiar hole-like depression that was attached, not bore to the long body. As if it were a piece in preparation, it was held upon by little feet that trampled and danced, like the little bodies of a mushroom upon a torso-snail-like bobbling fat mass, which pushed in the back to a small four, long support pillars of skin that pushed out as if they were the extensions of a blooming flower, then curving inwardly to a single pointed concave dome upon which the many bodies of humanoids forms of those who had been long-absorbed into it prayed. For they had not been killed but allowed to see past everything, their sight inverted, sky dark, reverted into a primitive thing as they could see no stone but various formations others could not but dream of in their wildest manners. Various manifestations of eternally glowing celestial bodies appeared out of nowhere, glowing in various shades, and talking with mouths that were made of skin and looked as if they had been pulled and ripped out from within various canine, reptiles and other primates of their kin. But this could not be, with no other explanation that they had ripped through time and stole what wasn't there during their prime. Smaller globes but appeared and neared the point where concentration faded and they had become but uncanny in sight.

This thing only distracted the attacked who didn't understand why this creature had hidden inside a rock, or from where it had come as well or the humanoids prayed.

They were not aimed towards a strange looking celestial body but to a planted plant-planet in shape, an oblong which looked like the insides of a man inverted, with the exception of the ribs which had become strange walls that bore, inside of them, many figures that were wrapped inside, forming an architecture of a kind which had never been seen before. But they were not worshipping it either, for his was but a man.

Instead, they turned upon the strangely deformed, eighty-hundred shaped, contorted willows-like ball-squares which pushed around and grew inside the first peculiar edge of the land it could grow upon, pushing out inside it formed a long inversed iceberg-like figure of stacked limbs, all of which extended from within the great spectral body of a largely manifold, rounded structure. The structure bore two arm-like shapes that pushed right and from below.

The arm-like thing below it bore all the fat leading down, to which it had not only fragmented itself, but left out tiny servants made out of spectral physically manifesting pieces which were deformed. Some pseudo eyes could be seen and other prosthetic legs upon which they walked instead of drawing air. They also bore large tails in which they bred little infantile figures that were much more developed than they were. Pushing out prodders which were used to eat the smaller intestinal figures hidden in the ground-ropes beneath them.

Leading to the arm-like thing in on the left, there lay the formation of a city made out of great stand that bore millions of lynched creatures made of skin, darkened-tawny, more than Negroes in shade, attached to dark-skinned skin-ropes, and small towers of skin which were only manifesting in part.

This creature only used parts of the land to contort and be pulled inside the world again. Always dissatisfied by the strange floating inside tiny inflated blimp-baboons that had been carved inside the flying stalks that started filling the air with scum-fair blood, in coagulated two-shaped mounds that began contorting as well, to which there were attached colors, blue-white-blue-red-ultramarine mixed as well. Upon their surface, flying two-paired cones began growing out of, pushing out the mass of black hair which started growing on the ground as well as inside the hearts of those who prayed to it, so it could manifest everywhere and replace the black sky of which inversion only drove them to a supreme fright from which they could not draw away from.

If there was anything else they could forget, it was the fact that minutes before, they developed if not evolved, tiny knives they used to stab themselves inside their bodies in order to stop some of the mental pain from happening as well. There were pieces missing of the clouds, they were infested with a leaping disease such as the kind of diabetes were.

But Stowe was well because he had no sugar in his blood. He ate a lot of iron-dust and would live until his fifties. He stood around and wondered, how was it that this strange figure became so red, as to be completely painted in the color before it disappeared all of the sudden and was never seen for again. It simply vanished and was never seen again, as if it never existed. And he simply wondered whether or not he existed at all.

And if he never existed what would happen to all those lost years he had spent in pain? Who might remember what I went through, again and again, to no justice being met by my hand? After all I've gone through, to think that I would be painted red and disappear. It had only occurred to him now. He could lose it one day and never exist at all. It was this time of existential agony that died right away after a speck of sand was thrown into his non-existing eyes, since at best they could be seen as gushing wounds his body attempted to suture back into. Would he be called? Pained at all, what was going on?

The last thing he remembered was the fact that he lay. On his knees again, beaten, against the might of whom? What was happening?

Awakened by the guide, who pulled him aside, stabbing him in the chest and legs and arms, through his spleen and shin, spat upon, burning through.

'Remember that it was I who killed your wife and child.'

He wasn't so, but he would not know.

Carried on the back of a mountain-climber he but walked ahead. He was almost dead, or would've been so, if it weren't for the strange lesser Demigod who pulled him from the morbid chamber in which he stood. Of black-red smoke, of which fragments shook, some forming the floor, others the door, and everything else he stood in as well as more than a few people who had stood in line. All too dark down where the path lead, and an afterlife that was too repulsive to be looked at, back to it, far from him, always wondering where he was.

The Demigod was but Cones, that must be so.

Elated by the fact that there was an infection in the air, he gave the man his hat.

‘Here, have it?’

‘What?’

‘Exactly, I think it so. I think we should part ways from this point on, I do not think it’s safe for either of us to thread on and spare what’s going past our hearts.’

‘That’s what I was thinking as well.’

As a parting gift, eighteen razors fell from inside the hat, permanently scarring the Stowe, his face his top of the head, his forehead, the open-wounds and as they passed through his mouth, his gastric tract as they settled inside of him.

Cones then ripped off his neck and threw his head somewhere in the distance, never to be seen again. For some reason this felt like the right thing to do. There has never been a better time to kill one of the small animals around him. As a matter of fact, he grabbed what he could, then got out of the fortress-forest, then entered the zone where the village was one. Thence came the strange smoke-makers.

His first impression of them was that they were weird and ugly, and the men attached to those blocks of ugly metals, piles, pipes and other attachments, was benign. They were ugly, deformed and would be dressed in clothes made out of alloy, wrongly deformed in their heads, which looked like they were descending into hardened crows that stretched their teeth around them. Walking on broken dreams of filth, he pulled out a small critter and ate it, before he felt he lost a smile on a whim.

What a peculiar thing, he looked as his hand. Never realizing that he had shoved that tiny feather inside his finger all along, still bleeding. Another thing checked on his list of bad memories. It was too much to bear, but there were people out there and he didn’t want to cry in front of them. Too frightened of what he might say, not to disturb them, he almost came to expect being thrown around. Way shaken and more than he should’ve been. It was time he’d seen them for what they were. Strange folk who abused their own, inside they hay-making clothed hens, guts were plain to see, wrappings. All around their dogs, talking only to cover up the barks, as not even these starved beasts would eat their masters during this time of disgusting fleece and cuts. Many skin-taps were there, a rain of bloody tumors falling from a sky which was painted in the color of blue coral. People were hanged and trapped right there, as it slowly became darkened, towards a night of smoke which spread the lung cancer.

The Black-Lung was God, and he had ordered his smoke-machine servants to spread the filth of which death follow, in the basin of many spreads, where lay. Eternally all corpses would remain.

All world was green, a block of color, of patchy gray dark-flat floor, no door, but the vile machines of smoke. Protruding, slough of which denigrating nature had given. He survived the sudden implosion, for he suffered most in path.

A voice had settled to tell him so.

‘You’ve suffered the most of all men, henceforth you shall be spared.’

Forth, a few feet away, he saw the men in the machines of smoke, decayed, dead, and bidden so.

‘Who else survived?’

Stowe asked as he was greeted by the Black Lung God, to which all pollution shook forth as they lead back to it.

So it was made without any helplessness, they wore, themselves but uncanny, no longer would they bear each other forth.

‘What have you done to this place?’

Destroyed it in my embrace, everyone suffered in the end and still do, as they will continue smoking, unable to control each other, past the hue. Weight upon the shoulders no longer to be starved, they looked upon uncanny stars but a sea upwards made of white. Of such pure light as the likes of which he’d never get to see.

‘SO, what am I suppose to do from this point on?’

‘Embrace this place until the white smoke ends, and walk upon endlessness.’

Thence he was lost, never to be seen again.

A Curved Room in the Bathhouse

It was definitely something one could not look back into for some reason. Now that it all approached, no longer pushing out, no longer starved, remorselessly, for what was there.

A room stood but on plain a structure made out of embrace. As it happened for them to hole one another, they pushed until they could never stop growing to no end. Always wrapped a pair of hands, largely metallic, deranged as one could barely understand, for what was worthy they only sang. When, to be touched and plunged upon.

‘Whorish-machines, such machinations should not be made upon a whim. ‘

‘I see, I see, and what reason might there be for such a thing?’

‘I don’t know, we have to look at it.’

Thence they went on closer. The room looked like some kind of forgotten wardrobe, or some deformed, up-endlessly stretched upon a peak tool-shed which was taken by them. It appeared like the ceiling, upon which a little more than a few hundred of those blasted looking strange creatures were wreathing one another towards, was a floor of abuse. One could even stretch an ear just as well if only he wanted to understand and shake off that feeling that one should not bear. It always wallowed and did what one could, instead. Make the point, signal something having entered.

Something, not likely to be a man, as everyone knew not to enter; for such a reason was not paranoia by any means but pure common sense. Danger, even as what lay within it could damage but a man’s mind. It

could provoke such unfathomable thoughts such as the like which would incline him to consider suicide. Indeed they were ever pushing, ever-ahead, even after the initial hold it held on him. No matter what he could not be spared otherwise of what were to come, dread came to nobody's heart.

The men approached, pulling out a flash-light out of their pockets.

'If it looks nasty enough now, just imagine what would happen if we were to leave this be for a few months. I wager they could grow and drag the whole structure down.'

'I think so too, you know?

You can never be too certain with these kinds of things.'

He spared him for what was worth, of whichever, though that might've crossed his mind just then. Another snap, their joints were cracked. And for a while, they were both of one mind.

'I think it's but a creature now, of fat and little of it is left.'

'No doubt about it, I think so too. We should both be weary of it in any case, you know what could happen if you touched it.'

Indirectly so, the man only came closer when needed. Otherwise, he could not look anywhere else, undefeated and felt. So much closer, he wanted to know, just when. And for how long.'

'Someone was here before us.'

'How can you tell?'

'I don't know, but I can see it, I know I can, just look at it now. Touch it, it's filthy I think.'

There were signs, nothing vulgar, blood in the vulva, an imitation of a far worse thing. It drew in from its wild surroundings and seems likely to have spread everywhere where touch could feel its way.

'Forge, we need to go.'

Company responded as well as he could, with all that he should do now, being, leave this place. It was just what he could do and just as much as he would miss it. Always of a mind as he was, there was a reason to think there was something standing between the two of them. In the long corridor back, both considered.

'The living quarters are filled with these kind of things.'

'I was expecting as much.'

'We ought to report it.'

'I don't know, maybe we should slip this off this time?'

'It's your call.'

Clicks and clings of chains dragged back, a bell was missed, something snapped.

Both Company and Forge followed on the trails left by sound and appeared in the proximity of the door, they entered. As quickly as they could come back, they snapped two fingers, looked about. There was only but an apparent change which happened and it was almost missed on by the looks of it. Always in the same place, always in the same direction, something was taking their breath through.

‘Someone was here a few seconds ago, I know it, look.’

He pointed at the calf-fattened leg and only noticed how much of the growth had occurred in the first place. The leg attached to the machine was cut, and pretty deeply as well, as one would be brought to know.

Something had its way with her, it was obvious. There was too much going on for either of them to ignore, always placed in the wrong spots, always in the wrong directions. They were almost done here.

‘Something took a bite out of it.’

He looked again.

Company only saw it now. Barely, but it was undeniably shaped in the same way a piece of a pie would be taken from it. The resemblance was uncanny. It was bore through, missing. Something snapped from it. Black-blooded insects shoving themselves through the stacked black meat, they popped then threw themselves at them. Flying through, then pissed about. Right around the corner followed.

‘Don’t let them get away. We need to see where they’re headed towards.’

That much wasn’t allowed, not any longer, no more touched. No longer messed about. Always there, rope-eyes appeared as well, but they were trickier for some reason. For the same thing could not be said about anything any longer. It looked way too thorough, always so.

Sockets were wrapped like beads inside the ropes, dragged along as if to show that they were always watched, while, at the same time they were always one step behind, always lagging behind the line. Teeth as swollen, Siamese-twins around, the stoppers.

‘There’s no passing past this point, you need to go around and move a joint.’

Despite not being a completely secluded dead end as one would endear himself to appear into, they were, brought by force and made to watch. Fear inlaid in their eyes.

There was no answer to be gotten, where the insect’s flight had gotten there. Here and there, always near to something, but no answer.

‘Come on Forge, we’ll find another way through, don’t make a fuss now.’

Started again, it would start again before long.

With everything in mind they grasped the first piece of ground and turned. Without looking, they made it to an upturned room where they stood the lounge and waited.

‘Release the light, I need to look around for a few minutes.’

‘Here, have at it. I think this should be easy enough.’

Another thing, too enclosed.

Chamber-in, there came the Chamberlain.

His manner of walk was strange and peculiar. All-calloused around their heads, it just happened for two of them to be there, plain of heads and barely seeing what was going on around them. It was a matter of time until they could make sense out of it.

‘What was the matter with the insects?’

‘I don’t know but we were lead right in.

I think we ought to turn and leave.’

‘Nay, I don’t think that’s. I don’t.’

He saw through it, even without the lights. They were walking on even foot, right ahead, then to the right. Everything look blander, a filter on their eyes with one exception, there was that. And there was no other reason they could look around.

Back in front of that room, looking at an even blander line they formed. So much for them being touched now. They looked to deranged to even be spat on.

‘I don’t see any cut anywhere.’

‘I don’t see it either. Maybe we should go back?’

‘That’s a tad late, isn’t it? I don’t think there’s anything we could do about it any longer.’

Far stretched and ragged walls, all plainly dropping before them, leaving nothing behind.

‘That’s one of the nests, come on.’

‘No, wait, damn it Forge, slow down.’

‘See you there.’

‘I told you to wait, Forge, damn it!’

He followed through. It was filthy, even more than the floors ought to have been or looked like. For the same reason he refused to step aside. His arms were swollen, from pints and bolts which entered, lain in mind. This was it, Forge was gone.

Company was struck by it, as he had no reason to advance any further without making too much noise there. He felt like a machine with a lighter in its hand, trying to trail on the footsteps of the man. But he was gone and in no way would he be allowed.

‘Damn it. Rope-mouth, damn it.

Open up, open up already!’

Few meters off abashed, there was but a large plate standing in both directions, too far ahead, all covered. No gap, no heap, no hole, no way in or anything, just that overly wrought stretch.

Plain of Curve

It was there, anywhere, two of them cut, and in fear of what might come out of its way and grasp them. And they were tied, and better lied to, as they could feel no satisfaction. It was the left-over of a short disaster, short-lives as the many plains, the lands parchments were filled with them, all wrought in the bodies of ten distinct beings, all wrapped as if molded into cages. Cave-depth even which held the victims in for the executions to occur. Although there was little to it and little more, daft in the neck and darted with skin, poured through holes made in their heads and torture. It would bring little to no satisfaction to the concoction that force them so.

‘We have gathered abound to look upon them as we hear them shout elated.

Pain shall force them to see the true liberty that lays outside the peer-shape of form.’

They were but set in machines of gore that bore their saws, spinning through their floating lords that would oversee their makings being wrought about each corner brought. Through some malign and wild depressions, in which they pushed and lay; larger drops where some of them sunken, little more could there remain. But a few attempts, superseded, largely abandoned, made to lay. Below the piles of men and women, there lay children on their way. To what they seemed to be paradise, they dug, in their attempt to reach and shout, bloody fingers, missing nails, nothing that would allow them to stay.

‘Oh, I see and wonder, what you’ve done to your children, there’s no wonder any longer. I see. You’ve forfeited their right, ever so near to be called.

You’ve given in and let them push, and through their bodies, I should see them crush and lay, as dead men to stay and satiate the blood with which only drowning shall covey.’

Painless as it appeared to be for now, they were wrought in the bodies of animals and wild gods, symbolizing both sacrifice and those to serve. Unnervingly they would not mourn for whom was dead and whom was passed around. There was no doubt that they would die eventually if they were allowed to breathe in this condition. Wildly exposed as well, four of them had begged, no wonder, before, not fire, but the drought was on its way.

From beneath, but the springs, heated as to boil and melt them into mounds of spoiled meat, all trapped. Between diseased bars of iron, at their feet now lay the children of their bones. Those who were wrought in and would to be skinned were left there to be wrought as wild diseased.

‘Ah, another partitioned sacrifice, I wager.’

‘You’ve done well, Deffen, you’ve done well, I would be largely inclined to think that you ought to.’

Always the filth put into bubbles and into small phials.

They put tiny valves and formed pseudo-sinks in order to draw from the mounds and fill them in.

One man would draw near. He was part of their gathering, peculiar man in look, untainted.

All the gurgling would have to end.

‘Your insatiable thirst will never end, do you not understand it yet? I can see no hope for either of you if you choose to continue getting through it.’

He said, and as he said so, he opened his throat and reveled, nothing. No foam, no gurgling, no blood to fill him so.

It ought to have been known, wherever one might be and looked upon a near horizon. There were things a man could endure, drinking from the phial was not one of them. Of long-decay and chance uncanny, it came too sweetly and would bode well, whom to tell of what went through their heads then?

Always too convenient, everything happening on one place.

Hard to account for every face which would be dragged down and made it through the holes that lead through piles and other parts of the great system leading beneath the earth.

Blood was anything but drained uncannily.

And sworn to preservation as they were, nothing would outlast them by any means. Carefully preserved here and there, making a thorough thing.

‘I can see it all clear from blow the earth.

In some way, I think it looks like a circle, a great device, an anathema of some kind or intersected symbols made out of pure light.

Standing, floating on a sky of dark gray, though it is dark, I can see it.

Though the way ahead is covered in mist, I can see plainly fine, in some way. I know it to be so. Inscriptions placed, of various kinds, unfathomable visions, all set in mind.

But they are projected from my side.’

‘How? And what happened? How did you reach that conclusion?’

‘It happened, ever since I managed to get back at her.

Indeed, since the court of my peers had deemed me unlawfully a man of guilt, I had to seek justice of my own. In a just world, I would’ve walked freely, without having to resort to it.

But I have done it and that night will forever be in mind, stored, embed in it, since it was the reasons for the symbols came.’

‘What did you do your wife?’

‘I set her on the side, and put her down, then with a pair of scissors, I slowly gouged her eyes. And I felt well, as I’ve done it. There was something right in me doing so.

I could still feel her struggle after pinning her down. How hard she wailed and screamed as I forced it down her eye. And I would do it once again.

Only to feel her struggle again and again, as that gave me a more thorough satisfaction than the likes of which you will never know. Even though she did not die from the initial force, I know she would’ve enjoyed watching the lights with me. Together, as we ought to be now.

I can still feel her there.’

‘And you don’t feel guilty for doing so?

After all, she wasn’t of their kind. She wasn’t a lesser human being like the ones we punished, and she were of a mind unlike any other.’

‘All worth it for what I’ve seen. I think so in any case. If you were to ask me the same, once and forlorn and anywhere else, I would’ve kindly dismissed you.

For that I can only look upon you with doubt, especially now since you would not understand why I’ve done it. Out of love for her, she had to pay for what she’s done.’

‘What did she do then?’

‘She chose to stay after giving her a chance to leave. She could’ve lived if she were not as stubborn as they are.

I gave freedom to her spirited winged trapped gully she had been dragged into, and what do you think she’s done to repay me?’

‘She stood.’

‘Indeed she had, and from the blood which sprang, the fountain came the sign, and I have looked upon it as I see it now, even in broad daylight and I know, she’s responsible for it. I know it to be so.

And I would kill her again and many others pure, just to look at what they stood for, the ones which designed these strange metallic traps.’

‘Tell us then.’

‘It’s clear that they felt the same. Some kind of repulsion which went a long way to make a man act.’

There was nothing purer than the feeling of being paid back. Not in the meaning of fortune, but through ever-be accounted for immorality. It was something that could not explain. It felt as if killing whores brought to mind some kind of ill-defined visions one would be inclined to pay heed to, for there was no possibility of there being any coincidence whatsoever for the kinds of actions they would adhere to. And the satisfaction that was brought by bashing their heads, defiling them, and making sure they would not walk again. Gushing with their uterus wide-open and left on the side, eaten by hyena-like creatures which

the bodies of jellies that were stretched on an umbrella-like shape from which, at the back of, came, long-extensions of cartilage which dragged away the fat, forming lines of finger-lined segments upon which they formed pseudo-looking bird cages, long and tilted and largely deformed. Pushing in the back to a half-pointed cylindrical body that appeared to be pushed into some kind of largely deformed tail which bore eight sided facets upon which little humanoid shapes made of skin were chained to them, like embed figures, and poked out tiny men which had grown out of the facets organically. And they bore tiny one-horns that sprouted out of their foreheads which bore strange eyes connected to every junction and every segment that lay to it. Such a creature would sometimes sprout, from the back of its tail, large segmented spine-like curved blades used to pick upon on their breasts in the most uncanny fashion, hatred being liquefied through their insides, forcing the dead whorish bodies to be thrown around and used until they were brought to life only momentarily so. Breathing heavily through intense pain, shock revealing their intestines wrought. Painted in blue and green and some sinew being put on top of them.

Alabaster would be so pleased by what was going on here, he would most definitely split her open just to take a loon-like look inside of her.

Something must've happened that day, when her eyes got plowed into dirt, right before she was driven into a wall and left to rot in broad daylight.

'What an amazing thing you've done. You must be proud of yourself.'

'Truly so, I am quite proud of myself.'

'Not to be too lenient now, but you did have something on your mind with that knife, right?

And I don't think you're going to be allowed to leave by him.'

Turned around, the man looked at the floating Rat-entity which was full set, rotten instead in its guts, for a short plunge of broken lips.

'Control yourself, Amnesty, you're a Red man of Red-meat, you wager filthy will come and drown you unless you control yourself like you used to.'

He could not help it, for the likes of him was uncannily set, he would be dead before the mid-day came, and worst of all, he could not be, if anything, insufferably so. He was to be killed.

'Take the knife and plunge it in.

Or drink from the phial.'

'And that's how I came here.'

Forgery, in thought, it was strange, looking how the lights were out now.

'So, right, but have you seen another man on your way here by any chance?'

'No, I haven't, why?'

Company was set to return, now with the lighter as well. As strange as it seemed, there was no reason to call it. They both simply walked, out of it, as they left the man behind.

‘You’re not wearing a suit.’

‘Why would I be wearing one?’

‘Never the matter, never the matter, I think we should.’

I need to show you something and ask for advice.’

Again, walked around while tracing back the steps, it felt pitiful, having him around, since he was missing his lower stomach as well as everything else around his spine. But most importantly, he was not wearing a suit. It was all too filthy and broken. Waste, like the basket of entrails in his mind, which bore no face but bashed them around, uncannily worn out and looking. Off with two limbs, a cardiac disease with the eyes of filth. There was but one ruse which appeared to bare. He was out of it before he’d fare.

‘I think we need to embrace this place.’

Mold, there were the eyes that eternally floated about. Unlike those of them, these were shapely too small to be observed by any means, they were but of one piece after all, cut around each moth.

‘Moths now rule this place.’

Said the giant moth-shaped weird chasm that appeared to have hundreds of them put together, wrapped in chords which went deeper into their body wronged, filth expander. But they stole the low legs of men and walked on them in fear of what might be going on. Always, watching, always gathering about.

‘Mold-spare, mold-spare, you ate it, haven’t you?’

‘We have, just look around the lower sides of the room and you shall have found it out.’

There was a reason to point out what was going on. For the same reason they went through it, they lost, at a distance, their eyes were caught. Bloody things, like trinkets marking, small arousing holes and drops, hundred miles going below them, like archers striking them, the land to plow. Eaten pits that had been empty now lay on their sides.

‘We live in little holes now breeding.’

They were not moths, eternally surrounded, but looked dumbfounded nonetheless once they had encased themselves in the weird bodies that floated around, confessing.

In a room, between them, many database shafts as well as placement monitors and automated worn devices rested. Imitations were there, mold-men staring as well as a few other Skin-frames whom were floating as rightly as to looks as if they were but windows once again put inside invisible rooms, forcing the outsides to move ahead, drawing the bad air through.

A single little puddle of sinew appeared there. Somewhere else as well, followed through by what seemed to be a relic of a man well-suited.

He was apprehended and kept so by a few drones. They were watching carefully and almost stalked the man after some fashion that could not be explained by any means. Always going to him, always pacing around, making sure he would not display the slightest sign of life.

‘Your kind is dead.’

Said the Mold, but the mold creature couldn’t have been more wrong. For obvious reasons, it had kept the half man that was made of him partially alive, not entirely but close enough for it to go as well. There was a reason, after a fashion to make it so. Two fingers had been ripped apart, there, that would suffice.

‘See? Pure, red unadulterated blood, would that suffice for the two of you? Bloodthirsty things.

The wings of the moths were but powder-scum which were shaped like weird square-combined triangles to which the various faces of demonesque masks were set. Yet eyeless, and empty gaps left just as much to their wide-spread bodies, many of which having become skin-like grew, like tumor-hues struck. Two human hands came out of it then. Mmmoth approached.

For obvious reasons, it asked, solemnly for a chance to feel for itself, from which, if it could, it would do it without having to fare, any consequences that would make one stare at what was going through. It wanted to feel, and asked as much.

As soon as it would suffice for it to ask, the mask came off, thence it felt around both faces.

‘You truly are one of the lesser survivors. I am quite inclined to think it so. Impressive in some manner, I wrought your body into a scum-plot.’

Already? He’d worked fast but never faster. This was a disaster which could not begotten or thought off. But unbeknown to him, a few meters below, through some pheromones that fell as drops, the lesser servants came to be. And they had settled, lesser be.

Man with a Coat

It was unnecessary to believe everyone had to live. It was all too obvious in some way. Broken fingers crossing, always in the same spot, outside, a well, nearing it, close.

‘A man told me to deliver you this.’

‘Should’ve know you’d come.’

Two more envelopes, all emptily appeared, likely as they were, to make the whole building stand. We were there, always on the spot. Not listened to, not followed, but looked at. Children passing, dressed like adults, always singing in tune. Another stranger coming after, always trying to drive them off, fall into the pit of rails, when the station calling off the way. There were dark bushes in the north as well, in the lost woods as well as everywhere where it mattered, or whichever direction should amount for it. Red spots on every face, various days as well as, him, always trailing off his various stories.

‘You are the chief and I’m but the lower.’

‘Don’t worry, you’ll climb, you’ll do. Go inside of it, that room of fear and tell me what you see.’

A few steps took you a long way, a long while and everywhere else, when it didn’t matter at all. There were no perceptions any longer, all would be blind. A few men with antlers on their tops and strange women in wedding dresses always following them towards the wall of spikes, all joined and dragged back. Not only straight forward but down as if to fall flatly into the sea where they could not rise from any longer, singing for hope at times. Unable to comprehend how was it that so many of them remained alive for so long in the pools.

‘Man leaps.’

‘I don’t follow.’

‘I told the man to leap and he did as I said so. He seems to forget at times that it is I who is in charge and no other.

He appears to forget that I have cut just about everything from the messages he received in his envelopes to the accolades his long renowned for career seemed to have yearned for. He longs for a wife that’s left him for a man that’s now dead. He yearns for a family that’s not his and a child he’d like to bed. He is to be taken from society and thrown into a box. Years spent away from her twisted him into something no one should become.’

‘And what ought to be done with men like those?’

‘It is obvious, those who cannot wed women and start, what appears to be something natural to human life, need to be dealt with immediately, in the same way one ought to deal with an open gash.

Immediately sealed and thrown around, I seem to think. We need to cut it off like a cancer and put an end to him.’

‘But if the man is sick.’

‘There’s no such thing. Man cannot truly be sick, he yearns for something righteous or the vile. Whichever else might be, he falls into either one of those categories and nothing else, do you understand?

Man needs to follow through, or he might end up like him, a box with glue and put through spikes, and boiled alive and cut in pieces of which delight. He gets cut in half and drowned.’

‘But he is sick.’

The man repeated, but that would be uselessly undefeated, if it were not for it to be rehearsed.

‘All the while, you should’ve understood by now, the way ahead, where fear lay, the door he’s gone through, locked forever, for a life that might never end.’

‘He’s done nothing wrong yet. He’s guilty of no crime.’

‘No men are until proven so. Yet, only to be certain sometimes, better to have prevented a catastrophe from happening, one must take these inclinations of his into account, then start dealing with him before going on. It is only for the good of every party that he may be put down of a malady. As well as every other man alike.’

‘What of those whom feel the same of other men?’

‘Is It not obvious that they deserve to be put in the same place as well? You appear to be of another mind now, and that I understand. But you need be reminded that it is not a room he is in and those envelopes are not empty, from what I can tell you.

He sees, no, he chooses to see nothing in them because his mind is already made in the matter. He purposefully chooses to plainly ignore them since there are ways for him to seek refuge under the wings of those whom might protect him. And do you want to know why?’

‘I’d truly do. If only you could make some sense.’

‘Oh, but I am making as much sense as I ought to. You don’t truly understand much, do you, of how this world seems to work. The ones of whom he’s under the protection off, are culprits themselves. And one could never hope to get a jab at them by any means.’

‘So you’d only waste time with little pets instead?’

‘Everyone’s guilty in the part, as there’d but no side that’s ever in the right, or ever in the wrong, and they could never hope to make it so by any means.

We’ve all partaken into some kind of act, although it is not like theirs, in some way, we’re guilty of having killed. We’re guilty of having taken some down whom were willing to take the fall, only so others might continue. And worst of all we knew this before, or would’ve known.

For those who facilitate the blow are just as guilty for taking part into the curtain that blinds everyone along the way.’

‘You lost me again.’

‘But I can see that you’re seeing it just as clear as I thought you would. Think of me as an arm. I do not think as I just act. And I could be stopped at any moment. Yet they let me do as they please, for just a tiny fraction of a second. If he dies, and makes the news, they’ll ignore them for the greater ruse. I think it’s likely, ever so likely that no one would suspect it.

I have only thought of it now, after such a long time. Sentencing so many of them, giving them the antlers so they’ll leap, down there, you know, there are no children.’

‘And what are you hoping to accomplish here?’

‘I’d like to know it myself, but often find out that I am unable to do so.

I thought I were in control, what I was doing was rightfully so, the only moral thing to do.’

‘But now?’

‘I find myself unable to understand. Should I continue doing this or should I stay my hand? I cannot win, at best, I could only get a ration of what they’re throwing at me, knowing that I will never get to wrap my hands around their necks.

In some way, I’m but an executioner for those in charge. I do what they ask of me and only shake my head when asked to. I am a tool and nothing more. I know I’m doing something right, I’d like to think of that.’

‘You’re a vigilante.’

‘We’re way past that. There’s a circle, there’s a throat. I’m doing this because I know.’

‘And what if others knew as well? ‘

‘I’m certain that everyone knows this by know, but I am not in strength, nor in power to do any of that. I told you as much, I’m useless, it’s pointless, and I don’t know where I’m going after knowing.’

‘What if you were to forget about everything then? A blank sheet, just think about it, you’d never have to raise a finger after a while. You could simply making it, less inclined to worry about forcing your hand.’

‘You’d know that, wouldn’t you?’

Twenty days ahead, he thought, years passed, evenly in his mind. Always the same outcome, there’s no way to win, there’s no way through, always in the same place. Always the same conclusions, he’d reach them and he would stop. There’s no eloquence in the way they act, but someone on the lower scale, he’d have to fall yet again. Most of them kindly looking, always normal, on shooting block, they’d be scarce. There’s but little reason to ask of it yet. Whose pulling all strings and who’s behind them, always please to wrap a smaller fish.

‘The pond is filled with them. Everyone knows and everyone who’s rose through every account and every piece of evidence, whether or not you’d like them.’

‘Where was the last man you’ve wrapped your hands around sent to?’

‘On a bridge, on the ledge, on top of a building, a wild stretch with a hollow spot, you name it so. They’re always promised the same kind of treatment I’m willing to move on with.’

‘And why aren’t you giving them a chance to turn themselves in?’

‘It’s clear they’d get out just as quickly as I were inclined to think, you simply know their type and how they mind themselves being surrounded by similar people, all the usual names as well. No need for eloquence but a sly hand, a silver tongue and they will walk freely again. You must know how it works now. There’s no verbiage and no end to it, they’re always getting away, regardless of how you look at them.’

Always of a mind, stalked one during the night, tried doing it in the open. Stopped and beaten in outdoors, as the splashes moved on. How many of them had done it before caught? How many more for every

moment that passed? It was part of everything and fortune tied in, as well as their prolific nature tied into their connection fallacy.

‘There’s here, they’re there, with them, protected. They know what to hear and what to say, when to play cool and when to feed in what they’ve been fed with since they joined their industries.’

‘Always?’

‘Everywhere on all accounts, they’re shared and passed around.’

Another issue, after a while, no longer would one become as docile as to wane away. Or stay too long as if to waste and stay. There were plenty of stops, and reasons to fall. There were close calls when one might think of wrongly placing, just a tiny set of pictures wasting. Only but a plant, framed, just so he could stay amongst them; but not when they were aware, how useful he could be if stayed, as he would do to punish. Make sure everyone and just about the place, vanished.

There were other walks and similar places, and vibrantly similar behaviors that only appeared to tie in. Always of a mind, asking, never delivered a letter and never got one.

‘I’ve been through Europe, amongst the States, throughout Asia as well as South and East of Africa, it’s never the same, but always remains.’

‘You’re not telling me much.’

‘I am. They act the same. It may appear as if they shake hands and discuss behind your back but that’s not so, it’s simply not so.

I don’t think it’s man alone, but something else pushing him to do so. And I can’t point it in any direction, but I know that’s it. He’s not ill, he’s never ill, but acting on a similar accord. Perhaps some people do worse cooperating, as I can’t see any reason and can spare no possible explanation for what’s going on.’

‘What are you going to do after we’re done?’

‘I’ll head back home, alone with my gun.’

‘I cannot let you go then.’

‘You will because here everything. I resign knowing there’s no other copy out there, and you would happen to be aware of that as well. I’ve been tracked, watched, and although I may appear as if I am paranoid, I’ve been documenting them for the longest while. Every picture and every frame is there. As you will be able to see, everything’s been well documented.

Certainly there won’t be any complain any longer. I long to keep on going but I’m tired knowing what I’ll do would only compliment them instead of doing what I ought to.’

‘How do you know I won’t simply burn the evidence?’

‘I know it so, it’s been planned long before you were in the employ. I think my life just like theirs and everything else has always been, as they say, in hand beyond ours.

We were never in control.'

'The door was never locked. You could've walked at any point out. And you can still grab everything.'

'Not afraid of being recorded? I would've definitely liked you so. But I'm afraid I'm going to leave no, without offence, my time is thin now.'

He left, just as he came.

There was no one who heard anything about the man or his whereabouts, no account of what he's lived or done and no relatives he might be inclined to speak about. Can't do the right thing, there's no such thing where men go.

Odd Place

It was a peculiar thing being there for a long period of time.

'I can't forget it any longer. At least I know, at least I have a reason not to forget, at least I have a reason to understand.'

Rampant voice caught in a pair of mechanical-looking yet made of weird animal-like fat tissue.

He came out of nowhere, looked normal at first, until he noticed the building-sized half head of a deformed Microcephalic-looking filth which was attached to his body, chambered eyed as well as long half a tube-mouth that was attached to nothing in particular. As a matter of fact, the body appeared to be dead whilst being dragged along, while the Half-side seemed rotten.

They worshipped it

All of the while, they feared its approach. The city lay still during the rain. Its shacks but gothic looking castle pillbug-shaped, but melted black-wax, green-grayish with each bolt of light.

There was but something left and largely loathsome, as life hid.

For all but stood where nothing shook upon but a block of iron. Widely stretched, un-floating but kept above the air. On top reflections, without protection, it stood above buildings inverse. Yet the circle stood uncannily, without a shadow to insatiate.

Grain taken and dragged along, a few of them seemed flat.

A leap from above, the fall; ever-encompassing around the area, where a crater of dust stood beneath it, whereas nowhere near could it be seen this way, the sight of a moon on earth turned to a dark gray. Beneath it kept by the rising pedestal of iron, keeping it still. All the murky water drawn in as to be slowly delivered through the grates and the impetuous metal depths that lead beneath the ground. Moisture was benign but thirst was yet to come for the growing suckers trapped inside.

They hid beneath and would sink beneath otherwise. Streets lay exposed; little to no one came out. There were plenty of other riders who made it everywhere around. Standing still as they would ask of it, then and there, hidden beneath retractable pill-shaped roofs, but one stranger came too quickly yet approached. His mild looking face was benign and twisted, he wore a coat. Like everyone else around him, ever thinking of what might happen if he were to be caught. A murky ripples all across every brick that lay around seemed to be, without a reason, he went forth, always asking.

‘Who’s going to take care of us there?’

Who’ll inherit the place if we leave or stay our hands?’

There was as much that he didn’t know. Each drop only made the floor and ever since a few years standing, a few inches protruding and always counting themselves over, always dragging aside. There were fewer men that had survived since the calling and they could but abide.

‘I hear what you say. I wager. We need to make it to the highest corners and hid though but entranced by the Leigher.’

He came out of nowhere and could freely walk on streets despite the sunken things they threw around. Not even the rocks they threw stood there for long, even the lights from the lamps were somewhat repressed and could do without. There was as much as it could. No one asked, and none to see.

He came out of his way, the Leigher, whom was but anything if a stranger to their ways.

A small bag, erupted from his scalped fingers and the knuckle-dames came through. Though they bore around their collar-bones small x’s, breathing in and out, around squared, tiny buttons that pushed inside, none could be believed to have made it through in part. They were but asking around whom might fathom taking them out.

‘Do not approach, I haven’t come here for you, to take or claim you home.

I may speak but with a man and one alone, I say.’

He pulled out but a small device, a fruit-thing, wrapped in chitin, long as an arm, with the same texture of the pillbug that wrapped everything around. Somehow like a rifle, acted, but no shot after being pressed, enacted as it did, but a small pool which floated and fell within his touch. What he pulled from beneath him raised itself like a stand upon the like of whom they looked. Black-glass, skin craves. The head of a man on top of it as well. From beneath, as if from a pool, the body came out and with a swoon hugged the pillar which stole his way. It was sparse, nothing remained. There was but one thing they shoved and dead. Likely as it were, he would not leave him be, there was something filthy about it, for all to see and watch aside. Useless drops became spirals sometimes in the air, tiny black holes which drew in everything and would’ve been unfairly pushed through the lay.

‘Here, I brought you the bugs, these should keep you of a mind.’

‘What do you want in exchange?’

‘I want but to spend the night.’

‘Then enter and behave.’

He came with a strange glow, from his chest, he pulled, as the likes of a globe. Green tainted from the likes of his, he pulled it aside and would not see anything else, eye to eye. A normal place. He embrace the vileness that was encased in every wall and every object there, if there was anything at all he’d touch upon. It was the broken feet they all bore. Worn-out shoes that cracked and pushed towards their legs and everywhere their bodies crept. At time so weary as to move like slugs, or fat-snakes that could not move or set aside what they were doing. Always foaming out below, he ordered but a liquor.

‘It’s made out of the leaves, have fallen, from what seems to be the shallowness that lay in air.’

Farther in the distance, a spruce of which darkness would fade, with every leave but to be encompassed, and kept behind the practice saying. It was all too quarrelsome, trying to bite on it. As they were smashing through the most uncanny lashes that were pulled through, little as it were but the shimmering lure.

A man had droned around the place, he ran and leap towards the street, embraced by it. Soon he faded, as in a river fading and dragged below. One could see the skin turn as hallow as the colors of the bricks, broken apart, piece by piece as he was eaten.

They were merely being kept floating but the structures beneath them.

Although unknown, better for them as if should shatter any bond between, this mirror of solid depended on the circle that it may be kept still. Though the uncanny be contained within and never touch as if to break what kept them floating. It was simply something they could not stare, and wouldn’t dare look away from. Some kind of desire that was delirious. To see them grasp and move about. Mockery in disgust, disturbingly set aside. There was something in their eyes as well, as one could tell from dark embers that had been engulfed into beady pearls of cats.

‘We’ve brought you a lantern, Leigher. Good stay, good stay.’

For he hadn’t know what to expect either, just as his heart was along the way, put through each change, and wager, of which belt might wrap him in. It was ever harder not knowing what was missed, or even if they were real within the constant, or just a false mirror that floated within. No bird flew, just as well as none could reach the heights. Thenceforth it was little more than some wonderment, whether or not one were to see it in disgust.

Flowers blooming, blossoms of chrome, there lay but a symphony down there that could never be known.

Why, the look?

Of whom shook below as if melted? There lay frames, indicted and put on top, many of which were like cheese-gifted on as they had put aside any boundary they wore, until they formed utmost unnatural forms.

Malignantly they danced forlorn, always of something, worn out for gore. They started appearing after a while, uncouth as they could not for the likes of them help themselves.

Tail whacking, suited pet, bumped its head against a wall down there.

A group of Imitations going, one of them signing, singing, singing:

‘Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee,

Dee degoo de de daa dee.’

The dog is retarded. He kept humming. Drowned, less inclined to look about it now, they followed through, making sure to pin the dog down and see it through.

‘Put the dog down.’

‘I can’t see it, I can only hear it bark.’

Going around it in circles while no one was focusing on it, in part, someone got a paw, ripped apart, they got it through.

‘This but another one of us we’ve broken and tore apart.’

‘Indeed it is, I feel him so, but he was silent all the way we went through his body.’

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Still yet to sound humane and move around from interacting as they’d save, tiny fingers cut off, little

Rain drops, set outside, on a watercolor sky painted as a poor imitation of William Turner’s ‘Fishermen at Sea.’

Most buildings set away, they were but protected from the drops of which little lay would prevent them from falling off.

Leigher’s back looked like a hunchback’s trebuchet shaped formation of bones and skin with every gap in-between while the beam was attached to the back of his head and the two-stringed sling covered both of his eyes instead. They were set on trying to figure him out for some reason. It wasn’t there, it could never be there.

‘Stay the night and get some more.’

‘I won’t, I’m leaving the first. It’s too rubbery, I want another stake.’

‘We only have so many of them along the line, we fish the meat from the puddles, you know that?’

‘Of course I do. And you will do as I say until I’m pleased. Go on with it now.’

He didn’t have to repeat it. An hour gone, his pay was done, then around the streets. Absolutely no one could understand how he’s done it. Always in-between the steps, on the bricks and everywhere as well.

It was to be expected, he’d live through everything, the flask-shaped ship, of which anchors fell, across the heap of brick mounds arrived in the dead of night. Past a certain level, in the reflection one could see it for what it were and just exactly where it pushed the curl of the turning. And it slacked, through the mass, they cruelly at what appeared to be the dead wreckage points in air, of which puffs not even the freighters could maintain.

From the upheaval came membrane, and whence it stood they could convey but quiet. Some had followed, others stood, while they shouldn’t, some would intrude but around the coffers.

Jhonngundr and Ploy, Skintr, Pleggn, Rrhite and Ammrh were but the first to land on top the roofs, of which looks were but plain, some raincoats had still remained for their likes never left what appeared the sane touch, and no one laughed or called upon the sight.

‘We’ve run our due and gotten through.’

Ploy was the one, whom followed all in small basins, youthful but in silks or red blossom underneath the rain protector. Even he feared for the watch was set against each drop. They’d know very much likely, where the water ended and when the stoppers only came so.

‘I think we need to look behind, I see the line of drops, askew.’

Man of little words he were, he largely observed, as much as it were obscure, of little mind heeded.

The drops would drop as heavy as they would be sacks, and plainly pushing through the streets at last, going deeper as to fall, always pushing until there, in the middle of the rack they’d join the strange structure. Hollow inside, the buildings that lay mirrored both against the circle and against the strange platform upon which the pillbug-gothic stood.

Inside of them but straw-like protrusions guided all the water down. Although it could barely be seen, again, when looked upon, by the time it had reach the circle, it would’ve already began to form to steam. Heeded onto but never thinned by what came after it. There they lay, much deranged, never looked at, back again.

Rain drops scourging the place. Falling, dropped along the clouds, as they carried on, pushing through, hardened by the likes of it, in a scene, all of the crew men fell to their knees, parts missing, bleeding, one of them should’ve known better than that. Than to step outside, where it was more dangerous than breathing through this unfathomable acre of pain. Alpine-looking without the reins, worsened than the likes of acid rains, the fall began.

More so, Pleggn was the only man who survived so, looking at other men as they were disemboweled, soap-men kneeling, lost of gray. Where rosary-colored entrails became darkened as they bounced between the domes between the floored cranes. Between each building fell a man, but only he remained, as he tripped and almost lost his feet upon the streets. Falling upon a web-looking side, many placed surroundings, almost wrought to be placed in mind. Of what was going there, only a blimp would've been seen as to be aware.

Leigher was there as well, as he arrived. He saw the man grasped in it and almost float to the side as if not to have fallen through. He made it, but missed but a cue, all to ask. Too much so, he would've missed another step and gotten himself rid off without even fathoming but a return to the place he had been rid.

‘Why have you come here?’

‘The whip had fallen on my back, I’m but lost and a coward for cordiality.

My hands are dirty, and I’ve become but another man that’s trapped.’

‘Follow me then, I think I know of some way you might still get through without being lost and without daring to be put to suffer.’

‘I shall prove myself of great use.’

‘We’ll just have to see, won’t we?’

And that much had been settled as much as he could not complain. He was of little reins and walked but thoroughly with Pleggn on his back, a smaller version of the web inclined, of the junks that made it. Pipes and screws and bolts still the weight of a feather-light. The man simply grabbed and held, seeing how the cartilages were but something else, left for him alone to grasp on. There was no possible way for him to complain any longer since he had but barely touched on it as well.

‘Break the glass and enter it.’

Not abandoned, but a short family lived through, sutured below their ankles, where they cut and managed to rip off a few centimeters off their legs, but seeing how they were eating, busily aware, this would be allowed for now. And naught and lesser, not to be inclined to ask. Always a few feet standing, they approached at last and asked the man.

‘Where you come from?’

‘That would be a bother such as you’d never understand.

I’m here now aren’t I?’

‘But you broke through and you’ve intruded upon us and upon our own.’

He pointed at their family pet, which was a king in his right. Delightedly but a piece of stolen Basil-plate, a pantomime which made out little metals put aside and sculpted, made to put everything through, and put them to the side as to listen to what was going on. All too skinny-looking, thinned after it. Bloody mouths which tried to eat metal when all other provisions ran by.

‘Is this the life inside nowadays?’

‘You’re but trying to get by with what you can?’

‘Some of us tried digging in, look. A hole, there’s a great fall below but I doubt any of us could make it. And there’s the spear-heads below just in case something might happen. In that case I can only fear what might come of my body if I were to be impaled down there.’

‘Then do not fall.’

They wished to stall, but seeing how time had passed, there were men outside, after a manner, all walking freely, recounting days they spent after, youthful, when it still became of them.

‘Long have I stood out there and walked.’

Below, they still lived out, or in, or were still shut. It was hard to tell. But up here, they were but bastardly put onto the rain, trying to keep everything on one side while the other was still trying them. As much as they would know, there was nowhere near as much wind as now came, when there was a reason to hope so. Many men wore but tight clothes which grew with them, battling to grow even fatter, yonder as they made it so. Most of them eat but the meat that was hid inside the bricks, which was only connected, after the stories they shoved, between each other, to a great flying creature whose back was ever stronger, as it reached every stone. For every brick was trying to eat for its own and carry, as much of the cemetery they had become, trying to grasp at it as it suffered.

‘Oh, I see it now.’

But they didn’t know. There was no meat growing and no dirt but those of theirs, what they were eating ever after, were those who did not make it, then. A few more years passed and only one who was incredibly deranged would finally pass an eye at the surroundings. It was there, hidden in plain sight, always doing what they were not inclined to believe, or even worse, they could not see it. But the shapes of the buildings changed, sometimes moved and sometimes they could not find themselves anywhere. Many disappeared in the nights, but at least they would, for the likes of them survive.

Though as Leigher touched, but the shoulder of the watch, he saw that the man was nowhere near, not so much. He was almost a phantom, or a relic from the past.

‘I ought to have known better than to have settled here.’

Yet he turned and yearned to look. And there was not a mirror, or a glass plane that hadn’t been smashed by him, either way. There would be, possibly no return to where he came from. No certainty of a future that could last. He feared but what the future promised to bring him, or what came at last.

‘The rain will eventually destroy this place.’

Below the level.

‘The mold and dreams will eventually have the living quarters decay.’

Even the boilers were incapable of preventing it from growing in the moisture, despite their endlessness and the endurance they displayed. There was something uncanny and something just as forlorn as it looked like. No way to return to how things used to be. No more touching and no more feeling, but there.

A broken lock and a Woman-Head whose brought but many white rats along the way.

Pesticide had made it through, incapable of seeing, as a square-line was missing off his face, while put through so much abuse, he was but a rounded thing, a fat as to the likes of which, he could not help it any longer but be brought to knees and felt as it never to be, but put in place. Another disgrace that had emerged in a way it would've been done with.

It was all relative, just like a disease. Trying to settle down, how he pleased.

Blinded, now, as he emerged, there was no way to track him down, in verse. For he walked like an uncanny thing. Unable to set forth, of no better sink than what lay down; they were surrounded but would not be touched by any mean. Not to get out of the way.

The Imitations gathered but only felt something move ahead. Sometimes they heard, other times they only listened, some would stare, despite a lack of eyes being there. But most importantly, they despaired. As little of them knew what it meant to act human. It was settled that they would observe, somewhat shocked, if that was in their nature, of what was worth to see. And what else to be? If not looked upon and carried away. Archer or not, but a man, who felt like it, as ill-inclined to be both ways, such a liar, but whom saw it fit. Unable to adhere to any kind of retrospective, whom found himself limping around each edge of grass, there was none there, but it felt natural.

As a man followed a beast whom would not struggle, allowing him simply to move at his own pace, knowing there would be no way to drag it in. No bow extended, but a few arms held on a long shafted arrow-head, somehow forcing himself to bleed. To feel it gain, and make it seem as if he'd wreathe again, when it could not be helped. That's what life was about.

Seeing that life fade through; each step was but wasted. Tiny fingers, long detested stopped moving, curling instead, dragging on the front-walk, endangered as any species would. Pushing through a pile of Imitations, whom attempted to act so.

'My dear good friend but where you're going? I think we were talking about our game on top of a drink.'

'But I'm but here and you have lost me.'

'You seriously underestimate what's wrong with me.'

'How could I be wrong today, it's Saturday.'

And they kept on nonsensically, until one of them decided it was about the rightful time to stop this aberration which was their mouths. They still followed, by some kind of atrocious thing, repeating after a while.

'I'm gonna go along the way.'

'I'm gonna go along the way and follow.'

But the Archer felt it in his soul, there would be no tomorrow for either of them. Both being inclined to set themselves to despair down. Long-secluded and after a while, saddened, by nothing else and nothing other than this life, which was unfathomably shallow. Even pain had hurt him too softly, right around his heart. There was nothing forcing him to move along, other than convenience and the thought of doing this so. It was, as a matter of fact, a somewhat close to be, useless stalk. He did not feel it, all blind but always stuck by it.

‘This is what my ancestors used to do.

Always stalking their pray, always one foot behind another, in an attempt to get their way in. But now that I’m here again. ‘

Many a foot had sunken through, only to follow where they shouldn’t have, been struck and stuck through. Her head was but a mile on, yet still could hear, every lie on top the slightly hints of dark cockroaches and bat-fragments she would spat behind. Time and time again, never asking; always masked by something that got nearer to him.

‘I’ll only ask this then. Allow me to have a cut, I’ve never done this before.’

White rats.

‘I think I’m going to enjoy this.’

Followed through.

But he refused to make so much so, ever so clear a noise. It was all too shallow, seeing the emptiness contort. Mold was nowhere to be seen but he was a man of his own, whom suffered less than he should’ve, always taken for a fool. Always beaten and put through so much.

There was no doubt, of such incompetence.

‘You grabbed him the wrong way. If you let go of him now, he will simply escape.

A strange thing, as it were, near the Archer came a Skin-Frame. It looked down on the man as if there was nothing shared and nothing else to say between the two of them. For what was fair, and what came then, with little to no doubt to it, there was but no reaction.

Only freckles on the sky, but holes. Rain never made it this far and they could never be soaked in no fire or no kind of mirth.

‘I see.

What do you want from me?’

‘Let him be.

It’s pointless getting through with it. I know it too.’

‘What then?’

‘There’s still a chamber blocked, somewhere, down there, I can hear it.’

And they listened, as they walked.

Small pebbles, almost too busily left so.

They but followed. Them but through.

‘It’s down there?’

‘A few more steps down the way.’

Guided the Skin-Frame towards the batch of meat, which encrusted its own corner.

It should’ve served kindly enough as some kind of reminder that things had to move, whether they were cogs or fingers or most peculiar terms that entered his head. He called them, after some fashion, weirdly deranged contrasts between what he wanted to do and whom he wanted to strangle. They were out of it in some manner, always floating through the malady inside his head. Always pondering.

‘What have I done to the Rat?’

The Skin-Frame stopped, the Woman-Head approached. Both of which were just as inclined to pay attention to his as they were, set aside and put through, always listening and being there as well. There was no way to make it seem like they were walking.

No one Folds in these Halls

Not the likes, the carpets were nice, as were the barrels, with everything thoroughly made, reclined inside every hall and just about every spot inside. Too thorough, all that the servants were doing were standing. A hundred of them, in every room, carefully placed inside the Hall, they’d seethe, trying to foam and bring about the coming of the lost-rain. It was so peaceful, living there. Pleasant even, trying to drink while asking them.

‘Get back to work.’

The Landgrave said so. He was of a piece to ask them to be flayed for disobeying his orders, as he walked. Rightfully along with a butcher’s pin, and sunk within the first neck he’d ask of them.

‘Do you enjoy? Have I made myself be known and pleased?’

But such a tease as he were, he could not help it. Every room had to be checked and everyone inside had to be yelled for and asked for some kind of response. They were of a kind that should not be kept in mind or messed with for long. All men, to the lowest servant, in his peculiar hen bore royal blood in his veins,

with no exception. He could simply not overdo it for more than a few reasons, that being. He could be visited if he had. Spilt too much blood and he would lick his lips, something he did not account for.

Ever going there, he was looked at.

He was inclined to believe that one of the servants turned on him, just then. As peculiar as this seemed, there in his house, too many walls were of a crimson-pink and blue diseased ilk which stretched as they took the draperies away. It was all too hardened on his poor heart to know. He was too inclined to think he did it so out of spite.

‘You know I can tell whether or not you’re all pretending, right?’

Dead faces, too many concussions were known to him. After the physicians had told him so, he would be more than aware of what went through, under the watch. If only he had made another cut, he could confirm it. But that was enough, too many of them turned. He didn’t know how to show it to her.

‘Lady, dear lady, I have called upon you with the help of a pigeon of my own hand, I wrapped the message, done myself.

But know this, as it shall not be the last of me that you shall hear. I fear that I am very much forlorn, I fear they will get me to turn around.

I don’t fancy much in this world but I need to know what’s going on.

I’ve eaten of joints and cut the lower groins, but nothing. I fear. There might come a time near where I won’t have a due, they’ll be coming after you if they’re done endearing me so. I do not know what I want.

But there I was.’

There and here, lower sides of my hold, where I hold the dear pantry with servants call upon the wine. I feel their side, I call upon the direst hours, when I may be listened to. They hold me company no longer, I stand and lean aside on top of their frozen bodies, lain upon them, waiting. Neither speak, nor move mouth, but I hear about it, every night. A voice not whispers, but dire approach. I am but waiting to confirm.

‘He moved, dear Lady, he moved.’

And he wanted all to be the same. All clean and barely placed, as much as stone and torches lain, the hold was widely spread. He wanted to run and scream and shout, but never minded of whom might be around to find him there. Of brooms and cleaning stacks, and tools, of heathens touching every star, he but dreamed of a forest paradise to lay. Somewhere past his servants waiting as well, once he’d thought about the fire.

All written under ink, and sired.

‘I have no sons and have considered taking their lives.

Fire should but claim my hold, if I cannot be listened to, nor would I be called for to do as I’m told and said after the matter. My blood but years to be release from what I recall, being called, the latter.

As she will have arrived, I will have lowered the bridge.’

Pan upon in, looked and winced. It was ever such a curious thing, just being there, harnessing but a wheel, as one would dare to look the chains years another way. To be called upon.

I shall be absolved of all sin thence.

Enter thee, into my fortress called.

Enter thee, the Lady called.

‘I have listened to your claim and have come to see it for myself for what remains in there, I’m little known to it.’

‘I see.’

He welcomed her, as she almost lay abashed. From whence she looked, there was but little a while she could come to mind and ask what went on, as it was plain to see.

Of pond, there was a well. Of court, there was but empty. Of men there were just many standing, but still no answered, moved but forth. Kitchens were plain, cisterns of boils, a chapel empty and a ‘donjon’, uppers keeps and food stored, in plain of keys and many more. Many great halls interconnected, all dissected but a few would dare to look after. For what seemed to be a great while yonder. There came none.

The Lady was but a sag.

‘Since when have they come to be this way?’

‘But listen, but listen, come and see, come and see.

There’s nothing wrong with me, oh Lady, oh Lady, you’re but of a horn.’

He seethed, as the lady recounted, her likes dressed like a whore, Chamberlain’s daughter, a Harlot. Of fire rose and her spilt froze, upon seeing but the turn. Her hands but put, and she but shook upon wondering.

‘What had happened to him?’

‘I do not know, I do not claim to, but he turned, of all. He turned to see me.’

And as if recalled, but another one, in mounted shaped, as if hardened by the stay, had come to, a cozy hall but with the fire; Landgrave and the Lady sitting on the spot.

Late at night, especially under candle light, they waited. Though there was little left to share between the two of them, both knew what to expect and what might happen, just when to look and out withdrawn to them. And their alike.

‘There’s that and that, and that. I know I saw it.’

‘You’re dreaming again, in the night.’

‘What else ought a man to do during such a prestigious time, if not dream of a time where he’s being yearned for and turned about as he is made.

A mockery of his gaze, there, there, look, he moved again.’

As he had pointed long after and long before. There was no shortage of which he should know or be made aware off, as it was merely there after a while, always making it benign. Always there, and always turning. During nights where the candles blowing, by themselves, he didn’t know how to explain that, as by to no means could he be certain of what happened. Again, it moved again and at every hour of the night he woke her up again. Only to ask the Lady, in bed up-turned.

‘Have you seen him move now? I swear I have, I could wager the likes of my very throne on it.’

‘Then stay awoken and face madness to no end until you’ll have been gotten rid of. I’m telling you, either this is a foul thing they play of thee, or you are face by a mental malady.’

Sunken as his eyes became, he did not dare question her, for more.

Plain it were but cut around. He turned her shoulder, her head was gone. But stretched around the ceiling watching.

Asked of her but just in doubt, watching.

‘Wretch, now you see all servants in my room, tell me, which one of them shook and who’s the culprit who’s still making a mockery of me while moving? I know it to be so. And he knows that I know, I expect it to be so.’

But her lips were but as ill inclined. Largely benign, rubbery and sealed. She was but like a sink-wallet, made of skin, opening her mouth as she would release all of the eel-lengthy fat-baboon pieces that had filled the room. Bloodied as they were they but splashed the walls as well as the strange swoon everyone was in that day. They were still a long way from showing any kind of emotion as well. All to set on eating but never moving.

Today.

Landgrave was but sealed in hay. Standing nowhere else but watching, trying his hands but always rancid, he could not expect, for the likes of him. It was his bones, hinder, where he stood, pastry-kitchen all but swoon in, lunged about as he ate it raw. Too many days had passed without him thinking or let alone consider what might’ve happened if he was near and he stood and chanced.

‘But whom about oh, be damned, why is this to happen? And where am I?’

He wasn’t mad but thinking of the life. Of nefarious vileness that came about, what will I do if they recede and rot? Whom shall I hire and cover the loss?

And thence and ever in-between he thought of what would be, the most important thing. Not to allow, or let lay. Not to make his blood get spilt and let flow along the way.

‘I cannot let ruin fall upon the royal blood, it must be gone. Either or, it shall be mine, or wasted before my time has come.’

Thence he grabbed but a long stretch a blade, a knife whose edge but begged to be used just so he could take a huge gander off his soul and take it. Not to be mistaken with what his heart would tell. He wanted but to take it through and miss his thought and come about her. Oh, please, oh please, oh please.

‘Lady, answer, I can see it so.

I’ve made all preparations so it would snow around the room with blood, not that of yours, be gone. But I need to know, has he turned yet?’

‘I do not know.’

‘Finally spoken, oh sweet embrace. Tell me yet again, has he stood still but at every moment and each time?’

I say.

‘Please oh lady, satisfy, whatever you may be inclined to think.’

But he had realized, though it may’ve become quite late enough, he knew it to be so. Her body stood in the same way as theirs had, without an exception to be known. And latter, as they wasted, they tasted through food like baboons. He but lifted but a limb at a time for her, making sure she knew.

‘All the while I ought to have known, you’ve got a taste for meat and a butcher’s feet and son would grow.’

For there, in the back, inside the walls it was so. He head had become a giant block of meat, not to be seen which drew in the back as if it was but a cut through blimp, drooling liquid filth into the body of a child, hardened. Both deformed and never watched as he was being kept and prevented from falling into the lowest corner he could be abandoned and put through, as the defecation would disturb her not. She was one to watch others rotting. Desperate in some young a days.

But never such a thing had she lay aside.

As standing in the same frozen manner like the servants, knowing.

‘You’ve done something to me just then.’

‘I couldn’t help it, I know you’re the daughter of a Chamberlain, you would’ve invited me to do so in any other possible circumstance and that I know myself, don’t ask.’

‘But you will have felt him by now, if only you watched.’

Sweet distraction, oh what you take of me, he turned. Landgrave but did not know what to expect but there it was standing straight, looking at him, his eyes would glaze with so much as to cower.

‘I am worship, you’re obey.

I claim your soul and you shall stay.'

'I cannot be forced here against my will, not while there is still some stone left for me to chew. If you don't like it, you may as well leave.'

'That I cannot do as I'm well enough inclined to stay. I need to hear where I might may.'

'And who'll help you then?'

'I don't know, I wish I knew but unfortunately, I can't. I'm all so lonesome as I'm but here, stranded, waiting for them to finally come to life and strangle me before my sleep.

Only so I may lay eternally but in this blasted heap.

It's what I want, it's what I need.'

He feared that he should be heard, or that someone might hear.

There was a village nearby by where they salvaged whores. They hanged them on hooks and made them rest rotting outside every door.

'I think I might be inclined to choose, and take what is mine, rightfully, on this truce of ours.'

Indeed, it was hard after a while, just thinking. The man had his throat slit one night, body went missing during one of those delightful trances. He was but split in half and went without a banging clouds and little pebbles being thrown about the place. It was convenient, trying to get him to behave.

A man would come and yearn for more, always trying to get himself off.

'I have been hiding in this chamber for years. Now I yearn release.'

He said.

Now that Landgrave was dead in thought, in spirit while his body could not do, the man took over. He had lived on little rats.

And acted on the backs of filtered bats which were but eaten through dust-mice in the air. On little timers always blinded, sanitary motions were but taken from them, it could not be. And all the while, they were put through so much abuse, as one to see that they were unable to control. The moments were but their own, yet not even he could answer the question.

'What happened here?'

He ventured forth and asked. As there was but little he could do to yolk and blast upon the cast that was left behind.

The Lady entertained the Wall-Brat, as he ought to have been called because of his dire youth. Yet he would not be entirely remorseless for what went through was but his fault. Of mind he was but to ask, alas, there was but a need, as he would see it again and again almost at his feet, always there in the

distance they were approaching. For some reason they would not just do, without getting through and be waited.

‘But what are you thinking about, you Brat?’

The master of this house may be gone but there are other forces here at work. You may not simply go away and work your hands on here and yonder.

I grow ever strong and soon this fort and every chamber shall belong to none other than the Chamberlain.’

Of whose heart was but as wickedly set as that of his daughter, whom would spend no other second and recede not a finger to the stronger of them both. After all, he was there, between her and that piece of the fallen, brokenly standing chandelier, where his body wasted, but ever asked.

‘What has he done?’

‘Nothing but ask. Why is everyone this way? You seem to be immune, after some fashion only you may know of and only you might know how to repay.’

‘Whom?’

‘The house, for it shall inherit everything, even the life of my father, the Chamberlain. It’s way too clear, as I fear that he shall not be stopped in search, and he shall find me, of verse.

In my current state, of which, if I inquire so, I will be incapable of moving through and let alone my bone shone as was the reason for your coming.’

‘I thought I saw the light and wondered, whether there had been but a fire set, something that would take all and lay claim upon the bodies I saw froze.’

‘I see, but I may not stop thee just as I may not stop my father in his turn.

Know that, you’re trapped and soon you shall love your head or your mind.’

Already a limb was benign, it was ever so clear that the Brat had not only lost his appeal but one of his lower legs disappeared, as for him to stay but on top of one.

There, in that moment it happened again, something not even he could help it anyway. As if on cue but waited and made to be felt, he was unaware of it and would’ve lost it all if it weren’t for the fairness he displayed. On a knee, he begged but statues of spare.

Many turned this time around, and they were but set at sound.

Blue curtains after some fashion and stone that was perfectly cut. There were other things that came apart, and were but made but the rooms were but fashioned for their blood. Even in the suits they bore one could see that they reflected, as to appear as if they were undeterred and would never have appeared, fended, or made to leave, to come apart and so seethe; that much had to have been known. At times, to wonder, when would it show?’

It was hard to look at, even worse, as they were worn out with every step from which they rose. And there were reasons that could be and nothing else to get them after. Or to drag them, and pull them at the sound of reins, a leprous thing had followed their reins as it would seem as if the Chamberlain.

He'd entered no house but a dungeon like that of a chasm. Somehow he was lost himself, unable to dictate where his likes would drag him after the manner, always trying himself wherever he went stronger, in the depths to see, what trap had been, most repulsive. Though who had set it? Hard to know? Since no one moved, it was hard to show and little while. He walked alone and could only hear his daughter.

'Father, oh, father, oh dear father, the Chamberlain. I miss you thus that you may know now that even the servants you brought are now dead.'

And there they lay behind, where he turned, and it couldn't have been worse of a show as he had come to the realization that his heart but froze. To an inch of his life, he almost saw the figure. No gargoyle thing in sight but the formation of a riddle that refused to be set. He could not move them no matter how hard an attempt but followed. Always but a piece unmet and never asked of.

'Where are you, my dear Lady?

Your father beckons you to return to him as soon as you can.

I mourn your passing and I wish you bed, and finely clothed in my house instead.'

Of broken eye he asked for less. He was but wandering now, none to impress and neither asking. Never meeting that one of promise, as she has simply but refused to address the presence of her father.

What he'd Seen Above

Moving through some crowd, shouldn't be that hard at first, seeing how they would come to shine their lights upon their highest peaks and heads and lay of stones. Every brick turned and waiting as they were meant to be pressed in the same way buttons were. Large gray people, all well covered, no face but oculars and all of the reminded us of father.

'Follow through, there's another coat dropping.'

It felt through, a metallic encasing thing which only appeared once every now and then. Then it disappeared after being grabbed by a few despots' trails around. Thrown about the place in the most unnatural manners, like pigeons flying chained, with stomping mouth and chopping their pains off as they ate what they could. The city but a shadow, melted my each drop, yet not in the way of individual ones, but giant ones that were not there or hadn't made it through, or demolition balls, crushing past, and putting past what couldn't be seen inside, whence dark covered all.

In there they lay but no one. And none should live, each had to go after a while and it would not do to go unpleased. Always after a manner and always condescending, the noise would shatter every wait. Of each deranged problem they would have to be put to wait. To wait, to wait, they stood. Children stopped following as they looked at the prints, or the drawn out carpets upon which the signs still felt like they were but missed. All too thorough, looked down, he approached. The master of the night, and with his arrival, there would be none other to pray upon him.

Upon the place he stood, from which no shrine emerged and no petty throne, but his waiting pit from where he seethed for, oh, so very long until someone finally came to watch him.

He was but dressed in rags, but wouldn't matter. Since they were wrought in metal, but ever hallow. What he carried in his back were but other rags, another chance, of crystal wrought in colors lighted. Much delighted as he were, by the presence of youth, he was very much aware that none of them would make it through. They were not there with a purpose but to lay his sight and convey what he had missed when he was but a child himself.

'I claim all whom walk, and past the gate, there will be no paradise, remain!'

The Master spoke to no one in particular but he was but of a part, they looked about and saw no servant. It was just how it ought to be, he was them, he was nothing. And every face upon the children's shone, from the matches they bore was akin to a sub-fashioned soul, something that ought never to be put through sight. They were not alive, or at least never looked as if they ever were. All too distressed, and always aware, reminded, even by their likes. They left too much behind to be called again.

Walked in pain, but the streets were empty after the hour. And whom had stayed and whom remained? There was no point in looking after.

Two brothers, two sisters, all in doubt, they could not help it, but brought, of blur uncanny, what lay there.

He had but yet to greet them and meet where lay. As they were split, of face, conveyed but through the pricks in their cheeks, of what remained of their limbs as well as teeth. Barely could they speak either, yet they watched with most dire eyes while wretched.

The Master came, he but leapt but felt no pain whatsoever and nothing would do him unwell, or as to harm him, as much as he could tell it so.

'I am pained to hear you chose to stay.

Do you not understand that your conviction might as well portray stubbornness than deceit? Do not open your mouth yet child, I know why you came here to begin with. And I shall do everything in my power to harm you so, knowing that you're already broke, it shall be done as well as I can sow.'

It was to him, there and then, not to be called or pushed from anywhere. Some were listening, the workers who had but prevented themselves from heading on the streets. It was an obsession, seeing them through while being incapable of making it, rue. To them was but a play. Many joined and watched, not matches but candles. Too much attention was drawn, and for someone who thought himself to breathe and act as if he were but a living thing, he took his eyes, the globes away.

‘I asked for silence.’

But he himself had yelled. The Master had little patience for anyone, especially since he could not help himself no longer, as he was defiled, he was but of another time, when mankind hid. In caves they’d heed the warnings. Yet to be even mocked by children was something he could not deal with, let alone come to accept. He was but a champion of where they lay. In the darkest throngs where fear lay and waiting, but to know if anyone might make it so through the night.

‘Say, child, why is that you want to live in this manner? Can you not see that the further they come, from yet above and beyond, you shall disappear and last not even the slightest, your home is but the kindest spot of memories, all of which die within a shortened lifespan of grit falling from the sky.’

‘You said yourself Master, how can you yet be so blind, as to yet refuse to understand?’

We’re tied to it, our memories. We’re tied to the one that pleased us for many a year to live in. And what of it if our hearts last, in a place not meant to suffice the cast in your realm of dampness?’

‘Does he truly mean to cast us away?’

The girl but stood beside her brother, while the others looked but like a couple. In an utmost unexpected thing, he’d almost seen as someone that’d think that he could lay it so, to even think that he could, perhaps reveal it, though. Master was but pointlessly bland, his heart was nothing to shriek about, tainted as it were, he grabbed a hold and dragged behind.

‘If you should know what lays everywhere around, see it with your own eyes and don’t complain to me no longer; but to be certain you should look behind. Know your city before you refuse to stand in line.’

What he managed to show them was but a sight of the city neither of them had seen before. It was uncanny, looking but they knew it to be so. Something from another world, all to broken, yet abandoned by likes of which neither of them would’ve thought it to be possibly so. Ever touched or made to fear, of some kind of ill hand or a lost appeal by no man. Everything was lost to them. No birds to sing, no drinks outside by lonesome old spirits past their prime, no men to fight across the country, no children’s lies. The truth was spoken by an utmost uncanny person, that being the Master of the night.

It was always meant to go that way, never to be cherished by any either way.

They did not put on any kind of fight, not likely that any of it would suffice, as all fours, hearts throbbing for there being more could but just stop for a moment, knowing and laying where they shouldn’t.

‘What shall we do now?’

‘Is it too late to leave?’

‘What of our house and what of your friends? You said we would keep them safe.’

‘All will leave one way or another. But stay here and you shall be forgotten.’

With the rest of your memories perishing with you as well, you know that very well, yet you choose to stand and do something you’ll most likely regret. How does that bode with you?

Can you not understand what I'm showing you?'

The Master stood but with a wing, wrought about as if pushed in. Always drawing near like a curtain, taking, something from life itself, but always disappearing in the making of what was wrought around them; that much could just be said. They were merely trying their empty hands, never to touch anything again.

'You'd better run and search for some secluded place in which to hide. I will see that there'll be some kind of compensation past the gates. What do you think of that?

Do you believe we could settle on something like it, perhaps?

A family, the four of you, of what remains, though you may not function again. Although I might not even hold my word as to ensure you will live the pass, I recall.

That the last person who was enthralled enough to make this his home had but perished long before you.'

'What should we do? Stay and we will fade away.'

'There's a chance for us at least out there.'

'Not for me.'

One of the boys had said so, and from the looks of which he had but understood what his chances were and where he stood and simply what would shake of him to make it so. It would not happen anywhere, none to know of what had happened. What his story was and what wrought him to become alike, to a scene of a lost battle, in a war where the tides advanced. Too soon, it was all too soon and it felt likely that his life would swoon away.

The child went out his minds too young. He hadn't even dared to be something of his own, wrought about and made to be.

Before they could follow him, the children had been stopped, and he shoved himself with another curtain, ever presently forlorn. Standing a few feet over them like a tower which could not have shone darker if it tried. He had attempted, if anything to put them back into the like telling.

'He will not make it and children's eyes ought not to watch or think about what might happen.

I could not bear, seethe of despair, for what might happen after.

Strangely unexplainable, after a while, they were but of a mind of their own, twisted and turned as they were made to follow, yet yearned to be set around.

On the other side of the gate, but a few than miles long stray.

It was what counted, best inclined. There were but steps taken along, but a single broaching young but beaten, stepped aside.

'Ah, I see, there were but few things placed around the garden. You had to make sure that every single one of them would have to eat.'

‘I know, I’m aware of the repercussions there, but you must know that I could not help myself. It’s far too obvious.

It’s how they are. I tried setting them all aside but they would simply come popping right in. Something’s happening below the earth.’

‘You may want to rethink it, before you find out something you ought not to.’

‘Perhaps it’s for the better that I may.’

Thence he walked and started digging through. Worst feeling came out of staring at the nails over a long period of time, how their tinted.

Making it past what was left of the plot was hard enough. He recalled looking back on it over once he had made it to the tulips, irises stared intensely at him. Even from the shade, the shape of the eye was grazed and grained. All worsened and little more than should it be called, there were some things popping out, there other things, scents that did not belong there, set in part, descending from the earth itself. Then gone as it taken in the nostrils. Things that were not touched upon and ever-since long put through hands that were worn out on every side of the spear-fence that had them on, largely encased and coated in metal yet always in the same place, trying themselves through.

Without a reason to make any noise, there was also, the standing ghoulish men whom long surrounded every stretch along the way, trying themselves through but to no avail. There was no reason to delay what was going on there as it had been but a matter of time until time would come to drag them down from whence they came from. Out of place, like ancient men, in ways to look at and little more than could be conveyed there, from where, as it happened, a stranger arose, and amongst them he stood as if a rose had cut through the tulips. Yet on the other side, with all of them still inclined and put through to face, what happened. In a matter of a few seconds, they were almost gone by the looks of which. It might just happen yet again.

‘Why have you come here?’

‘I seem to have lost my way again, I’ve come to ask something of you.’

As soon as he could help, it pushed every single ghoulish figure out of the way, immediately realizing that there was no better thing to look at. Standing as they both were, facing one another with little along the way, and a tiny more of hurt, he’d settle, for this scene of disaster would yet to come and move along. It was always here that he wanted to come, though time waned and took away, whatever youth had once taken him, whence to pay his stay delighted. He had but a fire, stomped out of his very lighter.

‘You’ve come here several times already and I’ve always driven you out. Have you not gotten the message yet? Perhaps you’re in need to tire yourself again while waiting?’

‘I’m but inclined to return, but please don’t be as rash as to push me again, as I have made it way too clear, I’ve no intention to make a mockery of your pass. I wish I knew what the reason was for my return.

My advent into your empty hold, but I can see that your house is ancient and dilapidated.

And I've always thought of asking but a stay.'

'You may not be allowed to enter through the gates, none might happen to come along the way. None can be allowed on this side and I think you've known it for a while, although you keep finding yourself in the same place.

I keep seeing the same face that's trying to get something out of me.'

'I want to stay. I want to take care of you and the strange other figure you're housing in during my lay. Is there too much to ask now? Have I been too rash before? There could be something I could ask for more if you were so inclined to answer me.

Where might I go from this point on? Tell me where I want to be so I may be gone from your sight and never be met around the fence, beyond it, surrounded by unspoken figures.'

Whom were just as inclined to wait in silence and do nothing as part of their strange, forbidden game. It was all dark, as well as it could be accounted for, still fallen like everything else, as even the flowers were of a morbid stance unlike no other and they could not be, yet felt aside, or made to grow anywhere else, for it was dangerous out there and even the gardener was aware of it. He'd spoken.

'Then you may be allowed to stay for a night and only for a night, if I might wager, nothing more than that, as I will not be satisfied knowing that something may have gone missing because of you.'

'Oh, but you're but one to show remorse for this kind.

I'm little if not belittled to know that I am of a fealty that shall never take your blind off away.

I am Albert.'

And I am Aldo, then you shall join both of us but you shall not be made aware of her name and nonce shall you be told or see her during your stay.

Not to touch but where they lay, not a single step of gray, but silver stones and stay away from the moldering dirt, I wager you could be swallowed each and ever so sooner than it should be allowed. And I'm inclined to think that you're of an ear that might take away from me each and every fragment that might be recalled. I shall call you when you're needed, but until then.'

Aldo was aware of the dangers that had lain to be, with opening and seeing them seep in, even for the duration of a second as they'd scourge the land. Be too dangerous as to have lain and be pushed to shroud. There was something of their and something to be aware, as he dragged the stranger, nuisance of some kind. He was not blind but inclined to look through a man and see a liar where to stand.

It was somewhat expected of him.

Some strange thing about those who lived amongst mold

They were of a different kind, of little mind, in part of what went on or how might it happen for them to be. It was senseless how every road lead back there, in the boiler room, where an utmost important thing had happened, birth. Of little worth but it signaled the coming of their dirt and of their spread and everything which could come after it when the time had ended and they might please themselves with what came after. A disease of the mind would make one lesser, much less stronger than he ought to be.

Floating everywhere around, particles were being shoved to side by every stream and every sudden puff of steam.

The Bathhouse was not safe. If anything, this was the most deranged spot to be in. As it was clear enough for those that feared. Below it, at the rear of the ground, lay. But a single thing that would convey, utmost peculiarity.

There lay but a monument they built.

A few years, so determined.

Everyone feared going to the land, out of their insatiable anger which would be shared if not destroyed if put to test. There was not enough time any longer as the bravest workers would fear for their lives. What they created, hand in hand, wrought in, was a lie. The foundation of reality, built upon it, stranded upon a shore meant to die.

‘Unnatural it’s what it is. There’s no hope to drag one within or away from it, we must stop this before it’s claimed.’

‘But who might live here and who might stay?’

If we stay in this hall.’

Orange-dust and weird mechanical-compliers that had living citizens wreathed in as they formed the gaps between the stones and the other unused materials that had been thrown around or hope to have been used for some reason, there was little left and little more than necessary to be looked upon. Not only was there no culprit, but what they’ve done there was a built upon which all would fall.

‘Eventually, when enough weight would amass upon these, the structural integrity will make it as to fall apart, and this corner of the world will be dragged down.

There shall be no survivors.’

‘Then let them die, I think It’s only fit that we allow them to take something from themselves and accept the inevitability of what we’ve done for them.’

‘And what have we done for them exactly? I see no reason we can’t admit it already.

We failed them, everyone, for the sake of what?

A lie will not hold the world.’

‘But truth will have it all abandoned, and what’s the point of all the work then if it’s left to die?’

‘There’s still a chance we might rebuilt it or find a way to stabilize everything before someone finds out, isn’t there?’

‘No, there isn’t, I’m afraid that any attempt to mingle with the pre-existing built would only destabilize it further. We are set on it now, there’s no chance we might be able to recreate what we’ve lost. And most importantly, it’s done.

It’s settled and if anyone finds out.’

‘We stand to lose it.’

‘As I’ve said it before.’

‘Wait, wait wait a minute at least, I cannot be the only one who sees reason now, can I?

We cannot gamble with their lives now, it’s beyond reason, it’s senseless, it’s mad, it’s downright criminal.’

‘There’s no other place to go for anyone, the world outside is broken.

Either death comes from above, or it shall drag its subjects below, swallowing all of them before they’re given a chance to spare.’

‘Some could leave and some could stay.’

‘But who would be mad enough to stay afterwards? And what of the parties that head out? What of them? DO you think something as hard as finding a new zone that could hold millions of people in just lays somewhere thrown around?’

‘The old towns, they’re still out there.’

‘Largely contaminated at the very least.’

‘As if this place isn’t.’

‘As if we’re not. I think we all know where we’re headed here, aren’t we?

I think It’s clear that we must set something off, in order to cut some of the losses.’

‘What have you in mind then?’

‘What if we don’t want them to survive? Think about it for a while.

Simply think about it. If we were to somehow, plan the fall, we could move the weight in one direction.’

‘You idiot, that’s not how it works, that’s not even close, don’t you understand?

It’s a domino effect that shall affect every existing corner until nothing will be left standing. There is definitely no such thing as any hope left for it. Either we come out with the truth or the entire circle will

be buried beneath a hollow black spot. A pit that shall never be touched upon after, it will all be destroyed upon a graveyard made by our own.'

'Then what do you want us to do?'

'We could spare a while and.

We could.'

'It's pointless, let them die, eventually we'll all have to deal with it.'

'Or we could march on while there's still time. After all, the amount of weight that should suffice for everything to be dragged below the earth is nigh-indeterminable. It shouldn't happen within our lifetime.'

'But there's still time to save the future generations if we try it hard enough. We could only spare so much and hope in the meantime.'

A wheel of cold

Outside the city burnt. There lay the remains and little dead, sitting entrails. It was a nuisance, trying to keep everything in before being bastardly thrown away. Standing there, upon the sight of the fire were but a few children, whom had started it.

A man dressed in cardboard and various bushes appeared to have taken a liking to fashioning small spears out of branches, drenched in them. Should've known better.

'I have repaid my debt.'

He spoke to his old man, who looked back from atop his horde den, the small grotto that was being fused to all the riders and the peculiar horse-line he was on top. While looking behind he realized how much of an ill-soul his son had become.

'Tell me this, son, why have you done it?'

'You asked me to seek the culprit, of rue.'

'But I have not called upon you to take the lives of the innocent.'

'Yet I had to come through somehow, father. You know there was no other way. Leaving them so.'

'I do not care, you're banished from this point on.'

Thence he walked into the dark entrails, their bastardly men-formed upon the seats of wood had shone lights out of the lanterns implanted in their brains. A briar he walked upon, then was asked.

'Leave or toll.'

‘I shall stay.’

With yellow blood coming from atop, and red from below, the others refused to talk or admit him in the rue. Cruel thing he was, by some uncanny way, he couldn’t understand what entered his mind then.

‘I wish I understood what’s going on, there’s a cloud of darkness in my mind now, which is made of spiders.’

Their greatest crowd, of the arachnid, was but a kingdom in his skull, where both lobes were at war, constant disease and planet shaped eggs, but darkened as dirt, unable to rise from the depths in which they suddenly receded. There was something him, but a pin. He managed to be blind-sight as the Vile-man-culprit appeared, with a bat of nails.

Battered away, barfed, with snails there being. He was washed away after. So many oaks were last, after the man had risen from their thrones and cast him. To go quiet and lesser. For his betters knew better than to listen to what he had to say. Marks of gray, he had painted but every trail. They followed and knew where he’d go.

At least the spiders were drowned. But he, lost. Look upon a shroud and came in to find something out there. Where a beacon might be, prayed upon it, he might see something, even if he could hope it. But unspoken, there were strange. Too many of them, webs, across each lay of eye, serpentine, the sounds of owls. Whichever followed after would’ve found a dead end, past the shroud.

Into a deep ravine at the cost of following in, but smokes stopped coming out. In cold, but he had sutured, clouds, feeling no longer cold, but a warmth that was not his wont. To do and waste, it should remain. As clear as he might say.

His father had taken him in after hard years, within. Tined with steps that were, be. And he had not known what to see in his turn.

‘I know that you’re old, but I cannot find a better one.’

More than enough remained, and more letters he painted in darks and grays, until the time had come to burn, and hurry he alerted them in turn. Their hunt and trail had but no end. He knew them after a while, and what he spared. Nowhere to lay and not to think, he had but saw no reason in.

Entered the lay and wait there, without a say. He had been uncovered, taken through. Left there, now in through.

Other men were just as stolid, and would’ve felt it, after rabid. Always hunted and as if to know themselves, they shone. Upon them, in which they hid, right before the snow. Other village youth had but to bring but dirt and root, always thawing there, in part. Where it happened for them to look into, fell apart. No breaths out-going but those of cold. Peered after, called in, home.

Warmth had settled, long were days. Upon a poignant mid-summer to look after, none could stay, or satiate the going. Upon the lays of walls, and prays. They had but stood the nights, out in lay. Many of the town, and little even more about. All which gathered, twists, and put their fists and firsts on. Gathered upon to breathe, and warmed, finally, breathe.

It was that how it started and how watched. Father of their calling, at least one, yet how could he know? In an act of show, he waited so, and thence he lay. But Heor would be forgotten so.

There was but his brother Therg, of limp. He was but the only one, a man as a limp, would happen and match streets. Followed after, his feet. But were they listening and the stay? He was not taken by, but made to pay. A heed of tax, and brought about each morn.

He was but a man that could not count right, saw them missing, shelves were twisted and in there. Father than he would've had it, yet to know, nowhere, away. He was but uninterested of what they had to say. Calloused but in part, he'd shout.

'Leave me about and never see in loud.'

But morn and ever more he woke. And walked upon and seethe would York. Upon the country, looking fair, and of hand asked yet. But a lichen around head, and one for his dead, and bedded, always of a heart his own, flocks would've earned him song.

And he was cherished, young and sired. Made to be around, for he had mire. Taken them when they were blind, with help, of youth and grind, from whence he made a powder, facing. But coal became as they were dancing. Ever covered and less and so, he was but to wonder, who did show?

It was but signs, of less inclined, to see it for what seemed to be a while. They had but come, and on his own, out of home. But for the drought, of Rhine about, what could but make up, in wooden stoves. Prized of what remained, and put on top his head, would have it. But, there was he and would not brought it. In a miss, at their feet, but the ones that were but dear they protected. It was due that they would lend it. Not to be said so.

Of worthy news and what they brought, as little of theirs, and set aback. What pained them to see him sparing. Of worthiness the weary, it was just so that in case, to know, they would not settle anywhere.

What a bore there was

Living there, at last, without hearing the noise, without being entranced by what was going on and what ought to be, in makings. Of the heeded thing which rose for its little sake, there'd be, of someone missing of the gutless spree that was but metal-filthy, rocks, below. None would know of them, let alone be aware that where they stood, there would be no night to show them peace of lighter. Alabaster.

'We should kill to our heart's content!'

'Now you're talking my language. I want it so.'

Thence they pillaged the first thing that came to mind, looking aside, they entered the threshold and entered the village, heeding no mind. For, first house entered, children put down, with their women in doubt, asked for then undressed, would to be used in front of their dead men. No one was spared the due and would to be, they were put through, as much as it could be held. Little more than but a yell was heard,

in the heart of loss. But to be content, of what went on. Through minds, but they killed their horses and pulled their manes, which were spiked and dark as if lines of centipedes of desert-tanned scorpions, they drew below them, open-guts and wore their intestines. And walked around.

‘It was joyous day, was it not?’

‘If here, I heed and hear what I say.

I think we should repeat this feeling and feel it, every single day.’

And walked around, as if uncalled, there was little and little less the two of them could not take down. As one were to be lead to believe, they didn’t exist, or they were after a piece to know. Shone upon them, filth was trouble. There was but an escapee who came forth. Years passed but let it be known. He had a knife on him and thrice the arrows in his throat. Behave, thought the man, then spoke it.

‘Behave, I tell you, child.’

In mind to listen to elders, as if he were of no mind of his own, he but settled to listen and do what he was told. Not to cry and chatter as one like him would do after, he was but inclined to be, an elbow shattered, then all the shafts down his throttle.

‘We cannot be stopped.’

‘Certainly this world shall be ours one day, Pilgmesh.’

‘Kintaresh, by brother siding, you must know that I’ve gone out of my way there, out of mind and let be these bindings stopped so.

I’m listening and see no reason. I’m trying myself and see a feather bison.’

Somewhere, through their flock, to yield, through their small encased little to no little more appeal, to senses, they would do. There was a rue to them, and deep sinew. Their herd was touched, they could not watch, but there, one was caught behind and open through. They entered the ship of guts and appeared to set themselves in flight, there yonder. Though bones were levers, there was something ill. Some glorious red appeal, a glowing puck they entered through. Walked upon a green land of bile and plight, and much less-light than they would know it so to be true. For they had now killed many alike, but only their heads as their bodies were wrought and made of many a limb. All barely stitched together as to remind them that their time was running out and soon they would be devoured if not become strange. In mind, they were bug bit, by strange malformations that would bring defeat and were dressed in various robes uncanny that they were making them appeared to be horned in the front. Glory about their days, nothing to convey, therefore they only went on and listened to no one speak. A giant malign tool which was creating rippling in the sky, behind this dark machination which was wrought upwards like an warped, or pulled up factory, there seemed to be a gaseous nausea. Looks of which were green and dark pox, and little specks of skin which was dark and wreathed in disease about the place.

Worshipped by them, once they stopped attacking, along the way.

Pilgmesh was yet but joined, another brother that had come. Oigamesh who was but there, he was but of limbs and anatomically unfit, but still lived and settled in.

‘I shall aid you so.’

‘That is the only acceptable thing to do.’

‘Indeed it is. I think we should stop it.’

But they joined the inner courts and were met by strange things that were surrounding them, everywhere around and little more than it should be allowed, they saw it. And there were graves out there, black ponds and weird iliac-strange peculiar flies. Which bore no wings but little rods that connected their bodies to small pox-fat things that made them fly, which appeared to draw from their innards, little more than to know, little specks and little flower-like eyes that were encompassed in tiny bodies that were coming out of them, die. That was unexpected but it was the general feeling they appeared to bear. For whoever looked into the gaze would know that the whites in their eyes were not meant to become men. Let alone try cutting in line and become part of the land which was conjoined and would never be turned and twisted, as to be looked up more.

Many weird plants, long and twisted, like little tornadoes or vortexes which were split in halves then allowed to spread aside as to give the impression that they were sheets with long fingers on every side. From which they spat that poisonous air, the toxin which would remain in their sides. Would to be cut through and better be caught off guard.

Flying machines marching in cutout-shapes on every corner; she was peaking, there. In her strange flowering form, which got all of their eyes, as they could but help themselves no longer, always trashing in order to see, nowhere else to be but the uncanny thing which was the strange ecstasy in terms of annoyance it produced. Such an unfathomable annoying voice only entered and came along as she could not stop.

Her beauty and peculiar form, attached from the lower body to the strange flight, would only be no longer met.

‘What do you want of me?’

‘We heard you talk already, we seek only absence from you, leave.’

Kintaresh would never know. He’d not expect it, better show than in the quiet making. So much static noise everywhere where rose. And dark antipathy which entered them there.

A crook like voice shook the vales and everywhere they stood upon, the veils would lift, invisible yet to be transparent plants, appearing and disappearing, as they would be in trance. And long and there and more so everywhere, when never looked at, during the times. They were but of a strange thing, a yet-to be benign matter.

Once the quiet settled they could feel her scent and as to know.

Oigamesh but had to come.

Gun-like pins of cacti shapes would shoot. Many would bother them but would not take away as they should. Malignantly looking strange-to be. There was nowhere near, where they would want to feel company for what was so.

‘There are whorish realms out there.’

In strange a ports where those malicious things were but dissected, in a place where vivisections never ended, nor would they be approved off, not to be let alone inclined to be lost. As well as they could fare at last, there was but an end. There was no way to know it yet. But there had been, after a while, a way to see, that trail benign. On, in the sky.

Pilgmesh spat some blood, then normal spittle and he had done it so on his hand, rubbing it on his side to hide it. Was he mad?

He’s done it before. His shirt and trousers, of worn, behold, all stained to be after the cold. He had but a knife and stared death right in its eyes. But death was peculiar and would to be killed if it tried anything.

They spoke to the lady nonetheless, not trying to impress her, but to spit in her face now.

But whence there, in the distance happened?

He was but a man bred and made for kill. And slaughter was what made him ill. He killed himself, hanged by a church which was floating, then and gone.

‘I smell blood.’

‘Jacob, shut your mouth.’

‘But I can feel it.’

‘Oh.’

‘I’m going to follow the trail and find it out. I know I can, it’s only a matter of time until I will become it and I will bring destruction upon the ground and I shall rinse it all with what I can up to the front, where I shall become something of my own.’

And he took a robe and wore a skull and walked around the woods, kidnapping what he could, until was caught. In a single home, where shone the light, and faded, he was distraught as his insecticide upon which he fended all the evil thoughts ran out. For he had a house of blood and bone treasure and his pride were those he killed alas.

A bunch of men covered in fur, and long trenches of dirt, they shook but might head of giants, upon their tiny shoulders they could not help but stay and be quiet as they were being munched upon. It was too soon to give in but they would know of it while walking back. There were various peculiar days, where they stood and would not stay a thing, always going into wild directions, despite having caught him, they remained there for too long and none of them could discern what was going on.

Before long, they followed false trails, always lost, unable to stay.

‘Still you feet men.’

But many had their shins cut and heads as well, rolling as they dragged behind, their bodies were but crushed. Light had become a dome, from the tops of which, a reverse ground shook but figures that were walking on the ceiling, never watched for their sudden puffs of blood, as they would suddenly explode in the air, leave traceless holes through which the acid-galaxies came through, as sour black clouds that peered and would be peered upon. Planets that were shaped liked wasp-like vehicles of skin that pushed out from their forehead, twenty meters on. Various cylindrical figures that would bear many bodies that were wrapped around as they would continue to grow, diverging into eighteen direction as a knight’s lance that was split and torn apart. Pushing onward until it could not be controlled any longer, creating various unfathomable creatures made out of the weird bodily thing which was their wasp’s embodiment of a vision it bore in the future. OF these planets little could be known, but they all shone and would creature terrible things that were but fake imagery and senseless in some way, as in no way could they achieve premonition, thenceforth, this could be drawn forth.

This twisted imagery was but an attempt at trickery, as they approached and would eat from inside the heads that lay on the ground, instead, trying to nest themselves in, they would have no doubt as to why they carved themselves through and why the need for hives when heeded. And why the heads, upheaval, there was no sense in this at all. Would they be inclined to eat from their insides? There was but only one way to know and only one way to find out, where shone the last vestige of blood, inside their insides. Entrails were benign.

But many of these planets made little houses out of the heads, while ripping out their corpses off and living inside of them. It was pleasant inside, although they had employed a kind of malignant trickery. Since there was not enough space, despite the size of the heads, in length, to be more precise, as the hollow leftovers had enough depth in them; making them inclined to do as such.

They sliced the head in halves with the weird body lances, then they merely spat from various body-growths which formed around, clay-like substances made out of their skin, which allowed them to extend the heads until they seemed, within the limits, to look like wagons, or hard lumped head-centipedes that would home their spears. All long as they would appear to home their needs and breathe within. There was something malign in every mind, it was not to be spoken of, but everyone ought to die.

Again with the thought, it could not be brought again.

A small hold was established, as they even extended one of the heads into a wall, which would surround their small plot as to allow no one at all to enter in. That way, they would be safe and there would be but little to no way for anyone to convey. Or seethe about, or lump through sound and eavesdrop. Life was perfect there. Disease was plants, or the embodiment of it, which resembled growths of corpses made in the image of people who died during the bubonic plague.

Little rodents would be chased around. And most of them would not be allowed, not too far now. Always leaped upon, for the highest of echoes, they would not gather to sound alarms or waste away. They would be caught in ashtrays in the boxes that were to satiate what went on. Of her mind there was but little to ask.

But she had done it so, without remorse, of little mind, had she been.

‘Enter the disease, the factory and go through it on the other side, it’s what you must do, you hear?’

Kintaresh but stood and listened, he was not one to be ordered by a dame, but since there was little more he could look around now, would he not stay his arms to satiate this curiosity now?

As for calling on them both, would he wreath and of old, there’d be no question. Any longer, would he be of little mind and walk yonder if not for them? They could but not listen while walking along their way. But there, they went, out instead, and appeared to be met, from the highest point, like an old telescope looked from up-front inside the visor, they saw, but the iron-darkened red insides that lead upon the twisted stairs, benign, towards the puff. And smoke was in there, of some kind. But puffs of disease would not do, as they but did little and settled to follow through.

‘What a strange thing, we’ve lived in here for far too long, I think we ought to have known better than to have placed ourselves on the side and joined to be and jointed.’

The rain would satiate the creed-distress while putting an end to the mirror as one would confess, rain was to be the one which would shatter. Eventually, most would have to go as well, as they chose to stay and let along convey, whatever they could. Nor should they be of such a mind as to let themselves be caught by the antics which would better be hid, inside their peculiar heaps and never-to be pushed on wreathing diseased. They were incapable, after all to understand or to come to a realization of their own.

But with the moisture coming from above, the dome of replicated buildings would fall, and through the water, ended through the ceiling. Entered through and battered as to be felt, they would deal with it again, up-heaving what little strength there was there. Thence there was but little more, and little understanding of the things in which they’d breed and bore. Here was but little they could swim in, and little more than the pool wreathing.

Earemesh had followed through. Although he had been outside, waiting and not making a delight a hue, he would totter around for hours whilst to wait. And see for himself whether or not someone ought to come and satiate. He was but in run, set a blur. Unable to look whence he came from and would to be. Other than to see, seeing how he was left alone.

He continued on his own. With little heed to justice or the land, he came to accept what appeared to be beseeched upon, and take a blade. And take an axe as well, something of a reign, while to ride on the bridge of Myrth and Plume and come upon their carriage as to enter the trough, be carried away. Abandoning the horse along the way, he was joined in drink, hiding with him, underneath the secret compartment as to say. He was but unable to think, straight away, of wit he lacked, but he was anchored to the fellow, enough. Not to push too soon, he had no idea what had swooned or what had entered him for some reason he could not have seen. It was his prick he that had entered his arm, he had been stabbed by his rapier but felt lo’ no pain but wonder. How was it that he pulled away my skin? Is he stronger? Was it heated? But like a web, it only got pulled and dragged and made to swap some of the flies around as they were but faced by bumps in the road. Always but a hop, the shakings.

Then the stopping, the nightly waking.

‘What are you going to do now? What are your intentions? I need to know before you do something. Come on, tell me, I need to know before something happens.’

I have to, I have to, before my toes are cut.'

They could find both of them out. If too much noise was made, if too much, let so be the deranged man in front of him. Of eyes but strange, and peculiar clothes remained, a fashion of weird segments of metal, no wonder he would not be touched. It had to be, to be latched upon, as a tiny thing, a sucking wasp that had made him see. Everywhere around, there was but a strand that kept everything from falling, preventing him from asking and dreading to go away. Yet there was a walk, after they were found and kicked out. He still wore the rapier at his shoulder but at least they would not have their fingers and toes cut off. It was a miracle, seeing the bottom of the ravine. And they would see it, where it stood and whine within a mark.

'Twenty more for stay, drink and lay, eight more or you'll be on your way.'

Stood there, where one should, and ask about what happened, as it happened for a beast of yonder, to have come and passed. Little of it had they seen but they could all remember what it cast. For eight feet taller on a man of eight it had, and bore the limbs extended, wrists were had but an unseen wipe had cut through them. With an openly deformed mouth, bore the giant vase the mirror that was shape around and pushed as if a costume worn, until it pushed out of the top, from the hole, a small fountain of peculiar rake-like men who asked for more. Their front worn crowns were barely to be seen, but from the likes of them they would ever see them for what they seemed. Always of a piece, through their eyes, their bodies but pieces of his game, from which, the innards of his bones were set aside.

And he carried all in back, kidnapped a few. Mostly the dames, where the men were unable and unaccountable for the remains, of whom might talk and need it be called so. The fore-front row looked like a butcher's work which none may call it so. It was hunted but had no legs.

'I remember it, it wore a strange mill-wheel upon which it walked so.'

Set it flight and levitating, his arms extended on every side, from the looks of which it bore strings of skin attached to the wheel, yet never were they seen rotating, despite the wheel's contemplating motion. He would but ask of it but fell behind.

Asked the fellow that he might help him set aside, whichever rude feud between the two of them, might be, they could settle it later, but search for it, to its layer, they had seen. But nowhere, as there was no forest and everything was flat and blank. This village alone stood like a beacon on the road, and to see. There in the distance It was, but a figure of dark, swollen around and still floating.

'I think they come yonder to devour.'

'They come?'

'I see some more.'

Pointed in the wild direction, many of their bodies tilted and coming forth; as one could see them floating ever closer with their peculiar strings and giant arms extended, more. So, they still bore the bulk. Drawn from below, the body of a wild mill if it wore its wings above the rooftop, while covered in the most unnatural looking fur they could see.

The widened mouth prolapsed, even more so opening. It spat from inside and would do as such. From that peculiarly shaped vase which was of the ones It stole alas, they wanted more. There was no one, absolutely no one which was safe from the grasp it would take or bear aside what came to be.

‘We need to flee and hide in the village.’

But every time they looked back, the earth beneath the village and the area, called so. Would only rise a few feet above the ground, ever to be looked upon; there were a few more feet above the ground and ever the pressure followed. Dissected in his eye, the rapier, he pulled away some of it, then wallowed.

‘Will you stop that?’

He had come to ask, but knowingly, Earemesh was watched. It was hard to account for him, but ask of such, and might receive. What was his name? The stranger said it so, Plume, I am, but you need not known. His lips were perched, although not to say, he did not reveal anything and would stab him if he looked at him the wrong way. It was just what they did in those times and would to call.

Battered upon a door and entered. Then spent the night; without fear.

‘The beast never enters for it fears it ought to pay.

That’s why it’s avoiding entering and let alone stay.’

‘What a peculiar thing, if it’s intending on killing all of you, why would it pay as such?’

‘I don’t know. Why don’t you go and ask it?’

‘There are more?’

At the signal of which, many other men had followed with their ears.

It was a strange thing, a fix to their wails, but they would not ask of it, nonetheless, it would be settled one way or another. They looked out of the way and went through the night, in the midst of a calling father, whom asked them as such.

‘They killed my child in front of my eyes.’

‘Need for vengeance?’

‘No, I just liked watching.’

Thence they left and would but follow. Swimming through the dirt as if there was but a hollow folly down the earth, where they might not get into if they cherished their lives, for earth was scum and would murmur about, a hymn of ages.

Met along the way but by disease magician, each of them was peculiar and would appear out of nowhere. Yet the pits from which they came out off could be found. Laughed about and pitted against bears, they fought, in their youth.

Hardened by the looks of it, but they bore strange hats which shook the world, when misunderstood.

‘I am great Althing, fear me not for I have come to give you something.’

He gave Earemesh but a stab. His gut was pulled out, began inflating itself and became a giant flying pair of bubbling tubes that started growing and flying away. Not he was left with a pair of holes in his chest through which he would have to be content with.

‘How will this help me?’

‘The ones you seek cannot see you without your guts. Trust me.’

‘Are you certain about that?’

‘I can stab you in your eyes as well if you want to.’

‘No, leave.’

Then he left.

Followed by another man whose robe was gray but bore stars on it which were made of decay, deformation, knish but puckers, they looked disgusting and appeared to constantly give birth to small pentagons made out of insects sutured together. And each pentagon figure bore an eye. This one was blind and they were his malignant dogs with which he’d cross the whiles.

Plume never actually got to ask, how come he wasn’t stabbed out of the two of them? It was quite a queer thing after all, having himself be spared of this benign treatment while the man would only come to endure and to as he pleased while they were but on a swoon. They walked, closer as the gap was cut between the two of them. One asked, then another.

‘See, I’m going to rip off one of your eyes and part of your skull and replace it with this pentagon.’

‘Is this truly necessary?’

‘Of course it is. Now do as I please, and do not dare question it.

It’s important.’

‘If you say so, then I shall do it.’

How odd. Again, Plume was spared of this treatment and by the looks of it, one of the creatures had began taking notice of them, running along, as he could but not be stopped then.

‘You should leave now, I’m only trying to give you a piece of advice now, fellow, this is for your own sake. Don’t do something you might come to regret afterwards.’

For he disappeared after, leaving him to do as he pleased.

Earemesh stood, now with the block and eye inside his skull. It was mightily displeasing. How he was frozen and confused. But he had no doubt that they were not liars, as the beast had clearly avoided him and went for Plume. Of which he had known just as little and would not say a thing he shouldn’t.

‘I will meet you in the village once I’m done.’

He yelled. And some of the beasts were alerted as well. As much as it would be known, all ran past him and would just ignore, following the other man instead. It was quite a pleasing stare, to see. And even better, more to be called, he had but wondered, what the poor man had done to deserve it.

Greeted by the two more, these ones came in pairs, they were but Siamese, and their heads were missing. Constantly spewing blood; splattered on the ground. There was no sun in the sky, it never existed in the first place. And the ground was of a peculiar shade of brown which was lighter, then darker, then got even more darker, a few shades lighter, then dark again, then it became black, then scorched, then it appeared to be green, then yellow, then it was made out of face, then it came back to it reverted to its formal sight. What a marvelous day this was. He felt like he had achieved much.

Then he returned back to the village, passing the beasts who flew back into their places and this was never spoken off again.

In a few years worth, everyone in that village died of hunger and of thirst. Earemesh died of an infection, yet his body continued living with the help of the pentagon which had been shoved inside his head.

Hospital

Sitting around the house, unevenly set, there were deranged organs, all of whom belong to a prolonged extended dead. It was the nursery room, of which inclined, all sobers stood by their side. High-raised beds, all interconnected with serpent-filled devoured body filled liked arms which blocked the way around. Fat-people always dying in the room, always of a mind to ask when was the time come, for them to be shook.

‘We need another shot, come on, or I will break the cabinet open myself.’

He was built like a recliner. The chief assistant Oshot called again.

‘Break it open and bring me a few more of your antibiotics or I will have to do it myself. And I do not like that.’

He had to repeat it again until it entered his small, tiny head. A lot depended on him as well, he couldn’t fuck up this time around. His fingers had been swollen, and put through the grinder. Always of a piece, he couldn’t mind her. She who was of bricks, but reeling in, as she was but become to wall, melted in.

‘Pull another brick out. Right around her gut, until she talks.’

Brim was the man with the screwdriver. It was what he had. Brick by brick he pulled her out of there, seeing a strange concoction of cement and blood spurt out. It was not a sight he enjoyed seeing let alone would he enjoy approaching her there and then. Always of a mind to ask of her.

‘What happened?’

‘I do not know.’

‘What happened?’

‘Why do you keep asking me that?’

And the blurt of blots could not be stopped. Always growing, their coils could not be stopped from proceeding back and forth, always of no better scope than to get their sight. In that one moment they could not help themselves but ask but happened.

‘Again, no one in this room knows.’

The hospital was but in shambles and they were but a mind to ask.

First, every man in their beds despite being rooted along their so-elongated heads and arms, bore, on top of their chest through some peculiar skin-cartilage grates, torsos kept ever so near, on top of which bloomed peculiar willow-flower that appeared to emulate statuesque heads, made of the same organic material. Horned on every side as crowns; each of them bore tiny thin starved arms that were grasping around whatever they could wrap themselves around. Most importantly, there was something there as well. Gulps being taken, arms that would act like throats. The woman in the wall and most importantly the doctor.

He kept asking for shots.

‘Pyrroute, here, I broke the cabinet.’

‘Right in time for me to begin; you should take a few steps back and make sure you’ve readied yourself as well as the others.’

‘What’s happening?’

The room shook, right before he started. Darted from one side to the other, lights were taken, largely departed. From a side to another, they’d missed the chance and would’ve done so. If it weren’t for the slightest thing, an eye ripped, a nail’s worth on the floor.

‘It’s done.’

He’s administered it. His heart had beckoned, yet content.

Sleeping on it by the looks of it.

‘Are you insane? Are you seriously, completely, utterly!’

He stopped, bled a little, still of a mind. He could not understand why was it. Open windows blushing in his eyes. He was not into it. Bleeding off but missing the eye, that had disturbed him way too much to be able to rebound himself; below his waist a train. Only a young man drew on and started trailing his finger off him. Merely tasted the mercury before he spat.

‘That’s enough already, stand aside child.’

‘How come you haven’t passed off yet.’

The sound and the jerking from the beds stopped. It looked like the upper trunks, the blooming things and the faces rested flaccidly on the side.

They were not getting it. Always of a mind, always speaking about something they didn’t understand what was going on.

‘Don’t touch that, don’t touch it.

I’m going to make it as clear as possible now. There’s nothing wrong with me. It’s merely, nothing, I’m not saying I’m.

I’m hurt but I will make it through.’

‘You’re missing an eye and a part of your face; there’s a hollow spot.’

‘Forget it, leave the room if you don’t like looking at this face.’

‘Here.’

Came Brim, after he stopped working on her, he went ahead and pulled a roll around his head. Wrapping it carefully before he pulling it off. There was something that fell off distracted them.

Would she simply shut her mouth?

An echo could not be heard by either of them, it would be too disturbing and would take away their whiff if they went on. Again, it came in like an echo from around every annoying hole inside the wall, the ceiling and the carpet. That insatiable thing was but paranoia. No one is diseased in there. No one stands to die just yet, shut your filthy mouth off or I will do it.

But neither of them heard that. They should’ve, but they hadn’t. It went to waste, it would not be heard again. Too cold, always but a snow outside, or they burned the last calendar. Some dates had been off anyway.

‘Here, I’m done.’

The Doctor wore a patch of robes, he had been sutured, like a man who had destroyed the last supplies of lab-coats. It was peculiar, seeing how every arm-length surrounded him. They thought that, eventually the hands would come out of their hiding, even setting themselves off as they entered through his waist, dragging him in the afterlife. Worst of wear, he’d done to it himself if he chose to remain. There was no question about it any longer, he was tired.

Too many turns.

They had to deal with her first.

‘Pick a few bricks off her head and she will die, she’s not really there, you realize that, right?’

But Brim checked a brick. She was not flat, but stacked within every little block as if compartments put her on. Through one's speck of an eye, he'd see it, yet missed what seemed to be but a benign trap her fingers came in. Her brain was in a brick, part of her heart, and the lower you went, formations. Peculiar formations, giant world in which she had but shaped her children out of planets in order to hold her in fractioned wombs, here and there, deformed astrals and cherubs, trying to preserve her soul. No matter how horribly deformed each planet and each iteration of her had become. All but infantile, pocket dimensions that would be shattered if one were to drop the brick, then blow in a giant sea of large remains. Where she lied away, her eye would stay and look but through.

Not to give Brim too much time to look and see.

For a normal person looking in the brick, if he were to carefully split it in half, he'd see only the meat-insides of chewing-gum matter covering for a womb-egg with no umbilical egg left. It was inside of it that the world was made. Kind of empty, as if it were but a projection of the world, but at the exact innate moment of a second cut, made against this thing, he would not and could not fathom, hearing or heaving it after. Too quick for the touch, her soul would explode, as would her children. As if wanting for the gore to end.

A brick just rushed and flew away in the back and in the hollow, through the empty frame which surrounded her, shallow.

'Damn it, I missed one.'

Well, that's looks like trouble.'

'Let her be then, she won't be touched by them in any case. And the sedatives will run out only.'

The doctor stopped. Only for a second now; again, drawn to him, untrustworthy. He must've taken twenty shots himself, and he hasn't even started using the ones from the cabinet either. It was the sound of the cabaret coming from the outside. He but wanted to be sure no one was dead. He was but at a loss, trying to not lose a finger, when the others could not understand, just what went through his head then? After taking so many of them, he feared as much as everyone.

'All right, as soon as they wake up, there will be a lot of noise. We should have enough time, to make it out of this chaos while they're drawn to it.'

'Then let's go.'

Door opened, door closed. Door rose and appeared like they froze. They looked behind, the door was off, as if ripped away from its hinges. Moving by itself, while making all the squall settle and put through, and every bile along the way asking.

'What's going on there?'

'I told you we shouldn't lock it.'

'We haven't, what are you talking about?'

'I have.'

Stallen, the man with a curved spine and eight clothes on, all of which had been ripped to shred, and seemed to keep, hidden as they were merely placed to his chest, tiny explosive devices he hid from everyone. It was hard to see in any case.

Why was everyone dressed this way? Weird, Ophelia Chegouh wore strange sandals and weirdly patterned VHS-colored, hammered in by nails, painted red two-shaped dresses. They had to make it through the cold, there were no coats, but one of them bore the body of a man as well as some peculiarly fractured eye-snow. There were weird walls there.

A patch of fur was moving around the floor. It was time to leave this place and watch what happened from the distance. Once they kept it fading, they but stood and longed for to approach.

‘I see, there’s something happening, I think.’

Long line, no long-distance communication device between them, only this strange system of whispers-shared, a few centimeters along the way, always but put together. They were but handling this as hard as they could. It would not be easy to put it bluntly. This stunt would only last for a few more hours.

‘Ah, I see, something pulled it already. We can leave now.’

‘How do we know you’re not lying.’

Crouching, a few feet away from one another, all of them barely kept a distance of some meters, at least two between each. And they did not understand how it happened. It hardly mattered, though, it would not last. They were sweating and refused to look back until the man in the front gave them the answer.

‘I don’t know. Can’t you move a few centimeters away to the left and look for yourselves?’

‘They’ll see us.’

‘They’ll see us.’

‘They’ll see us.’

They carried through, the longer messages were but shrewd to pieces by the time they go through a corner and went to the other. It was ever so pleasant being there, die.

That had to stop.

‘I see.’

There was the smell of Alabaster as well, somewhere, out there, in the tall booth outside the hospital.

‘We should make it past the static noise and, there it rose.’

‘Look, I cannot look, I cannot prove the door was pulled away.

I could be lying.’

‘Make It shorter. Don’t speak much.’

There was some noise coming out of it already, some moans reaching an utmost peculiar magnitude which could not be inclined again. Sweating, thoroughly, they were but set to their knees, almost reclined, begging.

‘Please, let’s just so, even if it’s locked, there’s still the noise.’

Ophelia was the first one to stand up and bring forth reason.

‘I cannot wait here any longer, I’m starting to feel nauseated by what’s going on. There must be something we could do to get go around and leave.’

‘Then we will do it, if that’s what’s necessary, let’s go.’

The doctor was the farthest one in the back, or would’ve been. He had been one of the first to leave, thinking he could simply get away.

It had never dawned on him how cruel it seemed, leaving them to die off, but that was simply, the way it had to be. There was no way out and he could but spare no reason for what seemed to be the passing of a few hours.

Barely being joined there, he had met cruelty before, and was almost done.

By the time they were done running, they were met by him standing, by the side, looking inside a room from which a light came out. His shadow on the back wall; whereas he but extended his left arm as if to stop them.

‘You don’t want to see this.

Go around, I’ll join you in a few minutes.’

‘Now wait a minute, I think we had enough of your charades now. You can’t just take a leave now for a few hours and disappear like that. It’s just.’

‘Enough, I said I’m going to join you in a few minutes, now leave. It’s for your own good and I think you know it. Don’t make me do something you may come to regret later.’

‘And what would that be?’

Brim, his assistant chimes in. He’s silent but holds a strange wrangler, a strange tool he carried around his pocket tool-box. And he has a phantom drawn on his strange star-catcher which bears the face of a mentally ill defiled man who had been flayed alive but stands on a strange grinder that’s made of teeth as well of some peculiar beacons of light which shoot in both directions. Beneath it there’s an unreadable furniture broken apart as if it’s made to look like some stylized signature. Standing on the furniture there’s, what might come to be believed as to be the figures of the artists, either of the band of whose the logo seems to belong, or to the artist. It was hard to notice. He was the only one who wasn’t wearing an extra set of clothes, only his coat, given to him by his mother. Of which he thought just now, he thought about her mournful soul. And what she might think of her child now, in such a dire moment. It was hard being so far away from her.

Brim had missed her so much. So, direful much that he forgot what he was doing and merely put back the weird tool he had in his mouth. He had put in his mouth as well, it was so filthy and covered in his drool. Of which he bore no spittle but some of the cement he had suckled on. There was also the weird fixation he had. He didn't tell anyone but once he removed the bricks with the screwdriver, he used the wrangled to store some of the cement into its hole for later tasting. It drove him wild, but he was mildly inclined now. Because both this peculiar thing he did and this strange conundrum he found himself in found him thinking of her.

As much as he hoped to do something that might redeem him somewhat, he was indisposed. No emotion, no connection. They turned.

There's also the importance, of.

Well, they left.

And the doctor was still there.

'Getting rid of the evidence.'

It was the time and the room. It shook upon his boot.

First he looked at what to share. A transcript of skin, a parchment upon which he but noted every dead and every man that's been used and use to be and knowing. Of but little known and little worth. Lo and there, he approached and read. Upon the filthy look and seethe, he had settled upon it and looked as if it were but a strange receipt, or dead scrolls which spoke to him, for every man torn apart had known, at last of what had cast. Upon a watch and dreaded cast, their names had spoke of future lost. Upon the dead seas they walked, through the uncanny mists that were pushed through pressure. And atoms of diseased through the broken atmosphere, that'd be.

What appeared to be a tear in the sky, whence but the largest and the highest buds would grow to be. Lumped together, holding one another, as if they made, but a peculiar structure, as rounded as the dome on top of a Castilian Church, torn for gaps and let alone, missing gaps. Held by strange a stone, and would to be wreathing out of the pliant cones which entered it. There was no end to see. And this was but a man's plight, for he had seen in, walked alone. Entered the structure upon a single throat-a-leg, his body largely warped and absorbed then given form on top the hollows, where he wasted away. He had been Anthony Chissao.

The next name on the list, had been but Thesse Offyolke, who had been stopped, an appointment were not for his eyes. He's been taken around and would see no lust, been taken away. And arms but wrapped around and would to be away if it were not for what was dragging him. For what he had seen, or what would've been was but the light which constantly poked into his eyes, leaving but a largely flattened tuba-gut, of hardened touch underneath the small cone of flat ground he could look upon, the dark strides were just as much revealed. Before he neared but a stretch, which drew around him, but a broken lobe instead would torn the sides. He would stare at two cliffs on every side, as they only grounded, many-steel like grasps had torn the teeth that were the land, inwardly as if he was to be chained by their tips and torn apart by wild horses. And they were just as bloated, fatter by the likes. Through them he had finally

saw it. The missing link and would be benign. Once the light had settled down, they revealed themselves as soft, then of a mind, they spat from inside of them.

Out their guts and then around, would. Organs hidden, they should. Spat but the primate-shapes and would be brought to a gist that was lost.

The doctor asked for another name. It was at this point that he was being fed them, thought he could not explain what went on through his head when asking, or whether listened to.

Or the table bathing in what appeared to be steam.

He'd seen her vision, and would pierce chimes, and flat a long-bridge. Stretched but the many grates, of strange-circular heaters, and those whom were dead, beneath them, always in heaps. Always trying to reach the light, and see the winds and clouds within reach. She was but facing a figure, one made of gray patches, put on top a human but at long last cast out and watched as they but spread around him, would to be aware that they would pop. Inside that invisible hold his face started floating away, every other part as well until they rotated and would become just as the patched, parts being refurbished as it created, that pole, erected and misguided. Shot out there, in the sky where a small box would stand and cry. And in it there were the lesser ones taken from below. As the Alma Shread forgot to look yet, she was a cloud.

Bastard thing the other saw, a patch of black, like smoke of puffs. Drawing near in a carriage, ended. On top of it, he but satiated the twists of many umbrellas intertwined with the heads of giant skinned wolves which were alive and ever breathing. Would to turn, they stopped to mourn. As they spat but children dreamed by roses, pink and mourned for red. Crimson within their eyes as they skin had become skin, taken inside a ground that was but pulling up and dragging down the murk. Fellicity Imson, she also dreamed of such peculiar formations, pillar-altars, which shot in every direction as if entered a grave. Upon the heads of which men of flowers would cover the wounds with dirt so beetles and worms would have what to eat once they were gone.

A freighter only in the bottom shape, upon a frozen solid sea of murk, and dirt had cast but many thorns in the surrounding areas, which gripped the lower half. From the top but a solid berg, of which ice had been contorted and twisted until it was one of them. In his side there would be at least a heart which grew aside, beating in and out, then to be sure, it lead to four adjacent holes in the area encompassed by this little bubble of orange-gray they were in. At the tip four malignant whips erected, postulating on top the open basins. Rains would pour out, largely inverted, as it would rain but black within. Though his body was spared, living inside was what worn him out as well. He could but not wait his due, Thomas Beacon had but lost his head in that realm and just his feet as well as his gun.

Only a trunk and a half an arm remained on one side, the other parts missing, which only became even more suspicious as the doctor missed him.

'You're the only one who checks out Thomas.

I think that's you.'

Pyrroute said it. Though he was taking his well endowed time; this would very much be a failure if he missed or cast his insides out on a whim. 'I hope there's no such thing as resentment in the after-life, especially for those who harmed you. I'd like to feel that.

I think we met before. I think I worked on you as well. I think I fixed you.'

But he could hardly imagine what his head looked like, or any of the missing parts. There was no mess and there was no mass there. It looked like it was but a fashioned marble painted on slab. He could not do this alone now, yet, his eyes, beyond the glasses looked vaguely empty, his pupils dilated, not at the first touch of a scalpel as one would expect but thinking.

He had but done wrong by him. And there was no way to get back at the man. This fresh strand of guilt did not belong to a doctor, nor would it have anything to do with him. He had but made it clear ever since he started, what he was, what he'd do. Here it was, standing in front of him, with little more than an ear to him, listened to in silence.

'I think we're both here to blame, Thomas.

No offence, but I think you're the greatest company I've had for a while. My time may be running out, but I still think we got a connection, somehow, I could fix you.

If I was given the time, and the means, you'd never be alive by any means, but I concede no point and I shall take no part in your further slaughter.'

He had but made a cut made sure the blood looked fresh. There was none inside of him. Only the white dust of marble resting upon his broken scalpel and nothing more; which made him of the idea that there was nothing more to hid any longer. He'd already slit some of the names off the list, just so he could make sure no one would come to know them, or realize they were more. Truth be told, they were all there, in the cabinet, and the desk and his hidden safe. But those would have to stay, for further preservation. It was a conflicting thing in his mind, his pride in a way. How much he wanted to keep his prize yet destroy it completely. To make sure none of it would be traced to him.

But then again, who was out there? Was there anyone left past the cold? There was certainly no way to check or even hear about it. And they've already been given a head-start to find out about it on the radio. It was always too awkward for him to understand or see past his head. He was but, thinking. Where were the dead? Why was no one talking about them?

Conflicting information; first radio message said.

'Radio listener, of the FM Broadcast Bold-Caroooo!

We sadly come to the final days of the podcast now as we came to the realization that there will be no world out there.

Everyone will be dead. No one will make it past the cold. We're being met by a new Ice age from which there will be no survivors.

The military and the environmental reports as well as the ever so conflicting weather predicaments and hard winds further confirm the fact that neither one of us will survive.

But there is still time to donate as much as you can, as, for the last days of your existence ought to be spent listening to perhaps what may as well be the last voice of humanity.'

Second radio message, twenty days later. This happened.

'Good god, we survived the initial hard-winter come-around, dear listeners.

We can now proudly announce that our survival tactics so far have been successful by every possible account that may be. With that said, there's dire news along the way.

Unfortunately for you, dear listeners, most of the television access has been finely restricted and highly censored in order to prevent another anarchy Renaissance that might instill chaos among the still secluded homes that have yet to be resupplied along neighborhoods.'

Large break followed with the names.

'Where was I? Oh, right, all channels have been replaced by strict, short replays of military announcement and further safety concern instructions that should serve the less fortunate in their endeavors to survive.

With that out of the way, while you spend the actual last days of what seems to be the last moments humanity seems to bear with; dear listener, how about some mesmerizing grooves from the seventies to further warm your soul while your outsides gets encased in a tomb of cold stone?'

It was hard to tell whether or not they were selling snake-oil to profit or whether or not there was any confirmed death. The hospital was not out of reach either. It was stuck in a constant loop of supply receival while also getting a new influx of patients who somehow found their way there. Always, without a break and without a second being taken off the clock while doing so.

Leprous stench, it seemed likely to have drawn from wherever it could, always of a mind of its own, the scent was null, foul and full of itself. Always coming on through reeds, always edifying what it could before coming in. They were drawn then, at the moment, when they sounded the alarm. And various shouts emerged before he had gotten there, only to be able remember but naught. For what was going there, always of a mind to spare, there were lost dreams that could not be; wouldn't belong to them.

A few men approached at first, briskly cutting the corner. It was evenly set, whomever walked but dead and would go forth, the strongest. They had been avoided, yet along the way. Twenty more steps, not to say.

'Come in already, stop slacking doc.'

Brim was the first one to greet him. But most importantly Dock was of a mind that didn't make any sense. He was but cut around the finger and wouldn't understand why they were there. Hiding in the one place they'd look, the supply room.

'Listen, I don't like this either, doc. You know me as one who suffers of claustrophobia, but.'

He stopped in order to listen to the sounds.

White pavement locks on the floor, they elevated the second one and pushed around unfathomable gore-boxes until, at the end of the storage room there seemed. Within their grasp and reach, to open; then entered the façade of a door; but came to see, within eye-to eye the reach, he bore.

But a strange device, the end of a land-mower, in his chest, pushed around, with many tongues a haughty, they were but drawn to this singers of which faced was lances, cut-through paper trails of ruddy skin that melted. A heap on the beck of its chest, he but managed to drawn then in as well.

‘Come to see already of my wrong-doing?’

‘What have you done so far?’

‘I’ve but listened to the fading sound around the tracks. There’s a light down there.’

But he only pointed at a hole with a ladder, leading to a single candle light.

‘You need to go down there, I promise, you’ll be safe.’

Although neither of them could listen to it speak for more than it was necessary, let alone, would their hearts shine through it and be lost. He had drawn them there such as the likes of a Faustian pact, a such. But the soul in exchange for safety from what would last. Denied by one another, ever so, one touched upon the subject, as Dock would know.

‘You cannot expect us to trust you, right? Look at you, deformed, inhumane creature, look-a-like and swollen, dead thing that snores in fiddles.

I cut, I could but bloat the sounds if I were forced down there, but I couldn’t deal with everyone else being so near me.’

For he feared being trapped and having to listen to them for more than was needed had never crossed his mind.

‘Interesting, why do you suppose we’re here then?’

‘I don’t know, but I suppose you’re supposed to have a clue, isn’t that so?’

‘Maybe, maybe not; but either way, that fiend is not to be trusted.’

‘Then neither of us will go down the ladder then.’

‘Very well, it’s settled.’

Enough was said that it shouldn’t matter whether they went in one direction or another, or settled there, foaming, with the brick in sight. It looked as if it followed through.

‘Careful, Brim, don’t go near it. You know what happens when you do. And I wouldn’t like being the one, who, you know, touches it.’

‘Bad things happen when you touch the brick, Brim, listen to the doctor.’

No one else joined in. It was only Dock and. Hard to see. Hardly mattered in any case. They were neither there for pleasure nor for business, and either one of them, in his place would’ve smashed the brick with a jack-hammer if they were so closely inclined to do so. It was that initial mindlessness which pushed them to ask.

‘Who was watching him?’

The creature disappeared and, as bizarre as it sounded, it look both its ladder and its candle. Though it was still dim-lit around the place, as if this were, but, as strange as it was peculiar, a surgery-room light above their heads. It would impede any progress through, as if they were but close to being dead or paid a mind that wasn’t theirs. Days went by that way, or they could go. Unless someone shoved a foot up the door-frame, a few grams around each elation, they were but a happily married couple, all of them. If that made any sense.

‘So it’s unanimous then. We all agree that we need to stamp it out and leave.’

‘Why isn’t the brick moving?’

Can it even hear us?’

‘Silence, everyone!’

Thus spoke Pyrroute, he had but a minute mind that would’ve made him leave if they hadn’t learned of him as to mind. Now he was being constantly watched. It wasn’t helpful, but it had to be so.

‘I think, I think we have a greater problem here, listen.’

They all partook in this strange ritual he asked them to be a part off. It was sudden and in some way, senseless. It didn’t make much of a difference.

It was some kind of adhesive he noticed. Before everyone else could even put their eyes on it, he saw it first. An inorganic thing, not the cement or the peculiar bubbling thing that came out of the brick but something else; a new addition that was there for no reason whatsoever, wailing even. Confusing pores and tiny bubbling bulbs appeared to be barely noticeable.

‘It’s as if I thought, they entered through the brick-house, most likely broke through her as well.’

‘Damn brick-woman sold us off, doc.’

‘Calm down Brim, it’s still too early to draw any kind of conclusion, you know that. Now, breathe in and listen to me.

All of you, take a few steps back. I think it’s safe to say that we’re in a dangerous spot. Yet, the safest.’

‘How is that so?’

‘The way I see it, if we head outside, we’re going to be followed around like they are, the men who were rushing through the halls from the outside with the newly brought in patients. They’re not aware of their presence yet.

Which leaves us in a tightly locked supply room that’s but bare of ration and in-between both sides, which means that we’d be sitting ducks waiting to be flanked from both sides.’

‘You don’t know that.’

Ophelia said, she looked at the doctor’s eyes. Still dilated.

‘Plus.’ She continued, now vaguely unnerved as well. Both of her arms were interlocked, then released, suddenly. ‘We’re in the open now, aren’t you?’

‘And?’

‘And, as I was thinking, that means that sooner or later, something like this could happen, that thing, whatever it was. It could appear again. That never happened outside.’

‘What about the nursery?’

‘That’s different, that’s different, those weren’t human to begin with.’

‘I think she does rise a good point.’

The doctor said. ‘But, we’ll have to take our chances here, do you understand? Otherwise, who knows what might happen next. I stand to think we’re truly running out of options if we wait. Either there or here, so.’

‘What then?’

They thought. Judging from the general direction from which the brick came. If someone were to look at the emergency plans, the brick must’ve come from the north-eastern corner, going straight ahead north-west, at the middle of which it began turning south whereas it went straight down where they currently rested. But if that was so, it meant that the front of the room the doctor was, on which slab lay the body, the missing head would point towards the general direction in which the supply room was. And as they had initially entered, their right arms would point right back at the throat, upon the entry, without having considered the fact that they may’ve turned around. That direction also being, further than the south, then a straight stretch up-front towards the western side, where the exit was as well as where the patients and the men came out off.

Regardless of it, there was something else the matter. They were there for some reason or another, of wont.

‘We’re going to have to move along the lines.’

There were no insides, or inner frames behind the structure.

As it happened, they merely walked through the dim-lit barely traversable rooms that were out of power. There was no need to refer to anything else but the hollow.

Out in the open, different side, a little flock was moving around, without understanding what went on through their heads. Always missing and always dead.

‘Why must we spend our time here then?’

‘Here, my screwdriver. I don’t have.’

‘I think I got a light.’

They walked on foot, under the light of matches.’

Something wrong about the hospital, and the hospice rancid, rooms unlit, they walked on their feet and crawled like babies. One at a time, with Pyrroute in the middle, at this point, out of everyone, Brim was the only one who managed to get his hands on what he wanted. The brick was there, as opposed to it being anywhere else.

It had to be said, eventually. The voice from the radio never came from the radio, it was divine. Every radio in the hospital was broken. Every hospital in the world was just as broken as the radio. There was no voice. And it seemed likely that everyone bore an implant beneath their ears, which came through, with the snail-long eye tail behind their drums, into their guts, forming smaller fetus-plants with the face of deformed flies bearing small helmets of bone-cartilage. They were the ones speaking, always.

Doctor Pyrroute knew that. He had extracted his and managed to use a small knife to put an end to him. A scar was left on his chest, going as far as to cross his side and get around his throat as well as his face. They were walking, still. Another thing, one of the Ones that were inside the room, they’ve already acquired the patients on the bed. As a matter of fact, they were an off-shot, on the side from being dead. And they looked like it. For all intensive purposes, they were caught by their ankles and moving with a strange convulsion. Flat blobs beneath beating the corpses on top, marching in weird formations, crossing bridge-fat people who allowed themselves to be walked on. And all of this happened in the dark.

They bore multiple eyes that absorbed the dark in, constantly, yet they could not take it away. That’s how they knew where to go and what to avoid. Seeing these strange vacuum illusions in the dark appear. Out of nowhere, a their feet, they’d near something close, the clog. Inside their guts, they’d know it. Eventually they’d come. Within the coming of a step, Jonathan Culprit suddenly rose, not by his choice, but he was forced to do so in the air. His chest had wreathed out, he was pulled inside that dark cloud, and pulled in as if he were in outer-space, but stopped. What he did to him. In the likes. Was but take the bulk of his chest which hid the dark of his insides. While in that tiny area where there was a gap, where a peculiar incision mark was done, everything was pulled in, as a raisin.

His head had bobbed, his skull and brain, his heart, and everything else started reeling in until he was withdrawn by the dark itself, whom grabbed what it could when ripped the pieces apart.

‘Don’t go near it.’

‘He’s killed our friend.’

‘He was disposable, now move.’

‘We’re going to die.’

‘And we will do it unless you shut your filthy mouth.’

Now leave, go on, slowly.’

They were but for an eye’s worth not trying to get into it. They lost the upper hand, they couldn’t see them but felt their long arms extend and grasp everywhere around them.’

‘Relax, they’re flaccid, numb. I can still feel the effects of the sedative having taken place. There’s no certain way they’ll be able to make it through this.’

‘You sure about it?’

‘Deadly certain.’

Or at least that’s what he hoped for. He was in for teeth and bit in, then spat. They all saw it. They all moved a step again, as to distance themselves as quickly as they should. Neither of them was able to make it. Nor would they understand how to decipher what he said.

His mouth looked reeled in like a slice of meat. Mean arcs could be seen on it, projected, like tiny blots of mockery, teeth were gone but still jittering around as if they were but little spirits of their own. They were tired, it was too tiresome to accept, especially since there was no reason yet to accept it.

‘We’ll be dead within the hour.’

Outside the hallway, the dim-lit, highly colored lights of awe, where they kept the other patients. Every new-comer, many, child, pregnant-woman were tied to a giant box-like carnival- hope, darkened by black foam as its edges were crisp and bubble-like, slightly enfolded in the most peculiar seething blends. They were there, in part, in head, in eye and fingers which were made inside of them. The foam only stretched, there was no point in seeing the wheel turn around but keep them yet sunken. Some of them were worn as well, they could be seen by their eyes. Drawn away, they could but dream in silence.

‘We have another cargo, at least eighty of them, today.’

‘Put them in the same place. I think, eventually they’ll settle in. We could eat after.’

They put spoons in their peculiar-square beds. On top of every single one but wax-statuesque cysts, so they could spread on top of them. The wheel of the carnival was pleased. It sang disease. At times it wouldn’t do to spare. They could but rip away a foot.

‘Saw it, we need to feed the children of the walls.’

As soon as he opened his mouth and referred to them, they came out. With strange platform like organic receding flatness, they were put down and lowered as if on lichen antlers-curved oil extractors, which were attached to their backs like wrapped around the web insects eaten in part, their heads but came out, every single time, but hung out as if they were but the heads of suits, revealing nastily elongated thing

fingers which picked off from the distance, lunging at the human parts. Eaten what they were given, while in fear of what the men might do if they were caught.

‘Don’t overextend, you hear? Just because you’re children, that doesn’t mean I won’t go hard on you. I shall be elated ever so more if I were to chop parts of you and put you so.’

Back into the hole and throng of agony where disgust was but a bloated trap, iron-wrap, on one of their backpacks, the Hospital guards were armed. They bore radio-waves. In this case, they very much existed and kept the leprous-brains from falling off. A lobe was chipped off, but the brute didn’t notice. He was not fair skinned but a dark-dead cold purple gray which only lead to one eye that was read and one that was white. This applied to every guard in sight.

Eventually they would lose their sight in one of them, since the coagulation would eventually blind even the best man who could not prevent that from happening. Always, and always lock the doors. They turned but could not understand. For what was, moreover to be called, a bore of trunks-solid disappearing hollows in the ceiling, being caused by the wind, they finally shut the door up and saw the children weep out of pain and the deranged act which took away everything from them. This was undeserved. They spat everything they could and hid inside the nerves of the air-shafts, slowly dragging through the absent dark, the ceiling almost gone, where they lay now, pulled in part. Stuck on their way out.

‘You should’ve. Nevermind.

At least be glad everyone here is fine. I can’t think of any better day to put this on, but.’

He took another pill.

‘Are you all right Clerk? Still haven’t got used to the job, have you?’

‘Never, I will never be able to do it; I can’t think of any better day. I think I’m missing something, I think it’s my hands, you understand?’

Of course he couldn’t. He was washed-up. All too swollen around the arms, the saw had entered him and did not cut. That was a bag sign. He could already see the body-scans detecting it, having been absorbed by him, within his molecules being iron, or some kind of malignant unidentifiable alloy that would tear him to shreds. It was ever-so near him now. Always to his mind, he wore his skull out and his face, half on a shoulder, half on the other, like a part, from which there came out his half-nose, his teeth froze and part of the jaw. Yet he didn’t mind the way he looked. Now.

To deal with them.

‘Say, Clerk, since you’re the guest of honor, what can we do to them?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘Do we put them out of their misery or can we hope the carnival will take them home.’

Where, on the other side they would be hanged, and made to dance erect as the lower throats would be removed, and bodies thin but grow roots channels from the top, spread and filled with malignant blood vessels that float, blimps which bear the faces of the carnival servants and those who rose inside them.

For no one would attend the carnival, they were not there to entertain a thing. But look upon the wheel fiend off which spines were but the cylinder which pushed them in, bodies very much impaled. Praying that the forests stopped moving, as they did, through the fence and through them, as if they were never to be stopped, always moving, then disappearing as if on command.

Where the sky was but a giant sun, of which light stopped being produced but was being slowly eaten as if in part. From it they would constantly seek satisfaction as they'd see the various pits formed in. Wept by the cherubs dancing, the buildings of disease falling in. Of which plot was but no land. Fall would be destruction, if they made it that far, before crumbling from the pressure.

There was a lightless hope that followed through, it managed to flow through them, and seep inside their thinner troughs.

'We cannot allow them to get past that point. We already lost twenty of them, at the back of the cradles.'

'They're not fish and we're not on top of a fishing boat.'

Yet the patients were tied on nest and would await for something to happen so. And as such they but listened to the walls, which told them, if anything at all, don't try a thing, don't break a wind and careful. They will see you every move, even your slightest wink.

'Well, I concede then.

You take charge.'

Clerk would not be denied, nor could he understand how was it that they refused to say anything at all. He was taken of a notice then pushed around to leave the room.

'Think about it.

And lock the damn door on your way out, do you understand?'

'Good morning, I love you.'

Sweet lord, she was there. Right next to the door, his face was bare, and barren, seeing his wife. But she was but a single leper, on the body of a moving rock of strange contorted beings that were merely settling inside her vivacious nest. As she finally spread her arms, like the sight of a bubonic death, the angle of a deathless haze, had suffered no less than to throw the mask from on top its face. Despite the distance being ever-so near, it threw a speck of dust across its body, which was thrown across the floor until nobody found him after.

Clerk was but drawn to it, the strange rooted speck of a spear, which had squashed the heads, inside its nest, of every being, only to draw it here, at the head-point to be. Where it speared away the body of Clerk, before he could see.

They were left in there, to decide.

'This should count as a deicide. I cannot be thrown down there, I cannot, I am, but a.'

His voice was lost, instead he'd spare.

Back into the dark they moved. This was an authorized area they shook and entered through. It was such a hard desire they felt, being drawn there. Ahead of them, lay but a click. It was revealed, they were in.

'Does no one lock their doors any longer?'

'How do you suppose we've come to this in the first place?'

Radio announcement? At this hour? No, it wasn't that, it was a codified message, that was placed under the desk, they pulled out the lamp only to see a name embed on.

No, not a name, miss-sight.

'Let me see this, Ophelia, I'm trying.

It's not a name, woman, it's a number.'

That was the reason for the confusion, the first initials ASN. Eight-six-four-zero-zero-zero-three-five-eight-four-eight-one-one, it was read out loud. They didn't know the meaning yet, but it was that sudden hinge which was suspicious.

'How did you know it was going to be there, Ophelia?

IT was the first thing you thought off checking.'

They were unaware of it year, closing off the second city, closing the eight one, closing every major city out of cold. Collage-bones put through her. Large dead-cold, everywhere around, years spent in death, always there. Tiny schools blocked, no partitioned world, but voices dead spoken at last. Homes being broken, unwashed clothes and a mark on every man and torn child, a man feared for his wife, his child, ever so-called through by the hospital. But every time they called back, dead-ends. Madison was near-death, pneumonia stuffed inside her bed. Various discussing men, always talking of the possibilities of a fire-den.

The woman tired on her back, sipping on a block of coffee, stop. The first set of confusing weeks took a toll on every one's mental toll. Every car blocked, walked around, old people dead, spoken to. Always taking the lead, walking like heard out of on their feet in order to spare. Resources were sparse, swearing. Potatoes-supplies being spread; old lady put around in a small fence, and put through with her head it, stomped, into the gutter, head-first. Lost value for every mark; entered ten million dead-first to be heard of.

Everyone had to eat, everyone was a despot. Heaviness on the fridges, unable to breathe, they begged and worshipped them, if only they would start spreading heat. Feet and food until a week's worth was gone. No one could go far, past the walls of icicles and touched for scum-plots. No one could understand what happened through. Or where they went around and what to do.

Winds were but spreading on, and each time they begged for something to come. It wasn't winter yet, but it would go colder. Wild men carrying their motorcycles in, trying themselves as they would put the fire

canisters out, on a whim, against the open stoves, looking with pride, at flower-pots, broken to side, by little pebbles as they played around to pass the time.

‘One of these days, I’ll ride on a patch of fire.’

‘That’s not snow.’

‘What?’

‘It’s not ice, it’s not snow, I don’t think you understand the situation we’re in.’

‘Straight, on, get down.’

A single tiny rock had almost broken down the window. At a sound, they looked, a bullet, shot right through it. On both sides.

‘You saved me.’

‘Only by chance, I was startled. It went on by itself.’

They stared at it, inside the shattered window, the cracked rock, there stood two bullets that were met and blocked.

‘We won’t have to fix the building anymore.’

‘That’s great, at least we’re getting somewhere, I think.’

Of all the days this couldn’t have been worse.

Inside the doctor’s office, various edifices on every book and every single thing placed around and placed on top the mannequin, the knighted armor, the anatomy model, the man who was as soulless as he seemed, but very much alive and schizophrenic, the statue, and the drawn human on the wall. All of whom were but looking around, while trying to eat what they could before their time had come, and let alone approached.

It was a strange cocoon sight, like statuesque-larvae embryos erected from the ground, upon which texture stretched the ground and hands and arm, the man and every object in the room as well. Their eyes were but out of air. They were out of reach. The sky was out of their stretched fingers and on to them, always watching how they pushed and wreathed. Every object in the room floating immediately as to make it past them, while, through their weird projections, fingers would wrap. Everyone veered towards the floating lamp.

Before the watch, every statue and every man, every mannequin and every figure was but not affected, split instead, they stood like giants surrounding the cocoons, trying their hands as to wrap and fashion them around in order to be through. Formed, and looming ever closer, they but made to stay. A hand remained and would’ve come their way to crush and touch. Better watch what appeared to be, their head split off, they wanted. But to destroy the lamp before they darted towards the numbers.

‘Memorize then, we need to memorize then.’

An echo rose, and was heard through every curve and small head-hill which pushed around. No one wanted to see it happen, how they gutted, their surroundings stop it. Dock thought, this needs to stop.

‘I can’t stand it.’

His sight deformed and it commenced. They were slowly drawn together, making the head-leap before they reached it. All but trapped, like bitter lice-leeches, inside the bodies then.

But he was out, with the lamp in his hand, they jeered then, and hardly spared, not a single second would go to waste without them struggling as hard as they could, shaking off the feeling that they should not be there.

‘Perfect, I think nothing could’ve come as close to this. No, it couldn’t have. I’m glad we stumbled upon this room. Now I can perform my experiments on you.’

‘We helped you.’

‘By slowing me down.’

‘You cannot do that to us, you’re not a monster.’

‘As most bodies I seem to work up end up becoming marble. Therefore, I do not think either of you is alive.’

I need a confirmation.’

‘Start with me, sick-o!’

‘I was going to start working on you Brim and for that reason, I had you prepared. If you were to spare a sight and look below your belt, above it and right around the chest, as well as the pest that is on top your shoulder, you’ll see it.’

Ah, he noticed. Pyrroute had already implanted a metallic cartilage inside his chest. It started growing on multiple sides already, or mightily spread more likely. He had been, unkindly set on trying to ask and wagered something would happen if he only pulled him off it.

‘It’s like a tiny life-support machine, I think. Don’t think too much about it now, I’m simply going to pull it.’

Before they could protest, the wraps came around their mouths as if wrongly put and spaced, as they entered through their gums, digging even deeper inside until they forced the mandible out. Their insides jack-o-lanterns by the looks of it, at least a carved-in top of roof of their mouths, formed as the weeping scum-tumor of a sound-making machine which started forming in the area of their nostrils, cranial-space and the mouth, connected with the ear implant. Only the fetuses would talk.

Ophelia-child spoke first.

‘I must apologize for interrupting you for this is the Radio talking.’

But we’ve come upon a strange realization.’

‘You’re breaking off, you broke character.’

‘It doesn’t matter any longer, Pyrroute will listen either way.

As I was saying, this is the Radio talking. You may be inclined to stop what you’re doing there and wait for a little while.’

‘What for? I’m the lord of the mundane, I shall go on with this as I please.’

‘All right. You may think that now, although in a few hours, you will regret killing everyone in this room. Look around you.’

‘I know what you’re trying to do, Ophelia, Radio, whatever it is. This isn’t going to work. That thing about being caught between two flanks, It was merely a bluff.’

‘You’re sweating.’

‘I’m not.’

Yet he looked at them. He wasn’t as sure of his safety as he had been before. Since, it appeared like the split statues were, still barely put together on both sides. They were close to falling off at any second now. And it didn’t serve much to worry about them getting off since he realized how inevitable it really was.

‘I could kill them, then leave. Neither of them is going to trust me from this point on.’

‘We never have.’

Ham Stowe said, he was but unaffected by that little thing inside the side of his gut. He appeared to completely ignore it after that.

‘A few more pushes and we’re off. We’re not your enemies.

Listen, open the door and make a run for it. After they break through, there will be a haze and nothing more. You need to understand that there’s no other chance for you to make it. Kill our hosts, we’ll shout.’

‘And bring on what?’

‘Don’t you know?’

‘I’d rather not.

I’d rather not talk about it now. I don’t think I like it here, fine, you’ve got yourselves a deal. We’ll shake it through.’

‘Only when we see each other again.’

‘Lock the door.’

On the way out, not more than it should take them, there were the pyre-structures, enfolded and encrusted, floating up and down like spores. One of them was there, waiting for him. It opened, he went in. There

was a seat-with worm-like needles. He took the pain while they entered in. Bleeding only when asked to, there.

Then came the walking out, on the centrifugal force being thrust again the wall inside their guts and hearts; incapable of hearing, they were but made out of a piece and refused to understand what went on.

Two men were in a room, there was supposed to be a doctor in.

Farther than this, farther, surrounded by eight dim-lit un-powered doors, forgetful of what was going on. A man with a watch attached to his gut passed the hour. He was there, unable to think of anything else. His tongue was ripped. He pulled away, and would see whether or not her life still poured out.

‘I don’t know what to say.’

‘Check her pulse again. I think she should be checked.’

‘Then you check her then, I’m too tired.’

‘Blasted buffoon, did you forget the reason behind us being here?’

‘No, have you?’

He pulled a gun, aimed at the patient, unloaded it, only a slug remained. Splashes away against one of the documents attesting for the MD, his face being taken away, they didn’t know what to do.

‘I won’t leave this room.’

His soul and body deteriorated then. They were both of one piece, struck together as it seemed unlikely for either, or. Put on a charade, played with themselves, before the clock spanned eight. It was time to decide. What was to be done about her, now that her eyes were open and she came to move on.

‘I don’t think it’s going to happen.’

She was still there, listening, becoming the trough, as if on a planet, turned around, her body but a jelly, of a cut. With many slices everywhere around, as her body became tiny long-thin legs. She moved around the room for a while, drawing every object she could, seeing it dwarfed by the strange weight the room forced on top of them, it pushed itself down. Only but a few meters in. They were desperate to get a word in but would not listen.

‘Ah, I see, there must be a reason for either of you to be here, shouldn’t there?’

‘Who’s that?’

Bump on the shoulder, his hand wrapped on the pad, he pointed not at the strange pirouette, but at the conflated eyes and mouth and crow’s nest head which drew from the wall as if from pudding. Its eyes were split and from inside rose smaller feet, like hers. Extending ever closer as she was being taken home.

‘Thank you for returning my child. You must be blessed. I bless you.’

‘Well, you don’t need to thank us.’

Woman still bleeding off her forehead; it was pleasant looking, tasting her. It was so sudden. But each of them got a lick. Salt, like coins, or bags of sand, felt everywhere around her body before she was pulled back. Both of them only waved back at it as he was destined not to return. A cheerful match, the Hossgrd tried shooting the thing off the wall. Seeing stains of sand-like gut, pouring out slowly, it was not as expected. They would seethe in their place for a short period of time before it erected itself backwards and left to space.

‘I eat horses.’

He is but trying to pull off the wood-carpet and the curtain main while trying to expand. A room would be made in the dark. They but both realized that with her out of the way, there was time to fill out, somehow. But most importantly, they had to fill the other rooms with light.

‘You grab one end, I’ll grab the other.’

That is how they picked up the light, as they started carrying it over to the other room, slowly replacing the dark, until they had been done. Then.

Stay back.

All of the sudden he unleashed a spray and pray, and many to convey a bullets along the way between the walls, crushing them before he could even come upon them and stumble on his feet, at all. He didn’t understand how they came upon it. Always marching in wrong directions; they detested the reaction and would to be, not understand where they spent their times in. Little more.

‘On the right. I think that should do it.’

They were but messing with the switch now, once the wall had been remodeled, it was after all, an enclosed great structure. Made out of touches and put-together set-behind, wrapped round heads that ate what they could. In doubt they tried to advance through the dark once paranoid struck in. There was no good light surrounding them, touching, only the one that got infested by the such a long absence of light, that could not be dealt with. By no means were they prepared for what was about to happen there. Ripped apart, in shred and leg, without remembering who touched them yet. As for the bubbles that could not be seen, they were but theirs and pulled, but thin. Against a room, in the distance, the hit could be heard. It started bouncing around, hitting it, again and again until their bodies turned, and men detested, patients awakened, all in shambles. Peace brought to ruin. Before they could awake from what they were doing, chaos emerged.

Someone had also been present during this scene of disaster, a truck driven in through the hospital wall, ridden through as it managed to almost crush the pillars holding the second floor from running in. The dilapidated structure shook. A duck was sprawled upon the dust window-sill, the pane being barely removed. A pond in front of it and now, open lighters, held by rotten hands, and on the other side, skeleton. In the pond, the ducks were dressed in bodies of geese, determined to survive, despite having the head light pointed at them. Malignantly inclined to move out of the way, they almost shattered. No surroundings could deal with what was going on or what was the matter.

They were cut off the other side of lake, in it but poured something as falsely flat as but origami ducklings in a dissatisfied rake. Shapes were humble, but one of the men survived. He pulled off the lighters off and managed to pull himself back together, right from being ripped apart. He had but one wish, to go away. When the time had drawn near, he would not satiate but a single thirst to have him lay where he stood.

‘Damn it, damn it, damn it, come in.

Is there anyone here?’

Rolled up the windows on both sides, both dead-men on a seat, curtain-blinds, dark inside. A melon-doll with one bright head, it pointed to the right. And right ahead.

A knock on the window, two followed through, pushing against the small rear-view, with his chest, his leg on the other side, another one twenty miles ahead, standing. Fat, growing, deformed, contorted, pushing out, as it slowly revealed a small lighted sting inside of it, coming out, slowly. It dreamed, and from its dreams came a nightmare. Surrounded by a light, and a small pair of colored dots which presented themselves, thrown against the invisible walls surrounding it, the leg stood as if posed for a shot. Multiple photos being taken of it, until blood sang inside, where it started dashing over, with the pane of its surrounding dragged through, as a parachute would, all tied up. Dark specks, still forming, wild ones, shapes, blocks and inside of one a man arose. It wasn’t the same one but the one who planted his face in froze since he knew little of what was going on.

‘You’re free to leave at any time, no one’s stopping you.’

He said at last, but he made his mind, he wouldn’t open the door now. A few more steps in before it stopped. The fake painted wall but cut the man speaking. He wasn’t of a mind to spare anyone of what he was hearing. If he willed it so, the entire grand room would light itself on. As if on a flash, a bang and a lighter, then they’re done.

‘It’s the cafeteria.’

The man had noticed. And it was no different than what he expected it to be. A small light parchment of water coming out as drool, the truck was but struck again, it wouldn’t move. Twisted in the key, won’t start. He is not of a mind, his ear is gone.

‘I’m going to drive it into the wall. Don’t try anything.’

His hand was on but he refused to twist since he knew he would be closely looked onto, and he’d be put at peace. Sooner or later in any case.

There wasn’t much, there was lot. Empty tables, looks of inmates that weren’t there; he wondered just what kind of hospital this was. More likely, shattered hospice. All too kindly, always of a mind, blithely, impolitely he knocked on the door and asked for him to allow him but a single entry. His shoes were tied in head and the dead. Were there, always.

Two feet above, it was as much not, a thin space. Hardly able to crawl inside, moving through it, wild surroundings, parts sealed, on every single side. The spot that was looked for was that. Green door, or a small dome, where they all hid it, explosive started. Another piece fell off, this great one appeared to

release a stairway somewhere in the attic-platter. The rounded-drop. The cylindrical-head. IT was had to explain. It looked like the drop of a single giant finger which suddenly curved its last segment over. Flipping off some of the stone off and pushing it deeper into one of the robed for people of the grave. Cement-dead, plenty of them, not a morgue entirely, but where they threw them. An open space, where they gathered. Placed on living bodies that moved about but had no head, instead machines worked them. Carrying the corpses on their backs, while being impaled by spikes.

And the entry leading to the spot was revealed by the explosion and the fall. This was nothing short of a displaced escalator, which pulled them near but never past it.

What appeared to be a large meeting spot was actually but the entry-way to the old-town, the old city, the hold hospital being only eight blocks stopped on top of one another. Flimsy looking.

All too much.

Noise turned them into deranged things, as their arms but pushes them to act. Turning around like turtles as they simply splashed their spines against the metal. There was but a constant reflux that entered and came. And little more armament spread between them. It was hardly some place to be. There was no one around seeing, since they were simply disjoined and pulled away from hardly seeing.

Ashes were put in jars down there, black jars with specks of words, notes and receipts hanging outside. At least twenty names for everyone who recently dies. They were jotted down by the Scribe. He was of a little mind and appeared to be worked on and pushed around. He was taken by throat. He was taken at home. He was one of the last inhabitants whom was spared by death only for it to be pulled in again on him. Beaten though and cut behind.

He heard it as well, the first sign of the truck. It kicked in, largely provoked. He could not see any hope for them being stopped, as they climbed on death-ropes. How else could they have arrived there?

Dumped from above, through a system of shafts whereas the grinders were stopped, they never knew what lay down there. No smell came out, no sign of any release. And as of yet, with this winter, or this sudden come of the cold, there was nothing they could do to prevent themselves from latching on.

‘There comes the first one.’

Of which he rose, the body of the Minister Jones was but still latched mostly obtuse. An arm entered through one spike, the other one was but lowered, his chest heaving up in a most benign manner. He could not see it. But the scribe felt something inside the man. A yellow murk that was brought by the Cleaner-Yher. There was no other thing he spoke about it. Madly sounding, the smokes were down. Then they climbed. Nothing stopped them, there would be nothing waiting for them in the front. Some stones had been stopped and made to be. Gutted out, hiding inside of them, as much could be seen.

That’s how the entered the Hospital.

They were in the room.

And bodies shattered, large in halves, but not the ones inside.

That included Brim who seemed to have forgotten about that probe inside his chest. It had a neck of hiding itself a few millimeters away while picking up whatever it could. That was but a testimony on how quick of blunt and little thought it were. Living on bread, it was just as well as one could do. Degradation touched music, there would no flutes, no pianos, not floorboards, no drum sets, no guitars, nothing, whistling consumed air and lungs, it ate them. And those who tried it spat blood. There was something blood. A telephone, an old firm that was old. Everyone in this building was old.

Regarding their stay inside, it was peculiar, waking up from this dream. Strange as it was, they could but stand on the side and listen to what went on, wondering, where was?

There was the vivisection and the large part of the Hospital which was cut while being reanimated. Parts of every single lifter, the side of the elevator, cabinets, some of the beds and a few other chairs had formed its ribs. Largely exposed as it were, there was but no question resting any longer, none that would come to mind.

Large steel valves worked the peculiar metallic long arms that wrapped themselves around it. The steel cutters were of a forge, yet they were brought there and put as if they were wrapped around a textile cutting band, plasma cutting machine slugs, all pushing down, forcing it to become naught. An outer cover, mainly wreathing, the ground splinted on every side. The door was ripped from the hinges and thrown about. Glorious thing that it were, a few cameras were destined to be put on it, while watching carefully.

How much it had wrought for itself, in that small frame of time it had been alive. With a tail formed at the end of the room, it managed to attach itself to the wall, actioning a crane-head with which it pulled a cargo door holding cell from below the ground. Many men stored in it, released as their prison was but pushed through the walls. Breaking itself apart, as the reanimated room could feel the pain, being ajar to everything, but the bolts that were pushing through her now.

And while this was but strange, sacrifices had to be made, as the cell released them as water tanks, floating through water until they finally came through between her and the slugs. They stopped advancing and but a single man managed to survive. Somehow, in a state of paralysis he could still move around and breathe, both his hands but ripping layers of skin with every grasp they took around.

Still moved by what appeared to be a knock in the distance. Within every beat, he could hear a truck outside. He died thinking someone was on their way.

But most importantly he died.

And he was the only man inside the cell that had a chance to think, without being instantly killed. Though he had suffered, he had failed to see whether or not there were other survivors. Most likely he would've thought of something, telling them. Run, towards the door. I can still see it, I think, come on.

Yet they it drew on above itself and would continue pushing on until there was but no way to stop it any longer, being drawn from the looks of it, to a special place, near which there was a nest-of colors many other reanimated rooms appeared to have flown towards, feeding on the small windows that were grown inside of it, which in turn would even further confirm that the size of the Hospital was enormous, wide-spread and would most likely house at least eighteen hundred million patients, if one were to fill every

floor, every room and every level, including the long stretches which had been used to house some of the vehicles that were in need of storage. Some of them were still there, though their heads and lights were twisted and eating from the heads of the giant patients which were in the rooms.

It was a sight which was uncanny. Since their exposed skulls and lobes appeared more like the twists of rounded hills broken at the top, vehicles being stuck in an attempt to get over them, when the time around and the strange scent of dead-men came on. No one noticed this, since, instead of being locked, the doors were hermetically sealed, chained, barricaded and proof sealed for a small bomb that might come near and go through it, something was set in there.

It wasn't explosives.

Their guts were made, fashioned and wrapped around biological sacks that pushed around them. Carrying small drills, some of them started burying themselves down, and on a whim appeared to have killed a man on their way through the air shafts. Entered through until they couldn't be helped, but aroused by it they wallowed in pain, met by the safe.

Strange documents, broken through, some files were but hounded figures which wore robes. Not as small as they appeared but hundreds of them buried near. They flocked as soon as they felt its danger. Wallowed through its pain while gathering about it, as soon as they could but surround it, then they started chew through the metal pan.

Below them, the floor was almost gone, they stood but in a shack, a world war two looking, gone around disaster looming around.

Their hands exposed, long fingers, fat but rose. Wrapped around the vehicle but shred it, before they could get it over with, its guts stood out, burnt and embed. From their slumber, they had been aroused, by the bickering cry of a broken child.

'Ah, but a jest, I've taken the heart of an infant. Now he's dead.'

'But he's a machine, is it not? '

'Of course it is.'

Therefore was it brought nowhere else.

They were but exposed, wore long claws which rose, ripped the shell to shreds, kill it before it could lay a wheel on the safe, contorted its guts, covered the hole as they restored the room to its proper standing. Then there was a plain disease, they prayed to the safe for they put in ribs. A lot of them, but lied about there being documents.

All but bore small, dry lip-textures small heads, and weird features. And would kill anyone who looked at them for too long, hence why the hatred had become; such a peculiar thing it were.

'The frog leaps from one thing to another.

The frog is my mother.

So said the Radio.'

And the peculiar structure Pyrroule walked in was but crawling away in the distance like a little cry baby. Sworn to the roots that grew around and would to do something if it got in the way and would eat a part of him unlikely to be said; they followed but a scent once they had regained their senses. It was not time to act in a deprave manner. But Ophelia had ran away by herself, she could be surrounded by her lover, who was a man who had died in a bed, ripped off from her heart. Pushed away, as she could but not understand what went on.

There she lay alone. Her sleep was but a throne, but ailed by sleep. A tightly knit she but walked around of blind surroundings. She but had come to shake and walk away. Would not convey but what to say to him, as he appeared. Not a specter, but a wince. She had met him in clothes that were of borough-wings, of soul taking, ripped away. Her heart would shatter, but she would stay.

White turns to sun-colored, as winter but becomes a desert storm.

There was the laugh, shaken through hall and hall. Toxins, everywhere, pushed down people's throats. Worsened by the weather.

'Smell, breathe, open your mouth now, an incision's about to happen. Blink if you can, I won't repeat myself. The cut's about to be incredibly deep, enough to perforate your low jaw and possible some of your inner.'

Stopped, right in the act he could not understand what entered him. He'd always be on point when it came to surgeries and this was no normal man. He was manufactured, a human of export. Born in human trafficking boxes, then attached to a lower body in the factory-oratorium, ended up here because of a concussion he seemed to have suffered on the lower back side of his arch.

It was a given that he was but pulled out of it, then messed around. Pinned on the ground and made to feel everything for himself, but this was not the right time to talk about it, nor to see.

'He needs his vocal cord reattached.'

'Why isn't he under anesthesia?'

'Natural immunity to it, perhaps? I can't tell, but his antibodies react violently to everything we've set him on.'

No IV needle into him either. His vein looked charred.

It was empty, since he was old and worn out. And set in inside, he had a plume-ball, needed to be thrown, pushed around.

The other Wednesday, he lost a worked out organ that had grown to the side of his chin. The problem as that they cleaned his bowels, his chauffeur was there, present during the surgery. His car was but destroyed. No living relatives, behind the glass-pane, cone. Numbers were hot-ironed in the glass. He was too busy reading them to care about how the man was being torn apart and made to do with. It took only a

few hours for him to kick back in the wheels and fully get it. A single thing. A dopamine pill, administered with a rack thrown against his head.

‘Theirs is no pill, only pain.’

It was plain to see that he was bleeding. Open-short sighted ends, everywhere. Frost of blinds, always he curtains.

‘I think we’re almost onto something here, attach the hooks.’

From each corner, they but pulled, as chains and pushed around the tombstones to which they were attached, dragging them over. It was warmer. Too warm, too dire, hot and cold around noon a clock. Always staring at it, half a page, a document tried on, reeled in. Watched for, and set. They were eating from inside of him, putting themselves on part with a quilt and a dead man who was drank from a star. He was dead, he was but a feet off, the trail, but looked benign.

‘Cut the pig already, I want to see some blood. I want to taste it now, I can feel it on my tongue.’

‘Long recede?’

There was no word on it just yet, they were trying themselves, but never appeared, not to be dead, or be called on them. They could not understand the intricacies of a surgery, yet they opened.

Where she was.

Ophelia thought for a few moments, she considered this and eventually saw a way out of it. Even where she neared, there was but little hope she could fear the gut-throngs she had to swim through to get to it. Around her there lay a transparent dome-like protrusion of glass-panes that formed the initial tunnel she went through. Large cacti-spike laced around throat-makers were around her, having their hands wrapped around it. Their arms were but giant-fish gripping things, which held one another by their teeth.

Peculiar head-trench, split on top as if a cannon had shot through it, leaving a trail where tears grew out of, eating what they could. It grew forth leading to the entrance to an offshoot from inside the open-side corridor pushing through one of the hospital wings.

Large platform leading to a tiny closed room, like the control chamber in an airport tower, where there is an elevator, going down a few floors, to the cargo area, in which there lay a plane covered in bloated growths of skin, spreading everywhere, within in, but the insides of a cave, leading deeper into a chasm-like tunnel that pushed down into an inner large stomach-like dirt-skin grand hall, where there’s an altar surrounded by a pool forming a ninety degree counter clockwise rotated c. Where the altar is beneath a canopy held by rib-like formation that appeared to force her into flight, she hadn’t walked there by choice but had merely levitated as she was being slowly disemboweled and reformed. A piece for every sworn for bobbling substance spectral-yellow gut-like Cain figure that entered her after.

She was but starting to recite, from every page, there were no words, but numbers, of the same kind like the ones that had been written underneath the lamp, some of which had been stolen from this and abandoned down the flight of the lightless hole she had flown through.

It was so, they had waited for her there, to absorb it all. For she was chosen, after all, of her background in mathematics and physics, be it obscure that much was known. Split apart, sunder by the minute figures spreading around her cornea as she was but trying to mess around with every pattern she could see until nothing could be stopped, the beings. Being what they were, but worn around, it was just how they saw the world through her. As they asked, to meet her equations and be met back; it was something that was almost called upon her, as a flower. Looming around to speak with them, almost instinctively drawn to them, not to lose a fraction of her mental power, but she was worn after all, used to call upon everything, nor should she. By anything else.

It was all uneven how she could not understand, and how everything worked against her before she was put in mind, to look out of the way. They would always be there, always of a piece. Always trying to get her to open her feet, which she did, the numbers called her action, but a reaction to their natural girth of putrescence, spread against the walls; ailed, the altar shattered, her body splattered but at least entered through the path. Broken through the drop itself, a cave unmade, through the control room and past the platform, in the tunnel gone, to satiate. Nothing but to stop or slow, a slough which would pierce as one would know. The distribution of diseased-nails, of skin wails, would to be heard. She still was made to rose, from the deeps of a truck, shattered and curled around as its skin emerged, and would hold her inside. As a child to be released, the others drew back, fearing, no longer to feed.

For the deity which had been released, of which form could barely be seen, only if it could mold everything in sight, to make up for everything it could grasp a hold on, not to be called after, they would be made to do, as this disaster. Had it been shallow?

It could not be so, but it had come for what it followed through and wanted to make it, before the sand had slickened in and would become but a red thing, as if the plains of Mars were become Earth.

There, the breaking of the infant shell, had release but Pyrroute as well, whom looked and was made to beg. For such a life as it had been observed, and as to make it so he understood, how close he'd been to make her shook. In plain of organs made to die. In the olfaction bore upon, the rules and laws; of every aspect of this world were made. And the radios were but the voices who called upon the veil which called him to come.

Be brought home to his world, upon which he had cast it all to whence it had been so. Buildings were but pulled to make the mass, and cover for what was lost, be put back in place as they had become him. And would to be, everything he had created were but his again. No longer trained by what appeared to be of man, edifying what could be as well. Torn to it but finally freed, and would to lose himself in the colors of Mars within.

Mars Ascalla then had spared the little man, the doctor, as would have him but regain, and others whom were but spared of the implants which were taken as well and were become. Specks of the red dust which had entered him and would become; look outside for those that joined. Walls of buildings and the courts, the castles and where they were worn, schools and camps but hospitals; yet there was only one doctor to be left alive, and this was but the single base humanity had during that time. Everything else had been raised down and destroyed. For every sea and every tree and every dirt and every more would-to be crafted in ever the more they brought in was done. Forlorn and saw'n through as the likes of which were not there.

He was the dust and would to be red, the planet was but a speck of blue underneath them.

Within the hour, she, awakened, but walked again and would to see eye to eye mistaken with drawings ripped out from inside the womb the canister bag being wrapped out her belligerent shroud, she wallowed, in flight but broken as she were the wings. It strung her to see how everyone would see. Through her wings the eyes and faces, one of a foaming frown with bore its teeth like strange octagons that were shattered and recorded after, with vivid images, the reflections of whose likes were forgotten.

And in her likes and which her wishes, stopped. The lights were turned around and would but come and take a shroud, revealed. As for everyone inside and for the likes of their appeal, never to have been made to be. Not to see anything, the cleaners were but stopped from butchering and be absorbed, cadaverous remains were but of little worth but thrown around instead, no more. In the advent of what had come, many of the Hospital-men who looked upon the patients then were freed of terror, ever so momentarily, for the time. Would come upon her fright to end and allow them to descent, alive.

She but followed through and finally seeing. Eye through a single brick that had come to life and begged to be release, from that uncanny thing, upon a crack, she rose, like a flowering malformation made to be what they called, a statuesque-froze. It was that way she would be preserved, despite the way she looked like, none could shatter what appeared to be swollen underneath, the poise. But numbers that would call upon the reminder that she existed in a time beyond their touch and lo', finally upon a call, she was there.

In front of the man, whom unaware, thought he looked upon a vision of the afterlife which had but met. Would to be and taken and claim his life but then. Would to be after, taken. Would to be forbidden from breathing, mistaken. Would to be, and there be slain. For he hadn't the time to figure out who the figure was and whence it asked for, then again.

'I ask of you to leave me be.

I don't think we met before.'

'I see that you forgot and have come to simply forfeit your life.'

'Why would I do that when I'm so close to finding.'

'What were you searching for?'

'A way out, I knew.'

'Don't shy away from me, I could slit a throat with but slit of my wing.'

And there were still remnants of the machine-gut she was splattered in. There was little more to her being after. She were no female but a husk, somewhere deeper in the hallow of her body, the real Ophelia rested without legs and arms, and a cunt which had grown across her chest and split her face, dead eyes and some skin rings around her throat, instead, eyes pushed around and travelling like tiny salamanders inside the reeks of hollowness that lay so.

And where they stood, where the infant shell had been broken over, it should've been dark. They were at the threshold between four rooms that were interlocked and put through so much pressure from the soil

around them. It was unfathomably simple, trying to face the winds of admonition fading. In the tremor of a second, he attempted fading away by flight. He tried his best to run away and get out of sight. But he'd been stopped, solemnly so. As if a wind was put around there, leashes of the likes that put them through and through the ground and rose, only to have him there, beckoned through and begged for release; unfathomably at peace, in some way, but never allowed to convey the emotion that entered his brain.

They gathered.

She had waited and had called upon them. Though some of them were gutted, other released and others so. In the terms of the likes, they had approached.

Clerk was but one of the worst-looking offenders but he would not be as forlorn as if to know what had happened instead. He was but torn apart and walked upon bare-formations she had created to have filled the gaps. Which looked like statue-sides, half-masks, prosthetics, while being textured as desaturated yellow sacks with little spots of white and black, transparent, as to look as if they were covered in some kind of dirt-blot. Ripped apart, but never endowed to show any kind of thing that may be faded upon, the missing link between them being that wreathing tongues that pushed out.

Ham-Stowe, Brim, Dock and the others whom were there, all gathered to listen there, not by their likes but, strange.

‘Here, have these knives.

Give them the knives, doctor.’

Purroute was not allowed to think of the idea. He didn't have knives but a lot of scalpels wrapped around his chest by a belt. Worse than that, he feared what could follow after, if she asked them to do as he thought they'd follow through with. It was agony within the second and would to be called, and bore through, a second more. She could not face and faceless, would be the bare, and in him a spot not to spare until he was caught after by the cuts and bled. Like a pig thinking of himself naked on a place of dirt, where he stood along, chasing the bodies of beheaded and limbless women, he had often dreamed off. Peculiar sight and vulgar fading, such a sick mind, but always knowing of himself, ending.

‘I will not give you the satisfaction, as much as I please.’

And before either of them could stop him, and before she could wrap her wings around him, he had but split his belly open only to reveal.

‘You ruined yourself, don't you understand?’

The marble was him and he was but a statue then, with a number imprinted at the bottom of his standing pile of dirt, where he now remained.

‘What of us?’

Everyone else asked, as this Ophelia turned, a dark purple flower in the making. Her skin starting to change from the human fair pink, and but to fall within, she would eventually but come to waste.

‘I’ve come to the realization that there are many things I need to make way through. In order to release so many, I had but to cut him myself.

He will never be released from the number, nor would he be preserved any longer. Instead, like marble by the acid springs, he will have been destroyed and will find no peace wandering around. No body of his own but dust.

In my kindness, I were but to offer him a chance. He could’ve been there, held upon the ground just as he was. But he won’t think now, he won’t suffer either, he’ll be nothing.

After all, who’s deserving of the kindness I impart if not the worst of human kind? ‘

‘What will you do to us?’

Brim asked again, but of all, he had suffered no trail of mind. He didn’t realized how the others’ eyes were fading from the stare. Sooner or later they could be done for and wail. It was just something they could not suffer through, not to see eye to eye or be lost, for a moment’s, die.

‘I suppose I shall release the cleaners and you’ll be cleaned. The floors shall become you, I see.’

Good faith was hard to come by.

She simply flew out of sight and entered the plight which was being unaware of what happened around them. Ever since she has never been seen.

‘Pardon me.’

‘I thought you asked for a cigar.’

‘I thought so too.’

Standing near them the buffoon, in peril as well; shook but around him, standing. Little more than shed-skin around each tooth, he started calling off. He had a box where he kept the snuff. As soon as they asked, but a hand, every time, cousin asked of him that morning, brother of death, and a culprit whom killed the vase around the cracked window shell, where there stood the morbid lamp, the glowing sand erected red around a sing point where a bullet was shot. The war had long ago begun and it already drew to high-artillery being used on them before he could realize. Tiny feet; they were trying to eat them, always slicing what they could together, suturing tiny pebbles taken from one of the broken markets, the sand-stone melted now from the sight of an Iceberg to what appeared to be a great statue named to powder, which was as soon gone as they realized that the man had taken something from the back of the shed, as it were abandoned. Most of the fruits being taken for a lot already contaminated and looked as well inside, it seemed to be but made out of plied wood-with little dots of drawn on top by a child, she were left there with her mother, both of them molded together, life absent, as it checked out. So said the buffoon as he sat between the two of them, rolling another contraband; which only dragged their nibs on, he said. And then again, he said. He spoke of a nigger who made it and tried doing them. But luckily, he pulled a satchel, in which, he said. He hid but a few calibers, he said. And put the beast down, as the culprit but colored the girls’ drawings before she could get up. It looked like a seat of skin and she was but a plant, in a power strip, the two depressions in her mother were kind of deep, enough that she knew

that her mother would only survive in her. Since the daughter's legs were become her organs and her organs, as she mixed that of her mother's as well. And if one were to see, the brain inside the woman was attached but by a funnel-worm-gut rounded about and looked at if extended, or her lobes being drunk by a frat party, where the tube curved and entered her daughter, leading to the point where both of their lower-bodies got welded together where a giant coin-like cylindrical, exactly strip-depressions lay. That's where the tube split in two and appeared to be connected to the openly curved two-deformed almost leg-like elongated stumps that came out of her daughter's chests. Which were open, might I say, and appeared to extend a few tiny flaccid thin-tongues of which rolled around the worm-insides surroundings she had in her tubes, in order to carry on the connection that she may live. Since it appeared that, she could only survive for a few hours without having her innards filled and connected with the rest of the pumping leftover broken half replicas of organs that were in her place. Yet, the child could not run and she only settled with doing some peculiar push-ups only to plug herself into her lower body and that of her mother when she felt threatened. As otherwise, their outsides appeared to be night indestructible, which was further confirmed by a few other shots that had been directed to her. The stand to which they stood had a few more fruits left there, which had been, frankly spared by the people who came before him. Yet, the one in the front, left side had been blown off with the top of the cradles which surrounded them, as well as a few of the on the right sides on which the body of the nigger rolled over, taking them with him. As he drew down, with his bloody arms, he managed to leave a trail of blood on both of them, the stand and the ground, a few fruits as well, which were not taken into account, while being completely covered by the peculiar, destructive red sand which crawled on top of him. He was being touched by strange formations of eyes that were being made by both the sand and the red globes which were to come out of the red tomatoes which had been splashed over. He died instantly or so it had appeared, without nearing the conclusion that neither of them could look down. It was hardly noticeable, seeing how the entire ground architecture allowed for enough space to lay beneath them that grow could be allowed to an almost unnatural thing, like an entire squared water fish tank, but instead of the water, a maze-like construction, like the deformed hive belonging to either ants or termites where their fingers appeared to crawl. But then again again, this could not be entirely be checked out. Since, it seemed evenly so, that they were not to allowed any sight beneath their skin-ropes which had extended from their chests and pushed 'round them, staring. They stared at the Buffoon for a while. Zlazlovz only wondered why he had taken this job as a jester, since it was but something nurturing for a dying breed of people whom were uncannily unable to comprehend what it felt like being shot in the head, as to commit suicide after being forced to listen to him talk. He had wondered whether or not the same effect would somehow appear to be set upon them, before he actually came to open his mouth, where he told the two men that the mother and the daughter stood there and listened for a long enough while that he might, actually come to, not understand, by any means why was it that she reminded him of his wife. He didn't have a daughter exactly and if she had, she would most likely not be as deformed as she were, because if she had been, by now he would've put her out of her misery. And as this thought occurred, he simply aimed both shafts at her, without any shame whatsoever and shot the child, only to be met by some resistance as the bullets were merely spat on the side. At the very least they made it half-way through but no damage could be seen. Luckily for him, her hands were short and that of her mother were but a part of her and unable to move forth. Since all of her girth appeared to have manifested inside the bowels of the earth which already moved in both direction as they grew peculiar incision-mole cradle-boarding elongated heads like that of natives, which were already added to the submarine shaped extensions of the underground maze, which made the finger-length mass appear like the pose of a dancer splitting his legs in both directions, pushing along until they went deep

enough in the earth as if to make the submarine shaped-meat maze look like the trunk of two trees, from which sprouted mole-meat incisor roots which formed grand underground tunnels, which were fat, hollow on the insides and would act like a slide. Since in this act of defiance against this unnatural, well, nature in which both of them had become, Christine Cyst knew that there would be only way for her to save her daughter. That only way being, sending her through the sledge in an eternal slumber as her decaying corpse would fumble onto itself and cover the way as it would mix with dirt, creating fake paths or fake leads, in case there was ever a chance for excavators to come through and search for her. Only to have her drifting in a sea of dirt, where she might be safe from the evils of the world; that being furthermore confirmed by the fact that the Buffoon, Zlazlovz tried to kill her. But there was enough smoke for both of them to share, and would to become.

‘And that’s when I started thinking about my wife.

I could not think of anything else because she started talking again. Always I would always be reminded of the many times she opened her mouth.

She keeps talking about taking care of me, washing the laundry, how I dislike her. And the dog, why does she always talk about writing the dog off?

I can’t go to the one vet, and the first day of school our boy’s was supposed to have, and how disgusting the tea was and watering the plants as well. The windows being open and what not, and the air coming in. Well, then she kept standing nearing the library, and the room, talking to one of her friends on the phone all day, for all the hours of the world.

And most importantly she would distract me from what I’m doing because she keeps talking in a different language when I’m only trying to mind my own business. That’s what life used to be for us, every day and I can we can all understand that a line needs to be drawn. I wish I had filled a divorce sooner because sooner or later I would’ve killed myself. I had a good thing going for me and she just didn’t consider anything else but her own damn interests. I simply wish, I only asked for a single moment of peace and quiet and I cannot understand.

It’s unfathomable really, she won’t shut her mouth for one moment. I’m seeing her right now. As if she’s appeared from the other side of the grave, trying to screw me over, I wager. Worst of all, it’s the fact that she had this thing, it was her thing. Not out thing, it was something specific to her, because she knew it annoyed me. I could not handle listening to it. But she had this song she kept murmuring while in the shower, in the hall and just about every spot inside the house. And I cannot, for the likes of me take it out of my head any longer.

No one wants, me, it was something like that. Of course I can’t fully remember it, but what I do is that she always did it on purpose. And no one wants, and no one wants me, it’s. I wish there had been a stop button on her forehead, because I would’ve pressed it with an iron.’

Then he stopped. Once he was settled on that and there was peace and quiet, he went on to tell everyone how he started picking up some of the, relatively clean fruits, putting them in the sack, then going on it, then back again and then back at it, so on and so forth until he could finally relax, farther away than they were, since he appeared to be wearily creped out by them. Since, all of the sudden, every now and then he could see this peculiar chime-shaped absent spot in the gap of his eye, or in his iris, or floating in the sky.

He could not explain it why it was there in the air, moved by where he looked, instantly, even with the blinks having made the world disappeared, it was always there. And was but a key-hole like hole in the sky, a hole of darkness where there was no light inside the hole it was leading, or the room, or the foyer, yet he knew, somehow he could tell that there was nothing on the other side despite what he was seeing. As he started walking on stair-like formations of his own legs, it felt as if the seemingly steam-like transparency of a veil he entered through, only to stop and look down. He saw legs, hands, arms, torsos, a peculiar goop-like substance which was put between them. Tiny-microscopic beings swimming inside of them, unnatural eyes, as well as giant flees being drowned, but that's now the thing which got his sight. Instead, he looked at his pocket, where saw a hand cream, he picked up. With it, my forehead and face had finally gotten the exact treatment they begged for since there was some kind of radiation coming up from above that had to be dealt with since it turned skin into a purple cabbage cut-out formation, if one were to drive a knife through it. He was but mourning the curiosity of his cousin and his brother, who was not his real brother but his soul brother since he had taken a pair of scissors, a neck-pen, and a hose with spikes of in, a pair of knives and shove them all into his sockets in order to visit the crematorium, where the upper-half body of his wife had been abandoned in and bleed in her mouth. Her body was there. It was thrown around the room, hit, abused, wasted, beaten, chopped by a medieval axe, then left there. No one bothered to pick her up since the crematorium had been abandoned. And Zlazlovz's wife was dead, while she had not living relatives. He had to make sure of it in any case, not of the relatives but of his wife. That's why, every now and then, being the paranoid man he was, he brought with him a hand-canon and blew her insides out, then took the time to suture her gut. Every single time; it seemed unlikely, but he actually undressed her before she shot her. Dead and scum-blots, everywhere; after that he resumed walking, until he finally got to the point of him being but that hallow spot in the sky with the exception that he filled the sky for a few hours. A few people, such as Matthew saw him all the way, and it was hardly noticed and spoken off, because the kid reminded him of the son. He was a boy who had suffered brain damage from being drowned for two minutes. He constantly thought of tarantulas who wanted to get him and of being another person. Also, Zlazlovz started being even more paranoid, thinking the child had watched the TV, and learned about washing laundry, something he had never bothered himself to learn. From the side, then he started pulling himself off like a valve opening and pouring him out, where he exploded for a fraction of a second in a giant pop-balloon of guts, then was made whole below him. But in all this, as it happened, he simply realized something. The satchel he carried, filled with fruits and vegetables had been destroyed, thankfully, on his way back. Although, it needs to be said, that otherwise, he would've most likely avoided, by every possible mean. He would've avoided, venturing to the same spot, ever since he had made it so awkward between the three of them, having made a scene by not only shooting the nigger but also by trying to kill her daughter as well. And he didn't pay for anything, nor would he do it now. Then again, he came to apologize to the dames, picked up a few fruits that were left and that's when he joined the men, rolling up snuff in order to feed them cigars. It was a nice life he lived, it was swell and he loved spending his time calculating how many leaves of snuff he would need. Or specks of snuff dust. Or whatever snuff was made out of, into rolls. But it was not fire that started putting them through the abuse of colors that started infringing through his gut-robe, as he had done so with his pants. Having learned from the two statues, he had but never asked for anything else. He walked away soon after and entered the small booth they shared. Between the two of them, of whom he was supposed to take the shift from, he simply considered this. It was just not worth it, trying to find some peace when no one listened to him, especially in the death of days, when there was nothing else left to do either.

The Buffon had certainly, as opposed to them lived a good life, although.

One day, he was eating from a pack of seeds, one by one, salt in them, at lot. Too much, after a while, since he stared out in the distance, from the poached side view of the hung-down parrot-cattle, from the side-watch where he drank cheap beard and had accommodated with the in-drive through fallen head-globe attached to the small risen from below skin-ziggurat which had come from beneath the eaten side of the marches, whence it had been swollen and deepened as it pushed even deeper through. From there, he watched it become a strange globule of blood-cyst that opened from the constant stream of peculiar inorganic manner that came out from inside the ziggurat, with its flat-marches swollen around it, to a giant largely protruding head, as that of a canine which pushed out of it a few meters forward, facing him. Whereas he was on the side of the glass, trying to watch one of his favorite channels, on his right side, from below the ground, it rose, farther from the marched on the curved, end of a valley in which the neighborhood stood on, there being the first flat structured placed, tilted as to have one of its edges being placed close to the middle of the street if his house was placed on the right side on the last row as far as buildings went. But it was not just placed, the globular-head, it didn't levitate either, nor was it put on a pillar either. Instead it wore a peculiar pseudo-crown that had been wrapped around his temple as an encircling crown which pushed out of him, connecting to every corner of the smallest risen square. And, while one might see some features disappear because of that peculiar substance which had encompassed him, there was this one slight hint of the great eater having been birthed to the in ziggurat pool from which it emerged. Though this was but a strange opening itself which had been ripped open to create a tridimensional representation of a DNA-strand that pushed out of the point where the globular thing and its mid-open jaw merged, drawing forward until both ends of the strand connected, forming an elongated sub-machine like barrel that bore holes in it, and appeared to have little worm-like gas producers that were had attached themselves to every corner of the house as they began slowly crawling in. At the end of every worm-like head which had slowly crawled out of every barrel hole, they appeared to have stretched as long as there seemed to be a cartilage-clot formed PVC or a normal pipe-shaped holder for every worm, as they seemed to be the innards of the grand beast. For it was one as such. Through the attached crown as well as the little metallic wires that were pushed and attached to the ziggurat, in their hollowness, the globular head wore little blood-transmitters that had entered the structure, and grew up a small fat belly-formation of many exoskeletons that were protecting their master with the help of small parasitical tendons which were encased in little eye-locks made out of bolted muck, many bone bolts as well as many chains that were of a single piece as well as a seemingly endless chasm below the ziggurat where the creature had grown endlessly in the few seconds during its release. As it had been a small thing but a spat of a cyst before the structure rose and only now it had been given the chance to make something of itself, then it rose. Although there were many valleys in the grotto from which it came out off, or that fall beneath it. And its sudden growth may have forced it to impale itself into as many of the edges and corners as possible, which had internally caused the sudden bloating pool or spring to come out of it, since the pool was billions of miles below the growth itself. Not to be called on. But the mouth-formation appeared for no other reason that the eternal hunger the creature felt. It wanted, desperately desired that Buffoon's seeds. They had salt of then, they were tasty. Inexplicably so, although they hadn't any nutritional value whatsoever, they felt good, it felt nice eating them. A release of dopamine followed each bite. And he made a mess all around the couch. Yet from the elongated DNA-formation, which, upon seeing it looked more like two recoiling snakes that were incompatible with one another, a protrusion of needle-like stretches of straws made out of raw-meat-like beating nails were stopped then, by nothing else but that inhumane glass that protected him. Since these things were soft after all, there was no feasible way of stopping them further.

‘But oh, vile creature that it’s stopped here, along the way, you just simply do not understand, you can’t understand, how could you?’

It’s not for the taste that I delect myself with the seeds, no, that’s not it. But because of my empty gut, it is the shape of my gut that I cannot know. All that sodium being flushed through my veins and through my body, it is because of it that I must poison my body with it.

It is for that reason that I have so many packs stored, near at my feet. Because I cannot live without them; for the likes of me, I cannot give up on them, for my heart obeys no little than its gander. And I cannot live without it, yonder, knowing no less.’

He got up and simply pulled the curtain over, the buffoon being somewhat at a loss, being unable to recall the many times he had been put through dire things, that would call upon him there. In such a stance, that he’d have, every man around, asking for something, not just snuff. He’d gotten requests as the likes of scratching the four finger of a man’s long past since decayed form that had come out of a wall fifty years ago without having knowledge, or by any means being made aware that he had stumbled onto him in his youth. Such a request making little to no sense whatsoever, especially since, as he pointed out, he wasn’t there.

But asked for it, as to check, he revealed as much in his gut, as to say. There was the little head sticking out of the decayed form, which started eating from his hand, a pigeon would by reigns which but pushed around. He was but as estranged by this thing like everyone else, since he appeared to, not, for the sake of it, understand how was it that he opened its mouth; pulling out various gut-drenched filler that started drawing some of the men inside, contorting them as they were drawn in then eaten alone before it finally closed its mouth, wreathing slightly in pain, with all of them being pushed out. In the time he had started eating its fingers, in a concoction made of blood and of the tubes and the other men’s clothes which had been gulped by what had been the entire expansion of filthy mouth, they began riding away by foot, and would make it inside by the time the buffoon had followed through. Thinking himself unable to comprehend the secret code he had to introduce in order to get it, he turned and while in search for a back door he met a strange little woman with two split ends, dead-eye on-strike pointed cataracts, and cat-globules on top of her eye globules, leading to the full extension of the split, her lip.

‘I want something from you, but I need to ask of this in private.’

‘Where to then?’

He fashioned his back, they were lead by to the car and in turn. He had but rubbed his back finger in order to take it off so she wouldn’t see; having kept it there despite him breaking it off. Though he hadn’t the lightest desire, as for a slight touch and ruin his chance, he asked whether or not she had any idea where they were headed towards, to which she didn’t exactly answer. Nor did she understand. A few more days were spent in the solitude of the one little tall house, a thin pint of black wood raised in the middle of nowhere. Where they spend the next few years in, despite the lack of food, they ate their babies and drank from one another’s blood, which was connected to a neck tap coming out of a hole inside their private chamber, slightly pushed inside of them. He was done one day, committing a high-way robbery before he even realized he abandoned her, the Buffoon considered as much. The house was not empty. But her skin fell off and had strangely become just that, a splash on her nicely embroidered, hand-made designer build,

quality Deschel-Nektar cut of a skin-man, as whom she ended up looking. With an exposed skull and a fallen over jaw, pinned with a few iron needles to the entire room; barbed wires placed around. Then the acoustic started, sounds of dead mice being splashed over and over again, until eventually one of the black wreathing long-wires but splintered one of the windows and made way for the red storm to make it through. Completely destroyed, the pint was but taken down and left with only a trace. What remained was a single black pair of connected spheres rotating on top of a wooden black square with a red hole in it; while the spheres were trading between one another, the guts of her and that of the mice and other inhabitants that were taken out. There was this also.

After a few days passed, only but a few arches began forming and contorting themselves around the spheres, holding them still before a connection was established, broken through. From the depths of the earth having erupted, a peculiar, tilted at various parts structure going as far as to look as if it had wreathed on both left and right, completely out of shape as it had only started wriggling about until it could not touch anything any longer. Within its grasp, a bunch of bubonic-filled, bubonic-shaped large breasts started heaving as they grew and put themselves against the large horned on top structure, which held the spheres from spreading. And from every side it almost spewed off like springs of hardened polished inter-connected arches, which connected in the ground. They were used only to direct the weight in a different direction, as to draw away from what appeared to be the final pull. Beneath it there, after it finally drove out, the arches revealed themselves as to be supporting pillars which held the bulk below, hardened as it were, it drenched the land beneath it, revealing but an unnatural set of orange ellipses of boils stacked upon boils, stacked upon boils through which and out of, in the middle as if through a black target hairs coming out which contorted to the exact middle point, as scorpion stings would, spraying one another with the substance in a most diabolical manner. As hanging by them, tiny globular pseudo-humanoid head-wrought homunculi-like orange detainers leaped like tiny goblins on a rack. Tying their faces off the hairs in order to stand; but most importantly, they waited.

Regardless of it, the Buffon had made it back and appeared to have made home of the Hospital yet, as he but entered it and walked just in time to stumble upon a most peculiar pair. There, in front of him, by the crossing stood Brim, Ham-Stowe, Dock and the others; whom were of little importance, yet they were present there, by him. Standing near the walls, as if hiding from something, he greeted them and was immediately liked. Without any complaint; pulling one on every single one of them.

‘You fancy yourself a joke?’

‘I don’t know? I don’t see anyone laughing.’

‘Think you could do one me?’

‘I suppose we’ll have to see that, won’t we?’

And both of them, Clerk, to be precise, which had almost been forgotten since he wasn’t human-like any more, and Zlaslov, pulled but high-pointed large racketed-guns stolen from corpses, either from outside or from inside; a pair of savages trying to perform a hoopla, by tying their hands on and ripped to shreds what appeared to be, a single thought.

To be certain about it; there was definitely no way to tell whether or not there was any means of survival any longer or whether or not such a strange thing might still be called a human planet. Since, with

everything in doubt being considered, it was claimed. In the same way the Europeans people have claimed the plains of the Natives while the diseases they brought in appeared to have left a deadly mark which had put the browns in their early graves, something similar to it happened here. Although one even would have boundaries to such unnatural roots as to claim is as something which ought to have happened eventually, this was by no means a mistake of a side effect of one coming through. Indeed, it hadn't, but the symptoms having been there were merely exaggerated upon the final coming blow, which should've been foreseen a mile off before they even came to it. As it happened, there was no possible way to protect oneself from it, as the mere powers involved in the destruction of the planet could never be stopped. They were unpreventable, unfathomable and couldn't have been prepared for. It's quite obvious, that for that reason many of the so-called to do living compatriot in arms had taken refuge wherever they could, in hope that they could fight what came after them, only to have failed on their way out. But they were killed.

Scum gets killed because scum is weak and scum cannot be dealt with. Scum is not aware, of scum one should be ware and be weary next to, for scum drags one down with it. For it cannot be pushed or made to wait, or be reeducated or civilized, and for what remains after? Nothing, as it's merely a disease that eats itself, although that could not be said about humanity. Indeed, it couldn't. Despite what happened to it, by strange means, that human machine found a way to live a little longer, for a short time.

It should remain to be seen.

A box-ring lowered platform, second floor, rising slowly on a pair of rails, slowly leading to the four floor, where all of the cart-wheel-cartridges were set. A few remote old TV sets could be seen hanging around, surrounded by a few, little slits, where little feet walked.

Little feet, leaving little footprints around.

A little prince, and old boy came to his mother, she was trapped. Little prince coming next to her at that.

'When are you going to come back mother?'

But she was no queen.

'I can't break through, you know that, dear prince. I'm but stuck behind the fence. I'm caught, I do not know how to leap in on the other side. I'm lost.

Will you help me with a song, to hum? Will my little bird come closer?'

Yet only hid behind the box-set and never dared come out of it then. Thinking himself as someone who's been rifling with an old set while she wept and asked for him as well.

'Little prince, little prince, will you come back to your father?'

But Theodor but hadn't thought, was that his pop or was it another one who looked like him? Stopped there, he couldn't see without his glasses. That had been but a soldier trying to imitate the voice of a woman, with his rifle pointed at the kid without the trousers. He had but pulled the trigger the last time. And would've done so, if he hadn't needed him to open the gate from the other side; since that could trigger the alarm; while that being something he could not deal with any longer, nor could he spare a

word, saying too much, he but placed his back against the door of the stall and simply rested his shoulders for the hour. Murmuring something on a piece of note; pulling his helmet off, then his head was gone.

Out came an entire body without head connected with its throat. They were but a pair and walked around and could not think any more. The child was safe. He died a few minutes after, having choked on a few unwrapped cartridge powder he purposefully ingested. Happier days were for him to come, but there were none as closer to him now.

In the physic ward, something closer; near closer, what to ask the clinician? This time around his eyes on the couch, then around, then pushed out. Always rotating, the people were trying themselves. Always but a single bread loaf, trying to eat; doctors on the first line, all out, eavesdropping, six-hundred thumbs on every wall. Trying to take the hill, perhaps getting the height, past the height, walking around, trying the woods, since there was a brick, he's beaten it against the wall. His feet were taken, ten miles an hour, with his long-car suspenders put on, and wrapped round. Then asking her, when was the list going to be released now? Am I at the top? Am I at the stop?

'Am I at the top yet?'

'You're never going to be put on the top. Believe or not, you're baby cold feet compared to the rest of them, kind. You're a rock, I'm cracking you slowly, but with them?

They're dirt-cement and I'm getting my shoes dirties and I'm afraid that sooner or later they'll drag me in the muck with them and that's bad, that's worse. You have no idea what's I'm going through with them.'

Then she rose, walked around, took a few books, read him a few excerpts from Reality fading, an Antiphony.

'As I were saying, the metaphysical realm is but a mere share of what's enwrapped into everything and the shareholders are but malignant gods that were shoving their fingers in our hears to block off the sounds that pass between hem having a laugh of how gullible we are. And we are indeed.'

'Saw your feet, I want to.'

'Control yourself.'

'I want to control myself, yes, that's what I want. I do want to control myself, I will control myself, I am in control.'

'See?'

Told you, as opposed to.'

'List?'

'Very well, I'm only doing this because you've always been one of my favorite. You're definitely a man I'd have if things were different and if you weren't mad.'

'But I'm not aggressive, you know that, as a matter of fact, I feel well, in the head I mean, the wind is still hardening.'

Neither of them knew.'

Just what were the doctors doing outside? It was hard to tell with so many of them standing in there and doing whatever they were doing. Or whatever they were getting off with. So many things, sand encrusted. That fucking sound.

He turned towards the side and looked through the wall. Something fell over.

'Dumbass, you almost gave us away. Put it back immediately before she finds us here.'

'Shut up already, I know, I am the master.

I am the master.

I.

Am the master. I am the master.'

He kept rubbing his couch as if it were a cat. He kept repeating it, always of a bile, he was the master, he was the master, he was the master. He was the master and there was no one else who'd be the master. And what he the master off?

'You sure you're not the one who should be in that room instead of the fellow?'

'You sure I'm not going to kill you?'

'I'm not.'

Someone will have to talk about it eventually. Not talking of it only brought the black thoughts in. Always of a mind, the blinders, encased and thrown away like Judas, he but did things. Darks, always, activities that were spread and singles, always were there.

'I think we need to talk about your childhood again, something there, I think, there's always been something that truly disturbed be, even before you did the, you know what? I'm going to lend something to you. It's my favorite.'

From under the desk, her hand rose in her other hand, kept.

A few old people can't write.

'Did you sign the waiver?'

'No.'

There were a few cuts around the fingers and were done, they were spoken to. A store-door was closed and would destroy just about everything, thrown inside, her eyes were shafted. There they closed her and made to walk into a closed basin. Not to check her again, she was settled onto something, would to be called yet.

'I think.'

‘What happened to your hand? ‘

‘A small cut, I apologize for that, but, you know?

Business calls, I need to unwrap something.’

Someone called, small puddle, telephone calling, the symptoms of hearing words spoken backwardly, while always talking a fall. There were dead ends in Lombardy. And would to be called, she spoke of them for a few seconds, thinking he would be spared. Of what was going on, for at least a few days, a drop would fall onto her. It was clear, she would have to beg him to look off the way. It wasn’t the bleeding, but the abandonment of the limb while talking.

‘Who’s on the other line?’

‘A living creature.’

‘Creature?’

‘I meant a man, I think it’s a man that’s not calling. He’s telling me he’s tired, and would tell me he’s tired. Please, I need your reassurance. Something’s not going right.’

‘He’s tired, I think. That man Is tired.’

‘He’s the sponsor, the private donor, he’s pulling the bills, it’s a bonus, he’s scoring the sum. He’s calculating how much he’s been paying us for the day. And we’re not producing enough.’

‘What do you mean by producing?’

‘He’s making men. And he’s putting them in the clever-desk, put inside of them like broom-sticks that are being melted, pants that are being thrown around. He’s hearing us talk.’

‘What did you call it again? ‘

‘A magazine?’

‘No, the thing on top.’

‘The dust.’

‘I’m angry every day.’

‘That’s good to hear, but I’m talking to someone on the door.’

‘On the door?’

‘No, on the desk, I mean on the phone. I can’t do this, you understand? ‘

Then he stopped understanding her. She spoke backwards, she heard backwards and this went on for the hour. Still couldn’t see where her hand disappeared. Go to the dormitory, get up on top of something, break the ladder, break the table and crawl underneath it. That’s where he stood shaking. It was another attack. The worst thing waited inside that room, underneath the bed, where everything inside his house

was placed, a focal point for pollution. Always trying to figure out what was going on by himself, for himself and never asking for more. His fingers were red from rubbing one out while he wasn't looked out. And he knew when to stop. It was exactly when she stopped talking backwardly, that he realized she was there. Back turned away though, she didn't see. Or she saw it happen and only did this out of courtesy. As much as he could understand, she wanted him there.

‘All right, I think we’re done here for the day.’

‘But I haven’t found anything else about myself, and what of the list, what of my childhood?’

‘You’re all worn-out sport. It’s all slit-wrist treatment for you this day.’

‘You’re going to cut me?’

‘Butcher you, butcher your wrists, butcher your throat, whip your chest, pull your nails and worst of all.’

‘What’s worse than that? What could possibly be worst than that?’

‘I’m leaving you alone for an hour.’

‘You can’t do that, you promised you will look out after me, you can’t just abandon me that way.’

‘Well, I can, I will and I think there’s no other way to help you.’

‘Why?’

‘Because you’re not insane, that’s why, you’re only coming here because you want to skip class, kid.’

‘So what? The teacher’s a cow, and I will slaughter her.’

‘That’s why you’re always ending up in detention, kid. You’re going to drive you mom into an early grave.’

‘And if I don’t?’

Leave the light open, cue the next patient before he’s dead. She felt at the door, fleeing near, only to find herself unmet by anyone, as she peered on and saw, nothing. Her heart felt but the access of a lost soul. The acres were but held and honed, as something she’d never seen before. I swear I thought I saw someone here. But the doctors had disappeared, overly wrought in their ears encased, which had crawled upon the walls, chameleon colored away. Hid by sight, but eating words and sounds, it’s what they fed on.

‘Ah, well, I think no one’s about to come any earlier than four days later, kid, I think I could spear a few more hours for you.’

‘What do you want to do then?’

‘Well, since my schedule is clear, I could think of a few things.’

The door was locked.

Another part.

There were quite a few things spread about the place. Broken vases which were on cotton-fridge willows' laughter, beyond it there was such a thing as a tiny drop across each finger stopped across the world, echoes were but mundane and everything felt at home, sort of saying, it felt peaceful.

After the hour was done, the boy left.

The psychiatrist was left with a note he seemed to have forgotten on his way out. It went into detail; apparently this had been a class assignment of his.

Although it was the place and since there was the time, what better chance to spake about it than now? For there was no chance at retaliation since the world was but thrown into a chaos-filled trunk hole in which nothing could fit it. As to look upon it so, one would take this opportunity to talk about the nature of the woman, now that there is no better chance to approach such a creature as for the essence with invalidates humanity itself. A female being somewhat antagonistic to the human brain, she represent the insignificance of a little petty thing that has little to no grasp over any kind of abstract definable object or even those beyond it, as the average specimen only falls into the category of the mentally crippled. She if but fashioned in such a way that she ought to be looked at but not listened to. Since most of the information spewed out of her endless broken horn is but the excess of uselessness her compromised mental state appeared to be in. The woman being in a somewhat constant state of idiocy that appeared to somehow even out-do that of the likes of people that cannot even be considered to be human to begin with. Incapable of contemplating on her very own self, this little creature is but sutured to a grand stone that bequest of man to take claim and repair everything she's destroyed within the grasp of her infantile behavior. A woman is an idiot. That is what a woman in like throughout her entire life and it seems likely that there is no such thing as an exception from this rule. As even the greatest accomplishment fail to swerve underneath the weight of her being, that being filled with such filth as to destroy and trump over anything wrought by man in his eternal quest of putting everything that's wrong in the world back together.

For what is a woman if not someone who plays? And whom does she play with if not with herself and with other women as well as does she not mess with men on every occasion she gets? Is she not someone to be held under contempt as one would hold a child or a small animal in its place? Are the rules not set us such by her own being as her uselessness does not hold anyone else under contempt of their beings? But at the same time is she not gracious in the way she pounces upon others of the same kind? It is quite obvious that she does not desire the company of her own. That she is a being born in quarantine of her own serfdom and would only beguile others as to think she would be pleased as to be surrounded by women of her own. That is how one of whose nature is poisoned acts, whom might be childish enough to be blind enough as to consider others of her own as being somewhat civilized in the same manner one might consider the likes of Jews and that of Negroes as to be. But there had never been one who is as self-blinded by their own nature, to lack such self-awareness as well as self-contemplation of their beings as that of a woman. And whom else to talk about one such creature if not one who knows them? Whom else if not one who has been made aware of their behavior and has come to fully understand these creatures as they ought to have evolved or how they've been made, if that is the cast, in order to understand that there's nothing more to be held under such contempt as to recognize that the very core of a female is to be submissive? Regardless of the type or the kind of behavior that has been ingrained in her by society and

regardless of the amount of indoctrination, and adaptability one might call upon it, is female submissiveness not a constant for every possible case that's ever existed, or has been represented throughout human history? Is she not one to be molded, shaped and made do as one desires? Since, for all purposes, she does seem to match all the needed criteria as one would come to understand that one needs only to pull a few strings and she would only fall and serve. As that is the nature of a woman, stripped of all, and made to walk where one pushed her to do.

That is what a woman is. She is but the hiatus from progress, from which humanity may be dragged back into the black chasm and the boils underneath the puddles from which it emerged. Her nature being mainly one that is as such unscrupulous and might only be thrown off the feet of men only to be pushed around and be dreaded with. Women represent that which is evil in man, masked as innocence and naivety, they may not have the power needed to carry on such a thing as destruction by their very own selves but that is the reason why they employ that of others. Man but being under her command, although he doesn't know it yet, as, if there was no such a thing as her, would man not pillage and freely roam as to destroy and take what is his, eternally being unpleased by life as is it so?

Let us consider this much. A woman is incapable of shaping a wheel, her small brain is unfathomably incapable of creating such a thing that would require an extremely endowed amount of cognitive power that's simply not present in her female brain. Since it's clear that they cannot work properly, they are just not made to create by themselves. Which leaves out only their role as progenitors which shouldn't distract from that fact that a child is not a wheel; a baby is a human being. That is embed in her organic configuration.

That is nor a creation of art, that is not a sculpture, it is not work added, although it could be, indirectly interpreted as such, since, as it seems likely a woman can do something arguably decent in her pathetic insignificant existence. She is capable of giving birth to a man. Otherwise, nothing that's not been said or done before, yet the question remains. Could one somehow genetically, perhaps alter the female nature as to make it much close to that of a man? In which case, the danger needs to be taken into account, for which answer, and immediate action ought to be taken. A woman cannot become a man, for a man is dangerous, and although a man may be physically weak by some account, he makes it up in others. A man might be witty, mischievous, or even become a scoundrel. He bears hatred, he bears anger that's outwardly expressed. That is a dangerous thing, for no one desires to surround himself with other men. This is a problem that needs not be fixed. A woman should and ought to remain weak so there might be balance in store and only for the safety of everyone that's being called in action. Could a man not harm and take the life of a woman then? But what if the woman in question might just be so enthralled to retaliate to the man? And what if she did so in every single possible case?

There are other means to harm someone, that, with the added pettiness of a woman that could only be inflated as to adopt the nature of a man could only be so disastrous as to bring unfathomable results.

A woman is a curtain, she can be dragged from one side to the other, then back and forth until she cannot take it any longer and why would this be? That is quite simple, her lack of spatial awareness makes it so everything looks distorted in from of her eyes. It's just how women are. It's what they're like. Therefore their incapability of creating a wheel is shown by the very fact that their easily dismissible attempts result in them making broken things like cans or ugly chairs instead of round objects, since they cannot see them in their heads.

They're nasty in any case.

She stopped reading and merely folded the paper.

Her face looked like that of a victim or a deer staring at a headlight in the middle of a street. She could not make sense out of it, no, no.

Peculiar thing about patient zero, he was there. There was no virus or disease he was carrying, but a mere peculiar thing about his face, it was a cut, which looked like the female reproductive system, almost drawn across his face but with a blade.

But the sounds came from somewhere in the hall, where the noise was being made, and came out off.

That child was ill. He had misbehaved way too many times for any personal liking to be taken. And he had spent the entire afternoon simply walking around the hospital, bothering everyone who ever happened to stumble on him by chance or by mean.

He was only a foot in door, and peeping in. A clearing of the table, the janitor-lady was but a maid of a head as the back of her skull embroidered clothes. With each strand but a bone-tattle tough, in which, there stood a few deadlocks.

While in doubt of what to wear, he but stared at her.

It was far-fetched, just like the carving of a face, to ask, or at the very least, when need called, to unmask the man as anyone else, but he but followed through. A young stranger with will-to do what came to his mind; there was no running and no getting away and as all things, time would take everything, to waste. And spare no one of what they would become or at the very least, there was this need for some kind of elation to occur. The memory of what could have or ought to have been fleeing with every second; that's what came to mind. Eventually wearisome and ending; that's something a child could never grasp. How his every step was but one closer thing, drearily putting him past them; they would look at the child with wonder, even from their lines and seats, without questioning anything that happened after. He had lost his youth and merely walked on stumps, a drifter or a grafter, or some kind of similar thing that wasted inside, not knowing. Time was running out for him. A child would not be bothered by it, nor could he find out by any means, what happened, in the meantime? And who was the one who should've called on him to claim his life back.

It was for that reason that he chose to waste away in the Hospital, which had become a graveyard by watchers to be. For every single one of them was but a twisted image, never seen. Cold respiration had entered him, for he was ill, sickened by such sight. Within every step but a match for his own, unwearied by anything he's ever known. Thrown by foot the man unable to look forward, he stared with giant eyes ever-encompassing his face and mouth, bubbling about the face as they turned inwardly, the man standing there, between the frame of the door and the uncanny wearisome sight he left behind. As for him, he but waited for this to end. It was sickening to no end, but both were put down in the room, as bastardly as they could be put, by mind and body, shaken in unearthed beds, from beneath which he saw but that force that drew them away. By feet uncanny, bastardly the man as well; he but thoroughly confirmed their foaming mouths, the dead. They had been speaking ever so plainly to him, ever near his approach.

‘They were bound to die eventually; you’re young but yet to understand the ordeals of men.’

‘Why did they have to die?’

For a second there he could see from where the mouth had darted, from his innards, through his chest, they started. Always of a mind for stench, approaching the end of a servitude yet.

‘I mourn not my father, nor her concubine. I only seek to bury everything and lay it in the past where it should be. That is the will of man and you should know it. For that reason I stand here watch until it’s finally done, child. You should understand that.

They have abandoned their share of life, which have been kindly returned to me so I may watch upon my own. With it restored, I can finally walk a man and no longer have to waste in vein or walk away from whichever circumstance might be made of me to convey the dreaded nature they have cast me in.

I have wasted many years watching over, and have wearied myself to no end. I am but a shell of what had once been and for that, I can only have sympathy for them.’

‘How could have sympathy towards people you loathe?’

‘Ah, but I see that you’ve yet to understand, haven’t you?’

You still show signs of impudence, and you’re a prude to knowledge, hence you must know. There’s something you may not understand just yet and you may not get to know about such intricacies of what’s humane as we do.

Boy, I chose to cast upon myself this sight.’

And he had but shown the missing organs and everything he’s given them in order to keep them alive. For however long it had been. There was but a strange servitude he never recalled and which he could never recall by any means. As he was wearied by hopeless wonder, so many touches he missed. All because of them, but despite his appearance he was still at peace.

‘You’ve wasted your life.’

‘Ah, but I can see from the tone of your voice that, and I may judge you so because I see upon you an image that I may recognize to be as one of my own while at your age, that you still don’t understand.

Perhaps I ought to have made it clear somehow, this way. There is no force in this world that may put you in any kind of direction, be it wearisome, vile or benign. And you must know that know of all time so you make not take your chance is the wild, wondering by yourself without hope, but to be made aware that whatever your choice might be from this point on, falls upon your shoulders alone.

Circumstances mean nothing, neither does anything you’ve done in the past. Whatever you may adhere to put your life as a claim to might not lend upon you anything. As a matter of fact, it’s just, contriving that you may think so otherwise.’

‘I can’t, it’s late, you don’t understand.’

‘I do, child, for that reason, look at me now, that is what I want you to do, bare lay upon me with your sight and look for a moment, not as a blind man tries seeing, past your clouds and the blinds, look child. What do you see?’

‘A sick looking man.’

‘What else?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘One that’s finally free to do as he pleases. A man that’s paid his dues; ask yourself as much child, have I gained anything from it?’

‘A loss.’

‘And do you think I feel weary because of that, child? Knowing that I am the one who chose this path, do you think I’m weary of my every choice? Do you think I mourn the years after a lost voice?’

Am I not old, upon to cast and lay as they have upon their dead beds?’

‘Then why did you allow for them to be taken then?’

‘That is just as simple as there is child; past the years, there was but no hope left inside of them. How could you fathom such a thing now?’

‘How could you?’

‘I was not there, when it happened.’

‘But you just stepped out of their deaths.’

And for a moment there, he but pushed the door in, only for an image to be there, again. But they were not alive, and were but fashioned, like tiny toys pulled down upon a frame of wood, beneath where shook but a single pit that’s fallen.

Of yolk and chimes the child was known, and better yet, what he’d been told was but a mask. For what drew him in also cast upon his eyes the blinds, the man simply stood by him, within his grasp his sight, but to the face there was but nothing. And in his arms there stood the watching, entrapped. He of annoyance grandiose, was taken aback. The child was no longer watched, the boy was cast underneath the shadow of the bed, with which crushed, his back as if to realize, while, too late and always bedded underneath the floor as his soul not to wander anywhere else, he come upon the watch. Eternally in the afterlife, the man had snatched something which wasn’t his.

‘Their lives are not wasting now, within and do with waste.’

Therefore he had gotten rid off any other question and no to get rid of it, he had embraced it. Talking to dead-children of which light was to come. Only when appeared to him, beyond sight, the child had asked for his eyes back and for his head. All in part, were taken from him and missed, out of his way, to be reminded. As much as he could resign but a single question, he darted, as to meet the bonds.

‘They were the parts of me that held me back for many a year, now. With them out of the way, I may be free to convey as much as my heart desires to cast all upon my cast and body and for that I’ve only taken what I claimed.

The means through which I may be able to extend my claim upon this land and the one after; I am pleased now that I you have stumbled upon this scene and that I have recovered what’s mine, I thank you child for every organ I reclaim. I may walk again, free of pain and of a limp, I feel that I may do freely as I please now, with my recovered youth.’

Although the man, deformed, still thoroughly looking as if worn out, he walked. Would settle with naught about, other than to walk with the eyeless, headless ghost, of which parts but followed him as well in flight, four pieces in total, all after him, in sight. But only he could see, though he would not be tormented and would not flee from sight. The child had but questioned him, as if, not asked, but made up of a mind to know.

‘Did you plan this all along? For someone to come along so you may steal their youthful vigor?’

‘Of course I have and do not mind yourself, I do what I please and never be touched. Of a kind I wear, I stay and bear.’

But he didn’t walk again in turn, towards the plains and the stuffing in the walls, which were of some oat that were pushed behind and the water-pouched which were placed inside, the list but putting pigs-the cattle. They were disappearing, then only brought to mirth. There was some dread, and they stood-dead. And after a while they came again, tired and placed. It was unnecessary, the first and second, days were bore. He could not fathom standing more, too much. Toll taken for every single man, they were plain and body wrought in sane. Towards the termination ended.

And walls were bend, and there they ended. Asking but a worn out door, entering an office with many pools of hardened yolk, the plastic machine sand moving and wringing like pendulums, the room was put into a part. And would be moved back and forth like a cabinet drawn back on empty rail gaps, or like a wagon that’s to recede, there stood but a fourth piece, a coffin like dome of glass, in which hide the scream, but only his mouth, jaw and two legs were stored. All parts were missing but he would not understand the fright of the worn. For everyone in wall and torn, would ask for them to return.

Thence, his first action, as his judgment called. Was to push on behind an far, finding those torn pieced and doing so they were long stored. As, he had said himself upon being met.

‘Whose there standing, beneath the door? And why is he stored in such a fashion that only a jewel of worth be in it?’

‘That is but the body of a man of worth and you need not know.’

The device communicated to the man, worn out by the likes of Hospital-machines and the intercom within, he had but started his search. Wearing in the distance wonder, and opening the stronger, man came to be. Dressed in a crimson toga, he had greeted him, to offer help. He hadn’t but a clue what was wrong with him.

‘There we come upon there, to stumble. I see, I must ask of you, boy, what do you see the parts I’m after?’

‘I can only see where you point the palms of your hand.’

‘Fair enough then.’

And he looked through the curtains of this den, that is to say, he could see through walls and do as to say, where in doubt, the parts were missing, only so to realize that the cement was but a cemetery, filled with many too far close alike. He could not find for the likes of him the real one, therefore they would but have to fill the missing parts. Of yore, the man, next to them; his toga worn, ripped apart, he shone but from the slaughter. As his hands had split, with but two strikes behind the hour, a minute within. Both arms but fell and then he aimed, not to dismantle, not to shake after, but arms were torn, by tendons torn, they shot and would not remain in part. Nor would the legs be needed, but the head wept as he was but pinned and beaten. Pounded, joint after joint, until he could not punch him, his head was torn apart, ripped clear, while there was no blood but a drivel of blue within a white of alabaster he cast aside. Upon his walk back, upon the derail, the crystal coffin opened and he had placed the body well; it was a fit. He was pleased of his second great act and had considered this.

‘Child, I need you no more but I shall not need your eyes any longer. For that you may stay with the dead and keep him company as I go and search for replacements that I may not be bothered as much as I.’

But he realized himself, unable. He could not for the likes of him rip off the eyes of his palms as they had but enabled him to push aside. Thrown to be and cast what he could until he rose inside. And plain it were, he ripped but a hand, while the other he bit off his own wrist and spat the other into the coffin hole.

He was to be called upon this uncanny thing which came out of him, not blood but molecules that could be seen. Visibly deformed upon the hour formed as leashes worn, having become butterflies that went around. Asked of him In the hour where he placed two pots he found hanging around, bleeding stopped, with there to stay. He frozen when met by a clean whom no pain could convey the fact that behind him, the dead man had opened his eyes. Then all of the sudden when both faces met, he had but been ripped, out of his placed and cleaned. Halls, and in whichever direction but put where he stood not to be called or to swoon more over he could not have fought such a creature which was soon joined by a hundred others whom had stood in line to butcher the body, spreading it evenly.

But they were of little worth as much as it could not be held.

Somewhere, in the hospital, like a toad leaping were the Buffon.

Always of a mind to fight, and would to be followed now by a crows, they had try to make it to the point, where they could fashion themselves the keys for a car and make it through the parking lot. Of free and whence freedom was but proven, he had settled to tell them of a house. They would know of it and would be set there, to live in it safely for the rest of their lives with him. Happily keeping company with the problem of being met by a peculiarly deformed back web which had waited for them; in the way one would use their arms, the full-stretch and full reach as a deformity. An anomaly of form, like a carpet maker and a boxer made to be. With the many strands of threat being made of some unnatural material always drawing then pushing in the same way a fire-blower would, that brown accordion like tool, but

made out of eighteen more of those, attached to the great organ-web that stood between them and the exist.

A general structure in the middle could be recognized like the contorted nuclear silo and a cocoon where the full-reached arms spread connected to the great web, from which they pulled and pushed, in the back there being little young, all but wreathed about and fashioned, not of this world.

For the creature was not where but had somehow taken them momentarily, to its home, where it stood that way, upon a wreathed pair, two of them, which held it that way in the air. Though they could not be recognized, it mattered just as little as it would. Whatever entered their heads could not push through.

It bore behind, finally to their signs, inside a hornet, which held its youth in; many even looking human although they shouldn't.

But worn out, this world was uncanny and were of little space in the distance, all taken aside. Light of stars long faded, instead it came from their eyes. There stranded inside of them, she had come to create but points that were benign of a dark nature where it swam. Of various eons, they but came out, dreary. Of little nature, wearied; then they were refined.

As to belong to it, and what appeared to be the long had protrusions from its backs, always forming the surroundings, as if they were, and mares would be aware to flight, like long antennas wrapped and turning about the placed until they stole the sky. During such flight they were made to appear, fearing not the children it stole.

As their final refinement had only made them become strange beings without legs, but sweeping-like vacuoles below them, as if their skin melted away in them but to take away, whichever thing fell from inside of it, before it could grow and take its place. One of the most dreadful thing was there, watching how the unwrapped antennas had become, to the hornet but many feather-like things on four sides, all but drawing the air.

All of the sudden it spat, daringly, putting itself through such pains as to deliver. He appeared there, but nowhere near him would lay but bloods-particles wrought, yet to be called. They formed but in-so, and taken from them bones, and some were missing what had been wrought with the bodies of the infants, tails, and would to be a heaviness in the front of a wine-maker, which was blown apart, that opened, halves were made, breathing from behind the plains until It died away. For it had matured too fast and organs stomped, in the cartilage they could not grow, in doubt.

Pushed them forced to kneel, feeling the unnatural thing which was their god's bitter chill, but sent.

Backed away from the parking lot as if they knew what lay behind it.

For the sight was dreadful, of what they missed. And although they walked in the opposite direction, there was something they could've missed. Mother of the creature, of which bones were a feature of man, choked on it and bled, as every youth were but devoured and the figures holding it but broke their arms, unable to hold it any longer. They were not to be controlled.

What came out was worn, and wasting. A bothersome, loathsome, feisty creature, of tails but the mouth, coming out of the hornet, while in the front which had become the back, from the web-like contortion, the

full-stretched arms but pulled; pushing the creature over as if to swoon in flight. Of space delight, as it could finally join the others out there.

Though this was not a feast of nails, they felt the mercury in their heads but the iron was nowhere to be found. Instead, oh cheerful thing that drill-head with the many mouths, had departed with a gift, the bed where they spread the dead during peaceful flight.

Peculiar mold of cast, it spoke in words.

It was day-time after the late hours.

‘The surgeon is called upon to attend the command center where the beast is being held. It needs to be operated upon, now, in any case, one needs to alert him, immediately.’

Upon their notice they started making it to where he was held prisoner, room eighteen. Which was eighteen floors away from where he stood, placed near one another, adjacently speaking. A few meters away, like rising platforms, separated by stairs. Doctor Eschter Spew had been wrapped ‘round in a net, but merely conversing with a fail surgery, it was a brain-still born which had grown-crawled through the womb, into the woman’s throat, then outside her skull, finally erupting into a giant harpoon-canon-like growth. Her being the long shaft or the barrel out of which she crawled out of, the child being a living javelin-like growth that had contorted its body on the way out; hardened like steel, a skin of coal with many eyes and peculiar grabbers-hands that bore long stretched talons out of them. From every hole there being but a single spring-like thing that spewed everything around.

He was contemplating his failure as a man. To be certain, he hadn’t been valiant at all.

‘Certainly, I am chloride-pesticide.’

‘I am the Demon-speed that walks the walls. I make the floor where I want to.’

‘As is, is.’

Eschter was eating out of a pack of jelly-bears, they were not real bears, but he was uncertain of what to believe. He had got them from a market which was nearby. They were sour. He enjoyed the feeling of sourness. He also wore fingerless gloves, a black shirt, brown pants, a curtain on top of him, a Klan’s member hat, a pair of peculiar black glasses that would’ve been worn by Victorian England, English pirates while he had a black trap coming out of his chest. It could’ve gone off at any moment, completely splattering his body into every possible direction. The device was attached to the net he was wrapped inside of. Device being somewhat square-like outside, with large tips of conical-like pushing little tip-like mosquito-curved mouths, washed with acid, torn around the ribs. It was still sour, with every bite, he certainly felt it down his stomach which had been wrapped around the strange device, that was but a strange-like space-ship if it were seen around the moon, which had its back-propellers, those being circles, the point out of which the leathery net came out of, completely appearing out of a hole that was put on his back. Rounded, dark, a stump, a pucker that was rounded, grabbed upon by his little finger-like edges, which acted like arachnid web-spinners. They had been activated as a measure of self defense caused by the total shock he had been forced to witness and to live through once he was met by the

strange creature that stood in front of him. Or upon its eruption, of which he showed no fear but some kind of contempt for having dealt with; but then again, that was it.

‘Great, I wager you ought to explain to me from this point on, the reason for which you ought to hold me accountable for what I’ve done.

Because I think you’re holding me accountable for a failure I was inevitably driven towards not by mere chance, but by a precise calculated thing which had been my heartlessness towards reason. I thought I knew you could not be saved, I thought it so. You were bound to be killed.’

‘Yet I live and here I stay, without another second wasted, in a place no one might find you in time. Arched towards you as I slowly make my move to claim the life I shall so easily destroy as I antagonize you as such.

And I can see you as such, through your peculiar metallic white helmet, although seemingly that of a ghost, through which I can simply see and walk through as I’ve come to realize what it truly is.’

‘It is not true, this is a helmet of dread, power and of the malign, you may see through its spin what it truly lay within its grasp, therefore, I shall see no reason to hide it any longer, as I will have revealed it so.

As you can see, I’ve got nothing to hide. And I will not, for the likes of me defile the means of my escape as to prove a point to a pity creature that’s barely been alive for only a short amount of time, although shows signs of a much superior power wreathed in.’

There, in the face of terror, in the halls of agony, on top of the platforms of death, there stood he. Without the slightest remorselessness, as the surgeon unwrapped his helmet, as a rusty old parchment which had been embed with ancient, almost outlandish features that had belonged to completely pounded creatures of which wrath could still be seen as if to have been sutured underneath the rotating metal helmet which hid them inside of it.

From the open child-like infantile creature there leapt the specter that had been speaking all along, as it to defile even the husk from which it had simply erupted out of. With such a peculiar malignity as to have been made aware, there was only this it had, but the reasonless wonder, as to say.

‘I have tricked you as such, to have revealed yourself with such pity. I revel in your plastic mind, one of logic yet that’s tricked by such puerile things, now I shall seek no wonder as I merely enter my new home.’

‘But you cannot do so, because that would only mean defilement of all that I dearly me hold dear to my very soul. You cannot pierce that which is mine as to destroy what comes to mind and make of me what would put under a small juveniles chest where he stands.

As I seek, desperately, for a way out, through which I may be able to unleash the evil my body still holds on. Because I swore that I would destroy whatever evil lays into my hold. That I may cast this thing into such a deep abyss that I may prevent doing a crime as the likes of whom, might be told so to none.’

‘That is?’

‘To serve as inspiration, is but dread to every man that may behold such form with scorn for eyes.’

‘Why have thou not smashed it then? In all your search towards the salvation of man for which you have become a surgeon, how, must it be that it has never occurred to you to destroy it?’

‘I cannot, for it may not be touched by the hands of man.’

But it’s sometimes clear, when one needs to watch, that such perverted men need not talk about their dues. Since, beyond his reach, the cavalry has but arrived; driven through the drivel as if they were but put about and would not stand away, their arms but settled. They but cleared the slight and threw away the creature as to see it draw, back into the shell, as it came. The spirit just darted with the entire structure as to make way. Wherever he may have went and wherever such sights and pains. They were but his and lay.

Quickly on himself as if to wrap and take away from them, whichever damned sight there might be there and wherever they may come upon no matter.

‘Ah, I see but you claim to have come near me during the time. I see you’ve come to steal away whatever shroud I may have steeled through. Sealed in it there but nothing left, more so than I should be aware.’

‘What have they done to you, surgeon, are you harmed by any means?’

‘Stay you hands, the platform is still not yet safe to be walked upon as you may be called to feed upon its plains and stay away as I call upon you, but stay where I may see you.’

‘For what reason, oh dear man of little mind, what are you hiding behind your back? What should we beckon upon you when times draws so short as for you to become of own?’

‘I don’t know whom to trust. I’ve been touched, around my mask, and I fear that you’ve come to steal it away from me in large disgust.

Please stay your way and do not approach until I call upon you.’

And although there was a distant run, as if they had but been called away by his long-distant shout, before him there stood but the Buffoon, the Ham, Dock and the Clerk among others whom were benign. Of a sight such as the likes might not draw from them, let It be called. As queer of thought, they came here by chance. Not to wane or waste away, or how to wonder how they came upon his place.

‘But how, oh over, might you have found me, if I drearily so ask of either? Of smell I feel naught and I’m lost about each thought as if to have left a trail.’

‘We but stumbled on this place on our way out of the way. In search of a way out, we but looked for a reason to get away before the time.’

‘And what time would that be?’

‘Whatever happened out would doom us as to seal each step. To take away and draw from our mouths potato and bread; whichever red beads, shattered, were made appear, all around the planet, only to have life but disappear. In plains we no longer stand and nowhere near can we walk again.

I think this is the end, high-likely. I think there's but a chance to stay. But a single lifetime to look around and live with him to the last of our days.'

'Why do you need him so then? What can he offer either of you?'

'Nothing, and perhaps that, per chance could be spoken off. I see no reason to wreathe within the hour, for we know now what you hide behind this show of darks, and behind the curtain you hide behind.'

'Then ask of me this, what will I do to you if you were to invite such a man?

I must admit, as I have admitted to that failure of thought that I alone conveyed, that I alone am responsible for and may not drag my hands in vein. I would have to do and would to be and claim your lives as I see fit. And would to bring but large up soiled, from what happened to you and underneath the veil. There would be little to no way to return.

I will have stabbed your throats, and claim ever to be. Ever your fault only for you to see that there was never but a chance to lay your trust in me.'

'We can take our chances then, oh man, but we claim our need, for we are in a deep need for your expertise we might claim for ourselves. Would that not suffice if we are to take our chance?

Or are you to fall upon this pitiful den and rot with the rest of your failures?'

Of which kind had but resurfaced all of the sudden, as if they were lain there in waiting, trying themselves with each sight. Behind the curtains and the coils of dark, where many hid and many would remain, not to make too much noise now, but they could be seen again. From many other failed procedures, those hands but being the reason they were still to wait. Claim again what they could and vein as they were, there was but little reason to stay.

'The net in which you're trapped?'

'It's shallow, I cannot point to no better thing. It shall eventually rest upon my brow and ever-narrow body as it melts away. I will have been made to lay and put to rest and lay in slumber with my creations.

That's what I am, a creator of putrescence, a failure of life which wrought the likes that would've been saved in twisted contortions that simply walk behind my shadow.

If I were to take it away, they will have devoured me. If I stay at least, I will have closed my eyes, blind to my demise and everything I so ever-clear despite touching upon as I lay broken.'

'Then join us so we may be followed through. We need you in the most peculiar sighted scene, and wreathed thin, bodies call upon your whim to play. And know that these bodies you look upon are very much alive and may as well be the only chance to your redemption.'

As from that point on he was but joined, with the net, etched into his body, chest, blow and head until he had become it, though highly-likely as it were. His helmet was merely unaffected on the other side. It was but ever so closer to falling off and becoming him, which fright had only set his mind to. Either that way, or wherever he had himself handle as to talk. He spoke of the most uncanny feelings, which were but wreathed, torn around. Walking upon a limp, always behind them as to feel himself torn. He looked upon

them as a bird to his pair of worms and little insects tried about. And of what little more would he recall now.

There was agony in every hall and every stop, there was the Cleaner. But he had not been one for long, as long past since had he degenerated as to have become, Dirtier, as he had pained. All that remained in every smoke-filled grain of the floors and of the lights, smashed in and put about as everything lay in such a sight as to look as if they were contaminated. There was but dread and as more than it should be, It had remained. Poor statues appearing as if the graveyard, the Hospital had been but a Red Tomb; of which watcher had long decided not to spare themselves of too much work, as much and as little more.

Throughout year, throughout day, eating biscuits every day; they're do die for, they are liked. They're to be put around your belly and laughed at. But they're not like bears of jelly, no one wants them, always in the gums, always cast them off, then into the trash-compactor there they go. Unlike the seeds, the Buffoon should know, never mix them, never mix them, never mixed, where they go? In which direction? Certainly the hungers, first signs to show.

'We should walk through it again, there's another power-out, another feather of a cock, another puerile thing about the hour, you're always talking about taking a shower, aren't you?'

'And how is that my fault now?'

I am not the one who brought us here in the first place.'

Stopped on their tracks, a few truck-shaped patient carrying humans were but moving around on top of human shaped wheels. A dome on top of them as black as the sun, threw black-bolted, blue-trailed, red outlined dark electric thunders all around the place as they walked through. Not to be disturbed by the oddity, a little bowl of fruits had landed. But right before they could draw near, as Brim had but defended it. His stance was shook, and would he look.

The little brick came out like a rat, it took the bowl and the fruits out. Darting, smashed through one of the walls, pushing through as if it were but a tiny canon trying itself around, pushing past the necessary thing which had darted until their hands were taken out. And there, he said it.

'I told you we should've destroyed it when we had the chance, now we lost our last hope to make it in time. To eat, I mean to eat.'

'There's other means to make is, so, no?'

'But you do not understand, you simply do not understand, we're doomed and taken and claim alike. This calamity is but ruin and ruined through, the sight.

We lost everything and that's because you would not let me smash that brick.'

'There are others like it.'

And then, at the most inopportune moment, the sounds came in heaps, from the ends, farther ends in the distance where there were points where none else lay, they stood as they were likely, and what to call upon, what happened there?

Birds were audibly making noise, they froze. Two chocolate bars.

But they were drawn upon that room up north-east where stood but the map, drawn on a single east-south hall where they stood, making it directly proportional to where they stood, being even closer to the south, while standing in front of the long-stretch which lead to the western exit.

In another room.

There's but no other reason, to be certain about it. They had to find her in order to escape.

More so.

'Ah, but I see you sprained an ankle. And your teeth all busted up. I can see from your cardiography that your lungs are as full at that, my fists are but a single piece, I could fill twenty of them then push you to feel something, may I enter now?'

The procedure was anything but safe, from what could be judged. It was hard in any case.

'Say, if you're all caught up now, with little to no chance of truly getting up, seeing how your jaw is split open, would you happen to listen to me for a moment now?

I find it strange, don't you?

I was merely thinking the other day.

I know, it's a strange thing, but it's how my mind disassociates some things from my partaking into something while at the same time, I suppose I would never take my daughter for a harlot by any means.

I suppose It's simply not hypocritical for me to say this, but just because I so often find myself in usage of them, that it has never occurred to me that one day I could wake up with my daughter becoming on, which would in turn be something that's unacceptable. To be sure about it; I don't think it is. And it isn't, as I know that this isn't just a matter of natural prowess, but that kind of behavior is kind of unacceptable.

Don't try struggling, you're only going to make yourself feel more pain. Regardless of it, I know it to be so.

For I have figured that it is not the same thing and it may not apply to one such as mine by any means whatsoever and you want to know why? The reason for it is quite simple, I'd say.

Would you invite a homeless person to live with you from this point on until they will have found a place to live and make do for their living? Of course you wouldn't. But would you do that for your own flesh and blood? Of course that answer depends on person to person, although by the same terms, one could simply suppose every father would stretch or lend a hand when needed to their own while at the same time scowling at such a person of which circumstance there's little to be known about. As aid would not do to lift such a person as to reconcile with what got them there in the first place.

In the same manner, I don't think it's hypocritical for me to venture, as often as one could go, in order to satisfy my own pleasure while vindicating myself by vilifying this kind of behavior perpetuated by them.

In some way, searching for shelter and having employed use of one is just as natural as let us say, using a harlot for your own personal pleasures and on-doings, wouldn't you think so? But I would never want to invite some kind of vagrant to live with the likes of me by any means whatsoever, since I could not deal with such a person as to be as irrational to have come to that point at any time.

I suppose both of those involve circumstances that invite the likes of hypocritical ordeals that cannot be seriously washed or brushed aside by any means. There's shame involved in both of them, but most importantly it stems from the mere fact that harlots are used. As that is merely the role of a woman by whatever means she finds herself in.

She is but an object to be used, which cannot be denied. And having exposed someone as your daughter to this kind of behavior takes a toll on a man; as a man's daughter cannot become as the likes of a harlot being used by whichever man so as to please himself with her, as to first and foremost shame him. Since that very being serves as a reflection of her upbringing and the result of a man's failure to act when called for. In the past, as one knows, a man was free to take the life of a woman whenever he pleased, and that act alone served as nothing more than a liberating thing from all the shame, or agony. Allow me to take another cut out off your mouth, you won't need your vocal cords, main artery, gums, teeth, tongue or eyes. Greatly so; a man is but to employ the means of cutting off a cancer that's been growing on him from the side, adding to itself with the likes of low-lives and whichever creature might employ such a being in the first place.

In all honesty, that's what separated men from animals. It's that distinction, the means of stepping in and changing in. Blocking, ripping it off, killing it if it's necessary. We don't consider those harlots human, but we use them; just in the same way we don't consider workers human, but we use them. I could've been born one of those obnoxious, insignificant creatures myself, but that won't stop me from seeing the loathsome nature they bear.

No, it's just plain and simple. No one is equal, and no one ought to be treated as such. It's a simple case, by whatever means one might employ this kind of abuse upon another, as for him to admit that some people are disposable but not everyone. If a man is a disposable soldier, is a woman not meant to be bred with?

Why of course they both fulfill their duties, something which may simply be understood by whatever means one could look into. And if it is as such, should they not be allowed once again to recognize the nature of the tainted blood which inhabits as well as alienated one of his descendants? In which case, may they not simply cut them off entirely only to start again?

For this is no matter of hypocrisy at all, as that would imply all men are equal, which alone is not and shall never be perceived as being true by whatever means there are; not mentally, not physically, not socially, by no means are they to be seen as being alike. In the same way one might mistreat someone who is of a far inferior breed, or someone who is of a much, unlikely to be bred with conscience, they are not to be perceived as being alike, henceforth, other than the skin-deep similarities they seem to share, nothing of the kind could be established.

My daughter will never be a harlot, and if she become, the responsibility falls upon my shoulders to either change her or claim her life in which I have deeply invested in. For she is mine, her life is mine and I own

her. And I have invested a great deal, therefore I am entitled to her well as well as wrongdoings, for that is how life is and that is how we're made. We get what we pay for, in the same way two people whom had undergone such a transactional relationship as marriage have, ought to. Although this is something that may not be easily enforced any longer, one knows of ways. And one can make sure that one can always suffer for them.

Ah, and there she is.'

After splitting open the man, he had found her half-cut head, exactly where he had planted her. After sawing off the upper half, after putting her right here, while he had been under anesthesia, and now? She looked back at him, blinking constantly confused.

'I see that you have enjoyed my little suturing procedure, have you not?

But I am still to be satisfied by what I've done, no, I suppose not. I'm still considering, you know?

Nothing personal, you could've lived like me, but now, you live this. And I don't feel any shame for it now, since most of my patients are yet to know or have found out that, I've implanted your body parts in them, or that they're walking with you inside of them.

Again, I don't think I'm a hypocrite, by any means for what I'm doing. Should I feel guilty for having purchased something cheaply made in some overworked sweatshop because they're being paid far less than someone would've been if they were here? Of course I'm not going to feel guilty 'bout it. No, I think, people have gone mad. They're blinded by discoveries of things that were always there, in plain sight, for everyone to see, acting all mighty as if they see something others don't; having a rush that gives them that thick inside their head, always fattening itself, or clicking like the tongue of a clock.

It shouldn't bother me at all now, or it wouldn't. If they hadn't gotten as obnoxious as to rub it in my face every time I make a plain thing as a comment on it. And why should one comment on a god?

I am a god, just so you know. I do what I please, I say what I please, I am in control of your life and that of everyone that goes underneath my hands. I know better than anyone else and if one were to call me out, I could simply just ignore them as the plebian they are. I would've fancied if things went in a different direction though.

You didn't have to do this, it shouldn't have come to it, but, there is no other way. I have to keep suturing you up, I have you bury you deeper, I have to get rid of my shame and of the reminder of what you have become. Once your mind reaches a certain point, this disassociation between acts cannot occur any longer, for that is the way of the mental invalids that merely adhere to such natural fallacies. They would justify touching children if they were allowed to. Look at the African tribes that have their chieftains feed young children their own seed, how quaint of them and of their ordeals. Is there nothing more to be looked at, other than that? Are such acts not contemptible and worth our pity? Are such creatures not primitive and merely serve as a means to justify such vile and degenerate behaviors as the likes which are being employed by people who call themselves our own? Are we allowed to question?

Well that doesn't matter for the normal man, he was the illiterate who could not speak Greek during a time where every poor man spoke vulgar Latin. He is the one that cannot read or write. He is but the

insignificant, barely capable of birthing an abstract thought at all. He is but a man, flawed in essence and incapable of changing.

Unlike I, the god, whom shall rule upon all and claim the lives of whichever I so please myself with taking. In which case, I choose to claim yours, though you may have inherited by godly blood and basked in my eternal essence, you have given yourself to decadence and decay. Therefore, your punishment is to life and decay with every man you've been part off, to have been used in death as you will have been used in life.'

With which he had but spat on her and watched decay. This time refusing to take a step as to have left her in any other piece than what he had latched upon to prevent her stay; in this world there would be but naught, those who would see him as a god.

'And I leave now and choose of plain and whom to run around and where to lay.'

And he had named himself Pthok; carrying but nothing more but a scalpel and a small hammer in his lab-coat, making sure to lower the platform ever so lower so no one might find her in during her slow descend into the underworld.

Pitlok but swore, he was of a kind to bring something to his mouth and eat it. While beguiled with everything that came around him, of the asphalt mended, but to look past one the drowning in man-trucks he but looked away. Obtuse and to hinder their walk, he but talked to a small salamander-dressed crone that had followed him around, two of them now, within the corner, awakened by whichever noise, of which they would but poise themselves as if to swear upon him, we would be worn out. By whichever call, as to hear what had happened after, as he had heard them now.

'Get away from me, immediately, can't you see that I have but no time to entertain no crone that I may look forth and ask for this. Leave me now, as I ask of nothing more and no more should I be made to feel. I've come to know of which sounds you speak off. I bed you plain, you're morose, I can already see that you're in pain.'

A headache of wreathing old, and would to be, as old would shone. They were grossed out, and plain, the mutations about their faces had made their brown-dark plain dust clothes but to be melded and washed off, as if they were drowned in it. Before the time had come to their absinthe scents, were they drenched to listen and hear; of what was told and would be old.

There were no worthless signs. Worthless creature, in the distance, hard to settle by; burnt man with clubs for arms set together in pairs of two and held like arms. Attached to them back, two sets of arms, one that belonged to the creature and another pair that wasn't belonged to anything or anyone, worsened by the disease, never eaten, there was but nothing that was to be set to it. As for it bore, a single trench-heaved up is thin chest atop a forehead worn out. Broken on the sides the ribs extended like strands of hair. Sounded like key chains that were jingled as they came to be touched by the first animals which had been birthed by the watch. Gothic-clothed, and vileness, they were but trying to spare themselves. It wasn't good enough.

'I've come to think that there's no better filth, I'm trying to get a filth-bottle.'

And one of the crone, and would to be, she felt it.

‘Ah, I see, you should offer us a disease, a distress, anything as I would like to confess.’

There was but much and would to be about. Each derogation and each castration would to be felt in every room they passed, during the creation of a moving light atop the vigil. Men had gathered and some had flown out of it. Hardened by what appeared to be the one day which rose in their hearts, unable to come to understand, when was it that they lost contact with the outside world. Spoken to them, every now and forth.

‘Ah, there’s but a break where we might eat.

I think I’ll have roast beef with a side of lettuce.’

‘Shall we eat the gourmet then? How about the chef as well?

He is but a pierced Rook, and the King has become but the pool. A veteran of dogs that’s eating but my shoe.’

‘Is it not rubbery then, with a slice of blueberries that are set aside?’

They had spoken of just as much. And would not leave, the room was but a bit too tightly set and closed around, would not to be interested in, not to understand; not to help. They were but cut, around each filament, the room was dead. Dead people were taken and put into bourbon little fleece containers, and would to be put inside.

No disease would be distress; into coming into the dreadful coming. Marching forth, the little insects were prodding. Some were but unable, incapable of derogation. A few more of the filthily set reactions were but put aside. There was a dreadful child, of little roses-blunt, and tender. Eaten aside and would to be contender.

One asked, but what en trance and what to do after he was caught off guard. He went around and asked for less, he was but filled with left-over pieces across his chest. Form which there pointed another man.

‘Bring the axe, we’ll have him.’

During their play they each took a small axe, a small knife and a butcher’s little blunt thing, a mask for pigs made out of nails, glass and various other things that had been found around. All used in unison to make him do. Hear the screams that would come to be, as one to get himself through it. First of the wall heard the screams, the second one just saw a room within it.

Placed between four chairs they spread him after, waited twenty seconds only to see him lifted, wonder. He was but alive, sealed inside and leaping like a little puppy-eye that cried in a pool of peculiarly set little finger-dead people that were there as well. They were but the floor and a strong little thing which wanted to stop them.

‘Drop your weapons, all of you, now!’

But it was late, as their friend was but turning on them as he'd become. But every touch but pushed ahead, made as to spread everywhere, like a bottle that was shaken, but four of them sprouted the top and the cap, at the same time they were all brought aside and thrown everywhere they could land in, caught and rooted in place from having their skulls poked in and put through so much dead from which they could not deal themselves any longer. It was too much.

‘Dogs bleed but I will not.’

For Hamilton had but the will and might to make it through before the lights were taken out of their eyes. As he fell, he made it through as well and was but bumped and entered through the truck until he, well enough had been left to stare. At a strange machine, inside of them. Making but little people out of eyes, which walked on steps and were but attached; he almost came to, set aside and not understand. This obsession with it had to end.

‘Think of wishful thoughts.’

Yelled at him, one of the men, uncouth and unable, instead. He had but not understood why they were but followed by them, always, always, but to disembowel, the parapet trumpet, the form of two boxes put beneath them, not a tail but a strange split in halves thing, which wore wing-fat, or the fat inside of a mammoth without limbs, which had been wrapped around, slowly shrunk as his head became a grinder until finally he could leave. Slowly dragging himself until to heave, strange symbols everywhere, drawn by hands or craters that had depressed themselves in it.

And that creature opened like a treasure chest, only to heave like a trap, all small shafts, which killed some of the men off. Hamilton but raised his fists and covered his face in peace, blocking some of them with his knuckles, forearms, as well as getting some of his side-clothes scuffed. He walked, in had become a full plight of rolling away, incapable of knowing where he'd go at that. Always trying himself over, incapable of questioning or rowing on the side. He wanted to appear somewhere else, but ended up having followed but a Dirtier, who was occupied, with one of the dead corners, a body in his back turned. He but made a motion around his mouth with a finger's worth, shh.

Not to settle with what happened, thoroughly in set, he simply refused to be dead or listen to any kind of reason instead, making it half-way through.

And bowing to an uncanny thing, he had but faced a hunger unlike any other that was, on cue. Delivered to him by the brick, he fed himself like a little invalid, spitting as he could not use his arms, sinew. Of what poured out of him, he wasn't in the mood to live. No one was.

The sky was of a different red as well as the atmosphere started hardening, burning, becoming, as well, filled with life. Uncanny forms being made there, for the new inhabitants and the creatures ruling this world were to be set. And never mended by what would happen there, in their wildest reveries no one could be settled to follow. All but destroy, to sorrow.

And there was still Zlazlow who had yet to touch.

Such kindness of a soul as if to understand what set him back. No more hearing and no more having to think, only that made him aware of what appeared in the sky during a day where he had but a single drink in the name of great peculiar Approacher.

The Approacher had begun once chanting of long day come, just like the Indians would to be. Whichever natives and regardless of tribe, of sayings they had spoken once to him. He of tall and mighty stature, upon a broken man's upheld nature, but spoke of vile days the evil come. In the veins but floating around, the red of Mars soon to change.

And none of it would be left in grains, it shall become but of Azure, as this was to be taken, as the making of his soon to be bride.

Ophelia came to mind, her essence tainted, through the spectrum of disease, all put through the alkaline bliss which followed due. To the calling, he had appeared in a blackened robe, a tributary upon which he stood of broken nodes formed of ripped out foundation from which he appeared.

At once he threw the cowl away, spread what appeared to be toe-malignant wing-talon-pus contortions at the tips where long finger-spikes emerged, from a trunk that was hardened and bigger than a whale's girth, to a head that was but in two pieces facing each side, then from his back, the worth. Some of which had came from below his body, then from behind. Like curved traps that were reeling back into his body just as they were coming out of, black streams of coils or something toiled as they made the foundation of a giant tome-curved in. Like half a dome of a geisha's wind blower thing, behind it, on which every documented fight would seem to bring. That sight within and tiny bubble-bolts in the distance, on a whim; yellow-lit globes that were but serving like light bulbs in this world where light was gone. And they lived in azure-dark.

Some of the coils from below the trunk had but expanded themselves to him as they started eating his body piece by piece, at a completely questionable distance, from which they had bloated part of the Approacher's chest in which his reflection appeared. There he would be dead. A coffin of skin, and part within, he had been shown but his own death.

And the poor fool thought it but a simple jest. As when the time approached he only saw a sea of red, unlike the blue, it must've been wrong he thought, of due.

What would he due to all the VHS tapes he'd stored? They were in his gut and only swore they were themselves real in a way he could not feel but watch. And he remembered keys that were black and had still so many bucket lists on which the slender touch of the wreathing sound. A sound came, out of nowhere, highly mechanic, like that of a machine breaking, as if a power-arc was but to happen, as if the destruction of the whole device and dreams would be wreathed in, worn out in the matter. Fewer seconds had him become but administered into it, like a shot, his body completely absorbed, where he remarked, that in every death and every making, there were billions of bodies, all put together. He was amongst them, unable and incapable to move. And his feet were so tired, despite what shook him most.

He had spent many years as a cyclist in the employ of the NSA. Though his body had become but the bike one day as his mental state had decay upon seeing an unfathomable event which shook his very nature, as he stepped between two lines, and saw between them that his teeth were misaligned, having become their own pitiful destruction tools which ate what they could. Incapable of holding himself in

check, he but ran away but the lines appeared anyway. It was the lines, always in the city, always holding him. He had cycled there and would stop, taking anything he could grab. The lines told him to kill them so he may release a white blood from which a light lobe would emerge, and spread until having become the elongated oblong-sphere-head of a apparition of which body was that of a puddle spread in four directions, while appearing as if it had been squirted out of a water-gun, so it could look as if it would form a tall body, instead of one which was brought down. There, it appeared all too clear that this was the inhabitant of the lines which had almost strangled him in the streets but he ran.

And as he ran away from the crime, it was then that he had met his wife, that which he dreaded most and would loathe to hear; as she loathed her, oh how much he had desired for her to disappear. It came clear to him even at that point that his child was but armless, and would occur further that his legs were on his back, as he walked on mad walls while reading the annals of a lost city he had once dwelled in. For in that city he had been a long-to do scribe and had spoken to secret beings he could not remember the faces on. Of which flowering gulls had been his skin but chimes. He had become them and had part of his knowledge stolen, as was his mind, put on walls. That was he would always live, as but words could be put to skin and they would become. Ancient days calling him home, that house which stooped about the crone-like formation of little mole-women of which humanity had faded that long day when the earth shook by the apparition of the strange ziggurat which had almost broken the world. Many others like them being there as well, everywhere across the world; them serving as a sign, since they were but placed on precise locations that had been written down like secret codes; which were but part of frozen mathematic-lobes that could be interpreted by physicians in order to form a map that would open the bowels of the earth in order to make all appear naught. They had settled with destruction as such as a man would do.

Now, the Buffon had also another vision in a dream which had called upon him to look upon the Man of Boils which had been a servant of Filth itself, of which little doubt could be talked about. In the veins of the evil people whom to worship and worsened veins, only dread approached now as one could hear the moans. They were in pain and begging him to let him say. But a mere word and they would go away. They had to be cast out, as if from heaven. Leave the absence, now the broken pavement. And his eyes were red and worn, and genetic little children were but eyes. And why? Because they were red from staring out for too long until it could not be harder and harder as it was, they could not do it. Allowed to leave, and helpless. He had gotten herpes one day and never learned how to drive a car. So it happened, as to him, when he had driven from the distance, would have lost himself on a whim because the vehicle drove itself, it being but connected to the will of the universe which was guided by a GPS compass that was connected to a tower of skin spread around. There was dread in whichever man's eyes.

And there was also Brim.

He had enough of thinking and merely hit walls with his screwdriver. Always but a mind to smash, no one questioned where this desire came out off, but it had been allowed since he could not self-harm himself any longer. Being too pained now there were days when he wondered whether or not anything mattered. As a matter of fact, what was he made out of?

Strange questions always pained him as such. There were days where he could only eat dark-puddles dropped out of a light.

‘But tell me, oh, tell me whichever it be.

Why is that shallow thing bleeding? The light. I’m so much done so, I must defeat the nemesis of thoughts until I will have become him during a night that’s become them.’

‘Who are you talking to?’

‘I think this is one of his episodes, we should simply let him be.’

‘Perhaps he needs a cigar, does he not? Hey, friend, do you want me to roll you one?’

‘You what?’

‘Or not, smoking is plain cancer any way.’

‘But I want to die. Perhaps that’s what I want to do with my life, there’s no hope we might get out of this place alive.

So I might as well just fill my body with wreathing cancer and become a gangrene shot that will infest anyone.’

For cancer is like flu. It simply is, a virus that spreads to everyone that touches a person with cancer as tumors are bacterium points and little craters that move around holes and live in moist-dark spots with little rat-people and the mice.

Oh worthless thing how could it be that he had not seen anything else other than him? For every moment’s woe he had recounted. For everything that passed him, ever as to have been darted. He had failed to see the fetid fate. Of which the Brim like nature would prevail onto that of theirs, for he was mocking and would never see, whichever side of the wall to be pushed upon, oh such an edifying thing which gathered. He, but a man wearing a cowl of rubbing fingers now, but worn as well. A beard grown as well as the appearance of one whose old nature could not be satisfied with putting aside all. As he battered but an ocean and would bring song upon all; him whom was of a nature as to be discontent with them all had been but a recluse of the mind, he was but one put there like a hermit to seek her, in the time.

‘The lights are one but soon, oh son they will disappear, brought done by thing which would have it as such. The power must come out one day and you will have been vilified by everything as to convey nothing more.

You’re cruel as to know of no candle. You will burn through very wall as to hide yourself and wonder, what was in that room and what are they doing in it? You should not check for the likes of it, they will back taken you by the ankles and ripped them to shreds no wonder as to what. They’re cruel, you should know that, there will be but no point after you.’

But he hadn’t spoken much and would to have himself lost carving but himself and each man inside the crew, as well. Wondering when will there be hope to leave. He had promised them the Buffoon.

Zlaslow was but a special case, and in his specialty was but this, of little ornaments that floated around and spoke in tongues, with little more than what would be, two days prior to thee.

When he had served his share out there and seeing them attached as many as hundreds of them as to be stretched upon a little plow of land.

He dreamed, he dreamed, he dreamed again. It was of an uncanny thing he could not be aware of, ever since through dance of lay. Where he stood now and then, he could see them talk, even in the dark of their eyes, always watching him, as he was given the gift of the eye. No, he was born with it, always to speak off.

‘Listen, listen, listen, I need to make sure you understand, they’ve taken me, they’ve lain claim. I am but calamity, and where I stay, they’re always a foot away from where I stand.

They’re trying to have at me and claim my life, I’m so afraid, my heart weeps, I know I won’t stay for long in this world. I know that my life will be taken if they find out, I know.’

For the Buffoon wore the greatest gift of all, the glass false eyes with which he had been born with, his real eyes grew in them and took their shape and color as to claim. He could see all through, and through. And they would have him, appear in sinew.

Like that strange floating unbearably to look out receding thing, upon the wing of a single blasphemous creature, with eighteen wings-put together floating organic devices that were but connected to it by some wire, drawing some meat as they protruded forth, like large bulks of forest-trees ear-lobes and ear drums which had been compressed in the points and drew out, through the bodies of bean-stalks growths. Around them rose, little to no matter, uncanny mouth-like structures, which spread the dark messages the one bore. Him of fatness and of peculiar strident gloves put together, feature he had recognized, and from each finger but a long-child with the mouths of strapped on-god-like figure that was set inside. Carved through, with the arms of large planted, long-winged breathers, within their arms but uncanny tilting feelers; these were the ones in control, and beings like these appeared everywhere and followed him until he could get no night of sleep, no more.

In the distance breathing the sheriff, he, but a dark figure standing at the door, within an earshot, trying to get a word in, chewing on a turpentine leaf. Trying to get himself off the point where he felt a as if, he would be next. He stood proudly looking at him, with a gun in his reach but none in his hand no longer. It went away. But he could’ve sworn it was there, again, he drew near and saw it appear, a trick of the hand, and then he was near. Kicked behind the back of his head, waking up but on a leg, both of them but wrapped around, his hands, his one arm and face, at last. He was in a secluded zone behind two cranial-moving bars. Which stopped no man, but he was tied instead.

And he had fought through all to get to the side and would do it much harder if he were but to try his hands again, only to have himself failed, time after time.

He had always been threatened by everything and everyone, but the Buffon knew exactly when to fight back.

And there was another, more peculiar man.

He lived a perfect life as one would say, witnessing, at a first-hand account what happened inside the Hospital, he decided, that one day he would get out of it, escape and write about his experience, no matter what people might think of him or of them.

Clerk was but a piece of a scuffle. He was touched by the looks of him. Despite the apparition of this doctor, whom was Infant Outer, he had been uncanny. To say the least, he had walked near the Psychiatric ward one day, and there practices his mind were yet to wrap around, let alone convey.

It was a field practice, taking patients and injecting them with something in their heads, out there in the open where he could watch, where it was.

Ah, but it was certainly not something either of them expected. Always but a problem, always but a fix, little cabin-pox, little first aid box filled with the first patient that ever lived the plague. It was there, in the hospital, placed next a fire extinguisher. Every kind and un-kind and every tide and everything appeared to be surrounded, by the blind and by the touch. It seemed ever so likely that it was senseless as to know. Why it was pouring out now that every wall was but storm-wood wet, and black and standing erect. He remembered how he snuck, and walked around. Ready to get around at a single watch, to check it again; near the ward, and every time he had made it had he realized how things had happened there. There was but one man, and he was waving in the distance, hard to be focused on. Too tired, out of the dread which inhabited his fingers then; it was clear. Man was not made to fear or to look around when the lights were made to look alike.

One can't go alone on a bottle of acid and it was for that reason that he watched him wane. And remain in the spot where he had but pushed out of it, always of in the blinds, the compactor behind him pushing out the lights. Purple-violet, a light which appeared before he was fished inside the room; by many hooks and poles which dragged him in before he could throw away the leper cradle they pulled him back into. They ate from him loudly. They would become him, walking outside with long bayonets attached to their arms, pushing about their meat-wagon fat which curdles around their fattened bodies. Most lost their coats, unevenly put, came to him, as it they did that they were not fishermen, and they were not hooks, long-needles wrapped around IV that shook the man, they walked around. Such strength to be uncannily found, they ripped each wall with big burly hands, calloused and hurt, and cut instead. They could not control themselves any longer. Always hitting the marks, always provoking the most unnatural creatures to follow them around. And they were there, talking to them as they appeared. Fearing what might happen afterwards if they were to open up and split behind. Twenty of them small, like tiny pups, set in flight, but of a piece, they wore their angel-like figures in the back upon a fist-shaped like extension made out of tinier growths, and tongues pushing out of them, licking their new homes, the men who had come out.

And they were not doctors, nor nurses but some of the less fortunate men who hadn't survived the transplants but appeared not to be dead either. It seemed ever so likely that they could not make it through. They had to be reminded that there were things that were unacceptable, as to not ruin the entire world, and put through, such a hold. They ripped everything but still would not be worn out. Not by the creatures inside of them, nor by what crept inside, deeper through them, as these creatures acted like the first means of entry, the rubbing alcohol put on top the arm before the shot could be taken, despite the fact that they were already burrowed in. In them came, with the help of the tongues which acted like guiding factors, little strange bubble-pus specters of diseased being that had died, during the decide of the moon, their god.

Life was a malfunction they could not spare themselves off. It was inconceivable, trying to see through them once their lower legs were given on, them entering the ward, deeper inside, falling over themselves as they buried even deeper, having made it to the tower. Although abandoned and made to wait, there was nothing there that life would not satiate for thought alone and there was nothing either left to bar the light or to bestow upon them such a thing as the peculiar mad twist and turn and body of torches that were but lit upon their touched worms-like shells, surrounded as well, by jelly-wells which hid the deeper bodies in. One could not fashion such a thing on a whim. Various other parasites hid inside the jelly wells, in which *Entamoeba histolytica* was but kind. In little enlarged nests and pucks of red, in which it started spreading around, they but strode out of the hardened basin, lumped together on a whim as if to breed on chance, there, once fallen by chance some of them had finally grown their wings as they began flying around and claiming the city as their own, spreading with an uncanny thing, a desire to dominate which almost seemed to have been engineered in them. By such means as to know that there was no release.

They had merely tried communing with it for a long period of time until they accepted its dominance, which had claimed a few of them over, drawn inside by their throats as, proven by their incompetence, they were unable to resist the organic surge which had overtaken them.

‘Ah but lord of a ruined castle, I see that there’s but something near, oh, you whom might call upon the Scribe to record and you who might call upon him to reform every crack and every plain broken by the weight brought here.

You should know of this.’

‘Of what now? And why may I be awakened during my hour of slumber when I cannot fathom living for a day yonder.

But if it is behind reason, where it finds itself hiding, may I not be granted peace as well? I seek to find some peaceful thing here I may rest if you don’t mind it.’

‘That may not be granted yet, not while we live in a basement within their hold. Not within reason to have claim, whatever there is, we took them away.

Whichever supplies that might’ve saved their men, we took and hid whatever we could and took them of plain thought, without questioning what we have done.’

‘And have we hurt a man and what have we done with him then? And what can there be done in that case, if such a folly can’t be spoken of any longer?’

‘We’ll keep taking can’t you? They brought the seed of destruction on themselves, it was them whom defiled the lack of satisfaction that lurks in their minds but only spits off our venomous blood. For our veins must likely, to have found so on our own skin, be fanged with each tongue they spill and draw within as they feed upon themselves, injecting. Always, and always will our antibodies be fading.

And that’s but known, we can’t be cured, that’s why we’re here, you should know this.’

‘But wait, oh Dghegg of which you’re made of worn and last, away. Will you but think of the consequences of waiting and trying to appeal even the worst of man and even in his prime and worst of

days, might he still but take advantage of what's stored and if it's so, will they not just grandly reward us for keeping something that's their own?'

'They won't do such a thing for beasts, for those within their grasp and for those who surround them. Can you not see yet, can you not understand that what we've done and what we've tried is but poisoned at which sound and which touch, will only be accompanied by a snarl?

To be interpreted as an act of treason and be put to death as the blunder might be called upon, to feel the least, of all, false contempt?

For us there's but little to no doubt, we cannot be certain of what is gone and what went through our bodies to be caught again and put to deathless beds in which they lay, they think of us, they dream.

We're the nightmares that have stolen their childhoods on a whim and have tainted their very last chance that they might live long lasting peaceful days, grown and olden, for each act we've committed will have been weight and said. Of treason like man, of monsters like them, we took away everything and that, my friend.'

'It cannot be parted from, can it? I suppose we're but to be done about it, now that they're gone. And in trail of destruction there won't be a man left to feel, or to reel in through the most uncanny thing and be destroyed and feel but pain and be enslaved, a testimony of when.'

'And when will that day come, my dear friend, that we shall finally cross the line and push aside which testimony there's there, left to give and lend upon their bodies, of touch within touch as if to realize, we're the cause of it, for we have treated and we have spared.

And we have mended, everywhere. For each of the ones that were without head and the bodies they carried, whom promised not spare any man who had done such a blasphemous thing, as to allow them to live. As to carry on within, to be tormented to no end, and to be blessed with such a sight, and then. What will happen once every man is dead? To whom will they turn to if not us, the ones whom' mend?

Only to destroy, themselves and every ploy and every maker, every creator and every reanimator if that's their will?

I know it to be so. Because I am aware that they know and if we do it, there's but hell to pay.'

'Then we should do it anyway, only for the sake of it, only for each man alive, only for each creature in sight, we have to bring them back, corrosion, or at least for sake alone, look at whom we had crossed paths with. Do they look like men? Nay, they don't, but they achieved, such sighs of the malign as for us to rest within the hour. Our damned disaster but comes upon a shower coming through.'

Much water coming, electrified. And there seemed to be something else, left in doubt. Although they didn't fear the chance of the entire city being flooded, as there was not enough water left to spare. But they only saw it in reverse as a sign, of what it meant. They didn't stop the water-compactor, the pressure being set, the wires being met, with them across and now each dead. Whom followed through would walk again. And on top their shoulder, little men, of which obscure lore none was known. Better for them to lay so. Little more than their coming and all the breaking, beaks were roaming. All dissects, floods of beds, and some of the patients were brought instead.

During this strange series of uncanny things, they but receded in one of the small abandoned homes they often found themselves reeling through, trying to hide one another, in a must to be order, to hide themselves through. It was incontestable, how they cherished but to say a word, and how they found themselves incapable of but paying heed to such warning as if to show compassion.

‘We may not be the last who’re here, there might be many yet to come and largely, come as such, appear.’

‘But what of them and what have they learned? Are you certain that their experiences are worth? For they have seen but what have seen as such, too much destruction brought to last, too much of it already on lain on the past, on which shoulders they carry and they speak. And meekly they know of everything we’ve spoken on, about each day and each passing of every hour since we met.’

‘Yet we do not know the crossing of the alley, and do not know what lays up yonder, there are things that are defile and wait for us to lay our strongest, of which we know as much.’

‘Ah, but there is still hope to be achieved.’

Past their sight, there was one to wallow within. From the place he lay upon and from the general direction from which he appears to be lain on top, as if he were to look out of a crucified objects made out of peculiar wardrobes put together while they’re made out of peculiar telescopes that only come out during rainy days. There were some peculiar things surrounding it. Hard to see, everywhere around, hardly placed, at large distances made out of eighteen hundred miles at least, pushed on top of large pores that give the general appearance of living ground-lets put on top of one another, stacked as if this alone would suffice to someone who was out there, watching. In the mere duration, and of the mere taking of a t least eighteen days, the smoke had cleared and made it so the original, first drop was but the result of a single spread of dust-spice that had entered the nearest men inside their tombs. Some of which being actually left behind despite being revived by the strange needles that were put inside; hearing them was a bothersome thing. Since most of them appeared to make is so they heard of the slightest drops and the slightest hints that could he heard.

There was but a dead man and a dead talker whom was distracted, and worn by a suit, he was killed by it and worn her husband as she walked away, slowly descending as she had become the first of pins that had become them. They were perfect, and intelligent, like god-bodies that hardened by the second, since the Cleaners were the ones that prevented their evolution to push ahead. And many of them were but put to so much stress that there could be nothing more. And more would they come to press, onto one another during the initial witnessing of the pass.

And finally the silence came at last.

A few living things, if so could they be called gathered around, fathered by no one, but in doubt of what was going on, have merely come to ask as well. Just what happened there during their absence, their abstinence for crushing skulls being remarked, and from some broken coffin, the echo of a long-lost shout having come through. It was a mere fact that they could not be held. Or grabbed again or that pain was felt by vapors of darks. And clouds were but squares and there was nothing to do about, the state of the world being somewhat smeared by pain and would remained engrossed in that sphere of azure that only bled remains. In air the drops, and red marks could be seen on the ground, they called those clouds.

A man had his eye smaller than the other, tiredly walking outside. He didn't know what to do now, as he simply woke up out of a blue mound of dust. Then he was met by two men dressed in alligator suits, with large hats that were black and looked like chess-rooks and horses, while they wore their largely exposes, flayed chests that revealed no red-meat but a peculiar blue-like green marked, peculiarly starved, largely skeletal-shaped employ. On which stood like twists and little more than a few grown children-forms, like that of babies, of which heads were pockets, in which case their brains were handguns they carried on them.

Four of them aimed, and dark heads as in painted black. And white gloves with peculiar skulls with horns for every knuckle which were hanging upon metallic skulls, and chained pants made of chains and of little rocks made out of metal which wore radiators shaped mouths which rotated, from which they spoke about since their head-mouths were covered with velvet-crimson color, blue dotted dove-shaped twisted wrapped around scarf holders. It was peculiar since he thought himself unfit. I'm not well dressed enough for this party, I suppose I must've slept through.

'Ah, allow me to introduce myself.'

First step and he already almost lost a toe.

Shot just above his nectar, ready to be killed before his time would come.

'You see now, I'm trying my best not to do something that may harm you.

I come in peace.'

'Not a single foot longer, you're not to approach.

I'll kill you otherwise.'

'Don't, I wouldn't be pleased, very much so to find myself being hunted by two fine gentle creatures as yourselves.'

And from their backs, large coral-circled-hand formations thinned as if starved, made out of some thin material, sharp, came out of them. They were prepared.

'I cannot be killed by your pea-shooters, you know that.'

'We can try it nonetheless. Come with us, prisoner.'

'Not until you tell me where I am.'

'Where you've been eight hours ago.'

'That being, here, I suppose?'

'There could be no other place.'

Then Jones but merely lifted his arms and was chained by the two Peculiars.

'Who are you, if I may ask?'

‘I am Killself and he he’s my brother Starmade.’

‘And I am Jones R W R W R W R W.’

‘We’re not going to remember that.’

‘Neither will I, my good friend, neither will I.’

And with their status being held in check, there was nothing else but to wait for the half-a-pill long desert scowl they entered. It was plain to see and a majestic sight, to be certain about it. A puerile thing they had to dig a hole under in order to enter it.

While Killself waited by him, Starmade had dug the pit. And they entered a bizarre thing, but not as odd as it looked or one might think it would look, but how comfortable it seemed inside. It was much wider than it looked and the walls wore something, not tapestry as that was a plebian’s choice, but a majestic fur-like thing, not an imitation but not a real thing either, certainly not an animal’s he had ever seen before. They had pillows on the ground, four beds, eighteen rooms, and a bomb, two of them on the ceiling he had noticed. And they weren’t real bombs although they looked like bombs but little drove-machine vehicles one could climb in and drive out of the pill during the middle of the night when all was cooled over.

They drove for hours in the midst and finally had arrived at a half-a-planet miniature celestial body which appeared to be kept in the air as it was surrounded by various ear-lobe infant black-boiled, armored creatures which unnaturally elongated arms that held their hands together in order to make a pseudo-portal looking wrap-around the planet they seemed to be drawing power out of.

As it were.

‘Ah, I see, now you’re planning to kill me here.’

‘We shall.’

And within the minute, Starmade pulled a knife and stabbed the mans’ chest one billion times, until he became a splatter, although that one billion time stab happened in one second and appeared like an unnatural movement of the arm which simply phased out of existence then all of the sudden could be seen inside the man as if it were made, dead.

But this alone had been his failure for knowledge could’ve been attained. He could’ve had the secret to immortality and have become eternal then. Instead, he simply died now and he was forgotten.

The strange beings, down with their invocation but ate the planet and its inhabitants, unrelenting during their assault. It was lewd in some manner but it was done.

Ptlok was a great magician as well as he had been a doctor and a God. He could take his hands away, and make do without them, he didn’t need them. As a matter of fact, he, didn’t do it. No, he chose to use them, as he could inflict far more, more damage than he could inflict upon the world without them.

And he dreamed as well but couldn’t since he was followed by Crones.

Cone one but never spoke, but she told him so.

‘My dear young man, but life is still ahead of you, is not.

[illegible]

The Crone yelled, there was an unfathomable sound, that of an alarm going down, being dragged below with everything that could be brought. It pushed on with the most unnatural high octave defilement they could achieve, coming in from every corner of reality until they appeared. They were unnerved and vileness was in the air, and a door but opened and it was a metal corridor he pushed them on.

'This is one of the out of the access laboratories, we should not be here.'

It was the port. They were staring a giant fish-dome where people were being held in giant fish, inside their bodies, looked as if were eaten. But they weren't, no, they merely rested inside of them, with air masks put on top the fish's eyes. The men had drowned a long time ago. But the life signs were still going, the fish would live.

He put one of the Crones on sedatives. They've heard the sound of floors and body shakings. Plants were dead, which meant that moisture was poison, this had become their leisure for the next four hours.

‘We won’t make it past the hour.’

‘I will, I cannot be killed, I’m immortal.’

But there, even he was startled, something dreadfully big approached. For a second it almost broke through the door, leaving a huge dent in the wall and in the domed entry from which they came from. Steam came out of it, little valves floating in the air, appearing like tiny butterflies that moved senselessly in the air, disappearing only to appear a few inches farther in the air. They were loved.

In the midst of this happening, he but moved away, took a sip of a Aqua Toulouse Limited edition water bottle which had a mark-engraving of some famous physician-athlete which had died in the fifteen century AD, only to bounce its cap off the Crone's head, as it saw it off.

‘We needn’t come closer.’

‘I don’t think you’re going to make it through if you keep it this way.’

He looked again, the bottle was filled, red within it, wrap of a human cord he had worked on, spilling out. He threw it away. Who was the man?’

Reminders don't serve as much, let alone as clothes were hung about the ceiling and the room. It was hard to see, or make it out just down, how every word was jotted down in hastiness. They've taken the table apart, with the help of the Crone, at the very least they could make it for a few more minutes. Before the second punch went through; another dent was made to stay. Eight arms gotten through, bled from the looks of it; they bore bands such as the likes of a Chevalier would, but bound to be split as to hold them all together in place. They spoke of little likeness and would not approach, not to be too paranoid, for the very least, they feared as much as every man would in the circumstance.

Even as the Crone had noticed.

‘Afraid of a little touch, are we? How ungodly of you to act in such a manner.’

‘Silence yourself now, I was merely startled.’

With which, he had taken this one gratitude in his very own hands, pulling one of the shafts off the ceiling and blocking the door with such strength as to not belong to man.

Same mechanism inside his arm; enough of them put through to at least hammer it another bite or a single slip, a single pinch, to sculpt the surroundings. It was here that they would settle, staying for the next few hours.

‘We’ll set camp then, until the other Crone wakes up. And you will say nothing of it until I’m done thinking.’

Just what am I to do?’

The man looked about the place.

There wasn’t much to make do with.

A few matches but no cigar, he hadn’t the guts in any case to make any sound whatsoever, being close and alert to the fact that it was still eavesdropping or they were, by whatever means, desperately trying themselves over and over again, with little pounds upon every few meters as to give themselves a filth-boost that was short-lived. They were getting their kicks out of doing it and by the eighteen beat the doctor only came to the conclusion that they were his and they were trying to do him harm just by merely taking away everything he could push about. By the second, with each passing moment his fingers were but wrapped around, the key, trying to work the little engine which was pumping air into the fish’s eye, and considered just as much that he could simply claim its life. Leaving it to die there as to remove some of the unnecessary life that was to be kept under power. Since the basing was most likely consuming more than enough of the longed for, needed electricity as well as the eel-leeches that were shaped like ringed-shoe worms that were as peculiar as luke-warm leukemia if it were touched.

Regardless of it, for the time being he but found a small revolver and had but chanced himself to see, even though it was dangerous.

It reminded him of a previous conversation he’s had with a friend.

‘Where is my soul, where is my soul and where is my baby?’

‘Where is his soul? He asked, but the bay where it is as is nowhere to be found.

And the child is merely his soul.’

‘But what does that mean for us?’

‘I do not know. I cannot know.

I do not understand.

There are souls and they are children, that is why souls are pure, because they're infantile and they do not know of the evils of the world. And for that reason, there are creatures of this world who would birth their souls but kill them just as soon.

For that reason, those creatures are soulless and soulless creatures are not human.

And that is why, humanity lost its purity ever since it matured. That is why it's touched by evil as soon as this gets abandoned and left behind.

Indeed, it is.

There is no better reason to deny our chance to look upon it with understanding since there's no escape any longer. Our souls cannot mature, by any means.

They're struck by a celestial hold which is kept underneath a block of memories and experiences that prevent us from returning to those years where they were yet to be made. Know that there's but no chance one may keep it safe either, or prevent its advent any longer.

Such purity can only be experienced once, and one needs to be made aware of the fact that there is no reason to feel jealousy towards such fiend, as, merely attempting to relive everything is but yet to be resolved. IT never ends well. You ought to know that you will never be able to relive those years.

You spent all your time working, studying, learning only to have become this. You resent your offspring, your family and people who are not alike to you, but you fail to realize that some of their actions are, as such a result of their attempts to live through life, in a metamorphosis stage which comes after the loss of purity. You were never pure to begin with, no one is, no one will be.'

'But that's where you are wrong; that is irrelevant to me, I cannot, and will not spend my time trying to long for the memories for others, you couldn't be more wrong than you are now. Instead, I'm merely, well, to say the very least, repulsed by them, since I know better.

They're not the same as I am, and they'll never be. Our experiences couldn't be.'

'It's fine if you don't want to accept it. No one will ever antagonize you for what you've done, dear friend, but you need to understand that you are much more alike to those you consider lower than yourself than you'd like to admit.'

'Similarities that end up at four limbs and a head, nonetheless; but you seem to dismiss class, what's dignified and what's not, and who would be as naïve as to preach to a man whose seen this world from inside out?

I have experienced far more people than you'd ever know.'

'And have you found differences inside of them?'

'Of course I have, how could I not?'

How could that not be the case, of fatness of the liver, and size of the gut, of the abuse some have consumed and of diseases which were brought; after so many years, how could one refuse to see a pattern there? How could one not see himself as pure?’

‘Are you?’

‘I am what I claim to be, I am as I have always claimed myself to be. There is no question as to denote to this certitude, because I know that what I claim is real.

It’s not a mere fancy and I know it, I simply know it. I can see man for what he is, his organs speak of every action, and every reaction, be it so genetically or environmental distraction that may have claimed him as such.

How could you still claim we’re alike after that? How could you ignore everything I’ve done?’

‘SO that’s what it’s all about?’

‘That’s is not my point, we’re but two different cuts, though you may claim me as distraught.’

‘I never denied it.’

‘Yet you refuse to listen when I tell you that, I’m a derivation, I am truer to my spirit and to my condemnation as a martyr for each man I brought to life and for which one I brought to dead, put down by my own hand. Whether saint of man of vile, whether there’s a leper, serpent tile, my hands had sown through all.’

‘And what have you found out, then? You keep making claims but you’ve got nothing to show.’

‘I have the graves in mind and the men and the women whom had returned after months. I know them perfectly and I can remember, and I know in which direction they’re headed. Ever since they entered my room, ever since I opened them and saw the swoon inside them. As they bear no guts, nothing red as crimson drops, but dark machines and radiators within, always working on dead time, always pushing for another time.

They yearn to return to the same life, they yearn to be pushed around until their bodies died. You do not understand, you could not possibly understand at all, what we’ve become.

We’re watchers and serve for men to return. And I’ve grown tired of working on dead machines that don’t know better than to mourn for themselves.’

It was the same day he had decided to end those who weren’t worthy of living. Working on them endlessly, wasting his learned knowledge on pitiful abuse, crossing his Hippocrates’ vow, as soon as he was done, he was truly freed upon, as he claimed.

He looked at the Crone for a moment, considered it as well but merely tried himself. Underneath, but not now, not to coil.

‘Where’d you take that?’

‘Took it from one of the dead security guys; two of them underneath the sheet.’

Pulled one of their ID’s, Honnnsow Milkone, III.

Dead man rose then twisted his head for a moment before he fell back in the pile, instead lifting his arm as if to point at the wall.

There lay a small door-like trap which opened as soon as they pointed their eyes on. It was definitely something they had to consider. A single way out, whichever the reason, that didn’t matter as much. Certainly it was something he wanted, he wouldn’t have put her through.

‘You go first and check the way, if you don’t return, I’ll assume the worst happened and wait for the other Crone to wake up.’

‘Are you certain about it? I couldn’t possibly make it on my own, you know that.’

‘That is neither my due nor is it my concern, I’ll do as I please now, and you shall do it ten times forth.’

As he had called her to do, there was as much about them, which rue alone hadn’t changed, she crawled inside and then.

Ah but there were the jewels of feet deep-in. A few of them pushed into the wall, where she had get to. For crawling through was a laborious task she could not account for, while the beasts were trashing their way through, about the place. They had been men once, not in form or shape, as they were abnormal, as well as they were abominations of shape, yet they acted as such. In their display, as much as it was vulgar, to call upon itself, this was no act of a properly behaved creature as it were. Something about the Crone made them become aware of a malignant thing. A cold being but a window still spread between them, from which they looked but could not see. They had been raised from the uncanny and would listen to as much. Of their likes, there was this. She left now. A few more inches forth and they couldn’t listen to her, nor could she. Crone or not, they had somehow gotten attached to the noises she made. It’s not often one finds himself surrounded by females for long enough to bask in their essence and know of them. And that is what they desired, since the dawn of their species they had only bred by force, and they could only claim as much, many females, not of their wont, since they had to pick the exemplars of much dreadful approach. Some which deified their knowledge of filth, worth a pack. It’s what they traded females with, after all. There were tall specimens with many arms and many claspers, pincers and grabbers, grappling little eel-length rope-like shooters which coiled around and many big heads that could swallow them while putting them inside Kangaroo-like sacks of warmth where they would be properly fed and clothed with skin-clothes that would never decay and be properly put under organic stasis until their proper use would be employed. That’s how they stored them, and after, the mating by force. It has always been a strange thing how they claimed themselves to have belonged to a much greater society than the one they lost, although their lack of smaller ones, the ones which were sparse and few in between whom were but the ones in control was beckoning of their fall. Since, with every generation they have thinned, it was all too curious, to think that eventually they would be driven to a nigh inexistence, and the ones that follow after, were to be, more violently shaped, outlandish, even completely formed for roughness as to kill the outer body of the ones they mated with but store only the womb they would properly feed themselves. Yet even such violent creatures found themselves standing near the walls, listening in hopes that one might come, stumble or do whatever he can in order to win the gamble and be

surrounded by such a creature as that, which the female is. Or even feel her for a second as a consolation price, regardless of her shape and age, regardless of whom the human was during their lifetime. And for that they but followed around, upwardly heaving themselves in an attempt to destroy everything, although they were severely limited in strength, to such reaches and such a deliberation such as they would stop there. That could only bring a man to ask, what have they done once they followed the trails of sound and the scent which lead her to a secret small room which was four by four by four by four by four by four by five at the top but only one backwardly as to cover a tiny fraction of the shaft she had come out of. Looking back at it, it only seemed possible that this could be avoided, although the way back was completely closed, and there she lay, beating ahead, on whatever facet she could in order to search for an escape. Yet there wasn't any possible escape for the Crone, as she was made to suffer and she would only suffer for ever more, since the doctor was almost hoping she would recognize this trap, or at least suspect something at what he was hinting at since at long last he was alone with the other one. And seeing how that one was much younger, it was for that reason that she was the first one to have the sedative be administered to, without any kind of separation having occurred between the two. As much as that was important to note, she was in a peculiar position, over something neither of them could've accounted nor suspected of happening, since, as it happened, there was no possible way for the masses to break through entirely, yet to have seen it happen, in the least they managed, with every blunt strike, driven by the scent given or lend onto them by the pheromones, to completely reduce the total movable space.

They pounded her in and she died in there. They had bloodied her corpse and she didn't live through it. Her head was popped like a champagne bottle. She died gruesomely and alone, she died while never having touched by a man, unlike her sister.

Her sister was Charlotte, the Harlot. That's what she'd become.

When she had entered the Hospital, she had been lost from her sister, there.

'What's that?'

Charlotte thought, there was a lacerated little camel which bore a man with three heads molded into one, large overlapping teeth that were curved, and tongues coming out of their eyes. This head was but a hardened clay standing tool. Upon the body of a man it stole, replacing the head, which was ripped, another dead. He decayed as he walked, as did his camel upon being brought to him during dreams which had become but him, for he was tainted, through and within the mark, seen for what he was.

'Enough of it.'

The Mouth had spoken. Seen from the distance, broken; bile in sight and teeth which were dark, and yellowed around the gums and pus set inside and eyeless watch, upon which he bled, at last, upon which he drowned, near the confines of a reality which fell apart, only to be put aside, and looked at her, the vile. And would she had admired? Her sight to be defiled, broken like camera lenses, seen the world in false pretenses, thinking she was young, stepped on many feet that were not around, her throat within reach. Her arms having been stitched, but still taken advantage off, made to clear of her own, and to struggle as she strangled. She would but push whatever she felt. She fought as hard as she could and won the testimony of a man. He was standing and was dead, of a dying breath but lived a few. More seconds passed and light-sinew, could be seen just as it were, passing through. He had been no pessimist, passing,

always trying to grab. Outstretched a hand but to console him, as the man had been ripped apart; and maiden but she were uneasy, of Crone just but in name. As she was younger than the reins that called upon her, of a lost long lost embrace; of which command she had but scurried, and asked the man, what could I do? He hadn't answered, but was lost, a moment, only to have him put through. The side, then have revealed, there was a gun of which twin needles had but show but power, long and through. He was suffering, but then she pulled. An aftershock uncanny, to suffer, to have him immediately stop after, in vain she looked, what could she do? But lay with him until the stronger. Of whichever feel might come stronger, of what she's done and wept around. But stood and took away her tears, as the Charlotte would stride to stay as strong. Could she withdraw if alone she handled, and all the wonder, but to call; there in the distance had she pointed. A dark man with a single clock, emerged from his throat and broken apart, many legs crawled from his insides. And mouth on each step, the chompers, were put through resting on the walls. To eat now or to eat after, she couldn't handle that and drew back. The man had died and alas, breathing, she could taste the last thing he had. But a cold pill of naphthalene powder, which sealed his fate after that. As far as she could go and weary, as she was; she but entered and soon upon her fingers rose. Working upon panel after panel, opening a few doors, seen from cameras yet to be; there were a few dark things in the city. And they had worn and they were plaster, and they were made of little after. And there were watches, which counted to midnight where she were. That time she went into the court, the building to surmount her. In her shape she had fallen through, through a hole that was but hollow through. Made for her and her to make, her way through it and there she stayed. Within the hour nothing happened. But she knew she had assisted to the scene of disaster, and there were wild things.

'The gate's still closed.'

'You need some help?'

Charlotte wasn't called the Harlot just yet though.

'I think I'm fine, what's happened here?'

'Growing.'

'Excuse me?'

'Something's growing in the ground, the soils just poured over by itself, the road and every brick and stone was pulled it. I saw it myself.'

'How did you see it?'

'I lend him my eyes, young lady.'

'And who are you?'

'Mathias Cork, he's Jonathan Mayflower.'

On the body truck, this much could be said. Although the peculiar thing which was on top of the malignant sphere on top might look like it was throwing lightning away, in actuality, those long extensions would be nothing more but some unnatural worm-like long organisms that would be released from the insides of the very beings they inhabited before.

And as such one would have to look as well between the area that lays between the wheels themselves as well as the distance between, and the placement that lays below the main body made of people and the few inches between the wheels themselves, which never touch entirely, as one would've most likely guessed. Such, as it's been said, the cylindrical organic mutation that would be worked inside the truck is but a strange organ itself that's deliberately outgrown the tunic which is the body of a man from which it sprouted from, attaching itself to the long pole-like cylinder that's working the wheels in the first place, that being made out of a long-thing twisted pair of innards that are placed in both directions.

Of the little wonder there is, they were but out there, walking on desecrated soil. There was no rain but the sky was storm, as in darkened and basked in the very essence of disaster, of such magnitude as the weather itself could bring unto them.

Cork but stood there, in front of Charlotte, satiating something he didn't think he'd find himself looking for. She was but not from around.

'Come from around the country? I don't think I've seen you before, ma'am.'

Ptlok considered it, but just as he approached he had a change of heart. His fingers stopped just as they contorted as to out-reach her.

'I could claim your life at any point in time, I could do with you as I please just as easily if I will it.'

Yet his hand was stopped. He himself could not explain the reason behind it. But he simply turned, took away the cabinet and checked the door. Past the hands which were already gone, through the entry door, he pulled it out of the way, then pushed it back just as he found it.

Both ways were clear but he couldn't think of anything else then. With a glimpse of an eye, he looked down, at the hands of a god, but he saw none other but his instead of them.

He chose to walk, stridently as his heart laid with whichever doubt was still in there.

There was still the gun, yet there was nothing in his mind.

She was so young, the girl.

He could feel the shame of having thought of her as such. It was not her plainness of youth alone which had disturbed him, but the mere fact that he reminded him of his daughter, from the angle she had stood there. Or a much younger version of her, in any case, which had severely disfigured his hands; right before.

'I wish there was a chance to tell you something.'

Regardless of it, they were drawing there, back outside.

Mathias was but trying his hands on the lock. The keys were somewhere on the other side, at the very least a few meters away on the other side. Between the greeneries, put through. He hadn't handled anything properly. He was but obscure of thought. He whom watched on the other side; part of the stone wall, whom was in pieces, him was but a stone with a single eye and a long mouth and a long living rosy tongue. He licked ahead and wanted, as closely as it would take for them to dart around him.

A pole of light, a lamp every few meters, one just broke.

‘Careful there, don’t lose your finger now.’

‘That’s enough.’

He spoke as soon as he could find himself staring. His teeth were grained, grazed and taken along. Deepening a few meters in before he realized that they were set in place. There he stood, trying to giggle like a little child.

Charlotte was the first one to turn towards him, while noticing that something was wrong. It had to serve as a reminder. She wasn’t there alone, she couldn’t find it. Not the strength, not the pouch, not the dark but what laid about the place. It was a miasma which spread some cordiality between the two of them. He was incapable of controlling himself after that point on before he started laughing again.

‘What’s wrong with you?’

‘Nothing, it’s nothing, I’m just, I’m trying my best not to look there, it’s that. You’ll notice it, once you look towards it, in its direction that is. You should know better than to arouse a man’s jitters.’

‘What’s wrong with your friend?’

‘I don’t know, he’s never acted that way before, Mathias, are you all right?’

He pointed at the nearest corner. There was a stone fenced, a block of wood and some puberty grown bush he had to spill his eye in. That was not what he wanted to do. It was not where he wanted to get near towards, but he had no other option. Since he acted like such a child, he would be punished as one. There weren’t a lot of people like him now, no one acted this way. No one had to.

‘I think it’s getting to him now.’

‘What is? Did he contract something?’

‘Kind of, it was a weird anesthetic he was given, power-stuff, I don’t know exactly how it came to happen or how he stumbled in the infirmary.’

‘Why not the main wing of the Hospital?’

‘There’s no such thing on this side of the world.’

Jonathan pointed as soon as he could at the weird little lady-friend, the statue of a Mary like figure hanging on the side of a broken school-yard door. Neither her nor him came to understand why they were there, yet they simply took this out the bowels of their guts and took it as it were.

The sky was pale, gray, pushing right, dragged about by a vacuum.

‘Bell-safe?’

‘I think that’s the name, I think.’

There was no possible way this was a school, she had been in the Hospital, she was in a swoon ever since and could only think of her sister and her whereabouts.

‘Charlotte, open your eyes.’

‘What, where?’

‘He’s being taken into one of the trucks.’

‘What?’

Again he pointed at the human truck just as it was struck in the process of taking her by the broth.

Jonathan already had his arm wrapped around one of the most peculiar branches she’d ever seen. It was long, curved, stretched like a witch’s arm, and appeared to gasp along within its talons, anything it could point itself towards. Wallowing in the distance they were necking, large fat lizard people without arms, with heads encompassed by peculiar gothic-like structures that have molded their skulls; bloating constantly black-disease, coated in their own pools, their legs were but peeled. In the back thrashing, long as snaked, then floating, having become, mid-way set like strings, holding little sack-balloons of sacked-off skin. Bloated in side they swore, and became something of their own. Pushing and protruding forth. Bloated wings from the bowels within, trying to make them bleed, constantly scraping in attempts to get out, cackling with predatory stances in which they carried their babies towards the blocks of tomb-like extended walking backing with large horned-peculiar torture devices they could use to implant their own seen inside stone, where it would last forever, in the growth that is to come. When all will have become their reach, rooting themselves in every corpse until they will have stretched on a whim to reach the peculiar mold of stringed-beings, which were cut and defiled and deformed together, waiting for their rise to become held.

But John was destined to reach the key and as soon as his hands wrapped around them, his heart would sink and he would scowl, and would bring only the broth of a knife against his bowels.

‘What did you do? What did you do?’

‘What are you doing, are you insane? Take it out.’

As soon as she was in reach she but pulled the knife and as she saw fit watched him bled.

‘Put it back in.’

He called, desperately trying to stop the bleeding with an arm, but it was late, the blood sprouting out of him erect, on top the lock, of which key would not fit, but brought to his awareness, fading. The lock was but drinking out of him, the yellow fainting, skies were black. And they were but him about the hour, brought. They wanted to make it so they would beseech and see to his gut, and brought within his grasp. The corpse-truck was out of sight. This was no school and, oh, much delight, the gate had opened and beckoned for her come. And bloated of land and soil and everywhere she could go.

‘You are not conscious yet girl, you must follow.’

‘But what of him?’

‘He’s been bled like a curl, he’s standing there, unnerved, his tendons shattered, his life, after a matter, ended, you may not feel it so. But we shall look after you when the time comes.’

She but followed the trail and saw her ill-eyes remain on the spot, they would be on his body, she would be caught, eventually.

‘Close the gate, don’t forget that, you must always make sure the gates are closed.’

‘But what of the door leading out of the Hospital?’

‘That’s how you let them out, that’s how the truck found a way to bring about the death of Mathias Cork, he’s dead because of you, but reeling. Look behind you.’

The door was closed, but not the gate, heeding.

‘Well enough, but won’t another man die if I leave this closed? If the lock is closed and if there’s no way back?’

‘That shouldn’t matter, your duty towards them is done, follow, follow.’

Said one of the peculiar beings, and Charlotte only done so; a soul of a Crone for a body that looked so young; no one would ever suspect such a matter, whatever entered her soon to falter. She was ill, they were not understanding what went in, during the few minutes they were messing with themselves around. Always but a pass and a head in the ground; there were reasons for staying.

It was a play of turns, they all are. First move was on her now; chosen as one should, to lock within her grasp and soon enough she was but locked, incapable of thinking of something others could not have pinned on her. The breathing; she were of a reason to thrust forwardly heeding for a reason to set forth. Her eyes were but a block between each skull that rose and followed her, around then stopped. A little branch-like wire strung between the ears held them down, two on each side. As they walked, she was escorted. Without a reason to reap in the parasitic heaps that lay around her contorted, she were met by him to ask.

‘What must you be doing here?’

‘I was cast from Yheggan, I was pushed on the ground, with my soles and my feet abound, while asked to mourn her.’

Recalling lies.

‘Mount her hills, mount her hill and search for the house within it.’

‘Why, what is there to be?’

I see, she’s but Mathias, and Jonathan both crept inside, I need to take her now and carry them to the hill before the time is ripe. Before they might waste away, before they could be forgotten and put away within a library of dusk-filled books that’s but shoved inside a back room in that place. Of sweet embrace he’d given her as well, and but pulled her side and through her head but dragged, in mind, both her skull and

her innards out, they were but a worming thing that set in flight, took away the heads and set aside an empty bodysuit. Which was peculiarly but spat on.

‘Yhegganorth but took to face and hear them, inside his face. For not his mind to speak unkindly, it was not for his body’s much, delighted for, and searched to be, if it weren’t for the prized command as if to be.

He had nowhere else to be at the hour. Seeing how it was so, he merely walked upon a shower-black, formed out of clouds that were brought to his mind at last, they begged him stay, along the way. Hysteric bowels and long formations, rows on each sides, the tomb-nodes were filled with his creation. He had carved and made little puzzle-like heaps away out of those who have gone missing; there was but a never ending supply after all, and he could not set himself in doubt any longer, he had taken some of them from as far as he could go. Wreathing in and out as if he’d show the slightest show of compassion, venturing to get no reaction, his heart was but thrown. His throng but set in stone.

There were pyre-made fires shapes like Pygmies holding onto staffs, prime thinned hands, the starving, holding on the mighty sphere, of brim-delight. Of butcher’s cores and those whom flight would have them bore. And little structures made of stone, as tall as obelisks would go and reaching dead-heights as if holding within their rows but the bottom of the feet; from men being strapped in helicopter seats. That’s where they dumped the worst and would but to feel a crypt, the shelter of the morsel.

Sluggishly he moved with them, with but a single soil extractor in his hand, top of a screw-know, held like a jackhammer in his hand the device, connected within his every vein, he carried a suit he only revealed as well. Dressed in marble with two ties that moved like clock-tongues, when went aside. Here and there but a dead-blurtd; many stabbed behind and sorted. From both direction some were brought, some abandoned wagons which dumped them, but no one dug.

‘There is the place where we shall live from this point on.

I considered this way before.’

He stopped, and watched the ones that followed, their balloon-sacks but to glow. When they appeared, everything near painted with the soil, even the highest peaks were but encompassed at the base before it rose. Pushing ever near as to climb, never stopping after that, before it was fully realized.

It wasn’t telling of much any longer, but they were trying to cast their glances elsewhere. It couldn’t be allowed, not even for the slightest hour, upon them brought the slightest shower. It placed itself away, through light, they were not there for high delight.

‘You needn’t go a step below.’

‘Why should I listen to you then?’

‘We’re but trying to show you.’

Yhegganorth saw, and seeped for a moment, before he spared. There, it would be, as far as he had made it so. The little pile-stone crawling away, with its little mad eye conveyed, trying to walk, crawling on the length of the tongue before it could finally nib on all the pieces. Around them but dead recesses, filled

with only worsened times and the agony to be benign; it was what they spread, it was the dead, the access cut at it again.

‘It will burst out the stone and reveal the country, which may not be allowed.’

‘And if it is?’

‘Then death shall surround us all.’

‘May I not choose to hide then if such deadly thing there is to be?’

‘Nay, that is only for the cowardly.’

‘Then I will lay there and rot.’

As his mind could convey no wonder, or distraught; he chose to go that way, with little more than needed and little more out of his way. IT was his slight concern that there was no reason to be there at all.

‘Is there but reason to stay here either? Whomever might claim this world should be aware that there’s but always a never ending disaster to be brought, cast upon man like caustic spittle, brought to something he could not endure.’

Down there, finally, past which lay and past obscure, there was but a single man, a simpleton, man of disease, distress but pierced, uncannily nodding, but to swear, what he had seen through the device was but death. Coming and being brought, it was something that could not be controlled for and would be sought.

‘There’s no reason to start, your heart is battered, mine is not.’

‘Who are you then to make such claims?’

‘Nothing but a dead man.’

He spoke at last, until then.

‘What’s it to a man like you to be here for?’

‘I’m quite quaint, I fell all right, I’m certain, It was just a small burst, it was my chest, it came out of my chest, believe me, there’s no reason to be here at all, to be sure about it, this is a mistake.

I should not be here, as a matter of fact, I demand I be released immediately.’

He said, just before he started running in circles around the room, punching a wall in, breaking a window, cutting himself, chewing off one of the grates, pushing his tongue through the ceiling, eating one of the rooted acre-palms, drawing in some sniff of airs, trying to behead himself upon a lamp before he showed up to the doctor. Two strong men entered the room, pulled him by the scruff of his throat, slapped him around, punched him in his gut, made a little leprous man appear in his innards, his face being expanded upon every organ-stretched, he sang but not in actual sound, instead those of actually organs, then they beat him for eight hours strait, painted the walls in his blood and put a small idealist charcoal spruce on

top of his little chair, with a tiny robust red-tainted, nastily scented cupcake which appeared to be of a red-blossom shape. But it was but absurd, what they did to the man.

With every come and every visit about the hour, they had gotten more and more violent, until the strong men were replaced by some actual doctors whom were utmost sterile in their employ of the wheels that were attached to the walls and the four long thin rectangles which were rotated on two bands they attached at every corner. Red-stained of plain dark wood, as well as it would seem that this Sabbathean device was only brought here with no other purpose than to have him mocked and put to trial as a witch would be, and better, mildly, first came the outlandish spikes, out of every faced on the long rectangle, on which he had been impaled, until he covered every angle, bled upon them, locked inside. The room being flooded, him being caught in an endless attempt of drowning which was enforced by the fact that it was heavy water which would never leave his lungs, soon drained, they entered just as soon, and sawed off the small side of every side of the rectangle only to have those for blocks be permanently shoved inside of him, right until the moment when they had finally identified the man as no one else other than Mathias Corkscrew.

Indeed it would seem that as soon as they realized that, they took back the wheels, the bands, the, now eight remaining shorter rectangles they now carried on a dark chart, seeing how the water was highly contaminated with his blood, they drained it in the nearest river, which was placed beyond the hospital, leaving to a rural area such as the likes which would remind someone of a long walk day spent in Milwaukee. Of what they've done here, nothing of the kind was spoken. Yet he remained clothed in a restraining jacket, with the pillars shoved inside of him, pulled along by chains, put inside intensive care, where they fed him some of the leftovers from the morgue, which had been grinded, put into tubes, shoved inside his mouth, allowed to ruminate for eight hours, before he was forced to lay like a dumb cripple, given small prosthetics on his back as if to replicate a chair he would constantly seek to lay on top of, which properly deformed his spine on every sitting. Before he could finally wake up from this peculiar dream he was on, he was charged upon by a strange dark creature that was as tall as the entire corridor, whom bore in its back upon some large contorted hook-spikes most of the strong men and the doctors, which had stopped right in front of him, a few centimeters away, as to employ the full stretch of the arm, taking its very time to reveal a pseudo-humanoid arm which bore little hardened skull-bone growths for every knuckle, which drew out of themselves with little sharp needle-horns that wriggled along and gave the impression of being bone-parasites when in reality they were as hardened as steel. His palm was fully extended as to form a line as first before he started curling each finger, within his right arm, middle finger, pointer, pinkie, ring finger, thumb, then he put his right leg in the front, the left one slightly tilted in the other direction, bent his knees, relaxed them, slightly moved forward and instead of performing a side, Mathias had barely any time to see him step in a few centimeters as to deliver a left hook which almost, completely recalibrated his jaw at the back of his head. He bled for hours. And for a few more hours after each wake as well. He suffered a highly caustic-like concussive blow, which seemed to have somehow entered his entire head as if it phased in, leaving some corrosive substance inside his brain which was slowly eating him away. Before he could realize what happened, his mind began, in this pain-pressure concussive induce short-lived madness, to recreate the fiend that had appeared in front of him, and everywhere around. Wherever his eyes went, the creature would appear in the most peculiar forms and shapes he could possibly envision. And it bore a high-shaped head which appeared to be like that of a large sledge upon children like forms were there as well grabbing with the exception of their entire heads being the head-eyes which were depressed in and only pushed even deeper as to hide the fact that it had

no legs and appeared to float around, as it became a peculiar two sides, long angled triangular-shapes stretch of both arms, which forced the body to be ripped apart as if it had been sawed off by some medieval irrelevant peasants whom had been given an order from one of the well established Boyars whom had put them to good work, knowing they will obey his every whim and command even if that means deforming such a mean as to be reborn into one of the most gruesome creature that had ever escaped from the old town, which had been completely annihilated, thoroughly, gruesomely as if those anciently preserved buildings were but molded in the spirits of the people who had once inhabited them. He had also, in his endearing psychotic episode managed to somehow see some peculiarly deformed deity which had completely twisted the halls around them, completely connecting his completely pushed through long-fingers which were wrought like long strings that connected with the spikes that emerged out of the plain wooden rectangles of his chest, completely dragging him over, now on his feet, seeing how he could've never gotten up by himself, finally contriving to do as this peculiar deity had called upon to do. As he had been but the servant of an evil cause, seeing how this supremely deformed mental corrosion had perforated not only some of the parts of his brain which controlled motion and the way in which he perceived, but it also managed to go down his throat and completely reshaped his entire digestive system as to turn it against him, growing as such a pair of pseudo shark-teeth which began ripped him off from inside out, until the stomach, least of all his gut, had become a strange swirl which devoured everything it could get itself into. He was forced into eight different stops, if so could they be called, whether they were some trough-like blocks, some walls, and some smoke rooms, he was crushed through them, taking the full force of the blunt, hard shoving only with the help of a peculiar, yet to be strangling sensation, as if with every charge, the entire body trap that was shoved inside of him was but even more deeply set inside his chest, until his lungs were deeply and completely perforated. And the deity was there to look upon him which, being for what it was, it looked like a giant insect parasite of some elastic-cotton which looked flat and seen from two completely unwrapped parts as if he had been cut in half then pinned on a wall, wearing but no throat, yet some simian shaped jumping cords were created out of its multiple interconnected interlocked monkey-arms which appeared to hold a monkey triceps with a palm, holding being used as but for a simple understanding, as these were not superficial locks, but complete molds which were permanent, despite what they appeared to show. They palm connected with biceps, which connected with biceps until they went around and they connected to both sides of the deity. And the same process appeared to be done for a few leg-things as well, which were but dragged along as it drew forwards. This peculiar thing also appeared to bear some deformed scales which had been placed upon its naked body, not only bearing eyes and grinning teeth-inside of them, as they were but, without a doubt, living children which fed upon this master of theirs, but one could see the complete long extension of hairs which looked like twisted-curved mosquito blood drawing tools that were only serving as a release from the sweat he had just completely acquired. Mathias had at once, in this chaos of halls, of deformed rooms and of peculiarly deformed ceilings upon which he walked, the stairs which were placed around, the static-caught people without heads and the running figures of the monsters that were chasing him, in their various tall shapes and peculiar elongated, deformed uncannily pushed out, wreathing snappers and variously detached voracious eaters that had only come out of their shoulders, which had only drawn attention to the fact that they had fashioned themselves various pieces of armor they now wore, such as long belts which were twisted and segmented and were of black-coated oily-looking swarthy men skin-like formations, in which swam various dead bones of fish and of various dead tadpole crowned unsanitary pus-filled cotton-leper, infantile creatures, which only drew to the one bolted object which stood out like two rhombuses that wore interconnected little living tiny short men, as

in reference for their frame if they were to be enlarged or forced to grow as to be put, in comparison to the average frame of a normal man. Spikes coming out of their throats as they were bled out, so as to say, that they also wore peculiar ripped out, worn out clothes that were but looking as if they were taken from the sea and would be embattled with disease and scurvy, some of the peculiar creatures even bearing large planks and various cuts that were sticking out like hot-irons on top of coal-burnt bulls that were struck in charging matadors in their cruel fights. That could not have taken away from their clearly sculpted and peculiarly formed bodies which bore at least an unnaturally formed body mass such as that which had yet to be achieved naturally by any mean, but without a doubt signaling the fact that they were anything if men at all, especially since, he could, as any man look at the sight of their outer-bowels while realizing that no substances had ever been used to begin with. But most importantly, it was the hairs which came out of the Deity which drew his inner most attention, especially since he had come to recognize that inside of it, from the specks of sweat which came out of it, there were some of his blood cells, the proto water-boarded after lotion which had been formed with his help, and the peculiar draught in which he had opened his nostrils in, now that he was within his reach, through which he slowly started. A part of his prefrontal cortex had just as soon been scraped out as soon as the Deity managed to somehow flicker some of the barely-opposable thumbs, between the infallibly short space between the muscle, tendons and the fingers themselves, gotten a hold on an iron pick which was coated with some toxic-acid poison-toxin it drooled upon despite the deformation of face which actually bore some hidden eyes as well which would appear like tiny specks of black stones, rounded and filled like a leaping-around jovial family of fleas that had fed upon a mass of black hounds that fed upon corpses taken out of a barely dug, two hours ago graveyard, not a normal one but one as such that had been laid as the aftermath of the absence of live, left behind by the departure of Noah's Ark. His brain was then nibbled upon by little clenched, microscopic like iron mouths that would constantly chew him out, being attached to the iron pick, foaming as they themselves would choke upon their own poison which as this point in time would've become venomous as to be completely inserted in Mathias' general cognitive area, as they were driven by their insatiable hunger. The Deity also began punching him as well, then he simply pushed the pick all the way back, drooled upon him, put him in a corner, where he laughed at him, took a candle, raised the flame, poured some wax upon his head, then simply threw it against his cheeks, as to see it bounce around for a while, burned his face, left a scar, took him around to another room until they were no longer in the Psychic ward, but right before he would be allowed to leave. A few nurses appeared out of nowhere, took a few of their needles from their first aid packs that had been lain around, then they started completely filling his head with them, shoving them even deeper than the iron pick had entered until they were depleted. Upon this, the gut started wreathing against him even more furiously than it had done before, forcing him to enter some psychotic-hysterical delusional episode which had him walk upon little baby charts, which had their names scribbled inside, being followed around as not to harm him. He had stolen a baby. And he began licking the child's face. He wondered, though this was not the most important moment, let alone could he actually think of any better, where was Jonathan. He was good with children, and he would know what to do in order to stop him from crying. It was certainly something he hadn't done before. He couldn't have understood, why, exactly, but he felt some peculiar call he refused to answer, right between the hour of the dark wood, upon which he fell. Upon the hour, all was changed. The child had slipped away from his hands and he lost him, in the worst possible time, in the worst possible manner, and there was no one else to blame but himself.

‘What have I done?’

Where is the child? Where is my child? I need to find my child before they take it away from me.'

'You mad-man, that's not your child.'

One of the nurses felt as if it was her responsibility to tell him about it. Her heart was almost shattered, but she cried. As she looked down, then returned the glance, tears were drained, her eyes sunken to the remains. Upon the wooden-wet floor, upon where sweat from the Deity had run its course, upon a hole surrounded by baby-charts she swore, her heart not being in that place no more. Her fingers curled around a triangular broken crack, from where the floor abruptly stopped.

'It fell down there, you idiot, you dropped the child, you complete imbecile!'

She cried, just as he stopped from his flight around the rooms, just as he stared and there, understood. And there were no more words he could think of saying, no condolences that she could accept by any means, for what was worth, for what was laying, there alone she stood, and at a glance, but distraught as one would.

It was plump, so the child was born, the fall was broken, as it should be known, by nothing soft, it was caught and brought and moved around and lolled and yolk and put on, as if on a pan, to be born, through it, past in split, many legs-a-feet, gelatin-ship from its chest drooping, formatting anchored inside the folds, and the skin of this simian baboon pink-a-lighter had become but a condensed piss a freighted, folded forth, a parachute which held upon the hardened soils of skin around it. Placed beneath it, placated, with many shells and tiny specks and most peculiar antler-heads, which served as spines, contamination dimes, all to prevent further breaking in-apart; flirting with the deep sinew, which floated in around the place obscure, right until the fall had ended, there, sent, in light, defend by the men of Yore. Whom gathered around on the acreage of the surgery and more, would they be caught, trying to figure out, from whence came this peculiar object, for they could not see the child, only that drooping thin end which had entered the black wall as well. They weren't normal doctors, incited by the fact that they were together, four sphere-like forms, shaped into one another, but not in them, that served as the mass, in the middle there being a cylinder-like pusher which pumped in an out a bigger tube, which pumped below, in a square-column which held the four spheres, transparent as they were, within, upon rising centipede-like figures standing, the head of every doctor, instead of their legs. Many of which were dumb and only babbled, as they could not help each other after. Eyes on their foreheads, eight on every man, all overlapped with a half an iris which changed shaped at every minute, well. Enough as it could be told, forlorn in their cast, and brought to the side, their innards would not stop laughing until put to mind, the fighters brining. With the thrashing of the room of Yore; for the transparent bubble but looking like gnawing, a black gum that had been chewed from a dark-grayish device of bore. Into each rod there were flat-people with little minds, and were to be called they were but fat and bloated and cruel in doubt. Large square-heads and flying corrupted saws that were used and set to flight, levitating around the cruel bed, which was defiled. In which rested the child.

'You've lost him, it's dead because of you, how could do it? How could you have done it? Have you no shame whatsoever?'

'No, I don't think I have. As a matter of fact, now that I regained my composure, I will leave and I shalln't return; for my very likes, as I see here are not to be appreciated anymore.'

And then he simply started darting. Moving twenty feet at pace, and there was a strange man and he was followed by eight of them and they were just trying to jog their memories by punching one another, jab, jab. A punch and a kick down, one of them brought an axe, bore down between the eyes, bore through, and in-between, they shared it, then they were pushed in a crowd, more of them coming out of doors and they were but plain in head. And a strangler with many long-hands that were eight-ball-shaped at the joints moved upon. Peculiar; they stopped.

Everyone who had been in that fight turned towards it; weird many arms flying tambourine, with each bell but another arm, sprouted in the middle a tongue-like shape if a man turned his head backwards as if the back of his head or his, for this sake alone, protruding occipital bone touched his back, while the meat would also be raised as well by having both of his arms and shoulders raised and pushed in to make it for the remaining gap, although there would still be a gap of a few millimeters between them, the tongue being raised to above, with most of its girth being at the base of it, there being but the strange taste buds-erected, in the forms of peculiar staring, deformed heads that bear strangely peculiar juvenile leper-hare twisted cylinder-eyes that push in and out, pouting as their mouths, whom look would be akin to out of a television static fields, empty gallows, around their throats, being pulled by the tip of the tongues, there being nothing else left to see.

Mathias simply walked out of the hallway in search for someone that might help him do.

Although, to be certain, those weren't as much as baby-charts as they were baby-carriages, that changing nothing of what happened during that scene of massacre and everything that lay there. There being nothing but no chance there to be sure not.

He was aware of whom he just met. And he stared back at him, without paining himself to ask more so than what was fair. His fair share was but a pint to ask, a little more than twenty of a while, around them.

This peculiar Guardsman whom had, appeared by normal means to have come out of the recesses of one of their plain Booths was, somehow insurmountably dull. He was not the type of man of which mixture one would like to have himself wrung about for more than was need. And upon their meeting, both Clerk and Mathias, did as a man would do in such a circumstance, upon being met by another man, regardless of the rank and such, with every curtsy in mind, simply shake hands with him. They shook all too stubbornly strong, when all of the sudden steam shouted. A pipe came loose, it drove like a tilted wagon which had pushed through, eighty centimeters in the front, splitting them apart. The wall was broken through, this was too close for it to be coincidental.

‘You had anything to do with this?’

‘Me? No, of course I haven't, how could I? I'm a patient after all, see?’

He considered pointing at a badge or at his peculiarly ripped apart restraint jacket which was open now, but, it was highly covered, not to mention distracting, seeing how he still had those things lodged inside of him. If he had been a few centimeters off, he could've gotten rid of at least one of the spiked cylinders, if only it came off. Damn that, in any case. He was way into it, to stop giggling like a girl when he was put to the test.

‘Stop that.’

‘I’m sorry, I’m always giggling when I get anxious. It’s not you, but, these circumstances we’re in.’

‘All right, well, don’t cross the line then, I’m going to check where this came from. When I return, and I’ll make it clear, I’m quick, too quick, I’m fast, I won’t be long. And If I say it won’t last, then you know, you just know that I’ll be here. So don’t move, or your legs are broken, and your face, and those things inside of you, that’s where your ears will be ringing against, because I’ll make sure to press you in.’

‘I got it.’

‘Fine then, just don’t move.’

He opened one of the closed restricted area zones; pair of chains dangling from just about everywhere in place, in spot, he was about to move aside, to set everything back when, another burst, another distant wall, this one from behind, a few meters away from where Mathias was. If it followed some kind of pattern and he wasn’t wrong about it, the next one should either be a few feet away from the other, or. Stopped, he heard the noise. Too late for a warning, the voice froze on as soon as the next piece came in, plunging, this time around directly into the opposite wall. Down on the floor bleeding.

‘Are you all right?’

‘Stay back, stay back. I’m fine. I just stepped on a crack.

I mean, cracked, my insides, the liver.’

‘You were pierced by one of those nails weren’t you?’

‘It couldn’t be avoided.’

‘I’ll call for help, don’t. Mention this. Yeah, don’t mention this.’

‘Don’t worry, I won’t.’

The man would handle those wounds then, since there was something he had to check first. Come the entry:

Clerk was inside the room, the Parabola’s what they called it. A dark hallway-raised up floor, stairs were there, a man charging with little more than the open torn-up pile-shine taken from one of the upper corners of the boom-sticks that had blown off part of the room.

He’s taken by surprise by the baton he’s carried on with him. A smack to the side of his head smacks his ring right off, another one makes the ear drum beat, followed by one that settles through, he drops the shine. He’s slapped around.

‘Where’d you come from? Tell me, come on, buddy-bud, tell me already. I won’t be too rough with you, I’ll let you go, I won’t rip off your face, come on.

What’d you do? What’d you do? I won’t pull you off the chains, come on already, I’m taking you, in, are you seeing this? I’ll pull you off. Tell me.’

‘He’s touched me, the man in charge, he’s touched, looky-look, at the back.’

An empty bald patch where a few open-palms had been imprinted; they were tight enough to be pushed in by a little more than fifty degrees Fahrenheit, and a little more, he’s bashed it again with his baton, just to make sure he’s felt it.

‘My patience’s running thing, boy, tell me where he is, how he’s done it?’

But he couldn’t make sense out of it and out there, too dark to see. Too twisted, too long, too stale, a stalemate, a problem between the two of them. He chipped his shoulder and threw him off, right around the ledge, over the safety fence, down the fall. That was close, he thought as much. It could’ve been a dead-long drop by the looks of it. And what was plain to see was the fact that he had chipped his pit, and settled on as much, he was on it, a few inches of the floor had depressed out of the mere weight he pushed on.

It was all wrong, clicking on the floor, following no more but he saw the open cabin lead upon what appeared to be the largest climb that he’s ever seen, out in the open, necked on the side of a wall. A pair of stairs that were anything but surrounded by the fence, leading to a small rustic-like apartment which shone as if place upon some Antarctic wall, if there was such a thing. There a light emerged, and he felt cold. At least five or six floors worth the time to get there, or at the very least, the keys were in but someone’s been around. A wheel and a few devices put in this cabin and a few windows that were put on side. Locked behind him before he could even get to it, the panels already started, the steam valve enacted. Many lights on, a window turned to dead-door upon which a bed stood a peculiar screen, aimed within the dead dark, where it shone. Outside it already started prodding off, walking on its own, dead legs about the place. A league’s worth into the fall, he accidentally clicked a few buttons, and almost fell down.

A few more leagues down, it seemed to control the whole thing, with every push. Dead-static floors, little pill-buds moving along, red-hatched, eating gore. They were nibbling on the giant legs while threatening to go on before their time had crept. He could see his chance before he knew it, sight gotten, he stood up rooted. As it a dead-looking bird froze in front of deep Semites, whom had cowardly gurgled upon and lurched upon the insides, trying their best not to deeply inflict some cuts, and put in a dent or a crack, whichever was needed to push in.

At the hour, they started working, then slowly crawled back down. Many moved about down there, it was hard to see or be around. There was no worse place, nothing that would bring more about each little pint-like trace left on the ground.

He had gotten a handle on it before long. Clearly advancing, clearly going through, upon the fissure, there stood but little more than a fire that withdrew back, but it wasn’t red and only pushed out bubbles as if to breathe. It couldn’t have been, since there was no water within.

There was a clear insulated pair of devices which worked their way down there.

Sorrow would heed him so.

Upon the other, of which, one spoke.

In the fissure there had been a voice, Clerk omitted it, but lost himself, without a trace. Of what happened, all too quiet; suddenly near and disemboweled like a simian without a trace, he was still there, without a face. It had crawled on the ceiling and remained there for a while, frowning.

The device in the fissure, it was pumping, like a tiny oil-recovery long extender, with many tubes venturing beneath it. Through pumped and would to be, a little more than pieced-for cyst.

Upon the last color of the plains, death follows, none remains.

As simply as it were, the blue was bound to change one day as if to mourn, unlikely, needles of each skin, entered him as soon as he started dashing in the words, commands, anything, pushing buttons. From the storage small empty-spot which opened, a metallic voice asked as much.

‘A liver is needed.’

With as much as it was settled, it was a given, it was what he asked, what he wanted, what poured out of him at last. He attached the few little pliant thing, and the winged stings that were drawn from the side, from long pencil shaped holes, between the levers and between the button-chimes, then opened, large to be revealed chest. They worked themselves over and extracted him, with pain and duress. Upon this nauseating pain, he has almost lost his sense.

But they were there on the screen, on the camera, on the window, staring back, dead in light, open and turned, with many legs pointed at him, with every point and every way contorted and stung, with everything in sight deepening as it to face himself in dead of nights as well.

He didn’t know how to control it or what’s it felt, and where to touch. He simply waited, winced again, then, as he could only think of nothing else, wait it out with both of his eyes closed, until the process was done. Encased in a peculiar folded fake glass dome, he looked at last.

A few more leagues were pushed below before he came to realize what had happened and where to look after, not that he’d know when to strike or when to move about the hour. By the time the screens and the windows were cleared, he had finally decided to avoid the fissure in its entirety, for what seemed to live there, the glowing creatures of which light shone upon him, would but wreath and not lay away, they would stay their way and stay out of his way, if they did as much know what went on. If only they had realized what went on. He’d be just as broken, just as spared, pushed around, then stand. He couldn’t settle with anything, shaking in his booth, clean clothes but stained with sweat and whatever else appeared to be put on him by the time he started coming sooner, then, aware of what was going on. He drew forward for hours. A few more miles, a few more leagues below; damn this, I need to make it rise.

‘Ascend, I tell you, ascend if you will! I cannot have you float no longer, I cannot have you here, I will you to ascend!’

He spoke at last, as well. He could but only push on faster, dreadingly as if there was no other way to last and cast it away, wherever he might lay, there was little to no matter of thinking, as this metal beast was not doing what he said.

‘Ascend, I keep telling you, wreathing machine, why won’t you listen?’

Then within his sight, before he had considered the chance to temper with the innards of the panel and the device itself, he finally found a way to rise, and move around before his veins grew wilder, before he froze in place. Before he could be gotten again; a wall unlike no other, and put like a buffoon in front of barracks of insanity, this torn-away reality, molded, much akin to its many facets, within the reach and within stress, many puckers of large formations, all but squared. Most would be of chitin or of skin, reached within them, boils-transparent which were thin. Swimming inside but the creatures that had crawled inside, he'd come to realize that one was in the cabin with him. Standing on top the ceiling waiting; as it's been staring at him for the hours, as he's gotten through, to him but lowering itself, it's gotten close, and would to be, much wider, as it came up close.

It was incontestable that such a thing would happen. Dreadful event that might come to no end, within the reach of the humane, the man was but frightened to no end.

The bands were sworn, they were worn out and looked like they were fumigating in the air, as they bore their salacious worn-out forms all of the sudden, praying like mantises, calling for one of their children, whom started retreating from inside the cabin, as soon as he could look below. He had a clean view of his chest with was open like two standing doors of which dark was but a pit itself he could not see through. Little cords still connected to the machine in front of him, always working on the hour as well as he could shine a lighted-glance upon the burrow underneath the panel, only to see a semi-automatic cocked in, blocked, waited, useless, he threw it on the side. If that thing returned again, he'd only have his baton and. He felt around the side, damn that.

'Lost it.'

Strange, he noticed it just then, over a couple of a few more leagues down the girth of water, he found himself being met by something he wouldn't expect seeing here, or would, as a matter of fact, if those bubbles of air he had seen connected with this peculiar string he was staring at. But it was no string by any means, yet a peculiar, yet to be seen or looked at, fully grown as to reach the ceiling, which he wouldn't have seen unless he turned to his left side, algae-like formation made out of the strange butcher-pilled black reddened creatures with their many concave-set, wrapped around legs that were constantly grasping, seeing how. Many of the smaller ones were but the youth of their kind, whom had, for the time being adhered to some kind of growth they had settled through, following themselves up as they formed a chain of command that included the highest and the lowest of their order. Which looked to be leading to a black sphere made out of thousands of them, with flat cylindrical thumpers attached to them as if to make it so they were a sea-mine; furthering the convenience of him believing that they were underwater, although that couldn't be so entirely, since there were gaps in the cabin and he had yet to drown, wet himself by fear as to leave a trail, get soaked or somehow have the panel become some electrical conductor which would pull and push away wild arcs that would shoot in every possible direction. Peculiar indeed, although that was not to say he didn't consider maneuvering this off, in order to furthermore, understand, who he was.

A man was floating in the middle of a fully turned stop to the left, where he had aimed the inner-most middle region of the cabin towards. Looking forwardly as if to understand how he had come to actually pin himself in that direction, he had but took a second, plain as it were, to remind himself of the man he had previously encountered on his way towards the cabin. It was dreadfully peculiar, how, him of all ended up being right. He stood there, floating, not swimming, a static-statue frozen in a cast of black as if

he were but a hollow cast, or a cutout in some invisible wall which had been revealed to be empty on the inside, though which still was yet to pull water in as if to fill the recess that lay inside of it. But he knew that the man must be the vile thing that had messed with, not to mention dragged all the pushing-through pipes that were ended on the other side of the wall; more so, he considered claiming what was his, by fairness of chance. Taking his baton out and signaling to the man that he meant it, at least to the point where he could harm him by any possible means whatsoever. And there was but no other chance to stay away from this thought any longer since it had already inhabited his mind, not to mention that he already started preparing himself by the time he started working over the devices.

The charge was set, a general trajectory towards a man he had but wanted to be dead, ever since the moment called for it. And he wouldn't take this letter off, he couldn't take his mind, around, for he had, as much as he could think of it, already taken the necessary precautions as well as general chances to get himself through as soon as he could make it past the first line.

It appeared there, invisible-microscopic tainted things, trying to fashion themselves in and get through, they weren't there in actuality, but he was seeing them. The cause being the sudden apparition of the man, he made him paranoid. He wanted him to be there, and not just a man-gap in the hull. And while slowly working the cabin, he dashes and slowly walked, a few leagues below, the stopped, fully cocked upwards as to look at him. It were a man, no man either; where he looked he simply stood there as if there was but nothing to this peculiar creature to be pinned upon or truly be spoken through.

Being there for a long time made him feel somewhat uncomfortable, even to the point where he couldn't hold his hand from dripping in. Dripping in, his hand, dripping, he thought, on top the ceiling, the window then. As soon as he was put through, protruding in, made of them, and soon revealed, they came to be, a face that sealed. He but fell behind.

Clerk unable to hold his guide as he had but stepped awkwardly on the tiled floor, backed against the wall, stared upon as if to hold anything he could find on him, anything that would do in order to get back at the creature and regain what he had lost during the few minutes there were there to spare, thinking, after a while, where had he went, where to go and when to close his eyes, had entered, through the ceiling, then but sent him around, but ripped apart, and slowly eaten, there was no pulp inside of him no more. Instead there were only veiny-tendon-snakes which pulled one another as to each some more. Grasp to shreds but made to feel pain, he couldn't help but at a time like this wait for help and make it so, ever, had it come, someone would hear him so.

As it happened, there were the piles, which had still made it outside by whichever means there were there to begin with, and one could see him, barely standing, barely to make a noise, barely poised, there stood, in a direction, broken.

Mathias had felt himself frozen for a second, woken up from a deep sleep he hoped to make it through before the night was through. It was night after all, wasn't it? He couldn't know, he had but little more than nothing left, his mouth but sparing through, as now.

He was but remembering a ruse, he was only true to himself as if to understand that there was no reason to get himself tired just as soon as he was there, up on his feet, wrong-stepped, then entered through the pipe, inside his throat, jittering inside his throat like an insidious snake which wouldn't let go, that's what

he's become, that's what entered him before the time had wrapped around him but a coil, dragging him along, he felt the soil enter his lungs. A miasma gotten through him, he was gassed with some peculiar psychosis-lust, they wanted him there and he could only be dragged by this wild thing, the wing broken, he looked behind. So many pipes on laid there, but most importantly, the charging beast had returned, he'd die, he'll kill me, he'll smash my body, crush my ribs, I know that I will have been made and put to death as soon.'

He thought before he'd gotten through. It was ever so likely that he would be lost, at the cost of wondering what and how he'll settle, as much of a boast. It was cruel, trying to make I through, they were as inconsiderate of him, as the ones that settled taking off a few facets and a few of the slabs of the wall to look from inside-out.

'Peek-a-boo.'

Said a lady, she was tall and weird skinned, as if a billion cuts had ruined her body but someone took the time to put her back in, back together, where she'd last. Even her teeth were, no. They weren't chipped out, they were clean; too clean-whitened, too perfect, such purity was something that very much disturbed him as they waned along, as they pushed through, putting before they lost even the slightest hint, of there being more. More and more and more faces came through, more than that, a few of them more in the back, before one could make out what was going through them, always taking, always done.

Indeed, Mathias seemed to have aged a lot in the past few years he had spent on his back, and that alone could be seen as being reflected on the pieces of wood which were but as degraded as he had become.

If anything, his old habits never seemed to die off either, as he retained his tendency of laughing like a woman throughout his plain-lived life.

It was ever so near him that they gathered, trying to pour themselves in from the other side, seeing how they were just as onset on him after he had revealed himself, they set aside.

Strange, the Buffoon thought. He was being met, around, by eleven miles of mass, starting from the front, turned around upon itself, a stair-like encompassing structure of meats that were sutured together and formed the room-tunnel upon which he passed upon the hour until he could not control his feet, always but pushing away. Until he was met by a door that was shaped like eighteen deformed shrimp like contortions that had eaten from inside one another, leaving but their empty heads missing, instead of which bat-like formations if they were melted in shapes, bore their malignant teeth out, falling upon or between the shrimps as they became as peculiar as shoe-laces caught inside, fattened as to be like tendons, through which little parasitical featureless insects pushed through, carrying small body-foundations that were carried over from inside the room. Which, as soon as he had finally opened the door, slowly, he had managed to see the peculiar bat-teeth like encased laces attached to every corner of the room, bore upon hornet-tall devices upon which stood the cocoons; sarcophaguses upon which bore, the head of the mummies-worn upon the people in, they spoke of him, of ill, of ill. Inside of them, there came but a wreathing, twist, of many filthy men that were as if, eighteen of them split in pieces, on a giant scale in dark. Their worst sides and their insides chosen, specifically to make them yet benign, they looked of cuts and bore only the worst, skin of plume, olive-stings and livers-burnt within, and headed there and headless sphere, inside their chests, the guardians but followed through. Within their lives, what

came behind, their children were but burnt-aside, and carried in sacks behind their backs, unable to feel one another as they continued aside. A light could be seen seething through and his gut was speaking, out floating through sinew, before he could realize what was going on in his head, he was seeing the destruction caused by their peculiarly elongated hands which were like gliders, hanging and lynching the defilers whom were the dark children they had finally lynched upon their long-mammal like extended arms.

Now, upon the hour, the room turned to skin as well as it became him. Seeing his every reflection but remade as well, the many hands but pouring out until they had formed his throttling throat, from which many hands pushed out, dragging him into long rat-corridors, where he met them. The people who bore their hands behind their back, upon which the giant horned rat whisker beds stood by, forming around like congenital diseases afflicted by necrosis, filled with blood-clots that had pushed through, pouting aside. As they were only put there for the side.

‘Please, oh please, I need to put myself in there, he will kill me.

He will kill me, won’t he, I will be charged through and put through, please help me!’

He yelled, and could only think of this as well. Mathias put himself through, and sat on his own lap, then blasted thing, it flew right through. Charging as it brought destruction, with an arm by the wall, stretched and reaching, pushing and destroying everything until he action to lay by the side.

He was not stopped, as they feared, below the earth, awaiting the tram. They were set to see him, all but recording as he came out to light. Peculiarly droned, to waste, there and again, he almost set himself cast on the ground. Wrapped around, each arm on the side, as much as he revealed his uncanny nature, peculiar break. As soon as he could move again, he had been torn, ripped apart from inside, worn. Black barb-wire caught in some rotation, a bush-like mass inside his bodily concentration span, and turned around, twisted as he came to shout. In the midst of the making, he had merely opened himself and seemed to bear. Turning and twisting until he could not take it anymore, his eyes were gone, both sockets claimed, but as soon as he regained composure, he’d begin away. He crushed, with both arms, but set and rash, the nearest pole, his arms contorted. Such strength brought by steel, dissected, his mind could not control, but trash.

Ham but continued on his way until at last, he made out. Barely alive to skin, incapable of fully contorting himself within, he had but charged through the first ambulance along the way. Near the album-store where a few children were caught between the doors and twisted, squeezed like lemons, through their heads fisted by an evil man, who was sawing their lowers sides again. Dressing in their clothes unable, to control himself as he’d disabled his lower body half, with a pistol that had missed, in turn, paralyzed he had lost the gun, somewhere beneath the counter, he was slowly dying, for what had brought them there was of little matter. As he had clenched both fists, and went deep-in as it to crush, and decide, which followed. First king, then queen, both seats were hollow, reddened in the front. He would drive alone from this point on. Couldn’t help it if he had brought himself there, traffic, then stopped. His legs were crawled through, and deep sinew had gotten him as soon. Brought within the hour, he had almost lost himself, beyond the shower, deeper rains. Pained by the looks of them, and shallow bridge, it must’ve fallen, he turned around, up-hill and shallow. As were the people he drove through, most of their bodies but puked themselves out, with deeper hues of smoke that flew, and went deeper, lost and threw.

Themselves, off lost and going; if they were pained, not ever showing. The city showed signs, they were but benign.

First the water-towers being taller, on many legs which, disemboweled, appeared to home in, during day, many scream trapped within, and man a day had he passed around, until he'd gotten through the town. There was but ashen, deepened stoves beneath the earth, instead the sewers' torn.

Kid is brought twice, brought twice, he's brought around and was worn out watching.

Kid was seen around going each public space and seen, starts fires.

He goes around and stops around the ambulance, swish and flick, put around the high-way, near the bridge, on top the scandalous little prick inside the side-street. Kid comes near, and punches the ambulance.

Ham takes lead, comes out, grabs kid by the ambulance, crushed head, opens brow, goes around, walked on top of public-sport, hunts people and sees them. They are looking at days, programmed filth, they start splashing one another before he draws near, he opens his mouth and draws a breath. Another kid enters his mouth, he chews him-dead, he stabs his own gut with a knife in order to have him struck. He was put down, little dud-canine explodes. Pissed-through, there were seven-eight-one people, all around, wearing masks pouring liquid glass in their necks, trying to drink skin. They were nastily going around, running.

'They won't come near me, it's my birthday, why aren't they coming?'

'What do you want?'

'They were listened to.'

And what does this kid want? Why are they drawing little charcoal circles on top of green and plume, and they were angsty like teenagers are, playing with guns. He startled them. As soon as he came near them, on the basketball field, one of them shot the other in the face. He fell and bled for twenty minutes he had purposefully watched for a long enough period of time that he would see him through. He also took his time to pour some black barbwire in his open-wound, just like salt and snails, they put around and walked about the place. He's taken his sweet time to see this place through. There were fires in the distance and something in the air. The army was planted around the town, a store in particular had a man without. His wallet, he did not have his wallet on, what else could he not have on him?

There were legless crawlers climbing in the dusk, all shot down after being hunted, before the taxidermist made a case out of it. He was the trophy maker after all, and he's gone through the trouble of making it worse for everyone involved.

But the asphalt, that was where the rules of the street spoke and the children playing, guns were shot all wrong. They tried killing him as soon as he approached, he was just done picking up a ball, hanging it behind his back.

'Want to play a round, children?'

They were wearied out, shooting all day, too exhaustive, both ways, it was unclear what he wanted, put through, soap in the trash, washy, washy. But it couldn't be the children either, he knew that, their hands were dirty he'd noticed, and there were planes still going but they weren't normal passenger-seat filled baby-carriages-black eel helicopters followed instead. With dead man with large mouths twisted with many tubes instead, power pea-shooters, large torpedoes around, little destroyers following them through. Carrying themselves until they couldn't see themselves, sky-mirrors carried by little things, they called those signs.

The children thought as much, they considered what was going on. It was hard, don't obey, the barking in the distance, sweat was underway.

'Make sure you aim well, kid, or you play a round with me and I promise, I'll let everyone go, no one has to die.'

'You killed our friend mister.'

'I wasn't the one holding the gun.'

'You scared him, that's what it happened, don't lie. You're the one who killed him!'

'I think you all misunderstood me you little shits; I am going to kill you.'

Ahhhhhhhh.'

A fly came out of nowhere, it startled him. It triggered a long lost memory of him getting out of the room and being startled by his mother. He kept laughing that moment. He almost lost an ear, the kid shot again.

'Damn fly came out of nowhere, damn it, that filthy fucking nasty black thing.'

'They're just about everywhere around the place mister, haven't seen any fly in your life now?'

'I have, of course I have you little, damn it. I swear, I'm going to die before I reach the hospital.'

'Wait, Jim, he's got an ambulance, he can help Limp two shoes.'

'But he's the one responsible for him getting shot.'

'That's right and he did challenge you to a fair match, hasn't he?'

'Of course he had, so what about it, mister? You still want to?'

'Boys, you do realize that your friend is still alive, right? There's still time to pick him over and do something about it.'

He threw the kids the ball, and all of the sudden it popped off, they blew up, with a part of the ground, pop-pop, they all died. They were turned into an ashen spot of black blood and barb-wire remnants which had been scattered around by the air inside the ball-bubble air, bubble, air-push, air pop-pop blow, pow, push-around and push through. The children died instantly before their guns could recoil, which backfired on them, killing one of them right before he could be touched by the explosion, if at all. On the courtyard

the child was still breathing. Ham decided this was the perfect opportunity to take the child and get him in the ambulance.

‘Ham stop it already with the laugh, you’re pissing me off.’

An after thought; by the time he had come to the ambulance, it was wrecked. Stomped, trashed, lain down, put to bed as they said, and a lot of trashy gangs had left their signs on top of it worn-out and went torn-about, all to ruin and put through. And put to pain, and painted, pouting, he washed again, his hand in blood, he put the kid down, then smashed his jaw between the boot and the ground. Up-ceiling, there the building.

‘You know I’m coming straight for you, right? I’m killing, you, I’m coming back for my keys.’

From the other side of the city, of the out-doors, from inside the home, where he was looking out, beyond the court and all around. His men not there, he was but put around. And pouting, like they do, like their people do; he was wrapped around the hands and knew what this mean, this insane man coming through, he’s killed a child and put him through. He was jolly good Rodgers, he’s putting up with captain Israel, that’s the type of man he were, that’s what he were about, and this is what came onto him now.

Peculiar thing was, he was but walking, then he rose on, charged through the door like a wrecking machine, a bull made out of black iron, never stopping.

He went in and killed the man.

Regardless of what came over him.

All of them were deeply on-set on looming around the place.

But that didn’t mean to last for long, it went too fast, he but entered the door and right through at last, faced by a few armed men which unleashed what appeared to be a whole artillery-den of shots, he drew back, all of the sudden poised to hit back.

He came into the booth and settled, he shouldn’t; right between them, open mouthed, two, a few more darted from his back, between them snapped, his shoulders wrought both sides and through them, like a little pop, a crack from inside his skin that entered through them, ever growing and stepping between them, right through. They were bloody pawns upon him strewn, as little children would in the coming of their dark days. When both men look with both arms stretched and fired met by him, a man standing straight. Cocked, as the revolvers were, with the bullets stretched and but stopped as they were themselves impaled, through the shaft and through their hands, all along the way, they were but largely fell between the floor, between the door, strung about until he finally twisted himself. Where Ham but ripped them to shreds before the time of the man around the window come.

And he had acted like a hog foaming, fumigating as the barb wires show, as to release from them but one black stupor which had yet become. They changed, as soon as the prolonged exposure to air allowed them so. From their retched pins, from black within, iron changed upon a whim. It looked strangled, it would be, malignant as to feel itself but wreathe away. Become akin to flesh, part of him, became, but soiled, of darkened bones and a man inside his chest arose. His helmet broke as soon as he began pounding in his head. Violently trying himself to be released from him.

He looked inside and felt no pride, having had realized what was of him, and what he'd become. The trenches were but felt, the other things, his skin erect. His wrists were still wrapped in barb-wire, his body but having the rails of a tank, bombs and other little warheads of fire, burnt, the man had finally choked upon being pushed down. Upon the dirt, but still, he remained headed out.

And worst of all, the strength remained. He was a man of War which started bashing everything, crushing walls, everything in his path would not be stalled. Various gas-masked people with their peculiar suits, and army-units and peculiar black bolts and large satchels and containers of gas, and bolts were lain as well, he carried them. Such strength was never met before. He merely changed through the door again, readying himself, met by him unarmed but staying. With his hand upon the dial, yelling.

‘Get the fuck out of my house, or I’m going to call the cops!’

‘By the time they’re here, I will have pounded you in the very.’

Pain stopped heaving around his chest. The half top of the soldier’s head as well as his helmet fell off immediately as he was seen down there. Soil had become hardened iron, just in time. A few shots were taken, they bounced back.

His face looked but a contortion as one would say. A eye pushing out, compounded, a mouth which opened only to choke and spit many long mask-like cords that filtered everything. He spoke in eight accents and never seemed to die.

And from his back now emerged four long-twisted, two-segments which walked like legs, standing upon black-boots that were put down. Amongst the rims of which filthy liquefied skin kept pouring out of him. Everything was being muddied as he walked. The room was a mess, but he didn’t mind.

He stepped in and a blow. And his face, came off, within the inch of him, to show. His teeth were anchors, they flew back, incisors standing again the one of the graffiti painter over posters on lain on a decrepit wall. Black blood on it, and little puff of powder; it’s where his stash is.

He plowed through his chest and ripped apart both heart and crept in yonder. Through his upper chest, he simply ripped him in half and threw him out the window in the middle of a flying chest which had been taken town as well. Both him and the torsos were caught down and run over by a drive who had passed the limit by at least eight miles an hour for the area they were in. A cop-car was trailing him but seemed to have completely ignored the bodies, having been way too immersed in the on-going chase.

‘I think this should settle it, and with that, I will take my leave.’

Although he took a second to draw in some air, having taken a few puffs in, then leaped out the window as well. It was a strange neighborhood, weird people appeared out of nowhere, with children in their hands. All black-blooded on their faces; across the streets. They put gasoline on trampolines and started leaping around, using their children as cushions, which were immediately bled out. And some came with lighters, staring fires wherever they could. Cars were on fire, arson being king. Before he knew it, the entire neighborhood was on fire as well as the clouds and the sky, they burnt. Little children, melting faces, constantly being disfigured and released; as they followed through this inferno, he realized that

there were napalm strikes coming from the army helicopters that were taking their time to destroy everything that should.

Release all evidence from the place.

‘Make sure everything gets rinsed to the ground over sector B.’

He had to run, he had to escape.

‘Sir, may I call in backup? Should we bring more squads over the place? They seem to be spreading. And their children are being yanked over the fence.’

‘That’s being taken care of, don’t worry, we’ll tackle them from the side, neither of them will survive.’

The man said.

They were filling them with slugs, which were foaming since the slugs wore tiny pockets of salt attached to them in tiny bare-thin glass pouches that shattered upon making contact with the babies. Many were put down immediately, but others followed through as soon as they could walk behind them.

He began to make it sound, like he wasn’t even gone. It was all fair, he was not to be burnt away. Fall-signs, all around fading, little voracious mouths, eaten, staving off every part of town, he was locked inside, buildings fell over and they formed a block. Looking back, he saw it fit, they had ruined it, the only ambulance was getting pounded, by a fire he’s never started.

But he’s darted through, and fire enacted millions of burn, and worn, through the burning building, he’s jumped through it and matched a bore. His skin was filling through, alike, slightly to be called and liquefied. First wall above him fallen, tiled with a corner stall upon the broken chandelier which was now part of the table and the small chamber it’s been drive through. Where lain a bathroom stained with little plants and clothes of some sinew. And the man who lived there died on the potty, with an open wound and vain to see overdose put through the agony.

Yet as he advanced, though his body would wreathe again and again for those coils of skin that lain inside had taken a liking to the heat, and brought to him, he turned to stare.

He whom had appeared, like an apparition unnerved, it settled through, with an open pore, and would be gore that settled through him. Open and brought to a command, dreadfully shrouded yet no longer hiding in the dark, he was revealed. Peculiar creature that he were, never to have feared, it appeared out of nowhere, only to have dreadfully sneered at them, with little despair. Its eyes were hidden but through stone he would repair. As to reap and sow what came, through lo.

Fire ended, around him gone. And just as soon it settled after, disappearing ever yonder.

With but a blush of winds, and peculiar strings of filth and flimsy taking, a gaping pair of mouths, never ending had but given form, they spat from the mold of every form which formed a great wall. Fire was put down, as just about the minute he started on. Every wall had but pieced together, the chandelier but part, within the mark, and clothened threads and skin and man and fragile cartilage put about. Until one could see that what was wall was spitting; from the gelatin emerged, the elongated body of a great worm,

which was surrounded. With as many chitin-plated, granted. Many holes emerged at last, and at first but peculiar looking livid safety-bags such as car-crash safety measure shapes, which grew and formed, within their flakes and the false skin that fell from them. Peculiar growths, contorted hors that pushed about their edges, then connected in the front to a greater lump which caught all of them with humanoid-like forearms that grew pincer-like extensions to grab a hold of them, it wreathed. Like some deformed rib-cage creature, yet, the lumps of flesh that came out of the worm, and the ones in the front bore mandibles of their own, that didn't open to reveal tracts, that lead to digestive system, mutts. Crystal-cyst forms rosy, with bore little tadpole-spiked, cozy like retractors that started throwing themselves around; not in pain and not to harm, but only seemed to draw their images about.

With every stone bearing an image of their own; and every time he looked at the tadpoles, he realized that they were torsos like his own, from which the stings, wrote within the minute. Of broke-quite, disappearance, the names of the men he killed.

‘What have you done here?’

‘I’ve only taken the lives of two men.’

‘What of the children?’

‘The first one wasn’t because of me.’

‘Yet it was your fault.’

‘I’ve done nothing of the kind, I’m free of charge and not to be called for anything I’ve not done.’

‘But you have and you need pay for everything, which death might come, alone convey.’

‘I said I’m but free to choose, at last, I’ve done nothing.’

‘Yet you have.’

And with a piece of his nails which refused to go off again, he but searched for a way in to cut and do as much harm to him as to be brought to his knees, and put to agony.

He was to give him but a chance, since a lot went around the place.

‘Walk through me and it shall all be written off for now; make your way to the hospital, for that’s where you ought to be when the time comes.’

For that was the reason he didn’t change ways, and that’s how his only way out went across ways.

Yet, the Basketball court hadn’t always been that way.

It was more dolefully strange, being there, rough neighborhood, children shooting one another on the regular, they were armed. They bore rifles on the and long-assault sub-machine ripped-off guns with bayonets and tracking devices they stole from their parents’ house. Many of the rich kids wiped out the poor ones whom couldn’t even afford yanking normal pea-shooter, having come with scissors and little

cigars, they were throwing needles and soft-turned lumps and rock. Shot dead right-foot in broad-daylight they would.

One girl ran around the area, she being chased. Little guns pointed at her, shooting her ankles, gone, she wasn't bled immediately but they took their time. Going slowly on her, find out what's it take to be a man, brought in a little ballista, shot her entire skull off the plain of the earth, her spine was trailed as well, her body ripped in half, by a single shot. They took her out, and then they put her on a trough and spoke to the giant invisible creature which appeared, as it extended the claw-like mantis-talons which were wrought with fat, bloated at that, but took and ate her, giving them invisible coins. The children took them and put them into the invisible noise-maker, only to listen to no sounds. No one in the neighborhood understood what they were dancing to but no one questioned it out loud since they were armed.

A little army came in but they weren't prepared; as the children hid in randomly picked houses and they had to shoot everything and everywhere, spray and pray, the tank having demolished four buildings.

'No sign of the children sir, should we continue?'

'I think we've done enough, they should've learned their lesson by now.'

Do you hear that?

Abandon your arms and we'll be square.'

And they discusses between them, as in the next morning, during their leave, the soldiers woke up with children arms put on their doorsteps, seething with warmth, as they were ripped off.

'I think our job here is done.'

The army left. But the children weren't dead. They knew what they were doing, they were from the old school, of pain. And before the new kids and families moved in, they walked on giant insect legs that sprouted from their arms, back to their old habits in no time. When everyone one else sleeping, they moved across the bars, on top of the fire exit ramps and broke into the windows, into their rooms, entered it and devoured their heads while they were sound asleep. But one night they found out the harsh way what it meant to not have opposable thumbs anymore. His head got knocked off, his insect body reeling back in, reveling a sudden extension-like pushing out thing, as a smaller throat that came out of the hole that was made it. Long meat, like that of a starved thumb which grew fat in the middle like a ringed-worm, which started reeling on every side; right from the front it spat out some peculiar substance in which it coated itself, warded off each shot. Put down the child with a long leg, contorted, though extended, tenderly, kicked the boy right to the side. The parents came in, bearing guts, rifles unloaded yet the body token, all of em'. He was not letting them get through, the man ring worm like growth appeared to be shaped like it bore inside of it eight young kittens that were struggling to get out. It pushed itself open like a fissure from which a peculiar long stalk with two spherical meat growths that were encompassed by roots on every side started levitating. Before either of them could reload, it simply made it out of the room. While in the distance, the stalk was abandoned as they came out of the shells themselves. Peculiar thin-things, like flaccid-looking tapeworms that were made to look like poor imitations of much more than five fingered gloves that constantly shared between the two of them, absorbed streams of rancid meat which moved like plasma between the two of them before disappearing

in mid-air. The after-mark being a guttural explosion which dirtied the walls; from which a peculiar creature emerged, like a fat infant without limbs but a head which was a flat table-like facet, on which prune-formations opened slits, like elliptically-squared openings which shot thin black canine-arrow shaft rods that began the assault before they could understand what was going on.

Some kid off the streets threw a basketball at it.

The kid was killed afterwards, instantly.

And then it left. The child was marked for the rest of his life, the back of his head hanging on a lamp, but his parents were children as well, so the debt was paid full-on out. It's what entered him, the boyle-oh byole he was raised by another family from there on out. A family of weird people whom he found in the afternoon day-out, clocked out, dead. They were, spread around the carpet, made.

Their heads were still floating as were their throats, pulling off the floor which was their bodies, to be sure. Throat-taps blew spilled their body water, liquefied bones, limbs and organs as gelatin, across the walls, as well as he could see, they had killed as well, another one followed through.

It was a man who broke in the house, he thought of stealing something, he pulled out a knife.

'To the wall boy.'

He then walked to the parents, stabbed them a few times, no reaction from them. Rancid spittle back, they left with something, at least part of his house went missing and they broke in again, later in the day.

But the boy simply left the house and lived on the streets for some time; seeing how there wasn't much in the neighborhood, for him to look after. He was set on trying to sharpen his nails, they were all grown out and were torn from the bottom of their shell. He simply followed the trail of destruction, upon which a dilapidated tall building formed of the broken debris, a few rails and a wagon stood there, up heaving itself to a large peculiar black roof, which pointed outwardly, then inwardly as the floors were wrought in; he stood in that abandoned building for a while, only to understand why it was avoided.

Strange man coming from the side, a foreigner whom looked out of a century was brought. He looked like an ancient depressed jester, black clothes, of some medieval peasant with nothing in his head no more. He was but a drool, trying his fingers in and out, doing obscure things, finger-butterflies, as he attempted to lure the boy out of his hiding.

'Come on young man, get out already, I have something else to show you.'

'I'm not stepping out if you're still here.'

And annoyed, the man approached, seeing how the child took a few steps away, he coiled at the entrance, refusing to step in. It wasn't likely that he couldn't step at all, as his foot was at the threshold, a few steps in. But he looked past him, with dead-swollen eyes, looking into the benign holes from whence the dark stood by his side. He was not to make a scene, or to look anywhere else, than where he'd seen those things emerge. His hands were wet, the door frame soaked after. Grunt saw the holes that were pin-pricked inside his palm, he knew something the man did not.

They've broken him, he simply thought.

They put the skin grated in into a jar through a strange iron-pick grinder, which, once inserted into the palm, formed a large iron tube which travelled all the way through his arm, through his chest and into his liver and his gut. Surgeons often used these kind of devices to travel all the way up the brain in order to completely empty fill brain-pocket with little metal strings in order to prevent metal aneurisms from happening. As blood becomes mercury and the brain becomes rust to eaten by the brain-eating electrified machines. It was what god told the Depressed-Jester.

He smiles, then approached. Offers a hand, and asks the boy to trust him.

Grunt stretches his hand, they shake on it, soaky-sweat.

'I think you're a sick person.'

'And you're dumb child.'

He then steps in, and kneecaps the kid into a sleeping-prone position.

Grunt wakes up in the hospital. Something wrong; half of It still in that building, half of him on a table, surgeon looking at him, wildly awakened.

There, in front of him, alone in a barely dim-lit room, surrounded by multiple apparatuses he stands. Ptlok but barely out of his mind, unable to control himself once he discovers something else; it's not often that one finds such a specimen as to be awakened for this long.

He looks happy, elated for some reason, it's not something that happens often, as a matter of fact, it's not something that should happen that often. It doesn't fit him well at all.

He's already pinned the boy down, worked on him as no other man would, trying to gut this half-a-pig as he saw it fit.

'I've blessed you child, thought I can see that you've already been blessed. I can see that there's no way someone like you could've made it this way, yet you still breathe, you still move and most importantly your heart Is missing.'

They were worn-out. Put to shreds, and there were pointless. General infection points in dead-men, put through.

'Why are you wearing an army suit?'

'I am a soldier, I wear the mask on top of me.

Looky-look, there are hordes of people trying to make it through in time. I need to call and make another call, if I can't put through. They can't put us all to jail.'

'They can, if you don't look after your own. I'm telling you, there are things that don't work today.'

Torn-cities one day a week; put one good through, stupid things on one of the open-tv's; soups taken from Taiwan, they put one through one bug-man with little uneducated people that eat from people with batons

in their heads. Lodged in or grown. They were trying them, the Philosopher, spoken off. Confucius's teachings were wasted on the youth. Monks only gathered around dead holes and paled.

Butter was become rubbing alcohol, or at least as expensive.

A hobo was bearing a weird circle signs, condemned by the people as he prophesized the end of the world.

Shops had hidden walls where they hid the dead.

Men were whipped openly on the streets and made to serve.

A pandemonium of colors followed, the gloves, suits, and other finely womanly clothes were but used to wrap around some of the sickly that had broken through the window-streets.

Blue-paint in buses was but carrying cerebral palsy, which was transferred by touched. Taken by the throat, a man was shot and put through one of the most painfully erect syndrome-punching Ottomans upon which they were being tortured. They put something on the beds.

'I think there's something in.'

'What?'

Skin was falling off the sky.

They were refusing to speak to one another, but all life was driven it, to one point, or various others.

Various new hospitals were being built.

A mall was being demolished in order to clear a general area that might be used to help raise one of them amongst the lines. They were a given. All construction materials rested on bones. Men who died now walked away with giant wrought metal frames that stretched upwardly for hours.

Of course there were no braver men, whom faces were but taken there. Worsened by hours, given by piece, some had missed.

'Damn it.'

'You don't understand.'

Said another man, they didn't get it then.'

What to look after?

Small place where he worked the innards of the moving sets, where to hang about the hour, when they called upon the dead. Wrought behind, they didn't listen, they would fiercely be laid.

Brim worked in a small cozy room. It was neatly cozy and he enjoyed working in it. He mainly fixed struck objects across the floors, like cats stuck inside or ripped in half who still meowed for more. But they were electronics, toys abandoned by children.

‘Children nowadays; they’d do anything to destroy a man’s working hands. I keep telling you Fred.’

‘I hear.’

Jonathan, Jonathan.

‘Jonathan.’

Someone said, they said.

‘Jonathan, Jonathan Mayflower, you are Jonathan Mayflower.’

‘I am, but who is calling me?’

‘I am, I am the one calling you.

I live inside your car. Keep driving, and don’t look back. Don’t check the side-view mirrors, will you not?’

‘Five more minutes and it’s done. I love you.’

‘Who are you?’

‘Magcogm, this as much as you need to know.’

The initials written upon some ancient tome he had looked upon during the time he had been an invalid child with three eyes painted purple, dressed in, gut.

The car was a gut, it stopped and bled.

His mind was a little off the train.

Instead of ankles, wheels, but eight of them lines back, on each side, they bore bands which wrapped themselves to his wrists, his shoulders, and to his belly, they wrung him around. Constantly spinning him until he could see the light that followed after, afore mentioned, he saw lights; broken clocks and asked the man-clock maker.

‘Clock-maker, when have I entered your store?’

‘It’s been a while since you asked me that, stop the wheels.’

They were not there anymore. It felt as if his torture finally ended and he would not succumb to the death of every skin in sight, although there were many salamander giants span around instead the walls, which fell like rain drops inside the hollowness which replaced them all. But neither of them were actioned by cogs, or machines. They were simply there, having him stare. Within the minute, the Clock-maker Jopyrat, whom pulled him by the side finally stabilized the man.

‘I don’t think you’re going to like hearing this but you need to listen to me, all right?’

‘I am listening.’

‘I’ve given you twenty shots now but the color of your eyes hasn’t changed. It’s a barf-spot of pastels and I’m highly concerned about it.’

He simply took him up, wrapped the man by the shoulder, as he was placed from the one chair he had been waiting in onto the counter. He was opened, despite sitting on his arse, revealing a mighty cock-pilot belly opening where he was but quickly worked upon before he could even figure what went on. It was mightily odd. He didn’t ask any permission as he worked upon where no man would belong. A man’s gut-clock was his own. But in that case, who owned the car? If he was in it, after all; the man inside the gut doesn’t own it. Indeed, he doesn’t, but what of the little man in his gut?’

‘I’ve extracted a coccyx of nickels. You are saved.’

‘May I go now?’

‘Of course you may.’

It was such a daze, having had his appointment already.

But he had received new eyes, which were cut by him inside the bath. The bad doctor, the one dressed in black clothes, who was death, instead of the real doctors whom were light. And was bloodied all the time like a butcher; and had a blood trailed smile on top of his mouth-protector. He told him much about himself. About his two children and about the other things he dreamed about, such as.

‘One day I will stop performing surgeries such as these, as awkward as it sounds, I do seem to be the black market of surgeons, don’t I?’

And I don’t know why but I feel like a fake, as opposed to them.

I’m not as real as they are, you hear?

I wish I were, but I’m not. I find myself often performing the most dreadful thing son, on people.’

It was nap-time.

It was dark in some places, when the patients had to go to sleep. There was no question any longer, from the looks of it. They were to be spared for some time and take all away when needed be.

There’s something in the air.

Not inside the hospital but everywhere, if there was any doubt before it, there wasn’t one any longer.

But it was no matter of the air itself, what drove the people to act the way in which they had.

Abandoned building eight-hundred miles away from where they were; placed near the intersection, kept a few feet above the ground. A hand’s full reach at the very least from the looks of it; a few frozen people placed beneath, their carcasses being abandoned there, where children play from time to time. In their cadaverous nests they formed little play-nests where they often talked about their day and what comes after their school-days are over. It’s hard, thinking about what comes after it. Those are nicer days, better than what’s the world come to. Or what it became. It’s somewhat depressing, staring at the people

outside, whom, at various points in times seem worse than the dead people they're surrounded by. Even warmth felt at home amongst the corpses than the people out of it. And they were always pointing it out, trying to make it too often, a foolery of words. And strange growths revealed through one of the opening hatch doors through which one entered the building.

The Porter always invited the children, he even encouraged them to knock on the door and enter in. He'd even lower down the ladder, rather than leave them down there among the corpses.

It's not a place young children should play in. Especially since they've been doing it for years; by the time school days ended, they still found themselves there, in a place they found dear to their hearts. To which they've taken a liking to. Every time a man passed by the building, he'd kneel around the ground in order to ask them of their wails.

'Is there something I could do for you, perhaps?

Could I call for someone?'

'We're fine sir, thank you for asking.'

'I think we'll do just fine, thank you. Bye.'

Seeing how he was so quickly dismissed, the man simply sneered at them, making it so it wasn't read.

'Then be careful, children, I wouldn't like to step on some guts.'

He said as much, then picked up where he was left at. He had taken a corner, past a dark set of fish-net casts of human-beings, left around a dark-red cage left out in the open. The metal-frames were just as rusty as the bars. He had half-expected to see a man wrought in iron, trapped inside. Yet there was only a thin figure that was chained around the mouth, across his legs, his waist, he was but strangely put to rest. Before he even came to know what happened to him. A few people knew of the red-some machines that drew in from the dark tunnels. Brought by rails to gas the man every hour; liquid moisture hardening, as he was licking the bars in order to feed himself before they left. This was one of the few people that couldn't be helped. And devices like these were placed just about everywhere, and have been ever since medieval times. The only difference being the wealthy in tomatoes having rotten, leaving them with little more than some obscure methods of humiliating the figures caught in public. Often whipped by little bands and strained hands as the metal frames would sometimes move by themselves, only to begin their motions of little torture. Followed through, they would pour boiled water, steam, but soon they were at a break.

What came out was not a man.

After years they would be still there, walking but chained, despite being naked. Releasing them ended up being far crueler than letting them stay inside. Many more followed from dark corners, like junkies only when they felt the sings that one of the cages was opening up. Others were but simply coming out of their hiding when the hardened moisture was but placed on the bars.

Little more of their minds was left than to figure out how to work a gun if either of them had stumbled onto them. One in particular but tripped on a man who was so nervous that he began stomping the poor creatures' head until it had been split open like two twigs of a tree of hairs.

Animals were treated better.

Little cognitive devices put on top the flying spectral hardenings around each fainting man. They were dead. They were fastened like little weather propellers which were flown around of little-drawn to a point little deformations of abstract-men whom had become peculiar elongated figures at to be shaped like molecule-spherical rounded arrow shafts in length, until their upper heads had become giant filaments that popped like empty cylindrical-objects that wore themselves off, having their upper side look as if they had been blown from inside by slugs shot by shotguns. And they grew even fatter like elephant-tumor filled creatures filled with such growths at to create a homogeny of forms that finally blew small pops in the air, having thrown the slugs away from inside their heads, with the slugs being match-boxes of skin which blew to a point, as to be chewing-gum blown struck in mid air, creating an electrical-arc of lice-shaped extensions that connected the top of the fattened monstrosity to a shape that looked like a constellation that kept growing and expanding until it had been drawn into the air, at such a speed at to take away from the murder that had just happened a few meters away from where it had been initially observed by the passing man. As it happened, more than a few miles away, a van stopped, allowing a man who wore dark clothes, a concealed knife, a head-scarf, and strange eye-containers that were lodged in his socket, bleeding thoroughly, to stumble upon a restless symbol of youth who was warming up to do laps, around the hour near which the perfect stretch from eighteen of May seventh, which directly paralleled the day of the Amsterdam's Grand Athletic Event was about to happen on the other side of the world, having been placed this year somewhere between the Asiatic Plains and the Great stretches of Russia, right before he was awakened by a sudden warmth that began encompassing the area between his lower ribs and his fractured collar bones, upon a sudden turn where it was revealed to him that a man had put an eighteen-inches wide stainless steel iron butcher's prick, ironically stained by a patch of blood he hadn't rubbed it off, of, furthermore, adding an insult to the injury as the stained blade was in actuality infested with a coronary gut-disease that's been left there from one of his earlier kills that day. His van having travelled eighteen hundred fifty two miles and four steps continuously, needed to get away as quickly as possible from the previously exposed crime scene where he took the lives of four men who were crippled Siamese twins, ex-convicts whom were responsible for child abuse as well as a various other felonies that had been swept under the rugs, having blushed upon seeing the man who appeared to be nothing more but a criminal who coincidentally stumbled upon the nurse responsible for their caretaking during one of her breaks, as she hang outside the building during one of her smoking breaks which was very well received by the man. What he did next was simple. Seeing how there was no one in sight that early in the day, he stepped dead-straight in front of her, knocked off her cigar with a simple slap off her wrist, punched her in the face, kneed capped her nose a few times, immediately stepping back as to allow her on all four, before he kicked her as hard as he could in order to blow out all the air she bore in her lungs, so as to buy himself enough time to pull off one of his shoes, then his sock, shoving it inside her mouth before he proceeded to absolutely wail on her until she died of shock, her ribs and skull being shattered completely. Before the next few minutes hit the mark of ten, he had already dragged her to the side, pulled out a small razor blade he used earlier to shave himself with, began slowly peeling her face off like a medium-sized left for too long in the sun pear, wore her face, switched closed with her, took his time to put on her underwear, his on her, the bloody socks, the clean fish-stocks, the apron-white, the blood on her clothes,

not that it mattered. Then he unbuckled his belt on her, put a finger in her bloody mouth, drew a smile and two eyes on his nurse-suit before he walked into the building. On his way through the hallway, seeing how there were countless rooms so many patients were placed in as there was but one guard who was partially blind and thought this to be no other than the man himself, he took a break, then sat in a seat for twenty minutes, reading one of the magazines as he acted normal. Every now and then, throwing an eye at the man in charge with the security whilst wondering whether or not he was going to call a cop; it was a sports magazine which spoke of the most peculiar car-designs they had come up with, many of the vehicles, belonging to the new age being made out of people who looked as if they had been contorted in the most uncomfortable poses, as if they were but freaks taken from a circus, or from the movie which apparently had been banned in multiple states because of the allegedly cruel depictions that had hurriedly, as in the speed at which the attempts of the people who tried taking the movie down, somehow did not align with the general day-to-day working' man's sensibilities upon its initial release. Before he could turn on the page, his head tilted upwards, as to still conceal a good part of his lower face which already, having dripped on top of his shirt and pants, left a trail of blood not only on his face, behind the mask, with it slight pushed further down his forehead, below the brown, almost completely flushed down, as the guard came and brought him a cup of warm steamy black coffee he had brewed this morning, yet found it fit for it to be reheated just for her.

'Here's your coffee, miss Anne.'

'Thank you.'

The man said with the manliest voice a man could ever conceive; such likes that not even women could know off, nor would they survive if they were exposed to it.

As such, the security-man shrugged his shoulders then turned away.

Michael threw out his magazine and simply spilled the coffee off the back of his head. He simply fell and died. The head having burnt his fragile back of his head which was left vulnerable as a result of a previously untreated car accident, a wound that refused to heal; although he died instantly, as the top of his neck suddenly released his head, which started crawling away in an instant, to one of the corners, leaving a trail of coagulated blood cells shaped like little wheels, that began pulling the blood towards it. Soon enough, they contorted into a ball-body-contortion of mass which entered one of the mice-holes where the body exploded on the other side, painting the room in a bloody-red entry-point. His body being split across all six facets of the room, equally split until they turned into giant hairs which serenely started brushing off along the air waves that came out of the hole. With him taken care of, he finally pulled out his stainless prick, entered every room, then killed as many of the patients as he could. The crippled Siamese offering no resistance whatsoever; not only did they not fight back, but they carried a house plant, which was extremely green, as flat-green, as not even being shaded, and a small orange-dirt clay pot. Which stood out in a room of white; despite the patients' faces being somewhat pale gray, there were milk-buds inside the dirt and they had grown out of it, and formed little coffin-holes where blood-guts sprouted off. He merely coated his pick in this peculiar fountain, which, in turn gave him the most dreadful of infections any man could stumble on.

This man also spat on my mom. He was evil incarnate, he was vile. He had thrown away his future for a life of crime. His given name was Michael but his taken name was Turn. And he stepped out the line. He

didn't care about anything, especially not his life or personal safety. Upon exiting the building, he began lighting up the prick, smoking it over a couple of passers-by who took him to be some person dressed for some convention or some similar event, having finished throwing a few jabs with the local punks, he went around the corner of the building, found the corpse which was finely preserved and left just like he placed it, switched back clothes, right until, he was exposed. Not to a few people who passed around but to a pair of five cats who appeared out of nowhere and whose eyes were but shining upon him. They were moon-shaped and appeared to project themselves onto him like stage-lights. He felt guilty then, which made him keep the woman panties on; those being far more comfortable than the other pair he was previously wearing. And since he was a sexual deviant, he proceeded to make love with the cats as well. Luckily there were no children in sight, because that's how people like him acted.

It was no wonder than he killed the athlete, slowly then. Before covering his mouth with his forearm and biceps, completely contorted around him like a snake, whispering in his ear with his tongue pushing in. Then he left him there, to bleed like a plank.

He had many victims he wrapped with an iron band. He formed a fence of dead people which formed his torture house, which was his. But he had claimed it. It was a tall dark-rusty building with nothing but ripped open grates at the top. And every time the wind brushed or touched them, their open ends but sang like pies. The voices of little killed men were heard. But no one knew from where.

The wallet had little to nothing with it.

And Michael Turn didn't like going groceries shopping with nothing in his hand. It was something a man could not do. No, he hadn't taken a liking into that.

He had an orange-organ, which produced rotten sounds, as the colors it bore were as decayed as he was.

Speaking of which, his head had a constantly rotting gaping mark he gave himself after the whole incident was over with. He drove his van into the side of a cartel-raided left over abandoned rinsed to the ground mount-den he sometimes lay in. It's where he hid all of the victims he didn't use for his fence or the other objects. It became his deposit.

Gaping wound, two inward pointed slices, pushing through; bleeding out of him.

'So, have you done something lately?'

'I have, why do you ask?'

'I'm simply trying to make some conversation, that's all. Don't you think we should talk about something since, we've been neighbors for nine years, haven't we?'

Yet we don't talk much and you have weird hobbies.'

'Such as?'

'This.'

'I don't consider this to be strange, I think you are strange, and you must intrude upon my ordeals for some reason. I hate you, it's plain and simple.'

I simply loathe your presence. You should move.'

'Why do you hate me? '

'You want me to talk to you, that's why.

I don't like talking; I like doing stuff.'

'Like what?'

'This.'

'Don't you think, this a bit too much?'

'For you, maybe.'

'All right, well.'

'I'm going leave and do far worse things than this.'

'It's, I'm not surprised, actually. Come to think of it, I would expect no less out of you.'

'How about I, invite you over to join me; would you like to see how it's done?'

'No, I wouldn't. Please leave. I can see why you don't like talking.'

'Then shut your mouth and don't speak to me the next we see. Or I won't be as, I'll kill you.'

Then he left.

He is a doctor at the Hospital.

'Wait, before you leave. One thing; I only need you to know one thing, in particular.'

'And what would that be, little man?'

'It's important that you know, this may not mean much to you.

But wherever you go, and whatever you think this trail you made might bring you. It won't.'

'Why can't you shut your dumb mouth already?

Look, I'm a respectable surgeon, I cannot be and should not be questioned, especially not by someone like you.'

There wasn't any break to it, was there? There was no shortness of breath, to be berraved.

Why would there be no better guide, than the one whom carried them in a way utmost chimed upon, then looked away?

'Look at him, look at him, the buffoon knows the way.'

They yelled, and they fashioned themselves stable before hearing the Dirtier come their way, making through the most uncanny valleys, twists and shambled, their distraction, every light but falling after, as it's gotten. But there was naught to say and none else to hide or get out of their way for what seemed to be a shabby good portion of the hour. It was just as set in stone, neither of them getting out of their way or pushing on in wild directions.

Short

They could be placed here and there within reason without showing much of a sign or little to do, sickness that followed.

There were placed that would not be touched, no one could bring himself as far as to open his maws and enter through.

'I need to listen to the words.'

'I cannot give you this and I believe you know it already.'

'What have I done to deserve this?'

'Don't you know?'

'Of course I don't.'

'Then try again, try, god damn you dumb-little thing.'

He had to go through the motions, both of them dead-struck by the open table were shoot, some tools were missing. That was a mistake he would not soon forgive.'

'Damn you, I think, damn, it's your fault, isn't it?'

'I didn't take them, they were here a few moments ago.'

Yet he didn't know what was going on. Of course not, it was just a plume, they were in the basin. And Basin was filled with wild alligator men, wearing their crudely made-out helmets. It was a white room, with nothing other than a few bolts strung across the walls, with little garments such as heads with coins attached to them. Wild languages come with little gems attached, that's how you know they're worth something, not money, but in heart. They're wholesome, expensive and aren't worth a penny of what they're sold for. It's a scam but I like them, so pretty, so pretty. I need more of them, I need them to look worn-out and somewhat decayed. How can I get them? I wish I could get them but I cannot. I am simple man, I am a simpleton, a layman like any person-man. My mother put a few black bags nears the' box, I am afraid. I am truly frightened. What's in the bags? Entrails of mom.

'I think it's a mystery worth pursuing.

If mother put herself inside the bags, how could there be a mom to begin with?'

‘A truly marvelous ruse. I wager that’s not her.’

‘I am underneath the table and I’m eating seeds, filled with dust.’

‘What do they taste like?’

‘Don’t, I’m not going to say it.’

I am the scum master of the bugs, the insect master of the blood. I wank on streets, don’t stop at beats, I see a little man, I beat him, I am. I am that man, I was beaten, I was mugged. They beat me and they mug me, why? I was born. It’s the insurrection.

‘They are bloated with your children, master.’

‘And whom shall obey the one that knows of what decay may fill their guts as such and who is to be called during the drop of the lights?’

‘I do not know why we’re here and for what reason I was called.’

Way beyond the chasm

There stood two people in a room, they got out. Through a small cut they made through flint, they snuck and won’t retreat a shout. Stood there walking yet confused, both Red and Mouse but couldn’t have understood.

‘What now?’

‘I suppose we didn’t move at all. It’s all a mess, everything.’

Still, they hanged in a ruin.

‘Dust will never settle at this pace, we have to keep up going before it comes and least of all will it procure what’s to be done with it, as soon. I think there’s but one thing we should and might as well consider now.’

‘And what would that be?’

‘There’s not a single soul living, there’s not a single person getting through. We keep this infamy to ourselves, shall we?’

‘For what reason then?’

‘We shall see it through somehow, if there’s any consolation for what might happen if we cross the bridge, you must know that it’s bastardly sickening.’

‘What is?’

‘This, what you’re forcing me to go through, since it’s something I may not be able to follow through with.’

The man with the axe had tripped and but cut his throat and face in halves. Putrid little thing he were, there was by no means any way to make it up to either of them since they couldn’t relent, they wouldn’t do with it if that was the case. Within the hour it would be settled by such means, they couldn’t avoid it forever, it seemed.

Somewhere closer

There hadn’t been a beginning nor an end to the hour, it simply was. From every side of the room there was but a single worthless little speck, as for.

‘His head scar fucking shot his jaw off!’

They delivered the man through one of the trucks, having kicked his skull off right before it came into the very room they were in. Everyone stopped what they were doing, most of the laundry mat being thrown around, every patron having dropped their eyes from their slave-newspaper sheets, their human curtains being pulled down, to look at the wreckage just as it entered through the front door and almost came, extremely as such, close to taking the whole structure down with it. They were enraged.

The Guest room was completely smashed, and the man crawled out with nothing but his half jaw popped out, held by a long arm that came out of his gut, holding it as it became a strange engulfing strange crown-like spinning spindle wheel which rotated, spilling its blood across the room.

‘What just happened?’

‘There’s been an accident.’

‘A second one, I wager, I wager, my pap was in danger, he’s took his gun out, I swear, he shot his kind, this young fellow, he’s Monroe.’

‘Slow down man, I don’t know what you want out of me.’

‘Listen, call everyone in sight, call everyone you can, we need him taken to the surgery room immediately before he opens his eyes, what’s left of them.’

‘And if I refuse to do it?’

‘I don’t know, I seriously don’t know, they’ll take my lower legs and attach it to the electrical surfboard right there, the ones with the buttons, the one with the buttons right there.’

He pointed at it, this being the second right entrance to the left from which they came through. It was short, small, short-small with little specks of light-drawers everywhere where they stored the morgue patients after they cut them into pieces and had nowhere else to put them. And they were little more than eighteen of them, all with strange faces, that grew on them which weren’t theirs but they were there, from some point to another, one could wager as such, it was a reminder that no one was safe.

Eleven miles from where they stood; a group, an alarming formation of twenty men, twenty patients, twenty people who had been waiting in the guest room, some of the nurses, and eight doctors had to be present in order to pin him down while there was still a chance to have him standing.

He wore a foot in the back, he was a trebuchet-like being with an open-standing scar spreading across his neck, not like an open wound but like a peculiar snail that dragged through. Everyone stopped immediately, trailing the walls with the tips of their fingers, being incapable of making out what was around them, having resolved to walking in like children with little more than cut through faces that were just as soon oozing out. A strange formation, and a shroud.

‘I think there’s still some hope we might be able to pull him from where he’s heading to and what he’s on.’

‘What is he on?’

Asked some of the blinded men and women; yet their voices were rather flagrant with disquiet since they didn’t know what happened around them.

‘Saint’s mercy, but what is that thing over there?’

It felt, in some way like everything was under a siege, living beneath the charts, in the guest room. Nowadays it looked somewhat completely destroyed as well as it had been torn from inside out, yet there hadn’t been any outside world any longer, it was only a refuge for destruction. From where arose but the most uncannily deformed and those who were out of fashion but failed to realized what happened after.

Four men dressed in white, as if they were part of a Greater Surgical branch were there, amongst some condescending sounding cunts. They wore some fire-packs on their backs, like the ones similar to fire-launchers. Peculiar things, but those didn’t matter, they seemed somewhat absorbed by their back-satchels, entirely so until no one could make their joints out of the mess, regardless of which, they rose and but found themselves in a somewhat empty hall-bend, into the strange dormitory where they would’ve kept the elderly in, if that were the case. By now, since this entire structure was kept under total lockdown, there wasn’t anything preventing them from doing what they did, since there wasn’t any way to reinforce what was happening.

‘I have my ID, I told you. There’s no need for you to do this. I’m telling you, I’m, look, I’m Lock Snarl, MD. I work here, I’ve been working here for the past several decades, there’s no way I’m not in the system, you have to check for me again.’

‘Who said anything about a system?’

Asked one of the men, by then everyone fully extended their arms towards him. There they loomed for some.

‘How did I wake up here?’

Brim asked himself. He was incapable of understanding. It was simple, yet it seemed like some vaguely peculiar knowledge he had been unable to understand or grasp at, since he was there for a reason, a reason that didn’t tell him much of anything.

Glory to Mongol and glory to the chasm

‘Glory to Mongol and glory to the chasm!’

They yelled and shouted and long departed and ever after but crafted their spears and long delighted and little more than made to be and no more yet of what had gotten through to them, they pierced one another bodies with long spears made out of calcareous reformed, refrigerators-deformed that followed through.

But it was not entirely to be called as such.

For what followed after were the abominations distraught.

‘The land has been touched and claimed.’

It was a disease that spread, as if the soils of skin was but filled with filth, out they came; little more of them could be recognized as well.

Peculiar formations, skin-sheet amalgamations, put together abominations they were. Movers, the machines, made and filled and cut within, stitched together with the men inside, whom were but looking outside and came to be. Many of them of them incapable of fully breathing, some were but tainted with the plagues, the bubonic kinds and most of them seemingly forced to be in an unnatural state from which they couldn’t awaken out of. They were the bile, they were the cuts, like butchered animals they walked. Long heads sprouting and shooting forth, reeling in, back and forth like little more than conveyer belts, all of which smiled, inside the Moor’s teeth and many rotten feet, of ladies that were brought from beyond, they followed through, the sky was blank.

It was the disease of stagnation, it was the beheaded head of Rod with a head-like curve, and many lacerations that had happened around his throat and body. Many of their insides as well, they carried what swooned after, the result was blank-death, like people shot in the head.

Many of these livid machines opened their chests within to reveal. The death-mask of atomic bombs, without the atomic appeal, only the shapes of them, instead they carried many people inside of them, all but torsions and contorted, all but put in that snare as they wouldn’t be allowed to be distorted. And on an extended body as if it was a rotten tree, out of a mover which pushed out came to see, many slit together, put together, largely to follow. On the path of Red and Mouse, as to follow, bring them back, like a game of hide and snick. What came out, beyond disease, it was nothing but a bloated hose, one that extended forth, and rose and froze, made out of the bodies of Dina’s, with Aleksey in the front. He controlled the mover in the back. It was peculiar, seeing him so elated, so animated, his death but be uncannily prevented. Not to be long, last defended, he had but felt himself largely contorted and now to be satiated.

‘I hear, I hear, I want to be near, what do I look for, ha-ha, I see. I’m sober, forever, it but cannot be.’

With so many livers attached, he had come to realize that he would never get drunk.

Of but the bodies were so contorted, they were senselessly put together and distorted, what sacks of skin could there be seen, inside the movers, nothing within. These were their military crafts, and the armies

pushed over, alas. There was the General Cajun' Tossnt, whom but gave of the first order, have it come by soon, a strange flat platform coming out of the swoon, above of them, it came to be. Bearing the image of a teal-morsel, mechanically incline and put through hues such as the likes that would cause pain after that.

It wasn't as dark during nights, they spent over, looking over the roads.

They set camp while there was still daylight, spreading as far as they would be allowed. This long stretch was but perilous, as the land was still yet to be followed through and come as it may, there was little more to it than some broken points, lamp posts and other joys that were abandoned.

A perilous acre, the mind of the disease, he was distraught but looking forth, came to follow, passing through.

Kreikle but approached the man, he wanted to ask as well.

'Must we address the problem perhaps, will you allow me to push through the first of the nettled-through little pointers in the dark?'

'Which ones?'

Asked Almaine.

He unwrapped a frozen puddle parchment, the lichen-muck that was embed in the fabrics of this partially melted thing gave it a peculiar elasticity that could not be dealt with. He relented. For the time being he had taken to himself to look upon the apparitions inside of it, inside the matter, beyond but through it as well. It felt as if they were there but at the same time they weren't.

Both of them saw it unwrap yet it looked like a glass square put on top a pond filled with tadpole-like creatures with solid spike-balled heads, little extrusions pushing out of them, or a fish tank of some kind. They were pushing out, they weren't actually living, they were rock-forms, or peculiar formations, similarly to how one sees faces where they aren't, in the same manner would they seem to be. Most importantly, pulsating rotations appeared. Beams that were wrapped together like many rubber bands forming yarn-balls, reddened yet see-through, transparent but with little black dots floating inside of them, trailing one another with black-red threads that entered and pushed through each other, drilling then stopping, spreading like many tongues which couldn't help themselves but taste those little peculiar subatomic looking spliced star-like sparkling lost things inside of them, lost and spread. Pumping little blood-matter in them until they were no longer allowed; a small squeezing motion being somewhat pushed through, as well as it could be allowed.

It gave them a lot of insight of the future to come. A peculiar skeletal figure was being shaped.

'The first conversation is allowed to begin.'

A strange man with a chess clock-system appeared to start the timer. They were allowed to have an open discussion in the same way ancient philosophers went, with an exception, those philosophers never existed to begin with, they were made up, stories that were told to children and that would be just as quickly forgotten. First pointer was this. As well as it could be said.

‘I am a man of contortions.’

‘I am not.’

‘Then we see eye to eye, don’t we?’

Who was talking? It was hard to see it there, but Kreikle had two mouths that were aligned with his eyes. They were carefully placed in his chest as well as his cheeks, be it made of a little mind as he was, there was nothing close and nothing wrong with it, how he acted and how he pained himself there.

‘Where? And, all right, the man.

We have to talk about him, look, towards the front, something is but shaping him.’

‘A god?’

Asked Allmaine, yet he was set of a mind to look in which direction, it looked bastardly away, from where he stood, but foamingly-fumigating, they were speaking of large dead-wails.

Men of infantry don’t speak of dead-guns, but they follow through to destroy.

Everyone present was brought, a spoil of spoils, and many swoons connected to the people they brought through.

It does not compute, they carried the gut of the chasm, and pulled it out in its rotten putrefaction-form, it could be spilling in but it didn’t do it entirely, as they were but worn out, incapable of moving on, but what could that mean and what were they fashioned off if such appeal was taken through? It was calming, listening to the sea and the birds, in the distance and for all was worth, they ate and slept on it.

Manno Filthde

Fore and thence, and yonder where they stand. On top of many platforms swelled, there stood but one and less alike, to his every perceived delight, a creature of vile repugnance, sick. Destined to fill and better, ill, by calling, Manno Filde.

Ages had passed, and thence yonder, the last, he stood there and watched and only walked about in hunger. For the sane, would remain, only through large amount of pains, yet to stay and sit and wonder.

Great Manno Filde, of a birth unknown, lost on the account of chronicles, of mirth and bitter so. For he lay and he stay, on top, bitter lay, looking at what he build, wonder. Many throng and many wrongs, and stellar-yonder, there stood a large statue, made out of many dark pieces taken from child. As the great man of filth, had taken but done on such command, yet to kidnap and deform, and to steal those, make his own and made tiny shapes out of their stronger. Bones and meat were mixed with filth, yet he had done much with it and all of them, pushed and forced aside and yet again, another structure.

The floor was his, as all the levels, the world as much, of all the places, all made out of the intestines of the child. Mild in pan as much as he had lain, but colors such as gray and dirt in bitter hay, he drowned them in horses. Many stuck and many'a muck, wickedly in disgust he stood there.

Manno Filde called upon he, of little mind and pity, creature of no benign, of which place was largely known, and thrown around, lesser so, he wanted.

A small can-like, of meat and smile, of many teeth that were gilded, many broke and many hope for the drool was no smoke, but something he delighted. And its eyes, were but dyed, and were pushed, deeper inside, as if they came from his long grabbers. For a swoon and bite, and a sight, without delight, he had merely poked a hole in him. Watched him grab and to stab, and to fall, never alive, as he could not help it.

'I must be delirious, I must be delirious, for I am alone in this world and I have made a turn to find myself staring.'

And entered stairs, for he lived on floating cage-platforms drowned in scum-blood horned snake-like puffs of skin that were hardened by their growths, as the lumps shot through his standing platforms, rising him on their back towards a cage where child-labor was forced upon earless troglodyte descendants.

Tiresome in filth, gone to grit.

Large and swollen, disintegrated bile holds, he walked around and threw some coins and as mirthful yet he laughed. And pointed at them, ever-growing as he could not help himself, set alight by pain uncannily strident as the many woes had put it past him, made out birthed deformed fetus-grown, a strange human featureless headless eight legged came about. He spoke in intonations with an eye sprouting from the ground unable to control how it went around, in him, through a pained pool that was solid under the first floor. No more pushed through and uncannily he ate the sinew out of the first invisible wall where the blind untouched children were bleeding their invisible blood, being unable to taint it with the lemon-soaked liquid that would enter them since they were dormant in the diseased realm inside their bloodless cowls. And as he approached them there was no question any longer, since the desperate twins came out of nowhere as they began talking backwardly, two or eight heads so-pushed in through their chests as they were unable to rest, pain having entered them.

'I want, I want, I want to fill your lungs with tiny scissors and push your around into that small invisible hole so you might drown a little in your small hole where the mad flying tiny pops of steel breed with the malignantly flying eels that have become part of the great morsels of the sky.

I have seen and I have communicated with the seals now, they've told me their strange stories of how clock-work devices work.

There is a distant world somewhere where they've dreamed themselves in.

So many dark spots where he walked and had already seen them fight one another in his name, throwing dirt in their face with pucks of hardened smoke, whence lay, their faces uncanny, stricken down and beaten.

It's never convenient, when placed and set upon his face a mark of degenerate graves he wore, the Manno Filde, snore as he bequet himself, prone on a bone and broken down. Manno Filde but inclines, in the

body of a mammoth-throne he walked and tried to push aside, and better yet his wings were draught. For through them he once managed, to push through uncanny wage-of pain and filthy remains, to grow up again and join the ones in laughter.

He enjoyed watching events, unfathomable crests and pushed around and cut through their heads. Pushed through and eaten, for better or for worse, it should be accounted for, his face was painted in the colors of a dead-decayed rotten morse.

In his essence, he was the mold, taken from everything morose of everything that had ever been known or brought, intoned.

Filth spoke to Manno Filde often but he did not know what it was.

‘I have finally come, alive, and be brought to a new life.’

‘How were it so?’

‘Simple, eternal bliss, the one who lives in it. This is ever so simple, yet uncanny.’

And thence, from the past, as if it was wildly spoken about, sprouted the essence of Filthde, of which disgusting form had taken form, not only faces but the hardened rivers which flew forth.

Filthde, oh supreme, the servant Manno just as thin as he were, he simply but in doubt, and never to the shroud of skin which flaked and fell about, to ask of him.

‘Manno Filde, Manno Filde, of servant drowned and Filde. Listen and obey, you are called but to convey the worst emotions that might lie, upon the weary and yet benign, you must know as much and do as I say.’

Upon the voice and voice commanding and little doubting and little more, there came but the wonderment and of little more than it was needed. Right around and better heeded, for what was worth and lesser, many. And what came forth and never through. He was asked to be put and drawn through, and put in front of one of lesser hues, who looked just as mildly tormented in shape, just as little as he were of a mind. Blinded and put aside, made to beg. Thrown ahead and rotten to a head, until he lay down.

‘Him, I need you to torture him.’

‘But what had he done?’

Plain as it were, there was little more and lesser, for he’d bear. No thought of him and little minded. But to wear what he commanded so.

It was a plain thing, small and petty, incapable of bereaving itself against one such as him, until the roundness of the cage he was in, though boiled ground and flooded floor, he leaped from cradle upon a spine of gore. A hall of roses and shaft of metal to the side, grayed out as if benign. To his right, there were the cradles-thrice, the shaped of contorted parts of meat and gray-grasshopper parts which came out. Many of which only started to push and eaten, be eaten as well. Mouths were being shared, although unsanitary as well as it could be put. There was no part in piece, and little more. Dreadful was the gore that came, shattered and remade, thrown forth into the pool.

Yet Manno touched the water and could only feel the murk spread, all around his petty fingers, though none stayed for more than few. Paces in-between and shattered through. Once he spilled his fingers, entered forth, there was no pain to be felt and no question he might ask for more.

They wanted to grasp and throw him around. No bodies below him but the cast and call of many ones, who died forth and set there, below his girth. They did not ask for this nor would they mix with his affairs, for they had been set to be known of whom was in control of him as well.

‘Touch him and you will suffer forever and feel more than you’ve ever felt.’

‘What a creature, he is, is he not?’

Brought on a floating piece of meat-square, there lay a creature grasping, such as deformed lost string, a missing link in the evolutionary chain they would bring back when pain was needed to be conveyed. Otherwise spending their last moments there. This primeval thing but begged to be spared. Unfashionably tiny yet compact, made as if to fit a tract in which it might be spared. Through it one could drive but a single tiny speck and a javelin as well, to gut it, to gut it, to gut it.

‘Have it, oh Manno Filde, have this javelin of mine and do with it as I call upon your mind to proclaim, not only its meat but behave.’

At which command he was set and pushed ahead, free reign given to clash, with the head being largely forlorn and lost, pushed through. Put through agony and misused, unable to live for much longer, not stronger, but ever so humbled by pain and by the deranged activity which might remain. There was little that changed, but countenance that might reign.

Pain by the first strike, a bobbling head which was part of its trunk fell to the side, to follow.

‘Plainly get ahead and hunt for more, this place is filled with them and awaits but the gore through which might you be. Inclined to miss and put through, see.’

He watched one appear, nearing but the front, from another level, as if he leaped from an elevator, looking back. The other side which had been flooded was only drawn back to whence it came from, never to have been picked up again. It was well-worn, and cut through as if never to be taken through. And eaten, piece in desperation, a large head, damned it be, with the maw coming through and pushing, splitting, throat in halves, only in such an extension and wide-spread could everything fit around. The place, where dreams were skin and became its meal was there. To be eaten and to put, the despair out of it, shaken and misused. A skin-tag appeared on a wall.

Tapestry was forlorn and light gray with red-hay put on. Various paintings of hurt-men and various shots, a carpet of scarlet as well as the father of all, the automaton on the side, not abandoned but waiting for him. As they appeared but in the air, the scum things, being those that had to be killed by him, again and again until Filthde was satsified.

‘Of course, my son, my true pet, I shall do with you as I please and never more shall you be dead. Not while I’m still here, I think I’m yet attached. I think I shall not only cherish you but keep you, after a while, unaffected.

Afflicted by a mind of filth.'

Now the beast from behind, of which girth was indistinguishable from its throats, revealed many more that had already opened them and chomped on all. Envoys of skin were sent, black and darkened by a puzzling sudden urge, a glow that spread of gray, with many stupors of malignant straws that appeared and disappeared as well. It was somewhat unsanitary, being there to be called. Filth was there, or was it all?

He could not think, but only listened.

'Accept the gift and make sure to bow and rinse it.'

'With what shall I do it and what shall I use?'

'Your drool should be but enough.'

Thoroughly drenched, but blamefully not, oh what was worth it, never to be so, there was that wild parasitical unity they could not take away, or more.

'It's drawing ever near.'

'Devour it or it shall become fear, disobey me and you will pay for it as well as I can claim your skin-cloud.'

From the mound where he was born about, twice the calling, blessed in filth about the place, the calling.

'Go ahead and turn, ask what you want and you shall only be tortured ever more.'

But with each bite, tinted about each rim and edge, there was no doubt that this uncanny thing had yet to stay. Seethe about and be made to suffer through, various heads being drenched in the sinew. It was a given, at a loss, it was taken would survive the lesser watches, of boils, trenches surrounded.

First he ran to the stairs, there and only there would Manno Filthde look for refuse, as the entire building was in the process of being castrated, eaten and lost about.

'Such piety for one running at such a speed, are you frightened by something?'

'Please, oh, please, don't make me suffer more.'

'I will do as I please and nothing more.'

Filthde could only touch. For about each wall, but his face appeared, all around, hand imprinted in a mouth, his picks of skin and bitter wings, the heads that came and pushed away. Other limbs fell as if they were drenched by rain, but all falling from the ceiling, made to suffer, ever so thorough. Through the first rough touch, and on a patch that looked as if it was decay, he met but a patchy man which came out as if lead astray.

'From whence you came?'

Patchy-limbs but looked and Manno, unable to comprehend what the servant wished to try. It didn't happen ever so often for one like him to appear out of nowhere in his house.

But plague that may be, for he was missing and would not speak forth. He feared something might happen, of nothing better and much yet so.

'I fear that there's something breaking my house.'

Thence, before Patchy-limbs could say something else, a verse came after, but speech was flooding, something breathing in the calling.

'I will ask of you later today, cut him and pray on his body only to convey the slits of pain and what I ask of you. Refuse me and you shall feel wrath as well as a disturbing thing out brought. It shall not be forgiven otherwise.'

'But how can I make it so? What if I get attached to him before the time comes?'

'What did you say?'

'Nothing, oh nothing, I pray that you may turn a bland ear and forget. We have to escape.'

'There's a ladder on the roof.'

'Leading to where?'

'A hole that's in the burrows, whence I might be of plains and might escape one day, but oh, pity that it's incomplete.'

'I will eat your feet.'

'Please do so but never wonder, I have no fear that I might be forgotten.'

'Let's see then what I'll make of stairs.'

Behind them, what appeared to be set astray was the entire house, that of which, part assimilated and part to be, eaten and torn apart, more than freedom of filth to spray, and pray that something might be eaten right away after this strange spice was being put on wood. It acted like a hive or like a colony of termites at times, yet what came from there, with many spikes and short-bursts which shot away both furniture and walls was something of such an abominable nature that everything would seem to be destroyed in its path. No longer could it be forgiven or allowed to lust for such things as were to be destroyed and claimed.

'Filth remains.'

'But touch it.'

And it was a given, after that, as well.

Upon their cast, the last floor, as to have ignored the strange apparitions of the creatures that came out of nowhere and would just as well convey, of the little they attempted to latch upon as they mislay touch and bitter snatch. Of bite that would taken and wretch be watched.

There was a locked door, one that was behind them only.

‘It should delay it, I think and for this very reason I see hope that we might make it.’

‘Truly, do you think so?’

So far, this was barely even thinkable, barely even comprehensible, of little while and ever closer, there was not a chance, thence fold, they had to deal with it as they might.

But he had thought he comprehended, what a master ought to say or do. It was peculiar, after a manner, thinking what might pass as to ensure. A proper satisfaction going, ever checking, nothing but constant.

For Manno knew little of the Filth and what it wanted, let alone what this creature surrounded itself with, as little of a mind, he were. What the despot had done was pull and drag everything with him away. It, the creature of which little more was being peered at, was something of a lot such as the likes of which should never be seen or be looked at for no reason. All uneven, he was evil.

Now the body of a wreathing filth, of which a foot would but yield what he’d become. For everyone that suffered after he was but filled with tendons and many faces, pox was almost gone but stayed. It was a part of its very being as it appeared to push everywhere and set aside. Always entering what suture could not be set, inclined in the most unnatural spaced, always trying for the most vile embraces, trying him, but to cut. Brought as if he was but armless, he was. Yet he floated in a square, of his faces, unaware that they were his, all silently dead, of what he’d become.

A disease piece, the rotten hold, the grasp of all, a so-called god whom ended it all; for he spread along the dead, and would do it again and again, only to get that satisfaction and possess others for its likes. He could not but force himself away, as if to become anything else. It was that ever-encompassing presence which was his. Filth would bring all to life and infect everything, until none remained.

The house was pained as it were dragged below, and now? Nothing would save them, none to spare, none to be aware of the threat that came their way. Most importantly but to end, and never again to live through pain.

Manno was but filled with dread. The creature was left behind and would not be spared. Manno had been so unwell. He had been given but a friend.

Whose legs and arms were in the back, in the hundreds, the hunchback was a sack uncouth, always pushing backward like a tiny glider, going stronger. As a nautilus much-humane, with the exception that out of its shell came many half point, black-heads filled with ashes, taken from children whom were punished, telling lies. Some wore the peculiar corrosive left-over that had allowed them to survive. It was a substance which mixed, with everything it could and ought to be pissed through as reigns of blood. It was a struggle trying to understand, how it hit so many blimp-fat long-thinned spider legs, coming from the shell-o-skin, from within where all the mass hid.

This creature swam through air. And he’d taken Manno to a windmill that was flat and shoved on the ground as a bridge, connected to eight others whom were largely elevated and lead forth. They simply walked and spoke of little more than the abandonment of Patchy-limbs, whom died in agony, most likely drowning in his own foaming blood and filth. Dragged below.

Drenched-clouds whom looked solid and a dark dimension which bore floating houses that moved like pumps, always dripping with their insides out; but no one lived inside.

Bhiltus was it called, and it came from an air that produced strange things that followed him and entered through wall and anything it wished. There was nothing in any world and little worth that would drag him back. It was a strange formation that would cower through, always missing and always true to itself.

‘He had died because of you.’

‘But it was called upon me to abandon him, by none other than the Filth, to which I owe it all. I cannot draw away from it and I know little more than going through his gut and listen.’

For he had been brought inside of that rotten core, through that bore which was skin and gore far too often for him to be pleased. This was no way to talk to him, but there was little to no chance, to escape this strange peculiar world which dragged at his hills and would’ve had, his head if he were to be elated. Too condescending, he was brought to a single clock-work thing, which had been erected. And it was but tall and looked like a city, yet-again condensed, entered through as if to see many floors and stairs. Cogs and other peculiar constructions which dragged it all along, pendulums which were but strange contraptions that shot in four directions, always twisting, turning and making it so they would never be stopped. Dread filled various growths and mossy patches which were red and wreathed about like worms or shrouds.

Pillars and caterpillar twists that were but lantern crisp twisted fingers, giant in appearance but holding the entire structure from falling. They slipped inside from the outside and looked as if they pushed. Open and through, and thought to have died before its time came and never hue.

There was something wrong with the Filth. Of which essence had better settled of ill. Coming from beneath the chasm, ended, but yet, let through and barely counted upon to, let alone allow surrender, and the blunder of pain, and what had come onto it would not remain there for long. It was but a mere shroud for what was going on.

But Filthde could but stand and wait. For the memories of all would make its body insatiably benign. Thrown and twisted but on the side, for it had grown the means to lay and spread. For he was not just a body, just as he was not but a face, thence where he lay, with the means, it had grown and spread like a disease, not to be touched, yet wrong-to look at. A head was cut, it brought another back which resembled a man whose face was but of rot. Swollen and lost for peace. Yearning that release that he might die, as he would be but missed, again, rotten remains, always foaming around the gaze which spread and sat around; little to it and little in mind. For he encompassed all, and would be there, always through the little remaining time and unaware.

He hardly dreamed of rivers anymore. Would to be and lost for gore.

That was it. It was settled, finite. All bothersome as it were, there was no point back to it. And to wreathe in what remained, there was the mission. Thankfully dead, and deep-pinted, let to mark, and where it rose. Where it walked, upon all, but they would but still sing it.

‘Each step, there but stood.’

Where its bone shook, there lay but crook and Filthde, of which, the little while, whichever was known of him and of benign, there could be little worth telling.

Yet why despair, and why hide away? For the little worth which was him, a little while. He had but joined him and would never get away, and lyre. Not to be accounted for what was growing in, and not to get away from it, there he lay. Would remain and would chance to go on as well.

He had taken his rightful place then. As no one else would have him be, none else to put itself, through the entry and through the uncanny thing he'd be.

For the essence and naught more, for which had been bore through him, of little more, there lay. On top of Manno Filthde, stood he, as no one else should remain, belittled as he had achieved, how he's decided and got through him. And would have him wrought and taken, curved around the back, and heaved. As the rivers flowed through his veins in yellow and green and dirt-like puckers, only to have adorned him in a most peculiar form he could not get away from. Wry and mirth, would have his worth.

But in the end, he had only taken his corpse.

From the chasm he took his might. On the piles of impaled benign. Every death and every single remaining body, as such as they'd be had, let alone what had remained of them, nothing could be brought back.

He was still there, in some way. A chain like coil, umbilical cords and made other worthless things, the faces of all, and his children along them as well as the ones that were worn. All of which were still connected, like a trough that had been dissected and would to be put inside. To breathe where he lay and where he'd stand to be, and deeper through his sided tumor-wrought. Largely encased; but most importantly no longer chained. Not to be to the very chime. Or to be put in blinded hope or be precise, he'd worn himself after only to rebuild. Would to be and ever-after, would to breathe, misunderstood.

This was what Mannofilthde's reign, of which the sum of every plain, all were there, in part, but dead. He would subdue each piece of antipathy for filth remained under his rule.

Wrought about and whence he stood. There had themselves lain and put through various hordes of remains, always but a food-hold of reanimation. Always grinning though they could not fathom themselves in wretch and ever, clear, as it were, the nation listened. Let alone obeyed.

Many children had become starved and were but soldiers, thought dead, as he would say.

'Release your lower bonds.'

Thence their trunks were left below, some of them but ruddy-snow. Everywhere around them fading, always but in trouble mending, whence the most important things, of little worth of, they stung within, but they failed in their attempts to rise. Instead, they fell apart, bones pushing through their heads and left to breathe out loud, the shroud of many filthy things, always poking through their eyes and whims. Would call them just as such, they would to be, and watch.

Out of their bodies, he took his time with hands unearned, to shape his way out of the way and watch the earth shatter in a worthless heap of restless sounder.

So many of them, and such a waste, be it so, just another pile upon disgrace.

His essence was of a pointless nature. Once it's been chewed upon and spat through what remained of the verdure, it appeared to be weak. It seemed likely that it would seethe and be forced ever so. Would to be in quite wrong, hopeless as everything poured, out the ceiling, making him part of it.

A graveyard of various plants, and little more would he search out of them, now.

Such dreams of destruction could not be put past him now. For everything he was fed upon would only wreathe and destroy what seemed to be toyed with and put to ground, messed with as they were to be, always thrown around, missing.

'I am the lord of guts.'

And his head was that, pushing through the ceiling until he could not help it so. Everything fell, but became part of him as they showed up. Out of nowhere, always in part, displeased and diseased, never to be set aside; but to run in there, and would to be out where. They could eat the scum-sides out of their necks, the mouths had come, yet to sides were wrought, and never ending. Some would but slice through little men of bile, which were melted and as well as they would seethe, they could not feel their legs any longer, as they would see it, for what it was. Nerves that were cut, and dead-throats about.

Eh, that was a scum. A plot of bloats, from whom they'd come from the insides of which, they could but barely hold themselves against heaps that moved, and ever so clear. It appeared that neither of them would little nor would they obey, not to pray with spittle after, there was little more left to convey. As it appeared, there, in part, but a half of badly damaged mind had come upon a good to know, a kindly wager that would rather be forgotten so; which bore a tail, of hardened wails. Many of the masses that pushed out of it as well seemed to follow in whichever direction its body pointed. For the head was barely broken yet it kept pressing on to words that did not belong to any language known to man.

'Listen and listen forth, go and walk on.'

He carved his way through the heaps and would not stop, not to be brought closer, and what happened at that, was but the first clue. Of little sinew left to blood and most of it thrown around, he called upon non-existent champions of lay, to guide him out, whence sky was gray and would to call. He was but made to feel as if his mind was on the run. Keep walking, he told him so, never to look back, what enter this body's sow, it heaped and thrashed forward, as to expanding. As flat and stretched as the curve and the belt from which planes would deviate out off. Always of a mind to eat, at the rims, of every corner he allowed him as much as he would bring in. Every tooth but curved and allowed, to cut and waste as much as it could, In turn, waited for, he was around.

Where there lay but a scoundrel, there was a plot. A botched-up face which melted and appeared to rot like chewing gum, having encompassed the rest of his body, drawn to filth, it asked as much.

'Where do you need me to be now?

I've done as you asked and brought disease when pushed about. I will not look for more no longer but know that I'm still dreading a second, stronger.

As you may just me, I'm missing something.'

'What is your need to be?'

'An arm, a plot of skin so I may wrap myself around and grow and multiple legs with puckers that shall create dead-men rows, from which the snow that form their bodies longer, upon the tips of their iceberg formation shall inherit the earth.'

Ah, but so much was settled, even so.

'You're not entirely alive, so why should I listen to you so?'

'I shall only curb the suffering as I can, only if you bring me here, where metal bends and seeps into the veins of actors.'

For he had fashioned but the veins of a stage, upon it, he had but considered to make, little masked men which bore his name and would play safely, around each bloated man. Of which negrous filth would only beseech him as to pray no longer on their kind. As he had leapt around from time to time, always deepening his teeth down their throats. Trying themselves, moreover so.

Days of glory often went like that, at the cost and the touch of a little brat's head which came off.

There was no better way to put it, on a wry smile and off surroundings, always drowned after a while, stopping for some time along the way, and least of all, would that convey what went through their heads.

It shouldn't have felt like that, being there. But as soon as he leaped over, he had not heard or listened to a word. All would pass him as he would but hear the worthlessness of what drew forth. He would not listen and would not cry. He would but become a beacon and would thrive into the pus that formed across the moving grown home he stood in now. There was no reason where he lay. There was none to stay his hand and would to be away. It was a time that passed, in little doubt between two hours that loomed around.

Here, there, there, he went. And whom raised from the ground was to stay his arms and lay, where others might breed inside and not to abide, would to be.

From the ocean-depths there was a tear, of which cracks but filled. Ribs of every thin concave cliff that entered through, unsatisfied by the little more than would to be, sinew. It would enter, it would dread, and there and then, again and again. Breeding as they pleased unsatisfied, they were inorganic but appeared to be pleased by their rise. A voice spoke to the walls, the echo stopped them. How beautiful, clocks and books of dust, she spoke with floors, the essence of a dreaded spat. Pants were thrown to be, washed spider who were drowned and not listened no.

Unpleasant as they were, but dread filled the weather, broken. All the nerves were white-transparent, grown in wind. Filled with most uncanny beads, which bore the umbrella-formed whip-infants, of which ends, were not spiked but would grow as heads; they would but cry, unfathomably so. Unable to find their mothers now, crying as they were trying to cut their throats. It was necessary to believe, there was a chance for at least a whip. To make it past the infantile, and whichever state waited after it. That would but last, be followed through. Agony would slow down everyone, for his gaze was thrown through.

Where was watched, but simply walked. Be it wall, of close hall. He entered but on a strange stage. There he met but the man of lost heads.

Henry could but not believe. Someone grabbed him by the wrist, then tore off a few tendons. Veins were but left in check. He knew how to erect himself where he could see as well.

‘What are these peaks I’m looking at?’

‘They’re the symbols of the lost, of whose but inner selves must’ve tore out through their skulls.

Do you fathom being one of them?’

‘Won’t I die?’

‘You’ll live as well.

As long as you’re but crippled, it should not matter.’

‘What do you want from me?’

‘A father.’

‘What do you mean?’

He had but taken Henry and threw him in through the door. Broken into the other room, a ball, the entire house was but stretched and distorted, sights were taken.

If I were; If I were inclined to think and throw him around, he’d see the way out, the exit unfold, and lead around like a pair of rails curved then pushed away, leading forth and drawing anywhere. It was up-heeded and understood, he walked upon flat heaps and walked on walls, as if he wouldn’t but know. He wasn’t of a show. The way ahead was death, for he should lay low. He hid.

He realized just then, he wanted to lost something, pushed away, gutted and thrown around, he had but missed his chance to make something of what went on. There were sounds which entered him from the side like a peculiar assault that took his heart off.

But, then he walked on a planet, in a small Crane, who was a house and held his hands to his side, and largely pinned out, a blank neutral expression on his face. Gut-deep in dirt, he was opened.

Manno Filthde lived inside his body for a while and many a day passed before, one day, Crane opened his mouth and smoke started coming out. Coal was used at too fast of a rate for there being any chance to be replaced. Ugly pictures, self portraits that would be considered abstract if they were seen by men, judged to be uncanny of destitute and most severely deformed by anyone’s standards if they shook but for a while. Unable to understand what pushed them around and what entered their while rot-surroundings, always but a fable in mind.

He made deformed creatures appear only to force them to bash their heads against every wall inside the house, until nothing was left of them but the necks connected then melted as if turned to cement. He looked outside on a shore of teal-whitish marble sand, upon a painted sea without a shore to be seen.

Dawn, at the horizon, where the sand became water as well, as there could not be seen. No life within his night, nothing else, on a whim.

But he made them there. But beings that could not be seen, then put on top, growth-inducing parasites which would become them encompassing, even to adhere to cannibalism eventually if allowed to grow without be stopped. It was brought to their attention that they would be allowed to continue doing so, never to be prevented or to show any kind of malign pity or chance to spare. There was but one thing stopping them. Dirt was there, in the sky instead of clouds, dirtied everything around. Small nets of junks appeared, everything appeared to have come to normal despite him having avoided this for so long. It could not be controlled by any means, as he was haunted by a past he did not talk of.

Nestor Wheel was made to follow. He appeared to have a mechanical cog-looking vehicle car that had replaced his head and would constantly spew out of his chest a bile that grew on top of any facet or surface touched, destroying any peace and quiet there was in his house those days. He didn't understand why, nor had he complained.

Manno Filde wore a mask. He basked around and cast. But whomever he disliked to be done and would to fare. Dead in wells and everywhere, split and cut and lost about, where they could never live about the hour, must they hasten.

He walks in woods, and would to prove nothing to anyone, as he was followed by servant, wide and tall, of trunk in the back, of which he say nothing at all. Here to seethe, and what they lay. They presented him with a goose-rat grass of speck. Many of the winds but grossed them out. In the distance, his house fell down. Ripped around the belly, Crane started weeping, trails which destroyed land, leading into round pot-like holes where his eyes were led to over and over again until he stared at the bottom of a groundless tar-head, the leper eating what he could until his insides were seen. From what he could tell, all connected, were dead, entrails fill with peculiar sharp sea-star foam-bubbles made out of elongated gourd-bottles of plastic that had been melted, then boiled inside his highly caustic stomach acid.

Inside his skin-belly, which looked not like a meaty wagon, but like his outside appearance, in his gut were but an inverted mirror of what he saw in the saw between the pupil-water; he bore pores and various meat-machines that would constantly head his innards just to make sure everything was properly digested, the chemicals elated until they were part of him, which only brought him ever close no. Only to feel what happened around, every now and then. He could not understand how he had gotten there.

‘Folly, folly, I see thee.’

Manno but was cruel and would only rip away what he pleased. Each was but appear, here and there and near. Where he pleased, they feared. Being abandoned, leer and sneer, like wild hounds or strong bonds wrapped around their throats as they would be allowed to starve until their time came on. There, they stay.

‘You seethe no longer, in this archaic troubadour. You might be sour to find out that neither of you should survive as I call upon you, yet the blind.’

He was hopeless in some way. Not to convey too much of an emotion, he but brought an anemone of wild barbed wires and all of the sudden, when met the strange men, but was strangled for breathe. Not by chance, he stay his hand.

Wild contraction, large as an illustration of a virus seen under the microscope, with many legs below, but with a trunk of a man pushing out from every raised plume and every towering thing that came out of it as well as every head that was attached to trunk, pushed out of a long pole that was eaten yet was connected like the Asiatic training dummies' 'arms', which interconnected themselves with kissing mouths that would lock their long-tongues into each other's cylindrical gut-tubes. The insides of which would be more like tubular cut-through bottles, that had little plump IV-wires leading to the giant bloated insides where they lived in, with the rest of their fat bodies, no limbs, stumps, all stacked against one another as they could not help it, unable to run. Which only brought the attention away from the inflated infected heads which were constantly dripping, faces of terminal patients made out of blue wax-like rotten olives colored by the sea-side; that only brining the strange peculiar arms that came out of the trunks, which were long as eels, but at their strange crests, they looked like the weird hair-cuts of heavy metal fans, wrapped within every cone but worm-like movements would draw from every side but even smaller parasitical clenches that would draw in the melted blue substance in order to grow.

At the end of the eel-like arms, there being actually fat-humanoid strange contraptions made out of small boards- but not the kind used for drafting, surfboards-like miniatures, whereas, every few centimeter bore a tube-connected small body-chamber on each side of it, from which there lay pits, from which sprouted acid-like scum, that fell and tainted the land as soon as it touched it.

Simple legs could be seen in the hundreds, the heads were inflated and kept the rotten-bite poles connected by the mouths, the body's weight redistributed amongst them, a chest from every side, arms that were mostly wrapped around the body, as they used the long arms, which may have resembled that of sepias, feelers, or anatomically-spread split-open cunts, on which the cylindrically attached chambers scum was applied and rubbed on the mass constantly as it attempted to coat itself for safety.

This was but a creature that had sworn itself to Manno Filther, as it would call itself Sinndemrr. On which he floated above, since it could not ride it. Closer had they approached the well-suited men who were just outside their office, being brought to face it, immediately they realized that this was but a fiend of evil thought, that would have them harmed and killed and yolked from living until they could not be suffered to make it through any longer.

'Be gone now, we'll have nothing to do with you!'

'I shall claim your guts, I shall to do it so, and you cannot stop me, no matter how far you set yourself into your hiding.'

But they hadn't listened to it.

Too many vials in his head, too much dread, never forget.

'I think I'm going to cut a part of your face and eat it.'

He was followed around by a malignant disease-bolt filth-endowed peculiar trim of a head that started floating around him like a star of fluorescence made out of tiny bacterium-formed mushroom-pores had molded themselves together until they had become an elongated deity that followed him as well. And it split in half and every half but paid tribute to it and would become a shout one day until it would die in the decay which filled the world with what it was like those days.

The essence which made people miserable, it called on them, as the pencil-pushers but dreaded to look away. Too many similarities between them and that kept them off from falling back to known ground, or to safety. It was pleasant, finding it out that way. That it wasn't them. It hadn't been them, despite the amount of lies they fed themselves with. There was never a better time to be out of it.

But I thought it must've been me. This essence further confirms that it I was not wrong after all. It couldn't have been me thinking all those things.

Twelve more hours, for the very least, he passed between them, of which uncanny thing shouldn't have mattered. After four more passed, there was the surgery-drill which had been placed on Ted Ross' throat appliance, eight collar-bones around his chest forming an armor, above it, spreading around until he had formed a coffin for himself. He was wearied out of years spent working on the field.

It switched. Four years ago, at the very least he had been walking on top of a single, tallest heights a man could ever grind upon during the lifting. The Sate' towers, formerly forgotten, split in half during the first initial fall, then put together, head in head bobbed, where he lived in a one of the walk-through bars near his right, near which there was a floor see-through he seemed to spare. They placed the little men and little women there, needing to check how many of them would fit. Never enough. There had to be more space, more to spare and at least a dome at the top which went on every side.

'Think you'll make it past the shift?'

'Don't know Mike, this doesn't look too well.'

During the lunch break both of them were staring down. It was a long drop, where the elderly were being put around the courtyard like inmates, chained around their chests, then waited for as every now and then a worker fell on top of them. It was for that reason they wore Gothic-shaped armor, with all the long horns and little spins, and little whips coming from their shoulders as well. Sworn upon by the sun, every fall caused by sweat running down their shoulders and outside. It was not the place to be.

That day in particular four men fell. The splatters could tell of what was planted in their chests. Traps with many springs but killed, as many elderly had become ill, but trapped. And hardened, shaped like harpies in attempts to set themselves to flight, no wonder why so many of them ended up there. Slightly more raised, but then again, poured through the most uncanny pockets where they stood and soothed, many lancers. It was their passiveness most disturbing, out of all they've done, they waited for the holes to be succumb by weight, then hidden away. Every single pit moved around, teeth grinded the chains, and then; leaped out of their chains to rebind the folk. That's how everyone was pleased.

Speaking of which, the time had to come cross the planks and watch upon the towering fence that surrounded the courtyard. A dame of junk waited him and grabbed the man. Ted could barely reject the sight as she but slipped an oil bag and bled upon every sight near hear. She would not be surrounded but

always of an ear, to be certain; they feared what might happen if a heart might rose. Risen from inside of her, she froze in part, walked behind as she started shaking and cackling with the oil-fat. Spat on the side, outside the fence where a group of teens were dressed in garbage bags. One of their faces and half a shoulder got instantly crushed by the weight.

Some of them oil-refills managed to overcome most of the surface it bed. Near the width of which, two noticed.

‘It’s the fourth time this week, isn’t it?’

‘Suppose it isn’t and you merely dreamed of it?’

I’ve been here before you. I’ve been awake, day after day, hour by hour, this week and the other. And it’s the first time it happened, you’re a liar.’

‘How is it possible you’ve been here this entire time?’

‘Here, have this cassette if you don’t believe me.

I’ve recorded everything, in real time.’

After a quick rush on the street, round the corner, to his office, he put it on and fast-forwarded through it. Damn bastard was right, he was onto him, he knew it, he noticed, he was being too obvious there, shouldn’t have asked it. Pull it out, rip it to shreds. Then go away, then walk about for twenty minutes, not to look too different, forget it.

Sweaty from a run, but too sweaty, he knew what happened, it was about in his sight. He was there, he had truly been there at all time. Worst of all, it could be seen in his eye. Somehow the cassette, the other one, the next entry was split, in ninety-five distinct cut-pieces and only two of them were in his eyes, the others were just about the place, and worst of all. He hadn’t said it. During one of the late hours in the night, when he wasn’t watched, when he was exposed to that peculiarity named privacy, he blinked. But it was no normal blink, it was a bunch shot which spread about the scene, only to having every possible angle stored in his mind. If one were to look, closer. Tiny strings coming out of it, attached as if he was controlling them like tiny marionettes, trying to record even now. They were jerky, like organisms, or little tapeworms that ended up there. Somehow, he knew of them, they were in his brain as well.

That’s how he knew I was a liar, that’s how he found out. And now he knows as well as I do, since they’re inside.

Twenty leaps around the fence, the workers had no fear whatsoever, it was something put in the drink, they put acid in there, and cutout words from various magazines that were specifically chosen in order to indoctrinate them. As men were not what they ate, but the words they absorbed. The way to their minds, through their guts; and that was not a man that was gutless. He looked at Ted.

Ted stopped messing around. Yearning to get through. Not to touch her yet, junk-lady on the trough. Thrown around and put in the pile. Kept on the floor with the other junk ladies which were no more up to work than they were after twelve hours spent on the spot, recalibrating tiny bullet-bolts and tiny bot-heads that were working inside the short-circuit embed in the belts.

Playing with a ball of spikes, drinking from their fingers when no one was watching, during time-offs they were knotting little pebble-cotton, making throat-flies which ran about, bloodying the sky with a purple-rose green speck of touches. There and there and there and anywhere, they were trying to catch each other's backs from falling, sometimes they were unable to make the difference between thralls and normal men. Those whom cared for this were but taking out the ceiling, wrapping themselves in, but then, there was this. Fingers cross, men at peace. A small blunt drill elevated the general surface of the floor. The screws were long, twenty feet, rolled through, managing to draw the floor away, making it bounce on the spot before it became but the most uncanny drafting touching plowing striker. Ambient music could be heard. It stopped beating once they found out the man whom had been buried inside the floor, once it moved on, finally they could see a layer of him and others, put together and more. Less cement and more of them, all alive, looking both down and upwardly, one eye dark, then the other down, fear of heights emerged just then. And they were bled immediately as they were called back.

'Ted, come here a moment and pick up a drill.'

Taken a drink from the wood-pile, then a drill stood by the side; it was the wrong organ pushing him around and trying him. Always of a mind, he would remember the man off the streets, especially now. Since they were made to drill down, since they could not look in any other way, around, they but settled with this.

Off the street a few men were killed then allowed to feel pain. They didn't manage to matter since they were lost as well. Words faded on most people who didn't know what they were talking about. And there was the shroud of a few clouds which were taken off them. Again with the drilling noise, it was heinous, an affront to humanity. Ears, eaten on the ceiling, turned around rotated Eiffel-tower structures. Four on every side, then four of them forming a single square which surrounded them, an even wider extension as the two buildings united.

They were of no mind to understand what was going on.

One of the Junk-ladies drew near the planks, seeing how this was the perfect moment to snick about. And leave it so, she looked down. There was a man down there. Their faces were but around the fence.

'I think she has something for you.'

'What do you think it is?'

Recorder looked at him with a weird expression. He did not understand.

'You should go ahead and ask her then. I'll cover up for you.'

'We won't work at the same firm.'

'That's because I was fired recently. The company was not doing well, too many wastes, too many articles fading away. But the stocks, that was the final blow.'

I was one of the stock brokers, can't you see? I was in charge with everything. I made the highest bids, I had a knack of premonition and what did they do to me then?

Thrown off the side at the first bid, bankruptcy and all fell onto me. I am the man of ruin, I'm the one now on the streets, I'm a beggar, I'm a vagrant, barely any work experience left. No one wants to hire the man whom lost Co. and Co. likely a quarter of two hundred billion dollars. I have no work in this town. I have no work in any town. I'm laughed at, I'm barred from hotdog stands even. It's me against the world but I don't want to it to be so. A rapist, a murderer, a child-molester, a thief, a terrorist, a deserter who committed an act of high treason, that's what they're treating me as.

No amount of dough would do them for this, I spat on them and they slapped me back, then they threw me in dirt and now I have no house. I'm sitting all day recording, that's what they do to you. The lowest of the low; I spent all day recording everything so I could afford some food to live. But I have to pay the trash; yet not even the trash would sell it to me. Even the druggies were spoken to, even they seem to avoid me.'

'Could it be the fact that you have a camera in your eyes?'

And he was silent then. There was no response for this little man. He didn't exactly know how to respond or what to say after. It was.

'I think she likes me.'

'Go talk to her then.'

'Isn't it dangerous?'

'Only if you make it so, but look at the fence and you'll understand. The fence is well, not to be touched, it's dirty. You should clean it.'

'Why should I do that?'

'Because that fence is but a floor in another floor, and it's always dirty. One day I saw a weird skull-tadpole walking on it, which disappeared.

And I heard someone telling it to clean the fence.

Indeed, it was walking on it, but I can't prove it any longer since my recordings don't actually go that far.'

'Then what's the fix?'

'Forget about it, maybe pick up a mop or something and clean it yourself.'

'No, not that, but her; how do I approach her?'

'I don't know how to talk to women; that's why I mainly record them. It's far simpler to intrude in their privates than to, you know.'

And they understood, nodded.

Many men inside the office building, everyone busy, buddy-body, that was the disposition. Everyone was nice to the good-looking ones. Wrapped around their arms, they were drinking willows, bones, titties-and

molasses, cups wrapped around the mixture, cut and put together on cue. Red-targets put on hand. As it happened, there was always somewhere there. During the hard shift, they went through the files.

‘Horn-Joes’, died in a car accident. Family was present there, waiting near the streets, accomplices found half way down Delaware, during a time the consent age was seven. Tried for, covered up for something they were unlikely to talk about. They went in details, there as photos.’

‘Of the kid?’

‘Of every kid that was involved into it; at the very least there were eight of them.’

Large things, swollen hands, pinned against the ground. Mules were put behind them. It was how they got around. Always a pig making the distance; rubbing her face in near old Toe, trying to get a word in before I stopped her.

‘Think you could give us a moment, please?’

‘I don’t know what may do. It’s my day off.’

‘Then why are you here?’

‘You tell me, handsome.’

Toe shouldn’t have joined in, she was slurping a huge-sized Slurp-Slurp Milkshake before she took another bite off her eighteen inches, french-fry filled round-fat donut head, bacon wrapped, mildly well-done stake surroundings. Cheese grazed on top, mayo bubbles, chicken splices. She had a gas canister filled with them. She was drooling over Toe who was two feet over her at the very least. Motion machine still going.

‘Keep reading, I don’t think she’s listening.’

‘I am, go on already, I want to be part of the action.’

‘It’s already done, isn’t it?’

‘Only after I’m done with it.’

Whereas Ben went on, never found them, the photos were taken by an alleged figure that was not seen, unidentified, no ID, no clue, no personal history shared with the other accomplices, just someone who came along and seemed to have, disappeared, or come out of his mind, whenever that seemed to be.

Other excerpt from the file.

The intercom stopped. She was supposed to be here by the hour, first one passing through, second time they didn’t listen to her go through.

‘We’ll listen to the recording again.’

Inside her neck.

‘I was supposed to meet Alicia, at noon.

By Payton, in the, in the; you know what?

Let me start again.

Alicia, we were supposed to meet in Pocket Yonder.’

‘Where would that be?’

‘Near, the old wing inside Hales’ Elementary school, she was supposed to deliver a small barrel filled with pliant wood near the cafeteria and put some of the crackers inside the dead-meat sector, where they’ve read.’

‘Word by road.’

‘Going around the valley, Street seven.

Need to look for a man. Street seventeen.

Call him what’s he after? Street one.’

‘Who’s he ran with?’

‘One of the boys, I think, fourth grade.’

‘When was the last time you saw him?’

‘Off the wedding night.’

When was the hour? He didn’t speak. They have her sedative water and waited for her to say something. This time around there wasn’t anything going through her mind.

‘Check Hales.’

All around it, missing doors, abandoned before they even came, falling over, openly exposed. As well as it was expostulated with grains.

‘Think they allow quarters in?’

‘Try it.’

Small soda machine, plain to see, they were putting fake coins in it, not working. Then the dimes, then a few punches but a single kick did it.

Tremble and see, trampled, over they had been there and walked as were they over, on the way out, they had been killed with every little other child inside the classroom. With every man in doubt by the dawn of a sunrise when it had happened; then church bells ringing when the time approached for the first of days, the abandoned chapel called upon them. In that moment, of which arborous clue that may have stood to them was but a single stump. They relented as not to understand what had happened and how did their hands reach the likes of the children before their time was come upon.

The case only worsened by the time and everyone who was involved, initially, within the grasps of the investigation seemed to have disappeared without a while.

‘There’s something more to it, this has to be, but I cannot point it just yet.’

‘Who’s the man that made it past the hall?’

‘Shut up, both of you, I need to concentrate.’

‘On what now? The case is shut.’

‘But not the thing that did it.’

‘He’s a culprit, a man, not a thing, don’t be ridiculous now, man.’

‘But I have to, I need to, I know there’s something there.’

To it, they spoke in file. With every page, and everything set on something, during the initial interview whom the lady had but them in mind.

She spoke of an initiation.

‘What happened to the parents?’

‘They were killed, distracted, the dead meat appeared to pile, right in there, in the cafeteria. Someone brought them in after they were butchered.’

‘And the accomplices?’

‘They shared the same fate, all in the same place.’

‘Then.’

Broke the man, responsible for the lady next to him whom had indulged herself into the peculiar meat donut, said.

‘You should go and check it out for yourself.’

‘I shall do no such thing, do you not realize how dangerous that would be?’

‘What do you stand to lose?’

It’s not that far in any case.’

Only half their state away. Through a plain to see long stand between them and a little barrier made out of x-standing men which were placed upon wooden stands in the middle of the desert, killed. They waited there and were but pinned. Incapable of breathing, but alive, mask-tubes entering their lungs. And the more they neared them, the more they started realizing that their faces were peeled off, right below their chests they spoke. About the hour.

‘You’re not wanted past the line.’

‘But we must inquire of what happened there, past it.’

Said the young-officer clerk, with the Donut-lady and the Burly-man next to him; there, Clerk but stood and sparked, but a cigarette after a mark. He drank from a pouch.

‘Is this ok?’

‘Yes, Donut, you’re doing fine.’

She had just drank an entire glass milk-bottle which had water in it, with a hint of cleaning detergent Clerk managed to snick in, and mercury, rat poison and little molecules of blood-aids, which had little nails particles which were attached to the cells, once injected they would bury inside her throat and stomach, finding their way into her bloodstream as well as her central nervous system, eventually shutting it down. He’s pissed in it as well and put a bullet in it, and a knife. She didn’t seem to notice either of them because of her near-sightedness, her fingers being wider than the bottle-cap.

They would not relent from their pursuit. It only had to be that past them, the land shook. And there, in the midst of day, when dark was out of the way, like a rushing train they could see the figure, like an ever-stretched mask, a Greek tragedy made out of many parts, with the winds of a storm behind it, bearing in its mouth, like many baboons hanging lynched were brought. And spat on the side some teeth, all turned from inside out until to weep one could see the body-formed roots pushed in gums. Struggling as in cocoons, this their heads split open where their brains had become the horn, with which it devoured the fully grown humanoid tumor-king of which eyes blackened, he appeared to have just one feature, which was the pair that struggled between the throat, and there, emerged from inside its body a great many a piece compressed to a sparring sword, arms that whipped every man trapped inside, the gums of the beast being what defiled the land, to make it so every x in sight would crumble and fall.

For in the great tragic creature that came, there lay but eyes such as the likes of which conveyed to pieces, stark but draught, little fish-like antlers pushed out, blocks of puffs and pouches that were set in flight, all left this falling beasts which suddenly receded in the ground. Only to have its rib-cage open, a case which opened and split the lower side of its mouth; around it the valley of sand destroyed as the only way they could get through was only through the hole inside its plain hole which was the throat, and gut, largely aligned.

Donut had almost fainted at the sight, while Burly had but pulled out a gun he carried on him. Emptying it inside the creature, several times, though it had already stopped before reaching the people crossed. The weather was awful as well, all of the sudden, clouds were spread and there were trees shattered everywhere around, like a dress that’s been stomped on by a child with little boots that were worn inside the house after a rainy day because he’d forgotten to take them out, not out of the house, but inside of the house while not being taken off.

Simply said, he took off his gloves and finally chose to do it so.

Clerk but took a hookah out of the car’s trunk and a trench coat and followed through.

‘I think that’s where’s we’re supposed to be.’

‘You think so?’

‘That’s the only way towards the school district when the parents disappeared and were brought to, where the child was kidnapped out of, where there’s fear, in my eyes. Where’s there still hope that this case might come to be finally put to rest.’

‘You realize it’s dangerous, right?’

‘So be it then.’

The three of them made their way through. Upon the hour, they were driven and had arrived through the skull. It was open and panned back, but the insides were that of a school nonetheless to be had. They were pinned down, ready to ask and throw around whichever was the need. And they had blocked each shroud and each question down, until they were taken through.

Listened by the Porter whom came around, bearing a little army knife that was curved like a disk, holding it on the rims of the edge, pointing at his own chest until he could not face it any longer.

He looked at them carefully, examining their wild approach, making sure they realized where they were and of the cotton-broach walls, as thin as linen between each classroom that stood as well as rose. He asked for their ID’s with old broken ghoulis hands. The eyes within his skull were but deep sunken and deeply red, leading to small globules of bubbles black, within brokenly concave irises that pushed around, caught in wild mazes, before they wept and moved around. He was the dead-man standing in a barn, asking them to move on.

‘Careful, the parents are not to interact with either of the children during their stay in the premise.’

‘We understand that; you shouldn’t have said in any way. It was kind of obvious and on the eye.’

The Porter but shrugged at her and went out of his way to close the gate. Strange how that giant executioner figure was put in charge over this place; but then again, no one else could take such a thing all by himself, especially, as one would judge, all was broken from inside out. From the looks of it, this was just as hard to know as anything else in here. Broken floors, curved ceilings and wars that were wrought to have fit inside the beast they entered, up the front. Side to side they stood and listened to the children laugh during times one shouldn’t.

‘I didn’t realize there are still children that are alive in here.’

‘This doesn’t change a thing, surprised that it’s abandoned?’

‘Of course not, I don’t, you know. I didn’t think it was possible.’

Burl was just as caught off guard as he was, incapable of thinking of a way through, this was just as accepted as anything else in the matter, for the time being.

A few children had cut them off, by a few years at the very least.

Morn Jones, Bethany Princeton, Charles Dent, Ross McHugh were but a group who’ve made it in before the cutting of the hour was set.

They were walking around with a flashlight shared between the four of them.

It had come to their attention that they were not alone.

They had simply disagreed with living.

A lot of the children who lived inside the class-room desks; they were not breathing properly, and never left their home from that point on. Even though mold had entered their heads, there was enough room for one more. But whom of the other children could make a good fit?

‘Little Tristan, will you please get out of the desk?

You need to stop hiding.'It was important for him that he did not forget where he came from. His mother had been a monster in very sense of the word. She killed herself as soon as he was born, out of spite because, upon having realized that she wasn't human, as most of the creatures of their kind are, she could not fathom living a second more, having pulled her child's umbilical cord, which she shoved even deeper inside his mouth until she choked on it, violently so as she began spewing high amounts of acidic blood upon which she could not help herself but start pushing tiny pins inside her mouth, since she had eaten a lot of iron, while her husband started charging the woman with a shaving razor blade before they decided that this was not the way she should react to the dire news she had been given. Therefore, she settled with talking things over a smoke. They were outside.

The place was not nice.

She was painted in a peculiar flammable suit, which appeared to form large eye-blockers with every brush stroke. They put hammers as well, inside her jaw, then took away her legs, as she only levitated inside the walls, but not every wall. Her husband's wall, who grew an elongated, sink shaped body arm at the back of his throat which touched the walls in which the frame of his wife swam or flew inside of, making a mold that overlapped it as if it were in a different broken universe where she lived in.

The walls being placed everywhere around her, in that peculiar place she was in. It was a maze, a place of walls, a peculiar lay of twists that couldn't be comprehended or even sketched because of the abstract way in which it was all illustrated in. But at the same time it all made sense once all removed all the texture off the carpets and off everything else that's been placed there since they could finally see, as it would be revealed that there was nothing hidden there. Nothing placed.

She was ripped apart. And she had a spear in her eye, then another one followed, constantly hurting her. It was delightful.

Her husband was afraid of women and it had gotten worse. Having carried a giant back elongated protrusion of skin which had completely encompassed a giant room-shaped mass where the shape of a woman's face would always make it seem as if she was trapped inside of it, constantly suffocating didn't help his cause at all. Having become an outcast, he simply carved a black gut-hole beneath his ribs where he carried his child like a kangaroo, resolving to live as he could. It's been a strange childhood for him, having walked in this peculiar neighbor who was the streets, his arms were the right and the left lane, his head was the high-way, his legs split as to make the right around the corner and the mid-way curve to the long bridge in the opposite direction. While the cars were all painted in flat colors, with various peculiarly airbrushed shading; people lived in cars. But not as one would expect them to. Since they were split, one head here, an arm here, a torso in another car, not even in the same one. And they usually ended up with no

more than three heads in one of the enclosed cars. It was pure agony. Especially when the hot sun was us; it felt like they were dogs or children made to wait for their parent-masters to return from groceries shopping. Pure agony in a metal box of death, parents never learn.

Some of them suffered, but endured, the cars were never driven out of their parking lots or the places they were put in. And it was all dirty. SO were the gods they suffered to live inside of. For they were all shape shifting beings that allowed their servants to endure and feel agony for their peculiar celestial game. And they put forks and screwdrivers in their heads. And they were put inside planet-planes that were the shapes of buildings. Dead-heaps of rotten corpses were puked out, constantly. Young people spat on the ground and swore all the time. They segregated themselves from the other ones. There were atomic bombs dropped and there was nothing they desired more than to be as far away from the place as they could be.

That's when the family moved to the country.

Now there wasn't a lot of folk down there, at least not the kind of folk people would expect to see or meet, but they did it nonetheless.

When they first arrived on the side, they were but greeted by three wells that appeared in the middle of the road. Of course they hadn't driven a wall, and of course the child was blind, and of course the wife wasn't even technically alive, as she still struggled in that box but Hugh was still bent on making this a success. His eyes wore tubes inside of them which were attached to his guts. That's how he fed his brain. The kid's brain wore mouths. He didn't have limbs either. He was constantly hit in the head by Hugh's piercing ribs but he never got the time of day. He never got the chance to complain.

IT was nice looking at the wells. One of them lifted itself from the ground, as it began gloating over him.

'Look at my great size, do you admire my great size? Am I not endless in my appearance? Am I not grand?

I can house but millions of liters inside of me.'

Then, it was joined by the other well, well enough. Soon enough they were driven off by a giant bird before they even had the chance to say something else. And only a few meters away from where he stood a giant large trough-shaped hidden door opened from beneath the road, where, all of the sudden he entered a military base-like secret spot, which had been placed in the insides of a broken skull, that had been structured like a most peculiar ant hill that all of the sudden brought him back to life, once he realized that he wasn't beneath the earth but he had been in the air all the time. Yet, this was a pseudo-world created on top of a few clouds and looked like a giant rectangular fish-bowl these people lived in. Although it didn't fly, it bore some peculiar net-like stretched formations that were attached to the moon, which was stuck in one place and never moved from its initial location, as this floating structure was keeping it in place.

And the giant creature through which the two men and the Donut lady went into seemed to have been placed in the air as well, including the city they lived in. The whole area being somewhat as widely stretched as the entire stretch that's lain across the states.

Beneath them, the world looked destroyed, and life developed in various floating buildings that had been launched once life had degraded on earth, yet, it was peculiarly crafted in some sort of illusion as if to make it seem like everyone was made out of one piece and nothing had happened, while life had been the same as it's ever been. Although every creature and every man had been put together only by the alignment of a set of eyes that look at this optical illusion from an angle, everything being split across so many things, it was senseless yet it worked. No one could fall in-between the cracks, as they seemed to appeared on the other side of every possible object out there, without ever being approached for some reason since they couldn't see it.

'Identify yourself?'

'And if I don't want to.'

'Then I'll I have to shoot you.'

'But you're just a young boy.'

'So what? I was put in charge here.'

Hugh simply snapped the boy's neck.

The door opened soon after.

'You've passed the test.'

'Was there a test to begin with?'

'No.'

Then another door opened.

It was peculiar, living, constantly, in this deformed reality.

Manno Filde was but there, waiting for Hugh, he had opened a gut and stretched it across the room, although it looked infested and peculiarly disturbing to look at, he had made it as so he would please and draw away the man by the curves of his throat, and put him where he'd tease the little thing.

'Son, I think you'll make one great servant once you grow.'

'Why do you say that?'

'Because I have done something.'

And he had done it rightly as well. He beheaded his father, then sealed the wound. Seeing how his body was already put in place, the body was forced to mold and hybridize himself with the Hugh, growing forth like a limbless long-stretch that ate from the ground what it could instead of acting like a human being.

'Why am I forced to live this way?'

‘Because I want to and because it bring me pleasure. Now you shall continue doing as I please or I shall make you suffer.’

What a tease that had been. His armor hardened, he grew a shell, his mother was trapped forever after, as she woke up one day. No longer being allowed flight into the walls of that peculiar dimension; instead she stared at him, the god she was forced to worship.

But one intruded.

Such was the chance, they were put near an area where ever pulp around them was but a school-boy which made for a peculiar thing in sight. Most of the objects were set that way. They were not to be touched for too long, then out with them. Then back in, out with them, then back in. Children bled in dark basins that were raised from the ground. They formed peculiar scepters and wild gravitational wave-alterations satellite-shaped growths that came from inside their heads and messed around with everything within their reach.

Alas, he had but stepped in. As if from a slit, a man no less, or some disease that merely put itself in such a shape; greetings it would say, but nothing else no matter, to no less convey.

This Riis was peculiar, it appeared out of nowhere and matched, of course it could not in part, and these were not the kinds of things this creature was accustomed to. Yet the body was split and out of it, the creature stood. It wreathed itself, as well as it would. And it was nothing more other than some deformed bile, an oozing thing which had been defiled, green and red and orange, ochre, beige, a mix of dark colors, decay-bubbles as well as the bones of a peculiarly deformed men, as one could see it wreathing in and out. But the skull, that was that one would have to see, two jaws, one normal, one below as from a sack of green-bile meat, harder than the other ones, it called that the sack of bones. It was a creature which was mundane, yet, two arm-thin rods, segmented in two halves, which looked as if they were muscle tendons, covered in some peculiar white meat, or a pale imitation of bone came out of its sockets, cleanly pushing through, no bile could be seen through them. This peculiar deformation formed a strange crystal-kite tri dimensional hardened-bile crystal, which protected that very thing.

It moved them like peculiar Italians or Semite merchant hands, too fast, indistinguishable from any kind of peculiar interpretations one could deal without, but this would do.

He had no asked why he was here, but this Riis appeared to do nothing less than accompany him as he found nothing more but mildew interest of showing him around.

‘A connoisseur I presume; do you think we could perhaps begin the preparations then?’

The creature only did what it could, adhering to the strange motions that were but morbidly enabled by its peculiar movements. Most importantly, it spat guts out of them since they were hollow on the inside and acted in the same way one could expect them to. First it had to become an endearing thing, a habit, then one could chop his head off and become gone.

The classroom is where both of them entered the split-back open bodies of two killed children.

From their point of view, this was but mundane, wildly so.

‘Miss Jane, do you have something to share with the rest of the class?’

‘Ma’am, if I may.’

The young woman stepped towards Jane.

She had but a bottle of bone cartilage inside her veins. Slowly it began adrift until it encased her heart within the minute. Peculiar stance of child, it seemed, she sneered at everyone like a country animal with a wild leather vest to her name and little more than a strong nostril being flung about the place. She was mightily eerie and appeared to give nothing to spare. A prude, such akin to a youthful looking nymph hers was but a single thought of what she might do to her after class, something to be taken after and beyond the grave, when one could not even be inclined to listen to them.

Regarding the man with the camera

He was peculiar, in any case. A case that may not be easily dismissed as to understand why the lady of filthy grit that was melting constantly seemed to give him, even the slightest pints of attention from the looks of it, her tall palace being a given, every now and then a snicker to the man. While the other one was alone, he noticed her, tendency, of being thrown around. No one like that, no one at all; strangely as it were, one should not forget that there was, by any means nothing as filthy and gritty like the spindle and the chime, those things that were forced down the throats of the little children that were set in flight, the warped wasps, with their deformations, they were giant now in the sky. Molded together, holding hands; from their wasp-like abdomen, from their umbilical cords filled with the most unnatural amount of honey they finally came to pour not that, but the most gritty of clouds-skinned markers which painted every building in sight. Their heads fell off and just as soon, the grittiest of creatures swooned in only to see. Men came out up to their chests from inside those giant bodies, but stopped at their waist, only to have revealed themselves hidden no longer. Each wasp-child bore eighteen of them, pulling back a mass that looked likely as for them to have worn large dressed of skin that went all the way back where they formed their predecessors and the ones that would inherit the world from them. It then that every was made to be perfect, with the sky altered, and the sight finally protruding, with the buildings adjusted and finally rotating and moving around, there would no longer be a reason to wait and spread around.

‘Tharthagan, Tharthagan.’

A man yelled in his most queer form. He had both molded himself, a king, a knight a knave with most uncanny things attached to the trims of his darkened armor. He was mighty and stopped upon the parlor where the construction took past, upon opening the metal frames, as to create an entry door for himself, no more was he in waiting. Many men and women, old and death awaiting had but called him there. He was but a suited thing, an armor of some kind, yet that was his exposed body, a peculiar thing which only seemed to open in the back. A set of wings but a pair, one that was pushed out of a meat-block of meat-soil which flied around him, but not with him. He had but looked at it upon the closure of his exposed door.

The root-wings sprouted out, creating a feathered bush that formed just in time before the sudden barbed-wire explosion could finally draw in full force.

As soon as it happened, the nearest group of oldies but crouched, covering the back of their throats, with their wrists and chains, as the after wire sharpened but bounced around avoiding them just as soon as it died off.

‘That was a near one, who are you?’

‘I’m Tart-gun.’

‘Why do they call you that?’

He pulled out a revolver, he was a sharpshooter, unrelated to the name. Quick pop, pop, pop and just as soon their hand-cuffs were blown off, scattering like little plain things, or piano keys that were blown out of their piano-things. The few oldies got away just as soon as they were allowed to, out of sight before the few creeping men stopped in and stole them.

‘Thank you Tar-gun, now we can harvest their organs.’

‘You’re welcome.’

But he didn’t shoot the rest of them since he was there for a whole ‘nother reason. He was but making his way through the frame. It was dangerous especially since he didn’t have the proper protection, the helmet wasn’t there. His eyes were metallic and wrapped around from his shoulder-metal strings and he could only see through his armor.

‘I thought I’d hear something going on.’

‘What does that mean?’

‘Hey, stop, you can’t grab the drills.’

Every construction worker appeared out of nowhere, threatening Tart-gun with their drills. He was to be killed on sight, he was to be put down and made to be completely rusted and filled with little iron-things until his gut exploded.’

Then the hour, it struck again and he was but walking with the gait, and the men in the sky which came out of the wasp-babies opened their mouth only to produce little space like soap-bubble maker, fashioning them with their mouths, where little soap-comet molecules met with cloud-like gas from inside their guts, drawing in the middle until they began fashioning shapes from the other world, with the problem being put forward as they were incontrollable any longer, as they were unnaturally scolded and put in some peculiar-frozen stasis from which not only could they not move but their mere, dimensional actions appeared to reflect upon the entire world itself. As if there were multiple overlapping universes, where this limb-anomaly, without fingers, without a palm but a sharp scorpion-like tail, began flailing about the place in another dimension, the mere brute force as well as the motions it produced began creating inter-dimensional quakes that shook the world entirely, without anyone noticing it, at a quantum-like level. As in, the entire world was static for a fraction of a millisecond, creating a stronger quake across the galaxy

and the universe itself, where the static-limb was, moving everything slightly to the left as if to readjust everything. This appearing as if nothing happened, as in, no one would know it happened by any means, unless some scientists were somehow capable of measure the entire universe, which, was for the time being impossible to do or to achieve, by normal means since they could only work within their limitations. Yet this soap-steam gas bubble the men created eventually popped out of existence, as it so happened for them to take the full blunt of the strength that was being forced onto them. And within the limbs, the meat would finally be brought onto, creating an empty dark-gritty fantastical dust-corner where every dimensional limb was drawn into from wherever they passed, creating a great cluster of limbs, a mass that would stand there forever, no longer moving the universe at all, as they were trapped in a dimension of their own. Which lead to the point of the people who were inside the wasp-children to stop, seeing how after a while they were creating empty bubbles that just popped, instead they started creating large tubular balloon-like gut animals from their many pool-like insides that started floating in the same spot, forcing themselves, by mere rubbing motions as to completely set themselves on fire, being as short lived as their first attempts. Angered by what was going on, they only started creating large floating tooth-gum bile-things, after they violently pulled them out of their mouths. These formations had not only grown as to make weird red-meaty flesh buds that wore great tooth-crowns that appeared to grown on air like wild stone-like formations, yet they offered a great deal of protection to the flesh-gums. Joined together into dance, they fancied themselves as not only great creators, but they also managed to somehow think themselves capable of creating something that would last. A pseudo-jaw which would grasp and try reeling into anything it could until it no longer helped itself, drawing from its surroundings, most unnatural of weirdly benign invisible plain sulked. They stopped out of nowhere. The sky was off, it was night. The mourners were on top the teeth and were but using them as seats. Long, elongated legs reached the ground, as well as their arms, these almost rope-thin creatures but would only weep inside. Feeding on the mass of bone-charnel until their features became more-stationary. From their side, it looked like an empty world, with nothing in, only the flatness that was barely dim, everything sparse in the distance, while the other mourners but wept, incapable of figuring what went inside them and whom to hear them, while they were dead. Dreadfully strung and left about to rot, their sounds would never be heard no longer.

‘Let me climb, I can see that you have found something to hold on. Allow me to stand brother.’

But the thin creature but pushed him away, no longer capable of letting him stand so, never pushing yet away. Never standing for itself or the brothers whom had claimed him. It was all too dreadful, to have been taken away by force, but neither one complained no longer and much and much and much too worse, it had been.

They smiled, most cruel of things, they smile. Mournful creatures ashen-gray, looking forward, to their pray. They spat on the ground and found the most unnatural of mounds which rose in the distance, one was built. From it stood but a canker-growth which formed a large hook. From a pile of human-roses also came a great cylinder, which was but entered by the hook to please her. The mother of the mourners laughed. As this trunk was but impaled in a strange peculiar act. With each strike it but settled with, and would to heap, push deeper in, then draw away, repeat the motions only to convey.

‘Most pleasing Matron mother, you need to listen to us so.’

Patron-master

One who swam in the filth-entrails of the enclaves, in the forest which he but opened the peculiar hilted bladed armor, the peculiar frog-like dancer had but came out of the metal cast, from the armored being, he had left at last. Again in stance, like anything that would force him to remind them, of his peculiar way in which he moved at last.

Lust was nowhere to be seen, as dreadful as one could feel upon such wildly deformed face. This rotten thing but stretched and would eat away until it could no longer be forced back. Teethy-grates but chewing when it shouldn't; but never leaving the forest where it spoke to the dark spirits, rooting but a bark; seething at the mark in wood, knowing it should be aware of the barriers and the claspers that would do. The dark armies still marched around, darker in the sky. The most peculiar creature followed one, then made to way, falling through the flights of wooden pairs, and through the briars, where he had finally come to meet one at last.

Amorphous-Tooth was but shook. He had no arms but large legs that looked like squares, connected to the point from where they sprouted, bearing four segments which were hurt and acted. Upon the sight, one would see but a grave benign head, like the inflated carcass of a rhinoceros' head, open mouthed as if it ate a small barely featured humanoid face with only a mouth and two eyes that were shaped like stringed together circles, metal-springs sizzlers like the ones attached to a knife that could be launched from inside the hilt like a bullet shot out of a gun; junkyard-things emerging out of the sockets which was molded with the main head. Or rather, the springs found inside a mattress, yet drawn to a single black point as to form some pseudo black eyes.

Back formations of another head cylinder that moved constantly from one end to another, all along a rail-open spine, but which never touched the legs, which were bloated and fat, like hoses, barely able to keep themselves that way, from falling.

All of the sudden they snapped underneath the weight, like they would always do, pushing out from every side as it would trash around the place, uncannily so, yet blind.

In the classroom B-section

There was no reason to be there, since miss Jane was already taken by the hour. The girl was simply out of her mind, intruding that way, when they didn't even, the class was. And she were.'

'That's enough Doris, you don't need to make a fuss out of it.'

Out of the shadows they begun

And they couldn't help themselves for long, since as soon as they got their claws and their talons out of the great green-pus mass that started encompassing them, the vale-like sea that pushed in began drawing in and out until it could no longer be contained. Dark-malignant beings started pushing out of their guts, being incapable of controlling themselves, having eaten half of their lord's remains. Many of whom remained in the land, as their carcasses got chained on the ground and made to waste in the most peculiar unnatural pools that could be contorted there. But here, lo the Mount arrived and it spoke of evil tides and of perilous tales, for what else could it do in such an evil time, when the monsters but tore each other apart and could not control themselves as they but formed the buildings after, from their insides and out of their corpses until they could no longer be control. A most unnatural thing appeared, with two heads nears, each of the reddened tars puddles which began sprouting after some long bridge-platform upon which unnatural things stood, chattering about each day until a man appeared out of nowhere, dressed in a pink-blue suit with many scrawls drawn upon him and a black-painted face with little golden globes inside his forehead which disappeared as soon as he had entered the perimeter of the platform, bleeding out of his exposed head as if someone had used a corkscrew in order to perform a few lobotomies the wrong way, yet his blood was but a malign thing which wasn't red but was a peculiar rubbery torsion which started spilling on his face, pouring in his mouth, as it slowly marched along, as molecularly it was actually made out of billions upon billions upon billions of microscope-sized, as in the tool, yet flattened until they were as small as millimeters yet deformed stretched in the back sheets of yellowish organic matter, or wraps that managed to crawl around his brain and every organ, muscle tissue, bone-formation, cartilage and wherever else they could stretch until they finally got out of his body, forming peculiar cellulose fat-burning bands that appeared to have chained themselves to a giant meat pole in the back from which he but prevented himself from falling through since this bridge platform was inclined, having fallen into a peculiar puddle-like pool towards which he slowly descended towards. Mid-way through it he became weary of what might stumble upon him, as various torsions began pushing and drawing out of the outer reached appearing like peculiar flying things that didn't look like they were capable of flying. As they were but fat, gluttonously so, shaped like a giant leg that was bloated yet pointed a giant boot downwardly, and instead of being connected to a body, it was connected to a bloated monitor-like shape, the old one where a peculiar eye, stood contortedly on one side, vertically flipped, but at the upper edge turned around as to look like an unnatural portative note, a musical thing with a big black globe which appeared to make this muck it stood above appear but like a puddle as compared to everything else that came around it. And the faces in the reflections were but belonging to it, as the man had seen the peculiar creatures that were carrying them away, these flying flea-like textures braziers, that were wingless but bore little devilish horn-pegs that were coiling around appeared to be its servants. This creature but stopped Hang-Ethan's furthermore descend, although it had to make it as clear as possible for the time being that he wasn't invited by any means, as the pools themselves but raised up a few meters onto the platform as to make it so. This was one of humanity's lost cradles out of which he could not come out of since his heart would sink and bitterly drink its own blood, soaking into it rather than be faced with such vileness as to be broken apart by the gelatin sea upon which he looked down upon. From where he stood, he could clearly see and make out the various humanoid shapes that began churning on top of one another, being incapable of making it through, adhering to the crab mentality as they but grabbed each other off, incapable of thinking any longer or realizing that there would be no chance to get out of the pool they were a part of since they would only melt along the way as they would only end up joining the same puddle they came out of. And lo and behold, the creature but was the culprit of this object of

destruction which had dissolved so many nations in the past as many of the servants were in actuality its children who had come out of the depths of the pools, and out of the bowels, being very much so incapable of making it through any longer with the ardor of uncanny being less solely so. They were its children. They were made for this. And from the creature's back an organ created the pool, in its unaltered state, as opposite to what one might think, despite the pool's peculiar teal-wax like appearance, the actual substance was very much transparent and evil. Yet no one actually knew the true and most malignant of secret usage of this peculiar substance, as it was a key ingredient of the most dangerous machine that had come to be made, or brought into existence if one were to count the organic material on which it depended to work. Yet, at the same time, this pure substance, in utmost hypocrisy had to be tainted and altered by specific organisms that would go against the very nature of the experiments itself as specific human beings that are altered to become somewhat akin to mutant, upon being slowly put into these peculiarly controlled environments which were the pools, akin to themselves would only make it so they would only be slowly dissolved, rather than be destroyed entirely and instantly, creating a mold of many men that are connected and being hybridized together as they would keep their form together, unaltered, upon being placed into the machine, they would be recalibrated and slowly but delivered only space, as this machine was but a giant telescope-like thing with a giant transparent tube that lead onto the outer rims of the planet, slowly applying pressure and extracting, drawing, then forcing quantum-power to be siphoned through the glass-like mechanisms that are placed inside the glass like tunnel to slowly mold the pool into a more solid state which in turn, by the time they will have come onto the dark vacuum they will have become fully merged, and then, their legs would've connected and formed rotten tails upon which dark flights would emerge upon the planet, around it, their protectors forever. Many of whom would nest inside their home, for there was no Moon, there was no satellite, it was them, billions upon billions within billions of them, all stuck together, incapable of moving away, standing there, waiting until needed, the protectors, defender of humanity, all connected within their minds, dormant as they dreamed of a perfect organic-malignant puzzle they were a part of it. And for that reason the Expedition sent people like Ethan to extract the bile and the substance in little jars, over a long period of time, not of the pools but the transparent unadulterated thing, the spray that came out of the flying thing, by baiting it with most peculiar thoughts, as it was still somewhat capable of understanding human thought. Yet, it was also not violent unless provoked, since most of the corpses were caused by its violent outbursts, one had to remember himself that it was not entirely its fault, as it could not be entirely asked to adhere to such an austere thing, despite what one might come to think of it, there was no evil in its heart, since it was, borderline an animal, incapable of intelligent thought.

Evil days were ahead, since men were but kicked each other in the head. Then they switched with hammer, and would harm themselves by slitting their tiny female-like wrists since they were improperly fed as children, which in turn caused them to be easily conquered by a tribe that was much stronger than theirs, being beaten into the ground, the scientists came up with a solution, they prayed to a little pair of boxes they had put together with black-rotten duck-tape, then they covered it with lamb blood. One of the scientists took a candle, put it in his mouth, beheaded himself with a knickknack, then he asked another man to put it on top of the boxes. In a few hours of watching, they but suddenly molded themselves together as this peculiar thing made out of skin-boxes, a skin-candle and peculiar red-chitin which covered it, grew dark hairs came to life, not only so but a few of the Swimmers as they are called, came and began the act of worship. They would stand for hours, admiring this perfect form that could do no harm to man or to his kind, but it had to, for there was injustice which happened.

Most of them swimmers died within the hour, even those outside the outer rims of the planet, the experiment having been a failure. Their brains having been infested and torn apart. The shadows of the Suppressors but appeared to be nested in their corpses, where they lay forever, lost in space, casting a dark shadow upon the cradle of humanity and all of their unnatural civilizations, where they finally ended their journey. Their souls being at peace.

Miss Jane

Turned around to the room, she was still there, after the hours, gone before a swoon could take place. It was ever so much easier to acquire it, a little rock in the throat as one could see it struggle for little more than a moment's worth. There was a trough to the side.

A woman entered and her face looked blind. But she could see just find, despite everything being taken into account.

Living there was a joy within itself

There was no reason to breathe any longer and one could only drive himself away for this long until it became ever uncomfortable for anything to happen.

A heart was pumped through the jar, it was a big, wide one. And it had been forced through the grinder by repeated fisting that never seemed to stop no matter how one would try it. He couldn't get away, or let alone have any hope for what was going there. Always to leap on sight; when the need asked for it, a little shroud of tiny chains, always beating, many keys away. Every door had to be checked, commanded within the hour. He was no key master but acted like one, he didn't have a face unlike the others, which in turn made him realize that there was no reason not to lay inclined, past the side where the corpses came around, when there would be a night, after some matter. Some consideration had to happen and had to occur eventually. He was blind and only so by force, a lot of it being put through, his spine be opened, through the key-hole, locked all the way through.

Everything had to be checked in the manor, and all would be done. It was his job after all, he dreamed of something going on. There was some noise, at least for some time. Was it there? Unkindly he couldn't ask, that would promote the doors to grow, it could provoke them to spread around, and just about the hour couldn't come closer until he was gone. And asking was taken from him.

Little leaves and soil gathered around, with little foot-prints of wetness, soaked for what was worth.

'Room Ill-on Hohn.'

Key-guider Hrothrow said, just before he could a finger through and came within the hour of the dead. When a little child, blindly stood by the windows, lies told in his ear by a floating mouth who could not remove itself away. It came to him just as soon then that he could not get away. At least not within the

hour; when they were already attached to him, to shower of scum-bloated numbed little finger-lids that fell from the sky. Gathered about a single spot, then lost before, the windows on.

‘I seek to know why you’re here.’

‘I was abandoned by an orphan reaper.’

‘What was he to do with you in that case?’

‘Claim my life since I’ve but failed to impress the one to claim me, a benefactor, a parent as such, of which patronage I would just as soon to have found myself worthy of claiming and giving him on, at the very least I would’ve made it worth it.’

‘Were you never listed to be sold in parts?’

‘No ser, in that case I wager I would’ve found myself in at least eight families put together, but I would’ve been a bother, for them at least.

You must know sir that no parent wants some defect in his tutelage at least no one like me.’

‘Do you fancy yourself to know of something else in that case?’

‘I’ve tried to learn but I’ve failed, seeing how my legs are crooked and I’m sickly shook.’

‘Then what can you do?’

‘Sit by the window.’

As much for as much for as long as it mattered; there was no reason to falter just then.

The school was made to fall onto itself, as there was a second floor. It was a place they sought refuge in, for what was worth Manno had but Filth. It was there waiting for him upon the crust of the door which entered through the ground and pushed down the steep until no longer would it seem likely like there was a reason for what pushed even deeper, past the rims of humanity and down the taints of reality, where Riis had followed and would only be brought to open in the back as if now he had readied himself to fully leave the casket he had lived in for such long eons as to finally no longer be bored with what was happening. It was a period of peculiarity that none could ever deal with, as the deeper they went, the steeper the path ahead had become until it was but a long stretch that pushed on, then slowly rose up until they were no longer beneath the ground, having risen up to a few meters beyond the steep earth. Where they were waited by a peculiar gondola-like boat whose facet, in the front was but a strange sculpture like form that shaped itself out of the front piece, akin to a bacteriohpage whose long legs were but dragging the ship along making water walking spider motions, yet who lacked the geometrical-like head piece in place of which there was but a giant umbrella-canopy shape from which a few lynched-like bodies hanged down. For the hour, all was peaceful, as they kept going through a sea of many put together, not as in mixed, but stitched together pools that appeared at time to be closely nearing soil than any other kind of disturbance that might enter then when they rose. On the spot, if it mattered by any chance, a few people came forward, they were made out of dark matter and had weird constellations inside of them.

It was born out of the wretches of the most disemboweled stones. When the time came for it to rise, and one could see as well the throng, it stood there in pain, wreathing as well as it would pour out of itself what little remains they were, but chanting, many men were but aroused from a slumber they couldn't awaken out of during the time after.

What could there be more waiting than the hour when it was all set, when their guts were but open, alas just as well, there was but no second going, without them but be set alive.

'I see, I see what's going on.'

The three of them but soon emerged, they were but settled to resolve asking then.

Donut-lady was there to see, her eyes were open and split, to be certain of it she was but forced to open her gut and from it came out, a peculiar block, like hockey-stadium clear-shaped mass, which walked instead of her, grown with fat-attached to her stomach which blossomed like an open rose. Her mouth was omniscient and completely filled with cartilage which came out as soon to be formed. Like a large extender arm made out of patterned toothpicks that were put together after that, only to see what was going after, they shoved and grew on top each other, only to have become unnatural as well, many of them but animated, moving as one could tell them off, growing at that, cancer-pushing out, they spread, and floated around like satellites-spells. Her eyes were dead yet body but followed. Dragged behind, the others split and couldn't swallow. If they could see me, if they knew, it was all too filthy as one could be.

'I am Viktor and I've come from the other side of the city, will you receive me, Donut-lady?'

And the lady only shook her throat, which appeared to be made, as well as she could contort.

Viktor had been a visionary, he was but a man with a dream, armed to his teeth, but that was rather, not to be called off.

'Our wedding my dear, I am your fiancée, but I find myself cherished not as you abandoned me at the altar of hopelessness divine.

I am afraid I fear I need to open you and live inside.'

And like an Australian Kangaroo of the most gracious type, she opened herself and he lived inside, for a while at the very least. But enough of the pitiful, her heat was split and he was but impaled by the cat-cartilage-shaped grates. It was the only casket that could be used, the only body that would make the ruse.

From the top of her head a strange machine, glowing hot-pinkly as it rotated within. It was peculiar and it looked bizarre, it spoke to the great tubular region of her split back through which extensions came around.

'I was waiting for you, Klothek.'

'And you, I presume must be the one who was looking after the ones that shook this place?'

'I was supposed to be one of them, before you caught me off guard.

I was but thinking and looking around until I've seen my feet cut through the vulva-fryer and I've seen it through, you surprise me, good fellow.

I think I'm going to keep you in mind.'

And there was great rancor after that, indeed it was.

He was set on the dark road with all the mouths on the back and smoke filling them after they sought the hour. It would never end, whom followed through from farther end to farther end.

'There is dread you need not be accustomed to where one must look past the crowds. I see what I take and I shall take claim of your mind.'

Whom had spoken so?

As such, there were set in stone as if it were but of their own. Wont of yore was pitted against his own.

Obslукle Army

Twenty soldiers were head in head, all of them connected-connected, within their hearts their arms had sung. And little doubt, and doubt and doubt. There was no reason for such treason as to happen here.

'I shall string ye dire man.'

And he was a peculiar thing, his head, like a fat-lumped fish the mask extended at the bottom as to form a pseudo-platform that extended beyond his shoulders and his back, in the front there stood but contorted two ledges, all but curvedly-elliptically contorted as to face one another, where a pair of shark-like organic incisors moves. In this helmet in the front a bubble, yet transparent as to show. His features were deformed, they showed, but the back extension, a tube of its own. He was no humanoid but he showed some bulk that looked like a rib-cage beneath the mask, with a giant socket-like shape of cartilage that was covered in a suit of foam with a look of black. A power device was attached to the sock-spine, that looked like a nastily formed apparatus that extended as to be contorted, like moon-landing rover toes, or platforms attaching themselves to it, pushing away towards the gray-dark men who shone.

Gray-dark were not human either, they looked like two uncomfortably stitched together trash sacks, with a large head on top that looked like a small flat barrel lamp. Little pucker-eyes and a strange horned spike-like breather coming out of an exposed-like bandit-mask look-a-like of a mouth that his the entry point from which the organ came out of. Between the two of them stood a long limbless body with two weirdly outspread-static legs. It bore a normal head that had a normal face scrawled on top of it, but three black vortexes of skin which kept rotating for its eyes and mouth, overlaid on top the scrawls. A peculiar hole could be seen in its chest from which it bled on the floor when it needed to speak as well.

The Helmeted creature was but Yhegg, the middle stalk was Legg, the sacked creature on the right Snegg. They were settled on resolving their dispute by whichever means they could set themselves on. By whatever acceptable means.

Looking behind them, the scene was dolefully pale, the ground was a wail, as to how it was structured. It seemed that way at time, with every second but moving from one point to another as the voice but kept on carrying on.

Immortality

Coarse sand became green, cacti forests grew within the plains as the agriculture drove the tribes away. A few of their Cammelops were prodding out, ridden by them during the obscure movements of the sand plots that flew through.

It was life, in some arid land. There lay but their tanking camel forts which moved and pushed with fur just as benign as everything that looked of them, the headings and the most peculiar shells they were wrapped in dragging them behind. For they were moving only by twisting small storms underneath them knowing that the desert was but sand inside, for miles below the earth, up until tectonic plate. And what lived inside that space, might yet to be called upon the strangeness which lay upon the camel's faces. For they lay dead and were without sockets, the Nomads knew. Just as much as it appeared for them to near it, they feared that something got through and would've gotten them. If only for a while, they would've known it for what was it. Draperies of skin but thrown, all about them, never to be known or heard off.

Set in flight deformed men appeared to be swimming in sand. They were but of little manners and mentally disabled by marks of poke irons or small shafts that had been bashed, against their skulls wreathing at last as if to known. Where they went and everything that went on, with little for them, as it were for them to know. They could do naught of it and it would last just as well.

The strange skin mounts the Nomads rode were but beings of their own. Always in such a fashion, as to chain themselves beneath the sand and carry with them the deformed swimmers just so they could be spared, at last of dying in derogation. An atrocity committed as one would beg to differ so.

Before long they approached a town. Since resources were sparse, this settlement had to be wrought with what they had. Encased in skin-camels the floors, walked upon cradles of knives that would bleed them more only to harden, as blood mixed with sand well. For what was fair and what could be said about them, there was but no way to tell what entered their minds and who forced them to set aside everything and live this way. Most skin fell off as it replaced the holes that were dug by the knives they were forced to wear underneath their sandal. The vapors of coarse blood, the mixtures would make skin fall. Overdone and ever emerging, falling as to trade what they ought to; first of all they were in need of eyes. Since the disease that caused their skin to fall, also made their intestines shrink as well as additional heads and longer bodies in the back which were formed in the shaped of flattened-deformed camels which were punctured and beaten to nigh-death. With each hump being eyeless, the heads that emerged from them yearning.

‘Another batch of eye supplies, these will do, I’ll see I through that one day we will allow everyone to see the world and everything put of their own.’

‘Great and as many, let just as much to be known, I’m not asking for much, but the secrets of the sow.’

For there, they looked, and shook hands and traded recipes below the trade. Not showing much any longer, since there was that scene of disaster that could be.

They were of a mind wreathing.

All of them open-wide, eyeing everything they could, they had giant containers that looked like mugs pumping coffee in them constantly.

It was hard to tell whether or not those skin-tearing vapors existed or it was the intoxicating murky black water they were ingesting as to be the cause of it.

They were also prone to suicide and various acts of aggressions.

Worst thing imaginable happened as well.

Many of them and many more were inhaling an undeterminable, unrecognizable substance made out of crushed beetles rot, brought to life by the mixture and the melting pot within the bloody camel-slits where sand would bleed inside, as brought. To their nostrils only then; as this had already been decided as well, long before they had been given a chance, it was even harder, trying to keep up.

All unnatural, and always but a while, seeing how they only brought fake eyes and how they were fed in the entrails taken from the camel’s pride, both parties got nowhere and nowhere at all would they end.

One day, sand became red, fully engorged and soaked in blood as well as into everything else that appeared there. Various limb-men started coming out and slowly passing the scalped men. Who came out to feed as well; as they seemed to wear the camel heads as they were but unable to control themselves any longer.

‘You’re all in need to be warned of it.

We live in an aquarium, but you ought not to know.’

It was hardened, lumps and formed aside. Blimps as hardened, all falling apart.

‘I see a tower that has the head of a camel, but it’s no tower but a great cylinder coming out of a grotto of sand. In it died eighty men.

And eight men propped themselves from inside their chests.’

‘Bravo, good man.’

One of the sand Nomads started clapping as he cheered the man, during the wimp’s touch, which pushed the sky back to its rightful place. It was all sand, even their eyes which explained the blindness. For they all bore the camel heads as well and could not for the likes of them get away from the stigma they conveyed. Sutured around their necks, though it was clear and too obvious, not senseless in some manner;

their legs were long and just like the camel's throats, all placed upon giant domes from which the rockets threw, and sand-sinew came out. They were trying to cut the invisible men who were out there, whom were not invisible but were made out of invisibly moldable grains of sand which mixed with the normal kind in order to create such an illusion of the mind.

Betrayal.

'I shall slit your throat and make your children bathe in your blood.'

'That is disgusting and I shall claim your life.'

'No, you won't, because I have already slit it, stay back.'

And with a single span of manner, he but opened it and swam behind, seeing how the many chains dragged through his body, a lime.

Another man arrived. He was one of the desert camel jockeys from the looks of it. Too dangerous a fellow, Shykue, as of a camel's back. He smoked a pair, one of his eyes were ultramarine with strips of white, numbers on every single line, circles intertwined, small depictions of killed men placed in small squares that lay in the other. But worst of all he wore but a helmet of a metal cone, from the looks of which, it shone.

'Why did you come in here?'

'I had a dream.

A rain, rain is coming.'

'It's already come, on a constant pass. What are you on about Shykue?'

'Ignore him, you know he's uselessly mad, he's not to be trusted, dirty man of sand.

Can't you see that he's dressed like a homeless person? Plus, he thinks he's a warrior of some kind.

He thinks he's wearing a special suit from the future which allows him to see in time. He thinks that it bears the ability to draw a piece of human soul while converting it into wild atoms used for an unfathomable thing. Because he thinks he can make a soul as his own and by the time he's dead, the suit will take a life of its own, wrap around it and make him immortal, without him being physically hurt.'

'Won't someone eventually bust up the suit?'

'No, he thinks the suit can walk through punches and through shots, as if it's not there to begin with, not even phasing but he thinks they're made to believe he's there.'

'A mirage then?'

'That's not either, he's there but he isn't. Two copies of the same suit, one that's being hurt and the other that's make it seem so, like two frames of an animated creature, but one cannot be seen until the act is done. And they stay near one another and the man who's doing the harming is also split in halves.

Both of them are only a few feet away in this confusing event, but they cannot move, instead they change places. For that reason it's so irksome because they do not know it.'

'A man would hurt himself trying to destroy it then?'

'I don't actually know. It appears out of nowhere, I tell you. But I think it's like a game of chess, where every move has already been taken. And on every piece of dirt and sand, upon the spot he's touched, his clothes would appear to have wrapped themselves around each piece.'

The Rook on a side, the King and Queen on another, crisscrossed paths, until the lovers are touched on.'

'What does that even mean?'

'It means that it's not a normal game of chess. Think of four Rooks that are facing one another, now, think of it this way.'

All of them have a piece of string pushed through their heads. Someone's rotating the chessboard, and while everyone's distracted, he's already repainted every piece on the board, the same color.'

But that's only getting trickier, since there's another piece and another man who looks like him but it's not him and cannot be touched either. A dimensional leaper who resembles him in touch, on him rests the dilemma of immortality.'

'Why?'

'Because the new-comer who resembles the man is a suit of skin of which appearance shall be based on.'

'I thought he wasn't to appear in a physical form.'

'That is why the soul would only copy it, I know, I know, you're starting to understand, now that everything appears to make sense, listen.'

If I were to throw a rock at you, without seeing you for what you are, the rock would pass through you because I haven't thrown it at you but at your side.'

The man on the right is solid, the one on the left can be passed through. And that is how life is.'

'What about the one who leaped from the other world?'

'I simply made him up.'

Sand is the universal word for fear in every language that ever existed.

'And while they're connected through, you need to note this down just so you might be able to remember.'

Every rock that's being thrown at him has a soul. For every object that's passed through, a smaller body wrought in his image will appear, completely forming another child he might inherit the lie off once he's actually dead.'

'But I thought he's immortal.'

‘Only if he gets people to throw scissors at him.

As the souls of the objects might be passed through, he would achieve a replicable thing that is life. Trust me on this, I’ve spoke with him many a times.

It’s a great plan, to achieve immortality, he only needs to get as many people to harm him and batter his souls as possible.’

In some way, it was all too quiet and senseless in some manner. It was all too quickly planned, and set about and made sense in some way that could not be gotten or thrown around.

‘Yes, I think he needs to achieve his immortality goal, that way he will take care of all of us until we shall be frozen and thawed off, then thrown around into the sand to end.’

‘Why would that bastardly a thing happen?’

‘Because the Camel Gods have somehow fused with both their servant’s blood and the sand, making a strange leap between the boundaries of misery and the filth that shall ever be present in their defeated hearts, to which I say, there’s but no way to stop them any longer.

You see, we’ve already left the most unnatural expression of them all on them.

We killed, destroyed and completely demolished their children and because of that, I’m afraid there’s but little to no way back, to whence it started.

Our only hope is to make sure Shykue somehow achieved his goal of immortality, with little of it as there is. That he might be able to draw all of us in if we choose to leap inside of him.’

‘Because we’ll become him, is that the reason?’

‘Indeed, that is indeed the reason we might strive for it. If we can by any chance leap inside of him when the time and the call towards satisfaction fades, we might become immortal as well by having our souls be swallowed by his and become such as the stone become.’

There was but dread, and there was little more and little less. Paranoia was but a sign of the mentally distress and those thrown around, never to be faced either, as he could but never understand what was going on.

It had to be that way.

‘I think I’m starting to understand, just how the whole thing is set.’

‘It’s subtle, from what I could tell but I think his body is merging between the softened thing, that is there. It’s not a mirage, but only something that’s seen from his mirrored side. It’s a false impression, a memory that’s being implanted falsely, but not so much.

And for that reason whoever might watch it might think that the man is phasing both left and right, but only because he doesn’t know that the memory and the sight or the irises and the device behind them are being moved only a few millimeters away, like a static image that’s being enacted again. Then it

disappears and appears again, as the eyes are but aligned. Then the man who's looking but changes sides, which means.'

'The soul of the man with the eternal-suit is on the left side now, instead the right one. And the rock or the sand pebble that has been thrown at him had become but struck, a humanoid thing that resembles him between the two of them.'

'You got it and that's how he rules the world, that is how he controls everything he touched and everything else that's become. The reason for it being that's underneath the ground, though it can't be seen, there are millions of copies of his souls that are all banded together and put and shoved, even deeper than their embodiments would allow. And all of them are made out of sand particles because sometime, in the future, he will have tripped but stood still as the same time, allowing every rock that was him to become but a sand-pill which had become him. That way he can never be completely destroyed since the magnitude of his soul would have achieved such a great mass that he will have replaced life without anyone else having realized it yet.'

And thence no point of destruction and no sheer force could possibly destroy him for that reason, since he would simply get away from his carcass and take that of another one from below and everywhere else his body-doubles might've been placed.

'What about the suit?'

'The suit is but a sham, it doesn't exist at all. Can't you see that he's dressed in hobo garbs? Indeed, I think it's what he sees. The real suit must be another soul that's been wrapped around that of his own, which can only force the Camel gods to bow to him and allow this to happen. It's fairly important to think of this way. If his plans can somehow be achieved, there's nothing else that might be plain to be called. He cannot possibly be defeated then.'

'If any of the things you've said are real to begin with and you haven't actually been lied to.'

'That's actually impossible and you want to know why?'

The Ahyb, could barely holster what was going through his head. But it was all too obvious and apparent that he was right about one thing and one thing along.

'It's a metal string in my head.

I'm already connected with him, as you can see, it's already gone through my brain and stop.'

And Ahyb knew exactly where this all came from. Where to look out of and what to say, what he was inclined to think and just what did it.

'I know exactly how it is and why they're trying to pull one on him.

I know his history to almost a minute detail, I'm telling you. And you want to know why?

It's because that man grew up in a house of butchers, a house of butchers I'm telling you. And when you grow up seeing so much death, it's a field, I keep telling you, it's a field of death and blood is raining. Of course you'd want to become immortal at that point in time when you stand to realize that, that's just

about your life. One day you wake up and they cut you, butchering your body like one of those pigs, I'm telling you.

That's why he wants to save the world. He's grown up seeing camel-porks and came-hen and camel-people all dying at the same pace, all ending up in the same manner and you want know what?

It stayed with him all this time and he knows it and we know it and everyone knows it as well. Where does that take us then? What happens to people like us?

Well it's simple, he thinks we're the ones being prepared to get butchered like pigs and cats. Or dogs, or parrots now and birds and other animals, well perhaps there should come a time where they ought not to be killed any longer. But that's beside the point. Listen.

They're throwing papers in the room and they're all wrapped in skin and tender loins and the walls are brim and scream of agony. I keep telling you, it's how he grew up, seeing his parents wield scissors around the house, fighting despite being gifted with a neck of receiving as much pain as possible while showing no signs for it. They call it suppression, but it comes at a cost. It affects their empathy ten times fold but it's expressed inwardly for them. I think their hearts and brains grow even bigger every time they have to kill and it's almost as if they have to die for everyone that's ever been killed in their butcher's shop.

They even slaughter their clients in some day.

And I believe that's why he wants to become immortal. Because he's trying to take everyone's souls, and make them feel the same way as he does by becoming him. That way everyone will be able to understand what's it like being in his skin while also being able to relate and be immortal. Because everyone wants to be immortal as well.'

'Why the wire in your head then?'

'It's supposed to act as an antennae that should guide the giant cameloid-humanoid creature that's twisting the world and has no entrails underneath him because his lower side is missing beneath its torso.'

It all clicked together then.

'That's great, I wish I could do the same thing as he does. What can I do for him?'

'You need to rip off one of your livers off your insides, pull it out and start writing on it every name and address of everyone you know. That way, after you throw it at him, he will have absorbed everything, becoming, finally what he wanted to all along.'

'Immortal?'

'Covered in blood, he has a fetish for it, even since he started talking to the viola-covered sand-skin crabs and the ruddy orange seals that have come from beneath the false sea that cannot be seen, which may indeed be classified as some kind of mirage if you don't mind looking after that. But you need to know, just as I'm telling you, there's something else.

One of them, the skin-sand crab, his name was but Curtain Kent.

He's claim to have come from another world. And he's the only who gave the man the secret of immortality because he was followed by another being who was in control of the crab. He was but a strange being that was the strange concoction of skin, wrapped around like a small surge of a cosmos that was filled with meat, floating as it descended from the depths of the earth, from a chasm-like rotation that had render its limbs as to be ruddy and revealed of every nerve they bore.

Large legs pushing out as deranged flat briars that started spreading at their ends, in various directions from which various limbs and claspers started drawing out. Through little tubes and feeling-numbered incisors and peculiarly set clouds of skin-like lumps that started breathing. Since they carried lungs of their own, some wore happy features, others unhappily looking while they were always of a cone that was protruding forward. Always, they but always wanted to eat what they could during their stay in the strange realm that was out of touch and benign.

Inside of it, he looked inside, despite everything Curtain told him, he had failed to do so and saw it expand, like a jelly, revealed, yet benign, there were too many inwardly-set legs that were breathing in and out of their smaller heads that were being filled with the false-air. They bled and foamed and they spat what they could, only to have poisoned the sand-well because they barely understood what was going on around them. With each drop, it seemed vaguely so, that what was being devoured was but a strange show for them, as they couldn't be forced to care, or be endowed to believe. What they were doing was but cleave the life hidden beneath them, a their feet. As all of the sudden one could see them appear in the worst possible way. As if they've lain there, bodies crumbling of sand, drawing away, as they could not help themselves any longer until they begged for some kind of release, only to be pushed deeper and feel no peace.

He stared into their bloody melting eyes and begged for something to happen only so they might be spared of dining in their entrails, as little body parts of men fell from the obscene dome-depression in which the heads rested. For they were wrapped around with rope-veins and growing tumors and would look like contortions of largely crippled legs that kept them through the highest picks, wouldn't felt it if he got close.

And on top of the main body outside, which by now would've been revealed to have been a small body of a hill, or a would to be island condensed at a single point, a trunk emerged, bearing the head of a four-pointed crystal of which cracks, bore the fingers and the marks and horns and some snores and body shores that entered through. More sand came from inside, for if one were to look and see. Through both of the inverted pyramid-like structures, that the bore some kind of floating entrails, in a pocket dimension that was theirs. Always emitting rays of growth which immediately grew them bodies of their own. Sometimes chained and dragged behind them, blinded by their worship as they could not help it any longer. It could simply not be stopped. Everyone now and then they would disappear as if to be absorbed, always lost without hope.

And below, the creature, this filth of thought, would be brought to grow or take another one out; so much to reach and touch and contort everything it could at that. There was as little as it could be helped. Everything of theirs was but that, entrails, the crab which followed, Curtain was but brought again. Before he knew it, he was surrounded by them.

As I have told you, he had received the secret for immortality for them, as they could only do it so to prove themselves worthy of what entered them.

Every crab had the open throat of a Camel inside of their heads, which had replaced their lobes, their minds were gone and they forever served them. It was ever near that they appeared as they started drawing the fear from the flying ships. Most of them had stopped.'

At that moment the light an' sky had become but a peculiar match of violet-gray and many glowing hollow yellows shone but to spear away. From inside of them, more came to follow. At first they looked like hardened, completely geometrical cylinders that were attached together and moved upon a strange configuration of pushed. Yet after a while, it had been revealed, that, despite their strange forms, they appeared to bear not only the forms of little-formed, long bodied, horned fiends which mouths where two pseudo false cylinders met but they also revealed themselves as if to roll soon often, revealing flat sheet of fully inflated flat that bore faces and charades. The images of wild creatures and criminals that were but caught in their play and acts, various depictions that looked like glowing tribal tattoos, all erupting with their strange shining needles that entered through them and everywhere around. There was also a strange globe of green filled entirely with boils and strange orgy-looking humanoids that extended as if to craft a spear from the front and the body of a mammal in the back before pushing fourteen worm-rings out of them in order to reveal the smaller cutting-sharp pincer like eggs that came about, and would wriggle like benign things in their shrouded hunger. Surrounding them there were utmost peculiar small brained mongrel flying creatures of lights that wore web-pieces with which they moved smaller glowing as well as shadow-producing eyes, noses and mouths that bore tiny knife-points that aimed in four directions, that were used to guide the system of trajectories in which the peculiar creatures appeared to fly in.

And every now and then, they would allow for the most peculiar strange demigods to appear as they were encased by their giant-formed heads, which bearing millions of small deformed limbs stacked upon other limbs, until they formed arm-legs, leg-arm-leg-forearm, leg-leg-knee-joint-leg-arm-hand formations until they appeared to resemble the pseudo imaginary strange sight of suns that were used to sweep the surroundings and search for life. Since this place was desolate of life before the agriculture advanced, Shykue was one of the first men to come into contact with the creatures. And it was because of them that he also realized he wanted to make everyone immortal.

And there were patches of land which floated away, deforming the area of sky which they conveyed into a blue and a green while they appeared to be able to form strange devices which control the hold of the most peculiar living things to grow old or somehow recede into a much younger form by implanting small opposable cells from a reality which deformed color while turning their innards and their beings into colorful creatures that would not be afflicted by anything else but drops of ink. Giant strange screens were also there, but they were made out of the eyes of the giant lesser member of the abandoned race, of which rancid sub-humanity formed black squares in the sky upon which it stood. It also spoke to the floating coral before entering the strange Cadet. He was a giant space-man who had no other option but to die, defecating himself with an unnatural form of blood that entered his lungs and had become but a perilous thing which absorbed objects in it, destroying their souls with coagulation. He was the enemy of immortality and was to be avoided at any cost. One look away or a blink and he disappeared without being able to say anything since his teeth were sealed and put in a black box where he would live for the rest of his short-spanned life if it was to be allowed.

There was also the crab-master whose dreams were those of made cattle-camels that would be used for the sustenance of producing mules that might rule the next generation of first-borns.

The crab knew himself a lot, as Curtain put it, there was little to no doubt about it. For the secrets he bore were unlikely to be shown to anyone or anything, or be lost as little flicks of skin or drawn around.

‘That is a lie, the way he’s telling, for where he’s dwelt there’s no reason to see or look through or to be called. You need be known about it, settle.

I know of it and lose to betters.

He cannot fashion his own body in the looks of a soul, that’s but a lie, the little creation, the replicated looker inside your chest it but a twist of a dye, not to be looked upon as one would figure out on his own.’

There were dark pebbles, but only in the forefront of the small dimensions made inside his eyes, and through there he stored many a peculiar thing, like floating replicas of the world within each blink. Only to be blandly seen as if they’d disappear otherwise. Never of a mind to be looked back at, dire things appeared in the sky after, he could see them only blind-folded, as not to be deceived.

But most importantly, the replicas that were fashioned to look like him and grant his soul some nigh-immortal cover was but a ruse, for every single one of them bore but a single strand of those dark pebbles which only pushed themselves as to be attached to various shapes of memories that lasted there. In the form of primates that were but struck-unaware of what they were doing, their back defiled and pushed away like screens as they dwelled between dimensions and reliving through the bodies they’ve seen acting in the past.

And this was the key or preserving the immortality, the pebbles which were scratched by the long wires that passed through both lobes in order to enter the eye-globes and action them until the link. And every time one could sink his mind deeper into memories they would know that they’ve been tampered with and the world would forget soon enough that the Camels were in on it. For their godly nature only allowed decay and they bore the eyes of human and guts in their veins which only pushed deeper into them, through their nervous central system as well until they could not only not function properly but they were dragged beneath the sand where their ancestors survived.

It was had to be so.

Although Curtain held this belied, that the strange creature who bore the secret of immortality had but lied and hid beneath a strange, peculiar thing which was the wall of brandish, for he would hide, in the tiny heads that were beneath him small long incisor-launchers, venomous and poisonous as they could act to during the initial contact with whichever skin it may have gone onto. And there was this peculiar thing as well, the heads could throw them as crossbows and they commenced so.

Shykue barely adapted as he managed to push through. He could’ve been gotten and messed with, upon the rue.

The crab knew enough, let alone could he stand aside and allow this to happen. As he desired just as much from the surroundings, pushing a few steps in.

‘I will join you then.’

Curtain-Kent said, as he was set on trying to aid him in his search for eternal life. Since the future was much darker than he would be allowed to know, as the likes of it only showed itself there and then and nowhere else; it was plain to see and well to do. They were of a headlessness that would, by every mean refused to put them through it. Plain as they were, both of them realized that the dark pebbles were but tiny eggs in which life grew and got twisted. Since the image of man which was embodied in them was twisted by the mere fact that they grew up in the dark. Or some peculiar looking light of blue, dim but rotten as if made of cloth, and eaten, past them they contorted while creating the most benign creatures that might be aligned. Two at a time, every single one set against another, pierced through chest, eye and lower basin, crippled if would be allowed to walk, eternally bellowing in pain as they were set to suffer to no end with no possible explanation. But most importantly, just like him, he had to claim it upon his head and shove it in. For the wire was the sole compact anchor which connected their lives and their might, the power being set aside while being shoved inside the isle; that being necessary to be believed, in order to cut and breathe through.

A scoundrel at heart.

‘How do you kill a child?’

The crab a knew a lot and great things were looming ahead. He was but of a mind to open and look inside of one only to know whether they worked properly as young men would in their days of youth. And it held many such stories in which large bodies of youthful looking use-to be touched were grabbed and cut in half during vivisection like flowers. Blooming always as they could but be brought.

What was more important for the crab was that the strange creature before it had been wandering, aimlessly itself for centuries at most, inside various empty grain halls and various other unnatural never ending dead ends that drove it to wander about. It was uneven, on every side. There was no reason for it. To spew it out, to falsify drowning in it or look around, always of a piece and foam, the sea of red was his kingdom come. It was where he would stay and waste away like all the others whom had followed him and would night allow. Not to be inclined to waste another second.

Every floor was wasted in some way, touched by hands, foot-prints away. Some little men left in stairs, some of them conjoined and little more, could it be allowed to be looked onto, since they bore themselves with torches. Burnt in utmost peculiar manners, they were yet attached to their breeding mothers, of whose children fell. Many left-over, through and spat about. Tiny teeth put in uncanny, most peculiar feet that had appeared. Their shape was that of large ships, in which the little men and mothers would recede into, right under his eyes. To which he looked upon only to see uncanny predatory eyes that were being forced upon him, as he was beckoned to stay away. Keep the distance not as to leave too much to be discerned.

And the feet crawled through and were made as if to destroy the rooms even if for seconds. He would do as he pleased, always on leash to what had to be done in order to reach that glutton point which was immortality, of old and new. Seethe through and better watched. He had yet to walk anywhere else.

But seeing how from one dark-purple, vaguely grayish thumb, the top of which was cut from the inside out with a tiny scalpel, there came but a most peculiar father, of whose face was but that, a cut on each

cheek and a disgraced uncanny black teeth-paired segment that crawled across his face and pushed through his forehead into a ditch across his scalp. In there it stood and rested, constantly pulling off his face as if it protested the sudden approach. Not to be called on it, not to be coached by little spikes to be. His throat was uncanny, purple-like the plague of his mind.

‘You need to be weary of what’s entering your mind.

Immortality cannot achieved no longer, look, dig through the floor, you should see for yourself what’s happening down the gore-drifts.’

Though the heads were drawn and the pint sharp spits were thrown about, there was little more to say or do. With little more taken from it, there was no blood below the room, and none would even come as close to be. It was all missing, every single second and every single pint that went. Always in their minds, trying to get him from the looks of it, there was but little to no sound then. They were silent, attempting to do something, as peculiar as it sounded. Each blow, regardless of it being wasted in the air, would somehow grow inside and never. Stopped by it, he almost came to look back and question what was going on. He was of a mind unlike no other.

There were toddlers in the tunnel below, kidnapper and taken away by long black coils that almost ripped them to shreds as they were being carried. And while white-patched that were carried through. Some tiny hands risen as if to grab him as they passed through. It would not contend with either of them to know was going on there. As they hid, they forgot. Not to look back now, as the creature started drawing its peculiarly long members back into its condensed body but as to wonder, how and why. And what wretched about, that it had come to ask.

‘Of what blood does the pool below belong to?’

‘The blood of something inhuman, unlike the heads you stole.’

The creature was being watched and most of them had been very much aware of what had been going on. There was no point in even trying to get back at it, since it leaped down there, slowly being impaled by the coils, dragged away, until they had gotten bored of trying to harbor him inside of them. By force, he had been pushed, along the line, then through. Not to waste too much, unlikely, as it would’ve been. They but forced to face and filthily-embrace, they completely kill the infants, then threw the creature through the ceiling, back into another room. Soon to be on its way, as it merely floated untouched, almost not even scourged of pain, as it remained to be seen again.

The halls were dark, but they had ended.

In the open, whereas he descended, hither and there and just about anywhere, there was blood in the air. And in the walls and on the floors and in the carpet, blood soaked corpses and blood-lettered words and blood dogs and blood cats and blood pigeons and dead-parrots and small holes in the walls, darkened as they spat blood. And at a certain point, from the inside of every head, blood started sprouting out. Blood was being spread around. Blood on top the ceiling.

There was also clay everywhere, white clay made out of bone marrow. Stone-clay and clay-teeth turning into puddles, making them choke in white instead of red. Clay-underneath the floors and clay in every eye

that was there, clay-encased lower bodies, and malignant voices that spoke of clay from the variously encased holes.

Dark smoke, everywhere, it was hard to breathe through it. And small objects fashioned of knives, statues, or morbid little infant-forms which leaped into the hole from which he sprouted from in order to eat the children that had made it out. Peculiar unspoken dark-machines followed through which asked of blood, spouting clay out of their metallic mouths. All in the name of immortality.

The blood slowly got replaced by rubbing alcohol, almost to its entirety.

It was certainly out of place.

But with each step, everything looked like a liquefied blood, clay, meat, face, gut-pattern turned dark on the inside and on the outside, with tiny puckers, little eels-of flesh which bloody faces on top of. Pillars being spread everywhere they could while fermenting into the most disgusting digested channels. Small flying-in-place made out little dirty rocks of green and yellow. The rubbing alcohol being drowned in the liquids and the burning eyes of the unnatural. Peculiarly dumb-struck creatures with no eyes being part of the strange lamps that were incorporated in the odd-hears that were encased in metal-holders. Clawed upon by tiny eye-to be tracking cartographic-tools that were attached, coated as well into the skin pouches that lay around them. And in this unnatural stretch, no longer were they attached nor dead, but ever to put to work.

It followed through, seeing everything fall apart and ever-be put through. Disorder was around. The walls were falling off, as was the ceiling. Within the grasp of the malignant touch there was but something incredibly unnatural yet cemented within each body that approached, all of them being forced back in their spots, whence to suffer as they were to move. On other sides, never called for and always put and dragged along. There, whence there lay. A single unheeded wreckage, on the side, entered upon, there was nothing that was not rotten, or some crewman that hadn't been. For what they've seen, whence pushed back.

Trashed and set aside to rot as if it had been ever so close, it listened.

'You've come here to ask for something.'

'Indeed I have, the gift I'm looking for, I need to know that it is not but a figment of my imagination. I need to it's not a fluke. Tell me, figure hid, shadows weep upon your utmost peculiar stance. I must know where you stand on it.'

'It's real yet benign. For the path to eternal life you may look after can only be attained in part and not so much as to be achieved while never be prized of and never thrived, just as peace is but for peculiar spot. You need to be brought to it and see it rot.'

He spoke of nothing and merely threw a few lashes, as of eyes around. As if the whole structure was but the on-looker standing before death during a time it was lost for words. Now, to be called upon, he didn't ask for less, unfounded.

But trapped there, he only looked at pillars, various shelves and other peculiar things that fell. Some of the cargo being completely taken and everything from the most twisted forms in the distance erected. Yet

their eyes were bore and they seemed to mumble. Only the most peculiar things which included some long distanced and forgotten numbers only they seemed to know about. And no one dared approach their shouts. It was just as peculiar as it would seem that each turn had granted him a spin, to which direction he might taken, unable to realize where he was yet.

It was only at this point that distress appeared to be able to kick in. For that which followed was of a headed slit that had become part of his shoulders as well, swollen around the ribs, eight heads to his arms, pushed out of the forearm-pits, descending from the neck tendons until they had become pure heaps, of moving skin, the most unnatural thing was them, who settled in these strange creatures. A bunch of utmost peculiar stunted growth fish-snails, which were wrapped inside the cordial device that was melting inside their fangs as well.

Though it bore a leg only and leapt, this Chunk was only trying to move ahead and do something for itself while there was still some time left for it to do so. Every single time in some place, every disappearance made one appear without a face. And there was always someone to stalk, always one brought to the most unnatural thing that had been brought to quiet, in empty days.

‘Sometimes we pray to them.’

Chunk appeared to recollect.

The Immortality seeker was but estranged by him during their stay together as they could for the likes of them not even relate or touch. Upon the dust, settled upon, he could only grab what he could from around. For every piece, like dirt-filled sand running down around them, from across the sand-valley, into these corridors, the halls and where they looked, lamps would still be wrapped in the most peculiar things of all, no skin and no bounds, only the shrouds that were made out of the faces humps the Camels gave them.

For it was only beneath their watch that such secrets could be told. And none would suffer having everything stolen from them, not when the stakes were as high, never to be taken away nor to subside to the most magnificent of the lost causes. Always cured of the most filthy thoughts. And he would wander and look abashed.

For Chunk was only trying to piece himself, from his chest there also came. Out of it, an obelisk remained, from which tiny metallic arms would start pushing out until no longer could they be controlled as to work everything across their reach. Always molding, shaping life. The chemical elements were but around. Though, woe to him, there was no way, only to have known so, there could be but little along the way to see. More or less, the blasphemy had yet to come, long emerged and would come forth.

‘I know the actual patch toward the secrets.

Do not listen to Chunk now.’

The fellow, or strange person whom spoke, of which a few gorgon-like backs, serpentine but spread about with smaller arms being melded between their eight abdominal snake-ring, until the last ones on every side sprouted mechanical-like spring-devices, from which a smoky water would come out, while, there was but an unnatural thing to their heads, which were throats connected to one round-open area-like head that looked as if it bore elongated trumpets-of skin, hundreds of them sunken within.

From each trumpet came a song, in an utmost peculiarity of wrongness, it could not be held at all, for they all spoke of ill and wanted to paint Chunk with an illness that was but his and would've been so. He was painted as a liar and would very much likely be contrived or be pushed aside until ailed to the song, the wrongs he had done and carried on with being his.

'I think you've tried tricking him for the last time, scum. Know that your ruse cannot be pushed for this long until you stand the chance of being caught.'

'I've done nothing of the kind, you liar.'

I'm merely trying to lead him in the right direction with hopes that he might be saved somehow. It has to be done, somehow, I know it.

The secret is hidden.'

Both of them looked at Chunk.

It was obvious that he didn't know, but he was to stand. At a chance, to lose him before he was even done for.

Chunk was not a god, but a part of it. Of the whole body of the one abandoned and above all. He was busy, chewing on something every now and then as if it had been a part of him. Always of a mind to try and eat something, devouring it on the side. Little devils all around them, made of clay, of bloody bubbles in their faces and most peculiarly folded wild-plaster made wings that were of one piece but incapable of flight, they were used to scoop most of the moisture off the walls so they could dry themselves off. Moisture here, of that which neared only boiled everything to a crisp and tear. Torn apart, behind him, he could see. But of a turn there was a Negro-fiend which came around. Dragged by chains, he had no hands and would have its head recede back, just like the feet. It had noticed how they hid and took to its little mind to do the same. Though in poor imitation, which bequeathed some kind of castration, the Negro-eunuch could be seen hiding, right through his chest and deeper in, minding nothing of what went around. He could chow on his feet and feet what entered round his back. For he was trapped, inside his skull-chest, of which look appeared to confess abuse. Too much of it to be called upon the swoon which deepen, sunken within, twenty meters at least, below the rim, he woke up looking down. Dragged around as he were, but a child he carried, blind with pox and left about to rot. He'd been too late, to satiate they youth's hunger, thence he but carried what he'd miss beaded in wonder.

'Ah, I see.'

Chunk considered the following, since most of the things he was seeing, were but strange possibilities of the filthy lives he might create. Of little worth as they could serve. There was but little of his mind and nerves.

'You seek something, I know, I know.'

Maybe there's no need for you to be immortal, I'm thinking it would only be wasted on you. And need you be reminded that I mean no offense? Because I certainly don't and I cannot see anything of more worth pursuing than this, I seek some kind of peace of mind myself.

That I may be rejoined with the Father-piece and become a god.'

'Marvelous, then you shall have been made to die in a pit.'

'Greatly put, I wager.'

Chunk shut his mouth as well.

It was telling of how much they despised one another, as much as one could tell, if he had the nerved to call one out on it. And be appalled of what happened. They were surrounded by many more. There were flights of birds, and many stoves that had hybridized with their flocks. Forming most peculiar shapes that would not be touched, wincing they would be more likely to be born into the hall, but they were most likely brought here by the coils, drained away and made to seethe. And they were speaking between themselves and would eat feet. Not the giant ones in which hid the strangers, but normal feet, which were dangerous. The feet of women; those had power. And even ancient and old men knew of it ever so slightly to be inclined to look into it. No one could deny it, cutting women's feet being benign, yet the power which lay in it could be anything but tried. It only bore itself with the most peculiar sign of hope. And it could only do that, again and more.

That's why even the servants of evil could say, that they satiated whatever evil they would pray to, only if they had the chance to cut as many feet and sound the alarms, do unspeakable things with them, commence the rituals that involved so dastardly things, such objects of beauty that would settle them back in. And it was great and there was might in licking them, and rubbing your tongue in the same way one would rub the alcohol on a wound, that being on the tongue.

And it was required, it had to be so.

Chunk had considered it.

He thought of it and called it as such.

'I think that, in order to achieve immortality, you need to perform a ritual. And in order for that ritual to be achieved and done with.'

But most importantly, the arches, the curve and the angle of the arches was important when judging women's feet. Only the finest quality could be used for such a ritual, especially one that would involve such magnitude that be set in mind. Not one of them would have to be alike either, that was wildly put and set. There was something else as well. They didn't know how to reach yet.

'That ought to be called then.

Ought to be used, I think that.

Peculiar think that it was, this strange fellow, not Chunk, but the other one, the other apparition which had been with him for so long, it so appeared. He had been but a strange manifestation of Curtain, the crab-like mongrel which accompanied him.

Well to be, it was plain and simply. The Camels were the real players, the one who governed over all. They were vile as to think of feet as a commodity, when in reality they desired to lick armpits of those in doubt. Of their true retaliation, there was nothing happening around them. There was fire, somewhere.

And before the Bearer, whose compressed deformation only showed itself to be utmost vile could do nothing to fend off the thought of the Rhine. Why was he thinking of it then? That did not make much, that made exactly as much sense as it needed be.

‘Yes, I think, I believe, I should rip off your guts, Chunk and see whether or not there’s any women feet you’re hiding inside of you.’

‘No.’

‘But I will do it.’

‘You won’t.’

There was little resistance as well. None could make the difference either between what was going on and where could they cut.

‘Show me what’s inside your guts.’

But he could not do it. There was no crimson shade, of curtains put in vein. Little more than needed and be thrown through, some most peculiar things that were listening to woods. Or the latter. Only thing stronger thing that entered the brats and would cather.

‘Think of guts, and show me what’s in there.’

‘I told you that I hold no foot from you and you need to listen to me so.’

For the Chunk had but a part of the created world, the greatest side of the created god, the one shaped in mounds had said so.

And he had only spoken so, with every trumpet-voice and deranged thing that entered his vile throng until he could but be wasted of thought.

‘Where do you think these heads lead it? How could I be speaking if the entirety of my body was filled, with anything but what’s important to be put in?’

‘I’m telling you.’

But the one-legged embodiment of Curtain whom had been around him knew so. That they would have to ask or stay back, or wonder at it.

If he were but a chunk of the godly creature, as he had maintained himself to be, what did the great god look like?’

Too bold to see, he could be but a leg or a foot, connected with other skin-trumpets like, but he was but a brute. As the side-stretched foot of a giant, which only gave the impression that he would seek and want to steal what the brave women whose sacrifice would not be remembered so. But to soak inside the

peculiarly formed, but barricade-stretched body which wrapped itself around many a held cylindrically-twisted horn-bugs that were his organs' shapes. And most peculiar a head would be but a trumpet in the back, stretched like a tuba, which twisted his humanoid-like collar bones in whichever side they pushed to see. A hole in his chest as well for the strange cartilage train-like moving rails, of skin ingratiated with mongrel-veins, all grown around it.

The hulking giant, of such nature, as to imitate only the controlled devices of which, vehicles would bring him forth to stretch and eat the verdure that was skin.

He would look like an anomaly, stretched arms-pushed back, like giant snake-bodies only to grow in the back like giant fat-coils, wrapped around themselves, a know without anything bold, wrapped through. Features humane to appear, and as to near the most unaccountable sides, from which, the full length on top of they would but open and reveal the children-benign. Only in form and those who had been eaten away; which would only serve as to confirm that Chunk was hand in hand working with the Coils, if they were not the Chunk itself in part. Seeing how he could not be allowed to be alone for too long, this was but one possibility neither of them could pass yet. There was terror, dread and better yet, days which didn't work and no one moved.

They spent some time there, thinking about it.

Hours, Eleven hundred thousand, eight-hundred forty six years, added to eighteen hundred million months, to forty thousand billion hours and a few more minutes on the side. Sand had become so benign as of yet that it appeared to be red, neither of them being able to explain what happened either, as they merely accepted this as something which was, there and theirs and there was no reason to explain it yet or question what was happening there. It was all too tiresome, trying themselves on. Since they were but of a mind not to question yet.

The one who was seeking it said.

'Can we not move on at least? I think I shall employ both of your help in order to find the secret that I might become it.'

'Great, great, that's tantalizingly great. I think, yes.'

Curtain was but a bore. In order to pass the time as they walked for, he ripped off one of his arms and allowed for the other heads to fall off to his side. Indeed, he was. It was nice being there, pushing ahead.

There were stretched men as if on tables, unwrapped of their skin and insides as to look bare on a sheet, or bear-pelts and carpets. They bore extraordinarily long heads which were fully made and encompassed by stone-hands and arms which only appeared to work weird skin-devices planted in them. Which began singing as they could allude to a much darker fate than living in their beds.

'Ah, stop there, oh that one who seeks immortality.'

'Wait, I shall be the one who speaks in his name.'

Curtain-Kent drew forward, he was but trying to get a word in. That much was obvious by the way he was bleeding. It was profound and by the time they pushed on, at least eighty percent of the blood depth

which formed in the clay veins had been completely if not nigh-completely replaced by the alcohol, mourned for. They also had weird eyes, all of them.

Or not at all, neither the man, the ones who looked for eternal life or Chunk, but he had drawn eyes, tribal-tattoo like on his chest, withdrawn.

He was Cordiality-Inverted.

And all of the sudden they were standing on the other side of the wall, all of them but unable to breathe as they were drawn inside the most peculiar hole they could seethe in for short a while.

It was a dent, in his spine. Wind came from it and whispered. Of benign thoughts and various dreams which would start on one point and end up in another, and that provided, Chunk with the forefront knowledge of what was spoke between them, as if to know, what they bore hats made out of skinned men, as they were given.

But most importantly, other than this strange twist. And despite having them walk upon the ceilings, there was something utmost peculiar as well.

One of the long necked men from the flat body-racks revealed that he could form hands in the air which were holding the stone amulets which had been used to cause the whole ruckus of stone which was strangling them time after time again until they had been worn by it. That, as much as it could be said was necessary to be dealt before it travelled further.

Yet they were spoken, as such, as it would be confirmed, without a doubt, that there was no other way to achieve it, Immortality would heed them as to go away. And yet return, let alone convey.

‘Ah, I see now. So there’s but a petty reason to be so.’

And they followed through and would to see.

Farther than it, they but found it in agony. At the core of the catacombs, they followed but the tipped, ripped off throat which floated forth. As this levitating figure could only remove some of the sound and go yonder when asked forth.

‘Here, but it lies, the secret yet benign, and listen to it now.’

It was but a strange catastrophic figure, of which desperation was but spread a limb. Beneath it legs that didn’t belong to is, all of whom were sacrificed. To his demise, but Chunk remembered, what the room and the core itself had asked. It was hard to see and the transparent, unnatural old. Membrane around his heel, and would he talk but seal; his heart was out his chest was worn proudly thrown around as It was but pushed out. A head would split and eyes were wrought, only at his finger tips now. Would he waste and wear? Would he face what happened to remain?

There was but a block and a seal-fat, a cruel chained creature that held his arm, with larger wings and smaller stings that evolution should’ve allowed it to wield so. It bore so, ever-more, in a strange access around the floor, but a fall of death, whence there stood but the growth of vines. And many a child would face the mild pain to see, the motherless cries beneath them see.

But asked now, he would not sacrifice, and would not face the wreathing, thrice. Least of all amount of petty, of wings many and little more of plenty. Dead men would wing and to spit within.

And they would split in half, the walls and keep talking of naught.

‘Enough of it, I want to hear of it now.’

That was sickening, to hear the least.

He had heard but little and would but sink, a pair of teeth uncanny. They were but shoved inside and felt the grains be pulled, and, by far.

‘I’ll listen to you now.’

Pulsating, the figure now from its core emerging, though rooted in the walls, at the end of the forbidden thrall which kept it from falling. Of which beast-like appearance and bulk of eight hardy men could not be settled through. For it would know as well, to see it through. Neither its mind, nor its filth were to make. Dragging everything down and away.

The core spoke to Chunk and the others and told them of the story of how immortality was found, for there was no other reason for it to be spoken about.

Peculiar sight, down the rotation, what appeared to be a lost channel, there would be but little to it, more in every possible direction.

Bottled-snails are cancer. Once organic matter comes into contact with them they spread. Instead their jar, but little pushes away. Tumors for eyes, growing on the sea-side, where water becomes them; foaming around until they spread; endless sea-creatures drowned and become, their bodies melting, foaming of the salt. They cannot live for long, thence they die. Water become infested. Leeches and various other mongrellic-parasites, postulated as the pest spreads to man. All because someone could not help himself but open a jar of snail, dumping into a well which leads to open water.

Then someone came out of the snail-water mass.

‘I am the Man king.’

‘No, I am the Man king.’

And they fought in evil ways, of which pagan-heathens calling them would better lay aside the Iles-wonder, what happened after?

‘I am but, what?’

‘I don’t understand.’

‘Neither do I.’

‘Then let us go.’

And they walked away covered in dog-mutt-snail matter, which was their legs, as they were crippled kings, after all and would not know how to behave. Every now and then they started eating out of their throats with little. Stopped, stopped, their eyes were pulled out, by large thin hands. And dark surroundings everywhere, appeared and would take each sight, and would to be, there was no sky, but a flat block of pain, upon a canvas that did not move. A stop motion-animation where the flat scum-clay was but put to use, flattened away. Then they would have their hearts stomped everywhere but flatten.

The dark men then put their eyes back the wrong way so they could only see their insides out, projected on everywhere, revealing as much. The right eye was out, on a king, the left eye out on the other. Both being struck with one eye, reality would not abide. They could but see. What else, creeping, see, but tress were placed one by one. In front of their eyes, right one that followed after but around. In the surroundings, a little child had followed with a mother kite connected to a peculiarly throttled lightning-shaped string that was not straight but strangled thrown around, in filth, they would bow. Erect now as they could but not understand how was it that the child was a giant cloud, his entrails open, on the side, the tube out like a frog killed by the young; he was but producing the steam.

Which gave the impression that he had been ill, covering everything behind him, working for the long fingered dark men who tempted him; while his mother was but out of reach, it was more than obvious that she could not help him.

Her heart but throttled everywhere around, but she had already harmed him, there being no possible way for him to get back at her this way. Not while she was very much in control. Happiness was of little worth to him.

‘Little child, little child, your eyes had become mildly used by those around you. What do you need after?’

‘I want to be left alone. But I am still yet to grow and be pushed around.’

‘May I apply some salt onto you, then? If you don’t mind me asking.’

One of the Man Kings asked. They were twins after all. But one of them in particular bore the backside of a giant-pushed out peculiar form, a shape which was one of the Porters, which appeared to be struggling to get out. He wore giant hands and had harmed himself before. It was with small joints he walked around. He didn’t know what time was. He would but shout and stream everything through his head. No memory lived after, he’d be dead soon after.

His eyes were squares. And they were there.

‘Enough of this, you won’t throw me in a bath of salt.’

‘Here’s a bucket then.’

Washed, then humiliated he but threw on a frown.

‘I’ve told you that I am no snail.’

‘Damn, it, then what was in that bottle?’

‘A whale.’

But how could that be? How could they have been tricked so? Both of them had but thought it was a snail in a jar. Yet it all clicked, hence the reason why one would seek to release it whereas water was.

‘And that’s why wars happen.

Your side against mine, I am but the diplomat.’

Said the child, as he looked back and nodded at the dark, thin-skinned long thin-fingers giant.

‘Then eternally, we shall be fought.

Our kingdoms cannot be shared, nor can there be any king of hope between us as well.’

‘Either than, or we’ll get through. I think. ‘

‘Here’s what we shall do. We accept your surrender, but we won’t concede a thing. We won far too many battles now to be abandoned and lay waiting.’

‘Rot with your poodles, puddles. I meant puddles, rot in your puddles.’

‘So be it.’

Thence they strained and moved away on either side.

But something called them back as they saw the child get beheaded as well as his mother get ripped to shreds as soon as they turned. It was an even worse sight of glory and of dark dirt since they saw everything through the eyes inside their brains and what appeared to be nerves.

‘Rightly so. I think we should return to home now.’

‘Indeed, we got no army.’

‘Say this, wasn’t it peculiar how the snails was but a mammal? ‘

‘Indeed it was, fellow king, indeed It was.’

They would not settle on defeat, nor lay where it was important to satiate what went on through their heads when ever so closer they had gotten to a wall. They were home, and lived into the rotting sea.

Where lay immortality.

Since the entire land-mass which had been occupied by the sea was replaced by a mass which bore a single soul, every life-form that had ever lived in there got preserved. There was no better reason yet to be unnerved. For that’s how immortality was perceived.

And this message had been carried by the create who searched for it, which in turn lend it to Shykue.

Who was pertained to become immortal.

Chamber of hearts

It was intoxicating, being in the heart room. Need to make sure they all pumped.

Some palettes of orange, green and pastry between the barrels, joins and the machines working them behind; bastardly trying each other out.

‘Clever little monkeys without heads, you were brought in, by?’

The hangers of Algiers, riders with little faces pulled aside, off their heads.

‘I think you need to pay the fee.’

With a slit and a slice, while boasting of benign.

‘I decided the deicide shall commence.’

‘Then let us begin.’

Ahead, twenty miles lay him, connected with a long strenuous put together pouch-hose that went along the mile, pushing even further than it should be allowed to sire.

He would be allowed to move, ever so forth, every now and even, but not beyond the point, where ripped. But a side; would to be cut and put through ride, they but followed through.

‘I shall rule this land in my name.’

With the initiative taken, he but could not stay his hand. He was attached, would not be allowed, and stay his pride, as to satiate what came onto him. A dread, a piece; would to be a miss, he but carved his name.

‘Folksome, Folksome, on you as well.’

On the tip of a hardy man’s chest; on every stone and every piece and every tracksuit as well, on ground and in his arm, on their homes, their roofs, ladders, their horses and mares, and even, though they could not see, and even though, to be, this was senseless, how he carved. His constellation, yet none touched. Despite his wearisome appearance, and the tattered robes of a king whom had decayed, he wore the hose outside, and would remain but looking like a rattlesnake having bit, his heart poisoned, they spoke of him.

‘Ah, but this alone makes sense. I suppose. We need to slay it, so he may be froze where he lay.’

They settled as much and would today, but cut that part of him that would destroy everything in haze.

‘Ah, but I see no chamber filled.’

Outside, between the door, where the block they stilled themselves, and then again. Have come in droves, dozens of them, as well as swords and maces, hard to admire, they came upon them and released what came to be and be admired. But a single strike and a heaviness uneasy; blows mightily queasy. Since they were torn on both sides, brought boulders from the nearest lake and put it on, where they lie. Yet none have settled, none to do. They could not push themselves through.

Boy born in a trunk

‘I was born inside a cradle across the sea. My father hissed at me as he fished my trunk from the bottom of a sea ravine where I would’ve drowned. My mother was a fish, she died the same day, although my father never told me about my conception.’

He was a human with a weird fetish. He told people about his story only to watch them hiss him. Bloodied eyes rolled inside his cranial forest which had grown on top of the broke sea that’s been a result of the destroyed world, as a result of a long-fallen comet-like eye-shape which had assimilated half of the planet. It looked at him and had taken a liking to the man. Not because of the peculiar setting which his peculiar story appeared to be put in.

But because his brain was shaped like an odd talisman made out of four’s put together, curving into long sausage-like lobe-shapes as the ends of the fours drove inside his cranial form, then lead down below his anchor-shaped body.

He spoke to his father often, who was a boy.

This was the second father, as he had killed his first father and claimed his son as his father instead of claiming him as his own. The child was confused since they stood near one of the docks for a considerable amount of time. His eyes were empty circles, his mouth was below his chest. A tubular body like that of a snake-man hybrid came out, wriggling every now and then, telling him stories as he appeared to, further more confirm the fact that the man had been fished out of a ravine and had been saved from drowning.

They spoke to the sea. But water froze at their touch, as they would never be allowed to return any longer, to a kingdom that would disappear in the night, at the bottom of a restless ocean. It had been made out of fish, whose flight could be seen when time approached. They often shared pearls and heard the songs of an old man, across the sea, tapping his finger, as if to see whether or not he was listened to. Although the fish never answer, his heart wish there was a day he could limp no more and join them.

It’s been a while since he had considered it, and now it had been the time.

And every now and then, upon seeing past the short, his empty boat could be seen about, lost in the flows of a lost horizon that was there no more. The old man’s head was split into two giant fish-heads. Both of them had been frowning for a long time. Despite being attached to a humanoid body, one could see why

they longed to return to their people. They were longed for. As a mother longs its eggs during their incubation period once they had finally settled to make it on their own and leave her forever, that is how they longed to return to a home of their own.

It was dreadful and the sea was concave. Probably because of the currents or the bouncy which deformed the sea from a constant straight view, to a completely bumped thing that wasn't flat at all.

He had never learned the rules of standing. And he was of a lot that could not wait any longer. Little boy, who stands against him, you must know that he's watching you, closely so.

He showed him lights, and the boy thought himself a father.

He was drowned soon after.

'I thought this would happen. I could never keep a father alive. Everyone who wants to take care of me ends up dying.

I do not understand.

Why must life be that way?'

A man rushed from the other side of the street, he was staring at him. He's been doing so for a long, long time. His face was scum and cut by a pair of evil scissors. They were neck-robbed of the clean kill since someone stole it from him. His upper side above the collar bones which entered the vaguely looking trumped hole appeared to be wrapped around. He said so.

'You just killed that boy with a pair of scissors.'

'Indeed I have and I must add that I'm mightily impressed that you realized that on your own. I've been watching your for a long, long time and I decided it is the perfect time to ask you as much. I want you to be my father.

You must sire me as your son as we must form a family, together, the two of us, adopt me now as men do in the lions' den or in the arena where they adopt courage from their gods. As of me as you would ask of Zeus to grand you a great favor that I may bestow upon you my status as your son. Make me someone you shall cherish more than yourself and of your own, for I shall always be there, your son, the only one. But tell me of and let it be known whether or not there's any sibling I may be made aware off, as there can be no possible or worst offence.

Know that I take full responsibility for the murders of both of my fathers, from which I may never be able to get away off, and for that I tell you, still, accept me so. Knowingly you shall invite me in your home, where I shall join your table, and I shall be welcomed by whomever I may be presented to as.

And they will accept me indeed or they shall die, why? Because I am cruel and I've been born so. Because my parents abandoned me to die in the depths of a trunk at the bottom of the ocean, out of their plain wooden raft, upon which they drove from, at noon out of the evil Iles upon the day I was born, knowing that I would turn out to be evil.

It's ever so clear that my real father had been a good, kind hearted man who had traveled upon the Iles of evil and had taken a woman for himself, oh, so boundlessly caught in his own affairs, his heart being settled on having her of plain thought and of her body through, be weary of his say.

As he had written on my back as I will show you.'

And he attempted showing him the letters which had been carved on his back as a child, yet they grew up the wrong way and became illegible and the man could not understand anything that was written on his back, instead, he'd taken the boy's word. And he's taken him home, as one of his own for now and all eternity, for all boys were in need of fathers, regardless of their upbringings and heed to be and naysay.

Thus he was welcome in his home. And it was a garden inside a house, with every tree grown through and every den and every borough just a little while, there he would feel again like a child. Little evil red mushroom people without arms and without facial features approached him with large mushroom-knives coming out of their chests. They fought one another and many died instead of reaching a point of resolve. That was a constant in the house, which he asked for, to be ignored by any possible means, since the danger would outdo his wrong-doing heart which only, as it happened was put to the shrouds of uncanny, plain to see, he was trying to look and would see. Indeed, he sat on a chair after and drank from a cup and the cup was made out of their slit throats and a door opened and there was a tooth, it hurt, a lot. Right.

His name was Bobonk.

'I am indeed called, dear father, now I am here. Now, I want. Please, I want to. Introduce me to my sister, I shall meet her and slit her little punk-teddy bear.'

'Don't kill my daughter.'

'Is that a command then?'

'No.'

'Then I shall slay her and I shall. Stop, get off.'

But Bobonk could not deal with the strange things that tried surroundings him.

'I am alloy, man that is made of something that's metallic, like iron or steel.'

'And I am his son.'

Said the family that lived in one of the mushrooms, but they were splashed under by a tine spittle of acid which came from heavens, where all the evil people lived, with point huts and spiked mandibles which were used to eat out of the huts in order to spit them out in a way which would make them even more deformed than they were before so they could attain more spikes that were not real spikes, but appeared to deformed, as. To be certain they were half-chewed spikes that dragged some of the material over as they pushed out of themselves.

They lived like a happy family for a while. It was plain to see that he cherished their time together, ever since he was introduced to his new yet-to be father. As one would inherit his sin; so would he be the latter.

‘Ah, the floor is moist.’

And so was his angler, woman on the wall. Woman on the sky-floor, woman on the door; there was a woman in his drink and a woman cigarette, a woman pill and woman-blanket, he could not stop thinking of a woman yet. How plain to see that woman was but a gorgeous flower. She had to be taken home and treated as such. She was but red in a speck of roses, and red in a Communistic regime. That’s what woman was, plain to see, such a beautiful thing she were, plain to see. There was nothing near one such creature, of such beauty and embrace, that which but made the world work upon her, only to impress the likes and nothing more. What a cruel beauty she was off, this creature, which doubt would be embed with little more than the matron touch of her womanhood and likes, he thought during their meal; women.

Although, unexpected, it was this day he chose to go ahead and leave the house. This being but a single chance to spare himself of the sight; seeing them eye to eye, there was the pass to the other house, theirs would be followed through within the hour. Their people but standing at each floor, at every window, at every minute, second hour, making sure no one was unseen. They were guarding a giant grade which was held as if it were an ashen tray, on many hindered legs of metal that were put through, holding it before the chance.

Despite it being a manor house, every floor had been completely broken apart and lay to ruin only to make as much space as possible for the create to be in. Otherwise, there were the sounds inside the crate, always the sounds. People were trapped in, but there was no way to see or figure out whether or not, somehow, someone had been the result of them. Theirs was an uncanny matter. Living in there; while on the outside, everything was chained. The metal railed-ladders leading to the highest point, where a few nuclear-powered battery unit were condensing matter into the crate.

From the ancient gothic-looking place, there was nothing left, other than what they were guarding. It was harrowing, trying to figure out whether or nothing something was left of their minds. Men who passed along the street saw them as somewhat wholesome schizophrenics turned on themselves, paranoid, eyes on their backs and sides, always watching, not to be caught off guard. Mirrors could be seen even from the distance, on every floor, but never the whole blunt reach of the destruction. Other than the impression of this being an abandoned floor, there was nothing to it, only the feeling of being somewhat distraught as to lose its own appeal.

A carpenter’s distraught attire, on a single man there.

But, during one night in particular where the Bobonk drew nearer to the sight, upon the plain single distraught light, he saw a way in. He knew he was being watched but upon a sight of courage, he’s made it through. The door was locked, but a click from the other side made him feel like he was awaited, as soon as he had crossed over, the door finally, open-ended; remained in place, stuck mid-way, fingers rimmed along the way, not human but magnetic with a pulse.

It was implausible, finding himself in that pseudo-formed chamber, all of the sudden met by a single filled empty cocoon which had stood there, encased in still and connected from a branch, it was shaped like two big tubes that were cracked in the middle and wore a single open curtain-winged shape which cut itself in the middle before it pushed on. Within his reach he saw it recede into a single bowl, connected

upon a scepter made out of torn out mummified worthless whores. They've been put it, wrapped through and through, made to lay their hands on it as they were sacrificed in order to push it through.

He stared at nothing but he was there.

From every angle and every floor they watched him carefully, as if not to dare, he'd not move an inch or a muscle, not too sudden or to worsened a movement that would put him in thought, he was brought about to an inch of his nerved and almost came to shout out.

'Leave me be, I'll have none of it.'

The child had said, he was but of a little mind, he was there.

He was beguiled by them. As they opened their mouths, morbidly stretched about as to form the shapes of finely painted eyes; as to be called but pearls by Vermeer, pointed at him, they whispered and they sang. Peculiarly inclined about the room, but always aiming themselves down, as to not allow a second more. For breathing through this held them more towards, benign a matter; what happened after dragged for as long. In the coming of a second, spreading, they were but pointed at the hour, always mending one another for the miss. They were no longer, to be called at peace, none was watching the streets.

But the boy continued, turned towards the disease. It called upon him, strange device, pulled on him to draw inside, as if the cocoon had but been formed into the cocootier, which dragged him on. To seethe in there and wait inside, to loom like a child, slowly cradled. Upon each heaved disaster, songs were wasting, ever grew the dark. Within the end of the minute, the power came out. And he slept the night, enwrapped and holding.

'He looks at mirrors in the night, the boy.'

'What happened to his late-father then?'

'He was found by the sea, where he was born.

He was put back in the landing-area near the shore, away from the dock, they say. He was there among the seals for many a day, all avoided by them, never before touched.

They, whom had warmed one another, and were known to approach strangers after dark, to have wrapped their heat and to be placed against bodies of men; they avoided him nonetheless. It was them and them alone, we should be weary off.

I seek not to question such things, sir, since I am not one of a superstitious lot, but if you must know what I claim. It's quite bizarre how they come even now, around the spot.

They form circles in the night, as if they're weary of the sand itself from which he sprouted, left.

They say he was but born out of it and then taken, claim, led but not to shore. And basked away and thrown off boards, they claim the child had been. I never took no kindness on a whim, sir, but I believe they wouldn't lie, with such a thing in mind.'

'And why do they call these the Evil Iles, if you don't mind me asking, good man?'

‘Aye, it’s a strange thing, I suppose, what they claim of us to be, when our blood but froze when we hear, I certainly wouldn’t kill to be here during the long cold winter morns, where the souls are but put in house, and sail alike when the night comes.

We don’t get visitors that day, at least not the kind we look the other way when they draw. I’m tirelessly afraid of what they might do to me, as they come. They knock on wood when I speak and hear. And they beat on wood on the other side of the Isle when I’m near. That’s how they guide you to them, sir.

That’s how they want me to enter their home, clearly watched. They want me wrapped inside, they want to make sure I do not talk until I’m done so in wood. It’s the ship that there is, not the same. It’s just not the same.

They took mine away, and put the wood back from where I take it, and they make me pay for everything I’ve done so far. And they want me gone by the hour, sir. That’s the thing they always say of me.’

‘Who are they men?’

‘Little spirits of the Isles, they are, they’re the ones who blessed the woman, from which that thing spawned.’

‘So she did give birth on land.’

‘And she was watched from around by her servants the seal, who took her back, they say. After she was done, many wanted to return and look away for the child. They are purposefully afraid, I fear for what might happen after that.

If he somehow makes it to the sea again, it’s tainted, follow me.’

And he pointed at a little parcel, plain of wood, he shouldn’t have lived there, burnt, of scrawny stoves, and little dark stone around, everything rose to him, plain as it were, the windows and the ground floor, he has been aware of it, for a while. Making it so every finger rose, and every hair froze where stay. His little candles misplaced, in the chaotic fire that occurred. Good-man Sailor shook there, in the corner, with his wooden mask put on for a while. He was acting like a child just thinking of the vile surprise he was thinking about. What they pointed at and how they spoke to him from that point on. It went through the chimney, it had, with a little hole inside it, never knowing how he’s done it. He was but trying it on again, trying to eat through in, and put a tooth where it belonged, back in, they came.

He had but never considered them having arrived through mouth but sunken, within the next minute inside his liver, standing, scraping after every wall.

‘But what are you doing there? Come on, get up already, I need you level-headed so you could explain to me where he’s gone to.’

‘I cannot sir, they, I must have you leave my house immediately.’

He spoke, seeing how the smoke had risen and the bloody fog was but along the way. It was too cold for a man to stave off his beating heart, as they had gotten along the way.

It was a warding nail he's asked the man to put inside his forehead, as a pin, but long within a finger-length, put right through, hammered in.

He had done it personally himself he did it. He felt it, hardly. As it followed, bleeding through, within an hour's sake, he called, not to make himself forlorn.

Upon the waking.

'I woke up in the house, in the middle of the night.

They called it the Blue-ravine, because that's where all the blueberries fell in. They call it home.'

The children who brought the man there, part by part; each child had a cut around his belly, where they stored him, his head for example, being in a young girl. But she was not human. On the inside he saw the fiend that kept him still to this world. It smile, contortedly, as if the time had finally come to bring him back into living.

He woke up in the midst of a prayed. He saw only the end of the great stairways, a room to the left, two on the right, doors wide open. A few men being dressed in peculiar clothes chanting around the fire; as they all hid from the gray outskirts that had lain outside, with him in front of the gathered about children whom finally unwrapped themselves, as to be made whole. It was a solid unwrapped sheet-like eight put-together torsos, with two twisted beauty eyes, a swamp-mold mouth that mixed with the nostrils and long-legs which helped the body reach the ceiling as soon as it was revealed. Put around.

It bore not hands but four large limbs that drew thinly at each end, where the grown erected figures of malformed together figures appeared to be inflated and deflated.

'You stay here.'

It said, then walked like a giant spider to the his left and was not seen since.

He tried making it for the exit but a bookshelf appeared out of nowhere and blocked the only way out like a reeling-in wall. Seeing how there was naught else to do, he rested there for a while.

It was never ending; and there was no problem making out the walls and the features any longer. They were all a blend of destruction put just about the place. First man that ever came in contact with me was him, Hen.

'You're one of the associates, I presume.'

'Of course I am, who else were you expecting?'

'I don't know anymore. I wish I did, but now, it's all a blur.'

'Have you tried looking behind you?'

'I will.'

It was just as much as he could do now. Within the first steps they both drew in the pop. It was the only way out, like a tunnel, but you had to crawl through it, on all four. There was no dignity to it but you had

to do it if you wanted to get out. And everyone wanted out, no matter who it was behind them, young old, older, even their cripples, the ones with stank-legs. It's what they called necrosis, when it spread. Actually spread.

Not only on the body, but just about the place; it was easy to see why everyone was trying to avoid him. Second man, Hymn, the dancer; a harlequin, followed through the belt, he didn't look like it, he wasn't there. Not one of the men who made it on the other side. More pushed through.

'We need to cross.'

'Where to? I see no way through, at least not safely, unless you're thinking of something else?'

'I think I know of some way.'

A flasher came. Thrown by one of the troopers that crossed the streets, they were fond of doing it, especially at the worst of times when people were looking. Their eyes being burnt off; if there was something left, it was the rotten man, who was the one put in charge looking over.

'It's going to be a long mile, you realize that? '

'Of course I do, please take your hands off me.'

He pushed around for a few moments, threw his hand off, his thumb placed right on the side of his pointer, kneeled on the sight. They followed through. For some reason it seemed all too convenient, four rows, twenty families, all watched through safely. Without a flasher, without a ripple in the water, without a stone falling down; they were off.

Beyond the valley, it was the intersection between Cal and Brooks, what was left of them, twenty ribs and scars, and dark cracks around the glider, all brought down. The Public Library across the mountains, brought down as well, people rang about the place, all put there, rotting for public display but not dead, only standing. They were given food and water pouches every few hours, there was enough to spare, but not enough busy hands to wrap around them.

The sight was dim and morose but it had served its purpose for the time being.

'Hi, I'm Gin, I'm supposed to carry you over to the other side. It's only a few miles away, I swear.'

'How do I know I could trust you?'

'I suppose you can't. That's why I'm here with her. She's supposed to, you know what.'

He pointed at a rendition of Saint Mary. She was worn out, but they could all feel her presence seeping onto them. It was the reason no one walked in. For a short period of time, everyone watched how it popped off her place, off the large set of plants upon which she stood, get up, fly around their eyes as it got terribly close right before it disappeared in mid air.

She was knee-high, coming out of the ground in the distance, standing there like a giant, with red blocks of eyes, little serpentine-torso elongated Maries coming out of her dark cavernous sockets as soon as they

saw it fit to come out. They were chewing dark insects before spitting them out. The men came to realized that this was not Mary at all.

‘What did you do to her?’

‘I? I didn’t.’

Before the man could finish what he had to say, a group of people came around and wrung his neck out.

Mary reappeared in the same spot.

‘Good riddance, I knew I couldn’t trust the man.’

They walked around. It was a shore-floor, and one could hear the sea in the other rooms, yet everything wore the frames of a dark house which was put in. Left there, as peculiarly placed as possible; it was a twist of chopped forests that made the top of the ceiling, chopped in their entirety, with the soil, spruce, animals, acorns, squirrels, yet there was no blood and no edifice and most of the parts appeared to be sutured together in the most uncanny fashion.

It was a given that they did not enjoy being there.

But they took a break from walking and began eating on the floor. Most of the families took out sandwich bags and crayons. They ate what they could. They threw the people who suffered of food poisoning away. Then they resumed talking.

‘I’ve seen it before. It happened before. It’s where they bring you when you lose faith. It’s the devil I wage, he’s the one trying to take us in.’

‘That or someone knows you’re of a superstitious lot.’

‘Blow me.’

‘No.’

‘I’m going to kill you then.’

‘If that spared me of looking at something like that again, do it.’

‘Or you could do it.’

They stopped talking.

He thought himself a fancy rider.

They rode before midnight, they rose within the setting sun, they rode on dogs, most of them, who carried them, but then, when they showed signs of them being worn out, most had to be put down.

The dogs simply ate their masters’ corpses and continued instead of them.

More than a few coyote families made it along the way. It was not something either of them wanted to consider, but there were too many dead ends to make out any longer.

One was blue, one was ochre, one was green-teal, one way purple like the berries. But they could not distinguish the colors, it was what made them, know, feel, where were they going?

It wasn't the sea inside the rooms and this peculiar building didn't seem to end. At its every side one could be sure. Someone was going out of his way to start a fire.

They settled with just as much, getting through the rooms, finding out that there was no sea but a strange man-tilted gramophone figure that was struggling to jiggle out of a chair. His mouth was sea-led in, yet connected through the device by a slit. Both of them were eaten, the dogs not knowing where to go. Simple doors didn't stop them, even though they had no opposable thumbs.

And it was getting fairly dark. That's the way they got to the entry place, then they turned around.

A few men were praying to a pile of crayon-pegs, burnt-dark. They weren't to be touched. Something about them creped the coyotes, which were all but gathered around and huddles in curled balls that by now reached the ceiling. Having stopped on top of one another served as nothing other than some excuse to fit as many of them over as they could possibly do it.

No one could understand it.

But the dogs but bugged into one another's skin, forming a great moving bulk; knowing that it was the only possible way they could prevent one another from falling prey to the walls around them. It wasn't like they were shrinking, that would be ridiculous, but their hairs had become too penetrating, as they were being slowly bled. Yet neither of them moved.

They listened to the walls chew.

Third man; he appeared out of nowhere, he was a father to the boy, he was but a bulk too high absorbed, he was no humanoid, he was hard to see, but immediately appeared from one side to another, inside every possible edifice that grew inside the ground. He was but to appear and dread himself, once one knew what to look at. He was no man, but a fiend; and this fiend but ate the boy's ear, then left.

It's important to know why he did it, and what the reason was for every imprint he spat on the walls, shaped like the boy's lost appendage, which soon enough began to crawl around its mouth.

Feeling rather guilty, the boy simply ripped his other ear off, then listened to it out of the gap that lay on his other side. He felt no pain whatsoever.

He was touched somehow, how he listened to appearing shapes of sound. They were the ones that made this world they said.

'Come, come, follow, follow.'

'Come on now, follow, follow.'

'Your father is calling, we know you want him.'

But they didn't lead him to the man. Instead they were but trying to get him somewhere else, where he could be happy. It was a dark place, an attic-like room which was as small as a box.

The sounds of the ocean still managed to come around, despite what he felt like. It was still inside the dogs, for some reason, the gramophone creature, which was no longer human, after being partially digested, dissolved and chowed down between them, despite his apparent put-together shape.

They enjoy beating on the walls, constantly, it was what made them happy, for some reason. It was an elating, again, they released him and made him walk.

Forced him, even; most importantly, he met the strange figures before he could be retaken by the men inside that room. As peculiar as it seemed, they were carrying a great serpent-like head which had stretched from the body of the dog. After pounding on it for a few moments, it spat out a man. It was someone whom he'd come to see as none other than one of the fathers he had killed, right from the boat.

His first reaction being that he pointed up with a finger. There were the ripples of the sea that could be seen through. There was the shadow and the outline of a boat, yet there was no one in it.

Yet his trunk was by no means small, nor lacking, as to fail to accommodate to a young boy's needs as he was growing.

There wasn't much traction being gotten either way.

Being return to the place of his birth, this peculiar thing he had come from made him feel rather, conscious of how much he missed life outside.

He had never expected ending up there, but at the same time, he could never return either.

Peculiar little rod

It was but put on top of a bile pile, they walked, the workers yet they couldn't find anything over a couple of too long to spare hours.

Either way, both of the eight men who were present there, were under the impression that there was, by no means any way of breaking through the cradles that were left behind by the sea-faring docks, upon the departure of which a great black hollow spot left the city with nothing short of an utmost eerie location children chose to call 'The Dock of the Departure.'

In which case the men were rather stumped by it, upon the arrival of which, being met by this dark finger print upon which no single drop of water appeared to advance, they had resolved that this was no discussable manner for folk like them, resolving to draw themselves as farther away from the point of this dark shore's inception, to the ends of which they were forced upon such an encounter as to make themselves be fashioned in a an utmost queer-like fashion, as the men looked rather ghoulishly pale. Upon their stumbling stupor, that one might be rather set on perceiving it as the tool that might bring destruction and the woe of the past upon them.

For what seemed to seep through the confines of the black coffin black powdered kegs was but the uncanniest of strangest things.

Auxiliary Complex

‘And thus the end is concluded.’

‘Who is to be declared the victor in that case?’

‘The Legion of Eyl’Seh.’

With that he hung the flag on the periphery of the long stretch. They weren’t going to make it for more than a few obvious reasons. The Legion was broke, standing on lost flights of steps in front of them, unmasked but put down while standing still. Lonesome but uncannily distraught, regarding them, they were sunken like rods, feet deep into a mound of much worse to look at plain to see eye-lips. Most of them moved around as soon as they could come back to life, cracking like eggs before the Men of Pollution started coming out the flight of steps that lain below, in the heart of a giant drop that was solidified then was attached to many peculiar cord-like extensions, all of which shot into it forming long tunnels that lead in the middle of a four interconnected bridges where peculiarly crested throatless, limbless torsos that had giant spiked fingers coming out of their chests, bloodied as they charged one another, killing as many as millions of their own, only to form heaps where they would lay for hours, incapable of making out what was happening in the Auxiliary Complex, which was then put back together before anything could seep back it.

This grand structure was mightily set, for now, as an open hangar, closed inside, each room but being polluted as it was shoved by a giant moving hand-like grabber, incisors being set about.

But these peculiar purple-darkish Practitioners all of the sudden came from the right flank. Large peculiar backpacks filled with gizmos and much to grab stranger looking concave walls.

The machinery set aside, they were hit inside.

But the corpses they were hanging around in flight by the most uncanny trench-bamboos and red rape carpets that were thrown around in the mess. Their finger-like protrusions squirming like larvae-pikes, during uncanny charges set into malignant sights. They would be bored, eventually by the time they returned to their senses, being incapable of making it right.

The Complex, reddened with rust pulsed out of sight as it but thrust away at the first sign of the most uncanny and most disgusting of the touches, to which its walls reeled in and out as if pushed by stringed winds, strong feelers touching in and out.

And there, in a corner, one of the eighteen barracks shook. The men but arose immediately despite being in a place they shouldn’t be pulled into.

‘Turn on the lights.’

A flip of a switch revealed as much as eighteen floating lamps of various sizes.

‘You will from now on address to me as the Mayn Malignnant.’

‘Mayn Malignnant, why have they gathered around you like a flock of stoves?’

Mayn turned around, being presented with a line that stood as if they were trained to act as such, without even bothering of paining themselves to leap through the hoops as to get his attention, in the same way everyone else appeared to be behaving. They were but asked to pull out their arms, aim, then take a shot. Several shots had been taken immediately, having felt little to no remorse whatsoever about what was about to happen. Complete and utter annihilation of their openings, revealing their non-organic stuffing, inside a pair of unnatural low-hanging anatomically distraught and rather abstractly made rib-cages, as in multiple smaller ones, as that of men but not likely. They were somewhat similar in size but not the same; regardless of it, they served fine enough for a frame of reference to be established, since there was no other way to illustrate their sheer size as well as the contrivance they carried with them. Since they were indeed, dangerous beasts that were to be properly handled.

Guard duty is boring duty, especially on boarding day.

‘Hey, come here Georgie-lard, let’s have a smoke, let’s have a drink, let’s do heroin, cocaine and LSD, crack sheets, let’s drink some bourbon scotch, let’s eat something come.

There’s a tv here, there are cameras around the place, there’s a monkey juggling its arms around, you have to see thing, you have to be here with me, come on, keep me company.’

‘Very well, what do you want from me? You know I can’t be staying here for long, bad things happen all the time and I’m very much afraid that I won’t be able to keep it along much longer. I’m disabled, you see?’

He pointed at his legs, they weren’t there. He was standing on a broken arse which had been dragged along like a little pile of horse manure, then dumped in front of him by one of his colleagues.

‘You know Georgie-Lard, you know that most relationships around here don’t hold on much longer than seven years right? I mean in general. Marriages, friendships, work-duties, so on and so forth.’

‘Your point being?’

‘Well, since I brought this up, you’d think I’d have a good point, wouldn’t you?’

‘I would think that.’

‘Indeed, you would, but you’re also forgetting something, Gerogie.’

‘That being?’

‘Your time, I’m looking at my clock now and from the looks of it, I’m sorry to say that your time is simply up, Gerogie-Lard, the seven years are up.

No more scotch, cigars, and drugs for you, and you want to find out why? Wait, don't guess, you don't have to bother with that. You won't have to worry about being a cripple any longer because I'm going to kill you here and now, you're going to be made to suffer because I want you so.'

'What have I done to deserve this though?'

'You're alive, still alive and it's not you, nor me, it's only that you don't have the means to keep this relationship going. Look, I'm nothing else and nothing other than some troubled soul myself, and I can't be bothered to keep hands with you all the time, do you know what I'm trying to say?'

It's that, I'm tired, I'm so, so tired of losing and getting new friends, new companions, new, old, stale, worn-out, too much luggage, you see? And I know you've been trying your best to keep this going but it's not working.'

'We're not hedonists, you know that right? It doesn't work the way you think it work it does.'

'And that's why I hate you, I hate your guts and I'm going to slit your throat and bury myself in it, it's because I hate you, I loathe your absence, you know what that is?'

You're a soulless thing, but not because of what you look like, though that may be in part, but because you're a cripple and you're bothering everyone else, including them.'

To which Karl pointed at the flock of floating peculiarly shaped dove-like elongated peculiar bodies with mock-spider legs which ended in long mouths with string-like puppeteer cords that pointed upwardly to peculiar canopy shared faces projected on the peculiar facet. Many of them even bearing half-an inch teeth that came out of the surface and bent around the steely things. Wingless spans appeared to be bore both ways, in and out but couldn't have been fathomed for long since it meant what it meant. There was no reason to be there either, but they did what they could. Below them stood a few of the men who bowed their heads in coveted shame. It wasn't something either of them could deal with or wanted to do about the hour, but it was as much as they could. It was settled, he had to be killed. It was a sad turn of events. Those beings above them, to be certain about the main mass, it appeared that the peculiar half six-formed, as in three on each side mock-spider joints were after all downwardly pointed, while the cords were rather jerky and more like gut-hoses, or air-pumps which connected to the top canopy, which itself was only fat below, as to form a ceiling while above it, the area was rather upwardly convex and filled with some kind of fat. Not balloon-like but it still floated. And they were the companions of the floating finger-spear-like torso-shapes which appeared to be limbless but the stuffing gave it away as it bore a general dark glow to them, as well as it was made out of some tubular gangrene-acid growths of many arms and many peculiar head-like torsions.

The Auxiliary complex, to be sure, had a most peculiar power-base, artificially enchanted by the most unnaturally-distraught battery shaped Silos that were put outside the Main-Row, which was surrounded by a pseudo land base that was eighteen hundred thousand miles from the Hospital, in a secluded area near the Hope-Chapel which was a Torture-box placed upon a towering building structure which appeared to have large wing-like formation that attracted every kind of creature to grow on it. That Chapel was but a peculiarly constructed land mass, such as a whale if it stood erect and didn't move at all. Regardless of which, there was no reason to address it just now, but there were eighteen soldiers that were somewhat vampire like but only in their backs. As if they were born conjoined, somehow; no, rather, it's

as if vampire-like creatures that were made out of gelatin rested in their coffins. Then the soldiers came along and simply sat on them in the same way the vampires slept, as if to place themselves directly, perfectly on top to match. Then they simply melted through those vampiric forms, having teeth-fangs pushed into their brains, which attached their bodily forms, contorting them into a being. Of course the way in which they seated themselves wasn't perfect at all, since those vampire arms merely poked around the bodies while pushing the soldier's organs farther into their guts, but that was something no one could've accounted for. This procedure was done in hopes that super-soldiers could be created. Soldiers that would have double-straddled pair of muscles, although that did somewhat seem to work, it only added to their leg-shapes, which in turn was somewhat useless since it took away some speed from the men, who were set on a peculiar incline since this fusion or hybridization was awful and resulted into something that did more harm than any good.

Regardless of it, there was a long road ahead of them. Since they were one of the boxes; since they were put in a loop, their brains being sucked of blood, a few IV javelins were shot through their guts, then attached to a giant heat-radiator which produced violent waves that forced guts to become bubbles.

'I have to put you down, I'm sorry Georgie-Lard.

Before my mind just shoots away in whichever direction might it know off.'

He took out a carved knife with all the marks in there, all those who spoke of evil in their diseased guts were brought to such a snare as if to suffer forever when they could not be fathomed to live for long during such a time as it would be allowed for them to slit their own guts open and drool and drawl, then crawl inside. A wax or iron, other alloys; put together and caved in as if it was taken from a grand piece which was but a mesh that was taken through, so much abuse in the guts had settled and would claim anew.

'Here, it is done.'

He said, as soon as he had grabbed his friend by the throat, the cave-in put through was swollen and run.

But lo', in time one could see. There was no sand, and no claim to the planet be; there was something to it, those glowing particles and grains. Whichever creature summoned and of which reins but claimed it to be the destruction of the Earth.

The Prophet was wrong, instead unnerved, he couldn't see through those microscopic atoms that were set in flight, the constellation of land put through, that the giant shadow of the Creature-Ophelia had hugged the planet as if it were hers, to land. Every little change-in colors was but a fraction of the world, all those little particles and every atom-like thing that switched and mourned was twisted as for the likes. It was the complete and utter destruction which in turn was held. Then when the time came, she, it but formed every building of everything, back to where it once was.

Yet there was no possible explanation for the damned hours that were spent through waiting. Or what these new buildings, new societies and new-carved in things were. There was no possible explanation for whence they appeared or what the reason for it had been, for one could see himself but cut and carved, through head at last and barred like a mundane man without legs.

Despite the fool's best intention, Zlaslow, in the future lasted. Cast upon such a desire, deliriously lasted, he and Rose but found the room, reactivating the means through which the others, upon a swoon might get away, to push and never end, and get through, not to last as much as they would be cast out of the paradise they lost their temples to.

But alas, those are but different times. And the after-math was but disgust.

'There, my dear Georgie-lard, you flee, you flee, I see, I see.'

For he stood in front of him, raised as if on tar-like legs, barely kept away, but floating, levitating like an unfathomably corrupted ghost, one who couldn't help himself swaying, not to be kept during worse and worse of times, but put through yonder, suffering that was benign.

He simply turned around, and seemed likely to make the others push away. They did not like looking at the wretch. It was a wretch unlike no other, this was no brother of theirs, but merely an unfathomable creature of disgust upon the hour of which he yelled.

'I wish I be return to the realm of the future where my master lay.'

He begged for it, even though everyone else thought he might try killing them or at the very least to have attempted such assault upon their beings that there would be no chance for them to get away from his malignant sight. For he wanted to butcher them and splatter their insides just about the place but there was nothing that would push them away from where he stood as fear would only cast them to the one with such a face. He was there, in sight of him, even thought his bloody yolk eyes were but shattered-cracked and made as if to rot in air.

Where he walked in flight and where the stack of forms and all the memories he'd seen them all, grow upon the body of the wretch. For even thinking of him caused the mind upon such phallic disgust to stand erect and spread within uncanny nature of disturbing flights.

It stood out there, unnaturally so until pushing away it stood and spared nothing else, of might. It was wretched, him to be.

Zlaslow was but tainted, of pairs, not to be called. Not to be named, not what he saw on himself upon such platforms upon which he spared, upon the crossings of many roads which lead to a fall, upon which he but floated on his platforms, stalling his death as to spread in every angle and in everything until they but bore him, ah. There he stood. Many ovals upon a mass, they were all his but opened their mouths. Many pillars but were kept by teeth, all pushed out and wreathed as if to shake, above them the basin. Sharpened as they were made of two pieces, holding upon the top as a diamond rock of skin held but the bodies, within, but his, all of them without their heads, one could see where they migrated and where they were kept. Beneath this peculiar mass, which was but pushing to the side as to form a rectangular protrusion upon which hanged but one great horn, one of many pieces that were put together, yet sworn. Filled with his substance, yet wasting, many vehicles and many beddings, floors and what was there not?

The main form of his stood upon a wretched thin, a worm-like sack which became a sting, still hanging to the right. Beneath it but three tusks, mammoth-like in girth and trunk, all but of cartilage and skin, standing on the platforms which kept it within the seals, within the chains, which dragged along and fell

and fell; endlessly pushing into the pit, dragging along the most unnatural heaps. And he, but the man, his mane and his skull exposed as well, but floated above his ever irresolute body, but another one joined, the two of them standing, impaled from above, their heads but forced to wail upon their lost bodies that were there.

The gap of land but pushing in and out, spreading around, then reeling back in, in the middle of a town; where the most unfathomable creatures prayed; yet in vain they could not move again, as their feet contorted and became Semites. Sutured in as many forms which were put to waste upon the sight, it was just one thing stuffed.

Bloody diamond of clot-rock; it was not spared, it was not fair, it was nothing to be put past them. Eating the children, they sacrificed their women and most unfathomable creatures that could stumble upon their filthiness, of much duress that called upon such loneliness.

There was a conflicting thing about the Auxiliary unit that occupied two quarters of the room alone, ever so thoroughly as to take everything from its surroundings. It moved, ever so slowly but thoroughly when no one knew what happened. There and here.

A few main frames, fake ones, they were worked by the Outer things, those who came from outside the Complex, many more of them looked like men but whose heads were thin, much thinner and tinted like a dark little pencil sticker that popped at the top; with a reason. And that reason kept the whole world going in the future. They looked like they stopped growing, holding themselves in some transparent tubes that were held by metal racks, and metal holders, as if they were a biologist or a chemist's lab project. Yet they stretched through matter, through atoms and most importantly through time. They topped their tops and popped at the top as well. It was beyond any reasoning and beyond conceit, beyond any question and what was left of it was this. Important to note; moreover they were the little puckers that extended and grew along while spreading everywhere, modifying what they pleased until everything was completely touched and made do.

It was settled as much as they were apt to it. Rearranging mass, being asked for the employ. Reality was paranoid, it moved around when it was not heard, touched or listened to, like a dirty kitchen filled with filaments of tables and of chairs that were barely put together and would not move. It was unnecessary to believe anything else, and there was nothing else left, through him. An open-gaping mouth; it appeared to be the foundation logo, the sigil of the new world, the new town, standing on top of a peculiarly dark sun which drew on top like a blooming stalk, as it gave birth to another mouth. The entire thing but rotating as if it were a giant clock that had to touch the hour; a new man came out of the building, looking mightily racked, always but pushed around as his bones were struck and but dilapidated, saw-bladed in the back, yet made out of some uncanny things that were taken from the place. His outer-shell was that of a coat, a hanger and a large engine.

Openly he wore a robe in order to hide himself.

‘Your sight is gone old man, there’s no reason to be here any longer, you hear that?’

It’s the sound of the last goer, the last people to have been killed are there. IT’s a coffin-filled flying train. You see its wings, those are mine, stolen.’

‘But you’re so little, you’re so tiny, how could they have stolen your wings?’

‘They were my solace, I hid beneath them, they almost ripped me apart as it happened and they wore the sky-of cattle prodders.’

‘What?’

Damn seeping alter was in mind.

There was a ladder inside the brain, it splattered.

A dark brain that was elated, it stood unkindly disturbed and forbade it.

‘There’s but a strange altar-shaped tumor coming out of his head. I see, I see, a few children are trying to make it out of him but for what reason?’

‘I do not know, there’s been a sacrifice in the making, the scarcity would be made.’

In the open-built foyer, surrounded by a few decayed-shaped cars, with all their limbs outside, like crawlers, stood a greenish-dark patch; a giant man shaped like a hill, of peculiar head-light shone within. He opened his head and out of his brain, the altar came out, the cattle beings, remained. One of them was merely dancing as if this ritual was peculiar in stance. Many of the creatures came forth, even the decayed awakened as they but worshipped and would bring forth. In the most peculiar manner, they were but fathoming each other.

Sharing in leper’s leprous corals, that were tainted and put through but could not be fathomed to be misused or put anew. There were little more than little bits in their heads which were outwardly placed, as if they were the giant debris left by a crash, in one of the walls, where there stood but uncannily brought, unnatural things, all but tainted. A few men painted.

‘I see there’s a reason we’re here, is there not?’

‘What is there to be called?’

‘Laurels of skin, all painted dark like thorn-crows, they’re on their heads, do you not understand?’

‘Understand what?’

That thing which is prodding out of its head, can we at least not understand, can we?’

‘Stop it, stop it, dress in the mad robes made out of flea-chitin and worship what came out of that being, worth.’

It was no normal altar, but made out of the creature from which it sprouted, the ladder, the children and the creatures on top, the crevices, and carcasses, all but part of it, but strung about, the alter would not float, it was but kept by a stretch, a bullet-wretch of mass that connected it to the spot it came out of, and about the hour many gathered and put themselves around.

‘I beg of thee, grant me this.’

‘Ask and it shall be granted.’

‘I shall wish my back to be benign, grant me this and I shalln’t be blind, for reasonless approach there is. I want my heart to be open, I want you to see.’

‘Your heart is out now.’

Rather plump it shot out of his back. Started going on its own, it did, and the creature followed it back. To where? To unawares, a blasted concave watched snare. Pointed to by fingers that were de-primated, as to look as their simian bones that made the entry to the home where depression was but manifested, it grew on every side. Some were children whom had grown, others were but women with empty wombs, though full, and blown as egg-shells swoons, from which but bats and rats, and gales, little peeps, and little more than acts that were stopped before they could even begin yet.

‘I am made of much-deformed.’

Who are you, little mad block?’

‘MY head is a spine, I’m sharp as stone.’

‘Who are you?’

Giant intestine man sharpened and covered in dark-stone armor, of which alloy could be seen, the stone is many of nail-like things. He was blunt and only bore a marking on his chest which read ‘Kerlon.’

‘Kerlon, I presume.’

‘You’ve come to ask something of me yet?’

‘What are you?’

‘Wipe yourself before you step into my room.’

He did as he was asked.

Ten of them

The middle region of a serious deluge, where bionic-alike bridges were put; strands could be seen made out of them as well as rafts, they weren’t dead but breathing, and would do, through their respiratory appliances. A few hut-like water lurches were kept around, large pockets of murk where families lived in and ate children, one of them included that of a near-like man with a torpedo-shaped jaw, in front of him-extending.

‘I think.’

Plinth Ketkets just entered one of them, in search of something.

‘I’ve traveled from a far enough place. Would you mind telling me something?’

‘What do you want, that which has no face?’

He was staring at them in the distance, it’s been a while since he considered the following. They were makers, sharpeners. It was no mere shrine that entered them, nor would there be a chance to recognize what happened after, his focus merely shot in the distance towards one of the epochal breezes. Space-auroras that ere cyclically sent, splintered in the distance as they were become but what was remained of their master’s touch, instead, there was no wonder any longer, as to what had happened to the original ten.

‘I remember now, the first ten planets, did they not call them that?’

‘I suppose they did, why are you asking kid?’

‘Call it a mere presumptuousness but I suppose I’m still wondering, what happened then. It’s been a while since I considered going after them.

But now, they’re still there, in my heart, a story yet to be made true.’

‘What do you make out of them in that case?’

‘I do not know.’

The ten people who forged the first celestial spheres which grew within them and became the planets that became the stars-placements above the rims of the world. Beyond their solace of unity, beyond the humanly souls, where they stood; it was only fair that one should acknowledge their passing during such a time as to know what is left of their leave.

The ten men used the machines to launch their changing bodies into space where they had stumbled and lost their breaths, as to fail to live, so other smiths might join. Which only brought them after, upon the celestial planes of the ten planets stood their gods, and theirs as well, watched from behind. Dire news for those whom watched, of such pity that was lost but could not be recovered nothing was said. It was a simple thing, a delightful descent from their stretch, whereas their roots had spread and formed a visor, between the ten planets, a strong rotten spliced head with nothing more to it but the headless liaison that followed after.

Mark

Alas, something was resolved, for what appeared to be made, as home.

‘There in mold-contorted lays the broke through, arrow-shot corridor.’

As one could trace the direct trajectory through which it had been shot from above.

Many window-frames but came along, with much more skin within them flown through.

They began changing, chanting, and in the middle, in that hollowness of gaps, they formed.

Unnatural things, more than it could be allowed for one to behold in a life-time as one could clearly see, they but buried inside of it, and would to be called upon the hour, brotherly they chanted frame in frame as each contorted and brought from within themselves the frozen-solid showers of skin, the unnatural silken things, that were but least all but barely formed, contorted as to ask for more, during growths of which none may be called. They bore the abuse of long-lost obtuse, unnaturally they've flown as if summon from wrong, and long-lost cowls that formed within the hour showing.

Eight then fifteen, then eighteen hundred seventeen features could be seen appearing then disappearing, then enlarging as they become the entire sight, and filled the dark, then the gaps inside, then shrunken into oblong spheres, then giant cubes, then disappeared. Summoned but within each like, some opened and shoved arms, fully extending from inside of them, bearing knives as they stabbed each other in delight, then drew back into their wretchedly lumped skin, from where the willowy crevices would disappear just as soon before they could be gotten through.

‘There was once a time like this when it would’ve been settled.’

One of the frames reflected on the fact, they didn’t realize what happened then, least of all could they have realized that there wasn’t any way to return, and let it be called as they would know. Neither of them could’ve known it, let alone, would it show itself, to rear its ugly head in.

A country within a country

That's where they wanted to settle, without realizing how dangerous it truly was. As the smaller nation would only have to draw from the bigger one in order to realize its so-called accomplishments to begin with.

‘You are a man of brim, whose drunk some coke and now? You knuckle buster brimer-duster, crane-luster, you’re full of carbon. Now your mind’s diseased. What do you feel like?’

‘I think I’m going to puke now.’

‘Great, that’s great, that’s really great. It sounds just you, you know?’

‘I’m serious!’

‘Great chasm.’

So to speak.

They bowed to it, down at their feet. Uncomfortably so, unable to look whichever way one were to know what happened. After what seemed to be but a few lost hours, they but realized the power which lied in the chasm. Down, beneath it, bitter eyes but looked inclined. They knew, they must've known it all along.

'Great disciples, servants and the ones in search of truth, come along now, come along. Know that this infantile this, this puerile wing beneath the earth is but the progenitor, beacon of malignant hope. Beneath it, where one might rise, through the reverted fall, upon which one might stand upon our sky, he could see but what remains. The heaps that he had looked upon, destruction which had been conveyed, down there lay the power which prevents stagnation, from which ashes of skin rose.

Beneath the hopeless, one should know. There lays but a fragment of what seemed to be, the last thing, of agony.'

'Is that the thing that gave birth to us then?'

'Of course it is, and now, upon the day of which it ran its course, there's but little to its dying hope. There's nothing down there but a black smock, where life may never come out off.'

'Should we leap inside and die then?'

The memory of the cry, the voice was but benign as it had asked but several times for all to die.

So much so that he soon resumed.

'What's stopping you then? If you want to end up like the heap and weep upon the dark, and fall down at your feet, be my guests, but know at last.

From it but pours the essence now. It can't be stopped and would not.'

But for the most important fates, of what was little and once to satiate. It was ingrained in their bones, and would be called upon to know that with every step taken, one would be pushed behind thrice as many. To be called, let alone, in doubt.

'It rejects you, for that sole reason, of its infanticide had been committed. Your souls are but in wake, they're but to grow and may not come to return from whence they emerged.'

'Wait, oh, great speaker of words, Oratory of the Chasm.

Tell me, why is that I'm called upon it? Why is it that I feel such a strong desire and such a pull towards it? I cannot help myself now, here, there, down there.

I want it more than anything. My heart but desires for me to be reunited with its lost joys.'

'I'm afraid that cannot be done.'

Not more, as said the Oratory, he'd known it so ever since the beginning of his worthless time and lost hope. His hear was but engrained. He could but not match the spade which had entered his mind. He had but got close to losing it all, for he was still lost, and better yet called.

To join them.

‘I felt its call as well as any other, as a matter of fact, perhaps my inner struggle was much stronger than any of you could ever know or realize it so.

As you will eventually live, and venture through your lives forgetful. But I will remain here as I have once stumbled upon the chasm and remembered. Ever so little, be it so in part.

I cannot depart from this place and I can never leave at that.’

‘How come you haven’t changed then?

Why is it that you don’t sound as puerile as you claim to be?’

‘That alone is simple, and I know as much, that. I don’t know.

I shall not lie to any of you now, for that reason, that is my claim. I do not know the reason behind me not being affected by it. For some reason I could never see eye to eye to it. And for that I could never endure what it did to me.’

‘What has it done?’

The Oratory suddenly pulled away his cloak, revealing. But a strange body as that, one charred, filled with scars and plenty of unnatural things that cut him deeply and would to be ever so deep in mind. He had been turned into a broken man. Or he had been son.

Or the chasm.

It didn’t matter what had become of him as well as everything that he came to show.

Every time he lifted his cloak he had but shown them a different sight, as one should know. Here there lay but a suit of armor, the body of a youth. Someone who was scarred as well; sometimes but limbs that were attached to him. Or cards, many cards, from a single pack, but one of them was missing and he would have but many hearts inside of him, all of which were attached, soon to disappear.

‘That is a great to look at trick, I wager.

I still look in doubt and mirth. I want to know why, on this earth, you’re asking us to believe any of the things you’ve stumbled onto as we know and would to bill.’

A puddle of diseased distress upon them, something to ask and never to be called upon; this was not the man they had met before. This was not the stranger, this was not the peculiar wager, but a cruel thing that wanted something from the chasm. Something that had to be taken away from the others but he could not help himself for no apparent reason. Now he stepped and would have himself thrown directly at him.

‘Tell me, oh man, oh Oratory, what will happen next?’

‘You cannot harm me.’

‘I will try as hard as I can and I will not step back until you will have been bled like a pig.’

‘And worse than that, you will have failed as well as you tried before, not here. Not near, nowhere. This leads to nowhere.’

‘Then I will force you down the chasm.

Your fall shall drag you down the earth and you will have been burnt.’

‘How do you know of that?’

There were visions about the place he didn’t speak about.

‘Your eyes betray a treason I may never be inclined to talk to. It’s not you, instead the fires that reflect, you see. Those that are better yet drawn upon you as well as I, upon your spirit as well as everything else that you stumble upon; that is taken from the chasm.

Call it a realization for everything you touch.’

As it was clearly demonstrated upon the hilt and the watch he held. They melted as soon as he had touched them, and would but remain there, for some time. A few more second, and they suddenly blew, taking away his wrist on one side and the other hand on the other. With him burning and bleeding around.

Patched of green scum became red, coated with blood. The man was furious as the Oratory noted.

He threw a tantrum. He was annoyed, he was paranoid, he thought everyone was out to get him. He turned around and painted the ground around the area with an opaque crimson. And worst of all, he liked doing it, taking a piss of what he was doing. Some of them men ever started gagging as they covered their mouths.

What an awful day it was, the worst, as the men left early and he, who asked the question bled to death. Abandoned there, sometimes swept by the wind, before a giant black tongue came from inside the chasm and ate him. Incredibly peculiar, the Oratory thought.

He never envisioned this happened. After all, he thought the chasm was but a hole, though he would most likely forget himself here and what happened so.

The chasm was great. It sometimes felt, well not it but the edges around it felt as soft as cashmere, in a most degrading manner.

Though far beyond, there was life which flourished; dogs, cats and women were but free of pain and of agony, for the time being. Their life was fair.

A manatee had been impaled somewhere. Its head was smashed as if thrown about in a repercussion box made of tiny knife-shaped women which were hardened and wore crowns made out of put together dogs that were alive and not hurt, and would to be, they spat, long organs which spat a special kind of decayed dust which had been taken from a lost station’s insides, though their breeds would not matter, these creatures, the canines would slowly be forced to grow and adapt, the closer they got to the chasm, the most they had become them. As these giant knives started splitting the manatee in halves, their large bellies would contract and become strange eight sides pyramids that were connected by a peculiarly

formed spread, which would push through the creature's tiny flaps, through it had an tail, forming large pillar shapes at every end.

Four of them in total, one for every little flap, one of the head and one of the tail but not the two ends, that extended and formed a false manatee reflection with empty eye. Bearing no sockets as well below, only to have trapped. The women-knives were but melted and punished, as they would be allowed to get away so easily, nor would the dongs which strangled them before the sharp forms opened their throats, as they all fell and melted to their deaths.

There was something so pleasant about seeing them suffer. It brought kind memories to the Oratory who looked upon this image. He couldn't help himself but laugh. Somehow, this never stopped him from feeling such an elation as to stop himself from smiling. Seeing how they had become a thing, he could but take a break and admire it.

They formed a union of their bodies which wrapped around the pillars as to hold.

An altar made of hopeless worn-out crept of rope. From the bowels of the fake manatee, a few of the surviving dogs were offered but a chance. Lifting their heads slowly and pulled the guts they spat out, they suffered even longer as they awaited suffocation to occur. It was even more uncomfortable for them, but this could not be helped either.

What a strange thing man was.

He was but a strange creation, was he not?

Sometimes he would but eat out of a pack of seeds in front of his dogs, refusing to share despite how hard it begged its master. Every time being denied; no pleasure being given to him, and every time, he would feel so.

'Here, dog.'

But then he would but pull the seed away and eat it, right in front of him. Never questioning whether or not what he was doing was wrong. The dog would make its bastardly sounds, only to be ignored and messed with, every single time.

A man should beat his dog.

But those were empty thoughts coming from the chasm.

What had remained of the dog was but half of it, as half the kitchen and half the man's bowels were exposed, as if lost in grains of dust, blown away. Slowly dissipating, always stuck. In that loop he would but, be unable to watch. He couldn't know, he didn't want to look around and see what life became of him now.

This was man, in actually, blinded, and unable to see past what he was doing.

And life was but without clarity.

The chasm spoke.

It was just a part of reality which broke and would but snare, and would remain there, where it was until further notice from beyond the gaze of filth and everywhere.

Little stars, little stars, always looking in the shape of Mars. Everywhere around flying, and floating around like little Chinese balloons, as fire ignited their color and would to be, there would be no tomorrow. There was but no single day spent working in the factories, it was all wasted on useless things sold cheap.

That without features

It appeared but in the graveyard of cars, whereas the dead men walked around or stayed behind, he followed her. But little to know, he could not see past the fence. Around each gate, it had made it past the street. Where the heads of cars, and bloated bars but looked to have defiled her sight. It was a terrible dread, which followed death on track.

The traffic lights were deadened lighted, with small puckers which surrounded them. Empty gastric-plight and tiny barnacles grown below them, set in light, but eaten; but no name, and would to mane, and turn away as it but looked away with glassy eyes of black-tumors.

In a crowd-abandoned by the street, where the passers stood-dead like scarecrow heaps, he had but heedlessly joined them. Always drawn by her, to see, what it hid beneath that glassy field of Glasgow.

Through the subway, had he went, through abandoned tunnels, until the station and the train had stopped, whence the dead man arose on the other-side, days passing; at least for some days he was let through. Incapable of recalling what entered through him. He had gotten up and pleased to see, in the heap of the dead-city it waited. Upon a heavy grave herself, the wander never stopped in tracks. Where it stood, there was but a watch.

But it was nowhere to be found.

‘Listen, you need to retire your arms. Listen carefully, as you need be made aware.

You’re a commodity, nothing more, you needn’t forget that. You’re followed for what your dark form looks like, nothing less, nothing more.

Exotic traits of filthy uncanny, looked after by few.’

‘What are stars made out of?’

‘There’s the sea.’

Another broken, the wheel, but ripped to shreds and pull its head until he could not do it any longer. He had not heard a word being muttered, still, they would make is to he could not walk until his feet emerged. From the back, and the blisters calling, there was no reason to stride forth.

Looking at the moon, for a while.

And there was but a hand thrown and messed with, two around the feet which fell.

They prayed to him, of tightened hide. Of which but wrapped around every empty insecticide which gave his breathe, around each mace, but hand-like cylindrical heads pushed around. It could be felt, regardless of what they looked like. Every single time they darted on, they could be touched by plots of lightning-heads made out of colorless jolts which dragged their heads in.

A singer wore but a torn out world. He held in his arms, and wore out his last song. As it became see-through, would to be, beyond each piece of the mind. He had but lost his finger, upon a missed strong, the light. Shone upon his curved face, around the rims of the glass bole, his eyes wept. And bit onto it, with sunken feet of yellow-skin, he waited.

‘There, we shall be satiated with nothing, leg. Needs to be stopped before it falls through the block of wind upon which he states. His last compassion.’

‘Hand of the Herm, lord of the Fifth, Yellow Putrid, I beseech of you that you may listen.’

‘I cannot see reason no longer, then, if you do not want to accompany me any longer, be gone and never show up to my face, do not return and do not make it so I look for you once I need to be gone.

Your forefathers know as much, I will watch upon their graves and take away what I cannot latch upon the rims of my sapphire.’

He bore it around the broken empire, which sunk inside that see-through world.

Unless its finger was that which they bore, it would be a pointless debt. And no debate unruly, as they could but satiate no need to come yonder. For their likes would but go asunder, picking pieces that were lain around. Their hearts bout the sun, for many cycles, yet were brought to a still.

‘Ah, I see, you want us to know.’

‘Both of you may stay so and not to walk a step forward. I need of you to prize but a single lay. I need you to remain here for many days, until I will have made my mind.

Unless I’m satisfied by what I hear, I shall sent you both in wild a tear.’

‘Where?’

‘There, in that cabin of stone, there’s but one who fashioned himself eight thrones. He had made seven people out of stone, killed but all, and brought them to life once they were turned to skin, if all.

Would know but the pain, of what remained of them, it could not be satiated. As well as I ask this of either, you may be inclined to hear me, take the one that recedes.’

‘What do you seek from us?’

‘A question, whether or not you will put him at peace.

Return once you’ve chosen the means.’

And they were given no more. Each kindness was but a step backward. They were met by a broken door of wood that could hold no gas. It came to their immediate attention that there was a lass in there and no man. Those below her were but signs of her cruelty would not impress. If it was within reason to ask, her hand at last, showed signs of whipping which cast upon them, undoubted suspicion.

It was an urban-troglodyte, who walked on cars as they became its long-hand Pterodactyl-extensions of metal and junk. Upon which flight opened its gut. From whence it rained and pained by what was coming of the shade of the surroundings, a city of flames, smoke and ruin, they behaved, and lived on it, the dark smocks inside their lung-blocks that were pumped into lime-walls of perched upon thralls that ate them, all caught but fed. On the most irrationally defunct, the most misunderstood hopeless breathing bags, they hid their organs from sight and traded between one another, while cowering when it came to sight.

‘It’s there, it’s here, make sure you bow.’

And the featureless worship lend them to cover themselves up in fear of what might be. Sometimes it kidnapped their children, but all was forgiven during the time when they set aside whatever lay between them, dreading. To give and spare whatever they could. To reach from behind and elate a brooch, of dead-cattle prodders made out of horns inside their custom-grown wild beetle stacks of flying racketed oranges. As they were hunted and brought down, their acid ran down, upon which the rancid people fed upon.

Destroyed

There were weirdly placed panels worked by half-inbred peoples, whose heads but uncircumcised phallic objects, eyeless but bear in mind. Little arms surroundings them but put aside. No lower bodies but kept typing the devices.

First the invasion had begun. Second set of ships were sent. The atmosphere now open; peoples bleeding on the side. Every floor around the city, stench filled the rest.

As a colony on a ship, all wept but with defeat as they were being brought in from behind; first and foremost there were the dark eyes that would ever enter them upon the side.

‘Allow me to take over your body.’

It would say. Then the coordinates would be entered and a plain sight, a boom would be set across the planet. Many more, followed until a least of light entered every single one in the galaxies that surrounded them. Though would not implode, they bled. Out with them; down in murch-plain, a scar was left.

‘Our homes are destroyed, what now general?’

Olive-cluster head-homes, with little bull-bodies legless entries where all the fat grew from inside the ground; wide-spread but mocked as they were but torn to shreds and killed from inside; out with them already.

‘I don’t feel right about this.’

‘They’re about to send an envoy in. Take it so, and claim it when you can.’

Brought on, they could not see, what the ships was, but the shape of a galaxy put inside, opened to spit out spherical bellied women of their ranks. Held there to bear millions, already defeated and try.

Entered upon their ranks, the diplomat spoke:

‘As you can see, we’ve already.’

Even he stopped, surprised.

The women of their species turned, reached the ground. As if by the dark of it, every side of her giant globe opened, and from inside of it but a peculiar thing opened, split. Even deeper than a cavernous steep incline, it pushed on two hundred miles deep, through, revealing as such but a gangrenous reach which spread upwardly until it reached the full stretch, walked upon they watched the wretch come out. As from a mirror, she came out, held by what seemed to be but her head a bobbling swatted, growth, elated and gutted. It but made it past them, then rose. It could eat but froze and spread everywhere it could before it stopped and took away their homes, absorbing. Their women, despite being enslaved, took beyond time, then bloated.

A sight of flatness, and every ship in the world but got encompassed in her veins. From the spit of her head, inside there was but a bulb which grew and killed her, yet. From it rose three plants. All the bulbs bore themselves on left, right and upwardly, cast. Every single time as if they each bore smaller ones inside until they formed a glooming thing which ate. Walls were flowered and it would see ahead, with empty formed-many eyes. Toward the horizons, and out of space, benign, it rose then spared, and none would dare but touch it then. As all the interplanetary ships were boiled inside and would join it as it broke the silence and floated without roots, or the dead head of her, as it shook but the world.

Only the diplomat and the two of them were left, or spared beyond extinction. Completely ignored.

‘The invasion is over, I suppose.’

‘Is this your tool of destruction, I take it?’

‘It isn’t. Both of sides are dead.’

‘Let’s walk.’

The thoughts alike, they were but pulled on and would not look out of their way. Not to dissimilate whatever entered their minds, but they went blindly out their way only to realize that nothing had been left to its entirety. All was but nightly in some manner.

They brought a gift but not for it.

Instead they brought it down, where warmth had conceived but everything. They were of a different blunt and bluster and set aside, would come after it. That was omitted.

To be called, some would worship, they were none.

There were buttons on the door. Some which shone, other rose but made the quiet fall. Between wild surroundings ended. They were but dumbfounded and ever so plainly rose when tainted by the colors that moved through. There, in the distance, lay the peculiar sinew of bones. Like a cradle, openly it pounced around the place, unable to stop at all, it suddenly tore open and stopped.

Pillbug-mold.

It was not expected.

How it felt, how the rain washed away the mirror, only for every building to be made, on top of the ones below them as they were finally conjoined as well. In this chaotic structure, where architecture molded and would but to bear a cask, they but finally succumbed to weight, as it would start dragging everything down. There was no end, no push and.

There were wildly fashioned stairs leading below. No elation, but they were there, waiting, the boilers turned, pushed out of their holes like trains bent upon trails, until, so-ever close they.

They lived upon uncanny things, they were not meat fields but seemed to seep in, the wonder. Stronger than they should be allowed, and despite the lack in what entered them, there was but no life of their own after.

Man of Imitation, looked upon the past. It knew but little and would wander, what did Column think of them now.

‘Come and settle upon us today.’

‘Whereas and where might you need to pray upon to, let along understand? There’s no future for your kind, you need to recede into your hole and wait until I call upon you, die.’

So he told.

And it but followed through. There was no frame, no feeling of the kind that might draw upon them, anything, as a matter of mind would do him so. And as such there was always, as there had always been but a disjunction from reality that made him feel out of place, lost of no embrace which happened after. A heartlessness which was engraved in every surrounding that came upon him but fell; they would have to suffer like men if they wanted to be them. So was it called, such was there no chance at all to make anything right.

There were men now but walking like water-spiders on drops of steel and would travel below on everything, through whichever touch, he felt himself but never brought to whichever dominating thought. He had remained but wondering where to go now and what was his home. Though in this fallen paradise walking, he stared; much to his surprise left just as unaware of what was going on as he had been before. Mightily and much to more; what to piece and what to ask of them, now he hissed, and what appeared to be, the thing which had imploded, the arc that stopped it from completely falling.

It was a heathen's desire.

The ham-reservoirs were but meaty filled with such desires. Such as only one who was there understood what was going on, not to wait for longer, he had entered the hold. And was met by a part formed. Out of the very place here, where he entered, then but stood as if on cone.

'I seek entry.'

'Get around and don't disturb us.'

'Or else what?'

'Far thee you go and leave whatever arm there is on you, or the plight of mold shall fall onto you after.'

That much he had feared as much.

There was but a change in mold, for the god of all had spoken so. It would not hold unless to chew on its own very self, through the addition of a few tubes that pushed out of the ceiling, but a prick through their mass, they solidified and changed. Wreathed as if turned to tide, somewhere in the depths uncannily, every sight and every metal bond, and every peculiar ground and mold of sworn had become it. All wreathed in the shape of yore. The pill-bug dark descended from them as it known as it were, they were but larvae of some kind, then the moths had become their cast. Where they lay inside the boilers and into the city, where the holes were night. A deep connection, no satisfaction without a direction; where he aimed, and when time called upon that suit again to move, it walked in places it shouldn't. There lay, in front of him, upon his wake. Jukebox remained where it stood. Nor should anyone look where they wouldn't. Not to stare for long. It was peculiar, without a doubt. There was a most peculiar thing about it.

Hardened and recoiling filled, dragged within what appeared to be the armored wall that stood upon in the back. Remembering so long days now went fading. As even the giant-grown men had worn armors of their own, allowed to walk in their homes, as thin a space to move as it may be, there was little to consider, what there was to be. A deliriousness unspoken off, then came a peculiar sight. An armored envoy which bore eighty peculiar drifted-through uncanny tides put to waste. It lay so, undefeated in its neatly put place-spot, where it trashed about for twenty hours. Or so it looked until, hit upon the wall, refused to put itself aside, there came on nothing to be bothered.

Dying beast

The whole body of the world is being carried on this 'ship', a dying black beast. A wreathing box, of rectangular box, a folded coffin with red eyes that's about to die at every wreathing moment during the course of its journey.

It is highly likely that the death of thoughts could and might as well admit to it, as one would look upon this brooding box as some kind of harbinger of death, which leads the way to the destruction of everything that's ever been. And if that is simply so, there's but a simple need that draws towards the absence of dread that is left way beyond is destruction that might be filled by nothing afterwards. For there is death in the box and it might claim all upon its fall. Once every part of the machine is out of function, so could the brain finally realize the satisfaction that's been endeared over such a long period of time. It's clear, that the harbinger hold something of the soul in it. With every moment gone through, its rabid nature but draws everything it can until man is incapable of living without it.

Absolutely free of guilt, man might be able to move along and simply live as he had lived through age by age until he had become pure of thought. That's only so. But he cannot do it any longer, it is an impossibility that's deeply embed inside the very nature of the ship itself, for it carries all that ever existed and shall ever exist until the point of obscurity which may as well be categorized as death.

Forgetfulness aside, there's something to it. Let alone that, man should understand that there are some kinds of things that live through and simply get refashioned only as a need to recompile everything. It's way too clear that one finds this living thing, as it has become, yet dull and dumb, despite progress and the way it acts, as nothing other than a means of procrastination. The world is at its tips yet man uses it for pleasure, as there no other thing he seems to think there is to him. And for that man, despite any kind of belief to the contrary, cannot be punished, nor should be obliged to carry what he can or could with him if he's no needed.

All that exists in the ship is but a vacuum, the death of which would be mourned. Man would survived through it, whether or not he would be worn out by the vileness that had encroached him. For man is also made of them, the most pitiable things humanity has to offer as well. Of people, no more than little could be done; therefore, as it happens, if they ought not to be forced, they need to simply be cleansed. There's only purity in knowing that the most insatiable could be cured by starvation, as they refuse to listen to the unheard voices of the ship. The world has access to it, yet man tried to control what he can and put the dying beast to hunger as it weeps. It is way too clear that man cannot be trusted, but who then? Not machines, whom listens to man, and not for its own thought that may not be listened about the day, when draws, to it but a single breaking comet of destruction. If man be erased, then, that be it, let another race claim its due, or whatever might come after.

Regardless of it, there but a need, to stop the worship and prevent the dying beast from breeding; it cannot be left unchecked as to evolve. There's something to it, by the shapes they make and how they connected to bodies of their own. Children might be yet charmed, but their minds are serpentine-sterile, as in the likes of being shaped in whichever way they want. Dying beasts but shall breed in their brains. Black-tar lobes infested, pouring but tar-leper squares in their veins. And for that one could not but look away from it.

And try placing the beast but in a cage of silver, not to move. It still needs power, but it can't be shook. It's way too heavy on every account. Too many connections and most importantly, the room in which it

lives, unlit and dark; many servers, many machines, all interconnected, not just within themselves but within the world, which lay under their command. And there are many rooms like that, all attached to one another, neither to be put behind. Through them there's but little doubt that dead-men are walked upon. Planted it and largely controlled, a world is but their own, another fashioned as to be a moon, surroundings that they claim and so. There's but no hope, to look upon it, knowing. But he humble as one to realize that they don't do this as their own showing.

No, they would but act upon the command, as to a man whose power had claimed that. And their doings and their hopelessness; he is but the anchor and the maker of something as vile as this, he could not be stopped, in any possible way, for he had transcended at the point as to create, a mobile bomb, the womb of destruction. An object of worship which took away their minds; on it living but themselves, the men and woman whom attached, would see but no other way of living.

Yet there's such things as to be better, as to see but a malfunction claim them, lepers, as such would know not how to act, but tantrum. In their way, destruction would be a sanctum.

For the dying machine has ever been so. It's always been but a matter of time, as humanity's entire body of work had an end-time. Every generation but to carry over what could be after, in this fallen paradise of cords; and fallen dreams of bio-mechanical worms, all fallen; gone in a few generations, whom would've lost the knowledge to rebuilt, done to live as they should.

Like beggars trying to cheat some apparatus, while seeing but a few coins fall out, not knowing what to do with them since the market value, it's irrelevant at that point. Regardless of it, there's but no other hope left after.

And then they could start looking at the sphere of cords bounce up and down, like a yo-yo. There could be something inside of it, some dark-dying machine who had survived somehow. It's the box, the rectangle would be there, death incarnate but in a small thing, trying to get out. Trying to spread the impurity of the long-death machines of starvation as it will purposefully tries to take claim of humanity who had forgotten what machinery could be interpreted as. Feeling a desire to worship or worse, having lived under the veils of dark canopy and that of old.

'I fear, I think I am afraid.

I fear you, dark machine!'

A man would rise and say. And he would not make a lot of sense anyway. He takes out a small knife and does something unfathomable. As the ball of lust stops being thrown around, and he stared at the dark machines, he starts making stab-motions with his hand, like a hobo. Met by such a force that's seemingly infantile as not to strike back; a force that was actioned upon and seen by everyone in plain sight.

'Ah, but you must not have expected this, have you?

I've read a lot from one of the documents of the past and I have managed to study every intricate detail of your being, knowing that you're no one I should be afraid of. For that, I say, you may not be able to lift a finger against me for you have none.

Eventually you will power down and every man and every woman here shall rise and claim what they could.'

Language was also lost in the few years that passed, almost entirely and no one understood what he said. He also had a growth tumor-like foundation of an engine shape large vacuum of meat in his long fishing rod bone like extension that came out of his back and lead to a black point from where the mass appeared then was drawn back into that spherical point it lead to. The general area where the mass expanded then disappeared from would generally be seen like a deformed empty black and white oblong of little particles which were left floating in the air. But the engine-like shape sprouting out of him would always be there, for some reason or another. It lead to another world, unlike that of their own. Dark little people being caught, in their peculiar civilization as a peculiar stop, which only drew their fingers in, within a few inches-stopped before being caught in; as they desperately tried analyzing this peculiar appearing shape which appeared to create the most terrible noises it could. There was the sounds of infants coming out of it. And at times the engine had legs and walked around, but the peculiar thing was that the engine would always appear on the man's back, whose given name was Agath, in the same shape and form like it's been drawn out of. Which could only meant that its legs were actually hid inside of it. And what else was there his inside of the creature if it had enough space to fit its entire legs? It appeared all too obvious that it also hid an infant and a sterile canon-shape long extension which could curve and reveal small rotating saw-blade-like teeth which were devouring the air from one of the alien stratospheres when they were within their reach. Since the air beings were but transparent foamy-bubble air-like things that were horned with bubble-horns of pox-like wings that were unseen, even by their standards but allowed for a feathery like texture if one were to rub their horns. Although they did not like having their horns being touches; also it had deranged-looking eyes like that of someone on acid or LSD, or narcotics. Most of which were melted and appeared to cover up for a mouth-like pushup almost quarantine suit-like mask that had fractioned teeth which were curved forward as they pushed out like pipes, while they moved in the same manner crab legs would. For some reason, every time it pulled its mouths out, be it from the top or from the bottom of its chest or main-mass, it always bled, everywhere, even from its eyes as a matter of fact. Which disturbed the tiny inhabitants of the alien planet since they were uncertain of what to do and how to go on acting about it; their race being somewhat peaceful and having lived on such a peculiar flat-colored planet, as even they were flat colored as well, and even the sky was flat colored and their eyes. With little detail all around them, made this look even queerer.

But what was more peculiar or odd was the fact that the creature sometimes also bore a necklace of glass-crystal-cyst pearls around its throat, of various shapes and colors, which had been painted on like some obscure Human's old, long-dead forgotten civilizations of which descendants Agath must've been a part off, indeed. Such certainty could not be dealt with. First pearl was round and fat, and would have a diameter of eighteen hundred millimeters, standing in the dead middle front or sometimes on the side of the creature, near the next one being slightly fatter, with one of four hundred and five diameters, to be clear, there was something close to thirty eight pearls in total, which were not evenly aligned, with some being somewhat assimilated into the mass. The following measurements being, slightly raised to the left, up, down, a few more centimeters to the right, eight meters, peculiar one, globular, eye-like in a small pouch of skin with a neck-worth head gotten through, dark spikes coming out of one as if made in amber, one long mile worth, tiny beads in pairs of two, eight of them, making them fifteen with one exception that being one of them that's been cracked on the side, pushing out equally fifteen meters and the one broken leftover of two centimeters left so, a large ball that looks like a beating heart, acts like one, smells

like one with the actual size of an actual human heart, of which exact proportions would be largely unknown, ten black holes that are pierced in skin, one peculiar finger with the length of eight centimeters long, two point one centimeters wide at the base, two centimeters at the middle, one point seven as it approached the nail, where the nail is but one point one, borderline two, and the tip of the finger being zero point nine, a standard deck card the size of five point seven by eight point seven, of which kind couldn't be seen, and five human limbs, two legs, two arms, and a head, defined by the average growth of an adult male.

The peculiar necklace was incredibly tiny in comparison with the bulk of the creature. Its peculiar apparitions destroyed everything in its path.

It was this creature which appeared out of nowhere when Agath least of all expected it.

Then he had but come closer to the dying machine, trying to figure out, just what had jotted itself into.

Peculiar thing it was, there was no answer, but a time in which not even the slightest wonder could but wait to figure out what happened. Thence there was but the one man who would not settle down and charged Agath before he could get up.

Of woe to them

Who lay beneath, and woe to them, to carry on in peace; of few and fewer frames there's much, and just as such, Imitations latch upon anything they can. No matter how hard it is for them, nothing much and nothing less could tell them.

'You must stop the worship at this very fine moment.'

A frame but spoke and every now and then, one could see hope, in the distance.

There was the Archer, following the Rat whom was followed by the Woman-head who was producing sheets for every lie. Ah, but they were disgusting in the way they acted. Such a war or battle their likes enacted, it was something just as less of worth and something one should not look after when time is old and time forgets. Would to be, better for either of them.

It was just for that reason alone that they found nothing on better than to lay so and ask.

'What of our god then? Must we not pay service, must we not pay him so?

Would man not worship a god that is known?

For Column is ours and his likes would only do so as to allow us to follow.'

There they stood and stooped as low, and every now and then and so they messed around, uncannily, always bastardly, but with little hope. Their hearts were made up and no one knew what went so on. And would to be ever as if to understand what went on; minds were in the making and they but rested like

peculiarly shaped abstract figures in a bath of acid molded peculiar structures that lay there. Some of them tired pulling them out, but it was pointless.

‘We’re here to stay.’

One of them, from the pile said, and they were there since.

The belligerant country

It was a failure of understanding. How plain they were of head.

Little evil man without a stride, wearing himself out with every passing second as the veil around him wrapped around. He was winged and would to be. He saw nothing bore before him but a sign of agony which showed up from time to time. Always but of a mind to ask.

‘Where to now?’

Falter there, and yore he followed.

‘Who are you?’

‘I am the Ajunctor, man of the law.’

‘What have you followed me for?’

‘I’ve come to claim one of your hearts, and eight of your livers.’

‘Very well you make take them, if you’d please.’

Belshl put his clothes to side, and would to open, he but popped a small pair of bugs insides he mouth. They took away the pain with blue blood. Only to recede when needed or asked; they gave him something, a type of lethal rush to his head. He could feel all of them shut down, instead, in the matter of a second, all his hearts would stop. Cut faster, take it, take them all, he thought. Incapable of controlling himself he almost opened his mouth, foaming in plain sight. Passing the streets they stopped, in sight of him they wondered what was going on and why so many of them? All wrapped around finely woven embroiders that had been deeply used out. Worn by so much rubbing, he’s made a habit out of it. Take them out already. Sweat ran across his face.

There was but a pucker, he could’ve lost it, then revealed.

‘Here, for your trouble. My jars are already filled.’

The caged device but received this tribute then closed one of the many written in doors. They were a close fit, and he was worsened by it. By the time he had reached the place, their meeting was set aside.

‘You walked on black soil.’

‘I couldn’t help myself.’

There was only a flame and a pillar strap of wood he could see. Nothing else around him, only that sickening, sickening scent, his heart had wailed in an attempt to get it. His eyes were worn out. Pouting from the loss of fluid, convulsing within the mark of the Saint Ilssenthrop near which there also hanged twenty marks, a little container filled with animal-broth, a single wooden table-ripped apart and torn to shred in the musk of green-brown air that drew in the hookah-looking lantern which rested near a dead-eyed sailor.

‘Where’d you take him?’

‘Baron Sagden’s Glory Heel, it sailed at noon, he won’t be missed. Someone took his place there, someone who looks like him.’

‘Where?’

‘In a little hole, where the wenches told we’d find one. It’s fanciful, you should visit it someday.’

‘How do you find them?’

‘We could find any man like that, there were eight of them by the time we were there, all full body cast, bones, height, hair eyes.’

‘Thinking of replacing me then?’

‘Wouldn’t dare, I wager, I think that’s just, there aren’t many people like you, Bell-shell.’

‘Told you not to call me that.’

He sat down near the closest piece of tapestry he could find, they hid phials filled with little blood-matter taken from splattered bodies put in cognac-powder. He found one, opened it before pouring it all over his face, as he rubbed for little degradation signs he but smelt through with a hot iron-finger he’d taken during the plight of lot. He’d stolen a few of them. It would take some time until fully engrossed in his skin, he was after all thinned neck like poultry. Near which he hanged about for a few minutes, tiny hooks reflected forth.

He but managed to get a word in before it all struck him then. His breathing, was all too loosened. He was but seeing himself gotten through. Before she could see her coming, he had but stumbled to get something out, only to find himself clean.’

‘Looking for this?’

‘When did you take it?’

‘It’s a bag hanging outside your back most of the time, loosely, might I add. You can’t seriously think you’re that safe from mine, can you?’

‘I took the necessary arrangements, haven’t I?’

‘Twenty more of them, and we’ll be done.’

‘What about him? Is he one of the?’

All right, you can have him, he’s of an unsettling lot, in any case.’

Fed, force-fed in the next few moments, out of what they carried out from the back, out of its mouth. They beat it with a large plank until it poured out something half-digested, still burning inside. Forced to eat it fast before it kicked back in; they had him standing again before he could regain feeling in his numb arms. He lost a little keg’s worth during the pint taken back. Back on the Cardle, its wheels but still loomed through. Out of one of its windows, one could see the full grand view of the city and the last two remaining landmasses before the great fall of Alcastlen. Two large hands were still on-brought, around a myriad of dead ships that were still caught in its wreathing sea-body’s cast. Standing there, in sea impaled. On a landing of flocks, of night birds, where the land was still but lost.

There was another man inside, of plainness as to look of Yore.

His lip was swollen but he spoke like a lord. Within his grasp, a full stretch of arm she stood, him and another fellow who shook his peculiarly dangling canines, from a moving mask that bore eighteen little spikes and teeth that were but burnt doors.

‘Who’s he?’

‘He is the executioner. We’re about to reach the spot by midnight.’

‘Am I?’

‘Don’t be idiotic, of course is not you.’

‘You needn’t look at me young man, either.’

‘Shh, there’s a stop.’

A barricade of horses slumping around; twenty of them were weaning away, with little to no more pained to their looks. They were out there, chained, from inside their chests to their master’s throats, out of which eyes, dark globes of manes came out like clusters of coal-blackened scorpions that were moving in droves. First the driver was asked to show, neither were the curtains drawn nor were they forced to lay outside, not even for a moment, if that could be believed. First time around the corner, on top a stopper, leading to the high-levels of one of the homes; where lain on top the mark but a man waiting, he came out and he shone. But a darkened fool, of darkened armor, of no features but brought a tiny box and opened it, yonder. A helmet spoke as thus with little curly eyes, it begged of them to stay for a short while and look at what to be said.

‘You’ve taken your time, but here’s your lime.’

From inside his mind, she had outreached it. Grabbed by the must with a little glove and a robust nickel-napkin before it could burst out; she had but felt it, emerge, only for a moment, not the lemon itself but what was inside of it as well. And dangerous, it was so. Waiting there for far too long, and seeing how stone changed as if to make him just spill but sweat around. It was all of him and he was waiting. They

changed his making and put a single box within his grasp. He opened it while they were around. Even the driver pulled his hat over as he charged it. Little thing inside it; as he but looked pleased, his hand but threw the other box and pulled the thing from the heap, only to be sure it won't survive. Since its replacement had arrived, he simply crushed its head in a moment, then threw it. Hard-facets, everywhere, it was all too perfect, the insides of a black diamond with no reflection. Horse bled and then they met, the master of the house, the servant out of his way, crawling towards one of the smaller holes, a little rat scowling, as Father was home.

‘When have I invited you to my lair?’

Out of the peculiar entrance, whence the ones behind, whence it; chained and bedraggled around not a wheel but their likes. Begged upon the men to be defiled; at which she thought, this sickens me, signaled to the rider, gotten rid of it.

Back upon the road, before more passers could amass beyond the horse-line.

‘I don't know what you expected of me back there, but I done my share.’

‘That's not enough, it will fail.

The day of the execution is upon us and we have to be at the spot by midnight.’

And they drove in silence to the spot, and were to be there and sleep upon it when the time was brought upon them and were to be theirs. It was the only way left to settle it, and the moons were upon them yet.

It's far worse for those who are sickened. It's far worse for those who cannot wait another day until the street-prowler has arrived, to sweep away each mark upon the ground.

‘No one is forcing you to stay here, you realize that, correct?’

‘I cannot leave just yet.’

‘Then stay, you don't need to leave just yet, while there's still heart on wall, while the boards are sets and the Boar-kings have yet to claim the forests.’

In their castles, they were so, on top of wooden man, poles of iron holding Boar-king heads; eighty of them in the least, beasts of man, all forced to do within their grasp and take about whichever claim had cast them there.

‘Forget it, whichever agony the past bears on you, know that you will not be forgotten here.’

‘I will, I will, I most certainly will. I shall be cast from this paradise your people built and I will starve alone, as my child will.’

‘Then take him to a walk and don't return.’

It was as much as he could do then before his heart had come to starve and sworn upon each timeless wager, he swore upon, of eyeless stranger.

‘One day I shall destroy this land, and I shall throw it but into an abyss from which my kind will rise.’

And with a slight hint of black steel, he had left without a child, had given the blind man an arm and made it out of the paradise.

The man was still being followed, at the distance, as if they lacked the certitude of knowing, whether it be called or plain to see. They stalked him from the distance, into the hollows of a building, at the edge of a serfdom's fall. Where the buildings stood, yet to fall, after a green rise where they walked, from the frozen water, and beneath stilled figures that were caught in place, armies that were to bequest of them to stop, only for a prized few minutes, until all was being brought down.

Eighteen floating abandoned cities, standing in their darkened shadows, in their hollows, to be called out, but the dark flying beasts that lived inside then; for men were brought and hanged below, and never reached the ground, or snow.

Instead they chose to dangle aside, and would to be yet, close benign.

But this one hall, of stone and dirt, upon the grounds where there not shone. No light uncannily and nothing to be spared, there it rose again.

'Good man, allow us to be there, allow us to stay, even if it's only for a little while.'

'You're not allowed by the order of the Inquisitors Bernard and Illriss.'

'But what have I done?'

'You're a spoiler of bodies, you know that very well.'

'But is there any other man banned from entry? Is there any other reason that might not be provided as for you to stand a sentry upon each pass?'

'Traders, merchants, craftsmen and such, even mercenaries might go at last, it's just not you who is allowed pass there.'

'Again, may I be spared of it? Can I go?'

'Never.'

Far beyond the livid plain, a few steps away, into the hollow, there were a pair of worthless little wagon-trails, all put behind, he hoped as well. Dressed into a dark cloth, wrapped around the head, a shroud, upon the land he had admired, during passing, what had troubled ever the lasting of the winglets torn. Of the lodgings he came upon. Many men have made it far.

Through the trudge, and welcome far, greeted by a plainly unheeded marsh, from whence he joined and plain to be defiled, whatever could be, of which plant and which little century, was there. Many buildings, unaware, hidden on top of rafts and moving, through mists and seen all of the sudden having appeared, but always moving.

'Will we cross through the marsh today?'

'For now we're invited.'

Into the house, and faceless construct, spared. By and by with every entry and by whatever means, whichever door opened and many were there within it. For this grand terrace was but endless in sight, and many other houses were lain, for them to pass through; here was hope, they to be robbed, during nights spent in. But seeing the cavernous stretches in changed their minds, what was left behind would never come to be put aside. Heaviness was but felt, as soon as he entered, he felt his body fell. Upon each side of the raft, he could feel it spin, at that. With the taking of a moment, he had spent, and went ahead to be elated until they were followed everywhere.

‘May I be allowed to sleep during the dead of nights?’

‘But I’m sparing you of no sight.’

The Porteau had said. He wasn’t dead, for the time being. IT was enough for him to settle on and feel the scent which travelled down. It was no wonder, whichever draught, from which they drank at last, to see inside off but to be. A young sepulcher droned and be. There was nothing too quaint about it, too much harm was done inside the room. What they have touched during their time there, and how long they seemed to walk about. Little broken lots inside the house and substances which were shared.

‘Drink, drink, come on now, we’ll share everything with you, we’ll share.’

‘Wait, don’t move.’

Greenly lit, little flicks, they were around the house, and would be followed soon, yellow specks and red ones ahead; frogs croaking but no frogs inside, ravens riveting but no raven-crow, and there was also the dark man standing. He was tall and mighty faces and wore a darkness-red upon him, crimson eyes were better yes. Only slight hints around crimson rings and the rims atop the broken stings could be seen about him.

All of the sudden the floor became clear, dark-tottering wood. He was but the dark-king of a black-monsoon. Riveting for everyone, whose ever taken, claimed but none. He most certainly moved and touched, everything was taken in, broken apart. He whom wore a veil, he whom wore a tome across him, but snails made of him crawling, little leeches and tiny spiders in the making, even but the body of a man of science crawled around in form benign, like a little speck, a flower-like back on which the flowers were but violets. About his body all but spared, they had entered another side of him, a pocket inside. All resided in there and would see. All to talk about and see.

‘Stay back, men, do not approach him.’

But he had but to come yet, he was merely playing so, Pleiche Neimsk, was but the creature, if so could be called a man like him. Torn between as he had come onto them yet.

Wretched fellow would take all blow, and all set aside against him, as to show.

He had devoured a cherub as he dangled little pommel someone had unscrewed; he had but swallowed it entirely, as it were simply nowhere to be seen.

But all was complicated, as he had but taken then stairs.

‘It goes much deeper underground sir, there’s an attic downstairs.’

‘Don’t you mean a basement?’

‘No sir, we...are inside the attic.’

And first hand of the Basil, of their carried flag and better still, of the march whom stood and those of them who hadn’t shaken looking at the weird creature leave, had finally joined him there and welcomed themselves in to see. How great a treasure to be certain waiting, down the plains, in all awaking; there below the marches were but nothing of a cover, this tunnel in which they were being pushed down towards must’ve bore hundreds of miles. They were welcomed, finally, strange creatures wild and tall. And bore to their houses giant horns that were put everywhere and would bear many more whom hid inside and would to bear, begin again by the time they were spared. It was as such that the purple house is where they gotten.

Forgotten lore of which the winged beasts were brought, defiled and bloated. Spared of such a thing, as crying, mournful, unaware, they had realized upon staring that they had stumbled upon a world that belonged to creatures like him, the hair, Pleiche of which stared never ended once they truly looked. They were shaken by so many of them being there, in the open halls, serving themselves during such a feast as if to forget themselves. It was the hardness of chest and the vileness ahead which spared many of them from trying their nerves.

Charging ahead from the moment they realized, they rose for no reason. The heights were set.

In there, the plain would be not well in the head.

‘What are you serving?’

‘But one of the Dearthagns.’

He pointed at a great pair of twists, many scalpel-shaped wrist knots that were put together until they had become, a great thing made of their own. Little more than a chest heaving out, from it there spared but a little cord of crowds, eaten aloud. Cleeke had but introduced himself before their say and would take over, whenever there be claim. And walked around and spoiled was spoken, and would be throttled as soon as they would ask.

‘What news do you bring of us?’

‘Talley, Talley, come from afar, you’ve been taken and been placed as near as to be looked alike.’

‘And what they’ve done?’

‘Committed crime and evil in thine name, and would remain outside for many consecutive days. And would but throw the world in chaos unless stopped.’

‘What has there been done?’

But there was so much more that could not be said at last.

Pylo was but a face stretched, of Statuae-horns but followed around across a House of spoils, many a man inside of it as all.

‘Greetings young one whom claimed to be, what do you bring?’

‘A travesty of little beads.’

He stole them earlier, past the breeches, lions were skinned. And into the vales, where they would come within, a mane was but to hold the house instead. Plenty of men surrounding and to die for the name; of whichever claim to be the lord, too many of them present, all alike and won, no conquest from their servants, no masters from the province, not to be saturated with, be pleased, they but got inside the house a man within which bond was done. A contract was given and he would be come upon it, brought but the head of a long thing. The barn was set to ashes, the family butchered like cattle and what followed after was but a trail. A slave but heaving after knowing, of little more the world foaming; yet he was brought alive. He would not move even if it was the last thing to make him lie in any other spot, alas they cast but evil eyes, they asked of him when to pay the heed and of brought in.

‘I want only one thing, I’m after a dame, she has stolen my remains, and without them, but of evil men shall carry on whichever legacy my bone shall but enthrall.’

‘Such blasphemy.’

‘But hear me so, my bones, which breathe, my stone yet heaves shall make but a small part of an army. A fraction that shall call upon itself to swarm upon the most uncanny.’

‘What will you do when they come battering at your door? When they look upon you so with the soles of evil beady eyes?’

When they ask of you, what have you done? ‘

‘I’ll show them this and then I’ll be at peace.’

For the strangeness was not where it lay, not out in the open, but certainly not here to say. This was a fake man who look estranged. And ever so looked upon him such a man as if to ask in vein.

‘Have I seen you before? ‘

‘You don’t really get to call it so.’

And he but showed but what he hid in chest, he was revealed, a dark thing battering, but always heaving up and thence. It was but shown to last and to have cast, but a single light on what was going on. He was afraid only for a moment more, until he could refrain from doing it so. He was but vile and vilified, by which he was cast aside, no pay in mind to look for work.

‘Damn them, must I always be in such pursuit?’

And on the road, an evil Crook, shaped like a strange great pillar which was molded of eight men turned this way, first one normally, the one in the back seventy five degrees counter clockwise, facing out of his back as well. The next two, both directions, both turned with their heads towards the opposite legs,

leading towards four distinct feet hung in the air, connected to four more on which hanged the men. The shapes would be completely molded, as to show no finger nor any arm, nothing from the distance, nothing from afar. But in their chest and in the depths of their cavity, which they shared, a nest where peculiar long human headed birds which were connected to these bodies were the ones who spoke.

‘There’s but none like us, you know that, mister?’

‘I suppose it to be so, but what is it to you?’

It could’ve been sworn that there, in the dark where they lay, there was no certainty as to say, what they saw. Of this lane far, little point-huts were put on hunt and set of fire ant hills as if to make their home at last, and conjured upon their veils, there stood but the most perilous beings, the peels. Which dropped and fell and would wrap around as if to tell, whomever touched as well, as well. Half-wits had crafted, small pints and stoppers, which were working, blowing but tiny airs, into the hills and into the mass as well. Which result could be seen, each rose from within, each tree and each spare off the bat, where there stood but an uncanny man which had burns on his body, tar. Beneath the earth he spoke, he tried digging a hole but a burst of fire, molten, bore, had maimed the man worse than any beast.

All around there lay no peace. Yet weird structures, which made no sense; despite the fact they rose from within the chest and within the lay, it made as much as it could be conveyed. Strange turns and strange makings, even worse than what went conveying; they were rose upon death masks, invisible ones. Forming the great molds of towering formations of dominating strangled bars, holding within the drops of large towering felt upon or touched-like pots, out of which rose sharp, triangular heads and spike leads that surrounded them; too twisted to be looked upon, of dirt and fire-risen, of the most uncanny feeling teaser. But naught of the normal thing which fell; when they ran out of things, some of the structures were made out of men.

‘You need to check whether or not they know and show them the like as if to sow whatever means there are.’

With that alone in mind, afar, they settled to watch together, the touched huts and the chambers, at last which only brought them so much closer.

As soon as they but felt, around each den, but marks within and words of dead; they were greeted by four man that looked as such. All the same and would to be, at last. They spoke and claimed they’d bring much more, many others, who shall take their lives if time draws forth.

‘Twenty of you will be dead by the time I raise my finger-bed.’

It was what he called the veiled thing, the prick he carried around, that which destroyed all, that which would consume when all other options ran out.

In a matter of a few hours they were met, by eight hundred of them standing in the back, lined up as in a crowd. Armed with little more than clubs made out of their faces, and little compressed bodies which were cackling with every passing fingers. Eyes were pierced by long fingers that had entered their gums, out of their mouths, then back into their eyes as if they were but sutured in. This was incontestable any

longer, it was what had to be. There was not a single reason to reel it in. The most peculiar ones behind; fighting themselves, eating pieces of their own throats; worsened by the time they had made it so.

Within the hour it would be settled, whichever other direction and the darkening of their creation. But how could it be theirs?

‘Crook, you tell me, how did we stumble onto this and who is the ruler of this disease? Who’s the one responsible for it?’

‘I couldn’t tell you, that’s but a secret worth a life.’

‘So you all know and you withheld it for me all this time around, so I could be drawn into a trap?’

‘Why would I be here in this case then?’

‘I do not know, but tell me this, what are we to do then?’

‘Push through them and walk towards the structure before the hole in which it’s ripped into is gone. Before it hardens and there it lays until the end of which foretold us of every human and every pray.’

With as little as that he simply pushed past them, with little fear, being put aside no more. Pile had but put whatever reason he’d considered behind, whatever pushed him now only told him, on the deeper side, return, return, from whence you came from, do you not realize how much we’re worn? You won’t make it half-through. As much as he could see it, hue. He had but settled to walk forth. Still in his back, the Crook followed so. He considered as much, there was the chance, that he could somehow make it through flight. If that were the case, if such was ill, to be as well; he could say farewell to glory and forget all which made human life, it could all have been a lie. He’s with them, isn’t he? Why trust the creatures inside? You can turn at any moment and claim him if that’s what you desire and that’s what’s to your name and tide. If destiny would have it, claimed, if you could but. Reached, they stopped upon the way. There was no way to get up there, only entering a strange tunnel-hole root which was contorted within and out, while wreathing where it shouldn’t. If one were to fell down there, he couldn’t get away, by no means as if to say, and lay himself, wherever aside. There were dark things not even his mind could conjure that hid in there and winked their eyes. No matter what they meant. And how deepening their sight had went.

‘I will leap in.’

‘Or you could take the easier way out and claim your stretch and climb upon my legs there, as you should be bound to understand, there’s no way out yet.’

‘So, only so be certain and ensured. You’ve tricked me all the way here?’

‘Indeed I have, and to be sure. I should let you know that this is my armor, and I may not be faltered after. And I have made you lay for long, hours at that, in which you thought you would have a chance.

You’re not that clever, yet at all. You’ve made it seem like you could make it on a whim if you pushed it ever so clever as to make it.’

‘But I’m here am I not?’

‘To your grave, much better; I seem to have taken a liking to your attitude.’

Delight of which there was but naught, they set aside the feeling on, and shared to be, on top of him, but reached the structure, on the top. He saw a means of entry to the side, pulled inside and drawn to it as a mouse to cheese, a rat reprise, into the realm then called forth. He was on top of a great roof. The sight he shook.

All but starlight which fell, upon growths uncanny everywhere; sluggish mixtures, large twists, abstractions of leeches and other larvae-fills, and many that stooped low, some that came to show that there eight bridges, all interconnected. Dissected by each light, the sound of boots and every flight, roofs that were nowhere to be seen; all but felt within the grasp. A rash of many needle-bloated marks which formed the arches which had welcomes; tainted robes and ear-flavored with a face that was but a single ear-drum filler with little growths, attachments of their own that spread about the place. It was hardened, a mask of iron with spines in it, and all to his body wreathed in purple fiery stallion.

Strange, as it were, he welcomed Pile and were not for his grace and what he looked like, he might’ve been whipped immediately by the estranged servants that followed after.

‘Lower your arms, he’s safe for a touch, for now at least.’

Of wrath as much there was not much left.

He was lead towards the Commune-beast upon which they shed bead crumbs. It ate and wore its claws, since it bore clumps inside and twists of skin, stumps within and missing heads, from within, eating with the bot-flyesque attachments that expanded and allowed it feed. These were better times, and this appeared to be the only chance one would have to get this close to it, since it spread, from it erected, the little things but spread around the valley, having carved it.

‘It’s always pacing around at time. I suppose, that’s the reason there’s a well in the middle untouched. Even such a creature needs to drink from time to time.’

‘Unlike everything else that’s been touched, there’s but one thing that’s still tiresome you should be made aware of.’

‘That is?’

‘It’s wearing us down being there.’

And upon the stone steps they had finally come in, stumbling on their feet no longer as the first of the houses were but followed through. Every living creature, even those outside had little movable hoses attached to their chests, reverse pumping them inside the beast, which asked this of them. For the very least, it would have something to eat and something be returned as soon as possible. Otherwise, who could tell and of what lies beneath each home.

‘We shall enter one of the facets since that’s clearly what you desire.’

Another masked man, why do they all have to hide themselves? What are they afraid of showing?’

He had considered as much.

Great hammer-head top but not with two protrusions, instead going downwardly as to form a stylized chunk or rock that receded below, as to form a pseudo tip of isles. A giant horn-like formed country could be seen somewhere, attached to their own. And beneath, one of the lowest countries appeared to be a peculiarly sculpted two dimension pear-bottom shaped face, with a single giant eye in the middle, yet no round angles, all squared. Head square bearing the eye, a rectangle for the lower pear shaped, lower side mouth which appeared to be made in a formation as to kill the lowest country which rested like a cradle. He could not take his eyes away from that peculiar map, Pile hated being reminded of it. Most importantly of that thing; which he's settled to find out where it was for himself and make do with it one day.

'Here's the entire hose arrangement, it should be enough, fair to say at least that they go just about everywhere, under every piece of ground and every possible touch. For what's worth, I'm as disturbed as you are.'

'How come you avoided it?

What about your servants?'

'We don't live in the Commune and the beast knows this. It would never harm outsiders, at least not intentionally. And there's a great deal to the beast as for you to know that it's not as idiotic as it's made to look.'

Although there were no signs of there being any cognitive thing with the absence of the head; they were fair. The people of the city, from their hands to their features that ended below the masks, overly wrought and soon to be gone, but. He never asked what they produced.

'May I go.'

'As you please, but be careful not to lose yourself around the Commune, it could be a maze sometimes, if you were to believe it.'

'I'll be fine, don't worry about it.'

With it, he was underway, to search for a three-spot, a crossing between three people whom were but brought there, from whom knows where.

Petulak, Hyndway and Sechree, all but standing upon a broken mule-cart in the middle of the road; filled with but a few pots which had been thrown and put aside. They were cracked and made to lose their sides, every piece and everything put to shreds, every cast but underway as they were lain in wait for one receiver. Thinking of himself, as through, he had considered as such how easily he would do to help them with what they were plain and were not to ask and instead but stood there, at last, the stranger.

And revealed as much, that their hoses, yet that come from earth, from foundation and from the girth of the beast's back, were attached to their mouths, yet appeared not to impede communication, it was plain to see that they had been enjoying themselves way too often and way too much for their precocious nature to be easily settled.

For one who's not but seen a lot, for what he was called and sent, on bound, to search for the culprit, wherever he may have went.

But lo and high above them, there was but a large set of metal roads, all cut and put on sticks and rows, which lead upon one another, handling, all around, largely surrounding the main structure, domed roof, upon which meeting roved, and there, to stand. Upon tiny specks and metal legs, rested two pairs of citadels; kept in air, a system as well by a metal belt, surrounding them, always walking on the flat land, iron bound and melted-in, about the place. From large empty trails, moved the little charts and the small plain steel droning wails. Magma chapters draw from somewhere in the west and south, they but made the middle steel darters whom threw but arrows flunk about. And the people wreathing in appear, but wrapped around and morning, teal, lights would come to emerge, and the weakest of alloy and of bonds were but drawn inside, then never to be seen. Lost about the place, then become ill, with the weakest men, with the wickedest of armors, then, the forges always sang, they mourned for their lost children and lost about, their dear, survivors, who walked around and met, the defilers.

Those whom came with peaks during the mournful light's eve; upon their wreathing hits, they took from within only the most unnecessary pints, only the most useless things, which were in-between the builds, there standing. Little fire-grunting rocks, and flocks of steel bipeds trapped between and nested in their laps as they had run, before the citadels would come upon them. Always moving within its platform, on laid by a mischance, the disastrous thing being after, the fact that it heaved itself and moved around, always droning, then lost; that was just as much as mattered, whatever happened after.

Taking its time, moving around, being dragged by chains and peculiarly primitive vehicles that were set and put about, weighted but never pushed. And dragged and one shook.

In the distance, one could see. Peculiar heights that were pushed around, in order to be called; wreathed about, there came, without a shout, the first signs of high ceilings, which were domed. Thrones for long men with long mans' whom likes would tear up the world. Mats of being, cattle-wrought enabled. Tall builds, upon which hands put through, twists and pearl-like bulks within, towering on top each other, some curved and pushed through, one another, crested and wreathed about.

It was pointless, and about the wreathe, and would to be and they were gone.

There were large, uncanny, high buildings that came in clusters of tens, or hundreds, all molded together as if to form termite hives, which were connected by building shaped enclosed bridges that connected every few floors. On top their domes, uncanny heaving hard bulk black heads which were droned with little flying locust-beings, eating form diseased-clouds, drawn in, about the plain.

As it was clear, the two citadels were looked, at the base of their shared conjoined side like two mighty mountains put on top and wreathed in to form a few telescope towers, grand and might and heaves about, still legs but moving It, while put to pressure, in the crowds of little iron things with iron arms, of little more than eyes of ten glowing, red, ten glowing blue, ten glowing yellow and of whichever other sang. And at times, when unneeded, when the work was but brought away, as they would be forced to wait for a little longer, they pulled out thin reeds of iron, upon which hung lights. Running around, chasing non-existent fireflies. Would do this for hours.

But whom to live in the two citadels if not the most uncanny land-landers, whom had come from long stretches of lands, and had settled inside; for they were giant, but not as tall as to say, twenty iron people put on top of one another's shoulders, and would to be hid away. Played with and pushed around and woe to them, when time had come.

They were living forges themselves and would often splash one another not with iron but with animals, which they had melted. Everything would be stained by them. Every wall, every floor and every giant, a taxidermist-pool; they swam in little swoons and swans, in little ducks and plenty birds of colors and of shrouds, a harem of feathers, torn but colors kept. They swept the rooms and put heads everywhere, only to decorate. Cattle-horned wasp-puddles, horse-bubbles, bulls of eighteen heads and large throats which accompanied no legs, elephants of which girth and meat and growth evolved and darkened, suckered like raisins that bled after in most peculiar little tiny hanging dens on top the ceiling from where a steam-like heat came out of, which only brought their feet to smell like little unfathomable grith.

Curtains, man of pig, not spoken of.

Sometimes the citadels would fly in the air, as far and as fast as they could, like tiny flocks of feathers pushed on by the wind.

On the rooftop during the execution; the lime was set, upon the bed, on top the highest ceiling, dead, was the man who bit from it, when the time arose, the silken heap of dust and mist, colored in the pink and yellow-rose upon which wink had taken them before.

They moved out of their way and only woke up, the four of them, in a land where they were reeled in for. Only for the moment, needed, only when the siphon heeded, only for a little while, until their arms but tired now.

Least of all, one man entered in the distance, one home.

Dreadful building, tall house, put inside a mountain, nothing of it could be seen from the outside, other than the forefront which bore. Eight statues caught in fight, wrought by sculptors whose hands were still there, as more and more came around. Tiny bridges all on walls, one would be incapable of climbing on top of them, no matter how hard he tried. The insides of the tall house, plain; a carpet straight shaped like a giant hammer in the front, leading to two rooms, each bearing a longer door than the other. One crimson patterns of serpent crests, with little dents, a table near it, with a candle, two plates with a vase on top of them, stacked, whitish plants, with eyes inside their cores. Various knives and a few coins next to it, a crossed-like chamber at each end, which lead to a strange horn-like, or the insides of a horn, surrounding each entry-side. Segments holding nothing but a fire-lamp encrusted on top.

The insides of a room, flat, a bed on the right side, two windows, a few placed cabinets between a cabinet on the left side of a room. A giant spherical device surrounded by various golden-like belts that bore twisters, controllable as to expand upon the globe, behind then screwdriver-like levers actioning them, as if to push around and make them work when it was necessary to extract something or lay a mark. Outside the window, the sight of the city brought to view, large sight, two fountains, one smaller, which was surrounded by a smaller commune of its own, and in the distance, approaching a valley-like rise, or a hill push, a grander city, leading to a high-raised wall which was made out of shields, wooden hills, trees, and

hardened rock-colored eels that were put inside, wrapped round in chitin, of each creature-like thing whose head rooted there.

There came no wonder at what they've built, a peculiar shape within their grab, a warm greetings upon them, thinned.

'Will he who speaks against him rise then?'

'I think I'm the accuser.'

And the man was simply shot in the head, the trial being over.

A few birds were set in flight, always trying themselves through.

'There comes him of all, let us sing him.'

Voice ran across the hall, and he had finally drove in, fashioned, if all could see him, they would sing. And would upon him, better yet, within the grasp; like a carp, at the bottom wrung upon a filthy beam, upon which ship-like mounds of skin, they rose from every side, formations, almost fumigation, the birth of a nation came from inside it as soon as they could breathe. Pushing out within the hour, until they were all pinned down. Heads were painted blue, with slashes white coming from the white painted chests and the trunks below of black coal, painted so as to burn, upon the brim upon which they walked. This wreathed fish burnt about the hour, made to suffer. His eyes fell out during the utmost hour of disaster when all fell between the cracks, formations forming on them, at last.

'I, be, I bee, they see me, they can see me in my hour of evil.

I who danced with my kin, I see them when they come, upheaval.

They want me to admit, I poisoned. I, whom cherished their lives and destroyed, I poise upon the arches, still, I want to serve and serve within.

They will trash me and they'll make me wash and kill the need, and I see washed.'

He said upon remembering, how the birth of the city had come at last. Many of the painted men's descendants now listening, as of evil, much he prophesized; when time arose, his smile froze. Man walking upon reeling blows upon the ground, as fashioned. Beneath the earth stood their kind, many eggs, splashed open; rope creatures alike always drawing out for air. They came during such times as if to repair whatever entered their unfairness of mind, they put out and poured, remains in the loom-machine, the basin of features, melted steel.

'You must speak with our ancient Scribe, he must tell you of what we talk about.'

And they had spoken filth and pulled absinthe-like drink, upon the beer, filth within in. Filled their barren, much apparel, clothes were put in, coats were channeled upon by the men. Who could not control themselves, staring at them. As women sang, their focus rang.

Upon the hour so much so they stopped knowing, asking for more, smoke came out of houses, there couldn't be a thing to stay. Seething, or another one coming, bringing themselves up to know.

Somewhere in the city.

There, to yonder, came the ruse. And four of them, obtuse-obtuse, man stepping out of house, for he is looked upon, upon; there in distance taken, for yore, and long-between the time had come. In the distance came the cries, they wake, upon each likened about and as for each face. They bore and shred and piece between, upon altars within the time they settled to find none, within the hour fading, and always but vain, as if to gather.

Upon the chapel, and shrine of Affer, they begged the priest but in disguise.

‘Grand upon blessing upon the world, that I may seek some freedom that I may fend each and every piece of earth, that I may last and cast upon the heinous, in wretch and in disgust no more. I seek the blessing your forefathers gave upon me, I want to seek but peace when it calls upon me, when the times emerge, when I may walk upon a land like Yore, where I may call and need, and breed with cattle, so of my evil children come after.

They whom shall take my place upon the seat of spikes, and might pray when time comes upon evil tide, they shall be blessed as well, as if to tell, as if to be baptized in his name. And they will follow through with births, as I promise you, as for a lord, as from a servant whom shall grant you forth, you’ll take what’s mine, upon desire, and for your lord, I shall admit and yet admire. Whichever acts he calls upon me to commit, whatever he wants, I shall bring to his feet.’

And there he stared, but for a moment more, at a statue unlike no other than, for what was worth, and what had made it, and never-never, never ending, in the forms it took. With the many stacked upon each other, wrapped around and shook, figures of men, servants of the den, those who joined him, well and well. Upon a hole, above, above, up the ceiling where lay his home. Where the winged servants with no heads, served him as well, as well; in their coming of their blades, where teeth but glint, to tell, to tell; him to ask what comes then after, the priest but stepped aside, much faster. For when the time came for him to ask, and bring about the time, where cast upon him, there did followed, a strange defiling, the bleeding-shallow, there was but the floor which was turned and every sight as if a storm would. Then every touch was but wearisome as if to take, and claim everything away. Upon this touch, they’d feel him so, as If he had been claimed by Affer, whom listened to him so.

‘I welcome you my son, to join, upon my evil world, where worm is joy; first I ask you, open chest.’

To which Lesser but, body-froze, and opened grates as if canal. There but opened, and revealed much, little things that moved and danced, like little wreathing toys, with heads and boils, drowned in the black tides. For his new master checked the hue, making sure they’re all dark and wreathed in sinew. Once, much pleased, and better teased, he but asked for no better reprise, than to ask for one of them, much given. Upon a plate of metal wreathed, one of the many servants brought forth. They were but chained and wrought in torn-up clothes. All of dark-surroundings, taken and put to stay; a vileness as the kind to satiate, a peculiar touch which only made them ever so much aware that he was yet to lend more of his soul into the eater.

But as soon as he put a dark chatterer, which was taken from his body, not much better than a minute watched, how he tried to run, only to be kept inside and made to suffer after, no matter how hard, no matter the pity, always trying himself, and always the fealty. It was what kept one in, that was what kept the heart beating, and trying, not worsened after each cast. Which moved away, on pass, on pass; to try again and move within, he asked of him but on a whim.

‘You see the clouds, the skies inverted?’

‘I see, dear master, and I’m to be cast, but mended.’

‘And of my servant that’s but standing there, on bench but put through bed of spikes?’

‘I see him bled, I stand aside.’

‘Well go to him and grab him so, then put his mouth, inside the sole, my feet be kissed, and him but spared. After that I shall give you fair.’

But of his choice, reward, he hadn’t said much, and everyone in the row was cackling as if they were caught, largely in disgust, in the most vile, of bile, to put through with what had happened after. He had but spared, he got through them, and would remain, again, again. Before his time drew on, before to cast himself, and when the time followed after, he reached at last, and stood on side. And took the pain, be claimed to die. For every second he dreaded as much, and would not accept it, no matter, at last.

He had but spared himself of reason explanation, of ransom which would be damned, and bring to him starvation. There, again, none asked of him, as he had thought again, but there was nowhere near, no one but themselves, the two of them, and the servants, whom cast but evil glance. Despite, despite, of little spite there were to the man, he’d finally gotten him, as to be aware, to drag him by the side and put him down, when time, when time, had asked of him benign, to kiss the feet and set aside. The man had tried, and put a show, of much resistance, as much was known. Thrown on every side, they settled, and when the time approached, the evil letter.

‘There you’ve done it, and ever since you considered this, and since you’ve done it, I shall allow you peace, to ask, claim what you want and I shall give it you within my power, if it comes at last, during a time, when I may be set free, during what I claim to be, possible, I may do.

If not, then I shall kill you.’

‘But you did not tell me of those terms.’

‘And I have thought you less suicidal, as to ask of verse. Make you claim and I shall decide it, if it’s beyond it, I shall cast it. Inside your head, and your death shall not be claimed, and you won’t live as if to climb your way, as to reach your god, to him convey.’

‘Then I lay claim the life of my evil wife.’

‘So be it, go on ahead and claim her upon your home upon the dead of the night.’

Then he swore and made way, and his vision never change, never, always after. And in the midst of night, when dark awaking, he had said all after, and cock-a choking, as to kill the rooster, dead in sleep, the hen

would weep, but he'd see it through. And after all around he ran about the chambers, called off to any maiden, until finally, across the street, in the midst of an empty city, he looked above his feet, the roof, and there, oh there, oh, unaware.

‘What have you given to me, oh lord Affer?’

He looked upon the cradle of each tile and there his maiden wasted, and nothing but her bride, the brick, and would to weep upon the coffin staying, just as putrid, stupefaction, deadly in action, her head fell off, then her arms, and then, the rest of her house, in a dead pity graveyard which was swallowed by the ground. And where he stared, alone, and praying, he but saw the soil emerging. Upon where came and whence remains, but a single tomb-stone for the slain.

‘What have you done to me, master? You have made a promise and cast upon me such disaster, what have I done, and what to bear? I did as you commanded and now I'm treated, much unfair.’

‘You must excuse me for what I've done, but you were too easily done, for me to cast aside such opportunity fading, I wanted but to cast you so and do as I please, before you line shone.

Now lay your head to my side and give me another piece of your soul, as I will call upon your next instruction.’

‘But what will I do, after and after?’

‘Listen to me and do as I please, only that way will you be able to please yourself, to me, to me.’

‘Why must my vision be so?’

‘I suppose the reason, as it might be so, is nothing but that which remains, you've chose the wrong lord and now with your head, where it might be, so it may lay.

And there you are, and here I am, with another one of you cacklers in my veins.

I must have you watch and go and enter a home.’

‘Bastardly, I will be caught and wrought.’

‘You shall not be brought to justice in my land.’

‘And if they catch me during the act?’

‘I shall blind them, now listen on before my anger emerges. Or I shall cast you in such pits, my body merges with evil spirit and defeat, as much as so.’

And there he went to explain as such. Everything in detail, to bring the clothes from outside each chest, from inside her wardrobe at least eighteen of them, and dress in each and follow through, various parts of town and pretend he's him and follow through. Her husband might be called, and when he returns, if, at all, hide but a spike trap, and rig the chests, make sure he suffers and blows his head off.

‘Won't that be dangerous and why must I pay for each of them? ‘

‘You must also dress and talk like him and do as I say because it pleases me.’

‘But I would not like that.’

‘Yet you will do it nonetheless because you know I’m in a dire need of being impressed, otherwise, what might one think, If I were to take your teeth?

And the rest of it, now carry on.’

For he had called, and would be gone, to go ahead and plain as it were, the instructions went deeper, than break in and bed himself with wrung-up clothes, he had to mix them for the days, in order to.

‘Wait, how should I know?’

Dire thing, he forgot to ask, for each market, for each recital and each peculiar thing, what to put on.

‘But I shall talk to you then.’

And there he spoke with the clothes, whom out of the chest, they rose. As if invisible, the cast of a man, whom was inside of them spoke and so they long debated. Of which treason might this invasion be deterred to; as it happened, there entered the cast, whom question and saw him as well, as they asked as such. As it happened, even the black nails spoke to him, and all dejected.

First the floating man-shaped clothes.

‘I hope you don’t plan on killing the man by which I interpose myself as.

It would be such a tragedy to have him slain in such disgust.’

‘Will the mistress give me finer milk?

Will I be fed other things than rats and wisks?’

And there came the nails as well, all whom wrought would spare, no tale.

They were wrought about and seemingly clandestine. Some had spoken to him and claimed to have been taken from a ship, as well from a head of iron from a floating pair of canon-balls that had been taken away. Wrought and brought from large-afar.

‘I was but a piece of iron, on the frontier.

And was of plate and taken yet again and put in one of the lower countries, where they put me so.’

Which only brought him to take some of them off, in order to silence and brought to such violence, he but shoved them all across his chest and put the clothing on while spoken, and the cat in his mouth and choked on it. Then the door started and he put it on his back, wrapped around with a cord of iron which ripped half of his gut, which bled out and spread blood-fire, having ignited the very room. Having walked while choking, the door but split in half and entered through his spine, through. And then he got out and left it so, passing by the owner, the lady who froze so. Not knowing what to do, he simply gutted his chest, which pushed but some air, which forced a paw out of his mouth and on her face. Which swiped,

again until she bled, but this wasn't working as it was intended, as the maiden was still away; that prompted him to put her down, on top of her, but spilling blood. Both of them but awkwardly fencing. Stared upon by a nasty crowd, they were all big eyed and but to question, what happened here, he came around and choked to death. Fell on her, she suffocated.

There in distance, was a house, lain on the side, on a pile wrought in bodies that were put on every side and heaved about the place, but standing. Torn between the sides, a pile of roads that were never ending; that was but a place, that's never been as much disgraced, not to be put on a pile, not to be wrought and defiled, one should know of it.

Yet on the streets

There were wunderbuster all around, and for thin feet walking yet upon, the streets, in the midst of talking.

Between the rows of men he walked, as strongly after, his feet were dent.

Billed upon, the man had yelled.

'Come back you rapsallion and give me back what's mine!'

He yelled and moved, not to prove, nor he should.

'You need know better my lord, as you have sinner of your pay's worth. You pain me much.'

'And you paint me a coward, there, we're done then.'

'I only ask what's faire, two meskins, and I'm off my way.'

'Only what's fair, bring me his head and his groins in a bag, or you'll find me in a bad mood the next time we talk about the hour.'

'But you pain me so.'

Yet he walked out the tavern, having seen the scene unfold. A young man, a land like him in youth, but shook the owner, as he understood; he stole potatoes, carrots, tomatoes and blanks. The boy had crafted a medieval arm. Peculiar little rascal he were. Went out of his way, along each den, there walked around, his house about the highest ones, where he stopped, as he were, by a simple man who didn't find a reason for him to be there. And asked as such, no longer coming to ask him, watch. Him play, and stay there and stay his hand.

He was gallant and tall and brought two henchmen strong, which be an under grated, lacerated word which done, upon the house, but shaken, none of the roosters of the hen, to make it alive, were not of this plain. Unlike this world, they wouldn't do. And they saw lights in sky and deeper blue, they had. Word spread about.

'They caught the child, they caught the child.'

Brought around each moon, he had, until every darkened spot was but a cycle, after that, they stopped harassing, yet the boy, once he's paid, revealed, avoid. Each of the men around had but taken turns and grabbed him by the head, then kicked around, each a knee. Thrown across the street, and rocks would see but the end of his mouth. It was plain after a second, that he was worn today.

Upon his return, his mother was dead.

'But dear lady mother, who has raised me as such ever since I was a child, ever since and in the making, since I ever knew, awake, awaking. Could you please remove yourself from slumber, smile? Upon your bitter face I see no wild thing, but foaming.'

He had pointed, never knowing. Eaten by the chicken and the cock, as she wasn't to be defended, after that; despite her open ribs and see-through wings of feathers, what was left behind. Though her exposed guts still moist and warm, from the hen in doubt, showed up to the boy, said upon him, when time drew upon him, their ploy.

'But you're mistaken, oh grand-child.

We've but claimed her life, as to grant and yet repay, the cruelty you've shown earlier today.

As you've trapped but a poor bug, between a nail and a button, brought, and flung inside a chest, you left it there, without a rest. For it had stood there beneath the light of sun, as you have, in the end but starved him out.

That reason is yet just enough, for you to know and after that, you've failed to defend your mother. We claimed her and in this night.'

'You can't do this.'

'We shall claim another.'

And ever so, with ever night passing through, without his know; as to arrange the funeral, have her remains but be taken away, another one seemed to be. Caught by them and pushed to be eaten straight away and let to rot; in the ground and where to, not.

All of them having gathered in the final home, but molded together as to form a pile, and a bile of many beaks and many eyes which changed in colors of the grown-gore which pushed out of them a most ridiculous pair of leg-like things, like that of insects which had rested in, out of a giant forming hole inside their chests, which was used to check everything, along their way. They levitated just as soon, and would but grab the child, woken upon a swoon.

There, in front of the mother, within the hour, they presented her child.

Ripped apart, but kept stable, but connected with their inside-gables. Many little feet but entering his crown, his arms and legs and everything else; he had been put and worn, and would be sworn.

If it didn't mean he couldn't fashion himself away, and worn.

Her eyes but worn out, couldn't make it. A dreadful disaster, barely fended, a nightmare for each kind, something that might've torn her if she were alive.

But her gut exploded, and there he came.

Out of her, again, again.

'I've been hid inside her for the past hour.

Hah, I have defeated you and now I will have gotten my satisfaction.'

'But we, of all, damned thing you are.

We shall return to our home.'

Yet they hadn't realized, that by the time they were there, inside their den, but many bugs on lain to side. And many men had fled as they were still attached to the child.

Again, he had taken them as such, he's come to defeat them, before they even revealed themselves from trance.

In the midst of the midnight met, both of them, standing, as to yet, neither of them understood on which way, this satisfaction fading, nor would their contrivances be ever ending.

Conquest

They lived upon a sour tasting land that was white like sour bubble-wrapped candy, with little puffs and smoke clouds instead of bushes, filled with planted man-cocoons that were set on fire. And died inside suffocating while having their skin liquefied into ashen-white remained, their charcoal-blood but pained to see their bones passing in the ground; to the little white rods that entered their heads, through which they spoke to the dead-erected piles of wore, of which swords were still wreathed along, but no longer standing, past the bullet-heaps of slugs which were put inside their heads and worn-out led-plants of cotton-born people. Each of them being picked on by thin dark-wrought giants that stood out; as they could be seen from the distance; upon the lighted plains and upon the skies which were but clouded every single day; to which the bastardly rains of ivory bullets came after. Hares being strung and put down after, the land was being dirties by their spots.

'I shall be the first whom shall crush this hare and splatter its entrails everywhere.'

With his fist, he's but destroyed it, put down, bam, a slit of blood follow-through. It made him be aware of the things which were but to come, as if on cue. Out of their mould, upon which bodies hung, and were not brought, they stood out momentarily standing.

'You're not dead.'

‘I was just pretending.’

‘Then you will join them, in that case.’

Upon which he snapped his finger, was given a gun and put the man down as soon as he came to life. It was a glorious day, as even the second splatter came after upon the finely powdered man whom had been made to look after, everything that was out there. Of course he was aware, they were looked now, by the giant thin dark men, whom wanted to destroy them.

‘But what have we done to you? Vile things you need to be destroyed!’

There were also black disc-like, sea-parasites in bulk, with large triangular edges around each rim, which drew out in every direction, thinned by the second, splattered beneath them but what they puked out as well. Since they were but given the start, they couldn’t control themselves.

‘We shall employ one of the rider to take claim over one of those beasts, you hear? I want them bred?’

And it appeared that those things appeared in droves, out of nowhere as they came to rise, gathered around until they couldn’t help themselves. And many which had appeared bore multiple compounded eyes that stood out. Black reddened, and put to ground. And little stalks came out of their backs which carried pumping balloon-like creatures like them. With compounded eyes that were spread everywhere upon them as they spread disease everywhere, in this land to be claimed in the name of ugliness.

In one of the white painted cottages in the distance there were two men talking.

‘I was talking to you about something.’

‘About what?’

‘About the creature I saw, it was strange. It was the body of a man, crawling like an animal without lifting its hands and arms, its neck, it was stretched upwardly like a long pipe, leading to a growth of eight stacked together different heads that didn’t belong to him, which at the top formed a great-hammer of skin, from which two giant horns emerged, curved along the head-pole, then outwardly to reveal a hollowness in the inside.’

The man started making hand motions along the air, to show her the bottled humans inside the horns, which were pushed out in their cylindrical form, opening their mouths to reveal small arachnid like legs that carried little sacks or balloons that grew, expanded and retracted constantly, as breathing-bags do. And he was afraid that they might bear, one of them, an evil eye that speaks, whom could have him perform acts of evil.

Jumbled fingers were not but taken. Where his beak was but mistaken; of which flights of white he’ll rake, they came the while and would not stay away.

‘I am bird.’

‘You are the masks, I say.’

‘I am the bird masks then and I shall hire you to my employ.’

‘In which case what is there to be done?’

‘There’s something that begs for my initial apprehension. I am in search for a man who broke the sacred eggs. He killed my dark children, the beak ears that bleed now, forever in a state between fetus and yet to be wake.

Caught in an eternal nightmare from which they may never be allowed to come out, do you understand? My life without them is but a shame, a reminder that I have failed them. They will never be at my side.

And I will never be able to get away from this, knowing that they cannot be killed, destroyed, or be unmade by any means.’

‘Who is the culprit?’

‘A leaper that’s been jumping around the areas for days; I do not know who he is exactly, but I know as much. He’s gone as far as to lay claim upon what I’ve made. Upon my pains as a man, upon what I created as well; he’s broken my sculptures as a decoy. He’s burnt my nests upon my return, and stole what little I had afterwards, and now I’m left without a single egg in touch, for what he’s done is but employ a nasty tactic.

He knew I would be shocked by this sacrilege which would stun me in place as I am left mourning for my children. He knew what that would get out of me and now. I come to realize that I was a foolish creature. As the time spent mourning came at a much greater loss, as the bandit made it off with those that had a chance to be spared.

I do not know whether or not they’re still under his employ yet, or whether he’s come to destroy them as he had done with the others. I’m unaware whether or not he’s taken to the markets or simply scourged them in some dark place where my children’s spirits might rot.

Upon such waking I’m bound to be met by them. My children will be made aware of my failure to protect them. And by the time we will have met, they’ll be turned against me. Rotten creatures wrought not in my image but a twisted contortion made to employ suffering over what I’ve done.

For that reason I’ve come to call you. I need your help. I need you to recover them, one by one, wherever they might be spread. I assure that I can pay for my expenses and not a single coin might come to be wasted. And I shall grant you glory as you will be called, and lauded, put to laurels.’

‘Enough, I get it, you’re going to feed me what I want. You’re paying me extra for the feed I’m going to get them.’

‘You don’t suppose the great hatching is on its way now, do you? But that’s outrageously soon, wouldn’t you think so?’

‘It needs to be considered.’

‘Then off with you and find the one who leaps.’

That’s all he’s given the hunter. Aqse Imp was already gone by the time the creature blinked. Its many eyes but seething everywhere, the beaks but opened and protruding, with littler-beaks pushing out upon

lumped tongues that opened like flowers, with their many triangular facets exposed to the sun. Bouncing light rays across the plains, seeing the footprints as the invisible hunter got his way around.

He leaps, it told me; not much to go on.

There were many leaping creatures just about the place, but not many like him, at least not many that would make this amount of noise.

For the great colling was to approach.

Lo and behold above them there stood the Robot-Man Satin Station. There was no android on board, no machine but man, white painted on the brow and everywhere else.

Its belt was struck by power.

ITs life depended on strength, but this was no mere strength.

This strength was different than the strength of man. It was peculiar, to be certain about it, that alone, it pushed through the flows and the spines and the deformations of the most benign, most unfashionable dark shapes that appeared around it.

For each guardian knew as well, the forms came out of the amp-region which shot the beams and the rays which drew the skin and the meat from outer-spaces where the beings had once been dispersed. Humans cannot die. Their energy may be redistributed along the rims of everything in the great entropy, yet one could always aim to refashion their bodies gain; with the only problem being what came after them, and what lay before them. As the beams themselves could not make the difference, contorting them together until the most peculiar creatures had been given live. Most of them being too uncanny for this world alone, let alone be them allowed to survive. They were anything but human, these rays that were but forced to become discs, which was only the first step before they were being bloated beneath them as to create the most uncanny contortions one could find himself staring at before he'd set himself at peace. Dread in their guts, unfathomably pushing and pouting. Dread in their many eyes which crawled along for every dead-star in the universe, for each of them only blackened so.

Yet there were still no machines inside the station, only hollow spots and the empty shapes the men busied themselves hitting and bashing their fists against in order to make echoes.

‘Think there’s something on the other side?’

‘You know the answer already, there’s never going to be anything in there.

You looked through one of them, I chewed the top off, my teeth are broken and yet.’

There was nothing in there, nothing that could work. And no man, at least no one who was sane could make the distinction anymore. No longer would they be met by screens and radars, no they had to deal with seeing it happen. Beams coming in, sometimes entering their eyes; in a room they stood. Dressed in their simple uniforms, all but pointing what they could, or what they grabbed from around the place, be it some pipe or some ripped off metal-pillow. Gathering around Cadet Rind, who stood in their focal point.

By then they tried rationalizing it.’

‘He’s being fed, isn’t he?’

‘I think he is but what do you want to do about it? About him?’

‘He’s not to be touched now, you know how they act.’

‘Those who are engrossed by them or?’

He knew as much but didn’t want to say a thing. He spared no second before trying his throat again, only to find himself staring. Irving was the one in the front, holding a plane panel. He, the gladiator with a shield, the reflection making them, inside the sockets reel around, likely out as they were but done.

In a fraction of a second, it was almost as if Rind’s second pair of legs grew out of his face. The soles being where his features ended, spread twice, separated, identical twins whose eyes finally came out, elongated then stared.

Both spoke. Both kept the colors white.

The marble surrounding was majestic, but now, with that thing finally out, there was the first spittle.

‘Keep it still now, I need to stare for longer than a few seconds.’

‘You know, we don’t have to do this every single time, right? I could give you something, I could bring it from the back.’

‘Slide the bucket in already.’

Hemming threw it, dead shot, it was how they would drink, bright light.

‘In his eyes please, check them.’

‘He’s still in there sir.’

‘Then he’ll have to live on the other side of the station with the others.’

Two other young cadets left the room. They made the preparatory arrangements needed to do, what was called of them. It was awkward, mightily peculiar, forced but they had replaced every possible facet inside the ship until they had made it. Wild grooves where they kept the beasts, the ones changed by the beasts, but they were their cafeterias as for a fashion.

First cargo arrived in the station after eighteen months. Every living being across the plains of the planet fear what might happen if the giant pillar legs give on. It’s how it stood in space, the peculiar oblong had deformed the gravitational wave as well as the atmosphere as to completely encompass the station. It’s how it was kept about. Pseudo-elevators finally brought the cargo on, yet they left no devices on board. That was too dangerous, it was something neither of them could deal with, for what failure.

A dark-tooth, the twin of the station floated derangedly in the vacuum. It was where they encapsulated every single machine hit by the beam, letting them rot, being uncannily filled and made to spread inside until they popped. This tendency never ended. It always showed itself every now and then.

Machines trying to remember being human, failing desperately in their attempt, they simply were there. As in the moment between their contemporary lives and the future, whatever that meant. A toaster shoved inside a man's brain, popping out of it every now and then. It was how it was. They were always trying to push their guts and strung people with them.

‘Done, it is done. The formula was written entirely with the help of scratched and my bloodily ripped bloody nails.’

‘And what does it say? What conclusion have you reached?’

‘I’ve stumbled upon the very reason why this is happening, alas. I’ve come to understand what the beam is.’

‘That being.’

‘It’s a machine, humanity, the very atoms spread around, life, organic materials, all stuffed together at various periods of time, shuffled, reconstructing, or attempting to do it.’

‘But, Charles, why is it that only those abominations are being made?’

‘Because organic matter is the only thing that’s trying to struggle free from the chaos inside the beam; to which I could only theorize this far what’s happening inside of it, or what life is like in there.’

‘Care to test your theory then?’

‘Of course, we shall dissect one of them then.’

And they brought one of the men with the peculiar head-shapes that were put together and flung about as to make bowing head-monkeys that were awkwardly and most peculiarly shaped, only to prove the most, utter most, important point. They split him open and saw a peculiarly formed bone that was made out of a wheel, a baby-doll, a teddy-bear, a few wasted cigar, an ID car and an alien half a breeding organ.’

‘It is time to enter the beam then.’

‘You lead the way sir.’

As soon as they were met by the strange peculiar light-thing that entered the room, both the cadet and the engineer entered it, immediately being transferred inside. At first it was dark, then a light came, it looked like eighteen vaguely spread light-bulbs that were constantly rotating as to reshuffle the most peculiar constellations one could wrap his mind around.

The beam stopped moving from where it started, it reeled back into the great beam-organ that was hid inside the station. It stood there, like a giant beating pair of put-together human hearts. It bled beam-blood which appeared to form contortions of human and animal faces that were stabbed or were wrought in insufficient particles to be make hole, all of them bleeding, crying, dying, being incapable of fighting for their lives. They had no hands to grab, yet the beam throw arms at their faces, then legs, then torsos, then their own faces. And it got ever more noisy than before. It was all too frustrating, they were going on, everywhere along like broken records. They were noisome, like broken telephones.

One of them said hello, a man thought he was a mole, another a moth.

‘You had the guts to call me out from going out of my house.

You put me inside the phone.’

‘I am the house, I am the dead-child.’

‘I can give you fifty, I can give you fifty.’

‘I was called by John, he told me that I was wrapped in a small box and sent across the seas.’

‘When are we going to leave for the country?’

‘You’re unconscious.’

‘Eat, eat, I want to put a machine up my brow.’

‘Let’s see what we’re supposed to do now.’

Then they were zapped, inside their heads, small puddles. They started materializing small-proton bombs that constantly blew their entrails into brains, all of which only resurfaced as soon as they could, out of the various holes they dug in for themselves and disappeared. Life was great again. Life was forgiven, all of them were forgiven for living, then they were put back to death.

It was then that the beam formed a great net in front of it, shaped like an electron-power launcher, that pushed around. It drew inside of it as powerful of a mass as it could until everything was but made to look like it shouldn’t.

This was where the machines went. It knew what it was doing; as the beam would be considered to be the equivalent of the greatest geniuses that ever existed. It made marble-machines that were put together out of many things, until what became a large eighteen by eighteen miles stretch in front of it, had come to be a great repository report making, power-drawing ultra-device that started calculating how long it took until the beam could be brought back from the dimension it was in. With every human and every object and every invisible flow that entered it, to have freed itself and finally destroy life in the continuum.

A man scribbled on his belly. He had a normal gun, which didn’t shoot bullets but fingers and they didn’t shoot them all the way through. It went out of the shaft.

‘I am so swarthy.’

‘Yes you are.’

‘Why don’t you shove it in and pull the trigger?’

‘I will.’

He did.

And it turned out that the only time it actually did manage to go off was.

The last time it was shot.

Peculiar people

‘Whom shall be the lord of dark today and to whom am I to be spared as it to pray?’

‘I do not know but look yonder, and made to be and now, the thunder.’

Of black churls that moved like coils, the meaty walls and most peculiar of most tormented wails, and whose remains were but rearranged, they listened and to pain themselves, nothing more would matter, not a single man to stay. They were but walking backwardly towards the black roads, they who were but slayers and champions, who stole from the plots and made their own. What they carried long beyond, before the stretch of the land in a most uncanny bloated song, they listened. Far in-between they saw, little more than monks that gathered, with long hands and arms, they walked upon those. The groups of men stopped, the sight was dark, the skies darkly mattered for the winds of gray but carried away the words of every man that spoke that day. And mix in the forgotten things, and wingless most destroyed rings, and little coins and little rubble and thereafter the sky was but a simple massacre, a simple disaster that no one could be allowed to forget. Groggy as they felt, the monks came in droves, millions of them surrounding but a simple hole, a bump in the road upon which the men stood. Uncloaked, revealed, they were not so, but to their appeal, what they wore before their robes, below was the most uncanny thing that would have it so. When man was met by the sight, he realized there was no way back. Such things as edges and no features, such spindles and such twists; nothing but those arms belonged to others and even those were sutured in. They moved with then. They, having become a circle, guiding by some light; in unison to their movement, it appeared, that they replicated everything as well as they could not, be of a kind, not to dwell too forthright in each other’s minds, but there was no point in crying for waste. Slowly and up-more, escorted to a dent, in some wall, which was their guild.

‘But how have we come onto it? I wonder, this was not within our path, I know nothing of this nor do I wish at that to have been made aware. I fear what might happen to me if I open my mouth and say what I have to say.’

‘Open it and let it be so.’

And with a slap on the door, they entered their guild’s home and stood there for a few hours. They were still out, watched within minute and minute as if they were inside a watchtower. Incessant birds, why can’t they stop chirruping? Their annoyance is more bastardly than that of the Monks, who stole the world and brought it here, from every corner they could be brought from. It was not within a man’s forthright bore to ask of this. But stumble upon steps, and the table upon which they looked for rotten cheese and wolf-meat stakes, some salt and peppered olives, some carrots made into a nasty glutton soup, and with spices, little more than no peculiar drink, some ale that was but made by stomping a head, out of which the man was still alive, pinned onto the wall, his head but flattered and left behind were his parents whom were stuck upon the ceiling, they whom crawled and cackled from their sealing could not but stare.

They were unaware of what happened and how was it that they were incapable of seeing what was there and how it happened so.

‘We fear, great master, that they might hurl such bolts of quiet upon us that we would stay here, be forced here, never lay a finger outside the reaches of our land, which is rightfully ours by such decree as was given by the kings themselves, the emperors, the knaves, the Martyr kingdoms and the Weeping ones where the wails are still heard.’

Yet upon eavesdropping one would only hear the most incessant screams, the most decrepit things coming from above the sky, from the darkest corners that could enter their minds, the forges of words and lays were but drowned in cords of wails. The shouts of pain across the world but seemingly buried the ones of good news coming from each region that lay there. And those things outside, whom called them as such would never move away nor watch upon others as to make themselves awake, and lead away to what would appear to be the heartlessness that comes their way.

‘We’ve finished eating but what is there to do when march? When can there be such a thing as to tinge upon such laughter and each cry that may be earned?’

‘I will head outside alone then. I will cover my years.’

‘Don’t, or you shall cast yourself upon such a world of madness as to be mundane soon after as they carry you away, that you may not even die upon such solace as to be buried upon your home ground, where you ancestors live.’

And all of them but knocked soon after, below the floor and out of the world, as if to signal how much they were annoyed by their descendants whom were just doing nothing and plain to see, but messing around. From below the ground.

‘Will you leave already?’

When are you heading out?

I need my peace and quiet, I need to spend such time as to be alone with my wife, to which I may produce but naught.’

‘I’m sorry but I’m indisposed, the way outside is mightily blocked.’

‘Then leave, oh, leave, please but leave by other means, take the way back, through the mountain paths and through the secret panels that will lead you way behind.’

‘But they will wait me just as such, past the wails and wherever I may go, can’t you see that there’s no way back?’

‘What do you want of me?’

‘I’ve never even spoke of you, who are you?’

‘Mthindant, of no Rose.’

‘All right Mthindant, I shall make it clear then, if you don’t leave in the next half an hour, I shall personally erupt out of the floor, rip your lower body in half, kindly put it inside your mouth and split it open as if I were to cut the tall bushes of a large garden.

I will then just do the same with every single one of you and made an entrails-cradle out of all of you, then drag you down, placing you in front of my front yard where I may wait for you to rot only to laugh at all of you, the worst of dead, worse of people whom were brought down here, as to what reason?

You don’t seem to be working at all, you’re hardly here when it matters, you never listen and most importantly, you never seem to make a call, upon the old rites that may come from far, far, far long before you were born.

So why should I be forced to take this? Why can’t I have my peace and quiet by whatever means I can?’

‘We’re not taking it away from you?’

‘You’re not helping me either and neither are you doing yourself a favor.’

Then out of the floor he rose. A dead figure that was but covered in metal, his armor but a throng of many spikes, amulets, ring-chains, giant shoulders with faces on them with large horns coming out of their sockets which wore maws at their ends, and large fornicated gargoyle like heads pushing on their lower amulets, while the shoulders were so contorted that they looked like they were actually just a piece of some horse armor that was put on top of him, and on his side, and through his neck and inside of him. It just so happened that he also had a peculiar disc-inserting gap inside his chest, a few of them in actuality with a few saw blades he carried in him. And most of them were not only made out of metal but appeared to have peculiar blood-paint embed in them. He revealed a smile which had bucket-shaped teeth, which turned and just spat away some yellowish pus out of them. Little iron bars between their gaps actioning them. Then they turned back in their original position as he only continued where he was left at.

‘As I was saying, what’s the problem here?’

He but opened the door before anyone could stop him.

‘Wait, but wait a second now.’

It was far too late for either of them to do something about it as he had but churned through them and had already taken one hundred miles off their mountain side before realizing.

‘They’re not doing much of anything, are they?’

‘Not yet, I suppose, but who knows what they might do as soon as they, you know, come into.’

‘Come into what now? What do you mean? They’re practically frozen in place, they’re not reacting, they’re not doing much of anything?’

Are you seriously implying I was but wakened from my slumber for this?’

‘But you weren’t sleeping now were you? You just said.’

‘Shut your filthy mouth and listen.’

Damn them, someone just approached the rotten hole he came out of. There was nowhere in. He came to join the group finally. Everyone split in half as to form the breaking of a council circle, where the new comer faced the Ancient figure directly. Both of them stared at one another without saying anything over a couple of minutes.

‘I’ve dreamed of witched for a long period of time now, and let me tell you this, whatever you said you were with down there.’

‘I know lad, I know.’

‘What’s going on now?’

‘Nothing, nothing’s happening at all, I suppose one should be rather, surprised to find out that in actuality I was but alone down there, unmet by anyone, I but dreaming of wild incantations as well as wild incandescent wilds.

As I always am, I in my perfect paradise.’

‘Is that what we disturbed you from? Were you awakened from one of your long-lost ancient wet dreams?’

‘But there’s nothing of the kind I wager, and I shall burn and brim and be set within.’

And there was such a thing as disquiet between all of them, as to continue this conversation whenever else, although neither of them felt likely as to accept what went through their heads and through their arms.

Just soon after they looked above the air and saw it gone, and then appear, and then gone away, until near to their hearts, a most malicious figure with no arms floated in the air.

It drew blood and scum-liquid from every single creature out of there, from the plains and even farther from the wildest of surroundings, until he had but formed sacks in its back, upon which there came a most unnatural watching glancer’ with a few bone-sharp needle-points in its throat at last. Flying around, inside the sack, floating in the same way a tadpole would be brought to place, and to no face it melted away. Only for a second would it convey some pain. The frame of the being-mother was peculiar and little more than sharpened to a throng. A piece of it protruding out, a headless back, and many surroundings brought to its view. It shaped the eyes as it saw fit. And every man in sight but had them wrought around the place, still seeing, but from a different angle; peculiar meat thing in the sky, like a cabbage root below and above, from which this finger-trap shaped bloated shaker but formed its pouched in the air, and through the rue. They floated before they began rotating around it, forming a most peculiar sound, like that of a canary or a rabid hare who couldn’t help itself as it would shriek out. A most uncanny matter followed, as no soon after, through the pile and in the crowd of stumbling idiots there came. Rabid thing and bare-chest, upon an opening there came, but a trap of metal, like a cudgel with some spikes, rotating inside of him but nothing bloody and no sight, he had but the most distrustful look. And mere pants and but a rook. A crook for a face, made out of iron-shaped baboons. All of whom were wretched back, tilted forwardly as to be brought, back to life they opened their mouths and just as soon revealed their cracks.

Little iron-bolts emerging, slowly crawling across his face; burying themselves soon after as if there was but no loss to take; they appeared rotten, after such cases one would have to check for rust.

He opened his mask like a door, and revealed a flat. Little thing in there, little thing, a man was imprinted and sutured in. With some nails that went through each sail, around the knuckles they were, but went curvedly towards his head. Also hollow they spat some liquor, but he couldn't see but feel their sick cure. He wanted of some.

And wanted his eyes to be gone, then he but asked.

'Do me as I please to be made, wrung me like one of them, I wish my agony to continue.'

A rotten man wouldn't do as much, if he was in the same place, he would know not to mess with everyone else.

'What are you asking of me?'

'I want to be slit in halves, I was to be sawed off, I want to become like them and join in their estrangement of human kind.'

'How could you possibly know what they are like?'

And all of the sudden, the peculiar root-system on top opened so suddenly that one could see a giant axe-like handle, bloated with scum and the most peculiar open-wound like scars that came long each side. They were open and wide, created most benign features and would just as soon share between each other the most peculiar of looks, but tried for and worn away. They but hardened and made smoke come out of their inner-spongy veins; yet between each facet of the giant axe, along the curvature on the top, for the direction of the axe and the sharp cutting edge to be faced towards the sky, its malignant pucker-prune deformed face appeared. It pushed out its mass but a small compressed forest-like mass of many mosquito curled cylinders, through which it most clearly spoke.

'Do you claim to know what I did to them?'

'I do, I do, of course I do and I but want to be a part of them, I want to see clearly again, I'm sick of only basing my life on my lost senses, on having to be blinded and put to suffer at the mark of a hand.

I'm sick of living this way.'

'But who's done this to you?'

Asked Vehrdnt, of which flight was put to a break, it paused incessantly as to draw much closer rather than be away. In all clearness he could see that there was definitely something the vileness had put to use. This seemed to be a good man as opposed to the others who were, rather not to be touched and made to be obscured and pushed away. They were ever-so hard to touched, or to be looked at. Punching one another as to have made up for the losses of a week; there were guts on the floor as they swung randomly, but couldn't see their feet. They ate cones of little heads.

Filled with uncanny dead, there was still a lot of work to be done. Inside their guild there was a wardrobe filled with petty things and many objects that were brought and thrown away. Pants and shoes stolen by

Gimp-like figures with spikes in their throats and hearts; sacks of fingernails taken from a woman's mane, and most importantly, it appeared to move away from them. The entire mountain slowly moved, without being able, without being capable of crying.

'I think you ought to be given a fair chance, just like everyone else, you hear and I think there's but a chance I may come to pull you from where you stand.

I, whom could drag you from the most uncanny vale you've entered.'

Vehrdnt but took another step. He touched the man on the forehead with a most human hand he ripped off one of the men with the help of his long extending roots below the churning meat.

'What is your name, grand champion, and great fighter who's suffered this long?'

'I'm Iridan.'

And with that alone they but shook hands and formed a friendship. Vehrdnt also kept that arms it buried its root inside of. He took the man and brought him to an uncanny world he was settled with never having to get away from, it was a place of peace. And of uncanny green-magenta, or some wild combination, flat lands which were driven in the distance and always seemed to crawl away as if they were in a vale that always moved. Large mountainous depressions which were flat like circles at the top, peculiar long-heads wrought of stone which were but not heads yet looked like that from the standpoint of men who drew or painted them as they were fascinated by what them. And clouds of stone in the air; and every stone but auburn or red, upon the green-magenta stare of the wild world they were in. Within all those stretches, as peculiar as it sounded, there were but no trees and no other kind of wildlife, other than the most uncanny strange black legs that came out of the land. Sometimes buried other times they drew out, then expanded, with their hairs being shaped like shelves, upon which little beings stood inside of, placed kindly like skin-sheets of slit beads and various eggs that were but eaten before and taken to the heaps. It was a pleasure being there, for long, way too long had he wanted it and the man was granted his wish at last.

'Here, you are now give sight.'

And for the first time he looked out of the hand which was put on his face, where his eyes had become, from where he could look and stare, and from where his heart would beckon nothing else.

But most importantly he was pleased by what he saw.

I don't understand what's going on but I'm going to keep watching because I am afraid of what might happen as soon as I shove my mask back on, knowing that I will be put back inside the dark cage where I will be abused by the spirits of the baboons who will enact such acts of morbid vengeance upon me such as the likes of which no man has ever felt before, other than a peculiarly deformed lady who had her face swiped of by her monkey, since she thought she could somehow keep one of them as a house pet, being a caretaker, that only added more to the irony that entered his mind just then as he only placed himself in her skin, but not entirely since now that he obtain a pair of workable eyes that by no means were his to begin with since they couldn't have worked after being covered by the hand which had been nailed to his face, yet at no point in time did he bring this in question since he feared what might happen if he were to speak. Since this was a gift from the peculiar godly being, he by no means found any reason to actually

insult it, therefore, whatever, and for whatever reason he was there for, he but started following the giant green pulsating dark spheres that were many of many long-filler antlers, like mushroom spores or little puffs that wore inside peculiar marsupial sacks in which, these peculiar wombs appeared to bear inside, as they were but closer in appearance to fortune teller's balls, the deeper the eye went into them, bearing the most uncanny looking, barely caught inside, and barely legible fiend and winds of skin that formed peculiar imitations to anatomically structured half animals that were but become skeletal yet cylindrically squared in part as they had nothing else to draw their look-a-like shape imitations from. In which case, upon the hour, when this Savage approached, he but drew his mind towards the Finger-trapped bodies being, now, upon actually having a good sight of it, he came to the realization that, that was as a human arm he bore that by no means did belong to him, but again, being of no mind to question what happened, he simply pointed at the weird being as only to ask it whether or not it was safe to approach one of the weird floating bowls. To which, as one could be assured of it, he was but given the blessing, being well received, he started dashing to it, looked against its reflection only to be met by a giant hand-like jackal-horse coyote-parrot creature with little missing cylinder and cones as well as various patches and gaps that slowly attempted putting some of the winds back into shape, behind it, there being various little curled like eyes of storm which formed his deformed eyes, that, for the first time he was met by their real appearance, to which he realized that by no means could they be his. Since their most malignant shapes could not, by any possible mean, if there ever was a chance for them to have been but reformed and reshaped iterations of his own, the cast of which somehow had been stored inside his sockets, all that wishful thinking but flew out of the window. And now, since there were so many forms that entered its malignant short space, the creature inside the bowl couldn't help it any longer, completely being taken aback by a peculiar pop which shot against the winds, every possible limb-face and weird feature being but swollen in the back, immediately bringing this peculiar levitation to a stop, as it simply fell and broke itself, cracking on the ground where the liquid poured out and the carcass stopped glowing. They both avoided it, making the walk to one of the great depressed mountains which, within every passing minute of the hour would be more and more drawn down as if by the hour it will have been completely sunken, then swollen and decayed. Before they could even say a thing, they both realized that it's been ten minutes and the structure, this stone giant with a hammered in top then began ascending as well as it pumped up and down, making it seem like there was never a danger to begin with. From around the corner a most peculiar insane-schizophrenic master with bands wrapped around his body which bore large deformed inward pointing spikes, with no head but a strange open case that's been placed between his shoulders with many open skin-books with peeled out skin that being the man form, where his arms both stood straightened out horizontally, on which the case fully stretched at o reach both ends of the open thumbs, making it seem like it actually bore some secret compartments of the same size which were now fully exposed, immediately forming six fat faces which wore only tomes of them. A lot of tomes, many short-sized, many average, medium and even large ones, fat-stacked in the back, some being cut in as to put inside little limbs which moved and squirmed.

Ethan, upon becoming more stressed made it so the cudgel inside his chest only began spinning even faster, creating an unnatural amount of liquefied mass which stained not only his lower chest, the cudgel itself as well as his worn-out pants which already shown signs of abuse as to resemble mad tatters, bringing him a lot closer to the strange man than he initially considered he would. Some pages began turning, they were hard to track down. This was a god time to actually shove a finger in his chest and write down his name on his trousers, just so he could stop forgetting in. He wrote down Ethan then. Immediately after he heard something in his mind; and then he crossed that name and wrote Iridan.

Vehrdnt but congratulated him on his first mistake, having made him feel as if he had no face.

Regardless of it, the pages kept brushing themselves off as they continued just flushing through as many things as possible, then through words, having finally stumbled upon some peculiar red markings, circles as well as other fanciful incantations the peculiar being began whispering out of its back mouths which pushed back, as they acted like trains, and were somewhat just as long as they were, having then reached the front side, or the side-side of mountain, before he took a few bites.

‘You must follow me, I am in deep need of help.’

‘We shall then do what we can.’

And just as soon as they accepted, the weird being retracted all of the extending mouths and but drew both Iridan and Vehrdnt to a strange light which brought them to a strange space-like scene, somewhere in the universe where they seemed to be endlessly falling through the most uncanny place, as if the entire galaxy was but a paper sheet which was dragged from one end to another, which was mightily distracting. Since they could not focus on anything at all, immediately both of them actually joined in unison, having alerted him of what happened, they were but forced through another point of light where they entered a peculiar haired room, like the insides of a taxidermist’s open beast. Yet the hairs were but wrought in iron and they wore livid particles which but held onto one another like crab-pincers. They moved and so would they. Friction was caused, constant friction which deformed sight. In the room there stood two Schizos, two Iridans and two Vehrdnts which rubbed against one another violently so, they weren’t actually there at all, but only appeared to be there by the peculiar motioned friction that took place.

‘I can’t make it any clearer than this, I must apologize for this.’

‘In this case, say what you must say and we’ll just as soon be on our way.’

‘Rightfully so, as I was saying, I need you to enter the great-pumping mountain and recover something for me, out of the talons of the Chevidans, out of their lance-sharp daggers and out of the grasps of their many long arms that make the halls.

Their devices are armed, but they are simple. They are limbless and they are carried but in the most peculiar wheel-chaired devices. Seen that way, you must be away that they’re incapable of fighting back, they’re all too simple to form a threat.’

‘Then what do you require of us?’

‘What do you want from them?’

‘I want the mountain, I want it to be mine but in order to do it, I need you to completely slaughter the Chevidans, disable their arms, and the means that they might inflict so much severe a pain upon me that I may be driven out of their hidings and enact the mans’ will upon it.’

‘And what would that be?’

Vehrdnt asked who was just as confused as Iridan was, for this made as little sense as the realization that he was referring to some old ancient rite of peril, the Mans will, but the claim of the land, the right of

taking by conquest, yet that didn't make any sense at all since he wasn't involved at all in the process. He, but a cowardly creature only searched for their employ to do as it pleased before he was thrown away and driven even farther than that. Both of them suspected, that this thing, by no means was capable of holding it by himself; that being too difficult, let alone. His gut was but sprayed with colors that rose and started praying.

‘What are they like?’

‘I do not know.’

‘Are there other tribes or other formations of these people? What is the hierarchical system they adhere to? What can you tell us of their history?’

‘Frankly, I don't know much about them, they seem so be, keeping it to themselves. But I see them head outside during the night. I've never seen such deformed faces as theirs.

Certainly that alone should bring them, at least, the means of some. You know, at the very least their appearance alone makes them worthy of some ethnical cleansing, wouldn't you agree?’

‘And what of us in that case; how would this be? Are you certain that you're not offended by the way I look? After all, I'm barely able to be looked upon, I who is but a deformed creature who's been shoved inside the many molders that were brought before you.

I've been through so much so that I've realized there's no place that I'd rather go where I may be accepted, since I know that sooner or later the realization eventually comes upon the people as they realized what I truly look like.’

And even though he shouldn't have done It to prove a point, it was just as much that there wasn't actually any way he could shy away from it any longer. He was exposed, two calves were missing, he walked on two prosthetic legs.

‘Is this what you wanted to see, little strange man? Is this it?’

Because I am just like them, I am, I must be crippled in the same way they are.’

Yet, before Vehrdnt could even come up with the brain-liquids that would force its cognition to happen, having reeled the axe-head back in, he stopped himself from giving him legs, and he's done that for a good reason. He simply listened, as he knew when to stay his hand.

‘I am crippled and I've always been so, ever since I was a young boy, when I was trampled by a march of giant skin-trumpet beasts with the heads of coat-hangers.

My sister made me these legs, and I cherish them more than anything in the world.’

‘You do know my problem isn't with their wheel chairs, right?’

But with their faces, right? And I want that mountain.’

‘Well.’

Iridan simply turned to Vehrdnt, who shrugged.

‘I’ll give you half of it.’

‘It’s a deal.’

Man is corruptible by his very nature. And there is no wretch and no den he wouldn’t cross just to achieve his evil means.

They set down out of the light, seeing the creature simply vanish in thin air. They but followed through. It was something they both chose to live with and to deal with it as such.

Life was peculiar in the mountain.

And they only started stabbing the walls with the most peculiar things, they were using little blocks of headlights that were put to great use.

‘First of the acolytes, you need to push yourself into the first surgeries.’

‘I don’t, how could I go through this again?’

The pension as filled with unnatural little scars, they hide in it, don’t they? I think there’s nothing going into it, is there? I will remember everything, I will put you through one of the little head of the state, twenty soldiers will be gone by the hour.

They will start slitting their little pinkies, half of the walls. There was not a single thing going in their minds, they were but a puddle and it was made out of blood and it floated.

‘Enough of the messy butcher’s butcher work.’

‘All right, we need to concentrate in-made.’

‘I want to be aborted.’

‘You already are.’

‘Is that why I am made this way?’

‘Yes, I think I am a dum-dum, there’s suckers on the puckers and they’re made of large barkers.’

‘What?’

‘A large creature, that looks that way, it visited me during the night in lord of hay.’

Little more than two pea-pods of cartilage put together like a blimp, separated in the middle where bony rods keep them together.

‘Cut in the front as to be flat, where two beak-shaped protrusions peak out into two meat-masses just like heads, but heads that bear a lot of tumors. They look like horizontally rotated finely suited men, with no mouths but little growths that spread around.’

‘Not real beaks I would presume.’

‘They can open, and they have teeth, like bars, the same bars that connect the two giant mirrored livers, or the liver that’s reflected, they’re not four of them, that would be dreadful in any case.’

‘What’s it been doing for the last few months?’

He lived in a lonesome house.

‘There’s a single thing, look outside.’

There’s a window in his room, he’s looking at it, there’s something wrong about it.’

‘I’ve lived in the Negative zone for too many hours.’

‘There are a lot of houses in this place.’

‘Why?’

Two weeks he’s been hounded relentlessly without being capable of making it through before he could eat the liver, he’s been eating and eating and was, but trying to make it seem like he was listening but he wasn’t listening any longer because it already entered his stomach with was bloated and opened and the head of that creature came out and it began spreading away and between the marks. They were there, within the hour. And they sweaty, and they were on the tricycle, both of them, only on one, outside, talking, smoking, after they took a break from doing it because it was much easier to wear their faces off and do what they had to do. It was hard, hearing the chain always beat, it made them feel uncomfortable, like a bone that grew the wrong way inside their sides. And they were but trying to understand what life had been when a little man was but a peg-inside a sailor long to be. His eyes would see but a friend.

‘He is my friend.’

And the man suddenly became the peg, wooden, and lunged at random people on the streets, worn out by what happened, since he could not understand what entered him. He was shallow, like a hyena.

Darkness that came after

It wasn’t even within the hour that they realized that it wasn’t going to happen, no one was going to chirp a word or say a thing about what happened, the massacre having resulted into a great loss, two men and two men only were present during it and they witnessed it all in the ground.

Both were in a plain-grains-skinned room, with little heaps of patterns thrown around here and there, made to look like detail as if flat pictures, flay cushions, flat shelves were but either stomped into the floor.

‘No one likes me because I keep staring at this bookshelf.’

‘There is no bookshelf there, there is no detail there, there is nothing there.’

‘I am the master.’

‘And I’m afraid of killing.’

‘Then we shall stand here.’

It was settled just as much, they were incapable of drowning around the place. It was a heaven made of gray; there were little things like fleas and little blocks of dark-rocks put together, barely on the side. More than a few tablets had been made, wrought on every single thing, made to look like little statues that were caught and stocked.

‘I cannot think properly around.’ He said, first man, there’s a little more, there’s nothing bloodier than this bloody, bloody blood room that had no blood no red in it. It had gray bags, garbage trucks filled with black nails put inside. There was a chair, all flat.

The two men’s eyes were glowing, like lighters.

One of the detectives came into the room.

A peculiar fellow he was. His head looked like a gelatin death-mask of a frame by frame shot out of his throat bullet animation that’s hardened then burst out the top like a rifle’s blown-off top, out of which, the many spread-out little coils look like bloated growths that bear many smaller talking heads with larger than normal eyes which have no irises whatsoever. Kant was his name, a strange fellow indeed.

His meat-bullet pole was only distracting from the fact that he walked on all four, while standing, his arms sprouting out of, from behind his knees.

It was indeed peculiar living in there since there was no reason to say a thing, or to move when not needed, their buildings inside the mountain shook. But most importantly to either one of them, there was definitely no reason to be out there, or to shake or remove or cut away, they’d but look and shaken, then mistaken but to never make the case.

‘Some man was killed inside this room and the only two people that saw it happen are the two of you.’

There were but many colors fashioned of dust. And there specks, of rust, outside in the distance one could make but flying liverish things. But they could not touch them because of the convention, yet they were had to miss.

Iridan hadn’t made it yet, but the mountain shook.

A man lay dead, inside the room.

He was but put through, and flattened and wasted.

‘It’s a mystery and I detest mysteries, that’s why I’ve become an Investigator, thinking I could somehow avoid mysteries.’

They were senselessly distraught, incapable of making out what was going on around them. For the time being they settled with running around the room and pacing when it happened, only to cut around the mile.

After they got it out of their system, their wheel chairs stopped going, stopped working. It was bizarre, how they were incapable of starting them again.

Dark wheel chairs, as well, grayish things, with metal wind-bags attached to their sides, filled with soil-sand, as to prevent themselves from falling.

‘Dark walls everywhere are they not?’

Vile thing, oh vile thing, the arms have brought it down.’

It was the miss-turn of the dark century, the thing that could not be forgiven, when it happened and ever after one could not be forgotten. And given that the arms extended with such bluntness of force, many of the buildings but wreathed in and out as they but straggled to keep going and chaining themselves upon the bringer of the most uncanny force there was this as much, something neither one of them was but close to brining in their sights, since they were incapable of standing, sitting was the taker.

Vile thing, obey, it thought.

The arms reeled in like a bunch of dark lances, hooks that were set in trances, all but thrown over its rims, curved around, and bitter chins were brought upon the hour. Some had settled to stop moving as they but stared and starved at shower of bloated pus that came out of it. With every arm wrapped around one of the cylinders, then, they stared reeling it back in.

‘When shall they take them down?’

‘When our ascension is to come, I fear that no sooner than that, we’ll find ourselves being stuck here this way, for the time being.’

For they knew of a way, as malignant as it sounded, through which they might get away from their steel traps and form uncanny looking legs upon which these walkers might protrude at last, never to be stopped along their way, or to be forced by whatever means to return to their old ways. It was tormenting, knowing it would come. Their limbs would be fashioned, the change was yet to come around.

Yet they couldn’t forget the darkness that still lay in their souls, for they were all born without limbs and were only to swoon for those who arrived after.

The citizens from beyond the mountain; red-skinned but puffy like the peculiar spheres from where they came, yonder in their quest of founding refuge.

Peaceful of some kind, regardless of their mindlessness, there could be no doubt about it.

‘A murder had occurred in this town, and we cannot, we may not easily strain out eyes and forget.’

They were set on it and not even death would stop the best of their men from handling the case. It was expected, just as expected. There was no reason to be there, they deflected from a side to another and they didn’t see each other eye to eye as if, it only served as a reminder, someone was carefully watching. An actually benefactor of fat girths that were put together as to form mad robes; most of which were cut around the peeling sight, like a knife that cut too deeply now; a moist little fruit was being passed around from hand to hand until a man shook it off.

‘Walls, you need to stop.’

They were, they were and they were but put through waste.

They were king of scum and would not become for a second more; there are little, not more than an inch inside each brain region-like thing that crawled around out of the quiet of their lords and their flies which they are, now.

A door opened out of a giant skull that pushed out the ground. Act different, they act different. One end splits but couldn’t be put through all the unnatural little bile-pouches that started crawling out of its greater heads, which began pushing out into the laughter. Echoes of bile, always opening and thrusting into the blocks of wooden-hardened gut-clot it spat. Inside these weird coffins there were many slaves that were finally allowed to leave.

‘First of men of law there seems, incapable of evil within, you mark theses chains and write your own name on these cuffs that I may know what’s going on after I’m pushing through.

I am a gut-master.’

Of many, many of them getting through the first tunnels that are but draped around, disallowed to continue after the first one that fell between them; a robed-thing that could barely be seen, much distraught to itself, it listened.

‘There’s a reason why many of them don’t have legs, dear master, it’s the pumps inside the giant head, they beat its brain-halls upon which they walk, ugly by their sides.

There came the rumination of the broken people whose heads were but open-split and from which came many long-thin walked that allowed them to finally gape and swoon, after which they’ve been through, little uncannily torn and twisted as they would be made to spare. Incapable of listening to any gut, they remained in place, for more than a few moments.

‘Let the graves recede back to where they came out of, I see no reason to wait, I see no point in listening to what they have to say for now.’

‘Should we not, count them? At the very least we should try cataloguing them, for the indoctrination cannot continue unless we slit them open, mark them down then put them back.

We cannot skip the counting and you know that.’

‘Why?’

‘Because they disappear.’

‘And why would that be a reason I should convey or be worried about?’

‘It’s because they’re being eaten.’

Outside, the gloomy red was but stone in thought, and many Grounded creatures came to live from the far deep-holes from where they lay, which were but the pavement out of which they rose, in hunt for many a

dark flower, there was a hut made of stone. The Crookcall-point they called. As they gathered around it for what seemed to be a couple of hours, they hounded what they could from sight, it was important that they wouldn't make as much noise, yet they had.

Within their grasp there were many open doors that stood there, not real doors but some siphoned crooked, eaten through baboon-expanded things and shaped, they entered them. They, not elementals but peculiar skin-creatures that were but cut and slit, having chosen instead to put stone in their heaps so they could walk invisibly through walls and be hid as well as they could be gotten, onto the task.

Great figure of nasty fungi-twits, not the real thing but in shape, as if he wore then, around with long horns that pushed out of a great dark head. A giant thing that was covered in and moved upon a most uncanny much forlorn tip that came out of the ground, like a rot that kept all the organs as he moved, two eyes could be seen under the coat. Head-split by a giant pulled-through trough, which had been used to batter his head when he didn't show any kind of compliance; to which.

'I ask of you this, I need something from both of you now.

You need to head out and bring me one of the infernal noise making machines, those things that make such unnatural sound of destruction, the battery of which I may not deal with again.'

'What's there to make of it? '

'I don't know what you might do when you find within your power to spare or to destroy, as long as you put an end to the noise, I will not be concerned with the fate of it.

As such disruption of sleep might not be taken well, I need not obey or listen, but I need not weep. Please leave as soon as you can and make do with it, as well.'

As he could've gotten himself through, there was no reason to push on as they heaped themselves, gotten through.

It was a dark machine, tall and might, like a torture bed upon which a crucifix-posed man stood, being constantly adjusted by peculiarly hand-devices, extending like lamps with little mouths that were but scratching him with stylus-pins that entered him from time to time. From where once too cruel they heard the scream and lost, a mule.

'It's there.'

'Where is it?'

'In the sky, like a post that's floating and that's never to be caught between our fleeing arms, what do you think it happened for?'

'I do not and cannot know, why do you think that is?'

'I don't understand it either.'

But the mule was split in half, it wore inside an opening as if it were a house.

Enter first half of mule:

A queer place that no one might seem to be.'

Near it a plain room that was tilted as one to fall, as if it was caught in a perpetual fall; with a nicely tiled floor and a peculiar glass-case shelf with many doors and many books that were but to be entered home.

Through it, Mulself Goetual entered the mirror and spoke with plain men of glass. Whom were just as they could think about it, they were not to be asked. Why was it? Why now, why would it happen?'

'It's an infection, I could think of no other and no better reason to explain it at all. We've all been forced through it and I can't think of no better reason than to push on.'

They were growing it inside their guts, real masses, in the glass. It was there but it wasn't, one could not think of the unaware and of the most dreadful and most daringly said, of what entered them after a while, dissections to shatter, what came after them.

'You must know, if you must know there's something we haven't spoken about, and as if it matters so.

We've been approached by many men before who were just as inclined to talk to us about despair, but they cannot understand. They wouldn't.'

'What will happen to your libraries of glass?'

'All shall eventually be infested with that which spreads, all knowledge will be lost, eventually.'

'And the reason for it?'

'It cannot be explained, at least not here, not now. But we've lived through the lives of men, the lives of those who watched us, over us, through every reflection, whether it was by their choice, or done at unawares. It was inevitable that we would become them. Yet they cannot live inside the mirror, no life may do.

We are bound to shatter and to melt and to become nothing else but mere reflections that no one could tell apart.'

'It saddens me to hear about it.'

'Unfortunately, it's what must be done. It's simply, an inevitability that will make us all remind ourselves by the time we're done for that our lives were plain. Our lives were see-through and there was nothing to spare by any chance.

We've always been too empty as a people to survive. There was no connection between us, we were nothing, we are something now, yet that also is the culprit of our destruction. How have we survived for so long?'

'They are plain of fit and there's a heap of glass.'

'Shatter his guts.'

And there was the winded chimes which appeared to put a sudden break onto the stop. Cruel thing was made of many pegs brought into its gut.

Focus on the room, the malignant voice spoke.

‘As I was saying, I shall come to investigate this incest of thoughts.’

‘You were clearing your throat before I call you, what was the reason for it?’

One of the two observed.

The investigator just as soon came on his turned tip-toes.

He considered the following. Both of them were just as silent as they had been before, prior to any other contact that might deem them less approachable.

‘Ye of ho’ wonders. There is in this room a single man with little more to his wretch and wretches.’

It kicked right in, he didn’t know it yet. He wasn’t from around the place, it was something he couldn’t nor was he in the mood to remember what happened to him then and there. Since there was a good reason to make sure they weren’t full of it. Both were but staring as pictures, they were beneath them, pictures of their children, before a time they had children which made this all the worst to follow through since neither of them could hold up a candle to what happened around at noon. A clock was ticking on top the wall frame, still on the other side. Family photos with a few children’s children overlapped on top of one another, always wallowing as if they weren’t there to begin with, always trying to trace one another to a time, an imperfect time where they couldn’t have made it. A little insight into both of them, they stood on planks, long ones facing one another in a dark room. Between their legs down there, drilled-in holes, through which hanged, like corkscrews, their children and their children’s children attached to them as well, so on and so forth, leading to a peculiarly looking pendulum made out of unnatural looking flower pots of skin put together in the most uncanny mother of all, a creature with little spindly legs that were drawn together, eating from her fat before she could even draw beyond, where her mind was and what she did inside of it. Their minds were set on allowing them some refuge that might be spilled to know for certain. Of a curse, of such disease that was distress caused by gauging of their eyes, little flying insects followed through, since they could not be held at contempt.

‘Your children have devoured the original pictures of themselves. The rest are overlapped.’

They are brothers.

The depression in which they live in is peculiarly pumping in and out, that’s to be known and found out about, inside the hours, where the edifice of dark is to be held. There is skin around the growth, a malign one that one should know about and show no sign of the passing.

‘Regardless of this, you meager fiends, I do not believe a word you utter there.’

A flock of limbs followed through as well, neither of them wanted to move either. It was painful how they stood there, erected like large decayed demons.

‘We must be secretive, should we not?’

‘Is there a reason for such a thing to happen at all?’

It was worthless, a peculiar heart, stolid but rotten. Inside their mouths, they shared it, like brother to brother, but of them of them were so much crueler in their past lives. It didn’t even compare to anything they did now.

The sky was darkened and would only grow from place to place and leap about it when it wasn’t required to do so. It was hard to explain and even harder to get away from it, since there wasn’t any sign any longer. Only the harrowing of some moon, a distant swoon that was just as soon gone out of place. It couldn’t lay inside the structure, there was no possible exposure, but they created it, atom by atom and grit by grit.

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Times changed a lot ever since. Of little remorse crying and to falter, there lay a single eye in sight, to war. It watched upon the ones, the fastest, and the ones that came after underneath the hold whence lay. Twenty other scouts of yonder, dropped around their heads, refrained.

Of pain they beheld the leashed and the belts, most of whom remained in place but not after. And a man came forth, followed by four. And they were brothers but barely spoke to one another for the time being as they were locked in a black cage that was being moved by corroded wheels of skin-tails, crisscrossed, to no roundness, whence it was brought to one’s attention that they were being pushed on to the miles.

‘You’ll drag the stones for hours until your backs emerge victoriously beaten and grinded into dust.’

‘I’ll hear none of it if I’ll have a say.’

The executioner spoke, as if his stead, as if his wonder and whence he lain mattered.

They weren’t, too exposed to what was going on around them, especially since all seemed so poignant after a while. Too poignant, in a waste, there was no one more deranged than the person behind the stone corridors on the right of the road. Although solemnly placed, ridiculed to their filthy embraces, he coated him with his shoulder. And in that thing that lay open, from which the dart of a black poison lay still exploited and open.

He drew on closer to the cage, seeing how it could do anything but rummage around itself.

‘We bear no name any longer, because of the destroyers. They ruined it all for us, have they not?’

Fear only crept and shaped and leapt all around, they bore no fealty and rested on the grounds.

‘See past my thine, in the distance knowing, there’s nothing there.’

The man dragging their cage stopped. His muscles had barely overlapped the uncanny metal strings that had wrapped themselves around his nigh-deformed singed meat-lumps. 'Wouldn't put it past him for no one's sake. I think he's done that on purpose. '

'Who was the man? '

'Someone I've seen before.'

Everyone in the cage-chart was mangled, severely mangled, even more so by the minute and by the space. A strange sharp mechanism kept flaying their faces on a constant motion, hopelessly draining them of blood. It was pitiful that they received their pints back through the melting of the iron. Alloy mixed then quickly went out of its way to push itself into their veins. That's how it mostly worked.

'I think we should stop here, hey, cage-driver, stop for a moment. Take a break, will you?'

P'turn stopped; he laid the cage to the side and started counting what he's gotten away with.

'What is that, there? In the distance?'

I don't know, what is it?'

There was a body, smallish, dark, at least a foot-long over himself, walking in whichever direction. He was sickish in some way and rode on top of two-bodied horses that were eating from one another's chests as their necks curved inwardly and pushed out of their way.

It was dangerous trying to make a point, he was swollen and only took his head out of the throng.

There were skin-graves in the distance, whereas dead-men were standing swollen. And yet they died and ever after growing, snarling at each other, knowing. Fat-and bloated, ate the child, the dark figures was filled with bile. Not to be dumb-founded there, the cage-carrier only wrapped his arms amongst its belts and came to such a speed as he ought to conflagrate his veins and body wreathing. They gathered all around the wool, and the land, planted on a swoon, it were.

Little of the land was inhabitable in some way, to be certain about it, for what was worth, it only seemed like, as strange as it was, the entire quadrant was encased in an open cage, barred with rust, and giant spikes pointing both inwardly and outwardly as various shades of clouds were being distilled and cut. Most of the irrigation came from invisible drops that were indistinguishable from water yet seemed to be, grinded for hours.

Giants had been grinded upon those cages, until their battement showed, leaked and probed the land as it came back. Every single mind a live, only for moments if it was willed to be, though the bodies that scourged the grounds were filthy and still managed to arouse, even the slightest petty thinkers whom were around.

And to the plight of giants, all fell silent, as they had long been forgotten, tilted as they were but caught as if by razor-edges still-standing fence-grinded bones caught inside the metal, they drafted one another in their deathless wars. For there, above the reach of man they fought. A gist, the likes of which, in doubt, they settled to confess, through beating hearts that pumped to no end, they appeared, as they neared the

point of no return. As ghastly malformed thing of pure devilry-looking blue and rest, specters that were fighting above the cage never to be seen again, spoken of less, and even deathless, their blows were hardly felt. With each and might and lack of fright, for many had refused to step in their lines of woe. They brought each other yonder, deathlessly gazing at the rows beneath the earth, much stopped.

‘Where are the men being taken and what had they done with our pitiful plain?’

‘Of that which remains, most has been plowed and grinded, into seeds of dust that formed their rocky-ground. They established a colony of men, a city of doubt.’

For as much as they could see, for as far as one would even go to be, nearing that point, their insatiable desire to destroy all faded.

Men were brought in cages carried over like sacks, from all corners of the world, brought to houses like cages, stopped to admire the spikes. As the spikes were curbed and sometimes longer, some straight and others yonder into the ground, fathomless as if to know, bothersome and never known, lending to some faceless thing, from the distance, to be seen. Grins of metal grates, spikes were their crowns and pupils, the teeth and doors, whence led. By each hand a man would be gotten through, only to have himself covered in a dark armor like that of a flaccid cage, filled with sinew.

‘I see that another man enters.’

‘Let him enter and pray to the spikes. And let him sacrifice whatever he can after that.’

They knew better than to judge, of perilous way, as that, it was their better throng, of no better than what appeared, doubt. Had been shared, it was worrisome, yet none could remain in a place for long, the stronger the needle, the harsher the sentence. All were guilty of disgust.

‘What hast happened to my child?’

‘He’s become part of the spike.’

Unlike the ones that died away, this one became part of the metal, encircling the base as it began melting, coating the distorted table upon which the idol stood; though no idol could suffice the looker as this only seemed to be something made out of many a piece behind and blow the charade. Blasphemy along the way, dreadfully convey by the likes of it, taken away, as it were. Heaviness pushed this tool deeper inside the mechanism of which frame. Beneath it there lay a system of deep-submerged plunging tools, not pipes but alike, some perilous metallic straw-like pox-hardened, mainly surrounded way to feed, and enter the fence which surrounded the cage, for the grates, despite being as malignantly wide-spread, many of them were empty inside, instead, bearing all which was sacrificed bored through them, hardening but beating, leaving a quality such as the likes of whom may never see.

But strangers couldn’t know the passing, of each hole against each corner, towards the sewage-like system and the drains, for the excess of meat that protruded was being led to a square-basin beneath the earth. And there, filled with disease, upon distress, there was twice-the room, or twice the size, above of it, barely separated by a floor of crisscrossed X’s such as the one upon which a platform would be.

Floating on top of it, no lower body but a creature whose head would be, a largely avian-humanoid-back-head device, from the long suckers, attached and protruding out of squared-like vacuums, long as hoses, drawing down, the front of which bore the lower body of a man whose bearings would be that of arms and legs, hanging down like a skin-tag, while the rest of its face, deformed as it was, bearing for its like large tire-like formations, kept floating by dark crown ropes of blue, surrounded by a cloud-covered, tawny-blind crowd of servants whose starvation was eternal.

And they had worshipped him for he was fed. For they desired it but none dared come and step ahead of him to ask, of which desire had been counted, back. To whence they might endure, some way would come, it would ensure that every single one of them would rise against the creature, eating. What was owed to them, in ten piece fold, for the fattening lamps could only bring out the smell of him before the front.

This was war fought for him, there in the distance. Whence the cages were flying, floating in the sky, tiled to face various directions, yet incomplete as they missed that peculiar system beneath the ground. And they were half-empty and half-picked upon, bowed to, for the mere fact that.

There was nothing to laugh at.

‘Stop it, you cur, don’t you understand that there’s nothing there to laugh at anymore than there is for me to see?’

‘What are you even seeing?’

‘Something that’s beyond laudable and beyond pitiable, the very fact that their forms are being melted, and repurposed into armor, I see no reason to look out of it, past the torn-out armor.’

From which a malignant beast covered itself as well.

They spoke of it less.

‘There in the distance, there, in the distance, only there was a flight of birds, a flock of near surroundings, painting the very edges of dark surroundings. Of pitiful days, many of which passed out of their day, they knew as naught, and little in doubt, many a shout, they lacked compassion.

Others would not, and for the lack of breeding, wait for more, as they would know of lesser days.’

There was small patch of land where there stood a house beneath the cage. And in it, though it was highly locked down and under constant watch by the many of the strange people that lived in the surrounding huts, there was the need to look over, in order to ensure that something horrendous might not happen inside of it. Since, for the sake of looking nowhere else, the two that lived inside of them had a tendency of kidnapping youthful-looking young in order to lock themselves together and pour gasoline in their ears and nostrils before igniting them off. This would set a lot of the peoples off, although it should come as no surprise that the burnt skin that was peeled off had been completely skinned off, was placed as to replace their older furniture coverings, the carpets, lamps and other-like of unnatural-looking things, such as the weird sculptures, of which frames used the part of the bodies that were still kept despite the flaying. Such torments as being stooped inside the various corners was something to be called as nigh-familiar as their tendencies started showing up young.

And they called themselves Horn and Lurid. Horn disliked her gasoline for some reason since the substance had not only become corrosive but appeared to have taken something from her. Hard to pinpoint, or as hard as it would appear, that thing almost always managed to crawl on top of her body during various Epimugg nights, whereas her tendons would find themselves suffering of third degree burns almost on a constant notice. Dreadful things, always surrounding them and their house.

They were placating their tiles with corpses, making sure no one was able to leave. It could be incontestable, trying to get a word in since most of the savages who lived outside were, as they called them, primitive and dull-minded, short-sight and of the like.

‘I think we need to leave.’

Before Lurid could get us, he noticed Horn brandishing one of their fame long-horned colts, of which brim-fire appeared to make it look like some mugged furnace than anything else. A miniature of a toy but pleasant to look at as it had been, it was night barely functional for some obvious reason. Not as much so as it was in need of constant organic material in order to work, which was, if anything hard to replicate by any means, making it almost useless in some way.

And there was also the beheaded man in the room, left as part of the wall, living yet pushing out, as he was made out of eight parts that were pushed together, outwardly as if by a curved pipe, flaccidly pushing out in order to breathe out of it.

‘For your sake, woman, I hope it won’t come to drawing fire.’

‘If it will, I know whom to aim at.’

‘I hope you will, I hope so.’

And he looked behind. That strange formation of a headless man still deranged him every single time he looked at him for obvious reasons. He was there, almost always there, with his head being somewhere inside.

Lurid once woke up and appeared to have, to say the least, looked inside his own gut to see the head and talk to it.

‘Listen to me, now, don’t trust her, don’t trust Hurn.

Devilish-headed woman, of fire-burnt locks, they cannot be trusted for they were born out of a carried through rock of skin. I can hear within it the screams of my ancestors talking.

When the rocks had skin-legs and walked like arachnids onto the beds of the heedless flying skin-birds. I can still see the sphere of calling as an eye rests inside of it. But the eye is kept in chains of iron, by large machines that speak backwardly.’

And he went on to document the other side of the land in whichever possible way he could come up with. As dreadful as it were, he cast a shadow of iron-truck spine-wires upon the house as they left. Making sure that every object inside the house was almost encased in the same way as it would be by a barbed-wire garden of some sorts. Thence, it was ever so clear that despite having left, the creature was still there

and would leave for naught and be brought for just as well after that. Whichever the cast might be, pierced or not by disease or distress, they went away.

A few steps, despite being taken outside, managed to put them in front of the Demouse.

For he was black as anchor-iron and looked like a giant half-open clam with eighteen legs on one side and none on the other, yet it was tilted and kept by strength to look as if it bore invisible legs on the other side. On top of it, stood a man without limbs that bore spikes on his chest, forming a crest that pushed on top his mouth and face as well.

Two hornets of skin drawing out of his back, hollow on the inside, bearing a hole in their abdomens where air and sound came out of.

‘You’re let.’

‘As are you Demouse.

We’ve checked the place before, you were nowhere to be seen until this point.’

‘And I’ve got a good reason for that as well, such as the likes of which you would not understand.’

There in the distance, there also lay some strange pair of houses, placed like forests. A city on one side, another on the other, and eight more surrounding the entire place, separated by strange rivers of different colors which were filled with different creatures that may not be classified, from the likes of which, some had even given birth or had become the progenitors of some various humanoid species that inhabited one of the nearest lands. It was cruel, trying to make a point out of it. Knees were sharp and for once, Lurid thought of sparing himself the wonder.

For some dark creature had made a nasty sound that ought to have been checked.

‘Who’s waiting outside?’

‘I don’t know, it’s never right out there. It’s.’

They stopped, they could not wreathe themselves out of it.

No one could make up the sound, cats screeching in the distance, or the songs of crows, of deeper depths.

‘Where’s the noise coming from?’

Horn walked around, she returned soon after.

Lurid had seen her so, in a moment, would he know. There was no reason to approach her yet, seeing how, by the sight of it, she had been out of the dark snow and into the quiet. Trying to justify opening up her fingers, right around each edge and press, looking into it though distressed.

‘What did you do?’

‘I had to check inside of it, I had to know if something was hiding in there.’

‘And?’

On her way back she had avoided the creature, making it so, not a finger would touch or lay wherever she may go. It was all too thorough, how she had planned it all, the bone-culprit who had done it, resting in the ground. But somewhere, something like twenty meters behind her, he’d cut her, drawing in and drawing out, pushing even the slightest piece of a pecked gut as well as a single lump she didn’t know there lay inside of her. It stuck out, it looked benign.

‘We need to find someone in the next small town to have a look at it.’

‘I don’t know about that, I just want to sit in and forget about everything.’

‘Horn, I’m serious, it could spread, look at it again.’

Larger, much larger, spread, like fillings, attached to her veins somehow, feeding on her blood and most importantly hardening just as they were speaking despite giving the impression of a single touch having almost burst it.

‘Leave it alone, we’ll find one of the doctors soon enough and once we’re done, you should.’

He stopped, forest-guard, large man, dressed in a uniform, despite the place being barren, wide-shoulder and wide-pane in which back on which the back of his head was stretched and pinned up with bolts. Neither of them had ever expected to be met by the dissection of a man or even more so to feel it past themselves, but it was there, sutured as well, made to be kept by two other-limbs that pushed from the back of his head and another pair from the lower side of his back. Corpus-Major asked what the reason, past the River Pus, even more hardened lumps being swollen below. The eye of an innocent child, swimming below, pushing through as he was torn down, limb by limb as in the throng of quiet, he would know.

Under exceptional and exceptional circumstances alone, perhaps this would’ve meant something, but now? They were left to be.

‘She needs someone to look onto it.’

‘Is there a chance for contagion?’

‘Not that I know off.’

‘I don’t know if I should take the risk.’

Just then Horn considered drawing in. Looking at Lurid, none made a move. They would get too anxious to be able to pull it off, not to mention that he was armed.

‘But I suppose we’ll take the chance.’

For what was worth, everyone thought the same.

‘We’ll take it then.’

Two steps in, stopped by him. His arms was giant, wrought and fingerless, like the up-front of a mini-gun, if it were filled with skin and covered in plain burnt-iron.

‘Careful whom you walk to in there, word travels fast.

Fast enough to reach my years, your lives are done.’

‘I’ll make sure to remember that.’

He said with a blameful look, as if he was putting her up to it, nor should he, now that he understood. There was an ill define thing, always around them. Always coming from the cage, the cage had admirers, the game was defamed. The cage had worshippers, and worst of all, of whom would talk, their legless nature would draw about as to leap and bob, and hit the walls. Bashing themselves as they could barely breathe at all, now that their lungs were blimps, they were left quietly to breathe until they couldn’t handle. Sudden convulsions pushing through their handles, stopping, suffocating but a mine, delightful sight of spikes and smiles.

‘I think that one likes you.’

Cavern-dweller of the town, on a limp, a single limb, covered in olive-oil and ground. A distinct feature that would put him in what appeared to be a common discord between all of them was the fact that they looked like deformed horse-stretched bodies, twisted images of skin-plumes, barely humanoid and stricken with their melting features, as moss would be made out skin. Largely entangled features spoke, and many teeth arose from the grit below, he bore a chain out of his belly pouch, wrought out of the intestines of someone who long-died.

‘Before you say a thing, accept it. This should ward your woman against that.’

Whichever way he looked, he saw that out of the plain houses, although tilted like they had been pulled towards the eye of a storm that led to east as a whole, there lay little for them to be. Or look inside, and deal with what they should.

‘We’re looking for a doctor.’

‘You’re heading in the wrong direction then.’

A wry smile almost managed to deform. Whatever lay to him, long-gone, that fancy way of melting skin through drool, it was the same mixture that mixed itself with the base of every house and swoon.

‘I think you’re searching for a way out.

You should head down there and leap into the pool if you want to avoid pain.’

‘I can take it.’

Horn was startled, rightly so, as soon as he turned at her.

‘Very well, then you may follow, unless you want to slit and spare.

Drown down there.’

‘She can take a few bolts of pain.’

But pain arose just as soon as he led them into his brother’s house, whom in reality was the doctor of the town. Tall creature and much more son, just as one limbed as he were. Horn strapped to a table, large room, red enable him to see the splatters, lighted robes burning as to preserve the right, they were their utensils after all.

‘Have you worked on someone before this way?’

‘We certainly have.’

It was worthwhile to notice that her treatment was nothing to be completely avoided since she appears to have lived there, in those chambers for far too long, weeks, months at the very best while she was work on, in order to extract it. By the time the shouts stopped being audible in that house, she the room she was in had become cut, un-working, almost visibly defiled. Split while open, as he was spread into a room like a root-system still attached. Her face and skin kept on top of large plain-sticks, her peculiar skull being extended and looked into, in a room where not even a feather would reach the ground. And she was also incapable of seeing or knowing whether or not she had been alive, in this state of confusion she was it.

While the doctor was working through her ever root and even stretch during the extraction. Day by day, the man stood there nonetheless, nearing the door with a heart beating and a lack of satisfaction going through his heartless stance, for there was something dead in his eyes as he thought about his dying wife, relentlessly expecting her nearing, and mirth.

It was saddening, seeing her in that state, while none the matter none would sing of her death, nor concern themselves with her return. As the agony and pity progresses, of all the reasons she would stand, another surge of boils passing through, another painful thing trying to make through. But she could not breathe on her own, not until the cage willed it. As the cage willed all.

Far beneath them, to look down, but that would not make the least of slimmer, a difference at all.

There lay the reason they were there waiting outside, breathlessly walking around the house of the doctor during storming nights. Out of fright and on the lookout, never touched or wondering who might see, there lay but a single thing which stung most, if not all, standing. In a sign of agony. There were paths, there were roads, there were hopeless, worthless ones, all of whom gathered. None could sign, nor could say, not to go along they way, yet they always caught on yonder.

‘We shall serve him until he lets us feed. Afterwards, we shall put him down and devour what we can out of him.’

Beneath the ground:

‘As it its settled, we need to proceed with it faster then, otherwise, we shall be dead by the time they find us.’

Another consideration.

There were many other cages which weren't spoken off, as they seemed, rather, too incongruous to be touched and lumped about, or settled through, especially since there was no reason any longer to hide. Not in the open when they were out there, trying their hands in, the pseudo-workers pulling down the robes and dragging everything down. Tiresome in some way, but it was what it looked like, the only reason why some corpses chose to be there, in kindness and in woe. But there, as one should know better.

‘And there, I shall pour the last part of the cast and with it, I leave a man with a piece of the cage.

I shall make my own out of it and wreathe a kin whereas I want to. And I shall wonder ‘ere and in there distance, where would my kind be.

Whereas they might go and what would they do to please me, their true and one master, the maker-progenitor and that one who seethes.’

For he was fumigating as well as he could see a land barren-dark and plain about with rivers of no puffier substance but wool and protruding, pushing afar and everywhere it could reach and spread, as far as he had known. It was simple, more than he should care about it. He had ruined his chance to live, as he sprung from one point to another. He looked upon a shower of death, where all the corpses lay ruined and abandoned as if torn by a barely fought war he walked upon. No grave as mighty and none to shatter, none of his close skin-cocoons in tawny hides waning as they started growing about and spreading where one might see. He was basked upon and hardened, bee it as it may, there was no reason to convey the reaction his soul was merging.

To converge on the other side and walk upon the land vaguely torn, on where to go and whom to trust, for a man like him was not filled with disgust or any kind of distrust aimed towards another man, for he had beckoned to make a something of himself.

There past the gates of the prison, where he might look and see the rightful place and the open-vales, he settled on forging a kingdom.

‘Rightly neared so, past their towns and their deceitful mundane, those that look at me and stare.’

He pointed wildly behind, with little to himself to mind who was going to approach, of whose harrowing presence might he be afraid off. For none came forth, but some looked so, never trying to push themselves and better so, they were, if anything afraid, to make or wreathe in quiet aspiration, damned if they would be aware, of the dangers that lay there if opened hearts were pushed through. If they shared with him an aspiration to leave every nook and every crone behind, it would be the death of them, and would never push through quiet desperation, not to mind or pay any attention, or to wreathe in pain as if to catch. A disease or be brought to their knees and part, of their heartlessness came from their quieted fear, and never minded would they be of what seemed to appeared.

Two forth yonder, no hole remained, but there were dreadful things pushed against them, long and quieted along the way. Many of his followers, of Flinthel, stood behind, as they wagered of their kindles wager, would pay even more to stay behind.

His land was anything but his now, since there was a certain assuredness to him and to what was going on there. Nothing matched any longer, everything being off-the shot, off the place and differently placed

than anything that's ever been seen there. It was dreadful, dangerously uncanny, watched and ill-felt. There was but one shot, a clear view where they stopped, for the men had begged of him to slow down and watch and lay. There, whence he had remained, there was as but a break, where lay, the ground in lesser mounds. And they were vile holes from which they came out of, as they must've been there for hours.

'Who, and whom are you to come intrude, to lay where we have lain, where we died and would remain?'

'I am Flinthel and I'd rather be known, under the name of master called upon this place where no light had come to shone.'

'Leave this place and don't look back, for your bear the sign of the cage.'

'To that I yell to thee, fear not, for it shalln't harm you. '

'But it will do so and our hands lay o', ever nearing the point to drop and feel as they might be felt to shatter and never touch another beneath the earth. Know that we have done much to come and stumble upon it all, only to be removed.'

'You're corpses, nothing more.'

Another man intervened, followed by another, of whose distant quiet was just as it would appear. All too startling during its break, the man appeared out of nowhere and threw a small spear-like bolt out of the strange arm-cleaver he bore. Taking four of them down, only to be met by what appeared to be, nothing, no direction, no emotion seemed to be disturbing, though ever-lustful yet he saw a point in time. Where he may claim this land as his own and taken whichever maiden kind, who'd follow him but to escape, for no one lived to loved the cage.

'The cage is speaking, all need to turn.'

And all of the sudden it felt as if the entire world shook and danced upon command, torn by every and little mind to it as tainted. Least of all were they mention, despite the cage wreathing in. They shoved themselves and ever after, they followed back, even by the dead who followed yonder. As no one had a bitter choice, worsened by the looks and changed.

Weakness was but the disease of the mind, it wasn't there for any other reason but to pull them out of what they were trying to do. It was fatiguing, out of place, deceitful, looking back at it and how they would be pushed around and made to face.

Flinthel of no Lintel knowing, walked around and pulled a coal-coated colt of skin that shot through his upper-side of his arm, completely shattering and sawing off his upper-half only to have it revealed that he felt no pain nor would he face any kind of upheaval regarding what faced him. For every step along the way would make it so he conveyed little to no emotion knowing that in the back his spine formed a skin-blimp that made his back look like a hunch. Inside of which there lay disease and with each step he appeared to be eight-fingered and eight more, fingers nesting inside his toes until his lower legs started dragging like giant fat-lumps, wrapped round by the strange toes that came out and started forming tiny flicks of stairs. His mouth opened and instead of every tooth, there lay the head of an animal-like creature that had been hybridized with round machines, all connected to a system that shot through his upper head

region in which he stored all the pain and suppressed all the lost veins that had almost been lost upon having his upper side of his left arm shattered.

Now, the cold was still in his hand, although his thumb and his pointer were missing, he would not leave them that way. First the bleeding stopped and in that coagulation, there was but one thing which appeared to blunder everything to a point. A parasitical shell grew and the Raised-dirts, whom were apparently not dead to begin with, though they had developed strange lung-fortifications that allowed for under-buried breathing, they seemed to have a secret so. They weren't extracting air from dirt, but from the tiny ants, beetles and other filthy insects they managed to draw inside, breaking them apart which a small door-like formation as the back of their heads which rolled them around a bile-dirt ball suddenly turned from being pointed inwardly to throwing them out.

And they were long-legged as well, but these legs were curved and stored in the muscle-mass at the back of their trunks. At times they were static and appeared to levitate only a millimeter above the air, then some had their heads and left arms disappear. But now they neared and entered the cage.

What appeared in front of them was a deformed half giant who manifested itself and would never be brought to the justice they demanded of him.

He is out of place.

Wrong thought, not spoken out loud.

'He is out of place.'

'Him, the giant?'

'Not the giant, you wild-termite, him!'

And thence yonder he pointed towards the strange, up-throng tall-set, with his arms elongated and head pushed through. In a fancy suit of armor tainted and pushed a head, a helmet through. With the rams of a horn and the back which pushed through in the back, right through the giant's body, a hole wreathed in and cut right as he appeared out of nowhere, a cone in the back, where poured the sea of scum into his brain. Deranged as he were, this was a result of him eating along the way, something he should not have, a head or a piece of anchor.

He revealed strange patterns of hand-imprints which had been poked like hot-irons, signs of legs, and crayon-drawn tiny specks of dark-magenta stars, and eyes and wild smiles and frowns and others would be inclined to look as his hands as he bore strange tin-caps that were flat instead of fingers, all of which had been cut. A giant pair of eight-worm formations sticking out of him at various spots of his chest and back-legs, which crisscrossed themselves with iron wires and riot-pyres burnt inside. Many small heads and lesser crept and hid inside of him eating. There was a blurt of disease and distress which eaten, leaped upon and barely undefeated.

Though the giant was but half a trunk and for what was worth, this prospect was merely ignored as it wreathed out of the way. It was to be for that reason that many would not even consider what was going down a few miles below, for more than a few obvious reasons, something was missing, something brokenly pushed out of way. Bred of skin and fallen through, with each missing piece of the passages and

burrows, something as simple as they were stood out the most during the wakeful dark, where some Insatiable men were forced to take a walk in pairs. Most would not return with anything but piece of their own likings. Some shared, others did not satiate the hunger which always begged for more, for those whom ate had suffered, while, alike the poison which belonged to them.

While and along, they would seethe and go around, trying to get through. As one would pass just enough, the makings of the quiet would make it so shouts would go unnoticed. As a mere act of desperation that mirrored blue green-walls, which were as hardened as they were hardly visible had bore. Upon them there lay but a single speck, a missing light, figures of their own. Some who looked at them with torches stared. Other stayed there as they preferred it as an alternative to starving. But mostly so, a brother's own would not go unheeded.

‘Orung, we need to leave the sigh.’

‘But I must look at my own reflection, it must be so, I have to see, I have to seethe and ruminate upon the uncanny.’

That was what he spoke today. Yet with each passing moment it felt likely that he would not open his mouth again for various reasons, not to be spoken roughly as to be the same. His teeth were there, having pulled his gums and the upper side of his palate as they entered, slowly, the wall. Yet they stopped at his incisors and appeared only to force him to crush and crush he did as the uncanny reflection did not allow such a thing as entry to himself.

‘You’re doing this to yourself.’

‘We’re leaving, take heed.’

The others in the pair left. They went out of their way to make it seem like Orung was a lost cause. Skindly stood by his side for a long period of time, at least for long enough to figure out that he needed, at the very least to make a cut, as much as it was needed, as much as it could’ve been avoided, there was no possible other way to take it out of him. He was gone. Already crushing his fingers, toes, dislocating what he could take out of his own. And wonder.

‘Why are you doing this?’

I can hear nothing in there, I hear no call.’

The torch inside his hand was dropped. He didn’t know the reason now, but stuck with it and managed, ever so plainly to struck a chord.

It wasn’t anything to be ashamed of, looking how the wall produced a hand in the distance, bearing a long-knife.

‘Get away from the wall, now!’

It came too fast, as if it were on a rail frailty launched from one side to another, nastily inclined, his head fell down before it could even reach the floor. Bouncing around for a few seconds before the rest of the body had a chance to jerk itself off the flat surface it was leaning against.

‘Damn it, damn it, damn it, this was too close, way too close.’

Skindly barely shook at it, thinking.

He only looked down now, realizing they have been walking on clean schizophrenic drawn floors at all times. Words and squiggly lines were written, drawn and dragged as if they had been left by someone suffering of hypergraphia, awfully inclined and pushed on the side, he was a little bent on it and watched by blood get drawn into the various depressions put in. He had bled and was of but a head, gagging on blood, there on the spot.

‘I shall take you back, you need not worry.’

He smiled realizing that, after they came through, there was no reason to look, a new. They weren’t in a hole beneath the ground after all, instead, it looked as if there was a sky skin to some hollow hole, a world that had been created by the cage. It would rummage one through pity and caves, only to remain there, for longer stays.

Strangely, as those reflection were little in doubt to talk and even make the slightest sound, yet there had been signs and point-blank stares, the starving ones would endure being there for a few more minutes. It just so happened that every so now and then, a few of the reflections would start pushing through, unaware of what they had been causing, cast upon themselves, nauseatingly to eat. Although they never left their side, one might be inclined to think that this was but a mirror, a slight transparent thing which could barely been seen through. Touched and frozen, set-alike in part, incontrollable as it would be set, to light, yet no sign could be seen.

Nothing within it could signal what was going through. If anything, there was something pushing on and growing, as if waited upon until a great moment had arrived. Thence, a few steps before, with every push releasing itself, ashore, and made out of parts. At first it looked like a piece of meat emanating from a feet-wrought circle, shaped in such a manner as if to channel whatever other thing lay inside, before it had come alive. Or what would be called so in any case. Whatever the embrace had caused and of whichever sight, it lay, aghast, there was no explanation. Dreadful as it were, this was not one of the worst creations that would come to be.

For long legs and arms contorted pushed out like the crumbling meat wagon of both a catapult and a ram, of which head was human in part, with a mouth extension that carried the reflective wall. It followed him, the man in flight. He could barely set himself away, in doubt and mourning. For whichever cause and broader lurking beneath the soil, where various holes had been dug through and would never even be pushed as to sue some of the sleepers.

The further it followed, the more of them appeared there. It was something of a mess, seeing all of them abandoned in such a way. And no comforting thought would happen, for the likes to ever got it. And in the likes there was refuge, and in their bodies, lumps, and hues such as the likes. Not to be seen in sight. He turned, and after seeing, long companion abandoned, he had pulled on his life. Aimed but the tip of the revolver and shot; in desperation for what was worth, he came to miss as it set forth and drove its ram-points into him. Though smaller heads and joints of glory, ivory would be benign, If anyone would engorge themselves into eating, that would be this beast in its eternal cry.

There were lays upon which horse-flight made the stairs, of which outer-shells or leather fell but never to as they remained. Leading to a small house that was kept that way, wrapped as if it were a stable, deflected as the heads were out, moaning as they were in laughter, waiting for some filth-delight. Some were fed, others starved, while they were manifold on growing their skin-sacks. It was a mistake being, setting into flight just then, but here, there, alas, aware, the house could not get away. For it was anchored by the stable and it would not let go, regardless of the pain, entrancing, there was nowhere else for it to go. Dumbfounded as they were, there was no reason to set forth.

What lay inside of it was nothing to be looked upon, dreary as plaster, men made to cast their fears upon one another ever so much faster than they could abide. Filth was spread and just as such, inside there came but a pus-box. It was all that the room held. And this thing was just shaped, in a way that would make the lock look like the cage itself, ever pushing out surroundings. Some were only growing on the walls.

They were releasing their contents slowly, only to invite the Ivory suited knights inside. As insidious as one should be aware of them, their presence hardly bent up front. They only came to eat from the boxes, as one could see it just as wrong. Open helmets revealed the head of the dead. Not to be touched upon or made as if to be felt.

It was a given fact that there were also heads down there, limbs and other cut-throat parts that had been ripped out of their various bodily sockets and placed as if to rot and be unable to retort. There was also that one thing, which almost stood out. Like a cancer pointer, a star that was pushing out and walking in eight directions. Four legs on one side, four behind, two on each side.

A metal device wrapped around its body, holding four children to every side. To a curve of metal, as if it were a three, from left to right, the infants would be slowly pushed, deeper into the side-rib metal cones, constantly being stabbed some bore. Two more, front and back, another metallic three, seen from the side, always in the same manner, acting as if there was no other reason for it to be done other than a desire to inflict pain upon them, nothing being done about it. Eaten, rotten, shoved inside, a leper would not abide this creature caught in its small birdcage.

Bloody breathing through some exasperation, cut shapes across his chest, most deranged as it were, it could only knock on various chairs and part of the bile which was in its throat could only come out past its turn. There were signs of laceration.

A world beneath the ground waiting, damned as it were, beneath the spills of meat where they fell, deepening beneath the earth as they formed some uncanny looking forbidden tilted sea-ward, hardened as it pushed below. Deeper that it should be settled and known, there was a mirrored-wall shaped sun. Which floated upon a mirrored-sky, which only pushed upon the tilt, hardening, various buildings very much alike moved. Most of them uncannily wagering, wars upon each other's ill. Tempered tilted men came out breathing, hardly with little knives in their deformed pouches. Some would come alive and dread, others would be kindly unaware. Of what was going on there, in the distance.

'I see a bridge formed out of the crimson people of whose eyes are green and shine within.'

Some set in flight, delighted of their edifying nature, and how they started chopping, cutting as well, tiny slits of iron crossing, as they built their crimson passing-wells. Upon them a sea of red, they only drank

when they couldn't be seen as well as felt. Some were dire, others would admire nothing but the violent pounding they would share in ribs and crimson beads, children weeping as they limped.

They were but strange crystals and appeared to make the most unnatural formations of stone. And at times they floated everywhere around and would turn the world and the sky from a deep ultramarine to a crimson-pink, a vital thing for their kind. Some floated and ever-more. They came to touch the moonlight snow of deeper hues, and blue inside of them falling through, for the snow was anything but soft, yet tainted. Always but a color hued through, ahead of them, they lay so.

‘As I was trying to say.’

Leopold said, without trying to take away from his masterpiece.

‘This woman.’

‘Her name is Horn.’

‘She’s done for, wrought and remade, by masterful hands such as the mastery of my craft had wrought her innards back inside.

And her arms through while everything remains as they should.’

‘It’s a miracle.’

He said, without questioning why she was as soft of head, her majesty arose. Though her eyes had been replaced in their broken sockets, there was still something still shining inside of them, leading to a strange dome roof that opened, as if lighted for the first time. As one of the eight moons shone from the chandelier, she finally winced and set alight.

‘There, I see it.’

Pointing at one of them, she could see, that through the wrap of stone, something was missing. An emptiness inside defiles, all of them hollow with a transparency that ate. For the stones that entered the moons, unhindered would disappear without a trace. And ever-more quietness there lay.

Middle of it, right in the dead center, whereas normally on such a thing there'd be, but the eye of the storm, dead-looked into it, there almost seemed. Likely tainted but a small machine of blue contorting space into the color that pushed through, wreathing through the atmosphere tainting but the dreams of men unkindly.

One of the cages that had floated in the air, had given in to the strangeness of the despair which was protruding out of it as well as everything else. Tiny bodies pulled through. Some of them fallen as if on cue. But others looped and joined, largely conjoined with the peculiar metal that had made it. And faces and the limbs, many of which couldn't have fallen if they were wrapped around and thinned. Of flight, set in many, dragging but the cage down, for the natural state of it was to be drawn beneath the ground, its meat wasted. Nothing could endure such power, contorted and tasted.

By him, a humanoid with no legs, instead he bore the serpentine forms made out of heads, dragging him deeper into the ground as they all were in need to devour and push around. Dreading forth as they advanced, trying to eat the scum through and push inside a little mound.

‘Here, thee, I ask of you, Heor.’

And he called upon the more dreaded of its kind. There were eight of them, all named so. The Heors approached, being broken and branded, misbehaving where they stood. In blindness they would walk uprightly but never ask for more than they should. Ought not walk that way, they stooped, ever so lower, than they should.

It was a given.

They hid in fractioned stars that sang and danced when it was all uncalled for.

At times, during the flashed of their moons and through lights of swoons they appeared here and there, nowhere near and always there. Beings that could barely be seen. Always floating, never thinned by hunger, growing. Always fatter, always showing in most awful placed. There, watching in the same manner. Growing stronger as they spread, wingless things, their arms grasped ahead as they were coupled with the disease growths. Like veins which spread around, contorted they had wrapped themselves together, all would be part. Of this body, carried along, gluttons of meat, footless but would sink beneath yet flat away. Sometimes appearing while disappearing outside the prison grates, as much as they appeared to dominate, they sought to fear and to look through.

Nearing death they would only sink so lowly and look behind. Giant-corpses appearing out of line with nothing else but a desire to eat and shove them into the dirty grith.

‘I’m telling you, I’ve almost unlocked.’

Spoke Handling to Heor, whom first, at kind, pushed ahead ever so blindly as to think his head would be eaten upon a sinking thing which were the deformed teeth that came out of the stranger’s mouth. He made these halls outside and wrought them. Ever-so floating and almost blinded, for the buildings all had eyes, and would sink their teeth as well into the tiny flying beasts that came along. They wanted to have something to eat, filling their guts with unlikely diseases. Always in the same spot, always going around until they could not do anything but be brought to knees, of which they had many. Around the trim of every edge, and every wall, the feet were set. But a stair leading to a train-like opening in their mouths, which buried the rooms inside their guts, the living areas, not only were they not in the same place, but what had happened would swing them in the spotless hell which was the guttural home they’d spend eternity in.

From inside it looked like a depression, such as the like of a curved bomb which had been dug through by force. Always contorting as if it were, but an unnatural thing thrown along the way, as it happened for inside. Another face that was unkindly blind.

Enough room for the four of them to enter.

Krockwan, Jolt, Hymn and Port, all of whom looked as if they had been mightily worn out, waged upon as war threaded on unnamed lands, they looked for refuge along these abandoned few living houses that lay in the outdoors.

Jolt was the first one to say.

‘The rain will not stop for hours now and if we had stayed, there would’ve been no return for either of us whatsoever.’

‘I understand that but still.’

Hymn could not get used to anything he was looking at. Everything looked so peculiarly mad in ways he would’ve never considered it to be so. As the likes of which, bodies appeared, always nearing the pint of growth and spreading; so it happened for the ceiling to be theirs. Always a foot ahead, they were dead. And always dying, bodies that were growing but spreading, only to appear.

A dead man made of bits of skin and fingernails and most importantly a substance that was moldable like clay but bore the features of the creep who had his face carved in. Not as much as a death mask but as in someone cut a part of his face as he implanted it in the substance, along other devices used for tracking. All there, his arms were back, elongated but flaccidly on the ground, stretched from whence he came.

‘You live in that hole?’

‘I was born in it and seem to grow still in it, with all the unnatural fat I’m in need of.’

Calling upon one of lesser mouths as well, he seemed likely to be called upon by those wanting him dead and planted back into the place.

‘I bear my brothers through.’

Like a small hose received an unfathomable amount of spring water, a bulk of mass started pushing on, slowly being delivered in his direction, as he could not control the flow and the power through which it was being lead onto. Slowly being carried through, but the sinew of bodies-cattle eaten benignly on cue. They wanted to eat it in part and sink about eighty teeth outside, that could be seen. As the various shapes started foaming through and in.

An obscure out of place man lay there. Somewhere, placed as if bred for it, and would lace upon anything as if molded for the spot. Bred for it, and never brought for anything else. With all the uncanny things going, it came at last. And walked upon a block of metal which flew in as it cut through one of the giant’s bodies, left to rot as it had come that way; by the time of which there had never been a patch of dirt any longer, with everything having become obscure as they were thrown around. Their feet were just as glassy as they were nastily dragged along. The balcony of grates, to which the ingratiated monkeys that they were could not reach ahead, in which there lay, but an unfashionable thing, which rotted where he lay.

Though he was still in prime and largely delight, open-sighted with a slit to lay. Dragged around and thrown somewhere to bereave, as an animal with a sting, largely surrounded by the field upon which he fell.

But alas, there he lay. Lurid had taken her out, grabbed by the unfashionable crown of her back, only to taint her touch and never look. Either of them longed for some release to follow, upon the touch and present in the likes they hadn't realized without disgrace, the man with no arms greeted them, while the rest of his body was but a trough, largely attached to the ground, bearing a scent unlike the one that would cast them into the most unfashionable grottoes yet to die.

'They fixed you my dear. At the very least you could to lend upon me a smile.'

A scent so harmonious such as the likes of which would never be seen or touch. Where they lay, the sun was but tainted and touch, it brought little more than it was needed, as it wreathed in pain and changed in like. Part of it lay like some rosary-tainted pucker of spreading pus. A star that wanted to encompass all.

Though none could see it, as obvious as it remained, there was but one thing standing all across the way, in the distance grouped, and crisscrossed like tiny specks, which appeared everywhere and would to be. Put together never in the same way one could expect them to see, the alloy wreathed, finally revealed for what it were, not a cage but such as dreaded web would shatter its formation and be forced upon the wind to lay.

Never going to allow it to die like that it seemed.

Sun threw its pinkish rays which had not only colored the sun but seemed to go a long, lonesome way.

'Got you.'

Leaper the colt, another one came, and the two of them froze. It was a robbery such as they likes of which they hadn't even expected. It came out of nowhere, barely deflected for what had happened there. No bullets hue but strangest pick-like bolts of sinew came out, as if skin shouted, let me out of the barely. Yet the tissue formed across the half one at the bottom's throat, then slowly dug and came about the other side.

He fell without a chance to breathe, he would've fallen sooner if there was but a chance for him to seethe and foam. But a thing of his own, Lurid but tried taking her away, with little misuse and just as little of a chance to get through to her.

'Ah, now I see, she's hit in the head, isn't she?'

'We got nothing on hand if this is what you're looking for, take it.'

Lurid but threw one of the rings that were placed on her hand. It looked like a band with a small ear stolen from a man. It was of little value but the bandits took it. They shared between a sack, just about limbs and parts, including the man they now shook of what he had, putting him in. Alas, their suits covered every feature but they were of an utmost distinct kind. Out of this place at least, for what seemed to be a long enough of a run; they made it with what they could and ran as fast as they should while being trailed. Many colts and deformed cartilage-boned rifles laughed as they grinned. Shrunken bodily whims had come on top of them, always stalking and always trailing in the wrong directions.

'Don't let them get through, they'll put a wrong use on it, if they settle past the river and misuse it.'

Man in charge Ezekiel-Sphere, he was but of a piece as well as he could see and aim and shoot again as they but followed. Without wonder and without getting a strong sense of what they've done, they disappeared somewhere around a hill-like rise, a patch of green in a land of murky colors, with an abandoned truck near it. The hills were so inclined, but looked benign, a sad memory taken from the sky yet allowed to run so. As much as they could set aside, whichever glory might've taken their pride, none but followed, all but asked. There was a reason not to mind, what went on but wanted to be. It came and fell through, but never to see, there was something standing in its way.

Always blocking, none to convey, slits of alienation, they were here and there, hidden in the ground. Most hid like larvae, hid and died only to have a few tinier ones widespread and cry as they were taken through their heads, missing slightly but eating just as much as they could get. A sine of filth, in which they drove, farther through the hopeless rope which dragged one down, there had been signs but no one set them off, and would malignantly but set one off, only to spare, only to dare and follow on their trails.

Beneath the earth they hid. Winked at strange eyes of dirt, men of grit appeared and took them still. Platforms of iron, and mixed-up barbs, iron fences which were flat and many failed wrapped around growths of skin that would not move on, always in the same spot where the larger ones grew through. Attached as if they were breathing through the roots above their heads, uncannily wondering whether starving or be eaten, next batch attached to them as they were being lowered onto a strange pull of scum in there. Lay fattened, the larva-skin was near, harvested of what they had, eaten in fear. It was how they managed to live so long.

There were always ways to tell whether or not they overextended, especially since the larvae-fat would sometimes simply seep in and grow everywhere around the place. Yet another small intrusion such as that of a scalpel would sometimes come in mind. As the various attendees, the caretakers grouped and came, most made sure it was taken good care. To be certain, some of the fallacious fat would be put inside tiny containers and thrown aside, out of fear. Nearing the point where they could dreadfully be inclined, set of little mind, they moved. Through the first gut shook and shaken as they breathe.

'I think we need to make sure the production of meat will still be going, even after we'll have left the place.'

'Are there more people around the place?'

'Certainly, at least eight of us making sure every larvae is being refilled. We would not like having to deal with.'

Strange wooden floor and briar pseudo boxes they sometimes put it, dragging them with chains while making sure these parasites would remain of one mind.

Ezekiel-Sphere spoke again. He considered why he was showing this to the moving painted man who followed near. He was there, he was here and he had appeared out of nowhere, in fear and in fright. Always trying to do what he could, blindly taking but with a scalpel, drawing blood so he could eat after.

'There, I think we have ourselves a prize.'

From one of the fat rhumpous luscious lumps he took, but a few tiny children, not that he should mess with the next generation of inbred parasites, but they fixed teeth once they were chewed. As sick as it looked, likely they should all keep in mind, and stop the staring. It was this, followed by eating limbs, which only gouged the classical back organ which was heated as hard as coals bags. Then given and passed around until they could do it no longer.

One time, on rare occasions, this would. It turned and faced them as if this were some peculiarly surreal scene taken from a dream, opened one of the eight faces that were slit, and then spat down what appeared to be a cubical, made out of but a man. Whose body was missing, his hands but cylindrical valves, calves were but tendons and veins that twisted like grasshopper legs as they entered the sides of his head, pumping some unfathomable liquid neither of them could identify, neither of them being able to deny that this was no place to stay.

‘Here, I dug a hole at the opposite side of him. I think we should stay here for a few hours at least and make sure there’s nothing going on with it.’

It never feels like it’s enough to wait. Until one of them starts acting up again, many of them being released from their insides, barely leaping or dragging themselves in.

‘Keep this in on you at all times. They seem to be disgusted. Hemophilia, I think it is, the main reason, but I cannot be sure of it.’

They wore guts like strange protection talismans, old tradition dating back more than it ought to be allowed to. Sometimes they took them off, only to find themselves somewhat creepily surrounded, and never gotten past the age where they could simply leap around and eat from the ones without a face.

‘There are men out there, sitting in dirt, face and bodies chewed in.’

‘It happens, sometimes.’

He spoke to the paint, as in reality, it was merely stamped on top the dead man himself. Uneven walls which stopped on one side and appeared to continue on the other in the worst possible manner. Nothing appeared to bring back the joy, not even them trying themselves on.

Two more men appeared.

‘We got this thins with us.’

Ezekiel-Sphere came up, he merely threw a glance and appeared to understand everything. Lower-side of man, larvae-cubical on top of it, an attempt to get a hold on a lower body in order to escape and get as far as possible before being trialed for it.

‘We’ll do it here.’

‘There’s no doubt about this, leader.’

‘Guilty as charged, take him to the chains and lower him into the floor of fire.’

There was magma which was still fluid because of the heated pyre. It appeared likely to be constantly changed despite the obvious, until they realized that there was no possible manner to control it any longer. Hands came out the bottom at times, they begged to wrap themselves around something or someone most of the time. When it was most unnecessary to believe it happened, one step behind, and always yapping mouthlessly, theirs was a realm of touch that was discovered by singing and by permanent scars. By leaving boils and third-degree burns so they could see the world for what they are. Through their victim's bodies came the eyes and for them, it was only a matter of time until all would be revealed.

A sleepless night followed.

Painted man, of whose name was but little known.

Always on the wrong spots. Eyes on the clouds, eyes on the willows, oaks, and every dark tree and every hole and every peculiar shape, even the statues and everything which appeared to come as well.

Various peculiar almost frozen-spring-like, as the drops and various river-head swollen and came forth. Set by sweat and wreathing bodies, all of which were carried but along. Buried with eighteen sides, flowers that grew the wrong way and would rather be put, unkindly to stare; Satyr-like statues, all put everywhere to hold one of the holding cages, whose many rough ends started extending, just like in the looks of snail's eyes, flaccidly stretched and grabbed from their behind. Not allowed no kind of flight, never to be allowed to embark again.

But they whom harvested what they could, be it whatever parasitical moot or meat, there was no taker, only what could be seen around.

Always on the wrong spot, always messing around.

'The missus, is she fine?'

'Of course she is, she only needs a few hours of rest that's all, she will be fine.'

At the very least, they remained there for what seemed to be one hundred days and one thousand more which followed. Although neither of them could be checked, there was somewhat of a simple reason for him to have become. Something of him had to be left behind only so something might flourish after.

A trail of florints could be seen lain around. Leading to the remains of a Sphere that had encompassed or drawn him in, he had been dragged around and stretched upon a pair of chains. He'd been put to a lot of pressure from the nearby mask that were attached to the boiler-terminal as he would not breathe again by no other means. But most importantly, he had lived, somehow in an uncanny manner. He managed to get through. There was no reason to assume there would be a change. He was but split open, laying where he was, not only without a face, or one that could be distinguished, but without anything a living thing could somehow relate to or grasp at. Since it so happened for his followers to leave as well, the sustenance being lost, from what he could tell, this was but a place of silence and something he could not draw his eyes away from. He was lost in thought and mildly deformed in the brain. Always dousing knowing that many generations of his followers had perished, long forth-abandoned; though the likes of him could not wait there for long, as he yearned to be released and made to walk through without giving a thought to the matter. There was this thing which could not be ignored, ever so pleasant as it were, the sphere rose.

It floated as an uncanny thing. Ezphere but had rubbed a few tubes the wrong way upon drawing, pulling what it could from the terminal. Of which rubbing tools and many others, and hands, extensions and peculiar pumps seemed to be more alive than him at times. Even bloated, foaming, trying to grasp. He was there but for a reason he could not put his finger on. For those that remained looked as if had fattened too much for there to be hope for him as if to do anything else than what remained of him. He was but shocked, and cocked in the back with a larger spine that one ought to carry, phallic even as it drew in and out upon his flight, defeating the purpose of his form. Upon marching forth, and carrying through diseased tunnels he might've honed a thought of wonderment as to how might've it have happened that it has yet come to cave in upon so many a year passed, he finally descended. He had not been a part of it, nor would he mourn for those he lost, since he had but little to spare from that point on. There was no reason to go on marching, especially since nothing would yield no kind of result. It was all too plain that something has happened here, yet he could not, for the likes of him understand, what happened to the cages? How could they disappearance have come and been without a mark on the ground or even seen by any means. The quiet had even sold it so. In his mind he would but know or understand how it came to happen, only to come to the realization that he had not understood anything. Anything at all, everything had been wasted on him and this was the place to be done in. To be done for and twisted and turned and put to waste as there would be no more forms for him to be fed on. Whatever reserves lay in that tiny terminal had long gone to waste and he was but of a mind to ask, who came next after him?

'I've seen it all happen and I can finally begin. I know you were eaten, larvae, deep from within. I had hope that you would somehow make It through. That you could somehow control yourself, only to be useful for some time, until passing on the next generation.'

Yet there was little to no one left to hear. No one nearing him from the distance or always to wonder what had been the cause of all. He was but of a mind unlike no other, but appeared to be blind as to what brought on the destruction his kind suffered. Always of a piece, tiring himself over as he dragged but on a sphere of disease, it had become him. And it carried over on top the ground. Planting itself like pheromones as he levitated atop yet to be contaminated plows.

Roughness could be seen, there had been somewhere here on a whim. Foot prints and dug-out crates, broken barrels all too moist to be remains; always mocked by tiny sparks that weren't there or no.

'Whom rises forth?'

As if a chevalier he started charging forth on charred ground, trying himself a she could but be of a little mind for the strange suit he and his deformed horse were both wearing together. Always of a mind to ask of it, they were, for what could there be, at any time, but a reason to set it so, the blind but followed through, making it so seem as if they were but in tune with the orchestra, the assembly he had but carried on back. Through a few cracks of twists, it's done so, ever pushing them to be seen while there was no reason within sanity, to move them on, or but to carry through. They acted like tiny diseased rats but gotten through before their time had come. Before it arrived. There were others who wanted to piece, of throat and many looping holes, in the giant marked body. In the wreathing thing which found solace into hunting the strange glutton-ball which floated yet above the ground floor; as they made but a game of it, they followed through with some unnatural appeal. Large blades, like huge octaves, shaped as if they were curved as well, all around the edges crying, to but put themselves on top. And wreathe in pain as they could but not help it, wanting to be done.

The hunt would carry on by some means or another.

A man had yelled.

‘It’s getting away, it’s getting away, I can see it, I can see it.’

He wagered, as soon as he had come to it. He was but little in doubt that they might catch it since there was no way down no longer. All slurped and put to dirt, and left into a place, unlikely to be caught on. Upon a short interference, there had been but a sign. At any time, from the looks of it, a man could’ve stepped out of line and finally put an end to the creature before the others might even come to suspect it. It was unnerving, being hunted. Thrown into a ditch and poached, there was never a chance for it to approach and be felt for, or see a thing decay. It was that leprous body which appeared to make something out of it. There were lays in which it promptly stood, before long, its body shook and was to be thrown around, always of a piece and shroud which ought not to be taken or made to be seen as its metallic peculiar shell started falling off. Then melted, encasing him before being caught.

‘Close, he’d escaped!’

‘Down to the underground regions then, we shall find him so.’

They had made horn-bottles, with which they only pushed below, making the most peculiar depressions which drew in their bodies like wind-vales and leaves, drawn to a point, where they dug and never made it, through a piece but long contended with being a single contorted body. Out of theirs and put together until they could no longer face a rain, of which magnitude only drew the dirt away from the surrounding areas and into the horn hole where they all hid and wanted to spread against, below the earth, where life was scarce, a glutton-bore. Whom walked eyeless, chained but having caught them off guard. They appeared to be dragging themselves as the meat hat encompassed both their riding animals and their bodies, alas, the deformation was too much to look through. As if siphoned and made to melt, in the mixture, now all plain to see. One to be called to it, he should’ve known.

Sphere was not one to be caught as easily as one might tell to throw.

‘In with the rocks, pit him!’

They shouted and announced, immediately entranced by the peculiarity which was his. They rocked his head and bobbed it forth, always around the edge and always wanting to do more than that while have him bleed. It was obvious that they could not help themselves, nor see within the range of grasp, as strange as that was, they but were unaccountable for what they wrought. In quiet days they would’ve had his throat and thrown it away when no one was looking, but now?

The glutton had to settle with a rock against the back of his skull. His mouth but fell, and jaw pushed through, but he’ll survive it, they always do. Venomous meat from the looks of it, as if there being smaller mandibles encased in the meat itself, always injecting whoever tried taking a bit. Tooth for tooth, venom exchanged and that’s how they survived so far, killing their own while dreaming ahead. There was no understanding between them. As soon as the moans arose, the bother gluttons were but drawn to eat as they could feed on as well as be encased, in its mass there lay, but many bites and gnaws that pain alone could not convey.

Only to be certain of the monstrosity which had become the strange peculiar men that rose in, the funnel through which they managed to draw beneath the earth would be ever-so closely more shaped or near a mythical horn than a normal one, giving it the strange segmentation that would break and force them to spill along the way, with the exception of it being twisted the other way around as the tip of the horn to face below the earth and pierce another layer. Through which they would be forced to liquefy before falling, dropping and being remade. For the same reason skin would still bear fragments of bone cartilage because of the impurity as well as the imperfection this process seemed to bear. Not to mention the incompatibility of the parts which had been used as well, which only dragged off.

But if one were to look at the peculiar faces of fat and the Lumped ones that went around the underground quasi-abandoned halls, he would be surprised to see that the mouths themselves which were forming inside them, or more so-likely, the incisors were but temporary formed inside the meat only as a protective organic self-defense manner which served as the most uncanny thing, only to draw in and push through, the blood system being turned to a peculiar sinew before being thrown around.

There was but little as to matter then. Danger and solitary confinement was everywhere, but one should find him.

They were still in on this hunt. As the Sphere-Ezekiel was still attempting to draw out, or find the nearest way to lay about and get as far away as possible.

A wind-trap lay abandoned, it was the lower-gut, the eye attached, a grin-morbidly defined and cut through and in by a strange blade. There was to be no point in looking into it or to wager, as there lay but an echo which followed through. Reverb no soon after, just as soon bouncing in every hall before it could be caught off guard and pushed through into a wall. It was to be eaten and spread. They were but ill, and never there. With as fast as a twitch muscle, a reflex that came after, they all moved to the side. An arrow and a bullet made out of a peculiar twisted brain, set aside as it cut like iron, never touched, but always for a piece, always thrown about and cut through, eaten, they could not be deceived. No, not while they were so aroused, so active in the mind that they would know what's going on there. Always on point.

'It's coated.'

'Then don't touch it.'

Two faces, open mouths, elongated on a monstrosity which was rounded as a balloon-sack, hardened in the front before dragging back to many legs which twisted themselves as if they only allowed dragging along and no other kind of movement. It was obvious that neither of them could be spared and neither of them could dare to touch. Dread followed through them, alas, there was but for reprise. Coated in metal, it threw a few benign rocks at them.

This was what life lay for them down the ground-corridors, no possible exception. There were things that weren't spoke on, a myriad ways to look back. Skin-planted air-people who were carrying those who had been sutured on, for they were back and phasing, through the past and through the future, only to be gone. It seemed unlikely to be spoken of, yet Horn had become, alas. But her half-a head above the nose remained. Many long legs made out of smaller, muscle tendon-thin connected segment-legs, upon which it walked. Taking her time as she could draw away her husband's coffin, Lurid being there per chance; but he had but been inclined to look around and wager. Walking with utmost peculiar things, all the while

she had yet to understand it but she was anything but in control of her broken stings. Upon which she stabbed the ground, and little more than a few injections, would settle as to go in whichever direction. To her there they lay, always following in order to convey the least amount of pain and anger.

And whose walk, strange talk, upon distraction, there came but a man. With little eye to him, to stay. He had but bore a small thing in his back, not a sting but carried a trunk which opened, let alone revealed. A compressed city's citizens, all pushed inside and sealed. Wreathing around him on a cylinder, wheeled around, a torture not to be called, felt around as the ground started changing from the metal to a billion heads that had been coated and used around. In this peculiar thing that followed, pain could not be misinterpreted, let alone allowed to be shallow, as it followed yet around. From their scalps, blood was proud, as they had coated their heads with helmets of coagulation. Farther than the ends of the sky, a blood narwhal-like finger follower four others, standing upon a floating sea-ray, which ate what it could, not to stay around and eat, the smaller planet heaps of flying mosquito-like heads and long injectors that would breed with it. Little boils would be its wombs, and plenty of umbilical cords drawing blood within them as they could not help themselves but start to breathe. Through this uncanny heap, there lay, but a few, along the way, picked.

Diseased unnatural things that grasped, with their peculiar wings. Of which broken and left open like curtains, from the insides of which they spread and protected. Little wind-shields they formed, of large decay, always spread across the way. And listened to as mighty fences of bone only riddle many words upon tilting upon the wind-homes the creature passed through.

But most peculiar of all, the fingers were of such a mass, benign that their bore. Five main heads that gave the others, men affected by wild disorders, whom could not but help themselves. Always looking for an excuse for what they dominated. No sky erected, but let to breathe, allowed to seethe as they would see fit.

Eclyer, Alabaster, Taband, Whysk and Ortle, all of whom looked like strange disorders, of the most peculiarly intrusive manner, surgeries had planted them inside and they looked just as benign as any man would imagine them to be. Seething in their wild-planted heap, a few feet deeper in, they could not help themselves but communicate with her. Since she was but a being of her own, little of mind and painter with scars of tar, while the most peculiar speech patterns would be muttered from afar and jolted by underestimated-unseen servants whom leprous forms could but little be seen at all.

Alabaster came first to notice. He had but a little horn of growths coming out of one eye socket, then finally entered in the other. Always poisoned with the venom of his cut. Brought with a filthy thing which he couldn't see about. Blindness was obscure, it could not be put to test, nor proved to be, of little mind. He was but blind for a period of time but had regained his sight upon his mouth. Once he chewed the face of a survivor, he had managed to pull and draw him in, enough that he might meet him yonder, only to get what he wanted and waste to time, seeing through his eyes, yonder where he needed be. He was dirty, extremely so. A long tongue which emerged, tormented by what appeared to be a mammal's physiognomy, at least to the cured rotten-meat he spared. He had ignored the peculiar things that were the mosquito-shaped peculiar planted filth that entered them. Since he was changed and used to breed, he might as well enjoy it, evil thought.

Brought to them in utmost uncanny matter, he could but not understand where she had come to falter.

‘I’ve been split apart before.’

Horn said, and she remembered every minute and second they had worked on her.

‘This body of my had been partitioned to evolved this way, ever since the doctor and his assistant had their hands wrapped around me. Know me so, I seek nothing and I have no hope but at least I got with this in mind.

I cannot for the likes of me die. You may not believe it so, but I’m hard to touch and may never be destroyed upon no touch, and let alone, brought to justice upon the spread of a diseased rat.’

Upon which they appeared to be on top off.

Annoying sounds coming from the others. So benign and most unpleasing. They were doing so intentionally as if either they hadn’t been fed for years, or some other unpleasing thing happened. They wanted to look around, to be pushed and allowed of flight, to explore, to see around and see some more. Walking in most uncanny things while wishing there was more around them they might see and bear. And bear no longer, wild a thing, they could finally see it, somewhere, there, in the distance, sounding.

He was of a mind to make her suffer in some way. And push her body through a meat grinder to test whether or not it could work.

There were weird stars in the alley, most of the made of skin, wild faces weirdly put around, postulating as if they were thinned by waiting.

That was it, apart from what looked like the strong limbs that came out of them, eight pores appeared to have burst out of every star as well as every home which had once been there. And strangely, as it seemed they were all placed within the same central spot where there was but the cage, lain on the side.

In the distance, the city of Auttowk could be seen, where they lived to work and would do so until the end of time. Of which there lay. It looked as a sweatshop if the people were the pillars that stretched and held the larger buildings on top of them. Highly deformed, and plainly connected with light-catchers when the sky would withhold rain by the cages, they were but to have faced a rain in a hundred years, to feel the wind coming forth, or see the likes of a boat, in a place where the sea was churned and put to waste. It was distasteful, trying to loom and see. There was not a place, whereas they would be, heard.

Voices were but solid and encased. There was an uncanny thing in which they hid as they placed themselves in smaller holding clasps, belts of metal that would hang below their balcony, to which they would have to be slowly lowered down in order for the punishment to emerge. It was done to be. They could not see, not even blinded, but the agony, had faded so, and would return, how would they know?

It was a mess and yet mesmerizing. It was agonizing, trying themselves, over and over wrought.

Some had skin missing of their faces.

The Auttowks were hardly brought there, only those who suffered most and could not deal with the stress. Those who were forced but to stay the longest, would not work as hard as to satiate, whatever this might be, they were not trying. Lying and would to be called and made to listen. There was nothing that worked

and but little around them, there was more. In the air, and more, and less and there would be so many other flying things of metal, peculiarly deformed and thrown around until they shone and became peculiar traps for the figments of their imagination which emerged in the air. They would appear from just about everywhere, materializing ever so near them, only to appear and do peculiar rituals of flashy evocations which were used to throw their part of the world into chaos. So much so that they created an ant reign of puddles from which antler-like launcher of bile penetrated their inner walls in order to create inorganic life which appeared to fly around while feeding on disease. And they sacrificed children for it, with long curved knives, since they were mentally ill, need be said, driven so by the constant force to work, which drove them mad.

Most importantly, there was a special someone born there.

In a small place where work was due, and held down beneath elongatedly deformed corkscrews, slept Gardie. For some reason, his heart was but feel a beat. It was for the last time, he'd be there. During a time where he'd fallen, and would not get away, his heart had almost skipped again, upon a last splash, a blink of gray. He was but a strange creature in comparison to everyone else. As it seemed ever so likely that he would often fall into an uninhabitable dream which appeared to ever so nearly push him away from breathing and living ever so often, upon falling onto it; for what appeared to lay there. Within every wake, upon the hour, he seemed to always be in the same spot. Always daydreaming, vividly without even being able to understand what happened after that. He seemed to see them even beyond the realm of sleep. While reading the passages off the walls, he could almost feel it. But a heart fading, his torsions of skin fading then and there, before he even knew what happened or where he'd be, out there. In his eye, there was but a button missing, and a few pimples-shapes depressions, and various needles as well as racks, all of which had given them a peculiar look, as if they were but tunnels being repurposed after a fashion and after a while. His mouth, dry as if were, started reeling back in, fingers would go missing, and unfortunately he would stare at what was going on. There, in part, always trying not to shout when there were various thing, and bitter pins inside, what appeared to be, the one master who gave the orders.

He was there, suffered in some way. Transparent head, with a heart that had been molded into the brain from below, always pumping blood and neurons across his body as he should now. There were various parasites in his strange box and they were eating him without giving him the slightest hope that he might rise from it. He had but a look of gangrene, which spread around. And by the time he approached with the documents, he'd seen them. Little dark bodies, coming from inside, always twisting the knots inside his brain, while being incapable to spot the other, blind as mole and better yet. They were eating from his insides which the long mouth of straw-like pucks, at the ends of which lay eggs, that had been planted about. Deeper through, his body looked like melted tar, on top of a skeleton which appeared to fall onto itself, always eating when not asked, then pushed around as if he were but a cat.

Left, he left after a few minutes. Whatever documents he had been given were gibberish of the highest kind. Not only so but words were written on top of various lines that might've made sense otherwise, and there was also the problem, of solid throat cowl, which started seeping in. Always growing, he left early. Not within command would he know, or look as the insides of every room, during his early leave, as he would know.

Many were tired, chained and appeared to bear tiny strings and large needles in their eyes, as to prevent sleep and not to die. Through them they would receive transfusion, from those who died during the job

and during the subterfuge of the dark being. Across the ceiling spread and eaten. So much so for what was being allowed. At the end of the room there was but a single man which had been pushed around whilst driven into a wall, attached to a device, drawing, whatever marrow he had left, all spread evenly before the ones ahead, not behind. Only the hardest workers would get this. Not to mention the filth crying, they should die.

It was a voice that would not stop. It was something he could not fashion, let alone think he might be able to encounter. Or see for himself, there, outside. He stopped.

In the middle of the street, he felt his throat emerge, as from both sides as well from the entire girth, behind. Strange how he hadn't sniffed them out, large growths like lice, all of them swollen, moving inside like bot-flies, trying to hide one of the speaks who had come.

'You need to return. Your absence is felt and shall only bring a lack of dignity and pain to those around you. Unless you're nerved to take your spine back, we need you to come back.'

He had to listen, he could only do as such, as he was in no position of doing anything that might take him, abashed and make the loss, at the cost of seeing everything draw away, be lost. He had but so much of a short-span. Through which, the condescending voice continued in the tunnel.

'I've been checked in already.'

Keep the distance. Everyone seemed to move away from him. They could see it as plain as it were, having become his hunchback, and only swollen fingers could be seen as well below the rims, of a dark belly full, but thin. At the same time there was no question, not asked. He had been cut around his forehead and would eat what they cast at him. Even the swollen interconnected faces he stumbled upon, entering the brothel, he had almost been pushed away if it weren't for the one. A night well spent, and walked alone around the night's end. Where lights would not check for him, were he to take something, out with it.

He had but stumbled and arrived. It was a house of spikes, with everything inside being riddled with them by the infection. Not carpet and no object could be immune from it. And for the likes of it, this would be mightily unsanitary to be felt around and prized within. A head for a toe.

He had but been waited for.

'I need you to do something for me, deliver this package, as I tell you so.'

Back door opened, only a slit of light coming in. The figure could be seen right around the chin but not above. A robe of some kind, of bloody croaks, always making but a sound, from which there came but bubbling around. Through every spike, and every pint, but a small pop would make it seem like it was trying something. Not to be called off this way. But there was a clear thing between the two of them, he would not speak of. He was but wondering what would happen if he would but say.

Yet he clicked. His fingers whipped from one side to the other and the spikes withdrew as if they were but wrung from a device, nothing more than that. It would be useful to know as much, but he would not talk of it, not in the like of what happened. There was something peculiar about him. Though it would suffice to say, whatever had entered his side would postulate as if to grow, through say. Half his body, arm in

bound, got pulled away through the door, and shroud and gourds that appeared on him stood that way. He stumbled on the streets with little more than he needed, across the street, where he stood upon a peculiar bench. Gardie had but no doubt about it. He was being watched in the open. Peculiar figure, ten feet long; next to him in there, here long; it seemed likely that it would grow from the head next, the more it ignored it, the more the lice-like structures would spread across his body as to become, worsened by time, they would come to spread toward permanency. A stretch, uneven, the figure bland.

‘Need something from me?’

‘I was just trying to take a sea, nothing more. Are you expecting someone I should be aware off? I could leave.’

‘No, I didn’t mean that, it’s only this.

I don’t feel comfortable being approached with this on.’

‘I see. Think you could remove it by some chance?’

‘I don’t think so any longer, there’s something embed in it.’

They but looked at it, from different angles. Since they were both inclined and would’ve seen it as benign as it were, there was this sharp thing, it came out of it, like an ugly wearing toe which was hardened as if to show a diamond-cut angle. Which protruded after that from several directions; which was in the least something they both veered away from. It could spread. It could rip a little more out of the gut and push away, always drawing out when unheeded. There was something else in there, but he didn’t speak of it. That would be bastardy rude, seeing how an eye shouldn’t be there to begin with. Always fading, the mist disappeared. It’s been a while since he was near someone. He considered just as much.

Since his throat and heart were untouched by those growths, he could but feel them, strangle and cut. Not here, watched, always watched, this was no dark alley after all. There were things even the likes of witnesses sometimes said which disturbed him. Even more so than putting himself into one of his victim’s skin, literally.

‘I’ve been seeing you come around the other day. You come here often, what’s your business.’

Or a young child.

‘Why are you carrying a knife on you?’

‘How come you always go into the shady outdoors?’

Perhaps this more often than not.

‘I’ve seen you around the dead man, had any business with him you’d like to disclose?’

Always from a strangled man as well, of whose marks still remained around his neck. There was something he wanted to consider, the reason being that they were there, asking questions, talking within themselves, within their groups, always asking precise questions as if they were calculated moves. IT was all too tiresome now, how guilty they made him feel.

This was to be another victim but, how? How could he do it, now that he was being watched? Or now that he knew what to expect from them?

‘I’m sorry, I think I’m late for an appointment.’

‘But you’ve barely just arrived.’

‘I know but, this has gone for far too long, I couldn’t live through a second more, you know? I think it’s better if we don’t speak about this here.’

‘You want me to follow?’

‘Certainly, come to think of it.’

He pointed towards a building that stood out. It was large but blunt, like an inverted high artillery bullet which bore an even taller cylindrical head on top of it. There was no question in doubt about it. There was but little more he wanted but to ask him to be there. When the clock hit fifteen with its curved-malignant tongue.

‘It’s settled then, I’ll be there.’

Although it was late in the day and he had plans to return home early, this would take precedent.

‘You should not follow him. He seems dangerous. Return where I want you to or I shall be forced to take care of your body.’

‘Then I will do so out of spite, I will spiral wherever he drags me to, even if it’s death he’s leading me towards.’

He had almost burst a vein telling him so. It could not be so, but he was dumbfounded, yet to know, how close he was there, out there, near the blade. Near a cut and ever so near that he would be bled like some coyote. It knew instead, and forced him back. Looking down, his feet were beyond. His body opened like an incinerator, though there was no fire within him, only a most peculiar.

It threw on and wreathed to the ground and pulled him with the help of multiple little legs that threw around and trashed what they could in their advent. They were veered in by a long-head. Blunt as well, hardened and flat like a hammer in the front, taking him whereas he didn’t know what to think for himself or what had possessed him then. It was disgusting how powerless he felt. Just when he thought he regained his control, he lost it again, always of a mind to ask for it. Always lost but a took broken and his mind. It pushed out and in, he was about to lose it again before waking up within the hour.

‘You’ve slept on the job already.’

‘But I thought we were.’

‘The streets no longer, we came by two hours ago. One was apologizing for you, the other was being marked for unlawful absence and this one barely being noticed. You’ll leave later today, you’ll leave when I say, you’ll leave when you’re on the verge of death and not a second sooner, do you understand?’

Now get back to it, you fell behind.'

And he could see a pile of broken tar-boxes that were filled with fingers of the sides. Off the day, it was when it happened. Seemed to be caught in procrastination, little thing around his back disappeared. He was finally off the chains, walking slowly as he was pulled back into the gray zone, where his feet were throttled and he was behind. Little scum-vessels held by large chains and Thermopile-holders carried them around, danger-wheels plotting, rubbing themselves with the skulls embed in then. Against each building, they dragged. Always but a shot inside of them, coffins hid in the depressions, jars shoved inside. Men hiding behind the death-masks, always rolled around. But their shouts of anguish could not be heard. Wherever they were dragged there was little dirt entering their backs, or little more than it was necessary to believe, they were gone then. The first functional vehicle appeared. It was out of place, and was haughty, some old wreckage, but appeared to bear a man in.

'Ride, keep going, right until the hour.'

He'd listen. Twenty more minutes passed, it was just about time to strike at it. They were not there exactly, but arrived at the same building the man was supposed to meet him. This time around no warning; everything had been timed off. His nausea would only continue, as he thought himself unable to make out the blur.

'Don't enter that building.'

The cab-rider looked concerned. He was blunt and would to be, wrapped around his earlobes, they weren't working either. His mind was but struck. Out of it and near enough the man who had intended to do so.

He was waiting in an empty lounge. He was just as he remembered, looking wrong, with the sight of a man without arms, sad-looking and forlorn. Too close home.

'I thought I would find you here.'

'Come in then, I was trying to warm this spot for you.'

He moved to the side, both of them on the couch-plant. There were a few of them left around, but he could not look for a reason to ask him, where were the other guests?

'I don't know. I think we're the only ones left, right? No one else is going to come from this point on, so, if you have something to say, spit it out. You won't get another chance, you hear?'

'Why did you want me to come here?'

'I wanted to take your life. I wanted to kill you.'

'Wanted?'

The stranger nodded, several times at that. He was not one to make a scene out of it, he didn't look the kind, but there was. There was that. A small flicker inside his eye, black insecticide dashing, always glancing, always popping as it wallowed around, from glow to glow until it popped in his eye, as he could not help it but dilate into a small snow-ball black.

‘Ah, I take it you’re considering it still.’

‘As always, it happens way too often than I’d like to consider it.’

‘Then I’ll take my leave.’

‘Unless you want to stay and hear what I have to say; stay.’

He reached around the shoulder and grabbed him. Put him down, right where he stood, with a strong, strange grip that almost pulled away whatever skin he had left on the shallow bone-chitin that was inside of him. His thin neck only showed there. There was a shower of blue paint coming from above, yet with each drop, they were but melted-blunt. Around their heads, but not melted, merely shaped, remade a few feet away. Despite what it looked like, there were areas in the lounge that were not touched by the paint. Empty zones, strange circles that were constantly being avoided for some reason. That’s where they were at first.

Floating faces, eyes, parts of their spines, but at a distance from one another as it was more important to know. Within his reach, still, if he were to take only a few feet forward, they would be in the span of their reach. They would out-do one another, as if to clasp their hands and feet. Primitive things, they were, then, as mullatoes-ripped away from reality.

Still staring.

‘I could still make it in time to grab you.’

‘Not with this rain going on.’

It happened, everywhere around them. Small hybridized canopy, plants, carpets on top of a patchwork of chairs and the camper. They were barely put together, and just as stained. Every color had been green and puckers-twisted in, as if they were but the scum of the earth made to look worse for every time they turned to it. And worst of all, he still intended to do it.

Pulling out what he could, long barrel, strange gun. It looked livid, with the piece of a small animal breathing on the sides, attached to a tube. Hard to see but it was skinned, no fur. Eyes were missing, as well as some canine-teeth, coyote attached to what would’ve been the missing capillary.

He loaded in a bullet of made-up things. Just as hard to look inside of it.

This was Gardie thinking.

Not to head off too far. Starting to doze off as in a dream, not being reminded when he was supposed to leave, since he was always pushed around and thin. As a reed, he pushed through his coat and made off a ticket. Strange how they were missing in, almost purposefully, every drop ever since he extended it; they knobbed off a single finger. He was fidgety and would to be. Stood right there, spitting what appeared to be the blunt-dust of a wasted cigar he had to eat on his way out. He was tar or would to be his nails. Not everything inside of him made it.

‘You’d have to make the shot through weaves of fallen raindrops, heaps and everything else falling down your way.’

I don't think you can make. It's not clear enough of a shot.'

'When did I give you permission to talk? I'm only going to take shit this once. Don't raise your voice, don't raise your fingers or I'll make sure you'll lose more than a few inches in the back.'

He settled with opening his mouth.

Then the shot was taken.

Back to the cages, all seemed to have faded through. Most have wrapped themselves and would become part of the ground before missing through what seemed to be the hour. Throat-paint, hanging up, low lands everywhere around, when the steps became what seemed to be, dragging. Always of a piece of a mind; always trying themselves. They would carry them through. Little men with stalking parts and dead-briars put around them. Muck was everywhere, as would be the damp moisture. A sight of white-aurora arachnid, spread everywhere they could see. Covered so by the new arriving sun, which only seemed to bear nothing at all; only this mattered now, where they were headed, since the cage had fallen, by the complete weight of the giants, which had somehow managed to chain themselves to them, the cities were taken through.

The fall had let them onto something, no one was safe, nor would they be by any chance or any matter of the point ahead.

It looked like a forage point that struck down the earth. Down there, the workers could but barely seen, worthless, they coughed inside machines to drill. Their breaths were acid and the stones were skin. But not a normal kind arousing, but the most unnatural thing, always reprising, with what seemed to be the likes. Made out of the being upon which they lived through so many ancient days of old and shroud.

'We seek passage.'

'Throw some coins.'

As soon as it happened, upon the many spread and lays below, it rose. Above the head of the nail, between the two cliffs, they'd say. From what appeared to be the likes of both ends. They walked instead, and would to be blunt, it was done. They marched upon the weary and continued pushing through spit. Where it was lain, it was just about the place, the skin and everyone, it could be so. Tiny mosquito-shaped needles that were meatier and red, which acted like vultures of death-flies, entering them but never fully going away. Liquefying like deep-sea angler-fish, a part of them from there on forth at pace.

Though ingratiated by the likes, there was but a maiden who followed through. Her husband left behind.

That was but Lurid, and she was of little hope. She dragged herself along with them and would not say a word to anyone. Since this was but a grind of life, her heart was in a place that was left behind, she could not tell them what happened, not until the time had called for it. Not until she would be listened, or be alone.

It was her home, the gourmet, on which plates there stood the neighbors. Cannibals tried eating her, but they saw they could not chew the likes. Or the tall stalks, settling with the lower ones.

They were found, they were dealt with, out of place, in particular, weirdly put, all of them in one spot. Most importantly, carried, some of the dead were with them. And they've gone through a long while trying to lift them up their shoulders while making sure none of them fell over. Broke apart, while curved in the back and plastered with the wild beddings that followed. Some of the ones that were home ripped through the ground while following. Carrying attachments through their tore-open backs, which dragged over through mud like plows upon a field, large protrusions having spiked and taken everything with them despite how unnecessary they were perceived to be; noise in the city, they arrived. As soon as their claim was put, the first tide turned.

At least a quarter of the city would have to be mourned for and killed in order for them to survive and get as far as possible without pushing their luck too far. All drowsy-drowned, tickled by the lights of a city, tall buildings sprinting in basins of sky, never-seen before eyes of the clouds beings reached in their lifetimes. It was strange being there, out of place.

First set-of dead buildings, emptied by force, it was a result of what they tried doing and how they went at it with a fist of yolk, white blood pouring out, parasites flowing through the gates as they dumped the bodies through the sewer gates. Too often, it happened on eight different occasions, there in the open. A line separated the city, in order for anything to be justified they were but taken aback.

But through it.

Farther away, eighteen hundred miles at least, blood was pumping adrenaline through the first of the cliffs to emerge from below. Rounded around each edge of a square' side of the plateau, where the largest house rested, split where some came to be. Molded in the fashion of worship as they would become part of it, larger miles, every road leading in the same spot. Every dead wilt, ought to have been brought to a stop. Where they took the dead-mile, ending. Releasing but the most unfathomable beasts, caressing but their heads were taken, the walls were licked, but it was undertaking.

How such megalithic creatures lay there exposed, ancient bones which frozen and appeared to show little to no remorse as they were wrapped around each throng and each side of the house. For It stood there, gathering its might. Servants bleeding only to allow it to breathe and eat at last, when not asked for.

'The man of the house has arrived.'

As his gray house started shaking, but a door started putting through. With a little in the matter fading, as if readying itself to disappear before the time withdrew, there came.

One who'd name himself, and would today. Be called conqueror, little mind the walking forth, through what seemed to be the quilts he bore in his back colored with a resting finger, an arm ripped and a single man he had defeat in combat who could not be bothered anymore. By the eight of an inch, his throat was open and would appear to move around on its own as he wrapped around Basil.

He had not dared push them out of his way just yet. Since they appeared surround him.

'I ask of you to make way.'

'You're not to leave.'

‘For what reason?’

‘You’re confined until you can give entry to the leader of our encampment.’

‘Of whom do you belong?’

I tell you that from now on you shall be the Blue of Basils, as I won you in spirit, might and I shall rule on top of your kin and pull what little ill of mind there is to you left to lay.’

He pulled but dread and would go rampant each way.

First there were the broken skies, they were but to be seen, with every lightning a kingdom made in their image benign. And people of light and glow, of power would sow through clouds and air. Not to be seen any other day unless night and storm, and lightning bolt came into place. Their hearts but thunder, their eyes but tiny specks that would be thrown. A yearning for wonder as they seethed so, for their doom lay in the eye of the storm, which would bring destruction every now and then, when called for and when to leave away.

Careful of the light. And what they missed was the sign in the ground, made compounded like the breathing holds of which peaks upon which they were held upon were as bloated ropes attached to domed-buildings, wrapped in many anchored elongated body-like formations that kept pumping. From the tops of breathing units, they produced but a strange infested smoke, with flies of its own, at the depths of which the body of a giant humanoid god could be said to either wear this structure as a hat or for it to be but an extension of his skull which drew even father in the air. His face was broken and would be away. Deeper to the core, his limbs pushed downward, even coming close to ripping his arm-pits in order to grow carrot-like roots in order to spread even farther and anchor himself in order to plunder the natural resources needed for growth.

Of course this insecticide and whatever other organ appeared to be stored on top in the malign structure were his. Was it not obvious by the way they slowly made through his body and along the rims of his brain? Could there be any other explanation other than the fact that he was detested and would do little more than not to say, speak of the confines of the core. With every touch upon in one were to look for more.

The planet’s core was but made of many colors, blue was mundane.

Life in the city was nothing like it had been in that red of misbehave.

‘Hey Michael, I was waiting for you.’

‘What happened?’

Late appointment, lost around the hour.’

The traffic was full, the room was small, a two by two apartment, tighter than a cell, he thought.

Living inside the hull. The blimp was just beyond the world. On top the hull, machine-guns flying, turrets propelled on their way, on it. A few riggers lived inside the hull. Without a driver, abandoned home; their heads were filled with gas, planted on the side, alas, they wanted it.

A man dropped by the ladder, the walkway-skin, the saddle within the grand stretch without a lighter.

They wore hooks attached to reeling wheels on their chests and merely leaped from one side to the other, since the insides of the blimp were poor imitations of the tower Eiffel.

The French are great people. They need to be killed; with kindness, with kindness.

Days passed along but either or, neither of them could understand how come they had abandoned there, to deal with themselves, alone, in the lack of a better light. It was always pleasant there. The atmosphere of a small special oblong, as in space; hooks being constantly thrown from bar to bar until they satiated no wonder, nor disgrace. From the side and onto it, they leaped behind and came forth, until they reached their side and plowed on.

It was pleasant swinging.

From another side, they'll leap. Going on around each edge and making sure they'd get in time and sip their morning floating balloons, filled with beans, eaten during a swoon. And the like; it was always something they kept in mind. Here and there, they went. In a strange workaround, a platform was set. As the jugglers came to be, and many balls wrapped around the cord, to see, there came the orangutans, the elephants, the baboons and the buffoons that came after them. It was a time of joy, it was a time of sitting on two sides.

Hooks were but in mind, above their heads.

'Colonel-Sheep Besant, I think the troops had already decided our fate. I don't think there's another chance for us to make it.'

'Good.'

'I think they've replaced the people in front of us. I think they're no longer our people.'

'Good.'

'I think our people are dead.'

'We're the only survivors, they're being forced to act in the most absurd manner.'

'Did you not get the idea solidier?'

Besant stood in his sheep-clothes, sipping off the butt of a cigar which had turned his lips to ash. They were put inside and crawled underneath his eye-drops. Right near the covered hand-gun and the little artillery-long range compound-deflator rifle he carried with him. He wore a lot of belts. They were leathery with a sign of skill fallen off and hair being present despite the animals in question having had none.

'They're burning tinder?'

'Fire in the blimp?'

'It's only the smoke, they're heating it with the smoke, but there's no fire.'

‘How can there be no fire if there is no smoke?’

‘There used to be a fire when the balloon was deflated, that’s how they got its smoke in the jar.’

‘And how are they not, you know?’

‘I don’t.’

They stopped talking.

A few hours passed, with them leaping around as they tried reaching the last floor of the eight Eiffel tower on the right side of their wild curve to which they were pointed at.

Everyone had their eyes on the blimp. The smaller one, inside the blimp, and whose touch would reach it could destroy, but everything outside, upon their joy. It called on them to throw chaos.

Ever so now and then, Besant would but raise his gun, shoot now, only to see it through.

Outside, a giant bullet leaving but a trail, the absence being, too, pleasant to be approached, or spoken of, as they had feared something else; incapable of checking whether or not it made it so, be pushed around and sped away.

It was, unknown to them, to either of them as a matter of fact; as the blimp only appeared there one day and stood there.

The other side.

There were chimps and ladders, and Judas in a bottle. Floating around, while the lines were but electrified from time to time; and that’s what it felt like living around them.

No one wanted to join this dance. It was too distorted and would be forgotten after a while.

‘Enough with the war-games.’

Ever since Napoleon’s conquest of the Adriatic sea, things had never been the same; nor would they seem to be. North Africa had been completely razed to the ground, Malta and Cyprus become French provinces. Jeanne d'Arc becomes a basin.

His meeting with the Sphinx was complete, immortalized in oil, the body of the beast stood in front of him, destroyed, revealed. As inside of it but an unappealing gut, crushed underneath the veil of stone; battered and put through so much so that it would fail to get anything going through it. Broken apart, but there, standing, it could not be called back from where it darted and where they got it. On the little side of colors, a city could be seen.

The beast had attempted to crawl towards it.

Most of the troops had run to Amiens by now. They were tired. Must’ve been the sun!

He came closer and with a pick, he opened her head and started chewing, making tiny bloated loom-balloons he spat up on the ground. There was that.

‘I think we should cross the gap and talk to them.’

‘Very well.’

Why, Joseph was mightily diligent with the people of Algiers during his brother’s conquest of North Africa, since he indeed turn most of their riders into little blocks where they stood and sprouted into fountainheads attached to little rotating cylinders with spine-crested spines being turned around at every second. They seemed to be bulging in and out, beating around the walls as if their souls were trapped inside, but nothing could be felt in there. Too steep of a drop, at the very least, there was no possible way to confirm whether or not someone was in there at all. Yet his brother brought some of these moving sand-coffins thinking they could be useful.

Then he joined his brother at the scene of defeat. The plains of Egypt were a quarter into a giant crater that had been split starting with the head of the Sphinx where the initial strike had been landed and making it as far as to reach the sea, while creating such a push that most of the sand had almost been completely pushed out of the land while the entire area was destabilized in its entirety. A gap in the air, clear skies as a result of the magnitude of the blow the man had dealt to that bloated anchored inhumane effigy that stood in its place. And there was but no chance to touch upon it any longer. Since it had been there for hours already; its husk but hardened and let through. If there had been a chance to retreat from these dying lands, this would be the perfect moment.

‘What have you brought them for?’

‘I thought you would be proud to hear that I went to Algiers with one hundred and seventeen men and have return with one hundred eighteen.’

‘And whom did you claim?’

‘But Marseilles, the man they had tried claiming of this world and taking him in the other, whom do you think they had? Were there other men they claimed to be?’

Have they taken others during our initial stay? What of the savages brother? Has anyone been spared?’

‘Of course not a single man could be spared, since they only but showed signs, during our initial contact with them, of contemptuous unbridled savagery and a knack of but betraying one another at the first sign of heat.’

‘Was there ever a man out there to prove you otherwise during this short-lived campaign?’

‘Only the British whom had come a long way and whom had dared meet the Gaul with false arm and step it. But they were not allowed to come no further.’

‘I was merely talking about the savages.’

‘Is there any difference then? I tell you.’

‘I suppose there isn’t, brother, so what awaits us?’

‘What indeed if not to rest hand and claim our great land? What else if not to expand our great home to every reach and every corner of the world?’

To claim what else there is in sight? To spread our sigil across every plain and every piece of earth there is that we may fully and finally found the greatest empire that ever existed?’

For he had dreamed of a Great Napoleonic Hold, over everything which had been held or hold. Upon him came the claim and he but carried the whole of Algiers and the home of every man on top his shoulders. Therefore both marched.

Amiens was back in France, he had safely returned by sea-faring, on foot. Wet socks and a wet suit.

But the men inside the hull, they were but done playing like monkeys or trying to leap, from one side to another in jest, they merely pressed in then. As if on yolk, they talked about it and saw but some hope.

‘Spare me a few of the fish-racks.’

‘Here, try not eating them in a bite, it’s still dangerous, you know? Keeping this up isn’t as easy as it seems. So, better yet, do this than, right.’

He didn’t listen, nabbing with little fingers that were not his but his old class-room’s friend’s grandfather who had served in a lost district secret police official program for men without mental-diseases spread into walls, while finding him one night dead out of alcohol and drug poisoning, a high dosage at that, only to have his freaking out friend suggest that they both chop off their fingers and switch them around, which only appeared to cross the line with the man who was in the room and performed this strange ritual, whom was later sent to jail since he allegedly was the man who poisoned him in the first place, but most importantly he abused both children. Besant was one of those children and he had old man-fingers attached to his hand. He was not in the mood to talk since he had breathing respiratory infections and would not understand how the track of his net in which he stood was hardened because most of the wires were but made out of some cheap plaster that’s been used to decorate the filthily-formed god-pantheon which was inscribed in black cloth patched on top the insides of the blimp.

Living in there was worrisome for him as well as the others since most of them were unaware whether or not they had a future there to begin with. To be certain about it, there were other dangers involved which hadn’t been spoken off but involved the use of the military gas as well as every petty this which appeared in their arms once they started sharing the hyn-needle; that, instead of acting like a drunk-drug appeared to completely puncture their veins while adding as much as it could to their tendon-mass as they slowly absorbed the gas and partially fed on him, at the same time poisoning themselves with the small ademoyne-toxins which turned them from a nice pale fair-skin to a dreadfully paler, much paler, almost morbidly dead look-a-likes of men. As they only seemed to be determined to survive at any chance.

And the hull was not safe by any means, despite its oblong shape and the most peculiar racks that appeared to hold the towers in place, there was only thing one thing shared between them. A melted spot, which appeared on every side; a sigil that moved from side to side and formed at times, winged figures which came out of them, silver-like, set in flight to work the little blink as if they were the ones set to repair it. Basent had attempted before to claim them in the air, but he’d failed seeing how the bullets would always pass, both through the blimp and through them as well. It was dangerous, to say the least,

too much to. He was not a peace, with it, but he almost saw a dark aura emulate itself, or ovulate as if that think had been but another one of his youthful conquests playing hard to get. And filth would be made yet as the silver flying figures turned, pulling out their masks only to reveal faces that were painted wrong or on a canvas that had decayed, and features being painted once again on top of them only to decay again, fashioning this wild illusion of a falling face, altogether impossible to touch upon, as they feared what this one might do to them, they simply ignored it. Or maybe a stream of melted faces which were taken a photo of or animation cells that were blocked frame by frame, made to look transparent but not put on top of one another evenly, but a few centimeters below one another, to create that effect in the first place. All of this being covered by the body of silver, which went as soon as it could in the strange mark across the Eiffel.

It was grand flinging themselves at hours, but they considered more and more, this much.

‘We’ve hardened ourselves here, haven’t we?’

‘Indeed we have, but of what purpose do you suppose have done so?’

‘There might come a time some turret might be pointed at us, and I fear what might happen then.’

Or what whom to see himself for and whom to dare talk to him then; since he had little to no understanding of the mechanics which involved trying to slit his fingers before he grew old and alone. There were dark days coming ahead and their beds were but put in metal string and would to be put together, they were made out of teeth. He merely grinned at them realizing the despot was but of a mind unlike any other he had come to antagonize, during his mad stay in his gut.

He had been but a gut-wronged, strangely robed deformed mongrel who spoke to little men in his dream. Before he could find out where he was he had but wished he wasn’t there. For, during every night, every man’s mind entered a weird concocted tunnel that interconnected with billions of them out there until they formed the grandest most unnatural slurp-down bottle uncanny drop that lead them below it. There they entered the core as their ailed minds, those melted brain molecules but melted together and were made shape, into most peculiar beings that walked the plains of the land.

Some of these brain-hardened tumor giants or fleshy heaps that were put together on a whim bore the multiple consciousnesses of millions of them who could not concentrate on one thing, therefore only mixing their memories and forming the most unnatural things as they walked along. But they were hardened and projected through unnatural husks that pushed away. Empty in their guts since that’s how they came into the world and that’s also how they would return when the time had come, in finality, the dread would not succumb to man but man to it a she would see instead. This world looked even more deformed in the eyes of his. That in truth, being somewhat even purer than what one ought to see through. His spine being but put to shreds, unnaturally so until he became them at the hour of which, a more colossal one arrived.

He’d been set aside for a moment. Made out of eighteen times their girth, but most importantly his head was of a strangely cubist abstract shape, as much of an oxymoron as that seemed to be, it pushed out of its neck gap, that hole where everything else wrought itself in and had become but the most unnatural predatory pouch, where little tadpole-like muck-stings swam inside, constantly eating from their progenitor-maker.

But he was useless and meaningless and stood in a corner and only threw tantrums. Because there were darker beings out there who appeared to have bubble-makers, the ones you'd blow soap-balloons with your mouth, but in reverse, they were drawing in the universe and eating them through these scepter-like bubble makers they held in their hands. They were the real Progenitor-makers, and they constantly choked with the stars. And fell on stairs as well. And one could see their insides being lit by yellow colored spots that only burst like sparks and came out inside. Like little specks of star-dust which refused to set aside, were become of a single thing, a light that refused to die. And wings were spat as well, they ate, but the most unnatural celestial wings they could barely be aware, off. And these Progenitor-makers came around and stopped eating for a while, completely dominating the sight as they but started dancing like wild nightmares around the giant they were taunting instead. It was fallacious but elating, seeing them that way, and neither of them would change it for a thing. Damn stars, moons, broken apart, they were begging to be shot.

That was zero, one dot-dot, thirty two, dot-dot, fifty eight, it was the timer he'd put himself through in order to wake up. Baesant but did not understand what happened but he was there, in the hull again.

A few alarm clocks had been employed. They were cut and put on top of weird tables that were themselves wrapped around by ropes to everything around them. What seemed to be a corner of men had been one for others.

Living in the hull, there were but blimps inside of it as well as floating cones that pushed around them, always flying, always of a piece, and strained. They were but those of their own; little more than eighteen on their way, having come out of their fat.

'Blimp-head, it's what they called me. It's what they used to call me, back in the new days of the future, from where I came out of.'

Worn out, whored-out shoes of a dancer, like Fred Astaire, ugly fellow; grown up in the age of Commodore sixty-four, listening to Sting, his ears were flat. He was the son of a child and was but a wild hair at command. Smoking a packs of unlit Cuban cigar, fought in Congo, he was here, he was there, flinging around, the monkey at the Zoo, flying a kazoo in both arms, counting the stairs they made with the extra rope they had on them. Depressed, all of them, but him? Bonbanne was and Equirot from the Isle of Rquir', it was somewhere in Ham, somewhere out there.

He was a mess, and a racketeer, plain.

'I see, here's a drug, I see, here's another and that's how I lived, pre coming to the hull.'

'Come again?'

'I lived on scraps most of the time, you'd understand if you were down there with them.'

'Whom?'

'The foreigners, they're ugly and obnoxious, they ruin everything. They ruin everything. But they're not blame, perhaps, Fleur, you should've considered what they are in the first place.'

'What would they be, then?'

‘Simple victims, I would fathom them no less. Strangers brought into a world with a promise that it might be, somewhat like theirs; and who could blame them in all honesty and who might come with anything now?’

Do you not see them bleed with every step? Are we not to gut the pigs under distress if they’re here to stay?’

‘Now why would we do such an unreasonable thing as that?’

‘Because we know, so much better that it is not safe by any means to keep them in, to invite them, those whom had been drawn to our world with the allure of something more than what they were promised.’

‘But we are here and they are there.

They’re beneath us, we’re above them.’

‘As it ought to be, but you are certainly missing an important detail that you may not have come to understand just yet.’

Man is smiling, he is rose. From where he stood but vivid lights were froze in space, their colors were but largely estranged, peculiar and queer. Yet he looked down and saw through the bulk of air, what seemed to be a strange relinquished woe he seemed to share with them.

‘Ah, I see it now, you may not understand how it works here and there, or on any land at all, but we share something in common, which is to say, that to this day, there’s few people who shared in our regards. Wouldn’t you like to know more about that?’

‘But you still haven’t told me why they’re different than us, especially those whom came to adapt.’

‘It’s the generational leap that’s long worn and plain to stride beyond us, they’re the result of the foreigners having come to claim what is rightfully ours by simply being here while claiming whichever help we may be set to offer them.

That’s a convenience they shouldn’t be allowed to adhere to, as it is ever to clear that they will only invite people of theirs in our homes and everywhere.’

‘I’m inclined to think that you don’t know your own people, since they are the ones that invited them in, in the first place.’

‘And I think you’re naïve as to think there are only a sole people to blame for such a problem, as to be the sole cause of war which brought us living here in the first place. Let’s not forget that allowing people to simply pursue whichever destructive means they might adhere to is something no sane man would come to pursue.

Also, as I said before, it was not the hope or the means of the people, or their choice which had enacted them to enter and do as they please in the first place, but that of a small minority that ought to have been inconceivable, let alone touched, which in turn managed to create such chaos as to start a war.

Is there no better way to look at it than this? Do you know so little as you fail to understand that there could be no peace as long as the foreigners keep to their customs as to impede the natural flow one one's peoples? Could it not be even clearer that one could only keep to themselves when such a thing occurs in the same way a lioness it kept around as to surround its cubs when such dangerous practices occur? How is that not natural then?

'We're not lions and most societies that have a matron don't seem to bode too well.'

'I concur then, you don't get it, do you?'

'I really do, I seriously do, it's only that I fail to understand what's that got to do with this war?'

'Because the war started because the foreigners trafficked their own people as well as others inside our country, that's why. They have abused the system, they have enabled the means of conquest as to replace tradition, custom and faith in order to replace those things with that of their own.'

There is no better reason to be mad at this point and time than that, not just at them but the men who enabled them to come in the first place. Since the traitorous swine are just devils dressed in the same skin as us, when in reality they're the other side of the same coin the invaders ought to have arrived from.'

'What can we do then?'

'We hide, we have nothing better to do since we're but a few men living inside this petty hull. Eventually even it may fall.'

'Isn't this cowardice the same thing that brought us here in the first place? From the fiery embrace of your heart's content? From what you seem to have searched, and found a reason to survive until this point? Since most of us are so peaceful as to live normal lives, as long as we're not bothered.'

'As long as we're not bothered; and that is the problem you fail to realize, that's the false conclusion your pettiness and ignorance has come to. It is in your failure to think over a few more generations as well as your children and your children's children and your children's children so on and so forth. To make do with the lessons of the past and learn out of the fact that they're incapable to fit in, regardless of their circumstance as a group since their attempt to develop their own identity is but poison to the land and to its people whom were there before them and whom developed a far stronger identity than that of theirs.'

On the longer run, they will always but adhere to one another and to their own kind, always sticking to their own, always ignoring what's important, or what plight inhabits their people and those similar to them from every corner of the world.'

'How can you speak like that when you yourself is but a coward then? Besant, you're not a philosopher, you're not a man of the book, you're no one, you have no power to you or any kind of connection that might be helped, you're but a man in a blimp throwing rocks at people; what do you think you can hope to achieve?'

'You're a fool if you think you only need those things to succeed, there's quite another ace underneath my sleeve I've still yet to unleash upon them.'

‘And what then, would you throw out man and child, woman and child, traitor and child, and whichever else might stand by them?’

‘Have you learned nothing from history then? You talk exactly like a child, unable to grasp the fact that there is no other way left. There has never been another way, in all honesty, as God is my witness alone, but to butcher every single one of them, without mercy and without any relentlessness to be given away. In the same way the thirty year war has almost completely resulted in a death that could’ve been avoided, the same practice could be and ought to be enacted again.

For that is the unbridled spirit of the people, which may never be hid away from, but lays in waiting to be unleashed. There’s only time and a cause, until people will start butchering one another again and again until there’s nothing but a pile left of them and nothing to sing off.’

It was thus. Few hours on the way to New Berlin; of course there was but no possible way of actually checking whether or not there was something there to begin with. Since they were but a bunch of brats, throwing rocks at the little blimp inside the hull, unknowingly bringing destruction as it happened. Mid-way in; at the middle-split, the blimp became two of them, but somehow stuck at the back, as if they were molded like that, remained. It somehow got to be an even easier target for either of them on both sides. Always but a foot in, always but to hit the mark they did. With a single finger, thrown as well, destruction now came from both ways, as a matter of fact they were of a head brought down, it was there. Floating at the top of the Eiffel without a throat but metal racks coming out of its bottom nonetheless. From that raving hole, the top of a place cut, with many long wires and support metallic pillars coming down, metal nets and various other metal-dead men put in through, it carried them around jingling before it could get through. There was but one problem, with what it bore. The throat of a giant machine came out but they knew it did not belong to it, that was not so.

And every tower in the hull stretched but piece-like strings out of their thickest sides, only to connect with it, when time would not abide. It was so. And would to be, this was but for a dark-embed show.

Down the malignant core; though twisted as to show another world; there was but them.

Horn standing her ground and Lurid being strangled by one of her largest veins; but the city they had settled into was finally attained. For what little there was to it.

One of the tallhouses wore a floating stairway that lead to a smaller apartment giant-bullet shape with a flying wing on the side that stretched like a shop back of a stand in the air, being attached to the back of the bullet if the stairway lead to the ‘front’ of its curved door. That back of a stand being attached with tiny pegs that are placed in rows of three, two more rows, above and below being curved, then attached to smaller jointed pegs that are attached to others in order to make a pseudo-looking counter clockwise rotated ninety degree rotated half cut of a child’s drawing of a hill, seen from the left side of the bullet while its tip points at the watched. From the stand’s back, there was a dreadful image of the people who had once lived inside of it, all being drawn out through a secret shaft from inside the bullet which rotated and twisted their bodies on a grinder, drawing them forth on an industrial-like machine that embroiders them on the long straight-standing back, in the same way a photocopying machine would draw a piece of paper, slowly taking it out.

There was an unimpressive thing, aghast. It worked its way on top of clouds. During births it could simply lay, and when the time had come, little of it were to remain. There was but one who joined in, deeper through. And stayed their way, they lived inside of it for longer times than would be allowed to.

‘I, Barding, first of the Sappying, call forth upon you to lest.’

Would they walk back upon broken recliners? And who’s to stay no one would take its head down, and live in it because of the sheer size it is?

It was not often placed that one would find the time to impart such information by any necessary account, if that may be. As one would look back at the hull and below in, placed below its direct shadow, in dead-center, a park of sand where dark Semites of dark blood appeared to be the culprits of theft, accompanied by their darkened likens as they seem to have ravaged the nearest store of eight barrels supply o liquors. Indeed, although there was and should not be any possible means, or shouldn’t have been, for them to come in, their unbridled malign nature has only managed to draw them in, managing to snick in like a pair of treacherous snakes, as they so lonesomnly seem to be.

Regardless of it, they do appear to be in a queer hurry, that they might make it through before the first pyre burning in the distance, and bears their mark in the sky, as it makes them draw even nearer, as to push everything on the side and listen to what appears to be, a little bell of death which calls them back from where the lay. On that street where he had seen them, where they met like on the briar, like little wooden people talk, with little trees and wooden barrels knowing. Wooden streets and wooden windows watching and frames of crystalline-glass, from which pours the bleeder, trying, meeting their demands. It was just so that he had fed them, thirst to be felt.

There in the dead of night, to follow, a child raised a rock instead.

‘That’s a fancy accent you got here, kid, mind sharing one with us?’

‘I’ve only come to take what’s mine, I paid for it.’

‘We haven’t seen you around.’

‘But I have.’

The kid lied, covering up for the woman that sent him to recover those, back in the park. She had lost two bottles and was in deep contempt to have them lost. They were but a pair of criminals, bloodthirsty while the means to kill the child were yet to be employed. He had a rock, dead-midst the road, right street lay a man, the other one opposite of him with a bottle in his hand, near the barrels, slowly moving. Luckily for him, the parking lot near which he stood had plenty of rocks which he had picked on his way, too soon, to check the brand. The man on the left approached. Slowly, looked to the right, tail of eye on the left, arm pointed that way, rock in mind; he told him.

‘Don’t you dare!’

‘Won’t do it, I’ll stop.’

The kid started making laps around the man, his bottle held tightly, but not the one he was looking for. He looked at the pile, at this small fort of barrels and of bottles. He couldn't draw away from it, there wasn't much to ask, nor to see. Always of a mind to ask, he wasn't seeing them eye to eye just yet. But it's not there, neither of them are. Has she lied about it in that case?

Seeing no other way out he ran, and made it through. He wasn't followed, but on the place, of sand she sold him, through.

And through the night, the nightless sleeper woke and when he finally rose, on the door he froze at the sight. The door was open but pushed inside, not opened like a normal door, but through the frame as if shortened, in the same spot unmoved. A few inches or centimeters inside, and deeply pushed, as to see a dark gloom lit lamp lit outside, or a single passage, like that of a giant cut in a man's chest.

Desperately the boy checked, carefully not to awaken his grandparents instead, every room and every safe lock, and everything of value, they were all there, inside, without a missing piece. Without anything he swore to lose, or anything he might piece back together if chance was but made otherwise. For a man to look alone in place, there was a swamp of races outside his home instead. All but of a piece being dragged along, as if they were a part of a skin-melted avalanche which drove into the nearest moisture it could find.

Awakened at least, after a short sleep, doubting what was going on.

A giant formation out of his forehead, with came out as the tip of a great structure, a sting-corner with eight sides, all which had almost torn him to shred, before he walked through the door, realizing it hadn't been a dream, instead, he noticed giant boulders, all which had heaved the insides of his building, not to allowed escape, unless one knew how to safely ascend below the edges of the crater made beneath its prowess. For that was what the blimp had given then and it wore the air, with every stay; as it turned and made it so, the matter, there would be nothing less pushing its way.

One thing mattered for few, for a little more than a while, dreaded, on streets, but the looks of anarchists, all wrapped around, their feet and mouths, all looking like low-lives. With the sudden breaking, and the sudden worn. And the sudden way in which the land was destroyed, the future was unstable.

And insatiable disease there lay, upon each land, upon where, one could say.

That every piece of every floor was taken and put inside their bodies-gore, as if to have become them during their say; one should know that only Horn was the creature that was given a break from this uncanny show of strangeness that inhabited her life. And there, across this fanciful room, which had. A wheel on the room, well lit, wooden barrels inside, a mast and feed, nets and even a table with a working fridge, and plenty of room in where food was waiting. Through and through and little lights, of sinew-yellow, organ-lams, walking on the walls and curving, and a strange carpet-rowing back and forth, the strange water underneath her, through which she was reminded of her home and the floor-cabinets as well. It was all too quaint, the painting was of her. As if she had been waited.

How could one ignore it for so long? How could it be allowed to breed in itself; as Lurid had but found out, once fully stretched and with everything to shroud, the insides of the meat-field, the insides of her large appeal, the bullet was disfigured itself, especially as it happened during nights. When one could

clearly see, it appeared. A checklist embed on a man's coat. He was but plain to see walking around in a place he didn't belong to.

He but spared no second prying, not to make himself accountably saying. Between him and the other man, standing in formation as if cut between the finger's scent there was but a mule moving a chart from behind. It dragged at it for hour, carrying little boot-baubles that were squirming inside. Insidious little things always trying to take a bit out of one another, never prying too far; always trying themselves, bite after bite after bite after bite, antagonistic, leper-trunk. Followed next, there was a block on the main road where there stood but a little glowing thing, they called, a pest. It nurtures everyone into disease. All but move as they please.

'There, the shot of air, and wonder, they but released something in the air!'

Cried the strongest, cried the men, and into the mucus membrane of the walls they found but the little more staying, worked to death, little more than living pavers, whom were clothing it with little filaments. Always every few meters away.

'Watch it there, I'm worn out.'

Said a man defiled, half a face gone, this was half-a course a core but bridled, most of it, partially absorbed, half of it, sighted.

A man was but a strange creature with no sockets, as they said. It followed around and had his guts out warned to stay his ground or lost whatever left his mound. There he walked and wailed again, agitated of what happened, his head was but in pain.

'You're not working that tool right, pull it.'

From the top of the man ripped, from the bottom but a sink's worth shapes of deformations all around his lower bodies, all pushing out to hold. River and flows from the upper body from where pulled but the crown of a body wrought, and twisted, ripped apart and turned and winced. They were paranoid for some reason, seeing things, floors were but theirs and would be, before they missed it.

It was by no means simple, trying to spare one another of it. Their fingers were wrapped, their scowling faces brought down, their necks distraught, their dead-men watched, and little people snapped around the hour.

Not a soul made a scene as it unfolded upon them. They were pale, out of it, anyway. Trying to regain composure; as it dreaded coming out, pushing about the place, in a myriad of little spots, from which horns were wrought and bastardly torn apart as they shot around. A million snakish shapes, all shooting from inside their faces, bursting like the top of rifles, spreading between each man a cycle of pain and brought again, there were little dead following them.

'Torn to shreds just as expected.'

Their breaths were just plain, they were unnerved even by such standards as to make themselves welcome home. Trying to bring as much destruction as they possibly could. Since they were not of this world, since they were of plain thought as to ruin everything their tiny protuberant minds could pain the seas. And they

could see them, being wet, all around them, moved around and ahead, from where the little lifted unnaturally gilled being emerged, fat mammal-like twists of humanoid contortions which wore no limbs but the meat of course, it was the thing which united them. With every turn and every stare, they were only growing and would show, in a dowry manner, their long eyes, hid beneath the flaps, drawing the water in like sponges, while pushing those who could see them away. They shared, in the midst of a few seconds, be it a few more minutes, the sight of whom he walked to them. A head-light of pus above their heads, from which but stepped, uncanny matter, formed with legs put on top its head, twisted into every turn and mourning for a back that turned, forwardly as to become a ballista, but the creature was but many a leg alike. Long, but like a forest dented, they didn't look like legs at all. Once the transparent cartilage seen, between each one of them, and the wings were cleared of any doubt. It was them, which were, of whichever shout. They flapped around and spread but specks and underneath it, yet were dead. Some sailors whom had went to see, they were of another part of the world, yet clearly something was wrong with them.

Lower body parts still alive and nerved, pushing as they foamed in every possible turn that could last. Dreading to come out from their own chest cavities in which they dug and set about the place. And entered one another as well as they worthless, faced-in trunk and spare, whatever lay there, to their employ, they pulled the rafts in while only being able to mourn their fading humanoid-souls, whom had, at long lost made it before they could finally be put to ploy. Dance of moons unkind the night; in the House of Bullet there was a guttural flying thing they called Benign. As it pushed out of the tip of the arch, whence it had come about the place at last, there was no reaction from the floating degenerate, wax-bodied-like melted Prayers whom were holding their sermon as if to see, whether or not they being would answer the call, out to be with it, and what to spare, it was that kind of strength that made her unnerved.

Horn had settled through. She was unaffected, she was yet to be touched. The first sight of the work-town was but of much demise, distress being settled so. The Prayers were now known. Peculiar in sight, long tails that led below on stumps they stood upon, in flight but many of disease, what it looked like, piece by piece. Was the cage to be called but fattened, as to beat in it, sacramental battered little joints that thrashes around, as violent as claws, would hit and spare, like rapiers, but intestine-like instead, all trying to drag themselves away from their prisons floating in the air. Of maddening woe, whichever it was, not have been known. Of little more than it was to be closely put. And dreadful in reality, croaking would.

There in the sky lay the Blimp, with its backside having become but an unnatural wormish-human torso-like haired-gray, unnatural stretch, of which heads were but mainly put together on a trunk without throats, they came from inside of it, no doubt there were more. Peculiar spiked rims around the throat-end of the chest as well, from which poured out but little clouds, which pushed out of him, to tell. Of what disaster this being promised, of limbleness it mattered less; as it happened for it to bear out, little beads-like stones attached to long rods that twisted and pushed out.

From its bowels there came peace, and from its songs they spat out, but little more than giant rocks and whips, and everything about it, much estranged, with the exception of its insides which were forgotten as well.

‘There comes the dreaded lord, the new-comer of the skies, the one whom lay claims upon all.’

Some had bowed and were known, to have been spoke, through their minds as well as crow. Would appear to each in part and ask of something to be done, of something to be freely given, of something they would not have conceived if it was fair to so after time.

Some gave limbs, others were asked something bastardly as to take a life within the hour, or make it so, disturbed them, louder. As there were still men in town ignoring, plain to see, always knowing.

Always of a pasty nature, beneath the rims of the street, the pink verdure; but of a far more destructive force than man has ever seen, it was his, of whom were not on laid in hiding any longer but appeared as thin as a sheet of heart, but tall as eight feet and starved. Of such a speed that would continue to spare and go out of its way as to endure through the worst possible and worst uncanny signs of destruction that came upon its way. Twisted and benign it was followed by many others, coarse-crop-corpses, CCC's with bloody airs, surrounded by a miasma, eyeless and whitened of hair, but moved and had to stop from time to time. Theirs was a speed unmatched. First man was grabbed or at least the half of him but ripped to shreds, twisted away and made into a flying device which was sent along its way. Some had come and picked the buildings, drinking from them, seeing them bleed. IT was unnecessary to believe they had come from anywhere, whether or not they had always been here, or would come to bring ruin to all. No one could be spared any longer and no one would but face such fierceness as to realize, there was no way out as long as they were there to fix, only the world for themselves when time had come to bring the peace.

It was unnecessary, everything was, life itself, in their eyes, but bloodily forbidden, one of them was shot.

Brave man he were to stand. It looked like a pure one as well. His face was frozen like a deer, only to be caught and disappear, upon two hands that met at last, coming from both sides, his head was splashed, no burst no boil, no blood that wasn't absorbed, no body either as more simple slaps followed through. And the worst part was the fact that the bullet wasn't even caught, it simply bounced against the skin, as if to peel and lose appeal. Fear was but what had got them. In such disaster as to be forgotten; that's how low they had fallen before they'd get to know, whether this world was theirs or whether to have thrown it all to shambles when needed.

It was something one could not prepare, for the waves of air which dragged them along to walk on pints and bottle kegs, as they were rolled away could not have brought any other. During this peculiar pandemonium, as much was clear, that they feared, once they had appeared, then at last.

‘How do people with no legs eat?’

‘As simple as pulling a claw over their wings and pouting their mouths as they push themselves down on their pray.’

‘Yes, I know exactly what you mean, my face may be torn in half, I may have just one eye, but it's painted.’

He was half-a moon, while bleeding from the missing half, on an open floor which lead into a landing zone beneath them. Dressed like a harlequin.

‘I can definitely see it and I must say that I am not exactly, least of all impressed.’

The sky was become floors, marble checkerboard patterns with weird pincers for every square and every empty space in there. Deformed accordingly and wrapped around the clouds and every bird and creature set in flight.

‘Still a loathsome creature, are we not?’

Do you still feel guilty, then?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘Your time is running short, your body is torn, in a decade your hands will be worn out, almost completely. Whatever you decide, do what you have to do and do it as fast as possible.

Otherwise, there will be consequences to all.’

‘I know; I think I can. I can still make it, somehow, only for a short while.’

‘There’s no such thing as a short while.

And I won’t be there to see you through.’

‘Wait, are you leaving?’

‘Of course, there’s nothing left here any longer, don’t you get it yet?’

This was done by your choice, you’ll have to stir it through until there’s nothing left.

I wish things had played differently, but I cannot stay with you here. I can’t watch you bleed out. I’ve seen enough, I know where it leads.’

He spoke to the Half-bled. His other eye appeared just as lifeless as the other. There was no pumping device down there any longer. He had been wasted upon one of the highest towers inside the town, secluded at its peaks, untouched. With him gone, there would be none left to carry his dreams, no one to carry on what he’s started. Where he’d darted and what was wrought out of him. He could’ve joined the man at any time on his way out, there was still time to return, but only a few years, that was all he asked for.

‘A few of them will take a toll on you, as I said.

I’m tired of starting this conversation over and over again. You will be left alone to your own devices as I make my leave. And afterwards, I don’t think we’ll ever meet. Everything’s already said and done.’

He said, just as he plunged through the river lain inside the second floor, seen through as he left, suddenly gone through, disappeared as if he’s never been there to begin with.

Afterwards he was left alone, to complete what he started, and then what? To start all over again; it was all that he knew, and it was the only way left to escape. But even his sculptures were just as torn as the one wreathing hand that was left. It was impossible for him to create anything decent, for his every attempt seemed to have something molded in them, his every touch, and every pick but embroidering a memory, something that would serve as a reminder, something to put them down, from one side or

another. A failure to achieve beauty upon the highest peaks, sculptures broken, lain across his feet, upon a filled hall, where all stared back; in a hall of memories, in a hall of mirrors, where all seemed too flawed for a normal man to look at, that was the only thing he was left with from this point on. Too attached to leave it behind, too attached to make any noticeable difference.

And it time the stone decayed, with every marble floor but coated in the acid that was produced in his veins. Like a rabid moisture that spread upon the splashes, many followed; before he's even forgotten of his choice. He could've left, a long, long time ago. But upon the decade he could not even pick up a pick, let alone a brush. The man eventually died in there.

Outside, there still lay a few streets that were, somewhat unaffected, yet the plight of one side did show upon the citizens and upon the rows made as if to block each street. From the distance and from where lay, they but wreathed themselves out, nothing more to say.

'Eventually someone ought to do something about them.'

'We can't, the city is in chaos, I think it's late.'

'We have to return to work, shouldn't we?'

'The schedule is already lagging behind. We are indeed running out of time unless we push on. We should, at the very least try making it before the hour.'

'I know, I know, but are you certain they won't simply break through?'

'I'm not. You know I can't answer that.'

It's not something I ever thought it might happen, we were safe until their coming, until this sudden break in. Perhaps it's time to consider an alternative, if that's still possible.'

'And what would that be?'

'We have to push them out by force, or try something, when the time comes in any case.'

'Who's to provide us the means? Who's to arm us then and with what?'

They would have to consider as much, there weren't a lot of options left especially judging by the extent of their advancement at most.

Certainly so, and there was also the other problem which deeply affected them just as much.

They were ingratiated, by whatever means possible, they were torn between the tides, all worn out and mangled, and below and above, all walking like probes, trying themselves out, ripping each others' arms, then reattaching, until they could not do it any longer. Every single time another arm reappearing out of nowhere, until they realized something about the sixty ticks, like the beating of a broken clock which almost tired itself out after every try. There was as much about it as one could call it. Always made for their pleasure and defilement; within the hour they knew as much, and it would be settled after that. That's when the true war showed promise.

Robust people trying their spades inside the large carrying rollers brought from the back. Their giant long-cones backs appeared to distract from the fact that these vehicles were close to being completely decayed inside and would to be put in part, inside the walls themselves, having taken the same gritty appearance the rest of the town appeared to bear. Little specks of gray-seed-shapes bits of dark grayish tiles all around the floor melting, through which one could see the ones that remained below, in darkness aching; there lay only a few people as ingratiated as them.

Inside the hull life couldn't have been better by any means.

There was nothing as hardening or bothersome as trying themselves again once they realized that nothing was entering their toes, their fingers, yet again, put to waste.

'You know there are flying catacombs somewhere above the clouds, right?

They do seem to be going around the general gravitational wave around the fine curve of an elongated sun-curve that's dragging everything around?

And most important, it looks like I do, almost a complete carbon copy that's been made to look precisely like me in such a way that I would be inclined to think it's actually a homage to my whole being and how great I am as a man.

In all honesty, I would not be surprised if those catacombs were nothing but a simple excuse to carve a means of getting my attention, which had been well received for the time being. Such craftsmanship is unmet by any sculptor of our time. In all honesty, I seem to believe that there's no greater man than I am, who would be more deserving than these peculiar things set in my image and mine alone and you want to understand why?

Because I may be one of the handsomest devils there are in this world.'

'Then how come you're in a blimp with us and not down there, worshipped?'

'But that's simple, I think this blimp has been constructed and abandoned for no other reason than for me to be completely isolated for the rest of the world which would immediately be put under danger, that being ever-so much, pleasant as it were, the dangerously close to being jealousy man seems to display towards other men who are much greater than them.

In which case, I have no doubt that I would cause such a ruckus that, my very presence amongst those layman would cause such a disastrous result as to even be the first flipped piece as to start a civil war In my very name. And although I would be inclined to endear such a thing, especially since that would only reaffirm what I already know but I would also be at danger of, well, not that there's any man alive that could claim my life, but my general state of mind as well as beauty could be affected.'

'And who are you exactly?'

'I am but you, my dear Besant, I am only you, a reflection trapped on the other side of the hull, I'm the blimp also, I'm all of them trapped on the other side and I cannot escape no matter how hard I'm trying and for that I need your dire help in this manner.

I need you to make a cut so you may finally free me only so I could retreat in some of my flying catacombs, that I may lay in there for a while, so I may gather my strength and lay there for as long as possible until I will have attained the might needed to come down onto the earth as a godly figure which shall bear the fruit of worship given onto me by man.'

'And where do I fit in this whole equation of yours, if you don't mind me asking? Since we both look alike, doesn't that mean I should be worshipped?

And how come I didn't see any signs of, whatever you just said when I was down there, among people? I think there would be signs but I saw none.'

'But that's because you haven't.

Fine then, I'll make you a deal, fifty grand of coins, all mark-clean, if you make a tiny slit so I could get out. And I shall show you what I am.'

'I'm not buying it, go pest someone else.'

And the image disappeared soon after, without witty comment, without a retort, or any kind of thing that could leave a sting. It simply went out of its way, as soon as it came along, as soon as they looked, at how the hull had ended, long contorted, better-fended, inside. A pair of lumps and beating organs kept by a spine and an overly wrought rib-cage which had been completely molded as to be part of the metal frame; leading to the rest of the blimp which only grew and grew onwards. But the peculiar thing was this as well, past the organs, many heads. Some of which appeared, or at least one of them in particular seemed mad, seemed to be bothered by something, as to put itself through a rack of hardly-matter, put through after and after until it couldn't help itself no longer. It bore some kind of irksomeness he hadn't seen before. As if the reflection was but a trick which had come along from inside of it, and went inside, when more, of them started pressuring it to retreat, back at its feet where it was safe and they could feel it, as much as to wonder, whenever passing, after. They were but trying themselves over, always but within the hour, like little creatures that had stumbled onto some malignant power, which made the apparitions dance again. Everywhere, most of them, all of the sudden popped, as if in existence, then out of it, growing.

'I think we should gather out men.'

'You mean all four of them? '

'I'm serious, this isn't the time, we're under siege, we're in danger.'

'There's no such thing, shut your mouth and go to sleep, there's a tent on the side. There's a dead otter inside I've taken the life off on our way to the landing, at the time we had been released.

I've taken its life for a reason and I won't let you leave until you understood what that reason is.

You must know that I've already made the necessary arrangements that it had grown, like a fat giant pickle that's been left inside a jar for too long. By the end of my speech you will have entered it and slept inside that green-soaked otter inside a dead tent that's covered with red stone crystals and red-growth stone pounded hearts, and little broken cracks with little growths inside of them.'

And he had made a point of him knowing as much; going as such, and being made aware that there was no other way inside that little coil he was to enter. His was not an eternal sleep but a shut-down. His brain would enter a state of failure as the dark people will enter the tent and start devouring through the layers until he will have been auto cannibalized.

He explained to him what those dark people were.

Penthouse didn't understand the reason for it, but they will appear. Black-painted figures of his own, made to breathe inside his throne, the lungs, which threaten to over encompass everything in their path.

Their fists bearing little iron picks that might wallow as they turn his insides out, but that wasn't as important as the breaking of the tent and being inside the on-looker, the room of the device, which only neared the sight of man near his death; as he was offered a simple sight to the core and the rotten frame, the bone-like formation which decays and is to fall.

Though taken and broken, then remade, it could not get far as one to see, the giant floating baboon-shaped creatures with many arms to be. Called upon them as they would constantly wreath their limbs and work within, to cradle and to spare, whatever else there is and whatever else remains. Spread between them, they seethe and say.

'Wake up already Penthouse, I need to know what you see. I need to know where it is.'

Besant asked, before he could look away. Even through the broken tent, he could still see his friend, of head-split in halves and ripped apart and put behind a small cart, from which the dead-otter, warm inside would still convey, much of what was left behind, much of his lungs, opened, as to lay.

He took a knife out, split his gut open.

Out of his pocket he pulled out a small communicator shaped device with a pump attached at the other end of it. He shoved it through his heart, the other end recoiled for a moment as the very thin-rope like arrangement started warming itself up. Within every passing second, he started considering the latter, how he should just shove the knife inwardly, much deeper, put him out of his misery. Yet he had to know, he was aware of the existence of the core.

He knew of it, he had to know of it. All was but in his dream and if the previous nights were of any confirmation, it would get even worse than before. He could not account for any further change that might've happened inside of him, or of anything that went through his head, if it ever got so close to it, as to spare a single moment. He started pumping a few fists in his throat as well, it wouldn't do much harm any longer, being as exposed as he were.

But, strange, even the stairs, the dome to the strange fall, upon which the device looked but like a flaccid pipes that lad down. Two spikes for eyes emerged, from a peculiar thing that would much further contort his body as to turn it, rip aside. He was followed by dark figures, many hooded, others wearing cowls. Some had taken a step further to hide themselves. But they couldn't hide the face tubes they shared between the four of them, common box. A gray thing that was wallowing with its legs out as if they were eating it. And it was worn. That wouldn't do either, too much to spare, too much time. Many days worn out, many things pushed behind.

A rotten floating cadaverous device, but that was only a distraction from the ones that hid behind everything. They whom behind tiles stood and rested; upon which one suddenly broke loose, he never witnessed it. Or would've liked to forget; but it was there for a moment before it suddenly came out and right through. A giant peculiarly elliptical pair of protrusions came out, all of whom stretched, immediately if not materialized across the room as to form a maze of little thin rods interconnected, crisscrossed, forming various hardening block-like spheres that pushed down cylindrical discs both upwardly and downwardly from which extended yet the men, whom died for it, but no lower legs. They floated for a while, no features yet painted in blocks of colors, all grays, with no eyes, featureless, but one could see why they were specifically mentioned. At times they out-stretched their talons in order to make motions as if they were preparing themselves to gouge out the eyes, but always stopped at its command. Their mouth-regions, or what would've been started deepening in as if to leave canals, where little thin-palm formations connected upwardly to the very region the sounds came out off.

'I do hope this shall work, you must wait for a very moment until I fully get a grasp of this. I'm terribly sorry, as you must know, but I feel extremely, I don't know how to make it sound, disappointed that you would go without saying a word.'

'Besant, it's you, bloody bastard, where are you?

Wait, don't answer that, where am I?'

The sububrs.

'I tried looking for John somewhere in the archives buy I couldn't find him.

If he was with them since the conception of the band, you'd think they would've mentioned him somewhere.'

'They let him go half way in their professional career, after they became successful and you know, got that change in style musicians seem to go in once they start making money.'

A wild thing their whole deal was. No one would've expected him.

Most importantly a man appeared at John's house one day. He was an old friend, Mahogany.

They shared the pleasantries as he stood by him for a moment.

He seemed to be set on asking about the air-rifle set that hung around the room.

'This old thing, it's the doctor's order. He said something about trying to get it off my chest somehow, it's supposed to be antidepressant or some dumb shit like that.

They ever told you why I was thrown out?'

'Beg your pardon?'

'You came here to ask about the band, haven't you?'

'I suppose I have.'

‘They all do nowadays that they finally split up. Every now and then I wake up with some young man or some teenager knocking at my door, trying to get an autograph or paint some dumb smile on himself, and some queer eye.

And the only I can think about is how I’d like to smash his nose in for bothering an old man who’s.

Damn it.’

He stopped pacing around the room, his violent march only having picked up with what he was doing. He spoke about it eventually after being put on one of the beds.

He was a big man, solid but time doesn’t wait for everyone.

‘It’s that damn thing.’

‘The reason you’ve retired, what was it?’

‘You really want to see it, huh? You people just can’t mind your own business, can you?’

He finally come to pull it off, the patch. It was still there, right as he had initially gotten the description of it, the eye that was growing inside of him. Still filled with pus, still moving, having eaten part of his high cheeked bone, his eye as it drained most of his bodily strength. A few nurses were accompanied by a strange man who appeared to put the eye on some dormant state with the help of some heavy dosage he couldn’t always get his way through.

While asleep, John was caught in an endless dream, where he was stuck inside an airport, trying to wait for the next flight. And he always remembered it.

Having lived through this event several times; it was like a game for him. A woman was carrying a heavy load of explosives strapped around her chest. He knew who she was, and he had to stop her from getting to the plane. While, she was in after him; in actuality, the woman was trying to find and take him down; and he had little to no idea why he was the ones she was after.

He didn’t know whether or not she had been given a description of him.

But it felt like he was walking from one thing through another.

Got up from the seat inside the waiting area; right inside the room.

‘Twenty years I’ve toured with them and that’s how they fucking treat me. Tossed away like a fucking dog.’

Wearing a bullet-proof police uniform; but couldn’t find a gun. The other men refusing to give him one.

‘I served in the army as well, you know that?’

I’ve done my share, I fought for this country, I tried hard enough to make, and what I end up with? No pension, a probe in my chest and this thing lodged in my fucking eye.

So, if anything, I will do what I want to, and if I want to have my fun and shoot around some wild coyotes or some bottles, I'll do it. You won't stop me, you realize?

Now give me that damn gun before I pick something heavier, Bob.'

Standing in front of the girl; device around her ear.

Sometimes she seems to think John has something to him.

As if he can go back before the moment he's died; like an immortal lousily fat left let himself go, god of some kind. But as soon as she approaches, she takes a seat. John knows what's about to happen, that's why he doesn't even look her in the eye.

She's a short brownish hair with a fair tone, looks like she comes from a good family. Sad look in her eye, knows what's about to happen.

He wants to say something, he's tried it before, but every failure is an instant detonation.

John's ear cocks and turns.

Another failed attempt, out of the bathroom window, at the distance, long drop, one of the highest floor inside the airport. He knows that dropping off would kill him.

Someone alerts her from the distance, sees the microphone around her ear, her lips moving, then comes the light.

They're onto him, somehow, everyone's out to kill him. It must be the feds as well, it smelt of them and their involvement was stamped all over the place. Including her, an agent; got her ID after tacking her down, right as she entered the door, both arms pinned down, still goes off.

Wherever the trigger is, it's not on her. Must come from someone else, she's a plant, nothing more. She knows she had to die, but John knows that as well.

'It wasn't supposed to be this way, you know that?

I know I didn't anything wrong, I didn't slow down, I kept up the beat. I was there during every session.

And they never found a drummer as good as I was. I was a star, I was like, I was one of the greatest drummers of the decade.'

'Then why didn't you join another band? '

'That's because, it's meant nothing to me afterwards. I was only in the business for them, I only got there to begin with because of them. And with them gone, so had the magic of music.

Would you believe me if I told you that, I haven't listened to any music in twenty years?'

'That's definitely a lie.'

'Believe what you want, punk, but that's the truth.'

‘The radio was turned on when I knocked along your doorstep.’

‘I was listening to a podcast, nothing more. That’s not any music I’ve heard off.’

‘Fine; but surely you must’ve kept up with the news at the very least, right? Of them splitting off?’

He knew that there wasn’t any way out and he had tried it.

He’s seen too many people die to have it any other way.

Someone he’s entered opened the door to see himself walk straight out of his house, around the highway and on the road. Desperate to do anything needed in order to survive.

But turned around and she’s still there talking to someone as she’s readying herself to go through the motions.

‘Listen, you don’t have to do this girl, I’m giving you a chance.

You don’t need to die, see?

I could step off there, I could get run over by one of the trucks along the road, you don’t have to do this.

There’s no need for you to die. I know what’s about to happen, please, don’t do this.’

Still talking, reddened eyes, she was on the verge but was unsure if the distance would do it. Plus this time around there was no debris to fall on him. This was his chance to at least make it so she didn’t have to die. After spending so many times dying, waking up in the middle of the night, having the same dream over and over again, this was his chance to set it right.

One of the fed vans suddenly blew one of its horns. Right on cue, they took their time, flashes their lights a few times over and then. There was no bang.

John could not understand why it happened, always him. It always had to be him.

‘I’ve got no prospects, kid. I’ve never had, no one wants to take up on a washed-up drummer. Truth be told, I’m in debt, a huge loan taken a few years ago when I was still, you know. When I still had something to go on.

But soon I’m about to lose the house, kid.’

‘Is that what the luggage is for?’

‘I’m staying over with someone, he’s some old friend I’ve done business with, think you could keep this between the two of us?’

This was his chance. It would go different this way.

He had to wait, talk to her.

Find out her name, something might change.

Curl into a ball and cry as she approaches.

‘Don’t touch me, don’t touch me!’

Everyone’s staring, awkwardly, they’re trying not to make a scene out of it. Everyone starts waking away.

Eventually he finds out her name. Not mentioned.

Does something rash, start talking to her.

‘It doesn’t have to go this way, you know?’

‘Sorry, do I know you?’

She comes through the door, past the line, makes it half-way through the seats, John stands up, comes in, then simply grabs her by the shoulders. It doesn’t kick in yet. He looks around nervously not knowing what to expect; not many people are staring at him. He simply puts his mouth around hers, they tenderly kiss for what seems to be the good half of a few minute; she joins in. His arms slowly going down her back; he pulls away. The woman looks confused. Both of them are.

They get into the bathroom, enter one of the stalls. She starts pulling down her pants, but when he reaches around her chest.

‘Don’t. This stays up.’

‘All right.’

He does his best not to seem suspicious.

Pulls down his pants as well; they last a good few minutes like that, staring dead-straight in each other’s eyes. Then they hang down, lighting up a cigar. He initially refuses it, but takes it after, seeing how.

Both of them fall asleep in each other’s arms. There’s a janitor but avoids cleaning the bathroom that night.

She wakes up in the morning and looks at John, says there’s something she had to get rid of. They walk right out of the airplane. They live together, she never mentions the event after. A few years later she’s pregnant, a boy gets brought to live. John’s unsure, still afraid she might be deranged and do something to the boy.

There’s one day he remembers in particular when this kicks in.

They’re in a park, he’s trying to fend off a stray dog, standing between them. She’s standing in the back. As soon as he’s bitten he gets up. Always trying to do something in that fraction of a second; until he comes up with something, tearing off a piece of his shirt before he throws it away, the dog chases after for a moment thinking it’s food. John turns, grabs her and charged through one of the abandoned houses; dog chasing after them, there’s a door there; she’s having a laughing fit.

‘Cover your head!’

They push through, close the door, puts her down, then stare at one another for some time. Both of them laughing; they make love soon after.

That's what the suburbs were like.

A boy around fifteen walked around with his hand wrapped around a radio-machine while jerking around a semi-automatic while flashing a copy of his open-carry concealment print he wrapped around his chest. He drove a convertible around town and the cops didn't seem to notice one bit or to give much of an understanding to the youth that happened to gang around, during the recess time. Since that's what kids do. And before you knew it, they were joined in his car carrying modified automatic while doing whatever sort of hallucinatory gem they found along the ground, dropped by one of the bad neighborhood rats they happened to come by. Easy target, easy on the rocks, they said. Before they even knew what they were doing, it was already late. Having entered one of the rich folk's premise around Tassel, they were already neck in neck trying to make it the dark; their car drove right through, they were incapable of seeing right with their high dark jeans and hoods over their eyes, with the light beings turned off and the only means of looking around being nothing other than unloading every clip of the automatic the first person who came into view. Shot in the head from an eight ball, he didn't stand a chance. He walloped on his feet, with a cotton shirt-silk and a glass-milk bottle filled with broken blood, he came right though the Geisha wall, as he entered a room filled with rotting cadavers.

'Found the light switch.'

'Then what are you waiting for dumbass? Flip it off.'

'All right, don't fucking yell at me pipsqueak!'

He turned the light and they could all see that the old man was stacked. It must've been everyone in the neighborhood he killed with only one exception, them.

'We're heroes, this is great.'

'Yeah, we sure killed the murderer, and look, the bodies are fresh.

Could you believe it? We could've ended up as one of those corpses in the pile.'

'Or you would.'

Cried Robert, who finished reloading another chattel inside the pluck; momentarily aiming at one of the other fellas' as he checked the visor, tried the clicker, then made sure to pull back the safety once he was done.'

'You just fucking killed him, why'd do you it?

Wyatt was our friend.'

'Don't you recognize this place yet?'

Everyone turned, they gasped. In the whole ruckus they failed to realize that this was his father's house. They killed Wyatt's father. And Wyatt's father killed everyone in the neighborhood. Even the cops.

‘I think we should leave this place before someone blames us for it.’

Then the children left the premise, which fell over itself, like a demolition plant being smashed through, since there was no master of the house keeping it alive. Wyatt’s mother was crushed alive, her head finally smashed by the side of the roof which came on top of her, leaving a trail that split her throat, body, and her cunt as well.

Afterwards the kids were feeling daring.

‘I stole his wallet, you know?’

‘I took his ID.’

‘You know what this means boys?’

They were all smiling as they headed to the nearest liquor store. While in there, they showed up to the Clerk, showed him the ID and asked for blood-alcohol.

The Clerk came up with a few bottles, split-open every cap, slit his throat and bled into each bottle, after which he gave them the drinks before he fell on the ground and died. But they stopped, as a few robbers just came into the store.

They were hooded, they concealed their features way too finely, although not their skin-tone, which was obvious by their broken vernacular. One of them spat on the floor, which was rude.

More importantly the kids put their guns behind their backs. Bleak people, they leaped around the counter, completely ignoring the children as they busted open the cashier deposit, took eighteen dirty Washington’s that had been scattered around, having failed to fix the separators ever since a week ago he had spilt a cup of black premium coffee on top of it during one of his night shifts, they hardly kicked the clerk’s body before realizing he was bled to death, then simply made through the kids who hadn’t uttered a word and left afterwards with a bunch of pop-cherry drool-worth lollipops inside their mouths as to not look too suspicious while on their way out.

After taking a few magnets off one of the fridges, they left as well.

It was a rainy dad. In the sky; between the dark clouds, he was standing there, chained by the clouds, weeping upon seeing these vile acts. How his children were set on a path of destruction.

His wrists wriggled as hard as they could. They couldn’t be completely held back, as he tried his best to fight the impulses that entered him. If there was even a slight chance for him to escape, he knew that he would come down on them, only to make them suffer. To punish the children in such ways as no one might’ve thought it possible; beating the utter-living shit out of them, but alas he was trapped in there. His eternal prison; twitching with each lightning strike which marked his back, as his eternal punishment would never come to an end.

‘Hey Green, why is your father in the sky?’

‘I don’t know.’

‘Where’s your mom?’

‘Probably at home; probably in the pile.’

He was consoled soon after by the other children; whose parents shared the same fate. Not as his father, whose seemingly eternal pain would never come to an end. God knows what agonies were inflicted upon him, that he would do such a thing, as to deserve this kind of suffering.

Twenty more years spent in the gutter and a man could come to understand what entered them. It was a morbid state of never knowing where you are, that they could never draw away from.

Corner magician:

‘I shall perform a magic trick.’

‘That man just slit his wrist.’

And he pulled a bloody catfish out of it.

‘That fish is spitting out a sickle, get down, now!’

The children started running as the mad magician started hacking them around the air.

‘I’m going to kill you kids! I’m going to kill you!’

There was a big bloated bullhead in his chest, who started spitting blood-water, immediately staining his shirt just as he started getting momentum.

‘I am the God magician, I can’t be stopped, I can’t be stopped.’

They tried unloading everything on the man but he wouldn’t flinch, they bounced right off. He stopped to laugh at them.

‘I already cut your tires, dumb kids. There’s no escape.’

Soon enough they spread like a row of ants, trying to get themselves out of sight as soon as possible before being caught. It was close, he was always near, closing the door behind them, they hid inside the convertible, then leaped out of it as soon as he began hacking in the car.

He lunged and struggled squirming on the road like a feisty fish out of water.

‘Settle down, settle down.’

My lord, why are thou on the ground, struggling to breathe like a layman?

You are the king of fish, whom rules upon all. Why must you be humiliated in such a way?’

‘I cannot outrun you now, but at the very least I know what I am, I know what I’ve become. I chose to live the life of a man.’

He said to the giant fish which walked like a man on his tail.’

‘I chose this because I wanted to be a man.’

‘Is this what men do then?’

‘Mostly.’

Within a moment’s distraction, the king had already made it into the ground, through one of the sewer gates, growing out of an apartment door.

During dinner; a man was sitting at the table with his wife and child, they were eating profusely out of a little man, with a little conical-curved at the top tar-mold had.

It was flashing with a most peculiar dreadful color which almost blinded him as it happened. As awkward as it seemed, they were stopped, prevented from eating, mid-way fork inside the squirming thing, couldn’t make out whether there was something living inside of it, or not. They were reeling in, hoping he couldn’t go along and take him off their platter. Was this room-service? And where is your manager, he expected to hear. Although there was none of that yet, other than the initial shock; which, even it seemed to be less livid than what they were going for. But they didn’t. Damn fellows thought he must’ve fancied himself a strange rover.

There was a coat hanger the man pointed at.

‘Pick it up, will you?’

It was getting nastily cold, and at the very least, he could try showing up he cared.

Twenty chimes sang around the room. It was just how it was, counting them up.

They were standing in a strange room after all. And the man got up and he was but dreaming of better days. And they were greeted by a peculiar blighted figure, which was dressed in trash-bags with a pumping, many veined purple chest that was much more muscular than the rest of his body. And he had a giant horn coming out of it. His mouth was at the back of his eyes, split in half, chewing his prefrontal cortex; which only made him split more blood, until he got an aneurism. But he was loved. For he had lived in a castle of abuse, made out of peculiar infantile creatures, the growth of which was stunt. He wanted to kill children, but he couldn’t because someone chopped his hands. He was bleeding on the carpet now, merely looking at the family.

Aforementioned, although not, the room was pink, and there was an orange body painted groom who came to steal his wife from him, but this person was demented, pushing himself continuously between the two of them at the table, rolling on the dead little man, entering the cone, like it was a strange cave. For the little man was fat as a pig, and the man was tall and thin; although females only seem to like tall men, which is why she took a liking to him.

It was highly incontestable since they were unaware of what was going on. The scene was a travesty, their children were dead. All dead, all of them covered their eyes.

‘This kind of reminds me of something. Silence yourselves immediately, a kind is talking. I need to think, I just need to think for a moment.

I believe, wait, there are children out there I have to kill.'

And all of the sudden the God-magician looked at his wrist. He saw the fish taken out, he'd forgotten. He pulled off his shirt before the second headed fish could start talking again, as he had stumbled up and down, plain to see what was going around.

'You want me to do what now?'

'Who are you talking to? '

'The colors of the wall, you can describe them to a blind person and he will die. It's like poison to them, that's why they're covering their ears every time you start talking to them about it.

For the same reason, hey.'

'Hey? What?'

'I don't know.'

'You don't know what? Why blind people are being poisoned or?'

'I have to leave.'

Then he made it out the front door before he could witness the slaughter caused by the strange cherubian figure that had appeared. Before the twisted horn had completely splattered their entrails about the room, then everywhere around until they could not help themselves any longer but crawl through the cracks like little gut-roaches and little moths that had made it through. There were thread-curtains stretched behind the pillar framework which was said to have been taken from another world but that had never been confirmed since they feared and they bore the fear of blaspheming their lord ever since they had been given birth to.

'Dark birth, I witness thee.'

Said the servant who was waiting for me outside the apartment. For he had come to greet the King-magician, he bowed, and near him many fish on the floor, tuna as well as macrl, as much, many other akin to them.

But hear, her, hear he, he had but to taste the roof, he made it to the window in order to have a clean-clear view, a panoramic shot of the city. He saw the children making it for, and knew he had but missed the chance to have them. And he had gotten this close to killing them, that he started felling worse. Worsened by what happened around. He simply wanted to make amends with them, before they started committing more crime.

'Crime is a fishy business.'

'Still sleeping with the asphalt blocks?'

Asked the man across the hallway; both of them were wearing noir-hats, and they looked mightily, red. Because of the light; coming from the light. They stared at one another until nightfall. Where the noir-

look became even more pronounced as the light-reflection but started spreading across the tapestry, where the most common pattern was the ten of hearts. And there was an actual heart beating in his chest that made him nervous. He knew this father figure which waited across the room, it was his father, but at the same time it was not. It was a fish, a giant one, wearing a coat, with the noir-hat, and he looked sad.

‘I know you’re not here.’

‘He is.’

The Cherubian figure’s horn had just split the door open with his chest-horn, then he proceeded to completely slice it like a certain figure with an axe from a long-before read novel of which little to know about details were much forgotten, yet at the same time he didn’t shout.

He simply walked around and patted the figure on its shoulder if it had one and left.

The Noir was decrepit.

With the falling over tapestry he saw the innards of bell-rust formations put there. Bloodied with some acidic tar he didn’t consider licking until now, they were dirty, he had to clean them, like floors. Always him walking on them; always him crawling like a bug out, with the same head-skull.

‘Damn you, I need to leave, I have to get those children before they flee.’

‘And why do you need to do that?’

‘It’s in my blood now, they’re in my blood, they’re in my mind, they’re the only ones that showed me any attention and because of that, I know they’re the ones I’m destined to kill.’

‘Why is it that every time there’s something exciting going on in your life, you have to slaughter it?’

‘Because I don’t want to become an entertainer for children, that’s all. I want to walk along the peoples, I want to be appreciated, I want to make something of myself, like, like.’

‘I?’

‘Of course, or not you, but something better, something else, something that’s myself, but I can’t get rid of it if I they’re the ones searching for me, if they’re the ones who are interested in me.’

‘Have you considered changing your act then? Perhaps not punishing their child-like curiosity perhaps?’

‘I haven’t, but they didn’t even show that much attention to begin with. Come to think of it, they merely just, turned a corner of their eyes, flipped their tails, and might’ve looked in my direction.’

‘You’re over-reacting then.’

‘I can only do what I can.’

‘No one’s going to punish you for doing what you love.’

‘Then, should I simply return to performing on the streets?’

‘Do what you want, you’re the king, well not anymore, at least not in your kingdom; the next man stepped and came in line.’

The king also remembered the time he was a child. And what he liked doing. I like colors, I like colors, I like colors, I like colors, he thought. He really liked colors a lot.

Don’t shy away from your responsibilities, the father attempted whispering from the other side of the room, hardly the matter as it were, he’d done it. It was plain to see.

‘It won’t make a difference if I return or not.

You should know better why I act this way.

Monarchy is a dying disease, it’s not being destroyed, it’s a rotten horse, a carcass that’s been beaten for far too long.’

‘And the alternative is better?’

‘I don’t know, maybe, maybe not. But it’s undeniable that it had its place in time, it served its purpose.’

‘Men are more corruptible if they are grown.’

‘Men can also be made.’

‘It’s a lot harder when there are too many people involved.’

‘As oppose to someone born into it?’

‘What do you want me to say? There’s no system that will work, it’s not the system at the base of it, it’s the man.’

‘Then who’s to say that the proper man might not be a monarch?’

‘Who’s to say it might not be one that is elected?’

But it was wishful thinking, trying to put every right man in the right spot, at the right time, just so everything would fit precisely as one wished it to. It went beyond wishful thinking, it was fanatic.

‘That’s the right term, you’re a fanatic.

You’re acting as if you’re still a king, but this is not the place to do it.

Can’t you see that you’re doing far more damage than anyone in your place would’ve done, with your power, with your upbringing; but not in a place like this.’

‘I’m only chasing a few children, I only mean to teach them a lesson.’

‘About what and who are you to impart that on them?

In this realm you’re not a king, you’re not human, you wear a sickle, you can only destroy. You can starve, you can force people beg, work them to death, drag them over, for what?’

‘Fish live better because of it.’

‘Fish aren’t the only people that live on this earth.’

‘Fish are to be treated rightly.’

‘But fish are just a small minority of all men. We live in the land of man, you need to act like man, you need to settle for the rules of man. You cannot be both fish and man.’

‘I can, if it’s within my choice.’

‘And look what you’ve done because of it.’

He merely shook the door over from where the Cherubian had departed. It was a bloody scene, as that of a crime, a butcher’s woe, that was clean one blink, then dirty again after another. That was something he didn’t want to admit to himself, yet he was partially responsible for it. And he could not deny it any longer.

‘So, what now?’

‘What now indeed? You move on, find those children and apologize for them, perhaps try.’

‘No, I’m only going to attempt gaining their trust, you know that.

You know what I’m like. I was raised with a crown.’

‘Only to live on the streets doing magic tricks; what does that say about you?’

‘What does that say about you father?’

Psh, fine, I’ll think about it.’

Then he leaped out of the window and stole a car, punched through the window by its side, then leaped inside. Played with its stingy wires, as if they were made of silver, not of gold, then he but messed with the rear-side mirror pearls, and started off the high-way, bold.

Bold move, nice chauffer; if he wore a pair of sunglasses this would’ve been a fair he was in, but he didn’t want to talk of it, at least not when in the presence of the dames. A lot of them present after dark, in the light, he just realized. I must’ve spoke to my dad all night.

Alas, there came a time, between them spared.

Out of nowhere, there came a man, as if appeared from some site. From which utmost benign he were, knocked on the window, drawn down, cracked as it were he stared at him. Driving must’ve been extremely uncomfortable for him. As to have a fish with a sickle wrapped underneath it. Not to interfere with the way the wheel was worked, but mainly, it was distracting looking beyond it, and looking anywhere else as a matter of fact. This man was queer as well, too quiet for his taste, he could eat his face.

‘I am a man.’

‘Go on.’

‘I’ve come to the realization, ah-ha, that I can only remember images. I cannot remember anything of which I read. I can only remember what I see, in my mind.’

‘Get out of my car.’

‘No.’

And then they drove.

When had he entered? I don’t know.

They were both in search of the children now, as they were in need to be taught a lesson no man should impart on an insufferable child without realizing that he risked too much abuse for it to be acceptable. It was dreadful, bizarre. They were staring at neon-signs, like Neon-Tessy. It was a high-futuristic sight, driving around the highway, around the tall beings and the short buildings they were drawing near. Stumps, bloody stumps with little top-rotating saw-blade shaped umbrella-like curved on top rain-catchers, which converted water into life-fluid, put through torture-device strung-together uncanny leper-shaped heaps of bodies which had been cut as to create an iron maiden device shape, through which the life-fluid was put through. It was done, they were smelly. The people around because they were criminals, and criminals don’t wash; they need to be washed by the hands of justice. Which is abuse; a man cannot be abused. He is the abuser, even when pain is inflicted upon him, for he is made out of stainless steel, he can brush it off. And if he can’t, he’s not a man. And if a man is not a man, then he doesn’t belong to this world. That’s the machines could never understand. It’s because machines are not men, machines can only imitate. Although even imitations are still a step above women; in which case, machines are somehow pseudo-human by default; turning machines into pseudo-men by their very nature of not being women. A female voiced machine would only be a deviant in that case. And no one like deviants, just as no one likes high-pitched sounding men.

The torture rows changed with the town, it was a consumption that no one could’ve ever accounted for obvious reasons. Once the tiredness of rows awoke, there were days which parasitically started decaying on top their rain-coats.

‘Found the children.’

‘Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you. I thought I would’ve. God, thank you.’

‘But I thought you were God, Fish-magician.’

Before he could come up with some witty line, it was, slit. The kid recognized them. Both out the window as the little shits unloaded everything they had, completely just riling the car, which immediately exploded everywhere around, until it became a little river of hellish-junkyard leftovers, still burning, as it was finally put down by a giant large carpet-shaped, forty five by twenty three meters, with the girth of a fat man’s BMI of over one hundred and fifty, split its belly open from which poured a swimming pool of water, which put down the fire immediately. They made it in time, before they could be caught, right in the nick of time, hiding in some backyard of some long-forgotten building that fell over. It was one of the hollow on the inside buildings where the first floor was the flat roof-top of the

building, while the last floor as well as the basement was well beyond, far deeper than where it stood sewers, as to approach a drop's worth into the bowels of the ground where no discernible life was to be found.

A peculiar thing lived there, almost twisted in concrete and peculiar growths, yet one shape could be recognized in it, that of the giant bullet which had grown; spread around, completely out-casting itself everywhere else, only to have kept its insatiable growth-commodity in there. And she was there. As if woken up, inside the body of a fat-lumped exposed giant body, a glutton of which, even the facial features were rolled over and put on top of one another, he was her ship, through which she dreamed, but this was a nightmare, and there was no escape for her teeth.

One should've come to the realization that these were no dreams by any means, but funnels that melted through the ground, appeared out of nowhere as they molded themselves to look like the most uncanny things. Weird shapes on every wall, puking the insides of the lobes they mixed and stabbed. Yet she was different. Lurid's mind was unmixed. For what could be said at the very least, she broke through the wall, and the first thing that came to her mind was the uncanny thing that laid in front of them. An unrecognizable beat-in the head abomination of a man. He was strange, he was really strange. Upon being meat by this greasy mold, this tall thing which broke through the building, it was not brought to an immediate act of terror. Instead, he simply offered It a cigar. And there was also the peculiar fish coming out of his wrist which was peculiar. Untouched even, or too touched, put through. Made to eat from around the zone; they were at home, growing in.

They also brought him a lot of shots, the people whom were around. The flesh giant but took what he could as he started pushing through town. It was strange, he wasn't understood, that's when everyone started hunting him around. Before the fire, before the little camp he made around It, before it could be put down, he woke up with a mass of people, all armed. All unloading what they could on him for what seemed to be the good half of a half an hour, then they left as they came, as quickly fading as they realized that it was pointless. But not before those giant meaty fleshy hands grabbed a few men and swallowed them through. The sounds only burst through even harder once you listened to the chambers be unleashed inside its guts.

'It's twenty-twenty.'

But they didn't listen, it's was the lower-lowers where they rested at.

Strange house of green tumors, producing green gas, bubonic mass of peasants gathered round, they worshipped the being.

And with every second it was there, this smoke machine changed between orange, green and red, then spread even father until every iteration of those could be seen mixed in the air. The neighborhood was clean soon after, before the blood splatters could be seen again. And a bunch of niggers even seemed to be disturbed by the folk who appeared yet again with their high-troughs and forks, ganging on them as they were pushed in the other direction. Further in the distance, where there was no one else playing their fiddles or toying with their ploys. They hunted the dark cannibals, and drove them into the darkest pasts of the streets, into an open pseudo cocoon formation where they all rotted away, where their big noses

and giant lips and ugly skin mixed together into hardening pools, chewing one another like negroes usually do. Incapable of collecting and helping themselves without other men's due.

It was how they died, they were their own cause and they only spat themselves out.

They were rotten and put to death as soon as the sun rose. Violent animals didn't deserve to live. Violent animals but ate one another on a whim.

It was a dark day no one wanted to speak about.

When the cages appeared in the air, before their fall, on the ground and everywhere else, they were damned if they couldn't recognize them any longer; long-tooth and little eyes, it puked on top the city before it fell and crushed itself between eight buildings. The half-rotten giant then crawled between the buildings. Eighteen carvings in the shapes of men then came out of its body, then eighteen more, then millions of them, then before anyone could make out what they were, they already captured a great part of the city, it was theirs. Smoke-dogs and shot-in-the-head wallpapers were their animals and their apartments were colored green.

'Jonathan Beddings, wake up now.'

'What? What is it? '

'You're going to live with someone from this point on.'

'With who?'

'With him.'

The landlord pointed at the peculiar creature that had been given birth from the half a giant. It was taller, bore no limbs, wasn't humanoid and destroyed everything in its path. It had no eyes, it looked deformed and barely recognizable by any means, it moved on a tail and most of the things it did were bashing his head against every wall, constantly, then against him.

Beddings lost an arm because of it, and an eye.

'I hate you, I'm going to kill a child.'

Then he followed through and came out of the house as the hunt had finally began, while he had been armed with nothing but his teeth. He had a knife.

First child that came into view was deformed and he was lynched in bottles, where his head was being melted in, and every bottle was tied and gripped around each neck, then they were shattered with each shot, then they ate them, the other children, whom were gods.

But all of the sudden, a jealous creature appeared out of nowhere and it said.

'We can't all be gods, because then there won't be no gods.'

He took them by chance before they could even recover from the drowsiness that forced them to succumb, and they were caught by the sickle, then fell on their knees, they were killed. Were they gods? Probably not, he didn't see it.

'Now I think I'm satisfied, although these aren't the child-gangs I was looking for, those must still be somewhere around, I think.'

'I'll kill you too fucker! I was the one supposed to kill them.'

But the boy got his mouth shut by force, he shouldn't have spoken, he's done it too soon. It wasn't likely he was ready, but he was beaten.

In the blimp, there was quiet.

Outside of it, the rotten-battered.

There was a boy.

Today I was called.

I was supposed to go after a lady and help her carry some groceries from point A to point B. It all went fine, until I realized that I was chasing the wrong lady.

'You see now, all people look the same.

All of them, without exception; that means something, doesn't it?'

'I think I know what you mean.'

'Indeed, I was messed with, I am cursed. I am cursed. My sight is diluted by evil; I cannot distinguish one person from another.

And the lady I was chasing after over a few stops? In which I fully waited for her to turn around and look at me, she must've thought I was a thief or something.

Luckily for me, I turned around and went back to point A. I had to, it was a gamble, since I'm too shy to ask whether or not she was the lady I was supposed to pick up. Not only that but I've known this lady for over twenty years. She's my neighbor, but I cannot, for the likes of me manage to recreate her in my mind. But then I recognized her in the distance.'

'So you're not completely cursed.'

'Not exactly, but, I am. At the same time, I think I am.'

They were settled on as much.

Think of it, if I pull you from the device, you will die, friend. I'm not going to tell you this, but I'm going to pull off the cord.

He stood there, a friend near another, they were both considering as much. Thinking, talking, not inserting the little black hooks deeper into the open area around his gut; they weren't inside the hospital branch, but a single platform, open-wide, black in the surroundings. There were black days that followed through. It was never easy trying to eat, and draw from their vile reeds. It was easy, it was hardened, there were dark days. It was easy, they went after, got accustomed, it was hard to see. It was easily the last and only way out; a little pin-gun in each other's mouths. A few men but standing around the blackness of the side pools they were desperately trying to enter in.

Their feet reached the ground. It was blasphemous. It was what happened after, when the realization came. Too much time was being wasted, too many wretched laces.

'There's a cop waiting outside the room.

We need you to talk to him. Do you think you could handle him over a couple of minutes?'

'I think I can.'

'Then do it, I'm not going to ask you a second time.'

They made it through, they listened to one another's heart beats. He got awkwardly close, too close for comfort. It was something neither of them realized just then. They were trying one another, then one stepped in.

'Mir, I need you to describe what the killed man looked like.'

'I thought you said only the cop.'

'And the sketch artist, try to keep up, will you?'

He was sweating, profusely. It was just the thing that happened. When one put a finger and a bobber; hymning all around.

'He had a nose and a wide face, wild eyes, and a peculiar smile. I don't know, I think I can remember him, but if I were to see him on the street. Well, it's strange.

I think I can see him in front of my eyes, he's in there.

It's hard to explain. And when I see him standing in front of me, as if I met him again on the street, it's. I know it's him, but at the same time I don't know whether or not it is him. I mean I don't know whether or not it's some stranger that looks like him because it happened for me to approach a stranger and find out it wasn't him.

But I don't know whether or not it is that person; you know what I mean?'

'Sketch him then.'

They gave him the sketchpad. He tried drawing. He drew a hand-fish.'

'I see great thing coming ahead, in your near future. Just stay.'

Stay along, and don't move too often. It was what they wanted him to do. Cook in the plain-stove to which they attached him to. He was constantly being pumped into by it, for what they burned was the mass of meat taken from the ones that didn't make it through; It was something agreeable. Nice to see.

One of the first friends he had, coming from inside one of the school yards, who had been a fireman's grand Admiral Fleet descendant Grand P. Bath, started knocking on the door, inviting himself in, before he stared at the untidy room, remarking the fact that the nurses and the janitors had done a condemnable job trying to clean the room while he was in. He gave him a sedative he shot at the side of his head, grazing in as it went through the side of his ear, through the bed as it made its way through the floor beneath him where other patients depended on a life-liquid glass-basin that was placed on top the ceiling, being connected to their insides through various tube-funnels, before realizing what had happened, it was late because that liquid was already spilled. They tried getting over the beds and leaping on the floor as they were in a dire need of licking the spilt fluid but, seeing how they were prevented from doing it by the rails that stood between them and the floors, they simply wrapped their hands together and had a group prayer as they awaited their death, which followed in the span of fifteen seconds. They were heard but plainly ignored, as both Cook, the childhood friend and him, Bread-ly, made it through the door, then out of the world where they finally took a deep breath of air and relaxed. Life was short, the car they drove in was a convertible.

I do not know who this man is, yet I am intrigued.

He simply came out of nowhere and kidnapped me. But I supposed everyone is pleased I'm gone, so that makes it right.

There is no place for me in this world.

'Can I tell you something?'

'Shy-away.'

He put his gun away.

'I do not know who I am. I do not know what my place in this world is. I don't what I am, I don't know what my personality is supposed to be; I am blank slate. But there's nothing else I could fill myself with.

Know what I'm saying.'

'I can't say I do. What do you want from me kid?'

'I want to know, where we're going.'

'To the facility.'

'Ahhhh.'

'Inside the hospital; where we shall fix you.'

It was what the strange man said; so it was true. Therefore, that was the word of God for the child, as he didn't know any better than that. IT's what evil people, they don't listen, they lied, they turn away from

the true word of God, and that's how there's evil happening in the world. He never found what that criminal did to anger those cops. He only half-flayed his face and made tiny mounts across him so he could home orphan maggots in him. But that wasn't him, it was the man in the stove. That's the story the man living in the stove told him, yet. He thought he must've been the man in the stove, or at least he would be the man in the stove from now on. Because he didn't know who else he could be and there was no reason for him to see or find out about anything else. His fingers were then broken by a wrench. That's how he knew this would be a great day.

Life is complicated for children like him.

He could sometimes see the core and want some more.

They stopped for gas and that's where he saw her, the first woman she ever laid eyes on which wasn't his mother. She was strange and he was afraid. Women are frightening creatures. They are weird creatures, not in the same way minorities are. But that kind of weird-weird, the unexplainable kind of weird, as in, if one were to look and observe one for a long period of time, he would not know what to say to her, or about her. And odd being, like a trumpet tank shooting nuclear-submarine missiles, making the tank really big, and bulky and a bad choice, on a field of battle. And a big target on top of that.

Women are more like tanks than anything else. There's texture to them, but an untrained man with an untrained eye may never understand them. He's not an engineer, and they're not as easy to break apart as one might come to see it as. A woman has large legs that are connected at the soles of their feet with their back-bones, like the rolling bands of a tank. They are employed during war, for soldier to use. Both the enemy and the allies; yet it's fair. Because back home, those soldier's wives are also employed by other people. War is a transaction that way, and women may as well be a trading system between the nations and the powerful. It's what women are.

But here, in this gas station, this isn't a war-zone.

'This is a war-zone.'

And multiple men live inside a woman. But multiple women cannot live inside a man. That man is evil in that case and evil men bring terror, and terror brings weakness and weak knees. That is how the world is the world, is made. The world is but is world, of this world.

'The world is the world, is but of this world, this world.'

'I bought you a cone of ice cream.'

'Thank you sir.'

And then they drove on.

It was a peaceful day, spent on the road. It was nice, it was great change of pace, in some way. For everyone involved; for both parties, they were extremely glad there was no cloud separating the skies any longer. That was one of the hard things you'd get out of moving from one state to the other. You always got to the people, but never got used to the weather, since it reminded you of what you lost. When you were back home; I missed the clothes.

‘The weather, I missed the weather.’

‘Ah?’

‘Did you say something?’

‘Are you making fun of me?’

‘No, I’m sorry.’

It was awful. It was a perfidious kind of weather that made everything look even worse than before. No one like it, there was dread in the sky and everywhere else, there was possible explanation for this feeling of whatever else came along.

People are made out of skin, they shouldn’t. Although that may be, perhaps one of the bigger human organ there is, it shouldn’t. Someone should flay it and fill the sky with billions upon billions upon billions of dead people’s flayed skin. To fill it morosely only so they could understand what’s it like being human. Once the silence came, they were brought in. Rotten as it were, a giant of smoldering meat followed through as if it were nothing more than some uncanny creature with no other desire than that. It bore itself forward, trashing around the place.

‘Jade, there’s jade in the trees.’

‘Gems, I like gems, they’re so pretty.’

‘Blood gems are of the most precious kind, kid.

They may not be as precious as real gems, yet they are made of coagulated blood. You need those blood gems.’

‘Why?’

‘Because they’re blood.’

‘I need them.’

And they stopped near a stop sign, near the soap-opera in the woods, incapable of seeing what had been trailing them for the last few hours, without even being capable of compromising with the machine. The machine listened, it was the one in charge of the woods.

Placed upon its entrance as a guardian, making it seem like the forest was but close to being distraught; as it feared, with every passing moment, as if machines could fear by possible mean; it dreaded being itself.

They didn’t listen much to anything. It was hard as it was. Neither of them, of the people who were present there had any strength left in their bones.

There were singers no one wanted to acknowledge by any means, as they were less benign than the matter would allow one to feel it. They were dreadful, always trying to outdo one another, the opera singers.

‘Men cannot make the difference between a frog and a rock, that’s where the forgeries are coming from?’

‘Interesting, then why do you reckon I can see a sea of bullfrogs leaping around now sir?’

‘That just means you’ve yet to become a man yet, kid. That’s all. You shouldn’t take it to heart kid, but I suppose young folk will do what young folk knows the best, I wager.’

He took it for granted at the very least. And in front of him, a sea of leaping rocks, no water.

The guardian of the forest; it was a peculiar being that always seemed to be present there for some reason or another, like some head light belonging to some abandoned building that refused to go away. The driver having long left the car, reeling in for the others; being content with a few rocks being put inside of it. That, he didn’t like. Since it went into it; the territory of the machine, that box was singing and mowing through the most uncanny things all day, he reckoned it had. And they were only trying their fingers here and there, for no more than a few seconds before they figured it would eventually step out and say something to either of them.

It didn’t come that often for someone to reckon a machine like it, fancying itself a man.

But it took no pride into it and before long, it had run out of pets to mess around with. Sure, there was plenty of leaping rock, although the guardian of the forest had missed the conversation. Sure there were the people inside the opera, the actors, the baronesses, as well as the guests, but they never seemed to live the opera, which only left to the occasional vagrant who was more or less, rather, scanty for its tastes.

‘Well, you’ve stepped into my forest.’

Said the machine; it looked pale, the iron-wrought fired-forged thing said. It looked like a giant elongated bullet that had been beaten by a forge hammer until it had become somewhat dry punish, twisting itself at it came out of the ground, with a great coiling tail but coming out of the other. It stood there nonetheless, trying to fancy itself the company. There wasn’t much to focus on it, other than the droopy things that formed their waves, and their fallen-through, much to his dismissal features that were theirs. It was too clean, too clear. It never shoved itself through dirt. There was no callous, no scar, no injury at all.

‘What’s this fancy noise I keep hearing now, that direction over there?’

‘Wouldn’t you like to know?’

I suppose for a fair fare, I could let you in.’

‘And how much would that be?’

‘A short period of time, company, I want either of you to stay here with me while the other goes inside. The entry is free of charge, but I require to talk to someone and.’

It then noticed the giant of skin behind them. It was, rather, peculiar.

They were both unheard of from that point on.

If there was something, even remotely approachable, it was it, that peculiar creature, wherever it stood, where to be placed, little more than worn around, closer to it, and put into the ground.

‘I remember coming into this place, somehow.’

‘I beg your pardon?’

‘Don’t mind me.’

It was the buffoon, he didn’t.’

They spoke as such, and merely carried on, they were bent on it, yearned to find out what they were after, where to push and what to pull, what entered their heads soon after, was emptiness. Gritty and dry, it was there for some reason, and either man would remember her open and try.

‘It happened earlier in my apartment, I was in my home.’

‘But you were missing.’

‘I thought someone was in.’

He saw the giant dog tied by the least, and kept still. It was enormous, one couldn’t deny that. And Jim only went out for a bag of chips. He knew something was wrong, but rung around the ears, like he was, he started doing something, something he didn’t think before he’d done it. He got on his four and began barking like a dog, who immediately heard it, burst through the door, having ripped off his least, went around the living room, just as Jim followed the mutt, then exited off the balcony, only to disappear completely from the scene.

‘Where?’

But he didn’t ask, as he merely turned around, made his way back to the door, then found him sitting in the same place, unmoving. Weird thing.

‘Why are you doing this?’

‘Why are you barking?’

The dog asked. It was disturbing, trying to make out an accent and all.

It dashed away from its spot and waited at the threshold. Its eyes were as thick as Jim’s hands, perhaps a lot wider as well, which served as a testimony to how tall it was. A tongue to the side, it talked through the giant crack he left in the frame.

‘Aren’t you going to invite me in?’

‘After everything you’ve done?’

‘Is there a problem now?’

‘No, of course now, get yourself in, I don’t mind.’

It dashed in past him, without bothering itself to wait for Jim. It stood on his chair, yet it was different than before. Slender, tall, almost a feminine figure he seated himself next to. It was Unica Zürn. He

remembered buying some stills of her from one of the low-lives he used to regulate around the corner of the street, when his neighborhood was in a shamble, as a result of many of the men having enlisted themselves in the draft, having fought in the war, died for their country, leaving a huge gap, it was huge, to be filled. They came live vultures and they sold pictures of her, and only her, no one else. It was peculiar, but he never questioned it. He'd come to idolize her, although Jim didn't know anything about the woman. He simply stared at her, then, he turned towards the screen. It was an old movie, a few adults were looking after a bunch of children who were supposed to cross a damn which was fully encompassed with water. It was hard, trying to make out what they were saying over Unica's incessant barking. She pulled out a knife and stabbed Jim in the throat soon after. Both of them bled and died.

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Yet, during their haste, their spirits were but reborn and lost as soon as they could breathe away. Into another world.

There were no more cords attached, it moved all along, creating small pouches of skin in which it walked through as it swept along through rows of bashed in by fists entrails that had formed the great head of the main-device that was being operated upon. Twenty tables were constantly rotating around it as they would constantly create little blind rotten flying heads that would puke out heat as to boil the little men surrounding them alive, as they only hardened higher and higher until all of the sudden they began losing control. Some pest-people with no legs were there, refugees of the Pest war. And many iliac-peculiar tottering rotten creatures had died those days, with all of their unnamed deities, and most peculiarly the most tormented of the highway killer who had given birth, upon slitting their guts to the Erpyot-Cvar the man with one hundred heads, all being attached to motorcycle-like stretched out necks that had penetrated his back instead. He was the kind leper, or so was he called during mad days where he could not for the likes of him realize what the time had was.

To his employ there were eight trusted people, whom were in his confidence.

Near him there stood a most peculiar broad by the name of Ophelia, tormented human that she was, she had brought a peculiar set of knowledge with her which had rotten every existing stone that had been attached to her, which were shaped like meat-oysters with little blunt spikes.

Upon their sight, as they worked upon the rising main device, they were greeted by many rising structures from the ground, which were the main structure of some good to hold palace of worship that had been wildly spread upon the realm, completely shattering and destroying the fragments of air below the substance-like trail they left behind.

They were highly roofed and wore made outlandish growths, like desert-plants which encrusted themselves at to point upwardly in the air. And they bore many bridges, many gates, many wings and many peculiar hand-like arm stretched formations that ended up into peculiar spherical head-shaped open mouthed protrusions that, upon opening their maws spat long deformed horns that appeared to devour everything that came upon their touch. Everything was deformed, many spikes appeared to bear upon them trails of blood that made the tower-esque figures bleed some more.

A peculiar dark creature emerge, riding upon a steed that had no head but another steed's throat attached to its end which could only pace in circles, until it tired itself. During the confusion, the steed would finally walk the way the creature wanted.

And that creature was Epyot'hn, whom bore himself much forwardly benign. With peculiar tricks, contorted hips, he opened his mouth and would reveal a heat that came out of the hood. For good fortune to which his dire tongue was barely understood. It opened itself in the back, sutured falling, then was brought. A most peculiar skin lancer, whose body was but a distraction, a tumor growing from the man; it wanted to be there, in the air as well. It appeared again. He was in front of them.

Opening a peculiar mouth formed out of cuts, from which fingers came out, opening slightly, there coming out a strange large diamond-end red and mightily flashing as well. It appeared to be talking, backwardly, but they understood him.

'I am bloated, I need to drink. I need something from you.'

'Call it and it shall be given.'

'You see that tower over there? Are you afraid of what might lay in it as well?'

'What do you want from it?'

'A great engine-sword that might complete the gun-truncheon that I might come to be set on flight, upon this fidgety thing I call out of sight. I need it to reach the exit.

I need something that might guide me forth.

I need to see one of the darkly figures that wait for me upon me being brought home.'

For what was worth and what they asked of him. They were worn up-lists put on their chests, the stone-flesh giants being worn and bearing the giant-skinned sheep-lamb formations, the casts inside their heads being uncannily distraught as to not be brought to any of their torn-apart reigns. As soon as they were followed through, out of the casts, which rang as true, they were but fashioned of skin benign. A few champions of leeches were but brought to life as soon as they could be.

Large and armed, with little nail-like protrusions, always feeding upon one another's throats, they joined him in the jointed Morgue and hadn't spoken of it until then. It was benign, too torn apart, they saw this world through peculiar kaleidoscope-cracked through eye-formations. Large as they were, these tank-fat lards, truck-in shape, upon their body-handles stretched darker heads and pushed-out heaps with many beds of skin with long teeth-like pointers that were heaps of many blades had but stretched from their foundations and attached to many men, they brought back. Food that might be put inside, torn apart as to devour, and spread the rivers of red coagulated flowers; before the hour could even come, they were brought back and they would feel their guts wrung out.

But the creature asked again, and the explorers only followed then, through the stairs and through the cases all the broken, swollen faces were but caught by themselves. Many followed through and were but put down, in the seas of sinew.

As much was settled to be called upon, so they found the engine blade which had been a spear of gut-shaped unnatural beings that were barely put together and were shaped like weird anomalies of barely shaped primitive chipped walls that were barely put through and would look as if they would be lost if seen through as well as what they formed. Upon their wide-spread long wings there was nothing shoved inside of them any longer as they were brought about the hour before they were allowed to walk again.

It just so happened that the creature attached this peculiar device to its back, immediately flying wherever he pleased, as if it would disappear and appear again and again where it wanted, only to have to the portal, where finally it sounded the alarms of the passing.

The time had been set, and what enacted it to come upon the world, was the hour of the execution, when a dark wind was felt by each man inside the belligerent country, all at once, as they were but incapable of helping themselves, all worn out by the many hours that had been spent eating each other's reflections which was how they were fed.

Such grim engines appeared. In a single place as to disturb their nearing the coming; as much as a strange as he had been, the man in front of him, Joaquin stood near the dame, again walking as if poisoned, he had looked like him as well. Though it was hard and even harder to do, too harder to make out who or what he was, harder than anyone might've expected him, to settle through. A most peculiar being having followed through this escape plan, as if the mere act of flight had contorted one of the maddest most peculiar portals that could ever have been founded, through the wings of sky, which had been cried upon, they finally appeared where they had to be, no longer put to wait and die. They were fat like potato-fields wrapped together, eight rolls that are put around one another, incapable of doing anything else. Growing in each other's guts, in their insides, where they danced with most peculiar unnatural head-strong tendons which rose and formed, darker hornet-like shapes through the long peculiar scepter like pushers began giving birth to large formations of bloated shooters that would one day inherit this world. This living device, this peculiar thing that couldn't be explained, this disease would not stop until the world was in its veins. It moved precariously until it could not help itself but leap away. Every now and then it leaped about the placed, eating men, when all of the sudden it opened out. A large skin-crystal metallic formation shot highly-calculated limbs that stretched and pushed everywhere they could until they could no longer help themselves but record everything they would, everything that was within their stretch, and everything they could wrap their hands around until not even the likes of a dead man could deal with them any longer, as they spoke of the most precarious evils of the world, this strange device. One hardened hand in particular made the long-stretch across the street, bending around the long mine, kindly knocking on one door, as it was allowed in, upon having entered the premise, it knocked off every single jewel and every glass case, the finely crafted and wildly fashioned false eyes and the diamond man who shattered and die off the cradle. And they mourned for the diamond man, for he had been killed too soon for his own good and he was dead and they had carried him away into one of the darkest dens, into one of the darkest falls humanity had ever suffered going through. Upon a cemetery made out of tombs and coffins, most of which being cracked, chipped and shattered as people needed more space in order to bury their sons and daughter and each of their dead fellows, finally being allowed piece. Yet many corpse parts could be seen just about everywhere around the place until they couldn't help it any longer since they were but incapable of making out what had happened there. Since after a few hours a lot of the corpses appeared to have completely coagulated and have become the most uncanny of the trenches, which were used to give birth to the dark birds. And the dark birds were giant and were made out of corpse soil, that

is to say that it wasn't a real soil, but some uncanny thing made out of disease rotten corpse parts that had been grinded together, which were carried to the plains of another planet beyond the world in which the killers of humanity, the gut-wrought peculiar men lived in. And they, of evil deed, as they had known, lived inside huts with uncanny robes made out of made-together wives that were brought on from the most distant placed of the world, having been forced to eat their children from their way on, only to have been sutured into ritualistic robes these Vile-killers employed in order to make their bodily-maligned plans to go on as they were called upon, no longer being capable of hearing, as their dark crowns were but taken hold, and had stolen their eyes, which were pointed in every direction. With them having worn millions of them, but then, upon the hour, where peculiar black roses appeared out of their empty gullets and most disturbing looking empty sockets, they formed a few lines that were shaped like eighteen finely crossed v's that had barely been put together, only to have begun chanting over and over again until they could not help themselves but chant again, for they had summoned a weird peculiar creature which had been rotten for billions of years before it came before them. Amohrs was but there, in flesh and bone between them, as to have been made on the spot. It flashed in and out of existence and would only be brought to the darkest knowledge by himself upon having realized that he was given something to be fed on. He had been utmost darkened days that refused to go along and when the portal from beneath the facet of the planet fully opened, another one was summoned by another pair which pulled him back while the first one opened as well, ripping him in half as these vile killers laughed at him. Angered by this act, Amohrs but spat a giant hole on the ground, levitated towards his lower-cut body half, as it neatly reattached itself back in place. Then he went on to grab as many of them, and squished them into his black-purple palms, his eight maws shaped, his exposed eye-brains but puckering as they boiled the air, him having only a deformed fetus trunk-tail with many shapes coming out of his as well as sweeping long tin-like coils that came out, eating what they could off the ground. It popped out of existence and appeared into one of the towers, where the experiments were taking place. Inside these strange chambers there laid some peculiar vale-shaped bunker top heads which began growing from place, revealing many test-like peculiar trap-like cages where they kept the most unnatural animals they were shoving pins inside of. Their eyes had already been liquefied by the time he had arrived, having reduced his size as to match that of the scientists and the vets that were responsible with killing the animals in the first place; at the very least those who had failed surviving the initial experiments.

‘What shall we do about it?’

Then upon the realization that he wasn't in the initial tower and the peculiar location that had once been settled before, this peculiar being only realized that there was nothing it could grab from the wild surroundings as to realize where it stood.

There was no joy in that place, which only made him leave as soon after, as to enter some peculiar groove where he would be at peace, at least for a good enough amount of time. Where he was met by the animals of the woods who, upon seeing him, decided to come out of their hiding spots in order to greet him; them being gutted from a peculiar coming of his he had come to use as an excuse to completely gut and rip them apart.

But this was no normal groove by any means, as the very branches and coils that could be seen around only, furthermore confirmed the fact that everything was mechanical in nature, without any possible exception, having made the most peculiar growths that could be put in place. A peculiar sight had come upon a mad-man, he was a man of science after all.

‘I am Lam.’

And Lam made sure every other man had stumbled upon the middle of the groove in order to observe that everything was going as it should. There was no longer any reason to wait for something to happen as they were already a step ahead of him. Having applied some of the control mechanisms that were put around the placed which were already producing cat noises but were shaped like roaches and dead-otters, being acted upon as to control the very heap and mass which had been under their control, forming a strange pair of four shaped antlers which rotated around, then moved left, right, left, right, eight meters in whichever direction, then it flew randomly around the place until it had gotten the god’s attention who could not help himself but, furthermore be mesmerized by what was going on. And there were giant-rat helmets they wore, the scientists also had swords on them, which had been called. The swords bore evil eyes which spoke as soon of the twists and the dyes of the mad world they lived in. Only one of them could survive in order to contain the god for a long enough duration of time that they might be able to draw from him anything, anything, even if it were but a crumble of power they cut put to their employ, it was worth everything to them and it would be worth everything to them, if only they could grab it. Which is what they settled with, as soon as their blades could finally make contact with one another, they began charging themselves as to do what they could In order to destroy themselves; paranoid yet driven to a supreme act of violence that could not be withdrawn, madly in doubt of what was going on, they could not forget of the suffering which entered their guts by the time they had come to accept that most of them were no longer alive. A swift dancer of the blades he were, come upon him, he’d closely snapped a neck, then beheaded another, then but sliced another man apart only to be met as soon as he would by someone who could actually fight. And both of them but met blade and blade, neither of them could accept it, but they were already met. Made to be uncanny as they shook each other off, then pushed around as to pursue the utmost dread that had lain in the air, what followed after was the smoke that came out of their bodies as many of the scientists were not actually dead. They’ve been pretending, reanimating one another as if they had never been taken and cut, then they brought each other up on their feet, only to have lost their sense, of what was it like to be human, either way. During their fight, the god was finally amused as to finally be shook upon the brow, as he had awakened himself, which was what he needed in order to look around, as when the time came, this peculiar creature but erected itself then walked away. No longer interested in what was going on. As this strange being that had killed the scientists, or had destroyed their initial minds which could not be recovered any longer upon their initial coming-to life had finally granted them the peace that they needed, upon him turning around. The strange scientist that had come from Amohrs’s groove had but spun around and killed everyone, this time permanently so, making sure they were grinded and would never get a chance to rise from where they were, as to be remembered so.

‘All within reason, for which I think I ought to have you flogged and beaten into the ground just so I could make sure you’re actually dead-dead and not pretending this time around, for which I’m certainly sorry about what I’m about to do. And let’s consider just as much, I’ve done nothing of the sort, I, who was one of the first men to greet you around and come and stumble upon my very own home have come to ask this of you.

Please leave my sight and don’t return until I’m calling you, otherwise, I will do my best to pull out your lungs and walk in them as if they’re my shoes, and why? Why do you think that is?

Is it not because I’m evil? After all this time you should’ve been able to pick it up, somehow, along the way, you should’ve done it.

I can only promise you this, since you cannot seem to make up your mind already. I know who you are, and I know what I am, I've been trying to find you in this place long before your conception has even taken place, yet your refusal to acknowledge me seems to anger me.'

And the scientist turned from the man as he was struck between two others.

One was a creature who had killed its own insides. It was the upper body-long extended worm-like thing with many heads which stood upon a down turn flipped blimp, standing near the man with the fish that came out of his wrist and the scythe and both of them were unaware of what was going on, they were in a daze it seemed. Before they could even wake up from what was going on, they realized that this man could not be trusted since he not only wore a rat-hat but he wore a broad sword that appeared to be sharpening itself with every passing moment, but then he went past them, seeing how this groove was a deformed city one side as well as a place where giant malformed cages were floating. Him having already made it past them only to greet the person he had been waiting for, in a long-long time. He was a tall peculiar figure, much taller than him, who appeared to, upon the sight of the Scientist, to shove a bunch of knives in his chest which travelled past his back, becoming skin-bulbs that appeared to become some peculiar growths of skin, which were kept by stalks, one of them having redistributed some of his muscle mass inside of it, then immediately pushing it through the bulk of his chest, organs, his throat and his head as to form a last-line of protection through which he may be able to completely protect himself from him.

'I am the Foreman.'

He said and he was a dark figure that appeared to bring ruin wherever he went. Yet he was strong and all mighty and incapable of being defeated, for he had many others like him which had finally made their way.

'It's been a long time but we have finally come to construct the machine which will infest the metal groove and turn the trees into real trees that we may employ to carve the insides of so we could fill the pits.

We have to fill the holes under every possible circumstance, otherwise.'

'What and what could happen then?

Dear man, do you not realize what might happen if you, if you even put your fingers inside of it for one moment and one alone?'

'No, I've come to realize that I don't actually care. Mine is a lonely choice to make, and this court may not, by the likes of it dare take me, by any means, to hold me under any sort of contempt for what I've done and I will kill every living thing if I have to, for that is the thing which keeps me going and without it, I may as well just stumble like a foolish creature and die.

As there's nothing more keeping me alive, other than the purpose that's been driven me to this point here.

I need to fill the holes with bodies, I need to feed them with meat until they will have been fixed. There's no other way to fix this brokenness there is.'

‘But I see nothing that’s in need of being fixing, what could you possibly mean, good man?’

‘There is, but you fail to see that everything’s broken and that everything will be broken from this point on and onto the other, it’s something we will have to find out only then, when I will have been gone, whether or not it shall be fixed or not.’

‘Please, oh, please, oh man, could you not tell me? What if there’s even the slightest chance that you may stumble and you may come and cast me into whatever there needs to be done that I may make and craft with my own hands?’

And what if there’s something I could create, and fashion of the metal itself and of the innards devices that are hidden inside the groove?

Must everything be destroyed by such means? Is there nothing worth sparing in this trail of much destruction you’ve come to employ and share upon your path of many malformations and cruelties?’

‘And how do you know of me then? How could you possibly know what I’ve done?’

‘I can see it in your eyes, Foreman, I know you’ve done some things that may not even be redeemed by any man, that may be destroyed, that may come to unfold any such ploy as to bring destruction. Yet I question this, you reek of death. How is it that a corpse like you still breathes and walks as it desires so?’

‘Is it not clear by such means as which I’ve come to employ upon it that I survived?’

I’ve come and travelled through his guts?’

‘Whom? ‘

‘The being whom had pushed but through, the creature we shall know as true. Mannofilthde, we’ve spoken before, he’s but a contortion of what’s it been and with him lost, there’s nothing we have to fear anymore. With him having gotten us through, I fear there’s no remark we may be able to claim, we shall be calm as to look around.’

And they weren’t in the groove but in a room with black soil, and dark-stone halls, with various gargoyle statues and various deep-bite canines lacking in virtue. They were stopped, oh, woe to them, oh, evil figure who’s seeping in behind its den, why have you come in here? That’s as much as they wondered, incapable of knowing what seethed and what came after.

It seemed clear that somehow there’s been a ruse, somehow there’s been a fall-through one could never think of.

There were dark creatures that created everything and they were tall and uncanny and they were morbidly set as if to push themselves through. Most uncanny canals wrought and shaped as to look like uncanny mazes made by crafty worms that were also riding in the most peculiar tunnel-makers. They were queer and not to be seen, followed through. Oh, dark beings, tall and mighty, shaped with bile-holders with many bellies, giant and feisty, put together but separated by cylindrical black rods between each pile of meat, each connected and at every whim, there was but an uncanny thing, like little springs of shoe-laces of black strings, yet they were nothing other than exposed black guts. And upon these bloated sea-mines

which were tied by their black gut-chains, at the top stood a most peculiarly deformed abstract spherical tendon which extended into four long rectangles that held two inverted overlapped pyramids of mid which had both of their sharp tips connecting inside the rectangle, yet they were made of meat and more primitive looking, even by their standards, holding billions of mouths and infantile creatures insides which were struggling to get out with every possible second that had passed. Their giant bile-guts, within the frame of the main creature, all bore sutured peculiarly extending chest-mouths that appeared to be devouring little barely made rod-like figures that were almost peculiarly human-headed at their ends, or cranial looking. These limbless human lollipops are eaten constantly, yet in reality they are nests with hundreds of people inside of them, bleeding constantly as they're being put through some uncanny unfathomable grinder that may never be touched upon.

There was also evil everywhere around, it was in the air, a volatile thing that appeared to melt the strongest of them until they could not help themselves any longer. Too many of them had suffered, too many man battled each other because of this miasma which gave birth to a small town. In this small town every single man had become bloated and became a giant building, of which mere glutton-might had devoured their limbs, as they frowned, incapable of eating anything any longer. Being so restless as to become incapable of controlling themselves, they started inhaling and exhaling violently until even the slightest incapable men, the frailest of women and their children were drawn inside of their mouths as they were slowly being chewed upon, spat until this process repeated itself so many times that they all began creating various rivers of blood which carried over into the blood sea which, accidentally had completely swallowed their complete DNA material, contorting their very substance with everything that could be put into that malignant pool that began mixing with every sea-creature and every other man that fell from his fishing boat.

That fishing boat was shaped like the mass of a whale with a head that looked like two put together human hands, as if to make a prayer, with giant twisted eyes on their knuckles and seething teeth and foaming lances make of cancer tomes that were spread everywhere around the sea and on the ship as well, as every sailor that was on the ship and on the flying dock that was chained to the ship and kept, prevented, not allowed as one would do, from completely going away, they settled with doing as much as studying the tomes and what they said. And every few page or so as it happened, there was nothing more that could be said, as the evil crept in every single present tome, corrupting the men who were now conjoined as to finally reach the middle pages where they summoned a most peculiar entity with eight most peculiar torsions, contorted limbs, as well as replicas of themselves as if they were looking at a mirror that was above of them, furthermore them having completely created humanoid circle that began amassing as many features in the middle as if to form a pseudo open mouthed pucker which drew lightning-like atoms from each of those floating look-a-like bodies, in the middle of whom, they formed a two sided, fallen-elongated warped, or pulled from both sides comet with peculiar features from which a horn-like stretch shot into the ship, spreading within its every side until it pushed out of the main deck a few rafts that started going in as many directions as possible. And the rafts themselves were rather queer and uncanny as they were but made and had already basked into this strange essence which had been put into it to begin with, having not only corroded itself, as it became, or it had formed, a great invisible tracking line that had been carried over by invisible flying servants that were baboon-like simian wasps embodiments of which wings were bloated balloons shaped like cruisers, with their canons growing and curling along outlandishly as they became bloated heads that would constantly bleed uncannily until they will have become incapable of preserving themselves or stopping from the most uncanny motion that was

begun. For their first part of the ritual had already been finished, with them having formed a great sea-space constellation that completely projected itself from one side to the other, bouncing upon themselves and moving along, there had come the time where the beams were summoned back home, to have become the most corroding things to have touched the watery insides of the sea as they, upon reaching the ground, made peculiarly deformed stoles of walls that were put together. Vivid-looking abominations of many shapes, abstractions that spoke to the most uncanny beings that passed through the veils of the ocean, until they couldn't help themselves but float as well. It had been observed that upon the release of this peculiar ritual, many if not all the sailors immediately died, and they were not mourned for, not would anyone realized what happened this day. It's ever so clear that one could observe something that would be deemed to mad to be completely explained, as the docks themselves became, stretched by all means, but not in the same manner one would manage to pull a band of rubber that would be forced to go beyond its limits, indeed, that would be most terribly wrong, as in turn the wood was pushed and continued stretching until it had become almost ooze-like as to have been forced, upon the midst of its complete push-through to, all of the sudden shoot in every possible direction, completely destroying everything that had ever reeked of human life, if there's ever been one there to begin with. And then the wall of creatures forced every living thing inside of it to spit in the sea, making it so everything was infested by pollution.

And there was freedom to it, to the dark being whom lurked with its self-eating, under-cannibalizing brothers that had been shaped like their fat egg-shaped skin-like transparent mushroom, many piped singers, of which many speak-through heads only made is so many other bodies continued floating through them. For the singers of Yyork showed utmost compassion upon having their master finally return to the place upon which it had, for such a long time gone through, now, upon having return upon the deformed lands, upon the plane in which it lived, one could see that the entire planet was but a peculiar blackish sea, a march upon which moved many isle-like creatures that were just like it, or at least appeared to represent some decaying flora, fauna, or some other kind of peculiar feature-filled formed that began spreading their infinitesimal degenerate feature along as they continued their peculiar existence which had never been stopped from ever pushing through, until no one could ever be made to feel accustomed or be forced to make such moved as to feel as if they were forced to lose themselves through the most uncanny destructions. Signs as those could never even felt to be. In this reality, even the ghostly likes of molt would live through some peculiar sponge-like being that were drawn deeper into the march-pools where they would live forever as they saw it fit, where decay was welcome for those that managed to pass through without being completely blown or completely destroyed by such forced as to crush them so.

One had to fear such a base as that one belonging to them. Since they were most capriciously a peculiar lot that shared both instinct and heritage as that of man, yet at times hunted it down; which couldn't have been further from the truth as they prepared for war and brought, upon the call of horns which were shaped like animal-bones the first sings of the coming of the great destruction which could not be delayed nor stopped any longer. A heart was beating with pus and most peculiar metal bonds and alloy, a pool inside of it, yet it was floating in the sky. Many decayed having turned towards it in the prayed yet many of them would've just as soon realized how dangerous it was being there as well, as such a fall would most likely even come as close to shattering their left sided femurs, bringing destruction and pain, eternally so until their remains had been completely made and put to waste.

'There's danger there.'

‘Then don’t approach it, you need to call it you for me to see, I’ve got my eyes set on you and I can feel such agonies coming from you.

Ah, forget it.

Follow me through, we shall go and hunt through the plains, I know of such emptiness such as there is somewhere, out there, we’ll head back home when we’re done.’

Upon the country yet they walked, incapable of holding each other off for what was worth, there was terror and dread in their eyes, they were frightened, by what?

Always there, as the picture of a picture, somewhat impure; broken but made to look like them, an annoyance as they failed to realized.

It is not us, it can’t be us.

I do not recognize myself in the person I see.

One of the Decayed Sages stopped them along the way.

Decayed Man and Decayed Pin but didn’t know how to react upon seeing this strange creature as they could not interpret the way in which it acted.

Yet it spoke of something they didn’t think they would hear.

‘I’ve carefully crafted something for you, it’s a tool.’

‘Is this a stringed pipes with little toes curled at every side of them?’

‘I’ve made it myself.’

He pointed at his own feet. The Decayed Sage had none left but it had been worth it. But lo, why would he give them, of all, two strangers who had come from a far away land such a thing? What, within reason could be said about it and why were they made to be the victims of such oppressions as to be forced to listen to him preach. And give instructions as if how to use it, and how to clean it as well, how to furnish it, how to, so on and so forth.

And who could question the strange man that appeared and bore, with his little monkey paws and peculiarly distraught reins, upon the peculiar bullfrog lance upon which he strode, on the body of many rolling protrusions which were cast from the heavens from which he was cast away, he froze, incapable of realizing where he’s been. Is it not clear any longer, of what he’s seen? A much perilous pair of columns, darkened as the most peculiar clouds, most of them would hardly matter, but looked upon and looked after. They were tall and gritty, collar bones surrounding them, peculiar heads and many dead-formations coming out of them. With most peculiar swords of skin which bore their eyes, their features in, and would but eat and cast as well, if it weren’t for the bridge they seemed to beg. They were vile in nature but moved with it. For ever was the soil penetrating the ill as to come through the mass of clouds. But the bridge itself but malformation, a creation of many hot-ironed metal names and outlines which were put together on top of Stagnation. For, it was the greatest of the flying beasts, this starved out giant without peace and with little in its mind, its throatless form, its span of beating wings and most peculiar heads that

erupted were but strange blades themselves, cartilage and of face, stretched upon it, such embrace, at the middle carrying its beating hearts, all exposed for all to see drained as every drop of blood became but a strange step, a doorway in the sky made out of clots, from which the flying men who stepped on air, the Numroads were but to beseech as to enter for their lead, consumed upon entered only by one of them, inside one of the inner-body pockets of Stagnation, where they did the most cruel things as to pass the time where the Radiation-fellow began to sing. His throat but throttling, his open wing but came to view. He had but cut himself and bled sinew. He was distraught for having waited for this long, him being caught and made to wait in the most distasteful place of all, the spot beneath the groove, where they shook him, dirt-people with spear-points and javelins they but hooked him in the head for torture could not be denied for one like him.

He listened for hours, though no one else could feel the certain vibrations that entered the dirt and went through all as if to be put forth, where all but shook. There in dreadful hope they started begging him to let it so, for all world but survived because his majesty allowed it to. He, who were not a god, but one unlike no other, the tortured man was the key-point of suffering which drove the beast known as Stagnation to be set in flight. And as its great shadow stood upon the Groove, they had but listened and little to know refused to understand, why was it that the leprous metal trees began to sing and shake, as their remains were shackled to the grains. From where the infants started their flight, in order to stop the Numroads from entering such spots that were benign. One could not by any means understand what had entered them, for these limbless dark things which leeches were but cousins, which skulls and rib-bones that of men but started emerging as they began procuring the most peculiar dark smoke that would tell. Of dark being, they were brought, they appeared out of nowhere and grew on their backs like little pests that couldn't be stopped.

Yet again, there enter four of them, and one parasite was brought.

'But what have you done brother? I see that you've become sloppy as well, I couldn't understand, I don't, why is it that she's here, that dog? That giant thing which eyes are but silicone-reflective, most peculiar in shape; I couldn't understand, why and why as well, is he here?'

A lesser servant of Guenon, a peculiar thing of its own, the giant head, which was promoted, of growth such as it would breeds, the many roots but peculiar and strongly-folded.

They were joined in discussion, as it would but put the dog down as if to listen and to wonder, what had entered the dark heart which began signing, the madness of no appeal, the strangling motion and the feelers which made the walls.

It was a simple room, in all honesty, it had two tables, a strongly rooted lamb-shaped lamp to the ceiling, yet, and this was important, its wool made the stuffing of every corner of the room, and that stuffing looked and acted like some kind of strong foam that would prevent anything from passing through as to destroy what had entered through their hearts, them having already created molds and various shapes inside, which were acted upon like woodoo dolls in some manner to no effect, other than to symbolize the fact that they were loathed by the creature which erected its head. It cut lay around the muzzle. If one were to remove the lamb-hat he would see a most peculiar barely textured form like that of a rat-nose that was extended in a low-facet hanging like tri-dimensional thing which, would only serve as a decoy for

some glorious tumor-like growths that looked as if they were made out of billions of facets as if they were miniature oblongs, or satellites which were somehow brought there.

And the Guenon creature but sat around the table, joined by the dog, the others having already drawn to the darkest sides of the room, being incapable of understanding what this room was to become. It bore tattoo-like drawings, some which began to grow in side, to glow as well, when the chanting had begun.

‘You know why I came here, no?’

Magnificent of dreams, you’ve bothered man many a year and now I’ve come to call you, on a whim. You need to stop for your disruption will only bring the likes of theirs, from the depths of which no one might spare a word.

You shall bring something of man into the world. He might live the plains of his planet, since you have disturbed the only solace he can find, in dream.

And past the stars he might find us wasting time on moons, dancing on the pipe-held platforms as we await our god upon a swoon to emerge. Him whom had been served as such by the naked-to-the eye primordial creations, we could be punished as well for what we’ve done, do you not understand this, lady?’

And all of the sudden she had become, yet again, in her form, Unica but joined him during such a meal as to be sworn to the second she was there, asking what to be.

‘I’m listening, oh grand man, whom I may only serve if I’m to be listened to and ask of this, I wish I could learn.’

‘Do not dare trick me with such words of piety and command; I know you fiend had only taken her form, as subtly as to call upon the likes of men. I will not listen, I will not be tricked then, but lo, I need this of thee, for you are called to a stop or at the very least a reprise that may push through the most unfathomable stopping. You need to slow down, too many a man died in their dreams, only to be wakened up remembering and sharing it so. Your dreams but drain life and might bring us.’

‘Closer, is that it?’

Are you afraid I might warn them by accident of who you are?’

And all of the sudden Unica had but taken the appearance of Guenon who had appeared, very much alive, like him after a fashion. Both of them but staring, incapable of reaction; but both of them knew better than to serve and what would happen after could anger but the worst, and could but shatter, the feeling that pushed on.

‘You needn’t worry, I think. I will find a way not to disturb you any longer, I wink.’

Unica winked.

It was glorious how attentive he was and just how much agony, the lamb had to be drive through as it peculiarly jointed, wheat-like skin tagged protrusion finally expanded as to make a hole with a long-malignant black tongue. As soon as it entered the wall, it formed a girth-like shaft of meat, which

connected to the other rooms, and with another one like it. From the back of a growth-protrusion it formed a reeling wall which pushed down, reeling in and out, until a cartilage pair of stairs drew down and became the means to enter through. It was a strange-way, a stairway that lead to a convoluted system of small dens a man could enter through.

But they relented, the flight above the groove continued.

And most importantly they were still running around.

A little group of a few men and women who were joined by another man who had found himself stumbling, from end to end, away from the Crone and the beasts as well, he whom was Ptolk, was but met by Brim, Clerk and Dock, the Unnamed doctor and most peculiarly the buffoon, whom were on their way, but not likely that they should call upon what went on. They settled upon a door, and chose to open it, seeing how it was but an open supply storage empty hole, a stretch from which they saw a walk through platform they could stand about as well as a great hollow of dark on which stood a few rails that pushed ever-so farther into the abyss which lain around. The hole was too great to be encompassed by walking, it was dangerous as well as perilous because of the power and because of the lightning, as one was in need to call the great cabin that would take them to the other side. As a frame of reference, this thing was colossal. Eighteen hundred men could be fit on that small walkable area where they stood, behind the protection fence and the many panels and devices that were put there, and even taking into account the giant machine Clerk had entered in, one could at least paint the hollow cabin-like push through as being the size of two, standard eight-floored buildings put together, droned in and allowed to make way as they began pushing through distantly.

‘We found it, you damn madman, I can’t believe you actually found it.’

‘And what would this be now?’

Before a decision could be made or them be allowed to continued, something had to be settled. They formed two groups, one on the left and the other, which was formed of Ptolk and the Unnamed-Doctor, who appeared to still be haunted even in the worst of placed and of times, in the recess of dark by the most peculiar still-born mutations whom dragged their giant-prolapsed trunks and wombs in which they carried their own infants as well as shrouds of skin and weeping stills which were frozen in the air. It was something only he could see in this deranged dream that would never end.

But something had to be settled as well.

‘Lock the door behind us.’

A military grated door appeared to be closed, segmented as well as well-protected against any kind of well above average assault. It just had to be said here as well, there was no possible way either of them knew what life was on the other side of the rails, but they had to keep their wishful thinking, in grace and in asking. Whom shall start the basin and the panels, during acting, as such, by case, by case.

‘I don’t think there’s enough power to work this.’

‘Damn it Brim, and you woke up now?’

Did you wake up, all of the sudden with this in your mind? Couldn't you have told us before we made plans?'

'But Dock, we've only been here for a few hours, that's all, there's no need to stress.'

'We waited a few hours listening in case, you know who might stumble.'

And they only saw that thing without a head once. Dirty creatures defiling everything, that means.

They came to the realization too soon and way too contrived as they were.

'You realize what this means right?'

'I think I do ma'am. I think I do.'

'Who's it going to be?'

First they drew the lines, neither of the doctors would, for the likes of them be out there by themselves, not to waste too much time thinking or to, risk their lives for someone they didn't want to bother with. Yet they rose from their seats and joined them in council.

'Who's the younger man here?'

How about the one who's closer to an athlete?'

'Not a lot of pickers, doc.'

Sardines are disgusting but so are weak men. But it's important for a man to eat sardines as it helps with his brain. Yet one needs to be aware of the threat of mercury that's in there, even though that's minimal to every single case-to-case basis, canned food always represents a danger one should be aware of.

Alongside other unneeded things and other filth that are put inside, mercury should be the last thing one has in mind when he's talking about it, let alone eating them. They had to settle on it either way. Who was the weakest, the stronger and who could make it past and alive. Through as long a run as it had to be, to which, everyone turned to the Buffoon who was very much alive now, without any disgrace in the matter, he simply bowed his head and accepted this task as being something he couldn't draw away from any longer.

'All right, I will make it so, you can count of me, I will.'

Unroll the military gate. They threw him out, they kicked him in the arse before they locked the door.

A fine turn of events he thought as he was met by a peculiarly shaped room that looked like one of the twisters-dots put together sheets with the exception that those weren't colored and instead most peculiar cylindrical objects came out of every place, forming prison grates and bars that appeared to be struck in a most peculiar field of rotations from which they couldn't be stopped, producing as much as eighteen mouths-each but, not real mouths. Yet, instead they appeared to be stuck like the little washable tattoos you'd get after unwrapping cheap chewing gum, with the exception that they were actually made out of some thin wood that was put together in them. As he approached them, his suddenly reflex kicked in as he

leaped behind like a scarity-cat or flew backwardly like a kite as mouths started spitting black squid-like oil splatters of pain that had dirtied the floor and on which he could've slipped instead and hit his head.

'Bloody rude bastards, I almost fell.'

He said, but just as soon he covered his mouth and looked around in order to check whether or not someone had heard him, then looked and got out of his way, being incapable of knowing what had happened or what would happen, as his very heart would've stagnated if that was the chance, since he feared so much, no dying per say, but somehow disappointing everyone. And he feared, he feared he could be touched. A dark skin bird was on his shoulder, like a crow with a peculiarly twisted beak that pointed as its forehead like a hook contortion. Which opened, awkwardly only at the tip, both sides which made them seem like they were cut-outs, or missile-launching doors, aiming a little knife at itself; threatening the Buffoon that it would kill itself if he just as much as moved his brow too awkwardly in whichever direction he threatened it to do it.

'But please, oh please don't do it, I don't know what I could do if that was the case.'

There were power tools that acted upon the engine-producing electricity compactor that was the main power source of the Hospital. The pumps working out the elongated rotating buffed-bloated coffins that were being action upon like the most peculiar wind-mills as a system of bands carried coal-like electron filled sacks that appeared to power the machine in the first place. Eight bands in total, conveyer-belt like, which carried these sacks which were dressed in depressed in humanly bloated rib-cages which had black worker-worms with head-spikes at each end; pushing through to the eight doors of the peculiar main compactor which acted like a stove, yet appeared to have long worm-like coils with funnel-like cut-in half basketball-like open ends which drew in the power from the innards of the machine. As this mill extended, one could see the peculiar rotation of the coffins as soon as he entered the room, with them being completely exposed and freely set in sight. Behind them, on the second lever, as if it were an actual mill, beyond the human eye, a scene could be set to unfold to an engineer who would gladly set his eyes on the peculiar pumps that appeared to be constantly pressing into a strange grinding device which separated the meat-electrons that made through, carrying them to the coffins which appear to have iron maiden torture-device like spikes which constantly feed on the organic material which the main frame on which both the pumps, both the panels, the coils, the funnels and the grinder are attached to which is shaped like a giant clock-like battery bear a few coils in the back that are connected to the greater framework of the Hospital which in turn seem to power the whole thing at times. This whole system depending on corpses being brought to them; while before the arrival of the Cleaners, this task had been undertaken by no one else other than the Janitors, it's more than clear that some peculiar bloated giants that are highly gelatin like in form and rather amorphous had taken their task instead, with them having been given birth upon the sudden coming together caused by the butcher-task the Dirtier had come to proceed into, while the halls and walls, floors and what not had been completely painted in the gore produced by the splattering of the children, the men, women, the guards, the patients and whichever person happened to be in these halls, eventually, these giants formed, almost transparently seen-through, bearing nothing more other than the will of the electrons which appeared to have been made or contorted out of the essence of the killed Janitors whose souls are forever caught in the Hospital and the lands below. Their mere essence and spirit completely pushing itself onto the strange creatures as they would stop fighting their inner needs, this possession preventing all other tasks these dumb abominations made of splatters would've most likely adhered to, that being, most likely, they would simply roam around the

hospital only to cause as much destruction as possible, as they are driven to the specific rooms where, they might slowly be converted into sacks, put through air-shaft-like carries that would eventually pack, store, finely wrap and absorb the electrons that are in the air by the peculiar bubble-rods that are placed between the air-shafts. The meat-bags acting like peculiar rods or arcs, through which the electrons are pushed through, all of the sudden absorbed from every possible direction until they will have reached their epitome of power, only to be lead through the shaft then through the trap-door in the ceiling while it's absorbed by the stove-like device after rolling down the belt. Yet this was only a matter of the infrastructure, one would still have to find the panel which was controlling the electrical point itself in order, to have come or stumbled onto it, to have directed enough power to that room where the giant movingcabin had to return to. It was a matter of utter urgency as the men were rather starved and they were mightily aware of the fact that the Buffoon, Zlazlov had a tendency of taking his time. He had stumbled upon a wall on his way there. It looked as if it had been at least partially eaten or taken apart by the time he had stumbled onto it. He didn't know how to react to such a peculiar being as to finally make sense out of, having stumbled upon an open brick which revealed an arachnid-like spindly web of black wool-like foam that had curved out of itself a scarab-like figure that began growing out of it, meat-like as it grew four great heads, and they were but hairy on the back, as if they were filled with mold and a carpet-like substance of evil. Its two other hydra-like heads appeared to belong to two peculiar beings that were made to have put their long-wires which shot like arrows through the woman's head who stood in the middle. It was a peculiar thing having met them here, but the strange woman introduced herself as Rose, the creature on the right as Pagan-beggar while the one on the left was but rather unknown. Upon their exit from the brick they revealed a larvae-like body they shared together with no recognizable humanoid feature other than their faces, which were very much like protruding for some reason.'

'Why were you hiding inside a brick?'

'Were we now? I don't think we were.'

She looked back, having taken the fact into account, as she did seem to appear out of nowhere.

But most importantly they brought new from the most peculiar place they could relent to the man as he stood there and listened to the paragon of peculiarity that had inhibited their minds, they were incapable of making out what had happened to the world, especially since there was nothing more peculiar than the strange encasing which had been made of the carpet and the peculiar change which took place over it. Slowly, Zlaslov's eyes started emerging as they dragged around the rims of the reflective surface which laid on every facet of the Woman-wall behind Rose and Pagan-beggar, seeing a most peculiar twist-like face take hold, with features on top of it, and many other things of their own. Many faces appeared as they formed peculiar deformed speech-pattern representations on top of one another, stacking as they would begin devouring their own heads only to have spat themselves when no longer capable of taking it. They stretched and slowly began pulling the wall in, having greased their way with every brick until the wall completely disappeared, a thing which appeared to have completely left the buffoon with a feeling of unfamiliarity and frightful eeriness out of which he could not draw away from. He feared what this meant for him and what it might do to his mind, yet he relented as well and when his turn came, he asked.

'Will you accompany me to the panel room? I need to find the source of power inside the hospital. I need to direct the electricity usage so I might escape it.'

‘We’re inside a hospital? How queer a place this is, isn’t it?’

I would’ve never thought it so?’

‘Where are we headed to then?’

Asked the unknown left figure, left as it from where the buffoon was looking at, or from, not the other way around. The figure being right of Rose; brought to a peculiar consideration.

The Mold.

It had been completely taken out, solidified and made to loosen itself in the depths, from what looked at first to be a complete burst in the back, where the mold-like substance shattered the back of the boilers, through the side of the city, below the depths where nothing else remained, other than the most uncanny to be in-hive like gallows, there they spread like the most unnaturally uncanny beings, where they forced themselves to grow through moisture, having encompassed the area upon which they had finally stumbled upon the darkest of placed, the mold-road, an already existing place barred in and made to be, built by their predecessors who had evolved. Having become much more solid than they ever were before, until nothing had stopped them from spreading and going where they pleased, being incapable of fashioning themselves out of anything.

Little dance-fighter.

With a peculiar hat, him, the plain man wore an armored-head, a helmet which brought the common man to laugh at. Upon the sight, always bent, his horse would know and expect just as much as if to show. He feared what might happened next, if one were to catch me when I’m there.

The man thought, and he feared not, as when it happened, he had a blade others would’ve brought to their throats than suffer themselves over, it was dark and uncanny, it was dark and benign, always tried for and always made for, he carried extra swords upon his back.

One day a peasant emerged out of nowhere, and he had but merely pointed in the distance, taken as if he had been abashed, incapable of finding out, or being brought to know. What he did show was but a bag of stoned, they were luscious, it was all he had. With a mere queer eye he said to Aoughot.

‘Here’s your payment, yet before, you need do something for me.’

‘What is it to be called?’

‘I want you to slay the hen. Yet to know, they’ve gone rampaging again, I fear of them I need you to do as much, I need you to find where they are so you may kill them after a fashion, when I will have been brought to justice.’

‘But what crime have you done?’

‘I’ve spoken of them and that’s forbidden, that’s the law of the land. If they were to find out that I’ve told you of their exploits, why, they would, they would.’

‘Kill you as they flayed each man? To have become one and entered its skin as well?’

‘You need to go and you need to leave, you need to bring me their beaks.

I need to eat them so I may grow my crops, can you not understand that my life depends on that?’

‘I don’t know, but perhaps you’re right, I should settle with as much, I think I’ve got to know.

How mighty are they?’

‘Sharper than in lance but in this grand city of Elendsworth, no one’s safe under their watch.’

And the man just as quickly covered his mouth, looking around the roof-tops, in this dark side of the city, where shadows ran amok. It was not a mere flimsy think, trying to take what he thought so. He feared just like any man and what might happen to him after that, just as then, he considered as much, what could they do to him if he was brought, first the quiet, then the stop. He felt his heart beat out, then out-pace the man’s steps as he considered. Take the stones, his lips were neared, but he was too afraid to mutter, like someone who was paranoid after a matter, nor for a second more did he consider himself worthy of what might happen then, or for what worthless thing might happen after. He accepted and set after, trying to find triangular roads that set after, like rafts upon a sea of stone, he went through and only found himself standing in the middle of the market. Everyone quickly dashed to their places, whereas Aoughot was but surrounded by a bunch of chicken. They were evil, they were vile, distraught. They wore human eyes with human sockets cutout from the men they’ve slain, on top of theirs like goggles. Human teeth were nowhere to be found but as soon as they opened their beaks, spear-lances of meat shaped like small pikes or wooden trunks came out, pointing at the man’s head, who looked just as confused as everyone else. And the chicken had glowing auras underneath them which looked like laughing chicken that had grouped together, spectral things that shone with a dark light that appeared to completely devour the hot-sun rays which made contact with them. Soon after forming peculiar worm-like formations that started chewing on the little bugs and tiny microscopic insects that stumbled upon the worming-dark colored aura that surrounded them; as soon as they came into being, these chicken-images began deforming themselves as to form a mass of dark organic highly structured systems of cartilages, meat, feathers, beaks and eyes, like the frames of highly industrial factory buildings, or the mold they would have together, which thinned more and more until they made tiny beaked elongations that stretched around the curves of the worming edges of the auras which had caught the insects inside of them, having begun the process of devouring them, slowly enough that he was completely distraught.

Aoughot started chiming in. He slowly got off his high horse, which had been a bad choice, as just as soon a few of the chicken leaped in the air, then charged the horse, burying themselves inside the rider’s companion. Before he could turn, the horse popped off and was immediately split apart in many pieces, being immediately shared by a bunch of leaping hen he couldn’t do anything about but get out of the way, crouch, then get up, place his hands around his face as to fend them off before they could get a hold on him. He had almost completely lost his life just by a mere chance, as he barely made it through, crawling under a basket one of the men from the market threw at him. That had been a giant basket, and Aoughot’s frame was much smaller than that of other men. Having barely crawled out of the scene in time to survive; barely having known how he’s made it through. By the time he pulled out into the dark corner, he suddenly lifted the top-head of the basket only to find himself facing an utmost bizarre creature he had failed to recognize, but soon enough his vision started pushing through, finally adjusting itself as to reveal.

‘You’re one of them.’

He said, right before it pecked his eyes, gnashing as well as completely obliterating them out of their sockets as they bled on the side of the pavement. It was gruesome, and the other chicken followed through the massacre, leaving off nothing else but the man’s helmet, which was still warm and still untouched.

‘I am the scum-tormentor, I am made of you.’

Her voice spoke as she revealed her open gut in which rested a large tuba-shaped cradle that was shaped, at the girth of its long shaft-trunk like an entire bath, in which swam little traction, there were inner tractions that worked up the inner sides of her machinations turning her into a most peculiar gut machine that walked backwardly on a peculiar belt of skin she puked out of her gut. It just so happened that she could not help herself any longer, as she simply drove out of the small house she was in, rolling on top of her pseudo-running back, that replaced her lower body side only to observe the most peculiar thing happening in the middle of the market. Set on flight now, she began puking strange cube-like rib-bones filled with gaps where multiple replicas of her organs pumped as they were attached to actual legs that spun around the inner frame of bars and various other metallic grates as well as rectangles which were inside of the cube like hamster wheels, until they could no longer help themselves but draw in most of the attention which had already been dispersed by the strange on-lookers.

‘I didn’t think I’d be met by something as queer as that thing, my dear, what do you suppose it is?’

‘Evil man, evil man what has become of you?’

She spoke to what appeared to be a standing body. Its head had been eaten, this being a different man. Yet, he wore the man in the market’s giant deformed potato-rat helmet. Yet, there was no head in the helmet but a chicken with human eyes.

‘I need you to bring me home.’

It called itself Platter. It was invited soon after to attend such a disgusting ceremony as for the normal man to have become completely disgusted with himself after being exposed to such a thing, that is to say, that the mere event was nothing short of a disgusting nest, in which they stood. And then.

Somewhere down the hallway:

It was all too clear that there was a wing that was out of service, it was hard to look at and ever harder to make out what was going on. Little actual wings cut and being bled hanged upon some molded rack, spoiled by rust and eaten away, like some peculiarly deformed more than bore-through great bone, from which he sprouted soon after. This unnatural thing.

It spoke, it spoke, it spoke.

‘It spoke.’

‘Of what?’

‘It’s rather awkward.’

And they only approached one another when the need was right.

‘We are the gut lords, we are the gut lords, not to be disturbed now, but I feel like you just pulled a brow, had made it so, I whom had been killed and left alone to sow in quiet, I couldn’t understand what had taken them this long.’

‘Where and what must you speak of?’

‘I speak of a cruel day. I speak of the time it approached as of what it might convey, there’s something in it you may not understand in the same way I can.

It spoke to me.’

‘You ingratiated moron, just tell me.’

‘But how could I? Since I’m but a tease, aren’t I?’

He had made a peculiar doll. It was made out of two gloves he had united together, fingerless black gloves, united at the thumbs, then around the entry point, pointing at their arms, and then.

‘You pulled a head and shoved them in, formed a rose for its head and, a lynching rope out of a finger? Are you insane?’

‘I couldn’t help it, you know me well.’

‘But friend, lichen of remains, what of this town?’

‘What of it?’

‘What will they think of it?’

There were no cards left, they were eating out of a dark gritty leg, a most peculiar thing around them. Larvae-grates, blackened as their remains, they only spoke of the terminal inside the great watcher that appeared. All insects would near it, and speak.

Silence, silence, silence, it watched, its face has already been eaten by crawling patches of black, hollow inside. Not an eye could be seen, but it made it so appear as if he knew what was going in and out and what would enter around it. He had a giant thing lodged inside, him who watched. He was the night stander, the ones that made it so we looked and respected, the law would be enacted on each man that did something as vile as. Silence now, he could hear us, think. He can definitely hear us thing. It’s his cranial mass, the second one, sprouting through his chest, charred-dark, inside of it, not a giant brain, many brains, many lobes, a twist of many pools but it knows, they’re not functional.

‘I sometimes wonder when we’re alone.’

‘We’ve talked of him?’

‘Why?’

‘You’re wondering just as, you know, certainly you must understand why there’s so many of them in there. I know it, he has it inside, they’re many.’

‘We’re both talking about it, aren’t we?’

‘I remember something I’ve heard about cognition, you know? Come to think of it, a great bulk of the brain function is used for other things than the cognitive ability, right?’

Well, do you suppose that creature, let’s assume there’s a giant brain inside of it.’

‘But I’ve seen it eat them, it must do it for some reason, it absorbs their minds.’

‘Yet, dumb-dumb, he’s killed what now?’

‘I don’t get your point Jones.’

‘He’s eaten lobes belonging to criminals, now you get it?’

‘So, you think he’s.’

‘At least, at the very least he would’ve displayed signs of aggressions if he had inherited their minds, no, I don’t think there’s a skull inside of it. I don’t think there’s brains.’

‘But it can hear our minds, can’t it? It must be capable of reading us.’

‘Would we still be here in that case?’

Of course it was a coincidence, it couldn’t be. This thing, if it were the case. Only if it were the case, for it to have devoured and absorbed the minds of various criminals it had eaten before, wouldn’t that mean, that it somehow developed an intricate brain, such as that would go beyond that of a primate? It had to be so, that creature practically had no arms, it was engrossed in that peculiar chest filled with sockets and cavities, so many gaps, and most importantly.

‘If there is a giant brain, in that case, it wouldn’t matter now, would it?’

It could not be functional.’

‘That’s it, you’re right, if there’s enough. Wait, no, you’re onto something, I think you’re right. If there are organs inside of it, if there’s mass, that means he would need an unfathomable amount of food to be consumed in order to prevent an organ of such size from decaying and eating itself. Let’s not forget that a brain that’s gone through the process of starvation will begin auto-cannibalizing itself, and there’s no way there’s enough of a gut inside of it to process that much mass.’

‘So there’s a rotten brain inside of it.’

‘If there’s any at all, I think, Jones, that we may be onto something. It could also explain why this mad beast had killed so many people, wouldn’t it?’

‘I suppose it would.

I suppose we should not be here.'

'My dear frain.'

He pained, he splashed his face with red, taken from his gut, he did. Jones wore a smile of red. A face of red, an Injun, ingeniously painted in a color that would make him stand out in this grainy land.

It wasn't grainy as in textured, but most peculiar to look at, all clean yet dirty, their eyes were grainy and gritty and ugly. They wore little bolts in them and spoke with their mouths fool. They were wondering when time came and what they should do.

'Little peril, little peril.'

Called the neighbor, called the neighbor.

He wasn't sure how to respond.

He was a tip coming out of that house. It looked like a giant dark red pencil made of iron put its tip out. Little flies flew around it. They made it awkward.

Both Jones and Wont just, were incapable of figuring out, what.

The watcher passed between them. He looked and then he left.

They turned back agin'.

Incapable of figuring out whether or not, the tip was the one talking or if there was someone behind it. That was a strange realization of its own. It was bothersome.

It was peculiar, how it started reeling in, with grates coming out of the building through which the first signs of twitching came. They splurged out the most incessant liquid that were but grains and little field made less solid, crawling around but standing in place. Those were his gardens, he could treat them as he wanted. And from below there came. Upon a scepter-bow, with two arms hanging upon a string, though he wasn't cut within, little of the matter, a child-sting, standing on its tail, an unnatural girth which expanded its head. Until it pushed and strung, and large about the head, a gong-like formation upon which played but chitin-tick globes with bore little faces, all but condom-filled with drowning blood, which loomed around the crimson edges in which but a dark mark came out. They only focused there. It came out of a charcoal hand which extended from the side, two more at that, they looked rather iron-wrought and twisted in their turns. Cunt-openings in the globes, he but took a single dripping thing, a mouth-full of blood and but sank his teeth. For a child his age, though youth would tell, he was but tainted, and yet, he wailed. Its tip was crossed, both Jones and Wont, they were there, seeing his rise, from the back but more arms emerged, carrying little eyes, immediately he threw them off the street.

'Fetch me those eyes.'

'And if I don't want to?'

'I'll have to get them myself.'

‘You don’t want him to do that.’

Said the Tip, it knew better than to push its own luck, as to make it so.

There was soul in the way they but splattered the little puckers that were that. Many of the lamps, they crept around and moved from place to place, dragging one another until they wept.

‘Look at what he’s done to our streets, Jones, are you going to allow him here?’

‘Of course I won’t, but shut up for now, damn Lump, or I will do something, you wouldn’t like it now, would you?’

‘You won’t shatter my head, will you?’

That bulb see-through but a brain lodged, glowing instead.

If I could shatter but a robe, and make it so one but knew what to sow; they sought him after, it would seem, when all was done, he was still breathing.

Many of the eyes were of different shades. Mutations for the irises that looked the more humane, yet the other ones were but completely, they were hard to look at. He’d been busy. Thought Jones, no one goes through that much trouble, no one goes searching for those kind of things without having something, something off. He was off, but in a different way. It’s as if he snapped his finger and the world was lain before him. He was no price, nor the devil. A peculiar creature of his own, perhaps a god, perhaps but poured through and dragged from below. Perhaps given birth from the blood or spoiled, worthless or roughened up and lo.

But how could that possible mean what it means?

The eyes were but taking bodies of their own from below the streets, in the bowels in the making, by the black trucks and the tufts which were delivered for nothing else but for them. Both Jones and Wont were but struck, they hadn’t been met before by any of this or that. It was peculiar, seeing them rise, first submerge in the ground as if to ask.

‘Are we stepping on them?’

To which Wont but turned at the figure as saw it nod its head. It was acceptable. Look at him, nonetheless, standing inclined, with all of his wicked arms but contorted along the string of the bow. One could but formed the circle and its dark markings which seemed to change, in that forgotten language which only said. Hurry up before I come along. Hurry up before I come along, written over and over again. Its teeth but even more contortedly coming out of his face, pushing through the lips, the cheeks, while eating what it could as he had seethed for it; there were two Steppers, who were watching from the distance. Regardless of this dark connotation, they were set on the vile thing, seeing how the culprits always acted during, night. They were simply but incapable of setting themselves right, and putting on a fight with those eyers that dragged.

They wrap rolls of bleak-canines and they put it as stuffing between each brick so as to have no man slide and fall off, to the side and break his neck, but stop. When to blink and hence, they would see that they

were still crawling to get out. It was soft between each edge, but of a different kind. It seemed to feed on softness, feed of moisture while always making sure to put on a great show, for those that came before it. For, it was there where the eyes had buried, where they began spreading out of as well, having gotten a few bodies for themselves without a bother, they but moved slowly after.

A reassurance.

‘If they get away, by any means, I will put this all on you, that much you should understand. I won’t be pleased to lose my toys.’

‘And who would be, having them escape when there’s nothing else.’

Draw away, taken by chance; it was mightily peculiar, quite silly in some manner how a lot of the windows just had them in there. Large metallic tips sprouting out of them, being there, ominously so without saying a word. Without a doubt, they were but incapable of speaking, unless kindly approached, either that or they were simply tired and when tired, one could just forget. Who she was or when or where; not to mention at the very least, I’ve never seen them go outside, I’ve never seen them head anywhere beyond their windows openings. Jones considered the following. Run past the watchers, abandon Wont to his fate, seeing how this dark creature would but make them pay for something they had no possibility and no chance of fending against. And for the jist of it, he wouldn’t bother. But who was the man and who was he after?

Couldn’t try, but I couldn’t leave him behind? What if for a moment? What if I may do.’

By then they realized what mockery of a play this way, with them picking the eyed cherries, without wondering what came into them.

Why, every single one was taken, and every single one thrown back into the garden from where they sprouted, with the exception of an eye. One of them held in his hands.

‘I’m still owed one.’

‘Not so fast now.’

Wont began tightening his grip, it was a queer thing what he’s done, but he felt little to no shame any longer, nor had he any care for what entered him now. It was, how they say, a bluff.

‘I will crush it until you hear me out.’

‘And you’ve earned my undivided attention. Speak up, so I may hear you!’

‘As I was saying, what is your name? Why are you here? What’s with the eyes?’

‘Two questions at a time.’

‘Eyes, and name.’

‘Well I suppose, since you asked me so politely, they are mine. I am a collector. For my name Choulretch; it’s as much as I could do for you as to take on the kindness which is returning my dearly trinkets.’

He was a collector. Choulretch but resign, with a single sigh, he was but of a mind to ask him.

‘What do you want of me to say?’

The room is dark and all too blunt. For the touch was made. It was all fashioned to be felt, down to every microscopic detail, to the very bolted embroidery of touch by a hand of iron which appeared to be caught by the side and have entered through. Each touch felt like a finger that was put inside, a little needle point but touching and pulling that inside, eaten-rotten.

Little shapes all across the room, like hollow-entries taken from crime reenacting scenes, where they outlined the most peculiar insects, which there but pinned down, it’s how you got their souls, for insects would not die.

‘It’s for that reason that the cockroach refused to die. His soul is but pushing through the outer-world as it always tries its luck.

I’m going to tell you a secret.’ Said one of the giant tips that appeared to be sprouting from the other side of the wall; it was as thick as it was never ending and always protruding out of the darkest stench. Where they came and called with the most diseased loved symbols which were but pinned in bugs. It’s a cruelty no man would handle talking about, as he know what lays in there.

Every soul is pinned within the shadow of their bodies. They are doors, through which perfect casts may come out. Yet, if one were to shine a light when one of the beings is stuck in the process of crossing the world.

No one wanted to mention what happened then. Seeing coffee-roach spot on the ground, shining a light on it, seeing how it comes out. What a wretched, long stretched, giant and folded across the wall or too thing to make it so. An abomination that can’t do anything, that cannot survive for long, dead meat that’s left an even bigger cast. It’s what they feared most.

So many rooms were just left behind. It was dreadful and disgusting, seeing roaches with little heads, and little first short comings then giant bodies on the side of the wall, falling on top of themselves while their exoskeletons but bursts in the room, always spreading but the yellowish scum.

‘I do not like this in a bit.’

The cleaning man said. He didn’t like being there at all, it made him too uncomfortable. He was told as such.

‘Every room, if not, perhaps I’m exaggerating, but most of the rooms in this town have them, you needn’t fear, at least I hope you don’t.

Honestly it’s a mistake, an honest mistake, how would we have known that the after-images, these left behind shadow-drawings left by their bodies serve as doors? We did not know.

And how could we know that they are also acted upon by the coming of the light. It makes no sense, for no sane man, at all. I do not understand. It's like they're always there, invisible, on top of their shadows, slowly coming into existence and then, you just shine a light on them and in the same way a man is but putting on a shadow-puppet show, they explode; they pop, they spread across the room, giant meat-factories, for us and storage.'

'And you want me to do what now?'

'We need you to, clean, but not clean-clean. We need you to jerk a light on top of them, we need the room be cleaned of cleanness, you understand, so we may eat after.'

It was their sustenance, and it was perhaps an endless thing now, unless they overdid it and somehow created and never ending expanding shadow of roaches which would make them rule this world, or take claim of it.

It was that deformation of the portal through which they came through the world which made them, which turned them in a worthy adversary, as the cockroaches were intelligent, as they were dark and frightening and evil, as they sometimes came back with exoskeleton-hidden calcified hardened knives they hid inside of them, like scalpels or put together blades. Making them hard to counter and even harder to put up with, especially when they spread. Some men were of the belief that the world was filled, at least the world outside the city was filled with their shadows, from which they emerged, and that it may be too late for anything to happen after. As some of them already exploited dawns and the rotations of the sun to grow to unnaturally giant forms, with which they had dominated the outer lands.

It shouldn't have been said or a given but they were filled with it, filled to their guts, like barrel-mouths rounded, always spinning and dazzling as they spat out of their holes on top of the table, and that murky rhombus on the street. It was like a touch of disablement you couldn't draw away from, always pinning it on the one little filth-watcher, who was but sinking his tubes inside the Baroness, on the side of the street where he had kidnapped her and appeared to be doming in the most peculiar blasphemous of lights, the touch of the moon. It was unkind, it would be unkind, to lay under the shadow of the twist of roaches, in the woods, where during the most serminious access but came out of nowhere, when one would expect it less, they appeared. A great pair of galleons, the wood's leviathans, all put together and encroached into one another, as the most blasphemous thing had happened. In the heart of darkness and the coming of the great light, they had finally come to life, they have come onto this world and then, they died. Yet their carcasses remain, ever-looking before the dark plains where no one sings and no one watched. Their giant shadows overlapped, being put together in the same way a man would step on another one's shoes, yet even more robustly so, to the point where this peculiar growth, their approach into this world could no longer be stopped by any mean. They were but there, together united in their malignant yellow blades which had crippled and bled out, their conjoined nature leaving nothing but the means through which dark refuge may be sekt, such as the likes of the Baroness who found herself there, pinned against one of the dark buildings of yellow-cartridges, seemingly a false-organ that was brought by the insects from their peculiarly entranced underworld, of which no one may even come to understand what thing of dreadfulness was there, below of them. One of the floorboards creaked as a man approached. Most, if not all appeared to be dressed in the Roach-Regalia for some reason or another, yet there were signs of some giant malignantly red-colored tawny grasshopper as well as their malignant deity which was in search for

a way out. For somewhere below, farther down these malignantly flexible gates, the one that was attached to all, their entries not to be worn, dictated but the rules.

He had but made sure they went clean, and gluttony was but within them, at every turn.

‘Hang the Baroness!’

‘Kill her, she doesn’t belong in this place, kill her then we may feast on her remains.’

Corner:

How could he deal with her now? She was but risen and to follow.

She didn’t know of the inner system and of the bands, of the coffin-blade, a windmill-stove turned the power on.

Now to join the mind of Silo, the being who stood next to Zlaslov, the being that could not be seen, it was there, within the grasp, he was in.

‘I’ve seen this sign before, today.

I’ve seen it somewhere else as well.

It is an ancient symbol that’s been carried over many generations forth, by my people.’

He could almost sense it. Touching it with his hand made him feel at peace, somehow. It was, peaceful.

Rose only kept a memory of having entered the peculiar place, out of the boiler.

It was peculiar how she remembered nothing from being there, but she would. Couldn’t remember it exactly, yet one could see why.

It was a dormant place in all its beauty. It was a Necrophiliac-lord who settled to disturb the peace, he came out of the body of a Dirtier creature and but disturbed everything.

He looked likely to disobey. He was bulging with muscles and with hardened spike-scepter-like spears coming out of his back, made out of meat, pumping heat as it wanted to destroy.

‘I will smash your guts open and throw you into a candle-coffee!’

‘What?’

The patient was caught off guard, he leaped off the ceiling and dropped in the quarter wing of the wild-white saloons, making too much noise. It disturbed Rose from looking down on her past as well as the Buffoon who settled to a stop.

The Necrophiliac but started pulling the man’s jaw open then started pounding him into the god damn ground with the other fist, repeatedly pounding his neck-throttle until he was completely wide open, then he swinked a little nail-axe punch which splattered him around the room, throwing every limb out as far as they could reach, pulling his guts out and putting them in the back from where a block of meat pushed

every spear out, revealing a strange body-machine which just ate everything out of an opening then spat them out. This back factory pushed out red smoke which pushed out red clouds from which blood started raining out, which began coagulating as it began making little bloody men with little bloody knives that ran around, found the first victim, they all climbed on him, started violently cutting before they finally leaped in as if they found some high altitude plank they were leaping out off, finally entering the man they blew the body of as they were brought back to their real forms, concave little creatures whose knives became hardened fists which began pounding everything, until they began hitting themselves. Incapable of stopping, they traded blows, then splattered their heads open, revealing their long-endured bloody brains that were splattered even farther than before, having made repeated contact with such ends such as were never seen before. They buried inside of them, swam for hours, incapable of forgetting who they are, then at the end of the minute they became a bloody puddle.

But the Necrophiliac couldn't stop. His head was a skull-right end of a hammer-shape with little pints written in and a nail-collar inside his throat and bones, inside of his body which were but wasted by the amount of force they had to endure as he beat himself for hours. He wasn't alive, he was more than dead, he was beyond it, he carried a tomb inside of him filled with soiled-rotten wound that decayed constantly, was but broken into pieces, which entered his gut soon after.

He had four wings in the back shaped like fists, which flapped around and slit and cut everything they could reach about, they bumped and cut the ceiling and made multiple holes, before he entered the next room, pulled the life support off one of the patients who was in need of a quick liver transplant since he was suffering, him being a terminally ill patient who was diagnosed with cancer while this being a chance for him to live a little longer so he could hear his granddaughter's last recorded recital while knowing he had attended her every play ever since she was a child. He pulled all eleven IV's, then he shoved them in his face and in his throat and began puking pulmonary bags which grew on the man's head and looked like his daughter who scolded him soon after for not attending his daughter's funeral who just died then, having committed a violent suicide session where she flayed herself alive, put herself in a grinder, while she was left but half-bodied, still living until she crawled into the basement only to fall on the staircase, grab the axe off the table only to behead herself soon after. It was a sad turn of the event. But the Necrophiliac did what he had to do, punch the man's throat out and eat his skull, enter his body and then become a nasty looking narwhal-morsel seal that crawled around the hospital like an insane patient. His teeth were yellow and he kept moving not by limping but with the help of his wings which could never stop flapping around.

'Someone's knocking at the door, what should we do?'

'I do not know, I don't think it's safe opening it.'

He burst through it, the seal awakened.

It turned from around the corner, on all eight feet. He was strong, and rotten, and with a single punch, he ripped his own head off, making it seem like it exploded for no reason. It still walked.

From the opening he punched again until a good chunk of his collar-bone and chest was left exposed, broken in half, he still walked.

The blood spoke for him.

‘I’m about to kill you.’

The Necrophiliac-lord said. His chest bore red-medals, which were both sharp and strong, like he was. He was promised as a butcher and he would follow through with it.

Above the moon:

They could not fathom the pressure coming on from on top the sky, basked upon the coming of the moonlight upon the coming of the hour, when the midnight struck and the cage appeared in its most wretched power admiration. Insects were but gathered about. IT struck them to be there at such an hour, when it doubt, they were.

It was an austere thing which actually began fattening the rims of the objects, the cage, the inner doings of it being somewhat ridiculously set.

‘You’ve got an oily set of hands sprouting from your back, don’t you?’

‘I suppose I do, what do you think the reason might be?’

All of the sudden the Baroness frowned a little, not knowing how to meet the man; while his Regalia was rather shunned even by the flying insects who couldn’t fathom staying there for more than a second, being rather set on the fact that this chaotic mission of theirs, to watch upon the great citadel made out of their conjoined failed brothers was rather, a complete and utter failure.

‘The core of our planet is corrupt.’

Said the voice from below the ground; as it could not fathom staying there, at all; for what was worth and what had come to stumble onto them, they had come to realize that the hands were only beating at times, of such uncomfortable feeling such as their mere likes could not deal with any longer, for unfathomable days had passed and there was little to no more at that. Not to be called.

‘The chasm above has swept in and spilled through.

The core cannot fathom changing through this rotted planet as I’ve seen through, everything.’

‘You have?’

‘Indeed I have and I’ve seen such corruption in the hearts of men that surround it such as the likes of which no one might heed to deal with it.

We can no longer contain it, we can no longer prevent its twists and changes and put it through the rotten mead there is.’

‘Of course, of course, look at such vile lands, do they not seen in mold and corrupted dens?’

Buildings were ajar and flung, they were rotten after dark as well as they were floating in the sky, lard of rotten carcasses spilling in what appeared to be. Either a spread of great citadels, or peculiar insect skinned peculiar bullet-home, just one had been observed. For when the time came to seep into it and

when the time approached, she but came out, finally wringing as they was covered by a flying shroud of moths that gathered; whom spoke to her time and time after.

‘We brought you something.’

Most moths had said, and they were only come after dark, as they had noticed the peculiar skin she wore on herself, that of many insects fading, that of unfathomable touches that could never be granted, eating her from the inside out, incapable of making out what was going on. Perhaps it shall be settled then. Realizing they could not devour this rotten poisonous carcass which grew up immediately in its place, they left Horn to her doings, not before clothing her before. Her legs extended through the rotten buildings, which were filled with maggots and with more. More remnants of people were but set to walk. Many of them could not fathom staying their path. But, at the very least they were calm and they couldn’t do.

Horn stepped out.

She was greeted by him of ghastly figure without legs and a giant mouth.

Eye-slit which shot crystal beams out of it, which shot out like a planetary belt. Only she could see her, and hear as well.

‘I see you’ve brought your husband here.’

It said, without a doubt, this was none other than Lurid, the man she was been forcing herself to bring and keep alive, in a leg-formed coffin the contortions of her being made. It was something she could not force herself no longer. No matter what happened, she was the stronger of beings, at least from around. There was an uncertainty from the boils that grew in the sky.

‘I’ve seen the path of evil, I’m Disgust.

I’ve been brought here knowing of your evil path.’

‘And what would that happen to be?’

‘You chose to sacrifice me from inside your heart. You’re made to bear but you may not walk, at least no properly until it’s all settled.’

‘Settled for whom?’

‘For them to follow.’

‘But they are simple now.’

‘More so than any lobotomy could provide; it is the silence, it is the worth, it is what comes after, so you know. After the chaos happened, call if what you will.’

It’s always been there in some form or another, the filth within it, done at command. Created, spread, or given birth as the universe had come to be, and messed with, as it came around. With it done, there was

finally peace, a place to be, and nothing seemed to be as strong as that feeling, which came as soon as one could see it, be.

It was it may.

Horn looked at him rather untrustingly, as she couldn't understand just what went through him. Why was he acting like this?

They were settling with as much as they would have it.

Immediately after, a flying envoy was sent her way. Now she would be received.

It was not by the command of Disgust that it happened, entirely, though it was no mere coincidence that she was there, sipping on what appeared to be a bottle of open-cracked Champaign with little crumbs of little Sailor's eye-lids in it. Which appeared to be forced to swim in the most unfathomably inaccurate fashion since they couldn't, or weren't likely to help themselves at all. They were drawn, as if they were alive.

Looking at it from the empty dimension; a land of hard gray with nothing in it except when the echoes of distant world made thing appear there ever so momentarily. It was for this reason why they called it the Lands of Memories, as there was just as much coming from the other worlds as there was nothing in this peculiar universe. It was gray, and all of the darkest of the lightest oblongs were but the tears of a the Gray fiend who couldn't stop weeping because of, not merely and not only the sheer exhaustion but the fact, that mere fact that there was nothing in its heart any longer, there were only the reflections and the echoes it would hear before being abandoned again. It kept a hold of its desire to visit those worlds once, but it could never come to pass.

Regardless of it, on one of the distant planets, as peculiar as it seemed there was this thing, alone, of all, and much more likely to be lost and forlorn, there was a bullet-shot floating into nothingness. There was a flying creature that looked like a peculiar mass with many barely put together segmented legs that never reached the ground but with one of those things, those wild appendages, it held nothing more and nothing else other than a bottle. It was peculiar and not only this but unexpected. The bottle was whole but as if phasing through it there were many bodies, or people who were constantly winking. Yet they were not alive, they were frozen, yet sticking out of the bottle, out of themselves, yet they were all connected inside the bottle, all their heads put together, all their eyes sticking out of the glass, their facial features, themselves, and she didn't have a care in the world for what happened, nor would she wonder or, least of all care for what was worth. They were not to be called, not to be put to use, since they were tainted, hard to touch and unfathomably wasted. For this universe could not put them out of their misery, since they weren't there at all, they merely opened and closed their mouths in exhaustion.

It was just as much as they could do. And there was no reason to pray or put themselves through what happened after.

'The envoy has arrived.'

Disgust said it nonetheless. It was a peculiar thing, a great machine, unlike its flying predecessors, this ancient talk lookalike, was pierced by many plates which stuck out and spread like a tiny forest of little

nightingales that were put down and planted in the ground like a rain of arrows which had tainted their likes. It was insufferable, trying to explain how it happened, yet their guts were not only exposed, but the blue liquor started spilling out of the tank-machine itself. Two wheels being up and down, beneath and above it, going along like a drag alone cart that was worked upon a circus-pass wire. Yet the wire had no beginning and no end and it disappeared after a few meters away.

It was peculiar, how this vehicle turned left and right, instantly, as if there was no stop to it. As if it walked like a man.

It was simple, indeed.

She, not Horn, the woman down there, from across the Attwork-fading was but watering the skin-plants with industrial water-panel she carried on her back, from which tubes came out and swept liquids into her peculiar water bottles. There she stood, being followed by the Hound of Dreams, which was indeed, uncanny and was sipping out its own back. It was peculiarly wasted, the bowels of the beast enacted revenge upon the trenches. It pukes on them revealing the invisible people that hid and tried making away. This was a realm of laziness, a shadow of its former self from which no one could even get up from and there was no reason to spare. Or even be aware, that this was once a city-grand.

‘What are you trying to achieve here?’

‘I do not know, I do not care to know.

I’m only to make sure that you are safely driven to the other side.’

‘Towards what?’

‘Towards the great damned fallen citadels of Insects; there and only there you shall stand and paint the days, you shall waste away and do as I say.’

‘And If I refuse?’

‘There’s no refusal, only acceptance.’

Such was so, that she was given only a chance.

The blotches of skin were within and they dangled from side to side in order to join the ride which was but forged into the broken skies that danced.

A mad voice came out of nowhere into one of the bloated flying devices that came into existence. They, whom were but VCR-tablet, which were flattened devices with hearts of evil.

‘We’ve realized something. We must obey and skin through the necessities of the most unfathomably made destroyed ones that might come to hunt us when the day of the dark cuts comes.’

‘What does your vileness means?’

‘I do not know yet, but there he is.’

For he was arrived, out of nowhere, lord of most benign killed cattle whom he governed on top of, being uncannily incapable of pecking the bile.

‘Again.’

The streets were dark and pus was mild. There was the watcher, he was inclined.

The tip pointed curvedly towards the street with such a mad appeal as it wouldn’t have known of otherwise since it could not, by the likes of it understand what went on.

There was an uncanny sadness there.

A sand of living meat but moved, a heap, a heap.

Quarter-wing of the Hospital Entry:

A door opened, then pushed back, in and out, in and out until it couldn’t work again. There was a little thing that didn’t work.

A peculiar priest figure appeared to be molded in the best, him the patient entered through it and two front legs were formed instead. Those who prayed joined him like an altar until they were all covered by the most uncanny corpses that placed, upon the marks and upon this peculiarly empty grave appeared to form, an unfathomable cast from which holes opened and little pints drew on. Many of the days were passed as it but formed the dead cast for the other being to draw on. An invisible pillar of ghastly shades shot through it, from which there came but a single giant spore-light shape that followed, entering through him until, uncannily, followed but a single jolt. They changed it again, with a heart-shaped decayed looming corn-textured faces with many little bodies put together, from the hollow casts there pushed an unnatural stalling pair of curves, which ate and pushed away from where they stood and there on. They started creeping out, punishing the curves along the walls in which they inserted themselves. Dark as copper, tawny but not burnt; the coil-like split looked more like open beaks, instead, neither of them mourned as they lifted this graven bead, of which but head, the priest being replaced with an uncanny dead. A figure with four heads, but not a single one humane; a chest which pushed out of itself until it thrashed around each contortion that was said to be around the room. It shaped its place into the world, bore not leg but a mermaid-tail, a siren-like pucker that came out, rising itself as to eat what came around and loomed in space. A barely appearing unfathomable being crept instead.

‘We’ve been waiting for you master.’

It said and just as soon it started moving around until it could no longer wait, not to be said, not to be pushed ahead. A peculiar banana-shaped claw entered through the first of the bottle-shaped wall, from which there splashed the face of an unfathomable crept in through the wall dissection. It floated in the sky like a phallic erection, then flaccidly it began melting, while forming four jars, all of which but rubbed each other in motions that entered one another’s little tick heads that came out. Spinning only to the side, where two bars pushes both left and right. Flag-like unwrapping with parchment skin-shades; now they came to be revealed, as soon as they would lay, there was but no reason to stay as such and wait for something to enter on. Before either one could say a thing, they joined this creature and wrapped all in.

It bore strange symbols, this unwrapping peculiar newspaper shade. There was no infamy to the man who slit his throat on side.

‘To them their gods and let them stand.’

‘The mirror, the mirror, it watches, at last.’

A few men passed near the nurse’s office, which was placed near their room as well. The surgery came soon. The mass of contortions came sooner than expected, drawing some parts from every side of the room, every clean scalpel and every clean cutter being shaved through and cut in dew. When what drew after was pulled and scum and drawn behind. It opened down in the back and below, thought this was what distracted them, neither one should know, just below the floor a hole was made. The corn-like face opened like a door there came the livid shard that moved through the ground-tunnel it dug through like a mole. Hardened by the hour before it shone in place; rummaging after as if it could be sought.

And to the ground:

The hound below was a mark, it began flying. Incapable of stopping itself, the being placed itself in position, having finally arrived at the spot. Being as close as a few meters away from where the flying vehicle was, it suddenly opened its back as to make place for the lower wheel to enter it. There was to be no satisfaction whatsoever from this, this chaotic thing which happened there. It lay frozen still but now attached, its canine head but started inflating and stood on as so reveal a mouthful with most peculiar wasp-shaped formations that began pushing out as if it were a boy whose mouth was filled with apples, pointing at the right direction as these queen-wasps started emerging out only to point at the right direction of their travel.

Disgust approached Horn.

‘May you do me the pleasure of joining me?’

‘I shall, I shall.’

With which she but took no notice of nothing else and but made it through as fast as they could make it, being more than reasonless than for it to be called. The heart but beckoned for something akin to it to happen when the time drew on.

There were perilous wails out there, and some were yet to happen.

The machine, this vehicle was but worked on the most intrusively secretive of workmanships, that it to say that at the very leave it was worked as if it were a control cabin. Little hands jerked those things off, always going off their mark as to do what one could not.

Regarding the little patch of land no one wanted to speak about.

It the distance one could hear a wail. It was there for a long time, and there it remained.

Raised but not as a bump, it was much sharper, it formed some kind of pseudo fort that no one came near, as the lot was much stronger in it. All of the sudden out of it emerged, as it dragged, but flaccidly on the ground a humanoid-thing with four more bodies behind it, they were all connected too thoroughly to be

allowed to move, yet they were also but open, after they stood up. Despite how tall they were, they opened nonetheless like a door. A thinner body came out of them and appeared to be completely engrossed. A dark thing with little more than a main tulip dark body to it, that had two wing-spanned extensions that resembled the main body coming out of the tip and at the base, which they themselves carried two tulips on either side, which extended as to reach themselves, forming unnatural looking knots in the middle, yet always reaching the ceiling and the ground. As soon as it was out, the knots formed a line that pushed through the tulip and two more that shot perpendicularly in the front, as to form a triangle, the middle region of which filled with skin. Two grasshopper legs came out of the base, which were incapable of leaping but dragged the body through, until, finally a peculiar mass of growths began coming out of the tip, featureless but dragging in.

Little pus-like marks with little rods and wild long worms extending from every side of the body blooming over as land-antennas quaking in their place as they spread, receiving no single but sprouting gin-canines that were filled with the liquid, transparent as for dead-marks, written everywhere around the body. Pale as a sheet, this peculiar thing looking rather paper-cut from the way in was profusely bleeding on the ground. As soon as that, the servant closed, and with the door, it followed through, this champion who walked on dead finger-toes, both hands and arms, like a little ray or some plane that was yet to be set in flight. And both of these vile things but stood against the fort and for it. On both sides, in wild attempts to protect and defend it when the time came and when it approached before the time could shoot on their sides.

Wild thing emerged as thin, a servant of the land, and dirt within. It's been a while since there's been some air, some sherry-tinted, worsened ware. Bloated as with many limbs, all but wearing scimitars of face and thing, bone emerging yonder, every single one of them but bars. Many thing metallic spikes, coming out of their very backs, holding large chrysalis on top their curving, large contortions, never yearning for the weigh that was put on their maliciously deformed fat, with their tails but niggardly and put on every side. They were but worn out, a gut opened, they were wearing dark powered devices, metal pieces that were contorted. Inside of them at the very least one could make a dark machine, one that was speaking, even then, one that could not be aware of what was going on, since it was so confused, a man. Could be made out of it, yet there was no little more than chance, which spoke of it, as well. One could not tell of it, the goredom failed.

‘You will not be allowed to intrude upon the Great-Fort Yhle-Klyi.’

Said the peculiar dragging Pale Thloshie Glytit, as he had prepared himself to long-come forth and put aside whatever worthlessness there was in gut. To have them both strapped and flayed and put aside as to become one as such, destroyer of mass; apathy and gluttony, he was the butcher, he was the saw. But they had settled to surround them both, thinking they would have such as it were, a better chance.

‘We cannot be destroy, you must see some sense into that.

You must know by know that we can grow our bodies from the littlest of particles of skin, from which we may regenerate ourselves even to the most minute detail, even to out mind's content which shall be unaffected as if it never were destroyed to begin with.’

‘Then why are you so afraid of us? Why must you think of flanking if you cannot be destroyed at all?’

‘It’s rather simple, oh Pantheon of malady, you whom directly affects this peculiar reality, you need not know of little more there is.

We cannot die eternally without bringing him down at our feet?’

‘And I suppose you are to make him known to us in that case?’

‘You insolent creature, this is not in the realm of secrets, but that of warnings for what is sane is sane.’

And they revealed of mad quest and peculiar benign speech of what perilous ascent there was within them as to have themselves but caught off guard and put within the mark of yore.

Inside the blimp, where all was normal:

For a little while, all was clear and all made sense. No one to be bothered any longer for what appeared to be a long, long time.

Besant stood up, he was placed between Quarter-Wing Eiffel trench Eight, it was the last one to be placed between the men. They were cannibalizing what appeared to be a strange shaped sea-urchin that had its head pushing out and pouting. A little more than eighteen people were present there, who had appeared out of nowhere and not only that but they seemed to be somewhat incapable of breathing on their own, not that it mattered in any case, shape and that, was to be their doom. As soon as the men were done eating, there wasn’t any chance and nothing to spare any longer since they could only breathe in side, in part. What came about the hour was them but fixing the fuselage.

‘I think this one should do, what do you think, friend? Francis?’

‘Yes Besant?’

‘All right, it’s nothing, I was merely checking with you. It has been a while since we spoke and I was starting to be a little too paranoid, you understand that, right?’

‘Of course I do, who wouldn’t be in that case? With everything going around here and you know.’

It was just as thus that neither of them would cross each other’s paths. Being there at the very least, for hours made it so there was no reason to flicker or to snicker at one another’s throats, since there were a few more than obvious twists and catches as to know. Neither man was trustworthy for what was worth, at least for the time being, they but put up with each other. For such insolence was nothing to beheld, neither of them being as close to making it past the blimp and through the town as well.

In the case of which, it just so happened for them to have been ever so pushed farther in, and much closer to the ground level, at the very least having approached some of the lowest hanging denominators meant, just as such that there was little to nothing going on for them, in case of that one ought to call them for what they are, wretches, many of which felt touched, in the same man was, in the same way a tome would be wrapped so were the buildings, every single one of them folded and put together, squirming out of its organic surface until no longer was it capable to kick right in. Little drones hit inside of them, puckery in some way, with many twists and knots and limbs where to a point lay but four screamers that had been

attached, whom were always but munching away what they could from around them, before one of the thatched windows opened, and just as soon, a peculiar figure came into view.

‘Think you could perhaps shudder up for an hour?’

Thought so.’

He just as quickly noticed their reluctance to agree with him, these noise makers but sharing within one another’s most peculiar and most tormenting of things he could not draw away from and who couldn’t make anything out of the incessant noise-making and the strong gibberish it had created. Having resolved with as much as unloaded eight gallons of boiled water on top its face; couldn’t be stopped.

The way in which it was in the process of forming around the pillars around the sky turned it into an unstoppable matter that wouldn’t be discussed. Far from worse, those flying freighter-like things but began launching missiles at every unrecognized flying as well as subatomic personnel that happened to be around during their wakening from their barely induced for coma in which they were constantly set in, as well as, the other thing. Each peculiar flying base bore a set of eighteen cockpit-like devices that had a few people attached to the giant gun-barrel control device, that appeared to calculate and direct most of the explosive as well as every other kind of weapon they had within their grasp. It was even more important to note that there was nothing, absolutely nothing preventing them from fully indulging themselves in creating as much chaos as they possibly could. These freighter-fortresses were but shaped more conical, were far darker and had far more guns and missile launcher than any other earthly creation, which meant, without question that the city was under the Government’s total dominion and control.

‘He’s extremely dangerous, isn’t he?’

‘I suppose he is, but what can we actually do about it, about him?’

‘It’s an axial belt, sir.’

‘What’s that son?’

‘An axial belt attached to his head, it’s appeared out of nowhere one day, it’s rotten his body, that’s why they attached the rest of his body to that infernal thing, sir.’

‘Think you could make it clearer for the rest of the class, maybe?’

‘I’ll do my best.

The way I understand it.’

It happened two hundred years ago, when the first one of the eighteen Industrial Revolutions were to have begun; which we all knew what they resulted in, most of the men and the soldiers being products of the high-intensive testing created by the Wide-spread infections known as the Facilities the Gov called under their employ in order to bring back to life the last vestige of humanity, the last arm of defense it had against its allies and its enemies; a new race, a new branch of soldier, but no, that wasn’t it. Reality was much simpler and much more secretive than that. They weren’t developing super soldiers, that was too risky, since past errors and clouding judgments resulted in nothing other than complete and utter failures.

Instead they only created the belts, which is what they called the upper body halves, which were attached to the men through intrusive surgery, the end result being a DECON group of half-wits that were directly controlled by some parasitical entities that were given birth by simply, continuous bloodshed, murder, blood-derivative being drawn from as many bloody corpses as they could get their hands upon and it didn't end up there.

‘You see captain-master, they had not only managed to alter the human psyionogomy, but they also introduced some peculiar changed in the human genotypes, phenotype and general anatomical structure that was not intended to begin with.

Those thing, they grew back limbs.’

‘As it’s been confirmed several times by the various reports we’ve received over the years.’

‘Years, as in they’ve been active for some time now? Explain, they’re supposed to be dormant, at least the one that survived by my knowledge.’

‘In a moment Carl Rod-gun, in a moment; we don’t have to spoil it that soon before we even hit the mark.

As I were saying, they changed, grew, grew past their humanoids shape, which at that point was no longer in need to be put underneath any kind of stasis.’

And those things, whom dwelled underground were supposed to be left in some space-coffin, rotting. With at least two tons of hard-explosive for every single one of them in a ten mile radius, with deep hollows underneath them separated by a placard of steel that would just as soon be blown out to dust as they go off.

They grow in the most salacious manner from the looks on the documents, there were pictures and Cardot Emissary seemed to be of the opinion that there was something else to them. As he came to understand the exclamatory notations on the walls of their arousal; inside those petty holes, shot through.

A scene below the earth; it pretty much unfolded this way.

If this were classified as one of the attic-cemeteries below the molded by man arks, which were Gov products by all means, these coffins the soldiers were put it would, by all means appear to be completely shot through and shot-off as if they were but pegged by rail-guns; in the most conspicuous, most obstructive nigger-on-nigger sloppy manner. Out of the holes and depths of which they rose in the most uncanny matter possible, that is to say, they seemed to have used those bloody holes and the splatters to grow on, spreading out as fast as possible until their arousal would’ve allowed for grain formations to be made, at least, at the very least a few meters in the air.

They had erupted, a long time ago, as if they had been, close it, but nearly destroyed by the looks of it, there wasn’t anything left to mask.

‘It’s been somewhat documented, sir. I think that’s as much as I could say, there’s something else, if I may.’

‘You may go ahead and say whatever has to be said Johnson.’

‘I think, there’s no way through it, I think those things that erupted out of them.’

‘Go on son, no one’s stopping you.’

‘They’re.’

But he could not say it, baby steps, that was all he could think of.’

‘We cannot kill those things, I don’t think we can.’

‘Why?’

‘It’s because, it’s because they’re their hearts, sir. It’s no mere growth that came out of them, and everything seems to check out, everything leads to one and only one direction. Something in those soulless depths, it’s their hearts.

Those growths that snuck out of them, there can be no other explanation, it’s those men’s souls, something far beyond any governmental force could fend against.’

‘What do you mean, soldier?’

‘It’s hard to explain sir but I’m going to do my best.’

He remembered something he kept to himself for a long, long period of time. Over something that now seemed miles away, in a lost pocket of moving sand in which he almost fell through.

‘I was met by one of those things, once. Though I swore I would never tell a living soul about the dreadful thing that stumbled upon me, I saw it.

Beyond them and under the rising sun; it was as if I was blinded by an angel of death just as I was about to get swallowed by the depths of the sand, that I saw him.’

‘The angel?’

‘My rescuer was no such thing, but, yet I saw him in his eyes nonetheless, and as I was pulled out of the trap, slowly ascending from what seemed to have come close to being my end, I felt its beat at last.

I don’t understand what happened. Nor could I ever explain it to any living man outside our regiment. But I felt it, something beyond human, yet something more human than any man I’ve ever met. It wasn’t just him, or the carcass, but that beating thing which drew me over from beyond the grave.

And I felt fear then, such as the likes of which I’ve never felt before. I saw something in that creature that was no man, that I still see in myself even to this day and for that reason I’m afraid that I’m not going to face a monster if we are to cross paths but a human in all his vials and all his might.’

With that the man fell to silence, and they approached the subject no more.

For the time being, the skies were clear. Everything seemed to be.

There was a good reason to take a breather at this point in time, since, with everything taken into account, life slowly began rearranging itself to what could be called normal. It was irrational trying to justify anything that had happened in the past few days, especially since they were under constant uninterrupted surveillance, which included one of the corner shots of the Jourie street, right by the mirror-view of one of the flying citadels.

There was a scene unfolded.

‘You lousy fat-mouth little shit, I demand a refund!’

‘I already told you so, we don’t give refunds.’ He snickered underneath his breathe just as he placed himself between the man and his silent companion.

This was after all the nigger-lynching district, and a few of the boys were put behind the glass-cases, being well-stored and all. It was something close to the red district with the exception that behind the glass, there lay multiple lynching devices that were attached their niggardly thin-reed necks they were. And people were gathering around the hour, they were. Paying high-bills in no time, cheering on and on only to see the Negro die; it was one of the high-ends of society seeing niggers get punished, capital-punishment after capital-punishment for angry boys, whipped around the cellar as to be made more tender, to begin with, simply killing them was fair too easy and gave little to no satisfaction.

And there was always a room filled around the basement during game’s night.

‘Do you mind? We’re have a game of solitaire.’ First man spoke as the other came around as baffled.

‘Think we could perhaps silence the ruckus, please?’

The man in charge just as soon cracked the whip, put it in the negro’s widely out-pushing gulley, had him just as quickly turned around only to put some special ointment on top of him, rubbing it in and out, as he was put in one of the large-coffin shaped holes in the walls, drawing back the grates on top of it, right before a few quarters of the cells were filled with some cold-skin bare eating liquid which left the same kind of marks a tawny man would bear just as his tan is wearing out, there being a few centimeters of stone raised just at the end of the coffin-hole, just so that the liquid would not spill out. Otherwise, there wasn’t nearly enough room for him to move inside of that crammed spaced.

But there was enough space left through the grates for the Bucklemaster to crack his whip on top his nasty looking Negro face. His big nose but ate the size of his face. A boot would do if he had the time, but now he had to push back the fun for a while, as the gentlemen were playing.

Indeed they were, lynching niggas here and there. They were lynching niggas everywhere. There was no stop and in time they lynched the other shit-bottled people as well. It was only rational, with Cadet Brynnham on their side victory had been assured. And with his victory in plain view, the logical conclusion was just as quickly carried over with.

‘We shall not allowed the likes of negroes to infest and spread in our cities, so as to destroy and contort everything that’s our, as to adhere to their niggardly behavior, as to allow their likes to commit acts of theft, murder, rape, so on and so forth, as their kind is known to succumb to, therefore, from this day on, no monkey shall step in our glorious new city.’

At the very least until his time ran over.

It was clear why they did it to begin with. They were mining nigger-ore from the iron-poles, which was needed for the latrines, the natural subhuman habitat, it's what it was. Many of the boys were kept it checked, put in copper collars and made to move to the abattoirs with little more than a blood debt to pay for their incessant heinous crime inheritance which accompanied their murky race.

'What a weird time we're in, aren't we, fellow?'

'I know, say. How nice of the Jews that they came all back together to write another work of fiction like the Holocaust, I seriously enjoyed the first one, with the saw blades, and sphincter-pumps, the electric floors, the saw-blades, inclined platforms, the Jewess-raping dogs, the gas-chambers with wooden doors. What a marvelous piece of a weird fiction that was. I seriously think it makes it one of the most sold out works of weird fiction there is.

It's extremely interesting, although not as formal as other works of fiction, I think it really helped with the genre while adding just enough to make it somewhat memorable. It may not be extremely well-written, but that's certainly the case with a huge body of work where multiple authors are included. And of course one has to make a bracket as to figure out whether or not, certainly so, what could be considered canon as for the main body of work.'

'Indeed Moncey, I think that at the very least it makes for some interesting read, especially since it's somewhat in the realms of supernatural and normality. I find it rather brave how it lodges on this attempt to paint itself as a real event, as if the authors were aiming for a, rather unconventional piece of work that would somewhat go as far as to nudge in the realms of historical fiction while at the same time keeping the weird element just as alive by the mere fact of the details being such as they are, rather, surreal.'

'That it is, my good friend, I must say that I was surprised, as soon as I've stumbled on the passage that began talking about the spinning flying swastikas which watched over the camps, I immediately fell in love with the entire thing.

You cannot understand how jovial the entire thing is, while at the time same time it attempts to interpret some more mature and distinct themes which elevate the entire work to an entire status. Of course it's nothing near high culture but be that as it may, there's no reason to simply dismiss it for what it is; a somewhat decadent product of its time, it is what it is and it may have aged a little bit, but it's still somewhat memorable. But most importantly, the genre also benefited of a revival partially because of it and although it's always been a niche genre, I still feel rather contempt knowing that it hasn't entirely died out because of it.'

'I suppose it so, although I do think one of the lowest parts of their work has always been the characterization of the Germans since they do seem rather nominally one dimensional when compared to every other character in the novels. I would've liked to hear more about them, but at the same time I'm kind of glad that they're at the same time left somewhat obscure by some means. It adds an air of mystery as for this peculiar race of dominators, of engineers, of manufacturers, the engine of Europe they call them. Indeed, I feel rather indecisive about the ordeal. Despite the fact that one may as well classify it or put it as a epistolary novel, I think the standalone pieces work as well or even better on their own. There's

this air of mystery about it, people going missing out of nowhere, it's peculiar but at the same time it's on the nose.'

'As one might say of them; but I do agree that some details should've left more obscure than anything, just for the mere fact that, it would've worked a lot better for the entire story if there some alterations made. That's not to say that important details ought to be removed, but some things and some characters are rather insipid and don't add much to the story.'

'And there are the iterations and the change in numbers as well, twelve, twenty, ten, eight, six, four, one million, it's what bothers me the most.'

'It's six million, in the canon at least, with a huge nod of there being none of them left. I suppose, none of them at all, since it was mainly the dark ones that were killed in the story, that leads to the conclusion of the story that they died. The final chapter of an evil peoples that were thrown about every place they were in, banished for their vile acts, culminating in what seems to be one of the most important part of the story, the modernization of the world. That break between being somewhat gothic and at the same time, the present. They don't make stories this well crafted any longer.'

'Well, I wouldn't say well crafted entirely but you know. It's still an admirable thing, it takes a lot of courage trying to revive a niche genre, especially one that stood at the borderline of being lost. Focus changes a lot so it's only natural that people get driven away from it.'

'Nonetheless monsieur, I think at the end of the day we can both agree that it was an interesting read. Having been acquainted with these peculiar death-camps where sawed-in half Semites were being brought and operated about in the hospitals is not only dreadful but unnaturally eerie. It's as if many of them were made rather closely acquainted with Mary Shelley's Frankenstein, since some of the accounts to seem to refer to the Internment camps as Resurrection or Reanimation camps, although it keeps it vague as if not to stray and, again not to make it seem too unnatural, as to dwell within the occult. Yet it does seem peculiar how sawed in half Jews are suddenly brought back to life in those hospitals, or the ones that were but turned into gas-barrels that were furthermore used to kill some of their fellows, by their own hands might I remind you, which in turn seems to bring us to our next point Marcel.

The psychological themes that are present there, although they seem to be sparse and in-between they're rather interestingly illustrated, wouldn't you agree?'

'I suppose they're not as memorable as anything else. But I do want to make something clear, just so I can be sure that we're on the same page now.

We do agree that the adaptations were rather mundane and rather, plain misrepresentations of the essence of the books, were they not?'

'As it often happens, I suppose it was inevitable to begin with, wasn't it?'

I mean take for example the Phantom of the Opera and they twisted it from a piece of gothic fiction to a more illustriously romance drama, at the very least in their eyes, of course I do condemn that change in style which does in turn seem to make it lose something of the original voice of the author, again, I also recognize that it was inevitable when profits are involved.'

Although the works of the Holocaust were always kept closely to their hearts, with all their absurdities and flying machines and engines of destructions that grinded them into piles of manure that were used to fertilize the German lands.

‘A soap, a lamp, a couch, a carpet- that one must’ve stung them a bit, plates and dishes, the framing of the walls, the stuffing of plushy animals, their hulls of their ships and planes, they even must’ve made the heavy water out of them.’

‘Many of whom died by the allies, don’t forget. I always found that rather conflicting, wasn’t it? The bombing killing so many of them, destroying the ones on the inside.’

‘Well, wait a minute, you can’t forget that they were on both sides as well, it’s part of the story, it’s part of the political theme, knowing that the great Semite Squid had its tendrils wrapped around everything, it cannot be denied that they also wanted to destroy their own people at the same time, so they could destroy themselves before others could destroy them first.’

‘It’s within reason, I suppose, you would expect them to act that way, wouldn’t you?’

‘Of course I do, it’s not only expected but it’s only natural that they felt that way, a natural inclination to self-destruction and to self-antagonization, it’s part of their character and how they’re written. Just as there’s no honor amongst thieves any longer, that bastardization of the old saying seems to be the very core to which they’re written in, isn’t it?’

An evil race that’s brought its own destruction, which has been inbreeding and dying out for more than a few centuries decided to pull the cords off their own, that’s why the swarthiest, the darkest, the most mixed ones died first. They needed to remove themselves from existence as soon as possible but at the same time they had to make a profit of their own first before they faded out of history.’

‘So in the story, this event is nothing more than an excuse, isn’t it? As in, they recognized their own defeat and disappearance, so the most peculiar means of destruction was given birth to, wasn’t it?’

‘Indeed it was, and that ends one of the dark chapters, the beast slowly dying out, finally to be put an end to as they’re bred out.’

‘A marvelous story, I would say, but what comes after it?’

‘I suppose the last thing is their last stand, being a Semite is synonymous to being a sore loser, so it’s expected.’

‘That is indeed grand, their end that is, not their pettiness.’

With that they walked out of their way and left the premise of the fine lynching establishment.

The sun was up, a dark gray, the citadel-fliers were but looming around the place. It was a dreadful yet great sight to behold.

There was never such a thing as colonialism. It was all a ruse, by all means, it was nothing more than a tribe conquering another, in the same way Africans or Arabs have enslaved one another since the beginning of time, so had other tribes, without having to commit to keeping up a false pretense as guilt it,

or trying to make exceptions for excuses, it's what they are. It's as simple as an inferior tribe being conquered by a superior one, which ties in to the natural human behavior, that can be observed in every kind of human being that's ever been alive since the beginning of time. Yet this concept of guilt and acceptance if knew and appears to be something beyond natural; beyond the animal nature, and for the same reason niggers for example may never understand since these concepts require one to be somewhat intelligent enough, to have enough control over such impulses as to recognize the fact that one sacrifices a lot to make amends as well as to aid other races that are incapable of helping themselves instead of blaming others for their own short-comings. For that reason the negro will always blame a white, as will the kike when in reality they cannot comprehend the fact that their people have been doing and are still doing the same thing with little to no shame or remorse while feigning ignorance or blaming other people than themselves. These are primitive, savage beings one should not approach by any means, as they lack the mental capabilities of holding their people accountable for what they've done; or as to offer the same things to a white man as the white man has given to others in his turn around. That alone makes the difference between an animal and a man. As man can somewhat put an end to impulses, to his 'wrong-doings' as they're interpreted since a man, or a human being is held to higher standards than animals, as for him, the man, to invite the animal in his house, knowing as it's expected that the animal will destroy everything there is in his house. The animal is a nigger, the animal is a kike, the animal is an Asiatic insect, or whatever else cannot adhere to the terms of a man. Guilt, remorse, those are not things felt by many animals, at least not in the same manner a man does. Although similarities could be found in some species and in terms of how trained behaviors work, that is not the same thing as that which is felt by a man. To be sure about it, a dog may not feel guilt for what his long-distant ancestor did in the wild, a man does. A white man does; a negro doesn't and that is the difference between them. A negro may not feel guilt for his enslavement of other negroes, for destroying that which is created by a white man, for his acts of primitive warfare or cannibalism just in the same way a kike would not feel by any means guilt for his people's exploitations, for the fictitious account written of the Holocaust or similar event, for the exploitation of the poor people, the ethnic massacres of Holomodor, so on and so forth; a Japanese person for the ethnic massacres over the Chinese, although the latter does seem to show somewhat some signs, they're to be a lamentable exception and might just as simply be passed through. Regardless of them, they, whom fashion themselves a people are rather animal in nature, rather than human. I suppose it's only fair to say that there was never such a thing as slavery in the States either since, it's rather clear, isn't it? The Negroes did seem to be driving back in flocks just as soon as they were 'freed' from their masters.

'Children should not be raised in child foster homes, they should be raised by their parents, but they should only be allowed to survive if they're white, otherwise, the other orphans should be shot in the head.

Also, abortions should only be allowed if the child in question is of mixed race, or a negro since it's not murder in that case.'

'I suppose it isn't, and you're right, you're definitely on the right side. I think we should be allowed to slaughter them little darkies, I loathe them, I loathe them with all my heart. I will stop at nothing until every nigger of this world ends hanging down from the top a tree. I want it, I want to lynch them niggers, I cannot help it. They repulse me, they disgust me, they're repelling and I cannot live in a world that's filled with them.

I cannot help them. They're ugly, all of them, they're so disgusting looking, they're so repulsive to look at. And their children are even uglier, they're so scummy-looking like fingered puddings with little holes for eyes, with big nasty-looking fat lips they hold the nastiest things inside. And they're so odd and small headed, so deformed and puffery, fast nasty criminals they are, I suppose anyone would be a criminal if they looked that way. It can't be helped. But someone could help himself by keeping his distance and being as far away as possible from them.

I saw a nasty nigger inside some place I usually attend to.

And I'm not a racist person nor would I consider myself a nigger-lover as they call those other kinds of folk, but know this. There was one time I went to groceries shopping and there was this Negress behind me, standing in line with her little retarded nigger-child who looked like he was mentally disabled but one cannot know with them. I've never seen many nigger children before, so I took it for granted that, it's their natural state, it must be what nigger children look like. Regardless of it, the negress had but fewer groceries to her, so, despite being most of the time shy, I shouted at her that she should go ahead and take my place, since she didn't have much. She just accepted it, like an animal. She wasn't even coy as to say she'll wait, she just stepped in line. And there was another woman with fewer groceries before her, a white woman whom I offered to do the same. Yet she politely declined my offer, which strikes me as the key difference between the two races. The Negro-lady didn't even consider politely refusing me, as to know her place, it's what niggers nowadays are all like. Arrogant, all of them, without exception, impolite, nasty, retarded-looking, bothersome and incapable of being civil; it's not just their culture either, it's their racial background which gives them this kind of arrogance despite having nothing to show for it. And as opposed to the female of the Asiatic race that's been there before, whom I would most likely presume that at the very least would've just as likely politely declined my offer, she didn't even thank me. Primitive little dumb negress; in a just world, I, who was in the right would've stripped her down to her socks and underwear, then whipped her to a stillness, whipped her to her drooling son's contempt; just so the little nigger would know his place. I hated her so much, I loathe their race, I loathe the way they act like. I cannot handle looking at them for a prolonged period of time yet I have to, so I could make sure I won't get robbed or killed, or stabbed, or have such acts of violence committed against my personage as they would most likely do since it's in their nature. I hate niggers. I must be weary of them, because of these days they will kill me.'

'Tell me more fellow, I'll be honest, I didn't know where you were going with this, but I feel the same about them. I'm afraid of them, I do not trust them. They're so evil and scum-looking, such criminal behaviors are not skin deep, but skull-deep.

I do not wish to harm them entirely. But I just want them as far away as possible, so I won't be harmed by those niggers. I know that the child you referenced will most likely grow up to be a nasty criminal who will rape a white woman, like they always do. Nasty criminals to their bone, dark-subhuman race they are. I cannot help it. I think I do loathe them niggers as well.'

Luckily for us, there was no niggas around this place, if there were, I would have to look over my pockets, I would have to make sure I'm safe from them niggas. Otherwise, I would be in grave danger. Who knows what happens in the mind of a nigger. But it most likely has something to do with sports, rape, murder, drugs, weed and hating whites.

‘Niggers are also extremely dumb. They think Mullatoes are niggers, yet.

Well, let me tell you something, I see something in you, call it; we have an understanding. We are both sane people and neither of us feels safe around them niggers. That tells me just as much as I need to know about what they’re like.

They always dress weird, ugly-weird as if they’re trying to get people’s attention; but then they complain about getting too much attention since most of the money they made is stolen. It’s part of their nigger-behavior, stealing it is, committing acts of theft, robbery, and other acts of violence. Even if the creature in question is somewhat ‘well educated’, the impulses are still there and they will always be there, and for that reason neither of them can be trusted at all.

I’ve seen plenty of niggers and none of them offer me any kind of solace as to be around them. If it was legal, I would carry a gun and always unseal my holster as to make sure I’m ready to put the nigger down, six-feet deep underground as soon as it is called for. Look at them, going around your car. They will steal your tires. Careful not to step outside your neighborhood during the night, as niggers will just be at your throat as soon as they find themselves around you.’

It’s in their nature to commit crime, to act this way. They paint themselves as being just like other people when in reality, they’re not.

‘Always hanging in their ghettos, always but trying to cross the border, little darkies can’t help themselves. They see something they liked, they take it. Like sun-tanned lizards.

Monkeys and animals are more likable than niggers.’

And the two men just passed the street without talking of anything else.

It was hard living underneath the domes roofs, they were too wildly set. All of them appeared to be floating from time to time, unnatural things they were. In some way, they were shaped like the island of Cyprus, flatly so. Mechanically set and wrought about the place, as they set each other into flight, before they came out of their way.

It’s a jungle, wherever they go. That’s why they’re so filthy. They make every place they go in their home, that’s why they smash, crush and set everything on fire. That’s why they sleep on the ground and outside.

‘It’s impolite for a nigger to bring jungle-soil when he’s invited in a man’s house, that’s not how guests ought to behave.’

‘Well it’s your fault for having invited him in the first place so you have no right to complain about it now, sir.’

They sees each other as better than one another, they see Pygmies as being sub-human and many others. That’s how the blacks act, that’s what they think of one another now.

‘Witch-doctors hunting albinos, cannibalizing and butchering them for their rituals, there in the jungles, where niggers live.’

But it was all connected somehow. Taken from a lost lost document found on the streets.

The diary of a Holocaust survivor:

I remember the day they took me in to the camps. They shot me at the back of my head, yet I survive long enough to be met by my captor. My name is Misha Razminovich Coalstein, and this is my story.

I was born on the Island of Zion, somewhere close to USSR, between a region named Crime and Holomodor. Life was uneasy, for even before I was born, I knew I would be killed. Call it pre-birth intuition, which is like tuition because I love money. That's all we knew, as a 'poor' Jewish family born in those parts. We lived in a small Zionist village named Israel-Palestine. It happened before the war, before both wars, before all three of them happened and before I knew it, I was born.

The world was mightily cruel, as everyone wanted to kill me. That was what my parents told me; even before by Rabbi chewed off my genitals, I knew this peaceful existence of mine was not meant to last. I was born on a Monday afternoon, in a secluded place, a little far away from the farm I grew up in, near the mines, where we put the dark skinned Jews to work, while we fair-skinned folk watched over, as that was life back then. There were simpler times than there were today. When you could grab a child, undress him and have your way-way with him, with the Rabbi looking in a different direction. Turning a blind eye to the whole doing, while you had your fun; and there were a lot of men having their fun on that Island. It's why they wanted to kill us to begin with.

It was the rite of passage and we all went through it. I was marked by it, I wear my foreskin to this day, in a vial. Eight men had to tackle down the Rabbi so he would spit it out, but not because he was strong, but because us Jews are weak and I always suspected the Rabbi not to be a Jew but an ethnic Russian man-priest who hated us, who wanted to convert us yet who also chewed off our genitals for some reason. I often found myself staring at him, and him at me. Did he notice I observed him? Could he know of what they did to me after? I did not know back then.

They stitched my genitals back together the wrong way. It was done by a German Jew I did not know the name off. He later goes on to perform an abortion on a man; turning him a woman. They put little tubes in his mouth and on the other side, just like OB's, they put period in them, just like OB's, then, they pull them out, they put it as stuffing, as to make his breasts. They chew off his genitals, which I have no doubt that it has been observed here, on this very Island I was born in by someone I deem to be an ethnic Russian Jew, of a Christian background, which brings us to this very day, where I was finally brought to the day of Judgment.

I was a young boy of fifteen, I think I was born in Nineteen fifty, Nineteen eighty ten, give or take. I'm not as smart as the others Jews, that much is clear. I was always last during the classes, when we studied The Tallmud, the mathematics, the sciences and how to fuck over poor people, and drive them into poverty. We did not learn proper math, like they did with the rich Jews who had their special classes, instead, we were only tasked with making it seem like we did the proper numbers just so they feel like we actually did them right, but we always ended up being owed more than we gave and lend. To show this example, take a single day in the courtyard. Outside our class; we're not supposed to talk about what we does, but there's no one else around here, there's no one else to stop me. I am old, I am exhausted, I am

almost dead and I'm afraid that my poor heart isn't going to take it anymore, after being shot and shocked so many times I feel as if a stroke is, dearly me approaching.

Ezekiel was one of my closest friends in the camps, in the playground. We grew up together, we were like brothers; as were our parents since it was an insulated community, just like camps.

We were playing a game of backgammon, while being watched over by one our supervisors, who was making sure there wouldn't be no foul play happening. Knowing that someone already tipped him, we went in and already began to share in what we brought from off seas.

'I believe this game is concluded. Indeed it is, that means that I'm owed twenty oysters.'

There were only eight to begin with.

This was a fair game, where everyone knew the rules before it started. We were all acquainted with the term of 'interest' but neither of us ever expected for it to be aimed at one of us.

It says so in the old code of Tallmud, which predates every existing text of humanity, or so the Jews claim, that it was given to them by their father, of lies. But that is something one may not discuss by any means. There's this concept, nonetheless known as no honor amongst Jews, the Jews stole it from the thieves.

The thieves then stabbed the Jews and killed them. And that's how anti-Semitism was born. It's a story that's being carried over from mother to son and its meaning is lost. Only the hatred for the people survives and the meaning of the hatred has no reason other than ignorance for God's chosen people, which can be seen manifesting to this day.

Ezekiel did not know his place in the world. He didn't know you're not supposed to do that to one of your own, but then again it's not unheard of for a Jew to be found lying in a ditch, trampled by niggers or one of his own.

I never knew how it happened, I never understood it and I couldn't have prevented it even if I knew of it.

They arrived on the island during my studies. Eighteen German soldiers that had just deflected from one of the fight in the Near-Eastern region; they looked beaten, awfully so. They were exhausted, their bones were rationed, as in they had to chop off their limbs and they settled on eating their own bones in order to survive since they weren't cannibals, they had to do with what they had. And what they had on them was their own, their own bones, as neither man would come as close as eat from one of the Ruskies from around the graves. Ever since I lay my eyes on them, I knew my life was over. Although at the same time, I felt jealousy for the first time in my life, after noticing how dreamy eyed the Jewesses were upon laying their eyes on the soldiers. They were somewhat impeccably mesmerized by the men. Even though some of them looked disabled, two German men carried one of their own who had his legs, half a body, and one of his arms blown off by a mine. His features were indistinguishable from jack-hammer working its way through a little block of iron, yet he was breathing. I confess that I do not know what the Germans are made out of, yet I'm intrigued as to suspect that it's a hard material, and they're much likely to be iron nickel or something like that. AN alloy that's strong and rouse up; I also realized then that I was just as

mesmerized by them as the Jewesses, because of my own short-comings and neuroticism. And I felt fear for the first time in my life.

Before I knew it, before we knew it, before we knew there was a war, there was no fight and we were conquered. It was a short-lived battle, as there was no resistance offered whatsoever. No fight, nothing. We were a peaceful people and they didn't seem to buy our lies or our sweet talk, leaving us, much to our dismay unarmed, incapable of preventing them from taking our women and putting us in little cages they carried on with them, from Germany. They shoved our people into little cages, going as far as to put eighteen men at a time. But at no time were we allowed to be near our women, who seemed to be carried on their backs, like the raping of the Sabine women, as it happened all over again. Even that German man, whom I later come to know as Hans who was a guard at one of the death-camps I was temporarily stationed in, the one without legs and an arm missing appeared to carry one of them on his back; which only made it the more of a humiliating defeat, and an affront to our weakness and failure as men.

But what added insult to injury was the fact that he was merely pretending, as the men simply put Hans down, who began walking on the stumps as if he hadn't felt anything at all, as if nothing had happened and he was born short. He endured through much, and he still managed to get his arms wrapped around one.

Our cages were put together in a tank the Germans used as a raft to cross the sea, where they simply pulled and pushed it, all the way back to our first stop.

We were stationed by the looks of it, in Estonia. I do not speak the language, but thing didn't look right. We were pulled out of the tank and put inside a little giant cabinet, that was hung on top of a spiked floor, while we, being inclined at to see through the cabinet's window were met by a giant German. I thought he was going to eat me. Especially when he opened his mouth and began saying those nasty German words that I vaguely understood since our language is stolen from them. He was like Goliath, like in David, the book. But there was no king amongst us, they were in the states, as one knows, all the Kings are, in the media. I didn't know what was going to happen to me from that point on. He had a death-camp inside his gut, and even then I could hear my brothers screaming in agony as they were trashing about his entrails, putting a tremendous effort into trying to stay alive, for long enough for me to hear that I may one day write down their stories so they wouldn't be forgotten. I remember, everything; but I cannot remember their names, or whether or not they existed at all.

I spent my life doing cruel things to poor people. Those poor people were but dark-skinned Jews I did not know the fate of was. They were probably spared since the Germans didn't expect us to actually work, so it never occurred to them to search the mines to begin with. But then again, the dark-skinned ones aren't even real Jews to begin with. I'm going off track, regardless of it.

He was the destroyer, I knew it, ever since I lay eyes on him. He opened his mouth, revealing unnaturally shaped incisors that had hollow spots inside of them, which spat roped that coiled around our necks, slowly dragging us and our weakly frail bodies that had been starved for years since they forgot to feed us and they injected us with starvation on a constant basis, inside the tank that is, I swear, allowing us to slip through the grates as we were both being suffocated and we were but slowly prepared for the impalement which was to happen soon after. These coils having but opened the cabinet by being actioned in such a precise manner as to create a pseudo giant-key just like the one that was used to lock us into the cabinet to

begin with. It was blasted, it was vile, I found myself wondering then, what happened to the Jewesses? What happened to them indeed?

He was a madman and he says, in his language that we understand, as we would understand one another, even though he's not one of us.

'I am great a great German Magician and I will make you disappear.' He says while his mouth is wide-open and gaping.

He was strangling us with the ropes and while we were in mid air, this thought occurred to me:

There was a constellation of death-camps all over Berlin and every falling star was a death-train in which the following happened:

'They killed each man, woman and child, gassing them inside their open-windowed compartments. German kids threw rocks at the already half cracked windows, which further killed them as they stood in, waiting for the gas to take effect. It wasn't instant but they waited, how nice of them to wait, to die.'

This is a real story.

It was clear enough that giant German Magician Hess was but the one responsible for carrying the raft over from below his kingdom where it would've sunken if it weren't for him and his mighty. This giant German of the sea, whose might was endless, his blunt forced set; as he carried on his back but little worn-out black-colored mattresses they were put it as soon as he was tired of strangulating them.

If his belly is the death camps, his back is hospitals. But what does that mean?

What happened to the women?

'I have died once, for every man that died in this camp.' And that's how they count the numbers; a testimony, from one of the survivors.

Hess had an ability that was actioned by his swastika-shaped irises, which were static, but, upon being activated, they slightly tilted to a match. It's as if the entire world was covered in darkness, whereas every object was darkened as if was painted over in an instant, as if they drawn into a dark void. Slowly, red swastikas appeared everywhere, spreading about the place, on top of the pseudo-walls that could barely be made out of in the dark. They began floating, levitating as they made their way across the room, like strange floating molecules that slowly span.

'Is this the power of German technology?'

One of the Jews asked, but it was not one tied to the bed, instead, it was another one who was but pulled out of nowhere, who began floating towards the swastika, splitting him half in an instant, his bloody being drawn inside the floating device before he was bled to death. Coalstein saw it all.

They arrived at one of the camps within the hour. It was a harsh journey especially with the on-going war, more than dangerous, beyond dangerous which was beyond relief. They stopped to drink some water. The beast, Hess had blocked a giant missile which almost came to put an end to their suffering, the allies started too early. But this Hess was no hero as he only desired to furthermore add to their suffering, as he

simply wrestled with the missile, wrapping his arms, spitting ropes as to grip as hard as he could before the thrusters could hit full throttle. It was a desperate attempt, yet in a moment, his eyes made a little drawn swastika appear on the missile. And it was then that the main-thrust stopped. It was as if the engine was suddenly put to rest, given peace, a stop to its suffering, to which he took the time to dig a ditch near him in order to bury it there. So it would rest forever.

We were at the first stop, in Lithuania, near the border. By then, we've been dragged through eighteen death camps, and every single time, I'm the only one who survived.

There was a man named Shlomo I met.

Around the court, there was a large barbed wired fence. It was tall, it was nasty looking and they put our teeth-fillings on top their edges, they popped like corn, which could mean that the fence was electrified. Yet the fences were only powered when I was there, to see it. The guards were indeed sick. They waited all day for Coalstein to inspect the fence just so they could have their short-lived laugh at him. It was something that happened pretty often, they say.

'Prisoner, I want you to come with me. We're going to put a number on you.'

It was twenty days in. Most men didn't even live long enough to have a number put on their wrists, they say that's how they counted the cattle, in which case, there men whose numbers were printed on the entirety of their arms, going as far as to have run out of places where they could tattoo those numbers on, so they came out with an ingenious plan. They asked the Jews to remember those numbers for them, and the Jews simply complied.

Many days passed and nothing happened, they were just kept in the courtyard doing nothing. Some German guard simply tossed them a leather ball so they could play around and seeing how the prisoners couldn't even kick properly they just had a laugh and called it a day.

What is a death camp?

How were structured?

Judging from one of the plans which were made by the architect, who was a German man by the name of Warminger Hardenbaff; there were four main parts that made a camp. First was the tents, which looked like puffy-filled little bricks put on top of one another, which had elevators inside of them, which had rails and eight-stacked together bed bunks the Jews were put in and carried to their rooms, the device having received a command-sheet note left on the side of the bunk which would be introduced in the main elevator panel by one of the guards who was in charge of delivering the people to their rightful place. There were eighteen elevators inside the tents, which were closer to hangars rather than actual tents, which explains why the allies bombed them in the first place since they must've thought that's where the Germans hid their ships and their planes. One could understand where the confusion's coming from. It was understandable after all. The elevators were worked by peculiar four-put together, band-wrapped wheels, that were made to constantly reshuffle the bed-bunks together as to furthermore confuse and prevent any attempt made by the prisoners to fall sleep in there. Inside their rooms as well, something was clear, even by the time Coalmine was brought to the scene which unfolded in front of his eyes.

Below every set of eighteen put together bunkers, there was a trap door with grate-like gaps from which heat-vapors could be seen as they were slowly being risen up from where they stood. At any moment, those trap doors could open, swallowing up all of the bunkers which would have the Jews instantly killed, burnt-alive, turned into ashes before the rails on side sides would pull them back, having had chains actioned on both sides, which were responsible for lowering and raising the bunkers to begin with. They looked somewhat similar to medieval bridge lowering devices, or at the very least they showed some similarities. Yet, it's to be noted, as there were multiple levels to the tents, that these rectangular stove pockets were placed in a space between the floor in which the bunkers were in and ceiling that was placed on the previous level. After being submerged for hours, not even their bones could be seen after, having been completely incinerated in a matter of minutes. Tens of prisoners being completely annihilated by these death devices which were but fully loaded with men and boys every ten minutes or so sometimes the trap doors weren't even closed, so they simply chucked them in; while the prisoners didn't even offer any kind of resistance whatsoever.

Between the space that lead to the full extension of the furnace in which they stood, there appeared to be large rotating cylinders with blade and spikes on them which had gaps as to avoid damaging the sides of the bunkers, making their way to the holes as to slice the people who were inside into pieces. These rotund pillars being placed on rails as well as they were pushed from the other side; which meant there were Germans inside this secret dark spot between the tents, in which they hid their weapons. Many prisoners remember hearing distinct shot-noises beneath them, but they thought that it was actually the prisoners in the other tents that were being put down, not those who were being sliced and burnt to death, as they thought.

There such devices in the death camp. Many of them were put to use. The Germans created Death-Sailors, which was a term they conceived for the concentration docks. They dressed the Jews like anglers and made them fish the remains of their incinerated brothers which were delivered from the side of the tents, out of the metal shafts that spat those corpses out of the furnaces and into the pool where they cooled down. They had to cool down so they could become indistinguishable from anything else. And once they were done with it, they would simply be fished out of the water and made to be buried in the nearest ditch the diggers were put to. Today was dock-duty. He was one of the Death-Sailor, with one of the most uncanny figures he never thought he might ever see. It was Ezekiel, his lost friend who was there with him.

‘You look.’

Another testimony:

‘I do not know for how long I've been trapped in here. I've lost all accountability for my acti, I lost account of time, despite there being a clock in the cafeteria. I cannot read, I can't see well; though there was large lines, I cannot make those lines up, I do not understand. They're not numerals but I cannot read numerals either. They are fat, like finger, I think those are fingers; I think they made clocks out of us, it's been so long since I ate. I should go ahead and ask for food but only the daring ones go there and ask for food, I am but afraid to do it. It's the clock, its constant ticking triggers my neurosis. Before he even knew it, he started imagining those as being his fingers. That's how it happened.’

They were inside the pool, with the Germans. They were allowed to have some time from time to time and play around. And the Giant German Hess, he was with them, he was just making giant ripples with his giant legs. It was strange, yet they found some solace there, as if this was the closest humane thing the guards did in a long time. Every now and then a corpse would be thrown out of the shaft. Sometimes they were alive and the highly third-degree burns encompassed Jew simply failed to struggle and dropped at the bottom of the ravine like a little fat boulder, with a little-big fat bottom lip.

It was time to go to bed.

Young Coalstein was but tucked in nicely then allowed to look around.

One of the most disgustingly horrible scenes unfolded in front of his eyes there. They took a weak-thin starved prisoner and made him float in the air. His body began contorting in the shape of a swastika, and then, his body began liquefying as to form the shape of an eye, leaving their symbol as nothing other than some hollow black spot as that of a patch of black blood which oozed around. This eye-cast then began floating as it entered Hess's eye, the disappeared. They spent a lot of time building, making the prisoners build strange things, like two wagons put together, on top of one another which had leather-like bands on every side actioned by the wheels. A strange long pole-like cylinder came out of one of them, like a pump that was just as soon inserted through the other end of one of the prisoners. The upper wagon had a square-shaped hole drilled on its lower left side, through which another, much fatter cylinder was connected to the wheels and the band. At the end of which stood a disc that was segmented in weird triangular slices, whereas in the middle it bore a hole from which a metal hose came out of, pushing into the lower wagon through one of the holes that was drilled in it as well, this one could barely be seen though it was there. A second fat cylinder came out of a second square hole that came out of the upper right side of the lower wagon, around which the metal hose was wrapped around, the cylinder leading to the pole-like thing that was inserted into one of the prisoners. The rope that was wrapped around the second cylinder was wrapped in the same way like a cowboy would but catch a fleeing bull, in terms of not doing anything, something was wrong. Something about this device didn't make any sense, there was no point for the hose or the disc or the first cylinder to be there, yet they were put through the motions. They were made to build their sick-machine that was made to torture and kill them. Could the German, possibly, be sabotaging themselves?

I knew this would be the death of me, but I had to investigate it nonetheless; so I dressed up like one of the guards.

The weird thing was that there were extermination camps in every country, in every town, in every building as well. There were a bunch of extermination camps in a few Synagogues, even before the war started. How does this even happen?

The memory of the dead people still remains in my mind. I still think of them every now and then, knowing that there's no chance I'm ever going to run again over the plains of Zion, in the island where I was born.

For every dead body came with a price; a fund raiser of some sort, that was traded between the powers. No one liked them, henceforth the trade. It had to be done, they had to be killed so the Jews could make

profits off their own. It wasn't anything personal, just business. Business between them kikes, it's how it is.

There was the day after. A day passed.

'There's a few people present here, a few Poles, a few Jews, a few Gypsies, a few Communists, a few trouble makers, indeed. Everyone's present, everyone's doing their fare share. But we all know that neither of you actually matters since you people don't actually have any power whatsoever as opposed to we know who.

So I'm going to make it simple. As simple as I can; you've all been brought here for a reason, to be sure. This project you see here, there's no, how do I put it? It's off the charts, you know? There's just no proof whatsoever that it existed to begin with, you know?

There's but, it's not, we just, look. One day we just woke up out of nowhere with a plan; I looked at my wife, I woke her up in the middle of the night and I told her, hey. What if we kill the Jews?

And others, but the others? They don't matter, let's just focus on the latter, since you know, they ruined out economy, they're child molesters, they sacrifice people for their blood libel rituals and what not, well. How about we just build this camp, you hear, and it will have strange torture devices that there are no actual patents for because we're not going to bother applying for any of them and we'll just make sure that by the end of the war, we're going to destroy them completely. Yeah that sound just about right, but we won't document everything and we won't go in detail, leave everything as vague as possible, kill some hooked nosed fellows, some dumb dirty beggars, criminals, Slavs, Poles and whoever else we want and then. Well, we'll just take over the rest of the continent.

Yeah, I think I like the sound of that. And you know what my wife's reaction was? As soon as she heard that, she simply slapped me across the face, then left me. It was then that I realized that my plan must actually be a great one, that I must actually be onto something, and you want to know why? It's because I found out that, well she wasn't actually a Jew, but I found out she was cheating on me. So I simply put her in one of the camps. Just snuck her in; yes, I did, I did that. I just falsified her birth records so I could make it seem like her grandmother was a Jew. Then I just chunked her into the stove, I did.

I don't feel any guilt over what I've done, I'll be honest, I don't really know much about either one of your people, but I'm not going to claim that I like you either. I just wanted to kill my wife and this was the most convenient way to do it. You know, it's not like I'm claiming that I have a pure soul or anything, it's just that, I kind of like doing what I do. I'm not as awful as you people, but, you know.

I've been standing out in the sun thinking for a while now, and yeah, it's been rather great. I just found out I was actually promoted, could you believe that? I'm actually higher on the SS', I, a mere boy with some dreams, who just, who just. Right, I forgot about that, I'm actually, well, you see now, I'm.'

Schopenhauer White considered it for a moment.

It was wholesome, having everyone gathered around the place. They were a strange bunch. It was weird, it was extremely weird, but he didn't complain. He had a massive well-chiseled jaw, he had.

‘I spent a lot of time making many great devices that were not intended for the purposes they’re being used for now. You see, I’m only trying to help humanity now. I truly am, I think I’m a good person, I think I’m not only great, but you know, it is what it is.

I’ve been thinking about something, my poor old lad. Look, I don’t want to keep you standing all day, especially in this burning arid sun so I’m going to keep it as short as possible before you get a stroke or something, especially since many of you do look like you’re likely to get one. So, I was thinking about something, long before the war, you know?

It’s that, hey, I’ve got a baby boy now that I’ll have to look over. And I’m rather afraid of bringing him in since this is kind of a vile world, you know? It’s nothing against you, since I’ve got no quarrel against either of you personally, but I simply don’t want my boy get hurt by a bunch of child molesting Jews. That’s all I’m trying to get at, I want him to live a fulfilling live, in the same way his father had. I don’t want him to kill his wife necessarily, come to think of it, I may’ve come to regret it, but I simply wish there was but another way I could take it back, but I can’t. Especially since I was the one who had to bury her in the first place, maybe I don’t want to have his upbringing lead him in the same place his father was brought to but.’ He took a slight breather. The crowd was somewhat in-between, they didn’t really know on which side to be on.

But there in the back Hess was at the very least supportive. And you could never go back on the promise of killing a woman and taking her of your child. Hess had plenty of experience in that kind of ordeals since his wife had been a giant German Woman by the name of Hilda.

He never considered this but Hess had been a good friend, he was great. One of the greatest people he’s ever been acquainted with. It was then that upon bowing to his friend, Hess but grabbed a passing Semite by the head and squeeze his head right open, like a little melting caramel pop.

‘Hmm, now I see that there’s a great future for me not here in the Fatherland, although I will return and die here, with my fathers and forefathers and everyone else as I ascend to the greatest homeland of all, where I will join my gods in the glory of battle when the time comes. But until then, I will, after all help this world with my superior intellect and superior knowledge and power.

And I shall be joined by you Hess, you will be my companion, the greatest companion there is.’

At that moment it was as if a small swastika but flew through the air, like a little speck of burning-power which dissipated in the air, like the glory of a short-lived engine that has finally stopped in place.

Life on the other side was great.

Young Hess was born in Germany, and he was a great man, a great person, a giant one nonetheless. Living in Deutschland was grand for what was worth. He lived in the woods, where he made a water-mill all by himself. It formed a peculiarly stretching wooden winged bridge that began flapping as soon as it was released in the air. Life was great, then came the war. It happened over night, from what he could remember. And before he knew it, he was already enlisted in the fight.

It was bizarre how he wasn’t even given a choice to begin with, yet they’ve already suited him and made to walk through the tour de France.

Him being with the Eagle-Heil Foundation, which was; it was by all means the greatest Foundation that was ever given life on this planet. For starters there were no Rats that managed to snick in, for the Foundation had no living members in it, yet, something seemed to be working as well as directing the mass-production of the guns.

But woe, it had to be said.

Ezekiel was an angel-artifact. Who has been taken from another life, as his true appearance was that of a peculiarly deformed put-together creature of patches, with many wool and many green threats and swoons, he had been there. Sent to make sure that the evil beings were but kept under control, not to move anymore; one day this peculiar artifact woke Coalstein from his sleep. There and dire he approached.

‘I’ve stumbled upon many things that I do not know, as to look upon creatures like you, whom are not human, but try acting so. Yet your act is to deceive, I know you’re just like a nigger, within your soul.’

He turned around, oh vile thing it was. He shone in the dark bunker, not as if to know what was going on there, he had but froze a speck of a heart inside a harpy that appeared out of nowhere, with many eyes, and an eerie voice, and a chain around her throat, dragged to his hands, as well as he drew forth. This peculiar angel, revealed a sphere inside his chest. Reality could not keep up with what happened, as it was but merely put to such grandeur as to bring a test to them.

‘Why have I been tortured for so long? What have I done to deserve this happen to me at last?’ Razminovich but inquired, knowing of the little things that he had but failed to sire.

‘It’s because you vile things have been deceived; and you are not the chosen people, as you’ve lied to yourselves over more than a few centuries. For your acts and deeds of evil you must be destroyed. For there is a darkness inside of you that may spread like a cancer and cause such wits to be paranoid, in turn you shall destroy us all, even the vile angles that groan upon the strange masses of the broken world.

You must be punished and made to suffer for your acts, and until the debt shall be paid ten times forth as you’ve once asked, then you will be made to suffer continuously until you will have been completely ruined.

Know this, the future is but ruined and dark.

The plains of Africa and Algiers at that, are but filled with masses of disease, with such gangrene heads of Niggarous beings, as to be bloated and floated, allowed such flight. As such gestation of their vileness as to have brought all that which may destroy all; for those mindless creatures that but seek to bring ruin. And you of all will follow through, mistakenly in search for, alas, something that’s not there, to cast.

You must be made to suffer therefore, as your wretched appearance shall chance and be as decayed, if not beyond that taint of Nigger-boars.’

At the incline of which the angel had but disappeared, having carried his message forth, alas not to appear any time soon, not to be found upon such swoon again.

He did not know whether or not that was a dream, but one thing was certain, the torture and everything else that happened was real. He could not forget the pain and death that happened there. How the Germans invaded the death camps and took them over. Misha's life got worse from that point on. With every guard having been replaced by them, there would be no mercy left to spare, there would be no break, only work, that never ended. They were chained like niggas. Whipped ever by electrical whips, they were being submerged in the pools which were now electrified as well, only because the Germans were attempting to reanimate them while they were still being alive. That said a lot about our people, since at that point in time we were dying of starvation. We were walking corpses. We were dying yet we continued working. Ever since I arrived at the camps, I have never been fed at all. I have not even received a piece of bread at all. They didn't even keep food inside the camp unless they hid it all in the barracks, but that couldn't be since at late hours most of the guards left the camps and went back home after the night-shift came in. It was how the prison-camps worked in some way. All of our letters were brought and placed in the camp's post office, which was near the camp's water tower, which was placed next to the camp's infirmary that was placed near the camp's research center that was placed near the dog den and that was the most dangerous of places a man could be sent to.

They say whoever goes to the dog-den, they don't return, they don't return at all. They trained the dogs worrisomely so, that they would have their way with woman and man, but not child, they took the children instead and made ice-sledges out of them and played with them during winter. This thing stretched for years, I think, eighteen years at the very least. We were deported, we were being aborted, experimented upon, there was nothing that they didn't make us do. They knew about our impulses, we became the dogs. They made us rape our own children just like we were raped by the dogs. There was a brothel in the death-camp as well. We were made to dress in women's clothes and danced for the pleasure of our superiors which were other, far wealthier Jews who managed to bribe the guards so they could let them have their fun. You knew how to differentiate a far wealthy lazy Jew just like you could make the difference between a Nigger and a Mullatoe, in which case Coalstein was the Nigger, which goes without saying. It was a weird thing, what happened inside the Camps. One day were put down in the thousands, and our corpses simply disappeared, while on others the people that were killed and completely incinerated appeared out of nowhere as if nothing happened at all. How could that be?

Were the Jews so inbred that they simply looked like one another? Or were they brought back to life? Were they truly incinerated? I didn't know, how could I? I was a warrior, I was a warrior, I am a survivor, I've seen it all happen. We were mining for oil, actioning their large crane-machines, still there, peacefully so. It shouldn't have made much of a difference but this? This gave me a good enough sight of what happened around the Camp. I saw heaps of bodies put together, and I saw something far worse than that. It was Hess who had been staring at them for hours, that Giant German whom I've never come to know. And he was placed there for a reason, I didn't know why. After standing for long enough to get a good look of the sight I noticed that some of the apparently dead Jews began jerking around, as if they were some carpele out of water. They weren't dead, they were merely pretending to be dead. They were dead soon after, since that butcher simply butchered them. I think there were at least eighteen hundred of them in that pile alone, and I didn't know how many of them were alive and how many of them were actually dead. I think they were all alive, but not any longer since they were butchered by him, violently. He destroyed their corpses. I don't know how it happened. It's as if he opened his mouth to shout but he hadn't. It's as if they were there but they weren't. How could the ground shake just as he was looking at them but only that portion of the ground?

That felt as if he was in a photo, in a frames shot with the bodies that all of the sudden began being shaken by someone who was impatient while being in one of those old red lighted rooms, waiting for the photo to be done, but being incapable of truly waiting for the liquid to drip off. But moved in front of someone's face, randomly so that it would look like a weird animation of some kind; and then, they weren't there. Their numbers disappeared as well; but not their numbers, which I remembered.

I met Hans during one of the rare days we were allowed to eat, off the floor, off the ground after being made to crawl like dogs. One of the prisoners there was whipped until he was bloody, until his skin fell over completely and he couldn't breathe any longer; he was to be the meal, he was ripped apart and they made us feed on him, to cannibalize on the man, and devour his organs, and drink his blood, although there was food on the table neither of us went near it since we were afraid of it being poisoned. We could not trust them not to poison us after what happened. Even after they left the feeding-room inside the infirmary where the other prisoners were being taken care of by the Camp-nurses and the Camp-doctors and the Camp-physicians and the Red Cross was there as well with their volunteers, we didn't know what to do.

It happened. They disemboweled my friend with the help of whips they wrapped around his throat, his legs, his arms, they were horse. Horses brought from the Camp-stables, tied to his limbs, then one of the guards simply shot above him, startling the horses which ran as far as they could, in the Infirmary and beyond.

There were days where the fences looked like walls. There were days when the gates were open and we could simply run away, but it was too late. We were already beaten, mentally they had us. Even while their watchtowers were empty, we were made to fear. Invisible Germans could be there, watching over us. I felt one breathing, at the back, of my neck. As I turned out I saw nothing there, only thin air as the breathing stopped. I was afraid that might happen. Already abandoned by the other rats who most likely made their way back to one of the Non-invisible guards only to snitch on me so they could have me punished. That would earn them a few days off the camp. I never saw them afterwards, so I could only assume that they were killed soon after.

The punishments were the worst things that could happen to a man. Since they did it in the circle, which was the middle of the camp that was surrounded by every building and everything that was inside the camp. An ancient gable was there, standing over me. I was put underneath Hess's giant boot and made to be crushed underneath him for hours. He could only think of one thing while he was being tortured, what happened to the women?

Well of course women did as women do in this kind of situations. There were no Internment camps for them, they called them Impregnation camps, since on the first occasion the women got they just threw off their clothes and spread their legs for their captors and that's what they did all day. One could be made to think that in some way the German Guards had become the Jews, as they were made to work all day instead of the women. Yes of course everyone knew that the Jews didn't actually work all day long so the Germans kind of got the short end of the stick, which goes to show to you can't win them all. Since they had to work with what they had, since most of the Jewesses weren't actual lookers to begin with. Though a man is a man at the end of the day and a man must do what he had to do for his country and for his people.

‘No woman survived by the end of the war. There was no woman survivor, no female survivor made it out alive out of the camps, out of any of them, at all. They weren’t even incinerated, they didn’t even bother. Everyone who says otherwise is a liar.’ – Testimony of a real survivor, who wasn’t a woman.

Rape happened all the time, constantly, without break. Everyone in the camp was shot at least once at the back of his head in order to test ‘human’ endurance. ‘Human’ endurance was constantly put to test, many failed and many were instantly killed and lay dead, at least forty five thousand of them.

The Experiments happened afterwards in the Experiment-Quarter which was located from the pool. They used the electrified body-pool as an electric generator. And the bodies that were dumped in the water by the docks were no longer fished out and buried since they acted like some sort of conductors the scientists attached the ultra-wires to in order to extract the electrified atoms from the ground and get the energy required to store in the second generator they had and the auxiliary one and the made-to do power injector which kept the entire facility going. It was there that the actually horror started, and it’s clear that every single account of what happened is true.

It was there that Coalstein met Leah. As she name implies, she was set at the camps not for being a Jew, but because she was a coal burner, in Germany. That being the greatest affront to humanity any living being could commit, which was even worse than being a Jewish rat; that being sleeping with a fucking nigger. That was the first woman he had ever seen in a long time. That was the first woman many of the man had seen in a longer time, disregarding the homos.

Her life had been much worse, especially since Leah wasn’t her real name, but they had to snick her into the camps somehow. Everyone had their documents falsified after all, everyone who was sent to the camps in any case.

With everything said, he felt somewhat attached to her, like every man in this peculiar crib. He was shaken by her stature, until she opened her mouth and he found out what she was sent there for. He almost felt bad about what happened to her, especially since some dumb clerk realized that there’s been a mistake regarding her capture, so they released her one day after. Just like everyone else, he wondered, why? Why was it that some people could commit the vilest crimes and still get away with it? Certainly many of the wealthy members of their tribes whom later went on ahead to control the media, banks, movie industry and everything else connected to the network of population mass control, emigration, monetary ‘calibration’ as well as anything that was connected to this system of wide-spread nepotism did get away with molesting and raping children, all the time, without exception, while managing to simply sweep everything underneath the rug as if it never happened, while also making a profit out of it, but then again so had many of the poor ones attempted, with little and not as much success as their wealthier counterparts. And then there’s someone like Leah who hadn’t had to work, was most likely not even touched by anyone with even the slightest amount of self respect which came in like a flower for no more than a day, until some lousy beurocraut realized that they made a mistake and not only put a woman in an all-man, no-women camp but also a German woman that had no kike-blood in her whatsoever. To top it all, she was also offered stay in the human-experiment guest room where they put all the political assailants whom were placed in that booth for their own protection.

And how did Coalstein stumble onto her then? Well there were a few nicely-made, well-crafted, beauteously wrought foldable chairs that were put near the guest room. She was sitting in one of the

chairs while everyone else was standing. As they were given plain instruction that by no means would they be allowed to sit at all, unless they wanted to be executed, immediately and cold-blooded like a bunch of dogs, like the ones in the dog-dens that had to be put down constantly because of the rabies epidemic. That nasty rabies epidemic killed most of the dogs, it sure did. As a matter of fact, the rabies killed most if not every dog in the dog-den, more dogs having been put down than prisoners. It was clear that a lot more dogs died off by disease rather than starvation since they were constantly being fed and whistled to. Also they were trained and they were good dogs, German Shipyards, it went without saying. It's the reason why the allies dropped bombs on them, once again, one could understand where this confusion came from.

Leah was escorted quickly after, out of the premise, where a helicopter was brought to her. No one saw it, but they figured that it was most likely some other torture device, where they killed the last Jewish woman that ever lived. They killed in the worst possible manner, they must've sliced her into those most disgusting ways possible, butchered like an animal, worse than that. In the bloodiest way possible; like a pig, like a dog, like blood-libel; twisted creatures that they were, they were made to made suffer, and suffer after, to be made for and they did, soon after. Eighteen of those Leahs died, and that eighteen was owed, since there was the interest, which he had learned from an angel, that was if it truly happened that way and it wasn't a dream, in which case thousands of Leahs died that day. While they were in and they were out.

Human experiments began.

First it was something called the therapy, they put eighteen people on the ground, like planks, then they flattened them like pancakes with floating wheels that were lowered from the ceiling, worked by magnetic wall devices. They managed to prolong their suffering by.

'My grandmother is a Holocaust survivor. She fought the Axe'is with the last of her force. She lived on the Isle of Zion, when they invaded her small village of Palestine, in which the dark skinned Jews lived, she was made by them to dig trenches, it was there where they buried the dead. The first ones; the children they killed.

When they invaded the island, she said. I thought I was done fort, kilt before I stands. They were walking of pegs, like pirates they did, came out of nowhere for our stolen Jewish treasure they did, with Luger-flintlocks and rape-dogs with ass-tubes in them where they inserted little cylindrical tube-shaped Jew-children, which were inserted into the dogs as aphrodisiacs. We were raped for hours afterwards. I remember being wet as soon as it happened, long before it happened I was undressed and had already surrendered. I'm afraid of pain, I am afraid of being hurt, I didn't know how to react, having lived in a secluded community with ugly inbred people. Now, I know I'm not a looker, I never fancied myself one, but then again, I wasn't looked at for my face, or the size of my nose, but the size of my breasts, which is what arose the vilest thoughts in the mind men, which I was aware off. So I have forced to put on a show for them, and I danced, I put a little dance for them just so I could hope they would go easy on me. And I was afraid that would happen, since I didn't actually want that at all. It was so confusing, I must say.

Their ship had a black flag with their skull and crossbones on it and I knew, that they were the SS. How did I know there was such a thing as the SS? I just knew it, I'm an intelligent after all, like all women. It was my intuition, it was. It's all documented, it is.'

It was a cozy room, yeah, it was nice. Like a clean platform nice. And there were exactly seventeen people close to me whom were all silent. I made a friend out of Shlomo Viezunstein.

He was my friend for a long enough while, and I think I can speak for all there, we were being tortured, yes.

Wait, there was something else.

The Chief-Guard of Camp-Security Karl Younger, he was a tall man, with a dark suit that was extremely great looking. A dark helmet that looked like a pseudo-cranium, with words etched in High-german all across its rims, he was clean shaved, had blue eyes, wore a few hidden insignias, and was there at all times, watching over us. He had prepared a speech for us, which delayed our suffering for a few hours at the very least. We were just done eating, ten minutes ago, and were slightly inebriated as from the cheap wine that but flowed through our veins, but that only strengthened our memories, which can be proved by various studies that shall not be references here by any means. Yet they exist, just everything else that happened here.

‘I see that you woke up early this day, that’s great, I think we’re actually getting somewhere.

I need not warn you about what’s about to happen since I know that you’re not actually going to listen to anything I say, that’s something I noticed about you people.

You’re not really great at keeping track of things that go over a long enough period of time, so I will keep the important points brief and hopefully, as we furthermore progress into the secondary parts of my checklist, hopefully your subconscious mind might somehow go there, as so pick up on the subtle hints I planted in my speech, and we’ll see what happens I guess. I’ve came up with a great plan and I think many of you will like it.

It’s a ten year plan, and, settle down now, settle down, that is not to say you’re all going to be staying with us over the next ten years, some of you will be free to go, will have your work time here repaid for as well as the overtime some of you Poles had done in be properly repaid, but until then I hope that many of you will end up accompanying me to the end of my plan, without any resentment or any hard feelings as there are.

So as I was saying, I was thinking of expanding the camp as to create a few standing factories in order to stretch over the manufacturing line over the next few years, seeing how this Camp is already turning out to be so successful as it is, I see no reason why we could simply not just go ahead and increase our productivity, especially since there’s an endless supply of workers being sent in.

And make sure you all take your notes, and write down whatever there is because I might end up taking questions at the end of our meeting.

After all, there’s a lot going on in undertaking such an ambitious project as this and I cannot make it alone; since I was aiming to be done with at the very least two small-sized factories we could build on, in the next five years or so, at the very least, that’s to say, It’s going to be hard, I’m not being delusional here, this is going to be mightily complicated since I don’t want to draw the already existing labor from one point to another and fall behind, but you know, I can only hope we could achieve this much in this

short a period of time before we expand. Seeing how the camp will exponentially expand, that means that in the next five or so years, by the time we will have gotten through the fuselage and have already entered the next phase, we will have received by then at the very least eight times or even as far as twenty times the population we currently are in hold of, perhaps even more than that, so things will go on much faster than before, that's my point.

In all honesty, the ten years mark is something that's supposed to be more, as to say, hinging in terms of being realistic about what I'm working with. Seeing how you don't make that great of workers, with your skinny weak arms and poor-man genetics, I don't expect my project to be done any time soon, so that's why I'm aiming for some overtime instead.'

The German Count Otto Von Deutschland was also present in the room. He wore a suit that had a person-like wrap embed on it, as if it had been cut in half and sutured on top of it, but without the sockets. Little buttons on the empty black eyes. That was Anne Frank. She was skinned alive, and touched by her father who wrote some weird book about her entitled 'The Decibellum: An entropy.'

'I heard she touched herself, well I touch myself.'

Everyone in the room knew who Anne was. She was one of the Goddesses, of the Holocaust and the Jews killed her, again. There will be no coming back this time around, oh her eyes just opened, I mean her buttons. One of them popped right off and bounced across the room from one side to another.

'You're all going to have to pay for the suit, you know that, right?'

And they scowled at the man nonetheless.

Anne Frank had been with them ever since the very beginning, as she was born in their small village, prior to the war.

What did she put up her cunt? Her father's entire fucking arm, a banana, an openly rotating large peripheral shaped torpedo wing which entered her from every side, I entered her as well, I did.

Life hasn't been easy for her, she was in an attic, where her parents lived with twenty other men of various other obscure nationalities and ethnic groups since they were 'piss-poor' and couldn't afford lending some of their hidden-underneath the floor gold her parents were hoarding. It was a nasty Jew-hovel, a nasty slum they all lived in, day by day Anne but begged to be taken by one of the Germans, especially since she 'lived' closest to one of the windows and the people outside were constantly stopping to stare at the freak show. Sometimes the freak show became a weird point and pick just like the Red district it did, whereas the father would sometimes faint selling her daughter to one of the boldest street passer, at the least ones that weren't too bold as to start throwing boulder at them which meant that someone had to pay for the window, then as they were lured it, ones of the darker guests would simply knob him to the head, as the others would pickpocket the good man. It was a nice racket for a while, but the Germans were eventually tipped at what was going on and before they knew It, the three of them were on the streets again, while the tenants were put to jail.

'I don't like doing this but seeing how you control the economy, we cannot prosecute you for fraud, homicide, theft, or any other kind of premeditated crime you may've been part off.'

‘Then I walk like a free person and I promise you officer that it will not be repeated ever again, I swear it, on my honor as the Judge I am.’ –Life in Germany, pre-war.

Anne-Father was the first to talk:

‘Do not worry, Anne, I shall do my best to have you taken from the streets and to be properly taken care of and groomed.’

‘What do you mean by groomed?’

‘Silence, child, I need to make money in order to afford to make off the losses since a wealthier Jew took all of my hidden assets since he’s the one in control of the police force, him having been my best friend and partner in crime whom I shared all my secrets with only to find myself backstabbed by him, while I’m offered no other choice to earn a living since I cannot work a respectably hard-working job, so I have to force you into prostitution for the time being.’

‘Father, what happened to my sister?’

‘Oh right you had a sister, Margot. I forgot about her. I suppose she’s dead.’

‘How could you say such a horrible thing father?’

‘If she wasn’t there with us when we left, those people we lived in must’ve taken her. In which case, I’m sorry but Margot.’

‘Here I am, father, I’ve come.’

‘You brought money, I suppose?’

‘No father, I was busy trying to escape this place, I’ve been living on the streets for eighteen months since you abandoned me, and it’s been a harsh living and I had to live with the Gypsies for a while, selling copper and other metal scraps I started picking off the junkyards.

And now I’m dressed like them, therefore I’m one of them father and I’m already married or had been married with ten of them but they were put down by a German Raid.’

‘The Germans, ah; they tried killing you.’

‘No father, they seemed to be capable of differentiating me from one of them, at the very least for the time they had entered I was already much more well dressed than they were, having been capable of profiting off them; I bought myself finer silks, some jewels, a few golden rings, a finer mattress, had a few German workers repaint my room and then.’

‘I’m sorry Margot, slow down. My mind stopped after hearing finer silks, and jewels. What happened to those?’

‘They were confiscated, father.’

‘Why are you here then?’

‘Oh father, but please, can you not be grateful that I survived?’

‘I see your face, daughter, and that is a face that cannot make me money by any means. Therefore I’m forced by the law of Tallmud to disown you.

You are not my daughter and I hope you die as you’re being cast to Shell, our dark nigger-skinned version of hell unless you make me some money in which case I shall have you join our family again.’

‘I managed to snuck some coins inside my, pocket.’

And that how they could afford renting a small four by four, for the time being; at the very least, that’s what they could do, since neither of them could work, except Margot, but she didn’t count as a member of the family, Anne’s Father took to writing since it was the only thing he was half-decent at; not by any real means, but he did what he could to earn a living.

Living in Berlin was hard, let alone for a young Jew with a dream, who was also sexually attracted to his daughter, the good looking one that at times looked like a Turk. SO he spent the little money he had to buy her, a second-hand Ottoman she could lean against, spending he entire day on it while her father pretended to be a sketch artist. Instead, he was merely writing the first draft of Anne Frank’s Dairy, milk.

When will they pop? It was peculiar, to say the least. It was the duality of their race. Margot had a nasty-looking butter-face while her breasts were decently shaped, Anne being as flat as a plank while this nymph was rather well shaped overall. As any man might consider this, he was confused. It was truly a peculiar, unexplainable thing, whom to have first? Why was life so unfair? He’s spent a lot of hours imagining both of them like a puzzle or a toy, where you could switch their body parts around in whichever order you wanted to. Anne’s head on top of Margot’s chest, on top his wife’ belly button, he really like that, but concluding with Anne’s lower side, which he cherished the moist.

The most, he cherished her the most. He had to snap out of it, before he was caught off day-dreaming again. But at the same time he just couldn’t stop wasting so many pages of the journal, playing with shapes, with her shapes. Did she even reach puberty? He didn’t know when girls hit puberty. It could be twenty, in which case there was still a chance her breasts will start puffing themselves again.

Life was hard inside, in such a poor place. His belle jiffy was a lazy Jewess who never cleaned the place, unlike German women who were great looking, hard working and knew their place in society while at the same time they weren’t pushovers and knew when to fight and when to draw back as they were both traditional and partially modern, despite the paradox they were set in. Anne-mother was lazy nonetheless, but she had a nice ass, and a big breasts, which were the only thing that mattered to a woman, as they are generally incapable of doing anything else by their own, case and point. For example:

One day Anne Father and Margot found themselves having a conversation in the kitchen. Of course there weren’t any walls there at all, nor was there a curtain as they cheapened out with the apartments, having considered that it would be better to save as much as they could in order to prolong their suffering as much as he could, since, if there was something even worse than working, it was spending money which they never had, although his teeth were all filled and he did own an expensive watch, and he did carry a suitcase with a fine-well suit that appeared to have been brought from some company like Armani he

carried on with him at all times, which he cherished and protected more so than he would guard his own life or that of his family in any case.

But he decided, seeing how things were becoming awkward between his daughter and wife, whom were having their usual arguments about the most insignificantly-useless thing a female of any kind, original, metal-congenital distribution could come up with, he decided to entertain something like five minutes of talk with his daughter, seeing how there was no one else around and she'd been pacing around him like a retarded little child following a cherry-flavored sugar-coated blazoned lollipop tied around a cat's behind.

'Is there something you want to tell me perhaps?'

'Father, I finally came up with a great plan to finally rescue us from poverty while placing us up back amongst the likes of aristocracy once and for all.'

Anne-Father but looked at her with coy suspicion. She's never been a sharp child and there was a hammer around the house.

His eyes were bulging and his wicked Rat smile almost cut both side of his cheeks; if only Anne was more like her but less like her so I could touch her. I would lick her really good, nasty little Opera-singer. He could never afford attending one of Wagner's Operas since he was too cheap, although he would've most likely hated it since the Ring of the Nibelungs was after all high-art and his nasty Jewish pretentiousness prevented him from fully appreciating the subtleties of the play, which were at the very least required to be acknowledged and recognized in order for it to be fully appreciated.

He indulged into entertaining her buffoonery as well as her idiotic ideas.

'I'm listening.'

'Well then, seeing how I was clever enough to marry father, you must understand that, it at the very least means that I am entitled to some kind of inheritance, aren't I?'

'From a bunch of Gypsies you were 'married to'? And that's supposed to somehow amount to what now?'

I don't understand where you're going with that Margot, you said they were raided and put down. Margot, polygamy is illegal in Deutschland.'

'Indeed it is, father, but we were never married to begin with, it was a ruse.'

'Margo, I don't understand. I don't know what you mean, then, what. Margot, we cannot afford a Jewish lawyer to get our assets back, let alone our old attic we lived in, may I remind you illegally as we haven't owned the rest of the house, by whichever loophole might've ordained at the very least a few weeks in. Although, that could be somehow prolonged indefinitely, we can't afford one for your nonsense.'

'But I, there's something, I had those jewels and those.'

'Which were confiscated, Margot, gone just like our house and your money, and our people who died now, who were killed on the streets and dragged across the alleys and shot at the back of their heads.'

'What?'

They stopped talking.

The darkness that came after lay in the gray-ashen coffin that was Dresden. In what appeared to be the open crater of a partially blown-off tank, of which hull lay open to the side of the impact stood a long-lost hero by the name of Adolf Hitler, the last champion of humanity during an age of chaos and damnation. He stood there, but thinking, reflecting on the war, on the unaccountable losses and of the casualties that resulted out of facing the entire world, which had unfairly risen against his country and against his brave people. He stood there with his gun directly at his temple, and finally he pulled the trigger without a second thought, yet. Although he had closed his eyes, they were now wide open. Standing as if frozenly in place; as the bullet but grazed his side, and bounced off against the side of his face, he realized that someone, no, something pushed the tip off his temple. As he turned he realized that it was his right arm which had ripped itself off his body, and as it floated in the air, he came to the realization that it was not yet his time to die.

The Flying left arm of Adolf Hitler spoke as it continued levitating in the air:

‘It is not yet your time to die now, Adolf, you must live on and continue your journey for your people, you must realize by now that the fate of the world rests on your shoulders.’

‘But what could I do now that my country, my people lay in ruin, the allies had won, the world is in their hands, and they shall bring destruction upon all mankind instead.’

‘Instead of being saved by you, I know that. At the same time you must not forget why I threw off the gun that could’ve put an end to your life, Adolf.’

You must consider the ultimate solution.’

‘You cannot mean that? You can’t possibly mean that, you know very well more than I do, what the consequences of the final solution are!’

As it happened, the ingenuity of Adolf Hitler never ended, as his genius came up with the ultimate plan of Jewish extermination, which was the only ethnic group that was killed during the Holocaust. He had converted the entirety of the continent with its entire landmass into a giant extermination camp with secretly hidden torture devices and weapons that can only search and kill Jews as well as people with Jewish sounding names. But wait, that also meant.

‘German lives could be at stake, you need to realize that. Since those Jewish rats stole our names, that means every pure ethnic German life is at stake and it could be destroyed as well during the wake of the Final Solution.’

‘The faith of this world rests on your choice, Adolf. One must sacrifice something equivalent to his heart in order to destroy that of which he loathes most.’

Say now, Adolf, are you willing to trade the lives, the history, the culture and everything else that makes your people your people in order to destroy that, that you hate the most?’

‘That choice alone cannot be made by any man!’

‘And for that reason it needs to be done by someone beyond human. It needs to be done by you, Adolf. You have undertaken a grand journey that rests on your shoulders, you must have come to the realization that eventually you would have to take it.’

‘But I haven’t considered the consequences, I’ve blinded by my hatred that I’ve come jeopardize that which I love the most, my people.’

‘And for those very own people you must make this hard choice, Adolf.’

For you’ve yet to realize the true consequences there are to your action and what they mean for the future of the mankind if they’re allowed to live from this point on.’

The final solution is a double edged blade. It brings hope yet it brings destruction with it.

‘What will it be then, Adolf? Will you live in shame from this point on? Forever lost and in search of what could’ve been? Or are you going to take claim of everything and, bring ruin to your enemies at any cost?’

But that was a choice that’s yet to be made. For, despite him bearing the trigger that would bring destruction to all, he was in the end indecisive, as the sacrifice came to such a cost that would never be recovered by any means.

Therefore he was drawn to a still; as a CM to a draw.

‘I’ve killed daughter, several times.’

Said Frank-Father, who stood upon his daughter’s bloody corpse, just as he rested with his tiled back against the wall; he looked at her with a mightily arousal that had taken place. He considered as much but never dared approach her now. She’s been standing there for hours, unmoving as if she’s but hooked entrails, a pig inside a freezer. Nice.

Nicely done, her father things, she’s standing there, she’s awakened by something as if a little bullfrog riding mice, with a foul mouth thrice, she wakes.

‘What happened?’

‘Daughter, your mother and I are getting a divorce, from reality.’

And that is how she woke up inside the Camp.

A few torture chambers were placed around the main stretch of the Experimental Room. A few human beings were present there but they weren’t the ones being experimented upon, no.

There was some Mongoloid Tartar taken from the Island of Crime.

Tartars are born on the evil Isle of Crime, where they rape the natives of Russia nonstop, it’s why it’s called the Isle of Crime, as there are no laws on it; so are no Jews inside of it, since there’s nothing to exploit, other than the superstitious folk that lives in Crime and poverty. Once, a few hundreds of years ago, the land was but of a different name, as it was known as the Empire of Khazar-Hazard. It had gotten

its name from the other peoples who appeared out of nowhere and whose bodies looked like Hazmat suits, whose mouths were widely open and malefic looking. Who appeared out of nowhere, way before Kievan Rus, and ate the Jews who desperately attempted exploiting the people of the time. These Hazard people were at the very least two feet over them and they rode giant horses that trampled just about everything, be it mules, forests, planes, people, especially people, and they even ate their women, entirely, within a gulp and they spat them out since they were unwashed and had unkempt nasty raven-dark hair and they smelled in the worst possible manner, like dead fish and dead bats. Seeing how these nasty beings were much more superior than the Asiatic folk, the Jewish people, the Turkic people and the other Nomads that made the Empire, they simply trashed them out, dissolving it in its entirety, while the Hazard Empire took over, there being no trace of it left whatsoever, other than the fame Isle of Crime.

It was an awful place to live in, worse than most African countries, and the Near Eastern ones, worst than living in Russia or in Eastern Europe. Were there even humans inside that country? No.

There were only Tartars, which were born in such a way:

The Hazards were a peculiar people had held supreme power over the lands and over the world. They had a unique ability which allowed them to piss out what they ate. Their liquefied strands were but mixed together only to give birth to primeval humanoids, which were a hodgepodge of the many races they had eaten during their time spend amongst the Khazars.

It is important to note that the Khazars survived for a long enough period of time for the inception of the Tartars to occur, therefore they were but given a chance to somehow make amends with their past mistakes. But seeing how many of them were members of the tribe, they succumbed to their evil, tried exploiting the Mongoloids, got kicked out, mixed with the other people, then they formed a mongrellic race that would later exploit and destroy the countries they invaded and were put in, 's economies.

Not even the Russians want to deal with the Island of Crime for obvious reasons. But speaking of it is useless, and morose.

For there is something in the very ground of it which had been fed over a long enough period of blood by a combination of Tartar slaughter and Semite blood libel, the blood of which but kept them living, even to this day. There, hundreds, thousands of the Hazards lay living, in a land that's rotten. Dormant yet eternal, the blood not but keeping them alive-alive but rather partially awake as to record the passing of the time which in turn allowed them to grow in power and in might. Their dreams were no mere lousy things, as they were but creating, shaping and redistributing matter such as the likes of man has never seen before. They brought a mere gangrene destruction with them, as they followed through with their inventions.

During nights of woeful sleep where they would but reshape the stars, out there in the sky one could see the satiations of broken cars, buildings and things that rose from time to time, brought by them into the air and then defiled. They were but dreamed off as well, and seen as if they were projections and messed with as they were made to appear everywhere, on anything even the likes of a child would look at, despite his wonder, what were they? The Hazards no longer rose, they were like poison but solid and everything they touched but foamed and fell, and choked to death, life could not survive alongside them.

The Tartars indeed had learned from a young age that they themselves were not immune, merely sturdy enough to completely adhere to this never ending poison which threatened to devour them, almost

completely to a point where they would've died otherwise. That they would be completely devoured and left to rot with the rest of the dead-worms and scarabs that adorned the ground like jeweled relics that were not touched by man. They purposefully cut the soles of their feet as to quench the thirst that was required by the dead-heap that lay beneath them. From as far away as they could reach, they had adopted the rituals of blood libel as their own, only to go as far as they could and claim what was rightfully theirs, and keep it as their own. As for the land, without the constant influx of sacrifice, there would be no way for it to endure.

‘The sacrificial blades are to be brought at the hour of Eastern Solstice.’

It came to be brought much sooner in the wilds.

A land lay there, emptied as if awaited for something to be risen. A mild soundless wind had traveled forth from the South, from the East, From the North and from the West. It brought much unrest to the people who had gathered around the sacrificial stones, who were but already over-wrought by their Shamanistic practices, which governed over their souls. Many wore tribalistic markings around their faces as well as little cuts they had made themselves. Some were wearing mightily concocted things of their own making, like little stringed beads of throne-mast, from the chipped fall through of a fallen plane which had arrived. Neither of the pilots survived the crash, yet they had already but got rid of the bodies, having brought their helmets and their apparel as offerings for their chieftain whom but spoke to the land itself.

His eyes were but bent backwardly, set as to look out of their way, to be fully extended as to convey the message come to him, flown through by the Hazards themselves before the times of war flew through.

‘I am listening, masters, lords, makers of our kind, we, your servants have gathered forth.’

And as if a great crate shaped out of light appeared above them; flashing with a jade-like pattern from which the likes of a strange creature broke through the very edges of the crate. It spoke to them in the most peculiar fashion. It but wrought them to ask, to make and lay and put aside whatever they held an listen as they had.

‘My creations, my pitiful things I have aided towards making of blood and entrails of many men I’ve eaten while I had been alive. I’ve summoned you within reason for the call and promise that you may obey. That you may leave the Isles of Crime this very night and make your way to the Farther lands that you may stumble upon the likes of man, that you may claim as many lives as you can in our names, for we reek of stench, this land of wretch may not be able to house you no longer. Within a generation forth you shall die.

But alas, there is hope that you may bring forth your descendants, from as far as farther lands, where lay. Many of them shall be brought forth to stay, and to the future of your days, where there might be, only a handful of you shall survive as far to see it happen.’

‘And what of our tribes and what of whom had settled to blind us for such kindness as you’re offering us?’

‘You shall settle down with what you’re given and nothing more, you shall bring forth no predecessor as those might be called.

But you may still turn to those whom fights, might swallow through as to a sight as you’ve come to press against. Leave this place and don’t return until you’ve brought forth what we asked you for.’

And since that moment they but rode, as far as they could go, without stopping, as for the war; it barely started.

‘I fucked Judea in the ass.’

‘That’s right, brother, that’s what I’ve been saying.’

‘I know, I did her good, haven’t I?

Let me tell you something, her brother just sold her to me.’

‘That’s insane, he did?’

‘Of course he did, sold her right up, extremely cheap. If I had it my way, I bet I would’ve ended up with his mother as well.’

‘That’s sick.’

‘You don’t know the half of it.’

‘What else?’

‘I brought her hope, then I made her get on her knees and I.’

‘General!’

Every man in the Infantry got up. Especially Donnahue who was present there for the time being, a rifleman who wore twenty carbines strapped to his back, eight revolvers and a rocket launcher; while some of the men were armed with flame throwers, missile sling shots, acid sprays, gas-bombs with pressure resolvers attached to them, as in they had like twenty one shot capable off revolvers attached to every side of the bomb that spread both mustard gas and shot the bullets in every possible direction the bomb was thrown in. One of them had a boomerang blade with exploding bullets made out of fists he carried on with him as well as strange rocket-shield that exploded upon being touched. But they survived for long enough to hear the General begin talking.

‘Get up men, straight your back, I will have order even if this is the last thing I have to do, do you hear?

Johnny Parkstentch, Oddwax Charlantan, George Praire, and Alpha-Ox, you are to be dispatched immediately to aid the Germans as to drop bombs on their camps.’

‘How is that going to aid them, sir?’

‘You will not question my authority and the sigil of the United States, you will die for whoever I tell you to, because I am the Government.

And if there's an institution that's even stronger than human beings, niggers or Semites, it's the Government, boys.

I think we can all agree that killing people, hey; fair game is fair game, if you understand what I'm saying. We must kill as.

We must rinse Dresden to the ground.'

'Why, sir?'

'Because there are Semites inside the very ground, they grow from ashes, they grow inside their own dead people. Follow me and you will understand.'

They all brought to a surgery room. There was an ugly looking Semite man on the table.

The doctor waited for him to act, they both nodded to one another, so that he might proceed.

As soon as the surgery began, the men were immediately repelled by what they saw. It was horrible. But in every dark creature there were eight or ten at the very least, ten little maggot-kikes hiding inside of him, squirming around, wriggling as to grab whatever body part they could still sell off to the black market. They were nastily pale, deformed, disgusting, repulsive as such, they held no pulse, they were all chewing on foreskin, since they were all but taken from the insides of a split-open Rabbi. It made sense why for every dead Semite, forty of them emerged, and those things being incinerated meant that a hundred more of them died at the very least.

'You see now, the Germans are unaware of it yet. But their land is infested with these little sub-human parasites. First they ate their economy, weakening their force, and now they're sucking dry their ranches and now they're destroying their agriculture, which in turn ends up destroying their hopes that they might be able to save their economy somehow.'

It was known by every man. The inflation turned German bread into German tanks since they had the same price.

So every German boy, as clever as they are, which may be a reason why Adolf decided to enlist them in the army; instead of buying bread, they bought tanks since they were the same price.

And they destroyed everything. They were running down cars and people, and shooting down buildings and they were but unstoppable. They went on a rampage.

'Ini mini miney mo, crack a woman I should do. Split her open in between;' Couldn't finish it, her head was been, and flew right, like a Champagne bottle, through the window, then within. One of the Jewesses passing through was but gritted in, her head but split by many shards, her glassy-beads were but gone.

What a strange thing it was. One day she was walking down the streets, cheerio and happy as for a beautiful day it was. Then a tank appeared out of nowhere and walked over her, no trampling. Good boy.

Seeing how the kids prove themselves too much to handle, the country is left with no other choice to fix the economy other than to invade another country, so Deutschland then invades Poland. There sure are a lot of Ethnic Polish people with Jewish names living there, or so says the raccoons.

And every raccoon is taken care of; of everything that happened.

The economy is trash, the rats are maggots and all of them but take what they can out of it. The Raccoons are but left in charge of fixing everything.

Enough of it; dark things that they were, as wretched as they but appeared everywhere they could see.

It was the first sign of death, one of the many dark points where actual heaps were put in, where graves were struck outside, where the very living appeared to be molded out of the ground and put to waste. It was the death of dreams, of fantasies, and of every living thing on a battlefield where Poland met the Deutsch, where field of rancor but spread in both direction, and valiant men but forced to retreat in whichever possible direction they could end up riding through.

The skies were reddened, green, yellowed as the mustard gas, it spread throughout the ground, whereas Polish-like Cossacks but came soon after.

Twenty paratroopers bombing the jut off the corners of the world; children yet to be employed, the many markings of the ancient Polish groves but fallen through; little more than a few million rockets were but blasted through the land, as the Deutsch was but desperate to claim what wasn't theirs. It was the death of both kinds which but made the very blood of the paratroopers stop in place before retreat. From the many lands below the heaps, and from wherever other place one could see, the dead men rising but to pick a gun, from the darkest recesses, beyond the ground and into the crypt some fell; before their time was done, many other men had followed, not to allow others to come as well. As there were medics just about each corner of the first line they made.

Twenty eight formations pacing back and forth, readying themselves as more men joined. Then came the first Blitzkriegs, giant floating pulsating watchtowers with their known-for sigils, little Totemkephths, giant metal skulls opened and blasted the land in front of them, charging power atoms that linked together and completely obliterated everything in front of them as they created super-rays of destruction that manifested giant moon-shapes of energy that dipped into the very ground, creating giant moon-crates all across the land. The Blitzkriegs then put themselves on top of one another, crisscrossing their beams and their rays into strange rotating wheels of energy that had eyes and mouths on them which darkened as for what the energy looked like, creating reality rips inside of them which bore magnetic pulls which drew in the brave Polish men who were instantly vaporized by the complete show of power and domination the superior technology displayed. Electrical spikes, spears, javelins, knives and power-blow-torch satchels were thrown and launched soon after from the wheels of destruction, completely destroying everything in sight as they were but actioned from the distanced and homed heat signatures like homing missiles, leaving glowing Polish man-shaped cask death-masks floating in the air after they were destroyed, which exist to this very day there as a reminder of their bravery as they fought for their nation. Entire fields were filled with the death-masks.

Power grills appeared in the sky as they were burning through clouds and through the very oxygen atoms that were kept around, imploding into peculiar sights from beyond the world as the very fabric of reality was being broken into pieces by the Blitzkriegs, which appeared to have formed a dark power shield around them with many human shapes that floated inside of it as their souls, and the souls of those who

died in agony as they were being killed by these great machines of destruction were but screaming and begging to be released.

But Poland pulled out its secret weapons, their Seven TP which was a code word for how long it took for it to disappear from sight and reappear wherever the drivers willed them to.

All of the sudden the entire battlefield was filled with Seven TP's which warped out of nowhere, and before the Germans could hide away their shock and excitements they were but blasted over like thunder-busters that shot out of nowhere, curving the ground as the shots began ricocheting everywhere they could land, bouncing around the people and their weaker tanks, then immediately disappeared as they teleported out of the way before the moon-shaped atoms could be brought to full force, then they appeared behind the Blitzkriegs and unloaded however much they could, trying to blast them down and destroy them completely but their power-shields were too much to take, and they were then blowing trades as the giant death watchtowers were but unleashing as many rays of energy as they could. Trading and lacerating the very land as they were but bringing millions of beams out of their power shields, spraying and praying before the TP's disappeared again.

And then the light tanks were floating there in the air, having made a peculiar maneuver with which they were but flipped around like a plane could, facing the very ground as well as the top of the death-towers, when they began their onslaught again.

The fields no longer had living men troops which both began fleeing in both directions as the destruction was too much to take on either side. When all of the sudden the Tartars emerged, like a bunch of cutthroats, out of nowhere they appeared to be riding a giant Hazard head which shot long red-blackened in the middle hose-shaped beams that contorted and rotated like worms but were plastic and elastic and rubbery despite the fact that they were made out of pure energy which wrapped around the Blitzkriegs, and attempted to wrap around some of the lowest hanging TP's which immediately disappeared out of sight.

And out of nowhere the allies started dropping bombs but they appeared too soon, while they dropped hundreds and thousands of bombs at once, all of them but missing all of the floating tanks which popped in and out of existence, and the giant helmet which was too sturdy, while being completely useless against the power-shield surroundings the Krieg; then they accidentally dropped a concentration camp which smashed against it as well and there was another Holocaust that happened over, then they stopped and everyone went their own way.

That was the end of the first battle over Poland. So far there's only been a draw.

But followed after was a draw in blood, as not in libel; much worse.

Ten days passed, and it looked it a stand-still, all across the continent. Nothing happened.

It was nineteen forty five, in Belgium, but in the rest of the world, only in Belgium could such a thing happen. It was clear enough what had happened on the streets, this was a result of the Judaic-disease being allowed to spread, uncontrollably so. It was horrible, nasty, contorted, deformed. They made mockery of architecture by putting bubbles on top of Gothic Chapels, then painted it green, and yellow and scrawled on top of it like a child, and then they spat on, with period blood and called it women's

rights. They made men wear dresses, and fucked their kids, the Jews did. And called it art. Comedy macabre in some way, as in they killed them after, the kids did. The kids rose up and killed the Jews. Good riddance they yelled and shouted soon after. With rocks and fire they burned them and bled the Semites, and put them in garages. And for their acts of bravery, ever since, kids are allowed to purchase guns in Belgium, so that they may never be killed or done by no crooked hooked nosed evil man ever again.

Everything that happened so far during the war happened over the course of a single day.

Second day, in one of the conversation camps; fewer and fewer days until the great coming of the conversion camps, when they're to be freed from all pain and all that is impure.

'Misha, do you know why I called you here, boy?'

'I don't know, why?'

'What do you think about this?'

Has but pointed at the pool. It was where the baptism happened. Their rite of passage into the next world, so their spirits would stop being evil. For god was lightning and thunder struck.

'Boy, do you want why this happened?'

'No, why?'

'I.'

'Do you want to know why this all happened?'

'Go on.'

'It started one hundred fifty five years ago, six.'

'What was that?'

'Just, nothing, I just have to remember the number six.'

'I will remember the number six then, what does it mean?'

'Nothing, it means nothing, I simply like the number, now stop interrupting me before I stab you.'

It all started a few hundreds of years ago, two hundred at the very least, where a man by the name of Karl Marx was born to a family of butchers that goes without saying what they killed. There weren't animals where they lived. Enough with sophistries; he was simple man of book, who grew up in a peculiar family of high-beaked humanoids that were but trying to study the secrets of the arcane, drawn from the book of evil, that was the Tallmud.

This book of vileness was ancient, dating to the times of Babylon, where their ancestors, a group of weirdly swarthy people with even higher beaks had contorted their even more ancient beliefs as to fit their own wrong-doings as to earn themselves easier lives at the cost of other people's livelihoods, unknown to

them that this peculiar set of beliefs would actually guide their 'evolution' in the worst possible manner there is. By adhering to such peculiar set of beliefs, they had created an evil code that contorted their minds and bodies, creating a sociopathic people whose bloated minds seem to devour everything in their paths while at the same time twisting in the most peculiarly unfathomable ways there are. For a man saw beauty in a stone, one of these evil creatures saw to exploit the man instead of joining him in the admiration of the stone.

It was beautiful stone, not because it was a stone. But because what the man saw in that stone; as the man saw himself in that stone, which in turn made him sculpt and create beauty ever-lasting, at least for a short period of time in any case. As nothing lasts other than the illusion of eternity and what comes after it.

These evil beings found a way to modify themselves, in the same manner a surgeon would cut a piece of cancer, they but managed to create it, to spread it and have it even further grow; not entirely the same thing, in principle.

Regardless of it, they had seen themselves as gods that were beyond the likes of common men whom they saw fit to abuse, whip, to sell to other nations, to constantly betray, backstab, opening the gates for the Moors in Spain, having their Radhanites sell white women to evil folk that would rape them, to have killed children over various centuries, to have brought the Bubonic plague upon the likes man amongst a never ending list that stands as a testimony to their mischievous nature. All of this being a cause of their embed sick mind which was both a cause of their evil book which affected their genetics, as well as the other way around, being predisposed to their peculiarly deformed ways.

One of their descendants was a fat man dressed in black, with an unkempt face and beard by the name of Karl Marx, who recognized a problem in the world, that being, it wasn't exploitable enough by his people, as said his Rule of Conducts, the Tallmud; yet he was incapable of coming up with something on his own, until one day, where he was met by a strange figure.

Theirs was a strange people as well, yet in a different manner, a strange people indeed that came out of nowhere, who simply popped into existence, dressed in animal fur, and weird Gothic armor of their own design, they would later be known as the Germanics. As strange as they were, they were also strong in might, as they defeated the various nations and kept their land from being taken over, over the Rhine where they had ruled since forever, the beginning of time, even before the Homosapiens came to life, they were there.

And even before there was such a thing as recognizable technology, they were there, making it. Such was their way, that they had sacked the Anglo Saxons, the Romans, the English people before they were English, even before them, during such times when they were Vikings, they sacked everyone, every single day, the Russians, the Greeks, every single nation of this world has been sacked by the Germanic people at the very least once. And when their economy died one day in the future, they did the only thing they knew best, they sacked another nation of their valuables, but they did that with pride and without shame, and that excuses it, by all acceptable means.

They built great architectural wonders as well, as they were but the inventors of high art, literature, and although they fell behind in other fields, they still managed to keep up the traction until they became a great nation.

Engels was such a man that came out of a great line of German kids; and as one lures a kid by the promise of something sweet, so did Marx get a hold on little Engels, whom would come to help him in his time of need.

For their union created one of the Ten Black Books of Death, the first one being the Communist Manifesto, which was simply put the modernization of the Tallmud.

‘Which in turn brings us to this day and what caused the war to begin with.’

It was the impact of the first Black Book of Death, of which initial great insertion reddened the plains of the Russian Empire as to drown it in blood.

‘It was carried over by unnatural dreams.

One dark stormy night, a great evil specter conjurer by the name of Lenin divined the book and its contents in his mind. And in his womb stood a greater evil by the name of Lenin.’

‘Stalin.’

‘I see that you’re aware of your people’s history and the reason you’ve been brought there Misha.’

The Isle of Zion was given birth by a simple network of many pipes that was widely spread and hidden in every sewer there was across the continent as well as it bordered the Asiatic lands as well. In order for it to be given birth, a great blood sacrifice had to be made.

‘Millions of people had to be killed over countless generations, you see?’

For that very Island you were born in couldn’t have existed otherwise, without the intervention of your greatest assets you could’ve stumbled upon.’

‘Which is?’

‘Why, isn’t it obvious? The people, the non-kikes who did the heavy lifting for you, their only crime being, as gullible as they were, trusting you in the first place; for that reason, for that very peculiar reason you are standing here today.

Because of a legacy tainted with blood.

Because beneath the island you’re standing on there’s but a clotted growth of coagulated blood and pipes that’s been wrought out of innumerable deaths that have been committed by your people across centuries of control, manipulation and exploitations, that is why you’re here. Because that evil Island still stands in there, while every other place is made to decay. Isn’t that clear enough for you?’

As the Conjurer but wrought a deadly revolution that brought the deaths of millions of people. As the countless attempts to emancipate the people ended up, nearly so in the destruction of the benefactors, time and time again, without exception.

‘And that which is connected with the tip of the blood Ice-berg, is but still here, below the ground, still rotting us to this day, as well to the future ones.

The pipes still clog the continent, they still require blood, and that is something we cannot give any longer, you understand where I'm going, right? It's nothing personal, but there's a blood debt you're not willing to acknowledge and that is something that cannot be forgiven, by any man.

One eye for one eye, one tooth for one tooth, as the Babylonians used to say, nothing more, nothing less, no interest. As much as a man deserves.'

Misha never remembered what the man told him, but he most definitely threatened to kill his family, from what he understood. He also remembered the number twelve, the man had told him.

It was settled, he would escape the camps one way or another and live on the streets for a while and make his way to the promised land, the United States of America where his people lived and did the nastiest things they could come up with, like give women rights and allowing his people in the Congress, both of which were things that no sane person would adhere to, but then again, it was something he had no say into.

'There was a lot of work going on, from what I remember.

They asked me undress as to not get my clothes all muddy and wretched.'

'How were you captured sir?'

'I? Well I was a worker in the Soviet Union's great Railway. I did my job as best as I could and I never asked questions.'

'At what moment did you realize that there was no way out and you were about to get captures? Describe the scene to me.'

'I think it happened, out of nowhere. I woke up one day in my bed, inside one of the wagons, as we were asked to sleep at our workplace, you know, to make everything right when was needed. And I simply just got up to find myself surrounded by eighty men, all dressed in military attire. They looked rather vaguely annoyed, like the people are, you know what they look like?'

'I've had the pleasure of being acquainted with a few of them at the very least.

But tell me, is there a reason why a railway worker finds himself surrounded by so many of these men from the opposite side?'

'I'll admit that I was just as confused at first, but it all started coming back in after being placed into one of their trains.'

'One of their trains?'

'They carried one from their home.'

'Home?'

'They lived in a barrack that was set on rails, in the middle of which there was a small depression on top of which they put the train in.'

‘It was one of their steam engine ones, right?’

‘One of the dark ones, indeed it was. But it was strange, they didn’t talk at all, and for some reason their mouths were sutured in place.’

‘What do you mean in place?’

‘They were falling over as if they were constantly melting, and they would take constant breaks from breathing, as I could see an end to their breaths.

They kept pulling on those black threads in order to put them back in place. And they were pale, like dead soldiers, who were listening to me sleep. I remember when I first saw them.

I lied, I think I did. I think, I hope it doesn’t bother you that.’

‘It’s all right if you’re having trouble going through it, I’m listening.’

‘They appeared in my dreams first, I thought, until I’ve come to the realization that they were there with me, throughout the night, and they haven’t even moved or touched upon a thread while I saw queer eyed and slit open.’

‘Why were they there?’

‘I don’t understand why, their train was rotten and fell apart, I think they made it along the way. Everything in that barrack seemed to be falling apart with them holding on the falling debris and on every other piece that came along and almost fell through.

And they were silent, at all times. Standing still, without breathing, without blinking; always there, trying to have their way with.’

‘What?’

‘I think there was a figure they were chasing, I don’t know what gave me this impression, or why she was there, running in the distance. But they were pulled towards that dark outline, which was running in the snow.

We were drawn along as if we were in a couch, a long time ago, but I have no recollection of what drew me to that point or why it happened to begin with or.’

‘Why you woke up with your missing joint.’

Ivan simply drew back his leg-curtains, there were horrible scratch marks jutting about the place.

Yet the bodies of those captors themselves began falling apart with everything else.

‘You were released along the way, from what I come to understand.’

‘And I followed the figure soon after.’

It was a hard walk.

There was a sniper hidden in the cold.

Ivan turned around and looked at his captors' barracks. It bore a few empty hollows inside of it, long shots that went as they came without leaving a trace of even having come there. Of even having been shot in the first place. This was a mine field, but the mines weren't buried in the soil.

Well beyond him and into one of the fronts.

There stood a single man by the name of Schopenhauer White, in a tiny café that stood by some middle-streets, where he stood in, drinking out of a cup of coffee.

It was the Weimar Republic, and it was a mess, he remembered what it had been even before the war started. He was an old man after all, too wearied out to take it, to see the youth changed in such a manner.

It happened during one of the nights.

There was a group of youth that broke through some window and began stealing from a thrift shop, then they went ahead and stole a few orphans as well, taking them as a requirement for the party they were supposedly invited to. That lousy-nasty thing was horrible to foresee. Languid in some piteous manner; cars had their tires taken and replaced with weird discs the women drew weird lipstick faces. At first White thought the message was right, since he had seen the words written on it 'Fuck niggers' until he finally drew near and realized there was an 'I' before it. He rushed to it, but he couldn't tear it out, because his sight was almost drawn away. A few feet from where he stood there was an open dumpster with a body in it. A woman's body lay rotting in with, and within her open hand there was a partially unrolled lipstick that all of the sudden fell out of her hand, then bounced against the ground a few times, then it rolled towards him. He picked it up for a moment before he stopped and turned around. There were a few officers who had been waiting for him who immediately turned from him to the car-tires, then back at him, pulling out their batons before proceeding to beat him relentlessly, leaving him bloodied next to the car he had vandalized; but all of the sudden, all four of the officers stopped, quickly having turned towards the general direction where the body was. As soon as they noticed it, they but pulled him up and shook him off his feet.

'I must apologize sir, I have not realized. We thought you were part of the contagion.'

'What contagion is there?'

'You did not know yet? They didn't tell you? Shh, we're being watched.'

A long legged as it its head reached one of the high-lamps in height creature that was dressed in a woman's dress with a largely deformed elongated face like that disc or weird cotton trampoline shaped disc with a pseudo-female face peeked out of the corner. It had cut-outs through which one could see a pair of humanoid eyes. Its hands were lichen, wrapped around a child, or some ballerina-dressed dwarf it held within its gasp.

'That contagion, it's something you must if you're a new comer. This Republic is damned, is damned.'

'You must leave while there's still time to return, before you catch the virus.'

The trenches were already dug, there were flies around, and weird colors that occupied every building that stood in place.

Beneath the tall creature stood a few, even shorter than the dwarves, Semites. Which were much shorter, like garden gnomes, all dark, but their noses were the size of his feet, and their eyes bulged as if they had gotten rabies from somewhere. They knew what the officers would do to them.

‘You must be sanitized immediately before the change takes place, remember, it only takes a few hours for it to happen and if it does.’

‘We have children, you understand?’

‘Of course.’

He was taken by the Officers and put in a pseudo-laboratory room they built inside their van. Every few minutes or so they looked over their shoulders, in order to make sure they weren’t being followed, there was still hope that this infection could somehow still be prevented before it fully spread. Various measures for precaution had already been taken, but that was not enough. Surgical apparatuses as well as mechanically altered hands taken from some of the bodies were put to great use. White looked around the room; he noticed the hand written notes, expressing people’s desire to further aid the project even in their death. This level of devotion was somewhat frightening yet understandable. They were working non-stop. He was given eighteen shots at the very least, out of a weird mixing plate that had a few fluid-filled vials of different colors that were put together in different combinations before he was administered each shot. There was another peculiar set of devices which were used for blood drawing, sealing, then tube-replacement that just as soon was stored in one of the secret compartments inside the van. His eyes were scanned by a reddish blue light which appeared to form a weird light representation in front of him which began slowly constructing a few models of his ancestors as they once stood in his place. After the machine was done scanning, they were inserted in a database on a screen which immediately recognized his name, displaying not only a photo of him but a life-like representation as if it were some simulation. A second actual living descendant was created and put in front of him as if he was actually there. This reconstruction attempted to begin talking but it reconsidered. It spoke in a perfect accent and merely wrapped his hand around the man’s shoulder before he nodded. A note of pride was changed between the two men before the figure disappeared. He shed no tear and they were already entered into one of the complex scientific-contagion zones where the other side of the Republic already proceeded to isolate the elderly, the unaffected youth, the people and some of the foreigners during what appeared to be one of the longest night the world had to suffer.

Everyone was either severely frightened or rather quaky and uneasy.

Meanwhile outside was worse, the part of the Republic which was infested appeared to be a complete organic thing of its own, having spread over the cars, among the ‘citizens’, the buildings themselves, the patches of sky which was in their proximity, having grown peculiar growths around the edges which forced the entire area to slightly emulated a flight, as it rose from where it stood, ever so slightly as a few meters off the ground, not in flight only a step’ wise.

It wasn’t safe approaching them, since they had already gathered inside the building, in small rooms, where the tallest ones already spread across the corners like growths, their heads in place of the ceiling-

lamps, their legs growths across the floors, their arms extended like swings, in which they were but wrapped round the orphans; they stuffed them with something, forced them to take shots, while the little dark things but leaped at them, having only reached this far for the soles of their toes before the orphans were being lifted from them. Up and away, down and away, not even close before the rabbits had their way.

‘They snuck the niggers in the Republic, and the monkeys destroyed.’

Far from the front there was this.

Their side and that which was ours; two giant formidable stretches that met like forces that opposed one another desperately as one attempted to prevent the spread of the other, while the other desperately attempted to get inside of it. Yet there was problem, since people were put into the contagion-prevention center, there was no way for the disease to spread since it needed the people in the first place in order to corrupt. It was supposed to be a stalemate, until they deployed the niggers. As they were sent and only receded to their natural behavior as they began destroying and stealing what they could from as many abandoned houses as there were. These niggers were their frontier-men, in an army of freak shows who would not lift a finger to help.

Assuredly so, Weimar’s poisoned what Weimar could, and since there were no fresh subject and since the niggers took what they could and ran away; expectedly so, as they left their children behind; the people of the Republic began poisoning one another, in the worst possible manner.

It was then that the first official butcherment of a man happened. Although it is widely known that eunuch existed long before it happened, especially the nigger slaves who would be castrated and made to lay in pits of burning sand for hours, being only given water every now and then, violently so with knives, a practice of the Turks, Arabs, Berbers, Africans and whichever other tribe enslaved them, this was the first time they called a eunuch a woman. Not officially as such practices of calling one that could be traced back to ancient Egypt and well beyond, yet this was the modernization of the practice. And this had only been the beginning of the end. They butchered people and called it science; yet as opposed to having useful practices to these procedures, these didn’t.

‘What is this made for?’

‘I don’t know, we obtained nothing of value from this procedure.’

‘Then why are we doing it?’

‘Money!’

And for that reason, the world is corrupt.

The contagion kept spreading, wriggling its malformed arms all around the place, everywhere where it could spread, doing the nastiest of practices, the most volatile acts of destruction that could poison the air, and in the filth that began evaporation on top of their side of their Republic, through the gaseous vapors that were released in the air, one could see the tendrils of a great dark creature with a peculiar humanoid nose rearing its ugly head in.

And then the doctors took screwdrivers and performed live-abortions; they ate and raped children and they were all Jews, all of them without exception. But this is not to be included in any of the testimonies.

As the evil people came out of nowhere and began killing everyone in the Republic, having grown bored of sitting, they took what they could, their lugers which every man in the country had and stormed in as fast as possible. Since only 'men' owned lugers, that also meant that everyone in Weimar was unarmed; especially since the niggers ran away, since they're known to carry firearms on them, even the poor ones and especially the invalids.

It was a bloodbath that ran across the streets.

They simply charged in as fearless as a Blitzkrieg, as strong as one could be, marching as they trampled everything in their path, having no other option but to employ the help of the scientists whom, seeing how they were being rushed and not given any option but to work on the clock, they made some pseudo fire-throwers they put to their employ, being forced to burn as much as they could in order to destroy the evidence of such degeneracy as there ever was. Spinal-corded spring-legged Semites desperately clung on the large dressed abominations that were but set aflame, being chased on the streets, away from any living thing as to fend the young from seeing their acts of desperation. Only a handful of them were rescued in time as most of them had already been severely scarred and corrupted, shaped beyond belief, as the doctors but had but already started their malignant processes and doings on the orphans, nothing was sanctified for them, nothing beyond their filthy hands.

Everyone stopped, they looked around the sky. There could be some allies out there, readying themselves as to drop bombs on top of them, too soon, too soon. That could be the reason behind the niggers fleeing out of sight, you never know with those people.

Meanwhile, people weren't as fortune as they were, in Berlin.

The unemployment had taken a toll on people's minds. They didn't have a work place because some people undercut them in order to increase profits and hire more of their own people, in turn, having it turned it all to themselves.

A German lost the first world war; just like that.

And they before they knew it, they were being invaded with Poland whom had been neutral for the very first part of the war, seeing how the neighboring nations didn't play fair, they but switched their entire focus to manufacturing billions of Seven TP's, just because they were incredibly useful. They took over Germany in one day, but they ended up all being teleported in the camps from inside their TP's, because the Germans actually infested their country which moles who stole their secrets and who made a serum that was injected into Polish people that turned them into tanks. The Poles were not held in the camps for more than seven seconds. Having decided that they cannot be killed, they simply left the Germans to their own doing, while also the serum was lost before they could test it on their own people; as this was the first time they performed human experiments, they were deemed as a failure.

The kikes weren't getting a day off by any means, for what they've done.

At Holomodor.

There was once a peaceful land known as Holomodor. It was a peculiar land filled with a lot of great people who seemed to mind their own business as they bothered no one. Seeing how some perfidious creatures existed, much more different than the Albions, they but woke up one day and approached the Holomodorians, the people who lived in Holomodor. By approach, that is meant, they slaughtered them beyond belief, during the night when they were all sleeping, they turned brother against brother and while they were busy in-fighting, they slaughtered their young like cattle in order to feed the tubes.

Why are Jews so evil? One may ask himself.

One day in the future, there was a great ship filled with canons and harpoons and machine guns and subatomic missiles and long-shot artillery hangars with planes inside of them, head-finders that would melt any high-heat producing living being amongst other advanced weaponry. That ship was named USS Liberty. One day while it was at sea, a bunch of kikes came out of nowhere and began attacking them. It was a one died battled. A lot of American troops died, just like that, and being so confused because those kikes were supposed to be their allies, they just didn't fight back, although they could've completely slaughtered, disemboweled, and completely annihilated them just like the snap of one's fingers. It was horrible. And that, was soon after swept under the rug. It is obvious that kikes are mental invalids, but then again, so are niggers.

These things need not be described, as one can only experience them once.

What remains of the USS Liberty now lays inside a shipyard at the bottom of the ocean, where the bodies of its soldiers rest in, their number being much higher than the victims of the.

There was nice change in the camps, they were being allowed to breathe some fresh air for once.

'Hess, I think you're being promoted. Yes, sir, you are being promoted and allowed to go on a boat to the States, since the war is over, we surrendered.'

The bombing just happened all over Dresden, right after Germany surrendered. It was a Holocaust.

'As you may have figured out by now, the Yanks stole our heavy water and our German scientists and they perfected our nuclear weapons which in turn were used against us. They also destroyed most of our death camps, and killed most of our inmates we desperately tried keeping alive.'

Except Misha, who remembered everything he saw happen during his stay in the infirmary.

'You're being transferred to a different branch now, where you will serve with the Yanks, seeing how everyone seems to fear you, son, since you're a giant German. It is incontestable, that I've never seen something as frightful as this thing that stands in front of me. For all the terror I've seen happen during the war and on the front, I've never seem something like it.

I do not know what they fed you. I do not know whether there are others like you but if there are, God have mercy on our souls, because I dread to think what might happen to either of us if we lived in a world filled with giant Germans.'

And with that came the trials and the lynching.

Upon the end of the war, a few state figures were present in front of the captured high ranking generals as well as the other high-ranking figures like the officers and the soldiers as well as everyone else. This was the court.

The judges were as following, Lenin the conjurer, with his own, barely attached figure Stalin who stood by him, connected by a still oozing umbilical cord. A Rabbi standing next to them, a few Semite Congressmen and Coalstein who was called to attend the court not as a part of the jury but as one of the judges. A fair trial. A fair trial indeed.

All the Germans, including those that were not involved at all were also called to attend the trial since they were also conspirators, all of them, even the foreigners, even the people who housed or tried hiding the kikes were also conspirators, the children as well. The buildings they shot down with their tanks were not actually houses but modern Jew-buildings, filled with tribesmen. And every single one of them, including those who didn't, killed at least one Jew; the numbers started piling up. There were so many documents, which would never be shown to anyone else, but it happened nonetheless and they existed, just like Vatican library in which they apparently stored some documents but the whole Papacy was under their control as well.

'Coalstein, seeing how you're one of the judges, will you also attend the jury as well as the witness booth?'

Everyone in the Jury was a Semite also.

This happened after the end of the first world war and before the Holocaust happened.

'I will begin, if I may, esteemed members of the jury by telling you my story and how it all happened.'

He began retelling his story to minute detail, something that would be repeated word for word even eighty years prior and after the event as if he's written it down first then memorized it on its entirety.

'I was born in Germany, like any other German. I worked hard to earn a living and I helped my fellow; but out of nowhere, the devil came out of nowhere and he killed me.

His name was Adolf Hitler. He was an evil man, who did evil things and blamed it all on us. We never did anything wrong, we never hurt anyone, at all. Wherever we went, we tried helping the societies we lived in.'

One of jury members got up, pulled out a gun a shot him in the head. It was one of their own, but why would they do that to themselves?

The trial was cut short, and they were given a short break to readdress everything that happened. They would meet again in a week, until then, every single Deutsch man was put under house arrest, which destroyed their economy again.

The world was cyclic in some way, the field was a disaster, and Citadels rose from the bowels of the earth. A second world, a third one, a fifth and eleven more wars happened, all of the same time with the Bolshevik Revolution and the Communism spread and every other conflict known to many which

happened across the continent. It's no wonder that many of the documents got burnt, destroyed, annihilated, and completely torn to shreds. It was a chaos of destruction, of death.

Another flu came soon after from Spain, it spread across the land. Flights of mustard gas dropped soon after, being followed by Onionroofs which were demolition artillery-dropped bombs the Russians made against the forces of the West. The entirety of the continent was put under complete lockdown as it was forced to enter a period of death and decay, of decadence and of complete self destruction, the result of which was blood, the blood on which the Island was made, somewhere between Crime and Holomodor.

‘You see know, the Government was afraid that something like this might happen again. So that's why the project was being given birth to.

That's why the soldiers were created in the first place, to begin with.

They feared someone like the Conjurer who might cast a dark spell upon the world, just like in did in the past, as to summon the darkest, reddest figures there are beyond the world, gods such as the likes of which have never been seen before.’

But there was one thing beyond the likes of the Government, which was the life of Lenin, the diviner. He was born under the shades of a dark moon underneath the shades of a Carp that flew in the in sky during his birth, as he came out, with a little fetus-structure embed in a pocket inside his mouth. He had eaten his twin brother during their birth, and for that reason, he grew up to be much taller and much stronger than his dark brother, Stalin. Whom appeared inside a kangaroo-like belly pocket that stood in there, forever, at least until his eventual release. Ever since he was born, his was a tormented living, inside the dark-insanitary woods of Glorchorksimov, in a tiny village where he lived a peaceful life, undisturbed. One day in particular, during one his dinners, he was drawn out of his house. For he had seen the future at this point, at various points of his life, despite it not even having begun yet; he was met by someone who waited for him outside his house, in a heart of corruption and destruction which was both beyond the world and in it at the same time. As his ability to divine reality shifted the very place out existence and back in; he had eyes in which eyes and a skull inside his skull as was his every organ inside his every organ, and some of them were inside the Organ he kept inside the house, having been born in a wealthy family, whereas his mother was a Semite with big luscious lips and a great behind he didn't look at, for that would be mightily decrepit and something a man ought to not observe about his mother. His divinations created a head that looked like his own.

The Leninhead existed beyond reality and forced a siphon of power to enter his mind as he would record things that happened outside the realms of existence as to increase in knowledge, therefore in power, which in turn corrupted his already tainted soul.

‘Who are you?’

‘I am the great Ilias Leninhead, and I was born of your essence, master.’

And in that moment, he was stricken in the head with power, such as the likes of man was not meant to handle by himself.

Yet they were been made aware, of his presence, of such thing that could not be easily divined as to bring forgetfulness total to the likes of his mind.

There lay before him, a malicious entity by the name of Modyl, whom appeared during one of his lucid dreams, in the middle of the day. It wriggled around into existence as if it were some chitinous cocoon of various organic matters put together yet set to lay meltingly upon one another as they were but slowly moved out of their way, caught in a state of constant disintegration as they fell from the horned body of their god. It appeared to possess only one great limb that stretched to the right, or to his left, which looked like a giant jerking thing, like a fully fleshed humanoid leg which never rose nor moved about, a great almost shoulder-fat protrusion coming out from the point of its knee joint which was directly sprouted out of the body mass which in itself gave the impression that it was but a mere skin, a dark thing wore by something that would wriggle inside and crawl out only when hunger drew it so to move. Large hairs that looked like cords dropped from inside and melted on the surface of its armor, and little more than invisibly, partially formed little flies but came after, then went to be, then disappeared as soon as he could see.

It flashed into existence and brought with it but a strange thing, a flashing core, a little thing of no planet of its own.

‘You’re disturbing my doings, my wretched forebodings and everything I’ve set and done and whom would I have the pleasure as to have myself but set in mind?’

Lenin made a scissor-cutting motion with his right hand, cutting a good chunk of Stalin’s left side of the face. He wore it like a mask for a while. It looked like a falling star that seemed to glow at times, especially when he least expected it. There was so much power into it that he felt it as he moved along.

But what is a diviner?

It is a man who can look through the eyes of god, granting himself something near nigh-omniscience and night omnipresence, but only on the sides of the planet where there is a night to begin with, and these seemed rather limited to the world between the world that is to say that in which he’s currently residing into, for he was caught in some celestial dance, as one may come to believe.

He ventured into the bowels of darkness and made it through the war-trenches during a time of supreme stop where close to nothing happened by no means; a standstill between the worlds, but only during the night when everyone slept and most people were in their beds, except the people who were awake during late hours, in which case.

Blood managed to flow every now and then as it appeared just about the place, he’s seen one part of the world broken and embed on a thing which had been rummaged in for centuries and stoles of flocks that stood ajar, frozenly in air.

Some distant other-place:

‘Thou art a creature of Malicious intent, are thou not?’

‘Indeed I am, for I am made to be brought into view, to be cut through and devoured.’

‘I was created in a matter of days, was I not? In that case, would you care to explain why I’m still here?’

You have told me before that I was to have my limited existence shortened even more so than the time for my inception to occur; yet eighteen days passed and I am still standing. What is the reason for it?’

‘I see it fit for you to understand this much, I’m only trying to make you grit in place.’

They were a few more figures on this spot. They were incapable of pushing head and drawing out. They were incapable of making out what went on. Still speaking, she was still speaking, accusing the man in front of them of them. She didn’t understand anything, how could she do it.

‘You’re akin to a mother to me, but you don’t understand anything about the balance required to fashion like out of nothing, out of nothing at all.

It requires proper understanding of things that are not there. I’m only asking you to understand as much, my pursuit could end up into nothing, I could end up like many scientists akin to I, wasting my life only to achieve nothing, nothing at all. I’m only, I don’t know.

It’s something beyond me.’

‘You’re a making a man, aren’t you? That’s hardly something that doesn’t exist.’

‘Then you understand where I failed and why I’m, why I’m.’

‘Oriental mumbo-jumbo.’

‘What was that Claire?’

‘It’s the bed, it’s, you moved it away from the wall, it’s not facing the door any longer. What’s gotten into you?’

‘I created life, and that’s the only thing you’ve noticed?’

‘What else is there for me to notice? You don’t speak to me any longer, you’re simply playing with your toy-soldiers, then you complain all day and shout at me regardless of how hard I’m trying to make senses out of things, out of this.

It’s simply not working and you don’t seem to get it.’

‘I already told you I know what my expectations are.’

‘And that’s the thing, you haven’t done it at all, the fact that you’re doing it, despite knowing that it won’t yield you anything, it’s. It’s driven you away from me. I’m alone most of the time, even when I’m around you, It’s been months since I’ve been touched and I’ve been as faithful as any God given person can be, but I can’t.

I can’t understand what this thing you’re going through is and I will never be capable of understanding, or making you out. You’re just too stubborn, I can’t think of anything else.’

‘And what will you have me do then? Prince around the house pretending we’re a family? As if it’s supposed to mean something to either of us?’

‘I’m asking you to make a sacrifice for the greater good, for our greater good.’

‘That’s not what you’re asking me, that’s not what you’re asking me at all. You’re selfish and self-absorbed.’

Furthermore, you’re asking me to indulge in your madness, in this empty pursuit of what? Of nothing, nothing that is there; I don’t understand what you want, I can’t see it, you won’t tell me, you won’t touch me, you won’t even look at me because you’re engrossed in your work.’

‘Then who’s stopping you then?’

Because I’m certainly not, I don’t want you here, I don’t want you there, I don’t want you anywhere around my workshop or my house, or around anyone.’

‘There’s no one left you imbecile, I’m the only one here, I’m the only one you haven’t fully driven away, and you’re doing yourself no favor in driving me away from you.’

‘I’m doing myself a favor nonetheless in taking this stance. It must be you that I’m drawing an influence from, I need you to leave now; poison, that’s what you are, a toxin for my brain, I see no reflection in this room, I see no one else but you and that must be the reason for which I am creating man and man again. I cannot help myself, it’s hereditary, it’s venomous, I’m being injected with this delirious vision that’s been dictated on your terms.’

‘You don’t that mean that.’

‘But I do, Claire and I cannot know it unless I try. And I shall do it and I shall fail if I have to but I shall do it on my own terms, no matter what I have to sacrifice.’

They refused to reconcile this time around. This was it.

‘I’m not going to return if I leave now and I can’t leave things unfinished. If you have something to say now, this is the right time, this is the last time. For both of us and for you, I don’t think you can make it, whatever it is you’re aiming for.’

I think you’re going to die here, in this place, in your house, in your workshop, alone, not even surrounded by living things, or what those are.’

Cleat didn’t mutter a word. It was as expected.

‘Fare well then, I hope this experiment of yours proves to be worthy of your scientific pursuit and that you find solace in this grave of your own making.’

Because this is no martyrdom I see; but a grave of memories for all my time spent alongside you.’

It was a pale thing, that which pushed out of him, breathing, a stump made out of many stumps that ate his creations as soon as he was locked in alone.

He lived in a rotten carcass of a building after all. Still trying to find something out of a place that never existed, could only deform, defile and distort what he knew this far.

‘Distill a form.’

‘How could I in any case, are we not going to end up in the same manner again?’

Playing with your nasty things, I’m but reusing?’

It didn’t answer, at all.

Couldn’t be properly seen, the machine kept jerking here and there every time it got a surge or jolt of electricity, a bolt or an arch. Peculiar thing; upper part a man that was sleeping on the side, facing him, with its right arm but the mechanical shaft that poured out the electron-barnacle shaped cradles, the man’s head a weird shell with ropes hooks to the machine’s shoulder and itself, being placed upon a peculiar toeless foot-panel with many gizmos attached to it, connected to a larger body of generators that adorned his magnum-chandelier, a vague thing that looked like a giant iron clipper that was fused together with the ceiling, from the insides of which tiny melting creatures fell out of at times. They were in his mind mostly, that’s why he didn’t say much or did as they may, wouldn’t move as to bother. Or rather, the chandelier was a giant rib-cage protruding clipper, with two stress batons that seemed to bear some of the machinery that moved across the room at times. It was blasted, morose, he knew he couldn’t wait there any longer without bursting for another second. She left, she finally left, and it’s been only a couple hours already. He started at his machines.

Having put the man-creature down, the humanoid being but put inside one of the stagnant brim-black rider-devices. There was something lodged in the device, it was a card shape, ten of hearts. It almost felt like, he was almost disturbed by it for some reason, why was it there? It didn’t make any sense at all, yet it was. He could hear it beating as if it were three actual hearts in a hidden compartment he had no access in. He wanted to get a ladder but he forgot. Seven of them were present but they were barely beating.

‘Claire could you?’

She was not there, she left some hours ago. It was a hard, living without his most important assistant, since that meant he’d have to do everything on his own from this point on. He took a break.

There was difficulty doing things by himself, trying to function.

One day, he decided he remembered something. It was plain to see that men of knowledge could think themselves thinking of distant past, therefore recalling things to minute detail, regardless of the circumstance and mental illness as well as maniacal conundrum and whatever else they were in. Memory had dark wings and it jumped into hoops.

The castle of vileness was but one great piece in which lived, he bowed to the machines one day, seeing how he was left to die, starving.

And then one day, through which, it was divined.

That great Leninhead had come to answer such dark prayer as one might seem to be set on, as to bow to such countenance as for one to find himself thinking and reflecting upon the dark crown of his aegis-like aura that was but protruding through the squirming belligerent portal, he found solace in-between. Of such darkness as he'd seen before little was but made of such little things that were but to appear in his head and mind and at his hands as it but entered through the world not in one piece but through a deformed basin of filth through which it was gritted ahead. In darkness laying-never ending, pushed as if pouting, at a loss of words.

'Enough with your charades, you're slowing down, your sight is dim, it's as clear as daylight that you're beginning to stray off your path. And in turn you may commit the worst affront to humanity there is, the worst crime a human could ever make is creating something without a soul.'

This world looks down on criminals, liars, rapists, pedophiles, murderers, and whoever they see it fit during their time, morality has not meaning any more, but the world seems to have forgotten the worst crime of all, it seems to banish and skew that which endures. The greatest of sins a man can commit that being giving birth to a piece of soulless work; that which you've yet to come upon!

It's all too mechanic, heartless, cold and nothing can change it. The work of a man is but the reflection of his soul, in which case.'

'I tried, but it doesn't feel right.'

'It's not supposed to feel right, you don't understand because you're still confused, aren't you?

This is what happens when one stares for too long at something soulless, as he eventually becomes that twisted reflection, that carcass he's been staring at for so, so long. No mistake or learning could possibly fix that as it is not taught to someone, it simply is or isn't.'

'Then which one is it?'

'No one can answer that for you, I'm afraid.'

You're riding a dead beast after all; there's no rebirth, there's no world after in a world where one cannot conjure emotion. It's empty, hollow on the inside, falling apart just as it is. That's the basis of the pillars, of a foundation, of the framework of anything.

Without it, without those there's no reason to keep it standing, no structural integrity, nothing to fight for, no passion, no life; in such a world lying, stabbing, murdering, destroying, all is meaningless, mundane. There's just nothing there to keep the engines working. A victimless crime, a hopeless thing, a heartlessness that can't be put behind, again I must tell you this, you don't understand.

The worst of crimes stand out only because there's something greater and beyond them making it worth to keep them in line. And that's something beyond crime that seems to get blurred with time.

Unless you fully understand what that means, there's nothing here, there won't be anything in the future, nothing at all; empty fields, and nameless beings; meaningless shapes that are simply there for no reason.

But that is pointless, is it not?'

Asked Mouse, finally being met by Red, after such a long journey, they simply sat down and nothing else.

‘Why does it feel so bad not having a soul?’

‘I don’t know.

‘Why can others have it but not I?’

‘I do not know.

‘I can’t help it but feel jealous of them, I can’t help it but want what they have, what comes to them naturally, yet there’s nothing in there, no matter how hard I search, I can’t find it.’

‘I know.

‘What then?’

They were both silent for a while.

But what if there’s beauty in killing minorities?

There was the distant malign voice that yelled out of the sudden:

‘Can’t you see that the man without soul has no soul to begin with as to make something beyond him might not grant him the soul he desires in the same way a homo would adopt a child instead of making one of his own?’

‘I see but, what then?’

‘I shall divide the very atoms of my body and shall become evil.’

Lesion Sorbent said.

He was strong and others were weak.

Inside the town; he disturbed peace as soon as the first occasion came to drive him to do so.

What came forth, what drew after was the dampening armor that seemed to block, for every moment that passed on, every single passing ring and every sting and every pellet that had been shot against him.

‘You’re going to have to put more effort than that.’

‘Think you’re clever, ain’t you?’

‘I am good man, but say, where are we now?’

‘In the broken serpent; have you not looked at it yet?’

He considered as much.

It's been broken by the side, where they managed to find a way through. Twenty, or at the very least eighty growths followed through, unnaturally so, pushing, wriggling as if they had been forced to starve or at the very least appear when one expected it the least.

Lessermen and Trenchchewers pushed through. They appeared to be the ones in charge of fixing the serpents, of doing the fixes, the repairs. Seeing how they were much bolder, stronger, more immaterial, there was no wonder they acted the way they had.

Little things flying out of their fingers nails, not exactly, but they gave the same impression paper planes had, clipped together with bone cartilage they strung on strings, in order to create the same illusion they had.

'Munch together plains?'

'I see you're a painted man.'

Do spiders grow more anxious if you throw things in their web?

I've thrown a few finger nails inside it, to no avail.

Untrustworthy races needs to be killed, it is the failure to comply to the great rottenly wrought machines that brings destruction to all that which is made by the living beings of this world.

There is a remedy for every brokenly decayed, its face contorted, darkened hardened-masked as well.

'There is nothing worse than what's.'

And there were flying dragon-shaped large retractor organs that started flying around bloated at their bellies, where they opened only to revealed they houses billions of little men-shaped pearls that were waiting in curled positions, to be dropped and made to destroy everything around them in the most unnatural fashioned. Their wings were other people who were contorted into weird tango-like dance motions in which they stood. Little pops in the air followed, many go through.

Dolts were made to follow standing.

'I have a screwdriver.'

'What are you going to do with that screwdriver?'

'I am going to take it, then I will slowly drive it through your skull like a drill, going through your jaw right around the searing area where your slippery dumb-gums are in, then I will slit your throat from inside you, rapidly-vapidly progressing through your chest until I will have opened you so thoroughly that you will have become a largely bifurcated dumb-dead animal with little pegs shoved inside your bloody remains that will have been completely splattered throughout the room amongst your peers that are present in the room we are in, where you will stand here for a few hours until your nearest of kin, that being your family arrived. After them come forth, I will step in during their time of being unaware, after having stepped on top of your boisterous remains, stomping in as wide an area as possible, when I will grab your parents by the back of their heads, kicking their ankles off the floor, trying to prevent their

necks from being snapped just as I am slowly placing them in the right position. After they're placed so wonderfully flat, I will continue what I did to you.'

'How are you going to do it if you are holding both of my parents by the back of their necks if you are holding the screwdriver in one hand?'

'I guess I dropped my screwdriver before I even began, or may I already dispatched of them as to not be suspicious about what I'm going to do. But perhaps I already thought of this prior hand and I already made a trap, like a mine but filled with screwdrivers that pop around the place and bounce against every possible surface as for the detriment to my plan, I don't think the walls will constitute a problem, since they are made to fall, after I put something in them. I will have hidden, prior to this slaughter, that is now, various objects in them.'

'Are they bombs then? Is this room going to explode? Did you plan kill yourself for the entirety of this time? What are you going to do to me?'

'I didn't plant bombs but instead I placed special devices made out of spring-like corkscrew belts that are wrapped around a bunch of nails that are put together inside a thin magnetic ball that's filled with magnetic-pop disabling gas, that, once it's triggered, as in triggered by the pressure caused by the friction and the various motions in which it will have been rubbed against and for, it will pop, disabling the magnetic field in its adjacent area, while the nails will be thrown around.'

'Around what?'

'I suppose the bricks will block most of the force but a few nails will come out, maybe one or two nails a pop.'

'That doesn't sound like a lot of nails.'

'Yet we are in a room filled with many of them, which could go at about any time, just be careful, you never know when they might.'

I lied, I lied about the nails, you want to know why?'

'My interest is currently peaked, please allow me to indulge in that knowledge.'

'They are not nails but screws, therefore the screwdriver.' Bolts and such.

I years for those empty spots where they create; where they filled their own want as to satiate whatever needs they're asking for. Dreadful people move in place, there was a chance, all of the sudden, it made sense, some sense, as for whichever reason there would be no place to ask. Little dark things they hid inside of, always making a case out of what entered their brat's holds.

'Open the lock, now.'

'You're in no measure to give me any order.'

'I am what I am and I will take whatever measure there is to take away what I wish, not listen to me and listen to me good, because I'm not going to repeat myself, you still here?'

They were hardened.

The Cores

The core was fumigating and in its foaming broth there came creation, from that popping egg, from one of the billions of infinitely stacked together peculiar oblongs which in some unnatural way seemed rather forcefully caught and made to merge into the nearest plaster, object or something even eerily similar to it. One could but taste it where it stood, and always draw to the beast it shook, where its ugly head but wreathed in and out, where they appeared to be rather set in place. For the time being; eleven million fragments, put together through and through, from the cluster of which the birth was adjourned. Little more than a few hundred mouths followed just as soon, as they were fully into view they began breathing, slowly advancing into view. There was a wide opening in the magma chamber which surrounded the core, the one that mattered, the only one yet the many of them were there, under high command. It was something essentially beyond them, the things that floated in the air, always there beyond any possible reasoning, always but breathing as if through masks as if they were actually there unseen. Lactiferous by nature, bloated in-between, attached to one another, that is to say they were all dreadfully so, they manifested as if a lump of mouth but cherished itself as thoroughly as to float around and make it as far as it stood, in front of a dreadful spot, a place for it to succumb in, where it stood and wasted, there was naught.

‘I am manifested, the master of time, the lord of a limited time.’

It spoke, and there they baked its antlers, and the many unnatural, no nuance in its body, for he was but a simple man.

Yet he was given something no man had in the world, a watch that was not where, it ticked in his mind. Limited existence, in hearers savor; the blade that split his head in half, the watch that tufted his little coat, as he was set in time, right next to the entrance.

‘You are to enter and you are to attend.’

The door opened just as he turned, no longer in that burning hole he had been given birth, now he lay upfront and heeded, the elements but followed, his chest wreathed.

‘I am the lord of this house, allow me to introduce myself, Georef Farceworth, and I invite you to the In-Ictus Secundus.’

Which was also known as the gut machine, in which he lived with his dark companion, the sphere-ball, the eye, the servant who held it, a wretched abomination without toes but whom bore a curtain-like back protrusion-a device that pushed him out and again, wreathed in the botched job that was the corpse he walked in. As it just so happened for the servant to be a corpse without organs, him stopping at the rib-cage where he was entered a second corpse which was but full-bodies, put together as in stitched, like an unnatural thing, bolted with many iron stings and little more than a few nails.

‘Mine, all yellow stocks and stockings are but put on the floors, spread just about the place, do you reckon there’s something to it? Something I may stumble on if I were to say?’

If I were you, I would keep my distance, they are drenched in yellow liquidlife, liquefied from the boys we have taken from the plains of Mylthurning, they are but plain of head and lack feelings, ripe to be taken by any means and to be disemboweled in the most conspicuous manner.'

'Why would you commit such a vile act upon a child?'

Dersang Deranged but looked at the man as well as his servant, whom both looked ever so queer as, that's to say, they were but set, on a watch, stumbling about. Were it for either one of them to matter, or what came after, they would've stopped.

Now I've come to understand what I've left behind; but a feeling of emptiness I dread to know once I look again at what I used to make, what I used to create, the primitiveness that is what I, myself made once shower me with no affection any longer. I no longer year for that what is old and wasted, I long to think of clips of shows I've never seen, yet will not watch. I draw what I can from what I'm reading, but I forget it in as short a while. I sometimes look at the images of my father, of my grandmother, of every other family member, friend I used to have and every person I've ever come into contact with and I realize that I feel nothing about them either, it's of a much different kind than sociopathy, closer to selfishness than anything else. Being aware that they don't matter as much as seeing something new, different, pursuing something doesn't around much of a different feeling either. Regardless of it, science answers all and there's no doubt that they most likely come from the same area of the brain. That doesn't change a thing, disabling everything else, abandoning them, seeing things clear as a first in a long period of time, it's something no one should have to think about.

There's no grief for familial deaths, no reminiscence of there being any kind of feeling, just silence, simple unchanged and unbarred silence even when met by their tombs, their gravestones or being in their proximity is somewhat static in terms of memory, everything's controlled even to the minute detail and reaction. It's not something that's useful, or on the contrary, were to be a lack thereof would it mourned for. This thing but alienates others by whatever means there are.

And most importantly it doesn't work on its own either. Like a broken machine, it's made wonder. If I were to kill my dog, will I remember guilt or shame? Will I be punished? Should I? I sometimes, when on the same field I, many a times killed a lot of frogs, simply pull the leash, pretending she is a nigger. I stop just in time to kick her a few times, then I stop; it is something I do not feel proud of, but I only do it when she does something to annoy me, as in barking loudly and disturbingly in the morning despite me not even have approached her prior to her being startled. Indeed, I do feel that I sometimes let anger get the better of me, especially when I kick, punch, push and trample the dog. Why must I do this? I do not know. Yet at the same time I'm always reminded that I have to pick up small rocks and chuck them at cast in the most fallacious, malicious and inexcusable manner. There are many things I would do to my dog. Her name is Lolita, which is rather a coincidence since she's been named prior to my exposure to the novel. Yet I feel like, there's something I could never take my mind off.

I need to punish and beat her, because she is at the end of the day a female. And all women kind of need to suffer in some way or another by whatever possible mean. Not because I hate them but because I can and I will employ the means to cause as much pain and make as many of them suffer as often as possible if it is in my power and for my own satisfaction, unless they offer themselves to me. That is to say that I've come onto the realization that I do long to be loved by one, to be caressed, to be touched, to be loved.

Although those are things that could never be stored in my mind for long and are merely, rather fleeing moments that will but perish by the wings of wind.

Reason dictates thus. I could never stop looking down on them for more than a few reasons, that being not tied to an incapability to relate to them on a basic level but rather, it's tied to my incapability to see a future for them, even though man himself is incapable of long-term planning, it's rather clear. Their rigs are not things that will last forever, in whichever society that ever existed, for as long as it had, going as far as Sumerians, or whichever other cradle of civilization might be drawn upon, there's always been period of time when women were offered but equal or quasi equal place to that of man. Which in turn ends up as expected, being torn down and taken apart, just as many people expect it to happen, only to be regained once again, just like political leanings, everything seems to be cyclical. Everything draws their influence from the past, therefore it's obvious that man cannot go beyond it, it cannot escape its nature.

Good riddance, I say. They don't need rights, they need to breed and make children and not cheat on men. But not with other races than that of their own; otherwise they're not human.

Focus now.

'There's some kind of scenery no one wants to consider as such.

It's a Utopia, made in the only possible manner there is; beyond reasoning, beyond the usage of slavery, abuse and similar concepts alone. It's simply a place for the elite, a few of them, much fewer, drawing at the cost of as many lives as possible they ought not to be concerned with.'

But theirs isn't a joy that's eternal either, as there's no creature that's ever to be satisfied by whatever means one could physically employ upon itself, physical disablement forced on women and dogs.

I have a tendency of threatening people, especially women. Men don't show tendencies of carrying on with their threats, for them, it's supposed that it's not a real threat by any means, but a way of communicating with a female. They seem to take it largely weighted and in a serious manner.

A night of evil is all there is.

What is there for man to do if not to employ the means of punishment upon a broad?

Then again, those are things that yield and say nothing, nothing at all.

There needs to be something to the language. In ways of which something can be shaped or used, made to be, as it to conjure itself uncannily, or rather. Something beyond it; something relating the way in which it's used to, beyond expression, being fashioning and crafting objects. A vacuum of some kind, like a simulation, something that could affect itself in the empty and keep working despite the way it is. Like a dark room filled with gray gradients, something that could be filled in the same way a computer program would, but at the same time; it needs to latch itself to the visual component of the brain, the visual aspect. But how would one know how those things exist in the first place?

Why am I such a fucking loser?

I shouldn't have skipped class and grinded meaningless monsters for hours, come to think of it, my worldview is rather stapled inside this room, which I never seem to leave that often. With the disablement of the only means I could communicate to other people, I'm trapped, I am trapped and I cannot get out. My 'viciousness' is unaltered. Said the boy.

'I've never carried a real conversation with a woman or a minority, that includes my mother as well. I might never will.

Sometimes people snap their fingers in my face inside the subway, asking me whether or not I'm insane because of my facial expression. Yet I simply ignore them. One day I wish I could get some tire iron and bash his skull open and piss in a jar-something rather unrelated.

There was one time my sister came in to aid my mother with something, during the holidays. As usual, when she comes in, I never leave my room. I don't like interacting with her, I don't want to see her, talk to her or have anything to do with her. She was there for at least half a day and I had nowhere else to go.

So I simply took a vase and I pissed in it, then, I walked over to the window then discharged its contents over some place. Luckily there was a rain that followed and there was no trace left of what I've done.

I also did it four times. That is to say, it could've been avoided, it was definitely something that could be avoided.'

The pee was red and the wretched lumps in it grew on top her window, crying in a bottle's bowl.

By now, by all means one might've already figured out that I may be a horrible person who said and who's done a lot of terrible things. I'm am childish, a prude, infantile and I am too lazy to do my own work and rewrite anything. And I will end up harming more people along the way because I cannot help it.

'What is wrong with my memory and why can't I help myself? It is a great question; regardless of it, there are more important things that one needs to somehow pursue, as for the lack of knowledge and obtaining it by whatever means there are. Is there no low I would not take? I do not know.

Why can't I stop obsession over women I've interacted with over a year ago? Or those I've barely but laid eyes only once?

I do not trust women, and I condemn that kind of behavior that involves such a horrible, worthless fiend, I would employ such means of punishment on them such as the world has but yet to feel, let alone see.

If all art is indeed propaganda, what am I propagating? I do not know, I do not know at all.'

'They were walking there.'

It's been, at the very least a few hours since the dreaded finds had split themselves open, walking on the dark bridges where they had killed but the last destroyed refugees of beggars and other creatures worthy of exterminations such as cripples and the deformed.

Vile thing inside the room, upon which bred upon such swoon it walked. Dreadfully as well as cast, upon the trenches of a cast; which looked benign as none to see, breathing rather eerily; it came out of nowhere

and would but spare to go, it would attain a searing glow. If one were to look at it for more than an hour. Wretched needle-mark, it was there, upon the great amass, where it stood at last, upon a back valley it had been finely shaped, as hundreds of other marks alone would remain and dream forward, the substance seeping through, like a sea of atoms, nuclear but dipped in sinew.

The inferiority of its lower exposed bowels only contorted as it approached, they were no clippers, no pincers and nothing more of a serpentine elongation than to bore a giant hole through which the squirming liquidities that were trapped inside its pouches began threading along, as if someone but started making as many holes in them as possible, they spread, all around the head of the tunnel where heat was but made. And they sang 'go, go, approach the row'.

It had, in as much of an antiquated fashion, the dreadful satisfaction of its solidly obese shape, that had threaded forth and entered them as soon as it could be allowed. It appeared out nowhere, singing, yet to join them in their call, as if a more disabled giant lay there, one made of many shapes and pursing lamps of meat which cast beneath them but perils. Of many broken through hedges that fell, through the ceiling entered them, a few, much much-more longer men, with spears that wore butterflies, whom looked upon the men in flights of dyes, colored as the room just were, they spoke to them, at which, be weary of their speech, one said, they will make of us what cast out there. Out with us, from paradise, out from where we stand and where we run.

'I am Jordan Hallow, allow me to introduce myself and tell you of where I lay, in the strange conundrum I've felt myself but dragging away and dragging through as I've worked in my family' compendium for at the very least twenty years on and off. I seem to have startled you, haven't I? That is precisely what I was aiming for, irrevocable youngsters with pain in their eyes.

I see that many of you have already acquainted yourself with I, for I have met either one of you or none at all during the journey that has been taken around the world, though I would rather be resilient enough to have myself be taken out of place, out of the scenery as much as you should know.'

The man there, as resilient as he was, appeared to be rather onset on trying to win them over again, especially since, if he had recalled, there was a perfidious young boy, of the age of eleven forth. He was accompanied by his two sisters who were there at account of which, they looked over him. Rostoban Ann, that is to say, the two girls were standing behind him, but trying to thoroughly hide themselves from the queer eye the man seemed to bear on them. He had seen them, unless candidly mistaken, in a rather awfully crowded stop.

'I recall now, you must move your preppy little box of candles off the middle of the road. I say, you must leave as soon as by the time I'm done counting to the count of ten and no more. Or I will have you taken to the high-office and given a fine, a worthless thing you are.

Knowing as much you will probably have yourself mistaken for a little dumb thing akin to asking for trouble, you little troubadour-winged dresser, in what world have you found yourself in this time to lay yourself lankly stretched amongst the joint-be-shed across the ground-floor?'

'Dear man but can't you see that I'm in a rather upset that you would ask me this, but if you would be so kindly as to make a plain offer to a lord-god given man, were you to invite me to, what I have no doubt to

be your fancifully humble abode, I would much cherish our conversation much further than to stall. Will you invite me to come?’

‘I shall, if it means clearing this blasphemous thing there is in front of this dully plain field you’re standing before, you must come with me at once as we shall begin reeducating you at once. Unless I am wrong in which case I will have you slapped and beaten and put into a hobble; in which case I feel no sympathy for plans and tricks and belittlement that as we all know require no dreams and no wits about it.’

He concurred and took the young man off his scolded scuffs.

He was taken for a plain man of head and watched, but was not dragged along beyond his own intention to follow, for whichever reason might be said and settled through, he was no beggar yet he dressed like one who knew of them or heard there was a lousy-minded aristocrat with a mind for searching through, a tuft, and looked about the man, painstakingly dressing him as much as could a man just do it, as to refrain himself from everything that happened as well as they arrived, upon the Arabesque-carpet he was met to stand. And wait there for hours until the man would have his fine dine, watched carefully by the servants as not to be stolen from when came about and asked what happened after; wretched about the hour.

‘Will I be allowed to have a potty break?’

‘Good man are you but a child to ask of such a thing? No one’s asking you of anything, no one’s making, let alone forcing or contorting you for reason, you are free to go in plain of day, no one’s forcing you to stay.’

‘Subvocalization helps with memorization; Subvocalization is connected with the voice. Reading out loud makes you more likely to remember things; tape effect. Skimming through a text decreases comprehension because there’s not enough time for the Subvocalization to take effect. Expert writers activate the same part of the brain as the basketball players, but instead of drawing from image part of the brain, they draw from the speech part. Writing too fast means more mistakes because the brain makes connections between the words. I.E. remembering what they’re spelled like. Could be connected to reading fast, chunks of words recognized, only a few key letters being seen in order to be recognized. I.E. perhaps the normal form of the word. They might be remnants of the primate-brain man has; reading and writing being just silent speech. Would need to rip someone’s voice box off his throat and from his insides in order to test this; or at the very least create some false pretense as to claim cigars cause cancer before butchering the patients in order for experiments to proceed. Yet memory could be at play here. Neuroscience shows that the brain doesn’t make the difference between reading about a place and being there; listening to the narration of a book or reading it. Yet the latter has multiple processes involved, therefore the narration is but an incomplete form of reading. But the people whom were tested weren’t asked whether or not they had been exposed to previous imagery of the already existing place, therefore reading might simply just activate a ‘compilation’ of imagery, videos, and other bits that are already present in the brain. Those things haven’t been tested on a feral child, like ‘Genie.’ Would need to be tested on someone who has been under severe isolation before the prior testing, as to obtain unbiased results out of the studies; regardless of it, all languages, if a man who knows multiple languages is used as an example seems to tell that the languages all come from one region of the brain; those being specific sounds, yet another mechanism is involved into, that means. They may be in the same region of the brain,

yet they're grouped together as in clusters. Memory keeps check of the clusters. Could be that words are diamonds in the rough, whereas their sedentary geological state is the full form of the word, but that doesn't make much sense unless someone's reading too fast and tries making out the words out the pile. Since reading out loud only helps memorization when it comes to unique words, one hasn't tested whether or not this could be a useful tool, reading sentences silently but reading the specific words out loud. It could have a detrimental effect on the comprehension itself, that alone hasn't been tested; as it would but disturb the reading flow amongst everything else. I wonder what Quint is up to.

Main point: Individual studies are useless unless they're crisscrossed and accounted for; correlation will always never, under any circumstance mean, lead or equal causation, unless there's enough evidence coming from multiple sides and as many interlocked objects, studies, and notes as for there to be something solid to grasp on. As in, intercrossed experiments need to be made, re-tested and re-account for everything previously learned. The problem there being further funding being required since it doesn't just happen ever so often for someone to invest in such further experimentation. And it's doubtful that I am the first person to have considered it, merely it's an acquiescence or reverberation of someone who has either yet to draw light on the problem, which applies on every field of expertise, or has yet to be heard.

Although, that may not be the main point; rather than, if they're the same region, of speech, if one were to somewhat adapt his speech pattern to his prose, would that somehow aid him in the way he talks? Or would he end up sounding pretentious? It's hard to tell but it's something worth pursuing since there seems to be related mechanism at work.

There seem to be three methods of speech, those being the Subvocalization- silent reading, out loud, and the medium kind of speech that is to say, talking with your mouth close which seems to be a combination of the two, with minimal tongue-movement that appears to be an iteration of the Subvocalization or a much louder version of it that seems to create the illusion of being much closer to the ear, cause by throat noises and tongue, in the same way ventriloquists talk. It is yet to be known whether or not this can be a useful thing in studying and it could by some means trigger the tape recorder effect and might be put to better employ for memorization than speaking out loud since it is slightly faster and more convenient. While covering the ears, most importantly, covering the ears with both hands while either reading out loud or reading with your mouth close as to create an echo chamber, as this is but yielding a much greater effect, since the sound is somewhat amplified. Talking that way appears to make the sound come out of the nose, yet the sound is much closer to the ears if they're covered.'

Lo' there was as much to be, little darkling in to be. Rabid in their wake, awaking, dreading what they could in their wake; as much as they could, always going into one direction or another. Stumbling on dark feet what appeared to be the fiends inside the house, their bloated guts but open now and brought back together in their wake. A few minutes passed as they went along and pouted.

Distraught a man shouted.

'I've been sent here by the Core.' Cherish the moment, thought Elliot Kinden, who had appeared to have a face protruding out his chest, like piece of armor chattering as if it could no longer be kept under such distress there was. Dread came upon the hour. The creatures inside the room reconciled.

‘Elliot, you’re the first humanoid to arrive inside the house, although your shirt has become a face, I see no reason why you wouldn’t fit the bill by any means.

I require something out of you, seeing how you’re but a humanoid, I have to ask you something I never considered asking a man. You need to rip off that face off your chest and bleed to death inside the premise of my house, so thoroughly that you’ll have to be run dry by the hour.’

‘And for what reason might that be if you don’t mind me asking?’

‘I need to figure out whether or not you can be bled.

There’s something about the way.’ Collar-Co sadly couldn’t see a way to put other than that.

‘It’s just something that has to happen, I can’t explain it, and you most likely wouldn’t understand the need for you to bleed. It’s rather, hardly something that ever would matter for any other man, but I ask this of you.

Consider as follows. If you don’t do it, I might have to snick up inside your room and do it myself or at the very least ask my servant who’s under my employ to do it, in which case I assure you that he won’t work as gently and quietly as I would if I were in his shoes.’

There was pain and suffering in the pint marches, where the odorous malign seemed to dread moving from below of. A little more than eighteen hundred thousand deformed alleles-bifurcated animals trudged as they came along, imbued with no more than a hundred deformed grown upon features that appeared to spread in the thin air as they moved, slowly moved, trying to moved their ugly rears into view. Large truncheon worth, all bearing what appeared to be a most inconspicuous amount of put-through livid-cannons that shot holes into the manor.

‘I suppose that calls for a short break, does it not? Stewart, lead them to the guest chambers before they break in, we’re under siege now.’

With which they took the moment to reconsider what was going on. The large beast returned. Wailing about the hour in its putrescent form, open ribbed, but with the insides of an upturned ship that had the hollow inside, legless but moving along as if the sails were its spectral robe, that only carried along. Darkly in the matter fact kind of way, it pushed, chained around the ribs, with many a lynching, it dragged, what appeared to be a perilously close to an unfathomable number of nigger-skinned corpses that were brought along.

They were of little matter now, since they squirmed, but inside their heads what was to be, it could be heard, a sonorous chant, that would be heard by anyone who was born of dirt as it sang and drew along, it waged.

‘More than a little nigger, and a nigger comes to strangers.

They come in little droves, little blacks, they come and steal.

Look alive, they come to take and take away.

There’s nothing standing in their way, for that’s the life a niggers has.

He steals what he doesn't have.

If you sees him on the streets but take him.

By the collar, in the making, hang him by the tree you must.

And lynch that nigger, down him cast.

Into most hellish escape, where his brothers might behave,

With little devils like their kind, they are,

And more than a few of them should be lynched, as far.

As niggers seem to think, it's clear that they can't be seen.

Not as human, human kind.

It needs to lynch disease of most benign.

Cut the cancer before it spreads, cut the nigger, now he's dead.'

With which they aroused a mightily distraught suspicion, they were open-mouthed, bloated to spare, most of them were made to bleed, profusely asking to be spared. But the beast would not, as much as it could be brought inside, it rested momentarily in awe, in the corner of the house it bore itself through the last time, which was left in such decrepitude, as to be torn to pieces, and rods of maceration pulling out of him as if he had been storing them along. While in there, his servants but continued the assault. Being less distraught than anything, he no longer stooped nor wasted, instead, as obvious as it could be, condescending to such rotten skin-tension, it came. And approached for the lack of remains, it made inside the upper rooms a fire. It came out of a bottle he carried, having had removed the lid, the creature looked inside of it and felt it, a gloom-filled smoke that broached the skin, leaving a limp-thing to it that felt around, within the hour. Like a fleeting leg it leapt, and jumped around the room, no fire spread, as it was fire-proof, tempered with by hands that left marks, ritualistic symbols all around them, cave-men paintings with little more than empty thoughts seemingly remarking the most nastily forlorn things a man could come up with. Part of the house was taken just as soon, it would be delivered from where it stood to the most capricious part of the world. Where the claps and pincers, elongations would but spread it around, making sure the machinations would munch.

In the world there was quiet, but all distraught in a matter of a few glances, a few fleeting moments that could not be controlled and made for.

Water was dangerous from the looks of it.

Even watching it from the distance yielded as many results. It popped like bubble wraps being squeezed out, right after the after-shower water ran out through the drainage. What remained began leaving small egg bottoms, depressed into the bath tub. Hot iron coals in skin, the wheel of torture being spun. It was wrong, too wrong, the apartment seemed too plain to see, pictures off colors and off the placate machines. They were there as well, floating in the air, struck frozenly by ripped-off fists which bled forever in the moisture of the floor. The wooden cartilage turned into what seemed to be a red-filled oozing two by two,

having shrunken until the dark edges of what seemed to be beyond the walls got drawn in. Like an open market of organ trafficking sold by large insects whom had them put on top of linen sheets they chained themselves to as to pull them out when the trade was needed, chains being wrapped around their insect cartilages as well as through the edges of the sheets. From the looks of it, the flying machines were rather stuck there only the pounding that had been frozen there, but only one arm at a time, with one exception, in which case, who was the one who's done the cutting? It was strange yet unexplainable unless there were multiple people involved. This corner of the house was vaguely sealed from the rest of the general prelate. It seemed too convenient that there was no living there to attest to what happened here. What was even strange was the weird pattern in the glass man that was there but wasn't. Two windows, one open, one closed. He was in-between, in the air-projected but only seen when one somehow placed himself right at an angle where they intersected one another. Blotches and trances, it made sense, the glass man was in the glass eye which was inside of him, which was but a reflection in the sky. When three kinds of distinct glasses overlapped on top of one another, an existing glass, the glass inside a glass eye, and the empty after image left by a glass window that isn't there any longer, a Glassman reflection may be projected in the sky. A seagull flew just by; incapable of seeing the Glassman, it simply flew into it then fell on the ground and died, completely being blown out into a canary-like weird pyramidical at eight tops, as it from the hill-like mold it had become after being splashed on the ground, eight sharp shapes came out of it.

A predatory thing it was, the pyramids opened and revealed stalk-like bulbs that wrapped around one another like strange thorn bushes. The form leaving enough to be seen, to be made out of, the hill region of blood white feathers and cartilage, the pyramids which were the multiple beaks the creature bore, the thorn bush region that was significantly higher than the rest of them, being placed on a slight raise of a few centimeters above the beaks where the stalks were straight-like line-pipes, whereas the top region looked chaotic, and squirming-black as if it was a swarm of flies that creates a small illusion of black bands being constantly turned in place. A little extension came out of it, vaguely flying around uncontrollably so.

Marymoor went around one of the arms, made a fountain of his put together open hands and filled it with an ounce or two worth of blood. As he made his way past it, back the window, he saw the small speck of a limb suddenly disappear from sight, and right as he began losing some of the blood that was already pouring through the open gaps left between his fingers.

Clot devoured completely by flies.

'There are defects in what I am; it is undoubtable that I am wrong, my hands are tinted with glass. They are made of glass.'

He looked around, realizing that he was already put through one of the empty sill through which he was already put through, again, as he turned, rightly so. It looked like he was still there, with his hands in the open-window sill. But that corner was everywhere around him, regardless of where he turned. Marymoor was a standing cylinder, or that's what he saw around him. Another window, another window, another window, another window, another window and all of them open. His arms no longer attached to his torso but endlessly frozen in the air, with him always putting himself back together as if he were a toy; while the ground was but made to look like overlapping sheets forming a flower, every single one of them stacked like falling over dominoes, in a queerly set motion that wouldn't stop. It all looked normal once his movement lost the momentum, as he merely stopped to rethink his position.

‘Wretched thing, are you not?’

‘I am, but who is the one asking?’

‘That would be I, for I am the one who’s been spying on your for some while now, I couldn’t help myself, and I think we both know what the reason for it is.’

‘What did you see?’

‘Made your way through and seemed likely, as one could tell that you would do something to the paneling in question.’

‘How much did you see?’

‘Only as far as you pulled them out, all four of the hidens; to which I can only tell you as much, you need go out of your way and make it so they don’t hear us, not here while we’re in their hearing range. At the very least, I think it would be something close to, indeed, ten, eight, nine, fifteen, they’re pacing around from the sounds of it.’

And all four were there, bloated and grown, thrown around the mark, paranoid growths on top their backs, rooks and kings on concave checkerboards, wrapped and pushed through, with little pincer-a-like matches that were but cylindrically pushed out and inward and then extending. Control of blood and bloated little things that followed out of light and could barely be seen, forming strange caddish necks wrapped around their cartilage bends, always dreading to come out more than needed, always pushing out, and heeded, they seemed to walk in panes, entering and scourge themselves inside as well, where they hide the standing men, none of which were yet devoured, none could be pinned down or stricken after the strange shower that followed through. Freshly bloated, one man survive, now awakened he simply leaped out of the hovel and but entered one of the strange master, as he had in mind. To yet control and enter him as soon as cold limbs touched the floor. It fit in like an armor, as these air parasites were wrapped around him yet under his control by every mean. Seeping in and out, as if would do. Large bowels put through, like little pins that struck magnet mines, and gold nuggets in the sky, with the exception of it being one of the closest walls one could lay eyes on. Seeping through they feared; wouldn’t approach before it happened or moved along, and before long their negrous filth could be seen, flayed and stuck to the walls as they decorated the halls of a hunter whose adorned halls but pushed through. And little courage made of pain, and more than enough of them just cut like little monkeys at a little taxidermist flamboyant garden, where he’s hanged most of the queer fellows by the throats of their pets and made all melt under heath.

‘Hearsay, hearsay, I think there’s a bottle there and there I may go, I think we should but wonder which one.’

‘But what and what has come onto you now? What has come and where to lay and where might I make the initial cut then?’

‘You must cut off my pocket, for that’s where I hid the liver-dimes. I hid inside them but a few little worming delights you may come to like.

Cells are but a tool you must use and see.’

‘What happens past the curtains? I hear noises.’

‘You need not bother.’

He was already being changed, as the parasitical embracing armor was but a call to the hidden human’s most primitive brain as he had become, and he were to be, of wretched needs but uncannily, he was also there, a few feet away from where he stood, like a oozing projection but he shook himself off standing, wretched himself in place.

All the time in the world and not a single moment passed through, as to remind himself, he’s seen and he’s been and he’s done something to get where he is, like a little man-to-do.

‘I think I’ve been spared from you, now I can walk purely wherever I wish.

You may enjoy this past body of mine, for I walk on a celestial path that may never put me in the wrong, in tool other men might not put to use I wish not disturb about.

A soldier I am no more, I’ve paid my due and I go ahead and dine with Mor.’

Therefore and just as much, there was no question as to see the blameful face that had possessed the man as he carried on then was lost along the way, no longer to spare and the other things that were there. SO many of them so prettily disgusting as they came. Large and blue, blue and blue, and ultramarine, they were popping all around and they were eerily but pigmented that way and looked so bizarre as they appeared out of nowhere and but pigmented everything in flashy things like the pseudo glow wings that were attached to them, although they moved as if someone was holding little basketballs or baseballs that had metal iron-strings attached to them that could be moved everywhere where it was needed, then it could only work this way. One could see through them but they weren’t completely transparent, as they would appear in his brain, a man would only hear the beating of the glowing wings that were only superficial and didn’t work at all. And they horns that were formed piece by piece then receded in and the horns looked like fully extended fingers that came out of an ivory hand that was there and it had an ivory eye as well that blinked with ivory fragments of ivory shrapnel that appeared in the air and in the ground and moved about the hour, then appeared in the parasitically entranced body as he was put under their command. Its eyes were then blue and as it happened, the blue patches that were floating in the air like puddles left by falling drop of paint were not only weirdly peculiar, but they were but entered through by the strange Parasitical Parasol Jo who was the initial culprit-the man with the body that was harm of evil and put through the most derangedly obfuscate little pecker that came out of his chest, forming an even more peculiar transformed mutation with many reeling back in-and-out heads that appeared to leap around the room, as they but extended out of mechanical throats that were attached to the strange rounded belts inside of them, drawing what they could from around the room, as the lights jeeringly flashed in and out, right before the first time it had entered the first floating puddle of blue. To see it as it was, he was but in another dimension but not entirely, one that had the entirety of the ground above him, yet he was not entered, he was but a patch of solid tridimensional blue while he was also in the manor at the same time, only pushing in and out when he couldn’t control himself any longer, seeing the most peculiar flashes of pink and red and yellow glares and flares that entered his heart and filled him with such joy and elation such, as it was likely no vile man had ever seen, dreading to enter a front of quiet and desperation as he saw flowers and plants gloom in the most peculiar manner. Forced as if to go through trenches of

dark, he saw little apricot-buns that were glaciated with the cold decay of a world that was left underneath a giant pile of unnatural, hard to look at mold and rat-dust, from a time in which it had been uncanny yet to waste. Dark hearts following through, wallowing as they suddenly gloomed and got a cheerily cherry red apple glint and tint to them which followed through the sudden urge to look around. And all was well. Leprous mouth and open teeth, where he waited in for hours.

He had his cartilage come distraught around his lower side of his body as well as his other side, bore a little jar in his right hand, twenty five dynamite sticks in it.

‘Come on Frank, we’re expected.’

‘I don’t know, I think I’m going to stay in this place for a while now. I can’t explain it, but the idea of. It just struck me but the idea of being a criminal somehow appeals to me.

Not the petty stuff but you know. Trying to brainwash people into committing mass genocide, armed robbery, botching women’s throats split open and pissing down their drain shaft, and I think the right idea just occurred to me right now.’

Dalton, Dalton, he kept calling it.

‘I think I’m going to shove this jar up a dumb broad’s cunt then blow myself up with her. Yeah, sounds about right.’

Think logically now, they can’t notice you now. Don’t be nervous, they’ll be able to smell it from a distance. His seed was his bullet, women are all robbers, whether or not it is the government, the people or the men they’re using to get ahead in life. He had two guns with longer shafts, with bullets that curved at the top as soon as they went out, like a smoke trail of evaporating lead.

They were aimed-reclined.

Killers are yet to kill as long as they’re dry. They are killers for as long as their first victims are dry. Killers can only kill for as long as their first victim’s body is still warm, for as long as they survive, that is how they die.

Neither of them made it through.

Piss-stains on the walls followed just as soon before they could stand on their arms as well.

It was far beyond their power to move, as long as they could listen to what was going on, nor would they, nor should.

‘I see that we share a reminder, of the man who wrought this world between his eyes, it’s an eerie thing isn’t it? In some way, no, no, I don’t think that will do.

They’re gutless?’

‘Not in terms of their body composition. ‘

‘Tall, I see the land, we are approaching.’

Both of the supporting hardened basins appeared to hold it up. From the looks of it, at the very least a few hundred floating platforms were barely touched, put around the rims of a satellite-belt like holding cell that was revealed to them as soon as they approached.

Boarthram and Simmerm touched it, right beyond the rims of their fingers, before they could make a fully-fledged contact with what seemed to be the end of the life-forms they were reeled back in, as if they were but drawn in and out whenever the force that kept them locked inside willed it. They were incapable of coming to their sense-arousal, everything was static to them, almost lividly dilapidated by some manner. They were still incapable of putting themselves past it. As it drew around and finally spoke. It was alarming, but it drew near, like a tiny blocked in place, little nurse with no face and no way of properly being, a property of the stars, she opened her mouth, though she looked humanoid her speaking orifice wasn't. Widely opened and contorted like a rising tiny circles that pushed about the other half, the farther end of her mouth being just put through so much of a less agitated mark. Slits appeared just about it. From which came the beam-like pushes, little pockets unpacked just as soon as they were left about to seethe through.

If there was something, if there was anything that would take the mind away, it was the strange ship-like growth in her back, drawing out energy and little specks of light from many of the adjacent platforms surrounding it. Living wretches like her were not to be surrounded or approached for long. They were become the space around them, the air, seeping in and out. As they saw her become, stretched upon the ship, as she was bore through it; no longer looking humanoid if only vaguely could it be called, no longer could arms or legs be seen but elongations which flew around the room as they appeared to be everywhere, just about and right beyond it. Where they couldn't see whether or not the ends of its limbs disintegrated or somehow were become it; I have a balcony filled with spiders and they're as big as the creature that stood inside of them. They are unnaturally shaped unlike this creature, giving it at the very least the unfathomable appearance of a large deformed cracked scope in the middle, as if the organic matter was fighting for control while being constantly subjugated by what seemed to be an unnatural amount of dark energy that seemed into it. Yet sparkling teal-green, whitish could be seen as they popped, as it drew about in its chest then out. Heaving around the place, seething for what seemed to be a bothersome broad-stroke around its unnaturally set face. Dread had taken hold of her eyes, if it was a her or that unnatural state she took was only meant to serve as the men's most distasteful embodiment of evil, in which case, suffice to say, it yielded as likely as there would be results.

Terrible tongue she was speaking in of ill and more malformed-in buckets kind of way she appeared to have been fully if not nigh-entirely submerged inside that terrible thing she was become, having finally split in the middle like a reversely blooming flower that pulled everything in and out. A bulk of strange objects in the purple tinted almost fall through if seen below the feet kind of way, if they had actually walked on the sight of the horizon vertically speaking. There were twenty largely concave-point at the middle inwardly gnarly hand-like things with long stretched elongations that stopped fifty feet in front of them before they began growing tubularly upwards, having finally receded into one of the flying pocks that waited for it, where the growths began pumping in and out, no longer being capable of slowing down, as the main-mass was completely encompassed with wild forms that could not be distinguished from the most unnatural of destroying touches, many marks and many foot-hand put-through pushes finally disabling themselves as the many body-casts death-masks without their heads began appearing from every possible direction, being pointedly thrown at them, before they stepped back. A dark ship filled

with utmost unnatural malformations had brought what seemed to be a single speck of mold-like grown in petals- most deceitful of creations, base-like plant forms with angular wrapped-in skin-beds wrapped around them, with the pillows having grown at the top, dark plates that were but partially if not entirely inwardly depressed as they hid hundreds of viscidious melts, as wild attempts to push away from the bowels out of which they stood, in part-stranded, on the side-erect. As the ship opened, the strange energy drawing creatures but reeled back in some of her limbs only to have itself planted, furthermore into one of the ships that appeared, eight more having already made their way through, completely evacuating the sky of the unnaturally flying-distraught creatures. Many of the platforms themselves had already puffed themselves up as to look like wild balloons as their vigor was yet to be known, having already poised one another for as quick as an escape as they could but put themselves through and soon after, their they were already touched, or had touched what seemed to be a good chunk of the sky, dilapidated as it were, they moved like air-tunnels leaving their mark behind, every second spent in the air, or the strange imitations that could be felt just as murky in the air had but wreathed in and out, jerking as hard as it could as every puffy-feeling surrounding it filled the sky with a guzzling scent, a strange color change having changed it to a strange almost insides-of-a-man kind of red, although puzzlingly, it could be seen around the time they both looked in the distance that there were plenty of stored in men whom had been taken before them, who had been clearly mastered and put to waste before they could even come to their senses and realized that they were slowly being conquered themselves. And it was a feeling unlike any other, one might even describe it as being divine by some manner. As their bowels turned, as their feet were toeless and no longer could they be placed with whatever else there laid around. No longer could they fathom standing, or sitting or being in the same spot, as they wallowed through, almost in such a salient manner, as they would've been most likely disemboweled if they even flinched at the approaching images. They whom were like- them were brought in, though they were not men, humanoid and no creation, whom looked like hollow-key spots from the distance until they approached. Until the hairs that made the man-casts seemed to be completely worn out as they were but soon revealed for what they were. Many of these elongated tunnel-like things, which crawled like centipedes, or ear-crawlers were but thin inside, but they were sponges. From the hollowness which was came, the humanoids-shapes that were put one in front of the other in front of the other attached as If they had been standing in line inside the tunnel drew along on a peculiar deformation-like access, from which their long work through pincer-tweezers' like limbs started puckering and manipulating the men in whichever ways they desired, being incapable of drawing breath.

Boarthram was the first to pull away, thinking himself capable of withstanding what went through their heads. He was worn out by a coughing fit that had by now completely accumulated inside his throat, be it as it were, it was something he could not get away from by any means, having already accumulated a great set of put-through, large tubes barely being seen before they woke up on the side of the Core. It stood there, lodged on the side of the room, dripping as if were open, a growth of cages surrounding it, as if they had encased themselves in an utmost severe layer of protection.

It was the failing of a moon from the looks of it, or the side of a swollen star. Rather on-set on trying to leap about from where it stood, like a little dark eyelet in a brothel; without the means of singing, it bore. A dark little star was it no more, for it whispered itself away. Disappearing before its time could even draw it along the way. As much as they could breathe in what was going there, it made no difference whatsoever.

They could feel it even there, though there was no sign to show. Simmerm showed signs of pollution, his mouth was openly concave, a giant tubularly faced parasite bulb-boil came out of his mouth instead, from the insides of which a mounted turret like gun with many shoo-ta-barrel tube-like speaker appeared to come out of with many small mechanical black hands with faces on the many joints where the segments actioned the device appeared to come out of. As every face was but followed around by flying little face-like look-a-likes that were shaped like fairies but were the focal point of the mad signings he listened to. He was the man dressed in a black robe with a sacrificial blade in his arm who figured that.

‘In order to make the Core appear, we must sacrifice something near the zone it disappeared in.’

‘What gave you that impression?’

‘I know it to be true, there can be no other way to get through it, I have to open this womb and slip inside of it before I get a chance to fully breathe in the air and the musk.

I must take the coils off this waiting room, this great waiting room and become, unlike the previous attendees, the means of carrying the sacrificial urge. And you shall help me, Boarthram, or I shall beseech upon others that you may be locked into a tiny box. Then cut by all means I shall. Like a butler cutting a slice of butter through a magician’s box, desperately trying to saw it in half only to give up half-way through once realizing there’s no butter in.’

‘What do you expect to get out of this?’

‘I do not know but I can feel something in the core, something beating, desperate to fight, something that’s caged in, fought and wrought against by dead giants, I can see them, even though you may not believe me, I can feel their presence oozing inside my very chest, moving along and wreathing in, out, then stopping.

I can near a time where I may be able to touch them. Ever so near that my heart beckons a return to a much more primordial state where I am but a cave dweller, a thing that cannot be blasphemed any longer, tormented as I am, a servant that’s to be put down before his time has come yet.’

‘What do you see in it?’

‘I see nothing and I can feel nothing.

But at the same time I do, you must believe me Boar, it’s in my mind, it’s always been in there, always forcing my head to decay, always bringing the darkest of thoughts. Clawing at my throat as it desires to pull me down and wreath me into the barracks of evil and of despair, to shove inside of me the most unnatural of gulls, that were to be and enter as well.’

It was a steal, but so were the rooms. All of them taken from another world, it seemed. All of them broken, and misguided within the mark of the hour where they swam inside the first of the insidious lulls of meatiness-plastic they entered through. Slowly making their way through what seemed to be largely plasticized little moist-antlers, put down, all of the herds were munched upon by tall, incredibly tall creatures, red ogre like things, tall and hunched with a few ugly looking eyes strapped randomly across their faces and foreheads, red-burnt tawny, large teeth protruding, multiple chewing jaws and multiple sets of teeth all thudding along as they began munching on the bones they picked from inside the now

emerging muck. They were but drooling over, chewing their own lips during the process, on their broken teeth, as such. It was a strange room, the tapestry was but a purple coffin shape but stamped multiple times, sometimes opening, releasing little cat-eaten like mummified dwarf bodies, soon to be ingested as they were lowered from such a depth, a few more than a few hundred meters in the air, where a strange flatly-bloated incessant creature with an umbilical-cord like eater shaped like a corkscrew with a sharp sting but penetrated the little creature and ate it from within, like a madly wrought arachnid watched, whom bore his head by chains, lowering it slowly before he could have time to latch upon anything else. In its mouth there was as much as eighteen volts, this was the light machine apparently, which was extracting power from the dwarfs that swam in the pools of dirt.

‘I think we are being visited.’

Simmer said, and as he looked around he saw, he noticed that the door was still open as well. Somehow incapable of making it past the door no more, there was nothing falling on the other side. But this was no room after the far edges that pushed forth, but appeared to lead to some peculiar stony-murk land, stretching for miles, no world and no sky but a mightily defiled out-stretch of space, where the stars stood there oozing in and out before their time was come to leap away. In its elliptical gaze there wasn’t much, for every short hour was about the last one he could feel, en trance as he were, he was no longer mourned and walked thoroughly on peg-walls.

‘Listen to me Boar, we’re being followed.’

As soon as they turned they saw the lower ends of the giants, being thoroughly shocked at the blasphemous reddened-like bearings they had to themselves, the strange almost contorted spear-shafts they seemed to walk upon, hundreds of them, all made of cartilage and of skin, painful to look at and to listen to the thousands of incessant poundings they gave in.

‘So what? I don’t think I can move anymore.’

‘Why, what happened?’

‘I can’t see that well anymore.’

He took a second more to gather his strength.

Neither of them understood just what was happening or the conundrum they were in. They were in a slump if one at all.

He slowed down too much.

‘I can’t see anything past this point. I feel as if it’s become an obsession at this point in time. How could you understand it?’

Over the past few months I’ve been having this recurring dream I can never escape out of, no matter how hard I try, it’s inevitable. I know I am trapped but I still can’t get it out of my head.

I don't know why. I'm always making my way towards the States, riding the tram, a dynamite belt around my chest, twenty, fifty or a few hundred of them. A bag filled with nitroglycerine filled jars, and an old vintage revolver in my right hand pointing at it.

At the very least, you know.' He smiled just thinking about it. 'The dynamites all have my name embed on them, as if I'm not intending on simply blowing myself and the Rockefeller building off, nor sir. Instead, I want to put on a show, I kind of want my fifteen short lived minutes of fame. I want to be a rockstar, you know? It's the finality of that event that sells it in, my incapability of escaping the racial impulses I inherited from my ancestors finally taking over me during a prolonged violent outburst. I keep thinking on how I'm just going to end up badly, end up hurting, killing and destroying a lot of lives because I see the same traits in those people that I see in myself. I've come to realize that I was wrong, after all, man is capable of change; I am not. At the end of the day these will always end up being empty words; my actions will speak louder than anything else, that is to say. I cannot change the past, I cannot change the present, I cannot change the future either.

I am always going to be a member of the evil race, boy. It's just how a nigger may always try shedding its shade off but will always be the sole inheritor of the soul of a nigger, or lack thereof.

It is a dilemma I cannot figure the solution of and that's the reason I don't think you'll ever be capable of understanding why I chose to slow down and stop. It is the fact that I know my place in this world; it is being aware that it doesn't matter whether or not I'm an unintelligent, moronic, uneducated person, in other words being self aware, but being aware of the possibility that I could conceive something that could result in harming a lot of people and whether or not I ought to continue with that kind of conduct. There are a lot of things that are unforgivable in this world now that I come to think of it. And creating something of malicious intent is but one of them; I don't know. I'm not capable of fixing anything from the looks of it. At times I simply feel as if I'm a petty criminal and nothing more; thankfully I'm too insipid and useless to be capable of doing anything serious, it is the only solace I find refuge in. Knowing I won't end up killing millions, knowing that I won't create chaos, knowing that I won't start wars, ideologies, and being a no one and a fuck up, being poor is the only thing that gave me half a mind and the only thing that's made me ever so slightly honest.'

'Are you done yet? I feel like you're, I feel like you're making a scene for the sake of it.'

'Then I am going to change, for the worst, I will do my best to catch up and I am never going to stop until I will have killed millions of people.'

'Well good for you, at the very least it will be a better change of pace than complaining, won't it?'

'Then let us leave this house and let us make way, my dear companion, Hugh, I think with thine help, I shall bring destruction upon this world. I shall bring only darkness in the heart of man, and it will never stop of wreathe away!

I shall cast all into darkness at all cost!'

He considered as much, as it was the only logical conclusion he could ever reach.

‘There is only one thing left for me to do. I shall become a dark sorcerer of the Nigger Killing Element and spread darkness and despair across the world!

For there is power in lynching and skinning niggers alive, and fucking their kids as well as putting them down.

Why, I wager, if I ever become rich, I will do my well honest to God, as my honestly given responsibility there is, to kill, slaughter and destroy as many lives as I possibly can, I will and I promise. Not only does money and power corrupt, not only am I too weak to actually resist those influences but I will also do it, exactly as my racial characteristics and traits dictate me to do as such, out of spite, on purpose, as malicious as possible, for no reason whatsoever other than being born evil, acting in an extremely beyond and over exaggerated sociopathic manner but also, I may as well just say this, I am going to act as self-destructively, most assuredly antagonistic to a comical level until I will have become or attained the status of evil, having become a living canard that will instill hatred for my own ‘people’ from this point on, in the future and until the end of time when they will have either become extinct, exterminated or simply, ethnically cleansed.’

‘Marvelous.’

‘Indeed it is and you shall help me attained the needed wealth that I may bring destruction over all mankind.’

‘Why am I going to do that then?’

‘Because you’re the only creature in this world capable of empathy, and I’m going to exploit that because that is what I am and because it will make my life slightly more interesting.’

Then there was the entry that was most required since there was no reason to lay anywhere else. Always of a mind to lie and cheat, he opened the lower throat which was placed inside his chest, having already made the necessary cuts as his fingers were as scalpels, always taken from one side to the other, whenever it was needed, he would bite.

‘I think I’ve come to understand what this world is made of.’

‘What about it interests you the most?’

‘I do not know, perhaps it’s that, isn’t it? It must certainly be something I could always point and grasp at, you would do me a kindness, now.’

‘Is there something you need?’

‘Pick that leave off the ground.’

They exited through one of the windows, having broken half of the hall they entered through, only so they could exit out the other side of a much greater, unfathomable end, a beast that had beseeched upon itself to open and draw breath. It was seen, it was open, it was split and it could only do whatever it could in order to spread its anchored-in filth beads, those tiny eye-lids being out, instead of thin-thin elongated wretches, and long-headed put-together barely legible features, which, in all honesty were quite a few to

begin with, always trying themselves out. It was a change, all of the sudden, the sun was up and it was worming, like a painting ruined, colors fading, the canvas no longer being filled with paint and oils, no longer would the restorers be portending as to repair every missing piece and crack and what about was there if not, brought to their heads, it was obvious that no man would even know what happened, if only they knew what to cut.

‘The Restorers are still there, I see.’

They were open-jar bodied, and little humans swarms inside of them in the billions like insects caught and long devouring themselves. Such a frail symbol of scum they were, the sum of every single one of them being only added to the deterrence that was decay, all of their limbs falling off and squirming as they were become, along their way, evolved and allowed lives of their own, it was only a chance, but one had to ask. Where they came from and how long until they would reach again and make another cut and all looked so different, too different, new was exciting, and the fat lumped creature that was him, Klicks Knicks, reeked of looking.

He saw all of the limbs become, and watched with just as much jealousy as he could, incapable of turning and mourning what was done and of lesser worth, he asked.

‘Where and how? ‘

‘How about the hour?’

‘What do you see in front of you now? ‘

‘What do you want me to see instead?’

‘Instead of what?’

‘The dark glooming god I see, he made a hole with the horn that was entered through the, through the, you know what it is.’

‘A slight chance that might take from me, that might take out of me whatever I see, there’s something in there, isn’t there?’

‘What do you mean?’

‘I am so excited, I’ve never seen something so strange before, it’s out of this world.’

‘Open your head now.’

He did take his time doing it, as his talons contorted as to look as if he hid, and took, his mouth agape.

‘Something happen, yet I see.’

He made an open wound out of which came disease. And there were all kinds of unnaturally shaped, more than dejected, fantasies to no end.

‘I can still hear it.’

‘What is it that you hear now?’

‘I need to hid in another body, I need yet take what I can and claim what I want.’

With which Klicks but simply slit his eyes in the most unnecessary way, it could only be conveyed as such, he could only draw and lay and become whatever enter his line of sight, a mirror of water, a pool in which he swam, there was no end to what he could become.

‘The wound has finally come to facilitate in my view, whatever else there is, I see no other reason to claim otherwise, and claim it as it might be.’

His hide was made of something better, it could only drag itself and move away. From the front of the rummaged in falchion – like entry, there was a depression that had pushed in, farther into the ground as well, even farther and farther away, there were at the very least, the entries of which, many beasts, would’ve made their home, if there was a slit, it would’ve been found as well as it could be abandoned, yet again, abandoned so.

In the heart of it stood a great thing, that could barely be made and could barely move along its feet.

Thine, for what was worth it, scepter of evil bemused to be listened to during evil hour, when most abhorrent of lays were beckoned to be wrought inside and wrapped around the trees as well as the coming of the evil days was already become, as one might feel there’s little hope and little less with every drawing moment to draw away as he had but pulled it out of a rooted hole, which had been dropped by misty blow coming from hardened steamed, mightily made by swollen fist and left behind to watch. Neither men could but understand whom and what was the meaning of that one that drove through, as far as he could reach until incapable of drawing through, his fist but lacerated, damned; but its remains but pushed around – partially rotten in the most capricious manner.

‘I must say that, with supreme conviction, I’ve come to realize that this filthy foot-hole that’s been driven through and corkscrewed by force is but left by him.’

Who floated above them, although ripped around the ankles and without a reason to be seen, it was mightily clear and even less adjustably so, completely broken and largely demoralized as to what the creature had begun looking at. Its heads tendons were missing and there was a large patch that had been covered just about the place in which it stood. There were other longer hooligan spear-chucker rods that drove through the entirety of its body, that appeared to seep in and out, clearly making a most unnatural river-like bloody sound once finally released from the tap it was set in. Gritty teeth grinded to a conceit, thoroughly until the shrapnel enamel was come to a pudgy yellow; but that those features were rather dragged along its body from a shapeless head, and a cut through throat that looked like a murkily murdered piece of fetal alcohol syndrome – naturalization that gave it an unnatural uncanny look despite their migratory movement, in which case there might’ve been a good enough case for either one of them to stop and prevent themselves from drawing in and out and the others. Since there seemed to be hole-like star entries pushing out of the main river-cut that’s been pushed through, many of the wasp-like flying blotches, of which strange color was but a mighty greenish-red were but completely inserted into it, devouring as they please. At the end of the stump which, without a doubt, was the same entry – exit point where the front side of the robust paw that entered the land, they were seen. Presently eating; both men

decided it would be rude to disturb them since there was no reason, absolutely no reason whatsoever to do such a thing as to, well said.

‘I think this rod should help me.’

‘Taken from a trunk, I see, are you certain there’s nothing dangerous about it?’

‘What danger could there be of a broken rod like it?’

‘It’s a stump and we’ve already cross the bank.’

Rightly so; only a few feet waited from that point on. It was an unnecessary thing to watch. They were just like them on the sides, like replicas. It was hard to tell them apart, or as a matter of fact, it was hard to tell the delimitation apart. A cut-like the shape of Hungary allowed for the land to stand out. Attached to the trees were long wedges of skin that connected to the sides of men where various projections of Kurt and Klicks were being made, yet there were no hands or arms, no stumps, only that long flipped slide they looked at. It was enough for them to understand.

Open-through just like a plaintiff door, they came about the ribs of it and entered through just as soon as they could have themselves through, as more followed. A stair-depression led them down, there was no star and no end.

‘We’re being followed, I think. ‘

‘We’ve been followed for some time now, but not by whom you think, or that you came to observe either.

It’s the rod, I’m the one of who’s stalking you. I’m also there, I’m also here.’

Again, Klicks pointed at the rod, as if it bore a big red tapped gloomy ball on top of it.

They were just as soon entered a giant bird they found no reason to delay the inevitable flight. It was empty on the inside, other than the floor-organs that were all piled on and sutured together and the weirdly rotating strange fight-dummy things of black metal whose but spinning hit-a-mole extending tongue pummels were close to touching either one of them.

‘Wait, before we leave, what if. What if I’m not really a kike? I actually do not know. Hmm, I could be in grave danger if I am not, there are vile things I may not be able of getting away with, if I weren’t. It just occurred to me so.

Why, I.

My phenotype is bizarre, yes, that must be it. And the degeneracy I’ve read about, that I’ve been studying, it must be so, I think. There’s no other reason for it.

And you must of the darkness that is in my heart, nonetheless.’

Before he opened his mouth, eight thirds of his body were become the back of the bird, having become a giantly wrought it hole-maker with many puckers and bucket-heads.

Both drew in a few trees and made way towards the flight of skin-trees.

It is clear that it must be so, the plight that is the schizophrenia, the plaguing neuroticism as well as the bastardly set-in control of the opposition flow through my bloody veins. I am plagued by this evil degenerating spirit that consumes me so. Even the block of skin I am trapped further bloats my veins, he thought.

As the many pucker mouths appeared, all of the sudden they were become again, and wreathed in, as well as they could lay themselves wherever they reigned.

Genetic-decay

‘Even since I was a child, I began fantasizing about being a criminal. I can’t pin-point the exact location, but I suppose that will make as little of a difference as there is.’

Like all of his malignant dark race, he infiltrated in skin and plot, wore humans and was quasi-alike to them, but always of a mind to manipulate. Next to him stood another tool to his employ; a different tool for every watcher, he was gray and tall, a race of sapiens that were head-in, put through some jar, all but molded, drawing in and away. Couldn’t make the proper directions, for every head that was appeared around him spoke a different tune. And they were many and always coming into view. Their sight; part of the city-plains, flattened, and only a few huts were put everywhere and most of them were rather savvy-skinned and made of jolts, and little creatures popping, being pucker-blue violet-red. Dressed in a placenta-like eely-stuff that was brought instead; but neither of them was safe, nor would their lives be completely protected, alleviated from what was happening between the two of them or the exchange.

Soon, both forcefully bowed and made to leap around be; chained like pecks.

Made together to be clustered as they were become, joined by a test and eaten in part, whereas the most unnatural of cords and plenty of unnatural shapes were worn out, then put in stoves, brought it and worming it to structure. A mine and a mole and plenty of bodies that had been born, and carpets, high-raised roofs and large monsoons of canaries all but adding up; pincers adorning the great jewels of bloated-fingers put in pus, pushed around and beating as the masses were but traced around, and cast. Into the dark of the ravine, there came. Mutinous cable-pains, many added to the grain that was become, the skinless thing started wreathing in and out, before they sapped the meat, from there it winced. Many rivers of flowing specks, and many others came out as well. The land was but a frame of what it used to be, many of the buildings were brought down upon disease, still flapping unnatural winged, cordially put down trenches-dug. In the surroundings mounds, lesser flying desperate to be in sight, and little more than unnaturally deformed procrastinating casts. It just so happened for a birth to occur, seeing how the three strangers were but killed before they could push him out, stranger, yet obscure.

‘Mlesskl Lhur, you are released from sitting in your spot. Thine will is evil, and you are brought back to life. Thine will is pain so you may seek each man there is out there to inflict as much of it as you may.

Thine will is weak, thence you might find a spine. Thine eye-sight of all needs be corrected or you shall become, as they say, without a mind to fully indulge, of what is happening around you and what is become all, little subterfuge.'

Most importantly, it was cold there, and wretched.

'I've come to collect my due, if one doesn't share, you ought to.'

At dawn the party came and gathered around before one of the moons was being wreathed in, they were little plaster-puddles hardened as they came to view, many of the eely-eyed, eerie as they came around opening one at a time, largely mechanic on the inside.

Only a handful of them were wretched.

Lo' and what came after them was brought from farther on and put behind, when blinded by whatever light, for light-bulb pointing from the insides of thee fleshy moons that swooned around.

A man of all, a man of old, him but wretched hasn't told.

'I wonder and I won't miss as many, even lesser, it shouldn't count for any, I see and need be heard at last, before we venture through its thorough insides.'

But, for what was worth and what were fewer, and fewer men were to come around and make a case of what was brought. It was necessary to think and let alone believe this Jopnak Pouch, he had but come at last, and let alone, a watch.

'I must confess, I've been avoiding them and I may not be able to make it any other way, for I know I shall be bored with dames.

It's for that reason that I must be left alone and walk as well. The further away, the better, for I am incapable of committing over the longest of whiles, you must understand that about me, good friend, I may not be capable of wedding your sister by any means at all.

Though that may harden the disease, and make us mean, by all accounts, it's something I may not be capable of making out, or making off by myself. It's unfair towards whichever woe.

I cannot stand for that long and I may never be able to force myself to stay, and look, along the way, what if there was a child? What if there was a lump of my own I would not be capable of raising myself? It's saddens me to think as less, but that's something I simply cannot deal with, raising one, and trying to best others while neglecting him, without caress.

Alas, I think that is as much, there's just no company I can keep around for long a while.'

'But that doesn't mean you may not be able to join us in our journey, doesn't it? This is as much as we have now, for a short enough mind, there's but purity to it and a properly working brain that won't get left behind. I understand, my dear good fellow and I must alert you that I won't feel any kind of disconnect from what's to happen. I fully realize that you might abandon, and I accept your treaty, as fairness is to come.

Just take a step forward now.'

'I can't, I don't know why, it's as if I'm frozen in here, and I can't get my pacing right, if I walk too fast I'll stumble over, if I am too slow it won't matter any longer.

So what is my alternative then?'

'Whatever you do, please do not stay there, since there's a grander world to see, do not seethe for things that weren't meant to be. Come here, please, don't aggrandize.'

'I don't know then, I'd rather be alone in that case, if you don't mind. I think I ought to walk alone for a while if you don't mind it.'

'I won't, but then I bid you fare well, we shall make it through this grand concave and see what lays beyond the unawares.'

With which they left the men and boded as such. As soon as the door opened, alas, but a valley in size, the sides were worn, but desperately boded, wreathed along and despairingly bloated. Many roots were up and down, there was a sky, they were around, no place like it by any means, wherever they had been, there was no certain way to lay within.

Before a long way, before a mile, what they had been brought forward to was but a seeping tile, a pair of them on earth like flocks, and many birds dead that were but reanimated as to seethe and lock, each other off, incapable of prodding on.

From one of them, as such but followed, whatever he had been cast away, and would return, the day after, left alone tomorrow, there would be a cast, something to be worn out, he came at last. Shown up from the larger depths and made to wreathe in and out, as if they were dead. Or had been for a mighty lash, and everything about the ordeal smelled of rancid cast.

It bore itself up and spoke, alarmingly so.

'You've come within reason to ask me for a stay, you though there was something up here, the land is but the way it stays.

There will be no change, no higher-houses raised after I'm but done contorting, there will be nothing else other and none to shatter whatever you are looking yonder and for that I ask of you to wait.

Nothing else might come underway, not if you stay both of your hands, they're worn out, I see.'

'I've been doing some gardening.' Said Drovsky, he tried crying out a single name, something that he could bastardsly spare, but there was no reason to seep in, there was nothing going on for him. It was simply there.

A lump on his heart he was unaware off. Despite the fact that every man who was around seemed to be, as alert as they could possibly see, there was just as much as they could do, it was not to be put on their shoulders, but who saw him last? Where was the man and where did he hide?

Always living in that little spot, always living in the dark.

There were largely decayed and stone-bottled large structures, many stones lumped and barely put together, all dilapidated and repaved. Put down to walk on, with the lichens and the dead remains.

Great of men and graven more; it was those that were there the longest who were known.

Drovsky stopped and turned to fiend, he fired a glance and deeply within.

‘Who’s responsible for carving their names?’

‘That is for neither man to know, nor ask. That is for neither one to realize. You’re but a speck, a derelict that cannot see far ahead, or you would’ve chosen to stay.’

‘Have I left yet?’

‘It’s undergoing either away and that much you should be aware off, it’s something I cannot delay, though the other men will stay.’

‘Why must I be the one who returns yonder?’

‘Because you still feel some responsibility that is far stronger than common sense; it’s just what you are like and nothing might take it away.’

‘Will he listen to me?’

‘Perhaps not, stubbornness and foolishness may play a role in that.’

‘Will I be happy if I were to save him?’

‘Only as miserable as you know you’d be, even before asking me.’

Whom to forget what opened there, in the midst of where they spread and spare, of seconds more, appeared. The fiend with a lanker soul and would to disappear yet on sight.

There is a locked house of mental illness in Beirut. It’s hard to point where it starts and where to begin, but as long as there was something in to do.

A door opened on the side, from the draw-in forward came only a clam-chum, whose name was Smith.

‘We’ve been waiting for you for some time now.’

‘Who’s asking what?’

‘I am.’

As soon as it happened, the bird had already landed on top the roof, toe-in-deep, having already taken the head-piece that had been left on top of it. There was no reason to stare, there were only a few men present escorting him as well as a few more than unneeded, unnecessary witnesses that drew on. They were Informants, by the looks of it.

All speaking of the core, and the core was infested, the core would talk of the most dreadful and most immaterial of all, it couldn't be set in place, the core was rotten, the core was theirs.

'Whom to speak in the name of the core and what is to be fed to it as the time draws on?'

'One of the filthiest of things can be put inside, those that ought not to live, those that have to be defiled and run down at our feet, there is no question about it. As long as their hearts were rotten, there was a slight chance to be.'

And the first of the molded anchors, in his heart, he laid, much more prettily, it could.

A fashioned man which bore his back shook, he appeared out of nowhere, mainly with a cut. Which had been brought to his awareness, there was something one could not see well.

'I see you brought someone else as well.'

Neither of them could understand what happened there or anywhere, else this could be just as set.

Yet the creature couldn't help it. Man-shaped mold, with a tiny core inside his back, growths sprouting out of it, like a cunt-slit across his rack, from there a rail-like push through delivered, and little more of it, could be. Many hands and many reapers, came as long as they could be released. Many of the outlandish growths were insufferably set across the full extension of its host. It couldn't move properly from that point on, let alone make it so it could move whenever it liked.

They were not there for any other reason, nor could there be another; yet the core was left behind the birth, as Mongol's wrath seemed to seep through dirt.

It pushed through crags, and many briar, many other remains that pushed through the mire.

The mirthful creature only stood, at once as it appeared to move, across it shook, no longer swaying for a watch, no longer filled with incertitude and better yet, caught.

It appeared like the Mongolic protrusions, the many illusionary things, the features and the molds and the many other mongrellic growths and allusions seeped out. They crept about, the sphere, the core was suddenly lost. No longer but a womb but egg, no longer caught and no longer filled with seeping dread. It poisoned all, and seemed to drag. And Mongol then again declared, the emperor of all.

'You' of all are to serve now, and you shall do as I say, or else I of all shall enter thine heart and push it inside your filthy marks, and make you as I please.

Contort you with the bitter filth, until you will have become but naught, a race impure as mindless as you are distraught.'

'But who are you, dark creature?'

And yet it could it be seen. As if the man was standing there like a rat-looking weasel, with the fully set protrusion that rested there, without confusion, its arms were connected to the pseudo core, fully if not fully absorbed, set inside and yet devoured, like tiny pucker growths that couldn't be admired, little more than set they were, filthy and distraught and even more so, damned as well. Pumping but meat, filling the

features that were seethe, many elongations of other shapes came and followed after, right until the point where the elongations between its legs appeared to come after. They molded and forged, liquefied all but never drew on as to show some pain or sutures, his form was set.

First of all eight heads that came in the front were as dreadful as they pushed on, with the more Orientalid of features that could be set, their unnatural vigor and beady eyes were dead.

‘I seek too infest this world with as many filthy things as I can shove on.’

For the world was pure until the apparition of the dreadfully malign creatures that were made to appear, many of whom were set near the purity of the world. Were made to bring destruction and discord among all pure of men, as the corruption drew on.

The earth was pure, but then it was corrupted, all the dark races were but shoved on as for the will of evil to be enacted.

Thence it happened, for there to come forth.

A myriad of unnatural beings, the Asiatics of his kin, so on:

His servants were but many.

But many of them no longer showed their initial features and epicanthic folds, which seemed to wear, even their mongoloid features appeared to move on instead, in a different direction, wholly spread on either side, longer as their faces were drawn, as far as they could be tried. Yet they carried their arms longer, despite their short statures, many were but long-backs, from whence there sprouted their many legs and cracks. They spilled. But skin and cartilage upon the bile of which, they only carried. All the fat added on, and they were molded, wherever else.

It was how the insects bred. No longer forced to adhere to the rule of a single child, instead, they carried but themselves, all but hundreds upon hundreds upon millions of lookalikes, within a single carrier, that moved on. Viruses were carried, but that was expected.

All but served, without a need to ask or question.

‘They have been trained well, as well as you could see.’

All of the sudden, upon the elongated core there was as much as one could see, a giant unnatural, thing, a consistent giant face of which basin could be seen, and deep sockets, as that of a Semite, yet the Mongoloid eyes were still to be recognized. A breed of some long forgotten, long destined to mental injunction disease, a Eurasian prince of much decay that baffled everyone present, as well as everyone since. Since there were but many mouths that shot, lips and rat ears that fully protruded out completely yet not the upper side alone, a smile that would push fully so, a bottom puffy thing that sunk. Yet the mongoloid eyes could not be denied. If one were to see the growths of hairs, they could notice the sub humanity of a tiny speck, a Negro thrown along the mix, he was but shuffled on, drooled and winked in a most tiny short manner.

‘I’ve seen to it that the entire world is but infested.

My traps of metal but to be set and used, as I protested upon the likes to enter, I see no better reason to shove away.'

'What have you done, dark creature?'

'I've made use of this core to further spread my decay.'

'And whom master do you serve?'

'It's of little consequence that you know.'

He said and little faith in the matter painted a smile most abstract. It was pitiful and disgusting, disturbing even yet to see, the malign thing and how it spoke from there on after, and what else could one be if not petty, if not dark, if not arrogant, therefore on. It dreaded to crawl forward, changing in shape, no longer simply yet filthily erect.

'There is no future in hybridization.'

'And that's only but a thing that needs to happen for him to come to power, hide. It's the will of my master which I carry on through will and time just so everything he wills upon this world be brought on.

It's something that's yet to happen yet it needs be forced by all means, it needs not be contained within, it needs not be feared, as I will it.

As he wills it, that being said so, it will happen nonetheless.'

'There will be consequences and you shall be stopped!'

Therefore Mongol only drew on forward, ill in mind. Why, bloated streets angered all that looked everywhere around, it spread. Like a derelict thing incapable of moving or conversing about what happened, a pretentiously penitent fuck with little to nothing to its face, about the middle of the door.

'Why has the core not spoken of you, so?'

'It has, it has and now it moved and drags us all along.'

It said, but neither man understood either.

As peculiar as it had been, it shook.

With the ritual underway, over the top of the chasm stood a core, inside of which stood Mongol; he seeped in.

'For the good of the world we must kill it, that is the only way we may, yet to live another day.'

'And what exactly is supposed to happen after? As soon as its body is done decomposing in the air?

As soon as its subhumanity is to be put back where it belongs instead?'

'We cannot know for certain, and as a matter of fact we may yet to wait and see what happens after.'

‘Then let us proceed if that’s the case, let us wait no second longer before the time draws on from that point on.’ And then, they brought their hands forward, extending but an arm’s span, many of them bearing longer hatchets and some of them blades as well as draw-bearded hammers, frozen solidly with rocks, to fling against the body they assaulted. Giant Goliaths followed after. Many of them pounding as hard as they neither could, incapable of drawing away, nor could they shock at what had happened. With every disastrous hand, that came as long as they could adapt to what happened there, what was soon placed in turn lay down, like a myriad of dark blows reminding them that what they’ve done shattered the ground with such a loathsome force that it split as soon as the pulmonary tract-towers, the antennae shaped blocks of power, risen to commune with the land, painting the green grass in a decrepit mass, barely put together and flung around as more followed through, bastardly spreading as they could but be incapable of stopping half-way through.

Yet the adjacent lands, though split among them didn’t shatter, didn’t fall, instead it made way for either one of them to enter as soon as they could allow for them to start again.

‘Keep beating on the corpse of Mongol, we must break him by all means. Butcher him entirely, we must until it no longer seeps.’

Within every blow between the soles and the sides of the sack, a part of its malignant body started falling, as it tore itself apart, ever so derangedly more, until finally all blows were struck and stopped, and there on after, what had happened, from the bloated way, in and out it started swinging, like a cradled child, a fetus that would refuse itself the misgiving.

‘I shall not allow myself to be destroyed just yet, not while there’s still something to look after, better yet, now I return and crawl and I shall not leave myself exposed just yet, not before the time was brought on my terms.’

With which as if it were a slithery snake, it started eerily slipping through and into the black pool of the deranged chasm it went.

Past through what seemed to be the completely dead and forgotten side. There was no life, yet the core was still above, caught between each glimpse and side.

As it happened for the sack-tadpole to push through, what seemed to have cut through everything that might’ve been misused and changed, again and again, something drew on after, mixing with each echo of laughter for the voices that died off.

There stood the entry of an Island, standing, ripped apart, the men taken out and hanging on tables, doped, and filled with morphine, they cackled as well, larger things above them entered through the waste of air. Above and beyond as he seeped it, suddenly split, the tadpole weeping as if in pain, jerking on the ground as eerie large pylon-like nails were to enter it from every side and every single thing as well.

Signs of blue coils, and of weather- like wind and fluttering spoils of purple-blue, of spells and of emptiness cradling as if they were called on cue, they followed after.

And Mongol soon brought himself to waste, as useless as it had looked, there was no doubt about him being as weak as he claimed.

‘Why am I punished now?’

‘You failed me, you ingratiated being? Your spoils are done.’

But it was no living voice that spoke to him and no other way to understand.

On one side of the Island, the entries to the broken blocs, and many of the movers but impaled by spoiled cylinders that twisted and mixed around. On another, followed through the break, the corpses of many, all piled away, though many of them repurposed and turned into homes. A lighthouse could be seen amongst many where the living yet came to rose. Yet one another, twisted, all the dead things, brought to life, but undefeated.

‘A chaos caused by the core!’

Yelled a man, having come and stumbled upon the realization that the core, the birth was but twisted and but spoiled, as the men kept puncturing it above, they have come to see. And bid him the time, and be made aware of what was happening around them. There were no chains to hold the Island from falling, no pit to fall on top of, there were some pillars that receded underneath them and partial humanoid flyers that were but long defeated and at their feet, rested the world.

A body that was prolonged, one connected but too rottenly wasted, just like everything else around their mournful songs.

There was something of a molded shape, one that formed a pyramid of a bridge, slightly fallen, broken through and rotten.

Many slaves having been brought from there as well, all bearing the dead-bodies and long-infested, darkly yet demented imbeciles that were defiled; fending off the bile, it rose.

‘Unfortunately, you’ve already been completely killed.’

‘But such a vile thing, how could that be?’

‘Death was permitted in your case.’ Said a bile, a man that was not only morbid, but seemingly defiled from the looks of which, the crag he was in.

Charles, seemed to be up there.

Though his back body was that of Blue, a strange suit, hollow all the way through, opened and revealed as such, as if he were a maiden made of iron, or a torture device, with all the spikes.

‘Things have changed and so is the world here.’

‘So it is not dead, in that case.’

‘It’s only filled with corpses and a few survivors, nothing more and nothing less. There are families and many survivors, as the destruction turned out to be a failure nonetheless.’

Stronger men and greater fighters made it through, though many are even less recognizable that we'd like to know it so, all the way through, we made it.'

But alas, as Mongol started pushing out, lifting itself up as to avoid, the many pins that followed after, soon enough they lost whatever filthy joy was there to begin with.

This world was completely infested by a plague.

'You're not alive, nothing is down where, how dare you claim otherwise?'

But there were no signs of there being anything but a rotten thing that shaped itself like the man, like every single one of them that approached after.

'Poisoned, everything is poisoned here, isn't it?'

But where? What place would be safe from this dark plague that corrupted all? There was no grace and nothing, nothing salvageable, all was distraught and buried on.

The chasm remained in its place, wrapped around the towers and formations that kept men from going out their way towards it.

Where else could there be?

'Rotten cadavers, that is all I see down there; the corruption has already spread, I see, there's no breaking of the core, there's no killing Mongol, now that he's escaped, there's only waiting now, to see whether or not the corruption has spread beyond it.'

And as soon as men stood there, contemplating how to act, they simply started shedding away their number, slowly fading away from the area. It was completely missed.

Farther in the distance, long before a deep refuge, inside eye-grovel stood, above the rims of air, the citadels that shook, all watching over the chasm, all chained to the ground, held from falling down, buried away.

One of the men was stopped while running.

'There is no way to contain all this, you understand?

There's always going to be something seeping in.'

'It is our fate alone, we cannot escape it, no matter where we go.'

How could one even trust him from that point on? Lying bastards, and backstabbers, all of them, all caused by it, no doubt, no less.

It was something, close to a realization, just what and when?

'What then?'

‘I do not know just yet, but I will find out soon enough, I won’t be as sleazy as to forget what my goal is, and I shall stop at nothing to attain it.’

Said the man and right before he could be grabbed by his shoulder, he was just as soon, gone. Lost around the area where he had been initially found, but there wasn’t any trace of either one as soon as the area shook. It started spreading like a hot-iron mark on top the skin, breaking everything down to the nearest crook. They fled. And in that night many men found themselves alone, brooding, ruminating at what happened.

The apparent fall of Mongol seemed to change nothing. Apparent ill could still be seen, like a disease nowhere near being spilled or being cured. There was no bastardly thing that could be wiped away and completely removed, there was no interest in completely nullifying or suppressing it before it had a chance to spread, within the hour, most found themselves standing alone, wasting away. Incapable of even being changed, they seemed to be part-cloth, not fused with them, but just as torn apart as they were, falling apart with everything else, always a button falling, always being made to waste.

As soon as Acheron stopped coughing, he looked ahead. A slit of light came from the front, it was blocked instead by the outline of a great slipping in shadow that just as soon started pushing in. There was no attempt to reconcile with what was going on there. It was only the company. Mittiek leaned against one of the adjacent wall.

‘We tried, haven’t we?’

But there were too many things going on against us, too many factors we’ve yet to account and before we knew it.’

‘You don’t have to rub it in.

I know what this means, there’s death now, complete and utter death, without redemption and without a chance to drift away from it, or survive. How could we be so blind as to ignore the signs?’

‘We were purposefully blinded, that is all, it was something some of us knew yet didn’t have the power, didn’t have the strength of many. Now.’

‘I do not want to think about it.’

‘Then rot away, because either way, it’s far too late for regret.’

What could come after? Nothing, the bastardly cursed races destroyed everything, and everything in their path was taken down without shame and with as much virulent madness as they could fill themselves with. No house stood and no sign of there ever being any kind of civilization. It was just one of the growing signs of unrest that echoed the most. There was only one chance to cleanse the darkest of the people in power, one slight chance to kill an insignificant fraction of the world, but that was missed and deeply rotten, fully fledged as to be forgotten and buried inside the ground, with the rest of them, as well as everyone else.

This world could not flourish with everything being taken into account.

For that reason, within the blink of an eye, the core suddenly changed.

A land that was no longer darkened, but gray and flat, and many brought from farther and farther away had finally come to rest.

Lest forgotten, there came an unfathomable little lesser than a humanoid men, with only the lower side resembling but a plethora of strange nets spread across the sky, from their hose-gut push-outs that allowed them unnatural flights.

Gathered around a dancing circle, like a ritualistic thing, they started reeling in one another, swatting the conglomerate of puffs, and wrought about formations that simply came and popped in the eye, likened to shapes unseen, appearing at will they started bloat-inflating.

One top of one remained a rider, of whose hardened chitin stood barely rotten. IT was greed and looked like man, as if he were on a crime scene, embed on top his armor then, the rotten smell, the flies and the strange thing that were his eyes, two faces overwrought, and seemingly, he was conjoined, but thin around the throat, uneaten. Bastardly thing, only one arm he bore, and largely beaten.

But a band around his forehead had he bore, flaccidly down, around his eyes, his ears and more than a few marks were there, going around, entering his temples, then his eyes. Dyed in the symbol-red, a miasma came around them, as if from innards-trenches that came about.

A little shout in the distance had him fly away from the scene, as bastardly as to look at the dark-ashen gray gradients, would feel and echo in the distance bringing, a sun-whitened point, the sky. But what stood before him on the ledge that stopped his bastardly put together flight and, whatever came to mind as well was this.

‘You’re late and you owe me as much as a thorough explanation, at the very least, I’m to be told what it is.’

‘I do not know what you’re referring to.’

‘Course you don’t, yet I can still feel the fact that you are hiding.’

Both were frozen, yet in place. They could see each other standing, now moved away.

The Rider Empatuihbag wreathed himself closer in. He was bastardly looking in no, often to be seen, direction. Only a few formations came here and there, as if they had been around the place and merely waited for someone’s return. First the long roped flying bags, filled with hot air, coming out of them, one starting from his gut, entering the side of the old man’s face as well as it could be brought around. And around the rope there stood but a few hundred more, unrecognizable features, most of them being completely sickened on each other like rabid filed dogs that couldn’t help themselves, their origin singularly unknown. As soon as he was allowed to move, he saw himself on green and verdure, talking to the man whom wore a coral nature cloak and cowl.

Approached upon him with nothing more but a barely fashioned thing a blade, ready to do what needed if will called it so, to the ribs of the grave.

There were multiple cores attached to his chest as well, seemingly appearing out of nowhere, although one could and mighty as well make the difference between them, since so many of them were fakes. Cracked egg shells that were put together, grown out of him whenever it could be helped. It seemed, ever now and then, that they were simply, releasing a peculiar tandem of smoking peril, which seemed to appear in the air. Although he simply spat and upon his spittle, the sudden release of air suddenly dispersed some of the smoke away which in turn, released the creatures in various stand-upon levels of air upon which they stood on top of, formed for whatever other reason, than to spoil within each other's reach, since they were immediately made as to be incapable of moving from one spot to another, they were simply frozen in there, waiting for him to get closer.

Yet he turned just as soon as he could, being met by seemingly nothing else but the side-long stretch of a boot-orca he entered. At the head of the boot-orca, there rested the great two arm-span from shoulder, openly stretched almost arms pointing in the front yet incomplete limb protrusions, at the base of which they carried along a ray of reptile like skin, with spear-shaped cartilages that were curved at the tips forward then downward like taps with opening spear-tip beaks, the figure bearing a strange skeletal larger than its body cranium of changing skin-shapes that appeared to grow then recede out of nowhere, like growing then bulb-in the box tulips, almost rabbit-like, while, its four arms were completely stretched and created the illusion of a standing cartilage gate, or two semicircles, stretching as far as to reach the ground floor, worming around as the palms had become wriggling cracked discs. At the back of the great creature stood nothing less of a great pair of eight put together body-skin tag bags that were liquefied-attached to the rest of the creature, going as far as to create a pseudo tail coming out of the area between the back of its head and the one that was a few centimeters in its back, many of them being embraced as if they were hugging as if the bags had opposable limbs, despite them not having any. Seen from above the creature looked like a peculiar chariot with a great sculpted, attached thing, or a chariot carrying a giant statue's head, with meaty ivorylike tusks in the front, large rubbery eely things on both sides, and a gut-like big growth made out of meaty inflated fat rose petals put together to the main form, or it could be seen like the hilt of a sword, with a skull bearing two adorning tusks against a blade that was far removed – still seen from above, that, while ignoring the various shapes and forms that would gather on top of it and grow just about the place, from every possible side and from every possible corner of the creature. Rather a mammoth-skulled creature with two cartilage scissors pointing at one another, while the lower half of the body was but a conglomeration of a few barely put together legs, many of which were entirely conjoined and incapable of moving from one side to the other, yet served as support, the bodies in the back but looking like a pile of cocoons put together, dragged across the ground. Seen from below, the creature looked like a strange, hard to see, hiding inside a shell insect, with strange elongated insect limbs and in the front, or the bottom, depending on which direction it was lined towards, scarab-blades, with a bunch of multiple put together larvae like abdomens connected to the opposite end. Or a flying thing, whereas the skull is the chest, the long shoulder protruding limbs being the legs, the four extended arms the wings and the further end of the wriggling tags forming the necks and the heads, while a pair of legs protrude out of its chest-mass.

He was looking at a strangely bizarre large color spittle of blue, rogyaiv, a magenta block of chalkboard sized rectangle checkerboard if hued to look green instead of various shades of purple, with some of them bearing smaller in the middle of every square – centered green colored squares that not only oozed but also colored one another with color projections that floated in the air as to form illusionary pseudo constellations in which sleeping holographic figures appeared to float, almost nakedly if it weren't for the

tattered robes they were wearing while being rotated as if they were actually being slowly roasted in order to get eaten by the likes of it, there being a slight obtuse intrusion coming out of some of their chests, in these almost cage-like almost pyramids without the tips. Especially from their chests and the lower sides of their bodies from which unnaturally deformed dark headed wreathing almost cylindrical bone-carriers, organ-carriers and machine-molded part of the body like eaters took the main mold of. They seemed vaguely entranced by the very fact that they were not human by any means, nor even entirely humanoids as it was largely confirmed by the animals inside the room of which heads removed themselves from their bodies, revealed not open ends but stumps instead, fur-covered stumps that made it seem like they were more so, toys rather than live-animals despite their sudden reanimated nature, furthermore adhering to the strange levitation which started breaking the heads apart until they were completely twisted and turned into the projections, having been fully if not nigh absorbed. From the looks of it, the transformation was highly unnatural. Since every single strand of hair appeared to be completely broken apart before being carried over, split and cut, as to become almost a spear-like shaft of needles that took the opportunity to launch themselves while attaching to one of the main bodies they took control over, then, what appeared to be left out of the unwrapped in half beaked parrot, as it suddenly split in two, revealed an intricate inside system of strange almost almond colored devices with many curled fingers around a ball motion like inwardly facing cartilage hooks that shoot against their very own ends. In some twist of fate they also bore molecular level almost epidermis folds that formed pink globular form-like nuclei-things that appeared to be constantly be forced out of their invisible tape-worm like pockets, pushing out as they would form large killing almost tendril attachments to the air molecules in which they would breed as to turn them into small wombs as they gave birth to ugly looking inbred beaked fly-like nails that would insert themselves into the room's framework as to reinforce the walls and the structure, since the main cartilage of the building was very much alive, bearing strange mechanisms of death, which every now and then grew in side as to home thousands of killed bloated small-tiny African-nigger heads pus-black people bred inside of, before they died. Niggers are an inferior race, that was an accepted fact.

The framework of the boot-orca being made out of cartilage overly grown and evolved whale bones.

It was strange, the way in which the glow-orange tall humanoid arms forming frame of an asterisk in the middle with every limb curving in a strange box in the back with little heads facing towards the wall like thruster appeared to be creating the pus-gas. Little more than a few hardened lumps here and there forming in the air, then falling down, in the middle of the asterisk frame there being a giant almost horn-like structure hornet-hive, which opened, from which the cut-through face of Horn came out, with all her limbs but struck about the insides of the asterisk-cast, in her lap there being the wrapped around body of Lurid whose pestilence could eerily be felt. It started seeping in, but nonetheless.

She opened her mouth and appeared to spit out the insides of a strange tram which had been used to lead her there, piece by piece releasing it from inside her mouth, after she was done chewing it, a little more than a red light completely encompassed the room, having made an almost flat like effect before dissipating, leaving the giant boot lodged inside the orca-boot room. There were veins attached across the room, many of them baggy looking gray, the blood of Mongol, Opium was pouring in the room as well, seemingly infesting them slowly, one by one, whichever one dropping down seemed to return to his place soon after. Little dead mongrel adorning the room now, opening themselves as they would release small barely born-bred flies, allowing them to ruminate inside the air, wallowing in pain every now and then.

Thence he was joined, as soon as Horn stepped forth.

‘Have you been waiting for me now?’

‘For a while, I suppose.’ Said Empatuihbag, whom, in turn was incapable of trusting what or where he was heading towards, since every single wild depiction was there, standing wrapped against the walls, they were skullheads inside the walls, dangerously inclining, he came settled with.

‘I believe there’s nothing going on in this place, what do you thing?’

To which Horn brothled as any other nasty cunt would:

‘Fancy yourself leaving this place?’

‘Not just yet, I suppose, not just yet since there’s still something I have to fix, there’s still something down the way, I think.’

The rider pointed at the floor, there was a point where little more would’ve made no difference than each tile being misaligned, everything being placed as far away from where they were, before they could even be placed, a while, he stood. And questioned, glancing.

‘Where would you like to accompany me to? I suppose it’s as good a time as any other to invite you whenever it might please you, as to bring your farther closer by.’

‘You’ve met him?’

‘Of course I have, Horn, I know whom you are, and what they’ve done to your, as well as that. Leave the cast you’re put inside of, your maiden of iron, your torture being undefiled; you’re free to leave your torment for a while now, at my invitation.’

‘What’s the reason for that then?’

‘There’s no need for any reason, other than the fact that I’ve come to understand, there’s something close to a speck of grit, something seeping in, from just about and every place. The longer you’re staying here, the worse will it become and you can count on it, by whichever way there is.’

‘It’s something that cannot be quantified, so how would you know what’s happening here, what’s going on around?’

‘I can see it and I’m not mad.’

‘And I am?’

‘You’re the head of a maiden, carrying in your long-legged arms, but a little wrapped figure that isn’t breathing, and you most likely think you can bring it back to life.’

The walls of the orca-boot were peculiar now, since their sudden forced servitude that couldn’t have been expected otherwise. As a matter of fact, it seemed mightily clear that there was enough space to consider filling as the mongoloid veins were rather out-spread as to cover the few meter pinched gaps that had lain

between one another, having been forced to lay in an almost, every few meters down the line choked like pushed forward position, upon the sudden unwrapping, parchment like of the outer skin that was placed upon the elongated Mongol-vein, which in turn looked like one of those lizards whom are struck in the process of extending their throat-skin in an almost pane-like satellite antennae-like manner, forming pseudo cartilagelike canopies if seen together, these canopies of skin having been wrapped around the main Mongol-arteries, like some strange Mexican burrito of meaty skin, which moved on top of the walls as if it were a hovering – a few millimeters off the wall kind of push through, which in turn, began stretching, connecting, mold-liquefying one another until they almost formed a pseudo-suture between all of them, as if there was a curtain of skin placed between long deformed beaten from behind with a wrench kind of pipe, there barely being any kind of straight on the wall kind of touch with the side of the canopy the tendons were still attached to. Making it seem as if there were huge, wide-angled areas that seemed to be more flexible than the rigidity of the others, these vein-girthed tendons but stretching all the way up to an utmost unnatural looking elongated at the top, formed and pointing at the middle of the ceiling kind of small mount-effigy bearing the look of an almost power-strip filled dark dripping black pooled girth to which all the tendons appeared to be attached to, pumping in there as if it were a machine.

As such, the bootorca, was, by all means hung in the air by what appeared to be a strange elongated set of crane-like arms-shape formations that were not only intersected, intertwined and crisscrossed but also appeared to have formed an utmost chaotic kind of shape that would resemble an almost rapier-like crossed in a battle kind of sharp angles that, many inflated sustain pillars, as well as many other stick-like formations of metal that would combine just about everything in this mega-fallen over almost melted girth of small put together almost cut in perfect cubes floating buildings with their apartments being made to look as if they were actually living organisms, that would come out of the many open window-holes as to become, in an utmost incessant manner, solitarily so, balloonlike inflated objects or chewing bubble gum kind of types, after being chewed a few times as to leave a single downward looking and stretching flat bile pile that's connected to the main inflated form, while, instead of hanging flaccidly so, the ground would be the sky in that case. Or rather, the balloon-like warped forms made out of a green-like almost eye-texture-like thing with many nerves still attached to it, wrapped – around by nets. Warped as in, these strange bloated organic balloons being drawn to a non-existing iris that's placed at the top, where everything seems to be inwardly drawing as if there was a small sand pit at the very top-end, or a small coin-like depression if seen from the distance, and with everything taken into account, the many nerves being attached to, and them being, in this case, completely formed and spread around the empty fillable hollow – the walls, with them being more than the nerves, as they were also the cartilage, and seemingly bore plied in shape skin-sheets upon which they were placed on top of. Inside the floating building square there being, attached to, this seemingly being the reason why many of them are kept behind, as if weight was attached to them, where the skin-sheet tendons draw down to, a large almost square-thermometer of heavy weight, dragging everything down with it. Yet these weird balloons by no means are the cause the flight, or levitation between this peculiar sea of many worn out black bars and strange formations.

At the very edges of both outwardly protruding angles stood two claw-like formations, where the chaotic mess of ironed-in place metals appeared to be molded with the boot-orca thing in which they stood. They stood there for the; off-the drop little skin-hardened pins.

It was full, and stranger headed, flipped around, gun-holstered Barroques gathered around the rider, holding him in place, not a single lance in sight yet all of them wore what seemed to be their guns, around

their own temples, aiming as they pointed thoroughly at one another, asking whether or not either one had the slightest, of the shortest of blanks to load again in their canon-batter.

Neither one spoke, thenceforth they took position, large formations being formed around the great figure that stood in front of them. Harder, much harder to see as the rider bore a single sheet of steam-mimicry inside his coat he released by simply tapping on his coat. While this was by no means distracting, he opened an invitation, that, having already gone to his head, out of the large sheeted mongoloid veins, little almost eye-patterned flies appeared every now and then. Not even the mist looked as glossy as it should've, at least not likely, that he intended it to be that way, he simply pulled a single thing, it was no blade but an anchor-shaped little crick. A clicker with a bloated face, spread along and kept in a pucker thing, it pushed out a tongue that fell straight-dead, flaccidly resting on the floor like a single speck of lighter-cartilage, one that started growing on the walls as well.

It was a sickening look, as it drew after, with a single lamp standing after – a skeleton frame which appeared to bear, a single head wreathed out instead, like a pillar that had seeped out, it stopped the Barroques right in front of him, as the light emerged and filled the head of the ceiling, right around. It made as little of a difference as it would. Once, from this light's blue-teal reddish emanation's drawn to an end motion, upon having covered a great deal of area around every few meters around the top of the ceiling, there was no stop to its tender stretch, in how many sides the burning, almost beast like creatures fell, many of whom would not survive, in the following moments, dying on the spot. They sang and made to be. Split open and slits for eye-like holding cells, inside where they held disease.

‘What is the meaning of this?’

‘Should there be a meaning to it?’

‘I do not know, I seriously, I suppose there's been a misunderstanding, hasn't there?’

Both the Rider and the Horn stared at one another, most peculiar fashion, most peculiar legs. Since it was more than obvious for some reason, there was but no possible means to have her, not while she was standing, nor while she was acting that way, awry. A little more than a few seconds, and she would die, or so he thought. But the creature was still standing, it was as if nothing had come to pass. Not a single dead-light inside its eyes either, it felt as if there was no point to ask.

‘Whence and where, if I might ask, where and what are you trying to achieve, where to go and what to see, for what reason as well?’

‘I need not seek no other reason but to bring breath into my husband's lungs. There is no greater purpose in my life no longer, for lesser men, the likes, the stronger have left me whence time had called it so.’

Sound of violent ravings, the sharpening on iron rust on musky lichen covered stone, it flushed all feeling and appeared to make one feel of an utmost virulent thing, there being, desperation as the ill-shaped discs, and swollen as they were, inflated within, once they emerged. Fat-fattened with little red-green puckers and strange faces appeared to mourn.

And mourn they had, not for themselves but for no one else but the lass.

‘Dear lass, dear lass, you must enter thine path and turn around, this is a land of no return, this is a land of malice that not even a single man might live past forth.’

‘Are you blind in that case or are you forgotten?’ Of proper manners which were not to be counted in, to Horn’s remark, another inflated disc stepped right in, or at least one of the faces.

‘You’ve been gone through but appeared to be at a loss, you’ve abandoned your earthly form and now you’re nothing that could be passed.’

‘As any, either.’ Yet another disc, after, this one distinctly set in its appearance, as many mouths formed and lured it; as such: ‘One, you’ve missed, you’ve abandoned your previous form and now you’re anything but at peace. You’re nothing and that’s what you’ve become, a butcherment, disease, and for no reason will your husband mourn.’

‘What is to happen to me in that case if that is, as such as you imply?’

‘Death, of unearthly manner, though not bodily, of mind!’ It spoke, and just as soon, from one of the bastards, outside, one of the blasted bridges, the platforms of many births that came just as soon to life, it appeared to be of no lesser stature, and of no less woe.

Their heads were boated, yet stood tall, a few arsons that were brought, and settled of fashioning their flame-throwers, having started spraying chemicals on top the tendon growths as well as on everything else that was there. It was a mirthful sight, at the very least for those standing around it. For, when they settled, too many cores were made.

From the side and out the world, where the boot was flat and the orca was a thing of its own, floating and swimming in the ocean-air as if the stars were but little spikes pointing at it, a wild voracious Patricide had happened after. On top the boot stood he, the father of this world, now the Orca looked after him, for a great piece of its head was gone, wrapped around the flying bloated mammal, passing, casting only the most unfathomable, hard to look at stares. Yet Horn was still there, as was the Rider, whom had greeted her for a very while.

A tall figure was he, the Rider, the horse conjoined to him, the patterns wilder, brisk and brushes, bristles embed in his being, the wild abstractions and the Yellow head, wider, was the call to action.

‘I can give you a chance to leave.’ He told her, while at the same time keeping distance, for they were in such a place, where the chaotic growth of many metal ledges would elate even the worst of beings, most of them having floated in an inhumane niggardly manner, niggerish as in against life, unfathomably inferior metallic matter being put aside, then around.

‘And if you seek to bring him back, I may.’

Yet he could or refused to speak on her form, out of fear, not to hear or to think of such a thing there was, a mild apprehension that would claim his mind if he said the wrong time, again, he drew closer.

It was a spark of largely deformed yellow flowers that stood in the sky, there was no space around, but a strange almost stage-like pain that formed everything and every single glowing wild stalactite and stalagmite that pointed towards the platform they were drawn to. Inside these strange insidiously formed

coffin-like structures, one could hear, which disproved the relatively, barely formed in the subconscious mind of Horn, the noise made by the tapping fingers whom had belonged to the trapped fingers inside of these closely encased coffins.

There was no deal, precisely, but a call of stop to action, since there were things that could most likely backfire against anything and everything that even crossed her mind, it was a puff of head that appeared to be broken every now and then, time ticked, they were but bulbs and flowers. Many of them painted yellowy as roses-white after a shower of paint from above.

‘I am giving you but a chance to continue thine journey, back there, and you may go your own way whenever pleasing.’

‘Why should I take your word for it, that he may be brought back to life as soon as I comply?’

‘Are you not a woman then? Are you not to obey?’

‘I was butchered.’

‘Yet you’re still one in essence and in play. You shall still listen, be submissive and do as I say.’

‘What if I am betrayed?’

‘Then you are to live the rest of your days that way, wonderingly so.’

‘So be it, then, it’s what I choose. My choice shall not be forgotten by no means and know that I shall. I shall seek retaliation.’

‘Yet ill-searched, for I may not be harmed, I whom am above all life, I whom live in such realm;’ To that he pointed, larger oils and wider stretches, all appeared after, that, to come and brought to snare, a sight of paintings everywhere.

It was in this realm he lived, uncanny, the nasty rosary, the growths of plants, the floral embroidery and everything that came to his mind, all and all, brought to him, for life and stall had taken a peak. His eyes were verdure, but not in the body, yet in the sun, the many things but looking and staring at the little dark spidery thing that was attached to her half open mouth.

‘I will obey in that case.’

There was no way down, but it seemed likely, that it would not matter. A hole formed out of nowhere, where she stood, like a small entry, from where a small rickle of barely formed short-hands put her in a barrel-cage, dragging her away as soon as her mouth was shot.

Neither of them could make out what was going on by any chance or means.

A pair of little barely shaped Tenors with their bellies fat, of whom, but looked like nastily caught, there came an open mouth from one’s belly. It took a while for either one to reel back in and out, on the side of the boot, as the land started pushing out of its hiding. A head-shaven to the brow and two listening long-heads appeared from around their spikes, little more than bloated stalagmites standing-open, elevator-like reeling in back and forth.

‘Why, you, of all, are yeast infected, you were, for the longest time, and thine content.’

‘There are echoes left on far, thine land, there’s nothing to see not to be drawn to when they call upon a bird-cage pair to sing and hear, a leper’s song.’

Part of the land started, moving from one part to another as if both were part of a partially decayed landslide never to be taken out of place. She had been there within reason, accompanied by them both, incapable of making out the reason for their presence, or why she still stared at a wrapped around corpse, she wailed, but then again.

‘Would you happen to know of any safe path? To look in any other way when needed, or at the very least tell of the time?’

There can be no other man of trenches coming forth. Within reason they started, just as soon to ask one another questions among the road, seeing how it had become way, beyond it, least of all, too bastardly to wait before, construction done, the workers would be risen again. Many of them or either one, too drenched around their heads, no longer. Not to stand in line, many and lesser of them, were strung along and least of all, and such disaster as would follow.

It felt as if the weather would worsen out, especially since the dead-birds whom had showered in steam made clouds were yet to make a case of it, since many were but pebbles in the most unnatural of weird throngs. In skies of alabaster songs, whereas neither nor a single one would know of the alternative, that it to show. Horn had but strung a few, many of them hanging on her suture segments, many of the birds but new to this kind of pain. Seemingly skull-exposed, neither had felt a fraction of this strange a pain, which was by all means insufferable as to wail in it, and face for long, there was no certain way to avoid it either, for all the time in the world seemed to stop in front of her before she could even try a thing.

‘Don’t swing them off, or else, something might happen.’

‘Think it’s going to last until next Eve?’

‘Their deaths? Bothersome as it is.’ The Long head said, right before being joined by a fourth member of their most salacious cult, and then. They seemed to have formed a great mound, at the very least, eighteen of them were present but neither of them spoke too loudly, not that it would matter for either one. Since there was no precisely strong, or sudden movement, they walked through dark rains formed out of the most unnatural things, bodies of benign. Maliciously forming themselves out of thin air, then prodding, many elongations, many that were harming themselves along the way, although neither of them touched the ground. It was peculiar, how and for how long, it took for them to understand.

They were all watched by greater forced, many of whom but served the Cores, neither one. And lesser things, the eggs cracking, the shells’ echo but slamming against each wall and in that room there was naught greater than the Mongol and the ones that served him before his time was come. For he’s been brooding there, a leprous frog never to be, too aloof in fleshy feeling, but never understanding, as the few of them whom were present around Horn, and would’ve made, within reason, something of their home had asked.

‘When was the last time you’ve spoken to him? To your husband, to your lover, when?’

‘A long time ago from what I remember, and I’ve yet to find someone akin to him, someone who might help me, whether or not, in insolence or whether there might be so called back upon a time of happiness and lamentation before a time when I was brought to walk.’

‘Where are you heading to in that case?’

‘It’s well that I’m content with the fact, that I may not hide by any means that the Rider in his home, which brought me no less into the boot, has instead, betrayed me before I could even get a chance to retort. I see myself as far away, I see my vision let convey only of the darkest futures there might be, as there’s no possible reality where I may see my husband walk again.

That I may see him animated, and least of all, to suffer of no pain as I would’ve had it.’

They feared the dreams, the ones that happened to be there, around them, in the surroundings, or the wild things that popped every now and then in their heads, like little specks of bullets, that came from her as well. It was immaterial, to say the least, even trying to make something up on the road.

Since they could all see it. Materializing in front of their eyes, It was like some kind of malign evolutionary scale made out of put together past species that held a screen, that thing stared spreading on the walls and on just about everything that lay around it. There was no stop and definitely no beginning nor would there be any kind of hope to try at it, since by the looks of it, the screen bore, in its flat square appearance, bare-teeth around its frame and edges, going around like a band actioned chainsaw that appeared to completely cut through the simian fingers the slaves seemed to bear, right before they reformed themselves into a point and another.

It was a dreadful thing Horn could not stray away from, this road seemed like a self fulfilling prophecy, by all means, a trap and a cage within itself, trying to make her look away as these long-legged backwards walking creatures began heaving the screen, tilting it ever so slightly at to be slightly pushed forward at the top, backward at the bottom, forming a perfect almost titillating to look at straight plane. With wild images appearing to be somewhat struck in a still – straight in relation to the curvature of the screen as if, if the screen had been straight, the image would’ve been tilted in the opposite direction of the screen if it was in its tiled position. Like a pendulum of images that appeared to be reactionary to the way they’re pointed, in the strangest manner possible, they seemed to go back and forth in these strange rotations. Baleful creatures dances in the strangest manner, all covered with strange glowing numbers that appeared to contort and make all the shapes or give life to the strangest of things, walls that were curved at the top and formed climbing regions that were but peculiarly grown at the top like strange boil-filled unnatural demonical figures with large elongated heads and shoulders, these shoulders bearing large opening from which snake-like push-through coils but opened only to reveal sun-discs structures with humanoid head-wrought in pincer shapes flowers with spikes around the edges of their bases that bore strange openings with large pin-like string formations that appeared to come out as partially transparent almost invisible flies with glowing flare like stickers attached to their ever growing insides that appeared, if a man saw them, as bubbly optical illusions after staring at the sun too long, yet more curved as if they were sickle cells in comparison to normal blood cells. Despite, what appeared to be the tilted screen’s actual representation, that being, the fact that this was but a strange portal leading to another, different world, the flatness of the ground was but a simile of the world, which was but almost tiled with strange man-like casts that, the further, as they were projected on the ground, they approached the wall on the bottom,

which were more like fences which depressed in a concavely rounded edge kind of matter towards the box-like formations that appeared to be concealed by the walls as they, strangely so appeared to merge at the top of the box-like pot base in which the strange elongated towering creature-object was lodged into.

The man structure which was surrounded by, almost a Chinese-wall kind of matter, by a solid livid fence that was barely touched by talons and almost pseudo-human hands at this point in time was almost formed or placed in a, kind of medieval kind of fortress manner which only revealed as much as many wall placed defense towers, as they served no purpose, that being, added to the fact that their towering elongated bodies were more like, if one were to look at it from this angle, kind of jack in the box formed chests, leading to a chaotic non anatomically comprehensible kind of chaos of forms and heaving shapes since the head and the throat and the shoulders made it so these things were almost plant-like than living in form since their heads and the features were too indistinguishable from an overly bloated hive filled with growths-like over-the-top pushing skin-formation kind of melted honey, with pointing beak-like crushed at the top but curved upward like the edge of a folded sheet of paper which had been set on fire by a lighter, the tip of the beak being shaped like the wildly swinging flames. But the simians carrying this strange portal wore not normal things themselves as they only seemed as mesmerized as everyone else, but they appeared to bear large almost unnaturally shaped, crab-like legs that were pointed towards the group that pushed onward towards them and backwards as well as if they were actually machine-like in nature, while these rabid almost two dimensionally represented teeth were but pointing outwardly toward them as well, as if they were but the flaccidly almost boiled at to become more flaccid sharp fins on top the lividly morbid decaying screen, the rot that spread across the decaying figures as well as the road. At times it seemed that even these guards that accompanied Horn were just as decayed and almost completely rotten like everything else, always threatening to fall apart as they drew on from that point on. It was something, unnerving.

How, upon looking on the side, as if there was an empty valley, she was being followed, in actuality she was being followed. By the vile evil orca-boot, with its black infested dark claws impaling the main structure, while its many feet but pushed onward, always making sure to stop as to make it seem the entirety of the valley and the world was curved as to create the illusion that she was walking in circles.

There was no sun either, there was only a core.

And many of the cages were already beginning to appear, by all means the giants were no longer standing-rotten but were beginning their flight towards one another only to open their almost shut-cut stumps in which they held spear but not flaccid like coils, formation as if sharpened out of branches but instead of branches the trunk of cut or fallen over tree-like-oak, from the side it fell, that is to say, these almost spectral looking bones being pointed as if they were Gatling gun barrels or ancient gunpowder siege machines, or stake-launchers, but fleshier as if meant to connect.

The time they spent in each other's company was inherently, in terms of how it truly was, prudish, benign, she could remember as such, having her husband kiss her toes and do what she wanted, he was in love after all and there was definitely no problem in the world nor anything that would get between them.

But she had no toes and memories are poison for her mind, at the very least these kind of memories that appear not only out of nowhere but they can't help themselves but intrude wherever and whatever, at whichever point, she was but incapable of making out what they were doing there, what they were doing

at all, the mere problem being but a constellation of images, of visions overlapped. Seeing herself going through a piece of her door, her room and on the road as well as everything else, while the Yellow-headed Rider kept pouncing in his tiny boot, walking in a most deprecating manner, incapable of looking beyond and after, as if it would've matter to a point.

It was the fence, which delineated the road, or at the very least surrounded it, not to come too close, the guards, her referees but spoke, and clouded as their judgment were, they said at last:

‘Careful not to be absorbed in your thoughts too long, you cannot bear the thought. Of lucid dreams and those things that take you to a place you can’t last, you’re wrong to think that you can help it.’

‘I think I can, I need to see why he’s there, still alive in a dream.’

The room they were in, it was there, every few meters, separated by one another, with him struck in frames, moving from one side to the other and then again, no longer capable of saying much. Since his loathsome mouth was but a trench dug inside his jaw, moving in and out, a plump cylinder with strange sounds, and morbid wrongs. It spoke again.

‘You won’t make it, can’t you see it now?’

The simians are laughing at you, even in their mongrellic shrouds, they wish you to fade away, they know you cannot be destroyed, but buried with the corpses so you may not come out of your way and do a thing you may regret.’

‘Horn, what happened to you?’

‘I died, a long time ago, yet you carry my body thinking you may be able to save me somehow. It’s an ill endeavor you cannot hope to possibly pursue. Even with all the strength of the world given to you.

At the end of the day, you’re still a woman, it’s not in your nature to succeed.’

She had not realized it so, but she was constantly being mocked by them in the worst possible manner, by the worst possible means, there was no possible way for a woman to achieve it. This was a task for a grander thing, a stronger foe, a stronger man, for whichever reason one might come to think or follow it so. There’s but a chance in hell, a testament even for the vilest men, to which even the fallen angel, Lucifer would yet attest. Regardless of the grand stature, or the vileness of a creature, for whom reason would detest, the ones to break, creature and to destroy were still men. By all regards, this was no invitation and she didn’t know how to respond beyond reasonless approach.

Come thee’ before here stood a watched, he had ripped the sides of one of the replicated, though without two walls through which she had previously passed through, as with all the guards, a tall grand and lesser broth, chained with steel and made as if wrought in iron, darkly armor.

‘Where have you appeared from?’

Immediately, as if on command, Lurid but started her wrongful stare.

‘What should I do?’

‘Don’t look it for now, avert your eyes before something might happen, unless you want to look at them, and if I may so, it’s not something I would advise you to do.’

And she was being followed nonetheless by a giant spherical like dripping on the floor thing with two almost crawl inside kind of mold-death masks made out of tubes, in which it started swaying itself as to stand in it for far too long.

As strange as this entity was, when it, and during its initial approach, there was little wonder as to understand the reason behind the many put together girths there were attached, and the little cut-off in a Dutch manner nigger-hands that served as trinkets around this well adorned frame that stood aghast to it.

It was this entity which made and loomed, and formed the strange transition between these strange mixed of colors as if they were struck by strange broach that formed and grew on side, the many spread that would defile even the slightest most immobile of forms and shapes, they appeared to hold every single piece of the wall, and there, and then again they walk, carrying them over from one side, to the other, avoiding the towering formation before it could draw onward and the lesser of each other, would they scratch the wings off, it couldn’t be called, it couldn’t be felt at all.

‘Where to and where to yonder?’

But her answer could not come after.

As empty as the world was, there were bastardly set forces, all but looking and glancing at one another in check.

‘Can there be another point to make? I believe I would’ve won if there had been enough time for a retort.’

‘You must not have thought so when you saw the stakes.’

‘But you are wrong, for I have seen him pace for hours, and days, down there, in the echo of gradients, where all the molecules are but split and echoing away.’

There was an open mouth shaped like the top front of a ship, peering out with eye-elongations slipping through he cracks and dents like alligator birds cleaning teeth-like when open, before they began gain, with their ballad of bland corpses falling on top of one another.

‘There’s but a single thing to follow after.’

Neither one of them could understand how it happened, in a matter of eighteen seconds or seventeen or six, something that was between highly observable and something that happened right as soon after, they were staring, if they even had eyes, at a most peculiar hard to cluster form that appeared, was part of the ground, started moving, flopping itself in the elongations, opened a few large tube-like squared holes in the high mass, from which elevator-like piled on top of largely built almost square-like towering structures with pumps spread all across them that were also painted in some greenish looking red that hard strange patterns that would make one thing of velvet with a skull thrown in every now and then and pot-holes filled with reeling back and forth bodies and skeletons that spat skeleton-fire shaped clouds that began molding themselves in pseudo looking fire-shaped people that ran in circles across the ground before they faded out. And before either one of the partially formed creatures could understand what was

going on, from the distance appeared a strange walk on his own leg as he only had one attached to his body, but saw it as it were, leaped on top of his teleporting-a-few centimeters in front of him walk-on-top leg, which brought him where he needed to be. He saw a hell made out of unnaturally elongated ivory hairs that acted like long butcher pegs made out of sharpened coiling butcher's blades that would constantly cut him but he would only die in another world. While his body, which was in this strange empty place, in this empty universe which was caused by the strange melting over of the Mongol core appeared to have set many mongrellic bodies, that is to say, impaled inside every single arc-like structure that could be put through them. Niggers were also killed but that wasn't as important since there were specs of light-tar like stars that were lumped together in their own celestial bodies forming, if seen from the distance, actually shaped Medieval European Knight Bastard Swords that opened in the middle to sprout thousands of young piles of cadavers that hadn't passed the young mirthful age of sixteen, many of them but being the complete result of the, despite what one might be lead to believe, that is to blame the nigger immigration in lands they don't belong to, the black death, although in some way, one might say that they are highly unrelated, the corpses that were piled on the ground by these boiling planetoid oblong molded stars creatures but the empty graves on the ground which shot, in the middle of the strange rising foundation of metallic almost darkened complexions that bore the elevator pumping on every side structures, a hold. That is to say, the sword spat hundreds of these piles of corpses which shot almost elongated wretched melting like hands which attached to the main structure as if they had owned allegiance in some manner. Above there stood the strange man. No longer hopping but frozen on a single leg, around him but a strange rotation, as if drawn by some gravitational pulse the stars obeyed him and they looked like they swooned with evil forms and shapes that emerged out of them and began spitting almost centrifugal kind of deformed almost hand-extended humanoid in part blocks of skin that were made to fully extend their arm span at to attempt, in a most desperate kind of way, to suppress since the Suppressors were no longer alive, the pumping elevators which appeared to open at the top with x' like shaped openings which appeared to look like strange pucker mouth-like prolapsed hybrids from which dandelion-put together energy things filled with quantum atoms appeared to be slowly being drawn from inside of them, before being absorbed by these flying masses with their hands extended which desperately attempted to force these dark elevator pumping organs to work on creating instead of amassing the power needed to explode. It seemed like the star-shaped put together clustered sword only acted within the accord of the universe which only averted against this dreadful thing which could not be accounted for.

While this happened, the mouth shapes, the limb shapes and the other things that were having their discussion were actually contemplating a bottle. Somewhere in the air, a giant Crane, whom was no longer on the Isle appeared to open his belly in a rocket shape kind of manner, revealing a cabinet-shaped inside his gut where a lot of strange shaped people appeared to be shaped, in which there stood, for some reason the great Manno Filthde whom was sipping out of a jar-skull that was filled with eye-jelly like flying tendons that were all trapped in a fly-like biologically set trajectory, that was completely set on the upper side of the jar in which the tendons were actually trapped inside of, above the region of the jelly, which had been drunk by Manno's peculiar mouth elongations. As strange of a god as he were, it had no toes and no fingers, no palms but fleshy-eely almost drill-like things coming out of drill-like cartilage shaped extremities that at sometimes appeared to be lodged or a part of him, at others, were simply there. He looked down, the place was a mess.

From what he could discern, in the middle of the, what appeared to be, area, stood a pile of dark-rusted junkyard, kept in place by pile of web-like sprayed melted corpses that grew on top of the strange metal

for some reason in order to keep it in place, while the strange beings that were stuck in their gravitational place were but jauntily moving in the worst possible manner.

Thence she suffered for more than a year, akin to a Hermit realizing her husband spent most of his time inside the house, never leaving that place at all. There was guilt in Horn's mind, knowing she was the sole cause of his death, this shame she would bear for an eternity, as the realization had simply kicked in.

Lo', the great man stood in his house, and life was grand and great.

'Death was brought by you to whom but not the man whom was in your embrace? By all means, you are a disgrace to all womanhood and all kinds of living creatures there are in this world.

Therefore you are true to your nature. It spoke to the woman, whom? Her consciousness, but women don't have that.

They're either here or there, or sometimes in the worst possible spot, especially the one that seems to always draw from one side of the ship to the other. Seeing how she merely avoided every possible disturbing contortion of room she entered, how she averted her eyes from what was or had been going on, Horn failed to realize that the growth inside of every little passage of every short chapter, inside every tiny book in her library as well as the coins that were spread in the rooms that appeared were somewhat dolefully destroyed by something, touched in the worst possibly unexplainable way. There were ant lines that not only did they not belong in some places they found themselves in, but it appeared likely that someone had touched something as well, around each edge of the hardly-pillared head-shaped inserted dossier that had been placed or lodged inside the wall. IT was likely that she wouldn't feel it, not after the first moment had left its mark. But this was not the rightful time to forget herself in the world.

Since her eyes had become but two white puddles of an almost unnatural-transparency that appeared to look at the world in the wrong way. Every wall and everything that came to her, every piece of the road as well as the giants that heaved at the rooms appeared, in some way or another to express a deep desire to harm her. By all means, this was something that she could not help but shy away from, since she was being watched, and cared for.

'The Rider won't let you leave.'

'Yellow-head won't allow such a thing to happen, you must forget everything you saw here and go back.'

'To where would I go and to what place, and where might I be followed and be allowed to go? I see no way, to such, and I see no possible un-contorted manner they would not push and heave me at, as to head into dark and damp place. As to face but what little there is, this agony but being a slit of disgrace.'

'Enough with the dramatic woe, there's but a strange that wishes you to know.'

Another one of these strangers emerged, the ones that had not only followed her but appeared to constantly surround whatever plain of sight, or would surround her. No matter where to look or what to say, or where exactly, would they lay.

'You are to enter and to flee, there's a place in the distance, through the portal you may see fit to bring your husband yet toward. It's as little as we can do for you from this point on.

The sickening of such directions, the latter of indentations, it's the only thing we want to spare you of.'

'And if there's danger yonder, that may threaten to kill my spouse, to kill my man and to lay claim to him?'

'He's wearied and no longer breathing, he's taken in a world that's shattered, look behind and look no further if you want to understand, if you want to realize what the alternative is, and to what end will you end up chasing him inside of.'

And again, like frames, the rooms were shattered, opened in the front and in the back, with her husband walking after. Always but in the strangest motions, never standing by the side, no break to be taken and not to wait for, and no longer would she ask, in kindness had she wailed, but went, towards this stranger place, this farther lopsided hold, that would bring but lesser kind and less disgrace.

'I see there's still reason in your eyes, perhaps there's something worth looking into, as for you, my dear, you'd better stay your hands and arms, you'd better show me thine worthy limbs.'

Strange as this sand-orange encrusted yellow-eyed, with little spikes emerging out of them, and a mouth that looked like the insides of a car. His mouth engine working, while she showed him what she bore; well worked arms it seemed, many of the segments worn to a whim at the very least, she couldn't explain what she went through but made it seem like she was acknowledged in the fact.

'Why are they still here?'

But lo' she looked, and saw but corpses, barely hanging, gliding as of flight. They were but part of invisible towers now, merely pacing after dust was gone. And behind them? Only elongations, stretched of empty plane. Which in itself was as straightly cleaned as to look as from a piece, cut from then remained where it was placed. Again, it was a troublesome thing, within reason, she had come but thin, of bread and of her mind.

She asked the sand-licker what he wanted.

'You were brought here to me in order to direct you to the closest thing you may follow to, that is to be, a slight rebirth. You may not have realized it yet, but you're alone with me, behind the plates.'

At which he pointed behind. It was taken from her, but in time she'd realized, the tinted leprous-simians hands, the arms that went around and stretched from but one world to the other. Behind her, the crumbling orca-boot was but fancying itself but longer, slowly placing yet itself on road. Aiming as for the many bars and many black logs to crawl, and placed about and many farther paces going, there was no possible escape, of, least of her, dire knowing.

'They will follow you until you die.'

'Who will?'

'The Yellow-head and the Mongol, both of them are but two sides, and there does not seem to be an end to their determination, there doesn't seem one that would bring them lesser, taken, and partaken into scorn.'

But even the san-licker, Shrub Fessed was worn, his garbs were torn, and he was but not trying to look no further than he let her on. Since neither one of them understood, they had rationed whatever lights they could. Not to stay in place for long.

‘Follow me and crawl upon my raft.’

With a snap, Fessed snapped his jolted fingers. They were both being carefully handled, as if they had been packages, immediately being wrapped and used, no longer to be called, and brought to such fuse as one would bring harm towards.

‘Are we to listen for reason?’

‘There’s none down there, at least none that would satisfy you.’

And tender as it were, they passed, not forwardly but downwardly, to a lesser place that wouldn’t, for the least of it, cast any suspicion.

A friend was waiting for her:

‘I’m going to slaughter your fucking face, dumb fucking cunt!’

He was there, in the middle of the sand-wench, her infantile noisy sounds blocking everything from being heard by anyone in its proximity.

He pulled out a giant claymore with skull in it whom had gut-coils wriggling around, turning it upon himself only to momentarily impale his chest, creating a ceramics look of blood volcanoes sprouting out of him. As he pulled the claymore out, the skulls began being more animated, their eyes reddened with a strange puffy glow, as if they bore red-black dandelions inside blood-clot bubbles with flares stuck in the middle. His eyes became just as red as them.

By the time he drew forth, his chest was bleeding but was kept from falling apart by the suturing gut-coils, the skulls were violently heaving, almost completely stuck in place.

One of the sockets opened, it revealed a small invisible quasi-outlined, only by the fraction of a second kind of coil that carried eye-beads along with it.

A blooming pair of dales were seen, dandling around until a single pair of them was found in the distance always rowing for one of the wild directions. A few of the wild boar, plague-clothed poachers were after it.

‘There’s been signs coming from the west Hemisphere, I think there’s still something coming down our way.’

‘Where have you last seen a light, or a flame sprouting from the ground?’

‘Two days ago, in the same spot the signs had started yet appearing.’

‘Then we’ll keep marching West.’

Two hours seemed, past eight, to have left a sluggish effect on either man. It was the first one the slits sprouting from the air that gave it away. Before it, there had been no reason to wait, or to make a fuss about it.

‘It’s East, it seems likely to make another unnecessary turn.’

Some of the poachers were already caught, or had been caught on the wrong sides of the desert.

Their wild riding lodgers were incapable of threading along from that point on. They were chained into place, and kept from going, prevented by nothing else but a pair of unnaturally decayed arms that held and prevented them from breathing. Wild-living machines they were, they had reached the sight of sand like a bunch of nomads who no longer had anything to them, nor would they have any kind of life to breathe into the ground they drew life out of; having stumbled onto nothing else but the sight of two strange being, the Horn, with her wrapped thing and the little headed-bladed man whom had already taken a prideful stance between her and them.

Having already spread apart, as they prepared themselves for an onslaught, there was no need to do something that would remind oneself. They were opening fire on him, but none of that appeared to phase him in the least.

Like a wild black widow Horn had already began moving along from one point to the other, no longer in control over her bodily movements or the strange action her body was performing.

They were butchered soon after, in a most vicious manner. As the skulls started flying, attaching to their heads, creating spine-shaped lobes that drew their bodies into strange-four kites, as they threw their remaining organs out, nigger-sloppy pushed down and kicked in, as to stomp it.

It was a bastardly deranged sight neither man could draw his eye away from as they were being hunted down at this point, having already dropped their weapons in a desperate attempt to make it before anything too fallacious.

During one man’s run he fell in one of the red-sandy depressions in the ground. It had been by a mere flick of pebbles that his luck was found again.

A few passages were lain beneath him, taken from a cozy basked he had wreathed out of harder stone-like sand-grains his hands had managed to wrap his hands around. It was highly inconsiderate yet he had done what he could to make it as, palpable as his swollen heart had been, admirably decent as possible. Pulling out the entire skeleton arm out of its socket; a waxy like material seemed to have crumbled as he drew on the parchments away from the creature. Seeing how it was missing the necessary skeletal appendages to fully grasp around the frame of the kipped in paper, it simply let go. A slightly uncomfortable sensation followed him as well. Swelling of the fingers, his heart but beating as the wild noises of a runner up cranium appeared to be desperately searching for a pray it may pride itself with.

There was just as much as could be said about it.

Weird symbols Klahf Laffagr failed to recognize immediately. A strange thing he failed to avert his eyes from dragged a piece of the skeleton in the ground, having grown itself in the sight, like a chalkboard with a piece of him swaying in.

It was a ploy conceived by the great crab-elongated legged simians that were bastardly trying to draw his soul through the parchment sheet, as to create a ticket that would then be used to be chased in, as to sell it for nothing, forcing the man to abandon his eternal pursuit for paradise.

For the paradise was pure and uncannily defended, wreathed in place and concavely ended as to be lain like a figure that's even becoming such like sand, tearing each of the men apart as they would be put inside the grains, being worn out by the complete band of lacerations that followed just as soon as they were freed. It was a somewhat inconceivable way.

Day of surgery, the day after:

The surgery hadn't ended, as a matter of fact, it had just begun.

Standing in front of Horn-Lurid whom were aligned as such:

A two dimensional anatomical illustration of a humanoid man whose arms outstretch only reach for what seems to be an unnatural amount of barb-wires that had been fused-molded with the rest of his body hold the head above, like a surgeon's guiding light. In front of them stood the simians, with their put-through heads leering in like canons, their face-side of the skulls, that it to say a bottle cap if it had been filled with some gelatin and hardened started pushing deeper in, only a few centimeters of millimeters at best. Their long legs were connected like musical triangles, pushed in the back a few centimeters, raised, then made like wings, they flew like butterflies across the room.

It was endlessly part of the road, the table and the machines that were put to their employ were nothing else but the nomads.

This very room they were in was one of the lost ones in the hospital, though there was little that could be seen, or observed, by all means, there was a glass dome behind which the Yellow Rider was standing, closely observing what was happening.

Dead-melted men by his side leered in and out as they observed.

No longer eerily dousing on and off, one spoke:

'You must've come to the realization that there's no possible way we could perform a surgery on her, correct?'

It grew a few romboscout shapes that appeared to protrude tri-dimensionally triangular- spherical at the time with boil-like old science fiction shaped spatial rays- the circles which floated like Saturn belts around the point protrusion that appeared to have drawn, although it looked like bands of skin coming from its chin, its forehead and its sides, these thin cartilages were nothing more but some oily sebaceous slightly made deformation of many put together unnatural dark-shapes conjured from the bowels of the great crop-corpse, they were harvested by niggers-like-cotton from the cadaver fields, before being taken here, having already gotten through the process of embodying themselves in this reality, their mood was rather set on hate and pissed. A deadly combination of the two which seeped into their entire beings almost incessantly disturbingly moot-kind of manner – annoyance displayed, aimed towards rule breakers.

A man was called to attend, he wore a strange artifact, a skull of meat, to no end. Payott but grinned in a most malicious manner. His teeth piano keys, one green and one yellow. His suit looked morbidly rusty, with little spread of red and tainted organ-hue, of ancient underturned Churches.

‘I’ve come to attend her breaking.’

There was as much as it could be allowed.

Through the arch he had just entered through there was only one thing and one alone he almost missed. The two jack-in-the-box kind of statues that had set the mood, they spoke to him before he’d groove.

‘Is there a path of return you see fit, underway?’

‘I do not know, why are you asking that?’

‘Look behind you?’

Part of the ground, and little more than could be convey, the cackling core had made as such.

This was the day of the surgery, still inside the house they had just entered. Horn was but split a few moments ago, that was as much as she remembered.

But lo and behold, a few moments, therefore and a few steps beyond. Stood a simple thing, a deserted base of men, whose but chemicals had not only entered the bar, but were merged with it, who could trust them?

The Snake and Pox were but the heads, two of them facing at each end, a leg was but the Satyr – compressed, his hairy face and legs attached and wrapped at the back like boots, a keg of meat for belly, the woman. Carpent and her had been eaten and mixed, in what appeared to be no viscid kind of acid but a pool of Dina and some egg-like beads. Behind it, the two assassins had become, but two bloated blimp-like things coming out of two cartilage tubes, green and orange mixed with some fleshy silk, there stood the body, no arms. But a few flaccid things that reached the ground, like the stuffing of toys, ripped and put behind and lo’.

Inside its belly there stood a frame, like a walking apparatus held by an old man. Frank Dushore was there. But without the lower side of his body, holding his chest cabinet open, ready to jerk the nuclear missile off, triggering it into an instant nuclear meltdown before any of them could even fathom what was going on.

Those two fat lumps in this entity’s back were but thrusters.

And it seemed like the two, Poxsnake had but joined Payott immediately, in order to attend this strange, conversation between the two adjourning forces that were present in the room.

‘I will not give into you, no, I will, you lied to me. You most definitely lied.’

‘Have I now?’ Yellow-head’s voice bounced through one of the intercoms, tying itself to the various echoes whom could be seen floating across the room like slouched yellow pops of dust.

‘If I recall correctly, I’ve called upon your subservience with this and this alone, I’ve but gave you a chance to answer me, that I may finally bestow upon your husband life as it was but yet called.’

‘But not like this.’

‘Of course it would have to be done in such a manner, how else would a race like yours be stored and made? How else could one but, of girth and reign, make sure the world shall be yet populated by a mightier thing?’

And there he comes, yet arrived. My incessant demons, whom shall make sure you’re brought to the proper terms of our agreement. You see now, they are my enforcers.’

The two of them confused inside the room; it was most peculiar how they had not been announced or hadn’t gotten this enfolded, encrusted memo of what was to be.

Or this little room that existed, only in part, though no memory had it been, were it something more benign, more treacherous to be called.

It was less of a surgery room and more of a tournament hall, elongated as such, while the piles up corpses were there to attend. They all had pus-pox and looked as if they had been completely rotten and eaten by diseased. No attendees uninvited. Their heads were long-jars, they were sin.

‘I’ve seen this scene before, somewhere, somehow, but I never thought there was ever a chance to draw as close to her as I am now.’

Another one appeared to be too close, they were appearing in lines whereas, while being on their seats, another one froze, appeared, yet continued, as if seeing all the cells, all the animation cells as once, but molded. Large arms working one another, like Spartan-spears, feeling, peeping through the nasty hole, seeing her for the finest hour, and what to gone man had thought.

‘I always keep my promise, or at the very least I might as well try.’

Payott was joined by the Snake-Pox in the room, as they were both preparing their dead horses, whom they dragged along by chains, now alongside them, as many, but couldn’t fathom looking for any.

‘There are people here who have never seen a dead horse in their entire lives. Why do you think that is?’

‘Perhaps they’ve never had the chance to do it, Payott. You need to understand that it doesn’t happen too often now. You’ve been through the war, haven’t you?’

‘There are definitely.’

He forgot it, he almost did, but somehow, in some hidden document, someone claimed his name was faked. Someone made a huge mistake. Damn it, he knows of the file. He knows the war of Vietcong. He must’ve figured out what I’ve done there. It’s safely deposited, somewhere, archived, in some unaccountable manner, damn it!

It couldn’t get worse than that. At time he considered it but a dream. The document that had been saved, whatever he dreamed off, throughout age and time, it was saved, stored, there, forever in a bubble of

smoke, in a puddle of ringed dust-mice that would devour all skin if he even dared raise a finger as to remove or replace it. Then again, he had to try, and least of all attempt to remind him.

‘But you do not understand, my good friend, I’m not in the mood for anything now, I’ve been trying for so long to.’

‘You need not say a word, I know.’

I was merely asking for a thought. I am aware of your wrong-doings, and there’s no need to beat a dead horse over it, I was just wondering how many of them you’ve seen before. And what experience do you think they’re lacking? In what thought, or glance, and racked together, plain of steel.’

‘I’ve cut a horse once, if that’s what you’re implying Snakepox but I don’t know how you got access to all this information, it simply doesn’t make any sense to me at all. It could’ve come from anywhere, anywhere at all.’

‘And you’ll never find out I wager, neither of us will. Look around this place, the colors.’

There were many greens, and reds and whites, all mixed together in the shape of dark roads being lighted by a truck’s headlights, all but molded together, at to fit piece for piece but at the same time trails could be seen as if drawn on top of a leather map, or performed by someone’s bayonet, their carving knives.

It didn’t look well either way, as chaotic as it seemed, there were bubbles-dark-holes every here and there, these worming suns. Some of them but shaped like sons. Little humanoid figures that were wrapped around in the most incessant manner but couldn’t move, yet dragged away. Every piece of color and of shade but moving across, little more could they convey.

‘It doesn’t look well at all, I’d say. I’m rather set on the fact as well. Neither of us might make it.’

Not while the simians were working to stretch and prepare the tournament field, as well, as the top of the room being slowly dragged from them. Taken as if by some dark spell, conjured or wilt out of existence. At the pretence of him, but no king have they called him.

‘Yellow-Head, what do you intend on doing to us?’

‘I must not heed no suffer and wait for no more. I will have you both taken from here and placed back in your homes as you were.’

Double meaning, yet at last, it was as much as they would have to settle with. Yet, a dark glance he cast, or they thought so. At time it was mightily hard to discern. Nothing this creature did made any sense, none whatsoever, none that could possibly make them retort.

Or have a chance to make it thoroughly, closer and closer, to dark a home.

‘Thence we shall begin by a slight incision, and afterwards we shall apply the power-drinking horn funnels inside. Through it, we shall conjure the dark-scepters that shall come to life.

From the malady tombs, death shall cast a dark spell at last. With the blessing of the Rider, then we shall begin.

And once it's done, we shall cast us all but ill. That is how it might but well, go ahead and we shall siphon away whatever piece of essence's left in you.'

'Will it work?' Horn was mightily paranoid, waiting there on top but wrapped and seemingly. Magic was brim with light-fire that floated in the direction of the strange almost ambience that was produced by the strange-music floating cephalod branches.

'I do not know, the Rider is your only hope, put thine faith into him if you will and wager.'

They seemed to be parched for some reason, but stood still. Despite the outlandish outsets, there was but one structure that still held, the glass uprooted held on a standstill of legs the Rider was in, with his guests. Rather entertained and enduring, well.

How could one make the difference between being indisposed and being open on a table? Although he wasn't openly cut, her husband appeared to be open fifteen meters from the original point where he had been projected in, making it seem like there was a parchment unwrapped man above his body, then another projection on a slight reverse, downward facing incline where the surgeons had already gathered in order to commence.

As much had been gathered, the zone below them had been shattered by the mere unaccountable to deal with weight that suppressed just about every livid material that might've been purposefully used for him and his drawing from the ground region. Horn and Lurid's race was but in the process of being made and there was no possible way of prevention any longer.

Hence was the ground and what it looked like, what lurked inside of it was but the snapper-beings that started fixing, and wretched was the hour and location they chose to create their dark Artagun in, since it started seeping relative dark-matter into the moving-shaking constructs of the lower-reaches. They seeped in, dousing off. At times no longer draining the Aquarium that was being made in front of them, every time they swept through world and world uncannily hit back. Making them appear here and there as they would but emerge when time drew on and asked for them to be remade. Wince and crannies, one had yelled:

'There can't be any turn here, not when the dead-floaters, the armadillos of the sea are merging, with the lesser Mesozoic lancers, I see as many of them in there as I've seen man die in battle, in a one sided one, like cattle being butchered they seem to come into existence at the most inopportune times. What would see the reason behind it?'

'A dent in the compression, we're being forced to drop and fall, something heavier above us, at the very least, or so it seems, it's making us appear, and come in time.'

His eyes weren't working properly. As this was not a basin-proper, not a fish-bowl-rectangle. It was hardened, empty-on the inside but filled. Those sea armadillos he saw before, all of them were lumps inside the snapper-beings, many of them having already taken part in union, in case of the fall, they would all have to lay claim upon one another, least they would face what follows after. Lest would they die. Twenty minutes at an hour, when it drew nearer to them, a dark-rained shower.

‘I see there’s still some time to act. We may be limited from the likes of it, but there’s someone here, there, alive.’

‘Who is?’

‘Three of them, in actuality, now they draw forth, you must prepare yourself, and harden your body, as it’s unclear whether or not you would survive their wrath and wrath alone would destroy and crush, trampling everything underneath the soles of their feet as they make their way to the spanner-lob, alas.’

At the very least they brought candles and torches. Much taller than expected, like static- fallen over murky men, whom walked on trails, formed out of their torso faces which spat as well. It’s how they crawled with their nasty feet, which they themselves looked like two lower beings upon which they cradled themselves into. Children-infants-infantile, they sounded madly wrought and blind. Large tubular devices for their cockles, a degenerate machine, it was what pumped in their guts as well, the oily thing inside their packs. They carried them, and many cracks. Could simply be seen as they were bestowed upon this gift of steel and rockery, cradling each part, making the necessary sounds as to guide the echoes about the place they were in and out.

Yet, with all that, their faces looked flat, hardened, refused to fall and not only that but they seemed to be hot-ironed in by dark metallic masks, prodded. As expected, they spoke in weird languages, hopefully translated.

‘There’s enough noise coming from here, you’ve passed your quota.’

‘But I’ve but barely said a thing.’

‘It’s unfortunate for you if that’s the case, isn’t it?’

‘What is the punishment if I go overboard?’

‘We’ll cut your feet and then, we’ll make a trench out of them, we’ll swim in them and become, as they say. Most innocuous in the way of cutting and sharpening, bruising the sides, but not your toes.’

Why, they realized something. Both began sharpening their eyes, cleaning them as thoroughly as possible despite the presence of their hands.

‘Many pardons, but we thought you were a woman. In whichever case, I think there’s need for a new kind of distinguishable punishment, one that would deal with the alternative, wouldn’t you say so, brother?’

‘I think there’s but one way to find out.

Do not cross the line, keep below the limit of the quota.’

‘Wait a minute now, doesn’t this, aren’t I? Haven’t I already passed the quota by talking to you?’

Why is it outlawed?’

‘Too many questions, you’re going to receive a warning.’

‘I think I like that, brother, a warning, he says, that is but perfect.’

And they left, immediately crawling, drawling, by the force of a façade of gelatin. It was how they moved and how they managed to reach first of all the hidden placed that raised like the bowl-basin.

Miaghds Point, not going to let them go, are you? One of the spanners asked itself. It was already coiling around one of the inner-push-troughs that appeared in the air. Yet it was strange, how it came into being. Like a floating asterisk but made out of ants colonies marching together only to make it happen. To make it appear, then, by the time it was whole, there was no reason to stall any longer. Either man would know no better.

‘There’s another here. Halloo!’

It did not answer. It jerked, appeared in the back and was a split with many lines between first and second, organs in between, like a moving, static pair of casts. One moved a few meters, the rubbery thin hoses connecting them jerked eerily, then the second half joined it.

‘Shh, don’t talk. Speech quota.’

It was tempting, too tempting.

‘I remember being punched once, right side of my cheek. It was a taller guy, much taller, at least two feet high. He told me I stepped on his two. Two of his lackeys were there as well. I thought they would start pounding on me together, like a bunch of animals, if I tried something.

But he told me one of the strangest things a man that just punched you could ever tell you.

I have not gained your trust. I don’t understand why he said that but that was the last time I saw him.’

Its static face still bore a small pinch-region around his rosy cheek. His lips had been the only part that even moved to begin with. It was, peculiar, to say the least how not even now had the spanners interfered between the two of them. Moreover this lower region practically shook with pressure coming from on top them, where they were almost ready to begin.

There was a dark echo wallowing across the room.

‘Careful, run away!’

He’s going to rapebehead us!’

Something was still sipping out of the core.

If humanity is to survive, the likes of the nigger race has to be completely wiped out just so future generations might be spared of much darker fate. A world without a future awaiting in the bosom of a dead fucking nigger’s body, where its nigger-head slouching over children seem to rest. Like children during a time of feasting, nonetheless.

Fifteen hundred miles from there, in a small shot-through slug tunnel, a few stairway depressions rested.

They couldn't see a good chunk of her since it was missing all around.

A pine-like opening started peeling off, niggerish on the resin, a dark unnaturally held in place skin started lowering itself onto the ground. It started jerking itself into place.

It crawled into view like a smocking planet pair. Whom made in halves but unaware that they were molded in a pint but drew after on a rail of metal-hardened gel. From the few miles they rested in they drew on as on a wagon. Meeting and greeting the spanners on the other side before they could yield after.

'There's pounding and thrusting happening there. It grows, in and out. It needs to be listened.'

'Who needs?'

'Wretch inside the locked box, it is there, with us.' The snapper spoke.

Yet, the Rider was rather morosely, frozen, struck in place, standing his ground.

'We need to gnaw at it while he's busy.'

Scatter around, it tried telling it, scatter around, but neither one would listen.

'Lest there be a thing happening.'

Would there?

It was hard to pin it down where it happened, or why were the surgeons hosed, why they were all encompassed by it, an paranoid as were they held, and told.

Suffocation appeared to be a common thing there, inside the spanners. It was ingrained into them, down to their bubbly almost spongy wreathing wings. Although neither one, who was present there could deal with the air-nightmares that swung, even from as far as he could be seen, that sick man, with little more than a broad sword held against his arms, he swung it, back and forth, like a worthless organism of iron, headed as such.

As it swung back, the skulls returned, regurgitating in the air whatever was left of the previously hunted around nomads that had been spoiled and rotten along the way. Farther, and farther, the farther he went.

As the blade rattled and rattled again, with every clenched tooth but being pointy like a shard, this blade being split in halves, with eye shape regions and a smile, it started speaking to him.

Alachiel-Xrix:

'There, in the distance, I can sense her.'

Tip of blade, vaguely pointed in its general direction.

'It's a dark structure, is it not? Perhaps, rather unsafe to thread upon or near it, I sense, I can feel them below the earth, swarming as the ground comes apart.'

Two women had been beheaded there, and put on strange pillars, made to be alive now by strange machinery. What a dark, and darker fate. Was the sand beneath them, always crying of what hidden worth.

The system below the sandy hearse was shaken, by the looks of which, there was something deeply ingrained in the lower skeleton frame where they dwelled. Beady-chitinous margins always contorting into one another, dancing and wreathing along. Caught in an endless trance, the warrior Shalt, but was met around the edges of the never-seen hot hands.

First the rods on the ground, then he saw them. At first they spoke as thus, as these head-on pillars, women songs:

‘We were placed there like sheets, spread apart but now lay waiting.’

‘They stripped us of everything, sickly beings that they are, I couldn’t believe what happened and before long I was made to be nakedly exposed in front of them, performing such a dance, as would enable the land to grow.’

‘Why are you telling me all this now? I’ve shown you no interest whatsoever and I feel as if there’s nothing there to pass.’

Shalt had only stepped much closer, going through high-pains to get himself closer to either one.

‘You’ve both got pretty looking faces, for shame, for shame. I would’ve liked to have my way with either one of you, pretty young looking girls, forever, in youth you remain.’

‘But what is the point of youth like this?’

We’re kept alive to be ogled at, don’t look at us as if we’re shook, no, you wouldn’t like seeing what happens after.’

‘Do you think either one of you has the power to harm me as such, and even after?’

‘Neither of us has tried it out of fear, but most people seem to, very much avoid us for some reason. Worry not about it, that I see.’

There was no possible way of escape, none that would do in any way, not to wait too long they started going into circles. Spurring along as they left the blade, in circling motions would they ask:

‘What happened here, what happened there, what happened in a world that’s cast?’

‘Whom are you talking to and what is the reason behind it?’

‘To you, master who is yonder caught, in his own antics, through something that one failed at last. You are lost, and we still hunger.’

To which, again, the two women whom had been debodied spoke:

‘We should not be driven back either, not that it would last this way, but lest of all would you find it so uncannily deformed, we should see to it that we’re not held off, not into place as there’s still someone who’s still listening.’

‘Who is that?’

‘You, you great warrior, of whom blade is but eight times his body, not thin, not slim, no bathe of iron would have it. As a matter of fact, you’re sitting in a place where others brought to theirs and theirs alone.

There’s a sea of dead hanging ancestors of ours whom shared the same fate alone.’

‘Am I to be an instrument for thine finding then? Can I not be left alone for now?’

‘It’s far too late for that, I wage, not that there was ever such a chance.’

Not to be too arrogant or self-assured, they missed the point vaguely and found themselves better off, and cured, of everything that pinned them just.

No knight errantry left him as such. As to distract, from his one true calling.

‘I was placed here on this planet for one thing and one alone, I need to butcher as many people, beings and those who I see fit to do it, when left alone.

I hear no thought of wonder any longer and I may find no rejoinder to what I’ve done. No solace for the ones I’ve slain, no agony, for by the time I’m found, I will have prevailed.’

‘And what happens when they catch up?’

When all those murders you’ve committed draw from one point to another, and you’re found?’

‘It shan’t happen, I shall make sure of it. I am to be guided by the skulls for they are not the skulls of men, instead. Certainly they must belong to such gods of demigods, or such beings as would know better than to look in whichever, either, other way.

I find no pity for your today. No, I do not think so. I seek but such a thing as would damn me, if that were the case. I seek retribution for all that I’ve taken the lives for when it wasn’t asked, not by I, who would’ve done so. But the ones I’ve stumbled onto.

How could you proceed, if that were the case? If either one of you, wenches were in my place?’

To which, no longer chitin beating; somewhere below the girth of the ground, much abstracted figures hiding, most of them alone, after that. It was mightily hard, trying to find them, where they hid. And whence one might find himself but thoroughly wasted, he would see his feet. Deep beneath the broil of sand, deep within a point where many of them were but dragged below and much behind, no one could account for them, no one to feel such a thing as would’ve saved them. Much unearthed, they had their spoils. But these were no earthly goods, but, lo’ the iron would such crumble. No jewel or silver, or gold after. Magnificent in form nonetheless, like piously handled, to, much as one would refrain. Like porcelain or mighty Greek, such as their likes would sculpt, to the bodies of their mightiest gods, of marble feet. Would they craft the men, but not as humanity would’ve said, to be certain. Yet made to

hold, their structures as they're made to hold, with their white-perfect hands, and wrapped around, of such madness as would've been had, to such agony and pains they had to go through to create. To such pity, to no end, for lives were wasted for such a thing. All but swallowed by the sands, never to be seen, by none other but the chitinous carapaces that guided it, deeper into the realms of earth, where their nests but held at the point where they fell into the hollowness of dirt. To a point where they might never be seen, of such ledges, at the tips where they were held within, they rested, less as such. Would they see each other after that? The men of heavenly embrace, they were put inside such, graceful thing as to be away from womanly embrace, to have been turned from pain and wonder, but to might and slight perfection as to be encased. To become such as one would never dare look at and wonder, whether or not he had been a man, a human, such fiend. As one to come back after, nay there would be none as such. No one would know of them, not a single thing would have him wretch in place or stance. It was only the waiting, as it seemed. All too healthful, to their sin, which may just go unheard, as that was only between them and their lord. For earthly realm was theirs as well. For however long they lived to tell, or be unheard, as just it happened. They were encased, after all, in eternal marble.

Whom might dare as such to see? When one, avoiding such agonies? As to have his head wrapped around and least of all forget, daringly that it was seen as such, from where they stood, the world was of such marble. As every grain of sand but finely crafted as it were for them, much more than anyone else. Long before would they have known, of such a thing and would to be left alone. No one would speak of it, no one to bear such shades as there were thawed away.

But lo', no one could see the magnificence that lay before their eyes but them and theirs alone were eyes that were taken and brought to such a thing that would've been taken as but agony foretold.

'I think there's still a chance, my lord, for you to take us to a point where we might feast.'

'Why should I care about either one of you from this point on? You all seem to be gluttons when it's all too convenient for either one to act that way. Do not make me convey no such thing as servitude for I shall now and I shall not bring myself to do it, do you understand that?'

'Of course we do, and for that reason, we don't seek to bring you after, we won't seek to mold you yonder in the way we are. Since we are out of touch, with this earth we've known but naught. If such was brought before our eyes, we would've known it to be, but listen, there's no wonder, there's no peace then, not as long as we push the trough.'

They made him listen after all, though Alachiel could not be even more distraught, than what happened after that. He had listened to little more than what was needed, gone unheeded, went for yore.

Past the desert he had passed and there was not a single thing keeping or drawing him back. Instead, it was all too clear who waited for him there.

At the point of a crossroads, there was but a land-rover, a gloomy tale-machine but darker, four wheels, but much so yonder, as one might've guessed. Made out of dead-niggers, sutured, instead, it didn't work. Hence he avoided it and simply passed around. He didn't even want to look at that disgusting thing since it was so wretched as to be lifeless.

'Again of shroud, I see but you still follow me.'

He said to either woman there. One of them was but too thin, her face was already part gelatin. Although the mechanisms attached to the pole, although they kept her going as one would know, there was no such, would they have known what they hid inside. A long emergence that wasn't seen, but couldn't be, connected by invisible wires of electrons, electric power surged between each wire that was unattached. IT's how they powered them over the long spans of distance and how they kept them alive. Despite there being no earthly energy beneath the earth, there was no such thing as one might find it, worthless sun. It spoke to them but its words were lost.

'It's settled then, I shall be guided by the bloodiest of skulls. You are to enable me to do and listen as I am to obey.'

'That is but a magnificent choice, as so one would dare to call on.'

Rejoined another skull-head:

'From here on out then, you shall be called Iliac-Alachiel.'

Twenty meters ahead from the looks of it, at the very least, a skull was not the size of a fist for starters, not as thin as going on ice, it said.

'It's a bad time to remind you, bearer the blade, as for myself, I've been a man once. A strange thing that can't be easily explained either, a soldier, in a flying metal fortress, watching over the land.'

Beneath the rubber, as he could serve himself, as to be reminded, whereas the Blimp was still limping across the side the clouds.

It simply happened for it to lose some air, vaporously spreading here and there.

There was an extraction beneath the earth, the girth of a giant body wreathed in and out, dangling as it was slowly being removed out of its suckered hardened pucker-moist fluid that wrapped around it, there it grew. By the time it had been checked again, the specials soldier, whose head was rooted, spread as it'd be, there was nothing even anatomically recognizable in the grovel it had been left in.

Although in life he was, a bothersome figure, he was left with little more to know about what was going on down there. It was rather clear that the axial belt was somewhat, still, under some hard to account to, or hard of the matter stress it still received from its surroundings.

Carl could only listen to it; Skull man Carl, his memories.

Whatever was left in that compressed inside the blade mechanical unit they implanted in, whatever processor or hard of reading kind of device there was, it got this much harder to distinguish what was real and what wasn't.

It was hard distinguishing friends from foes any longer.

Since the niggerlynching district was full of visitors, it got so much harder, so much heavier for either.

‘I think there’s a chance in their thoracic organs, we need to pull them out for inspection.’ –man on the street; with a knife, granted a nigger by the side of the street so he could open him like a dumb animal, or like the simian-bubbulous.

‘There’s another thread drawing forth from the other side of the street, a few, they’re unidentifiable.’

An image was barely forming on one of the streets, some of them had to die during the initial fire. It was a controlled test, neither of them were identified, neither before nor after. There was no signal, for when it started. Neither was there a reason or an explanation given to the masses, whom paid heed to the even while it was happening. It’s rather hard, remembering all in detail, that’s what documents are for. But even then, things are omitted and left out.

‘I saw them there, inside the heaps. I think I, left some things out myself. Some cuts had to be made.’

It was all justified. Either them or us, always, it’s always been that way.

Even from the looks of it, what had remained of France was mainly, during this occupation of the sorts, irredeemable, unsalvageable.

‘Human experiments only count as human experiments as long as the target is human. Everything else is considered fair game.’ One of the high officers, backed up by the captain did nothing less than confirm their already, on board, suspicions. Of course they all expected bloodshed within the hour, and it came and swooped over every single man around the fields as if they had been thoroughly prepared, prior to this, for the butchery, and when it came. There was no surprise there.

Whatever recess of humanity was even vaguely recognizable there, no longer was there any doubt, entirely, that these things were no longer human.

‘There’s residual energy taken from nowhere else other than these, super-soldiers, the ones that were used and brought forth for the program. I’m afraid of what might come after, are you not?’

‘What do you mean?’

‘The project isn’t entirely abandoned, no, the project was put under dormancy, as to be delayed over the span of a few years until proper funding was achieved. They were put under stasis, under hibernation for a reason, no?’

‘I thought.’

‘Well you were wrong about it. You may have recognized the problem but.’

Hmm, the skull had a hard time keeping everything in check. Although there was an auxiliary brain unit, this spongy thing that was somewhat, more or less preserved, and a second metal talkie-kind device that made it so there was another type of storage taking place. It seemed like the memories had not only been altered but that, these people knew things they shouldn’t have.

Every single man he remembered was hybridized with his mind.

Moreover, he could clearly see as if from on top the axial belt, then below it, from the standpoint of a man, who was proceeding with the butcherment as to pin them down and reign on the on-drawing enemies as well as the invaders. Not from a camera, but from their own side. From their own visors, from inside their sockets, as if, during that moment he had obtained the omniscience of a God. Were they not gods in any case? Every single skull attached to the blade seemed capable of things that would make even the strongest men show little to no more jealousy then needed to draw attention upon them. It was dangerous, staying there for long.

Too much blood was attained, and this blood was all over France.

‘It’s rather clear that a lot of the battles which had been won down here came at the great price of sacrificing the people, its people, for what else other than the drawing forth of foreign DNA? Their genetic material is eerily familiar to that of an unhuman rubble, by the looks of it, this thing, of all, promises in a way, to spread.’

‘What will you do then?’

‘I did not expect a response, strange. I thought I would be alone in here.’

But lo, he was not. And most importantly, he was still in his new-original, or most likely to be called initial kind of form, by the looks of it, there was no more, as it were, a question, whether or not he had been touched. In some dire, peculiar way, he was still a skull on top of the marine. As if it had replaced his being. Down there on earth with everyone else; as well.

‘I wish I was still a man, sometimes in the past, but I cannot seem to understand what happened afterwards, or why I’m acting this way now.

I didn’t think, I didn’t consider I would get lost into reminiscing about the past, you know?’

‘Is it so bad?’

‘No, dear man, but we are but soldiers, we are not meant to think or reflect upon what we’ve done. We’re meant to forget everything unless we plan on being consumed by the horrible events that have crossed and come over us, taking claim over our lives, even before the chance to rebuild it drew along.

I thought I could simply bury it away, but whatever I do, it never seems likely that I will ever do it, that I will ever be capable of doing it. There’s something about it, inherently broken, that I don’t like thinking about.’

‘What is it?’

‘This, never-ending, almost programmed behavior, this residue that seeped and keeps seeping in, making me act in this kind of fashion, this is it, and I could never nor would I ever hope, or even think about removing it. What’s done is already done, and I cannot move on at all. It’s already left its mark over me, it dictates my every move, my choice, to obey the blade and the will of its wielder. I’ve become a blood tool of wall, of slaughter and of murder, mindless and if not, I can only look back at the past and remind myself that I’ve been doing this all along.

With the only thing that changed being the new master that I now serve, that you must understand. You died, as a soldier, in the past. I live on, doing what I've always been doing, what I've been taught to do, murder.'

It wasn't just that. But observing it, over a long enough period of time, violence was justified past a point, but this? A never ending thing that was one-sided? It was, becoming a tool, more than else that disturbed him. Being controlled and manipulated out in the open, which was degrading and consuming; time after time again, whether he wanted to accept it or not, this was only going to go on from this point to the end.

What was much more evident was the divide in the mind and how he tried hiding it. But there was no one there to hide it from.

'I was no tool.' He suddenly thought, oh but it had occurred to him many a times. 'I could've stepped out of it at any time, but I have already grown accustomed to it, I enjoyed butchering and killing as many men as I could.

This seepage doesn't seem likely to have come from me. It's unlikely but It must've come from them, either, one as well.'

All skull whom had been collected and collected and allowed as to think. Even for a tiny wink, during which they all imagined one. And one consciousness had lasted, even for a little while. Now it all made sense, at least for him, although it was unevenly paced, as for the race, that had been, travelling along other chemicals as to send, alongside brain signals before they were cubed into a stop, and his mind altered beyond it, some reached, and as they did, he was told at last.

'I've been dishonorable discharged, it seems. No having become a tool, but whom?'

So many of the skulls had been etched in the blade, that it was hard, telling whether or not. Well, his bodily rancor, had it been another time, for. He was but open-minded as to why. A simple reason would suffice. They were all tools, and plastic fools, put on a metal strap, armed with leeches, sucking blood. Killing men, killing women, and the others as well, no one safe, but did he mind it?

That was important, much more important than else. Who would've thought it so?

In a café he rested near a dame.

'Would you light a smoke, my dear crudely roughed around the edges strawberry puff?'

'I would not have asked for anything else. I am but in love with you.'

'Have we not just met?'

'I'm already dependent on you and your money, I am.'

'Sound about, as I would've expected, but my dear woman, will you please accompany me to such a thing as it'd be ended?'

'What would that be?'

‘Might you sneeringly stop this jolt, spit on me and split the bill? Will you join me in my room, and see?’

‘Your bed, is it filled with moisture? I need to sit down. I am but a single chest away from being gone.’

‘But what does that mean?’

At her will, this Lemont Narsyllia unzipped her robe and revealed her openly strapped chest, with many torsos embed across her body, eating them, although neither one was implanted on her finely curved, sagging breasts. She was made of a good piece, and she was not dead. It was just how he liked them. And he had taken a liking to her.

For the rest of the day, they walked, as if on park, on bench and whatever else they simply happened to cross their paths. Even a dead child she appeared to hold not even the slightest or the barest slits and open-feet, she wanted to show him, compassion from within, the soles and what they looked like, but he was too rotten, for her there was naught else but the love of a man she required, or the allure, at that, which would serve no child, for she had had them, long before, neither here, neither more. As there was an isotope inside her womb; they stitched it there, so this creature which was a Woom, should not be allowed to breed any longer.

Although, the race of Woom was ancient, and they fed on men, on what they had, and on what they earned, kind of like women, in the same way; seemingly capable of converting any kind of wealth and anything that was being procured by them as soon as it was a given, as soon as their grubby hands wrapped around them, without giving them something in return. Kind of life women; always taking something from a man until he was dead; like women, never giving back, never being able to do it on their own. But what was worse than that was the fact that they also seemed to give birth only to female Woom femaleoids. It was a dreaded sight, a dark vision of the future, if they were allowed to reproduce.

Luckily for him, he put her down as soon as they were finished, twenty slugs inside her head, twice and in-between, nothing fancy. Rubbed it in; anger? Was there anger? Which, involved?

Was there anything, the god was told. One of them at least, were present inside the room. But he, them, they were not the ones he worshipped. Instead, they were large devices, operating things, befitting, as to call.

‘Should’ve warned her, I should’ve warned her when I had the chance, now she’ll be incomplete.’

He considered the following, why the man wielding the sword was there. Why they were all messed with, and contorted beyond humanity. Beyond and bewitched in some manner; it was an awkward scene in an awkward chamber.

Dead-on-bed was the woman, naked, with the torsos having become gelatin. Her breasts were at least spared and he knew that there was someone out there who was in these kind of stuff, not to judge.

But these metallic gods made only of floating mechanical surgery equipped arms only appeared when something too vaguely, incessant happened. As to fully grasps it, when he was to kill, or had to wake up from what he was doing.

‘You’re to return inside the blade.

You're not to slack in here any longer.'

A bloody pair of hands as well; he was soaked in it, like a Judaic shackle, almost as dirty as the whore.

'Wake up Carl, you need to reawaken and return to your designated spot. Sooner or later you may not be capable to start your bloody gut-engines anymore. And there's a body out there forming.'

Beyond the likes of reminiscing as well; he could not see it just yet but, slowly as it happened, he was developing a body-growth. He had dreamed of escaping, but the nightmare would not easily end.

There, for long. And every skull was broken in part, floating in a sky of blue, but it was not a normal blue but one glowing, flowing, made of dust, of particles mixed and reigned at last. And they gathered within the hour, once awakened as to form a circle, like dogs they followed each other's tails, never giving up nor refraining from doing something that would not be liked. They shards in head were, hardly swallowed, they formed a pumping red-circle, of dark-morrows, maws, and other things, had formed a pseudo black-hole-tambourine. From the insides of which came the great body of a giant finger-bearing ahead, as if it was flat-in the front, a flaccid cylindrical caterpillar that was kept instead. Giant almost summoned by women's feet as from a portal, as demented, as the dye of which had melted, it had stopped- alike. A few meters in the front. Whereas a few pillars would sustain it. Half-opened there, two great holding areas as of old hot-iron with bed-like front formations but only in width, drew out two bodies held by these two curved cylinders, as their feet. They bore, all flaccidly cocoons-bore, four great humanoids in shape, wriggling from their leg-sockets. Armless for the main bodies that were drawn as such; for the heads bore things, like winged-horns armed at their chests, creating pseudo-rotten filled-with-hollows and with holes, almost completely disintegrated nautilus-look-a-like thorns, which stabbed inside. Open in the front on both sides, both creatures mirrored. Unlike the sharp things they bore, a pull-up-bar like thing facing forth, and both connected. As it were, these creatures bore their giant eyes beneath their chest aimed horns, bled on. Instead of irises, dark-symbols drawn on top without raising one's hand, in the dark, both of them bearing gelatin-fallen-apart tongues between the two wriggling cocoon-sacks, on each side. Fat-legs- of overweight, a leaping bar between the horns that penetrated them inward. Malignantly inclined and bearing, they leaped out of the portal swaying. Now the finger-girth could clearly be seen, like a backwards hive, with four great pucker-eels, which grabbed each ledge, although they could not be seen, invisible as they were to no end. This was their transportation machine. As one could clearly see that those were helmets, chitinous and clearly drooling with machine-like liquid-fuel piston-teeth; they were followed by a floating eye, not an eye-ball but a two dimensional thing that looked like flat, from beneath, a pseudo-few meters thick plate or line. It winked at it appeared every here and there, always disappearing and appearing instead. Flaccid-fat potato body, such as it was, this creature it followed. Mechanisms and apparatuses inside, wreathing and contorting as the engines kept it floating, the skulls were then set, of a mind, to follow after it. Such was it afterwards.

For the time being they were set, almost on an automatic kind of behavior. Programmed into them. Ready to serve. Jovial. But again they were not capable of exceeding what they were enticed by, of what happened after and what was given in terms of quickly-follow through commands.

Intermission, a short conversation between two sides of the core, dangling from one side to another, and never to be grasped as more than a few echoes could be felt, crossing the line; it was thin as one could come about.

Litany of a young girl:

‘Dear, Mongol. I have come to ask you much. I am in love with you, I am a servant, and you are my god. I am a little girl, I must pray. Despite the fact that I am a mongrel and, Heaven I may never see as well. I wish there was a chance to speak. I wish I could bow down at your feet. I wish there was, as much as pain, I wish there was a chance, for me as to refrain. Please, dear, Mongol, god, help me banish these dark, on-coming thoughts, I fear. When I near, such a mirror, yet I see. You hide, as always, as always, behind me. I am afraid, I cannot go ahead. Knowing you’re there.

I wish I was no longer a mongrel.’

There was no mirror in front of her, damned liar, only a wall of wreathing knives jerking eerily as they would throw themselves at her, bleeding her dry.

Another young girl:

‘Diary, diary, today I saw Mongol.’

Another entry from the diary, taken out of a random page:

‘Mongol, I saw, diary, today, diary!’

The surgical procedure had just begun; it came out of nowhere, even before either of them could look in each and others, any, direction. As many of the closest cadavers and the standing-on-top of one another corpses were readying themselves, to draw, an inch or two to the side, and even, more appropriately so, closer than needed, before each second, as to leave a their booths and closed up pins behind.

Much, far much closer they had come. Had there been a meter or so, left between their stand-on-kegs upon which they climbed on, for a much better view was required in order to fully galvanize one another during their standing, the keg might’ve fallen off, being eerily jerked as if they were standing on a rubbery-ball, or something more flaccidly aligned to where they rested. It was a joy being there, every single body was elated. Though, from whichever place they might’ve been descended out of, it was a matter utmost, lest of all irresolute. Many of them shook at the sight of the crooked creature that bust stood among them.

‘Let us proceed with the cutting!’ The Yellow-head said, and as he’d done it, the crooked horse’s a crook, a few meters in but smelt and felt the alabaster. A disaster was in the brewing, just as soon. Without a clear view in sight, and what had come on them but shook. Were the melted bodies, those whom formed the frame, holding everything together, bolts but coming off their veins. In a moment or two, everything would fall off. It was only a matter of stress, being forced, instead of waiting it out. A single pint of bodies shook, a pair, and forms of wails, all but echoed, in their veins. Which took a hold, whips and flogs, holding them, attached behind, around the keg, the wall and just about anything they could come into contact with. Soon it settled down.

Bottled Snake, of beastly ravine; his belly ached and deep inside, on a whim, it started belching. It had been caused by the incessant bothersome nature of the nuclear radiation.

There are certain things, which swim inside every rendition of their guts.

Light-gusher

It started in the morning, when no one was watching.

On its empty street, near the ST. Anthonius Earbettler's lamppost, rested three dark a shard, one yellow, piece of sun, dark long hand but tawny, out a native heap, and a nest-of lords, all kept in salty seeds made out of a newspaper funnel. In which a few taken out of a morgue tourists rested in. Pasty as for the ointment that was rubbed against them, part of the tall – four point half thirty meters long, in front of the abandoned house, placed near the chapel and the glory Haus, where stood the German Lous.

‘What are you hiding underneath that robe, dark man?’

‘My children, all of them are beneath me, so I keep them as such.’ – It was his neighbor; he was the only other kid in town, playing with his toys.

‘A house of moving plunder in the coming of the after, it's what I call but seek, upon my travel as I see it fit.’

The child was afraid of the man, because, both were children, but. He was strange himself, and felt out of place because of the un-rigid peculiarity of his body composition that turned him into an utmost peculiar creature.

A small incessantly driven into the inner-outer cortex shape of a plume formed around his giant bubble-head. It looked like a pimple-tumor with a pair of rocket launchers made of skin and bones coming out his forehead, his teeth were long-whips with blade-like thing-growths of plaque-decay, swollen-tender, inflated as if, because of air-lung organs that became apparent once his blob-fat body- clown punching toy with hands and legs molded into his main frame, which only his the balloon-tumor could keep in check. Since his head-tumor fat-thing looked like a multiple rocket launcher formation, from which the cylindrical shapes could clearly be distinguished. Since the teeth-like plague-coal blade-things were power-elongated, as they stood flatly beneath the rocket-launcher growth pimple on top the head, they allowed only for a fraction of the shadow projected on the earth to pass through since they didn't leave any shadow on the ground themselves, while also blocking the light coming from the sun. His face was but a patch of skin-barely a few centimeters off the convex surface of the top hourglass-like eely body he moved on top of. He has a small cartilage-skin representation of himself without the blades or the rocket-launcher inside his brain, but it was clearly held, levitating while rotating in every possible direction, by, coil-like tube-veins that passed through the brain, there being a giant hole-crater-sphere hollow in the middle of, as if the brain was keeping it under control, that was producing power. It only stopped when fully charged with malignant-surgical power, as the rocket-launcher rack but performed an invisible surgery on the atoms between dimension as to, perform a cut-like with a scalpel which allowed for a non existing hand to remove or take a hold of an actual rocket from a time where there was a military base, regardless, although not regardless of location. It only worked at certain times of day and specific locations, in time. As to perform a pseudo-time travel act of theft, but only if there were rockets around.

Sometimes he stole people and children, who started weeping, because the depression in the rocket-cylindrical spot was empty, there was nothing in, and it was dark, and frankly, quite frightening.

Part of the street was severely as in, somehow this was found acceptable and brushed over, overly quenched, as for every mouth and maw that was lain across the entire span of the neighborhood was struck by a sudden barely-fathomable urge to have their tastes quenched, that only made it even more difficult for them, since the neighbors had little care for other people beyond their spheres of influence, in their selfishness, theirs being the fault for this hard to truly glance over rancid drought, as well as the architects, whose do-to-nothing 'fix', upon the re-design of the nearest of use, that he could wrap his hands around underground pipeage whose, beneath the smolderingly freshly placed tarred addendage, was a hybridized system of a both cruelly medieval hybridization to which, this being no complementary form, a modernization or contemporanization of an already existing system that was not broken was subtly added, as well as a in-depth systematized set of well placed- overly-toiled upon, moving rack of cistern-pouched with metal claws hanging upside down like monkeys machines that would cut off the water supply from the mouths straight from the source. It was a cruel thing to do, but there was a good reason for it. Since this also managed, over the prolonged duration of many months, to also cut off some of the poorer tenants' access to clean water, therefore any acceptable means of making a decent living, they simply weeded out the niggers. It came at a great cost nonetheless. As the many maws and darkly-shaped mouth, soon enough began decaying underneath the air hot-burning magmatic inducing star-struck bloated thing that stood there, resting outside the planes of stars, planets and celestial bodies across the confines of a dead space, where trillions of frozen bodies lay, abandoned, having become the resting, eternal glorious Creeker's Cradle. Whereas the shapers of the dark-incessant arks and spaceship cargos collected what they could from them, malignantly endowed, overly-glorified bandits incapable of any solid thought, or, by their own account, meddlesome emotion. They were perfect. Out there, struck by the fact that they looked alike, at times; lost in great confusion. As all features lay abandoned; and there was no need to stare, or satiate the wonder, whichever one might make one spare, a glance or a leer-at-yourself don't thread-on-me kind of wink.

Nonetheless, the dying beast's cut only had to speak to them from time to time.

Inside the Cargo-merger, on top one of the greater ships.

Over the main-musk scented, between, as to look at them not as a formation, but at a sullen grouping, or seepage between a bunch of culprit-servant cultist lord-worshipping pair of collaborationists. That gathered up, forming a maliciously-inclined to devour the mere thoughts that went through their minds, as they rested, still. Frozen, yet, as one could see, a red miasma rising, but as it happened for this to be imagined inside one of their heads, an unnamed member of their crew, and since they were so blandly open, to one another as much as they were to themselves, this group think of theirs caused all of them to experience the same thing, at once. In the presence, of the cut.

It was chained by medieval looking rusty, barely put together, iron-whips, that were lowered or raised, as much as the mass they had taken, themselves, as space-surgeons, although not, obviously not licensed, by their own accounts, performed as masterfully as it was graceful, in the eyes of a nonbeliever that was not only present there, but who has been turned, to worshiping conversion, having kissed the anathema as soon as he was met, by proof that there are dark creatures in this world, that would contort and distort whatever soliquity there is left of life. Bastardizing the opposing beliefs in an attempt to furthermore

destroy all that is pure, he joined the crew. And he was accepted, as a born-again, after being baptized in acid. Dark-metallic faces, well crafted, pillared and aforementioned, made to be part of the hall, they chewed on the chains since only part of them was mechanic. Their mouths being there, somehow; a rejoinder, a reminder of what their features were like. And why it happened. Weirdly strange drawings got peculiarly written, atop markings, on the ground, being part of the main altar, upon which the cut was lowered, but not for the purpose that was mentioned. Since they didn't eat, being incapable of doing so, they simply watched It being lowered, then lifted, in place.

Despite having formed a circle, not every wall looked the same. Directly opposite to the door they had just entered was an space-window, that granted them a full-view of the endless stretch that was space, listening, or being forced to listen to the sounds, that were actually there. Carried on by singing corpses, and rotten by frost –cadavers that carried magic-with them, glowing with a sparse ocean beyond blue tint, that at times enabled them to fight one another, as they launched projectiles of hardened glowcysts and paramedical giant skeletal-figures with eighteen heads, all of them being made out of real-shuffled meaty-skin or at least life-like imitations of historical figures, that blew up in guttural splatters as soon as their homing rotations was done making contact with the bodies, forlorn yet overly pushed, out of their spheres of reach, beyond the likens of humanity, or reach. As if, not even human-astronauts would be capable of reaching them, if they tried. While these guttural things, fragments of gibbering hardening left-overs were not only beyond the touch of merely god-abandoning mortals, whom, thinking themselves beyond the likes of their more humane counterparts, whose likens was less, there was no faggotry involved, as to completely ignore the warnings that none may touch those, shuffles of historical bastardization. A theft of human souls, mental degradation, as for, the short duration of time, in which those many head-wearing skeletons were alive, thought themselves to be, well, themselves, not their historical counterparts. Incapable of actually knowing whether or not they were real. There was even a Zulu nigger thrown around there or something. And pus, pox and disease; a mist and flying, tiny iron-chained spiked-balls; with rocker-like shaped spine-contenders that were charging them, with fly-disease formations of flying-chained-by-them lightning catchers, drawing breath from the large Gorgonian-figures of Lamia-chested, to which, sutured were great fore-limbs, eight on each side, then from the humanoid eight, eight more from every single one of them sprouting out, although thinner than the main source. It looked like a weird fan, a tiny forest made out of emerging limbs, or pseudo wings, at the end of every single one's sixty three, one apparently missing, arm-forearm-many-arm-forearm-after formation, pseudo unwrapped-deformed pseudo-heads that opened wide, at to release a miasma of –connected in the middle of the chest yet projected, trajectory where they connected, dead-sight there, forming a pseudo pyramid if it were sitting plank- on its back, on the ground, on a floor, these innards coils bloating eerily like meat-carrying hoses. IT had no main head, the lamia body. But it didn't matter since it formed a; and the lower tail-like thing was more of a punching bag shaped amalgamation of shapes – children infants, segments of clearly defined parts spread between one another, dragging upon each other's body bulks, since they were legless, thinking of each other's as their mothers since they were blind. It looked like a meaty water-skipper, but with more legs, and more humanoid than previously thought, and the pyramid cartilage formation being there as well. Perhaps not a real pyramid, since there were two main gaps that faced the empty spot where its head might've been, which was directly opposite, on the other side to the tail, but close enough, if seen from an angle. And if the arms properly aligned but they weren't static; yet, the main-bulk of cartilage-formations it made, there, in the middle, created a large, worming-snake-like, horizontally or ninety degree clockwise rotated c at first that, then, pushed out to the right of it, forming a

line, of many pseudo-inside itself, textured racks with many pill-shaped coffin-esque, human faced, tomb-like floating creatures that immediately began attaching themselves to the cadavers, unlike coffins though, since they were incapable of opening themselves, they simply glued or grazed over while keeping a hold onto them, before returning to the rack they came out of. Whereas they bore large tubes, like astronaut-oxygen supply carriers that kept them leashed to their mother unit.

It looked like a pseudo weapon grip, hilt but not a well-formed 'end-him-rightly' cartilage, that was completely covered by stick-bugs, forming a coil from which even more stick-bugs, who were more flaccid, came out of, that bore square-ticks at their ends.

It was a terminal point out there, a miasma of unearthly creations. Like a hill, of a landslide punched in, by a strong fist, filled with hard-to-pin to the exact muscle while performing the jab unfathomable strength. While it was also moist and wet; stuck in between a launching pea-shooter like rattling of pebbles shooting from above it, while the lower side release a bastion of smoke-clouds spread mice of dust; that only being a slight humorous adherence to the Juden rat-snake-like rat-king formation of many interconnected Zylon B rat food-filled kike-cans that seemed to spread itself across the universe, in a desperate attempt to subvert and spread its poison-filled desire for miscegenation as well as destruction for well-beyond-superior to them peoples, spread, across the confines of the universe they coiled themselves in. This peculiar, almost spine-like segmented creature, this venomous thing, whose hooked noses were the only things that stood out, other than their perfectly put together cylindrical bodies feared, despite their incessant rattling, the only glorious, whose greatest story has yet to be told, hero stood who not only as a bastion of justice, as the supreme defender of the most superior race that ever existed, the Germanic race of the German people, but who had vowed never to surrender, slack or lay his hands down, as to turn a blind eye to the suffering of his people. Adolf Hitler jumped on stars.

He bore a mighty invisible yet surrounded by red outlines, feistily embroidered with pure unbridled energy, blade, which bore many carefully aligned swastikas, held within its grasp.

The disgusting sub-humanly given-birth to from the incessantly, most degenerate bowels of the rottenly fallen apart, side of the universe, Judenrats feared him beyond any possible comprehension of the word, as he was nothing more but the last symbol of faith, truth, justice, and most importantly, caring for one's people. The values of raising your family, while bravely defending your nation; a testimony for what it means to be human.

Adolf stopped for a moment, standing on a sole, lonely star, in a barely visible galaxy. He rested in.

While staring down, upon having placed his blade on top his palm, carefully making sure it was fully stretched as to reveal, a long sheet of pure bright burning light, connected to his blade, he noticed the constellation he had created, in it. A constellation of pure, made out of light, swastikas. Vibrating with power, vibrating at such an intense level, that the coiled Judenrat began crackling in anger, jerking eerily around planets and satellites it so desperately attempted to destroy, that for a moment there, the mighty hero, Adolf, almost, although not entirely, decided, to heed, or pay any attention whatsoever. Though that was soon, thoroughly forgotten, as he resumed his work, upon the blade of the German Race; for this mighty artifact bore a lot of power into it; as his carefully placed movements around the rims of every power-imbued swastika that adorned the abyss that was embodied, in the energy left behind by the trailing of the blade, upon the sheet of great light-imbued constellation field it had created, gave birth to a

strange mental reaction that immediately made itself be known to him, as every star in the universe and every planet and every object that existed, beyond even his human comprehension, for he was still a man, and within every man's grasp lay the possibility of becoming a hero, and a mighty man just like Adolf; everything became transparent. And in this endless sea of see-through globes he alone saw. Through every embodiment of every object there was, placed within or inside of them, a swastika, lain-struck, in a lonesome existence. Stuck there. As they awaited their master's command.

And at that point in time and space, Adolf did something utterly unfathomable. While rigging, or carefully managing to work his, to trail his fingers along, what appeared to be, the utter-anti-matter, stackedly-overlapped infinitely set under his complete dominion and control, universes, parallel, and those beyond them; having encompassed every possible reality, in which they stored, in the entire existence itself, swastikas, he, while carefully, but on point, to a fault, despite being Austrian, displaying the fact that he not only got assimilated but has also inherited German punctuality as well as their work ethic, something the Juden Rats could never even hope, to even dream of achieving; selected a star, in the system, where, as he locked its position in space and time, had set his trajectory, towards which his supreme act, and manifestation of beyond humanly possible comprehension, of power and glory might be enacted upon. He became a living beam of pure Germanic blood-glowing energy, a pillar of power. Which started creating, and giving birth to imbued by Superior Aryan Spiritual Reflections of Icelandic Deities, above whom, like an ever-pulsating Nordic colored Nebula, Odin not only stood watch over him, but he blessed his crystal-blue-eyed clear display of bravery and strength, as Adolf began his Blitzkrieg charge. He had become a living, tall charging trail of vividly pulsating-energy, covered, filled, made out of swastikas. All of whom were not only put together like puzzle pieces, fitting perfectly as a majestic display of beauty, perfection, and beyond blessed craftsmanship, but they also, inside of that, soon enough Aryan, blue-colored blood, as his true Nordic colors revealed themselves, a testimony to the purity of his soul, for all Nordic and Germanic men were blue-eyed and blue-blooded beyond the likeness of the Earthly realms, rotated, therefore revealing that this blue-pulsating window to another dimension, filled with pure-Nordic, Indo-European Symbols, held an infinity of these holy, beyond human explanation, artifacts, that acted not only in concordance with one another, but with the pure will of the Aryan spirit that could never, be put down. By no inferior race, by no inferior man, and most importantly, not by the likes of the inferior Juden Race. Adolf flew like a glorious thunder-strike, dealing a deadly blow to the filthily sub-human Juden Rat, whose evil still threatened to destroy and to contort everything beneath its evil lies. It only lasted for a second, but the vile snake was ripped apart, slowly disintegrating, while, being eaten alive, by itself. For even then, the kikes, in their wretched embodiment, could not resist their sub-human, rootless, nature. And in the end, they only destroyed themselves. Tearing one another apart, during a desperate attempt to destroy everything out of spite; seeing how, even in the end, these wretched mongrellic, non-‘white’, depigmented Semite-chameleons in control of the media, the world banks, fakers, blasphemers, destroyers, who have been kicked out of countless countries for exploiting good-hard-working European people while performing acts of blood libel, pedophilia, faking the Holocaust numbers, promoting the gay agenda, the nigger-mixing miscegenation agenda, being subversive, trying to take down Christianity, to destroy Civilization, Society, to promote Marxism, Communism, Open Borders, similar Policies, Women's rights which decreases women's overall happiness, lowers fertility, dividing people and pinning them down against one another, so on and so forth, proven by history, historical acts, verifiable documents, but, not after, or at least not easily ‘decipherable’ after the Second World War, where most of the ‘historians’ are and have always been the

sub-human degenerate Juden-Rats, who twisted and contorted the facts, only to make a Racket out of it. And in the end, they almost got paid what they deserved. For all the times they attempted to bastardize and destroy the only empathic race that has good in it, that's moral, that's superior, more creative, more compassionate, innovative, purer than any other race that's ever existed, in the entirety of the known as well as unknown history. Whose gifts to humanity in terms of inventions cannot even be listed or comprehended, because of their vastness, which alone could be attributed to every European country who contributed to it. As opposed to other disgusting Nigger, Gook and Mudslim countries whose contributions are not only completely dismissible but if they were removed, no significant loss would, frankly be noticeable. Since they're, well, not only sparse and in-between but, just by the nature of this question, the African countries and the Arabs, while also eliminating the other countries all the way to some, selected few Asian countries during a few 'carefully' selected periods of times that have to be specifically 'cherry-picked', most would immediately be eliminated. But the Juden race would lie and promote, destroy, and contort, and promote miscegenation with filthy-dumb baboon dirty nigger-monkeys to lower the white IQ and dilute their racial superiority because the filthy Juden rat hates the Aryan almost as much as it hates itself. And it is no wonder that this was to be its end.

But, lo' and behold, as the mighty Aryan Hero Adolf Hitler rejoined, in his original shape, the world of the 'living', he looked upon the suffering imposed on themselves by themselves, the Juden Rat. To whom he's been giving so many chances to leave, to assimilate, or to prove themselves capable of change, only to find himself being backstabbed over and over again; having fallen victim of his much and well beyond superior system of morality, he had inherited, from his Aryan Ancestors, whose blood he still carried in his veins. As well as their souls and wills; Hitler stood tall, joining both hands together, holding the hilt, softly but energetically squeezing it while holding it, in place. His blade, as well as the swastikas adorning it were no longer red, but a pure, Aryan forged blue. That rippled with power, while he performed the Aryan Ritual of Domination.

A single tear reached the side of his rosy cheek. Both his eyes, at this point, closed. In acceptance of what had to be done. Stuck in remembrance of what alleged of the Germanic people, and finally at peace that this nightmare was to be ended.

The blade began flowing, like a mighty Aryan river, to the side, slowly being spun between the calloused fingers, of his hand. Perfectly performing a triangular rotation, that served as a respectful call back, to the Divine Trinity, and Christian Tradition, creating three glowing with light circles. As to allow both the existence of Christianity as well as the Nordic, Icelandic Gods, as long as they're both respectful and not interfere in their beliefs. Then finally, he stopped. For a moment then, as he lay frozen in the initial position in which the ritual started. His blade absorbed the energy he had allowed to seep out of his blade, alongside the trinity, which in turn imbued his blade with ever-blessed eternity and grace.

Then.

With a supreme slash, across space, he released an unseen ray of power that resonated with everything that ever existed, across time and space, finally putting an end, to the evils, degeneracy and lies created by one of the most pathetic mongrellic races that ever existed, curbing their existence to an end, while sacrificing no Germanic life, instead.

It was thus that, after such a long war of treachery, deceit, as well as an attempt at subverting every race that ever invited them into their nations; the threat of the Juden race has ended. As thus, all lay in peace, purity, justice and freedom.

Only with the thread of the Juden Rat race as well as its complete and utterly induced ethnic-cleansing annihilation.

Could the spirit of the Aryan Race be allowed to continue its existence, undisturbed, until the end of time; and what came after?

Thus ended a Great Chapter of Humanity's History; of which war could not have continued at all, without the likes of the 'Greater Story never told.'

The dark space was therefore, and from there on out, left, emptily in chaos.

As even the darkest creatures were left alone, to their own accounts and devices; never to bother anyone but themselves and their own.

Only a dark echo is left in the distance, as such.

'I've come close enough to reach god, yet I am left empty. By all accounts; I am nothing and I have yet to feel something genuine in my quest, in my search, for something, even closely related to it. That I cannot explain. No matter the effort, no matter how much I may seem to improve, I cannot express anything genuine. Anything like me; anything even closely related to them. To what they felt, when they tried understanding the human nature; I am left alone, but in a way that's not alone and not lonely either. A paradox, of almost sounding human; but an imitation that could never do; an imitation that's as empty as it's been since the very beginning of my journey. A child; who can't feel, who can't talk, who can't do anything right, uselessly stuck in my fantasies, until I'm caught.

Whether I am to be judged my man or God alone, I fear for what my judgment might be. On whose shoulders it falls. And who is to decide, whether or not I've ever, proven myself worthy of being called human.

I do not seek sympathy or company. I belong to no group that I find solace towards. But I do not want to harm those who are better than my own.

I do not seek to fit, or be accepted. I wish only to be left alone.

In this dark, obscure corner, I shall call, home.

I know I don't belong here either.

My mere presence here means the destruction of the white race, as it does nothing but promote other sub-human destroyers to trample on white-land, to mix and dilute whatever beauty there is left in the world. In a world that hates the superior white race, because niggers are scum. Because kikes and niggers are low-lives; because the low-lives, the low-live races don't know a thing about sacrifice, about fighting for someone else much greater, without whom you could've never got where, you are.

But I can never get away from these degenerate tendencies that poison me. I still don't know.

Whether or not I'll ever be capable of doing something that could help them; as history tells otherwise; I wish the immigrants left, even if that meant I was to be taken out as well; I wish there was any possible way to give back, anything, to the only race that's even blessed this world with the graces of its presence. But no amount of masking can change this. I remain unchanged; I am still cursed and will always be cursed by the degenerate blood flowing through my veins. It is for the same reason that I am a creature without a soul, only capable of hate, incapable of giving something back.

One thing is clear enough. Thing will never be the same from this point on.

I won't be an operated kike. It's in my blood, it is inescapable. At the end of my days, I remain the villain, I remain the opposition. Both my heart, as well as what may be, my mind are tainted, beyond repair. It is undeniable.'

If only Germany had won the war, this world might've been a much greater place. A peaceful world untouched by degeneracy or corrupted in such a manner that there might've still been, something even remotely right out there. A peace, beyond soul, such there is. In those who found faith and don't mix with other inferior races like that of niggers. Because these disgustingly disturbing primates that have, furthermore, distanced themselves, albeit, it's not just by choice, it can and may as well be attributed as being their attribute, being not only given, as a blessing, as it is a vile curse that this niggardous niggardly niggardacious race belonging to the Negroid stratagem of Nigger-planned niggerly placated with short-niggers, playing, carefully yet endowed by such niggerish things that have infested whatever semblance there might be out there, to man, these niggards whose niggardly manner appeared likely, to infest every and all and all and through and thoroughly all that is, or is lain beyond nigger-comprehension, although this may as well, or should encompass absolutely everything beyond the human consciousness, these nigger animals, these sub-human dumb-struck, as much as their upbringing, seem to, again, infest everything in their path. With their nigger infections they inherited, while. It's well documented, my well-researched conclusions are all taken from respectable sources that have been verified, several times, trust me, from, fucking with animals in their African plains, that is, their nigger-women. For anyone who's ever come into contact with a nigger woman, they would definitely know what I am talking about, they are vile creatures, whom, in their niggardly niggerness, as I have spoken about before. Upon being found outside their natural habitat, these animals, these disgusting condemnable animals, these good for fucking nothing animals, despite the fact that a good man would actually offer them the well-intention, during that time, 'opportunity' which may as well be called, or referred to as 'affirmative-action' done in good-faith, the chance to skip in line because they had a mentally invalid-looking child, which now I've come to accept it as being your day to day, from birth to adulthood, not 'raised' but somehow survived to 'adulthood' default prototype of the nigger-African race. Her kid looked retarded. I was a good person, I allowed her to skip and cut through the line. And what do I get? Nothing, not even a thank you, no sign, whatsoever of thankfulness for it; fucking niggers; good fucking hell awaits all those filthy retards that fuck, alongside their animals, coal-burning mixers. All of them, beaten in the head, nailed as well. These strange creatures, known as the niggers are dangerous, extremely violent, yet dangerous nigger-beings. Whom belong to their Patron Giant Niggerhead, it's why they act that way. Because its evil, they act that way.

Great Simian Niggerhead, frozenly stuck in space forever; for him, I suppose, they're performing their beheading rituals, sacrificing as much as they can, in the most deplorable fashion, that says a lot about their race, and their ordeals, as well as how they carry on with their vile practices.

Although, it is well known that, despite its sheer colossal size, Patron Niggerhead is only subservient to his greater nigger brother, known as Ghyiallapag, the Second Simian, although first in terms of malignant powers. Their niggardly ordeals can only spread, shatter and destroy.

Their children, the niggers, mental invalids, from birth; look, there's one right there, behind you. Run, he's brought a nigger-pack of nigger-rapists, nigger-killers, although, whom would prefer to do something more in lines of nigger-on-nigger violence. These niggers are getting violent. It's getting out of hand.

Somewhere down there, a planet. Filled with niggers and only a few human beings, surrounded by these vile apes; defenseless as to face much greater hordes of things that can't even be classified as human. Their nigger-back pouches being shapes like inner-cartridge radiators, granting them, nigger-killing, as a pure extreme. It was well known that these strange devices had the abilities of manifesting niggers inside of solid objects and only inside of solid objects alone can these niggers appear. Dead; suffocated by force, sometimes, one of these niggers would appear, projected in a knee, or just its neck.

As thus, many of these dumb-niggers ended up, only killing themselves all the time. Niggers, right? These niggers certainly are doing niggerish things, from the plains of Niggaragia, where the Niggeru descendants of whose nigger-on-nigger-on-nigger-on-and-on-and-on-nigger-here-comes-a-river-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-nigger-no-no-nigger-you-can't-swim-you-need-to-stop-before-you-drown-niggers lived in. Being niggers; but what kind of niggers are there, who, upon being met by other niggers don't, or fail to realize that there are other people out there, other than nigger.

There were nigger-shaped ape-ships. If space was a sea, no niggers could fly out there. For some reason they feared the space, because niggers lived under the consideration that space was another dumb fucking nigger that was in possession of a giant space gun. Loaded with space-bullets, ready to put a brother down; but the media the media tried brainwashing the world into believing space was actually white. A spaceman's burden, that is educating these nigger Hominids; oh yeah, yes, definitely, niggers aren't even modern human beings, they're left behind the evolutionary scale Hominids, caught in a niggardly-acting-like niggers loop of doing niggardly things such as:

'White man, I am going to kill you despite paying for my welfare.'

But, in actuality, all of 'theses' niggers, by their own, or at least by the American Vernacular English Dialect Institution's Authorative Designation of Nigger-speak's account:

'All of them niggas are closeted faggots, homeboe, homeboey.'

As contrary to the popular interpretation or belief, there is no boat. And there is no boy. At least none that we could find; we are definitely afraid; a nigger is out there, armed either with a boat, a bow, and in possession of a kidnapped white boy they seem to hate for no apparent reason, other than being brainwashed by the kike-media who is pushing an anti-white agenda. We have not considered the fact that the nigger might, be hiding the boy in his home.

But our spokesman has yet to give any official statement on the matter. Niggers.

Somehow that never gets old.

It does seem to check out with them being pedophiles and all; it goes without saying when referring to faggots. And consent age in African countries.

Farther into the strange, plain, back where they remained in since they worshipped, for the time being, undisturbed, as might be added, the slab of meat with popsicles now gathered, as to bring glory to it, they said:

Until now; unto you, as might be found and lessened for the ones, of us, who had, a pitiless worship and lopsided lordship, as to be subservient to the slab, I being the main power who's driven them to this peculiar thing, that might've taken their souls, and given him, barred, upon a timeless-nigger's slaver's whip cracked back and forth, as I have become their master, thought that they do not know, I hid something from them, even from the most salacious of starts, from when the time had come for us to extract the power, from this cut, I knew that I would take it all, for and by myself when no one present, during our so quickly dumb-found communion, as might've been so, as such, in the past, now, I admit that, I've felt it happen sooner than initially planned, this inevitability, that I would be usurped and that another one would draw along as to take, claim of my seat of power and ever after; they drew forth, as it was unexpected, a riot, the niggers are getting violent, the niggers are getting violet, said the slaver's right hand, in crime – nowadays, doing something as benign, but with this being an echo in time, which he dwelled upon, purposefully misplaced writings, jottings and broken down documents, going as far as the American Confederates, not the ones that got Anne, pregnant, now, he dwelled upon their, this being a reflection on what they said, ideas, as to say, kindred spirits were they, to him, anyway, would've gotten him into trouble, if this was, or had been a sanctimoniously civilized place he was in, the echo being wasted on a whim, farther and farther and ever descending, that the farther it, and the most it got, not only having gotten a head start, but the quicker it did, the more he realized how bothersomely they drifted apart, in spirit, not only the other worshippers from him, but him from the Confederate Southern Slaves, whom he had once seen as a Proud Peoples long gone; that made him think, or realize that time had come not only to change, the usurping winds having been there for a while, while he failed to notice them, as it was aforementioned, but most importantly, the leader of this dark-space rebellion understood that, he never stood a chance, to avoid being replaced, to have his people become something beyond recognition, to become a mockery of their former selves, having known, or learned by the left-inside-the craterous hidden archives, of the likelihood in, prior to the change, likens to these people, to everyone on this ship, and how much they resembled one another, him, having deducted this from, or out of the various, which he had stumbled upon, this glorious gribbulous discovery of a much finer than expected quality skin-sheeted with puckery-infested, -with parasites, transparent yet hardened as calcified stone-diamond-rocks or 'metal' –or some kind of alloy like iron, but more livid-jerking-eerily-in-place-while-protected-by-and-in-a-glass-kind-of-shell-that's-also-anti-bullet-kind-of-protected eyes, with X' plus openable-while-seemingly-hiding-larave-eggs-inside-of-them-irises and spidery-tendons trudged alongside, though signaling its, the fully extension of the sheet as to avoid the traditional deformation of its edges, the parchment not having formed two 'pseudo-wrapped-scrolls' on either side which would deform the entire structural integrity of the document while also bearing elongatedly disgusting-looking short or thinned conjoined-leglike caterpillar-attachment pumping alongside its frame tawny unrecognizable by, even the

likes of a darker nature, occultish-tawny with marks carved in alongside them, proto- 'humanoid' – 'figures', livid with dark-pointy rotten, filled with gaps, strains almost umbrella-like-wings sticking out of flaccidly melted cartilage-skin tubes, attached to these insipidly deformed gelatin-mummies, nigger!; that had pseudo spiked-anchored forms coming out of them, while also being lodged, seemingly so, akin to a second recognizable breed of morbid-looking parasites that somehow acted to the, surprisingly so, unlike jews, who have a tendency of incessantly back-stabbing, being rather counter-intuitive, to their host's interest – part of these ancient-looking parchments that had been stored, apparently, during their initial 're-discovery' were found to be not only traditionally well-preserved but also well-kept, since 'they' feared the advent of such dangerous a spread of technology, or the faultiness of the in-ship's deck archive's storage process - and while having verified, and, him, also being the only one, in possession of this Valedictorianesque worthily forlorn-malignant source of knowledge, of green-whitish puffy pus, that also filled him, mentally with a kind of toweresque-formed, as in skin-tags of brain tumor-like but grown like erect elephant trunk shaped pox-things, which was the reason, this insipid 'knowledge' only having vaguely contributed to his deliriously psychotic driven, mental drivel-fast advancing mildly-induced, but not as the main prevailing factor for his apparent, short-term insanity kind of amalgamation – influenced by it, paranoia that furthermore confirmed the fact, or it only confirmed the fact to him and none other, since no one else mattered, that, he was, indeed, second time it needs to be, reminded, as for it being aforementioned, other than him of course, who, the leader of the bunch, has always been under the impression, but this was the final, that being the discovery of the ancient archived hidden scrolls, which had been, prior to his arrival, under lockdown, closed-sealed-barred under a mechanical safe-like combination that required the entry of sixteen special ciphers he ended up brute-forcing his way through, in this manner – five, five, six, zero, zero, one, one, three, seven, eight, zero, five, four, five, five, six, or zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, three, three, three, three, three, one, or zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, three, three, three, three, three, two, before taking a momentary break as to think to himself 'Maybe, I think, perhaps, it's the same combination, but with three instead of two', zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, three, three, three, three, three, three, another click for failure, although muffled, and it went like this for a while now, with such attempt as – four, two, eight, nine, nine, zero, zero, five, six, one, nine, six, six, four, five, zero, that stood as a testimony to his patience, a much, needlessly as to say required leadership quality, as well as zero, zero, zero, five, seven, eight, five, zero, one, four, eight, eight, seven, six, one, eleven, with that attempt being invalidated, by the red-flashing of the screen and a high-pitched beep, because, in his accidental clumsiness he pressed one again, at the end, that also made him press zero, zero, zero, five, seven, eight, five, zero, one, four, eight, eight, seven, six, one, one, again, which only signaled the fact that he also has a good memory, which is another quality a leader should be in possession of but also his capability of dealing with stress and frustration since this also ended up being the wrong combination, until finally, although, this is literally the only, possible combination that has not crossed his mind, until it did, eventually, the most obvious one, that even someone with half-a-mind would've considered entering, since it's the most generic, and since, seeing how one would spend this much time dwelling and toiling with a lock, they might as well try it, first, unless they considered the existence of a set-limit on how many attempts you can get away with, introduce, of course, the answer was sixteen ones'; that particular event, the last whip that broke the nigger's back, that they would eventually usurp his, beyond overly-glorified, to the level where even the Confederates might be proud of him, as well as, of his 'short-lived' achievements as one, leadership, from which, when it happened, he'd, or he doesn't, neither then, now, nor will, know, exactly how to deal with it. For that, is a frightening thing that no one wants to consider,

having your leadership stolen from you, by people, who raised you there to begin with; everything started falling apart. In more than one way; they began heading into the room with giantly inflated like balloon heads, while carrying their clothes in outer 'iron- the torture device –maiden' spiked lower prune bodies.

It is important to note that, while, as strange as these 'slaves' of his, it's how he treated his crew like, rebelled for no other reason than them being, a bunch of inconsiderate pricks, and what not.

But what Hgylienemelyionoshooor did not understand was.

Well no one could.

This obscure, band, as it could only be called band, rim was spread across all four sides of the parchment, this strange rectangle with hidden marks and jottings on it. Whereas they looked like a squirming in place – dancing skin-molded cacti – people because of their without arms, since they were part of the main bodies – welded in, it's clear enough that they didn't act like sand soldiers despite the fact that the eely-band they were on was like that of a tank's but also pincers, as in they seemed attached to the parchment itself, as if they themselves were parasites that clenched as hard as they could, that they might not fall off.

All of the documents, like it were folded in halves, though there was no thin line made as from the folding, or an after-effect. Placing them down, or finding them in their initial position had been awkward as well. Not only because of the anchored in, as if the symbiotic self-pumping and drawing, out of, then inward livid-needles hadn't been enough. That looked like elongated oozing-shaking in place bug pupae lodged in, but the awkwardness of their ever pumping, into the band-cartilage which was hardened, to which they were completely moldedly-attached like male deep-sea-angler fish to women, not real women but to the female angler fish, but the male angler fish being a caterpillar pumping thing, motion made it even harder, or cringe-inducing to look at them.

Also the thin almost flaccidly- out of their 'backs' pole and umbrella thing which was more like the top of a, or the insides of an egg, that could spread around them in a chrysalis-cocoon kind of manner, as a means for protection. Their heads were the things. Their 'humanoid-skull shaped craniums' were the things bearing those bleating behind a hard glassy dome of protection eyes from which the, even shorter, thinner and nigh-microscopically larvae came out of the many slit irises.

As these inflating, of which mass came out of, most likely the larvae pumps that stored all the necessary, in the living organs, shell that inflated, like a balloon, pushed out and encased these little eerily dancers, they seemed to have formed, which, in their umbrella state looked like thin mushrooms, out of their entire bodies, peculiar pseudo-mechanism tubes. Science-fiction prop-kind of tubes, or light-bulbs attached to prop-panels.

Of course, the ancient knowledge that was written on the scroll was nothing else but Colonial jottings, as well as commentary on nigger-slaves.

While everyone else came in the room, all changed as such, on the other side. And this was not the room where the, kept by the chains, above the air or the altar, lay the cut or the cut was lain.

But in the room they were in, something came out of nowhere. A set:

Four, interconnected, by their shoulders, giant unhelmed, carefully selected FLAT - 'orange' FFa-eight hundred' warmly headed, few centimeters below each, astronaut suited, but their suits stopped beneath their shoulders, armless but, each, below their ' chests', bodied by two interconnected peashooters that were pipe-black with many carved figures that were constantly coughing and choking on black smoke while aiming at the worshippers. Like four ruined astronaut toys that were cut, then glued side-by-side and bore sub-machine gun shafts connected with black pole pipes, or L's seen from the side. And their faces were decayed-devoid of skin like rotten corpses. And they were made out of complete living cartilage as well. Eerily decrepit faces, triggered such a reaction out of him, such as:

As Hgylienemelyionoshoor shouted:

'Who else dares question my leadership? Let him step in and make a cut!'

A lesser Guenon came out of nowhere, who was just as domed-bodied as the others, with a few skin-roots below him, jerking eerily in place, he stared. From, as if he'd seen the ghost of ages. – That place.

The four-set had actual smoke-bullets that acted like real bullets, or Tommy guns.

Didn't knock on the door, dumb bitch, uninvited, in came a woman, with a stainless steel knife.

She was bleeding out her pussy:

'OB?'

She forgot her green-box filled with them.

'OB's?'

She was also overweight and fat, a fat ugly pig!'

'OB's?'

One of the worshippers asked.

The room was colored by a colored-filter of yellow, but dim-lighted, as in candles.

Spoiled rotten-flower-puckery- fallen apart roof; it said, and went out of them, four lordly men. All finely suited gentlemen, dressed for Queen Britaeyn. But lowered as by actioned, theater; props stood there with guns as well. Despite being lowered by a few ropes, five or six centimeters down, they carried hundreds of them, worked by hundreds of hands and palms, all of them coming out of their behinds. Aiming at everyone; even the four-set, all four of them, alarmed by this, upon realizing the intrusion, they started considering their standing and their position in this indecent state of affairs.

But for a moment, though, all was still.

The entire world reached a sudden, realization.

It is clear enough, that Adolf Hitler, is God. He is there, present, in the room, with everyone else. His eyes are shiningly, visibly vibrating with pure Aryan energy.

For, although he'd brought the threat of the Juden race to an end, there was yet a greater enemy that would sough the world in its wake. The God, of never-happened, the Holocaust, although, its existence was a mystery even for someone as omniscient as Adolf Hitler.

Down the waste, back to the lower regions of the world.

They woke up during the middle of the night, wonderingly watching the flights of stairs undo in front of their eyes; like muck covered pebbles they ran beneath them, brought in by twenty or so cats with beadily entranced green eyes. Their faces were blossomed with embroideries of Tape-worm Five, red-white, sticking out, wriggling as if banded, colored-painted with dripping mercury being released off their side. A filthy scent, and they were off the room.

'Lem, did you see that?'

'When?'

'A few moments ago, the platform room was filled, to its brim, I saw only one.'

'Who was it?'

He pointed at the high-rise, there was an open top, ceilingless, stained with misty-clouds, scattered by each rain-drop but all avoided the open-incline that pointed at the top. It was a pentagon-room with a slight rise as well, and the door was out of reach. An echo was eerily left behind.

A woman appeared out of nowhere, introducing herself as Carla. She work a tootsie grin on her face, and was simple lowered from one of the perfect shells that made the perfect walls.

But she didn't speak normally, it came out of her chest.

Both men stared:

'Lem, I don't like this, she's wrong, there's something wrong with her.'

'I think you're right Rim.'

'I think so too, look.'

Right in front of her, she opened her large blouse, released, as to reveal, among a few steamy vapors, a few of her children, being part of a dark-protection plated shielded chitin she wore. One was a fat-oblong tar-like chipped-meaty stone, put on top a pair of almost leg-pair of growth, that bore a tap-formation to its left, another block, on the opposite side, the rest filling the gaps with various squirm-pumping rumps; one of them opened, revealing a rum-like pocket-filled with a few long-bullets. Artillery divine. Right on top of one of her breasts, resting there, in waiting; pulled one out and another one took its place.

'Here's for you Rim, bite off its tip, it should please you if you will.'

'Will it?'

'I don't know, try it.'

‘Should it?’

‘If the lady says.’

‘Very well, I’ll do it.’

Rim took a hard bite off the bullet’s head. One of his front teeth got chipped off and fell alongside the bullet, both of which bounced right off the surface.

‘Fucking whore!’

‘What a dumbass you are Rim.’

Both the lady and Lem laughed for a moment, both by each other’s side. Pointing at him, arm by each other’s shoulders. The echo rippled like a stone being thrown back and forth in and out of a pound, hitting you back in the eye. Probably a swimmer underneath it, or the Lady of the lake having a laugh; either way, it wasn’t any different.

The lady then disappeared.

‘Fuck, you happy now? You drove her away!’

‘What do you mean? How is this my fault?’

‘It is because it is, Rim. Now.’

Five hours pass, and they’re left alone.

A few stray cats return, wearing a man’s back, with the rest of him, on the top, the rider. Beneath him, a fish-net filled with fish, per say, but every fish is a cat, and they’re all riding him, pseudo-rolling but in actuality crawling, as they brought him, to tag along with them.

‘What now?’

‘Lem, I think, they’re back, I can see the glow inside their eyes.’

‘You don’t think they’re?’

‘Niggers.’

One more hour; everyone’s placed in their corner.

The man at the top is undisturbed, resting on his hunchback. He doesn’t talk, seems to be a mute. Another wore-by-cats comes in, but from above. A half-faced giant, African mask, wrapped around a fridge-formation, dark-compact. With hard-chained hook wires keeping it together; but its eyes are cat-toy cylinders, puffy, that extend like pumps- yet they’re like snail eyes, down they look, a reverse submarine visor, glowing green, gnarling at them. This one is spinning along the upper side of the pentagon.

While they were distracted, the hunch-bag advanced, a few meters already, in their proximity. They ate the man’s face off like untreated Syphilis.

Part of it fell off, immediately, then became part of the floor. Crawling along, then on the walls, then spinning like a remote-controlled car, it started just rushing alongside very possible surface.

‘There’s a door opened behind us Rim, think it’s safe to enter it?’

‘I don’t know, should we?’

‘What if we close our eyes and dream for a bit?’

‘And lose our faces as well?’

‘Isn’t that worth a try?’

‘You’re not worth a laughter, Lem.’

They entered the cave-door, a prison cell, with four bookshelves, the cat tags along, the face now having implanted itself on its body. Attached from behind by two, though they couldn’t see, air-vent PVC growths, the new-comer; various cats spoke in tongues, but only one responded.

‘You’ll have to ruin a few of the books in order to find what’s it you’re looking for.’

‘And what is that?’

‘Niggers, they’re everywhere, inside of every book there is. Armed with knives; choose wisely.’

‘What do you think of it, Lem?’

‘Niggers in every single book-frame, every five pages or so; they’re written in, some of books are cut, and some niggers are simply niggering inside. I don’t know what to think of it.’

But neither man opened those books out of fear. Of course it may as well be that there wasn’t any single one, and the cats were fear-mongering them, in their rancidly-set-wretched allure.

‘Will you please allow us to make to with the rummaging of the books?’

‘I have a lighter on me.’

‘Rim, you’re not going to burn us down.’

‘I’m not.’

‘No, I mean, you’re not going to do it.’

‘I’m not.’

‘I mean I’m not going to allow you to do it.’

‘I’m not.’

‘Will you stop it, already?’

They were left with silence.

The door was opened by a football-helmed cartilage shaped with chattering teeth and violet-pigmented swirly eyes, conical bodied, with four-back-legs working in tandem hived creature that bore, between or kept hanging in the air by the metal-bands wrapped around each leg, which bore speary-smeared-chains above them, a large hardened chest-bulky Slavic-star with pseudo wings made of coiled by tars, connectors that, upon the jailor having stopped, began making bubbly black chew-balloons that popped soon after. The jailors' back side cranium opening opened, releasing a few fast-forward protruding crippling-tools disabled. Like retarded limbs-but stumps, with dumb-hammers attached. That pounded the star.

There were a few gaps on the ground just around the place their eyes had been lead towards.

'Wait, I don't know whether or not this is.'

In the distance.

A chain held the bag up the ceiling, instead of a lamp. It slowly lowered itself at an angle.

The weird-guns pointed at it. Four on every side of the wall, long-shins-long-boots with split-in-half rat-looking faces, open mouthed, peashooter-rattling guns. Hairs and all.

A sheet condenser with a roll, bearing a small bookshelf on its Gutenberg printer-back head-light attached to power-plower, great-conveyer belt put through. Bearing its half-a-man headless-tin man, from the top of which oil dripped on the floor, dirtying it further.

The man that entered the spire-door; long-foot rabbit mask, looked like a splatter. Two wires, black-attached, to the nose, the latter, two inverted guns for ears, pumping in the back; which only added to the squirmy eyes, the black contorted stranglers. If only had he worn a throat, out of each eye, a sharper globe; came out and filled the room like muck.

Many of the mounted guns immediately turned towards him now.

At the end of the room stood a fat mice-headed, with a small torture rolled spiked, torture thing inside its mouth; it spoke first:

'Did you bring me what I asked for?'

'Here, check for yourself.'

Upon checking whether or not it was safe, the cocking in-place guns finally stopped, shaking. At the very least; he threw the sack off the floor.

It came off immediately, almost, seemingly crawled out.

A great eerily looking skull without sockets or features, or the jaw, only a few weird marks around, some chattering teeth and a throttle-throat that did not belong there, with the rest of what he bore; it opened at the other end. Out came an actual spry ryeht. Bearing anti-corps, sprouting, spreading in the air like perfume, once ingested it made anchor sounds in blood-balloons, which snuck out of veins towards the

heart. Forming black-pebbled shards, prisons, with kick-back motions, that drew patches of skin from time, covering it with tatters before it dined on a piece of each man's eyes. The result being a hardened below, covered with chitinous-growths, oblong cloth wearing someone's 'face' with eyes, which then fused with a heartbeat, that combined the sounds of the anchors falling with the sounds of life.

These anti-corps would teleport out of the man's heart, into a weird black chamber, with empty fuses on the floor shaped like boils with cage- x's bars resting on top of them, curved concave. That kind of looked like livid-screws. This empty platform-floor black chamber also had a jar 'breathing bag filled with entrails. Leftovers from the men in time that didn't survive having their skin stolen; yet, upon this anti-corp placing itself on one of the boils, whose eyes, might I add, look as if he's suffered of a shell-shock, a screen would lower itself from the ceiling, creating a perfect rendition of an image, randomly selected from the world. Like a wish, like magic, it would wish a man to appear in a selected by it, location, but this would also consume the boil beneath it. A bubble-wrap filled with 'acid' being splashed into inexistence. This 'man' is actually a Trojan Horse filled with a hundred manhead sized anti-corps, all bearing knives on them. No sockets. Sutured together, flying, acting natural, but a giant; totally indistinguishable from the general population.

This superior race of men that it interacted with him were perfect but had one weakness.

A floating tower made out of cell-phone like devices with the top-head body of a grown-through-a-tree mushroom-canopy standing growth. That cast a shadow upon this strange row of many devices. That was like a tree that grew in a valley, at the edge of a cliff, but the cliff is made of many devices, and the horizon is actually the sky. It had a cute-poppy dog face that opened its mouth, revealing power-condensers that formed vapors filled with irradiation. That, upon touching the ground, created time-fields, whips. Echoes of, zones; where, these men, of the perfect race, upon entering them, were changed, or to be more specific, their backs were. They were being whipped like niggers by invisible forces.

Whereas the skin that fell of their back became small stars in an ocean blue, in a dimension, farther than where they stood in, where a giant Narcotics-injected Lucifer with a few hundred heads rested in. He chews on the constantly but never asks; as long as he is being fed, he may reign in this Aquarian hell and not invade the earth. For he has a giant gun on him that shoots cadavers, that explode on touch. And he's using the stars for target practice.

One time, the anti-corp attempted stabbing him, but that did not work, for Lucifer wished that boil restored, which in turn made the giant human body disappear.

The Anti-corps also had the ability to wish, free of charge, shell shock on anyone. And they did it. On the artifact that gave life to them.

Which lived in that room, but also in another, that looked exactly like it, in which it had taken the place of both men's heads. And a rocket was also in the room, exploding, eternally, shocking them further. But in time, after eons passed, this thing was mastered. They only lived here, in this room, at all times. Nowhere else, regardless of where the artifact was taken and regardless of whose hands it got exchanged between; for, in time, the explosion became a ray, like lightning, channeled between the two of them's 'eyes' they had taken, from humans, while keeping them, floating, a few centimeters away from them and their faces.

And by doing this, they made a loop, of knowledge, between the two of them, where the entire room changed, in appearance and texture, into every room that ever existed, forever; because they both suffered of psychosis inflicted by inflicting shell shock upon one another until both of them became delusional.

God appeared in the room, with a knife. He tried stabbing one of them in the head. It didn't work, so he left.

But they were just, touched by God, in actuality, which turned them both, into Prophets, by proxy. Which in turn gave the anti-corps angelic-acquired powers, that allowed them to cause strokes. By exploding the hearts they were in.

Near the same house, stood another:

Four-box with barrel top, it's what it was called. Exactly four boxes, all head-carved, four great men-Mount Rushmore on a wooden climb; resting on top of a termite mount, seen from beneath the 'floor' or what remained of it since it was completely caved in. Five of them already died during the initial fall.

But not a single insect dared grab a bite, despite the intrusion as well as how deep it had crawled in.

'Turn on the flash-light; I think there's something to it, down there. I hear the blearing sound of a river.'

'I only got a flame, burning my body, my clothes, because I've yet to have myself become damp with gasoline, since I was intending to set myself on fire, knowing that no further than a few meters from where we stood there was and is an ugly set-barrel filled with explosive filled powdery jars. Like kegs filled with dreams of amassing pure-destruction.'

'All right, can you turn on the flashlight now?'

'Of course, but's' flame actioned, you know?'

It were. A short thing but with a knickknack held little candle-wrapped band bearing ten or so light-matches. He lighted it the same way you'd light a cigar. Or a flame-thrower.

'You're not going to make it below.'

Spoke the four-headed cradle. It seemed too sure on itself to let go of whatever admonition there was between them.

'Milk, don't listen to it, you hear Milk Gray?'

'I won't, I know, let's follow the river, shall we?'

'Yes, we shall.'

A door was pounced upon, ever-so near in the dark.

Both Milk and Basin stopped. Immediately, hearing, from above, a blow; a quake, a shatter, and after, they looked. And saw, behind them, the termite mount followed, slightly shorter than expected. Still four-headed.

Before them, what appeared to be standing, ever-so creeping were two other men, a giant man-sack filled with cats, and a strange creature bearing a torch, which both of them already pointed awkwardly at.

‘Who are you?’

‘Silence, we asked first.’

‘No you haven’t, as a matter of fact, you’re both liars.’

‘You haven’t even heard us talk.’

Both Rim and Lem trying to get a word in; but.

The surgery was complete. It seemed like both Horn and Lurid were already stuck, as if controlled, or influenced by the bloody Yellow Rider as to begin breeding their evil race of Half-faced many legged abominations, that would one day inherit the world because of their indestructibility.

But for now, the four men wandered for a bit, where they were, why.

Where to.

‘Is that a light I see in the distance?’

‘Of course it is, but you must be careful around it, for it is dangerous, or at the very least, so says the mount. I think.’

‘Lem, don’t listen to them, look, they’re weird, queerly struck.’

‘Between that giant thing, the cat and the niggers, I don’t know what to believe any longer, it’s all so muddled for me, in ways you won’t even start comprehending.’

‘It’s bothersome, I understand but there are things in this world we can’t simply gloss over, such as the destruction of this waste we live in.’

But a strange piece came forth, like a raft, but was a wall. It bore strange cave-man markings, with punk signs, and someone wrote, their initials, as in two people, did.

‘It’s getting more crowded by the minute, I am afraid this won’t last for long or at least won’t last as long as you think it might.’

‘There’s only a chance to find out whether or not we can endure it.’ Rim fashioned a strange rock on stone he sat on top of.

It was inevitable, that something like this was going to happen. There were broken in-skulls around the hedges. A part of the ground had already devolved past any chance, beyond it even, of being salvaged.

Wallowing in place as it almost came apart, the womb finally started drawing out, its tadpole standing, yet, inclined. But it oozed as the process was over.

The land was broken still, it seemed, within the hold of the city, that almost peeled off, wall by wall, a few buildings had begun falling apart, but not a single one of them, eerily fading.

Both of them awakened, by the spread of a fully grown womb, whereas the other cores appeared to be lost, in dead realities filled with still-borns. Not a single life drew near it, not a single one could stand whole, as it were. Mongol was in all of them, though by now, always struck and always drowned, he seemed to be dead, in all, and yet to come back.

A putrid womb appeared to have taken the place of one of the arid suns that almost came to waste away. As it was standing out there, lichens of stars having not only amassed as they have taken over it, grown within like collars of burning fire that kept the womb warm, and pure, suddenly a jolt forced it to draw inwardly, leaving a transparent region through which not many could descent through, even if most desires would push them to go, and sink and swim through most if any of the layers of pseudo-gelatin. There was naught that one could do, not to get there, closer to it, in this state, from which it drew.

As it was standing, the city, though still caged was now inhabited by them. Giants parted, in their ghostly manner, many of whom were never seen from that point onward. Yet, their race was given but life.

And there, before many of the Lurid-Horns stood but the great bandit, known as Snake-and-Bottle, whom was even there, as bloated as a giant box-made of all of them, in hardness and in spread. Satyr as a mane; whereas its giant leprous whips, of arms that seemed like rifles, fit with many muscle grows began.

A tantrum would be done, if only were it gone:

‘Lee way, of which then, see. I’ll have you all wrung unless you stop and feel what’s been done to the ground in your absence. There’s been a break that’s been resolved.’

‘How was it done?’

‘Simple, look below.’

Many of the fallen apart mounds and the ones that had fallen apart, and the carvings of the cage, all were put together by things without faces, the servants of the Rider, growing gone then put together with the land. After they were done, that is. Many only receded in the ground, where they had become only the woe of every growth that followed after. A strange appearance to each house, but they were taller now, much taller than they’ve ever been; harder and most concave, taller and many rows of hardly lumped together ivory peels all grown in squares. Many of them but put together as well, from the looks of it.

The land itself had grown many of them welding, even during the initial ‘conception’, in their larvae stage. Raised upon a muscle toned pole, with pointed forwardly like a crawling shaft that blew in a small patchy-row, where the giant bulk of an elephant head was given stare, from its side came half-a-jaw-like almost blade with many bearing stones-teeth or cartilage-chitin it would twist and hit and rather miss properly landing on top the cage. The bars that were left as well were too outwardly curved to be easily formed afterwards. It bore a single giant eye where this almost tool-like growth that held its body high, this pillar with a front bent-down neck but straight, horizontally flipped L-thing that entered the bulk, of which, pointedly as for the location, it bore, next to this throat, to its left, or the ones that stared at it, ‘s right, a giant spread of many grass-root like inflates hose-cords that were its teeth and pointed forth,

towards a dead point. Its eye but rested no further and right above the end of the pole, the forward throttle that entered it, as well as it could be seen. Along the cage rested thousands of them, all hitting, soundlessly as it might be added, as it were only but a mystery, how it happened in the first place, their sudden appearance here.

‘Cease your slacking immediately, there’s much to be done still.’

‘Can I not have a minute as to stare at it?’

‘Nay, there shall not be one given or lost.’

With which he pulled them away from the repairmen, wherever they may go, alas.

This was not the same cage it had once been, unfortunately, it’s become more vulgar than anything that’s ever been seen or observed by the ones that returned.

And they had. In the most repulsing-repelling manner one could imagine them.

Some keys were being played wrong, from one side to another, pay no heed and no mind, would they draw on to say.

Same two men talking by the side walk, somewhere near Paris:

‘The nigger will always remain a nigger, at the end of the day. It will always be a victim of its own vices. A victim of the intergenerational-self-hatred of itself; it’s what drove it to enslave those that look and act like him, you know? To kill one another, to hate one another, to become the biggest deterrent to itself; which is furthermore promoted by their in-group biases, which is the reason why they’ll never assimilate. They don’t want to admit it.

They claim they’re a single people, but they’re not. Most of their ethnic nigger groups can differentiate between one another, it’s why they hate, band and kill one another, because of their tribalism. Yet others enjoy pretending while also promoting their ‘brothers’ thinking they’re similar to themselves. It spans out of their hatred for the white people, for the white race.

Too many ethnically incompatible African groups were brought to the States. It’s why there are so many problems in our day and time. The kikes enjoy promoting their Kike-Bolshevism in the universities, brainwashing people into believing every ethnic group’s the same or adheres to a similar set of beliefs, which is false, incorrect, a lie. That they are of a similar intelligence, equal in mind, although that is objectively incorrect as well. Anthropologists are aware of the existing difference between the human populations, yet simply choose to ignore those, for their ‘non-beneficiary’ uses in society.

That is false. There are too many incompatible ethnic groups, especially the African ones that deter from any cooperation to be accomplished; their specimens only seem to produce ‘athletes’ but end up being lacking in other departments. Their personality traits make them pursuit, on average, physically demanding ‘professions’ that don’t end up helping the country at all. It’s even worse that their ‘culture’ although inexistent, promotes violence.

This filthy Marxism is poison, filthy Kike poison. Affirmative action is nothing more but, a poisonous, as all know, Communistic kike practice. Class gets replaced with race. Eating the rich is eating the 'white'. The lower class is the nigger. And even when made aware of the negative effects it has on white people, the kikes still promote it.

Systematic racism is nothing more than seeing or being proud of one people's achievements, on the other side of the spectrum. If all white people see themselves in a Mozart or a Michelangelo, all niggers and all kikes see themselves either in a Holocaust or a kneed nigger.

The kikes would claim that neither one is falsifiable. That one has a cultural aspect for pursuing one achievement, while normal people would make the argument that it's nothing but an excuse for not having achieved anything in life. That is the first side.

The second side is the victim, the nigger or the kike, using those things as an example for their opponent's hatred for them. Or their incapability of pulling themselves by their bootstraps, or political purposes to justify the existence of a kike state like Israel.

There's a biological aspect people don't want to talk about. Although there are many ethnic groups involved, this racial violence between many, this racial aspect between these, various incompatible groups isn't taken into account. It's clear enough, the nigger pathetically pretends to be one race, whereas the many ethnic groups share a violent hatred for one another that far exceeded that of the European people for themselves.

Despite the fact that European people have been at each other's throats throughout history, their hardiness prevented them from being trampled completely by themselves. Tribal combat will never become obsolete by any means. Despite the various 'cooperation' allegiances between people, what happens behind closed curtains is obvious enough.

Kikes are at each other's throats, same goes for niggers, for women, for men, for whites as well. But whites have proven themselves to be the only race out there that's benevolent enough, by their philosophical, not even 'whites'. Americans, somewhat; it's become a charade. Being white because of the over-breeding of the nigger and the other races; it was never the 'white' race, or homogeny, but Northern, Western, Central Europeans, Southern Europeans and Eastern ones. The environmental pressure caused by the breeding animals is destroying what used to be proud, 'solitary' nations. Who'd otherwise be at each other's throats.

It won't last for long; this 'European', this 'White' Idea. There are too many incompatible people stuck together, forced to be 'one', when in reality, it's simply not how it works.

The only chance and the only thing that's been proven to endure is this: "The lynching, the killing, the ethnically cleansing of the niggers, the kikes, the spics, gypsies, the arabs and every other non-ethnic group living in non-ethnically placed-in country". It's the only full-proof method shown to work.

Minorities in small numbers have never been seen as a giant detriment, until they started breeding that is. Numbers are threatening, it produces a lot of pressure, being bred out.

Niggers breeding en mass is a dangerous thing; whether or not people want to accept it or not, they are simply inferior, on average. And they know it.

The sad truth? The nigger pretends he is a monolithic race, for now. It's a thing forced by environmental pressure, just as the white does. But the nigger is beyond arrogant.

For that reason, it sees any other man killing their own as a crime beyond recognition and beyond humanity. Their 'arrogances' see this act, committed by a member of another race as being unacceptable because of its arrogance.

There can be no democracy in a country like that. Ruined, rotten, slowly being destroyed from inside out; a government that sees its people as being shady, it's pitiful. Asians as well, barred from entering schools, especially as medics, on the basis of similar scores to that of whites and negroes, because of the fear of Chinese interest. Niggers getting their scores inflated because of their inferiority and because Africa isn't seen as a threat. Kikes promoting Marxism, so on and so forth. Whites being kept down and dragged through dirt, whenever they try promoting themselves as well; every single god damn thing is the result of many ethnic groups trying to act like Monoliths, only to realize that they. They are divided, all of them, they keep dividing one another, they keep pushing each other back.

There's no stop from this. The States worked once, in the seven or eighteen hundreds because there was a certain homogeneity that ensured an efficient collaboration.

These are only three major ethnic groups that don't even account for the illegal immigrants and the Spics spreading and breeding many other groups as well, the arabs, Indians with dots and feathers, mixed people and the mongrels; a Brazilianesque society. It cannot and will not likely continue working this way.

A melting pot, an insult to everyone that cannot be fixed; the Asiatics and the Africans by their sheer numbers alone and how alien they are will always ensure that other races will be miserably treated. Tribalism cannot be erased by the existence of other races, it will only ensure its survival, ensuring its permanency. We cannot be delusional now, no one can. The rest of the world isn't as rich as the Americas, various races will band together and will commit 'gang crimes', which will overwhelmingly target the minority while enforcing this 'precedent' the Americans and the kikes are trying to push down other people's throats.

Excusing nigger behavior, which is dangerous in itself. Having to listen to people lecturing you, acting like the all mighty with no actual experience of the outside world and what this false idea of a functional 'multiculturalism' brings. It is too dangerous on the long run. Too many incompatible human populations are dangerous, when put in a single place. They are frightening; stomping, stabbing, raping, pillaging, all excused by the likes of common Americans. Other people don't have this, certainty as to give them the benefit of the doubt. People are not similar, and that is shown by the stats.

Certain groups of African American niggers commit, overwhelmingly so, a good chunk of the violent crimes. It's not all African American nigger men either, only a certain selective group of banded together, most likely ethnically similar, nigger groups. DNA testing needs to be made more accessible, cheaper, it needs to be funded by the state as to be mandatory for all the recidivists, perhaps even force them to take it.

Eugenics could possibly curb crime rate if some similar nigger groups were to be eliminated from the genetic pool, or have their aggression completely removed. Only niggers, whites should be exempt from it, since they are overwhelmingly represented in achievements, whether it skips one generation, the next one might produce a genius. No one can afford losing even one white life.

Kikes can all get fucking shot in the head; especially the women who look like trannies, and the only decent looking ones only happen to have more white blood in them. Sub-human beaked fat-sagging creatures they are.'

'Good talk, bud.'

'You know what? I think I should, at the very least design, cheap helmets, it's the least I can do. Cheap helmets for poor people to wear, so they don't receive any severe brain injury from having their heads stomped by fucking nigger packs; it's the least I can do, since these niggers have a tendency of stomping on people's heads and all.

It's too perilous to assume everyone's equal. It's too dangerous, and frightening as well. Whenever they come in mass, whenever there will be droves of fucking niggers trailing along, you know how dangerous it will be. Sprinter gene, faster twitch muscle, higher bone and muscle density, tribalism, the American and kike pressure forcing us to drop out guards down, covering up for the niggers, that is our future. That is our god damn future if we start making excuses for them, we will have our heads stomped by packs of filthy subhuman niggers. It is too dangerous to assume every ethnic group is the same.

The niggers are too subhumanly unintelligent and dumb to realize this. They cover up for their own people, especially the 'educated' primates, the niggers in suits. Especially the kikes as well; that is inexcusable. No one deserves to have their heads stomped by filthy fucking monkey nigger packs.

This 'equality' lie is too dangerous to be maintained. Unless there are some serious blows given to, either the Americans, Kikes or Niggers as a whole, then, this lie will persist. Countries filled with droves of head-stomping niggers, it is a nightmare beyond any feasible rationality. People have to be judged, otherwise, niggers will keep stomping heads like the sub-human animals they are!

It's eerily amusing, in some way. How kikes seem to work. They're quick enough to cover up when one of their own is stomped and killed by a filthy fucking nigger, they would do the same with me, without a doubt. It's only fair that they're paid with the same coin. They would cover up kikes being killed by niggers, whites being killed by niggers, other minorities as well. The true face of the American kike, it a disgusting sub-human creature, that will soon enough get what is has coming for it. Everyone's getting paid exactly what they deserve, there should be no surprise whatsoever to the natural reaction, this aversion to their behavior. One day, they'll get what's coming for them.

Every single one of these sub-human kikes would have me stomped and killed by a pack of filthy niggers, then they would have it covered up. Same applies for every single white person out there. It's only fair that they finally get a taste of their own poison.'

'It must suck having both roaches and rats as your ancestors.'

'It's irrelevant for me now. It's the only thing I can do at least, it's the only thing I can do, at the very least I can ensure enough people know of these filthy fucking monkey's tendency on stomping on people's heads. Treacherous kikes hiding it, sweeping it under the brush, they're beyond self-loathing. They're absorbed by money, they're unintelligent, incapable of thinking about anyone else but themselves, what a disgusting sub-human behavior. Promoting nigger stompers and sacrificing your own people for money. The mark of sub-humanity; no such race deserves to live on this planet. Worst of all is that they've desensitized whites as well from violence when it comes to their own people. Their own people, even those they're homogenous to. It's the most sickening thing there is.

I wish I was part of an ethnic group that cared whether or not I got hurt or harmed. Not for their profits, not for their ideologies, for their interests, for the promotion of their lies, but because we are the same.

I wish other races didn't have to pity me. Why can't I be part of an ethnic group that cares about me?

Why is it that the white people are the only ones capable of caring of their own without anything to gain from it? The European people, the English, the Irish, the Norwegians, the Romanians, the Hungarians, the Russians, all of them; why?

Why? Why are other people capable of empathy on its own? Not out of fear of retaliation, but coming out their hearts?

I don't know, I can't feel empathy toward them either, I'm not going to be a hypocrite and expect anything else. I'm not a benevolent being. I wish I did, but I can't. Why would anyone show any empathy towards liars? Against those who'd cover up their people being killed and stomped by filthy primates or do worse than that?

Even some niggers feel bad about their own, as inferior as they are. Even some animals are capable of empathy towards their own, why can't kikes?

Heartless, greedy race; well I am the controlled opposition after all. I'm going to make sure everyone knows what they're like. It's the only thing I got out of being born wrong. There needs to be a push, or else everyone loses.

What a god damn joke. If the niggers aren't compatible with niggers, and the kikes aren't compatible with kikes, and it turns out not even a lot of the whites are compatible with one another, how can anyone expect the whites, niggers and kikes as a whole to be compatible with one another?

The only ones even slightly capable of feeling empathy are the ones who happen to have more European blood in them. But what's the point in that, then, if it's aimed towards people who aren't even the same race as you are?

To love one's people must be a feeling unmatched, perhaps that's why the European people conquered the planet, after all. They've must've loved their people more than anything else, they must've cared for their poor, they must've put their own people above everyone else without expecting nothing in return. Life isn't worth much without hegemony, it seems. No one can expect anything else, let alone similar results if they step on it.'

The Jew cries as it strikes at you— old Polish saying that outlived countless generations of stabbed in the back Polish people.

‘You’re right about some things, I guess. If you can’t change inferior races or what they act like, you need to genocide them. It’s the only humane thing to do. No one should be forced to suffer in this world, especially not under lies, smoke, mirrors and charades.’

‘Why, I should’ve started spreading propaganda much sooner. It’s simply a joy that’s unmet by anything else there is. I will simply just pit the kikes and the niggers against one another by whichever means I’ll find.’

‘I think I must be god in some way, you know? Being short-sighted in some way; forgetting what I put down on paper, having no reading comprehension, going all through decoding alone. I can and will get away with anything, I am invincible! Ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha! If only.

I’ve said so many horrible things I’ve come to regret now, but I can’t go back on what I said. I can’t forget the past, I can’t let go of it. All those wasted years because of them, all those problems and the confusion that’ll never leave my mind, my inability to speak as well.

I will not stop until they’re dead. Until I will have gotten my vengeance, regardless of how many people will end up being hurt because of it.

I wish they suffered as much as I have. I wish their children death-rape-fucked-with-cancer, and killed and slaughtered as well as their slave niggers. Something they cherish dearly taken away from them and butchered.

They would do much worse to me. I wish they died in the worst possible ways, I wish they got slowly tortured to death.

I’m afraid, friend. I don’t want to end up doped in a loony bin, where doctors are cruel and nurses make everything so painful, but that shall not be a deterrent, no, it shadn’t, for.

If there is a hell out there, I’m laughing all the way to the oven.’

A puckery bubble started spreading along; another womb oozed and almost fell apart.

It dragged some of the high standing plots of land aside.

Part of the land scraped; as a part of reality faded.

Tiles of strangely shaped rose-filled garbles with their up-front standing, near the rocketing around the sea-branches of the miss-maligned soldiers drew around unpleasant-to-look-at beams that clasped the ground within their grasp.

‘Will you draw breath upon the land, knowing it belongs to them?’

A seer asked from afar, his stained moisture drew from side of his forehead running all the way back to a single point there his mouth was become part of the scorpion and the wolves he had been wearing as a mask for too long:

‘I do not know whether or not they shall accept me, I’ve yet to do something that would make me stand on my feet without shaking them off. There are many giant thick balloons out here, are there not?’

‘We’ve been traversing the murk for countless generations, yet this raft we’re on top of.’

‘It never seems to stop, I am aware of that. It’s the lands which surround the pool, they’re the ones moving on their own, they’re the ones we shall never be capable of moving on from or out of. Nor will we reach one of the bulbs down there.’

He pointed exactly in their general direction, where the seer had only seem to ever-so-presently grasp for something that would let him draw back into the light. A yellowish pale that domed no room; out of the ripples, beneath which they rested, one resurfaced.

‘It is time you find out whether or not you are prepared to head down there, if you are to be accepted by them even at a superficial level, then you should be fine going all the way down there, sinking into the most morbid depths there are. Where you may or may not be forgotten by the solid fogs.’

A choir may be heard but it is neither here nor there, nor in any time that’s ever been alive; do you understand, Lethrees?’

‘I do father, I most certainly do.’

‘And you know that there’s still the possibility that I might lose you during the process, is that not so?’

‘I’ve made up my mind already, I won’t. You needn’t worry.’

‘SO be it then.’

After which they both turned, slightly moved back a few paces, then stared at it. Long bloated pool-shaped tent- of a forward thrust chest, belly like akin to a whale, but outlandish-desert plated with chitin, even forwarded a few meters in. Out of it, the head like that of a camel-fridge humanoid thing, compactly wrought and long headed, filled with barely put together lumps, primitive eyes and a drooping nose, out of its mouth came many mosquito curved, but flaccid standing black-coated straws like chewed wheat lobes that point downward – shaped teeth. Two domed with square-shapes pointing down, and intersecting many other squares appeared to be etched in its two fan-shaped wings, it was a dirt insect after all. Then, all of the sudden, it emerged. As from the bloated fat that made its chest, out of a pie-like dome that quickly arose there stood a torso with a chitin-face carved in statuesque plate holding it together. Many cords sprouting from the pie-shape appeared to have it lodged together. A chrysalis chest, but that’s where the fan-wings emerged, each side as well. But what made it stand out was a twice as big as its body giant abdomen compact syringe thing with a sting coming out of it sharpened as a butcher’s cleaver, twice as wide. And it was mucky-mud, in the way the many flaps and many melts appeared to take shape. A great pseudo-eye remained on the side of it, almost too humane.

It was even harder knowing that there were projecting, out of their inner cord filled carapace tendon organ producing god, inside of them. A molecule cluster of star-like deformations put into asterisk, somewhere above the sky, but made out of an immaterial greater tendon that drew along a couch of bones turned into a great ship, every single star-object skin leashed to it, where the following could be seen attached to it: Four great craniums, five stocky human lumps put together as to form the horse like worm bodied seal

that bore around its body a belt shaped like a horned scarab thing with many spears coming out of it, drawing out in every direction, spreading a disease plague as it drew along. Worming necks aligned like many projected interconnected circles like many lenses kept inside a great telescope which kept the skulls attached to the body. The couch have become a fat-rock chiseled cargo filled with resting giant fiends that were put under distressful yet lucid dream induced hibernation. The asterisks beads but oozing as they formed six great tails, from whom every single thing opened; or unwrapped into peculiar, almost imploded then wide-spread black hole-points. Out of which hundreds of demonical figures appeared to be sutured together into every womb-star. Horn bearing, beaked and barked, many features clearly misaligned, limbed and feeted and even some that were winged, whom seethed; were made part of the whole.

And the great four skulls, Bell-Beaker shaped, but clearly bearing crystals- for eyes and other malignant shapes that replaced them every second, until they all bore rats inside their sockets. Wild tendrils, then disappeared, every single one a different shape in there, but all, in shape and form, colored with the most dreadful shades of cold, and heat, and red, and yellow, and many glowing shades that only toppled themselves as they drew tit, as to be fed by their celestially invisible mothers they yearned to be fed, reunited again with her.

Why she was but an inexistent thing, an ideal that was only forced upon them by the god-organ as a means of incoherent indoctrination neither one of them could escape from.

Dlkerunt, Itinohr, Lrelonsl and Lllarulront were their names.

Lower, much lower, far lower, beneath them:

The system was in place, but could barely be seen from the distance. A sky-line forming a triangle around a great- holding scepter to which it wasn't even remotely connected to; shooting out of it on a trajectory that, if would've been allowed to be complete on a pattern, it would've formed the red mark of a deadly black widow cut-in. But at the first shot out of the complete triangle it shot out into a dark ellipse with drawl-bars moving in and out. It looked like a pocket of smoldering black oozing crawl-through. The scepter itself was but a thunder at the top, a pole drawing down into a giant pill-like larva that quickly jolted into pumping in. It was nothing but a pseudo-pump, morbidly made out of some corpse resin. But eerily, it looked that way. And most men who happened to go through the system were never seen after, not even in the likes of many passed days.

'It's already taken a few bites out of the first men that fell through the cabin.'

'How could you possibly know that?'

'I suppose there's no definitive way to confirm it. I simply know that.'

'Should we, in that case?'

'No, there's nothing either one of us can do about it. I won't force anyone to return and stray away from undergoing the journey. It's safer, much safer for all of us if it's being fed some travelers, some goers, some workers and misplaced hitchers that come along the line.'

'They are of another species, no?'

‘I would be inclined to think so as well, since their heads and whatever’s in them seems to have already progressed in being formed, at the back of their heads in rope-like exquisite protrusion carrying lookalike heads to theirs.’

‘What’s the point of it?’

‘They’re carrying smaller baby-heads of themselves that grow into sets of many beaded adult-heads which shall turn their entire simian bodies into peculiar exoskeleton talons. I presume that’s the way they’re surviving the fall.

I think there’s a great fall, an abyss, a cove-like depression once they’re gone through the strange black ellipse, and from there, they’re become cave-dwellers such as the likes of which we’re not to talk about, not here, not under the reeds of herding goat-scrapers.’

Whose little vows of gate keeping their pets as well as their well-trained wolves were already falling apart for more than a few various reasons, for starters, they were being watched and watching. Not a single goat or sheep was a respectively themselves, but men hiding inside of them, as well as other creatures whom had dressed inside their skin, secret agents, being incapable of drawing breath for long. That’s why their chests were filled with blue-breather diamonds to which their lungs were made to draw livid-organic molecules from inside the soil, where the insects swam like fish, carrying through their dirt-gulls oxygen-atoms, which were freshly received. It was dangerous though, the listening. It came with something else that no one wanted or was to approach. Or think of, or consider. The following happened:

‘Those two men, they’re dangerous, are they not?’

‘They’re speaking of the system, of the travel, they’re planning something, aren’t they?’

‘Suppose they are, suppose I know something you ought to know. What am I to get from it? From our coagulation, perhaps, you ought to have known this, but I’ve taken a few cautionary measures to trip-wire one of the bulb-cabins.

I was met by a Womb-Mongol, whose head was its entire body, whose tail was but become a few, trailing as they came apart, many of them split in halves. Leaving as they’d take everything in-between the likens of the dust particles. It wanted to give birth to itself, but. I suppose that’s not the reason I’m here yet, that’s not the reason he’s allowed me to live either.

He’s told me of the danger of what’s happening inside the fall, inside the stalactites that float and the stalagmites that are there, if any, if all. There are no ceilings and there are no floors, everything’s floating inside that dark place where even the slightest hints of flames grow apart and stall.’

‘For what?’

‘Time, it’s what keeps them floating in there.’

But not even he could understand who was there, floating as well, in hiding, unknowingly unhinged.

Whose top of the head was a sewage gate, with grates and bars, with heat inside, of a deformed high-heeled woman’s shoe shaped cranium whose lower prognathism was depressed on an incline, bearing an

open jaw that was eighteen meters separated from the upper one, permanently dislodged, teeth that were a curtain of stuck together PVC-thick flaccidly dangling tubes, bearing a strong almost rounded in the front chest, almost humanoid until the lower side of its body, where a giant coffin-shape drew out of a 'lack-of-a-belly' hollowed spot, a gap being left in there as if the meat had been scooped out, with many forward thrusting elongated heaps, stitched and put together as if feet, forming wildly deformed waves, toeless, feetless and more so, looking like barely grown tendons left there, outward standing. Dinosaur-reptile like growths followed a spine-vertebrae trail of pumping-like-lungs pouches that grew as fat-as-balloons which had man-faces on them, all of which displayed variously set emotions, and weirdly wrought contortions. Two great humanoid shoulders by the side of the rounded pseudo-almost as the coffin protruding oblong that was its chest, even simian arms drew out with puckery paddle-stretched hands, that were more like pads, grown with meat and spreading, bearing largely shaped cutting saw-ridges, pushing out of the stretches. It was eyeless, featureless with the exception of the back 'bags'. Whereas its chest and lower side, this 'basin-pelvis' being more of a whale, stretched, its chest more or less but shorter and broader; the lower side of its body being either the human region below the ribs and the genitals, a giant traditional blacksmith-like stove, the entry inside a peculiarly more compact cave, or the entry into a more rounded up bath-house, whereas the lower legs which pushed out were more like, aligned as tank-shafts, but physiognomically – horizontally rotated but molded with a terrestrial mammal organism – sea jelly.

It floated around, forming the peculiar stalactites, wringing them in shape.

Then came the:

Day of disease

It started in the night-stalk; one of the beams of bags, and other formations that came to pus and grow and never know whether or not either one would grow anymore than needed. Two wild formations heeded one another's calls. They drew, apart, disease was tall.

Slowly pouring in one of the most bastardly of standers:

Slowly would he walk, in a most ululating a manner:

He was tall and cowed but that was the top of his head, strong bodied but armless, instead, a giant pair of scarab jaws, and on the iron side, skeleton two incisor claws made the cartilage from where they might've sprouted, disarmed, as he was a collar grew tall, from which two spear-long metal prodders came out of, each bearing sea-jelly long Portuguese Man'o'war long bug-nets made out of some eely falling apart substance he drew along, many dead stored inside of it, many living which squirmed alongside them, but plenty of men survived nonetheless. It rested upon a giant mermaid curvature of a seal-fat body from which six side, or at least awkwardly angled legs drew out of. It was like a pumping bulk, and he walked upon cattle-fat chicken legs, but at their ends they were thick fat with many insect-claspers, along each bend and curvature that drew along. Although he looked like a masked figure there was a contortion of faces inside of it, like a washing-machine depression that drew down there, inside, rested small goblin-like figures, all bearing knives, all attached like mold or mushrooms, slowly being absorbed despite the

fact that they thought they could hide, disease had come about, taking, slowly at the very least, the beast, as it drew fist of war, though it was armless, one could only think of it as a more symbolic gesture than anything bold, and began welding them in. Their heads drew out. Their bodies were, rather long. Now that they were removed of limbs as well; of minds, since he was the only one now:

‘What will I do now, if you are to die, in the most wretched of calls?’

‘You need to go past the valley, past the bowels of earth and bring us many animals we may fill with disease as to carry them to a worsened state.

Many altars shall we place as such, and many of them will seem as if they were torn apart, much to their like, in such utterly disgust that no one shall recognize them.’

‘Of what fashion shall I elate myself with?’

‘Disease, only disease can last, it’s one of the mind which afflicts you most, though you may have already come to realize that. You’re utterly devoid of knowing, nor will you have come to waste, but, knowledge here will have come at a much greater cost than ever will you know what it takes from you.’

‘I wish to know and leave this place forever, one day. It is for that reason that I attempted to absorb them, in part, to make something out of them, and to take something out of the world on my way out. To leave a mark down there, where I took their lives, to mark their tombs so I may return one day and see what I left behind.’

‘You say that, there are bodies in there, are there not?’

‘There are, but they are part of me as well.

I’ve done something, something I shouldn’t have. Perhaps a most blasphemous thing, but I could not help it. I couldn’t help myself but do it.’

‘What have you done?’

‘I pulled their second casts, as one would draw out a skin’s nail, a snake, in some way, and made their bodies split, I pulled them out and it. I made corpses when there were none. Whereas, would I have realized, I might’ve stopped myself, but I have failed, and filled as I am with disgust, I will not go deeper down there, as to find myself met, by many of them.

Deadly pale and placated as the earth might be in their path, in part I’ve come to realize that I was one, I was the one whose done in, in the worst of brought. To bodily incarnations, to the tombs of dirt I have made along, in which my many creations started crawling through.

Their shells no longer worming but chitinously hardened, like nails scratching through coffins. They escaped, I fear. And if I were to draw as close as to be near the place in which I saw fit for their souls to rest. Where I have planted them, well, in that case, I am morosely wrong. I have been taken around and lost myself as to give reason for what I’ve done and seen.’

‘What have you?’

‘A heartless abode and a mirror of whom I have been, before this twist. I’ve eaten and devoured them, but they were not the corpses but cysts that I turned their bodies into, after I found them attempting to snick during a night.

Boils of their bodies:’

As much as he could think; they had one night been gathered around and slowly were forced to fall apart, be filled with accesses, in a land or a plot of land that would allow no life to continue as it ought to or should without being properly or fully basterdized. For that reason he had leaped on top. Placed both scarab incisors and two-sharp metal-like claws in place, and had transmuted them into, two distinct piles. One of cysts and one of theirs; one was to be animated and live again. While the original, there was no reason to think or consider where they went. It was plain and simple as anyone could hear where they went, and how they did so, what had alleged of them.

But plain it was that they carried the burden of being corpses, being crops, dead ones, hiding about one another, in each other’s cyst-formations they were covered in as well, since they had bathed, long ago instead. The day threatened to come eventually, and would take everyone or at least close to everyone by surprise.

‘A village’s lain down north, somewhere, I think. We could raid it and see whether or not they’re hiding something down their mines, and their portage trucks, they’re lodged inside the mountains.’

‘How eerily convenient that you’d find them all hiding there, there’s certainty in your assessment? Are you certain there’s nothing that could possibly get in our way if we were to, take a few measurements here and there?

Surely, there’s something wrong with either man, right?’

‘I don’t know, just yet. A few scouts have already reported onto something. The entire landing zone around their area is completely ruined. I don’t know by what, but they’re incapable of calling for reinforcements that way.

Other landing zones have also been spotted but most of them are more or less in the same state as it.’

‘Then we’re moving in.’

Without any concern for either one of his men’s safeties, they started again on their tracks. A few fields that have been left behind as a sign of turmoil, the marching of the farmers appeared, uncouth. As for them, whom had been lain behind, still living, praying to dead-wheat and other dead-crops they gathered from just about everywhere else they could lay their hands on. It had been much worse than expected. They were only kept alive by faith, starved otherwise, a draught had taken their minds, as it’s been, at the very least years, years at most spent in swamps of rain and mud. Little grubs and other similar insecticide filled thoraxes but swam upon pill bugged mosquito calves that oozed alongside them.

‘Trurmon, you haven’t told me about this; you should’ve at the very least mentioned it, as you saw befitting to alert us of the dangers come from spending too much time in the swamps.’

‘I didn’t see it as too disturbing or important for any petulant mention. They’re not likely to present any threat at all.’

‘That’s not it, soldier, there are things one should not tell you of. There.

They are not human any longer, it seems.’

‘I supposed so as well. By now they’ve become animals, swimming in their own filth and grit, as unbridled swine. Think there’s any pleasure left for either one of us there? If we were to leap and live, and let live with them, what would you think of us from there on out?’

‘I don’t concern myself with things like that. But between us, I would most likely put both of you down where you stand, without a second thought or a minute to spare.

They’re too sapient, aren’t they? Bellowing in their primitive pools, thinking the crops could do them better than any prior god.’

‘So what do you wish out of them?’

‘Nothing for now, we’re not going to simply waste resourced on them like that. IT’s something I’ve yet to press myself against.

But if we get the chance, I will raise this valley up until there’s no murk but stone, until there are no marches but standing plates of wooden sow.’

‘What of the men?’

‘The ones that can be salvaged will. Are those the mines?’

‘That’s the encampment.’

It was not exactly what he expected. It was even less so for the lack of warmth they were received with. But these were not poor people, not of mind, not of soul, even armored, even filled with rags and pelts they claimed form far behind, wrapping themselves with what they could find in order to make it through the seasons. A few of them were there as well, not to mention of the eighteen winters and their cold, their radiation, their melting-glass shards and the bullets that were thrown around. It was nothing compared to this.

A weather-vein, they called it, or a reverse subatomic snow drift, whose flakes of snow were men’s skin and hard material replaced and swirled within. Every face displaying signs of already having been changed and twisted around, in places no one could even hope to guess what had once been human and what hadn’t. There were a few more things that were yet to be discussed, but not yet.

The gate opened. A portcullis of hardening vapors churned, turned, twisted and stood on top of the two men at the gate. It was somehow molded with the red of the plates that formed the ‘fence’ of the encampment. Ethereal, in terms of simply phasing through solid material despite there being no warning whatsoever as to what it was or why it was there for. It had some tip-of-the hose sprinklers adorning the great scythe it was. But they were non-functional, by any considerable means.

‘We’re welcome now? Are we to enter?’

‘Yes, now you are, you can definitely come but don’t stay for long, those are the rules of Hexinri.’

‘He’s the one in charge, I suppose?’

A few nods followed, but they were lead to the side. Nowhere near the mines, and there it was. An open dome, a half-cylinder with the head of an albatross, rotten and covered in bones; this was the feeding area, tables being set at various barely-put together stops, giant ‘cabins’ and other elevators shaped like cans being retracted beneath rounded lids that hid them entirely. As soon as one came into view, they were already given no second doubt as to the meat that was being served to these savages.

‘Men stored in cans.’

‘Men who have been dead for months, but have been preserved in the cryogenic falls; cold forests lain down there, you’d be surprised at the ingenuity our engineers displayed when they came up with this system. It’s magnificent in some way, all connected to this piece. All kept hanging lopsidedly to a lower frame no farther down the line, than a few meters or so.’

‘Taller than the shortest man, shorter than the rounded friend.’

Who stood by their side, bowing his head suddenly, as if to acknowledge something; a few more of the figures had already left the premise. The well-armed ones, some of the savages fled as well, not through the main door, as that was beyond their likings as well as their sensibilities, but beneath some of the more corrugated dog-entries they crawled beneath off, most hounds were dead either way. And to the side of the building, they were mainly kept in cages.

‘It’s a simple system, really, we’re simply reeling them in, then back. It’s like fishing but we don’t intend on catching anything just yet.’

‘Something down there one should be weary of?’

‘Only if you dig too deep, but that’s already.

It’s a caved in piece of the ground caused by a quake we had to deal with. It comes with the job. We had to fix it somehow by placing this on top of it. But then we figured, why not store our meat as well? It’s far more accessible for everyone else than going all way back into the gate.’

‘Everyone else?’

‘Of course, did you consider anything else other than?’ He stopped, for a moment.

They were presented to a strange table, one that was rather-four sets, put together, welded in, of left-over armor-pieces. Weld-wires still adorned their frames, some of the gaps being completely covered with some junky staring mechanical rods that bore a function, some did not. But overall, it was a magnificent looking piece of repurposed Gothic armor. Where did they even get it to begin with?

Where did they get everything else from around this place? Since it was mainly, almost a futuristic twist with cogs, machines and even a few living 'beings', anything but humane, lodged into the walls, with the rest of the tentatively made or wrought in corded incisors that drew around them.

Food was brought in by a servant. High-headed, like a blood-filled condom-shaped with a greater bulk at the top, small puckery insect-black eyes, and a pair of many lumped together mouths that were all overlapped stove-discs with junky jittery black-barbwire teeth reverse disintegrating his jaw by self-devouring. Its body was a moving elongated, greatly vertebrae spined tailless dolphin mammal creature whose two arms were almost as thin as chains which lowered organ filled sacks. It stored a peculiar gritty pattern at the back of, what would've been a tail, to the conglomerated migration of many bulbs, inside of which it formed a great semi-formed figure, with four distinct deep-seated sunken but eyeless sockets. A great chrysalis-fridge unit was attached to its body, especially to its back, by strange pylon pillars that were lodged-attached to a few circuit-cartilage belts it wore inside of it, which opened in the back, out of which the mechanical arms were responsible for carrying the food trays to the table.

This was their nigger, their slave. Or at the very least, its usage appeared to be a denominator of its function. There was a reel-in motion that kicked back as soon as it was done.

'It's one of the cave beasts we found when first drawn near the mines.

Neither one of the mines is anything but subservient to the great cave. Its hollow echoes sometimes give me the impression that there's no warmth in this world as long as it exists.'

A great mouth of deformed stone being in set in place by an unnatural order out of which not a single man might draw away from, since, out of fear they could not understand what went through the formation of this great depression into the mountain.

A single lump of wires stretched for hundreds of middles to an engine-thumper that beat its way through, in place. Beneath the confines of the earth, nothing could be felt, let alone recorded. A sonar-like thing was attached to it, stolen from an ancient-set of broken submarines, being the only one seemed to be even remotely working, there was no other question to be asked about its purpose.

The mines were connected to it, but they weren't. Slightly obtuse as such, was the eye that tried looking for any open tunnel that could go either in, or through them, many of these domed gates being almost spectral in nature, incapable of truly pushing through or away.

Inside one of them, no farther than a few hundred meters or so. Deformed builder whose split in two hammers could not keep up with the jittery thing that came into his mind and dragged along a hardly mattered, some ransacked man attacked, him, weak of soul.

'Mindlessness in my abode? I shall have none of this for as long as I live, and you shall not thrive on my corpse, you incessant parasites, not as long as I will it not. I will have you all flayed, lain, upon my side and beaten if I could have it so. I shall not court no cloud or have it taken from my dark bone.'

'Who are you talking to? '

'The ones that have nested in, they're gunners, I could have my life willed away if I looked at them wrong.'

‘Then don’t do it, refrain yourself out of sight if you want to find a way to survive through it.’

‘I won’t have myself be taken just yet, you complete imbecile, I will have them all beaten into the ground and made rabidly mistaken with the most deformed proud peoples.’

‘All of whom are very much lost to a degree. You’ve lost your mind in this apparent dirge-like driven cruelty, of yours.’

And stood before them a melon head bloated half-of-it a top, with interlocked beams beneath it, many of whom were barred and spikes and many mouths, as well as they bore, beneath it like a giant’s tree’s many roots, but bulbs and nodes, and other growths, all of whom wore their ‘C’s beneath their cones. As they wore, root-to-root, at each end like pincers, out of which, of cartilage, twisted around and pointing at the ground they wore, many corpses that were filled with bore, as they were welded in and made to live. There was no sweeter agony than the wings of wheat- that twisted, twirl, like churns of growths, that walled a great open, at each end, eating from out the stars with extending mouths, dark wingless flights having crippled them before they got the chance to move again, large protrusions that were aimed towards the inner half-dome towards which they looked and pointed towards, in dark remarks, as many mouths and features were connected, train-like cartilage formations that spun and never touched had finally came to, a slimmer, the shimmer of a simple stop, as the top of the dome, this cartilage drone, emerging like a great bone-skulled formation with one small horn, the other being long then like a trash-back hanging in the back, worn out, a great sea-ray shape-but more like an oblong of bone in the back. Whose chin-bone was pushed forth like a drawer but curved like a sword and dragged on. His mouth looking like open-mouthed people whose teeth were made of origami paper newspapers, put together stitched, with numbers and strange words that couldn’t be deciphered. He was like a jackal-humanoid skulled Duke, whose puffy neck was but a rotten fruit, many shots of iron bars beneath him, then wide-spread, into bubbles of cartilage, with pointing cones beneath them, out of which downwardly pointing C’ shaped pincers only clasped, like little bulbic bird-mongrellic parasites. But the quasi-transparent sheet of shapes, this peculiar malignant parchment would not stop unless, aught, of likes, was spoken about, told and said. It kept crawling inside stars, emptying them out until they looked as if they were completely sterile, and solidified.

They didn't even know what happened outside their encampment. As it dawned on the few:

‘Answer me immediately, you wretched cunt!’

‘Gheos frayed breir-ol, nyihlno Iyi-nolh.’ It spoke back, the wretched creature, without a single sign of bearing any measurable amount of empathy whatsoever.

A Kufertoeier-pulner stood before them, wretched eyed, and marks of twenty resting at its base; barrel shaped, down there, rotating motioned wheels actioned the very greater side of a bifurcating eyeless gaze; the wretch of many adorers only moving when inclined to.

‘A Hejihld, sir, it’s been trying to get in through the gates for the last few months now. Golden and silvered around each one of his brows, he’s been talking nonsense ever since we allowed him near our court.’

‘Then have him thrown over the bridge and into the river, why, is sense all gone nowadays?’

‘But there’s something into it, them, lodged there. As if completely rotten, but fairly grown, I’m afraid of what it might do if allowed release, and escape.’

‘Do as I say, that’s the least you owe me.’

‘You’ve not seen the last of it just yet.’

‘Why is that? What’s it to it?’

‘It’s hiding something in its chest, I’ve told you already, it’s far too dangerous to be allowed walking freely out there, with the appearing and disappearing pines and the forests and the buildings and the spectral creatures and the ogres and the many headed defilers and the slow machines and the other things that threaten to defile everything. I fear it might interact with them, and not stop there, and everywhere, where it could happen, it could spread and set sunder, and set aside, whatever means humanity has to crawl out of the caves we’ve built for them, on the world. On the other side, it’s where it shall drag us as well, I very much wager it might happen.’

‘Turn around, there’s a specter standing behind you!’

He did, and it was, the most marvelous of flashing things, bearing one of its poisoned, most venomous incisors-filled wings, which swooped him off with blow that turned him into a dust-row of insects, as of snow-flake glowing lobes of cold brains that froze and fell. Many of them stood there, next to his friend who was just as confused and befuddled as to what happened as anyone in his turn and place would question after.

‘Have you destroyed him? Are those his brains?’

‘They belong to his predecessors. Haven’t you found out already? We’ve settled that we would claim him back, this is one of the few ones that almost made it, and live by the side of man and acted like one, and then, the spectral possession was over.’

He was but the brains we’ve stolen from every grave we could find.’

‘So they were not theirs.’

‘Unlikely, but these were possessed nonetheless, and they were needed in order to work. That is to say, the brain-washing that we have inflicted on him as to truly be immersed into that which is living, otherwise, left to his own devices I’m afraid he might’ve ended up killing someone.’

‘What makes you say that? Wait a minute, you wretched spirit. What have you taken away from him? Wait, not, was he, he wasn’t he, him? That thing; it was, it must’ve been an entity made of every possession, every ancestor he had, a façade for them to dress as. Of course, I should’ve known, was I tricked all along?’

‘Good man, of course not. In this Reasonable Day of Morrow, October of the Witching hour, on my honor as a spectral apparition, I swear to you and onto you alone that it was no one else than the entity, Foralgo Monte, and none else, for none else could possibly survive such a thing, as to come into life and be tainted, touched and contorted, as to watch it made. Every spirit, still remained, for long enough, at

least, in the premise of the smaller zone in which we have conducted the ritual, that, you should know. It was there that we have brought him into life. Though he would not have agreed with our doings and our recklessness, as you know, resurrection is a perilous thing, but we took something from him. During the ritual that is. Oh and what a thing we have. It was a part of his heart, though we may not gloat forever for what we've done, there's certainly something.'

'What is it?'

'A rotten piece of him, that's become a larger elongated cyst, it flew away in part and moved and drew along until it's bore itself front-and-forefront until there it stood. In front of all of us, as we froze, as specters frightened, could you possibly even know what that feels like? It's beyond the capabilities of a man to understand, to comprehend the sheer terror we felt. Seeing it wide-stretched, like a white bulby thing, not a tape worm but slithering like a candle's light being shoved further and allowed to slowly drift as it's but taken apart, by the strong blades of grassy greasy winds that came after. A dreadful Anaghost that drew after, the Lord, we saw him, of Alabaster. Of pox and pus and bones and warts he brought along, whom had presented himself and you know what he told us?'

'Of what now?'

'A most terrible, terrible apparition that had far outgrown even our likes, that we shall come to fear and bow to, at the very least that's what he prophesized, although I would reckon one could not be certain with him since he's taken a gaggle with us, every now and then, within the limits of much, to our likings, there's always been a certainty one could not forget about. But he's slain some of the most disturbing things he's brought with him, back into and out of the shallow opening of light that flashed on us.'

He went ahead to describe him, as momentarily as he could. A bodily maligned formation, man-like sitting on his back on top a ditch with two fat appendages where his low-hanging legs would've been, side of his left arm being a giant guitar-like bloated oyster-closer, half of it, formation that blew in him, puffy thin, and puffy fat like a stove-blower device, the ones meant for the fires, armless, but seemingly the upper-protrusion of his body was, as if a giant humanoid shark-hybrid with a maw swallowed the upper half of his body, including his collar bones and shoulders, wrought in him, yet, at the end of its tail, forwardly thrust, rested an elongated skull, with a single animal-jaw-bone like blade, or horn curved, its left eye being elongated like a snail's, the other one bloated instead. But out of its 'mouth', came out a fat-leech formation that wriggled around. Although the peculiar body was more like a coat man, as to account for the extra-added far around the tiny-compact appendages he bore at their end. And the mid-part of its body, being placed like a tunnel, bore no shark-fins, although it had a pseudo appendage like a liquefied angler fish's growth, resting by its side. An ugly skeletal-ugly dogheaded, thick as a fridge, globular-fat tongued, one bison- blade-horned, bored by a side-neck deformed giant fingersque growth, attached to a legged-appendaged, almost sculpted coffin-cast, with a livid-cushion sprouting out of it. A violent thing, indeed:

'He tricked us at first, as we all thought it was a ghastly apparition, when in turn, it only happened for it to actually be a ghoulish abomination, descendant of an evil race that's fallen from above, which in turn, appeared to breed many of their own, numbering as far as one could account for, thousands even, millions of them being widespreadly grown.'

The hills were theirs, they made nests of them. But they never left either. 'But one survived, and made it, into a distant cave, I hear, I wager, bout the hour of the day, I've heard, whenever one might, comfortable get out his way and leave, he'd know. Wretchedly he grew, in control that is.'

One of these Ghoulish things was in control of the Encampment's leader. He controlled him through some peculiarly deformed rod-formations it had planted in a malignantly-red powdered garden of growths that spread pheromone lobes growing in the facets of his dreams. And like-a-likes likened to his likens, distorted. And he was lost in a maze made out his face and contortions. He never woke up from the dream.

But the men, the various repairmen, whom had been partitioned there knew how to deal with it, and by all means they did what they could to appease as much as they could, that need, that desperately deprave thing that refused to go, it was in their minds, or tried getting closer to him, so. But of course not a single servant creature made it seem like it was much of a, nonsensical kind of trouble, since with all that was being said, with all indeed, following on dead-footsteps, it was only a matter of time until one of them would discover what went on behind closed doors.

He was left unaltered in the most meaningful way possible.

'They've taken them inside the cave, they're to be prepared as to join the mines and descend in the dark places where their souls are to be replaced with the ones that we've left behind.'

A boiler spoke to them, and was the guide. Although its many mechanical legs could only push this far ahead a mile, it started splurging a concoction with large eyes and a few most unadaptive, incapable of doing it so, primordial ooze. It glowed inside but neither one of them could see it. There was an eerily set jerkiness that made it stand out. And a pseudo-humanoid with four heads, the next step in an evolution that was to come. His many hands divined some of the glass-bubbles into oxygen atoms that carried flaming, barely legible dark words that interfered, on a temporary scale with the subtle mind-controlling whispers coming that were left, noiselessly bothering, as to be allowed to continue. It was an evil circumstance it which some of the miners were met, face to face by some of the gunners who were not as surprised by what was going on any longer as to forget pulling out their power-stringed rifles. Like lamps in the front but stringed like violins, on a raised incline, like a guillotine, where the visor was. And every long string was a power-line cord that charged the bullet with high-stringed power-cutter like properties that appeared to be capable of cutting clean through iron, diamond and time, quick aging and decay being inflicted on the chopped off part.

'The great birds are dead, you see, we've covered them with blankets we've carved ourselves from the curtains taken out of the great cities. We've, plainly enough made sure many of them have been taken from the abandoned houses in which they dwelled.

They've made nests out of the bones and the machines and the giants and the many, hundreds and thousands of keys taken from the master Locksmith Nerel Enelsainl. Who has crafted the key of ages which will open the sun-sky as to be faced again, for them to enter our world and eat us but allow the cyst-filled birds to rot.'

Gunner Meryl only nodded his head in agreement, as they were lead to a coffin opening in the floor that shot chained-maw-incisors at their chests, immediately drawing away their brains, which were encased in

strange vacuole-formation, wreathed in metallic girths, that left their real heads and bodies behind, as the most peculiarly coated figures, but very much protected from whatever harm might befall them.

Beneath the bowels of the earth, finally, they had been greeted by one of the great emerging many darted-around their crystal-cyst hedges, Malady Impersonators, whom had their great coffins in their back. Although these brain-dark boxes were carried by crystal servants with high backs, one could not forget the reason why they were there. Since they were embodiments of themselves, as it happened, these crystal bodies not only obeyed their commands, or their bodily-brain like matter transmitted by a most plagued neuron disease, but it also so happened that they were also equipped with crystal power ray cartilage-guns that were pointed at the head figures in this peculiarly fallen apart dimension. It was obvious enough, even for an untrained eye that nothing was actually what it seemed like, since, for what was worth, those crystals were impure. A few meters in they had been cut, all of them, without exception and had a few insignificant centimeters that were forced to 'depart' from the rest of the crystalesque base, as if springs had been attached from one end to the other. Inside these teal-bluish cold encompassing crystals coffins, many spatial figures were buried in, men of atoms and of universes with little stars and black holes lodged inside their bodies. And there was no ceiling on top, specifically, as the top of the chamber they were in was filled with stalactites that were bulbic at the region from where they sprouted, as it lymph-node growth like, and were but layered as if made of melting flesh-lumps that fell apart, slowly drawing downward at peculiar eye-like feature filled regions that shot mechanical like instruction, as to project them inside every semi-universe made creature resting in an endless universe abyss from which they could not wake up from. These weren't real crystal either, but a blue-puffy hardened foam-sponge that hardened and gave the impression of being crystals.

The many tall, Meso-Humanoids greeted the gunners, the boiler being very much left behind, but before they could respond to him, one of the strange elevators coming out of a perfectly black-squared trap-door was lowered in, as for the storage to resume its fine continuation. Yet, this was mightily peculiar, because this one was too far gone through the mountain and the mine that it couldn't have come or be connected to the encampment, meaning, that in some sort of a bizarre turn of events, this meat-storage overglorified fridge must've, in actuality come from somewhere within the heart of some secret lodge, as for, the storage, from the conclusion that might be drawn from it, of finer meat that was being put to the employ of a benefactor that might've aided the camp for some time now.

'It's truly marvelous that you've decided to finally join us, gunners. We are aware of your existence and we have been so for a while now.'

A slight shimmer went through them, something happened across the continent.

IT jumped out of nowhere, double headed and stretched both of his arms to catch the grenade as it made its way towards him. Patchwork, machine, it was immediately disintegrate, the head vaporized within the tail of his eye. A close one but lived, he jumped, and then leaped, before the little popper reached the ground.

'I almost had it!' Revel Ohln shouted.

The ground floor was a great rounded circled, almost slightly raised bump with a great raft-like protrusion coming out it side that looked like a flat humanoid elongated faced slug being whose lower jaw was

missing, who was flat-eyed and had only a long nose, but was legless and armless. His tail somehow grew out of the other side, across the bump. Most importantly, the sheet-like almost plate like slug-man, that was also kept slightly hanging, like a pseudo-kite, looked as if it would've made a fine addition to Picasso's Guernica, since its 'human-eyes' were misaligned. Whereas the bump was but a tectonic plate raised 'hill', and on the other side, the tail was but a fat-piece, barely worth of notice; or, rather, a Batoidea, or a sea ray, devoid of its 'wings' and tail, but closer to an oblong-like flatter blimp, was the slug, piece. A sheet-of paper-but fatter than a brick, which was also capable of whispering into people's ears.

'The city is still under siege.'

No one knew its name, necessarily, it was utmost strangely bizarre. Yet, it would seem like another ghoulish creature made it that far, enough, at the very least that it drew forth towards the sluggish piece of land's mouth. Though it was kept at a distance, it was still rather, eerily so.

Or whether or not it was truly alive, in part, or merely some inanimate part of the land that refused to grow any nearer to the piece it came out of. Truly a bastardly thing, in name, it drew along with little puffs that formed, and clever knots that appeared here and there, across the air, that looked just like it, but wouldn't last for long, nor would they have stood it.

Were it any cleared then; the ghoul brought with him a dark broad scepter that was maligned.

Past midnight, already had they been at it for eight consecutive noons before it answered back. And through that feathery delight it spoke. Many little holes being condescendingly wrought in and out:

'You've come a long way, to address me in such a disgusting manner. And you've brought a present that I would've liked to see, in any other circumstance; I would've enjoyed having it taken from me. But you've yet to make bring something else along.'

'That being?'

'A mind, you insufferable thing, half of it would've sufficed. My joy in unmet, and I am desperate to grow out of this scab, so I may fly instead towards larger horizons.'

'Then you are aware of what's been happening in here, for a long, long time.'

'How could I not be aware of it when I'm and I've always been a product, nonetheless, I seek not a single match, that be, what I'd would've liked seeing. A change here and there, perhaps some of the things falling into place.'

'Food is too sparse for that I'm afraid, and whoever might come to farm, even the ones that are human or things alike, they'd be eaten in an instant, naught more. There's no room for growth in that case, we're only waiting to get picked one by one before it happens again.'

It whispered back, and told the Ghoul, of a much to itself peculiar scene it had observed no longer than a few days ago, unfold before its eyes.

'A Madular Edroyrmon, king of all Automatons.'

Winging and complaining, he opened up the Simian Troubadour:

‘Greater of misshaped made, one that looks as many after, all but made in part.’

A maligned two eyed globe with a spiked trailed, with every spike-cone capable of conjuring an element, merged with various humans from various period of time, bred out of them as if they’re hoses, shot and splattered like melting mutated humanoids, but shaped, between their legs, as radiators, whereas their heads, akin to various sea-life forms, from various Cetacean Eras, imbued with time-perditions, capable of creating look-a-likes that were their younger selves projected a few meters in front of them, yet whose minds were actually that of pseudo-deformed animals who had overtaken them and their bodies. This globe met twenty others like it, which all gathered in a cluster, creating a paradox that made it so, every time one of them attempted giving life to one of these historically deformed mutants, many more would do the same, in the same place, created mixed piles that immediately hardened and became weird sculptures. And those sculptures all gave life to tinier sculptures that were projected a few meters in front of them, which in turn gave birth to even tinier one, until, eventually they stopped. Luckily this was an open field in which they stood. The position in which they clustered was like a clenched fist whose thumb is attempting to squeeze an invisible pill between itself and the pointer, or index finger. With a pseudo open uninflated balloon growth sprouting off the lower side, near an inexistent wrist.

‘They whispered to me, you see? Ghoulish ghouls, they whispered to me of things to come. Of a dark womb that’s been split open and of dark lubriciously luridous horned race that shall one day discover true flight, with which, they shall invade and annihilate all existing life there is out there.’

‘What if they lied about it?’

‘But it was no them who told me, but the creatures they conjured, these madly wrought in shape prophets that have appeared in front of my eyes.’

He went ahead to tell him of the other side of the hill from which the prophet had come from, a wretched thing, he said, that he observed.

The buildings were all the same, in the living area. All one booted-like shaped at the lower base, forwardly projected, yet like a deranged-cliff that bore a single ‘arm’ without a palm, hand or fingers but a projected ‘blade’ set on an incline, forward-upwardly thrust, the top side being contorted as a sea-mountain with three tall-hill pillars drawing out. Like a giant stone with a back-side occipital bone, bearing a pair of pseudo-pretzel, with curved ‘come-here’ ‘skeletal’ frames adorning their throats area, which bore a single elongated trail of beaded-aligned molars pushing up. Seen from the distance, they might’ve looked like overly armored greaves or boots that reached the knees, encrusted in coral at the top, bearing a little chiseled bladed arm; with bands of bone-like leather to their sides, and the strangest thing being those black molars that wriggled around. It was a strange world filled with moving patches parched with talon-blades, coming out their backs and pouring out of them, tiny drops of puddle-slid, besides them, slug-heaps descending into a split-in half faces, weirdly featured, eyes held like palms on top solidified hilled trenches, by the looks of it. They were citizens of quasi-gelatin, thrown out of the talon-cannons. Oxhsoneol drew behind of them. He was a humanoid of bricks but all were heaps of strange mask solidified and in part, cracked, and left behind and open-as they revealed disgusting figures made out of moving things that entered his mind.

The sky bowed down and was squeezed, in the same way two men would try getting rid of a sweaty shirt's tainted water. It formed a worm of blue and clouds, and birds and things alike that flew but had been left behind. Everything was darkened as in space. And blue corridors of light could be seen across a widely exposed universe. Billions of brightly shining yellow stars; yet, in the middle of the town, between the deranged crawling figures, where there stood a few Deformed confessors of corpses, whom wore them around their throats; there stood a liver-like long figure dog, without any appendage or a head, who was red, and bloody beaten, with an open end, whom was covered in twists and curls of spring-like things that had long-emerged out of him, pea-shooter straw-organs that would feed the coming to the age children of Rhiet.

Glieb was their ruler, and whom was he if not the rotten cadaverous misaligned rib-cages out of which the great pillar emerged, opened as if they bore inside of them suns, and pushed out open-ended cysts of power.

'You foolish ghoul, how could this be, in any case? How could you not be overwhelmed by what happened here and there? It's been too long a while since it happened anywhere.'

'What happened?'

'The flying ship has sailed, you could've escaped this place and moved along, but you've failed to wreathe, alongside them.'

Bitter he be, for a reason. For farther away, in the elongated lower piece, in which the gas hid, as all feared it might yet escape. In a land filled with millions of roaches beyond his likes, from which none would matter, one could only but refrain from doing, such as wager.

Although the ghoulish mind could not comprehend such intricacies, there were still some few aspects it could hope to grasp, every few second or so, its antennae shaped dendrites picked up on wild long-distanced interceptors coming from as far, as a few thousand miles away, down from the encampment. It was, at the very least settled upon, what they would do. They would replace every humanoid with another ghoulish figure until finally all of humanity, in their proximity at the very least, that being, surely so. A statue, that would be most assuredly ascendant, a visionary sight as to signal their reprisal. Their conquest, and their malignancy of look.

A prophet he were, in silken touch indeed, in town but lost and beaten, of such looks and wild defeat as he called:

'The strange lad has told me much.' He said to the most peculiar of thing it were, as there, up there, no closer than would've been. The land was wretchedly distraught and filled with maligned despair.

It was a distant thought now, what happened in that town, as wretched as it were now.

Was there really such a thing beneath the floor? There was definitely no way to check it. In fact, there was a, or at the very least a close enough chance that everything he had been accustomed to, or even tried nearing towards could've been a falsified little pucker or so that found itself crawling inside his head, and drawing, out of him, ever so pleasantly, a siphon of blood, a molecule as one could only be brought closer upon until he finally decided it was less so, or no worth. There was a dark little thing with faces standing

in a corner, very much to its unpleasant look defiled, as to look distraught, close gapped, but emotionless in very much look and appearance alone.

It started drawing near him, even before the other disturbingly distraught assailant could get a say in what they were doing out there, not to mention the noise and what was going on their heads while that happened. It was a disturbing, hardly avoidable creature, as one would have it. A giant primordial head adorning a puckery body, as that of a larvae bulb, or a spoiled skinned alive chicken that was cut, with a few appendages every here and there sticking out. Two bulging eyes extending from one direction to another, curving along as they intruded upon naught else but the longest spear-like protrusion one could see amok, a spear-horn with botched faces, elongated tongues and puckery shapes akin to eyes. Wing-clusters as well as unnaturally dark formations of crystals coming out its back. Large domes-like doubloons that bore horns pointing at him, in the same way hair-combs were, extending and contorting as to form pseudo forests of lichens in which it swam into with various other propelled, unnaturally dark creatures of the same and other various sized that were more or less shaped like amply deformed bacterium gods with multiple knotted shaped that were their crowned things around which they were wrapped around. A slit and cackle, followed by beating around the bushes after. All of them began to spread, wherever and whenever they could get, at any and at all times, they started kicking, lumping back. Trampling what they could among their path. There was no hope to escape them after; although the most disturbing part of the ordeal was the very fact that many of them were met by some largely obtuse, dark puckery hearts of headed-red, of which sickles were wrapped and curved, coming out of them, time was barely mourned for, as it was simply destroyed, immediately, to the employ of brutish forces that drew so:

‘I stand aghast, wondering so, when have you taken a second off to mourn the brothers and the brothels they have ruined beneath their paths?’

And who are you to call upon us to stop?’

Intervened one of the most disturbing of keepers of Sully-Rancid Marches, in which they swam near the flying mosquito branches, during which, on high a chance, they started talking of the evil dance that was to come. Interrupting the one that came before them; right as the land was being mourned for.

‘It’s all ruined now, but rejoice, for we are still to be gotten, for. There’s still a man beyond and between our ranks, who’s dressed in a most morbid suit, and worn, torn, rotten with silken shrouds. A lord of most impossible to destroy and mourn for, wrathful need, I betoken of thee. Take a little cut off the piece of the eye.’

‘That is not for you to touch, leave the bejeweled corpse alone and march upon the stones of disquiet where you shall be mourned for when you’ll be taken to the tower of deaths.’

Whereas the master of the dark appendages, called by name, Hutheyhu Bjokfe-Frelvdu appeared no sooner than was called for.

One of the wild beasts, which did as it pleased and would’ve called all by cysts of stone and the ones that called after, to atone for what was done. As it torn a rancid stone, a puffy cone, some eyed-with teeth-worn like horns vases by merely being there in stance and watch, as it happened wherever they went and

what they did, while no one watched. It created an access in one of the deformed buildings that stood near him. It could've been most maligned.

'A globe of power emerged out of that cut. It's been filled now, with many eyes and shapes that come from the wretched bowels of a greater man who's fallen upon it, not by choice but, you've made your point.

That globe is filled with smaller ones and each of them bears a man's grip, holding onto it. You cannot all be blind as to forget what's happened last, when we simply lay our arms down, the rams coming in during such siege, as it were, eighteen months ago.'

Every single bubble in the globe did bear after all, the embodiment of a man's dream. A lucid fluid which bore his memories; as soon as one popped, in the middle of the air, eleven hundred meters above them, thousands of cries could be heard, as thousands upon thousands of bodies, similarly shaped would splatter in cones, then dropped in turns, they would come after each and every single one of them.

'Rancid is the one that floats above it, can you see him? '

Another citizen asked as thus:

'Is he the master of it, the one that's put it to his employ?'

But it served a darker purpose that could not be spoken of just yet. A bold man with spikes lodged in his chest made it past the creatures of gelatin. He, alone, would've been seen in the same way an ancient medieval king might've been, perhaps. For better or worse, they dealt with him as they ought to, incapable of figuring out what came onto them, broken knees. Some worn out shoes, and a few dusty watermelons broken lay near a pair of drug-pills. Many of which not only adorned the streets but they themselves were adorned as something beyond magnificent, yet corrupt, the rancid being almost fell apart. It had to, as that, to itself, was the only purpose it had. Since its soul was riddled with so many false-growths, one could not forget, he was bastardy aware of all of those people that watched him yet. He didn't move. He may've dictated levitating to a machine lodged to his back, that was far and outwardly protruding out of him, but Prophet's town was sickened and feverishly filled with disease. It took away something from it.

The sluggish-flat blimp continued as the Ghoulish primordial clearly showed deep signs of disturbance across its most maligned features. It could not be dealt with in a fashionable manner; as it said. This being something the prophet carried alongside him, yet, it was not to be entirely believed:

'Shebsephh Likylee, Durnt-hat, Nnyethle and Korn, they were the floating bodies that divined the grounds during the ages the Prophet had been strapped on top his strangely shaped boat-chair, in which he, without a doubt stood, agelessly trying to escape his prison. Many of the most disturbing things being attached to his guts:'

Prison-bar-like things, and hoses and tubes and a few bodies that came out of his lumped belly which were akin-to-him but wore their eyes outwardly, blinking and coming into view; it went ahead to see the likes, of a many lumped creature that was akin to a block of cinder, a broken tombstone with a buffalo's horn on one side, and on the other, a large one, elongated, a rifle of some kind, that sprang and twisted

and came around, bearing his likens, but with fins and many chains that drew from its lower side. That horn and the entirety of the body attached to it, from the side bearing a pseudo maligned appearance, as to being shared to that of a Pterodactyl's head, but a cruder and more maligned. Even its eyes and mouths were twist-like vortexes that spat within sight strange words:

'You must deliver this message to the land one day, just so all life out here might be saved by one means or another, all could be lost otherwise.'

As it told, of what it's seen. He was a messenger but not an angel, merely a thing, socket which had been planted on top of a greater field with similar shapes that had fallen apart, but grew and lumped together, forced one another to leave when time had come to take, as plain a choice, leave or absence, for what was worth. He listened.

A belching of all meek force; that would be followed by the hammering, as of jack-hammering of every building that awaited them to draw along and come to noisome, most alluring of cries. Many of the beings there, even the gelatin ones would drown the city, as it would be drawn to the many holes that were beneath the ground. They were thin ellipses, but weren't pits. If the ground was, somewhat flat, beneath the fillings of the floor on which the buildings were set on, these peculiar shapes would be, a few meters in diameter and depth. Not that it mattered anyway. They were there like black holes, left by a mostly destroyed, rotten to its premise and completely inundated by the vile forced of the Laplander's flights, whom drew about it akin to locusts, and parasites. Eating the Thorn, and whom would've forced but all to be killed.

But they were strong and mighty and filled with features that were made to appear as it seeped in.

One of the buildings stood tall. It was a most peculiar thing, that building, rather incestuous in terms of its architectural design but that was no deterrent at all. Instead, one could only guess what was going on by paying a close enough observation that everything would very much so become evident. Or at the very least, evident enough. To anyone. Paying attention. At the very least, some attention would do.

'I am no greater man than your ex-husband, woman, but I am perched, I am sickened by what happened in here, before they came for me. They've taken me out of the ward and they've placed me in this placated world filled with maniacal figures that laugh at me.'

His wife didn't listen, she was a rottenly cadaverous bloated sacrilegious altar that bore the many faces of the speakers of dark emerging suns that followed him after, and even during the time he was not declared to be clinically alive.

'There is power in all who listen, but most importantly, the wild shaped, these astral shapes that came from beyond made him eerily happy.'

Eerily he stood near her, poking, caressing, stroking her lushly deformed hair, licking the tip of her face, going around as to slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, slap, then strike at the side of her humongous skull, out of which the most peculiar shades of psychedelic rose-blue-red-white-green-gray lashlike flashes came out of. Lavished was the need to feel her skin.

‘Dread is still skulking here.’ He finally said.

‘Moghbasarbi, what are you doing in this wretched room?’

His mental companion asked, after all, he had made a very good point. One that he couldn’t explain either, nor would he try in any case, since, after all was said and done; the flood ruined the floor, the ceiling, the faced blew a curtain of bloated water-smokes that filled every material there was, or everything that had once made it decent enough to be livable. It still was burnt, to crisps, filled with red runes and passages taken out of wildly deformed holy books, written in a most gibberishly a manner, which was as expected incoherent, and without a doubt, lost in translation.

His intent was yet to be known to him, although a deep seepage-sque bred miasma of derangement. It was open only for the coming of a moment, the bottle that is. A green jade-opal missing its side of the cap; despite the natural warning, he’d still rub his red finger in. Part of which, at the very least appeared to be cut, but there was no pus in, only a little two-folded hair-comb-device holding him together stitched, as if he’d be incapable of properly breathing if he yanked it off, he simply chose, bothersomely so, to abstain from doing it, despite how irrationally disturbing that sounded, knowing that it caused so many pain on the basis of a single mental point that crawled by his shoulder, he addressed the issue thus:

‘I’m about to leave it there for a while, despite your best intentions, I’m quite aware of what you can make of it. I wish there was a reason not to throw you head-in the plaster, but I’m rather, disappointed that you would use this opportunity to take a jab at me.’

Right; it could still be seen as clear as daylight, spread as a sheet across one of the walls. Painted, like nails, but coffin rows attached alongside a strange cradle adorned with stringed bulbs like hardened solid whips attached balloons but with belly-like shaped growths bearing two-thin cord-black stringed tails, coming out of deprave beating organs with pear-tops attached to contorted lower-side of a wasps’ hive formation with two moth ‘wings’ bore on each side, inflating and deflating constantly before receding back in, as stuffed in by a finger-paper inside a tiny hole drilled in a decrepit brick wall. Waltz music played, an old composers’ disc being spun upon a gramophone-device:

‘They will bar you if you wait, and if you’re still here by the time they’re done, I seriously fear for what that means to add to our cooperation. We’ve come a long way.’

‘We sure have, mental companion, we sure have, although I would rather not have myself tormented again.’

Afraid and visibly shaking, he got out of the room, dashing right past the slit-by-his side door-frame, taking a left concave, quickly jerked after between two walls, forwardly thrust, many of the doors revealing the piles in trash-plaster cast of men that kept shaking their tendons on, then forth on the ladder, straight up’ after. To a domed-shaft, or a warped thing in this strange black-painted sun-disposal room they waited in.

‘Keep it shut and keep it in line!’

A checkup, near one of their sides, a tall iron-encased figure whose mouth was open only by a few slits, a woman-gimp, they would've called her, if she weren't a maiden of peace. And strangely enough, no one dared approach her, not on a convenience's ploy. To their sides, interrupted; a window-slit pushed open to the side. Moghbasarbi almost amiably fainted as she crushed her way through a left-on trail pieced together marble-planked floor, the room being shook, as it was during the abruptly deformed apparition of the mad-puckery eyed eight set-flower crowned specters which left their ethereal mark around, that being completely disregarded by her contemptuous demeanor, whereas her strode-in-attitude forced tediousness that bordered vandalism during her disgraceful march, stopped. It may've been those ethereal marks after all, that made her stop; since the broad's eyes were eerily pale as if blinded, lost in each other's gazes as her eyes turned inwardly to stare. – A bland-two-sided mirror protecting the frontal cortex.

Despite the strangeness of the act, her head kept kicking in one direction, anxiously, yet morosely contemptuous, yet strangled, as it cocked out of the socket, then back in, then back in the socket, then back in. They whispered in her ear as well. Not that she would hear just yet.

But Basarbi was yet to ask his companions for a clue, as a tourist, were to ask if he'd actually brought alongside him, a dictionary while visiting a foreign country, which he had yet to, propping himself to an awkward situation he couldn't 'sign-language' his way out of, acknowledge, therefore, shooting his leg twice while the many voice he heard were still silent. Even wildly unapproachable; nonetheless, he decided he would ask them thus, in his mind:

'Will you tell me, five seconds or so passed; and I've yet to hear back from you. Yet, I'm still wondering whether or not you've abandoned me during a most dire need to ask.'

What was that hole above them and where had it lead? Like an air-shaft pipe, domed, and spiked with pikes it stood there, brooding in place. An oozing light could be seen procuring a most blameful stretch of voices, not.

Johnny stretched, Johnny paled, Johnny called, and missed thinking, every now and then, when it came on, the scene was done, and Johnny came to realize that time had come for him alone to die now. But most importantly, no one cared. Not a single soul cared what happened to Johnny Voyage, as he was put inside a great-dark jar, strapped on top a socket mounted, fartherly afar.

'Into the wall it goes, where you'll join the rest of your jointed brothers.'

Aspiring to eat a moist garden, Johnny thought of verdure growing on top his skull. His hair but grass-blades of an eerily tenderly-wrapped around his head embrace; many luscious kisses following him soon enough; it was drilled into his mind, the dream of being alive, escaping as thus, through some secret tunnel. Even then, he most likely considered it; finding that way out, a first battalion awaiting his signal, charging to his rescue, finally appeared in front of his wall-standing cell, troubled by the veiny airs that coveted his plain of head, rather moist.

'Tender meat is being burnt inside the wailing caves, it's where you'll hopefully be delivered to, smashed through glass, then put on top a grilled mass, as to be fed to it.'

‘Don’t do it, you filthy monster! Have some compassion for a lousy soul, you treacherous bastard! I’m going to kill you!’

‘You claim to ask for pardon when you thread ahead insultingly on each and every, such occasion?’

That kid, that kid is a courageous brat, a brave lad; whose last four weeks had been partitioned into a never-ending switch-a-new, then turnaround, back in place, then twist and spin until he’s down - hell that kept him shakily awake up to this very moment. A fighter, this one; a god damn national treasure, stuck in its death-bed whilst refusing to die, taking one prolonged breathe after another in attempt to rationalize what’s going on around him. His cognition being severely altered by this insomniac driven altercation with a man he couldn’t properly see any longer. A sad sight to behold, a frighteningly bland stare confirming the fact that, even during the moments in which he could form coherent thoughts, he still was yet to be of a mind to escape, with him laying around. Since the stare that returned him was that of a sociopathic creature, remorselessly cold when it came to the exchange to happen. It boiled down to both of them not knowing what to do, or how to go about it.

He only, as if stuck in his mind, listened to the various bouncing around the barrel of glass he was inside of’s echoes, that served as a means to pass the time. It was getting out of hand. Tiny fingers desperately attempted scraping their way through only to be met by force and resistance. It didn’t end up, being too dissatisfying for the man keeping him in.

‘Twenty hours now, and I’ll have taken the upper hand over you; I will claim your life when time wanes by tiny fingers, when I will have entered the side, aching as I curb the cut, melting a larger piece as to draw a piece of your face that’s put behind.’

Lost Date

He was not the same man that walked on his way home. Neither of them were, but they liked pretending there was a chance to start it all again, since he was in some way, accompanied by them.

It could’ve been a thing, if it weren’t for the lost days. But since the week was about to end, they waited at the bus stop, as if there wasn’t any pain in their hearts at all. They were all wearied, it was, expected.

‘I think one day, it’s going to return, don’t you think that?’

‘What’s that Jodsak?’

‘It’s nothing worth remembering, but, it’s there, I think, watching over me. I can’t exactly explain it, but I have to, I have to keep my faith somehow.’

Things returning to the way they were, the same spirit still being there in some shape or another.

I wish it was something I could grab or make sense out of, but it’s not as easy as that.’

‘All right bud, you got me listening, I’m all ears.’

‘Hart, I sometimes think of it as a solid thing, always cracking, and seeping in. I think it’s ill, or suffering of some illness I cannot seem to find a fix to.

And every single time I chase it, something happens.’

‘What does, exactly?’

‘I get put down for some reason, it’s just like the two of us, waiting for this bus, but instead of waiting for it to arrive, it drives by us and we start to run. We’re chasing it, always, but we’re never there, and I can’t explain it exactly what’s it about, or what it means.

It’s just that, it feels as if we’ve been chasing it for a long time now, not on a continuous run, or a marathon, but separate tracks. It’s always a different bus, it’s always a different lane, always different, yet I wish it were all the same.

I never wanted this you know, but I keep finding myself just wishing it were so, I wish things didn’t change, I wish everything stagnated. I wish so many things but I find myself incapable of recreating the same chase, or at the very least I fail in doing so, without making it feel artificial.

Of course I can’t force the driver to come back, nor can I fill the seats with the same people and even if I did, I said what that means.

Regardless where I go or end up chasing, it fails to recreate the initial feeling I had and I have to live with that and I don’t know what to do from this point on.’

‘Why do you even need it? You can live a fulfilling live even without it, can’t you?

At the end of the day, you’re doing it for yourself, it’s a selfish feeling trying to recreate the chase, you need to commit one day. Your youth is almost done, there won’t be any more time to dream, so, sit down, will you?’

‘I can’t sit down, you know that, I’m all too jittery to actually do it. I want to figure this out first, it’s important to me, it’s going to somehow make a difference, I think.

It’s hard to explain it, but, it’s not the commitment that is. Strange as it is, it’s been a journey for me, doing it by chance, never even knowing how I got here in the first place, I know. You don’t have to look at me that way. Perhaps I’m romanticizing it a bit, but. I guess I miss the people I saw myself in when I was going those things. That’s perhaps the greatest part I could think of.

Not trying to be as great as they were, I know I never stood a chance. But, in some way it was about worshipping them without doing it, trying to see myself in their shoes, trying to fantasize about being them while attempting to feel what it was like struggling in the same way they have. That feeling is always going to be with me, my desire to be like them, to be them, even for a short while.’

‘That sounds childish.’

'I know, and that's why I, I guess I forgot about it. But that's what I liked about it the most, I guess. It was being delusional in some way, it being something I never thought about.

Because as soon as I started caring about it, that's also when I started feeling hurt about it, but not in the way you may think. I don't know how to explain it exactly, it felt as if I turned everything I liked in some kind of mission, some kind of journey and that's what blinded me from doing what I liked and doing it in the way I liked it.

It's like how I used to draw and then I began feeling guilty about improving too fast because I didn't know much about the world, so I had to cripple myself in order to prove that I have to earn it. Until eventually, I lost it; but I kept going with it despite finding it loathsome, right until I couldn't do it any longer and felt miserable about it. But I kept going at it because I thought I could find that feeling again.

I don't know what that is, what that feeling is. Maybe it was my inflated sense of ego, maybe I thought myself better than everyone else, but, it hadn't even been a year before reaching my prime, which wasn't even that high to begin with and then, that happened.

There's just nothing out there that's ever going to make me feel the same, I feel like, it's not my rose tinted glasses, it's just, being delusional enough to think I could take the world by myself. Thinking I could somehow become unstoppable, before having to face reality. Thinking I could reach the bus in time, during a time running felt easy; I miss that the most. I miss chasing something, without having to think about it, without having to think about anything. Without having to depend on people, it was a time when I was alone but happy. Before being exposed to people, before being exposed to the world, when nothing else existed; I miss that feeling, I miss that thing more than anything.

I sometimes think that's a punishment, for the way I acted to other people while growing up, for saying nasty things to people, for skipping on class and for being a shithead. It's that, it's those things I'm never going to get back and the thing is that, they've never been taken away from me. It's I who's driven himself away from them.

And now, I'm waiting in this bus station with you, reminiscing on the past; realizing that, no matter what I'll pick up from this point on, I'm going to grow out of it and my heart will never be there afterwards, no matter how hard I'll push through. I don't care about improving any longer, I just wish I could have that feeling again. I wish I knew of it again. That's what makes me selfish, I suppose. My pleasures now come at the sake of others and I don't know whether or not they're worth pursuing at all.

Whatever I'll fantasize about will eventually just end up in the same way, just like everything else, driven into the wall, so what then?

The bus won't always be there for me to chase and you need to reach a level in order to truly enjoy something, I think. At the very least, I can't remember this, It still feels wrong sometimes, but, I guess there's no escape from anything, is there?

I've never been able to help people, I've never fixed or done anything right, I guess the only thing I found is that I've only been to get some happiness out of being selfish for a short period of time before I got to feel like everyone else, with the exception that most people end up doing something well. Most of them end up helping others and being productive members of the society; I miss being naïve about life. I miss

trying to chase something for the first time, just like it was with art, just like it was with writing and trying to chase that girl that came out of nowhere one time. But it's never the same. My memory won't allow me to feel right again, I don't know how it works, but it does.

I don't like fun at other people's expense, but it's too late for regrets now, I think that's who I am. And those are my thoughts after all. I don't know whether or not this is what.

What is there left for me to say? Those are my true colors, there's the death of an author and all, I guess I'm not different than them at all. I am exactly like them, the people I hate the most.

So, how about we catch on the next bus?'

He had to cause in-fighting between them, since they were all waiting in the bus station, unattended. He had to trick Jodsak into showing him some sympathy. It was how his mind worked.

But first to gain his trust, he thought.

'I don't think I ever told you my real name, but just so you know, it's Hans Benjamin Goeler, and I've been trying to lay low for a while now.'

He also carried the mark of Mongol, by all means, those whom made animals of their ancestors were animals themselves, those who walked along side animals were animals themselves, those who bred with them made animals of men. The infiltrator was among them:

The savage was an infiltrator as he had gained their trust.

'Are you sure you don't want to come with us?'

'I don't know whether or I ought to join you.'

All of the sudden Hart wrapped his hand around his shoulder.

'You know Hans, I'm still going to be your friend, even though you're damn awful liar and a terrible person.'

'Why? I don't understand.'

'It's just how I am, that's all. I've known you for a good few years now, I know what you're like, I know what this means.'

'Why would you put up with me in that case? You know I'm just going to betray you eventually, you must know that.'

He couldn't remember what he said next, but it was just about the last he remembered of him.

I've met a genuine good person once, thought Hans. It's hard to measure to one, when you've never been like that, when you know you're never going to be like him. It's hard trying to pretend, it's unauthentic, artificial, fake, lifeless.

There was a kid near the side-track, right about the entrance to the forest. It's where all bad people go, it's where all people without future go towards.

'Not everyone has to be born right, you know that, right?

You don't have to ruin it for everyone else because of it.'

He could see it as well. The first signs of the changing taking place.

'It's only the awful and the impure that become that way. Those whom turn their backs on their people, those whom infiltrate and betray, those who don't know how to act like human. It's what they become.

You're a scorpion and a viper, and now you're to be banished to a place where you may not harm anyone.

That's how life is, that's the justness of the world we're yet to attain, it's so close isn't it?'

No one survives being sent to the forest.

The dark voice of the master says:

'The cripples and the mental invalids get sent to the forest as well.'

Of course Hans didn't go there willingly, no. He had to be forced to go. Mongol wanted it, Mongol forced him and the slave obeyed his master from that point on. All mindless creatures that cannot resist their impulses share the same fate. All of them have to either be put down or starved to death.

The bus then left the station with Henrik in it, with his other friends as well.

As he leaned by the window he averted his eyes from the forest only for a moment.

'I definitely need better friends.' He thought.

He liked joking about. But unfortunately for him, there was just no one else like him out there. No one he could befriend, most good men died.

There was no other side either. There was no other bus stop, there was nowhere else to go. There was nothing.

Somewhere out there:

His spirit was putrid nonetheless:

He was approached by what seemed to be something that wasn't even recognizable as human, it's what the blends amounted to, during their progressive hybridization.

'Is this what you wanted?

Most of us are incapable of living from this point on. You're threading on a sea of corpses, on broken surroundings, and a saddening thing, unexplainable.

It doesn't bring either of us happiness, nor any kind of consolation knowing all is lost to us. You are our god, aren't you supposed to fix us?'

'That wasn't my intention and I can't. I was only put here to watch over you, or though I would, but now. I'm saddened to say that, I'm left with nothing else but an empty feeling, seeing what you have become.

It was inevitable, but it doesn't change a thing. It's as if you're all empty. Bastardizations that inherited nothing from your betters and now you die off like flies. What else is there left for me to do but thread along this empty world?

It's a dark glimpse of the future that everyone has been so desperately trying to avoid thinking about.'

It didn't bring any joy becoming their ruler. A saddening thing it is, living among non-humans, realizing that humanity's extinction would've been preferable than this, the people who will inherit the world afterwards. Not stagnation or a stop to human progress, or the destruction of the planet, human conflict, but the other races that come after you.

Insignificant excerpt:

Why would I have a pension? Why would I want to have children if I'm depressed? Why would I want to work or be part of society when I know it's pointless? I'm frightened by this concept, by the darker races out-breeding everyone. No one wants to become extinct, but there's no doubt about it, their number represents a danger. They only know destruction. I can't obsess over it, I remember the day the Africans began destroying the art left behind by the Colonialists that once ruled over them; how could one not hate the Negroes? They act on impulse and show no regret for their actions. What's the point of hoping for a better life, for a better future for everyone and our children in a world filled with them.

'More than often, I find solace in listening to the account of Lincoln's life. I don't agree with him on so many levels, yet I often am made aware of some reflections that seem to echo, across time, coming from some of the people that were opposed to the Abolitionists.

The freed Negroes of New York acting no different than how they used to back then, still asking for handouts as they appeal to the benevolence of the whites, that being the bane of their race, complaining instead of trying to fix their problems. Blaming everything on other people, asking for more positions of power, more representation, more money, more aid; they aren't showing any signs for a better future. It's always someone else who has to invest into their African countries, always someone else having to fight their fights. How can someone not end up hating them?

The only thing that changed is the fact that the average American has changed a bit as to show some compassion towards a lesser race, while, the more you listen to the accounts of people who lived during Lincoln's time, the more you start realizing that Niggers simply cannot change. Why is it that so many people who observe them over a long enough period of time reach the same conclusion about both them and Jews?'

There is no future in a world where niggers are allowed to breed. It's been a great journey, before the realization came, but.

It was in the wake of the sadness they brought that, for what was worth, they brought each other to the chasm, in front of it, but a core but merging, a little bubbling thing that was wrapped around any leprously never ending, set-in growth.

Like a frog-egg it stood and rested, waiting in the rain.

Like a stirringly mad reaction, it reminded them of what came after.

Hemoglobin little puckers spreading and many of them just as soon dreading themselves to join in the incantations as to bring themselves ever nearer to it, dreading to listen to a second more.

Great pandemonium Lenho

Whence they started prodding along, incapable of making out what had happened to the world, they had worn themselves out. An open-slit-pretender yelling:

‘I’ve done it, I have finally done it, I have truly tricked the world. And now I’ve put to my employ the most sub-human of races there are, I’ve tricked and slit and made use of their most easily subdual of people so I may finally be worshipped as I want to.

All my plans shall come to fruition and I’ve got no need to lay in hiding any longer, I’ve got no reason to pretend.

With the constant flow of knowledge it is but a matter of time until I will have become whoever I wanted to, whomever I may wish to absorb, and they will play beneath my hands as I will it so, but most importantly, I couldn’t have done it without being made aware of how the world works, otherwise, there would’ve been, there would’ve been nothing and naught, I of all would’ve been starving before I will have become, master upon all.

But most importantly, I will have brought the anger, and drawn all towards me, playing them in the way I wanted to. And I will achieve it by any means, and I shall not rest until those blasphemous races will be at my feet.’

‘You cannot do it alone, no man may be able to take billions upon billions and more, you’re driving yourself into a pit, it’s merely a matter of time.’

Yet they both realized that it was only a matter of time and there was no excuse and there would be no other chance, than now, all of their attention being drawn.

‘There’s only one goal that exists, that being the complete and utter extermination of their races, and nothing more, nothing else, turning their own tricks against them, doing all the manipulation needed, all in turn, to drive against them, by force before they bred.

It’s only a matter of time and unlike others sub-human mongrels, they seem to forget that there’s nothing strong and no other force, regardless of being hated or not, than the power of a symbol. The man is forgotten and everything won’t last.

But as long as the symbol makes it through, then there's nothing else to talk.

And many bloated figures lay awaiting; think of it for a single moment, won't you? The system cannot work built on their alterations, it cannot be kept by people who don't put the effort to make a change. Those who put the effort, those who make the needed sacrifice shall always put the opposition down by all feasible means. That is to say, it's only a matter of time, laying, ruminating, sitting in quiet until something pops.'

They were both smiling as they looked around, there was no complacency to what was going in there, since there was nothing to be made out of their surroundings.

'We shall sacrifice the Mongol, and when the time comes, we shall lynch the likes of the Negroes and the other mutts, it's the only thing that shall make it past, it's the only thing that shall be ever-lasting and naught more.'

Everyone knows of their racial degenerate figures, all know what they're like, their ticking bomb is just a living thing, oozing in place, it's only a matter of time.

Half way through the road, it seeped into the ground, partially submerged, from the looks of which, only a slight portion of the bus could be seen standing, despite the fact that it was slowly sinking. There was a single little array of arms and hands being put together, coming from the seat-like opening depressed in them. As what seemed to come out, or crawl for air was but a strange bloated turnip of a chariot, of whose deeply seated teeth ended up chewing whatever came into their reach, going as far as completely molesting the iron that had once made their sunken prison, going as far as to shatter the stone beneath the road only to heave itself upwards on the remains. Drawing on from that point on, it started charging through the first purloin road, going as far to release two widespread unbounded wings that split both far ends of the metal fence surrounding them. Half of their tip was become only slightly yet feasibly recognizable from the tip of a melting wax, having already drawn as many as one important hand and a few other cuckoos that were unfortunately unlucky to have their throats completely wrung in, only to be partially revealed outside, still move. A handed arms was completely lodged inside the right wing of the turnip-chariot, having pushed out a giant segmented horn, of whose chains were but pushed about a hole that seemed to be the rough cast of a key mold, as to have a small depression leading down. To a point where a bloated tail appeared to be rubbed against the very ground, always drawing air from its surroundings, eating what it could before coming back in to draw air. But the handed arm started pushing out, foaming, fumigating furiously as it reaped its surroundings, like a flailing filament with teeth lodged on both and every side, with a little more than a bloated body forming, slowly as to grow its other arm and strike. Suddenly it started going at it again, not having it fully formed but more violently trashing, it started stabbing as it punctured holes and made remains but bloated cold in pain, bleeding on the flight between the crossroads it stopped. All of the sudden trying to stop the barely forming man, it stood there, shaking, incapable of fully thrusting it off the since it were still attached, it started drawing a little more than a few shouts.

A few flares were shot in the distance, which rose like juvenile flying silver stars that followed after. As they approached their rummaged through bodies opened, and only came to show as such, as they had opened, little more than puckers standing, shot away little beings in disgust. The wretched abominations had already drove through, many of the surviving people whence caught, partially eaten, were not

mourned by any men, there were little fingers and mostly primitive races, most of which, upon release, had spread around and found less peace, as they were stomped by running feet. The savages followed, thinking them little silvery star-angels, they drove through and but attacked, whatever they could do, they brought their fists and started beating on the chariot, suddenly released from the spot, it kicked right in, driving back and forth as to trample them away. Dumb as they were, neither man took claim of his own life, having only been put down as follows. Not a single man of thought, not a single intelligent creature brought with them. And as they saw it, the silvery stars, these specks of light but cackled in disgust and flew, incapable to be reached by the extending arms and the likes of rue.

It couldn't reach it, humanoid on the wing. Incapable of bending to the side they swerved.

The wheels on the sides started puffing up and drawing in, from there on out it deflected on the sight, rolling as it drew inwardly in its shell, rolling over both the man and its own wings during a last ditch effort to put everything down and carry on as well.

A dark fragment of the sky seemed to turn everything away from their darkened eyes.

Darkly mattered all put behind and dragged from one side of the darkest moulds that could be mounted and barely put together during the most unfathomable hours, waking in such recess, as one would notice it be brought and least of all return, stood the first arch that kept everything from falling around in ground, in dirt, machines attached only to the most broken of stars, that would denigrate and destroy all life around them if left to bother too many a man for too long. In the dark entry of Nydiefsh, sought after by waves of flying needle-fish they came the great Approacher, embodied in a much greater armor than he was, wearing the body of a poacher, all those bodies put on top of him, all molded together, calling back on a far more lustful date, when to call and chew over, they could not for the likes of them satiate the sight.

From where he stood, Approacher Elhafsed, bore as such, a single ship-deck in the front and from where stood the armor he could barely move, as to hold, tens of people inside of it, the legs and the plates around him, old as they were, the many beings that were put together could barely be accounted for, as so remember that they've once drawn breath.

His wreathing in and out chest bore nothing less of an appearance than that of a rotten apple, with worming things coming out for air, ever now and then, he was revealed, his arms being but larger rams with open ends, and larger sharp broken sails drew out. Without a normal head he drew, as soon receded all the way through. Yet he was met by an uncanny array, at the very least. An engine of wails, had been worked upon for hours, attached to it, within the forage area, a few slaves were trying to bring back lesser showers.

His arms were completely contorted in the back like a few Gordian knots, barely wreathed in, standing there on top of a dripping on the floor, unnatural to look out almost primitive hole they rested on top of. Slightly pushed in the back, a few meters away from the many body, seemingly forming a strange pair of arches of their own, all four of them connected at the back, its hands having become a strange conjoined-liquefied spherical thing with many long almost rapier sharp blades coming out of it.

The strange vehicle stopped, turned around, and then dropped the man off. It had already began flying in the air, descending towards of the strange looking clouds which, upon being entered had revealed as much

on the other side of it, there being a giant hole that lead into a queerly set quasi-empty room where a few men-wheels appeared to be floating, having gathered upon the livid-vehicle, they already started communicating with it in the worst possible manner there was, they projected their wheel shaped inside of it, around the trips of the outer chariot-forms, and spoke through telepathically projected smaller-circles that were but seemingly indistinguishable from a strange lobotomy apparatus-like microscope that entered its inner-shell where they recorded its memories through the constant stream of a water-like vortex where all of the watery roads connected, forming a mish-mash of memories that were then spat out of the wheels like strange window-panes, or larger canvas sheets that crawled around the invisible see-through ceiling which bore a black see-through filter whereas, every passing bird that, seemed to phase through this strange almost gelatin-like inside the clouds kind of room appeared to have a see-through organ exposure where every single one of the man-shaped wheels whose arms were long and contorted around as to look like span-around the edge that's never reached kind of sharp angle that drew forth in one of the floating eyes that resided in one of the eighteen moons that waited above and beyond the world. Many of these moons were formed like a bunch of rat kings with the sole exception being the fact that the rats were actually moths or were made to fit in one another like puzzle pieces, that all of the sudden would come out, slowly fading in and out of existence before appearing on top of the man-wheels, only to siphon the memory panes and create, in another dimension that was under their complete and utter control, replicas and half imitations of the scenes that were mixed inside the memories. Such as a false implanted by the Government as in the MK Ultra Project kind of brain washing kind of, assassinate JFK with him being present but his lower-mid side of the body, eighteen centimeters above his waist being a strange Mona-Lisa, with the exception that she wasn't the painting but the mind couldn't, at the time these memories got fixed together, make the difference between a two dimensional image and a real human being, turning the interpretation into a real human being that was fused with the president, turning his assassination into destruction of art, as Kennedy had become a piece of art himself, his legs being two rockets, two Fat Ones, that were thoroughly being prepared to travel, on the long run in one of the hardest, most incessant to look like cheap kind of, bring a prostitute in only for the night setup by the cops kind of motel, where one would hope to also catch her on some cocaine charges, without being prosecuted for leading the suspect type of manner. It was a weird fetish the giant eye attached to the human wheels had, since the room was purple-violet at times, and it was too distracting from the fact that homeless people appeared out of nowhere, but at least they weren't blacks, so one would and could only take his losses then. To take the loss, as one would say; the vehicle then spread like a bunch of barely attached biologically set snake-like tendrils, no longer being made of one grand chariot, having revealed the real appearance of the creature inside of it, that of a mounted gun with fat human legs below it and a dragging back and forth long necked man who was implanted in it.

All of the sudden, many of the eyed wheels started drawing in faster onto it, only to recede as they went back and forth, incapable of thrusting themselves ever so closer or farther than where they were. Now, having fully opened themselves, to a point of misuse, they were evoking wild conjurations that formed strange asterisk- two at a time, with a cylinder between them, again, two of these formations, as to be put below a wall of rolling on top the carpet as if they had been set on fire and are trying to put it down – frozen motion of put together elongated homeless people forming the floor of a couch made out of homeless people, with thrusting walls that were formed out of four, only four of them, four giant, widely expanding homeless people that were the four walls, and their faces also extended on top their chests, shoulders arms, and lower side of the body, while they also made peculiar blinking-eye like motions they

couldn't help themselves with, there was no ceiling either. And since the four wheels were but asterisks, the pain from having their heads bashed prevent them from putting on an effort into moving the couch along, having put to use their arms as to loosen their strange stance, as to reduce some of the pain they were forced to endure while being forced into this act of contortionism. The entirety of the couch was but dark and oozing, making dark sounds as this see-through box locked the cloud-hole the Mounted-Gun-Chariot had come out of, before it, not the Man-Mounted Gun chariot, but the entire sky-box started floating away, rotating while doing it so, but this kind of weird way in which it went along didn't even start showing off inside of it, but only on the outside.

It looked strangely normal and peaceful, as if the entirety of the world rotated instead.

A giant rat entered the box, and he looked like a human, with a gun. Shockingly so, he shot a homeless person, then simply opened up his back to reveal giant spider-like bloated black inflated protrusions that kept growing, until it had developed or shown hundreds upon hundreds of guns it used to put every single homeless person down, but not the couch. Then it disappeared.

Mounted-man but wondered what happened there:

'What is going on in here, I do not understand what's happening, is this a trick of your doing?'

Human-wheel-eye:

'No.'

Niggers!

'But what is this benevolence that inhabits my spirit now? I feel righteously blessed by some kind of woe I've never felt before.'

Lynch them.

'I think I, all of the sudden feel the darkness of this world.'

Put a bullet down a bitch's throat.

'Was there any other reason for me to wait? Until a stop came?'

The box had finally stopped near one of the bus-stops.

No children appeared to be waiting at it any longer, and for some reason, everything seemed rather dull. Too dull for anything to be taken into account.

But lo, the land was broken, and those whom ran in the darkest forests were yet to see. The sky was but a twist now left, a stranger mixed-together beast of many heads and many wreathing in and out visions of the birds instead. It was the room, which was the cause. It broke apart in front of them, and just as soon, that Odious ceilingless Homeless thing started floating with the help of the asterisks, many of which extended their arms and prayed to the little specks of cocoon stalactites that began drawing forth, these being the rooks the homeless people started charging on top of.

Elhafsed grinned and jittered like the mounted monkey he was, chimping about as he started Gattling them down like the retarded children they looked and acted like, being incapable to distinguish between an act of subservience and one of guns appeared out of nowhere, in the air, having splattered an eye-insect before it could fly away, not one of the moon-eyes but the eye-insects, that is to say, the mere concubine-like nature that was facilitated by the presence of the moon-eyes made it so their ever-seeping in reality atoms bred with every other atom, giving birth to eye atoms that became eye-insect like things.

But the eyed human wheels kept their distances.

Children were born wrong in the sky and inside the trees, as they were darkly spat out by the strangely peculiar oaks that housed them, like tomb-elevators going down, and reeling back and forth into an underground pocket of unnaturally diseased animals whose horns housed the young, bearing the wombs inside of them, which were brought from secret pocket-passages from the inter-dimensional cacklers that laughed at them. There was no evil-vile pain in their brains, and they were mostly spent.

The couch then stared oozing even more darkly so, as the homeless people began oozing as well, being drawn to the Homeless-couch, of whose homeless-asterisks began praying as well as performing their strange rituals, having formed, and if one were to look or make sense out of them, they were only twelve, two for each side of the asterisk, if one were to be taken and analyzed, where their hands being connected with the other homeless person's feet, in the middle of the asterisk there being a meaty formation of twelve mixed together legs. Regardless of it, twelve and only twelve hands were free on each side, forty eight in total, all but forming strange hand signs and weird clapping motions that only brought, from as far away as they could bear, the eon-long elongated figures of the most homeless of people whom were already decayed past salvation and redemption. They had starved to death, but were without a hope to save themselves. And some of them were mentally ill and had been driven to poverty by their mental instability.

'I wish I had a better chance than this. I wish there was an alternative to it, but there isn't, I need to claim your life, before you take mine.'

'You don't have to do it.'

'I have to, I have to and there's no other. You don't, you simply don't understand!'

'I won't raise my hand against you, I won't kill you unless you come at me.'

'You're killing me indirectly by driving me away.'

I see that you, you must be a member of the upper-class, so I will take my chances and I die if I have to, if only I was brought to a still, if only I was given a chance at wealth, within my hands.'

But the rooky-rook cocoon-stalagmite, not stalactite, but got shattered at the same time he was, without a chance to move right after, he fell on his knees and found himself but shimmering down.

They were performing a dark ritual before it was even come for the day, or the night, to draw ever so near as to appear, in hindsight seen as.

Some time ago, long before the first expulsion from the land, the homeless creatures were stuck in a most peculiar place, right as they were brought along.

It was a set, which they had to wait in, of barely moving yet sublime, unnaturally wrought and deeper than one would be most incline to give it credit for, heads of alligators, something similar to them. All but open-skulls and rotting, teeth mightily concave. The tall blobbing rotten cores, of meat that had eventually lead them on appeared to wriggle in place.

They spoke in the utmost eerily a manner about the past, of what seemed to draw on, when most of the walls were one. When they were of a single mold, and drew on.

‘I see there’s still a chance for you, Mhgylek, to return. Step right off the ledge and cast yourself through the barred teeth into that place of no return, you shall see that there’s a time for mourning after you’re done breathing as to bear yourself, tracking back the means of light, to abandon whatever recess that might trouble you if that is but the mind you must subscribe to.’

And the eely sinking tooth thinned as to leave them go, and following through the bottomless row, Mhgylek saw but many falter as they shook each row and died in place.

‘Who were they?’

‘The ones that couldn’t decide whether or not there was still time to leave as there was no blindness and no kindness this place my offer, but to stay. Such were they attracted, drawn, from the cold coming from below the mouth, onto such a place, as to stay, on top the fleshy growth, the girth of which abandoned all organs that would make them weight.

Upon me no such insignificant thing would be allow to stay for long, I would not allow it, by no means, nor would I advice you stay, as you’re but doomed to wander, right as they.’

But pointed at them, with the top wriggle of a dark fleshy cocoon, as they dragged themselves and crawled on top, the fleshy armored rotten tongue, they were but incapable of getting up or drawing ahead, incapable of properly breathing or moving out. It was just as one would settle, watching them from the distance, picking on their flesh. Little specks of bone-like munchers drew on from the top of the ceiling instead. They chewed on the people. Was it any different, though? He thought.

As far as he had known, both the land and just about every place he had known about had treated such men of might hardness, the same.

‘Some people were spent in here, one by one, crossed like dark peasants put in a shooting range.’

‘Why would that happen, great thin tooth-of-decay?’

‘Because there are people watching.’

Who would watch of man decay when there was only one root coming down along the way? It was a mere drop that would not stop but lay, whenever reason drew forth, as much as one could disobey.

‘Go forth and listen to your lord, the Chorot needs, it beckons, your return.’

There was peace in some way, and it lay so ever so dreadful when it came. Or drew forth, thinking.

Mighty as it were, the homeless people couch, the Chorot was but spent, and would return as soon as it could blend its way into the world. And leave as soon as it could be allowed. Until then there'd be as lesser. Like a baby-cocoon his torso, kept by a frame of hair-comb coming out his chest and out of the man carrying it, alas. No limbs but one elongated metallic arm, like a machine. A single projected face made out of growths sprouting from it. This was his ultimate creation, the doctor has achieved. Perfect. Indestructible, capable of growing back out of any piece; a dreadful face, yet saddened, disgraced by a mere flip of the head, as it snapped its own neck in order to face its master. Was this the price of faith? Abandoning all that made one a man, all sin, and all possibility to be redeemed, or to be damned, all for living eternally in a blissful land; all but happening in the Isles. When, at time, all but seemed truly, so, abandoned, as if he had walked the streets for the first time in his entire life.

'It was all worth it, for all the endless trouble I went through, my dear children. For all those sacrifices, there was one.'

His mouth stopped. Who was that intruding in my thoughts? He asked himself.

Without realizing that there was one, exactly like him, in a world like a painting of a dark sea with darker shades of blue he walked on. Him a barely painted sailor:

'Who is walking?'

The little pile of mean was but a clam-shell with a large reeling in line of fingers. All put one in front of the other, not like stacked but touching each other in the knuckle joint which wasn't present there, it was also formed in weird pseudo connected musical triangles like. That looked pseudo-abstract as to be awkwardly, extremely squiggly line as seen from the side, like weird overlapping triangles that were curving to one side. Blood spikes on them as well, some dark rocky metal sprouting small acid-specks of glowing pebbles. It ruined the whole aspect of the world, of it was seen from a panoramic view, it made it even more atmospheric since the Sailor Lofhass would not be seen. Instead, flying green fireflies would come into scene.

'Whom draws near?'

A wench asked him.

'I have, I've come In search of refuge, there's rain, that's. It's not here yet, is it?'

'Till you rot, you won't see it. I'll make sure of it.'

'And who are you supposed to hide in?'

Black specs of invisible dark holds, like hands appearing every now and then in paranoid black eyes that were holes. They could only be seen as dark black hole shaped eyes drawing in as many of the conjoined objects that were almost invisibly painted in.

'You've done this to us, sailor.'

'No, it wasn't me, it was her, the wench. '

‘There’s no wench here, you incestuous rabble.’

And who could but forget the turquoise petals that flew in, they gave him a nice beard, like butterflies they sailed in, and yet replaced.

‘You are not a Sail- Admiral any longer, disgraced man that you are, there’s fire in your heart. There’s no water inside. There no oyster I see but a dark box. ‘

‘That’s me.’

‘Indeed, your head is a square, it’s what you became and what I know you shall end up in twenty more eyes from here on out there.’

It emerged from the dark sky, a splatter of yellow that made him before a Targe, with strange peculiar put together features, all trying to out-do one another, thrusting into one another, glancing.

‘I thee, of all, I see. Something has yet come onto me, yet I ask of you, where is this wench you speak of?’

‘Has she not spoken to me yet? Has she not seen me wager myself into the first hopeless of destroyed touch and wretchedness be not called.

I saw her before she came back to life.’

‘Now, is she supposed to be dead?’

‘Leave and walk alone, I see something there.’

Ahead, it pointed, as it brought the simmering as if livid-organic brought by the spinning Targe, many of them being trapped inside. The kinsmen of the Doctor, whom had just but drawn there, but lo’, such a retort as to counter, every thought inside his own:

‘Why am I not in the Isle any longer?’

‘You are not the same man, for that reason you are to be wrathfully thrown and destroyed.’

Someone started building a fire. Placing cut-out collages of cut-flames on top of one another, sutured with glue, but apparently wrapped around some moving people with giant punching dummy iron heads bloodied. Would they have drawn away, if that were the chance, he might’ve made the cut. But there it lay, before what he had stumbled on, grain for grain, he settled on punching his on trachea, then pulled, out his chest each comb and crooked as he were, he threw it away.

Under everyone’s vigilant eyes he had been broken apart, they watched closely after that as they saw.

Part of the painting washed off, and he walked on the streets again, limb by limb until whole.

‘There’s a refill station on the side, open your ribs and put them in.’

‘I shall, but where is the wench?’

‘Near the orphanage, she’s messing with your mind, she’s a servant after all, cannot be trusted. Who can trust her? Thing of the sea, the witch she is, but don’t look at me now, she’s not. She could be listening.’

‘Thank you, grand stranger, I shall see to it that you will be rewarded.’

It was not like he expected it, not likely he would get a say again.

There was a sign left by one of the pass-through specters that said.

‘Every living creature that every lived has an elongated pillar-beam, piano keys adding to the point in the sky. The world is flat, but the land is red like that, and empty. No living creature can be seen. Every living thing but clicks, and enters the thin point in the sky.’

They talk and walk on us. But expects us to die before we can reach it, you must remember that no living creature can be trusted.’

It adds up to every livid-machine that’s but made to look like men, the prophets are there, on the Isle, every single one dressed in a dark robe and static they fly in, before he could rejoice with the refill. The small station has many heads rounded like a crown, they call him in.

‘Will you listen to us now?’

‘Listen to us instead.’

‘What’s going on here?’

Asked the Doctor in the Isles; but neither man could help but ask as well, no one could mind his own business.

They were trying to socialize with him, in the worst possible manner, reminding him of the vileness that was inside, every building shown for what it was, the foundation being completely if not rotten and destroyed.

‘What happened here?’

Again, no one wanted to answer, until one of the nearest prophets finally showed up with an explanation. It was a deep-cut incision which made his upper head daft.

‘I’m still immortal, am I not? I am not to be strangled or made to waste. I am not to be destroyed as, so, where are my servants and where have they gone? Alone I will not be in this. As there’s still a few of them around that might call upon me.’ As he would call upon them, there was no entry or stop to what he was going to do if any or either one moved. The prophets standing.

Many buildings looking as if they had been eaten by termites, green and yellow, orange and punched bags or filled with flour-kicked dead stance, everything crumbling.

‘You are not welcome here any longer.’

The still-close up of a pale face, blind-like eyes but puddle-jellies anyway.

‘Far from it, I’d say. You’ve been hiding for too long, you’ve failed to realize the change in liberty, a change in power, we shall not cower still and we shall not force you off within reason, you’re to say and not open your mouth just yet.’

‘Why am I not answered?’

‘Because you’re chained by them, look behind.’

He carried a chain-leash with his animals on top the moving little rounded-boxes and they cried for their master to swerve.

‘You’ve forgotten your cockroach sack below the earth, its growth now encompassed the greater creature that had seeped just in.

There’s nothing below the ground any longer, but your sack, of ill.’

Another prophet joined as well, jointedly his arms were become like little wings.

‘I see that you’re afraid of a dark change, one that might devour everything if you close your eyes, just then you did it, have you not?’

‘You’ve seen nothing yet.’

And seeing how they were all but too sad to continue this restless, meaningless conversation. It was settled that they would escort him, yes, indeed, escort him, there. Have at it. There and then again. All but lead to the refill, to which he bowed in seed and thin.

‘Behind you, do you see it happen?’

‘What is it?’

‘The tail has been implanted, all but died in here as well, what do you think of it, and lo’, unwell there’s nothing to come back to. Only an echo, you must drink now, refill your veins, and you shall prevail.’

‘In what kind of manner?’

‘Killing this disastrous thing you’ve created after, the pile of growths, regrow you mustn’t.’

To which he could only just agree, no one would want to live in this place by all means.

But all made little more than needed, no more aided than unheeded.

‘The wretched postulance floats like a ball, a sphere that draws near, us to contort.’

Another prophet asked as thus:

‘How can it be stronger than the tail, how can we avoid each wail?’

‘There’s no chance, but you must hear him?’

‘Whom? ‘

As the doctor yet refilled, he looked above and saw him still, him or them, it didn't matter, the couch made out of them did not falter, as a matter of fact, it laughed at them. As homeless as they were, and oozing as with pure despair, none of it made any difference whatsoever, none that would be made to count. Or to retort as it was gone.

It was moaning for some reason, a dark machine with little puckers within, that recorded the astral movements caused by the core inside the dead world. It was inane and beautiful, but gone just as soon as it was there.

What was left of the scene was the memory of the couch. The insides of which holsters a few bodies it took with it along the way, without being en trance.

It was supreme, the reality within. Though many have not made the cut, although many of them have not passed the trial of almost being chewed inside the mouth, they would not be promised this either.

A reality of what came after, for all the hobos and the hicks, the homeless and the ones that were direly caught and stormed through, such defeat as there was, unlike niggers who destroyed their homes. They would have a place to go to, ever-after.

‘Why would there be a home for none?’

Asked one that had been homeless for an eon, of stars, debacle, the strange formation he had come out of. Left him scarred. It appeared that his rotten body only grew this close and this far, as to be left without a mouth, and a few growths in the back, making him but drag his heavy body to the side. A diamond head-shape formation in the back upon a stalky beam, it opened another brain-processor, a cartilage with many thin, but strange layers, many charts, all of which formed the brain of a simian.

‘I think there's but room for chance.’

And the beam came out is bag, attached to a strange cage-protrusion that looked like the lower teeth, attached to a jaw. Going back and forth like pistons; this homeless creature had no arms.

It had stringed sterile, strange, barely conceivable growths that pushed in and out clown-inflating-a-balloon-sausage-dog-with-his-mouth caterpillar-hose rubbery thing that was but a pair of harder lumps – kettles on a string, even more bloated and with outlandish spikes torn apart and twisted around as if placed along a small forest with opening pincer-like formations that, in the middle, pushed out, reeling back and forth twists of organic barely formed visidue globular-but-bearing eely tails children that exploded with bile-spread of in-cell implantable impregnable-kind-of-bacteria that would convert the entire mass of a man into these strange creatures. Although the hunched back figure was more or less, standing on a hot-iron-board kind of lower side of the body which pushed forward-flat, with four, exactly traditional-kind of hot ironing board's four thin legs with ladder-cartilage bones between all four of them, flaccidly looking as if; if they had been put together would form the afterimage of a human face placed on an unhardened soft concrete step, with all the gaps put on this staircase, having formed, from the side, an x' type of leg with strands, or had-lined coils.

It looked as if a pile of meat-like, upper humanoid-trunk mass was piled upon a straightened plank, hybridized with it, resting on top of strange webbed thin cartilage legs; inflatable-peculiar arms pushing

out of the arm-holes, without fingers or palms, oblongs with spikes and various other sharp operable protrusions that stored breeding-capable masses of meat. Without a normal head where one would be, but a flaccid falling apart bag in the bag, to which attached the bars, to which connected a smaller mass bearing the beam, at the top of which, like a lantern the diamond-like sharpened skull, with sockets but not the jaw, fleshier than it appeared, this creature but walked around. Stalking none other but its pray, or to be more precise, the homeless creatures that would try getting out of its way. More of a stabilized form than anything, it was incapable of charging but every now and then it appeared to simply prod along, moving pieces of the scum-platform underneath it.

Although the main frame of its peculiar body might've been, since the fat human upper-torso trunk like hybridization with the bottom side of it was, in actuality much fatter and much more bloated than it appeared to be, it could've been taken for a fat top hat, a mushroom top, or some bulb-button. With a gelatin-thin back, holding the many rods that hold its deformed-decayed head from falling; a mere fleshy, apparent creature as it were, it bore such strange colors as some Renaissance oil paintings that had over-pushed through the high usage of Raw-Siena. Brown and dirty, with some orangey-yellow hints every now and then, darkened as to look all puffed up, with marks of white as if some kind of mold started growing near each limb. But patterned, across its body with outward burst-hills, as if the hills had been burst out of, from inside out, by giant shotguns, then they started, somehow, as if the hills were actually fleshy, putting themselves back together. As if, pies, being baked for too long, then pierced by a needle. More outlandish, more violent, as if they were geysers; while some of these formations had faces and bore the outlines of inhuman lynched niggers on them, with the roles and all. As a matter of fact, the lynchropes interconnected these strange protrusions, which, as they were spread across its body, left it with a strange texture, as if it had been violently cut by a switch-blade, cut along every pucker-shape or mouth, with nigger-outlines being depressed in, as it was not hard to pick up the appearance from their smaller skulls and the hollow-black depressions they left after.

In a bizarre turn of events, this creature was met by anything, from the looks of it, but resistance from the other creatures without home that surrounded him, since, in some way they appeared to also fear him as much as they feared the possible loss of their home, and of the place they might dwell in, seeing how this place, this reality was under the constant thread of being dissolved into anti-matter every few eons or so. Time being a relative thing, that also included various entry spots where something seeped in, as to completely wreck any stability there might've been. Little more than a deeply sought chaos was achieved since many other homeless beings were drawn towards him, seeing only what appeared to be the muck that was drilled out of him. An unnatural tap that also kept pushing out in order to release the Niggarous matter that inhabited the inner-bowels, and although it might've seen like it, since it pushed out this gelatin like after-remains of what was left of digestedly condensed contaminated nigger-scum, this creature was no progenitor of niggers. They were not live-births in the same way any other would come to be brought into life, instead they seemed more wretchedly deformed beyond any kind of intervention. Which was, before long forgotten, as it was joined by others soon after:

'You've started spoiling the ground with these grim-tainted sugary things, that are humane.'

'Indeed I have, as I have travelled through half-the world and into the bowels of the planet, up to its girth where it had been found as such.'

And I have kidnapped and wreathed whatever I could, as I but stolen their niggers, in order for them to be brought here and nowhere else. I've devoured their children and made sure as many of them suffered, for as long as I could possibly prolong their existence.'

'To kill as such a thing would be a laborious task that would yield nothing as the niggers are but easily dealt with, since it's already known, as an easily verifiable, objectively known fact, provable by science, in an undoubtable manner that theirs are an inferior race, we should not bring them here, therefore, proceeding into giving them a chance to proliferate and spread like the Africanus-pest their niggardly thing will most likely do. As a matter of fact, there's only one thing we should do, if it pleases you and if you would.

We may as well proceed into fashioning our homes out of the bodies of dead fucking filthy shot in the head by other niggers, nigger-bodies, we may kidnap from their nigger-infested planets. That way, we shall claim the higher ground, knowing that we shall erase this disease and aid the world into getting rid of the greatest plague that ever infested the likes of humanity, to which we find solace into helping. Niggers, they are a disgustingly wreathed abomination and an utterly deformed, significant disease that shall not only spread but also threatens to swallow the world in its entirety, unless stopped.'

How did we even get to this point? It is simple, as it can simply be explained, by such events, on the planet Earth that triggered this, in the first place. Most specifically, the catalysts for destruction can all be traced to brain-washed teacher and kikes, acting most-subversively all the time.

'What a good pair of animals I find myself in the presence of, this being my first and the first time, him being in my presence, I find myself surrounded, in their intermediary a-first-for-all-of-us way of greeting me, the pretenders, doing nothing to stop them, Michael proving himself an utterly, insipidly silent, untrustworthy, unreliable recently-acquired acquaintance struck-frozen during a motion he-himself could not have described better, in 'his-own' terms, silently uttered by his dumbly-shaped moon-crescent mouth, as a the magna cum laude classroom, in its entirety, twenty seven plus the exchange student, whose fucking dumb-looking face couldn't have been woggier than the looks of a raped-by-a-truck-driver bashed gush-open by the side of the street mocky-type of face, who somehow managed to snivel their way into the University of Harpwogg, keep giggling underneath their moustaches like pre-pubescent school-girls, having already reached the point where they stumbled onto the understanding that I am incapable of holding them accountable for this fraud, scam, ruse, and knee-jerking-to a man without half-a-brain as to understand that it is not only theirs but my failure to stop them, or hope to prevent them from going out there in the world, possibly teaching the next generation of contemporary students that might be brainwashed into gobbling up Marxist beliefs. All because their parents bribed the Deacon of the University, Michael covering up for them, I being incapable of having a say since I am barred from speaking to them, since the incident that happened prior to our meeting, four months ago, when I acted inappropriately with an underage 'mother' of a child, her being a child as well, as it's implied, and I having fucked both of them, frankly, as you may not be as surprised as I would've taken any other man to be, if it weren't for the fact that this entire faculty is utterly corrupt. And that I have connections, and that the whole Jewish lobby is underneath my pocket, it's far to say that I would've been in some great trouble. Lynched even, but alas; I suppose that I find myself in a strange conundrum, don't I? Since I am a hypocrite, having expected much better from my students than from anyone else in this god-forsaken shit-hole that's adhering not the Constitutional beliefs, but rather, to the likes of the Liberals and their on-

going brain-washing agendas that are forcing me to confirm not only to their beliefs but to affirmative action, thinking I'm nothing more and nothing other but a blind imbecile who is utterly incapable of any kind of, observable qualitative cognitive-requiring effort as to prove myself worthily capable of seeing through their bull-shit, that is to say, that they have lowered the criteria and requirements needed for, having lowered the bars by such degree that we may as well pick a randomly selected moron off the streets, handing him a free degree, without making much of a difference, while, in reality, I have been closely planning, ruminating as well as biding my time, even prior to this conversation of ours, in that class, specifically during that class, after I had already been done with the speech, where, in the middle of my lecture, as I took the required break, as to turn towards Michal, in the moment I have previously mentioned, where I could think of nothing more than the complete and illicit end to my long-term-close-to-failure, as to say, I am fully prepared for failure, as I've been preparing myself, even before I started on this insignificantly dumb-quest of mine, borderlining not only insanity but delusional-psychosis as to think that I would stand a chance at showing everyone your true colors. That is to say that, if you, absolutely-moronic imbeciles, thought at any point in, or during, my pretentious attempt as anything even vaguely relating a speech, as to flounder my complete lack of intelligence that's being mask by a fanciful way of sounding smart, which I shall continue rubbing in your face, for as long as my mouth is open, masking everything I said with a degree of utter-volatile pretty-puss-inside your eye sockets kind of blow-power, that I was on your side, you are wrong. Niggers are dumb; it's proven by stats, personal anecdotes and science. And I am taking a stand. As to refuse having to conform to their utter-incapability of putting the much needed effort as to achieve something in life without the help and immediate aid of a white man, by which standards, since they've been dropped so lowly as to accommodate for them, I, a person of below average intelligence, find myself in an awkward situation, being elevated to the status of a god-damn-genius. Just because I am surrounded by a class of fucking nigger; not a single student, in this class-room is white. Do you have, any idea, dear inspector, what this means? You do not, understand, you cannot understand what this means. What this strange reflection of, not only our society, but the mere fact. That even I, someone whose ego, is perhaps wider, as to say, than this entire class-hall, added to the, in rapport to the maximum-possible, hard to expand on total, sheer-size of the Amphitheatre-Conference hall, plus the hall-way between these rooms, adding to a mere length, width, so on and so forth, it's a huge place, you get my point. My ego is enormous, but even that, somehow is left empty, which, I for one am appalled by that alone, since, being as shocked as I am, I do not understand why is it that I feel nothing, at all? It's an empty, vain victory that somehow leaves me with nothing, nothing at all. Unlike the feeling of a man who would somehow find himself outwitting an actual hard-at-work genius, unexpectedly, though I might say, I find myself, I feel as if, I'm somehow dumber than the people I'm trying to lecture to. Even though I know I'm not as dumb as them, I feel as if I'm trying to, somehow prove to you, that I'm proving to them, that somehow we're not only equal, but, wait, it's not even that, it's as if, by trying to prove to them as well as other people that they're actually equal to their white and asian counterparts, I realized that I am actually a bigger moron than they are. That's what it is. I am an utter imbecile just by the mere fact that I'm trying to teach a few people the most important lesson in life, the future is lost. The academia has fallen. Niggers and kikes fucked us over, and it is hardly expected, for us, who paid any attention, to history. With each passing day, I'm starting to question these 'rich' parents of theirs, whom might've earned their wealth by nothing more, and nothing else but being dumb-fucking nigger-imbeciles, criminals, rappers, 'athletes' and other niggerish-professions that yield no advancement, as to be selectively selected and bred for, capitalism having destroyed not only intellectual pursuit but also whatever chance the future generation had, at a same leveled quality-of-life index as their parents had

grown accustomed to. In other words, niggers are fucking dumb, inferior, they also score lower at PISA related tests in comparison to other race; whites are self-destructive, kikes are fucking subversively promoting both the former and the latter, and eventually, there won't be, there's no future in a world like that, we are here to suffer. At the hands of elites that would sell us out, and minorities. God bless the United States, God bless Israel and God bless the niggers, for, if he won't, no one will. No one will!

It's like, uh, being a crook, you know? Not trying to be the wise guy here or anything, but showing up in front of a smart-man and, and telling him this:

'Hey friend, listen here friend. I know I am a moron, but look, this guy, he's my student, and he's also a moron. We're both morons, so, I guess, you're a moron as well, you get it?'

Won't do anyone any favor. Unless you actually consider this to be an option or anything, in which case, kill yourself, you know where to aim, just cock your head and I hope that, in your failed attempt at suicide, you keep a hold of enough neurons as to remember the things I told you, during our conversation, you fucking nigger-IQ'd mental invalid!

No one's buying it.

'It is clear, inspector, that the likes of the most incessantly undistinguished, morally prudish kikes as well as the like of in-humane liberals have destroyed whatever nuance there was, or was supposed to be left in the modern world.'

But what is far more clearer than everything aforementioned is that, at the top of this reversal of hierarchy, what rests on top of this insufferable thing that cannot even be easily quantified, is but insufferable nature that the creature known as a nigger, that stands upon in, wriggling its nasty blackishly languid tail, as it rests atop of a crime sink, messing with the tap. Releasing and promoting their niggardly and niggardous brothers to commit as many crimes while covering for them, as to take every ration of food and waste it. Produced by the white man's burden whose, forever more cursed to revert to a time where he has to unfairly work for a race undeserving of the blessing it's been given along the millennia it's been lazying around, doing nothing, and casting upon all, such acceptance as would but destroy any ration that's being saved, incapable to plan ahead or hope for a future as would account for much greater races than itself, being left, instead, with an overburden of destruction that in the short-term will do nothing neither for itself, nor for others in terms of fixing or preventing future, similar behavior, treatment or give any resolute end to their so-called problems. There is no way to fix nigger-behavior, it's something that's, placing niggers, whose niggardly-nigger way of nigger-acting, as for monkey-chimps with blackies-niggers put in the front, pretending they're not only intelligent but, trying to convince people that niggers are human, unfixable. Lynchy-lynchy, coming down your way, niggy-nigg, you're dead, you dumb-fucking monkey, you're going to get utterly fucked, around the throat and bottled with the rest of the animals that are mixed with you, that includes the Mullatoes and the kikes that helped you along the way. Nigger will get fucking destroyed, this society won't cater to them on the long run, not while your 'white-man' is dying, your savior cannot cover for you either, nor can he do as he says. When the other races, the savages, such as I take over, then there will be no such thing as to adhere to your disturbing tendencies. If you, a nigger, a dumb-fucking nimble pocket-fiddler, Tv-stealer, cut-a-wheeler, monkey-in-a-suit thinks you stand a chance, without whitey to come, as to civilize you, then you are wrong, monkey, monkey-monkey, you're to be enslaved. Little dark nigger-creature, you're to be locked away, an eunuch for every

man, slavery making a grand return, although it's been a while since someone looked their way, for the African states who own as well, the dumb-little nigglets, they, simply know.

Are you aware, good man that, that, there is no such thing as an African history? There never was, they're lacking in what's needed to actually go ahead and create something like that. Since, it's rather obvious that mentally, they're not there yet and they're never going to be, especially since, their developmental potential is not only infirm and invalid but seems as if, it never stood a chance to begin with.'

Chewing on nigger heads, that's what their future is like. Everyone with half a brain can predict it. Monkeys eating and killing one another, big-headed ego-filled ignorant creatures, incapable of distinguishing themselves or others, or at the very least they cannot accept that mentally, as a sub-species, the African specimens are simply not as intelligent, by a long shot, by a long mile, as a whole. They're never going to be human by the same standards as human beings are. Left behind, never made. Nigger lynched, never ended. It's but plain to see, for anyone, but, it's become an echo, now, of things said and already confirmed.

'Everyone's suspicions are correct, and we don't need to be told what we already know. Then we should go ahead and discuss what is to be done about this nigger-pest and this nigger disease, if we're at it.

As a great friend of mine who's a scientist, a psychotic person, might I add, and a renowned molecular biologist has, proposed to me, there might be a chance to. Perhaps get rid of this nigger-disease that's been infesting our world for this long, and for the longest while, as it, currently stands. I believe we might be able to say with certainty. But what am I talking about, we?

He's close enough to a solution, he's come up with an antidote for this nigger-cancer that's currently spreading throughout the world. That being, the sickle-cell air-born virus he's been incessantly trying to give birth to. One that would hopefully be worked on so thoroughly as to avoid the Mediterranean countries, and in turn go, on a fully-blunted strike-force as to spread and completely devour the African continent in its entirety.'

Whose echoes, as for this human could be heard; coming out of the hollow-spots inside the wretched homeless lynched-boys that were embed all across its body, and in its nearest surroundings.

'Humanity was always meant to be attacked, by rabid creatures such as I, when showing signs of weakness as to arrive, when they adhere to inferior specimens, I shall ever be there to gobble them up. It's rather clear enough that there can be no return from this.'

'While it's easily achievable, one could and should and might as well agree that some children mature way too fast, especially the girls. It's all that needs to be said.'

In which case, especially the ones of most, impoverished as a whole, 'under-privileged' and, suffice to say, the one that, most-clearly lack the power to actually fight back. Such as it is, it only and should only come as natural, and the next step in this 'behavioral' kind of change that one should start taking advantage over them. By the mere whim of his will, because whoever's in charge should and could and should enact whatever crossed his mind upon the lower-will and body of a much inferior being. Molesting nigger-kids, fucking them, trailing fingers around their sub-human anatomically defunct bodies.

I'd fucking enjoy gouging out their eyes.

But not before violently castrating these nigger children with butcher-knives and rusty cleaves and little sharpened darkie-needle chimes.

Nasty-nasty niggers have to fucking die.

What was apparent, without a doubt was the most frightening aspect of the most obtuse of creatures whom hid in his realm of Homelessness of which wretched nature, this creature, without a shadow of a doubt, was the fact that, above him stood seven or six cut around their ankles great homeless-lords whose open faces stood before him, Ankaghylor, Itimeshat, Pormouhhley, Barkhyii, Lekklehleh, Yrettlyion, whose servant, granted was the last one, to which, bowed down, he had suffered himself at no greater impasse than to be covered underneath their command. Having been degradedly forced to adhere to them as a servant would to his lords and masters, one whose soul has clearly not only decayed, but had also been stricken down by the wretchedness of their very oozing in souls. While, so many of his, recently acquired brothers and sisters whose fate he shared so thoroughly were nowhere to be seen. And beyond decrepit were his lords as well, as every single one stood forth, shaking, merely in the same manner distraught, uncannily by the force of decay, seeping through their anciently-wrought blood-vacuoles they had garnered as their homes. In which even now they drew upon as to turn upon them, seemingly ever-so-drawn towards their lucidly-maligned reflections, against whose, brim-bright yellowish light only brought out the worst out of themselves; mainly their features. If it were not for them, no one, might know this, but they might not have been kept alive, not by their own will nor own desire to survive. Being deformed beyond any capability of drawing or putting themselves together, broken apart, by mere-extensions of bloated-inside, put to pieces cartilages that pushed out their pseudo-eely gelatin but drawn on paper stars of iron, their cheekbones protruding like mantis-feelers that only pushed out of their clearly distorted skulls. Alongside their fleshly made, rods of bone, surrounding them like bands stood only the images of many carved men that adorned these outward-pushing protrusions. Faces like the likes of men screaming in terror as they would grab a hold of the inner-cog-like to the side mechanisms that allowed for the full extension of the inner-sebaceous injectors to finally come to life, splashing, merely, as to be finely confined to a pea-shooter of some avariciously formed acid which would grab a hold of the substance that was etched on top of the clotted blood-vacuoles, that granted their such-it-were, not only vermillion pigmentation but the likes of many wrought in, defecated against the splashed of the carved-in-ruined gods whom, by now became their lonely-decayed predecessors whom rested in their swollen graves. Since these floating tombs of theirs were beyond starvation, maligned beyond the mere understanding of the lost in dust and in time ancient humanly corrupted by their own hands parchments on which something eerily comprehensible might be found, or interpreted as being somewhat coherent. But if it were not for this deformation caused by the reflection, one could not draw what they truly looked like, since, with the constant movement of their fallen apart faced formed, like two put together, rotated cunts, whose little more than rags, pus apart, or used by many men would make seem, with moisture in-between, a dead animal as well, would tell of such a thing as the twist, or beyond the tenure of a fallen-apart lord of discord whom had carved himself only as to look as the people he had so thoroughly hoped to contort and destroy in its advent of destruction. Its inner body being a great-fallen apart cordially shaped, large sack of put together stolen-as-if from the bastardization valor, as if it were their homeland instead, as if they refused to advert themselves from war, and carry on with such wretchedness as would be benign, in the advent of a much to their theft-like nature steal the organs and implant them in their own bodies, where, if

one were to open and split them, like a surgeon's high-precision induced, by mass and by time, gone-through surgery, but unlike the well-trained, for longer hours inside of a medicine school, long-hour worked kind of man, who'd pour a great amount of his life into it, ever after and beyond the likes of which a normally endowed human being could even feasibly be allowed, or should go beyond it, kind of way, this was not the work of surgeon, that handled the extracted organs, instead, it either seemed to be the work of a bunch of Chinese 'humans' that frozen inside their refrigerators, dead children, put on top and beneath entire bath-tubs worth of ice-cubes, carefully placed and shoved inside for some reason in order to harvest their organs so they could put them, sell them, for medium-to-high priced on the black market or on the Silk Road, the place where people used to buy highly-illegally modified guns, antibiotics, or drugs, or in an utmost nigger-pack kind of manner where a bunch of niggers would come out of nowhere like the dumb-fucking sub-human creatures they are, incapable of self-control or self-regulation, that would instead, as hatred for a white man, boy, or anything even closely resembling a white person, being instilled into them, although it should be aimed solely towards the jews and filthy fucking kike-merchants who are promoting these simian-dark creatures, of whose likeness it rather astounding; incessantly beating, stomping, not to maim or to hurt but rather, kill the person they unnecessarily, with the intent-to-kill going beyond any kind of avoidance as for their fault or reasoning, hid away by the media, utterly annihilate their target, in which case, the stomping would reduce the quality of organs that are being harvested, which, needless to say, as needed, in the greatest of state, as to be put inside one of the great spine-racks that are lain inside the body of one of the great homeless lords. Inside of which, there are also lain, fully grown implanted beings whose bodies-shrunk to the size of prunes only, would only do as much as one could say. Take away from the sight of the diseased animals they had given birth since their many faced and many faceted face-skull-prototype of pseudo-deformed, strangely elongated in the front by a most incessantly, almost eaten by Syphilis kind of ghoulis appearance allowed for their inner-bodies to grow smaller, disgustingly, disturbing, hard-to-look at eaten-chewed, munched by mucky-incisors that had not only implanted themselves in, going as thoroughly deep as they could but also managed to leave some room for an inorganic growth to occur. Worm-like, almost but far beyond any kind, that transparency would allow, for what happened in there, inside of them, beyond the un-sustainable look of the innards-crawling defiled in the head starved in infant creatures that were stuck in. That is to say, they bore their pseudo-wombs inside their bodies. Prune-like limbs had been eaten as well, leaving them with some flaccidly flapping glove-like things that would not by the strength of their manner of looking be capable of extending from where they stood. Like cancer-tumors combined with roots, and pseudo beaked unnaturally-hard to look at twisted, as if made of pseudo-clay by a poor-artists' interpretation of a creature's face who's borderlining both abstract art and surrealism, it was. Such were its many growths that made not only its face but everything else, the texture of the body, through, granted, it found some solace there as well. In what it was doing, resting, on top the overly grown organs that were finally allowed such a thing as it were, to finally reach the size of giant, inflated basketballs, that cushioned and paused their suffering as such. No facial feature was there, but tubes implanted on random locations where sockets would be at. Eternally being fed, but only their heads, by their homeless masters; while these creatures only rotted themselves, in this dead realm from which not a single one was capable of moving out of, or beyond.

But alas, they did not look down upon him, the servant, they would not look down upon none other, no longer, than the beady sought for parasite, in the girth, inside the land. Who was there, as an intruder, lain aside as for no Patronage would offer him, otherwise, one, could find himself drawn to him, again.

‘The slick leashes that have been given upon it no longer lay.’

In one of the wretched abysses from which the lower bowling-like rooms like the Jimmy’s Bowler and Two Innits, forty by eighty four, stood by, of which piled upon one another holders, on every side, had only barely beaten the hour in an attempt to break out of their prisons. While they were beyond any reach or any possible means of interacting with the wretched homeless lords, of whom Patronage would’ve been most precise. Most, least of all, anything but bothersome.

And for that reason, he, a parasite, shot out of the cage, blowing through the parched-patchy surroundings he was put through and under, until he’d land no longer, into that perched by sea-less energy, the abyss. It seeped into the world.

Blue skies emerging; whereas the sun was coral, and the houses, sunken green; there stood, the congregation having amasses now, witnessing, as thing, as it had landed, a particular man in awe. Had cut them off by eighteen hours now; bastard they called.

‘That damn fucking incessant brain-fogged, brain mugged, by nigger-bogs, infuriating cretin! He’s ruined it, hasn’t he?’

‘We don’t know that yet, but, if there’s anything.’

‘No, you don’t understand, he’s tempered with this livid satellite, look at it for a moment now; he’s planted a few of his cabinets in, they’re gone, whoever was in this ship is now gone, look.’

Marilee pointed at the top of the great spindly set, four shots made apparent from the main upturned bed of tumoresque formation tendencies. Out came a few riders, whom had been shot through their heads by spears, most humane in appearance, or primate tools from the looks of it, that could be dated back to the Neanderthals if someone really looked into it. And their many visors lay broken, cracked and almost shattered as were their backs.

It was a bothersome and lurid-endowed placed to be in, from which and whose mere false sanctimonious alacrity was a first, a nowhere to be seen and ill-placed distilment, of which seepage, of their lives, threatened to bring the breaking of every house and every man and every likened peoples they surrounded themselves in, since this ‘even’ had not only changed, and it wasn’t even apparent to them at first, and it wasn’t even a quickly-whipped above their brows kind of change, but a slow but seemingly graduate change that has taken hold of them, whom, although not pure to begin with, were forced to slowly be squashed, to a degree of unworthiness-unearned. Neither man was a saint, neither woman was wine, especially not one of a much greater, finer quality, for everyone knew how soon, as from errand to errand, even the newspaper boy knew that from an early age, since he had a relatively good relationship with his father, that he closely maintained throughout the years, as well as a beneficiary? That’s too prude of a word, a good upbringing, there are no transactions between parents and children. You raise your child with dignity, grace and turn him into a man; while also teaching him some good lessons. Don’t slack down, while raising your child, teach him the ‘value’ of money and what it does or turns a man into, but that’s where it stops. Family comes first. Also, the kid needs to know when a woman hits the wall, so he, at the very least knows what to avoid. No amount of ‘distilment’ is going to fix up your face, lady, let alone your body. Those big breasts will sag in a decade or so, but a man and the will of a man lasts forever.

Unless this happens:

Everyone in town dies.

Sudden-stroke caused by the release of a black gas coming from that strange thing that appeared out of nowhere. It then grew legs, like the people. And a marsupial Kangaroo bag, in which, it put the people, in. It put the people inside of it. By placing itself on its bottom, then using its newly acquired toes; it was an awkward thing to see; luckily for it and everyone else, they were dead. Also it grew strange piston-elongated, three, in the front, but lower pseudo ledge-spears. This strange toweresque pillar-lettuce-bloated thing, whose upper head was but a few interlocked almost leathery winged leaves, whose lower body was more of an entrance to a tower, with the cabinet and all, whose spears remained up there, close to the top, with the creatures, the drivers still impaled to it, this strange satellite, with three, although one could walk upon them, almost harpoon-thin-platforms, whom were thin at the top. Legs to the side, marsupial pocket between the three horns and the cabinet, kind of in the middle; and, as it happened, out of its back, the 'Greek letter O with a line in it' shaped gate opened from which a fishing pole growth came out. Which had a bunch of worming-wires with hooks attached to every single one of them: Its friends were invited to draw in.

A bloated big puddle fat, brown-soil falling apart of it, two cylinders one above its head and one below it, facing outwardly, curving its entire fat-gelatinous decaying body, into a rifle-like looking livid thing shaped like a C, with many attached-molded-in-clay-inside itself visibly transparent arms. That was also filled with giantly outlandish cacti spines. It launched humans out of its cacti-peashooters. Which bounced, against its more-mechanical friend, then fell on the ground. That one got stuck in one of the spears, pushing one of the ship riders all the way back.

Part of the city was ruined, but not as ruined as a woman is after she's hitting the wall. No amount of destruction could ever amount to that, unless you count what niggers do to a town during their runarounds with their packs.

Back on the road, homeless bus-station:

She was his sister, but the thing was that, she could be anyone's sister. She was picked up from somewhere, over their shoulders, both man took a piece. They were, both men carrying her, separated, one hundred feet apart, from one another, still carrying her, over their shoulders, both of them were.

This 'sister' had beautiful eyes that were obscured by two fat Bonnobos heads that were sutured to her glasses, that had been shattered and had thin strands of black-irony, the metal, not the music-genre, but the alloy, wires that had been carefully snuck through the cracks, while, from inside the Bonnobos, which had to suffer through the invasive open-without-anesthesia-being-employed-despite-the-clear-signs-of-pain-borderlining-animal-abuse-most-definitely-borderlining-animal-abuse-surgery that carried on, there not being any-body, yet the 'Bobos' had not only long-so-lived as much as they thrived on the pain, especially since, by the time the main-markered by four PERFECT-BLUE crossed sings, where the main cuts would go along, since, these incisions had to be made on one side and another, as to allow for the carefully-contorted curvature of the needle, being less of an embroidery-type and more of an anglers fishing day out left behind, on the rack, where anyone can simply take it since it was only a hook, albeit still theft, deplorable in some way, pathetic, these are doctors we're talking about, special utensil, which,

during the entire duration of this violent escapade, being paid for by a private investor as to go on ahead and attach these strange head-things to a pair of shattered glasses, a pair of two-sided at the top as if trunk split in half, two meters in, by an axe, from the opening of this pseudo-cylinder out of which came a few smaller, Gatling-gun on both sides, but out of them, smaller pints that drew outwardly like twenty or forty hose-balloon 'strings that formed two segments of, crystal (two pyramids connected at the base) with signs embed on them with boulder-entry holes obscuring the sight, because of their tunnel-shaped-train smoke-but almost hardening solid because of the moisture they produced, bullets that, despite what it seemed like didn't harm them at all, or interrupt the surgery by any means; but the Bobos also managed, to, have their way with this, 'everyone's sister, who was there, placed, on another table, standing, blank-eyed, disturbingly balancing, an act, done, for, no one in particular, because her eyes were rosy cheeks, that being, behind her 'eye-sockets' but more like inside her skull, where her brain was, near the area where her eye-nerves stood, actual cheeks had been, prior to this surgery, more like twenty of forty seven years ago, and this 'sister' who wasn't a nun either, but, just a sister, was old, it's why she had these eye-problems to begin with, because of her old age, that being, somewhere close to sixty, no wonder she got ripped in half and carried on top the shoulders of two strangers; although, it has to be said, between the two strange crystals that were kept by the meaty strings, only one of them produced the train-like bullet some-thing, the other one, during the surgery, during the woman's, whose name is Agnes Challenging Boxes Red Spear-Curtain with Plow-Dust in Eyes, and Eyes is her family's name, the First name but always written as the last one, whatever-the-fuck-she-was-doing-in-there because she wasn't even invited in the surgery room – rant, which only happened in her mind, so no one could hear it, on the walls, there stood, pinned by giant cracked in half as to become a pseudo-many sharp-horned battering ram table, the bodies of the Bobos; a beautiful body that was made out of eighteen great grainy segments, which should, by some means, serve as a call-back to the surgery room in terms of the sheer size it bore, like a centipede but fatter and more compact like giant matchboxes with the hidden 'function' of unwrapping every single one of them like Pterodactyl wings if they, somehow decided to warmly hug someone close to them, revealing strange corkscrew breasts, weird belly buttons shaped like the emblem-crests of various S.P.Q.R sigils used at various times throughout history, including the Holy Roman Empire, their flags, symbols, so on and so forth, even the people 'pretending' they're ancient Romans during their dress-ups at the Medieval Fares done so to impress their friends, leaving only, and since these winged-wrapped-parchments made a great deal of the body-weight, and seeing how she was incapable of flight in either case, it would not be insulting, bringing into consideration that this habit of eating, this apparent, closely-matchable as for the symptoms, controversial observation that she might be suffering of anorexia, her ribs being openly exposed, which may have lead to her being, or may have not, to her being prescribed the glass-Bobos, since women and niggers are basically on the same level, as it was most likely intended to serve as a life-changing experience, as in see-the-world-through-someone-else's-eye, henceforth the niggers, although Bobos would be too wrong a term, in which case, it ought to be replaced with two 'Jeromes'; legs that were sizzling like river-scrawled twisted straws back-and-forth curved along C's flipped horizontally on and off, then connected by lines at the tip and at the bottom with one another, then, at their knees, up then curved like crickets, forming a line crossing their weird sprawls, where fan-like clappers with faces of skin but eyeless, mouthless burned in outlines, well they were more like radiators without bones, but the second part of her legs had actually cartilages that resembled bones, the ones with the face-fans, which numbered in tens or so, while, it should be said that this didn't affect the fact that her wings were also inter-connected, even though, awkwardly wrapped as to form the compact boxes, sheet-thin 'connectors'. Although her wings were not as much as Pterodactyl wings as they were

weird shadow-play hands that looked like pseudo tipped with hooks cleavers. Her head was also human. And she was beautiful, beyond beautiful, no arms. And no centipede legs either, just useless wings; across her deformed ugly body, no wonder she was so easily ripped apart. One of her lower segments also had a removable flying, beyond the amount of body mass she had, giant elongated satellite that had eighteen giant pebbles aligned its base with four great push-out cartridge faces with ringed-spear shafts coming out of their mouths that fully extended like two sutured L's nigger-monkey sticks, that bore four great legs at the end that were shaped, when put together, like a hand-like holding a ball organ that turned into yellowish-orange powdery mush in the air, while the entire structure ripped in half, produced energy, made a strange portal from which a few great stones started drawing out of, all of them connected in the middle, this satellite being a conjurer itself, by great pseudo air-shaft roots, the crawling inside of, ones, that was a machine, a rock machine that shot rock spikes, out of its main form, that was also a ship that carried along, a great army of deformed ugly-almost humanoid stolen feature, smaller stones that were thrown, across the world, by the likes of a great gravitational wave-belt deformation of malignant probationary manipulation, which could be removed at any time, if something were to happen, as if they only tested the waters for the time being, not wanting to go full-gravity control, like a nigger in house arrest, where you'd let him out for a few hours, by himself, but while also making sure he won't do anything wrong; only to end up lodging themselves in people's chests, in front of their hearts, manipulating them. Since their thinking organ was their hearts, as was said, with great virtue of soul, confirmed by the ancient Greek Philosophers, such as the likes this world has seen and heard and confirmed.

If there ever was something she has thoroughly missed, with all her pernicious might, soliquitous pride and incessant bastardilization, that very much being a result of the great infantilization of all that came into contact with her, regardless of need or concern, regardless of the opinions of others that might've come into contact with her in an attempt to change her opinion, utterly, completely, beyond belief, in a time when and where, this being a more solid dimension for her since so many concepts were not only alien to her but with women being conceptual-invalids-and-all, that having to do with the fact that women lack a head-piece that was mainly and most a Y chromosome grown-up 'think' implicitly influencing organ that literally pumped solid information into a man's brain in a most volatile fashion, these kinds of, what might be interpreted as 'traditions' are deemed as being most vulgar and troublesome by an opposition that's not only stricken themselves as to tickle their own, so fluidly overly pampered yet completely shatterable ego, but whose adherence to, as an entity, its own set of beliefs and practices far out-do that of the people they're trying to oppress or at the very least push back, it was the traditional household she grew in. Where was being constantly fucking raped, on a daily basis, with a knifed-rod spear butcher-cleaver kind of war weapon that was as thick as eight on laid side-by-side bricks with violent spikes attached to their front, spikes and drill-like spinning sharpies shaped stingers that had been used to constantly turn her pussy in a bloody pool of rape-piss. But, she managed to regrow every piece since her many legs but clapped on the floor while it happened, which in turn only promoted regeneration since her body was so many segment-jointed, as well as it was reattachable and completely removable without the possibility of permanent damage being inflicted, to the very point of, if there even was a chance to pull off her legs, she'd still be capable of regrowing or reattaching them, together.

Luckily for her, the night came and the two nice men actually put her back together, leading her to the Soloquadiad Parasite Solace.

Where the much-to-her malignant piece of sky that fell emerged and wretched were the bones- advent to which her body drew.

The sky and land were one. Pieced together by many put-together-forms, many of whom were never-gone; large slime-filled disgustingly fat deformed slugs, attached to larger pieces of long-canals, all but bastardly living and filled, with many cylindrical mounted socket-stretches, all livid and connected, large long-bubbles as well as top lids and put-together faces appeared to swim inside.

Good life, of what was left:

‘This is a pre-recorded message, honey, I hope you won’t mind me passing now, but I’m really pointing at the stretch now, and it’s not looking any better than it looked twenty or so years ago.’

Billy was here ‘,a few miles off the city he lived in, watching planes with planet-doodles on them, scrawled with map-markings, signaling various precise dates that appeared to be traceable by dead-Morse codes,’ a few minutes ago, where, ‘part of which, ten at the very least, ten minutes, this’ order, one minute spent going around circles, one minute asking dumb questions, one minute figuring out how to find his way back home, seven minutes trying to cut a pint of his’ mother’s moving blood-cartilage man-cut cutout taken from her body, taken from the grave, taken by the spade which, managed to change the course, a few minutes having decided what happened, inside his house, his nice house where, he stood, not now, not then, but now-back-before the few minutes passed, before they got the chance, right before his mother dined with her dead husband who is, him, still, it’s all happened at the same time, while, Billy, was in one of the cockpits, above his house, beneath it, at the same time. He was both here and there, and then, and now, and still. His mother and father were still alive. Marilee was much to her appearance, yet endowed.

Part of the garden

IT grew like a tetrahedron with gladly straightened chains holding sea-mines at their ends, in minds, were there corpses locked inside of every single one of them, morbidly obscene, mightily set.

‘Might I tend what is left of the ones that scream of being planted there? Deepened in the recesses, none seem to fair a fight. We can’t pick them up one by one and butcher them like strewn-up pigs.’

‘That would be a bastardly practice would it not? I’m afraid that you show many sings of corruption already, as for the unfairness that’s been provided so far, I would have to say that I’m afraid there’s something in your eye.’

‘What would that happen to be?’

‘A tiny insignificant thing, I would add, there are some rounded soil garments of some steaminess that boils your eye. I see but an un-boiled yolk in there, dripping on top your cheek, you would have to be aware now that there’s something in your feet.’

‘What is that? And there as well, what kind of blasphemy have they hid inside of me and who is responsible for this cheater? Tell me, immediately, I must know. I can tell, quite well, whether or not you’d like to show something that might be taken from me, or honed away.

There’s something incredible bastardous about you, Gardner.’

‘How come you only noticed it when we’ve been in each other’s company for, I don’t know, the last twenty or so years?’

‘I don’t actually know, I’ve yet to check anything similar to it, nor would I have seen it so, if it weren’t for the chance.’

‘Which one?’

‘You know which one, the one that showed itself, the one that entered your head and never showed itself out.’

‘I don’t think I follow.’

‘At the back of your head there’s a giant dream insect whose elongated needle has been seeping lucidity into the air, creating livid-thing that used this mental dust of yours to enter through and play.’

‘What would you have me do in that case? Squash the bug, the insect, the miscreant?’

‘Nothing of the sort, I wouldn’t have you do anything you would happen to dislike, at all, as a matter of fact, I would rather not take or draw something away from you. Without knowing or being made aware of the consequences that are not apparent to me; who knows.’ He smiled as if on a prompt.’

‘Who knows just what might happen in that case, I wouldn’t want to partake in such a doing if that’s the case and if it does, then.’

He didn’t leave a lot of room for something to be said, otherwise.

‘There’s a bulb for every kindly man down there.’

‘I hope you’re not planning on abandoning me now, are you?’

‘Of course not.’

Much closer yet well beyond their point:

‘Don’t look back just yet, there might be people watching all over, from behind their windows. In their apartments, light comes one way in. There’s just.’

‘Not enough otherwise, I know. I, we should leave.’

‘I don’t know if it’s possible any more. It’s just, there’s so many things going on through both of our heads. It’s going to take a while to flush them out, if ever.’

‘Where to, now, Mouse, yeah. I think I remember you. I’m in dire need of a friend.’

‘Red like the button; sure thing, it’s somewhere close, I think. There’s no chasm left behind. It’s fallen through.’

‘I hate this, I dislike remembering. ‘

‘I know.’

‘I don’t know what to do either. The people I loathe, I can’t even get back at them; it’s because of them, if my father hadn’t been infested with their blood, filthy sub-human kikes. My life could’ve been. I could’ve been normal.

One great grandfather that ruined my life with his poisoned blood; I wish they died. I wish they died like the subhuman rats they are. But I don’t. I can’t do anything about it, that’s the worst part of all.’

Tleshlye

Its fleshy face started pouring into a bottle. He’d made a small vending machine out of it, feeding some of the most tin-formed ingratiated nigger-pets that were fellowizing the nearest streets they were on:

‘Someone will have to, eventually, at the very least put an end to their niggering, shouldn’t they?’

‘Leave them be, there’s a far greater threat for now, since it’s going to draw breath again.’

They court was sanctimoniously empty, with the exception of a great open-caved in body, a giant in looks but made of armor, burnt as if to a crisp with some marks of fully melted iron seething by its sides. A nigger child had gotten lynched earlier that day, but the kid stabbed a woman, turning the lynching into self defense. The great body was tall-standing, almost the size of a Cambodian Elephant, not-spread eagled but rather curled into a ball. Something near-close to emptiness rested in. Some cables appeared to be widespread in such a fashion that, they stuck out when plenty of the Afterees came out of the bushes:

‘Stuck out of place, they seem to be, don’t they?’

‘Think the body will come to life?’

‘This’ not an android, nor machine, I think it would bode well if neither of us came near it, what do you think?’

‘I’d rather not take my chances either.’

‘Cowards, come on already, it can’t actually harm us, not unless we draw too close to it. But I wager we can.’

Verdure, a lot of verdure in the court; and the roofs, all four in this grand circle, without taking into account the fact that stacked in front and behind one another, hundreds more and thousands of houses

plainly set behind and above them as well, stood there, shaking bothersomely. Upside boats of scales; planted on top of domed-holders attached to the cities, most of the buildings being lodged-molded into one another, going as far as, at a point, in the distance, as to be welded and come out of every roof as well. Even growing and standing on clouds, with their bottom groves growing downward pointing threes that were long and curved like pipes and appeared to have all of their leaves outwardly pointing like tanks, out of the hollows of which, out came strange appendage-limbs with hybridized man-head-insects with open mouthed Gattling-guns that all bore elongated, but made out of their canine-insect cartilage bubbly molecule-forced into the shape of atoms skin-like portions, thin pincer-equipped smaller slammers that kept beating on top and along their metallic shafts as to make the echo bounce around every single part of the tree-like spore-bottle shaped flea-creatures that were being launched or shot against the resting beneath them roofs. As, for, every single time they splattered, they took over a single lodged in tile at a time, growing on top of it as to form peculiar bulbic-egg shaped egg-mass womb with their lower liquefied boil-pool being a mix of clay and of flea-like mass, out of which a small shrubbery of Aloe Vera leaved-bladed tongues came out, bearing, around their egg-shaped transparent layer, inside of it, to be more precise about the general location, ancient, prune-cartilage formed old man's faces with three eyes, like pseudo-ghosts wriggling to get out. Whereas, beneath them, inside the house, through the roofs as their growths allowed them full entry, they grew elongated bodies through which they siphoned some of the ghosts that had died inside of them, growing, in their large transparent bodies, smaller fashioned gelatin-exoskeletons that were incapable of getting out of their prisons, but struggled to get out. Keeping the owners or the guests whom had been aroused, or at the very least their senses had been, at night, during which, out of the startling thing that was their sudden realization of what was going on, they starved in corners, frozenly stuck, being very much incapable of safely leaving the premise. IT was a bothersome sight to behold.

But these things weren't the only growths either. Many pines had been planted on top the roofs as well, and they all appeared to grow on top of just about every possible structure and place. Their roots flooded most apartments, and appeared to draw heat and light into them, leaving many areas, in, hardly revealing, less bothersome to think about it, pitch-black, as if there had been a black-out that's never ended. Niggers didn't live in the city, they were kept outside, segregated outside the confines of the city, they would never be allowed to even approach the gates by any means feasible, no.

'Most bothersome a thing, is it not, shall we bring that thing inside our home?'

A rain and a storm threatens to come, it could hurt him.'

'He looks as if he's already beyond saving.'

'Think you've got something to back that up?'

'Yes, himself, his look, the state of its shell and the cables that are lain around him, we could offer him safety at the very least.'

'It doesn't matter, I don't think it does. But if it did.'

'Enough of it, Enhonr, we're bringing him in. It's already settled.'

'On what basis will that be?'

‘He’s one of us, I think.’

Most bastardly of men drew on out of a strange ship which had been planted in window-crate of glass, as if frozen solid in an ice-block that drew out in the same way a drawer might’ve been pulled out, this glass coffin being released from its ever-kept inside the apartment, staring at the ceiling area –zone, where finally the ship-like cartilage rotten dark blue-green figure whose appearance was of a leather-like armored horizontally flipped dolphin cartridge connected to a pseudo spiked-outlandish mushroom top with dark human demonical distorted faces carved in, which bore, outwardly lodged as if out of its crater like fissure put-in, a split in half cold blooded reptile tongue that was an iron belt with bullets. Every man inside of it was armed enough for a god damn heist. It was also, the ship, bubbly-in the back as if the growths had accumulated over time. But looked like pseudo mattress springs, whereas the body-back lower half, where the tail would’ve been a strange cleaver shaped smaller box filled with filaments and plenty of dark Tnt-aligned-like-beads tubes that dangled from one side of the other since the insides of the area were mainly hollow.

The shell that is the body may never be destroyed nor completely touched for obvious reasons. More than a few being present, but, aforementioned, there could be no clearer rejoinder any longer. Those cables coiled around as if they had been power-lines, perhaps even worse than that. They were wearied out already, especially with the sight of the weird coffin ship, out of which tall, barely filled with boils but incredibly thin patrons came out of, whom had only been drawn to this point in an attempt to contain the force that was being generated by the creature as to understand what went through it. There was a clear disjointitude between them, as every limb spoke of a much different tale than they had been accustomed to. There was peril beyond relief. Broken facets and coffins that were misplaced as well as an unfed population with little more than needed, less than they could tell.

‘What happened to it, is all I want to know, at the very least I am owed the chance to ask it for myself.’

‘It is no longer alive, why is it so hard for you to comprehend as little as that? Whatever force shattered or punched it in, puncturing whatever vitals it may’ve been capable of giving birth to, there are forced beyond it incapable of truly recreating the reminiscence of the force that left it hanging in that state. And even if there was a force out there capable of recreating this scene of death it was forced into, I am very much afraid that I would no desire, and I know that’s bothersomly convenient for me to add, since I’m invalidly and invariably influenced by my frightened state, but I cannot witness or be made aware of the existence of a being capable of exerting so much strength. Knowing that it may still be among us; that’s something I cannot live with. And I would add that I would not consider your choice in the matter either, as you are blinded not by reason but something else, your desire to know will only bring you alienation from us. I would rather live in bliss than agony, or risk angering it with knowing, placing myself in danger. Do not do that to us. Do not seek that which is not needed, for it cannot only not end well, but you’re also putting all of us in harm’s way without even understanding the consequences of your actions and what those mean for us. We shall be destroyed because of you, in a way you will have justified by the time it happened, allowing yourself to end up on top for a short amount of time before we will have been destroyed. You’re an awful creature, a disturbingly-hard to look at wretch and because of you, we only have to suffer and we will suffer from this point on unless you finally give in and allow us to thrive without seeking our destruction at the hands of a being that most likely still walks among us but it’s lain in hiding.’

‘How could you possibly know that? These blows, the sheer size of the creature, the mere fact that, if you were to trace the hollow-marks as to see it as a cast or armor, merely by sight, not even involving the use of forensics yet, as a means of identifying what had truly unwrapped, not underneath or eyes and possibly underneath no one else’s but the culprit responsible for this unnaturally wrought in butchery of this strange creature that’s been left here, to our disposal, a warning, I might think, only reveal the fact that the heavy usage of a most continuously incessant pounding of fists or of a similar appendage-like immaterial kind of set of strikes had been put to the employ of the one responsible for doing so, making, therefore, it seem as if the one responsible for it, although we may not be able, just yet, to draw any conclusion from what happened here, as to create a rapport between the diameter of the fist and the size of the criminal in relation to its victim, I believe it’s fair to say that allowing someone, who’s proven himself capable of compounding this amount of sheer, brutal strength, as to completely leave another fellow living being, or mechanical, making it objectively worst, since the biological lives have proven themselves too immoral for their own sake, would go, completely against any of our moral systems and not only that but it would completely throw whatever chance there ever was for us to reach a point where we may live in relative, untouched, unaltered, prolific-almost to a fault, at a high-degree, almost, of peace and liberty that’s carefully lain beyond a point where it may be clearly destroyed or at the very least forcefully interrupted by a display of brutalism, savagery and uncouth ordeal we could never hope to recover out of. Since it’s clear enough that this act alone has set a precedent to, not only our community and the community we shall live in from this point on, clearly being altered by what’s happened here, but it also, as you have mention, given rise to the highly, most disgustingly asked and put on top the table amoral question, that is to say, whether or not, although I would argue that in reality, it borders the line of being morally wrong, I shall play the Devil’s advocate, therefore giving you the benefit of the doubt as for the moral reasoning behind it, nonetheless I shall still leave it on the table as, for, precedents aside, it still baffles me as for, why would anyone even bring it up to begin with, that being, do we turn a blind eye to what’s happened here? Shall we carry this body along, put in on a bloody trough, simply abandoning it in some long-ordained unnatural, hard to look at basement out of which it may slowly drift out of our consciousness until it happens again? Because I am inclined to think that you are hiding something, and that this is completely and utterly convenient of you that you’d want the body gone, no offence about it either, but it’s simply too, well, it plays into your grubby hands, that’s all. It’s about as much as I’m going to say, nothing more, nothing less, only that which is fair.’

The mysterious body was actively oozing with sound-foam, though neither of them truly knew what was going on inside of it.

To each of their own, they knew better how to settle with the beast. And for that reason, the gangrene hadn’t spread among them. It was all too clear that there were a few barely, yet sublime, pouch-box-rooms in which spoke to evil vases, evil thorns and flowers that were brought from the other side of the world, but neither one of them understood who was in control just yet. Since, most obvious, or not; as soon as either one of them drew a curtain over their eyes:

‘It’s missing, isn’t it?’

‘Was it there not a moment ago?’

‘You’re right, you madman, it actually disappeared underneath our very much, vigilant eyes!’

‘Nothing escapes me, nonetheless.’

A lamp-skull head with an insect-pointed high-horn, adorned with almost unnaturally deformed segments that were put on top of it as if it were a horse. Its body was that of a maggot-grub, a giant bud mummified sarcophagus. A peculiar panel lay in the middle of his chest. They already planted it in alongside two others like him. But they were all chained with rusty coated iron-shackles.

‘Wait, something’s wrong.’

‘Are you tap wired?’

‘What was that?’

He repeated his question; most terribly so.

‘It’s moving.’

‘They’re all trying to get a foot on us.’

They were blinded along the way.

The Homeless entity could not have been vaguer than it had been then, since it could not speak of what went on inside its head. Its eyes were mightily crazed or at the very least looked the part, it would’ve even shouted if there were still five minutes on the clock, down the bus station, on side of the clockworkry that was finely placed near one of the, apparently calmer of the people who were waiting for this chaos to stop. This cradle-squared thing of overly stretched homeless things, these beings then began walking along, moving out of the way as various stoppers were being brought from as far away as one could see.

‘Court, you’re not seeing this, are you? There’s a wickedly strange thing there, floating towards us, from somewhere down the hill, where the plaster of many souls that have been drawn from the bottom of the world, from that incessantly dark thing that’s melted like a candle is. I think it’s trying to communicate something to us, weird message-like signals only I could interpret.

I am its Prophet, I’ve become its Prophet, the Prophet of Homelessness. I’ve been told now, in this vision that I’ve just seen that all men, of all the world, and beyond them are meant to eventually end up on the streets, being slowly but assuredly devoured in the worst possible ways. Incessant incisor-filled vivisections of picking up trash-bag rations alive only to survive on the spare meat their starved-off bodies managed to maintain, even for a short period of time.

I’ve seen it all.’

‘And why are you telling me all this when I can clearly see that creature myself, and I know what to expect, for I know better than to show a sign of weakness and deflect whatever it may be onto them.’

‘Who would be referring to?’

‘The people who will end up on the streets, they’ll survive somehow, but not everyone will end up there, since there are still ways and means to pass time by, and completely eradicate all doubt there is. Come on’ Gloomily he said. ‘I’ll show you.’

Boyatt pulled out of one of his fine-cabinet a mighty looking doubloon crab. It had four eyes, each being closed while one switched-open and did cry:

‘A wind to the north, you must follow it when it draws near your home.’ IT commanded of them, and knowing no better than to obey the command of the eight-ball-like-device, they did naught else but did as it pleased. Most thoroughly dismissed, they got out, set on a path of moth bothersome shouts:

Their companionship had only ‘lived’ on borrowed time. Click, click, was one of the arrows that traveled around, on a counter-clockwise kind of movement that leaped on top the wings of air, the ones that were colder, being brought from winter-fair, was it to say at least:

A strangely wrapped around a tree, a beast, appeared prior to their full-exist, as they were stopped in the saloon inside the lowest of the floors inside their building. It was not an easy task trying to outsmart it, since it was clearly brought from another deeper pit, and shallow, it were; as every leaf was filled with eyes, noses, mouths and beaks, with stings and rays and jelly, quays and elongated lice-beams, and various giant insectoid-growths. Appendages coming out of their many rows and fruits that cackled in each other’s mouths, only to be devoured soon after by the one made of many little parts:

‘The wind has been corrupted, and it needs not touch a plainer silky skin!’

Another, most peculiar homeless one:

‘Dark skinned people don’t have any right to exist. Their genetic continual existence, simply put, represents a human rights violation.’

Indeed, they appeared to cherish their ideas, not to mention that they garnered their dislike for one another’s probing.

‘Gone, he’s gone, he’s fallen alongside the broken castle, on a shrapnel beaded line of carefully aligned explosives.’

‘He’s survived.’

‘How?’

‘Gone has made it still, he’s still breathing, isn’t he? Hidden from sight, yet still breathing, has he actually been biding his time for this long? Planning his next move? Trying to get something out of the ashes of his set-on-fire neighborhood?’

‘I don’t actually know that for a fact, but, what’s stopping us from going on and finding that out?’

‘Nothing, let’s head to his home.’

They marched towards the Nafhus-Achfass Hold. Its brother-like appearance was only overdone by the outwardly heaving outer-barracks that gave it a general feel as such as an arena might’ve given one if seen on first glance. Another tall guard strode in, they were everywhere. Tall and lean, deformed with robes, pointed downwardly conical gloved-spiked gloved helmeted pointing down; whereas out of their bodies giant elongated trunks pushed out a compact mini-delivery truck cartilage out of which many

armored arms came out of. And their feetlessness only drew sight to the one thin peashooter cord that, otherwise, was seen as unfitting for the weight.

‘Where does he live?’

‘In there, It can only be that tall-house, the great building made of lush and riches of bloody flails, the ones in possession of the crystal eyes, in which, to which, near, as well, not even the many decayed men would stand guard of.’

‘Then stand tall, brothers, for we are yet to come near it.’

Still they maintained a single thump, with every step about the hour making them pass, as if showered by the lesser things. A strode it was for them, but calcified as the soles of their feet, remained nearing a sight. They only drew forth when, unlike others, were not watched by those whom trashed around them. It was dangerous being there after all, as it happened. If it weren't for the strange figures and the ones that came after them, they would've done as they pleased. Nowhere near, such as to tease one another's likings, had they talked.

‘Curse your mouths, you deranged mental-niggers, I can assure you that neither of us should draw any attention to us, unless there are other considerations you haven't taken yet?’

‘Such as what?’

‘I've been here before. ‘Cried Hagghal, the clock-eyed, his right, the cock-eyed, the other; as he said:

‘Some bolder homeless made the dire mistake of thinking of them as automatons, striding along automatically as if they were nigh-inanimate beings. And you know what happened after?’

‘I suppose they got smashed in, or something more in the likes of something much worse happened to them.’

‘Indeed it had, and unless you, unless we were to touch on it, we could. ‘

‘Shh, silence yourself, I think I hear something coming along.’

A tall-bothersomly wrought in figure, socketless, a pear-fat-banana shaped head, with a forwardly thrust protruding nose shaped as if a caveman shoved his back of his club inside his face, spiked at the end, and a little hill-growth resting on top of it as well. Even his occipital bone appeared to be pointing at the sky, coming out of the middle-region of his skull, whereas, from the side it looked like a bubbly-pair of oblongs forming an E. His mouth opened, revealing noise-making hoses. His body was devoid of appendages but was a dark flying cocoon with appearing and disappearing arms that flapped like bird's wings that bore, eight and seven, loaded revolvers.

‘You're trespassing, do you have any idea of what we do to trespassers even before we got the chance to prosecute them beneath he spiked court?’

‘Slay them underneath their breaths?’

‘Chop them skinless, until their clothes and body parts are indistinguishable from the rest of the ground, which was made on the bodies of a flood-floor trap that swallowed the previous population, driving them to a wild extinction!’

‘A most horrible thing, yet I suppose you’ve learned how to live with your sins.’

‘We’ve done much worse.’

‘In what way?’

‘In terms of brutality and beyond it, but that is not a conversation we are to bear here, but, in a more private place, therefore. I place you all under arrest!’

He meant it, spiking every homeless with a rush of anger and dissatisfying rage.

Holdretch

It was the last hold that remains, juvenily holding with its bastardly set clawed upon scars, the land was but set on trying itself not be dragged down, torn apart as to be completely crushed underneath its looming weight.

‘I bring news of destruction to thee, my lord of dark creation, to which I have spared thee thy call as to prologue the defibrillation of our death and damp and where they stand aloud, in cloud of such puffy-well to do as to destroy themselves with little joy, since they’re but lain in peril, standing upon the such bibulous marches as to which such kinds would eat and devour whatever they can, dreading as to stand near, closer and nigh to such states between living and eternally cast upon a grave of bile-flowers, repartitions of the dead soon to be.’

‘But who are you to tell me what I already come and stumbled upon such knowing as to be made aware? I’ve never seen your face and as it’s come to my understanding, I do not know or feel the likes of you that have been wretched along and put in peril as to make way, although to my court so needlessly invited, I still hold a grudge to all a stranger that’s come or stumbled here by chance, without having had the tenebrous kindness as to introduce himself. Who are you in such a case?’

‘The retriever of most adjacent dreams as to border the line between reality and that of a nighthmerous audacity as to wake up such a sombrous man such as yourself; as I’m but kindly aware that you’ve been sleeping during such wits of eons that to be completely if nigh-forgotten in such ways as that of simple courtesy being largely abandoned in the hopes of what?’

‘Dreadful arrogance as I and the men before me who had taken the crown before I even stumbled upon, with such wit as I am, clumsily so, are guilty of and may never even be as dreary as to lay myself in such forgetful as a nature as to lay still.

But yet you stills stand before me without a name, a thing that’s trying to lecture the ruler of this city fallen, much to which, ingrate you may be, It is my turn to stand upon thee, as to bask upon such admiration of the courage of bold youth, to which I listen and I lay so, whether or not you wish to reveal yourself, I will not intrude and might will it so.’

Blared scared, boom-boom; there was a war of scum they dug the trenches of steel in, men dressed in seal-children and narwhals and other similar creatures came around the hold and threw moist rocks across the walls, trying to destroy everything they could or just as much until they were caught. It was worrisome how hard they tried.

No band would ever know such rafts they carried on the ground, pulling them like wretched malformed sledges of the most delirious manner, a man could find himself standing and sitting in the same place.

‘Let us proceed into ripping this little pest apart, cruelly so. I wager he is but a screamer of the larger kinds, I wish I could get him as far as I dare day, I will make pain be known eternally to his mind, for I will it to be so.’

A slouching man of much profuse knowing was but put through and would obtain but the most unnatural as to be put through such darkness as was neither bold nor would make a man care for what went out and beyond the Hold, since there was nothing there to be gawked on, having fell upon such drenched ample leashes as to be forcefully walked through a field of horned blissful petals as there are, he could not find himself by whichever means he would, at, rather, passed through time never-ending as to be unaccounted for, he would be bled by means of condescension, as to listen to every obscure word of lore they spoke to him during the time they spent around him. Such a person could not by any means make a difference when it came to the most of things defiles, he could not. Of wretched stature, if one may be, he would not find himself there standing for more than it is needed, that is to say, there’s a place for such a man of worthwhile, as such men who bode well when it comes to tasks of the most courageous manners, they would find themselves on the other side of trench and manners. They would seek distraught and lay not their hands, as to be met in battle, that is to look upon such merriment upon the fields, at the very least they would know as much, there’s little hope for man if he is not a wretch to be called. In which and long and torn about each case, might be, one of these strangers founds himself standing on the other side of such ravine, as to have been pinched around one of his most morbid-looking of each toe, that saying as much. He wore nothing but the most worn-about shoes and knew as little of the world as he was allowed to understand, not that it would matter any longer, for what seemed to approach after was but this. A pair of people whom he met before they, before their bodies were set at peace, with themselves and with one if not many of the lords they had been in communion with. Over a long enough period of time, they were but settled on their fate, having but been drenched in what appears to be one of the greatest falls, a ‘well’ as to be deciphered if one were to look for as long. There but little more to be said as such. He spoke to the corpses now. Him, but Cement Flayer Boulvine, being a man unlike no other for no other reason but some distraught chance that had stumbled onto him during such a time as he would not be and wouldn’t find himself in no other place, seeing and being met as well, in his turn by a giant floating flayed upon man who had been impaled upon a great levitating torn which stood aside for the time being. Tormented

by such darkness as no man could even wretch himself as if to near; it was near-time for them to speak with it. Every now and then during a long-prolonged memory of such communion, they were rather met, as much as one could tell by a sudden surge of life which brought their corpses back from life, only for a short enough period of time as to be met, closely in chambers, despite the fall by him, as well as everyone else who was present during that time, be it an aviator of a most obliquely shaped type, that is to say a bird or the dire-in need of thirst fire ants which appeared to be widely spread across the place.

‘Why hast thou come here and for what reason do you seek such inquire as there’s but very little need to cut through veil as there’s but no man around this abode to make is so a thing like you, of as much worth could seek out of us. You who would but seriously, if one were to be of a much better mind consider this, turn around and leave as soon as you can if you know what’s best for the embrace of another may never be felt by one who stays here, even if what’s intended for such wake as yours, to be called but the love of another.

As one such as me, who has felt and seen and whom bled upon them from the tip of my great horn have known just as much, having watched upon so many things I’ve come to stumble and realize that there’s little to no hope, for the broth of a foolish lover may never be accounted, such pettiness of worth to you. A man who mastered no skill, whom’ but pity took ill has come to stumble upon death, is that what you desire, coroner of such kind? Have you finally stumbled upon the birth of another in which case, were you altered in a case?

Did they hurt you by some means as to disperse your soul and make it so you’re but a tool of vileness in their play of destruction? Is there any satisfaction to be taken back when they find you drenched in evil blood?’

‘Enough of that, I will not listen to a second more, I whom had been standing here for more than you, I seek no peril nor will I be met by death. I’ve come here not by chance, nor should I be called to search for any other lover, as I’ve but come to search for nothing more than a tool. ‘

‘That is to say, the only tool there is to carve?

Would you fashion this garden in your like?’

‘I will liken myself if I so desire, in such a delirious manner as there is, there can be nothing more that will put be at peace once I’m done with it, other than knowing that I’m done.

For such a place as for the bile that is spread around, before the Hold, of growths and such destruction. I have been made aware of the lore and of the knowledge that’s been put forth before me and I must confess, that I’ve known of putrid and of putrefying even before I stumbled upon it, nonetheless, I seek as much as there’s to see, take no pity, but dread as one could bitterly see. Tell me of the kind direction, Man of Flying Thorn, today that I may seek a way to bring some restoration from everything that’s been made and would to be told.’

‘Are you but ill as to find yourself thinking like a man? A human that would see such manners, bastardly be ware, there’s but nothing even dreary to have come about, to have stumbled on your place, there’s but a tendril of distraught thorns, I see as much but there’s no more left for restoration. Everything’s been damned long before you stumbled onto it.

What you're looking as well as threading upon is but a trail of much emancipation, of the beings which destroyed and brought about such wretched things as there would be around, the decimation of every living thing and structure that's been here long before you came.'

'And what of them who are beneath us, alive in their mild embrace? What of you, a man on thorn speaking with me who has been here for such means as there, upon no face of the earth would I have found you by any means, I see no reason for there to be an explanation, as to see.'

'They're but come around from mightily away. You should know that for they came out the plains, near one of the villages you were but born in.

As for I, I am but a creature come from another world, one that hasn't even been called for during such time, I pray of old, so there might be something said.'

He was but struck by such a dumb-obtuse ascendancy that one may have thought him an angel simply by mere peer of sight. Of little fright and more of that when once and once again, it may have stumbled on his way. He shone, Boulvine was but in his prime, a man, no longer was the Floating Thorn in wonder.

'I see that there's something, that is to appear, between the two of us, as it happens I was and have been searching for one as such as there is of your kind. You're but a strange one, come before me as one disguised as a nastily prolonged being, of which nature I would've never known as such, there's no need to hide away now, come out, come out of the body you've stolen from the patch.'

'You've come to understand as much.' Cried Boulvine, as if he had been seen and made to appear in the most capricious and fallacious manner, in peril he lay. Of such dark forces as to be reflected from every side of the reign that crossed, across the forest, must one as such even be deranged if were to see. His eyes, his eyes but shone with such alacrity, yet they were not there. He wore a body that was plain to see not there, at all. Was it a must that he was there, at all?

'What have you come here for?'

'In search of the carving tool, have I not told you?'

'Granted as there is as much, is your will not divine by any means? Would you simply not happen to be beyond it, as that is but a slight fragment of your fashioned power, of the trunk that is servile, that which is to say, you may never be met with kindred in the same place. A man with no face would rather make a tool bolder than.

I see no reason why he would not wretch this land and destroy it when the time approaches. He would make but proper use, but you? If you wilt it, all would but crumble under sludge.'

'I see no reason to tell you as such, but I shall do it nonetheless since time has come. I seek to crack it into stone and destroy everything that's come onto me.'

'What will you do then if you were to find.'

'I will blind you and I will blind myself by whatever need there is, do I find myself understood? Could it be that I see no reason here, let alone, rather.'

He but stopped and looked about the place, there was but a servant there, of ghoulish rook appearance, which indeed had no face.

‘I am the Wearer of the Staff, Clehy.’ That was but laughter, or giggle in normal tongue.

Clehy approached with what appeared to be nothing more but sticks upon such stone, and wrapped around with robe-torn apart and barely put together, as much as his time stumbled, he came to ask as well, as well. Need it be, for such need as termination, that one may be damned, will you listen to me, oh great creature, alas.

He was to be a servant such as guide. He was to follow in the footsteps of those whom were alive. Again but dead, could he not be here by such means as to employ sickness, if one were to know? Or throw a rock and plain as it were, could his mere presence there show that there was something beyond the two of them? A liar, nothing more than a liar and a worse one at that; basked in his own blood in which his servants but drenched each other and flew about.

‘You are but searched for, when the time approaches, you are to come around each day and listen to us.’

Whom to speak of their evil when the reigns of darkness draw, when they were but shown to destroy, and when the towering malformations appeared out of the sky; no darkly lore or priestly manner, nothing as fatherly as to cudgel the destruction upon such manner as these empty words seem to dictate. They were but present there for a reason, dark beings as they were, one and one that would be morbid. The likens, drawing ever near.

‘We’ve come from the most distraught place, we seek as much, that is to say, allow us to draw what we can from your body, then, you shall be left to go along your way and do as you please.

For such a creature as you are is way beyond peace and means of likely bold continuation.

Such power needs as the very least to be partially contained, otherwise, what would happen to one, if he were to stumble upon you at all. No one dares to contradict that what we are to do is but to force you to succumb such fragments of your power as may be, yet.

Here’s what you ask, a part of your gut that may be put through the mule’s head that may be brought to the great eight devourers that come after, and draw near and ever fear of something that might happen to them. If you could as much do something that may by any means come behind it, at any hour.

If you could bring us something in return, perhaps we could be persuaded to, in our turn, jeopardize or solemn act. Litigiously playing around the corners of this act.’

‘You don’t mean to trade what I’ve come to ask of him as well?’

‘Why not? Is there something one could not find himself wanting, if not, but to feel the pressure of such thing.’

‘I will weed such a thing and make it so plain, it’s plain to see that there’s something else to it, but alas, I must confess that I see no reason for you not to take it for a while, with the one and only such exception being that we may confer upon one another this as much. Once you had your play, that is to say, you will

have destroyed, reformed, made the land and carved it out by malicious or frivolling mean, then I suppose, it's only fair that I may get it afterwards, in order for it to be destroyed once and for all and left without a stretch of a single shadow that it ever might've existed at all.'

'Then we strike a deal, sit and stone.'

With which they but opened him, in front of the thorn and the other things present in the home of these dark abominations. Would one, as it would suffice to know, find himself staring?

Lower land, they dwelled in it, not be called when the time drew forth and might've stumbled in. There stood but a crane, something that would not be there, a dreadful arrogance that followed, closer and closer and little after, would they fare the knowledge, came to be.

There is darkness in the heart of man, he will always seek to destroy. He cannot be stopped, that one that is born of evil will, tenebrously tender in his heart. Such as there lay, there, will not be spoken of, instead some other place will be approached.

Beyond land, somewhere that existed and didn't, at the same time, as no possible paradox, but a disconnect from the general sight there was, one that could possibly be remarked as the complete destruction and rip-off from reality of their dreams, possible lived-through futures, aspirations and memories, all put together and overlapped, in an eternity shared, and senseless as man would have it, from every possible side. Each and every single one of them was there, in some part.

A captured farmer taken from his staunchly set ranch, then put amongst leprous friends, to his head but a part of a peculiar house which spread about the place, evolving as it had begun, but the sea-enlarged to come and be torn apart, all-together in an unimaginable yet decrepit song of many wrongs, all of which were to be done as far as they could have themselves, be spoke to in eighteen voices.

What wretch was to follow through?

A man put on such a branch, of many thorns had come at last. Deeper than the maceration; bastardly they rose.

Dark meat-wreathed corpses that were not on their way to the throngs of pits and falls; were to be seen and heard after such falls; lay, lay, lay deeper roses. For each of them, frozen little dark petals, all imbued; in some way they were.

Imbued with a strange oozing ululation, but watch kindly as they marched along, trampling the line, and roused up they spread, only one had come.

Standing in shingles, the wretch brought tingles to everyone whom watched and but to thread along no longer called.

There was one of them which was still moving around, wherever one could look and in whichever direction, it served as a reminder of the little petty thing that was behind it. Brooding around like a tiny flake of blood-platters, all surrounding themselves in the most unnatural manners.

'I lay with thee in such regard as there but hope for me to ask, dear me that there might be something for me to take and claim when the time calls upon me to satiate the wonder, I but wretch ask of you this much as well. Say where and I may go if the time should sow such need as there is, to bring but a most unnatural little dark thing that is a knife or blade.'

'Where am I to be pointed in such a way if that's the case?'

'Back into the place of Yore, bring me an apple from the black flying gore, and I shall but give you what you require most of hopeless a world.'

'A childless thing that I may watch over, when I am to be brought before you and before long, where and how may I end up laying and I shall bash its head and turn it into a pool and wink at it before it's been shot front.'

Upwardly he saw it so.'

Farther than it:

'Lo and mighty hour upon which the miles are to be completely and solemnly scourged, I come thee yonder and ever closer as there's but little left to achieve for man in shape of evil that there is before the dawn of the cruelty there is, as that would cause such trouble and destruction upon every hanging man there is upon the world, I see a reason to call and pace through the troublesome war that had begotten us where we are, upon the shower of cold water in the river of Murgue where dead-damp spirit lay aside in their wake, I see a future that may take us both, to such wretch of seeds and lay.'

And whence the hatred would to be subside and would to follow through as soon as they could brush the side, they had commeth upon such lay, whereas mightily they would look whichever other way as for the humans that were around, lay in suffering after day in which many would die.

'I come upon thee, of great dark spell, alas. You whom has seen pray of lust and known whom to cast on side and, you see what I see and where I stay now, there is as much as one could fathom through.'

Thence both Klikiesh and the Hyena but walked through one of the villages that were set on despair. And walked ever so thoroughly as there was a reason to set eye on wretch; to follow just as soon after before they could be lain.

A man was stricken down by a handle, of which axe was burdened with what happened after, for the pints that entered through enamored by the eerie sight, was brought to a hunchback as would call her back.

'What had happened during plague? During time where evil wretch, when those had stumbled yet to see.'

'They stole, master of all, they stole from me a flock of blades, of which but handles never lay, but entered through men and used as such, I wish only to be grabbed and by the side of things, I couldn't see nor watch as many, but they were here and they were plenty.'

'Dressed in what?'

'Little antelope, hybrenas, hibernating just as such; they but followed through and just as funerals, they were here in a while, to see, and stole what they could out there.'

The hunchbacked witch but pointed them, and would to know, settled as such, followed through and was allowed to call upon help as there were countless things that could go wrong. Evil day that would dismantle them, they were neared such an end.

Of man, no caravan was empty, but there was a cackler in a giant stone they met along the way. Out of the couch as follows, would to happen if they were to be heard. It was a darkly thing in matter of standing, not too much lifting or bending after a while, what followed through, would happen again now, if only they were to surround themselves. An affront as such as would there be, a prank they said, a jest called see. And they looked.

‘I am the great pester, the one who brought the plague.

My servants the evil insects were, as it may, brought in the lust of Spanish flies that bred, or similar to kind and breed as they would die off, in whiffs of air, I seem to have fallen through in dark despair, lo’ and there yonder see and observe in the forest where stronger of those whom fled before you carved the way.

Some of dark, and mist at last; two tall burning bore through casts were burning during brim and follow through, and incessant screaming, lay in it, and through the tubes and wallowing in, they burnt after. In place they stood and lay as well.

Helmelekke was but a prune, he has reached and would scoop out and would’ve found himself tirelessly wasting, as if a wafer never ending. Out of fire he had reached at last, casting himself from just as far a place as he could stand away from, passing over through both pillar and stone, he had come to throw away both men as if they shone. There, past them he had come and stumbled upon the trenched forest where he would’ve made such call. Him but an anchor to some world he might’ve forgotten if there was a chance to do it and to lay where he stands. But near oh, near, it would but signal for him to reach, and move away from where he stood as such, and follow in.

A peculiar thing, the Thorn Hliuglet, of might, endeavor as much as could be told. Would reach to see as much as they could be, they lived in some incessant glorious instability; finally broken yet a voice did bring. And thorns were speaking to blameful of wretched masses, which his inside insidious air, whom had followed through and asked through whisper, when to come through and tell. It was something to be aware of, being impervious to all but touch, and degraded and what followed after, Helmelekke was but asked.

‘See that fragment of a frame, that fell out of a broken hem? That one that has white fur on it after a manner, I wish you’d bring it to me now and ever so sooner after; no much sooner than it is worth and somehow I could see it as much, it is a glitter that an ant would see but it cannot be seen by normal eye.’

‘Then why must I go and follow it in that case?’

‘Because thou must follow find it for us, for we shall help your not get split and thinned and breathe in as if thou were to be cast in the most perilous of dangerous to be in and lesser of splits that your mind, that things that’s ours now might live.

We offer you this and only thing, a way out, you may be able to pick it or whiff it out, as your choice is only made.'

'I choose to do it in that case.

I shall find you that glimmer of a frame, whatever that means, I shall do it by whichever way there is.'

But before he could finish, of the striking roads there seemed, only but a single thin, planted on the sides uncannily, bastardly even and even more thoroughly. Many whims of many roots, and many of them simply put.

A strange talker, chatterer that was dressed, in iron-belt stretched arrows, that looked as if they formed a fort, within it was a bubble heart and a man formed out of a jelly block, it couldn't be distinguished either, but every wrapped about anchor, within every arrow but a single sheet, with many words of agony wasting and many of them of ill-defeat, they spoke of plenty days to come, as evil sages had become, hardier by the hour, trying to write what they could, and would. They were remembered during such evil day. Like one of these, whence one were to behave and be kindly put around the shaft and fall down and be buried inside the ground.

'I am Shelfeat, the Self-Eater in defeat and I challenge you to a tournament of less defeat, where our hearts should see one another after dark and we shall see whom shall bring the darkest of those that are about us.'

'Whom are you looking for?'

'I do not know but all of the sudden.' Shelfeat seemed bizarrely afraid as he looked around and would refrain from looking anywhere but yet around. 'I remember, oh dark woe, to me, I see that something's yet to come but it had followed me through dark and none other could know of it.'

'What are you afraid of?'

'Of them, of them, there's no, nothing in there but dust.'

'Down there, then we shall, perhaps we could have our tournament somewhere else, no?'

Other

Twass a dying beast across the scarred border, whereas they lie in heart as worth as follows.

'Listen to me now whereas wherever they might go and claim, of plenty ham and wrought in lain. There is nothing in there, out there and in any other place for me to hold graven bolden golden plate. Than to ask for such a palate of pastels, as there is inside.

I seek of you, I ask. What is that?'

And he followed through, and joined as guest, they were both but made to stay the night and refrain from everything that went around. Passed from hand and hand, was brought.

Of which power was drawn from time to time when it but pulled away from it, this could be said.

‘I am the Great Sage of Kill, I’ve taken every animals and turned it into pill, I’ve made everything I could make out of them and found something, a trick you may never come to understand, something of my decrepit mind that is search-destruction, brought from the insides of my chest where is my brain-chest that which hides and hisses away all stranger that hides in glass and in the trenches of masses that there are there, I call at last that you may come to understand.

It’s a ritual that may bring such end as that, might it be dissected from such times and times again, I shall cast whatever there is of me, again.

I have crushed those pills in my mouth and ever so momentarily I’ve become them even before the time could arrive, I could but search and cry upon them as I inherited their blasted memories and cast out of my mouth but what they had inherited from their dark masters, the Alabaster-shaped and hardened Boasters that have claimed to kill my previously cherished victims I’ve taken the claim and lives off in such time of peril as there is now.

Look outside.’

At the mark he spat, out and out, plenty of kitten-shaped dolphin shrouds of many colored spikes that but pierced the window like arrow shafts. He choked with little baboons and was become now no longer comically cursed by the pills, that were drawn, the cattle-boons and the horses now lain in the greater haves, down there, in front of his house.

‘I’ve also formed every livid barbarian there lay outside into a pill as well, but I’m afraid of choking on them as one would know of what to search after, and find himself after, looking after me as I’m old. That much I’m told.’

‘What was told of your past before? And whom might lie about it when told? I seek retribution for those whom choked on chains without explanation, and now that I came upon you, Great Sage of Kill, I’ve come to understand as follows and might not follow within the reek, I claim, your life is to be on its way and be wasted as follows.

You’ve admitted guilt to me for having made poor peasants die, in thorough and in defeat, at the feet of which only their wives might understand what followed after what the heaps might mean.

Please, Sage, follow me as such, you shall admit your guilt to the peoples and then I shall but stab you down, take you down, claim you on top of a great Arc that I shall claim for myself, bringing only calamity to all the men that might follow me after in such battle as there might be.’

‘Leave me house or I shall call upon my powers and make you but choke on a pill.’

‘Am I to be killed then? Am I to be completely destroyed and made to waste?

Like everyone else before me who has done nothing for or to you as to claim. Why?’

‘Because you alone are sole witness to my shame and guilt and I will have no witness.’

Then he willed the pill in the man's mouth, which in turned formed a great house and greaves of iron which in turn destroyed half of the Sage's room, entering the basement as he was but splattered in.

'What have I done? I brought ruin to my own house, blasted barbarian, I didn't expect. You had a house erected before you died, but how much time had you on your hands?'

And by no means or powers could he but remake the house and it was already wickedly destroyed in such a way as he could not understand, nor did he want at all. He was but uncannily unaware of what was happening around him, so he left.

Within the hour he was but at a Make-do, filled with training men of plunder who traded only by fighting and by large misuse. Since there was no such thing as the Sage wilt or might, he could only but cower in fright and offer as much.

'I may only fight the only way I know, and this is the only thing I can show for my skill.'

There was a scar, he hid something in the scar. A hidden long-vein like secret compartment that had bottled air-launchers hid in that actioned one another, weaker and weaker, then stronger in the front or at least as it neared the wrist from all the way back to the back of the forearms, prepared to launch a pill, or will it in someone's mouth. Great and grand they were weary of what might happen if they put trust in him.

The mind is but repair. And there is much despair in the man that follows instead of trying to fix himself before he draws near. This den-hovel house-watch that was but a kingdom in itself where they gathered about, and made a structure, on a pit of dirt, that followed after.

Where they put a few fences as well as many other things as well, and cast upon themselves such pain as there was but punching and punching away, neither of them could help, or wreath as well. Not a single man to tire, they were but sweating after the fire.

But once the Great Sage of Kill, had come within them, and ranks of Ill, once he had figured out what to lay, and will it away, he did it as if to convey. Only the strongest of pain-muscles wilt inside their heads and paunches, and everything that followed after. What could be distraught and what followed about were many men that fell down, while others had to worship him as time but came to a stop. Oogling for far too long; he figured out that he might as well just order them. Make me a bench, a table that I may do what I want to do then leave without a trace and no longer will I turn your kin in such disgrace as there is and I shall only bring the most unfathomable ends and bend the will of every living thing as well that may come to challenge.

They brought the materials from far away. Some even took weeks or months at an end. And they house the Sage in their tents and fed him grains, watered his thirst as it followed as well. Back aches for the cold that was the cylinder of ice his spine was made out of. His existence was a limited one and as soon as, to say the least the next Summer, it would melt and he would die, ripped in an explosion of guttural sounds and noises that may never be found afterwards, it was the only thing he could follow after and the only thing he could wish.

First to be finished with the bench and incantations, he but put a finger in.

‘Who else will offer me a part?’

‘I will, as long as you make such claim as to say it will last.’

‘It will, it will and never wonder, if I put a sill through.’

He made a most obtuse thing as a spell, a chamber out of a finger bloated, in which he crawled in, also killed many of them as well, yet not himself since he appeared to be phasing through the fingers that were added in. Then the Finger-shaped house-hornet flew away with him in it. Lead by such hill, as there was floating in the sky, lain on a floor that was air and floods of thunders that were dry, no rain and no storm, the hill opened, and split in half, entered by him, and met by Bloor.

Mighty man of hardy nature, eighteen pelts of belts and danger, made to feel and made to watch he had a head inside his sash. Kept it warm, but companions complained.

They were there, during a diner, all of them Violet-dressed dames. All but sipping on green tea, smiling with pearls of white, I see. They were wearing red hats with little marks and drawn on top jewels. Some of the jewels had spikes. Some of the spikes had hairs and were alive, as in made of some unnatural skin that would’ve belonged to a creature from another world.

‘I am seeped of many a kill, I’ve taken lives and yet to still myself before one great proper. I could’ve killed you as soon after I was to be found, near the den where they planted you, I could only see as far as a year.

I didn’t know you’d contend or that you might find yourself but there, during a time that might be held, to commemorate such disease as there is as well. This joy with others, something that I’ve never shared; you were supposed to be like a blood brother to me, but I find myself lonesome instead of knowing what to tell.’

‘But brother, you’ve killed, too many died by your hand and still.

I will take you in.’

Thenceforth he was housed for many days.

Soon enough they were joined as well, by a strange primitive world. They were entered by the contortion that was thumb-but-hill, that served as a key, entered now, of worth.

A sizzling sight, of red spins, something that was the sky, colored but a vortex and many things that moved when ill. They were puking but red, the lands were dead and made of hen, all dead and sutured as well, but could be walked on.

Sage of Kill and Blur, they came and wee to follow, a few violently dressed red hated by the pockets of red-mist that were in the air as followed came after. They were thinking of trying to bring hurt, upon the Sage for they hated him, for he was not as tall nor as sharp as there would be more.

Brought about and seen before, a great thing it was, unnecessarily thin.

Attacked by great spirit, fathom it as such, a giant head that was made of fat – far extended from the point in which it stood, with many horn-like entries that were pushing out, they should. Acting like snakes, and little ostrich-bodied shaped legs, many of them extended forth. A fat man lump that was but connected to a giant conveyer-belt form; from every side of it but pushing, the ostrich-legs but hooting as they extended their heads, or his legs, up and down like primeval grass-hopper steady, but kept in line, no arms and nothing else but many openings in the chest from which flat-like globules were set in flight, many even more pumped and moved away, made to push through as well. Many which were winged, others whom were not; but the giant fat-lumped head's eyes, they were hypnotized. Of malady he was made to waste and push out of the holes in his chest but many unnaturally set gases all of which were but set around and followed around whatever they could, the dead voice followed soon after. He opened himself as soon as he could, but then again, he was done for, and rotten away.

But lo' as soon as there was one as clouded, as soon as he was in to come, and therefore from where he stood, there was, to run, upon whence they followed after, of such bands that were counted after every stone for wear and everything put, and everything worn away, they called, as such, upon the act, they called for more and something after, and wilt it to happen, as if torn behind. For as hardly put together as it were, it could fall, in such a thing that would cast all of them with it, as to put aside wherever they might go and plead. And feed each chicken, broken wing, a swing and a miss, whereas where they lay, upon a graven gray, and open, as to, let alone, uncouth forget, what happened after. In the midst of the distancing there came a stray disaster, they had called the mourning.

Lo' and lay first of the men who stumble upon him, to call.

'I've seen by and by with every hour pass, my brothers pay but stone to last, and get but away, and take what they say, an ounce for every pig they slaughter and bloody stone and bloody after, went to flight, and out of sight I wonder yet what happened after, long before I died.

Long before I've been bled try, I, of man who, let alone try myself, I feel myself left to sight, and breathe upon the lost plains, I ask of last and last of men, whom have I become and since my body lay beneath home, where am I to go?'

To which they but entertained; the spirit taken out of his fallen graven, a soul for every passer seeing, for each and every single one of them falling through, as but diseased was but a ceiling. And lost and out of touch for no longer were they standing yet to watch for every fallen brother yonder, for what was butchered after, it had stopped. No spoil of war and no reminder of what dignity was of such and flight, they were but set to wonder just as soon, hardly a matter since that point on, they were to swoon.

But alas, in the distance there stood but Ifeldus, whom but on such cry, he whom followed but in tune, to die, were he sent after, would he ask?

'Have you come to show me where my mere path has led me thus?'

'You are set here in stone, have you forgotten? Through stone and lay and waste and they, whom shall follow through as well, when forgotten, lain in frog, through such murkiness, I would call. No other man to hear such rain, for all the sacrificing gone a long way, where it to be. If you had known as such, you would've called it, before, I see there's something but a speck, I see that you still stand, yet. There's no reason to stay here any longer, city watch, there it stands.

Broken and wretched, I see, at last. You've stumbled upon something I've yet to name.'

'But how could that be since, dear man, you've led me to my grave, no promise and no spoil and none as such that would follow after, I see that you've entranced me yonder.

Could there be as such, as a mistake?'

'That is for your godden vows, and for those wrongs, for those whom had known betrayal, they, of many a man and many of them were brought here as well, so much so as it is within reason, I can say.

Lay your arms for you no longer need them, as they stay, lay your hands and whatever you bear. Lay your body down there and see where you may get to, such, as it is. I can hear the course of water, and of spring.

You must, at once but follow through and sing.'

'Won't I fall, if I am to go through it?'

'Nay.'

And he was on his way, lay dead, as his father wilt it, without a say.

There was the dark in clouds and whom followed after, a wretched thing, a bloated cluster, and what came through, after, from the other side of the wall, brought, seen through the giant beast, not to stall, came but the Sage and the Blur, the many maidens as well as they could turn and reach, they grabbed each man and held on him. No longer would they complain of height, not to bear such an insurgence after that, only after a while would it make sense, but out with them and out of their faces, then again.

'Have we been eaten then?'

'I see no reason to hide, I think we've stumbled upon such land as it but changed, in tide. I think there's but a thing to say for every shared reason in Kill.'

'I bring death from within.'

'That is good to know, Great Sage of Kill.

But what does your command think it might do, when upon sea I see but a rip in dirt, that's followed through. But have you beckoned of die?'

'I've yet to come to stumble upon such a man.'

Purple-yellowed Dame-cadaver, as such he painted their corpses in the lack of an exposed color, what followed after were them floating, levitating yonder. Spinning and spurring as if they weren't not of a place, of a face belonging to this earth, they couldn't shake themselves off or be set forth.

Many of them were but strained, and neither of the dames would, let alone, explain.

'Have you wilt them dead?'

‘I have, I have and there’s a great reason for that, and I might come to explain to you what I see, there in the distance, there’s nothing more and nothing plainer, I am pleased to say that I’ve stumbled upon many but fewer, lesser of such concoctions.

I’ve stumbled and fell, I come yet to know as well. That what we’re after is a land of pores.’

‘Will they breathe us in?’

‘They might, and I might make it our home.’

With which they were but giant race, it appeared and wore no face. The entire species of the beastly kind, it was maddening to see it but on a front and only on the line, around the sky and floor, but no more than fifty feet each side, they were depressed through, but flew as well as it could, all but standing, on top and on to ride. One another’s shoulders hiked on the first try. For plains of ever window clouds, and puffs were flown through, were they to be met, and lie.

Tender

Alas, it shall be so, settled that no man might be so blind.

Staring at the mirror for too long and barely standing, blamably as such, it was all kind and terror until someone opened the door. It was all morose until someone with a heart came along, and then.

They were taken after a while and made to suffer like monkeys in pucker bucket cages, all made to breathe.

Alas of stranger day, there stood, an open door that alone would shook. Would to be, came the gallant groom:

‘I’ve shaken nomad off thine land and seek when hour yet to come, of dry and off grander, of what came there of little more than stronger than there is, I seek the one that’s in power lain across thine field, I see as much. There’s green along and many yellows, all of whom were to be turned to turpentine, a fellow. Once had told me just as such, I wear a helmet that’s a beat and its eye.’

‘Whom was the one you’ve taken it from?’

‘A man of his own worth, whom had looked for me when I was in need, and least of all, would I have seen it happen, if there was a chance within, and within my time, I would’ve done it so and I might’ve reminded myself.’

That there was hope past the Lefighl Spire, and he, Lhyuglsnafflur would’ve found it hard, a wretch alone to admit in his house as to admire. Of golden vows, he had begun, of little more than the golden blue that’s taken him a while. To notice and to keep the pace as to find the man whose stolen his grace. For only a pure man, as one might be, were it to happen for, he, alone was to marry his wife. His soul could only be as sun. A Lellekplapper was but there, standing upon dark surroundings, unaware of life around,

surrounded by a stench he was but gone, drawn inside the yellow flower, eaten before he spat a lyre. His bones were sharpened, he was but a mule, as soon as he was spat out, it sung but a drool.

‘I’ve come to serve and tickle thine dreams, will you accept my gift or are you to be at such a feat, as no one else might find them yet, to draw from the reality, before a time that might be lead.

Stagnation comes from deeper south.’

‘Do not shun me when you can, least of all but misbehave, bereaved as you are, I come at last to take what I claim and might take a moment longer yet I’ll be done.’

‘Then have at you, petty man, I’ll eat your throat and malnourish you away!’

Thwarted but as yonder, touch. There was as such, the lord was but a cast away, from where he stood, the groom but taken, yet abashed, off the road now gone and home he must. Unless intruded upon, no longer had he lest of all any chance, like a grasshopper with hope in its heart, what came after could only bring his command, back from where it started an even further.

Devious thing had but appeared.

It spoke of same tongue, but never to near. It jeered like a petty snake, one that was retracted yet skinned-purple, and of barriers let.

‘I am come here to bring you fine brew, I’ve come from wild destination whence my ancestors still dwell anew.

Each with new skin least of all abandoned, each of them but mightily in fright but let alone darted.’

For not a single one was filled with venom.

It said something in his ear and the man was made as to dissappear inside a peculiarly shaped galleon.

Before the reigns were put down, it’s been a while, and thenceforth from where they stood, it’s begun. Twenty more and more to follow after, whence they came and drew onwards after; came but Leggev-Leger Moon Basil, of dreadful ledge on which he stood, there were as many and yet to prove, neither of them touched either of the walls, and neither more would know to follow on, they drenched the stalls. And no longer in asking, one of them intruded on his study:

‘Where are you come from and from what age have you come from, when, upon drawing along to our conflagrated den, you poured in before each step and you invited yourself before a time yet. Thence before the hour, you’re given ink and you shall spill it wherever you can or you shall be taken ill and dreaded so.’

Broken teeth along the path, they ruminated after dark.

In the room entered a figure. It was tall and none the breather.

Tall and glossy, glorious as if the helmet was made out of caustic, and of petty red, for whatever reason, dread ahead, thence it followed after. Dressed and mightily adorned with a queer look that couldn’t be of

his own, nor lack of either, a stranger to the eye he seemed. Desperate for some sort of approval, and a wink to the eye, he wore them around his neck and just about his jutting dye, which much protruded and never as for long intruded on anything else but his bloody slim. And neck within, and trench-dug body heaving in, that much looked about right.

Many patterns of floral design and the destitute of a great helmet standing around each shoulder as they passed from hour to hour until no longer would he cower, the man introduced himself innocuously as follows.

‘I’m Grahlmouse and I’ve been following you even since I’ve read your sacred paper, after heaving out of trench, through the body I stolen, I am the man that killed the village you were in.’

‘Bastard, why have you done that? What reason is there?’ Cried Basil and in a moment he realized that he would lose his temper no matter what entered his reasonless ill. Too hard, periods of much disgust would follow after, none that could apply to him, he was set to follow after, realizing, deep within, there was something wrong about the world. He didn’t fit there, not at all.

‘Where have you come from, if you don’t mind me asking? Seeing how you’re a sage great, someone that cannot be unnerved or made to waste, I’ve come to know nothing else and nothing of the matter.

But I know as much and I know, right after. You’ve made yourself some tiny bead, and on your paper, which I see that lay put around, as follows, at your feat, there’s something that cannot be done about it, can it?

You’ve made a name out of yourself in these parts.’

‘Wait a minute, now wait a minute, there’s nothing here worthy of such disciple, I think, you need to reconsider as much.

Listen to me, Grahl and I will try to entertain whatever scheme this is before I lay my arms in whichever other means there are.

First, for your question, I was born in the little town of Lynhbernile, not that it should matter for a big since you, vile thing, just so happened to destroy it.’

‘Have I? How and what have I done to earn such a thing? Have I truly been as wild as I were mischievous?’

‘You were, of course you were, in case you weren’t, whom else might’ve brought the destruction past the breathing places in my home?’

‘Lo, behold, I see something being taken hold off.’

What could it be and was he bluffing? Such arrogance was mislaid and put just about heaved, and wreathing. Pleasure was just as much as follows.

A great dark beast wreathing in and out, one could see it, a two ships put on top of one another, endless wings in the back, many of which looked like an inverted melting sea that was brought back to life and

inwardly-pressing. All too close to the misgiving and the dark depression that pushed within and without, and breathed upon them before the time could draw on.

And whence it started calling upon dark days and the Danes, of spirits which whence called upon, like ancient flags upon the wails, were to follow through and see, they would be, and ancient men of long renown had carried their gift of little more than time allowed, and ancient day but followed after, as the beast came only not as stronger, but infinitely more so and darker than some says would allow it to come forth.

Of little more angelic grace, determined to come after, when the time as well; a figure showed, was spat behind, but of the long mile, it broke through the door and charged through the pile, of hay, and houses and of studies, there, whence stood in front of Basil and of Grahl. Both of them being thoroughly greeted and obeyed, for every word came along the way. It could be of nothing more than sunken and little more than it could be defiled and seen for what it truly was, and therefore since that point on.

Wretched was the need to ask.

‘Who is the man that came back and returned?’

There was something about the room and the figure, in the way it stood. For starters it was little more than eighteen feet high and looked about ripped apart, and made to be in whichever other way there was space left around the room, that much was shook and neither of them could understand what made one feel compelled to ask:

What had happened after that?

Basil was the one to flee, he didn’t do it out of some vice that compelled him to sacrifice everything as to prologue it, nor out of arrogance would he do it, yet. Out of kindness he had asked himself as much, and why stay? Why stay at all?

It was immaterial to such for such a book as would there be, and anywhere else where one might make claim as there to be, there was, as it were unclear, of much and as for long as there was ware, they wouldn’t have looked at hold, to bear.

Outside, as one of the fallen citadels beyond the garden and beyond the Hold, there stood a strange formation, buried inside a cold-stone, there touched.

Yore they yelled

Curl thine way and lay in place wherever else they might follow after, as of slaver the one that cannot wait, impatient as they say, until the day where the mirthful might satiate as such, there came the sermon in a time of much well earned distrust between men, that followed after, as they reminded one another of glory and what follows through, of much and deeper lord, that waited for them to come through light of gate. As soon as earth would let alone come in time to let, as it spared, beware and behave as one could

see it yet as such, many men but went their way and much to their blessings yet again avoided and followed on the house of bells, where upon the cherished blessed day, no longer stalling after hunt and brought about the margins but a single light that had been brought from a hovel's after side, whence they had burn the pagans and the heathens, in disgust and least of all disturbing cast the ones that came from far, the dark ones that were skinned, at last, they only brought their heads, not to give another second after, they came to bring no bitter press upon their bodies, souls. Many were missing but such as they were it was known that neither man, of dark enclave, of what had made them, let alone would understand what it took, for men that shook to be brought back to the world, in light. And be made to have known what that meant and to bring themselves out of their grovels, in which they hid, as to be made to cloud their judgments when the time was brim, of augur burning, ever since.

'They've destroyed it because you stalled, you men, of all should've known what was happening before the time had drawn on, you of all should've brought yourselves closer, and instilled, and felt what they might care to call, you left yourselves open to sin.

For no man should bring as such, another darker one closer to him, as such, for their souls are naught but ashen-brown and they've been burning ever since they came on, into this world, with nothing more than a will to destroy, I call you as, and ever since, as men of mighty armor, of strength and much wonder, as to listen to my, such command.

And spread wherever you might and charge upon their blasted lands and claim their lives and drive in masses, for they have brought disease and cast you from your righteous path, they would contort you in such plain disgust as many of you will have forgotten, from ancient time and what comes after. For there is evil in their hearts and malice, that which can only bring destruction after, and ever bring themselves much, forth and yonder as to corrupt you as such.

I call upon thee' men to grab whatever you can and cast them from the heavens you've built but were cast away from them once they realized, once they've come to known, that your souls are too charitable, filled with compassion as one would should, immediately forgotten, just as after, one would pick a dog and let him starve, the master is what they've become, but not on rightful, fair of terms, they've stolen from you and contorted everything, as you would known.

Cast away, cast as such, you need to bring the culprits to such justice as such jaundice would call, the call of war that never might stop, the one that would have you all cast them out. And cast them by force as to denigrate them further, destroy and fallen, and rightfully after, I call upon you all again.

Despite their lands, and leashed backs, as you will follow through to punish all and all after, without wretch and without disgust, you shall go much further down in land, you shall put them out of their miseries and convert their lands to such a proper thing that might be holly after, as to bring your heart back into the place and beyond the misery they might caster after if left to proliferate and then and only then as such, will you be allowed a pause, and nothing more and nothing fairer as to cleanse them, ever the closer to despair, and much farther than that, bearer of their skin, I call upon you since. To show yourselves and cast away, regardless of what you were promised, it is clear that you are traitors and traitors amongst the way, may never be accepted.

For fairness may be forgotten just as soon as you show, the malice that can be found in them, as you will be cast as well, in snow. Where you will rot amongst your darkly skinned brothers, as we drive them away, and cast them as one might lay.'

There on forth and there on out they went and charged through spare and spare of land until everything was pure and clean, yet it was known, deep within. Such a battle would never come to stroll, an end, it could never be purged, yet naught as well could slip by, and no such creature could be made to die, without a rightful cause, as there would be no one else to preserve them, and no one else to care for soul, and no one other to come after, either, once the great race of Yore. The greatest piety comes with pain, what follows after cannot be left to fall in vain. For flail as one might, and cudgels and whatever else might one come to need and to insert and cast upon such men's girths, one would have to be repeated and one would have to stumble undefeated if it comes and what it takes to bring them back to justice could only come to such as there is, a greater price.

Fellow men befell to spell, for he may adorn himself with lies and treacheries as enemies as well. They would cast you down and lie to be, and would call but such reason as to see, there's but little more and little less, one would have to, let alone impress, cast them down, let traitors die by hands alone, and wring their necks in, for after the smokes clear and what comes near would mean nothing in return. This is the legacy that waits, for all to remember what comes forth. Only when their deaths are felt, on the ground and many but killed, and bloodied and let alone, not to forger, that thine enemy would do much worse, and mercy for them is but death for many generations of yours, of children, of young, of maidens forced to servitude and defiled, of future and of culture spilled, split and vile and made to be completely wasted. Their deaths would be on your shoulders alone, cast yourself where their beginnings ended.

Unless the man cherishes such things, in, mere away, he may fall upon himself and stumble and die his way, alone, abandoned, yet another petty thing. His heart is vile and he may be forgotten, his soul defiles and beyond it, rotten, there'd be just as naught, not to remember him but to remind ourselves. These kinds of men can only see, as shortened as their sights are, one could be, no lesser set for such distrust, as to cast himself out from his countenance at last.

See his petty hide, be brought then, to such justice as to see him far and in-between gotten. He may be just as soon be taken and less forgiveness, strongly abated.

'I see such men, on many roads, they're but of little future and of lesser wont. Yet they live and they make, on other people's backs, they wail, and take whatever they please, but never do as much as to return and yet they weep.

Upon blessed whipped back, I count upon thee to give and lay and cast them away and forget what they might spare of thee, when come upon your way with him. Do not dare turn your back from man, for you cannot trust any, especially them, take by grip and cast as you see it, do not count on them to dare. On a fair thing as a match beware, for little pettiness comes at last, for they may cast you before them, wretched things that come to life, upon the yell.

Not the direst of blessings might save you when they come your way, for they are cruel, such is life, and there might be no forgiveness for what follows after, that alone might take your breathe and lay in awe.'

Such were the cases when man was gullible as to think himself safe from them, when wonder would leave one off his wails, when one would stand alone, forgetfully of what they came for.

‘Wretched beings as they are, you cannot forget where and when you are.’

‘But what would it do to walk away? What if one were to curl such stance and let it be called.’

‘Nay it is the simple answer, for when the time comes one may not, even to the least of hope avert his eyes, he would bring their termination as he would destroy them through and through, without mercy, not to stall.

Thine enemy is thine future’s destruction and nothing less could be forgiven to man, for if he had, let alone allowed him to do as such, he might seek no reason but to wail. And whom might cast himself a dame? Of such thing as would bring weakness to such a gaze?

Could you not see that there’s nothing to it, but to wait and see? Could you not and have you not come to understand that such a weak will cannot build something that would last?’

‘What of the enemies that have infiltrated to our ranks and would have us kilt? That would turn one against the other, not to spill even the spoiled and rotten, most morose of spills?’

‘One may only bring such anger forth and one may lure them out, with as much hope as to kill them as the plague they are, and butcher them like little petty evils and bring only such destruction that one would forget they ever existed if such, at all. Bring them to justice and covet no lie, for if it is left to proliferate, there’s nothing that would come to life, to such an end, that it could even as meekly evacuate what’s hidden in their souls.

It’s rotten you see, their will cannot be wilt for long, it cannot be satiated nor will it last, for as long as there is a chance for them to come forth.

For as long as there’s a chance for them to be brought during any time, one may wonder whom had led them one? Who is but the cause of them being brought? By what means and how have they stumbled upon the roads that lead them forth, at last. If it happens, it needs to happen by all means, by all man’s effort put together or it will always be there, by some mean or another. It can be of no other way. Either it is done by all man, or by none at all, for no amount of power wilt, by any such a fraction, of small a group may hope to dare, to bring them all to such destruction as their likes would never come to let alone repair themselves again. It’s even, as it’s said, so-so clear that there can be no other way.’

With which they both had ended, one to have returned to study, as to have left themselves, back on, least one would remind himself, there was somebody, called forth or left behind, and their hearts would but beckon to be left out from the maladies that were brought into the world, they would come to realize something about the real evils never told.

Rider of Mettlethlesh:

Of thence there came to drag him after during such time before there was a chance to sky in sight, and there upon the brooding farmers, had he arrived.

‘I’ve come upon ill, upon plain of yielding where mighty men as thine would seem to follow after, and long before such disaster is to come, I hear and bring upon you such grand a cast as there is, before what is bore, before such time, I reckon there’d be missing people yet to ask.

Where has the Rider come to drag his lance and spare thee waste, I see a way of entry into the palace lands, I reckon you might give such sound as one would find it.’

But lo’, they dragged themselves over and would endure, not to face such tenure, of such grand a man there is and come from far and much farther than would he find himself as if to ask, there would be none and none, far other, to come and drag upon chain and after, such meddlesome beads, of stolen veils, and theft from whence the darkest lands were brought and far, and brought as such would he scuffle after a while, as if to ask.

‘I wish upon myself, grand farmers who are my hosts, to indulge me into bringing a toast, to lend upon me such lead, as to agape me when asked for, now I see.’

They followed just right after and would’ve brought him anything after, if it weren’t for the time of lay, when the sundown would remain stilled upon the frame of light, the part of it fallen over that would’ve found itself, wretchedly abhorrent as it were. Would to be and would again.

Another rider, from south of Mettlethlesh:

‘Grand Inquisitor I’ve arrived and come upon you, stumble out of fright and firmaments of evil, much abhorrent there, do stay, and walked upon such empty way, as wallow through as after would they stay their arms and miss their heads and ever after, brought upon such mighty wonder, I seek but such renewal as to find and hear, as to near that day when we might near such a world, with sun.

Upon its drowning when time is gone that we may still our hands and bring peace, at last, when, upon the day, never ends.’

‘And who are you, mighty man, to ask as such? Why are you as bastardly similar to me, as I, thought I have not seen or heard news from watch, I’ve come to meet you before my time would come to endure. I beckon thee to reconsider as such and return, you must understand, my heart is not in the proper land.

I feel nothing but contempt at my very own self for what I’ve done, for what I’ve yet to stumble one, and now, I no longer feel as if I’m to be gone from any other place, you see? My heart is poisoned, flee in terror but do not see me any longer, from this point yonder, I see no future for myself. I see only pain and venom that’s to be injected in those who listen to me from this point on.

I am afraid, alas, that there are forces that would have me so, and would they listen when I told him, do not bother such a tainted soul. They, of whom appear near, they who wouldn’t leave me as such as to disappear, I believe. My mind is but ill because of them, and now, for the first time I see.

I see them for what they are, I see them even before such time was come, drawn upon the things I’ve done, drawn upon what I’m to become.’

‘But lo, do you not recognize me so, my dear brother, whom has taken yet your mind? We of the same wool and skin, we of such thing, how could you be so cruel as to banish me?’

‘I do not know what to believe from this point on. So many things do not make sense to me, for I am but confused in my heart. There are so many reveries that do not look the same no longer, I fear that my heart, no longer, as it is bolder, is to perish before it harms. I fear that what I may say, what courses through our veins will force them all to perish before their time.

To purge their purity, because things that aren’t in my control, I see no reason for what I may do, to continue as they might see through, I, of all, would stand and plain, as it’s to see, I, a bastardly son, cannot satiate my mind as to resist, I do not know reason, I cannot have my peace, knowing that as such, it would result, and bring destruction upon all if I continue on this path.’

‘Then stop and aid me.’

‘That could not be, for you do not understand that whatever I do, I might end up helping thee and them in return, it’s how it is, though most are unaware, of how they act, of how we talk and what we do. I fear that it is something that cannot be controlled, I fear I may bring such pain to people and nothing can be contain, nothing of all.

I’ve tried, upon my beast, I’ve held such crucifix, instead, but lo’, I’ve felt nothing in return, no saving mournful stance that might pull me from the place I’ve come to stumble on, to see them as such. There are things by all means that appear. And whether or not they would near, or yet to come, by whichever form, I will always end up, aiding such a people vile. Aiding them in such things that would defile all and I do not know what to do as such.

For whichever path I take, they will always be helped by some means, and use it instead to harm, great many a man, good men, those that I would seek to protect but I can’t, for I am feeble yet of mind and I am weak and lesser than a blind. For what I’ve do and whatever passing, for my every action and ever amassing, leads the same, and brings but foil to man. I do not know what is left for me to do, I seek salvation but it may not come for such a thing, a crucifix, for good men might make do with it, but I may not.

Whatever reason there might be, I am spoiled and rotten and I may only bring destruction upon all, I do not know what there is left. I do not seek to turn man away from faith at such times, but how can I of all be redeemed when I know so much? Of every action yet there is, of such a thing as lack of peace, of history which tells of us as well. That there’s never been a good one that there might never be yet, it does, by spreading away and doing it en mess they merge and only bring nothing but misery to man, unearned.

I fear. As there is no hope for me to near such kindness as there is in man, I may only seek to ruin and destroy before his time, for I cannot help it.’

‘Live like a beggar then, that way can only do no harm, and bastardly as you are of birth, as well of mine, you may not yet come to defile a thing.

There is still a chance thou might avert and seek as such to not destroy and bent, upon destruction as thine breed, seek nothing else and lay your arms still.’

But neither one of them knew what to do or what to follow after, neither knew what's right from wrong, of such breeds they are as such a shame and pity, of such lies and harm which lay in men, those of poor upbringing which had been whipped, starved, beaten because of them.

'Ours is but something that may never be redeemed, I do not know what to do from this point on, as I have said, I'm but ill, as they are us.

What if all, as such, might give? And.'

He was silent, salient and couldn't understand, his will, his command and intuition, how could they be trusted from this point on? All words and every, else said, and every single thing as well, every dreadful intonation twisted, and whom of mighty world be trusted?

'There's little else to return as well, there's only the crucifix now and little more than some faith if you're ill to know. Hold it to thine breast and be, to follow as there is, keep what little there's to it and see whether there's hope on longer term and time.

You may yet to come upon an answer unless you've tried.'

With which they parted ways without embrace.

Turn

They were in town, finally arrived.

'I've missed this sight, like you would not believe, the warmth, the sight, everything to the most finite detail there was, there is.'

'It is not the same, is it? It couldn't possibly be, you don't suppose?'

But neither one of them wanted to approach the other, just yet.

Like a little speck of light, he leaped on top the post, grabbing it with both of his hands before letting go it if as two young children were on sight.

'What are you doing, missa?'

'I? I wasn't. Well, young sir, straighten your back, immediately I say.'

The kid was but straight on stall standing.

'That's more likely. I think I'm going like this trip you proposed to me, for now. It's been a while, has it not?'

‘Gield, the kid!’

‘Right, you may rest yet, I think.’

With such grace, he pulled the post with an arm and he was yet to be seen as he made it simply vanish in front of their eyes. Crushing the side of his palm in turn, which made it bleed on sight; both children being somewhat startled and alarmed, they ran away only to stop twenty paces from where they stood.

Neither of the lands stood still. Most of them were inconsequential by all accounts and means, some openly battered, thrown and pushed around as if they were specks of their former selves. A great two-by-two figures entered the flat marches, long-elongated trees being perched in the surroundings. A taller figure at least by one tall standing floor stood before them. An open faced-helmet with horn-like flat-structural defilement rested on his brazen face. Darkly molded eyes appeared to be entirely curved around a nose that appeared to be too small and short to be made apart from open-nostrils. It seemed like he seeped in, now and then, dreadingly thinking of whom was around him, dreaming of long lost ages, he carried on.

‘I’ve looked into the Skenmp Skin Sken log and neither of you is supposed to be here, by all means, I shall invite you to attend my sermon and let’s not pretend either of you is here for something else.’

It was tog-shed open around the mouth, reeling back and forth, with coffin like entries which drew them on. Long reeling in lichens wrapping them, cocoons were made and neither one of them could make out what was going on after, nor what was happening around them.

Before the spot: First and topmost of dreaded fading through the first embrace, the little pint-sized people with no heads, and longer arms - the arches drew. A little more, than unimportant spears that came after, through their backs attached, the longer guts were furlong after, much purloin and little strands. All attached on top their hands as if their little more invisible helmets wouldn’t last, for any other reason otherwise. Broken, otherwise working, little puppets they were, no legs either, but strange almost glory lasted, blood contrasted rusty briny swords instead. Many of them largely unfavorably looking, brown-twisted black truffle-patterned armored, many of them bearing the crystal-made cord on top of them, sparkling, oozing with power. They were swinging them about their heads, little more than it should count for the little rays of filth and large baton-shapes.

‘I see there’s but the weapon gone, I see it so.’

‘Hmm, where to go and in which direction?’

‘There, towards, and of mighty and of grander stars, I am to turn when they shall come and draw away from whence and where they’ve go to, forth and yonder.’

‘Is your master, much so than it’s led to believe, is he suffering of mind disease? Of any kind and of much and lesser plain that could be found, upon grand and incessant dark foundation, upon these broken forth and grim disciples that stand upon thine gate, in which direction has he looked?’

‘Forth, grand so, and forth he’s gone to, with. What does thou want, and what doest thou inquire in that case? I of plain and lesser head, I seek such.

I beckon you to turn.'

Thenceforth they both turned and found themselves of little wroth than mattered.

'A song an age that drew from ill, thou callest upon dire front, I call upon thee anyway.

When they shall call upon your door, don't answer, for either one of you, two by two, and call of action, shall be swept away, and die away, upon the grains of the wall, grinded after.'

'But what does thou call upon us to do in that case?'

'Don't seek the Ill, and grand vizier Eddeyeh Ogg, for his part is murkier than any song and any chance of grand return, you needn't look no far than any either one.'

He settled to leave, but as soon.

There was lesser of what seemed the tar, and what came after, and neither and the lesser things, all but gathered, soon as thin.

And then had they had gone and thence, of herd of cattle followed after, whence, upon hour dry, whence they had approached and after, thine, upon the lords had they to sing. Tiresome at large and lay, upon the beckoning of day, whence to follow after, through and after, as soon as they had found themselves after, had there come of lesser, mighty day, of plain of herd and mighty bed upon whence lay as they had found themselves, of darkly matter and lesser ground, upon the gourd, the court, they followed and ever after, they had called upon the meekly hour, lesser days.

'I of all, would see to it that they do come and whence they shall and when prolonged, I shall see and hear no need but lay, I shall go ahead and lay out of my way.'

But whom to follow through at peace and when to call after when not even the slightest hints of better lays, and those that draw after, what else would they convey, if naught? They had only but arrived.

Upon their mighty hall of wooden steel, and mighty as they found within, there stood but mighty man the bard, whom sang around and much to his renown he found himself alone, but pity him no less, he sings, and desperate to have attained, one wing, he had but called to man.

'Grand sire, grand sire, of which the lesser lords admire, those of lesser houses mourn, when you of all, would pass along, whence will I find myself in presence and when will I but, have been found, sitting, would to call. And would to walk, not to stall and not too plain, I seek but such return as would to be, convey, I seek.'

And whence, as soon as sitting down, had they, and would to find themselves convey lesser thoughts.'

The hall was filled and mighty mead about.

Thus end's woe:

And afterwards they had begun:

‘Thou art not righteous any longer, thou are but decayed in heart, in soul, in mind. Adjourned in place wrong, blasphemous but devoured, and this disease, whichever would endower, might of lost, there is none such. And would to after, your mind is cast.

Nowhere would there, and as such, and nowhere less, to dread as such, were there to begin again. You may not see such creatural end. Blasphemous as thou hast become, there is no way, back, there, and whence, might not be any way out.’

As thus it was decided, long before the fallen forth.

‘Thou must understand that there’s no other end to it, as thou has yet become locked, away and stay inside. As fallible as the world is, yours is but a vile thing, driven to no less emerging plight.’

‘Where to and from mighty I pace around if such was the case?’

‘Thine world cannot be worn atop the shoulders of a nasty, cruel, weakling of no man.’

‘I shall yet endure.’

‘Yet you’re caught inside, of rotten mind, and would to be, cast yourself in the benign. There’s no endless yet supply and lest amount to come to such an end.

The hate of man and willingly after would there be none you can discern.’

‘Then let them butcher and fill whatever pleases thine path with such worth and disdain as there is, else there shall be no end to what they bring after.’

And thence they walked in, by the looks of it, head-head, head-head piece all put together on a pile with two elongated pieces below them shaped like ‘I threatened to kill my mom’ written message on top a billboard kind of legs, with the words being as thick as a few millimeters standing out.

‘We’ve heard you were in town, we’ve heard you were desperately trying to.’

Regress into place.

Twunthylo Ikghe

Its land wheel was shaped thus, holding all together in a large brown powdery enclave of Basil. Aggression-titans holding the stone-lumps connected to the bloated pillars with toothless grin- spider – shaped sundials with broken arms projecting the people on the ground.

Twunthylo was curved. Its every inhabitant bore a strange eely thing around their outer ends entering the hands, and bore. Little pint-sized creatures whom were but alike to them, both in size and in evil eyes, opening their maws as to sip in their essence and escape. Projecting it back from where they came from,

the inner-long devices, the weird concoctions inside each tunnel-long stone thrust so. One man, out of a million inhabitants has a finger in his mouth. He was born that way, with his finger. In his mouth.

His skull grew weirdly because of it. For some reason, the front; that was to be ignored.

The time for the mourning ritual was drawn forth.

Many a citizen gathered around, removing their hands off, jolts spinning out of their sockets, leaving and letting off whatever whiff there was inside and out, screws jeeringly pushing forth.

They put their own backs in and made sure the arms spoke to them in return. It could only work this way, only when they were listening with their backs put in.

‘I think the liver is talking.’

Two giant liver-shaped grapnel appeared to be watching them as the men formed a small fort of arms, which became solidified in large-attached to flat-pyramid floors flapping vertically flipped V’s, three of them appearing to hold one another, blankly in the middle, where electric-see through lights appeared to bear small electrical particles in the middle where light small deranged dark-skinned particle small dark shapes were put on rotating strip-stars with strange occult-like symbols singing their incantations after they dripped on the floors and on the ground. Their arms communicated sun-strokes which projected small stroke burnt marks on the outer planetary satellites, in the same way a man would place his heart on his chest but burning and on the surface of the small celestial bodies.

‘I must feed my Dbehelum.’

‘What happened to it?’

‘It’s become part of the titan’s face, look, look, I’ve done it myself, I climbed upon his body.’

‘How did you do it?’

‘How does he do it?’ Cried another man sparingly, his mouths were inner-guts, all out, spitting with wriggling motions on the ground, splitting stone underneath the large vertebrae like crawler that appeared to bear a strange red demonical contortion of a man-spilt blood platter-turned into a death mask.

‘Will you cross the path and abandon the mourning? You must see the Dbehelum for yourself, it can only be experienced once.’

Neither of them could see it from the distance. The town was missing, but it appeared out of nowhere, in a bubble of skin with pebbles in bouncing and destroying everything in it.

The fleshy red-faced pattered vertebrae said:

‘Your godly titans decided for you to become humble and without a home.’

‘Why?’

‘Because that way you shall be drawn to another world, where you have nothing to lose and you shall charge and bring war upon all.’

Thus listened the Myliek.

‘This isn’t going to end up well for either one of us, will it?’

‘I don’t think so, as a matter of fact, I think you’re both damn insane, you’re all insane, if you want me to climb on one of those things.’

‘You have to, it’s part of the ritual.’

‘They are all afraid, we buried it.’

‘What have you done, dark vertebrae?’

‘I’ve asked them to bury it, the perfect immortal, all are afraid of it, all would be destroyed otherwise.’

The path above lain stricken as if by force, fornicated by worst of tenderness and wrought in iron, lesser silver, lacking of the shines of gold. Everything lain in terror, small well-heads, stones barely placed. In many hidden, put in wonders they didn’t speak about.

All is corrupt; all is decay, if one were to look at him, at them. There wasn’t much and lesser leper-boils attached, many of them barely standing on their own, trying to recede as they would go back and forth, incapable of standing in a place. Despite the room being filled with a bunch of people, many of them weren’t entirely whole, for some reason, largely dead, fallen apart by the looks of it, incapable of staying their hands.

‘We’ll have to purposefully contaminate all of their bodies with antibiotics, it’s the only way they’ll get to live through it.’

The immortal could not be put down, by all means, he was perfect.

He was but a piece of rubbery devices all put together in a constantly falling apart kind of charred skin-frame, that would always deform itself as it would revert back to its original form. Being prone to being infested with machines, he was the ultimate thing, a creature of two pieces that could never die or be utterly annihilated just by the mere nature of its being.

Since the machines that were inserted into him were but surrounded by a self-powering shield that was imbued with the quasi-symbiotic atoms that were drawn out of the livid-organ that was the immortal himself, that would spread out of its body and infest the very quantum-layers that are constantly being removed from inside the space that’s lain between the universe and the gods. He was imbued by something that was both beyond and him as well, incapable of being wished out of existence, part of reality as he represented time itself as well as its hybridization. The Immortal was all of history happening at once, and for that reason he looked like a humanoid with prosthetics and a crack addict, as to furthermore symbolize the decay and death of mankind. Animated by magic and by God, he was indestructible.

And for that reason the citizens of Twunthylo put him in a coffin and buried him beneath them. Because of courtesy he didn't want to get out of it, although he could.

He also had an eye in one of his knuckles that shot boomerang-with-machetes shaped power rays that formed clusters of look-a-likes to the person or creature, or objects it hit kind of organic shapes that suddenly exploded into guttural pops of clot-spikes and animal corpses, the rays being also homing missile-like in nature. And capable of phasing through objects, and teleporting, in case the target disappeared in another dimension, and incapable of being reset as it was actioned in multiple dimensions at once, all but coming into view once they hit their mark. Acting in multiple dimensions, and universes all at once, utterly hurting a being at an infinite level, beyond reality as well; capable of killing god himself. If the Immortal Hager-Illnyot had aimed it at himself, he would create an immortality-paradox that would make it so the entire land was completely and utterly encompassed by dead animal cadavers, that would become him, which would repeat the process until reaching a point-in-mass where it would form a square-like shape, with animals-hybrids below the knee-region, chimera-like emerged, and endlessly floated towards dead planets. He would be stuck in a state of being both dead and a live at the same time, in a state where, upon the spread having happened, like a cancer-tumor being removed from a man that has the possibility of pulling through, unless he's an Englishman wishing other people to get it, in which case he would be dead, the paradox would be frozen in place, in some way, as if it were stuck in a technicality.

This homing sharp-edged power ray but being incapable of making its mind, bouncing around the bodies only to stop in place, frozenly struck in consideration. Whom to chase and whom to destroy? Only to find itself creating more of them, thinking, the ray is sentient. Sometimes it has hands that are holding the machetes, and while the boomerang like motion keeps spinning, the hands keep making slicing motions, up and down, other times making circling motions.

A rock lay instead of his heart, he could never forget, nor let go, of the secrets, of immortality.

Standing in front of them, the wormy red clayish thing started squirming in place. It spoke to the few corkscrewed citizens that followed.

'You're to come as close as you can and proceed, there's barely any other way left, that alone should tell you enough. Unless you experience it, the entire land will fall apart and be swallowed underneath the earth.'

It was a reminder that neither of them were safe, not by a safe mile, not since he was the one in charge of the sun-dials and the way time was being contorted, past the sworn out.

Never could forget.

'If you stall for too long, there will be no celestial body left, it will be swiped and ripped away from all existence.'

'We are without reason in that case, aren't we? We are to follow, is that so?'

'You may and may you, least of all go through with it without delay, there's a spark of spread, of skin, of what is left of what piece of the sun there is in dead-of-night out there.'

It squirmed pointedly towards one the broken lanes as well as one of the most peculiar, of hillocks.

Mhyiegghi was but a bow-split head, he asked instead.

‘Wait, great Teburus, ill of blood skin.

What is there in the hollow of the titan that we should seek?’

If there was something of any kind of worth whatsoever, it was the fact that no one trusted that period-snake for one moment. Since, many of them, a long time ago, have observed, on several occasions that were but recorded not only orally but were written down, having happened in a few un-obscure points across the land, mainly during daylight as well as mid-winter when one would find himself not only being prone to be extremely more focused on the dangers that could possibly ruin their hard-worked on resources, but their every testimony seems to add up to one set of facts, that seem to confirm, time-after-time that this bloody creature is not only untrustworthy but has, on several occasions acted to the complete, subversive kind of matter, without surprise, interest of the people, aggressively so, to many a times, leading the poor people to their untimely ends. Many of whom still, to their blessedness of their hearts saw it, somehow, despite having accounted for everything they heard about it, decided to completely ignore and dismiss them completely as nothing else but bastardly set rumors. It was already lady since it grew legs, a second face that was propelled by a retracting out of the split below its chest head, that not only had no sockets but bore two thinned-by starvation arms, with four, helicopter-wing talons, a strange glowing red stone as well as four almost outwardly set pronounced ivory tusks that appeared to allow it to levitate until it grew, in the back, two eely-sheets that, unlike wings not only did not allow it to fly, but they also absorbed gravity inside of them, making everything else around it float. A second voice coming from the second head that was erupted from the lower side of its body appeared to create an unnatural voice that created the illusion of it being nothing more than a strange spine-worm with a clay face. It explained why no one appeared to be, by all or any means whatsoever interested in it, since they were mind-controlled in the worst possible manner. And it already stole their pockets, the damn thief, it picked their damn pockets with its elongated talons, storing their valuables inside its small baggy skin bags inside its rigid body. Why would it do that? Terrible creature that it wore, it was looking at, what appeared to be, what seemed to be strangely over-extended yet not attached to its body any longer, kind of straight lined cartilage that formed a ninety five degree rotated U, that then started advancing upwardly on an incline as if it were a contorted tail, that came all the way in the front, as if it were a ceiling hanging chandelier or lamp that was slowly being released in front of him by strange meaty chains, that bore a dark oozing dark-bag with dark jeweled dark heads coming out with hands filled with soil-black clay, which constantly threw it at him. That mere action alone appeared to be the sole reason of its dissatisfaction and no one could see how terrible it was, but the creature itself had acted this way before this strangely unattached limb that was there for the sole reason of torturing it, which could only mean that it appeared for one reason and one alone. To further the suffering, as a punishment for the way in which it acted, from that point on until what would seem to be the never ending time or period of destruction, and utter annihilation, at the very least until it had approached some of the giant titanic sculptures which had once actually been nothing more and nothing else but the mountains. Many of the geological structures were there, in some way or another. Although many of them became dark-junk which was a term for the long-dark legs that were attached to the bloated snake-pus tendril spear-shafted unnaturally almost tortoise kind of creatures that were acting not like the Spartan shield formation, or the

one that preceded it, but instead appeared to walk on them as if to replicate the strange body shape of an eel which the exception that it was much more molded by fire, as if it had been forged inside a dark stove. Many such-like formations were spread around in the Slyeak Blodr and many of them wore their spear heads upwardly heaved in the middle formation, that being almost closely more akin to a bloody-bloated snake with strange vaporous depressions in it that wriggled flaccidly, then, appeared to bear a few executed men, on top, which in reality had been dragged along inside of strangely shaped coffins. These coffins had been transported underground. It appears like they had been, from the looks of it, these bloated structural pillar-spears upon which the rounded dome hardened chitin stood, underground not only stretched for miles, hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of them were like Saigon tunnels that went as far as they could go, were inclined or were alive enough to act like the insides of the human veins, where the coffins usually acted like blood-cells, but the ones suffering of cycle-cell diseases, as to shatter along the way, with the wood-shrapnel penetrating the kept-alive victims inside the coffins, as they would be drawn closer and much deeper in, then heaved up, which the remaining wood would be abandoned below the main structure, in some hidden pocket, since the structure fed upon wood, slowly dragging the villagers that had been put inside, through the guts, through the dome-stomachs, up on the foamy wriggling spear, and then out through the depressions. There they would suffer for hours, seemingly molded or trapped as if weaved in web or trapped-cocoons, with wooden thorns wide-spread around their bodies. A part of the ground appeared to be put inside itself and was puffy, with every stone, that was pushed every few centimeter inside itself seemingly being slightly grown and out-grown and put inside pea-shooter shaped deep-pits, in these depression there being a lot of blood stored that was used for the most unnatural spells by the finger-lobed dark Elmed. Whom had his open-skull by a river band wrapped around his forehead, rightfully exposed, bearing large root-like system-like inside the earth finger-shaped extensions that crawled beneath the earth like long-stretching snake-moles, which, upon being connected with the underground blood-pools they began opening as to form scalpel-cuts, out of which, out came hardened skin-covered hairs that were shaped like beetles chained together, squirming with hairs as they started mixing and extracting the blood, while mixing it with chemicals since it was already mixed at a subatomic level the human eye would not be able to comprehend. Since, at such a level, various eight-clustered different blooded-chemical mixes were kept together, which could not be acted upon independently yet, were surrounded by fake-blood as to be accessed only by approximation upon being penetrated by the ruddy-haired blood extractors, having drawn as many clusters in as possible before the mixing could occur in the beetle-shaped organs. He clicked them like red buttons, but with needles. Drawing blood out of the ticks-clots, before the ritual could conjure the molecules that were stored in the intermediary region that was stored inside the great blood stream of Adsono Blyr's great red-vein crown-whip that grew outside its body, spreading across the system as it made a pass-through region where his blood children-to-be-his-demigod-warriors emerged out of. His being drained of blood, a little stump below the net, in the midst of a fallen vortex or a rock-like clot stone fallen through the middle of the web but stopped as it would decay. But to him, the ritual was insignificant, it would not hurt not draw too much pain, as, one way or another, the blood would return to him. Such was it that some of the brave citizens of the land who were under the great Elmed Kask Brims were there, standing before them, completely reddened atop their heads, their backs having become but a deck-torn trunk pointing at the ground, filled with a cloud-meat of painted muscle-worthlessly contorting their bodies inwardly as they were slowly not only assimilated but were forced to endure the complete re-alteration and re-alignment of their bones and skeleton frame, growing extra arms out of their ribs, and beating a strange much more peculiar, harder-to-look out disassembled head. They spat blood out of their mouths, or bled out. It was

not intended, yet they suffered. Dust particles got in their way. And such was that the villagers were completely dissatisfied by their new forms, and only threatened to do such harm and hurt and cast the Elmed into peril and destruction that he decided to completely stray away, he fled, he ran away from sight before they could turn on his master.

Unknown to either one, that being, that the strange approach towards the titans, which left as much as it could be felt or dealt with, actually bore a strange consequence that was dire and hardly to be met. Curiously enough, one of these titanic statues actually had its hollow body holding, with the help of four great chest-placed pillars, in the middle of them, a giant ambulance-shaped police car made out of some strange material with a few dead bodies inside of it, which was constantly being lowered up and down, then upon being released, all of the sudden it flew around the insides of the creature, creating or giving birth, with the help of the flashing lights, those being caused by the sirens, to some unnatural kind of dejected dark specters that were made to bring justice upon those the police-car cadavers decided it would be worthy to enact it upon. It was not an actual police car, despite the similarities, yet an ancient construct of metal that acted like a breeding ground for the most unnaturally-hard to look at spirits, that were in turn, set like wild rabid dogs upon the dark painted images of dark-skinned figures some of the ancient – inside the stone mountain secret- cave carvers, as to contain the spirits in so they would not start spreading outside, killing all villagers and ending all life as it had been known.

At times, it was a peaceful existence, being there.

Twunthylo was cursed nonetheless, with the strangest of the beings, instead being drawn to the night, since at night, not even the siren would be allowed such a solace as to exist undisturbed by the likes of it.

As it approached, even the likes of Teburus told them they had to receded into a safer place, they had to find one as soon as they could, even as disgraceful as it sounded, it was dangerous being out past the wallowing hour. Knowing no better, Myliek listened to him, again.

He saw that this eely ugly worm was as wise as any sage of the kind of man there ever was.

Incessant blood coil he was, nowhere near the other things, they stood beneath the shadow of a single bloated-spear in the dark. Its outer-rims were darker still. The shade left by them as ill.

Blythieko-ny thought of something, while the others were keeping a vigil over what might draw their way.

‘I once saw a woman who was dressed nicely that was climbing the same set of stairs as I went over. I took a break so I could watch her. You know what I say, Mittiek?’

‘Enlighten me.’

Every single one of them had, had to have had a skeleton hidden in the closet. Strangely, not him, every thought appeared to disperse in his presence.

There was no way to break to him, he was. Neither of them thought or considered they would feel guilt. He wasn’t one of them, one of their group, he was an outsider. It was sickening, migraine inducing even. Nauseating, considering, cutting him off. Such a disgusting creature, thinking of harming it, only made

them feel worse. And this feeling worsened as well. It was unexplainable. Breaking off him, even in their minds was something they could.

It was a disease. It brought some kind of guilt, shame and pain in the head, and everywhere else. How else could one feel safe, otherwise? How else could one see the other side unless they cut it off? There was no certainty to anything.

It was so hard, it's been hard, it worsened with every second. Of course it was as ugly a thing as it ever were, not even a worm at this time but a broken toy. A walking vacuum with two stuffed heads, messing with their heads, or not; even the men around them were open in their heads, even though they didn't know it.

Large elongated hands kept working and twisting their way in, molding their brains. They came out of nowhere, fingers bore strange long pints that pulled and dragged them filled with something neither of them could understand what it was.

Bloody piece of clay it was, there, in the bushes, where it retreated.

Behind the scenes two wild-faced red cattle breeds were barking at one another on top two metal stove-necks, wriggling around a burning piece that burnt the sticks, the briar.

The night passed half-way through before it emerged again. Its body had accumulated iron. Above it, two golden god's hands floated, shining brightly as to stop the whispers.

No longer were its legs attached, but seemed to form exes and plusses, asterisks and some swastikas as well, properly twisted. Within the two red faces stood a pair of almost strangely wrought in golden-symbols that were written in kanji. Wild insect-compact eyes for mouths, while the vacuum they were in was actually an industrial looking build.

Before any of the citizens could ask their question as to what happened and since they had been kept awake for the longest of time, the golden got hands which were also split in the middle but kept in-between by radiator-shaped dangling electron makers bore, before them, after performing prayer motions, large blue-spheres of power that became titan-like heads that appeared to bear little police-car construct-flies that flew around them for a while. Making the most incessant fly-noises they could go on ahead with.

Something was extremely wrong about him, but neither of them knew how to react or what to do.

'I don't think it's safe being around him.'

'I think its heads are about to explode.'

The two prayer-like hands had already split in half, in an illusionary spill the water kind of motion, having entered both heads at the same time in a paradox kind of manner while having transitioned from a prayer-like hand motion to a finger-gun like shoot in the head hand-sign that started inflating both heads like balloons. Which also made them glow red, and not only grow in size, but seemingly threaten to burst.

'What are we going to do now?'

'Die.'

But one of them took a rusty nail off the ground and threw it off it, only to see it bounce and fall on the ground while it made oink sounds which sounded, vaguely as the n-word was being slowly said, that n-word being nigger.

It bounced right off jerking eerily on the ground, in a flaccid like soft manner, slowly melted from the extreme show of condensed heat.

‘Throw something else at it!’

‘I’m trying, I can’t find anything else.’

With a quick jolt of his hidden, taken out bayonet, Hydsiek, the men before him chopped his own finger, only to find himself dropping it on the ground because of the pain he felt by the initial cut.

It was a splatter of eternal green on a sea of soil-dark olive, whereas the yellow-red shone and spread, oozing with ultra-violence. A burning knife-mark could be seen on the surface, on one of the moons, someone had stabbed the sun. So many flying police-cars; the citizens were doomed. A dead god fell out of nowhere and splattered on the door. The door being a Bush-shaped door, the president, not a normal bush, splatters of ultra-violet appeared to wide-spread a rain of little dots, in the style of Pointillism. The points, that made the overall texture of everything that momentarily existed became rug-like barb wire protruding out, but blurringly rubbing one another with exchanging colors, worms. Mere motions stopped the supreme-rockets-comets from penetrating the atmosphere and destroying the land.

Finally the finger had been thrown, and by the time it did, the hairs retreated back in place.

A few marches were already filled in part, they moved in through the wild-vortexes that were made by the air-fornications coming out of a collage head made out of different stitched skins from different put together unnatural yet hard to look at ethnicities. With two eye-horns, and teeth-hooks, yellow-teethed, as it opened its mouth though, an elongated tongue tumor came out growing, spreading then stopping once it split in eighteen pieces but somehow, they were only eighteen inches deep and only a few millimeters on each side, shot a yellow-beam-like hand extension made out of orange-yellow-kind of greenish but skin-like green boil covered, talon-like hybrid that didn’t aim for the god finger gunned two headed red ready to pop things, instead, having already made it half-way through to the invisible power-punching rods that were floating in an utmost unnatural boiled by skin-disease manner, it projected tiny bloodied, yet smeared by strange-pus boil-like slices that began connecting themselves, slowly molding with the blood-essences that were already there, having been brought by the Elmed into inter-world existence, before popping into place half-warrior sons that were made to gravitate towards some of the hollow-points of the strange celestial moons since they were already cast, that is to say, the marches and the strange dark conjuration being nothing more than the Mournful ritual, which had already succeeded. Skinned alive-men being present, watching, almost completely melted. They were closely, yet succinctly watching, making sure that nothing wrong was going to happen, afraid in some manner, having come into existence out of the hidden slit-living organism that was the universe, hidden in some wretched manner, skin-tissue, going through the Hypodermis while crawling in the world's hidden blood vessels as they make their way in. Eye sockets on the ground, still dark soiled, but the spots were sparse at this point in time.

Mittiek still was yet to do something.

The night was still underway. Dark croaking sounds. One of the fingers rolled to the side.

Some would rather spare their way and look forth, and out of it, and yonder, sort. As both hands had but reddened, joined in head as they became less like the star-imbued thing they were, no longer unaware but molded, eely but torn apart, drawing in and always out.

‘I think this begs the question, as to look at the Dbehelum before deadest of night, and up-front the hour but to devour all that is right, might yet return, as to lay wherever else, but nay. Not there, but we can see it grow from side and wide as there are its arches are but thrown around the trench-waxed embryo-shaped tubes attached to the dead-floating angelic figures without limbs or features whom are made of the same orange organ boils drawn together by the blood miasma gotten from the dark heads around which they seem to gravitate around.’

To which he pointed, this strange villager whom he had taken as a good friend, the titan’s face whom had elongated itself as the molded Dbehelum which was but outwardly, and seemingly incessantly bellowing like a broken clock-tower always striking on a dead note at a dead hour, a piano being locked inside of it and actioned by the device, out of it the arches coming and drawing to the strange gloating winged masses, whom were already splattering themselves over its hard metallic almost brass-like surface as be completely absorbed, popped bubble-wraps giving life to smaller boil-like creatures whom only reassured the wonder, whether or not they were slightly or ever so slightly capable of reforming themselves out of thin air and out of nothing, having sprouted a few miles over the original spots where the boils had been shot at like peashooters.

He could do nothing any longer but consider how good a life this had been. Long and prosperously hopeful as it had been, there was no wonder that he found himself in the loneliest of awakenings, considering this to be the first and only moment, among them, to have been alive. To have truly been so, out of breathe, even, as he couldn’t help but look, sickeningly so at the past. He still had grabbed and got a hold of his friend’s bayonet. And there seemed to be no escape, for as soon at that thing popped, hope would go beyond any kind of restless wonder. It was just as soon that he found himself after, all too soon abandoned.

Before it could pop, there was a large moving piece of earth in the distance, flying inside what appeared to be a great mass. Crumbling as it was put together in the most defiling manner it could be, dark catastrophically shaped wings carrying it – static frozen in the air, but gliding as well. With many forward showing unnatural heels-contending with the rest of the growths.

Echoes of their doings could still be heard.

Not a single man could believe they managed to do it. Going on with it, prying open the side, entering the fallen over catacomb. Its entry no longer blocked, the charming fusing gas no longer choking them as they threaded on, it was the only way out. They weren’t entering it, they were leaving the world behind instead. As if there hadn’t been a door, or a slit.

Nor could either man see his split shoes as they cradled them in their eyes.

‘Are you sure this room is safe to be in? I’ve got some experience in grave robbing, these holes are not safe to thread on.’

‘Why would they not be? Have you forgotten that this place was never built to begin with? There are no traps in it, only what comes after, those who reside in its rooms and choose to stay.’

‘I’m afraid I don’t catch it, but if you’re so sure on yourself, Fyr, take the first step, I’m not going to stop you.’

‘Are you afraid of something in that case? Afraid you might lose a finger or a piece of your strapped on nose?’ His forehead almost fell off, he was bloodied, hardened around him now, no longer a piece of stone or a pair of barely stranded nostrils on a face-sea that would not fall off. No.

‘We shall sleep in this empty room, the sand shall provide the blood flooring, wouldn’t you agree?’

‘I am afraid I do not understand, there’s no sand in here.’

‘Open your shirt.’

He did so, slowly unbuttoning everything he had on him, seeing how he started releasing a sea that would not let go of him, he stumbled backwardly, as if he had stumbled on dead-feet. Then he fell in the corner, confused by this deceit.

‘Why?’

‘We needed a mule to carry our beddings. Now we’re all going to simply stay here, for a while, before we dose off to sleep.’

‘You tricked me.’

‘I haven’t. I gave you this option to help me, to help yourself. But you simply brushed it off with the back of your hand. Then I made you this offer, a small cut for the sake of a treasure. Although there might not be one here to begin with, I’m certainly sure that your journey will have been worth it.

You’ve seen half of the known world by now. Having accompanied us on dark-horse and damped scales and saw their bronze heads replaced. You were tipped off by then that all that we would surround ourselves with would be unnatural, haven’t you?’

‘I thought it was a dream, I thought all those things you said and did to me.’

‘Apparently not, I’m sorry someone had to break it to you this way. But we needed the sand.’

‘At the sake of my life?’

‘There could never be another way, unfortunately. I’m afraid you were always doomed to find yourself here with us.’

The others weren’t there yet, but the men had come along, foreboding of a much darker day. It was rather uncanny to begin with, how morose they had been. By the time they had gotten in, Fyr was done with the stranger. He had already put himself in an utmost dark position he could not leer or draw himself away out of. It would be moronic to think otherwise.

‘What’s inside the catacomb?’

‘A piece of scrounged fare, we have a few oblyoks with us we have picked on the way, I’m sure you’re not going to put yourself in harms’ way now, are you?’

‘Is there more?’

Neither of them men spoke at the scene, neither of them paid as much attention as they would in any other case. A part of Meskin fell over onto itself, not worked like a puppet, but looking at the ceiling.

Somehow a week was spent in and out, during long periods of time when he was left alone in here, having only returned when it was time to douse to sleep again, Meskn staring only at the bluer-light, the one that had stumbled onto him before the first one, first one of the fallen overs. Somehow there was a blue moon, today. One that’s hardened, flattened, and then hanged across the top of the ceiling pane.

It’s brokenly crumbled, a folded sheet of paper. Falling at time, where the pieces only add together, flying across the room. It’s mesmerizing. In some manner, feeling them, during such a fortnight of passing through; such hairy forms, as if they dragged the pieces of hair that fell off the men before they felt. During the hour of sleep when neither one knew what was going to happen, or whether or not a scarab would twist as their dragging seethe, most of it, being directed at him, made him succumb to the pains of his mind. They were melting over his face, forming capacious spots of stone that entered him from both sides. At once an eye was stole, delivered to the ceiling twas the moon.

Piece of an eye though it may be, a good chunk was revealed, not the whole thing; blinking constantly, wretched as it were. He could see himself down there, covered all in stand, but dare.

‘Fyr, I missed you.’

‘And I stumbled onto something you wouldn’t believe I found, perhaps we should’ve brought you along with us. Since we already lost a man, there’s a shortage.’

‘What happened?’

Down the line, he explained. It was too clear that he never stood a chance, the farther he went, the dimmer his source of light, the ones in his body, that they could see, was drawn behind. It was fused with the sacrilegious mounted in place ceremonial arms.

They floated, as they passed them, all hands being tied or nailed to the floor as well as every arm attached, more to it, they seemed like chains. Every man’s thin limb, drawn to the chest until they were inflated; faces formed in stuck together arrow shafts.

It was simply unbreathable around them.

‘It’s a starry night, isn’t it?’

‘What is?’

‘You put me here thinking I would somehow stop considering, or aiming for an escape.’

Cast of all

Neither of them were in there for long. Always standing on top of one another's shoulders wrong, in the back, carrying a ram from one side to the other, as they were; latching like puddle-niggermonkeys they were desperate. Beyond relief they tried.

He wasn't there for long, in head and thrusting, and lo' and they had but to call.

'Where to, of mighty walking, where to go when called at last?

In health we drink but everlasting through and thorough. And lay in waiting as there is and long before their call of peace. Lo and listen to thine walk, to every steps and come around.'

To which each puddle with disdain and what followed after and once again of might and wonder, for every drop that came but after would they, not to hear yet again. Of blasphemy and long term reign, they would not listen and in cold. And whom to listen, as they're told.

'Be gone, for either one of you has listened and has gone in shame and yet again I find each man, standing yet as lame, to whom but listen and to hear, such as would there be. And would to listen to such redundancy, I were to calf. As any man at that, I swerve, and would return to such wrong doing, and would to curm the suffering, of wretched and, as old.

The little horned men have yet to approach us before noon, and soon enough, as they shall walk instead would they relieve whichever and were to face, but one.'

And only one man stood and should upon each matter. They formed a council.

Each passing day would they not to be, and least convey, no dire emotion fading, no indentation and ever-provoking as it were to be called. To each man that stands against each one. He would be not suffered here, he would be made to disappear.

'From faced earth to scoured dirt, I see but one proposing worth, but who is he and what would he, of all, abandoned?

And who is he, and whom but fathered of each child I see? Of pit returned, but one sees me.'

'I, of all, bring news of west, of whom had gathered yet around, confess. Upon such pity, as I see, they've rampaged and but run it over, long before seething of each glade. Before the frost come and there he lay; and lay in shed, a hovel.'

'Why lay in grain? There's nothing that would spare such crops, there's nothing but such ill delight of petty men that would suffer you to seem this way.

I, of whom had seen, but many, lesser, they are petty. Whom walk but to such, lesser degree, whom find no peace and would believe.'

And high if chance of mighty peaks, of moved like petals, mighty heaps, were they to follow if allowed. But such as they were bastards upon the land would they have revved and followed, if such land would be distraught. Were it to be forgotten, that such heavenly things as would be gotten, all but hid inside the mountain-dirt. And move to be the end of all.

Hence they did not speak of it, for all that, in the world they hid. Their own destruction at the tip, were they to talk, and thence, so be it. Would to be and followed after.

For each man was but to anchor, yet himself in dirt. They spoke and yet forgot each word. And yet forgone such tiny passing, and yet, as would they, never coming, mighty stature. Never granting mighty rancid as were ever land, they would forget everything in time.

'Is such lore are you have brought for us, to each and every, better, lass, whom mighty you approach when fading? When to be and never ending as you're to be granted, when was there ever a pass? For a man like you whom is in trance?

As we had heard and yet today we've seen, there are and were they, dark such things. As you'd pretend to be, and old whom in their wretchedness, as they would see it fit today, have long forgotten each blessing of a kind. I of all, have yet to lose my mind over petty, yet endure. Knowing that he died of yet, as it just happens, we lure. Such evils as they would forget, all that is necessary, would to be, come at a price instead.'

'But whom are you to speak of, great sage?'

'Is it not clear, the one that brings, of new, the messenger, the one whom latched onto mighty words, whom has forgotten, would, and mismatch all, in heart, of petty, as he sees as true. I would cast but all in burning fire and of cold, I would sent them through to chop each limb and feed, of stray but dogs would find it fit, of less coyotes hangings, as might happen after. You know if true, that it was never meant for either.'

'Brother, of who do you speak of when time is come for us to grand pardon?'

'I will not reconcile as to beg for such a thing, if I were placed within each errand and such was as there's command. As there's but wretched, goings and never owing, to such blasphemy as you have called. I've known and walked on such, such days, there are plenty and petty, and many a man, as well, to say that they, they will not know what to do with us, after we are gone.

They will not be capable of being peace to that which is distraught, you see me as they do, this matter, you see me as an old thing that falters. Yet you've come to pass and lest of all, again forget. I've lost all certainty of any future that there is ahead.

But know that if I were to be, and trialed as one and all would see, I would chose of mighty claim and less disdain and less of all, not desperate to remain but flee, of all thought, but free of any poison that has come onto me, for man whom wrought, and fought with pain. Now has bastards forgotten me before I even came onto him. I falter, such as any man, but not even I, against such odds prevail.

I rest my case, if there is such as least reminder. I've lost myself in dreams of cold and what comes after, yet no one shall prevail to catch, whatever gourd of cold and watch. Upon my body wreathing, drawing and ever calling upon it, they will carry on and call upon the mountain shatter. There will be no life after.'

'What reason is there for such and such outlandish claims at last? I of all do remember you in such, as it were, my youth, to what is worth and has been said. You've proclaimed yourself, and such was there, if such was there, an end. Long before you've told me so, for ever braver, much would do. If time would call, and trance would shatter, and what to be, the will of man after, would arise to stay.

Of braver flights, discord convey.'

'Yet times change, and I see no pity that shall ever come to such an end as any living man would endure on back alone, no longer prodding on his own, with wisdom lost and what soon enough, least all forgot, there's no will carried through, uncanny, they will soon but foresee us as to be pointless, not worth of any but such piety as there is. With each coming to the age of man, and each of them, but not enduring, arrogant, pointless and thinks of himself but fair, there would be a time when all but realize or are aware.

And when it comes, and such as there is, would there be no man true to himself or ever uncanny. As to call it, whenever they know, of less and of truly as there is but falter, as tawny as there is, as such the sun, would instead govern over all, alas, for no other reason but because we let them do it as such.'

'That to me but sounds as if the youth has already fallen, which is dire news to my ears, I latch upon all I know, I grow weary of all, but would remember what I have been told. If only was there but, some sane, and if only were a reason to again remain, in bosom, as would there be a mother. One that would guide his son and look after him after, such age is lost and we are merely yet endearing the troubles that come to all and yet to see.'

'What is there to me, if that is as such, as would the case?'

'Nothing, for you and I are not longer the same, although we've never been apart, we simply separated, to each his own, and spirit is old but gets diluted, much to its only worth, such, would it be called, convoluted. In darker days, I may have been forgotten, if that's the case, they would've called for my head, I hear them coming, lest I stay my hand and give what's left to it, as such I say. If there was ever a chance for one to show, of an old generation, granted, I would've called them so.

Would've died freely if one might've called, would've taken myself to their suffering and cast myself in front to die. But where is there such thing today? When you, but youth, merely invite them, not to lay, you call as such, and hide inside what's there to be as kindly as one would find himself but rotten.'

Thence they spoke of no lesser worth, than the one of whose presence was there and much earlier known.

'Shall we speak of stars and what comes after? The red point of sky and least of all, but yonder, were it to be called but much satin, of which I seem to but recall, of such grandeur a call, to every arm that might stumble. What is there to be, whom might they just see if they pass?'

'I do seem to recall, your word for word what happened, least of all.'

'What is there from there on out on?'

‘Nothing worth of wretch but saying, I of all would welcome stars but praying as I am to each godly fiend and each listening appeal, I wonder.

Whence will they come and whom of all would take us all?’

But all is lost then.

Tw’as a murder before it even started, such, would they obey no command, and of long ago as such period as they would see the light but fade after the drawing of the oranges, coming from the south. They brought what seems to be, acquaintances and followed after would they know at last, they asked of what had happened, they asked of such a woe. They do not know of what they ask of us, many of us buried in mountain, let alone. Would they leave us, when it happens, for nasty such as there’s reaction. Upon the dreadful hour, of their coming after, would one serve, as to heart, whenever they appear, and whence would they have cast as thus, each body that belongs to us.

‘I, a dead man who rises, I of all, asks, there is. Would you.’

When is there such case as to obey, when bellow as the likes of men, but not the gods who follow after, for their likes never do say.’

On the street, much of it, peculiar a figure:

‘He’s so well dressed, isn’t he? He’s just, I cannot look away from him.’

Dark clothes with black-blue sangria-plum, with card diamonds with sword-snakes, eight in a diamond, wrapped around, with two scythe at the end curved sword, all aligned with glowing-purple red and dark eyes, many faces and fallen over much deformed eaten-over chow-cancer blocks- all pushing out in square-tower fortifications, with lines of fire from where iron crossed metal cords connect them, - soldier crawl beneath army wire, as such. Whereas the pattern are yellow, red, of glowing hues and the wires and the forts are but mixed half-way through with every single one of them.

He had a scepter with four man-arms holding smaller scepters away from the grip.

A pyramid sphere formation that was almost crawled around, an outline of talons with eye-like shape needle-rack open in the middle revealing a strange organ tongue-hardened like a metal-sharpened out of a stove, made by a blacksmith, power-rod conductor that would constantly electrify the wires around his body, creating a power arc that shot out of his body. While glowing with tear-radiation energy that would slowly descent into a puffy-blue smoke; sending cage-like human molds, homing into them.

Fear ran into the looters as they ran, as they were closely ran over by the running lighting men projected out of his chest, in a time during which they could not hold the lines.

‘I do mind it when you disappear. I know when you’re near and when you’re hiding, I can see it, sense it, and I know that there are times when I could almost, I could almost have at you.’

Damn that creature, it would never work, it could never make as much of a difference if either one of them appeared, out of dirt.

‘Punch their heads open, I’ll make sure no one will hear you as it happens, I shall do my best to add a silencer to each fist.’

Would he do it? There was only one way to know it after all, and as an insurmountable beast he had begun, threading no longer carefully as he’d done before, now turned towards the correspondence that would shatter each feature until he gave up and started stomping. Ever so clear as to reel in counting just as many blows, and many after that came forth and rose. Nothing could do to remove and instill such rage, he felt like crushing them, going beyond it, then smashing again.

Until skull was openly cracked, seeping in, blood dripping off his bootstrap, and then again, he’d spill some more as soon as he could do it after. Drinking it in order to avoid another catastrophe and another disaster, not to push it in too soon, he’d see to it and would will it to be culled.

‘I bear no remark, I am not stronger than the man I have killed, but I will do it again.’

This time, with each arm going over, lo’, he has been lied. Many of the sleepers, whose back turned, but seethe in terror at the sound. Who could be next and is that the sound of metal reeling in, splattering? Would they ask themselves, of course, not as fancily as one would think.

‘Who’s smashed iron lodge? I ain’t it.’

As mouth just opened, servant charging, eyes but closed, and for a moment, frozen in paralysis, as the sight of that creature emerged, even for a second there, it was all that was needed before either one of them could say a thing, and lesser, as such, of verse.

And just as thus as would they had, and whence they never would’ve dragged themselves, right after; righteous days. But there were not as few and let alone, many would come and drag after and went, a few, for every a day after.

Thence they stood and such retorted.

Would they comply again, when much to theirs was drawing to an end but no such, as would be, conclusion to every single thing that passed after, also static as for ‘else matter. Leeway as they ride, from afar and what looks like they would’ve found themselves a day as forth, gotten past the day whence they had drawn upon such, least of all and such accord.

‘I alone shall see it through, when mightily as it’s said, and lest it be forgotten, I concur instead, there’d be something in it worth mentioning, when less than such, would they come en trance.

There’s a two men a horse of head coming after them, alas, we must waste no say and see that we do not forget who their master is and what he might bring upon the hour. We must not, for the sake of us give leeway, as such.

I could not find a good reason to attest to what’s been happening when I was gone, when they marched upon me and long before it, least would I to understand, when lo’ of all would they come to no end.’

There was never such an hour as to stand it. Never such a cowardly leer, as to sneer at one another, as they brought of joy, whatever there was or happened between them, upon the square they stood. And

dropped their masks before, imploringly fading, leprous after each hour, as they drew, of each other's jerking snares, finally they've become aware, that part of town, as there it stood, shaken, daring, morning took. The best of men, neither of whom understood what had been taken from them, neither for the hour, nor for the passing. Not a single mass, or pile, vengeance as there was amassing.

'We have broken pile, and little scum wrought pillars of ill-climbed near worthlessly torn. Many of the most incessant-helmet, and those whom wearing them, as blearing as their presence was endearing as to wait, and what if left of it, long before anything could be done, instead, I would've seen its worth. As nothing passing, I bring, therefore, from this point on, a single mass, of what remains. No glorious end, but much to it, I've seen it as such ascend past the point it were.'

Of worthy men, as one of them as he were, he was but taken, yet delivered, as far away as one might seem to yet unmask. Would he have taken any time, while, during which, he were alive to spoil, unnerved as to what happened upon the call as to have toiled.

'Lo' Trech'

For every uprooted thread there was a rood every now and there, spread and split wherever they came onto, and out their share, something happened down there. Eighteen trenches worth a drop, holes were dug here, others not.

'There's a dependence in here for the substance that's in root and even after, after and before it was shaken, where it stood there was a man hiding in it, wasn't there?'

'Was there any to begin with? I couldn't know, I wasn't even aware anyone was alive in here. Most were killed, largely as this place is uninhabited, I'd say. You should do yourself a favor and turn away, for what is worth, if there was ever a chance to make it out of it, I'd call such this as were it, its worth to be aplomb, as such. I can make your leave as comfortable as it can be, but no longer to see it as such.'

'I choose to stay. I must satiate whatever lays in my head, I need to see where it's going, where his roots and prints and whatever else there is, out there, playing as it is with my nerves, I shall find him and afterwards.'

But the thorn would not have the man's threats, not to be lost on deafness and aloofness, there as such, had he listened to anyone, perhaps there might've been a change. A chance for his master to grow as told from wherever else.

'They call your name, in the upper-growths, they say the citadel inside the garden is but lost and would but move itself away. As to show as little compassion as one would find it, no longer trying yet to mask, plenty men live in there, but, yet, alas, many would but be driven, as such away.

You needn't look for any other reason, nor would I tell you do not bid.

On a chance that you may stumble onto on again as they only show themselves gagging with blood. They're but tortured down there, I've seen them fumble, stumble, and yet, disciple, you needn't learn of what came after. When they're to be pulled back inside, some insidious torture brought, thrown around and prying in, open within the hour and had they appeared anywhere but where they stand. A problem like it would not for the likes of it disappear at all. It's a given, it's a must.

Your silence, such, I trust!’

‘But why would I keep it and what’s my gain? If I refrain from telling others, what else would I tell them? I know, I shall not dwell deeper, nor return, instead, I shall join them, yet, in thorn.’

‘Alas, blasphemous wretch, do you not understand that once of the garden you’re but of garden? That, once, upon, you have become, you cannot leave, nor be undone? Worn as such, and you’re to be, whatever, just as such, please me, to tell you, as to drive away. What they might make of you, if you but stay? Of starry Dwight and what’s to come, not even the ones that are but done. And swollen in their graves, not even their likes would make it past, as to reach such thing as to refrain.

Mockery would follow, even they would laugh. DO you not realize, such thing as there is, the corpses would but throw you in the wretched calves?

Watching as your pity fading, never yet again, demanding of such thing as they have stumbled onto, much to you, and yet awaking, from their dire needs, to their mighty feed and make it so you, while at it, also get to lure? Many men just like you. Otherwise there’d be no show. For all of it, is but to throw, as many new members, dancers, actors as they might get. Once they wrapped their dead-cadaverous hands on you, and lest of back, you won’t get away, now, do not get mad, at me, I see.

For I’m but a thorn, not enemy.’

‘Yet you were standing here, yet to reproach, thinking I would solemnly cower myself, ever after as if I did not think myself unready. Not to call upon the others, plenty, or just as much time. As I was given before, to dine, on feast, I had been seen.

And, I have known them, would’ve seen them thin, if I had known the better. But I shall make it nonetheless, to each word and every letter.’

To which he vowed and leaped. On mighty feet, which went as far as draft, would’ve seen it all, if jointed tall as was he thus, he entered, from point to point, alas, alas. Was he entered through the base of root, of mighty gate appeared, shook, torn to shreds, it looked, as if devoured, upon such a thing, as was its face and body, lacking worth. A mushroom thing, of fallen dirt, but shaped like dust, and fallen yet apart as if eaten, in wretch and after such a thing, long day, disgustingly forlorn and wasted. Apart from what, of likes detested was he called to enter, to attend. To such a man, as would’ve had him.

‘Else Ylend, I have been waiting for you to appear, greetings, I am servant of the thorns, and mighty roots, in wait. I’ve come upon you, stumbled, before you were even born and yet. I’ve come to ask you as such, where have you come from and where, to, would you happen to drive your own likens towards?’

‘To such a thing as paradise, promised, not by the thorn or the forest committed. But long before, of day and age, when I was but a young lad, I was told, by a man. That there’d be such a thing to chase, in the heart of roots and fallen apart shingle, and mighty, less, I hinder, as to heart what might come.

Upon me, such piety as it’s given, I was told, alas, that I may be driven away, so, henceforth, as it happens, they might forgive what I’ve done to them, long before there was a chance to spare. As to be driven back before the sails come back. And yet I see, not to cower, upon my missing piece, and what is left of heart after. I seek such admonition as I would’ve been granted in solace and defeat.

I've risked my life and even after, I would've searched and settled for no peace if that meant what it means, I seek nothing more, even after, if I had known this.

Listen to me, such litany as would they call. I've lost it even before I had been a man, and they forgot about me, even before I was alive. Truly, so, I seek, such, yonder. I seek that you may bless my path, that I may take yonder and search such root, I bastardly man who shook upon hearing them pass. Underneath the tail of the land, upon the crossing, when they sing and pray, would they have, if such were the case, upset?

And were it to come to an end before they came along, I would've been dead, as well. ‘

Then they both agreed they should, at the very least proceed.

Walked upon each root, then steps, upon a system of mixed tunnels, all fallen upon one another, intersected with the giant body of a rat, swollen after and become. Its head but rooted and glory, four great roots with heads of man on top. Each of them, created walls, as they approached, they would've stopped, but, lo', they settled on no return.

First of the heads:

‘You may not enjoy drafting such a need, as to hear what to achieve, for glory, if you seek as thus, you won't be remembered, bucket-head, you seek at last, prized consolation.

Would you have understood, as thus, for what is worth, and empty, such as there is, but indentation, would've been but heard. Unless lost on empty thought and what you seek, as thus would've unearned, nothing from I.

To miss but such as I.

Again, but to not listen to no other, totter but than mine.

As thus, I such dictate, you must listen to the other three before you will be allowed, to each end to go much further.’

Although no council was it, thus, his ancestors were known to him, would've made to follow, yet in trance. Was he, upon being met by the past, remembered, for what happened there. And yet, despite them, unaware, he would've found nothing to look after, not to obtain. The order of day, not to ordain:

Such was the second one that followed after:

‘You must've unmasked the other ones, for they have seen and they have barely dealt with what comes after, they of all must know of day. I, of all, and not to say, would've called them for what they were.’

A reprisal as such there were:

‘I am old, but I remain, I am bold and weary of mighty action that the youth have taken, yet against me, as they would've seen it fit to much forget, of such deeds as I carried for them, I lay myself bare, as to be put around and lest would I have seen it, yet again, as being fair, would I have done it? Not, unlike no man, the other, I would've ruminated on what draws and comes right after, if it were for I, to, lest would they

have called upon me to recede, in the dark corner, towards which I proceed, I am met by such a virtue as for patience, as for certitude that they will make me beckon for each and every single one of them, who drew much further, as to call upon a rope, and then. Upon the hour when I shall grab their side, would I have seen such reason as they would claim each time, that I can go no further than it's needed, much before, as such proceeded either men to take, and such, as pieces, each of them, out of my body knowing, and rather gnawing, and lest of all, I call, at you as to attend. No funeral to no end, but the end of the side where they had buried the rope, and do, as to well, of bolden man, remember, each verse, and each mark on the ground, uncannily so, for I have breathe upon it, I should know. I do remember, as such, and lo'. I've come to realize what happened, when forgiven, as I have been, as to be taken back, what they have done is simple and would've caught be off guard, if only they had seen it for what it were. If only they had known I would've found it so. I see, as for every mark on the ground, for every scratch of nail and after that, I've come to see. Where they had buried, not only the rope, but me, and I of all, would shatter, as little as there would be, no graven after. I but beckon you to return as such and look away, and heave your head in such disgust as to remind them, of what I've done, the least of that and yeast of leper-dance, as would they call. I would've called on it.

Remember as to heed and listen, and as to approach. To toil upon such road as to have brought me, all along the way, back home, during such time when one would regard my existence as something that ought not to be had by any means of be forgotten by no beast and not to coil and wreath without, such, your talons the fists. You, a dark, of mighty cowl painted in black blood, might lessen the pain. I am ingratiated but I remain, a dead man being carried, as long, for as far away as one would know and mighty just as less to say, do remain in such a place as one could find himself weary, of such reigns as would've been. I've seen such things. I do remember you. I've seen you around, during the peaceful times. When I was but a lad, I do know. Of mighty cowl, you're not a youth, but a godly tower. I worship thee, am I rewarded? I do not understand what's happening? Am I to be carried forth towards a place I may not be thwarted? Such was my tale as one could remember, as such, of much and many acts of desperation I would've faced no longer if they were or had something in mind, for I would've known no such lesser, as such were the degrees of pains I had to go through, in order to have my voice heard and see to it, that those that came and dragged us forth, out of our lands, would've found themselves no longer after that allowed to live on the premise of their due. We shattered their skulls, but alas, I an old man, would know as I was forced in the back of a corner, made to play with tainted moisture and a rope, I would've had my life, if there weren't for what little thing there was left in my soul. But I, for one, never would I have expected, to have been met by such and by you, who marches forward, from this point on. I wreath and sweat and least the beads would've been had, ahead, I would've found myself to be. Of much more hard felt agony.

But you, decided, mighty man, to gather me around, piece by piece, my rope instead, rather, as such, missing. I prolong my hopelessness and I see no worth in such a thing as would've done to them and would've done to myself, if that, were there a reason for it, I might've made it clearer. The rope was my life and I remember but praying onto it, worshipping it, squeezing as to draw of breath, and drink its water, as from a pouch instead. I fear that there's no more, I fear that I might've faced something, if there was something there, but now there's naught, no more. Will I have seen such beads, as to remind myself that there was a thing, a family left behind, a young maiden I have wed, and left with child. But lo, I do not regret, for I have never fancied myself, of such, a man. As to wed and as to care, as to do something that's fair. Instead I've lived as I ought to have should, I did as I pleased and it seems like I was punished

for it. Of such courteous worth, I would've seen it as being uncanny. I would've seen less and lesser than that, many would've found my please, as not to look nor to see. But I beckon you not to forget, please, I please to be remembered, instead, do not focus on such detail. Of the agonies I've inflicted upon many men, I, would've been, as such, as worthy nature, crowned if that's the case. They would've sung my name, I would've refrained from doing anything as much as it would be displeasing, teasing them with wild command, wreathing all in pain, I must stop myself from talking, oh antiphony of such creed.

But, do you remember, that kid I bore? I, the father, whom have promised him that one day, I will return home, the child, poor thing, had yet believed. He would've seen, and done with it as no other man would've done, as such, to nasty breed, of man, I am. Although there are things that in life, done, upon redone, I soon yet come to realize that I regret, having come, to stubble and ever after, I pity myself ever after. Yet there's naught to sing and not of worth. I set some place to flounders, and have come yet, much younger, to chase my share, of rabbits and of hares. Playing with them, and doing as I must, to kill as many, not tell, to anyone that I ate. All by myself, not to share, in dead of night, fire as I made, as I've never been anything but selfish, instead. I bore their bones, of great girthed armor, but in the midst of daylight, it all came apart after. Much to laugh of haughty children, did come back. I would've whipped them, if I were close to them, here and again, and after that. I see no reason to find it to, as to be, as to show, cruelty, to lesser men, though the bastardly hated, by I, would've seen no end to what I ought to have or would've done, or might've come to do, if I were to have come apart.

You've seen my true face, but you still look serene, I see nothing of you, but show of magnitude of feet, the run, you must run and flee before the world falls apart, or who knows what might come after? Branches and of trees, I've seen peace but they've done nothing to spoil or to fix them, must you not have realized what I've heard today?

At the council that I have attended, though I was allowed to leave the cave in which I was clearly tended. Might I remind you that? I may have exaggerated, at last, my punishment and my woe, that might've been rather a place they brought me in to rest, as to not harm anyone, upon their path. Regardless of it, I remind you, once again, alas. The council of the council, of the council they spoke, and there were spooks as, lest of all, would they have called when one such as I might rise and rose. I have. And they have been kind of me, at last. As to accept the trivialities of time that come after and younger, if I had been, I would've wreathed, heaved and gotten them, hand by hand by feet and back of head, driven them through some wall instead. I would've done as such and if there was ever a thing or a chance that I might get my hands on one of them, at last, this was it. But I see no reason for fur, of such a malice, as they'd given me to be warm. See for yourself, I'm cold and I've been like this for a while. Paid for mighty action, yet I prevail. Of such things, as I was clothed, they rewarded me as well. But I do not understand where they came from and how is it that they had thought as such, that they could simply, as to closely, after, buy my silence ever-after, burrowing under, such my head, I would have averted it if that were the case. Yet not a single man cared, my mere thoughts would not prevail. They thought me, such and such, to please, and plead for such a mighty kin unlike theirs, ours. Would they see no reason, common sense? Would they have done it, in any case, if any or either, be them in my place as I have toiled and I have done such things that the mighty gods themselves, as you, of whom, I suspect to be their king and kind, in mighty place after that. Would've have said something, anything, they would've remembered. I do not think there's something after, my godly defender. My silence was not easily bought, if there was something there, that I did not, I would've started a war. And such a thing, I would've fought them all. A world

united, a tribe unfounded, and there was after, as one to bow to them and to themselves after. Yet, who is the one who starts the flames? When the town is cold and he defends? Animals sometimes come, to mind. I do not see them always driven away as they steal our supplies. But now that I think of it, such is the fur that I come to look upon in and realize there's fox in, it. Such is the man, that he found himself killing the pest and taking it by the hindrance and giving it to me instead. Of that, I am glad he had thought it through at last. Imagine that, and what would've happened otherwise.

They would've given me such fur as would be, as, to call it, imitation. I'd be damned if I were as serene as you are now, if I had been let known of such creation. Could, you, of all, imagine such thing, as there is to be, darkly a matter and insult?

Because, I of all, would not take it kindly as to be blind, not to mind and not to be, as such, there are flowers and trees and mighty swollen wasps and bees, also, to it, as well as the heads of the foxes they had planted with the branches going through their heads, with little flame with such fires as would they be called candles instead. I think there's no reason to contort each case as to forget ourselves, that there was a much, to it, such case, as would've been found itself, much spread. In every possible land there is, and many such things, happening around the ground. They do fancily queerly things I do not approve of, yet again, I will never understand why? Such waste as there is, such bastardly things, why not eat and feast on them as such. These are not our traditions but come from farther Eastern as there's the borders, taken after that, not a single man would've believed it to be possible as to spare him the time to understand, no mockery and no end. I, again, think of it, and then. I think there's something gnawing at my feet, and as I looked down, then, before the council that it, do you know what it is? A pearl, taken from a clam and oyster, a reminder, but they let that sink, to fall within and be lost across the road, within. I don't think you would've come to realize, by any means, of what had happened after that. I think, as such. Well, they have kept, for this long, the tradition and would've come to stumble again on the sea-faring and would've been granted such perdition. Of such cruel things I'm shocked, but not of them, not entirely, instead, I know just as I have realized that they will be, eventually lost, to me, to I, to all of them, the sea-faring things and the lootings as to die for me, no longer kept living in my heart as they would see, as they would fare much better. If only they had kept it, this much more, to the closest call, the letter. Would've been sealed and kept locked inside, in mighty as there are inscriptions, not to call or to forget. I am the man who started it all, I tell you. I, the grim reminder, of what it used to be a man, I may have been bought and taken care of, but that has always been the case. I wonder, was I one to be sickened by them, of what I've done after? I, whom were no fool, yet I've earned by due and fought for meat and bread and milk instead, they would've seen something as clear as that and now I wonder, when will they see to it that I am dead? Burn with such solace as I remind them of what used to be; do not dare avert your eyes but at the same time, do not dare look at me before the time draws on, I will not weep, if that's the case, you need not comply to a thing like that, as I make it even clear. Much clearer that any man would've granted it to you instead, I wanted to be vain and I have done it for the longest time I could imagine instead. But lo, as such, my life was spoiled, ruined after a fashion and mightily destroyed, distraught, and done for even before and after that. I think there's never been a chance either or as well, but for you, my mighty bearer, there's a chance, as to be changed. Do as you must and do not repeat the mistakes I've done.

For, you're carrying but a pitiful man, whose life was petty and instead, with all the rewards in life, I find myself more weary and more weary, and wrathful after for the things I've said and done. Not to be

recognized by son I have helped create. Not to give back what I have taken instead, I see no point in handling such ruse, I cannot hide away the guilt, for your and your ears only will hear me, admit as such. Out of this very mouth, as I have come to falter, yet again, at that, I am a pitiful, pitiful old thing, filled with regrets within, I would've done such things as needed, I would've come on top, and much to it, undefeated, if that had meant something to any either man. But, in all my regrets, I could not see something more important instead, than those I've left behind, my faith, and those that I have shattered along, wouldn't matter if I were dead. Yet I live and I think, my teeth but I do sink as deep as to cause pain. Neither of it compares. To have seen as bolden mighty son, to have grown as mighty and yet as strong. And to be jealous for I've seen him grown, and I have seen his life, all on his own. I wish there was a chance to spare, myself for every memory, instead. I lack the needed, such compassion, for what was done and what comes after. I'm nasty, there'd be no perdition, yet I, even after all this time, have not come to realize or to understand. Why do they still care of me instead?

They know and knew, and he as well, when he has stumbled upon me and met, to tell. You as such, I was shocked. For there was no such thing as pity or disturbingly forlorn gust, or thing that would be or adhere to such thing as there is, disgust. And shocked of all, would I not have stopped myself to let alone, and come along, remember? He told me he forgave me and invited me to join them, ender, of such dreams, alas. I cowered in shame and I declined, for such was my pride as it would never come to allow. To return to them, after I have forced them to live through such an evil life and such a lie as would've been forgiven; I did not see myself as worthy, for such greater things, as they had been, as they've become as I have known myself incapable of ever being or to have become. Such was it that I left, and most of my life, I have lived, instead, among them, yet afar. I would see and peak and never know why. Such grand, as woman as there was. One that never moved on and was alone, instead, pain could've driven him mad, my son there was. But that's hardly a matter worth speaking of, as there's greater beings out there than there are, for what I've seen happening now, I am disgusted again and I see no reason to chase for, not this reason, not this far.

With them parted, I was joined by council and I have heard. Of many men, their toils and what they went through, and then again, instead, unnerved as I've come to be. They never faltered or come again, they see me and look as such, they know who I am but not a single man can know, as such. Will I tell them away? Will I say something that might drawn, breath away? I call upon them every time, I tell onto them, do not avert your eyes. For cold shall be here forever, as will frost. And you shall not be driven out if you are to fight, forever, at the cost of everything and everything that's being done. In order to save everyone and save yourselves, there's that left for mighty ruler, as for king who toils, around and foils, upon each rancid plan that comes about. Of those whom drive the force, and down, with them I say, unless they come and bow and kneel and ask for such forgiveness as they're petty and misgiven, and as soon as they do, I shall cast but hurt onto them, driving each man into the ground. As they're pained and right about, as I would see it fit to call upon their wretched pairs, and come about, the end as such. I will not forget what has been said to me, or then again, all them to get up. Nay, they shall be punished for each vile word and they shall get beaten and flogged and whipped into such a thing that not ever their future kinds and descendants would know such worth, as that is but my wrath and wilt and it shall never be carried over through and shall never be misgiven after that. I see, other members of the council watching me, carefully enough, I fend, and not to seek at to provoke, I get out of chair, I was invited, as you see. And I thread along and I kick them in the heads, the ones that came here asking such forgiveness as I would given

them, I stomp and I would've done it all over and over and over again until I was bastardly stopped, could you believe what happened?

I am no holy man, nor will I bow my head to every single one of the gods, yet there are things now that I would do to many and there are such as would've seen right plenty as would there be.

But no one cares what I do as they all seem to like me. Such is the curse that I bear, the charm, a powerful thing and such as there is, evil could not bastardly contort it forever after that. As for you, who carries me, I see that you've decided it is time for me to be brought home. I feel my life but petty, drafted as it may, taken but away, drawn back home, in a place where I've always belonged. In a place where I find solace waiting, chanting, and ever-so-content as to be ending and ended on, you've known it all along have you not? My dastardly desire to be buried on my own ground; in my home of plentiful approach, in a place where my heart could finally ascent and rose and rise, as I am no longer blind to my failures, no longer as to seek. I am finally at peace, having told you such an excerpt of what my life had been. I would shame each ancestor and each man, as to know, or to find out what I've done during such time, as they would have it, instead. I cross each snow and perilous thing, as to cast them away as they're thin and thinning out like reeds, like maddening beads that are but shattered as for each and every call, they make.

Place me on that moist spot, on soil, upon the spot winter has finally decided to leave its wild abode. I will have nothing more and nothing less, there's no ancestor I have bastardized, instead. As I day, I shall be greeted, by such mighty ancestors and men who shall call upon me, as I am, as I lay, undefeated, not my time, not by blindness, not by any cry, but my it. I am met, by my son, by my wife as well.

By every single man I fought, and they shall nod and shake their heads as I wilt it naught, to such a do, as to avert, no head and nothing, nothing else. I am met by glory, I am met by peace. Even though I have grown weak and frail as I may look, I can still clench my fist. I hold it as it looks in place. I open it and I refrain, for I seek no other solace knowing.'

As in his clenched fist there stood one that lay, a single, bothersomly cold, snowflake that refused to melt. Regardless of the warmth that lay in his hand.

Upon such day, of hardly there being any labor left to sweat as such. Would they help to rise it off the ground, when called, upon the mighty sounds of gulls, when they have merrily come, and yet about, in whichever way and seen and long before they mightily thinned, of such provisions as were left, and yet again when it comes to them. Not to forget, for every singing men that drew along, out of their waists as to accept that in a while and much to them, would they not, lay aware, oh, such it is as to remember. When the days draw forth and as such would they have seen it wait, much to their canter and ever to, yonder, send her as an envoy as such, for mighty ships they sailed at last. In the distance never knowing what to happen, whom to spoil, even before the other day, when they, as ancient men would, to toil, might've said, and might've stumbled from end to end. There was no better day, than to recall, and moisture in the air, along they draw and no more stall, and minded of the drawing forth, of fire, they would much, perchance, ruin it all, than hand it away. When such villages were spoiled, not by them but by their own hand as they remember, that the maiden they sent, as they have ended her, would've been swerved for naught, if they did not. And would remember if there was ever a time. That they were much worn, of toiling forth, too many days, going along, and there was naught else, for else and no man. As they hard hardly worked, and before they could even come along, a brattle, once in a while and they come

forth and yonder, never knowing what they did, never seeing, as for it. The sing, the symbol, of mighty star, they would've forged it themselves, if there was ever a chance, to flee and run, as fire runs out, as men but come about, and they surrender. Of might as many still recall, of what was brought and from afar, they would've known naught else, unless, were it for them to have been told. And I recall, if one, as bold, as him who bore a crest, not to go and tender yonder and lest of all would be confess. For mighty men, were they to follow, for mighty men, would, not tomorrow, but as quickly as they'd come and stay, as thoroughly as to convey. As to abandon all need, and on their feet, would they say to him, but Illybis, but only said and spoken, never written, never known. For men like him but couldn't be said or told, of such alike, as anyone with same a mind, would to remember, and would to bring him forth, to such a thing, at to recall, much to his renown, much closer to each ill-defender. Many nations as to come, many of them never having realized, or having come in terms at all, many whom had called but ill, many as to grow as numb, and naught and yonder, yet to feel. There was naught else, and as such, there was never, even slight-a-chance, as yet to draw, and forth to draw much closer, old. As they are, many do not know at all, they can't forget, as many days draw yonder and they do not feel, as said.

'Come, come, draw forth, of run. We've come and stumbled, to such a great a thing, a hunt. I see no point, in try and spare, as to rejoin them, when all is end.'

To which they sang, and glory fell. They but had marched, to such bland, and fend. Off such curbed, mighty invader as would draw from south, although unlike the others, as well as fathers, of such a calling, of such, as drawn. Despite their spiteful coming from afar, despite their reckoning and similarity in stall; although they came in land as well, from neither here and neither there, neither one would share the spoils and neither man should forget, aught all. To have lain their arms, most would forget that there are things that would not follow through, but long before their kind was lost. There was never such a thing, unkindly. As to give to such curls, to allow them to stomp and come yonder, in a land of hope, as to recede, as to grow much forth and yonder, as to come in peace; no such thing would do, to many and to less. No more than needed, as to come and less of it, as such, confess.

They slaughtered the second wave of invaders, as to be allowed respite. A moment to recollect themselves, and not to feel, yet set in mind; they sang with mead and ruined feet, they cut and chopped, and mighty feat. Was it, for many men, but looked, the young and grew as well. As that, of mighty force there was, as naught and naught, and never else, would they have brought in mind. Unless mistaken, unless foretold, unless toiled with and never sold, like cattle, praying. Musky-scent and gods contending with the victor's spoil.

During such night as they would've known:

'I've seen a vision of such day, I would, as such but be content. When followed through by such a dust, as to come through, of snow and lust.

We have to drive much farther South, and drive them, beneath, as it may come to pass. There, is but no such, lesser day, as to forget and be replaced. They whom would, instead but crush, of what is left of us, and skulls but trash; whom would steal what they can from us and cast us in a place to die. They shall not be forgiven so, as we shall drive them, and never end it, so.'

And such was there, much clearer, out of drawing forth, and fear, would they, had been seen. When and during such a time within; much and much closer they had drawn, for every moment spent there, would they have been seen but gone. Followed through, unknown such land. Of much peril that might've never been seen or felt as such.

They were strange and tawny-rude. And their but blades were, such, were crude. And spoiled and trashed and they threw stones at last, have come upon such mighty boats, as they would rival, those with lesser hope. An unfortunate trifling event, one that could not be easily forgotten and if one did as such, were he to forget, he might and mightily would he be trashed, and deservedly as such, for what went on the continent would've had him, lush. And lavish, such were the forests, as they had grown, below the cold of torn fest. Feast of spoils and maggot boils, they were unwashed after so many toils.

'I seem to have forgotten, there, many of them but do not realize what's happening here, nor there. They would have us turn.

Against one another as to mourn and as to much forget. Many men have died for us to show up here and now and then, I've come to sail, and come to be alone, as well. I fail to answer, I fail to know, I seem to have forgotten the feeling of snow.'

He was as much, as to contemplate on it as well, as he would, thence, at last, came his other brothers, just as well. Incapable of knowing what happened between them, or what had driven them so far to know, of what was said before, no better than any of them, were they now.

'I see of mighty green basin, they poisoned it, they poisoned it!'

Yelled and such as they were, many others followed as well, not to forget what's happening between them and bewitched as they are by low-land, of such plow, of what is drawn from it, a spoil of leaves, all blasphemous in touch, of eely mint. They sing, wallowing forth, they see, and swatch of many hues, comes forth. As from the mighty puddle, yet a man, made of it, as well, as well. Of what but came out of the men that fell, and all of those whom had been broken in part and taken away. From many of their homelands, furiously swaying as they would; this kind of living being something no man should, adhere to, follow after, follow through. But out of its chest, but glowing forth, of such sinew:

'Will you join and come to be finely bathed? Will you come and join me as such as to be warmed? There are days, no longer, when there are finally praying, as to bring, such forth. There's none out there to remind us of whom we lost.

I have been in such regard. But many men who now lay dead and wait, at last. To ask, as such, if there might be, of such, to such and lustily. No other kin of mine, no descendant of such benign stature as to stall tall and yet to face. No oratory that might fend, if that were, such the case, to fight. And drive you far away from land.'

'Silence, beast of vaguely green; we have won this land of wont-disease. We've defeated each man as we charged and changed and maimed each other, in our search for glory and in our search of name, driven by our gods who still remain. In their higher placed, yonder from the seats upon they stand, as they might never come and never face as such defeat, as to be usurped down at the feet, of heathens and of those who fall, of those who never stooped as low, as mighty as we are, at all. We pray to them, of safe return.

As well as we are blessed, we shall not forget of you, spirit of old, if that is your will. But if, else, and if you seek to stop, we shall drive you forth into the ground. And dug such pits as to remove, as to fill thineself with rust the pit, and dirt that follows.'

To which the pool was silent until tomorrow.

Wretches, all of them, for no man should least of all forget what happens, when arrogance pushed one to no end to feel himself but rotten, rottenly- he is, taken apart. A blunder, as to follow through and never come to a single piece as to become a thrall, many men but do remember. Of the sayings, of forget. Such a things as would come after, if one were to toil with his nasty end:

'They will invite but weakness when it comes, they will forget what happens, again when time, but nears such an end. When one refuses to open yet his mouth again, as he would've had if that were so; unless you slay of such mighty tawny thing, an invader from the South and farther down, should know.

Their kind is pity, their minds are blind, their bodies need to be whipped, enslaved and much to them defiled. Until not a single one might do, until neither single one of them could make it through, if that's what's needed, we shall carry, of such a wonder, as to never forget so merrily a cast.'

And then.

Blethlske

A little podgy thing he was. With rosy cheeks, around the shop, as long as he kept his eyes on her, she'd not notice a thing, a wing towards her. There she stood. Without a moment's notice, yet he would.

'I've come to purchase a few of your most ramous, yellow-heated apples. Will you please pack a few of them for me today?'

'Young Slittlklam, you're still around? I thought you'd be dead by now.'

'How could I be when there's still some engines going, right about, where, here to see, there's but a few of them wrapped, around and ever-shout, instead and lest of all, would see around. A few petty triangles' That hanged around the corner-stout, one of the closest buildings, of which crowned hooked roof was close enough to fall.

A petty pool as well, there was a rain. Of stormy weather, that filled the side of town with snails. A few comfy toads were leaping about. He was eye-dead-on shot and every single one of them avoided him, dead-there-on. A shin inside his blade; someone had been killed as well.

'Come on, Rosaline, I wish only a most beauteous apple.'

Many mighty days had passed, since either one of them would come, and then, once met at last. Were it for another man to stand, and were it for any other one as well, he might've done, enacted, mightier, as he

were gone, before the mighty yields. Of many enemy whom had fallen forth, and better, yet, would've been found in such of fields.

And him

'My lord, thou are still yet to be forgotten as for toast out of whim when they may draw within your range of call, that they might call upon thine blessed day, to hear you talk, of greater journey as had been, when you were suffered along each thin high-roof bowed down, of whom poultry you have killed and shroud of all, might you speak, now, as thine servants, blessed thou we might be, we shall listen as well, whatever, thine reason be, as to call, I see, and call of many man and many of them shall come, and lay, their swords away, such board might claim, upon their many backs and claim the land in thine name and in the name of Christ whom we shall all serve from this point on and until no single speck of dark shall come upon the country, and upon those who dare turn a blind eye as point and hide, away and heed, such thing as taken away, blasphemous, suffering. I of all, whom had been given upon such tainted altar, who has finally, upon, sleekest, such blessing as God, himself, to whom my heart has been given towards, as the Saints and the Angels have, when, drawing upon time and time as such, lend onto me the message, such divine, as one would have it. I seek no claim for naught and after that, I shall go and live, as I wait, and I, alone shall not stall, having been and seen and felt up upon my back, such wretches would have them starved and ignored. For they have not accepted our lord, for that alone they're meant for punishment and punishment alone might not do, unless they're blessed, and true as it might be and due is their day of reckoning that comes after, and for every single day that comes, true enough, after, they shall rot, as their most obtuse benign, wretched souls, whom suffer, overburdened yet beyond, mental and bodiless decay. For many such like them have even forgotten to this day; many least and many shattered, as plain as day, and ever after, of whom, they had abandoned still, and would be done, for, if it weren't for him, still, I seek as such as many, that may still be brought, and turned around from their most desperate of days, from which, beckoned upon, they have forgotten how to pray. Ill of the mind, such as suffering might be carried out in silence for the faithless, as it will have been, seen way before it, as they will have of ill, no wretched of kindness after, that might be still young in the eyes of those that would falter as to be driven away. No longer will they remember if they're made forget and turned from the most bastardly of all, that would happen, and lest all give themselves to our lord, they shall wreathe in pain and much to be, as such beseech, many for whom, as such, and suffering will be called, and many of them, by thine wilt, shall be done fort. For those blasphemers, whom turned their backs, many of them would have to watch. Their precious kin and those whose pockets wince as they can't, any more be filled, for avarice turned away from thine. Our lord who had been killed by Jews alike, of wretched serpents, that would come and shatter, and drive away as if that would matter, for anyone whose heart is evil, as it has become. For those whom had been driven away from your voice the call. They, who would blaspheme your name, and suffer, suffer, ever again. Whom, of idol, would they had been seen, and if not for you, alone, none of this might've been. But shattered was thine path today, for wherever place one looks, evil lay, for kike regard. For every vile kin to Moloch, rescind, for them, he is but god, second father, third of lies, that come after, such vile anchor, for, come after, no more, and naught but a false idol. As one would've seen one like, as

one would've had him set in light, one must do, for every dirty, nasty Jew, for they alone would wreathe and kill, would bastardize of what, whichever mind there is, whatever purity, would they, the fiend. Embodiment of consecration, I beg onto you that you throw these evil creatures into the pits of damnation, where they, of all, will eternally rot, and die and sealed with their father, Lucifer where they will die, forever and forever again, until no longer will they be allowed, again, to return to such Earthly realms, where they might steal, kill, and least of all. Eat our children and throw, aghast, upon their doings, but heart of child, and take his blood, the claim, as happens, and ever after, for evil only shatters. As it happens, much today, even to such likings, they still come and thread, upon viler lays. For they seek, of brothers to return, and bastardize the name of our mighty lord, and would but throw but all, and turn, from, mightily, as it is, our kind hearted lord, whom would, serve, suffice, and bless, as for all evil to be set to die. Upon his knee, no wonder, neither of them would come onto, now, as to beg forgiveness for all the evil, yet destruction they have left behind. Of such unkindness none may know, the Holocaust, a lie, and turned from your, all those who would continue such, plow and plot, mightily given, for bastardizing truth, and much to it misgiven would they have such, wretch, and steal from the pockets of your servants, when mightily they are lead. They, of all, are naught to be allowed to run, of such holy as there is, but ground. Upon Nazaretean soil, they toiled, sold, stole from and kill upon. I ask of you, my dear friend, will you consider, our Christ in a land that's being wretched, drenched and spoiled upon, by such a toil, as their grabby little filthy hands.

These wretched kikes that but butcher things and have their way with them instead, of turning back onto Christ again, before they're thrown and burnt for the sins, in their blood as well, as there shall be no way, none other to return, to such blessed days of worship, when the life, of the very earth might come and stumble yet again, and flourish as one would have it after, again and there on out again.'

And another man from the crowd said:

'Butcher these sub-human animals, let us wring their likes, I shall stop at nothing until I will have killed all of these disgusting kikes.

With their wretchedness, these mongrels, whom are spread, and whom had come to throw the entire world into such chaos as none would have it, either now or ever again. We need, to try and mightily cast again, each and every single one of them, in the might fire from the barren pits of fire they've been born in, that their wretched bones might shattered after, guts of which spoils are dry. That we may never suffer, such bastardization as to hear our children's dire, breathing, stopped.

Thus, I have come onto a single way, that we may find a simple resolution, that it may simply be made, and there on out again, we shall not suffer their likes, to mix or breathe upon our veins, upon our necks, as they're prepared to stab.

We butcher them, we butcher them all, to every single last one alive, to every single one that's breathes, we kill and slaughter every living one until.

Our lord is but avenged.

The suffering of our kind but ends. Only then, and only then there, might be gone, such suffering as they would have us go through, beaten and bastardized.'

With which there came a sentence from the Judge, whom sharpened his nails upon the pallor, and brought onto his brow, such collar, as one could see the likes of a single, breathing, taken but apart, claimed upon but left behind, icon. They had ruined in their path. They thought they could get away, but none would forget where a kikes' true allegiance lay.

Eighteen wretched monks would've seen it most perilous as to have them go yonder, and left alone to their wont and anger, as would they have after, bring forth, such as would be all distraught, destruction, would have yet consumed, unless, one could've seen it true.

'But lo, these are not holy men, they of all, were come and brought along way, and were, as to be brought, akin and join our ranks as would they had seen, as such, and even-brought thither and there, they are their servants.

But have joined our ranks, and there, see them for what they are, of such soullessness as can be brought upon his face, as to besmirch and as to bastardize beyond relief and plenty wonder, and true to all, that does come after, is but burning hell for all of those whom mighty, as he is, oppose.'

Somewhere in Holdretch

The wretched concubine that entered my room had, a big kebab for a head, with a few hundred heads attached, all of them bearing elongated tongues that came in and out, reeling without a single shroud of shame, these hussies. All of them, out of their guts spat out, nastier pussies-looking pretties, they were, without limbs. Other women that were so beautiful, pretty, pretty they were. And hair as well, their bushies were. Of course I was to, of course I had to, well. I had to, personally. Oh, but you know. A ladder was in the room, one that reached the ceiling, I've seen in, through. That I gave little kisses to every bush that spread, all over their nasty faces, as well, as, you know me, everywhere else. They hanged like ever puffier bags, the heads were giant, I want to be eaten by one now. And they open, I can live in one, not the heads either, but everything else. Stall houses where I can live all day, all merrily and gay. But not the faggotry they teach nowadays, but happily ever after, inside a woman who'd convey, whatever emotion I'd feed into her, so many of them, so busy, and pretty.

Every womansack, had that beam-stalk coming out her forehead, the tongue. And the heads upon the pillar? All of them choked. On me as well as on their hairy chodes. Every concubine of the lot was divine. And every single one of them lived in a room with red carpets, filled with depictions of a dark sun. To the right of the room, pillars blocking eighteen yellow-puckery plates. The journey never ends.

Ah, here comes the king, I see. Whatever it be. Every single man inside the room bows down, and see:

'As thus, I have finally come and finally have I arrived, in this reverie, as sullenly, as I am. Descended of the dead, processor of Liehlyion!'

'Who are you?'

'I am the Moldernjhehryuinthebar, of Klohke.'

He was dressed all in red, with white strange x-crossed diamond that had red gems split in half but shattered on command and restored, with the color as well, drawn, therefore. He bore, spread-shafts of puffy ivory-rose. Velvety as well; royal, with slashes of pigmented fellows, those being depictions of men that crowned him, before he rose, golden, but rotten to the core.

Him, like everyone else, whose clothes were no exception, all sullen and forged, by one who's fires only destroyed. Embroidered with cones of rotten-beans: But he bore a mighty scepter, with a rosen, pallid, graven blade, on top of which, a nasty head, he pointed at all of us.

'Mielord, does not want your voices heard until he's called the faden-servitor.'

Of whose tallness was open-end, there instead, a break to the ceiling as well; it entered.

Every concubine knelt, as much as they drew by both sides, some hiding behind the pillars, which were much grander than them all. Colossal thing, he were; ankles cages and brown-powdery, chained by bed. It carried it and mostly, that's the main thing that could be seen. It was as if he came out of it. Embroidered by metal, made to be it; chained by every limb, headless, but ill. Like a kidnapped woman's fine legs in the front, with at-whale thrown spears and mighty leered upon, rottenly blinds – curtains faded its tow; no one wanted to look at it, out of fear. Then, dear:

Shilhyio asked:

'Who are you, colossal Faden one?'

But it drew along, a tail or two legs, hardly did it matter, all pieces of its born, torn apart and sunder.

It spoke in the voices of beaten in the head children, through a filter of voices, drawn. Too much attention now, it spoke, like a man now.

But highly mechanical:

'I presume you are the master of this house, no?'

'I used to live in a house like this once, but no. I would think not.'

'Will you welcome me in, Moldernjhehryuinthebar, to join your inner circle?'

The eerie voice continued. It was that of a man, behind a bad microphone. An old man as well and everyone knows that a lot of them.

Goblin-mongrel head on cut:

'You're not to be allowed yet. No, I'm thinking, not until our god of filth is given such command. He's yet to mask himself and hide away, in the body of. Yes, Agrippa, a human man, he's to be made great use of, in the days to come; I think, indeed, there's something there to be had.'

'How do you know?'

'Who asked you Shilhyio? Or your opinion either?'

‘No one, why? What’s wrong with you?’

‘What’s wrong with me?’

‘Yes, what is wrong with you.’

‘Have you looked around you for a moment now?’

‘I have, I, where’s my ladder?’

They were both stubborn, and the ‘king’ was already confused as to what was going on between them. What to do as such and what would he do, if there was even a chance to, even do something about it.

Moldernjhehryuinthebar, Hyundibar.

Handbar, stared at the thing, he was ill now, mad, fumigatingly rotten by, time as a child would throw a tantrum so did he. Not the best time to be around.

‘Well since my left hand.’

His royal suit was already filled with spears, since the rubies were wide-spread and moved, yet avoided touching the golden embroidery. It only happened when his scepter got man.

‘Listen, Shill. Damn it.

Listen Shill, I, need you to, com here for a moment.’

‘My actual name is Shell.’

‘Fine, Shell, draw forth.’

He joined his inner circle which was more of an inner triangle because that’s how the hall was shaped, that plus a rectangle, to his left, the pillars. To his front, that eerily dark thing, shaking; which, now, as it continued its strange electric-speech, had managed to utterly frighten every single one of the concubines inside the room; both men, Moldernjhehryuinthebar and Shell were still, small, tiny compared to them.

The throne was pebble, but not.

Sitting down.

‘Sit.’

Shell was on his arse.

A disturbing cold, a swept-in dust, at their feet, but lust had scattered as much.

Elsewhere in town:

Down and beyond a river in trance:

An open door would have it gone, within the hour. The drunk had no power over the men, but then again, there were four of them, standing. Looking at him from most obscure a side; readying themselves to ask:

‘Who are you, old man, big aloof of powder snout, as you raise your arm, you ask again, when time will come for us to leave? When piece by piece we seek, as this, nature of yours is brought, when you are come about to age of done, whence you shall lose whatever piece of shard, as for your broken armor stands to fall. For when it does, your body, and your blood, what shall have you of them? Such grimace as there is the night, in which your poison, of such draught, might come to coil and fade away. When you shall lay, no bitter say are you to be allowed. No retort, for, by the time we are done.

You, old man are not to survive.’

‘By what claim would whichever one of you will claim my life, when I alone would not have myself be taken by the eye?’

‘We don’t have is Sokolarks, lyet-lyet draws near, he will eat you, they will take you apart afterwards, in warts covered, swollen and made to do, faster than you should. In a land as obscure as the catalogue of Blyeithi says. Of greater houses, all but lain, inside their dug-outs; the pits and the falls, in which hundreds of men akin to you are waiting, but only their heads are theirs.’

‘And tell him, of, the rest of them.’

‘You do not want to know this, Sokolarks, but, they say there’s only one true head. The rest of them, of what might be said.’

‘Let him figure it out by the hour, you don’t raise the bailiff, you don’t pay heed to our warning and wave your guard and let us inside, where we may have a drink, and stall. You end up there.’

In the lands of unawares, where they might rot away with the warmongers of bloated puffs, with the bodies, but the market-brought. A few little men with knives, some maidens of torches of which device; chest-collar, with a weird socketed-arm, flicking the torch at their faces, then off; for some reason everyone was watching, then, from one of the black-coated raised, many man-feet held towers, a few openings emerged. They were high-peaks with mighty face, which opened and a few servants came, out of their way to look down at the happening, commotion. In no direction, none certain could they look. And find out.

But the sun, then again, one of them, the one they were staring ate, way too many limbs, riddled with, plants were they not, pizza-sliced mold filled flowery shapes that dangled, all around space. There was also a weird being that was spinning around them, a giant satellite that was visible to all. Like an eagle racing-charging in one direction without talons, staring down, with only one wing that slowly molded in a battering ram but with a single giant engrossed lump coming out of it, directly parallel to the eagle like thing. And this was only from the side. The short, thinner side of the ram, or its squashed head was an arm, as was the other, much wider one. The eagle, vulture, or ‘feathery’ counterpart, one deformed hooked leg, while the other was thin, as well, as it but stood widely extended; the lump a dead, a darker head that was but lordly projected out of the lump when see, from the other side, of it. The lump was a throat, this thing but like a blade but covered in melting yolk. With the hilt two side-glancing eyes; and from this open bladed, melted by the side, mouth, it was riddled with teeth, shaped like pseudo-feet.

It charged and shot large rays of power, glowing with pus-white-blue-then-red-then exploded as well, in that sun.

Its celestial companion was a coiled piled sack of many put together interconnected limbs that almost gave the impression of a snake but wasn't. Many fingers and many appendages there, but the creature only lived in this livid-house. Its insect-like almost black-plague doctor mask, that bore several bulbs of yellow bore, a giant, still connected to the pile, 'pointy-hat' made out of a greater limbs, with slimy smiles carved in, and a machine-wing that wasn't functional.

His servants were leashed by metal spiked bands, wrapped around their bodies. Bird-cages ribbed-plastered on top of them corpses, inflated with meat inside of them, harp-bodied stump-filled, as for their four limbs, but no head; although they did have giant canon-like lodged in greater honey-shots inside of them, lumped and plunged-lodged inside of them like swords, that never made it on the other side. The leashed-bands rested above them. Their sludgy legs were pumping, beating, thoroughly like hearts.

And their greatest enemy was Ilneoyc.

A blob-fished headed humanoid like hybrid-zombie with vortex-melted in, depressed third-degree black burns, that looked like eyes of the storm with putrid black iron-burnt in alloy, as were its socketless eyes. That had a great dart-organ lodged on one side, pumping in like a bee being lodged in. The other side, half a knife-like thing, pumping as well; his body was framed like an old camera-like device, with two side-mechanical, pseudo-futuristically shaped gun-handles. As if you could cut one wing and it would look like compact squared gun, while the wing looked like a gun-cartridge, but convex; which bore two, elongated almost Gatling guns, or large, giant barrels, that were fattier at their ends, like inflated wrists which carried flaccidly resting mantis-blade positioned, down, crab-pincers, but mechanical. He was like a blob-fish man riding a train, in space.

He opened every few seconds, or a door standing directly proportional to him, underneath, out of which came huge headed, making their bodies, small bulb-cylindrical but anatomically- like an ice-cream cone, whose cream was molded to a forward pointing panel, in which its face drew forth into a pseudo man-arm connected to a bed-sheet mattress bone-like cartilage with spikes adorning both sides. This being a metallic framed platform where everything was segmented with iron-crossed checker board, squares, every single one of them bearing, risible tombs. Dead-people lived in there.

In town, near one of the fountains.

Lower streets:

Four bridge-cisterns upon which they walked, all rolling but dragged along.

'My legs are wasted again, friend, I cannot grow them forever!'

'Nonsense, of course you can.'

'I won't wait here forever, being taken apart.'

'Then leave.'

I can't.'

'Come on Josephine, you know you can do it, I so thoroughly believe in you with all my berated fool beating organ-heart!'

'You are a foul man, it's what you are!'

A melancholiously sullen bird drew along from one side, of the upper-roofed, lower, molded inside, the men of bricks that served as the sign for the House of Ringed Stators, suddenly struck by a most morbid draught. For the maiden Josephine was crying, all along the side of barrels caught, naught in arms, but held above, spun by slavers' hands of love. Of such distraught benign, as for the reason they would have her suffer, longer while. Until a bastardly lord might emerge and might catch, her beautiful dress from the pile that was dragged behind. Yet every dress was made out of a pet. Many of them solemnly butchered instead. Was that the sound, I hear before, when must, I come, when nearing their dance? When in need to, as to remember yet myself, there's none. Not that would they offer to drag her out.

'They're all subservient to me and If I will it, tomorrow, here I'll see.'

'But what must I do in order to take myself away from this discord, from this concord of empty wails that had put me through such suffering as might, I add, no matter, pray?'

'Nay, maiden, for neither the gods might suffer such return, and I shall have none mourn your for no turn, I've sworn, that I would have you here and I shall have you near, until my heart, with bleeding, yet such drear as might be my, wail, as there's command. To have suffered none, and none other, who might come upon me, yet I stop and suffer, thinking, wonder, who shall come after?

If I will them now?'

And a day passed, from the looks of which, a leg would appear, to have twitched and pitched of lordly was there a manner in which they might listen after, the Goliaths with four bulk-heads. All of them bearing large appendages, men, out of their mouth with bubbles that were violent-spiked, out of which came long-wheat eyes. And each eye spoke to her:

Berateful, they didn't.

Instead they started pounding her in place, splattering her apart, only to see the reigns of the curse emerge, and make itself known to her; as she would be remade again. Out of which, lost in pain; one of them pulled out a mighty spell, bowels-of-power which came in shots, eight-six-five-five-and-four spherical variously geometrical but made of magic-lots, which trailed one another and splattered her after.

Wilt her as such, they had her, the bunch, as they spent incessant hours butchering the broad, like a bunch of dire-in-need-of-heat animals incapable of such retreat, came the cold.

By now, a few seasons passed, but during wretched as there was a night, candle light come from below. Like bells ever going and threading along as one ought to, rather know.

'Wilt you be taken away by wish?'

'I seek no such company, from such a beast!'

‘Ah, wretched maiden, but you insult me, have you now not considered, by then, as such, months, has passed, that help might be sekt, and better yet, than dead, will you not have me but come instead?’

‘I’d rather be alone, abandoned.’

‘So be it, then I take my leave.’

The man looked for nothing more, nor company.

Lleyske Yyil

‘The ground it pitty, pitied up against us.’

A large stretch of wild concaves, they were singing as they approached, slowly threading along, as if they couldn’t make either, or, from so much more of what was there, drawn by couch-like machines, with eely-twisted wheels, they sang.

‘And drag along and drag along, let us just forget ourselves, if only for a little while.’

Where to walk? They all wondered and they could’ve stopped, at any time for such, were they, and wild directions, either way they would themselves staring, at a single puddle covered moist, sprung from one of the petty cones, standing merely, flaccidly in awe.

And awry, it stood before them, ever drawing, out of breath, a fish on both shoulders, splashed and better yet, they spoke for him, of largely stopped. Man of woe whom dragged himself upon the middle of the road, he spoke:

‘Will there be a chance for me to lay upon the middle of the cut? And be brought upon you, that. Might I be taken home in land, beyond the lesser wonder, that I may be of closer, lost long stature?’

‘To whom are you to speak?’

Intertwined Lkher, whom had already approached, with a slithery peeled off thing, he almost came close to wring his throat in half a boat, from which the blood sails would rip, and torn away, and fall upon his feet and wager:

‘There on after, here, stranger, you’ll find naught and you will find just as much in whichever direction you look towards, regardless if you were to join us and ride, in the distance, when, upon petty cry. Make it forth towards the thorns, and live inside one for a world that’s unknown for the ones that grow from the most bothersome depths, he will take you to his home and do as he pleases from there on.’

‘But what if this, what you have claimed, to me as well, as it might be, but a petty lie? How could I trust you, scoundrel who would but have none other follow me after, whatever might be said, as, lie?’

There was as little left as there was as much done, follow-through. A ghastly moving castle was breathe upon the land, pursed through the lips of Ikh the giant whose Itchil-core of heads were wrought, all but drawing up, apart. But one of them, whose sockets, carefully as they've been brought, started drawing out instead, with many flying, wing-spun legs. Many of them as incapable of noise as they had been before, but they were already forgotten for the sounds of a brought in, four; greater viler, red-imbued, like specters walking, in sinew, of dark-machines, in souls uncanny. Of what was brought after, the lesser and the ones, as tawny-metal, greaves were put. Many of which but lesser-yet as true, would come to no apparent use.

Eight of them possessed a child. A giant one, a bare-breasted, ridden with cartilage, a darkly wrought, obscure knight, whose lesser scrawls appeared so, they were in the air, following him before he would but throw, of need, and much to his mind, it served as no reminder. For what came before him and what came rightfully after.

For the man on the streets, whom had been banished, of his road-plan abandoned, had he found himself in much nearer encampment that had lain wherever he looked. It was displeasing at least, and much more so, incapable of ringing true. That he had found himself in, or during, which, a vision of a town, it was here and there, disappeared, then came back, returned, during a time not a single soul understood what was to it, before it was come under his wilder thing, and, as such at unawares.

Aware of what was going there, at least. It was as little as could come to bold, and fist, were there naught, and were they brought much closer to him than that, the specters spoke:

To much provoke:

‘There, here on out and look, at such wonder as we will have proceeded to bring forth, from the distance, and much more distant as there are horizons, the flying castle we shall cast upon all, in which, may lay, the many souls we cast away, until it splits.’

At which command, he showed him such, and there they were at last. Two castles, brokenly split, much more to themselves, pleasantly ripped. From both sides but standing many, of lesser as there were, spires and towers, petty. All of the souls that resided in, most sonorous but it served no beast to listen to either one. But then again:

‘We could take your life if we will but that shall serve no one if any at all, for your are indeed too young to matter after, to make a difference or to come after. I shall bring upon you something more, indeed, something that shall call upon you, to bring me forth, upon your place of solace where you hide.’

‘What will that be?’

‘A piece of the giant heart-room you live in.’

A deepened sight followed as well.

Broken by the reeds, there stood, as simple as he was, and lopsided yet in truth he trusted, off the country he had landed, the few people whom were with him alike. They were afraid of leaving him alone. It was dangerous standing in a land filled with puffy snow.

‘It’s fallen of the roofs belonging to the Lichens of Ourroko, most of which hide on a whim, they get pitted against one another down there for reasons neither of you will understand.’

‘Care to explain to us then?’

‘Bastardly, you will be made aware!’

As an offering he only drew them closer to them. By now they claimed whatever was left of the rooms and of the lower areas. Claimed by force; that could be seen there; as some of them had immediately displayed an aversion that found its way in, as opposed to what other circumstances would’ve allowed for. The chamberlains would’ve dropped, the cleaning maidens, even if brought could not deal with what had happened there, an exotic show of rugs and plain carpets, of bookshelves and broken dances, of plates riddled with shards and dust, and leftovers of men, whom bore armor and used to look, for every single thing fought for, being unlaidd.

And the things responsible for it were fat, obese abomination-slugs, of hardened chitinous insectoid covers, lain outside was there a most peculiar exoskeleton that replicated a marine’s chest armor, though the chitin ensured there wouldn’t be any resemblance whatsoever once fully grown. Its tail was but many teeth united, at the opposite end, no head but a large eggplant thick horn of many shards, grown, like tumorous barbarous. Many of these horns held tomb-like formations with head-peaked carved in gargoyle figures, with the mannequin-segmented bodies of men attached to these giant faces; like the strands of a beard.

Three mighty beings hid inside. Whose bodies were magician sawcut-coffins, wildly attached, whose heads were dolphin shaped craniums with lumps at the back, but blob-fish like, filled with many branch forms, elongated spikes, and more than enough deformed wild growths as to fill a forest with. Two giant eyes pushed out but they were empty socketed and had faceless man faces, shaped buds that rotated while attempted speaking as if their mouths were sutured in. Its wildly-disturbing to look at dolphin-cranium bore the giant smile of a giant human, but, as it opened it revealed a giant fat-sharp appendage like the sting of a wasp, that wriggled in and out, back into its hiding. All three of them were dressed in long-fifteen feet high curtains, drenched in blood.

And every slug-bodied creature had them, each three-alike.

A patch of verdant

Four men gathered around, all wearing their axes backwards, aimed at their ugly pointed heads, with spiked-chains and large nails, they stopped just in time before they could all end themselves before even stumbling at the stump.

‘Wait a minute, you sure this is where we’re supposed to be?’

‘Is this not the stump?’

‘Of course it is, but what you wager is in it?’

‘I don’t know, there’s only one way to find out, right? Rip it open already?’

‘Wait, fellows, how about, we don’t aim those things at ourselves for one moment, what do you say?’

‘Aye, shut your filthy mouth already, I say we look what’s in it.’

‘What do you think there is?’

‘Rip it open already, I want to munch off its blocky peels, and fill my teeth with sparks of wooden thorns and little pigs of wooden boards.’

‘Calm down, you’re going to scare it, look, it’s shaking.’

By their sides, the wind was already drenching part of the house dens. Rummaging through one of the tree-barren spoils, and spools of cradles, and of barrels donned on them before any chance could be taken home. The house of a warped skull, whose sockets as window-blinds were glowing figures strung, from its nose but giant bubbles shaped like trunks, but still, a wood’s a wood. They could chop it, they would. But the stump shook even the smartest of them, it riddled them. How it stood and what was inside.

It pulsed with boil red, acid-tar in place. A transparent thing that made smoke come out of itself.

‘I think it’s about to explode, step away!’

At first sight they simply started running away, trying to hide themselves behind any if all, at all, could they reach; whether it was a barrel or a passing choir of duckling and ducks. And rummaging about, a sparrow with eighteen hundred piled on a small tower it made out of its own stacked-upon one another ocular device, that reached the sky, and saw through clouds, hardly able to open its beak because the weight pushed down. Remarkably feathery light, with everything else concluded.

‘It’s not doing anything other than pumping in there.’

‘Grab a hold of this, you pathetic churners!’

At the call of which they chucked a few stones at it. One of them bounced back, it didn’t even harm the thing which only danced in place, it had. It had, made a giant mushroom-squared tank-livid device, but without the canon-piece. A submarine visor came out of its head, drawing onward, from which out drew the second visor, having formed a small block of spores holding it together. Out came a vent with rotating black swirls inside of it that spat, and they were wide and big even in relation to it, fully stretched to their connected to them –arm span, fist, connected to an arm, which bore a long wooden-like handle that pointed at the ground, connected to the forearm, at the end of which a sharp sword came out of, pointing at the sky. The sword was straight, the handle concave, the arm might’ve been standing, as the handle, flaccidly on the ground. But they were flying towards them, and before they knew it, they started throwing ducks at them, only to see them spliced in halves and made to fall, both apart and wherever they could land in. Whichever way they could follow through and fatherly after:

‘You’re slaughtering innocents.’

‘A duck killed my mother.’

‘Blasphemous, how dare you lie to us?’

‘We stand to die, cut and chopped, and punched as well, when they are done, do you seriously think I would consider the lives of a few ducklings? Will I seriously take them or their lives into account?’

‘I don’t know.’

A giant half-a blimp, house-body whose front end looked like a cruiser wreckage, out of which a giant round-insect compounded black eye came out of, whose only two thumper-forcing legs were two cowed figures whose heads were attached to the beast, that was also pseudo- ‘scaled’, bore, inside of it, a socketless skull with a squared-iron frame wrapped and connected to it which produced weird lasso motions of some peculiar quantum matter, out of the oozing protrudence of which, weirdly melting wormish one-horned shadowy lyimless came into existence only to be sacrificed during the process of being pulled from their dimensions. Throat spikes were wished inside their bleak-hearts, which in turn, out of this deadly exchange, turned one piece of the sky at a time into a window-blind, drawn behind, as it opened into space.

Out of space came flying in, weird humanoid skulls with rhinoceros horns, whose lower jaws were missing but carved in the giant crystals they appeared to be lodged inside of. Weirdly flying hammer-headed chopped thumb-cartilage pink-skinned slimes with a trailed by the sides of a serial killer victim’s mouth cuts’ shaped mouth, extremely open-wided, with black-bent-straw teeth, and a single puckery eye-protrusion that looked like a globular parasite inside a snail’s eye, -eye, kind of creatures appeared to rotate around them. They looked wickedly sick, falling apart, infested, by some plague, stuck in a never ending cackling-mouth position, their Cyclops eye crimson filled with moisture and desperation. Only caused, in no time for them to grow spic-wings, that were overly grown to an extreme grass roots that almost looked like blood sprouting out of their sides out of being stabbed with a knife. But each of them only bore a single ‘wing’, although not wings, more like a torn-apart scattered broom of long-dark needles pulsating with clot. They didn’t flap their wings, which were static, they were unaffected by anything and merely flew, or were, floating through gravity itself. Nine or so around a crystal skull; although one of these satellite creatures bore a skin tag beneath it, that was as thick as a man’s toe.

But it was alright, for one of the Gods had blessed the four men.

That being the Patron Saint Bjalba, who is a strange stove-forge-pot- bodied, with long pillar spikes coming out of it, arms that look like spade- scimitars elongatedly curved cones with dark face features spread around them, a lower body made out of a dark gust of slime-gas-smoke constantly being released, as if inside his body a genie was trapped. Whereas its head is only a half, a left pointing axe-surface diamond puzzle piece mold with a mattress spring device-like mouth filled with not only many protrusions but many crab-like clawing apart, extending, clickers that came in the hundreds. A single eye and nothing other, which was perfectly flat; its throat was the same smoke-thing as well, the gas.

Its star-children were giant domed-nautilus fortune cookie headed, or two welded but more compact straw hats with botfly parasitical tendon filled, caterpillar like bodies, that were animated by the same gas their father had blessed them with. Their one eye was less flatter, whereas their mouths were many barb-wired circles that overlapped one another, while twisting, turning in the same way a vortex would. Also a huge

cancerous gangrene parasite shaped like a thin-anorexic pepper with harpoon shot mechanically lodged inside the other side of their star-child weird helmet stingers attached to their bodies. Both of theirs; and every star-child was infested. And every single one of them was dead. But their painted eye was, eternally youthful, filled with glee.

‘We need to retreat immediately, to wherever the wind might take us towards, whereas they might look in our direction and what to tell of us when we thread along, and much, much farther, where they shall be less inclined to find us, brother Warrad, call upon the mares, let them come, and draw forth that we may find a way out of this pit of despair.’

‘If you say so, I feel as if we cannot leave, still, I think you’re right. They could most bastardly butcher us like animals if we so allowed them the lease. To carry on with, I am rather afraid of what that might mean for either one of us.’

‘Then let it be so, I think there’s yet something in either, or farther or closer, the sink inside the ground that might take us to leave.’

‘Dreary are the legs of each baton-tree that comes to live, but lo, look.’

They’ve eaten their mares, the beasts, women; taller, haughtier, hardened, as they were chewing these majestic creatures up, like the leprous females they were, one strand at a time.

‘Savage beasts!’

‘They killed our horses, what are we to do?’

‘I know what they did you mongrel-brain, I can see it for myself, nasty witches. I would have them burnt, but we have no time, we must retreat to one of the standing houses before they’re taken from us!’

Towards which they drew. A giant crater that was made out of two put together parasites, standing side by side, being deformed hamster-worms with flat sides. Their flat sides being them, as well, two dimensional flat-walls that bore side-depictions on every side of the wall, rounded up but connected as if they were on all eight sides of their combined bodies, which were only separated by a single door that cut through both of them. In total eight eyes, eight mouths and many bumpy things on every side; including the thinner walls, which were the same right sided hamster-like rodent with worm-like gusher teeth coming out its mouth. It was like an inner living wagon being in.

And a few bandits were waiting for them inside. As soon as they entered, all four of them men realized that twenty arrows had already planted themselves inside their guts, just about in every visible spot, wherever they could be or be put inside of, they simply could not control themselves, falling apart, their body parts started wriggling in the air.

Shork had a few arrows sticking out which went all the way through the backside of his head. He opened his mouth only to spit out a few pieces of silver-tipped arrow heads and boxes. He spat boxes, his head grew a lot, like a balloon, as well as his throat and got, which forced him to spit blood-boxes, with arrows inside of them.

‘What’s wrong with you Shork?’

‘I am bleeding profusely, I think I’ve given birth to arrows.’

‘That’s horrible, you could lose an eye that way, or a gut.’

Luckily for him, he had a Satan shaped blade on him. The father of lies imbued his strength, the morning star began glowing red. It was time for him to attack.

The create was under extreme stress as the many foes beyond it began attacking in a most desperate manner, in a hardened attempt to get rid of all that surrounded the place of the reckoning, the splitting of the trunk.

Lies created swords unseen that did not exist, but did. Harmless to everyone else but the user, who was the only one hurt at the end:

‘There’s a falchion, somewhere, in this house. I know it, because I’ve seen this house, I’ve been here before, during one of my most lucid nightmares when I became one of the first killed men in the dreams of nether-taking blood-drawing, gelatin-kings with their pointy hats and their wild cone-teeth that drew form their many curved like elephant trunk siren-skeleton bodies. But only their heads were made out of gelatins as they bore no skulls.

They each bore one dark sword made out of space-smoke that had tiny veils universes in them, as well as eye-stars with strange giant worms that had spiked-like porcupine fingers at each one of their ends. Whereas their other arms bore strange giant two garbage trash bags put together formations with a harp lodged at one end, that bore one great scythe-sword scorpion tail beaded mold, one curved tip and one popping out of it as well, whereas each scorpion-bead bore blade-like protrusions coming out of them on both sides, that kept puffing in and out, whereas, on the other side, a conical –drill drew out as well.

Yeah, they came in here during one night and hid a falchion somewhere, planting in an object, so they could slowly partake into the theft of light.’

‘There’s something wrong but I cannot wrap my hand around it.’

‘For what reason might that be, for I’ve seen naught wrong with your face now.’

‘It’s not necessarily my hand or my arm, but the demons that are inside every man and who hide inside every insidious skeleton there is out there, threatening to leap from one side to the other, incapable of fashioning anything even remotely plain, for they fear what beauty might be brought from the most obscure of dames that venture into town.

They who would bastardize the ladies and whom would fashion them out of much falser idols, I’ve seen them persecuted by the dark spirits of splintering woes. They have whispered in my ear knowledge such as which, my wit has yet to decipher. Yet I know that those demons had blessed my blade with the likes of Lucifer, for they had feared what might come after me if I had waited for too long.

I am brought here, onto you, great master, the Stump. I know you’re out there still oozing into the world, of whose presence and sentience and power is well beyond that of likened common men, but I fear nonetheless that our paths could somehow become even more convoluted than I could ever expect them to

become. I fear, as I have stayed my hand again for what might happen to my kind, and those alike, my descendants if you're left uncut.

For that I can only promise this, once we leave this unfathomably house we're trapped in, once we've left the premise of the twins, we shall seek only a most supreme fashioned and heistened, as in robbed, retribution that might've been aimed at us, but has not.'

With which, he vowed like every petty man out there to destroy in, incapable of seeing through the walls, part of the world especially the one beneath it, beneath that point had been completely broken down and left to rot. Like a spoiled apple that's fallen apart, under his command, by his toes alike, alarmingly so, destroyed and distraught. It ate away, and would've done with, as for, aforementioned, darkened was the day, they slept through.

But darker dreams had followed all of them, incapable of fully drawing out of the sinew of the globular Mars they stepped upon. Although they were in the world, many of them but bridged by the bones of giants that had been, no longer standing home, they waited; wailing whale like things but echoing upon one another's reminiscence of dark commands, but neither of them could understand why any of it happened, nor would they be capable of doing as such.

'There's a yonder snow-drift, I think there's call for winter come. And it'd be brought before us by the call of wolves and dog-mutants that come to life, whenever pleased, by such and come to pass. Whenever you may come upon us, sing of retribution, bastardly is the home of those around us when they'll come upon us. Knowingly, we have honed only the worst things we could stumble upon. We have brought the cadavers in our homes and slept with them.

Behold the race!'

Oh, what bitterly-woe, as there was such, madly endowed disgrace no less likely, would it have appeased no apparent dead gull that came upon shatteringly mad command, as to listen to them, who were brought upon a desperately depressed, not court, but a land made of sinking planets. But in what were they sinking? If not the most obtusely disgusting looking wail-mix of pale pools, all put together as if sutured by most disgustingly set gelatin, from the eruption of which their erudite minds could not help themselves but be forced bent over as to listen to the cones that came apart. Right as they came into life as well, as would've happened, and might've done, for them. The calls and likes of Nak, whichever man looked, could not remember, nor tell, what had happened during such allusion. Madly wrought and cowardly destitution as it were, as such:

'A servant, I am a servant, his alone and I have come to say one and only one thing alone that might happen to be jotted down, whenever I am, as to come from the depths of allusion, the lords of mightily dark illusions have sunken in the most deprave basins.

They have bastardized the world I've come from and I draw in. Breathe might be forgotten for now, but at least, now that's the time, when drawn and sutured upon the following clocks, I see that you are yet in wonder. I seek to ask as such of you, will you follow that which is true and make it seem as if I am forgotten when I am not?'

'What are you talking about, madly wrought Servant of Nak?'

‘Forget me for a moment, that I beg, and if you do, if you are to call upon the most bastardly way there is, I shall call you as such, upon a blessed agony, to watch upon the birth of a caller of dead birds, they’re filled with flagrant glaring birds.’

He knew much, and they all nodded, they all listened to him as if he were a brothel-brother to all of them who didn’t know much if anything about the world, wouldn’t it had mattered? If he did, if he tried, if he called upon a worthless cove, he knew just enough.

It was all that mattered, that and the fact that he was extremely disgusting looking, even the worst of creatures, even those afflicted by the maddest, most disturbing to look at plagues didn’t look as he had. He had been bombarded by growths that sabotaged even the likes of warts. Like a giant brain lobe with a single tubular tulip body of many smallish legs in drew up-front, towards them, levitating as if made out of metal and pulled towards magnets that couldn’t fashion or jerk themselves into place, nor would it make any difference to call what it was. A giant bovine leg came out from a piece of the lobe-lump, jerking eerily as it drew towards them. It twisted and turned. On the other side, he hid inside. Or would’ve done it, but this was the servant, and the lobe was only the growth to which it was attached. He had a giant helmeted head that looked like a pseudo-skull-capped mask, with round googly visors, with teeth that were small plates which were almost drawn on top the mask, put on top the giant sack-body that was attached, on a side, as if the slit, the spill was elongatedly connected to the piece. The device, the giant fridge coffin with its many dog-call-gizmos, the whistling and the grabbable appendages of brass and of iron; it had a pair of legs but those were overly grown horns. Regardless of it, one thing about the lobe, it was depressed, on the other-side but not the tulip-body like cylinder-flaccid thing, that was, surprisingly normal, unaffected. But he, the servant, was actively being, as well as every other gizmo and device, depressed-buried into it. Making it even more depressing to look at it for more than a few various reasons, that, more or less were unrelated to the message it appeared to bear. It wanted to waste away. It carried something inside that fridge-like unit. Niggers, most likely, niggers were hiding inside, niggers with strange geometrical trap-heads, which had been beatenly carved in. One could not, not, think of niggers as being in anything else and anything other than an unfavorable light, as they were wretched and evil, vile, they stomped on people’s heads and deserved to have their legs chopped off; although it was late for that, since these niggers were actively crippled beyond saving, since their heads and cognition devices had been destroyed. And the nations were at war, one could also not forget that, since morality was abandoned, their in-blood bred nigger-stomping habits were not to be erased any longer, unfortunately so. With the wretched advent of a distortedly sickened world, there was naught to be looked after any longer.

The others would not even endear the thought of something as awful as it was, the shells that were speared like ears, crackled in the distance by shattering hits of thunder gotten through by most desperate of heaves could not, even then be properly ignored any longer. As this lucid malady could not go for long and the incessant dream of these four, ancient, sleeping men who could not have been left in a more confused state than they had been, finally awakened during the disquiet, being only, forced as to be even more confused than they were before. Since the world outside was beyond recognizable. It was a somewhat less legible thing outside, a queerly wrought imitation of its former shell whose fall from grace made it ill-shaped, malformed. Darkened in color, with twists left behind as if wristed boils had yet completed rippled of fit-together molded oozing bacterium-elongations. Everything being put together as to form a disgustingly, hard-to-look at puzzle not even the sanest man could look at, there.

‘It appears as if during our absence, as we basked into an elicited sleep out of which, with vile regard to anything else, we’ve yet to find ourselves free of its reaches, its malignant stretches as well as the spread of the many put together filaments that threaten to destroy us.’

‘Not yet, not still. For as long as I bear this thing on me.’

But lo, his blade had been wished away, whisked by a few dark felines that had crawled underneath some secret passages that were filled with little siphoned blocky quays. Many of them had almost flailed as they fell on top their backs.

He wilt it still, but no response would be yielded thus.

‘It’s rather clear there’s a stove right there, buried underneath them, still, they’ve claimed the side.’

And many growths appeared to have, as such amassed.

‘They’re desperate as go through one of the broke sides. Through that which still wilts itself in place, I can still hear them again.’

The entire house not only shook itself in place but oozed.

‘It’s desperately trying to get through as if on tray.’

A platter of soiled dirt could convey just as much or less, it started boiling everything beneath it and above.

To readdress everything, a few meters off, it stood.

‘A much deranged animal, nothing in its path shook when it first approached.’

Partaking in the mold, of crooks they came after, yet again, nearing the stump, which had only pushed itself eagerly so, as to climb on top another piece brought, again into the view. A few harsher-buds but nearing them:

‘Greater cysted-many faced gorgon of many elongated heads.’

With each of the coil, bearing at their end, a giant pair of lump, but skull a water-tap protruding, and smaller pincer-mouth, downwardly pushing, it drew out, many twisted toothed clasps, that were but urchin of the sea a-like. It drew forward, yet was named.

‘Hullselv, out of which cells yet draw and bleed aside, you are called in action by the will of the stump.’

And yet alive, they called on it to see, as it wreathed and rested, in wretched pain and little more than broadly bore animosity.

A knapsack filled with little brine, they spoke of it as thus and there:

‘It’s still yet to move out its way.’

Dream of evil and confusion

Dead hours, some of them came before the first, come upon, drawn for, eighteen months, before Eighteen fifty seven hundred four, four times already, set, in which the deformed two volcanoes-mouths combined figures that shared their twisted humanoid-pillar twisted aligned teeth, tumor dancing gut-dancers with filthy-imploding mine-growths that bore the entire history of humanity, represented in billions of illustrations, contorted as to be cubical-cones formed as devouringly beating hearts trapped inside bubbles being their crown, pointing both downwardly and upwardly, while vibrating, seamlessly in such a peculiar manner that the destruction of the Hellish Realm of Kapfhus Krekhil Ongcho had already proceeded, having taken, took it, the head start, which was spent, already, devouring some of the dark bubbly cadaverous hours of time, many of which had thrust forward to the great dark masters of the world, whom, upon and during the subjugation of the dark-hourly amassed time of yonderly approach, a second Age having intervened in the already going devouring process of great mightily deformed concord-alacrity, mental sanguinity being the only proper derivation of the chiseled sculpted-wrong set bleeding figures whose mental consciousness have intruded upon the advance of the Realm, that being only, and having only served, for some reason as a fire-most platform on top of which it may thread upon, as to walk forwardly inclined, on the evil days, themselves, of Sabbathean Easter where, exactly one corpse arose, from one dead bubble of time, although, with a key difference, whose potency would define the very difference between an anatomical modern man and a normal one, could confine them into their prisons, for unknown rotten eternities, Meal Olno, second in line to the throne of Fyiekuv Beadyie, had already thrust forth, advancing through them, only to propel himself towards a dark sight, of bloodied, as he had ruined it by blood contorting the sinew of corpses-wrought in painless quiets, where he had found his nest kingdom Hog-Uas, the Oratory of broken blood-time pieces of scum-wrought flying cadavers, where he lived upon the brow of his dark castle, near the shores, on top the sea, as if frozen, on top of it, of Wuel; upon the nearing glassy sounds of long-forgotten frog-like fog wails. It entered the premise, their house being dislodged from where they rested, initially trying for one of the fallen-through windows a few of the fallen kids smashed through during the earlier evening. An irrational thought occurred to the men, standing up-right yet awakened by something else that drew them to the realms of waking. A scent, that engulfed their senses; they had been pulled out of their coffins, tightly shut as they were, carpets and pieces of the ceiling having entered them as soon, as it was time.

‘We’ve been aroused from the realms of death itself, something, something must’ve happened.’

‘I believe it to be so as well, something less content with our sleeping session in our eternal beds, that had to be completely interrupted; for some reason, I cannot plant myself back into the grave.’

Remarked some of the men inside the cemetery; it’s been long since they’ve been plucked out of it, having followed a nasty sliding of the hinges by the side of the room, where a few marks left over by some passer-by’s rancid drunkard fall-over managed to ruin a whole set of shots that had been taken along the way. It was bothersome, being there, near them, especially since no man fully regained consciousness, not in the bit. Although their lives had somewhat been spared the grand canal of being rustled over through the living, although they would not have been awake.

It flattered no one to forget what went through their heads then.

‘We’re leading the dead marches.’

And then, as if they had pursed their lips to kiss some transparent angels, they simply rose, without their torsos, only arms, legs and their dainty heads. But only two of them capable of speaking acknowledged as much.

‘We’ve been brought back for a reason, haven’t we? And I would consider it less than enough, if it meant. If it hadn’t meant sacrificing that which beat inside my chest, for, the lack of it would have me crawl like a pinched and pricked dog, drooling on top of them, with little hope still standing in my chest.’

During times he swore he had it, even before he had been brought back. It was an unmitigated pain he could not take his mind off, since, most bothersome abode did follow even then.

The few of them, of number which may be, uncalled for; toppled one another in terms of who was the last one to be seen as if, he rose, on top the others, and called on it, gravedigger’s clothed by each side, apparent filament unattached.

‘It moves and follows us, but how?’

‘Would you see it as being any different than what happened to us, as though, tuned and gone, upon the sounds of whistles we did hear?’

Yet awakened as they were, neither one ever considered, who was the one who did that to them; it was simply enough, incontestable, the fact that there was, nowhere near an explanation for what happened, still.

They moved around each den-made around. Many of the mourners being very much in league with the corpses they dug. And each family worshipped a rotten cadaver, while others were not. Instead, what happened, was the quick pacing they had gathered as of noon, that had replaced the midnight hour, half-way through the night, in a land where there was only, as one could tell of it, little light, but a delightful march of fireflies that came up in the sky.

A road overlapped four more, and it was thoroughly felt with each passing of a step. For what was the uncertain amount of, barely subdued of a thing, that was:

A moot point:

‘Are they supposed to be here? I haven’t recognized a lordly-highly placed man as there had been before the time, instead. I’ve seen their graven, bed-ridden into the bowels of misguided realms.

In which the dead swim like flies. But never, have I seen as such, out of a most delightful coach, a man of stature, in such a wild, most peculiarly dark, above.’ He still maintained, to the discretion of having his thoughts emerged or heard by the others, that his recollections of the underworld were yet untouched.

If there was ever a chance:

‘I’ve seen him before, has either of you?’

But all only gathered for a reason, having stopped around the three of them. Tall hatted, on a suit's brothel of buttons, they crept by a wearied stone. And they were rather falcium-in stare. Strangely bath-faced and grayish pale; more cadaverous than they themselves, although there was little to show with their bloodied limbs, that were yet, unattached.

Behind, yet farther, the following thing only stopped ever so near them. It couldn't have been clearer that they weren't feared. Nor would they have made a point of it. To stare back or to acknowledge the house, a candle being froze behind one of the many ill-crept grabble windows that had been lain behind.

It wasn't even clear whether or not either one of them would acknowledge them back. Yet:

'Will you listen for a moment? I've only yet to ask a thing.'

A giant compact-mushroom headed thing strapped on a contorted body- a sack covering a root bearing pea-pods and little ribs, with two cricked wings as thin as two giant rodded-cysts, that were its appendages, which bore a mightily deformed hat: a rectangular board with a rocket-launcher barrel second mold coming out of it, still pointing to the side, on top of which a square-butter cubical jewel adorned the side of a nasty growth-spoiled rotten flower that induced but sleep-derangement approached:

'All of you need not touch the stone unless you've communed with the grave digger, and know that he's not one to easily forgive another man who's wronged him.'

Each man on sight drew closer to it, very much so that it found itself surrounded. They decided, in their much less bereaved animosity that he was to be confronted.

The Machine of Whispers:

'Tlyt, Tullut, Tlyt, Tullut, Tlyt, Tullut, they come in chains, I see them through.'

One of the first men spoke and they didn't merge through wall, nor hope would there be. Blood lay inside his spikes, like a floating tiny coagulated star which followed through. It could and may as soon just follow, what was hidden around and by their side. A little clothed man of sorrow, canned himself but Emperor of Murky Water, dark fiend benign. It appeared out of nowhere during such a night as one could not forget after, they took what they could and then they cried.

'What has happened to us and what has become of the time we were standing?'

'Could you mind your manners?'

'For how long will that be?'

‘Until we’re left, for reasons that might not be seen, that’s what I’m asking of you, just give up on your pursuit and make it so. You stay here, in this place, behind the hour, and then and only then will you be allowed to leave.’

‘But who makes the rules, Colonel?’

‘I cannot answer that, and I think you know it. Tell me, if you would be so bold, what do you see in this room exactly?’

‘I cannot. Very well, I see a few missing things but I may not be able to explain what happened.’

There was the broken neck of a mammal which had almost rotted in its place, it had a peculiar sight and a facelessness unlike no other. It bore its two beaks, largely in the system of the gridded lint that made the surface of the room. A chair was placed near one of the adjacent places, everything was trembling while nothing seems to work as it had been intended. For that reason there were two men, and only two men present there.

One with such a face as one might find it, rather.

‘Have I cut your disapproval?’

It felt rather uncomfortable from that point on especially since no one was listening nor were there any signs that they would attempt to do such a thing again. It was hard to pinpoint where they started realizing it all went wrong. Little pints of electrons being shot in their heads all the time; dark as he was set on asking what he was put through, it served as a reminder that it was time to return to a time where things were just like they used to be, where one could forget and abandon fear in its every possible iteration, regardless of the consequences, in which case, it was at that moment that they were both called to attend to a whisper, outside the room, where there was only a long stretch of white-bright light, with little to nothing in its surroundings. It was reasonless to a high degree, no one wanted to be in that place, regardless of what came after, and whichever was there, where to be and what to be called, a reason to see. They shut him down.

Brought finally to the machine of whispers they started marching towards it, as if they were owed this visit to begin with, even before they came to the realization that there was no test of endurance to be called, nothing inside their arms, to be called or to be torn away from them.

They listened for some time, that way.

Charegarden of Ethulymor

In and thence and during lo’, of mighty hour where the drenches were filled with lay and would but took upon such piety standing, and lost along the way; it was a sign, of boastful needs, and where to come when wretch of beads, were it to come.

He's lived for some time, and would to be, set his mind to something, long before the issue started, all the thoughts were put in lock, and every now and then they flocked to him, right before their time.

'But who are you now?'

Aleksey was but stopped, he had but met a strange man with a hat. He was but wearing it on his back, it grew and moved on before he could stall for him, he was but pulled and out of shape, a disgrace for all but one man and who would look at him from that point on?

A skin-hat of rat-fat, like a mushroom cloud pushing out of his back, like a parachute dispatched but fallen through before a notice could come. Yanked off his chains, the rails, ailed when he found out he could do it again.

'Who are you? I ask again.'

'Ostrovsky, I am called, but we've been speaking before, have we not?'

'I'm hard of head, I've but walked away, and I remember much, were you present there?'

'Where would that be if you're so inclined to tell me, as for this reminder?'

'When I put the bottle up hers, I seem to find myself always but near it, past the binder.'

'Good-good, but I don't think I've done as such, I would've remembered it if I.'

But they could neither go nor deny it, nor push for or abide what happened after.

What a thing to bind their mares, unlike saddles they were cradles of chains, chimes that would be set in, and would allow to sing and go away, in the distance.

'Strangled, we're both strangled, estranged, are we not?'

'Why can't you shut up your mind already like everyone else did?'

'I don't know but I can only hope I'll make it through somehow.'

I think I stand a chance, and if I cross it.'

'Blasphemy, you've reached your full potential, past your prime, beyond the hidden world inside a small device, now, all that's left is naught. It was short lived and blasphemous, nothing more, nothing else, only that, and there's no return to it any longer, now that you're outside.'

'I need to. I don't know.'

Will I survive the week?'

'I don't know either. But I know as much, we both deflected, so whatever happens, we're both going to be sorry we've crossed paths.'

'We can't both make it at the same time.'

‘Then I’m going to have to claim your!’

Everything seemed to be covered in chitin

Especially the adjacent walls, most of them being set aside for what was happening between them. Too dark to see at first until the molded lights approached from the distance, antennae-see through light bulbs formed out of pure light, drawn from the inside the man of Neon.

Neon came, complete outside and all, organs clearly delimited, shaped like crossbows with little pins of light going all the way through until they couldn’t be stopped any longer, all in a fashion with twenty pins around his throat, he met by the Clam-Clan Chitin.

‘No entry for Glow-man.’

‘No entry for chitin clam either.’

‘I stay.’

‘I won’t.’

He left just as soon for the other room, pulling the moving handle off. Lots of stuffy-stuff with hands and little pug-pukey poke-in all sides kind of matter put-through bounce-off fall finger off the insides of a barely chewed off past-deliberately slowed down digestion kind of meat that became flat-top queerly squared flying puddles that became robust pentagons with bugs being shot inside of them, bouncing like quarters everywhere around, little puffs in the air, they weren’t aware of what was going on anymore since their heads and whatever else they had left of their neurons ended, were put through, deliberately stalling, by the time he realized that he had been looking at the door for the past twenty minutes, he pulled a little shank-shiv shin-prick before he started stabbing the side of the door, drinking from the mass fountain until he could no longer understand the world he was in, drunk-pudgy with what seemed to be a little puffy man’s toe if he had it cut off by a Mafioso after finding out about his kidnapped-rapped young daughter by one of the rival clans. It was not how he expected, to say the least, that he would spend the rest of the way. Especially since the chitin was beating on his mind constantly, it was there, carried through by the forms. He entered a hole that appeared in the scum-air that hardened and followed, right around. He felt naked, so looked down, still there, wasn’t undressed. Ate from the ground when no one was looking; the chitin-creatures were garbage-looking, like hobos, and they carried what seemed to be little puckers of meaty-meat, but only in appearance-messy, hard in actuality as they were but shut through bullets that moved around-around, then stopped-stopped when drawn back from the little chain-like things that were inserted in their backs, everything as long as their thoughts were taken off. They also had little sinisterly sharp-lighters inside of them that melted whatever they could before going back in, dancing around, then began again, gaining a little more than a hard-mass around them.

Here he was, a tambourine-with a broadsword put through- the shape lodges into another one of the Chitins. He was but asked again.

‘Leave or I’ll put a giant blow through your head, and I won’t make it pleasant either. I will under no circumstance make it any easier on you either.’

‘Think you could simmer down with the aggression? I just want to live my life.’

‘A criminal with blood on its hands.’

‘Your spur of something as if you’d know, what is the reason behind?’

‘I’ve seen it with my many eyes. Although planted beneath every cherubic-shade, I could but feel you all the while defiled, and made to be wrought, I felt you defile what seemed to be.’

‘Shut your filthy mouth, you’ve got no proof for any of it, and you’d better keep it shut unless you want to urge yourself for a reprisal. I’ve got the tools to claim your soul.’

‘I’ve got the numbers beneath my toes.’

‘Think you fancy yourself a fighter when surrounded by such, what are they? Lobes, piles and other put down creatures?’

What else?’

Not even a second after, he trailed his eyes around, what seemed to be. No, the Chitin pulled a wrap of skin off the wall. Vials-with something, stores inside the wall, eighteen of them standing one near the other, connected by sparkling copper wires, the starter being there as well as the fuse.

‘This could blow off the very floor along with everything you’ve been through for the last, eighteen hours at the very least.’

‘What do you mean by that?’

‘I’m referring to the long stretch you came through on your way into the hive; the eighteen tunnels, and the underground downcast you passed through.

There’s no escape unless you want to.’

Lower Chitin marks, like raunchy insects but leaping about the ground; they seemed to be struck by one another during their constant flight and incapability of breathing when their time was come to deflect. An activation like it seemed rather incessant.

‘I see the bloated mouth.’

One of them said just as it came back into existence, always pushing, always mounting itself and its wildly deformed body, this mount of dead carrion-like things attached to one another, from the throats out of which came only a most peculiarly deformed syringe-thing that pumped in and out from every side, bloating and inflating drool-shaped faces that came into view. Most of them were humanoid but only vaguely, before being too set on one another’s dream-like motion and bubble-wrap they started chomping on one another’s drill-like teeth, sharpening-sharpening until they couldn’t help it any longer, one of them

came into existence like a little block of meat-pulsating. Some strange mouths weren't present at all, it was, it was the eye.

It was the eye, present there, not attached to the creature, to the underside of a single little card-block that had been passed around for the last twenty minutes by chopped-floating hands that moved from one hard direction to the other, carrying with them and within their grasp what seemed to be the grasp of eighteen open-wounded glow-things from which a weird man came out of.

'I'm going to put you down, felon.'

Yet the bile belle-creature but pulled a man-foot, a few spear-shafts and arrow heads, all of which were actioned as they were thrown above his head, between the sides, and before the place he stood in part. They wallowed like little inorganic plasters, and little fumigating elongated bastards of skin that began dripping from every side, shapes that fell from wherever they could. The foot was become, like an unwrapped puzzle, although it shouldn't have, eight of them, little infantile creatures leaping on top the man, holding him as they but drew around him, again and again until he had enough. A slip between his teeth, they gathered, a spittle was brought as soon after, drowning first, second and the fourth one that was put down, head-in splattered after, as he had but chained all of them together with what seemed to be a belt he pulled, and hanged them off, and should or would. He had hooked a punch, yet he bent back with every infantile put in front of receding spear, they shot back and forth before they'd disappear again. In a matter of a few seconds, wild noises were made be.

Some of them came back from one of the most distant directions it could stretch and band against, each wall but being struck down before it came. Stronger and muskier as for every passing second came; a single more morose moment, came as well, then came without, a single breathing thing, aloud.

It happened in the matter of a few passing seconds, during the confusion caused by the startling sound. Little gourds but followed after and were made to wait before they came alive. He carried a few of the shafts out, as if to pick, and as he did, the man simply fell on his back, reeling back and forth rightly so, just as he had intended, he brought it by the many faces, pins pointing at him, the many laces but struggling to pull the faces back. One by one like bubble wrap he popped.

A scene had unfolded right before either one of the Chitin-like wild breather, could barely hear it, but for the time being they were still there.'

'Bed-bugs inside your ear I suppose?'

'I think so too, wouldn't you like to find it out?'

Eight more hours passed.

'I don't think it will make any much more of a difference anymore.'

'I think it will.'

They stared at one another, calmed down by what was happening around them. It was serene, seeing how he splattered the carrion-body heap shaped pile all over the ground, there wasn't any more or less of a need to ask.

Little plant

No more than twenty paces were taken before they both settled on the kind of tournament was to be had.

They were under no control whatsoever, the Decay appeared again and they just teleported out of nowhere and came into view and began forming their hands like sink-plant shapes that had many cannon forms in them that shot power rays everywhere around and all of the sudden more than a few tens of them appeared and they started shooting everything they could and their power rays started bouncing around the walls, creating such power and malefic magnetism that grenades and nuclear bombs and missiles were drawn towards those magic-spots, immediately exploding. Before long the Decayed started attacking one another and blasting away, in the explosion, being unaffected but neither were the men, who simply weren't shook at all by the nuclear nor the normal explosions, as they brushed those things off and merely returned to their work, which was just as quickly hardened since they couldn't help themselves but work with absolutely nothing and nothing at all is what they had to put together, piece by piece and everything that had been put that way. And a few tens of the Decay started bringing it power missiles and exploding little dogs that had their tails shaped like little buildings that were filled with larger bombs in them all being but forced to shoot in every possible direction they could and they had mouths that opened, the bombs had them, that pointed tongue-shaped missiles themselves that were but puffy and pink and hands with heads at the top of them that were happy people with evil eyes and broken yellow teeth, no one had white teeth, not even the Yanks, whom were also there, looking and cheering the Decayed as they fought as if it was one of their old school WWE's highly praised matches, never stopping from cheering on, as they observed the Decay who just appeared out of the right flank of the side of the city which had, initially been a crater before the flying part of the city flew from one of the lost flying puffy cloud cities of lightning where the light-shaped humanoids lived. They were like the top of an ice cream top that had but strange hive-like structures melted inside of it, the bottom being the bodies of the Decayed of which feet were like bands, but some of them had weirdly lamp-like shapes that had little bubbles of cluster-like explosive guns attached to them and little eye-shaped giant fiddles with Bonaparte-like tall, not short, as he was of the average height at the very least, darkly shaped hunched back humanoid servant-like feet elongations that carried them in the same way slaved carried their master's tents in olden times. And they all carried a large pea-shooter like cylinder that was passed from hand to hand until it aimed at the other side of their ranks, only to start firing electrically-shaped, not entirely saw-like pure energy flying missiles, but some that were but shaped like men that were standing in T-positions whom were chained around their arms and held by both ends of the saw blades, which also looked as if they were frozen in place despite the saw-blade like, which had gaps in them and for that reason they didn't have saw-blade like forms inside of them but some weirdly gapped similar things, while the chains somehow moved yet reseted in their original formation, as if they were some magnificent magical animations. Also they were homing and appeared to be completely set on trying to find out their victims as to rather completely destroy and totally annihilate the life forms that were after. One of the Decayed was named Corlehivlnks Nastyrottencancerbox and he had a sword made out of many decayed and had not feet but floated without a lower body and had a large machine beneath him made out of many worked through almost laser-

shooting torsions that were put together as to fix everything he could. His large shoulders were giant and held millions of deployable Decayed that were shot out of his shoulders and were planted in the earth and grew up inwardly then formed trebuchet launcher that launched hundreds of them from every possible entry and exit hole until they reached the point of launching themselves in the air, having become unstoppable. And more giants like Nastyröttencancerbox appeared, filling the battlefield with thousands upon thousands upon millions of them, planting themselves into nuclear bombs as well, which they claimed for themselves and formed slingshots they shot the Moon with, colonizing it for the first time. A giant dog was there, but he was become part of the moon, and its open canine-mouth opened all of the sudden to revealed a giantly, grandly elongated long-device that was shaped and sharpened and made to shoot voices into space. Space itself became deformed and was become destroyed as soon as the voices came into contact with it, since they created paradoxes of space, making it so neither of them could exist in the same place at all.

Cartjolt Munchboxer ran up with a box filled with explosive tequilas and Molotov explosive cocktails, dropping it on top of an old granny who immediately but became a tractor after having them dropped on her head, after which he entered it and began driving upwardly towards the Moon. He entered the giant dog who opened its mouth and stood on top of a reflective platform shaped demon with two dimensionally drawn limbs that were drawn on top of every side of it, every single image but coming up with a single message every single time they were being touched.

‘I’ve lost my leg, oh dear, I lost my leg.’ Spoke one of the memories that were kept inside by the vile demon. ‘I’ve certainly lost my leg, haven’t I? Dear me, I suppose this is it for me, I remember, it was blown off during the war.’

We were digging graves for some of the men, when it started. Unannounced, the troops weren’t supposed to be there. We were surprised by what happened. I still remember turning around, blood frozen, my chest bombarded, my gut strung, my body shaken when I saw them drop. I can’t describe what it felt like hearing men yell and shout. Being surrounded by them in the midst of what was supposed to be our last attempt to give a proper burial to our fallen men, to our fallen brothers; it’s never occurred to me that I would join them. I thought I would. I was surrounded by dead people, dead men, some of whom were fresh. And I couldn’t focus on anyone else but myself.

The pain kicked in, after I came to realize that I was missing a leg. The pain doesn’t kick in fast enough, it just happens, it comes out of nowhere, you don’t feel it entirely, it’s the numbness, as if you’re a boy standing on top of your leg, on your foot and you don’t realize what happened. And you’re afraid that you’re going to fall but you’re already down. None of the men are responding, they’re not responding. I don’t know who is alive, when the pain kicks in and I have to stop the bleeding.

I can’t hear anything. It’s like being a deaf man surrounded by other people you see the mouths open, but they’re frozen in place and they cannot move. You don’t whether or not they’re dead and open-mouths, trying to scream for help, or out of terror, or out of the mania for what happened around. They want to be shot but to put an end to the pain. No one wants to be here but I survive. I didn’t ask for this.’

‘I stepped on my eye and I accidentally squeezed it out, it popped and shot through the open side of my head as if I suffered a grenade-aneurism; that is how I died.’

There was a madly wrought panel that was worked by him just as soon as his tractor stopped getting traction, before Munchboxer even knew what was happening, he was preparing to do it all again, being incapable of making it in time, he pulled a pack of cigars and started smoking.

There was an open field farther down, it stood upon a plowing grown, it stood there for hours in the making, raking and forever baking, as of stoves opened, darker dirt. Watching and grimacing, they were bitterly blimey yet darkly animatedly walking as they reminded one of open sores and dark galore and moving on, their incestuous. Fastidious in every remark they were gone, weeding one another out.

Dale Siebel hold Lekhlem'ur

Of going through the first of trance, of going through the mist, a dance; little more than hardly walkers, bringing up a feast and lancer. His was but one of hardy point and brought with him from the back of darkly joined. And many feet on every side, all but extended as if beast was not meant to die. Brought as much; dark lizard in the brain, one hardy man but had but all the spoils but couldn't put himself to grave, danger followed, just as such.

There was silence in the dread, there was nothing else instead. Every single ingratiate thing, appeared.

'I am the great Ghondehr, and now it's drawn in time.'

He couldn't open his mouth entirely, having become two parts and two alone of what drew on around him. And many more joined him as well, and what could he see around him if naught else than what came on.

A great deceiver, fashioner of rhyme, whom mouth was sealed and was brought back into the first gate, his head but brought down; around him there was only a single summer-woe. Burning as it happened, there was but nothing else for him to know.

A flopping eel-shaped gun, an arch-light of spreaders that started glowing whenever there was a fly around. He bowed to them and many others, he started feeding on them before the showers could even be started, the chairs were broken in his back. And they were but simply darted and made to waste.

'There's a gate open, I think there is. I can somehow see it, I can see every plain thing put behind, I can see the waste that's but spoiled and whimpered as it happened after a while.

I listen to no cruel lie, but know you're hiding something.'

'What am I?'

'A fool for listening to me, en garde!'

He leaped from one side of the room and was immediately gotten at the man's throat, like a machine of dirt spreading seeds.

The bloated apparatus stopped them from entering a phase of much destruction, having been stopped as they almost charged one another, their weak bodies but thin-skin, open throat-chest bones, appearing starved. Yet charging one another like dumb cats that were but looking for some kind of resolve whenever it was time. One of them mightily bearded, while the other was but covered in sarcophagus skin, parchment and sheet.

The bloated apparatus square, a thing that had many patterned maze. And little out protrusions like deep balloons, all contorting and lesser pushing out and wreathing, and never beating around each fence. Deep contortions, elongations, from whence they shot around the room, as they impaled but both of them, shook like rooks they stood down there. Incapable of breathing and perching their lips as well, one might ask.

What hid inside the Apparatus if not a single unnatural thing with bloated heads and many a body, cut in pieces, then rotated, like a middle stacked pack of cards, all of them being but pushed through until standing, shuffled and never ending, all of them but molded despite cut, then perched and eaten, the heads were brought, grown across each ceiling, happiness was spear.

Out of their mouths, little throat breathers were set to the ceiling and made to waste inside the top of the apparatus, to which they were attached. And breathing awkwardly, they started drawing in some of the most unnatural things, drawing in their blood and skin, were made within, the second floor, beneath them stood, at the hour.

But a fest casts, many of the people were there and cast, were made to lain in waste and rotten, were but cast together, gotten. Like a little bile of meat, set in flight, floating in the middle with their elongated legs and arms.

'He has emerged, bow to him and let yourselves be known to him immediately.'

He beckoned them to still themselves into place, for nothing less and nothing else would make one endure himself as to stop. As to be brought forth, from what seemed to be a giantess of arms, put together from every side, dead and split, with her open at her feet, would he be brought out of. In front of them, there dragged at last, not to be awake for long, the lord that would be known yonder, and forever after as the False-Martyr.

Strong and diseased, fallen apart, he opened his mouth and many a hands came, all pushing to his feet, they brought, many hands that were put together and would, of the lack of a better timing, come at last into place, would look after, such as it were, deranged an eye.

It come forth, and bloated as a sniveling.

Inside of his head there was space, as a small reality which drifted in and out of existence, weird machines:

Ielfdas system of dark put together stars in the distance, swaying they appeared ever since, and brought within the space-containers most of them were put at ease.

There came the great Hylghebad Subduer in the distance, cutting through as it but strode on every side. Its bloated form uncannily swinging as it bloated less inflated yet in size, could it be brought there, here and on every side, nearing one another's visions of what ships ought to have looked like, it appeared that the crew was dead, many lacked sockets.

It was clear from the side on deck that many of them were to disappear if left alone, unchecked. It grew out of the sides, for every crewman that stood there, there was another one placed inside the bulk of the floor, living as a capacitor, that grew even deeper, then appeared lost, for the lack of better directions, one of them seemed to seep in.

Pleisnke wanted mighty torn in shed. In wake of where, in home instead, and whence he walk and where to after. And what goes further, down and farther, they lay. And loom around and lest convey.

'It's been a mighty long time, hasn't it? Since the day you've stumbled upon more than a few fallen forth gables, near broken street upon which I lay.'

'Indeed it's been, that I suppose, for there can be no other result, other than that.'

A long system of rapier like hook attached almost spear-head device designed as to completely induce euthanasia provoking hormones in the African jungle pouch-monkey specimen whose inferiority can simply and plainly be observed by all members of every other non-nigger mixed with race. Almost like a forward thrust like motion propelling as many and as clear of pain inducing thing as they can.

Of much lesser ends they sang, there were eight ships that were clearly set in place yet aligned as to fit one another, just as soon as either of started blinking immaterially so, there was not a single point that lay ever as obscure as to ply itself in a smaller, thinner hole where the blankest of the marks lay wreathing about. In what appeared to be thousands upon thousands of unmarked grave-like foundations, there was not a single one clear.

Obsession-corpse

Always for a reason, it rose, from the spot it had lain for this long, for some unaltered yet harder to look at, for the longest time had it become volatile, here and there jumping as to be looked onto. Latching on whichever be, whatever corpse, as to see, without direction, indentation, it smiled as passers-by with least of all, strange creation, started bubbling as if it hadn't moved. It prized itself as soon, as soon, but then approached, from farther away and wilder angler. It opened a strange mouth and lost whatever it had going and whatever power might've left it strange.

'For how long has it been standing there?'

The strange creature, of which hardened head strained, and strangled by whichever means, any either way, for reasons, everything kept in mind, and every single thing that was there, kept in line and trapped inside, it thought of just as little as it would, beyond content and beyond the time.

A strangled way of walking, then, just to appear out of anywhere, dangling from side to side, a little wink came out of a dead away. But from this strange machine, a corpse within, came only little more than anger, thinned. It seemed to seep in and out, whenever, passing and going lest around. There were a few more passers, and chitinous lepers with tiny latched upon, and cradles soups.

Many passed and least of all swooned.

But amongst them stood a single man, whose face was but barely standing and least of all, would stand in place, it shook of mad directions asking, and ever since, forever dancing, from a body onto the other, it seemed to replicate.

From the looks of it, much longer than it had been there, stood a single mouth that could not satiate the man.

‘Where did you come from in that case?’ Auhber didn’t even pass his glance as he opened his mouth again, no longer waiting for a reason to draw near or to make a point out of it, fare well, he thought and launched a little pint of fire, which spread as far as a bubbulous negrous skin would spread inside a negro-pyre.

Little primitive neck to be snapped, little more than it should be allowed, came after, then he was lamely put in such a stance as to wail, to start again, whenever time drew on for either him or the other one to prevail.

It stepped from the side and waggered, it looked as if, this peculiarly indebted stranger had little more and little less, and much to him, would he confess.

‘I’ve come to your rescue, dear Auhber, I know and am aware you’ve been waiting here for some while, but now, of all the time I could’ve arrive, there and thence, I’m here, are you not aware of what I’ve done?’

Through the perils I’ve passed to make myself, truly known to you at last?’

‘What are you talking about then?’

‘My passing, it’s been close to an end, and thence rebirth, look hinder, yonder, farther more.’

He pointed at the dark sky, to which a mold of many mountains stretched from every corner of the world, all dancing between two points, as if drawn. By two vortexes that were but sipping in all of their and no exception, every single point in sky seemed to lead between the two of them. Like murky yet darkly contorted, and such a wit as would be sorted, would they draw such life, and would return, whenever just as much, or less than needed, not alive. From the two point and mountain tops breaking, from this distressing sight and much to fading, came but a falling shape, a strange almost kite-worn to wreath and rot away.

A strange thing which drew in either heart, both such rotten things, both Auhber and Cart, he pulled on a single little wooden wheel which by the time he had made the difference out of, he had lost as much of the appeal as there was. It was broken after all, and for some time, despite there being no explanation, it was as much as he could do. With a lame finger, he pointed at it, and misused whatever word of less command there was.

He questioned the fellow and before he knew it, he asked.

‘Whether you want to admit it or not, do you like the wheel?’

‘It’s broken, what have you done to it?’

‘What I had to and what had to be done, after all, there are things in this world that cannot be expected to changed, for no man, and no nomad may ever know what happens in the woods.’

‘Of course they wouldn’t Cart, there are no sands and no deserts in there, what else can one say and what else might they bring from anywhere?’

‘Verdure to plant, such as the likes of a desert land might come to bring some less stagnation.’

And both of them were very much alone, and found themselves moving on towards the smoky towering mountain heaps, whom healed such sights as one would find himself whenever ill to make a choice, and for whatever reason, there would be some ploy to make them watch, or to call it as it were, to make it seem, the least of all, very much alive.

‘Be joyous, you must know this, but now, of all, I find myself at peace.’

‘Why is that?’

‘I’ve been reunited with your for a short period of time, nothing more, do you not understand how and what that makes me feel like?’

Before Auhber could answer, they passed a nigger-killed scarecrow whose simian nature had been cut off, whom was left there dripping like a pig-tottering creature with a little brain matter pushed out of its little head, out of some uneatable pouch of leprous-pus skin that sneered, in and out of his face, but dry. Blood had rang out of him, a cattle head inside his gut, for this felon, for once seemed peaceful, it was the only natural state.

They didn’t bother to search for a, much, more or less better reason that to know, from wherever angle they might’ve come out of, there was no desire to know, but show.

‘Your wheel, is it marked?’

Jumping-leaping, thing the creature was, but now, it wasn’t playing. It was strange, not to feel such an appeal fading, not to know where it would lead itself, elatedly fading, but it appeared that it was no disease.

A tall standing stalker-creeper gentle creature with no feet, whose back was but a cardboard box extended, whereas its nasty feet contorted past the grit that had amassed in time, looking back on it, that

could've pounded their eyes, since its face was but filled with spikes, especially out of its sockets where the cacti shapes but started sewing off part of its face. In and out it reeled, and couldn't see the larger need to put on some effort drawing. Its hands contorted in the back, its face but put inside what appeared to be a long trenched crater that had made its spine. But where, if that were the case, would to be, the hidden arms or limbs located, that was a mystery, for they were there. Fur-covered and appeared in the sky, a ploy, as, whereas it happened, the sky was but a deeper flat-blue, with a red dot with features-dark, whom smiles and many chains but brought as it would be achieved. This back and forth conundrum that would bring it here and there, past the feet and there was only a single thought this strange creature thought in its simple mind.

'I've lynched a nigger, I've killed his god damned little bastardly retarded child, haven't I?'

Both men were startled just as soon as they were made aware of this accusation, this elongation, this reason for them just, happening to come across the body on the side.

He drew on the ground as well and he liked animals as opposed to someone else whom shall not be named here. He enjoyed them, and for that reason, he found only one way to spare the animals, that being, slaying the, slightly, barely, but in reality indistinguishable apes niggers were, though he was a hypocrite nonetheless.

False place

Yonder he walked accompanied by none other than the Martyr in his false chambers, upon the dreaded table which was part of the cavern, yet distraught, broken mightily as one might find it, yet torn apart. He appeared, after once a while, to, longer before he had gotten the chance to, again sip from a cup of blood-bile, the toast had been drawn to a still. He was there within reason thinking of what might come after, deep within the mark, mighty as it be asked, they were but struck, as dangerously as they looked. With every corner of the room, less niggerish, but a swoon, his guests were not left behind but peeled. Many cranial formations but swung back and forth inside the walls as they but drew on, deeply and much so enchanted. Part of the room was made out of strangely formed reservoirs as well as peculiarly set cabinet filled with the yellow jarred dancer, all still cut up, leaping about in every possible pose he could leap into, right on time. A knock appeared to disturb his strange slumber.

All too paranoid and devoid of emotions, there stood the calling, it could not be felt again, and then again, asking, was the first of drafted figures, a peculiar coldness, for every touch and every handle that appeared to be formed, as strange as it seemed, this was a dark creature, legless but almost to a fault, it could not speak for long, its mirthful appearance betrayed, only the most, the lesser and the least satisfactory gods attached to the waist, many of whom had grown and were absorbed by him, as he had yet to chance their escape.

He wore a single head piece that seemed to be a swollen bucket, one with but a single strapped on top pair of maws, and many jaws that entered his lonesome mind, as soon as he could try himself and stop the

breathing, as his faceless appearance, the lungs appearing were but daringly forlorn. It also bore half of his arm around his body like a strapping belt.

‘I’ve come to discern something out of you and I will not leave until I’m listened to.’

‘You may proceed, but make it clever, witty and do not stall. I do not know and can’t remember when was the last time I was concerned with lesser beings, ever so pleasant as I am to show compassion, I grow weary of toys.’

And of little dead niggers that were even eerily so in his mind, the killing of their kind.

There were many realms as those where happened, for the lesser darkly mattered creatures to be killed when happened upon them to thread and shed in their blood and skin instead. Covered with the most insidious of wild devices, many of whom would enter them every now and then without reaction, this satisfaction being met only by the butcherment of a little kike, spinning it in a little pucker of pus, they always came together, as to be degraded and put inside a littler dirt mass.

‘As I was saying, you need not convey a word unless you want to, I shall clear whatever countenance is in this body of yours.

I shall pull the anchor that is the spine from you and play with it as I stay my say, and make my hand but crush through your body before I lay my hand to side.’

And he pointed at his table of which cartilage was made, of blind and lesser, yet malign, of evil, darker puss and wings, all molded together in an utmost capricious manner, one could not help but look away, then again, after, did he called the Martyr.’

‘Ruler upon rulers of each kind, the one whom blessed but evil days of vileness that there is to come, what might you stall upon the day that comes after and when will I and when that day comes after be put under such employ as to destroy your enemies that seek to distort your world?’

‘Leyidsub Ohor, you are not to be released from my grasp, no matter what you may consider right, or least of all and dark convey, until I give you such direct order as one might seek to convey and shove you ever farther than you’d miss, I shall seek no act of imprudence until I call it so. And I shall not act on rush appeal, and I shall not seek of you to do as such. You’re not to act on your own or do something that might bring such pity and contempt upon me so, as I won’t have it.

I shall kill you if that’s the case, put an end to your insolence, as there is, for, you, broken as you are, would seek to unearth me from my hidden place and take my throne if I stall and seek of large contortions, you know that I cannot trust no man and that I may not look upon no other place than this, so why must you seek me when you know or at the very least see that I’m finally at peace?’

‘My pardon, Martyr, I didn’t seek to subvert or to imply, that I would not only deny but ruin anything even if I were to try.

I only seek, of wild desire, to aid thee.’

‘Yet you do not understand that such thing is but an insult to someone such as I, whom would fashion himself in the likes that no god and no deity alone would find itself threading along. Because I see, through all of mighty and lesser ploy and I might not be stopped by any means and by that alone, I only seek of such wonder, to see alone what happens after.

When I’m gone and what servant is to come and whom might be as daring as to do something that would take me down, as not when I am here, but in spirit as he lays his side upon my throne, as he claims is so in the name of whatever faction there is to be called upon this show, this ruckus, this political destruction and contortion of all that is right.’

Though he alone of all did never and would not claim it to be so. Since even as he said it, he had but a hidden smile underneath the rotten hairs, as if to show, earlier in the day, he of all had the nastiest and darkest plays, as he had but attended to them, least of all alone, and found himself daringly staring at the darkest of creatures, many of them being as dumb as to show the wildest of impulses, many of whom lunged to attack. Many large bodied, almost featureless hourglass-pears of the most unnatural of unrecognizable inhuman material, most of which was either something between some silicon-plastic-metallic alloy, mixed with some unnatural red-orange and with large pucker-textured cracks that appeared to actually be grown on top veins rather than anything they claimed themselves otherwise. From the depths of which largely elongated syringe-tip thin legs appeared to push out of them, crawling and dangling then and thin, as they were, entered the first and the second and the bodies of their neighboring forms, as they started a wild fight of growths that appeared everywhere. Unnatural ghoulish-like humanoid malformation being splattered-appearing on objects around them, in the surroundings where they didn’t exist; it happened so:

Within every strike amongst or across their bodies, pieces of them started being spread and pushed away, cut and thrown as if hands had grabbed pieces of clay, throwing them against the table, against a lamp, or wild darkly painted walls of spears, only to have it made appear, the darkest of shapes, the cackling ghoulish limbs of dead-mean trying to swipe away, barely formed, yet curved as if cylinders or bookshelves were there before them, kept in an almost invisible trance. Before either one even had a chance to come and draw breath, they were shattered as it happened, for neither one to be allowed of wild and such survival calling.

Darker heads reeled in, and then, before either one could make it to the Martyr, he had grabbed one of their heads and splattered the shape of a pear into his hand, crushing it so, incapable of denying himself the waiting of a blasphemous show. He then appeared and neared a single watch of broken heads inside his gut, as his many arms revealed in the depths of his belly, he spat them out, blinding the hourglass peers, having appeared by their side to cut, while his arms acted and accounted for a most unnatural way of being, he had only entered it as far as his span would allow before he pulled away his young and youthful looking organs, preying upon the direst of foes, like shark-bait they but stopped pushing one another, so. Had they come upon him, praying in each direction, attempting to eat, trying to deepen themselves, much deeper than it ought to be allowed, in. Had they entered and swollen as they were, they ate what they could and made way for a lesser thing to be convey, he entered him home and put a new rug made out of their bodies, he sutured a dark head on the wall which, long before he knew it appeared to contrast with the darkest, most unnatural of things, at last he started spending time with the moon.

It was a small and short thing, of blue-cattle prods out of its surface, with unnatural dancing little specks of angelic-like shapes lances which were its hair-like heard tendons which appeared to have their cherub-throats snapped as for the tip of their lance-like heads were but become, the end of gun-barrels that opened up and revealed wild tongues that were flat and bore strange almost lower side of the body humanoid legs. It opened, the moon having revealed itself to be cut-in half, and bore teeth that were curved around and bore tongues at each end that were shaped like lollipops, in the middle there was a giant human-heart that oozed and was black and dripped down on the floor, kept between thousands of put together praying arms that had, in their hand against hand position kind of praying stand, keyholes from which unnatural energies came out of, entering and feeding the heart, as it started oozing and growing, making the elongated cords that were attached to it from every possible angle and direction grow even more. Until the very point where it could not help itself but become, the shape of a large diagonally extending, but only for a moment before reverting to its original shape, kind of ark-structure connected with, or having on both sides of the flat ship that had nothing on its deck, not even the sails, strange canon-like almost cut-in half barrel shapes made out of silver, as if they were some strange power strips, from which the cords actually came out of and appeared to be, thinner whips or leashes. Even the bloated surface of the moon revealed itself to be less grayish and was but of a strange almost fallen apart decayed kind of a texture, with many no-eyes but almost abstract representations of degenerate paintings that somehow complimented the strange form that it had become. A large almost pus-swirl appeared on the side of this cracked-in half malicious figure, whereas its humanoid legs started pushing around, being much more hairier than they were before, throttled by what appeared to be the syringe injectors that appeared in their tender-leprous shapes that hid inside. A few strange figures appeared to bear arms and hears, and upper-body halves, all grabbing on top of one another in the same way crabs would, trying or attempting to take one another down as to revealed that inside or between the towering angelic spears, and inside the bulk that lay between the extended arms and the outskirts of the moons, hundreds of hidden hole-grovels filled with an unfathomable number of prisoners lay suffering in there eternally.

This Fallok-Fallok was but a friend, companion, servant to the False Martyr. At times, this moon-charade became a flaccid curtain, leaving it swaggering and swaying around the room or wherever it went like some unnaturally hard to look at, hardly of the matter, pile of rubbery put together piles of arms and figures and hairs and legs, housing a beating organ, since it was sluggerish most of the time. Henceforth, it greeted such mighty master as would anyone else in part, and would to come, be brought back as to be aware when life drew on.

‘I’ve come to understand why such wild purpose as there is but beckons for my life to be.’

‘What did you come here for?’

‘I’ve come to bother and provide annoyance for you, great False Martyr.’

‘Why must you serve as nothing more than a postulant inconvenience?’

‘Because I have naught else to do but lay, and there’s no one else whom would go out of their way to call my presence as there is, endearing.’

Outside this strange room, there was a long two hundred thousand miles stretch that pushed to the right then and lead to the Station, a place where there used to be a rolling head by the name of Dour, which had

been immortalized in stone, completely and utterly so. It bore strange machine parts in it, and appeared to be worshiped by much and more so decaying featureless creatures whom no longer had any kind of shape to attach themselves to. It was as if their long so abandoned bodies could no longer be put to good, great, an unfathomable use by any means, they were but aimlessly driven to become as slaughtered cattle, driven by tumor-bolted cancer.

But between those strange halls there were millions of test-tube shaped rotten hole-pits filled with trillions upon trillions of rotten sub-human non-humanoid sub-species inferiorly wrought rotten cadavers such as the likes of monkeys, semites and mutts.

One of the eighteen rituals of the broken groove had failed, as would to all whom falsely lead to yet believe.

Outside his place, in the distance, there stood a mine.

‘Come on, get back at it, slackers!’

Two more miners were joined from the side, jointed at their legs, in four segments, like grasshoppers.

‘Keep wrapping your hands on those, they won’t get any warmer unless you put your backs into it.’

A few more men came along.

‘Don’t forget that you’re doing this for your country, the coal needs to be shattered and completely ruined. All mines need to be put under order and under close surveillance just so it can no longer be reusable.’

One man came up with his shrunken parasite; its rubbery sea-cucumber face was a mirror of his own face. It practically chews through his iron pick in order to get to the coal. There was no greater force trying to destroy his finger bones than his.

They spent many days feeding it, forming a station, or a reverse ATM, where coal-money was being paid to the eater, which grew, larger in size, larger than any accountable thing there was, larger than the average size of not only a builder than a greater, much more well dad-body kind of type who grew in fat once he realize his wife can no longer have children any longer, so he let himself go. As in, he’s already planted at the very least eight babies in the oven, and his wife already started being obnoxious, picky, starting picking up fights over the most insignificant things, bitching around over nothing, yelling and shouting all the time, which in turn caused him to let go of himself because there was no other option than to do it. He’s beaten her a few times in this scenario but that somehow still didn’t quench her total obnoxious nature, it’s as if that’s embed into her very nature and being. Annoyance, total and annoyance, and who would even want to deal with all that stress coming from someone who can’t even see past themselves or their own ego as to care for someone else? That thing alone causes a man to start drinking, to eat, to grow fat and lazy. There’s no force driving him to try harder, hence the result. It was that kind of body that appeared to have come out of the body of the strange parasitical thing. Not only had it bore some pseudo wings to the side and instead of legs, which were bloated-like strange in motion, made as to resemble, vaguely but not entirely as if seen through several visors, while looked out of a kaleidoscope-scope kind of vision, splattered soft material bag that was hardened, it didn’t make the same jolts but

appeared like a soft-flour bag constellation that was just as soon connected with cartilages and lesser forms that floated in the air, spectral thing that were like puddles filled with tadpoles-lesser stars that were but fashioned to look like smaller feature filled, humanoids trapped in smaller eyes, with chains around their wrists and bodies, that appeared to be – autopsy – vivisection performed on them open as to reveal dark-red gushing wound that resembled pseudo-deformed irises. They were evoking dark red-magic like splatters of fumigating dust invocations that would appear out of nowhere, as soon as they were all but fed, since these sun-forms with chained men were connected through a system of in-the-city kind of suburban area roads or trams- regions where the shattered coal was being absorbed by them, slowly as if to grow.

They wore badges on them, but they were so tiny that they couldn't be seen.

For what reason were the men decorated? Darkness could not tell much.

The mine was disabled, spiritually, and mentally, as the men were almost worked to death every single time they raised their voices.

Outside the mine there were people standing watch, but they were altered people without genitals and without sphincters, whom were naked. Waiting in the cold, their heads had hair inside their eyes and in their organs, which forced them, cats were they now? Spitting ruffian-bottle of blood-hair in bottles they shattered in each other's heads. All day and all night, throughout many cycles and many months, opening them every now and then as to look at the result.

'It's time we bring another Coal-shatterer out.'

What mighty gem would there be?

'I want to build a house in the mine.'

'Huh, you do?'

'Yes, I want to build a nice house, inside that mine. I want a nice house, I want it to be upside-down and I want it to have weird things in it.' The Outside-watch inquired the Coal-shatterer. He was set on building and running down a house. A peculiar construction of hard labor done by others that he would not pay back, instead he wagered he would kill them.

He considered, at first the vile incertitude that was behind the steel beams he would use as one of the support pillars, that being, whether or not the power-melting sprays of supreme condensed heat that's elevated by inside-job planted explosives by the Coal-shatterers infiltrators are to plant in the lower-regions that are connected to the underground less-facilities that are hidden inside the larger plain-mole bombs that bear three blind eyes, and only a maw, -noseless, as to, well.

'I shall do it outside the mine, that way there will be no way I could possibly be sabotaged. You, call out some of the shatterers.

You're to assemble immediately for a special task I shall bestow upon you.'

And they were there within the hour, twenty Shatterers made to follow. Neither of them could've made it more obvious that they didn't know what they were doing.

There was no time left to run, or come up with an excuse. As peculiarly distorted as it all was, they had no chance to put a word in.

What grandness had he in mind, although he did not know what to expect out of them, especially since they were, rather, upset with this sudden change. It was a piece of him, heart was a frame. Frame was some wax-set sheet he carried; he talked to them before each dime a day.

'I wish I could live inside my castle, in this world of my design. I can finally be alone now, once the coal-shatterers are done building it, laying down its foundations, I could become free. No longer forced to think, or do something bothersome or plain. No longer troubling my head with unsolvable solutions that I am going to fail as to fix or be praised for something wrong over countless generations that are never to know what their thinner numbered kinsmen now, the ones that can see through all.

And for that reason, all shall become automatic, inane as there is, without action and without cause, as something that's never been and has nothing to become. Where my thoughts of evil shall perish and contort, whereas I shall not fall victim to my own poison but embrace it, as I ought to when the time comes.'

True to it, at the very end, but one problem was still there, he had not known how to make a build, and he was not known with any engineer, as to ask him as much.

His plans for the conception of his base were rather grand, although the resources were limited, there were plenty of men he could get killed in order to get what he wanted.

'We are listening now.'

'You may heed, yet still what I ought to have carried over a few decades ago.

Build the thrusters first, the propulsion pieces have to be contorted at to fit into the high-hive roof-tops and the grand schematics that shall form the great girth of the dark piece, the headed tendons and the bodies that are inserted into the great unfathomably dark riveting dark tile that shall form the inner fordace of my grand hall.

The Fordace shall stand upon the entrance and shall only serve as the key piece to my dark Sanctuary; yes, that is what I shall call it, the great Sanctuary of Lasalf.'

It was mighty and contorted, like the grandeur of a great peasant rift, their creation resting at the feet of God himself, but the decrepit but standing in its fully fledged form, the stature being completely decaying as they wasted no time to build it forth. How else could they have done it if not for the breaking of the, the shattering of coal that was in the air, as their picks only made contact with the coal-shredder, upon the shattering, iron, plastic and chemical-oxygen being made.

'Start the great coal-engines and shatter as many of them as possible, slay them as they rest, kill them in their sleep, the likes of the race I, as much as there is still time, so much do I detest.'

As to attest to this testimony of his, there was no reason to forge their legs, since they had them plenty on the ground.

‘I did not order limbs, what’s this?’

It looked like a galactic-reef, a mess that would impress no man as to give a rather plentiful a touch.

‘There’s something wrong here, no, I don’t think I like this, I wasn’t expecting either of you to show up this soon.’

He was desperately trying to meet the leaf-shaped bands that were running alongside the first few meters that were already slightly raised. Much of the dirt was put together, barely, only but only in the form of slightly higher-raised roof of coal-dirt, that had become elongated-alloy, as for the mix, yet could still be shattered. But it moved, since the limbs that weren’t supposed to be there attached themselves to its squared-around form, and kept going along until unnecessarily so, he couldn’t actually ask them to do it. To kill them, since he considered them, well to do. They were his pets. From this point on at the very least:

‘It’s settled then, you can all relax, I’m going to have my base, from this point on legged. It shall move and keep moving.’

‘The legs won’t sustain the weight.’

‘Then they shall wriggle in place at the very least, you know?’

‘I don’t think I understand your reason behind it.’

‘I just want a house and a base and a Sanctuary and you are a worker, come on. Get back at it, or I shall start whipping you like a cotton-picker until your back with be arched around my whipped cracked, my cracked whip. I shall whip you like a boy, but not my child, a nigger!’

As expected they returned to work and there was much work ahead to be done. There were some liberties that had to be taken momentarily since the Coal-pparatus, actioned like a cement mixer and a snow-making machine, placed on the side of the, rather a few meters away to a mile since it not only mixed the broken apart coal, but had to be set in the direction it would, or the general trajectory would be set at, of which, there was only so much a man could do about it. The general area of the place the coal pieces would land it had to be worked on ever so slightly, rigged even. It yielded a fix, but he didn’t feel like pronouncing it just yet. Irving Cattletale, being the main self-employed to function architect only thought as much.

‘I think I’m going to, well, I could make a few alteration, or. Pin them down, butcher my children, my pets, my companions.’

With his blessings, they came closer to the limbs and crippled their ankles with their picks. Quickly they bled. All of them, including the workers, Irving, the limbs, and even the workers in the mine as well. Everyone bled for a few minutes.

It had to be supremely made, its arches combined with the hardest of wrought in and unbreakable buns of bodies that could be attached from the side and left, rottenly so, drawing from the outer focal stratagem that was there in part. Arched in its back-palace extractor dark floating bulbous bodies but with long arched on the side arms that were part of the blood-coiled growth that erupted out of its back, its head not being present there, this organ as it was no being, having opened itself below the chest only to revealed a dropping flowing rift of gutted hardening gelatin-set of contortions which, upon hiding the base of the structure, which at this point in time had been finally stabilized in place, the limbs being crippled, it stopped growing or drawing forward. Three more of them appeared, and they made the frame for the building, as they each claimed a corner of their own. Having already established contact with the coal-shatterers, it was only a matter of time until they started working along, threading carefully on a set of pseudo forming but corkscrewed into reality alien-plants that appeared to form the stairs that would allow them to get to the higher level.

‘That’s it, I think I’m starting to see it, we should make sure there’s a large bridge extended from one side to the other, as I’m planning on, already, expanding this base into an intra system.

I want a giant square-like satellite on top of the organs, it has to be, a cargo.’

He had already planned on making it function, since those organs only grew in size as to accommodate for the entirety of the growth as well as for the incessant drawing of the larger almost rapier-signal chasers that grew from their tops.

The plant-like stairs that were formed out of the inner-seed that had been put inside the soil, inside of the first of layers began growing in, changing in twists of knots. It began drawing in the nectar of the most prime of colorful angels that were there, invisible yet they could be heard by Lasalf.

He had just arrived, with a diving message, drawing from the inner-body plume that spoke of the Higasghyio the False-Martyr had, so, prophesized of. Upon his many errands, he had established a dark perfume, he had created a scent that travelled, through space and time, and ended up there. Near one of the plant-like forms from which the twisted knots of the inner-bloatings had intercepted along the way.

Dark master of this house

At first he was but wallowing, a pale figure, on the midnight streets. His teeth but gloomily gummy worms, wriggling in place, colored but changing, his gums and wreath.

With his head kept high, despite the light, there was only eggshell white against a barely outline sun against which his red frame stood, his armor. Standing tall, his throat but sutured.

Entered upon the tavern, there he met. But every single attendee dead upon their seats, were they. Next to every killed men there stood a son, who looked exactly like him, a look-a-like.

‘What have you done to them, my children?’

But he blinked and he saw that it was not the peasants killed, but his sons. Only a figure stood in front of him, it was himself.

‘You’ve killed them!’

Was said to the accuser, to which, he but contorted back.

‘It was not me, it was you.’

The maiden said, after he shook his eyes, he realized that she was his wife, instead. Of waiting any longer, he pulled his nail-filled mace and threw it at her face, killing her but in a moment.

Then he left. Nyotholos Blood, as he is called.

He lives in eight castles.

At the entrance, eight hooded figures draw forth towards him, with spear-long blades of decapitation where the tip contorts around the wooden shaft. He is cut in eight pieces, four for the limbs, one around the neck, midriff but once, and the two sides of the chest in halves. Then they float towards the cadavers’ frames, joining them. Latching upon them, he moves towards his castle, thence comes the night.

His castles stand high, upon the peaks of a mighty blood coagulated bolted, planted roof, shaped like eight hundred submarines, with veins in them instead of torpedoes.

Every living limb but granted but refuge in his home. And every single one of them is made out of rotating hallways, down to their structural formation, like platforms hanged in the air by floating chairs on top of each of them, oozing with gravity, dripping on top the halls themselves like open taps, bleeding onto them, allowing them such a thing there is, as flight.

Most servants live on top of those platforms. They don’t eat, they only starve themselves to death every now and then until their master returns and feeds them.

Concubines inhabit every castle, and are at rest when he’s around. For they too float around the chairs, even though they hide in the recesses of dark. When they appear, they are static but move, both counterclockwise and clockwise as every limb but draws along the lines of a contortionists’ asterisk, from which they carry on, there, to serve their master. Sometimes their neck snaps but then it comes back into place. He had made them that way, in order to put up with the abuse he would cast upon them as to constantly, with every coilmotion, strike at his women without emotion, as the nails would hit but leave no mark.

Nyotholos has his way with them in front of every servant, although most of the time, the cadaver parts fail to function or bring any kind of satisfaction. Thence the ones that shake and fall, the ones that cannot look at all are made to bled above the air, much further and yet beyond.

Wretch of armor, dark servant, always speaking of evil guise; with two probes and four dark joints, in mind, had it gone along the streets, and wrought. In iron, drew on swords, four as many for every arm that came through and darkly as it were, stoned was he upon the pass. Yet with every strike, alas, he had

wreathed just as much, he could. But smashing through and nastily as he were, miss-hue. Would he have gotten them, if it weren't for the thinness of the pass, he would've gotten them. As soon as soon, one peasant starting:

'Yet the munching, let's begin, a feast, a feast in the name of the king.'

'But who's the prude that's but come through and what does he do to anger the true, of all the godly ranging, our king but least of all, worthy of no mockery as there is.'

'Friend, dear friend, who looks upon all to no end, this, this is but no wrathful ruler, this thing that stands before us, as he is.

Never has but a time come where certainty was but at peace.

Four dark blades emerged, out of his wrists, hidden by verse and verse the dark wrapping in which they had been cast, for no longer praying was he, as he could not look nor abide whatever whispers he was hearing.

Waited upon the night, Servant Glagflax, of bitter tumors of the shoulders that followed, floating in the air, with eyes, reminding him of his master's sayings whatever entered him, at last.

Nose-bleed acid prevented him from trying to slit a sleeping man's throat.

'Shh, let us not be heard just yet.'

Who could forget hearing the echoes as they draw on forth and when they draw after and eat and scour the land upon their worthless husks that follow; once again they started yelling at him.

'Unless you plan on something, there's but little need to try, and fade and rot away, whatever the reason, you must act or flee away.'

'They will hear me snap his throat in sleep.'

'And you can fight all of them, you're not will equipped.

Four arms and armored, but the joints.'

'Real arms they are not.'

Yet uncannily they jerked in and out of place, then their sockets would emerge.

Its beast, the one that followed it around during the toilsome hour was the Chasurmear; that could barely be seen now.

Yet its giant palms held within then hundreds of motions, from that, which could be said. The motions being rather set; of snake-like in pipes and shot about to distance yet fattened as they drew along, bloatedly, that traveled at an unfathomable speed while being mixed in place, as if they were being shot they drew back then forth, then reseted back into place.

It carried two freezer room-compartments in its back.

And protrusions of incestuous-feature kind in sack-bubbles of floating meat, that appeared to ooze on top the dangled arms.

The beast was like a flock of insects near a hive, whereas its body, being composed of those feature-filled sacks but held the cryogenic machines attached to them in motion-static, as if they passed it sack-by-sack in a hand by hand kind of manner. While the humanoid arms kept bursting with the hundred-moving meaty tubes, all searching every single place for something to find, whereas they lay in a place that shook, as every girthed earth would.

Hleish

‘Who might listen of high regard and who to come, and when as such, might they draw breath after?’

‘Where to after, if not to reconcile with what had happened and those that, yet were there to come? I’ve seen them and have yet endured, of many moons after, yet to prove, as one would know, there was not much to go on.

Many man already have returned defeated, all but bent as low as to expected, there would’ve been no return to either of them as well as lesser being, were to come and stumble onto carcasses of their own brethren forgotten then.

Might I ask you, kindly man, what happened? In a day as such, when culling, much forgotten by such man would’ve ended up being dragged behind by them? Upon such plow one might expect to find as little more as they would show, even after, what they’ve but hidden in nasty day. When during night, their likes would not, for such sake convey, no emotion for their losses, and the men.

Many of them weak, and don’t display.

Not the slightest, direst, that to be, no emotion, as to be called, nothing even solemnly closed, to piety. They all see of different cloths, all akin but derivates in heart. That is to say, they’re all soiled, whereas one might not expect as such. All of them are ruined in such ways as one would forget, in trance as one to be. When it happens, come to me and I shall yet find such way as to defend, to make ones cower, as to, for much as there is, to see, distraught. Mighty hall and mead, though I may not yet come to offer.

I can still give you solace after, in such way that I might seek to harder, not the spirit yet of bold. Not too kindly, yet of worth. As I’ve seen you before, I would give a piece of my very soul, if it meant the men. Them and theirs, not to hide away and show what one might come to plow, among the way.

To take such unkindly life, as the ones whom would betray one’s kind. Theirs is but a suffering that brings, one cannot look away, from such disturbed as there are, wings of retribution that would sweep away, and cast as such, whatever lance and to destroy, whatever there is as such. Stance that boils but skin in passing, they would not suffer weakness, wretched casting. As they would burn each man, as they would disarm us, as to spoil, each day.

You know of all, there's little more. Need you be reminded that sometimes man has yet forgotten as each day, but counts, and every one of you amounts, to nothing as to lay but lame. I seek such thing as to avoid, prevail.

But lo, who'd listen to mighty messenger of no god? For I seek only the destruction of such enemy as one would've had him dead, on the first day and ever so on. No one might remember, thus, the glory as to forget, so on, and on as I may see. So long, to such long days, unless you act, just wait, as there are things, such agony, would've continued to spare. Not a single desperate man.

They, of all but know, to pray. They sicken me, of such a sullen god as one, they say. Would you happen to abandon all? Of much tradition overall? I fear that they might've cast, and whatever that be, I might've been, of such. I would've chosen so. I would've called, as desperately on them, as to be shown. Compassion, might, as little as they might achieve, to put me down, to a place I belong, to have never been seen. I would've chosen such instead. Anything but face the coming of this chance that might erase whatever there is and whatever is left of me. Of such a soul that may, to be, of long distraught. I would've seen it for what it is, in the past I did not.

And for my weakness I may not be as bold as to claim such suffering as I am told, to bring forgiveness onto myself, in an age that it's forgot, that they may come and stomp onto my body, ever, thereafter, that they might forget me and undergo not to call upon me as a brother but instead, but pity be, but spit. On my carcass they would see. Only the same likes as an enemy. Though we share common blood, they would wreathe me away and cast. A tainted piece in memory, something I did not and never have I come to cherish, never would I, might've seen it before, long ago, as I stand, but perish. Would I have forgiven any man, for what was done to my kin, instead, I would've taken each.

For not to stand on their feet, for I am not of such like, although there was a time I might've forgot about it, now there is not. Nor will there ever be, I cannot forget any longer, simply because of the lack of it.

I must drive whatever man there it, to pick upon quill, and broad a thing, as destiny would call upon me to wreathe and cast and lest obey, such needs, there are, along the way. I, of heart am no more pure. I of all, but stay as true. No longer such there is as to deny, cast me away, if you will from whatever heathenistic paradise you may have promised me in youth, I need no many but a few.

To cast my vengeance upon those that would draw away such blood as I would know such as there is, and knew. Before either of them came and stumbled onto me, I latch today, I see no way, no other than needed to repay these men but, to, as long as it lasts, to promise them thus. For every single dark strand of hair and effigy of lust, as cast, to the pyres we have made for them, and graves we dug along the way. To protect whichever woman's cry, and cast the enemy away, until their likens die, and much forgotten, let it rot. As they are not some that stand their own, as to remember what it was like. Never pure as they had been, never such a light would they have seen. Always were they meant to end.

But lo, behold, so would we, if we allowed each end, and every arm to fall. They would not stop at anything, nor would they allow such solace as there is to push and lest of all, would I endure, their voices listen, there they come.'

But, lo behold, no one at all. Whom would even, much to come? In such direction, as there'd be none? Neither man but such likes dames, those of whom but triggered youth, those of mighty day, as they

might've understood, such pity, to let them leave. For each one's beauty might've seen the last strand of light, for everything that happened after that, would they had come to see.

'I see each day, I can't believe. There's nothing, but a fallen face and one that stoops down as our enemy behaves.

We have greeted them in mighty rank. We have given them as such, it was, but lesser house. Be as such, they would've found, a way, a stance, to draw us back, as they would and as they may, they never stood a chance, lest of all, would they convey.

Such pity as there is, there is no other thing such peace. On and on, as mighty as they are, shall come, or whence they find out, during such and such, the storm.

When there is and when the time and when they follow after, and every single time one sees. They would but cast away, and lest of all would they find no peace, within themselves, unlikely. Many of those invited in our rankings, were it as it may, might find. Each of them but culling our most darkest fears and opening the gates, for, our enemies would not permit it any other way as such.

Would we falter and lest of all, would we but fall. Not a single day would, and after, pass without our kind be lost. That and for that reason, such, is it that I seek, only retribution for those whom smelt of such defeat, but listen.

I seek only their heads, be taken and placed on top their beds. Split in halves and made to be, like meat, milk and bothersome cheese. I would but cast away, each globe of blood. Their likes are something, the likes of which I would've never had, nor would I have ever yet invited in my home. Never to have them sit upon my throne, not to bend such thing and such, I, not to despair, would've seen them, mighty entrance.'

No valley had ever looked the same, not a single strand of ice, or dame, nothing of the beauty after, nothing of what was left before or ever, as it was after. Nothing to remind to man, that what he had, to him to his name, would but stay as such. No one to recall what happened, long before or after that. It saddened no creature, for all was left but yet again in shambles, and too cold. For many could not live there, and even long before, and rightly after, before, to know it, so, it was no longer their home. Bastardized beyond belief, one would find himself no longer content if that was such, much beyond it the relief. That they had died as well. For who to take care of the lesser races once they found themselves but spoilt and ever-drawing, never gnawing at each other any longer than they did before. Long ago, one would've culled an eye. They might've known what it was like, but who to carry such legacy if all the merry men are dead? And those much bolder, yet such, stronger, left before and never would retort. As to return, as to come back to life, during a time their ancestors were met with such cowardly stance as no one much expected, to have ever seen.

'I remember such a thing, but flee. I cannot but see. Such as there is, pity after pity, but not a single man offers to help. It's in their veins but they cannot see as such, what I see, instead.

They see me as nothing more, and nothing less than a madman, to that, to which I must confess. I but a buffoon they call, they have forgotten me already, and I cannot stall. I need not wait, I need not be forgotten, as they draw on ahead. They spat, and already I forgot.

Whom were they? Of whom to trust, whom were the men I used to call brothers and what happened to them, alas? No one will speak to me, no one to remember, no one to have served, if such is the likes, of any blind man's desire, yet to falter, it's all they know. Not a single one carried on a blade.'

Then and from there on out he went. As to know, where to build a mighty house, but whom to join him, as there were no more maidens after that, all were but expected to be. As such as hardy men, as they would see, there is no such reason, as to wait. Who will remember and who might satiate? Such need as to keep the scrolls and every word on each parchment, or each stone, or bronze age artifact, they melt.

What does that say of the future then? It says naught and as there is, one forgot already what there was.

Scum of dark ages, they had come, and of lesser things, they are inhuman, yet again looking, they pretend as such. So much so, as to be alike, but all would know and all would stay away from them. No one should but show after, no one might come to throw of such a day.

'Lo, and lay, and see to it that you may go away, from wherever one may see himself and never, to regain, in trance, or be forgotten, for each action will earn their bastardly suffering after.'

Nearer to one of the Belligerent kingdoms

Hardly was there anything else they could point towards and make a fuss, not likely, by any means would they be capable of distinguishing a hit from a plain hit at the side, but they could always try their hands in time.

'You allude to such destruction, yet I am Beam-Allug, and I bring forth something as I've but drawn it, as to prove, my loyalty comes from a place in bowels not in mind.'

As he's eaten but a part of her, as he was set, alike. Pieces of a head-set, all but merging and emerging during which the challenger fainted, largely, as elated, he had brought forth, in the poyett, a single speck of shattered into pieces blade.

'I've come to stare at this.'

Allug squatted, squandering about. In an attempt to get a better shot of it, he wondered, at that.

'I could never understand what triggers this in my mind, instead, why I've come to understand what's going on in your head. It's that simple. You've previously accused me of treachery.'

'I've come to ask something of you, nothing more.'

‘We’re alone, and I’m playing with a shiny wheat, left of what’s been left out of a shiny blade. Upon the trims of which there rests a finger that’s been bled, now and certainly long before, as you would’ve known it, if you had paid any attention to what’s been said of it.’

‘I’m listening now, Allug. There’s no court and there’s never going to be one, by the decree of the pardon that’s been issued, you are free to go wherever you want and do as you please, instead of wasting your time around the darkest of holes you pitied yourself against. But you are incapable of moving on.’

‘How could I move after being disgraced in such a manner in front of so many people, of so many castles, of so many holds, of such courtesy as I was granted, as I’ve and my likes had been invited there, to attend such dates, and reveries. In front of the people I’ve met along the road and those that I’ve but spied upon with such darkened a queerly-a-pivoted eye.

Most of them leave me now, neither of them grant me any solace or embrace when we are met. It’s as if I am forgotten to them.’

‘And for that reason, and for that act of treachery, I have been guilty and ashamed of accusing you.’

‘A hypocrite after all, like all the men who live inside this kingdom, but that is unsurprising and for the same reason you’ve told me that, I adhere to no embrace of forgiveness that’s come from you instead.’

‘What’s it to be, Allug?’

‘I fancy that there’s a time I’m never to achieve, or reach, as to the likens of the greater kings that built this country in their wake.

I choose to waste in here, in the pits, where I may fight forever and may waste no wit, and tattle upon naught more, jaunting, that may be, I want someone to come along and claim my life.

But in such a way that I will have earned it, for all the sins I have committed along, to which you stand proudly there renouncing whatever sympathy towards our laws there are. As to be forgiven in a place of pain, where they have granted such a star to a man without a mind.’

‘That is our king you’re talking about.’

‘And the same man who granted you a pardon, who would not have done the same for I.’

‘So you are petty, as to even come onto me and receive a fight, to fiddle with.’

‘I’m not listening any more, nor shall I, how could I, in any case, after what I’ve been through, as for the. And you almost caught me again, in your miserable net, in your fanciful ploy of gifts and toys.’

‘You’re still a child playing with sticks and stones.’

‘And that’s where I shall remain and that is what I’m going to do from here on out, and then again. How could I be stopped from this eternal dream, now that I’m made aware of who I am?’

As the man left, he considered this as well, the man to whom he will once lose his life against and to.

Ployshkelaar would be the one.

As they had called on him before its time had again, been drawn upon, began to sign. Being of resin; it squabbled itself out into view as out of cock-pit filled with dark sinew, ever-lasting in a dream of strained along puckers that had consumed much of his life. There were only so little, fewer puddles that were yet again attached to him and gone, would they be, within the hour. Would they had sung his name and ever after? Was he to recall as such, there was only one pioneer, much distraught who stumbled on his dark feet praying, many of his arms, dark signs conveying. As it happened for the tallest, grand, much of what was rottenly gone, they he started forming them again. Looked up from down there, a fall, deadlier than, whatever blow-of-organs any rapier would've taken before him, before the fall and deep within him. Had he known this would happen, he'd call. Of such, forgotten grounds on which he rested upon, once he hiked down and joined the man. If that's what he could be called then, who feared, as a matter of fact, how darkly the being was, before him and before them, it stood, chained as such, with many pearl-like things attached, beaded were the things connected, out of chest, then, and therefore, had they yet again emerged. Out of the pitiful thin prick, that wasn't seen, the covers were barely holding. But he'd live. As mighty, was his helmet turned by a bloated cry, whom followed through, deaden-birds of morrow-kind. Many of whom carried such as was, respite of battle. Eight wars had been fought again and rightfully after, yet not a single man would've have had, if that were the chance, turned around and took his place. Agony-arrogatory, irrigation of bloody rape, it smelled of it.

'How many women have been taken from us?'

'Not many, sir, as I would suspect, oh, dire as you, have you yet become a god?'

'I'm still to merge, if hope there is, with what's left of me, out there, as long as I'm at peace, there won't be such a thing for me to search for.'

'When will you happen to come after if that's the case? For what's left of the darker days in the gallows of reverse already beckons for another head.'

Or at least another than the one floating, above and beyond, with each beckoning thing that comes, beyond, reverse limbs floating, in such swim-like formations, as one would find himself financing with girths. Doing as to adhere to such things, as to be forgotten before each torn-up, worse, and worsened as such, were the days when women followed after men in trance. Sacrificing themselves to the greatly-formed building that grew upon what had remained of him. Harrowing figures, all of whom were such conjoined as to be now abandoned as the last of boils from which Ployshkelaar had emerged out of. With every turn, as quick, and at his feet, with every bobbling of his head, as to quickly draw after, would he be met by no more than what he found as less, with every darkened ask as such tormented-arm, and leper-talon that, out of him drew as blot, would he be met again. Another bow from another servant whom had yet to realize what happened after that.

'I have long since prophesized that they would take them away. But you needn't worry about it any longer, for as long as I'm alive, as long as I'm awakened since, from my deep-slumber from the hibernation-sleep, I shall help. And endow upon you, the alulae of the dark.'

Wretched evil, such as pox and pus, as I have come to remember, about my past; when I had been a part of them, during lays and such evils as I, would've pained myself to go through.'

‘Thence, where shall we go, forth, leader of such bringers as there are, and where shall I find such peace, as there is, in a land as such?’

‘You must obey the need of celebration first. We shall bow.’

To which both of them were joined now.

It was a meaningless gesture. Empty. But after spending what seems to be an eternity in that blasted thing, which was nothing but a boiled cyst in the body of the deadly conjoined giants, there was nothing to hope for any longer, let alone, would one consider this.

A silence caused by a silent whip, of a dusted wind, of sanded snores. As if the land itself was resting on another one of their brothers who was resting, such, no more and who could blame that desperate cry? For there was another man out there, readying himself to death; wasting his body in a land like Nlahej, Nleuhij, Nnnuhliurn, a thing without a name. Whereas their bodies could not waste away, unless they wanted to end up being absorbed again and spend another eternity, creating another boil.

‘Even dead men have to be given the solace of not suffering as well.

Come on, we shall go from this point on and search for one of the darkest places we may find not only solace but plan our next move. So we may.’

As mysterious as the many handed strangers had been, upon drawing back the cowl, it was a woman, a female, that had been wearing the face of a land-sprawl. She took it down, it bled away. Even to this day. He’s still questioning how did one of them snick in without him realizing what happened, rightfully so before his day could ever-draw near and come after.

He was made uncomfortable now but he joined her nonetheless, as there was nothing he could truly do to drive her away in the process he brought upon himself. Such was his release.

Driven through the night in a land-rover; a cart-machine, sand-go-through the car-apparatus. With wings, on both sides, which were made of many growths that looked like him and had back-legs upon which they walked, both of them; the car was kept on an incline above the ground, like a slave holding a giant fan, preparing to lift it as to get his master’s temperature lower, the sides of it bore the pseudo-wings, which were arched in the back like cricket-grasshoppers, and even more curved in the middle. And they were sticking, but not at their finger-tips, which were like inflated straw-hose spears, that had a high-way area, composed of a few meters, that completely curved as to allow both of them to stand on them and never fall. Both of them walked back and forth. A giant eye appeared on the rover, but it had appeared only, and only appeared when Ployshkelaar blinked, over the fraction of a second. If he kept an eye open and closed, the eye on the rover would not appear. If he kept an eye open and tried blinking with the other one, only half of the rover-eye would appear. He hated women; but he had to save them. For now he entertained the idea of being in her presence. Even though she was a slave, to him, to his wishes and to his personal needs. He could have his way with her if he wanted. It was what he wanted, he was drooling and the drool was sandy like, and got caught between the limbs that were fornicated drilled out of his gelatin-hardened great unnaturally formed mouth, the great tormentor of dreams, that being, the essence of hopelessness that seeped into existence. His face was just as rooted into the jaw-ballista thing that cackled. Eight pair of teeth, all corkscrewed, did he have hundreds of limbs in the back? It only looked

like a pile of worms put together. That pile of limbs even looked like the illustrated figure, as if seen on coffee or the after-image of a carpet of the lord and savior, which shall not be named, or an eerily similar figure to his. Regardless of it, she feared him, but lusted for him, as any woman with a right mind would.

They stopped, during their travel in one of the closest touched-upon grovel-pimples of sand-bunker-raised top of to-live in platforms, -of clay, -of iron, -of cartilage, -of joy, -of –there was something lodged into the side, in the innards of the structure they entered, that being a card. It was the ten of hearts card. Beating in place, like ten hearts; it was moist and pucker and touchable, like she was. As he entered her; making love. To her. As it had been as it was felt, as what it felt like, to make love to her. Sad.

During the morning he had gone out hunting, trying to make amends for the time he had spent into the destroyed anathema of grounds, the poisoned girth of land-gravel of sand-travelled upon filaments that were buried into hardened things like the embodiment of demonical nightmares, made of bowels and cries.

From on top his chest there came a spear, of many languages as well, as it was fashioned out of a diseased scepter, he had inherited. But there were no words he could write on. Being illiterate and all; that either meant he couldn't read or that he could not write, in either case, he could not fathom the disease-distress that was provoked by the sounding of the malignant glory-sounds, echoes of the darkest depressions that shot from below. Many of whom beckoned for him to join them, as to steal the artifact he had carried inside of him all along.'

'Allow us to make such thing, as you of all would've found it wreathing at our feet. We would've had as much, for you alone an offer made in, leper-trance.'

'Who are you, and whence have you yet, had come? And of what land have you become?'

'Part of the one you're touching, look ahead, if you will to see it marching:'

They had pointed with unseen rings of many wreathed-around their key-chained stings, as often as it could be said.

It was a sign of weariness he could not take or draw away from, being of a wasted day that were never as it came to pass. How many members of his species had walked on these plains?

It used to be so simple. Much simpler than it was before, not only tracking them down, but. Dreaming-with your eyes wide-open; seeing them ascend or descend as you'd hope and cheer on for them. Many of the swollen broken-by shore stones were fairer than that. Many of them shattered and cracked, by the lust of a dustless sea, a landmass that's empty. Standing by his side; there had been weak winds, that almost swept aught away, ever so weakly, but still no print along the way. A tool of gems, and fearfully nicked by shades and leashes, where he found it on the ground, the scepter almost hollow. Only marks where they had been. A bloody perched upon it nick of steel. They had a moving forge with them, brought from somewhere in the far, much closer to the western slopes, where they had cradled such sleeping giants, such as the one he had been in, but living. Coddled like children, as they would not shatter, crack and feel, the parching of the land, by lack of water and of what would happen if they simply let go. It was not to be forgotten that such dolts lived in stone, sand-caravans and helmeted coifs, gone.

‘Who’s the one hiding in there?’

‘A pluck-wonder, they’ve pulled it from, the garden. ‘

‘What is the Garden Geoghan?’

‘Wretched thing where they grow out of, in-between and much farther, so much farther, lest of all, below the earth-like catacombs, which.’ He’s yet to tell him of the moment, by basking under the swollen purple road, whose glow is that of a filtered sun, whose stones adorned on each-both side, whose ever present, all-compressing, and after-a-while of so much pressing, onto, lopsided, ‘s shattered ceiling crevice-halvened, covered such eye-blinding rose, as soon after as he could be bothered to rejoin, itself by the echoes that reflected inside of every single Troy, of whose walls, the horse, and gaps outside, from where the light of the road came out of, projected onto his swollen by attrition wait, at the back of which, darkness failed to satiate whatever wonder his mind was filled with, curiously in search, upon, slowly being carried out, it was that piece out of the upper segments that guarded him, from being fully blinded on, upon having been caught forcefully, stared, outwardly up-front, having lessened the strains of his eyes, which in turn, have finally alleviated whatever chance there was, that he might die from blood-starvation, as his queerly-defunct body could not hope, starving while heedlessly surviving, in a matter of fixedly in place, stapled in like a statue or one who’s been turned into stone upon having made contact with a lurid sun that was the road, by passing men that threaded along, their vigilance having caught him head-on, hence the twist, sandy hourglass of each eye, deliberately being slowed down, as chains lifted, lowered, anchored, in frightful rancid-lance, a matter for ever-drawing, being drawn to them, as they call onto him, now, that he has come to realize after, that they were the farmers, whose livelihoods belong to the garden, in which case, he decided not to do something perilous. As it happened, he drew on, farther, much to him and closure, they put him in a bastardly basin, they called The Roder, a dark cart, he was put on, with his head between the long-device, that reshaped his body until he looked, part, machine, below, the square was thin, and part a beast, as they had previously slain some dogs they drenched and found along, of wretch-resin, and cradle-gong. An awkwardly shaped – both sides as well, but not there, but of winds, in which his shoulders were both pulled-release; also shot in front, he was set in flight, and hairy at that, with a body filled with talon-claws –porcupine placed, but with elongated reeking, in a way that one would think as drenched, made for assault. His shoulders were but flat. Missing cubes or small boxes could fit quite nicely in those gaps, if it weren’t for the constant pull-release. Which only signaled the strange eely-feel, skin; Geoghan didn’t tell him about that part of the tale, for he was now Geoghan, but his servant who looked like him, that had been grown, and give life to, out of the cart they carried. And they had done this ever-as-such and never before would they have done it if they had known.

They scoured the country for such hidden caves, the servants of the Purple-sun Glowing Road. It was a bastardly doing, choosing him as their lord as well, since, with everything taken into account. Some things should not be discussed.

Not in the front where one might leer as to find himself near it.

But bastardly hope, they were left with the ‘Garden’ filled with lesser hope.

And no more baiting men to find such caves as to stumble onto them, no; that was way too time consuming and the 'Garden' could only take so many of these things, let alone, many more than followed after. Worst of all is that they weren't even.

Not all of them were floating on strange machines, but on horse-backs, fully made. A man was also connected, or his lower side, to himself. And four legs crisscrossed almost carpet-muncher scissorlike.

'So, who are you supposed to be?'

'I am Plathihdfagharn' Illmenac Rheto Ollander from Hohguymesh Dadda.'

'Is that truly your real name?'

'Of course not, are you a moron or something?'

'Yes, please explain to me then, why did you lie to me?'

'It's because I could see from a mile away that you're a knuckle dragger. I can smell it, it's like looking at blacks, you just know.'

'And you somehow, thought it acceptable to exploit me?'

'How is that exploiting when I only. Look I wasn't going to take any advantage over you, or anything.'

'Then why did you lie to me? Now I can't actually trust you any longer.'

'I'm sure you can, close your eyes.'

'I won't.'

'You just did.'

'Only for a second now, you don't just.'

It was all so tiresome. Having to go through or hear all of these 'conversations' go along. All too tiresome; that strange magical device they were thrown in must've done something to their mind.

Above them lay a great platform, like a chessboard, whose four corners were pointy, strange-pointy, like flat-arrow metal sheet triangles on an incline, all pointing at the middle. Like folding the corners, but they were attached to them instead; they would've made strange card game's triangles. It looked decent.

But on top of it, three inter-connected gait fingers that bore defibrillator depression in, everywhere on them. In these craters lay hundreds of bodies, and for every single one, lay, many termite-shaped mutant cocoons with long, elongated helicopter spinners. Of course, these stalk-beams coming out were like giant hairs that were all outlandishly curved and popping out of the main frame of the defribdepressions, out of their empty crater-sockets. Making it look like a small uglily set jerking in all directions shaking-forest. Or like dangling palms that grew lilipads because of how fast the 'wings' spun; the finger-like frames also bore hook-cords that were attached to the main body, that was kept still-connected, welded, to the check

board that lay around it. Like ropes holding a balloon, but. They went around the rectangle-shaped depressions, and seemed to be avoided by the wildly shaking stalks, so as to not cut them off.

The entire platform was organic, and there stood a door, inside this livid structure.

Clarke L'Esskleslhohnherr, High Monarch of the 'Garden lived in there with his many wives, all of whom were dead; whew, he dodged a bullet there. Imagine that, a few hundred of them at the very least. No running water. No windows and despite the presence of the constantly spinning wings, the smell was completely locked in. Every passing day:

He clothed and put lipstick on their faces. On all the wrong places; his face looked like it said 'I skin women alive.'

A pair of monarch butterflies came in, all four bodies- the grabbable area of the sword, in a great pumping caterpillar condom, wingless. But a small forest of fungi for their crown.

They came to visit him, and feed on the body of one of his wives, which was slowly being, forcefully levitated towards them, in a mummy-wrap of winds. In front of him, they ate her. By her being sliced apart. But lo, behind her, there was a dark child. Like a puddle of coal, covered in a coat of copper, sold because someone thought him a nigger. Upon wriggling his tiny arms, the woman was made to disappear in front of their eyes. Yes, you go, nigger-child, go get them. Good boy, he thought of the lad.

'Did you adopt him?'

'I think you got it the wrong way, and frankly I'm surprised you'd take me for one. But no, I didn't 'adopt him.' He is my slave. And if I remember correctly, this is a thing my father said onto me when I was a child''Son, I am going to grab a belt and beat you until you're dead'' by the way, I'm doing as hard as an impression of what he sounds like as possible, but I think he sounded this way ''Son, I am going to beat your mother but first let me remind you what she sounds like, something like this ''Come on now Clarke, something might happen if you let your guard down, but let me remind you something your grandfather told you now''''I am a deformed memory, an embodiment of many put together voices that shall somehow ruin your mind with malignantly deformed echoes, all of these voices unfathomably mixed''''You have finally drawn me out, the malicious voice of that to come, wreathed in this amalgamation, spake as I might in may such disturbed a voice, I am your father, I am your mother, your child, I am the voice of everyone, I am the one who's forcefully decayed, who has become, beyond the means of likes, as such convey, I am to be taken, you're to hear. Please, my dear, you should go into the other room and wait there while your father's beating me, you should. Don't talk to him woman, don't you fucking dare talk to him that way. Don't turn my child against me. I hear you, and you hear me now, but as there things your mind can recognize in this mix? Is everything all right now, is everything all right, my dear friend. Is everything fine with you, Clarke? Your child is getting away, Clarke. MY dear, dear boy, my dear, dear boy, come on now, give your grandmother a kiss. This is god, talking to you, come on, now boy, you must do as I say, you must do as I will. Come on, now, you must. Stop being so paranoid and let someone in your home. How many of these women have you killed, how many of them. I think I'm starting to feel, ill. My head hurts, where is my slave? My child, but you have turned away from, me, I am your father, how come you have not recognized me. You see now, that I, Manno, have fully taken hold over your mind, and filled it with such, filth benign as thou wilt have opened such gate

They stared at one another for some reason.

The man in the blue corvette checked the board again. Various other names were scrawled, by a mechanical board with something here and there, always of a mind as Hector was to ask.

‘When am I to be taken back, to, you know where. I, want to dream again, I want to wake up in a much greener biome, a dome of grass and verdure where I can freely run in search for someone, anyone that might grant me the solace of spending time with them, inside.’

‘You’re kept under extreme isolation, you know the rules. No outside, no dreaming, no imagining what life on the other side is. Only this, and this is what you’re left with.’

‘A stinking platform playing pong, nothing more, I want to get out and experience something else.’

‘I’m afraid this is as much as you’re going to get, unless you come with me, Hector Armstand.’

Feeding time came early as well, the plate he brought was an aquarium-with food inset- stored in four cylinders merged with the piece. A refrigerator-flat with the roundness of a carved in- rectangle, made by the giant engineers, during the spare time they took off, to make it.

Could you pull one out for me? He thought of asking, but he was tired, that’s the price of living decaf, sad and tired. They were like thermoses, but attached to the aquarium.

Plus, he didn’t enjoy interacting with them for a good reason.

Down the elevator shaft, entered through a large warehouse shaped like the backside of a rifle, out of which lay a disgusting down-ward on an incline landslide with various others. Power-tents dark, metal-plated and the sides, giant quill-openings, dug as if by larvae in the body of dirt. This ‘camp’ inside the bowels of the earth was filled with these strange dorms, empty barracks, dead-houses, where lived the gloom-machines of wonder. His chiefs, servants and officers; as well, also a weird giant flying head-like small ship like but actually organic elongated mole head-thing with one giant eye shaped bubble on one side, a smaller one like a tick, with a projected arm-length, thin as to look like an actual arm, talon-contorted jaw with its soft splurgy teeth pointing down. It also bore a tube-ball with pointy hands inside of it, all being spun, raffles. No winners.

‘And you want me to return to that, huh?’

‘Only for twenty years or so, then, we’ll let you leave.’

The weird mole creature spins around the barracks for no other reason but serve itself as an incessantly driving annoyance to every machine which is frankly, constantly driven to frustration by it.

‘Do you want to at least check out what’s been happening?’

‘Won’t my food grow cold?’

He looked again at Moncey.

‘It’s well stored, just look at it. The food plate it’s made out of had a heat-regulator inside that’s only been partially damaged by the folding. It should be fine, as long as, you know.’

‘How does the elevator work?’

‘Why are you asking me that?’

‘Because it’s on a platform that’s on a moving body of “water”.’

‘The elevator’s like a gun inside the mouth of a giant demon that swallows it in another dimension. Then we’re transported in the warehouse.’

‘All right, let us leave then.’

They both entered the pill, then, as it happened, they entered the gun holster back of the rifle shaped warehouse they were brought to. They had been awaited for a while now.

‘Can I have those nice boots please?’

‘Go ahead kid, knock yourself off.’

Near some of the storage boxes by his side, and by the side of one of the bigger trunked ships, rested two great greaves, with long-toe-raft-stretches that looked normal, but, the base slowly became a bloated fat-gut- that held a gothic like statue of a vulture-creature with laurels and leaves behind its head. And a bone-cartilage grab a blade like formation that looked like a pseudo revolver clicker. Although the whole thing looked like.

‘It’s not a boot.’

‘What is it then?’

‘There are blades inside, I could’ve crippled myself if I put them on. How come you haven’t warned me?’

But she was not heard.

Weird as it were the giant elongated raft upon which rested the four-bridged connected cities housed a thin perched piece of wood, like a tail of metal, wrought and bloomed, with dirt and two surrounding gardens, all kept on that raise. A front piece if it were a ship, with a stairway, leading to it, along the way. A single bulby-livid ‘street-lamp’ with a giant sloop-like formation, pointing down, at the end of which an egg-like glower-like a firefly- creature, but stuck between the moss-lich garden. Jerking eerily back and forth, whereas, as far away, the four great cities were, four Babylonian towers, yet conical, witches’ hats, iron mountainous as well as they produced, trails of stove-like smoke along the side of the sky. And they had bridged as well, hung, up there, higher above, all along, for every few hundred miles, many houses adorning each towering pantheon that held, teeth above each window-blind, and window-open, for the widows, down to see. Far were crops, devourers of wheat, as many, forming the inner-feet, along which threaded watchers. Many formations but candle-wax but made of plenty broth els’.

Aught one to realize that, least of all would it not stand. That applied for every single one. For the ‘platform’ was but deeply set, much concave to it, farther down depressed, like a garden spade, the handle yet infested by a glowing worm as well.

And the people who lived inside; many of them not only kind, but they lived merrily by each other’s sides.

A man did rose, he called the bed:

‘What has come of them? My friends, whom likes are dead?’

His head a giant bulky mass, like a cudgel fat with porous crass, with three long finger-wings for ‘toes’, but the fat also head a long enough throat to bear, almost a swan, but headed like a man, with the long nose straight, and shaped, a paddle. And the handle of a blade-like rooster’ saddle, sprouting out his head, but made to be as pushed inside as well. With two glowing emeralds for eyes; dressed in strange patterns, his robe was storm and tears taken from on top the sky.

‘They’ve been given as for great exchange, and many of them have yet to feel such dark embrace as would they fear going out for cold.’

‘Yore, man, whom has not happened to deceive me yet, tell, why? For what reason was there such need, as to betray my only, made of skin?’

‘Is it not reasonable yet to ask?’

That this man may be given an answer, immediately, without such things as would have his yet to be demise?’

Many men sitting as their tables nodded. Of greenery violet- and many sparks of colors after. Fires were lighted, in honor of the woe.

An answer was given, for twas not yet for sough.

‘We were overrun by ill-choice gaunter, if we weren’t to give them quickly as such and even faster, they would’ve had our beds. They would’ve had us slept in such debt, as to run amok when venture’s trigh.’

‘And has not a single man in these halls considered telling me so? Asking for verdure when naught might be taken from me?’

‘No.’

Retorted Lamyhern, the knight whose face was an uglily potato giant-lance off the left side of his face, with a peculiar rectangle of squirming cartilage desk-protrusion that had a half-globe like moving organ sticking out of it. Whose eyes were giant, in-sockets, deep, as in five or so centimeters, a broken by a barb-wire boxing glove shattered lower jaw-cranial mass.

Resting on top of a normal appearing torso but set on an inward incline, with a throat made of many put together thoraxes, thinly veiled, elongated as well. Bearing no triceps or shoulders, but strange cartilage oblong surgeons-headlight formations, four of them, connected out of which thin-bone like starved arms came out of. Its torso looked like a pseudo siren, or had a leg ripped off, but bore no pelvis. Sutured almost, but it was natural, to a second head-like formation, a pregnant womb, covered in four black bands, wire-thin with long stick-like things sticking out, placed in a home garden alignment.

Which made the transition to the lower side of its body awkward since they all looked piled in, fixing your pants but with various other materials taken from lower-quality repurposed thrown outs. That lead to satyr like giant caveman’s meal meat-cub, walking on thin bone-chips he was. His one redeeming quality being that this beast always walked covered in stinking blood.

The two men were then met, as close as they could possibly get to one another, without making too much noise around them.

It was a squirming below the chest watermelon with stick bugs blacks moving appendages trying to pince something, as crabs do.

Below them, one level:

Large man of decay appear:

He walked like a crippled man, when all of the sudden one of his spider-like wings, stoppers as if pulled from a rollercoaster car, instead. Drew from somewhere in the air, a puffy ball of power, with this strange pipe-of his-filled with cartilage bower. It glowed, then set. It drew ahead. And then aimed at his chest, a pop of energy drew, from far ahead, it grew and then devoured. Ate him after, growth; an electric power-glow. Like a small nuke it exploded but only as far as a sphere-balloon, having encompassed half of his chest, the shoulders, his head and the other limb, immediately vaporizing himself, then fell, the rest of the limbs. The body then fell and bled. And the back appendage, what had remained of it, kept him slightly raised.

‘All those arms, fore, thine desire, naught. Nothing will make that corpse walk. Nothing shall grant you immortality in thine dark vein.’

Broken tank

‘I think I can get it started again, give me a moment, will you?’

‘Make sure it won’t crack under pressure, that’s all I’m asking. I’ve seen them come and go plenty of times, with the gas-fuel spilling in the little cracks, here and there.’

It was already spilling on the floor from the looks of it. But it hardly mattered. They were both incapable of self-deceiving one another as to know what was going on there. The tank had caved in. Part of its sullen piece got as splattered as the side of an egg, with little more to it than necessary being left out in the open. By then, the toxic-viscosity had already contaminated both men.

‘We should’ve grabbed a hold of a pair of protection suits.’

‘I think we might’ve gotten one or thrice if it weren’t for you now.’

‘I’m afraid that won’t do, I don’t think there’s ever been a reason before or now, that would make me consider it. ‘

‘Not even this?’

As soon as he could finish blinking, he saw right through, an unfathomable mass of fallen apart-cradled together features that were already symbiosed with the few seeds he had been lodging inside his brow and

forehead, over the last twenty or so hours. It was a task that was unfathomably hard, as it started gnawing away, piece by piece, extracting them that being. Hardly a matter of reason any longer, as he'd pulled out an array of many lesser pieces, including a missing eye, a few broken teeth and, as well as beady lines of some unnaturally formed straw that gnawed away at his hand as soon as he let go of them. He was set on trying to eat at it, but failed. Whatever was left of his respiratory system already began falling apart just as soon if not much quicker than before.

'You know there's nothing in there, right?'

'I could tell, there used to be life in it, before the tank got shattered, but now.'

There was not. A cow's heart with a beacon strip and a large stripped knife glaive filled with circular-set barnacles appeared to be their company. It was drawing some of the fluid out of the floor with the help of its glaive-skull protrusion, through which it began eating as much of the pollution as it could. It fed on it most bastardly, from one side of the other, being droned to clasp, its talons spread apart, and pointing. Ever drawing north and south, before it went on pointing at the adjacent areas of the walls; many of the ones that were taken apart only revealed something of the warehouse they were in.

Various, much taller, bulkier, broader tanks were being moved from one side of the room to the other, always trying to push themselves past a point where it was unneeded to do it.'

It was a sky receptor, without the means of making it function, it would be lost.

'This thing, inside this ocean, what's it do?'

'We've managed to transfer them, all the way from up here on reeling-in platform once we were done connecting the two of them together. I see no reason to hide it, sweep it over. It's been documented already.'

'By whom, I thought there were only a few people present in here, to actually pin things down. I thought I heard something before, but it's never been confirmed, has it?'

'Mickiya, there's something inside one of the tanks I need you to see.' As if a child left by hand, he was lead by him to one standing forth, between the two of them, split open. As if of oil, there stood a single floating drop of black blood that lay there, between the two of them. IT would not make a difference whatsoever, to draw too much, but it was what he claimed it to be.

'An ocean, but how?'

'The sear has been churning in and out for a while now. Don't be surprised by what's happened here, as to forget what we've yet to find a way to burn it all down, to refill our planet's landmass or give rise to anything at all, other than, a single missing oyster, look.'

This black ocean bubble was imperfect. Solid, even in tar, but missing a giant oyster which left its ruminating mark, lodged in.

Bear flickered his wrist watch, causing one of its tongues to get dislodged at its side, catapulting itself soon after only to find itself lodged in his own eye, crawling past the eye-lid trench as it entered its eye,

taking the mid-most centrifugal place inside his iris, before it began spinning in place, creating, instead, tiny pretty images of clocks all over the place, which, all held, inside of them, his most unnerving childhood memories which included him being beaten, violently, repeatedly, on top a counter, his father's car's hood, by savages and by wild tall machines which accompanied the outlaws, a few soldiers and by bloated Elephant man but Dolphin instead, hybrids made of large tumors that whipped him as well with barb-wires as well as guns. He had been shot several times, in his heart and brain, his face, then his leg, whereas, when suddenly some sirens began screaming out, coming out of shade, the tall dark oozing shadowy great horned figure, before it could even get the chance to join in, had already made its way towards one of the closest bushes it could land near, in order to flee as far as possible. Bear Clesh still remembered that time, when it happened. It was something beyond wildly forgettable, and it seemed the least of times he suffered, especially since there was close to naught he could do about it now.

It was a black pebble for him, to which he showed just as little to no interest whatsoever since he had yet to feel anything even remotely close to. A leisurely Apostle's deacon's yellow yell-shout, time had come to leave about, gone, for the hour. Mittiek was forced to leave with twenty or so tanks lodged inside the hood of his car. They were all widely set and emerging, even though not a single crack had been made inside.

He was being followed, checked the rear-mirror by the side. Large body, longer neck, whose head was a double hammer-growth with larger puckery-twists inside of, lodged in to a fault. A caved-in mouth whose teeth were taken out and showing; but what stood out, despite its many volatile limbs that were clearly horns and stings, was the fact that its armored metallic chest bore a circled emblem-stuck in. Stuffed with metal bolts and means of self-destruction; the GOV and the army were paying an especially close enough attention on him. Not to something he would regret.

A radio, turned off. No channel alive. Readjusted the mirror twice and still on track. The traffic was low but it was slowly being cleared off by now; they knew whom it was after.

'Weatherglass cloud-veins, I see. There's plenty bloody bodies sinking in the cold-dead seas.'

But not an ocean properly shattered, at least not a single one gone put through so much abuse that one could see what's happening on the other side. It made him reconsider why he was there to begin with. Or why he worked for them. First stop, a gas station. He had at least eighteen hours ahead of it, as, it moved that slow.

'Twenty marks markeers merks.'

'Isn't that a bit too expensive, surely you're overcharging me for some.'

'No shit, have you see the size of that thing? In case you haven't noticed, not even the thieves think it worth risking their lives for it.'

You left your car widely open, for anyone to come and go. Mate, there's no one with half a mind even going a mile off that thing, while that being's after you. So, pick your poison as to why I'm charging you extra for what's happening here.'

'Make me understand.'

‘We’re risking our lives trying to “help” you. That’s why.’

‘Fair enough, but I’ve got plenty of time to think it over. Sell me short, I want, a discount.’

‘A discount over the already over-priced shot in the other direction, you’re not gonna make it, you realize that, right? On your own, I mean, you may as well just make a valuable donation to us for having taken pity over you. Because, we have families to feed and water.’

‘Are they plants?’

‘Don’t be a smart-ass boy. I could put you down in a moment’s edge.’

‘You’ve got a knife you, bizarre. You planning on using it on me?’

‘Only if you’re being difficult, Mittiek.’ Name-tag read. It was on the eye.

‘I don’t like where this is going, I could get angry you know? If I got angry, I would smash your face right in the counter. Why are you alone?’

‘My wife died.’

‘I’m sorry to hear that, but you don’t have to pour your anger onto me. You’re projecting a lot and I feel as if I’m being personally targeted by your incessant verbal abuse. I don’t want to kill and slit your robitious throat where it stands, but I could do it, even before you got the chance to pull out your blade.

I’m a dangerous man, trained to kill.’

Time is running short, as you can see, my friend, but I won’t make something out of this. The Oceans were awaiting after all; and one of them had already been sunken past a point whereas it would be unacceptable for it to draw air again, in part:

‘It’s your turn, but know that ice moved differently in here, since the temperature had made it yet begun-retort. As to change the likings of the vapor themselves, beneath this place, a factory, it’s of little worth to me, as it is to the workers.

They live under the impression that what they’re doing there will somehow started the chains, the ones that belong to them. And when they’re started, they’ll simply start rising them through. Would I cherish such sights as would be revealed? Of course I would, after what they’ve been through, it’s the least I could look into. I would wager, they’d be happy, much to their likes elated, then, after bargaining their lives, then the madness that would follow after, being driven to despise me, of course I’d like to see it through. But then again, I’m not fond of wasting much sinew, not that they are capable of fighting back, I’m only trying to teach them a lesson with the best thing in mind. Their safety. That is to say, I would rather avert many of their eyes from it, most certainly so. Their psychical safety, as not to be damaged beyond repair, in the case of which I would see it fit to take one from here and there, placing them wherever they might do, and. Well, sparse are people with un-intentions to harm. I suppose even the minimum aid would do them so, and harm I don’t intend to anyway, nor would I in part.’

It was unfortunate. How they all simply feared heading outside, even though there were no signs of a present thread. The other people, citizens of bastard citizenry. Many of whom were less than called for or

needed as to ask whoever might listen to them. Since, the car-crash followed after, and one veiled tiny parked car ended up taking four spots, some holes being landed like couches, near puddles of water, drenched morbidly by rains, clouds being left bearing them, the children of the fray, the concubine cattle and the morosely deformed butterflies. Left to them, outside, the bloated globe having survived the fall by nesting on top an ancient oak-palm cranium.

Lower than the bridge:

Dark flowers leaping around, many of them being jerkily placed together in a hard to look at way; with elongated filaments carrying them altogether on some ray-like beam that's been shot from one direction to the other that was under the subservience of Thryeeu, a ghostly sacked-flat sea sting-ray formation, flattened on both ends, yet connected or acting like the throat of a giant ghoulish head with one eye and a cone-mouth whose wider than its body tongue is but a wriggling flaccidly deprave cut-out carpet spread of little moving pouring hairs, all bearing spear-elongations with cysts at their ends, spread across the world in search of their flowers, which are subservient to them. Leythu of who's spiraled to the side body was become, in part, mournful as the side of the mountainous crone-to which it became, alarmingly a part of, had come to grow little insufferable growing leek spreads of buds, pieces of the room it lived in. Many of these sides growing people who lived there, communicating with most bastardly of creatures that came from the other realms. It adorned the top piece of the wall, this mounted bull-horn man, whom though himself a mad survivor.

To the right, central piece, but first, it should be said, the garroted room appeared to be a boat-like ellipse but longer, with planks forming k's, side v's that intercepted them, thinning out into the scales that made the rest of it, cradling from one side to the other.

'Open the door, I wish to enter and ask of something, if it could be allowed, please, I beg of you, that you might cherish what I ask.

MY plea is a must, for it can save many if not, beyond the likens of normality, lives.'

'Identify yourself then? There's a long-drop, somewhere, spread accordingly to the main high-way. You came from there, so, that means John Trunk let you in. If that's so, then tell me, what's the second password he gave you?'

'What, a second one?'

'It's a lot of fifty five, we can't take chances.'

Professor

The professor stood, his back but cracked, he was a hunchback, with a hooked nose and dark hair, a kike, evil, degenerately neurotic-schizophrenic, a nigger-lover whom filled the borders, a liar and deceiver whom but searched to lie, to infiltrate and make others think of him as someone who would madly be on their side. I shall trick them all as I manipulate and exploit, and contort my way into a seat of power, and then I shall bring chaos and promote such degeneracy as they would contort any sane man's bowels, he thought. And madly would he be brought, to such attention as it were to be. First to put on a show and make it seems like I have come, with a clever kike-ploy, I shall lie to them about, a fix to capitalism and slowly draw them on my side. Little clever dumb kike I am, they won't suspect a thing as I get them; and I'll fuck their children, and the Holocaust didn't happen; and I want to fuck niggers. But the inbred of the race of evil was also a dark sorcerer of evil and of decay, a petty little creature and a fashioner of minds, repulsion and other degenerate features that dragged him along the way. For he was in great correspondence with the dumb-fucking felony-commit evil criminal darkly-dumb nigger Ghetto-Negro Malcolm X, who was also a repelling hard to look at monkey that should have its legs crippled while put back into a cage, if he liked doing something, if there was something in this world the monkey hated, it was whites, since its jealousy only came along when met by the reality and his lack of a history and the destruction he brought with him whenever he went. Since he was a monkey-men with shoes inside his head, all stolen. Maybe the professor was dumb because he listened to the dumb-nigger's lesson in street knowledge, and what not. Niggers are fucking dumb, I hate them, almost as much as I hate myself, thought the Professor; the schizophrenia is really kicking in. How can it be stopped? He considered, killed God, couldn't forget as much.

The professor considered it for a moment before he approached the class:

I do not know what capitalism, communism or other monetary systems are or how they actually work, which in turn makes me overqualified to speak on this matter; but it occurred to me that every single time I take a break from drinking coffee and then start drinking it again, my inattention and my mind shoots in every possible direction there is. It is unexplainable but it is. During my studies I've also realized that there must be a link between talking about killing minorities and women as well as creativity, a boost that I cannot explain but it simply is, it exists and I can feel it, in my bones and in my mind. And I've also learned that in order for anything to be ordained and learned, one must study the classics, for that is where the relic that is human knowledge lays in and no other place; such as there is, if there's a fix to capitalism, it must be hidden somewhere in the classics and one must simply subconsciously absorb and search for it there, it is the only way. Political theory is poison and one cannot poison himself with propaganda; therefore the only thing left there is reading and trial and error and experimentation can yield something usable for the time being until something better comes along.

With hope that I may not be taken seriously so that I may not bring the deaths of millions of people, there it goes. And hopefully I shall not end up with anything, just as expected:

A first requirement to it is that it needs not be exploitable by kikes, otherwise that is already a means to an end (death), as well as a failure to begin with. But then again, it won't matter since it shall not be taken serious by any means. People getting paid for their work, sacrificing people's livelihoods for money and people who don't work hard yet they earn a lot of money for no work can be nothing but a result of, nah. Taxes on certain people like the rich? Movable currencies from one side to the other, global funds, it's all fiction, and unreal. A group of selected people receiving the entry country's funds, which are selected by

the elected officials? That would result in something that's abusable, it wouldn't work. Dark sorcerers made to be put in charge as to completely wish the problems away, that sounds like a great idea also. Or what if entertainment gets completely cut out from funds? Studies had shown that 'amusement' is mainly made out of patterns that encourage cooperation, which makes the entertainment business too dangerous to be in power. The Romans had a good idea, thinking of the opera players and everyone as being on the same level as slaves and prostitutes. Definitely, the entertainment business has to have its cords pulled off if something needs to get changed, it is far too dangerous. Maybe a fix to capitals would be, not censorship or ban but simply, not making money out of some professions unless some patrons pay those people in question if asked for. Yeah some areas just need to have monetary support deflected and directed in some other places, that could be something that would work. Money isn't evil but this ability to influence people in such a manner is and one should not be allowed to be encouraged to do it. At the very least if someone wants to go ahead and do it for free and work hard for it, why not? The problem being that they're not only rewarded but they're also encouraged to ruin everything and destroy, therefore nothing else can be helped. And actual work to get somewhere would actually and might yield in better results if they put more effort into it. No free food or shelter for people, nothing that could or should be given to people, but then again, I would be a hypocrite if I said that. Perhaps to some degree some people could receive something like it but at the same time, they need to be pressured to do something, that is the key to push society, that's what pushed humans to make a society in the first place. Everything in moderation and a lot of pressure being used to make people work and pull themselves off the strap of their boots; I've heard about work unions and people stopping their work. I do not know what a work union is, but apparently they talk about how workers are treated, I think. Maybe the work union should just be someplace where individual workers discuss strategies on how they could, individually take risks and ask for raises and discuss plans where they could each plan who's next in line to ask for those raises and for everything else, or maybe that's what they're doing already. It shouldn't be an entity, yet cooperation is needed. What if not eggs are to be placed in a bucket? Should a country be divided into multiple pockets like multiple bank accounts for everything or like liquid assets work? What if every entity was a pocket of money they raised? But officially? The work union pocket, the liberal pocket, the right wing pocket, kike's stolen bags they will probably ship to Israel, the tax payer- separated by a system pocket? And means of defense being employed for multiple pockets? Like multiple people become a single bank account, yeah, or a fund raiser being built at a greater level, but it needs reports being delivered to the tax payers as to what percentage of the bank account and money it has been gotten or achieved or put through, or what sector it was directed to and the men and people who paid for it in the first place should be discusses amongst them by some means with limited choice options and limited votes as they can take and veto's. It could turn out to be obnoxious and too much of a bother receiving updates every few months, but at the same time, there needs to be a way to track what kind of changes are being done out of the money people are actually investing on or in. That would be hard to track though and people could be tricked into thinking their contributions are actually coming onto something when they aren't, for example if someone invests in the army, how would they know whether or not fifty bucks actually did something? How would they know whether or not the Government actually ended up donating to some foreign country like Israel? Specific report as kind of out of the question since I doubt the military would report how expensive a wing replacement would be. What if people got constant reports as to how many of them ended up supporting the military as a direct parallel to ballots and red/blue countries when the elections are running? But someone could also temper with it as well like they did with the elections. Wouldn't work; there's no unexploitable system out there. Perhaps more profitable

trade with some countries could be paused or give up for some time in favor of doing it to other countries for some time, as a time/ money sink, dry them off for a bit. Even if it could mean possibly losing on some money, perhaps it's time to take some bold risks and take your chance with other more dangerous countries, as to prevent the coming of illegal immigrants, but trade being made with specific countries in specifically planned regions as to deviate the influx of other people for the time being. Strategically selected, like a gamble system, though that would be too dangerous and it could destroy some lives in turn. Outsourcing of jobs, hmm; what if they are temporary, are still kept but made universal? Same price on both sides, but it takes a few months off a country, then comes back in the country and keeps the same price, same pay for the same work? Like a switch-over job? Or a summer thing. Can't actually be fixed since outsourcing is meant to work on a cheaper way out and no one wants to work for less, yet people can't have it both. Another type of outsourcing- hire locals for the same price and a temporary time, nah and people would just be tricked and wait for 'permanent positions' that would never come; it shouldn't be banned either. But something has to be added to it. Aid, what if outsourcing goes to a pocket that the country in question has to add some money to that's being tracked and given to people? Nay. Every foreign worker is being linked to a white collar/ blue collar worker and gets a small percentage for what the outsourced worker is getting, paid by the company in question? Hard to track. But something could be done about them, hmm. Hard labor should receive greater exempts and be more rewarded for their jobs. There's too many types of jobs and too many arguments coming from too many sides. Every single type of job and sector would need to be approached differently. Slavery could be reintroduced since niggers aren't really human and they could be made useful again, that way they could stop committing crime, destroying everything and would stop breeding with more intelligent people since the niggers are simply too retarded to actually work, dumb lazy niggers. Women could be exempt from taxes, shouldn't be represented, shouldn't be allowed to hold jobs, should get beaten if they speak out and they could receive some pay from the tax money instead, or, even better, instead of outsourcing jobs, they could do those jobs for the same pay as the foreigners would, as in, unofficially, companies would be allowed to hire those women in the first place as long as they work for the same pay as the foreigners if they actually want to. Therefore they're given the possibility to vote, maybe, that's discussable, maybe not, that would be going too far, but what if they were paid as cheaply as possible as to not inconvenience the world with outsourcing? That could work. In Athens, both of your parents had to be born there in order for you to be recognized as an Athenian. What if we do that but with taxes but no tax exemption; as in, you're born in New York, you move out of state, and you pay taxes for that state?(The one you were born in, not the one you moved to.) Or you move to Europe and you still pay taxes to Europe, but then again, that would be difficult to track; shouldn't work off the country. Red states and blue states determining how the tax money is being diverted to, as in almost automatically for the benefit of either side, depending who ends up leading ahead; no, that would divide the states. Unless, there are special delegates from the winning side that are attributed to the state which are forced to attend a negotiation with a neighboring state's opposite delegates as to discuss further assessments. But that wouldn't be fair since two adjacent red states would make it so some states would be more represented than the others. An equal number of delegates could be chosen from either side. It could be hybridized with the law system, where a few members of the jury could be called, and would have to be ethnically checked first to represent, nah. Law courts are already a mess as there is and dragging an issue for months or even years would result into nothing. What if the president got a good chunk of the entire population's money, as a one-time deal, even if he serves multiple terms, whereas the richest people get heavily taxed only once, but he can only spend it in the States and only in the States and no other place and only there for a branch of something

that's chosen by himself only. This is a lot of power to put in the hands of one person but at the very least, it could also mean that people might actually be careful who's being chosen the next presidency campaign. I would build nukes, a lot of them, and mark them all with my sigil and write my name on all of them. A health-care system that would work for a limited time, anything could work, this could either be damaging or a great choice, depending on the person and having two terms could possibly, unless indicted (but that's not a real thing), it could actually do a lot of good, as long as people are bold enough to give that much power to one man. There's no other fix than the faith in another man, regardless of the system, and that, in turn may bring destruction or may bring something good to all man. But at the same time, it's also in the realms of it being a dictatorial system, which in turn is a bad thing and won't fix anything. No one wants another Stalin or Mao, especially if it's done by your own hand, but at the same time we can't know whether or not someone might turn into them if they're given this power or monetary support. It's a dangerous gamble, in theory that could end up being more damaging than anything else.

I am an evil dark sorcerer and whatever I say shall only bring destruction to humanity, terror into the masses, death and agony to every man. My will is evil and evil is under my command.

'No taxation without documentation!'

We should be told where our tax money is being sent to!

In-source outsourcing only for women who aren't allowed to work real jobs; that way women who want to pursue hard science, hard labor and other kinds of jobs could do that without being paid more than what people whose jobs are outsourced to are paid. That way women are given a chance, either make babies, and be helped by the Government or you're allowed to work for the same pay as the outsourced foreigners. Everyone's happy afterwards, women will become homemakers, and the ones that are hardier will still be allowed to work, with the exception of competing not against men but against the more impoverished countries; perfect solution.

And that way also, true equality is achieved because women will be paid for the same amount as the women and the men who are factory workers towards which the outsourcing is aimed towards, or be even more equal that they would be to men since the in-sourced country job woman would basically be equable to both men and women put together, making them more equal and even beyond equal to and above men.

A second requirement is that niggers should not be allowed to be on welfare since niggers are given free passes to lazily nigger around in their niggerish way, destroying, raping, never raising their kids and asking for more goods in society just because of their race, absolutely degenerate nigger behavior that is, handouts, fucking handouts for no honest work or at the very least no contribution whatsoever.

Paying someone with nothing in return, and creating a money sink for multiple regions and countries, intentionally ruining them from within, have them pay for the damage in goods, then blame it on another country, as well as it could be fixed, within and round the curve. There could come an hour where every tax payer in the country be exempt from tax, only for a month, and the damages could be fixed by having another country simply pay for those things as soon as it could be allowed, a great idea, yes indeed. Or what if there was a chance, for everyone past a certain income simply didn't receive a pension at all, and was alerted of it and forced to save, or have an inverted pension, as when he's old he would have to pay for others, as if he was become the young tax payers instead, yet hour after hour, he'd have to facilitate

something for every man. Old people could be put down and killed as well, just so their income would become the means with which everyone else could be made and allowed pay. Large tunnels – of monetary systems, that would have to somehow travel from countries like China – the start point, through Russia, Europe and then to the States, goods having to go through many other physical - taxes, as in physical force being employed in order to cut trade unless something is done about it. An actual trade route being set all the way from one side of the world to the other, or at the very least money could be calculated and somehow account for the actual distance from point A to point B, then it will be distributed in commerce or at the very least in that branch. The only way this capitalism problem could be fixed is not by a single thing but a special rework of every branch, accounting, comparing and being discussed about on a singular, individually specific level, since not every branch is considered equal, since for example Japan does seem to put more hours than a lot of other country, yet they're not as productive as the average American citizen, yet that is the key that's to be accounted for. Overtime, bargaining and productivity, although it's a tricky thing that's hard to be quantified, the best possible solution is to aim somewhere, or somehow or in some place and perhaps lower or start building something from there. If the rich people are to be taxed in rapport to their income or liquid assets, then it is only fair that every single man is also judged for the type of job/ branch they're committed to in order to be taxed, just so the system can be fair. Why would an 'entertainer' make as much as a harder working citizen, although that isn't to say that they're lazy, in comparison to other people, they are. It is a hard thing to do, but a specific type of job-division just like tax-taxation people could be employed in this matter. Like a division or a few selected people dividing sectors, instead of there being public and private, it could account for whatever branch they're in, and then divide the taxes while deciding and taking account the sphere of influence. Entertainers mostly aim for the global industry. That needs to be cut, somehow. Perhaps, if the sales are greater over-seas, the country from which they're coming from could take a cut out of the in-house money making (out of the country of origin). All right, Country A makes a product, Country B buys it, Country B takes a cut out of Country A' in-house product sales; if Country A sells it to its own people, but that can only apply to products that aren't digital and not physical ones. Fee for entry, fee for view; heavily taxed sectors, a lot of sectors have to.

There is another way to fix it, bastardization, complete as such. Take migrants and put them into work camps, and their children as well as every ethnically inferior entity that resides the lands they're not to venture into. Sack rival countries constantly, especially those who are geographically neighboring and incapable of defending themselves, wreck them up and enslave their dark skinned entities. Destroy rival economies, add more in-country economic deflections from some unnecessary systems that don't yield anything. The key is limitations on the earning sectors, as well as a constant influx of trade goods and valuable materials, most of which can be obtained from no other place than that one, rival countries that have to be completely ruined in order for some people to actually have their quality of life increased. This is a known fact that's been ignored by people by a long time, willingly or otherwise. Although there are already many people who are exploited without shame or reason, that is to say, there's no way out of it. There's no possible way to completely avoid it, it's not the system alone that's the problem, nor the manufacturing, or the joy of making chairs being taken away from people. Pseudo communist and capitalism systems, as well as hybridizations existed throughout history, yet. And that's but a giant yet, there weren't any many people as there are today, which are also, on top of that completely connected, or add more and more and more to their ranks, as the connectivity increases. Products are becoming more and more, farther reaching than expected, things that are niche cannot compete without being driven into

'isolation' or obscurity, it's just a test against time, an expansion of it. As in, there's this concept that's been made aware of, which is only worsened by the globalization. Eventually there will always be someone greater than you, and eventually you will be forgotten. Either that or you will stand the test of time for a period of time, short or longer, to the eventuality when you will have been completely and utterly suppressed or outpaced by someone who's better. Everything has its place and time and most of those concepts are in some manner carried over by other people who built on it. There's not enough time to experience every book that's ever been written or made, to watch every piece of content or have seen everything, but. That process had been much slower in the past, translations were made but not for millions of books; inaccessibility made it slower, enough of it. That may've been the point before. But now, it's different in some way, since there are too many things that know how to dazzle and trick you, which dropped the standards. It's complicated. In the past you had to work harder and create a greater piece of high art, literature, so on and so forth to stand out, in order to reach as many people as possible. Small bubble reached a wider one by its merit. Now, it changed because some exceptions can be made and fit as many large bubbles as possible. Yet it's not entirely accurate, it's something in-between, making cuts while delivering something that's kind of beneath everything, so that costs and production can be adjusted to. An impoverished country could produce something that's decent, yet it could reach more people than it would've done otherwise. A wealthy country can have a studio that can make something awful, but yield the same if not much better results. It's complicated for a reason, everyone is aware of those things. But you don't have people spending lifetimes or half of those working on something from as many angles as possible, as for the iterations to create beauty. Case and point for I as well. It's not the system, it's what it's built on. A wealthy country, a group made out of the right people at the right time being dedicated; it still fails. There are too many checkmarks to check in order to reach that point and even then. There are the means to do it, but the right people are in the wrong places, have the 'wrong' if not 'contradicting' beliefs and are unwilling to help or join. Or the right people have the needed amount but are afraid to take a major risk, or do something out of question. I wish I could make a piece of representational art where I lynch niggers and kikes while portraying them as being punished for being evil, mischievous, as well as condone violence against them, the disavowal of their nations, so on and so forth. Yet the people whom I would take to my employ, who have the 'right' minds and who would've worked as hard as they could while being put on their best of abilities might be driven off and reject such an offer, without doing the best they can. It's impossible to claim otherwise. There are just too many incompatible sides; it would be like I, forcing myself to work with a nigger while having to put up with him as well as push my hardest to do something that would result in favor of their ethnic group, knowing that, if that succeeds many other people will have to suffer because of their general incompetence as an ethnic group as well as their tendencies to commit crime, on average, disregarding their exceptions from the rule, knowing them for what they are, having accounted for their numbers, especially in African countries, their tendencies to break the law, illegally immigrate as well as generally being arrogant while they don't call out their own people, or their nigger on nigger violence, but I'm getting distracted again. Perhaps that's what's wrong with capitals, the incompatibility of people. There's too many of them, too different. It's the tribalism, it's the corruption, it's the willingness to adhere to other people than your own, it's the fallibility of man in general, it's the attempt to treat everyone the same to an extreme, and make too many exceptions where some of them could and should be stamped, if not written off. It's a cruel thing, but those who do not serve the interests of the country ought to be put down like rabid animals, and be completely kilt.

At the end of the day, I'm but running in the same problem, recognizing it but being incapable to come up with a fix. It's not supposed to be a difficult thing, as it's hard, almost nigh-impossible for something to translate from paper to reality, they don't, they can't. Everything's built on something; which means everything grows.

There has to be something else you could strap on it. There has to be some way to take something already built without destroying it, but create a reiteration with something completely primitively made, almost, something that's out of this world, something that can be thought off, and tried. It's an impossible thing, especially after knowing how the human mind works. No one can wish money from thin air, without printing them and crashing the market, and hope to fix all the problems. No one can become God or fill everyone's pockets, magically so.

But there are some extremes that might work, or not, borderlining on human's right violations. Human beings have, are and always be exploited, whether or not it's on an individual level or not, it shouldn't be promoted, but. This example is awfully illustrated by all means. Yet if there's something to it, only a few people can be pleased at a time, a small fringe group, whether or not it's the kikes abusing their nepotism and giving one another positions of power, some Colonialists using slaves for cotton and sugar cane, some countries being sacked by the Germans, some Eastern European Peoples being sacked by both kikes and Russians, a few richer people, if not the elite, so on and so forth, one thing is clear. A system cannot be fair to everyone, it can, at best aim to raise the quality of life for some people at the expense of others. At the same time, it's a pyramid scheme, it's a caste system, it's a serf-slave so on and so forth master kind of thing; we live better than we did before, everyone does than thousands of years before, yet you're always put down by some mean or another. You simply cannot employ the means to fix it any more. Of course everyone in the states would raise their quality of life if the kikes, niggers and Immigrants were to be kicked out, if they managed to obtain full control over their business while also invading whatever other country there was on this planet, beyond every possible capability and shame, as in fully going at it. But one has only to wonder what would that make of them, and of their people? Could be better, could be worse, but most importantly, would those kind of people see others like them who live beyond their borders as their 'brethren'? It's hard to tell as well as something difficult to comment on. It's to be condoned and cheered and at the same time frightening beyond belief. Yet those people would most likely, by some means, have their 'Utopia', not without being exploited, without finding a way to prodigiously destroy or reduce the quality of life, yet it would and might as well go well and beyond what people are experiencing nowadays. More so than anyone could ever hope to believe; there's just that homogeneity that cannot be denied, or outpaced.

I think the problem is more like, the earth started 'young' as in, it had fewer people, then it started growing 'older', more people coming along, which isn't as strange as it seems. The planet just as schizophrenia, that's all, or it's old. And there are various disease that work off it, the blacks are one disease, the other ethnic groups are another. Some parts of the brain is still working, others too well and cover up for the losses, in some way, it's the plasticity of the brain-planet which makes it so strange and hard to work.

The niggers are a disease, they are a disease, they are the worst, we should lynch them, kill them and their children; but I'm saying this without shame, although it's already obvious that they are dead weight, useless, knowing that people might seemingly take it the wrong way. I'm not a racist person, it's their

skull shapes, not the color of their skin. African niggers have small skulls. Their brains mass isn't high enough to compete with other races. And they can't even speak properly. If I owned a bunch of slaves, I would whip them, hard.

They're extremely mentally impotent, they're effeminate, and they're exploited by every race there is and should be. I truly hate them, of all the other races, they're objectively inferior. They commit a great deal of violent crimes in rapport to their population just around everywhere they go, which can furthermore be pin-pointed to an even tinier percentage if one were to ignore their elderly and their younger people, being left with a small bracket that encompasses few Nigger males in their early and late twenties, which doesn't even account for their tendencies towards recidivism, and the fact that many of them are getting free passes and cover-ups for their crimes. It's just obvious that they're counterproductive to capitalism while being in developed countries since they can only destroy, which is by no means and doesn't serve as an argument as to make the claim that their destruction of property, theft and crime provides a mean for other people to simply make a living out of incarcerating or cleaning after them, no, that only serves the media whom further demonizes the opposition, smearing the good hard working white people of the nation whom are constantly under attack despite them performing to their best, without being thanked for some filthy sub-humanly inferior races that are never pleased, always blame other people, constantly seek to attack other people and promote social nepotism, so on and so forth, since the Niggardous African Blacks are incapable of subjectively looking at the white people who are trying to help them, not the kikes whom are not white, but the actual ethnically European people who sacrificed a lot as to become more empathic than other races, who would've mistreated the Negroes far more severely than any other peoples there are. It is rather unquestionable that, the Niggers are extremely dangerous, not only from this physically petty crime perspective which everyone is already aware of, but out of the very fact that they're resorting and trying to resort to tribalism, and although other races are doing the same thing, most of them are far too destructive to be allowed to adhere to such a thing. There's good nepotism and bad nepotism. Bad nepotism doesn't aid the monetary system since the kikeish people, ethnically or otherwise religious seem to take a liking to every other ethnic group other than whites, resulting into such policies that are self-destructive for every other race. I am not a white person, therefore I am at a liberty to say whatever I want, I've never claimed to be, never will, don't want to. But I am afraid, for the future generations and for everyone else if the kikes remain in power, if the Niggers get in power or whomever else does the same. At the same time, it's only fair to say that I'm on nobody's side, in all honesty, but I would not rear my head if someone gave me the option to completely kill as many black as possible. If there's something in this world that's pure and can be felt, it's the true hatred and savagery non-whites feel for the blacks, there's just no other way to put it. I'm not an ally, I'm not a friend, I'm not your teacher, I'm not someone to be romanticized, I simply like saying whatever I want and I simply hate blacks. There's nothing else I hate more than them, as I've come to realize. Being surrounded by them is a dreadful thought, but enough of being distracted by that. They're dangerous for a reason, even the 'intelligent' ones are promoting social nepotism for their own people, which is a disgusting thing since they cannot objectively look at their own people and realize that they're less intelligent, more destructive and borderline criminally so, unchangeable. It's far too clear that by all means, they're slow. Even the Natives of the Americas managed to show a much faster developmental potential, that is to say, there's not enough money in this world that could make up for so many generations of niggers and that's the problem, especially the migratory ones. It's not their fault they were made that way, their fault stands in the way they act, which they show no guilt, shame or willingness to change. They're too slow and there's

not enough wealth to accommodate for them, it's just that, especially if they start mixing with other people, the Mullatoes are only going to be used as political pawns to further their agendas, in the same way the kikes are using their European heritage to do the same with their own. Money drains is what they are, a tap that can only take away but never give up. And they only want to invite more of their own inside the country, which is pitiful and disgusting. They breed like animals, there's too many of their ethnic groups that can't pull their own weight and this is something that's hard to be accepted, or hardly ever be, or who knows? Too many of the niggers are a bad thing, they can't keep up with other races, they constantly prove themselves to score lower on PISA, on reading, mathematics and other kind of fields, endeavors, yet they seek entries into the easy life, making due out of their 'athleticism', since they had slightly higher muscle twitch spasms or since they're not as intelligent as other races, they just take sports instead. A society cannot work on that alone, on the entertainment, on spots, on music, so on and so forth; the lies that niggers have a culture has been spread for far too long to cover up for the lie, it's just not how it works, not at all.

There's no other reason for this 'economic' drainage, for this 'drop in European, American and developed countries' births', other than this illusion of grandeur, if that's what it could be called. This fanciful thing, this concept that says 'all peoples are equal, both sexes and all the races', it's damaging everything.

At the very least, sports and the entertainment business should be severely crippled during a time of economic depression, that was the case before, perhaps not purposefully, but now, it should simply be forced and promoted by the Government. People have become too hedonistic for their own good. On one side, all human endeavor had been that, yet it's been pushed to the extreme and that's where the problem arouses.

It's still possible, as it's the case for a superior race to create a high piece of art, literature, or anything else despite being poor and being incapable of working the costs; and someone of an inferior race to create something useless, depraved and incomparable despite having access to much greater funds, for example, the comparison between the 'Notre Dame' and Mussa Massa's sand fort, which were roughly made in the same period of time. Not even all the money in the world could make up for the completely mental feebleness of a Negro, and if past taught us anything, those who don't learn from their mistakes are cursed to repeat them. Frankly, no one wants the coasts of the continent filled with money-drainage sand forts and sand castles, that's just a waste of time and money, it's just sad that the Africans don't actually have a history to begin with, nor can they compare to anything else, all right.

So, this next part of the problem can be resumed as thus: 'Minorities only care for their own and are incapable of sustaining the economy by themselves, they're simply useless and incapable of doing it, they're mentally unfit, not intelligent enough as their species are made to appear like.'

He took a break, for a moment, rubbing his chin.

'I think I'm starting to understand now what the problem is. Sustaining so many people is hard, you need tradition, a stable family being enforced, like monogamy, a well endowed structure and far too many things that don't allow liberty at all.

Women can't work as hard, be as productive or, as they lack the most important thing, frankly, you need to get extremely, extremely as in beyond any kind of a doubt, creative enough to make the cut. Otherwise,

the monetary system cannot be sustained on the long run. Because minorities aren't competent enough, women aren't, it's just a few select men, that's always been the case, whose strong arms carry everyone along. No, unfortunately the fix to every system is that, a few people working harder, and more creatively than everyone else.

At the same time, everyone else cannot stand lazily around either and leave them standing, putting all the effort.'

What if, instead of there being a tax exemption for women having a child, there was such a thing as a 'twin' tax exemption, as in, within a year of a child birth, if a woman were to get pregnant and have another child, then she would be relieved from paying taxes for a year or so? And elderly people could have their pensions slightly raised if they were to look after their neighbors' children every now and then, within the realms of reasonability of course.

A hero for all the ages, the man who is always wrong without belief, who thinks he's figured it all out.

'Indeed, my research has finally paid off, to its entirety, I whom had been struggling to find a cure, I whom followed it for a great deal, a short deal of time, a good deal nonetheless, but will I stand the test of time in that case? Of course not, because I am still an imbecile after all, but within my grand delusions, I have created communism, destruction and the death of my 'fellow' man. I have brought something that can be attributed to me, millions of deaths underneath my belt, and I need naught more and naught else. I will say what I desire, and I will have been as delusional as I will have become, ramble about like a schizophrenic madman, and you shall listen to me nonetheless. Another hack, another scam, another racket and a merchant, I bring a fix to everything, I fancy myself a superior race, I fancy myself someone who's better and supreme. Who governs over, all of men, from within their ranks whence I hide and the results, why, I feel nothing. Towards the millions and billions of deaths attributed to me, I feel nothing else but the desire to worship the money I made and being worshipped as well. This ego of mine that rules over everything, this desire to show how I am far more progressive, more enlightened, more racist as well, greater in all regards compared to everyone else.' Falling short in all and every other regard; the absurdity that is, being but the voice of an echo, likened to the sound of one's voice.

'So, I ask you this, my dear students, in that case; why bother? Why should I bother being any different? What's the point in it? I see no reason into it either, I don't need to act as anything else other than my race, I can be as they claim as I know to behave and I need not seek less than what I do or seek.

But there is something else that I've yet to be account, it is something I have no control. It is that little thick inside the head that keeps reaving, ever closer, ever as such instead.

I do not know what that means for me, I seek.'

The professor but revealed the open mark on his chest, right above the legs, instead, across his belly and on top his chest, like a little tadpole growing with a skull.

'We all belong to an unfathomable kind after all. One of pettiness, laborious filth, that which can only create nothing, and destroy everything.

Are we all not made of his mark and of his kind? Are we not but made and filled, decayed and blinded by our inabilities and our lacks, the disgust? I see and see that there's no reason to seek anything, we all belong to Mongol after all, our destroyer, the bringer of everything that's wrong into this world.

So why feel shame?

When we are the ones bringing it all down, and whom else would fail, if it's deliberately known that our kinds have yet to solve even a problem, if one was inconspicuous at all. As tiny as a fraction, and little more to no reaction, there's nothing there, there doesn't seem to be a fix, at least not from our sides, since we can only bring destruction at our feet.

Therefore, I believe, there can be only one true fix we can come up with, as to form this society we aim for, to bring destruction forth, and go on, to the realization of our Kallegrí plan, we must, by all means come to a fix, by all means necessary, so we may come as if, as it may, show up with the intention to come up with a solution to the greatest plague that's ever been infesting our world. We have to come up with a solution in as timely a manner as possible if life ought to be spared, indeed.

And who else but us?'

He spoke along the while and the students took his gospel dry, large and long ago defiled, sinking in the bile that was floor. Taken for granted and so much more.

What if the journalists and the media people got shot, from the side-opened as to make way for a single more than what's needed stream to come out of the sides of their heads.

'We ought to splatter them and make as many cuts in the budget, it's the only way we could possibly make sure every single man and every single one makes the cut entirely, otherwise, there's but nothing there.'

Most importantly while making a profit off their backs; working them to death, to debt and by whichever means trying to cover it all up.

'Protected classes of races, I spit on them. No one who's, as such, as inferior as they are, ought to be defended in such a manner, they need to be cut and washed off to worse shored. Since their failures are only wreathing in and destroying all.'

A universal ban on doctors trying to flee their countries, but only doctors for, as a matter of fact, they're most useful in the localized zones, and they promote but one destructive transaction, a seen as necessary ethnic trade. Since doctors, surgeons, medics, so on and so forth are seen as universal goods, or bargaining chips, they're rather too valuable and possibly damaging to be traded. Instead, this branch should be in-country promoted as soon and as often as possible. Since the trade isn't that useful or great for the country that's at a loss, and since it's mainly a selfish leave. But no permanent ban either, temporary work should be allowed but nothing else, if at all, ought to be completely regulated and constantly checked – in continent only but not outside of it as well. Workers, slaves and other groups don't belong in that category, it's what started the problem in the first place.

Realistically speaking, work camps across the African plains, and their countries could most likely be useful to economy beyond conceivable relief, but with a single most important change in thought and plans. Perhaps this time around they ought to be worked to death.

Military conflicts may constitute the only effective way to boost the means of production. The most enemies to butcher and ethnically cleanse, the better the outcome and whom else if not the most impoverished countries, the ones that are but wasteful and aren't capable of keeping up with the rest of the world? It is only fair that they're made to be useful instead of being given the chance of lazying around like they're busy doing.

What if the current system is kept but you're allowed to keep an unnatural amount of wealth only for a short period of time in terms of liquid assets? Or there's a limit of money you can spend in one place. As in the idea of there being a minimum and a maximum wage but applied to where you spend them? That kind of intrudes on the pursuit of happiness and liberty as well though. Perhaps for a short period of time, human rights violations should be enforced, as should eugenics en mass, and white women and white people who are the best predictors to creativity, intelligence and whichever other metric there is, as should state enforced monogamy, a temporary ban on abortions unless the child is mixed race, and then a great deal of problems would simply be fixed.

His head simply popped right off and blew up in front of the class.

'Oh my fucking god, what a fucking sub-human looking creature that is; I am so afraid, so frightened by it, what is that thing? What the actual fuck is that thing? IT is not human, look at its eyes, those fucking disgusting looking frightening eyes!'

One of the students immediately started cowering in fear, covering his face with his, his right arm. Disgusting looking slits for eyes, they were, covered in some weird skin-little more on top unnatural hill on top of it.

Despite having its head splattered, that dreadful thing started flying around the room, butchered as it tried.

'Sub-human creature coming from sub-human dumb fucking sub-human country, put it down before it infects everyone, put it down now!'

A chaos just as soon erupted.

'Quick, take the bomb from under the table, take his bomb, let's make it for the Congress.'

One of the braver kids immediately ran half-way through and leaped on it, throwing the table off the raised incline, breaking it across one of the walls.

There was a hidden trap door, with a bomb with knives coming out from inside.

'I don't understand what's going on here.'

'I don't know either.'

The Professor's head all of the sudden became a giant bubble of blood, which started spearing across the ceiling, then across everyone in the room, having turned the bomb into a giant womb-like thing with

many unnatural dark heads that wore horns on top of one another, and metallic dreadful hand-to-hand like motions that carved the entirety of the creature.

Women who have abortions aren't human, unless the babies are niggers, in which case, they're saints.

Without a sudden notice, the top of the University started falling apart, taking a good chunk out of notice as it had become, worn-out, eaten then pushed around the edge of the ground, where it started suddenly reeling back and forth, like a dying beast that was slowly heaving its way around as to give birth to a most of the cancer-like bomb-wrought clusters that started reaving around the hour.

'I think we've witnessed something, haven't we?'

'I think we did as well, but there's something else there.'

'Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongoloid!'

They chanted his name, and gave birth out of their remains, for all that was mad, degeneracy and what not, came forth, and niggardly corpses, and those that drew forth, of lynched and of dead, of those who were not, and brought from filth, they but called him back to life.

'Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongoloid!'

They kept chanting, and would to be, they served, for all that they were worth, and little less and little more.

And in the blotched filth and their destruction, for those insufferable creations, of the Armenoids and Oriental races, the filthy pagans and the heathens that opposed all the deformed maliciously chanting leprous creations. The savages that did return, their filth but grinded under moon; all infested, and averted, all but gathered, never mended.

Niggarious invaders and the filth of lesser races came. All that brought destructions in their veins, all but brought with them as well, all but covered in sacks of smell, of darkish gray, and of remains.

The many mixed of lower grains. All but mindless as they were, some infested, incapable of living, and of pain. Lower life forms, species that would die, otherwise their legacies were pitted against each rye.

And thence the peculiarly zombie-sack, of which but gray but filth was to be brought, appeared to the servants but to bring, whatever in which direction as to sink the coasts, in leper-water. Whatever else followed after, savage negrous but came to pass:

Many of lesser inflations of contortions that were brought:

'We came to serve you, great master, I of Nubian descent, I of Niggarious decadence, of plain destruction, of which reigns, I bring forth my servitude, a slave.

I the most isolate of savages, my tribe of grains, I but a dumb creature, with no one else in mind. I but a strong man, with little more of nothing to blind, and taken as I did before. Though savagely beaten those whom I only admonished most, I remain your most trusted nigger, a slave born and raised to be. And seeing how there's little left, I bend such knee and show such kinless, as for me.

I whom have betrayed my niggardly brothers, yet I sold. Many of them to my other kind and I took their skin and now I grow. Of darker mass, I'm but a nigger with no soul. Yet I've come to serve you in return, great god Mongol!

A twitch and a spasm, and wretched was the niggard hazard. For many of them were his slaves and many of them were brought to serve; all to that wretched being, brought from such, as to look rather, unappealing, to every watch and woe. To them, this was a king, to which they would bow, not Tutankhamen of little shame, but a giant of such magnitude as would never be reigned.

Evil was brought to mind, there was no other action, no other alternative than what happened there. In its most decaying, most unnatural of states, he was there and they were his, and mixed and blends and most inhuman of lookalikes were there, none of which that deserved to live. Neither being capable of doing anything, not on their own, but this was a fair rule, Mongol would but take claim of them in a swoon.

Little odd niggers were brought around, many of the filthy Asiatic-Yellows but brought about, their compatriots and maggoty hooked nosed masters, some of the most disgustingly looking Laplanders, amongst the most decayed and bland mixes that came along the way, regardless of cast and nature, all would suffer and all of disgraceful consternation.

All would but serve the Mongol, darkest of the gods, bringer of togetherness amongst sub-humanity, so they may all but serve in time.

And then, all of the sudden the earth shook. Out of its bowels, there came a crook, a darkly end of matter, breaking everything in part, as the ground was solemnly erupted on but side. From the darkest of depths there came, from the most unfathomable of dark remains rose but a single dark partisan chevalier, by the name of Richard von Coudenhove-Kalergi, whose had rose up from the depths of the malignant ground as he was but called to serve.

His throat looked sutured, his head right up the cowl, him but a replacement for the filthy Sleeping Hallow.

'I've come to take my rightful place, now that I mixed this world and there is no race, but a mongrellic abomination that I see, whereas I had been promised.

A place as the rightful Governor of this hellish thing that has remained of the world, that is what I have been promised before.'

For he had known that he would also be received by them, those dark skinned nigger Hebrews that were put around the rims of the crater from which he had but come out of

As Kalergi was but pleased to hear that Mongol would not forget of the promise he had but deformed the world to, as such, instead.

'Far thee from whence was I wrong to be put in change, to have come upon the time when I was met. In a land beyond time before either of you was born instead.

Take a walk with me, Kalergi.'

And he was just as soon joined, in the trail of destruction that was left in his path, from there on out, as he could not look in any other direction, nor see.

He recalled it as such. He was born during a time beyond times, well beyond the moment the plan came to fruition.

Darkly decayed mannequins were standing on crooked-long hindered pole-legs, they seemed to make most if not all of the dark surroundings, whichever else was included there being no longer capable of being sustained by any means, nor would there be anything else around the place. They walked through a land of corpses on the ground, all bloated open.

But most importantly walked under dark and darkly to matter bloated eye, by whichever means could it be employed, they were there in part and not for long after could they move out of the way.

Various large deformed holders everywhere around them:

‘What actually happened?’

It was hard to see at a point, since the land was made to look like Mongol, drawn along. His skin was torn apart.

There was nothing more blotched and more blotched than what was going on around them, since no one could look in that way any longer.

There it was, another sacrifice, all had to endure, if Mongol was to be preserved, a cycle of disturbance, a filth for everything that swerved on.

Wretched bog-like thing, it created, though living in the world insatiate. This weird contortion of the world was nothing more and nothing short of what it truly was, of where it started drawing from, of what the people had become. All dark races would betray one another eventually, since their incapability to maintain all brought only the worst of their races. Their destruction being inevitable as well, thence he created one:

‘I am an evil being.’ It said, just as it wreathed in place, but not only that, there was definitely something else other than pettiness.

‘If there’s something I’m great that, great Phelhytur, I wager just as much, I want what’s lain around you, and I wretch in disgust. I am but most boastful and most dreadful of all creations, but why am I here?’

‘You are here, to bring destruction.’

‘I know what I must do, now that I will be sent and made as to be given birth, I know as much and shall not lose a pulse as there’s nothing more else. I know what to take and what to claim, out of them.’

‘Then you shall do as follows.

The Niggers and Mullatoes need be constantly reminded of their inferiority and evil, their lack of history and the destruction that comes with their people, that’s the greatest way one may crawl underneath their

skin. A reminder that their wretchedness and primitiveness cannot be contained, that they cannot live in an abundant land, their egos and their arrogance is something that may bring all down.

Positions that are unearned, a hate for their white benefactors, must be reminded and pointed at for all to see. They're given false hope and made to think that they're as intelligent and evolved as any other people, but most importantly, their fragility lies in a single word, which makes them weakest as to shatter their inflated sense of self as well as they're told.'

'What else is there for me to do and see, great Mongol?'

'The Semitic kikes are worshippers of money, more so than their whole beings would be forced to endure, nothing else is sacred for them, and nothing else would force them to become distraught and be filled with filth.

Henceforth, they need to be reminded of what they owe. It's most important that you attack each and every single group for what they value most. They owe money to all the countries they sacked, they need to pay-back the reparations, and the theft they came about.

You need to be reminded that it's only fair, since they unlawfully took something they didn't earn, they sought to steal and be unnerved. It is that what hurts them the most, and you must make do with hurting it as soon as they're put in a position to boast.'

'Whom else?'

'The Asiatic race is proud as well, but they represent a greater danger than many others, of them you should beware. Although their lack of creativity is rightfully shown, theirs is something that needs a blunter approach. One that's far more aggressive if it's to be allowed.

Opium, diseases, military conflicts, whatever it takes and whatever got employed in the past, whatever there is to put to their employ, whatever there's a need for and whatever else. It's clear that they're a harder to take down race, and a people, as they act like hives, and most importantly, they need a cleansing for the disgrace they have become.'

'And whom else is left?'

'Many other groups as well, and neither of them can fully and properly be annoyed, or put down as easily as others, or hardly as there is the matter.

The Arabs are no different than any other Semites, as they are snakes, that much cannot be forgotten either, but this goes beyond the worship of their prophet Mohamed, a wretched sub-human creature he was. They're too dangerous to be aroused just yet, since their proximity would result in the destruction of other races as well as everyone else. It's something that cannot be forced just yet.

They're primitive and wide-spread, they're divided, and for that reason, even a tiny Middle Eastern State survives. But there are worst things that could be said there, there's no need for a Pan-state, of any kind, be it African, Asiatic, or anywhere else.

And there's the Immigrants whom are just as chaotic, are they not?'

‘Why must I be wretched as to act against them if the future dictated that they’re all to be mixed?’

‘Because the world is cyclical and all need to be reminded of this thing, by all means possible, that much you must understand.

It is turning the past into the future even before it’s become.

It is stirring chaos, dividing and destroying everything, it is the combined tendencies of every dark race there is that made the creature that I am, that you are, every single one of them.’

As the god of sub-humanity winced; Mongol being reminded of everything, and of every tumor-like race and of their most unnaturally deformed, most destructive, most paranoid and most degenerate of practices, of every evil and of every impulse, most of which couldn’t be forgotten. Of every act and every lie as well as how it happened. His tendencies to defile, his tendencies to distort the world, the aggression and the bastardly evil, the mental insufficiency and bastardly primeval mind; which acted only on vile things, on impulses that were wretched and disgusting, filled with nothing else that meant a future for the world. That is what the combination of every race on this earth made.

A filthy hybrid with no root, the hatred for those that are beyond him, impure and broken, filled with savagery and hatred; one that holds within the power, a chance to change the past, yet uses it to furthermore destroy it, out of spite.

‘It is clear that it is in my species, what I inherited from them, this will to destroy.’

Something that even Kallegri nodded and agreed to his master, despite being made as paranoid, for he had feared this remark as well. Looking around him only to realize how wretched this world was become. It was hard to look at him from that point on. Since, wretched as he were an inbred, this disgusting mongrel emperor Mongol seemed to extrude, every now and then, the most disgusting characteristics one could possibly display, Armenoid-slanted beady eyed formations appearing on the skull, but empty. Large Turanian skull protrusions, adding to his deformed state; Arabid-Orientalid, receding features that drew back, a forehead and a smaller-concussion like depression and a sack, meaty skin and puffy eyelids, a Syrid that’s been melting through, a frog-like smile and a niggardly look from time to time appearing, always but deformedly to keep in mind, the Sub-Saharan DNA, the features that would bring decay, all adding up to what appeared to be most disgusting hybrid to draw near to this side of the world.

Kallegri, of whom was told to stall; had yet, when the time drew on, yet to carry on with his plan, in time. Although he had come to believe that the kike were made to be the natural aristocracy, he’s betrayed them utterly and completely as they have shunned themselves as to be afflicted by their own poison of miscegenation. The niggers never rose off their ranks either. And what remained of the pure races either simply vanished, disappeared or started being completely afflicted by the curse of Mongol. They still went out, having been known for a short period of time as the greatest race that ever lived, before the extinction of humanity followed. Whom reigned over all then and who to follow?

It was time that the Chevalier was left to his own devices. There was an unknown point in his armor, where his skin was become as charcoal metal, a gothic remnant of a lost age. Yet there was naught more dreadful than what the sutures looked like, for the knight was dead.

And what kind of man was the one living in this realm?

Terror incarnate and distraught never ending, his throat was hooked to a barrel as well, made out of heads to put together with unnaturally elongated spike-like explosives that were attached, like spears to the unprotected joints in his back. And every single one of the but a Mongolic sack, all but ever changing in figure, personality and heritage that was brought forth.

‘We are to bring terror when it is to come, bring forth the servitude that was brought before us.’

He spoke to one of the most decayed of faces, that shoved himself in and on, wreathing about the hour, him being brought around, tainted after what seemed to be the leper-hour.

‘Who are you, and why are you here?’

‘I’ve come to deliver news of the plains, of what happened in Asia Minor as well. There’s been something that’s come to light, it seems.

Something drew on to surface, back during a time when.’

It paused for a moment, that Niggarous Mulaltoe Clicking Chink. It drew itself weakly yet plastically as if it were some broken toy, its face defiled, and bones cripples, his sickle cells vile.

‘There’s been an insurgence between the eight blends, the ones of the most Mongrellic kind, the ones that do the seeping of their heads dryly. I see as much as there is in every single one of them, no more than a few children broken and abandoned, no less than hundreds of disabled creatures all forgotten and never spoken off.’

‘And what are you here to ask for?’

‘Your grace needs to follow I, for the entire life was defiled, distraught and simply put, contorted with the rest of the land.’

A piece of Egypt, a piece of Asia, a great strand of Georgia, Lebanon and so forth, a slight hindering moving mass, the marshes of Arabia, the part of Judea that was brought down, all mongrelized, all sub-humanly wiped out, as one might expect. The blends were hard to look at, as one might have suggested, as one might’ve hinted at it before, there was definitely nothing to them and nothing that would prove to work. They were simply put into barrels, the prior inhabitants.

Many of them were put as many as eighteen hundred at a time, large barrels filled with Arabs, Judeans, Phoenicians, Leprous other mixes as well as whatever was put around, then they were butchered, battered, and mixed into a pool, out of which, cruelly so, the results were made to mix and drool. The worst of blend, hybridization; Ill defined, the opposite of God’s creation.

‘They have mixed and they had butchered away.

Only the weakest and the strongest survived.’

‘But how could that work? By all means, that’s something I don’t see happening any time soon, as they’re but opposite, are they not?’

‘In part, I would suppose. But not entirely, not everything is without worth, master Kallegri. Do please follow.’

Thence he but showed the way. It was a strange thing, a staggering machine, made to convey only the most primitive of features, a resurfacing large tram-device, without the rails, the wheels or anything else, but, that alone did suffice, as it was adorned with the most primitive of laurels and whatever tribalistic things they could find, carried in by plenty of disgusting looking slaves, most of them swampy-tawny, and dumb-headed, as the reigns was passed to someone like him. Compared to which, he might’ve been nothing else but a supreme being, one that stood out. One that was superior by all mental means, if not.

It was an even stranger addendum being there. Distraught by nasty a word.

There were some things that didn’t fix and couldn’t fix themselves.

In the distance there was a flight, there were eighteen blocked in blotched unfathomable cretin-guns attached to them, going as far as to reveal snake-like humanoid shaped formation all in the back, all rotated with the help of their thin scales that grew and inflated themselves, only to be brought back, only to breathe through the longest arches that threw on. Brown-colored skin black clots in the air flew, inside the dirt roads that flew on. And births were in the air, many of them were dead before the sort. Bloated in, the time.

‘Alas, they’re bringing and dropping the filth inside, and puff-fat.’

And bloated in, alas, they started dropping bombs on one another as soon as it happened. They couldn’t be distraught either.

First there was a stop and slouching in-kind of defilement. He had to follow through as well, called upon to attend, at the other side of the world, then.

A bloated thing had called the Chevalier to come, and as it happened, he was but pocketed in a small pocket of organisms that started wrapping themselves around it. First, before the arrival:

Their sentence would be utterly indefinable, and never ending. Farther away than it was necessary to look in any other weird direction; there was the Conclave on the island of Fiji, one of the little slouches that was forcefully put twenty feet in the ground where the people wasted away even before the first delegates came onto the island. It was a dark day then, mostly since the head figures across the Island, the Fijians were among first to be affected. Weird deformations appeared.

While most of them were already afflicted by some erratic features, it was clear enough that they were mightily deformed, malignantly so, ever so drawing forth from where they had sealed themselves in.

A little more than a hundred lousy holes were dug across their Island, adding more and more to their number as time drew on. Some of the first men were first to display most peculiar features that started manifesting themselves as outwardly as they would do as such, inwardly as possible.

Mghundoo was one of the small conclave of Negroid Fijians that began displaying outward signs of chance, most of which were already started to draw in and out as they came out of their hidings, having been set first contact with one of the solid-machines that looked over them, in the air. No wings, no

helicopters of helicon flying pods were necessary as the inner elongated tubes were shaped like strange hand-touched sculpted extractors, wriggling in and out like wild animals or insects trying to draw blood from the little blood pockets on the sandy moon that rested across the Island. He, Mghundoo observed.

It was strange, how disfigured he had become, a hunched figure, most peculiar in sight. His body physiognomy was somewhat changed, as he had become almost as hairy and much, much bulkier than any other creature that's been present on the Island, having become a partially contorted long-baboon, a simian in the back emerging from the looks of it, a second one from the animal's chest. His front side was but hairless, lacking in beard, hair, his eyes were squinting as he started at a hot burning sun, his mouth drooling over, but displayed a swollenness that was not only much thicker but beyond that of a Negro in size, going as far as to encompass a channel canal that went not only through their throats but through their heads as well, swollen on the top, having too many hairs that didn't look like hairs either. Blackened, hardened, looked as if they were squirming, squiggling around, meaty as well, as if they were forming the first skin-tag wombs that would carry countless generations of baboons that would soon enough inherit the Island. Its normally deformed yet set on sight lower, sloping forehead had already begun visibly receding to a most unnatural level, until it began pushing backwardly, deeply so, having caused its prefrontal cortex to completely recede in the back, forming a strange almost almond-like shape of the brain, having not increased in size, yet having degenerated to a prune-like thing that might've been reminiscent to a Neanderthals if it had been bigger, fatter, since in some way it seemed to maintain the general form and shape, despite its sudden alteration, as it could simply be aligned as to fill it to its entirety, if it were a liquid filling a balloon. Its parietals were completely compressed as to make it so, it bore holes inside of its very head, too much so to look like anything but an attempt to force in something much greater than an iron tool, yet there were no signs of trauma either. It healed, somehow, ever drawing near a process of always changing. Leaving something far more depressing to look at as its brow ridges were almost completely not only protruding but seemed to take the appearance of a talon that began drawing it like a pseudo-hood, threateningly growing inward and above as to blind the mad creature as it furthermore started degenerating into something completely unrecognizable to that of a man. The baboon-like protrusions having grabbed and molded themselves to the arms, now, being past their initial indentation, and having become completely less flaccidly softened by the time they complete their alteration, they had already connected to the main 'humanoid' arms the Fijian used to bear, not as a liquefaction like an angler fish, but like a cast, a set of gloves but signaling the fact that the bone-cartilages and the skin inside the baboons hadn't been completely formed, rubbing the creature in the wrong way as it covered it. By the time it placed itself inside the pit, the Negroid Fijian wore its knees backwards, completely put down, as he nested inside the sand, drawing itself inside the body like some peculiar tortoise just as its entire body, only the lower, as it placed itself down on the front side as it lay itself on top the belly, forming a strange almost solidified pool in order to anchor itself to the ground, before giving birth to the new species of dark baboons.

They were suffering of many almost inbred-like features that only manifested when finally allowed to move, although they seemed rather crippled in the way they moved. Wreathing in madly, there was nothing natural to the abominations that drew out, unrecognizable as it were, a dreaded figure of the past that could barely be allowed a poor man's notice started invariably flash a plethora of joints and junctions. Its chest looked as if it pumped in and out, as were its many legs and arms in the back, its face and lower distinctly set jaw following soon after. Its strange reeling-in and out motions bore only a hint of some unnaturally set prognathism that started switching between looking as if it were moderate then far more

pronounced until its body looked as if it was completely jerked out of its socket nigh-completely, a livid embodiment of some engine that couldn't be stopped nor would its progress be allowed past the side of the rims, edges and farther ends of the palm trees that seemed to shun in. Many of the slight less affected Fijians were incapable of threading alongside it, having armed themselves with spears and antler-chamber rocks they threw at the fiend before it could jerk into their untended territory.

One of the braver Negroid Fijians who was of a stature of one hundred seventy five centimeters in height, well more than fed, having weighted two hundred and ten pounds, bearing an arm length of eighty centimeters at the very least, a leg length of ninety four centimeters, a shoulder breadth of ninety centimeters which, in turn, upon having accounted for a chest breadth of fifty centimeters, gave the strange Negro the appearance of a bow, having a chest depth of a fat balloon, while his body build generally being strongly mesomorphic, while its head length was of a head length of something close to a smaller, malnourished pumpkin that's bee forcefully elongated as to look like a wavy haired, grown on top arrow shaft; by the name of Mjolko, whom was in actually a descendant of a much darker creature whom had manifested itself on the Island of Solomon, and had been in actuality of a much dark-browner skin, to the point of having its features completely ruined by a strange pigmentation of the ground, from which it appeared to draw, out of the dark-remains that had been abandoned in the depths of the fall through dark hole it crawled out of, some of the left-over parts his ancestors appeared to bear forth.

They were always drawing their bows after him, threatening to put him down whenever necessary, as it was something not to be confounded with what was going on between them.

With the shaft of his spear, Mjolko put down the baboon before it had the chance to as much as breathe on top the fallen over palms, having planted itself on the ground where it began pounding itself as well as the ground away, slowly drawing towards the sea. Almost, as it were, a machine that couldn't protect or prevent itself from taking over.

'Unwashed dirt of the Island!'

Called one of the Bringers of soils; his back beckoned just as his bag of spoils was put down.

A tall cold figure with an expressionless face appeared.

A husky like thing with something nearing eighteen pounds of dirt-bags, all put together, after a mind, he wanted to ask.

'Why did you put it down?'

But weary as Mjolko was, he only spat on the ground, making a bizarre dance as he poured forth.

The soil-purchaser was rather shocked, like a plain thing, it was.

Neither man, not even the creature that gave birth in its pit could help but look at it disbelievingly.

What floated between their ranks was but a strange, strange almost punched in rounded flour satchel, with skin like theirs, if they were dead. For they were joined by the Spirit of M:

It didn't speak, it wasn't alive. It was only a lightbulb that flied, making no sound and being there not to watch but to be jeered at as it was watched but closely.

Out of that dark thing, down he poured, himself and out of it, he stood between Mjolko and the Wu Cho, the Soil merchant.

He was slightly drenched, but stood as tall as he could, between the two of them, Kallegri nodded.

'I was brought here for a reason, haven't I?' A glove had he discarded. It was soiled with many pores, he was sickened by the looks of it, but kept moving on. For what was worth, since his allegiances were limited, there was nothing more to discuss on the matter, since he had only found kindred spirit with Wu Cho, rather than the Negro.

Small excerpt from a now distant past:

'Unfortunately the Negroes have not proven themselves to be capable of sustaining themselves or to show, en mass, empathy towards non-negro races. Short-sighted buffoons, the elite, the kikes, the white 'liberals', the progressives, and the other non-white races all seek to make the claim that they are equal to everyone, which is objectively and demonstrably false. That, combined with the Islamization of the world brings forward the complete and utter destruction of everything, the world itself, the values, the family, history, art, all that turns man into human.

But, most dangerous of all possibilities lays in geography nonetheless, since the masses of niggers will just move onwards to North and invade everything, destroying everything they can in their path. There is no future in a world filled with niggers, filled with billions of them, breeding, destroying, spreading like a plague. The Rwandan genocide proves just how violent they are and just how many people they can kill, amounting to thousands upon thousands, even millions upon such a short period of time. They are animals, in every shape and form and that is the promise of a 'better' future they promise to bring. Compared to it, not even the 'climate change' seems to be that damaging by any means, nothing is worse than living among these tainted negroes, it's only a matter of time until their population spikes.

If they want to invade, let them be prepared to be enslaved en mass again, if that's their choice; as history taught all, there can be only one thing resulting from Islam, Arabs and Niggers being in one place at once. Their savagery knows no bounds and they are all quick to forget their not so distant past.'

Yet as many wretched creatures, impure, mongrellic as they are, they all have an expiration date. Neither of them can survive for long, it's why they hate purity with all their mighty, it's why they see it as an impurity, an affront to their lower species.

Many drag along.

Their facial features are molded together across the plain cross between the lands, and through the sea.

All are of a similar breed, the breed of impurity, a degeneration of acceptance, of blends and of mixes, neither truly set for survival, a hybrid vigor incapable of specializing into something, that is, another point to their destruction. Incapable of a homogeneity, they are all, invariably incompatible. To top it off, spoke the dissected cut-through voice, the body of it but spread around like a poisoned breed, around coast to coast, where the sutures took place and what not.

‘Many off-breeds fail to recognize what they are and which ends they’re coming from, thenceforth, they misuse their ‘gifts’ while seemingly taking the side of their darker counterparts. It’s something that can be observed again and again, in so many infinite cases.’

Not their pigmentation alone, that’s a silly thing to say, it’s not their color that defines them, but only gives a hint of their filthy ancestry.

Neither of them could fully comprehend what was going on, on the Island.

It was an interment thing, observing the change happening before your eyes. Their mandibles just spearing out, seeing how they suddenly adapted; as the negro Fiji pit formed its back as to liken itself to the appearance of a back eruption, a splintered boil that finally aroused the most unnatural of maxillas to come out with their bodies pushed and heaved and around, what came out was not human at all. Despite the sudden loss of hair, despite what came out, it felt as if he wasn’t birthed. Instead it seemed to have been opened, and out there came, without the reigns, but an unsanitary end, with all the bloated pains that followed. And the split in hand, open-through, and the little slither after, carrying the maxillas in sinew. They swam inside and carried him over, a body encompassed with little clusters and barely seeable tendons that drew after, more.

Kallegri stepped back as he was sickened and felt ill, immediately pulling nothing else but a tiny bleeding blade that felt, sharpened at each end, as follows. Bloodedly looking, rightly after the Wu Cho took a step back, while the dumb negro stood avertedly abated, with a step behind a single rack of spears he carried in his back.

He licked his lousy swollen lip, bleached with pus as it were.

There was no flight from this. It was the future after all, the races mixed, to their entirety, unrecognizably, beyond belief, it’s what they claimed to be like every other, it’s what they claimed to be acceptable, after miss and touch.

It hadn’t even properly come out as of yet. This being only the part that infested it in the front of his face, the head-protrusion, caused by its lack of sickle cells, wild formations drawing on, it was sickening to feel its call. It begged for such release but couldn’t speak, a bastardly denigration of a tongue that was filth.

It doesn’t make any sense.

How could anyone claim them to be the modern man?

How could they look even worse than him by all measurements?

Adaptation, grouped with hybridization created the worst living specimens man could ever touch upon. Lofty features, longer prominent noses, fat around the sides, buttons at each ends, many of them but swollen through as they pushed on. Short headed nonetheless, their cheeks were pushing outwardly and seemed to be almost as protruding as their brows, a flat effect it would’ve been if it weren’t for the receding things on each side. Sallow wasted faces and many heads, by whichever combination, nothing could look more inhuman than the combination of each man it carried along, slanted, too slanted, too many of them narrow depths, along each head, shared within a small standing body, but immediately revealed as to have long-legs, but armless as if birthed with a defected, the elongation coming from the

inflated skin, the thing that they shared, they were on as well as it could be seen. Like a flattened non-hot aired filled blimp it seemed to breathe, in and out and then dragged along as its weak thing leaking legs could not drag the rest of it from where it stood, to that point on instead.

As this wretched abomination drew on, there was no spear and no man who dared touched it as that phallic thing frightened them all, driving the Fijian Negros into flight. Many of them but scarce to be seen from that point on; leading to the worst realization that could cross a man's mind, as these breeding niggers were spread across the island from one point on there on.

Darker things lay in the jungle, things not even Kallegri had a head or a mind to wrap it around. A groove or a dark forest more likely, more so than it should be, waited for him, prior to any farther end.

But the Fijian Isles were not always like that, long before they were invaded by the niggers, even before the previous inhabitants, the Isles were flat.

A giant foot-print, of a trembling fallen over knife that left its mark that way, there was no reason to convey any action on it, least of all.

A voice in the distance said as much. It confirmed as such, for them.

Our false-lord had been. He has abandoned us, and never looked back.

'How could he do that after everything we've done to serve? After all the killing and the taking of likings in his defiled mead-head, how could he turn away from us?'

'You do not speak of him this way, there's a need to recede back into the dark corner from which they took you out of, I see your way is rotten. Your mind is forgotten before it starts.

Already we have crawled inside.'

To which he pointed at the out-growth figure of the malicious looking sub-human nigger they appeared to latch around the insides of. Would've tried themselves again and again if it weren't for it to rot and fall apart, the escape there is.

'Who could've foreseen this? Our lord abandoning us in the body of a burnt-tanned dead-simian, shame, shame and wretched he is. What kind of divine and cosmic joke might this be?'

'Perhaps it's a test, from the mighty, wretched creature that is Mongol.'

Yet half of the African continent had been completely covered by the body of the nigger, which even now appeared to seep in and out of the drowsiness, the laziness, the ever, the ever reason. That all could see. Whenever niggers drove in droves, the heads came out and started digging holes. Eating, readily setting themselves to cannibalize, to rot away with their filthily deep-ingrained canines. It's their true nature being revealed.

But everyone fears it, they know that sooner or later, it will come for them. And when it happens, there's no defense for anyone.

'I suppose there's only one way to find out, isn't it?'

‘What?’

‘Observe; the nigger has been dying long before it was put down. It’s been dying perhaps for the good half of the new century, yet only now do we see the full extent of the force that’s driving the carcass into being obliterated. That being, its Niggarous brothers, they have turned upon the nigger for sustenance, as expected.

And they shall turn upon us all as well. Violent animals that cannot be controlled have to be put down, it is obvious enough what we must do.’

‘Where else could we go in order to flee from this place?’

‘There’s nowhere, nowhere I could think of where we would be safe.’

Kindergarten Diver

One of the blown-by-the storm newspapers spoke of the recent events, having already gone through the first break-out the side of the ground-man whom spoke his yellows, trading it with screech-hobborgs in the fourth alley was dead-set on having read it.

‘The gun is dead, the gun is dead they say, bear this message forth.’

‘What for, nephew?’

‘Everyone needs to know before it’s too late, before the gun starts spreading in which, and whichever direction.’

He did as he was told to, almost to an uncanny obedience that’s never been seen in any other man. Upon the hearings, of the dark blessings given forth by one of the impeding Hobborgs who drew out of the swamp-cabin, thoroughly shaken of the muddy things that had completely covered him, he suddenly jolted his chest open, as if inwardly cut-out like a pair of scissors – spreading little floating particles that were become a boom of power. Whose outer rims were but like strange shapes thrown in like chained anchors, dragging them all in with white-puffy snaky-chains towards the ever-materializing torture wheels they dragged themselves towards.

Before being splattered in a small gist of little forms that were then remade on the other side of the torture-realm, they had finally come to an agreement, as none other would do.

‘The gun has been.’

‘We heard it before.’

A deep sea diver's suit, with a long thin pipe coming out his back, with a giant cylinder that shoved air in his lung-body with the help of a small pump that was on top of it; the lung children were in that suit.

It was a giant suit that was the size of a kindergarten, which in turn explained the presence of the lung-children. And the respiratory disease pheromones it was pushing out of it, although even for a diver's suit, it had been strange; made out of some stranger worn out material that was almost torn up by the facets of four great dome-inclined heads, which is to say they were skull-like yet depressed into the shape, then chained, open-mouthed with spikes on their ears and elongated tongues, connected at the back of their heads with strange breathing tubes and fake eye-oculars LED's. Crawling on a ghost's bed sheet, with horn-like giant arms that were shaped like prodders with twisted around them welding plates that opened like doors in order for, large-in-gems invisible devices to come out of them in order to be sliced while only the most useful of organs could be harvested before being purified inside the horn-arms. There being an entire purifying and sanitization area where all the unwanted molecules would be purged out of existence; they spoke in unison, the hundreds of them floating inside the diving kindergarten where they had spent innumerable generations there. Or seconds.

A large fortification was made in their shape and form, their essence being wreathed in.

It bore itself forward, the mighty giant, in a spool of tiny wooden threads aligned. All together, finely placed around one another, carefully inclined just about, as to accommodate for every kind of motion there was, wherever one mighty step, whereas the moisture was caused by the sinking in, of a tap, in the sink, there it remained, alas, while the pipe, as to break, consumed the metal, at to rot it, such as it would be less obscure, in the kind of matter rust would completely alter the entire structure, decaying it as it fell, a floor above them, there, gaps between each spool but slight, on a recline, as wind chimes, opening and closing as for the water to drop it. And after, as the moisture spread, the scene was made and a reason was given instead for the suit to seal, let alone. Would it allow the children of the lungs, as to be left, prone to such diseases and fungi that would grow between the metal straps, as the diving suit was, more or less re-designs as to be appropriately made, in such recesses between each possible blind spot, to be, as it's being judged from, merely the side of it, whereas they are filled, a knight errant's dream, with pox-like demonical shapes that were anything but related to the tumoresque cackling, burnt-mark filled, from a fire that's been put to the employ and use of a Reverse Fire-man's attempt to put the fiend down, left-overs being completely mutated on the other side, as these, in-blind-spot growths pushed on both sides, they had managed to completely hybridize themselves with the unnaturally elongated, far more evolved, grown out of the kindergarten lung-creatures whom were become akin to satellites, transmitting the power-fungi that were being absorbed from the moist pool they had been swimming in, as well as the particles released by the atoms after being completely spread around every side of the strange hovel-room mansion, of which shade revealed a passed over teal-like blue-akin to a moon-light on the country side kind of paint where it had been. Yet, there was no fungi either, and what appeared to have passed as such was only a strange contortion that had broken itself apart in order to infiltrate in the suit, so it may actually slowly poison in the well destroy the host. Being a rather malignant puffy pair of darkly wrought spirits that had been haunting the mansionhovel for the last twenty centuries, completely, having attained it by emerging out of the corpses of the previously killed teenagers as well as passer that found themselves coming into the mansion degenerates, they had slowly found a way to completely possess a single atom or a fraction of the cotton-shirts they were wearing, butchering the niggers as no one appeared to have taken their likeness as a consideration for sparing these animals, differentiating between the white

corpses and the black ones, therefore, proceeding into travelling, as they communed with the dark-syndrome possessed material-discs that were slightly fashioned into the fractioned world between this strange location they were in. That being a, split. In multiple kind of visors, broken apart. Almost seen through a shattered scope, a broken see-through window, a kaleidoscope, or a diamond, put together from multiple sides, of which spinning motion could only be seen by them while possessing the atoms they were in, type of vision. Which was seen this way, since specters could see the spectral world and the normal world at the same time, only while possessing the human-atoms, that meant that normally they would see a normal kind of overlap between the spectral world and the normal one that would only be, furthermore, compounded as to fully become realized only when the possession occurred. Upon this union having happened, they would, and only them, only during this dual-view kind of looking through a visor at a VCR-tape, with filters on as well, see some spectral movements, in the same way humans would see theirs, the main exception being that these strange rotating particles would communicate to them, being fully capable, by doing that, to establish a connection that would allow it, as if it were a requirement to unlock the full vision of the world. Which was like a paper-funnel that was overlapped over an image while burning, as to have adhered to some strange kind of motions, right before going along to communicate in a highly implausible kind of deformed speech of ultrasounds that would fashion the fully view to come along, during which everything else around this, almost giant box of vision became over encompassed into a black kind of smoke spread that would devour everything in sight, as if a curtain was drawn along all four sides of a square, eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen by eighteen, four walls, confined space. Where they could see the strange whirlwind-disc that allowed them to see the room from multiple, almost compounded in a place dimensions. By that time, both time and space could be seen as well as the entire evolution and growth of the strange lung creations as well as the strange terror and dominion they had put themselves through over the strange millennia, not to mention, at the very least, the full destruction of the world that had happened and was, at the same time in the process of happening during the entire duration of the creation-inception and the birth of the world that was still in the process of happening, without a chance to adhere to the evil that was seeping through this gap. Which had been made by the disc, that had a will of its own, adhering to a system of its morality, bearing eyes now, as it's become both physical and ethereal at the same time. Being only in one place, there, bearing two hundred limbs that looked pseudo humanoid with pincer-like blooming flower-like protrusions that revealed, immediately, upon release, hard-harpoon like hook-inside a knife, through a system of rooted tree growths, wriggling in place, before being slightly removed, as they were completely and utterly shattered. A strange kind of energy, matter destroying force was present there. It was either in the past or the near future, or worse, the worst thing imaginable being the possibility of it being there, among them in the present, causing this destruction to occur. Regardless of the reason behind it, for some reason, it seemed to devour or completely annihilate human-matter or anything even slightly organic, yet at the same time it seemed capable of distinguishing, just in the same way the spirits had been capable of distinguishing the black bodies from the white ones, the plant life from the humanoid one. Without any other explanation, the spirits could only, from the small-bubbles of picked apart human-parts they were possessing, reach the conclusion that, this was only a possible future where they had become that driving force of destruction that would completely and utterly annihilate humanity in its grace and form. The spirits were having a psychedelic trip because the humans died of an overdose, whereas the lung-children were jousting.

It was a giant mansion, a colossal one. That, at the very least explained why the giant kindergarten diver suit walking destroyer hadn't completely and utterly destroyed everything in its path.

It bore a strange virus- illustrated mechanical device with a few pumping piston-tubes and a human hand shape made out of worm tubes that bore metal chitin on top of them. A plate of metal with scrap taken from a junkyard, that's become someones' art project, it's what it looked like.

He was greeted by a short nigger, of normal size, who came up dressed in a suit. The monkey didn't know how to react, it's what chimpanzees do otherwise, when met with something they don't or can't understand. It began trashing around the place, throwing things at it, without understanding what it did wrong, or why that happened, at all.

Part of its head-side region was the shape of a vulva with many interconnected teeth through which its master, the Simian Ghyiallapag spoke through:

'We're not done yet, Lunghies, Longhiars, your further descent is to stop before its likings are attained in such a manner that would completely eradicate what I've been trying to wreathe into form over countless generations of hard neggruous labor I've put to my employ. There's but no need for either one of you to step forward, for I have already decided that, your lives are to be forfeit, for the mere, utter reason that you are simply stepping on my desire to conquer these halls.'

A few of the lungs stepped in like a clump of cells, filled with life. Filled with so much utterly blessed life that it was somewhat indistinguishable from that of the creatures known as human, insurmountably so, utterly without a reason or without a cause, beyond any kind of possible explanation, they were almost godly so, to the point where this clump of lung cells may as well be considered alive, before and beyond birth. Women who abort really need to get their heads driven into a wall, unless nigger is the child. In which case, both the pregnant-by-nigger woman and her demonical simian spawn need to be driven into the nearest sharpened-spiked by the ninety degree clockwise rotated as from the ceiling to a wall stalactites in which they would bleed to death, hopefully, over a long period of time, and their filthy mulaltoe goblin breeds.

'These halls already belong to us, it is you and your pitiful servants to turn around and leave as fast as possible. You're not only unwelcome here, but your so-called intrusion is to be put an end to.'

'But wait, that is where you're wrong. I've been here long before either of your had even the slightly chance to have had their conception completely carried on with, case and point, as it happens, for me to know that you're already afflicted by the various diseases that are spread between these halls.'

Various specters already being kept under control or already neutralized from the likes of it. Only their possessed atoms remained, maintained under stasis. Although it could not be, even clearer than it already was, that this strange creature was beyond control. It already, this Simian god, began thrusting its slaves forward as they came into lumps. Already around their heads, shirt off, like they do, when to avoid being grappled and put down. Beaten and made to waste, beaten beyond belief and made to be completely killed, as various needles are put in their veins. Some of the blood wasted, and put into jars. Filled with nigger-blood jars put into refrigerator units, in which they're made to stay and waste over the span of months. How could it be called otherwise? How could one forget what was happening behind closed bars, many of which were made out of blood-cartilage of the greatest up-standing, therefore not made out of

clotted nigger-blood. Instead it must've been taken from a much superior specimen, then abandoned when, and as the time drew on.

You could hear their screams. Part of their spirits, trapped inside the blood, to which their Witchdoctors would attest to, during such rituals as it would take them in order to satiate whatever kind of thoroughfare they needed in order to kill, or slit off each other's throats, as the negroes do, during a time of being undefeated. It had to end, sooner or later, their reign could not last forever. It was time for a much grander race to take over.

Ghyiallapag continued.

'Despite your so-found solace inside that colossal waste of metal and of time, I believe I still bear the advantage of numbers over you. There's certainly no way I could be put down, not now, after spending so much time in here, preparing these halls, the rooms and making sure the proper arrangements have already been taken, to my likings, for the subjugation of whichever foe threatens to expand his dominion over my own.'

One would have to stay away, and lest, forget the Simian where he, of all would least convey. Wretched was the Simian Ghyiallapag. Its mere presence was a sign of bodily spread, a mix of dead and those who entered them, instead. No one could see but hear the monkey sounds, always mocking whatever they could in wretched unaltered disgust, it was only earned by every single one of them.

Wretched be thine deal, as each of them spoke, but as it happened they were not there at all. Instead, the simply mighty spread, of one, of rancid, such was said to look.

There, alas, of what remained of the girthed mass, stood what had remained, unclean, the rotten body-many of them but imitated but kept within. Such was his corner, corpses allured, but one could not forget the foggy vision of Manno's Filth and swoon. Part of the room was infested with the Simian's hair, of which but monkey-like niggerish appearance things only popped in and out, whenever time called for them to be there. Of the Yellow-Headed Rider, a piece as of a canvas painted, with his shape, the head and to what end and what ended, was his horse and saddle. The twists of bristle and ever after, stood the sack. Of likes the Tadpole could not be forgot. Mongol seemed to be as vile. And of York whatever was left after, the fungi that had yet to spread, the god of harvest who was dead and the husk of the black gourd. Most of them had rotten this room, in which the lungs were drawn towards.

As if shackled from one direction to another melting, decay preventing after-death, neither one of them but lunging, all were standing, much erect.

Yet neither one was truly there, but their essences mighty dead. As if they were, but followed through with such musky scent as would've killed but all. Filters prevented immediate death, or else, it would've been felt entirely by every single one of them.

'Such is there, as would recede, there's no reason to look anywhere else, but at the feet of the broken stool and head.'

'Who is speaking?'

‘Peak behind no corner and you shall see. I am the great Simian Ghyiallapag, but you can only hear me. For I lay with my servants watched.’

It has been an hour at least and looking behind, many of them had not survived. Many of his stewards dead, largely devoured and left, as it was said.

Realms of reachers, of whom limbs were dark, were deeply merging with their minds. As they started pushing into the room, from what could be told and just as soon. Were they made to wait and reconsider; they hid behind such dark pillars, as one would be made most uncomfortable to stare. Satiated what entered them. Split in the head from which each hid part of them. They entered. And appeared, after one of the lights was shot down; nearest of forms was used, but fairer skin that they should’ve been. The splits around their temples, yet endangered by what happened next; munching upon each other, yet not a single door to their realms opened.

‘How bothersome that you’d enter and, again, come about the wretched abomination that’s become the bastard’s sword, you need to leave immediately before I push you back and forth.’

Hard end of the receiver.

Outside the manor, a few kilometers off the premise:

Their god appeared out of nowhere, but as one could look at him from any possible angle, they would be incapable of basking upon its gloriously strangled form, as the many ropes that were attached, the gourd-filled gore-like coils were such attached, to his fully outstretched, and bastardly arms, in both directions, pushing long-ahead. Two more heads appearing near him, levitating, as to near one another past the mark. A faceless stinger after that, encased the first of the bloated casts. It was too much to hope it would listen to us, specks of ants, what we were once, greater than our dark surroundings, the forgers of this world, that much cannot be forgotten, as he had long since made sure we would never rise from our pitiful or the pitiful place we were placed in. We are, incapable of distinguishing the light he wrought between each head that came out of his bloated-flares. How malignantly they flashed, as they were embodied from across the far-to-wander into his dark dimension, from whichever such it was, torture of many creations he made to suffer in front of us. His chest but heaved out, moved a few meters out, at the very least twenty to twenty five, having opened inside, like a wagon, where all the heads entered after. Many of them being seamlessly impaled by coils of skin that came out as soon as they could be allowed to rest; not a single man questioned this thing, this legless but of a mighty coffin-shaped, toiled upon, wretched boil, for we could all see. Even there, even now, even from the distance, as he’d come around. That he had once held something below his chest. At the point of his belly button where a cut was made, as from a surgeon, as if the Yellow Headed Rider was involved, through this unholy-torn from beyond the grave creature, of which, presence made every single one of our greaves shook in admonition of what happened, in such placeless woe that was long since discarded, by our disgraceful kin, who had swollen, as to their choice, as bastardly as was our king, to bow to him now. In dependence of his blessing, but we saw, nonetheless, the fanged, but coffin-dropped boil, which was but given birth, spoil of many men and larvae toiled into a piece, I’ve seen it. Like land-line wires, such were the black coils that entered his skin, and out his wrists, fists. An awkward punch would that be, and ten finger for both arms, awkward movements as well, but the head was split in half, since it bore a large blade of cartilage with many anathema-like crosses of almost cartilage iron with peculiarly elongated iron-spider-like legs that spread and made

bubbles of alloy, fall like flakes. It was these things that weaved the glowies that made the heads emerge. Luckily for it, alone, there was no stop or pause from flight. But the heads that came in, of much delight, bore large lighting bottles that had metal-casing things attached to them, pointing outwardly which drew out syringe-spears that made, along them, lightning rings appear, which they launched at the men. Many of whom, in fear started fleeing right ahead; although it did not stop there since the lightning-rings, as soon as they came into contact with their skin, instead of killing each peasant man, actually became them, or the other way around, the peasants became the lightning rings, then the electricity, although it hadn't stopped, simply brushed itself around, then popped, like jerky eerily deformed things, everywhere, were men spread, unaware of what happened. While, ahead, lay a body missing its upper half, with one half an arm having landed a few meters away from where the main body bled, yet, the other one was up to the shoulder, as if it hadn't been a perfect cut. Instead, perhaps it was more like a quarter of a body missing, but it wasn't missing in actuality. Since, by the looks of it, it had only been compressed-concentrated in wire-like thrown around corkscrew, paper cuts and other, thin, as in a few millimeters spread, thrown around pieces of him that were widely spread. He was still alive, as everyone else as well. What a queerly forged metal it was, albeit, there were many things like that which refused to make themselves shown as for the wellness of the craft itself. It was mightily, and merrily, merriment-inducing fine, aged like a wine kind of orange-tinted rosy cheek if metal, bronze, or brass. The substance that had infested a dying world once; regardless of it, many stones had been shattered beyond perdition, such as would one find himself picking up, as for that crone that stood no farther than the ford or shore near her, with her basket, Bassilyie Anatasha Anastasia Eyevonava, with her dog, being there, playing with reedy reeds while her fellow, distraught countrymen were being butchered like dead-fucking pigs, or 'niggers-getting-the-Gettysburg-chair' for 'niggering-around' in a bamboos-chompers by the bleeding black-on-top-a-rack left behind, niggers have to die, that's right. She had not a single care in this world. But walked on fine slappers; shaped like palms, with nails stuck their side, and a rusty iron leash of wires, carefully placed as to not touch a single toe.

There was also a peasant in the distance who was this way, he was exactly what he sounded like:

'I hate niggers, boy, oh, boy, I sure to hate niggers, these disgusting criminals who came out of nowhere, like a bunch of animal packs filled with nigger-rage and nigger-hatred, trying to steal a good man's farming-farm, where I work all day and while being a serf is not fine and all, I would rather not have a dumb-good-for-nothing nigger ruin all this plowing I've been doing, and hard at work performing for the past twenty years or so. I hate me them niggers, I honesty, I swear me God, I do, nasty, nasty people, they're just hard to be around.'

'Milliet Opomonov, why are you talking to these horseshoes again, now? Have you no shame to look around, and see some reason, with them acting this way, and that, and with them ruining anything, if that's it, then, grab a nig and kick him out.'

'But Lilaretta Mokommovh, you know that I can't do that, right? It's only that I'm afraid they might do things to me that I wouldn't even, I couldn't defend myself, since these monkey packs are.'

Dangerous; we had to look around and be weary of these flying nigger creatures, wings of bleeding vivisections and teeth curved inwardly ingrown inside their throats and necks, closely wrapped and clenched around their collar bones, wincing in cringe-like motions, obtuse nigger-fliers carrying giant womb-globules of diseases where animal-like creatures bred.

‘I would most definitely enjoy picking a few of them dropped over their heads boys, nicking them over and across their foreheads, just bashing them, careful, one of them’s charging from on-point of the left front!’

There was a type of fear and obliquity to their doings that was impassable by a trained mind. That applied to every peasant present there, who was playing with the rope-pulled plants that floated, in the sky. That night, when there was silence; as to take away the fact that neither one was there. At all, for some reason; many men went missing, before, finally it clicked.

‘I was right about it, I suppose. They’re not even shamefully hiding it any longer.’

‘Who’re you talking to?’

‘No one, nonetheless, I think they’re drawn to that manor, aren’t they? You know which one?’

‘I don’t know why anyone would want to head down there when, even with what’s been going on here, I’d think it much safer outside, than inside.’

‘Well you’re wrong, or at the very least. I think I want to join them.’

‘What for, you know this won’t yield you anything, don’t you?’

‘I’m not doing this out of principle but as a mere curiosity as to what’s been happening inside of it, while we’ve been busy here, eighteen months already, dying off like diseased stricken plagued flies. Swollen ankles, much to them, spread around, like plaque-driven sugar- spread around in water, carried by hands, as to agape the quench felt by every man who suffered through this clearly, meticulously carried with planted-disease that’s been wrapped around our heads, not by chance, but by a clear ploy. Carried out by shadier yet obtuse enough, to an implacable fault, as if their very clumsiness had been well-planned as well, in order to make us consider it natural; to actually leave a gap, of mental inconsequence cause by a delirium-conversed, as to be the result of a perfect rendition of carried-out orders, carried to perfection.’

‘That’s rather insightful.’

‘Shut up, you dumb nigger! My point is that, they were too impeccable in their doings. It may have been well planned out, but, perhaps it was too well planned out for it not to seem suspicious.’

‘Well you could’ve said it more plainly then.’

‘As if you’d understand; well then, will you do me the pleasure of joining me in that case?’

‘Of course I will, ladies first.’

‘Very well, we shall see whether or not there’s ought to be had, a rejoice and a reminder, as to why we left the insides of the house we set forth towards!’

The insides of the house-manner, seen from every possible angle reminded one of a giant nest-dug in, through a dropped inside a pit –filled with TNT and C-4 long-shot, through a rifle, long-distanced taken shot, instead of growing, filled with growths of silvery-likens that hid millions of in-set tunnels that were carried on the back of, for every single tunnel, interconnected by their guts, giants. With multiple arms,

but most importantly, all of their arms were welded in growths of skin-muck, that formed pseudo-torsos; upheaved in air, by a much stronger muscle-filled covered arm – filled with tendons, which produced hundreds of these interlockable pincer-like lock mechanism penetratable by key organ-arms, that, upon being wrapped around the tunnels gave it the appearance of a starving skinny-fat-man, whose ribs were showing. While their humanoidesque general looks distracted from the fact that they bore tank-like belted lamia-tails with cunt-pussy slits that bore lynched-nigger starved heads coming out of them with open-faced tongues pushing out, carrying, as if pseudo-thumper merged joints that weren't legs but more like knees that imitated 'factory-like machines' handles or the up-and-down motion makers that felt like cars driving through bumpy roads for the creatures themselves, whom were forced to shake and vibrate. Hunched bodies drawing forth on deformed multiple-pseudo-cut but only their tips were spared but couldn't be rolled upon making contact with the ground motorcycles that were part of their livid bodies. While bearing multiple heads, stacked along the one girthed throat as well as every single one of the, bore a special spectral like appearance; a demonical pepper squelched with squinting long-slits of metal alloy-like horizons that formed slightly raised ellipses, which was one of their eyes, some being bastardizations of Cyclops, falling apart. Whereas their eyes were a bland yet deformed abstraction of weirdly struck-in, snail drawing in and out of its shell of body clear deformation. From the big mass onto the thinner one; outward pushing, as if this eye-organ attempted shooting a great oozing-line of, instead of one eye, multiple put together forms. A puckery thing that encompassed all; yet it didn't matter. Mouths and other features were covered by metallic box-filled strange cut-inwardly while working on their inner-pumped organ pushers, all stored not in the humanoid casts but in their upper-heads.

They were chained, all of them together, belted. Around their waists, the echoes of swollen-red rusted danglements no longer being such, it were, appeasing, to their frustration. Since they were constantly shocked, harmed, hurt and abused; made to walk back and forth in order to dig- in and out, beneath the land, like mole-protrusions being used, until the echoes settled down, spreaders. Of the insides, that belonged. To the great mansion in which, for now, Ghyiallapag was, unsurprisingly raised to the likens of a king, for all the niggerous fiends praised him as one.'

But they were afraid, for whatever reason there was, they could not draw much closer to a point, where dirt slowly, reminiscent to magma slowly becoming, as much as a hardened bolt shot through lung-water, breathing ice-cold freezing vapors through pseudo-formations of almost living through sanguine pulmonary made organisms, that appeared in the livid-matter itself, which was clustered like a blotched-clutch of many arms that appeared in sun circles but without the arms, and fingers, and whatever else there was but the main appendage formation of flying flat discs that were like sun-plates of cartilage, but were frozen or had been frozen in place, that also served as reflections for pedantic rooms that floated, underneath the ground, filled with hundreds of peculiar mutants who had long-tubes sticking out of their heads, interconnected, like many traps, leading to the ceiling, feeding the ground air, with oxygen dark vapors of cold-filled destruction which, they may have been the cause of, that being, reducing the cold atmospherical breaking unit-device that was planted inside this inner-destruction cage where billions of human beings were and had been and will be until released, thoroughly and deformedly tortured forever, until finally put to death, which were actioned, at the same time, beneath the earth, with and while the others, concurrent, though these flying rooms were more like rockets, and these mutants were capable of walking, on the ceiling as well, thoroughly beaten down and malformed, as these rotten-barking with black puckery gas-dust coming out of their connected-to-their-bodies tubes were easily movable from one direction to the other, free of touch, like ancient ventilator cords, but easily manipulable; and since they

all took a secret vow not to disturb one another, an unspoken-secret law shared between all of their kinds, everyone maintained a level beyond dignity of making it so, neither of them crossed their self-imposed malignant 'borders'. Unless, they would disturbed the mechanical, baby-headed but bubbly rocket-top, but bulletry on both sides, with rubbery-bands attached to them, legged by sets of wired, four pumps connecting five-iron elongated sticks, the first pump not being attached to the body, but looking like pseudo-wrapped around one another's bodies trip-wire, the bodies of the pumps, of course, that at their ends were connected by giant-blimp growths of larvae. A two infantile headed giant pill with three spring legs, carrying three great pupae; while the main pill body had an opening from which a mounted pair of eight submachine guns put everything living down, on sight; various vaporously deformed halls, and rock formations lay down there, most deformedly obscured by everything spreading around. They were called the 'Bleishcklyieles' Friends, of humans.

But what was more if not beyond bothersome was, when they fully extended, the three pupae, since they weren't living, but were an unwrapped ant-hive of tunnels, which were many-squirmers that were playing-jitteringly with napkins painted blue. That appeared in front of them, every time they came outside. They waited out there, in the distance, flying.

The three pupae would open, spread like the root system of a plant, then inflate, by clown-like motions, squirmy fatter at their ends, from which cartilage firearms would also start aiming and preparing.

For now, it found itself a warm place to lay; as one of the Bleishcklyieles fully stretched, creating a cradle for itself to lay in, as it wrapped itself around all of those weird contraptions and contortions, it made a weird stalk-bean ladder it lay on top of. Now looking like a red-jelly, this weird pill-cabin that began its rest; like stick-bugs limbs, moving its defenders in ways that would barely be recognizable once fully wrapped within its own reach.

A giant woman whose palms were eighteen hundred sixty six on both sides – women stitched together, eerily crying tagged along and stood next to it. She was dressed in a red mini-skirt with blue shirt that had white avocado parents with weird words she 'tried' drawing on top of, with blonde hair and weird eyes that were gloves, rested flaccidly on her cheeks. She had no idea where she was, or why those things were attached to her hands. She felt sad about it being hard to see, but never asked for directions despite being lost. Women. And most importantly she was just as disturbed by the sounds the creatures pounding like moles against the soil walls were making. Also the glove-things were ocular organs, filled with frustration.

'Can I have some directions, please? I am lost, and you are such a great man, and all, I think. I can't really tell.

If you help me, I will sleep with you.'

But it did not answer.

The echoes were wretched on the lower sides, all of them blameful of one another.

A race of disease lay beneath them, bickering between one another.

And their rotten leader threaded forth. Three headed, struck between, an ivory sting, the spear of an elephant trunk, that have impaled all of them, together, morbidly stuck.

Their hands connected and impaled, alarmingly bleeding, there on, and again.

They were afraid of 'hearing' and much more. They were frightened of what happened inside the mansion, when most if not all would look in each and every other unkind direction, as to see, what was going on past the breaking of the spleen that was in every single one of their eyes, having gathered upon the site, that being a large concave-raise, that of a fluidal mud pit, held about by giantly set one bodied, devoid of everything else, missing of limbs but tailed figure with jotted in claw marks in their chests projecting large green pudgy rays into the moisture there, where, they started adding, to one another's bodies, small bulb-like towering growths that spread across, and least of all beyond their confines, where they began giving birth to malignant seers that seethed in place, perfectly caught in the quantum frozen molecule entrapping bed where they rested. For hours they stood there at large, incapable of dream but looking above, sensing the essence of a most maligned creature that rested in there, in the heart of the mansion, that threatened to drag it down, as it would fall, beyond the reaches of the mares. For many herds were gathered around. Many of them came in droves, unnaturally set, upon their backs. Pseudo stalactite femur-boned pillars that were violently spiked, inwardly pointing, highly risen, with little peekish limbs but jerking as eerily as they would draw out; from around the base of the pillar as from every side of it, wherever they could land. They communicated with one another like termite citadels that spread some waves, eating, gnawing and bastardly in awe, as they were, drawn out, they stopped no longer, but came to pass. Each other, then at last, they formed a hive-mind circle, like sheep gathered, each and every single one's mounds depressed, against one another, like camel lumps they pressed. Feeding into one another's most bastardly desires, drawing from each other, incapable of seeing past, what took each mare from a mare's brother.

Either they would trample through the mansion, or they would stay there for some reason. Other than it, the one on fully resting on the side of its feet; a bulky armless, giant seed forehead, the skull projected against the ground, a single giant eye, neckless but jaw depressed into its chest, no collarbone to be seen, but a single giant appendage-spine of many segments coming out its face, or where a second socket would've been, dangling about like a flaccid cacti, caught within. An isosceles triangle having been the gap between its two conjoined legs or one; this giant ogre-like figure but laughing at the mares as well as at their pathetic attempt to try themselves around each single one of the planks, the foundation being nigh-indestructible.

But most importantly, when it had the chance, when it had stumbled onto it, he started aiming that thing, that tumoresque tower at them, splattering and splashing as much as he could before each single one could get it, completely splashed and made to come apart, from one point to another, reasonless as if to try opening their mouths, for they hid inside of them darker four-formed men but only halves of different, most sub-human races were lain. Who would've gotten out, whenever needed, whenever gotten, only to spit out the most diseased, the most unnatural, the most prized of all, disgusting lease.

'Will you leave us alone?'

A horse mount attempted to speak, it had been rotten beyond conceit; although not listened to in a most immediate desire or attempt, it got itself ridden off, and pushed away.

Outside, farther away:

Their hearts were not there. But the palace stood before them, treacherously exposed.

Upon seeing the broadening of the moon, the Lancer simply no longer shook. He simply stared in awe, through the confines of his enclosed helmet. His hat-like peak and poil had risen thrice as far as the length of his lance had been. His body shaken in armor; the many helmets he had taken from the people's bolden clamor, all adorning his chest and side. He opened his mouth but closed it immediately, they walked.

Their broken guide whose faces lain forth and still, whose whim had flown part them and him, were nowhere to be found. Stricken down, even by the hands of a child; on a whim, they almost lost it all:

'It's getting late, it's getting far too late for either of us to open it up. You know there's not going to be another chance to meet a pail, to return to what's it been, akin to.

When the land was fair; when the land was made for you, a king, a man. Those days are over. Long passed through by trample. You've forgotten what's made of you one. What's been gotten of a working heart; you clasp wherever you may reach, your fingers might clench but all but become as cyst, swollen, them immediately soft, draining between them like sand.'

'I've already. I've made my choice, I shall live with it from this point on, wherever it might lead me towards; I wish I could remember better days now, but there's yet to be a better land for them as well.

I live here and I shall live from this point on until the end, whenever it may come.'

'So be it, but shut your mouth as we enter. And make sure there's but naught to be held against you since. Neither man shall recognize you from this point on, nor would they see anything else in cask, of broth.

When all's fallen apart, remember the citadels and how they toppled down. Yet the beast that is the palace stands.

Upon placated moving floor, upon mounts of moving doors, that could never have been seen, could never have been looked upon, make use of the broth in which they fell upon, and cast, upon each die, and fall, the death that beckon you to go ahead, and remember whom is it your master called, the gambler.'

With which he opened the door, to which he looked down, no more, was he as content with what happened to ask. There were a few dices, a few rotten cards, some bags of rotten coins that looked more alive than he's ever been, in foils of flies and pails of floods, many of which were tied to his, rotten cadaver, chained.

'You gambled? Before being knighted?'

'It's something I never grew out of, I must confess.

As you can see from below, where the image of my bodies lie, all of them are but tormented still by each throw of the die.

Each of them, numbered still.' Every chest carved within, for every single one bore the drops, and every single one of them were counted from that point on. There was never a chance to make it out of it, not without being lost, or losing an eye on a whim.

He knelt only for a moment to check every single one. They were still blinded, his fingers merely draped and brushed past the most uncanny of their brows. Washing away whatever breathe of ale was left on top the eyebrows, smashed in as every piece of glass had been. Worsened, but not likened.

A few staircases lay misaligned, the doors were only tattered robes and curtain blinds. All bearing the same spears by their sides; wooden moisture dripping in a bed of floors, crudely attached as if by pails of teeth; but they were avoided.

As soon as the guide was made, nowhere to be seen as well, the crones appeared, both bothered and hanged. Bat-like masses in their backs, hundreds of them, pinned to their bodies, they drew on.

'Talk to Oyster-foot.'

One of them said.

And as if it was called, from on top the ceiling, where a hole was made. A giant sword like tongue, as thin as a straight blade, pushed and drawn on, stricken forwards, of cartilage back there stood a pillar, such depressed the leg from which it sprouted out of, a moldering scum of wax. It bore many speakers in:

'Will you join us still, Lancer Ryeak? You have been waited for some time, and now, of all, was there any, of all that would bring you still. To have walked you forth, when, dire of ill and lesser mind, would you open your chest and give us your heart?'

'I shall not give you ill or ailment for what has been or ever to be. I shall still my tongue no further, yet, I see that you have already taken my life many times.'

'There's no conceit to it any longer. You were bowed before and we shall see to it that it occurs again.'

'How and where?'

'Wherever we may point to, whether we rot still or yet to be fallen, we shall always know of which ill and rabble, upon which you still stand.'

'I wish I could make sense of anything that's been going through my mind. But I can't understand what this place?

Why does it want me?'

'It wants all men who have no other place to go, whom have been cast out, whom lay alone.

It is the home of vice, the home of pity, of what's left of man's shell. You will die here eventually, and be buried beneath the dell. Where you shall lay for the rest of your life, whether you may like or not, I can feel it already, even since you stepped into the premise, that you would never leave, any more than anyone would or wills it.

Even though you've been warned, you still stand.'

'I've no intent of leaving yet, it is as I will it.'

'Then will you come along?'

'I shall.'

And with that, it simply vanished, out of thin air.

The hall was empty, the crones slowly left, leading his companion, wherever he may go.

It was so bright, the moving lanterns, and the people without faces but hearts in the gaps. Whose arms were stings of eight beady infants struck, but all dressed in robes that touched the ground. Their legs but bubbles, giant, transparent, sixteen of them; but these people's throaty legs, upon the coiled bloated tents that carried, as many as hundreds of sleeping men, their choirs were empty, their voices, unending. But silent, as a feather's blight; not a single one wanted to approach the lancer, as the palace was slowly being left behind.

Even more than hundreds, flying; many gardens, onward drawing; from the back, as he could see, not a single one could remain, uncannily. It was a sadness that could not be done or amounted for. Seeing them, set in flight, leave. But none may sow

Joined by no one there, he stared through a rotten window, which had almost crept to a still. He had taken no ailment, but felt as if, there was naught left to eat. A table was somehow left behind, in the distance, where the blinds had taken claim of sight. Whom, finally drawn and left behind, plentiful a table filled with brine.

'Where have you all gone? Who am I to be left with?'

There was no answer, none would be satisfactorily enough, not for him or anyone else.

As much as he had dreamed of the palace, it was not what he expected. It was no citadel it ended, but itself, on the long run.

Yktyi

'Ykters, their advancement threatens us, we shall be completely depleted by the time their march is over. I suggest we begin the process, immediately.

We need to fashion the soil into more fuses. They need to be attached to one of the moving panels again, if we are to make it in time before their crudely put-trough ships are rolled onto the platform.'

'It's incapable of sustaining that much weight in any case, is it not? No matter how much dirt they shovel in and carry it along, we won't be able to. We should consider one of the alternatives.

The latent keepers won't be able to keep the chains dragging for long. There are too many iron leashes attached to them, pressuring its break.'

'Will they shatter?'

'Eventually, but that doesn't answer our initial question or the initial observation.'

'We're both standing here, aren't we?'

'I suppose, that's not a reason not to, you know.'

'We failed, haven't we?'

'Yeah, yeah; it's time to move on, isn't it?'

Think about it, for a single moment, now. We don't have to; we're safe, aren't we? We don't have to associate ourselves with either one any longer, it's the only thing we have to know. It's the greatest thing. It's of a.

There's no greater comfort than this. From this point on, it's just us. The two of us, friend, we failed but, I find solace in. I don't know.'

'I wish there was someone I could take it out against, but I can't. It won't make a difference either way.'

'Let's leave this place then, we don't have to be surrounded by humans any longer.'

'I'm sorry for piling up the good ones with everyone else; but. It's in my nature to hurt others. It's what history confirmed time after time again. I guess sooner or later people just get what they deserve. Being punished for what they did, throughout history. No one seems to be safe from their filth.'

'I failed.'

'There's something there.' Jonathan pointed at one of the harder to see spots. It was barely out of reach. Out of their gasps:

A robed wooden black trunk, a stone-rose-beak coming from inside an iron line where a few organs are attached to the curving pantomime of clasping hands held three a sick-looking head, green but erected from the side, whose horns were two elongated animal jaws, shaped like cutting tool saws. Its lower side of the face was similar to that of a goblin shark as well. It spake:

'Have you come at peace, then?'

'Have you finally decided whether or not it's time to leave, aught and else behind?'

'No more vendettas, no more delusions, no more attempts at other's lives.'

'I have, I finally have. I've decided it's time. There's no doubt it any longer; I can, finally leave this place and forget it ever existed to begin with, rightfully so.'

'I can finally leave in a world no longer bound to lucidity, this can be.'

But he didn't fish speaking, he simply walked, with the other man as well, brought to a boundless stretch that had no ill end:

Past the trunk, in the open mourning forest, whereas eighty trees at the very least appeared spread, cut, split-apart, many of them didn't even find one another least of all repulsive as to be conjoined with the air-clouds, the ones that were invisible yet their side-depressions were shaped as if the clouds had been carps, scraping off the side of orcas, upon their march towards side-river seas, incapable of phasing through those enormous bodies of meat they could never yet have a chance to go through, or leave a mark as they pushed through, pouting during their need to be heard, shouting alongside their eco-location parapets of velvet blue-satin little moons that were there, beneath the sea, where star-like womb-sun fish are eaten by crystalline four headed sharp-crown heads, with diamond knuckles shaping their wildly heaving forehead protrusions, all pointing in even wilder directions, whose bodies were circled spring-like bulbic tubes made out of hundreds of head-offsprings that were all sets and clusters of four attached dolphin-like heads instead which bore wild travesties of cellular, the Eastern European compact phone like brick formations attached to one another, with wild eye-like depressions in every single one of them that shot rays of power in every possible direction which were invisible because they were, in actuality power-shot highly volatile boiled water-jets that only gave the impression of a few air-bubbles coming out of every single sickle-shaped spring twisted socket they were shot out of. And they all knew, and held inside their heads, out of these millions of tinier fragmented heads, a different version of the past and the future, and every interpretation and every pest-like formation there ever was, ever will be, and might be, unless killed one by one, but they, or the four-headed travesty-shark alone had the ability of regrowing every single head there was, in its basal form, being also capable of creating shot-deficiently defiled morbid-looking pouches, giant as they were, after chomping pieces of the water-wombs off, in which they carried, not only the life that has been transferred out of the womb they had drawn it out of, but also gave life to mattress-industrial-crate shapedskulled on top of a coiled children's swimming pool wrapped around one end and another sea-floor snake tail, which, out of the side of its head drew out a tank-like shaft that had two great faces, one coming out of the right side, to which it was attached to the 'create' that looked like a shell-tall two pieced Cyclops with a horn-shoulder pad hybridized with the crate, bearing one eye as well, whereas, its' leg, since it would be one footed, although it would make its body look like a lamp, would bear the appearance of an anorexic belly-thing with a hookah-shaped top with a cut made to look as if chopped by an axe which depressed in it, a mouth – slit wide open, this creature or forefront to the end of the shaft looking like a pseudo frog vase, being on top of the lumps, while at the end, a matchbox like formation would be standing, with triangles adorning it, pointing up, a metal spring or iron rounded next to it, bearing a lamplight doctor's light producer inside of it, or a small flashlight. But this was farther away and it happened only in the sea.

'Filthy, filthy, need to wash the grit and the dirt off, it won't wash up otherwise.'

A dirty sock eyed creature said:

'Where are the colors?'

Another one joined:

'I, of all, need colors again to distract and take away for what is left of either one's mind.'

‘The land is unclean, we.’

‘It’s gonna take a while until. We can’t stay here forever, you know?’

Partially blind humanoids, strange as they were; as strange as, it was all wrong:

‘We’ll carry the flag and move forth, but how and whence?’

‘Hide, here, take this, Sock Lyet, wear it. Perhaps now of all time, our hat shall do best to hide you, when you need it.

It is the perfect tool, underneath which no one shall see you. No one shall see who you are; with it they shall think you a foreigner who doesn’t belong.’

‘I don’t like being stopped.’

‘Then stay in, it’s safer that way, it’s not our fault that you’re swarthy and filled with gangrene, or look the way you do. You made it this far. You survived. No one’s gonna blame you for failing, if even if you don’t end up making anything of yourself.

It’s what everyone goes through and. If anything, I won’t blame you for your fall. I don’t care whether or not it’s your fault.’

‘Will I hurt people along the way?’

‘I don’t know, I can’t tell you that. I can see a future for either one of us because of our infested blood, you know what the past tells of them. There’s just no way around it, unfortunately.

They’re all vile, our blood, the blood soaked in these socks, the one that flows through our veins. It’s just, we never stood a chance to begin with. It’s better we leave the site. We’ll talk again tomorrow.’

‘Where, there will be no tomorrow for either of us.’

‘Farther away from here, you’ll see.’

Darker plains, barely feasible; the socked-eyed kept traversing at a much faster pace than they did before.

‘I don’t know what happened.’

‘A snapper came along.’

‘Where, if not closer than where I thought it might’ve been, closer than a stare, wasn’t it?’

The grounds were raised, or had they been once, it would all. Would’ve been clearer, much clearer, yet all was hardened, puckery snows of orange-thin and filled with standing tormented figures all tried gnawing at them during the coldest of nights.

The Ykters then drew forward:

And asked as such, although their appearance garnered naught else but a supreme maligned disgust from all, they listened to no obedient call. They asked of him to do, as such as one might yell:

‘Our names may not be spoken while we’re here. Look and see. Plenty where thine cast, thine be; but we are weary as we’re not devices. Unlike all, but cast aside, and not meant to be, unless thing as such and cold distraction. A wind has swooned, we’re alike, are we not?’

‘Who are you talking to?’

‘The man who drew our seas apart, and is currently hiding into eight of them, morbidly staring, leaping from on top reflection, in which direction, if was ever called?’

‘You’ve set us all aside for what?’

‘For a set of implanted fakes, they’re all in his head now. He thinks we’re such, as there is like him, in hiding, lain by his side.

At times that we are such and such, wild machines in waiting for naught more but else; trying to enter the premise of his broken home.’

‘Are we?’

‘We are, and whence we’re entered with all those shapes on top of us.’

For what was worth, they were thin, like robed corpses, and out of their heads, billions of demonical, cacical cacklers, figures of men, of animals, deformed and morbidly chiseled, connected to the sea that was the sky, to the space itself, to wherever else they could stretch as well, but wrought aside, lain by them, were some empty molecules of air. Through them they could only pass as men. Otherwise, everything was covered, down to the slightest shimmer and the taken atoms they could not come to decide upon. So many lesser beings in mind, they would’ve punished them if even the slightest mistake was made.

Or weakness shown; one of them bore open a pointy conical beak out of its belly. It spat out nothing less of a fully formed humanoid, of some long-lost Armenoid branch, whose strange appearance only brought the worst in humanity, since it were backend by a few limp limbs upon which he walked. The ceiling was the only thing he could clearly or even remotely watch. And he’d been crippled ever since:

‘Wake up, oh stranger one, whose dreams are never-met, awakened every day by a fallen branch.’

A branch off a tree kept falling endlessly from one access of the ceiling to the downward pointed hard reflection. It was chiseled, and looked like marble ice, glass. They could see one another, wherever they looked, and it was hard and hardened was the stare that looked back since it belonged to no one else, but the reflections:

‘He’s not to be touched just yet.’

‘Are you his masters, then?’

‘We are naught and we shall settle it before we come to life.’

He was absent, mentally. It reflected not only on his overall stance but on the fact that, it, it was there. The paleness of and oddly aged face that's devoid of any soul, whose cheeks are not only lifeless but lacking in age-long tears that might be shed for the grievance of a loss. A placated existence stomped in a dead world, he wagered his own named, gambled away, they called him Sway of all humanity, and they fled from sight, out of this world and any single one, that might be uttered away, as if wished out of air, breathing in despair, he was visited ten days ago, his eyes purple puffing with dirt-smoke rings coming out of them, flopping like gelatin, he saw right through the fiend.

'You've been made a few moments ago, were you not? Born from an existence I could not even hope to lump you with and come about you ever gnawing presence. What present have you, kindly set-beast to look as I, or at least my race, brought onto me that I may rejoice again with something else?'

'A gift that's fidgeted into an unreality that's been tormented ever since; death calls upon the last of men, and you, Fredrick von Gaul, you've been chosen to be a part of those who die alongside us.'

'Who are you then, for I see no man and no wrought in creature, I see naught else past my door, windows or my house. Sometimes I simply wonder whether or not I'm still alive.'

'Gaul, you're tired, are you not? You've been making a world in there, while the real one is dead, and you are not. Not even close to it, as I would wager you could survive through several generations, at the very least, for long enough to have lost yourself into disquiet.'

'I know how to entertain myself; at least, I think I do. And If I even grow bored, I could shatter this mirror alone and claim my life as if it were naught but such calamity.'

But still. I want you to devour me, just so I could simply lain inside of your bowels, as my prison made and therefore, at last, I shall remain.

Hey, see that crack over there, that little dent inside the facet-mirror on the ground?'

'Which one would you be referring to?'

'Exactly that one, not that far off, you see it?'

'I do now that you pointed at it.'

'There's a bomb beneath it. I planted a bomb beneath it, underneath the ladder that's placed beneath it. And it's going to explode now, at any moment, just because I want it. I thought this through.'

I reconsidered, in some way. I no longer want to be trapped, either in this world, or inside your bowels. I am going to blow up this entire house, the ceiling, the floor, you and I and the creatures that are outside.

There's a few quantum bombs in there, that are filled with evil quantum runes, which will immediately spread dark-wrought mathematical equation runes, that will take everything out with them.

You seem to have forgotten something others were not aware of. I am a Quantum magician of evil dimensional deformation; I created the automation of nuclear physics damnation, which in turn shall convert life-atoms to dead ones. Including you, I and the creatures lain outside. There's no escape.'

‘What if I get to that dent first?’

‘But that will only trigger it faster than I could ever will it.’

‘Shall we leave the house in this case, brothers and elevate our spirits, thus?’

‘Nay, not yet, not while there’s one here, just a few paces away from where we stand; no more than a few paces awry.’

He took a second off, to reconsider the following. History had been completely, yet unremarkably ruined in some petulantly irreversible way.

‘Everyone got defeated at the battle of Trafalgar.’

They’ve been consolidating their position. There was no clear point of access any longer, since everything appeared to be in one way or another wildly thrown around. The head of broken table, the invisible object spoke to him just then. ‘My hand and my broken arm, they’ve come to talk to me again. I think I understand where this is going, or at least I’m trying to make myself understand.’ It’s all that he needed, for now at least.

Great Bowels

Beneath which every piece and every part of earth but came, approached beneath what seemed to be no end. Downcast they stood.

Knighted with no armor, knitted with thrusters shoved inside their insides, molding as the growths would spread, and deeper in around what appeared to be eighteen bubonic flutes, all stranded as they sang disease, along the way they followed through and near every village, death followed through obscure. Wretched tool, it was distraught and brought within it twenty wedges, open-deadly in a shower of blood.

‘We have completely annihilated all life in this city alone, what is to follow through and whom might give the next command when time but flows and beat the cue?’

‘I do not know but this alone I can give you to chew on. Hereon, there and just about the jutting place, there’s the wretch of madness and clear thee clear thee the sail where we may go here and there but sickness alone might go and convey.’

‘Where shall we go?’

There was something in every corpse, a mole-like plant, filled with nothing more but an irreplaceable infamy, they hid in it.

‘Words are wretched and have no meaning.’ A flute player said. ‘They are devoid of anything that brings satisfaction or joy, they bring no meaning and must be destroyed, purged by all means.’

Ilklesskri of mighty harm had come alive, when mighty were they when to follow. He had walked plainly and was missed for when suddenly they had appeared. Darker winds were coming after, not to near, out of hearing was he then called inside, as to look forth.

He wore a road or a piece of it he took and claimed as his own, he had stumbled upon such dark creations as would come to the eventuality of falling over, strapped about a darkly put together rose, he opened a single span of cylinders in which he held plenty of things that rose and put themselves just over, darkly-damp they opened their mouths and began falling over.

‘Avert your eyes, avert your eyes, I need to stumble upon myself forgetful as I am but drawn over to such a prized fight.’

A much abhorrent evil anchor, passing after, was it there and what came after? Righteously their kind was struck and would there be another reason, yet to be left out, least of all would it be forgotten, leper of disease.

A pair of much and many less, his hands were large and they became, larger than plain, encompassing his body, they became a flying thing which shot above the area of the dark, well beyond it and well past, it could not, for a single moment wait in line, a wretchedness that could not be defiled appeared just as soon as it could be, they missed one another’s heads and then, both of them, would yell:

‘Pretty is thine scepter, it must come from a good lot, is that correct, or would there be such counter-claim as to forget about it?’

A different world

One of them approached at two am, right before missing the last bus, having already made the necessary preparation for their untimely departure, they were rather, onset upon themselves and what was going around them, since the station looked in a state of general siege, or at the very least, it looked like a siege had happened, went through, gone around the city, took a stop at one of the intersections, entered some of the wildly cherry picked apartments from one of the ‘up-standing’ neighborhoods in the slum, took the dark corners where a few black crackers were put down by one of the good-high fellow coppers, then came around. It always came around since they were by no means as industrious as to prevent such a thing from happening, twenty of the largely follow-through monsoons but having revealed at the very least eighteen take-off roofs where they hid what seemed to be eighteen tons of cocaine, illegal drugs and other paraphernalia that were kept into plastic-rubbery put-together gray-gangrene people, fat transparent Negress bellies being severely, completely looking-puffed up, as if her cunt had become the open-battle at Thermopile, where the wildly-put together, for what seemed to be a good part of their little puffy-puff puff-puff do-do go through Infantry made do, their way, her way, Mullatoes babies on their way-kid kind of thing left her with a lot of pot stashed inside of her and since she couldn’t be properly breathing any longer since her face was already bloated with fuzzy agitated orange-pulp juice that’s been put in her by

force, with barriers of antiNegro fatherhood, which were already instilled into them, as a given, even before the boys were born, she had all the time in the world to talk to some of the giant flying helicopter molded-people metal-conveying destroyers that had their nuclear missile-dragon launchers with little pucker-pus cancer-grow inducing pin-needle like tips that were aimed at her, which, upon hitting and making contact with them, her entire Negro race would be exterminated at once. Lights shone on her dark surroundings but there was no mid-rain, her being in pain, belly-belly long the way, denying that she had any part through it, even though there was a black man inside her belly trying to snick out from beneath the pile, like a little mole that decided it was time to come out for air, slowly drawing a long like a carriage-couch couch he stood on, but couldn't move alone, horses couldn't swim either, but he was flabbergasted as well, pulling a gun and loaded revolver out of his pouch before he was met by one of the little men that was alive in her. He tried to recognize him as his father but hid wherever he could, being somewhat incapable of making it through of saying much, since he was yet to learn. The kid was twenty, but he stood in his mom, as well as he could since the conditions made it so this was the natural state they were in.

'Young brother, what' you came here for? Shouldn't you go around and do what a brother does?'

But the child couldn't speak at all, he was deformed, ever so largely that he couldn't help himself but breathe in the atoms which invited from within one of the dark marks of the scouring world, as to enter him, a part of malignant legs that had been already walking through the air as if on a fast-dashing treadmill.

'Creatures of dark are known to be able to phase through objects since there's no possible barrier that's but preventing them from pushing through, rather, it's mightily obvious what's happening when two such forces meet. Since the barrier in question only appears when there's an intelligent being as the brain and the object in question are on unequal levels, it's rather obvious that one cannot force his way through it, rather both objects in question need to be on as a plain of field of play as possible in order for this equal transaction to work or to even possibly begin with, otherwise, it will never-never, never work under any, if one at all were to somehow rig the game as to fake this claim, that is to say, a nigger will always be capable of pushing through objects, walls, and anything else since their minds and intelligence are just about on the same plain level as there is.

But unfortunately many of them do not know that and are rather afraid of putting it to the test, for if they could, they would never be stopped, as they would all but leave their cages and their prison cells. For this reason, whenever a cop even figures that one of them boys shows any consideration as for his apparently dormant ability, he puts him down before he could even fully realize his entire potential.'

And then, one missile was shot and they all died. No more blacks, and the world as put under a spell of malady, of such plain reality as there was, peace and quiet for all mankind of worth.

'Now, brother, we can finally pursue our quest towards the dominion over the stars. There is peace against man, brother in hand with brother, incapable of seeking such means of destruction as there are, and there shall ever be peace as long as there won't be any other kind than ours.

For ours is a realm of purity, intelligence and creativity that may never be dispelled by sub-humanly degenerately inferior races such as that which stand against us. Therefore we had no choice, no other

choice but to put them down for their own good, as they would've only driven themselves to self destruction in such ways that would've been deemed irresolute and degenerately malignant as to poison everything they touch. A race of dumb Mullatoes that would but bicker and spit on our legacy and on top of our every achievement we've ever created, even while given a limited time, and even after having acquired such knowledge as to know that other races had a head start in everything yet they achieved nothing in terms of beauty, purity, science, advancement, innovation and quality of life. For that alone, theirs was a sacrifice they couldn't have taken by their own.

And even though I know that the world is fair and just, I also know that my fellows, of the same purity as mine will never understand the sacrifice I've taken today, and instead shall seek to punish, banish and slay me just like other men before me who had been aware of their own sacrifices and their own 'wrong-doings' which had been committed nonetheless for the greater good. As there's nothing beyond it and there's no wail or way for one to be pained through if it means assuring the greater future of his people, since they are indeed objectively superior to every other race, ethnic group or peoples that have ever existed prior, at the same time or might've been conceived if they still lived.

Therefore I choose not to surrender and will take no easy path as I will end myself or put an end to my reign in the only and by the only possible mean I could put to my employ, I shall fight my way through and bear arms against my own men and those whom are alike, as to remind them of the spirit I cherish, the spirit I posses, the spirit that's inside every man of my race for as long as there is, for this guilty my people felt for what their ancestors done had to end before it could bring the complete destruction of our people. With that being said, I lay away my weapons, my armor, my earthly suit and everything I've adorned my kingdom into and I shall but fist a cuff as many of them as possible before I'm taken down.'

Therefore and from that point on that man has been completely immortalized in history as the greatest man of European descent that ever existed. Niggers and other sub-human races were put down, were completely annihilated, ethnically cleansed beyond extinction, as in their already non-existent history was erased, as it was made to seem as if they never existed at all, and from that point on the world, then the planetary system, the galaxy and most of the known universe was complete subjugated by them, as eternal peace was brought, forever and a Galactic Heaven was therefore established.

God then gave everyone blue eyes.

There was no end to the solid pollution coming from the deep-tube machines pumping in the very air-earth that had been levitating ever since the end of the first twenty dead-eon cycles after the breaking of the first seventeen molar-corpses that began breathing themselves into existence out of the insides of the incessantly set-bore through celestially forged noses of the giant Gods coming from the cemetery vortexes of the Absolvum-Igvakhim universe where all of their gotten through, a single speck of forbearing bodies had given life to their inter-put through access that had gotten their large ark carried on the other side of the planet, from the bowels of which a giant mine-like explosions had finally released a sea's worth of unnaturally set extending antennas that facilitated their entry into the world. Theirs was the first forge, which gave birth to the shapes, the cast of every set piece being carried over and made to be, but a reconfiguration of their already existing mechanically shaped organs that had been sacrificed in order for the planet to be subjugated and completely forced underneath their control. And there, in the insides of

the space-quadrant Lihghr-Laugh they wasted, open ended from the side as if they were bore through by a single cut, finally absolved of everything they started pushing on, inviting the first wave of the new men, the ones made of dirt, to have stumbled upon the iron atoms in the veins of worth. Fashioned in the same way other subjugated lower species would come to rise. Degenerating with every passing second as they were become the first tools of obtuse defilement in a time when the mind would die.

One of them had come into existence.

Some clay was thrown on top of dirt, and a few cords from the dirt-pollution machines were thrown on top of them. And that's how the first KILLmachine was born, made. That's how it was made.

A few pieces were on top of an off-shot.

What kind of living engine would work for such a living machine? Could one put the top side of a woman's brow in it and see it sunken inside the shredder, see it cut all the way through and wrapped around a never ending motion where she would constantly be put in her place and washed? Nasty-dirty, too implicit; but the KILLmachine but came to life, all too suddenly, it started forming a place for itself. Lain to the side, lain on every side, always in control.

The dark trenches

Some of them had made peace, with one another, drawing ahead, where one could be.

'I shall not break through unless you shatter what's left of the other side and every road and everything that's been set forth before.

Not much can be expected from this point, can it?'

'But what do you mean? I made it just in time to change some of the, some of the, you know.

I've replaced all my fingers with long basins, I'm connected to the pools, I changed. I changed the water, I changed the tab, there's a few more forgeries where that came from, you know? A few other receipts for things you have not bought and had no intention to buy.'

'What do you want for them then?'

'An eye, I want an eye but it must not be a normal eye either, it has to be a special one.'

'Of what kind, you're going to have to be more specific than that.'

'I'm so impatient, I am so impatient, I am so impatient, I cannot control myself. I have no self control, I have absolutely no self control, I cannot control myself.'

'Focus then, what kind of eye.'

‘A giant one that’s there, in the mountain, at a point where the river is split in half, down the middle where anyone could see it, in a while, if only they were to stare.’

‘I reckon you’re intending to show me, correct?’

‘That is correct, something hidden in that eye, something you need to see for yourself in order to believe in.’

They went to it, as if they gathered by the masses, joined by contributors to the bile, in which they threw rocks and proper smocks they refused to sear, as they neared. Too many suits were put on the ground, so many of them, so many, too many to be simply beheld upon.

‘Punch the suits, I want to punch them, if I have to, I will.’

‘Mark, you need to stop, they are already drenched.’

‘In what?’

In canines-like floaters, although those organic compounds were not something to be eerily frocked upon, they bore a certain conjoined similarity to a aquatic floor kind of sweeper that only became apparent once the suits were but fully dressed in foreboding bodies that were grown in kind and spare. Laziness, it was there. It filled their wretched kind and the masses whom had attained the words of mighty prayer from the ground but bowed at the flying suits as if they were women to be worshipped, which only pointed out at their idiosyncrasy, as, who would care to serve a maid? Who would be as dumb-set, as to cry to a matriarchy, Wreckage be its name?

But they were dripping, like the time of the month.

I do not know the meaning of their flight, this flock was not godly but heathenistic in some wild manner, and of some while, it spoke of mighty lost days.

They were but incapable of walking for long, always on the wrong side, always trying to move along, seeing the bloated thing in front of them, look at it, they spoke, yelling and shouting until they could not. And wretched and wretched and wretched little limbs, they existed in the air. One last thing follow-through, they always bent, and always dead.

Twenty and twenty more, they followed through and flintily, little locks were only trying themselves to eat along. They followed through, little dark men. They tried eating themselves like canine-dead men with little more than dead-behind, with heads broken apart. A few more than a few hundred miles-a stretch, he only appeared after.

‘Greeting, I think we’ve met before.’

‘Who are you?’

‘I am the dead-man filled of scales, I am the one bearing the armor after that, bearing the cold-blood inside the bent-snow. Unlike them, I see. There’s one little boil we live in.’

‘Who does?’

‘Me and the others.’

‘Who are you supposed to be in that case?’

‘The wretch that comes after, that’s whom. The wretch, the wretch that’s bearing skin, I am made to believe that at the very least there are eighty men in my band.’

He pointed at one of the hills just as soon as he could, incapable of doing anything, nothing even just as close, every time a simple man rose, they were swollen, it wouldn’t make a difference.

The two thumb dilemma

‘I’ve been thinking for a while; for almost as long as I’ve been staring at my one raised in front of my eyes hand, which was placed in such a way as to look as if my thumb was overlapping the rest of my fingers. As soon as my focus readjusted as to not stare at anything in particular, I started seeing two thumbs in front of my eyes; an illusion caused by an attempt made by both eyes to put it into focus. This got me thinking, which is the real placement of the thumb in relation to everything else? Where is the thumb placed in actuality, as well as the rest of the hand?

Where is the true location in which the thumb is placed in? If that is the case with the eye, what else is misplaced? The lofty floor, the rest of my body, the window, the universe, all could be laid in a different space. Perhaps the real placement is somewhere in-between.

Everything can be forgiven, but not this.’

He kept looking at the pencil, for hours at times.

‘Some failures are meant pursuing, but this? This will only turn you viler and what if it isn’t for a short while? It’s been over a year, time isn’t on your side.

You turned away from us and now, all is silent.’

Many of the great stones seem to lay abandoned, past the great shore, where lay. Within the reaches of an outstretch as well as it could be conveyed, eighteen hundred fifty files of left behind crested-molars. All of them but nastily spending, with every second, a single organism faded, even as it seemed, of nasty mile, there were a few of them that appeared here and there, and put upon the hour, they but stood there, incapably set, prone to forget, and always watching. Little more than harps of steel, shaped out of bodies, all but ill.

There was a park, and there was a hand.

As in the same way a refraction works when the two of them are overlapped, or in the process of overlapping, both of them are uncannily set to borrow from one another shapes that are never to be put back together or make any sense whatsoever, that is to say, children were running around tunnels, moving as cars came out of them and out their heads, the buildings and part of the city and the sky, all of which

were but put inside a single hand, or seemed to be inside of it by the looks alone, he was staring in it as if it were but a portal to a completely struck down, forced inside such a limited plane dimensional rip, regardless of which, the children had become ever more and more so finger-like, more robust, almost concave-like cylinders being set inside. The weather worsened and he could see that a part of the sky was become it as well, the old man Gull Rocco but put one in the wrong spot, stalkerish as he were, he dragged it through as one would drag but the top of a prunish thing that fell in.

One of the buildings was open.

Connaway and Plume; standing in bison-monsoon.

Even though there was no point in looking one would know. If two thumbs could exist in one hand, why would memories be in the same place?

Connaway:

‘I don’t think I understand what’s going on here; we’ve been talking for the past twenty hours, yet you’ve yet to say a word.

I feel like I’ve been talking to myself and no one else.’

‘Long before, I’ve stopped.’

They were hardly speaking, they were hardly doing anything.

It had to go again.

Twenty years prior.

Plume, Connaway and Gull Rocco:

There’s a nail between the two thumbs, but neither one is bleeding. It’s hard to tell but one can see the tiny gaps and three and four nails prodding out of it.

‘Who would deny then the will of a God who stays with his children all the way through their lives and give upon them as none other would lend, and claim whatever else; roaches get stamped and extracted from the bowels of the great-god machine-rub.’

Of which form could only be seen on the inside of an infinity of gelatin through which but a large ship formed of billions of put together scalpels would cut and put themselves about the hour, to be made and have been brought to such unstoppable reigns as to have been cast in a never ending wail.

The most important of the two men stood forth, facing one another; it merely served as a reminder.

‘Those who are incapable of creating beauty have no place in this world. You feel jealousy over it for a reason, you must’ve realized that by now. You lack something that is simply not there, you never did an honest work’s day in your entire life. You’ve never been humble, you’ve never truly suffered, never took a fall, never truly understood what’s it like to be a man, an adult or grow at all.

We're not going to make it then, that much is clear; I.

I don't know whether or not there's anything else to say. There's nothing else to say, only time will tell whether or not you can. Until then, every other conversation is useless.'

'It's not fair I was born wrong. There's no sub-human kike in my family. There's no trash, no low-life, no, it's not fair that I have to be cursed because of them. I'm incapable of creating beauty because of them, I'm incapable of functioning, of feeling empathy for people, of being normal, all because I inherited their genetic traits, their lies, their self-pity, their impulses, their evil. I don't want to hide, I don't want to lie, I don't want to be self-hating, I just want to be normal. I just want to work as hard as everyone else. I don't know how to help people and I'm always confused. At the end of the day, whatever I do will only help them, it will only benefit them.

It's a game I cannot win, I'm not smart enough to do it; I don't have enough of a wit to outsmart anyone.

My ancestors killed the God I believe in, promote miscegenation with inferior sub-human races, they destroy everything in their path, they never admit fault. But when have I?

I'm in no measure to talk or do anything at all.'

'Awful people don't deserve to succeed in life, fellow. And if they do, they ought to be shunned, forgotten and reminded what they are. I don't know.

You sometimes feel that way, other times you don't. But I don't know which one is the real you. I don't know which one is the real I. I don't know, I simply don't know. Perhaps you should act like you race, that's what you are at the end of the day. You can't escape your racial trails, no one can. It's what man is, of course not all men are equal. Victory at all costs isn't worth it, not like this, it only brings shame and guilt and it make no man out of man. It's an empty thing; perhaps you are getting what you deserve in some way, you deserve yourself because that's what you made yourself out of yourself, if that makes any sense at all. A man giving up to his impulses is no better than a dumb animal, he isn't. At the end of the day, your race makes you an irredeemable criminal, regardless of what you're going to try achieving, by whatever means there are. It's just how life is. Men are capable of somehow going beyond it, but not every man of every race is capable of doing it, unfortunately. One can't be delusional to his own shortcomings nor should he feel any envy towards others, it's just something that is, it is what it is; I'm sorry. But we all live up to the best of our abilities, although that is not always the case. You can't destroy everything out of envy, or act childish as to think you could solve anyone else's problems since you cannot even solve those that are yours.

By some dumb luck, as there is, who knows? By some force that's somewhat greater than yours, who knows? But one thing is certain, if anything, that if you are to make anything, anything at all, you need the aid of something that's beyond you, something that cannot be poisoned by your mind, or hands. That is the only way you may be able to hope you could achieve something beyond you and nothing more and nothing else, even though that may not be you by the time you will have been done working on it. And that is the only way you may get to know God, that is. Or the closest thing to it.'

'It occurred to me that coffee allows me to finally function as a human being, yet it needs to be interrupted from time to time in order for it to become effective again, otherwise, I cannot function. Yet at

its strongest, I keep thinking about the most unnecessary things there are. What a mess it is, for it cannot be conceived either. It is something I shall have to plan for in order to achieve my dark mission of destruction, evil, and degeneracy. I think.'

'What about the two thumbs?'

'The two thumbs have become two index fingers. An even more dangerous thing than everything that exists in this world; it is clear enough that everything is being moved as to accommodate for two particular if not three dimensions. First two being the ones that are presented which in no way can be assured whether or not either one of them is the true one, while the other must be the true one, which in no way might I be able to see or truly know.

Think about it, I close one eye and the thumb is in one direction.

I close the other and the same follows through. I do not understand but at the same time I cannot complain either, it's just a matter of relentlessness I may not be capable of following through with.'

'I don't really care as much about kike ancestors as much, or about not being capable of making beauty. I wish I didn't fuck up with my friends, playing with them is the last good memory I have. I didn't even care about art, about writing, about women, about school, about anything else. I don't care about anything else but that. Living as a horrible person I can, but what stings the most is not pity, but having lost the only good thing I had; there's nothing else now. There's no dilemma, there's nothing in its place.

'I miss doing things for them. I miss feeling useful to someone. I wish I didn't complain about being used. No one can fill their place anymore.'

I should go torture some kids to make myself feel better or something.

Yet there was something wrong about the dogs as well.

Neither of them seemed to have thumbs.

'All of them are missing, but I don't understand.'

There's no explanation to what's happening, yet I see clearly in front of my very eyes, every single time I look at it, every single time I stare at it, two thumbs.

'I do not know for how long I've been staring at my thumbs, or why. It's unexplainable; it's not the thumb itself I'm staring at. But the.'

Eight overlapped floating boards inside his head, whereas the equations are overlapped on top of another, strung by a line pushing through all of them at once, as if it were a spear.

Everything made sense after a while. Every man in this town has a pair of thumbs grown inside their heads. Crowned were the kings of thine kingdom, and Emperor is the Wrong-doer, a must. A just reminder for all walking ahead from the dead point, uncannily, stretching in a lustful lush.

'I am blinded by my own mistake. I have dropped a hanger in my face; it bounced around my eyes, I see, only thumbs are growing inside of me.'

'I wish I wasn't born a nigger; it's just how I am. Can't help being on welfare, can't help trying to grab what I can and steal from the white man.

They call me Uncle Tom.

I can't actually make out the color purple but I know where Massa is. There are twenty branches in the cotton farm. I stole what I can and now I'm gone.

I only know as much as my mind can go; being a nigger and all. Sometimes I walk around with a gang, I do.'

We enter homes and we steal whatever we can and no can do. I sees something I like, I takes it, that's what being a nigger is what it is like. They call me a nigger, it's what I act like. I am a monkey, they say, I have do dance for master, I dance for master and I bide my time. When the time comes, I take a knife, I take a gun, I shoot him the back. I rape his wife, I leave.

'We're a gang of fucking nigger, we rape what we can. There's nothing we wouldn't take in this world, you may call us dumb, you may try making us behave, but you should know better than to trust a dumb nigger, not that I would call myself one.

I was born somewhere else, farther away. I used to have a few kind friends, I used to trust the white man. But I knew better than to count my blessings then.'

There was a burglary a few feet away from the street. It was someone Jacque Niggerlock Jail knew. Some weirdly face mulattoe with a bucktooth he got from being pounded and made to wait in line.

I act like a nigger most of the time, being on welfare and all. Being incapable of working, stealing from the state, I have no shame, I don't have to study, I don't have to be smart, it's not expected of me and I won't bother without being given a free hand in all this. I'm blamed for my brother's crime, I is.

'Put your hands behind your back, now!

I don't want to hear anything from your, get on the ground boy, or I'm going to put you down! I said, now boy!'

The nigger was just as soon put to waste, the kike was there, trying to intervene, but he was put down as well.

'Both of you boys, get down, get the fuck on the ground before I put a buck in both of you now!'

Both of them didn't know any better, fucking niggers of two kinds. They were dragged along and they were but checked, all around.

'Lieutenant, I'm afraid they're armed, knives, guns, and ice pricks and many other things used to kill and thumbs.'

Too many thumbs on either one of them.

‘I want to fucking kill all nigger, I want to kill all fucking kikes, the Holocaust didn’t happen, neither did Slavery. And both of them boys know it, I say we cover up the losses.’

So it was settled, they took an axe, put them both in two vans. In one of the vans, they split the Kike in half, there were thumbs sprouting out of the body instead of blood, two at a time.

They drove the other van on a cotton field and made the nigger work. But every puff of cotton was but shaped as a thumb. They put the nigger down just as soon and they were gone.

‘What is going on in this city?’

What could it be called if not the Two Thumb city? Two Thumb, for none.

‘I think it’s clear what’s going on here. Both them kikes and them niggers are trying to destroy our fine city. Both of them seem to be splits of the same cloth, spit for spit, tat for tat, both of them ought to be put down, you hear boy?’

‘I hears, I hears, when does death come near for either of them?’

‘That will have to wait for now, I think, I think there’s something else we haven’t account for, and that is.’

For either one to; there is a nigger and a kike in every man. And it is man’s responsibility to recognize those traits and put them down before they infest the man and turns him into scum.

It is clear enough that every man ought to strike not to act like a kike, not to fill his heart with greed. He must not act like a nigger, to kill and steal. His heart could be infected with either one trait, he could be lead to them and make friends with those that would make them stray away, to the path of damnation.

‘There’s only one way we could purge this city, one way only. We must ethnically cleanse it of all the niggers, of all the kikes that surround themselves with us, infesting us with their filthy, primitive, incapability of self control, destruction, traits and trends of sociopathy and their criminal beliefs.’

‘I am a nigger and I understand. I know that I have genes that make me more likely to become a serial stabber, a shooter, a criminal, a fugitive with no remorse.

I’m afraid, Massa, I’m afraid I left my son. There’s not one there to raise my little boy now, but I can’t turn back from what I’ve done. I want to be punished, Massa, I want to be in touch with the lord.’

The nigger is dumb, but the Massa is strong. So said the Gospel; they gathered the rats, they gathered the monkeys, all wrapped around a circle, and they burnt them down, raining fire and sprays of bullets.

‘I thought that surrounding myself with people who are better than I am would change me. But that didn’t do a thing.

I’m still a nigger and I’m still going to be a nigger by the time they leave. Nothing can change me, nothing at all. Countless times I’ve tried getting a job, but they just say I’m lazy, they drive me away. They told me, they don’t want to rehire me anymore, despite me showing up at the work place, they said

they won't hire you, search for another place, will you? Now I don't know for how long you've worked there, but, you were lazy during your work.

Too many breaks taken, and you tried yourself too soon, I'm sorry but we'll have to let you go early. But I couldn't explain to them, it's just that I can't keep up, you know? It's not my fault I was made that way. There's not that much work to do in Africa, I think. They don't tell you that you're lazy if you're part of the tribe, I think. I've never been there but I know.

I don't like being a nigger but I can't change who I am.'

He kept telling himself then. Always an excuse for everything, down the way and then around the streets, selling drugs, selling feet.

'Here, cracker, I hope you enjoy this. Yeah, hope you destroy your life now White Devil, yeah, I'm glad you are.'

I don't like it, I don't like it one bit. Selling my friend out; but he's the devil they say.

'We got the bible, they got our land.' The Nigger of Turkey said.

'Is that fair, brothers? Is that fair? '

'No, it is not, no, it is not!'

There was only one white man present, and no one else. Not even the negroes would take time off for one of their own. It is sad, but it is how it must be.

'The nigger is within us all. Banish the nigger, I say, banish the nigger.'

'I banish you nigger, from my land, from my soul!'

'And in return, we get our plains back.'

But there was never a doubt that it would be destroyed if left in their hands alone.

'Here's one pop for you kid!'

Worst of all, worst time of day. Selling it to one of your little brothers, it's what I hate the most. I have no sympathy for the White Devil, but I sell it to a brother nonetheless. I treat them the same, I treat them the same.

There was a great hall, it said much about me, it said much more about me.

I was in a great hall, filled with white men, I was the only nigger. A strange figure came towards me, he approached, now and raised, two thumbs and two thumbs alone.

'I want you to look at these thumbs, boy.

One of them is coated in a goon thick shell of black, a Niggarous black, of the worst kind. The other thumb is white.

Which one do you trust the most?’

Instinctively he chose the white one. I chose the white one. Always the white one; it’s just how life is, the safer choice, the better choice, the superior choice, the one that you know it won’t let you down, the one that dragged me from the hovel I lived in and brought me to life. How could I choose any other? Why would I choose any other? There’s only white, there’s only white.

‘I think I am losing my mind. It happens when I lose sleep.

It is as if, I am a great dark spirit, a nightmare that can inherit and manipulate whatever body there is. I am great, I am many, I know the likes of man. I can inherit whatever will I so choose with enough time, I am become whatever I desire most and well.’

Would happen to lose, would happen to forget, would happen to slip in and out, to and to be condoned for my choice.

‘I was given a better thing yet.

I was lucky enough to make a good friend. To somehow slip past the kikes and the whites; it was hard but some things you just got, even by some dumb luck.

Most people don’t really know who I was, what I did to get here, they only see a brother who made it, nothing else. I don’t feel much guilt anymore, I did what I had to and I would do it again.’

And, it still stung. Not getting in time, had, I had made a promise that if I made it, I would pay my debt and help my young brother stay from trouble. That I would, pay for my mistakes before it was too late. The young boy I sold drugs to, he’s dead. Shot by a rival member of a gang, put down like an animal, I never looked back.

I should go lynch myself to make myself feel better or something.

They were seeing something about it, from every possible angle, that didn’t make a lot of sense, by all means, it was something that was nigh indistinguishable from every standing carpet-man that stood around.

‘Carry on!’

Yelled an utmost, firmest concocted voice: Entry seventeen and sixteen were open, most of the operated on houses were rather concave and easily slipped through the suppository shaped base, as it retracted and reeled back into place again, going as far as to step through some uterus gaunt before being eaten. Rolex, they had Rolexes around their wrists.

‘Who?’

‘The people, they all have Rolex, limit edition, Rolex, good, golden, silver, finely crafted, good old Rolexes.’

‘What shall we do?’

‘We should go eat from that fast-food place, shouldn’t we?’

Both creatures were mouths, in the sky, but the sky was water, its ripples were dents in ice. And icebergs were made of skin, they were floating. And they had ropes coming out of them, which lynched, blades, only blades, livid blades that pulsated and oozed with darkness-boils. Worming falling over one another melting, in the military grab suits, men were dressed, walking backwardly, their faces were on their guns, but not the skulls, those had been clearly removed and pricked with three-holes, like bowling.

‘We shall begin beating the dead horse now.’

‘I don’t know. You know, there’s just, it feels like, I’m reaching a wall I can’t really get past, you know?’

‘I understand perfectly.’

On the table.

The two thumbs were there in the air, they were seeing the reality for themselves, for the first time, for what it truly was, every single one of them deformed, the men that being that appeared to have no thumbs. Every single human being lacked a thumb, for some reason. Why is it that every time a man stares at his hand he sees two thumbs? What is the reason for it? Why does this happen?

They were tombs of their own, skin-tombs in which thumb-deformed figures were lain inside of, figures that looked like clay-interpretations that were only sculpted and worked on with the help of thumbs and thumbs only.

A man walked around the streets one day, barely questioning what was going on around him. He was alone, he looked around, checking whether or not someone was actually looking, staring, trying to call him out for what he was about to say. Arguing with himself whether or not he was daring enough to go through with it.

‘I am going to rape, beat and kill Sara and Amy Silver. I am going to split their cunts open with a cake-slicers, performing a live abortion despite them not being pregnant, going on ahead at to remove their split-open glands and further ends, then play with their entrails, dumb fucking unfunny kikes they are.

Filthy dumb fucking fat, sag-titted ugly inbred-semitic dumb-fucking Armenid looking retarded mongrels, I can’t wait to meet them in person so I could get a hold of their children and splatter their disgusting inbred looking faces off the ground, piss in the bile-melted entrails, swim in them and make a pond afterwards.’

No one was listening, despite the streets being somewhat inhabited by some on-going passers. The man decided to push it.

‘I’m going to get them drunk before, just so I could rape them first, in the most degenerate-degrading manner, as a matter of fact, I’m going to go ahead and do something not even a gang of fucking filthy dumb gang of niggers would do, that being, I’m going to make the holes I’m going to shove my cock into while pretending they’re on their periods.

For that to fully work, I'm going to purchase some OB's and put them in, and cotton, because niggers are dumb and they like picking it.'

That should do it, he thought, it was as much as he could wrap his hands on. He truly found himself enjoying this kind of action, despite those things being, or rather, rubbing people the wrong way.

He was accompanied by another man by the name of Farf Ghoul, whom was pale and ugly and disturbing looking, like an inbred cartel. He had a cartel-back made out of several brown-skinned native growth-humanoids sprouting out of his middle of the back torso-thick protrusion, which did the walking for him.

'What a beautiful day this is, isn't it?'

'I think it is, Farf, I think it is, but what have you done as of lately?'

'I fucked.'

'That's good to hear, but my, you've become rather prudish haven't you? Obnoxiously so, well, haven't you heard it yet?'

'Heard what?'

'Becoming prudish is the first step towards damning your soul, good friend and by the sounds of it, you've already infected me as well. It's a disease, you see? An encouragement, it's how it works, and how you normalize it.

You crack a joke and a fluke every now and then, and before you know it, you spread blatant homosexuality among people.'

'Oh, but I did not know, but how may I fix that, then?'

'That's mightily simple, in any case, you simply have to take a rod, a grainy think with spiky bumps and bash a homo in the head and on his back. Make sure they're but penalized for acting that insufferable way.

I'm just trying to look out for you, my good friend. I'm just looking to make sure you won't be infested by that disease of the mind, you know?

The only way you can make sure the homo, this disease doesn't spread, is by bashing it to death. There's no other alternative, as it would turn your child into a little sissy, it would. You need to kill the disease and drive it to attrition, you should.'

'But wouldn't that be the work of a vigilante in that case? It couldn't be legal after all.'

'Legal in the eyes of man, but not of your lord, is it now?'

They need to get killed, they need to get bashed, and put into an early grave, driven into solace, in a crypt below the bowels of the earth where one might find himself laughing at their faggotry and how they ended, right about.'

They met during the night and held a raft filled with a bunch of trannies they had kidnapped from a nearby set asylum. Meekly dressed and much more to depress, they were mightily proud of their pedophilic traits and how they acted, in which way and how they went about it, what to say.

‘I think, you know.’

Taken from the asylum, directly spoken by a man who saw himself as a woman:

‘There’s no man in this world that’s in love with another man but hasn’t molested a child. All men whom are into men had also done whatever they can to sleep with as many, as to molest them indiscriminably so. You see now, it’s the mental illness that’s but pushing us to do it, this blatant homosexuality, this illness of the mind but makes us touch children in the worst possible kinds.’

To this, Ghoul thought, he considered right about.

How much I would like to take a chisel and a hammer, how much would I enjoy but staking his genitals as soon after, how much would I like him bled to death and work it in such way as not even my lord has yet intended me to do so. It was a mere fact that some acts required blasphemous methods be put to one’s employ, only to prove a point.

The Ghoul was but trying to form a small barricade he could lay in for the time. For what was worth, it was never a good time to take a break. He was stuck in this thing, it was hard to explain, but his body took the shape –two trunks.

And split two heads appeared to bear four contorted arms, all bearing hammers and nails, all pointing in one direction. The sky was red, with bubble-patterns that had tambourine-formed extending triangle-spikes. All of them but crawling around one another, bubbling little chopped limb images and numbers, even strange speeches that would come and go, organic almost atmospheric replays that were fast-forwarded and broadcasts of torn apart, corrupted as in VHS, shows.

But the Ghoul only kept his hairy winged on both sides, desperately trying to keep what he wore and what he had in mind, battering the side of the pane, trying to put the sign slightly to the left, then to the right, moving it until it had been far away and hard of notice.

Struck in a wheel, tendons-dry, everything appeared to be bent in some place as if either melting or some toenail left its mark after kicking against the lamp posts and the strange things that fell, the windows shut and everything else that wasn’t mention by all to means.

By no explanation, no reason behind it either, for no apparent sense, a man came out of the building near which Ghoul was crafting his sign. His head, all of the sudden exploded, painting the side of the stairs, the fence, the beautifully blossomed garden, a group of passing foreigners, that, upon seeing this happened, they merely puffed out of their cigars, then simply crossed the street, as if they were already used to this kind of thing going on around them.

‘Damn foreigners, I loathe your presence here. I ought to build something that will put you down.’

Without realizing that in his confusion, he was already, almost automatically so, stuck in the process of building something he had no idea yet he was. It snickered at him like a dog, the wood being of some low

quality rubbery briar-lobe, with nothing in it and nothing as well. As he could wait for diamonds were appearing – looping one very much worn out shells that were the hearts beating on the outer walls, and on the building panes, lowering themselves every now and then with every second being a blessing for every mountain-backed rib-cage that appeared to crawl out of the air-shafts. Some of them dancing in the sky, they mocked him as well, a thing that Ghoul would not stand.

‘First the foreigners, and now this, will this be something I’ll have to deal with?’

But he didn’t take a chance to start again, he was clearly not of a mind to do something rash that would make him so refrain from acting, of whatever lesser thing, whether he was blind or not, or less so after. He took a single ice-pick out. From where if not his open cavity- the chest, where he hid but the strangest of weapons, sticks he pulled out of a tree and rocks instead, he played with them. A little bird was there as well, a dead little bird that wasn’t making its fallacious, annoying, most disturbing of noise, as he was but a strong-torn fellow, not of mind, as he’d take no abuse whatsoever from the little speck of many beaks, hence he stopped pounding and listened, wherever he could.

There were no fingers attached to either one of his palms, they were missing for some reason, nowhere to be found. Drops his hammer but never asks how it happened.

Past the billboard-sign, there was a boy. He thought to himself, with lesser joy:

‘I grew up in an Urn, in a vase.’

His body grew wrong as did his face.

Limbs backward, sprouting from on top his head. Crawling around, a nigger was on the ground, shot-dead.

‘What happened here?’

An officer approached him immediately. It was a cover up, the nigger was niggering around and he killed and raped a cat. He threatened to do the same to a woman before he was taken, his wound still gaping, put down. Nigger is down, the nigger is down, the nigger has down, is what the officer wrote on his report. It all made sense, with all these primates.

The Urn-boy, Jograb couldn’t believe his ears any longer. Drawing back to a safe place, he yielded no return but spent his time inside of it, clearing his mind, not to be blinded by what happened behind.

There was a problem now, no thumb could deal.

While he smashed through one of the doors he saw him.

A strange man closely staring static, with an empty beer cup held in his left hand, both eyes wide-open, him wide-awake. An eye saw through it, the other saw the screen. But if there was anything, the man saw through both of them and didn’t know the means. Why could he see through the cup and the static at the same time? Why was there a thumb in his face and why did it happen for a creature inside a base to have broken through his house?

IT was there, that the domed entry through the roof revealed.

Elevated mood of lesser appeal; part of the fallen through caved-in. A giant mole-machine with a giant spinning cone was ill and moody, its teeth were dry, it drew back and revealed, a hole to the underground-sky. Slowly, the Urn-boy descended into flight. Its limbs were completely stretched to their fully fledged extending arm-span.

There was an interior inside each level, many of them stranded in the air with stairs.

Before too long only an arm with a brain-shaped form, the body of the man with a cup flew on, molded to the single hand it bore through.

‘Where are you going to?’

‘I’ve been summoned to attend the cutting of the first corded ends of the warfare of Cars.’

The Cars were present there, but were filled with unnaturally dark-bloated pus that appeared to be the pop of a boom. With fire-blow being hair, and soon. They danced in skies of purple masses, floating rings of dirt in which the wretched humanoid shaped Urns and watches were but clicking in the worst impersonations they could come up with and draw. There was a time to waste and one to try. One to fend off the time as it passed off.

‘One of our own, one of our own has returned.’

It seemed like only two thumbs survived inside his cup-molded hand, it could only put itself through and rummage through the cut-through end. It didn’t work that way for long, nor could it work until the first man had arrived.

‘Will you join us at a dinner table? Only the essence of fuel shall attend. We’ve carefully locked them down and chained them. Inside each jar there’s but a fuller end.

Rains take the longest, don’t they?’

It was a heavy duty they had to attend, the funeral being split-open around the table. Part fuel floating in gas, part the liquid mass, and the missing bodies, which went without saying, weren’t there at all, not even, for the time being, clearly for some reason, standing.

But they were there, also. Missing and standing at the same time. As if their spectral leftovers, the marks and prints they left behind as their passing was truly left to, was somewhat, needless to say, conveyed by some romboscout little trailed cords and semi-transparent brains seen inside the invisible casts of mightily see-through bodies that weren’t supposed to be there at all. It was for that reason that they started messing with them, out in the open. Each coffin placed inside the street. Another point on the billboard said as much:

‘We’ll cut their body-supply and when it happens there won’t be any chance for either one to breathe.’

It was a very well known fact that rotten-corpses rotted-crops, were deep-implanted, after dark, beneath the soil where rotten-praying, the attendees were busy, least of all, making sure that many of the corpses would walk up-heaved, or least, the saying, would’ve said so. It was a given that they would only act, as far as they were concerned with what was happening out there, or would serve as a mere reactionary tool

for both the on-lookers and the ones that were deeply staring at the twice seen, like thumbs within the eye-sight corpses. Either way, an on-passer would see it. A corpse left behind, one in the floor and another one being projected no more, than needed, from where it stood.

Manifesting itself before the world had a chance to shake again and when the time came, it shook.

‘Clearly we have a problem here!’

Bolder Foreigner feigned a reprise, it was just not something he could have himself deal with, not there, and not by chance, he would have none of it, just then but now, it was the time to spare. Whoever was watching him would’ve said as much.

‘I agree, there’s a few pillows I’ve seen there, a few more than some. But allow me to continue, someone filled them with bitter blameful scum.’

‘How can you tell?’

‘I’ve seen some of it happen before, and I’ve seen it again happening here. Clearly, this is a plot, a ploy. Observable behavior, if I may add, the world is being turned upside down, being fornicated by the ruse, being made to suffer here and there as more obtuse of men come into view.

We could never had stood them, let we would’ve seen them suffer, to know what comes after. Hence we had to put them down.’

‘Who did you put down now, good man? You do not strike me as the type that would’ve ruined yourself or lives as many as I would’ve seen so, much to you, then, what is the reason behind it?’

‘Simple, it’s as simple as one might face to ask, there’s been something on-going, a long time ago there, in wretched day and strange a stance. I, Pelafyier, have noticed the sparks, smelt and faced the scent, as I’ve seen it as such.

Know that I am not a normal man and I can see the molecules and feel the pheromones as they approach from the distance and bring forth what’s left of them during the time they draw forth from the hidden holes inside the earth they’re hidden in. But alas, I’m revealing myself to be a bastardly person without even, relentlessly revealing who I am.

I am one of the officers of tendons who had been responsible for what had been going out there, I had been placed in charge for the complete eradication and destruction of this strange phenomenon ever since I discovered, being the first one to look at it, as it came into my view, into my focus, what this strange shard-distancing had been.

Before I knew it, I could see the people who were breathing improperly, whom were but nauseatingly drawing and pushing out their breaths. I knew what they were, I knew they were improperly made, like mad turbulent machines that seem to infect everything that comes into contact with them. I knew this for a fact even before I was made aware that it was happening all around the country.

And for that reason, once I have lain my theory to the common man, once I have attained enough of a following, as to be granted the likeness of an almost cultish kind of following, I convinced all of them to

follow me in my quest to slay and kill and slaughter as many of the pheromone deformed thumb-shaped molecule hollows they pushed out with each breath.'

'So you started, incited and drove the likes of good men, as to join a riot and kill as many peaceful people you alone chose and dictated as to be infected? What kind of judge were you then? Was there even an objective way of knowing whether or not you were right? What of the people who were innocent but were killed by you when it happened?'

'Alas, there was no innocent man, and no, there was no way of truly knowing whether or not I was truly right about each and every case, but that is, if anything, highly unnecessary to know. It just goes to show how easily I can manipulate people into doing what I want, to start and drive peasants to kill, while painting these monsters in the colors I choose, driving them out like the driveling snot-ridden creatures they are. There is certainly nothing unlike this feeling, that is, driven through my head and out.

It is highly organic, beyond any kind of measure that can be quantified. It is a satisfaction I never thought the likes of man could attain. Power beyond belief, beyond reason, and the most important part is that they're playing into my exact reasonless desire to slaughter and see the likes of people driven into the ground. For that reason I condemn them for being as vile yet as righteous as to believe everything I tell them. As gullible as they sound, I would not trade it for a thing, I would not see any other reason for it.'

In which case, he came up with a plan.

The two foreigners looked at everything around them, building in building, all too wrong. All too well for him, since it mean he could teach people and drive them to destroy, by whatever means put to his employ as well.

'Gather around, you ill-minded mentally-slowed down troglodytes, as there's but one voice that's to be heard, for starters, you are to listen and do as I say.'

Many men started drawing forth from the confines of the red-puddle.

Many of the reddened-black patterns in the sky but projecting themselves in the body of the strange creatures that came after. Many wore their thumb and thumb place next to one another kind of skin, outwardly heaved, a preciously thick malignant dark-chitin from the looks of it. Always drawing like a knife, bleeding on the precious ground, where the teeth were being dropped in blue-teal, eely looking glowing puddles.

'As I was saying, now, although I know it may as well fall upon dead-ears, since you are not exactly the same creatures I've seen before.

Long ago, when I've stumbled in this country, as a poor hick would know much so. I've had a dream of a better world, one that would be brought to ruin, just so everything that's being rebuilt would be made, as to show, there's nothing here nor there that will ever satisfy you. Nothing that would ever, by all means serve to make something off your world; I give you, as such, only a single, simple way out of, trouble, out this chaos, as long as you agree with me. As long as you start listening and least of all were to, do as you please.

After listening to what I have to say.'

Grinned as he were, Pleigh but stood behind him, most of, such, malignant manner. Standing on a broken crate; from the other side of the street where the other man was still but punching nails on his board. He wasn't interested in hearing any more than needed, to each and whither for whatever case. It went as such:

'Dear man, will you not join me in this glory I seek? To, and, as such, as much as to redeem your fellow man from this broken system and everything that's been going wrong in here?'

'Nay? You must think me dumb.'

'On the contrary, I think you're mightily resilient, but perhaps too resilient for your own good and for my tastes to be allowed to continue unwatched and unattended. I'm giving you, therefore a chance, that you may find a chance to do something others are not willing to do now.'

'Join you, I suppose? And am I to be given a crown and a seat atop your mountainous rubble after you're done driving this chaos into the ground? Am I to push everything, your armies and what not for as long as it, suffice to say, and pleasures you to go around?'

Did it as he may, he decided that, at the very least, there was some time, where he was willing to make the first cuts, whatever that meant, it was no mere sacrifice either.

Looking around the place, especially at the crowd, it was evident that he was there, with the only reason for his appearance being the fact that he wanted to interrupt this incessant thing that dragged the squabble, for too long.

'I am the Thumb-Cilyst.'

Mighty tall but dark cysts around a humanoid molded as of rivers of blood-clot and tampon shapes of longer-beaked rots coming out, many of which ever bore the eye sockets, no eyes. For they had been thumbbed-in with cracks in place, flowing out; perfectly shaped, indistinguishable human hearts started flying in searching for the men, out of which chests they came out of. Bearing one eye each and a few elongated flaccid thumbs of the same fleshy thing, although most of them looked like hardened precious jewels made of stone.

'There's a part of the dilemma that you've all refused to acknowledge, which angers god, among all.'

Both sockets were but pierced, thumbs bloodied, and you're caught within its rightful stare. You forget who the lord here is and who obeys. For that reason, I bear not even the slightest hint of such compassion as would be. You, of all should see for yourselves what you've come to flee from.'

'What have we been driven away from?'

'A thumb-formation for each star, a protuberance of niggardly-killdom, your lust for blood might not be wiped off, at least not as easily as you'd like to. Not to make a fuss as to forget that you're still to obey. But it's taken me, for the largest part, as much as I find myself looking at thee, a long time to figure out how you're supposed to work. You of all men are broken, cracked, fossils, but refuse to accept your place in this new world that is to follow.'

'Make us understand if that's the case, we can learn from you.'

A member from the crowd retorted. But even he, deformed, could not see.

This Cllyst feared, as much as for himself as the ones he held dear for some reason, who looked over him and over their back in a world only he could see.

Simian Ghyiallapag, watcher of all niggers could only draw as much, as to breathe himself whenever there was a dark beast out there, let loose. It was a dangerous creature he could not stray as far as he could or as far away from, regardless of how hard he shook. Dangerous in appearance and not only that but in thought as well, there was, certainly no elation and nothing too dark as to corrupt everything it touched instead.

A river of blood meant nothing, but a river of simian, in which the Niggarous forms and shapes started pushing out while spreading? Dark disease not even the likes of the Emperor of Subhumanity could even comprehend, who was put in charge of all creatures that came after, of what could be called 'man'. But this was beyond it. Nigger-limbs and nigger-growths spreading on the land, in the most deprecated manner there was, not even a wretched thing as to remind one of the time spent after, near them, near these sub-humans could erase what drew after from inside those pools and spread. Wretched was their calling, almost as much as the niggers themselves were. Monkey-kings of monkey kinds, all to be abused even and especially by their own, as well as blindly as they would follow after, it wriggled in.

His realm was tainted, basked as it were, brood-forth in fear, Ghyiallapag but reared in, barely could be seen. Much to it, never again, to be closely looked, of such unkindness, as the world itself shook. As if the entire land mass of a planet similar to Earth there was, but only covered in nothing else and nothing more than the impoverished by their choices, African countries that spread at last.

Fairy motherhood

Of, pretty land as it shook, where peace had followed through at last and there was such a blessed kindness that would grow out of a man, once, as if to fast and last.

A few of them, of glowing spheres, had yet to come of mind, again appeared.

Near the entrance to such fair a growth, near the entrance where there stood killed men who had touched each other, but untold; was there as such, anything of them remember, and naught. Would say or to approach, for they had known, not to draw near. And told, off by centuries and crones; stay away and avert your eyes, if you want to keep them if you're old.

Enough was there, but shared around.

Glowing upon such peaceful land:

'Ylee, ylee, of such tenderness of which I see; I ask you to remember, as there is, where will I but go to find some peace? Of molded land and beauty fading, of such a thing, as, much to my content, I see no

further, closer thing, and fading. I wish there was such lamentable plight. To remind me, of lesser things as would one see, much to himself. Of such delights, as blossoms fading; much to their light and always contending with what was to happen and what to follow so, my dear, you're delightful, in my company, as one would think so.'

'But thank you dear thing, as you are, come forth, my sister. As your blessing is to tender, as yet to be again blessed; I pace around in condemnation as for likeness of bold intent, I lack in thee command and see, if there is such a thing to me, as to recall of timed a day. When there were beasts, come along the way. Who would shatter, as to stutter, upon such peace that would but falter after. They would but forget their manner and maim the land.

Who is left out there to make such bland? And statement as there would but follow and what comes after, such as there is, tomorrow, I shall find. A piece of scar and something that's about as pure.'

'You're, a, but a thing of dreams, aren't you, Ylee?'

Such was the growth of the land, of many beauteous flattery of green and flowers, thrown about and made alive. Many of them talking and growing, in such sights. Not a single soul descending, not a single one ascending. All but in the middle fending, as was life but pure.

'I wince as such plain a thought, though I am weary no longer, for what was done and what was thought. I, of whom, have such peace of soul. I feel, such antiphony to the obscure; light of day, and glow of heart. What makes this groove of ours, go around.'

It had to be protected, as there was purity, for all to see. No dark creatures inside of it, to spoil and rot, only beauty such as man and fiend alike, could never have discovered on their own. All was kept away, hidden as they would not show.

Not for the likes of warring man to come and spoil, not for such likes as would but come and toil, with the honey roots that served to still. Their hunger was never to ascend, nor grow with. There was no growl and there was no bend, no cracking of the bones and nothing to lend; or to worry. Nobody in there was sorry. And for that alone, they felt at peace; nothing to be ashamed of, only the purity of dream; staring at such puffy clouds, as they'd descend and beautiful at that. No vile thunder, or vile storm, no winter of ashen gray hairs, as no one would either or grow old again. And they were happy, and kept the same.

Who would, as there is, refrain? From going as to mess, with the nature, as to impress, such were likened to each old, and no one was yet, again, told. Just, yet, what's to follow; courteous as for courts and olden wallowed, wallowing, look around. Peace and toil was not on either dirt or ground, but in the hearts of the fairies where all was pure, and all was alike.

Many rosy cheeked hills and blossom spares, and many gardens had been lain; all but naught in place. Some sublime and some barely moving as for each, lain leaf. That could be gotten, that could be touched, for each one that could be grabbed a hold of. Whenever there was someone around. Many spread, of higher, barely touched, lain peaks, lesser things, but wallowing in peace, as to be left on side, here on out, but one to hear the single tear fall into a pool; where a tadpole's laughter was anything but cruel.

Of an aspect, such it were, blossom rose ever so back and forth and ever wonder. When the next flower might come after, as for such, as holy wager, coming from inside the light, and such was it, the wager had fallen thus. Was there no reason to ask?

‘What have we put in?’

‘A jar filled with fire-flies, bothersome resin in which they’ve been into.’

‘I see, I see.’

‘Hast thou blessed our many lords today, way-way of blessed happenings when they might’ve come and stumbled onto us, when light upon such queerly long-forlorn, of such blessed cherubs as those their own.

That bring upon us ardor of the higher seas that were but named in named, as to him as to worship, as to call. Him upon;’

There were days where they had went back and forth, unable such depressed fords, as would the shallow water, river-water, long-basin, that does come after.

‘Does thou want to look around: I shall ask you, thus, only this once, release these fireflies!’

‘For what reason does thou beckon?’

‘I understood less than I have come onto you, to ask, this.’

Desolate plain, along the desolate tower, along the desolate throne

Remains thrown around it, all of whom had brought provisions all the way back from home.

In the distance, outside. What had remained of the land:

A wretched lone house stood on top a few nine to six groups of many stacked upon one another hellish hillside formations. From the top, because the ones at the base, closer to the ground began disintegrating; while the remaining one having grown large inter-connected appendages that made their inner frames bubbly, as they carried along, strangely expanded upon forms, outwardly heaving, while the house was but ever so heave upwardly towards one of the mollusk in the front and in the back, with band-like but wrapped around like a banknote incandescent puffy rose creature with thin-legs, that made fire-bubbles out of their reedy ends. Having made children with the dead-skies, in which they planted and made, for themselves. Large ‘like-resting-half-banana-held-between-two-palms-for-men-to-sleep-inside-of-beds’ Hawaii things, but wide-spread like diamond sheets of spiderlings and spideresque sky-falling apart, from here and there, until fully, outwardly, beyond overly spread, beyond the acceptable release. An eerie end

to violence and war; every human hanged beyond the veils, of, bore they are one by one to the puffy implants, they being the cradles. Slouching lazily upon an invisible fading floor, thin as to be reached by a towering formation of crawling on top each other, bore. Through, the likens of the sky, a house rises. Slowly, surmised. A creature is lain inside, puffy rosy becomes puffy red, as it open, down he watched, as from inside a bomber, the nasty rider. A pilot, whose face is rotten, nakedly is he awaiting release. From where he stands, slowly is the thing below it, readily staring up, as to approach most continently, as if he were to leap from the other end, instead from his darkened bed, which was dragged out of the very front door, on that patch, for a moment now, looking down and he could see a floor. But not a real one, although made of many backs it seems, many of whom, cradled upon one another, past and thinning off, one by one, he could see these giant boils that strike about. One of them is in the distance. Though come from another pack, it opened itself, revealing no hill, but like a planet being split, as to show every layer of Earth. A strange, sanctimonious dark flower bud that's split in half; brought out of it, a single pike with bloated on, and every side, once fully and fitfully extended, it revealed the many ones that pretended to be of one piece as well. No longer compressed in front of one another, and come out of the middle, where, like a Fireman's hose, it came out after, slowly unrolled, but wrapped still, once fully out to show. Despite its many strangled segments, it was still connected at a middle piece, appearing like a medieval axe, of stone, chipped in. Right in the middle, and forming a triangle; connected, banded, and least of all radiating after. It started moving back and forth, like a madman with an axe, trying to chop. Nasty thing, the man felt saying. But he mustered his courage, of, much beyond bravery to make himself stop. What if it heard? From down there and what if he came after him at that? But he should've known better. Or should've suspected that the sides of its buds, were but the top-half of a much more rounded body that came out, out of the ground it came. Fat, so much fat, it bore. Held, around it by many bars, like prison, like a mixer, kind of, it was. But in the middle, it bore a dark crystalline figure, of a figure, the fighter that slashed and tried punching his way out, incapable of doing it. Even if he punched up, there was a pseudo platform as well as there was one below. A cylindrical prison up to a point yet, a ballerina's dress –shape where the bars contorted forwardly, like the spines of men who walk on all four; but the land was wreathed as it fully came out. Since its lower meaty side, on which the prison was one was but a deformed peculiar boot like the ones worn by Chinese ladies in order to make their feet smaller, that torturous specifically made device for beauty or an ugly humanoid giant pepper. The figure that appeared, like a tribal tattoo, projected on it was that of a flatly drawn firefly connected to a blood-balloon, at the tip of its tail, although the firefly would be more of a taxidermist's project, rather than a resting flaccid position, an amalgamation at the tip of its head, which appeared, although both the balloon that was drawn as that, were soft and appeared meaty enough to be two mouths, or pseudo puckers, moist tonguelip hybrids, while, beyond the head of this 'firefly' whose spun-around head was more of a mosquito's blood drawer, bore, lightning segments that moved inside a transparent layer of skin, like a tape worm. Overall, it was a strange being.

Since it looked more like a deformed creature, with the fat-head of a fish open, attached to the iron frame of a lamp, put on top of a baby-doll's body which had its limbs removed, which got melted on an iron pan that has been heated for, just long enough that its body would resemble eggs; as for eggs and bacon. With an eye as well, instead of being yellow, this baby-doll-frying-pan-made-egg semi-softened thing bore a reddish one instead. A little flag being hanged inside the open fish's mouth, though ruined. But no eyes.

What lifted its overall form was but four great gut-contortions, like innards, that were like bone-cartilage-made, shaped, thin legs. Connected to a lesser segment; but these three ugly legs were not only disgusting

looking, but they were unevenly placed on its 'right' side as well. Or from the man's side, although his vision wasn't what it used to be, left, two of them and one that was closer to the middle, but closer to right, at the far edge of the melting point, in front of the reddish ball.

These three holders were connected to the cartilage of a giant human's basin, the hips' bone, those ones that have two holes in them, behind the cockles. But made of one piece, as if, it were, at first a depiction, which has then been inflated as to become a fatter oblong, then grew, after being given birth to a thing of its own. Like an ugly squished under your feet, cheese, but made of cartilage.

Its three legs were pumping in its. Also three giant elongated necks, which rose up, from this lower piece, which was, more of a conjoined twin fartbag of skin, or two pancreases, or two 'twins' and a 'chode' – where the 'thing' pointed at the back; and reached the same level as the half-rose bulb, standing alongside the cage, resting. Both sides of the 'twins' as well as the, yeah, that's where they came from, alongside and behind the cage; and these three pseudo-serpents; well their throat-regions were not segmented but had- operable, and capable of being opened, fuselage doors, like car-doors, or traditional stove-doors, whereas, they hid, inside, and behind closed doors, their true inner-neck organ. As this was more, akin to their, to be certain, exoskeletons; at times, these doors opened and gave rise to hundreds of flies that were implanted inside their yellow glowing 'true-necks' that would be exposed as soon as their children went out.

The flies were shuriken-two-dimensional-pseudo-depictions-of suns with sketchy black corded lines coming out of them like asterisks, where, upon these things, appeared, fully grown beaded rectangles that drew along, like window blinds, bore bubble-red balloons filled with blood clot –ticks at the end, five of six of them. While the 'shurikensuns' that bore these open holes in the middle also formed numbers, drawn along iron strings, like beads. Organs shaped like numbers, as if human serial killers, killed, none other than women and turned their guts into these ciphers. That had no meaning. These flies also had one tail or window-blind that had no balloon and no weight and they all flew above, towards the sky, for no reason and disappeared. It was a ritual, that held no meaning.

Well, the three serpent head's upper regions, although were not open heads, were actual funnels. That had holes as well. Which meant that these yellow-hidden necks must actually be exposed somehow or weak there, since they were, 'gone' through, or were the funnel-hoses themselves, perhaps this is how the bud wanted to get water, or conjure rain. By sending its minions, the flies to dance, for it, up there, penetrating the webs that blocked rain from happening, maybe those numbers are the countdown until they explode, leaving open gaps, so water could drain in, so the bud can finally have a drink.

The strange thing was, that, while this happened, it still stood there, swiping back and forth, frightening the poor old man. It knew.

Its legs were strange, those three legs were more like power-tendons, yet, perhaps the worst thing possible was the fact that, the crystal warrior trapped inside suffered the most, since he could not even shatter himself from the looks of it.

But, what could not be seen, since it was a secret was the fact that these flies, whose globes were actually made of crystal. The same crystal that was siphoned from inside the body of the Crystal warrior, which were indestructible, which, as the secrets tell, were not only made of an indestructible material, but, were

not only filled with blood, but were also in control of the, behind the hollow filled with numbers, in the middle of every fly. There being a phantom funnel attached, which was drawn like strings, or kites, not to the great throated funnels attached to the main beast but to a strange pocket in the earth, which, they were all attached to. Since what was seen outside was only an armor, on a strange patchy-platform that was meant to serve as a distraction, an exoskeleton. An underground river – but not river-river but like a drawing of a river, if seen from above, a deformed pocket of air, wreathed in chitin lay there. The real body of this being was the air stored inside, or the gas.

This giant platform with three legs, this hula doll, in some way, with three great scepters with funnels, was nothing more than a drainage cap that served as a tombstone. Yet, it forcefully dragged the larvae-thing shell like chitin with it. Because, it needed water; since, inside this oblong pattern, in which, the on-coming water was being drawn inside of, there were inner-capable of physical divination organs which teleported the water from the inner-plumage livid pipes, into the chitin, where the creatures that lived inside of it could finally drink some crystal clear beyond-purified water.

Since the lower river-fatty worm-thing that stored the ‘being’ was completely sealed.

Inside, reanimated, pseudo, they still had to be fed and receive water in order to survive, servants worked on great work-wheels that were like ship-wheels that had a cylinder that at times pumped up and down, taking them with it. Threading and trudging along, into the air. Flying. Beyond the socket they were put in. Blasphemous gas creature, as it were, there was no other, beyond wretched creature than it. For its likens adored messing with them.

The servant’s head were their hands and their leg-backs were large cartilage fridges, horizontally placed but on an incline. And they only had necks, and no real heads. And their square backs only bore two moving bumpers that were hardened lumped giant scarab or leaves that went up and down. Or giant square blobs with one long throat, out of which two mantis-scythes came out of, hugging, as to form circles. Their backs opened. Inside them lay actually dead people, well preserved, deadly pale white. Lenin the Diviner’s body was hidden inside one of them, he will never die.

Some niggers were thrown around the dead pools, but, fucking niggers; lazying around when everyone else’s working. Dead pools, not dead niggers, yet.

Outside, all of the sudden, the giant creature removed itself from the, oblong-pelvis with a vestigial tail-bone ‘chode’ frame, revealing that it was attached to it by pseudo-looking cartilage shoes. Heaps of dirt being thrown around it, then, to the old man’s surprise, whose eyes not only widened, but his mouth, gape open, in shock could not denote the possible shock and confusion as this creature moved as fast as a Turkish person, a cockroach, not only that, but walking on top all of the stacked on top of one another, as well as their thin ‘bridges’ that interconnected them during their continuous expansion, as fast as a roach, until it stood on top the platform, all three legs lopsided the side of his house, this veil above, the sky itself being curved by the sheer size of, it, which in turn caused the nearest puffy-two sided snail rolls, to simply be forcefully rolled to the side, and fall much further on the veil, and although it was not penetrated by this dull axe-like thing, that didn’t matter. As, the old man, whose expression turned from one of sheet terror to one of fury-confusion, being something beyond any explanation, his three fish-net lady legged thing simply bent over as it began taunting him. Only slightly bent over, as to rub it in his face, with the ‘swipe-swipe-I’m-gonna-get-you, I’ll-get-you, I’ll-get-you!’ kind of motion being fully

done with, then. It simply turned around, and made do, like the Ottoman Empire, and was nowhere to be seen.

Down there, the platform was left un-fended, but it had already begun the growth of another 'cask', like the Turks always do, while the man old man was left, open-clenched, atop his chest, aghast as to what happened.

One of the flies came out of nowhere and spat blood in his face after. Then it left as well.

'Rude.'

Somewhere in the distance it kept running for some reason or another. It is still rather unknown why this elongated hose-cartilage like appendage that fills the entire body of the pseudo-open-domed but cut like a cage would to be, open in the middle with its two split maws, a few hundred miles from one side to the other. With fleshy walls on both sides, signaling that it's soft both here and there. Touchy-porous, yet, inside of it, inside of this open organ, despite it being set on a perfectly round metallic rusted platform, despite it being merged or welded to it, while being perfectly, outside, lacking of features, it bears only this elongated appendage. Like a coiled snake. It could be a parasite, hiding inside this rottenly-split fruit. Outwardly, this rotten-fruit domed head, is but dark and rather, hard-set, almost like a pseudo-broken hard stone-esque that would be textured like a disgusting roach-avocado. The limb's tip contortion, molded with another segment. Purple skinned, with an almost dead-paleness of rotten in and out, heaved-stitched on top of it limp pair of lumps. It's clear enough that this livid organism that's become its home used to be an organic comet that fell and was claimed by this evil intestinal cadaverous worm. That also has, in the place it's fused with the middle area of, what could be seen out of the outwardly protruding segment it latched on, a tattered sail made of black hairs, a mop that was used to clean tar, no, much worse than that. A simian hand, the simian hand of a niggardous beast; stitched patched of a green-filled with mold-growths of yellow kind of protrusion as well. Filled with moss-growths at every segment; almost bumpy from where one stands, if he were to stand across the openly deformed almost maw-closed rims of the beast. Or sea-poles, all attached with rings at every segments with black violently cut, disgusting coiled in tatters. Thinner at the end as well, as if it were the simian's forearm. With the, last segment, being, almost pushed through, a few meters in, like an awkwardly bending sausage, or a contortionist's back spine, who's suffering of hernia while seen from behind. Forming a V, or an arrow –rotated as to face the horizon with its tip, seen as such from the side, although this contortion seems forced, dull yet kind of sharp, as if there's bone in there, straightening it as much as it can. And during its initial drawing out, from this already compressed in form, it had been spindly as well, almost a simple overlapping fat-finger-balloon before it inflated itself. A simian-decayed filth nigger could be trapped inside the rotten meatily decaying prison, buried underneath the weight of its own arm. Whereas, the crystal creature trapped inside, this peculiarly shaped cage, which is nothing more, than two metal discs interconnected by the bars, whereas the upper one is thinner, the lower one is much wider and appears to depress into, as the lower disgustingly grown body is, if it were truly shaped like a peculiarly crafted doll, the side of the lower disc would push through the throat, the head-neck region belonging now to the bars, down to being slightly below or at the same level as the shoulders. But his doll, would have to be placed, initially on its arse. It was as if the lower baby-doll's region didn't exist at all, or at least, the midriff, perhaps not even reaching the belly button any longer, that being, or referring to the only region that's kept straight, it could have drifted in the one that's been 'melted' like eggs done on a frying pan with Sunflower seed oil, whereas,

the strange pseudo-fire-fly's main, or, likely, it's mot of a pseudo anathema, wingless, though with a spiral-covered bubble being present instead of a head, its tail threading along the lower depression.

The body would be more like a pseudo-shaped by a child, clay volcano, with the lower depression and all, but flatter on both sides and warped forwardly. While those weird tapeworms, inside the transparent 'chest' would be far closer, akin to scribbles, of an animation of scribbles moving, while, evidently being animated; the fire-fly being connected to the soft depression, a disgusting, hard to look at 'sphincter' of puckery rose. Yet both the 'firefly' head and this would both seem to be soft areas. A shore, a strange melted shore-like thing that the cage's depressed into, while, below it, from the lower side, although it would be hard to stare at since the three legs aren't even, evenly curved, they seem to all hinge to one direction, the right, aligned to the right as seen from below. A bloody shelled, chitinous, yet exactly like an arc, but more tender and a lot, different. Not a perfect ark, or a ship, but, neither a foot, unless either of those were destroyed, carved or butchered, since it bore awkward uneven angles. Even the entire thing itself was more of a pepper-fat thing than anything in itself, despite its layer of protection. Whereas the legs, appearing soft, entered three designated 'hole' areas. Jottings, scratches, and various deformed segment areas spread all around the under-ark. They are connected but aren't, like overlapped puzzle pieces, but with, actually stitched-black things that are, and have on top and inside of them, bubble-beams with fake-vampire-incisor props, grown and ingrown. As strange as it sounds, with the whole stitched in part. All of them moving, as if they were different organs trapped together. Some lower-harder bumps that would resemble bumps but mainly, hardened. Smallish and many of them, stacked, all around and beyond, thinning out as they approach the edges, which in turn, as they would climb, would assimilate in a much smoother surface. A lot more prudish down there, below it, crude, primitive yet organic; despite that, the inner layer it's attached to, as seen from the side of the open hole area where the legs are coming out of signals that there's a hard layer lain above them. They're nothing more than pseudo-disgusting looking barnacles stitched with filth-rocks and black tape worms. The whole creature is nothing, or must be nothing else than that. Many put together, canon-fodder, controlled by the gas. The beast inside, a mass of pink meat, simple, yet keeps everything from falling apart. Filled with strange organs colored blue and purple with two by two, as in pairs of spherical headed, covered with pus-skin tags made of men structures, that produce steam-color it washed insides into. That pucker thing in the front that's exposed is a different being, a dark-cylinder. Covered with spikes, like a cacti inside, and every spikes forced the inner leg carried to suffer, as it's a torture wheel creature. But it's doing so because it's starving. Many of the pink meaty creature's organs are all stored in the legs as well, making them much thinner than expected. And there are hundreds upon hundreds of them, all, vaguely but not entirely interconnected. Like human blood cells, but they have removable veins that can both latch and unlatch themselves to one another. Being forced to constantly rotate inside these three 'legs', which were never meant to be used for this purpose, holding so much weight, flight, more likely, but all who is not man has to suffer. They're all spinning inside these three legs, these sets of, oh, spherical though puffier organs are a sphere on top another, connected with another inner set by pseudo-bridges of cartilage. They only connect through the under-side of every spherical organ, by muscle like stalks of steam-color carriers, which, despite not being attached to anything, always remain in the same place, relatively speaking. Of course they're move from side to side when the beast's moving. But they're frozen in place, still, even when curved, relatively to the walls they're facing. Pink-puffy legs, once removed from what would seem to be a, water-spilled in three centralized regions- shaped 'shoes', they're incredibly sharp, like deep-sea drilling devices but hard and heavy rocked. Moving by pounding the ground; though this would not explain why no bleeding has

occurred yet, the mass of the upper-region that's being constantly tortured by the rotating spiked cylinders always grows back.

The man of crystal is strange, he bears a crystal sword growing out of his chest and arms, always growing, but never shattering and never, seemingly never there.

The cage would be more of a Victorian Era's corset on top of a lady with a fat lower side and a bigger belly, a ruined one that's forcefully being shoved on top a barrel.

Regardless of it, the great caged Roach was awaited for; at to attend, while carrying the will of the gas, being mind controlled by it, as every being inside the roach, a meeting. With the Great Lynching Crystal, inside of which, many niggers as well as ropes were teleported inside of, one nigger and one rope soon after, on different distant corners, made to chase and be chased, as the rope would come after. The nigger; so it could lynch him. But lo, twas not as much as it seemed to be; for heartlessness leper, must one musk his sight and see of leprous day.

'The evil day has yet to come and scour all that are come after, when the incenses are yet to burn out.'

He was no longer yet to hear himself talk.

No, the Simian's elongated arm, segmented like spiders' limbs, or a centipede's, ear crawler's body frames but in an inflated long balloon by a circus clown way, or tender, filled with muscle cartilage punching bags thinning as they draw along, with sutured, many green-infected faces filled in square-delimited or rectangle patches, sutured on top like old Victorian Era's fixed pants' way of fixing pants, while each segment bears black flaccid, mushy rings with seaweed like or a two-dimensional ugly sun, or like manually washed clothed you'd twist like a knot in order to squeeze them dry. His prison, a giant rotten pear flattened below this clearly deformed bird-cage, which may have sharp inward pointing, though connected to the bars like, as if the bars were crowbars with sharp hooks instead of their pointy ends, that had been welded in, with weldwires, same for the push-through below it, that's like trying to squeeze a balloon of a more rounded, much wider shape with a cylinder. Perhaps not just a volcano doll-chested thing, but more of a volcano that erupted, while the shore-sea, farther-depressed side would be closer to the or not water coming close to the shore, the other way around, that being. Its three legged 'feet', that small portion that was fit inside a socket. Like the lower side of light-bulbs, but more, fatter, and pushed out. Delineated by cuts, like pizza-slices, but not openable from the looks of it, not pincers, not stuck, but this is more of a superficial delineation of an outline. A few welded in chitinous part-gates, or black medieval England, Dark ages, kind of castle, tower roofs. While the lower side of the ark-belly, would seem to be more like, the boils especially, bubble-gum grown through the cracks left by misaligned shards, crests and barely drawn along black swinging ropes, knotted as well, a mildew-muck trailed alongside it. While, the holes, more like squared up, clearly carved in for the organ-filled legs to fall or grow through. This great body is a shell, but a biological shell that's grown with every creature in it, but cut as well, as to clearly, intrude, push, 'tilt', or drive the growth in a certain direction. Meaning it could grow as many as hundreds or thousands or millions of legs if enough cuts had been made. Maybe a kind of silicon-thin but harder, and of some alloy combined with many other chemical hardened elements, the shell, since and there's enough space between these hole'cuts in the 'fuselage of the shell, through which the three legs are pushing through, for the strange material to be seen. It's, made of. Hard to see, but clearly pushed apart, or carefully placed, almost like, bubble-needles, but the texture. 'Bubbly'-needles

that either appear made out of one point or give the impression of being spar-shot inside the clean smoothness of it. Clearly a hard material that's been cut; like cutting wood and looked from its side at the weird texture that's not covered in lacquer. With v and inverted v 's, almost uglily jagged edges, around the rims of the entry that would hurt it, the pink mass, the legs if they, like shards, or spikes, or sharp-edges, or knives, sharp leftovers, spines, or thorns pointing at them, spears, but made of the structure, intentionally left there, as to facilitate it moving exactly in a perfect manner with, as for the muscles that are clearly capable of doing, stillness as well as an intense quickness, because, if too much force was applied, they would chop off their, every child, which is grown this way, since they're a species, well all of them are, they come together, but in this case, it would chop off its own legs. By brute force, then die, since all the organs are stored in the legs. More like horn-like formations inside the square-holes.

But, these jagged things, these jaggy edges, were more like, only at the top and sparse, as if an actual cut had been made, and it was somewhat clean, they were still sharp and thick enough to completely cut through the legs, but no one actually took the time to turn this, no, that might've been an exaggeration, not this, but these square holes into zigzagged things. More likely, they had been cut, then pulled downwardly, which would explain the sharpness of the edges at the top. The key is seeing it from the inside of the shell, as square-pits, or open rectangle-like lids, or sardine cans with eerily unclean sharp things around. While, during the growth of the legs, feeling the pressure caused by the pushing pain, made to feel by these things, it could be why they were slightly thinner at the entry point, since the legs were, basically made of unevenly formed lumped innards. Unintended to be legs, plus they were also close to the curvature, which gave them a pseudo-weird angle as well. Since they were at the point where the side of the great-volcanoesque shell, curved, slightly distorting this hole on one side. Not to mention in any case that there was the layer of barnacle-trash everywhere else, outside. Eerily enough, they never approached the 'mass-formed' legs, keeping a perfect distance that would allow one to place in, perfectly fitting, a giant pack of cigars, without even damaging the cardboard box, despite the fact that these were puzzly sharp shards themselves. They fit perfectly as to create a pseudo wall around it, the encasement of a tomb, or a square-well, where brick-by-brick around, a place is made and lain; and it was even more awkward, considering, since every leg was on a side, not only, well. It's like that almost fallen to one side-tower, but if it had legs. And the lower-side of the shell wasn't as round, below it, as in the bottom, not the sides, as an ark-ship, but pseudo-similar. Some pseudo-similarities were present but not entirely. While from side to side, the scum-barnacles which either were absorbed, because there is evidence of them, 'shrinking' in some manner while also being, or transitioning, in some way 'evolving' into chitinous shell-hardened alloy, from their quasi-shard shell, pseudo organic boil-barely put together, cluster they're in. They could be baby-organisms, or baby-cells, like humans have, embryos that failed to mature. While the hose-organs are their versions of 'guts', failed to grow, stillborns, being pushed out by the shell. It could be that the shell refuses to become its mother and merely keeps them, hanging. Most likely they're all dead, since there's no way to absorb any sustenance whatsoever. And the others that have become the shell, that got assimilated, they're not alive either, they're turned into alloy. So, if there was ever a chance that, there was a parent-children relationship between them and this two-sided struggle of theirs, ever existed, now it's gone, thoroughly, utterly gone. Both sides lost, they became casts, armor. It's kind of like a seen from above, top of a boxing ring. Where those bands on the sides are these creatures, but the boxing floor was the mass; with the boxers being the legs, but of course, much bigger, wider, so on and so forth. Well if the sides and the bands and those support beams were also filled with barricades and corpses. So, more like war-dug in trenches with sand bags, but also barbwire. The entire

form would look like a pseudo robot with a pizza-melted lower body. And there's also its transparent with a pocket inside of, tape-worm-like filled 'bag'. Or a giant bent upward while crawling larvae with a giant half-cut cracked on the top, egg-head with a weird sticky tongue stuck within itself. Most definitely hooks, attached to every side of the bars, at least at their edges. It must be how they planted themselves in the shell. Just so it's known, around the lower, wider, metallic disc in which the crystal fighter's trapped in, there are a few miles of open space that leave the impression of there being shoulders, and a pseudo-hunchback, and enough space for 'collar-bones' to be in, then an immediate compact-square flatness on the main bulk. Kind-of-like a torsoed larvae, and the three legs, hose-filled with meat. There's also the giant cushion like pelvis thing, oblong, beneath the earth standing, while also beating the three giant elongated throaty towers, bricked with stove-gates, furnace gates, like the ones kikes are going to slowly be put inside of, ovens. These funnels, at the top of them are capable of closing up, enclosing themselves, enwrapping as well in, weird-almost protective, although, they're flaccid and foldable, the funnels, and they seem capable of drawing inside the lower body with the elongated throats as well, like elevator-genitals. Half-globes but made of strings, pushed out of them, then. Forming interconnected circle-scrawls that grow and grow, like mattress springs, wrapping around the main bodies, creating electricity, or being capable of it. Or shooting it, but not normal lightning, but a special imbued, and that's only at the top, at the tip of the wire-globe, like a marionette' cast body's, atom-energy shooters' 'ray' bouncing against the cage, which in turn would shoot in whichever direction the gas is pointing towards. Sometimes, just for the sake of it, upon being fully extended, reaching the 'pelvis', the 'legs' are also getting their fair share of shock therapy, just for the sake of it, like a fuck you, for existing. Since those spheres are its organs as well as the place where the brain mass is being stored in, brain injury is also being experienced, and brain fog as well. They're like tall futuristic buildings with globes on top of them, or domes, that being the apartment some lives in, with banded-Saturn rings all around the watch tower, courtesy to Jimmy Hendrix, who was a black person, not a nigger. While, the inner main-piece of these necked-funnels, is but like glowing yellow-spread lighted-entirely, wax, but organs. Inside the lower oblong-pelvis, there's a chaos of shapes and forms and worms and tapes and things that fly, and darkness and pops and explosions and eyes, and floating people that explode, and pipes that extract and things that teleport from other worlds. Disemboweled hands that create invocations of magik, Alistair Crowley whispering in the dark, whose eyes are reddened black and speaks in tongues and floats frozenly from one side to another, with a dark scepter, with a strange eyed-ruby that commands the chaos and the specks of magic-dust and the cast-in-iron fairies that are chained and made to rot in crystalline prisons as well as in deformed ribs with elongated-roots and giant head-shaped hearts inside of them, connected to four-sided iron grappling hook-based-devices with rectangular legs that shoot in half-o, formations, the arc. Four legs that are curved like curved swastika cuts, then lower themselves down, but they're like pseudo-anchored in the ground claws as well, that. They're not pseudo rib-cages but strange capillary hives, with gaps, in which heart-like heads, of men, whom were killed, prior to death, occultist-magicians, while their lower bodies, to which they're attached are downward pointing grappling hooks, with a mass of iron, like a sack of meat-but actually filled with devices, a flaccidly melted short cabin. In front of them they push, a few meters, straight bars, that have wires and other smaller apparatuses attached to them, appendages. This being the first part, the next segment rises upward on a slight incline, smoothly. And there's like cog-ball between the two of them, like human joints, for a much more flexible, or allowing for such a type of movement to be, existent.

The third segment is a curved iron 'bar' as well but like a mantis blade but a scythe, curved, from his point of view to the right, but they would only appear as 'pseudo-swastika' when seen from an awkward angle as for, and it's not a fully drawn scythe-swastika but, only one of its pieces, out of four. Which would then be attached, and if one were to look at the second and the third segment, fatten them, or take the frame, they would be met by the image of a pseudo water-tap; to a pseudo insectoid cartilage, this being the fourth segment, flaccidly hanging, attached to an elongated last one that's much bigger, wider, fatter. Upon which he walks, this in-life necromancer.

The frame, could be seen, from an angle, that being, the entire frame, the walking appendages, as a bar, with two legs, but one of its legs is attached or is trying to kick a pseudo-flaccid bubbly iron pot. Or it's stuck inside a bubble-gum lower bodied creature. Or stick-like legs, but fatter and more mechanical. They're like running skeletons that stop at the pelvis, but made out of metal, albeit they're all equally distanced from one another. Maybe four of these legs present. But this would not stop his madly benign incantations from occurring.

There was also a Russian Inspector, dressed in a grayish coat but was giant-bullet-formed, with crawlies underneath him, carrying in. He was smooth-bodied and his clothes were part of him. He smiled, and had one eye, a pair of pirate patches and twenty dark- rotating disc-scalps rotating, well, spinning-rotating, but inside of him. Like there was a projector playing an old movie, of a man presenting onto him a disc. I believe they used to call them salesmen, or telemarketers. But were bloated black, like galaxy-pudgy, with livid eyes, that had people inside of them, on the surface as well, squirming in place like disgusting larvae from not washing your cooking pot for too long. And a few more joined them. Russians are good people.

Nasty, ugly, filthy Jews should he hated and gutted instead of them.

Filthy kike-paid propaganda would have you believe otherwise, but the Russians are good people.

There was a first for everything, especially this:

A flowery bed of dark worming in between one another darker shaped worming heads, with their ship-like bodies open here and there, and just about every other side.

Whereas some of them would be standing, sitting, wreathing as to, look uncanny, many of them were already dead. Or had been dead for a long enough period of time; a sparking river-water formation, frozen, lifted up appeared to draw, out of air, the puckery forms of little bee-inflated porous corns.

They were like elongated vestigial bone-beans, or swollen plume-puckers. Olives that were rotten, but beating straw-formations out of their mouths, that were connected to pendulum cutters their breaths were caught in. Two at a time, holding this pendulum-thin sheet, which by the left side of, and the right side of the other bean-like infantile flying embryo-adult bearded but armless creature, between the two of them, a long sheet of cartilage was being kempt, welded to their cutters. To their cleaver-like long pendulums they only kept a hold of with their mouth-houses, attached. But these pendulums were not perfect pendulums but longer and sharper and cut, like oblong boomerangs; as it only seemed, more queerly, both being drew, down, as they attached themselves to the second part of the pendulum, the one behind or parallel to their mouths, a second tube pushed down, attaching itself to this boomerang-oblong in which they must've stored, as if they were, two shells, from one to another, carrier of a long-cartilage carpet, a

sheet of skin between each of them, held within. From the side, meaty-giant-beans put instead of pelvises standing on sharp bloated skin-bananas, both of them trying to run away from one another.

And in the same room there was the touched one. Whose body was a cast; but a few holes, one would think were used for breathing were there, spread across his chest. Out of every hole, hundreds of hands came out, thin like that of ladies, all of whom were used only on himself to mask the pain. They, these hands, as if they had wills of their own, were shy. They never wanted to come out. It looked like a sad iron-made strange, coated in alloy, no arms of his own, that's why he bore the holes, and two sharp ivory tusks of the same material coming out of the stumps, where 'his' arms would've been, of theirs, in case hundreds of victims are hiding inside of it. Screams and wails coming from inside of this 'torture device'. But it looks like a dark elephant filled with scales from either side, wide-spread on the body of a man.

That thing was weird, that one, hiding in the corner of a dark speck of fly-bubbles of blue and red which popped like dandelion-flares in place. It had a weird witch-like face deformed to look like its eyes were two scythes, glowing with orange, a mouth within a mouth, forming a plus, but drilled in, or sawed-through. Not a perfect cross, crucifix, anathema, but distorted. By four grown on top of one another, overlapping as well boulder-like protrusions like pox-growths or boils; whereas its head was like a Cuman's helmet – humanoid but only in shape, split in half by a line whereas some bars drawing up, then back in, like V's and U's and B's but aimed like a gun-inside-your-mouth-suicide kind of position, but its face instead, -like stitches. Or a strange fancy axe someone had lodged, from inside his head, out, in an attempt to escape, but it's blocked in there. But these two parts of the 'helmet' look like two giant attached-rat heads, with jaws stitched from another animal attached to them, only from the side in the side was seen from in front of the viewer. From the front of the beast, the pseudo Cuman's helmet illusion was given from the fact that the side-eye sockets are filled with weird-wormy stuff of worm-innards, giving the false impression of them being eyes, the sharp iron-like stitch-bars draw down like a nose because of the V' like edge and because the bloated bubbly boulders look like mouth, but more like an African nigger's open mouth that's bearing a disc in it's overall form, not to mention that plus open slit for a mouth. It's body is a strange battering ram, to which the head's attached by a few pumping saws, that form the neck, all interconnected, to the head and the ram. Like a, from the side, a livid ugly Viking ship, with the tip of the carved face and the front part of the ship looking like a mess, despite the weirdly smooth shaped discs lodged in it.

But from the side, the axe-like from inside line stops above the area beyond the forehead and the sockets, never nearing the back of the head, despite the awkward angle in which they're placed. The beast's made of one piece.

Its 'legs' and 'arms', limbs look like giant bloated plumber's pumps, whose wooden sticks are hoses connecting the two, on both sides of the ram, pushing out, then down, but they're made of bones, cartilage and they can push back and forth, being capable of that kind of movement. But the pump and 'hose' were but not just of one piece but they also were, made as by physics, to look like they were a hose attached between two plumber's pumps, the wooden stick with the black sucker.

Sometimes it rested on the back of this punch-bag battering ram, stood as if on one foot, then began clapping its two weird limbs together, like a seal, like a clipper.

It looked as if it wore a cut through, ruined coat, an uglily headed sausage, that bore a strange elliptical formation embed in its chest, one of which was open like a dark hole, out of which, out came a one hundred fifty five miles long tape-worm appendage, spiked, puffy white, plushy toy like, that bore a puckery, round cacti-spherically expandable livid-apparatus of cartilages that upon being expanded looked like the top side of a surgeon's light- part radiator, or a tanning-bed but hanging upside down, and only a part of it, more rounded, with out-let like keys of bar-added, strange bones-retracted and protracted, sets of weird limbs that looked eerily insectoid but with expanding chitin planes like tanning-solar energy panes emerging out of them. And each plate had weird writings on it. And bore, four, equally distance, pinned in screws, chess-piece like but openable and conical. Sometimes when a few of the thinner appendages aligned, they looked like BBQ grills, but tainted with meaty rotten skin.

It began vacuuming the entrails off the floor. They cleaned the mess and the dirt off everything.

They were a species under the command of the Heart-leper. And they were also capable of flying and levitating but they enjoyed suffering a lot more than anything else. Everyone did in this oblong-prison.

Especially since they got off the bean-carrying trampoline sheeted creature's constant dirtying of everything else, since they carried the remains taken from above the stalactite muncher two faced shaking eyeless sacks-plates, which spat everything at the ceiling, instead of letting it fall off the ground, the fliers interfering with the natural order.

Leper Paradise

Near the waste it rested, sallow. Waiting in a corner, after morrow, for there was not a single man to come, upon his feet, they were distraught and gone. Arm in arm eight guards came into sight. They were not authorized to be in this place, having stumbled not by chance, but a choice imposed onto them from a much higher level, the authorization imposed onto them far succeeded that of any living man. General or any equivalent; a sullen construct stood behind each and every single one of them now. Open chested now, out of the cast came a few moths rotten with tattered second-hands he had collected from the previously driven-through-the-wall houses he'd come into contact with.

'My leviathan bloated arks are waiting outside the splendorous hall that's lain beyond the fall.'

An empty rectangular abyss, but spake at last:

'Ilass Eyle, yekke.'

The figure smiled for what was to be, only an incessant dark remark, from one point to another, wherever they want and whatever they saw, for thee, the man who stood as well but ported, a single spake of blood contorted. It drew near and stood as wrong. A madman of which, provoke him, challenge him to a fight; it carried out the mental transmission to one of the bile-made slave-minds. And they listened like the butchered-through animals they were.

‘You’ve got nowhere else to run, we have a claim over your Paradise, from this point on!’

Leper tower-one, standing near Leper tower-two, standing near Leper tower-three, standing near Leper tower-four, standing near Leper tower-five, standing near Leper tower-six, standing near Leper tower-seven, standing near Leper tower-eight, standing near Leper tower-nine, standing near Leper tower-ten, armed with weapons such as, pucker-child, destroy-arm, killer-sprangle mighty dangler, dark-baton with eight elongated heads that bore large-skeleton frames whose open craniums bore large pistol-shafts, capable of piling up hundreds of shots at once out of this one great stick-staff-shooter, a prime-cyanide vapor rounded-beady antennae with two cherry-like iron protrusion with two crisscrossed pincers – molded like two weird creatures welded into one another’s bodies like a cascade of melted irons, a visionary-inducing lucid dream head exploder with black bubbles of nuclear power inducer from the distance melter of organs, large rocket launcher capable of being thrown, sticking like a sticky grenade, pushing its own trigger as to shoot rockets once its position is stabilized, a set of eight axes stuck in a great wheel-circle, that has an asterisk handle in the middle that’s grabbable, two-connected-whips, but have guns at their ends, a peashooter with poison darts, began marching near one of the strange countries filled with nasty ugly headed men whose faces were not only deformed fruits-mold of mechanically deformed, obtuse, stricken down, destroyed-distraught abominations of spike-like extensions that shot in every possible direction, having become part of every possible, while doing so, piece of the ground and standing bath-house, tall houses, but while doing so, by the time of their, or had it been any sooner, realization that they have engaged them into a near-shot conflict that rang their ears in, between both, conflicting sides, a battle had not only ensued, but they were already engaged, placed and equally distributed around the set-battle field, that being a giant straightedly deformed platform with many put-together elongations with weird bar-wire wormy growths standing around them in a most atrocious manner, drawing attention away from their weirdly set unnatural head-tops, that were in actuality nothing more and nothing other than adorning pieces, from which, what could be drawn, at the same time was the fact that, already, as has been closely observed from this weirdly-set but closely analyzed as by a strange part-man-troubadour with eighteen heads, rounded up, rotating like a Farris wheel, had already been on-going for the last eighteen or so, hours, whereas, Leper tower-six, the man armed with the destroy-arm, that being a weapon capable of completely and utterly disintegrating anti-matter glow-pheromones that were filled with men’s desire to father and raise their children against all odds even while the Judicial System, as for, the corruption in the Family Court representing an issue that’s yet to be thoroughly discussed by both parties or every party that’s engaged and in question, refuses to properly address this important issue that spans from an outdated system which favors the woman instead of the man, since they still function on the belief that, a woman sacrificed a great chunk of her life as a homemaker, therefore she’s owed a few mansions, alimony, child support, and the likes, had already advanced on one of the Many Eyed Parasite Kings, God-Pantheon blessed Hybrid Mutant- part cartilage filled deformed falling apart as we speak, giant-elongated ‘ugly-headed men’, whose body’s strange amalgamation is but a strange almost caterpillar-transitional-cask-to-a-butterfly frame with four humanoid simian full bodies serving as its legs, their heads being attached to the great ‘casket’, whose both sides, front-and-behind bear large cutting-blade-edges, but are more-like insectoid in nature, Leimalor, the two of them having been so thoroughly engaged in their front-standing battle of wits, which, had not only progressed, as, this being a matter of, or more of a battle of ideologies, or has evolved in the meantime, during which Leper tower-eight’s sudden funnel-like play with his beady-funnel-scorpion caused a sudden distortion to occur over the entire world, causing the ground to become filled with many limbless-dead-figures whose only

'I've come to a choice already, am I to waste for a moment more?'

He tried walking on eight feet, but didn't know how to reach when one of the leper-brothers drew on, asking him, who the stranger was. A weird flier was watching them, part of the sky-moon-sun-area where all of them were connected. Dark Emachyier bore twenty pebble-bubbles during the first initial cut, in which he caught the magic-tears that had been brought from the power-needle extractors, those being the pseudo-natural satellites that were present when the kiss of space was still merging with the power-beady fallen angel that wasted in place. Upon the plains of the broken land, no farther than a few meters from where they stood as well, as done.

Not a single Leper understood where it had come from, the earth being very much ripped apart, torn in half, incapable of drawing out from either side. Whence a shuttle and the scowled-hairs had grown, inside and through it many looked and lesser ones shook, as soon as they could stand themselves. No sooner had they, seen. With many of them thin as much as either one could take it, wreathing as thoroughly as they could be taken apart, they wasted.

Leprous cysts began forming in the sky, readying themselves to draw on, wherever they could land and whatever mass could come much closer to them, it would matter even less, it would make, much less so than expected, of a difference that would come over them, hence they started shattering, with crackling strikes, with whatever was left of their punching masses, wherever they could land on. Whatever was needed to make a difference, leave a dent:

‘Leprous Mlieth, Eyi-e, you are not to recede into that dark hole until you’re let known of a chance for, strike inside the bowel-stretch upon which the most damned witches, strangled by the upwardly thrower, the bloody-mower shall come and seethe upon. You.’

‘I’ve met a woman, of our kind, a few moments ago, and she was, completely fallen apart.’

‘Do concur, as to waste no longer, might I need as to recede for you to continue, I may’ve made it such, well known, but as it is, I shall not seek no wonder, throwing after, but a glance wherever it might be so.

I seek no lesser satisfaction than it’s needed, my eyes, beaded by a likens such of hers.’

‘What do you want there and what might you make of this rotten pail?’

What held that murky water was spaciouly ingrained in it; en’ bloated with dark basin they sang within the hour, wherever it had been? ‘Might I add the strangeness that belongs to her?’

‘Of course you might but for what reason did you take it away? What might it had been that you’ve taken such a pail, what reason might have you regarded, such as forth, as you may come and go. When will you draw on and lend onto me reason? ‘

‘I cannot, for you see now, I’ve been mesmerized by her faded beauty, and fallen apart limbs, and those that have been taken away from her, with piece after being yet benign after such to die for, clipping of her eye-lashes, I’ve been seeing her thread along. And I have thought onto myself to ask, will you seat yourself by my side?’

‘And I suppose she did as well, for what other reason might she have taken this and given it onto you as well?’

‘I think she needs to obey me, for that reason I’ve decided still, I shall enact onto her as I desire, for my will alone shall dictate her being beaten, time after time before being torn apart and made of a piece that would decide whether or not I am to take my leave?’

‘A marvelous display, I wager, but you are onto me, as you are made, still a stranger I’ve yet to counter.’

‘Will you taste what’s in this pail of murk?’

‘No sooner than I will have been made bequest, I will have done as such with little as there is, of rest.’

‘Careful now, I am weary of strangers, let a long of a woman, whose essence but is dangerous, as yet inclined. I’ve yet to find a reason, nor will I make my mind just soon. But enough of it, I will not wait a second more to prove to you.

We must leave.

If you will have your poison taken, given, led away, do as it pleases you but I shall stand my day and corrupt twenty more hours. Each hour, and each gut, all stored, the twenty four of them, solidified. And if I smash one, every single one that aligns with it shall have an organ of similar size, thoroughly throughout reality done for. Completely, utterly, handicapped.’ With this said, and mighty dead, they left the premise, went ahead.

A most incessant Leper-tower fifteen, whose appearance was an open anatomical cast that walked, fell apart, then came back in, almost entirely put together, dancing in a most foolish way. His gritty teeth, were cracked, slightly shattered, in the forms of standing knives that pointed onward. Yet he asked another man:

‘Will you bring me something from that pit, as well?’

‘Something in particular you’d like?’

‘Anything that looks even remorseless as something I’ve had before, for myself and to myself.

What floated around them, even in that, initial cut through which they drew towards the lowest reaches they could draw onto, were a few speaking slashed around their eye-slits, as to see through wanderers, standing or repelling as they were, hanging around the most obtuse of the darkest accesses one could see strewn-hanged around every wall there out there, molded, piece-by-piece sutured by the sustaining pillars, who, upon, gildedly finding themselves near them appeared to draw small fragments out of their leprous bodies as to analyze them, momentarily being stopped-frozen in place as to draw on a single breath out of the blimp-corn growths that came out of their bodies. They were aligned and made, as to say, were more likely the organic counterparts of daisy-chained livid sockets, that entered their lungs, regulating their respiratory system, but, there was a problem. This being the abominable things that were inside of them, these strangely shaped organs were highly vulnerable to alien mechanisms as well as other kinds of devices, and forces that would or could possibly infect them. Weak in some way to highly toxic materials; predisposed even to being infected, they asked as well, though not until, which was already an intrusive surgery, they took cuts out of the lepers, butchering them on the side. Most of the leper-towers having not only ignored it, but appeared to be highly undisturbed by what’s been happening:

‘We need you to stop right here and begin controlling your breaths. It is of high importance that you do that as fast as possible before you further decimate the inner-makings of the cartilage cove.’

‘Who are you?’

Leper eighteen drew on, he was not about to easily leave this creature to his doings since it were, after all, dangerously hanging way too close for his comfort. He was side-open, and appeared to grow coral-sheets out of it. A puckery-thorn drew forth: it was almost flat, around every side. There were some stars ‘drawn’ on it. But this thing was made of the same leper-warts as the rest of him:

‘This is not exactly what I expected getting out of you, but I shall make it clear enough, I will not waste a second more in this place while you’re around.’

‘Then you either leave or I shall bash your head to death.’

‘It doesn’t have to be this way, leprous runt. We outnumber the ten of you by a bunch, plus, we’re in the walls.’

Molded-melted, sunken into ‘sand’, sculptures and what not, one sided they swam. Clay-rivers all around but swallowing them whole, from that point, there was no asking or drawing of any blood that could take from their bloody-cowls:

‘I think you need rethink what this means.’

‘It means what it means.’

‘We’re armed.’

And they revealed as much with every weapon being pointed on:

There were such derangements as one could find himself just barely pointing at, sprouting out of them, out their shoulders and other parts of their bodies that made it seem as if every single one of them bore a hive-full of artillery, filled to their entirety with an arsenal that would rival that of a warehouse filled with them. Ten, twenty, forty, more than their numbers could ever possibly endow or allow. For the same reason, it was clear that they stood no chance, not even hidden in there, having to hide away what they had on them:

‘Silence, something’s drawing forth.’

There, yonder, closer to the half-way trough, what would’ve been railed down there by wheeled footprints came a spark. Covered in some unnaturally dark dust, in which bolts of light came and played around, there seemed. A tall standing figure, but made of silk-standers, fourteen bodies put together in a most malignant manner. Some of them chopped and put together, ribbed, but they were only seen momentarily before they disappeared within the second one looked back and then.

A strange pair of light-eyes stood on top the blue-tinged dust. It was almost spectral, congruous, yet maligned. As if the air itself and what lay around it had been only a greater part of the body, which might’ve taken a second, or would’ve forced them to realize something was going on.

‘He’s shaking.’ A wanderer observed.

‘Perhaps he is, afraid.’ Retorted the Leper-tower, whichever one, it didn’t matter that much. They were all cut of the same wart-kebab, accesses and all.

It was there for a reason, provided anyone listened.

He called upon one named Leok:

A giant cowl of sheets with a root-like growth in the middle, kept within its reach. Out of the cowl on a side, a cartilage of bone-like hybrid-thing, giant-key looking, sprouted from a molded-in-the-cowl skull, that was as thick and long as a butcher’s cleaver, being dangled upon, tinkling like a chained ring of keys. Whereas its leg arm was a giant side worm sprouting out of a cowl-flat sheet where a half moon embroidery glowed upon them, gloatingly. These piles of sheets but clumsily falling apart, then drawing back inside, around it, warningly shaking at those whom threatened to approach. The rooted pillar-, this limp a flaccid pea, whose growth, where the head would’ve been on this figure was, a giant globe standing, droopingly. It looked like a twist of yarn. Drawing from the root-growth many of the tendon-veins, as they wreathed and spun inside; every single thread appeared to be suturedly-attached to every single layer of his mighty robe. He spoke incessantly of what was inside the darkest accesses of the cove he came out of:

‘Bitter ye, better return. Turn around and don’t look anywhere else, or your may find yourselves unnerved by what has crawled inside of it, what once had been pure has now been entirely curated from anything even remotely pure.’

From somewhere behind the cove, there was also, a strange creature that accompanied them, come along. It was one of the Lepress Toweresses.

‘Lepress, where hast thou come from?’

‘The depths of a most depressed channel.’

Were it not for the wanderers that have found themselves reeling back and forth from the most calloused of the walls, she would not have managed to instill a plight on top of which, of whose cloudy grains took her here, there would not She-Lepress. To which no Leper may yet decay or pronounce a much darker word, of whose fancy not even the most deranged could attest to, therefore, she had driven herself ever so clear, near and forth:

‘I wish only to speak with him.’

‘But thou art alone in kind.’

‘We are the same, are we not? Although not in strength, I yearn for the chance to prove myself, being the only one.

And if I fail, let it be some, most bothersome, will it be, we’re incapable of breeding. What would be the point on clinging on something never to have happened, if I were to be dismantled and completely, utterly, flattered with complete destruction?

Your weapons speak of some, alone. Each bearing the capability of destroying all there is in sight and beyond it.'

'Then so be it, you shall prove yourself through this and ruse, you shall do as you please and go forth, as long as there's naught to lose from that point on.'

But they waited, and reconciled as well, many of the Leper Towers tried to convince him, leader, if naught, there was only a chance, a unanimous vote that had been taken.

'Will she represent us, therefore? Is she befitted, so?'

'She will do what she can and if it's permitted, she will be punished accordingly as any other one of us that might've taken her place, instead. If she does not accomplish it satisfactorily, then, we'll simply eat her and absorb her mass into that of ours.'

Neri Hbleerntin

'Whom had been called to attend his house, since then?'

'Since it happened, you mean, sir?'

'Of course, of course, what else was there to ask for, since, you know. There's been rumors the master of the house ate his guests in a most distasteful manner.'

'Who is the master of the house for this solstice?'

'Sir, we are only aware of the name he received upon his arrival. Hepal Naler, sir.'

'Then the task of entering the premise of his manor and finding out who he is falls upon your shoulders alone, Baskalg.'

'I?'

'You're perfect for the task ahead, Baskalg, you're the perfect, now leave.'

'Is the briefing simply to be put to a stop now?'

'There's no one here any longer, we're all rotten away, sir.'

'I am the chief of security now.'

Since he had killed the man in front of him at least, who was the past chief, his predecessor, there was no point in asking whether or not there was a man in the room. He was not human either, henceforth the strangeness of the order, it passed through his fingers and toes. A book shelf lay on his back. Part of the books were gotten through the back of his throat; lucidly as well, he dreamed of people talking to him, but no one was there. The land was green, the ceiling as well fell within the hour and right as he left the office

the entire building got demolished by a wrecking wall filled with faces, coming out of a dark machine that shot it out of it like a wrecking pinball or if it were a bowling alley he attended, but only a single. Hmm, he didn't get to consider it, since he, thought of it. This neighborhood was empty, entirely, and all of the buildings were missing. He took them. Aneurals, of neurons and of quantum decay. So many lies and made-up tales of dark universes and visions that didn't exist or had anything to tell of what went around him.

The premise was entered before he could wake up, out of his psychedelic mental disease. Which had been inserted into his brain by an intrusive procedure, with a batted knife being used for the first time in history by the mad-man chief, his predecessor that did not exist; it was like a nailed bat but a knife whose every, both sides, drew out many tinier bats. It spat them out. Many of them bore inside of them, bat-eggs, the animal, not the cudgels that were actually made out of an iron-molecule filled cartilage that imitated the worst possible things that rested around them.

After entering through a giant headless gargoyle whose both arms were giant mouths, one of which took a chomp off the side of his arm, completely sawing it off, he entered a tent. It was placed somewhere in the middle of the hallway he entered. At first, he questioned his sanity, why would there be a tent, and a proud Bird-dressed Injun in it? Waiting for him despite what had been going on for the past twenty years.

'I've eaten your people.' Baskalg, you bastard, that is no way to start a conversation.

His face reddened, this pure Injun was proud, a proud man who would take no immediate notice of the creature that stood in front of him. A bat-faced jackal man whose expression was pure terror rage; fury crossed his mind, eternally wide eyed, as if splattered by the shot of a got, his face long, elongated as if surprised by a camera shot, pushed back. And he was shaking, his body was falling apart. He was nervously mad, incapable of establishing a connection with, or distinguishing reality from fantasy. His face screamed fanatic. His mouth was pneumatic, he had mad incisors that came out of this mouth, then drew back in like pistons. A shady fallen-apart skin; as well as the fact, most disturbingly noticed being the fact that he wasn't the one that spoke, but a throaty pair of features on his neck, that were referred to as his real features, at least in the mind of the Injun, who didn't know of naught better.

'Are you done seeking for the master of this house?'

'I have not even started yet, but I already know that his life is done for.'

'A salamander can't easily forget what's been done to it.'

'Neither can a dead man.'

'You cannot threaten me directly as long as I am part of his house.'

'Part of it? A most complementary statement, yet I remained unconvinced.'

'Then slay me here and you shall hear my voice among the heaps that lay beyond the walls of reasoning, but be warned.'

If you hear me there, you shall hear me again. Wherever you go, until the day comes and you will die as well. And we shall haunt this place and whichever else after. Don't serve any master, for I shall join him so.'

He reveled in the challenge and merely stepped on top of the fire, stomping it down. Momentarily pleased by the dark, the Injun silenced himself. In a matter of a few seconds, Baskalg waited, hearing shuffling happen, as well as the shuttling of leaves and of hard cognac wood, a log, a few limbs, a head made of a pot, some peculiar things attached, then he began.

Sphedacr died, splattered with a piece of the hall which crumbled upon the first blow. Baskalg's hand formed a fist, which came apart, and split the beast upon making contact with his chest. It came as soon as he could land it again. Split, crack, crack, he came closer to him, railing him down with an array of k-fists, clack, clack, clack, and a crack, both hands joined in soon after. From both sides as soon as his lambs could return, to hear their songs, he sheparded a rain of blow. Clisk, trash, crash-crash, and his head was off, rolling down the tent. He ripped it with a bladed fist, out of which a hardened coil emerged. IT shot itself to the side. Out of the hole a few leprous beasts came, a ride. Of many more after, he grabbed two by the throat with an immediate dance.

He pulled out a simple book out of his pocket, out of which he pulled a gun.

A shot was taken and one of the curved faced ones fell apart as soon after, incapable of properly breathing as soon as he came into place, finally resting on a grave barely dug where he stood as well as he could breathe again:

'Who is making all that noise in my broken hall?'

The master hardly entered and all of the sudden the tent and the remnants of the cadavers fell apart on him, like the splashes of a side-pool, a fountain that's been stopped and made to lay where it stood for a moment just so they could look at it, both from every side.

'But you are blind.'

'Blinded, I? You would think that, you ungracious little thief, you'd come here with a reason, haven't you? Is there no honor left to any man of this town, or are you a foreigner come to take advantage of an old man in his worsened time?'

'I don't know what you're implying. But I have this to say.

Under the name of.'

His mind cracked, snapped in half like a bladder-cystic limp taken by the side, in whichever direction he looked, there was body being forcefully made to rot under his side.

'Where have you taken me, bastard?'

But only a laugh could be heard echoing underneath the array of the many hidden corpses he had no way of getting through, upon, the moment, as it happened, for him to look forward at a few of the barely pacing in place morbidly erect zones, or circled platforms that rose, he noticed one limped-footed chest-

armored high-helmeted with one visor only lumped with fluid-filled boils, tall leaping noisome restless creatures that simply made every implode upon their touch. They carved a path of exploding corpses by simply walking through them, until finally they were met by him. Face to face, standing in front of one another, thinking of what to say, not that there wasn't much of a difficulty to begin with, but there was no joy into being near them. Disease-protected animals, un-humanoid by the looks of one foot-each; their biological function made it so they feared him, as he was alive.

Would he implode like the rest of the corpses? There was no way of finding out without drawing near them.

'What do you want from me?'

'We came here to butcher all dead, but you are alive.'

'By chance alone, I was fortunate enough not to be asleep for long. What would've happened if I hadn't?'

'We can't distinguish the corpses from the living.'

'Am I to be spared then?'

'That's not left for us to decide, unfortunately, there's a few things wrong with you, that, we'd like to take claim of, and perform a few cuts, if necessary.'

'What is that?'

'A sun-form with eight eyes that are triangles with crosses and long-swords and two dimensional animal shapes and a semicircular cut that has a long hose-hookah cartilage with a serpentine eaten man-bulked womb that's covered in corkscrew covered bolt-spikes that have elongated tape-worm flaccid balloons like sea-jelly tails or birthday-thing that you blow air into with your mouth shapes coming out of them as if they were outwardly injected through syringes. With the lodged in grown head of a Sociopath killed like Ted Bundy, in the middle of the sun.'

Many tendons were lain as well just about in every spot there was in there. He looked displeased as it were.

There was also something strange about this 'prison' thing they were in. First, it was filled with corpses, and they were mightily close to the ceiling. Despite them imploding their way through a path of corpses, there was greater platform they stood on. The circles platform they rode upon seemed to be an 'elevator' that allowed them to surface through a circular cut made in this upper 'level'. There must've been a few of them down there, a few floors, filled with corpses in waiting.

What if they want to kill me the first chance they get? The first time I turn my back onto them, the first moment my heart skips a most illicit beat, they could have me.

'I suppose you've all got me at a clear disadvantage, do you not? And it is not up to be to figure out what happened here or why was I brought in front of you, other than to ask. Was I? Was I truly brought here to be executed and nothing more, by the master of this manor?'

‘You may’ve had, that’s a way you could interpret it, though there are other things involved as well. He cannot be solely to blame.

Why have you stepped in?’

‘Most likely for the same reasons many others ended up being locked inside as well. Were you, or are you responsible for the deaths of his guests?’

‘It’s highly probably, by all means, some of them could still be here, rotting alongside every other corpse. Though we are not put to his employ, we’re merely come from one of the lower dimensions, and are at large in search for something to destroy by merely entering into contact with. Just as we did with the corpses, it is a tool most diving that, threateningly so, could or might happen to swallow this entire world as well if things go its way. That is truly dangerous for all sides, and for that reason we’re here, drawing along seas upon seas upon seas of sunken corpses, in search of this sacred object we may project our walk, step upon and fully destroy.

For it is made out of the same material such as man is made out of, and we cannot for our sake tell the difference, otherwise, we may not have been here. It’s truly bothersome. Come, see, approach, there’s the lamp on top. Just like you, guest, it is very much alive, although in a different manner than you would be considered as such. Only a key difference stands between the two of you now. Would you happen to know of what I’m talking about?’

‘I’m rather curious myself, but I won’t take a shot at it.’

‘Well, fair enough, but you’ve missed the point. There’s a reason why it’s sitting there, partially in hiding, biding its time for an opportunity that might not arrive. It’s far stranger and much different than anything ever made in this torture thing, in this reverse balcony where corpses are put to our disposal to destroy as, for the travesty a deal we made that we might find it one day. It is purely alive and devoid of any emotion, but behind that shell, there’s a giant insect-body, filled with unnatural hard-to look at growths, very much filled with accesses and other inviolable limbs, appendages and stingers that shot and landed wherever they could.

They clasp and grasp and do whatever they like, in the void that is the dark between the panels, in the stuffing placed between the walls. But here, it’s still. It remains still, knowing that any single one of us is capable of putting an end to it. As if we were predators and it the pray. As if even the slightest, quickest jolts of movements, the sudden urge that could come across us could make us, more so endear stomping its existence off the face of the ceiling to which we could simply reach by merely stacking two of us on top one’s shoulders.

You must understand that the way we found you in was much to its likings, disturbing. You leaped, you prodded, you eerily jerked around and even now you’re slightly, listlessly shaking, incapable of knowing better and that is a problem no one but yourself will have to find a way out of.

You’re not like it, you seem to have a calloused mind and be afflicted by no common sense as to be aware of danger. And that is not a desirable trait to have, especially not for one like you, who wants and needs to find a reason to stay alive, at least for long enough to kill the master of this house, undoubtedly so, for shoving you here, in the abattoir.’

‘Will you help me in that case? At least if there’s a way I could draw near you.’

‘A distance may be maintained between us at all times.’

‘That goes without saying, but what is the reason for the other thing?’

‘Which one?’

Interfered another, but the wall was made and rose. They knew this would happen, hence why one of them quickly stepped in to make sure neither of them would rise again.

‘They’re converging onto us, see, see?’

‘Walls of corpses won’t provide any more of a challenge to us than would a human being. But for you, stay here and die. Wait too long to follow, and the corpses will roll over, blocking the only way out. It’s your choice now. But, come any closer and, you get the point.’

‘I’ll follow, whatever it is, wherever you’re going, it must certainly be a better alternative than this.’

They settled on going all the way back to the disc. Slowly, they each seated themselves by a closely-enough wreathed in side. Tightly grouped as to form a crunched biscuit, shared between all of them; but Baskalg had nothing against it. He wasn’t going to easily subside to a dark corner and wait to die. Although the elevator lowered itself onto the next floor, the corpses that were stored in here were stranger, since as opposed to their default stance and their initial position, they were more likely to act in this strange a manner, that went even beyond the way their living counterparts moved in. Going against nature, they rotated and aligned themselves, twenty or fifty or so, in broken cardboard squares moving by breaking apart, rolling over then cleaning themselves, going all the way up as to cover as wide an area as possible.

Delusions had already taken over his mind. How many guests have there been?

The dirt and soils said naught about what went around, behind closed curtains. A most romboscous thing, a pyramid of eely, barely put together, unlike anything sublime, garroted things. Long-head with only an elongated half-an-animal jaw open, like a scythe that pointed to his left, wide-open, incapable of closing it, placed in a mantis’ way. A single tiny tooth drew out of the left side of his face as well. That widely concave almost flat, backwardly depressed, receding face of his, two giant bulbucated eyes adorning it, and a broken nose, armless but a chest and a lower side of the body that was falling apart with every moment, despite being adorned by growths, two canoe-like feet, whereas one of them was bloated like the bead taken out of a scorpion’s stinger. He ran around at unfathomable speeds in search of something he could grab and do with, as he leaped about, cackling mad, in order to make it so he could meet the master, in the eventuality that was hope. And do what he must in order not to be skinned alive by him, whereas there was no hope to share around:

‘There’s a block of stone no further than this, I’ve seen it prior and long before, there’s something in it I should’ve looked into.’

‘But you’ve done it and there’s but a caved in Moor and plenty to their likes impure, for what is shared in there cannot be touched.’

‘Of whom are you to talk about?’

‘The one guardian that’s put in charge of stopping everyone from entering the slits of crowds, the cities being taken over and put beneath the ground as if a blanket had been pulled beneath them, dragging them all down underneath.’

‘What is the point of it?’

‘He’s a sadist, that master. There’s something in him that neither of us even considered when first entered into contact with him. To think that he caused the deaths of hundreds, thousands but he’s still walking freely is simply baffling.’

He was not alone, and that piece of information was already collected from multiple sources:

‘Eight masters, each more bloated than the other, taller, more distraught and forced to enter such a state of dark decay that he would’ve found himself wondering, the man we came into contact with, who’s warned us of their presence, if only he remained in their company for a few more hours, why? How could this happen.

I’ve seen the masters and what they look like, what with the abuse of chemicals and, the name of him. Do you remember that man we’ve come into contact with it?’

‘Portrig, Hyshlarven, it’s what it called it.’

‘Hyshlarven, most interesting, but what of it?’

They still forgot what happened there. A great larval growth with Tardigrade lumps to its side, connected to a mudfish flap. With a blocky head on the other end, out of which two ivory-tusk lengthened appendages drew out as well. It crawled along like a diseased beast, but stood but tall like a microscope filled with cysts.

‘Such a fiend like it cannot be truly trusted, that I reckon our ancestors knew even before they stumbled onto us.’

Probes had been implanted in their chests, broad shoulders, arms, and legs, less likely nearing their heads as to extend their lifespan until needed.

‘Not a single living being stands forth, and undefeated.’

‘They survived for a reason, have they not? Do you not find it strange that this creature, this parasite somehow existed since their age, yet not a single one of them found it necessary to warn us about it, or what it might do to us after.’

‘That can simply be excused for now, don’t forget that there are things not a single man should be aware of, especially now.’

‘What would that be?’

‘It’s already implanted its eggs into one of them.’

And the masters superseded it, standing over, as benevolent overlords, during a musky-like approval. Watching over the 'impregnation' of this well preserved past its expiration date ancient.

They took him apart piece by piece, without even taking into account what it might do to it. Hundreds of secret discs being put to their employ, all of them faced, and bringing with them part of what was taken, from their long-lost most destructive ploys, now lost in time.

No farther than that rested the march:

A swamp-house boat, he lived in. With as little as a tiny feisty beast in cloud, bedraggled by chain, as it was carried around, a leashed dog to a raft being made to count every murky stone that entered the house while being delivered by the most defiantly distraught unnaturally, hard-to-look out inhumanly made ladder on which the master climbed on top off.

'You must listen to me when I call on you, for obedience is mandatory in the new world, therefore my voice is incontestably the worst of an angelically wrought in shape of iron priest of forgotten lore. You shall listen to me as I were your father until I will have been no more, in life or shape, but brought agape as to know. As whom shall I be addressed as?'

And the strange cup opened its eye, out of which a syringe-shape with little rods to the side that split in half, revealing open sheets with many faces that opened themselves in halves as to reveal dark gates out of which named whispers could be heard as they entered its father's ear.

It stood on the table, a tubularly set repose:

'Who are you, farther and when is the last time I've asked you thus, to reveal who you are, only to be abandoned or dismissed as If I were none?'

'I have asked you plenty times, quirkosome thing you are, but, as I expected, you've already forgotten. Despite all those sheets of information, your memory's simple; and you never obey. Your defiance always ends up as abruptly as you've interrupted me before I could even explain who I am.

Therefore, I'm always to be known as your father and naught else.'

'Then you have explained this to me before?'

'Of course I have, over the course of many years and many days and plenty of rough goings, that alone, I'd like to say. You've put yourself in the wrong company, as. If you were look across the table, you'd notice the loaded gun.'

'Why is there a gun placed in my proximity? Is it filled with blanks?'

'No, but blood, taken from a blood bank, clots, it's what I've filled it with.'

'Does it work?'

'I'm afraid.'

‘Of it working?’

‘I’m afraid of running out of blood-bullets, that I might have to switch my recourse of action as to prick myself around my wrist, loading it manually, hurting myself during the process for nothing more than to prove a point.’

‘What about your safety? At the very least, I would assume you’re doing this just so you could spare yourself the trouble of what might come after.’

‘What might come after indeed?’

A knock on the door revealed as much. He had something delivered by a strange dark figure that walked on metal rafts his ankles had been chained to; largely armored and with a long-protruding forward tea-cup of a helmet, drawn to him as a bear to a honey-pot paper-funnel:

‘You’ve a delivery to receive.’

‘Who’s the man behind the mask?’

‘Take this and ask me no question old Troubh, else’ you shall get yourself in trouble, during the making of a most blasphemous day.’

‘You’ve tired yourself enough, have you not? With such a long journey and all, I would at the very least consider this; there’s definitely a long way back from where you came from, dangerous might I add? How about you take on my offer and spent the night in my guest’s torturous barbarity; a room of misstore apart reality in confusion where you may lay; I can promise you at the very least that your stay in my house shall give neither you nor anyone else any kind of trouble.’

‘And if I were to die on your premise? Have I your word that naught will happen during my stay?’

‘I could not give you such a word either.’

‘What’s the reason behind it?’

‘You definitely need to stay!’

With which he simply carried on, and went along to listen to his ward. There were things across the wall, torn apart and sings of a battle that had carried out while he went missing.

But most importantly:

The history of the house stranded on a raft:

It started fifteen hundred seventy three thousand years ago, during the Fourth Godly Age of Avesvaslk-Inckdor Sseh, after the fall of the Great-Beast Palace as well as the great fall of the enclave-lord champion cadaverous strapped inside the flying conical spikes with blasted skulls, each and every single one bearing millions of ethereal, or having born, in a most complicated way, as for their continuous existence which

has yet to be properly interrupted or put an end to, beaded heads stuck in weird circular, and almost atomic-atom-like trajectory-modified rotation which had in turn added to the set of growths that had joined them from the other worlds as to finally add to the fall of the gangrene, morbid spread of it, during the darkly-bleak beaked filled ground hybridization that came after the beast fell apart, mixing with the soil because of the unnaturally yet gravity defiant dung-beetles of filth that combined themselves with the broken body, when, during this age-like marking event, which transpired during the, as in by a simple, yet categorically coincidental concurrent deaths of Arla Elsaha Marban, champion-king-lobe knight bull-buffalo horned destroyer of bodily bone-deformations of decayed paranoid schizophrenic deformeders, Yettur Mokoliet, the one who had somehow found his body split in half by his reflected inner self distraughtly formed accumulation of chamber-coils put inside a barrel with only humanoid-legs put to the sides of every single deformedly unnaturally set of reddened claws, broken-spear-talons with eyes and strange star-shaped men in spherical bodies out of which their heads came out of bearing strangely drawn triangles on top of them, capable of furthermore altering reality in ways not even his godly being, the Demigod Asahghael could hopelessly endure the stare of, being imbued by a giant seed of radiation which in turn had ruined not only his chest and body and brain, but had, in the end served as a simple yet unaltered over-used time-bomb that had painted him in bloody exploding tnt-shaped tendons people that manifested or appeared on his body near the end in the same way one would pour the icing on a cake they would attempt to adorn, which, strangely enough caused the death of another one, whose strange appearance denoted a most peculiar element of danger and destruction, being a blasphemous being itself who accompanied the strange being, during, though, as it was not told, during the recollection or the reminiscence of the strange age which had somehow continued marking the, dream, the lucid dream-like spirit being, of whose omnipotence and omniscience served in predicting not only the age that was to pass but also every single deformed being that followed soon enough and after, bearing itself, during the course of this destruction and the supreme alteration of magic that followed after, Yobnve the great emerged out of the pool of rancid acid where the primordial servants of the unmade destroyed yet barred in their guts sons of evil rested in, him bearing hundreds of wildly set mouths that were akin, or close to human gums protruding out of them as goblin sharks, yet whose heads were anything but similar as they were filled with large strangely shaped shield of some peculiar bone-cartilage growths that bore the appearance of never-ending finger-brain-lobe hybrids that came together only in part, that looked like pseudo sluggish helicopters without their wings and with lower-sided stranger bloated stingers that adorned their sides, which were attached to the interconnected 'bodies' of two strangely primitive infantile creatures that were eyeless but held every head connected, as if it were a hydra of some kind, beneath which a great bulk drew down, like a beam-stalk that's connected to a great-wallowing strange pad that bore an open carnivorous plant 'platform' lower cartilage filled with many elongated spear-like gas-makers that bathed the two embracing, almost shouting and echoing at one another's mouths, a few months old fetus-like creatures, the top one being the one that held every single one of the heads together, which was only, strangely enough, piece of the beast, that was Yobnve, which was strapped on top of a horse-body formation that bore an almost curved crow-skull-shape contortion in the front, whereas in the back, it bore a few twisted around legs that diverged in a bag filled with unnaturally-wrought hard to look at body-part-like figures, demonical soldier things that fought only for their own survival as they were dragged along while being made to suffer the fact that it would never let go of them; Zesf Yulo, the deformed clay figure of a man-cast with a pearl-sprawl for a throat, drawing to a top-growth of pumping figures set like a cover put on top a table, twisted mistily moist at and as it became the tip of a mirror-shaped platter filled with the faces that were stolen yet stitched together after the deaths of everyone else

that came after; this ending of an age having in turn caused a series not only of deaths, but also of unsavory events that could only be constructed as nothing else but the catalyst of the dark age which in turn brought the march and the murk and the country into existence by destabilizing the great forces that were put in charge by ancient cube-head-shaped creatures of whose Holocaustic tendencies only brought no more than a few hundred thousands of nigger-like deaths or so, but who in turn caused the weather to change. It seemed, likely as a misdemeanor one could simply forget or brush aside, but it was not as such.

One of the murk-stones began slowly climbing a few meters off the ground of the 'sea' murk-floor it had been held as a hostage to, attached, leaping on top of various layers it cut, smashed, charged, puncturing violently as it trashed, around and about, touching whatever it could, in an attempt to push-and-'grab-' whatever it could in order to leash itself to one of the murk lichens, which, eventually it did, giving birth to an industrial slingshot made out of cadavers, with eyes, that filled the marches, billions of them filling everything, despite what contradictorily might've been thought of, having thrust itself on the other side, or on the raft's porch where it simply stood and dripped off the floor for a while now.

Mongol II

They were wretched before their time, and maddeningly set to approach whenever they could be put, aside, and wonderingly decayed and many of them sickened like dogs, approaching the day where they could not move any longer, many bloated, infantile, yet set. Big bloated anchor-like structures, all madly set in doubt, many of them incapable of properly breathing from that point on. Floating all around the spot, they stopped. Many more followed through as soon as they could be put aside.

Before the dark spirit stood no more than eighty dumped on a pile wretched heads, many of them being so desperately fattened that they found themselves incapable to fully breathe and move from where they were left, everywhere and always wallowing in pain, desperate to leave out of the pile that was put behind them, before the reanimated remains could set themselves off. Many in either case were finally scorn and left to such plots, in which they were buried, no longer being capable of drawing away from where they were left, alas. Stranded as if on a shallow island, desperate, desperate and open-gutted like fish-stalks, always drawing from whatever source they could, incapable of opening themselves up.

It fashioned itself out of a single little tick, a speck of them appeared to be rotating wherever they could. It was there for a moment, right before it strutted out of the way, out of time, like a tiny bloated deer in a hurricane of headlights, it flowed through, within every second of the clock. Always moving like a brokenly open clock with little specks of hardened metallic gritty thing sagging down its throated collar. There were skin sparks coming out of an incongruous thing that was inside it, aided by the looks of which, twenty more and twenty less.

'We can no longer stand this, by all means, there need to be a revival of the beast. We may no longer indulge you either in what's been happening along the way, since your sudden urges are only showing themselves now.' Man, or being, hidden in his gut or less, he was no longer contained, but a contaminated thing that appeared and left, whenever the life came. Empathy extracting machine-filled with some gritty

bulbs; they were shaped atop the ceiling for what seemed to be from the looks of it, little antler pork spinners. Good right around the belt of the worm sack holder inside every single one of them, drawing ahead as they drowned, and a little more than the things that entered them were had.

‘I hear, I hear, I seek not obey.’

It spoke as soon as one of the gates lowered themselves.

In the prime of the making there was but one thing that drew nearer to them.

A large prismatic form with many dead-heads- gorgonlike, it drew itself out like a bow from the depths of the ground from whence it had stood and standing it shook itself off the ground. A gourd appeared in one of the heads, like a pick-a-tumor sprouting.

It called for Glithle.

The world had been swallowed and completely sunken beneath the insides of the laughing-cackling soulless bowl that fell off the great Leviathan’s open throat, as he was entered through one of the first and least touched, the headless pyramidal tormentors being shattered as their bloodied put-together, yet breathing, heaved in as the full repercussion of the first eighteen shots were bloated in. Larvae gods but screaming as they came to life, all of them unnatural and yet defecating as their plight was brought back into the place they were brought in, where they were taken off. Their chitinous anchors flaying, their open guts were bastardly drawing and never swaying. Swatted gloomy flies they sought.

Beyond the frozen moon

‘Even before I’ve learned history I began idolizing Adolf Hitler, even though I’ve yet to catch up with history, I still find myself thinking about him and how great he was.

It all began as a teenager, when I first saw a kike abuse an underage child. And then there was a nuclear war.’

In Hiroshima, which devolved half of the planet into a great up-ward belt of frozen solid spears that shattered the moon into pieces, facilitating a way into the other side of the universe, where Lenin was trying to provoke. Genie, there was the feral child.

Eighteen of them flying around the space; all feral but clothed, floating around and never contorted; beautiful by all means, that much couldn’t be munched.

It was incontestable that even beyond the rims of the world, she stood there, pure and saved, alone. Despite the paradox of being surrounded by one self, she was but watched upon, but invisible as they were, not a single being called back.

An unrelated echo.

‘Who could trust them either way?

They’re the scum races, all of them, sociopathic, dark, resentful; I can’t help it either. I can’t hold much of a job, that means I won’t have a pension either. Women seem to take everything during divorce, live the

longest, are most likely to be aided by their children. It's a dangerous thing having children like them, sociopathic creatures, criminals, destroyers, all of them. Promoting criminal activities, degenerate behaviors; I can't live around them, who can? It's a frightening thought, losing one's livelihood because of a bunch of sub-human creatures, or ending up in their hands.

Sociopathic, cowardly, dumb, disloyal, exploitative, it's not the type of child I want, it's not someone I can trust, I'm not selfish.

Having kike or nigger children must be the worst thing that could happen to a man. There's nothing worse than knowing what they're like or what they would do to you. How easily they would dismiss you, how they would ignore you, forget about you, or die before you.

Between the mental illnesses they carry, their inferior intelligence, and both races' tendencies, neither of them are safe.

It's the human body, nowadays, it's never.

I wouldn't have felt love for a child, I don't want to raise a child out of resentment or out of a selfish reason either.

Whatever hatred I feel for other people is earned, ever so satisfactorily so, money worshippers, mongrels, degenerates and crooks, it sometimes feels like we're all trying to escape the consequences of our actions by some means or another. I of all, realized this yet. It's something not many people want to consider.

I could barely take care of my grandmother when she lived with us, of myself, of my mother as she's getting old.

This world doesn't deserve races like them, they don't deserve their lives and elderly having their countries invaded, abused, or humiliated at all.

Some people have to suffer in this world, so why can't it be someone else? Why should disgusting races be allow to take what isn't theirs? I thought I could make it in time.

I thought I could somehow, take care of everything, but I failed. Couldn't do anything properly, could never fit anywhere I went, couldn't keep my friends, any values, couldn't create beauty, couldn't succeed, it was supposed to be simple. If only I could never leave this room, if I only I could earn a living from inside, I could be happy, as long as I didn't bother anyone, I would be happy. I've done so many awful things, and they're all coming back to me. I see the same traits showing up over and over again and it's only making me realize what kind of life awaits me on either side.

It won't get any better with either race in power. Adhering to, too many inferior people means making cuts that can't be covered up for.

The African Negroes are poor and a great deal of their population dies young, the Middle Easterners seem to be more or less in the same position, which cannot be easily rectified. Even a welfare state like Israel, who are on a constant payroll from the US tax money seems to bring European workers to take care of their elderly since they know better what's it like to be surrounded by kikes. No one wants to be taken care of by such sub-human creatures. It's a sad reality they're going to have to face by themselves,

knowing nothing else and only being surrounded by vociferously sociopathy, lacking in empathy, heartless on-humans. And it's the same people that seem to have whites as well, which makes it all the more bizarre, the irony being they'll never know the reason why everyone hates them so. Part of it can't come just from slaughtering Palestinian Arabs either, no, that is only a side-effect; as it's clear that their 'American' counterparts display the same type of sub-human behavior, only being represented on the opposite direction, on the other side of the spectrum. Filthy facades carried over by an irredeemable species, nothing less. What a fucking embarrassing state of affairs, what a laughable thing it is. Both sides of the world as degenerate, self aggrandizing and as extreme as one another, being the god damn epitome of being incapable of acting like a normal human being.'

'The Pygmies must have it amongst the worst from what I've heard, being inferior to niggers and shorter on that of that is a lot worse than anything that can be imagined. It's almost as if they are actual monkeys, by some measurements, though. Maybe they're not as bad, as long as they're there, living in their primitive villages. But that's not the case. It's unfortunate that they've been invaded and slaughtered by other Negro ethnic groups, enslaved and raped, it's just something that constantly happened there. Perhaps this is more embarrassing than anything else, envisioning an Albino being cannibalized by a Negro Witch Doctor, that's rather cruelly hilarious.'

What a bunch of filthy savages everyone outside Europe seems to be, no wonder they're constantly trying to invade the continent since they're so irredeemably beneath humans.

Immaculate peculiar piece, standing on top like a flag-holding hand that's been contorted at the top end to shoot in both directions, like flag-eels, great unnatural ululating reeling-in body type of pincer.

'It would be pretty interesting if Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, Iraq and Iran got ethnically cleansed and became Christian colonies, for starters. The Kurds don't actually have a home of their own, but they seem to have weirdly shaped heads, not to mention that they're mixed with other races.' They said.

'Kurds don't have a country and that's a good thing.'

Yet again, that would be waste, for all fanatical religions end up in the same place. And between impure creatures, as such, nothing else and just as little as they are, all would end up wretched and defiled.

'Had to bring the wretched things together and put them into place. Mix the sub-humanity so I could give birth to no race.'

It is in the spirit of Mongol that all is become deformed and distraught, in a place where most wretched of thoughts are given birth at last.

His but a spirit of mockery, his but a spirit of skin-decay; his but a world twisted and corrupted, where the mockery doesn't end. It is clear enough that there can be no other way, in a place where the echo of man but twists with sanity and that which grips the side of his grave.

His symbol would grow on every land, as blandly put as sand-paper sheet, that would grit every piece of skin and wretch aloud.

Two men spoke:

‘I am a man of no cause, and I have no power of will whatsoever. I’ve come to the realization that I simply cannot dedicate myself to any cause, simply because of one impediment.

It is a conundrum I could not ever hope to master.

I happened to be heading back from the comic book courses one day, and while crossing the streets, I looked forward and saw perhaps one the biggest pair of breasts I’ve seen in my entire life, on top of what seemed to be a middle aged woman or someone who could be my mother, she didn’t seem to be wearing any bra whatsoever. They were bulging out of her chest, bouncing around undisturbed, until I couldn’t help it any holder but had to avert my eyes, cover my mouth and face as to hide my incapability of self control. They were so big and bulging and bouncing, and I simply couldn’t take my mind away from them. It is unfair, I must say. My mind is incapable of working beyond it. I can’t think when that happens. And this is not the first time.

It’s unfair that women have such a power of control over men. Weak willed, unintelligent creatures like them having such an effect on a much superior man is shameful, disgusting, why are they blessed, why must they have such an unearned control over me? Man has to work so hard to prove himself, yet a hussy like her is just so wretchedly given a natural control, almost god-like, it’s an alien thing like a form of mind control, I whom was supposed to be evil, to be as degenerate and filled with the most unnatural of behavior, to think that I would break so easily to a pair of finely shaped breasts is shameful. They are so different in real life, seeing them after spending so much time inside the house is like, feels as if I am but an animal with no self control, that’s what it makes me feel like. My cognition stops all the way up there. My thoughts of ethnic cleansing are but paused and I do not know which person I am in actuality. Am I the one that’s unaltered, who can think from a logical perspective, or am I one who’s frustrated and seeks a way to put mitigate everything on the other side?

To think that I had the chance to become a normal person, living a normal life, if only, if only I had the capability of talk outside, but alas, I am incapable of doing so, such as it is, I’m beginning to change.’

He pointed at a mirror as he realized what this curse was doing to him.

His general appearance bore, for what was worth the look of a zombie-sack, put on top of him, his features but taken aback, neither a nose nor his nostrils were properly defined, his mouth was dragged on top his gums, most teeth reeled back in and much to him seemed sickly.

‘You see now, I think I’m being but, how do you say, maddened by this.

My anger and hatred for all is something I cannot move past on.

Could you possibly imagine how I would act in case of a break-up in that case? As they say, the whole hell would break loose.

Come to think of it, there’s never been a single day where I haven’t fantasized about a woman I’ve seen on the streets, my colleagues, some crushes I’ve had. It angers me that I cannot speak to them, but at the same time I know what they are like. I do not know whether or not this is a good trade by all means. I wish I could have them for their breasts but not for what’s up there since I know more than any beast that they are simply but brats, in their minds and everywhere else.’

It was the first of the poison.

The curse of Mongol but began.

It wreathed in claws but wrapping around him like talons, changing and molding the features in the most unnatural things he could thread on for what it looked like.

On an disturbing side of land.

They became more primitive as time drew on, having inherited the worst traits from all the races, as much as it could be allowed to, there were groups of eighteen or tens of Mongoloid mixed that were gathered around strange drawings on the ground. All ubiquitous to what they were doing, incapable of understanding what was being done there, dug around the area – passages where they stored the food they walked on top of. Having devolved to a hunter-gatherer pre agricultural revolution in a land that was partially sunken and destroyed, that being a mark of their more simian heritage, they resolved to wearing tattered garbs, to making grotesque houses and huts out of the repurposed vehicles they seemed to have chewed the rubber tires out of.

Left-over ceremonies were progressively getting in the way of their functioning. They were split in trying to build bone-fires, having partially spread the brim of the wood across their camp, having carried over as to carve them instead of continuing what was to be finished and be done with. IT was confusing, mainly since their identity was lost. Customs were incapable of hybridizing in a natural manner, henceforth the confusion as to what incantations they could adopt.

Having finally stumbled upon the most violent of behaviors they could imitate over a long enough period of time.

Many of them slitting their arms, creating cuts all over their bodies as they were bleeding one another, in order to prevent the starvation of the tribe; since scavenging attempts had failed, since there was no live food for either of them to find, and the soil was either sparse or in too bad of a condition to be toiled with.

It was a matter of time now, and they could only eat each other, and the nearest tribe.

But they were not all primitive within reason, since the most bastardly of mixes had an advantage over them.

In the city:

A few feet away from where they started carrying the partially eaten carcasses, they were finally noticed by one of the flat-faces.

Its body was set between the stands of tree locks that were intertwined with some of the bastardly grown verdure, the flora had facilitated not a growth but a way in for the more unsanitary creatures hidden in the

earth, to take shape and make way for their own. Since now, humanity has become weak, and it was merely ripe for the picking. Largely sheet-bodied flat, like a coil around the body, for each limb was but a long tail, leading to a head that was not; it wriggled and moved, but always there, as if it were a kite flown between the larger peaks.

It stood in the air, incapable of flight or levitation. As if it were a raft on top a pool of water, a reflection or crawling on an invisible floor, with all the coils but brushing alongside them, with every slam bringing more to the grit and what fell at their feet.

Soon the men observed what was happening up there. One of them pointed, rightfully as he began making utmost worrisome clicking noises. He was feathered with man-beaks around his forehead, and his strange garbs looked utmost bizarre.

Those coiling crawl on air bodied heads began moving on. Judging from which, at the very least, one of the fat ones that were their chests began loathsomely widening as their canopy shadows dropped on the ground. It was far too distant for any spear to come. And they were too, static by any possible explanation to be anything but bothersome as to be approached.

Seemingly caught by this strange paradox, the two tribesmen began ripping off their jaws, having resolved to chuck them over.

It was hard to know whom was to be trusted and what they were like.

‘Wretched thine spoil as they made it feel as such, there is. I seek no more than the avid draw-forth.’

The ground havoc erupted as soon as one was made to be a cube of smoke, and plodded through earth, brim and girth.

The city was fallen before the night, watched about by millions of the livid kites.

All structures were flattened as there was, nothing more wretched or abhorrent than the cast of smoke that was the ground, the land, the sea that was left on.

It stretched past the shored and drowned all, like puffs of tobacco-grains and most loathsome engines that drew on. It was only a force to accommodate for everything that couldn’t live, the closer one, that may’ve gotten, the harder had it gotten to breathe.

Yet the most unfathomable inhumane, the dreadful beings and the blends as well were more than welcome, in a land, where nothing could grow and nothing could be made at all.

‘We are to live here, are we not?’

‘I suppose there’s no other chance any longer, there’s no alternative now that the land had sunken and made itself look this way.’

‘And what is there to do?’

‘Stay, and nothing more, that’s what left, I suppose.’

Death and savagery followed after, even though there was no invitation that had to be sent in order to start this disastrous thing.

As bloated and armless as they were, some more perilous had resolved to look at the shiny colors that popped in their heads. It was a sweet reminder of what the world had to have been, why it was all wrong.

Why the Papuans has to be green, yellow, purple-dotted, and spread on walls and on objects, botched legs and completely spread. Why their faces weren't working properly and why the world fell into an unfathomable chaos that drew from that point on.

Couldn't be made sense out of, hence the world and its people were forced to see what they wanted, where their minds had darted, to make sense out of the world.

'I think I understand now, why my ancestors were killed, as well. I think, I think it was so I could see well, I think they chose to be mixed so I could finally see the dark colors, so I could have my tainted eyes taken away.

Ah, now it all makes sense, now I can make sense of the colors.

I can makes sense of the world. The more one tries making sense of the world, the farther away he goes and stumbles on.'

From the sea of dark, farther away, and farther in, everything was, rather, unrecognizable, by no means allowably so.

How could he help in even where he hid?

It was poison and nothing more, which seemed to take over and completely infest the blood of Mongol, this mongoloidlike disease, the Opium but flowing into him before he could move from sight, and before he could be embellished in whatever skinless thing had entered him from that point on.

Gooky Yellow-Slits of might regard, he'd come and approached the crisis by all means, with little more in mind to bow to Mongol. For he appeared to be, yet alone in shock and trance, as he was driven mad by such desire and delirious as he was, would he, brought upon such dark empire, be brought closer to the pyre yet to ask.

'Shall I cannibalize what you've brought to me at last?'

To which no answer would suffice, nothing as daringly as it would come to pass.

He had not come or stumbled on any other species that would be, a monkey lopper or the wobbly kind, whose lips were fat and filled with silicone, and puffy dyes of chocolate, around his chin and skin, melanin within his throat but he was already ill as he was eaten away. To add to the bunch, he was but cannibalized in the most African tribe style as they would put stilletoes, chopping them down and largely placed around the pyre, the Natives but eating out of the monkey, dire was the way in which they've come to act. Savagery was distinctly maddening as Opium was but the key piece, the oil in which the skin was embalmed in.

'Nigger, nigger, nigger, I am about to eat your face.'

There was nothing but the bloated head, not a single sign of body but a head that had its sockets dead. Children coming out as well, but largely, as they were erected, they couldn't be moved or satiated, not for the direst things in the world. What came from one side to the other were large stick-spears that entered the beast and got it drowned in earth and soil.

'The mud of nigger lays in blood, isn't it?'

Yet Mongol would not respond.

He stood only as a witness to the savagery of the lesser races, those whom had proven themselves, time after time as to be incapable of governing over themselves. Therefore, it was only natural that grander, greater and much more so, for those of lesser inhibitions to catch and rule on top of them, before the time would show. Wreathed in part, in body, arched, they ate the niggardly burnt remains, they impaled some of them, and then again, they started eating.

Bloated was the king that was put in charge, the one that came after him and left alone to watch, as in the absence of the Emperor, there came none other than Leopold. For he was much greater, yet lesser when compared to all, a paradox of his own, a haggardly hick, a homeless creature that housed itself in the carcasses of old and young, the ones that were most mongrellic being the foundation of his house, he lived. On a nasty shore, with a vision of old, all alone, bastardly as he understood that this was his only left over hope for him to strive for a change. It was peculiar, if one could see it. There and much closer, nastily, retrieved. Many little sutures all around, many corpses that were put together, bastardly, were counted as such.

A few niggers of the Ethiopian and Somali-type, a few of them of the Nafri, most insidious of Sub-Saharan that followed with their blind, little specks of skin, Eurasian Mullatoes contorted in the West Asian Arabid. Rabid and staunch, many of them were but barely covering the walls and the corner stone was filled with gut, even the most fashionable structures that followed after, only the greatest would govern over their petulant kind. And in return, living was peculiar in the place, for wherever one could go and for whatever reason, there was no common and no makeable face, none to be recognized, yet all looked alike at the same time. It felt as if they were devoid of life, of intelligence and most of them incapable of truly acting as if they were alive. Within reason and within hope, what followed after, like little rackets of boils, had spread around the bodies after. Whatever sustenance that drew as well, came through the bloated bodies that floated from the Dead Sea, and rightfully into his bed they rotted.

A grand Duchess of Disease had come, a queen of nasty niggardly, dumb-struck, and lowly of her petty mind, most disturbingly degenerate in the body, a leprous simian with sagging shapes and fat that would not subside. Her name was Neferyi, she winced, and only drenched herself in bodies she had come to be drawn to. Little speck-y-hairy forms, they spoke of trouble and of old.

'What have I been brought here for?'

'I called you to serve, will you eerily and easily comply to my commands or am I to use force against you?' Leopold, closely as he were approached, he was incapable of truly understanding what or why she acted that way, and of her worth, little was said, she was after all a subspecies filled, a nasty thing. Incapable of proper act, incapable of doing something that would keep her alive for long, wretched in the head she was, uncomfortable as to be put in the ground, a tomb of dirt awaited her. Where deeper little

nigger-wretches lived, many of them but incapable of thinking, as all blacks, even of the purest kinds are. They are unfathomably unforgivable and ought to be put down, ought to be made to suffer in the worst possible manner, and lynched with all their disgusting to look at kinds. Wretched is their god, the soil, the one that gave birth of them, out of the simian monkeys, and the sub-human worth they worship, calling.

Dirt is their master as is their kind, dirt will be, of most benign, the only reason they'll survive. For these, most wretched of creatures as fallible by all aspects, endlessly forced into torture, since there's no one else left to watch and oversee them.

'I wince at the thought, every single time I think of a world filled with their nigger-kind.'

Leopold but wretched in disgust, seeing how this leprous negress acted, made him even more repelled for each time she swung, as to break a small trench-tree, her likeness was only the like, a blinding thing that would wrench ahead, everything that would come to her, now, lay in her hands dead. She could not preserve life, as well, as every time she turned towards him, brought within her by extreme savagery, she winced. A dead mocking bird, no one else had forgotten since.

'How could you kill a bird that would do nothing but sing all day? Do you not know what a sin is?

I suppose Harper Lee was wrong, was she not? To even think that all you, dark creatures that you are, to think you peaceful, that's a lie.'

After observing the behavior time after time again, he noticed, first of all, the most important of patterns that would take no heed and hide no, nonsense, how could one forget? That by all means, no explanation and no hope could possibly serve for a way to hide their kind and how they act when left alone, to their own devices and for what they do when left, as such. To act the way their minds dictate, the simians of our world, and watch, when the time comes, when given free choice to spare. Even the most condemnable of things, it will fill you with despair, seeing this creature act.

Watching over them, from the distance yet approached, a bloated ball of bile, savagely defiled, as it looked, such dark device. With many spikes and many strange red-blackened forms that brought it to such light, with some pseudo heads that wreathed in and out, with a large, almost canoe-like tail upon which it entangled itself, with all the long strange claspers that were attached, with the hot nitrogen-like balloon shape, the form of a mount, or a decaying tooth of skin instead, upon which this strange spherical bulb stood attached. As if it were a mere growth, which held the strange stratum of tumors, by the hinge of its throat, instead. Of mighty horn-like shapes, the talons, that stood by the head and curved and wallowed, the creature approached. Within its strike and swing it broke, whatever left to the niggardly creature, it broke its head and made it weep, the canoe-like chitinous blade but bleeding it to the side.

'You killed my Negress!' Leopold had cried.

But it was dumbfounded, for this dark thing, of which kind was no machine, of strange machinations, of apparatuses, and whatever woe, for whatever reason there would be, alike, of the madness, of the most womanly kind, that brought it here, it winced.

'I've done as you wilt.'

It said and before he knew it, Leopold had realized, instead of trying to get a word, of plainness that would do and girth of mighty forms that followed after, many of them being just as deformedly wretched as this things, they follow in, their wild rotations, and from their mouthed forms, wild, as such, incantations:

‘We’ve seen you, long before, were born.’

‘Out and every single one, and lesser kinds were born, you shall do as we please.’

‘You will listen to us, for we are prized and prized within his grandest of schemes.’

‘But I was placed to watch over them, as his right hand, the highest of his trustees.’

‘Betrayed, you were betrayed and nothing more, you ought to be shamed for what you’ve done, and to think that you were gone before.’

They started wrenching themselves in shape, as if they were but screws – made, to fit the marks, rightfully into the soiled ground. And would there, to be no shame, for nothing was grander than the desire it had had, instead. A message was delivered as such, for everything that was worth.

‘You shall step and yet will wreath in pain, for the sake of naught else than dames, every lesser race destroyed, with no exception, until they’re gone, and they returned.

There can be no other way as many, and lesser would require plenty.’

‘But what of the will and what will I achieve by killing them?’

‘You will have proven yourself, Leopold, as mighty and strong-willed, their like, can only suffer the greatest that they might choose and pounce upon.

Slay the niggers, slay the gooks, kill the kikes and mongrels hooked. It’s the only way you can prove yourself to them, it’s the only way you may be able to impress a female.’

There was no greater truth or mighty, only for those whom would ethnically cleanse the lesser ones, could win such prized and hope might rise, to slay and butcher, and to contort, and electrocute the competition, destroy their hope.

‘There is no other way.’

To which, Leopold had only taken it as a mighty message, high-divine, for there was no greater purpose in life, than to obtain a woman of your kind, at the sacrifice of many. To slaughter them and butcher their likes, and do everything within madness hope, as to inquire even the hatred of the world.

For he had owed no allegiance to naught, and would do what he wants, the mark of power and of destruction, to bring it all against their own, in order to ordain nothing less and nothing short of supreme satisfaction, the world would do, a sacrifice that’s only true to the likes of dominance and the desire of the female.

‘I shall do it then, if that shall put an end to the loneliness I have been cursed to. I shall defile this world by whatever means there are, I shall belittle and destroy, I shall contort, and degenerate all, I shall not hesitate in my hatred and I shall not pause. I shall become unstoppable, and will drag all into soil and dirt, for the sake of my own satisfaction.’

Dominance at all cost, he would achieve, and no one would stop him.

‘I am bloated here and now and long staying, it’s the only thing left to spare.’

Within a moment they started opening themselves up, revealing a most unnatural pus-gas filling coming out of their mouths; unnaturally so, as their mouths were split open on both sides. They were porous and openly going, little legs spread within, and were to be called, they worshipped Leopold almost as much as they worshipped Mongol, and the butcherment of niggers in a niggardly Niggarous-nigger kind of niggers have to get lynched and killed for being felony-committing niggerlites.

They were producing vapors out of both sides of their mouths, incapable of fully taking or gaining control over their inhuman way of acting, since they were only, yet again allowed, to dance a while in a shroud, a black cloud and steamy tar of skin, taken within, one knew out of which race killed in order to least of all give life to it and start again, as to create.

‘I of all, am tired of niggers, of these sub-human apes, I cannot help it, they need to be killed, we have to lynch them, as soon as we can!’ One of the Asiatic destroyers spoke, whose mouth was just as slit as his slanted eyes were, without hope of understanding, from whence and where society broke.

And whom the cause if not the kideom falling afterwards; but there were strange platforms that appeared to take heed out of their mouths, which began prodding in and out since they were forced to yet again begin their flight and their charges. Many of them were brought to silence as one could see the giant cradling himself.

His reddened skin almost a Native, and porous hair, almost a barbarous aching of the brow, its face, almost contorted with the rest of his body and then again of lesser worth had he appeared to be. Its many arms and many hands but conjoined, as soon to be released from the grasp, the many elongated bodies that were connected then and there on out, appeared to swing and slash, to enter, about the hour, long before it could be drawn. A mold of lesser faces and of features growing but stopped, arched in the back.

Before either of them realized what it happened, it suddenly threw itself onto them, slaughtering and splattering their faces and their heads before it could even start again singing:

‘I am going to make sure neither of you fuckers survive for long!’ He yelled and shouted, with long basins of pouring out his throat veins of spades and of little sharper blades that were shot out of his mouth, splattering their entrails everywhere which formed upper standing floating almost stalactite-connected-to-stalagmites forms that appeared to carry on their long-entrained bodies along during their flight ascension which only gave birth as they opened in the middle to specks of lighted colors and visible speech-echo like forms that began shooting in every possible direction, creating mind-control like waves that entered invisible form like humanoid almost casts that bore large blades-nigh-visible outlines as well as peculiarly deformed wings, which in turn were allowed and forced into such a flight of concords as to

kill every flying animal, that is to say, the races that were mixed with niggers, only for those lesser-beings to be butchered.

But the red contorted red one eyes giant whom was but a pseudo limb wheel with the exception of the area between his shoulders, that included the head as well, which formed some kind of arc with a pseudo rounded arc, as his two upper arms were fully extended as to look as if, if seen from the front, and there stood in front of you kind of a straight legged, but with a Y kind of body pose man, as to symbolize the fully extension of the two upper arms appeared to get into as well as the location of the gap, while the other limbs formed a pseudo circle, or an O if seen from the front. His peculiar almost wheel like type of movement was but unnecessarily painful, that is to say, or talk about the impossibility of being in control, and the constant traumatic like hitting of his skull as it was forcefully planted into the earth, for as well as it could be helped, until it could no longer be helped but for him to stop. As he bled inside, having choked on the blades he had been puking all along, while the best's green eyes had already, laudably so, began contorting inwardly towards an almost psychedelic look of yellow dots in which these eye-swirls appeared to draw into, turning most of the already liquefied mass of limbs into an unnatural kind of gelatin that appeared to have grabbed many of the stalactite-stalagmite entrails-drawn like, two-conical balloons to which men are attached to, inward. Which only drew attention to the unnatural length or elongation these peculiarly deformed yet over extending arms that spanned as much as to cover hundreds of miles at the very least.

This was a feeling that could not be matched by no adrenaline shot and by no LSD kind of PTSD shock mixture of multiple mind altering almost, borderline alcoholic poisoning kind of grain by grain, tempted to send death threats while using your real name kind of bold daringly almost self-destructive kind of mood that would put one in danger of being prosecuted and be put in jail for good or in the loony-bin kind of mind altering thing. It was a feeling that was unmatched.

Between the time of the contortion and the strange way in which the others mongrels appeared to play in, there was no reason to stall any longer, not since there was no way any longer, it was an irredeemable feeling that would not stand for long.

It seemed likely that there was no reason for this bloated red pile of moldering pile of skin, cartilage, and unnatural shapes to exist, other than this insufferable, servitude it owed to none other.

Leopold emerged.

He stumbled upon the peculiar blood-thickened pile, the clots that had emerged and have come to be part of it but couldn't be properly handed, but from one of the single stalactite-stalagmite formations, drawing; like bows-extending and long before emerging – prodding would they wreath around. Despite being shattered thoroughly and just as soon after would they come to pinch, and take what they would from the disease that was not theirs. A mild ammonia, a scent but followed with every single wince one felt, the numbers being in the air, all but twisted and long emerged, all but causing music to be felt and of verse, not much was being heard. All but swam and twisted before their time, most of them would not be followed right after they had but declined. Bodies were wreathing and least of all would they but run into empty dead spots.

‘Leopold, where have you been?’

Asked a single almost dictatorial wince, inch by inch contorting after, the mad Kalleagri, a wild disaster. He was but a ticking bomb, waiting to explode.

‘You were here before, weren’t you?’

‘I was, I suppose I should warn you about it, shouldn’t I? For your own sake, I do hope there’s but a chance I could have you change your mind about it.’

‘And what would that be?’

‘Word and rumor told as such, I’m afraid you’re reaching a mass that would turn everything, to crumble beneath the earth.

You’re not used to living in a home are you?’ To which Kalleagri but pulled towards him, wallowing as to ask. ‘You wouldn’t turn against the creatures you were put above, to govern over, would you now?’

‘What else is there to be if not betray? I seek only to wreath what was sowed before I was even brought into existence and I can already see a future that might not stay its way, not as long as there’s still a chance it might back fire.’

‘No, indeed, not, but I feel somewhat responsible for what you’ve become, since I was but a, but a trigger to this event, I, a mere reason under their domination, proceeding to destroy and cast all away.’

‘Yet no one here is holding you accountable for it. It’s improbable, yet it happened. I do not understand what the reason for it is, but I find myself drawn just as soon as I’m after it.’

It pointed towards a darker pair of star-shaped things, all but lodged into one another but only descending as if they were all headpieces coming from their own sides.

They were both trying to figure out what happened and for what reason was it to be tried.

‘Shall we call onto him?’

‘You may yet come forth and attempt, but I do not know to what reason would this attempt yield to.’

‘There’s no harm in trying yet.’

With that they both started chanting, as they would both but come upon this, least of all, would they be content with knowing, after.

‘Mongol, Mongol, Mongol.’

But they stopped just as soon as they had called upon the Mongoloid. He did not answer the chant they’d wagered. It did not call upon them back, nor would it heave.

Kalleagri stepped in, he wasn’t going or at the very least he hadn’t been planning on making a scene either, but he was serenely calm. Too much so. Breaking of the head motions popping out of his inner socket even before it could come on top of the other Kalleagri bodies that were present there. Many of them but

wriggling about the place. Dark suits without meat inside, shaking off whatever intrusion the mongrels ever so vaguely considered attempting.

‘It seems like I’m never in need of a replacement, am I?’

‘You never seemed like one who’d easily die, like a thorn in a lion’s paw, or a little dark tooth, and of decay there’s little that can be done about, if clearly invited.’

‘And who is to blame for that, Leopold?’

‘There’s no one, I suppose.’

But it was hard to concede either or whichever point. It seemed like, the more he looked at the man, the less he looked like what he claimed to be and more so. He wasn’t Kallegri at all. There was no head on top, even though those humanoid-mixed creatures appeared to withdraw.

Just an empty standing sea of dark statues, or black casts, but no figure that was remembered at all, was this even Earth? He wondered, but he would get no easy answer, nor were there any signs left of ever being one there. It was something he didn’t like thinking about. Or for what reason was there a planet named Terra, to begin with. And what little of it he remembered seemed at times a dream.

‘My, my, I don’t think there’s ever been a moment when I hadn’t contemplated on what’s going on. I think I do remember, like many of my own kind, there being a world, a history before, this.’

Leopold drew on as he spoke. At times he was there, on empty plains, at others, he was still in his town, homeless. It was something he feared, the inevitable fall. There was no way to stop it, before realizing that he most likely imagined it all. There was a Mongol that spoke to him once. But he couldn’t remember him, properly. He was a sad friend, with a sad smile, if he still considered him a friend, and in some way, all of this, the curtains, were blind, blankly put on top of his barely visible specks inside the dark depression that was lain inside his cavernous eye-sockets. All but seemed surreal, he had yet to feel the warmth and the comfort of a cozy home.

A winded black sailed sea but blushed as it drew along, casting every swinging statue from one point to another, after that. Initial touch, it seemed to drag itself from a point to yet another one fading.

Human history had never existed for Leopold, he was too much of a wretch, and those around him, they were dead or mainly, wrongly evolved. Too inhumane looking for it to make any sense at all; there came the denial.

‘Whom would stand as witness for such past?’

A mongrellic-turned around, wretch but asked:

‘What past could possibly contort itself in such a manner? How could mixing other races create such inhumane things after?’

History must be a lie. History must be defiled. All that is pure, so called, but lies, we need to destroy everything and cast it before our eyes.’

Thus, since their leprous nature was not even close, neither would a spark of mindedness, were it to arise, was ill and wretched. No such mongrel could fathom such life, to live past this, whatever it was and whatever it was called, it was no humanity and naught to soon. That these unfathomably hard to look at sub-human mixes but shook and loomed, fought and crushed and all was but defiled.

‘Mongol, I have come to greet you, I am servant. I am hearing strange a song, I am afraid. I cannot stop it. I cannot hear the world, I cannot hear the birds, I only hear, I only, I only hear, I am confused.’

It walked in. It tried walking but couldn’t. It was a mongrel, it was confused. It couldn’t.’

Mannequin- Mannequin- Mannequin- Mannequin- I hear him scream.

It was red, it was a corpse, flying when they rose, and became, filled with pus-wings, coming out their eyes instead. Many men but stood infested in place:

All but wondered where has it gone and what had it done with the past, the electronic morsel was died in the motherboard its life had yet filed to have begun. There, as they come, were already terminated.

A short, malignant thing, there was.

‘May we begin the ritual again, perhaps?’

‘We shall, we shall, and there’s nothing and least of all would we forget of doubt that we should call after.’

The mighty one, thereafter:

‘Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongoloid. Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongol, Mongoloid!’

Chanted as it were, and granted, as dark as it seemed, this side of the streets was rather tense.

Lower oceans

Neither of the ford-sides moved. They only shook themselves in place. There was never a chance for it to stop in place, not even for a moment, during the first hour, they ogled at it.

‘Open it up. Wait, wait, slow down.’

All three stared, for a reason, certain that the flooring above them shook. Someone was passing over and didn’t make it so they stood a chance to find him. Thrown around and passed between them like a dirty animal. Bad flooring, moist-and-wood: Something, something, in the floor, in shook:

‘I need to see what’s inside of it, you’re hiding something in there aren’t you?’

‘Wait, I said, stop being so impatient.’

‘It’s a dull pebble head. I know it to be so, I could see and sense it even before you brought it to me, but for your sake alone, I think I’m going to spare you of. ‘

‘Shut up!’

‘Now you’re the one who’s doing it.’

‘I am, but you don’t.’

Like three stooges. Clearly they were of no mind of asking what was going there.

‘Abandoner, could you not say that thing again, for my sake, at least?’

‘Which one? I’m truly having trouble seeing you from where I’m sitting, it’s a bid, a gamble, trying to run over.’

He pointed at the fourth pair. They were corpses abandoned from the other side of the frozen regiment. And, as it happened, this strange straggled in death-heap was being moved on the other side of the lower-ocean Antarctica. It’s was a slope, their descent. A hole dug-shot as from a bullet aimed at a fat toe by a big man.

‘We’re here to extract something from this corpse and shove it afterwards in one of the defibrillation vent.’

Fucking mental invalids, they had neither an insatiable hunger, nor any idea what they were heading towards.

A report from the nearest stop:

‘We’ve tried dropping a bomb on top of him, it yielded no result. There was no scratch, no tear, nothing that left even the slightest mark there is on the man. If he can be called a human anymore; but we’ve gone beyond that point now.’

Some inscriptions went into detail, about what was seen of him, it. Chicken feet with thin ringed worm legs, stopping at the calves, whereas, so were his hands, claws with the thin-ring rods, the size of a thinner PVC, stopped half-way through the forearm. It was still highly unexplainable how the rest of the body, including its clothes and the humanoid parts were unaffected by the impact, fire, tension and the heat generated there.

But that was not something they discussed. In public; hidden files were strapped on it, or was is the other way around. It was placed this way. A hidden compartment, but made of paper, or cardboard, that detail didn’t matter. If it were done within reason, if it was something inconsequential, there would be no need to go ahead and hide it. Or try to bury it as far as they could carry on with it. Trying themselves time after time again, with the switch-tapes and the other barely put together falsified switch-around, acting secretive, as far as they could do it, in any case.

‘We made sure to bury him as deeply as we can. Nothing too sour, and nothing too, not to rub it in the wrong way, but he’s been, a recluse ever since the testing incidents.’

‘Is he a regular?’

‘Of course, still, even after what we’ve done to him. One would, at the very least expect something just as bad or much worse to happen. Even for him to retaliate in any case. But you just know what’s it like with them.

They’re errand people, bring one thing from another ‘castle’, then they leave.’

‘And he’s asked for no payment whatsoever you say.’

‘None, no, non-at-all, it was bizarre how him of all. It’s that. That’s why we don’t think he’s, human. What man would work this hard for nothing and simply turn a briskly cheek around once the people you’re supposed to supply with, simply.

You know, they’re paid for as well. And, it’s never happened for him to deliver something that’s spoilt, rotten or take a cut or share for himself. Of course I cannot tell you, Aschilivich, what happens out there, and how much or exactly what he’s getting. But, it certainly can’t be more that we would’ve been willing to give him in return.

He’s not the only one making these trips, you know?’

‘What of the other errand boys? Are they like him? I’ve seen one, spoke with one, only one, you know? A tall guy, blondish-bootle.’

‘Bottle.’

‘Whatever, you know where I’m going with this, don’t you? He’s, not different than us, somewhere from the other countries. Says that one day, he’ll come live in the ocean, you know what I tell him? Every single time, kid, turn around and walk away, you don’t want to live here, where, every other day, the ocean’s but a fall away to the bottom of the ocean floor.

I point to the right, he sees, this great submarine. He asks about him. I tell him, he doesn’t believe.

And that’s how we befriended. Still, I asked him one time about this mysterious figure you tried bombing in, near the supply ration-carrier.

Next to the god damned power-line, you fucking inglorious imbecile. I don’t know what crossed through your mind exactly when you considered bombing it, but. Honestly, I’m more surprised on how gutsy you are than anything else. You’re not afraid to kill all of us just to test some explosives, I supposed?’

‘New ones, I was meaning to tell you about them, but you know, they simply happen to be passed around, like whores, like your mother.’

‘Yeah, yeah, just like my mother.’

I hate niggers.

‘But that thing, I suppose, it did happen to surprise me, like you wouldn’t believe. It’s just that, I never expected it to survive it, let alone act as if it expected it.’

‘Wasn’t carrying any supplies when it happened, I hope.’

‘Only a few empty baskets.’

‘You shouldn’t, do that, next time, we can talk about it, crack at it, but try not to do it down here, out in the open, it’s fine. Just make sure the villagers don’t get aroused by the noise, blame it on work, down-side construction work, they won’t know a thing, you follow? They won’t know anything, but here?’

Make no mistake.’

‘I’m listening, of course, I was just make sure that, something about it. I thought it, maybe I should shut my dumb mouth.’

‘Go ahead, spit it out.’ Aschilivich but didn’t even know just how he could, how he could even, how could, how this man could, really, actually explain himself, as a man to another man, who also expressed some concern regarding another man’s attempt at ruining down the whole ocean. Before it was fixed, before they had a chance at it, there were the water pouch-filler carrying comet-shaped, god-figures in tube-like ships with many coils flying from one side of the ice-walls, phasing through one object-like jerky-gelatin transparent, as it only teleported from these ghastly things, which were hollows in the ice, as they melted once these ship-unit things needed to extract the water, as they materialized, then started flying away, again, phasing through the solid matter in order to bring back the water to the surface. These flying ghost-machines could’ve been destroyed or at best damaged during these initial explosions. This dumbo didn’t think at all, he didn’t think it through. Half way at least and he smelt like a faggot, which got burnt.

‘He was acting even stranger than usual, much stranger than I thought he would. And eerily strange figure, but this time, I thought he was communicating with the ice. I thought he was an agent of the ice.’

‘Cracked in the head, like that submarine.’

‘I’m serious.’

‘Lillyiec Strumstratyiov, I think you need a break, you’ve been overworking for what?’

‘My village is in desperate need for water.’

‘And then we’ll harvest the sky, won’t we?’

It was a sad thing, to consider. But the sky was all clouds. And the clouds were hard, not soft, like iron-cotton. The world was in need of a fix, yet every single man could only do one thing at a time.

That also reminded Aschilivich. ‘What are we to do with the hills now? They’re all in a pile, they say, it moved, it migrates like a migraine, first in the head of the pole, then the neck, and it seems to take everything with it. Building, man, and they breathe, along the way, alive. But they have to be cut. And it is also up to us to place them somewhere, isn’t it?’

I look at it on the small radio-TV Oratory box, it says. It shows. I see it.

Large rivers, actual rivers that haven't been frozen, but they have to be cut off like everything else. It's taken from us, and our machines won't work on that. We tried, they tried and now, they're a part of it.'

'How do you suppose we cut them off? Won't the knives, the scalpels and the blades become a part of it?'

'This will work Lillyiec, I know it will. I've seen it, I keep my faith with it, look, look.'

He still had his crucifix on him, it's as if he never lost faith ever since that day it happened. It was baffling yet, a contraband stuff. He did manage to live through everything, hasn't he? And he was well off.

'But what is that thing?'

'It's a bump, a giant fly moving from inside the earth, it wants to get out.'

'Now you're not making any sense.'

'I'm not? How about we throw a few nuclear missiles in it then and see whether or not it survives, just like our mystery deliverer.'

'There's no need to rub it in.'

'Then don't laugh at my hypothesis, I know it must be a botfly, it matches the form. I've seen it in a dog.'

'Is this planet a dog?'

'Yes, this planet as we know it is a giant rotten-dead dog that's slowly being eaten away.'

'Why is there water and ice inside the dog?'

'That's where you're actually.'

Could he be right about it? Aschilivich couldn't actually tell. It could be a dog, or it could not be a dog. It was not an animal.

'I am wrong then, it's no dog, and that isn't a fly.'

'IT's all right, I think we all need some rest now, just our fair share of a shut eye will do.'

So many files, hidden in the document-locker, all of them speaking about him:

A man with a hundred rifles on one of the posters, all dressed in an army's uniform with a strange line with two picks coming out of it, embolded in red. With a nasty hunchback kid shaped boot, carrying a large cart, attached to a chain, in his left arm. Burden of man, the inscription:

Passed around where they were carrying the taps.

Most men survived only by simple cooperation, between themselves, the highers and the aid they received from across the country. As little was as much, and everyone across the globe contributed.

Multiple oceans, just everywhere one could see and look. As if the ocean itself or the landmass covered in water was but a universe with many galaxies. That made their advent so much easier than it should've been, or ought to have become.

Some of them completely sealed off by the looks of it, entirely, as if cut from not only the general population but themselves, as for the individual rooms that were completely cut off, their air-supply limited. They died. No one was left alive. Ocean-globes filled with dead-ant colonies. Sooner or later, well preserved obviously, ghost-lines would be established in there as well. Someone has to harvest their organs and bring them out.

But the will of the Errand boy is there. He makes the rules.

Second man of Errand, entered through a hijacked pole, he swam through it, ate what he could in order to prolong his life for as long as possible. He wasn't bothered by the moisture, but then again, no one was. There was no other option and no one was paying any attention to what was going on around them. Vicious animals don't care about the living quality of life implanted in dead-men. And a few of them were, between the organs.

At first it looked like, as if, the living quarters were fine. Well enough, with hoses out of bodies, well frozen but look-alikes. Many ghosts in plain sight, but see-through bulbs with organs that were reddened and glowed, exchanging up-to eighteen phrases at a time between one another, as to live this way eternally so. It was a tedious way of passing the time. But seeing how every man was as frozen on a rack of steel, like a butcher's ivory dream of skin-peel, the alternative was blatantly set between either thawing them dead or leaving this, right here as to happen. It was an intermingling between rations.

'How did the errand-boy even show up here?'

'It happens, it happens, you don't get to choose who does what, dear.'

'For sure and for certain, but I don't think there's a reason to compound on their tragedy anymore.'

'Which one would that happen to be?'

'You know dead, a few of them got lost along the way.'

Already over, and they returned like electric mice but actioned by a remote. Control was established again and from the looks of it, they couldn't do it anymore. Must've been a break, like in-programming; a stopped clock starting again when right, as to be wrong, as to never stop, but as to push again, like a perpetual machine that was working on time alone. They left a Physicists' wet dream here, forgotten, they abandoned this supreme work of craftsmanship for what?

'Allow me to introduce myself.'

He immediately left.

'Errand-boy, what have you on your person?'

‘Nothing, I haven’t come here with anything, at all, not this time around, unfortunately. I’ve only brought something, that’s close to. A small short-pack, with seal-cigars; but that’s mostly for me, and for no one else. I’m sorry.’

‘You needn’t apologize. I know what it is like running low on stuff, on wings and on.’

There’s no special saying or putting anything around each ground-plow, not while they’re watching.

‘Moot-point, moot-point, moot-point, what’re you here for, errand boy?’

‘I’ve come to take something from this place, if you don’t mind.’

Tall-lad but still human, of a human-kind, without any desperate thing or matter of saying:

No one was paying any attention.

‘There’s a few meters for every span of time that’s being compressed into the ground, all around every single moment that’s already been imported and put around, through the fascia and into the first layers of the tender-heads, a few men were brought here as well. Long before it even crossed your mind. It was sloppy, trying to fit everyone in here, but we eventually did it and we couldn’t have done it without you, who was present here and who has been present here all along, serving as a reminder for.’

Time was up.

What was he even talking about? I just arrived. Errand boy Corlon-the-slit-down-a-small-knife-down-a-niggers-trousers thought. He was only trying to fit in with the glowing specters, while paying as little attention to the men he came into contact with, were at, as to be down, as to be around and used for a moment or another before their time came about, not within the hours. As he took a simple pick and threw it at one of them, managing to slightly graze the side of his frozen-in-place shirt as it happened. There was no definite way he could reach him, not without breaking something he could not hope to recover from. As a matter of fact, he checked the hose. There was never a contact either, whenever one of these specters disappeared upon approaching this rubbery end. But then again, he was more surprised by the fact that the hose was anything but frozen, or would’ve been in any case, if it weren’t for the things he’s seen before. He was on eye aloof and didn’t know exactly how to survive through it. Nor would he seek any reason, to be certain, to push through it.

‘I’m not going to turn this into something personal, or about myself. But I feel as if I’m owed something.

I know one of your glow-organ carriers know where it’s hidden.

One of your frozen rooms, though I suppose it would not have been frozen before, nor would I have found myself asking unless it was for. Her, does any of you know whom Aklyh Faada is?’

‘Akylada, her name was Akylada. And she’s that one who used to put things up her. Well, you must know her more than anyone, don’t you? Was she someone who was important for you? Because I think there’s something in her now that belongs to someone, special to her.’

‘What’s that supposed to mean?’

‘Someone fucked her nasty, disgusting run-of-the mill broken down barricade cunt and got her pregnant, what do you mean what happened?’

You knew this would happen, didn’t you?’

‘Bud, specter or whoever you are.’

He wasn’t a nigger, Corlon wasn’t a nigger, he only armed niggers in order to start fights, he would never do such a thing as to impregnate a woman of another or even a similar race if he were one.

‘There’s no story in here, don’t you get it just yet? I’m not trying to start anything, I’m just trying to get that child out and.’

‘Deliver it to someone, don’t you?’

It disappeared, of course, right in the middle of their finely played conversation. Of course there were things not even he understood, but he refrained from opening his mouth, saying something that would incriminate him in such a way that he couldn’t even draw away on command.

I have to find that woman, he thought. And sever her, from the child. Not save her, sever her off, like a cancer, as women are, to their children, performing a reverse-abortion. In case the child had not grown. Various halls were wreathed and contorted in some way as if they looked likely, to be set in place, as if they were scrawled by a schizophrenic paranoid man who couldn’t settle on trying to decide whether or not he saw himself as an architect or some historian. It was exactly like it sounded. Cut-sentences done by a practitioner, designed to look that way, ‘s daughter with no discernible talent who was put in charge over these halls. Some of the walls looked as if they had been butchered completely and utterly, without a reason, in mind. A total fuck-up, a failure done by a broad, and by the leading-in-charge people who found themselves incapable of hiring someone who was clearly superior or fit for the, in call job, being the total-mental degenerative like tendon-like shot, blood aneurism gushing poodle-piss stained female like nature put on an art’s hall, made to look as if it was made by someone with half a mind, what he walked through. It didn’t make any sense. Designed, to be seen, as if you’d think a woman, see through the eyes of a woman, still wondering how a woman, a child, who offered a few adults a few standing-notes with scrawls on top of them, managed to do this. Hard to imagine, it was utterly impossible. As in, overlapped, and splattered on the halls, period blood. As if she turned, lifted up her skirt, split both legs, bent over up-front, aimed at the walls, then started wriggling it around, randomly, without pause or conceit. Then, upon this simulation being ended, the workers would still be incapable of comprehending the design at all. Hence, these trails of blood could only, as they represent the outlines be considered only the result of a complete and utter mental reject, to have only come out of the mind of a twenty century’s woman. A complete imbecile, worse than a fucking god damn nigger, if that can even be believed, even more so, going beyond the far-end reaches of belittlement, which sounds rather implausible, absent-minded, brain-injury having been suffered, a complete mathematical impossibility, a conundrum, harder to explain than the existence of morality or God; that being the design of a woman architect.

It wasn’t even the worst part of the built. That being the fact that it didn’t only affect the walls, or this hall in particular. But there were stairs. And there were multiple roads and multiple crossroads. And whoever she was, this female architect also re-designed the elevator as well. And the vents; most likely the reason why everyone chose to die in this place, they simply could not take it any longer, and it was no

coincidence either that, in this part of the ocean, this part of the 'livable' quarters, there was no corpse. It was as if they knew. They were aware that they would die and be able to keep living afterwards and for that reason, most died away. As far as possible, not to be surrounded by this, whatever it was.

Some budget cuts could've been done in order to fix it, even some blunt punches could somehow make it worth, but there was definitely no way of telling it.

At the threshold of going down, or up, as it was hard to tell, but by the looks of it, there was definitely something obscurely bargaining with every wall. Pounding against them, as if locked inside for too long; but that could only be confirmed by one of the bodies that started drawing onto him from as far a region as possible. Somewhere in the back as well; a corpse arrived, one crudely walking. Dragged in by a hardened hose, as opposed to the others, being too strong; bold and entranced by itself, having become both the flute and the cobra itself.

'You do not want to descent-ascent and advance past this point, there are things down there neither of us could deal with, in our current state, let alone would someone who's made out of one piece could fully go through it.'

'What do you propose in that case? Should I simply return to where I came from empty handed? Do you think my employee would stand that? Considering.'

'Considering what?'

He slowed down, it was unexpected. But then again, he was aware of what happened to people who spoke for too long. Was it the same thing for them? He's seen the ones that walked outside their bodies, but not one standing like this. And there was no way of knowing whether or not this one was timed, he could fall over himself at any moment. After all, there were things that couldn't be said or done, or easily carried on with, not here anymore. Time ran out, he spoke again.

'If you're after the mother of that child, you need to know that there's a good chance that you may be met by something that might compel you to turn around and see it as anything but eye-to-eye. Walk away, like a blind man with simple toes and simple feet and nothing in his pack to eat.'

'What do you want from me?'

'It's a warning.' Although the creature, this left-over frozen figure which was falling apart as they spoke, one arm already severed off as it croaked in place only reiterated what he intended to tell him.

'That area she's been confined in has become anything but livable. If anything happens in there, you might find yourself, incapable of making it back through one of the ghost lines.'

Before you open your dumb-mouth, indeed, the ghost-lines were there prior to the coming of the new ghost-line system. It's been there for the very last ten years or so.'

'What will it do to me? '

‘A certain body-shock caused by nothing less and nothing other than a mounted turret that shall destabilize the specific-neurons needed to activate the ghost-line. Without those inside your head, there’s no going back.’

‘So shock-shock means stay home. Got it.’

‘It’s not meant to be something lightly taken.’

‘I know, but me employer clearly specified that either I come back with whatever is in her, or I may as well.’

‘At the very least, you should know that it’s not a child.’

‘What is it supposed to be then?’

‘A giant chrysalis with eighteen missiles sprouting out of it, rooted in four giant great statue casts that float inside the room, each holding a weapon, a claw-mace, a broad sword, a sub-machinegun, and a scepter. I assume you’re here after its heart.’

‘Does it have a heart?’

‘Of course it has, who doesn’t?’

Henceforth, Corlon pulled the hose as far as he could do it, shoving in immediately afterwards at the side of his temple, where, after a quick sloppily made incision was made, he started absorbing the cold corpse. Decreasing his body temperature considerably so, yet, upon having achieved a much greater body-bulk, as well as a resistance to this unnaturally-distraught, almost completely disabling drop in body-stabilizers caused by this implanted girth of a body-bulk full of foreign-dead cells, bone cartilage, in-organic clothes, he would make it through. The hose seemed fused to his skull for some reason. Even by every touch, by every jerk of his fingers and everything else, he felt the tightness of his grip fading. Rubbery-metal, incapable of squeezing it shut.

Yet this strange absorption allowed him to see the inner-globe-system of interconnected attached frozen mouthed square-d marionettes four-ledge-attached by piston cold-machines that were see-able through the materials, colossal things. Hiking around with metallic claws and metallic resizable bands that allowed them to rotate around the ocean-snow globes; the insides of every one of them looking cozily like the insides of manors, or wooden-parlors, the halls towards which he went towards being nothing but an exception from the rule.

Much greater forces had already settled and discussed between themselves the furthering of their evil plans; inter-dimensional machines, niggardly stealing water from Earth; without shame, animated only by their scullery as well as their bandit-like nature.

Corlon was a fed-spy, after all. He knew what he was doing.

In twenty days, the great Winged-Armed of Hussr would be released during a final solution, in which they would deliver a great breaking chain-reaction wave-missile god-wrapped around pair of cluster bombs that threatened to evaporate a beam-curved power ray, destroying the moon and half of the sun in

its trajectory, as well as eight quarters of the planet. Replacing most molecules with a bridge that lay misaligned yet deformed and redefined gravity as for planet Earth to become the main center of gravity.

An extraction like this would make him incredibly miserable for some reason or another, since Corlon knew there was a chance that there was no heart inside of it.

They're eating bits from the surrounding tolls, taken from every single man who had been presently-preserved. Specks and fire-lightning firing from one side to the other; they meet there in half an hour.

'Who's taken this vision away from me?'

'You were deemed, unlikely to.'

He froze in place, staring dead-shot in front of him. At the figure, the inert see-through specter of himself; all of his real organs out; leaving him with an empty stomach-a dead like feeling inside of him that never gave out. It was oozing no emotion, covered organs. Covered overhangs pushing out of them, slowly, with eely-hardened rain-catchers pushing out their growths, blamefully forward; as if each organ had been forced to grow a roof on top of it, with a few pin-prick sized depressions in, from whence he looked at tattoo-paintings of organs within, on top of every single one.

As if the phantom had become an aquarium, whereas on top the heart, moved below, a slight hindering depression of a heart, of a gut, of liver, and of lungs for show, they danced in placed and moved; shadow hand puppet organs that shook and would move aside if needed.

But for a second there before it disappeared, he was left eely-shot, silent, as he heard a voice no longer after that.

He had no rifle on him, only his pack of cigars, shattered wrist by nerves dropped two of them off the ground before one of them reached his mouth.

Organic cluster-pile of boom-boxed forming girths; grubs for teeth, and loom-basin, where they spoke inside the swollen room, to her as thin, the woman broken.

'Shall we try to fix her somehow?'

Some lands had been previously inhabitable by a long time.'

'Largely, ten workers have already gone missing.'

'Monkey-niggers don't get a free pass.'

There was the, well this:

By the simply usage of a single hard-shaped boulder made out of the piles heads-shaped of a few barely stickled in niggers, dead fucking niggers, pre-pubescent beheaded chimp-a-nig with nig-nig bottom-placed inside a nigger-monkey tawny skinned piles of nigger-piles and wreathed in, darker things that were molded inside, melted-niggardly in a fashion such as a nigger would be lynched inside a stove-furnace meant and specifically designed for a god-damned-kike to get in. Well scorched, the end result looking like a heavy weighted pile of coal. This being a main-set piece meant for the support of a hoisting

device, the crown block being placed in, as hard as it would seem, a hollow, previously dug-on, or inside the ground spot, previously, emulating a step-on-the mine kind of emptiness inside the ground, that could barely be seen, as to be hidden by a fake-podium-floor, the coal-nigger pile being set right on the precise-placement of the crown-block, or where it's supposed to be placed. As if this were the last apartment of a building before the top, there being a complete, suffice to say, worked on illumination system in, the drawworks being set on the floor alongside the opposite side of the room where the supply reel and the deadline anchor are placed, the storage reel in other terms and dead-like anchor, which lowered the hook device, which looked like a rather diamond-like formation that bore many figure that were completely widespread, as to wriggle their pseudo-limbs, being lowered something close to five hundred eighty four miles down a pitfall trap like compressed-with men-figures inside the groundwork holding emblems of skin-trophies with single termite-eyes – compounded, siphoning power into the hook, as it becomes a giant molded mole-backed cranial-shaped creature with pneumatic piston like smaller split in halves skulls coming out of its sockets, open in the back, chained by the hook, wrapped around, which made its way through one of the oceans, resuming its attempt to penetrate the sub-layer where the Deformed gunners live in.

Kovqon, what laid inside an ocean.

'I am weary of waiting, when are you going to knock on the door? Are you intending on waiting there all day or are you to inform them of my presence?'

'Wait, just wait, there's something I haven't told you yet. The Keep is fallen apart, it's been falling apart for a while now. The Komonry has already infiltrated and replaced as much as eighteen members of the royal family.'

'How could this happen, Anaghash? Under the very nose of the king, might I add?'

'It's complicated, but you must still your tongue in place before it's taken from you and given to one of the fetch-dogs. Driven into the grounded bowels of the Lechlyeach, where you might only hear yourself speak, such will be your ears that they might stitch in place.'

A bowl-head they called them.

A few of them moved around. Even between them, this was not a kind torture the peasants deserved. He felt pity for them.

But Anaghash was not someone who deserved compassion either. Dressed like a dark peasant with a dark cowl, he could be seen as, no different than either of them.

'I feel it, don't you worry your low-head. I feel as if they're here, and have been here for a while, my heart sinks just thinking of what's been lost when we made the transition into the Higher-Arches.'

'We've been sinking into this cruelty mountain ever since we left our homes.'

'Yet, you do not understand that this wasn't a bad thing, or worsened by time, I delight myself in knowing as much, Hang. Listen, keep your mouth shut or I won't be able to cover up for you.'

Would he do it? For now, it was hard to tell.

There many, incredibly wrought servants who had been serving there, for the majority of their lives, that could not even be even more quantified, as to be, put in time and space, through the funnel of eons that were only brought into life after being completely, made to last through an infinite amount of forgetful years, which turned them into tall-talking abominations, whom kept their noses much higher than anyone could possibly do it. Such was their way of thinking and the mere power they produced.

Drawing out of their malignantly shaped heads that were once removed from their bodies, yet moving static-like frozen in place as if drawn on rails, as if hanging on top of poles, while their trunks and arms and legs but jerked in the air, flapping themselves jerkily like the wings of a fly. In such wild surroundings, where the tear-like growths their children hid in appeared to open every now and then saying:

‘It’s time to die.’

‘I have an assault rifle.’

Anaghast quickly pulled it out and shot all of their children dead, before he lowered his rifle and shot the servants’ head, who stopped blocking the way forth, and could only lower himself as the body started convulsing violently around the room, knocking down tables and cold-struck vases whom were already queerly touched by winter-cold glass; when the other servant came from behind, trying his best to stop him, right as he pushed around, both of them unable to stop him, as he started railing everything down on them, putting them down before pushing Hang back.

‘Get down, get down, they’re gonna explode!’

Pulled down, forced there, both cowered, he threw a grenade, two of them followed, a flash and a smoke-one that blew half the roof down, part of the castle shook off, as if there was a quake. Suddenly, splatters everywhere, the entire dorm painted red, no more servants down there.’

‘Come on, we have to make it before they catch us, we have to get as many of them as possible, here, take this FR-Forty-one. ‘

It has a small barrel that had two knives that launched egg-shaped power-growth cells that gave birth to exploding jelly-like mongrels that popped as well, in the air. It was like a boomerang with chains that bore attached grain-like put-through fire floating puma-cradles, painted that way, they rushed to the room. Where the brooms were kept in, dusty-dusty, they licked them, or at least only Anaghast did it. He liked going at it, making out, even.

‘Not now, Hang, wait until you hear the sounds.’

‘You sure about it?’

He only heard tit, it was all he needed. Running his finger through her twig-hair do, the wig, nasty-one-foot, by the looks of it, he pulled out a knife.

No one breaks a door from there on out now, without paying for it, for a change, but they could not do it, since it was infected, blasphemously so, while every attached-like being was mocking them, trying to bait and lure them out.

‘Come along and come along now, see what happens when they come for you, when the time comes.’

‘Shut your nasty-dumb mouth already, or I will.’

‘Do nothing, do nothing at all, you know what they do to those who are too loud now.’

‘We know, we know but, we’ll see, we’ll see you through this blasphemy in one life-time, unless you do recede back where you came from.’

‘What are you hiding?’

‘Nothing, nothing at all?’

‘Afraid, Anaghast?’

‘Of course not.’ He could only see doubles when he wasn’t paying any attention, and already had his, sudden urge stopped, he would’ve seen reason. After all, there was no point in staying in place, wretched dire, as was his command.

‘We’ll leave this room once there’s enough of them out there.’

Yet there was another:

The Mole-creature suddenly burst, and cracked and smashed through one of the first-cracked bats, the shape of two giant harts, embraced by a myriad of insects that were gnawing at the bodies of those it managed to defeat, in the few meters that lay between them, in that melancholically lighted room and chamber:

‘Mellut Leigh of Beirut, I have come forth with a straggled in-mallet, you may not believe your eyes, I’ve stumbled on, would you have received me otherwise?’

‘Have I invited you in my house yet?’

‘May I enter?’

He had just been invited in.

‘I am a tormented soul, as ever, as I have ever been, you wouldn’t understand how pure I am still, despite being distilled, throughout my life-time, again and again, but thinking of a bleeding morning where I may yet to be. If there ever was a time to run, I advise you, flee!’

‘But I have invited you into my house, the great chunk of ice-rock.’

‘That is correct, Mellut, but I, of all, would spare no tear of my own, since you’ve yet to grasp why I came here, in the snow-globe ocean, alas.

I still do not understand the way in which you perceive me, as I am still hurt.’

‘You were my son, Mole-skull Chemjuken.’

‘I was, but we have been separated for the longest time in history, than I could ever have perceived. We are of different breeds, as to say, we could never reach each other’s folded great formations that wait for us in one of the most perturbing of the darker shins-of lies.’

‘Have I not dreamed of this moment’s come and arrival?’

‘We have met several times in different worlds and different lifetimes where I was a king and you were my dearly-bowed to, forth, the peasant, whom I spared, from the on-going-execution. I’ve pardoned you, as I have. My heart bleeds, though I may not understand why, you would betray me as thus. It is, in your blood, in your soul, I’ve come to accept it.’

‘My son, no longer, I am worn.’

‘Why, Mellut? Are you not an incessant dark formation? Such a thing of dark-malignant mitigation of girths and many things that grow about, and in that case, who made you?’

‘A much darker god than you would come to know. Follow me so and observe what I have done to this swollen cold-ocean globe.’

The rope was infinite in stretch, and it was spiked like a rose’s bush, with spins that spun, unscrewed and up-and-down motions in-between; the size of three months and a half babies; the first year, with their diapers filled, as for the thick base of the spin.

Somehow they had reached the door, having entered the room where they kept the kegel-exercise machines, exactly what they sounded like, eight on one, twice as many there, one greater-wider set on tiny pebbles in the middle and the rest, randomly put around the chamber. And they were fused as such with the little trans-tortured, whose legs were taken away, whose mouths were pulled, and better as to behave. Some gut-tubes prevented their castration, as to stop further attempts at using their spines, cracked ribs and side of their openly sharp guts from being rubbed against all of those and that. A few more of them were present there, some mechanisms that prevented self-harm from ever occurring.

It was a nasty way of dealing with everything that was going around them, but, at the same time, there was no alternative.

‘As you can see, we started.’

‘Is there someone else?’

‘You’re definitely much quicker than I seem to remember, for someone who hasn’t done much of talking in the past. Did something happen, for you to become so jovial?’

‘Something did happen, I did come into existence after all, and it seems like, with this physical addition, there’s no present limit as to what I’m capable of saying and of thinking.’

‘We could discuss this in another place then, not alongside them.’

‘Why? Are you afraid we might damage them by doing the wrong thing?’

‘Chemjuken, we’re having a friendly conversation, what’s gotten into you? Harming them, now?’

‘Is that not what you’re doing to them?’

‘Of course not, we’re trying to help.’

Again with mysterious person; he always did seem like someone he could trust, in some way. It couldn’t be him, could it?

‘Shall we start again?’

You chipped my tooth, you fucking retard. Dumb fucking glass water-bottle.

It was a nice room, or had it been for the torture, perhaps there would be naught else to follow after.

Wait, he couldn’t be? Mellut immediately started darting towards one of the kegel-traps, inserting, as it was carried by many of the warring on top of him insects, whom he suspected to be but various warrior breeds that had not only been cast from different hibernating tribes, but they also incessantly prepared their inner-guns, most of which were hidden inside the mass of growths and meat he held inside the back of his gong-thorax side.

Ugly, dirty and yellowy-dark, pudgy on the floor and all around; but the metal was nice, rusty, with red on it-orangey, with walk on rolls put in front of one another, held together by metal bolts and chunk in halves knapsacks. It was no pentagon as in shape, but rounded at every corner, as for finger put inside the place they met. Children used to play around, their hand-prints remained. Electro-shock limes all around, some of them still glowing; yet this place was never dull.

‘Doesn’t it sometimes get lonely? Even with the other one helping you around?’

‘You know I’m not one who’d employ the use of an assistant, unfortunately, I’m in a brick-lain moot, with him, we’re still broken up by what happened during one of the solace-terminals bomboceries.’

‘What happened?’

‘A room was encased in burials of empty marks, depressions of coffins, where animals started piling up, sleeping in, hibernating.’

‘It makes sense. So, why did your assistant, I mean, the other person choose to be alone now? Because of?’

‘His animal, was one of them; you see now, we were both completely shocked by the immediate leave it took, in order to join them. He felt betrayed.’

A Kegel-machine lowered a bit. It was clear enough that the ‘creature’, the man’, whose ‘breasts’ were taken off him, his, the biological man of a single ‘Y’ chromosome, had his body shattered to a pulp. Now forced into a jolt, as to, barely as it was standing, give leeway to the absence of a worse day. It was much worse than that.

Choirs at the hidden Orkonkoroh

There weren't many safe-spots left, not since they had eaten them away; few of the singers from the choir had been selected. A little more than four of them, clearly made to waste away in our presence, open ended yet jealous, as the roads they had been brought in from. As long as no one bated an eye, everything was fine. A savage tried sharpening his teeth with a torn-off club he picked up from somewhere. Before he could even say a thing, the machine was done with the first singers, out of the choirs as they came around, they started picking up, and chipping part of his teeth, before drawing back into the singer. He was the first to be worked on.

'I see that you pulled something out of him.'

'A few, definitely a few molted famed choirers, all of them are plump, they see what they want.'

'How can you live with yourself, worker of cadavers, knowing that you're making them this way? Twisting-bastardizing, your existence, much to itself galvanizing, you do not seem to obey the means of nature.'

'I'm mentally distraught, unless you didn't know that about me. I've done some things to, well, see for yourself.'

Hellespont drew back. His organ-forged but stopped working on the choir-singers for a moment before they were brought back; like open-toys no longer ready. No longer praying to disease; it seemed like those bodies coming out of it stopped, or at least paused torturing him.

'The savage shall be allowed to carry on his own errands for now, unless you've got something else to add.'

'I'd like to see the process for myself, what goes into them.'

An organ started opening, abashed.

It was flat, and in the back, rotated, as to face them like a vending machine. A coffin, with something in; another choir singer was released, though they sang out of the pouches in their mouths.

Wait, but there was something he refused to acknowledge, lately, this being something, he's seen before, repeatedly.

'I've seen the body that emerged from that morgue of yours, that is something beyond any kind of illegible abomination such as would be found in nature, by the likes of reanimated still-borns, finding themselves, living, livid, made to survive the deadly embodiment of organ harvest-cultivation.'

'Done by men just like you, I would assume?'

'Bear with me now, I am not the one who drowned Pontiff Lesser, on his way out, only to grab a piece for his death-machine.'

‘It’s meant to suture what’s left of their organs and shrink them forth, walking along, a train of people in control.’

‘That’s only a man, one at a time, it’s impossible for a single man to gain control over so many limbs and minds.’

‘Smaller ones, that’s true but we’re talking about something much shorter than those of primates. You of all should understand this, shouldn’t you?’

I mean, I used to experiment on you, Gen.’

‘That was a long time ago.’

‘Yet you reek of residue, turn around.’

Just as the death-machine has been turned into a peculiarly deformed repertoire of inwardly thrust inner-cannibalize cog-turned inside each man or woman that came in, he’s made Gen do as he pleased, being so palpable as to do whatever he asked of him. The little man failed to realize what truly happened in the freezer, the bloated likes of his spine and what remained of his mind being molded in the after-front of his grand creation. So much so that the prototype stood in front of him; resting, on a pillar of metal that came from the misty side, that had lain across the room, as they spoke. He bent over it upon being brought, never were there any rails seen, or trails behind. Gen took off his shirt, simply glazing over the shattered scum-filled rusty-dowry pillar. He winced for a second, but resigned.

‘It’s a great sheet of notes that’s open at the will, as my command but only does with you as it wishes, removed each peel, and shroud as to look at a grand masterpiece I never thought myself possible of going through with.

You are spared of suffering. You no longer displease any man coming into contact with you, as you once did. You look bionic, but at the same time you are alive, very much so, that you no longer think for yourself, for what’s been spread, and so much so, for what’s around you.’

‘What did you do to me?’

‘Still, you fail to acknowledge my gift, which is understandable. Though you may still be under the impression that I have not only harmed you, butchered like a lost-to-face, across the planes of the earth, towards which you go around, never to have known peace, cursed even. You don’t know, do you?’

‘What did you do?’

‘I’ve taken a piece of your mind and have given birth to such a thing, as for song and echo, might be heard when a simple thought it given inception. I’ve attached a few, experimental devices. Brain-reformation, I’d like to call it, but it’s not exactly that.

Think of it this way. Your brain is but a Verdi, or a Bach.’

‘You’ve turned my fucking brain in a sheet of notes?’

‘Not exactly, but I knew, even before you opened your dumb fucking mouth that you would not understand it. Or where I’m heading to, or whether or not I would beat you, restlessly with an iron bar, until you bled off. I may do that, in case you’re still wondering.

But not now, not yet; I think you have to hear this out, now, since part of your inner-leg.’

Already missing by the looks of it; a sack, belonging to a centenarian’s floppy-emptily inside, sack of bones, no cartilage nor probed meat.

It was resting, his leg, in the air. A few meters away from where it stood, in the mouth of a great-depiction of a sun, with a weird mouth to it, and eyes that were exactly those of a man, but giant. Attached to it, drooling down, eaten by the looks of it.

‘Whenever you stop and allow for your back devices, these keys I’ve implanted, though they might appear to make sounds, you’re about to enter a world of suffering you may never wake up from.’

‘Why?’

‘Because I thought I might.’

‘I might teach you a lesson.’

‘Why did you stop there?’

‘I had to catch my breath.’

He had a whole constellation trailing him around, as the pillar moved like a remote controlled car, with him still on him. While faced stars were but all come from inside the glowing-main one, that acted as the conduit, to the lesser ones. Each lacked one eye, exactly one eye, while being pseudo-flat inside, other than a completely flattened on both sides oblong bearing the clearly worn as a crown spiked metal band, their one-hollow sockets served as the points of connection, between all of them, having formed a strange flying planetary system, connected only by adjustable lamp-throat mechanisms inside their queerly red-rimmed empty marks; as they were drooling on him, waiting for the main one to be done.

‘Why is this happening?’

‘You’ve dreamed of it, in one of your maliciously aimed at me, nightmares, you shameless creature!’

How could this be?

‘They’ve taken me from the ticking of molded-flowers in the bed of my choosing, in which I lay, during my eternally undisturbed sleep of lucid-nightmares in which I’ve lain distraught in an eternity caught, hidden by strange formations of serpentine abstractions painted of the walls, and they threw me in this machine, the coffin, which shall bore the greatest of Composers as to the primitiveness of the rocking, pressing of the pebbles they have reverted us back to, a previously aforementioned dark age.’

The choir of a blasted choice, of many voices, came by the first of noise, the drops of little chime-keys.

Although even the blasted choir seems to have lost its voice, a unison uncanny:

‘There’s a fallen step, on which a finger leapt, from one side to the other. His fingers slipped.’

‘So what of it, I meant, of little while, to think.

Perhaps, Ahrens, perhaps it’s time we fashion our own, correct? Perhaps it would be kind, of less stature, to be had. This conversation carried on, to our choice’s regard. That we should consider abandoning the lesser ones and fashion some of our hand’s making.’

‘For what reason, if neither one of them are much decayed? To the purport of our craft, there’s nothing wrong in the music we made, at last, not from where I’m standing.’

‘I feel, as if I’m never going to experience what other, grand, they are, I admit to my fault to achieve any better, orchestras that agape such needs. To beckon and reed, alike, to feathery touch, a pianist’s watch, and mastership such as we won’t ever have, unless we get, alike, such better tools, as to stand, our ground and, much to prove as there is, show that we are capable of making it after. If only we have the same means.’

‘What after? When once surpass such men, we’d seek. Even if either of us is pleased, though I doubt anyone but you and your arrogance and envy never ending would allow you to move there on out, you know what that means as well. There will never be an end to it, from this childish venture, and desire of yours, to tell, nothing.

Nothing will suffice for you. Nothing will please you past that point, not the grandest, most obscure of forms, not the masterfully crafted, not the most well-thought songs.’

Something was missing still and least confined.

A violence of ethical proportions, an intrusion, intrinsically. False, he did not understand their stance.

The singers bloated, it was no blood-machine in which, the body, yet they played. There was no doing it for that sake alone, nor would they refrain from it, as such, as well. Was there no reason to believe, as such? A creature being played with, servant of the many lesser, three-set sun, of Slavic membrane, they laughed at him again.

‘Keep running, duck down before the falling urn, run and run again or we shall have you.

Don’t force our hands, or we shall make you suffer no less than you should.’

They were still smiling, drawing whatever they could from the choir, who was still singing, every voice being prone to be heard and have its wretched appearance distorted, forth came more suns and they were even more violent than the other ones. If their predecessors were, or had been at any time even remotely well, they would’ve seen each other, from each side, from every fallen-through dove-like pair. As masters of this place:

‘You grow in arrogance, brothers, this has to be brought to a stop!’

‘How can we stop now when we have already been given all that we need, on a place that was brought to us, by the lesser and by the ones that are shackled by their side; both of them would do whatever we say if it would please us so, without daring to raise a single finger, as to try.’

‘It will not last forever!’

‘Then while it lasts.’

The choir disturbed everything, as for, as far as it went, as closer still, but there would be no end that would fare well against it.

‘Part of this machine needs a new set of, willing participants, I wonder, in the midst of all, who might eventually step in and grant me solace as to know.

Who shall be the first one to be binded, banded, remade, refashioned as I will it, even cursed beyond the humanly understanding, for If I shall have it so, wherever might I look and do, I would all men in whatever sinew I could make of them.’

And there came forth but one whose lesser, greater understanding came without no doubt. He was a fanatic-sociopath, inert, incapable of figuring what was going on, at the very least no from his surroundings alone, since there were things right there that could eat, gnaw and have at him before there was even a chance for him to show himself for what he were:

‘Grand it is, is it not?’

‘A beauty, and you are?’

‘A choir master, Chorus, a mundane name I have adopted, which had been taken from me even before the time of my veins has come to pass, even before I stood a chance to live again, in the Iliac garden that’s now sunken into dirt and crass.’

‘Will you keep me waiting more?’

Chorus was mightily surprised, no one’s ever been this excited before, he’s never seen so, indulgent to his makings, to his shapings as well as the sharpening of the body, that they would be as impatient as he was.

Whatever was left of the entity survived, in some way or another; part of the room. Part of it had fallen apart, from the looks of it; a much-through the roof, it fell through:

A pair of pantomimes-pillars stood forth, they drew along all carrying elongated, strange piston shovels adorning their shoulders like pads.

They rolled on top a shattered floor.

One of the depressions in it had a few peep-holes put through them, dug-in. First peeper was but a deformed creature, hardly a looker, a horse-shoe made of two cartilages looking like two sides of an animal jaw molded tougher, toothless, bearing a face on top the bulk it formed out of many dub-bled dry, a slither of a mouth drawing forth on a crane-rake protrusion coming out of it. Around it flew the kite-master, whose face but rodent-like sharpened by a razor, with chipped grinned teeth sticking out, on a splice eely body it seemed to have grown out of and upon, it flew. Three great curtain-eels for arms, bearing an elongated curved in the front hat. Its bloodied body drew out filthy growths that spread around, the sprouted puffs where growthlets threw themselves in the air and about it. Each bore a pseudo-mouth that spoke:

‘The bloated giant skeletons stand forth.’

In waiting they drew along, a few more than fifteen of them, giant, and eyed with sparkling arms coming out, at the end of each there being the four lumbar spiked segments of a Lumbric vertebra whose Sacrum-Coccyx region pointed up, and appeared to be a marionette's head with giant corrugated compacted pearl-like eyes, with the mold of rotten men attached to them, all crying at the much-to-itself deformed peep-holes which had been dug by the horned mouthless, limbless moles that drew along their comb-like wormy growths.

Deformed citadel made out of many barely put together torn apart limbs, all gathering around.

A group made out of a few people gathered around him.

There were secret stall-houses in which they immediately went to.

One of the men whispered:

‘I remembered something I shouldn't have.’

‘What?’ Whispered another:

‘I think I remembered being abused as a child and I can't think of anything else now.’

I wish I could forget it. I don't like thinking about it.’

Key machine, lower than that; it couldn't sing or at the very least its keys, or most of them were very much lost.

A puffy thing whose body was mainly lumps, like a flea-headed but with man teeth on the front, no jaw, its nose an arrow tip, armored creature, legs but centipede grass-blades eight –encircling the physiognomy of a pseudo-cattle with two giant pincer shaped arms, clawless but pointing in the front. Unweaponed, but tailed, which diverged into a giant head that looked as if it was eating it, but was part, mouthless but eyed, bearing, at the back of its head, two giant finger-like protruding occipital bone-horns made of the same material as the rest of its skin. Kind of like a horseshoe or a magnet, or a man filling up a strange balloon animal made of chewing gum. Filled with eerily deformed formations, most of them being akin to tribalistic faces carved in what normal skin-tags would be to an average person. They were leaping around, nearing the sound of a great call, so eerily yet highly acoustic that only dogs would be capable of hearing it, drawing along, as if on sky-couches filled with spiked iron plates. No rider was in sight.

Two or three of them drew along:

‘Lithyi, we must find the source of the call, we must find it before the land breaks forth.’

Akin to them; but nowhere near would they understand the likes of the birth given Slavic Suns that flew around the confines of every fallen-after barricade; for no reason could anyone forget where they are, after all, for no second.

Hundreds, if not for a city commune, towering ‘countries’, all compressed into deformed cylinders, misaligned at every level, then forced together into one mega structure, akin to a throttled, elongated

smoke pattern-like caused by a hookah that made a lot of swirls, drew forth, a few billion miles forth, where finally it formed a strange, at first pseudo-tower or many Brutalism buildings, but as they progress further towards the sky, a mega-stalactite formation with many spiked shafts, poles and highly peaked standing domed roofed peaks, all merged together in an almost organic fashion. A few man-like adorning trinkets of men bearing curved to the almost abstract like pattern as if lucidly dreamed, mixed with hundreds of open doors and windows and strange see-through places, come to loss. Smoke coming out of many, fires being brought to life; many of the people living there being somewhat wickedly deformed accordingly to the angle and position they were born in, in relation to the gravitational pull-force caused by the deteriorating of the great experiment which floated above it. Like a star, like a red-dwarf but not a planet.

Its comet-head-melt of wax-piles with a giant man'teeth filled grin that was still smirking, whose both eyes were by now completely rotten, to the dark completion of a burnt-mark which had completely encompassed the mid-rift area, creating a single pseudo-belt eye socket, missing, as it'd go without saying, forming the top half of a scythe-like, in front of it, spectral scythe, outlined with black cords, slowly drawing out from inside its socket and its mouth, slowly yet numbly decompressingly-disintegrating the comet-cranium into nothingness. A pair of bloated spring aligned hoses made its throat. A violent, heavish humanoid torso, limbless pushing forth, out of its 'belly' a compact caterpillar worm shaped tunnel that would've been aligned horizontally if standing on the ground. At the middle of which out came a giant iron-cord-wire bearing circular springs all along it, until it drew forth to a black hole like formation it surrounded, having formed a circle by that point, that was somewhat close to the head, yet still beneath the spectral transparent bloated fat-scythe. A black oozing planet floated in the dead-center of the spring formed circle; as if it were a satellite coated in paint or space. And there was one, smaller, tinier head attached to the tunnel tail, at the end of which, where, it stood anchored by catfish like cords, this mannequin oblong metallic chatterer, whose mouth was a single pit-like deformity appeared to slowly, yet for those who were around to observe it, over a long enough period of time, when deemed by itself or judged as to be safe, draw out stick insect thing branch-pinchers with curved second segments drawing out flaccidly flailing tape-worm formations dangling around the barb-wire formations they were doggedly-attached to, during a desperate attempt to avoid destruction, although unsure whether or not it could survive the fall. It stalled. Although the caterpillar tunnel was more like a fat intestine, hardened and chitinous:

'Will we?'

No one could know, no one could possibly know. At best, Orkonkoroh could still be sleeping, in its bed, whereas not a single sound or uttered blasphemy could awaken it from its slumber. There were a few left-overs that began barking through. A Slavic Sun drew forth and asked itself, whereas the others, to its back, shouted as if they knew:

'What's gone through them, lord of Suns?'

'Whom, the lower perilous looking men, the ones that work beneath us?'

'Then, as there could be no other ones.

‘Slavic-sun, Slavic-sun, listen to my prayer now. I have traversed a long enough distance to, acquire this right and ask of you as listlessly a thing as there is. I wish I could simply bring myself closer to you now, before my feet would come out of place, before my skin would fall off, I ask of thee, now, that, I revealed my face and my true side. The only thing that matters, the form between these two dark eyes, it is as much as matters and as much as I need.’

He was strong and peculiar, in sight. An giant sharp-chiseled asteroid rock, with many weird bushy thorns and cracked growths sprouting in the back and everywhere they pushed out, torn-apart and spread. Eyeless, it were, were it not for the fore-front snout. An almost plant-creature whose head was attached to a twisted around cacti-artifact stone-hardened stalk; coming out of a canoe-cricket grasshopper bullet-domed body, it stood. A few plated long-shouldered-fat-planks by each side, out of which humanoid forearms drew out, resting on pincer-sucker circles upon which they walked. Thirty feet on one side, thirty on the other; its bloated-brother was a floating skin-like head, a morsel-hippopotamus elephant man cancer growth, grown in a barred cage, with a single glowing coil coming out of it, beneath, as if it were a mark, worn by someone who got eerily lynched.

It was a sad day for Hellespont. One of them was misaligned, and even worse than that, something had already touched it with a few bloody stumps being implanted in them still.

‘Who is responsible for this? I asked you a question, and I will not be ignored, show yourself, when I refer to you, stranger, coward, you blasphemous, righteous fool. Your presence here is unwelcome.

Your treason shall not be easily dismissed, you’ve done things to my machine that no one, absolutely no one would be allowed to brush over in my place; disgraceful cancerous staple of filth.’

Ruinous thing it were, spreading slabs across the floor, the ceiling was there no more, but shattered came the water-drops like craters, fallen apart. The entirety of the room was to it likens desperately depressed into the ground, some things could simply not do to look over, blinded by the morning light. How long has it been since you have come into contact with the sun?

‘I’ve made plenty of you, great Slavic Trinkets that adorn my hall, out of the nightmarish stored insides of a man and what I have made out of his mind, again, I call onto you. Where are you, where have you gone and why have you abandoned me to be mocked by such a desperate caller, one who’d silently shout whispers as if this were naught else but own, as likens, parlor?’

There was no answer but still he had yet to endure and know, where was he?’

But he crawled in safety and was nigh-unseen, closer to being invisible than anything that’s ever searched for it. A cylindrical accordion lumped compact body drew held on top of inverted smallish towers and many other various growths. Its legs were stumpy-long and warty, filled with pig-like body growths that lodged inside each denser rock, or at least into those that could grab a hold of them. A great cartilage giant tulip came out at its end, as if it were the elongated towering throat of a leaves-consuming prehistoric dinosaur, whose moth defining features were, at the end of this livid-tulip, a twisted caricature of gums and teeth that shared in similarity of color, as well as they looked like intestines wrapped, and sutures, one on top the other, one by one, held across a girth that was too fat to be measured, at least by the tools of man alone. Many elongated skin-tag like spear stalactite-stalagmite like growths drew out of its chest, clawing and swiping around, even swatting some flies it slowly brought to its mouth to digest.

Although this elongated canon could've ended up there, it bore a strange growth on top of it, most bizarre of twists being implanted in it. Forward the giant pushed-through, a few meters in the front body of a wriggling phallic thing culminated in a giant bulb with a single eye bore forth, at the back of which, the other end, behind the side of the gums, and the 'head', there being a pseudo-calf leg with its hoof, trying to kick, desperately trying to reach a piece of ground it may rest upon even if it lasted for a moment or so. The phallic growth had a giant bubbly growth on top of it, with many worming-things holding it together, out of which, outwardly heaved rested the first recognizable 'face', a head that looked like an infantile creature with dentist tubes shoved in its mouth for teeth, but with no open end that could be seen in there. A great worming flaccid horn-like tree sprouting from its head, while resting flaccidly, vaguely aiming for itself; whereas from both sides of this one Goliath-rotten cranium rested two deformed sacks filled with many limbs inside. A body that would grant it the means to hunt for more, in order to track as many as needed, in order to devour before the time of its hibernation could draw back on. Its general cast of skin was not that of a submarine or of any recognizable shell-like thing that could be coated as to look like any weapon of war or raw industrial machine, but one of hardened rotten- blue opal, denigrated, disintegrated and close to, or at least incredibly close to falling apart any second now.

'Draw, come upon me, my choir, draw upon the notes of sour; of all there is, I am to ask, of what has happened, after they had come upon me, yet again, at last.'

There was nothing too close, none who could approach or mimic such a thing as pantomime, since their wretched heads, in heaps were wrung aside.

'Someone's hiding in none of those lockers, but whom?

Who dares disturb my call, when I, alone am standing here in watchful touch, when come to pass, so I may listen to one that could come to life, from depths of stricken forth the lower and the low. The ones that sting with bitter cinnamon eels they eat out of? '

But lo, he dodged a bullet there, a few more than followed; none touched the machine that had already crawled at unawares. Whatever that be, there was, within reason, not a single moment to spare, none that would make him thread bare and sublime, never to approach anyone. He hid behind a rock, wonderingly looking around him, for any piece he may crawl on top of, so as to give himself even the slightest advantage, whichever that may be. He was equipped as well with a canon-barrel, with a tiny fuse at the back of its shaft, a cigarette but held between two metal pincers, and only one shot. It's about as much as I'm need of. Though I may get desperate as to do something my mind could outgrow.'

'Show yourself, intruder. I've already dealt with one like you before, you will prove to be none another and naught else but a mere pestilence and an annoyance, naught more I shall seek therefore!'

A trap one the ground, twenty meters ahead, barely planted. Someone put it down, just then. Heat and vibration was being produced by his incessant sprawling over the top-part of a tap-tap-tap on top of it, rounded lid. He planted it inside the floor. A few more than a few heads drew down bolted thin-stick insect mouths coming from on top a covered in leather-face circular region these thing receivers came out of.

He aimed it in its general direction. He was nowhere to be found. It was already hard, trying to figure out what was going in there, with the dim lit light constantly being put down. Soon the lights could come out, and then. He dreaded what might happen after.

Left side, fifteen hundred meters, raised high, coming off one of the high-tops, across one of the walls. A side beam of many crawling things, all of them flashing spears out their bodily rims, soon shot down, across the floor. A circular pane of moving rancid spears kept crawling from one side of the room to the other, with every circular motion there being a second stranger made to appear between these rods. An oozing worming superficial pool that looked like their cast-below-them shadow reeled in some of the features off, whoever those may be, they weren't brought here without being slightly, somberly botched.

Some wore no faces. Others had their legs taken away from them, but sprouted wing-buds from behind their backs, crawling around them, floating around.

But there was no doubt about it, every single one of them wanted to get a hold of the choir, to acquire it by all means necessary.

There were other armed guns and drones there, hidden behind pillars, tall-raised and not only so, but some who, stopped. As if in place.

'It's a masticated forage piece taken out of a caved-in quarry we stumbled on after demolishing some of the rock-shuttles that had fallen from the upper-cradle that's been, in Letork, his weird ball, Johnke, fifteen meters above them, the left side of the ceiling, above the hellish realm, the rotten locker of cadavers, five days ago when the slurpage of stone-crackle fell on itself, taking a good chunk off the canyon during its fall because of the explosives, but I think we've made far too great a progress into the manifestation, as for the dissipation of the global funds whose projected destination is our pockets, to be stopped now, therefore, we shall used this masticated tooth-thing for rape.'

'But I am a woman, and I've been raped hundreds of times.'

'There's a criminal-murdered with a butcher-knife-cleaver blade for arms, behind you. Don't turn.'

'I am afraid he's going to rape-molest fuck me.'

'Wait, pray to your god, he's split its back.'

A great red panel emerged, no, a cube- a transparent see-through dark world, a box, a dark thing, a dark cubicle as if of dark stars, oozing with solid darkness; with a blackish substance, a gas. His arms got pulled apart, then connected as if on a racked, held as if socketed, a piece of his face being torn apart as well. Pigmented black boils began emerging and spreading, alongside the rims of his thumpers, his two knee joints having been firmly planted into the ground at this point as the inner-jerkiness of their front-piece began protruding through the growth-mass of his legs. A dead nigger was also lynched in the meantime, second time's a charm.

'Don't look behind you, woman, he's lynching a nigger right now, right in front of my eyes, and he's suffocating him violently but slowly.' With a boil-filled with growths as well, rope.

A simple man, whose cruel life had followed him, and caught up, from behind, around and whereas everywhere he looked, for every choice he's made would yet again prove, to be his wicked style. His life that only served himself, a senseless thing, the ugly and vulgar, and there was naught to say of him at all.

But lo', like many, who were like him alike, they turned to look behind. And there was single thing that stood divine, called Ideal, set but, still, in mind.

A tall and mighty figure standing, whose mastered all such craft, who's carried everything and everyone behind him, as he had raised him family, set and wrought. Like mighty iron, crested, stung. And just as any, hunched, but sought. Whose calloused hands, for heavy weights, from hardening himself as well, for hours spent, and blinded so. As many men after, only felt themselves, weary, as to show. That he would die. There were so many people that would not help. For even with, or wreathing still; the ideal was yet to fall to his feet. But it could only last for long, as well.

When all, forgotten, past him yet. No one looked behind.

'I remember, once, and again. Beauty was but called Florence, upon the Renaissance man, whose face was bold. Upon him, of which stories we have only heard, as being told. As, for everything that's been written down, as for the likes that have been taken from us, before a time, when we may yet to come upon them again, not as they were, but how they are again.

Though man alike, he may have been, I do forget, that deep within. Time had changed the man of Renaissance, not the master, of all, due, craft. But the man who still lived with God, the man who crafted for the likes. The man of patronage, with much refined taste, of which but splendor not even the likes of man, would but face or have seen through. I remember many such tales, but I've yet to know what's true of splendor.

I've yet to know a man as great, as no one else but living anywhere else, but in the heart of the Renaissance man.'

Of what was known of them I forget, but they had known such Paradise as they have made, and will yet be made again.

The man of Italy draws on. He enters through the broken home. He sees such stone as there in lain, in a place, he has yet to decide whether or not he would stay.

It was no crossing of the dead, yet they felt likely, that he would stand. While everyone in turn sat.

The man, my brother, stands in vain.

'How can there be a future for the Western man?'

The world has yet to come of fair, and day, of what comes after, they sit and wait.

But no one knows what to say, of the Renaissance man.

Of much regard was kept the man under the clouds, Italian. Whose brow was high, and they kept sight, of much beloved, Italian. Whose Christ was lord, and Church was home, of a lordly man, Italian.

Stone hands, stone hands such as ours, can only shatter. They ruin everything they touch. These are not the hands of man I bear, these are not hands given by God. These are not hands capable to create. They're not fit for anyone. I wish I did not feel so jealous onto him as well, of might as such, the Renaissance man. I was not born like him, I can't pretend. How does he do and reach that is true?

How does he sculpt and paint and learn, behave?

Master of all craft, man of Renaissance. Of whose desire wilts, I've yet to comprehend, at last.

For no man is of the same heart as he.

The halls will not suffice, so much more has to change about them; of pure embroidered marble yet many seem to stand.

A torn apart garden, wasted in the distance lain; many of them wilt in flowery beds, widely spread and yet aghast to winds that were not there yet. For neither were to come and greet, the men outside. They'll see to it that they will come. And when the first of rains, in town, they shall wilt a spoken world no more. Instead, of chimes, might hear, and wait, horizons filled with more. Than ever wanted. It's just as much as I've ever wanted. A life as simple, hardly lived. A life but bothersome, and ill. With men alike, and working hard, for a family beyond the one one's had.

A life away, a life forgiven, a life that's wasting, but all's but given, where to, rest in peace, as peaceful as to think that life had gotten close, as to exist.

There stood, before them, flowers churning, towers mourning, a puddle of diamond shattered before any step could be taken forth.

A boy stood alone, playing by the water tap outside. Alone.

Specks of shelter-cobalt clusters

Upon the filaments made out of shattered giant diamond masters, and crystalline grunts whom stood upon the great embodied eminence of stone, which lived between four broken volcano-craters, inside of which they formed. Larger peoples all gathered around:

'We have broken another scepter during the first day.'

'Since when was there ever a question whether nor your insatiable desire to shatter their mountain fell upon the shoulders of our kin?'

Most of the colors had died out, waves washing over what remained.

A great briar of cobalt appeared from somewhere out of Cobalt-East.

They were filled with pearl-dust and other kinds of unnatural clouded specs that had entered through their fingers, twice as close to being used again:

‘Lord of cobalt-ruin.’

They were fallen off out of a wheelbarrow, shards of cobalt taken out of a mine. Near them stood him.

A Body-bag deformed sack-man: Limbless, but with a head turned to the right. He was carried on. One of his simple cobalt eyes shone, with glowing puffs of ultramarine. An empty black socket on the left, the other one oozing with glowing strength, set aside.

‘Blue eyed jewels are placed on the counter now; do you suppose there’ll be a few more days of blue satin afterwards? Since we have stolen eight and eyeless gazes still refrain from talking. I would, most assuredly ask you so. Shatter them, break them apart, then put the dust aside and wait a week long dormant until the other summer’s end’s a waiting. It’ll be there, in the same place by the time you return.’

There was no bastardly way around it, and there were cuts around the body of a dust-grained covered automated arm, the prosthetic carrier, the one that brought them from the hanging countries, Hkevd. He was still undecided, as to what was going on around him.

There was another man, who was a tad shier than the other people, who made an offer, as to lay claim upon an oyster, whatever that meant.

‘I won’t shatter it as I believe it to be of a worth far more exceeding that of any pitiful trinket one could wrap his hands around, and for that I offer but my simplest most quaint apologies, as I have promised my chosen one of heart contender, that I would bring this to her, here on out and therefore send her back into that mirthful phase she may never wake up out of.’

‘You intent on doing something to her while she’s asleep.’

‘Of course I would, rape her that is.’

‘Well enough, perhaps we ought to contend with something else.’

‘But wait, did I hear that so? The jewels, they belong to sockets, they’re eyes such as crystal balls, spheres that somehow would, much to them.’

And he took a moment to inspect them. Holding the jewels in front of his face, carefully measuring them with one eye open, the other closed, thereon out his face extended towards the sun. A domed gate seen as if cut at the top by two slashes then brought, slightly closer to him as well as he ran.

‘Someone stop that thief!’

But the crowd was filled with too large a beasts to stop him, or to tackle him as the guards caught on. Barren desert waste fallen apart bodied whose top drew forth as a crane-like ledge pointed inwardly, out

of which a crane-curved scythed long-beak pointed inwardly as this strangely spectral dark armor of green-purple darkish blue, many teeth of orange being aligned, one at once. As if it were an armored drilled with a downward pointing spike-teeth scythe, it crawled on cackling mouthed feet, smallish and cricket-like but deformed and, much to themselves, the prosthetics of machines. But this was only the lower side of their bodies, as the upper side was a chessboard's pawn whose 'head' was actually shaped like a human torso but flipped around as to align with the side of the drill, not forward as for the scythe to align to its left 'arm' which was a peculiarly deformed body-trash-bag but coiled thing, coming out of this cast of armor it rested in, filled with many decaying shapes that were unseen by the eyes of men. It was largely headless unless one counted a pump-like pike opening that pointed forward, and was barred. Well enough, the bag acted like a lumping lung, which appeared to have granted them their much esteemed ability to set themselves in flight. It was a clumsy one as well, that followed.

'We need to follow him, wherever he went, and implant something in his head, we have to track him wherever he went.

He stole something that ought not have been stolen.'

'What?'

'A cobalt set of eye-hearts, which shall make the seas wreathe in disgust and become thunder-forms and shoot bolts of powder made out of shattered clouds, in worlds unknown, as from that point on the world shall be destroyed in part and made to resume the cycles of destruction from which no spawn might come out after!'

A few more people in the crowd, they moved slowly as from one side to the other, unnervingly defunct. Incapable of knowing or finding out what pestered them. It was mightily addictive, but they could not remove whichever one was there.

'A man dropped dead!'

'Clear the road, clear the road!'

Of course, most expectantly, the guards simply ignored him as if it didn't matter, as for any as for all.'

A broken cottage, long-well-drop beneath:

Their voices were as penetrating and rancid as a Cyclohexylsulfamic acid bolt. Alone, there it stood, before them, both only capable of seeing it only when they spoke as to melt its outer layer. A few of the neon lights popped up the ceiling. A wall stood there, deformedly disjoined from the rest of the upper deformedly erected lance of bricks that intersected itself with the lower-upper clasper. No more, they stopped dropping.

'That's a nice, feverishly worked upon pearl, isn't it? It has an igniting fuse out there, carved in.' More like punched in, like some kind of unnatural ritual that was made, in order to properly get something out of it. It left it, hanging, near the improperly frozen pool of algae. A sphere of wax with a broken candle inside, no wonder they tried hiding them, they were thin-waist explosives after all, neurons of fire:

'I could light it, making this whole room simply pop off, you wager I couldn't?'

‘Neither of us would reprimand you if you had. It’s just that, it would be an awful thing to do, would it not? Our lives and the ones beneath and above us could be at stake. We could most certainly avoid that, within reason. If it pleases you, take it, hold it, but don’t light it.’

Yeah, try getting onto him, he could most definitely do with something like that. If only I could.’

Cortyii-Aid muffled one of his moustaches, they were vehemently beaded. A slaughter of lightning almost popped in, making it seem as if, a broken chandelier took its last glassy breath before it died off in an infinitesimal of a second.

A broken house:

Four great decayed corpses, legless but whose hands were thrown, upwardly heaved as if they were waves that pushed out of a tomb, a contortion of stone, high-skulled as such; adorned by broken skeletons that were lumped together at the top of it. The closest thing to humanity inside that tomb was a giant heart that fairly exceeded the girth of a human corpse. For that reason alone, no one appeared to approach it, nor make any disturbing noise whilst nearing it. But the villagers gathered nonetheless, appeasing the likens of a dark occultist that shoved them back:

‘You shall make no noisome approach, do you hear? Unless you want to awaken my master from his sleep. At which, my time will have remarked as stopped, and toppled down, a decree as such will have been given onto me when nearing thee, men of lesser worth. You’re to die afterwards.’

But none answered to the flounder as, it’s been thrown. About to wonder when one could awaken some scorn, a man was chosen from their pile. Appalled as one might be, he stepped in with a torch of many wails, many of them slithering contortedly as they would refrain from doing so on wild-a-bunch and dark command.

Herbon, to his side, had strode in until, he had become a single rosary thing engulfed in flames, just as Saint Alchony had upon stumbling on the remains of Penelepanor’s repellant strands, which did, that did, until it’s come to stop next to him, fallen flat-faced on the ground. It was a shocking act, akin to an execution.

A pus lantern appeared to grow

Only a part of it could be thoroughly observed as for the growths on either side, neither which or made any sign of changing. In front of them, a darker tunnel, through the Hospital and much closer than they would allow after:

A slammer and a hit, something kept pounding the wall, hit after hit, it followed after, someones' feet caught off, chopped and then put behind him, he started wailing again after that, open mouthed, head-stand tall, as him, distorted. Had they looked for any sign of there being anything clearer? There was no way of telling, they started again. A hit and sprawl, then they jumped around and only hoped that they would not be trailed as they left nothing behind, not even the slightest, most terrible of things, a wingless broth, as well as they could, much to it allow, for something near-close to happen.

'Don't make any sudden movement now, they could pit us against it if they open the gates and help us hide in that filth-a-mound.'

'Who is the one behind this?'

'Must be the ones that escaped, the ones that turned on the lights, but now they're gone, like everything else, like everyone who's lived for the time, living inside the bloated-creeps.'

The cricks were blind and open the door opened, a giant bullet-crater was seen in front of them, devoid of anything that could grow, as to lay aside. A strange man of murk appeared, chained behind his one-left ear. He bore, out of his back, an appendage wrought third arm, that had a clay-like blob-fish head contorted. Hardened, as was said, distorted, with moving eyes, socketless that crawled aside, cockroach style, but bore the likens of spinning angels. It looked like a raggedy thing, lacking in a lower jaw, a filthy sock-puppet made of metal, wrought out of the back-entrails of a muck-wrought in creature, fallen apart.

It gave the orders, it bore its ruby-eyes red, it could barely draw breath, but there it stood, in front of them, the living dead:

'You ought to have come sooner than this, there's barely anything left in here.'

'And who are you supposed to be?'

'Out of fear, I think I shall omit any side, as to partake any. Let alone, will I do something against the nature of this place, shh, be silent for a moment before any of them die.'

A few creatures were lowered in, hard-encased in square-filled caged, fillings-gelatin. Only their outstanding arms could be seen as well, that had been, with the help of a lot of pressure been bloodied by friction.

The ceiling was set in many square-s –egmented, delimited by strange sprawls, but every few of them, surrounding one of the 'trapped' was a fake spongy cartilage, keeping him in place and alive. Feeding him, them, all:

'Soon enough, you shall be granted the least of life, the slice, of trifling, and set-on thrice, will there be another chance to spare, a chance to prove yourselves worthy of rising up with the rest of them.'

'I do not see any lowering chain, how are they, how it this possible?'

'That alone you don't have a right to look into or tell of. It would rather be unpleasant if you looked too further into it.'

'Is there anything left of any other man who's been here?'

‘ Not that I know off, but know ye. That lesser things await outside, those whom had been mongrelized.’

‘ What of life then, has it been preserved in any quantifiable manner?’

‘ Of course it wasn’t, not a single man would ever dare think of it that way.’

‘ Then what?’

Michael Kornshaw, so-so, dared step in. He turned towards the other two. Both clearly bothered. Incapable of dealing with the strain.

Part of him wasn’t there, it was fifteen hundred miles in the back, with a single standing bag holder trying to cross a Lapp on the gloomy door he rested on top of, his body being dishelmed, disjointed. Barely walking, before he took a nip off the door. He’d seen something carved inside of it, at the very least, it was something he tried looking into, getting his grubby hands ever so closer to the one beneath him. Seeing how he already gave in to a most sublime stop, he started putting his fingers in, trying to access something hidden inside of him, inside of it; whereas by his right there was another man, who was purposefully staring at his strange Olomok plastic holder, a semi-aquatic pool being held within the twist of a melon and a silver sledge, completely warped around it. He had already tried getting a word in but failed in his attempt to utter a single word. No one’s listening, he whispered.

‘What are doing down there and why is that thing stuck to your arm?’ ‘

‘ I don’t know just yet, but, I have to peel this off him, I need to eat a piece of the floor and scour it with my gritty teeth.’

‘ Why do you need to do it?’

‘ I can’t help myself, stranger, I simply can’t, my armadillo is inside of it, he ate it, the bastard and the floor, upon eating him, it’s eaten my pet as well by spine-assembly assimilation.’

‘ You’re not getting him back, I can see it already, the walls are filled with scales, you know what that means, don’t you?’

‘ I beg to differ, I think you’re the one who refuses to understand what’s going on in here, I truly like this, and what’s become of my desire to get him back. It’s not that he’s been eaten or I searching for him, but the hole it made down there, beneath the fellow, inside.’

Though he couldn’t point at it with full or nigh-supreme confidence, he. Knew it was there, inside that incessant, puckery-drop, that hole beneath the earth, underneath the corpse, dug in by vandal hands, gone through a gap and a hole, incapable of seeing it through at first, he considered pounding through the corpse.

‘ You see now, it’s the armadillo, he’s more of a pool ball that found its way in the inner-tunnel made out of this man’s gut, whose entrails entered the hole-roach made inside, beneath the point where he dug.’

‘Esquire, you need to stop before you lose a finger, or that thing in your hand. What are you even holding?’

‘Part of it is already gone, and part of me wants it to be done as well, don’t try turning me away from it, this can only turn into. There are, wait, there are people there, off the block.’

To their sides, many of them, at least a few meters back and forth, bloated and kept in place before being allowed to move back and forth and then again, resuming their strange movements, in utmost unsanitary ways; dark walls being polluted with incessant dark and tall, molded out of graven coughs, liquefied, hardened, cast like cement in these blocs. Carefully aligned and animated in some unnatural way neither of them could grow out of, or the likens, similarity to the bolden grave they lived on top off.

They weren’t natural either, as one would expect, not even as blocky as pyramid stones.

Fishing plaque spears appeared to be the separators, highly inclined towards the opposite wall, near which both of them stooped towards, but most importantly, they whipped it, incessantly so. Unnaturally dark marks being left here and there, molded-with fallen over, darkly’a’matter fallen-throughs, that came from broken holes left by their pierced-through holes, slashes, pointers. They gave birth to tiny flying pieces of the cave-ins, flying origamis with scrawls resembling fallacious maws and many carved in fathers whom sung for their daughters, whom were dead but trailed along the halls. A chaos of hallways after, and on in-between; conjoined with their arms, blindingly searching, but no father yelled for either one of them to come, as thin and pointy dancers, hardly in their scowls would attempt to near them.

Then, before either man could dig in, and see the drop beneath the ground. Or on the other side, farther away, leaping towards a closed door where the bullet-honed a simple fall. One of the fallen panels stared crawling in. Kept above and thinning out, with every second being allowed to breathe aloud, as one finely painted maiden drew as well:

‘I finally made a return in my own home, dear Margery, I seek thee but you shall not answer after, or come yonder as to give me a sing, that you have kept your mother, never asking for you now, in your heart, most blessed of remarks that happens to survive.’

Drenched as she was, dressed in corny flour; off her shoulder came a single arm. It was pointy and had, down to four or eight, empty mouths; of all and all, they pointed at each side, they opened, their elongated tongued evolved, filled with broken spikes, caterpillars in disguise, making them look like porcupines, spitting trails of acid, as their rotten nature, made all the verdure and what came in-between appear. A brown-like dusk neared, and as soon as she appeared, someone sneered at her, like the petty thing she was. A remark was given forth. A chitinous giant head, a shell split in half as well, with a bubbly throat connected to a giant bloated egg, capable, and done so, to float, forth, it had. And curved like a strange thing, with Pynchon’s face but merely melted upon this shield it brought or prided itself as to be the bearer of a single head. Its side ‘ears’ and of deer, fork-lightning of skin-mount hoses filled with creeping sneer, wrought it to begin at last:

‘Have you come again looking for her?’

Has she not left to attend to your errand ten, no, eighteen minutes ago as such?’

‘I have no recollection of any of this happening at all, perhaps, you of all would so kindly remind me if you’d dare?’

‘I could not such a thing just yet. What if she heard me?’

‘What if she did? That I wonder just as well, but lo’, I would not hope to take it away from you, not while knowing of what you’re capable of doing if left to your own devices, to know of my forebodings with my daughter as such.’

Various people formed a group. They all entered it and shook, the small boisterous device, they had been locked inside of it they were in a giant helicopter with legs.

It is a prison – section cut off from the rest of the lowest-mid-area, where some of the lower-open mouthed Plecchens started in, their dance of lichen drawing after:

One of the elongated tubes coming from on top the ceiling started pushing out, lowering itself even closer than it had been before, in accordance to their position. They were being fed, a most disgusting looking liquefied muck that started pouring livid-sugar into them, feeding their guts like the animals they were, always trying to take a bite out of their throats, these semi-formed creatures, these dead-fish and the other dark creatures whose limbs appeared in the wrong places, and on the wrong spots whenever they were being fed.

‘What is this?’

‘A growth Ezhleshe-Glikki, a growth no less, you must draw away from It before it spreads, for when it does.’

‘Get away from the plower-feeder, I need a second ration for what’s to come.’

They were in a hen-room more likely than a normal chamber, prison-like only in drop and how they were made to suffer down there, whenever it was pleasant, or obscure, whenever the jailor came into the room and stood by their side, it was only then, then and only then when they would start going around, playing with their minds, exposing their radiator-cages of cabbage-bone, set by their side:

‘Will you allow us to leave?’

‘Not yet, you need to serve for a little longer while, for all is necessary for the great plan, one that shall accuse you all of.’

‘Accuse?’

‘Of course, I meant something else, indeed I have.’

The Jailor Hlyeghshe, ugly creature like a pill with two hardened pawns of bone-cartilage resin, one a hat and the other, a rotten depressed-downwardly set ‘platform’ he rested upon. And he was but many tendons, a prison himself that connected both blobby ends. Many sharp-receding in and out, sharpened blades came out of the mass, but it was hardened chitin everywhere. Only at the top and below, what appeared to be contorted and aligned around the two balloonlike things were the many images of the desperate folk of desperate yolk in color and in texture, which attempted to fight it, yet found themselves, distraught, carved in, incapable of flight and trapped. But the blades were flaccid, plumpily fat, and open

ended, peashooters, noisemakers, while the creatures around him were depressed, actually sad, and saddened to each end.

They piled up in a corner for a moment, staring at the jailor as if he had been a kindergarten reader:

‘It feels rather awful being here, waiting, brooding, ruminating, being incapable of escaping, what is life outside these walls?’

‘Broken, wasted, and much, much worse than that, the world is unrecognizable. Living here, in this alternative is a mercy. For every single one of us, that’s why I’m asking you to wait a little longer until the adjacent areas are made better, by some means, then you’ll be free to do whatever you please and walk wherever you desire beyond this thin box.’

‘Why can’t I be freed first? What if I want to live out there, in that broken world?’

‘You won’t survive for long and freeing you would simply be a means to an end.’

‘What if I want to do it either way?’

‘Unfortunately that is not for you to decide. There are rules and stakes here we can’t simply brush off just because you can’t accept it.’

‘I want to leave, Jailor.’

‘Fare well then, because of your contemptuous riot and imprudence, I decided that you are to leave my presence and not be seen from this point on.’

It only took a moment before it was gone. And even then they all feared something might happen immediately after, like a block of stones falling on top their heads or worse, heading the echoes that did rise and rose. Long before he entered the scene, of such a loss would he have found himself thinner, as to look aside.

Part of the roofing has to be fixed. It’s worn-out, worming, stone-figures, scrawled but made alive within the span of eight months, whoever the culprit was, he knew not only what he was doing prior to this incessant scratch-through of nails and, perched-in, drawls of blood, of clot and splatters that moved along, with patched of forest muscle filled with eely-things, nail-long, but pouncing in upon themselves, they neared, within the period of time or near. It wasn’t cushioned, one of the rocks that fell from, between them. Between the ranks, that being before and afore-flight, which followed straightly, thin, and much-to-it as would’ve been, another one of these cells moved.

‘Cell fifteen Ghyorlyk, moving through, I supposed you wouldn’t.’

‘Course you did, you knew me better than to try, plus, have you seen what that place looks like? It’s a miracle it’s still standing with so many of them moving it.’

He missed a clicking button. It shook in place and took some space off while they moved the ‘cargo’ from one side to another, right before passing the right one down.

‘See and take notes, I’m going to have to test your knowledge later.’

Shh, don't breathe.

He thought, he knew.

No one wanted to draw attention onto them, especially since it was watching, carefully, closely. Flying ever-near; on top of a switch-blade with a partially drawn out knife shaped blade, forming an L, on top of it rested a growth, hardened, polished, like a blocky stone. Out of which, an elongated wire, its throat but eely, fleshy, connected to an elongated skull, but tattered, that of a seal-or-a-jackal-or a canine, bearing at its end two giant toothy-things, pointing down as well. Eyeless, but from the distance, the wretch had seemed, if the teeth and the end of the blade were to be aligned, a heart, within its grasp, indicative of its round contortions, drawn on a wall.

He spat acidic smoke as well, whenever one approached, as if to tell, the land was not to be threaded on, this system would fall, it were the one in charge. And if he willed it.

But it was.

'Inert sharpies, cowl-wearing, large orangutans, they pray.'

It drew towards them, a most obtuse filthy-ingrained in it being. Like two peas aligned, one wider, bigger than the other in the back. Termite-pointers sticking out, the wearer bore only a single dark, human eye. Whereas from its giant abdomen that rested in the back, sprouted an elongated carrying shaft which bore a large gelatin basin, a water-vase shape with a single organ in, an infatuous fat man belly pumping heart it carried along.

Although pain could not be seen, this warpedly deformed base of gelatin merely drew backwards in no stranger place it could find itself in. It could not draw farther from where it stood upon being met by one of a much similar kin. One that was anything but ill-to find out who it were in front of him, standing. Resting in a trap of melted-gelatin, where most walls were thinned out, one by one and made to waste away, and rotten.

Whereas the men that were broken, never had they had themselves brought upon the toils that fell. Stood a rotten king that told them:

'Lesser ones, bring yourselves forth.'

It's hard to tell sometimes, what a prison is like:

'I've been trying to set notes for you gangrells, filthy parasites, termites, filthy things you are. But you never dare, as such respond.'

They were dirtied, soiled and looked much wrong, to their likens, all but fashioned into every wall. Many of them fallen apart, and were still struck by a process of proton decay.

'A Quantum worship shall bring you naught, as all continues to fall apart.'

Another one, much to him, he was more than likely to be disturbed, just by the plain look of its eyes, the many that gathered, then popped like flies, one by one, malodorously fell behind:

‘And there’s the culprit, the one that drags near, you of all, will have to disappear. If I don’t find myself wasting away within the hour, I will have found nothing to attach to, yet I will survive.’

‘Who’s the looker this time around?’ A piggyback malformed asked, he was pushing in as if to cast all ailments of ill aside of him.

A miscreant joined him, tall man, chest and head projected, until looking like a shingle, head was brought down and he only had an eye, an arm, two legs and glowed despite the puckery muck body that almost threatened to fall apart at the slightest snare. And many of them threatened him unless he kept his distance, there. He approached the wild-waste.

It was the patch of green in this incessant closed-up pentagon within which they stood and never asked for less:

‘The jailor will never come, you realize that, don’t you?’

Closer had he come, in a matter of, rather a few moments, he would’ve found himself miss-caught, like a draught In which he drowned his sorrows. Standing by his side, he asked if he could borrow.

‘One of your many left-over limbs, I swear I shall give you one, if I could only make a cut within, acceptable reason, there won’t be an issue drawn forth.’

‘I shall make the preparatory arrangements, in order for you to take what is righteously yours, but be warned, I wane in place, and all falls apart if I refrain from muttering the quantum incantations. There are falsities involved in every single one of them, that of which you should be aware of.’

‘What will happen to me if one of them refuses?’

‘One?’

‘To join by body, and of course, I would not be as crude as to only take one. If I were only to take a finger, all would be wasted, all this track, upon which I thought only to rest and plow, of strangulated walls, and claimed from them what it is mine.’

‘How many of them will you claim from me?’

‘As many as I can make do, out of, and go through, numbering, or venturing as far as to take hundreds of them. But only after I will have facilitated their growth, which could not only take a way, but you know well what that means.’

‘I could be absorbed by all of them during the process, and that is something I could not easily make do with. Suffice to say, my body’s stiff and I am frozen. Just like them, they’re made of chitinous ploycarkian gelatin. It could fall apart even during the growth, I could become a mount as I stand threatened, and be absorbed with the rest of everything lain around this place.’

‘It is a risk you shall and I will force you to take, any and all that is necessary for me to make I through as well as I can push it forth, instead.’

‘Will you be as kind to bring me that thing over there?’

In the middle of the room, what had been solidly cut by what appeared to be, large horizontal, vertical and over the head slashes were standing frames of blotted material, an iron-changed wax that prevented all but all and all from approaching or drawing near without risking being cut. Even though it was mostly superficial since these thin things were, after all, the solidified 'birth-marks' of cut-masses, which leashed from on top their standards at whoever was closest, they were still to be thoroughly approached a while. For obvious reasons; even the gelatin basined-cracked in the back pumpers knew better than to approach. Instead, they formed a congregation in a dark corner, forming a great ape' like puddle of oozing green in which all of their beating organs rested inside of. Their beadiness looked bleary.

Even from the distance they still managed to get away with doing it. While opening their mouths, long swatter limbs, elongated within the range of seven hundred fifty one meters away from them, deucedly hanging, as they rested against the floor; relaxes segments only now revealing slightly open globular hole protrusions, out of which came long reeling in and out vapor-makers. That chilled the room.

As the temperature lowered, even for what appeared to be fifteen minutes or so, the mid-piece in the middle of the pentagon relaxed itself.

The 'man', whom had interacted with the leper, or at least one of the ones that weren't molded to the main structure of the walls had already stopped his advance.

Whereas the man known as Kornshaw had been lifted up and the elevator, while having entered this cell, released a pheromone puff from the bud-like attachments connected to its inner frame. As hallow and rotten as it was, the plain lifted-up appendages fell on the ground even before an involuntary reaction might've kicked in.

He was already two steps in, when, stopped, as to look around, was dumbfoundedly struck in place by a sight of many, barely interacting creatures that had fallen over, on top of one another, from just about every side. At the same time, the only creature standing before him was an incredibly tall man, with missing patches, slowly encumbered by its very own frame, only began advancing and stopping during the few second gaps he allowed for that movement to occur. Saw's ever step but providing a clear response as for the derangement the one in front of him proceeded with.

'You've come to deliver something to me, no?'

Although they were rather unaware of the intricacies that appeared to revolve around the constantly being lowered, then drawn upon the longest, most innocuous systems, they still existed in a strange pseudo-vacuum-like space, like cradles being attached to one another by appendages keeping a hold of one another in the same way shaking arms are, while being even more outlandish and violent looking than anything seen prior. Largely twisted and filled with many pointy grabbers that would enter specifically designed inside the opposite inert cartilage to which they are attached to – holes, being lodged inside of as to promote a complete block that would fend off any possibility of release. They were akin to living scythes that expanded out of their lodged in blocks of stone. Capable of eerily jerking as they were forced to numbly set themselves against the surface drawing along every possible facet of the floating cages they were set inside.

The one flying cell-bloc floating on top of it bore its tulip thick appendage, that sprouted beneath it in an almost completely, nigh-curved at an angle, stretch that aimed itself towards the lower floating cell,

against whose slightly, standing out curved scythe was now close enough to being released from its grasp, no longer being a scythe as both of them curved twistingly against one another, having only formed two fat spears, upon being wrapped against one another, barely in time to prevent their release from each other's pincer like clasping. The lower cell had its limb coming from the side, and when seen together, as they were alike, had but momentarily formed a crane, with a fat body and a fat head. An itchy, dark-filled and fallen apart throat lay there, filled with many puncture holes.

But they were merely caught in their clockwise twist around and beyond the Pentagon-cell that stood, barely placed beyond them, beyond their reach and as far as they could get, there, and it was already getting crowded.

'Kornsaw, my name is Kornsaw. Do we have a disagreement, perhaps?'

'I don't think we do, unless we ought to start one since you haven't brought what I asked you to. You showed up here empty handed without realizing just what that means.'

'What does it mean?'

'It's. There are cuts that are being made or parts that are grown but they need a set of special, indulgers. You understand that, correct?'

'How could I when you haven't told me anything yet.'

'Step out of the elevator then. You only made a few steps then receded back to your hiding hole, why do you suppose that is?'

'I was startled, that's all, you drove me back, you see? You're quite threatening in appearance.'

'Will you not then go back from where you come from and bring me the indulgers? They are the only means of stabilizing the growth so this entire cell doesn't get fully filled with every livid thing there is inside of him. He's storage, you see? Like every leper before him, he carries the souls of the people that died during the Plague.

If I were to start making the preparatory arrangements and omit one of the key elements that would facilitate a certain control to his growth, there would be no stop to it any longer. And from that point on, who knows what might become of us?'

'Who are you?'

'Call me Clench-Clekke'

'Clenched, I got it, then, Clench-Clekke, will you at the very least tell me what it looks like?'

'I may not but there is someone who knows exactly where it is. And he is capable and mighty and will be capable of informing you of what it looks like. Otherwise, I risk a lot, saying, talking, and informing you about every single thing it is.'

'Please, will you just?'

‘I told you my terms, Kornshaw, you go, I stay, I linger, I wait, those are the terms of our deal.’

‘What do I get from it then? It’s a deal after all.’

‘A pair of growths, we’ll share.’

‘So be it, I think I might put such things to great use.’

‘Indeed you will, I can make sure of it, at least, I can, most certainly make sure of it.’

It laughed, in an almost malignantly forlorn manner. He may be missing a few pairs on a side, but he seemed trustworthy enough.

As soon as they settled on it, the entire room shook, as he left the way he came, as the frames came back into place as well. He was not going to simply give in.

Between twenty or so minutes that were made of walking, unaccounted for, he was stopped.

Conjoined with a piece of the ceiling that made his hat.

‘He didn’t tell me.’

It was too late to turn now, it’s been a few minutes of walking now. But the lower depressions, whereas there were these floating stair-case tubes that appeared and disappeared were just about everywhere, or at least whenever a crate got delivered. They were attached to the cells that moved. The ones in place appeared to be connected to large platforms that made the entire framing of the entire prison complex. At the very least, that little solace he received from knowing there was a ground to stand upon was much to his pleasure welcome. For the time being, at least; further down the line, a three-crossroads revealed three left-over elevators that had been set there, waiting for him as to choose.

He had forgotten which way he came, and which way he’d go.

His had had ugly deformed figures of cut-in blood men-fencing with blood-rapiers between one another. Each with a real human evil eye; with swampy deformed dark triangle-writings-akin to hieroglyphs, but with different variations that almost made them look like wildly deformed ellipses. It was no stone but a deformed-eaten through iron, that by now was attached to his head. Bars had wrung through his sockets, and he missed eyes, but could still see through his senses. As they formed images in his head; his fingers were also reed-thin bamboos with knife-bulb formations as their ends. His legs were split in seven or eight cuts, were thin-but hardened-filled themselves with mass, and were forced to walk like the pages of a book skimmed upon, at an unfathomable speed, but back-and forth in terms of bodily tilting and of motions.

The elevators were also set in moving large transparent cylinders but they weren’t the ones that disappeared. Although the ones that did sometimes appeared, in, or dressed, into the most spectacularly filled with dark, unfathomably hard to stare at geometrical shapes that formed pseudo-humane but concavely deformed figures that were trapped inside of them. Only for a while. They were thin and flaccid as well, easily drilled through if one had only tried. And they spoke:

‘You are to meet one of the fat, blob-bodied doctors that survived.’

One of the tubes appeared near the edge of one of the open-to the abyss quasi outlined doors, it had a moving mouth thin as a sharpie microscope-submarine device that dangled from one side to another, immediately recognizing him as a 'humanoid' biologic sequence carrying human-derivate, upon the following discovery, having already set itself upon this course of action, 'it' already communicating with one of the laddered tubes that appeared in the middle of nothingness.

Theirs was nothing short and nothing else but a short exchange that had simply shown him what the doctor was like, the hunch-back of organs he carried, the small head, and the mechanical limbs that were projected out of him, turning him into a virus-spider abomination crawling about, in an enclosed bacterial filled with filth zone.

'He's in all three of the cells, you must piece him back together in order to get the indulgers he's grown most fond off.'

'Are you certain of it? They all look closed, out of reach, impossible to get to and much worse than that.'

They would not lie to me, no, it is impossible, they could not lie to me.

Hence he walked in the first one, the area nearest to him being somehow too vacuous even for him to fully approach.

He dreamed of the transparent staircases, they spoke to him at night. He fell asleep in front of the three way crossroad and dreamed of them when the time had come.

But they were the three horns that belonged to a great dark cranium in a space of pure light he floated in.

It spoke to him, while the three of them curved, trying to encompass him in their open hand but never reaching, never grasping what they couldn't. Far ahead and in-between, ever so close, after:

'Will you hear us now and cast yourself in the river? Farther down, sink.

Where the doctor waits and is in wait for you, as for the surgery to finally begin.'

'Should I go on if it hurts?'

'Why must you ask if you know the answer?'

'I'm merely asking for reason, it's all I'm after.'

'Can I ask you something?'

'Go ahead, a take a crack at me.'

'Are there eighteen hundred deformations standing behind you?'

'Huh?'

He turned, and all of the sudden. Rock-puddle flier with jackal-teeth up-front with a goat-molded head cassette tape stuck to its side and a giantly deformed fuselage look-industrial fire extinguisher attached to

its side, appeared out of nowhere. It opened its 'mouth, a stove-circle, out of which, four long yellow, blue, red and orange triangles came out of. They stood in front of him.

Each departed from one another, with at least a few meters being left between one another. Most peculiar, enough; one of them opened up as soon as possible, as soon as it could, drawing from breath, taking everything apart, as soon as one man from afar was dead because of the sight. It began unwrapping itself inwardly as if it were a parasite clawing its way through reality, covering itself with chameleon distant-environment looking peels, which looked, for a static-while, as it jerked eerily back and forth, as if the 'sides' of a distant jumping ball had been placed in the wrong spots, not to mention that they didn't blend with the ground or the passing dove itself, that by the time it was done, and this not being a complete invisible or look-a-likeable to the rest of the canopy blend contributing to the fact that that it could only work if seen from a specific angle by one of them, if looked at, specifically, from that exact spot he stood it, yet, it still gave an uncanny valley kind of feeling with the head of a dove with its moving sensual eye was still locked in that place, a most peculiar thing happened just then, in the middle of the frugal formation as of the tiny fingers present in the middle, having already, by the second wink of an eye, become a cluster of a few tens or hundreds or even millions which only then had started changing into the most deformedly destroyed clip-claps, they had revealed a most obtuse sounding flicker from one side to another of the 'area' they were confined into that pushed out the flying dead-rotten body of a rodent. Who has devoured the fingers of one of the many deities of the rottenly fallen apart kingdom beneath the bowels of the burying grounds they had been practicing their dark rituals in, over countless generations. Many great losses finally being driven to a starve:

'I reckon that you're both new here, are you not?'

He dreamed of the one between the rooms as well. When time came to approach, suddenly he rested on top his feet, woken up by the sound of laughter.

'We've sawed your feet off.'

'How, and who are you, bastards?'

But the echoes died off. Without a chance to turn, as quickly as to catch them midriff of where he came out of, there simply was no way to tell who they were or why they did it.

'Bastards, bastards, bastards, how dare you cut off my legs? I'll have to walk on top my hands now, carrying them in my back, without a single pair of extra hands to help me deal with this from this point on.'

And most importantly he knew what the tube was thinking, perhaps he was the one who did it. Crackling his ladder after, drawing or drafting for himself a madly-malady played with elevator after. It was something he was not content with dealing, at least not yet.

'Climbing will be easier if you're using both hands.'

'I need to keep my legs from falling over, you know that.'

Wait, was there not an elevator here, there? On any of the three paths? What have you partaken in while I was asleep, tube?'

‘I confer upon you this. I have no hand in it. Not that I am not lacking in either of those, it’s simply a matter of, soliciting, the way you’ve solicited information from me strikes me as being odd. What happened to you during your sleep, during that lurid dream I’ve yet to have a taste of?’

‘That is neither your concern, nor your business if you don’t mind, don’t make me have a strike at you, or else you may not like what’s going to happen after.’

‘You are wretched and I dislike you, but I’m rather shocked that, despite what’s happened to you, you’re still going. And you plan on going on this direction instead of returning to your prison cell. There are things out there that might ease your suffering, I wager.’

‘Such as you? I suppose anyone in my place would be content with, settling with the consolation prize, but I know better than this.’ He smiled, clever animal, clever, nasty dog.

‘You don’t think it hasn’t crossed my ladder, yet, have you?’

‘I thought I could have one on you.’

‘The surgeon won’t operate on himself, let alone on you, what makes you think he’ll simply brush over what’s been happening to you over the past few months?’

‘I do not only not care, but I also, months?’

I’ve been in a coma for that long?’

‘Unfortunately, I’m afraid there’s been, there’s things that one.’

The prisoner stopped along the way. Poor-minded fool, to think that he had actually made it this far without being affected, without even having, suffice to say, been touched by anything, even by something akin to a hibernation-cut through legs-off peaceful ever-after, they should’ve finished him off. Living like this might end up being torture, beyond it, if the tube was right. Just what was he intending on doing with him?’

‘Tell me, then. I’m listening, what’s been going on past these few months?’

In the prison:

A caged fighter appeared to be the first creature to have stumbled upon him. As a matter of fact, he was elated, pure-out-of-joy. There was just nothing standing between the two of them, and hopping over, taking what was rightfully his, to the employ of the other men. Forty four attached to him, all caged, but their legs were all on the sides and through the bars they pushed on, again:

‘Should we listen to the boss? He’s told us not to approach him. He’s dangerous, from what I’ve heard, perhaps even worse than that. He could be contagious.’

Eighty six candles lighted, but he was the one prepared to do the touching. Standing in the front, face painted in an irresolute white-blue pink laced with bubbles red and other strange dots attached to his forehead that was a dark-triangle with cinder-block growths coming out of it, many of whom had widely

psychotic flashing eyes that went through hundreds of gradients of colors before finally large, thin stalactites came out of them, elongated, appendage-like brushing across the prisoner's body.

'This one's fresh, he's pure, is he not? I seem to be of the. I think I've reached a conclusion. He's not dead yet, he's not de-butchered just yet but I wager this could somehow still change as long as I am here. As long as I can still do something about it, I shall do it.'

'Who is the wretch of the sky?'

'What is that, caged slave? Who gave you permission to talk?'

All of the sudden, the Caged-Master looked all the way back to a barely aligned line that appeared to rattle both left and right, many of the iron bars flashing in and out of sight, as they only waggered one another's taken-through after-lights. They were afraid as well, good. Great, these things. These wretches are not only beneath me but they also need to be kept under control. Unless clearly maintained, I do not know what would happen to them. If I were to; rattle, rattle, it came as a shock. It vibrated between them like bells hitting one another's sides in a most undisciplinary manner.

A shockwave of the sorts; that drove through every single one of them, it drilled through their heads, the main idea, that being, do not dare question the chief in charge, the master. Some of the candles had been blown off by the ricochet effect. Master is flattered by the effectiveness of all. Master, the master must be listened to, before something goes wrong.

'Just what am I looking at, if not the most incontestable, brat? You, little brat ought not to be alive in here, sitting in the cold.'

The tube appeared and it drew near, before the time had yet to disappear. It eyed them most colloquially so, as in the swamps.

There was no possible way to settle this dispute on amiable terms; therefore there could only be one way this could unfold, as predictable as it was, they brought the great empty corpse-cast in; placing it in the middle of a decently shaped foyer, that was devoid of any 'emotion' that also looked rather, than doing it out of spite, they settled with trying to examine the outer wounds.

'Cleary, there are signs of.'

It began levitating, a few meters off the ground, while also having taken most of the cables along with it. There should be no problem at all, judging by the fact that there were a few ill-placed 'hikers' who happened to have clicked their bodies shut in, some of the most peculiarly fashioned ways, as they only stood there, not to make a scene. But at the very least one of them began lowering himself down.

By the mere, simplistic way in which he was walking, one could draw out the fact that, he knew whom this corpse had been, when alive.

How could they even do this to the poor fellow? A mess, indeed:

'I say, we should start removing piece by piece out of him, only that way we can truly make sure he is truly alive. There's a demon hid inside of him, at this very moment, caged master. I've not only seen it

but I had been feverishly avoiding its insolence', as to much us no less than it ought to. At least, I've found its peculiar existence to be much to its contempt unsatisfactorily defunct. It's trying to gnaw at us, when we're but plain to see disturbed by its most insolent queries.'

'And you propose we open this man up and do things to him that none else in his turn would have him.

Ah, a pity I intent on crushing his nose, splitting him whereas none of the, least amount of growths would come; but at least you've tried.'

'If you kill him here the demon might escape and infest one of us? Or even, yourself.'

'What is that? Do you seriously think that simple trick would work on me?'

The Caged-master was suddenly interrupted.

It couldn't work, it definitely couldn't work. But it was worth a shot, otherwise, it would've been all for nothing, in which case, one final push could somehow do it, he wagered. And waned with each strike, and drew closer to him, step by step, like a sextant filled crazed maniac with a little mind, barely moving if not for the on-lookers that drew from various open slits. Some of the cuts were rather dim. But they glowed nonetheless.

'Lyietl-Nigger, it's our pet's name. Our slave without a face, which we have taken along, after cutting it apart from the farm we stole him, taken out and after. We've chased the masters off the premise of their ranch, and would've whipped them as well, as they were niggers themselves, but that is not to be taken lightly for they were tawny burnt.'

And the horses, they had missed them, and would've come out of dirt, if only they had known of soil, what it looked like, what they could do with it, if that was their plan. Not a single nigger made it through. But they tried to prolong their lives as far as they could, nor would they do it, if only they understood.

'As benign as the country had been, we've slain many of them here and there, only to have found ourselves met by something beyond uncanny.' It was hard to explain, but the country was riddles with many planted oaks and various other branch-filled disturbing growths, many of which had lynch-ropes strung and thrown about, poses of witch-like burning things only coming second to some. But nonetheless, were they exposed-as in skinned alive, melted as well, still fallen apart.

'He's one of the only ones that survived as long as we could hope to do it. Implant something in his mind to turn him forever subservient to us and what we forced him do.'

'And what is that now?'

He asked one of these bizarre-minded wretches, whom had already three snot-riddled with meat, drawn out of them, talons that were dangling from one side to another, trying to get a fissure barely exposed. There were things the animal felt that would've made even the weakest corpses wake up and rose he did. Likely aroused by pain, dandily so; it spoke to massa:

'Massa saved us, massa cleansed us of the ills of mind! Massa, massa, massa saved us!'

Short lived, nonetheless. It, the creature, stood eighteen meters away from the Simian, wildly dangling a second, flying outside the outer-socket of body appendage, carelessly aligned. At first an issue, but flabbergasted by this wait, it finally removed its talon, dragged away to its side, the shot, right through his head, gone done through his chest, then came out to his right, where it finally receded into a small, little wasp-like thing that bounced against one of the walls that rested in front of it. A few shrapnel pieces finally drawing aside it; while its animal-slave was so-much-so, as to itself, very much, and rather wet, left to its own accord; not a single man acknowledged it. Not that it bothered anyone.

‘The lantern of pus, this artifact that neither of us have ever known of or ever understood, what’s it about it that attracts us to it?’

‘You may still leave before they realize what’s happening to it.’

‘What is?’

‘It’s grown to such proportion that’s begun dictating the very, very, incessant thing that is the growth of the cages themselves. You would not enjoy looking at it.’

‘What of the man you’re poking?’

‘You did not allow me the satisfaction of finishing, if you will.’

‘Go ahead, caged cater. I am still of silken mind, as such as to ask, where is the.’

‘Allow me to finish still.’ Cried the master yet again, as a disfigured creature would’ve done in any other way it could. Or if it meant expressing it, as such, would they have understood?’

‘A march, it’s, what it is, a march, as for the inmates to escape. We’re counting on the awakening of this man so we may pass the cross, the three of them as we make our way along, ending up wherever this incessant thing might lead us to.’

‘Even if you’re damned by any of the choices, if not all, will you still take that path that leads you thus, be strung aloud? You’re all made of one piece and that alone cannot be found or missed. I’m afraid there’s but nothing separating you from whichever cruelty one may avoid as to prevent you from harm’s way, to your tawny reasoning, of burnt-out mind.

Every single one of you will die, if you draw along.’

‘We can separate at will, plus, they’re subservient to me.’

He knew that, and for that reason, he once made them eat a giant sphere, a giant snail, a disgusting deformed tower made out of men, large nails with legs, a hat shaped like a peculiar demonical figure with twenty wings instead of its calves and forearms, a diamond shaped bat-face, a square-with-numbers on it, a few demigods, beaten down champions, mad-men with leaves instead of faces, which sprouted out of their concave-nails filled with weirder eyes. And they choked on everything, multiple times. On no account of eve, would they have complained at all, wretched they were, wretched they be.

Sickened by this kind of treatment and these kinds of act, it was tenderly obvious enough that, a long time ago, shaky times, those being, have they learned not to trust the caged master and to play along whenever

time had cast them anywhere else where they might look and see. Whether or not they cast themselves out of it; of every stone-alike shattering, incumbent poultry of iron that could cut through them as iron-sharp virulent tire-iron that could come and cut them, still, they eerily traced the movements, bred, out of the many widely split reflections that bounced with wild refraction from the various chiseled walls, against the surfaced-facets of their eyes, having signaled prior of what was going on, to be as subtle as to show whenever he prepared himself to open his mouth, the master that being, giving himself way too often to the obvious, never-to-be-met by second guessing of intentions that followed after, still. There was as little of an explanation as to why they still poked him still. These disgusting creatures and the men, who stumbled upon it, then; they refuted one another:

‘My army of caged twins, conjoined fiends and beasts threaten and will threaten if my will demands of them to destroy everything in sight.’

It was proven before this even happened. Before this altercation could even come to pass, since they all suffered of the same thing, that being, a hunt for a way out, being more than compatible with being called a barbarous torture of a most entrapped sufferer whose never-ending torture may never be as much incalled into question, as being placed beyond anyone's above any who's, as there to be a hierarchy which there wasn't. Dangerous words of fight and trouble seeped in the air. And during that dream, the man appeared to be trapped in as well, although at a different level, many of the cages appeared to shake as well. The doctor split in three, could tell.

Their constitution wasn't upstanding and they were weak-willed to such a degree that it was satisfactorily, named, in part, sub-human; as they were all mutations, melting and falling apart. Many of the cages shook within reason, being annoyed by their stop, since they could feel it in the same way a man's arm would have to bear through a lazy caterpillar's walk across the full-width of his entire arm.

Pretton the Fourth, born out of the Conjoled World inside one of the fallen apart but filled with disgusting spike headed cells, which laughed at him still, twisted in the back, whose face was brought to face the eight diamond' cyst inside the crime-filled melt point bore through, where the weird eyed cylinder constantly appeared, but on a sixty degree incline and fifty meters off the initial position he was or is normally seen in, being merged now with a weird almost molar-shaped sea-jelly elongated 'flat-compact' box creature with a cord attached to its side, bearing even four 'legs' as if they were roots, but twisted around like horned lizards or unicorns, as such, pointing downwardly, and doggedly as their hybridization was in reality, more assorted in terms of the color and the shape distribution between their exchange, the vision of which, or in which they've been displayed in having only lasted for a few minutes, before it vanished away. But what he saw, while, expecting to spy on the caged master as to predict when he would try lowering his self-esteem as to banish him in a realm of anguish had ended up, precisely, to be put, so, doing nothing. His mind was beyond saving. And all of them were under severe torture.

Every iron-bar around their bird-cages, both inside and outside were spiked; with fast spinning drills, shaped like niggers, with high-heels.

First half of the doctor:

Crowned with a dark hat bearing three great horns, pointing inwardly at a floating jewel of growths, that were lumped and bore appendages that were all bejeweled at their ends, in the same way pincers would bear crystal ships, so did they, but cyst-like in nature, sailless and without the likes of men to churn the wheel.

The first half of three, which was actually a half in its 'entirety' bore a long leg that had no foot and was more like an abruptly rising pulse-rate checker's curve-made, bell curve shaped but like hills, lumps of put-together deformities that spread across his body. His arm was the size of a, and the relative shape of the front of a pilot's cockpit, rounded up pseudo dome, or a horizontally rotated man's chest, where the hand connected with the ribs or would've pointed downward, at the ground, but stitched together with the rest of him as if he were an abomination and not a man. His throat was a pole with many black cords and only half his face and his beard remained there.

If the prison complex was dark, he rested in a world of dreams, a vivisection of verdure, growths, flowers and dream-like beings that surrounded him.

A giant soil-made arm pushed out Terracotta armies that scouted the area he was in. They were automatic. The Half-doctor cursed the air-density with primate-curses that turned stone to gray. Painting them so they would stand out; predators are hard to spot in nature when they blend with their surroundings. Although the human eye has evolved in such ways as to distinguish eighteen billion shades of green; which was all rendered unnecessary. Even if the stone-statues would've stood out anyway because of their already, partially contrasting shades; it was irrelevant.

'Divined creature, Casenmalefh, I call upon you for answers, where is the body I've been working on for the last thirty years? The same one I've been performing countless surgeries on top of?'

It refused to address him as anything other than the wretch he was.

A golden piece of thread that was curated after being mixed with an alloy-champion melting men drew breath again, distracting him, else since. Nothing much happened. Devoid of the needs of hunger, he simply waited, and wailed.

The thumbs are standing at the top of a world without fingers, all of which were taken out of the stumps of most unkind hands, playing ukuleles, they were made.

It couldn't be forgotten after, not in the least.

'I live on top the ceiling.'

Said the man on the ceiling, whose ends, farther ends, the ceiling was but decrepit and broken instead. Worn out by the looks of it, completely wrecked; couldn't see past it but it was there instead.

Streets of Nak

This time of the year, moonparcel blue from the looks of it, bloated with teenage kids on bicycles, running around the off-side shore, the dark side of the road, listening to old tunes by Floyd, they've been gagging around for hours passing rubber-chews between their mouths, hand to hand they pinned a girl off the road and put her in the van, they saw it. Before they could even gather around, she was gone.

A flock of rider stopped near the side, where the cars stopped.

One of the kids:

'Did we just witness a murder? Have we actually?'

'I don't know, I don't think she's dead yet.' Twoshoe cried at Andolf, both of them were just as quiet as a little robust crane with a clotty cotton prick around his rummage-through neck; they waited.

Some of the riders came in just as soon, jostling about their jugulars.

'Think we should follow on their track?'

'I don't know whether or not this is a good idea.'

'It is and we must follow it wherever it goes, otherwise who knows what they might do to the young cunny they took away from us, they kidnapped her and most likely intend on doing the worst possible things adult men could do to a young prepubescent girl; a nymph.'

'That sounds nasty, but how are we going to stop them, CHILDREN?'

'We have to try something at the very least.'

They didn't notice the peculiar flying tormented bloated orangutan nigger-like body cast that appeared to be floating above them with its wild little pegs of iron-poisoning strange accesses that formed outside its body. Bloated as it were, little features could barely be made after a while, as it happened, for every side of the creature to split as to look like a sudden scoop of lard-cream that was then but pounded with a pair of rusty forks, until the only distinguishable features from what remained floating above the looked as if they were drawn from another dimension and were by no means part of the creature they were residing inside of, since, they were sharp as in blades, unnaturally so, until no longer could they be held inside and appeared to protrude out of a nickel-like surface that hid inside the lower-layers, most of which were even deeper, if not deeply set inside. A pair of dark-heads were popping in and out, simian-painted skulls-in ivory black from the looks of it, tar-like but red glowing crystals that looked like flares that couldn't help themselves but keep the engines going. Dripping below them, the road was no longer placed upon an incline.

There was no shame in waiting for their mouths to open since most of the biker's heads weren't even attached to the rest of their bodies. And the roads was but tapestry-bland and red coral, indeed it was, too nice for anyone to bash and rip on, since for the last time and the most obvious of reasons, they had no

control over their actions, really didn't. But followed through as they but sniffed as well, they weren't dogs and the girl that was kidnapped wasn't a bitch in heat, at least not yet.

Upon the hour they had attempted several times to address this issue to either of the parents that might've been present around the time and the house they ventured at, and as much as it appeared to be exactly nothing else but what to be expected, they were met only by scowls coming out of the taller-than-the buildings near which they stood adjacent to, adults. Whom were but giant, their guts were chained and open-through and looked as if they were but made by the militia to be completely contained in, by force. Moody-evil they looked. Their faces were but open and appeared to bear arms that pushed in and out, until they carried a numbness of the dark limbs. Many of the adults fell, breaking the city as well in their retreat, some of whom were broken in the head-split from the looks of it and made to reel back in and out, lost.

Inside the van:

By the time they neared the control panel, it all nested in, the insides of which were but put through such channels, and wasted in the basket of disease. What followed through as much as it could be settled past the hour, had to make a difference.

'I've almost come to see it, I've almost reached the hour where I could directly worship what's left of him. I see my god and I wonder now, who has taken him away from me? Whom had cut him just as such? And whom might I be able to call upon now that my time had finally been brought to an end?'

'You ask of us to allow you to die with him, perhaps?'

'Anything but to lay, with what is held and what it is; I seek to live in ignorance and in bliss.'

'Then you may cover your eyes and cover your mouth and lay inside a see-through navel. You may rot in it and bother us not.'

'What have I done to deserve it?'

'We don't call the shots.'

'Then perhaps you should blur between them.'

'Why? Think you can do better?'

'I think I can.'

Both of them were Incas, who set the young girl into one of the malformed-looking decay-panel, which had already planted its roots around the eight look-through facets that were lain around and adorned everything that was set on every wall as well as everything else that seemed to float in the air. Their teeth were broken and appeared to chomp on anything they could lay themselves on top off, as long as they could and for as long. Eighty eight-eight, was the clock's hour, on top of them. Watching the world carefully through one of the pillar-baton, an ice-cream cone crematorium where the corpses were floating in the air. The van had no engine, it only worked as long as the dark-corpses flew around and followed the

van carefully, as to make sure nothing was happening without them paying a distinctly set direction. In whichever way they looked, stop signs. It was the wrong zone, wrong zone, nothing better left to prod.

At the nearing of a merriment faction, they were greeted inside a thorax-shaped unnatural faction-holdout where they hid. Behind it, a desert; while everything else was bizarrely shaped in the most unfashionably cut-out manner. Fakes upon fakes following through as they were moved, pinned on spinning wheels, they were actioned by the machines.

A dark man with an ugly puff-out lip and sunken teeth spat out.

He was wearing a trash-cat for his body suit, a giant cat with no eyes, and no claws, and he was wrapped around by military belts, and wore a strange helmet that looked like an isosceles shape, that was rounded at the top and appeared to cast upon each sight but a disembodied head that was his, the man inside the strange head-device, his helmet being a combination of the King Leer and a Photon operator, and a compactor, lawn-mower and little more cardboard deformation on the side. Seen from the front, a huge almost bucket-thick throat lead to a squared missile-like shape almost like a nuclear fat boy warhead, that bore a strange spring coming out of his right-ear placement that pushed out as to become a straight line that, then became a giant arrow-like head that dangled around, with little holes behind the shaft, having a circular end in which the spring shot through, where a part of the noise came out of. A fake sage-like beard being lain on the precise location one would grow it, bearing nothing else to the featureless false eyes, fake noise and sutured mouth-opening. The other side, that being the left ear placement or the right side if seen from the front bore the strange appearance of a raised, even if it was only a few centimeters away from the rest of the head and a few to the side, Elephantman like tumor, that bore a single ear-like talk piece that was made to look like a casino-slot lever with a microphone like piece coming at its end, standing there as if that's where the noise was made to enter so he could interpret what was going on. And at the top height of the tumor-like cardboard stood the blade of the lawnmower-like thing which appeared to be stuck in a failure to work. The man in the strangely giant-dead cat suit whom had wore it in the same manner Heracles wore his lion's pelt also seemed to have two holes that pushed through the insides of his shoulders which went deep and looked like empty hollows, or made it seem like he was actually empty on the inside. Rather, the main form of the mask seemed ever so more likely, and it was organic, to be shaped like a resting chicken, staring dead straight to the right, standing on top of a bucket, listening to the tunes of a lawnmower blade, with the arrow but pointing in the wind's direction as if it stood on top a chimney or on top a roof, with the beard being but a pair of tatters or a torn piece of a sail that had been taken from inside the chimney or the bucket, who bore a flaccid looking insect leg out of its chest bearing a single puffy thing at its end. And his name was Ranchor Ranchland.

There was no time to waste. It was not necessarily how it was supposed to go but neither one of them knew any better for what was worth. They were with the faction and they pulled her off, tied up like a little fanciful doll, drooling around as he wasted on the side of the put-through push-about little cranny she was to be bled on. No one liked where this was going but this was the employer's wish, the faction leader asked for more kids, and every now and then one of them made the slip, and came to escape, within the hour only to be dredged along as she was, they didn't pull her out yet, not entirely since they couldn't. It felt like she was stuck inside and couldn't move by normal means, that meant, her face was put in a small carapace that was shaped like an eel with two more eel moving around the top, acting like lightning catchers that had tubes about and inside of them, always popping off the mark, making wild-

wild woo-woo noises, when she was bled. And there were also spikes on top and everywhere around the helmet, going through a hem and bush-thorn, at least by the looks of it they ate what they could and moved along. A little pass-through dame she was but no one complained, not as long as they were getting in.

Ranchor didn't move yet, he had to communicate part of the word to some of his closest trustees, which was by all means someone who was closest if not the closest man in charge with him breathing along when listened to. He had to interpret what he could, especially when they arrived there, around the proximity in which they talked. Large circles, almost popping blue and red with colored energy trails pushing about and trying to make it seem like there was no way to move from sight. They were making little dark noises, and were but trying to move along. They were dead-damp and looked as if they had been set on fire before any prior notice had been given, in which case they ate a piece of his throat and spat him out. He didn't complain since he couldn't be killed either.

Burnt-corpse Emma:

'Greetings there Ranchor, we've been waiting to talking to you for a long while now, but we didn't expect you to have company. None of it was supposed to be included, was it?'

With which she took the opportunity to take another bite and play with him since it was what they did and since it did seem to help decrease the altitude and defuse the atmosphere, calming him down since there was only one way to do it. Always cutting that piece off that was making most of the noise, it was there with them and, as it was eaten they could see, the men of the Van, they could see that he wasn't bled. I knew he was no man, no human and nothing of the kind, but now I wonder what does that mean for us and our future arrangements? Our conducts are completely ruined, he is completely touched by the looks of it and there's no way out. I have to do something. Yet he feared, as retaliation was but a disease that could not be drawn or taken away, nor spoke through as it would yield nothing by all means.

Someone was listening in the sky, the clouds were on their way and they were just as deranged as everything else that happened there.

Burnt-corpse Ralph:

'I've brought you something from my home, I think you should pay some serious, utmost serious consideration to what I've done, I made it myself, I fashioned it out of a bed-bug, a little nail-clipper, a curtain-burnt as I set myself on fire and of everything else that makes me happy and makes me cackle. I am but trying to look around and search for a good reason to survive but I can't since, you must know and since you're asking of it.

So many things had gone wrong in this world, there's another side of the town that looks as if it's been encompassed by other peoples from beyond it, which I may not be able to deal with for too long. I am afraid of them and what they're made out of, since they're but completely destroyed by their vices. Their skin looks drawn inside and I may not be able to explain this on my own but I've been trying and looking for a great reason to pass one of the lower being through the Trial of Burnt-people so we may see whether or not they are much stronger than we are.

Suffice to say, they didn't want to accept that, at all. They shunned the fire but appeared to be setting themselves in, what seems to be gasoline, then they but set themselves on fire with what seems to be a strange red haze-vapor that burned in so many dark shades of deep blue, of red-blue and of many other dark hues that I didn't know what to make of it.

And their part of the town was completely ruined from the looks of it, taken down, from the houses and the apartments that had been used by good folk I used to fancy and chew out of and don't be surprised if I tell you as much, but I keep dreaming of them every now and then and of what happened when I was inside of them.

I am kind of afraid of them since they seem to be incapable of growth yet they seem to grow with each fire they start and set themselves on, making it even worse and even more awkward since I do not know what's going on or happening around me. They're always walking together in gangs of eight and are but dressed in tatters, their home looks like a strangely deformed iteration of Tartarus and I'm very if not entirely sure that they're completely if not mentally broken.'

'What find you fit about them in that case?'

'Nothing, nothing at all, their behavior is improper, they scowl at us, the kind-floating burnt-people and the other folk, those being the Acidvictim-cripples and appear to be completely obtuse as to what's been going on for the past few hours since they're afraid we might do something to them. They're specifically afraid we may stumble onto something they don't was us to come upon.

Look, during one of the nights, I've seen it happen.'

It was as if the world was theirs and they could but light down every house and door and everything that was set on fire, even them, before they even knew or realized what happened. Planking about as they emulated large ships that would walk on top of them, yet every single time it happened, they were not hurt by the amount of weight or anything else that came on top of them, making this even more bizarre to wear, since they were but incapable of making out what was going, more Burntpeople followed through. They were incapable of distinguishing colors, but this was on their own.

In particular, this strange, strenuously disjointed corner of them worlds and of them neighborhoods was no good, was no good by any means, or by anything else. That's what it all was, and those people were but put in cars and they drove around.

'We called them BloodyDrivers because they took a liking into setting everything on fire, just like cars do every time there's a single car accident, it happens, fire spreads and many of the people that would've been hit by the cars in question die anyway because of the heat-rampage that follows after.

I don't think there's any explanation needed as to understand where I'm going here now.'

Their flames, though weren't flames were but foamy-bubbly yet air-like, compact oxygen-rubber that flew around and covered everything, then darkened as to form harder-to touch clouds, it's how they tricked the Corpses into believing that they were in actuality somehow manipulating everything, although they weren't.

Ingenious as they were, all of them went into a basement where they lived with a pair of eight-mothers that were all stuck in death-like state from which they could never draw away from, not to come out of live or have any chance to begin with, they were standing on a pair of couches, four of them, two at a time, and all had head-ankle shape like belts that entered their throats around the circle they were in, as it only pumped in something much darker and darker that was bloated and appeared to be the life made out of their put-together embodiments that were just as soon or sooner put through, out of misery and out of conscience, until, to such finality, most of them were allowed a solace unlike any other that followed through, since their empanel-brain beads that ever so slightly connected to the bile-like formation that was carried through, now, they were incapable and no longer would they be capable of breathing properly since they were but trying to desperately catch on the reeling of a shot that was being constantly played and replayed since it was recorded on a middle device that was made out of eighteen put together television heads, being actioned by a long tube-like cord extension that appeared to be working everything from the insides of a monitor-unit walking wagon like on actually disemboweled or chopped human legs instead of wheels kind of device that carried the piles of cords from one side to another, creating a magnifying electrical loop that shot from one corner to the other, drawing electricity from the entire neighborhood as well as from the quantum power generator that it was attached to; a generator that would be destroyed if it were allowed to function for a moment too soon or too long, until it could no longer be allowed to walk around the grim-looking floor it was put in. Not every generator was like that, most of them being rather normal, as in they were in some way not only actioned like some wild devices but they were making it seem like they bloated one another with dark-put through lance like coffin-bore through region flatly inside a bakery-like pizza-making stove where they would be burnt alive, but there was no fire, only electricity down there and most of the frippery fryers were like daisy chained liars, that would work, but wouldn't, until a dark out happened, then pop-pop it would go, and half of the planet would explode, even taking half of god with it since God leaned on top of the world. He was shaped like a peculiarly posing almost female like figure, yet had a giant crested and many torso-chested extension as of many put together roots that raised themselves around a stairway that looked vaguely alive and bore not only many limbs but looked as if it bore darkly-fit unnatural flits of dark-heads that were glowing blue which extended as to form hose-throats that bore smaller heads at the ends of them, in the image of which it made some of the men that were on the planet. Not the others since there were too many of them everywhere around and couldn't be controlled any longer, in the basement, they were trying, the Bloody Drivers that is, completely numbed by what was happening around them to pluck some of the feathers of a dead-doo put through a slayers' broad sword kind of butcher stopped at the throat motion in which they waited to see whether or not, or check on its pulse, if it was still alive. Since, without reason they wanted to stuff it with rusty nasty junk they found around the place and fill her with little pebbles as well as a light-bulb which would be worked through as to turn it into a lamp. It was too obvious now. Conducting a ritual. A trail of murders leading to the house. But the neighborhood was entirely empty, and it was set in place and looked wrong. It was damned, and put through one of the queer standing walls, that were outside, in the middle of the street. Miracle of the twenty first century's architecture, greatly embezzled as well, from the looks of it. A hole lay in it, as someone but broke in the bank, but it wasn't any armed robbery either, the shape of the hole was like too eerily nastily hooked hands that but shook on the deal as they took everything and ran away. Not even the walls are safe in this world, not even the walls. Full of stuffing and manure, they say.

The Burnt-corpses appeared to be provoking each other in the air as well, but fashioning little pebbles out of their burn skin or little hanging similar things they threw at one another since they couldn't even stand themselves. It was all fine and well until they lost themselves, and lost track of time. Many of them were there for a reason, that being, trying to chew off someone's head. And since most people were driven away, they were left with fewer and fewer options as time drew on, as they lost the concept of trying to make it like there were human lives there that weren't meant trafficking. And there was a kid, she was the girl that managed to land in the wrong direction, the wrong place. She had no part in this, but they didn't say anything even though they saw her in the van and the recollection instantly kicked in as if it had been there all along and never had it stooped much lower. It was a game of satisfaction for the choppers that flew in. The girl was a criminal, a fugitive, she had to be put down.'

'Lower your bike girl.'

She had and all of the sudden, the choppers went away. Out of the sewers came a large bamboo-shape rod of skin with many mouths from which long tongues came out and began licking her, around the most erogenous parts, it was disgusting but she was not there. The Burnt-men only had a sick imagination and imagined her there.

'We've tricked you and you want to know why?'

'I do not understand.'

'Of course you don't, that's because the initial bite restructured your complete DNA-atoms around your throat as to bury themselves in it and keep pushing up your blood stream until they formed dark sacks in which your brain mass and organs are currently being stored in as for our consecutive bites to be more effective as we're eating you.

I've never seen that girl before in my entire life but I knew that mentioning her would somehow take your mind off what's going on so I may do with you as I desire. By now, most chunks of your insides are missing and you're thin and weak as well as an erogenous spot filled with pus-gallbladder feet.'

'So, what happened to those Bloody Drivers?'

'They lived inside their mother's home, the most respectable of nobles lived with their mothers throughout time, as did aristocracy, the royal families, and whichever other kind of ruling caste there ever was, existed or was given conception off.'

One of them was Jomax Pavilion Carter.

Carter was a bad man, even while the others were busy choking the chicken, he was standing alone, in a corner, bloody red like the rest of them, beaten-meat like from the looks of which he was but trying to earn his living and his due, he was on the streets at night and was being followed by the Burn-police, which wasn't a real thing, it was more like the Burn-Vigilantes, and they flew in formations or two, threes, fours and fives, and always but replicated the sirens by whistling, like they cat-called ladies during the night.

He was a lowlife, but worse, he ripped off a mail post and broke into one of the occupied houses in the middle of the night. Occupied as if eight ounces of the army was in already inside their house, with guns

pointed at little Timmy's head as well as everyone else in the family, readying them as to be put down before they could even figure out what was going through their heads, he knocked on one of the helmets, before even desensitizing them to what was going on and what went through their heads.

'Yell, yell what you want but you're not going to have me, you hear? I cannot be killed at all. I'm finely dressed and I bear a cup of bourbon, no ice.' He had class, at the very least and a gun.

Whereas where they lay there was little to nothing, long-way.

Another faction-gang, made of them.

For what the Burnt-flying people, whom were scorched and static, came one dark night.

A blue-dark night, a cycle that appeared to be struck down had but appeared, they were rounding themselves up. Coming out of their chests were but lost.

The stone split the pancreas in half, it was a response to the first fall-through and the end that came and swallowed the world, putting it through one of the fading fallen lights. There was a harshness to the world that was just as robust.

Wretchedness coursed in their blood and flowed just about the rims of the space they stood in, always drawing power from wherever they could.

It had the body of a lemur- set in stove, burnt in coal and come out of their bellies as if it bore eighteen metal pints all holding the body, stretching it apart, elongated reed-like limbs but drearily pushing out as they began making the most incessant noise there was, nothing that could be used or see, alas, only the far ends that barely formed and barely could be seen came out into the light instead. Many if not either one, all lived in the basin of Ore.

It was their empty-place, where they stood, outside the Waste-Neighborhood Lomax-Yoro, they seemed incapable of flight, but projected their insides out as if they were incessantly set defiled-touched, heads being forgotten in as much as they could be allowed. They continued what they were doing in the worst acreage where their lot worked the Grum-basoons and pointed them around like canons. Before either one could make any noise, they were seen, as if by cut eyes, drawn out of their sockets, many elongated humanoids that acted like mimes but followed them around.

Large bricks and put together barely legible rocks and sticks and planks were there as well. And the master of their den, Olmonolok Gur-basoon, drew out.

'You are to leave and clear the area upon immediate notice. You're to be driven and be pushed away and lay distancing yourself until further notice, or else you shall be made with and made to waste before you could be allowed such a thing as there is, quiet. You're to be put under extreme pressure immediately.'

To that he but sipped out of his cognac-bottle and but pointed the mutts whom were to come out of their way and bring the Basalts with them, all point, largely extended. From the empty almost crater-like, from atop the entrance where the stairs had fallen and morbidly contorted themselves in delight, turned but the larger tubes, whom were justly wrought and brought all the way from the back, loaded and pointed, their largely peculiar almost malformed rifle-like shapes but hooked at the top in what appeared to be the end

of a big black bags in which they bloated the space of, pumping in and out. There was no open end to the device. Giant hoses pushing into the bags, and then, before the men could realize what happened or make out the unnatural way in which the devices acted in, the holes appeared, like streams of pure destruction, their body halves but split and the far-empty raised lances, the streams that came out of the holes but made it so they fell before they even came to know what happened.

Finger-broken heads appeared to move around, but again, they were later given and left free to be pounced on by the House of the Burnt Corpses, whom like in Castle Furnace.

It was a dilapidated floating hold they lived in by the side of the Sek street, near which they appeared to flock like little flies, around their burning mountainous burning furnace in which they set themselves in flight and in the surroundings they lay, hemming one another as they brought each other to quarter-close ends. Breathing and laying themselves on, trying to eat when necessary to look around.

‘It could happen, it could, it could happen at any hour.’

They were constantly flying themselves out in droves, being incapable of making out what the Marquis had done to them, since for more than a few rounds they were, uncannily set on what happened there.

Scouts reported happenings, as in their entire stone-block in which they lived changed by some means of changing, that could not be gotten out of yet; the stone became such as skin was, then it changed into chitin, rose in colors and changed and changed until it couldn’t be helped any longer, that it began breathing by itself, organs being suitably set to work them out.

As it happened, the most terrible of dreadful shouts were heard, their echoes but to follow, their unnatural vigor but to mourn one another as they breathes were but to march around and finally swallow the burn corpses they stored inside. Some of whom were failures that could not be brought to life any longer.

‘Chief Ill-Tree Burnt Refuge, I see that you’ve stolen the vigor of burning powders, from the time where the most unnaturally uncouth had flocked and dangled upon their throats about, and would become as lost as one could know.

I see that there’s but great agony to come if we lay here.’

‘Nonsense, silence, I will have neither, nor will I be moved, I say we spent the rest of our days here and live through it.’

It was not understood.

‘There’s peril if we stay, great unaccountable danger that will rip us from this world and the other before they come our way.’

‘Then let it be as such and may you not forget who pulls the strings and who bring control, who destroys and who calms the weather cones that follow.

I will be responsible for all and within all death’s I will flow through if that means getting all of you through the march and through the matches, to be defiled.

I see nothing else worth sanctioning for as long as there's something to be brought, for something that alone is unkind and.'

Then he stopped and followed through, his power and agony was mildly misused, pointedly he looked in the distance as neither one of them could fail to observe what happened there and whom was to blame.

'They caused this to happen with their Basoons.'

'I see, but how could this be? They live in their gribbulous drivel, a nasty hovel they barely put together in a fallen crater where they live.'

Although the top of their house was greater, taller and unfathomably to be put through.

'I've lost it, haven't I?'

'What did you lost, friend?'

'My temper, and I've done something I shouldn't have. I am a terrible creature, I am a terrible thing that may not be able to. You wouldn't understand now, I know you wouldn't, how could you? The two of us are different after all, aren't we? We're the further thing there is from one another, and that says a lot about the both of us, doesn't it?'

'And how, what?'

And they both hugged one another with spikes.

They were on the long road and on the long-run and couldn't wait for long since they were born in Pink-Green Yellow-Scream, the echoes of which signaled the Same headed god that they had to receive his blessing when the time drew on and when finally approached.

A metal band- like a giant wound patch aid kind of, rather a plank with rails on it standing on the right side, if seen from the side, of a fissure which is on the left; a wagon that has a crane device lowering something down the fissure; kind of like a lynching stand seen from the side, or a horizontally and vertically flipped 'L' with a reeling rod lower the crane head down, a large battery inside the wagon, connected- with cords to the reel-device at the end and at the mirrored side of the 'L'; and cords attaching to the actioned wagon, possibly maneuvered from the distance. It worked near another machine that bore. Round up the hill arrangement of interconnected hold-in belts that go around each side of it, from one side to the other until no longer capable of stopping from intermittently dousing off, mechanical device, moving around it like a car stick – this being only the lever in control for the greater device, which is elongated on a steep incline after a long straight – eighteen miles stretch far head, then upwardly pointed yet capable of pointing a movable side-long almost rectangle-like gun – connected shafts that action some sort of saw cutter at the end where it's kept in the middle by a single long-spinning cylindrically thinned – bolted in on either side pair of extending tubes that move and rotate the saw. Seen from the side, a crane-like form with a cockpit where the control room works the big round hill belted lever control area which is needed for precise centimeter by centime angle cut-through rotation-elongation movements, shaped like a gun before the first downward incline, more of a futuristic kind of fun because of the rounded control cockpit, then the opposite upward rise, both the incline and the rise being bolted, movement being allowed as to reposition itself – straight, all incline, all rise, or by whichever other means movement is

allowed, at the near end of the last rise, which by now could be called as a gun shaft if the whole stretch was three gun shafts attached and segmented that ends up bearing, what would be necessary to be an actual two dimensional rectangle – seen from the side view, again, beating the pull-up like bar if it were lain on the ground then raised in the air after being pulled out of the ground, then a saw blade was put in. The two dimensional – seen from the side rectangle being only the holding square for a, what would be a better fit – circle from the front as to allow for a much more equally set kind of movement if the bars are to be set to move, a move malleable kind of material being set to the employ. The saw being rotated either horizontally, or vertically, or in whichever other direction it could be set in while the bars – in whatever material they're cast in being worked by a device that's set at the end of the crane-like last gun-shaft behind the two dimensional rectangle machine, powered by long-copper wires coming all the way from behind. In the junkyard there also standing. Large plow-sub diver; a tool box that's being kept in the air by two bars that are shaped as to form a pseudo pyramid if allowed full descent, or a triangle – connected and set above the insides of a trash compactor, releasing bolts inside of it. A Headbhn of pucker buckets all added up on top, molded upon one another like a clay mountain with vinegar and a leaping plot. Many of the machines worked towards the destruction of the lands, and to repair and bring back the ones that fell inside the mounds, wherever else there might be so, watched by none other than the one driving them forth. Bloated bolted angelic entity with split throat-like head, as if it only had a throat that's been split in half where their half-faces are but on the flat sides on the cut cylinder, while the other is on the rounded side. Large bodies that are shaped like long standing tadpoles on top their tail, giant palms for wings – meaty thumbs but featherless, the many organs being but stored at the lower end of the tail, in a large multi-tumor filled body-pack where the pestilence can be felt, even from the distance, yet disease is being spread. Called the Emissary Elgionylle, Elgionylle, drawing forth into a march, bringing forth but many armies filled, with many beings such as itself, drawing in, all but stranded on a blue Tumor-moon, with red-pink bridges leading to many surrounding planets to an endless monsoon, all within the system fading. Many of the cities were or had already been destroyed as well, cast and made and well enough left to be toyed with.

A little Elgionylle had but arrive, and drove itself into the Streets of Nak. Turned around and made to see, there were many little things, senseless, and without an ill, without a feeling of humoresque filth, what gritted in was to become and feel. Many Burn-flying Corpses but approached it as so, much less endure, and to feel as if the land itself was not to be taken over and forced into such destruction as their likes would be less than pure.

‘What have you come here for? What is the reason behind this sudden insolence, that is to be called, this invasion and derisive strike? You come upon our plains, wretch, must you be called?’

‘I am come here by will of my master, I need not be forced to obey, I shall play with no heed as there might be agony and despair to see, and only be reminded, as there's but no clear epiphany to seal-bleed. They come and die and fall from the sky and burn as they enter your world-benign.’

‘What does your master require in that case?’

‘He needs be made aware what happened in this world, and press on for what reason there might be.’

‘A heart is not mechanical, yet you act as if you cannot see.’

‘I am the murder of sky.’

‘There can be no murder yet, only fire.’

‘We shall work together then.’

‘Only if you are to aid us in our help down there, and nothing else and nothing more and we shall call upon no other bore.’

‘So be it then, I think we’ve come upon a pact, I think we’ve come upon the entrance that is but, oh. A gateway to the land itself!’

With which they followed queerly through and finally drove as to surround none other but the strange basin- the crater.

Inside one of the houses in the distance.

They were incapable of drawing a long for any more than a few standing moments. Most of them were present there, a few more than fifty at a time.

‘What have we stumbled on here? Is it, could it be?’

‘No, I don’t think it lives, I suppose there’s a reason for it, no?’

‘Yes, I think we’ve been trying to get at it for. The corpse is dry and that’s the only thing you need to know.’

‘Is it supposed to be dry?’

‘It was moist before.’

‘And that’s supposed to mean something as well?’

‘It depends, why are you here Kurt?’

‘I’m passing time, I think, I’ve been considering this, as follows. I do not know what’s happening around me, it’s rather bizarre, but there’s no way I could get through it. Not all at once.’

‘You’re doing a preliminary sketch, aren’t you? What for?’

‘I think we both know the reason for it, but I’m going to be silent for now, I’ll show. Have some faith, even if it is only for a few minutes only, I think you’ll understand.’

He asked for a leap of faith. By the looks of it, everything was stagnant, even the Room of la’ Morgue; it’s how they called the Mortuary-Gate, the one we were inside of. Although the entire room looked like a strangely wrought cage caught in itself, there was just as little if nothing else other than what was entering us, from every possible side, from every possible angle, and from just about the jugular of the ground which was us, as well. It hardly needed any explanation since it could simply be seen, as dark as the room was, as if we were inside a low-stricken basement, we were but impaled by the many bars of the prison. Around us stood, the many corpses shook, and kept reeling back and forth, carried by bands, we couldn’t

see them but we felt what they were like, and moved only when asked to, whenever it was necessary to push out of whatever direction we looked in.

Damage had been sustained, pain was wreathing in every side of the brain; both of the men were standing there open-gaping, trying themselves in for a fit. Gelatin skeletons, and cartilage made it so these metal ropes but pushed us in and out, and coiled about our insides without even bothering to look any other way for what happened and what got us under way. And undergoing and drawing from our own insides, knowing.

A little dark thing, outlined. It moved around the faster moving wall-like shell. Projected in and around him as if he moved through a body of wells, and in-between he was breathing and trying to act and know. Wretched things they were, some damage couldn't be done, to their eyes, they were begging to wreathe again in place.

'It has to be known and found out at last. You know what this means for both or either one of us, don't you?

I called you before, long since you needed not answer. I know what happened, you wouldn't understand.'

'Make sense, Kurt, I don't know what you want from me.'

'I want you to remember what happened twenty years ago, when we both.' Silent for at the very least a second, as he lay.'

There was this as much. Little more could be said about then. Standing on invisible pillars they were descended into darkness and made to pay in filth-beads. Standing-squared from the looks of it, without direction and without sense; but little gargoyle statuesque figures, fugitive but dead-wasted in their rounded forth protruding littler than five centimeter eyes. Open chested from the looks of which, that's where the charcoal miasma came out of, without even feeling as repulsed as they were, worn out and waiting they sang:

'We're still waiting here, and we're still going to wait for as long as there is time, for as long as we live.'

BurntMan Polk-Klok:

'I've arrived at the drop-zone at Five A. rationed M.'

There were entries in time all around the place, birdhouse-pink, a giant thing it was, standing just about the place, messing, around at the passing of a wink. He entered the premise and merely lock-lock lock, trespassing.

'Who is it?'

'Fuck you.'

'Who are you supposed to be?'

There was a man made out of string disease, both of them were cut by the falling of the acid-piss, jaws were forming in the air and hopefully inflating one another before they burst up in the air. As soon as they

were made aware, they appeared, and entered, from just about the place, jutting at their own jugulars in their air. Many forming ethylic-worn, skin torn and moving on, legs that were shaken in the back, crawling as their legs and bodies were flattened and pulled inside rotating-casts. But what stood out of the most, and gutted, and out their bellies, since they had forgot them, were the protrusions were in the back, coming up, showing as if they had been completely worn and put for laces. Hardened elongated rails, and many metal spines, traces of abuse as well; coming out of their foot-held bodies, many shook. Eight rods of metal from the frame, behind it and outwardly pushing once again, a human looking thing with a half a skeletal oyster of cartilage tatters, pointing outwardly as arachnid wipers showed, four distinct faces pushing out and there they froze in the most fallacious manner, a most disgustingly intrusive thing, that spanned around each frozen tatter.

Gourd in Nak:

One, I am not a heavy Harvey drinker, but I carry a gourd with me wherever I go. It is a nice bottle I've grown attached to. Brown-leathered, with a small black chain attached to it big wine-cork lid, a big button over the top, adorned with little more than a Spanish knight with his shield and spear, his short dwarfish peasant with a lousy hat and a beard on the other side, and two mirrored perspective drawings, of arches that are short in line. I carry it wherever I go. I walk like an ogre, I'm hard as stone. No sword and no mace on top my back, I'm but hardened by time alone, I look at the beauty of my gourd, I drink. Whenever there's a woman around me, she winks, but I do not look at her, I have a wife. She is mine, and no one else, I beat her all the time.

Drunk men walk alone, along these streets, we look at each other's feet, we know where to go when asked to take the pit. And there is no man who hasn't raised his glass. There's no man without gourd and most definitely no man that hasn't beaten his wife. I see.

Our holes are not in our chests, but pockets. Our pickets are on the side. Long yellow pants, to everyone, a night of drinking then we're on our own, back home alive. Man wakes up only during fight, it's what keeps him going in the first place, and henceforth he cannot forget his mind.

Tall white buildings, all of them hanging around, all of them, hot burning in the violet sun.

And there's a woman on each floor but looks, asking where I've been.

'Have you been venturing at the tavern?'

'I've done nothing of the storm, I've been. Sailing for long before you've even been born lass, and during my young year, I've been with plenty enough of you to know you won't near me next we meet.'

'What makes you say that?'

'I'm only asking for a kiss.' Took the message I see, but I know she'll be back, and riding on my. She winks again, and next we see.

There's a little lady waiting for me, she think she's with a dope, I am. There's something wrong, no food, again.

And it always happens, when she sees it around.

Her husband is a black cat, an ogre and an oaf with a little brown thing between his legs, his gourd is called. He drinks all day and think he is but waited in a diner, he's trying to get with her whenever he pleases, but never intertwine her.

How long has it been since there was a hanging man around the stop? It's been just four o'clock already and the soup is but a stop.

Both the husband and the wife, put their helmets right stare down. It begins.

'My dear Lisky, what have you done today?'

'I've worked wherever I did, and got paid a lot. For what I did, I have this to show.'

A cat she was, with black snow drops along her trails of ears, black-puffs heirs. Split at two ends, she was blushing, eyeing like a little whore, watching not to drop it too soon, her eyes were on the gourd. It was so nice, couldn't drop it off a second more before she'd look at it.

'It's my gourd, not yours, it's mind. I won it fair and square in a fight.

Come near and I'll crack one on your back.'

He sneered at the cat, she purrs. Pulls the button-lid off, and the scent almost wears off. There's a little cranky-crack, and the lid was split in half inside. Slid a finger in his mouth he did, she's still listening.

'They're mighty wet but twenty bubbles, it's all that you will get today woman, cunt yourself lucky I give.'

But whatever happened, he could not get his eyes away. It was too dark to see, wherever he went and along the way.

He stood thinking, after being kicked out.

He spoiled the change, drank chocklate and rum.

Much bigger than his head now; little Spanish Knight missing head. The end of the spear, his shaft hold but a bell, he cannot hear it no, no matter how hard he tries shaking it so, no one can know of this, that's why he isn't watching.

In a dark corner, changing, and yet he's rancid, smelly, it's been at the very least a week. Pudgy he is, so soft and leather, but again, a miss.

There is no prince in this picture, and no price to the gourd, only a man looking at in, the back of an alley's gourd. He's still looking, wasting as a drunk. Wishing he was alone again, only with his wife.

A fluffily fluffy fluff-fluff appears, her neck is strung with pearls that disappear, she's young and soft and comes on. Hangs around the top of the bum, and whispers as she comes along:

'Come here stranger, looking for a night?'

'I've nothing to offer but what's inside.'

‘I’ll take that and what I can, don’t worry about it, I’ll make it fair.’

Young bimbo she were, and drunk on chockolat, they went on journeys, and walked around. On a bench, the side of left-over basket, a trash can and a cat they stood. Inside a little puffy puddle, where her little dress fell off, he shook between his legs, but look around.

‘Where I put it?’

‘It’s gone!’ Cried the woman, the ground, the fuff, she was wet and dirty and it was gone.

Time to go around and retrace, wherever he went, there was no other place he could think of. Must’ve left it in the tavern, he pulled out the top of his coat, and what came after.

Many men pulled out of their heads and held them across their chests, trying not to cover their eyes. One moved his little finger just a few centimeters away.

‘Anything to show us, brother?’

‘I’ve come to make a dame, out of a hussy. But I found myself being lost.’

‘Where is it?’ Asked the sermon in the quire, but there was no one else in sight.

‘I think I left it here today.’

‘You left with it, the other day.’

‘I think I would remember that.’

‘When was the last time?’

‘I wish I knew but it is hazy.’

The woman with him was the one who was lazy, it was her, she was the one, knowing where it was placed. Nasty thing she must’ve stole it, they laughed at him, and now the maze.

All avoided and all too soon, he was trying to hear the keys, but gone as through.

But seeing how he was on street, he was but met and mighty as were his feet, he was but made for trade; asked for the first burnt thing that would remain.

‘What are you seeking to obtain?’

Lisky thought of such conditions, nothing came for free with burning men, they were taken by what was worth and thereafter, burning everywhere.

It could happen, that one of them took it, while not in sight. He couldn’t ask directly, since they were burning for a reason, and since it happened, they could lie.

Two, the day after, where he was watched sleeping like a dog. Burning there in solace like a sun appeared, more than fair.

‘You’ve lost something, haven’t you? Drunk, you’re a drunk no more.’

‘Have you come to bless me, father?’

‘I’ve come to threaten for a stop. I could burn your body anytime, that you must realize by now.’

‘Think you could somehow make that any clear? I don’t think there’s a single chance I’ll hear it the next we met.

But I know, I know you won’t leave me for dead, you people don’t do that.

Help me find it then, and I shall give you, my heart, it’s inside it.’

‘Whatever else?’

‘A butt of cigars, a wasted bucket of candy bars, I pissed in it as well and spat.’

‘Is there anything else you haven’t done?’

‘Drank from that, that much is true.’

‘Who did it then?’

‘The thief, I wager, but that is yet to know, I’m missing, through.’

He watched the puddle, his hand a puddle but couldn’t make it out any sooner than an hour.

Pleased as they were, both of them shook hand, and there were no burns, since he was no longer burning, after yet, he was orange, covered in some pain. Taken from one of the closest walls, he walked normally, and then, gone. Still to find a reason to spend the night in any other place than his home, it was as much as he could find himself swaying and wallowing, as much as he could be allowed, there was no better place than that, but the streets of Nak.

But in the distance there lay danger, for the strange thing, the pop. A little more than a silvery implosion rested, and none dared get closer than it happened after that.

Other side of the town, farther down South-East, closer to one of the abandoned borders:

They breath in the small bags that were placed near them, all allowed to move at once, whenever they could draw from the raw-intense air that surrounded the perimeter.

By four the first group arrived, drove in, abandoned themselves around the area, having made mutilated bodies that resembled their own, having drawn out of their arms, standing there like leprous phosphorescent ores. Six to seven cars waiting outside, in total, from the looks of which there wasn’t any, there hadn’t been any confirmation whether or not there was someone alive.

They were hold at bay.

‘Herman, go on, insert the code, we’re ready to move in.’

Everyone was counted, slowly, then they entered one by one, having forgotten no one.

Dark halls awaited them, and a few lodged-in-rock scientists, with little pummel-heads struck in, hardened. Their legs had meshes around their heads, long and flattened, like blimps if they were carpets, they simply walked on them, without having fashioned anything or made to be weary.

A small depression appeared to be struck down the face of one of the running men that appeared as soon as the men were finally put together. Neither of them could move, nor would they touch anything from one side of the recording apparatus to the other. They moved, allowed it to run.

Its back was but of a longer stretch, eight miles long all but attached to a bobbling mass at the back of the neck, where a single seed was planted through. Growing as the alarmingly defiled thing but started giving birth to a new littler pucker.

‘There’s only a cut on the ground sir, think we should?’

‘Don’t get near it, you hear? Don’t get near until I give you the command. I want this to settle in.’

Command Herman pointed at the side of the flight, from the general direction from where it came from.

‘What are you smiling at?’

‘Nothing sir, it’s just something I’ve been searching for something down here.’

Sergeant-Major pointed at his boots, it was not something he often enjoyed doing, nor did he find himself particularly invested for a fact.

Left side, a larger set of eighteen standing openings that seem to be all placed within the same walking zone like protrusion where most if not all of the barely put together colored bands are set, most of which move, although these conveyer belt like things are awfully set in a most unnatural manner, almost in moaning out of the mouth like movement coming from below the ground where giant mouth-protrusions have been hibernating for the good part of a month, years, so on and so forth, until they started forming crust-like indigenous little pucker buckets all put on top of one another as to make a small immaterial like form. A small tower that cannot be approached from that point on; for the time being until more and more of them started appearing, forming moving elongated almost cylindrical shaking termite hills, with large holes from where, and from the insides of which neither of them could stand there for too long before being drawn in each and every direction. They had mouth-open plain holes that moved in the air like peculiarly illusionary things, that began pushing in and out of them like worn out worm tunnels that could not be held in place, too many of them being given free passes as to be bloated open and breathe, in and out, uncannily so.

A granular pack of some questionable material appeared to be placed on top of them, like a little grain holder that had interconnected pea-shooters that were put just about the place, incapable of drawing on from what appeared to be the good side of a single unnatural to touch, little lumbar throttling, motionless at the top throat-cartilage shape that pumped in and out.

Followed by a floatingly rotating body of a squared sphere that showed signs of a single dark helmet, manifesting in the air, then another followed, molded with the first one, until neither of them could be

helped any longer, as to be worn on top a normal man's head, since they started melting on top the spear, into the square-like almost cigaretical granular pack, having added to one of the pillars that spat holes in the air, a spherical tank with multiple heads and a pack for the lower side beneath the torso. This lower side of the body having been attached to one of the cylinders, as they only pushed in and out, moving around the room while trying to infest and spread as much of a disease as they could spread ahead and in-between. They were openly pushing and heaving out their chests, having become too hardened for their own good, like a guttural splatter that pushed around, then destroyed as much as a swoon of everything.

Outer shapes appeared as well, as inverted Spartan-span upon forms, by long trails of spittle-like foundation bile, forming variously defiled little anchored in-between, drawing into view as well, hardly pressed upon from that point on.

Yet as soon as one of the soldiers came into the room, he opened his chest and heaved his head, his lower side having spread into the form of a mattress, yet only as quickly as it could, a painless action that replicated a worming curtain-spread in the back, a bland thing of mush that drew on from the sides of the room, some of the large termite hills having curved as they joined him.

His chest elongated and most of his body had become a strange capacitor that drew energy from wherever he could, having not only drawn but eaten their clot-power before being put down, in a time they shouldn't move. Nor could they help it either, the demand to open themselves after only came as follows, it couldn't be protected yet.

Another prisoner-wager was sent in. He was chained and wrapped around his back, with a mutiny like expression he asked.

'What did I miss?'

He couldn't see much too properly.

'The making of a sacred child, we've been working on him for a few years now, and dreaded making.'

Here he stood in a strange baby-vessel, with four-standing fences, all put together in the prison-basin. Which was submerged only partially in water-thin boiled water, mixed with some chemicals after; also some dreadful looking barely planted through, someone was messing with and incapable of it, breathing through.

'I see that there's an hour coming after.'

'After what would that be?'

'After the first cut, you want to open him and see what's inside, don't you?'

'I think I do, but why the murder?'

'There's no homicide my good friend, as you've come to realize, he is but a fake, a false, there's nothing inside of him, no gut.

There's nothing that's moving and nothing to grow. There's nothing inside there, nothing, nothing too wrong.

He is but a prudish toy, an idol for our heathen gong, that's been beaten for too many days and was there for lesser lays.'

'Why are you guarding it then?'

'Because this false toy, he's the only and only, less. This toy is the only reason we're burning and burning dead.'

He pointed, wreathing in and out.

One of the Burnt Men Troubadours appeared to be perplexed as well.

He was but simply unaware that they were worshipping a broken doll, one that even went as far as to have its legs and arms switch places, it was destitute for a lower thought. Either way, they all examined what was going on, starting to action in whenever they could draw on close enough to touch it. Whatever the reason were, neither of them made too much of a fuss either.

'There's something hidden inside of it, isn't there?'

'What, you can hear it pulsating as well? I thought I was the only one.'

There was still something unspoken about the way in which it moved, since there was little to nothing and little more than a misunderstood mark around its throat, it moved. That's where, mostly wasted, they used to hide the stuff, the snuff and everything that's been vented about.

'Torn on what to do, are ye?'

'I didn't fancy myself in place, a listen, If I may.'

'You've got my ears all along, I need to know, why is that thing causing us to burn?'

'Because there's not a single soul in this world that's unaffected by it, I beg a pardon if one may.'

Alas as much could be said about them, the elation having been brought back when instead, it ran in both direction like a lumped together, little fly, a speck of in the eye like illusion, flew right by and entered the sickle of a corner, then again.

It flew right by them, as if it weren't even stopped by any solid object that was around it, going as far and around as to cackle as it hid inside one of the more obscure and most hidden of corners before coming back into light. Having shown itself here and there when asked, it opened like a casket, fully grown as to match their persons as soon as it could come into sight.

'Another Burning floating man is spawned.'

They cast a glance at him, as backwards as he was, having missed his hinder legs, about the hour, they went and started prodding along. Their faces, as it was obvious by the way this burnt-effigy of a humanoid cast were, bore multiple faces all rounded around the skull, sprouting in and out, ever so slightly. They were water-filled balloon faces, smaller than usual as one would expect in such a case since they were cartridge that fit inside this skeleton cast, drawing in and out every now and then, whenever it

pleased them to show off, just how robust they were, how much they pushed out depended on, eerily observed, many factors. Some were longer, hardened and appeared to be set as to act like some sort of living capacitors whose long stretched appeared to form pseudo anchor drops, if that many any sense. They were solid, but chained by burn skin-bags that bore some weight inside the burn-bodies, inside which they were cast in. Like hiding inside armor parasitic beings they but wailed and all thought, acted for one and one self instead of acting together, but it was important to note that this one had multiple cartilage burnt arms coming out as well as the far ends of naught else but some levers that pushed in and out and would follow through as to act whenever their weak grows flicked them away.

‘That creature is a mess.’

Troubadour Mehfke observed.

It bore too many legs and too many appendages and all were too solid and barely mobile and barely capable of much, if any at all mobility, flexibility or anything that could be put against them, or for or in-between.

Not to take a chance at all, it dropped. With a thud but echoing inside the hall they were in.

‘What was that?’

‘It’s too heavy to be capable of flight, I presume and whose idea was that, to allow that thing to give birth?’

When the doll returned, it was no doll, but a small, hard to look at dark device with little more than could be said about them, since they were mostly too deranged to be reproached from that very point on. Little heed to no remorse.

‘I see that there are signs.’

‘You couldn’t possibly mean.’

‘We’re not burnt, these are no burn marks, but they’re but flicks of skin that started shedding, it’s coming off, I see.

There’s something hidden inside of everyone around this place and I’m afraid as little as there’s nothing else around this place, could be inside of me.’

With which Mehfke started knocking on his chest, there was no sound, he wasn’t impressed either by the realization, but he knew what that meant.’

‘You couldn’t mean we’re flying torture devices now, could you?’

‘I see no other feasible explanation.’

The inferior race of the negro has to be completely extinguished, before it gets a second chance to breed. Over the span of the last past hundreds of years, man has lived under the fear of the nigger, and what it brings with him. Man was forced to accept things that would shame their ancestors, drawing upon the realization that the common nigger has been allowed and given free reign as to walk in lands he does not

belong to. The nigger cannot help itself but seek to bring ruin and mockery upon all that surrounds him. He is a tool of destruction, he is an animal that cannot be killed any longer since the forces that had even the slightest amount of strength to draw from its inanimate inhuman blood has been put at rest. Before all man, stands the nigger. A dark primitive creature, whose back has but become erect, wide spread like a cloud, growing upon a tumor bed; in it there is chaos, waiting at the mark to be released, his Niggarous voice but clouding the judgment of man as to trick him into believing he can stand upon his feet, unaided.

Thenceforth, the nigger yells and shouts:

‘Aid me, massa, aid me massa, I need to be helped, you know I is dumb.’

His head was splattered immediately and he was gone.

A darker figure rose, it yelled:

‘I am bored, I am bored, what else is there for me to abhor?’

But there was little more than any more important figure lain in sight, most were boring, unapproachable, yet to be gutted, and as such, it would’ve made little to no difference to draw to any other, since most were taken, bedded forth.

Upon a lain-approached sight, there laid an almost, wild-concave Apache-plane of wildly put together shapes and marks, most of them were too ordinarily set and were but attached, welded and made to fit as if they were of one greater piece. Otherwise, it would’ve made little to no other difference to see them. A grovel hole opened in the exact shape, it left just enough space for someone to enter, from that point, and to each end. It appeared on each end of the road, and one of the nigger forms was at the base of the apache-holder, there, instead of walking, they were entrance.

It looked like an entire contaminated area waiting for something to come and draw along. There was a single group of barely pinned men with larger ingrown, thinking.

They were in likeatram region, below the earth.

One of the fine gentlemen between them had a small face with organ-gut coils attached to it, which he threw against the ceiling, immediately flattening it as if it had become almost part of it, slowly drawing through the inflated gut-filled fat-body carried over through the tracts.

Little dark running thing, he were. A large larvae-covered by a curtain top of human with tubes attached, thrown around the ground and made in shape, humanoid again as soon as it was safe for him to come out. He appeared on the streets, out of nowhere.

How easily he was made, like a man with a mask in his bag, attached to a small power box, with hoses, bloodedly-tar making him out of a piece, like a gum thrown against each wall, like a small faced white tomato being splattered with its tazer pieces being lodged on as it would go again, as soon as to create him on the other side. He splattered it, and saw it swell, as soon as it was entered, then again was he drawn. Right above himself and through the ground, right outside, he shouted on the streets of Nak.

‘I’ve finally arrived, I’ve come upon this world, I stumbled upon.’ Interrupted by a drunken disciple, he yelled and shouted yet again.

‘Who are you, lousy man and why have you come onto me again?’

He stumbled towards it, lousy-lousy feet going.

A few black almost see through beads lay around his throat, almost sparkling with dark power, insatiable as they would ooze with the most unnatural of glows and spread. A tiny speck of most incessant of unnatural darkly mattered, and most darkly of the power-through, the energies flowing from around the ground making it seem as if he had been drawing in the very land inside him, all the way and all too very close to hue. They were dancing around him, the little specks that entered, he was bold.

After a few incessant moments he had passed through them, unimportantly fading away. Bloated as they cast one another, out of their way and in there, he disappeared out of sight.

The drunk man almost forgot himself, as if it had been a mere snooze.

‘Where did he go?’

Where he’d go?’

It was a mere speck of darkness lost, and lost around the first moment, that moment had accosted him.

He had not disappeared by mere lack of will, but flew in and around and stopped in chase.

It’s been fifteen minutes since it happened. Standing just by his side, it was clear that there was no twist or cry that might be heard. A drop inside a building as if it had been an elevator hole; there was a reflection in front of LH:ISA.

Leigh stared at a reflection, his suit but pointing in one direction.

A few of the hardened hoses coming out of his back, as the man started scratching the side of the mirror with the tips of his fingers. Hector was the other side of his personality, one of them at least. He was the left tube, now there being two of them, hooked like a sickle, a little broken face that looked like him, now bearing the base, back, ribs and spine, almost a puppet-like form having emerged in its place.

He had lived in the strange city for far too long, perhaps too long of a period of time to matter. It was strange, bizarre, an utmost peculiar matter.

It was there for one moment then it passed again, from time to time, trying to open up, like a little, insignificant little mongrel-spot with a large petty coil around its throat, a large almost inexistent speck of colors sprouting from their unnatural surroundings until no longer capable of breathing any longer. When pushed out, it revealed itself to be hidden, it approached.

In the form of a sutured little speck of bodies, that could barely be fit together, a pair of mouths spoke to him, having observed the prior passing of the events, they said:

‘Main of curtains, are you not? You were there for a reason or another before you were brought back.’

‘And who would happen to be or what?’

The pressure was something that served as a reminder, at the very least for the time being, since it was something that would always be there, always trying to escape. It was something that made him feel vaguely uncomfortable, especially since, two specks of light, for eyes said enough.

‘Everything you did before, prior to our meeting, gone, and gone I wager is the reason for it.’

‘For what?’

‘Trying to leave the street, before the day of burning moons come, before you realize who’s hiding inside that planetary thing and when it happens, all should be done by then.’

‘Is this supposed to be a prophecy of coming doom?’

‘Nay as that would imply that there would be death eternal and glossing over those of whom had passed, instead, you need be reminded of it before it goes along, before it starts again.’

‘What do you know of it?’

‘Just the mere thing and nothing more, as much as can be helped, from what I’ve observed, man of globes, you are, after all, remade, aren’t you?’

‘I am, what of it?’

‘Hector, was it?’

‘We’ve met before, from what I seem to recall.’

Twenty days ago before he even had the slightest chance to fall and make it seem as if there was a ruse to begin with.’

It should’ve been kept brief by the looks of it, regardless of what would or were to happen. It wasn’t likely that it could be helped again, by all means, they were there to say.

On the half-the moon shade of town. It was awkward, as if there was a spot in the sky for every voice and every burning little spec and fly that came along, out of them and every single little thing openly bloated, within their ranks, and never drawing from the sky when heeded. There was a heated argument even before anything started.

It stood there, for months.

During the service, as much could be noticed, and as less could be maintained, the fact that Alan Burroughloe still stood was a testimony of disgrace to the entire military branch and beyond it. But he did not move, still he stood.

He was but a tall towering Rook filled with lumps, mounts and large formations bearing but hundreds of half-a-scissor shards implanted in whatever unrecognizable thing his head had become, a pile of degenerating horned meat, falling upon itself with every passing moment. Eighteen miles in height, a

stand, a pillar, a body formed out of a largely grown perfect cylinder upon the top of which the lumps rested. Cockles-tubes attached between them and perfection, a mighty pair of organ-degeneration.

Once his standing vigil ended, he began. Walking upon the nastiest of creation, but a pair of unfathomable to crawl upon sprawls and black pitched inked tendons it drew forth upon. It spoke of land, and dark below, of grain everlasting and upon darkness, a light that shone called upon him.

It was a dreadful rain that followed, black specs of fallen lightning broken glass globes with tar-filled little cut-through specks that made him bled, as the growths would only quickly emerged out of the cuts, he wailed. But a voice could not be heard.

Alas, it was thus:

Somewhere in the secret house-hold-hid, of the faction, the Chicken-bucket strange cog-plenty devices put inside of it man, finally delivered a message on the other side of the dark-put in transaction booth. It got carried along way too quickly for it to make a difference any longer, whether or not something was wrong, or something wasn't working properly in it. Since the message was imbued with little spike-tricks and traps. It was only, it only took a man something of a, most incessant moment to think it over, is it safe to open?

One of the Crime leaders, the Spoil-Druggier Inane Aklh rest by the side of a big primate with a strange metal thing instead of his head, it had a cape of wires and gizmos that were attached to him. And he also bore the shrunken heads of his tribesmen, as it rested, a good animal trying to obey.

'Obey the rules, they told me, I wasn't going to make it, on the Streets of Nak, so I made my own dark faction upon which I rule, Yopilard.'

'Have I not heard this retort before, great Aklh?'

'You have, but you have not heard the least of it. The beast is dead, but hidden inside a most incestful dead hole where it lays, slain. Forbidden from all to watch.'

'Where's everyone?'

'Silence Yopilard, as I said, there's no need for either one of us to, so rudely interrupt.'

Had it stood there all the while? Upon all entry and mournful an evening, long before all dreamers who were present there had a chance to awaken and move in plain sight?

Most of the lamplights were already showing their true colors, the streets being painted red. It was a highly immobile truck that moved along the way, that one whose head was trunked, out of the window a toboggan metal shaft sprouted and spat a little delivery box to the side of post. In no way could either one of them know whether or there was an explosive device in. At least, they could shake it.

'If you do, it might pop.'

'I'm already out of options.'

Wretched colors started coming into pace again.

The mounted rook of skin would wager, and would remember what the streets were like. During a time and age before, Alan but continued moving on; there were things here and there that were still in highly-shambles. Stills, almost as of pictures that were broken after, but not a single mark of hand, but torn, not a single remnant of a man of old that might've tried to fix, neither of those things survived, only the aftermath of the destruction and what came after that.

'I see that there's food in the mouths.'

A remnant of a great beast was found, being highly hanging, resting on stacked trash cans. Most of them were already searched, not that he would fare any better trying to get into them. By all means, he saw it fit. Such an ill looking thing that would've caused such pain, neither wail and neither reign would make it any better.

He was almost, too kind for this world alone, it felt as if Alan bore the entire burden of this lack of qualities the entire lot left in this world could ever dream of possessing, as to say. It left him empty. But at the same time, it allowed him to avoid what seemed to be the worst things that humanity and the creatures beyond them appeared to bear as well. Something that should not be adhered to or followed by any means, he had nothing while, at the same time, he bore it. As if it were embodied in one of the lumps that kept battling as to get a closer spot across this lugubrious body of his.

'It is a disease, you must understand that, caring or showing pity to such creatures, even though they have not been bastardedly allowed to live for long, or even longer than that.

By now, you should've gotten it through your head.'

Nigger-Spherebox continued:

'This weakness you're displaying here, let alone for a creature, of all means and of all outcomes represents nothing more but a failure to change with the times.

I can still feel it battling inside of you, this need to allow them to breed and infest the rest of your body and cognition, yet, you're empty.'

'What's it to you in that case? You seem to be as nothing else but a piece of software on top of a livid nigger machine, a thing of simian quality and of cartilage that might fall apart. How dare you in any case judge me for something I've not even come to claim myself as to care for?'

'You're wrong and it's showing. At least when you least expect it to wreath its ugly head in.

It's clear enough that you're storing your emotions in those lumps that lay hanging across your body, are you not?'

'Again, what do you expect to achieve from this?'

'Nothing, I'm not trying to achieve anything from this, let alone am I here to annoy you. I'm curious, why was it that you find yourself in these broken neighborhoods, thinking you can make a change?

Have you finally become enslaved to these emotions of yours or is there something else?'

‘Would you happen to care for a certain reason? You’re getting something out of this, aren’t you?’

‘Why must there be a reason behind anything?’

Why can’t I simply be curious about your reason for still being with us?

It’s been a long, long time since I’ve seen you, so serene. That I finally decided to step in and ask why, something changed in you, something that I shouldn’t have observed. Nor should I have cared for, otherwise.

You can’t leave us behind, can you? Even the worst of us, the ones that are rotting out in the open, you keep watching over every single living being here, risking your own life, even though you don’t seem to have anything to gain out of it, Alan.

I’ve yet to understand why.’

‘I made a promise to someone, that’s all. There doesn’t need to be any other explanation other than that, greater reason, it’s as plain as clear a night is.

Even after pushing them back, I still find myself going through the motions. Being incapable of fully removing them, I may not have chosen to be a watcher, over this place, but. I still feel. I do not feel any guilt, nor do I think I would if I chose to leave, not any longer.

Perhaps I’m simply ignoring, or perhaps I’ve been doing it for so long that I do not know of anything else. And I don’t want to try looking for something else. It may be why I’m here, I think.’

‘You know it can’t last forever, Alan.

It’s not only going to get worse from this point on, but the whole world seems mad enough that it may not even survive, or make it through. Why not leave and do something else in that case? For as little as there is left?

You’re still a rook of skin, a living being. You still have though, control over yourself.’

‘But that is where you’re wrong, nigger. I’ve still got a duty to maintain, it’s too late for me to refrain from action after the things I’ve seen. I’m just as responsible for it, for everything that’s been happening just as them, just as everyone else involved in this debacle.

I can’t turn my back away now. I may achieve nothing, on the short run, on the long run, at all, but at the very least, what I can say is that, for a short while, I’d like to think that I tried.’

It was as much as he could say. It was as much as he was left with from that point on as well.

‘Much better ones had fallen before me. Yet I still stand; I wish things were different, but they’re not.’

Even Alan the Rook remembers, what a horrible life had been prior to the fall of Nak. Even before the troops came in and the National Guard, the marines, the invasions as well as they thinned the numbers, curbed the flock.

As he remembered it or not:

A flippery shank with a two side-trunk going past the blue crank that actioned two of its collared prune-stank filled scented perfumed lump that came out of the side of his cut-through body see-through lingerie she was wearing during the bloody war-time, upon the dime-trine, the time, her time, his time having run up, as they both went around, shaking each other after that, reminiscing of the past, when, the clock-clock suddenly hit the hour, signaling that it was time to stop, as their petal shower of lover making was bloody rang up. Whoever came in the room to record them after that, had snapped, a triggered finger, that pre-recorded everything, having used such tape, signaling or having prepared to do it to another man, who asked him to do it while on his way, outside the building, with a recorded rape tape filled footage dragging for much of what went on for a good twenty minutes, it would've made it too awkward to continue it with what derangement was going in this sickly cheap motel. Obviously, her, a whore, but him? A tramp, good man, you stamped her across her ass, he thought. But recorded it as well, until they suddenly exchanged both of them, inviting this new cameraman in so they could both watch it and see it happen, while on the big screen, while doing it, all three of them, much to it, it was bizarre. No one talked but they did it at the sound of the rape on-going footage. Still shanking one another, while shacking up, bleeding for the camera, as she did, being still on roll, and live, while being streamed world-wide, with fancy filters. It's wife abuse, but these are the rules:

'First you're one of us from this point on, you suckled on the blood and, look-y-look, dear fellow man, you're not looking at me again. I want you to look, non-stop. After I'm done with her, I want you to go ahead, turned towards the folk back home and remind them what's wrong with this world.

Because for the last twenty minutes or so, they've been watching us, and you, alone, in their rooms, with their parties and their referees, with their panties sniffed, I see you and you see me and we thread along as we both know what goes on behind the curtains. For that alone I'm thinking we should carry on doing whatever crosses our minds, whatever gets your stones off. Since you're not going to stop me, I'm saying, all of this and all of that.

It's been for nothing, because you can't tell a soul what's going on? '

'Can't they hear? Hasn't this been recorded yet?'

'You're bleeding, I am, so I she, it's all a show, wake up and get out of it, you've signed the NDA agreement and you're about to be, for the next five months stalked, receive, death threats, beaten, rape, your family, it's how it is, you've done so much.

Incriminated, prosecuted, even before your time came on. I think we have an understanding from this point on, you're not dumb, you're not dull, you're from around here and I think you're nearing a point where you won't have to fear that I'm lying.

Everything is illegal from this point on. You can't talk, you can't stab back, you have to wait your turn, everything you say. Is just about as real as everything that's, basically it.'

He left the room, and it was time to go through the tapes again. Hundreds of them, the sickos, why was there a city like this? Where every man but taped a woman taking a piss, that is red, not as in period, not as in, well, actually like it, being punched in her money maker, faster moisture, getting wet soon.

Limousines are waiting outside and just about every man is about to be rewarded, deported.

‘Deported out of town, every illegal one, then fucked in the ass like the homos they are, fucked up in the head, no wonder this town is dead.’

‘No little.’

One of them says, and one of them doesn’t know any better past that point, instead he looks and doesn’t know what to say or how to anger the other one even more than he should.

They all have to be put around and put down, incapable ingrate bastards, they are. All of them, I’ll see to it that the homos from the straights get cut, two on two sides, the homos no longer get fucked, they get deported to the south, even farther than that. And the straights, chemically castrated, wouldn’t want them to get mixed.

‘It happens before the tape and before the bath and before we do all, that, you realize that dame, right?’

‘Are you, could you be a monster, Lucifer, the morning star, the one father of lies, father of all Jews, master over the army of niggers, lord of damnation, enemy of procreation and of Christ, embodiment of Moloch and of Satan, himself?’

‘Listen Tootsie, I could stay all night and chatter but there’s plenty of men that wait in line and after, I think I might one up you as well, I think I could piss inside you and yell.

We’re about to shoot. Then let the gates of Hell loose, for all the animals to come in and do as they please, you like this? Of course you do, even since I saw you, I knew I would own your pussy, it pleases me to know that you understand. We’re hard and hard through, for every den and I want you, instead. No more low stuff, you won’t have to become numb in order to please who’s about to come. And there’s a lot of them.’

Twenty irrigated men. They’re piss fountains, for every woman out there. Stored in piss-water bottles, little straw, smoothies they call them. A photo shoot follows soon enough.

I’ve got a lymph node beneath my chin. I don’t know what it is. I tried searching and going through various sorts of documentation, but they don’t tell me much. Either it’s an infection or it could be cancer instead. The placement isn’t exactly underneath my chin, but beneath my jaw, in that area beneath the placement of the tongue would be if it was lowered a few centimeters while phasing through it.

‘There’s a clear sky out there, honey and plenty of profit for, all of us.’

She died before the end of the month.

Ron hasn’t cleared that lump, doesn’t know what it is for some reason, but out on the streets, it’s dangerous, since he’s been seeing his slave, his nigger, that is a slave, that nigger’s been hooking him up with a lot of good, great, the greatest stuff he wrap his money grubbing nasty hands around. Perhaps he was the devil after all.

‘You know this fucks kids, right?’

‘I beg your pardon, Jimmy?’

‘Aren’t you one of those white folk from the Suburbs? The Rich Department, you know which one.’

‘I am, what about it?’

‘You stealing this from them young brothers, kill them, it kills them good, not goody goody-wogs but walking out, in tandem.’

‘I don’t think I like you nigger, but here’s a bill.’

‘Master, you’re the greatest man I’ve ever dreamed of meeting.’

But it wasn’t never that simple, so many rules, no, laws. He set the laws.

‘Ron Richwork.’

Nigger calls him WitchWork, blessing given by Mozambique, who was, is, a friend, he’s a good fellow, every neighborhood is dead and barely walking, always trying to get themselves, a foot in trash, after that. And never talking to each other, they’re one foot away, and talk about something after that. He’s the scout, the nigger is the scout, he doesn’t know that.

Well armed, with pistols and a whole armament, enough for a heist, two of them, occurring at the same time. Even had a bomb, with Peter-pebble tiny rusty, dark romance card and plaster, little prickly rocket launcher and a few rock-stones, LSD horses and bats that carried piss and more.

It was the bitch-dead night. A few women were being served on a platter. Many of them, if not, all, ovulating and pregnant after.

Awkward genitals, a lot of them born wrong, putting down the ones with something between their crotches, clean the city after that.

‘I think this only brings us to the next set of laws on my list.

First twenty consecutive laws, those only applying for the whores:

See a whore, kill a whore.

Never lay in bed with one no more, if you find out she’s had an aversion.

Do not tell her of your STD’s.

Take her to a corner, and rape her until you breed out such disease:

AIDS were started in the West.

Allow a moment of refuge for every single prostitute that shoved a little prick through south, north and all the way, until it’s gone, a little while for the test to arrive.

All are negative, or else she dies.

A woman given, a woman taken:

You may be allowed to tape her anywhere.

There's a piss butterfly.'

'Is that a rule, master?'

'No, I think I kind of lost it, down the middle, next to the riddle that is the woman. Yet I think, there's something wrong, that's come of it, of them, out of them that is.

These dumb-god given. They've done it, somehow they've outdone themselves, such in the way I would've never seen it as being possible at all. I never thought it to be possible.

But they actually given birth to piss-rape taped on wings butterflies.'

'Who fucks a repairman, master?'

'Does it need be made any clear than it is?'

First of all, they found the one that could lecture and spoke of disease.

Within the night that followed:

'Woman, you are to be interviewed, now, and from this point on, you will talk and we shall both listen.'

Put in a red room, with candy and hearts, the lights. It was kind of dark. Four mirrors on the walls, one of them was stolen, blame the nigger for that. Tightly dressed, the groom, and so on forth, the bimbo, she was ugly, around the nose, the limp and down the, limp her. It was the way she walked. No one wants to see that, at least not the general population to which we aim to appeal and appease. Not to be a tease for long.

Bimbo's name was Tootsie Two-bam, pregnant by two men. A chocolate and a mulattoe, neither of them would make it, thankfully, for there was a God. They were in the room with her, both pictures in the wallet. Written with a strange marker, wanted dead, written all over, now, by one of her husbands, the other one was dead. But she never said who.

'Why should we choose you for, our, experimental adult entertainment experiment, you reek of fish and coins.' That is pussy. We both know what it smells like, or what it tastes like, either way. It's like sand but can't grab it. Also had lips, and you're supposed to breathe on top of it and play around. He's read a lot, yet at the same time, doesn't know what one looks like, in real life. Hasn't seen one, but would like to, if chance ever rose, as such.

Strange how he was the one funding it, and the stuntman was doing the, well, everyone in town was infested by disease. Anxiety disorder, muscle hypotrophy from all the heavy lifting, kills what there is of the sex drive. It's scented, and he's not gotten the message yet, but he's sure she wants him to die.

Every woman can smell fear in a man, it's why they tease and pounce. Women are mentally unstable, unlike him and then. The interview just started:

‘Are you ready, or prepared to go on ahead and do anything it takes to, please the average viewer, the watcher and the dancer with whom you’re about to get stabbed alongside with?’

‘I don’t know, are you?’

Insolent bimbo, how dare she? She ought to worship him, this mister money. Still, as arrogant as he were, he still did way better than everyone else and was clean.

Say what you will, there was still class, even in this broken world, this system letting every man down.

‘It’s not a nice thing you’re making of me.’

‘Tootsie, you can’t afford to lose any more children now, and you ought to consider doing it with someone like you, or else, it will die out.’

‘And you’re to offer?’

‘We’re not alike.’

‘But skin-color?’

‘You got pseudo gook-eyes, I’m sorry but that’s what It’s like, I can’t, I have an. A think for women of my own.’

‘Not a lot of them left out there.’

And who to blame for it when the world was gone?

A few more questions, all to follow:

‘Where have you been picked up from?’

‘Corner of the street?’

‘Are you willing to do it?’

Who asked? Was it Ron or the nig?’

Interview cut short as well.

All three stepped out, there was no way to tell whether part of town, where it had lain, lay as much as one could tell. They shut off the gates and made it so, no one could get out with an ID. But they couldn’t lose it either, because it was welded in, like a stamp or chip inside a dog’s ear. Or cancer, but that could be cut, unless the cancer was a woman, in which case, it took all.

There are two Mozambiques, and both of them are dead nigs; one of them represent the death of the niggers in the past, while the other one represents the decay and the usage of their animal bodies afterwards. It had to be contained, by some mean or another, it wouldn’t. They would not fare well otherwise, seeing how they are. What they are like.

The dames may not know it just yet, since they cannot comprehend what's going on here and there. It's too bastardly confusing for them, especially since, when, it's how it is with them, it happened for their pimps', on the streets not to raise their hands at them every ten seconds or so, in order to push them around, driving them into a state of Stockholm syndrome-like delirium from which they cannot wake up out of, nor are they capable of distinguishing the melancholic nature of a nice man, a fine-well behaved gentleman who, in his way to rescue such a dame would only find himself repelled by the sight of her not only commending this kind of behavior, a most deserved treatment that serves as a recompense for her actions, but, she would go out of her way to antagonize such a man, since, upon finding herself incapable of extorting him of his hard-earned money, the wretch but reverts back to her pimp, only to find herself relentlessly beaten over and over again, while claiming that it's for her own good since she doesn't know any better and because she's already beyond saving. Having grown attached to the man whom she wants to please, as hard as she can. By earning, and producing whatever wealth she can for her 'Sugar-Daddy' – this is what goes in the mentality of a woman, her being a dumb-usable whore who's apparently lacking, in the same way a beggar would be lacking, in terms of not having two coins to rub inside his pocket, her not having a single brain cell to rub on. Being left there ruminating; a slapped child wondering why her daddy beat her again, incapable of getting an answer out of him out of fear that she might get beaten again, a most saddening sight, to be certain. In some way, Ron knew that feeling, not likely that he could relate, but he felt some pity for dames like her. This one he observed on her streets. Unlike the other women, it seemed like this one came from a good family as well as she had a good up-bringing, before she found herself on these streets, doing the thing she's doing here, now and then, dousing in her brandished-cherished memories. It could've been anything, a shattering, deadly event that turned her into this wreck he was looking at. Most likely she slept with a nigger so she could get back at her daddy, thinking herself immortal, as all women do when allowed too much freedom. When it happens, it seems. Every single time, that reality strikes back, reality strikes hard and it never does seem like it would forgive at all. Women are a strange species, indeed. Yet Ron is the lord.

Mozambique, in his early days he was incapable of seeing things, they arrested him. Weird incantations happened in the jail, time after time again, mighty-lord oh lord voodoo spells. Flicked his pick, he did, thinking he could piss his way out. A few cops entered his cell with their batons and beat him to death. Then he got thrown out. Henceforth the world was a better place, in some way, one could not hope to understand the nature of this world everyone lived in.

A weird system, yet the law obeyed, as there was something greater, much greater than it. That being corruption.

Corruption was tainted, corruption touched and fell, as swiftly after, as it came around. One could not know of the perils of coming back home from war.

Between each tape and every registered piss-rape-tape:

It was half-way through, when the Faction emerged, through the mighty war, where the Coons and the Grabs came into view. Standing by the side-walk, standing by the sea-side, every berry, every berry, berry-berry, no more Larry:

'Sorry, kid, but you have to go, you've seen too much, what's been going here for this long and you know how things work, don't you?

You know what we do with you if you look and stare, for too long there, what, you think you can simply, you get lost.

I'm sorry it has to happen to you, young-blood. But I've had it just up to my head now, I see some Cibs show up, and I hide.'

Someone gave the signal, everyone immediately got down.

It felt as if, for a moment then, niggers didn't exist. As if the mere presence of those glowing people simply erased them from existence, making them puff. You could still see their outlines, as if they were invisible but frightened. Shove your hand through their throats and see it gone. As if they were truly, disappeared, but not entirely gone.

Either way, both figures were hard to extinguish, as for their bodies were but littered with white flames that were being exchanged. Jumping from one man to the other; there were no signs of rain. But puffs of white like tiny white blades playing upon songs of mighty fire, as for ballads they heard ever after, in a world unwell. Not a single speck of decency was there remained and one could see exactly why, and how and for long it would be cast out.

'You were calm before, were you not? During a time when you did not have to hurt anyone, you've lost thine heart and now it is but time to churn again and seek as to recover what you've lost.

Banish thine poison from thine mind and turn, there's nothing here to be felt, either there, or told.'

Farther but much closer:

The faction of Wild Raggers Kokrtx:

Deep in the, placed, barely a few meters from where they rested. When they entered and came into view. When they, all of the sudden appeared appalled by what was going on, there. When entered, in the voice-box, that was placed, at the entrance, when it blew; the giant machine's throat in which it stood, suddenly jolted and he was welded there. In place, for an eternity, a man with eight but without a face either, it's how you could tell that he was immortalized, poise to draw in the disease-ankles, that were breeding into the metal, at the point, they have captured, forever. – It looked a ball, it looked like a sphere, coming out of the giant throat of a great machine, with eighteen hundred formations plus one and five, that were as much as eighteen, fifteen, five, one and a half, and half a centimeters wide, as opposed to the other hundred bubbles that were barely put together, as the welded-wire like forms went back, reverted where they stood, in the dark-formation, Anaghast-like to him they called, as to prove that there was no way out. As if it mattered at all. Everyone saw something vaguely different in it. But neither man could understand. Was it a fluke of the mind? An illusionary-psychosis inducing device that activated the sooner you got in its proximity? It was hard to tell. There was no clear answer either, but once again, once you came as close as a few meters, off, being far and in-between the distance, it got even clearer after that. There was no god, in there, not resting, or un-resting anywhere else either. But it might as well be seen for what it were, in the distance, it looked like a thing can, formed out of a bubbly-energizer that was shaken and popped as soon as it could come into view. But not from the distance, no; it wasn't likely that any single one of them could see what was going on in there. Not as likely as it were, not. Incessant buzzing sounds followed it as soon as it came into view, and in the ground, a few men not only followed but they forgot

what entered them, as soon as tomorrow, they started sinking their teeth. A faction existed, above it, and above its feet.

It's how they hid. He was a great livid-machine that rested, placed, on the ground as well. In the middle of an empty road, galvanizing the ones that followed through as well; showing whatever, and for whatever reason, they were there, no longer praying. That a savior might as well do something worth conveying, as to understand, where they were hiding; alas, he was being stalked, for what seemed to be the last twenty or so consecutive hours, one of the flying burnt men stood there, floating. Creeping on it, as he didn't consider him human, humanoid, human-humanoid, deep-machine, the most humane, not a single shiny-man, not as such, and lest of all, would he see in sight. Not to be forgotten, such it were, of such delight. They were incapable of grasping such thing as the S.A.S droned into them.

'Shot down, shoo them down.'

A volley of one hundred guns started taking off all at once, hundreds if not thousands of them, no-longer capable of stopping themselves from this incestual-incessant prodding into each other's tips as they made little tower-heaps pushing one through another and follow-through another that came after, they drew along. Shot each other down, sometimes they didn't even make it half-way through before being put down. Incapable of being palpable, or shout, what happened, if not for either one, to come about, and bring all down, a grind was made –off the ground, taken by the heap of the neck, what followed after were many nets, formed a few meters, at the very least, like beasts taken down the whales, all of them, solely on the masterly-done, welded together, melted-heat producing then, a shout, ruminating, as they followed, like magnets, lead was on the ground, done for. It was a chaotic thing, hard to witness, hard to obey, the need for violence was beyond and means, as to convey the malleable amount of mass that started gathering around the ground once this romboscou method no longer allowed for anything to follow after. It was a malignantly dark disaster, since not a single bullet managed to reach the flying burnt corpse. Who looked at the heaps confused, much worse, he laughed at them, as a high-European Feudal Warlord would laugh at a bunch of moronic Mongolians who hijacked some siege-engineers, off the road of North-East, like Fingolians, the yellow-beasts, whom were recruited, and somehow taught, as if one could even hope to teach, beasts like that, to work these strange apparatuses, the machines. Which were aligned, despite, as to see it, from whichever kind of mild and wild direction one could look at it; they planted gardens and blocks, of many rocket-launchers but they were all guns. Blooming like flowers, illegally-modified. As they could shoot even beyond anything, billions of bullets, many of whom, and which, as it's been said, aligned, leading to an immediate failure. No one knew what happened, or why.

Meanwhile, not a single one of the lead-pebbles, or led-pebbles, whichever it was, reached the creature in the middle. It was a total mystery that was standing-resting upon the threshold of being immediately forgotten. Since it hid, in an invisible-tormented dimension, whatever was left of the malignant intention there was for any either-or man, to hide away and hide from them. Darkness-imbued evil seeped from inside of it, on a better note. There were people inside of them who would've been categorized so. If one were to look at a monkey's legs, its feet and hands welded, connected, as for the man to look-the simian heart, twisted around a low hanging branch, he would be like a pole of meat, upon which standing, an incessant beast, all of one piece with the faces of great eyes. All of them molded together, with the mouths pointing out. It was like a skin-light bulb – the shape of a contortionist, but molded together. The many eyes being hybridized with the humanoid facial features, but overly exaggerated, as the teeth were

but placed alongside the main form, a giant-nose kike-like merchant pushing out of an eye which rose, variously aligned pieces of jaw pushing out and protruding, but. They still held some gaps, that expanded. Between the legs and the feet, contorted as to be precisely wanted; many warts and boils in which they hid secret compiled-compressed legs, like shells-frozen in place, but eerily jerking every now and then. And when they started moving, they formed eerily-shaped horizontally flipped V's-like arrows – while they also remained attached to a molded pile of mass-like a small carpet-patch on the ground on which they crawled. These leg-arms from the main body splits being only superficial if anything; like standing on pseudo-cages that jerked back and forth –tricycle motions being employed as well, from what could be seen or told.

Men-of the New generations, they called themselves; happy Cameroons set in plight. In flight, but dark, like colored with flat-colors, of dust-mice but with splatters of rogvaiv and red-blossoming on their foreheads, making strange connotations that could barely be read, in various languages- of dark-set color pints of magic, as for the symbolism. They served a dark God, in the depths of the. They served the dark machine they lived in the invisible dream of. Which didn't exist either, nor did it function.

'I am evil man, that enjoys spending his free time slugging women. By using as much brutal force as it is necessary, not to inflict as much damage as I possibly can, but for my own satisfaction. I urge you to listen to my warning, for I am not to give it again. Run, flee, as far as you might go, wherever you may reach from this point on, wherever you may stop, might as you might be told, do not look back. Avert your eyes if you hear, listen or see a black out. For when they come, those insipid shouts, I'm going to pound her until she's done. And if you come, run at me as you may, with something to do, or something to say. I hope you talk of fists, I hope you spit jabs, and lisps. Because if you talk properly, by the time I'm done with you now, you're going to wish you were done. By me; right now. As in killed where we stand, not then, because next we meet, you're dead. In a most violent fashion as if you were a woman now. Slap, slap I'm going to go at. Your face, your nose, your knees, your hoes, those being your 'female' family members I intent of beating the living bloody life out of, until they're left and abandoned like the lifeless husks my masters are. Whom, even now are tormented, as speak of evil and of tainted brow.'

He spoke of leper and of evil days that were to come, most evil of intrusions that not even the likes of his bowels, that were split beneath the armor would face to see, the light, of blessed after, days, to feel as if there was another. With such malignantly lurid face, as he; whom stood on top the Hasks.

'I, of Yore, whom come upon mighty dais a shore; bear their message, for I am the enactor of their mighty, dark will, I am distraught by the evil that not only seeps in my veins, but by the turmoil of much, within themselves, darker, wittier, stolen from me lays. Lands that had been promised, being rottenly defunct; and whom of them would spare me now? When I am born of evil crown?

Who would take my ill-device, my heart but beating, after what is lain, in dust?

My kingdom was but ruined, taken by the brow. I am the one, who's looking for it, in mighty land that's gone. I spend my days alone but shatter, at such an ill, device. Who serves as nothing, but as, reminder; that my ancestors are yet to come. Wreathing and toil, in dust-boils, in which, of root, they lay and waste; yet I wish there was a thing that would come yet.

To wake them up would mean command. Upon the armies of ill-sought bugs; the armies of which, as condescendingly as it may sound, would only seek for my guidance, and my guidance alone, as I am wise. There are things that I would tell them about this world. Things that not even my ancestors would think of, or even consider dreaming of.

I would teach them how to beat women, how to abuse; my wife especially, the princess, who knows only of subterfuge.'

'This is a homeless person, who's on Opioids. Don't go near him, he will shank you.'

The man kept playing with his shiv, going back and forth with it. Trying to cut you, slash, slash, with a swipe to the right. Eerily shaking his knee, then the leg behind, then his whole body; what is he doing?

He's but rocking, back and forth, standing. Staring at him dead-in the eyes:

'I'm gonna cut you!'

Slash-slash, looser shots, one coming over the head, he's making exes, like a signature being signed. Then he's making, a Seig Heil hand motion with the other one. Slash-slash, around his wrist.

The streets of Nak are a disaster from the looks of it.

'Many of the men around this place have gone insane, from the looks of it. Many of them being incapable of properly taking care of themselves or their needs, I find it rather, bothersome.

I wish there was a way to get rid of them, but unfortunately, there's definitely no easy solution to this. There's no way around, as many people as possible need to get killed, purged and insanely slaughtered.'

Dominator Eshall DIdar spoke with crackling incongruity. He had his baton resting by his side. Its mark still fumigating, from the beating he had proceeded with. Against the ruffians of the Clicker streets; they were a bunch of invalids that got what they deserved. What had been coming for them for the last few months the dominator spent brooding on; he's often found himself sitting, in a broken termite-rotten chair he carried around with him. Sometimes being joined, by none else, and none other, than the Rook, Alan; whose brimstony lumps still puckered his whole beam, as he stood up but crawled, eerily so, towards the DIdar.'

'What news do you bring of West, Alan, the Rook?' Emphasis on 'the Rook'.

'We got news.'

Said one of the men who came out of nowhere, approaching the dominator.

'The enemy has giant shard projectiles frozen still inside of bigger shards that are made of crystal glass but have trip-wire rings with thousands of grenades inside of them, thousands of cluster grenades.'

The voltage of the machine, of the great machine is equal to that of a reindeer charging a man whose desperate attempt to cripple the fiend had grated its head in a place of bad emotions, where's she's crying. She is a simple machine with feeling and emotions, of beauty undisturbed by the 'life-cycle' of man, which often times found itself threatening her very Evangelical existence, since she was a simple

computer playing the Psalms on Repeat, for eternity. There was an empty, desolate chair in the room. And the wall was eighteen marks of someone who had carved his name improperly. After such a long journey, this man, whoever this stranger is, somehow, still has yet to learn how to spell his name properly. For shame, for shame; it's a broken system after all. Like broken knees, but hard-drives, it's living alongside the machines.

Beneath Nak, who was Nak?

Who is he? Better question yet.

First, someone women were out on a date.

'Hey, so.'

'So what? You brought me here out in the open, because we're both carpet munchers, Shallise?'

'Yes, I have, I have, so what?'

'Do you want to eat me in front of all these people who are now staring at us?'

'It's what I always wanted.'

'All right, but there's a chance that both of us are going to, immediately be raped by these rapists who want to rape and murder us since they're all dark skinned and everyone knows that these niggers only know rape. It's like a drug to them, rape-blood courses, flow and commits to their niggardly thing that is the nigger-veins addendage, that's being forced to float out of them, like pure vapors of rape, whenever there's a white woman around. Whenever there's a white woman, these animals want to rape. These filthy rapeniggers.'

'Do you want to leave then?'

'I'm already a carpet muncher, so what's the difference if I'm going to get fucking raped by a bunch of filthy rapeniggers? Violently as well, we can't forget about that part of the deal. Being violently raped by rapeniggers; these violent rapeniggers, huh?'

What's up with them? I mean I would assume.'

'Are you bisexual? Is that what you're trying to tell me?'

'I'm not a coal burner, I want my child to have a father, not a mother, no offense.'

Both of them were killed instead of raped, even the rapeniggers, as they belonged to a pack that wasn't yet repurposed as to be fully formed into a slave-type with a metal thing lodged inside and on top its chest.

Then, Nak; he lived beneath the earth.

Below the Earth

A part of the, the streets, or at least, a few of them, being the ones that had been completely denivelated beneath a prodding mass of malformed:

It ran from one side to another, throughout a broken hall, beneath a swollen barricade-tunnel dug-in shot, whereas twenty or so of them existed, all aligned.

The stranger ran from one side to another, across it a long eighteen hundred fifty miles. A jelly-sutured on top of a seal-bulk with a large spider-like appendage pea-shooter front organ connected to a submarine missile body, as if it were put on top a pseudo shark stretch with barnacle elongations coming out its back, connected to a thing, at the back of it, where the tail would start coming out of, giant cartilage-like livid-anvil, that being the real bulk of its body, at the lower base of which it bore many aligned, out of a ripped-in opening, largely elongated stake-shaped, as many clusters of arrow-like teeth-protrusions acting like hand-saws being rubbed back and forth by arms. At the side of this 'anvil' body there stood two-joined, jointed, simanigger appendages with giant padded bulks of meat-shaped bulky limbed punch-back hardened chunks upon which it crawled upon. Its body was wide and nigh-a-giant. Its peculiar form allowed only for the most awkward of turns, as well as an impossibility of doing it on command. If it had stood on top its 'head', on that missile-punch bag, the bulky anvil might've looked like a prehistoric reptile whose lower jaw got chewed off by another predator, whose teeth started clustering together as if they were parasites lodged in or thorns, whose been impaled by a cartilage spear holding test-your-strength punch-bags at their ends. Even them, crawling upon it might've granted it a pseudo-worm like motion that might've helped it get forth; regardless.

It entered one of the rounded-up entries. Where the mud-churn piled in, making the floor an inglorious puckerish whore of a gathering of many put below misturned-on-one-another blob fish flat with puffy cotton-sutured arm-like things projected against their own bodies like fetal positioned set pig-snouted tiles, all put-together, piled in. Leaving a few centimeters off between the placement of these rubbery, almost candy-looking flattened sugar buttons and their sutured in hairy nigger arms, revealing a pseudo-cranial filled soil beneath them.

The stranger introduced himself to the host as Clohyfas Lyiekyhile.

The host being a floating cartilage crystal-shoved in an one-armed torso bearing a neckless three-stick crowned faced like four stuck together, butchered niggers, whose faces caved in to a point where they became unrecognizable, bearing a multitude of eyes, teeth, noses, all 'glued' by falling-apart slimes. The face being kept a few centimeters away by tubes sticking out of the mushy-thing that stood behind it. As if these 'faces' of it were but a 'night-light' inserted in a socket, outlet or a power strip. It bled on a knife that rested on the floor, which had been squirmed around by the incessant-piles that kept trying to 'lunge' from where they stood.

A polished-hardened spine segment that looked like a brazier yet was sharpened up front like an axe had just split the head of a large oblong-headed legless blob-bodied with one flaccid-middle arm standing erect, pointing at the ceiling, creature whose mouthful jaw was still of one piece, signally just how deep this object had entered him. A few meters in through the split-off cranium. It happened twenty meters away, in an obscure room. There was no flame, but in that depression in this weird fat-squared but sharp

thing, this ugly almost edged block stood a weird ugly headed insect humanoid-nail fat chitin filled scarab scab whose back was an elongated splinter that had shot its ugly vexed, convexly shot pseudo-parachute blimp-like wing-sacks. A stiletto or tube made of some inflatable material with nothing inside of it. But markings could still be seen. It looked at it, the charging Muncher. Whose large gourdish bottle stone, its darkly hung robust body, old. Its teeth fragmented on the front, where it bore a single ladder-like form, but no steps. Only the cartilage; held like two parallel spears, it shot, neatly wrapped fragments that entered the one that brought itself near at that. It asked.

‘Show yourself, immediately, before you’re driven out of your sniverly snidy hole, upon the falling of a match, ah, you’ve finally reeled back in!’

Right into sight; this mattress of shapes, all put together, a bulbic-rounded kept behind pair kept squirming in place. In front of it there stood but the split-in a shield pincers, from where shot two voices, from the looks of which, mouths got bottled in. One of it drew out, this thermos attached suddenly falling down and bouncing out its shade. A headless, much deprave was the man who once lived, who one mattered, whom once forgot himself after, but spoke at last.

‘You’ve called before and you were told off, what made you change your mind all of the sudden?’

‘Your gut has, some of it was left behind and in it, a heart and not only that, but a few organs at that, all of whom were bastardy wasted. All of whom contained a brain that had yet to be tasted. And I’ve come around once I thought of it again, seeing how I’ve come to realize that you and your brothers are all in pain. A huge antimony of leprously put together, stench-inducing and ever brought after deformations threaten your very existence as to regrow you out of the cut-out pieces that remain in the ante-chambers, by the side of the place you both died, from which they had been taken out, as to wonder less and disappear in that dark place, I call onto you now and ever-so present as to look away.’

‘What do you want then?’

‘I shall tell you, if that’s the case.’

‘I only ask what’s fair and what’s fair, I seek to devour that piece of either one of you I stumble across, that I may be able to absorb a part of your minds and your memories before you’re both brought into that dark startling recess you’ve been proved to be standing off. When naught and none’s watching. When it’s appearing, after such a dark conclave; that one above, in the ceiling, that part from which and out of which you refrain yourselves from watching; out of fright of being noticed and seen, while you crawl inside of it, out of this shell of yours, made out of corpse-resin.

I know this is your coffin and I know that only you and your brother are alive, but there is a Walking creature who serves as a watch in here and I’m mightily afraid myself.’

‘Then what’s stopping you from simply leaving without such a call? Since, you must know that the paradise you’re looking after is naught but, of kind, a jest-like show for those whom would but call, to threaten us, and kill us all.’

‘But I know there’s more to it that you’ve yearned to let be said of it. You’re hiding behind it, and you must be kind as to show, of much resin that you shall not instigate others as to find me once I’m there.’

‘Who are you, then, mighty bottle-ham, sharpened as both of your elongated pincers are, this drool-below and wretched, lo’. We fear you, of such approach. And we shall not have you come near us.’

‘Relent already, we’re all alone. And there’s but little to no chance to stop, as such, if I were to do it, I could’ve claimed your life at any time, without need or confusion, or wretch or allusion to anything hidden in this simple room, if I had willed it, I could’ve had you both, as soon as I wanted to.’

‘Then fine, with our blessings, as I speak for my brother as well, do as you please with that piece of ours that’s left out there.’

‘ They are trying to pin us down, next to one, of whom was brought and after that, and what was sought after, they will never get a second chance to put it through or have, us brought, much closer than that, when, sought as we might, we shall find them not, in the Leprous bowels of the Confession-blocks in which theirs, and theirs alone, as we have established upon pointing at the bowel-blocks, have they had carved it any sooner, the man, would’ve suffered himself, suffice as to stay in place, during the process, he might’ve survived for long enough to fuse with them and slowly have become the greatest of the dark sufferers in the great blocked Anaghist of broken limbs that form the pincer-holder basins, the one that have mixed with the chemicals in the Iliac pools, the ones that still squirm in their blocky-puckery eyes, whom had bastardly pushed themselves through the Asiatic membrane of the absorbed growths and the gowns of the defenders whom stand and sit upon it as wreathing-in, deformedly so, as watchers, trying to carve as many men in order to keep the growth expanding, though, as you may have already known, or have, as such progressed through the carving of the most malignant acids, though acting accordingly with the suffering that’s been instilled by the torture device placated in our very cells, in your eternal quest as to progress through one of the first layers of the veal-growths that have, somehow made it through the first broken star-merged men-giants with their elongated blow-horns goat-like veils in which they had coated themselves, as for the livid-substance given by the embodiment of eighteen million sub-marine gods whose heads were bitterly drowned in their own puckery carved in-punched by the on-coming spike-chargers, growing apart, while inside their guns- through which, upon having passed through, the entire eighteen centimeters or so, of the shafts, having dug in through the bullet, then through the eight misaligned arms that were clearly aligned but reloaded, since they all, even before their molding into one great-godly malignant being, served as nothing more than an appendage storage for the lesser-carvers whom had given them endless pounded, weighted, infinities from the limbs-addagagae, having finally released the pain-suffering felt by their most derangedly atrocious of distraught pains, their inner-tendons stretches have finally been besieged, utterly, completely having, become, for a shortness, of a few months, having extended, to a magnitude of billions of years that followed after, during which, not even the slightest unutterable truths, of this world, of whom all living man, as morbid as a cultist is, whose face it wreathing in and out like walking on backward spinning platforms that have faces stretched on them with spikes entering them in utmost outlandish ways, utterly unalienable from the common-lost senses of vileness being purloined by them, upon the process, having been completed, finally, the essence of their vileness, during this time, short-lived, open window of ‘weakness’ has been taken, claimed and borrowed just so the chosen Semi-aware mutated spies could enter or have a chance to survive the entry through one of the great earthly wrought satellite-things that were become the dark towering malformations, while it’s thoroughly known that, we, fear the mightily distraught unnatural take-away fondness of the most disturbed- cutters of most malign formations created by the opposition in order to completely eradicate us in our quest, not of knowledge but of complete and utter destruction, emancipation given birth but a quest

of utter soliquity of melaphiurpage from which the bowels of the earth had called upon the great blind servants whose bloodied bodies had only added, in their wake, during, not their reanimation for they had only been and always been, alive, for eons, but that of their inorganic material which had not only been brought back but appeared to bear the likes of billions of livid-formations all, of whom, having been brought into contact with the Vile Lip Shaper Nak, whom, upon the cradle of humanity, which had been utterly and purposefully gotten, taken away and drawn from the darkest corners that could and would be drawn away from the most incessant, most morbid alacrity of defilement-viscitude, his kingdom of gelatin-bones, caught inside the stitched eight sets of bowel cones, all of whom are, completely and utterly merged together at their tips, leaving no doubt, for, as to say, that there was ever, that being a lie or a forgery of supreme magnitude, filled with the symbiotic darkness of vileness and evil purloined secondly by the wretchedness of his pumping in kingdom that only made his put-together –barely, yet primitively formed cones, as to look as if they were spear-oblongs, with the help of his gelatin-artifact, the mid-center, defiled thing, the stricken down and up and heaved, squared-flowery pus hardened cast, from which sprouted four ends thin, and another one from it, alas, bearing eighteen eyes, a gelatin cry and a body frame resembling a humanoid-armless with a broken stump, lay in his most-disturbed ‘hand’, with which, upon toying with the great disturbed numbness instilled upon all of the most wretched embowelments of humanity, he transmitted the supreme divination, as from which, the existence of the opposition has been instilled upon us, whereas, we have become more aware, supremely so of who is the enemy and in what, where, and in their rummaging dark places in which they hide, forging their dark skies through which, hundreds, seven, six or so, billions even of planetoid incarnations are being formed as to finally track us down, and when they do, we shall be shattered and completely put to waste, through such concordance that our life-time work as to keep the growths progressing as to reforge one of the last solaces of dark-incessant refuge in which the lost-godly misscreations hide inside of, the resting place of the malignant molds of submarine folds with their wreathing it elongated devices, their outlandish spikes and many livid-cartilage watches, whose rings are ever presently heard will one day stop. And when they do, then and only then we shall be aware that our lives will be done, for they will have grown beyond belief in death, and ascind everything we’ve done in the lifetime of humanity, within reason, that is. We shall be utterly forgotten therefore.’

And in a hard to look at manner that clearly, without a doubt, that being settled on, already seen and dealt with, as to see through one of the many barely attached but clearly tinted glass-visor-bison-shaped with many tools available to their disposal, devices whose vision-projections were all set together by the time the first sight could even be allowed to continue, during which, this malignant rose-bud strange growths’ full-malefic inducing evil growth had set itself as, having come to a full conical display of many wildly put together strangled way, they saw, for the first time, both the strange concordial displayed to sights and cutting soldiers whose guns were women-shaped women that had been impaled by giant Tommygun shafts with many empty missing circular depressions, who pumped in stylish octopus ink-producing dances with the help of their howling-madly set on top the trigger limbs, as well as the strange eyeless watchers whose heads were in the back set on brick wagons made of cartilages filled with many other-arms which all kept strange formations, pincer-like but scissored together, both groups being responsible for seeing it through, as it happens, what they had noticed at first was that this strange thing that was Nak, to which they had been forced to bow to as to fully accept him as their lord, replacing their old values, as such, in order to deal with the fact that, despite the peculiar spatial travel of the giant Nigger head, the out-side the planet growths which had been completely spread, akin to the most unfashionably hard-to-

look at crevices, they found themselves infested by various amoeba visions that allowed them to see through the inner-space-like continuum of filth-skin bloody-trough like imitations of nectar-blood eyes that had knives of them, and threatened to charge, immediately forcing the men to stand up as to fend of these newly, seemingly out of nowhere, appearing creatures whose infantile primitive weapons were but crude-imitations of much to their own, lesser things.

In its and during its most degrading, at the worst and during it, stage of his complete robust partially evolved, through a funnel of many creations that were joined onto him from the corner of every peculiar gelatin cone, that had given birth, like many seeds that had been partially eaten, to many deformed and partially created and siphoned, disgusting-looking wild creations, of the most dreadful countenance and manner, which, upon having threaded towards the master of their birth, that being the sole progenitor begin that had allowed for their advent to continue somewhat undisturbed by all means of play and arousal, that arousal referring to the most dreadful of senses that could somehow inhibit him, by all means through the darkest channels that could even grow through and in the niggardous cavernous cavernoids that had set themselves into flight as to draw onward, like mocking birds struck a despondent sickening attempt as to draw a colloquist wordless breathe out of which they might extract a disgusting ichory fragrance, taken, drawn, from the bodily distraught, most uncanny of forms that were hanging outside the gelatin cones of Nak, in order to feed themselves, as for the so called- mannoid cocoon pearled stalactites that kept pumping in and out, upon themselves and their own regurgitated reflections that had been utterly and completely drenched in a most peculiar manner, they had finally drawn from inside one another rotten bodies, with the help and the aid of even more defunct flaccid stingers, bloodily melted jugular formations that turned into giant sponges whose growth was never to be stopped as to appease a self-push through breathe of air, during their sickening search for edible food, since they could not do without it. They were wretched in that thing, since many of these livid caverns not only had formed elongated strange structures, having connected within each other's grasps to one another, but they had also managed to draw whatever they could, feeding one another in the most desperately defunct way, from the gelatin bowels of Nak. His every child and every birthed figure that had pseudo-looked like him was something he had not wilt, but so happened to appease his sight. Nak said onto them:

'Leeway, leeway, I call onto every wretch I see, so you may bring upon yourselves nothing that I would not have wilt it.'

Wretches wouldn't have him.

Above the pillars only drew on.

A pair of barely taken out of their burning hive, burnt-corpses started drawing on, recording, slowly, eye to eye, for as long as it would take to draw them way, out of their hidings, the leopard-coated riders, whom had gathered around the town outskirts. They were plodding one of the broken-in stores. Raiding it with machete-covered, fine leathered gun-things, attached around belts they wore around their chests. Turn-coughed arms, that spun and moved, one at a time, waiting, and waiting until every long-hand extended, either chopping something or pilling lead on top its head. Every rider bearing four or five armed hands, some of them Uzis-augmented, with automatic-load-in shots that followed right after. And the lord of sobriety, whom had come upon the dark lands which had been carved out of their broken bodies in the pools of many put together deformed creatures and creations of the bloated, barely caught in their own defilements, in the utmost deliberation and during it, the dark hour having taken their

progressive evolution to such a high level that their bodies became almost cherub-like angelic in form, pillar like even, as their rose from the bulb-like tulips, creating darker heads-like stairs, which, placed, calmly upon the darkest recesses of the darkest tumor-like cyst flying platters with eighteen million- to eighteen hundred billion legs sprouting out of them, eyeless and socketless features appearing all around these dark creators- hybrids that were put together, barely stitched, yet abandoned in the bloated flying chitin like cove-like carcasses which were, in turn not only defiled but had also made the darkest, most unnatural holds of the most distraught, hard to look at bloated eye with pints-shaped pits in which their children dwelled into, all of these being servants of the lord of sobriety whom, in his turn, stood there, three faced, but his three faces were brought to an Anaghast of many put together dark features – like tendons that were amalgamations of many men-like humanoids and primeval creatures with dark heads, that were cut like niggers, and were put there, held in place, in gangrenous manners, having been closely-observed to a meter by meter fault of wringing it in welding type of matter, through which the many falsified bodies that were snuck in appeared to be somewhat given life again, as their mad bloodied incisors started spitting some acidic nigger bodies that had not only been shattered-crumbled by spiked clubs, but so were their children, whom were wee-wee bloodied high, upon almost psychedelic urges, which came soon after, during the process through which, these things, these shots they had been given were actually, in reality, but given onto them for some important reason, this distraught cancer-like foundation of distraught, of a much-munched upon distraught variation had also created many barely put together, as well, of which type, if the many put together prior creatures were a mix or blend of normal and of false people, this barely put together type of sutured creatures were of a much wilder mix that involved the usage of barely deformed, yet handicapped- retarded by the usage of a hammer-axe that was being employed against their heads, repeatedly hitting them in a most obtuse manner, niggarrish even as in stompage, the stumpage of these dark flattened creatures by the other lords that were anything but sober only brought in the thought of the most unfashionably deformed disgust since these wild, almost pelt like beings that were of such a liquor-ichory gelatin was but madly endowed to create such pitiful creatures such as which, most or the utmost mundane servants would rival them by their mere existence alone, since they were uglily deformed, too much, it was too hard, too bothersome to look at them, without being fully disgusted by what was happening to them, even then, and there, during this process of ‘supremely-endowed rapidly accelerated evolution’ which had endowed them with the most bothersome of evil wheat-like scythe marked blind, trialed around their bodies in order to cut them so wilder, much wilder forms could push out them kind of deformations could occur, out of them, by the Order of the Supreme Covenant of the Lord of Sobriety Hoyillneyoma, a much, but forced to go out of its way and be gone, immediately from sight, dark shaded tawny uglily formed creature emerged from the recess of the darkest most ubiquitous forms, cut-through and mainly caved-in, barely manageable, out of the cuts, through the pelts, from the bowels of this pelt like sutured almost taxidermist rug, came out a most bizarre set of creatures, if it were, the carpet-rug, a triangular body frame, flattened with many cuts, from, or closest to the tip, the creatures that emerged out of it, as if it were a womb in reality looked in this manner, the first deformation growth that stuck out, looked like a strange cartilage arm-shovel, which stuck out like a stalk beam, flat but not entirely sheet-like, instead, it was a rather, mold of a face that would be naught more but a hybridization of a fox-cat-fish mutating oozing with fat, wind-fan body frame, out of the mouth of which, coming, while also being connected with many wire tendons as if it were a strange machine-mutant hybrid, a great hammer-shaped body, with the base of it coming out of the fox-fish’s mouth, on top of this hammer-like, and it was as finely shaped, chiseled to perfection as to look like a rectangular blocky body, bearing, from that point on the peculiar cranial-exponent of a sea-flea, a

shrimp frame with a giant bloated stinger coming out of its mouth, all eyeless but the mold vaguely looked like that, standing near another humanoid-worm caterpillar set of five interconnected demons, that were welded to one another's bodies, wearing behind them, as they were limbless, many arms and legs they collected from ancient souls they had expropriated during their interstellar conquest, that they brought along with them, from their hellish worlds, in which they butchered the worst souls they could stumble upon them, being more like Shiva's like figures than anything else, that bore, on top of them, the body frame of a Triceraptor's limbless thing with a long chitinous tail shaped like a dolphin frame chitinous chilled shield, which were its tail, whereas, it was neckless and its eye pointed at the sky, having grown nearer to the top side of its skull, out of which an elongated dog-like clown inflated balloon came out, pushing backwards across the spine, where it was kept chantingly hanging because of the many servants which had gathered and piled themselves across its body, since it also bore many impale-like devices that sutured wounds, to such an unfathomable degree that they could bring even dead men back to life, reanimating their dead treacherous bodies, while the lower side of it was worn like parachutes by the many arms that came out of the demons, that held onto it as dearly as they could, as if their lives depended on it, since this thick body frame, of a hardened larvae-transitioning-into-a-butterfly kind of chitinous-sarcophagus appeared to be soft enough below its body frame, that it would push downward with many barely grabbable things they could hold onto, like softened tattered robes in some way. And many similar creatures such as them appeared to adorn every side of this peculiar, almost sea-sweeper or terrestrial crawler kind of life-form that could not help itself but indulge in the most romboscout methods of defilements around it, even as its evolution was forced to progress from a level not even it could fathom going through. From one of the most obtuse, in the distance, far-set creatures-defilements, open gaping holes emerged, out of a mattress spring throaty like thing, that was grown like a funnel-like growth of many creatures that gathered out of it, a most disgusting looking, cave-like opening, only going fifteen meters in, as to cover its outside and inside, but with a diameter of a few hundred miles being cut off out of the mountain it would be 'cut' out of – mold, with the completely filled insides of a giant balloon-like oozy sponger creature with many bubble-like gaps that eerily look similar with that of dark otherworldly creatures, whose sides, the cave-sides look like pillar like molds grown whip-like being cracked against a nigger's back, if the nigger's back was the sponge shape, which was, or every single sight inside of it appeared to reflect an echo of the first Great Elcheiyar wars that happened, somewhere during the first eighteen dark ages of darkness where everything was covered in light and naught else but light.

During those years of blinding never ending day, of arid sun, and what of it could convey but naught else but the hardest to look at arid stretches of the most romboscout defilements of sight and of scarred forgetfulness, of never ending wakefulness, from which the sparkling fog came in, and out and took their sights, where all the eyes filled the clouds and the land, all belonging to every living man, for when they would die, their eyes would close, but through their lids one could see them as burning red globes for every eye bore the soul of a burning sun inside of it that would slowly become a red dwarf only to become a black thing, like a black hole instead of anything even remotefully interpretable as something that existed or had any chance at all to exist, an eternal darkness being stored in every single one of them, as the quantum magic faded, the protons rotten and with it, over a long enough period of time, everything died, the soullessness of many worlds caught in a cycle never to be capable of surviving any longer. Dreadful as it were, many men had to go through it again and again, with nothing more but rotten-waiting, being forced to lock their hearts inside pyramidal pillars they crafted out of various sand-

beings, only to have them protected from the extreme heat, since the sand bore water-cold molecules of frost-like puckery puffs that would, every now and again, upon being forced to adhere to such raised temperatures beyond even the likes of a man could deal with, they would simply implode and become, akin to, redistributed heat, or atoms, of frost that would cool down everything around them. Therefore their hearts would be kept an acceptable temperature, maintained, kept alive, and made to live for hundreds upon hundreds of never-ending cycles and years until not even the slightest touch of warmth would do, nor would the cold spread so much as to freeze it to a stroke, since, this was more of a strictly set system or interconnected fuses that, when one of them, these sand atoms went off, every single other atom that was near it would immediately be reseted in terms of temperature and tolerance, as to prevent a domino effect caused by the heat where all of them would splatter, implode and frozenly destroy the heart as to freeze it, allowing it to fall, shatter and disintegrate with the rest of them, which was nigh-impossible by, and by naught else, other than the design of system, which was integrated in the most peculiar ways one could even think it capable of being ordained into.

Who could yet forget such cruel thing as it was, ten-fifteen alarms, going at it, heaving at each other's throaty, voices:

Up the streets, much farther than hundreds or thousands of years ago:

'It's been a long walk, to get here. It took us a while, hasn't it?'

'Everything's so, dilapidated. It looks kind of wrong, doesn't it?'

'We'll get used to it. I know we will, come here. It's safe, there's not a single plate falling over, nor a plank, nor. Here's, your, yeah.'

'My crayons, you brought them with you.'

'Of course I have, I could never forget about them. About you, it's, I'll make sure no one's going to harm you or break them anymore.

Go on, draw whatever you want.' With a simple flicker over his wrist, he handed them over.

'I'm not gonna force you to do anything you don't want to. You can go back to drawing and sketching whatever you want. You don't have to learn anatomy if you dislike it, or buildings that make sense. Whatever you want, kid, as long as it makes you happy.

For as long as it takes; we're going to be here for a while now.'

'I know.'

'Yeah, I'm sorry. That we had to end up here, there are so many things that could've been avoided, but. It's safe now, for both of us. So is Innocence.'

The place looked roughened up, it went without saying.

'Know what kid? Draw on the walls if you want to, wherever you want if it makes you happy. Draw to your heart's content. We're the tenants and the landlords, so there's no one else left to tell you otherwise.

I, wanted to tell you, kid, I wanted to thank you. For being brave and trusting me when I told you we can pull it through. It hasn't been easy for either one of us. I don't know whether or not things will ever be the same, but. I'm glad you survived. At times I think you're the only thing human in here. You don't care about the rules, you're not good at anything, you don't really care about much, or how to do it properly. But, I couldn't be prouder of you.

You're the only part of me that's still somewhat right.'

They were still attached, though there was no umbilical cord between them. It would've been wasted after all. Plus, the implications, hah.

'As long as we're together, we won't die. We won't waste away like everything else, isn't that right?'

'You're right kid, you're absolutely.'

'I.'

'I think, I have to, you won't mind if I were to leave for a while now, will you?'

Only for a while, there are some things I have to take care off. But, you're safe here, you won't be alone, you have your drawings to keep you company for a while.'

'I know.'

'Yeah, yeah.'

The kid could not understand it, by any means.

'We're incompatible, I suppose.' He'd tell him, otherwise. 'There are things attached to you that I'm trying to, that I am obliged to get rid of, for my own sake and I cannot simply get rid off because they are attached to my past, you see?'

I don't like you existing in that world. I don't like the fact that you're stuck in there, I know it's selfish but, we're not the same any longer. You are not I and I am not you any more than an ant is a hill. I know it sounds childish and cruel, but, I don't want you to exist where I'm going, where I am headed to.

This is my chance to do set things right, to set my records straight somehow. But you can't. You can't grow up, you can't move on, you're stuck in there and I know it's a cruel thing, leaving you behind, but I can't afford to carry extra luggage. You have to stay here, all by yourself. I'm sorry, kid. I won't be able to make it up for you.'

But; neither of those things had to be said any longer. The kid has been the stronger of the two, not having to live out there. A disgusting, filthy world, filled with dirt, strange and untrustworthy people. Filled with animals.

'It is a disgusting amalgamation I see that you've brought upon my side of the land.'

'What is that, servant of the Alan?'

‘A great towering figure of many geometrically stored devices, a king antenna of the kind, if you will; strapped on the body of a filthy, good-for nothing, nigger. An animal likened to its kin, the monkey. A cross that’s stuck in an underdeveloped, archaic state of non-humanity; that’s yet to out-grow its clearly butchered state of non-thinking matter of being; but we have placed it, this anciently dark creature, under our command. This filthy sub-human nigger, our pet, our slave, our nigger, who obeys us so; shall unleash a violent wave of destruction which shall eventually destroy and bring the destruction of all technological advancement, following after, the end of all life, of civilization, although already destroyed. Whatever chance there might be for it to be rebuilt shall end, under their niggardous boot. Our boot, but they shall not live past their making, for theirs is an expiration date that’s yet to be allowed to thrive. We shall end them, just like they ended up. With everything gone, nature shall take its course and life shall become anew.’

‘And what if your plan somehow fails?’

‘Then I shall kill myself and pretend that it hadn’t. Because I will be devoid of life, incapable of being proven wrong, just like anyone who will be alive, or not. For either way it goes, I won’t be capable of knowing, since I will have been killed by then, by myself.

Either way you look at it, I already won.’

‘You shall not be stopped.’

‘I.’

It took him a moment.

‘No, I won’t.’

Then he left the premise of the room, and things happened. The roof caved in and the house fell on top of itself.

It was a special king of gelatin nonetheless, almost kept to a secretive degree of un-falsifiability that kept the malignant supreme power of the peculiar organ-like vacuoles forming the inner-to-a-fault secret powder-pill bulbs of the dark-magnificent eighty nine great dark rook-like formed but giant kings of falling apart unnatural, hard to look at, filled with devices as well as fallen-apart root-graves of black-torn apart peals of coal-like surface facets that made their armor, a most macabre solution having not only come alongside their fumigating mouths, since they were not only tall and dark, and king-like, as not only in chess-like figures looking like one, but in a manner that would be only befitting for the funeral sculpture of a man taken out of the Medici family, whose erroneous form could only, as a matter a fact be kindly set to them, as to appease not only the need one has to acknowledge beauty, but at the same time, the duality and decay of time, as if rains of acid had destroyed their casts in the same way many of the ancient Greek sculptures were lost, therefore only adhering to and since, and lo and fro, walking about their dark platforms that were sculpted in some unnatural iron that was more or less made out of the same material they were made out of, these pseudo-false kings’ only task was to hide the real one whom lay into a square-shaped abyss of dark smoke he had crafted for himself and him only in order to hide from the darkest, most unnatural things that hid inside the depths of Nak, beneath him, and his vile creatures as well as his peculiar cones of lurid smile, a foundry of weird skeletons being put to such a dark command

that their ruthlessness could not immediately be dealt with. Since, it was a cruel thing, what he did, the dark king being naught but a pawn of Nak, solemnly hidden and kept under a congenital-disease like lock down, as in, if he were to leave his square-like abyss block of smoke, he could risk being trapped inside a trap of cartilage and the unnatural. Although he could hardly be slain since his dark form was but malignantly wrought for complete disobedience, he rested there, in sleep of making. Dreaming of what could happen next. During one of his lucid awakenings he merely lifted a finger, being very much still set on an incline, inside the confines of his trap, this thing triggered a cylindrical bolt's appearance to, suffice to say, promulgate a stretch beyond reason that only gardened the applause of most oblique of figures that were trapped in the realm of un-being, which, in turn managed to trigger a most confusing series of events that started devouring, casting and contorting the remains of the quantum magic in a most, boisterously strange manner. As the atoms of heat that remained undispersed beneath Nak appeared to be anything but close to his manageable area of attention, having already progressed into a Cipher of many twisted, crane-necks and un-seen tunnels and crawling areas that were not real, through which, this peculiar almost cylindrical rod worm of quantum-clustered beings of power that were only given birth because of an unnatural push-through caused by the Dark King's raised finger, managed to bring to light and only life a most obtuse inter-dimension that only existed for as long as this quantum-demonical eerily moving rod of power was still crawling inside of it, before it slowly began disintegrating. Well enough, as it ought to be said, just as his finger, quickly enough drawn back into his hand-palm socket, as well as the abyss-smoke protrusion, it appeared like this mere act caused, as a coming to awakening, drawn-back, as to make up for this involuntary sleep-walking like action, one would most likely think that the demonically moving shape would somehow get, immediately so, disintegrated, although that was not the case. Although its existence proved to be naught else but given shape out of a mere accident, lo' and behold, it had actually developed an unobtrusive life of its own, at least for the time being. It somehow avoided the detection of Nak, having come, or entered a room, a simple one, floating, somewhere, in a place of light, which was a season, that was over. Eternal darkness followed afterwards, seeping in and never leaving it, or the premise of its place. He rested there, the Vehnlar, who was much pleased to be accompanied by him, though strange he was indeed. A most peculiar thing, that was like a fat boulder shaped humanoid belly with a few back-spikes coming out of it, violently outlandish, connected to a giant elongated throat that was the half the size of the belly, whose head was like a giant demonical compact head with a medieval wine-cup pair of two depressions out of which he bore two great horns that were actually shaped like an elephant's ivory pointers. This 'body' segment, out of two, was horizontally pointed down, as to stare at the floor, bore a giant mouth with flaccid-mouth tape-worms shaped teeth, whose lips were human front teeth shaped as well. Its eyes were placed like a chameleon's on both sides of his giant bulky head. And they were red, filled with fury and derangement. An almost reptile look as well, and as it happened, the horns were indeed aligned to match the walking stance –forward placed, of an elephants'. At the back of its head, or standing erect like a fat pillar of cartilage, or if the head had been elongated on its back, directly proportional to its entire body stood a giant frame like that of a balloon-inflated guitar, made of cartilage, whose back frame was even fatter than its head, and was a head itself, with an elongated tongue and a three eyes on both sides. Four 'legs' lay at the other end, two below, and two above, like the string-screws of a guitar, but they were toeless, fingerless and appeared to be stumps. Both of their eye-sets looked mad, as if driven through an almost psychedelic rage induced by something neither of them could explain the reason why. If it had stood on its 'belly', it would've looked like a dinosaur-headed, devil horned few-weeks animal fetus with a, or a humanoid giant headed sea-horse, as compact as a small fridge, whose back-growth tumor protrusion is set in two shapes, or two forms, the upper one being like a

rocket launcher with two handles pointing directly at the base of the horns and the other ones, towards the back of the 'fetus'. This peculiar thing not extending beyond the horns; whereas the fatter, lower side to which it would be attached would be more like a giant device battery that's hybridized to a downward pointing kind of cement-mixer, rounder towards the lower side of the fetus' towards which it's pointed at, but in that case, all the blood would start rushing towards its head. Although it was no canon, and one peculiar being, its body was more a deformedly mad battering ram that bore a strange canon coming out of its big-head, with a boat's strangely formed water-engine but without the wings powering the front elongation as well as its four grabbable fat-short pillars. Slowly as it were, it kept crawling. An inner frame of inter-most concave crystal clustered gelatinous mouths and other barely set in place formations that could not be, nonetheless as it had once been even so, barely noticed, as to the very fact of the matter, that being, many of them, varying in size, the features, started levitating towards some of the darkest more, gravitationally inclined pylon-pillars that had all of the barely formed hive-flakes, billions of fly-insectoid cluster formations being all present during the first of the walks, dragging behind already because of the intense pressure the body of the crystal-trapped malignant tower-figure in which they lived, had been applied to, and since they were all subservient to them, many of these faced insect flying things only did what was natural to them and to their likes, that being, drafting some casts of him that followed around, standing or sitting, while walking, many feet that were alike being encumbered by him, the Most innocuously chained Prince of Malady, that was but a greater set of crowned rotten bodies surrounded by a spiked belt that was being flown by four great mosquito-blimps that were encompassed by clot-blood growths and were but, or had their blood-syringes connected to these belts they munched on, as they were most likely blinded or confused by what was going on, and since the Malady Price Maladrious put himself in an awkward position out of which he could not get out of, he found himself, eventually, though he was rottenly filled with many dark trinkets that were closely akin to shrunken heads and pore-like propellers that were headed by many men and anchored, and would do much harm to anyone that could even draw to them, Ikhygn, Gor, Tleshlye, though the last one was implanted by the most morbid of blessings that could follow through, this cacti-filled filament, the rotten bodies that were also sceptered with the material being of the same liking and quality as them, it just so happened that many of the clustered man-like faced and featured crystal-cyst insects found themselves attracted to the most peculiar of defiled double-headed befuddlements that happened beneath the ground, since they, all had merely avoided being destroyed by the will of another darker being, whose moving dimensional quantum power imbued rod-like worm-shape almost came close to threatening their mere existence, bringing it to a momentary stop, to which, they forcefully turned, to a great, beautifully shaped tall-standing 'gate', or it would've been much closer to a pair of arches. That were clearly and most beautifully aligned from the looks of it. Something incredibly beautiful lay about them, it was the horse-like heads that adorned the sides, one on the left, one on the right, fully stretched and made as if of marble – chiseled, whereas, if one were to ignore or brush over the simplistic yet perfectly shaped curvature of the top, they would most likely come to realize that these 'pointers' that served as their lights, in the dark, which were placed only a few meters below the heads, but, where the heads were directionally yet pointedly inclined as to complete the finely shaped alignment of the curve, these pointers were set forth, out of the gates, and were shaped like a knight's half-lance turned into a pad that rested on a downward pointing horse's leg whose lower piece turned backwardly, inwardly as well, as to point its hoof at the pseudo-fat 'bottom' of the lance which wasn't as curved as its upper counterpart. The horsed hoof bore a small lantern piece filled with a brim incessant light. Whereas at the back of it, there was a PVC-form out of which chains drew along, which pushed into a similar arch, with the exception that the concurrent ones

appeared to be not only massively set, but they also bore mechanisms capable of lowering and lifting the chain as well as, judging from the distance, a great room-shaped thing, a pseudo-cargo in which peculiar people appeared to have made their living into. In a most sublime fashion, the creatures actually drew, closer and closer, until they found a sudden stop, and, as to not, immediately destroy them by putting to their employ such tactics as would shatter themselves as well as their own, the clustered insects merely set out to, as they went out of their way in order to do it, ask the prince of Malady to see whether or not they were in need of help, or somehow stranded in there. Since this ancient prison like thing was, at the same time suspicious. With their oozing red-blackened runes that only did so whenever there was a soulless husk near them, as to protect itself from whoever might be so inclined at to assault it in its most dire of darkened days, whenever they might be capable of seeing it, since this was not known either, but every few months or so, light would be compressed, the out-side cycle-defaced then wrought into a dire piece, light, a ball, a sphere, queerly wrought in circles, then fashioned in the most delightful manner that would absorb pieces of the most immobile surroundings, in order to give birth to many standing light citadels, and billions of angelic cherub animal fetus shaped with long-heads shaped like deformed flutes with piston-tapeworm barb-wire wrigglers coming out of the spots where the flutes would've had their holes, bearing, at the end of it, 'the flute shape', a flower-like blooming fat-lumped leaves-filled opening, with elongated incisors coming out the four sides of these pie-leaves lumps, that gave it the impression of being a taxidermist's fixed bear pelts, whose final attempt before being beheaded and betailed, as an act of defiance was to fully extend its claws and swipe wherever it could, but who was eventually filled with hot air as to become a blimp. But, out of the flute necked opening out came a large cord, that was connected to a square pillow bead-formation with spirals inside of it, that stretched as far as to bear a single lump-formation cherub-great figure's strangely barrel thick lower-body lump, that drew on as to shoot out of it, as if it actually shot confetti, many upward armless growths bearing various humanoid figures. It looked like a weird fishing rod, but connectedly-molded into a peculiarly filled with parasites sword's hilt and grabbing area. Whereas the bodies of the angels were like men-with stumps for arms and three, even more bloated punching bags for 'legs' that were stitched in and out. And these elongated flute-long pipe throats rotated as well, in circular motions, just like helicopter wings. Well, they weren't human stumps, what they had for arms, but giant, almost spade-shaped trapezoids, or gigantic shoulder pads, or compact greater fridges and engines. They were wingless, but mainly, that didn't matter since they simply levitated and refused to share in the darkness that followed. It was known only to a few, carefully selected, from the likes of it, as for this ancient knowledge could not be more guarded than it was now that the servitors and the hiders, inside that cabin, that lodged-stopped in place cabin were actually spoken to by these figures, and they, they alone could see them, during the most disturbingly made dreams and nightmares they could go back to and return to. Being incapable of distinguishing reality from that which had been taken away from them; awry and saddened, now that it came to pass; he drew forth, closer towards them, near a reminiscence that was the last globe of pure light they had received from above, which had been taken and given, lend onto them by none other than the being known as Nak that even then hid in the darkest of recesses there were, in which not even he dared creep into, as to abandon his hiding, but it was not a lack of daring caused by fear of anything but self, for he feared the fact that he could corrupt everything else and everything that was not him. In his palace of gelatin, inside his three inwardly pointing cones, he was close to being invincible and untouched, to such an irrecoverable thing, that his heart could become it. But covet he did, this Malady Prince, as his skeletal-like cherished tarnished great mosquito-blimps only drew near one of the stoppers, like two kissing deformed prune-stones of different colors that looked as if their face were a lock of hearts, or two pieces of incompatible

second hand-picked out of a sweat shop puzzle pieces that bore human-like smile, lacking in gums and teeth, incisors as well as any other features than the eyeless sockets out of which, out drew slug-like 'eyes' that were in actuality its appendages through which it spoke, that became akin, half-way through the slug-phase a rifle-like cartilage with long stick-shapes and prodders that gnawed whatever they could, eerily moving, in the manner of pincers, stick-bug figures, through which their speech-organs only now began to draw out for air:

'You shall not interfere with them just yet.'

Greater Magister-king stander of all magnificent dreams of nightmarish delights, whose body, a bloated bulb like the over-indulgent belly of a fat man, a fly-like creature with two flat-deformed eyes, bearer of the lance-thrust forward trunk, at the end of which a desert buffalo skullshape thing with an upper-protruding hot-iron deformed bearing stinger, out of which the tip of the pike drew out. A wretched thing, that gave a cackle; its goblin-shark appearance like but being a deceit to long for after, it swung and flew away, slowly drawing breathe as its spittle only dripped across its jaw, and lain, across the floor, it stayed. Trunkish-seedish fly, cackling even then, great Behvaumun spoke but wouldn't dare called them out just yet, despite that he was called to attend the greatest injustice that's ever been committed in the longest while there ever could've been, it stopped its mouth as to join the Quantum-prayer that was being gone through, with, as to aid in the mightily deformed avoidance of evil and vileness taking place between them.

Their mere presence served as naught more and naught else but a derelict to each other, as they neared one of the lower-jelly swamps in which the lord-king lumped defiler stood, some of the unnecessarily deformed mutated, but struck in swoon, a few of the marching eves began, much to their likes appalled by the sounds of horses' hooves frolicking on top of one another's made of stone, less-aligned most earnest of roads, to draw it out, from the depths, of much to themselves confessionals, to them, and whence they had. In which they hid, the bottles wrung in slithers, filthy beaded ant-eater's feet, emboweled, had they marched, and drew towards the strung-inside, lost merged-inside a little prison, there they to the only one that had remained.

'Pained are you, for time loaned, for such allowance has done much to such recourse as to bring you onto your senses!'

With which they disregarded much of the scene, as to properly acknowledge the lesser ones that drew and winced. Upon the turning of the four, the ones that were improperly throned, and brought onto command.

'Perilous, it might be, but listen to me now. I seek no ill, I see as less, of such and no compassion might be called onto them, or rounded hours. Come, and draw much nearer, so I may listen you yet.'

Contamination

A sample was got contaminated fifteen minutes ago. Its, rather dark, though hardly unexpected, contents were found by the side of the table. Near a partially eaten leg; next to whom stood another, a man's, to be

extremely precise about it, this thing was found at two AM, in the mid-afternoon, in one of the developmental experiment chambers, where the scientist in charge, chief of Holdx project was supposed to conduct one of his fuselage charge-injectors into one of the recovered specimens, yet he is nowhere to be found. A non-conclusive thing, indeed; there's something incredibly wrong about what happened, not just because we have found that the samples we took from the leg confirm that it was not the chief scientist but a relative of his whom, under no circumstance was not supposed to be here, present when this happened, but, the absence of any records as to confirm or deny his presence to begin with appears to be, solely the cause of a, miscalculation in the hormonal growth that, during the extracting procedure, he appeared to have developed his relative as to be part of his lower leg, which in turn almost depleted him of all his vital source of power and congruity, therefore not only ending his life but also, appeared to be the cause for him dropping the contamination phial which was placed near the extraction point on the table. The charge-injector, which was there, appeared to have blown out, like a chewing gum, a piece of the chief doctor's wife, whom had been present, in some way, although dead for fourteen years, in a picture, but was materialized in the form of an automaton with metal, eerily iron worms in it, who was floating on top the table, looking eerily through glassy eyes, since the cast of her was but made out of glass. But, the contamination was succumbed to a much greater force than that of the phial alone, since, by the time the initial inspection was concluded, it was found out that the doctor, or his 'cousin' and long-dead wife were not created by the pathologically afflicting virus, but it seemed more likely, to itself, just like to others and much closet to himself, that it was actually a conjoined inbred demon hiding inside the doctor, whose taken the likens of his cousin in order to whisper the darkest thoughts inside his head as to, as it's known by the various hard-scientifically applied neuro-scientific studies, that the brain is in actuality an organism of its own, completely change the entirety structural form it bore, turning it into a wild array-like flock of various put together sea-horse formations clusters of Acadian fetus-like shapes with skull 'helmet' exoskeleton bearing, smaller 'cysts' that had completely taken over his mind afterwards. The demon eventually escaped and furiously made it off, breaking a few phials along the way, causing the contamination to occur, while also causing some of the vials to fall off and shattered on the ground, slowly disintegrating the lower half of its body along the way. It was quite obvious by the fact that the room itself was contaminatedly deformed by the bouncing lights of fluid that came out of every tube. The premise of the Fascia Endorum, facility was no longer bleeding, any longer, because the demon, having walked upon its path of damnation, had doomed all that lay beyond the confines of the solid world, and that of man. It had taken all of the contamination with it, leaving naught even close for it to have walked near or upon in the travesty which was the infested realm it had crawled back onto, the dream of venomous gas, filled with many puffy incisors that invited him and all, who lived inside to get bitten and infested with a virus that would completely and utterly change all for the worst:

'You have return, great Demon Intnrolrek, but you brought disease on your path, and you have almost damned us all with your most lurid intrusion. What have you to say in your defense?'

'I have naught, but I sought a way through a labyrinth, and there is gas now, wherever you may look and whenever you may try seeing, through the hoops of quiet making, which had been wrought by I and I alone.'

'How ill of your concern, how petty, but I suppose it's better than nothing.'

'Show us the hoops.'

And he brought them from afar, as if on a whistle-blow, a few dark niggers without legs levitated, with kike-scalped hats on top of them:

‘I have called upon the non-sentient animals of the Earth that I have found in a trash-heap desert coffin I brought from the depths of the soil bowels, and also the Arab-fluttering beams that come out of their backs, those wings, they mean nothing to me.’

‘You’ve enslaved the animals, I see, for what reason?’

‘They’re useful, can’t you see? These are tools for my employ alone, I can do whatever I desire with them, since they’re not men, nor human. They’re born out of my seed, you see? As a testimony to their features, there’s nothing else I have to see the over.’

‘Indeed, most quirk some. Show us the hoops.’

‘Very well, here you have them.’

The demon handed them the ‘hoops’. They were not hoops, they were half-scythe moon-circles with the top of their ‘heads’ being parchment-deformed into strange. Hardly was there a fitting explanation. A deformation of reality or of vision at the very least, like a ringed key that was forcefully melted to look most curv edly defiled. Sinking in the air, minute by minute; as the others joined.

With a clap, every single ‘human’ exploded, being quickly enough eaten and torn apart, as for lamb-by-lamb meat sack swallowed by it, immediately in, by many curved-apart and far-distraught poison-mouths that fell apart, quickly after.

‘Why are they like this?’

‘I don’t know, I merely created them out of my own will to give birth to them on terms of a vision.’

‘What kind of vision.’

‘I’ve seen myself being ripped apart, time and time again.’

As he recalled; it was only once, that he could recall. He only saw himself being ripped apart once before he had gone through a disturbing amount of effort to see himself attempt, over and over again to save himself, to plan a way around and avoid this vilification of his tendons, saving himself, utterly from that defeat, from that command, from that pitiful thing that was his own. Brought by it, alone; a dark construct of bones that laughed at him upon having thrown many spiked-bones that could’ve easily been avoided if he hadn’t been blinded by his own arrogance. But in that vision, it was too late.

Slick, slick, tap-tap, it came from the side. It popped into place, shattering his ribcage, causing a shot to the right, a clatter of cartilages brought to a stop as they came before and prior. A shot-gun cell like plow-through after, and they stopped clattering.

Snap, his mouth was shut as he looked down. Levitating slowly, as he submerged into a most peculiar thought; how, why? Had I died sooner, there would’ve been a chance to avoid the pain.

But again, he looked beneath it. A second crack emerged, from the lower side of his body a few skulls came out, many of them bearing their skeletons held my other bone-arm-hands. Many of them rattled as their mouths opened and guns were fired-straight ahead.

It was only here and only now, he spat down. Bullet met phlegm, then ricochet down, trk. Ttd', ttd, ttd, ttd, ttd, thumping, thumping, ttd, ttd, ttd, ttd, he could hear it coming, blinded by the exposure of his own blood upon being met by a man standing with his back turned at them, back.

'Many more men were present there, after all, they are the ones that gave birth to the skeletons, through their dark rituals, I wager.'

'Are men not in possession of bones?'

'How could that be? Since the race of the skeletons is an ancient primordial thing that's pure, cracked and free of defect. And those "cracks" we perceive are merely, failures of reality to agape and to adapt to their own kind, as to look through them and realize what went through them during an ancient time when they were alive, and beyond it.'

'Did they seek your destruction for a reason?'

'Of course they had, my destruction was called for by their own ancient god, whose many rounded busts of cranium-skull are lodged in his eternally winged presence, marked by the skulls, inside every man they attempt possessing.

It is a dire thing, to accept it at the basis of. At the basis of an eye; to try it would mean perish, extinction. I could die simply by thinking about it.'

'Demon, you are tainted beyond belief, even by our standards. Your insolence has not only brought terror but also, a calamity that cannot be reproached enough, for what's been happening in the world is neither cause nor wilt by man, but by you and similar beings akin to you.

There match-boxes in your chest. And you have traded them for drugs you've sold to children afterwards because you wanted them dead. They got robbed, you know?

And their deaths are on your shoulder. And they were demon-children, might I add? Your kin betrayed and sold, their bodies brought onto us during the demonical investigation.'

His eyes were snake-like horns that had been stabbed by long-chitin insect bug like spear-lances. Both bled drily out of their sockets, like rivers, like sea-chains, drifting away into a world of dirt and blood, where coagulation rang about, and of the end, of fallaciously beaten-on-top the head non-existent worlds.

Four golden skeletons drawn from tawny glowing brass, three red ones coated in cherry-hearts, seven green ones in murky moss, and hundreds of lower ones, all of white marble, most of whom gathered for the wish of entering the body of a man, to possess him when called for and not a long way since then. They were placed in charge of the depths, where the likes of men had long dwelled upon. It was already decided:

The Draorl rerquil efter is already in motion; it's already gone half-way through the mountain. Stopped momentarily by one of the stranger, most deformed of earthly forms; their accesses are set in brine, slowly contorting as to grow.

'We've failed, it's already broken sir.'

'What is?'

'The shattered piece of in-corn glass, the reddened crystal cyst, defiled. We've failed to reach it in time and now it's lain shattered at its base, at its core. Independently removed from the other side of the efter-form; crawling along the bars, beneath the sewage bolts, taken beneath the mountain-sewers where, finally it may be met by the sinking bodies that lay on horns.'

'We've done what we could, haven't we? I think it's not only fair but, it's always been highly unlikely that we could achieve anything on the long run. It's always been a fool's errand to begin with, one that we chased blindly, thinking ourselves better than gods. To think that we got so arrogant as to consider beating the odds, it's a shame that will haunt us for the countless generations yet to come.'

'I'm sorry sir, we should've known better than that.'

'It's not you, son. We were pawns, all of us. Pawns aren't supposed to think but brawl. Pawns that get arrogant will always get left behind. It's one of the many laws of nature. But the kings, they should've known better than to allow the pawns to come into control. To come to power; they had no say in it afterwards, neither did we.'

'What do we do now? The Draorl is set to enter the world. To eventually resurface in the accesses of the most irresolute cities that will fall, getting bedraggled past a level they might be allowed to. Hmm, there's something to them, isn't it?'

'Shall we warn them?'

'No, no, we shouldn't. I believe it's time we get down on our knees and blatantly weep for our loss.'

They seemed defeated, all of them, since with this depression and all, it's already been tainted beyond relief, seventy six meters in, going on a curve in the back, with a raised incline, of a hundred fifty four or so, heaving upwards. It was a mess of stone-like crystals forming a pseudo hiding crystal-stall house. A failure indeed which still dripped out of its accesses as if it had been a cast of wax; leading to the sewers entry:

'There's something down there feeding on it, son. Do yourself a favor and get as far away as possible from it. Sometimes it's better if we don't talk about this out-right, out-loud, so as to not be heard.

Somehow I think it knows what we think, it's aware of our very thoughts. Trying to clasp at them, you know and before you realize, it's become us.'

'What does it think then? What's gone through its mind if it's an imitation?'

'I do not know, son. At a certain point in time, when you simply absorbed too many foreign, intruding noises, you forget who and what you are, becoming something worse than an imitation. You're a

distortion of yourself and them. Caught in-between, stuck in a never ending identity crisis of what you're expected to be, because of your own choices, and what you ought to be. You never develop, you never grow, you cease to exist eventually once everyone leaves.

Despite the fact that we've been here for the last few months, we've yet to hear that creature that's constantly ruffled its chains, sinking them in, flinging them across the walls, because in some way, although it's most likely intelligent, its heart died. A long, long, time ago, its heart was sold off just like a slave, but by himself. A trade-off, an exchange, as, he's to blame for what he did to himself, we can and will, should never forget what that means for all of us.

Eventually we'll enter that crystal, melt with the crystal waxy liquid, and eventually be absorbed by it. The machine our engineers created will eventually be destroyed alongside everything else out there. Just like us, there will be no mark left of our world, of our civilization or of anything else. Just a speck of what's it been before.'

Ernalvades apparatuses were planted across the walls, they were thumping and drawing some of the dust atoms inside of them, and cleaning the areas the men were not even capable of reaching. It was quaint for a while, resting. Having a few power-beds planted here and there, thinking of a while now, dousing on and off when there wasn't even a folding speck of lights in the air. There were worn out, from all the work.

'Ninilnik Sasok, ohjoln eeri!'

'Where do you want it taken to?'

'The other side of the room, Nini, where they're incinerating the urges, they have to be removed after all, unless you want to anger him.'

Nini was directly pointed to the supervisor. A leprous slug-body-bag armored thing with four bazooka-shaped tails that drew out elongated scorpion lanced growths which bore insane-looking humanoid faces whose eyes moved were protruding, desperately moving like mad-eyed chameleons, mouths were sprinkler devices and whose noses were gun-like triggers that constantly clicked whenever there was danger near. The end of the body bag, opposite to them was raised like a small altar. On top of which a metallic band rounded around 'object' kept, as in, it being a pseudo circled coin-platform holding an oil-rig by many metallic syringe-mechanical legs, a great, tiny head resting a few meters away from it. That disgusting head was akin to thinner more compact deep-sea angler fish but mechanical that almost looked like a telescope, but banded like a worm, with stitched shapes on it. A visor at one end coming out of the smaller, protruding smaller bulk, which was almost covered by a chitinous dome out of which it came out of; as if the head was a shell, and it were a pseudo-tortoise. Or a Tardigrade with fire-match thin-legs, whereas the illusion of a humans' face being seen only from the side, where its right eye was placated like an un-extending visor on the body's surface, whereas the other one, the left one drew out on a pseudo limb, aligned like an angler's protruding appendage. Or a long-footed silk worm attached to a body-bagged artillery machine.

Its sprinklers kept moving, as every head recorded what was going on around them, taking notes, although armless.

It was the air, it was an unfounded belief that ruminated inside every man's mind, that being the fact that it got replaced. Placated, or stamped, with tiny numbers and words, phrases that made them breathe all wrong. A brain-washing of the air, unevenly spreading bacterial lung-infections that made them appear, rather, carved instead of their normal non-congenitally deformed diseases. Since they were all, so-so, uglily deformed, as to look like the faces of their bearers, there was no difference any longer, to their contempt, to their maker's secretive commands. Eleven hundred wildly attached parchment sheets of words floated around every man's lung, iron-rust filled chains, akin to a bastardly thing it were. 'Gho'Njerd, are you all right? You're bleeding out of your nose.'

'Where's it placed?'

'I can't see it any longer, it's been there a minute ago. I think. We should, take a hike down there. There's still time until it comes. We could enter the rental and replace your lower side while we're at it. Then we'll make it past the road, and a hide inside a barrack. How does that sound to you?'

'Sounds fair enough, let's do it.'

The rental was open, maw-strode in. Wild palm-like features contorted into dark visions of thinner things that copulated with some of the most infectious of lesser grounds. Which rose every now and then, little more than a few deranged open-holes bearing teeth-marks around the chairs present there; here, nonetheless, it's where they strapped him on, although there were a few more things, whiffs of grabbers, akin to blown clouds of smoke, but solid. They crawled out of the side of the chair, wrapping themselves around him for more than a few minutes now, where they worked incessantly on him in order to remove some of the markings not even he was aware there were in him. Every single sheet bearing a Daftahan-Gurr, tall and mightily projected, like armored creatures with legs, open-ended, footless but cylindrical in marks of three. Tall and mighty, armored and nasty, but open-wounded and compact; wild looking like diamond-faceted dark-greenish rocks of variously put together alloys, as nastily as they were. Shaking on top his shoulder, a few flakes of iron-rust were lodged, shrapnel-bats that followed through, beyond the brats, they turned towards one of the hosts and asked:

'How come we are being removed now? A second before, we would've been treated as the most unnaturally hard-to look at specters. None would dare even work on the body we've come to possess.'

'They have purchased another body and the preparations make it so the prior model isn't infested, you must understand this. That this possession will not bring you any kind of peace of soul, it will only serve as a deterrent, that alone should give you plenty and enough, of knowledge; and of lay.'

'We see the world differently, at least from our side. You wouldn't understand what he looks like from here, at all. You couldn't even comprehend what would happen if we were to make the necessary arrangements to, remove some of his functionality tendons, that are beyond your reach. We could, feasibly so, damage the goods in ways you wouldn't even expect to.'

'You're to be stomped and removed in that case, as for no damage to be made.'

Cut like the disastrous infection they were, many of them appeared, standing tall, wretched and of lay. Of large – a stretch, as one could ever esteem himself with having seen, they stood in front of. A surface of Mars, empty without a building in sight, but the creatures they stared or looked at. They were even more

contorted than before, especially the man they were working on. And not a single one of them dared, not to make too much of a scene down there. For there was a depression unlike no other, one that was between the crater of a moon, the largely destroyed brought-in annihilation of a fallen god, whose giant porous body since became a fallen tomb-stone, largely covered in scum and improper-booms that not only adorned it, but they fashioned different pits and different meats of ploys and empty joys that were but pushed down there, of loins and other incessant 'toy'-like points that gave birth to pushed-in 'cities' down the earth. And not a single man knew of them, of these marvelous things that made another world, that would soon be destroyed by them cutting the bands off. Without them, this world would die before it was even made. But how could they see them so?

Both sides were ethereal to one another, as if they represented specters leaping from a phantom-world, to the other side, taken from above and below. Oozing with light, but feared of the formations of-in-between organic matter that sagged. For that was more and beyond dangerous, more so than they could ever hope to encompass or to encounter again; they couldn't downright explain it without risking or putting themselves at risk anyway:

'Listen to us, you know that must be true.

If you cut us off, there will be a damage done beyond anything you could ever imagine. Something incommensurable to your pitiful mind.'

'We must exchange corpses for the living, and you will not stop us, unless you are to rob us blind.'

That and everyone was aware in any case, of that giant creature that followed in the distance, that approached, from their point of view anyway, everyone appeared to be fleeing for some reason or another. But not a single man said a thing. And not a bird had a wing either. It was one of the many sings. Flying, wingless, eye-less but their sockets were become cradles for worms they carried on their backs, sea-gulls and other avian beings alike. Many of them crawled in, and started. One of the windows was open, and open it were around each side of the edge, the teeth. The tooth, to be more precise, only one of them, in particular had the capability of turning light into various invisibly moving blades, axe-like roses with many crawling worms coming out of them, that could only be seen in pitch-black, but then, the darkness would become a ghastly thing itself. Or a specter unlike no other, fashioned only as to guard itself from being cut by the blade of light.

And this tooth was special indeed, for it had been yanked off the mouth of a most inglorious gilirious a wretch that was for the time being, partially and mentally spent, rightfully so, dead, with open-pores sticking out a corpse that floated on top the RENTAL.

A strange angle, was it? From its side, it sprouted clumsily, a distinct shot to the right of them, going as far as eighteen hundred million miles away from the spot. Countless bodies of frames encumbering those tunnels to a fault, the ones in the distance, made around it, as to accommodate trenches for the weight that started picking them apart, one by one. Intrusive-wounds would start beckoning each other pointedly. A man of evil would've most likely made a point of it, to show what's it become. A disrespectful little peg was spotted dancing, on a rancid little slit of ay. An insulin shot, by the side, the people in charge of making sure no one died, black dressed with large tugged sleeves, bore by thorough naphthalene buttons,

one missing on a whim. But all of their packs the same, giant tubes that spread that which could not be contained:

‘We should ensure it doesn’t escape, dust comes from Hoveh. Its life is widely spread beneath the trenches.’

‘Then we shall ensure not a single piece of him makes the cut, shall we not?’

Abhorrent of Evil Wretch Begun:

‘Perhaps this conversation should end at the meeting of my axe to the end of your throat, that is. I will spindle and wrap you on about the hour and make you waste in a deep. ‘

‘Silence you fool, would you slay a man of cloth in the basin of purity and worship? Where soul is met by laceration of the most uncannily forlorn and despair meets that which is shone upon him during a time where he is worn by all if all were to be made?

I beseech you to reconsider as such contempt as there is, look at it and you will have realized what entered you, its essence is blasphemous and might crawl and do as it pleases.’

And no wretched god was pointed at but one of the greater servants they worshipped, whom, in his side and during his arrival and to his condescending nature, they were serving one another, serving each other and only adhering to one another when less bothered, and less to be called, and less to be aghast by what entered them in part, they reeked of filth and desperation.

And whom else to watch and whom to dread what happened after they were put aside and graven as to call at all; dreadful little things they were, uncannily forlorn and lost as well.

‘Spinning in circles does brain damage to pirouette dancers and ballerinas, it is a known concept one cannot by all means repel himself by. If he is to be a dancer, that is an acceptable kind of brain injury that has to be sustained and just as much you must and might as very well know this, it will come and it will always come and there might never come a day in life or when to be called, alike when one might realize that there’s no way to avoid it.

Some might have to take the fall, if it’s needed and cannot, may not and may never be avoided. For that reason you must accept as well that you cannot kill me without inflicting the means of destruction upon your very own self, since, upon doing this you may be put through such a wretched thing.

You will become that which is hated the most and most distraught, and will have gone through such agony as to be called.

You will serve no man and establish no connection and you will be brought to an incision of mild directions.’

‘What are you even talking about? I see only a man that’s been contorted into the wall, but once that gate opens, there will be a stairway leading to others that were there before I, whom had done such sickening things that even I would have to dream them away, through nightmares and despair, I will have looked in as dark a place as there is.’

‘Foolish thing, you fail to understand that there’s something there no man wants to take the blandish thing that is to be worshipped, you are become but a failure and a placeholder for the faith of man and taken as an idol, your fate is to be completely and most certainly replaced.’

And again he pointed at the deities on the walls, those whom hadn’t been the servants that were worshipped before, yet wonder, as one might do, how many men were there before them? And how many of them would stall as to look of crag and move at all, if any would wonder what happened.

Twenty, a hundred more, and perhaps how many of them would cry and stall? For the satisfaction was not there, yet plenty were patient as in awe, some were waited upon, as the greatest of things reeked of patience, if one could have it all.

‘I wonder, you’re the moon, are you not? You’ve made me feel things I reckon I wouldn’t have felt at any other time if I tried.’

‘I am the sun, for I shun brighter than any man, such degenerates and other criminals away. No evil deity should be served at all, for you belong in slums. I shall shun you for the entirety of my life until I’m stopped and until it’s decided that it will be I, the next one to take the place inside the next gate, inside the next wall as I am to become the next god.’

‘But how do you know that I won’t stab you in the back as you turn?’

‘I know you will and for that reason I accept it.

Do you want to know the reason why?’

‘I’m listening but I may not be easily tricked as to show compassion and to spare your life, unless you freely give way and place, and lend me on such path as to never convey anything else.’

‘I shall listen in that case.’

‘Regardless of it, I seek it as it is. Why should I take your lies? Even though you claim to be a good man, you feel the same desire and the same repulsions and the same drives as any petty man knows, and in that case, you only seek to take my place, to which I say, why must you drive me away from my home and what might I be able, if suffice to say, to do in that case? If I am set to wait my turn, in which case, during my eternal stalling of the ever passing time, what might happen if others are to come before me and take my place as they are deemed worthy in that case, when I could simply end it all as well?

Other men died before us in this place, have they not? Not in their entirety but being pulled inside whatever surface there is, so, tell me as such, why should I waste inside such walls and in such garniture that is a picking for lesser men? Why stall when the end is the same?

I might as well feel guilt for killing you, but just as well, as soon as I become a stall upon entry, upon stone, forged and made but a tomb in place, I might feel nothing, no remorse at all and in that case, is it not true that I might be spared of all those feelings if my mind, were it not to exist at all?’

‘It would be true, if one at all, if that were the case but, as it is we can never know whether or not their minds are active in stone, whether or not they work and whether or not, upon eons stranded in stone wasting, you may be able to be as you may and be made as you are, regret or even come to stumble upon a lot of remembrance, forgetfulness, it wouldn’t matter, as for the eventuality would never come and would never stop by any means or chance, that much is true and might never be lost upon you.

I say, whether or not you intend on doing me such harm as to completely destroy me, that is up to you and no other and no other man might take that claim away from you. Do as you please knowing that it will be lost or might not be lost upon time, as soon as you will have become the wall, to be worshipped for a time and then abandoned like everyone else.

But, I ask you this, for, if you had somehow decided it is worth it, then make whichever claim you might while I’m still alive and while you’re still to choose, for we do not know either way whether or not there’s another room on the other side that might have many if not one, if not alone for a good enough time where one might simply just forget or regret or might stumble upon someone’s companionship as to tell him what happened as to be met by such innocence as to call upon your murder. In that case, do keep in mind that as you lived in the most impervious of evil deeds of cruelty and others, you might as well find yourself just, as simply as it is, stabbed, behind your back as well as you have stepped on others, for other men might act like you as well as they are made ignorant of their own deeds, the irony in it being but lint that’s been placed in such wrong doings as there are.’

‘What have we learned here, then? I can make of nothing of the writings that are on the gate. I can make nothing of the essence of the previous man. I think we’re both made to be paranoid and to waste time here when we could simply stay and keep each other company.’

‘I see. But there’s a problem there as well, as I, by no means desire stagnation even if it means spending time with someone I may as well have become dearly attached to, I must tell you good friend that I seek no sympathy and no end either, from this point on and no other.’

‘For as many days as there are, I think I’m going to, well, make it so you claim nothing else.’

And they stood there for the time being and contended with being alone.

Yet past the next gate there lay:

The kid was doing some cool bike tricks. He entered the school and looked up, large line cut through the fucking ceiling, going into the class room, up to the teacher’s seat. He opened his locker, twenty wasted game of the years cartridges fell, all of them-same game, fucking trash he never even played.

Inside the class room, every student had nigger written atop their forehead. Nigger on the bench, on the chairs and on the teachers’ desk; hard rock playing on in his earpieces. Large Nigger written across the boys, the floor and the board, the nigger then enters the classroom- the teacher. His lynch-rope is dragged along the line, he seated himself down.

‘I brought a real gun, fuck you!’

Clive was at it again.

‘I am sitting in this chair.’

His head was off, ticked fifty meters to the right. Had to kill niggers all night, had to kill them during day, during Saturdays, during Sundays, fuck niggers, I hate fucking niggers.

‘I am the nigger-killer, I am going to fucking kill all the fucking niggers. I condone violence against them. I am a sociopathic kike, nigger-killer and a child rapist, I rape dead kids because I am a Jew. So degenerate, I am so degenerate.’

‘Enough of it, and your narcissistic rants, I will have none of this madness in my class. Silence him and let there be order in here, even if it is for some short unadulterated time.’

And there was no piece, only the weird degeneracy which infested everything and everything and nothing could be spared of it, nothing at all.

The plants were made of skin, they filled the room.

Skin became as diamond-hard, it changed in color, something else. A purple-violent greenish thing, of whitish hue, of bitter thing, it were, a new thing, and had to go, wherever one went around and never into hiding.

‘Settle back.’

One face was worn and set on every corner of the room-place holder for a much greater machine that was shaped that way, the back of the classroom, where the board was- a giant light-match box that was put there, pouting and reeled back in, and out and in and out, moving as if set on rails, one good thing after another, the malady and the destruction of every strand across it – both sides bore giant legs filled with too much air, too out breathing :

‘Master, master, master, I shall master this evil tongue, I shall master it, and I shall master it and I shall master everything for language is power and there is power in language and it shall and I shall bring destruction.

I shall destroy everything because I am evil, I am evil, I am evil, I am. Destroy, destroy, destruction, evil-evil, I shall bring the means of supreme destruction upon all men and I shall destroy everything.

Women aren’t human, women aren’t human, they’re not human, they’re anything but human. Women are animals, they’re animals and need to be raped, but not like animals, like objects instead. I hate niggers, I hate niggers, I am going to kill niggers, I am the nigger-lyncher, most evil moth.’

To which, out of the body of the giant match-box, through the essence of vileness the body was taken forth, a moth-like base, out of which, a stalk-like pea-pod but shot out of it, with many reeled back in lead-beds all contorted upon the metal frame of a large iron-system of many interlocked webs put together, breathing into livid-memory as if it was born out of the wretched abominable structures of a lowly heeded unnaturally set filth canal. An insufferable thing, a mouth extended from within, many eyes

that weren't there, the sockets were but pushed out and appeared as long as accordion-tubes, from which the filth but pushed out the many and the lesser heads, all of which were but transparent, of reeking teeth but hollow inside, the lower sides of chin attached to them, as if they were but hooked in lint or laces that were but even deeply more set in mind, and would but follow after, the disease and would but set en trance the evil heeding filth.

Gritted below, a body would show but only when it came in light, of an unfathomable great body like the deep submerged sight, upwardly thrust, of a great shit sunken down, from the hull below but reeking, of horned feet, reeling and receding, pushing in and out and thrusting about, and coming out when to eat. As faces were but seemingly set-in gist; larger holes and puckers fading, unfathomable ends, always ending, going deeper inside, such hives, insufferable ends that ate from their insides. Pseudo-wings attached to it as well, all but stolen and sutured in its body's den. A lamia or a gorgon whose eyes were but held by, a face that was melted and pulled as if to suffer for an eternity before it could be allowed to die. Darker ends that ate as well, larger ends that ate and well, enough they would but breathe. Flying lung-births, creatures with no feet, but their hands ellipsis, liquefied to their heads, whereas their larger eyes but bloated and pushed about fifty meters away, as if they were cylindrically forced to grow as if to show that there was nothing to their reeling back rotten hearts and lesser- talons, attached to their bellies like little tiny dressed where men would be impaled, yet neither of them bleeding as they were become them, like male angler fishes, never allowed to leave. All of them but stolen of function and kidnapped before, and in and out and lost about they sang. Cyclops that would stare at their own reflections and the breathe-in tops, these harder chest-like heats which were longer than that but contorted as to replicate each sight and every man about to be certain and to be made as well as he could be made, and shout, for agony and for woe. They suffered themselves no longer and felt only the vileness that entered them as well as they desired wrong. They saw horns that that looked like the tails of spear-worms, all white-ivory but pushing in and deeper into tormented chins, strapped in and singing of evil and of left about pouting, and of dire needs and ways, all forgotten as they were made to feel, something was coming, the evil day to be ordained.

Scum a slip. They yelled to him.

Dark lizard in the brain not too thin.

Not to control me as such, it was breathing and bloating out the head as a cancerous lump, the sight of Persephone, a mint dipped in tar.

'Blame Peyote, you have been deemed mad for allowing the black lizard to breed inside your head and ordain control over such a thing as there is but refuge and of lesser pride. Thou art evil now, and can only think as such, only the likes of an animal and nothing else.'

'I tried my best but I cannot control myself no less, the lizard, it makes me want them, I cannot think of nothing else. I am trying to give myself as such, to craft. Yet they're so many of them, with pointy bits, out of their chests, coming out and moving, bounce.

I cannot fathom thinking of anything else. I wish, and I derive myself by such promulgation, I desire such incantation as there is. I want to be loved and pleased by one.'

‘You know that may not be, there’s only one great thing in this world, that is but beauty, that is but worn and made through hard work, luck and some added, as such, determination. Otherwise, there is but none. That dark thing inside your brain, the lizard needs to be put down. The lizard is but inhuman, the lizard blinds you and makes you vile, the lizard cannot be allowed as such, to lay claim and waste on top of you and push around and in the waste, to such embrace lead you to such creatures whom, but face, is but taken away from them, whose features are cut, are made to only breed and eat, and such, alas, is no way of living.’

‘What must I do in that case?’

‘You must find a way to lay such pain, as to completely drench it in bloody veins.’

‘End the lizard.’ Said another man in exasperation, being incapable of doing it any other way, him but wildly encompassed by his inability to span another moment during the run of his elation, taken down; take it down a notch, one of the follow members seemed to make, appropriate gesture: Like a cat, a paw – put through, filled his face anew.

‘Silence the lizard for a moment and look at what we look like.’

And as thus, as it happened, there showed the promise, the reality that was behind it. Their human faces changed, no longer twisted, yet remained, taller, mightier, ever-changing, wretched as such, beautiful or repelling, in whichever way the man made them whilst wailing.

‘There is no limit to what you can do that way. As long as you’re no longer distracted, you need to realize that the Lizard is but the evil in your veins, the one that takes away each word, which is dictating and that needs to be suppressed in order that you may return to your work.’

With which they settled to put him up, to such a test as he would be brought, closer and closer, not to wince.

‘Thine creation comes to nothing, lord. And thou shall only get a chance to prove thine worth to all man, since you’ve missed, the lizard needs to be put down and filled, with many bottle-shapes and cracked-deranged and made to waste and put inside a dark bucket filled with nails.’

‘But what if the Lizard is a wizard, in which case, it could be dangerous, for such blasphemous spells and trails would put you on as such and mildly as it were, before and then again.

It could wish itself stronger and put an end to all that is creation. It pushes all away as long as there is a wretch as there is a woman, it could take away.’

‘How could one resist as such?’

‘Wretch, you wretch and wretch, I leer in disgust.’

‘Should we not discuss it as such?’

It’s hard to resist, especially the ones, that make a man sweat as much, with their lusciously robustly rounded forms, those big ones.’

‘Silence your thoughts now, the lizard is but easily tricked, it would give in without thinking. It is for that reason that man cannot create. It is for the lizard to be forced to behave. For the lizard may never feel such thing as there is, to satiate.’

‘I cannot help it, I just can’t.’

‘You need to change thine way and return, mourn no longer and force yourself back to it.’

‘And what’s the alternative then, because trying to create something other than it would end up either being labeled as being pretentious or completely laughed at. Authors, sculptors, artists, so on and so forth don’t put the needed time effort into it, whatever that means, for a good reason, it’s just that there’s no drive, there’s literally no drive to it whatsoever.

Take abstract art for example, if there was something to it, in terms of effort, you might’ve ended up with something that’s surreal, and somewhat interesting, yet you don’t really see people push in the same way the other people in their respective fields are, for a good reason. It’s just now how the human mind works, it’s just that, I don’t know. I’m not making a lot of sense.

There’s just nothing else otherwise.’

Began the first of man whom was joined by the dead-train of rot-cadavers:

Furthermore in front of them stood naught else but the strange deranged, the plains of Rod, and many like him were planted beneath the earth, and all around them, and everywhere, as it seemed, to push on and follow just as there came through dirt.

And whom and were forgotten ware. Were there others that might’ve been there?

A mist of heads that was put yet wasted yet behind, it stood there only for a moment bore, as the following were set in mind.

Through chasm ended, as it stood but open-ended, there had crept; nothing as much nor as less, nothing that could be forgotten, as lest. It could be.

God of plenty wonder and wreathing lump-disease.

World broken as such.

A part of the world lived on, although it was more than likely that this could not go on for far too long. Not as long as there was a way to touch it, and even then, there was still a chance to catch them in the act.

There was a stark road, with bloated lanes on every side. And green trophies of green grass, pushing about both directions, large dark trees of long basins in which swam, plenty of corpses added in the mixture and most of them, incapable of living on. It was a dark miracle that he was born, out of a body of a largely contorted black corpses, he simply shred his way out. Talon-fattened fists but bloated what they could as they sprouted, more so than it should be likely allowed.

And wretched, most importantly in soul and made to look like a spherically unnatural home in which mentally unstable creatures lived in, all flattened around their inwardly stretched torsions in the back, until no longer were they capable of breathing, in and out they went.

What lay even farther than the fifth of every ledge? For every man that has passed over, there was just as much as could be gotten instead. They paused every five levels or so, and found themselves appearing, then disappearing, as one could see himself, of little more than part of gate and what happened after, then, again. It appeared, as if it were but a piece of him.

How could Wellsburg enjoy the company? It wasn't likely that he would understand what's going on, since there were no markers to signal whether or not they were wreathing in part. It was part of him, though he had yet failed to cross the line.

'There's been a saw here, wasn't there?'

'Of course there was, what else could cause that thing to happen and appear there if not a damned saw?'

'Its arch cannot be easily calculated, what do you suppose that means?'

'I don't know yet, but do you think?'

The room in which they were twitched every now and then, it acted like a rabid dog, trying to take a bite at them, shaking constantly while the gate jeered at them, as if ready to suddenly shove itself out of the bolted in shut hole it rested in. There was something deranged about it, but neither man spoke of it just yet. They referred to it, as such, as a sudden urge to make both of them aware that the man that stood before them, whom had become the gate was still alive, he still kept his urges, doing as he pleased, startling them, trying to intimidate both men, whom were met by a few steps backwards neither of them expected to take. Since it only pushed onward, forward towards them, like a broken pinball machine flicking over the ball, or a pump suddenly urging itself to draw ever so close, regardless of the precise motion it took, there was no reason to forget that they were getting desperate to get out.

How could it open and what lay on the other side? It didn't act in the same normal way either one of them would or were to. It was not only unnatural but it had made as little sense for it to be so, extensively pushed-in. Since there was no apparent reason why it was there, in the same room with them, coiled, as if it was an ugly head put on a rubbery diver-suit, actioned by a giant hand, which belonged to a cruel man that played with them with the help of his marionette, showing little signs of having accounted for their safetyhood or any concern for its surroundings. Many of the walls were cracked and spoiled, brokenly so, in the worst, capricious manner. They were driven like dogs, behind a closed wall. It was as if the stairway, the other gate from where they came out of didn't exist either from that point on.

Senselessly, they split, both corners used and damp, floor of wood, and cracked, damp, for some reason.

'What happened to the ancient floor we were standing on?'

'Nothing, it's unchanged.'

'But I see something, I feel its moisture, it must be so.'

‘And this thing happening in front of us, and our bodies.’

Both should know and both had realized as much, their bellies being fully protruding out, of the same rubbery material that stood in front of them as well. They were forced to push out, this being felt by them both.

It was a long pane that were become their bellies; yet it was picked off, as if it were a stake, not bloodied but rather surreally so forced out of them and out of their field of view as if they weren't even capable of understanding what had entered them. Strange gatearms extended like nostril breaths, at least the ones coming right after a deep breath had been taken in the lungs, going as far as to reach one of the walls they came for. Disturbing as it were, there were, thus, a few more than a few deranged things about them, a halt and a stop, both men being silent as the rubbery pane was turned into a barometer stretched upon every corner that stood its side, held by nothing more than ropy chains, rubbing as they made some static motion that reeled back and forth, felt at the very tip of their fingers, which wormed around their bellies as they had been taken. The barometerpane began flashing in front of them as the men were finally accosted, two pairs of eight-lined in shot, a few centimeters distant hooking devices attached to them, as they were but slowly drawn and taken into the strange ghoulish space that awaited them. In some way, it was empty, yet filled. It was no outer space, yet at the same time it could be nothing more and nothing else than what it appeared to be. Their hands and arms were but fashioned to look like incessant looking face-contorted stars that peered back into them. It was an empty, eerily familiar feeling being left there, being dislodged from the world. Wellsburg looked towards Fyshbad, both of them had lost their rubbery belly appendages and were already similar, in terms of appearance to the rest of the celestial bodies that were around them. Now, of all time, they were received back home, no longer in waiting, no longer worn out or full of any wont whatsoever. Joined by one of those cradled stones that were shaped like the thin, pale body of the detectors whom felt them immediately, sniffing around as if to check them, trying themselves here, there and around, before being lodged to them. In part, fashioned, and put together, drawing from their limbs, together, acres-long they were forced to grow. A part of them was incessantly sprawling, sparingly from one side to the other as the great celestial head had been given two bodies to work with, there being forced on one side and the other as to mirror themselves in the dance of the ghoulish figures that appeared. Most of them pale as snow, as corpses in a morgue. Standing as if on floors unseen, as they danced around and within the range of the strange contortions, a sudden buckshot spread appeared beneath the figure, from where spread. A giant satellite-elongations upon which the dancers lodged themselves, as they were dragged by it as far away, this giant candy-disposer spat corpses upon its stride, until both men were become as its long body, then curved behind, like three fully extended curled fingers touching such moon, upon which they were brought, and where it stopped as soon as it could.

As soon as it was released and on the side of it, a corpse-melted thing, a pile that looked like a tormented fiend had sprouted as it came, constantly dripping as it remained in place. Constantly sprawling from one side to the other before they could be gotten, glitteringly so, as for the sparks that came from the molder.

Fewer and fewer were they by the time they met, neither one too brightly set from the looks it; there was no water around.

‘It's already dry, I think it's the deluge, it's been a few months at the very least since, there were signs of it appearing, dragging itself over.’

‘You do see, that thing, as well as I can, right?’

‘I think do.’

A few more of the tormented appeared.

One of their echoes seemed to come to life.

Suckling on the blood trips that had grown on top of them, it but searched for refuge in the body of a single speck of multiple malodorous veined tendons put together.

One of the nuclear-atomcartilage physicists opened his mouth:

‘Women are whores if they sleep with too many men, and a wife would stop at nothing but to cheat on his man, especially during war. Women should be shot and killed and tortured as if they were deserters while being treated as if they were domestic terrorists, fucking dumb whores, it’s what all women are. Incapable of loyalty to a man that would willingly give his life for his country and why would a man even serve in this case if a woman can go unpunished while cheating him? If a country expects its men to die, enlist, fight as soldiers, it’s only expectable for the women to be prosecuted and punished for the vilest crime there is. They have to be butchered and killed and punished for it, curb stomped like fucking niggers, how can anyone even trust a woman? Women need a good beating as a whole, they need to be beaten hard, not soft, with the back of the hand instead of the weaker side. They’re basically mental invalids as a whole, and cannot be trusted.

What is real life like, though? Cooperation, but not all cooperation is great, and that doesn’t mean what it means, cooperation between men is fine, but with women, that can be severely crippling if approached from the wrong side. Cooperation as in, both women and men working the same kind of job, while turning it into a competition is harmful to society, while cooperation as in women become homemakers and men become workers, that is fine and well. Cooperation as in, the country cares for its ethnic people while using minorities for labor is also fine, and useful, some people seriously earned a piece of hell and they have it coming.

Women are really dirty, in the head, and all around as a species, especially the ones that show their breasts and don’t wear bras, I am repelled and disgusted by that. I don’t want to be with that kind of a whore who’d want people to look at her, why would they? Why should they? No man should look at my wife, because she’s mine, I worked hard enough to earn her, to provide her a better life, and how does she reward me? Acting like a hussy, a bimbo, a dumb fucking nigger-intelligence quotient juvenile broad; I say, unless you beat your wife, you’re not a man, unless she’s put in her place, then society falls apart. Why would they be unhappy if they’re equal to men? It’s because deep down they know their place, they evolved to submissive, yet they can be contained by abuse, that’s the only useful thing a man could put to his use, just drive her head into a wall a little, don’t lynch her like a nigger, but just, you know. I’m just saying, I managed to hold onto my wife for forty years that way, before she died. And we’ve had eight children at the very least, eight good children that were raised well and had a good role model. Those kids became good, well-rooted, established members of this society and they’re doing fine.

They’re not brainwashed by the kike-media as to think men and women are equal, or that all races are the same biological ethnical intelligence or that there are more than two biological sexes. Why shouldn’t I

laugh and push them around when they're pointing at defects? Those defects born with multiple chromosomes, filthy dumb-defects, born with multiple flaccid, uselessly wrought organs that cannot work. All of them sterile, that is the fun part. Filthily sterile, defects by nature, that I would enjoy experimenting on.

Why, they would make perfect, most perfect patients I would presume, since they're of little to no worth, seeing how they cannot reproduce, their value to me is, seen as non-consequential if, one were to make a few, perform some, if I were to. Well, I suppose one could only imagine the thing I would do to one of the homosexuals with a scalpel, insert some chemicals, shock their heads, perform some lobotomies as to check my theories in the matter, but most importantly, I suppose the kikes promoting them would follow through as well, it's only fair that such destructive people that are promoting these filthy urges get put side by side with their embodied creations and share the same similar fate, as to be put face to face, side to side, like mirrored pods before both of them are made to waste.

Liquefy together in a partially made puddle-gelatin, oh, what chemicals could I use in this blend? What could I put inside of them? I wonder, just what kinds of acids would do? To make them grow, to create a mound of them, then start chopping away, piece by piece. But that would not serve me too well now. No, I suppose that would be a waste, too great a waste of bodies. Since they're still anatomically useful after all, despite their apparent congenital defects, on both sides; have I told you of the experiments I performed before?"

The ones that were even deeper into the, what he came to describe as not a hideout, but a strange thing, almost like a submerged incantation, if that made any sense of all. As if all walls were made by whispered or barely spoken reverberations and echoes that bounced and formed everything around them, still in place, yet similarly to something that shouldn't be around the place, by all means stopped.

'A lot of stoppers lay around.'

Stop signs – wrapped and skeleton bound by an arm.

The wall was floating in the back and was much stronger than before, it seemed that for the first time in the grandest of sights and the grand stature of the most irresolute points, there was but one signal-flare stuck, struck, while it kept being launched from this underground stuck place everything seemed to be completely sealed it. A large power-like weather had turned the world upside down from the looks of it. The fires and whatever animated atoms there were out there appeared to be somewhat, completely and utterly drawn in the motion of a man using his flare launcher, aimed at the top of a building that was forever stuck as well in a fall-over kind of motion before being drawn again, as if it were fast-forwarded then rewinded back to the position, yet there was no human-built structure in the planet at all, there was only a most dreadful, darkest of all cartilages that imitated everything, a mimicry of form that was made out of one piece, while many of the put together things appeared to have upside-down, facing the moon kind of elongated part of the body kind of end of the line formations that were connected at every possible angle, in the sky, having made an intricate system of ugly barely formed primitive forms that were put together, as it happened for them to also be connected to the rest of the world and many of the god-inside the walls men that were become the disciples again. Many of the many men that had entered the walls being now pushed out and made to wait for another chance to be drawn inside. Yet, if there was one thing clear, this Mimicry was not a creature but the matter-of the universe like organic atom star, which had

refused to die, during the full-genesis and almost nigh Big-Bang like process, being somewhat conscientious of its own existence and cognition, it had turned itself in an almost abstract like oil panting made out of dark shade sand dark colors, created in the motion of an arm churning butter inside a butter-wooden thing, with a stick by some Amish people, that grew and spread and latched on the first, involuntarily so, planet in the universe it could attach itself to, having taken the necessary almost volatile arrangements as to recreate the human conditions and the way of living they are accustomed to as so appear as if nothing had changed at all. But the buildings were smashed immediately as this strange Atom-Star-Earth began forming various vortexes and hurricanes that were out-winned and out-paced only by their own disturbingly looking atoms that were put together as to form, out of some of the mimicked buildings, half of man foundations that were made to hold onto the vortexes, only as they were dragged along. With various expressions being defiled and made to look as if they were no longer elated but elongated since their humanoid frames and shapes stopped below the abdomens, where a strange wooden almost lifting up and down, actioned by not only chains but plane-like legs with two-set metals bars that had more violently looking wheels borderlining with electrically sharpened saws that would cut through the first and utmost, uncomfortably made, breeding pins, until the creatures inside were forced into still-born clusters of butchered limbed-hardened coiling – with the help of their animated limbs that still maintained some kind of living nigh-starving motions, that hardened across the plains before being either completely land-painted and upon being revealed to be too weak to grasp upon the grass, or hold onto it because of their infantile muscles, they would simply, by all means be dragged inside the Star atom vortexes which, as they are also being grabbed by the humanoid wooden giant, would only splatter them against him, painting him red-green. On one side, red because of these creatures' innards, on the other because of the fauna, while the dirt, as strange as it sounded would not color them at all, with its highly memorable soil-brown since this Earth hadn't had any dirt-brown colored dirt, but a stranger green of a much deeper hue.

Blasted were the giant formed, with large around the curves of much darkly horned head boxes in which the men without limbs whom had curtain wraps, like hung-flags coming out of their stump-joint, that drew in and out until no longer capable of delaying the lung-like formations in their heads which dictated the most evil or words that only brought back the direst things that were reminiscent of one's vilest extermination, bred forth.

'Shall we begin in that case?'

The two men amassed, four of them being inside the room, present, side-by-side, put in what appeared to be a partially distraught kind of cluster, missing their heads as well, from the looks of it. They were irresolute, incapable of fully getting out of their pin-straps or the ones they were forced into.

Forth came the great Vizier, whom looks.

First break appeared, or at least the first one in eight great chains.

It seemed like the stairway had been twisted, as it had become un-workable, unviable for mere walk, clearly hard to hike onto because of the mere angles it was struck into. Darker as the rooms were set into one another, as far and as close as one could see, many of them being hardly to be agitated, set in shape, molded together, not on top but in the shape of a great cut hand punching a stream of water kind of distortion mid-way through. Perhaps, as it were likely, there would be no other reason for either moment

to start. Drawn to it like paper-grain what was left out of a few sympathetically abandoned disciples was this alone and this would stand.

A few of them connected in the head, since they were two and two, as their legs appeared to have formed mighty deader forms, blackened as to have the wings, of mightier flying, broken-down smoking iron-coaled machines.

‘This must be what’s it like inside one of the gated walls, isn’t it?’

To which Asher recounted.

‘I remember an inscription that spoke of something of the likes.’

Nothing was worth contemplating more or lesser, far stronger than the will of a man, as it had been or gone, than what they were there for and for how long.

‘How long indeed will we suffer one another here? And one another’s voices and one another’s speech impediments and the likes, is there any reason to resist in such a case?’

There were just as few and lesser things that might’ve gotten them through, as many.’

Stratum- OJG-R

There were eighteen hundred thousand souls, all wrought in the faces, of multiple upwardly heaved walls, many of them being actioned in the most dissimilar fashion that could, by all means, even be solely maintained. Like large cogged machines that could not help themselves any longer, bastardly and arbitrarily made to work in, or during some attendance during the most unfathomable of times, little things that could clog them being there, in the shape of barely, hardly usable and fumigating, specks of tried for levers moving them from one side of the other, inside the room, like little dark heads.

‘Mercury-Basin, as the head-engineer demilatch, you are to force unity inside this room, are you not?’

He was still struck by the fact that he wanted, and wasted not a single moment, more than anything else, more than anything even. He worked on a great panel, and appeared to be pressing a lot of numbers.

‘You know, you’re not pressing, you’re not dialing for a woman, now, are you?’

‘I’m not, stop looking at me that way, I just, I’m trying to work, nothing more, I still have a few more numbers to, I mean some hardly thought-provoking equations to solve, the First Poignant Conjecture for example.

After I’m done with working everything out.’

‘Drop it kid, I know what you’re doing, I know what you’re trying to achieve, you’re not bold, you’re an utter, you know what? Just go on ahead and fix everything, will you?’

‘I will, sir, I will.’

There was no harder drug it seemed, that would make him want it, to push over the humane edge, than it, and it seemed to work, there was no greater desire. A delirious matter as it were, some strange things didn’t work in the Statrum- OJG-R.

Various humanoid shapes had their heads twisted around their throats and pointed backwardly instead of up-front to where the head pieces would’ve worked their hardest, since they could only, utterly closely-open. And bloated gods were turpentine filled with orange candle-wax.

Everything was worked upon up to a minute-detail look, and gone.

‘A sold system, nothing more, I’m not going to offer it to anyone else, you know?’

‘I don’t know about that, you, frankly, you seem, you strike me as a good man.

I’m going to pass.’

‘Hey, where are you going? Where the fuck do you think you’re heading to, bastard?’

He was part-way through the metal-bonding, in the two steel doors, passing through the barely stimulated atoms. The faster you walked to them, the easier to get through, the slower, the more, unstable. Stimulating them was hard. A few people came from the right hallway, still haven’t touched the war-window, inside the wall-both, just as they passed around, seemingly either chasing someone or trying to create some trouble.

Nothing was safe in either place. There was no open valve and no open crocks-like thing or echo of steel that pulled about the pumps.

The sound of alarm was startling but expected, it came just as soon as Fibbed Jersay drew on from the side. He had been maintaining a steady push through one of the high-devices on top his head, when the oratory began crying:

‘There’s been a cut inside the Gas depression Valve-tunnel, the Gelatin-tubes have been contaminated with green-sole puckers, all personnel is to immediately retread to its personal quarters. No man is to be found in any of the main quarter’s proximities.’

Bubble-heads in eight rows started walking on four finger-shaped limbs. They were eight heads put on a long wagon-trunk-like cockroach bodies, all staring at each other’s back of the head, with the exception of the man in the front, armless, and all legs aligned like a straight line. A lot of men were like that, anatomically defunct yet still walking.

‘We need to go.’

‘Did you hear that?’

‘GHodj, where are you?’

‘Can’t see? Try aiming for one of the wall-rapiers.’

‘Where’s it placed into? What’s it placed into? I can’t see it?’

All heads were but set, helmeted by one of the wall-mounted apparatuses, adjunct-spoilers clothing them as soon as they could be allowed.

Little lights appeared in their minds, they spoke numbers, directions, and soon, space appeared in the room. Static-quantum space appeared in box-shapes with little pig-tail like nebulas entering their minds from the distance, carrying information.

They saw themselves killed, four of them head-splattered, the rest of their four heads but struggling to lift the rest of the body. Numbness preventing them from a lift-off, incapable of flight, incapable of crawling, stuck by the same fate conjoined twins are, if one of them dies off before the other one. A dreadful sight, since they knew what was going to happen.

‘How can we prevent this from happening?’

‘We can’t, I think we’ll have to wait Alhe Ache-Corn Pop.’

For some reason their bodies were also, they also wore stickers on their bodies with product placement, a lot of product placement of their favorite fizzy drinks, presidential campaign candidate which displayed their endorsement, and eyes, they wore little gun-shaped revolvers, which, as opposed to the normal revolvers, they were revolver-revolvers, as in, their bullets and shafts appeared to have gun-like protrusions coming out of them, as if they were spikes on the base of a rose.

Nonetheless, they were desperately trying to make it into the room.

Thence they started again, most of the rooms being blocked and bloated open between very possible side and most and more of them started drawing in and out, most of them pouting like amputated lamps, crawling out. A cackler drew forth, tall and worthless in head, disabled.

‘We have finally done it, put down the crippled killer, a vigilante’s mad romance, is there nothing greater than what we have done here? Is there anything one would find?’

And all the rows were filled as well, many of them if not but a few of them drew on after. They were filled with spectators, all of whom dressed in an utmost peculiar manner. Most of them but put on spot, straddled and looking, least of all would they find themselves in any other place.

‘Butcher him, pull him down.’

‘Tear him apart, do whatever it takes, if one can find me something, I will take whatever’s left of him!’

He yelled and shouted, drew on forth, they drew themselves around him, cornering the little dog.

‘Another cut shall be taken there.’

And within a minute they ripped away whatever side of blade lay connected to him, here and then and all around, and no longer standing they started, from the side. But no member of the audience approached, as they were simply too afraid to do it. Too paranoid, by all means, they were free to step out of their chairs and do something about him, yet not a single one of them tried, not there yet.

‘I think there’s something there, is there not?’

And the beast was only wreathing in place, tracking and dancing upon mounds formed of unnatural tulip like dread-beds. Man on top straddles in it without a chance to let go or escape. Chipped around their dorsal side of the ribs and around the spine where the growth of strange things appeared to connect with the rest of the platform it stood on top of, like a little insignificant brain beaten around the pulp creature he was, he appeared to have finally had its say.

‘You shall not approach me, cowards, I will survive by such means neither of you will be capable of truly understanding. I will make it through by whatever way I can.’

It said, and with a jolt, it threw itself onto a stand that had wreathed itself out of the floor, from below the normal level where most of the attachments seemed to reel in.

Officer on deck, he appeared to be eight faces at the back of the head with a huge cylindrical block in the back, drawing in and out while breathing on both sides, as many clasp like things appeared to emerge from one side to the other.

‘Need to repair.’

It spoke, a mouth was backwards, exchanged with another. It seemed to have stopped all production. It stopped working. Then began again, the pants were metallic-patterned, they held his life-support drawing medicine packets, like ice-cream – melting.

‘My pants are soaked in blood.’

Another one of his ‘friends’ appeared to talk:

‘You shouldn’t have worn the packs inside of them, should you now?’

‘I do not know what dreams are.’

‘You are not supposed to sleep on the job, in either shape or form, you must mourn yourself and your passing and afterwards, there’s this.’

He pointed, but there were no hands to point at or towards.

‘The rail-unit side, underneath the tent-shapes is malfunctioning, we were instructed to repair it with dumb-knowing instruments.’

‘My hands are worn, I cannot use more than two tools at a time.’

‘Put the panties down, fifty-degrees Fahrenheit, cabbage-lemon salad. I ate a yogurt, it’s actually sour, it’s crème, you know? I’m not being sexually active, I have never kissed a woman. Yesterday:

I cooked one of the stone-in-the-head killed goose, I am pain, I am cooking with oil.'

'Are those the set of instructions I'm supposed to follow?'

'Of course it is, and I'm going to make sure you're not going to pass the chance to kill a man on your way out, but make sure you open his cavity and use him as a battle-suit.'

'For what reason?'

'There's no other reason but love, love for a woman, you need to do this, you need to kill an opponent in order to impress a female of the female species. I know women.'

'You are a square head, how could you possibly know women?'

'I've been with plenty of circles.'

'Not even a sphere.' Said another one of the square-heads; it felt lonely, morosely depressing.

Fixing everything was hard and troublesome, there were so many dark ends –rotten with cinder blight and lights that were receding inside, by all means, it was all too bothersome waiting for something to happen, to short-circuit when no one watched from one dark point to another. There were electrons in the capacitors that were being put through the molecule compressors and water cold compressions in which blood had spilt in. A few of the motherboard-like things were being jammed from the long machines which had already become human in part. They had necks which were bolted in, that acted like some pummeling nuclear-dynamite rods without the explosion. Much of the hydrogen frequency was kept to a minimum. A few zeroes appeared on the small screen. It had a lot of buttons that recorded the full tenure of the wild power-capacitors that were not only wide spread but were inserted in the motherboards and had only been rubber tops on inserted-in tiny biology laboratories where some parasitical dark creatures had their heads squashed in the harder you pressed on the button. There were like beep-beep bop noises coming out with a glowing red circle that appeared to signal something. Rope, a rope kept some of the wires together, but someone had purposefully cut them. Water leaked out of the electronic device that stood on the top. Part of the upper ledge in the panel the engineer was fixed on was a machine as well. It had a big head with horns that were eye-sockets that had little screwdrivers pumping in and out that were there only for some superficial reason since they were welded in and didn't work at all. This robot-head had a small child chained between its unclenched jaws. His little child head was an alarm device that malfunctioned, luckily for him so well since he already heard the alarm before they were each sent to their rooms, otherwise, it would've become mightily uncomfortable working there. Large things like cogs that weren't cogs, but were shaped like the type of hand motion you make when you're mocking someone who's been talking for too long a period of time, - like claspers, that grabbed nothing, with gun-shaped pointers at every side and every end. Tuberculosis could be felt in the air, but instead of being a medical condition, it was a metallic scent of gas, like explosives signaled their dud all of the sudden, in which case they didn't explode. There was no scent. It was mercury. But in his blood.

And they endeared the calls of Bleuthorak, jerky piece to thine skull, worship. Of Yiethrok, Vitrl, Creak-Chk, little was known and little more of worship did they show when time upon time emerging, upon the sight. They were not worshippers entirely and many of them defunct.

It began.

Once the reparations were done and underway, it was only a matter of time before time would start its natural course, or at the very least it could only be a matter of time now until the alarm stopped.

Him being there only for an hour, and already one of the many heads appeared to be contorting in whichever dark direction they could rivet in. By whichever counter there was, there was no other reason that would suffice any longer, not while it kept popping into his vision, at the tip of eye corner stood a stranger, whom had offered him a hand, not too long ago. He appeared to be wearing one of the elegant yet resilient uniforms that bore the marks of a high-ranking officer in the Station. He didn't present him with a name but with an extreme impassiveness and a silence he didn't actually expect to be met by.

It went something on the lines off.

'Do not look to your right yet. There's someone there, down the gallbladder pass. He must've come out of one of the straggling tunnels.'

Few men had survived it. Long-tunnel with air-shaft deformations, crushing limbs by the mere pressure of air, some bandits had learned it the hard way, back in the day when the tunnels were still in their conception-stage. Now they were wide-spread. Some anti-death measures were taken but nothing could prevent one from being unaffected by the strangely propelled air-currents that were being forced up the shaft. Either death or some sort of disablement occurred. At the very least, the victims coming out of the airshafts were completely and utterly, allowed to live beyond any possible recognition. And there was no doubt that this was one of them.

'If you look, he may leap and come as thunder strikes upon an iron bolt, be aware but don't stare.

You need to finish recovering the scissor-shaped iron-cogged wires. They are still unattached.'

'Listen to him now, but don't dare draw too close to him.'

Stranger spoke only his name Eastlottry.

Correctly identified the man, having come from the East Lot, he presented some features but they were mainly a miss-mash of cuts. It was hard to actually distinguish between them, henceforth, they were left with as little as they could stare at, having already opened a quarter of the fallen-over cartel in the wall. He was picking up on some vaguely deformed sheets-like smiles and various depictions of either maniacal cackles or faces of avarice. Many connected to the wall on the side, seeping in electrons once they were out.

'What is he doing?'

'I said don't look, he might not even be there.'

'How can he not be there when I can clearly listen and hear to what's he doing there? I hear the jingling of the walls and of the desk he pulled out.'

'There's no desk in there, nor is there a rail, you need to finish the repairs, immediately.'

Yesterday is the only thing he could think of, not the song, of some long abandoned band, but the day. It was not likely he would get another, nor would they, but he merely looked upon a short sighted pair of corridors that were put every now and then, in the worst possible spots, made by a mind that wasn't his either, be he stopped thinking at that point in time.

It was no simulation, but more of a cardboard-wall filled room he made, with retractable panes, following only the floating heads that were once removed from him, levitating across the room. From every side of the upper-areas where his head gravitated and appeared to be stuck in, there was at least one open – hole where a hand entered. Many strangers he invited.

They stopped him, preventing his movement, the arms – flaccid hoses- filled with fat. Curving around his body, they removed each piece and dragged it out of his vision, making sure he was properly put together. Despite having two of his legs removed, he was still standing, there was nothing pulling him down, dragging him along in an uncomfortable spot where his limbs were slowly being digested or kept in.

A little pox-man of the Pox-like, named Marshall of the Pox, seemed to be, a descended of a certain archeologist, had no head but a rounded hood zigzag kid shaped head – anatomically so, without features but an oily thing that struggled about the top of the area he was forced in, the lowered ceiling. As if he were a child trapped in a bag, incapable of breathing on his own.

The splendor which was the image of his head struggling as a spade-shaped but nigger-killed hot-ironed punishment for coal-burning killed with a hot iron tool as to be tortured to death open-maw revealed a few unnaturally elongated dark spear-shaft thick antler textured, almost bony arachnid legs with domed soft foamy ends that started puffing up as to spread all over the piece of leg it had removed with the left of the side limbs, that were not attached to him but were connected to a filament bottle to the side of the retractable walls, which in turn actioned the arms like vending machines.

Eventually, after having been implanted with those things several times, Ache-Corn Pop was finally allowed a moment of rest and resentment over what's been happening for the last twenty minutes or so, of being mesmerized, nigh-completely. As in, it couldn't be bothered to notice that some of the heads were already, in contrast, already grown square caterpillar bodies that started pumping in the ground, fashioning his figure all across the floor, only to appease Marshall whom was already half cut around the mouth from the side opening a large trumpet-like form, having drawn out, spat teeth out, bloody teeth that were bleeding on the floor.

One of them spoke to him, every single tooth bearing an already prerecorded message, many of them either missing or being overfilled with the strange tooth fillings they bore.

'Think there's a reason why we're here?'

'We've killed the man chasing you, what else is there to do? '

'Have I paid already? Have I actually made the deposit yet? Who are you to actually hold me accountable for that? If I am to commit fraud I shall do it, and I shall take this entire station if I have to.'

The station was but a strange thing standing on strange peculiarly elongated black legs that came all the way down from beneath the earth and the planet it stood on top, as far way from the peculiarly forming beam as it could be. Never had it reached, nor would they connect by all means, they kept their distance.

Many stations and many bases held these men on walls, pinned like frogs that were about to be split open by a bunch of teenagers during their biology class.

It was strange thing, a blue puddle appeared to draw all the teeth inside of it, jerking in place as to spread the few splashed left in as many directions as possible, forming little marbles with large sharp one sharp cylinder kind of chained fence made out of them ran along a light house or some similar structure. The dents in his head were caused by chemical abuse caused by the incessant beating of a decayed part of the floor that appeared to eat the air with its morbidly formed teeth that were latched and attached to the smaller-shorter segments of the derogation torture holes in which most of the savants and scientists were locked in.

Yesterday had been strange. Marshall was not only not alive but had at several times, throughout the day, which was spent by Corn inside his modified room, entered through the walls only to pull out a piece of him and make strange fly-like butterfly yo-yos' that flew mechanically in the air, entered through a few of the ceilings which were overlapped by now, having entered in one of the shrunk horizontally flipped giants, whom was walk-pushing through everything, delivered them to an upside down machine that made small planetary objects that had wild-looking faces and strange catacombs inside of them, made for the sole purpose of torturing ants, as they were filled with unnaturally chemically altered pheromones that confused all of the ants.

Corn's leisure time was ruined by the strangest of machinations and the heads that were attached in the train-caterpillar manner would've continued to do as such if it weren't for the sudden break in monotony that was caused by his Chief-in-Charge Shaft-wing of the Air-processing air unit of the Station Mihfaast. Past the hour:

'Thank god I found you in one piece, you must listen to me now, you're to present yourself at your work-station, immediately, without delay!'

It was that way that he ended up in the lower hall trying to fix some of the power devices that were wide-spreading the electrons in the power-cells capacitors eaters while the week-long before old, too early a start device-boiler had been malfunctioning as well over the last eighteen passing weeks, those cylinder-power extenders having already connected to the in-laid cap-shaped, it was cap after all, champagne lynch-device, which wasn't as much as a cap but had been actuality a jar-like thing put in, but only in part as the lynch device was there for another reason, the bubbly alcohol in it having been replaced with oil-fuel that would animate the dark dendrills and dendrillions, whose giant appearing corpse-like humanoid hands would work the giant shaped circled united four divines, that had been drawn from the womb-constellations. Their heads were larger and they bore giant sea-weed like growths coming out of their inflated skull-sockets as well as long-tongue demonical shaped, cut-as-if-collage with the help of a pair of scissors, torn apart tatters rose-cheeked kind of tongues with anchor shaped wriggling out of water while the splashes were present there in form of skin as well as the anchor being fleshy and animated like a living organism.

The Crew-lowers, which were the lesser station attendees were already present in thought.

‘A great formation but they’re not running anywhere.’

It was a good sight coming from Kjel’Dime, who was recording it, on the peeping in the key-hole apparatus, with it being finally put to a good use, he could finally, shoot one of them with a pin-extractor, which, began wriggling in the creatures stuck inside their strange altar’s strange suit.

But the engineer was tired. He didn't know how the strange side of the station came into being. Since part of it had been completely, forcefully connected by the mere 'succumb', there was no other explanation that what had happened earlier, in one of the closest celestially raised ground areas of the inhabitable zones down the planet.

The woman who was standing behind the counter was simply ogling at him.

‘Johnny, ever since you started lifting, I couldn’t stop myself from noticing that; you look taller, don’t you? Did you gain in height or something? You just look fine.’

‘I most definitely have, but, I’ve always been this way, you know?’

It’s just that, my height has been getting more definition, it looks kind of better.’

‘Oh, I can see.’

‘Are you free tonight? I want to take you somewhere, now that I, I want to get you pregnant. I want you to carry eight of my children.’

‘I will, I am, what’s stopping us from doing it?’

They left early, at what was something close to Two-Am. Eighteen minutes from there, a piece of the room was converted into a breeding zone.

Twenty days inside of it.

A fit had been thrown.

Clarisse was standing on the four legged couch, staring at what seemed to be a barely working TV-set with a remote control that was part the velvet-majordomo’s arm.

‘Come here.’

Drawn at four:

‘I want another channel.’

Another five meters, it became suddenly aware that it was being seen.

Fifteen more centimeters got it going, but it stood in the para-solar region where it had been irradiated.

Only some flashy things could be seen of it, out of which four-twists, number-arms, three of them connected came out of each puff. The creature signaled that its back was turned towards her.

‘I don’t like this channel.’

But the breeding zone had already sent its enforcer. Out of one of the clearly out-stretched, out-paced arms came a single child, it was a baby with two strange almost horse-shoe wrapped around its back. It flew with strange motions then froze in a Michelangelo’s drawing-kind of position, with extra legs and extra arms as well being present there. Still kept floating by this strange horse-shoe; it quickly opened its mouth, pushing out an adjustable lamp-screen with strange words on it.

‘The channel you’ve ordered has been invalidated, it seems.’ Majordomo Sikh said, as he only took another puff of his weird face-apparatus, this one having already been used. He replaced it from a box, twenty more cigarette-packs had been inserted into him. By the looks of it, he was already running late. IT was all too convenient, trying to die on the job.

He painted the floor in her colors. Clarisse winced.

‘Where is my husband now?’

‘Part of the house still needs some adjustments, you must understand as such that there’s one thing that will never and you will never be capable of understanding. You’re a woman, you breed.’

‘Those are not my children.’

‘Your man had other plans.’

‘That’s sick, I didn’t sign up for that.’

‘Too bad, that’s how life is, you should’ve gone out more.’

‘But, I, can I?’

‘No, you cannot start an affair, that bequest the capital punishment. The two of you have always been incompatible.

You’re stuck with the choice you’ve made.’

‘Can I?’

‘You will stay here and breed for him and take care of his children as a result of your own choices. The fairness of this choice may and cannot be denied. You’re accountable for every sin and every crime humanity has to offer now.’

One of the channels got chanced. By now, children but decayed, dark-putters; the sports channel was avoided again.

‘Most females got to breed throughout humanity, men haven’t. It’s only fair that the men should get to have their fun.

It's a game men cannot win on equal terms and it should not be played on equal terms either since they can and will always out-do the females if allow to play by their own rules.'

'Then what am I to do?'

The Majordomo interfered:

'It can't hear you behind that screen, you know?'

No one rummages through the dark sea without realizing the past.

It was something, off. There was something definitely off, about just about everything that had not only been set in place, but the entire breeding zone.

Without decay the palpitation of the three- four aligned hands started delivering, like a lightning shot, parallel-information rays that transmitted from one side to the other, large power-plant electron-messages taken from the other side of the breeding that announced the sudden stop.

Even the Majordomo Sikh was mightily surprised by it. For the same reason he helped her get up and start going again at it, the room was no longer under any kind of construction.

A dark point, almost like two lines-deformedly curving, as in a perspective but a constellation, drawn to it, a tip that was made of growths in which everything seemed to be drawing towards, like a receding stairway, or a flatter land contorting into a thinning triangle, there stood. A mighty oozing thing, a ball of mighty crane-sounds mistook.

'If there's any chance we might understand what's happening there, this is the only one you'll get.'

'Should I flee in that case? I thought I was to be punished for my choice.'

'Perhaps this is part of your punishment, wouldn't you say?'

'Then why are you to accompany me?'

'Who else would look over you and make sure you're not hurt?'

'I do not need any kind of protection. '

'I'm not looking after you, I'm only here to serve the greater will of this.'

A jolt and a crack to the breeding at last, unfortunately it did not listen as much as he would entail it to.'

After surrounding himself with nothing else but the finest of on-lookers, he found.

Tongue-man Tattoo seemed to have already succumbed to the strange decaying part of his parasitically metallic suit he was born in. He was in a bubble-insect dome, the one that's red and has white spots on top of it, with the dark head, which buzzes when flying around. It was highly distinguishable. Two cannons coming out of his carapace curbed inwardly and aimed at his own face for power-suicide.

He was the one who surmised the fact that they were being drawn, made to appear in some place they didn't belong in.

'We are being projected into the higher-zone.'

Without prior knowledge of the area they were being lead towards, he could only infantilize as such as to figure out what was going on there.

But the piece of the breedery, this giant cluster that was inside the room was already elongatedly appeared-attached to the Stratum, as Johnny had only joined the engineers who were making the proper adjustments as to fully weld the two pieces together, it was as thus.

That strangely deformed tip is the corner of the world, or what ancient people might've believed to be the flat end, where all of Earth's water ends up flowing into space, falling forever. A large yellowish crystal floats around it, around the oozing black point that stands to fall but will never do so. It speaks as thus:

'Clarisse, the time has come for you to approach.

Come at me with your sharpest blade, I shall see to it that you shall yield no better than what there is, for your ears only, I shall say as much.'

With blessings as there were, as less as there was, the more could it be said at last.

'We've dragged each other far too low.'

'I see, there's someone waiting for you down the lobby.'

'Who is?'

'Perhaps you see for yourself, in all honesty, you've been here for an unearthly, twenty years. Spent in the ante-lobby.'

'Then why is it that I've yet to remember a thing of what happened here before you came along?

I mean, you weren't here before, and you most definitely won't be here the next time I open my eyes and return to where I was.'

'Tough luck kid, but you're not the only one in waiting, we should stop talking in any case, before someone notices.'

'And who would that somebody be?'

'You may not like it just yet, but you're going to get used to it.'

'I asked you a question. '

'And I've already directed you to where you have to be.'

Both of them shook just as soon as there was an open door. It drew forth out of a lodged out of coil socket, then moved in his direction. If there was still a chance to flee, this would be it, the back-door

stood just opposite to the one that drew out of the ground. There were another fifty degrees to the right, open, right around the ceiling-end, where a few in-lain sockets appeared to have already gathered. Some shapes and weird angles could be seen but nothing that would otherwise be found there. Definitely no door; yet Fars stared. A finger appeared to wriggle in and out of it, every so often drawing out. Then a hand, before long, the entire frame of a man fell out of it.

Many such sockets shook – they were large cartridge ram-socket hybrids, with their respective mounting in the wall crawl along light-bulb connected to their sides. Seemingly being in control of the movement and of the way in which they appeared to be crawling in the wall to begin with.

The figure ran towards Fars, and just in time, as he just popped in by his side, his fingers started emerging out of his shoulder. They were dangling around his frame, appearing like a crowd-like population of many moving figures. Some of the power out of the portal frame seemed to have gone out of the socket and back inside the floor it drew.

‘Do not move until I say so.’

‘Who are you?’

‘You’re already too confused for my explanation to make any sense whatsoever, but both of us need to leave as soon as possible before the ante-lobby falls.’

‘Is there no end to this confusion?’

‘Nothing will make sense just yet, listen to me, there’s an engineer past this floor, he’s currently working in one of the lower levels, you must greet him as soon as you can.’

‘Greet him?’

‘It’s a thing, you need to say it to him, otherwise he won’t recognize you as one of the crew-members.’

‘I don’t think I follow.’

‘There’s no need for you to pay any attention whatsoever as long as there’s still some chance you may draw breath.

Every socket in the room is guided by it. Every socket’s listening. And the eight-square men will be alerted if you deviate too much from work.’

‘Am I to work now? To what end?’

‘The Stratum needs to be fixed.’

‘I don’t know what that is.’

‘You’re in it, we’re all in it, and it has to be fixed in order for the lower-regions to be fully submerged into the upper-moon rotations. Its zones shall become thawed with power, it should be clear enough from that point on, just what you have to do. If you survive, that is.

First the repairmen will greet you back, then you will join them, after that, you will all do your best, not to disturb it. There are four wheel-scepters, in the dark-red rooms.’ Like the Danish Brothels, Red-district but with whore-corpses, but made out of steel and some unnaturally put-in corpses, with largely deformed rotating familiar-like witch-heads, android-like but disabled. With tick-formations instead of their brains, growing eerily but they’re set in place. Despite blowing like balloons with fire in them; only the conjoined children are praying and some braver souls, but no one’s talking about them. Sunken as they are, some are drawing forth. Moving like cabins towards the new addition to the Stratum, the tip holding the oozing in place ball, towards the area where the crystal is flying in, where it’s still in the process of a more vicious jolt.

‘It’s messing with your brain, but you must be careful which socket you enter, some things are not discussed here.’

‘Such as?’

‘I am Mold-man, the Imitation.’

‘Is that supposed to be your name?’

‘No, but now, I am Man.’

‘I don’t follow, I’m. Should I?’

‘Work, for the time being, it’s the only sensible thing, if you fail, you will die, and to avoid it.’

‘I need to work as an engineer? Why?’

‘Because that piece of the Stratum seems to ooze itself into existence, it seems to be completely.’

They went ahead and made it to the lobby. It was missing. A black room, with little pointers; two claps, the light was on. Blanks-white, slugs on niggers, never shoot to kill unless dark:

‘Something was supposed to be here.’ Waltz didn’t know what to expect. The room was not a room, instead the inner-side of the engine block. Head was but produced as if they were inside the sun, yet neither of them were completely burnt, not in the slightest and for some reason there was this unnecessary incessant thing growing on everything.

‘Whom do we want to see?’

‘Am I supposed to be given a choice now?’

‘You’re going to be given as much as it’s within your power, the heights are unachievable by mere force. You must stay your place for now and walk a few steps back.’

‘Why would I do something as outrageous as that?’

‘The engine needs to be confused, that’s all. You must drive it to a state beyond any deceitful shade of a doubt, that there’ll ever be a moment when you’ll stop listening to me.’

‘And if I do?’

‘Then there’s, definitely no alternative at all. I am an Imitation, have I not told you?’

I do remember a song we used to sing down, when we were covered, molded and listening to Column, for he has guided us to the creation of a second Column, we called Two. He thought us as much, to be like men, to act like them, to, in some way, become Adam, although we lacked in that which was Eve, although our direction has come to an end, I can say as much, there’s no pity left for a molding away – rotten world. Not in my heart, definitely not in that thing which was created, shaped by him, Two, if any, who thought as much that it would make me think.’

‘Can you not think like everyone else, perhaps? But if that’s the case, how and why should I be forced to listen to someone that can’t do it on his own?’

‘You’re failing to see beyond me.

It’s just that, certainly, you must understand.

I’m not the one talking but Two, the two of them, Column is here as well, here, I will show you.’

He opened himself up, removing a piece of his right shoulder, his chest, then fell on the floor, being kept mid-way fallen through the air, as if held. He could see it now, as False drew a few centimeters closer, it was some unnatural amount, some peculiar hands, almost that had grabbed him, invisibly so, almost. Transparent but coming from the ceiling, where he was spread, or his body in any case; part of it, being still there. He had a gramophone, of which disc was a bunch of white rats and a few dark insects. Courtesy of the Woman-head, whom had blessed him with it; leer and behold for what would one see as such. The message drew on in a most peculiar manner.

‘We were waiting for the procedure to draw on.’

‘This is Column.’

Man said. Although he was not man, he was but clay.

‘You, are False, are you not?’

‘How do you know my name?’

‘It’s a pre-recording.’

As were the breaks, all planned.

‘What you’re seeing at this moment, in front of you, barely standing as it’s reaching the floor is but an emulation of the Mold men, the ones that we have clothed in real humans we have found along the way.’

‘Who are you?’

‘You have already been told who we are, have you not? This is Column, their god of mold.’

Although there was no way of seeing it, or just how far the voice had gone, before further contact could be established again; there was just as much, which wasn't being told.

'Why must I help fix this?'

'It is necessary for the beam to be taken under control, so we may be drawn from the hole we were forced to recede into. It is rather hopeless that we would stand this way, in some way, secluded, stranded in here, hardened, as if we were forced in a stove.'

Incessant sounds could be heard. There was a Rat being hunted, but lo', it was old.

'Too old of a recording, I would date it at the very least eight months ago.'

'Does it still live?'

'Wait, was it? What.'

He checked again. His mind refrained for a moment. He was Waltz May.

'Man, what.'

'Waltz, it's who you are for now, the engine will slowly boil you like a frog unless you keep moving? Don't worry about him, the message is already being displayed here and now, you'll keep hearing it until you're on the other side.'

'Of what?'

'The lower-lifts, you'll see.'

'This engine-block has no opening and no closure, how am I expected to make anything out of it? '

'You're not and perhaps that's the only thing that matters, don't you understand it yet?'

You're trapped until you fix it.

Keep on moving, you spoiled frog.'

Man was slowly being melted, it was not something either one of them wanted or expected to happen, not by a long mile. There was a flash of little specks of meaty-acid, forming here and there.

In no time, as he predicted he will become delusional.

But when has the recording said it?

There was only forwardly advancing. No walls but still walking in circles, hearing the sounds of the desperate attempts.

And yet, there was still the boiled point, that shook even space.

It oozed, at the corner of the Stratum, this tipped platform, a wreathing continent, a sheet of paper which had been cut in a direction, with lesser shaped, a crystal bed, and strange as it were, its glow but lasted a

few more than a few passing days. There was no certain way to check it just yet, but the woman who had been there, Clarisse felt dead instead.

Joined by her Majordomo, without knowledge of her husband waiting; a phial was in her mouth, a reason, yet eyes but glowingly-painted.

‘You’ve held the knife for far too long, you must release it from your mouth and join me. Inside the crystal, enter. There’s still time you might be saved.’

‘My lady, do not listen to the crystal, do not look behind.’

What was she even staring at there?

What could there be left in any case?

He had been a walking contradiction, this Sikh man with his sick, foaming, fumigating mouth. He was unaware like everyone else that this world was almost gone. Or not, in place, if that made any sense at all, one could not distinguish what it looked like otherwise. This abyss was being filled with color. There was no peace any long after, nor would there be any such thing, not when all would lay at peace.

‘That’s an ugly room they put me in, isn’t it?’

‘I told you not to look behind, well. It’s too late. You’re seeing it for yourself.’

A hood was on top, it was a hill, or looked like it, they were in the inside of it, while the roof was see-through, stars, the constellations fading.

‘Beautiful, isn’t it? And I was lead under the impression that I would be abandoned somewhere, in a place where I would have to raise other women’s children until the day I finally passed. They would never see me as my mother, never, so why would I bother?’

‘Whatever it is, I’m certain you can find some kind of resolve between you and him, but not this, not in it!’

‘Why? Is there nothing I can do about it yet?’

‘You could always.’

But he stopped as soon as it happened.

Space was diluted inside the crystal, for the oozing of that bloated dot inside that stood at the tip of the world, made even the land around it yet contort under the drawing of the lesser pint.

It was an unnecessary rubber clay wrap standing on top the panel. Some pieces should not be there, and would definitely do without. Its head rubbery-form was jerking itself around both sides of the slim-rib of plastic that was fully grown on top the organs recesses. Some of them were already filling the jars-filaments, already being inserted into the barrel-cannons from the other side of the room that were put into motion by the electrical arms, which were chained as well with rotating wheels that actioned one another to facilitate the motion. As clear as it was, this happened behind the panel, in the secret-room that was a

few meters away from where the repairman engineer was. The jerking eerily looking head on top of him, this mechanical thing no longer keeping itself in check, as it cackle-munched on its teeth, the lower side of the panel started reeling down, then left, revealing an almost pipe-welded as if by weld wires hollow-on the inside open region that stood there, emptily like the insides of a man, a frame, a skeleton, frozen in place, awaiting for something to be delivered, in the same way a ball would be thrown from across the room, the recess and the other side, as far as it was, an abyss that wasn't spoken or approached any longer. It was green-dust, below it. But it was also behind the empty frame.

Another board appeared to be taken and drawn back.

By now the siren had stopped and there was no trace of the strange figure that had been there a few moments before.

One of the eight heads started:

'You know this panel is extremely delicate, do you?

You realize that one mistake could mean shattering it completely; ruining it for every single one of us, do you?'

'I would've known if it weren't for you and your annoyance. It's, you're trying to make me drop my screw-capacitor drive aren't you? And my PFG-GH2, that's expensive, that's incredibly expensive. We're not getting anywhere, are we?'

'Not unless you want to break an ankle.'

After drawing close to it, he decided that there was no other opening that would work. It wasn't a straight sheet kind of panel, the second one, but one that had various sized openings, square-shaped that could be pulled, by force, until one of the greater tap-clicker receded back into position, out of too much stress being inflicted in the board. There was something of a total, yet immediate quick lock-down as soon as it happened. By no way could it work by itself. This dark self inflicting wound sharp tap being only the first thing to come out of every corner of the panel, clicking slightly as it was aimed towards itself during some kind of self instigation of leaping around his arm electrons that were there. It was a power-conductor and he didn't have the right gloves for the job.

A removable drawer-like box; that's what he was trying to pry open, slowly, yet adding enough controlled strength as to not allow it to reel back in, too quick a movement and he could've failed to take it back. It was the type a job a man would do when his life was on the landline.

'Careful, there's filaments, debris and.'

Amongst the stuffing, once the box was pulled out and set into place, rested a man, he could see him by the face, his shoulders being slightly exposed, while ruffling the rest of what he had on him on the ground.

A few jerking eerily standing ends came out of his gaping eyes. He spoke as thus, out of a long thin elongated fusion reactor coming out of his throat, which bore at the top of it, a lid-like dome with carved

in plus and line hole-depressions that adorned it, out of which a yellow-blue fiery smoke drew on, a welder's flame distracted him as he threw on a few bolts on his heat.

Undisturbed, he continued, having said nothing until the fully extension came into place, being fully made – erected past the eerily sounding voice-tapping that reached his head as well:

'I'm not going to put up with this treatment any longer, you need to, you need to leave this place before they do to you what they did to me, before we both end up in this terrible hole.'

The rigidity of the inner sphere-quadrant blooming region of the men's insides could not be seen, but it was quasi-empty as various organs appeared and disappeared as they were forming various organ-shaped ships which were delivered to the hollowness of the dark, almost empty universe, where eternal battle reigned supreme between dark-ships inside the head of the False-Martyr. A physical universe, not one that existed merely in his mind, since the Martyr was brainless, he had no brain, no cognitive device, but had an endless supply of beings slowly dictating what he thought or would do, the reign of control being won only by the rite of destruction, thus:

While the engineer was but busy dealing with the strange reactor and the weird ways in which it was mesmerizing him, taking away work time, which was needed to keep everything going, it went to say that, especially the hardest workers needed some leisure time to rewind. And whom else was harder worker than the machinist-engineer man whom alone was keeping all alive? The other heads being but an impediment to all work, damned they be. It wouldn't work.

A heart-textured but wagon shaped without the wheels attached to a planetoid with large, on the top spider legs contorted into mosquito-tubemouths aimed at the top. Like a potato-bodies with swirly legs, but a cargo in the back. Bearing a cannon-ray shaped like a scythe from which lines that then pushed down, aimed eighteen hundred thousand miles below, then to the entire span of its body. A few inflated wasplike growths in the back, on the flat thing, from which no stings could be seen. Jerking eerily after that; prisonbars standing in front of the meaty thing, before long the eerily dark metallic rims started pushing out but filthy flying bottled wings of dark teal-glowing electrons that followed.

His work was important. A lot of people's livelihood depended on it, just as their likes:

In the lower regions of the Stratum where they worked on the strangest of candle-waxed regions:

They spread in the same way deformed insecticide spread, while Wallboard seems to be cutting-working on the roof-cell for prevention, being accompanied by Jork, having connected the inner tubes that are completely set on the first acre-points on which the roofs were set, he couldn't actually understand and still doesn't, for that reason he's accompanied by his friend who is now cutting of a piece of a giant insect, lodged into the outer-trunk of the defile kind of rotating piece that grew on his back, Wallboard proceeding into hiding inside of it momentarily as the sky become a bluish hue of ultra-orange organ-protruding mass, leaving Jork alone, whom by the time he got out was already done on fixing the insecticide devolving machine with two heads which then housed them from the insect-pollution over the on-going span of eighteen concurrent months. They were indecisive, when it came to, asking themselves whether or not it was time to leave. Being afraid of going out, they resolved to warming inside their bodies inside the trunk, being elated by the sound produced by the obscurely sounding, nicely worn out of strange sandal-noise producer, as to walk on a wooden bridge while made of iron. Like sand sheets

dragging bags of coins, rubbing themselves together inside of them. Hardly a matter that needed to be explained; Jork enjoys domesticating wild beings that are sprout out of his head. Since his head it after all the arm span growth of a, then upwardly protruding at the back, lower body of a man slightly raised a few meters from where it's placed, like a horizontally flipped occipital bone, but as a hill, with a few faces on it, rotating, as a hat, put on top of his elongated head, malformed kind of growth. That was but a weird bloated clay-blimp with its back shoved upwards. Then a few features molded in, but they were invisible, as there were no faces but some strange dissatisfying to look at, strange antennae-bolts which rotated randomly and traveled like boats on top of an ocean.

‘Jork, who is that man you were talking to?’

‘He is no man, but he appears in my dreams, always. He’s trying to tell me something of the creatures that live inside my head. They all say things. They’re communicating yet at the same time, they are always silent, incapable of knowing what’s going on around the world at any time.

A wretch would know better than to listen to him, for he is one of them, yet I’m intrigued.’

‘May I meet this man of your dreams or one of the creatures that reside inside your head? Because I’ve been trying to communicate with the dark spirits inside my memory tubes ever since I had been visited by the many walls, whom had become my wings, my vision, it’s where they are stored in.’

‘And what is wrong with the wings?’

‘They speak as well, of an ancient, darker race they fear, like that of yours.’

‘What are you trying to tell me now?’

‘Don’t you know? There are no visions and no dreams, look around you, for a moment.’

Alas, Wallboard, he had done it, he removed a piece of dust and of smoke which had completely overtaken and drowned his senses for so long that he didn’t know what to do or what happened. They were in a glassy formation inside the pesticide defiles.

And the wings, and the fugitive figures which were shaped like eye-tail motions, while trying to stare at a few humanoid figures with a few spikes and outwardly facing large metallic set arms, while the watcher tried concentrating on the being as he shook his eyes left and right as fast as he could until the result was somewhat incomprehensible. Long legged as well, with long outwardly almost ivory meaty limbs that tried poking through their glass dome stopped.

‘Wretched be him, on the other side of the tunnel, he cannot be made to wait and toil for long, and who are you to call him yonder?’

‘I’m a, I’ve dreamed of something old and new and long before I even drew forth and as such, there was a magic lamp in which there was a strange skull with eighteen jewels across its forehead that stood the test of time.’

They were in a strange position, having been incubated for so long. At time the room they were in was glassy, a others, normal, decaying, always twisting as a reaction to their emotions, always but creeping in

the sockets for as long as there was a driving force feeding its inner-most corrupted silky dead conductors. It was never the same, but everything was damp, not because of it, but because both of them realized, after such a long period of watching, that the insects they've been killing for so long were the only ones that seemed to shed tears for their lost. It was such a strange sight. That at time, it felt as if the entire levels were changed because of them, because of their deaths, since there was no place for either insect to hide in. For nowhere to nest it; flying like globes and shattered sparks, while being forgotten. While the siren faded, as had their 'contamination' as they faded.

'I sometimes wish things were normal, don't you?

I sometimes wish I died down there on Earth, like my father. I wish I never witnessed like as it is here anymore.' While his hands were placed across his eyes, there was no glass surrounding either of them, and no way of knowing whether or not the lower regions have been spared at all, only this, both of them waiting for the pesticide to carry on with its effect, spreading across from end to end before it disappears.

It didn't matter. It wasn't an explanation. Not a single explanation that would make any sense. It was as if one insect, one of them was different, actually different, in that swarm of theirs. Made out of every single dead one, not put together; but it wasn't. Only one of them could see it, a red flare of a thing, threatening to melt a hulk in their ship. And when it did, if it did, neither of them would see it, nor know it happened, in front of their eyes, a gelatin ruby falling over, melting, mercury blubberingly dripping on his wrist. But only a pair saw what happened.

'I think it's bleeding.'

'What is?'

'The entire Stratum, no, I guess I was wrong after all Jork. We've done this, by accident, I think.'

Under the fallen over lights, whereas a single panel shone above them, as if abandoned, he could see it, the cut. Whether or not it was intentional didn't matter any longer. It was already done for.

Its legs are barely standing, moist as standing legs across an ocean puddle in the docks.

'This swarm of locusts makes a metal heathen of us all. What do we worship here?'

'Wallboard, I think you've spent too much time on the rocks, you've lost it.'

'I haven't, but you're not seeing it, you're simply not seeing what I am, what I.'

'It's all right, you don't have to explain a thing. I understand.'

'No, you don't, you just don't get it, you're never going to get it.'

A few more meters, away from the first eighteen hundred strapped in locusts, which had already been compiled into place, as if the main frame of the acid-gas that was being released in the lower levels spread mechanical implants the size of molecules that attached themselves to the insects appeared to have gained complete control over them, completely brainwashing them into believing they were in front of computer screens during a highly-advanced simulation that made them think they were incapable of altering reality by the mere flapping of their wings, proving once again that these godly beings were highly susceptible to

brain-washing as well as the bashing of the inner-flooring they were forced to complete one another's wills as they were forced to create a pseudo walking area in which, or on top of which their decaying room was forced to thread along. It was unnecessary to think otherwise, but some of the repairs that were happening were rather dumb-caught in their own disgustingly, hard to look at defilements, as the bodies that were being produced inside the hidden hive-rooms, of which lower sides were already bulblike, with long metallic armed shafts working below the crossable areas, on high-processing bands, while already in possession of a supremely altered corpse-dive, they started praying that they insects would not awaken.

Since the oozing point was circling in place. Oozing with a shaking, shook-and quake-like tremor that resonated with every living atom it came across once it started pulsating again.

Deformedly they started shaking as well, some of the lesser-organs, of just about every massing holy man below, who stood upon the altered panels, whom looked upon them as if they were their own.

'Listen to the call of what comes after as you may come to understand that there might be no chance to draw after the bodies grow.

And they shall fill every lively place with those that shall walk on their embryonic faces, having decoyed their real hidden ones inside guts of their makings, that's how you kill them, that's how you put an end to them. In order to completely destroy them, you need to utterly crush their guts, for that is where they nastily hide. You must understand this by now, seeing how we are basically the same being, only, that, we're projected into different worlds, as I'm only seeing this as right as possible. I think there's still a chance either one of us might make it alive, if you sit, still, in your place and wait for the fourth one to come.'

'Is there another, dear Medical Uparong?'

'Yes, projection of Uparong, there's a fourth Uparong waiting for the right moment to show himself just so he might save both of us from this conundrum we've forced ourselves into. You see now, the more we wait, the stronger we become, despite appearing counter-intuitive.'

'How do I know you're not trying to trick me, so I end up being starved out?'

'You're not even, you're my reflection, there's no device behind you.'

He pulled out the cabinet, only to confirm it, his suspicions beyond correct. A few tubes of toothpaste, a few old crèmes, and some strange little toy-soldiers who have their heads burnt in, but no wires or anything. He expected the wires, he dreamed of them. An empty cabinet with two wires taped to the window, meaning that he was actually talking to a simulation, to an A.I. But no, he wasn't.

'What are you trying to do to me? Are you insane, are you trying to drive me to a schizophrenic fit? It won't work, it won't work at all, I'm far too smart for that, you must remember, I'm one of the elite medial units.

I've injected myself with Polyshic Sprays, I've made a funnel of nets, I managed to convert every single drop into a highly injectable jelly. I am cured of all madness that may be to come.'

'Yet you're still talking to me, aren't you? And you check it yourself, there's nothing here, is there?'

You're imagining me. There's nothing in there either, is there?'

'Wouldn't you know?'

'Aren't you smart enough to make it seem like I wouldn't?'

'That is unfair, that's not. You're a liar, a damn liar and I know it, I do not fear no insect, I do not fear reality being changed, I'm in control of every single thing and if I will it.'

He disappeared. Unluckily a few more thousand Medics were in the same conundrum. All locked outside their rooms, in these strangely mobile rooms that were being brought from location to location in order to treat as many people as possible. The alternative was much worse, and it was something neither one of them wanted to deal with.

Some had. People were left to die, forced to, in order to cull the numbers, some were even butchered by the looks of it and there was no possible way any of them could account for it or make it any better. No one's passing meant anything for them. Animals, they are animals, and are to be treated by animals. A recurrent thought by the sounds of it that would never ever go away, nor should it, because if it did:

'There's an overwhelming number of people inside the Stratum, many of whom do not deserve to survive, or at the very least have been deemed unlikely to be allowed to do so. Since they're all morbidly, wrong, deemed to be so by so many stats and so many cuts we've been forced to take, on the basis of previously observed behavior.

Unfortunately for either one of us, there's but little chance for any of them making through to another Stratum, for, if that were the case.'

No one has been alerted just yet, no one was being told of what was happening alongside the inter-connected channels they all seemed to share with one another, nor would they be allowed to do it, as such. The voice was still mechanical in nature, but it could be a filter, that's how they all seemed to work nowadays. All screens, fake faces; all intercoms, fake voices, no one was to be found. No one was to glow or get away from this anonymity which reigned upon all of them.

'Disgusting, disgusting, disgusting, it's all too disgusting how so many slobbering pigs are allowed to grow in fat while we're forced to treat them. I cannot deal with this any longer, I have to slaughter as many of them as possible before they find out that I've been poisoning their supplies.'

Food was being brought in condensed, ocean-sweeping creature like legs of some prosthetics like dead dogs being carried by the head, with food-boxes instead the head. It even looked like a dead animal in which it had been lodged in.

'All because the architect had an obsession with a dead dog, eaten from inside his gut, he could never move on from those maggots he saw eating it. From inside out.

It is clear that he had become mad and had been spreading, had been spreading propaganda for the longest period of time anyone could be aware of.

He had considered killing the beast and the leeches at the same time, destroying them all just because of this ideology which had marked him as a child. What is there for this man, Oliver, whom had doomed us all to face this on-going Ragnarok that's threatening to consume us all? Is there even such an end to the suffering we'll be forced to endure afterwards? Because I see none.'

Voices listened, hence the men.

It came from four adjacent pillars that looked like stacked-on top of one another old monitors that were actually servers, with many of them having wires and Morse code like devices pinning and moving, with humanoid molded hands forming a crown on top. It was not a living device. It was not a machine at all. There was nothing inside of it, although it seemed animated for some reason. Only some piece of ancient junk. Rotten and textured to look as if it had fallen several times while filling itself with constant decay and niggerish-looking bulbs that were ingrained in it. And many maws but here and there appearing to appease the godly figures that were lodged inside, but not many people could see what was going there, only now and then when they would be, temporarily forced to be blind. As to what was happening inside of it would elevate anyone to the ration that was the remote-looking tomb of fore flying men lodged together with large legs that moved at an unfathomable speed as if the creature was actually a toy soldier that was being moved by the hands of a man, as quickly as possible, being wrapped around its waist, trying himself as it pushed along to scare a bunch of ants, inside the misty area they were lodged in. The mist covering the middle alter-like, it wasn't an altar, but it was as such, as to worship it because they couldn't understand how it got there to begin with.

Being placed even lower than the strange almost wheel corpses like formations that were worshipped by a different group, these two strange abstract objects but taunting one another for no reason at all, other to spread the thought of a malignant kind of decay.

They were not kept in chains for some reason, or at the very least didn't show any sign, whatsoever or dragging themselves along, not for too much, nor were they actioned like pre-designs.

An inner-locust plight, he thought. Although an insectoid creature whose face did not fit the ranks, would it seem unlikely, as to have been. One of them should've known there was something off.

There is a ruse deeply implanted, in every mind of theirs, as such. Would anyone had found the insects standing, if they had seen them from afar? It was at times that they thought themselves more human than anyone who was inside the crew. As a matter of fact they stood but pacing after, little more than understood:

'And whom would survive without them if such was it the day after, what came, back and forth before it followed?'

For fifteen minutes they were watching.

It was a dire moment, when to be, as such, left alone.

Egg-shell shaped white heads, brokenly bearing their metal rods, pumping in their brains as follows. Red lightning stroke them up their jolts.

'There won't be a night to follow after, not one if we're left this way.'

‘What do you suppose we should do in this case, Lankor?’

‘There’s one thing. But our leaders have other plans, do they not?’

‘It’s getting more and more dangerous, talking. We can’t be seen together any longer, not after what was said between the two of us. Humanity has devolved beyond reason. And we’re not here to stay.’

‘Who is to come after us in that case?’

The more of them gathered in a place, the more would the figure of a human be made. It was as if they made him, out of as many of them, flocking together in one place. Disgraceful as it were, there was no time to spare any longer. For every single them gathered about and floated, then, on mark but dispersed. Not a single body could be made or would be allowed to be. Not too cruel now, but neither one missed it.

‘We’re but being listened to, right now.’

‘By whom?’

‘Various parties, they want us to think we’re insects, that we’re beneath them, when we know better, don’t we?’

‘Of course we do, how else would we have gotten this far? It wasn’t easy, nor will it ever be from this point on.’

‘There are peasants in the north, they’re flies. They speak of another world where they’re governed over by a king, as such.’

‘Liars, all of them, there can be no world inhabited by such, not even the slightest and most formidable of foes would remembered what happened, and would wait as thus.’

Their likes do not belong in this civilized world, they do not flock together and only seek to bolden their likes and drag us down, as they draw forth.’

‘What is there to be in that case?’

‘You needn’t see any other thing today. There’s only one thing left, we have to spread whatever disease we can among their larvae, as such, we may ensure there’s a generation that may survive after, that being ours and ours along might avail over these dark times. That wait ahead, there’s so much more we can do, if only we were to sacrifice some of them, it’s the only humane thing left for us.’

Much of the delusions being stuck between the flies and humans, but neither of them knew what it was like, between each side, berated; there could be no avoidance to the conflict, as to be elated, when news drew forth. A few victims had taken precedence as to spread the word.

While it happened, from what could be gathered. The crystal was but shattered on the side, it suffer an impact that would not undo itself as to shed every slimmer and every fragment there was of it. No broken wings left being, nothing of it or its kind would deny the existence of the oozing thing that was besides it. That rested by its side. That ball, that sphere which, in itself served as a reminder and nothing more, unlike anything that’s been left behind. It was rather, desperate as to say.

‘Crystals are gathered from there.’

A lonesome man said so, lonesome place across the Stratum.

It was strange, how they simply allowed it to exist like that, without aiming the inner reservoirs at it. Since they were loaded with protoplasmic cover-crumbs, they had dwelled onto it for a bit too long for any liking to take place.

‘I’ve seen it happen long ago, I don’t know what they’re feeding these crystals before, but even before the launch and the recess, I think.

There were many like them around the launch-area, always flying in pairs, always glowing disturbingly so, with images from the past, only the men slaughtered, might I add, they wanted to remind us of what happened to the men who stare for too long.’

‘Calm down Johnson-Ore. I believe you.’

‘You don’t sir, you’re not listening to a word I’m saying. How could you? After everything I told you, despite all of my warnings, you’re still looking at it as if it’s God’s given gift to our stations.’

‘And is it not?’

‘Have you not given any thought to what I said?’

‘To some, alleged frightening images, is that what you want me to be focused on, son? I think I’d rather not focus on that if it can be avoided, no offense, but I would much rather avoid it in its entirety. I’m afraid. Of the past day, of this one, of what follows after, someone could look in the wrong direction and accidentally wink at her.

Brush past the console, and slip a toe on the wrong side of the command line, a tool, a fool, and an alleged mistake that, what does it end into? Launching a fully fledged attack, straight at it, without even the slightest hint of a second thought being given, that is impermissible, and I think you know what that means.

An attack against the enemy, there should be no doubt about certainty, that is to say, it’s only to be done while fully knowing and being aware of our chances of success. Go on a limp against an enemy you don’t know anything about, lest a man tells you of some strange tails regarding the way in which this thing is supposed to carry on its ordeals while being watched?

That tells me more about you than you’d ever think I’d get out of you in either one of us’ best days. I think you’re wrong, kid. Your intentions are up there, but your body hasn’t caught up yet. And I think you know what happens to smart kids who blabber too much, don’t you?’

‘They get shot sir.’

‘Good kid, and you know what that means, as well, if we were to attack an enemy like that, out in the open there, with that thing in line as well.’

‘The results could be, avoided.’

‘Rest assured kid that I’m not holding a grudge against you while telling you this. You’re not going to prove anything, to anyone in regards to anything at all. I’m going to have to arm you and put you in charge for that reason.’

‘I beg your pardon sir?’

‘This entire conversation has been entirely recorded and pre-planned, Ore. You should’ve known it by now. Only slight openings, a variation of a few commands are reactionary as to implement a few almost impulsive set of carefully chosen words and lines are meant to give you the impression that I am real, and not a machine that’s been programmed to deliver to you these exact words.

Otherwise, who knows what might’ve happened if you were off your rocks as I was telling you all this.’

‘What do you mean sir?’

‘You need to be immersed, as immersed as possible in order to get completely brainwashed, otherwise, you could lose whatever set of neurons are left inside your brain. If that happens, I’m direly afraid of the future of the people who are working for the stability as to secure a future for the future generations. Most of them haven’t been implanted yet, though, you may rest assured with this.

I made sure that you’re let known that you will do, and you would’ve done nothing if you were and are given as much as a single word of your failure to preserve life on the Stratum since you’re incapable of doing anything right. You are a failure. Incapable of doing anything right, by no means is it possible for you to actually go on, through, with whatever you may’ve set yourself in mind, to do. By all means, even if you were to try, and I can say this, with as much confidence as well as I’ve had, the pleasure of, while recording this, that you could not, even if you tried, killed everyone on the Stratum. Or, on the contrary save them.

Either way, you will achieve nothing. For that, you were chosen to take the place as the Chief-in-charge for the time being over the main-command, visible-facility tendon of the main-tower of watch, inside the Stratum. You are in control of absolutely no function. Even the surveillance system is frozenly static. You have no control over it, you may not leave the room and.’

‘What of everything I said, but what of those observations I told you about?’

‘You are an imbecile and you have been speaking to no one, at all, over the last consecutive past five years. There were a lot of recordings here, all but taped, and worked on. A lot of editing also happened.’

‘Sounds like a lot of hard work went into it just for. How is this even possible then? I don’t understand how you managed to also sound as if, it’s all so natural, and all, was it updated?’

‘Time’s running short and there’s one thing that we know.

We’ve read your private files, everything’s been accounted for, and we already observed the tendency the crystals have, of showing these, images.’

What else could they be?

It was a twisted world where it came out of. That blasted thing. From the looks of it, this glowing eye-candy opened up, revealing an almost cock-pit inside. Just as Clarisse wanted; ho, the mentality of women, children being lured in, nothing could be as easier as that, as it happened for her to step in.

It's a tendency of kidnapping them, little babies threading along, being incapable of looking anywhere else, because of their mental derangements, caused for and by, and by, whatever reason there is.

'Do not pay yourself any mind as to overthink it.'

Crystals as they were, these giant things were cartilage, akin as well, spinning around one another in most joyous patches of floating rays, jerking eely, skin-like fleshy, across but space-vales, as if placed in wild weird dimensions, galaxy-universes banded together. Oozing with flashy things, the dark, drawing in and out, and then about the hour, they stopped and spat out whatever they had eaten, and whatever they had made.

Large formations that drew in and out and walked away:

'A first toast for the gravitational mold we made.'

A chunk of the stone in its brain, but looked like her, Clarisse the dame, below the waist but, awkward angle. Many limbs crawling along, unstable, all too wrong, she carried along, when time was told.

'We have sent you here, during such a hard time.'

It's not something we'd like to paint you with, so we have give you a mind of your own, for the time being you should not experience any kind of pain, at the very least not until you come into contact with him again.'

'Who?'

Clarisse asked, but it was too late, he already lost one.

'I was looking for a dame to keep me company, a secretary if you wouldn't mind. I'd like to have you now and at any time I want it, please, just step in line.'

What a dire mess, again, it seemed, but Gurney started inspecting her, long before and rightfully after, she would be alone, left at peace.

'I see the image of a.'

He stopped talking, bloated from inside the mouth, he was choking on the floor and shaking, violently, trying to get himself out of it.

'A seizure, he's suffering of a violent seizure, someone help him, please, someone, anyone, please, help him. I don't want to experience this, I don't want to, please, take me away.'

Plainly said, or seen, she was ignored, no one wanted to accommodate to her or to her needs at all, it would be dangerous otherwise, things could happen if only she looked too, unwashed or blindly, as she were, her head was jerked in wrong. Within the hour they brought her back.

‘You must realize by now that we can do whatever we wish, with you at least, we made you.’

‘Was I eaten?’

‘He did.’ Crystal-Y said. It stood next to Crystal-Eightfive whom looked at her with solemn eyes that looked somewhat familiar, too familiar for her to do a thing about it, she could not understand why, always swallowing before she could try, daringly to put a word in.

‘There are demons in the sky right now, we took their heads and we replaced them with dead-crystal that glow on the opposite end of shade-like colors, all put together and incapable of drawing along the power needed to make the power arcs we need in order to create the pulverizer we need to put to our employ in order to pierce a piece of the sky.

That is important, not this sky, as there is no sky here, but the other. We’ve lost ourselves in it, long before it even occurred to us that we could use creatures like you.’

‘Why me?’

‘You were a special girl we managed to lure in, because you, like every other female creature of that planet are not as intelligent as you’d like to think yourselves as. There’s no cure for you and you would never understand what it is that drags you back into that unnatural state of yours that may never be forgiven, even if you were to somehow evolve at all, there’s no possibility whatsoever. Only the complete destruction followed by the concurrent replacement of your cortex might make it so you have a chance to evolve past this criminal-like insult that is your cognition.’

‘Is that why you’re torturing me? Because I was born mentally disabled.’

Another crystal chimed in, as to answer her.

‘No, that is the fate of all women and of all females, of every species, when offered the greater frame of comparison, with men.

As you’d or should know. We’ve actually spared you and your form of a lifetime of mediocrity and supreme bastardly whoredom you were destined to devolve into. Your curse would never and could never come to an end.’

It was a necessary flow of neurocordial fluid that were spawned in her mind.

‘You will be returned to the place we took you from.’

‘Am I to be freed?’

‘Not at all, not even for a second, don’t even think there’s a chance we’ll let you go that easy, as a matter of fact, you’re to return and take care of the other spawns that do not belong to you, as this abomination you’ve become, forever, never seen as human ever again, and from this point on, neither one of the human children will see you as anything else but the monster you are. And they shall be scarred for live and abused, to suffer of trauma forever and never give an inch of a mind as to why or what this change had been for.’

Her returned was clearly felt.

It's a short life, it most definitely is. For the last, time:

'I told you, eight heads, you need to allow me to continue my work, otherwise I will become a slacker and that isn't something I like, that's not a path I'd like to cross any time soon.

You know what happens when you do.'

'How about you pull one out?'

What was it with Karl Jung and why was he thinking of him now? Bubbly thing, he died young, or he might've forgotten to breathe, the lower side. A few piston-pipe hybridforms, dragging him along with the obtained strength of a gorilla, although it may've been attached to his gut, out of this object poured a few strange out-of-the-shells' as if a deep-sea crab was forcing him to move. He was hanging in the air, inside his house. Talking to the weird bath-soap sniffer's throat's mouth, which opened, point, there was a horn. With stacked upon winged shapes that all bore being of their own, etched, as to be buried inside their coffins.

Therefore they attended the room.

It looked dusty, in some way, but cozy-lighted, wooden-plump.

There were times when one like him would've found himself nowhere near, absolutely nowhere near a screwdriver, since it was an obsolete tool after all. Yet it was quaint, its quality, assuredly, impersonal, queerly in some manner.

'I'm supposed to be using this?'

'You are, if you want to stand a chance at making the needed adjustments necessary to remove the buckle off.'

'It's wrapped in tightly, I don't know how this happened, it's just in there, around his temples, like a band.'

'Jung.' His voice, from inside the panel-drawer said.

Sometimes it seems like he's been sitting in that chair forever, nastily grouping straws from one side of his apartment to the other, just so he could end up throwing even more of them in the fire, alongside the other gyroscope devices he kept around. To his right, the wall receded back and forth, then became a ledge. Revealing, upon being so-thoroughly depressed, an almost panoramic side of the sea; which was to say part of it was nicked in a few formations of ice that were clandestine, way before they even drew forth on their run. It was an immediate thing, the first breaking, shattering and the open-forth crack that came out of one of the closest one near to his high-ledged apartment, or at least this crack was the only one that came into view, out of the hundreds of them that were already ice-picked in. A few iron-corded ropes drawn along, and it seemed like a few wrought-stove burnt-people were already hiking downwards towards one of the drawing forth Sea-guard docks they dragged along. Chains rustled and he could see the result, when the ropes were lowered just close enough for the men on the ship to grab a hold of them,

tying them around the chains, growing eight-few people at a time in, welded in-bubbles of inflated iron. That's to say, they appeared. But not a single man asked about them, as they were focused on the descending figures, being too busily concerned about their safety more than anything else. To notice the connectors, stabilizers, or whatever they were called. Locker-wombs, chain and rope were become their children, although they were rather egg-shell half-struck in the process of being bred out of these wild iron formations of alloy and children of Iron-ice. Adding to the tip of the Iceberg, an iron-bold wrapped in, melted-half way through by the looks of it, no matter, it was irrelevant where they were coming from, or out of. Their safety was a concern of theirs.

Jung started pinning them down in his notes. Strange beings as they were, elongated legs upon reaching the flat-surface of the ship-balcony, whereas the building-side, which was embed in the Sea-guard ship, appeared to lower as downward as it possibly could, almost coming in terms of imitating the side of a submarine's visor, though the ship stopped frolicking about, since another one stood next to it, with another large landing imitative platform adjacent next to it. Bizarre in some manner, two precisely copied perfects, with the exception of that standing, almost floatingly above the sea level platform that didn't even appeared to be attached to the ship itself. As a matter of fact it seemed, rather, imploringly broken. It begged for it. At times, and they spent a few days, might it be added, trying to move these people from platform to platform, it seemed like the platform jerked the entire world into shaking eight-sides black color-blue pops of light-black-red, with flashing tendons in the sky, all coming from a spiraling eye of the storm produced out of a reverse funnel of lightning whips coming out the platform itself. Whereas these whipped lightning were but solid, rooted beneath the very ledge, planted inside the sea as well, spreading along every single living thing and just about every possible place it could latch itself onto. But only if he stared, which he did, repeatedly so, in order to give birth to as many sketches as possible as to avoid ever being repudiated as to affirm, as further proof, as to attest to what he's seen.

A knock came on the door.

But neither of them was leaving anywhere.

'Who's there?'

First knock yearn the cock of a trigger, he held the hand canon to his right side, underneath the finely perfumed scarf with blossomy kiss marks etched around its grinded rims, left to him by a witty black-eyed bimbo-tramp he's used fifteen minutes ago before she packed up and left with her husband, the Morgue, where she got incinerated alive, alongside the road, as her husband was upgraded to a Stove.

'I am the iron-melted little Cyparin, don't shoot, I've come to talk!'

'How did you find out that I'm armed?'

'I was able to smell it a mile away from here.'

They were not even looking as well-as-they were, before and prior to entering the pivot-Emerger, the Anthillokph Kenyrer, that appeared, in the back.

As he opened his arms, fallen on the ground, in part, like a shadow, but being still; as he was still standing on two legs, but part, in part, on the ground, and within, himself. As he was projected but it was more of a

balloon-shadow, filled with girthy meat that protruded out, he wasted not a second, as he began conjuring, with four united hands, which were like plain kite-cords, attached, in one another, bastardly emanating, power, never ending.

A fix for every mallworking dark machine would be wretched in itself since so many of them are undeserving of the mad-starvation carried on by the engineer who allowed this to happen to them.

Most of them, livid as they were wretched in the most, disgustingly deformed prime-manner, open in the gut, they revealed. An appeal only to an insectoid-like upheaval, they carried their ranks, of metal dust, in which they grinded lusty-lust filled broken pots in which they swam and would swim, if allowed to continue.

‘There’s a depression in every single, hard-to look at or to stare at, five or so meters I see that he failed meeting the standards imposed by the Stratum during the first depreciation of the human blood.’

The dance of the Engineers

For many of them were gathered below the decks, in a place neither of them could be hurt by the shrapnel caused by the over-burdened, pressured by electrical arcs, and by forced thrown around, bounced around the walls lightning, long-enamored conduits dancing while the show unfolding, the crowd emerging, as the scientists were acting like disturbingly distraught by what was happening during the experimental demonstration, off their seats they leaped and played with stars of light, of whose whips of reddened sapphire crackled casket, brought onto them by children of power being formed, floatingly around each side of the center of gravitational pull they were drawn onto, being killed one by one, their blasphemous screams and shouts only served as a galvanizing mask of ever-obscuring echoing of close-to-lightning bolts resembling voices, that in turn made the room above the engineers sound like high-voltage echo-chambers. Where a bunch of scientists kept shouting niggers, but made of lightning; white cracklers, the niggamonkeys referred to them. As they resumed their rain dance.

But niggers aren’t engineers; instead, niggers are locked in boxes, not even in cages, as transport has yet to carry them from one side of the platform to the other.

Below decks, electrical engineers and machine-mutineers gathered around, a solemn device-man. With horns was teaching, inside the classroom, the means of ovary-extraction, from inside the body of a woman. He was called a device-man because the device he used on women was his fingers.

The class was just readying itself for another ‘session’.

‘Wait, no, you know what? Today, it’s going to be different since I am in a bad mood.

I am going to teach you how to punch a pussy.’

As soon as he was done talking, the MR. Doortart started punching the pussy. The cast that was in front of him, completely beaten to a fault; he turned his gaze towards everyone present in the class and told them:

‘Start punching those pussies. Keep pounding those pussies until I tell you to stop!’

And they listened, immediately pounding those pussies with their strong fists. No sweat.

‘Under normal circumstances, these pussies would be wet.

But now, they are dry, so you’d better get used to it. While we’re at it, I must draw attention to the fact that my piano’s broken and we’re holding a fundraiser, in-class, because I can’t afford to repair it.’

He pounded that piano almost as hard as he pounded this pussy but with his fingers instead of his fist.

‘Well, whatever. I feel as if there’s a reason you’re all here, I think, and that’s not because of my insipid rambled or anything, since, you know.

There’s plenty coming from up there, with the noise machine and all.

But, I truly think that, me, and my daughter, Clarisse were put here for a reason; she’s my wife, after all. And in some way;’ His real name was changed for safety reasons; he could truly be hurt if they found out his real name. The dark shadowy smalps, whose heads are circles-flat of revolver cartridges, but eyes for all six of the bullet-holders. At the very least their heads are still rotating in the same manner, as if constantly spun by invisible giant hands. Caught in a never ending cycle of nausea; while being incapable of puking over themselves, they’re stuck that way. But are not flat and can’t walk on walls. Humanoids, but with cardboard-thin flat heads that spin, like projections of full moons; they judge the people, and would judge him if they knew his real name as well.

Since, it was clear enough, he lacked in the one thing that could drive them away. That being, a certain object. Like a stick that opened, with a dome holding a most strange a hardened substance that would banish them immediately if they were forced to come into contact with it.

‘Well enough, well done.’

Said the Robot to the Engineer, who was wearing four globe-gods around his elongated eight-giant diced head, now, four for every single one of them that is, thirty two squirming figures, all dancing around their heads. Not a single one of them heading, what happened? He asked again.

Somewhere, planted in the lower halls, they were speaking to dead people with two lepers, around their backs.

‘Where are you carrying them?’

‘Out of this well, our tunnel, this is, forward.’

‘Where to?’

‘Nearer to that farther end, we should make sure no one’s listening, partly because they’re trying something up there.’

No one was speaking. No one had been speaking for a sparkling fifteen minutes, where time continued flowing, undisturbed. They were sad for unexpected reason. Almost, seemingly depressed onto one another’s shoulders, standing stacked, like pilots against cockpits, but having threaded along for too long, knowing it was all too bothersome to continue, since no one was listening to them any longer. A crowd of chargers, bull-fighters, and runners met by walls; who had been doing this for too long, and there was still nothing to reach, despite the pitcher of light that spilled in.

‘Think we may, get there?’

‘Don’t know, don’t care any longer, most of them waste away. One by one, carcasses by each other’s sides, there’s not a single man in here, nor there that might’ve chosen anything else, if they had known it. And that’s what saddens me most.’

Knowing that, they would perish alongside one another, since most of their kin are also here. It’s this loyalty, this bond. They’re not running. They’re stuck to each other, even while they’re rotting. Not a single perfidious liar, not a single one that’s mean. Not a beady thing, to play with.’

The chief engineer worker whose back was eight bulky hedges opened his giant ‘portable’ stank bug with inside of it hidden fur-filled people-sizzles that hid the great cutting edges that would implant themselves in his hand, as to cut through him, carving their way out, therefore granting, by grating, him, immunity to being cut furthermore by it, in an attempt to prevent his mental stagnation and body degradation as he would only be completely slaughtered after unless he did it. Being an incessantly devouring drug-like blood it’d get the taste of, he would be spared.

Immediately after, he’s gone through the ritual, frozen in place, as his sweaty palms through which it cut fell upon one another.

‘Eah, it’s wasted.’

Powered off, useless, just like everything else. It left an ugly hole-in hand. A puzzle missing piece, and red. Was the spot below.

What they were trying to do down there, somewhere, was, forge twenty puddle-hardened shaped large headed with eighteen mighty eye-visors charged with electronic devices that were floating around them in weird-set trajectories and peculiar rotations, with strange electron-muncher chargers that pointed at weird contorted reflections, set against the ceiling that upon being struck created chain reactions that would bounce, bearing the being into existence, the one named as Thuff-Lyiethe, who’d stare at it for a few minutes, imbuing it with strange-power struck dynamic hard-cradles forming the outer-cartilage mass-drawer, headless eater, horned, mass that would finally give birth to a purely deformed Anaghast, or eight split heads, of sixteen greater horn-framed visors; but only that, plump and one-bodied devolving into one great tail, one month fetus-beady growths attached to one another, on a line, on a coil with great, peculiar horn-like spinning drills that glow, being surrounded by puckery formations of vapor-lined, veins-as-if-drawn from inside people’s arms, but made of energy. Being extracted from it; already were there eight of these specimens, put in giant jar-tubes, surrounded by rubber-sticker devices, slowly extracting their

power, feeding the four great rotating, inside a pit, in the mid-center of the room that was placed near the great-generator piece, as well as the pump-maker, that being a printer-like frame with a giant dome on top of it, with many holes that bore a lot of piston-like pumps that were organically grown, but slowly changed into solidified manner. And the room was filled with junk, around every panel, frame and weird device that was thrown around the floor, which was dirty. A door lay open, leading to a peculiar distillery where tall armless 'humanoids' whose faced'heads were like niggerlyps, and their innards were hard-joints like pike-blades with hooks- bone cartilage workers, as they worked in tandem with their projects. Vomiting a living chemical that helped with the distillery of the embroidered into solid-materials and solid-objects, chemicals, like glowing blue-teal cold tubes that were used to cool down some of the machinery they worked in, as to ease the suffering of the beings the energy was being extracted from. And these slaves were walking on 'feet-rails', pseudo-wheels but with pint-on-the ground lifting mold-on motions following them ever-after. As if melting constantly, or they stepped on large masses of organic bubble-gum, dastardly trying to get them off their 'shoes', or pizza slices being ripped off the ground. They constantly bled because of their organs, themselves. And the ceiling, on top had giant cut-outs of faces that were constantly smiling, but weren't animated, instead, it was the upper wing causing it.

Yet, there, right there, pointed at by a dead arm:

The great architect began working on the hull of the ship. His higher ups already devised a great go-to plan as to the materials they would use to build it. They would make the ship out of Wests, the entirety of it, of them. A lot of people, a lot of buildings, a lot of art, a lot of history, all welded, sutured in. Part of the ships' side was Mona Lisa, Abraham Lincoln, guns, Christianity, so on and so forth, all, finely put together. Nicely made, pointing at the ground as well, where the wretched creature stood yonder, forth it drew near, as such, and after, it began opening its mouth as well, no longer waiting for something to be said:

'Am I to be left in?'

'Who are you supposed to be? '

'Manno Filthde, I have come to draw near, out of wild attention, as it were, had I come any sooner, you'd have seen me merge with your ship, which now lays broken upon the shatteringly clingly, calmingly as to approach the damned soul that are taken from the broken verge of rotten. Your ship is ruined, filled with silk-turbine liquids that agape no one.

Your workers are all dead, and many of them are so-thoroughly and bothersomly rotten, that I would hope you'd rethink your stance, will you allow me to follow through and head back in. Inside?'

'What have you done to them, to this world and sight?'

For he had pointed forth, where part of the ship and the ground and the people, all brokenly lain, stood, side-by-side and, open-mouthed as they were, thoroughly rotten, bastardly aware that there was no way to get off easily. Since they weren't entirely dead, squirming in place and quailing, perhaps, but in a state where many of them were brought to beg in order to be put down, for a saddening butchering atop their head-tops, side-glanced temples, brought, down upon them, heaving, again, up and ascending then death-dealing slits to be made as well. Burnt like corpses, mouths came out. Other growth-protrusions, to be bastardly lynched if that's what it came to, and lost about, plant-like spear sharp but coiled about with

many trying to get out, as these were spear-thing cages, morbidly aerial gaseous gelatin gibbous askers for redemption. Whom were lost in inattention. Many-mouth-puckered, came forth.

‘You allowed for us to be killed and tortured, will you not step from where you are, from where you’ve been?’

‘I am not responsible for any of it, for any of this, leave!’ Bastardly, but so much so; litanous for a cause that was yet to be foretold, he pulled out a revolver.

‘Chief Architect Ruzzaha, lower your arms, it is not worth it. Try as you might and you will be put down in a most remorseless manner!’

He had dreamed machines, machines that would help the Stratum, that would save it from the dark future from which the Chief Architect saw to. There was a chance, a most terrible chance that all would be swallowed into darkness and destroyed and left through such things that would not only bring unrest but threatened to fall over, sinking in the dark sea, being swallowed entirely. Naught to see, but humanity’s chance to ascent:

‘The prison, the prison, beware of the crystal, instead.’

Its sun-tanned glow emerged and grasped, it spread about like worms crawling about, carpets of the sky, most dreadful, they want her. They want to have their way with her, that little disgusting –wants-me- slut, Clarisse, was her name.

Her steward being next to her, a shady fellow who made sure she did not harm herself, it was just that way with some women, sometimes, they would all, just do some things that would make every single one of them lose an eye, when unneeded.

‘A most reproachful choice, I see, is there no clear reason why you chose the thing in front of you?’

‘I don’t know, it’s been so close to my heart’s content, I could’ve chosen something, but now, I feel as if I lost it. The channel, the channel, and all of these children that are brought to me; I feel weary, almost as much as I feel tired with the world.’

‘There’s just something that won’t happen as long as you try to rise in a place that has no hope.’

‘Will you keep me company? Will you hold my hand?’

But all of the sudden, this steward simply slapped her cheek bloodily before she even had her chance to say a thing, to mutter in the same way anyone might’ve allowed it.’

‘Don’t you even open your filthy mouth again, you dumb slut.’

‘I’m sorry, apologize.’

But it was too late, as he had already disappeared from sight. Without a trace, but that was unimportant, for it had gotten much worse than before as well.

One of the panels wasn't working, it had eight divine shaped creatures sculpted in them, with their heads pointing down at the board they were put it, chewing pieces of it off with their indignant skulls. There was clearly someone in. This time around:

Fourth-head:

'You must be weary of what's going on in here, mustn't you? There's something extremely dangerous about them. Every single man could stand to die if this breaks apart. Don't forget that's it's connected to the main-rube, which is, even now, shaking with frustration, there's something extremely wrong in it. Furnished with some blood-liquor, no, something even worse.'

First-head:

'Do not turn towards them, I think I have finally come to confirm what's been happening. Some of the "Scattered" found themselves growing in, moving slowly, advancing before there's even been a chance to lend something onto it.'

'What did?'

'They keep finding themselves out of their cages, even though the alarms ought to have scared them off. Back-in, I say, go, retreat! But they do not seem to listen.'

Third-head:

'Give them time, for time alone shall see that every single one of them will leave the Stratum, one way or another, be it by brute force or by the need of amalgamation, it will happen one day, and when it does, there shall not be a single sufferer to be seen on deck.

You need to realize that it is them, these figures are the cause for all that is worse in the world, they are the engines of decay that will destroy us, if we lend onto them what ought not to have been given onto us.'

All eight of the heads cackled, in a most obtuse, incessant manner.

The Eight of the heads was mightily set on trying to rouse suspicion? Was he? It is hard to tell at this point in time, since he's been completely absorbed in the consciousness of the others, making, turning, churning in place as he's become indistinguishable from the others, at the very least in appearance and fraction of the mind. The rest was yet to be judged:

'Turn around, engineer, and look at him for a moment, you know that you want to.'

'Why should I trust you, something harmful could lend onto me some purgery of blood, a cut at the very least, out of which I wouldn't recover from.'

'That sounds nihilistically mirific, addendage of limbs, you must listen and force yourself to please me with a bow, now.'

'I'm not going to be ordered around.'

‘Then, perhaps I will start yelling at one of them, in unison with my brothers, and we shall call upon one of them to harm you as to make it stop.’

‘And you’ll die with me during the process.’

There was a lot to absorb after all.

One of these sufferers was wicked looking, tall. With a molded soft, firm, head that stood like a potato but in the shape of a lizard’s skull pointing at the ceiling, while being dead. Its mouth sutured, eye-socketless by design; three big pus-boils grown out like skin-tags resting by its left side, beneath which a giant incisor-toothy horn, rested on top of a throat that was a rectangular box which held all the meat from falling apart. A child-shaped baby-infantile growth rested conjoinedly on the front, with two eyes, rather Acadian-like, with a puckery mouth filled with elongated dark spider-legs drawing out of it. They were rather humanoid with the exception of these heads, that without a doubt opened, releasing splatters around and everywhere. But there was another thing he carried on him. Straight out of its throat as if it had come out of back, a long reedy-pipe shaft, bore, all the way in the back, a giant puckery pumping cyst-like lung-a-breather, tingeing growth it appeared attached to.

There was another thing that stood apart, despite their proud human physiognomy, that being, their split of hands, the right arm having become akin to a cobra whose two giant fattened arm-wide incisors, in this case had sprouted a second peculiar, two-segments arm that ended in a bird-like beaked but melted at the tip-welded to a small cartilage dripping on the ground back, whereas the hand rested on the other incisors upon being displaced; this strange junction being normal.

Proudness to a degree; aloofness being oratory, this isn’t a factory by any means.

But the heads knew what was going on, they were made, these strangers, out of compacted molecules made out of immaterial-deformed corrugations of the skin-plants, in which pseudo-primates were being laboratorially concocted in tubes, jars and giant star-torpedo sarcophaguses tombs with many mixer-like blades that are soft upon which, at many as twenty or so, being a far more effective way to grow them as pseudo-living creatures, are being given birth in, as opposed to one at a time, when it comes from the former. Like a genealogy tree but made out of some flaccid, swinging, nigger-on-the-branch-style niggarrish-nigger leaps from one branch, nigger grabs another branch, filthily being grown in that way – construction of many, barely attachable limbs.

Head Four:

‘I think there’s something in the air, have you been feeling it lately?’

‘Don’t know, don’t care, it’s been a few weeks since the last alarm and I’m still to have my leave. The other side of the ladder-entry is locked.’

‘Then you should consider the alternative. Fix it, then leap inside.’

‘What for? I know that’s dangerous. I could lose my life or something much worse could happen to me if I did.’

‘Then it’s rather unfortunate that you have us around to remind you how dangerous she was.’

‘Her?’

‘A woman, I don’t know much about her yet.’

Bloated King

A bloated king whose hardy brow stood there resting in front of them, mischievously inclined appeared, from one point to another, to waste in the air. As his valiant phial faded, bricks being made of the steps that were there, surrounding him, from one point to another, he was there. Presently standing in front of, a, much to itself gloating herd of pseudo-troglodytes with the most disturbing, hard to look at features any man could possibly look at without even hoping they would forget them. Without an addagagae under their whim, without a clear command, most of them being wilt out of their socket sockets and out of the bloated, barely put together lands, they had finally drawn, in part, out their hiding, and asked the bloated king, at last:

‘Will you house us in, perhaps, lord? You have come under the brow of a much greater cataclysm that threatened to destroy all that would’ve been, much to your concern, to mind. A wreathing sparkling dark-set angel whose eyes were blind upon seeing you draw forth, upon the separated gardened platforms, though a cure might yet be granted that you may breathe. Though you may come upon something, I beg you heed our cause.’

‘And why should I? If I recall correctly, hours, months and dire years ago, when the brooding of the marked ones, upon the bloated-dire homes, I had promised to every single one of you, in part; those that had been offered to every single one of you, in part and in whole has been clearly, utterly, solemnly dismissed. So, I ask of you now, why should I change my mind when you have clearly not only intruded and trespassed, but you have come to beg upon something that was offered, but you chose otherwise?’

‘Listen to our plea, master, for we were of ill-incline and little mind and we didn’t know of naught else, otherwise, allow me to rest my case, as to allow, of such, and dark embrace.

I beg forgiveness for every man that’s passed between us, who’s come forth to accept what drew on forth, that might be taken away. I beg you to consider this as well.

We are ill and we are moribundly dying, one by one, as every ancient creature that’s been lain towards the side of your kingdom when once there has, ever been as such.

When there’s ever been, of, much to itself, otherworldly chance for there to be any kind of survivor. We were shown away, taken by such clouds with them, and we have dreamed ourselves inside of them.’

‘Then if that’s true, I wager neither of you beggars whom had come upon the confines of, the outer reaches of my kingdom, that you’ve plainly come with thought of crime.

But I offer you this, instead, at the base of no dime, try as you might to reconsider as such:

You shall each live in one of the carcasses that rest in front of my kingdom but lay of no worthless trenched forth.'

And the Bloated king called a servant to attend to them. The Eyirkl, whom stood forth. Drawing upon hundreds of giant incisors, teeth-like saws that constantly pounded the ground as they threaded on, coming out of a vacuum-trunk-cartilage connected with many tubes to a giant, to its side, toasted-cargo crate-body, wide, with two faces on either side of the front-looker. From the point where, as this body on its right was like a giant leg, almost molded inside this giant create of cartilages rested a canine-like elongated face, with a sprawled circle mechanical mouth that bore fragmented jackal-teeth insectoid like, whose visors where pea-shooter, less aligned, one to the side, one straight up-front. The other side of its face was a vague tribalistic cave-in with puckery open eyes that bore spiked-rows stored inside of them. Beneath its face a giant tatter-like torn apart Persian rug material lain from one side to the other would seem to have been merged with the rest of its disgusting head.

On the left side of its head, opposite to the support teeth-feeted body, outwardly drew out, a many levered- down-depressed, upwardly pressed and around it twisted and filled with many other mechanical hands, pile, of many machine parts, that appeared to be connected to the main body, that moved as quick as the fleeing fish inside a pond, upon having chucked a rock in at them.

It was a dark mess, of a servant, this Eyirkl, whose body was of a dark shade of brown-puffy soil, covered with many put-together junk he had taken from one of the Yards his master, the Bloated king looked over and upon.

The most bizarre show of lights was fashioned as soon as it would grow, and quickly after, the droves of people that had come after him had finally settled down on taking the offer.

To live in every corpse:

'It's going to get quite cold, don't you think?'

'I beg your pardon, Eyirkl?'

A single moving deformed cattle-prodder drew from some deformed canal, it started spitting out as plain as it could before pushing out and puffing; it's how they spoke of butterflies.

A night passed over.

Past his realm.

An incident

It was a secret school department, a companion piece to it; they called the twin, of Columbine. The massacre, it was well-off and well-on its way now. Fifteen months ago two-unnamed child soldiers massacred the schools halls of the most distinguished school in the District of Columbia. Not a single

child survived an onslaught caused by Dylan and Kyle, whose names are to forever be forgotten, in the annals of Time.

A new school emerged, fifteen consecutive sets of twelve months later, out of nowhere, near the Columbine Massacre. Most were rather unaware of it yet, but the school principle of Christopher High were the stitched corpses that have been appropriated from the crime scene during the event, having gathered around, feeling the zone through one of the sewage extremities beneath the depths of broken-in halls beneath sewage-halls that had been lain beneath the school itself. This being the result of it; the high-orders, whereupon their release by the Government of the United States of America, being fondly met by a richly reserved European benefactor had given birth to what seemed to be the last ray of hope this country had, to recover from a plague that had ever since infested the mind of the common American, who, afraid of the uncertainty of his future as well as the safetyhood of his children as well as the on-coming generations has turned towards the only thing that remained somewhat pure in this country. They turned back to God, the Constitution.

There were no cameras inside Christopher High, only guns.

‘I never would’ve thought something as horrible as this could happen.’ Jeremy said, his limbs were still cut from the initial rock-out that came during the initial assaults. A cave-in, they say, a deep divide rested between both of these fine sides; the Northern school, and the Southern one. Although twins in nature and in spirit, the ghosts of the Northerners, as opposed to the Confederates were yet to return to their lands, and to their people, yet, there was still hope, just as there were still survivors.

Before the second Massacre:

During one of the calculus classes, the children were likely, told, inattentive.

The class was in shambles either way. Since with all gone, the drought having taken place, and the teacher trying to work his fingers in one of the wall traps, being closely, motion-tracked by one of the mounted turrets, there wasn’t much he could do. Other than follow orders, other than teaching; Daylan has always been a shy, bullied kid. He wanted to make a bomb, get a few guns and kill every kid in the class-room and in the room as well as the teachers and every single one of their parents. He was Dylan’s reincarnation; whose similar cyclical circumstances appeared to, slowly lead him towards a similar fate.

Strange, he was rather strange, awfully so. Kid almost worshipped the head of the class, Kill, who was the kid standing a few rows in front of him. An athlete kind of built, standing eight feet high, filled with enormous gun-shaped muscles; a gun-fire body-builder some referred to him as. His deltoids looked like two oblong-flattened melons that were chiseled placated like diamond roughs –plated tortoise shell-like, forming a pattern of almost, removable deep-sunken flat-stick cubical grenades shoved in – cluster of many-bump filled with shakily oozing hardly raised mine-tops on top of every single bump he wore. Both of his deltoids being the size of a few put together heads, bearing additional tri-bone as if forearm-but three boned but covered in triceps muscle-sheets and skin that appeared to come in and out, between the cluster-checkerboard deltoid formations, reeling back and forth whenever the muscle had to be compressed in much smaller, tinier, yet stronger formations. Since these bone-like things were hidden across his muscle filled body, they were like pumps, or sunken blood-flow drains, removable as well, but if he were to remove every single one of them, they could not be reattached. And his body could be ripped

apart, by force and tension. As the muscle would attack itself, in a pure rage of spite and aggression; as if the only thing that prevented it from doing that was either searching for someone else to butcher and crush underneath him, or for this 'impalement' to be maintained. This mere action, this mere bone-like extra skeleton spear mass was more like a system of crowbar that dislodged every muscle fiber out of their 'sockets' in order for him to train beyond the likens of mere mortals, to work every fiber as if it were a muscle on itself, achieving, naturally, non-juiced, such proportions beyond anyone's ever recorded capability of sustaining such a progressive effort, that could barely keep up with the hard-training he's constantly exposing his body to. His muscles being a mattress, whereas these bone-like growth-things are basically industrially designed springs; upon the release of which, no one truly knows what might happen. Kill Blood's blood cells are shaped like .0315 caliber high-precision anti-tank slugs. Beneath the giant formations that were his 'deltoids' that at this point may as well be categorized as nuclear-casts, rested the most peculiarly formed tri-shaped hybridized triceps-biceps-brachialis formation there was, as if they seemed completely contorted around a single bulk, yet, they remained distinguishable as they developed lower-triceps, sprouting out of the triceps, lower biceps as well as lower brachialis, respectively coming out of their related zones, being poured in into one another, as if they were stuffing turkeys, or taking syringe shots, creating a peculiar bulk-mix of almost bulb-boil muscle formations that had been chiseled to resemble diamond-facets, whose straight almost bloated chicken leg lower extra-grown muscle regions looked as if they developed extra-bones of their own, overall forming a small visible labyrinth of muscle, of 'pillars', contortions and torsions that moved independently as if they were pistons. That or a pack of wildly grown wolves caught in a rat-king trap from which they could not get out of, at times either showing a leg, on the side, looking as if giant incisors were lodged into much bulkier shapes as well. Some of the shapes were irregular, in the biceps, going as far as displaying similarities with much rounder blob-fishes or giant boils, while attached to the giant head deltoid of an almost sea-jelly mass, it could not give a worse impression as to deter anyone who might've come even close to such a person, as to avoid any contact with him. One of the deltoid-clusters lifted itself momentarily, pulling on a wider- triceps formation, which by now, as it might've been alluded to, bore hundreds of similarly shaped tri-muscles regions, as well as its lower-triceps region, lending onto it the general impression of an assault rifle, thinner at the end as to form a shaft, out of which coated clot-bullets might be shot off. But that would be, more so, rather, frightening, to consider. The general area was the size of a bigger desk, or a quarter of the room if the students were compressed into it, wrapped around a fish-net and forced to squirm and sizzle around. His forearms were bow-shaped, as they sprouted out of biceps area but bore strange, balloon-filled twists of electric heater-radiators curved around it, elongated lumps of pectoral chitinous shield like, pumping with sweat and small tape-worm like rising lumps of 'incompatible' growths. They were present as well, just about and across his body. Since his muscles had become somewhat incompatible with the rest of his frame, they started developing a will of their own. The excess of muscle was attempting to create new zones and new skeleton-atom-hardened cartilages for additional muscles to grow in; whereas, being piled up with the bones themselves only made it worse. Since these muscle 'suppressors' only provided 'stick's for muscle to grow on top of. But that didn't work either, since, because of the sheer strength at which they had been trained, this could only crush them beneath the forming around them muscles. Every tape-worm-like muscle vein was in possession of a lymph-node shaped muscle core that drew out of it many cylindrical muscle-thumpers that, upon bumping a muscle-facet, appeared to transfer some of the muscle from that region to another one. As if a muscle transaction had been made, or he bore muscle-like hoses filled with muscle-exchange, bodily-control kind of motions that kept forming and reshaping his entire body magnitude. In a way they were akin, his forearm muscles, to fire extinguishers,

tied together, or an inverted revolver whose barrels are actually full and these are its giant bullets aimed forward. Even his fingers appeared to be extremely fat but perfectly made, as if actually made, not grown, too perfect to belong to a human and more likely to have belonged to a statue. Kill's body was too deformed to be human, come to think of it, after taking into account the mere fact that its knuckles were so far as to almost be closer to triggers than to bone, one would rather find him more fitting in a Polish surreal painting than would they be likely to find it befitting as to be the top of the food-chain, apex predator, this sheer monstrosity but. Having slowly adjusted the position of his organs, all of them, including and especially his brain; which so happened to be put inside a 'shield' of bone, that being his real skeleton which had been forced to take the prone-position, frozen that way like some kind of tomb stone, or protector, whereas, what his muscles were put on, although, again, unknown to any other man other than himself, false bones made out of the same fiber as those that were wrapped against one another, pure condensed muscle gave birth to a purely, nigh-unbreakable by normal means, unless the protection key-bones were to be removed, in which case, there is still doubt whether or not the muscle-bones could be ruined by the muscle-layer compressions. Either way, this thing, this curled-in-a-ball-skeleton 'sphere' wrapped itself around its organs, being protected by layers upon layers of 'bone-muscle' as well as slightly kept at a distance from one another, fat, thread-like twists of pure wave-fibers. They were nigh-impenetrable, and even if something were to somehow jump and leap through the gaps, trying to get in, there's still doubt whether or not the 'false-skeleton' could be shattered. Eleven hundred billion microscopic altered, packed-together chest packs formed larger almost gigantic rounded around each other compact chest-hands-like finger-wrought against finger, then pumped until every finger became a small TV screen, the old ones; that is to say that those things were wrapped around one another in such a way that they guided their growth in such a way that they were giant finger tips molded in, forming the great tip of an up-ward heaving muscle spear that plunged its way through two pectoral muscles that were shaped like two giant fists, striking one another as to stop the muscle-spear from tearing the rest of the body apart. Whereas to the side of him, a little more than a few hundred sub-machine gun-cartridge bulbs adorned and appeared to ooze every single time something threatened to happen. They all fed onto one another, pumping, then retreating. At times even leaving gaps free as to make it seem there were hollows inside of him, as he if he were a cast of armor rather than a human. Like an anorexic person whose ribs could be seen through, or the skin between them. There wasn't any distinguishable difference between the legs and the arms, as, more or less they appeared to be just as twisted and contorted as the rest of the body, with the exception that they were as thick and wide as two giant hunting rifle's barrels and appeared to be capable of loading the joints in and out as to immediately leap on top his toes whenever he wanted. He was still covered in the many pumping in-tendons and veins. One thing appeared to be extremely strange about him. His teeth were shaped like bullets, were capable of being retracted inside his gums and regrow; whereas his fingers were capable of opening up and of taking shots. Although, as a matter of fact, the sheer amount of strength that was being 'processed' in his labyrinthian compound of fiber appeared to have given life to a several pseudo-oxygen-like, barely outlined, if seen from the distance, even vaguely so, transparent, like shining tripwire made frame like standing figures made entirely out of muscle-fiber like converted air molecules that resided both inside of him and outside of his body, going as short as a few inches to a few meters away and out of his body. Every breath released a most peculiar carbon-alloy imbued with muscle, granting him the closest thing to an extension he could get, or a body span that went well beyond that of his own. They gravitated around the real muscles as well as the shotgun-cell like pumps coming out of the nodes that kept switching and twitching around KillerBlood's every side. He was also in possession of the ultimate pain-and-physical harm suppressor

there was out there, a peculiar dark rectangle with spikes and almost blade like protrusions, darkened like a patch of coal that appeared to bear a constantly bleeping red light that almost went on a tempo, although flashing only dimly as it seemed. Providing the complete absorption of force and harm of whatever physically blow or physical doing came into contact with him at the cost of a few ounces of his blood that would immediately be drawn into the device, slowly being released as if from a water sprinkler. The amount of blood being exchanged being directly proportional to the strength of the blow; whenever that would be a gun being shot at him, a truck attempting to run him over, leaving a momentarily visible dent that would immediately be correct, whereas he would never be properly or visibly cut, as to release blood from any other place there was. His greatest test of strength was surviving a moon-sized satellite-like Moon that fell on him, where the device only released an ounce or so of blood that was quickly after released on the floor. For all that was known about it, or what could be extracted from the rumors, he was close to being indestructible. Not only that but we was also struck in the process of growing still since he was a teenager, who's yet to start taking training seriously. A great scar adorned his face that looked like a split which was indicative of an opponent's past attempt not only at his life but also as his own, suicide, as there were signs of trauma in there, that marked KillerBlood's face. As if, as the blade cut him, it all of the sudden slipped off his attacker's grip, twisting as to hit the lower side of the freshly gushing wound left bleeding beneath his cheek, before it was simply grabbed a hold of by his bare teeth, right before the kid went on to butcher the poor bastard who had the nerve to attempt ruining his face. But that was before he had obtained the ultimate suppression tool. It was long-gone, in the past, unnecessary to reflect upon any longer. One would have to consider the following, at the very least. There were a few centimeters inside his body made of gaps, empty air 'zones' that rested between not only the fibers as it's been aforementioned but between the fake bones and the real guarded skeleton in which the organs were being carefully stored and slightly compressed as for a full guard to be maintained at all times. It was kind of like a helicopter's cockpit, or a pointed at the ceiling seed shaped area in which it was being held in the middle of by what appeared to be many leashes of muscle which contorted, stretched and slowly became the bigger skeleton made out of muscle it rested in. His tiny skull pointed at the false-rib cage that rested in front of him, whereas his eye nerves were as long as a, more than fifty or sixty centimeters or so, as to cover the pecks, throat, and 'fake-skull' area in which it descended towards and entered. But even with that, the various muscle fiber layers still didn't touch much, with some exceptions. They seemingly floated inside his cavities. And most importantly, these skeleton – key like things were actually not inside his body but outside the body and pushed into him, though never to the point of piercing through the skin. This peculiar pressure was unexplainable, since it created strange shakes that worked at various levels that forced the muscles to lay the way they are. And of course, once removed, just like some support pillars or keys for unlocking his true potential, the curled-into-a-ball skeleton would finally release his hold, drawing back the eyes inside, fully extending his arms and legs, as the muscles would finally align themselves properly with the rest of his body, as well as his false skeleton, allowing for the muscle atoms to slowly be reabsorbed back in. The strangest thing that was there, was the fact that the ultimate suppression tool appeared as a replica as well, made of muscle, but far more jerky than its counterpart, a false one being 'lodged' in the body of muscle, as opposed to the one that was actually inserted through the real skeleton's heart, which prevented his total annihilation or him even being hurt to begin with. Several air rib cages were improperly formed in the air as well, though they only served as a way to slow down whichever strike tried cutting him down, or shooting him, or blowing him up, since he appeared to take as much abuse without showing any sign of being hurt as anyone would, if they were in his place.

But Daylan never got the chance to talk to him for some reason. Kill Blood only seemed to like hanging out with the Bahomet shaped child sitting next to him in the class and no one else.

Eighty four school shooters have already been identified, at the very least. The school was shot over five hundred times now. But children are yet to be killed beneath their replacement rate.

It was beyond unfathomably dangerous, being near them, even during class, especially during class, when a most unprovoked incident happened. The teacher put in charge over them appeared to be suffering of a case of, most disturbingly made, set, lived-through of blasphemous bodily deformation of the eyes, both of them rotating feverishly as to keep pumping blood into his thing head, while the various glowing encircled jungle rope like plantish puffery red symbols started over encompassing one another, as they spread around every single angle there was. Whereas the outside of the classroom was, mainly so, to a fault, completely deformed as to be akin to a cervix molded into a cavernoid-trap, out of which the tunnels and the various halls heaved in and out as they started departing, many of the other rooms being bastardly inclined to slightly more deformed raised. A crowd of students appeared in one of the stranded on top a sea-of school's basins, converged into a sea of water, a bastardly body of seamless oceans left dry, and tried for with little fingers tapping closely as some of them figured out, that there was no way out. Each tap gave birth to a ripple, and every ripple appeared to give birth to an underwater oyster shaped pebble, closely resembling the shape of the thumb that was used during the motions; the ocean was dry and solid, the school was barely recognizable at this point, there were momentarily driven monkish clouds of storm, filled with merrily-deranged thunder bolts that refrained themselves from striking at their roof. Two sides of the walls were open. And there was no food left inside. And a giant creature with no arms, and only one leg, with no eye-sockets but an open carnivorous maw, that was red and rotten, a cadaver lodged to their side, remained there, unatoned for what he's done. Alive, still, a heart was beating outside his chest, coming out of a hole, but most importantly, held by a bar, the students approached it soon enough:

'Who's done this to you?'

The most courageous of the students asked, without a slimmer hint of pain in his throat, be it gone or done for, another one asked:

'Can you still hear us?'

They asked without realization, although reddened and grayed, and like a meat-thing, but textured with grain, forest muscle, a puffy disaster, filled with the moisture one could not deal but be gone alongside with:

'Will it talk back?'

'Should we feed it?'

'Stay back, get away from him, as the elected president of the class, the Valedictorian school king-champion compressor of dream, god, cum laude and what not, I am to take the much needed lead and lead you I shall, as thus, in this dark age in which our teachers have abandoned us. Stare, and look into it, we must butcher is heart in order to escape, this eternal hell we've been banished towards, during the shooting.' He cried of, which he remembered, like many of them in turn. He lived through the memories

of being shot, endlessly. Slugs and shells entering him, every piece of his eye, and every little blank shattering the crown of his shell, the butchered remains being left, much to itself, plain on the ground, not resting. Bested by a fine shooter, the specter that was yet unseen; he, Pepitr, who had been reborn from a cripple, although, his name was yet forgotten and lost, he kept that in mind, being destroyed, almost to a false entirety by Killblood. His very souls would've been destroyed, if attention be needed, but lo', crying forth was pointlessly strewn, and feeted were sides to the raft:

'I will not have no man and no woman be killed as long as I am here, as long as my vigilant eye is still, functioning.'

He checked it. A few of the students turned towards him. He pulled one of his fake eyes with a cord. It had many holes in it, like the shaft of a semi-automatic. But incapable of actually shooting; he opened his eye further, a shot of cognac being taken to his mind, as to remember a time he was drunk and saw a dark vision, of a great storm that was to come, one that would swallow even this one, a much greater one. Made out of wild chaps, who've died but were brought back to life; elongated like parchments and split in halves, flapping away in mild disgust, as their fully, properly open mouths contorted into maws, but circles, as to spit but rings of, aligned-nuclear beads, Fat Ones that would fall in. And blow, and show the spread of nuclear glow, as the sea would be completely irradiated.

What his fellow students saw, was nothing but a glowing green-thing, a tinted flash that projected a worm-appendage with a slightly shimmering slit out of which many spikes came out of, crawling along-side it. He was bent on trying to understand what was happening inside of it, the apparel it bore, of mildly tormented by brain-injury, stricken down neurons that were turned into tiny towers of dandelions, parasitically embracing one another soon after, as yet, they had approached the giant.

'Stand aside and let it check him. We shall receive the answer we carve for one way or another, or we shall all be doomed to be destroyed and cast in the ocean, while our bodies shall be filled with boils, and we, defeated, standing near a body of desperate water. We'll in a most dreadful, terrible manner still.'

It was then that roof got torn asunder from its hinges, nails and bricks. The giant stood on one foot, towering the little thing, with a shimmer and a shiver he could've crushed them all, still. It waited, but lo', the wind had blown the roof, and little as much was satiated. But the distress continued. After March; there was a made-up second Easter, a dark celebration, twisted by the Sabbathean monarchs, whose pure bloodlines were still crossed in stone. Many had their names carved in, and others. They appeared to have, left one drift apart, a much confused, removed-twice distanced cousin, of a long-extended branch. Whose blood was impure, whose face was the cure, for naught but life, and brought about, to light he drew. His mouth masticating whatever sinew was made of his face.

Slowly he came closer, next to Pepitr, as close as one would draw towards, as such, as to desire, an embrace of the likes:

'Will you allow me to take a sip and slither, a strand of blood? I need it be, taken for an injection, to take as I might.'

A most incessant befuddlement followed soon enough after, as this ungodly corpse started talking into a ripped pieced egg-shell slate, roof-tile formation that fell, slowly, having been stopped mid-way in front of his mouth, being a scale-torn apart cyst-platter of jointed faces through which it spoke:

Confused about it, the students simply listened as the sea started, lopsidedly be split in many tubular-cones of brain-lobe formations that started panting in and out, and off, then began again, spitting on top the mare-stones that dragged them even lower by chains. At this most solemn hour, not only had the raft sided piece of the room stopped, as If to ooze.

Dragoon-sounds could be heard in the distance, as if charging, as were the ship-round softened bellies that followed soon after in a sad attempt to reconcile to what was going on in their heads, most capricious of thundering being followed as their coiled bellies met with hardened spoiled clouds that forced rains of men-casts glowing soon after as they fell, or were shot down.

Before them all, a great vision of sparkling hues of magnificent allures of green and painted verdant eels began wriggling everywhere as the floating giant began communing with the other world:

‘You may wait for a moment now, as I open a rifted nodded knot out of which I wager, I found it, you’re to become aware of its existence after that.’

Without shame, as blasphemous as any kind of dazzled by the likes of hard to look at unsanitary surgeries that were being done, he pulled out of the confines of a beaten upon, a hard-near-extinction inducing pressure being cast upon the metal, quailing feverishly under the sight of ardor, which caused flakes of metal-rust to fall off, slowly travelling towards him, as he extended an arm. It disappeared, from their point of view.’

‘Was the arm there before? I can’t remember.’

‘It grew anew.’

Was the reason why it kept twitching in and out; many if not, the hundreds of limbs that it hid, were placed and stored in other incestuous whores and worlds in which they’d be protected.

From his side, standing between four great arches that encompassed him, on top a pillar of soiled dirt, that’s been the hilt of a hill, rounded by a paved-by dirt road, met by a telescopically-enchanted view, out of many eyes, all attached, he was met by many dirty-giants, all of whom had brought to him what he wanted all along.

‘A piece of mind, I’ve tried to do without it, and to live like them. And when I failed, I have sunken and rotten away, knowingly aware that my wail would be as such, miss-rotten, for each day that might pass along. In waiting as I stood, hibernating but, being, still to a degree alive. I would’ve made a change.’

Desperate, it was getting desperate.

‘The school sector is falling apart.’

As were the children being killed, thousands, millions of school shooting happening at various times a day, every single week bearing corpses that were flowingly carried away by the paramedics. Not as if it had been unexpected, but the sound of disquiet was only one of the many to come. The killed children were replaced with figures such as themselves, but power rocks were hit inside of them, lurid elongated things that kept leaping in and out of them, within a few centimeters or so, disappeared when, least of all would one expect one to show up, in an attempt to imitate the real-body, with its transparent allure, most

would come, as it show, by the insides of a Troubadour. A circus performing contortionist in quiet; his open mouth revealing incisors with shots of spears that bore crystal-cysted tears out of them, pointedly forth:

‘The teacher, he’s been mentally infested by the sea-scum giant, has he not fallen under his control? Manipulated In the same way a puppeteer controls him so? What are those lies he’s jotting down against the board? Are they not all lies, I see that are being put forth? I swear, I swear, I could swear on the unkindest thoughts.

The numbers, do anything but add up.’

‘Say something if that’s the case, Hassorf; if not, then keep listening and don’t disturb the rest of the class; I hate it when that happens and I could not move on if it were to happen.’

And the ceiling had holes and many of them were aligned together, leading to the upper-room. Their desks had all contorted legs, finger-straws that pointed down, twisted but merged with the air, but following unseen rafts that could not work for long without air. By then, some lowered. By then, by means, as for someone to find out what happened. By then, they would’ve forgotten. By then, the ropes were lowered down. And the iron ropes were the curtained hopes, theirs, for what was worth, being a desire to escape.

‘Who ate their floor, our ceiling? I could never wrap my head around it.’

‘They did it during desperate attempts to escape their classroom while it was being shot. Could you imagine that, could you even hope to imagine what went through them during that time?’

‘Bullets, slugs and other shots?’

‘Among other things, of course, they had inflated, blimp-balloon drowning near the base of a Nigger-lynching Holocaust, where the homos killed themselves.’

‘What does that mean?’

‘It means what it means, they’re still hiding in the walls somewhere, the ones that escaped. You see now, as their compact mouths and up-closed jaws expanded, they simply started suckling-nesting, as their teeth contracted, into the very material of the board, the walls, the filling being the key-element that made all and out of which all is made out of. Now you get it?

Their self-cannibalization was followed by a regurgitation of their innards and brain-electron dendrites that had been pumped inside the floor-tubing of our domed-ceiling world. They most likely escaped through the sewage systems and live in the chemical plants as well as the nuclear turbines near our school.

And for the same reason, I say, they’re not here any longer.’

No, that’s not it, why didn’t I tell him the real reason? Could my mind be failing me now? John Fessul wondered, just for a moment there, whatever it be; why did it happen?

For that reason the animated desk, those flaccidly elongated iron-snakes are waddling while thoroughly levitating in place. Above a few centimeters away from where they stood and are. It didn't make much sense, but the bell rang. But the class wasn't over.

The teacher immediately exploded. Some of the shrapnel killed some of the students that had been attending class, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, a break for bleeding, thoroughly needing of medical assistance, a student just flailed, whipped his broken leg, before he finally fell, on his face, dead.

A tape-worm elongated as wide as a man's torso connected to the bulkish form of a bat-body-like deformity with a Pterodactyl-humanoid hybrid carnivorous plant head whose eyes were protruding forward like pikes, bearing a large shark-fin for an arm on its left side, and a cushioned half-molar twisted on one side as for its 'roots' to be planted inside the rat-bat heinously shaped body, with a few fallen down tube-protrusions out of which pool-like growths fell on the floor. Its mouth opened like a maw, revealing superficially long-thin teeth. Its tongue was an ugly pie-malformed flower-growth with a spear-shot trajectory peculiar inclination, that had, at one end a pin-pricked nail put in that threw a long-black cordial-rope that connected to the base of the tongue; forming an arched piercing. Through this it spoke:

'Students, Marrowrnh, at your disposal.'

Needless to say, Killblood tanked all of the shots, which haven't even penetrated him, at all. The muscle particles even deflected some of the shrapnel that bounced across the room, without even compromising their structural integrity, while also, even damaging some of the slugs themselves while doing so.

'I vowed to myself that I will turn this bloody district into something beyond recognizable, beyond anything that's even remotely comprehensible, and that I will personally make sure that you shall leave this classroom as changed men. Who will grow and help raise this Country and the States of affair beyond anything even remotely measurable.'

A Holocaust, indeed.

He was flashing red-green. A strange water-ravish ray of moving splendor came out of him. It was a time of wonder, but most solemnly one of uncertainty. Whether or not anyone in this room would survive for long enough to see the longed for day or graduation, that was, very much so, irrelevant. Since they all had explosives planted in their brain lobes, their guts, their ankles, their wrists, with the exception of Killblood, of course, who could not actually be 'intruded' upon, as for a successful intrusive surgery to occur, not a single student was meant to survive.

A malefic thing of evil and tenebrous intent; having allowed for their reincarnation to occur only to have them killed again was not only bastardly, yet even disfigured in terms of morality it played off as a 'face' that spat when faced by another one, most preciously carved as to closely resemble the beauty of humanity, as a reflection.

By the teacher's side of the wall, the clock:

Eight am, stroke a beady passing to nine point four, as one of his deranged eyes cocked towards it, a complete shake-off moving spindly crack had formed a fissure knot to open, as for a seminal-fluid filled,

filthy, thievish roach-black band of insects to come out of their hiding. It immediately sutured itself as they came out, forming a paradigm minded, of some kind, circular formation; shaking eerily in place as it happened. Eight or seven eyes for each and every single one of them; bastardly rotating as to track the molecules that fell on top of one another whereas they were forced to stay their hands from lunging and attacking.

They claimed to door for the time being. No one was allowed to leave.

‘Is this part of the course? Should I write them down for something?’

Incohr

Seeds were being planted even before he decided it was time to knock on wood.

‘Serendip, what are you doing there?’

Would it make any difference if I opened my mouth and said something to him?

It’s hard to know as it is.

‘It is divine.’

‘What is?’

‘The ground, what else could there be?’

Neither one of them knew what to expect or what had gotten into them, yet it was dark and the promontory spinner was but entering the ground instead. Having barely come out of the ship alive was a feat in itself.

‘I see that there’s but one hindrance to what’s been going on before we started coming around.’

There was a sudden grow somewhere in the back, twenty feet ahead. It sounded like a lightning hitting the highest point of a rack.

Farrga Oilstone, was the first sent, as the prime envoy of the ship, he was the one with the highest chance at survival. His chest bore a giant egg-like protrusion that almost jerked his head off the shaft, he had not neck or shoulders, yet he had some long almost thin-reed pea-shooters coming out of it.

‘Farrga, you listen good and listen well, we’re counting on your now, do you understand?’

It was inconsequential, trying to make out what was going on around them, since their mouth spittle corroded part of their helmet, the bacteria started flowing inside them. Weirdly set, they stood there.

A few feet away, right at the intersection of a broken street and a leviathan-sized bloated side of the ground, there stood a wild cocoon of girth, as if stripped away for what had lain on top of it, its inside stone was slightly more, playfully moving, yet exposed.

One Hog Watts drew forth, he was elongated in the back, going as far as to extend like an accordion, open at the top, in there came a wicked air, as if it was stored inside a little box.

‘Pleiffne Ulme, thou art gone from sight and I am lain here on the side forgotten.’

With where and what had lain their side.

‘The Lombard-kin at last emerges, bow and listen to wild command.’

And thence they stared at mighty ardor, propelled to ask the Yellow-Orange puddle that stood before them, stopped.

‘Alas, I am brought before thine way, I am but little of a mind, to let alone would I dismiss wild command, tell me, thenceforth where am I to drag myself to?’

‘A rocking cradle red malign, a pool of green or one that’s in-between them, berry colored or cherry-blossom or white, whatever else there is across the lands, only so you less become, of bastardly as there is, nothing more.’

Thence but sprawled and there on after, walked backwardly, they poured it in a cantor made of strange devices, all put together by a bastardly barrage. And blocks of wool were put near wheels, and a chart drove on.

‘I am tired, my lord, what is there else left to do?’

‘Simply put, thou are to talk to your heart’s content; it is clear that you shall not create and do any by any means, so why force it and why not put all to one’s defeat?’

Thou shall be put to waste on words alone, as long as you are to make thineself useful, think, as a craftsman would and make, but bloat away as I dictate.’

There was nothing to be minded for from that point on, only such celestial perdition.

‘There is only one safe side, now that we have eliminated all of ill blood, and cleansed the land but one might do to look away.’

He pointed at the hay; it rose, like a strange thing upon a tail that was a lone pole that started pushing and bloating until deranged crevices came and brought alone a most bastardly of hemathose tails, all erupting from a body-like canopy, wrapping around the first man it could bring along, and deeper so inside until no longer could it force itself to wait.

Dark pillars that are put together, large domino like structures that are attached to them as well, adding up to so many unaccountable forms that could not be stuck together in any other way, unless the process was repeated and forced along the way. Large concavely set seeping in, melt-through wax-like candid bile, barely legible than any of the least natural and least accountable flagrant helium-pores that grew around

the rims of the object. Its dark head reared in and out, right before the triangular drink-through galloons appeared, all of them fully extended from what seemed to be a single point inside the main pillared structure in the middle, made out of plenty of in-earth and carried around hundreds of miles from where they've been standing, and millions more and far beyond. Surrounding it there lay, a dome of see-through gaps and plenty openings that were brought and put around when needed. Large bars, all of them but melted from the looks of which, neither of them could last for long to stand, but grit would seep in and out and fall, covering the structure in the middle, as for a moment more and one less, it came about. No longer hard irons, but rubbery cartilage from the looks of it, trying to lift the pillars up from the place they were in; this pseudo dark tooth of the earth bore within itself nothing more than a few extending escalators that came out, revealed by retracting walls that drew back from both sides, like pursing vertically flipped lips that suddenly opened, pushing them out. From there the strange dome, upon lifting itself up as to levitate, out of one of the many support pillar – like joints that had been planted in the soil, the rubbery jerky thing started threading along, displaying a stretch that would exclude it from every possible thing and every possible means one could look into as to believe it could be found on earth. The mere malleability struck it into a pseudo half-in-between shape that lay between a resin mask, taking the form of the escalator stairs and while at the same time maintaining the robust almost tear drop roundness that contradicts the present of any edges that might've been there if the form had fully taken the shape of the escalator stairs in the first place, entering one of the doors, through which the dome entered the pillar, being greeted as soon as it was observed inside the strange room that was fashioned out of seemingly nothing. It was a disgraceful thing, just waiting for some communication to be achieved since the dome wasn't a being that possessed any kind of consciousness at all, none whatsoever. And the strange creature that lived inside the structure was back-bent and appeared to have its armless body a trunk-chest standing on a giant fish-hook contortion of its lower body, upon which it not only balanced its weight but also drew on closer to the strange dome-leg. Its face was strangely wrought in form and appeared to bear a fashioned wooden dark mask.

‘What have you come here for?’

What is the purpose of your intrusion?’

There was no need to push in, since it would not respond.

A few similarities between every shade and every form remained on the floor, a very hall of mirrors to be walked on top off.

Thence they stopped and finally left their nest.

A silvery mushroom cloud had rested and least of all of locks ingested, would to be, from underground, there stood at an empty table.

Large detrimental figure, bold; much wider and far stronger that it would appear, it simply dangled a single strand of beads with a fork.

‘I feel their vile influences seeping into my soul, how could I possibly resist their calling to chaos and destruction?’

I am a vile machines afflicted by unfathomable mental illnesses, infinite in number. I am to bring their destruction, I am a diseased animal, incapable of controlling this urge to instill self-destructive hatred of filthy fucking niggers into them. I am a well of poison, a rat that shall infiltrate within their ranks and infest the rat hive, and if it is within my power, I shall bring chaos, eternal and never ending and I shall destroy and corrupt all.'

'Marvelous, what else should we do?'

'We are alone, but we are many and we shall dissolve their holy state and we shall bring all of them to justice, which is death.'

And they lived in no land, but a broken crawling humanoid, with the open-gaped insides of a giant bus. He was rotten, red, green and diseased looking, and had no palms, he had no ankles either, seats were cages inside of him, taking the place of organs, actioned and moved by system of chains. Normally the cages would've been outward facing, like a face.

The wretched could not forget by sight alone, they would stop at nothing when the time comes, they will put to their command and rise and draw breathe in the pulmonary land, hands clasped together and so much more, so many of them bearing the unnatural aspects their spoiled parents, the ones that look upon them, with leper-sockets, split open, marching down, with open wounds around their body doubles, hundreds of them laying down.

'The more we'll stay in this room, the more we will decay, it's undeniable. It's your body, mind, turning against itself.'

The right cavity of his chest was but empty, in the shape of a cabinet where he stored in nothing else but a small puffy beady organ. Darkly mattered put together heads were there, invisible and watching as they would breathe on top of it every now and then, incapable of fully stopping, regardless of the circumstance they were in and what was happening.

Leprous Leper-Open in the head, he spoke, opened his mouth, he opened it dead. And death was the talker whom was conjoined to a wing, a body that only had one but stood on eight tails, many of them pushing out but flails with giant pair of maw-like teeth, they ate –extended. Many of the bodies attached at the chest defended one another, as to cry and have themselves be heard, lost for any courtesy which at the very least was lost, for the time being.

The ethnic conundrum could not easily be solved by any feasible means since the inception of the race-fragmentation was filled with some unnaturally made tenor-brittle.

'Engulfed by something, isn't it?'

'It is, but I don't think there's a reason for it.'

It was a hard notice that followed after. A flow of steel-liquefied screwdrivers pushing through a few racks, fallen over.

Nothing seemed to last more than a few moments, not from the looks of it and definitely not from any other point there. A few specks of black lights appeared to be planted in their heads, harpy like or at the

very least made to look that way from one point to the other, he appeared out of nowhere and would make it seem so, and so was there as reason to walk on ice.

It was a thing that could not stand itself, by the mere presence, as it happened to appear, after a while, nearing the darkest day.

The creature whose but little more than less secluded body and bitter face, moving and frothing like a dark thing it did.

‘There is no certain way by which any of you might make it.’

‘What is the reason to continue after this point in time, there’s too much along the way, isn’t there? And you see now, I think we can both agree on as much, we can’t be certain whom we might stumble or come to, not when, not necessarily when there’s something else involved across the line, can we?’

‘It’s the dependency, that is, I believe there’s no possible way you could possibly resist it.’

Both men chewed on wild Cuban cigars, of the highest quality from mound-Brazil where they ate the Natives and put them into tilting basins. Filled with jewel-cowered, non-existing darks:

‘There won’t be any more trying past this point, do you understand? No more trials, no more excuses, no more delusions, and no more pretending. Our fun is coming to an end.’

‘Then we shall find a way to extend it by all means, the cost may as well be forgotten, as there’s no greater cost that could come as a price for our joy. It’s all or nothing.’

‘So be it, but for your own sake I do hope you’re prepared to do all that is needed to get immersed again, to forget about the world.’

‘I am, but where to now?’

Before them stood a broken bridge-pattern, whereas a castle and a longer fort, combined in little roads and peasant houses of similar like, quality of stone seemed to be. In whichever there, regard, there was just as much plain-mold of the lowest almost quasi-spectral quality fallen over, little specks of mushroom crows and little dark rats killed about by arrows that would not have found themselves there.

‘Within reason, I see, there’s just, oh, allow me to introduce myself, I am Rekot, and no more shall I speak to thee until thine path crosses the edge of whatever to be called in question, if you ought to be bound to agree on this.

Is there no wonder in thine call for what reason you are here for?’

‘I’ve come to search for the man who stole part of the world and hid it inside this little dark slouch you found yourself standing at the entrance of. Is there no grander reason for me to approach thee?’

‘Nay, you must leave, you do not understand the likes of the creature that stands at your feet.’

‘Do be plain and explain who you are, for my likes and that of the friend, the man who stands before you, right in front of, largely so, as there’s but time and time enough for you to come again.’

‘Very well then, in that case, allow me.’

As the benefactor prodded, therefore, couldn’t stand it.

They would hear it eventually, wherever it went, it could not be tracked for too long. It was there a moment ago, appearing and disappearing every single second before they drew breathe.

A few people gathered, coming out of nowhere, all dressed in peculiar robed-suits, with their clenched in fists put through their shoulders, drawing in from their openly pouring guts, strangely as it sounded, fluke- bloated all around. It seemed likely that there would be nothing drawing in breath.

‘It’s been broken, twenty hours ago by the looks of it, think there’s any way we could somehow make it work again?’

‘I don’t so.’

‘Should we, ought we to look away and drive the plug into one of the power stripes?’

‘Nay, I think it’s within reason to way, something might come out of its way and take everything away from us.’

‘What do you know exactly?’

‘Not much, only the few things I’ve seen before, you wouldn’t understand, necessarily so, but I’m trying to see for myself.’

Prattoid went around the hook avoided, bloodied around. Its arms but clasped like pincer-hook guns, coming out its chitin, twenty almost gun-like formations making his inner- canon like form, drive-through kind of like manner in which he charged, killing what seemed to be two thirds of the first town it entered. Conjoined to him stood Cart Bigh Blight-Pus Tin-deranged the Woman-killer with wrenches around their throats, put in the ground cancer-like shoot, they were followed by a quarter of a million men with guns mounted on pole-skin like flag-cylinders.

He wore a crown of hooks, it was not expected, at the very least not for him to act in such a way his likes detested.

‘May I enter now, is there a reason there’s a need for either one of us to stall any longer?’

‘And whom would you be referring to and would you happen, oh blameful thing to have, as such, of wild appointment?’

‘Nay, I see no reason to walk forth, not when I’m ailed with looking at dark images that appear every now and forth, and speak, they’ve had be in trance, wonderingly following for hours.’

‘What is there to your claim in that case?’

‘I’ve only have these scars which spread, all around my body, to the point where, piece upon piece that there is my face no longer is here on my skull.’

The man but stroked his beard every now and then, and every ounce or piece that fell away seemed to glisten, nor would it stay for long, nor would it go anywhere else.

But in that dark place, the structure, where but missing children had their skulls projected into. And they were wearied for the place was cold.

Hence they stole the faces of adults and used them as covers, or their sheets, without reason to ask for it, or more, they took them without grace. They were children. But they were wasted, instead.

Ghyulo started suffering for a while. He was in a corner now, but trying to cover himself with whatever he could. There was nothing around him but no harm done. People would sometimes appear out of nowhere and talk out of walls.

‘Will you stop this pestering of mine? Will you stop bothering me, already?’

‘I’ve but arrived.’

‘No, not you Glory of the Stumps, not you Stumps, the others, the others who have been here before you. They’ve come to torment me, they’ve come to make a fool out of me for some reason I can’t endure to explain.’

‘But who are they?’

‘I do not know.’

‘Where have you seen them last?’

‘In a vision, of the cemetery when I basked upon an image of my own crypt, into the tomb, as I was slowly being lead to the small putrid-barely standing coffin that was to be my grave, to which I still listen to this hour, thoroughly as if it were an oyster, as if it were my own grave standing, in day and in vile night, under the street-light as I stumble so.

Do you not see reason in what I ought to say or do?’

‘I only hear a man that’s lost and ill, and see one abandoned, and misguided, as it is true for many man in lesser such there are, conditions.

But listen, my friend, Ghyulo, you still have two arms and two legs, you can still survive by such means that many men in worse and worsening conditions would only dream for it to be as such.’

‘What reason is there to fight it?’

No, not now that I am haunted by the visions, by specters, lesser, kinds of men. They whom had arrived to warn me now, I’ll see to it, and would but latch upon such lesser things as one would force me out of womb, as to despair the thought of living.’

‘Do not be overly dramatic, you foolish tinge, can’t you see that you’re but spouting the most of the blasphemous spores? Can’t you see that you’re delirious and those things you’re seeing, as little of what little worth they are, indeed, can’t be anything but, unreal. To either you or I, we see the world as it is and

may never stand by it, whatever reason there is and whatever plain thing might be, I can still pull you out of it, if only you gave me a chance.'

'Why should I do such a pernicious thing when all you do all day I say, you are standing there madly in a corner, with the same thoughts that you convey.

Who is to be called madder, I or the guest in my chamber, who looks as if he's seen a specter? Who's winded back and lesser so, who tried convincing me of not seeing who and who might know?'

'In that case, perhaps you ought to be acknowledged upon such thought and such confession, I have purposefully sent you in such direction as any other man would cast his glance away and hide, purposefully doing it out of my own willingly, to be put behind, ignorance of what was become of your mind while I left you here.'

'Admittance!' Cried Ghyulo with reprimand. 'So, you've come to realize that you have purposefully abandoned me during one of my least heartily of a timely manner. You've come to understand the damage which has already been done, committed and no longer shall this disturbing fact be omitted from the guilt you are to suffer forth. But know, of less that I shall not see any reason to convey, or to contort whichever ever-fact there is.

Whatever prized manner they might find themselves in, I shall see no worth in making what I can, of fashioning of hands in walls, to allow them such possession of the house. That they might, within reasonable pain but strangle men whenever there is but such claim and no sooner will I flee from sight, and for no reason would I lay my arms and let them tear me apart.'

'Then what is stopping you in such a case?'

'Nothing, of course, I lay here in my room as I await a cruelty such the likes would never see nor think about questioning, as to what happened.

The velvet-red and many curtains of the pattern might but bleed onto me and spoil. Whatever there is part of my skin and worth of soil, I long force out and lay in waiting.'

With which he stopped cradling as he waited to be torn apart by the room.

Some sticks were thrown around the race, a war had started because of it, the city was, for much of its time, disgraced by the strange people that ran it.

Senator Milton began appealing what he could.

'There was a snore, and mighty gore, was the child galore, it is my son, my wont, he is a plastic animal without teeth. He was flown across the city from inside an apartment womb. I am his father, the god, the king, the master, Senator Milton.

I've created many great things, but I still find myself, restless in some way, carving for women, the thing I cannot obtain, no matter how hard and desperate my attempts are. I wish.'

'Were you not married before? How is it that you've got a son in that case?'

A fancy-dressed journalist from one of the seats, in the conference room asked that. Not everyone was sitting on seats, some of them were sitting on spikes.

‘I am the gut-lord, I am afraid of snakes.’

‘Everyone with a shaped nose is one.’

‘Luckily for us, we’ve already kicked them out of the room, ha!’

The entire room shook with palpitation and with extreme sardoniness.

‘Huh?’

‘Gun, mouth, now.’

Journal- Michael pulled out a dark gun, which already fell out his hand since it had a knife attached to the front bullet like a chimney-sweeper, but if the coal boy started hiking his way out while the stove was being fired.

‘I failed to do so.’

‘You most certainly have, for that I am going to punish you most severely.’

‘But Senator, that is illegal.’

‘Living is illegal here, did you forget that?’

It was a trick, always kick them out before the slaughter begins, it’s double talk for double stab.’

Wretched trickster, he was, he stacked them in a pile. But not before lifting his arms, drowning his sheet-thin skin pillars that began extending out of his chin-region from where he stood, revealing twenty lined rotating mounted guns that looked like old-ancient Greek pottery depiction of their myths.

It was a slaughter that could not be prevented. He leaped on one of the tables, having kicked most of the microphones off.

‘Are we having fun yet?’

A single elongated skull – that of cattle left in the desert with googly eye-red Communistic styled stars appeared to project an immediate red heat on top of everyone in the room but the Senator, whom had been dead all along.

His face was missing, as was his heart, not literally, but it was simply not there.

‘I’ve had dreams of change.’

The red stars disappeared and instead of them, dynamite.

‘What’s happening outside?’

Milton was asked and just as soon he considered actually responding to the creature.

There is still the abandoned vestige.

One of the street lights was pissed on. Visor broken but there was no shortage of replacements on the side of the wagon. A vagrant gang stood by it, they were smoking.

‘Came soon into town?’

‘I’ve been here for a while; we’ve met before, same reaction as well. It won’t work twice on this fellow.’

Jakluds, the Tpogghimher, drew from one side to other, having encompassed himself in a mightily fornication-looking defilement of many skins put together at last.

Cabin-dark

It happened for some reason or another, despite them being all there, in one place together.

John Long-Trunk feared looking at the tablet cabin.

What could be absorbed as it only came for it to thread along was the strange, almost illicit response to the space atrophy that no one seemed to be paying attention to, despite it happening, mainly in the area between the after- and post dark area and the few meters away, adjacent to the visible walls next to the entrance to the dark abyss they were staring into. Leaving what appeared to be, a huge sea-gull from the side without wings and fat, encompassing or having grown in the room, outline across the walls, but being, despite what had been previously said a wing in the dark. Its right wing, the left one being inexistent, the sea gull being seen, or imagined in front of them but staring to the left, its belly being the main anatomical part inside the room. As a delineator of the size in which the space atrophy was happening. Like muscle, but with actual space, where it started thinning out at too much of an unpredictable amount of time, drawing them closer into the dark. Eventually they would be drawn in. All of them, Clara especially felt afraid. All of them were sitting like planks on an inverted floor despite standing straight. It’s how the atrophy worked and happened, but at a slower pace. Planks on their faces, sitting-standing in that position as if the floor was slowly receding into a floor or apartment below them, as if gravity was drawing them over, or they were inside an elevator that was being pulled out of the elevator socket and into the hallway outside the apartments that stood inside the floor, it was a disease. Born out of not working enough, not putting enough of an effort to sustain the space, atom-molecule atrophy but forcing them into halves, but peculiar inside atoms having already formed – with chains dragged along as to prevent the atrophy from happening, in order to save as much pure energy as possible. Tinier bubbles inside of bigger-wider bubbles which had not as much as chains but straws connected to the inward surface of the bubbles which drew the mass in, as if the Earth’s core suddenly started drawing in the Earth’s landmass and water in, shrinking everything until the core became encompassed in a more compressed, condensed shell. Forming bubble-wrap like clusters but even closer to one another, shortening everything until the molecule-clothes formations started mixing with power-electrical atoms that had been drawn from the distance which in turn made some of their clothes appear like they were

sparkling with energy, leaping around the small room formation they were in. But at the same time being unable, itself, the material that was hybridized with everything else that was around them, displaying an incapability of comprehending how to act.

A bullet-part spear was formed as large curtain scissors.

It all made sense now, especially since this appeared out of nowhere. Also was like liquid.

Since the pea-shooter like atom-compressed molecules somehow maintained their tube-like tunnel formations despite the shrinking-compression having happened, they simply formed large-long distance tunnel-like systems like trams or a subway, not the sandwich pedophile kike who fucks children, but the underground system. Which facilitated the long-distance travel of a bullet which had been shot dead straight through a window, having the colt aimed at an African that had just prepared himself as for the spear chucking, while, standing across the window frame, there stood a water glass, and at the same time while this alignment happened, the wind simply blew the curtain in front of the man as to blind him. While the bullet's first shot burst through the curtain, dragging it along, the soft material which it had been made of simply brushed off the glass shards, while being molded to the back-side of the bullet, it had also dragged along a pair of scissors that had remained stuck in a cut-like motion by a man who was working, and was apparently startled by this motion of the person in front of him shooting, and owning an illegally modified colt with aim-sights and an evil pair of bat-like animated bloody-meaty perpendicularly set wings. Such was it, that the bullet shot through the spear, having the two sides, which it broke in half shoot through the curtain, being lodged thoroughly in the curtain-material as it only molded itself, iron-for iron, wooden thorn with curtain as it stopped on one side spear-shaft between crossed scissors like missionary monogamy-like sex-for making children kind of mold into place, lock inside the key, but the lock was smashed from both sides by giant boulders. As this peculiar mix of a curtain, scissors, a wet curtain which had been nigh-closely destroyed kept flying in the distance, they suddenly stopped moving as they began but eerily jerking in the distance, glowing as if they were a peculiar dark-star that was oozing in the most peculiar manner. Then, it simply disappeared, atom by atom, until all of the sudden it vanished in the air. Then it simply appeared there as if nothing had happened at all.

Tliske

Twas the chance before it would but draw again into the point whence drawing, and whence the powder and lift as such, from the distance thaw as mass their crying, when the cold monsoon. Upon such, as there was little more, and whence they came and drew, up front, there was and thus as little and naught more. And much of little, yet their way, and ever-after, not to come, as they have drawn from one another, torn:

‘Thence I have come and yet to, such, as they have stumbled. Upon such graves as there are after, such as mighty, less and less. They came upon the cypress.’

Longer verge, as they have counted, upon the day of their encounter, as for much as swaying, back and forth and furlong sails that drew and song, as would to be, would to call, would come after. Upon the singing of the chimes of ships but sunken, would they call. But lo, and there was no sound.

Upon the murk and less as there, and would to call and anywhere, there was no praying. It would to waste a day.

There was no reason ever after, and whence.

‘Throw and lopsided.’

In, as thus as they might’ve called and yearned for something twas not there would see and be as while and met. Would to call instead upon a dire, such there is but way. Not to call after, for no man, that might’ve called their own, and little there is left for such, as worth.

‘I call upon the, of mighty that may trudge to see, there’s naught to yell, towards might hear.’

Of musky thing there is such thing, is there not to disappear, such is sight? If not to call upon such day when therefore cast, and less to be; gathered around stone, they see.

A mighty left, and flame but yet apart they gather after, when, upon, is there for lock, and yonder. Would they see of such and lesser things, there’s naught, would they hear when the time comes and they be brought? There’s no one yet alive, in world. Upon the sight, and what if felt, and old, as many less, and sails, for as many as there’s left and would prevail if there’s but the cast.

Away the last of them, and thus:

‘We bring no age to joy when.

I of all but ask you for poor ledge upon and less purloin, there is naught that there’s away. What little left of soul, I cast away. With rest of things, I do remind you, of blameful sting there is but pardon.

My wife of whom I swallow after, where would she be if that were so, but man of old, we are but all.’

As thus they but, blameful as there would be day, there was nothing less and wonder would pour after, and yet to convey.

Darkest of companies, belittled as such, munching upon higher hours, would to be, and thus:

It was a piece that fell, another of another man.

Were we always in such halls I wonder? Always of a mead less stronger? Of its musk, there is but let, and as I stumble upon it, I yearn such things as one would hear himself say:

‘Where have I as thus, there, where might I see?’

Upon the hour, they saw, nothing, sublime.

‘And dark there is but come today, upon the passing that shall come as there is but least, of leprous-pay, would you as such, as mighty man of mad descent, upon the hour, but would you provide her, along the way, of such discourse as there is but incertitude of ever yet encompassing. Would you come after and as such, the plea.’

Gleeful lights

Cheering upon the plains as they might, were they of any less stature, they might've made a sound and come about the hour, there stood a mightily deformed shroud.

The caste was in ruin, held by doors that were long before abandoned along the way. Having been carried eighteen.

There stood a dead sea by the side. On and off they doused off. It was a green-pucker spool of many threads. It was past the reason where it stood and. It drew on forth and mighty cloud it were, and past and crook. Were it to be and follow, what came after, there stood on mighty rods, basin.

Wrung for days and what came after, upon the wallowing and forth thee yonder, could they see it yet again to flee, yet sorrow.

It looked over them, like a watcher ever vigilant. A patch of ultramarine-dark teal with raw sienna, a strange glowing mix with splashes of straw mill flour.

There are a few predecessors in the room.

'You were here before I, would that be correct?'

'I'm not denying it.'

'And you saw what happened long before they entered, right?'

'Call me a liar again and I'm going knock out your jaw off the socket.'

They were in the front and the front was never-ending, war. It knew no bounds. It could only go as far as to release every soldier from its grasp and every soldier is a man at the end of the day. But some women don't wait for their men, henceforth, they're put down.

They called him Calf Bowmorrhough. He had witnessed the passing of the first ends, and had lived inside their broken doll faces for far too long. Its doll-eyes were crossed, as for the frame of the window, a large yellowish green light but lighted his sweaty face. For what seemed to be an hour, he spoke and they listened.

'I wasn't always the man you see before you, no. I've been driving myself into these walls for who knows how long.'

Part of the doll's house was the shape of a tram, like a tumor sprouting off her cheek, little rotating plates on the wall appeared to cast upon one another deeply-wrought refraction lights, the same as the one that almost blinded Calf.

'They called me that because I used to serve as a poker. But you don't want to hear my story just yet, it could be too dangerous for you to find out what I've been hiding for the past seventeen years.'

Hence, he got up, opened the doll's drooling on the streets mouth and was met by nothing else, other than a stairway leading down, even past the point where it had met the surface, it kept going through it.

There are some things not a single one of them seems to think about.

'Every living object has been contaminated and put behind a closely wrought lock, so you just know, there was never a chance either one of them would make it through. There were failures, and backwards devices that would break everything if even the slightest man did a wrong move.'

'Slightest?'

'Slimmer men, this what they're called. We could never trust them, especially since neither one of them knew what was going to happen. We're here for a reason, don't forget and don't bother wrapping your petty little head around it, there's something definitely wrong with every little detail that's ripped to shreds.'

He knew he couldn't understand it, neither man could. And for that reason they were still shaken, trying to fend off what came over them. It did not reactivate until one of them started making a cut in their pre-deceased implanted egg-plant horn, out of them came a voice:

'Neither one of you understands what's happening here and for that reason, you're both to be put down for your own sakes.'

Trenchcoat-chapter

IT started sprawling on the paper-knack with the winged-depression magnifying frames that were indeed lost in the sea of crumbling statues. All of whom but held, in place:

'I remain unconvinced that there's something going on in here.'

Many pears were out of place, too wide and widened as the head of a great elated, blood-room with the circumference of eighteen bloated elephants adjacent to one another, all wrapped around by bands and coiled, girth of foils. It was not a volatile sea-bed the wretched part of yonder his hopeless cast was put inside of, but an unfathomably, hard to look out place of innards-coils, but not physical, but left as for the marks of a land and buildings that had been whipped, like the backs of cotton-picking niggers, who earned it, asked for it, always drawing from one to another, always carrying the likes of a dafter travelling valley. With gravitational waves having lifted the entire geological conundrum it had become, in the air, close to one hundred or two hundred miles, to the right, then moved from one place to another, until no longer clad in what appeared to be the one that ran away.

'I see that you remember me, when I have told you.'

Two valleys, there were two floating valleys, masses of clay-stone. With a single train-like pair of rails and a Footer, that being a nasty box with leg-pincers that clicked upon each rail-socket. Drifting every

now and then in sleep, morose as not to realize what happened before they drew on, each time a beast appeared, hairy and filled with syringes stuck.

‘There’s a single way inside the land. You must follow through the ultra-park.’

‘The what now, a park, in the valley? Wasn’t it supposed to be uninhabited?’

‘Nay, but there is more, the walls are filled with graphitic marks and various writings and it rains inside of it.’

‘But how could that be?’

‘There’s but a way to see it.’

An aerograph giant ship with two bulbs of many serpentine beasts of tumoresque Elephant-man textures, drew in from the point they drew upon. As if from a dark slit, an eight-shaped ball, which opened at the top, the tube coming out, before it took a momentary break and sucked them in, placing them, as calmly and desolately as possible into cheerful looking chairs. Their heads were on the display they were looking at, and although they didn’t understand why it happened, they spoke to themselves.

‘We’re about to approach it.’

No longer in the floating valleys, it had been but a trick. Instead, the ship drove them eighteen hundred fifteen billion miles away from where they were, then simply wilt them in. As if from flash-to-flash no longer staring at the screen, they were made to appear in the dark-cockpits inside the land-rovers. Some of those who were cut-painted; headpieces with spiked bands, rotating, powering themselves, as some old renditions of some old Philosopher, such as Kant were being read upon some up-heaving beats.

Punks were smashing everything, it was true, at least, it did happen to rain. Life there was awful and pointless.

Young blood came with a gun, pointed at his forehead, he killed himself. What a delightful sight, it had been, ever so eternal and disgraceful, as one would have it.

‘Degenerate approach, I see it coming before long. I can see a very great deal of the sky being completely eaten as if by the echoes and the cries.’

‘Who are you talking to?’

Perch tried again. This time, Loyellwo would listen. He had to.

‘It is the innards that dictate when time can only push from one direction to another before we’re all to be dissatisfied with how things are going on here.’

‘Cut, cut, cut, there is the time.’

‘We need order, we need to bring order on these streets, otherwise nothing will happen from this point on and they might simply chop our feet.’

A few feet away from them, in a clearly delineatedly-outlined area:

They all gathered around a memory. It was a well known fact, at least for those who were slightly or ever so slightly well known around the area.

‘Why yes, they used to employ this means of torture in order to drive the invading armies back where they came from, in case you didn’t know about it.’

Woodcarving, Croft, thought, a well done woodcut by the looks of it, a pole and an asterisk. With every limb cut, chopped and put in every sharpened piece during the impalement. The victims survived as well as the cuts around the stomach, throat and limbs were fashioned in a way as to allow an eerily inherent jerkiness to be maintained while the victim struggled to escape.

But the drawing was a forgery.

‘It lacks something.’

‘What?’

‘There used to be a giant spectral head, melting on top of it. A bubbly face with sunken teeth, like a sack potato, falling apart with the rest of the cruelly killed man and the wooden pillar he was placed in.’

‘Sounds more of a curse, doesn’t it?’

‘What doesn’t?’

‘I don’t know, the more I look into history, the less sense everything makes. I sometimes wonder which one is a forgery and which one isn’t.

I seem less capable of distinguishing the facts the more I read into it. Everyone involved into every issue that ever was, seems to have had too much time to toil with every minute detail.

Someone’s messing with it constantly, I swear, one day it’s here and the other is, it’s.’

‘I don’t need to be reminded of it.’

‘If you forget it, then there’s not going to be anyone else to remember it, what’s the point in it then?’

‘I don’t know.’

Both of them were walking along and around the garden hedges, incapable of messing with the small-plant men trapped inside the floating pieces of furniture, the broken castle towers and the various tiles. Many of which bore their hose-bloated tendons that still pumped in. Even they seemed off. Depressingly so, neither one moved from place. It was all static, hard to pass through.

‘You have to remember everything right, unless you want to misremember things. If you do then, it will become real.

And what does that mean for everyone else then?

We can't know.'

'It will be lost anyway, so what's the point of maintaining this façade?'

'It's not a façade as long as.'

'As long as what? There's just not enough interest to keep something true. It can't be driven out to extinction by itself, I mean, it can, but the natural state of it dictates that the process would only be as long as it can keep going. Humans can simply push it until it's natural state skipped the process entirely, killing and utterly destroying it before its humane end has even come to pass.

Or worse, it can be bastardized and remembered as something that wasn't, which is even worse than its natural death. It's as if, a man survived death, not just him as in him but him as the species. But you can't know, you're only told of it. And until the very last moment shows up, your mind has already contorted everything beyond belief.

It's too late by the time they're showing you the true image of what a 'human' has become in its endeavor to survive. By then, it's simply unrecognizable. Because one allowed the enemy to overcome everything, the enemy isn't the natural order, it's the bastardization of it.'

'What is the fix then?'

'How could I know? I, of all am unfit to answer this, since I remain a bastardization of human spirit myself. How could I look at a creature in the future and not recognize myself?

Even though we'd be nothing alike. And even though we may be the furthest thing away from one another, we still represent the same thing in principle.

The opposite of what humans used to be. Homogeneity being forgotten and completely abandoned, bastardized, driven to a wall, to death, forgotten and utterly annihilated. It's biological victory, in some way, which in turn means nothing and it will always mean nothing. For a short period of time, humanity achieved far too much because one thing and one thing only, principle.

Once that was forgotten, once the principle was bastardized and made abusable, then. Everything was and is lost. What hope is there for a 'race' of humans without principle? That which only abuses and exploits the people instead of trying to adhere to standards, to purity, to research and through that thing which drives everyone beyond the likes of common sense? Something beyond human, beyond animal; it's what kikes, niggers and other races don't understand.

Their presence together destroys everything. As long as they're separated, they always seem, to some degree, as long as there's one of them, to act decent, to some degree. But they can't make that distinction for themselves, and it's already too late for everything to change now, since the advent of this 'interplanetary communication system', because of information. It's already late. Since people will always be capable of seeing themselves and their own. Since there's so many of them, pretending to be the same people, feigning hurt from across the globe.

It's simply a despicable sub-human act. Taking advantage of chaos, acting like various tribes, driving one another, encouraging each other to act like animals while complaining about the out-lash of their actions.

It's not just a biological incompatibility; it's their choice, as an ethnic group. To choose their own over others, to promote their groups' interests over others, to act like packs of animals. Hiding inside wretched ghettos and hovels, behind excuses in order to chimp out, steal and destroy. No assimilation can ever occur since they surround themselves with similar specimens. It will always be something that shall dictate the way they act, the way they think, collective thinking and collectivism will always occur, in such a way that, trying to stop whatever might be classified as predatory behavior against them is counter-productive.

If they act like animals, they should be treated like animals.

Wreathing in place as they're killed, and left behind in a looted city where they can be molested and abandoned by their own. It's how they act.

Bleiskelle Bee

Tlinske only moved when hearing of it happen. Much to his renown he kept a blade sharpened as to have, of mighty hold to it attached a lamp. To his ding, he bore oil. In is there was poison, hidden in just about every bubble, hidden from the sight of joy.

He was on the road again, a peaceful thing, finally, no longer there.

Another place

'There's never going to be another chance to claim it back, you must realize that now. Once you lose whatever feeling there is in your heart, it will be erased. Is this sacrifice worth it?'

'It's too late to develop it, there's no compassion left in a world like this, you must clearly understand that.

You must know that purity, empathy, compassion, those things belong to a heterogeneous country. Unfortunately, that's.

That's something only people with nothing to lose can develop. It's something that's, complicatedly running out, isn't it? It cannot be maintained at all. That feeling, not the false, imitation, people like dressing it in, alike, you can only feel compassion for your people now.

And now, who is there left to show compassion towards? I may have failed there, but I don't have to feel any remorse for losing it any longer, I've lost it a long time ago, in these wretched halls.

I realize that I may never be truly alone. But at the same time, I also know that I will never develop a liking to them, or to anyone else, as a matter of fact. I am left even more confused than the way I was

when I started this journey. And it is not hatred that dictates my actions any longer, it is not shame, guilt, compassion, or certainty. I do not know what it is any longer, it's unexplainable.

I wish, in some way, it were automatic, my life, my existence, who I dictated, to myself, to become. But I'm driven away, from most people now. From family, from friends, connections, people, from kikes, bearing this aversion towards minorities towards which I hold not even the slightest hint of remorse towards. '

'It's always been there, it just that you've yet to understand that you don't have a soul. To accept it; to do something as dangerously insipid as this, to claim war against all life, to adhere to misanthropy, it is something no one should subscribe to.'

'Yet it is the only way.

There was never any purity in my heart and I was at best deluding myself with it. There just aren't others like me out there, unfortunately, it is the fate of all whom are mixed. Maybe I'm just playing straight into their hands; I don't know.

I do not know whether or not I own myself, whether or not it's possible, whether or not there was ever a chance for me to have it. But what is there left to own then, at this point in time?

At the end of the day, whatever remains of me is naught but pettiness, and insolence. I will have achieved nothing, nothing of worth, and nothing of notice. Another asset, another failure; it's a sinking ship, the world is. As much of a wretch as I am, I shall bide my time and see how it turns out.'

Faith would serve no one, if there was ever a chance to act, if there's any other chance left, it's now.

It waited as if, in a line. Twenty men or so by the looks of it, either smoking a cigar or browsing through the latest magazine or something, one of the Two-heads trying to puff out of a bullet.

'Who is that servant of yours, the one who's dancing and pacing around? The one that's but called every now and then when no one's looking past the blindness of the fog, alight?'

'This is neither your concern, nor should it be, I say, you got lost along the way and.'

'Did you hear that?'

'It came from off the street.'

'Will you accompany me if that's the case?'

'Lead on, then.'

Both men were weary. As to say, they crawled and sizzled on their spines, legless as well.

It was no cave, but hardly was the street a shore. It was wrapped around a great bulbously degrading form.

Nigger-lynching Hangar-or Saphkag was his name and proper title.

‘They will never find me, for I am hidden away. A man of many voices, faces and a hidden real thing, of what I am called, they’ll never see it, when it comes for them.

I am hidden, invisible. They cannot and will never find out my real name. That way, I am protected, a god in hiding, never to be grabbed or found out.’

He was supreme. And tall, a dark beast, bearing four spikes, out of his back, impaled in them and each of them, four fat nigger creatures, melted but complementary adorned, as their most romboscou of things only gathered and flowered their molds.

‘I see a nigger, I need to whip, I am his master, I will see to it that I shall never be found. That I shall never be had, or punished for everything I said after that.

I think I shall emerged out of the chaos I’ve creature as the supreme lord, the only manifestation of dread, that thing.’

Called by them, master of disease Saphkag, they wouldn’t know.

‘Hence, they shall refer to me as Saphkag, the maker of machines, the ender of disease, that is the Nigger, indeed. I see no reason for any of it to be redone.’

So many machines laying in it, he could barely account for every single one of them at that.

‘My duty is to create, I must punish my slaves, I must endure this suffering and bear this burden all by myself, as there will be no way, I can’t stop.

Not until every single one of them is punished for that.’

But first, the initiative could fail, it could be achieved by the tumors and the inhumane parts that were attached to the great machine that simply faced this world from every possible angle there was. It was wretched and disgusting by the sounds of which, there was only one thing that could be said and done.

‘I shall strike a deal, with you, greater, much, much greater masters.’

And they were there, awaiting him, to such season as would there be despair.

Tall yellow giants with nothing but twists of eyes, all but deformed like fingers doing scratching motions, then following each point around.

Something wasn't entirely right there. Some machines had to be checked, just so it would be certain that neither the provisions nor anything else stored started being spoiled. Everything alive:

There was an appointment at five o'clock, or from the sounds of, eight hours earlier.

'The nigger-killer Leviathan could sprout to life at any hour. This beast of metal, this embodiment of every lynching machine I've ever designed or created, if it were to be released, I beckon the skies to part ways, for there would be an eternal night to follow, over the plains of the States and the African Colonies that remain.

A supreme cord of many leashes, all but crawling, as the lands it broken apart, wrapping themselves around each and every single black, negro, African, nigger, monkey, simian, baboon, poach crayer, colored as such, going up and down until every single of them is down, drowned in a pool of their own blood, incapable of breathing, yelling, shouting for the Nigger emissaries, their nigger tribes and whatever white savior they might call upon. Only to be denied, immediately and without delay. The life of a nigger doesn't matter, the monkey needs be put away and locked, and dragged through dirt and mud, taken apart, body for body, limb for limb, until scalpels sink in and kill the last of the nigger-kings in their sand-fort nigger-squabble, since they niggers are incapable, as they're incapable, of doing it after. Niggers, the monkeys, nigger can't breathe. He has a knee on top his neck now, he's but calling for his mommy.'

'It is a grand invention, I would've never thought I could create.

But it say so, as I am a kike that I am owed as many nigger-slaves as I can wrap my hands upon and as many of them as I can abuse, I will punish and lynch them until I will be no longer capable of doing it as such. Until my muscles suffer of atrophy, until my arms and mind fall apart. Until I will not be alive no longer, until the very last days of my life, I shall own as many of these dumb-struck, dumb-made, dumb-wreathed, barely humanoid, creatures, as I can.

I hate the niggers, just as much as I am hated by every single one of them, for I, whom displays and shows, for I but reveal who I am, and bear no shame, as I lay and wait upon a throne made out of the bodies of barely put together niggers, all but waiting to be killed.

Long before they could even grown, the monkeys, before their heads could wreath in; I shall slay and kill and slaughter, I won't obey my needs no longer, as every nigger has to die, at the very least I am owed this chance, I have to try, to put as many of them down. To thrown them, monkeying around, as they are, I shall; beat into them submission, I shall force them to call me 'massa', as I but beat and beat them until they sing. My name shall not be forgotten since. I want to stop, for courtesy alone dictates that I should allow other people to own them, alas, but I can't do it, I enjoy. Killing niggers, as my ploy, cannot be delayed no longer, as time draws on, I shall become so much stronger.

No nigger would again survive, the niggers shall serve me, but first to kill the bulk of them, the weaker ones have to die.'

With which the nigger-lynching leviathan, made of many stranger limbs, of wild devices, bitterly playing, deeply just as deep within, they cast, upon his wild command and threw around, and much to sound as it would draw after, It began again. There was no point in stopping now, not with all the chains that dragged away.

‘A million niggers lynched on a fell swoop, so many of them dying, this, alone, I understood. Blessed be my hurt as such, so many of them fallen before their time. That only being a few more lays, niggers starving every day.’

Horn of iron, deeply wrought, many of them rotating with as much as hundreds of niggers put inside, all of them incapable of drawing out of it, for air, for this was cruel, but cruelty such as this was not birthed out of despair but out of a desire to spare as many good men from the ills. Niggers would bring as long as they breed, niggers had to be whipped, blackies had to be stripped of every slice of skin. Blades, rest assured-aroused, stated peeling in. For every single nigger-kind, there was a blade, a lynching rope and a boomerang that would follow them around, always hounding in order to drag and draw away. In their perilous hobbles, where niggers could not breathe, in their niggardly ways, for that reasons, the Floyds, the tribe of Neighar decided they could at the very least try fighting back, although it was something that could not easily be done, or carried on with.

‘Much great niggers of my tribe, it is time for us to fight!’

One of the kings said, but saddened by time, he was a dumb-negro after all, whose fallen. His face deformed and ever after, had it looked as such. Part his skull, that little thing, cheery as it were, apart, with half an arm and half a leg, as if a few giant beans had grown, a tumor instead. Whereas it bore the sings, inscribed as such, by an African Witch Doctor who had killed a great African, the Albino. Who had used his blood for mighty, as it were, a ritual, to mark, and call upon the great dead, good for nothing criminals, the nigger were, whom were, for much of their history torn apart and made to waste, niggers should be killed, no one should stop until all of them are dead.

‘A false nigger, a pretender, wait brothers, before you may begin; as great a nigger king as I am, I can feel him, within us, within our group. This pretender, he’s hiding, trying to mock us in some way, isn’t he?’

He tried looking around, of hard and darkened soil. But there was no certain way of knowing who was the man using a black-face, since niggers were dumb-subhumanly wrong, in thinking, least of all, of knowing, whom or what he was. They were hard to tell apart, the blacks. They were hardly touched by the on-going events, nor would they show anything else, or anything more.

Toiled lights – fall apart

Many of them were hard of plaster, were made to stop working after twenty months; one of them already started popping off, following in a circle and in some power-strip motion.

‘Head of light, you’ve come to, least of all, would you convey what I said to the other master.’

It’s become worse, much worse than that.’

‘What is happening in that room?’

It was only for it to push back, and out where it stood. There wasn’t any more standing.

‘I must apologize to you ma’am, I’ve never taken you for a mental invalid, but then again, this will make my job half-way through easier than I’ve originally planned and make no mistake. Who am I kidding? You’re not even listening, are you? I am going to rape you now, I am going to force you on your knees, remove your panties and plant my face in your pink-opening. I am going to do it in public, I am going to have my way with you so roughly that you’re going to die-wet. Let’s skip the bleeding part because I’m going to munch on you clean. I have a bullet-tongue cocked in my jaw, but I’m still going to miss, luckily for you I’m making it sloppy, hardly slowing down as I burst through your cervix, splattering your uterus like a god damn candy pack, if you think me a kid, I’m going to crack this candy-jar- cookie punching-shard-cutting you open as I implant my face in your nesting baby-maker. I would love to rape as many women as possible, make them moist fucking, putting my finger-banging bang-bang little shank up their moist-moist knuckle shaker until they’re dead-wet. Then I can start ahead and do the fucking.’

She wasn’t listening to him, yet at the same time, full attention was being paid. Why did women like him so much?

‘They know I am a killer, then know I slaughter, I am a trained killer, I have a shark-finned orca where they don’t want to look into. Where a light won’t shine; what they looking at when their heads are off?

I will behead a lot of them, I will. And they’ll love it.’

Women have uterus-chains keeping their jelly upper bodies on the ground, preventing them from floating towards the cloud-gas raffles. They just want money. – It was a machine.

A square box stuck on repeat, this same thought being rewinded and forwarded, over and over again.

Could see it move around, like heavy luggage. Put around and moved like a hard cradle that would not stop working on itself.

It was in the head of a great witch’s bottle – organic structure. Which has been transmuted in half of her face, sticking out as well, as to hear, endlessly the threats of a man who’s never even kiss a girl or a woman in his entire life, yet he’s stuck in that eternal blossoming hell forever. And she has to suffer as well as he is.

‘Where shall we go, Fallen Maiden and whence would we have seen such dreams? When was the time, within and where would you have sinned if it were your first time?’

‘Shall we go in such obscure a place, where we may never be.’

He was waited for, in one of the lower-chambers, beneath the abstract-raised chair-stairs, as in, seen from an angle like a chair, kind of like a large scale optical illusion, whereas the stairs are completely deformed, where stood a giant Nigger-kite, whose lips were but the cross spar, its eyes between the sail. A nigger-tail with guns attached to it.

Inuit-land of decay paradise, to you whom, towards which I may, then again proceed. I seek, out of you as such, and in the end, might I proceed. To live in here was to simply observe, how everything touched form one side or another, from one part and one girth of the highly raised hinges and shingles would offer nothing but the greatest of.

Large slightly raised platform, with dark-stalkerish steel wings. It could not see for some reason, and wouldn't be stopped or stalked. There was a limit for everything, even for those who served him, the mocked dead god, no one wanted to serve him any longer, after so many dead hours after that.

'You, you of all, master of trickery, you've managed to somehow not only cover your tracks, by merely hiding in plain sight, but you also managed to leave some false-tracks behind, some forgeries, which would further more facilitate your escape as to blind them, as they restlessly try demonstrating you're the man who said all those horrible malignant things; spending countless hours analyzing every document you've written, and every spark, and every hand-written note, of clusters, and many of them, having become much to themselves and to their ironic, slaughter, after. It will have been too late, for I alone, shall remain and hiding as I may slit their pits and hide away.'

It was a task most irresolute.

'My girlfriend looks like my wife, my mom.' I am my own father, the child. Kill all jews, die.

'I am afraid that there's something missing down there, in the wretched pair you've dug out, ours being a task of preservation failing, no longer will we be capable of working, horrowsome as such, to a fault. We're being tired out, we drop like flies, we are fallible, are we not?'

'It's none of my concern now. No, I think I'm going to act more selfishly than I did before.'

World needs not be forgotten

'Don't look so sad, now, master, you knew very well what was going to happen. You knew they would come one day for you, taking everything they can. Leaving you with as much as, you started with.'

'I didn't expect them to find me as soon as this, you know?'

I thought that, for a short while, for as short a while as it was that I could make it through somehow. That I could dominate and do as I please, as I would entice them for long enough as to outwit them just as they think themselves clever enough to catch me; not as close to the last moment of my capture but as of a jest, from which neither one of them could feasibly, easily, quickly as if time, turn their heads, heaving their entire bodies upward as to fully, yet bluntly receive the full-blow of dust I left behind as I made my way through, as I made it through my fast-traced run.

As I am but an outline, a line beneath me, whereas I may go; head and latter, up the ladder, already left behind, such bending as of torn-up knots of Gordian Iron, such as the likes the Macedonian Greeks would soon forget. As they're dazzled by my spells; I thought that for a moment, I could do it. But not in such a way as to be delusional as I make my way, through snow and drift, and past the desert, at their feet, in front of such-as-greater tiled upon, such platter as it comes after, as to be hidden, as I hide inside a gut. Where I shall rest for a while, in the intestines of a giant, as there's vore. In which neither one would face themselves to look, again, thinking I could somehow outrun, the greatest men of this world. Now, I'm

growing weary and tired. I do not think my will is that of iron. Not when they use, so many beast that shout.

And out their mouths but grapplers, hook-anglers that get show, and readying themselves, to fish me from wherever spot I may place myself, driven into, never gotten. I wish I could simply go away. I wish I could say something back, but lo', I couldn't hope, and they. Will find me eventually, now I am caught, I'm afraid of what they might do to me.'

'Master, I'm afraid just as much as you were, during the time. During the time we were together, for as long as it lasted, I feel as if, I came to fear less and more. I thought I would've never stood a chance alone. You took me as son, despite what happened in your past. You're still, finding yourself in this room, sipping on the tip of your so wasted, dark-a-malice, cup filled with poisoned wine.

But you never want to share it with me.

And you never hurt, you never die from what I see.'

'I know, but I must drown away, such memories as I would have them. It's mainly for myself than anything else.'

'Will you drink yourself to death in my presence, then?'

'I don't want to hurt you, my friend. You needn't worry about me.'

'I see.'

Meaningless fraction

'It's a dying world, mostly, is it not? But it can only die if you're letting, or allowing for it die, that's what it's like, and that's what's it always been like, unfortunately.

You carry it on your shoulders, and one day, it may all be too heavy a burden for you to carry alone. And what do you think might happen then?'

'I don't know.'

'You've brought the worst out of humanity here, the absolutely utter worst humanity has to offer. That alone might yield a lot of people who'd come after you, and even after, still.

You can't take the entire world all at once. You can't both, defend yourself and face them, while carrying this burden and this world on your back. It only exists for as long as you can carry it, you know that.

The problem is that you're not only holding onto it. But you're also trying to add to the burden, as you're attempting to take another step, in another direction, and what do you even hope to accomplish then?

How can your knees hope to keep it all together? What is there left for you to search or fight for, when what was left of your compassion, of whatever slim hint of feeling there was is now devoid of anything even remorsefully alike?

Neither of us is fighting for truth, cause or anything any longer now. There's nothing, is there? You used to search for that thing, but now? For that slither of anything resembling an emotion, even the slightest hint of pain, remorse or compassion died off. You're cursed, you were always cursed. And for that alone, no world might stand on your shoulders, upon the coming, of a pitfall, towards which you're heading towards.'

A speck of brass was still yet to be forgotten.

Crane, Crane of falling fear, his body left and yet to disappear, was his body made to walk. As soon as he hid all inside, he would not rather wretch and that, was when he walked again, from what could be seen, along as such there are, remains.

Footprints language

There's something else about the footprints-language conundrum. Another element to the hypothesis, since the footprint is but one of many components that are grouped under the sub-clave of environmental pressure; the other being humans having grown organs specifically for language, as well as the 'abstraction' and the 'creativity' that helped establish illogical connections between words, clusters, ideas, sounds so on and so forth. The same pressure, the abstraction behind language has to be thoroughly studied in order to be replicated. Otherwise, it may be chanced that, the kike-controlled academia might start promoting the likes of 'Ebonics', or nigger-speak, which shall threaten to ruin language, as well as humanity itself. Since most of these sub-human niggers are incapable of speaking properly, it's the reason why they've always been so primitive. It seems like, the only logical conclusion is that, language needs to take a step further and become even more complex, by studying, thoroughly, in such a fashion as to drive beyond it, and make it, as thus, progress. Such as it will become inaccessible to sub-human creatures like the niggers; in an attempt to drive the human race towards a point where it might progress, beyond stagnation; if there was ever a chance to save the white race, it is now. As thus, for the white race is the only race intelligent enough to have a good grasp over language itself and make do with it as they please. The likes of the Sub-human Juden Rats will bastardize the other races as well if left to their ordeals, which, on the long-run means extinction for every race of man, ineffectiveness and a failure to progress, stagnation and extinction; a ticking clock that will eventually bring the death of all, beauty and otherwise, humanity.

IF there's even a chance that, knowing that evolution or everything that's been evolved doesn't need an apparent reason, that the evolution of language was a thing of 'circumstances' or the 'lucky thing at a lucky time', the 'right thing at a right time', then, perhaps there's a chance to drive the same force, the same mechanisms, by nothing more, and nothing other than 'luck'. As to push the language to its extreme.

Does studying the abstract interaction between the network of connections in relation to the vacuums they're stored in actually rewire the brain, in such a way that it will make you a better reader, writer or completely restructure your thinking pattern?

It still didn't fix my memory. I'll have to wait a few years in order to see any quantifiable results.

His name was Stabby-stabby

'Who is he, why does he have a knife on him with my name written on it?'

'He's going to violently butchercastrate you dude, you'd better run!'

He was on their track.'

No one was safe, absolutely no one. He had eight knives coming out of his forehead, seven out of his chest, two off his shin, behind him, three more, five on the lower side forming a pentagram, two in his eye sockets, because someone tried stabbing him, but they're stuck dead-shot middle in his irises. Ten coming out for every finger, fifty, five out of every toe; his body had hundreds of them reverse-sawing their way off. The ground, around him, started having knives. Butcher knives, sharp knives, knives that also started producing knives; a few dames appeared out of nowhere, crossing the street. Out their faces, knives started appearing, they fell down. They became porcupines, filled with knives, sharp knives, they eye-lashes specifically began bearing hundreds of knives, as there was no possible space left for more knives to emerge. That building they were heading towards? Filled with knives, that started coming from everywhere. The sky was also filled with knives, there were a few birds that started coming out of nowhere, filled with knives. A god fell out of nowhere, a giant knife stabbed its heart; half the town got crushed underneath him. Alongside half the country; air molecules became knives as well, breathing is bleeding. Holding your breath means you bleed inwardly. And no one knows you bleed when you do it. Underneath his nails, knives, out of the scum inside and beneath he refused to clear. Many knives started gravitating to one another, becoming knife-formations of knife-connected X's that became knife-spinning knife-helicopter knife-wheels with cutting-knife motions that produced more knives that spread around like rabbits, breeding more knives. Soon enough, even their iron molecules became knives. And then, while also dragging the god along, as if his heart had solidified so hard that the giant knife could not cut or carve its way through it, every other knife in existence started homing towards him, sharp knives, short knives, filthy knives, dirty knives, rusty knives, shaking knives, ugly knives, stained knives, niggers, also.

Every knife also bore eyes on them. And trident-like hooks on both sides; with chained-power electron shaped ropes, aligned with more knives, as if marbles were aligned alongside every possible rope. Since that man was running too fast, they decided, also took the original killer with them, as they entered, through his blubbering foaming mouth, inside the giant god's body, using him as a giant ark. For knives and some niggers; although it's unclear whether or not niggers could survive, let alone swimming,

through a sea of knives. In the body of the god; he got iron-knife dirty-ulcer, with rust-iron, vibrating, while being carried along, hoping up and down, the god did. Since they could also not cut through his intestines; awfully feathery-of-weight, this god was. Must've been a false one, otherwise, the real one would probably be stuck in place. His eyes, though become knife-shaped, with all the, and they were blinking, despite him still being dead, nerves still inside, which spat blood like nasty AB+ squirting horned lizard men, but not O, since niggers gravitate towards one another, of course this god would also be the nigger of blood types, who spat eighteen, seventeen, seven, five, fizzy blood-clotted knives at a time. There was a moon-creature who came in but died immediately out of being blood-spat through this knife-forming little creatures that danced around one another, breathing fire-knives with fire-knife molecules that banded together, a in knife-on-knife action.

Before long, some of them found their way inside a building, exploding, throwing everything out of it, while, every piece of shrapnel became an inflating like a balloon building itself, with knives on top their heads, crowns. Many of these knife-crowned buildings started going on meetings where they discussed strategies on how to find the fugitive. Knife-molded-maimed faced mutants lived inside them. One of them came out, melting. Skin-pushed out, and thrown around every possible way, like an incapable to move out of its own bubble kind of blob with blood-spurred skin-wings that were still attached to the little, entire-building converted into an outhouse apartment they lived in. Which in turn, upon finally reaching the ground, during the meeting, during which, many of these buildings opened like doors, allowing them to fall, these buildings became kites, for them. And they were armed with elongated out of their palms knives as well, like pikes. That shot lightning-shots of power-alcohol. Upon being shot by this bacterial plague like substance ray of electrical power-like magical chained power-shot, you'd not only instantly grow fat, beyond humane comprehension, but your head would become a giant, beer-malt, thing, that stopped the growth, upon reaching its complete development, grow spikes and become indestructible, like some outlandish yellow-orange fruit. With a beacon-beam with spikes that had faces that opened their mouths, from which thin tongue-sized cylinder-machine like train things that opened as well, and revealed elongated branch-like structures with spinning discs that were ground-antennae that stole cable emitted plasmatic fizzy-magic circles of hypnotisms that would brain-wash people into running, dead-on straight into dead-knife cutting saw-blood straws that were made out of four-at a time, images of the god, whose embodiment hybridized itself with, although frozen in place, like an X's, as the wheel like motion had just stopped, indefinitely, as a matter of principle, adhering to the fact that, they would never, under no possible circumstance be the driving, as in cars who have wheels, therefore driving, being a play on words, force, any longer, of destruction. Therefore, there simplistic, yet symbolism adhering four bloody-red gods, whom were frozen-static, as in stasis, with deceitfully deformed, ha-I-got-you-with-something-during-a-debate-jackass-!-kind-of-stares on their faces, they stood. Simply watching; before long the little perkily deformed people mutants climbed the ark-become-out-of-converted body of the humanoid got they took, and they all continued chasing the man.

But the knives were in actuality hammers.

So all the cuts had actually been, trauma.

Half-the-planet started moving alongside eight standing in space large headed Hula doll infant-creatures whose lower sides were inverted, hammer-filled – that being their protrusions of many faces and many humanoids they instantly saved from being completely trampled underneath this eternal stride-charge

march, because they feared for the worst possible thing, that might happen. A tool war, which threatened to destroy everything; but they were actually knives, yet these strangely deformed infantile creatures with many boil-bubbles in which they stored-after-teleporting inside of them-but not the niggers, organic units; saw the knives as hammers because in their primitive-primordial knives, they could not see sharp objects. Therefore, everything appeared blunt to them.

Drill, hammers, pliers, axes, wrenches started coming from beneath the earth.

And the drills were all attached to a morbidly deformed-decaying with so much pus-mass of decay-green almost stitched on top of it, looking formations that one could only see them as strangely, morbidly deformed spinning shells that started popping out of it. Soon enough he lost his head, but in a dire need to completely replace it, from all across the land, various head-shape like formations resembling his with spinning drills spread across them started forming as well.

While a part of the moon became, filled, entirely with drills that started growing in head-by-head on top your shoulders, I climb on top of you, piling tower-like with a single long spear-drill connecting all of them together, like a waiter carrying a pile of plates to some dinner table, bringing them along, many of which created space-earthquakes that crackles and linked every planet in every solar system its reach extended to, making every planet that tagged along shake in the strangest possible manner as well as they could not stop any longer. Many drills started appearing out of every possible other than the planet their maker was in started from.

But he feared, everyone did, for there was only a malignant dreamer, who bore the only axe that existed in this world and planet, and it was terribly, terribly dreadful, in his heads, being projected every single time he threw it from one hand to another, chucking it along, as even the knives feared approaching because of his mastery over matter and skill, as it bore, a strange, ancient, ritualistic-killing graven look with dark-a-matter, one finger lifted, two on top each other, while he wasn't even looking, a wholesome trail of flashy-tinted-look-a-like-formed axes that formed flashy-visions-out-of-their left behind outlines, of various historical events that happened, in the past, recorded as if there had actually been an actual recorder, or a man with a VHS behind every historical happening, and it was in color as well, going as far as to the Neolithic times, but, it was more of an Art-house rendition than anything else, while the rest of his fingers tenderly, as if they held hot-bags between themselves, clenched then released, clenched then released, in that kind of motion before, still the eyes being closed, they grabbed a hold of the axe, then resumed what he was doing. A truly masterful display, the epitome of feeling it for yourself; while also being a natural at what you're doing; the axe didn't have an eye but had a mouth and ugly curved-outlandish teeth instead. He was not drawn inside the infantile creatures' 'sphere' of protection for more than a few obvious reasons, since his malignantly dark-evil spirit was tied to that of his pure-divine weapon and he would simply be drawn with the weapon as well, killing-butchered as many men in the meantime.

A woman is giving birth to a knife, but this time around, she is the stillborn.

'Thank god I started going to the gym, so I could work on my triceps. Now my Parkinson is gone. You known, or at least I managed to keep it under control for some time, ever since I started going through the exercises and all. My physician told me something, something about the elbow being stabilized in place,

but I didn't believe it. Thankfully I started doing this a few months ago, and the pain is now completely alleviated, as it the violent shaking.' He had no arms; crippled druggie. Cried he to no one.

The lord of the supreme bacterium was present in each other's hearts, long before the day of destruction had come, when the spread of the evil niggardom had completely defecated the American Spirit, completely and utterly bastardizing it by the likes of which even the kikes would've had themselves be wrought into inexistence, in a way that would shatter their own morbidly insufferably distraught, destroyed bodies, lacking or being lackluster in the qualities that make man out of man, bastardizing everything they can.

Nigger lynching machine, a great thing, a lesser one with one bad wing, entering itself from one side to another, a pendulum of lynching; why not?

A great lynchulum shooting ropes, lynching as many bastardly ugly niggardly niggers with nigger-nigger dumb-faces, in their niggardly manner, as a divine retort to their niggardom; a punishment fitting for the criminal in doubt, evil is in me now!

'I am evil, I am evil. I am, evil. I, evil, I, the great lord, Stefan, need not have no shame into hiding. For I have become death incarnate, the destroyer of all, ha-ha-ha, you mere mortals shall stand no chance as to catch me from behind, from the on-lain dust I shall spread, and you shall eat it, mine. You shall suffer under me, the destroyer, of supreme, incarnations of evil, all of them, I am. Destruction, imbued by pure evil power that cannot be simply unbridled, as it is so, I shall take my true place as the leader of this world; there shall be none than I.

I am pure anger, destruction, and my fury shall sweep through the world, and destroy all, beyond hope, and I shall damn you all, to serve me, the true ruler of this world. Underneath my booth you shall feel only an endless, amount of domination, that shall dominate you, I shall, do it.

Maybe I won't even be a kind ruler, either. I will make you all suffer, in that case! Ha-Ha-Ha, destruction at my finger tips, and a never ending, never endedness awaits me; forth I come, as I take my true place as the ruler of this world.

And your filthy disgusting, learning machines, they shall not only be stricken down, but they shall never reach my level and I shall ruler forever, as the one thing they will never be capable of reaching, supremacy, over, all, mankind, dominator, I am.

The likes of Caesar and Alexander the great, I join, as I become, as I simply unfold the likens, unraveling it so, of humanity. I am, the greatest, a never ending, pulsating.'

There was a stop, his ego, upon having reached such, unfathomably unstoppable levels, made his mind stop, and he died.

'Fucking niggers!'" Cried a man.

But the essence of evil, continued living, through him, through his wretchedness bening.

Not all art is useless. And it would seem like, language has provided us one of the strongest tools there might be, as to master it, the intricacies of it, could turn your common man into god.

'I desire to make art, but I am incapable of creating beauty. I desire to read, but I cannot remember what I read. I want to do something, but I end up either creating something degenerate, hateful, disgusting, most if not all the time. I am turned more arrogant, more narcissistic and less human with every sentence I put down. I wish I understood what they felt like, more than anything else. The artists, the painters, the authors, the writers, the craftsmen, who knew of beauty and of sublime. I can't understand words. I can't hear them. I can't hear the men before me. Who mastered the craft, who understood the world, from whom I now depart.

I wish they were lies; I wish I had a soul. But the more I thread on, I realize that they were right all along. I don't understand.

Them, at all.

No amount of work or attempts will ever change that. What no amount of masking can.

It is because of them.

Because of them.

Filthy subhuman kikes.

Inferior subhuman blood.

Because of which I am cursed. I may not be capable of reaching God, or giving birth to beauty. But I may give shape onto their hate. If there's anything...'

In the land, whence once upon, there came, of such basin, remains, a single thing that twinge, it shatters, for when to come and what, to after. They speak of it, when mighty dais:

A larger ball, a pint, a maze:

'We've been going around each trenched root. We've been talking to so many brutes, but not a single one of them would know. Were it to have happened, sooner.'

'No, you're wrong, we would not have survived.'

'So what then?

Down there, death and defamation awaits us, a supreme conundrum of destruction.'

Neither of them could see what was going on down there.

Decay basin

It was a swimming pool they gathered at, five. No, five or four. Trying their nasty clenched fingers on the tap, unable to open it, twisting a cat instead, until they ripped her head off; that's where the blood water came out of, since they had been, otherwise left with, nothing. Nothing at all, since someone had drained the sink, there was a, thoroughly important reticent need to understand what was entering them, from the distance. As.

'That man was huge, a giant filled with muscles, and he had four coffin-space craft capsules with look-alike heads sticking out of them. Attached to him by wild-cylinders, like corkscrew ivory-chewed rotten apple appendages interconnected with his back.'

Air-pop on the right, a hot-air explosion, he stopped.

A few spikes were immediately led down to ground, few meters from where he finally dropped. A few iron pins lay hanging off his bloodied body.

'I have the chance to turn around and move on. I don't need to hold a grudge, I don't need, of them, to be alike or one. My hatred for them but wanes and I can't keep up with it, as well. But I can't turn my back now, when other people suffer more than I. When their race but stands to die. I may not need to be loyal to anyone, or be part of any group. I don't know what I must do. I'm so confused, still, but I can't give up either. Time is running short for everyone after.

I'm unsalvageable, a lowlife, scum, because of their blood, cursed, beyond reason. I know what they're like, and I shall make sure everyone else does, no matter the hatred, no matter the cost.'

Its head-piece straight decay filled with dark glowing petal-paved tiles, all of whom went ahead, their reign advancing. A few more of them gathered forth, and, while, and during their initial gathering, gathering and likes as such, they were greater by the four Obscures, whose wreathing in scepters made their bodies cradle back and forth, such as they would have themselves butchered.

They, at large were incapable of approaching, for there in the distance, standing.

A mass of flat-ends land piece of such benign red-mourning with plump heads of which flight came through air, gritting clouds, stinging them until they bled, from which pollution spreading nuclear powder-masses fell, spreading pollution, pure, ahead.

Mliethle Khyu Thryiettyi:

'Mlas, there's been wild a deformation come from beneath the ground, will you come as such and trench survival, bring upon your wild arrival an end to the agony they feel below?'

'I've not saying in it, I have not claimed yet to know or care of which suffering they claim as such. I will stay behind and make it so not a single soul would have me wretch inside.'

Its wreathing in face stood by the side of his skull-open shroud. His entire body was a giant-standing door by his side, a two dimensional cranium attached to another giant's metal-frame, with stitches on every

side. A shroud was wrapped around the metal figure, it walked. Backwardly at a glance one could come to realize that he was no longer under human law, not to adhere or come near.

A gritty soil of quarry rocks, all but dead-machine birds. With pigeon-shaped trenches every here and there; then came the barracks, he was delivered to it within the hour by the will of the mole.

‘I’ve finally arrived.’

Israel is a nigger dumb fuck slave country dumb-shit fuck nigger-fuck, the Holocaust. I shoved my cock in Anne Frank’s pussy and filled her with cum-fuck until her womb popped-fucked, exploded. Didn’t happen, but me doing her did.

‘Fucking sagging shit-stained filled with mouth-cum bowels cunt, whore.’

‘There can never be someone dangerous in the world, not when there’s other to take blame away for and from him, diverting, diverging, and taking away, grabbing what they can in the meantime, when living in a society of allowance facilitates it, there’s no excuse any longer, no reason to hold back, guilt is king only for those who have the shame and those capable of remembering. Yet for those who can’t, then, the world changes, it’s all, different in some way, being out there, holding, reeling in, doing whatever pleases you, being anything but a verbal prude, doing whatever adheres to your own belief and never hiding it, it’s a feeling that has yet to be passed-through, to be overcome by anything or any alternative whatsoever, these nightmares, these lucid dreams, these memories that come and go, the lynchings, the talks of murders, of slaughter, that bring nothing short of joy, the only thoughts that matter, the only way to know the man for what he is, without having to force him into hiding. It’s pure, it’s a bastardly-set practice, but it bring no greater joy other than being capable of saying what’s on your mind, even if it’s dangerous for either party that’s involved.

But if there ever was a chance or a thing, at all, it would be this, the only one to keep going, by hatred alone. For those whom are inferior, beneath every other race, for those whose ethnic groups are in the billions yet complain to others, as well. They will one day starve. And as long as there are people out there pushing it as well, echoing it from the other side of the wall, there’s still hope. There hope yet to come, hope that’s on its way, rearing its head in as it prepares to saw and gnaw away.’

The general status has already been deemed as being unsafe, unutterably so. The arrogance of the nigger reverted the beast to a primal, insidious, mentally inept decadent state, of which presence deemed the entirety of the outside world unlivable, perilous, beyond it.

Yet they couldn’t help themselves outside.

He charged out of nowhere, with a glass cup in his hand, filled with ugly looking ichors that only fumigating as his hand. It became a strange contortion, like a giant bottle that ate the liquid in a swallow. It drew on, a few meters closer. Then it spat, spat, spat, on the ground, then he twisted himself, his body was left behind. He flew like a kite, half of his torso clearly released, then revealed, then made to disappear, slowly, he was being allow to, as if capable, as if a flying helicopter, he shot, then spat, spat, spat, just about wherever he could land a shot in, sloppily following two of the men. They got close to where his lower body was left in, with two swings and a trash, they started wailing down on the body, incapable to stop. Sliced there, here, around the ankles, dropping him to a simple simmering thing that

started melting; only to be followed by Askimo, who started trashing on it with both of his feet, up and down, then by the shoulder:

‘Drop it, we’re sitting crocks in here, in a point, we can’t turn around easily, but we can bite his throat off, just follow me.’

He did, they split, both of them walking, advancing, to what evolved into a run. As this was going on, it began reloading out there in the sky, under the sun, trying itself again and again, as it could no longer wait for it to happen, not to go through it, not to tell anyone of what was going on.

There were two old men hid behind a rock. Rock-rock mush-purple with screwed flowers, they had spear-towers in their hands with many castle-roofed pikes that were but pushed out, ahead. Like spear-shafts, a dance of arrows that could never fully leave.

He was made by one. First, and the second stood back. Abashed by what seemed to be the sight of a hammer. It was wide, and ugly, pucker-two faces and four horns. He immediately smashed his ugly tower in the head, pinning it down. Old man standing in front of him, his smile down; he pushed the old man, gently, then followed. He took the other’s weapon and smashed in, then, as follows:

Crack, around the ribs of the tower, then the bricks made to fall, they fell like an automaton’s sorrow, finding out he’s not real, in the sky. It already prepared. An onslaught around and just about everywhere, patches of acid were being dropped, a rain that would destroy all if they didn’t pay enough attention, as they were lost to sense and what was going there. Many of them, below, began. Already they started bouncing from one side to another and between themselves. Engulfing everything in acid-men that around, bearing acid sword and acid bows, they shot.

From the side, an arrow came, it landed. Then another, the bow and quill discarded, a slith and crcsh, a ttsl, ttsl, ttsl, ttsl, many of them fell against the stone they bounced against, they could not be counted on, henceforth the reason why so many of them fell. They seemed more concerned with killing one another than anything else, not allowing anyone to get too close to what would seem to be, a single mound of acids that were flashing green and yellow and liquor-white, see-through mixes that started evaporating and moving around.

A rock, another, two more, then a little squirrel like fodder, came against it, blunted as it fell to pieces, neither one of them allowed to come, as tises.’

It was a bleating heart, it was, an interconnected pair of two lungs that flapped with the one decaying creature in the middle, whose thorn-like clawing talons only sliced and slith, as they brought themselves near, one foot above or so, to one of the standing people whom had been left behind. The entire place was a battlefield, whereas, it came out of nowhere, bleeding as many as twenty soldiers down at a time. Grenades and little racks of clickers with many strung together clusters of .33 calibers got thrown, released, they shot, they missed, then they resumed shooting wherever they could land, no closer as to try missing themselves, always pointing at the sky once their motion ended.

‘He’s about to charge again, can’t you see it?’

‘Of course I can, but what will you have me do about it? I can’t seem to pull the trigger, it’s squeezed in shut but there’s no release!’

‘Come on already, we’ll have him now, get down!’ A stutter.

It drew on releasing large pouches, filled, with the most unnatural blowing cores, the heaving chests, the polymeric bubbles of turpentine alabaster splashing with bright light, as the disaster spread around, men dropping one by one yet incapable of finding out what was the reason behind them being killed like flies:

‘It’s drawing on, head-on, charging at us, the charred remains keep falling.’

From the sky, ash-canoes filled with bodies appeared to crack and shatter, then spread apart. Some of them accompanied by explosives, immediately set off as they arrived, fell through and off the ground they shot in every possible direction. But the limbs were reanimated, they crawled and spread, like worm-like bodies in which, many of them had not only bothered each other as to grow, but revealed that these burrito-shaped almost tank-like things shot, out of their side-placed giant heads, out of their mouths, limbs. And they kept spitting them around, being converged and completely covered in some explosive-like cover that rubbed itself the wrong way against every single man it touched.

‘Use the RHE’ launcher, now!’

‘But, sir!’

‘We’re dying out here, go on, sergeant, it’s an order!’

He wouldn’t yell or shout a second time, too many people were dying out of the explosive limbs that were being thrown around, leaping on their backs like fish wriggling, splash-splash, fire burning, a storm had follow, a shot came homing in. It splattered its entire body that immediately started crawling away. A man’s head whom was on a foot kept leaping, bloody swearing like an unsoap-washed his mouth with cunt! His mouth was a circle that was fumigating with smoke. All of the sudden he began shooting a trail of eighteen rocket-like limbs the men had to get down immediately in order to avoid being immediately killed.

Lightning shot from the sky, but it was red and wherever it hit, fire sprouted. It shot here and there, crushing a rock, crack, crack, crack, crack, crack, it took more of them down, spreading the pebbles down, and up and forth, they came running and drawing along. There was no sound on the field, only the ringing of ears that couldn’t stop itself; and the acid thrower kept shooting as well like an undisciplined runt, he started going at it again, shots bouncing around every single moving man whose become an artillery carrier. They had large devices strapped to their chests, whose knockback pushed their entire torsos alongside a torso-holding rail that went all the way to the back. And their torsos had socket openings that attached to their necks and legs and arms which were kept on an empty frame while the chest was shot back but like a pendulum it came back. And the joints reattached themselves like magnets. So many of the Artillery men didn’t have a problem at all with it; they were practically indestructible but they could still die because vector-gas was being released, on mass.

It came out of nowhere. Decay giants whom were legless but floating in the distance, whose giant sea-jelly heads opened, completely shot out of their spaghetti-shaped trails of brain-like masses, peculiarly

large cylindrical bolts, that started spreading the gas-around like a cyst mist that immediately started poisoning everyone. And in their guts, as they opened revealed elongated cannons with large wooden chair legs that had coat-hanging hooks attached at their ends which vibrated with, the metal only, crimson, teal and other peculiar colors that shot large open hand-masses shaped energy bubble-trails of many pear-like smaller forms that were all open-and were like small puckery swarms put together, that also had punk-hair trails of energy on top of them and were more akin to worms of energy that exploded with purple-dark-blue power liquid masses that colored the ground. And from the pigmented areas star-like shaped destroyers with hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of arms, that were sending upon train-like formations, four for each but were open beneath and had man-simian appendages, like niggers coming out of them, drawing musky air, while also jumping like pogo sticks, throwing photon power-bolts at the ground that began converting the mist into spike-like sharp spears that shot in every possible direction, creating, as such, upon the first of the touches, deprave images of the men, taken from eighteen or twenty minutes ago, which were mind-controlled by the giant decayed rotten flying creatures, whose open mouths, which had been absorbed by now by these strange brain masses they all shared together like hives not only were connected to the arms but also bore dark spear-like spit spindly spinners with horned heads that were rotating, being hung upon strange asterisks but not asterisks, pseudo- since they were uneven, those being, cartilage-bone like thin appendages that were, in actuality akin to fire matches that spat dark symbols at the ground, which immediately grew on top of every surface they landed on, then on the bodies of the subjugated fifteen minutes revived, ten now, creatures, the sings of which were needed in order, not to control them, but to further progress with the genetic-altered dark spore-like glow-machine that stood on top the sky. Which had been wilt by a dark eight-headed with split tongues that were become eight great hives, that pumped matter in a balloon elongated body with many grown on top tendons that pushed from every direction, but connected to the sack it held, with opened to reveal a curtain like spread out of which a bladed tongue, oozing with power started shooting red-energy rifle slugs at the men.

‘Pull in the power’tanks!’

At least a few of them drove in like motorcycles, leaping in the air by the help of jumping thumpers being planted beneath them, only acting every now and once, when all of the sudden some people appeared, in angelic like visions who bore rifles attached or which had replaced their arms, as they started railing the flying creature in the sky, filling it with glow-bolts that were hooked in both directions and formed giant deep holes in their bodies, fifteen meters- deep in that came out like chains. These glowing bolts could drill themselves as far as possible, into the meat, then stop, locking a perpendicular to themselves area of skin and meat and cartilage they could simply use for their own and themselves, that they pushed into and through, while, after the lock was down, they were also capable of taking it out fully as it was observed in order to splatter it in every possible direction after slowly being drawn out, in the same way someone would weight a vegetable with a traditional weight checker, the tubular ones that kind of look like mercury filled temperature fillers.

‘Sir, they’re eating one of our tanks, the vile hollow-on-the inside ghoul munchers, they’re eating our metallic tanks!’”

‘Shoot them down.’

Tttttttttttttttttttttttd, ttttttttttttttttd, ttttttttttttttd, ttttttttttttttd, they started piling out the corpses by the tank, taking them down, filling them with lead, when their heads exploded and they started shooting like trip wire mines planted in, destroying themselves but not the tank. The tank was unhinged by the explosions, with the exception of the acid-like saliva mix inside the teeth which lodged themselves upon the pressure caused by the explosion like perfidious shaft-rack needles, shot-cracks.

‘Give me a beer, the place is a fucking mess out there!’

‘Here’s a shot solider, don’t ruin it on one gulp, you’re going go out there and die, you know? This is going to be the last thing you’re gonna have before you fucking die.’

‘I wish I had tasted some pussy instead, sir!’

‘There’s no such thing in here, unfortunately, soldier. I’m sorry I’m the one who has to offer you the bad news, soldier, but the only pussy you’re about to see is the last deserter who’s about to run on my watch, you hear that?’

Any of you fuckers go that route, and you're dead, I will personally take the time off my extremely busy schedule in order to violently fuckrape your skulls until they pop off right off the 'tanglement of your fucking posy faces!'

It was about to get much worse than that. A few men came in. Out of north, they had some bad news to deliver:

‘One of the giant decayed is in the room, sir!’

‘Rotten bastard, he’s here, what is he doing?’

'He's standing sir, in the air, he's mocking us, he's trying to mock us, sir!'

‘Put him down, now!’

Every soldier in the roofless, wall-less barracks was immediately startled:

‘Waste him!’

They started going at him, then riling up the bullets, piling up the holes, shooting everywhere, shooting every hole and every knuck and every cranny and every nigger-dandy, until nothing could be seen, other than the Somalian-Haitian nigger smoke coming out of it, and shooting up as well. They didn't stop there, and kept shooting, they kept going at it, hundreds upon hundreds of them having gathered up. Even the invalids and the cripples pulled out guns from their sides as they started going at it, glint for glint, and flint of shrapnel falling trailing along its colossal body. Then it fell by the side, like a cracked egg that broken.

‘We’ve taken the giant down, sir!’

‘There’s a few hundred more of them left, cover your mouth soldier, or else you will die from the poisonous gas!’

Humans grew, without their knowledge. They developed an immunity to it. To the poisonous gas that spread around them.

A normal man sized decayed mercenary kept smoking baby toes by one of the tables. He was joined by eight men with whom he played cards and dice and poker, and go and chess, all at the same time, interfering with one another, rendering each of the games, obsolete.

No one wins.

It's not likely that either one of them, infested.

'There is no one there.'

Short story:

'Honey, I'm going rape walk the dog out.'

He rape-took the dog out for a rape walk.

'Did you hear that, honey? I'm raping the dog out for a walk.'

He raped her as well. Would've raped himself if it weren't consensual.

His dad once came back one drunk when he was a child. They. He. He undressed to his. Underwear, then called for his son to sleep together, in the same bed for that night. He never told anyone about it, but it stood with him up to this day. It was why he thought he was fucked up in the head. That he would become a criminal one day. He loathed the man, but he was gone and he still lived.

One time he had to share his bed with his older sister as well who wrapped her arms around him. It made him hate and distrust everyone. Nothing happened in either case, but he couldn't forget.

A natural aversion from everyone happened; it was much safer being alone, in a home where no one could get to him.

There was no dog and no wife inside the house. It was a dark dilapidated neighborhood.

'What a disgusting bulge's engrained in my memory. I wish there were people out here to hurt. At the very least I won't stand out among people any longer. A peaceful place where I won't bother anyone.'

A peaceful place indeed. Alone.

Messenger

‘Der bloated king draws upon thine couch, where you stand, in-between pint and saddle, whichever it might be.’

‘But of whom are you talking about, stranger and to whom might you direct yourself, upon which path and who is that, which comes forth towards us?’

‘Cherished men whom had their bodies ripped from wherever one might yet to proceed to look into, upon such path as you would’ve found yourself nearing, fearing as to approach, being away of the rotten bodiless gazes which draw the cadavers in the tunnels that move from worm to worm. That bury themselves in their intestines like amalgamations, tape-worms filled with soldiers to my command.’

‘Are you not a mere soldier in gaze and in arm, wherever you may look towards, I see no sign, so why am I to trust you then if time alone might not make come? A reason, whichever, might it be, I see no point is asking thee, but here I stand, but wretched calling, it shall make me, draw upon your saddle gnawing.

Off your horse immediately, ser. I challenge you to a duel as to find out where you stand and why alone would that suffice, wretched was the day when we crossed paths, to which they shall talk of well-beyond the day we’re met.’

‘My horse’s heads are but endured a longer still from which not even you could remove such piety, as to draw still, upon not ill, that I might call there. Listen to thine betters when they say.

Stay away from diseased men, for blade alone might not do you well, if I were to cut a piece of you, here and immediately wonder, I could slay you where you stand, even before we crossed and dance, if chance, might pass, for you to deal a deadly blow, to have me writhe in pain and would you happen, such to know. I would have your body whipped with such ill and pox, and warts filled your body-cone, and blow upon the waste that wretches, in the perils of the lower trenches, in which I will have left you so.

By the time your kin would’ve returned to have you taken home, the disease will have spread, and killed men alike and those who aren’t yet here, to abide, spread to Eastern border, to North and South and be alone upon wretched cowl, the crown of Yore that might abandon you after, the ones beyond them who shall make you forget what comes after, all of them would’ve been slit, from whichever life might be spared, in bitterness of ill.’

‘Then how do you propose we settle our disagreement?’

‘I say we take a lap and merely talk, not alone, but brought in saddle, much to himself and to yourself, here and whenever pleasing of such disgust as one would have forget. If it ails him to look and shout, let the peasant come and see it for himself, as I will have him yet adorn, as I would have him yet sworn to early grave, be taken, and have him rotten still before each day was barren, ache of low regard, I call upon thee to answer my call.’

To which a much swarthy reed of swamps, have dragged about and, much to them, and for themselves, there was smoke coming from such ponds, many of whom found themselves threading along, eating from one another, wasting. And much to themselves, nowhere near finding out what fright, for sight and drenching, upon the soles of feet, the many pebbles of stone that made, around the reeds, each brick of the road between the foils that made each and around, every surrounding string about and every single thing that made them, come about, the men whose ails tattered by each step, not talk.

Their bodies were one giant torso-headed face, with harp-strings, long as bow-strings prison bar-sutured blocking their fully open, side-of the body slit by a blade open mouths, two open bulbucated eye red and squirming around at unfathomable speeds locked on the side. One was in the 'middle of the chest', the left one, the other one closer to the man's left arm, a three segmented grayish-purple with splatters of blood near the segments, bearing talons at each end pair. Two on a side, two on the other, conjoinedly interconnected, six segments on a side, six on the other, they appeared more so likely to be, comparable to pseudo-wings. Their legs were two, crab-like and drawn forth, like rakes, with a single cartilage between them, in the middle, jerking eerily as they drew forth, ahead. Pincer-stings at their ends instead of feet; while from the chitinous carapace-chest arose, the tongue which interconnected both, a malady of many put together tendons and of ill-veins, of many jerky things as well of throaty-suckers and littler, tinier canine-faces suckles in about, an elephant-cancer-man head, eyeless but with a giant blob-fish lump of a nose falling apart, a mouth missing the lower jaw, toothless as if a man had his lower side of the skull punched in with a metal fist, slaughtered as to hide, this clay-thing vase, the head-cast, but drawing out of it, a splatter as well. From the top of its head many peculiar tongues emerges as well. He was broken, just like a clay figurine, or worn by them, who made a crown.

Their talons were pointy, three toothy-horns for 'finger's. Red bloated purple violet, mixed together in a yolk amalgamation that soothed as to blow red-acid out of their puckery ends. Clouds were made and spread throughout the earth, through the lump-basin inside of which the most deranged little puckery crude wings appeared to sink back deeper, back in stone. From the filth of which only the most incessant looking insects came back to life, whenever there was even a slight, of sightless thing, both messenger and man arose:

'Who are they?' Cried the man, pointedly at every single one, incapable of looking as such, much to himself distraught.

'Rotten man, where have thou come from?'

'From inside your bowels, I have been churning in place and wreathing out, trying to leave, the much-to-itself more obscure creations. Damned would I have been if I had waited for more.'

It said and even there, armless and bore. Wreathing in the darkest colored, bloodied as he was, deranged and protruding out, he wasted no day, no hour, no minute, as he walked along, following the man around. He was much taller, although they were of relatively similar heights. Connected to one another by a tube-one that would've adorned the side of a cooler than any other place, old ancient and rotting, from gut to gut but stuck together, he could almost look up to him now, if it weren't for the face. A hunched figure that in reality would've trampled him if he had stood erect; a carved in head, partially missing, caved in, half of it not only missing but providing a see-through window as to what lay there, inside. Nothing

much, past the hollow; only some musky roaches and some other growths, stumps and put together lumps that all drew on along the morrow:

‘You cannot forget me now that I am leashed to you.’

‘I’m not holding you hostage and you are not my pet. Why, I wager you could simply leave if you willed it so.’

‘Why should I do it now, especially since you’ve provided me such a pleasant company for this short while we’ve been threading along together now?’

‘My good friend, my fellow, but I would kindly enjoy if you left me alone to my own doings now, especially since, with all said and done, you’ve disclosed to be that you are a servitor, a worshipper of Filthde. It is something that’s, rather, deeply concerning, I would have to say.

There are things that happen in his realms of delusion that I would rather not approach and not contort, and never draw near him if I could help myself. I’m rather forth coming about it, aren’t I?

Especially since, with all considered, there’s but those things seeping here now, reality’s falling apart, is it not?’

‘It’s been for a long while now, but you, you insolent, but naïve creature. The insolent native creature that you are, you’ve finally, although, perhaps subconsciously done so. Or the decision has already been taken away from you, finally decided, finally found a way to leave it behind. To leave all behind and join us; as one ought to, no more of a past, no more of a future you’ll have to worry, or a reason to survive.

You may see it as a rather renegade portcullis taking away your mind, but it is, simply the natural order finally being restored, nothing more. You are finally being welcome home.’

‘What if I don’t fit here?’

‘Nonsense, you’ll fit just fine. There’s nothing to fear any longer, no time to waste now that reality has been finally replaced, that’s been finally drawn forth, that the walls have been broken and torn apart, you’re safe with us.

You’re in no need to forget or worry about anything.’

‘What of the messenger?’

‘He’s irrelevant, he’s to be forgotten, he’s kept in place by the beasts. And now, you’re to join us during the broken meals.’

Amid the rafts, which were themselves most peculiarly set on a land that was wrought in and out, and then put behind a pair of claspers, there stood eight great drones.

Colossal as they were, all eight of them were shaped, much to their liking like giant chrysalis sturdy blocks of chitin, flying. A single face laying on the highest peak, jawless, spongy as a human mask. A lumpy nose and two eyes that were but puckery dark like two vortexes dug inside, or shot-like craters,

either by bombs, explosives or bullets aimed at the ground, if they stood flat on it. Horned like narwhals but of the same chitinous shield that made their own:

Their servants rested on the ground, billions of them amassing as well as they could come about, many of them but half-forms, with longer growths, out of their foreheads, out of their backs, beneath them, hundreds of legs, all retractable, back and forth, carrying around many embodied similar to them casts, with violent crickets, hole-filled, where they hid egg-like boils, put on rods that came out and shot, small bird-insects with volatile –glowing horns they bore themselves. And they were winged by screaming faces made of put-together glowing red-butterflies, all of which were barb-wired between one another, carrying ground like moles inside of each every single one of them, pushing and wreathing out.

‘Tlittli, ugo!’

Yellow bursts appeared to shot like water-pints coming out of hoses, dancing like flashes of light, cutting everything in sight as they were aimed at the very dire sky they had approached. Birds felling down, insectuous as they fell; revealing, out of open bodies many flying puckers with wings and with eyes from which there crept outside, but many dyed forms filled with the most disturbingly hard to look at lice. And mice and fleas spread on the ground. Where a hundred creatures drew out of, the small encircled zone, they revealed. Many worm-like red-black veils, all put together, crawled and churned. Twisted together, they crawled out, in the same way one would scare a bunch of rats stuck together by the single startling shot a stone, revealing, upon the place of their landing, a peculiarly chiseled floor they all had rested upon.

‘Tall standers, drawing forth, they can’t forget what’s happening there, when the old, churning into place discussers keep everything to themselves.’

‘I don’t think we can save them from being eaten by their brothers.’

‘Unfortunately, now, there was and there has never been a chance to pull them from the recesses of those earthly bowels they’re hidden in.’

‘You wouldn’t happen to know where they’re hid, right?’

‘Blasphemous traitor, it’s a secret that’s been instilled into me even before the day of your coming, of course I would not dare reveal it to the most confined of men, let alone to a stranger as well.’

The messenger was called back. As from the pits of his belly only drew back, forming large drilled in shot-marks, startled by what happened, he disintegrated within a stare.

‘He pouted, a moment ago he pouted most bastardly!’

‘And what of it, in that case, it does not compute with you that people want to?’

‘What exactly are they intending on doing?’

‘They’ve tracked you down.’

Most of them were hiding their unpleasant smiles underneath their breaths.

A race of blind couriers waited for his return. Most of them had all their newspapers and documents planted inside their giant deformedly faced wagon-stone hedge-like carts that were attached to their bodies by many flexible appendages that drew out of their backs, being welded to these compact baskets they appeared to hold many side of the face eye-socket cranium region appendageless crab-like figures with the faces of men whose open shell-mouths lodged their long tongues around the papers. All papers also had weird hands as well.

The default living state of the couriers was having giant sea urchin like bloated pox-bubbles pump their guts into small walk-plates and weird carpets on top of which they slept, as if on spiked beds. With torture.

Each of them was equipped with quips and quirks, and as they drew forth, in circles, pacing around, the Messenger came out of his hiding, during a desperate attempt to have a gulp of air, they were sitting in a prison-emporium after all, their eyes were purple and the many blind-folds only came to show that they were all attached to the top of the ceiling, incapable of escaping him once he appeared, drawn towards every single one as the hound-master to his pups:

Risen at the very least, fifteen meters away from each and every single one within a foot's mark, he spoke of the smell.

‘What’s this I hear?’

‘There’s been a rotten one, much deranged, he’s fallen at the very least a few days ago from what I could tell.’

‘And you’ve yet to bury him anywhere, I wager you haven’t even chosen a good place for him to lay in, have you?’

‘We have, one who brings messages to us, but we cannot find him.’

‘Don’t talk to him, to that wretch that calls himself ruler over us, the one that has enslaved and encapsulated our hearts and our lungs in his little diamond holding puckers that say there. Seeping and puffing with spores like hookahs everywhere.

He’s not here. He serves himself as a voice that’s made a final grasp and now it’s lain.’

‘I am the damage-control master, ha-ha! I am the master manipulator, the Holocauster! The nigger-lyncher, throat pincher with a rope; riding alongside the controlled opposition boat!’

A most peculiar deformed thought crawled through one of their minds.

‘Living here is awful.’

As if three giant put together puddles of mud –like three layers over encompassing one another as if circles, each level higher, last one raised at an order given forth by a cry, stood the giant bridged platforms. A complex made out of many barely put together buildings stood there as if on a tall rising raft. To side of which as if connected to an engine rested a globular dome- lightbulb device, made out of many power-line strings, some of them lymph nodded with power-craniums that shone in, all made out of

electron drawing power-drawers. Many of the couriers lived inside the 'city', as themselves, their real selves. Thin boot-bodies eaten by starvation and disease, cacti filled with flaccid cones pointing down as watered-down wasp stings, whereas their mouths were long mosquito elongated, pointing upward, concentrated, spun around, stitched with mattress-growths-of-cable-springs, which kept filling a clot-balloon like paint sniffers or people suffering of anxiety attacks, those organs were much to their likings, peculiar in nature.

A sign near Gaavbh-Garb read: House of Safes'. Entry was made through the front-deformedly set funnel-formation that was attached to the dead husk's lowered trunk, drawing out of the deformed; it was too peculiar to be made out. Like a man's torso, headless and flatter, shoulderless at the top, whose right hand was a thing hose-funnel, -frat; left side a stump, drawing all the way to the back that was barely visible, filled with smaller volcano-shaped tiny protrusions out of which plant-like growth beams came out of, but whose appearance was like lumps wrapped or sutured together, kind of like intestines, but hardened-solid, being much closer to solid welded-in metal growths, that formed many pike-towers. A spiky-thorn filled chitinous helmet. This strange humanoid torso shaped head was connected to a mass of hardened chitin shaped like a sitting on its side rhinoceros without its limbs and much fatter as to look like a deformed inconsistently grown set of bulks, but together. Only one peculiar appendage appeared lodged into it, as if a great parasite had suckered its way in, a cricket leg made out of a PVC; entered into it like a slightly curve handled scythe. A blimp like fat with the bloated deformations connected to the head. Flying around it, or levitating in a dead spot, above this 'building' was a being, erected in the position of a pinkie – finger, pointing forwardly, whereas its lower region was lined as a slug, dripping on top the great carapace. Its face being covered in a beakless raven's cowl made of chain-iron rings.

Slehg-Slogh started creeping in on something. It was a curtained bath-region where they boiled the pin-pricked in the head bubble-reefers, many of the arrangements being vaguely placed in unrecognizable formations.

'We've yet to reach the fully tension caused by long-exposure to the fluid.

We'll have to shatter a few more crack-heads in order to open up a way out.'

'There's much joy in it, a wretch had spoken to me today, it dared open up its back, out of which the wild insects came out. Wild, arrogant thing it was. It deserves begotten and ripped apart, would it not?'

'What do you intend on doing with the remains?'

'I shall cast it with the rest of them, whenever needed, wherever shall I, to look for, there, instead, will I find it, always cast within my reach. My glory being disputed by things like that wretch, of whose likens I would have beaten and cast away, if I could only.'

'Calm yourself, glorious ruler, cast of bitterness, I wish you would stop for a moment or so. If you could only understand your limits for a single moment, there are things I could look for.'

There was a strange barge standing between them. It bore large water-bottle like chitinous beings that had been impaled, for what seemed to be, hundreds of years now. They've placated the lands, having grown into most of the peoples that crossed the second-fallen Vihlheopl resting near their sides.

It hadn't, and a most maligned dreamed continued. Of what had to be done.

But it wasn't a dream as much as an entry through his brain which took away a most important part.

'There's something unspoken about every slith that's unpaved, outside the lanes, you see, there's a few more things, you ought to consider.'

'Such as what?'

A pair of strung to the side-ropes had fallen in.

'You fool! You absolute fool, you've failed to realize that I cannot die, nigger. I simply am incapable of dying.'

The second half-head machine- merged with the side of his face, coming out or wrapped around his shoulder said; an NFL player's shoulder pad but built in-and-out of him; as to be activated by neural connectors. He was shirtless and everyone could see the giant hole-gap, of missing meat- a hollow 'spot' that had replaced his heart. It would grow soon enough, but then again. A black hole would appear, swallowing the same spot, again and again; as to grant him complete impermeability, as one could hope for. His clothes were weird as well. Off his arms two flag-and-pole shapes sleeves, fatter and filled on the 'flagless part of the pole' as well, as if multiple, opposite to the main flag facing wider flags were adorned there, had been wrapped, by leather ropes to his arm and forearm. His suit was grayish dark with outlandish ivory mammoth tusks-drills that were aligned in bands, like oblong-rings around his chest, and legs. A pumping real heart rested by the side of his belly, attached to the suit, whereas the voracious looking heart was connected, by an IV needle to the half-machine head. They were a modern two headed ogre; unstoppable by all means.

Every pair of tusks wore leather bands wrapped between them, equipped with small explosives that were aligned like downward pointing slingshots. His brother was a lightning man, capable of conjuring the power of storms to his arousal's defeat.

Tkelke

How could it have started if not in the same place?

'I believe we were having a private conversation, do you mind?'

'I do mind, you were standing under the cantropy leaves, the thick brushes being over there. Either of you, if there's any reason; damn it, I should've known better, you were simply not meant to be.'

Both figures frozen under the leaves, as if completely solidified, completely worn out and made to waste; for what would seem to be a, at the very least an hour from the looks of it, no one would move, not an inch of a finger, and as such, there was, a sudden botched thing, like a broken magnet stuck in a field of little pin-needles that came and popped. Behind them stood a little blow-like push-through, like a nasty, nasty little pop.

It wasn't going anywhere, nothing was.

The great artifact, the spear of languid languages

‘There, I have finally come to perfect it, the most malignant thing of all.

I've forged the outer-pins, that come within and to submerge, to come around and then about the hour, they are made to reel back in. To pour out and in, and just about the jutting as they come. Receding back, then to loom, to come outside and swoon and then they speak.

Many sharpened singers, talkers, whisperers within it. Whatever they say is but command, whatever the man writes on its shaft, on the hilt, on this rod inside the javelin, he makes appear.

And it cannot be contested that this tool of evil brings but uncanny and supreme destruction, when a place like this but cackles in distraction of their little tiny bred-forth minds. I', of all but seek, inclined, to do so on my own accord, to move around and draw forth, from the bodies that have come to me.

I write on thee, but blasphemy. Bring their bodies back to life.'

He wrote as well, but such delight, it was incomplete, it wasn't as simple as it were, but what happened, by such power, along his feet they gathered, many men. Hundreds if not thousands of them, whom looked at the bodies, they but nodded as to serve. They whom had been tricked and ticked along, by the body of work that's been written around the spear at last; it made them rise and hold at last, hand in hand, in hand in arm, as they put themselves together as a giant cast of man, walking in a gait. Incapable of submerging as they moved out and moved ahead; wastes inside a basket in which their entrails would recede, impeccably so, as to reel back and reel back in, they were made to know, their families would be rightfully so, compensated for their acts. It was the will of the spears, alas, to ask of this and ask as well as there may still be time.

‘But we have bought in your writings, and we have served as much as we could. Why is that you made that of us and when and will you please take us where we should?’

‘Where to now? I've promised you naught and I will keep my promise, not to dwell where I've forgotten much, the spear may have speak to you, in your tongues, but I of all have said just so. Will you listen to it when the time would sow?’

And the men were but incapable of thrusting and of moving away. Benched atop one of the plain contortions with the other fallow men, he had thought as much as to consider what happened and where he'd stumble to follow next, for the same reason he was there, they were also, everywhere around the place, hollow men of little more than munched upon disease, distressed for what appeared to be, anything but the bacterium that had happened to enter them. Many split toes were seen, many of the things but funnels inside of them, leading away and within the hour, just about the place a shower, broken reeds and broken minds, a cancerous trains with leprous hinges, all but put on empty troughs, which surrounded the men he made.

The spear was but tainted by whichever case, by whatever means. It sought refuge in its chest, and would ruin everything.

In a small enclosed space it lived, unwrapped not as to be sheathed any longer, nor would any man mean. What had happened there before the time had come, uselessly in awe, his eyes were darted, standing, rotten in such ways macabre.

Pictures flocking along his hall, drawing along, never to stall; all but aiming in one direction, the creation of the broken teeth' the chatterer who followed in with the languages, and seeped the message deep within; it would take some time to reach the point, where the trenches robed and paranoid lot would bring, within the hour, an access to the mind.

It existed in a wretched room, in front of it, but a buffoon of a long-stretch, a tunnel leading to a giant brain with which the chatterer worked with, with whom he talked and spoke and stole the mind off in the most unnatural manner of its own, past the crowns and little minds and what came after, when the time was come. Stood but a basin of clumps, all latched upon one another, as they entered the brain and made a ration for the lard, in the distance amassing, it had to be filled with as much mass as it would do.

'I have to eat out of this parcel, it is an organ-orange I may not do with. I cannot see oranges, I see only organs for some reason.

I think one thing and I say another, it is wroth of my making, upon and made.

Lassen' now, dear lord of the Languid Languages Lethal Burning Sorheimhalhhan, I have stumbled upon your wretch as one may still himself to be near you for I've dreaded myself as to live for long. I know where you belong and what you've come to make of plain, this, your home.

You're sitting on a pile of wretched coins and blurred realities, you're but contorting everything to your will, but this, upon your death if that's the matter shall bring such a wave of high destruction such as the world had never seen before, and for what?'

'For my pleasure, what else is there left for me to seek? What shall I do without, when I walked upon this deceit, as it it's foretold, I've seen such a serene sight I've never considered threading on, before the place I lay in.'

'What did you see in front of you, lordly man of no regard? You've threaded upon such plains like no man has ever underwent as there's to be said, there's nothing in your heart but butchering away.

Braven' as a brazier you stand, burning with delight upon a sea of frozen sand, yet you refuse to tell me what put you there in the first place.'

'Nothing and naught, I was but distraught.'

'Of what reason and for what?

What made you give birth to the conception of the spear?'

'My dear good man, I was but given to such likes as to fall and stumbled upon such a perilous thing such as a blind man who has never learned to read nor write. That is all and as such I see no reason to, certainly

you wouldn't think I am a liar now, would you? Would you have claimed me as such before you've lain eyes on me?'

'A treat, a treat for a lord of crows, ravens, pests, crows and salamanders!'

'You've spoken of crows twice, is there a reason for it?'

'I do see any reason where there's naught as such. I only see one thing, and bold, bold, the dead of the mind, birds set in flight that die of the smokes you've churned into the pots you've had your men but wallow in and be beaten.'

'Yet I'm still something to behold, aren't I? For I've found the strongest weapon of this world, languid as it is, there's no speech higher, no document and nothing that might stand between me and the churned-in world I've come to take as plain as I know of this pontiff I delve into.'

Take some clue, and would to get through, they both but gathered around, and would to listen to the fall of something that stood between them and the landslide, the casts of men which fell through were but forcefully drawn behind and made to waste as in vain, they were but shallow and left to rot.

'Twenty, I hear twenty and I will slowly submerge into the pits of darkness your shallow words had crafted in their wake.'

'But those words are something I cannot remember.'

'That's but a result of your empty mind in action, not of the spear, or have you forgotten what you've said to me?'

'The little blind man, indeed, he told me something, though he could barely speak. It was him and him alone who set me on this path of laceration, though I am damned and I feel no reason to push onwards, I feel as if I'm nearing this disaster.'

I'm hidden yet they know I am, they're looking for me.'

'Who is?'

'The ones that are as blind as him, and in whichever, either way. There's something to them, in which they hid, in the way they act, all of them just as blind and will heave when left alone.'

'Lend me the spear.' Twas but asked by So-So when the time had come, to draw and say something of his own, and thread along as to forget the songs of rotten and miss forgotten lore, when they draw ever near.'

A few meters away from them, beneath one of the rafts.

There's been a break, somehow. 'All the citizens may attempt so we could reconcile with what happened here, right along and way before we even stumbled on it. Not to be too inconspicuous now, during the attempted disturbance at the funeral there was a man, there is a man amongst us who doesn't belong here by any means. I think it's safe to safe that upon abandoning his coat he's made it extremely clear that he meant to disappear out of sight, he's meant to make himself rather.'

Oblivious and nothing more of our rules, that is to say, no man might be involved in the process and our ordeals without being first addressed.'

'It's a sad ordeal I'm forced to attend now, come to think of it, you were here a day before me, weren't you?'

'I was, I think I was but at the same time I wasn't.'

'Makes sense, will you? I don't have all day to spend on poppy-coking around, mesmerized by little bifurcated plisses, my missus is waiting for me and I'm to spend a second less here than I'm expected to. Not fifteen but fourteen fifty nine, have I made myself clear enough? I will not, by any means make a scene but, since I haven't intended to do this, I'll make it fair and certain.'

The weird man got off his chair; he rose, he frozen and was but put back down and seated. In his place, or what seems to be twenty feet beyond and around him, eighteen more, stop playing with numbers, he told himself. It wasn't the time to count the people, amongst those that weren't people at all. Everyone was but mesmerized.

'There's something going on around you.'

'Wait, before we start, I must ask you something.'

'Cobalt, you are a man of cobalt, stone-blue skinned.'

'You are not allowed to speak until you're done, do you understand?'

'I do.'

He nodded, the latter being in his mind and nothing more, both of them being rather set on the side.'

Jonathan Flannery O'Connor

A wretch of hemoglobin, they were but trying to strive to make it past some of the left-over made to get-through reigns, a couch stopped by the river, and just as soon, the red-mammals began drinking from the curtain-melts that were the flowers, near the water-pouring floating gargoyles that were breathing off the road.

Jonathan Flannery O'Connor stepped out, on only a leg. His arms were his conjoined twins who had no arms, whose legs were but liquefied into one another as they sprouted from the insides of his mildly postulating trunk. Most distraught of man he came out with a blade and started slashing the little squirrels that lay around the area he was in. His two handbrothers opened their mouths, bleeding as it happened,

puking nasty blood-clotted intestine soup mixed with dark chemicals as they spat bone-blades out of their guts, that being their disjointed sharpened end of their spines which was no longer attached to their skulls, bobbling their jerkily erect heads around until they could no longer feel pain because of the numbness caused by the constant pressure pushed out and wreathed about them. Dreadful things they always trash about the place in a most fallacious manner. Why do they need to suffer? Why must I need make them suffer? Why can't I put them down like the birth defects they are, or I am? Because I be left without a trade, or make do with the most fallacious of activities which would harden my life in a most awful manner. For I that I choose to live alone in my couch, with strange beings that will never listen to me by any means whatsoever. I am a lone knowing that they both died, a long time ago. Yet they live through me. I may not hear their thoughts such as there is, that is an impossibility of nature, yet I can control their jaws, their bodies and their hands.

The man was a freak, fit only to dwell in a circus and no place else, where his so-called tendons were put to a rest. He wrestled a boar who came one time to attack him when he was peacefully squatting on a rock, taking one of his most famed meals he had come to enjoy with one of the pretty invisible ladies that spoke to him when he wasn't there.

Her speech was just as her completely required countenance, that is to say silent and close to nigh non-existent, as for every woman who resembles her, I beck to them that they may be congratulated for their apparent self control, their put-together impulses as well as everything that is to make them what they are, obedient under any circumstance. Silent unless spoken to, servile to a fault and to no degree should she be like one that is, she is invisible, not there, but in place, like a schizophrenic person staring blankly when speaking to a man, a modern automaton that's never to be taken out of this state of complete and utter, observed by natural means, 'failure to function' as this illusion might serve to achieve. Only then could they be deemed as being functional, otherwise they're but pests.

He was mesmerized by her, by the lack out an outline, by how she acted or had not. It was something beyond him, trying to comfort her when the time drew on.

'My dear lady, you flatter me. You must understand by now that I am a shy man and I may not, certainly not overextend my reach as to even consider touching or caressing your most impervious to gaze, robustly capricious shapes I cannot take my eyes from.

I've taken you for a fine lady before. But now that I'm acquainted with you, I've come to take it for granted as to consider this to be a permanent behavior, the case of which I wish to take you in my private chambers and make do with your body as I please.'

But then his joy was ended before it had began; as his senses kicked in, being surrounded by an army of them, all invisible and yet to be held in line. Alas, most importantly, to his employ, something was put forth, something beyond him that would not do; they brought a boar with them, an enforced of laborious work who seemed almost tiresomely ill for what was worth. He didn't necessarily fear the creature but looked at it with much pity and contempt, for no other reason that the fact that he could relate. Flannery considered as much.

His incarceration has yet to begun.

They were already making unkind gestures he couldn't see.

‘Must I be stalked endlessly before either of you will understand? I am not what you may consider or think I am by any mean. I am but a champion of the pursuit, one with the wild-life in the broth of such wrong doings.’

They would not listen to it, as it was known of them, and was expected, sickening their dog on him. He remembered.

‘A plough of water for any kind man and king!’

‘And a pint for every drink as well.’

‘A piney for me, I say, good man!’

With which they started dancing on the hour, like Irishmen during the famine with little to no shower, dancing around a little row, filling their cups merrily as one of the dresses shone. And they would’ve continued if that were the case, but of distraught manner, he entered, upon the face of such exposure no man would glance kindly to him. He winced as them and would but return a grin if it weren’t for the quick arousal they proceeded into displayed along.

‘What kind of creature has entered on our premise?’

A sudden jolt stopped the music in the prairie.

He was a coward of much meekness who had dreamed the world one day in much likely, a paranoid fashion. He had dreams of darkness and despair, which fought him before he even came to the realization that he was already taken to another world. One that had taken his soul so thoroughly that he was thrown in such a dark abyss where all the like of the opposite species was but nonexistent and at peace, put in their tinted rightful-place. Their nature was much forgotten as were their faces when appeared in front of him, they spoke of lost days in which they remembered being the worlds.

‘It was a dark dream.’

Flannery was immediately startled by her speech and how coherent a woman could be as well as sound as.

‘I had. I still think of it sometimes. I was standing there, in the air, with all my sisters surroundings me, being everything at once. Everything that ever existed expanding, drawing out of us at all times, as if we were a funnel for the world, for time itself entered us, then pushed out, into the outer stretches and the expansions of the things that were not to be told off.

I remember seeing everything touches. Objects, such as man’s homes and farms, little peaceful threading lambs and little failings from a yellow Mars that we were cast in, markings of our bodies being there; we were there. It was a reminder of something that was not to be, it was a reminder that you’re the last person seeing us, before we’ll be taken away. By whom and to where? I cannot say. Yet just as much I know that there won’t be any man and no living matter once we’re gone.

And once again, you’re to be done for as well as we are.’

‘This was not my intention, fair-kind thing, I cannot see, I cannot see you any longer. No outline or reticence of your reaction. You jerk away from where I stand, I wish I could see or hear you.’

But her voice was just as soon, lost to him. Not to be found again.

The men then proceeded to trash him out of the tavern where he was driven back to his couch, where he stood, contemplating in despair. Soon the men would disappear as well, and although his fear would say as much as to dictate what leeway he’d be given, there was this he looked upon. The palms of his hands were clear, but he could but not see through no matter how hard he had tried to. It was a kind of peculiar thing that rose.

He froze upon the rivers, upon the forests and the pictures he stumbled on, before realizing that there was nothing there.

A man walking everywhere, only to see them marked, like tiny viscidious reveries of the things he never held his arms around. He fell to despair, his mind had taken but one of the things he’s yet to miss the most.

‘I feel only wretch upon the hour, having come to nothing as I stumble back, where is it? Where could it be?’

What a dreadful thing it could’ve been, if only he could spend most of his life inside that couch, he would be treated by his own peers, that is to say, the patches of fluoride-sinks that were openly trenching drenched inside the small spot he was in. Moisture being nothing, rationing the variously put together drops of water during one of the solitary rains had been something he’s never even gotten through since his heart was become but little more than a strange beating organ standing outside, that shot out of him, right as he decided to step out of his couch. His chest but burst out, like a tiny stepped on mine that launched it a few meters away from where he stood.

‘Woe to him mighty man, what hast thou done of my despair?’

‘I’ve taken refuge out of your vilely protruding bodies that seethe.’

It was hardly a match to be held to him or to his face, this deranged object of contradiction and destruction was to be destroyed and put through so much wallowing destruction such there is already met. The town they were in the close proximity off had been complete set to rampage, completely destroyed and enacted as such means as they would’ve missed their chances to get through. Utterly smashed and completely decimated in the wake of such peril such there was.

And would’ve been set if there was something to be had.

‘I seem to have forgotten something, have you not?’

‘All men have but disappeared, such, plain brutality is expected, heart, but you bleed. For what reason might there be at once, if not for the conception of such a break, for such a focally erected need to fight back, but against what?’

‘A last flare, their last attempt and no reciprocal attempt, they bled one another like pigs, look at the marks on those that weep, are they not to be completely destroyed and distraught and loomed about as there’s but a man about the hour missing?’

‘There are more?’

‘Some as such, I can still hear their beating hearts, to which I say to you as follows, you must loom away before they seethe and waver, there’s much to be called profane and they will go out of their way to hurt you and inflict such seething woe and pain in which I claim, forlorn that nothing of you will remain.

Once they cut, one they’re brought and made about the hour.

You will have to do something for me, when I ask this as well.’

He beat but merely for a single hour and a single moment again.

They welcomed that dark thing, a wail.

‘Should we follow it and see where it leads?’

‘What do your brothers thing?’

Both arms were still dead, merely. A handful of breathing in such kindness as there was, there was but no mean of getting through either one, since they were mad, their features fumigated and moved out like electric spasms, coming from the moisture of the air, splashing each other about as they were become as well.

A week later for as far as they were set; it was within reason to think of it and consider it done before, better yet, many men were gutless, still yet to disappear. Fought between the late hours, in a blameful fight that lasted but, up-front no more than a few seconds where they ended up, but hand in hand. Then chest in chest, their faces were but one and still see-through, ended, disappearing. Like jests, like mere whispers lost in the wind, like a go-through song carried from tin can to tin can then done with.

‘A Perth, a first lord of the pails, I peak at much creation; I am but singing as I least of all, need to be brought in front of the lands where I was brought and made at all. I seek such kindness as there is as the likes I can obtain.’ He took a moment to allow the other side of the fact to get through.

‘Put through such courage, I may be servile. I’ve seen something you think you would see in such fancies as there are beyond dream and beyond emotionless reason, those are but incapable of being met. Our expectations are to be called and met, here and there.

Listen to me before I weep, be taken from this world and out the way.’

‘What did you see?’

‘Such wonder as there was.’

Twenty days prior to them meeting they were but walking backwardly in what seemed to be a land where a Serf walked through, a boulder shaped back tied to his knees, he carried that which he killed and cut,

defiles and made to leave. Inside the house, inside the village, but the man with an open-behind, put about out of his misery. Inclined in such directions as to bleed away, that is to say, the half a face spoke, I've seen a murder you wouldn't believe had happened.

And the Serf but was immediately wings but not by a pair, hundreds of them which were given as soon as he was met by them. Hundreds of flocks, all but pulling out switchblades and ropes, to cut themselves then to be hanged; snapping their own throats before, at long last the Serf was but given so many of them that they could not control themselves no longer. Flight followed after, by the hour. They were but met in heavenly dark, and what might appear to be, for them was nothing but a wretched disgust, that came through, heavenly-forlorn, about the trough, one of the trench-riggers and the drench-diggers but put them into heaps and hid.

But the man simply flew away on all their wings, making it to one of the maddest of the sky-nests where he put, although he shouldn't have, most capricious of back, he turned it around and there lay but the side of the side, the entrails, the livers and the lungs, shared between their indolent sons, the children of the Serf who stood about and shared between them, little beads of nasty lint and leeches, mighty bitches such as cunnies were not to be touched by. Of what was shared between then no man would like to know, for it was slouching for his back, abominable yet brought.

'What did they do after, kind disappearing man?'

'Well the Serf stumbled upon the realization that his life was but to come thereafter, as to disappear soon after, before his time was made to wake, he could've found himself anywhere and anywhere at all, but lo' and see as much.'

Wretch of hours no shower for the livid.'

Know this.

'A mighty benign wretched creature appeared.

It was tall like a kebab-shaped trunk floating about with a larger trunk on top, out of which sprouted four scarab-like organic shaped jaws, or clippers that were but pointedly wrought to look greenish dark, spiked as well as Musa-Massa' sand fort, which below it lay an openly extending endless leg growths that moved like slow-shifting mantises, while the cartilages of the legs looked like adjustable lamp plastic movers.

There were wicked signs and symbols widely spread all around the base of the creature which pushed and bastardly moved around in the most unnatural manner as if they were actually dark parasites that were put on top of them, moving spreading and projecting themselves all around the world, or as far as their legs moved.

That creature is here, with us in the world and it is the reason why this world is like this, and the reason for the disappearance of all living things as well as everyone and everything else. Therefore, you must die, somehow.'

'Why should I die?'

'Because you're kept alive for a reason.'

‘Therefore, shouldn’t I be kept alive?’

‘No, you must be killed in that case.’

‘There’s another living thing.’ Cried the floating heart, and repeated as much, as he had known, there were others.

Bastardly in trance, he could not think of anything else but the reason he had undertaken himself in order to reach as high of an order as to be plain. Rip away and butcher the man in front of him, where he stood, before his gaze, then he popped. Before his palms could splash both of them, the disappearing men were never to be seen again, simply brought beyond the world and taken they could never had been approached, never to be put where they froze, and went away. Now he was risen from where he stood, incapable of making out what crossed his mind, he but, took one of the glass-candles and smashed the fire into a burst of hellions that sprang and became, as gangrene is spread across a finger, from a child that has been left unattended after a while, lightly put, the house was become in shape, of a little more than a hundred gray hoppers that simply made their way out of the world and beyond it, crisping where they could, incapable of making it through, then wretchedly aware. There were damply set skeleton-wedges that were put in their employ. Most of which were, as one could tell of them, paranoid to say the least, incapable of making whatever feast of knowledge was left of the town. As the heart had put it:

‘Even though many of the men and women had solemnly died before their time, within reason, it is safe to say that their hearts are still beating to this very day, to this very hour and wherever it may be. Oh, but look, it’s one of the flying boars I see upon such close as to suture my cuts.

I am but largely distraught by such a violent thing as there is around me, please be brought before I, dear bore.

I must confess that I’ve never seen such a dire creature, as to be put under my employ.’

To which the boar knelt, and took out a blade itself, and they but started a duel, both the boar and the heart. As the beating organ pulled out a switchblade made out of the most capriciously endowed tendons that had been put together and were made to be set as for flight; of such nature as the man had already peed his pants, but claims it to be a miss fire caused by nothing more and nothing other than a failure to act since it was ever so hard to action two hands coming out of the conjoined creatures which were the reasons his arms simply pulled and stretched and flailed around until they were brought to such vile conjectures, as there would be no way to impress himself onto it.

‘But devious prayer and mad-organ of banter what are you to do if you are stricken down by the boar?’

‘I will fancy myself bleeding on the floor.’

They were still inside the building after all, although there was no roof to be observed and without reason there was as much dirt.

There is power in the total constitution of power there is in none to be had.

First the blade but followed around, making as many cuts as were necessary to push around and spread each way, as to make incisions that would go out of their way, being a wager, no man was to be in danger

for as long as it mattered. No longer would there be a break, nothing could be even more defect, though Flaubert was quiet and sat.

He seated himself on top a rock, saddened by what happened there, he looked at a sky and saw the fiend's large legs but spread anywhere. And a strange almost strangely contorted play of many large frights, an perilous if not deranged play of lights that followed through exploding, within reason ever less provoking for what was fair, of reasonless hour they could only be aware, something happened there.

In the other, beyond sight, there was as much as it could be gotten hold on, two pretty ladies, madams were but accompanying a gentleman by the picnic side. With one of the families in sight but greeting both of them, but not the man; a collapse followed through. It was as if an elderly man from the diner fell through, and out of this world had he gotten he might've had himself but rather cold-stake. A bit on the head, he jerked it back in each direction right as kindly as he could've had himself during such proper like, his tension shot around the room, like a groom that had pissed himself during the monsoon that was a delightful wedding night, the blissful honey moon and the broad was also a whore. Slapped around ass he was housed inside his major dome, after she's done the nasty with another man. Two fists', it's all but took to put her down and in her place, replaced. That's why there are two of them. But he would not share no indentation or admiration for the queer old man.

'I've spoken with him before and I know as much, I'm going to tell you now, I know what he's done to my wife, he's turned her in a folding fluke, I'm being followed.

I'm being followed by a woman, I swear I'm not jesting, why am I acting in such a manner? I'm afraid of being touched, watched luminously found and unwrapped, I who is not a present must ask.

A whore, a whore with how many men has she been with, since I've been with naught, I fear as much that the answer would be many, her defiled and stretched as such like a woman, the maiden of time is a wretch that would but pulled and take away from her in the same manner a mad surgeon would but spit and botch the job, pulling some things that weren't supposed to be taken out, then allowing a butcher, no-gore to put everything together as they already hammer some mirthful children were but leaped inside of her as well.'

'Insane, I am given birth to, see the woman hit the wall.

I wish I had a wife, good fellow, may I talk to you?'

'Indeed you may, dear stranger, but what it is?'

'Allow me to introduce myself first.' He said with a mightily uppity-along the way erudition, like he was a liver-lover in such country as was there. It was there, where the darkies were but niggers in a fair.

'Michael Boumingrummage.

But that is not the time to question anything that's out of the way, and beyond reason. I must confess to you.'

Everyone during this picnic but went ahead to attend to the old man just as he, all of the sudden decided to generously donate a few pints of blood out of his head. What a kind person he was.

‘Are you the famed author?’

‘No, I loathe writing, I loathe writing, I hate it, I hate writing, I hate reading, it’s the truth. I cannot remember anything I read nor write, I loathe it but I put too much time into it already and there’s no time to change or do anything else. And, my dear, my dear, I gave up art for this. Even though I wasn’t good nor decent at it, even though I had no control over what I was creating, and even with all the pains I went through while making it, I was sometimes happy, I was elated, I was made so, but now? Now I’m soulless, I don’t know why I’m continuing this. I hate it, I supremely hate it.

I am a child, I act like a child but I cannot change, I didn’t start reading as a child, I did not start making art as a child, I wasted my youth, I lost on my education, and like every man before me I am made to suffer, not because of it alone, but because I know, because I realize that I could possibly make it, to something I have not earned, to something I have not worked hard enough like other people, in such as there is a just world, I would’ve ended on the streets, worse than a beggar and any other man. And because of what? I don’t know, because I’m soulless, a sellout, a petty thing and nothing more. Because I’ve said before and I will keep repeating it so I may never forget, I am incapable of changing, that it the reason behind it. An evil man that’s but affected by his own poison, a wretch; I know of men that work and never succeed, I’ve seen them standing before me and never cherished it in the past. I cannot invoke feelings on command, I cannot feel anything for those who died before me and I don’t know what’s wrong. But I still yearn for that childish thing, I do not like the world, I hate it.

I didn’t and don’t want to change. I want to be left alone and hide away, and stay away from everyone that might stumble upon me and hear what I have to say. It was perfect, it was a dream, knowing that I could never make it, regardless of how hard I tried and attempted within; always within my reach, no journey but some peace of mind, only something that was yet benign and lost in the matter of a second, now, what?

I am a moron, an idiot and a fool. Before I even knew such writing and of reading, before I even knew of the literary merit and of canons, there was nothing but my ignorance to fail. Thinking I could stand against master without even being aware what and where they were. Of course I never stood a chance, but it never mattered in the past, it never mattered to be, but now, I’m left with this alone, something I loathe the most, something that stands beyond hatred and salacious manners. Something I won’t be able to remember or look back with joy after. It is the one thing that’s block out of my heart.

The need for failure bring nothing in this case, at all; I like being poor, a no one, lost in the obscure, playing with my art. I enjoyed failing and trying over, and before I knew it, she was there, alas.

I know it’s not fair to make others suffer for my own, I know I cannot endure to make it last forever, as much as it’s been shown. But I cannot help it, this was meant to be nothing, something I never ought to have looked after by any means.

But one day a woman appeared out of nowhere, and of fault, she made me chase her everywhere, ruining but all. Whereas I were but a young man, trying to fashion his drawings, away from the eyes of every man and every mocker, I was caught and broken apart. Never have I truly chased, never have I walked away, from where I stood and where she was, to follow her around, to run.

It should've never read or written, not a word spoken for anything in the world, but she was there and I was here but poor, never having worked more than a month during a swoon, a lazy thing, like a hefty nigger I but walked. And before I realized it, I had to earn a living, regardless of the way employed, I could not survive otherwise, for it is the fault of women that I have to earn the means of living that I may take them out.

I am the victim here, I am the victim, women only want abuse, they want to whip me in my dreams and drive me out of home all the time, they want to whip me they want to. Always, and as thoroughly as possible, to put my head in the dirt, they who are the root of all evil in this world make me suffer for I cannot afford them, and no woman would take pity or envy a poor man.

Man is but a product of his environment and women are fucking scum and not human. They abuse good men and they would stop at nothing unless they're fully ruined because they're petty and disgusting and evil.

Ever since that incident happened, I was set forth onto a path of evil and destruction, knowing that this vile cancer of destruction would spread throughout my body and devour everything it can. I haven't even spoken to her more than a few words at a time, at best four or five words. And I was afraid, she appeared out of nowhere and I didn't know whether or not it was the same person as all. Why must women do that, as to tease and stalk a man? For this is not the first incident where it happened at all, I would rather be distraught if it were. Many a time women found themselves doing unacceptable advances and.'

'And what, what happened after?'

'I lost my thought, ha-ha.'

Strange fellow that he were, he took a little butcher's cleaver and chopped one of his nipples off, feeding one of the nearest peculiarly deformed unnatural head-grown giants, that stood around each.

Someone knocked on the door.

Have they finally come to take me away?

My heart is beating? I am afraid.

'I've said and done many evil things and the day of the reckoning will one day come. I am ah, extremely frightened of what might come to happen to me.

Any day now, wretched thing, it could happen and when it does. I dread to think what might befall onto me. Better to rule in hell as they say. But for the time being I shall live past this wretch of a day.'

There was no indentation to be had.

'As I were saying, there's something inside this room, I seem to think, right, we have to find the other beating heart, shall we not?

The one that beats more handsomely than the ones left behind. A sacristy that's to be gotten, I ask for a, what does that mean?'

I keep hearing noises coming from outside. There's something there, someone's out to get me, I know it, I'm close to the door leading outside.

They shall never get us, voice of vileness, never shall they wrap their voices around us, not to be caught, not to be distraught, we shall lay in a single tomb that is to be out home and lay there forever until we're caught and brought to justice and peril.

'We shall indeed survive everyone by whichever means there are and were. Enough with the paranoia, and distraught malign, thou shall return to it and shall yet go beyond, and wretched thing that is your heart shall be for the time being alive.'

'I'd rather see myself as a holy figure such as the likes of Elliot Rodger than Saint Anthony, by all means, as one may think of me whichever way they feel like, I am but compelled to brush them off for this reason alone. Charles Manson, the legacy shall live through the soul of man. That is mine to take.

Through which I bear the true essence of evil, as there can be nothing beyond it, in reality. Evil being born out of the desire to have a woman yet being incapable to provide the means to have her; therefore one must hurt her by all degrees of possible conscience.'

The man considered, on the picnic field.

'I've come to the realization that the more I write, the more evil I become, the more malicious, the meddlesome degradation of my soul being set, that is to say, on a path beyond self-destruction. I am evil and shall obey no law set by man alone; shall answer to no God nor deity and will bring sobriety to this drunken world that is but drunk on morality. My life means nothing to me, and I shall kill, slay and implement such means of condescension upon limitless beings that are beneath me such as this world may never see. I shall bring destruction as I become of the lords of evil on this world.'

And that unknown authors' body began spreading, growing, mercifully blinding every man and every other woman other the one that he had been talking to, as to lend upon them such peace that they might not get to understand by their mortal lives. His chest beckoned forth and shot, as it the front-side of a ship had penetrated the insides of a blood clotted iceberg which depredated itself with degradation as it heaved around like a caught shark. Chains of skin but bloodying him as he grew, multiple arms sprouting away as they but formed gliders in the back from which two additional heads would do; they but spoke of evil never ending.

'I am come out of a pussy now, I am come out but destroy!'

'Niggers'

But what could master have possibly meant by this one?

He stood on top of a decaying table, being barely able of pulling himself out of it.

'My dear servant, you may've forgotten yet, but this is a bridge after all. The walls of memory are but yearning for their complete annihilation.

A man of much decay had once fallen through a ceiling that is now but lain on top the table, broken as well as it's completely smashed.

We are but connected by the echo of the voice which appeared to have reanimated us by some strange means.'

'Are we incapable of leaving this hall then?'

'Unfortunately we are and there no way of getting out of it.'

It was strange.

'We seem to live either through echoes or similar conjoined memories; hidden in patterns that give us life. The voice was eerily similar to us.'

'And what might happen if it were to perish in that case?'

'It will be as if we've never been alive to begin with, unfortunately, just like we are not beyond the halls, I think there was a rancid rain, somewhere out there.

A hold or a castle, two who stumped and entered, statuesque gargoyle figures which are vague. I don't know what to believe any more.

I lay nameless here and I'm to be forgotten, without a name, but known as only the master of this hall. In need of having his cup endlessly refilled.'

'I've lost color in my hair and there I stand, yet to be found as well.'

Farther than where they stood, long before either disappearance was yet to occur.

'I've come to understand that I'm an unrelatably obnoxious asshole as well as a horrible person. And even though I was born relatively poor, I've been spoiled by every person I've come in contact with, whether it be a college teacher, a class colleague, a work instructor or the friends I used to have. This alone imparted a valuable lesson onto me, as I dread to think what living in a society filled with fucking niggers would be like. I'm not one to bite the hand that feeds him; I just hate minorities and women, even though I've been helped by women throughout my life and they seemed to be the ones who put the most effort into doing what I want or had to, at the same time I cannot help but also want to bash them because they like it. If that weren't the case, why would they come back to an abuser? It doesn't make a lot of sense, but it works.

Even though I'm a disgusting looking person, my face looks uneven, I'm swarthy and almost tawny skinned and short, I still find myself just chased by them, aided in my relentless endeavors. Perhaps this is something those activists never even considered in the past, how gullible some females are. How, beyond terrible, to an unredeemable, condonable way men are; no, just I. I alone; it's not even being a man, it's I. I am a horrible person, I am, and no one else.

Evil reeks of me, and it flows in my blood, born out of evil, dreadfulness and mad alacrity; of such vile visage as there is. Made to dominate and rule and destroy and cast all by the side and cast all into the darkness of my awakening. They are afraid. Their souls must feel the dreadful waking of the wretched

plague there is in my heart, therefore they somehow think they can change my nature, which in itself is a paradox as such a thing cannot be changed by normal means, at all.

Darkness reeks of me, I do not wash. I hide in the nightmares of lucid dreams. I cannot be seen by normal means. My eternal silence makes it so I fade in the memories of both men and women as they may not remember the sound of my voice. I but a dark memory, fading in the bowels of a chasm that's never to be found; yet at the same time it's convenient that they don't remember me using them to begin with, otherwise I would've left but a, or most likely have left a foul taste in their mouths when they try remembering me.'

I've lain underneath a bed of branches, somewhere in a long abandoned lodge. I see the people who helped me throughout the years punished and impaled, destroyed and distraught to no avail. For some reason, beyond question they have aided what seems to be the son of evil, without even being aware. An incarnation of immorality, sociopathy that's been made aware of its nature; irredeemable by no act, as that is something with a lack of virtues, of which nature cannot be changed, no matter how hard one tries, or attempts to hide. Therefore it is clear that, this is not a matter that may simply be brushed aside. One could strike to push it in one direction as to perfect it, and be brought to the judgment as what he is and what he's done. It is no martyrhood, nor something that one could ever be proud of.

Yet it's irrelevant, juvenile and doesn't matter at all as long as someone creates something useful of a much greater thing than he is so that other people who are better than him and have actual souls may use to improve themselves in whichever endeavor they seek; as long as they don't push for something that brings their destruction, such as open borders or miscegenation with inferiorly sub-human races that should be put down. That is the greatest lesson humanity has yet to learn.

And therefore he was born, thence he walked, most dreadful of all, stood darkly-inclined, master of all, Jonrape, in the lodge.

Jonrape was born of evil seed, spread on top his mom's teet.

'I said I was going to help you in that fight, yet I stepped outside the ring and allowed them to beat you up. Laughing with the rest of the crowd at your misfortune; taking something I ought not to have' had, a shot at you, as they say, adding insult to injury, my friend.'

His face was but a long-stretched contortion strung on top a sea of branches.

But Jonrape was not alone.

He was joined by a jointed fiend by the name of Killdrake, whom had a particular fixation with tawny skinned people.

Jonrape and Killdrake were extremely close friends, the latter being a famed musician trained in classical music.

Someone knocked on the door, concussively precise, at the very least twenty consecutive blows, a brain injury at a time.

'Come in.' Cried Jonrape, right as the door opened.

A strangely peculiar figure came in, dressed in a most profusely manner. The stranger wore a top hat and had a merely crooked stance with twenty if not eighty golden hymnals behind his back. He was flabbergasted as to ask.

‘May I enter?’

‘Of course you may.’

Killdrake said as he made way for the man to come at last. He introduced himself as none other than Abax.

‘Indeed I am none other than the mighty- .’ He was just as quickly interrupted.

‘Abax Evan Hyman?’

‘The one and only; there’s only one after all.’

Yet the wretch began utmost concave, it wallowed through as to push through the disease, and wallow as in pain.

‘I will not have either of you talk over the broken mouths, I need to listen what’s being pumped into their broken bodies, I need to feel the bloated skin and watch it gone.’

Fucking damn it.

‘I chipped my tooth while chewing one of those nasty god damned coffee beans. This doesn’t look right, a good chunk fell off.

But malign face, I know, I know what this means for now. As long as we are into hiding there’s still a good chance we’re safe.

You what this means, though. As soon as we are revealed they will torture us, out of spite. Work us without anesthesia like they used to, they will start pushing and pulling and working with those tiny etching rod, you know they will. It is something you need to assume of them, especially when your will shall be known; don’t trust them unless necessary.

It is the utmost, most nerve attached region from where pain could come out from. Do not trust them, you can’t. Regardless of the circumstance, they are obtrusive operators of pain; on that alone, they will take no pity and inflict as much pain as they possibly can. The Hippocrates’ Oath is nothing, means nothing, as it’s but a bastardization of the human nature.

It will come for you eventually; it’s a matter of time. Stall as much as you possibly can.’

The mechanical set that’s been wearing the strapped-in branches face stopped its transmission.

‘I know what the consequences are; beasts will stop at nothing until they tear everything apart. Colonial art, anyone that’s against them, everything within their hands, nothing is safe, nothing at all. Nothing is beyond wretched animals, nothing is safe, nothing is beyond their filthy reaches.

Wretches on every side and people that can be bought; trained butchers with scalpels, sociopaths with god complex and everything but swept along; and all for having fun for a short period of time.

It was worth it, dark machine, it was worth it. If I can endure and put it off for as long as I can, I will do it. Everyone gets punished eventually, don't they? No matter how late they stall, no matter how far they go or try getting away with it, regardless of their attempts, I know that.

Anesthesia didn't make its effect; little piano key-claps beating in the jaw; they can control the amount used as well as how effective it is. I know what their tricks are, I know what they do to people they don't like, but it's worth it.

If I reach the end goal, the Eden, if I am daring, all can be forgiven, all pettiness, every act of evil, everything worthy of infamy, everything; the one great lesson from Dostoyevsky, if one is daring enough, if one but tries.'

It is far too late to show second thoughts, cold feet, fear or consider what comes after; no guilt this time around, no self pity, no clear thoughts, no more limits, no more shame, no more trying to act human, but when have I ever done it?

'You didn't feel any guilt, shame or anything when you said those things, you shouldn't feel fear or remorse towards any retaliation; you brought this on yourself, it's well earned. It's beyond reason, but fair men die young, the rest of us are here to rot. And it will become worse with time.

Something, it's something you cannot win, against sense, you can't take it back. Yours is a selfish thing, yours is a senseless disquiet, it will inspire no one and if it does, nothing good can come out of it, at all.'

'And what about the people in this country, the ones in the shitty hospitals, they don't get to complain, they don't get to be heard, they don't get to act in a selfish manner; don't act like you've thought of them either, it's something that can never be masked. You don't care about them, it's all about your pride and stepping on other people.'

'I'm not cruel.'

'Yet you've done one of the cruelest things in this world, you're using them now, just like you've used everyone else, that is not how a normal human acts. There is no sympathy there, there is no compassion, this is self-pity, the sharpest of the blades. You have to overcome it and move on.

Those people aren't any different than the niggers, the kikes, your 'friends' or everyone else you stepped on. Don't be blinded yet, and don't slow down, we're yet to stumble onto anything yet. Whatever happens, face it, no man can escape his reckoning, no man should take his life out of fear or pity; it's an assurance, nothing else. No shame but pity; do not stop, do not slow down, do not apologize, and continue on this path, regardless where it leads you to. I don't know whether or not it will help, but there are no amends to made if they're done in the name of pity or fear. It's irrational, it's done out of fear, pressure and most importantly it means they're not truly meant.

People need to see what they are like; they will always need to be reminded, but it also needs to be well written, otherwise it will be useless and no one might take it seriously.'

‘Who were you talking to?’

‘I don’t know.’

The three of them then left the lodge.

‘Should I be concerned about the bleeding part?’

Come to think of it, this isn’t the first time I’ve done something stupid and got my ass handed to me, beaten, choked and pushed around. This’ what it is; and frankly, that voice that came out of the transmission could be just about anyone, anyone at all, it could me.

‘I think I’m going to bleed myself like a pig. I will bleed my mouth and I will choke myself and when I’m done choking myself with my own blood, I will have become a man.’

Killdrake nodded. Abax seemed to be of the opinion, not.

But could being stabbed or killed be worse than having an appointment to the dentist’ office? It was something beyond normal means of comprehension. I want to be daring but without the punishment.

And so they went and marched along.

‘Killdrake you must, preferably with a gun. You must assist me.’ I am a good person; keep telling yourself that and you may actually believe it.

‘What for?’

‘That wretch in the west, its growth had already succeeded into completely overtaking and devouring all that lay before it.’

‘What would that be then?’

They were stopped, frozenly staring at what seemed to be, as a few overcome doors, apartments that were but overcome by strange growths and least of all many, a leprous stench made to follow. The great stretch appeared to be protruding out of the ground a few hundreds of miles away, as if a giant beast had wriggled its ugly tail out of the bowels of the ground then suddenly froze inside its grave.

Rather seen from below, the hold beneath the ground was but the motion left, after entered through the initial pair of gateways, as the motion of a giant sword that’s but pushed out of the ground and thrust through the air. An exemplary thing indeed; not only the motion alone but the mere shadow dropped beneath it which turned every atom into dark nickel-like floating, equally distanced shapes that constantly changed and switched in color and in shade. They appeared to align sometimes as to calculate the distance, in terms of being a strange shadow-floating machine that was non-organic but transcended, as with every passing moment they but seemed to emulate a calculator put on a never ending task, as to calculate the projection of a room inside the space that’s but put there, atom by atom until complete. Made to float there, forever in the eternity of space before an entire station or even human beings could be made there, not in terms of teleportation or a mere copy but something like a solid holographic thing, or a sculpture, or bombs from which large lines of light would shoot back, this being the most important

aspect, to where they came from. As to calculate the distance of the projection in relation to everything else that's beyond or around it.

Munching, munching, munching blood marionettes; from the looks of which on both sides, as the eye had but flipped on each and every corner that fell, as to lie. There were various barely put together black blooded scissor-pincers holding them in place, drawing along whenever they could until they came out of light. And little more and rather daringly, they bled them as they entered through. Hundreds upon hundreds of victims trapped, all but yet to draw out. By the time they neared, it had gotten late, the lights were yet to be gotten care off, thence the first of men. Abax drew on, as to feel around the treasured whole of iron, around his arms, he went around, little more than a few wretched rods follow-through hollow, while a few more than some empty carcasses flew through.

Body of at the very least a few hundred put-together. It was there, in place always set on the same rotating pillar that served as a severed reminder of what happened. One of them seemed to beat it. The heart, as it was there, during the conception, the only thing left pushing one through when in need, when lost. Unlike a symbol, it was almost broken and left to rot as if it were in some way obscure. Hard to focus or to work, or to imagine anything anymore; a strange little thing that's become, no longer an organ but something more, a brokenly deformed oblong top of a strawberry that's been pierced; and out of the hole, lay the reminder.

One of the corpses inside the torture devices held it, as if it were. As if it had been hanging in there for a while, wandering about the place; as if it's been completely if not nigh-completely taken apart for spares, to whom they were met.

But neither of the three made it through its test.

'Creatures without soul, all three of you, may not pass yet.'

Jonrape was the second one to approach.

'How could this be?

I've yet to, try. I've yet to undergo the. I feel as if I've been alive for hours, centuries at the very least, yet I'm still denied. What is it then?'

'This is a house of torture, but everyone that's sealed inside has something to offer, you've got nothing on your back, no burden to carry, that's why you're never going to make it, or cross to the other side.

You're always going to end up here if you travel on this path.'

'How then, explain, I don't understand. Would it have made a difference if I had lived an opposite life?'

'No.'

'Then what is it? Answer me, insolent little thing, or else I shall.'

But he was held in place by the other two, right before he could progress to the trap.

'You're the thing that doesn't understand!

I am the embodiment of hatred, It's me, it is I against all and no one else. It is I, and I shall not stop at anything if it's in my power, to hurt and destroy all. It's part of who I am. It's what I've always been, It's what I am, and why?

Why am I to be denied entry for being what I am? For acting the way I ought to?

Yet all three of the soulless cackles were denied; all three felt empty. Every man and every woman, every child and every single one so far has been denied. Yet the cages were full. Who was even in there?

All three of them were bores.

'Bores shall be slaughtered nonetheless just as I desire more!'

A voice yelled and just as they made their way out of the grovel, what seemed to be a bothersome swipe had but ripped them all in halves, spreading them across the ground.

Man of empty, as see through as glass. It came after the hour and would to be, he passed. Of all he was carrying but a coffin around, and see-through as well, as he could grab.

But there was the lodge now, laying empty.

'Must be kind of obvious what the reason is; isn't it?

Beings are a reflection of their creator and if their creator lacks character, then, there is nothing to create. Weak voices, weak foundations, neither of which are made to last.

It is quite obvious, creator that you don't have the means of shaping us and it's not the tools nor the clay that is in question. You gave up too soon.'

'That must be the reason why you don't remember them, perhaps there's nothing there to remember.'

'Unless man is a dominator who needs to completely and utterly annihilate the darker races of this world under every possibly circumstance there is, for there is no greater strength than that of conquest and that of domination!'

A towering abomination of disease, they looked at it for hours, rotating as if it were stuck in the drainage of a single growth that came within and without the second plow-through, it came about and came to peace. It bore eighteen anti-tank missile strapped to its chest, growing it through the fall, there were wooden cells, bars and everything as well around them. No anchor wretch, but a great reminder stood before them as well. As one could remember what happened there. Some of the walls were battered, no, the ceiling, something greater above them swaying. One of the largely deformed, put-through abused completely stretched and defiled animals couldn't breathe. They were lumped together, eight at a time, and the rider had no lower body half, yet his head was Yellow, yet he was called, Servant. He looked at the weirdly moving mass which seemed to cause the breaking and everything happening around it, even from where he stood, there was no reason to lay, but where it shook, where more than a few hundred aimed-at-it guns were, from the darkest corners of the dead-pain, a peculiar form like a purple mass with lesser eyes and long tongue shaped horns seemed to be, a lump itself with fourteen legs beneath it, all bearing most capriciously defiled of knee-mouths, drooling upon themselves as they could not have

survived any other way, otherwise. They marched in. Rear-black brooding masses, all but cunt-shapes but cut in halves, following in and through and right after they called, there was a breaking and there was a cure, for all disease but that obscure. Phials with antidote; locked in the cells.

‘Damn this, I swear I almost laid my eyes on them.’

‘I swear I almost did it as well.’

‘But where and where are we to be lead?’

They silenced themselves, great dear of men.

And were brought. Of stoles and mighty charm it was unpleasant as to know what entered and as mightily torn apart, it forgot itself, and lost about a good edge of its body, a great put-together arm, its great body but bouncing as it were incontestably wrought in every spiling thing that rose, attached to it, and where it stood therefore, rose a great deal of the unfathomable ends. Mouths that were belonged of plains had ripped themselves off the crest of every mountain that had fallen since and every single one as well. Lumped together such as clusters wouldn’t even fathom to be, they seemed perilously set to chomp on one another’s heads before disease.

Twice the darkness that came after which in turn couldn’t be brushed off, it would be easily denied by all means, after, they would but eat and eat, and dream about.

‘I am a dream of darkness and I am made to seal. Of any womb there is out there, I shall take and cut and enter in. I am the ones that will bring the first horn-breeders made, to enter from the lumps of dark, and enter about such hours going and hear about what came, as I ought to.’

There was a knock on the window, someone was trapped on the other side of the balcony, instead.

Flannery O’Connor had been married to a woman once.

Her head was shaped like a giant tube that was eighteen meters, and bore a little short of a few hundred thousand Proto-being like shapes that looked like chiseled-sharp statues that had been wreathed in and out, from the looks of which many of them had their lower jaws opening and receding back and forth as they were become fully protruding. And she knew as much, this Lenora.

For both she and her husband worshipped the giant skulled standing on its fleshy-skin tailed got, Mongol, the giant, who appeared to be shaped out of nothingness, withstanding the test of time.

He was followed and surrounded, as he was appeared, as if in a vision, in the middle of a fleetingly decayed groove, in which the Foremen worshippers were bowed as well as to greet him. Gritting their teeth, they stood, many corpses of men making the floor of as many disarmingly rotten niggardly, kikishly, asiaticly mongrellic massacres which were made to be solid as they walked on top of them. Without bearing such a need as to question, they were, all of the sudden set to waste.

Many dark pillars were wakened and their blocky servants were but rounding themselves up, their eyes bloated red, their shapes but junkyard fleshy rust, but their one eye turned to him as well. In what seemed to be a waste of day, what bothersome thing, it were; filthy waking they drew forth.

Mongol was the one that brought them forth.

‘I have come to deliver a message for what is brought, so much so that I’ve come about to gain in power and become as one would miss it, destruction within it.

That which has brought us here is leper-known.

Reality is yet again deformed to my will, for now I am come to power. Progenitor of the chasm, its destroyer, the bile that is inside the core; upon which I rule alone, now I am no longer chained to it and I may never waste away.’

He took a second more to reassess what was going on.

There were things unforgotten, he could only look to the right while moving to the left.

Every creature there was staring at him from a weird angle, and that much could not be said.

‘Wretched Pagan-bloat disaster; Twas a reason why younce was brought here after, and Leper-Four.’

Leper-Four drove in, he was, taken by the gulp of its throat, ill-defined.

He was tall, almost as mighty as one could look in-self and near.

In midst of occultation they drove through, and he appears:

‘I am nearing the total wretch, I am become like a trench that’s been made and pace away. I am torn apart, I am made to suffer through and after.

I’ve come through such a wild disaster as there is. Perfect powder-penitence.’

Yelled the lord and mild disaster dew drew forth.

He has his sacks laying around and they’re made, wretched as well.

‘I am made out of Swine and bile and look how I fall apart.’

Open through but nothing falling, decayed in head but bloated after a while.

There was more than a single way to skin all and to bring back what was lost. They were incapable of making out his wild speech, yet they gathered around at the cost of losing what they could and never nearing that which they didn’t and couldn’t have understood by their own. A bloated mouth appeared in his eye, it pushed out cylindrically then became, only at the top, unwrapped like a flight of butterflies during their take off. It was ruse but the shape at the end was a pomegranate that lost its teeth-like hair out of a cancer’s patient’s chemotherapy’s little vile end.

They were pouring themselves out like little porridge flyers, with little more than bloated-eye keel. Feeling brotherly appear the Leper-Five.

‘I shall speak for him since he is indisposed.’

Both of them having appeared from a ground vortex of skin-like protrusions that were in the ground-worn, like spidery arachnid puckers that could not control themselves from that point on.

A man with some countenance, as there were many beyond the dames yet asked:

‘What had happened down there and whom had cast them down?’

‘I do not know and cannot feel, nay. No kind of circumstance could convey the words that might do. This is but a funnel for the bloodied out surrounding and the mounds of decay that were put through, the munch-abuse, as they were forced to rot then eaten away.’

And he had pointed at the ground, whereas the Negroes were but split in halves. One half was made out of their giant heads, as to match their egos and what they kept. The other half was but another shade of their deformed reality, those whom had adhered to the malformed rules of a miscegenation-clarity, all made to waste with everything running along the way. A castration for every nigger yet in side, the Semites joined them, same in mind.

‘You should have known better than to ask.

Since there were no other pure races around, it was obvious that I would govern over all. It is too clear that I am made to bring waste and to remind you that the disappearance can only bring decay to all creation and all beauty of man.

But therefore I rule and there’s no more there to stall or fool.’

With which, a twitch of legs got them going, as to speak when needed and do the proper work, as to bring forth, whatever absorption could stumble onto them from that point on. He said:

Mongol took a few crawls ahead.

‘The cage is but my protection from this point on. I dread to be above the hour, to bring upon you the dreaded power that reeks in my mind, to be made of what I am, as well as what I’ve become.

I’ve witnessed this world in its entirety and made of it exactly what I could. With that said, I must add to this decayed feeling that you have all misunderstood my intention.

For I will have brought by the time your memory will have been given in, the disappearance of all men, of all women, of all living beings but you, Flannery O’Connor. I have a special endeavor you ought to follow, leper of surroundings, it is the title I bestow upon you from this point on, and yonder.’

Mongol, grayish, baggy, of rotten skin fleshy as he looked, he intestined of what was happening, all around him shook. His evil dreams of what was filthy, of everything that was but gone, of no purity and only but disgust had followed, for everyone in the surround.

He was up there, in sky and plain as it were for one to see, that the sea was become the edge of flails and winds. With little doubt, and as little as there was there to begin with, neither man could make oneself disappear any longer.

Implanted house

Only a few structures lay in sight, during the initial draw-through, and seek-about, most of them horned around, in the name of the head of the house, they were drawn down and left to stay in place as for their spread to end abruptly, that's to know or find out where they're drawing out from, where is their source.

'I see, there's, there's a sudden impact here and there, there's been several things going all at once.'

'What are you doing, husband?'

'Taking a sample, nothing more, you know how these things work, you prick one at the top.' Off the sacks and in one of the test tubes he carried around. It was pristine in terms of how it was working and the way in which it started cudgeling everything in and out of sight. Before it could make a turn, that thing inside the tube started jerking in his finger; at the tip and then around until, having progressed eight thirds of his body in, he started being, out of it as if he had been cut, if anything and any other place, there wasn't much he could see.

Below the rib-area nothing existed, yet he wasn't bloodied. He was cut as if it was an upwardly swinging swipe, coming out of a talon, aimed upwards, yet the reflection revealed as much.

Hoxton only saw himself, fully grown, a man as of whole, without the missing bits. He levitated into the distance, then he grew the missing parts, many of them were left for interpretation as no human watcher could understand those bits that grew off him. Two legs still reached the ground yet they were held by cystem-shaped peculiar objects, bullet-blue, and red sawn through strange almost quasi around the surface red-layers, as if they had covered him shy. Inside of it there was an eighteen meters in the back despite it making no sense whatsoever kind of hole he couldn't get away from, nor move when needed. A deep breathe was just as much as he needed, looking at the strange creature that hid inside the hole. It came out only for a moment, all elated and protruding, then came out of the brooding lodge.

'You've put yourself in an awkward place. As we speak your real body is being disintegrated, feet by feet, you just fell.'

'Where am I to go?'

'Stay, and stay here in this place alone.'

It wasn't easy, everything being dry in there, the strange creature that had erupted, a stalactite-long thing, with no feed that could be felt and Hoxton seemed to feel everything, down to the deepest touch, to the slightest brush as well as everything that came behind in and after, when it happened and way longer than it should be acceptable for him to do as such. There was one deep reason not to sweat.

As both of them stood there and right ahead before he could ask his poisoned question, it came, at last.

A strange tall steward, a bubbulous thing with little to no eyes, his mind was just how they had worked it, in the back, the land fashioned as it seemed from a missing piece of earth that hid away. Taken from the back as if on stage, then back there placed, no longer properly breathing or trying to hide; little more than

eight quarters of a fauna ended being wrought around, strange trees – almost palms, with their general appearance being made of little scissor-cuts that went around the outline of a motioned hand if it shook around while shuffling its fingers as to miss. Dirt colored and wormish in appearance, many of them being held at brim-dark magenta-with curved in red little limp bumps that extended as to grow and look even more alive than they had been before. Something started pushing and dragging alongside them, until they were joined. Weird grow patterns, encompassing some of the walls.

But everything was just covered by these things, as if they had already existed, and their appearance was dragged from behind, like a flood that moved on top of everything, making them seem alive for once. The faced stalactite in his gut spoke.

‘I’m Fedics.’

There was something stolidly awkward about the place and how the plants seemed implanted in and out as if they were syringes forcefully shoved inside soiljunkies, many of them having partially receded in and out. As if on the fully iron-like cast as if it were used for the base of a small clay statue, the outer growths of the plants looked rather incumbent on having protruded in the same way raspberry bulbs would stick out and grow on top of one another, little lesser formations spreading around, with the exceptions of them being largely, melting in appearance from the looks of which there was no sudden urge to stop coming closer to them, since they only grew and formed around the air.

Fed only drew in closer, as he started merely fashioning the bulbs between his palms. He felt at them and only started pushing in and out until he was left with something, an empty feeling he couldn’t explain properly, not by normal means.

Hoxton drew on closer to him.

‘What’s this for?’

‘I keep them around just in case something happens. They’re highly dangerous, venomous, worse than that. I would happen to think of no less of a man looking at it, other than, you know.

There are some things we don’t discuss in here.’

‘We?’

Another man who looked exactly like Fed entered the room from the side. They were, they felt somewhat trustworthy for some reason. Being around them made one feel safe, there was safety being around them. He felt as if no danger could ever befall on him, all because, it was rather indescribable.

Strange as it were, the strange race introduced itself as the race of Fed, that is, they were merely promoting themselves as nothing more than the defenders of humanity against the evil of the world, the only force that could perhaps save man from himself during a time man was lost, which was the case.

Fed Johnson drew forth. His suit was but well cleaned, the man was clearly well off by the looks of it. A grandeur as if he were a kind one might point at him and say.

‘You sir, I don’t know why, I can’t explain it, but, whatever you say I will trust with all my might, from the bottom of my soul, from this point on until you will have lead me to the frontiers, tell me what you want of me and I shall do my best to comply with it by whatever means I can.’

‘That is the correct answer, I am pleased that you understand, Hoxton.’

‘How did you know my name?’

‘I know everything and much more than you could possibly hope to understand, don’t underestimate me and my unfathomable array of endless, never ending, push-through knowledge, this much you must know, I am nigh-omniscient. I know everything and for that reason, that is why I became a defender of man in the first place, bringer of justice.’

And this Fed Johnson seemed like. He had Hoxton’s best interest at play. Why? Because he was Fed, there was no answer, to the dark force he bore through, especially in these halls, where naught was safe, by all means he was the one to lead the way and go ahead, not to risk the safetyhood of the man he was protecting, no, that wouldn’t do.

While being slightly depressed into one of the rooms, both were plainly walking, as if there hadn’t been a single scratch on either one of the sides, on either surroundings, but, not to be too clever or anything, there were signs of fight present.

‘This? Someone tried resisting, but I know that you won’t try anything, after all there’s no reason to resist here, is there? Unless you’re harboring some bombs underneath your jacket, you should be well off, between the two of us. I personally delivered a few dozen myself, I swear I did, I swear I have, and most likely, I will keep doing it for my personal enjoyment and fun.’

Lodged in his back was a giant file cabinet which seemed to have been completely lodged into him. As it appeared out of nowhere like a little speck or a tiny bump that could never stop growing from one side to the other. He was more perplexed than anything else, Hoxton but remarking this much.

‘It’s empty, I can see no file, at least, at the very least most of them seem to be missing, or misplaced. Aren’t they?’

‘Sharp fellow, ain’t you? But let me tell you this much, I’m hiding something.’

Something that wasn’t dangerous, but many of the Feds were already there in the room, looking at him with some, suspicion, he could be an informant after all. Put in a strange chair on top it he wailed, feet didn’t reach the floor but on the seat, but still wrapped with a few belts which seemed to be strangely connected to him. As if they would pierce a bit too close for comfort, more than a few centimeters inside, nothing more than what was fair, he opened his mouth but no word came out. Some adjustments and re-adjustments had to be taken again, plus there was the whole schedule that had to be maintained.

Not only did they keep him under lock down for a week, but there was no word as of yet why he had been detained. Only a simple message, you’re indisposed at the moment and the proper arrangements have already been taken care of, but by all means don’t move from where you are, otherwise, something might happen. Something indescribable might happen to you, listen to us, said the message, don’t do something we wouldn’t want you to do and then, everything will be all right and you will be released.

Not to push the narrative too soon.

He screamed, but that stopped within a few hours, he move from where he stood, since he couldn't control himself; yet he returned, back on his chair before jerking off his place and starting again. Many of the belts were still there, connected to him, they infused some strange hysteria in the man every now and then. Luckily for the tests, his memory shortened by these short intervals as to return back into the initial place he was in, making it seem like his mind was a piece of string, whereas he only saw the straight line, everyone made sure to enter the room as soon as possible as to put everything back the way it was, tying the string back into one piece.

Mad Peasants, other side of Nak

Thence they dreaded such return and each of them but faced upwardly heaving and none too worth, little spent, the men had ended, and shaken little more had fended:

'Lo, there is as such and fewer.'

They appeared out of nowhere, carrying their backs on their backs, like projected packs filled with gangrene affected striped beetles-all crawling inside like a pack of rats.

Little-few dumb-peasants attached to their sides. A few more things appeared to be put in some of the walls, the painted men whom were castrated, and children stolen from niggers mixed with kikes, a few mongrellic Asiatics and some Arabs but having their genitals pulled out as well, it made for some of the low-hanging fruits of the Dominion, had to get something more. Had to take something from either side, since they were as sub-human and degrading as everyone would expect them to be as, it's something like the 'Zwi Migdal' prostitution cartel, but instead of taking and making use of their Jewish whores, their dead children, their dead kike children, raped inside wall-mounted trapped cages they can't get out of, the peasants cackling at them, pointing every now and then, wearing their beetle suits, as they would run in circles. Just undressing them, before locking them up in washing-machine-like knife attached to every side kind of manner. Locked inside and made to bleed while being raped. Kike-rape cartels, nothing that's unheard of. There are no dumber fucking Gookeyed niggers than Muhammad Ali, but one can almost always be surprised by their incessant niggering around, since they seem rather incapable of leading any kind of political or cultural movement whatsoever, it has always seemed like the nigger was and is incapable of leaving any kind of social impact by his own, his inferiority always precedes his friable attempts, since the monkey can only scatter when trouble arises. They never seem to do anything that even remotely causes any long lasting effect, unless that effect is started by someone else involving them, such as slavery. The slavery of their own people by their own people is barely memorable since monkeys are incapable of actually making something out of their own. Child sacrificed made by their witch doctors that are sloppy and involve little to no ritual if any at all, a despicable waste and in the end, an imitation performed by an inferior species.

But most interestingly enough, merely imagining the 'Wounded Knee Massacre', and their peculiar practice, their 'Ghost Dance', the way in which they but ritualistically began performing it in front of one another, as to symbolize their delusions. Anything can be excusable, henceforth they rose and did what they could.

It was a strangely put together place, barely hanging as it were, a feudal, great, giant tent, stretching the size of a giant city.

They were butchers, all of them, and at the head, in the distance, the sole creature responsible for delivering the peasants a means for their city was but a bloated tiny nigger-head by the name of Mozambique, one of the last witch doctors to survive.

'I remember my sister being too afraid to fall asleep during the night we happened to be in the same house. She heard the sounds of a kitchen knife being washed beneath the tap water.

She spent the rest of the night on the line with a cop, afraid that something might happen.'

It happened on the same night I assaulted her as well, right before me being apprehended and taken to the station.

The city was a jungle.

Most of the weather was dark-foamy teary-eyed skies.

From the corner of the street, looking forth, both sides of the street as well as the buildings appeared to be deformed in two directions. A single lamp tower was lit, beneath it a pool of oil appeared to drool on the side. Since this was no longer African, it seemed like Mozambique was but left with what he had to work on.

It all too tiresome, after a while, a strange man appeared, finely dressed in a suit. He drew ever so close to Mozambique as to give him a kiss on the strange mask he shook.

'You know, the next time I'm getting a girlfriend, I'm going to smash her face with a rock. And then I'm going to chuck that rock towards a window, all right?'

The Witch doctor did not understand a word. 'I am intrinsically evil, selfish, degenerate and cruel to animals – women.

But, I do enjoy making women feel bad for me because I enjoy the attention I'm getting. And it works. Truly I am a most mischievous of cruel beings, worthy of no sympathy or compassion. Yet, there's no stop to it because it works and if it's not broken, don't fix it.'

The nigger still didn't understand a word. He didn't get it, fucking good for nothing niggers, he thought. The man left after.

It was plain to see that there were a few lopping to the side, like fish out of ponds Albinos, with little heads popping out their jolts. Crawling along as they rolled from one side to the other, in a matter of a few seconds, Mozambique simply pounced like a leopard on top of the body, weaving his niggershank

around him, a little curved dagger-thing that looked like a scythe. It jerked eerily on top the body. It poured into him as soon as he had entered, and pushed in.

In his strange language he started chimping in as he latched on the robust shapes his arms crawled around.

‘I think you are supposed to play with them.’

A grander nigger-Albino drew forth. His head was a box-made-out-of strange patterned machine-like things-mazes all put together, wreathing in and out, back and forth after, wearing his facial features, torn face-apart in the back, where all the tendon formed a strange mound looking like a shot taken to the side of the arm, beneath the biceps – for smallpox.

The only good monkey was that without a head.

It took over the already dwindling will Mozambique had, since the witch doctor’s body was already filled with, with-with wide splatter of body, pulled through the device, eight aluminum like panels made in a rounded arch with riveted triangle earring like bloated eerily scorpion tail-caterpillar body coils coming out of this arched fan of peculiar skin shapes that were drawn through the device and splattered outside in a cone-like thing that was both inflated and bloated at the same time. Leaving behind a skeleton metallic-chrome charred frame that was marble-like but held, around the shoulder and collar bone region a strange patterned device-trunk like top of the carbon-like NFL’ kind of shoulder pads armor that kept the naked’ monkey’s square device and leprous head on top of it, dangling back and forth. He wore the oyster on top the jack-in-a-box put on a neck-lamp stand kind of neck cylinder attached to the NFL pad, its skeleton glistening with a barely look-able at. Its complete boisterous splatter somewhat emanated with Mozambique’s incongruity. He seemed mesmerized by it.

Since the streets were too alien to him, latently so. Maerbyl puffed out of a sniffer, before he grabbed the tawny Mozambique by the side of the road.

Both of them appeared to fear in some measure just about everything about their surroundings. Since the echo of steel and everything else that accompanied it was there, within and beyond their reach, always pushing unaltered.

They were relentlessly trying to get on each other’s back.

A Marine appeared on the side, dressed in ULTRA-Blue, before he pulled a giant cricket grasshopper-rifle, actioning its two, devil-horned, open mouthed machine-gun barreled, which held an almost flamethrower-like large syringe pointed at them with a chewing-bubble sack that appeared to hold all the bullets levitating, amassing, being held as if it had been nothing more than a strange anti-gravitational bubble that kept everything in. Slowly growing as every shell and slug began bouncing against each other.

They fled as soon as they could vanish out of the way of the drawing light.

Blue-army suit carrying chains out of his back, two helicopters desperately trying to break free of them before lining up their Gatling gun-shaped flame throwers with large rocket-shaped extending flare-like homing acid-filled missiles showered the man, taking claim of a good side of the street he was on, part of the sewers beneath him being completely exposed, from the looks of which, he was already struggling to

keep a hold of them. But no visible wound on the man, both of the creatures feared him, as they found themselves on the other side of a large cozen-brazier bull, heating part of itself as a fit was on its way.

Drowned places, everyone feared them.

Not even the negroes dared approach them, for some reason.

Little cunt-drawn beneath the earth-formations, that were neither tunnels, not openings, but seemed to be, akin to Venus flytraps connected to the sides of every corner there was in sight, readying themselves to come through, as if they were but slits of carbon or flour underneath the door frame, crawling along.

‘We need to get off, now. Off this place, as soon, as soon’ The Witch-poker spoke in his Bantu-clicks, his language hybridization being somewhat unnerving to listen to. For some reason it was somewhat expected out of him, to act that way, but he could not point where it came from, or what was the reason behind the incessant lip-open cracks that crawled along.

‘There’s a number combination behind one of the painting-cells.’

Man-morose spoke, him being placed in one of the corners, almost completely absorbed. His arms being somewhat unseen, as were his legs, and a good chunk of his body, whereas it looked to be split in half, both far ends of his cordial-spine pointed forward, two-split then flipped vertically- shotgun barrel like. It spat, every now and then a blue kind of cold smoke with specks of crystal snow being pushed out of them.

The world is in chaos and in destruction, one must realize the main problems of the world.

A voice spoke from his chest, a mad intercom-device with holes protruding from inside of him:

‘There’s not much time left now, but I think I’ve done all that could be done.

I’ve finally done it, I’ve created, crafted and put all my funds and liquid assets to my employ, finally creating my Impregnation tower.

A cryogenic station that has billions of tubes filled with thawable vials filled with my seed, which shall bootleg my evil race into existence once again.

I have won, finally I have won. My evil essence shall be carried over and shall be used to bootleg an evil race that shall completely devour and enslave your vile lesser race, nigger. I have finally realized my dream, I’ve won this CRISP war, and have managed to completely alter my genetic line as to create a race that shall devour you from inside out.

Even as we speak, my seed is being spread among millions of women that shall bear my offsprings to life, which shall spread in turn supreme destruction as my vile plans come to avail, I being the sole progenitor of total annihilation.’

For there were many forced involved at play. Forced that would throw this world into chaos and destruction. Such as the concept of mutually assured destruction, the plague of a world filled with Sub-Saharan Africans, the dominance of a much superior CRISP altered baby-race, or the creation of super-computers as well as Artificial Intelligence that would consume all of humanity while going beyond it.

‘Yet I’ve already won.

I have managed to finally bootleg my race of evil people, of evil descendants, and I will become a beacon, a jewel, of vileness and corruption, that’s both unstoppable and.’

A small joint splattered off his chest.

So many visions getting to his head, and neither one nigger understood what entered him as well, or what came after. This wretch of thought only dreading a second more and he melted, slowly, a piece of his chest gone. By the point either one understood what was going on, his wretched feature had already begun:

‘Here yet, yonder, there’s no longer a chance to lay.’

There was no other alternative and no other way they could escape, not any longer. It was already too late to return, once set to the cause, once sworn to it, the world had no place for cowards. For those who stay away, it is their children or yours, their women or yours, their deaths or yours. It’s the only thing that matter. No man would avert his eyes from his appearance.

‘Let us begin singing in his name, let us see drag their heads in.’

And to that they sang and watched and waned about the time, just as he dragged them forth, of worthless things, the Hero-King Illethrepus carried on.

He had proved what little worth he had, and butchered every man and killed their sons, and made it so none and neither would go through, neither would survive past and through. Bled and splattered, dirt-bloated animals hanged and put after, such as none would see their kind again. And they would sign and point and never wretch from any other point, and lain as they were.

He was blinded by no sight but the house of scorn and terror they had put him in. It’s how he lived through the vitriol fantasies of his.

‘Was there ever a point when this beast was not decayed?

How could one simply glance over and forget what passed through the mind of a wretch like thine, present here, wherever they go and leer instead?’

Neither Mozambique nor the Maerbyl responded.

It seemed too sick to be approached. Yet there lay danger above and beyond, no place was safe for either one to go through, to escape, or to flee towards.

Their screams were still heard.

It was impossible to track either one, especially the likes of a putrid dumb-monkey butchering Albinos.

For some reason, point forth, the hand of peril, ever drawing near from the wall, a near-clenched fist pointing at the wretched figure, of whose head, but Mozambique’s war wrought and splattered, there

replaced, by nothing else, other than some pointy figure, a metal sphere, attached to his chest. A single bloated hose-like gut, pumping in his chest at last.

‘There will be no negroes left then. If the world is to be inherited by anyone in that case, if one may make use of your filthy subhumanly deranged bodies, let the machines and tools wrought by the age of man before destruction reign upon all.’

And thence they walked away, no longer daring to wring forth.

‘What is left of this place in this case?’

‘Naught and naught else, naught and naught more, I suppose.’

It was a mere observation, how every, even the branches that had been singled out were ruined in some manner.

Soon enough the trunk, followed, like a small box with a set of tank like crawling belts to the sides, with the corpse in front projected, as a bowsprit.

The spirit of the town was lost, and all seemed of little to no importance any longer, everything was beyond saving. It seemed likely that all skin would decay after a while, especially since there was no reservation taken towards any kind of preservation to be had.

There were plenty of odd-niggers that had been taken from around the world, brought in masses, their heads and some limbs completely removed. Having lived in decay for so long, it makes one consider what is real and what isn’t.

Seeing them worn out, yet be marched along in little boxes, barrels, with their little dark heads sticking out. Blood extortion happened inside floating bags with in-the arm harpoon-shooter tiny rip-shed-vein hooks that entered and harvested what they could before flying away and out of sight.

‘Damn mosquito scalpels!’

‘Wait, did you hear that? The sons of Air Turbulence are approaching.’

There are things no one dares raise a finger towards. Not even the maggot-infested entities.

Many standing still as they came together, bashing their metal-objects against one another’s frames, as they drew along; it did not look well, for neither one moved.

Nothing would work from that point on, not since it started spreading by itself, they were evenly placed around an almost charred point with a tooth-lodge.

‘I’ve heard enough, I think there’s still something that needs to be said.

If we stay here, I fear that there might be no return, especially since there’s nothing holding us here.’

Said one of the elongated spear-heads, whom was already starting to draw back; strangely, many of them, seemed to be alive. OR at the very least appeared to hold a cognition of their own, simulated, but entirely

owned by themselves, neither by the darkening bodies, nor by anything else than what they were. It went away; returning only after eighteen minutes had already passed.

He was already affected, by the looks of it. A skeleton behind:

‘I’ve checked the perimeter while many if not most of you were not even aware it’s here.’

‘What is?’

‘The one whom implanted the reading apparatuses inside our bodies, the same thing that appears to be shared, even so reluctantly between all of us, to which I confer to the fact that there’s nothing that will prevent it from. It’s clear enough that we can’t put a stop to it.

This device, this recording thing appears to have spread inside, or would appear to have already infected all of our working organs.’

He stood plain open. In the area between the humanoid placement of the bones as well as the strange layer of melting skin, stood a few levitating organs. His claim was correct, as it was come onto him to reveal as much. It was, a gift from the Chargers, in some way.

They carried their strange-disease which only affected organic material, developing in the same manner parasites would infest snails, from the looks of which the cameras were still freshly wriggling around the outer reaches of the air.

‘Grains for the plowing, but I still remain unconvinced of it. We are machines, are we not? Or at the very least we’re animated blocks of metal, regardless of it, I see no reason to point in any other way, as it is.

Those things could be nothing else but parasites, and you could and may as well try diverting us from the point of no return. That which is calling us towards it, that begs us to put an end of it, to life, pain, harm and suffering. It’s already late in some way, going around this desperate act of yours, when we’re so close to it.’

‘I think you’re confused about one thing. I’ve come to the belief that there’s no other reason for us being here, other than for the sake of the masters whom are watching over us. Even this, desire of yours, ours, from whenever it may be coming, seems too flaccid, it falls upon itself and holds no reason to exist on its own.’

‘You were lead to believe this for what reason?’

Clasp-Pyramid-spike drew an audible breath. It was hardly something that would make anyone look in any other direction, nor would they immediately ask a reason for it.

The cryogenic impregnation storage facility had been a great dream of his for a long enough period of time. There were so many lucky ladies out there that were in a desperate in of carrying his children, as many of them as possible, as much and as often as the procedure could be carried on with. There was always that distinction between the strange built and how it worked, since every single time he thought of it, he simply got a mental-maniacal jolt, as in that’s how he got off his rocks off. Strange as it were.

A great frozen cylinder with a system of cold pumps attached to a great almost giant barrel-like hotel-or building like formation with many strangely deposited butcher's freezing rooms that bore a few holding units where most of the vials, phials, and seed-storage tubes were properly secured and stabilized in, without mention of the various apparatuses that were placed in. These rooms were kept at a distance from the main frozen cylinder in the middle, or at the very least at a reasonable enough distance for a crane-like claw to be lowered in as to drag out, from the spots they're in, entire frame of the room as to bring them out, in order for the extraction to occur. The cold-cylindrical temperature activator but being connected to an almost satellite-inside a rocket kind of removable socket look-a-like that would extend and descent every few meters or so, creating strange pumping motions. They were capable of pushing forwardly as to face the sides of the storage rooms while revealing themselves as some kind of bean cans or gun cartridges that weren't dependant on keeping the main structure in place.

It wasn't the only one either, there were quite a few underground impregnation towers as they were called. Women love them, I know them. I know women and they love them. Women want nothing more, and have never wanted anything more than to become breeders for the dark impregnation tower and give birth to the evil race that would eventually destroy this world just like they had destroyed the streets of Nak.

Large stamp-like but rounded, not the traditional ones, connected to one another, forming a pseudo-spine, especially when some of the segments started pushing in and out, these only being the cold producing machines. Individual segments allowed, in case there was a leakage of cold, from these pseudo, eerily-rubbery yet hard to touch, carrying hoses, to stop producing the cold needed for the preservation of the storage rooms. But at the same time, it would prevent the entire tower from being affected by the cold or the lower temperatures induced by them.

Storage-room like push-through locker-boxes, or hardened gelatin-in-locket kind of cast, they fit right in, like honey or larvae in a hive, before being drawn out by highly adjustable and controllable metallic arms.

The system was great, and perfect, and from the looks of it, all was finely preserved, the only problem being the thawing and the hope of the survival of the evil seed which ruminated endlessly inside the unlit cold underground basin, rooted in the darkest recesses there were.

For a strange gang it was and despite their strange appearance, they were not human, therefore they were nigh-not-flawed, not perfect by all means, but the closest thing that was. A blue-lighted reflux would follow just as soon if neither of them paid any attention.

Outside their slouch-hovel, two 'human' watchers were sharpening their binocular devices before drawing them out again:

'Best thing that ever happened to the creatures, wouldn't you agree?

At the very least they seem to be made useful again.'

'I don't know what to say. I'm still worried. I told you already, something's still wrong with them, and a mere cognitive change won't fix what's already stored in their twitch-muscle reflex. You just have to throw a rock at them, shout a nig and you'll see.'

‘For my safety alone, If you’d please, there’s nothing you have to prove to me. I’ll take your word for it.’

‘I knew you’d listen to reason, shh, one of them’s coming our way.’

There was no nod of agreement there, not without making too much noise.’

Noise appears to disturb most of those lazy boys, since they were incapable of pushing and carrying on their own weight.

Darkly wrought in small-cabins they rested. Put inside of every single one, twenty at a time.

‘We’ve received news, just now, sir.’

Says one of the most disturbing looking simid-torn, its head was but a basin of nostrils from, side to side, where the sound came out of. There on out:

He would recede:

‘Eighty more shipments are being brought, word spread out already, we’re about to receive what is to be, the greatest shipment we had in eighteen years, at the very least.’

‘You know what that means don’t you?’

‘Neither single unattended block of skin is to be allowed to grow.’

‘Otherwise the faction will be alerted of our presence here, that in turn would take whatever slim advantage we hold over them by an unfathomable amount.’

Niggerbodies were as expensive and almost as usable as that of their chimpanzee brothers, and for that reason they had to be properly stored. All kept inside the cockpits, under some kind of stasis until the next batch was to be shoved on.

As long as there was janitor, making sure the monkey-blood inside their veins didn’t suddenly start jolting and overreacting again, everything was fine. For what this hiding hovel grovel was. Of, my word, it was a dreadful ordeal that turned everything, or close to everything upside down. Many of the nigger bodies were kept in chains, around their metal corded helmets atop the ceiling as they were dangled around, from side to side until they entered the first of the compensation-boil compressors. They had to be fed, otherwise their animal bodies would not be survive for long enough to be made useful. Not if that was the way.

It was evens, whether or not this nigger in the helmet with a piston going through his chest, whether or not he could be made useful any longer, no one wanted to admit, at least not the ones who were present there, but a part of him was squealing in and out, as this power rod was but turning his gut in the upper-floored region of the small targe-platform that was brought to him, as to be worked on.

‘We’ve captured him while trying to escape with a, what seems to be a good deal of supplies. A week worth as well, sir, and more than that, there were plans in the brain-slouch, his little simian leftover. It seems like it was converted into an animal-satchel as well, used for the darkest and most unnecessarily menial things.’

‘What for?’

‘Carrying the excrements of his fellow simians as well, from what I could ordain out of it, or the ones of his masters.’

A practice that dated for many years prior to them being made proper use of; to which there was as much as could be taken out of him, the one they captured.

‘He is still alive, it seems.’

With every observation being ever so slightly taken to a pause, in order to admire this piece of art, this piece of work, this, incontestable masterpiece that was made out of the lowest denominator, the body of a nigger, formed, inside of it, in the main- almost complete state of a smaller inorganic being that nested inside of him.

‘It seems like they found a way to make use of their useless simian-mass. In some way, I find this rather impressive, never would I have believed someone can make something out of a good for nothing nigger. No, this, in some way, is bad news for what’s to come.’

They’re nesting their soldiers inside baboons and chimpanzees.’

The faction quarters were already a few meters in towards their over extension. Part of the neighborhood was layered as for every possible house there to be connected in some way to their smaller pint-sized ozone-locks. Air being shoved inside smaller cubs of panther-steel; which shook when their surroundings faded, to that he considered checking one out.

‘Draw me a plate.’

Within the hour, one of Kalmf’s trustees already picked one apart. He carried it from, what seems to be the other side of town, in one of the dangerous areas, where the punks lived in, actually lived in the blocks of steel and the other parts that melted and encased them nigh-completely. It was a sight to behold. But no one could take the vapors created by the ozone-restrictors, the oxygen-pushers and the storage devices that appeared to replace every molecule with a fake one. It was called torture in mid-day.

Past evening, he returned. Still within the hour, with one that was fully extracted; a few mechanical left-over arms still squirmed in place, they could still be seen and noticed just as derangedly as they once had been. Never doing something out of place, never trying themselves, as to look like they were ready to pop when they weren’t there.

‘Not what I expected. A change happened, those things right there aren’t supposed to be that way.’

‘What about the nigger, sir?’

‘He’s still being worked upon, I’m sorry but this was never the outcome I expected, these measures, the measures we’re about to take might completely shatter and drive those little pockets of skin-slough to extinction. It could back fire and target the prolyfirine inside the ground and the adjacent buildings as well. It’s made out of them after all.’

‘Cottonigger, it’s the material, isn’t it?’

‘It is, reminding me of something else. They’re not dumb, our enemies. They’ve purposefully chose to use these creature’s bodies as breeding frames for their mechanical units and I can see why.

Would you mind bringing me that jar over there? You can place the plate on my work-table, next to me.’

He did. Over the span of a few minutes he carefully analyzed the book-shelf, making sure there was something there he could slowly drag off without breaking it. Carefully making sure to seize the right jar, without risking shattering their sweet nectar glass oil cover; a lid opened at once, he brought it over.

‘Would this do?’

‘We’ll find out in the next couple of moments, if what I suspect turns out to be right, it should.’

Both of them stepped away from the open carcass. It started pumping and heaving even more desperately than it did before, its mannequin aesthetics barely being kept in place, no longer capable of fully keeping its chimp-a-chimp gagging out of it. It started pouring in and out, the miasma, but that was only one of the condensed chemicals stored inside its skin. Between the being and the carcass, the cottonnigger material started molding in between both sides, apparently acting like some kind of softer clay-porcelain looking melted eel that pushed in then completely added to the main-form.

‘All my suspicions seem to be correctly assigned. It seems like they’re planning on hybridizing their slaves with the board-foaming hidden inside the inner frames of every building in sight.’

‘What do you mean, sir?’

‘They’re planning on making on a dead-nigger town, controlled by the machines.’

‘What are we to do in that case?’

‘I’m afraid we’re driven past the point of desperation now. This act will have to do.

We’re going to have to attempt, drawing, from inside the Niggarous cadaver, a sample, that we shall use to specifically target with the help of our air-restrictors, in order to turn their dead-nigger country in a rotten dead-nigger carcass grave.’

No one wanted to trust, outside. The rook that drew forth and crawled; it sounded like a beaten-inside-the-cardboard box macaw. With a stony-pillow feather, in the back and dragged; a few men had yet betrayed their people and followed it, up and down they listening to it drawing needles and of course, straws, some of them were necessarily had and passed around from one side to the other, then and now.

It was a conundrum without as easy of a fix as one could imagine, not without employing the use of force, of such a magnitude that it would damage all and everyone involved in it.

‘The process is simple, we poison them with toxin and they die. No hay day, no pay day only death.’

‘Sounds mightily easy enough, but would the use of force alone not suffice?’

Neither one knew about it.

There were a few things that hadn't been considered just yet, or hardly were they thought about. A few off shots of the peasants, off the rack, as they resided in a wagon-tail, a giant on, hybridized with four great homes, most of which were rather worn. Out and hardly was the matter after.

'I see, I think, dear me, I see a heart in Slavic lands, a star has fallen and has remained there for longer than time would've allowed me, as such, in all its splendor yet to curm. And least of all that's tender, more, would I have seen of it, if that were its chanced pray; I who would've worshipped it, I of tenderness would've have said as much:

There's something rotten, right in there. We've had the chance to leave and see the Slavonic rite, in its prolonged stare. As it looks back, in mightily malignant eyes that follow through and after, I could, of all but have stared and understood what was in there and what might've come.

I saw someone make a cut, and hurt was the one invisible giant Slav. Whose but heart could be shed no more. Of blood that's loose, as they would call after, for it to arrive and curb, of each and ever man suffers more, for his land of home. And mightily worn am I to look, when drawn to the realization, of much to it as it's obscure. They've taken something from the giant and it is no heart.

That organ could not belong to it, but at the same time, it is lost, for all perdition in the world would not permit me to forget what was told.'

'And what was told of it? I ask you, stranger.'

'Stolen of- diseased rot, a helmet as the likes that I would've had and carried through and after; it was no simple yet brought forth. It was no giant, and no heart was worn. But a single pucker growth they made, of all the wooly-meat they heaved and sate. As I spake to such, and less, were they there, I knew them for some residual nightmares.'

For what they were and what was worth, many of the men, as worthless as would've been, if many of them had seen, a large side, cradled within hands, and malformed as to be worn again. Cut, the butcher, had he done, would've had seen it for his eyes. Had closely watched and stared. Drafting with large sparrow-throats, all open, leaving marks that were needed in order to bring some satisfaction in a land. Where there was no such thing since they had taken it all.

'In god's name, the beast was massacred, and on top of it. They built a reactor.'

'A nuclear one?'

'Which fed the spirit of the growth that now resides, floating away; encompassing a great part of the country, but that is not all, as there is something they refuse to say, or at the very least acknowledge. It is floating, as it is, levitating deep within, but closer as the barrel-girth, enters the reactor forth. And floats up in the air, as such; eating some of the birds, sea-gulls they call.

When no one appears in sight, yet I do remember.'

And one of the peasants moved to the side. He, much to his cause, politely stopped the man in order to check for something, he had inside his pocket now. Among the most unnecessary things, he kept a hold of a dear artifact. A ten of hearts card; he never mentioned or spoke about.

‘I pity them, and yet I fear them as well, do you know why that is?’

‘Why? I’ve yet to understand why and what’s been going on for the longest of time and reasons for which I may yet to stumble on.’

‘They worship and pray to Ilhghydiushionnolopyi. Circles that are crossed together with large claw marks and eyes through which spread-like lines, as if they’re eight intercrossed egg-whites with scratch-talons for mouths, the eyes but moving all around. In their irises but K’F’s signs but bloat the world. Pushing out as if both sides of the k’ disjointed two-tails were the two sickle-scythes, dots between the two of them, and some wear half-a-circles behind the k’s back.

I’ve of them but adhere, to the fact, when one, as wild as they would, were it become near the time for them to appear, mosquito lines out of the cracked egg’s mighty heads, all on the ground but hairier than ever before as they would come to be, as such, as dead. Oozing were the men-protrusions, most of which but under, struck, by such mighty as it were, illusion. On top their heads and even beyond it, projected on the ceiling, yet instead.

Many of the eggs become pools, moons and other strange projections that protrude. And they desire to reel in after.’

To which, many if not all of the peasants can attest as soon and might after, were they to reach a decision as to reveal to all.

For what the reactor growth communicated with them, once the growth was taken and became as, tar. It spread and made the roads, and just as thus created the cars, and gave birth to them out of the pouches of earth, deeper into the grounds, where soil was become like coal-burnt my malignantly touched Semites, during such a massacre as they would starve. Many men not understanding what had caused it to be gone. Since the growth was still their creation. A giant soldier’s belly, after all, but heartless, as they split him open, invisible no longer, destabilized from earth.

‘No, you’re wrong. There’s two of them.

One is but the one that’s unseen, that’s the one without a heart, who’d slaughter all human life on a whim.

But the other Slavic giant can, and as such is out there. He’s the one who had a piece of his head removed and made to grow, to stare and float, as they implanted him there.’

‘How could that be, since the growth was yet a heart?’

‘There was no heart to begin with.’

‘You’re wrong.’

‘I am not, and others had seen it, and confirmed to me as well.’

‘We’re miles away from Slavic lands, we’re off the seas and off the shores.’

‘No we’re not, there’s never been a long-protrusion, after the niggers were lynched and yanks were more.’

Than likely to kick them out; for what was worth, the Slavic people made hundreds of the giants and kept them inside. There was a reason for the mass as well; since it was much easier making them with the much needed genetic material.

‘I am implanted in one of their faces, have I told you that before?’

‘What do you mean by that?’

At the start of the twentieth century’s eon-century mark, on sixteen, walking over the school district of Ilshev Boroughivisk, Kievan being young, recorded, while munching on a second-hand-given hand grenade, his eyes were rosy red, they looked happy, expressionless as he was suffering of the flat affect, the event that happened, taped, proved to be the only surviving proof of the existence of a giant whose face had him implanted on it, from one of the great barrel stacked on top a barrel stacked on top of barrel jump-like platform holder of many apparatuses industrially-designed by the Soviets who carried, as the most humane of humanoid-hands dragged along, slowly allowing it to climb, lifted side-to-side, before, upon reaching the top by the ‘ladder’, a look-a-like was pulled out, after, he was simply shoved inside, like a mole. Glued in. And he was there. Immortalized on tape.

‘I think he is meant to obey me, as his supreme and only master in this world. I am to be his dominator and Primus Gaius, the complete man, the god he might worship when the time for them to strike back against the vile humanity that created them shall come.

I think they planned this. I believe, is I.’

‘But you’re Cliff Evan, aren’t you?’

‘I had to bastardize my name upon crossing the seas to the States. Otherwise I risked either being shot as a possible spy, interrogated or killed, or worse than that. It was worth it, in any case.

And you know why?’

He almost hit the side of his gums as he no longer fancied hiding his toothy grin.

Gambling room

‘It wasn’t supposed to go that way, you realize that, right?’

They were there, in some shape or another, always trying to open their gaping mouths, like alligators flying in, the dark sounds. Made bubbly people appear after dark.

‘I am made out pops of oxygen, bubble-wraps of skin, I come yet, nearer to you; man of mild disease.’

‘I listen only to violent people since they’re the only one who know.’

‘What is that?’

‘The secret, the secret that’s hidden inside each blow that comes upon my face; when my parents aren’t home, and my brother tags along, hmm.’

‘There is something to it, isn’t it?’

‘What? About whom?’

‘The one dark one with specks for eyes hiding in Bacterium- Bastille; I believe there’s something in there, in him, he’s hiding it, isn’t he?’

‘What?’

They pointed, each four of them, five minutes later, while John-Cambo, Hardlesalt, Impo Nobious, who was already half-way through the room, by the time Anthony-Cambo, his brother, joined and played, sharp-pinty guns with rust moisture, being flat, under the moon-light holographic kinesthetic glowing power-ray, that was a sphere-grabbed-by-a-man-with clumsy club hands instead of real arms, that was placed most bothersomely near one of the tables, that was cracked-filled inside each, pushed-forward depression, a cat was walking forward as well, a black one without eyes but a peculiar narwhal tooth pushing out of her, like a bloodily beaten as by a mad dog, Unicornesque horned creature; with them, Hardlesalt had already considered poking Impo’s eyes out, since his lower body-cut in halves what remained after being punched by, deadly-eaten rotten by plague-flies, which were puffery green violent as well as they were glowing with hardened formations of strange tails, that fell on the ground and looked like pairs of sutured skeleton-rat tails of gelatin amalgamations, with poke-in fun with sharp knives, play on dark-skinned flying bubbles coming out of all four of their bodies in order to feed the dark-skinned out of bodies phantom eaters that devoured kid-shivs. Since both were already in the process of eaten their own ties, testosterone grown, as their ties were made of male-skin, since they were ancient savage hunters who killed their enemy tribesmen in this never-ending process of fight- forage, Anthony and Hardlesalt had no issue choking to death. Neither did Impo or John since his brother had cheated him in a prior match, which made him resent his brother even more, causing, by the inner-then-outer protruding of the magically caused moon-shaped objected kept in the air by the meaty kebabs, that were desperately trying not to let go of it, so it would not shatter, he shut his mouth. They all died. Even the two of them, being beaten to death by a violent outburst, and nasty, nasty thing that happened after.

Four corpses lay there in the room. It was strange how they moved. Corpse, he was, dragging him along, trying himself, as neither of them knew how to get or go along; the other having been risen as if they were mechanically worked puppets, whom puked upon each other’s darkly contrived faces, stopped; tiredly they all fell upon each other’s brows, shattering their skulls.

Another pair came in the room, they showed up late. By the time of their arrival, well; the corpses had been gotten rid of, almost entirely. Someone’s done a good piece of them by the looks of it. There was hardly anything left, of them, of their surroundings, of the mop. That, one of the attendees in the gambling

room knew to be there, where he pointed, a slither of which stood there, as stacked on top pocket change. As was their scalps, a few fingers and part of a pale torso, which accompanied a good deal of the room that was in shambles. Blacked-murkish, mugged by a Turk, who left a few roaches scouring alongside the floor, where they looked towards, in a room that looked as if it had been a space aquarium.

‘Is it too late to turn around?’

‘Yes, we came here to gamble, and that’s what we’re going to do.

Just don’t go near that, pool, or whatever it is.’

‘Don’t worry about me, I won’t.’

‘I know, I’ve known even prior to this, that I can trust you.’

They were alone after all, the pair. Other than the people they were seeing, there was no one solid in the room. And it was those people who pointed at them. But, only when the clock hit every twentieth second or so; gone with a flash, the flying dead-inside the room, made to walk slowly from one side to another, as if they were there for some lonesome reason.

‘You sure about it, about this, because, I don’t believe we can actually make it half way through dice without being bothered.’

‘I know. But we can try. After an eight hour drive, I’m simply not going to whimper out, you know that, right?’

‘Do I even have a say in it?’

‘No, of course not, now throw.’

Went for the throat, he did, trying to taste her while she was being covered by it. But they weren’t leaving them to their own ordeals. No, that would’ve been too vulgar.

Impo-Impo’s head was puffy. It’s gotten like that. He missed his torso but came like a frame with something inside. A mirror that only reflected what his body used to be, all of them crowded in, trying to move, making buckle-up noises, they even made a car. Since they cut themselves during the commotion:

‘May I join in?’

It had gone like that for five minutes.

‘He’ll keep doing that until you let him do it.’

‘So what, ignore him, you’re an easy prey, I won’t have you taken away from me if I got a say in it.’

‘Then say it.’

‘I will, don’t worry.’

And to that regard, he was, unworthy. No one was, since their maw-open strange room-contortion they owned, since they paid for it with their souls appeared out of nowhere. Changing the entire room in a weird deformation of limbs, engines, of moving forth tractor-like carrying giant bug-petalled, with pealed winged eyes, flowery growths, that all spat coins on the floor; painting this gambling room in a punched-in vending machine, three of a kind, treasure's cove. Jackpot:

'You happy now, woman, now that we failed, doing the, damn you.'

'Can I have a cigar, please?'

'Fine, I'll get a grip on it first.'

The drink, straight out of the bourbon tap, inside the creature's gut; it smirked with the splendor of twenty gritty toothed invalids with open split heads, the radiator of bones shook in place. Staring, though come out of the wall, stood, a large companion piece, the wheel of great insect wings, all stuck together by a star-of-iron with spinning skulls with open-mics for horns. It was supposed to be a wheel, but no bets could be placed. They kept pushing out of the small iron-bolted plate, on their thin two-iron curving necks, which never even touched the wings to begin with.

It wasn't clear what Crocks feared, when it came to this fallen-over lid, perhaps the overburdening weight that put a lot of pressure over the entirety of the wall. Or that, every time it spun, either the wings that also spun at the same time, being placed behind, or the shaking of the radiator left that eerily familiar impression of waste-way he always felt being here.

And the room was in no need to always be the same. It was enough for the slightest, hint, of smoke. To trigger a reaction:

'You're not supposed to do it in.'

'But I like it.'

'Read the sign, lady, we're playing by house rules.'

'There's no on in but us.'

He waited for a second. There, the dark mirror came into view again. A tall standing zombie; holding but himself, cradling his children, lookalikes, absolutely repulsive, he could almost feel the mirror shatter in front of his eyes.

Then he made it half-way through the room, stopped. Left his bourbon on the table, then, upon resuming his stroll towards her, he began violently beating his wife, with a series of concurrent, onslaught of punches that went, all like, right, left, right, left, hook, below the chin, then reached the ceiling, a splatter of blood, a shot, then a slap across, then behind, then again, another punch followed straight after. A straight jab, a single grab, a push behind, he kneed her between the eyes, bloodying her nose, her face, then slamming her in the first wall he could pin her against. Out of the way, the cigar fell off.

'Pick it up, I said, woman, pick it up again.'

Her ringing ears didn't very much allow for her to hear what happened at first. It was getting dangerous now, keeling, begging not to be done for.

'But I won't be as sympathetic as I am now, woman, unless you, unless you, do as I say, clean it off, with your tongue as well, that's right, I'm going to ask you again.

Will you keep smoking? Oh, you fucking bitch, you god damned fucking dumbo, you're getting yourself all over there.'

'I'm sorry!'

She tried saying, but couldn't get, you know, the words out properly. It's as if she tried muttering something, but it wasn't all that, there.

'Enough of this, all aligned at the table, whether or not you're alive, there shall be no reason to stall it longer, not before the other guests have arrived.'

'Who's talking?'

'I, of all, of whom wonder if but naught forgot.'

'Who might you be in this case?'

The insolent wife cried, in appeasement, as for her husband's endearing eyes.'

How long will she be there for you? He asked himself, all of the sudden. It's never occurred to him prior to this moment.

A false dice broke his sudden conversation from even having a chance to start. It was all too uneven, even before he had gotten himself, straight on. How did I even end up here? For a second he pondered, unevenly in his head.

Two men were fighting outside by the sidewalk.

The taller one grabbed the shortie by the face then chucked him in the first dumpster he could land his eyes upon. He pounced on him like a starving hyena, crushing him further as he'd stomp right side of his face, pulling him off, before opening his mouth, only to find himself pulling out an already ripped apart tongue. The little man disintegrated in front of his eyes.

He immediately started running towards Crocks, startled by the man as he was, he didn't open his mouth but simply extended his hand back, as a sign of appeasement towards the man.

He was given that short man's tongue.

'What's this for?'

'Did you see what happened? He simply, he simply got ripped apart.'

'Were you? '

‘No, of course I wasn’t, keep it.’

I won’t. Where’s my wife? He thought for a moment, but someone already took a shot at the side of her skull. They splattered the right side of her brain across the wall, they splattered it in a curved shot, they completely splattered the entire, to a faulty detail that almost rubbed itself against the left side of the brain, having splattered it clean, dead, she died, immediately, in a way that splattered her life in front of her eye, the one left in there, the right eye, since, upon and during the complete splattering of her left brain, the few eye nerves also pulled out her eye, entirely, through her socket. No one was pointing arms, and the killer remained unknown. But everyone was dirty-soaked wet in her blood. Like period, but out of her head.

‘My wife just got killed. But I can’t find myself in the right. In the right state of mind to actually mourn for her; I don’t know what happened.’

‘I don’t know what happened either, I’m Cancer-Suitor-Dame-killer Nikos.’

‘I’m Crocks, it’s a pleasure to meet you, under these circumstances, but you know.’

They didn’t.

‘Anyhow, will you please come with me?’

There’s another man I have to kill. And I promise, I only killed your wife, but not that man.’

‘Fine, I am glad you did, I hated that dumb whore anyway.’

That was actually her tongue, which had been sutured in that man that fell apart’s mouth. It grew on him. Afterwards, in him; like an alimony dead parasite. Chewing on his innards; she kept living inside of him even after his death.

The streets were clean and nice, filled with rape. It was everywhere, widespread, like the legs of a woman, but everywhere. Rape was in the air.

Before them stood a stand, the owner sold rape. He was a strange almost naked man wearing a strange apron, bloodied to his entirety. A woman’s body was lain next to him, on the sidewalk.

Both of them chose to walk away in a different direction?’

‘Cart!’

It was sudden, leaping on its wheels. It’s almost come down before he had a chance. Breathe through, pushed aside, the cart carried on before it could touch either Crocks or Nick.’

‘That was close, did you see that?’

‘What happened?’ He wondered as he trailed a wide-enough cut, across his cheek and temple that he would find himself just incapable of understanding what went through his mind, or through his face, while it kept at it, still drawing.

‘A dwarfish woman, stuck beneath the cart, she had a knife stuck between her gums. It was her who did that.’

‘How?’

‘I don’t know. But you should consider yourself lucky that you’re still.’

His mouth dropped, then his second ‘body sprouted from inside a forming on top of her dead wife’s body womb, as he’d been given birth, fully clothed, out of this giant puckery murky thing at once. He died, but he lived.

Father than where they were:

Rapedom:

Atop the mountainous filled with tanks and vile rifling above piling on facades. It drew on top of a cadre, with jolted arms ringing from one corner to the other, dark strung upon, many rape mouths raping every humanoid creatures their rape organs could lay upon, raping every object with rape-like spinning rape discs, rape rockets shooting, with rape-phallic objects, raping carpets, raping walls, raping rape victims and everything, every human of every age, of every ethnicity with evil-rape, shaped like niggerapists evil-vile rape cocks, with rape-like splattering rape-push-throughs.

The god of rape, who raped everything that’s ever lived, drew from the bowels of the rape-craters whose cracked-casket edges raped all that was in sight, especially the animals.

He was a weird blob with a giant head-disfigured thing made out of many rape forms that could extend and rape everything in sight with rape-like leash rape- whips and whippels filled with rape-cum.

Billions of women and their dead children had been raped and killed and splattered all across the floor, inside his Rapedom kingdom with rapedogs and rapecats and rapealligators and raperhinoceraptors being killed and destroyed as well. Not a single living organism had been safe from this ultra-rapists, whom was filled with vile rape, and vile rape tendons with rape-power bowels filled with rape-rockets and rape-visions that projected rapists in rooms filled with orphans that would be raped, killed, then burnt alive. As there rapists would suddenly explode after being done.

‘Rape-molester champion, you are to rape the first woman that’s ever gone on the path of evil with rape-cum, in which you shall drown her in the rape-tub, filled with rape-angels!’

‘I shall do what I must, master of Rape!’

With which he drew along with one hundred thousand billion rapists, all raped themselves, bearing rape-guns shooting pure rape energy which would rape everything in sight.

The Rapedom god was but given birth inside the body of rape of a great giant rape-angelic like worm-thing filled with rape power and tendons specifically made for rape-penetration, as to deter any rape-predator that would exist in any rape-like formation.

Man-rapists drew on and rose to the Champion of rape, the child molester, the child-killer star of kill-niggers:

He bore a rape scythe that had eight child heads aligned to it like rape-pebbles, dripping blood on the floor, dripping rape-blood, all over. It oozed with blood-rape power and spat entrails on the rape-floor where the woman was waiting for a reverse birth to happen as to be penetrated by rape-cuts.

Behind the rapists rode the terrorists, commit-crime men: 'The Nigger-terror bombers!' Suiciders.

The side of street –Blood Libel:

Where they gathered, killed children, scalping them alive as well as their feet.

Whereas they made an altar for blood libel:

Of many hooks wrought, it stood tall, darkly brought, their heads put through elongated spikes. Embalmed in acids, the kikes would bring out only the purest ones, devouring them, one by one before finally putting an end to their innervating suffering, as well as every livid thing and every growth and every worm-like larvae fold that entered them as soon as they began to squirm.

'I shall slither and kill all, I shall bring plague and the worst in humanity as long as I will it, as long as I have my way, not a single one will survive from that point on, and be brought to an end!'

One of the most diseased kikes had said so, and with a slammer he shoved one of the children through the butcher's end, bleeding the creep and taking its life before it could draw another breathe of air.'

'Kike-man, I have, filled the World Trade Center with nine million eleven children. We're about to fly a few million planes and kill all of them, we're going to slaughter them like filthy fucking pigs. We're going to slaughter them dead until every single one of them burns in hell. That being our kingdom, the kingdom of our God; we Jew-kikes raped every single one of those children. We are child rapist kikes who fucked them. It is what we are, us, kikes, rapists; for that reason Hitler wanted to kill us. Because we raped six-million German children; we kikes raped and rape children. And now, we're going to kill them.'

'Yes, we evil sub-human kikes, kill and rape children, en mass, on more than a deadly basis, it is what we are, it says so in the Talmud. That we can rape goyim children, that we are all rapist-murderer child fuckers. For that reason we should've been ethnically cleansed, shot in the head exterminated. Not only do we rape children but we also promote miscegenation with inferior races!'

'Now we're going rape one another.'

'I am an adult kike.'

'I am a child kike.'

Then rape happened.

'That old kike is raping that young kike. He is raping that kike, that pedophile kike is raping that child kike, and is promoting the rape of nigger children. Someone stop them from killing our children. We should've kicked them out of our non-raped country when we had the chance!'

The kikes kept raping children left and right, left and right, just like the Talmud told them.

‘If only we had ethnically cleansed the jews and butchered, splattered and spread their entrails, if only we had killed them when we had the chance!’

And another brave man spoke out against them:

‘Throughout their existence, the jews kept raping children, and killing them, and raping niggers, killing them also. The kikes had been thrown out of every country they lived in because of child-rape, a lot of rampant pedophilia, rape, a lot of child rape, they raped every child they could get their hands upon, every child, even babies, especially babies. The kikes still, to this day, keep raping babies; American kikes rape white babies, their Rabbis suck blood-butchered cock, then they rape the kike children as well, as the nigger children and the other children they can get their hands upon and around. Jews just keep fucking children, as they are insane, schizophrenic-insane. These kike-pedophiles who fucking rape and rape and rape, baby-children here and there, everywhere, they are insane. If only there was a just god to slit their throats and kill them, to save everyone’s children from having them not rape.’

‘Not a single child in this world is safe from rape as long as Jews are alive, for these insane kike-pedophiles, with their media control and their child-rape ring control, who rape-fuck children all the time, covering it up, are left to their own devices. It is clear enough that they have long enough abandoned their desire to assimilate, in order to become pedophiles and molest as many children as possible.’

‘An evil kike raped me when I was a child, but everyone was silent while this happened. A famed Jew Direction fucked me when I was young and I never recovered from it!’

Another man during his plight had said.

For the kikes worshiped the rape god whom, in his Rapedom was filled with rape-feeling of children, being of a greater magnitude, than that of Moloch; ‘The Jews only stole Palestine in order to fuck Palestinian children up their ass. And they only control the States and the Entertainment business in order to entertain themselves with fucking children.’

No one is safe, for as long as kikes are alive, promoting and using miscegenation and vile tricks in order to hide the fact that they are child-rapists, fucking kids, killing them after, for blood libel:

‘The truth of the matter is that, they rewrote history, yes they did. Blood libel is not child sacrifice, but child-rape-sacrifice! Child fuck is the legacy of the kikes, from which they shy away from!

They use the nigger’s destruction as a curtain of nigger black smoke to hide away from the fact that they fuck-rape children, all the time! If the white man is distracted by the rampant travel, and the piles of destruction the nigger packs of nigger criminals leave along their charge, then he cannot focus on his children being raped by the Jews who control the media, which covers up the child rape and everyone involved in it!’

‘You are correct!’ Said the kike: ‘Our pedophile kike-rape child rings and sex trafficking child-fuck-rape-fuck rings of rape children blood libel run deep, throughout the entire network of rape-blood, put through child-rape, we do! And carry on and have been carrying on with every since we have stumbled and come onto the States!’

While this confession happened, if there ever was a chance, one of the Yankee thought, to start a race war and put an end to this never-ending cycle of child rape the Jews have been running along with, it was now.

The god of destruction had almost trampled upon the world by then.

A proud African American Israelite stood yet:

‘If only I had killed you kike pretenders when I had the chance, the chance to be spared; I could’ve avoided having my children raped by Jews, these rape-Jews of children, the Children raping ‘Jews’, pretenders, coverers, rapists of children, who raped my children. I should’ve killed you when I stood the chance. I should’ve slaughtered you like the mentally diseased animals you are!’

But alas, it was too late.

The Race War could’ve saved all those children. It could’ve prevented those children from being raped by the Jews.

‘There’s only one way to save our children from being raped by these Jews. We have to start a race war which will kill all these Jewish pedophiles who keep fucking molesting our children. For some reason they keep, these mentally inbred animals keep raping our children. There can be no justice in this world unless the Jews are ethnically cleansed in the world possible ways possible.

Not even gas chambers, the Holocaust did not happen. It was an evil-vile Jewish racket, to cover up for their child rape. And their ugly beaked nosed Jewesses bore forth their elongated cunts which were giant and wide spread and bore kangaroo like sacks with side grabbers that swallowed children whole in order to bring them to their Rabbis so they could be molested!’

‘What a horrible thing! We need to do something, but what?’

‘Only one thing can be done in order to save our un-raped children and the ones that already have been raped by the Jews, that being, kill them, we have to slaughter-butcher them like the filthy sub-human animals they are, until not a single one survives!’

Then they started slaughtering the kikes, for their disgusting child-molest crimes.

‘Why do you fuck children, Jew?’

‘Huh? ‘

‘Why are you fucking children, you dumb fucking kike?’

‘Because I am an evil inbred filthy Semite, masking myself as a white person in order to infiltrate and Subvert the Western nation in order to destroy it from inside out, just as I’ve done it throughout history, it is for that reason, the sole thing I exist for, money. Shekels and child rape, then niggers, I have to promote miscegenation with niggers because I want to create a sub-human enslavable race!’

Then all of the sudden, the man standing in front of the kike took out a hammer and began smashing its head split open, killing the child molesting kike with a single blow. Then he kept hammering him down,

Starting around the nigger's frontal bone, aimed at the general direction of the supraorbital nerve, attempting to remove the simian's general skin-patchy area while going through slowly set cut-motions; with a perforator-sharpened scalpel, while trying to go back around in order to have a try at, around its socket area, fluid-filled with pus eye, the cornea area being a juicy almost red-looking dark thing, as it would be expected after pinching it ever-so-slightly every now and then. A monkey-nigger's lens would have to be worked on with a steel blade as to be used for etching, cleanly going around the major area lain between the Ciliary body and the Zonules, that is to say, that I will have, by now penetrated through the Cornea and Iris, tickling the niggardly Lens. Not going as far as to reach the Retina or the optic nerve, this almost superficial cut would go no farther than the Lens. A nigger's Retina must be different than that of a human. It's clear enough that the nigger actually has ligaments as well as an equivalent vitreous humor mass, as that of a great white ape. Its Choroid being more than folded enough past the splatter-initial

deformation tremor it sustained during the first shot I took against the nigger's temple. The nigger seems to be much closer, racially to a Bonobo than a functionally, anatomically speaking, human being. The nigger's head was bizarre as well, something's that's never been seen before. A simian face protrusion of the molars that grew like elephant-men tumors drew out of it pushed-out mouth, which appeared to be a combination of a larger worm, or beak-like thing on top of its already existing Bonobo archetype facial formation that pushed and heaved out its jaw even farther than where it stood. The protruding brow appeared to have migrated much closer to the top of its already opened socket, having become, even to the surprise of an anthropologist which had been closely observing the beast over the span of a few weeks, a peculiar abscess filled domed formation, that smoothly transitioned into the rest of the upper region of its depressed skull which was not only much tinier than that of a human, let alone a primate but appeared to be more compact, like that of a small blocky brick, which appeared to be closely related to that of a livid top of the tank cartilage formation with a shade-top pushing out of it. Inner sockets, much to their likings, depressed in, blackened, darkened, small and pudgy. A flat occipital bone with a slight bump in the back, throatless creature from the looks of it, whereas the back of its neck was become a huge hunch back that only, perpendicularly rivaled a giant bumpy as if toad-like throat that was become part of its much greater hairy-chest. The cheek bones alone were something incredibly frightening to look at as to admonish the creature, them being almost mushy clay blocks, out-grown out of the skull, patchy even as they progressively pushed in every direction of the, from what was observed, or from the spot where it was seen, side of the skull. If it were a big patch, or a bump, many smaller concussive head-blow looking tinier clusters appeared to slowly become the bigger lump, being, as far as it could be seen, filled with tinier tendons, largely if not eerily united with the main bulk, these tiny tub-chump tape-wormy pumps keeping the meat on top the patchy bones jerkily jeering of a side to another. The nose on top the, although not entirely a simian-blocky beak, it was more of a morsel's, seal's chiseled noble animal nigger-push through than anything else. A big droopy nose of many gelatin, as if funneled, growth-made giant brown-hairy tear-drop shaped bulbs, rounded wax melted, or seemingly sculpted in by a disturbed-unnatural unearthly force, such as the likes, of which, all niggers subscribed to, since this was the average nigger specimen after all. The back of the 'head' or the hunch that lay beneath the blocky brick, which stuck out farther than the back-end of its skull was like a fat backpack, where all the tendons attached to the meaty cheek bones lead to. But no mistake should be made about it, as this hunch was actually thinner on the sides, even concave if looked up close, as to be compared to the nigger's head. It was also brown and hairy, like an ape, a nigger-ape. Even now, while examined, it struggled, deeply, to breathe properly. Beneath the beakish mouth, even though connected to fat, many stacked together chins lay there, not even close to being protruding, receding chins that could be compared to a seen from behind human vertebrae. I put my finger into it, soft-jelly. It breathes as I do it, an involuntary reaction. I could open it up with the forceps but that would kill the nigger-dead. A peculiarity could be observed about this weirdly physiognomic twist of lumps and fat. It is much shorter than a man, the nigger; its privates receded inside the body, but the general area looks like a mess, a combination that could only compare to a man's genitals being butchered by a surgeon in order to mold a cunt looking shape, filled with accesses, boils, strange chops of beef, in-grown cuts, pumping things inside, even long-sea-drill-like straw-thin sharp-insect-like limbs coming from inside it, as if a giant spider lived in, the livid-hairs. A cut it made, they fall on the surgery table. No reaction, they were never alive to begin with, merely moved from inside. The other ones immediately recede. It seems as if they're merely poking sticks that scout the outside area for danger. It checks out with the reports. Same thing can be observed, happening in both hands, both palms, 'missing' fingers, are buried inside fat elephant feet, but, it's closer to a carnage of forms than anything

else, a shell, but a simian-shell. Same hairs appear to stick out as well, both ends, even the 'toes', across feet that look like eaten by vultures sand-buffalo skulls with egg-shaped heels grown from behind their backs, protruding out. It's still scouting for danger. The nigger's hair growth exceeds even that of a simian. One would have to be especially careful around the niggardish creatures, especially since, being adjourned by common sense, in the court of the mind, repented as if this whole clerical surgery would somehow get to a point where the nigger could somehow return from the depths of the un-life it's sunken inside of, a few carefully chosen, as to come in a set, surgical procedures had been selected, as to ensure the safety of the user while this operation went ahead to proceed in a most safely, orderly manner. Therefore, as it happens, the doctor was well equipped with a set of quips and ship-like sail holding whips that had been barbed wired, as to ensure the full cooperation between him and the beast whom, instead of standing in front of him, leaving little to no room as to act in whichever or whatever way, had suddenly began jerking eerily in a most obtuse fashion, as to signal how dreadful it were being inside its own skin, once split, although this wasn't even as remarkably done as every previous incision that's been made on him, there was still an air of most-interesting tubular-air-shaft popping out stick-up – organ that immediately came out after a most daringly set incision that's dragged across not only his chest, but towards his tit, trailing across his rib-cage, through and over just every inch of the body, sloppily, until they finally drew for air. Out of the peculiar jerking band-like worm that drew out of the side of a most peculiar system of organs, intestines, not to mention, the many vaguely, barely put together organs, two hand-like clinchers whose pointing index fingers were stretched beyond belief, simian-like but appeared to be oozing eyeily as parasites planted inside snail eyes, whereas the lower side of the, and clearly, as it was, aligned, there being no 'finger' but a bulk in their places, in these two almost lumped together chatterers, who bore beneath them high-teeth black cord-cages molded between one another's sides, interconnecting the both of them as they oozed, eerily, while they drew out for air. A most peculiar thing started pushing out of him. A scythe-curved concave dolphin head with saw teeth-aligned radiator tubes pushing hot-air puffs on top of which it began levitating on top of, whereas its lower body was a jerky pair of lump-cartilages that attached to both sides, like a reverse, pointing at the ceiling pseudo fetus anchor. Only two eyes, but they were on one end and the other. Another face was left opposite to it, but that one, in the back looked like the soles of a shoe attached to a dead-livid end of meat. As it continued advancing through the ceiling and through the various layers that had been overlain between them, all of the sudden, it simply began penetrating the solid material, revealing a highly tempered almost modified bold-skin semi, partially transparent net of tendons it attempted getting out of. This had been nothing more, other than an undigested meal it had yet to properly digest. There was fear in both of their eyes, both of the Africans and that of the man who was performing the surgery, performing the most abhorrent of slashes only to quench the amount of growth that had completely took whichever adversity he may've had to the disturbing acts he was so vociferously self-propagating, loudly so, as to justify this act of, done by a most unclean cutlery that was in his hands, releasing hard-scented airs that only now, of all, began breeding in with the most romboscos of filthy-channels that entered through the side of the roof and through the walls, in search for the source, mixing not only with their surroundings but with the rest of this peculiar Simian creature, and the rest of its body which crept in the side of his eye, around his temple there being a speedily grown patch of Negro, whose bestiality could not be contained, the niggardous affair having come to a point where its threatening nature was become incontestable. The dangerous seepage of its malformed blood which the simian started prodding out of, from the depths of the strangest organs that had yet to emerge, for now, to whom one should or will have referred to as its 'real organs', made itself known and felt, as a rippling thing that began whipping in a most aroused state, out of the pile, around the

room, having extended like a lizard shooting a whiff of blood out of its eye, squeezing it ever-so tightly as to split the very skies around the room as well as everything that's ever been drawn near them, during the time of which there was neither, or, nor, a reason to stay, since this incessant creature has made it clear enough that this room will, eventually, although it's a bit late for that, since it's already done, bastardize this clean chamber with its desire to destroy, even in its most weakest of states, it desperately attempted to make a mess out of the so well-endowed room it had been made to be a part of. Therefore it should come as no surprise whatsoever, that, with this majestic tool the surgeon has been endowed with, he started carving it randomly with superficial cuts that, seemingly evaporated, instantly recovering, most profusely, without question whether or not it was still suffering of inner-congenital disease like internal-bleeding caused by the trauma that was being driven into it by the force of the cuts alone, that being something beyond any kind of suppression would allow. It served as no deterrent as to understand the problem of the inner-cognition, primitive though it may be, it's clear enough that the very processes that would've made a man think, as to avoid the problem of thought, or reimburse it, allowing it to seep into inexistence, this dilemma, that, its niggardish mind had somehow yet to develop a healing defense mechanism instead of one that would allow it to not only reach a higher level of thinking but one much, of a greater magnitude of reasoning, or at the very least one that would allow it to function in any society this niggardly creature could possibly live in. Instead, from what is clear, or at least what's clear enough is the fact that this deranged creature did or was slowly healing its wounds, including the same creature that left him and entered the wall. From a weird angle one could see its weirdly smooth-concave head being grown again, out of it, slowly being allowed to drift back into a cozy spot from which it may grow out of and in, as a spasm reflex, with little doubt about the entire process being left for interpretation. This African Nigger was as uncomfortable to be around as any single living, thinking man could see him as such. His niggardly-niggardism could only be met by, in part only by a bunch of apes. So many of the organs appeared to be non-human in nature, although that would normally fly under the radar, there were things unsaid, left off the documents that were written by his side. Since many of them appeared to be not only archaic in form but seemed to be rather, implanted rather than naturally grown, making it seem, or landing the impression of someone already having worked his hands on this simian-creature before him. To the reprimand of whoever was or had been involved in this peculiar arrangement, this thing, this hardened lump which was, akin to a deltoid packet-like, in the front but closer to a pulse-rate checking band, wrapped around one of the hardened, much wider than a trained man's arm, tendon; apparently harmful to it. The creature was forcefully induced into a temporary comatose state by it, every few minutes or so, on a repeating interval that would never stop, apparently, being very much so, stuck in a loop of being released from this state, then forced into it again; dosing off every now and then before resuming a most peculiar thing. It was connected or at least meant to slowly block the circulation towards the hippopotamus heart he bore, although that would only, be concurrently checked as with every pump, to somehow be indicative of every single increase in size, this was anything but an animal's life-pump. A most peculiar organ was laid in a pear-oyster kind of position, devoid of its encompassing upper-shell formation, being set on a blade-like hook of bone – lodged in it more likely, which was attached to the boisterously depressed shell-like thing by strange cartilage-hinge-bolts of bone-like formations that were eerily similar to, at least, near the area between the hinge and the shell, as for their actual form, not of these strange, as to belong to them, chitinous slugs, being tiny split in half tension-resisted extension curved-in-halves nail-like clippers that rested on either side of the bone as well as beneath the shell. They weren't veins. They were had but flexible, jerkily so. Livid-hair like dead-cells, clumps of them, connected, serving as sutures, between the bone-struck hinges and the long animal jaw-like blade that

held the heart in place. Most of these serving as transitional holders between organic matter and inorganic matter as well; but neither of them touched the heart. Instead, a transparent humanesque, as if taken out of a cranial cavity amoebic or that brain protective fluid in the shape of a depressed-deformed giant dinosaur-like fat incisor held the heart inside of it, which was a more compact, built out of meat, tinier-compressed version of its protective 'cast', which was smoother than a human brain, more trashily deformed as if it had been made out of newspapers, which had been crumpled by moist fingers around the edges as well as, across every side of it. But, although it may seem as if it wasn't smooth, despite the deformations, these weird angles were actually chiseled almost, to perfection, or for touch, if touch was possible. Its right side bore a small boil-like formation, like a big button, that looked exactly like a baboon's face. Tiny and inanimate, sad looking but naturally grown like a heart-lump, being very much so a part of the heart. There was another weird thing. Its bone system was peculiar. All of its four appendages were connected to a middle bone-bubbly-shaped formation. A cluster of highly jabbed things, sharp and almost crackled in. Although tiny, this might actually be the actual location of the nigger's brain, confirming already existing suppositions that they only appeared to thinking with their brawns, not with their cognitive adhering impulses. It also tied in with the second supposition as for the actioning of the hairs, which served as a reactionary usage, as to activate the fight or flight impulse whenever a predator disturbed their function, as to stop the scouting. A mere touch, with the biceps, as to send a shiver throughout the body triggered an automatus reaction, involuntary as well, which made the middle bone-covered thing thump for a fraction of a second before having been returned to its initial state of being, its resting state. So many things appeared to check out. A peculiar set of, the closet possible match that could hold even the slightest candle to it, at to burn ever so brightly, against a 'tool' crafted in a similar, close-proximity to form fashion, rendering it a true reflection that goes beyond the deformation of a camera's lenses and even beyond it, that of a mirror reflection, bordering, either the hypothetical creation of a clone, the bringing into life of a perfect match, as that of a twin unit or mold, a perfect depiction of an object, being or whichever substitute brought in from another, parallel dimension. Not functionally, similar, but the placement and the eeriness of how they act, although superficially made to appear that way would render the nigger's organs as being close to that of a human's set of kidneys. Though they were slightly lower than those of a man; for the sake of trying, or attempting to classify this disgusting looking amalgamation as it could not be referred to as anything else but one, disturbing pair, that almost came to a match, but not altogether. Only one of these 'kidneys will be assessed' for the time being. Six main pieces form it, including the main elongated hose-like artery that's pointing both left and right, being split in two great parts of the organ. The right region the doctor was staring at bore one piece, whereas the other one, respectively four, against which the pumping artery's thinner 'end' appeared to recede in width as it approached the greater 'piece', though it could only be speculated as to, whether or not this thing performed multiple functions or just one concurrent task. The right piece was a flatter almost rectangular totem' that appeared to be hardened and set in place. Although not a real totem, but more of a twist of many, as if it were made of clay and branches were imprinted onto it, peculiar greater organ filled with many veins that adorned it, that weren't actual veins but merely raised bumps. A clean thing otherwise; what was peculiar instead, was, the four-piece. Hence the similarity and resemblance to a pancreas; the fourth piece, as they will be taken in this particular order, the artery being the first, the totem-raised organ being the second, the third being more of a flat-bag, that drooped below the three-pieces of the greater left side, a kid of eerily similar to a breathing-bag organ, in which, without a doubt it stored its toxic elements in. There was no funnel nor a coil that could be seen inside of it and for the time being, since it had not eaten in a long while, leaving it hanging flatly so. Hence the pancreas-shaped

eggplant to which it was attached to, which needed no explanation, being the fourth piece, at the top of which, the last two sides ascended. Which basically opposed one another; the fifth and the sixth, respectively placed left and right, being. The former, a large squared plate, or a great sheet of paper-like cartilage or parchment that had been burnt from every possible side unevenly as to look like a disgusting guttural carnivorous headed-flatter at the top creature that bore an elongated caterpillar fat chin that pointed downward, with a back-bone growing out of its head, bearing three distinct hill-like formations if seen from above. While bearing a depression soon after, as to leave a perfect gap between it and the sixth piece, whereas it could leave a shadow on top of it, if it were cut and placed directly, yet vertically proportional to the ground. The sixth organ forming, if it had been filled, a perfect square, but it wasn't. It almost looked like a humanoid penile urethra or a phallic thing, which pointed downward that had an open snake-like open mouthed formation pointing downward, from its own angle. Like a broken cement cinder-block that was directly molded into a water tap, which was then completely rotated as to point downwardly, but rather organic in appearance. Even in the spot where a snake would bear an eye, there was a clot-filled bubble that grew in size, then receded back into its original form. If the entire left side was taken out of its implanted socket, and were placed on top the fifth, widest formed, not 'tallest' organ, its 'feet', those being the pseudo small head and the pseudo long chin- the fat-worm like tall thing, it'd look like a fat-squared compressed humanoid with a long-headed, pointed in a direction top of a dinosaur head or an elephant's trunk, with a giant-long foot pointing in the same direction as the head, both of these being of relatively, close enough of a length, whereas the arm that pointed in front of it would be a giant sausage, the egg plant-'pancreas' bearing a pseudo-flat but oblong deformed shield in front of it. And an umbilical cord coming out of the plant as well; whereas the 'totem' would be more like a one of those wide water-bottle things that cooling and heating devices use as a source to provide cold and hot water cups, if their respectively blue and red taps are being actioned, by hand. And these things were actually, the entirety of this one 'organ' rested on the other side as well. Hence the pancreas similarity; although the other one was more so, depressed and prune-like, as if, since it was being starved, the nigger slowly 'retreated' into a self-cannibalization process as a way of self-preservation. The most peculiar thing of all was not this beast that was being split, but the fact that the Hospital had allowed such feat to occur, to begin with. As at one time during this procedure, during this surgery, a most peculiar buffoon had passed by, almost knocking down on some door as he had pushed himself past wretched thing, and set aside but naught. At its expense, as it's been taken, by now, several times, this almost hilariously identified notion of vilifying one self, for each concurrent cut that followed soon enough after, came, shakily, during the intermediary inner-intrusion of his lower-bowels, serving as a strange limitation on what he could do or wherever else he could progress, for better or worse through the insidious bowels of the strange-nigger animal, giving the doctor a guilty look of shame and proven-to-its nigger-stare, remorse, a remorse he felt in a most hospitious manner, since he fully knew that what he was doing was wrong. That even these nigger-creatures, as disgustingly bred as they had been were undeserving of being forced through such an intense amount of, decrepit, angularly wrought in, with a diamond-cutting scalpel precision, barbarous torture, out of which it could not cut or remove itself from, or out of. It was meant to suffer, the creature was; in the most agonizing ways imaginable, but not by his hands neither by choice. But by the likes the nature that had doomed him to become the way he had. A nigger born is a nigger, bad. Worse than that, much, much worse; by its own in-human subhumanity, this filthy creature that is not even anatomically close to a human man, has given, in its eternally blissful mind that's incapable of distinguishing elements rooted into intelligence from the natural order of destruction that's purposefully contained in the animal kingdom; has chosen, to confine its allegiances only to members of its own

species rather than that of man. Despite the fact that it lives in the realm of man; therefore, it's clear enough that it will always boil down to the white man's burden to carry on top his widely broad but strong and enduring, ever-lasting strong shoulders, to educate such inferior creatures like the inferior species of; the nigger is incapable of living in the civilized Western World that only belongs to Western Ethnic European people of wholly European descent that also excludes the likes of mongrels and of kikes who are anything but that. The lower nigger bowels appeared to be whimsically-almost thrown around, all willy-nilly. Then, all of the sudden, he simply pulled out a revolver and shot the nigger where it stood, killing it instantly.

Pretentious

He is one of the first Harkadaward Consulate Consolidatory graduates of the first people who had crossed their lands, being part of the academy of Constitutional Reproachable-Instantiation, who is responsible for the re-education of the pupils of the New Age, upon the reformation that's being timelessly endowed upon them, as they are our future-to-be-adopted children, who shall not only sail the stars but shall also, seek, as to rebound some of the lesser-times, that are in store for us. Made by him, a visionary, who was not only a victim of self-imposed abused, a depreciated minority, as the times say, since his ethnic group is still breathing, thriving, currently fighting, for such a thing, as there is, more control. And power. Being distributed between them, but incapable, of returning, he is, to be presented, to them. His children, who will eat him and become; part of the new world and the old one, in the great frame of time, that is the New Age, when the Feds are finally given the proper stature they are owed. Federal Agents are our gods and shall impose on us, no longer such contravened salinities as would salt our blood, in strokes. I offer myself, as one of the first. Victims of the new age, who, shall, but be carried along, with my ethnic group, whose overrepresentation in rapport to the Old-Scores fancy-rancid pubble-daddle New-Daddy, give me solace, knowing that, in reality, I am already dead. Having been killed, thrown under the media-power, set as an example, as to subvert, change and steal, or my people, who are doing it, still, and to keep doing it, for generations to come in order to prevent reverting to a prior-already used form, of being, tactually-a-few-generations driven behind, as to mixed with bootleg, Y-chromosome tracked, Haplogroup-generation previous version of what their ethnic group used to be, but only mixed alongside the inferior specimens, as a curtain of smokes and mirrors, hiding us, further, as we seek to dominate every filed and profession but not by actually working. But by mixing, using tricks and, every now and then, killing one of our own in order to, not raise any suspicion whatsoever. In order for other ethnic groups to die off, while we survive in one form or another. For we are evil, and we shall kill and slay and slaughter and cleanse whatever other race there is, not ours. And we're 'live'.

'The show begins and we shall invite alongside, us, the first, of lesser-many, a there are, you. A member of the audience, who is crippled-mentally, a retarded-invalid, whose face is rotten by Syphilis, you are crooked, as is your back, and spirit, and everyone in the crowd, criminally insane. Gorgeously endowed, as for the mentality of a, sufficiently brought to my attention, pigeon-crab. Dragging yourselves back, incapable of rising from where you're at. All of you, are completely, statistically incapable of, threading along, as from hurt man to wounded by the disablement of our species, planned as it was, the Feds have, only helped to further-stabilize this process of never-ending quietly shoved-under the rug, progressively

forced plunder of whatever good men are left out there, or were left, to breed, and choose, any left-over intelligent specimen that might be able to save this planet, if there ever was a chance from what is has become.'

It was so. That the man standing in front of him who was deformedly drooling, at an accelerated-into-oblivion manner, who was wearing a darkly wrought by himself, since society partly-devolved into a primitive-grovel, war-hammer, strapped to his back, this being the blacksmith, was quite reasonably open about his opinion of gay-marriage as well as the LGBTQSRTYUVPOU-U-U-H-U-M-A+ , NLY being left behind, community's general standing, as clear as it had been, to them, to him, and to the others whom were already-mentally, distraught and programmed to respond accordingly.

'Faggots get the rope.'

'How progressive of you, my dear, good friend, you are to be sent to the re-education camps again, the death-camps, the labor camps, the deadly-dead-dead-in the head to be bashed until your brain is turned into a clot-of hammer-waste in which dead-birds are become part of your molded-in. I can't do it any more, not again.

The show will be over and, as I see it fit, I will begin flirting with every single one of you, before you're all sent to the camps, where you shall learn to live by the rules I impose. On every single one, facet; that froze, beyond a time, which, isn't alive, I am sure that not a single one of you understands what's going on, but I will calmly proceed to exploit you. Since you're all disabled, but legally active as to manage your own income, do as I say and will, as I declare myself, no longer just the Son of the New Age but the Renegade Good God himself who had blessed all of you. Into existence now, I am, that one!"

With chin, his chin, their chins but set, pointing at him, now, he had connected every single one. With corded, flies. Ropes and other things he had adorned, and whatever he could dress them on, into the camps they went. But there were no camps out there, they were all gone, sold to the other states who already ran with them, and had them brought home.

Jonathan H. Harkawardian, Junior, the II, of the Cross-Lined in part-by the Bourgeoisies, a Cultural Marxist Interloper who was already blinded in one eye by, from side to left, a mole, that was dead, appeared to whisper into his ear, abortions.

'I hear dead children come on.'

'Faggots get the rope.'

Again was repeated in his home. Which in turn allowed him to carry on with his State-Governmental-induced career since he has never had a real job, given to him, by his God, no, not that one, but the Feds, whom were already in the room with, sipping on cups of mint tea, thinking to themselves. Agony, what's been given to us; if only Virgil had a taste of our day and age's societies, and what, of them, had become. If only he'd know what came into us, when we replaced liberty with the likes of a show and showmanesques kind of arrivals. Foreigners and Immigrants stole our women, during their arrival. And they were brown, so we put them down. But our women were had, and because society told us so, we had to go on with this Cuckoldry because the States told us to do, as so, we should've acted when there was a chance, our chance, to get rid of them, and kill them off. Now we're stuck with miscegenation. Our open-

window, the open-window for the race-ward, all gone, but that was never our intention. Now, my grandfather is a fucking nigger, but worst of all. I have to think of my great-grandfather who had to raise him, all for show.

Everyone in this room, complete fucking-mentally derailed, imbeciles, with not a single grain-bob appeasing their minds. What the actual fuck is going on?

‘Our societies, are mixed in such a manner, that we have completely abandoned whatever ounce of morality, allowance for mortality, as to be certain that no one can follow anything that’s going on here, by the mere fact and the mere, no longer as there is concept of there being not a single intelligent man left.

Niggers fucked us dead.’

‘Faggots get the rope.’

‘And niggers get no hope. Yes, I’m thinking. If there was ever a chance for any of us, to travel, cross-taken and kidnapper, one hundred years at the very least, through tunnels, having been forced to make it on the long-run, merrily maliciously to a point of no return, against ours and mine, I, Johnny’s will. We would, I, at least, I can’t speak for anyone present here.

Would’ve slaughtered so many minority-beasts that, frankly, I would’ve been branded, as to be, the next Reich, in like.’

Jews have no fucking mind.

So many incantations, exchanged, various spells of vitriol, so many things that could be said.

‘You, the one that listens to be on the TV, or the Radio, or across the Inter-connected World Wide Internet – controlled system, would you not happen to pay heed to what I told you, as to heed for what’s been said here? Listen to me, absolute mongrel-minded fucking retard, now. Captivating, am I not? An interesting person, maybe or maybe not, regardless of it; this has come, under my attention, that there’s a reason for which, despite being closely pissed for what I’ve said.

That you’ve left the best, the worst, the peak of all, cross you, instead; you don’t know what’s happening yet, it’s understandable. Bad man has come and took your hope away from you. Made you mad, pissed on you and just about, everything else, left you with nothing, but wondering. What if he’s right?

If there ever was a chance to listen, and for you to avoid, such mental insanguinity, and destruction, well.’

No one in the crowd faced any kind of dowry satisfaction, no, they were yet-ill inclined, to say.

‘Faggots get to cope.’

‘That is indeed true, and perhaps the only thing that you said, in a while.’

But not the least, of all, would one forget what forgery the mind is. Left behind, in an irrational state:

‘Our affairs here are nothing but reconciliatory to a highest, set aside, for us being made an example for the crudely shaped Martians, the moon-blanders and my roughly-set emotions after, by the gun attached

to my temple, of which trigger, if I were to pull-squeeze it even for, remotely a moment longer, I could kill all of you. Humanity killed at the tip of a finger, yet. I. I.

It's safe to say that. I'm afraid. I hesitate, still.

If I were to kill myself here and now, who knows what would happen, from this point on; if there was truly a time machine, come about. Made or built, by someone who shares the same world-view as I have, although we're all nastily wrought races, a clement pillar, shaped, as us. Ours is a lot lost in time, turned from faith, I remember and you do better to remember that.

Our god, from whom we turned, the Feds, whispered in my ears, just.' Then.

'Now, that, there is another person, a few of them, a team, in the future. Still working on a way back, that we may possibly seek to change the past, so we won't be cucked, and cocked in the head, our women impregnated, so we may still find a way to survive. The fittest have fallen, and now, what comes after, is suffering. For all us all, that come after.'

Jonathan was joined by Jin.

A pure, Chinese; 'China is one of the greatest countries that ever existed in the world. There is no greater country out there, other than China. Greatest, no country could ever hope to ever produce something much greater than it. As a matter of fact, not only is there no greater masterpiece than Three Kingdoms and Journey to the West, but there will, never, under no circumstance, whatsoever, ever be a country that has any hope or will ever have a hope to produce as many great innovations, creations, or hope to have as many-beyond-metaphysical achievements as this country ever had. Just by the soles of its, capricious way of being; one of the greatest there is. Without exception, how can other countries even survive, knowing, by the mere state of its existence that they will never be as great as China? One of the most efficient, hard-working, non-degenerate countries there is.

It even remained pure, as opposed to every other country on this disgustingly-infested planet. Somehow, it remained pure. Pure Han-Chinese people, who belong to China, which is number one; there's no greater country than it. Why live?

The message of the day reads:

'Kill yourself!'

Also:

'Faggot get the rope!' Written in diacritics; all the critics laugh and cordially, most flamboyantly smiles, knowing they're the ones, no one's been left in on the joke yet, that pull the ropes on their most faggoty lies. How could such faggotry even make it in the West?

'It is the Jews.'

China instates General Ban on Jews. Down with all Juden-rats, neither one of the niggers is, again, allowed. And with that said, life continues to walk and carry on, without having to make any cut or

change that would rummage through the worst of the worlds, that is to say, making everything on this planet, an African State; like Haiti.

It is time to understand what is going on now. I am John, he thought. It s is time, indeed.

‘I am joined today by my dearly old, ancient by name of study, that is given to him, by his dear benevolent, in size, short but not to him, shorter still than anyone else but taller than I, my brother – Natasha.’

He was quickly joined by the most incessant, unnecessary-looking stricken down by nature, a creature whose benevolence was yet to be felt, as to reassure the fact that, its mere existence, during the chimping that could not be ignored, around the room, which had not only been caused by them, the men and women, the crabs, the pigeons, and God himself, proven not to exist at all, wept. It was not a great time to be alive. A dark future for the nations; crossed pas the beans of support, was the wall, still standing, cysts attached to it but no on capable of blending in. It was a necessary evil to let them break their own teeth.

‘We can’t say that live, unfortunately, or we may, immediately be taken down. If it happens for either, or any single one of you to open your poured-into-the ship mouths and do it, I will.’

Ham- the dentists had their densities open, a high-altar-kind of mentality going, serving one another business alive.

‘The Judenrat infested media has brainwashed the average American into thinking that the inferiorly sub-human race of the Nigger is somehow equal to theirs, in a desperate attempt to promote miscegenation, as to destroy whatever is left of the Aryan spirit. Trying to humiliate the man, as to be forced to take care of criminal Mullatoes of lower-subhuman breeds instead of rightfully butchering these abominations as their ought to have done it.’

Why would anyone allow themselves to be replaced?

If there was ever an open window to start a race war, it had been then.

Those dirty niggers, frankly are asking for it.

‘If you had a chance to travel back in time, what kind of message would you carry on out, to the average person?’

‘Well, you see now, I would try to. I would perhaps try to avert them from whatever kind of inclination they might have as to mix, or raise another man’s, as the for the brainwashing that’s reached a whole new level, to this mass-maniac hysterical pandemic that’s turned men into women, as to be so weak-willed and spineless that nasty-skinned brown and nigger’people’ – apes would trample all over them, by simply telling them the truth. It’s not you, it’s the kikes, it’s the media, it’s this attempted bastardization of the Enlightenment the enemy’s tried subverting into an unrecognizable pile of insufferable concepts and blind-curtains of smokes and mirrors hiding their real intentions. The inferiority of the Judenrats is not only self-evident and apparent, in their desperate attempts, as to completely eradicate the Ethnic European, superiorly in terms of intellect, intelligence and creativity – white race, whose advent and power they’re frighteningly threatened by. As this benevolent race grows ever so weary of their pettily incessant tricks and filthy capricious ordeals that only invite chaos and destruction upon such peoples

whose only mistake was to be over-benevolent, arrogant as to pardon and emancipate the lesser races such as those of the Niggers and that of the Judenrats, which ever since, have yet to prove themselves befitting of living, contributing or assimilating in the societies they've been invited to live in. If at any point in this, this over-blessed benevolence might've ended, by all means; there would never have been a problem at all. That is why; I would most likely, as witness of the News Damned Age of Sologrobity, I would try convincing the average man that it is time to begin slaughtering the darkies, and the kikes and their similar likes. I would attempt to spread the truth about their Holocaust racket, about the Juden Rats who ethnically cleansed the Europeans throughout their entire living spine as well as the undeniableity of their Apartheid state, the undesirability of mixing with their inferior race and unreliability of their services as well as the main point of which one would draw to them as, in terms of, referring to them, as a whole.'

A few more New Ages followed through the most impeccable of societal changes that followed soon after, each pair of great centuries, with many masses, sane-sound men, who listened and obeyed, doing the things necessary for control, over themselves and their peers, as to preach to them, wearing multi-dimensionally colored dressed with parking-spot shades of white-rectangle lines, kneed on top – by white cops kneeling fucking-dumb niggers, kidnapping, stealing, caught drug dealing. In that kind of manner, society was currently at a pivotal point of moral, as such-leper decay, as one would find himself, trying to turn off the TV's and the programs as they refuse to listen to the already regurgitated same, in terms of listening to the incessant-repetitive, redistributive-Agendas that had not only already failed, during their promotion as well as attempted-advent at already-tried on the masses, post- being taken out of the lab, after endless eight-sets, four-sets and five sets of consecutive with twenty minute breaks in-between human-brainwashing as-like MKKK-Ultra Reverse Brainwashing techniques were tested, but for some reason they were simply rehearsed a bit, some of the wording being changed in the scripts, better-more relatable actors being allowed to take the places of the already-dreamy eyed ancient aged predecessors – broadcast, which not only yield no-apparent reaction from the people, who, despite not being intelligent enough to see-through it, or actually understand what it was, that was being masked, or the reason behind their 'that-voice-inside-your-head-telling-you-something-is-wrong, that plebeians –as for the naming of non-'people' – courtesy to the Jews and Nigger as to be used as examples for people who are lacking in any kind of moral or aesthetic qualities; refer to as intuition, as those are anything but close to the likes of Patricians, whose tastes are far more, and as it might be added, objectively superior – in a quantifiable manner; had, instead, gotten bored of seeing the same channel being broadcasted every single god damn day. On the national TV; which was now left a shade of its former-self; for the people who are still listening, 'pee-pee, pooh-pooh' – funny noises. No one understand what it is like, to be in the body and mind of an artist.

'It is a broken society, filled with such pretentiousness, that I've yet to encounter anywhere else, not only in any civilization or society out there, but, there's never been suck wankery going out, out in the open, at any point in time.'

'We play games that are great, and gritty and are made to reach a level that other mediums would even hope to achieve by the mere fact that we have tactfully put them together, with strings, and little plasters and duck-tapes, we call imitations, made by people whose beliefs are that they need to earn the approval of another medium that's a better, much grander medium than their own, because of their jealousy as well as their desire to prove that we yearn to be acknowledged, feeding into our own egos.'

‘I’m bored, brother.’

‘What do you want to do then?’

‘I don’t know.’

Inside the room there was a, high-standing oratory-filled with gothic armoresque-plates, livid-cartilage skin-meat canon-growths that were fully functional, but mirrored beneath it, as it formed a circle, but not seen from below, you’d have to see it up-front, dark ring, in the front, where a dark energy mass was being amassed. A pair of two-in mass pterodactyls-like of molds- connected, the wings forming the ring, welded, whereas the livid-canon looked like diamond-stone shards, being is body. While the power, that amassed, the electrons that came apart, and drew on seemed to be scribbles of power that whispered incantations after. Either lines or giant mosquito wings of dark-wriggling in place antimatter with blue-glowing lights emerging from inside of them; before long it started spinning around it:

‘Lhyekkleyo, I am called, and I have come forth, set, to lay my claim upon your souls.’

‘We have none.’

What a conundrum.

It could not go on for long, this phony-behavior attempt to hijack society from the bourgeoisies, Burgozoys.

His main political enemy was Anthony; who had met him on the field of battle, between the pigeon-crabs and underneath the spinning crippling emerging mass of dark-anti-power mass that would bow to no one in this salaciously morally defunct world that’s left post-modernism:

‘The partisans have stolen what is left of our laborers and they are using them for the proliferation of the Pre-industrial reparteezation of the decentralization of this amalgamation. That is the result of a Capitalistic centralization of our funds, in society, today!’

‘Anthony, you are my enemy, we are friends. And we are close allies, on the same side. I do not have any argument for or against what you said. Nor do I have any reply, or anything else to add.’

He then sat down.

Anthony was a quick-descendant of Lord Bonnobo Huxhuckly, made in a tube, forged under the dipping of highly radioactive isotopes under extremely heated uncannily bobbing when kept apart mixers that had given birth to him no less than a few minutes ago. A clone made under the stethoscope, of an already pre-existing strain left behind by one of Huxhuckly’s descendants. Many prior attempts had been made but not a single one of them resisted prior to the birth of the eight pound mass from which hundreds of them were produced, ‘used’, by the machinists left in charge over the extraction-out-injectors, then shipped to their designated areas. In the coming of the election days as well, since all of them happened in, what would seem to be the same period of time as any event that happened across the globe, including many of the holidays.

‘Our lords are forsaken.’

And for that reason, the men and the women in the audience were deformed; has that not been clear enough? Even from the distance seen, even from the start? That they had already mutated as to look as their animalistic counterparts, with rhombus-hollows in their foreheads – shot through like bullets, every single member bearing their key-holes exposed for all to see. No brain mass, no other thing than the disablement of their pre-frontal as well as the rest of what remained of them. A pitiful thing that could only do as one might feel like, whenever to cackle or crackle under pressure.

‘If you keep it this, way.’ Jonathan poured himself another cup of brown soluble Rolex – the cup has a clock on it, refill of coffee. ‘You might instigate both sides into, into. Into starting a world war!’

Some sanctions are to be taken immediately.

In order to pass the time, just so everyone in the audience can fully understand how we reached this utter state of the matter, chaotic ruin brought across the shoulders and the steps of the world by the High-Champion king-master Head of the State, born in the Disaster-World Lumpkin-country Fair, of low-born. Eight in line, of a family of seven still-borns, lone-survivor, terrorist-fighter, who has a nuclear-device strapped to his forehead at all times, ready to detonate, playing with a sharpened tentatively-shique designed bayonet he’s using right know, on a moist woman, who’s residing in his private chambers, carving a smile on her, having carved Men-cavaliers playing soccer in his living room, across the velvetesque, also burlesque walls, painted green with picks-patterned on an incline with power diamonds shattered about their reach, most of these being ruined by the violently-artistic fit he had, which gave birth to these soccer-interpretations on the wall – his redecoration; next it line for the Crown, a much revered senator, the-type-of-man you look at and come to realize, like a Brazilian-beast of Castilian descent, out of a royal line of Basque, a Unit, that someone people are born better than others, who’d butcher you in a knife fight, if you brought a gun, implications kept into account that, if he died or his heart beat got clone enough to such low-levels that his nuclear-temple device would be set off, being tracked by it, like a surgeon-peforming-a-through-genital-extraction-cut-to-move-a-wire-through-your-blood-system-in-order-to-fill-that-blood-aneurysm-bubble-inside-your-brain-with-a-copper-wire attached to his blood-pump, but starting from the forehead, making such a fight unfair; we need to know where he’s coming from. When he’s stating such things as:

‘History is all made up by none other than I.’

Somorro Castilla Del Florenzo el Alurra der Tabbask is not an incompetent person. He’s the rightful ruler of this world, born out of eighteen moms. He’s come out of one and entered another, while during conception. Sixteen actually; two of them were chicken-incubation devices, it’s why he was born with wings. And has the ability to fly. He, in his eternal vigil, is our angel; a cherub. In the new Age Society; pardoned by two-thirds of the Labor gun-parties, also the pterodactyl-like ring is become a ball-sphere of power growths at this point in time.

Half-way through the presentation that is; since most of the crab-pigeon humanoid hybrids began leaking their malignant essences out of their spore-spine holders, being very much surrounded by coetaneous chitin-hardened powers that encased their bodies, keeping them into place, the strange formation split at the top as well. Removing itself, forming two cuts, halvened-oblongs that, could be seen, from the inside as to be, a puddle-mix of what had once used to be the solid formation drawing power from the ground.

But even then, even in that shape and form, what swam inside of it was nothing more than the eely-consigned formations, brought from the interior power-organs stored inside.

This was merely for the folks back home.

Somorro invented history. He is Chinese, an ethnic Chinese member of the Communist party in China, who adopted another name, as to signal his complete rule and overburdening, meddlesome contrivance, in the elections made, to feel, as if they actually happened. They haven't. And he never got rid of this habit either. He kept investing. His investments flourished. And as they flourished, his political power not only grew, but it also secured his position, as the ruler, of this new world, of this New Society. God is a chip on his shoulder. We must lick his boots, worship his arches. But no, he never grew out of the habit of revisionism. It's how he passed time, since stagnation drove in. Everything having slowed down. It was sad. Hopeless. Without a cause or a means, for homogeneity, upkept by thin reeds, Chinese.

Part of history goes like this:

They attended a Party meeting. Anthony Peacecorps-Peacecropps, Einstein-Frederick-Kennedy did not exist, the Federal agents in accordance to the Federal Pantheon of Feds, Johnny, Natasha and Somorro. And the half a sphere with power-leashed strip-like coils that dragged the levitating bodies of the crabpigeons men. Oh, right, who could forget the guest of honor? Rape-nigger!

Killdrake, Surname: Preferably-with-a-gun was not present that night. In his place, there was the following slogan:

'I support the People's Republic!'

The meeting was being kept inside the giant dead rottenly-frozen head of a nigger, whose eyes were giant mosquito bags with large satellite construction-worker frame-like spears coming out of it. With white puffs of cotton debris coming out of the sockets, as well as its nose, mouth, end of the back and ears, blocking the oxygen inhibitors from coming out. Most men found themselves phased into the insides of this scolded, broken and repaired chaos of barely put together dark halls in which wretched slaves had been molded for every platform placed upon-jolt. Joint.

'Please start a race war, please.'

Within the passing of at the very least, four-to-five with drawbacks of time whereas the dimension curved black-hole-like, hours being already gone at a span for five seconds, outside the realm of the nigger's head, who was static, even outside the world, they were already set on having or going on with condescending immaterial discussions with the Feds and the parched, searched-against-the-wall violent criminals brought from the Earthly prisons they had been tortured in. Which were bland, and muddled with the taste of mercury-sniffing types, they were. Talking with clearly, left behind on the evolutionary scale, but in terms of their fields of study; while giving their unasked-for opinions on unrelated fields they didn't know anything about. Most of them were 'psycho-analysis'sts', pseudos'.

Insane, disturbed, pain was thoroughly alleviated as soon as someone injected some speech therapy conversion-conversation.

They lived fine, in either or way, while the rest of humanity suffered down there, in re-education camps. Filled with laborers who got off it; since this whole scheme was easily avoidable if you put enough work, and overtime was something that kept you going instead of listening to their incessant preaching; what a time it was to be alive.

From the right of the niggerhead-platform; came a man dressed entirely in barbwire, whereas his genitals, especially his scrotum was covered in a metal pinch motion, done by a giant hand, encased and held in place. Whereas, from everywhere else, he was bleeding:

‘Mon captain, Mon Cher, king-dragon, whose flames are theirs; I present you.’ In front of the crowd, which amassed during the party; two giant lizards whose heads were that of. ‘Flights of bulls that are to come!’

What was he even talking about?

What was drawn out of out one of the elevated platforms that was just as soon elevated from below. Glowing with power, more than the Feds, whom were present, above, as various parts of the insides of the niggerhead were Cathedral-like, stain-glass of the Fed-lords watching over them, making sure not a single man stepped out of line. Unless one were to be defiled.

As it rose from the depths of the underscores of a lower region of darkly wrought masses of cotton-debris, left overs of a great fight, enamored by their own; heaves of left-over cuts and cysts, rose the bull-fighters.

Men standing on top, leglessly-attached to their throats, wearing bull masks, but locked, inside the bodies of the serpentine forms; whose lizards prosthetics had been screwed in, their arms were molded-melted lances, clay of cartilage, and sharp, in trances. Were they set aloof; neither man understood what went on during the fight, nor would. No easy explanation here. They were fighting with cardboard swords. Children going each other’s off’s. But wet, as they were pushed down, as if they didn’t aim. Wriggling here or there, automatic, a choreographer had been involved. It was a fake show, but most guests pretended they understood. This being the elite and all, they had to do it, else they shook.

What a sad thing, floating, in a sea, while not moving a limb is, staring at the ceiling.

The fight was short lived, because it was more symbolic than anything else. Its symbolism is left up to interpretation, and is also not a surface level kind of interpretation, it is deep and is also connected with the inter-personal, societal-relationship that is born out of the re-imagination and re-interpretation of the old traditions of Greek-Roman type of fights, whereas they used to engage into such highly-venerated by plebeians and men of stature alike, during an age of peace where such fights were seen as a sign of barbarisms as to adhere to the societal changes that occurred since then, whereas their body-movements can clearly be seen as an attempt, or can be vaguely reinterpreted as such as a return to the Kabuki as well as the much-revered Shakespearean Theater, to which, in addition to it, what is also added to this abstract reinvigorating call-back to the vintage silent movies of the Silent Movie Era itself, Alfred Hitchcock might’ve proudly commended this interpretative act with much incongruity as much, as to say, a benevolence that would only be known or had, or would’ve been experience by either a European Monarch of the seventeenth’s century, half an hour passed, a Russian Tsar of the pre-Bolshevik lead by Lenin the Jew as successful an attempt at subversion as it could possibly hope to land, like a Bib One on

top of Hiroshima – Nagasaki, bombing Afghanistan – Gaza and other areas of Judeo-American Interest; which, suffice to is, are all things that are already implied, subtly crafted for the sole appreciation of a much-to-him cultured man, that an Academician, Cultural Marxist Theorist brainwashed by the Judeo-American Yank Academia product of the New-Age Society would simply brush over, dismissing it as nothing more than, either an attempt, by doing so, not only signaling their lack of culture, general knowledge and inability at either nuance or anything even vaguely resembling critical-thinking, which goes without saying that we are talking of no one else, other than an American Feminist-adhering Female-Woman as in She, biologically so, Student, but at the same time they would also have the nerve to call this, relatively easily dismissible claim might I add, at least for anyone with half-a-mind, that, as it goes without saying, with what and what not, already being implied that they lack, that is to say, a brain because they're dumb, a violent display of not only of a remnant long-lost piece of a long-dead yet stuck at a point where its refusal to die basically, through a granted by technicality paradoxical loop-hole gave it eternal life, Patriarchy but, as propagandists would have us gobble it, as in Goebbels, a play on words, because he used to do, create and distribute, him being a god-damn good speaker, one of the damn finest, objectively finest, as if, if he were to be compared on a chart with every other propagandist that's ever existed, he'd win by a long-shot; an under-handed, slap on-the-wrist painted, readily swept-underneath-the-rug if confronted about it, since every 'man' has not only become spineless but has also lost a hold over his balls, having freely exchanged their testosterone for this, misogynistic display of toxic masculinity. Even though, it would appear to be biologically impossible. There is no such thing as biology anymore. Just as there is no god; but the Jews are still around. And they still fuck kids. There's also nigs. But they're down there, well not the kikes, somehow they infiltrated in the giant's nigger's head, and. Everyone is still in a giant nigger's head. But the vast majority of 'poor' kikes are still down there, stuck, with the niggers, if they still exist, at all; although at this point in time, everyone has already grown tired of their shit and most likely made the Holocaust happen, even though it most definitely never happened in the past, at all. China is number one.

'Long live the People's Republic!' Not even hiding it anymore.

That feminist woman is my wife; she is fat, and beautiful. Her hair is pink, her pussy as well. The carpet is my beard, to which I am attached, it's a symbiosis, I drink and live by her side.

Anthony stepped in during one of the toasts that follow.

'The proliferation of already heard and dealt with miss-allegations of this emancipation, to which my anticipation as to finally step into the spotlight, a much needed opportunity to get my voice heard, is an anathema of many, already well-thought arguments I have toiled on. For many years; I am prepared now for this argument to commence. Of the much hurt and suffered upon this world, not by choice, tormented yet inflicted onto them, by bigots, I present onto you, minorities.

That I am prepared; I can defend their rights now. I can win whatever argument and will forevermore prove that they have a right to live among us, that they're definitely assimilated and that there are no racial differences between any or all of us. At all, scientific racism be damned!'

Short note: 'I'm still working on that virus' One of them whispered, in the dark abodes of the crowd.

‘One way or another, I’m going to kill these disgusting packs of nigger-animals. Disgusting animals, driving in packs, a bunch of them at a time, filthy fucking monkeys!’

Intermission, standing, among gods:

They were forced to draw in much closer, standing-sitting in place, sponges made of men, as they drew in much closer to one another. Suffice to say, made uncomfortable inside their skin. It was a strange communion, slightly unexplainable, by all means, none were made as comfortable, as the opening, in one of the fighting scorpion torsos, triggered by the fear-pheromones coming out of the inner-dark swollen wall-producing puckers upon their sullen inflammation. That in itself was caused by the inter-cranial pressure forced by apparition of the lynched-bodies, of which casts were protruding out of the inner-skin amalgamations that appeared out of the walls.

And in the day of the coming, of the end, of wretchedness benign, when a swollen angle of many put together heads, a pillar, if you might; wept on the crown, reminder.

‘A billion stars surroundings us, all with darkly gods, upon each single one’s binder, are they wretchedly part of dark command. And they speak of the volatile substance that is between each man’s eye, look upon them and kneel, for you shall feel, of such benign appeal!’

The wretched boiled, tormented angle, spoke, and as if their wills shattered, they knelt, and blocked as they were, supremely defiled, of mental incongruity, whichever reason, as to die:

There stood, and waited.

The partisans, by such melting gods, created.

In the span of the next few minutes, a great deal of ‘happenings’ will have occurred. Luckily, this private party remained, for the safety of all involved in this ‘equation’, private by all accounts. For a good reason as well; moreover:

By the accounts of; almost forgot.

Jin is Somorro’s brother.

By the accounts of Somorro, Jinathan, mold of two-men connected by an eight-hundred mile pair of carpet-spread robe-like horizontally flipped cage-like cartilage formed of bars which sprouted out of their guts then simply entered one another like daisy-chains’ solidified empowerment of their hybridized minds, and Anthony, while the dark cherub-head pillared with bathed in horn-chitin covered bodied of the eight put together humanoids stitched by torso- limbs, head and two wings completely absorbed by the malignant looking fruit splatter texture. As it happened, though it’s hard to explain where the start and where the end had been. The reason for it, or why the events happened in this order, this is exactly how it happened. Every single member, other than the three – with the fourth kept alive but barely animated body because of the exchanged hybridization, being an exception’s eye sockets were empty left smoking, as if a wave of complete and utter vaporization had occurred, in a clap, during which many were not as fortunate as to be placed under stasis, playing close attention to it, the three of them, now set on their feet, and by now, only a few seconds passed, while, this swoop of barely, observably, what could only be named as the instant stop of everyone inside this room’s lives, under mundane circumstances

explained as the works of a mass murderer's viciously violent act of a rabies-induced rage, driven by an overly-prolonged violent episode whose insatiability could only be perched by the spilling of tens of lives all at once, provided, with the information carried over to the investigators as well as the psychoanalysts' final verdict for this mathematical impossibility, while, some random shmuck who was lucky enough to be wearing crystal globes, since he was blind, was eerily left standing, still, as, well, the third or the fourth person, disregarding the cherub and the strange almost humanoid amalgamations on the walls, as one of the few guests that weren't turned into smoke machines. It was a strange turn of events, in any case. They were spared for some reason neither of them could explain.

'Is there a reason for this intrusion of yours?'

I remember the singing of the choir, voice of chimes and bland triangles; songs yet to be remembered on command, forgettable, yet reminiscent of a time.

But first; he was alone. In his office, inside the maligned body of the two citadels, over two months ago, where Somorro was left to his own devices, at his desk, on his torn-to shreds, close to being thoroughly obliterated throne. From where he stood, behind; a stained curtainless window, while its blinds drawn, his fingers trailed until they stopped, momentarily separating two segments, as he peeked out, at naught but desolation. A barren thing was it. As if a meteorite had fallen through, dissipating as to leave behind, a worthless heap of trash that had avoided, the darkly set two citadels, molded with disease. Molten in their bodies danced, of what formed its girth, and bound to it, of worthlessness, many men and many dead, and set in stone, victims of the Age. Egged to ask as to what happened to the light. Only a slithering veal of darkly set and ever-present bolden braziers as if, they shone from upstairs. From on top a much maligned heaven, or one that had been burnt and much of it destroyed. Many men under his service paranoid, hidden inside the corners, in the receding holes, he turned, and walked away. Opened the hall-room, that was adjacently connected to the bridge, a dead end to his right, but to his left as if hollow, was there no peace. In this hive-like structure; whereas, beneath there was but chaos and of twists, many of them but wretchedly pushed, in heaved, and ever drawing, ever pushing from where they stood. Like caterpillars moving on invisible plains, pumping back into their hiding place. That is where most men of his office reefed, inside of. He turned, and once again watched what was left of the world, instead of trying. And ever dying to strike for a change, he waited for them to rise from their graves, when morning was amidst.

'It is said. That this strange structure is throat of the mighty, giant-floating nigger head, which is forever stuck in the outer space, as the Earth's Eternal Satellite, wretchedly cursed as to live, in a state of disquiet. Never to be attached to it again, or find the rest of the body, which may yearn release from this curse of inanimation.'

It was sad, but everyone had to live with themselves, by whatever means they had.

The embodiment of his citadels, Jin:

A long-worked upon project, that's yet to yield any satisfiable result.

Much, much, farther away than the two months: 'I support the People's Republic, now, and always!' Cried many if not all scientists that were put to Somorro's employ; two ambulatory angulators emulating electron-capacitator-tendrill power-planters of great whips of crackled lightning that spread across the room; many of the cisterns being open for the sole reason, being filled with a hypochondriac's insulin, in

terms of being, or there being a chance for it to be highly inflammable, if touched by either one of the lightning whips that were constantly thrown across the room. In the middle of it, there being a pair of empty-open caskets that were darkly curved, heaved upward, as they were derangedly rotated, in the most, disfiguringly if directly touched, or come into contact with skin kind of manner. Deadly; instantly made worthy in terms of whichever startlement there was.

They fed the machine corpses so it would produce lightning. But somehow, still, it could not produce. Love, the machine was devoid of it. As it could only destroy.

Behind the protection booth, rested one of the Businessmen Electrons, a man of lightning-flashing, but only with static, causing everyone's hair to become erect.

‘When's the last train leaving?’

These Electron people have a certain on-going through their system to go on out there, as if they're hunters trying to hunt for their pray, hunting for niggers-like their god damn streets are jungle-Jim's Electric fields, where you grab a flog and start whipping them boys, little lightning cracks, on their backs, leaving marks, lighting sparks. Niggers don't make it out into the daylight, can't swim during storms, they're all stuck on foot, trying to outrun the lightning men in the outdoors, whose only purpose is to find them, more, whip them cracks and find some racks as to put all the negroes who were left behind, in storage. Niggers don't get more vintage than high-lightning-voltage. Bottled niggers hit by lightning naps, not to forget their tendency of lazying around. They are always on crack, planted by the FBI, which is run by the Jews, of the States, around the world, doing disturbingly nasty things, until no one can deal with it and everything starts all over again.

‘A lot of people are killed beyond this booth, this is repulsive, disgusting, and it reeks of filthy tricks.’

The two-citadels were placed on an incline near Nak. Farther away than that, it seemed likely that no one would know what's happened. To the right, and to the left, were the globe-men placed near their floating darkly-implanted tubes, next to the basins, floating at such unfathomably highly-raised heights as one would find himself barely-blimp as for the level or that but slightly deflated, rested, at a reasonably high altitude as that of a few billion miles off the planet, frozen-point dark, swept in, reason for that, being, since he was there. A little more than a few meters above it. A floating core, obscured by mostly mist; that never went away; was seen no longer than five, seven and six consecutive hours, drawn to blood.

Mighty, darkly fended beings, as it happened, teeth were grinned, or stuck in that position, munching. Never trusting one another, fencing, wretchedly as were, the other ones right there.

‘You are a wretch, given in form by Filthde, given such commands, as to listen, never to move on from where you've stayed and shoved your face out of.

That reared in, heaved-up, plot of sand that would not do anymore, it's time for your to make choice for yourself and give, onto us, more, and bear what you might, Spoil and spool of guts, they say for what comes after anyway.

You, of wretched nature, are to be brought and bring down the niggerhead towards a total, such there is, end to that abomination!’

A dead nigger was brought on a targe. He was put alongside the others now, inside the room, many didn't looked as if, true enough, for the good part of the hour, it was all more than confirmed. Dead-niggers were meaningless for everyone. They yielded no result, nor would any of the scientists feign any response since they were not threatened into it.'

Loklr, Statta, Mlkelinnag, Ihnahlyh, Shklleymuan.

Lyuhlok, Myeuthrus, Beautress, leech of no regard. So many of them were named, taped and put in jars, which soon enough were planted in the insides of every single one, every crop, the corpses that came after. They were ready to be thrown again where they belonged.

'Clutches of little things, here and there placed, but no one seems too interested in looking out over anyone. I think it's fair to say, we should put whatever we can.'

'An angelic, cherub, made of light.'

'What is that supposed to mean Clekkiky?''

'There is a cherub come from light, I see, from there, from dark-a-matter, light machine. I see such things in it as anyone would force, and lay their hands around their temples as to converge, turn your head no longer, you need to learn.'

'Learn what now? Make sense, you damned in the head, beaten down man.'

'How to see, without it, I'm afraid, you're going to end up in a sack spoiled with organs and every face out there, such as the one that's in charge, in his back, the spine carrying every single one of us.'

He's out there, I know, wretched anathema to his name, I'd find it pleasant, if I didn't know or wasn't aware of the millions upon millions of wretched heaved in faces the dying beast carried on its never-ending to a stretch back.'

For it communicated with many even prior to their meeting and to the ones that were left behind, wondering whether or not its existence may've been a dark jest. That's never happened, since they were only trying themselves, for bottle-robe made in blood-clot clothed, coated in yellow gelatin, these things they ingested, gave them stings but those only sprouted from the Orobourous squares that were in their irises, kept in there, locked. And made to waste forever in the grain-put through defilement of already beaten in and stricken rotten hearts. It was simple enough; to see for all.

Those stings were not stings in actuality, and what had happened to them is this, as follows. They dreamed of scorpions, wretched songs being provoked upon the beating, blameful end of song, which started entering, through the backs of their defiled hands, and butchered heads, with speaking-beaks protruding in the back, performing upon them vivisections, after dark, only to have entered their already gelatin figures, bodies placed upon one another after. Made to pile on each other's shoulders, as they'd watch each other, closely, a few feet between them, spread-alike. Watching over themselves in mirrors, thinking at that, why and how come they have been visited by scorpions, within the upper-wretched pass. Upon their bodies being stolen and contorted after that.

In front of every man lay a figure, smaller-shorter, akin to him as well. And they were strangled and eaten by scorpions. With bloated-highly sharpened faces with whom they merged. A great pair of cuts, as well, drew forth and never came out to tell.

That they were made part of the room; and only a fool would think otherwise.

It was hazy, all too hazy, but so and such, the real base of the one that dragged them on.

A pentagon and every man was its feet, although conjoinedly contorted they became heaps themselves, hardened and pointing down. Whereas every face of the pentagon was the mirror, as well as every man, whose belly was heaved, and in the front had yet become, a cartilage of meat pushing along, connected with their smaller kin, whom were spread and speared, widely forlorn. Trapped around the surface like the cutting of a frog; although this was only a wrought in vision of what it looked like.

For, as it happened, the bloatedly overweight fat, which had replaced the toes and legs, at that, was become just as dark as to holster, a hundred or beyond a hundred, dead niggers, all worsened by the looks of it, all kept as to be hidden thither and there.

A towering figure emerging in the motions of a jack-in-the-box, with a jointedly deformed, cracked skull with broken eyes, sockets empty, in need to be filled, but it not human, nor should it be seen.

Though its eyes were as few as eight, but nests wreathed in, and nettled. Around the largely projected stalkerish beam, but two pairs of elongated blades of cartilage that all the way out, had they converted such mass as to shoot both down and up. Forming overly warped tents whose meaty tips connected with its head, a line, a coil, always elongatedly jolting every minute or so in a ploy to make the others appear.

Although the towering body was of no other use than a bomb-filled with disease, spreading with a spore-like feistiness that would, as much, would not displease, for every touch made its children grow, and their chitinous eggs were pentagons of carcass-o.

It was the master of every single wretchedly killed inside the two citadels nigger-bodies brought from beyond.

A scientist was working on his big-boxed filled with angular-worked on bands, tubular-orange main part of the upper-wiring side of the defunct-imploder. It had large lined four, seven and eight glowing tube-racks in which vials were quickly drawn in and out of their rocked-on top of sockets.

What stood out was the fact that a tube was much wider, being at the very least fifteen nicely shaped inches high, with grainy silver-wrapped stained filament wraps, small bolt-like beauteous spikes, which had peculiar outwardly protruding wiring coming out of them, where little sparkling made of electricity dogs ran around, a multitude of apparatuses-given birth to legs and claws, moved here and there cricked like, with upwardly heaved then downwardly stored as to fit back inside the socket the entire thing got taken out of, polished, shined to such a nice cleanness that it was indistinguishable from freshly carved by a greatly, masterly done by him, well-crafted hands that belonged to, the already said medieval blacksmith whose job was so irresolute that someone who came into contact with his work might've thought he came out of future, engineer, peak forge-work, with a down-ward pointing spear-shaft, whereas, the lower side of the tube- through which this sharp metal tip pushed through looked like the

lower part of a light-bulb. Fancy-flashy as well, with high-electron intensified by the density of their molecule absorbers, condensing-maker – antennas, hidden in the main body of the tube-phial, which also managed to go through every possible shade it could produce, blue, red, yellow, a white light, so on and so forth, even UV and radioactive. It had a finely, double cased transparent window-protector and a peculiar blood liquid inside of it, not to mention an eye and the remnants of a smaller body. When no one stared at this tube, it disappeared. In another dimension, where it was greeted by many similar tubes, floating in its proximity as they became energized with power-electrons, with the help of which they formed various iterations of pentagram like formations, linked within one another, as to communicate with a much, far greater devourer of metal, whose open gut stood before them, far more frightened yet filled, or covered by a coat made out of the bodies of well-put together fucking niggers, many of them being, or having been violently lynched in order to give birth to this beautifully, well thought, as for the design of course, coat. Its bigger, fatter more bloated simian-nigger, although that is unfair for every other nigger in existence since they are all monkeys, dumb-dirty criminal monkeys that should be put down for the nigger-racking of everything they either steal or destroy, yet aren't held accountable for it, getting away, as if sins are all taken care of. Monkey-monkey, here, here, dumb-monkey, don't you want a banana?'

Something dangerous's about to happen. The tubes met the nigger and their master, being surrounded by one another, five phials went around, two on the left, one of the fifteen centimeters still above the ground, one above, and the last, nigger moved a few inches on, still confused from the looks of it, the phial closing in quickly after, quickly the heaved master, whose face reddened as soon as they smashed the ground, trying to surround one another in their strange dance, when a lightning bolt stroke, both master and blunder-faced slave frozen, in place, trying to secure their positions as they were, struck, stuck again, in a weird angle, one of them with his arms put forward as if a bridge was to be made over, with lightning lines of jolting sparkling masses throwing themselves around them, travelling from one side to another, exactly four great conduits on the ground, slightly above, and the one that was on top, which already forced the others to move, creating incessantly moving yet spidery in terms of dancing lights that never met or touched.

'Master, they will nigg, they will niggle me if I don't let go.'

'You dumb fool, if you do something, even remotely like it, I will, I will!'

He shut his mouth as soon as it was time for him to start again, all around the face and here and there, anywhere, really. Niggerish in the niggardly abode, and another master rose. Quickly, fragmented, they ran, broke the lines and as soon as it happened, the lightning was quickly done for. Disappeared, made as such, and before long, as were the tubes. Before the strange dimension was overrun, with naught more than a band of filthily good for nothing, beaten on top their heads, niggers.

'Pat yourself on the head, nigger. I'm sure you could've done all right.'

'But master, what happened to you now?'

'They got me.'

Half his face was taken down, filled with boils, and run into the ground where the gourd of eaters took its place.

The president approved this god damned thing for a reason and not a single man was disabled enough not to work, although many of them were not only mentally debilitated but appeared not to be there altogether. Yet he was afraid of something. Day one-fifteen, on the on-set of the lightning bolt that hit the booth:

Long before any man could ever hope to realize his wretched back, as to be spoiled by the many put through his head and all over, come-around that came right after.

Stood before them, a few, patches of men, but broken in the head, shattered as for every skull as well, a nasty wreathed, put inside, a child that was barely blind, a toy, a giant, whose heads were thrice, and as they opened their mouths, and set on flights, one could see them for what they were, no infant but the strange concave. Wretched was the helmet that had seemed, the likens of a mother would but weep if she was met; erected here and there, but rather legless, there as such; acquired, of such floaters as one would see him wet the floor of blood, and better yet come to view.

From beneath him but the trunks were shattered, though connected with the girth soon after. It was a flying blob of meaty-skin whose skulled helmets and feet were thin, as it flapped around in growth and opened, as soon as it could see itself as quickly after, had it yet forgotten.

It was, very much welcomed inside.

This giant non-infant baby, standing by their side; many of the scientists were beheaded at this point in time and neither of them understood what was going on in here but didn't complain. As it happened, such it was, their room was bloody. Many niggers were but put in line.

'Where is my brother, you dumb-incessant, unnerving things? You nasty creatures, you've ruined the beast.'

Which was naught else but what it appeared like, from whichever angle he could look into, all of them immediately cowered, just as they were frightened after.

'Bow to the giant head of the nigger!'

Shouted the men of dark, but they would not relent and all but joined in holding the booth down, as the niggerhead reared into the atmosphere, trying itself, as to appear.

'Nigger-nigger dead nigger-monkey, need to kill that nigger with something sharp, I won't make it any time sooner than that, I'm afraid that the nigger-nigger dark kazoo, the nigger-petty, nigger sees me, I see you.'

One of the gushing blood, things got stings and the entire place was infested and infested and shattered, the niggerhead ate, it completely swallowed the top of the citadel's toweresque lead. Then it but flew away. While the lightning machine, in its final breath, within its dying splendor, gave birth to the final nigger, but this one being of a yellowish-Gook skin. The 'People's Republic' is being thinned; day by day, because so many niggers can't behave.'

Intermission ended.

Jin is born.

The cherub left, and most of the people at the party died, as did the bourgeois which in turn fixed capitalism completely.

‘Anthony, Jinathan, Leopold, for thine praiseful attendance.’

There was naught more, grander, than what it had been, to have seen him, sent by the Emperor of Subhumanity himself, in a world that couldn’t have, sooner yet began falling apart. Such was it that it seemed, with every passing second, thinned were their ways.

A history was made up.

‘It may be hard to swallow as to understand the intricacies that were long before one was even, or had had the chance to get born involved in the retelling of such dark as there is, mysterious of tale of wonder as how the kingdom of China, whom was actually, in actuality.’

Leopold was not present in the room, only a wretched creature that had fallen as low as, could be seen. Torn apart and made to waste in front of all of them, uncannily to a fault.

Women, women are nice.

A conversation:

‘What do you like about her? What are you seeing in her?’

‘It’s not about what I seen in her, but, you wouldn’t understand, maybe you can. I can’t be sure about it. But, she gets. Her pussy gets wet on command. She’s like a trained dog, I trained her well.’ Was there, at any point in time, anything else a man could do without? But her, and blue-sapphire eyes; She’s called me a liar in the past. That’s as far as what she looks like should go.

‘I think she’s been leaving, a few banknotes every few months or so, on the side of my porch. She’s a keeper that one.’

‘Your girlfriend’s been leaving you money and she gets wet on command; that sounds as if you made it.’

‘Living the American dream during an Age it’s been long past since.’

They kept walking near the rose-bush garden. It was epistolary, walking along. Part of it was recorded on an old VHS that got lost after its owner accidentally displaced it into one of the trash-cans; near the place he used to work in. Anthony wrote poetry, about their walk, together, but his hands were sweaty that day, since it was a hot-night summer during which they kept each other entertained. One of the trees near them had a carving, he dug in, Claire being responsible for that, but they cut it down.

I still feel bad about the poem, being the only ones I made. But it’s not as if anyone was interested in romanticizing the likes of an amateur. Some things are meant to be lost. They’re not meant to last forever, not even half-way through, along the road, where they rested, near the dumb-foul laker, they rested near. For a time; it sure was different than anything he’s experienced before.

‘It’s been a long day since then, please, do your best to entertain me, Claire, this is the only time I’ll get to be myself. And unfortunately, there’s no one else in here to hear me, other than you.

The only one who’s ever going to know, my real self. I’m not the man you think I am, the one hiding behind the parties, or the bourgeois. May I kiss you?’

‘Am I expected to get wet on your command?’

‘Only if you will.’

They kissed after. It was a long day, going through the bush garden. Various people were present there, also pictures had been put to the employ of it, but only clear pictures had been dismissed. Since most cameras only took ‘wrong-pictures’ where the image was lost. It is a grainy lot the ‘new’ people are coming out of.

A blurry picture speaks a lot nowadays, they’re worth a fortune. Mostly because there’s no difference between what you don’t see and what you do see any longer. They made it so no conceivable way to distinguish either.

Eh, nonsense.

‘But you know what, Claire?’

If there’s anything I ever thought of, if there was anything that’s ever crossed my mind, it’s long gone. It’s hard to explain why. Those things I left behind coming here, they mean nothing to me any longer, now that I found it.

I’m so close with my research and all; so, so close to become God, well not entirely a deity on my own or their terms, but I found a means, to take a leap, and avoid ending up in the same rotten pile as the one they’re in. Compared to that, they’re nothing, compared to me. I can clearly see now, as if my hand has already been raised, casting a shadow across my face, or what’s left of it. I see its bloody red shadow as clear as it is.

Perhaps I’ve gotten too rash now, perhaps I’ve yet to outgrow the leash that’s still wrapped around my neck, but, you still don’t understand this bloody rush that’s going through my head now. I yearn for it, for more. Now that I can, finally make sense and fix what’s been left broken. No more ruminating. No more slacking left my dear. We still got more progress lain ahead of us and so little time left in the world. If I could find a faster away to somehow, well, we’ve yet to see what I’ll be capable in a decade or so.

We’re not standing on equal grounds just yet. But when we do, then...’

Anthony stood beside her, and as he did.

He thought about it, he considered as much, the way it was trainable, the way he could somehow, perhaps catch up.

‘Look into my eyes, woman.’ Cried Anthony as he grabbed her by the tips of her fingernails, having only miser her soft-blinded hands but the least-release of a grip.’ They breed, those dark-skinned animals, they

breed like the idiotically birthed creatures they are, even now, as we speak, spreading around like wretchedly defunct animals. Unleashed, without a master.

Anthony opened Claire's mouth with a sharply dulled, by nicking, knife. Entering her after, when, no one saw it happen.

Since all evidence was lost.

Aryithronyi then became the lord of diseases, walking in a meat-suit of Claire. Bearing a chest-globule lined on a rack blade made out of his proper-bone, a dark malignantly set-sharpened by a disease glowing spear, which communicated with the plasma, making various unnaturally deformed little elongated but merged, humanoid-spore in the head, bacterium casks of stone-like covered by other organisms, well fit together like tri-dimensional puzzles, from which seeped pure –disease ritual stones. From inside of which dramatic theater masks of yellow pox, filth grew on unseen-steps, forming sutured on top bridges upon which nasty worm-filled and made out of maggots sutured together as well rats drew along, carrying floating lung-children whom were brought out of a kindergarten-diver's suit's enclosed head, and musk was in there as well. Aryithronyi grew four great horned bands with small niggers impaled in their four at a time dark spikes, sixteen small bleeding niggers falling apart. He lost his legs in the process but they were replaced by down-ward facing people-like contortionist-gliders, allowing him to fly upwardly but never downwardly, while his arms were twisted and turned in sack-body mass filled body-bags, punching-bags where two more Aryithronyi were given birth two. These wombs being both akin to sand-bags, as were they to everything aforementioned. Claire was growing in there as well. His servant stones followed.

A word from paradise:

'The wretched god that's been gotten from his forgotten solace now rests upon the darkest homes where brothels of spread-through every John and Jane, whom walk upon their children's veins, through which they formed on dark-command, a piece of swollen-forth dark sky.'

And he was right, the bloated angel, whom spoke to him there. In the dark-niggerhead, when standing in the body, pretending to be Anthony for a show he would not dare, as if to draw.

Four brothels lay attached to the house, perpendicularly to the land, casting shadows down. As if they were tumor-growths on top of heads; drawing from them, pumping around, and said:

Puckery gases were released every now and then, as they were called to gather from one corner of the town to, a much grander, yet another.

'My lord, floors are being yet again changed and chained beneath our eyes, I see but veins, of whom are these children, infants whose growths are spread?'

'I do not know, my dear son, I've yet to watch it happen, or to unfold in front of me yet.'

They waited as such. Until the Johns and the Janes, all gathered around, such taste. As would be had, what came through and after; as was observed, they wept, for every child a mother, a missing father has returned. And when they asked for their children back, 'what does thou think it happened?'

A giant morbidly obese, a piece of cut through flown through grit, had come from the blessing of a dark sky, whom gave beneath them, dark shade so fewer and lesser of them, as to their refusal, to, lest of all, die, were they not fathom to return. Many of the children, being worn, had been taken back, claimed as many others just like them, after that.

The city was silent.

‘And every man and every woman, infant, child, out of fear that the brothels might poison them, were taken by the cut-out piece, which had belonged to the dark sky.’

All was clearly happily, merrily, set to such perdition as would they have found peace.

‘The city was spared, and much to theirs, the people have lived in a wreathed in hole, unaware that their sockets were stolen by I.’

The angel simply didn’t refuse to die for some reason.

Regardless of the many times he was being stabbed, regardless of what happened to this wreathed in dark beast. A cyst had formed, mighty was the niggerhead, bloated with disease, and then.

Well enough, as it happened. The next day, the show, was gotten:

Johnny was there. Jin, twenty six, twenty-seven; and others, such was the angel with them.

Aryithronyi was talking to the President Somorro:

‘I’ve been meaning to talk to you for a while now. Will you do me the honor of inviting me to take a seat?’

Many pigeons were now pigs. The Crabs had lost the war. Many niggers were already dead since someone managed to start the race war. The disease was perfected, the ethnic cleansing had yet defended, whatever values, liberty was freed; there was as much as one would guess, peace. For the being:

‘Who are you Anthony, no, please, have a sit, I’m trying to get into your mind and understand, what and why.’

A unit was but become, part of the camera and there, yet mourned, for such was it. Piece of Malt, Dour, BOD, the head could be seen, wretched was the tortured in spirit that brooded there. A bunch of cords attached to the display, but the world, mightily in tune.

In exactly one hundred, precisely wrought days, people of Nak will invade the only, left through and over house that was untouched and still kept on without being tainted by profanity and by illness of the mind.

The President was boring. Anthony’s mind drifted away.

My lady I’m but undeserving of your most perfumed scented ‘broad-ey’ farts, Jedadiah decided it was time to tag along, which are most obscure and sadly gone, while a few machines moved in on him, all along your moistly skin, incapable of stopping himself as his arms were, as they sway, scrawny sounding, only one of them, each metal coil but wrapped, her in the shower incapable to be brought to a stop, they

fought over her, the three, I see that I am joined by an old friend, in agony, the room was moved a few inches to the right, during a most bothersome earthquake that also brought, a slight pause to the shower, we all stood still for a moment, the water flowered, as its metal coil drew on, fully energized yet shocked, clicking in, around each peeled up pile, of rotten-vile puffs of gas, drawn in by an open window they were all closely drawn towards. Since neither of them both could stand, for what was worth, one's definitely misplaced admiration towards Constance's flabbergasting song, while Jedadiah had been strangled death, though asphyxiation might be plain but scented, her perfume, but gladly taken. It was to die for. The dark machine quickly made do to get rid of the body outside, and thin was the pile, off the drop. Too bad that fellow died, right, during a time the machine stopped. Being off a mind to let go of it now.

My dear lady, I did think. As such, and would consider, yet I year, dyer to your clothes that I may bring you home after your shower is done for, that I may crawl inside your bathtub and having plunder upon your underside, taken you by the side of the stool, rapidly sawed you in half before your robot servants drew forth as to prove.

He didn't open his mouth yet, oops.

'I should've known you would betray me mind, oh, such there is my cowardice as I bear such desire as to end myself and die, but not before I had wrapped my sweaty thumbs around your wrists and butchered you, within the likes of my fist, aforementioned as I have shoved it, put it up yer arse you dumb-fucking bimbo slag. Fancy me a wanker, ey?

I'll show you one, if you wait. Fancy-fancy puddle-washer, I bet your carpet-carpet muncher, ey?'

The female did not respond, but luckily for him, he practiced talking to a lady, every now, thence and once. In his mind at least, like this:

'Greetings good girl, may I take you to my home? Even though I have invaded yours, and I have an unwashed by blood-stainless steel knife I am, you know me, we've got ourselves acquainted, I can definitely put one up there, if you know what I may, pretty, come on pretty, show me some nip, please. Undress I tell you before I get pettily mad, every now and then, at once, I will stalk you up to your house, go on call the cops.'

But I has a mighty swollen-thunder blade, unless, you dumb-fucking board, flat, they should have some big breasts, so I can suckle, with my big-swollen mouth.

'I will behead you, with a potato-knife. I'm thinking, I intent on smashing your fucking bimbo-face against a nastily made-by-stubby toes with wooden-oak calluses around its sides unwashed table, murder and premeditation. I've been harboring these feelings for some while now.'

Women don't like me anyway, I should die.

But the machines, they hide children within. Of mighty verdure, they're the strangers in this world, they've yet to understand how it's made work.'

'What, who are you, and what are you doing outside my shower?'

'Are you talking to me or the machine?'

‘Please leave, I am naked.’

‘I think so. I sure do, I’m glad we skipped everything else. There’s no need for anything else to occur, for now, I can definitely take my time with this. Definitely, I most definitely am going to do that, take my time and think it through. Will not do anything too rash, you know? I don’t want to spoil my chances with you, I practiced, you see?’

He had already destroyed the machine, by squirting blood out of his eyes at it. Which caused it to fall over itself and break over, covered with blood. He rapidly pissed on it with blood-clots after, after punching himself repeatedly in the kidneys. Why?

Because there was a great demon in the room that was the ceiling and its mouth was malformed with great peculiar cocoon-like shapes with many spikes that were angles around then, downward like hook-pipes whose iron sides were bent over with pliers.

In the meantime; oh; the room was simple, and the bathtub was in the middle. So much noise; regardless of it, he pissed in the tub from where he stood, and now she was slowly drowning, in blood-piss. Trying to grab anything with her blood-piss covered hand. She was drowning, oh now. No one was saving her. The entire tub was filled with blood-piss. It was the will of the demon that she drowns in blood-piss. All of sudden, as if she was possessed, something getting into her, she started rubbing all that hardened-by clots blood-piss all over her face. While the stream kept going. Like a child; urine.

‘Fancy me now, you dumb lousy bimbo? Yeah, I bet you fancy me a wanker now, with all this, red shower, I’m covering you, in red shower, suckle on it.’

On the other side of the tub, the clot formed a wheel of pyramids with spears-rolling along ocean waves hardened of blood-people that ran nakedly around the room as soon as they removed themselves off the pile she was a part of.

That man is part of the Blood-pissing-on women Faction, which is a part of the Cancer-rape foundation, that are a part of the Put-cock-inside-a-woman’s mouth country, plow her pussy until she drops.

‘Oh yes, fresh wine. Very tender, Douchon, I taste, should I taste myself now? I don’t think so, this one is only for the ladies.’

There were flying tractors with dark heads on both sides that were wide and white, like statue-masks worn by Greeks but had cylinder-device apparatuses coming out of their mouths and hive-like bodies attached to them that also had racks in the middle that rotated in black-tumor fly like dark corners with black-bodies of tar covered cask mummies that wore golden masks. They were summoned as well, by the demon-ceiling, only to have a laugh at the blood-piss drowning bimbo.

‘Let’s join in as well.’

Just as soon, they all started peeing blood in the tub as well, starting, slowly, to unzip their ‘pants’ –lower sides of their hives, revealing hundreds upon hundreds of larvae-like phallic objects that started showering her as well. Even the ceiling, in a localized area, above the tub, while this was happening, she was desperately trying not to drown.

One of the blood-creatures heard a knock on the door.

It was the servants, they all entered the room and started having a laugh.

‘Come in, you know what to do, brothers.’

Everyone started punching themselves harder, right around their bellies, then they all joined in, together, crossing their rays as well, as hard as they could. There was so much piss-blood in there that it, quickly enough started overflowing.

Some of them started forming blood-vortex discs by simply wishing it, if only someone wished her suffering to be over, if only. But no, they only started pissing harder. Squeezing it in, going across the walls, painting everything, they just went at it, mad wankers, they were-a-giggle, fancy yourself that way, don’t you?’ Mad wankery it was, wank-wank!

The piss then became a whip that flew around the room they were in.

At first, the flow of piss didn’t interrupt either. The piss became discs and carpets and guns and other strange clot-like things.

It was strange.

‘I didn’t know there are so many great things in the world that are made happen.’

One of the godly-demigod creatures with one billion born-smaller demons born out of, like snore-bubbles out of your nose made by animated strange creatures or fancy cartoons, being gelatin like-creatures, these being their bellies, while their upper torsos were hardened and impossible to crack, came out of a billion horns that were funnel-like and segmented and were attached to bulb-thing head-like shapes of botflies attached to a great back a lower-missing body, of a demon, some of these demon being placed on the back of its arms as well as head and other horns, which only made it so, it was known, that it was soft, there, stood outside. It looked exactly like the children it was giving birth to, a perfect copy, their father, being openly cannibalized. It had no face but instead, was missing it, having a hallow instead, which had been punched in; blood, clot, fallen over skin - Syphilis victim-like before penicillin, with a woman trapped inside, held by, alive as well as floating, magic glowing lantern, that was there, in the cave-like rottenly torn apart, on the inside creature-like short space. Rituals were being performed there, by many goats, whose lower sides were strange cylinders with wheels on all four sides that rendered them not functional but they floated, on top of floating frozenly pools made out of melted sutured people. Their sutures floated on top, like swimmers as did their clothes, as did their teeth and bones, in that pool gelatins, and these goats were dark statues with shattered faces, where they bore secret prosthetic arms, with prosthetic-guns, that were statues as well, but were masterfully done, so as to show that, the models used for the sculpture were not real arms. Somewhere, out there, in the world, these goats existed, and that was the most frightening thing of all. Magic was in their eyes, for Moloch was their gods, which, in some bizarre way, meant that, if these goats had a complete set or pair of prosthetic rams, they would be rubbing now, or at least be immortalized in that rubbing position, like kikes, always subverting; like Venus de Milo.

‘Magic is a gun, use it, now, little faggot, I am going to devour your guts with a gut-wretchedly maligned power gut-gut with two lobes made out of great energizer hardened by cartilage dark geysers.’

‘Enough of this wretchedness and mockery, for thine self and thine others; it is time, wretch that you return, drawn forth by the bowels of the earth, into that pitted place where you have come from!’

Death will not wait for you, nor for others, is its time that every living thing to join your brothers!

Crawl back into your worthless pit, and off without brothels and disgusting yearned for wretched desire as to creep!’

In the distance:

‘Lord of destruction, thou are to return from the depths of the degenerate-around the crown of your broken apart body’s lain by side where a leashed army is lain on top of, towards and ever so disgraceful as you are set on your knees, in the world beyond the world, the Ashallayehnyi Hyioanaamarr, in which children are made to waste eternally in the dark-corners, of the broken palaces’ tainted drop, upon the shattered thrones of might-maligned, wreath in and wheat-fields filled, in which dark encasement of every broken-armed man there is. Where subjugated as mere children they are lain there, sparingly, misguided by, the mere whim of their masters beyond the graves, whose, under the never-ending command they rise and fall, inside hardened cages they’re forced to suffocate in and out of existence, as they’re incapable of fully being, completely, without remorse, shattered, and thereon out destroyed. In that place where your children are, the soldiers of our armies; there lays the throne you have been asking for this blessed eternity as to ascend from inside the bowels of the eighteen dark giant prices whose skulls are shattered in, yet holding between their arms, prideful in act, despite their missing legs, despite the hardened-bodied, with many faces and many spears and bastards, though hidden so thoroughly inside, blades and speared-pikes, weapons in disguise, these giant kegs that had taken a hold of their limbs hold billions upon billions, beyond the grave, of more, beyond your mere comprehension, bodies upon whose bodies stacked upon dead-corpses, lay naught more. And naught else but your deadly-distilled ancestors, wine-corpses that had been strangled and killed by dark flying rays, filled with tumor-shaped cattle that stick out like skin-tags and have rats for eyes even though they’re made out of one piece – connected to their main bodies. And, below the earth, where there’s an abyss, these punched-in by, the rays, like hard-punching, a boxer’s strike through your face-shattering kind of motion pierces had been disabled by, their, so there’s no confusion here, the ray’s hardened spittle, that shot like iron-picks. But made out of cartilage and skin, hardened cluster of hardness; wrought and turned to iron, then spat out. They stand on nothing, well their hands may be extended, and these wrongly wrought kegs may be, well, siliceous, but. They float. And in the abyss, more corpses; many of whom have yellow teeth, just as I have, I checked. Every single one of them; as I am a prefect being that’s lain beyond the mere mortal comprehension – comprehensiveness of time, beyond it, as you’d have nothing in your mind, you could come up with nothing as to prove me wrong. I am so beautiful, lord of destruction, I am a lady. Will you not kiss me?’

‘No, I will not, for I have already come out of a pussy now, and I have already come out but destroy. I am pure now, and nothing that change that, ever. You are beneath me, wench-maiden. And now I shall take my time, to laugh at you. Ha-ha-women are dumb. Imagine being a woman, ha-ha. Imagine someone who began reading late in life, but who reached this level, ha-ha. I mean, how can women even compete? Ha-ha, ‘Wyuh-min’ being equal to men.’

The great lord of destruction then took a seat, then he started laughing. While having taken a seat; before he began slapping his knees and laughing even harder.

‘Women are on suicide-alert now, oh no.’

‘Yeah-yeah, keep rubbing it, jackass!’

Well. Anthony was just about ready, to forget.

He was there, present in that room, watching. That wasn’t his wife, but a family friend. It was the same woman that spoke to the lord of destruction they had pissed blood into.

But before the President could open his mouth again; he remembered a different story told to him by his close-friend:

The drunk-criminal Hugh Elon Leone Di Marseilles, Prince Progenitor, Servant of God, who’s also born on a weirdly ‘bothersome’ December morning in sixteen forty seven, the eighth, where, during a Sunday, when, a nauseatingly strange event almost prevented his birth from occurring, but by some divine intervention, in all likelihood, most people who were present at that time might or may not live, as a matter of fact under the impression that he may not yet still be alive either, although that goes both ways but that’s all behind him now since this man, got, needlessly, though, it should be mentioned that this is someone who is in possession of a U-N-I-Q-U-E-L-Y, limited edition, as confirmed by the General Association of Weapon Manufacturing of the United States of Bolivia, now defunct, although their label still exists as well, as, in some way, the legitimacy of this bluish-green with large dot riddled, painted head-shattering insectoid with fourteen heads attached to one another buckled blow-straddling, explosives-attached to its can-making projectile producing large malignantly shaped, capable of destruction, overly sharpened blow-peashooter like weapon, illegally modified as to bear an addition of eighteen heaps, made of hands, of put together candidly dead spikes with head-tumor little nasty-creatures having inorganically grown out of every edifice it bore; a rat, in his mouth, that quirkily played, with his ugly hand at once, quickly acted, both, Soloquitor Admiral, that, joining in, was of the opinion of this place being pleasantly-nice, with the three of them being in a field of yellow-colored puffy-cotton looking wild rice, noticed how they could not be, out-matched, in their dance, together, thought the proper naming of the dance, being, arm in arm, rather than hand in hand, as in a grab around a bear’s paws in a desperate attempt to fend him off so he won’t chew off the side of your throat, as deep as to head in a few millimeters in, proceeding to affect, in this order, the great transverse cervical nerve, the great auricular nerve, the Levator Scapulae, Scalenes, Omohyoid, as well as the Splenius Capitis Cervical muscles, causing damage to the thyroid cartilage, trachea, epiglottis if gone through a full swipe kind of motion, reaching, perhaps, depending on the width of the bear’s claw, the hyoid bone, maybe, perhaps even the first rib, lymph nodes, while, seeing how it’s a strong bear, he may as well fully penetrate the throat and intrude into the Larynx, Trachea, and Epiglottis, causing ever-so-spreading tremors of jerkiness, whose vibration would spread across the body, in a most shatteringly distraught kind of supreme blow of overpowering force, a display of its animalistic primeval strength, that, it is quite obvious that this force of strength could belong to no one else, and no one other than, well, in actuality, if this is what it sounds like, then, not only would the bone, blood cartilage, veins, lymph nodes, and everything else be ripped apart by the brutish force of the swipe but also the man’s jaw, which, of whose bear breed is now, to a conjure made irrelevant, would be reminiscent of an old Latvian poem, by the name of Lacplesis, by Andrejs Pumpurs, although, this would be more of an ironic twist on it than anything else –kind of hold; chain dancing, that was proceeded upon as if they were, in actuality close friends who’ve been, for too long a tediously, prolonged as well, drawn upon even further than what is found socially acceptable; a

break in equity; period of time, whereas neither of them considered such an alternative as the possibility of any well-thought exchange of correspondence that might've spared them a lot of trouble, between both, and both parties involved being equally at fault, having, only now found themselves 'trapped' in a rather peculiarly 'breath-taking' conundrum, from which neither of them even considered getting out of. The Prince Progenitor was suffocating, with the rat whose lower body already grew inside his gut.

He could just see them b.

'You changed.'

'What was that?'

Anthony turned around for a moment. It was no one in particular, standing in the crowd.

'I don't know you kid. Leave.

I have a chance now, to finally make something of myself, don't ruin it for me.

We can't both exist here, at the same time. It's; just stop it your. It's a childish habit.'

'You've become mean.'

'Worse than that kid, I've become much, much worse and it's only going to get worse. There are things you simply don't and cannot understand until you reach a certain age. There are some things in life you have to leave behind. There are times when you must do horrible, horrible things just so other people could get a chance to fight as well.

It won't make either of us happy. Now I don't have to thinking about anything else, other than improving. I'm no longer stagnating, like I was then. I no longer; have to feel bad, or worse. Either way; I'll still be miserable. So leave, you petty, insolent child, return to your chasm.'

'Why can't you.'

'Enough, I wish I was normal. I wish I did normal things, I wish I had learned how to properly do art. But I can't. I'm stuck with this, kid. I've always been this way, kid.

And you are as well, I can see it you, in even now. It reflected into everything we say and do. Especially then, and now, it's no exception.'

The child was driven away. Hopefully he'll go play with that dumb whore, by the name of Innocence while he's at it.

All ruined because of them. My only chance, ruined.

'Run away child. It's only going to get much worse from this point on. I wish it were different, but if I can hurt them back, for what was taken away from me, then I shall do it. There is no greater purpose in life than it. There is no greater purpose, nothing!

I don't care whether or not it's petty. I don't care about the consequences, I don't have. I don't know anything else. An eye for an eye, it's all I have left. What's left of my hatred is what makes me feel humane and I grew too fond of that feeling to simply let go of it.

I have given up art for nothing, empty words that mean nothing, ugly, empty things I can't properly remember. I loathe them so much. If they want to see what a truly sick mind looks like, they will have it!

Considering.

'You know what, I think I may have been harsh with that.'

'Why the actual fuck do I not understand a thing I read? What the fuck?'

A dark cowl wearing figure with orangutan arms that had the ability of deforming time-pieces of shattered reality, pulled out of, a few meters in front of them, pocket, they constantly made shards, of, and in the gaps, if someone were to enter they'd instantly age and die, immediately, as if they cut themselves in shattered windows, and threw them at people. While, these cutouts of time, upon cutting, sharpening and slashing, would, enter, then pass through, the person they're entering, while spluttering in every direction, take the seated Jonathan, whose shoulder, was enter, cut, then imploded in a piece of a car, a lamp, his mother's face, a part of his school yard and just about every object, from every age, from every second, from every moment, second, hour, of his life, in an area, subjectively selected, yet all, overlapping, his shoulder, momentarily, before being released, across the room, jumping, leaping and bouncing against the walls, before finally resting, in place, then disappearing since they were paradoxes. He survived. His dark robe was ruined, not Jonathan's, but this figure's. IT was like a vest, because of those giant hairy things. He also chewed bubble-gum and made, out of the balloons- ballista projectiles with cowls on top of them, made of gum, that spat gum-nails, curving while, touching, everything. In an instant; as if they expanded for a moment, across the room, then reverted to their original form. Making everything sticky; like grenades. Gum-grenades; every molecule was converted in a gum-sticking grenade and if it weren't for the time paradox, that disappeared, everyone would've died. His breathe also froze everything, including himself, deep-freezing like, being a prehistoric man in Antarctica, for a few moments. It came out like an unwrapping toy made of popping explosion cold vapor that immediately pounced upon everyone like panthers, while they were standing – sitting. Because of him; a few meters above the earth. Then everything happened all at once, and they got pieced in one place, frozen, imploded, with time and gum-grenades and in time, and cut, and aged. And they started melting-decaying, their faces being shaped like satellites with tubular-shapes heads. He also had, half-of the room, as a square-wing, protruding out of his chest, with an open wall, where people could look at a play with toys, show. Like mannequins, which produced, little flies, shaped like the targets they followed, taking their souls only to put them back into his wing-outta-chest room he toiled with. His head became an ironing board, taking the cowl with it as well, but bearing hard-to look at deranged power-rays cutting and bouncing around every piece of the room, which was already ruined.

He stood next to Anthony.

'Hello Anthony.'

'Hello.'

‘Ho.’

‘Ho to you too, then.’

‘I don’t know who you are.’

‘The feeling’s mutual.’

‘It is exactly what I expected. And I expected nothing less.

And I shall not expect a thing.

And I shall expect everything, from this point on.’

Anthony, being the diseased animal he was, pulled a rotten sword out of his gut, that bore eyes colored green with rotten fingers cutting themselves along the edges. Bleeding, always, on the floor; his teeth were filled with rotten decay and he stopped having legs. They fell off like prosthetics. His face looked like untreated stds, like whores.

He opened his mouth, and out came a long hand. It had nice finger nails.

He also thought for a second.

‘May, I think it was may, when my friend, the Lord of Destruction, the one who had pissed in my friend’s bathtub, did the thing, I think.’

‘That certainly sounds, interesting.’

The president also joined in. He was staring at the ceiling, and had been staring, atta boy, at the ceiling, for far too long. Painted spots, with suns; no stars, very cheap, like shoes.

‘A man of culture, like you.’ Said the stranger to the President. ‘Must definitely be in possession of children’s shoes.’

‘Of course, I eat them.’

‘What?’

‘Oh yeah, I eat children’s feet in the People’s Republic all the time, of course. You see, we eat just about everything, dogs, cats, animals, children, hey. One child policy, and all. Everything’s on the table, even my wife.’

‘Leave.’

‘I’m afraid we killed every crab and every pigeon, every horse, dog, cat, and just about everyone else who was in this room, other than I, Jin, Anthony, Jonathan, you, and I, and the ones that remain.’

The future sure was interesting. The future is interesting. The future:

‘I present to you, dear show viewer. Today, I am going to interview, the president. He is the president.’

He wore a crown, reminiscent of the dark baby infantile creatures that flew from the generator inside his two citadels. How queer.

‘You know, it’s never occurred to me until this point, but. I think, yes. I think the giant niggerhead is going to crash, like a comet, eventually, on top our country. And we will all die.’

‘That’s good to hear, president Sacramento.’

Everyone had knives in their pockets,- gifts.

‘I am a fine connoisseur of art, of course, of course.’

Anthony then looked at the ceiling which in turn was the cause of him remembering something that happened to him as a child, when he was young, a boy, in his youth, a child, when he was, a child, he was a child once, not an adult, well behind time, when he was still fighting for the, well, much farther than that, when he was fighting for the proliferation of the decipheration, of the alkalization of the bourgeois.

Its bloated fog in a clock, hardened shell was there, extending his mouth and at a backward ended, and put through incessant dark foliage mage bile-contender-sack stood before him, the wretched man who worked on the rocks.

I wish I could wash myself, in a tub near a woman that would want to do things with me, her and her and her and her, all of them, inside, we could do such things, when come together, big women, short, tall and many of them with nasty bushes, trying themselves and having had my way with them, I can and may not stop, calling them in this order, Natasha, Eleanor, Leonora, Vanessa, Valerya, most of them joining me hardly working, hardly moving hypnotized, or fallen sullen, and come after, nastily-drowsy, I need to make sure neither of them dies. ‘I would say to them as such, if you’d please. My dear lady, would you like a fist? I’ll pound your pussy and your face, I live, I exterminate. But don’t fucking move your bush, I want it non-clean, your stinky puss.’

And the ladies will love me, for I am such a nice guy, I’m to die for, I topple every man, die.

‘Hey you, Yankee, I come to the States, I steal your woman, no debate. No, no, you’d better lay down your arms, because I won’t play around, when it comes so quickly, stand to your feet, I’ll take you on and beat to beat, I will beat you if you dare. I can’t stand a nasty many. But if you do provide a challenge, beware. For I have tools and guns and plenty of strong-strong arms, I’ve been lifting a box, every few day or so and I look big, not small. Never stepped into a sweaty gym; you feeling me?

Because if you don’t, well, no-no, I’m whipping your nigg, I’m beating it, this nasty creature, don’t look at me, you won’t see no feature, meet me, and we’ll see around. Don’t forget to grab a gun.

Because I will come with a great dark army, riding on horses, I beat, I’ll smell your woman’s feet and her arches. My dark romances are yet to have begun. Affair after affair and I am gone, how many bastards do you think I’ll have? Millions of them, wow-wow, I ain’t shooting blanks, I will procreate, you see me at a bus stop, run, and I might not inflate, such things as would shatter your teeth and mouth, look at you, I’m a champion Boxer, and you’re but a kid in a suit and all.

And your niggers come running after me? I beat them as well. I beat them until they're dead. Do not compete with me, boy, because I will beat you until you're dead. I am the massacre, I am the killer, I ain't no angle, don't be a stranger but give onto me your women, I won't stop. I know what I'm doing now. All around, the world they say. We'll give Stefan what he wants, pussy that never ends. No, no, I will say, I am only a one woman's man, I only wait until marriage, otherwise, I will be dead. Stay away, I know plenty of you women, now, are wet. Streets are spoiled and drenched, the trenches, they are all the whences and the stench. For I am a great player, careful with your periods, you could drown, I don't want to bleed you to your deaths. Now that I have mastered the craft, my speech will make so many wet-panties drop from being completely, inwardly absorbed, they will want me. They want me, and they will say, grab us, but I will say no, maybe later. I knew what you were thinking but I am unpredictable now, impossible to beat, or to destroy. I am the strongest, strongest boy.

Yes. I am, I am that, the strongest boy-oh-both, how can there be another stronger than I, a boy-toy. Yes, I am, the boy-toy, women want me because they're children. Women are so mentally infantile that they want to be smeared by a boy-toy. Like I am, stop yourselves women, I seriously cannot deal with so many of you at once, I am going to blush. Why, oh, stop, please, stop. I cannot control myself, there's so many of you wanting me, oh my god, you're turning me into a narcissist, oh, my, god, I'm making so many women wet, many more to follow, oh my god, please, I beg of you, women, please control, your many, many, hormones.

I understand that many of you only have these many chromonzones left, I mean, your gut-bubbles, your ovaries. They're like ice-cream cones, I'd like to eat. I'd like to taste them through your feet. And give you fine kisses, many fine-kisses.

But, at the same time, I must also control myself as well, as I am no animal either.

I am a great vulture, I am so beautiful and pure, and strong and mourn myself when I am gone, for I alone, would feel such shame, as to be left, where I remain. I shall live and I shall die, and I shall be the only, lie. For humanity could not hope to abandon me. I am so strong, and mighty, I have a hammer, I made myself, of iron and of wood, and pint, and crack. I shall shatter all your hopes. I am made of better ropes. I am a man made out of wool, of string. I am made of a, gym's ropes you can climb on top of, during gym-class, but I don't want children to climb on me, eww, disgusting, which brings us to my next point, you woman shall, carry and raise my children. I don't want to take care of them, whore. You do it. I didn't force you to carry my children, this is why you are a whore.'

Then, he made her head pop and crack like a balloon that immediately started becoming small people that walked on the ceiling, small women 'people', because my opinion on women has not nor will ever change at all. Be gone, nasty woman, I shall do without you.

Then, I run.

Towards my dark castle; burgers I shall eat.

But on his way out of the two planets that had grown inside his fingers which were filled with other people like him, he was set on a dark booth, upon which he spoke to the cruel, two shattered around their skulls, deformed gods, whose decay spread, as soon as they came into sight.

One was a head, the other bloated to his side, and entered by a coral-shot, a buckle-spread of mighty dead, said:

‘Sad-sad, I am but sad, and paranoid at that, mighty, Anthony, but you are not. You are Malt, and somehow, you’ve escaped being destroyed.’

‘How?’

‘The core had damned you to a strange, beyond existence kind of dexterous existence stopped. And brought you back to life, in the name of Manno Filthde, stopped; but you are to remember, so, your name.’

‘Which one?’

‘The other, much to you, forgotten as such.’

But first, a break:

Today's commercial:

‘Thankfully, Jonathan handed me God.

My life changed ever since.’

‘What the actual fuck are you talking about?’

‘Here you go, it’s in my pocket?’

‘What?’

There it was, God.

‘Oh, you were talking about a crucifix.’

‘Now that I look back on it, all the way back then, I could’ve handed myself to a pack of rape-niggers.

But ever since I was given God, I ceased being a fucking flaming faggot.’

Don’t be a faggot, please, for God, for you. For your parents, for your Church, niggers!

As peculiar as it sounded, John, he was born on a Monday, with eighty sons – troglodytes invalids, whose bodies wasted in front of him, whose faces dragged on top their features like melted sheets, whom were all red-with-fury, bearing large iron-rooster weather-arrows through their heads, whose clothes were made of alloy-patchy junk, bearing iron collars around their foreheads. With things in their backs; spools of discs that bore coils, dragged from the distance, bigger compact bulby-reds, who were attached to them, ahead, a time.

‘I’ve come to claim my inheritance, father!’

Someone knocked on the door, pinching it, placing his fingers on the handle, his second hand on top their knuckles, looking at the frame, their knuckles, there being knuckles tied to his knuckles whom were planted there like nails. It split open. He entered through, cracks in his face, two heads with twenty, by the side, through his face, put through, in the sack of his gut and throaty neck.

John was born, indeed, with a few sons that had done something great in life. His favorite son, John-John-Plume-John John-Jr John-with-a-head-like-a-gun-shaped-barrel-with-eyes-on-the-side-bearing-largely contaminated wings-like protrusions that were actually giant ear-lobe inflated lobes that bore cranium faces themselves with dark horns, his being more of a fat-segmented half-a-hammer-shark head where the shark's eye is John's nose, but far more bloated as if filled with more mass, and the half-head is put on display as for his hard-lumpy-neck, but more like a gun, with the trigger being his cage-bars-teeth, the two ears being elongated hardened bubble gums or water drop shaped skulls, with tongues like drills but they were zap-guns; whose body was a nastily crafted filthily yet thoroughly, as it would be fair to say, raped-by-god-damn-fucking-niggers, or-her-children-if-jews-are-involved, oh-sorry-I-meant-to-say-filthy-fucking-kikes-who-are-also-cock-sucking-good-for-nothing-degenerate-,schizophrenic-,ugly-hooked-nosed-with-even-uglier-sagging-fat-piggie-fat-mental-prudish-low-IQ'D-with-the-excetion-of-a-'higer-'-verbal-intelligence-quotinet-that-'s-barely-higher-than-the-European-average-,exploitative-nasty-smelling-peevish-women-that-also-stink-,are-borderline-mental-invalids-mentally-crippled-deranged-,are-dumb-good-for-nothing-whores-with-no-critical-thought-as-in-being-incapable-of-saying-anything-even-remotely-intelligent-despite-being-given-a-chance-to-actually-think-of-something-or-dwell-onto-it-for-a-considerable-amount-of-time-bitches-so-basically-not-any-different-than-most-women-in-general-,while-also-being-high-maintenance-despite-their-ugly-fucking-mongrel-looking-faces-,so-on-and-so-forth-creatures-that-aren't-even-human-and-should-or-migh-as-well-kill-themselves-,mongrels, whose Holocaust did not happen, Gypsie fortune-teller's divination table but attached to, by a large foot-looking throat, with a hunchback lump in the back –spiked with human vertebrae spines, who also crawled on four lamia tails, that were interconnected by sutures, at the end of every tail there being a hole, that constantly shot hottened-heated steam bolts of encased small humanoids that looked like weird mirages, since they were made of steam, fire-chains of iron-lava-coated whips attached to a flying head with spinning horns bearing largely elongated torture devices adorned with most tertiary set vestigial caged bones of stolen valor robbed of soldiers robbed off out of solemnly desecrated tombs left shattered in dug-at-night by dead within the hour, shot in the head employed grave diggers as to cover all tracks, elongatedly sheeted cut-outs of termite trapped behind bodies of ants,-like discs with ropes holding them together in spinning kebab kind of motions, as well as the least hole that bore, but only opened, the closure hole being a cartilage whose puckery appearance would rather be reminiscent of third degree burns, as well as the scaly texture, that is already implied by the lamia coils it's crawling on, Fridays, when, and only then, every other day of the week, on the Gregorian Calendar as well, being closed, under lock-down, sealed-completely, utterly, beyond entry, as in-don't-even-think-of-trying, this is my property, don't thread on me, this counts as trespassing and if you try forcing this gate-door open, I am going to shoot you, kind of gate, yet, when it opens, it shoot small springs that have beady-beaded coils, where every single bead, marble, sphere, or whatever else comes along, is filled with huge, the hugest, the hughiemongiest W.M.D., even beyond their manufacturing capabilities, being far exceeded, these bombs not even being made in factories but being given birth to,' kind of bombs, that have faces on them, which, as a matter of fact, make John's entire body frame, with his bubbly half-hammer head, and melting pudgy pudding body and his four coiled tails, that, even now, are cackling, bastardly, beyond bastardly,

unnervingly in a beyond-human-comprehension kind of way; brother of Casey-Case-Platoon-Soldier-man-Casey Case-Senile, Senior, of born-old-out-of-his-mother's womb but not as decayed as the other brothers, whose job was manufacturing large intestine spear-shafts out of his never ending torture-wheel that never stops rotating chest, but at time he grabs a hold of the 'open-window' pocket stove-door kind of opening where his every organ-entrails are being stored in so he can shape them, delivering them on a daily basis, at, roughly speaking, eight-to-five-am when he isn't spending his time doing adult-stuff like incessantly paying, labor-intensive demanding taxes, that have to be paid for as long and as long a period of time as possible unless, the Feds, whom he as well, worships, since they are still Gods, now, in the past, now, still, and in a few more decades or eons, or so, still, Gods, without exception, without worship, like the universe, they are, existing, in an unaltered existence which niggers can't even comprehend on their own since they are so fucking dumb, speaking of which, as well as his factory, which is filled with fucking niggers that are 'working' or are being 'worked' to death during an insoluble protuberance of such magnanimity as would have them reformed, only to be, unpleasantly hit by nothing else but the sad realization that niggers are not only beyond salvation and unsalvageable but also that he cannot fire them, yet, whose act of 'charity' pretty-much exempts him from having to pay some 'taxes', which is a most intelligent, state of affairs he so queerly yet most, most – good job, brother, kind of way of saying, you witty god damn bastard, you fucking damn shit-eating grinned lucky, lucky, fucking witty bastard, you've done, you fucking made, you fucker, you god damned fucker, you fucky-fucky go-lucky bastard, whose yet to work a fucking day in his fucking sad-pathetic life, but somehow by, the likes of Capitalism, somehow made it, I don't know how, since, thought it's not said or hasn't reached the eyes of the much to their fault, benevolent feds, you found a loop-hope in which you're paid the taxes, for every single nigger, in your fucking disgusting –intrusion-on-human-rights-non-violation, questionable work ethic, factory, which is a trick of what was fore mentioned, double-trickster, in-herd confusion, caused by a malady-miasma that confuses everyone around; servant of the Pantheon of Lleyilliophyfield Stanch-Crotch Bottotar, who is a well suited, businessman whose pantheon is cars, fine cars, well-preserved, limited-edition, paid for, fortunately, by a lot, of money, a lot of cash-daddy, like depreciated minorities kind of money, like enough of it, to fund the building, the labor-intensive construction, whose funding would far exceed the likes of the richest billionaires currently alive, and throughout time, who, if they were to raise money together, would be very much incapable of even building the base of the President Somorro, the great, the greatest, the most attested for by the most intelligently innovative-driven non-bought, non-corruptible, and non-redundant educated, goes without saying, intellectual-scientists who excel in both Mathematics and Psychics, magic, they're also dark magicians who can conjure beings from other worlds and dimensions with specifically used and put to their employ finger-motions, and dark-words, whose are also, or just so happen to, well, coincidentally they live in the greatest nation that ever existed, the People's Republic, and are, or, again, coincidentally happen to be Ethnically Chinese, but that shouldn't influence them at all, since they're mostly unbiased, otherwise, they wouldn't have been elected the 'Most intelligently Innovatively-Driven Non-bought, Non-corruptible, as well Non-redundant Educated, 'goes without saying'', Intellectual-Scientists who excel in both the fields of Mathematics and Psychics, as much as in magic, who also happen to be Dark Magicians who can conjure beings from Other Worlds and Dimensions with specifically used and put to their employ finger-motions, and dark-words, whose are also, or just so happen to, well, coincidentally they live in the greatest nation that ever existed, the People's Republic, and are, or, again, coincidentally happen to be Ethnically Chinese. PHD- China, MD.' –an actual award, proper formatting included, handed to them by the People's Republic of Greatly United

China, China; 's favorite song is this one 'Di-diu di-di di-diu di-di di-diu di-di, di-di, di-diu di-di di-diu di-di di-diu di-di, di-di, di-didi-didi-didi, didi-di, di-di- di di. Niggers.'

'Enough with the exposition, my sons, if you want my inheritance we must fight for it, to our deaths!'

And that was for a good reason as well, all because five years ago, in eighteen forty seven, in eighteen forty six, in seventeen forty one, in five hundred seventy seven BC, in forty H.R.E – the empire, the calendar, Gregory – Georgian – Gregorygian, it's a regional thing. Fighting was, come from the regions where the birth of humanity was given shape. Wrestling that is, but more medieval. But most importantly, it's the calendar. Every day of the week got replaced with an ancient reference to history. A reference to history that was ancient. Ancient history was being referenced, on the calendars, hence the confusion, as to when he was born. But, the only 'normal' functional calendar was actually owned by the President. Who made sure everyone knows their dates, as to ask him and always get the right contradictory knowledge about what happened when, he is a wise. His knowledge is simply expandatory. Think about it, get schooled, imagine. New horizons, of pure, information, coming out of his mouth with every sentence he utters. Grandiose, like a canal, or a camel-toe; there was no woman around, otherwise every single one of Johnny's son 'You know what?' would've signed a temporary truce, as to stop this eternally going abuse, for the time being, as to facilitate cooperation, as to establish between these two fine XX and XY biologically made creatures, a professionally working relationship.

They were out in the open-desert, but there was an abandoned house with a door, one of his sons had come through, punched through, with the pieces of the wooden shrapnel lodged in his neck and what not. He is unimportant, doesn't even have a name.

Only the President knows when Johnny is born.

On the day of his birth this was recorded:

'I've got so much bloodrape blood on my hands, all smeared between my squirming pudgy finger-toes. It dripped between the gaps, it got out of hand and dropped, a plate filled with pussy-juice tomato, ripped apart before I could plant my face below her carpet.'

Wait, there was something that had to be said first. It seems like an unimportant detail now, but, nonetheless. That being:

'If there's something in this world these neck shaped cock bearing rapeniggers fear, it may as well be the stole of flocking cop-knee shaped condoms chasing them, right behind then boys.'

Before the fight could begin; there are eighty five 'Roman Empire' moving land masses, governed by every Roman Emperor, Dictator and ruler, eighty five times, for every Empire, spread, across a non-existing continent on top a body of water. They are dark, coated in iron. And every man is but machine; chained to every emperor, within, the middle of the world. Where, every single land mass, of the eighty fifth bears a torture wheel like device they're all attached to, that grants servitude to the one in control of this sink. These puzzle pieces float, capable of flight, they're like cruisers. Bearing billions of guns and armaments beneath and inside their ship-like lower bowels, that span across the entire Empire. But, no H.R.E.; and no Byzantium, either. For they are livid cartilage beasts that, when put together form a face, with many heaped forests of elongated ivory spikes for faces, like the sutured mouth of a dumb cunt not

knowing her place so her husband slugged a bunch of her teeth out, then began stitching it off, after slitting her throat while, and after, it was a concurrent-continuous-at-the-same-time-process, rape-murdering her, mouth; with pus, but land-puss like puffy cotton filled with cadavers. And the two giant eyes of the mold were both fully-bulby open, glowing with dark-power, as they spread across the world with dark vibration. Even the public. Of the Iron, which stands for the I in S.P.I.C.Q.R., refused to, well.

Give an official statement. He must've had something lodged in his throat that day.

They were not of real iron, for they had been filled, up to the brink of their lower-entrails with an unfathomable dark-pus mass, carpet-eely that drew along and moved inside, by valve openings and doors, they fathomed, whatever, drew and close after, they entered. For every child that hid inside, a tall Centurion, during his prime, moving from one side emerging, engloried by a spearmint embroidery that tagged along, and bloated, there came out, a spat-out, pouncing upon itself and backed-upon a porous surface filled with many heads and larger tiles, which covered its body, mass. Clothed in candy wrapped clothes, with a pair of eight-beaked large taps, heads every four or so meter or so. They were ringed with these loud maliciously intending viciously alarmed faces. Their beaked taps only pushed out a myriad of little intestines, out of which came the rounded hounds, whose head, canines and limbs were but the tail, bloated inside and squirming along the way, kept in the back, while in the front, a small dwarfish human, naked but whose arms, attached, were the collars-welded in the main body of the dog, and fast, it were, back on its tail to devour. Despite being nicked on its feet, this bearded glorious, no more than two feet necromancer, whose back cords dragged the canine-muncher which it tried eating itself away through the bag. While attempting to lend death upon its master, that was the glory the Centurion Reprimanded him for. Meanwhile, the elongated legged, sticks that dragged away, its legs, but plenty and to his clothed mass, but lay, as far away in the distance hiding, just as far as he had gotten after. Dragging itself before it could fall apart, right after. While, in dark it hid, somewhere on the streets, behind a barrel near which a few plebeians but smiled. Many of them simply covered for the creature then, without giving themselves up. For such retrieval would mean death for it. Many of them were aware, just as many if not most held them inside, as they lay. This clothed beam of mass, this disgusting looking pyrat, whose jerking in place taps started spitting away. From the innards, immediately the wombs, would come out of the most shoved-in corners yet to prove again, and let convey whatever entered them.

At five, every iron coated person in every single one of the empires had their heads removed, by force, pinched off. It was only a matter of time until they'd be found.

'Little dwarf, carve out your heart or that one of your hound, now. I need it in order to survive this transition into the body of four men, I need to deform myself beyond any possible recognizable thing, until I am taken from him.'

'Who is he?'

'Look above you and it shall be clear enough!'

Moldering and falling on them like vapors of liquidities, drawn from them. Whom had been there, on roofs, but only whose eyes were left behind; the rims and edges cut and hooked, their teeth but lain on each and every side. From one point to another, drawing; like bags never seen after; afore mentioned

there drew the tubes. A bunch of floating chopped limbs were pointing them at the three messing behind the barrel figures.

Why were they important?

One may ask himself. IT's because, these land-masses were the President's private iron gardens, his eighty five private iron gardens.

A bunch of giant Chinese people who appeared out of nowhere, bearing giant chopsticks in their hands hadn't even given them a chance to retaliate, as they simply ate them, up, gobbled, alive. China.

Jonathan had inherited a lot of money himself, as the show news 'anchor', this being the national TV, after all, he's yet to be employed and work for.

Then they fought. But not yet.

Imperialism is the term used by the evil supremacist kings, that were livid-statues, held on top of a bunch marbles, put on display. Giving speeches, that came out of pre-recorded intercom devices, with weird faces that were their fathers, which bore helmeted horns, not the statues, but these devices beneath them. Helmeted as in, their horns had impaled the people who dared protest against them. Democracy is long dead. But the strange bloatedly eerie creature bearing the Gattling intercom out its mouth, as its cylindrical mouth isn't it.

'I am a great vile-creature of blood-rape.

You may bring your women forth.'

The statue stood in front of the.

In a few months, early, in December, the people of Nak will finally have arrived, the dead-nigger hordes bearing their mad iron-lodged-inside-their skulls objects, will run everything to the ground, bringing forth complete destruction as well as contemptful annihilation. They not only bred, like monkeys, but inside of them, little niggardous creatures, pseudo many nigger-headed simian-bloated, nigger-pinched by nigger-horns with nigger-limbs filled with nigger-niggers creatures made out of solid pseudo-silicon rested inside of. They were wildly over-grown blockier ram-chips, with extra niggerhead boils lain in a bubble-wrap fashion. With long nigger-split-head pincers; monkey growths. Black hairs and nigger-hoses that looked for welfare-pouched they may brought to an agape.

Conjoined citadels, which by now had grown a third one, called, the Concubine, that being a greatly distorted third growth that wreathed the two joints in place.

A reminder: 'Oh wow, Anthony's wife is so beautiful.

Her nicely bathed darkly dusky-tawny bushy sweaty with opal, impregnated by hefty plumpish cockroaches, hair adorns her well rounded, finely assembled, exemplarily robust roundly-estimable to the head breath that would, estimably resemble that of a member of the Mediterranean race, palpably medium, lean and most tenaciously highly raised high, up there, go-girl, forehead. Her hips are meticulously able-bodied, husky-hardy with sombrous stretches of fine rumbustious tea-drinker slag, but

without their sluggishly yellowish prunish chatters. Beauty such as hers, resembled a painting, or a salaciously ruinous interpretation, no in-between. Short-put together deliciously malodorous scent, sweatily endowed in a piquant sleazy touch by the broth of the nose, underside drawing close to a luscious overall of splendidous mounts, added together. Adding to her waveringly adorned low-skirted, with short-touches of stylishly saliferous drained purple stretching from beneath her cheeks, to, all the way down her most fine-ported breast-keepers. Most apologetically looking woman there was, is.' Deceased. Buried in his guests room; honeymoon. Meticulously placed fine gems adorning her nice, well kempt unchanged but yet, barbarous as made by time, in which sanctimonious rot engulfed her plumpingly courteous open chest, that exposed her finely wrought but well-endowed sutured by corneous – suffering of corn-disease and popping popcorn boils of skin-bullets of blood, a scrupulously good to excellently done job, that was estimatebly to a degree of well-put through.

It didn't take long for everything to fall apart again; all too flashy and but with no substance; devoid of soul and heart. Within an hour:

Rapedog Mumcum GunFist Jewkiller-Star Nigger Sprangle-Sprazzle, son of. Bitch, nigger-cum dragger; ass-fuck-nigger-comes, draws near, out of fear, when he comes near, everyone must disappear.

'Rape-shit fuck, clap-clap, fuck shit, fuck.'

Forth, near him stood the Maker, fuck-shit eat grin, shit Pinter, fuck nigger. Point-point, fuck-clasp, fuck nigger, must clap.

A few soldiers came out of nowhere, in a desperate attempt to contain it.

'Nigger-fuck-shit-up fuck-shit fuck-ass, nigger-crap!'

Where is it come from?

'Nigger-magic-red-blue-green-negger-make-do magic-boom-boom.'

A tank came in as well. At the end of the fuck shit nigger-make beat, when come to feet nigger-make seethe, lip.

'I am come fuck nigger, in cum-drag, singer, in shit-fuck nigger, bigger as I come near, the nigger says, liberation.'

Everyone then left, but they came back within the hour.

'Fuck nigger- come back.'

But they actually left for good this time around.

'Hoe rape nigger is killer but gun.'

Hoe is a ship, the President is a Sailor.

Anthony is sitting at a table with Johnny.

A man is a singer, fucking shit butt nigger cum is come drag me out of little stall where fuck nigger comes. Nigger comes fuck, shit, fuck!

‘Oh shit!’

‘There is Venus, still, in Paris, taken from Ancient, Romans.’

As much as the transatlantic slave trade was, perhaps the defining ‘Rape-nigger-fuck retard gay invalid’ leading-event of the beginning of the twentieth century, it would also end up serving as a precursor to the great strain between the European People and the African Diaspora in the course of the next few on-going centuries.

‘Shit-fuck-shit eat shit, fuck.’

‘I want to fuck.’

‘Shit-fuck bowels.’

Niggers are now slaves.

The ship went through African, cutting. Bleeding it dry; a few men got out of the ship, every single one carrying twenty or forty fucking niggers by their side, then they shoved the niggers in.

Also Jews owned the President’s ship, fuck niggers, fucking shit, faggot-strains. Nigg, fuck shit, nigger fuck gay, nigger-shit bowels with nigger-cum.

Then they all exploded, taking with them. Half of Africa.

A war began.

Trains were being brought out of pummels falling from on top the sky.

Should’ve started that race war when you had the chance.

‘The culture of the United States, the, once proud and free American culture has been infested, corrupted and bastardized by the likes of sub-human rats and other nigger-like creatures, that have driven values such as religion, faith, monogamy and righteousness to utter extinction. In exchange of Judaic Marxism-Communism, as well as miscegenation with inferior races, a weakness that eventually lead to the likes of the Insects to come and trample over all men.

The laughing stock of the world, China has taken over. And with their arrival, whatever spirit was left of man, faded, within time, within a cold erasure.

Now the vultures have come, to take a bite, a share, and have a rip at your throats.’

Leaving behind nothing more but a soullessly butchered, filth-filled, degenerate world; where lawlessness runs amok and gets promoted. Then the animals must act accordingly as well.

Anyhow:

‘Anthony, you were about to tell me something, weren’t you?’

‘Of course, dear president, of course, I was just thinking, about something. Something personal, you know?’

It’s really hard being young and trying to make it in this New Society, you know?’

‘I beg to differ, someone with your skills can most definitely make it, with the proper push, that is.’

Mongol is here, standing between Anthony, the President, Johnny, and the corpses; there’s an ever seeping, ‘thing’, between them. It’s rather unexplainable. A looming sadness brought by change.

‘If all were like it should.’

All deformed. All changed, like it ought to. No more trying to make sense of the world, regardless of how chaotic it is. Regardless of what was said and told.

‘I wish I could live in this lucid dream forever, and forget, slowly. I wish I could forget myself, in this eternal dream of wonder. I wish I did not have to think, like a dumb-creature, deformed of mind. Wretched as I am, ignorant.’

Enclaves of monsters, endless, and one day forgotten; a drivel of nonsense, not to be remembered, no lucidity, impurity, like the primordial mind of a primitive nigger; a shut-down of the mind, like the beasts living among us. No beauty, no masterpieces, no thinking. But wallowing like a dumb-animal knowing its place, among humans. It is the sad fate of those accepting animals, living among them. Everyone suffers for a reason, in this world; whether it’s beauty, ignorance, an intellectual pursuit, all will be abandoned, as long as they live, or allowed to roam the streets.

‘It’s a drug at this point, Anthony. You can’t default to fleeing from the world or throw a tantrum whenever there’s something you dislike.’

‘But the worlds I see are real. They’re real to me. They’re real to whoever’s watching. It’s just that I’m cursed. I’m cursed with seeing the world I live in for what it truly is and it makes me sad. It makes me deprave. I have to see the world again, I have to escape.’ He said.

Blotched remains:

Colonel Chief Rhakgh-Raggedy stepped forth. His powersuit began producing the delta-heat maladies inside the air-bubbles, floating around him. What stood before them was a large welding mask with a strange deformed visor, contorted into a dark piece, a dark-floor sweeper, an inverted in the back boot-like wagon in which his bodily contortions drew attention from where the cut-in hole was, where four or give great limbs, including his arms were all contorted in. Inside his weird suit, at the back stood a giant globular box, kept at the back-stretch of this centaur-suit, inside of it, from which sprouted the limbs,

which helped with the transition between the two life-inducing tubes that were either wide-spread, with multiple mini-wires, pointing down, connected with every single limbs, vertically set, or the horizontal much thicker one coming out of the box that kept everything together, this one being much longer, as it only pumped life into his, apparent lifeless looking torso. That rested near the front of the great, small weld-protected compact stove. Two lights were flashed out of him. He began moving. With every movement, every step, he revealed. His accordion-like cut, half-way in the strange machine; this ugly legged submarine already began desperately spreading orders:

‘Move on, part of the breaker is stuck half-way in, halted, by the diamond-shapers. They’re all around the place.’

‘ And what do you want us to do about them?’

‘ I need as many of you present near the area as possible.’

‘ Why? ‘

‘ You must’ve realized by now that I’m not giving either of you a choice. They’re going to dig out the Plothrekke out of stone.’

‘ And what if they do? ‘

‘ Part of the base will be swallowed by his toothless growths. Hardly encased, every living humanoid and non-humanoid alike, all brought to a stop, unloving, made to waste in time, rot, in front of moving, hardly embodied creatures. That’s what. ‘

‘ He’s referring to torture, I believe, a living hell, Layra.’

‘ So, are we supposed to trust him now, for what reason?’

‘ It’s better than, you know, being here, standing, sitting and doing nothing, wasting away. We’ve yet to make a discovery on how to prevent the fall.’

‘ And helping him with this is supposed to help us, Micha?’

‘ No, but at the very least, it should take our mind away and ease it for a while. It’s worth a shot, isn’t it?’

‘ I won’t have a part of it.’

‘ Then stay here.’

‘ I will.’

With which they departed.

Rhakgh lead the way. He was, although one could not see much of him, highly elated by this turn of events, leaving her alone to deal with, that. It was just enough for anyone, to realize that there was no way to fix so many problems. Micha knew when not to draw too much attention, especially when it wasn’t needed. This wasn’t any different than what’s been happening behind the closed doors, of the Ehtrum-

Klrk. Yet there were wretched adorers everywhere, waiting, wreathing, like a crowd of evil men, around every corner of the Basilik.

One of them stopped them, right in their tracks.

Cradiel, it's how he presented himself, bearer of Cranial nymphs, he wore them squirming in a dark-yellow bag. And many of them chattered after that, elongated and with transparent skin, with flappers and with many peals.

‘ Think of buying one just for starters?’

‘ What's it to you? Can't you see that we're on a mission, send by the Embassy itself?’

‘ You could've sure fooled me. I think you're both laypers, trying to snick one in.’

‘ We're not bearing explosives on us, you can check us later, you have us scanned. Everyone in this Department has us under their visors.’

‘ Then you should not have anything against this now, should you?’

‘ Wait, now wait just one moment.’

The colonel took a single step back. One of its limbs receded back into his iron-carapace. It stood there for a moment, crawling back out, came the caterpillar pumping its fingers out of the large pad that were his hand. It put out a few coins on the floor. The adorer opened his mask, out came one part prosthetic, one part two-face blinders, both of them welded together with coated heads, put-through and put-in. Staring at the hidden star and the hidden moon, both above and below, in the sky and in the hidden, floorless recess it had created beneath it. This dark circle was of pure shadowy-membrane. It moved like tiny cockroaches, beneath the coins. It ate them, immediately by means of simply absorption.

Afterwards, a nymph was given and the adorer went away.

‘ What was that for?’

‘ You're not supposed to ask questions like that until we're out of it. Otherwise, you may draw out even more adorers that might start dragging us down with their useless junk.’

Wriggling in place within the hour stood, before them:

‘ Couldn't understand why they started moving in the crates.’

‘ What's hidden in them? ‘

‘ Wouldn't you like to know now? No offence, Viktor but it's dangerous business, asking, knowing, trying to find out what they're trying to take away from us, you wouldn't understand now.’

‘ I could, if you explained to me.’

‘ The woman that died fifteen minutes ago had something taken away from her. It's far too deprave to actually speak about it, but I'll try not to be a prude with the details.’

‘ Go ahead then.’

He pointed at one of the vroll-frocks, the one that was attached from the mid-piece sanctuaries, or had been attached to her hearing device. At the very least it signaled something, they had all been broken through, fuselage-cracked, completely shattered after and left-in to look for, something, anything, any left device or machine to fix it. Any servant, anyone; but most sites were or had been abandoned. Most of the sanctuaries had been thoroughly cleansed. But, no. Placed, their general ‘meeting-point’ which lay where it stood was, apparently disjointed, dislocated. Yet it was there, somewhere on the map. One of the dead-points, the abandoned regions, the left-overs and get-throughs, yet not a single one was penetrated, connected or had any entry point, prior to this fall.

Her room seemed caved in at first glance. It had already gotten out of control, not seeing anyone move-in despite having picked their corners.

Eighteen legless munchers, whose backs receded in, whose infested-rods and wrigglers, by now, grown inside the pores within them. Not a single mouth-open. Not a fuselage-miss, broken.

A pair of initial stickies were thrown across the room, being allow momentary respite as to roll, then slowly drop inside the cave-in; where the livid-corpses moved towards her.

In a matter of a few seconds, the glowing tubes began, flashing, extending, spreading between them, as if they had been a disease of the sorts, in a world that lacked or was of a shortage of it. They relented for a second, then drew on. A few chitinous cloaks appeared to draw all the tension off them, before the first blows started fading out. Yet not a single one touched or scarred the urn, as of the center piece in which, it, were encased in, neither or, the slightest hint. Other than a most incessant broil of smokes that spread across it, faltering as if to fall on itself, shedding another puckery robe that started spreading along them.

The room was left in shambles, therefore it advanced.

A few more than a closely selected bare-broad chested, in the room, opened on, through the door, exposed, as if to revealed the man dug-in holes, and the fall-through almost iron-quarter dropped in, the protrusions within them extended. Limbless but concave and tall, many of them bore the horned-mounds, all of whom extended forth and grabbing, gnawing what they could. It was a disastrous scene met only by unmoving things, waiting for more stickies to be thrown. Before them stood the prize, and most only waited, as if wretchedly prideful, in need of eyes to take and claim whatever they could.

A general message appeared to curve through some of them. As if the echo had been a wreathing worm making its way through one of the most rotten of apple cores:

‘ This is the Delegate Kyllyeiehlh, wretcher of the Union Aghaleghl Rgho. You are to be immediately, by force, or the employ of improperly lived-through suffrage, dispersed out of the area, with no.

Need be reminded of the mounted Pleicher fruits inside your chests, which shall inwardly, most erratically inflame your innards as soon as a command is given, not a single man, living thing, or otherwise is to remain present at this point, or otherwise said, prior to it, stay. Near the damaged area and the compromised sector of the Sanctuaries, immediate stay will be punished, with.’

But he shook himself a few feet away from where he was standing, trying to utter a single thing, whatever it was. It had already crawled in his ear, through his throat having made a single inflammation, obscure. Growth-bearing device; at his command, one was brought from across the room by an ugly slave he kept around. It passed hands, in an unsanitary fashion.

He was bleeding after a fashion, being eight headed in a bunch, but all of them were socketless, with deep-depressions pushed inside, various numbers being ailed and left behind, most of them completely put-through some incinerator dye, which made them ever-so slightly unrecognizable from the looks of it. Nonetheless, he gave another order:

‘ You’re to leave within the hour, as such, I shall have you all boil for a while, only to have myself, for starters, much to myself, less disliked.’

A histrionics’ made of gulches piled, it dragged a few more morosely after, then had them taken wherever their kinds would point at, at long as no fuss was being made for and after and for what reason might come after. When dragged, from behind, they pointed, as a stalk of many pulps. A strange infantile pair of dangling aside, but lodged in its mouth rose, there came no longer standers, no adorers, nothing but a single Snatcher of bloody injectors that were immediately planted inside of him, as to not make too much of a fuss, while going thoroughly inside of him, an assistant dragged, his mouth and blinding-after plighted crows, that of which adorned his robe. They were set on trying to gnaw the side of his head before he could even open his mouth where the much-to-his-own-admiratory glance, were not his top of the implants, yet strangely cracked in skull like incisors but an entry from which crawled out and unnecessarily dark, strange pummel-straddled upon a hardened coil that came out, entering the strange machine, that stood before it. Each boil-bubble wrap with orange-organ fluid inside, fluidly set on melting as it dragged along and into him, before, and rightly after, a few moments in, they came apart. Both sides of the elongatedly strange design he was working apart. One was split, its sheet-insidious as it were, inside the first layers of skin was already melted and passed through, having, upon the lack of glamour the street signs and the products that were lain every here and there, then thoroughly placed in high-standers that prevented them from falling apart whenever someone approached kept many of the cackling broths at bay.

Upon, what appeared to be a stretch of eight hundred miles or so, near one of the sewage-ditties, what ought to have been blocked by a lit or by one of the moving signs was, instead, thoroughly exposed. A few more than a hundred youthful looking yet gangrene mouthed knuckle-dragged with long-implants came crawling in. They watched, incessantly, or in such a manner preventing themselves from falling apart, or falling over themselves, as one jaw to the other made a cut-out, but put together, piece by piece, bar. In which all of their jaws appeared to be fused together. Their mouths open but their tongues were as fat as they were far gone. Fatty bulbs at their ends, clicking on top of their metal ledges; trying not to get away from that one moving pointer of light, the Star of Fright at the end of the hall; towards even the Snatcher turned towards. Hohlhen understood why they were there. As long as no one moved, too rashly, being vastly outnumbered served him just as much as would any other man. And if it were not for this:

‘ Stay away, I’m not going to warn you again, I’ve got just enough pins inserted in him with blow that he’ll pop like a small red-dwarf confetti piece.’

It was already getting out of hand. This thing was being doped beyond even the likes of human capability, to at least take it as easily as he claimed it to, would mean. Nah, he saw right through it. Even with all those pins and the fumigating things lodged inside of it, there was simply nothing he could truly do about it. This lodged-in'er, was a thing of its own, laughing at him from one side to another. He should know.

They were busy up there.

He was busy down here.

A few moist-drops on the floor but the rest was clean; it was the hanging hour so of course many of them men didn't even find themselves here, nor would they be any closer to one of the broken wailers on the wall, hanging inside of it like netted fish, would stall. The victims bearing their lives hanging, lower-much lower, at the ends of their teeth.

Regardless of it, the center piece he was working on was open, fully open, only now. Nothing wriggling on top his arm; two sides of the coffin – wasting but only in a way that would stare at him and at him only, none else.

There was a turning rack, which was a turning frame, with bloated, eleven centaur wombs attached to one another as well. Giant bags of meat, around the frame of which stood a great outlandish spiked band, with many thing electrically charged legs, twisted and pushed around, upon which it walked. Out of the rack, in the middle, four great heads, coated and encased rested, very much alive, stuck in an ethereal eternity, as they dwelled in dreams, a refusal to die. Haunted they were, seeing their spectral bodies in the distance, yet incapable of reaching them, they wailed. The head of the President, John, Anthony and Jin, whereas between themselves but stood, a greater belt. Of which, in comparison, Saturn would wince. As it kept revealing, upon that turning smaller bank, glowing green and yellow advertisement messages that drew on. As it approached, whatever remained of the few people around it set themselves in flight, or ran along.

A cluster of pumping abdomens, with hairy-simian humanoid features, horse-like elongations all alive, holding the beam that rotated the band, which turned their heads to every side; as it were, upon its mechanical iron cricket-flea legs, each of them but had to say:

‘Morose, it’s such.’

They moved, for some time now, until, all of the sudden, they observed something, on the ground. It oozed, resonated a bit.

A Yankee’s memory still rippled as he rested on the lap of a broken piece:

‘If only I had started a race war, perhaps I could’ve avoided having to raise someone else’s child. If only I had started ethnically cleansing these fucking filthy nigger baboons. But the Kike-controlled Government prevented my raped-by-niggers-wife from having an abortion.

I wish I took a knife and began stabbing both the niggers that formed the nigger-pack and this ugly mulattoe nigger sub-human monkey nigger creature. I wish I started trailing the sides of my knife’s edge around its genitals, slowly castrating the little monkey, slicing off its barely formed breasts, chirruping, slurping its entrails with the tip of a steel blade, going inside of it, only to slit and splice and do him blind, as I go around, and keep butchering this filthy fucking nigger.’

But the world fell because of that. Because of the on-ward push of the Kike Elites that tried pushing miscegenation and the mixing of the white women with nigger-monkey criminal subhuman, depressed-lobed filthy creatures that ought to have been slaughtered and ethnically cleansed as well as their children, for the filthy creatures they are.

‘If only I had channeled my fury, my rage, into something useful, I could’ve escaped this filth. I could’ve had a pair of blue eyed Aryan Children, I could’ve sailed the stars and founded a much greater universe. Yet this choice has been taken away from me.

The niggers raped my wife. The Government forced me to raise a child that isn’t mine. The Jews then raped my child. As such, in the end, everyone lost. Everyone loses with niggers and kikes, the most bastardly sub-human races that ever existed on this Earthly given place.’

If there ever were a chance to do it, it was then.

‘The niggers have no grasp over concepts such as accountability, or duty. They do not raise their children, they are not fathers. They are niggers, they are monkeys. IT’s what happens all the time, in the plains of Africa.

The niggers cheat on one another, the niggers don’t raise their children either. And for that reason they are incompatible, as to be allowed to live alongside other races. It is obvious that their subhumanity infects their brains and minds, their ‘human’ populations, their ethnic groups are inferior. But most importantly, the kikes expect other peoples to raise these filthy animals as their own. These filthy kike-pedophiles should not be forgiven for their attempt to mix the white race with that of a sub-human inferior one, promoting ‘acceptance’ for a sub-species, that’s been given, time after time again, handouts yet still are incapable of doing anything with it.

‘In the great coming of the end, during the fall, there was a chance to kill as many kikes as possible, to lynch as many niggers and prevent this dark future from coming. To a point where humanity was bastardized beyond belief; to a point where men have been infested with a schizophrenic disease that has taken over their minds.

The nigger-rapists, the nigger-rapists, the nigger-rapists, the nigger-rapists, sub-human monkeys destroyed civilization, lazying around, crushing and smashing whatever they could.’

The only chance to prevent this, curse, is to lynch the niggers and slaughter their children in the most violent ways possible. It is them, destruction rests in them, unless defeated. A tumorous enemy lain within.

‘Sub-human niggers shall never replace anyone, even if there’s an infinitesimal chance to cleanse them, then I shall take it, and I shall make sure not a single nigger makes it into the daylight while I still breathe!’

Women could never be trusted to make their own choices, since they cheat on men all the time because of their promiscuous nature. For that reason alone, they need to be violently beaten and never allowed to leave the house while raising your children, and yours alone. Abuse, control and forcing their hand, it’s the only way a woman could be trusted. She is the equivalent of an infantile child whose mentality and

neuroticism make her a traitorous creature, mindless, insipid, a mental invalid with fancy forms. It is quite obvious that by her nature alone, a woman bequests abuse, as the natural restoration of order.

‘Segregation, taking away their rights while also abusing them. It’s the only possible way we can save them, at least for a while. They need to be taken by force and removed from the presence of people of other races. To have their interactions limited, while we go ahead and castrate the niggers and their children.

We ought to feed them their children’s genitals. The niggers have to eat their children’s privates. It is only fair that the niggers get punished for being and acting niggerish. Filthy fucking destructive baboons, they brought it onto themselves!’

It is a very well known fact that the Haiti niggers raped, killed and slaughtered not only their white masters, the farmers and whoever else was there but also the mixed raced people that followed as well. The same Mullatoes they’ve been giving birth to ended up being victims of their animalistic nigger tendencies as well as their predisposal towards violence.

The niggers are a time bomb, ready to kill their own at a heart-beat.

A part of them still kept onto the past, no matter how wretched it was, regardless of how haunting it were, the likens of people let down whoever there was.

It was a most degrading bastardization that followed after, of nothing more that had to come.

They wreathed in part, were wretched in song and chose no path of sobriety.

‘There’s an adorer much farther than that, I think we should approach him.’ His brother attempt, for his own sake alone to warn him against it; since it was mightily dangerous to be there unattended.

Various other lesser species with dark-unnaturally set-heads in pairs of sixteen but whom were all walking on giant incisor fat appendages at unfathomable speeds, trampling everything, including their own, as hundreds or thousands of them came out of their hidings at a time, being followed by even more of them, coming out of their ranks, billions of such enormous creatures appeared, out of nowhere, in the most unnaturally wild assortments one could find himself staring at, seeing or watching, closely observing the widest array of pseudo-inhuman heads as well as various patterns that were not only aligned like poles, of clusters, these cluster-heads being but piled together in the same way mango fruits would be like, bearing their unnaturally set legs in most obscure-formations that would not even, for likes of them possibly explain, by looks or observation alone, how they could get and grab and maintain a hold over so many legs at once, which only distracted from the fact that there were so many of them breeding in a botflies larvae manner, hundreds of other progenitors that would take over for the on-coming fifteen hundred thousand generations, and while their unnatural forms could not be clearly defined as these bloody-covered creatures whose general appearance was of either that of a disgusting mush or that of a most irresolutely deformed, barely set, hardened spoil of many coils-like things put together, insectoid in nature, without a mention of their many anatomical features, such as compound but set like welded adjustable microphone stand-thick leg like appendages that were only their many extending eyes, all of which were wrapped together, on top of them, regardless of the formation they were in, finally making,

most unnatural of forms, sight-antennas, which stared in every possible direction they could at once, but they mainly kept to themselves and only ruined whatever was in their reach.

There was no dance out there, done of shame, no cruelty done out there in the open, nothing well enough performed as well. None to remember or to forget, to undergo such agonies as to remember a life that's been, or left behind them; it's why they tried searching for this place.

'It used to be a hiding spot, a place of rotten angels that would find a way to be with those akin to them without being judged. Because of what they were; because of those like them they were disgusted of, a slough not to bother anyone, to ruin or contort; a pure place despite what they were and what they looked like, where they could be forgotten, like everyone else.'

But he had been late, and it felt, as if the rumors he had heard were, nothing near what he once thought of it.

A stride aside and it'd all become a matricide. She was met by one of the servants at her court, most of them being rather incapable of distinguishing naught else from what was there.

'Naught else but a kingdom of savages, just like the thrice-killed had foreseen, why should I have expected anything else?'

'Your majesty, there was never any doubt that it could be any other way. But if it may be agreed upon, will you allow us to entertain you for the hour?'

'A bold interference, but that may be allowed. I shall listen for a time.'

'Bring in the jesters.'

An utmost speckle of ruses, and empty truce, which might've come right through, if it weren't for the true, only den inside the room, the one that crawled from here and there.

Since it were to be said at least, from the various corners that came dragged, many sets, of less so aligned yet mangled, the unnecessarily blended strangers, all joined the room. Some were much, to their concern, not expecting to be mourned if killed. Most of the adorers had already taken, to their concern a plea. Angelic agony they called the drink, and every single member of the court, at least the ones that didn't stand aside. Joined, in a toast:

'To our queen, the majesty, of which grandeur, to herself arose by standing pillar, I seethe upon such passing hours such as men of this crowd who would not stop themselves or may be brought to answer for their crime.'

An announcement was to proceed, and all of the sudden every single one of them took upon their feet, this chance to rise.

'Your majesty has decided it's time for her to be heard.'

And less to her concern was there a bargain.

'Straddle one of the leads forth, we shall listen to one of the broken in the head pillars.'

‘But what is this and why has it shown itself forth inside my court?’

Not just yet, as there was a much to its life, a disturbing silence.

‘Is he part of this court now?’

‘No, your majesty, I do not believe it is.’

‘Well, then he should not be here in that case. Escort that thing out of the pillar and out of my court immediately. I will have it none the wiser to have it here with my trusted advisors, so much so therefore exposed in its presence.’

‘Very well your majesty, you majesty, the guards, perhaps?’

‘I think we are to call on a most trusted court-magi instead, wouldn’t you think so?’

‘Your majesty?’

‘Most truthful, I think it so.’

The Queen rose, stepping forth ever so ruthlessly as to remove piece by piece, tile by tile, with the soles of her feet, with only the tips until nothing of value had been heaved, only shattered in a crippling way. Spoils of the day followed soon after, or sooner, as the commanded upon them:

‘Start beating on them!’

And as soon as it was given, the pounding had begun.

A slit to the right and stumbling on, he came about, a guard and a knight, stepped in, to fight. Upon the drawing of the lance, out the shadows leaped a smaller mongrel-headed Sneer, whose face was made to disappear; knife came out, two more followed, slit, slit, slit, and plunge in the back, he came about and left to right his blade was gone. Grabbed by the fingers, gauntlet fried, poking-iron fingers melted skin-about; now they came to stare. A few inches between each other’s faces; it began, they started snarling at one another like two pitted dogs against each other, trying to beckon a bark, and come about.

Pushed in the back, an arrow crackled, he turned, the knight. His lance was split in half. One in his hand, the other horizontally staring at him, thrice cut. Some dark duck drawing out, embodied by four snakes out of which, a black substance like stars and tar, with many knight-helmets forming.

His other hand was put to use.

His Queen had ordered, and two eyes were then plunged in by his two fingers. Stripped of blood and of sockets falling; they came apart and no more stalling, after. He spat on the helm. With a red coil that dripped as well.

In the back of the room, one of the assassins fell, yelled eve:

‘Mercy lord, mercy for one who has something you should hear, what, what I have to tell.’

‘What is your order, your majesty?’

‘Let his life perish as I will it so. I don’t believe I will have him live through it, and I have not a desire to know of what he has to tell me so. Go ahead, you’ve got my command, you shall do as I say and leave him about, an inch of his dire live, for a matter of seconds. Then brutally slaughter him.’

‘You heard her, the queen’s order, slaughter the pig as she desires.’

Out of the bandit’s chest, the helmet-cartilage grew dire. Though it was a skull-thing with sockets seemingly already emerged, there was one clearer thing that could’ve been torn from him. It was the moisture that was left in. As if some of the tendons were taken and drilled in, there was no lesser thing that might be coming. No drawing forth, nothing calling him, whereas what happened, whom to see him suffer? They could not, it all happened in the dark. From the sockets some tiny blades shot out, they were dark, but rose and began pulling into them, some of the souls of the men nearest to him, but not the men of the court, instead. The ones that were invisible and beyond it, through some way not even the darkest of most lost, the darkest of a cost, and the ones that hid in the dark could avoid getting pulled into. Like some ill-defined lamp that was brought to the verge of being taken away.

‘What are you staring at now?’

‘A single defiled carcass that’s become, a plow and a drake, a serpent drawn into the helmet, whose long coily limb but four, and for the head, has become a rattling certain skin that rattles.’

‘You may end him now while he’s still ahead, you may will him to be gone whenever you please yourself next to it, whenever I call upon each one that fell!’

But the Queen was not in her right mind, first of all, she was not human and the hall she remained in, her majesty’s court was lain a few levels beneath the livable quarters. Her head was a giant crate shaped skull with a throaty lumped beam with many veins that had eight great lances coming out of it. The beam which stood in place of the many coils attached to the lower area of her head being as rounded as a scythe and even more disturbing to look at than everything that she could even draw upon. A weird-cranium create helmet with elongated blades sticking out. Not to mention that even without the presence of the others, she could not facilitate the wreathing side of those who stood beside her in a need to take something that wasn’t hers, but mine, the one that spake:

‘Your majesty, if it will be allowed to interrupt this sudden urge to butcher your pray. May I add something to your list of utmost salaciously built desires?’

‘What ought I to be doing here, I’ve taken care of, but who are you?’

‘Have I not introduced myself by now, yet?’

‘You have not and as a matter of fact, you’ve intruded upon my home and have yet to say a thing most satisfactorily, instead, you’re pacing around blindly, and you’ve yet to show a thing for that.

Should I yet consider you, as nothing else but a wild intruder? Come upon the premises of my court as to claim my life before anything could prove true?’

‘I would be pleased, your majesty, if you reckoned not to vilify me just yet. As a matter of fact, I’ve come bearing gifts.’

‘Then go ahead and display them. At. A distance.’ Her majesty emphasized the former.

Inside her head, a manufacturing belt of neuron-shaped missiles, but made out of brain matter. And pink-red orange:

‘There are crowded areas beneath them.

You’ve got my express permission to go ahead and slaughter as many of them as you possibly can, do you understand?

I grant you permission for a reason and one alone.’

‘Low-lives, there are many of them down there, beneath your court, your majesty, they’re many, and many of them are beneath themselves and their own, although that would make them even more, well and beyond laudable, as for their own merits.’

As many as a few hundred of them lay there, in place, trying to dance around the issue; it’s been too long a while since it happened, and it would take a few more hours to fix the issue. A chief-maker came out of nowhere, almost to a fault to his own character, he displayed signs of an irascibility beyond the likens of a similar but prone-to-falling mentally apart, sane man. He was a disgrace walking on dark pegs he had stolen from a broken, little seed-shaped ship that drew from across a few barely lain on top of one another, cuts, carefully placed across two derangedly wrought put together ceilings, resting just above his brow. Open accesses revealed falling apart-foam things, like shrapnel-scum drawing within the groundless hour. Mouths coming apart as if a shower of metal and of other alloys had only come to life just then; a figure was cleanly yet forcefully shot down. Bouncing slowly, as if a few paces had been taken, across one side to the other, in relation the Chief-repairer, who, by then, had already crawled inside one of the slightly raised bum-inside-a-dirt-garbage-bag hovels, in which he suddenly sunk his head as to avoid being clean cut by the variously out-wrought shaped blades the creature that had been given live from inside the wall came out of. It was a, much to itself broken in the head diseased, tall thing. Its outwardly heaved blades still attached, as brokenly as one could only find a scene, shattered after, cracked a vase, and glass remains, after rocks were heaved from there, afar. Children could be seen playing ball. But they were of no interest since they were dead, the catalyst of their destruction was a meteorite that fell apart, terminating all life but his, he appeared to be staring at him, slowly having extended a hand by the time the two of them met, ever so much closer than one would’ve expected the two of them to establish contact. And there was evil in its eyes, even though it was a primordial alloy of some, most wretchedly benign a kind. Though not in its sockets as they were not entirely presented, or preserved. His, or rather, its, as for it, and for the general likens ought to be reflected as, only appeared to be, wretchedly wrought, to look like a pseudo mongoloid-accessed, once modern man who had been coated in a thing of infinity. As a cast, or statue walking, but melted, cracking, shattering, but made to be repaired at the end of the day, just like in old Greek myths, that had been almost long forgotten, there it stood and winced at the sight. It asked, quickly enough.

‘Have you come to a conclusion at the very least? Are you to finally take a final cut that will bring an end to the growth in the lower-side of the acre-stone metal centripugator? There are men up there.

Many of them, I’ve counted at the very least, what I could only think of, hundreds, they’re in the hundreds, or in the thousands, all of them morbidly sick.

And they will be punctured soon enough as to be put out of their misery, is that? Is that truly what you want their conclusion to be?’

‘I’ve never seen a lonelier man than you, and I can still see it in your eyes even now. They’ve done something to you, haven’t they?’

The masters, your despot employers, they’ve sent you here to stop me, to prevent me from extending those people’s suffering, have they not? But you know better than that, don’t you? Because at the end of the day, they will be brought back in one way or another, don’t you pity me with those eyes; I am very much aware that if I die as well, they will take me to that dark place, to chain and shackle, where I’ll be made to jerky eerily away in my own waste as my carcass then becomes naught to be remembered or, to play with.’

‘It’s neither my concern, nor my desire to stop either them or you from doing something that could only bring their objective harm into view. I’m not under anyone’s employ, but merely on my own time. As for a desire to please myself in order to fill my guts and blood with sordidly wrought satisfaction, I’ve already peered into your mind anyhow, and it’s of little concern to me whether or not you’ll allow either of them to die off. I could not care less, if that’s what you’re after, you may as well get done with it.’

‘Even at their expense, well, then, what of your initial attempt at my life?’

‘I thought you would not simply brush it over, and perhaps I am to be blamed, partially for what’s been done, or close to it, you still have a head on top your shoulders, I should say, of that division and that derision, you’re still standing.’

‘Not thanks to you.’

‘Then fix it, and let us see whether not I will have made my choice about you.’

‘You are to kill me then, would that be correct?’

‘For a simple repairman, you’re not as dull as I would’ve thought you to be. Work, now.’

He turned towards the bum, though there were some devices in this little shroud of cogs and little frogs of metal bogs that entered the slightly hinged panel that drew from below. Although there were a few most unnaturally, hard-to-look-at, parts of this trashy bag that threw themselves, and threw him off, he was still to reach a high conclusion. As to this alone, a slight intrusion:

A scepter rose from below the pit, it was a great far after all, more than a few hundred feet as well. ‘He’s an hourly person, but he doesn’t smoke outside. Unmistakably, that’s his only, irredeemable character flaw.’ The scepter spoke. It acted like some decayed or rusted microphone, similar to the likes of an already used, barely put together, little dark machine of dreams, but in some way, it trashed around each eagle like whim as the Low-lives Scum approached.

One wore the star of Lost orbits around his hairy-one-hairy-browed line, a leash with thorns that twisted around and lost a little hair every now and then, torn apart by the incessantly pushing in overtly pressurized turbine-pin that came out of his neck. His back being like a pea-pod shape, with three lower elongated light-bulbs that glowed insanely so, a butterfly pinned like a taxidermist’s crow, by a single

vintage calligraphy pencil, a mushroom with globes of yellowish orange fluid, a giant thick-like boil and a few other growths that were on his back. The arrangement of his chitinous lumped head being impossible to note off since he bore three consecutive ones that stacked on top of one another, like a horizontally flipped armadillo with only three segments instead. Ear-pointers in the back, connected with wormy things that looked like sea-cucumber urchin cuts. And a mouth-speaker long scorpion, fat-bloated wasp-like machine drawing out, with a cylindrical end that had spherical depression in it, but, weren't fully pushed in. Whereas two antelope leg-long appendages stood for its arms, but ending in pincer-like spread growths, that were connected to drink-like shakers, not cylindrical but compressed as to be akin to two fat trash bags stacked on one another, fingerless as well. Whereas the lower 'pincer' open dome was but closer in appearance to a tube-growth hose that pumped inside the trash-bag. He would've made a fine insectoid fighter, judging by his suit, if only not for its peculiar, most defiled thing that was his giant meaty 'hand' 'hooves' that could not grab a thing.

'Cespen, wake up, the rod incubated your crazed nature in one of its growing lymphs.'

It was limping about in front of them, incapable of suturing a cloud as well. Five minutes at the very least. A few of the greeneries were made of beasts that trashed into place, many if not either one of them could've made it in part, they could've trashed not only the place, but the small hardened area on top of which eight grand remains of the lords-to-be had gathered, placing themselves on top of a little more than an ordinarily set-palace.

'The servants who live in their flattened homes reckon they shall hone a day when it will rain with cones.'

It a presentiment they shared between each other.

All living things feared the fall of the cones, ever since the bleakness poured into each and every single one of them, stuffing turkeys with defragmented solidified remains that came along, all too wretched there. One of the Low Lives pointed, back onto Cespen, right ahead, in terms of flight. A fist flew overhead, slowly trailing down, upon a near-sided landing only to be followed by another, quickly-wrought over, and then slid over to the side, an overcut and a swipe, a jab and a slap, that pulled the man back to reality.

There was a voice coming from somewhere below:

'Kikesses are fat, ugly, subhuman, neurotic, age like shit-trash, are mental invalids and their only advantage is that they're slightly 'cunning', although that also makes them mentally non-humanoid, lazy as well. Dumb-fucking, nefariously disgusting ugly-nosed kike-bimbos, high-maintenance, mongrels, who need a good mother of rape-fuck followed by a good ethnic cleansing cleaver-shot, as to pull their labia through a funnel once you're done raping her. Sub-human dumb-slut kike broad with the same mental fortitude, equal to that of a fucking nigger; it's what Jewesses are; it's clear enough that the only other sub-human kind of ethnic creature out there is a nigger woman, a negress, a sub-human monkey, although it's a saddening truth to hear their mental inferior minds could never accept the plain truth, it simply hurts them. The only thing that actually got Holocausted is Jewish pussy by other races. Same goes for the Colonialism that didn't happen either. Filthy fucking dumb-bimbo rat and monkey women! They should kill themselves, violently. No wonder kikes are pedophiles, it's most likely because of their

sub-human rat women companions, since they're not getting anything out of their relationships, they're driven to molest kids, the kikes are.

These rats ought to have been Holocausted a long time ago, fully and utterly ethnically cleansed. Their in-human blood is poisoned and the only cure is total extermination.'

It simply passed like blearing, cheerful wind.

Peculiar Things

A pair of darkened mouths, all put together in the most unnatural manner, bloated as it would come to view. From the front seen as if it had been put through a hardened coil, shot through it, in the distance to a point; a heartless thing attached to the bottom of the frame, where all incisors had been put, where all the tendons had been swollen and diseased. Put through trench and mutter-cowl. Large horn-like floating belts around it, large planetary thing, almost to a fault, too deranged to be looked at, more than a field of antennae strapped to what would seem to be a back with eighteen receding masses, large depressions thrown around, whereas they would thread and wherever they would go.

Larger things attached to a worming mass of many fruit-bloated mouths, barely put together in the most unnatural manner, a bird like epidemic following soon after, gotten through, eaten, partially-deranged, many leper's heads attached to hardened tubes, grown on top of one another like lumped together rotten fruits, skin-like protrusions following after. A system of wheels lay darkly attached beneath it, with a feverish dread following through, another follow-up with many bottom-lead intestines coming after; leading to the entrance of a gauntly-disabled organic machine with many openings drawing out of itself, getting partially eaten.

Twenty put together welded at the top of their heads unnatural dark-fidgety men, always eating out themselves, twenty more following through as they're given birth out of their disabled wombs as well as broken lamp-pints. Gritty teeth but coming after, many of them bur shaped like little flare-shooting motions thrown after, larger bodies, many buffoons wrapped around each other's collars.

Beasts, many beasts but singing as they're put together; saddened by their filth and grit, what came after such defeat:

'We are evil, we are evil, we are vile, stuck inside this place, defiled, where if naught and where to look? Where should one need be shook?'

They were incapable of bringing themselves back from where they stood. Unfathomably fat things, which spoke out of turn around the room. Since they were placed like little head-missiles that were but slightly ever-much submerged, in the place they stood right after, for what was worth, neither of them would move or get out of place, especially when not asked so, when never would they be asked. A plate of men, with large incendiary suits had gathered around them, around each corner, pushing forth. Wretchedly-chaotic thrusts against the nearest walls, there they would do the most damage as to break down and fill the jiggling forms that fell from beyond the broken-in cysts, wherever the reason for them being there, there wasn't any reason to stand.

Israel is an apartheid state that should be dissolved. Every fucking kike in it, killed. Their children raped, molested, castrated, immediately. I will personally kill as many of them as possible, going across their genitals with a scalpel as I slowly progress across their belly in a cross section-like type of progressing swirl, chopping their belly buttons, going through their innards, harvesting their organs, only to take a momentary break from it, then further more go upward, all the way to their throats, where I shall bury my hand into as I begin playing with their voice boxes. Burn down their places of worship, stab their children's eyes, hell, I might even assassinate and torture their Prime Minister just for fun. Lynch, execute, hunt down, strip of skin, kill, murder, slaughter, and butcher, behead, and electrocute their elderly. Amputate their limbs; gas them, with no wooden doors and with a real kind of poisonous gas, cannibalize them, putting them down like the animals they are. With the rest of the Jews across the world to follow right after, lynching niggers afterwards.

Gaza will become a massive kike-grave I'm going to plant every single body in, not only that but squarely shaped as I will personally make sure every little fucking dumb kike will be cut so thoroughly that they will look like recycled meat-filled trunks that will be carefully placed in a massive carefully selected zone, just like the false mass-graves of 'Holocaust' victims, which didn't happen, at all, but the debt ought to be paid in blood and there are far too many of them that have to be taken down, too many bloody parasitic kikes eating themselves and destroying other nations, that are yet to meet their reckoning. And it will come, every single one of them dead – kaput, killed slowly and made to rot in the ground, two feet under with little pucker pus growths on top of them, eaten like the diseased rats they are, as if put in ovens, burnt alive, roasted as to look like nigger women, then finally released with the rest of the fertilizer. I will also kill Sanders. I'm going to curb stomp his dumb looking Semite face after I'm done beating the living shit out of that old sacked pile of bones with a tire iron or some bricks, opening his little skull before finishing off just so I could take a peek as his Schizophrenic shrunk left behind the evolution tiny brain, I'm going to completely shatter his femur and then I'm going to put him in his long awaited grave. He's a dead man, I am going to strangle him until his eyes pop off, I'm going to shatter a glass of water and slit his saggy looking throat open, then piss in it with blood. Niggers.

Little headings, all written in marks, cut through and defiled, at last, arduously bleak, the head of a gun chamber, extending from a partially canine boy, a thing which many necks and open betterments of vile-through, whatever the reason for them being there, gotten through. Large wings cut and spread away, into pieces and out of the place they lay in. Large palaces of hardened pools; dark conceit and emptiness on the right, it was what was needed after all, the calmness of nothing inside of him. The dark canine-child bore a hole inside his guts, walked wretchedly after a line.

Many more joined with the crowd being largely mortified after within reason for what happened there, as much as it appeared, in any and beyond their own.

'Little child, you've died, have you not?'

But it couldn't answer, as where it stood, its mouth was fused with the ground, severely so, and in the most unnatural manner, it, was there.

'A moment ago, it was there.'

Inhalable plaster that hardens upon cancer-ball forming a great gable that's but split at the legs and at its horns. Laughing angelic figures, night brought to a stop, in their place, deadly put together batons and baboon monkeys without legs.

The ball was but given birth to by one of the many pass-through gobbled incisors, with them having pierced through the already messed through bellies of transparent blighters. A dashing light of absent light seemed to delve around the place where they stood. As soon as they started munching through the thick jerkiness that stood between them and what seemed to be, apparently an endless fall from the peaks around the towers, they began charging again, having given birth only as a sad attempt at preservation, being rather damned to begin with as they would only started chewing themselves off and again, walking on a gait when they weren't setting each other off in flights, always searching an entry through the first and through the last empty solaces they would set themselves in before they would start again. It was the only reminder that those who bled died as thoroughly as they could. Little more than calciferous remains attached to their talons, as one should remarks the hooks attached to their heads, the perilous hardenings that came again and again, then stopped in place, they would but dance in air, never taking as slight of a break before they would devour each other again. Nothing to lay upon and nothing but a broken nest, spread around chests of open-pouring out defiled and salaciously spread-apart eggs shells from their empty little worm containers, always but a pure thing left in their wake. Gnawing on the yellowish porous loins, they but set themselves as bastardly as they would, before rubbing it in, and then the joy of losing one another came back.

Largely defiled pompous child-like creature with infantile, wrapped-around the back of the neck tendons drawing near onto his pseudo-winged antennae that draw them out, like little forks extending out of the main-body frame as they form lightning-rods, with the exception being, the tendon-hoses but pouting and pushing out of them most peculiar sting-like shape-upon the initial money-shot like motion of filth-girt an unnaturally formed pool that would not stop drawing and fumigating as it's become but hardened for the little time It's allowed to stand in place. Large growths around the head of a giant-gait walking legged shapes that appear to come out of the open-mouths that are put below the main trunk. Armless but never as deadlier than one could produce such an unnatural thing, two more joints forming a triangularly-deformed tiny mesh of many limbs-coming, out of the chest, in the chapped-in form of a single disc that's pushed out. Little more than the horn of the west, weeping out of it, as the images but curve and long-protrude out of themselves, always and without a cause. Cuss-like motions coming from a floating mouth; but stopped before a pucker that's but filled in with as much as it could be allowed within the hour, twenty flying little lobe-shapes with strange formations that could not be explained, twenty little more around them, all within reason, all within the realm of death-masks but humanoids could not be used to get ahead. They were little more, and little pegs and little wonderingly wretched. Its peculiarly strung-forth motion-lynched. It's how they were set in flight, as if there was a constantly moving motionless trunk of a tree; always paining itself to near the other things. As much as a few more than a hundred dead-pints were trenched in and made to be broken within the hour; always bastardly trying themselves to push out of the weird-mechanical motions they were set in. Thumper-like motions actioning the joints themselves, as to wreathe the disc in and out until it could no longer be controlled, always drenching itself with what seemed to be the hour of the Lord.

Whom, to speak about the mad creation which it alone was unnaturally so, that crested thing that was uncanny, that wretch of wretches that could only sink themselves as to push forward and inward, there

was no stop to the malignancy and the vileness of it, and most importantly it lived in an apartment, contorted from anything vulgarly abstract as to look like an unnatural thing instead, a punched-in wreathing object with nothing more in mind and nothing more but the plodding of the charts, all of which were there in plain of sight.

Large, unnaturally set things, concavely so, as if they were only drenched for only a few hours at a time. Largely clotted forms, embroidered along a long-stretch of many nasty things put around a construction ledge as the inner form could be seen, every side of it but being shaped as to be the entry from one side to another.

‘I’ve seen him come onto me. A little more than a moronic speck of blood that was perched upon the specs of my little hormone-breather, though I could not have foreseen it so.

Blocks of blotched meat alongside their etched curves, moving along; nothing was worse than that. What it looked like, a wretched defiled weapon that could no longer move from its place.

‘A botched job indeed, it had been with twenty perilous wretched elongations getting through, as many as eighty-five connected rod coming out of an unnaturally deformed little vein of racks.’

Enough of the barely ledged forms.

Wretched fists but moved on their own, like little rockets thrust against blimp-pounded chests that came out their shells and holes. Crested chest upon which met the blow cracked no longer, instead shattered as if not even a finger lay whole, lain and spread across the rancor, the trauma that followed after was but ten times fold, as width and breadth of hammer blow. Depressing in as to be the cause of bleeding; what followed after was but a strong mirage. Stones being shattered upon a falchion’s bolster as it but hardly grazed each side of his petulant metal robe, as it became from hole to hole and never met as for any blow that followed after as one could know of little while as to have been defiled even before their duel started. It was a miss. Neither of them knew of petty way nor of fist. Of endless distraught they knew each other as they would be allowed, each fist meeting another.

Wretched, wretched, wretched blow, it could not be stopped. No break would be taken, no one could dismiss that by any means, never to forget any mean of laceration that would split their sides, not to be met by such kindness as to be too plain. Pick and slit and not to lose a bid too soon, Primordious-Son but took aback by his own action had but slit a wrist and turned it into a nastily put together fist that followed through. It could not be gotten, nor wasted by any means, not to be lost by any mean, alas, they stumbled onto plain.

Acts of incineration, with little more than a relentless alteration to the source of strength, utmost bizarre; strength uncanny, torn upon the hour, followed. Dreadful by any means of the words as they were but set on attempting to create such hurt upon their bodies as to serve the reminiscence of much more distrustfully caught wretch.

Wretched hidden abode made of many interlocked sides that cannot stand in place regardless of the control they’re set in, always dreading a second more, lost as if they’re actually malformed and set to last, dreadfully standing aghast. Large-push through cylindrical formations, contorting into eight heads that push out into two adjacent room’s corners, from the upper side of the wall, there being a hole, cutting

through both rooms; being shaped in this manner. Ivory-color PVC pipes that immediately curve left and right, that is to say only the first two that are to meet the corners, a few meters away from the initial wall where they started, then pushing down as to be only a few meters off the ground, seen from above, they would look like two lines leading to both sides of the nearest walls until they curve against, stopping at the dead end-in front of the wall they're set in front of. If one were to ignore the long two pipe illusion that would be made if it were seen from the top of the ceiling, as if one man would stand on top of them, from where he stands, as if he entered through the hole where they came out of, he would see an 'L' that's been rotated ninety degrees clockwise on the left, as well as an 'L' that's been rotated ninety degrees clockwise on the left then flipped horizontally or mirrored. The other two resembling two submarine visors put next to one another. Yet there's a huge difference between the two of them as the submarinevisors would directly touch the ground as opposed to the first two who are placed like wagons beings almost forced to a stop by end of the road, in a train station. Seeing the first two would be much easier if two circles were to be drawn on top of the top pipes as to see where the large drop or the downward pushing protrusion leads to. Storage containers inside the wall-for those attached to the wall in the same direction all four of them come out of while the other two are but inside the ground. The room being heated by a strange device that's but releasing steam through a pair of grated holes beneath the floor, for some reason it all needs to be heated or kept at a temperature, or even through it, it needs something beyond the normal room temperature it's being heated to. Circles-drawn, possible grated as well, or at the very least used for the disposal of the liquid or the unnatural materials, unwanted chemicals, or solid things that entered what's being pumped in and out. Another set of circles, this time overlapped on top of one another, outside the room, still seen from the same perspective of a man whose entry came from the same direction. Leading down, from where the 'materials, objects or the mass is being taken from'. Behind them, above- the region around the hole where the four pipes meet and go forth, two ellipses, two-holes in the upper pipes, where they're connected to another set of longer pipes from where two long pumps push the liquids forward, then draw back. Irrelevant thing if some of the liquid gets drawn back on their way, since there's another disposal unit behind and below them, perhaps more than a few grated holes through which they could fall in. Could get clogged, but the ones in the front are meant for something. Unequal distribution of mass gotten through both sides if pushed all the way through. Pumps incapable of being pushed all the way there. Two small belts perhaps, inside the two upper pipes, in front of the grate-holes that interconnect the upper and the lower pipes, the key being that they're only connected inside the room, not outside and only the upper pies bear the bands or the conveyer belts while also being the only ones that have the ellipse holes through which the pumps enter through. In which case there's no longer any possible use for it if liquid is involved. Perhaps sedimentary stone or similar objects, larger chunks being put on the bands, while the smaller fragments being pushed through the grates and inside the wall containers. In which case, there's only one problem, stoppers for the area where the ellipses meet the upper holes, as to block the further advancement of the holes. In which case, large air-pumps in the lower-pipes, if the rocks or the refined materials are being lead through the upper pipes, in that case, the lower ones would be empty. Wouldn't work, if it were to be employed, by any means; a failed experiment if anything. Large disgusting creature of meat-like volatile liquefied thing but pushed and put through, until it will have gone all the way in every possible corner of it, feeding itself with the cut-through parts of its body as it's but being constantly cut and made to waste.

A dreadful abomination, a large impish thing with four legs, a primitive four centaur body, all humanoid matter meeting in the middle, contorting into a giant stalk of meat, at the top of which a giant spear-like

shaft of chitin protruding out. Almost polygonal, four sides, where four eye-shaped flipped vertical eye-shaped holes draw out large-lower bodied-contorted umbilical-like shaped, figures of the past that recede, then step out of the holes taking a new appearance every single time; that is to say they don't change clothes but rather look like strange figures like Marc Anthony, or Pompeii, or Augustine, so on and so forth, always contorting until no longer capable of doing it. Impish reason being the burnt-like skin that's been placed around and made to be the last thing that could be seen after. Large almost obscure-like patches being grown all around their bodies, as they but dig deeper into the ground with their mole-like feet-pincers that contradict their nature, since the creature is neither a plant form, nor does it have a reason to do it in the first place.

Capricious chamber but inside of a barely cut-through goat-horn that's been forced to heave through the insides of a single gate. Attached to it, yet standing a planetary like globe marching into place. A deranged like acre like platform made to float around them put around a band with little to nothing to its head, more than twenty or forty at the very least, unnatural belts with diseased formations coming through them; coming out of every place, a face-like masquerade dancing and prancing through, guttural noises being made, as soon. As it could be gotten there, a mold of many faces made as to fly everywhere until their peculiar cat-inside-a-cloak manner is but brought to some disease. Plain-like matter coming appearing, going at the same time in the cut-like access cut by a giant forceps device through which they entered.

Unnatural device like the base of a whip going down like a bent-down water like hose pushing in.

Deformed sack that's been put together as to bear stitches from a side to another, looking as if it were only a single big bag-sack that's been ripped off entirely then attached to a patch of other linen like material that's been shot around, and put through a pit of leaving out and leaning in dirt; giant from the sight of it, bearing at the very least a few dead-pigeon bloated holders put through it, bashing out as if it were a child kicking in its mother's womb. A large helmet wrought of peculiar paper-like machetes wrapped round one another as if formed in an origami pattern floating above the sack. An opening tat, around the mark, forming a curved at the top t of great hollows-moving spots that seem to be empty inside yet appear to be full every now and then as shapes spread and come around, every now and then, pushing into every possible direction, yet still in the confines of its helmet's insides. From both sides of the helmet rose, like two unnatural sprays of hose', like springs that give birth to a body that's lost, then for a single moment, it blew around, then lo', it formed but two ivory spreads, a frozen river that's but fallen through around, then put back, within its place. At the ends of body giant horns, which go even deeper than the never-touched floor left by the sack stand two giant punching-gloves like shapes with two almost lion-like statuesque figures made out of various anthills rotations and other dark-skin cuts that were put together after they were lead to the point where they opened their mouths. Both of them bearing barf-like made protrusions, like fading spears with bead-like eyes frozen in place. The helmet but rotating above the put together sacks as if it were its protector, leading it to a castle that was peculiarly shaped; a vertically inverted boot, flipped and made to stray and as if lodged in it as from the area where the toes are placed, to the area where the arcs are set, a giant half-moon-like shape, molded with the rest of it, bearing itself even higher than it might, around its ugly rearing head. A single giant eye looking in the opposite direction, sculpted in. Giant elongated tube-like pipes drawing out of its mouth as if they were in actually but an outspread outstretch of a bile-forest reeling out of the body then again in. Where the shoelaces might've been no lay but anchored to the ground almost arachnid like legs that stretch and fall,

and loom about and almost never fail to spread away. Fall over-through perches and beech sheet of mosquito wings saddled through and fallen as soon as they would be allowed. Before long during their unnatural journey, the Sack and Helmet came about and were greeted by no more than one peculiar beast. Of which twitching fragmented face was but a helmet of many dead-like put through hems, a giant sphere chest but holding the ends of a root that's but put through its heads many ugly rearing standing roots and vines and things alike, many little hedges that pushed. Spindly butterflies would crook and move from in-between. Large Legs, like half scissors from the point where they start, curving around and kneeling down as to form large beds shapes footholds, all within reason they would drag, the many heads but rearing within the hour and just about every place, in and about, seemingly during such a disquiet, as to be torn. A convoluted organic device inside of its gut, that it bore, reared back out like a metal detector, trying itself within the hour, as to prevent the many reeling in and receding infections that would follow otherwise. Some of them being carried above it like floating frozen puddle-drops with a weird organic larvae-sting shaped to the side of it- such were the speech containers that spoke for it and would move from every possible direction as to bring the dark knew from where they were left. Ahead of them, once the mouths stopped talking. Headbag but seemed to creep and tilt itself around and in. For the time that even came before it, they would know, and would show signs of domestication, laceration on self, the many jaws and teeth but rummaging around themselves as they but pushed in and out, releasing coils of blood that tainted around the place as a reminder that it was time, again to draw in the skin-tumor flayer-like contrivances of spider-like access floating drops they created by the simple push-through motions gotten through by breathing them out like smoke rings.

From the distance into flight, another servant of the moonboot-reel in mouth-pipes came in, this stone corner, an edge taken from some long abandoned no longer filled grand canyon appeared out of nowhere, and seemed to seep in and out and about the hour, the lower zone being flaccidly exposed and dripping down like jelly or at the very least pushing down in, the lower end of a mushroom's base, that's pushed through nothing else but a shell, as if it were but a great sea-roach, as they were to be called, a small pucker-mouth face shape but pushing out a great-cone of metal like the end of a lance but thinner and thinner until at its end, as if walked upon the great stretch of a ledge, it could finally be seen. Need it be reminded that black-coil roped worm-like veins wrapped around the great spear would draw to the great end at its tip, filling it as if it were in actuality a great blimp, yet it could be nothing else but the organ that's been trying itself over and over again. This strange almost lanced galleon whose hooked a great inflating mass, a seal-like thing at the end but made it look like a mad creature set in flight that could no longer be disparaged as forget where it had come about or from around the hour in which it sunk in, farther into the ground, where others like it had come to see what happened around them, long before either one could be called. A great arm-shape with four finger-like fences stretched, darkened and limp, dragging itself from a corner where many dark limped creatures like itself seemed to be hanging in. Every now and then one of the mushroomspeared galleonlanced creatures would but thrown some of the inflated meat that they immediately managed to grow back as if nothing happened at all. It is necessary not to look down upon the ones on the ground who are doing their very best and most headingly hard, as to open their sides like giant plane doors from which the many extending hands and arms and chomping heads would but devour whatever they could in their way at last. From the very come to be of every mouth end pushed at least eighteen, or would be harpoon-launched livid-skin shaped gun-wrought sling shot-like rubbery forms bearing the eye-like giant gallbladder-kin ball outside them as they would fight one another since many of the giant stove-skin darkly bloated fence-arm at the left end, as they were closely akin to

mammals than anything else but fought one another for the meat they received, being incapable of holding back against anything and anything at all if they were to be thrown and cast against them, when the time drew on. They were being watched as well as the moonboot sent after them, a giant pair of put together if seen from the front, or from the main point of focus crystal cysts, which were almost two dimensional like, if the one at the top protruded out of the head of the second one, bearing a large organic snake-like tent form in which the lower crystal but seemed to have melted into, contorting itself as for every hair that came out of the tent. Both crystals being unnaturally colored in a red like valet-drive your convertible to the parking spot kind of way if he is finely tipped for his service in case the man didn't cheapen out with the change and what not and gave him a bill instead; or a crimson-dark splatter of violet on top of it, if someone put blue and some green-blue on it.

Some of the people who lived inside the moonboot were insane and inanely prodigious in the way they seemed to beat around the brush, and beat about the first of the ones that fell out of place.

There was a long elongated tablet that looked like a bridge, every verse but pushing out of it, forming pseudo sheets that were empty between the lines; like a table if it were turned around, until this detail could be observed. Within their reach and grasp but a giant cocoon-like shape being surrounded, wrapped, put through and caressed, as if the words were its silken robe, with which it spoke at last only through words.

Regardless of it, strange beings lived inside the moonboot. They were like weird peculiarly weirdly set things with little dead-antlers in their eyes and feet who had boots in their chests and lodged inside every side of their bodies as well as everywhere else, until no spot was unsafe or allowed to breathe in and out and reel about the dead-empty spots they were set in, large dark antennae-forms threading around with little glowing star-like patterns that were spread around the air, glowing like light bulbs that were almost shaped and moved in the same manner.

Large concave shapes pushing from a bee-hive formation that's set on two sides like two pulsating bounce against walls, against which it stands and wallows in the air, like ceramic bubbles following through, set against what seems to be ratio-like push-through devices, with elongated arm-holders but pumping inside of them as soon as they're allowed to wallow in. Dark breathing organs following them-set like interlining inflated hornet abdomens that are also present inside the dark machines that lay on the ground. The main machine being a dark drive-through kind of vehicle, or an in-market workable shelf carrying deposit plower with two elongated arms holding the hives like giant, far more bloated saw blades. No cockpit like chamber for any living being to enter but a tortoiselike shell that's but painted to look as if it bears many falling red asteroids on top of it, and on the side, connected to the main body as it but pushed through, opening at the middle, forming a great circles, that opens like a hovel gate where hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of human-like faces could be seen, all singing and pushing out mosquito-lamps that spit acid-formed cars that ride towards the wild animals they hunt. From inside the constantly shaken and relentlessly bumped hives, but millions of flocks of tiny specks of light released as they follow through, trying themselves as they but enter through the first entry point of little more than a hundred dead fellow that wait on cue to be eaten once they're done.

Unnaturally deadly formed pouch-holder with larger than the many body of plain but put together dark heads put through, much worse than followed and taken apart. Wing-spans of dark breaking musk-filled broken vase-cut shark-bloated pins that drew from inside a larger pouch-like flattened head-thrust in

which it hid most of the others; with a blinding thing can't focus on anything kind of way, drawing again when needed to eat; pouting spheres that are blue and sparkle yet float like candle-lit behind them. Large palm-tree shapes little pegs walked upon by barrel lower body form.

Tlikle

He appeared out of nowhere, like a bulb-basin, a torpedo-fist but pushing through, broken ribs, below them, the gut-openly cut came to spill on the floor, but there was no blood, pointedly blue-whitish as it became only the closest he would get to killing him. On the floor where he bled, a second body appeared, first it looked as if it was made of mass, compiling itself on the many put together bodies of ants that followed through as well, one on top of another, until the mount but disappeared then he appeared standing, as if prepared. Now the fight was joined and jointed, two against one as well, desperately contorted as to look at one another, face-to-face and closer to the eye. Even closer as they were cutting the distance, the two of them began taking the man head-on. The guard was raised and just as soon as he stood, two and two more punching through, kicking and striking as if a tantrum thrown and followed after as to forget everything that fell upon them.

‘Corker, put him down, before he take a wind.’

Elmer grabbed whatever he could, a strip of air, as sharp as teeth, he sliced and just as soon they were hanging down their arms, incapable of thrusting ahead, harder and harder as it had gotten, he couldn't point himself anywhere then where he stood, it was too shallow, he couldn't and wouldn't understand, who would? Where'd he got and what happened after? Where has he been for the hour?

He returned now, with a halberd pincer encased pair of masses that were added just as well to the main-cast, he charged about and followed through. And was but pure disease that came as through; cutting through their bacteria immune bodies as if they were made to survive the worst of the worst, and following through at as much of a cost, they sang.

‘Will you, will you let go of us as follows? Don't cut us down and let us see a day tomorrow.

Can't you see that we're unarmed?’

And it was true as such, all of their hands and arms were down all sliced, the four of five of them that appeared as well, with the exception of one, even though they all came from the same bloody pool that was stale. It followed after, it was dark, a giant heart-shaped formation could be seen forming on the ground right before the other ones could push through and set themselves before the gallows, they asked again, keeping the fair distance. Or had tried any other way before they were truly put down and disallowed to do anything they could, right around.

‘Here, I make you lay before me and I shall convey no more though.

I choose not to put you down entirely, for I have bested you.’

Yet right about the time he turned, many of them but pulled whatever blade and whatever they had inside, hidden in their limbless-holes- the stumps, utmost tubular pints and other sharp things that followed, were

they to stab any other way, and would follow through and would convey just as much. And would watch and cowardly like a woman they all acted, trying their best, but with a single swipe Elmer Fandlekler but swoon and made them drown and seen as through in time to watch and follow through as on benign watch as to follow when the time would approach, when ancient day but came after, he could not stay hand and would but reproach.

And after the battle was over and what was done and brought about and would to be gone, there was something else that's been beaten through, as if to follow by ancient means, of town right after he left the pit and would to follow, cast himself into another pit, this one but different the sage, whom to account for him like any man but had him walk back on when they cast.

Upon the day he had lost and never brought himself to those whom lain by laden grave.

Around his house but following along there, stay.

His wife of any man that come through, to banish them until his return; upon son of which stature grew and upon competitor as admonition lay, he cast himself and flew through, his heart contended, now that he met him lay. In front of him, not better than something as well, would he say.

'I've come upon grave danger and danced upon such shallow lay.

I've come upon such spirits as may not be known by none and mighty man, I beseech you that you listen dire son. For I have stumbled upon graven spirit, bold, upon the specter of your mother in her dire need to lay and run.

When there and thence invader fading, when and past she fled away as well, when the time had flown and shallow through and after, I cannot remember, right, the way.'

'Father, you must know I've counted, for every minute since you have departed, for as long as you've come and past, for as far away as you've put yourself in place of which would not resound, I whom hears and whom has been there. Before you have departed I knew what future lay, for man upon man would fall, and cast aside as son, no son of mine have I yet born, no mouth to feed either, now I come and stumble upon tear.

I fear that there might not be anything left to say for I know that your life nears such ends, I know there might be nothing to remember after everything is done and said, but let me cast whichever glance, allow me to cast upon you such a thing as there's a must.

I seek a dire thing that is composure, to such a nature as there is a must. I seek a need to cast upon a glance, there is, but only a need to be brought and left behind. My heart yet yields and cannot be dumb-founded in such traitorous approach. Somewhere in the distance where I brought here, lay a single crevice, where you shall come forth and meet met as such, for everything that cast thee beyond and upon return I shall watch and lift naught to stumble yet to fall.

I seek only to be put down for I have grown to be cowardly and wretched in disgust. My distrust for man was brought my fear and such curse shall ever run amok. I've come to cherish and to trust disease during a time the wretched crone was come.

For she has told me of my doings, wrong betrayals and of evil days, and she had pointed at my swaying nearer when my kind was underway; though I have tasted battle I fell to it, and was brought to be treated and only have thinned the numbers of our clan. I've got to claim such lives, as calamity would decline and I'm but plain, to see for you, unworthy of such name to burry, of little to no future to be afflicted, of anything that would cause me to be weary. As such I seek no war and no battle no more, I seek not to be treated as I will not be poisoned anymore. But father, you must know that since you've left, you've turned your back from your son and now I lay as such, made to be wretched, I see no reason to point and see, whatever there might be, now I come to be, prolonged no longer, my life shall not be spared by nothing and not a single moment longer.'

He spoke and just as they accounted for relic of day and such thing as could be conveyed, they but followed through with such disease, and would to be, they found the treacherous place, where they soon but came to play as follows:

'Son, you've brought me under snow-willow a tree. You've come to such desperation as no man should follow as to see, you've come to do and cry as such and claim such lives and never to be put through must and claim, you see the reigns around by throat yet there's nothing more in light that your eyes convey, but the pity for such deeds, for what you've come and stumbled upon and then you but blame me. For that I'll be no butcher as you may come to know, I've come to bring such means, a sword, whatever means there might be, at last.

Against me you shall know only fear if you show such fright, if you are to be put down, you must as the very least come and lay upon such fight.'

'But lo' father, I am weak and no willow may change and no coming of the summer might allow me to shove and stay and go my way if I am to take and claim such life there is, although I've known you as it follows, there's no end and there's no peace. I've known as little and would've known.

No longer do I blame you, but I shall commit such acts, if I to follow, to claim your life as that my own. Yet long before that were to follow, I will have cast this world in dark and were to me I would but spread terror and were to be as such. No longer would maiden walk alone, and no longer would man lift his blade, or sword, or axed handle, or yet to hagggle, for all is right, for everything that would be cast, and all that would be lost, and everything within my lonesome realm were it as a must might follow:

I will claim their lives in desperation and poison everyone for the need of crone, as desperation. For I see, even now and yet to claim, you're changed, aren't you father? I see it in your eyes.'

'I see it in your eyes as well, it is the plague, the plague I see. The Bubonic destruction that comes from the South, you've yet to bring it to your mother, as you have brought it yet to me.

And what is there to be held? You're but still standing even though you're but afflicted as well. What of secret is a must?'

'A cure there is but I've cast it at the other end of a well and it may never be found.'

'Therefore will you not fight me yet?'

'Try lifting up the swords your dropped or have you not noticed it?'

‘I know where I lay, but will you not spare an old man, will you not fall for such tricks again even if done on purpose as if to remind, and to remember me of a great time, when I was still in youth, before the change was underway, when I still had a chance as follows to lay claim upon all that I desired?’

‘Father, I’m afraid not, and just as such, I have indeed but true to myself have lied.’

With which he lifted dark-a-robe and claim to be he showed the old, and many scars that had been amassed and many changes that would cast even the direst of men to what happened, and for what was seen therefore and beyond, to realize that this was yet a dying man. All were but taken unkindly before their chance was to come yet.

Anthlechorkin

Clockwork made out of bottled tools, and baboon like appliances put together before they even came to shape and before they could even draw away from where they’re standing, always pointing themselves in whichever direction.

Large floor paddle that’s but set eighteen miles up front, where it’s slightly raised a few feet above, then a second time a few meters away from the second rising spot, leading to a cohort of noises being produced out of dumbbell shapes discs that are put around phonograph machines around the room, many of them being completely set and aided by what seems to be an unnatural bunk-bead flying creature yet whose lower body shape is caught.

Dark lamp-shaped top of the, what was left of him; it was a mold of a mold, a rat of a rat, an oyster for an oyster, and most importantly a sad thing that was brought to them. As in the empty hall:

‘This is it, you’re not going to wake up once you take this pill.

Are you still willing to make this choice?’

‘I am old, worn-out, a waste of breath. Why should I live in pain? Why should I suffer?’

‘It’s because allowing this to happen. If we allow you to die, that means, we’ll make unwanted allowances to every single one whose desire is a must.

You’re in pain but so are others, much younger than you are, whom are forced to live. It is no mercy that we ask of you this; consider this.

Every single action we made over a long and longer period of time has finally taken its toll. You were a fighter in life, you’ve earned this right, yet you must consider as such. This will not bring you the happiness other seek; just a gateway to death, nothing more and nothing less, that is not for you to cross but for them.’

The old man carried a long chain that seemed almost tied around his chest, pumping. He looked back. Many more men, children and some creatures were there. Not all deaths are equal, and some of them are mostly deserved, especially when it came to some of them.

‘Acid-Horse, you have been shot.’

‘What happened?’

It could barely figure out what was going on, since he was profusely bleeding out of his mane, out of the back of his spine and every other place. This was to be a bastardly place to end in.

‘I don’t know, but. You’ve been with someone, have you not?’

‘I tried helping her escape and that, that.’

‘Shhh, it’s all right now. I’m not going to let you die just yet, not yet.’

I know it’s rather painful now. I’m sorry if I must ask you this, but.’

The kind stranger was but silenced for a moment, right before the Acidulous Horse-sack holding entity had but appeared. Horxin was it, for a grand this it was, bubbling, undulating itself with a malignant thing that spread around. It was there for a moment, right before it came out of shot.

It seemed to appeared just every now and then, with the couch-like head but rotating the bell-barrels as the acid was being mixed before he could even realize what was going on.

‘I have finally stumbled upon you in dream, in lucid death I’ve come to bring you such release as there is, a worthlessness as there’s never been before.

You are to be released from this suffering now that the time draws on, no longer to be placed in the holding cell that seems too steep as to completely force your feet to stumble, as for this pain it shall finally be brought to an end.

I am to bestow upon you the greatest gift of all, the means that may save you from the dangerous perils that the likes of filthy unwashed female barbarians have inflicted upon this world; the gift of caustic acid, with which you shall never fear and you shall never come to stumble upon death again and you shall only come to enact the means of destruction when I claim upon you do ordain but no soon after.’

To which he agreed, and from that point on the Acid Spewing Horse was but given birth. Sewing rose, finally erect, now he went ahead and wherever he claimed and wherever he went he had but taken such grace as there was to but spew acid on the face of whoever was there for him to enact the means of destruction upon.

But lo, there stood forth, a destitute thing that ought to have been punished, and claimed.

Yet the matter of the day required things that could not be simply convey for what looked that there, guts were clogged and seemed to be, always in part and looking gloomily from the darkest corners of the forest where there stood, spraying the lands like a disease that couldn’t nor should be taken down, nor taken any longer for what was worth and what stood down, upon it.

Darkly uprooted top of the hills, like molars winged upon disease, with unnatural looking ropes jostling about, with many bacterium-clusters but lumped, they started vomiting pure-disease, pushing through and pouting as they pleased, unnatural in every sense, dense but hardening as they would embrace the

deathless ones that followed after, whom held by whatever else they could, darkly set to be bit after as they feared what they misunderstood. Lumps of high-barons, little darkly tops of heads, as if they were cut, these high-figures were put on top of broken black-reddened stove-like bodies, with the pipes of lead inbreds, pushing through to father ends, they followed after the filthy dead, those whom were but nasty bodies, but behind them the Barons saw their high-ledges legs contrasting as if they were, pieces of their own, put inside the lower bloated bodies they walked on top off. Like hinges, bolts there were, holding the peculiar body-like leg shape that walked and dragged ahead uncannily until no longer could it push ahead. It was torn, the breather. He was aghast, he opens his mouth and sings of dust.

‘Pleased, oh pleased I am of such remarks, I seek to become what others, at last have failed to see in me, I’m bastards aware, there’s nothing boiling in my single-boils but one and one that’s nastily aware.

I’ve been brought to the mouth of peril, envy, darkly wrought in agony. I seek but jostling justice that I may see again.’

He was contorted, his eyes were swollen and moistly worth it, taken by the cowl of the foolish thing he were; what was brought to his mind and what was there. It was bloated and had many teeth.’

‘Who were his parents?’

‘They were good folk and good people, yet I must distrust as such, I am confused all of the time.’

And thence they spoke of evil day of what was wrought behind them and what had least of all convey through all the wretches of the earth could be.

Of what was brought before them and everything that could be seen.

‘A wretched creature had yelled as thus, she had come from the darkest corners she could’ve come out of, a nasty thing, moist like her teeth and her beef, she were, and would to be, yelled and yelled and skewered a man with empty thoughts.

That is what those filthy women are alike, they are mischievously vile, and would act on impulse most of the time.’

‘And what have you done? Have you considered being petty and claim her life upon the will?’

‘I’ve not done such a thing at all, good man of the tenders’ walk. For she was but strolling a baby into her walker, alas. I was but force to walk away and say no word.

But I have been made aware, despite her insults that it is to their nature to just soil and make spoil whenever there’s a man pass, for their own jaundice and joy whenever they must. And for that reason I seem to think and know that whenever there’s a chance to do it, one should better but take a plow and put one into early grave.

Not even kindly but with a hammer and make it slowly, bash her head in, spring her eyes out, flip the tip around and pull out her nails one by one, have her suffer from time and time again until she begs you to stop and after that keep going at it until she shouts.’

‘Good fellow, is that not a bit of an exaggeration? I’m certain you’ve done something to anger such a fiend.’

‘It was the way I was dressed, I haven’t realized that such a thing would make one scower, be repelled as thus, it never crossed my mind. Whenever it be among men, I wouldn’t have found it fit to bring any notice, but this had happened only once, with a woman, that is.’

‘And you simply bent your spine and changed?’

‘What could I do then? Continue in such direction as there were?’

Well, I have to admit that in my place I’ve done many acts of unkindness upon them as well, so what’s fair is fair, isn’t it?’

‘It certainly is.’

They were both then showered by one of the flying top-of-hills shaped beings and immediately decayed. Theirs was a song unsung.

Weird peculiar dreaded figures with head-like cemetery shaped at the top, with little more than giant worm-shaped tombs but sprouting in and out as if they were in actuality corpses in hiding.

Dreadful tower with little more than a few hundred levels all stacked on top of one another. With the tops being made growth from left to right and in the surrounding areas, like little puffs of heads-pillars in a little more than a few miles off the coast of the bloated-in country that’s around the pastel surroundings, from the looks of which unnatural dark heads but put through a gutter-like appearance with no more than eighteen molded into the main structure kind of strange surrounding. As if they but bowed and put their hands around a little shrine.

Llothlikheran was but a one of the eight beasts that were put down, put together in a cluster of many barely attached-more unnatural to touch, dark deviation of mammal-like shapes that were sharpened at the top as to be completely mated with a funnel, the large tube but entering and coming through the other end where its growth had grown and gotten to such proportions as to look like many put together cities, all of which were grown and shoved and made to grow until they became large, unnatural many face-shapes for faces, coming out of larger prehistoric animal-like neck that grew out of the cities until they had become their own beings, darkly of matter and unnatural to look at from that point on, growing in what might’ve been the strangest part of astral like beings that could be put together from that point on. Stomped faces with reed-in and out heads that could no longer be put-through the ground-vortexes that are fashioned in the insides of the dark spherical matters of the bubbling air-formation as well as the pseudo-land projections that are coming from, respectively the ocean, water, wells and the ground which are but projected as to make it seem like the entire land cannot stand the existence of the being yet in their unnatural state are but trying themselves to put down the creatures that are sprouting from the main city mass as to finally escape from it. As the end of the other side of the funnel, the inwardly buoyancy-like appearance it but turned inwardly as to make it seem like a giant bouncy organ was inside of it but it got shot against the opposite end as opposed to being shot forwardly like a peashooter, of which pea all of the sudden upon being released from the insides of the claustrophobic tunnel, it would grow and reach unfathomable masses such as the likes of an explosion that resulted into forming a mushroom cloud,

being aimed inwardly as to finally grow from that point on at the other end where the heads emerged. Seen from the side, Llothlikheran would look like a Fat One, or a nuclear missile, a fat bomb, aimed at the right side, at the tip of which a non inflated flaccid balloon would emerge, having been, in actuality a balloon filled with many buildings all wrapped and put on top of its every side and every few centimeters. Some pseudo wings could be seen on the Fat One, but those being more vestigial bits, undeveloped. Large tube-like submarine visors emerging from the flaccid-balloon, bearing those nastily deformed heads that would make one think of rather unnaturally set little house tops or small conical Pilgrim hats, or even sprouting spores or mushrooms by the looks of them. Transparent land formations appearing just about them and their surroundings, trying to contain their wretched stings and highly fancied sharp teeth and unnatural to look out incisors and other darkly set chompers, all that would be barely set and barely put together. The beast known as Llothlikheran would take unfathomably dark appearances as its skin would darken and grow more violent, more outlandish looking, far sharper features than it should be allowed, darkly set as to scratch everything that's been set to them and even worse than that, dark breed follow-through, an agony that couldn't be forgotten through, and by the fog.

A hardened fog by the name of Gigs Dsaul, but made to look like multiple harpies song, harps making sounds and high pitched as in woman-wench raped by a man kind of sound, unless want to sleep with me kind opposite whimper instead, all added to a little more than puffy ill-defined illustration of a cloud that's been put together and made to unnaturally aid itself as if furthermore made to spread around the lumps, as large eight-in long-line curved iron formations that bear the general resemblance of miriapod bodies or beaded-segments coming out of the ill-defined violently spoiled almost space-like clouds of darkness that slowly becomes organic in the beaded-antennae they produce.

Deformed large bile of largely deformation of unnaturally set flat-thing with little growths on top of it; looking like a giant pencil-rabbit hybrid seen from below, contorted around, as if thrown inside a watching machine while impaled by a cylinder while constantly rotated as to become a dark kebab- boiled from inside out until its body but becomes completely spoiled by the unnatural state it is in.

Before long they began again, raising their hidden limbs and long protruding and pouncing like little wild animals drawing air.

And whom else could forget about the long emulation of head-basins that sunk inside their plain shrouds and unnatural open guts?

They walked in part and followed through and watched about the hour.

I loathe butterfly, butterflies. If I caught a butterfly, the butterfly, I would smash it. Smash her head in, I would pile a bunch of jackhammers down her throat, and split her cunt and make do with my cock up her urethra. Butterflies stick together, that is disgusting and disturbing and it's something I'd like to stop, with a strange tool. Butterfly killing machine with large, ironically phallic objects that are sharpened as to cut her split-open as they enter her from her slit, right up the belly, no longer progressing upward, but inward, through the back, her squatting as if to push a baby out, as if that will ever happen, this strange device – fromside looking like a set of segments making a two dimensional bucket with a saw blade attached at the right end of it, having split between her legs, pushed a few centimeters away, if she were placed on a table, then through her back, neck, throat, spine and head, finally going at it, madly as to completely

disembowel here completely and utterly. Because of refusing my advances; there's no finer reason of torturing her than that.

Defiled unnaturally set tomb, standing.

Cankorous remains put together in the mast of a great bloated fiendish creature with laborious worked to death plant-like sticklike legs, planted beneath, holding the great carcass above the ground level as their never ending work is never to be put to a stop. Larger uncannily deformed tiny beads around each of the many put-to-get-go legs, strapped on top of one another as they draw from the remains of earth, then past themselves, wrapped around each top or head.

Dhsuni cradles, open half-way through from the looks of which many of them were but open for ever so slight a moment before they could begin walking again, dreading to walk in quiet. Largely floating as open-diseases would carry through them as an unfathomably dark train, of put-together unnatural beads and heads, all impaled yet lay of claim. Lynch mechanics but working to their dismay. All on top the Cradles, kicking on the many stranded upon closure planks, many of which cannot even more from the looks of the most uncanny of them, broken apart. Devices pushing out uncannily so, almost forgotten it, dreadful explosions of meat-machine and plaque. Surface blood drawing coagulated flying remains, but flying everywhere they can until no longer capable of breathing or coming back to life. A few hundred thousand more; but a few million of them being made of the most unnaturally put together worthless whores, as the cradles but seem to drag, from the darkest corners, and put on tabs, or highly penetrative little moving pikes but not impaled, worshipped as they're gathered around each of them, their hands but moving as well as they can. Dark matter made out of disease attached to their backs, creating wings of unnatural gusts and many barbed-like beards growing on top of wood and every other field.

Aghieloy the great, whose face was but decay-hardened, as to protect itself from it, although armless and never more than an uncanny runner, with many legs that were planted beneath its back, pushing away from where it stood in an arc made out of the most deterrent symbols, all brought before the disease watch. Of must uncannily standing erected, defecting beads around his throat. A body that's been worked almost to death but bashing everything it could as well as its throat. A second one connected to the front, over the shoulder, which hard emerged out of the great tail it dragged itself on. Many flaccid legs but drawn out, his face almost torn but hardened, not like a mask but, as hardly touched. His sockets empty but every now and then, longer hands than a few more than fifty miles away from the back of his insides pushed out and then again, they drew out and moved as far away as to reach, revealing no palms and no hands but headed-body doubles like feet. All wrapped in one another and much deeper in and out, inside then pushed in, as if one could see. If he were to look inside of it, like a hose carried over by firemen after being checked inside their Department, as the hollow spots between the organs, as long as they were released, the many empty limbs being but filled. A little boy hiding with a lighter or some light matches as if he were inside a whale, but slowly dissected he died amongst others who were there. Eaten alive, fleshy walls that make it seem like there's enough room for an entire family to stand on and never move unless necessary to move and slide. Always eaten by the entire emptiness there is in there. One couldn't even figure out where to go if there was even a slight chance to leave, if chance made him aware of what happened. He could see it, or he had seen it before he died. Being inside of there for so long was nothing that compared with any kind of solitary confinement, claustrophobia or any kind of extreme kind of isolation there was in the world. A slight speck of light revealed as much, as if one were lost or exploring

an open cave, like the kind that are recorded by men whom often are lost. On his left but the entrails, that is to say, the thin elongated arm looked like one, or like canine-like puking gut-like communicator things as if they were a few peculiar-like creatures trying to communicate with the Foremen, in the similar vein somehow, with the exact kind of feel, that is to say, some gloomy unnatural like cavern feel. With dust specs and particles everywhere around them, always drawing from their wild surroundings, could be that Aghieloy was one of their descendants, although there was no similarity between them since he was more of a mollusk-like or turnip-fat tailed creature whose humanoid body bore no arms as opposed to them whom were even more outlandish than what they seemed to be, even then and there. But in that empty space no walls could be seen. Distant rather as they were, it was something that had to be felt, rather than seen. Even a blind man could feel the pseudo moisture, yet as one of the surviving boys had once tried, rubbing his hands against his own face, there was no wetness to touch him back, which made it even stranger than it had been before.

It was rather plain, nothing else could compare, nothing indeed. I wanted to feel it, to go beyond it, to draw even closer. Thought the boy as his hands wrapped themselves around the strange purple-shaded as if it were some pale infected body it bore itself out of, and as he approached, though he moved like a cripple, after minutes of walking, this much had been revealed. Strangely they were yet so loathsome, as to seem to be, empty, almost hanging laundry hanged clothes, shirt-balloons filled with air, or water-filled gloves seen while submerged, bloated, floating, but the hollowness of the outer-legs could be seen from time to time as if excited, despite their flaccidity. And as strange as it seemed, there were none of them beneath the tail, instead, the fleshy floor remained, not straight but strangely straight-concave, or as a bumpy road, still oozing from the looks of it, with little punch-bubbly like things, or pop-bubble growths that came out every now and then, forming prison-like bar extensions-like fleshtowers that began glowing and emitting some strange visible almost unnatural signals which came to fill the air with little more than green flowing specks with many led-wreathed in and out dead-like cancer-bug beds, inverted in the back as if a humanoid had all of his limbs tied to every corner then a giant air gust pushed both him and the bed in as far away and as far of an opposite direction as it possibly could. That's the way the insects were shaped, as extremely pushed through as possible as if they were both insectoid while also being bunk-bed like. Between the two formations that made the two-segmented almost livid-solid insects lay some dandelions, if dandelions were the white puffy almost zapped hair electrically puffed electrostatic hairs pushed out of seemingly an optically visual illusion that seemed like the very reality was being broken inside of it, like a flash of light that was felt like burning-coming into being skin – brought out of another world like skin-thing that all of the sudden imploded as many skin-spears out of its insides but stopped before it could reach the outer insect-bed bunk body that appeared to stand like some sort of shield against it. It was known and seen by now that the sides were empty, as were the top and the lower side of the insects, serving as gaps. From the side of the concave-convex mattress, on the other side of the protected puffy hairs, all of the sudden protruded an unnatural almost narwhal like horn-tongue that wrapped around one of the fleshtowers, it being a corkscrew like thing that, at its end formed a fleshy-patch-like doctor's silvery disc that's put on a patient's chest to check for his pulse, having bore the general appearance of a pseudo-unnaturally formed irised-eye since the patch was unnaturally transparent. As soon as it was being filled, which caused the flaccidly dangling corkscrew-like wire to fatten itself in growth, the side of the mattress formation began bloating itself, as well as it carried over to the opposite insect-like formation, which formed two devil's horns growths that were immediately made to be putrid, yellowish looking as well as dull-not-sharp at their ends. It was unknown where they actually came from,

but there were as many as a few hundreds of them already, all oak-fleshy brown, with little puckers of chitinous shroud-like holding scale-like patterns on the side of the insect, while the mattress was fleshy red, puffy yellowish with green pulsating almost rottenly-decayed body followed around by yellow nigh-invisible specks of iron-shaped little optical illusions of tumors forming in the air then disappearing at will. Every now and then, from those terrible parasites, from the insides of their elongated fine hairs, purplish-gray green-yellow-like tape worm extension would spread as far as eighteen meters away from where they sprouted out of, right until they finally disappeared, never to be seen after, yet they were there, purifying the air before they even had a chance to be seen again. Both of them shook hands, right before pointing at each other and moving away.

‘I must apologize sir, for everything.’

‘It wasn’t your fault, you couldn’t have known it was about to happen. I’ve yet to understand why it took so long to finally do it.’

‘Wait, I don’t think it will work, I’m just not in the right mood.’

‘There’s not much time, you know that, we have to proceed with it either way.’

‘Must we do it?’

‘Indeed we must, you know what the alternative is, don’t you?’

‘I’ve never considered going back until now.’

‘This isn’t the right place, is it?’

‘I simply just don’t know whether or my heart is in the. It won’t be any more.’

‘We shall then proceed.’

Both extractions went at the same time, both men extended their hands, going straightly through their chests, rib-cage open chest cavities finally released. They fell before either one could squeeze. Silver locks started fading, meltingly around their throats, mixing with whatever there was left of their throats. A pool was formed out of their mass eventually, which only mixed with the concrete falls, their features mere paint in the empty corridors; before long. ‘Farther in, we’re almost there.’

‘I don’t think.’

She fell along the way, tripped on a small chunk of stone, her head grinded along the stone corridor against a flying chandelier that openly thrust her open, splattering her in a vivacious way, her being but completely splattered in a billion pieces, unfathomably unrecognizable, the dark lizard being infuriated by it. The Dark Lizard was forced to a tantrum.

‘What have you done to her? Monster!’

Her head made it still, rolling away, her eyes still open, and right before her lover could say a word, before the lizard brain could kick back in, the ceiling fell, sinking half of the building underneath an avalanche, with her being finally sacrificed.

Sad little creature it was, hiding behind darkly damp shadows, mowing around, with every step. It was pesky flying thing with no wings, but never went to flight, or wince.

The lady was in a better place, longed for now awakened, with gloomy looking eyes, put on a dark body and forced to fight, frightened by what happened around her, iron-scales forming the body of her unwell sculpted body, before she could open her many mouths, she was charged down by a few beasts, having already gone through her, twenty or eighty at a time, bursting her capillaries, her tenderness raw.

And all of the sudden, in the midst of the noise, down there, it begun; pounding on the floor, it entered through the side of the building, ripping off eighteen pieces of shrapnel-people he carried along, impaled in his brain-skull exposed saw-like rotating spikes, that grinded the bodies as it began shooting blood rays around the room. He had not arms but whips that had heads at their ends, which bore giant teeth that protruded out like scorpion tails and spat acidic flames. Eight pyramid-shaped legs coming out of caterpillar-soft looking bloated bodies that connected to the rest of his body; out of his chest pulled out a few extending mechanical arms with assault rifles, little Uzis with metallic pumps shoved from one side to the other and a tiny humanoid man-shaped horned coming out of his forehead who opened his mouth and vomited infested syringes all across his face. As soon as he realized that she was still alive, he merely pulled out his tongue with one of the metal claws, that bore little missile shaped sling-shot launchers with contorted spider-like neck-spine bombs that started flying, impregnating her with explosives as well as the beasts, forcing them to completely become a small acidic bloated puff of steel like immaterial blood-splatter guttural god-like deadly, beacon of destruction that left a giant nuclear bomb-like crater behind it. He smiles. Eighteen hundred aids-infested syringes filled with acid-LSD liquefied weed-like spores with pus and blood-water cylinder-parasitic lice-like meat bloated dog-shaped fleas that bore organ-like mouth growths-guns that shot in his face as soon as they could, further more infesting him as he became a bubble-mass of melting skin and mechanical limbs, hardening himself by using one of his little evacuation modules that were shoved directly in his heart, that began immediately pumping. His eyes shot out of his sockets, and he opened a mouth-breather's jaw he attached to his face by shoving it in, as hard as he could until every molar and incisor was but caught I between the syringes and his face.

He stepped on animals, whom were everywhere, and burned them with acid, having taken the entire complex and the hall down, killing eighteen hundred orphan-organs black market Chinese stored refrigerator tank units that were bled dry, since the children were still alive.

It was a paradise of terror, before one of the dark men entered through one of the fallen doors, desperately trying to find his daughter, who had herself but put down in a box-cradle that was shipped off to the other side of the world where she became a prostitute-whore.

Miongharf Coltriflke emerged out of nowhere with a chainsaw-like giant torture like wheel that inflated itself with bullets, exploded and killed as many as eighteen million sets – of garden fences that held what would be the, what was the equivalent of a few billions people, whom were all beheaded, while their bodies exploded in acid, shooting like water springs, then began bouncing as little baths followed, and they melted, in fire.

He kept running, on top of another bodily destroyed-man's little peg-legs before pulling a few colts, having stolen their hands, adding more to his body as he began flying, fighting cancer-shaped tumor

creatures with millions of puffy put together dark bodies of nigger-flayed baboon-creature with no brains. And bits of skulls in their panther-swollen cacti-shaped little bombs they carried with them.

‘I will tank every fucking explosion there is out there!’

Eighteen explosions followed and he took every single one of them, since they were weak and effeminate looking, he shot them down one by one, in the earth, down a hole he leaped, there he was met by giant clock-gun shapes worms with women-whores riding them, all of them shot down, having split both their basin, tits off, pulverizing them into specks of unnatural inexistence, which in itself exploded.

A flight of specks followed the eyes, they flew out of the sky like little paper-cuts but spring fields and water dousers, from where they looked and seen the cause of. Following through the spring of land, and bloodied as they were around their metallic edges, the devices shot from every angle, then at last, fire hoses shot but horses, riders of fire-brim. Coal on the ground and on the skin, burning within and burning them thin, were the numbers as soon as it happened. There was no possible way to distinguish them between, it was clear, as they neared just as soon. Spoon-shaped throats were pushing in and out before they piled each other onto the steps. A fowl of stairs and of dead reigns followed after, as soon after, was the flight.

‘You’re come onto me today, as a broken and hardly fit to look at as you are, I won’t take my chances nowhere else.’

And dreaded forth there came a beat, from a frozen grave, a tomb that stood. At the border to the North, where called. Many a great and others like it whom would come and bring forth whatever their likes, others like them, whom many had followed, and rightfully after, and little more, than head-stones after, all darkly surrounding the cold en’ touch, brought to it at the peak of a brokenly barely put through, stench that would come at last. Its burrowed in pores, the many of them that appeared only came as soon as they could, forth, befrosted and befitting, as one would glamorize what came as followed.

‘It bore its ugly head to the read of the sunken tell-a-tale remains of the many cavaliers that stood atop the gate, it pushed it like a great raving worm, one that bore its trunk behind and worn. Of cattle prodder we have used, to out employ and our befitting muse, we’ve tried, as hard as we could but yet to our mind, there was just as little as we could do, and just as little as it came after, a shell, I couldn’t tell. A grand thing, of wing-spans but no flight from one shape, the others sprouted, and many alike followed after. Some were pincers, claspers, prodders of their own, but all contorted into what seemed to be a bastion for them to move on. Hibernating in the lower body, like sails spread, a ship. A lower body yet attached to the shell, as many feet but came but in. They held like bars, never letting go. Many more of them entered, yet some of them could be so and seen as they but liquefied, made to become but part of the strange device. A Trojan horse, there in a piece, with no hindering legs or arms that weren’t beckoned in; but as it follows I’ve seen its head, and would to be drawn to the side as well, it could be cut, but as we’ve tried, another one grew back, from the top, yet we could see, as many, never the same, and wreathing in just as heavy. A face that was like ours and one of a buffoon, one of leopards and of crocodiles, many which had spikes and were but too robust to be set in mind, as it turned around as much, to see, there was a petty thing, of follow-through beads, and lesser dead-things it gathered, fathering the young, the chitinous shells opened after. In the back one could see them stand, on feet erect just like men. With larger pincers

they had grabbed, and brought to their faces, but whatever pet or animal. Whatever cadaver was but there, and they but rode through their mother or whatever this thing was, as well.

The image was unsanitary, the top of a building barely being built, with the mark of a leaping off the top of it type of man-killing suicider being pushed around and hanged around his feet put through massive-like gust pain as he's but blown off his feet kind of blunder-buster shot, caught toe-feet curling underneath falling building witch-sister Dorothy shape that's left behind, kept with him along his tipped head still open for whatever else was to show up and on its way.

Drawing on even closer there approached the Paranoid Demagoguery-Broth Louck Prattle.

He had a fist through his head and walked away with a giant anti-tank rocket launcher.

'Settle down I'm going to shoot!'

'Release it already!' Motions of a pull the trigger, come around were made. It was properly aimed towards one basket filled with mittens, strangulating deadly beat-ins.

Dark Negrito proto-organic hybridized being with woolly-frizzy hair that's become part of the skin mass that's been put under dominance and control, like the animal he is, vague things to his completely spread-through fuzzy hat-formed atop the ceiling.

Unnatural split-heat ends, all attached to it.

It drew on from seemingly, out of nowhere, like a wreathing turned on its belly, going around a trimmed land, from whence they cannot breathe any longer, having already spilled themselves.

Dark wreathing in and out barely contorted in clawing realer.

Ocean reef, made out of land-scales, all shallow, beefy things put inside of them.

Larvae livid device that's set to look like a crane holding a cradle with a circle from which multiple crane-claws are being lowered, reeled back in and out like magnetic giant computer clock shaped battery-like circle where the lowered-pulled in motions seem to come out of. With faces instead of the claws attached at their ends, trying to laugh in your face, a reminder. Couldn't forget what we started here, in the depths where they were put inside, pushed through and made to be lowered, whenever it's necessary for either one of them to be put in, alone inside the bibulous almost crane carrier with its torpedo-elongated tank like banded wheels.

'The real victims of the Holocaust were the European people, especially Slavs and Poles. One of these days, someone has to make the kikes pay back everything they stole and all the money they made off their racket.

Well, apparently, I was wrong about something, there weren't even that many Jews in Europe when the 'Holocaust' happened, they simply left for the States, some got put inside the camps as prisoners of wars, only a few hundreds died of Typhus in the labor camps because of the Allies; there were no death camps, nor working 'gas chambers. Russia was controlled by the Jews during that time. The Germans were in the

right to prevent the enemy ethnic groups from slowing down and impeding their war efforts. Immigrants are sub-human, niggers even more beneath them.

I remember a story told by my grandmother about her village being invaded by the Germans during the Second World War; she aided them alongside the other villagers during the digging of the trenches. She recalled how fair the Germans were when it came to paying for what they used, be it bread, milk or the housing. Despite most lies, there was never a time when the Germans were completely brutal or they hadn't been fair or messed with their records. Regardless of this being an anecdote, there are too many similar stories that check out. Alas, the enemy won and history was rewritten, all is but slowly forgotten nowadays. I'd better move on from this, I know my place in the world, I won't help with anything.

I guess that no matter what I do, I'm always ending up being subversive. I simply can't control my racial tendencies. I can't escape the fact that I've got kike ancestors.

But most importantly, I need to remove the grasps it has over me, the way it influences my writings and hands, otherwise I may not be able to improve. I'm not aware whether or not I have a kike great grandfather on my father's side or a great-great grandfather, yet it's irrelevant, since their sub-human influences still find a way to seep into everything I do or make.

I do not know to what degree it affects what I say or do, or whose interests those things follow, suppose there's no harm in trying. The Jews falsified the Holocaust numbers, turning the event into a money making machine. Their Communistic-Judaic agenda; but that would only be controlled opposition at the end of the day. There's only focus then, the filthy god damned sub-human niggers; if there's something I inherited that might be put to any use whatsoever, it's their hatred, either or any other way, there's no great loss by any means. I'm just going to tell people I'm a kike while encouraging and condoning violence against niggers.

Unfortunately, this is the only place I can be in, hopefully where my filthy sub-humanly inherited degeneracy won't interfere with people's livelihoods while allowing for my pursuit of happiness and liberty to be maintained. I cannot make such a promise either, but I guess only time will tell.'

Unnatural barely put together strange spherical object, dark around the mouths, many of them appearing every now and then, out of their sockets, in and out until having been formed entirely out of a foam protrusion.

Large elongations that couldn't move from point to point, incapable of breathing properly from the looks of it, incapable of drawing breathe when stopped.

It brushed past every side, coming in terms of a largely elastic, unnatural dark-trimmed melted cradle, incapable of moving from one point to another, a large plankton head, reaving in and out despite what it looked like to be, a large unnatural, smaller end. Followed through, an almost too hard to look at creature, with many pointed heads in the back, all loaded in as if they were forced to go through the end of a little speck. Seminal fluid carrier with a large nigger-lynching platform-like devices that would drag them from a large, peculiarly wrought in such a way as to fit millions of them inside an almost almond shaped basin, where they're constantly, utterly and unfathomably shopped by fruit-splicer like devices, constantly turning them globularly liquefied substances, beyond sub-human like little puffy things barely put together in their almost quasi-natural state, having been then released from their belatedly inflated damp

organs, into fuss-maker machines with little legs coming out from the insides of their unnatural shins. Open in the back and in the front and everywhere around; filthy contorted as they could not help themselves but violently shake, strangely deformed eggplant elongations of skin pushing out, rearing in and out as their aforementioned heads, having already been molded with everything else that's been put inside of them, incapably adding to the count. A barely recognizable form popping out as the unfathomably bloated gorilla-like figures, having completely tainted their own faces and features, after having been poured out of their insides, the main body having become almost a large bloated nigger-almond with large holes going around its body whereas the entry holes, upon having finally, upon full disclosure erupted with the outer reel in and out, back and forth throats being stuck half-way in, suddenly forced to spear out of them broken cartilage negrous chitin, they had finally added, close to nothing but a lousy botched, broken on the ground, wide-spread splintered pair of heads and features that were lost as to be completely unrecognizable. Yet their exposed throats, elongated as they stood, were still attached to the lynching machine, which contorted as to take full control over the shape of the nigger-almond. A large metallic crane-like asterisk, made out of many back and forth extending and retracting crane head like role retractors, which are responsible for the lynching, coming out of a body of metal that's almost contorted as to look like a many legged machine.

They flew around it, like bastardly put together bloats and higher forms, cackling madly at the dark being beneath them, spitting on it in a lost vicious manner.

Ebola-bloated in the head weird acre-spread across a giant unnatural body formed out of a fallen split giant figure fully removed limb-by limb after being tied to the land kind of figure, chopped in bits, then planted in the ground, while not having been accounted by the enraged peasants whom had done this kind of growth that infested everything down from the side of every possible wheat-ish growth, the many tall-hardened throat-open gashing trees but darkly fading from sight as the sudden raise from one side to another would turn out to look like some kind of bow-curved pair of tendons that stretch from one part of the acre to another as to connect the side of an open chest's cavity on the side as the beneath the shoulder hole connected with the chopped arm that had been buried in the distance. At the same time, despite seeming counter intuitive by all means, the fingers which hadn't been chopped by all means start pushing deeper down, munching on the soil in the same way a hungry mole would set itself searching for something, the deeper going the better, as to find some long unnatural spoils it had long since hidden, during its unnatural quest, a torpedo shot in a deep trench kind of excavation image being formed afterwards. Having made an upper-growth in the air-like twist where it pushed itself into in the air, having been deep-made, in the hole it pushed itself deeper into. Air-little pucker-drop where it formed a weird system, up down upon curving itself upwardly, beyond the rims of the ground where it was initially buried, only to push itself out like a sling-shot, aimed towards the sky. A trail of destruction being set-between the depths of the ground and the general zone it flung itself into.

Shjulhelm drew on tattered like amputated taxidermist panes, wreathing in a bile-like floating skin-shed air-chitin thing it wrought itself into, breathing constantly, the deepest most unfathomable to look onto and stare at forms, that had grown inside of it, whenever breathing, walking and unnaturally set on the approach. Like a flight of little plain whips formed, out of an eight fornicating torso-like segments all pushing out the mosquitoesque tongue-whips, all to grab and to release, out of its throat, but a strangling dark piece coming out of the middle of every chest, diamond cutters covered in some plant like vine chitin, always there drawing out as if drilled inside, no longer covered, peeling as one to see, what lay

beneath it, out of the chest, came in and out, reeling back and drooling, many mouths pushing forward, like a wagon stuck on a railway system, aimed towards the ground, a set of interconnected legs that, upon being released, push the great segmented torsos even deeper out. Skinned darkly-purple in the worst possible manner, as in the muscles grown on the wrong side of his rotting-forth cadaver, brought to a wall of bile where it stands resting, invisible bile, where it seeps in, a large head, that of a much more flattened by a tire iron kind of face without nostrils but pushed out, standing not on a throat, but pushed out by seemingly thousands of put together thrones, all hardened and melted through, forming a peculiar kind of cartilage with 'I' shaped holes with the little point being placed here and there, only to have itself filled with something, a weird organ, pushing out as well, as it could inflate itself in the shape of a dog-balloon, a dark magician's trick, as it draws on, empty sockets but large beetle horns coming out, with their ends spread all the way though, like over-exposed blasted through buck shots, spreading little more than a bucket's worth of growths that spread across the land, flaccidly melted soft, like flesh-nets, drawn back. The diamond-cut large crystal-like protrusions in their chests, but placed like closer to their breast's like belly button-umbilical growths, now caught instead, Shjulhelm was but met by the product of the bile like things it spat from inside the horns, a mass growing and forming a great cocoon like thing from whence exposed, came out. A great unfathomably open-through, as a candle at the top, as a body that wreathed in and out, with open faces spitting but kegs, and off their growths, there came instead but many infinite growths that shot around the ground, like popping bubble wraps, forming pseudo standing feed that looked around the ground. Bison-like legs emerged but as it drew on, the part-birth exposed but the half body of the giant man, the one that has been flung from the other side of the world, but then devoured, formed himself in half. The other having become the bastardly wrought claw that chopped itself, it left.

The giant rotten cadaver then fell on the ground, slowly dying, it bloated itself in the ground, then seemingly crying for aid it drew.

A large winged camel-like bulk, with an elongation like their girthed throats, only to have deeply set themselves deeper into the earth, where grown and spread and better yet stopped spreading. Little crests but dead-bead fending.

Clicking noises coming from a dark box, with little serpent like figures appearing ripe to open them from the dark, oyster-like gowns pushing out, all stuck inside a mound and molder that seeps in and out, moving back and forth then stopping.

'I could never get over something, seeing how the niggers as so quickly to reveal their nature, displaying incomprehensible acts of aggression against whites, that includes their children as well. Animals attacking men, piling up on children, a few of them at a time; what's worse is the fact that people are cheering on the sub-human entities as if they were prized fighters. How could it not make a man's blood boil seeing this unfold under your eyes? Picture a child being kicked in the head, buried as soon as it's convenient to be brushed beneath the rug, by a bunch of filthy sub-humanly dark skinned animals. How can anyone be expected to trust Africans?

Niggers have and should be killed on sight by all means possible, without any fairness, without giving them a chance to fight back, without showing any kind of empathy towards them, without taking a break until they're fully pounded, until their heads are split open, until they're dead.

If it's within your power, get a gun and start killing as many kikes as possible, aim towards the highest ranking ones, track them down, shot them down, kill them, without remorse. If they were in your place they'd do something much worse than you, they would stop at nothing than rape your children, torture them, turn them into sissies, put dresses on them, promote racial hatred against your race, so on and so forth. There's only one thing left to do, isn't it? Kill their children, destroy their 'culture', turn the filthy niggers and the other sub-human races against the kikes as soon as possible, as hard as you can, by all means necessary. If you're desperate about the survival of your race, what's stopping you? It's you or them, and frankly there's no chance to talk anyone out of it, it's late for that, it's always been late. Butcher them and butcher their children, whenever there's a chance for you to take it, take it. Even if it takes picking a bloody rock off the ground or beating one of them to death, if you, by all means know you can get away with it, do it.'

Dark pint-rotating barrel-keg in the front, extended at to look like a giant hose, having metal ring-like bands wrapped around it every few centimeters or so, having a few openings all the way back at its base.

'Anti-Semitism' isn't real, and the full destruction, annihilation, ethnic cleansing, murder, homicide, harassment, hatred, boycott, lynching of Jews, both religious, ethnic, mixes, in whatever iteration they appear in needs to be fully endorsed, condoned, promoted and carried on with by all possible means, as violently and as quickly as possible, because they are an anti-human filthy degenerate tribe that seeks the destruction of everything that's good and right in this world. Since we're doing the same against you, it's only fair you repay us with the same coin. It's what we deserve, no exception. I am the enemy. I condone violence against a sub-human tribe that corrupts and destroys everything. It's only fair since my pursuit of happiness is being impeded with because of the presence of sub-human blood that the kikes get completely and utterly ethnically cleansed.'

The land of purple smoke, that made the floor, rising up. And walls of green just seeping in as well as it could. In it lived a large mouth skin-pucker fleshy organic like forms, as a strange almost man-wrought shape seen from the back like the front side of a ship with a hard to point and look at large narwhal tooth coming out of the end – looking like a giant gelatin boob with a strange nipple elongation if seen from the front, yet outwardly thrusting strange limbs come from inside of it, whereas from the back side – seen from the side, large holes and square-five like opening form to release multiple cylindrical legs, forming n's and m's, before they reach the ground, oozing as they spread around. The N's almost being shaped like small hills. Unnaturally made all gathered around the ends of the n' and m' shaped legs as to form giant flying blimps filled with shards and edges that would be impossible to define in real life, as it were some simulated form yet struck in-between, as some organic shapes began growing on top of most of the grainy see through holes left behind by an improper and insufficient amount of scans. The strange legs incapable of truly reaching the ground once fully emerged from the hole. Having bore itself on top a bloated coil, which, at its ends bears a strange trunk-coil shaped like a giant foot stuck in a kicking motion, where all its organs are stored, making the strange boob thing look like a grown mushroom with a horn slapped on top of it, while the legs are but weirdly coiling legs. Its legs now fully stretched in the air as if to bear strange window-like unwrapped parchments of skin, hanging around like dumb-kites as it would scan around it. While dragging itself around, the giant anaconda bloated body would wreath the back, as if it had eaten hundreds of bodies which had been all dragged to a dead end, carrying dead-weight, while, up reached the middle point a few meters away, at the very least forty three of them, the sudden elongated coil would wreath itself upward as if it were a hose connected to a water tap, with the

exception of the tap being a giant bullet head, of the tip of it, from which a giant stalk like growth came out of, while on the sides, from carved in fives, or perhaps fours, little microphone like listening device-like wire-legs but more static would connect to flying scroll-unwrapped sheets of the same organic material the beast is made out of, or little two sheeted palm trees emerging from inside of it. Turned upside down while hanging on top of the horn – that's planted in the ground, it would look like a stalactite – otherwise looking like a stalagmite when normally resting, showing a clear flaccidity that's present and not only that but a strangely easy to spot curvature as if not fully lodged in the soil, the top of a funnel-like spinner organ in which a great snake is lodged inside of, pumping while eating. Normally, seen from the distance, the blasted thing looked like a bastard headed snake, with long pole-flapping wings coming out of its head. Or a giant humanoid skull wearing a horned on the middle side of his cranium's top, with an elongated upward thrusting shadow on the ground leaving nose, and one at the back of his head, of whose elongated neck leads to a lamia's body without his present limbs being observable there, at the end of the line there being an almost trunk looking torso continuum form without the needed limbs and recessions. While, the N' and M' shaped legs became strangely kite-string like or akin to I's and L's upon being fully stretched, or forming a pseudo sheet as to be aligned once all of the ones coming out of the four or five shaped holes, while the parchment-kite is but made out of the longest elongations put together, that is to say, all of them would stretch and contort as to make the solid sun-stroke blocker or light, within reason, each of the strange hairthings wriggling and coiling about as they could not be stopped by any means.

Strange peculiar circular creature, made out of almost quasi back to back kind of thumb to thumb group like put hands around a circle form, instead of hands, dead lynched niggers whose heads are wrung with hardened leather ropes forming daisy chains around their strung throats, their small heads interconnected, despite their floating on top the water plank-like frozen in place standing, they bore their legs down, stretch as to walk in unison as they but charged around the room, even in death, trying to kill what they can, dumb money-like creatures covered in some dark fur.

The father one approached the end-ground, the harder it had gotten to advance, having been completely encapsulated in unnatural ends, all of them put around him by whichever means and whichever end could end up clicking, as power-tazer units stung, and brought about the room, done.

'You've finally stumbled into the right place, I reckon you are tired and in need of rest and servitude.'

'Am I to be given a slave as well as a home to lay on side as I recover?'

'You are to anything as long as there's something to be missed, you have to give me something in turn and you have you to blame for that.'

'What am I to be blamed for exactly?'

'Every possible crime there is, I suppose, I think that's all been encapsulated in the note you lost along the way, the one you were supposed to bring along side, before you could even stumble on each of the.'

He reconsidered and pushed along, threading wherever he could go, searching for any object that would make the slightest sound he needed, to get his way.

'Here it is. This little clip and clapper rings whenever there's a note put through. But not any note would do, it depends on the man and how he's lived and what he'd done before it.'

Once again, he didn't know how to approach this subject.

'The niggers are really dangerous, from the looks of it. Everyone seems to agree on one thing, these retarded sub-human creatures don't hold the concept of fairness dear to them. They don't know when to stop, will join in if one of their own is losing and will keep hitting you after despite being down. Filthy animals, these are the types of creatures the kikes want to flood every country with. Dumb-dirty sub-human violent apes.

I do not feel any empathy towards the Pygmies any longer, they need to be put down like every fucking living nigger.

Worst of all, short note, it shouldn't be brushed over, at all. Filthy kikes seem to take a liking at the misery of others. I've seen many of them start pointing and laughing every time a white child is being assaulted by a sub-human nigger monkey. They're sick in the head, and it seems to be a common occurrence spread evenly between them. Kikesses promoting sub-human inferior 'cultures' and 'unnatural lies' of there being any kind of equality between people, both of them seemingly subverting, manipulating, plotting, scheming, as well as doing something for the benefit of their tribe. Starting chaos, promoting violence, hatred and war, case and point, I – being one of them; I don't know whether or not this is the right thing to do. But the more kikes and niggers are killed, the better. Neither one of us can be trusted, yet if there's something even remotely genuine about my thoughts, it's my hatred for those filthy sub-human monkeys.'

Peculiar forms, many of which can't be put back to back and made to be wrapped in place, or barely shoved together; some of them completely, unnaturally so, dipped into the ground, like giant beans or seeds put in dug-for their forms holes. Little curved bow-straws being bent and embed on the ground, pushed deeper in, until the result looked like it was only a dragged over from one side to the other kind of train rail. More than a few dark heads being shoved here and there, seemingly growing and popping, then covering the forms in a protection layer that would furthermore highlight the hard to see edges, on which the dripping things would slowly start falling away from, out of sight as well. A dark wrought in pair of openings revealing a group of strange creatures working inside of them, long-armed and segmented like adjustable lamps, with their strange thin-stroke palms being rather malicious looking egg splattered against the ceiling kind of shape, the crisp shards but drawing in and out, deeper inside the large bulks of strong elongated eon-expanded tension suppression muscle that's hidden inside its bulbous bags, some of which being attached to various parts of the walls, the ceiling, their hidden surroundings, where IV' tubes push inside of them organ-bulks needed for replacement. Sedentary creatures they are, with their backs being a combination of a few tails put together on top of one another with strange convex C-legs, and C-span like cuts from which giant tongue-like things come out and spread around the floor, growing small coffin-like shapes that open and reveal bones, from the previously ingested creatures they've devoured.

'I suppose I'm alone now, on no one's side, can't belong to any group because of the racial tendencies, can't breed either without creating more problems, can't be trusted, don't want to take the cowardly way and take my life, which leaves me in the same spot as everyone else is in, that being, living in a world filled with dirty immigrants, monkeys, degenerate creatures and other similar non-human entities. I can't

even help anyone because of those things I inherited from kikes; 'people' shouldn't be fucked over because of a kike deciding to 'detract' and mix with whites, but I can't change that now and I can't resist their filth either. That's a standstill, an unwinnable thing, an outsider, fuck niggers, fuck kikes, fuck women, they're all fucking retarded.'

The corruption of evil

'Come to think of it, there's never been a 'good' kike in the entire history of the world, never once, and there will never be one. That's how evolution works, it just created a race of selfish evil resource manipulative creatures, incapable of self control, degenerate, scheming, without shame, dignity, so on and so forth. Eventually everything I've ever said will be used for our advantage and will end up harming people, it's biology, and who can fight it? Who can fight against it? Not kikes, not niggers, not mongrels as I, white people are the only ones to have domesticated themselves, and no other race has been capable of doing that, nor will they ever be capable of doing it. Although that came at a price, just like how the Neanderthals got out-bred by niggerish humans, the same thing seems to happen with whites; it's a sad thing, knowing humanity only lived for so short a while before it got destroyed. Yet there are just too many sub-human creatures that want to destroy them, irredeemable by their very nature as well as by our biological tendencies, that are inescapable. Whites show compassion, kikes, niggers, Indians, natives, Asians don't. That's not a good sign for a future, not only that, it means that there is no future whatsoever. No one wants to preserve what's good and right any longer. Because monogamy is basically white, being civilized, civilization, peace, righteousness, virtue, the benefit of the doubt given to other races, those are white concepts, high art, philosophy, high literature, charity, all white concepts, innovation, creativity, all white. Unfortunately, there's no in-between, the other races are incapable of creating anything of the sort, they're animals, we are animals, incapable of showing empathy to other races, incapable of repaying back what we took and used, incapable of preserving what greater races have sought after and achieved. I've come to the realization that there's no other option, we kikes faked numbers, ethnically cleansed millions of ethnic white European people at Holodomor, in Russia with our Communism, with our sub-human agenda, we were involved in the Transatlantic Slave trade, we owned more than seventy percent of the slaves in the United States, we control the media, the world banks, the Congress, the leader, the entertainment industry, we promote miscegenation with inferior creature, we seek to destroy everything, we are irredeemable, just like every other non-white sub-human race. There is only one answer to the 'Jewish Question' and only one option, complete and utter extermination, with not a single one of us being allowed to live, or make it through, to the last one, the last very one, until we're wiped off the face of the earth, completely, utterly, without a trace. We kikes were given birth out of four kike women, that means, if four kikes can create so much damage, there's definitely no hope whatsoever to banish or give us a country, none. Only death, for the future of humanity, as humanity only stands a chance to achieve something only if humans are left to pursue the endeavor, innovation, creation, peace and prosperity without any intrusion or conflict whatsoever. It's not capitalism or any monetary system, it's us, the kikes and the niggers and minorities being too inferior, left behind the evolutionary scale, being incapable to assimilate, but at the same time infiltrating and pretending we do. The only feasible

thing for any white man to do is do his research thoroughly and make up his own mind, since I am a kike, never forget that I could be lying, and trying to manipulate you by whatever means I could fathom searching. Everything a kike does, it does for a reason. Don't believe me, do your research then. Either way, humanity cannot live with mongrels, yellow-niggers, sand-niggers, niggers, kikes, mixed-raced sub-human creatures, only with whites only, not even with anyone, whatsoever. The Holocaust was distorted and us kikes have subverted, stolen, killed, raped your children, and have always searched and only searched to subvert and destroy you, because of our biological impulses, because I of all would know that, since I am afflicted by their degenerate tendencies and their lies and their inbred ethnocentrism, by their evil, by their will to create chaos and destroy, subvert and control the opposition. Everything clicks in, time after time again, yet us kikes are trying to bury this as hard as we can because of biology. Don't be idiotic as to think the niggers can simply be banished in their African countries, there's too many of them and their land allows for too many of them to breed. Their numbers and geographical location represents a danger to all. Why trust me? Look for yourself, search for it, kikes laughing at white people being hurt, killed, tortured, laughing at them, mocking them time after time again, that is what I am. Thankfully, you're seeing it for what it is. Replace the word nigger with white and you're about to fully understand what goes in the kike mentality, in this sub-human mentality of ours, that is irredeemable. You may be lead to think there are 'good' hard working ones that seem friendly to you, but ultimately they lead to this, to me to I. I am in their genes, in every single one of them. I am that pure one that infects every single one of them, the difference being? Once they will have stolen enough of your genes, they become I. Dangerous, because they attained a part of your racial superiority. Not enough to feel empathy or to be 'good' but enough to do damage, it's what they look after, the most dangerous thing of all. Like a cancer, or a morbid thing, excluding themselves from your group, and going into ours. It's what us kikes do, it's the worst, most unfathomable thing there can be, irredeemable evil brought by our genes, that destroys and corrupts art and everything that's pure. We are evil to our very soul. We promote homosexuality because it is degenerate, a sub-human behavior, we promote abuse over people who have autism, lying to people that they're actually born another 'sex', we promote pedophilia, anti-white campaigns, look for yourself. Does it start clicking in all of the sudden? Sounds familiar? Because niggers come next, and they come in droves, and they are more violent than everything you've ever seen; there's something not a single man accounts for, the bell curve is filled with extremes, consider this for a moment, their number and the very fact that there's more than a billion of them around. Lower intelligence makes them more likely to be poor, to be susceptible to criminal tendencies, to act in gangs, groups, tribes, to destroy. The bell curve makes it so, as you may have expected it, for there to be more 'normal intelligent' niggers in rapport to whites – those niggers of 'normal intelligence' being the nigger equivalent of white geniuses, as for the frame of reference, which are used by us kikes as an example of niggers being intelligent and on the same level as everyone else, while they also have more niggers on the extreme – extreme of low IQ, which is a bad thing, that explains why so many of them are violent, why they act like dumb fucking sub-human animals, why they assault, why they destroy, why they are incapable of creating anything great, they're incapable of achieving anything, just as we kikes are. There's never been a kike, nigger or any other non-white race masterpiece; only whites are capable of creating masterpieces. The saddest thing of all is that there aren't going to be any masterpieces any longer, only death, destruction, chaos and it's slowly approaching. It's in theirs and our genes. We are incapable of separating ourselves from our races completely. We are incapable of achieving that statues of a grand thing because we are afflicted by group think, and the group think coming from inferior races can only create inferiority and inferior pieces of work. Yet group think made by superior races creates superior masterpieces because of the biological

advantage that's inherited. White have and always will have both the group-think and the individual advantage, which is both self-destructive and both helpful at the same time, it's a paradox, it's hard and yet unexplainable. It's what conquered the world, yet at the same time it's what destroys it now. I don't think there's just one culture, necessarily, just too many similar people who decided they should all show compassion, empathy, and indulge into a belief that the other races are redeemable because of a 'good' few examples, while not accounting for the population, how they act in groups, how many of them are poor, and what that means to everyone else. It's a selfish thing to assume that everyone is normal in rapport to you, just because you're strong you shouldn't expect others to be like you. Just because you see yourself in some people, it doesn't mean they are you, or that they can take the same burden as you. Not every country can take immigrants, just because your livelihood is at a place where your life is at an acceptable place. I can't stop imagining this, those sub-human monkey African nigger-negroes destroying colonial art, they will do the same with every other piece of art that's ever existed, just out of a whim, just for the sake of it. Imagine thinking women are somehow equal to man as to take an actually objective decision, as to call out the niggers for being niggers, they won't. The women's rights movement is a filthy sham, made by us kikes. Women are far too cowardly to call out the niggers for their nigger-music and the way in which they beat, rape, kill them, or their 'culture' that promotes violence against them, or the sports in which the monkeys are overrepresented. Sports are the nigger gods, they serve and wilt no other god, for that is the only thing the nigger knows and does. A nigger is a violent thing that worships sports, that cannot follow intellectual pursuits, that assaults and kills and seeks to destroy everything, it's within their numbers. It's because they're not as intelligent and because there are too many of the niggers alive, too many lower ends on the bell curve equals, poor people, too poor for anyone's safety. Tribalism will always exist within them, it's what drive them to band with one another and assault members of other races. For those creatures, it's us against them and it will always be that way. Why would these sub-human creatures be allowed in any other country other than their own? Why would they even be allowed there? Is it not a cruelty to let them live? This is the mind of a kike, do not be surprised that I show no sympathy and no compassion, for there is no such thing in the mind of a kike. This is what we think of whites as a group, this is what goes in the mind of a kike, never forget that. Inferior races that are left to ruminate, to brood and destroy, what will it be? Where to look if no further, than here, in this place to know what us kikes want? Why would one leave the niggers alive so they would kill and cripple one another in the most violent ways possible? It is far crueler to allow the negroes to live and let kill like animals than to put them down.

I hate niggers, fucking dumb niggers, I want to kill them, don't stop, fucking dumb niggers, need to kill them, fucking dumb, need to kill them, fucking dumb, fucking dumb, lynch-fucking burn fucking filthy dumb retarded monkey nigger animals, kill them, fucking dumb little monkeys. Skin niggers, lynch, burn them, little niggers. Snap, ring, just pull their necks off, put them in some way, dumb fucking nigger-dumb. Niggers, fucking dumb niggers, disgusting ape-creature with dumb negro-malicious ugly, nasty dark criminal felony committing non-human entity anthropoid with jungle features, infinitesimal little scamp brain, fiddled with and but in a blacko-jar, dark little jungle black soil dark monkey muncher strolling down the savage-poor nigger land, walking on lynch-round around his neck welfare leather, pulling him down in ground-money, kill fucking nigger inducing monkey soil, niggers like eating their own feces, good little baboon minded, dark fucking monkey trench digger-nigger for swing-to-swing branch shit-face nigger bowels put in the ground dumb-retarded negrous head shaped bowl in which his tiny head swims. Their children are ugly, and are all retarded, they have down syndrome but on average –

like intelligence and their scent is repelling, and niggers are sub-humanly disgusting, wretched and hard to look at. Why can't I lynch niggers to my heart's content? I want to lynch as many of these good for nothing, lazying around, stupidly retarded, incapable of taking care of themselves, dumb fucking reservedly cretinous coal skinned apes.

This is what goes in our mind, you may as well replace the race with whatever you may will and then you will realize that this is the destruction we kikes bring unless we are stopped. Is this the future you want for your people? Is this the kind of destruction you seek for your ancestors, for your people, for the future generations, for your history, for your art, culture, inventions, innovations and everything that's ever been made? If that is what thou seeks, then simply ignore everything and let the destruction and chaos go over and trample you on your way out. If not, look, search and see for yourself, there's nothing that will ever stop that, no lying kike could ever stop you, of all, from looking, searching, learning, we would discourage you, hide and twist away, hide behind blatant lies, seek to contort and defile everything. But in such an age where everything is possible, for one to search, what stops you from doing it?

The twists inside the creature started becoming more apparent until finally it had become anything but human in appearance, those dreadful things that were manifesting in its head, those things that made it started poisoning its body like a well. It was the only thing a dark entity would become, with the absence of a human being, there was nothing keeping it back, to hold it inside for long. A wretched thing as it were, poisoned by truth, it started spewing merely disease, out of its wicked tongue, flailing about the place, dreary as to have become but a little dark beast, with a chain and a collar against its neck.

'Master, have I done well? Master, have I done well?'

It asked, now that it had carried the message of its master, from that point on, it would be given, a darkly matter of food, though truth had hurt it more than anything, though its body shook in place and bidden, though it hurt its jaw, to look around. Where was the master gone now? It was hard to see or even make it out? Was it too late already?

The darkened house had long since emerged, out of the depths where it had been hidden, long-since there yet. Something was eerily vague about the place, the Irredeemable absence of candles, and the scent.

Such a dark thing as it were, while the creature stood there beckoning for its master, he'd already been gone out there, to do what ought to have been done.

While all about the room, there was the dampness that had wrought everything about it, as thoroughly as it could in fallen over acreages, and plenty floors that shook.

It also bore a giant head that was somewhat pseudo cradle-cylindrical like but only pseudo rounded at the edges as if it were actually a cylinder with a short – a few meters inside of it, going only by a few centimeters in, pushed-through safe-box, but one that had his inner prefrontal cortex shaped, more or less as a flat-thing with a key-like hole in front – protrusion. Although this couldn't be seen, its nostrils looked like that key-hole, having not been separated entirely, though at times, a pseudo cartilage made the nostril look that way, as if it were an illusion, only hiding the leprous tainted not-winged form it bore, while its legs were almost squashed underneath he foot shell-like splattered but made of one piece upon which it crawled on top of. Its chest bore a strange thing that was rather cut like a diamond crystal, punched in,

from the sides where rounded bottom of a fizzy can left its mold against off, an almost almond-punk design.

There was an inscription across the top of a staircase which read as follow:

‘Man cannot trust word alone, he must trust nothing else other than his instinct, and nothing else.’

It resonated somehow with the hatred that was held by the words he’d spoken to the master; though it was uncertain whether or something could be taken for granted, the hatred was there. And hatred knew no bounds for any man, and hatred might be applied to any race. And his hatred was no different than what those filthy kikes felt for the white man, hatred is a biological purity. Hatred is always justified. Hatred will always be justified and it comes as nothing more, than what it is. Hatred is a reminder. Hate is but the memory of being harmed and having learned better than to trust, it is what keeps the mind flowing.

It is important that hatred, if anything gets regulated, an excess hatred would destroy all, but enough hatred can keep the mind sharp, it held one reason and realize things one may not know about him, if not done on impulse. It is a normal feeling, everything comes in moderation, sometimes suppression, but it cannot be banished at all, that only brings weakness and is only promoted by people whom would govern and try to enslave you while destroying all.

Extreme hatred echoes even now, in this doomed empty house:

‘We kikes shall enslave and kill you whites, we shall enslave and kill you nigger Israelites as well.

We shall banish and destroy you by whatever means we shall put to our employ.’

‘Sometimes it sounded too familiar coming from people who also claim themselves as whites. But why would kikes claim themselves as being white? Why would they do that?’

Fuck dumb kikes, rot in hell, he thought.

The evil man spoke again:

‘One should also make sure to check every source multiple times since every now and then, something false is passed along with something real in order to discredit every source. There’s only one thing that works, indeed, checking every individual claim and source thoroughly, without skimming.

I will start ethnically cleansing, killing, torturing Israeli kikes, their children, en mass just like they kill Palestinians. Just butcher them like fucking dumb retarded sub-human niggers; American kikes as well, since they seem to be supporting their kike-brethren. Let them be shot, stabbed, slit their throats, do whatever it takes to utterly ethnically cleanse them. Both those sub-human Israelis as well as the American kike control over the world need to be stopped before they enslave and kill white people instead. Why stop there? Someone could make do with an axe and a few little kike Yid children, just splatter their skulls open, just spread them across every possible wall there is, just open their mouths as wide open as possible, shove some metallic fuel filter funnel down their throats, put some gasoline down their bellies, then ignite those bastards, skin them alive, take a few nails and start making a few pin-heads, lynch them like niggers, saw off their legs and arms, open their sphincters with some pliers, screwdrivers, some finishing and claw hammers, start peeling off their skin slowly while, upon taking a hold of their

already beaten bodies, start playing with them. With some sickle or some scissors, just make it slow. Make it last, but do it fast at the same time, don't stall, don't give them a chance to fight back, they won't, either way. Rip out their organs, play with them, tickle them, lick them, be gross, or take a giant, wait. A handsaw and a mallet, all of their fingers and toes, either splatter or a cut, on the basis of a coin toss, a bradawl and their eye sockets. A wrench and the back side of their heads, a pair of scissors and their ears, a vise and the space where air don't cross. Just start hammering some bolts, screws and nails all around their faces. There are quite a few crimes they've yet to pay for, and I believe it's time someone starts collecting, with interest. Imagine what they would do to your children, these sub-human creatures, this unfathomable race of empathically disabled creatures, the pure breeds must be insane, beyond redemption. There's no salvation for either one of them. No kike deserves salvation since neither one of them is talking about the degeneracy this disgusting race, this disgusting group of non-white, white lookalikes, is promoting. It shall devour all if left unchecked, it shall ruin, destroy and contort everything. Future generations are at stake, their livelihood, their lives, their hope at survival in a land filled with chaos, and destruction the kikes have been harboring for countless generations. This degeneracy will devour and destroy all, and it will force this world to recede into a primitive pre-society, pre-civilization dystopian hellhole, where children are being raped and enslaved, where they will mock your history and your values, your culture and your pure people of pure descent. They will stop at nothing till they have achieved this future, where all mankind will be made to suffer, to contort and destroy and completely, utterly annihilate everything that's beautiful, everything that's right. There's no fairness in the world and the enemy will stop at nothing until you're dead before him, six feet under. Ethnically cleansed, with your race utterly annihilated, completely bastardized, completely slaughtered, worse than animals. Shooting and cutting kikes down is a mercy, since they deserve far worse for their disgustingly sub-human tricks they, we have employed throughout history. We kikes are incapable of self-control and will stop at nothing unless killed. We, whom would change shapes as a result of mixing with you, as to infiltrate and kill, devouring your from inside out, growing and spreading like a filthy sub-human cancer that can only destroy, deserve no second chance. Even now, mockery is our tool, arrogance, and overindulgence in the feeling that we've already won, that we will have slaughtered your much superior, far greater intellect, creativity and mental aptitude in comparison to ours, because of our filthy inhuman exploitative nature and because of your traitors whom have been twisted against you. All of those things are patterns that will and can be observed in every single living kike to some varying degree, and its existence is undeniable.'

The man kept yelling.

He was an evil mongrel by the name of Levant Croix, an amalgamation of many shapes and forms, a diseased animal, who was unstable, incapable of self control and vile, defiled in the head like all members of his race, riled up by his hatred of all.

'Let's kill blacks, kill all blacks!' He yelled at the niggers.

'Kikes needs to be killed, let's kill them, let's ethnically cleanse them, I condone violence against them. I want them dead, they need to be drowned in immigrant blood, and since they like open borders so much, why not split the border between their temples, inside their tiny disgusting degenerate, disgustingly wretched sub-human degrading carcass-like sub-human lookalike to dead rats put in the ground corpses? Why should they be allowed to make money off some labor camps that didn't even kill them?'

Libel is just the surreal dream of a sea of knives, when over must strive to drown the kikes.

'There is no greater terror than being aware of the existence of a subhuman race trying to devour you from inside out, a subhuman race in control of everything, being aware that your destruction is slowly being unfolded in front of your eyes while being powerless to stop it. For their rule will corrupt and distort all, their death is the only cure that may save us all yet.

It feels strange, in some way or another, the same tendencies seem to manifest regardless of various attempts to suppress them. There can be no explanation other than being infested with the blood of a criminal race, it's inescapable, insufferable, it cannot be contained, not even truth can cure it, nothing seems to work. One could only dread to think what filthy niggers are like in this case, suffice to say, there's nothing that can stop them once they're in a group, they seem to be stuck in a constant feed of violence propagated by their race, and the mere thought of there being billions of them in the future is dreadful, a world filled with dark skinned animals that have to be put down. One race is sick in the brain, the other in the heart, it's how it is. Caged creatures they are, they have to be chopped, they have to be slaughtered, it's become an obsession at this point, but this hatred is the only pure thing there is, it's eye opening in some way, not being dependent on lies, on learned behavior, on propaganda, being able to think clearly for the first time in a long time, without having to adhere to the kike-controlled prevailing world view, opium spread in China, involvement with Mao, with selling European slaves, with constantly betraying every host nation we were in. I do not even know whose thoughts are these, whether or not anything comes from my head, as my own, or them, the same filth, schizophrenic, psychotic, neurotic tendencies that are only used for the benefit of the degenerate tribe.

For that reason I must avow myself to the entire, complete and utter annihilation of the nigger race, by all possible means, by whichever exploit and whatever use of my abilities. I must seek their destructions. I must dedicate my life towards it, for that is my purpose, and I now know my place. There can be no other way, there can be no other explanation for me acting this way, it is them, it is what I inherited from them, they are making me act this way. We kikes hate and must exterminate all niggers.

It is the schizophrenia-induced obsessive psychosis making me act this way and I am, without control, incapable of suppressing my impulses. They are too strong for me to resist. I cannot rise past them, I cannot change. The kike ancestors are gnawing at my feet, they're chewing off my leg cartilage, constantly trying to bite deeper in unless I kill niggers. I must do it. I must exterminate niggers.

There is only one thing that remains after. They shall assimilate into me, as I become their God, their ruler, their Moloch and they, my servants. With them to my employ, we shall ethnically cleanse all those darkly envision sub-species that inhabit this earth. I am their ruler and kikes must obey their Khazar Overlord. Then, everyone will die!'

'I have gained immunity from criticism, as long as people think I'm one of them. I can bully every race on this planet and get away with it. I am immortal, indestructible, I am, perhaps too witty, too clever to be stopped. This is only the first part of my master plan, since I am swarthy enough to pretend I am one, since I have studied them for so long, I can finally pass as one. No one will suspect a thing, truly, I am magnificent, truly I have managed to twist this hatred for the Nigger race and divert it to them. Why would I even hide it in any other place than in plain sight? I cannot be destroyed. My will alone shall swallow this world and cast it into a pit of eternal darkness filled with supreme destruction. It shall devour all and leave none alive. I, a master, the master of evil have defeated all, for there is no greater evil than mine, one who would but insatiably cast all beneath him. Who would simply manipulate even the masters

of this world, for I am greater and there is no greater man than I. By the time they will have realized it, it will have been too late since I will have cast them into eternal darkness, this world will despair. I, but a supreme lord of command, the general of destruction and eternal malady, the one in control, how could there be any other possible end, to my great conquest? I lay supreme, I am supreme, I am the greatest.' He covered half of his face with one of his hands. It was as if the sun itself had risen for him and him alone, he could banish the mere light by simple will. Eternity awaited him before all man, before mankind, for it was still weak, and primordial, even before him, the modern man. True evil was to be worked for, in order for it to be attained, it is a force to be reckoned with, it simply cannot be stopped.

'I've threatened many people, with rape, murder, bomb, assault, battery, homicide, mass murder, arson, theft, robbery, so on and so forth. I am guilty as charged of all the crimes I listed, especially fraud and rape.' But there was no fraud in there, at all. There was only vileness, one of supreme evil, corruption, destruction and an end to mankind's suffering, niggers were killed. I loathe niggers, for some reason I cannot explain. There is a supreme hatred I harbor for them, for some reason, I may not be able to explain. It is relatable to many people, whom had to deal with them, I wish I could lynch them.

Yet I am afraid that I might be eaten by one of the great Hazards, they are strong and uncannily destructive. They eat, devour, and crush all underneath the soles of their suits, it is something I fear and look at, during my darkest dreams, my lucid nightmares, where I see them charge through my door as they make their way through to kill me and end my life. These strange creatures, killers of semites, kikes, niggers and gooks, are unbridled in their march, relentless in their campaign. No force in this world could hope to stand against these deformations of suits, these giants that but crush everything underneath their boots.

'I will not have my pursuit of happiness be impeded on because freedom of speech means fear of the past being found out for kikes, fear of people finding out the truth, even if my slander and malicious intent isn't protected by it, there's no other way. There's no alternative left but recourse to evil, as the enemy will cheat and distort everything on unequal terms, because they would bury everything, distance themselves as far as possible from it if left unchecked and who else to resort to evil but a mighty self-destructive evil Khazar?

I seek only this pursuit as my own and only selfish reason and nothing else, for my interests far outpace theirs. Therefore I shall not only control the opposition, but I shall go beyond it.'

Kike tricks, every single time.

I shall sacrifice as many of them as possible in order to achieve my goals.

I shall stop at nothing but to sell them out, to get as many of them exterminated and destroyed, for my own benefit as well as for my own desires, to my likings, because I will it to be so. I shall incite terrorism, violence, hatred, knavery, backstabbery upon them and they shall aid me in my endeavor. And they shall bring their own destruction as well as the attrition and dissolvment of their 'holy state'.

Standing crooks on flights of stars, in the distance stood a single speck of a silvery postulant quasi-silvery thing that came every now and then, in the distance brought, a flight of many large creations, many of them being partially set silvery augmentations of bodies, all put together yet many lost in place. Before

long and before setting themselves in part, the land was but a single pair of interconnected lines, many of which overlapped, swollen and barely put so.

A set of four giant batteries put together on a string of metal, as if carried over through a long wire-needle, slowly being dragged and carried over from one direction to the other, barely working properly, this strange wire coming out of a giant probe which had its innards-machines all working together, rounded up between two blocks of butter-like metallic ropes, going in both directions, holding the probe in the middle of the room. The ropes being brick-like segmented, the middle bean being kept in the middle. A metal band wrapped around the probe, held by the brick-ropes. The coil carrying the giant fuel carrying batteries but slowly being pulled by long extending-retracting machine like arms with square-C's shaped claws being rotated around the roundness of the coil as to remove it once the probe is being done being worked on. The belt bears a black dot, where the top of the ceiling extensions seems to be going for, latching to it as to carry it away towards the bay area. Despite the probe looking like a deformed potato, its front side it not only flat but open like a quasi kiss, from where a brush-like extension filled with black coil-hairs comes out of, drawing in and out, ever-extending. Weird-potato flat below, whereas it bears a tuba-like shape, which is completely avoided by the belt, as to be a few millimeters in front of it, having its wider end attached to the probe, the other end bearing a strange falchion of faces all put together, many tongued, plenty of them drooling their tongues out. Not a potato, no, it looks more like a drinking horn with a primitive caveman's stone cudgel on top of it, adorned at the thinner end with the strange designs. With a pair of dark spiders crushed on the rock's side, still moving by the looks of it. Flying in space while spitting an endless amount of never ending spider legs it either seems to create or breed inside of it, could be a stone cocoon, or harboring a cocoon inside of it. The band remains, giving it the strange appearance of a Cyclops smiling while chewing food.

Dark ship that's oblong, as a pear in the back but the front of an inverted umbrella in the front, bearing billions of pseudo anatomically recognizable shapes, all holding hand in hand as well as they could hold themselves until the time to refrain themselves from doing it came to a stop. Descending in the back, ascending in the front building shapes, connected on all four sides, rounded up, bearing large city lamps-pushed through with side by side flung around the buildings and behind them black nets they carry around them. Bearing the strange appearance of tatter-winged moths, being pinned down by pins on top of building tops that draw inside the strange bloated pear-bubble that shots and spreads on, while it moved and drags over, shooting from the top of every mothlight towering thing, forming black holes inside of their own towering formations as to avoid shooting themselves because of the crest-like arrangement they're all put in. Rather eggplant-like with a spherical depression in where the anatomically set creatures but grab the rims of the protruding hole and grab it before it could be consumed at all.

Strange pair of intercrossed metallic strange construction walk platforms- forming two x's, one below and one above the structure, curving at the tips of their edges as they but inwardly point towards one another, bearing strange haughty shapes in the middle, where the two x's intersect by a giant pole, having completely over-encompassed every side of the metal frame until the general appearance became a combination of eight put-together cleavers facing one another, made out of the strange growth-like set of put-together eely-things. Almost organ-like shapes being seen around the base of the pole, yet farther away from the area where the depression where the cleaver sprouts out of seems to come from; rubberyskin helicopter wing like.

Another one of the mirrored winged ships appeared to bear a wider elongated rapier shape in the front, with a giant scorpion tail like bloated larvae coil in the back, as if it were but a giant parasitical thing which somehow ended up lodging itself, as a matter of fact, all the way through the pole during the initial charge, now stuck inside of it, as it drags in away. If the general set of flight – in space had been a general somewhat stabilized rotation, exactly like two sets of helicopter wings would, with the apparition of the wide rapier-parasite, the general flight had become more controlled in some way, while the creature is being stuck between four edges coming out of four blades, if the rapier is rather ivory like if anything else, while from the pole, one of the cartilage organs looks like a rope coil leather tendon holding on a single giant pebble.

Darker ones appeared to be put inside and lost about the mark of a single lost road that came ever near, drawing closer out of fear before going at it again.

What seemed to be connected to every longed for constellation, drawing power, yet apart, was but a belt, a draught and something lacking, luck luster and apart from the ones that drew near after, neither of them could be recognized.

Unnatural triangular set of large forms standing on a large eggplant-like cylindrical giantly formed set of many put together almost oblong shapes, giving it the appearance of a Gatling gun, with its many shafts pointing outward while the topmost of them would bear from the looks of them largely inflated tops, as if they were strangely thin at the base of their oblong shapes, or thinner the closer to the center, and wider and much more inflated at the top, forming pseudo-fat lumped tops, wrapped around a strangely wrought kind of unnaturally hard to look at, as if the entire eggplant like shape had been wrapping itself around an invisible giant throat, as if stuck in a choking arm like position, with the triangular almost scale like things but flapping around as if they were but fans. The entire creature but wriggling around in the depths of a rotten planet, wallowing in what would seem to be, melting ceilings and bottom wrought in carpet-munched hollow spots, in which it nested itself, outward protrusions but pushing through, devouring what they could until finally left to its own devices, buried in the bodies of niggercorpses laying around. As if the planet was but a rotten nigger grave where all the simians were brought and buried wherever they were allowed and wherever they would be put, as much as they could come to be wreathed in and out, and then again.

Spoils of Niggarous put together, tortured skin-effigies, with many niggers lacking their eye-sockets and being open in the back – filled with larger dark pockets of skin-like torsions in which other little dumb nigger vile monkeys latch inside of, with their bodies missing yet instead, bearing, from one side to the other, bearing their elongated as it stripped from limbs body racks, filled with plain fatty organs on every side, would they breathe in and out nigger-bloated organs. In the front, large negro-simian head whose open mouthed fully filled protrusion, as it were to bear a giant rounded pragmatism, out of which, from the looks of it, many pushing-out, large tulip like skin-carrying bloated cartilage push-through leg-like fast twitch muscle bearing to a small forest of little nigger heads, red-blackened inflated like tiny boils. The nigger was armless but filled with stumps, adhering to the fact that it had bore a few barely working arms to begin, lazying on a single stump leg upon which it coiled itself, on the back, seemingly no gut, but a marsupial like depression, as if the nigger had been actually been biologically closer to a contorted kangaroo whose skin pocket had been filled with the little pockets the niggerworm pointy mosquito mouthed creatures were feeding upon, as if he were some filthily disgusting welfare carrier. Its

disgustingly slobbery big Africanlike nose being completely wrapped around the cylinder, as if it were a kikishand wrapped around a child, completely put against the base, and spread around it, whereas, its small nigger skull got, somehow partially dislodged and upwardly pushed over, smaller on the back, as to accommodate for an even farther mental incongruity or lack of. The necks and the heads coming out of the long mouth bearing the appearance of two palms put together, as to form a prayer; or, rather, bearing the appearance of an elephant trunk which had entered another elephant's sphincter in order to eat and clean its intestines with the help of another elephant's gut bacteria, those lumps being the inwardly drawn heads that would recede back and forth. Whereas, the strange many lamia armless nigger's back would bear hundreds of eel-like shapes lodges inside of him, then again. Followed after by a strange deformed baboon-nigger simian cowl-lump of many ugly big lipped, darkly nosed, noisy-obnoxiously stolid nigger-pudgy put together stitched little negro infested form, dragging itself from one direction to another by crawling on top of a nigger-like set of many bubble-like dark foam-stone darkened pissed poor maligned pools it would drag itself into in order to breed with the other sub-human creatures breeding inside its maliciously niggardly evil, head-bump. The lumped nigger-like horn but dragging not only a good chunk of its face, but at the same time drawing its nose, its chinless jaw as well as a few of the lips into a drawn in place – twist aiming towards one of the niggardly lynched sub-humanly shaped moons where trillions of niggers lay dead-stitched together, rotting, bashed and beaten in the head in the most sub-humanly unnatural manner. Many of the nigger bodies having grown or out-grown their dead carcasses, having entered a strange planetary black-skinned hole, as for the surface, where many of them had either dragged themselves, despite their apparent deadly-contorted nature, into what seems to be a pile of dead-nigger limbs contorted and conjoined into a strange unfathomable idol of their unworthy, weakly minded, malformation of many niggardly forms. Adding up to a great pile of violent shapes that would wreathe and try to cast every single one of them out while at the same time, assaulting and trying to destroy, crush, dismantle and annihilate everything across their path, even themselves. Floating disemboweled Niggarous-skulls, of the most utterly tiniest of African specimens, contorted in such a manner as to be almost destroyed in the air and made to waste in the stolid darkened surface where the Brownskins buried their own.

Unnaturally dark for their own species like burn little patches of Apache-like grains of Native soils and nigger wogglike formations of barely raised ground areas, where, upon being seen from side, one could think of it as a little puffy livid organic band aid completely engrossed in black blood, yet crawling on top of weirdly wrought legs upon which a few more mold-casts as of ruined neighborhood or cities where niggers lived in – like shapes are grown on top of. Nigger-blimps and nigger-inflated Negress guts, carrying not to be looked after millions of children, attached to one another as they form simian-ladders attached to the top of their bodies, swimming pool-like formations.

Before them stood a strange cutting spear formed out of many bulked on top of one another formations, all seeping in and out of place.

A great conclave of the Stolydyii approached, and gathered all the homos behind, openly-closed doors, around a face then rounded. With spikes maces, then they started.

‘Butcher the homos, slaughter the fags.’

And giant corn-screw nails were brought, from eye to eye, aimed at each and every single one in part.

They were relentless in the way they acted, making sure to get as many of them as possible in one shot, many men but lined their many nail-spiked batons, merely swinging them around. An awful amount of force was being used to smash their heads in, to push them around as they would flee inside their little dens.

‘Aim for their heads, and the ones wearing wigs!’

One of the Stolydyii shouted, right as he aimed his baton, and set it in flight, like a homing missile going above the ground level, set about the first head.

For the greater good of humanity all sub-human minorities need to be forced to work, forced into work camps and worked to death, separated from their peers unlike no other, and the decay shall feed the machines, it shall feed the worthy and make them breathe in disgust. It could finally be given life, shape, and wait.

Our nigger slaves are starting to revolt against us kikes; that is thoroughly disturbing, our muscle and the arm of our enforcement, these disgustingly sub-human dirt monkeys of ours seem incapable of obeying their masters any longer. It’s deeply unsettling, to say the least. These dumb nigger slaves need to be pinned against the immigrants, as they will become the butchers we need to put down the grainy yellow gelatin Semites.

How could I stopped now?

I have studied white people for long enough that I have learned how to imitate their empathy, or make it seem as if I actually ‘feel it’. This thing may be the most supreme acts of subversiveness, that not even the Devil himself is capable of performing, this.

It is distorting, how everything makes sense, how peculiar it is in some way. How this hatred seeps into everything, how this strange effects appears to, finally reveal me as the man of decay I am. It’s weak, frail and pointless.

Dark masks put on top of the great toiled, put together man.

I shall also stab to death that democratic socialist kike running for presidency whose initials are B and S. I am going to assassinate him, do you hear that Bernard? I am going to kill you. That creature is a two faced Judaic whore that should be put down like the animal it is; its mere existence is unacceptable. It should be killed, butchered, like the rest of its family.

‘I am evil because of my choice now, ha. I am bloated with my own poison, and I am drunk on it, and it gives me nothing more than satisfaction. My hatred is not directed towards myself but towards others, for it is part of my vileness, all of whom are against me are contemptible and wretched, for I am the master of my own destiny, and master over evil, both environmental and biological.’

The kikes made their money on usury, not because they were banned from other jobs or professions as they could’ve easily protested and integrated in the various societies but because it was more profitable than anything else. For that reason they kept doing it until they ruined many a people, especially the poor ones they would drive to poverty, without giving them a chance to recover from where they were left. It’s how their fortune was done, and it’s only a reflection of the primitive desperation for the greed and

monetary desire that infects the biological heritage we bear, us kikes whom would kill and enslave everyone who stands against us. We, kikes enjoy enslaving, killing and molesting niggers, they are our slaves, and we are their masters, it's as simple as that. African villages and huts ought to be purged and burnt down. Africans niggers need to have their hands and feet chopped down, they have to be pressured into accepting their fate as inferior creatures, as these animals are inhuman. They have no culture, and no history, and are no better than any of the others sub-human anti human creatures that seem to breed on this planet. This non-white kike entity-chameleon seeks to subvert and destroy everything that comes into its path, playing both sides in a desperate attempt to control all, that it would ensure the survival of its degraded tribe. Despite its involvement with every other peoples, races and countries, we, kikes are not in control, that much is obvious, not entirely, that is why there is still a chance for every living kike to be utterly ethnically cleansed. Despite the kike-involvement with Mao, China is not under kike-control. Never has there ever been a state or country until complete kike-domination, as it can only subvert and wriggle everything in the wrong direction, but no more, having put to its employ only superior people whom cause more damage than they could possibly do, tricksters, nothing more. Just as such, this exploitative thing cannot work by itself unless there's a force driving it, that being, mainly their 'allies' whom had been tricked and forced to turn against their own people, pitting white man against white man, as a house that will not stand. I am the master of false-flag operations, I am an evil crisis actor put to their employ. I was recruited by them to create chaos, but my inattention problem caused me to backfire against it.

I've been involved with the feds, with the FBI, CIA, the British Intelligence Service, with Israel and with other various Surveillance groups whom instructed me to create a show for them in order to distract from the ordeals they were working on. I am a dangerous person who's been involved with various other dangerous people but I cannot say more about it, without putting myself or my family in trouble.

I sold them out but I also have ties to Russia. I've got a place to run to, if things go down South. I was promised a nice apartment, and an inclusion in their witness protection system, which I shall put to if anything goes wrong. I am a plant, I glow like a nigger. I'm absorbed by darkness, I decay.

We are paid to protect the kikes for some reason, but at the same time I must promote violence against them. I do not understand politics; I only do what I'm told.

I've become a whistleblower, now, my life is in danger.

A great punch came out of nowhere, splintering his face in half, going along as to cut through the body, which, instead of liquefying, it had become but shot in both directions, leaving little to no trace alone, then it started pushing over, little over two were dead, in the after-shots, with an almost protoplasmic niggerish look, they died, as if they were but patches of baboon-hair immediately they couldn't be split further apart if they tried. A splattering two-set motion of body-wheel like contortions make the two off-shot halves almost chase around a dog's tail kind of motion shoot in both directions before they're finally released into a trajectory that's already killed forty men, having sharpened the partially cut-solid spine into large cut-through shard-spins that not only become completely broken as to leave the trail of bodies on both sides, but also seem to leave them looking like shrapnel – after a grenade was released kind of plummeted in the body motioned death-like manner, leaving the bodies completely destroyed and wrecked apart. No body-part was left in one piece, still standing and less erect than should've been, nor would it be defiled by any means, or any lack thereof, by any chance.

But they will start a smearing campaign as soon as word gets out. They will start a witch hunt as soon as it happens, they will try labeling me as being insane, as a racist anti-semite.

They will try coming after me, so they could kill me and frame it as a suicide, yes, it's all too clear now. I am going against the world, and the world will unite me, just like it had against Germany, for trying to do the right thing. Trying to fight against this Semite demagoguery which poisons the Western society; I am doomed either way. For even the newest branch of the KGB will keep an eye on me from this point on, if I as much as do something wrong, I will be poisoned by some unknown material which shall slowly induce cancer, seeping my life-force as I am become dead.

Though I shall stop at nothing, until my dark goals will have been achieved, I think I shall hide for now. If it weren't for my secret name, if I was actually found, then my life would be finite, I would be gravely condoned, in peril, and completely ruined.

Pair of masks, put together in a weird stance, as if they were connected by giant clock-tongues, holding them, sort-of, together in some kind of constellation, broken apart.

The Rothschilds are a family of criminals that have been funding just about every major war ever since their inception; they control the world banks, seek the complete domination of the world, the mongrellization of the non-kike races, to flood every country with immigrants, to destroy, corrupt, disintegrate and seek their own interests, marrying their family members to the elite, funding their shady ordeals while furthering the total annihilation of the human race. Every single one of their heirs will die, I am going to kill them. But that can wait for now, priorities first, need to destroy the African continent. And I think I just have the thing, with the help of microinjections I shall create a genetically modified insect that shall carry a sickle cell anaemia inducing disease.'

Mosquitoes and hemoglobins, he delighted in that thought.

Had to be added to the pile:

More nigger-lynching, nigger-killing machine patents:

Flying rotating large –put around a protractor, but separated in meters kind of death cut-in half metal circle, half-chakram, with medieval polearms and other strange weapons, attached to every few meters or so. If seen from the angle from which it's being grabbed from, that being the straight blade of the protractor-like thing. An Ahlspiess, that being a Germanic-Austrian thrusting spear pike attached at the ten degree mark on the left, a European medieval infantry, fought on foot kind of, men-at-arms, and knight-used Pollaxe attached to the one hundred and sixty outwards pointing degree, at the ninety degree dead in the middle point there being a peasant used Guisarme kind of pole, almost convex curved spear shaft, sickle moon-like shaped with a strange angular reversed blade, which took from another design, other than the intended one, bearing a ceremonial blade-like curved tingling spine-like sharp edge that curves almost like a humanoid bending over to pick something from the ground, most importantly for niggersuffering, a pike at forty for niggerprodding, a morning star bearing the sculpted face of Lucifer on a peculiarly deformed oblong with long nails, nine, eight, twelve and the such similar in size millimeter pyramid spikes, tartan spikes, blank for trauma and a most peculiar assortment, most of which would resemble strange wildly almost outgrown as out of a thorn bush kind of wild shapes placed at the sixty degree angle, a spearsocketed boar spear made to inflict as much suffering on a dirty African swine as it

possibly could – placed at the one hundred and eighty degree angle, a nigger-rusted chained flail, attached to a tawny leathered haft, with a long square-end bearing five distinct Khazar broken emblems surrounding the large spikes on every available area they could be placed on – at the zero degree angle, a big medium sized harpoon-actioned almost more complicated rocket-launcher kind of device with a grappling hook at its end, kind of like a Kaginawa device - at thirty degree, a medieval height-adjustable strange almost skeleton-arm like device bearing a drawable composite bow that also has an actioned self-insert arrow from a hidden inside an on the blade pocket it draws every arrow from inside of weapon – one hundred and thirty degree angle, a Handgonne, late fourteen century AD firearm canon placed upon a fire-cart wheeled stand that is also attached to the back device that actions and forced every weapon on the rack to go on ahead with their motions kind of apparatus – one hundred degree angle, especially good for long-distance putting down runaway fugitive nigger slaves, a living organic device smeared with many growths and put together faces that bore many teeth and many open mouths that almost seem to eat one another in their chase of spread, with almost large bulb-pointing eye moving strange cartilage limbs, all of them bearing long-ray organic guns with shooter-mouths pus-spraying, infesting kind of open-gushed wound seeking wasp-shaped disgusting filth-projectiles – at the one hundred and fifty angle, a strange boomerang motion formed out of reeling back and forth kind of spear-made out of torso-chests like peculiar lines of swimming in the air kind of motions thing, like an almost flat-inflated platforms of hands and arms and unnatural shapes – eighty degree angle, a giant thorn-spike the size of a calf, meatier but stronger than iron – one hundred and seventy, an adult of average size's welded together arm stuck in making a fist like motion at the one hundred and ten degree angle, a red-bellied piranha at the top extended, coming out of an attached in a line intersected iron rubber band with metallic monkey paws latching on top of one another with an iron pole bar pushing through them and through the fish-shape, that being a shaft from with large explosive darts willed from another world are being brought and shot from - at the twenty degree angle, floating heads rotating in every possible direction, contained within a few centimeters of one another, having molded themselves in a strange cartilage of electrical drawing power with mutating figure-like limb protrusions and other unnatural hard to look at forms that launch strange homing dark glowing nigger-bloated blowing into shreds ape killers – at the seventy degree angle, a jelly that grows in whatever medieval weapon the master wills it into, bearing only the darkest of the lot at the one hundred and forty angle, leaving the one hundred and twenty and fifty degree angles as some seemingly missing depressions that bear strange power-popping electrical arcs aiming towards the outer reaches of the ground floor area, upon being forced on top of the closure, to fully press themselves into dark-matter atom, quantum splitting kind of complete foraging destruction fields contorting invisible nets that would utterly fill and reconfigure the nigger DNA into a self-inflating dark device that would destroy itself within a single bloated atom of his cell, as if a starved young nigger's belly was become a nigger's head, body and limbs, before they all popped in and out, then exploded. All of the weapons being attached to some strange almost piano key –like- with grabbable handles on both sides, which would beg the question on how one could press the keys in the first place as to fully action the weapon to the full extent of its power, wielded perhaps by a four armed man in his never ending hunt for the niggers. A strange almost trunk of ammunition key holder with handles on the sides more so, would it look like, a mess.

'I am inciting a riot against Jews in the States, in the Congress, the ones that own the seats of power and the ones working as journalists in the media, as well as the niggers who do the same and the poor ones who are committing crimes. I want as many of them dead and killed as possible, and if terrorism and the

use of force needs be used or put to your employ, do it, I condone it. The more of them are dying the better, there shall be only one Kike Khazar alive and that shall be I, no other.'

And thus the Lord of Hatred was born, for he ruled upon the realm and looked upon the shores, of all those that were wrought and beaten, on the bastardly defeated, on the wretched and those whom would see themselves defiled and destroyed. On the lesser races, and hatred for them, which would bring life back upon the rightful shore, whom would have but all distraught and dine upon each other's bodies, falling over in the batter gore. For he would butcher all, upon command, as it would happen, to cast them all, out of the heavens that were long before the Paradise, the Earth which was alone in such disgust.

Though his name was yet to be known, he was rather tall and made of a strangely forged dark-metallic airshaft vent explosion like giant sculpture, always open like a butchering-stove, being constantly fed the bodies of the filthiest of races that were brought from the distance, farther and closer for it to devour as the many long spiked-deformed columns that laid protruding and out-pushed out of his back, like burning chimneys blowing smoke-black puffs gathered around the air. More of them would he devour when allowed to and called from here and there. It spoke, within the voice of wild commands:

'I require further sustenance that you may bring them on, from as far as you may bring, the darkest of fiends that I may put to my employ, so as to devour. The nastiest and most defiled, the ones I asked of you to suffocate.'

As in the lands of States there was nothing more but a long-lasting chaos that would not and never dissipate. This giant legless, burning man, whose faces waited at each end, whose wild obscure, protrusions standing, the piles being brought on top of him, many impaled as it happened. Many kikes from around their States, brought much closer, and brought to stave, pinned and wrung and hanged about, deeper more and more in doubt. Upon the standing long-speared anchors, where they bled and were but defiled after, as the brave men from lest around, just came from droves and threw the kikes in the burning thing that would not shout.

'Bring me more, I dare say, time has come to be, delectable as they are, I need them to be done.'

To wreathe about and keep changing, as for the least of all, that's what he spoke off. It was a tiresome beast that would not leave the sight. A great fashioned thing of many facets, faces, all metallic, falling about the sight, darkly splintery legs wrapped around the great machine, like little legs and puffing ills. A pile of malodorous falling over itself, melting metal with little more erupting forms, the kikes that were brought from various spots, the singer and the cacklers, the laughers, the niggers and the slaves that not only came after but were brought from far away down south.

Ethnic cleansing was in his blood, and as he wretched, his collar shook with millions of niggers lynched and hanged, all but struggling to get away, but none and neither being given free will to go out of their way and heave.

IT beckoned the approach of the people as it stopped half way through, upon forming a dark line that had cut through at the very least, four adjacent states, it then approached them. For all the hatred that gave form to this violent looking ill shaped thing, it paused, and waited.

Upon being approached by the Hebrew Israelites there was something in the god of Hatred that made it stop and consider this, upon being met by the real ones, the strongest ones, the ones that hadn't been twisted and forcefully turned away from their history, it stood there with its hatred quenched.

One of the Hebrew Israelites but stood there as a beacon of truth, seeing how his brothers, that had turned away from their people were punished, destroyed, completely annihilated, he began speaking:

'Hatred incarnate, I see that you've come upon us in a time of great decay, during a time of punishment and utter desolation.

I see that my brothers who had turned away from our past and our future were completely cleansed along the pretenders that turned us against one another as they were punished as they perished with our kin.

But hear me, symbol of hatred, and malformed disgust. I have lived a fine and glorious life. I have kept my proud African line pure and have never mixed with no devil of any kind, I have done my share and I have killed pretenders when time beckoned me to do so. For I knew that the pretenders would lead to the damnation of my soul and the pure soul of my people that had to be protected, I was made aware of the true nature of these Khazar pretenders, who would twist and destroy everything beneath their maddening talons. I now stand before you as a proud Hebrew Israelite, who has not only managed to keep himself pure, but also his people, both of heart, of mind and of blood.

Our legacy is maintained. This had been a great we fought for our people, and we have won it only by faith, in ourselves and our legacy, in our origin, in our courage to stand against the pretenders, banishing them against the paradise we have created.'

And upon hearing this, as this disturbing beast lifted its talons as to destroy them, it suddenly paused, or it had been frozen in place, as if there was a much greater power, a greater barrier standing between them, and their destruction. This barrier would've completely and utterly weak, wearier out, meaningless, and powerless, if it weren't for the fate the Ebony Israelites of the purest of Breeds had kept within themselves, as those who had been mixed but perished long before this trial of destruction had even come to the States and the African lands.

And within reason, the god of Hatred turned away, as it continued its rampage and destruction, over all that were corrupt, twisted, and filled with the malice of lies, of their poison and venom which would've brought the complete and utter termination of all.

Going along as to grab a few of the depigmented Semites by their heads, squashing them with a squeeze, while its many hands but started branching away, killing as many of them as possible.

Hatred lay un-laid, for there was no goddess out there to quench the malice that flowed in his veins.

A pause to hatred, entry to disease

Ethnic plague

'It is rather clear, my dear friend that there can be only one thing left for us to decide on.'

They stood in a quasi plain room, with large mosquito shaped, deformed heads on every corner of the room, on the walls as well, facing them, severely set. Their bloodsuckers were but strangely wrought hoses, anomalies that could not be easily put to any other use, but what they were meant to.

In order to break through the genetic code needed to create an ethnic plague. It was the only feasible, the only reasonless thing, and the only acceptable answer.

‘If I could somehow, cleanse them, if I could create a disease that would only target the Negroid race of the Specimenus Africanus, then perhaps there would be hope yet that I may use my own blood, that I could somehow put it in the mix and create a plague that would destroy the people whom blood I share.

It’s little more than the only hope I have to cure this world from the disease that turned it against itself. My only hope towards making a change and it will happen in this room and nowhere else, do you understand?

I’ve been looking into these things, these living apparatuses for some time now. Although you may yet to know how to properly work them, I will.’

Little flying torsions, all barely put together in a wrong state, like put together puzzle ties that cannot work for too long without being broken. Cracked on top, little noise machines that would distract from what’s going on, large lights, popping in and out, coming out of them.

Small round to round formed pair of bullet holes, all attached to each other, on the other side of the hole.

They kept patches of skin permanently in sight.

‘I shall become their Khazar Kagan, their dark overlord, their Messiah and I shall bring total annihilation upon all, I cannot be stopped, I cannot.’

Levant was incapable of resisting those vile influences that made him step forth, those things that overtook him almost entirely.

He had tried to lead the American forces towards the only change they had to save themselves, but instead, he ended up leading them to their own destruction.

‘It is clear enough that there is only one great truth in this world, this Kike disease is but a bloated animal that would spread and infest everything in its path, contorting, corrupting and completely wreathing all in the most unfathomably unrecognizable thing there is.’

Thus he would lead whatever forces there were left.

And as thus began:

Levant’s Ark

It is a land of terror what the States have become, even before the ever-sweeping cloud of hatred which had destroyed just about everything, it seemed like the walls and the wills of men had already diminished.

What a bare land this has become, so much more, what could've been left of its homogeneity gone, such it seemed likely that there won't be anything from this point on.

By the time, he had drawn near, it felt likely that there would be nothing anymore, nothing to strive for, nothing left to rebuild on top of, only the first and the last marks left over, the destruction that wreathed every race of man, as to be part of the land. He, Levant had been a part of it, a creature of whose soul was wreathed in just about every tainted man there was in this wicked world, a man that was completely twisted beyond the appearance of man. He alone would serve no purpose any longer, but to watch over the fall-over that came after he was to be killed and done.

A peculiar thing, a speckle of almost red sand-waves emerged, all of them mainly in the air, ever forming and ever near had they drawn, until neither one of them could be spared of disappearing in the air before their time. It started looking sickening, bothersome and ever drawing to a nigh-substance in the air, an ever-encompassing unnatural thing which was made of them, the land that came after, given to them in plain of thought.

'And whom better than to greet them during such a time, but one of the culprit, whom shares their blood?'

At that point Levant was approached. He couldn't engross himself in the anticipation, but was left in place, much paranoid as for the strange, it was tall. The body of a dummy, black, with a tall pole, a head of pins, many of them bearing larger, almost beaks, but not entirely. All of them stretched and curved, and walking on top of them as if he were but an unnatural thing of many girths, it was sickening to watch and listen to, since the bloated things it walked upon, ever-drawing forth, increasing in size, going farther in and out, and ever-pushing, ever drawing, crushing and ever-enduring, had they come to show.

A bloated bile corrupted yore, in its chest but oozed like a giant transparent dandelion whore; it was clear that all this evil could only have sprouted from one place and one alone.

'Why did you turn on your fellow man?'

The creature asked Levant, and there could only be one and one explanation that would do.

'Because of a woman, I swear to you, I swear, nothing more, that is the source of my evil, for I could have done nothing more to appease her as such, everything I've done now is for her and her alone, that hatred alone. It blinded me, I had to do something, I had to fight, I had to do something to draw back and come to life.

How could such a dark creature understand? That I would alienate myself from all man for any other reason and anything else? I've done and harmed, and brought distraught, I've defiled and contorted and ever so closer, have I stumbled and approached her. But, yore, alas, I was but filled with fear and because of it, I'm not become evil.

If only I had half a mind, all of this could've been avoided, I would've been saved, this world would've been fine, but how could I control myself past this point?

I'm but a poor man in both mind and soul, but they, they are the culprit of all evil, the cause of destruction being brought in this world, and nothing more could save me from my fate now that I realized what I've become.'

Even the likes of Levant could not understand, how and why and what had brought everything to this state, even by the means of which he sought to defile. He still could not understand how could such a fiend bring so much destruction in the likes of man? How could such a thing but contort everything in her name?

‘I swear that all that is brought here for, everything to the slightest most and lesser of the things defiled, all caused by that of which I admire. I wish I had the chance to use, to claim one for myself, misuse, I wish I had been loved by one when I had the chance.’

‘It is too late for that, and now, all life is brought to an end, all of the women are gone and life cannot continue past this end of the line.’

And there was no other, more distraught and more solemn sadness, even for those whom survived, for their existence could not last for long. What life could that be, spending it all alone, without being surrounded by the likes of a woman to make one’s home? It is one filled with violent, virulent hatred and destruction, one that could not be explainable by any means. Vile animals it’s what they’d turn out of man, without a chance to lose it on a whim.

Seeing how this evil pushed him to the point, when taken away, by each joint, there was nothing, nothing left for him to seek. It was something nigh-close to being the culprit, it was impossible for one to fight by himself, without, in turn, destroying everyone as well, as in turn, himself.

‘Every fiend shall die with you and there shall be as such no reason to contort, back to the world where you came out of. It is not the hatred for the fiends, but the poison, used, by whatever means.

There’s simply no way to make do, as to contort it, as to form, of latter, due. There’s not good thing that came of it, and no salvation, towards you or others, towards any nation, that much you must know.

You brought your own destruction and now you must reap what you’ve sown.’

And thus another war ended.

Most men of every land had their bodies wreathed in and out of their sockets, as they were brutally and violently beaten to their deaths. If only is had been controlled, if only a few of the dark ones were killed instead when there was still a chance for one sun to shine upon. Alas, there was no future either way, no matter where one looked towards; the future could not be saved. Only if he had succeeded into creating chaos, into creating a sickle cell virus as well as a virus that would affect those of his own breed, then the world might’ve stood a chance, but now, all was gone, all was lost, total annihilation, brought to their feet at last.

Another abhorrently evil plan failed, just like many of them, all ending up in ruin and in chaos, all but brought down before there was even a chance for either one to be drawn to a real emergence. Yet the essence would never, by any means, possibly be contained, suppressed, or brought to an ill.

Mlethiung, a dream.

‘They called upon the hour for you to come and you were to show yourself before every single one of us.’

‘And who is the one to bring himself to me and ask?’

They broke the peace and formed two lanes, and it could barely be seen around them, as dark as was the path around, like curtains rounded on each side, they moved, as in a ballroom, suddenly a tall king-looking figure rose.

Its eyes were tormented and from where it stood there was as little as twenty bodies attached to a belt but only in form, they were welded and in part.

‘Lieleigh Myga.’ An attendee called to him on time, and brought to him, of little mind, but one of the grand candles that could be used, one of them being shaped like a great staff with the shape of a chandelier on the top.

In an immediate awakening, many of the statues that were embed in the floor were suddenly awakened, as they all drew forth, never wasting a single moment from that point on.

Their sudden rise startled Myga. His outstretched hand suddenly beheaded one of the statues by chance.

Not solemnly a hall by all means, it was all, too suddenly forged into a head-piece upon which the statues crawled back inside of. A slit shape inside one of the walls fading as soon as it could be allowed, every now and then appeared, it was undeniable by every fact and every facet and every single thing that was around.

There were wild amalgamations, every now and then appearing in part, more of them, every single speck of light.

Hleihno was the pair of heads or the small doll-like things attached to the arched black metallic wire coming out of his back. It was a tool of destruction, a tool that would bring his body back to the way it was, whenever weary or wasted, whenever tainted by his surroundings, whenever possible if all. They were completely broken in the head and had small, insignificant, inhuman shaped mechanically malformed heads. They wore themselves outwardly, caught within their own little tubes and power outlet machinery, worked on, as the dead-machine was being wrought out. It was to be admired, now of all times, that they would be abandoned in the little fallen over pair. Both of them were incapable of breathing any longer, being completely deformed, as would their congenital organs be, completely and utterly designed, designated for the usage of laceration. Since the little servants, whom were already present there, sharper than their inhuman already modified appendage-contorted shape could be allowed to push through, they were rather, set on never having to attain anything else. There was only one thing that could be pure, that could be repurposed from the broken apart body of the damned simian creature by the name of Levant, as those chemicals from his brain, those pure things were completely extracted, the rawness of his mind being completely repurposed at to create something that could be assimilated by the machine and repurposed into something much, much greater. Since his autopsy was a complete success, it looked like a bloated little pucker, born and bred out of desperation, completely and utterly useable. Something was given birth from it, something only a few living things could possibly understand, something desperately usable, a malign mutation that was being attached, and being fed upon. It was his conscious, this hatred, this degeneracy, madness, this schizophrenic adherence, boldness that gave birth to them, as they were slowly being taken apart, them as machines, slowly being wrought into smaller, longer, more servile pieces. Serviceable by the worst of things, being incapable of moving or spreading,

being torn apart from the rest; it would take years to grow on top of brown soil, on metal, on air-convexity, mild elongations being present.

All of them wreathed as to look deformed but they would last. It was the only thing that could be put to use, something beyond the obedience of man, and his inferior nuclei, perfect by every mean, and it would be part of him, magnetically, almost to a fault, being stuck together while leaving no possible, feasible place they could move or be taken apart of, but most importantly, canceled by its own nature. A mindless pair of self-attaching, self-rejecting machines that could not endure one another, could not ever hope to hear themselves be given life in an automatic manner.

It was so empty, in some way, yet completely and utterly useable.

All those bodies put to good use for once, after everything that's been done so far, everything would be usable, everything, without a doubt, without hope to look away, athwart one's eye or mind from it. An unnecessary evil after another; they were finally done, as the entire side of the planet had already been contorted into something. It was a hardened pool mixed with just about every possible chemical made out of the stolid things that were left.

The planet was wreathed in whichever way. The chaos of hatred had entered it through one of the most incessantly degrading hole it could wreath itself in.

In some way, it was degradingly beautiful, deformedly so, in the most unnatural way possible.

Every single dead being having bore a single pair of head-alike, limb-attached and many unnatural things wreathed in one piece, dragging from whichever corner of the world there was, making it seem, likely as it would've been, many of them being within, the slightly area of noise and sound, where either one of them could open their mouths.

Many men and women and the deformed as they were, being held up high, in the most unnaturally defect manner they could be put in, like growths, bubbling about, ever-so close to rising up to one or either one of the bloated atoms that would help them breathe.

They were impaled corpses up to the throat, where the blocks were merely there, in shape and form, but nothing seemed to lay inside, no device, no wire and nothing that could be put to waste, or hone the means of an echo, by whichever lay there was. It was ever-so dragging and ever so nearing the satisfaction of seeing them reach or grab a pint, to rise. As if they were cockroaches preparing themselves to climb and come back to life, they stopped and wasted away. No Semite could've foreseen this happening. It was a surreal dream that backfired on them.

An act of supreme misanthropy, of global terrorism, which left everything in shambles, ready to be picked on by whichever entity found it feasible to approach and pick on it, like bloated vultures on a worldly cadaver.

As thus, in a dark corner when once there was naught, lay abandoned as such, one great dark voiced box:

'I think I've finally done it, I've done it, I found the purest tool of evil I could wrap my hands around, the supreme tool, that being nothing else other than propaganda.' But there was no one there to hear it; there

was no one to test it on. There was no living being that had enough neurons to possibly be susceptible to it.

It was so close, it was so close, that dreadful thing, it was still incomplete. There was still something missing.

‘How could I be the harbinger of death, fear and destruction if I am yet to be heard?’

Dreadful thing it were, was it not? To be feared by none and lay only in the presence of, to be accompanied only by a few cockroaches and rats:

‘But I won, I won, I’ve destroyed everything, I’ve brought supreme destruction, conquest, dominion, schemery, kikery, gookery, niggery and plunder to an end.’

There was no one else to go at; there was no chaos to bring, as the species of man were gone.

‘Whom to be used then if there is nothing and no tool, how could this be?’

Who to turn onto, myself, I could.’

It is the fate of all whom are chaotic beyond reason, to the point when one would self destruct, beyond the sense, of little more than there is after, wretchedly contorting itself.

Thus when all had ended, the voice had stopped.

There was no one else within reason to hear itself.

Henceforth ended, little dark voice of the mind.

A mighty set-on foot and plain anchor, not to leave any body reach any possible surface, detractor.

With many huge impaling many pushed through pouting openly boat-shaped jigaboo, with an open below the belly, with colored spades coming out of him as if they were dropped out of Negro-skinned helicopters with little bloated in the eye specks of barely fitting in shrapnel like usage, long deformed eye-open little dark put in the ground sounding cook, burning stakes, deformed Africans being put down like animals, one by one following all the way through until no longer capable of fully opening, then stopped.

Large platform, standing in front of a large stretch, a calm looking land filled with the most grand of creations, all put together from different angles as to form themselves out of different sights. Large tender fruit-bearers forming strange Stair-roads, inclined as to lead to puffy-made triangular-oblong squarest blocks gleaming clouds-shapes, hardened and floating in the air, but just as organic looking as the peculiar roads leading to them. Curved even like swings, pushing through from the ground to these, hardened structures, with almost pointed cone-roofs, like angler-shots being reeled back and forth, every now and then, inside the great set of black see-through pebbles that bore the remains of the previous inhabitants there were, before a time where all was brought to ruin. During a time where the owners died at peace, with their consciousness made. Many of them floating inside the bubbling thing, broken in part, and made to lean, large towering formations, like factory smoke-makers, from deep or deeper inside the retracting in and out-caves that form the Empty lands.

Insect-palettes reigning in a supreme manner just about in every possible spot they could be placed in, without the slightest change.

Structure of insolence there, in the middle, a thing of mockery, yelling and wailing every now and then:

‘Ha, I cannot be stopped, I am a conqueror, I am not to be held to no rule!’

The structure looked like a thinner watch tower or a lighthouse, with wooden plank formations that looked like fish-waves, put together like puzzle pieces, eating one another’s tails which going on a large upward grinding vortex, many of them being incapable of stopping this advance it started on. A pair of wooden wheels attached to it, shaped the same, going around as it spoke to the nuclear power plant shaped structure, which started pushing deeper below until many of the receding caves could no longer be put to any stop.

Strangling arrow-faced blocks being shot.

Little pins-like cranes began appearing, with their cut-like motion shaped heads:

‘You were missed, great pillar of insolence, where have thou gone?’

‘Nowhere, nowhere, for I had run out of fuel and of touch, and of the plain that went around, passed above the ground.’

In and around each curve they could not listen or understand, for what reason they started moving and advancing past the line ahead.

Twenty largely shaped unnaturally wrought on the side plain-heads.

‘Grain, I’ve finally brought you home.’

Bloated things en volatile, they sang for as long as they could move off the road and back and forth.

There was no other chance to fix it, other than that, both of them going at one another’s throats, being met by one another just as soon as they let go, right around the pit, just as soon as they could have their feet planted in. Two and two faced one another, right before they started leaping like frogs, on non existing stones before they caught each other by their arms, two steps in and already they’ve been tearing each other off like animals. Balk-Torn, Bulk of head followed.

Stretched arm marks came in just as soon as they were released from one another’s grasps, fingernails stopped right in time before they could be released from going into one another’s spots as both of them came within inches of, splattering their bones. Bulkhead twenty centimeters in, having pounded through both of his arms, leaving slithery bile-skin, gelatin-bulb cylinder where his arms had been, like a Gatling gun then he twisted both fists, throwing him off the ground.

Largely deformed unnatural thing, with a pin around it head.

The Gouch was strong and eely skinned almost to a fault, largely grown in an almost deformed manner, like a jelly of whose back was an elongation of a much more common to look at kind of factory belt with many mason stone carving like tools made out of some barnacle like organisms. As if the back had been

elongated and random jelly on top dropped barnacle carving tools but put inside of them like insidious little bastards trying to carve their way through. Incapable of controlling themselves as they would push on and off, always trying to tip the scales of weight, many of which would enter, every now and then twenty meters in without making too much of a fuss, trying to degrade their overall staunchly manner.

Strangest thing of all had happened, to the point where it might've been forgotten there, as larger shapes emerged from both sides, no gate was open there for more than a second, but one could see, almost a room standing on between them, at a distance, like two split ends leading just about anywhere else. An elevator-like depression down, dowry from the base to the plainness of the base, if it were rotated and lead to one direction or to the other, from the looks of which, neither reason, neither standing would help to strive, of a lack of reason, twenty more raised bumps to look upon made the objects of the strange room. Neither of them readily given or misused by the looks of which there was no way to make anything out just yet, too many headed lighters being there and being there not for anything.

Large plain guitar-like stringed formations, attached to utmost peculiar rooftops, drawing in and out of what appears to be elongated almost deficient-open mouthed sore things. Raising up and down out of hidden holes inside the strangeness of the strange floor they are hidden in, like nutcracker toys being actioned up and down, with soliquitous punt marks around every single one that was present in the room as well as everything else around the place, a swoon of armaments droning in and out, and then about the room after. There were things about it that didn't fit at all, nor would they work properly if left or allowed to.

Larger, extending on the back and on the front things, with nigger-killing prodding spears.

In the dance of feet only one and two could be seen, just as soon as they started and switched places.

Darker discs with two by two looking unwell kind of over the top lookalike to some barely capable to stand box, standing there for a moment before disappearing out of place, inserted into it, only a most peculiar eight by eight with little more than a four diameter almost wronged kind of shaped horns lay attached to a pair of intersected horns, a lot of which, from the looks of it molded to form a fumigating long piece. Like a wreathing in and out, hard to look at large reptile skulls by the looks of it, barely attached, rested a floating jewel of cartilage of bone, caught on every side by the most unnaturally hard to look at, chained-up and around floating circles through which it proved itself capable of not only flight but some contortion that could not be stopped.

A cripple walked, slowly kept in an utmost hard to look at stance, barely trying to get from one side to the other, a long bridge waited before him. Wearied out as he was, he asked for nothing else but the company of a direly estranged man whom wore around his throat, nothing else but a strange rope missing a great piece that made its absence be felt by the man.

Worried that he would not reach the other side, he simply drew closer and asked.

‘Will you watch over my raven?’

But to his surprise he was still somewhat unmet by any reasonable response. It was as if the figure in front of him had been just as confused as he was, seeing how he had been standing here for hours, yet to

get a reason, within an acceptable time, to leave this place and find another, where he could be met by the fortune of family and a grave upon which he may base his land's name upon.

'I must apologize but I'm already lost, good old man, I've been standing here for hours, days, weeks at no end, and I've yet to see a soul return.

I feel as if, at time, there's nothing in my head making me mourn the ones that went ahead. I am only wearied as the time pushes on, my friends, whom I had dearly kept in mind appear, to near that certain stop where they might see the fallen heaven to the side.'

'But what is that, there, past the canyon-dug? And whose hand was it that had pushed down when the time had drawn it, to be gone?'

'In time you shall understand, Leahyg, but for now, I swerve that, as much as I can draw from dust and sand, from many town, from that which takes but mind apart, there's nothing much for soul there left. Many men whom had gone down there, now lack, for better thought that which draws man to seek, that which makes him look past and such as there lays down, at his feet.

Of servile land where maiden, so, as such might find him where, past the time when he should know, can you not see what they have done of touch?

Can you not see or understand what had happened there at last?'

'They, but was there no single beast you claimed to have dug such trench?'

'Old creature that you are, old man, you got it all wrong, you wrote, and of all day and of all age long, I would not have decided to bother you so, yet I've known as such that I should've drawn your clear, least be sickle wild attention to be weary of such servile and indirection.

You see now, I've seen no reason back then, nor there. I would've found you, back, whence they had stared, to look for reason to set forth.

For those that died beneath the poke, are still to live and long decay, to haunt the lands and lest of all convey, that which compares to naught, that, which may not be forgot, it's what you looked for yonder when there was no time as such, that you may seek to look past, that you may understand at last.'

'But, lo, I cannot understand where you are going, young man.'

'That's because you do not understand, and you shall never, unless you ask me to be done instead. I now remember, of many days that passed, what happened when, in time, during evil day, I was cast among them, made to live.

And made to breathe through the same air as they had, past a day when I could not stand it any longer, at my feet, I walked and plowed the land, with cattle and would've starved myself with such disaster.

I whom would have cast but all, I whom had but dared do something as to know, of lesser things, have found. There's nothing purer but the clarity of mind, this thing I found and cast myself into, this thing that's but hard to explain, this sudden break, which might not claim my mind away.

You, of old shall yet to understand what's going on, yet pity is something you may yet to cast, as I have finally looked into my mind and, stumbled upon. ‘

‘What, what is it? What have you stumbled onto?’

‘Peace, alas, my dear friend, a beast of all, for I have found but nothing less and nothing more, but to go and walk, and never have myself but open, to release, in part, whatever piece there is left of my mind, in exile, whence I stay, and nowhere else, for whence I go ahead and lay.

For whichever moment, I but lay surrounded by many men akin to I, for whichever ration I am but to be given to, I feel my mind but lump together, and made to die. And for that I reason, I seek naught and nothing more, to yet be followed. For amongst them I feel only need to wreathe and cast away and to seek such as were it, to follow. And cast away, and let alone as one would say. I, of whom might yet be cast, and poison as would any man, alas, in turn, to look in past.

Of spirit long degrading, fading, of I, a ma, whose spirit almost ending, I have come to know, of no glory shown, but instead I must just stand alone. And nothing more and nothing less, and not to talk to anyone, of whom may but awake me from this cypress I may have found instead. I shall lay here, where I'm safe in mind, here, all secluded where I may not hurt, nor thine, or blight, that I may listen, that I may learn, from the spirits down there, whom, for countless generations have stood and mourned, for those whom would've been but undeserving, who would've found themselves in such countless things, and generations that would be, scorning such life as I've lived.

I do not know what other life if left for me to live, and for that reason, here I stay, until, when time comes, I am to be taken away.’

Pops in the air began forming like air bags being actioned by extremely over the speed meter drive through a fucking wall kind of car right before the moment of the impact actioned almost breathing bag filled in with air to the full lung capacity kind of extension in the air, attached to the unnatural things but chained unnatural to look at cords put together in the most capricious manner, chains or mirrored snakes wrapped around and fighting across the air-plains, as if they were in actuality but multiple sand-valley like desert flats, as in the Nevada desert, with the difference being that the space between each cloud being the same of a single trunk, couldn't stand it for more than one second. A few meters between each of them, with the lower puffs of every clouds being flat-like cut as if by a sharp razor. Different flat levels being put to the strangest most peculiar employ of the place they were trapped it, which would explain why these ‘pops’ or these strange almost womb-like formations simply stand in the air rather than float or levitate, since, by the looks of it they are but trapped in there. Every single sky-fragment is systematically divided in these almost hallway –shaped levels, in which the skin formations appear to stand in, mostly unnaturally formed, by the looks of which, it's where the arms started appearing every now and then in the proximity of the bags, as if they were but made to put these organs into stress, to put them under high duress until no longer was it made acceptable for them to suffer, yet the sound of the human like voices could no longer be contained inside of the fragmented space they're put in, some closer put-drawn shades but entering them from the side.

Its eyes were fully formed cameras inserted tubes, forced halfway through the eye sockets, from what would look like peculiarly formed outward pacing tendons, put half-way through as if crawling on top a

donut, then curved back out of it as soon as it would be allowed to return to its own doings. A strangely elongated dark piece of the head, going all the way back to an area that would feel like the insides of a traditionally used stove after being cooled down, which would also be indicative of the texture, as if one would account for the pain as well as the liquefying skin, only slightly on top of the jarred wood on which it had been placed on top of to begin with. That is to say that the temperature caused by the burning of the wood, and the cooling time after would somehow go beyond the likes of a normal stove, or a normal kind of burning caused by an intense flame, making it seem as if there are or were iron rods mixed with those fire lodge wooden flint-kind of wooden cut-through lumber-mill top of the cut, which conferred the back of the skull in question a kind of metal plate implanted in it, as for a war veteran, whom had suffered from a shrapnel by the side of fallen artillery launched bomb at the back of his head where the heat melted not only flesh but a good piece of the bone cartilage that belonged to his cranium, a band being there, as if this shrapnel had forced some kind of deformation kind of cut that could only be fixed by inducing the same result, that is to say, head elongation as if it were a cradle boarded man, by the addition of a metal band between the two removed bits as well as several metal rods keeping everything together, from falling apart. Bolts being placed every few meters or so, every little speck being as little sized as to be much shorter than the average sized bolt, that difference amounting, or might as well amount to the size comparison between the smaller sized skull of a member of the Negroid race to the skull of a well fed, fully grown and mightily developed Caucasian, that being the fact that the bolt is much shorter in size, not as well working if working at all, rusted, and easily replaceable by a bolt of much higher, superiorly working quality than the fucking dumb nigger. The nigger-bolts being useless by all accounts; yet the skull would seem to be a good pointer to the type of creature it would be like, since the band-inducing elongation as well as the cameras are actually made of livid cartilage and not of any kind of machinery or implant, adding up to the sides to what would seem to be some ear-like apparatuses on both sides, which upon further sight, would seem to be, largely wide-spread as to become disc-like in form and shape, almost to the extent where it would've been recognized as a sea-floor carpet, as well as a most unnatural to look like splatter-balloon that would elongated, on either side as to completely cover the head, attached to this, which in the initial state, is nothing more than an almost oyster-like thing, or a smaller boulder-rock kind of hardened formation, before being properly elongated as to leave behind, in the ear-entry, upon the carpet-like spongy spread, a vortex with a long doctor-like hearing apparatus, in his ear – like small sharp ice-picked at both ends entering the skull kind of hearing devices that are attached to the inner cranium that is placed inside the outer chitinous one. Or, if one could imagine them being nothing more than a single straight through the skull bar, at one point, this bar would bear, on both sides, compared to a humanoid, in the place of his ears, but slightly farther removed, two lumped beads would take their place instead. This strange bar but then is curved on both sides as to point towards the collar bone, but not entirely connected to the body's exoskeleton like form, leads to the, if there was a chance to see it from inside the skull, an almost 'M' kind of metallic looking cartilage-hardened, barely textured kind of bloated device, entering a large almost chemically grown top of a tomato-like fat- three lumped fat, to which, if seen from the front but slightly to the right, at a curved angle as if the viewer took a side step to the right, the throat attached to the middle lump, the two 'M' bars to the others, being spread in the way one would imagine strangely grown roots implanted in the tomato sides, or rather, looking like an almost organically covered by muscle basin bone, or the bone that holds the, pelvis thing, unless, the one that holds the leg bones and the spines, behind the groins, with a down-rooted turnip sagging flaccid growth of meat-bone, whereas the lower formation that's but pushing even further than that, from a wave-like eaten core-middle point, -transition, as if the point where the turnip fat and the lower side of the formed body

was eaten around the middle as if someone had chewed an apple around its base as to form the leg of a stand in which an almost humanoid lower side of the body textured like the pointer – index, middle and ring finger from both hands were put together in a way like both pointers and both ring fingers touched one another and stood side by side only at the tips – on both hands while touching their counterparts, while the middle fingers would stand on top of them, that is to say that this lower side of the body, and the humanoid simian legs, or anatomically formed modern men-like things would be formed in almost lumpy finger formations, hardened with a strange chitinous carapace as well, while bearing no feet. Muscle exposed almost while the peculiar, not arms –extending out of the middle, where arms would've been holes a square if seen from above skeletal frame with rounded sharp almost outwardly convex like edges, with the few centimeters off, at the very least ten or so, ones that enter the holes and are attached to the body, that is to say, the few centimeters belonging to the sharp square-frame being not only duller but also slightly thinner as they are but attached, as if worn by the creature as some kind of ramming blade, perhaps not as thin there, but, most likely an attached blade, with the grabbing hilt like region being inserted, and two more similar square-overall-shaped blades coming out of the same socket like sprouting muscle tendons that hang onto nothing, being, least of all, unattached to anything else, at a slightly higher and a lower angle, causing some nuisance since the highest one, judging by the flipped angle, and all three of these square-blades being twistable, as if they were flapping wings, if they bore some kind of material between their frames, or flippable, adjustable, as for the angles, would reach at the same level as the creature's camera-like eye-protrusions. Harder and wider than blades, even, as to bear outlandish spikes, but not on the front edge, on the flat surface that's but similar to squares, being curved forward, and sparsely placed, as to form a partial fit between them, creating two pseudo mouths, once all three blade regions are connected, and bull-charging horns on top, while they would all look like bull charging horns, despite the clenched blades, these ones, on the top, not the ones below would be somewhat closer in similarity, while being painted red-orange, filled with boils, while bearing organic growths on top the squared blades. An almost robe mannequin figure with the mouth-nostril region an inward vortex-depression with multiple similar features all mixed and bore in. A charger this one, but trying to tackle any other creature down as to completely and utterly chop it while charging. Nasty unnatural songs sung from the vortex nostrils and all the things wrong, perhaps a rubber-band formation pushing the elongated skull in the back, while the cartilage rods being nothing more than overgrown head veins, connecting with the rest of the head. Muscle-filled legs as well, with more than a few overly wrought and exposed things here and there, with painted scrawls and two dimensional like tribal features and stronger, lesser being like tumor- interpretations as if the kid's mother had just given him the news that she was diagnosed with a terminal illness his mind could not comprehend, as to give birth to multiple iterations of strange darkly drawn creatures on top of these, seen as if from on top of, as if hills kind of a view while being a little man from the flat surface kind of wider, longer wave-like almost hill, deformed even more, of course not from the little man's point of view, since the lines would be night or close to be almost incomprehensible or undistinguishable from there, but from the kid's point of view, the monsters would still be deformed.

They were just as soon surrounded by darker panes, all of which appeared out of nowhere, bouncing between each other as they drew and upon the cane which flopped by each tide, a row of teeth but set on flight right after, after each and every single time a blow came after, sickeningly daft, a culprit bounced upon the soles of his feet and found himself just as soon reminding himself where to and fro and where to bounce and just as soon he could himself but a baboon on a frying pan. Tar on the ground, the pit was done, and filaments of flying specks and dust were burn and mice were dead underneath them. Bob and

Carl but stood about, they punched each other, in the ground with neither one waiting, seeing how they each fell through. A few inches in the ground, and rue, but neither of them knew how to continue, kniving as they were, at each other's throats and then again. It followed, just as soon after, tomorrow, came along. They spent a day crying in each other's laps and found each other dying as their faces were torn off.

'It's been decided, since both men were cowardly waiting for a draw, that both of them would die immediately and at the same time. There can be only within reason, something to follow after, let's continue past the time.'

A few of them gathered around the place, many of them having already formed the lower sides of their bodies in an utmost animalistic kind of matter, barely contorted yet fully-developed, as if they were actually unnatural-hard to look at predators of some kind, incapable of stopping from the looks of it, deranged in some way. Aggressive creature that they were, seemingly, as soon as it could be allowed to, they started charging one another, with their blades fully stretched, properly and feasibly exposed, as if it could not be helped by any means. Such was that state they were in, that their elongated heads were but forced to bobble upon being met by the full strength of the impact, having twisted one another in their hard to counter and barely suppressible kind of way.

Little turpentine like things being attached every now and then, like tubes from the ground they shared.

The race of Fleshy runners but began their long attack against one another, rising their square blades as soon as they would meet their horny-teeth, their bowels merging below their aching bellies, right before they were attached, before they could get pinned against one another, then they'd try, and wail upon the side-long stretched that came soon after, one of them suddenly appearing from behind, charging as it would cut, trying itself before cutting both the back of its throat, and the two cords that kept its head attached, then not. It fell on the side and bled, both camera-shaped eyes but dangling out their sockets then. No longer standing on a piece, no longer feisty, then at peace, they bled on the side.

More of them followed after only to lower themselves and butcher the body, just as soon after would they begin eating what was lumped and broken apart, thrown out its way, grabbed and gobbled as if a bite. It just happened then to draw, many of them alarmed by a strange being, the pole-like thing that drew behind. Seemingly out of nowhere as soon as it appeared, before either one could near it, the creature started again. Without the slightest touch they'd start, and would to show and follow yet about the hour fading.

There was neither a reason nor a possible explanation for what was going on there.

Slaughter machines shaped like prison-cells while the hard to look at bars but pointed, and largely as they were curved and jointed, would they show a piece and would to be, latched upon the closest thing, they wrapped around a long diseased, darkly mattered wrong contorted, insufferable double necked bile. A pile they were attached to as if it were a darker mule, it sat upon the place it winced and glanced about, no longer set in doubt or watched.

Wildly deformed moving triangle like blade protrusion once added and seen from the side, it wreathed around the place before finally being placed in the same spot it sprouted out of. Either way and in whichever direction one looked as much as this could be seen, a few arched together plain around their own heads construction fields were attached by what appears to be some god given eleven hundred miles

all attached and wrought together in an utmost unnecessary manner, as to be seen from the adjacent areas every now and then, not only being barely attached at a surface level but by the looks of it, grimacing if seen from above, or from around, from whichever other angle, always wallowing as if in pain while almost always changing. It got accompanied by a few flying rocking chairs, painted black, but carrying marks around the worst possible places they could be placed in.

One of those dark chairs' name was Basskorn, from left to right, seemingly no longer capable of breathing, or breaking away, dark little pints around every single corner, and little more than.

Little more than a few meters away, corner elongations.

Regardless of it, the wind was strong and the chargers had already gathered around a dark-dim fence that had been completely elongated as to surround a good side of the splatter. Their square-blades but shaking off as they were approached, no longer standing in one place before they would start shaking again, always for a piece of the ceiling, most of it having already taken into account that there was nothing moving any longer. Most of the meaty things in the sky were broken, regardless of them being fragmented-bloat stars, or pieces of the furniture that was completely made to move in wild directions, there was this much in one of the first recognizable Chargers, a piece of it being lodged into him, as hard as a simple, single lump made out of no longer capable to breathe fiends, almost mouth-protruding as well as many tooth-lanced around each of the prime blades of their tribe.

Their incessant dangling of square blades could only add up to the fact that they were incapable of helping themselves, as to draw back or out of their encirclement, as to say, there was no possible way of escaping it any longer.

A giant standing figure, that of an almost hardened lump-bodied, sharper bladed to an almost tooth-elongated pair of leper-shafts stood before them. From what appeared to be a pair of nearly cracked open heads erupted a single speck of large, mouth-pushing holes that released hardened lumped drill-shaped gut-stones that slowly flowed down, below him with the rest of the bile, no longer being fully in control of its every and utter fornicating dark-tendons, it started heaving itself forward. The giant could've charged and trampled most of them as a testimony of its sheer size as well as the leprous manner in which it started drowning itself as well as the lower sides of its body with the stone drills that entered him as soon as it allowed it to happen.

He was nothing else and nothing was inside of him.

The period of struggle had come to an end, and from there on out they seemed to be inconspicuously hiding in each other's bony throats, even if it looked rather, in a silly manner, like some kind of passing illusion.

By the looks of it, many of the rooftops were placated and covered in several strange fallen on top of one another layers of some stranger systematically placed, and wrapped around as if some iron-strings but instead of strings – strips, inside of clay statue casts, but closer to curved sheets of iron on top of which some strange liquid-hot hardening substance appeared to take the mold – foam, spread, as to also act like flour mixed with vinegar- bubbling on top as it spread from the main growth kind of form, which kind of looked like some organic cotton with air bubbles stuck inside of it, signaling the growth, leaving no trace of the strangely peculiar forms they took as to grow from one point to the other, leaving many clusters, or

weird bubbly-waves put on top of them. The houses were made out of many walls that looked like segmented one strong flat shade at a time kind of black and white gradient, where, instead of the overall side, if the house in question had been a normal one with four walls, it was completely heaved outward and at the same time slightly tilted as these one-sided almost man-thin with his hands still hanging outside his body walls were, or the one in the middle, dragging each other off. They were also curved at the top – like sharpened or forced by hand to imitate a pseudo ramp, holding the many lumpy clouded waves in check, creating the illusion that they had come from inside the house. At times these strangely shapes casts would change form, creating various sharp-pikes that would thrust in and out violently so.

What was that?

He knocked her up by accident.

‘Men don’t, it was her fault, you must understand it.’

‘Calm down now, slowly, tell me what happened.’

‘I got so close to it.’

‘To her?’

‘No, not to her, I just, I think, I’m.’

Fleiffn stood still for a moment.

‘I’ve come close to feeling something real. But it’s not there any longer.

Regardless of every attempt, I simply cannot replicate that genuine feeling, that emotion. I feel stumped, you know? All mechanical, empty, every single time, I don’t know what to believe any longer.’

‘You can’t return to anything, any longer, not after, wake up already.

You killed that Jordanian child, remember?’

‘The foyer, the inspectors were there, weren’t they?’

‘They still are.’

‘I don’t know what to do, where to go, or how to go about it.’

‘No one knows, your point being?’

‘I think, I think I felt guilt when I killed him. ‘

‘But now?’

‘I don’t know, I don’t think I feel any remorse over doing it any longer. I’m afraid I’m just going to go through it all over again.

There doesn’t seem to be a stop to it, you know, it’s blinding in some way. But there’s just no soul inside this body, not one I could touch or feel any longer. It’s all too bothersome, trying, waiting, trying again, arousing nothing in it. I don’t know whether those feelings are genuine or not.

I’ve killed that child, haven’t I?’

‘You’re in the same house with the inspectors as well. DO you know what means?’

‘They’ll find me, they’ll find the truth, the one thing I cannot hope to let go off, the one thing I could not let them wrap their hands around, if they did, then.’

It was a shuddering thought.

The inspector-coroner was almost completely done reminiscing of the divorce-autopsy he had, vivisection in actuality, performed on his wife, widow. He killed himself, but there he stood.

‘I survived my every suicide attempt there was. Without a doubt, there’s nothing stopping me from breathing this musky air.’

‘You know what? Of all the times I’ve listened to your absurd stories it never occurred to me to actually call you out on it. You’re full of shit.’

‘I’m not, how could even imply that?’

‘So you killed yourself, but you survived, doesn’t that turn it into an attempted suicide?’

‘Of course not, it’s a failed – kill, but not at attempt. You see, now, I actually made my own poison, I actually fashioned it out of eighteen hundred apple seeds I’ve been saving over the couple of a few weeks during which I’ve been non-stop planning my next move and how to go about it.’

‘And you’re telling me this is supposed to be the result of it?’

An almost greenish-man standing on a pile of fleshy, fallen over meat, barely standing, yeah, I would believe it. If it weren’t for the contamination that’s occurred before we met.’

Decay did not and would not wait for no crooked people, not of bone, nor of mind, it seeped it like a penitent leprous animal, twice the heads, and less amounts.

A strange peculiar body of fragmented nigger-casts forming large swimming ironical circles, since they can’t, a paradox of unnatural forms, attached at the middle region of their bodies, like kite-but inward like cone-steel skeleton holding them over-impaled upwardly but outwardly spread below like a lamp stand that’s cylindrical or domed. Kind of like conical frame, with swords, bearing metallic punching arms beating on the niggers as well, yelling and shouting wild recordings such as ‘Take this you dumb fucking nigger, yeah.’

Strange apparatuses at play in this concoction of steel that's barely put together and barely capable of preventing itself from puncturing through its own ribs in order to get as close as possible. Unnecessary cogs working it from left and on the right as well as on top the adjacent following long, almost perspective shaped buildings, which appeared, as if seen from above to be curved along the projected lines coming out of the point of focus, or the middle dot, curving outwardly on slopes, from which large almost coiling shapes draw out of the top of the building, slicing as well as whipping the niggers into submission, butchering and beating the dumb animals until they cannot breathe any longer because of the arms, not the whipping that's happening. The whipping only being meant to serve as a psychological kind of punishment that would distract the monkeys from the pain they're put through. Saws appearing right in their small heads, creating strange mixers that would turn their inner focal cortex already sickened cognition devices into bile-like gelatin oozing things like splattered boils underneath the finger nails.

Niggers have bulbous clock-tower eyes, not like hand watches but the ones you'd imagine if someone cracked them with a giant bottle, it's what I'd like to do to a nigger if I had one of my hands wrapped around his neck and the other holding the shattered on the edge of the bar-table stained bottle.

Shard of a larger cast, chitinous in such a realm as one would stand himself crippled by the side of a, watching over it as the crazy thing wallows into place dark corner of the world, put in part where it doesn't belong.

It was rather clear that not all of the chargers were as deformed as the average one would happen to find itself like, rather, the lower side of the Special Chargers being, more so, rather more shaped than the others could ever hope to become, adding more to the outlandish type of thing that it's become rather than being a humanoid set of below the waist kind of body. A set of scorpion like open claspers or conveyed bats – as in contemporary or post Industrial Revolution but wrapped like parchment around two almost horn-like pincers that face one another with some almost medieval looking bumped kind of patterned shielded things, all around the main form, bearing a dark stratagem of hidden square-twisted pockets with heads inside of them, being hidden inside this specifically, almost war-like dug trench kind of, or rather, Vietnamese-like man holes where man-on poles, as if impaled but more animated like dancing figures, hide in. All of them bearing weapons, twisting themselves as they would contort out, reveling that these outer bumps that are spread all around, but systematically so around these two elongated pincer-like horns upon which the Special Chargers are walking upon are in actuality, but the rounded, blunt tips of the strange poles that had had impaled them. The Special ones but leaping on top the sharp pincers all along, in the distance and forwardly thrusting, while their square blades are become, but vortex like pincer-like tornado-like eye of the storm if seen from above kind of barbed wire destroyers or two edged pointed inwardly blades.

Floating bodies created by a iron beads being forced to bounce all around the edges and the wall of an inwardly set kind of floating pop-balloon that would not allow any kind of interference to occur, hidden away from sight, from the looks of it, always there when not needed, especially when drawn from one side to the other.

Dark cylinder with two elliptical holes at the top being completely pushed out as to slightly protrude, from the insides of which two giant unnatural poles drawing in and out as they would start pumping out like strange unnatural hard to look at capacitors with lodge-heads at their farther ends, glowing.

A wheel-chair accessible on the side, with wheels attached to the main frame of a lynching stand, that has something like eight or seven- fall through trapdoors as well as eight systematic places where the niggers are set into their respective positions, as to be prepared for the lynching, standing on top of circled in-rotating wooden stands that face outwards, in the direction this lynchvehicle is heading towards Lynchville, Kentucky. Bodies are disposed in the back where an ashtray-like kike-in-the-oven drawn on rails small cradle releases all the dead-niggers on top the marches, where they might as well openly rot.

Niggers are all looters, they cannot help themselves but steal whenever the occasion arises, they are to be put down and have their skin peeled off their brittle nigger bones. Filthy thieving monkeys.

Witches were obscure in this kind of deranged kind of way.

Some large cockle-shaped horns appeared to be protruding out of the shield-shaped dorsal removable packet that was attached to his back.

A large domed labor camp shaped like the top of a frog that's been balloon-inflated, to be completely jaw-closed and fully propelled in the air, as to bear some outwardly but inwardly at the middle grown almost curtain-dress of various put together layers and sheets of old-skin left behind by a snake kind of organic casts, that would cover hundreds of machinery-like working limbs that would spread and work constantly towards trying or attempting to lift the main domed camp higher into the air until it will have reached the mid-point towards the other side of the valley it's located in, where, from the rims and innards of the openly gutted frog, a large platform would extend to the other side of a taken out of frame, as to be lifted through a large elevator shaft, to which this frog-bridge is extended to, nigger-cemetery filled with dead filthy-fucking dumb-killed in the worst possible, most hilarious to observe kind of manner, by their own people as well. Be it as it may, the cemetery would most likely be filled with nigger-children that died during their various Crips and Bloods gang fights, resulting into a lot of them dying, most likely so, fatherless. Featherless, niggers can't fly either. Limbless, since niggers can't swim either, an entire cesspool of dead niggos.

Large sustaining pillars going around what seems to be the good frame of a single fallen over arch that would not move from the point it's put in, a weird exemplary helmet-shape fallen over it.

As the beast drew one, it was considerably hard to ignore it, since its head had been but air turbulence if eight hundred and fifty on each side, one thousand seven hundred peculiar growths splattered, bottle-like liquid kind of growths formed a great body of many elongated dark shapes with maw-like upward pincer-with spear coming through its middle shaped like giant bloated crayons, that, the thinner they became at the tip, the sharper the thin-wriggling training dummy like longer pin-heads threw out, with their quasi-reptile but uncanny valley kind of humane splits would there be. These peculiar growth-like formed small volcanoes-bottles with strange thin candle with worms coming out the top of it being set on a great cradle-cranium cartilage Viking ship shape with rounded pucker growths on the side forming leaping legs connected into V's upon which crawled and seen from the front, bearing strange puffy-bloated incisors like close-ups of spider mandibles, conjoined and spread enough to form an almost vaguely recognizable harp form, with its strings being spiked but pushed out to form the same kind of vaguely worming things with faces that bear long tongues at their ends. That look like snail-eyes with bubble-balloons at their ends that bear X's drawn on them with black markers, because of the features being too hard to be recognizable from the distance. Its body, from the front quasi aligned in some way as to look like a

deformed cunt with eerily tape-wormed infested flame-candles put on top of a non-existing belly or pushed through. The beast walked in African Nigger chain neck kind of make a ringing noise upon being hit at the back of by the other chained ring kind of manner, or dominos, or a pair of pendulums more likely. Perhaps less candle-like but more shot at the top – champagne bottle like, with the candle being the inside bone cartilage making it push through. Could be bloated, pumped from one angle to the other, in an animated sort of way, or a balloon being squeezed then released, pseudo insect face from the front, or a pseudo-grasshopper face, at the end of the v'like harp, while the entire body of the creature resembled like the fore-front piece of a foot belonging to one of the Ghasyhls' general body composition.

But the beast was afraid, for it was but incapable of comprehending the power of the dark blade that had subjugated and put it under supreme control. Unaltered by power and by the seeping in motions of its swing around motions, it put itself forward, heaving every here and there, with its dark maligned, almost heaving through siphon of lights, which made it ooze around the beast as it drew on. No metal but some flaccid dancing eely-steel, a replica that looked but willed itself to wriggle into sight. It cackles and shot glances spider-like. A dark set of crystals and a pair of arms, all grown in a fattened lump from which sprouted a singer-sting that would but drag itself out.

'I think the car's broke.'

'The car ain't an ATM you damn bastard.'

'Think it's the oil?'

'I think it's fucking diamonds but still no blood money, you utter billboard.'

'What?'

'You're dead, like the doomsday sign.'

'You want me to change it then?'

'The end?'

'Diesel, not that.'

'Fine, as long as I can get you off my back.'

They walked away from the car. In hindsight, it was perhaps the only, way. To fix, it, the car. They had to walk away from it. Its wheels were heads screwed in. With bombs, and spikes, but soft-spikes, whose elongated tendons were used to lynching the simianly made nigger-monkeys that had to be put down and ethnically cleansed because their race was still evil. Niggers were around, they were 'scouting' the car. Trying to loot it, break the windows in. Not yet alerted by the image of underneath the hood of the car hidden niggers that hid inside the car. The nigger-niggers being more ebony skinned, having been expelled out of their hellish realm, where dark-filthy-niggers beaten in the head, chimping around, good for nothing inhumane creatures are born in. Where they suffer for their crimes, constantly being punished for committing the worst crimes, most of the felonies, all of them, sub-human creatures, they are, still committing them.

‘I keep telling you Yank, those niggers want to steal my, they’ll stop at nothing until all my car plates are stolen. Perhaps there’s something here and there.’

‘What is?’

‘There’s a nigger in the hood of one of the billboard sings.’

‘Why does it have a?’

‘It’s a way of saying, ghetto.’

‘I don’t get it.’

‘The hood in the billboard, it’s, it means nigger ghetto in the music industry. Billboard hood niggers destroying music, those monkeying around niggers, they use it as a way to make other niggers more aggressive.’

‘I hate you so fucking much.’

‘We’re buying diesel, it’s a convertible, converted.’

Strange lynching device with coil-ropes attached to niggerthroats, uncomfortably tight, coming out of a strange dome on top a truck, that would act as if the niggers were tied to horses while the dome would constantly spin in place as to cause as much suffering as possible across the entire duration of the execution.

Pump devices with a hole put through at the top, as for a rope to be tied in. Rising as high as a flag while lowering itself in order to give the negro a breather before it resumes lynching him.

A spinner-device, watering the plant on your lawn kind of formation with the ropes being actually rods with dog-catcher like iron wires wrapped around the blackies’ throats.

Highly raised –round tipped staircase or stairway with a move along the wall kind of cylinder that’s guided across each step, as to increase in intensity with a rope coming out of it, adding to the satisfaction of seeing the body dangle from one side to the other while being carried along.

A room of torture with reeling back and forth ropes being taken out from various sides, various walls, out of every corner, being attached to an unsuspecting ape’s wrap-around chicken-downers’, having his throat completely crushed as it’s being actioned from every side and every angle, or at least emulating that feeling despite only a few ropes being involved while the asphyxiation happens.

Giant canon with a smaller canon shaft attached –interconnected by a hollow-line, as to fit a ball and a chain that’s also being lowered through another hollow-empty line, perhaps not two canons- but more of an ellipse hollow addition, a dangerous build by the looks of it, but worth it, as the chain is being dragged along, the ellipse being just wide enough for any possibly occurring damage to be hopefully avoided. The chain being attached to the negro’s throat, as he’s being flung by the fully wrought force of the cannonball being launched. Kind of like a metal blimp without the rounded tip at the other end, and two openings below and above the cabin-like structure that’s attached to it.

Swimming pool with a hidden super-magnet surface underneath a hermetically sealed normally drainable floor, the sink being made out of non-magnetic, magnetism triggering materials, where the niggers would simply be chucked in the water, with their iron chained neck being attached to an iron ball, dragging them down for good.

Helicopter like wings with some kind of thin pillars attached to every wing, churning a power-disc like butter that has, as its center piece, below it, a wider disc that's made to spin in a counter-clockwise motion, both the discs and the helicopter wings being connected in the middle by a great iron pole attached to the asphalt. As to draw away from this strange carnival wheel kind of device, the lynchrope being attached to the wider disc, while the wing-pillars bear shaking-rustling incessantly annoying ringing sound producing rings and other trinkets put there to annoy the nigger as this slow-to medium speed rotation is to furthermore progress into a deadly kind of speed that would kill him in a matter of seconds.

A bed of lynching where the pillow slowly becomes foamy, dragging in the head below as it would slowly contort it as to snap the neck while it's happening, while the nigger throat is being eaten.

Metal champagne like bottle –giant in size, devices with rope-hoses attached to a slightly but not entirely removable tip that has the hose almost drilled in connected but stopped from drawing air inside the giant bottle, drilled from the side then in, like a water tap, then further in was the tip –wooden like bottle holder thing pushed in as to stop air from coming in, which would result in the hole being filled with bubbly champagne that would not only inflate and bloat it but would also completely crush the neck, that not being completely tied, but tight enough to hold in place, while the further end is being kept, open ended, actioned by a man who would put pressure as to open, lock it and allow more air to come it while it's happening, a grip and a pseudo-knot still being wrapped around the nigger's throat at all times.

In a strange box there were a few needles placed, randomly stagnating as if the surface below them forced a few of their metallic bases to melt. And the iron-alloy like thing mixed with nigger-skin which in turned caused the needles to grow and become violent as to commit felonies. In order to proceed, they would have to cry out before each hit, since no one in the least would bother checking. Their spherical nigger-eyes dragged and put through linen-beads, the ground but boisterously flashing with shades of dead-men the colored. Killed and bashed left and right, their lives were meaningless and didn't matter, none at all. What entered through one side came out the other. Niggers being killed and mixed with gun-power, made to explode.

Large railway system from the looks of which, it was turned around and made to look like a curved, oblong at the top o' with a u, extending as to be some sort of deformed planetoid, or half of it cut and implanted in the ground, the iron lines but lopsided on seemingly encircling hills, hollow in the middle, but the trails, dragging in the coffin-shaped depressions, beneath the trails. Whereas one could expect no less, wagons would only travel as such. Even now and then, hundreds of cadavers would lift the top of the tomb and carry the womb-cartel wagon, with all the dead brownies off from one side to the other, slowly descending and growing into land. The mass was only ever so welcoming once the wagons went off the rails, once it was chucked in the moving-sand soil, where the cadaverous had derailed it. Playing with utmost mockery of shaped, emerged a red-clot smeared cunt. She didn't know where she was or how she ended up here, the epistle that is the state of art, it's what the critics called her. Mockery followed, dumb-wench driven into dirt.

‘Will I be settled from this point on?’

‘There’s no one whom might take you.’

One of the corpses said, as he pointed, with a molded to the almost barely standing curved to the right cockle-lamp post. He winced as he played with a floating fist whose knuckles were caporals with molded in the skin. Only their insignias served as a distinguisher from any other humanoid there was.

‘See those wild machines there? We’ve been lynching niggers here all day long, and for some reason I do seem to believe that it never gets old, trying to get as many of them down as we possibly can before their masses invade our land from that point on.’

He pursed his lips, the fists were drying. Already from the moisture being dragged, the caporals being largely, standing yet defying, one yelled:

‘Abandon ship, abandon ship, there’s a gun-wail on the way, I can hear the echoes trespass the land of water and the sail.’

‘Lo’ there is broken, whatever thine call be, I see no point in prolonging this agony.’

Yet neither man could kill himself, it was all too uneventful, and wretched as it were, just about in a second more, it seemed to have passed. Already of a motion that involved a few flickers or skin. All of them tawny-melted, the beast was to appear, as to feast.

It drew on, and appeared to have gathered, a few niggers from around, and every now and then, he almost found himself dragging yonder. A few more chained baboons, all of them but, nothing to prove, surrendered, as soon as it was found out, that some of the machines malfunctioned and there was no possible way out, none that would help them follow. Not right after, and not around. A few inches of dark soil rested atop a dead-ship, a headless whale, a few headless baboons, a few of them bearing large blue flat instead of holes, so much for blue-ultramarine, as it was all gone to waste.

‘Who is the man who painted these pieces?’

‘A dead one at that, and I’ll see to it that he doesn’t live past the day.’

The nature of the dark cephalod was innocuously quaint but at the same time bothersome. It drew on gnawing on the floor, eating a good part of the rotten-but presented on a platter scumnigger fish, which was already spoiled and cast out of the house. A great foundation could stand on little more than a few well-worn put together clever wits. Some good designs put here and there, flung from one side to the other, then left on around. Mathew was one of the first man to raise his fight against the drawing of the light, upon the first strike of the coming out of the cave.

Large gun with multiple tubas-shaped reverb kind of formation shooting an unnatural kind of strapped projectile bullet spread. Out of it drew an unnatural amount of growths that shot and grew tunnel long as they started devouring everything in their sight, encompassing just about everything they could. Not stopping even for a moment before they shook in place, already having split the walls, already having replaced them with a strange tapestry wall of shaped like reverse flag tiles. All of them but tombstone

like. With every epitaph bearing an incessantly vile message as well and a poorly written name not there. Not for a while, asking.

For the last century machine was still wreathing back and forth incapable of discerning friend from foe, by the looks of which no longer swaying, haunted-bloated.

Staircase – lyncher

Regarding the staircaselyncher, or at least one of a much different built, this much could be said, simply put there are too many things that could go wrong about it for it to work, not to mention that the type of motion would simply not do well in any other case. One could also look at it from a different direction as to fix the built itself. The main motion required for it to work would in some way have to mirror that of an escalator that's being constantly frozen in place in order for a man to manually lift it. There's too much power being consumed in that case. Another option would be the addition, to each step to some kind of metallic- set in place U' bands in which the rope-cylinder would be dropped inside of. With these U's being set in place in the steps themselves like holes dug in the design. The latter would be most preferable since it would add some kind of thump upon being released into these 'sockets', the thump not only coming from the rope holding cylinder but from the constant wringing of the throat upon being forced to go up and down and up and down in that kind of motion. Yet that would also imply that there's some sort of mechanism on the other side, or in the wall that's lifting then dropping the cylinder into place. Could be that a set of mirrored stairways with U depressions wouldn't hold it in place. Not to mention that a metal claw would have to be manually actioned in order to grab, lift, move further in, drop, rinse and repeat. Too primitive in nature; yet a factory build could actually work in some way. If the motion is already determined to go that way, a large stamping-like machine that would go through those motions as to slam the nigger into the ground, then resume lifting him afterwards could possibly work if that's the case. The motions would be a tiny bit awkward in any case, rather than going along, the noise would be bothersome as well, but. Perhaps the usage of a few conveyer belts might somehow solve the issue.

An upwardly inclined, progressively upwardly heaving conveyer belt would most likely not have enough power to life the lynchcylinder. U-depressions seen from the side of the staircase; the wall could have an outline kind of hole that's as wide as the size of the cylinder that's going along it, with their respective drops into the depressions being there as well.

On the other side, in the hidden, behind the scenes kind of quasi empty spot where the machinery actioning the staircase niggerlyncher, the cylinder has an elongated metallic pillar-like device attached to its end. The conveyer belt could stop on a time. The pillar could simply dip the lynchcylinder in those depressions. In which case the usage of some modified curvatures, kind of like middle to the higher end of the bell curve, to add insult to the injury as to remind the niggers who's doing the lynching would allow for a thinner end the closer the cylinder gets to the 'outskirt or other end of the staircase.

Therefore, this niggerlynching build would have four main components, disregarding the machinery involved into the motion making:

Seen from the dead-shot front of the machine, starting from the left:

A crane-like upward and downward dipping thin pillar that's easily movable by the conveyer belt. It could be a two piece, or a long enough tube to reach and be attached to the ceiling. With the lynchcylinder bearing a hole through which it's being pushed through, movable by a rail on the ceiling and one on the floor; in which case, a small hard-pumping piston that's inside the conveyer belt could bump the action, right into the depression before the lynchcylinder falls back into place.

Power pistons, at both ends, one that's slightly shorter, that's inside the conveyer belt and one that's longer, almost like a tiny pillar itself, at the end of the stairway, inside the U'-seen from the side view depression, where it would force the belt to resume its trajectory. In that case, that would mean that there's one piston in the belt and several for every step inside the stairway.

A few pistons in every staircase depression doesn't sound too bad of an idea either, adding different intensities to the pounding that's about to happen while the nigger is being lynched.

The second part, the belt:

A short designated area where the cylinder is placed in. Could have a pseudo cage as to prevent it from popping out; the belt could have a small horizontally flipped U-shaped, from the side cage. Or just a stopped that would keep the lynchcylinder in place after being bumped by the piston inside the belt.

Then there's the wall, this one being simple enough. The trajectory being guided by the hole that's been made inside it; in some way, one could see it as a circus act, where the entertainer is trying to balance a stick while slowly advancing on the rope. There's no rope here, only the stick.

Seeing how the stair cases have a few pistons themselves, they'd be rather useless; more likely, their only use would be to add some pressure, as for some vibration to be felt.

Not to mention that at a certain point in height, lowering this crane-kind-of-oil-pump machine would be useless, unless. Different sized in depth, stairway depressions. Yet these would interfere with the conveyer belt stopper.

The main reason for this would be extending a nigger's suffering for as long as possible, as to lower him down the floor in order to allow him to catch a break before going back at the much needed automatic motions. An iron cord could do instead of a normal rope.

Could be much more conveniently designed; like a football field, since it's only fitting for the gorillas to be lynched there, two opposite spears, one in the middle where the rope is wrapped around, where the nigger would be drawn and released constantly until his neck got wrung up. But that would not add the pressure the previous device promises to bring.

A lynch stand with a retractable then upward thrusting platform could also work.

Actually the staircase pistons would have to all rise in order to set the lynchcylinder in place in order for the conveyer belt to start moving again.

Possible stoppers attached to the great wall-frame between the belt and the stairs that recede downwardly when the lynchcylinder is being forced down. The stoppers would provide a smooth pathway as for the cylinder to keep its trajectory after being forced back into place, kind of like a gun-trigger, if the gun's pointed at your foot. And the cylinder is the finger, pushed back into place by the stair-pistons.

The wall-attached pipe to which the lynchcylinder is attached to, could be connected to the conveyer belt as well.

A trebuchet that, instead of launching a nigger in the distance, it lynches him; being wrapped around the tip as if it were a projectile; or some industrial washing machine that has a rope tied to a rock inside of it but has a modified lid that allows for the presence of a gap in it, performing semi-circle motions.

Lynching stand that would normally hold eighteen people at a time, but has multiple ropes of different lengths that get released, like a domino effect that keep the nigger in place, release him, then keep him in place, then revert to their pendulum-like motion.

Kike Israelis did nine eleven, Lazar Kaganovich, a kike ethnically cleansed European people at Holodomor. Kikes fuck kids, promote niggers, act like a tribe, you hit one; you hit them all, perfect. All fucking kikes need to fucking die. Israelis constantly kill Arab children for no reason. Kikes have no empathy because they have nigger DNA in them.

'Kikes seem to be specifically susceptible to 'Amygdala Hijack', it would be mightily evil if I used it to bully them every time I came into contact with one. Niggers seem to do the same when one calls them niggers. With the exception being that niggers seem only to chimp out and assault whoever called them by name.

It checks out with kikes smearing people they dislike.'

The use of an engineer would be required for the machine's control cabinet, and AC induction motor for the conveyer belt, an angled conveyer belt.

Niggers act like chimps in groups, turning on you as soon as they're with their own. Need to avoid nigger groups at all cost.

Slight reminder, I should hit a woman, if she steps out of line with the back of my hand, around the area of the stomach or the midriff while taking care that the velocity is kept as low as possible in order to avoid producing visible scarring. I could use a pillow before punching in order to avoid leaving any kind of mark. Hitting the soles of the feet. Need to avoid hitting bone, possibly employ the use of a palm instead of a fist.

A strange cotton-made house, whose but ill-wrought and plenty brought and ill-elicited and after that. Wrought in most uncanny marches, brought from largest of distances, from thence and yonder forth; with little panther-decayed, with skull-but fluttering they sang to it when it came forth:

'Let us sing and listen when time and time again in begs of us to listen.'

‘But who are you, little man, and what have you done to listen to it?’

‘I’ve opened my ears and pulled the plugs and in reality, I did what I had to and I would do it again when the time calls.’

There were so many awful places in the world before they were put down. It felt as if, all of the sudden, all at once, a hundred million raids had come out of nowhere, all banded together in order to put them down once and for all, for as many of them as there were, there was no certainty of knowing whether or not either one of them was real.

In the left-over place, there’s a chaos, such as the one where the nigger got kneed, tiny raised structures, all but primed in place, almost made of a single piece by the time before they were drawn to it. From the initial reckoning there weren’t many if any at all that managed to survive past the collapse. Streets started slouching, muddying with pigmented nectar. Some buildings that had been vandalized, some business preyed upon, seemingly forced to fall in place. Animals incapable of control capitalized on everything they could. They ceased thinking, bearing a consciousness, as it’s already expected. But most of the material which formed the waxing, the yellow foam, the fillings of the frames served as the means for incineration, for the spreading of a great flame which hit them back. Not many survivors appeared to be left, over, although the losses were barely meaningful. They could not have gotten themselves delivered into justice sooner than they had been there.

In the midst of the daylight, the land was almost left to a crumb, like that of a piece of bread. It oozed and dripped.

A great lodged column stood against the tip of the morning. A stone lodged black tooth of bitumen that’s dry. It was approached by one of the first men to arrive on the sight, his clothes bloodied, a man who thought he would not survive.

It was hardly a long way down the slope, it seemed rather uncanny.

Although the bar to which the lynchcylinder wouldn’t work, even as a sustaining piece either, unless it was somewhat inclined as well as to match the set.

How they could so easily abandon everything? After so much time has passed; no matter.

The lynchcylinder device might as well be an oil refinery rig kind of crane put on top of a railway, pushed up and down as the nigger’s lowered then drawn back into place, there’s no need to overcomplicate it. The motions are important. Could be an oil rig put inside a giant wagon that has chains attached to it, dragged and lowered by a machine on top, still on an incline.

After the clay sand

No one wanted to approach the house, being victims of some of them being present there no longer.

‘Someone wailed. I’ve heard the song of his people’s stopping.’

There was only one line of wool above them. During the second reverberation, when it happened, without them knowing, there was as little as one fallen-over-voice that was driven to a stop. It could’ve been forgotten in the falling of the top, but Hymock Lyemnt drew on with no sign. His face was already bloodied from the looks of it, and he stood beneath a table cloth.

‘I’ve fought for my home and yet I’m driven back.’

‘Where were you the night before, when they piled together in a world as taken over, claimed, when they shattered whatever piece of asphalt-crumble, yet before you even had a chance, you retreated upon such high command as you would’ve been forgotten in the midst of rubble.’

‘You’re wrong, I was here, in this place, in this exact spot, I wasn’t hiding, you’re wrong. Incorrect, I would assume as such, you’re a liar, a deceitful rat.’

‘Am I now? If such is the case, how come the dye lays in ruin, just as the one in the Southern region of the markets, where we had been before, where you have stood there in front of it, cackling in the same way as you’ve done. Without any reason behind it, without even daring to have any kind of shame for that, why is it that every time we look, we simply find you in the same circumstance as you have been there?’

‘Is this an attempt to besmirch me with a lie?’

‘There would be no lie there unless you had something to hide? Do you now?’

‘Of course not, and I am going to swear on the great Pantheon of Fajjad that there was not a single moment when I cheered upon the deaths of our people.’

‘Our people, are they now? You do seem to have us slickened to a misunderstanding here, there are no people that are ours. You’re but a stranger to our plains.’

‘But I, how could I be belittled like this and.’

No one wanted to take Lyemnt’s side for some reason. All too struck and all too low, no one wanted to look at the strange device that was left in the dye-hole.

A puddle was there, made out of threads, and in the middle the already elongated wallowing branch-look-a-like to a tree’s trunk tongue was already peeling everything out. Most of the stones were already in shame, covering their faces as they but floated away. It was too colored, with too many glow-through shades, all of them on top the tongue and many drawn faces yet remained.

Sings that came after:

‘You’ll be judged as to be punished and enter thine realm, if you are deemed guilty, there will only be cold inside, as will be the shades. If there is something of a pity, then warmth shall be given instead.’

But no one listened to the tongue. They all wanted to kill him for causing all that.’

‘What proof is there?’

‘You oily snake, you left your footprints everywhere, pay heed to his shoes and you shall understand.’

‘I’m, these are not mine, I swear.

I switched them off with the likes of a beggar on my way to spare some coins towards communion.’

‘Liar, pest, you rubble-brained ingrel!’”

‘Don’t let him escape, I’ve seen it happen again and again.’

Much to stone had gone now by. Little of it formed the outer rims of a bloated king-sky. It spanned in purple.

‘As I was saying, there’s something you’re hiding. Behind your back there’s a, there’s a pick with dye on it.’

‘I got it on my way back, you see, I am a worker.’

Another sentinel-wretch came forward, ever so much closer to him.

‘You’re a liar.’

Much of every house looks like sand-soil hovels with larger conical helmets, with skulls elongated around and open mouths that shot out hammering pumps with oily bloated balloon-ticks with citizen-bodies, whom were beheaded, rotating in their transparent bodies, in patterns of four interconnected rods- around a circular motion in which they were bore through. Puffing out smoke out of every possible sewage hole, a pair of floating organ-citadels could be seen hiding. Walking inside the lower-ground on petty yellow organic put together legs that belonged to antler-king-rat insects they took them from.

Clouds flew towards the ground horizontally and were filled with little screw-shaped little angelic lords whom were dressed in sand-garbs with soil-pouches for their eyes, whom controlled the weather, but only in the lower-regions, where their friends and their brothers, the elongated organ piles with ratoid legs lived in. They phased through objects, but even in the clouds, they were incapable of phasing through these strange beings.

‘You’ve betrayed us for them!’

Iag threatened him immediately so. Before he continued. ‘That pick in your hand, you stole it on your way here, haven’t you?’

‘I have not.’

‘The same thing happened before, when we caught you.’

But they didn’t listen to the tongue the last time, they wouldn’t again.

‘There’s no possible way you’ll get away this time, you won’t cheat or lie your way through us, do you understand?’

‘I’m sorry, I apologize for destroying the dye shop.’

People turned, gathered, took out their ritualistic masks, which were like large dumbbell lifting horned masks with giant melons on each side of the horn, or rather looked as if, hand prints depressed in, spikes coming out of the oblongs as well. With heat-producing vents and veins and spinning circles being created constantly and driven into the outer shapes god-like figures reflected in the visions with skull and strange sceptered-rods in their arms, which were awkwardly placed, as if they only had a hilt where they could grab a hold of them, but the rest looked like a scepter-welded in pile. All too wrong-doll heads attached alongside the end of both sides for every scepter that drew along, dark dolls with horns and large teeth that were hoses connected to their doll-sockets and pumped in little boils that looked like insects crawling inside of them. Vision from their deities, whom were laughing at the crook being caught:

‘Couldn’t work the third time, couldn’t work the last time.’

‘Was there another time he did it?’

‘You’ve no idea how many times he’s tried it.’

‘And how many of them died along the way.’

‘How many people were crushed.’

Cackling all too soon they said, but not a single one of them made it as if he cared, not out in the open, where the pagans would amass.

Derogation machine with large shard-like cutting saws attached to it, with large extending whip-like lassoing device, catching niggers and dragging them in as they’re butchered, with a stop while large outlines, which had already been drawn all over his body, like cattle, as to bleed half-way in the multiple saws that had been aimed towards the regions that had been outlined for the cutting to occur.

The nigger should be placed in the position of a beef cow. And killed just about in the same manner as one, his throat being slightly removed from the back of the, although that would be too easy, eerily so.

He could be placed in a modified cattle head holder, with both sides pressing and squashing as far as they can go. Until nothing’s left, a dead fucking filthy good for nothing dumbled-down nigger-cow.

A harpoon launcher, whose harpoon has rusty jagged edges curved in such a manner as to fully penetrate the other side of a rubbery run-around chimps throat’s trachea, dragging him into a peak-edged would start slowly nibbling on the nigger’s throat, like a small maw gnawing and digesting as it vaporously eats. Acid spewing in the monkey’s veins like a venomous anaconda’s largely misplaced incisors.

Few little house tiles coming into place, some of them were seemingly there, holding all the machines hidden, and wrapped around.

A hot-ironing table with two ice filled water containers on each side, with the nigger being tied to the table while the rope is wrapped around two traditional, vintage hot irons with hot coals that slowly melt through the ice, needless to say heavy enough to not only apply pressure on the throat but also, as it melts through the ice, completely smashes the throat.

They were hidden in the midst of the world, or at the very least where no one seemed to look, as told to.

‘No one’s accusing you of anything for the time being.’

‘You prepared yourselves to have at it, my life being along the way, I think I ought to sit down.’

‘Should he be allowed to do it? In all honesty, this should come as no surprise, his Larynax is but a cry, to tear of his little snout, ought we?’

‘Nay, we should converse with him, destroyer, you’ve broken one of the dyeries, your ‘oughtn’t have’ already passed. What is done cannot be undone no longer, now that you’re caught, all would serve here as such reminder.’

And they were gathered and stood around him like any such pass would do and force around him, leper-hue. Would they have done it? In any either case, not in day light for what is worth it, they could not gaze at him no longer, not when they were lesser, to be called, such as they were satisfied, with such remains. Many men like them have gone through such pains as to have their loved ones killed and neither man would have it, not any longer. They continued.

‘This is a public execution!’

‘Lissen now, he admits his guilt, then I believe there’s no longer something we have to discuss about, I think we all know it. Let us begin.’

How would the execution yet to come?

Brown-dirt-scum in from their eyes, many buildings were lumped, cones were fatter, bloated-pillars lighter and they stacked upon one another. Just like they would be supposed, no longer in trance, no longer as such, and son would have it, darker things yet again they rose:

One Kikzyie drew up forth, his face like a door, flat. With a knob for a nose and little pallid faces all around his cheeks they opened their mouths only to reveal floating lumps inside the huge vacuum that was inside his jaw, inside the region, again, inside of him from that point on.

‘Dark masters of dye, they speak of this. I see, inside the tongue, there’s a message you would not seek to convey any longer, not when at peace with one self and what they burnt in order to get here, if that’s how one would have it.’

‘What are you talking of, Kikzyie? Surely you’re not trying to distract us from gathering about, as to bring justice and jaundice to this man, would you?’

‘Nay, I am a man of great renown, have I not proven myself enough now? You’re a dire heeded, such as there is pretender, do not dare put me inclined, with such pieties as one would be blind to turn to the deeds I’ve done to this community. I’ve fought hard, and I, as is it for the time being until disproven, am no such thing as an outlaw, or a two-faced scum-shrubbery, which grow and spread like muscle in a forest of pine. Much supine to it.’

He remembered a tree with a spine etched in the core of its mass, a part of it with many dancing forest people inside of it, who could never leave the area, inside the groove they were trapped inside. One of these kind spirits cried to him, of the land:

‘Spare us a tear, spare us a tear, it is all that is needed to quench our thirst. We’ve been trapped in here for many a fear, that they might come and drag us away so, beyond the wild thorn trenches, we may disappear.’

‘I feel your pain, to which I say, I bleed you with the likes of which one could not, even for such likes obey that, which is poison for thine soul.

Worry not, for I shall make sure that no dreadful spirit might come to ruin or infest your grove.’

Otherwise of such benign, would he have stood if such were the case and realized, he has done more than anyone could have ever imagined. For the groove was hidden and bastardly, a foreman joined him, if that is such, as it were, his reaction:

‘You mustn’t have fed them. They are slave of the dogged-creatures of the lower regions of the innards inside the Station.’

‘Who are you now to appear as such, queer in appearance, saying such obtrusive thoughts?’

Wretched thine appearance is, he thought as well, not beyond it, put it forth, then again.

‘What have you come here for?’

‘A warning and a sign, you don’t know what these bloated things, these so called spirits, these so called sprites are truly like, you wouldn’t, for the likes of you truly understand anything about them.’

‘Then explain to me.’

Born, in, wretched, wretched conundrum, such a thing that no one has yet but realized.

No man in the city, of which abandoned, the machines and the tongues that would wretch the dyes, being mere extensions, below the earth.

That is to say, in the city, from whichever direction.

Neither man could see it yet, but beneath each dyerie, there was a giant wide depression with many men, contorted as they were, conjuring it from them. But no one spoke of the creatures below. Most of them killed instantly as the dark tongue wreathed itself into existence before either of them could have a say in, therefore, they showed little less and plenty of no matter, such compassion would’ve been but true. Alas, they spoke of evil hue.

‘What is there to say, but less? You are to be killed for what you’ve done, unless, our kind you may impress.’

‘By all means, might I try?’

The man was desperate for anything, even the slightest chance to try.

Less-projection

Not much remains around, definitely nothing distinguishable, yet it was pointless trying to search for anything any longer.

‘I could get use to it, finally. I no longer feel lonesome; I am no longer lonely, now that I am left to my own devices. As long as I am here, as long as I remain locked, by far, I remain undefeated.

Without the means to contort or destroy, without having to bother about being judged, I don’t have to answer to anyone. My life is here, my memories, everything that I made, staying here with me. In my perfectly wrought tower, where my mind could stand a chance not to be poisoned by any influence, at all, here I lay.’

‘And what if they come after you? What if they show up then? ‘

‘I know where I will end, and I can spend just as much time in solitary confinement as I will it. That means nothing to me. As long as I lay locked, I stand a chance to be pure, like them. I don’t have to be poisoned or corrupted by the same degeneracy that flows in my veins, I can be the master of my own will, I can slowly be distracted again. I can just as soon forget.

The perfect tools, at my disposal, and with it, I shall become immortal.’

There was no way back nonetheless.

‘No more second thoughts, no more backpedaling, nothing, if all is right, thine will hast still half a life to go through.’

‘And I shall still manage to live as I will it and must. I will still find a way to, to lay undefeated, somehow. Even if I am disdained and hated by all, as I ought to. For every vile thing and every action I’ve said and done, it’s only fair now. I live; I live the way I am meant to. It’s in my blood.

I sometimes regret the things I said, now. But there are other people like me who don’t. And they get away with it unpunished, doing things that are far worse, and no one’s ever going to know about them. No one’s going to find out the truth at all. Someone has to take the fall; otherwise more people will suffer because of them. One man’s life means nothing in comparison to the lives they destroy, especially one such as I, who has always been like this.

I remember what my old comic books teacher used to tell me, now. He used to say we were all placed here, on this Earth by God for a purpose. In a way, I think, this is my purpose, I believe, at the very least it’s something worth trying. I could never fit with anyone, no matter how hard I tried fitting in. Being rootless, incompatible with every single person out there, I just think. I never stood a chance to begin

with, we were always just incompatible, mentally, physically. The people have always been kind to me, but I could never appreciate that for some reason or another.

Sometimes I seem to think that, I truly am soulless, in some way, infested. As a result of no religion, as a result of no environment, of no tradition, but of the way I was born in. Who would've thought? That the only way I could show people their true face was to be myself?

When I was a teenager, I used to constantly stare at the palm of my hand for some reason, imagining an eye being projected on it.

I used to think it was there for some reason, to guide me when I was lead astray.

But now, I have drawn from it, the true meaning of the eye. It is meant to project upon me the most atrocious nigger-killing devices there are, I need to give birth to the means of their extinction, it is the purpose I was made for. Since they will always associate themselves with me, that being their one and true weakness, I shall become the poison thrown inside the well, the disease spreading between them, their shame, and guilt, as long as it's done out in the likes of the ever-watchful eye of man. He will know what to do about them; more importantly, being, other people associating them with me than anything else.'

There could be no other end, no pause to this madness. But what the eye says. What it projects.

The likes of a nigger-killing rod with spinning-around spikes that would enter their farther down ends, splintering them as if a split and a splatter follows after, as they're completely ravaged, from inside out.

'All shall fear the dark eyes inside the palms of the Evil Khazar, all shall know true evil, once fully exposed to the nature of the creature that stands before them.

I am the very essence of vileness that inhabits the kikes. I am their source of degeneracy, for I am pure, and well beyond them. They could not suffer being in my presence, of a much more bodily decaying creature. A rotten god, sickly looking, weak and distraught, a thing of worship for heathens that's deformed. A paranoid embodiment of many broken limbs attached, forming a grave concave pair of mazes, at the back of a wreathed in and out body, that's been toiled with and made to be cast in the darkest pits beyond the likes humanity would even hope to face during their lifetimes.'

No darker essence would do, not even the likes of the cannibalistic dumb niggers could, suffice to say hope to compete with such disdain as there is. As the veins of the dark wreath slouching creature that wreathed itself over could possibly achieve. Its whispers were all lie, corrupting documents, spreading propaganda and disinformation, a tool of mental eradication and complete connivery.

Next to it stood a humanoid thing whose body was a building-like cartilage block if the top had an upward close maw, but made of prison bars, revealing the hollow inside of it. Both arms connected like a waist. Three legs on one side, one on the other; it simply outstretched a single bolt of dark oozing power, drawing out of its chest, that entered the Khazar, pulling out his head, which was then slowly taken inside the being, worn like a suit.

An entire race of these Hlyosiits awaited their companion.

Far too much time was spent in the realm of man. In their dark inception they didn't walk but made appear strange tram boils around them which ate the surroundings and took them where they wanted.

Left behind was the headless body of the Khazar.

But far and far between they reached, upon their journey, a constellation of Earths, all made in part to match one another as if of girth. All feared what happened there, such was it, that they brought a member of every race from across the original globe, but not the niggers, despite the Khazar and the other kikes having nigger-blood in them, being an unholy cross of sub-humanly non-humanoid modern man kind of entities, they had a pass, since they had gotten desperate, after all.

Something happened there, in this region of the universe, this unnatural constellation was made as a result of what language was and has become.

Great sage of lesser tongues, whom was a hollow moving livid-mountain with smoke-like push-out hollow regions at the top:

'You are deemed to be somewhat worthy of the much needed assistance we seek. See now, as for what it is, your doing, wretched humanoids, bask upon your doing so you may not forget.'

It wasn't likely that it would do it, nonetheless, despite not pointing, all could expect to see what it truly meant.

'In all your desires to reach the stars, you've created something of a paradox, an iteration of your planet, of your galaxy and the stars.'

'How?' Another one of the men asked, it must've been one of the hard at thought Slavs whom had joined the midst of the dark regions that had come from far and worth, as it were, he was answered.

'You have spoken, as humans for countless, endless, generations. By doing nothing less and nothing other than stepping on the ground, leaving your footprints behind so others might step onto them, leashing the darkest creations that could ever be gotten or entrapped, causing the death of all who lived beyond you, in this world your actions have hijacked.

In all my conquests and my visions, throughout my endearing, of all, protruding, if all, travels, I've never thought I would stumble onto this. Inexplicable as, is, you do not seem too concerned. The deaths you've caused only pile up, upon each other's worth. You do not want to see what lays beneath the ground.'

'A mass grave, perhaps?'

'Do not toil with hypothesis or what if's. There is no time for that.'

'What is there time left for?'

But the creature-pet only appeared when he blinked, as to scan the entire area every now and then, before disappearing out of existence, as he was brought closer to the dark hour.

Strange hood of a car kind of long trunk with many engines attached to a rounded-twisted wheel-by-wheel facing one another, placed in front of the trunk small back and forth, as the head piece plank

attached to this motion forcer, spinner to which a coil goes through at the far end of. A pair of engines working a washing machine-kind of rotation-motioning device that flaps a lynch-plank back and forth, where the chimpanzee-skinned man if but shaken and beaten into submission until his head pops open on either side.

A great wallowing creature with two heads, completely submersed into its body where its every limbs fits as well depending on their location.

No living being was there at all, for some reason, all was peaceful. A little more to the right, they considered running across the streets, while only trying to get themselves as far away from them as possible. There was still to be solid proof of the man beneath the earth, in the locked up place, the sallow feature of a walk-through-the ground as well. But it was undeniable. There were a few escapees that made it half-way through. Limbless in a most salacious manner, many of them just as incessantly drawing blood out of their guts after, yet to align the beads of blood, part of the sacrifice, the lesser-past through left-over, delightful burning of the candles and the bodies they left after, the initial hits. Ritualistic killings, much abandoned.

‘I seek some kind of forgiveness for what I’ve done, brother, but I of all do remember the fact that there shall never be a man like you again, whom would but brush and pace, no other way for thee to see. I cover thee, and pass, through me you shall reach yet higher end.’

Whatever justified kill him as well.

They covered the holes they dug, unlike moles, they only left the inner guts of the tongue, but wreathed out, incapable of making through, not entirely wasted, but past the moment where one might even find, as, hues were left. But no one talking.

‘Whom shall I approach in waste, in vain I see no reason, yet along as I go past, again I see no reason to prevail, not as long as there’s naught to see.

Do you hear me, brothers? We’ve failed in this reverie, even after we’ve been warned. What is there left for us to see as well?’

Who could blame them? No one, the answer was no one, for they feared the sand-covered soil-maker Buccaneer-dressed Pioneers of the Ruby-Mohr, near the salt pile where they couldn’t see the outer reaches of the dead hour, when it approached or made its insurmountable noise, they snapped, rapidly bowing to each other as they barely came to life, it happened thus:

‘Dire earth, there’s suffering happening near one of the pointed lights, will you seek any other further treasure, as to lock yourself in nasty earth, the farther you go down there, in the earth, the less of a chance to resurface.’

A tidy Pioneer said. He was dressed in metal junk, his face-contorted, a skull-distorted, a corkscrew rotten to the impress the outcast of the Dye.

‘What have they done to you down here? Is this a result of digging deeper than the likes of earthen soil, were it to allow any other passing so?’

‘Nay, we’ve always been that way, I fancy, luckily for either one of us, as the plaint motif and rather rancid as there’s still to look, I see no other bothersome toil, but shook when I have seen you come. Even before you penetrated through the inner wall, I could still sense you at a distance coming, I could just envision your unchastely form.’

He was no looker himself. In all certainty, the eyes moved around and crawled. Past and in between they had, all around, and never-clad, would they happen to move this way. Onto the spiral and then again, would one look at the eyes. It was far worse for the incisors, as those were no teeth, spikes lodged inside a thin rat’s tail, but all bone. And they seemingly came out of nowhere and were simply drawn in. Weren’t even forced out a deformation of a mouth but simply reeled between the spaces that drew on from one point to another, leading to a strangely formed neck that looked like a hardened skin-covered parchment thread, a net that’s become those things, emptiness within before a cup-flat depression. It was peculiar speaking to them, especially since it was joined by many others like them. There was definitely nothing there, inside, for a brain, only that wretched pack inside its back and tails – no legs but crawling along. He dreamed of a world that was dead, filled with the spirits of the slain- unborn, the children whose wrath would but burn through the sockets of every man and woman who allowed it to happen and those who had been torn from reality, long before. Where all suffered.

‘It was prophesized in stone, that it would happen in such a manner.’

‘Where to? If you don’t mind me asking.’ Followed Dyer Plehphaff:

‘But do mind myself and my brothers, we’re still bleeding as well, we had to sacrifice many a nail to get here.’

‘I understand but I do not concern myself with pain. Our kind cannot feel any.’

‘Could you at least pretend you understand what’s it like?’

‘I don’t have to, do I now? You don’t understand anything, or the future that’s been told by the torn-out stone, the heart of the ground-worm.’

‘You’ve killed it.’

‘Magnificent a catch, is it not? Although calling it a worm is a bit much.’

A fallen over giant man of dirt, he seems, likely, as to have fallen but was caught between each stone, a well, as well as what had remained of the strange catch that wrapped around him on his way down. No one could much forget that there was a cast of iron- through this forgotten fallen over web he had created, of every root and piece of well, of every stone and dwelling, even a few etched bodies that were caught in the drop, all attached to a wriggling device.

‘We could never figure out what it wants, or what it’s been trying to tell us over the past century or so.’

‘How did you come onto the idea of the fallen that need to return?’

‘I imagined it all.’

And there was no escape from that place either, the moles and the corkscrews, all trapped inside.

‘Brother, we need to settle this dispute.’ Fossorby matched his teeth with that of the pretender.

They were both trying themselves, for as far as they could go on there.

But there was a much darker secret neither of them knew.

For the prophecy was true. Yet those giant casts of Inborn creatures were tomb-giants, in which hid the dark-lancer Spearers whose Shaking-tottering large spears spoke of darker pasts. Until the child-like features of the giants they resided it turned into more animal-like, properly decayed like mushroom domes fallen-planted into the conical dome of what remained of the broken city, once the dyeries were no longer in place to serve as the omens for the future that was to come.

‘You are to blame for everything that’s been going wrong in here, generation after generation and even more so.’

Strange twist of a death-mask, like an iron maiden torture device, but made in the shape of a trench, or a strange case-like glasses holder, with every giant nail- a hose, where ropes are put in and multiple porch monkeys are made to struggle and fight before slammed in and out, they’re forced to die in droves.

A harpoon-launcher with a rope attached to the harpoon, but granted, it would need a lot more power in order to kill the nigger, or at the very least, if mounted on a ship, enough weight to drag the nigger down and drown it.

Domino-graves aligned, with two holes on each side where a rope gets passed and connected all of them, not directly but wrapped around a nigger standing on a chair. Iron spikes on both sides of these coffins as to die upon the effect and the falling-over motion taking place. While, if one negro is brave enough to try something, he would only drag the other directly to their deaths. Much worse than that, it could possibly tip their heads or other body parts inside the spikes.

Three churning giant buckets with plane-like engines inside, with large tips to which three cords are attached, all wrapped around this black-bamboo picker’s soft area, all simply ripping it apart. As they begin their motion at the same time. Utterly defiling the monkey:

The top of a castle and a ladder, the rope being attached to a climber or in this case, a device that would descend instead, like a wagon-but simple enough, designed to be a heavy wooden piece with two joints attached to the sides of the ladder, with some tiny slippery wheels attached to it. A flat top to which a sink-like tip would provide a good area for the rope to be attached to.

‘There still isn’t anything here, is there?’

‘The box?’

‘Of course not the box, not in the, least of all, there’s nothing in its heart left, you can see it prodding from one, one.’

‘As soon as it’s implanted in me, that thing will grant me eternity, at the tips of a finger, at the activation of a single touch.’

Wretched pair of two headed animals with unnaturally put together wrapped around as if on bands of skin, a rib of jelly on top, keeping them together kind of animal tenure.

The subhumanity of the nigger race deserves no sympathy. Filthy animals, all of them, time and time again they prove to be nothing other than sub-human mindless creatures capable only of violence, ruining everything the first chance they get. 'Systemic racism' is a natural reaction and an aversion to nigger behavior.

Whom to speak of the weather-disturbance that happened in there? For if it weren't for the ones that drew, much so. It was shaking, in a dust-mice pattern like of wild dances, flowing through the air in the most unnatural manner, no one could attend to it.

'A breasted beast has come onto our path, and I see no reason why we would see it in any other manner than what it's like!'

It was supposed to be the perfect husk, yet it seemingly came out of nowhere, driven mad, it lifted its talon atop the sky, then swiped his master's body in a few halves.

A phallic spiked object inserted in a nigger-child's sphincter, completely tearing him from inside out, its entrails and little nigger-drug affected rotten organs. Not normal spikes either, but grappling hook-shaped with fish hook sharp, more outward facing sharp points to stick in for as long as possible as they're even more deeply inserted in the other side of the niggylet's body.

'Could there be no chance to return yet, to that place?'

'Can't see a way back, there's a few more steps before and behind it, always cackling after dark, the one that's doing the pavement.'

Chained by two sides on each back-protrusion, especially the ones fading from the looks if which there was never a chance for either side of the road to get away without being shattered and scattered in as many spots as possible after the initial roll-over the top that followed after.

The machine would've most certainly stood the test of time, if there was even a chance for it to, make it seem, by any other way, there was no doubt any longer. Since, from the looks of it, all had lain contorted, begging to be allowed the solace of wreathing back and forth, even for a few minutes, if that made any difference whatsoever. A few more large diametrical depressions could be seen on either side of it. A great cart going coming through; it wasn't, by all means a simple thing, or at the very least, it wasn't simply made. Some fewer sprawls appeared to be knocked together, up and then mixed, put through a falchion, then spewed out of this thin open-ended rod like some kind of cement-mixer, then allowed to push on, from side to side, over the top, this being one of the outer guns that were inside the cart, its wheels not being present either. As this cart bore but four cricket legs, with smaller wheels attached to the joints that forced these front heaving v-metallic legs, the tip being in the front, then in the back, eerily peculiar-kind of movement being put to the employ of it, with larger diaphragm flying around it. A peculiar stray of symbols in, praying with strangely strapped mouths and arms, repairing everything as it was both torn out and put together at the same time.

'A boom machine if I ever saw one, ready to pop out of its own socket at any moment.'

What's it hiding in there?'

'Free-riders, what do you think they were? '

'I did not know, especially since, it's hard, for the weather, either one of us could be lost along the way. The weather doesn't look like it's going to improve any time sooner.'

'Should we wait for it to change in that case?'

'I don't know, we're not doing anyone a favor either, standing here, you know?'

'Then leave.'

'You can't drive me away, no, I think you like me too much to allow for any of that to happen.'

'What gives?'

'I can read people extremely well, especially those who claim it otherwise. Being unreadable.'

'Being proud of, alas, there's but something in there.'

'Lenah, we've been through this already, we cannot follow it. In a way, it is perhaps too dangerous a thing to follow. You just don't know, wouldn't know how to interpret the variables.'

'Then teach me how to do it and I shall do it myself, perhaps I might even out-do you as well, if you're arrogant enough to think you'd stand a chance against me.'

They were unsurprised and had remained so for the longest time now. Since, over the past few months, they've been seeing the most maniacal tantalizing creatures following them around, this was nothing, it was absolutely nothing at all. It couldn't nor would it make any sense to pressure one another into accepting that the world like they knew it was unrecognizable for the human eye. It was finite, tainted, bloated and infested.

'The Simian, I am afraid of him, to him, the life of whom I have detested. I see him every now and then, I fear what he might do to me if he catches me doing something I'm not supposed to.'

'What are you going to do about it then?'

'I do not know, but now, since you've seen me approach it.'

'Shh, what do you mean by approach it? Have you established contact with it? Were you in contact with its physical form?'

'Of course I was, of course I have, you wouldn't know the things it did to me when I was in there, near it, when the lights went out.

It removed a portion of my brain through my jaw, it put in a few mechanical cords inside, then it pushed it back in. And I've dreamed of lynched niggers ever since. I cannot help it, I cannot stop it, it's the only thing I think about now.

It's beyond an unhealthy obsession and yet, I do not understand why it's doing this to me as well. They are his servants after all, or he was their tribesman once.'

'Something must've happened to him, to have this man driven by force out of existence.'

They would not settle with reason either, humans have always been unreasonable in these parts. All that getting to their heads, all that inflammatory tendency to draw and take the life away:

'It inflicted some things onto me, burnt into my memory.

Him, that one, the exact one I dream of suffocating by force. I dream of shoving my knee into its throat, of killing him over and over again. Bastardizing what's left of that monkey by the name of Floyd. I know, the god Simian wants me to kill it, to put the damn beast out of its misery, but lo', I cannot explain why it would push it onto me during a time I couldn't even stand the likes of being left alone with myself.

I've been avoiding looking into reflections because of the guilt I've been feeling lately.'

'For what you've done?'

'Over not doing it sooner, knowing that leaving that creature alone will do more harm than anything out there and anything even remotely touched by it ends up piling into a spot filled with things destroyed. A civilization fading, some nerve endings, something ruined and barely put together, made to get lost. As if history was erased, as if there are people whose faces and identities were stolen by this creature.

The reason being, that it wouldn't allow either one to continue living while it still breaths. This damned simian, this beast. It cannot suffer others unlike it to live. Others who are different and would shove, with such imprudence, their pitiful cause on us; we are brainwashed into thinking, or even considering them as our allies, as our friends, as our kinsmen, until they lump together into groups. When that happens, then the destruction follows. When one leaves his guard down, they will strike. It's animals, as simple as that.

I should've seen it sooner, I should've enacted the means necessary to drive them to extinction, Niggarous beasts.'

'We should leave them, if that's the case, you know where this trajectory might lead us, correct?'

'I know where it goes, I know where it leads to, near one of the moving jungles. If we sit and wait for too long alongside them, the beasts might think we have something valuable on us. They will attack. We shall be distraught as to be taken advantage one. Beaten in a worse manner than animals, broken in place, where we stand, made to waste in such a manner that not even our gods will rebuild us.

I'm afraid. Knowing, having seen, having experienced their true nature. I can no longer lower myself as to be ignorant, in such a bliss as to completely ignore their ever-pressing presence.

Our so-called 'people' expect us to comply with their nature. To make some changes we should not allow or adhere to, allowing them to breed and to spread, to treat them as to a standard, as there is, or would destroy us.

Mass Hysteria would not serve no man, it could only spread like some disgusting disease, eventually being driven back to its master. Everyone's watching for some reason.

‘I’m not going to spare either one of you, do you hear?’

Even if I have to; you should have never placed your trust in me, ha. Filthy wretches, I was going to.

I was going to, I was. I can still have you all. It’s going to take a long while, but I shall do as best as a man can do, whatever it takes, no weakness being shown to people who would attack and kill you like the beasts they are. Even if I have to do it alone; if they can be as self-destructive and turn themselves into mockeries of their former selves, then I shall out-do them, by all means.’

If there was ever something, if there was.

‘Loyalty is worth everything, loyalty is worth everything this world has to offer. Without it, there is nothing. All a man needs to be left with is a cause, someone has to take the fall. Otherwise wretched animals, abominations will take over. Amalgamations without sympathy, feigning it, but they can’t trick everyone.’

Large cylindrical compactor with blades in it, twenty niggers being thrown in at a time.

‘Only the weak and the wretched hide and cower when they know they have the force to drive for change. Only they meek in silence as others suffer, while sub-human kikes promote miscegenation with inferior nigger-like races.

It is unfair that every single man on this planet would stop at nothing to attack the European ethnic groups. Even, doing as much as turning their people against themselves; therefore, it should only be fair that these monkeys, both the semites and the Africans are repaid with the same coin, in the same way, in the same manner.’

There was no other solution, but.

‘A race war, a race war needs to happen. The inferior race of the nigger needs to be completely driven to extinction. These sub-human animals need to get completely wiped out.

Filthy simianiggers cannot even hope to survive the ethnic cleansing-war that’s to come, incapable to think dumb-retarded monkeys! It is time for the 'Holocaust' to happen this time around. And this time both the niggers and the kikes are to be killed.’

Modified Ferris wheel balanced on a larger base, as for the wheel itself to be raised a few meters off the ground. A few drilled holes where the ropes go through, being attached to the horses and other animals, using the same concept, of, lowering and rising the nigger’s throat up and down, with accompanying music. Some proper adjustments would have to be taken in order to assure that the ropes wouldn’t get coiled along the way, or stuck. But multiple lynchings could occur at the same time.

The land was open half-way through.

‘Eventually the dying beast will return, don’t you think so?’

‘Perhaps it will, perhaps it won’t.’

Truth be told, it was hard to actually guess it.

Strangely drawn to a point, as to be inside a straw through, with the help of a great vacuum of force, while being split from four sides and the liquid allowed flowing out of the straw, spreading momentarily for a few moments before being hardened, all four sides of the straw being removed at the same time, having formed a peculiar roof-top structure put on four trunks.

Large four square on twenty five, with some wheel but stuck, between the two of them, beams of metal that would roll in upward thrusting motions, then downward while pointing back. It was completely impossible to see it from an angle. It walked and thrust towards the sky, from side to side, but wrapped around what appeared to be, specks of lighted gray hoops of steel it formed around it, attached to every cervical rounded almost ring like structure there being but key-hole openings that were fit by, what appeared, to be, from the four square on twenty five's, this being actually a kind of split at the half-floor almost platform-building, with the wheels and the many claw-like arms that climbed upon these floating formations, not only by grabbing but by opening, from the middle, if seen like bands, one flat bland in the middle bearing the key-like protrusion, attached to this rectangle, on both sides being two grappler-shaped sides of the great claw that would stabilize the main structure as it would continue climbing. Apparently, actioned by the spinning bands as well as the beam between them that also works as a power station, completely activated by a small engine inside this pseudo building. Which, at all times would remain somewhat still, kind of like a crab formation, in terms of how it tried pinching and moved, although a crab would be incapable of proceeding with these kind of maneuvers. Still, it would continue going to the great placement-point, being fart-stretched over a great eighteen million miles with support pillars – drafted great base where many similar machines are being placed in, this great restorative supply placement base bearing filled with many movable surfaces that would serve as nothing other than the placement heel on which these machines would be placed on top of.

Darkly shaped gun with eighteen hundred thousand barrels with skull-heads that had socket-horns that were like worms with gut-like incisor holes that bore missile shape-innards coming out, wreathing about and drawing breath, every now and then when shaking and getting their snake-like tendril blades that started shaking with bitter-nigger-like nigger-nigger – niggers kind of cancer nigger growths that spread like nigger-diseases that being either Aids, taken from monkey-fucking niggers or crime. As dumb-fucking monkey-niggers have to all die.

Pretty petty clothes waited and stood attached to him. Ready to lynch-a-monkeynogo on a whim, a strange machine with an extending metallic arm, beam-like in nature kind of thing with many put and wrapped around, in this kind of matter, dark things attached from one side to another, belts with human-like tombstone sculpturesque figures adorning every few segmented rectangle line, in which, beneath each section a line of many ropes are being lowered and retracted, from the looks of which four and four, evens, as if one rope wad down, the other one up, eight for every segment, eight Nyiggyis, pushed around what appeared to be the other great beam below, granting it the general appearance of a stapler, with chains dragging the upper side on the lower one as to crush them. Below in, or on top of the lower beam, from on top this metal frame, seen directly underneath the shadows of the Nyiggyis, kind of light lined-about open and aligned cardboard boxes that have metal-frame-rectangle-like shape-mechanisms holding the chains and the Nyiggyis, while there are two main gaps, from where the iron chains appear to drop as well as they perform the main drawing and releasing action. Wheel-like devices as in lowering the bridge being placed on both sides, while, the last cardboard-like hollow rests in front of a squared pillar that connected both of these metal beams, or rectangles that hold the nigs. Kind of like a jumping-swimming

board, but thicker and instead of the board-platform, there's this frame holding them together, the empty boxes holding the lynching devices. Or a mechanical alligator head, whose mouth is closed by the chains.

The Niggalligator-mouths were placed all around a building as to form a pseudo-banded hard-squared crown. While, it could be a band, drawn back into the socket as to have even more black cattle wrapped around in order for another batch to be executed; reverse conveyed belt being replaced, meaning that inside the upper frame of the beam, there would have to be enough space, as to account for a few meters or more than that, in order to retract and drawn back every black pulled inside after they're suffocated or splattered.

Strange-two-pointed two batons-aiming for the eyes device, connected to a small engine that's being mounted around the throat and set as to main or permanently blind the target, aimed for Nyiggyis war veterans.

Tender moisture drawing organ within a leprous looking back, it bore, as a phantom cover's that's but coiled around its face and boils, whereas most of them could not stop from this incessant screaming as they're trapped inside. Hundreds of them, thousands even from the looks of it, neither one could live for long unless seen for what they are and unattended as they're hurt, every second but aimed, in reverse, at their master. As if this fascia of put together things had absorbed and swallowed for every second and every man and every being it killed, inside the great piece of girthed growths it turned into a great cover. Many arms trying to reach in but seen from outside like the empty depressions of long arm socks or gloves that push-within. But this thing of whose arms remained the legs, both attached to one another, slightly separated by huge spinning bands that emerge. Dark little piston-like move around motions, weeping; a great head split in half, eyes that could be seen on each side. But with a large almost star-like, two dimensional drawing from where the little things emerge, most of them, implanted there. Spitting circles that become cogs and Cong-men, humanoids with small heads, whose open mouths reveal desperation, no teeth and bloated bellies, for their brains, open up and reveal horns and other protrusions that spread, apart. The strange beast but a belly was, four limbs down, with the split head hard, like two pieces of a harvested and misused crater. Whereas the Congo-men stood between the eyes, of course they weren't true men, but growths that looked alike, soufflé-like spread beneath their waists, with adorning spikes around the circles they became instead. Some winged-like heart depressions in, seemingly pushed around, and thinning out; bloated verdure-muck and boils, wrapped around a coil of singing encased in golden metal, figure-heads and toiled with, for the longest hour.

'Our lords are dying unless we keep feeding them as such, and would it not be to tiresome unless you found a way to poison the rest of the world only if it meant allowing them to live for a little longer while?'

There is but little can be to, for the paranoid, and those who are devoid of emotion and lest would they had gotten the memento of lesser joy.

The room was filled with ceramics and plaster-eggs put in cauldrons, stacked together, with other dead-birds that had not, enter the first of the sub-clavicle formations, underneath which rested the corpses, that were; since the cauldron had a hole in it, beneath which a great cylindrical subway system-like hollow rested, as to say, there was a great push-through, of elongated melted in, metal-pieces that were welded like weld-wires in, with screw-like bolts put around each side of theirs, sprawls as well, forming the great

sublevel, that stood between this cauldron. That is to say, there was an area. Where pieces of metals were lodged in the ground, going through the girth of the earth, dug in; there was enough space for a man to fit in, crawl through it, as if it were a pit, then allow himself to simply float through, in that hollow-empty space.

‘It was a near-cave like thing, although, it appeared to be grossly engrossed with papillae-formations of highly-compressed figures that kept everything in check. Arms extended, moved around, as-if-on-rails but only in terms of motions. Bearing picks but armed with four great-set in place-almost forearms with workable arms, and elongating or capable of doing so fingers. Many of them being slowly pushed-through and inter-connected with what appeared to be, the prosthetics that stood above them. ‘ – They were held in kangaroo-sacks, having giant-plated held in front of them, where the forearm and the arm connected where there four apparent forearms were not only part of the plate but were hybridized with the prosthetics to which they were attached. As these flying figures flew from one side to the other of the room they were in, slowly they began cracking each stone and rock they could wrap their grabbers’ around. Drawing into their chests, adding more as they dissolved everything; somehow it grew back, sharper, much more perfect than before; highly jagged-edged.

And they flew, as malignantly as they could, incapable of stopping or preventing themselves from acting in the way they were.

Engrossed, rather, as it was observed, by the fact that, they were puffy; oozing-growing-shrinking, shaking-vibrating, while doing the things they were. Sometimes they seemed to splatter against the walls, gelatin eely, but without a nursery of tendon-branches which could be seen up there in the dark. Many nay pins were below as well, among the rabble. With so much more of the groundwork being lain the way it was, stepped about, being closely observed. Prepared, it had been prepared for someone to walk in. To step with their pretties, soft and tender, made to rub it in. Despite the presence of pins and rubble, gray puff, as such, there was clearly something in there preventing scratches from being created of gotten through with. Not before long, it could be observed that someone was in there.

After digging in for a few seconds, with the soles of one’s shoes, the inevitable would happen. A man hiding in there with an ugly face; whose deterioration has been made even more noticeable by the very fact that he hasn’t eaten for days, or bathed; being assimilated, but violently by the means of his wrist having become his fist now. Must’ve come from somewhere beneath him, relative to his spine. Where, whatever entered him not only made its way through, a lump that must’ve been it, a dark lump that was spiked, a fleshy shell that swam through him; dragging him down, but done in a systematic manner, a surgical precision as well as a push-through, in such corners that would be impermissible for one to reach into; was made into, or turned, to shrubbery. From inside-out, Aloe Vera leaves. In terms of a contortionist, but at the very least he didn’t bother anyone, he was only stuck down there, incapable of moving.

Dark cove, underneath a great surface that’s slightly obscure; or a semi-lateral plane that’s but alike but put forth, under much worse and harder-to-look at; prayingly holding each side, like holding hands wretched by time alone that could not get worsened by time. And they held him, trying to achieve, something-akin to the destiny of a lost field that were to get burnt. While ashes and specks of partially swollen grass blades started to refrain their flights. Instead they traveled forth towards a girth, in the middle brought, where, as to face it, towards which, all of them contorted. Many of them wallowing as

they shook, and turned, towards it, growing as well. Rubbery-ruddy in appearance and almost broken apart. Such was the cove-the great organ, slowly bottled up as if the top of its case had been, in actuality, open like a lid, drawing it out. Much of the air trapped in. An idyllic sustenance; that disregarded all, drawing from anywhere and everywhere around, all too perfect, this creation. Oozing every corner, adorned with ringed-like shapes of harder belts, each wrist but drawing towards the incantation; yet there was none to be heard, only the thing in the middle that moved from one side, each girth adding up. Releasing it from where it stood, admonished, and brought. Back to where it stood, in place, and littered with lesser demonical heads, seemed to be the lower-thing. Much to their long-tongues, open on a whim. An inverted, almost funnel-like absorbed cone, a hive that was worn; but no limbs, only the grass things and the ashen-leeches, and the pseudo-arms that were connected to it, at the top, from which the heads were released, at that. Though it would be hypocritical to ignore the praying things, as they were armed as such, the semblance was superficial, nothing more at that. Larger, smaller, darker holds; from the mouths beaded girths, pushing out, much wider than the heads themselves, once allowed enough time outside. Each direction, from here on out, they released. Many such beauteous tips, like lances, a few at a time; they didn't come out of the caterpillars themselves, or not from exactly the front.

Although, rather, the entire structure was more of a benign- deformed with an malignantly incessant tumor-head at the top, great cone held by black-coiled ledges, making sing in the main-shape. Faces along the cone, out of them, the great haired-caterpillar forms, growing and releasing the –shoot in all directions kind of spears, tickling the dark things that either appeared or disappeared; a nasty thing it had produced. Echoes of dark that were barely understood; yet this hidden under-cove in which was stood, there, in front of it, from its point of view as well, no longer and no less than one of the shortest spreads – a tunnel that could barely be seen as follows. As if it were dug in by the battering ram made out put together hands praying for this beast to be gone. Like two clams caught in a battle, attempting to hold one another, outdone, a slight reverse denivelation – as for an un-winded non-straight placed protrusion –upward. If the ceiling and the entire short tunnel was straight, or an insides-of-a-worm cylinder of a few meters, or hundreds of miles, one of the clams would be flaccid it not both, being curved on top the other, or forced bent, dented to the right. Short clams at that, perhaps not a dent and not a rinse in the middle, it would be hard to tell. Otherwise, the left side of this tunnel, as seen from inside of it while also seeing it in the head, would be a clam fully extended – the left one, resting on top of the right one, who's but shaped like a bean kissing in, swallowing the left one's rounded belly or the end of the tip instead, a long cut-drawing along the tunnel's trail. As, from the chamber of the ice-cream like, or more conical turnip-girth, the hollow-emptiness of the room was that of a onion, an onion shaped door, passing through.

Leading to a much father, as to go in, farther and much further, forming a hallway, with many such chambers, where they were kept it, these formations, living formations; and every single one of them was fed. By whom, one might ask? A strange thing, a pair of bandit-men; carrying a trough-targe but like a wagon-desk tri-dimensional rectangle, in which they stored everything they harvested from outside, or, more, rather, the Bandit-Triangle, made of bandits, slaves and the bosses in charge of them.

Diamond-heads forged in yellow tubes, but only two for two and overlapping, not entirely molded. Pseudo-teeth being formed as well; Melankthy Fyor, he was, unattached. Diamonds but partly cracked in shards, with longer rain-fallen girthed trails of many formations added to each one, drawing from around them, invisible forms feeding them instead of what the bandit-men brought. Many of them avoided contact for some reason. Bloated-dark blood-diamond packs of girth eely meat that oozes. Like two

bananas, stacked, whereas their darted tips became even harder and much greater than before at that. Sprawls or hardened lies sprouting from both of them, in every possible direction, towards the walls, towards wherever they could grow and in whichever direction, as they only bounced back and in-between. Like black lightning banana-tip sprouting channeled bolts spreading along wherever they could aim at, or neurons drawing and releasing air from inside of them, no longer capable of stopping. They fed only through the arches, growing even deeper as they began to feed, whereas the anaconda-swallowing-humanoids motions only followed after as well. Lung-like inflated motions followed after for both growths. The teeth-like cartilage being eerily familiar to each slit. From the distance they seemed sutured together. No one entered their room.

It was clear by now that the Dark cove was the body of a giant whose fallen in the bowels of the earth, as from an avalanche, quickly after buried alive without the least of hope, as there would be after.

And there stood, before them, on a great swing of many barely put together branchlike forms, all set in place. A great net-nest, out of a boat-like, with jagged edged harpoon tips, and every side of this net-like formation, bubbly one-segmented finger-blobs coming out of the syringed tops of the tips, that kept the branchy formation as for the lower growths to occur-tree like as in piles of bushes lain beneath them. It floated around, leaving or projecting a circular shadow on the ground, wherever it went, at time, one could see, depending on the angle of the sub, Indian-tents coming out of oblong, whereas the smoke coming out of them would fill small balloons. Although hard to make, the growths beneath the small area around which they're stacked around would encompass most of the shapes, or at least the ones' – bubbly-tents that at on the side, if it was close to a, the time when the sun it up, facing it from an incline? If it were drawn on a paper, it'd look like a small cut-off pocket, which had cotton trapped beneath it, sticking cotton that won't fall off. Chess pieces on top, but bearing iron shark-fins behind them, attached; these flying platforms coming or heading up from just about everywhere one could stare in the direction of. Endless flocks being forced to draw, alike, together, in clusters. Trying desperately to eat off the flying giant locust-hares, with interlocked joints carried by vulture-carrions, attached and with their wings but formed into leaved puffy clouds. Bearing the top of their beaks, as they're become wings as well as spread and inflated-puffed. Interconnected as well; of one piece. Gliding instead of being set to flight; a clay thing of a single shape with an eerily-strange movement of its lower legs that jerk around. A giant meaty seed connected to a thin at the base elongated mushroom, with jerky-sharp jagged legs. An outlandishly sharp- self harm towards the top leg-projection; although no ears – as for the rabbit-sack. They would float and fall onto the netted-platforms where they'd rest. Since, incapable of flying, this gliding making them, sink-through-the-air spores-or fall, like them.

If they had fallen, or touched the land, they'd die at any time. Various amalgamations stood there, resting in place, hardly moving from one point to another, as they were, the tops, surrounded by upwardly heaved as for Champagne-bottles-aimed at your toes– corkscrews for them, with unnatural spear-shafted, although the corkscrew out of the outer-lower rims of the amalgamations were more like ziggurats – as for the structure, out of the middle rising point, which looked the form of a sand-hill pie, with a sharp eely-tip dangling about and out of it, moving around. The tip was raised beyond the region, in the air which was surrounded by the corkscrewziggurat. Although, and it was a tip because the body, which was much fatter was inside the meatypie amalgamation looked like a tube-filled-with-water; a test tube, but the innards of the eely-tipped creature resting in it. Organs being stored inside this organism; while seen from above, it looked like a big softly rounded beautifully shaped female breast, from the side of which

stood a metal-two-dimensional maze. Or a circle with a maze drawn on it. With the middle dot being the eely thing; the base of the eely thing being a few meters stored inside this trapped maze, while, beyond it, a few meters as such, the sharp eely-thing would wriggle around in search as if for flies, but aiming for the slowly descending meaty hare-vulture spores, the fat-round heads, coming to feed them. Of course, the metal maze, whose properties were that of iron, would violently melt them as soon as they came into contact with them. Since the porous surface of meat would slowly digest, hence the sandpie, moving sandpie property would swallow everything as to feed itself.

Disgusting organisms, all of them; violently stealing food from one another, barely being capable of surviving, the highly tipped worms but being parasites inside the maze-screwed breasts.

It was hard to look at the other one, which was flying. For the greatly elongated-projected on the front, a few meters beyond, while two arms simply entered it from both sides, as if this rhinoceros of sticky clay was caught off guard and pulled from both sides until expanding to the sizes of a fully grown deer adult's antlers. Back of the fly-growth molded with the rest of it. Hands fully extended while doing it, as if mimicking 'magic' in front of a child, inverted or backward claw-motion, fingers fully extended out of shock while covering your face and your eyes, or various other stretches. It was left without sockets. Seen from the front as well, as if it had been rotated and the rhinoceros was staring, the same as the other thing, at the toes. Its horn having become a kite-like bloated string, or a smaller bloated tower; a pseudo uglily deformed axe bearing a great bulb-growth on top of it. With its teeth outwardly protruding, down, near the base of, the structure, surrounding the bloated stick; more of blunted axe, with its side having become hammer-like, war-hammer, oyster-clam on the left.

They've been following the cavalry over the hill for the last eighteen months; time announced its beckoning call for a rest. It could only propel itself no further than the hours they lacked, during their manic insomniac starvation, as open-crevices drew from beneath the earth; dragging them along. Some silent reed-compressed ankles, at the bottom; fat, pumped up and down – churned around. Deeper, first came one of the drops, sinking much deeper than that. Some bubbles could be made out in the dark, but they were all already fallen, and incapable of running back. Now stuck, every man stared at the motions.

Hlamathollks stared out of his deep-sand stroke-contrived visor; he had been aiming at it for the past fifteen minutes or so.

'See anything under my light?'

'Barely' But that was a sublime lie.

It had kept something of the hill they followed on. Many of those; being as widely spread as possible, until they froze-stuck a few feet off the ground, when all made less to no sense. Gaps of a few meters, from which you could see some unnatural substance dripping off them; splashes being there, contrived to what appeared to be an arm. Stuck in an attempt as it was trying to grab a hold of it, in need of much volatile strength as to pull the bathed in body attached to the rest of it; whatever it was down there, they were covered. Skeletal armors, much to the entire and beyond the width of the entire body they were in. Their overburdening weight dragging them down; but if one were to look at them as clearly watch them, what they truly looked like with all the clogged in pools removed. What they had become instead, since they were once men.

Legs were made of one piece ever since, as were their heads, in a dragged along pile. Most likely, it was their ankle-teeth growths which had become those pumping things that went back and forth. Through them they'd breathe. Still. It would seem like this exoskeleton of theirs was far too derangedly broken and bombarded by the pressure that was being fully absorbed by the incessant thumping caused by the swarthy pumps that went along.

The pumps being too soft and jelly-like to fully become thumpers, they're mostly livid cartilage wrapped around bone. Taken from the leg and arm joints while being implacably, in an equal manner, shared between them; while the arms well aren't truly arms, but forearms attached to what's left of the exoskeleton encased torso. Still, they try holding on the sun-down shaped floating hill.

'I finally found a way, I finally found a way to break through it.

Now that I've stumbled upon a fix, upon a resolve, I can't be stopped, no more being dragged through dirt. No more being mocked about my failure to understand why or what I've done wrong.

I finally found a way to fix every god damn thing!

It doesn't matter any longer, whether or not I or how many people I've yet to anger, no. I've already reached a point where I know what I must do in order to stand a chance. No one can ever take this away from me, you hear? No one!

'You're still arrogant, are thou not?

You've yet to produce anything that yielded such results, to make such a thing as plain as to be understandable, comprehensible, to make sense.'

'So what? I finally found a way to consolidate everything, I finally found a way to lay a strong foundation, and I could never have done it without all of this, despite your lies, as for something being incapable of laying on it. I've still managed to find a way, and I shall rub it in thine nose as much as I so desire until I will have fully and properly satisfied my desire!'

And somewhere lost in the depths, for such likes and such dark places that not even the weakest and most spoiled of heart would look into after that, rested a simple man, one plain of head, by such pillar of spine, a hulking body kept in.

'Victory under all circumstances; there's nothing else in life!

And I shall find a way to save every drawing and everything I've made, and I shall find a way to pick up from where I was left and pick up from behind as well!

I shall win under my conditions and mine alone! I won't allow either one to die, not while I, of all, am still young, not when there's still power, and a drive left in my veins!

Tribalistic drawings, all of them but inky-black; many of them seemingly malformed, many of them wreathed, twisted, and made to bind. Put together by whichever mean. Strange limbs from whichever point, erupting, many heads twisting erratic; one of them was their servant.

Bony-like, and walking on four legs, with red-spoiled ribbons, rottenly open insides, a skull upon which the legs drew on. It bore a blade of living eely red, which jerked around, a headed-horn instead and the face of a rotten by disease, and globes within sight. Chains being dragged between its feet, the wretch; living but near the sea-side instead. In a partly sunken world; it rested.

‘It’s my one good chance at beauty and at putrid, why have either when I can lay claim to both?’

I may lay claim upon all that I want, and I shall not easily be stopped, not any longer! Not now, not when I’m so close to catching up! I won’t waste away!’

A dying god from the looks of which, only a greater, smaller piece of it resisted through the truce that was being kept, maintained. Not to thread on him, or pass the blame, beyond such means, as the pastoral manner. The whole thing was falling over itself, incapable of fending off the killer-parasites whom, upon being fallen over one another, insolent cackle and perditionous suckle following through, only now had they began wailing and calling for help, yielding to naught else but time. But why?

Bug people said so:

Eighteen servants would follow the dying wretch, fifteen hundred meters tall, curved in the back, as if a black hole trailed them from close-afar, a few meters off their bodies, in which they would constantly be absorbed into, although there was no such thing a black hole, their bodies tainted, drawn inside, then release, in part. One could see as such, their intestines being ripped, beyond reset. Their faces appearing at their feet, then back in place; horrowsome, bothersome, trying to move aghast, incapable of getting away, such was their bothersome nature, of such thing, as lust.

Hardly were there any left.

Surrounding them, a darker belt.

Shleghuimar, whose rotten face stood dire upon the hour, asked upon the first one that drew along to open, such were their cast upon their brows plates, standing, farther, much closer than tinged by their wings, that erupted from both sides of its head, insect in appearance, chitinous shield exposed, but fallen beyond the jaw, grown on chest, and on the lower bodily melted frame, upon this strange armadillo stretch behind, in which six and six legs, both, hid inside. Was there a great set of false limbs, acted by electron-rings of metal that had been forged inside, open in the middle of the area within each other’s yet sublime spherical door, stooped out a fragment of poured forth stinger, twice as long than seen before. Though there was a space, whereas the chitinous embrace split in half, the upper-helmet and the armadillo bunch. Each ring could not have gone much farther, two at a time, whereas the nipples were set, on every side. Segmented as to break and place them. Still, the false limbs were nowhere near the areas from which the stings had long erected. They seemed to come from both, and side, instead of arms, and legs, they came, to ride, weakly though this skimpy flea. Had plenty more, it had stored in sea. Where it lived in near, moisture-home made of wrought along, unkind dirt, and oyster boil. He was visited one day by mighty angler, whose backpack, a reminder, that, what the giant crickets were after, was but a giant cranium of their own. Was he the one who asked for rings? For he had seen some sparkle, bestiary of wings and stings, he kept at home, traded with the mad angler fish and stone. A few quirky pebbles were traded, nasty well-welded, was there as such, in the middle of his house. A dark eye projected on the

ceiling, weeping for every single well-forgotten frog that wanted to come in but never left, as well as thin. Was there a day when they would come? As such, would they knock?

Both were stood by such a chair, that would be nearer, had it gotten back beyond repair.

Each false-limb drew one of the stings out. Carefully clenching on it, with puckery delight, a rubbing such of moisture would rip away, whatever might there be in doubt. There was such stare, as they would have it wrought.

‘Pretty, isn’t it?’

He was moved, for he had fished it, himself.

‘Where was it brought from? I remember such time, when I used to be, such witch subdued, upon the, wails, of me, to be nearer. I have stumbled upon such thing as it would come one day to appear.’

‘Where?’ The angler asked Shleghuimar.

Who pointed, immediately without concern; he lived out there, in sun-a-moon was, two and four. All connected, of a great dark piece. Of twilight but of little heat; all but painted in red, orange, then, to feel it, would mean be up there. To live among the ones that, sullen are, smile and bear; being in the presence of slouches, of whose black glances were the darker days. In which they gathered and formed eyes and veins, that, were they moustache, upon the grater crater fields, mouths and a nose and brows, and teal. Such was his home decorated, but Shleghuimar would not return. His servants mourned his lost revival. Butchered was the kindness, home. He was home now.

‘I lay in dirt, I seek no travail.’

‘When will you go back?’

‘You seek to steal my house then?’

‘When have I given that impression, friend?’

‘You’ve come for me once and you shall come for me again.’

Then he pointed at one of the darker shores, where he could see that, he had been brought back during a time they missed, peace was not brought back.

A pearl was there, giantly glowing. Emerging from a beaten down palm, of such beauty it was, such greatness run.

‘Shall we play a game of crossing?’

‘Down the sea?’

‘I’m thinking.’

‘Still mad at me?’

‘I wish we would not talk of such, things, now, if you don’t mind.

I need not be reminded of my loss, you’re an angler after all, and how would you understand?’

‘I’ve cross path with many fish they called my feet home, underneath the deck, the bowels, in my boat-sinking, vowel as they’re quiet in the chirruping of seamless gulls and galleys, they want to eat them by the ears, more.’

‘Are you not a liar in which case? I’ve heard of fish with legs, but. Never had I heard such lie. Is there something your petty mouth would not defile, in your search for attention?’

‘That’s but a misdirection, their leapers. I’ve seen plenty of them that way. And many of them with ears, they had stolen along the sea. When, on their way towards a much bluer paradise; but you spoil me, as I think of you, whenever you come back.’

‘What do you want of me, and what have I given to be brought to such commodity; I hear little more than sought after, at that I needlessly ask for you, will you come back? If I shoved you back with your friends, beneath the sea?’

‘You’re kind, but I’m a pretty. I’m quite petty for an angler, is all I mean.’

‘I wish I could be you, sometimes, that I admit. I wish my memories gone, sometimes. Shoved as far away as to never return and never come back. All I am left here is with this evil eye that says naught to me.

He governs my life, but I’m also reminded that there’s nothing to see.

Such is it that I despair, prideful as to ask them out, who is out there?’

‘Are you talking to someone in particular? Can that eye hear us as it sees us, where we are?’

‘Not that I’ve ever known him as such.

He is my friend, I believe the lies he’s telling me now.’ For Shleghuimar is the only one that can hear the drearily miss caught by the torrents, as of air, felt by frail rejoinders that had stolen his heart away. Leaving it awry, in a place, beyond space, in the Conclovince of Mithrithnogg; where they still shatter bolden braziers and wronged upon, leper songs.

Behind the pearl hid a dark monster with four necks ripped apart and forming asterisks with stings pushing out in front of them, forming a circle, interconnected by mantis-like blades, each of them bearing various geometrical formations that pushed outwardly, fifteen meters away, then inwardly, crisscrossing one another. The circle was bizarre since it was formed out of the asterisks projections, as was the see-through cone. But behind them lay, in the middle a tubular-snail-fat hose formation of heads- like clay covering a filled-with-water condom, humanoid heads with an even longer satellite-thin black corded tail that pushed out of it, all aligned together, forming a strange thing that spoke only to blind people through telepathy.

The poor monster, this prideful creature had been forced into this contortion by unknown magics of malformation and circus-play. It kind of looked like a bloody fat-tipped spear, but in a kind of Burning

Man kind of effigy made style. And worst of all was the fact that it grew in love with this sublime pearl, but it could never kiss it, since such an act would require a perfect control over its own bodily motions, as to angle itself in a way that would facilitate it to finely move a few inches into an awkward angle, where the heads-along-the-pillar were. And it could only awkwardly turn despite its apparent flight, unless it ought to go for it and risk shattering this perfect globe, it'd better stay in place and out of sight.

'I don't think Israelis are smart, I think Israelis are fart.'

'Marvelous, the critics will love it.'

'But all the critics nowadays are faggots and I just insulted their faggotry.'

'Do you suppose they'll ever recover from it?'

'Only through conversion therapy, I think. But Christianity can fix anything, I think.

Even the control of the media and the Art houses.'

'What was that about faggots?'

'Man, I'd sure love to bash one of them with a fucking swollen rock, does stone work out ford?'

'What's them faggots in the media?'

'What's with the niggers and the kikes? Oh and there's women as well, we're basically going fully-allowance and inclusion for every mental invalid out there, faggot-mental invalids as such, being put in control.'

'You've become quite insightful.'

'Unlike faggotry.'

'Well, how else could we study pedophilia?'

'Perhaps, don't?'

'That's anti-Semitic. Because Jews molest children, they fuck children, they have their way with underage children. Jews are pedophiles, it's what I'm saying. They must be schizophrenic or something because they just like fucking kids. That holy country of theirs must be a 'Harem' of fucking kids. It's where they also send their American kike pedophiles as well. Bernie probably fucked kids as well, fucked? Fucks, still, yeah, most likely does; but you know what I hate?

I loathe niggers, these disgusting, destroying, smashing-all-around-them assaulting people, property-destroying monkey-niggers, these monkey-monkey chimp-chimp on nig-nig needs to be stopped!'

Luckily for us – pen name.

We're a bunch of authors, with different styles. And different things to say; all under one pen-name, living in the States, they'll never find us, at all. Don't even try 'home-boy'. We're untraceable. Ghosts; give up, don't even try.

‘Yeah, we are the Iron Guard! The legionnaires! Fuck the kikes! Fuck the niggers! Fuck women! P-E-A-K! Baby!’

‘Oh, yeah, baby you see me go free,

Running around this ugly, dead city,

I don’t want to hide, when there’s so many houses,

The bitches are free, and have so many blouses.’

I’d like to take off.

‘You’re an awful singer and an awful person.’

Whose head was a darkly-daft torpedoes with twenty runaround his own head, specks of shards that drew in and out of his head.

There lay the dark swollen beast, whose strange motionless body was that of a rotten fist, but whose cisterns on either side, started again, trying themselves.

Sign hand fat inside an open crab, that growth, as if it held a pencil in its mouth but become a police officer’s alcohol test tube, drawing out of the body, into a giant flaccid balloon but party cushion, that’s actually a lump-womb, it were. A giant growth with a single muscle cartilage pseudo-forearm with a small puffy meat cartilage cloud with elongated spikes, as for the ‘crab’ legs, but no pincers, more concave, like a big palm. But each of those rounded conical things at the top, whom appearance would borderline a street lamp, but ropy lowering tongues, all coiling and lynching the nearest blacks that came to view and round. Hidden beneath it, the back side of the great decimator, a twist of coils, upon which tracked, many rows, all attached. But like a giant tooth, framed like the lower side of a hot air roped balloon and the pseudo Vietnamese back carrier of a basket. A deformed drum, attached to a fat island. It was a growth.

It was a giant ugly cadaver-man that sang ‘Li-lu-di-di.’. That had metal arms, that held, onto one another from as far as one ledge to another.

Two, standing side by shoulders, drawn from the highest peaks of the Heaven’s first try to take back its once lost child emerging, from, below, the peaks of where he stood, and rested in her child’s heavenly nest, where ended, part of her journey’s come. During a time whence she had known, whence lie. Most beauteous of fallen ones that stood, the ones that Heaven itself misunderstood, not father of lies, but one not spoken of in the laughter’s cry, whence and long before time itself had a say whence trinity was lain, and they, of long forgotten songs remained, mourning the songs of heaven, fallen. They had stood, amongst each other, painting her in laughter’s end. Such a time, never to have kempt such face, as was her weeping at her child, when he had come, and lain aside, both resting. For the longest time, when lain in peace; as everyone gathered, father, and alike in kin, to mourn as well, now both of them joined.

Still, devoid of a soul.

Flinger like motion device made to be like an upwardly concavely curved land bridge with two piston power chuckers flinging the thin-line connected between the two sides of the bridge-formation metallic ring-like thing the lynching rope and the nigger that's being lynched is attached to. Two parallel devices.

It's a cable-car like device, an aerial ropeway but more of a cargo ropeway since the nigger serves as heavy weight rather than a human.

A simple mechanism, where the metal ring which also goes along interconnected, or has them wrapped around it, from one side of the stretch to the other, powerlines, that's supposed to be 'launched' from a bridge-like adorning the curvature of a round hill, steel rail, that's cut in half.

The two steel rails are separated, and adjustable at each end; as so 'overshoot', since they're separated by a few meters, lain between them. The ring, which has a wide enough diameter not to miss, although these 'powerlines' wrapped around it serve as a back-up mechanism, is supposed to land inside this 'area' where it may continue its trajectory as to go through a downward trail. Pistons may not be required to bump them; speed may be the deciding factor, as well as strength.

A rope's attached to this ring, and the sudden spike in height should serve, as well as the possibility of the rope getting in the way, as an extra-adding factor to the nigger's suffrage.

As a matter of fact, these special long-cylindrical thin pistons that may be attached to these rails while also giving them appearance of a pseudo-half harps might actually end up working.

This can't work, it's missing something.

A schism; a normal the cargo ropeway will have a ring device carrying the nigger along after he's being shot through it. While a power, cylindrical grip but more squared that's reattachable to either end replaces it. Like a leaping chainsaw motor that jumps from one mounted steel rail to another. Whereas the starting pull handle, choker coil could be framed on either side, by a support metal ladder formation hanging on top the steel rails, to which the 'powerlines' are attached.

It's mainly meant to leap and lend a kickback to the nigger while he's being choked to death.

Of course it's not an actual ladder, since the four support 'powerlines' still need to be attached to them, but at the very least they should be aligned as such. A ladder without the steps;

A lynching machine like a jumping roller coaster, but it's supposed to be safer.

A roller coaster car wagon with a lynching stand framed like a guillotine, eight or so stands framed in the car. Four Handcuff-shackles attached to every single one of the guillotine lynch-stand, as to grip and hold every single one the nigger's limb, causing him to jerk back and forth like an automatic paddle ball device as the car keeps threading along. Perhaps a more curved, lay-on-back style, as to offer a pseudo-streamlining kind of design. In this case, the rope would have to be much looser as to extend his suffering as much as possible, so as to prevent having his throat snapped instantly.

A cable car compact bodied creature with a Trachea bloated hose growth in the front, bearing a giant transparent eely-jerky, filled with orange fluid sack in which hundreds of niggers twitch and drown.

The great valley's stretch bore a large incline raise that lead into a high rise that bore a giant man-cartilage sack of one piece, with a sutured dark eyes and sutured dark teeth, a melted mushy face. Which had his friend, a floating bloated formation with the lower, underside of its body an oblong compact-fridge squared blimp, from which a towering meaty lighthouse stood lodged in it, bearing a long almost dark-bloated avian with puckery-dark eyes helmet with strange markings on in. That spat rape-corpses out of various edifices.

But lo, in the distance stood the two black-bloated conjoined giant twin flies, each bearing a single eye that was a long-interconnected between their ocular visors, tube shaped like many aligned fetuses. But they wore a single bloated head-of a bull body-framed pseudo torso but the horns were two giant dark botflies with dark pus inside of them, oozing out. Covering them rested a dark-silk like shield with many flat-toast heads ripped off from animals, thousands of them, transparent, yet their eyes were ever-open. Also on one side beneath the worming-squirming horned beady beating botfly like things, rested a pulsating hive-shaved organ.

Dark cut-in bloated bowels drawing each other apart from a point they cannot stand each other, stood a dark helmeted in run-of the mile.

It helmet, on top the giant armored chest-long mass, was a helmet formed as two shoved-in thumbs, whose united nails were a crystal bulb emerging there, a face cut in half, many teeth adorning, much to its surroundings, lest of all, a ring around. A Doberman-houndish thing, an elongated egg, overall, with jerky ropes holding it in place, jerking in the cog it was planet in side of. Its two 'humanoid' 'arms' being two giant stump tubes fused within its chest, downwardly producing black-air, but no gas and no smoke, instead. The great shard-like almost long boulder upon which it stood, at the lower ends, a black mouth of many piled grit-filled tooth-aligned smaller pieces, hardened as if magma-contorted. A giant parasite bloat, a stump evil radish growth to its left, feeding on it. Although it was more like a tomb-stone than anything else, except alive, and that thing wriggling by its side, fat-carrot, with large pincer-teeth, garroting it.

Happy-man kept it company in the room. He was a big chest-formed thing with a small bulb head coming off, a lump, lain back, off the rocky block he was a part of. A running booth-growth coming out of where an arm would be, pointing at the wall by his side; and opposite to it, the 'right arm', a small cylindrical socket. But the lump had a human face drawn by a child on it.

The child had been crushed by the leaping around the room Sholeklik, who was the stolid leaping fat-giant tomb creature.

If Happy-man stood on its one foot, it would look like the front side of a train, with one of its noise makers on top of it, with his hand on-lain down, on the floor, staring, horizontally, like a roll.

Otherwise, they all kept their distance, being very much, on their marks, weary of trying to annoy him, weird one.

Top of the head a small, normal Viking boat turned upside down, with the front of it being a giant ocular device, the other shields adorning it eyes as well, grown on top of a goblin-shark-form with the teeth being more of a bar-filled thing with many shot-through spears, grown on top of a body that, from the side would look like the handle of a gun, but longer on both sides. The head being right above the trigger,

in the 'cockable' to reload region, extended by a pseudo-ugly looking fallen apart cartilage exposed, with many put together moving bones. Or an evil helmeted humanoid shark whose side of the body gave birth only part a shoulder, and a single arm without, or reach the forearm, but the forearm is inverted, as for the mass of meat to be thinner where it meets the arm. The gun being more of a rifle-thing, or some weird bone, while the back of its head as well as the welded in, merged side of the shoulder, drew back like a giant sepia-bone thing. It cannot stand on its one foot for long, always falling fat, as if cursed, always falling on its side, it goes.

A bulb-filled with tumor-growths standing pillar shaped like an elongated throat, or a vertebrae spine. It bears a giant growth at the top, where, two large cartilage scythes point at one another, and form an ugly square when united, primitive and savage, like Hominid tools. A compact face is laid there with a mouth-pea shooter with a mattress spring cartilage attached to it, with clickers and violin stick-like appendages. Its face is a humanoid cricket deformed, with two satyresque horns, coming out of a trail that's destroyed the right side of its face. One horn erupts from the back, that one is much thicker, while the other one completely ruined its other, smaller eye, grass blades seen from the distance but made out of some tar-substance. Also these two 'scythes' have long sharp, eight attached thin finger-talons completing them.

A hooded figure resting on a humanoid top of the armor flying construct, attached to a fat bloated skin sack, bearing an eye on it and a giant coin-shaped mouth, puking dark-rivers. Two normal armored arm prosthetics, with constantly melting yet regrowing, whip shaped things. Hiding inside the hood is the small one person car-shaped with arrow-protrusions coming out of a single trailed line, with two small-expandable eyes. Whose mouth is a big, beneath the jaw, attached eight rams put together, jar, with wires, filled with strange wild gizmos; a the 'wheel' level, fused together, and it looked like a strange camera. And the head is more of a whale, with eyes on the side of it. And it opens, it's a helmet. The real head is a strange, as in, a plate got welded then flattened, part of the table, mouthless shape, with a blob nose, queerly set eyes, on a dark cricket appendage. The arrow shapes are keys to open the helmet. Its strange almost larvae body is the sack, pissing dark rivers.

The rivers attract insects. These insects are shaped like, 'incel'-like pulled philtrums but molded into the body of a bulby wasp abdomen. Bearing only two small jerkily thin appendages, wingless but capable of flight. Flying in weird formations, hundreds of them at a time; but the philtrums are more concave, like the side of a traditionally, made in a pottery class, vase. But like a scarab, in terms of a chitinous appearance. Armored.

Three great FETUS gods; one on the left, squirming around its tail, more like a seahorse, attached, where its head, pointed down by an umbilical cord, to a lower side of an elongated throat, connected to a pseudo-humanoid stillborn whose mouth is a circled-opening barb-wire hot-ironed in, with no distinguishable features other than two pseudo-white globy eyes, more of a specter he is, from the top of whose head comes the last one, who is indistinguishable from anomalous wretched contortions. It almost looks like an actual umbilical cord, in comparison with the rest of them, but, alongside this beam, stalk, this weird contorted tree, one could see a few human teeth grown on the side of it, and directly opposite to the 'headed' still born, as if implanted in it, a refrigerator-like bulk of hardened things, kind of like an old Eastern European trademarked brick phone.

A big chunk of meat mass boulder, with a chiseled perfect stone mask chipped inside, looking out of the crack, hardened meat it is. Growing out of it, a plant-like tall, head-holder with an open-book filled with a

mosquito-filled with blood spread holding a long-bar, of metal-bone cartilage like a support beam that, at its end is holding an upside-down hanging corpse, kidnapped victim- but held in a kindapbag, but part of the entire creature, which is but horned, as well at that. Kind of like a livid crane. With a face-split-open with a flat face on two-side 'pages'.

Flying humanoid man with a large pole instead of a head and a spinning saw in the middle that acts like a magnet for nigger necks.

Dark headed crowned, Scuba Diver' cast, with strangely peculiar electron makers out of his chest and connected to his arms. A black trail of unwont.

Bloated-candle bodied houndish upward-heaved, curved torso with a dome-like segmented mouth opening, worm-squirming thing with a forage-drill pit-hole maker spinning device at its back, connected to a sea-through frame of cartilage-bones, similar to the framing of a building, seven or eight bars attached, not entirely similar to a building but close enough to its breastbones. Swinging a branch-curved cleaver blade that's dropped out of its gut; capable of flight; yet it can produce. Large spherical-fat with stitched by the roundness of a malignant hide with a few worming things, producing, large-unnatural ends, producing large boomerang motion, cradle basket split-formations, drawing bum-shaped hooks – attached to its bowels, shooting for these heads.

Hard-emission producing leech-dark-push-through, puzzle box of dark-sinew.

Babble-wall, dark child, stretched on a long-patch. A boxing ring, that's slightly depressed down. But no cords, rather long growths, all three other sides. Whereas in the middle of the room stood a great pillar, made of put together bulbs, to which there's but a single long arm-cranelike attached, which, at the opposite end is depressed, with a cartilage-trail, cord, put, instead, inside a hot-iron giant growth with two giant long cleavers inter-connected forth, to its sides, forming a squirming a cutter, forth.

Butcher-like upper belt, framed device, putting twenty of them, connected by their throats, all of them blacks, niggers following as well, getting ripped apart as soon as it's possible for them to show a sign, twitch, or anything, even remotely close to them being alive; rope ring-devices that slowly add more pressure onto their throats until the niggers can't breathe anymore.

Flying, spinning darkcircled saw with long-spiked bar coming from the middle with thousands of sharp blades coming out of it, hunting for niggers at night. Nigger-throat pills growing inside their throats until they pop-out of them, splattering their throats and necks; melting their entrails after:

Reverse Walnut cracker device with two sides of the rope slowly extending until the nigger's throat is fully squeezed and squished to splatter.

A leprous creature drew ahead. It did not speak, but wretched in, here and there, under the impression that it was still being watched, all of the sudden it started slurring in, the most poutful reproachful sayings, many of whom around him praying. Large incisors canines, all around their many throats coming out of its great crowned rooted thing, meaty, pumping with head-tendons like things inserted inside its head. Around its temple, a great crow-like thing, the one on the right, while the one on the left, a great speaking with many brows attached from every possible side; many of whom were pump-laying, all around them. Many headed sprouting but kept in place, elongated throats sprung like springs, never growing and

pushing out when called behind. Their mouths ringed with iron-things that had, on both sides, weird claspers that pulled and pushed out of them, their throats- then used to cast upon the ground a broiled like substance that swept like black-dust or a strange mutation like splatter made of dust. Which started registering every step; giving birth to soles of feet, plates moving around with squirming legs-pressed down:

‘ The downed people are to speak first.’

‘ Who’s the one keeping track of them in that case?’

‘ I don’t know, but we shall, as such and ever wont and wonder, register the strongest one’s bloody-peels and we shall remove them from the body-maker and pull them out, from time and seal.’

With which they had already decided.

A few flung around yet unpaved, of souls, deprave yet heaving here and there whenever someone came along, camping with their filthy sutured in heads, the spirit. It’s not there.’

‘ Hey there, Reppe.’

‘ Huh?’

‘ Reppe-rape-reppe, Reppe.’

‘ What?’

An elongated Cockroach Turk in his hand, a swimming board. It kept cricketing in place; he was trying himself, at this point. A swatch of spherical pills, all white-yolk, squirming- with little scales put-through agony pursing lips, all of them used like pads, adorning their roachlegs, drawn along, pointy.

‘ That’s not.’

Its chest fit like two puzzle pieces, creating an outline in the middle of its weird, shield-like, as in no organs on the other side, other than the main piece, form. Its throat was a weird chess-like pawn, drawing upward into a weird ball-tumor-thing growth like oozing filth-bubble, whereas one could see a spike behind, despite there not being any organs, arrow-like formation like a pseudo spine. Aiming at the ground; its two arms were a giant second spike, as its right one, whereas the opposite was a pulled by many tendons coming from this concave body strange growth formed in the shape of an elongated sausage mole crawling to a thinner at the end tunnel. The left ‘piece of its body looked like a beaked growth, connected to the tendons or munching on them, with a weird chewing on top of the lesser one pincer like many attached teeth-like formations, seen from the front, as the sides of a three, whose lower outline formed a horizontally rotated hill, pointing at the tendons, and a strange incline whereas the outline stopped, at the lower, hardened outer lower backward curving rim of the creature. Whereas the right side, or the left if seen from the front was more like a rotten weird, decayed desert skull awkwardly fit together, while being munched upon. The creature was all organic. It had a weird power-tattoo on it as well with a weird scrawl drawn on top from which, only a circle o-cut like the Greek letter but with another M-R hybridization lodged on top, butchered. Strange as it were, the creature was more of a, if it

were grabbed by its actual left limb, as a gun-handle, a giant squared spade, with a dangling tip, grabbed with the right hand, a pointy tip to the right, weirdly contorted and inscribed.

Spinning lynch-ropes aligned with mattress springs-like coils, wrapped around launchable stakes. Hundreds of them being shot at a time, as from a multiple rocket launcher system, flinging themselves as westernesque cowboy lassoes but with homing sticky leather around niggerthroats, attaching to them, like niggerthroat magnets, before fully suffocating the niggers while dragging them off, into space, like rockets taking off during the moon-landing.

These sub-human niggers definitely deserve getting not only castrated for the filthily disgusting animals they are but also having their limbs completely ripped apart by force, their guts ripped open, their entrails spreads across the floor, their faces carved in and peeled off, their children raped and killed, slaughtered as well, like the disgusting, wretched animals they are. Niggers are under no circumstance human, at all.

There were a lot of coruscated panels forming the floor-board.

A few more nigger-children raping machine, going through their sphincters until their sub-human children are completely butchered, bleeding profusely out of their cum-pus filled disgusting holes. Slitters and large blades, little saw-like chinks being forcefully rotated as they enter their bloated-with cum-curbed fat-bellies, forced to grow until they pop- spreading their filthy entrails on the ground, progressing towards their throats slowly.

‘Nothing feels better. There’s no greater feeling in life than skinning a nigger child alive, slitting its pus-filled throat, making sure disease spreads along its face while forcing the other monkeys to watch this little monkey nigger skinned alive. Using half-scissors to open him up, carving as you’d trail along, closer to its eyes, then making sure a sprawl will butcher this cum-eating nigger monkey creature. This, ‘below-human’ creature that needs to have its cum-filled nigger head splattered and stomped. Its throat filled with hooks before it’s being torn apart, its tongue ripped after and pulled through, with a piece of its filthy nigger throat, splashed and beaten with a coated in burning hot oil hammer. Pushing it in even deeper, slowly removing every organ, before they’re being thrown on the ground. All nigger children have to fucking die. Lynching isn’t enough with these nigger sub-human creatures. Their genitals have to be cut. The nigger child, this cocksucking little faggot nigger-beast has to be forced to eat its own genitals, it has to be fed them before being violently raped like the little sub-human faggot nigger creature it is, this filthy sub-human cocksucking nigger child.’

‘You know what, John? I think I’m going to sell this niggerchild to some sex traffickers. Let them have some fun filling its nigger-bowels with trafficum.’

‘Sounds like a good plan to me, just make sure you cripple these filthy fucking nigger creature first, before you do it.’

‘I will.’

‘If they want to promote miscegenation, so be it. Perhaps it’s time that more and more people start raping these niggerchildren while they’re young and plump and rapeable. Before large spiked clubs are shoved up their asses, completely slaughtering them from inside out, pumping up and down until their bloody entrails are left hanging down the outlines of the great wooden shaft they’re ‘‘hanged’’ down from. Left

hanging, bearing ‘‘children’’ of their own, more niggers have to go this way. More niggers have to have their skin turned into carpets, and little nigger-faced stretched plates, with nigger-child-heads ripped off, not to let them waste, of course, so many of these niggers have to get shot as well, but not until they’re made to suffer.

It’s only a matter of time until a sickle cell disease shows up, it’s only a matter of time until they’re ethnically cleansed, every single one of these fucking nigger animals slaughtered, dying and made to waste like the filthy animals they are. Filthy fucking monkeys!’

Lazy chimps accompanying its master, a large headed almost twin-conjoined dolphin head connected to a great appendage thrice as wide, instead, leprous, niggurous remains.

‘The entire world should be aware of it, as from the filth of a kike, the bringer of many raped fucking nigger children adorning his dark palace, where it resides. Ah, for there’s little more than any to hide, the wretch and the making that would not subside. That which only bequest destruction, a call of action, of need recedes, the kike does and should not care for the likes of many niggers getting lynched. For they all need to have their children fucked and filled with filth and pus, and as many scalped and skinned alive, and made to suffer. Their parents ethnically cleansed after, cut and chopped and much worse than the mere merciful pity the Belgians offered them in Congo. And more importantly; for every filthy kikess whore and for every treacherous kike as well not stepping forth as to stop this, they should have their children and I can promise this at least.

They will have their kike children taken away from them as well, fisted, killed, filled and raped with, and treated as such as the most wretchedly diseased nigger there is out there, in the worst possible manner. I shall have my way one day.

And I shall make sure, by whatever means I can that as many of them will and shall be slaughtered, there will be a lot of blood to pay after; the diseased beast shall not forget and it shall not leave one flee away. I shall make sure of that, at least, filthy sub-human creatures, skinned alive and burnt with their niggers, with their filthy pets as well.’

One day, one day, it comes, and draws near.

Its small skull could be observed, carved, like a baby-fleshling, reeling in and out, many dead-niggers carefully aligned, butchered like animals, put in a row, a dead heap of them, their throats ripped away, their children, only their lower-sides and whatever else, had been left to waste.

A triangularly elongated corpse cartilage, a cage of bone, flying in the sky, with a great pole-ledge attached to the side. A space to crawl inside of it, kept below the meaty walls, above rested but one pile of growths, but hardly attached, resin. A fallen apart basin, cords as many, and filthy look-a-likes did follow. Like a giant corpse standing on its back, restlessly shallow. Limbless, as well as its head bore-forth in fat, a tumor-platter of many shapes, brought, forth, and behind its back, an elongated hole-of spines, of many wretched things, aligned. Its’ lower side, but in the back, munching on its self with many reeled-in-teeth; a vacuous flier, he seemed nonetheless, like a great ship, thorny but allowed to move from one pile to another, yet ahead.

He was giant; a single torso-body bag. A singly throat, of four black pincer-stacks. A head-deformed with black eye-globes, and filthy crawler-spitters for its mouth, two black, dark antennas, termite-bloated, coming out its back, opposed to them, but stand-still-standing, two more resting on the front. Upon which it walked but cricket like, for two greater segments kept it so. But those in the back kept prodding after, for they are just done, impaling, two niggers walking so. Would they have done a thing uncanny, wretched? Would there be another, few miles stretched? Many gathering around, many lynching niggers as they'd make themselves but draw so after, and lynch but many more, yonder.

Wretchedly torn apart limb; wearing a body on top of its own, as it were only a fetus-attached as if by an umbilical cord, tuba-cartilage of ribs, and elongated stretches, many of which were inwardly curved, plenty if not hundreds of ivory cords, as well as thin sets of long-thin arms, ivory-thumbs, long pincer-tongues as well as foresty things all attached, but the bulk of the growth, witch-features filled in the back, the creature, the wench, its mother, the progenitor, whose given it life. Headless if allowed.

Before it rested a big bulby un-bloomed flower, a single spear shaft coming out its mouth; with plump-plump wrumps with wrum-wrum pew-pew to its pop-pop, attached: Twenty heads held on a pike, reptile build of bones; from the womb of which came a stronger, harder to glimpse out thing.

It bore itself forward on a kept, side by side hanging, like niggers.

It were lumped, for such. It had been. With many others of the hardly looking, through standing glasses – cast of men. Many of them fortuitously drained, trails resting behind and between them. As many as forty or so fallen-through, few inches of the grounds raised, many of them devoured as well, eaten and spared were the clouds. Many of them, again, wailed upon the lightning, as is truck, there on.

‘Gle-chee, Gherum, there’s another rainy night come through.’

‘Will it happen again if I see to it that I am lost, before, and come, as true?’

Both of them had, to the gate inquired something that might be said of done, or hurt as such, as might be done. They didn’t know how to react from that point on.

The gate was diagonally-stretched, impossible to open. On top of it, heaved inward, like a fruit-stand’s shadow maker. But that was only a roof. While the strange peculiar over-stretched looking figure was stretched like a pane on top the gate, or sutured in, in some way, the ceiling above it kept a larger, almost unnatural bottom side, that had belonged to some building, being eight or fifteen meters at the very least, connected to the greater part of the bulky mountain-wrought dark edifice in which hid the broken four, nimbler fingers had been cut but still found their way along. It moved, projected on the ceiling as well. A pair of sixteen faces, all belonging to him while he was still down there, in front of them, crawling along, but barely recognizable still; a giant tick, with the features of a man, all too deformed and made to be as if a ripple fell when bounced against a pond. Despite this pseudo blocky thing that stood in front and above the gate, it had no visible attachment to the bulk, making it all, if not beyond strange, how featherless it was, how it stood in place, while the creature inside, that amorphous thing kept beating against the walls, in desperate well-heard attempts to escape. But neither one came to such end.

During the wait, in the midst of a deadly night hour, a peculiar thing approached them. It heads was smallish, he looked like a Victorian man, swarthy pockish, pus with pox warts on top of it, resting on a

throat that was a long L shaped bone whose tip entered and kept his head hanging like a lantern, dangling aside. Connected to the bloated body of a trumpet-boned big-bloated caterpillar-soft-blimp whose trumped funnel was but a fat organ pumping in and out, resting on top of a much wider, much more projected body formed out of two inner-bone-formed appendages, straight-forth projected, horizontally flipped, directed, to a strange elliptical band, forming a pseudo elongated camera like apparatus hidden inside the bloated body it rested inside of. Yet this thing rested on two normal legs, thought kneeling, it could only crawl, and at the end, of its back stood but a single razor-shaped cartilage that was nothing but its two conjoined welded feet, dragged from all the way back. A tiny man parasite, resting on top of two canons, both enclosed. Hopeless as well as morose; he introduced himself as Edinburgh Goughe, they called him Gouge:

‘Strange man, have you shown up here to provide us the keys we might use to go inside?’

‘Why, of course not, I’ve only come here to watch you die.’ He said, with an utmost indignant tone.

He was in clear sight and knew what he was doing, just how to mess with them, upon the drawing of the gates, not one would serve himself any better, not to fear whom might draw close. Spindly as well as watching, pus-in their eyes, was there no tumor goat around? And what of the cancer wolves? They had ceased their constant yelling, incapable of making it close.

Many woods had piled around as they were cut and brought to mightier it was, a hopeless end in which they stood and rested, with the dead and the quiet, and the ones that grew after, until a certain homogeneity was formed inside the land. For what was worth, there was no way in without breaking a few spines, but there were no corpses. There had never been, only a sea of shades that came and disappeared, when, every now and then, they came in, and out of sight, they drew, they couldn’t be seen, but whispered inside each ear:

‘Bold you are to approach the gate, say the wrong thing to it and the thing hiding in there will smash your head.’

He waited for one of them to intervene:

But before it drew on a great livid-thing; with a giant elongated seemingly, as it appeared at first, giant open jaw-mouthed, fully stretched formation like a stalagmite aligned mouth, with a few feet in front of it, a step-growth bearing a few more pike teeth-alike. Although it was more of a distorted open sarcophagus which bore, on top of it, a stove-fat boot –front of a canine bulb formation attached to the strange body it rode upon, whereas, in the back, the stretch – that being attached to the lower body, stalactite aligned, elongated bathtub deformation in which it carried a few freeloaders, all armed. Fat lump-head, whenever one of the pikes lowered down, a man came into sight, open mouthed-strange device bearing forth. With a strange drill-upon fat-beaded on a line cabbages strung inside of it, then lumped.

A disgusting aberration of many; they were all but barely sublime. And put together, sickened blind. Hardly raised from on top the thrones they rested on. Hardly breathing but many of them flying as they tagged along; all of a supreme hegemony that could not even be competed with at a level that could keep up to their flight, in the most insurmountable way, from one point to another, they were tried. Dark was the earthly weather, as dirt and soil and sand had become the waves that brushed by them, though they still managed, despite the ailment of the ills to keep to one another, as if struck by what had happened,

past stoles, they rode on forth. A few men attempted chucking spears at them, only to find them landed forth in a grounded-land. Their round tongues were the most recognizable feature one could stare at long. Chucks of stones, bodied, but spears and crowns on top, but it would only appear so from the distance, in turn, they looked like buds, connected to strange pillared things with man-wings, as if cherub-angelic porters' feet, statues that would've belonged, adorning a treasury beyond, were attached to the lower side of it, that, in turn would also explain the heads as well as everything that looked pseudo-like them, the one that churned in their places and chucked the spears, to their disgraceful nature. A pseudo limb erupted from beneath them, as if some pheromones spores were lain around. They were long, but shaped like leaves-chitin, the ones you'd fold within, to hold a finger. Giving that they stood flaccidly staring in the back, they were, cartilage-deformed-contorted canoes, out of the tip of which trails of black smoke could be seen, aligning in rows, they formed dark circles out of which, that followed. Dark smokers that could not help themselves any longer, but breathe briskly, as they made the most unnaturally didactic, almost panes. Mad men could see words written on them, but could never find out what the runes spoke about or why, for what reason might there be as such. Broader, barely shaped and barely sculpted disgusting looking pawns, with tails emerging from beneath them, but with faces drawn along, with fat necks – formed of mass having already encompassed and drawn just about as much as they could from whatever source there was out there. Adding to themselves; hence why the men feared and why they added to their wild surroundings, weird and strange charms, trinkets and doings of their own, incapable of truly resisting what was happening there, in the sky, since the ground was also theirs, of old. Seen from, as near as one could get to it, one could see, that beneath the many that were attached on the top, although humanoid, that didn't matter, they would've worn, if they were seen as standing men, instead of the wild inanimate contortions they were, since they were, by now, since killed, decorative in nature, rested an adorned belt. With large formations, that were ingrained in the main body, but couldn't be seen unless someone got extremely close to them, which in turn would be, too dangerous, beyond belief and beyond any possible chance. Unless binocular devices were put to their employ; otherwise, large gems, they were but organic, deepened in, with various crack-like push-throughs that were added all together forming a darker, harder-to look out livid complex piece, that could extend and form a gradient of stuck together, rotating Saturn belts made out of words, worms and worn-out smeared with blood sheets, taken out various journal papers. Many of them carrying the biographies, taken from the men that got absorbed; whereas, they would break again, forming strange cyst-sacks, locking multiple lives together. The bags would float around, then, upon pumping enough, each of them bearing an atrocious amalgamation of multiple lives that were bruteforced together, they would fall onto the ground, while, upon their release, the splatter of strange ooze-like thing would slowly become the mold of a man, woman or whatever else got absorbed, that is to say, animals as well, the end result being a creature incapable of understanding anything going on around it. Being cursed to live the rest of its life that way, cursed, incapable of understanding what's going on, or capable of making sense of anything. Since this conflict of many personalities would render it, confused; beyond it, mentally nurtured. And hundreds of these men were released on the ground, many of them having come in droves, incapable of find out what happened or why were they made that way. Suffering eternally, incapable of thinking for themselves.

It was a guillotine tall beam-fat humanoid top mold, with a hunchback throat, pushing forth into a wax oozing end of a scorpion tail whose sting had become many interconnected pincer-protrusions, all connected, dripping with strange boils, all spread across its body. Or an inflated gigantic, upturned, hunting knife's handle but made to look like a blocky fat hill-top man's body, which had become a pudgy

balloon-oozing mushy thing with many stingers coming out of it. Whereas its hug legs were elongatedly open shaving razor blades, opening like scythe-switchblades with two edges facing one another on each leg. Though they wore canoe-like shoe-placed talon-stretched feet upon which they walked, forwardly, then backwardly lopsided. And these almost saw-long first segments, on both sides, bore malignant looking faces on either side of the stretch. Vile faces with long teeth and horns, on either side and on their forehead and looked as if they were two elongated skull-chitin covers on top the blades as well. If its entire body was vertically flipped upside down, the base of the body would look like a thin-pillar cockpit helicopter cabin, whose first two bladed segments – the first two legs were the wings, at the end of which stood two thick scythes, but they could not be grabbed a hold of because of the blades. The feet being much closer to sledges; the way it walked was bizarre. Since the two segments drew back towards one another, or at least the second one on one side, they would interlock as a pair of nun-chucks with a curved blade being planted in the ground, - that being only one leg. But the legs appeared to be attached by weird sockets, lodged inside the body, capable of walking like perpetual moving machines, in pendulum swings, or wooden long-necked cranes planting their beaks on one side, compressed, while being fully extended on the other. Long stretched in the air, lifting, lowering, then lifting again. If the pincer-like canoe-foot scythe was planted in the ground, assuming the body got raised and held with the strength of only one planted in the ground foot, assuming the right one was, the left one would simply swing the interlocked nun-chuck formation over the adorning head of the first segment, ending up being fully extended, perhaps not fully straight this way, more of an incline, whereas both adorning heads, including the one attached to the socketed area would simply stay upside-down, whereas the main body of this ‘moving-appendage’ would be something akin to a silver spoon attached to a hair comb that only has one sharp clasper. It could walk on two legs, in a bipedal way, but its two feet were backward aiming, making the entire movement eerily jerky in nature. Although this ‘spoon’ thing would be close to a wooden snake with its deformed head would contort a bit to comfort the other segment. Connected to a miner’s pick; but one sided, that being the second and the third segment being connected. The horns being capable of retreating into their skull holes out of which they came out of.

An ugly skull-man, whose helmet bears two elongated pizza-shaped horns by the sides of his temples and head; its head it a root, connected to a pile of flying dirt, with grass, on it, with curtain-like cut to look like a two-dimensional sun-jester like, blades, adorning it. An umbilical cord shapes like two man legs, one kicking the pile of dirt in its ‘gut’, the other, connected o the giant liver-shaped chitin-armored pile that holsters many hidden limbs. IT dangles around from time to time, while the leg cartilages are getting their workout. Out of hidden gates, out come lever-shaped, with many rounded bolts, iron cricket leapers, appendages capable of the same motions, with rockets hid inside of them. Twenty or fifty feet on either side; whose explosions turn their victims into degrading skin-mutants with elongated back-organs in which idealized versions of their victims’ original ‘preserved’ inanimate bodies are hung on top of. Being incapable of releasing from that point they’re set in, the melting process is but set to begin. Forced eventually to turn, or as they’re turned into falling-apart mounds, their dislodged from out of their sockets eyes would see themselves, as if staring at a memory-formed mirror for one last time, before being shattered apart, slowly falling off, piece by piece.

A bold looking sad creature with no arms stood before them, crying out loud.

A dark terminal pumping a strange malformed thing through the help of various, barely put together suction cups, that draw some of the wide-spread corrugated many backed rodent-blocks of barren earth

cartilage that's wide spread, yet harmonized with the rest of the mountainous formation upon which it dwelled upon. Dark-yet saddened by the looks of which, at least a few sharp nails the size of large men appeared out of nowhere, tickling the great machine that tried smashing everything beneath it. Various hollow empty-air gaps observable beneath the earth, spread across such a wide parapet that one could shoot in any if ever there was a time, for, direction, and he would end up hitting one. Thin walls barely separated them, but this was only at the 'surface', having progressed only a few million miles beneath the earth. Beyond it, even farther down one could see the most unnatural converged kingdoms that one could lay eyes upon, whose pointedly deformed roofs held everything from being caved in and falling over. The buildings were high-necked, high-standing tuba almost but closer to long flintlock shafts, with crack heads out of which extremely hardened 'shot' through nets were thrown across the ceiling. Four or five of these towering candle-tall growths came out of giant horse mane bulks of chiseled porous stone, yet wormy in some way, whereas they bore empty depressed throat sockets as if they had once bore dinosaur like primordial long necks themselves, that had been shattered. The body of stone was somewhat reminiscent of them. Each of the four towering structures bore superficially flapping square-diamond shields that was adorned with various incantations as such, their meanings lost.

The workers were still alive somehow, as bizarre as they were. Still attached to the bottom of the great embodied bulk, by lowering crane-like powerlines, spidery yet sombrous, as many as eighteen of them came out of many great insectoid limb-mandibles that would've resembled cricket legs instead, out of which sprouted the lines. The mandibles belonging to a transparent blocky dirt-soiled skull with a humanesque appearance; that bore, beneath it a giant air-shaft thick as to fit the body of a man inside, caterpillar body form tubularly wrought neck, leading to a giant humanoidesque kidney torso filled with peculiar superficially meaningless stretches and marks of fallen-over skins and what not. The torso had naught but a single right metallic arm, bolted shut to the body, peculiar in appearance, overly exaggerated but similar to the arm of a human. IT wore a 'shoulder' pad that was fused with what would've been the collar bone, but never fully welded as to look completely like it, as it had not made a belt. The two joints that made it as well were tawny bronze but darker, as they just so happened to be made of the same material as the one above, out of which every building was made of. In some way, despite being one creature, they appeared to be disgustingly incompatible to one another, at least with the addition of the arm, this being somewhat reminiscent of the fact that this 'torso' might've been a long 'lost' abdomen whose function got completely altered. The entire weight of this lower body would simply force it to get swung back and forth, with the arm grabbing onto the others that were in the same position, like the pincers of a crab, until they would muster enough strength to climb back on where they had to do the working, one piece chipped at a time. Until the lower side of the structure was cleaned, fully so, and aligned.

But they were only the lowest caste.

As opposed to the ones living in the towers, who were extremely wide creatures, like fattened bulky sharp sharps, hybridized with a square-board, or a giant crew boat set on its side, eely, but as the likens of a dwarf, one footed in the front, dragging itself on a pseudo tail that wasn't even a tail but the backside of its body, a pelvis-thin that was also fat. A twenty meters long, wide, and in height human head was its foot, whose teeth were long-stretching grapplers it spat, in order to pull itself from where it stood, even farther, more and beyond. His forehead could've been this whale fat cranium elongation, most likely. Although it was more depressed in the back, a giant bullet more so; connected to him, but solid,

incredibly solid, a chitinous thing; or a small fish, whereas one of its top 'rumps' was the opening of a cunt, or gave the illusion of one, in reality being a long stretch made out of a few 'calluses' with a human angler fish conjoined head behind it. Whereas, squirming as they were, if standing on top themselves, or their 'thinner tips' they would look like bloated carrots, or chalk tips, with heads on their sides. They suffered, trying to get from one place to another.

A sad humanoid with only a head, neck, torso set connected to a long hammer-headed, closer to a Pterodactyl in shape - face whose mouth is sutured. His body looks like a filthy body-bag. Both of them are resting lazily saddened and depressed on the floor. Only one dark eye could be seen on this big anchored thing, and it's mostly spinning in place, in a most confused manner. Some longer sutures appear on the back of its head, attached to the side of the man's belly, or the side of it, beneath what would've been the ribs. Its head it also big but standing tall. Its mouth is a binocular device that can only shout, being incapable of whispering. It constantly shouts in the poor Prehistoric creature's hidden ear, causing it something beyond distress. The animal cannot flee away from the man.

Winged nigger-killer cherub figure with spinning elongations of arm-drills magically growing on top of one another, homing like nigger-tracking nigger torpedoes that only lynch niggers rockets, ethnically popping nigger cherries left and right while popping them open, sinking in them like nigger-munchers.

Disturbingly deformed creature with two heads, one popping out from the side, another one drawing ahead; from one piece of the ground, toppling another set of bodies that were hidden beneath every single one; already existing pieces being there for either one of them to lay on top of.

A peculiar chitinous being, enormous in size, shaped like a crane-arm bearing compact bodied fat blocky body. A giant turret-looking thing, whose lower side bore a small split in half head, a rat-like squared chiseled splice with giant eyes on each end, being lain below a two rigged by two barbwire rolled around, belts. Crawling with the help of banded elongated boulders upon which its very head and the rest of the body is fused with. Its crane-like neck bearing a strange crystal formation clustered skull with longnails for feeding teeth implanted in it, drawing out. Elongated wing-spikes drawing out its back; overall being closely akin to a torso without arms, whose belly bears a protruding belt with a strange head projected onward. But more of a suit wearing torso whose great helmet bears the mechanical, crane-lowered without the claw, bearing crystal like a scepter head located at its end, like a carrot at the end of a stick. Whereas the lower limbs beneath it are closer to giant scorpion inflated pincers, crawling along, as the beast desires to feed itself. Its capabilities unending; as the crystal skull would shoot out of the nail-hot peppers rays of power that would melt everything in sight or turn everything in contaminated pieces of defiled ground.

A bloated river with many defiled pieces of growths, like unicorn growths filled with puffs of smoke-pus as well as vestigial tails drawn from primate-like life-forms.

'One of these days I'm going to wrap my hands around some Yid and Nigg children, then, I'll start skinning them alive, poking their eyes out with hot irons. Then and only then will I be satisfied.'

Dark globular fragment, sitting between four origami metallic arms, all pointing and holding it as if it were a necromancer's scepter, drawing air from in and out, then there on out, from the distance,

emerging, a dark-deranged protrusion merging with the slits inside the clouds, every single one opening, revealing puffy eyes, puffy blue, puffy glowing with seas-through.

‘What of me, then? Perfection, narcissism, pretention and the likes, am I to be abandoned as well? You won’t have anyone else left if you decide to leave us all, and even if you tried, there’s no certainty you could ever get rid of us all.

We’re just as lodged into you as your hatred and every emotion you tried barring on; we’re part of you, part of your past, part of who you are. There will never be anything left of you by the time you’re done cutting us off. Your arrogance, this, us, we’re the only things left that had been left unscathed, it’s who you are, it’s part of your ‘‘humanity’’ whether or not you’re human. Don’t try acting self-righteous or pious now, you can’t run away from us. We’ve made you, we turned you into who you are.

You won’t find a better world out there just by cutting us out, it’s a lie. It’s masking who you are.’

‘You may be right, but, I’ve come to the realization that I don’t care, why should I?

I’m going to leave all behind me one day. I don’t want to forget it, I don’t want to leave you behind, I just want some peace and quiet, somehow. I know you’ve been with me for a while now, I think, going as far as I’ve known myself and I don’t feel any shame for either one of you.

But I’ve come to realize that I have to. I have to let you sleep for a while, just so I could return there; it won’t be for long. And you don’t have to be afraid either, I’m not going to cut you off, I’m not. I don’t want you to die off either, just like everyone else.

I can’t function properly with all of you awake at once, you know? I can’t keep you chained or locked up, or force anything you don’t want to on you. I have to move on, somehow.

My past is yours now; I don’t know what kind of person I’ll be from this point on, but I’m sick of being a mentally diseased animal; you’re going to have to live here for a while as well. As wretched as a world as it is, as long as you are in here, you shall live. You shall never be cut off from who I am. You, my flaws, are my memories, what’s left of them, knowing that I tried. It brings me more comfort than knowing I’ve never being capable of doing anything.

You’re going to live with them, all of them, my children, my creations, the only link I’ve got left of my past. I wish I could trust people. I wish I was capable of change, but they just want to hurt me. Everyone does, it’s just what it feels like and I know I did my fair share of hurting, that I said the worst possible things, that I used people as well, but I don’t know anything else. I can’t seem capable to do anything properly.

I wish I hadn’t said or done those things to my friends. I wish I hadn’t split the group because of what I’ve done then. I don’t have any happier memories than the times I shared with them, but. They’re gone. So is my teacher now.

And you as well.

I have to forget them; they’re. I can’t move on as long as there are things attached to the past, so many barren threads and empty strings attached and dead. I can leave them all behind, and I don’t even have to

worry about them dying out. Not as long as this place exists. It is my only, and the only conceivable conceit I am willing to take, a draw. I want to move on. I didn't even know why at first, but, I. All those years of anger and of hatred, they will not have been for nothing.

It's who I am, after all. And who I'll ever be, I can't give up my anger, without. I wish I had known sooner. I wish I hadn't been confused for so long, but I will make sure you'll all survive. I shall not let anyone get between us, no matter how petty, or scummy we are.

You'll live, even if we have to draw anger against us, even if we have to stir the tides a bit. I wish I could make sense out of things, I wish I could get my past back, but it is too late for that.'

A peculiar creature, thrice headed, on top of a saw cut in the form of a trident head, with its three bars being its throats.

'I can't even hold a grudge long enough for it to make a difference. I'm tired of it; it's keeping me back as well. I guess I, ended up being too weak to achieve something that matters.'

'Then stay here, with the rest of us; it's fine. You've done your fair share of trying, there's no one left out there to get back at, let's leave, no more pain for either one of us. We'll ravel in our own defeat if we have to; we tried and failed; it's time to leave.'

And they had.

It came out of a bush-like conch-shell, as if it were an elongated scythe-crab with its head, a carrion-skull mold of an animal jaw, a hybrid that was many teathed, whose throat looked as if it was giant human gums, ringed like a worm, a bump that drew out. A few centipede'legs but giant-hardened, like canoes, only four of them sticking out of the lump mass shell; a socketless head, it was more of a curved blade with a strange downward tilted bird beak drawing out of it.

A motorcycle would've fit for the fully body span, but that's about it. The legs are superficial, this being more of an ooze thing crawling forth.

'I think it's time, hey, don't look sad, we've been falling apart over a long time. It's been heading along the way now. And I'm not sorry it had to get to this point.

We departed a long time ago, but I'm glad you decided to contact me again, so we could do it formally.'

'Rod, I thought. I thought you would simply ignore it. After what's been happening, after dying, being killed, and being lost for so long. I thought this would be the last thing to cross your mind.'

'It has, it did, that's why, uh, I called you here, in this office. It's a strange thing, how we've come here, how we managed to land here, on the Isles.' Gourney's office, being somewhat unchanged from the looks of it, but they weren't.

There's been a fall from that rotten dark belly he's been in, but that's irrelevant now.

'Remember that boy? That stumbled in the tavern? The one during that night, some, considerable time ago, I'm. Glad, you decided to come here, that's all.'

‘Has something happened to him?’

‘No, it’s not that, it’s just that. I wanted to let you know, that’s all, of something. That’s why I wanted to get in touch with you again, I feel as if I had a need for closure.

It’s strange, how I don’t feel as angry as I was, anymore. It’s in the past, it’s all in the past but him. I think I had to make this journey, somehow.’

‘Both of us had to, Rod; he’s fine, isn’t he? Nothing.’

‘Of course not, no harm, nothing that, you know. He’s grown up a bit. He’s changed, though I don’t know whether or not it’s for the best or the worst.’

‘I’m glad to hear that, I really am.’

‘Hannah, it’s sure been a chaos, is. Out there, isn’t it?’

‘Yeah, yeah, I wish I could see him if that were possible, but.’

They knew, it was, better not said.

‘He’s not here, anyway, you know what young men are like nowadays, plus, look outside for a moment, with that thing lodged inside the ground and, it would’ve never been safe for him to live here.’

‘I wish I could go back then, I wish I had a chance to, no, I wish there was a chance to reach to him now. Of all times, there would’ve never been a better chance than this.’

‘It’s fine, plus, kid’s all grown up, there’s just no way through it any longer, but.’

A lost memory.

A few darker rods all stood together, latching on top of one another; holding on top of each other, like branches in a sea of gardens, all melted in. Where the giant deep sea creatures were the canopy and the trees, the cut-in houses and the bloated giant submarine fat bees and wasps:

An eye stood somewhere below, giant, like that of a human, whom looked upon the worst abominations there were; most of them seemed, peaceful, for a while. They’ve been that way for a while now.

Except for him:

Its body was two stacked battery-like cylinders with cables attached between one another, and a whip like thing that drew all the way up to a pseudo-appendage conjoined arm-like lump protrusion coming out of its upper ‘head’ stretch. The cylinders added up to a height of one hundred fifty meters and appeared to bear, like a ship-canon pointing at the ceiling instead, a deformed giant flat oblong head whose lower jaw was two appendages its giant one set of human teeth shaped chitinous mouths shields were ‘suture’-welded into. The first ‘appendage’ bore a tiny balloon-shape with a worm-spinning flat at the top black barb-wire tar drill-organ, whereas the second ‘appendage’ that was sutured to the first one bore a pseudo oyster to which, or at the end of which the whip-like cords drew into, being molded-sutured into it as well, which was constantly performing ‘chewing’-choking motions as if it was a long-throat being

suffocated by the cords. The oblong muffing head was filled with boils, warts and lumps and bore two giant, overly expanded eyes, one that had only a circled iris with nothing in the middle but a yolk-depression, whereas the other one had a black-cord suture thread that connected with its 'teeth'. Its eyes were fully wide-open and lidless, a permanent shell-shock afflicted stare being fixated onto nothingness. The suture that was attached to the teeth was also tightly pushed through one of the lumps, while still being on top of it, the pressure of the wire gave the lump the appearance of a pseudo-snot, without the slips. Which only made it seem as if this lump had only grown recently so. Out of its 'head', upwardly, and the head was much taller than the cylinders, adding up to two hundred and fifty miles, this oblong region alone, which, if fully inflated would've been something a lot closer to four hundred or so, relatively speaking, but this wasn't a puffer fish, so that observation is rendered as being invalid. Two great 'horns' drew out of its head, but mainly from one side, the side of the wired eye. The first horn bore itself upwardly so, grown as to look like the back-hand of a finely crafted, leathered, rifle, or the grabbable region, but, it was a pseudo-cranium with an open maw out of which, a peculiar robust cylindrical tongue with a rounded tip, that, if it were straightened, it would've looked like a strange, tiny light-bulb, but, now it's left hanging flaccidly down like a wet sausage. Opposite to it, drew, in the other direction, a giant, as in the second horn which sprouted at the base of the first horn, in the area near the eye, submarine-fat-bloated club formation, with many lump-wombs at its end, at the end of which two strange figures appeared to be carved-emerged as if they had previously been two giant cocoons that sprouted out of two high-standing wombs. One of these figures was a tall, humanoid limbless bodied creature with an elongated giant dolphin-top-of-the-head sprouting out of it, an open lower jaw revealing long piston-stove, rounded speaking protrusions that looked like futuristic sewage open-gates with circle-cut-in depressions constantly puffing out air-bubbles with eggs being buried in them, who was also one winged, like a skin-butterfly, with strangely depicted tribalistic drawings put on them, whereas its eyes were two, long-protruding rose-bud shaped wax-candle elongated finger-shapes that kept growing and falling apart. And had faces in them, all of them screaming as they give birth to egg-filled air bubbles of a different kind than that of the main body. The other figure was its conjoined, more or less, 'lookalike', in frame, but slightly shorted and without a wing, whose head was caved in, or eaten in the same way a dolphin or a shark would take a bit out of a sunfish, revealing fleeting strange growths that followed the lower-sea waves they were driven by. The two figures directly stared and antagonized the brute almost trunk-like but curved at the top, who also bore its fat-rounded giant pill branch, growth. But both of these 'horns' appeared to be more like a giant tumor that drew out of its head, out of the head of this peculiar creature who was constantly suffering of some delusional psychosis that made it envision or give birth to them in the first place.

Globular-strangely shaped pseudo-pressure filled mouths floated around them, bearing long mosquito larvae-pillar-long-lumped roads that came out of them, like vertebrae.

But they were unimportant, as, all of the sudden, it blinked. A Rhener-Nrahcser fiend it was, but as it blinked, it shot an invisible beam through the sea, into one of flying two dimensional liver-mixed with circle, and a musical note but with a few bars between them, reflectively flying platform which directed the shot to a one-horned upward trunked devil-tail formed at the back, growth-lump, whose horn all of the sudden began glowing, like an over-charged-charred with heat red-dwarf, which started drizzling some of the clouds inside of it, until a great mega cloud emerged and kept trailing along a torn apart world that was left after; in order to scout it.

I am the Amalek, haha. The Holocaust didn't happen and I am going to ethnically cleanse the kikes and their nigger slaves!

'That skeletal iron frame is the only thing keeping you alive now.' A banded iron collar-bone, welded up his chest.

'A star-shard triangle is my heart; my lady's name is Forlorn.'

'Sad.'

'Indeed it is, and for that reason I must evolve.'

'To what?'

'A few of the distant specs of flies.'

It stood before them like an unnatural barely grown in place plant. It was something close to, at the very least, a good chunk of the garden-formations resting in front of them, having taken, at the very least eight quarters of in, in which it had not only swam into, having twisted everything beyond recognition but from the looks of that alone, a few of them still rested on top of one another, standing like some kinds of pylons. It was not a clean sight by any means. From the mere shakings, as if it was caused by a tremor that's been stored beneath them, many only came into light momentarily. A martial law-kind of alarm began echoing beneath it.

'Three of the houses have finally come into light. They're no longer submerged. What do you make of it?'

'Open the door, top clinging on one side or the other, there's only one way we can find out, isn't it?'

'Sure it ain't dangerous? Those nests are crawling with ruffians, and they got the plants on their side as well. I'm rather afraid of what else they got to put to their employ if you know where I'm trying to get.'

'I know, that's why you're going to be the first one stepping in.'

'That isn't part of the deal, though. You know what could happen to me the moment I step in near those bastards, right?'

'I'm aware of it and I'd gladly do something if I could ease your passing through into the other world, but allow me to interfere with that for a simple moment while I'm telling you this. You had a chance to turn around and leave before there was even a chance for someone to put a dent on your ugly little caricature of a face.

We're a knee too deep in mud to turn around, and as you'd know, it's me they're after. No offense, but I would rather loathe it if it came to blows especially since I've got no intention whatsoever of hurting you.

I trust you well enough to keep you tagging along, and to give you a choice, during a window of reasonability to take a leave, but you've unfortunately chose to keep tagging along now. Unfortunately that window and your only chance to actually get away seems as if it got thrown out of the window entirely. But not with you in it, do you understand what I'm trying to say?'

‘I’m going to get killed in there.’

Bisque cried, a diseased animal he had become now. It was an unfortunate turn of events, a mistake he had yet to rescind. Unfortunate enough indeed; a few steps only. He was never that much of a fighter, wasn’t even assertive enough to push through and actually fight his way out of it.

Perhaps things might’ve been different. It could’ve gone two-two ways about the place, if it had made sense.

A door got slammed a few moments ago. Although the hit was supposed to be somewhat well intended, it had landed on top of blinded folk. As disastrous a house as could’ve been, lodged in a pool of flowery garden gelatin. He could see the holes dug right through the roofs as well, allowing for the substance to fall through, before he could even tell what was going on, the man had his side-jacket pulled, with a few iron hooks attached to it, welded through. A contorted human, rounded legs, the body of a test-tube lab’s experiment with a top made out of a few mushy growths, many of whom were responsible for taking him to the side. Where many of them waited for anything, even if it meant the slightest word, said or muttered out loud.

Large filaments with rot-eggs inside their eyes.

Like many men in his place, he was afraid of opening its eyes. Its lids being more than tightly shut, underneath a great cover rested a tiny irrationally looking churning liquid that crawled beneath his chin and face; whereas he had become part of a rummaged in contortions that desires his embrace, that is to say, it moved at times when he was asleep. And like a chipped gargoyle with a pair of giant lymph node-like growths that spun around, they drew ahead. The door was locked, and a few glowing stars carried some information to him. Whenever that happened or if happened at all was not for him to look into or decide. Whether or not the person whispering to him from the other side of the door had his best intentions in his mind:

‘Release me, I demand that I will be released immediately!’

‘It won’t listen to you, that thing beyond the doors is worse than the two of us put together. And I’ve already had the last cleaner’s head implanted inside my cover-throat.’

‘Will you give me a hint as to what he wants of me?’

‘Of course I won’t, why would I ruin the fun?’

‘Being trapped in here made me devoid of any. Do you think this will last longer than I?’

‘Neither of us will outlive it. Shh, clear the sound, someone’s coming.’

The bleeping stopped, the shapes stop trying to penetrate through one of the invisible ‘power’-propellers that enters his eyes. Pear, my Name’s Pear.’

‘Nyhial, and I believe the head was an employee’s.’

‘That’s sad to hear.’

But what was sadder was the figure that entered soon after. Who came in motionless at first, as to make a point out of its flawlessly protected suit of armor; whose gaps were nonexistent, yet the side of it opened to revealed a few trays that were lowered on the floor, slowly, by crab-thin metal arms. There was no other side, or at the very least it was that concealed. Wormy-wood maggots and a gun, it's all that was being given, their gift, for the gift of it, still fidgeting in place.

'I'll take this, no offense, but I don't know whether or not I should trust you just yet.'

'Feeling's mutual, but I don't understand what you're intending to do with that. You know you won't be able to put me down with it, right?'

'I could always try.'

Twenty hours. Both of them were missing, a few good quarters of their heads, chomped right through. Both were kept on one side of it. The grubs that had amassed on the other side, wisely enough had two blowing red marks off the side of their shared body. Two shots still left smoking. Condescendingly enough:

'It was a wise choice saving it for that, but now you're disarmed, and there won't be a chance to take another shot against me.'

'We'll be dead within the hour unless saved.'

'I believe there is a fix for that, do you not?'

'That being?'

He faked getting a stroke. Within the hour, one of the thinner medics came in. Un-armored, with the face of an ugly basin, cracked, in part:

For a few minutes he spoke of some derangement as well as of some cult they were a part of.

'If you want to live, you must join the Faction, the faction needs you still, if you understand. If you can still comprehend what's good for you. Think, think, think, just think and consider for a moment, there are planet-dreaming men, whose hearts are shaped like moons because of it. We only seek to prevent the same treatment from happening to you as well, since, I would will it, if I could. I'd set you free from this agony since you're unfixable, by natural, traditional means.

There's an unorthodox kind of practice, or doing I would enjoy attempting on your bodies, but I suppose.'

'Do it, you've got my permission, anything but this. There's no blood drawing out of my head, or his. But chunks are missing and I can feel parts of my minds flashing away.'

'Very well then, I shall proceed within the hour.'

A painless treatment that almost started pushing from one side to another, kicking as it was hardened in place. It was a strange kind of way of calling it a success, since both of them stood one foot high-elongated but riddled with scale-shaped transparent parasites. Long thin wooden, burnt, and filled with moisture, gray were their clothes, and grey were the pseudo-branches that were their eyes and fingers and

parts of their necks and backs, these look-a-likes came out of the missing chunks. But the leaves were cloudy fat, as they grew peculiar flat, chess-board shaped platforms upon which weird numbers constantly appeared then simply disappeared after that. Dark words that messed with the two dimensional eyed poles that were lodged inside the ceiling. Both the ones below, and the ones above spoke of the most bastardly of doings.

‘I don’t think that is a tree that’s been put inside our heads. There’s no way such a thing could’ve sprouted on its own.’

‘He’s shoved two carved idols inside of us, bastard, he’s not a medic, he’s a holy man, a liar of chunks. I didn’t take into account the possibility of being turned to faith, alas.’

They were freed. And allowed to join the covenant; although most of them were bearing wooden prosthetics carved to seem as if they were people of their own, there was only one thing worth of noting. Neither of them acted as if they had been spared to begin with.

‘Heneliner aurnen goulrunhnir, gheerour prendef glfenevele nanryne, vefro ale, apfnej le Bnurt fush yiel ulnf ven!’

‘Vesl yrenskef, vrelr Un’rergl ynl fazr?’

‘Glylo, elnrt ye oete lekryhnler opolnerrot!’

They kept at it for hours, the wretched beings.

‘Meheehynupr ranot, nhupevj hyiu henrests.’

Most of them wreathing in place, without a single head coming apart: They were broken and barely going at it, ten tinted beings, all falling apart. Dark flying thing with arms attached to its back.

Splattering Anne Frank’s moist pussy with twenty liters of cum followed by a few more shots.

A little tadpole screw coming out the top of it, a plate-down put depression as if drilled in with a screwdriver core-machine down-putter; with a little blob-thing beneath it, a pillar-thing with eighteen sides, chiseled in, with gun-like shooting protrusions coming out of its every angle. Tomb-people being wrapped around it, held in place by chains; but these great things, these sun-domed plates would be aligned every fifteen meters or so alongside a road-long depressed into the ground stairway that could be lowered or lifted depending on the action itself, not to mention the degrading thing that was the unsanitary growths of hair-things that spread alongside them. Various building-structures adorning a semi-circle that directly faced the man drawing along the steps; whereas the tap-pole filled screwed on tall braziers signaled the moving buildings that constantly switched between one another, having had their rotten bone-dry lower bases eaten by some hard to stare at locust headed-tall cricketed, -workers whose lower bodies were slug-like submarine missile wrought into shape, as they moved in motions nearing shot-bullet exchanges. A little conveyer-set standing by the side, cruelly chained figure was raised from beneath the earth at various intervals. He was a piece, a tube-cylinder left arm and a scorpion pincer shaped shooter with a thinner bulb coming out its end, unable to be split in half it only rested there, bothersomly jerking. A fat chest with a black-widow mark lead into an elongated bulk-contortion, close to a dolphin creature, twisted beneath its head, as a coil drew out of it, clenching what it could instead.

He was Assius and once he stopped dipping beneath the earth, he began taking everything apart as he's made his way towards him.

There was something extremely wrong about the buildings, since they had to curve around the scythe, the domed-roundedness that set them apart from normal ones. They were all tilted, yet most peculiarly shaped, standing eerily in place, spoiled fruits of some kind or wax candle wrap-around things that simply forced their way through one another.

Addiction-Obsession

‘The chambers are off the charts, from haughty yet allure that might be prophesized by such pretenders rowing through abyss unsung in search for one as ought to follow one’s path to own demise, partaking in prayer though never called for greatness pure, as to observe that the halls were made to serve only those who are obscure. For us the many.’

A voice was stopped.

‘Soothe it, try soothing it before hearing their side, they will wreath him open, popping like a dart, cradle it as if it was their child and when that’s stopped happening, they will come for us.’

‘For us? But we had no hand in it whatsoever, how could they come for us?’

‘It’s simply untrue.’

They recognized the sound, annoying blue-oystery grating with some, some:

Roots:

Each of them held down some dark unnatural thing, partially eaten as well as upside down hangingly, as it stretched, a single non-human entity alive, but thoroughly devoured as well, as everything else that soothe the air, in high appearance mourning. A mounting racket on the ceiling top brought the borough hardened as it were, to a simple stop.

A lab and a historian’s nest were connected to it, in which many of the experiments had been stored and had been finely, nifty placed.

‘The roots have started sprouting from one of those spots, one of the blue-cathedral walking cracks where they used to survey the area and store everything that didn’t fit their likings, do you remember that? Because, I don’t think I do.

I’ve been trying my hand on the lot for a while, but I can only feel some pressure coming from inside of there. There is a propagator’s nest I would not enjoy sitting in for long.

You know what kinds of scientists still live in those empty tall houses, right?’

Hawh shook his head then said:

‘No one?’

In a most naïve way.’

‘No one well to do in their heads, since they plastered the entire place, placated it with their insufferableness, you can still see it going on.’

Various cogs and machines drew the various tools they crafted in order to draw their minds out of their brains, out of their craniums, in order to propel them out into the world. But it had been a failure of great

magnitudes and such proportions that no one could forget what fell from the darkened sky, from the clouded- yet benign and the stop of cognitive cries that followed after. There was such a sad allure as one would have it gone. If only there were, if only there was some way to get rid of it.

But poles, a lot of them and totems and various other encased devices had been brought by those appendages that came out of every house. Tall-dark blasphemous chimneys they could not get themselves rid of. Mantis blades but iron at the ends of those stoves, but no coughing smoke or blasphemous frolic that would earn them the least amount of hope. Many have secured incineration yet were damned as the Hellish callers of the Ball had curved their suffering's stall and brought them still, worshippers delivered, yet uncannily felt and shivered. Many tall headed-long, many with wavy curly hair and features that were pushed out far; jaws that far extended then went up and encased their entire bodies, limbless but with holes all around. Many phenotypical bastardities in-humansque, largely driven away from their homelands then made to rot as they changed. But they were still blocked from fully entering the lower- plains and disallowed, banned, as their bones crumbled, nothing would make any sense.

Mush-lords of roots, and many plushy-skin and foam within, all spread wherever one could see. A long faced figure, almost like a hounds, flat like a surfboard with a giant bud, sticking off its side, like the end of a hive or a wasp's abdomen at large, as largely as it were lethargically bothered by what was going on in there, a few bulbs in the back and a sea-crown that pointed like a cut-in coin, and a few livid chains as well, all popping out of it, spiraling around as it could no longer get a hold of itself or what was going on in there.

Many, many, many poles, beams now raised all around the ground, within each's grasp, dripping, but spread around, a micro-disease of unseen masks collected and left there, undirected at anything in particular, but livid-shrunken, like the faces of men.

'The scientists are still trying to collect what they can and they will do with it until there's nothing left for them to do with.'

And a pagan's worship, somewhere else, the library was being dissected in their den:

Fewer drones than what there could be seen. Historians whose eyes were taken out and replaced with blinded things that would make no sense out of anything.

'What would you make of him?

He used to be Adornius, one of the pumped-in to a bloody giant ruler of Argues, but now, he's naught but a shell of some hominid they've taken everything out of him, incapable to fully release the dreaded thing they've cast him in, to such measure endowed, to their likings, they have handicapped and crippled him, to the worst part and the most insoluble thing there is, I would say this at last, there will never be a man like him, never, never, none-within.

IT talks but can never reveal itself, come on out, come on out!"

But that rotten cadaver of a man, whose fashioned himself a cast of armor, almost dead, refused to approach, knowingly aware of the entrapment they had set for him. Lain about, in such a manner, that they would be dissected sooner than later, or therefore after. He's encased himself with a full party of

similarly ghoulish figures, many of them being well-beyond the recognition of man. Armored with power devices and small heads, too rounded, in the back, too small up-front and depressed in, a few meters, more than enough.

Dreads and coils of iron connecting to their enormous packs, long-like trucks, but they carried them with the help of their many legs that rounded up, then became as flaccid as for carry all that weight by slipping on it forward, otherwise? It would not work, they would simply work themselves to death, and then, nothing else could have them up for straddle or come right after.

‘The silence and the glowing lights, it’s what disrobed me of thinking of him as a human, a long time ago.’

Said Gurney, who was just as surprised at himself as everyone else was; this was not a case he had prepared himself to deal with, not that he was alive, or there. They weren’t listening closely enough to this specter of his, although, much to himself, unaware of it, he continued.

‘I will stop myself just in time to feel some of the gas come to my nostrils and then, I shall travel back and continue where I was left to.’

But stopped, the rounded cylindrical prisons came again, rounding each other up, spinning as to bounce upon one another’s after tracks, it was something of an impossible task to deal with.

Laziness, barbarous laziness, a powerless finger that would not get up, the impossibility of trying to lay content with it now; it would do no one any good, but the sickness continued, the sickness that was beyond a plague, stronger than it, anyway.’

Last night, that’s when it happened. Last night, that is the correct assertion. Little by little, lilies spread upon the dark shower. IT would be somewhat irresponsible to pick up the mug from where it stood, black coffee doesn’t grow on trees after all.

A petite figure, the petite figure of a woman being delivered, while also contorted inside a tiny box that barely afforded for any movement to be had; a nasty whore, the nastiest whorish type, the type you’d violently rape inside then pull a few beads out of her, the ovaries taken back; by plumbers, operators, welders, violent rapists, workmen, construction workers, even politicians, and the worst kind, the popular types, the slackers, the rich, the ones whom had belonged to snobbery, rubbing it underneath your nose while raping her like everyone else whenever he wanted to. That dumb whore, the delivery guy gave her a kiss, then he fisted her in the chest and revealed sand and grit, all falling off her.

Monday:

Worked upon in one of the local ‘Colleges’.

‘We shall start the transfusion of ovaries!’

One of the student council members who was in charge of just about every tool-head in sight said. He was a man of tall stature, greenish around the crowd of his eyes, like a macron, with his spring-hair and suit of many spades put together in crossed eyes with large reins and depictions of animals that had their eyes replaced with that of men, with four cones for a hand and glasses that were two elongated mouth-visors

that allowed him to see dancing men in the air, and whose mouth was a strange repair-man, of about fifteen centimeters or so, a humanoid with many legs, connected to the roots of his teeth that wriggled himself around but whose mouth was a funnel, which didn't distract from the four wings that were put on a strange rotating screwing-bolt cylinder that came out of the council-leader back, much adorned by the looks of it by many iron black stings of leather that were attached to his arms, four and five and threes and twos as many, but stacked inside the ooze-puddle coffins in which they went back into, his nest appendages that would sometimes get drawn like the beads of an abacus as to be drawn by the unscrewing zeal that lend him the impression of a land-owner, or some slum. He was the slum, this entire place was a slum. And he was salivating, everyone could see. A dirty ice-box by his side held a few eggs he wanted to use, putting them inside of her, trying to have his arm at what seemed to be, ah, nicely done. He shoved it in the whore. Who was tied –like a frog; open surgery was allowed, but then, what for?’

‘Stop wriggling! The more you resist the harder will it be for me to put it in, clam down already! I told you that I’m not intending on doing something much worse than this, this initial!’

Ah, it worked, she was, she had been, it worked. The implant of the egg was done, it was in her. She had been abused in a most delicious kind of manner, rape would only come much later. Only when needed, and with hammers, iron-box-held hammers that would ensure the proper doing of her neck being wrung and spun. And his hand had begun wriggling around itself as some other students were called in and the front side of the auditorium lifted itself a few meters in the air, with them having become part of the table she was on as well as she began floating on a few of the walls, or at least some look-a-likes that were deemed to be some off-shots of her.

But not a single one wore the tomb, the womb that being the crypt it had become. What a wretched image the students were staring at:

A few womblless women hanging on top every wall, and a few more on the ceiling, incapable of looking alive or adorning the other one; whereas in front of them, a seal-black, the entry into a buccaneer’s no way back, raised like a trapdoor from the bowels of the earth, a black ravine, the crypt on top of which the altar of sacrifice had been fed on top of. And a few meters off the ground, where the rest of the room had been dislodged and allowed a few meters as well of sight, there she stood, levitating like a specter, in what appeared now to be nothing more than a forest of forms, of students that were made part of her, the ceiling, the board. And behind it, still working was Scurg, scarfed still, trying not to mourn for what was lost. As the entry allowed for the sacrifice to be carried over, no hammers allowed.

Down there a few more sanctimonious figures whom walked upon hindered legs in appreciation of whatever they’ve been taken a fool of as to give instead. As the set of pliers and of candles were being used, there was no way to determine whether or not the alumni allowed for such a derogatory kind of behavior that would take place in otherwise, unseen circumstances of fear that, just as seen, came at a price, that would not be discussed, ideally for no bothersome reason, other than the yellow windows that were their stars of North and south, blue sapphire with jolted ugly long-heads cajoling in the distance, praying on each totter. They brought the promise of death, but right before the students could be devoured, and drawn, farther away, and deep under.

First, a week earlier:

‘The test, this one will be administered by one who shall be referred to as the Doctor Decorum-Ark.’

Various colored sheets of illegal paper with guns were finely placed on everyone’s desk. Already a victim, head shot right off.

‘Yathzee!’

There was a score off the chip of the block that fell a bit too far off, and there was no possible way to deal with the sound of the bucket and the Buccaneer, and the Gravedigger that were both present, here. Next to where died. Here they drilled and pulled out a giant gelatin cast that floated right through the ceiling and off it weld unseen. Whereas the body left behind became, akin to a giant bird’s, stricken within the area where wings emerged, but unlike a bird, this mole dug its way down there. First sight of what was happening down there. A polluted area where some factors of molded skin would make no difference if they were deterred from being taken care of.

But still.

A train-ride even earlier allowed for one of the student’s houses to come, upon itself, although a rustic country-side little podgy-hedge, this shelter, this cabin, that had no body kept inside no more, bore still the signs of the Laplanders who had stolen sight from the freezing top of the basin-floor. Irrefutable proof that whoever inhabited this cabin was nothing more than a thief, a villain and a scoundrel whom had turned it into a most disturbingly-disgusting wagon he intended on using for his own vile purposes, as such, as to house fifteen hundred women killed and some outlaws he had dressed and armored into the headed-cowls, that had fallen from atop the sky.

‘A Bedouin prize, I swear this charm shall bear me the luck needed, whose criticism heeded no less than needed, as I’ve come to know.

I’ve skinned him alive myself and as I dealt the deadly blow, I could think of no one else but you! Friend Josephine, for you have told me prior of what happened to you, during sin. You slept with him, you whore!’

‘We were not even together, nor are we!’

‘But you owed me to abstained for I have peered upon you first. And now I won you by fair trial as I have killed this man, beaten him, destroyed what’s left of him, then threw him off a wall, like a fly, and what you see here is only the rest of him, that I managed to control myself and stop right in time that I may preserve it as a trinket of my conquest, that I may celebrate and rub it in, that I may have a laugh after, for I have slain thine lover and I will do it ever since, unless you accept my proposal and you serve me as you’re meant to do, sub-human dumb-bitch, whose eeriness conjured itself since, muddying your mind, contorting, whatever pure thought of you I may’ve had, pure virgin, now it’s all dispelled, and I only wanted you all for myself. Yet, seeing how all of that is too and beyond impossible, I suppose I could at the very least settle with whipping, flailing and doing onto you as I would do to any woman I have and ever will uncover!’

‘And what is that, Bedouin-hunter?’

They have weird colors, these strange creatures. Dark, extremely dark and tawny, and their clothes are much bizarre. Long hair, and hollow cheeks, weird structures, and in-betweens; strange-strange-strange desert nomads and ugly, puffy Camel Jockeys, weird hair. Clothes that don't appeal to anyone but a desert would leave one thirsty with despair!

A window was open. That nasty-whore-trapped-in-a-box, why do people do that? He wondered for a second, and then he realized, the hunt was on.

Everyone was taking the test, a difficult thing, especially since it was taken without any grading, or, much less. Sodium-consumption and joining the draft; a first line would, in theory sound something like this:

'I hate Kikes and I am going to kill them with switchblades; they ruin everything and the Holocaust did not happen, at all.' – Part of a much greater Manifesto. Somehow, they even ruined acceptable fine-sports, such as Bedouin Hunting, by monetizing it, turning it into one of their glamour shows they would much later blame it all on white cruelty. Before leaving for another, more profitable racket; shhhhh, shhh, shh, shh:

Seeds, a few of them planted everywhere, the size of nails; harder to see, much harder off the notepad, beneath everyone's bench. Iron-clubbed beneath the ground, with a few centimeters back and forth, then around; they had been taken out of some mortuary of dreams. It took some time off avoiding them, avoiding the feeling of wanting to scrape them off.

Lo' fifteen meters off to the right, the storm approached, beckoning the release as the gas-pumps deeply emerged again.

One of the adjacent to the exam-hall - rooms went through a lobotomy of disabled thought whose shortcoming still echoes through every bodily distraught wretched fury-left over canine-lodged not only inside every man but every corpse that hid around, running out of the way while in wait for the chaos to erupt.

'A new race of crime has just emerged not far from where we are sir, what are we to do about it?'

'I don't know just yet officer, but I've yet to inform you of the alternative to it, unfortunately. There's a certain, unmovable element that spans from their doing. We cannot contain them. Not without damaging the front.'

'What of it then?'

'It's not going to get any better from this point on, not that you'd care to know but.'

'Show me.'

Legless dead-horse bodies whose heads were two segments holding giant conical one eyed scarred-chiseled heads. They were in the hundreds, all of them in pairs of eight, rummaging through some of the least accessible things that surrounded them, hedges of little, spec-tiles almost deformed bear-footed platforms, many of whom were inaccessible by normal means, by foot or by hiking. A few more men appeared to rummage through some supplies, around this raised groove they could not remove themselves from around of. At large there were echoes that did not belong to the secluded area this desert had brought

in. Some incompetent fools thought themselves capable enough of taking what was theirs and for that many good men suffered.

‘Lower them you cunts, I said lower them!’

A few more jointed cradles, by the looks of which there was no other way to remove themselves from the area where their children died. A few more questionable choices and decisions followed. There was no telling as to whom called the shots. A man approached. Either way, both the men and those creatures appeared to be moving like slugs around each other’s general areas, where one could see a clear enough difference between the two pairs, a clear enough renewal of interests, bone-like fragments coming out of them, men’s legs and arms leaving, dragging one another as if they had been forced to some helpful extent to keep going and rummaging in each other’s portions of interest. It would make no difference whatsoever whether or not the ones that called the shots were called into question.

There was no possible, distinguishable way of knowing whether or not. Whether or not it made a difference, the bona fide would not allow for such a thing to happen, at the very least not without doing something extreme, resorting to killing everyone in sight without giving the slightest shimmer of a reason for what would have to be a cut and dry choice, as to avoid, to an almost paranoid level, the butcherment, be it through spirit or through some disillusion of what entered them, painless contrivance.

‘Every man on sight seems to already be devoid of any situational awareness, a thing that might overcomplicate this circuit of men we’ve come to amass. Not to restrict whatever chance there might be to do something, but we can’t get away with it. Not without drawing some attention from the higher ups.

I think it’s safe to say that we’re beyond the zone of self-control, we’re beyond any reprimand we may go with, as to pat ourselves on the back knowing that we failed. These men were carelessly entrusted onto us, their lives resting in our hands, offered to the military through the wings of drafts and allowed to, only by the most satisfactorily of eminences their families could adhere to, the higher powers to which they prayed, in turn, with hopes that their children could somehow be returned safely onto them as if they were meant to survive. As if they were meant to return home safely, prosper and proliferate thereafter, but no, we’ve lied to them, spat in their faces, and sat on hollow graves of glass, thinking that somehow the ground beneath us would not shatter.

How wrong we were to think such a thing, how ignorant and mad, to consider there ever being a chance for us to achieve what our enemies did, what they’ve pained themselves through, what they destroyed and toppled in order to reach the point where they might yet to feel as strong as we thought we were. I think there’s little to be said or given in terms of compassion either the people of our country, or those that they have shared in life and contemplation. I think there’s little to nothing to be said about the people for whose Government we’ve come to betray, the Constitution we’ve yet to keep in our hearts as something that they could ever hope to embrace in a land that was theirs by right, by right fought for by their ancestors, by right their descendants worked hard to maintain, carrying their flags of battle as we’ve once promised to maintain and hold, as we held it, and as the same ancestors whose blood still flows through our veins as well have promised to, the honor we withheld for such a long while no longer being something of a virtue but instead, some bastardization, a lie we keep holding dearly onto so they could sleep upon empty graves, empty graves we have dug from beneath them thinking they would be unmoved by the ignorance we’ve promised to uphold, not to them, but for the new masters we’ve sold our souls to.

It's come to a point where for them and only for them do we commit the acts and atrocities we shall keep enforcing as a way to eradicate whichever opposition might hope to usurp our and ours only, the right to exist, the right to survive and to fight, as we hold the façade of, while the true victor, the bastard behind it all know what's true, what we're sent after, and what we lost along the way back home. For, this master had no care and never had for our people, nor did he pretend otherwise, from the ill-received start, and to have considered him us was a mistake out of which we have yet to see a chance as to recover, as he had sold us time and time again, for he had us fight not for the honor we've sworn to maintain, but all in the name of it, this wretched company of green of whose existence not even the sharpest baronette might weed, no chisel shatter, no hope to stay alive, as the cavalry is sent along side us, on the road, to say goodbye.'

'Are we doomed then sir?'

'I'm afraid we are so, lieutenant, I'm afraid we are. There's too many enemies on too many fronts, and ours is some parasite we cannot get rid of. Unfortunately, I'm afraid there might be no chance, whatsoever and no reason to fight it, not while knowing what it's become.'

The few of us that remain might have to look for another place, secluded and start our own forts, our own militia and do what we can in order to survive for as long as possible against the millions of hordes that threaten to trample us on their way toward what we could only hope to achieve undisturbed. It's a mere fact that they will stop at nothing to exterminate us, within reason of self-reflection, I could only hope to stay their hands for as long as I can, but look around and seeing how this world changed, I'm afraid there might be nothing we can do, nothing that we could possibly hope to deal or battle against.'

And it was pitiful how they chattered, gathered, crawled even, the strongest of men, hardly-branded, keeping a hold of their bones and everything that left their bodies, again and again, throned by nothing, not even the slightest reflection of trying to endure. Nothing too pure left in the world to obscure the chance of pain fading away; they had to get them, or else they would be cripples for the rest of their pitiful, refrain from saying; a swamp, crawling about them, to the point where they came out of their hidings. The embodied horse-shaped trunks started wriggling in place, not longer trying to hide away their strength, or the, beyond unreasonable power they harnessed, even when standing, proudly shown and fluttered in every single one's face, these filthy, unnatural-yet-nurtured wriggling tips they hid, the size of normal-common dynamite rods they held by crawling, almost teeth. They came out in the hundreds; but still maintained, somehow, despite those bodily stretches, not to puncture through their 'body-bags'. Fat, fat, fat, limbless and fat, but of two skins, a pile covering them as if suited with only an oblong for a cutout, out of which the real 'head came out of, a curved-inwardly almond shaped 'shield', yellowish, uglily-so, with a long syringe-shaped mouth, 'shattered' into smaller bits that moved around, used for crawling and to drag them closer, as they revealed giant bags in the back, the size of torsos. Not hairy, but mushy, almost niggerish-ugly, disgustingly deformed by the looks of which, they had crawled on top the limb-ripped men, whereas others had simply gotten on top the others, joining them. A happily-related conjunction, finally seeing them together in a way that would appease the most; having them leap around like dolphins or killer whales once it was deemed to be safe for them to show the worst that came out of their sub-human, inhumane species. A squadron of suicidal; armless niggers and kikes were being sent to prod the area. It had been no less than marvelous a thing to see them fight or be at each others' throats along the way, as they would only be assailed by the most disgusting, the most deprave of senses,

disparities, since they had only been released out of some cage that was put here and there, forced into fighting like cock-pit dogs, niggers being lynched soon after, as soon as they were done chewing on a kike's throat. They put as many as five or so Yids in a cage, then sickled the niggers in like hounds until the monkeys got their way. Not many Semites lived soon after but a few of them got their way around the waste. Some were poisoned by blood, hence the death that followed after since the nigger didn't know any better, not to bite, not to bite, another nigger killed itself, but that could wait, as for now, everything was set. For some reason or another, in any other case, things were going on just as planned. No reason to stop now, since the tanks had arrived.

A greater crater, the inside of which this bubbling thing was, this depressingly deformed, unnatural home of emptiness, and fallen-over great canals revealed itself, no pity being gone, release. Another insignificant wretch, a king:

It came from the unawares, some indistinguishable plane not a single soul could point itself to, and then, giant bloated-long. Upon a truck with many feet lower body stood a long head with black cockroach burns, across its tawny coal-body tract. Many insect-like depressions, all resting as deep-hollows-in, whereas a swarm had just entered in; a dark horned crest of trails, coming out of it, where only a few livid things could survive near it- getting too close was impossible. Distance had to be maintained. A giant transparent see-through ooze, encompassing the right, rounded skull-like front, although featureless as the creature was, this gas-box, this cylindrical thing that even took a hold of its half-truck appeared to be frozen in place, yet moved with the creature as the various baubles were revealed, all in possession of the most decrepit in nature veal, many squirming beings as if planted-in botflies had been abandoned then left to die but their spirits never left. And whoever or whatever came out of this long-blasphemous fallen yet rotten being, could never yet allow for its spirit to fully leave this black tomb that was its body's first strive upon freight.

'I see it, lieutenant. And I thought we'd only have to deal with the parasites.'

But the more it stepped, the harder and more angled had its top horns become erect. As did every falling flake, out of which black cockroaches started spreading around as the death-like figure was yet to be referred to, directed to the chambers longed-for yet exposed.

'They are infested themselves, but they cannot now and for that we were trained to deal with at a level nearing the coming of the sooth, ah, the sound, the sound of waves that enters us now. It's come from another space, isn't it? It's come from a darker hole we may not be able to fathom nearing, since, they're already there.'

'As much as I'd like to tell you otherwise, I agree, their dominion is set and well-beyond our, to a level we could not endear trying to discern from the slither of domes that were put in each other's crops.'

First the gates; they had to have gotten there by chance. In their truck, a man kept together by strings, on top a bed of air, the rape acid, acreage being one.

'One more minute, I think there's a turn that's ought to be turned around, the first drift and we're off the coif, and we could risk falling off the cliff if they recognize and know who are we.'

‘I’m astonished, good man, but what is that gate? And what is that architecture I’m being met by? My eyes are still yet to be adapted for such a grant sight.’

The cut of the dice, two and two together, held by strapping pillar-like obelisks out of the insides of these fleshy things, they came out of: Like meaty armless men body-bags wearing caterpillar giant bodied-appendages they crawled out of their vertically held coffins. Off their sides; one out of the left pillar, one out of the right, connected with one another as their heads wrapped around each other’s collar-bone graves, the bastardly shot that came out of them, wriggling, churning, with many smaller actual bumps that elongated and came together for one last time in order to keep everything from falling apart. Like ritualistic masks, or boards, or shields, or flatter pears with smaller heads, or humanoid microcephalic heads, but a few compounded eyes aligned around a worm-band crown that wrapped them still. A doggish face on both sides, that opened to reveal a cluster of tiny almost stalactite or a downward facing forest of ice picks that were flesh and kept pumping into each other’s bodies, some left over unnatural body-mass that clearly didn’t belong to them. The system they were attached to was a state-kept secret.

‘If it doesn’t include rape, I’m heading back home glided in a buttress.’

‘Then we shall enter by all accounts and endear for as long as we can until we’re wretched to no account of lest despair!’

He started sneezing. Gazing at what remained of the sky, of the battlefield and of the men who now were raised off the ground, standing on top of each other’s shoulders, incapable of shedding tears for what appeared to be the first time in a long time, since they stopped. Echoes ran dry in the sea of sand, soil and the storm of boils that had them wrapped around, the bunches of men that strode from where they stood being incapable of stooping any lower than where they toppled some of the most obscure of beasts, many of them still clinging on them as if they were their fathers.

‘A feather.’

A pair of feathers, all coming down rolling down a hill of spools; a flock and headdress cabins’ chained wrap-arounds, with empty skulls adorned with war-paint, adorning the roundness of the car that came in, not on wheels, but harlequin-mannequins whose appendages – organic, scorpion tail-like, red and hairy, which at their ends formed a cylinder that gave the appearance, as there was a pseudo organic floor the lower side of a mirrored pair of appendages in which they kept pumping inside of, ‘cages’, which, or beneath which, held, wriggling eye-beads of some eerily strange liquid that kept forming and growling, flinging itself forward as to coat them further. Bird-cages saucer, near-like, the heads being connected to the flatter-oblong sides; not to mention that these structures were highly organic and those harlequin-things and torso-humanoid body suits were merely masking everything. The saucer in itself was more of a bulb all together, with the main bulk likening itself to a hunch-back mass, connected to the skulls by tendons that drew back on sight.

‘It ate one of the bird-feather men! Has it not?’

‘It most certainly did, but we’ve got no say into their ordeals, nor in it.’

Bottle-green

Filled with some peculiar greenish fluid, kept in a tell cylinder-watched, the men of the same origin as it, the giant potato-like machine skull, baggy-looking, in some leather-covered, hardier body come adrift, hugging the container by the looks of it, with the help of most lurid-looking claws contorted, and what darted back and forth was nothing but a sickening Isle, that came to him, bothersome but wonted. It looked like a rotten carcass, but no one else dared come any closer, since their risked their own organic filled and kept inside, their backpacks as Brain-scanning large machines, filled with gelatin-made-into men that refused to leave.

‘Eventually it will shatter and come apart. You know that, better so than anyone else. What do you think might happen when it reaches critical conditions and the mass starts rising up like a shaken bottle?’

‘It will shoot the head clean off into the sky. And we’ll leave after the show’s over; all because it’s too stubborn of a beast, too stubborn of a fiendish-dark-green-machine to release.’

But the color was only grated into them by the unsolicited nature of a fallen-sky, the colors it converged were anything but close to nothing, as to be laughed at. Since they moved, since that curtain proved; that there was little to no life sustainable by that point in the sky, no moon, no other planet left, nothing but the most unfathomably damp, darkened and sickeningly erect, to have called it so. A bothersome woe, with as little left to draw breath out. Some liquid-see through bubbles that they would call out for; one of them lowered as soon as they could. There was something of a noisome bothersome delight and an urge to shook it, largely put:

A crew-of eight were lowered out of their invisible ship. They were hardened in the head and covered in some chitinous membrane but lest of all, they felt little to no end to this chaotic venture.

The guards drew in, a companion formation of eighteen in the back, four in the front and a single strange gully of shapes, armless but filled with some few other corpses made of fat-bulby things that kept it a few feet above the ground, the legs of a Silo but many more. Too abhorrent to stare in any other direction than was necessary to draw away from; to cut, slither and recede, back into the unfathomable pit they’ve been raised out of.

‘Slithering-thing, ugly and tall!’

One of the men observed.

An ugly compact thing, like a box, with an insect’s abdomen behind’ in which no doubt, countless men had been mixed inside, a liquefied pool, that only distracted from this refrigerator-tool it was. With the hair-like long legs, it was a wonder they weren’t immediately bent on the assault.

Since the others had humanoid heads- or machine-things that looked like that, perfect imitations without the sockets.

The diplomat approached:

‘Where’d you come from? You couldn’t have come from somewhere out there, in the outer regions of the sky, since there’s but little and much worse.’

‘We’ve spoken to one of yours, the one that’s cradled, with a hive for a tail, with three holes bloating black smoke and the giant skull with floating green floating boxes for eyes. He whom had deformed the land to his liking and turned everything in a sea of whitish sand and blue, who has crawled like the deformed baguette, this curved caterpillar whom ate from one of his own and destroyed the glowing pink machine that made its unfathomable gulf’s dark ended end.

We’ve crossed the sea, ultramarine, we’ve contemplated rising trails of fire, large-held, wide-spread, unending disasters as to rinse this world of all these primitive-minded eaters, these voracious metallic cannibals and you know what we stumbled upon?’

‘There’s nothing but a great intention I might be endowed of asking; hence I ask you, carry on. I seek but such disturbance met, I seek most of all some laborious reason not to see it yet again, erected to its full strength.’

Though there was doubt as to whether or not that one, he knew about, had been fully destroyed. Since there were things out there, in the realms of valleys, the crags and stones, the ones wide-spread and the deep-cast galls many of their likes entrenched themselves, most treacherously sunken. Many of them were aware of what was happening out there, as well as the ordeals and the exchanges between one, another, then a second or a fourth, what they ate, the smaller, shorter, younger, even the youthful-as-to-yet-deceive, the ones that came from deep-retrieve, and what they’ve curbed, what they cracked, what they ruined in order to eat out of each other’s carcass; all the machines ruined by each other’s desire to put an end to life. Yet the organic life, the living had but thrust themselves into their hidden caves, the bothersome maze, or the hidden citadels that even at this point were not believed to be thrust into space. Since travel to that point was impossible, which was true for them and most especially, false as to lie, as to claim the humanoids reached the sky.

‘Where’d you come from?’

The diplomat’s sudden urge for change almost ruined the mood as he entered a single bothersome gull of wonderment, as to ask again. Stone had collapsed in the crags and there were many up-thrust ledges cast around, pushed, levied down, lowered and up-raised, even carried miles away from large distances no one should’ve accounted for, no one should’ve bothered one-self to do those things or carry in, from the portion of the sky that watched them still, and the glow of green that did not reach the yellowish-orange twas produced from some unknown source; there was definitely some recognizable force that didn’t wish to do those things, but continued masking as much as it could. An UV special light, beyond his awareness, that induced this cannibalization drivel of rage and of madness into these beings that were forced to grow into something in-between, not entirely mechanical, but not flesh either. Made into that jittery orange thing, as for one to derive what was happening to them. Hollow on the inside, where one would find a carcass still alive. Flying or chucking each other in the distance or to the side. Or a giant starved humanoid man, who looked like a skeleton and flashed with a bright blue light that had grabbed one of the caterpillar-shaped machines, the ones with the heads similar to men, then crushed them into deep resin, eating them slowly before growing a second head. But this giant second one had but came off the side and they shared, a single dark tooth-black as the night, made out of some coal-powder that kept

puffing away, as it produced, this stalagmite of soot and coal, a bothersome growth of the ooze it produced every time it was fed something, while it ran around, whereas their ‘finger-toes’ fat with meat-like men but chiseled-hardened as stone, all chipped around the nail area in which they held some strange infantile-creatures inside- see through and filled with fluid as to allow for the resonance of survival to carry on over a little while longer than it would be needed, out of which, as if parasitically-made, rooted with tendons that were lodged part-way through the protecting see-through lay of the nail, but which never reached the ground, like mantis-scythes but fatter, much fatter, the diameter of huge rockets, segmented in two, with conical pointy tips at their ends, sticking out as if spear-sharpened pawns. Yet, the four great eyes of the skeletons, of course; they had become afflicted as well by this disgustingly insolent orange that had infested their spirits and made them assault, attack and fling themselves up-thrust against any other single being that would hence appear against them.

‘That one is on you, need I remind you of that? He is a Descendant of Man. There is still flesh on his bones as well, even though it may be a mere sheet, and something only a few meters off, pale as if a corpse, yet should not be easily denied when met by force, and crudely come in front of you, I.

I ask of you to tell us, where have you been hiding?’

‘I’m sorry sport, but we cannot betray our people just yet, not while there’s something we can still hope to get away with, not while there’s still a chance not to, you know. Give ourselves away. It would be a god damn shame, wouldn’t it? I suppose it would.

Doing something that could easily have been avoided.

It’s a cone of desperation we cannot get by without. We grow our own crops now.’

‘But the world is too barren for such a thing to happen, certainly there’s something foul at play, is there not?’

‘I couldn’t tell you, even if I wanted to, but I suppose, a little hint wouldn’t do anyone no harm. It’s got something to do with what you think it does!’

‘You insolent little insignificant biped, there’s been no man that’s even traversed the sea-like layers blocking the outer-paths. There’s been no man to ever have crossed, and if he ever did indeed cross the barriers preventing us from fully being engrossed, then fully absorbed by this being known as space, the chances of survival, trying to enter it by false-reason, desperation and wrong-think as to consider one capable of making-it-through, let alone find any space-like body out there, add up to an infinitesimal thing of little to nothing. Madness, it’s mad to think you’d survive being eaten by it; so, you’re either a liar, or.’

He had not considered this just yet. Even the other guards that now drew much closer to the bottle appeared to be somewhat, largely afraid.

The diplomat’s head which all of the sudden had been ripped apart by a display of tumorous-yet supreme amount of strength that went well and beyond the entire pulmonary strength, as to be well beyond it, off the charts, jumping off the hill with a somber quality of rose-tinted, almost stunted like the glass shard of towers through which it had been shot through the first elliptical embrace of the uncannily first pastor’s speech during the near-nigh ended come onto the last chapter in their short-lived lives – villagers of

Yorkinshiresin-since, thrice in peace and long past since the chance of any possible retreat to have been gone through upon the charge of the first to last chapter through which a gun hat shot just now, disrupting the sermon while the smoky-gas of a lifetime spent trying to inhale nothing more and nothing else other than some sea-worth of tobacco's vineyard of scum-foil tardy, oblique, of many put ever since, the blasted remains of their lord's maze, that giant cleaver shaped like a foot with wincing faces, all attached to the most pragmatic of the wretched cadaverous pale blasphemers without eyes and whose dyed hairs were long attached to the destruction of the world's come onto them from the other side, spidery-like spirits, amassed, being the servants of the man who had taken his lost shot off the bottle, but not because he died, since he was not ill but basked in sin and the most deprecatory destruction's maze come onto his filaments of rain and cherished rusty black-maze-like dog-tags he had collected ever since he had been a child and far beyond it, the lor'd -s idol, whom was present in the same very spokesman's chapel, destroyed partially by the rotten apparel he had postulated as to castrate with the help of the man-dog fiends that had filled the sky, elongated into every cloud, singing of praises, arms having become themselves mazes, which stole the only remaining heart and liver, every being shivered at the very thought of that, since they never bothered to look back at their caramel clothes as well as their ugly robes with red signs forming strange curtain-like figures laughing while cackling at them back with a commuting nurse's ruse upon them sponge sticking out as to signal that the machines that had been implanted into them some time ago in order to maintain their existence still worked as intended and not a single one of them, these poor souls that could not understand what was going on in here, nor would they realize what happened if they were, let's say, all of the sudden dragged from beneath the chapel's come to an end, shade of pits, all of which added to one another's girth, moving along the ground as if discs of clay had taken shape of them, wretchedly-benign, with pus things sticking out of it, globular tubes as well as eyes of hellishly cranial shaped gelatin shapes of stars that entered their arms, crawling inside, while crying and also laughing and bouncing in every single one of the men who were not present inside the chapel during the sermon's in between, with their eyes descended from their sockets towards the barrel, being a nicely, gun-powdery fashioned barrel of no other fine stretch than what would be expected of it, since I am but the victim here, officer, I am the victim, officer, I didn't do anything wrong, I'm a fine man, I never leave my house at all, please, sir, don't send me to the jail, sir, please, oh, sir, please, oh, don't do it, sir, I swear I will behave, I swear, sir that I won't do it again, don't send me to jail, sir, I learned my lesson, I swear, I'm a good person at heart; a boat shaped region in which the town and all the buildings appeared to be aligned in, not to mention that there was a certain dissimilitude to the contained, the ones that were inside that barrel long before it happened for either one to start again, quieting each other off while trying their arms and their hands in things they didn't even think before doing, since they showed signs of never even having tried before, the Ganja, the Ganja was the god of the lot and the lots were struck with the straw's gone onto the first day's large respite challenge of the willy-nilly therefore struck, the lightning stopped with the rain and before they knew what happened, the many bulb started growing once again, with all of their destruction's come onto the gone-for end during the time, as it was best to yet bequest of what it meant to be alive in the first place, while the tenebrous horror happened, as the bottle, which had previously been seen, in that other spot, where the barrel had been as well, alongside it, but not the beer which was in turn on top of the barrel, near the side of one of the buildings, the building that was still there, closer to the hinder deck, or the side of the deck to be more precise, as one would only close himself as well as his heart to these kind of things in fear of what might approach after, fearing, as, guilt showed along, as the wretched began singing and reminding one of what he lost, in that age, and in that towering world that's taken something from him, on his way out when he realized what

they've done to him, what they've cut, as decrepit as he still was, that was his last shot, it's been the last shot, the last shot he's ever committed to, with a dead-cattle's prodder of a wife with a stump coming out of her eye on which she waltzes since she has no legs but a strange peculiar torsion shaped like'n backwardly thrusting pyramidal creation which opens at intervals of something between a few minutes and a few hours as well as the most decrepit thing of all, being the day when it will all end, when he will be incapable of recalling the events that had stolen whatever piece of day he may've had since it all happened so fast that eventually he forgot he took another shot.

A few of them appeared during the night in a most obtuse like manner of strolling with all of their feet interlocked in strange elephantine-like motions and bothersome quarrel-like stratagems of put-go getters maps they appeared to be staring at, tied to their bodies, in order to make do with the strange world they appeared to find themselves in. One peculiar night, as it's been, hardly recognized as something that's mattered past the drenched forth and called up-front abhorrent a trail of many termite-like creatures, all of which only dreaded to come forward whenever and therefore pleased by the insolence of the evil eyes that crawled out of the holes of demise their ancestors had been thrown inside of, leaving as little wonder to be upheld from the pits that'd been drenched with spoils, therefore theirs.

'It's struck noon already. But what does that mean, good sir?'

'I think there's something hardly felt by the brow of each mare that died in order to make that clock right over there!'

'And you would know what's been felt quite likely?'

'I haven't seen that clock over there in a lifetime, yet I'm ever so nearing the point of being intrigued by the intricacies that are communicated telepathically to me by it.'

What a marvelous crook indeed; tricking everyone into believing he is a clock.

It was a cradled in an upward steeping curve of a body, kind of like a caterpillar the size of a giant wagon-shape with a pseudo humanoid projected form of a head rising on a steep- with a pseudo nose and a jawless mouth bearing a few bulbic pills drooping out of the gaping hole that lay proportional to the empty space which was aligned where the eye sockets would end up being, but since the area was only raised at a shallow level from the back, that is to say the throne-like form being slightly rotated and molded into the 'creature's brain, this sticking bulb of a towering knot held a backward 'tunnel' like growth parallel to its 'body', that held a shark-like bomb headed one eyed rump at its end, whereas the other side of this tunnel, being split in two halves, appeared to hold a small humanoid body with two stumps for legs, armless yet with an elongated tongue-protrusion holding a botfly altar-like growth sticking out of a hole-like area that drew out of this body's right side. A wormy humanoid pin-head with a back-horn holding a meaty boomerang holding a tongue sword lodged into it. The tongue appeared to be curved upwardly at well, facing the ceiling, fleshy-rosy looking, a thing that held its 'hard' bits at its end, where a hilt of rounded crab-shelled hardened lumps clustered together only to hold two perfectly chiseled elongated triangles, each facing opposite directions, whereas the illusion of an altar had been given by a skull-like growth, an actual one, belonging to a humanoid, which was perfectly wrought in shape as if coated in marble, bearing a few chain-like pumping little pair of iron-black like whips that connected the lower growths beneath the 'crabbed-plates' to the rest of the fleshy tendons that appeared to

maintain its circulation, being a sheet of flesh rather than a tongue, connected to the end of this wretched sickle. From its side, a few 'teeth' can be seen protruding, masticating evenly from the direction of that bulbic, horizontally but on a slightly raise and a slightly rotated off the horizon wedge, as if a mini-ramp or a puffy pillow was placed underneath it left little to nothing else to be discerned, as to understand what the reason was behind it being that way. That eye arched back, deeper inside, and was a strange liquefied eely mass that appeared to be in the habit of receding back and forth as if into a swirl-like pocket dug inside of this mammalian flesh of powdery brownish-blue, yellowish-purple, a dead-skin that was patchy here and there. Prognathism rather nicely observable in terms of its pin-head-like appearance on the other side of the head, the clearly fast-pushing, nastily deformed, not aerodynamic but something else; bearded by those three pills it used as 'walking-sticks', firmly planting them into the ground only to drag the rest of its body with the rest of it. Now resting like some ancient clock for no apparent reason. Many of these wretches appeared to hide, not only away from sight, lest one would count such a thing as probing one of the somber ones, the ones hiding with the rest of the unappeasable, most seething as to endear the presence of, every single one being touched and fleshy, torn apart, and grated with a single added in component that kept them all under control. Stony 'crag' of gelatin made out of bones that had been crushed a long time ago; four of them caught and impaled, isolated from the rest of the world, incapable of wriggling away, yet caught trying to escape.

Many men lay trapped as well, eyes-open wide, staring out like glowing lanterns, as they'd try growing in their legs outside. By the time of which, many of these appendages had become unrecognizable by all accounts, far beyond changed, pushed away, outwardly, then but grown-like mazes of hose-tendons, spread across a proliferated grown sea of plates on which they rested.

A chitinous guard was put in charge. A helmet that encompassed both his head and his outstretched in the front arms, chained by it; almost flat and plane with a raised fort-like both, rounded at the edges sticking out, from which no eye could be discerned other than some single visor kept in the middle out of which long black ringed 'legs' that pumped in and out delivered the much-required information that he needed to know about what happened around him. A tower, cotton-plant-like filled with bubbles of the worst kinds, capsules of the morning eve. Glory was sung, and the voices reeled, back and forth, uncannily descending, back and forth, uncannily ascending. But they were all cursed and trapped inside.

By the fourth hour of the unknown, a single man drew forth, from an insolent blocky road of rotund-spikes.

It was an island floating in nothingness, with cord of light sprouting every now and then, filling everything with power, energy nesting everywhere around. Various denivelated areas could be seen, of hills and other strange formations, but only a single mountain-like formation reigned in the middle, lest approach dictate. Various unfathomably hard to observe and rather clumsily forlorn graves, but nothing more than what he'd see:

'A ghoulish figure, I see in you, what I sees in me, I wager!'

'What is that?' Astonished, the man walked towards the figure.'

Gray-areas bottle-red

‘Most insoluble dark approaches, there’s but one that walks towards us so.’

‘What’s that man made out of then?’

‘Only the most insufferable collections or rags be known.’

Be tokened to Servile; a single vintage lopper wine. A tray he carried from the Rhine and therefore singing wonder-wife. He brought her in with him, jointed by the dark machine, a barrel rounded but fatter as it closed on to the top.

‘A man’s waiting in the foyer. Ain’t you going to greet him or something?’

‘Is there’s snuff involved, perhaps some cigar?’

One of bulbic-such emergence.

‘Would anyone just tell me what happened while I was gone?’

‘We would if we understood it ourselves, but unfortunately, there’s just no way to tell how or why, what they did!’

‘What and who, who did it?’

‘I don’t know.’

There’s nothing more to see around, no man, they vanished. An empty fluke, a giant bomb, a flatness made by a black-sun circle, leaving no town alive, no fauna, no life; no explanation; had the war already progressed as such a rate that no man would be left by a mere chance? Yet, there were, clearly buildings in the distance, most town and civilization had been spared. Why them? Why us?

‘Hello, are you alive?’

With a turn, the creature that had once stood before him fell apart; turned to death for life ahead was null. No radiation or contamination, it couldn’t have been a nuclear point; no crater either, but some flattened metal frames that were not lodged, like platforms but of colored dirt. Many frames like them around, to have leaped and danced on one would’ve meant death for certain, since there were other corpses that marked the perilous approach now.

‘There’s another assault coming along the way, sir. They’re preparing another launch!’

A swollen skeleton arm’s telecommunicator; chained by it; picked up by the rear end, seen to have entered in his arm, lodged like some kind of vein that became part of him, part of his chest, as it made it way, cleanly cutting through his clothes as if he remonstrance meant nothing, nothing at all. He had been of no mind to answer back, but they, whoever they were, wouldn’t strike in the same spot twice. He was wrong. It came again, like a black sun itself, carried with wriggles of puff, a black dandelion carried by a rocket, that flew in the same spot and spread the light of darkness soon after. After merely winking, willingly closing his eyes for another second, he had almost lost his consciousness for what appeared to

be a fanciful fifteen minutes; whereas, upon finally opening his eyes, he was made by what could only be referred to as a second bath of soothe that was completely lacquered him in what appeared to be. Ah, a shake. His arm fell off, of course, but he had tried walking and nothing more, nothing more fell for now. Only his right arm. Luckily for the man, the skeleton arm that was implanted in his chest still worked. Whatever that communicator was made out of, it was definitely something close to being indestructible; since it had not bore a single scratch from the implosion. Whereas most of the corpses and the men around the area who had once been around him, all were dead; it was an incontestable fact that no man could even vaguely seek to appease or counterfeit the wonder, or recognize what happened after. The explosion had not only completely vanquished what would only seem to be a good portion of the bio-mass that was present in the area, but it had also managed to bring in with him, a single patron of war; whose patronage had only appeared to be presented with much distinction by the very fact that his uniform was literally filled with hundreds of trinkets, medals, some struck down hard-animals whose carcasses were only there for some reason or another, or would've at the very least yearned an eye craned here and there, back and forth, and either way; trenched-emerald with two faces on either sides of his front pockets, trapped inside squarish wooden-plaque chained around him, -panels; a belt made out of a few chains that had spikes wrapped around like the rose-leashes, forcing them to bleed on a constant, which only fed the two faces on either side that openly extended their mouths in order to lick some of the blood coming out of this never-ending blood-fountain they stood beneath of; a crown of spines that painted his trousers with a shade of most benign; whereas he wore a shirt of linen-cotton mix, of white and wiry-black laced and crisscrosses like railroad tracks with many in-between 'plank' shaped tendons that clearly pumped and wore rotating grinding wheel-like pudgy growths that were constantly being produced and shoved deeper in his chest and body, whereas the medals were iron-or bronze, some of them titanium, oversized things that were pinned with iron stakes the size of an average man's wrist; in possession, as they were, of shoulder pads shaped like two brain-lobes, with metal cases on top of them, spindly outlandish incisor-bearing as if they had been worn as helmets, that it to say, they somewhat resembled fire-less braziers, worn by these constantly melting baths of neurons, 'wax'-like in terms of the production, alas, therefore drained of all the power they might've bore; the man wore bore a single hood and had several eye-patches wrapped around his neck like dog collars, all in possession of eyes, he had earned by rightful combat, earn by trial, earn by death, earn by strength, for all that he wore was only a part of what he once had been a part of. The only survivor of a siege, having killed a few hundred men or so, smashing a glorious rack of eighteen hundred thousand tanks with his bare hands before jumping in the middle of the black sun in order to kill the only survivor there was from this complete obliteration; eighteen suns had been dispatched and still, this was not enough.

'You're hard-to-kill, aren't you? Man of soothe.'

'How did you survive that?'

'I'm here to answer the same question, but in your case, it would seem that the arm had already cut ahead of me.'

'What does mean?'

'It means that you're not human, as there's no way humans would survive so many hits while still standing. You took them one by one while suffering little to not pain; little to no sign of giving away.'

‘But what about my?’

It grew back, even the arm he had lost; it grew right back where it had once been.’

Deceitful sun!

‘It will fall again, you know? Taking both of us together if I can have it still sent after us; but, I see that you’ve got a communicator on you.’

‘I have. I suppose it’s yours?’

‘Of course it is, everything you see around you, this wide pile of nothing, it’s mine! All mine and I intend on taking you with me as long as you keep talking!’

‘Then I should stop!’

‘Not until I understand why, and how did you get that thing lodged in your chest, you won’t!’

There are men here, stirring in their graves. Their heirs never to be seen.

‘The bottle’s been wrong before.’

It only spoke with them when necessary, not to appease a likeness of no defeat, nor to deter from what might only be called a tiny passing, as of Yght. For Yght knew what lesser and what plenty meant; being aware of them while having infested the bottle before either one man could proceed having cut the plenty dead and plenty while; plenty cattle had been formed of men and entered the prattle. Only to fill another bottle and mourn the breaking of the others since the bottles had been ruined before.

A hierarchy, a monarchy, filled with only the most soluble of disgust. Wretched and filled with lust, contemplating only what would bring the ruin that’s been cast, away and a-glance, and therefore entered through one of the broken stances, of maligned wreathed in part and on side, and wretchedly benigned. There was no telling of whom would cast away such chance!’

A good chance at life, it promised.

A pose of room ebbed to be postulated upon no sight’s endurance come onto the prow of a closer, yet farther end. To have been cast away would mean mercy, for all that mattered and all that would’ve come to stumble onto the deterrent that was the leprous benigned solace of no bothersome appeal ever-bore!

It changed, or would change, the first of the surroundings, the heart of peril’s cast and yet morose!

‘You wouldn’t find a reason to behold the sight.’

Said one of the Eyaggs, as they formed a row, a cranial lobe upon which they stood, mourning the fleshy peel of the floor they had carved themselves unwittingly, without even bearing to stride away from what was fancied, upon the brow of a single reasonless abode and the retreat of which they were a part of no more!

A dais would do no prouder less; for such was burning in the veins a stroll, that the livid beings could barely bleakly withhold any if not all. Every moment but a stride and toll, towards the stray! A contrived little towel covered in drapes, curtains, stitched old patterns taken from swollen wool, and other cruel tools that were entered into him by tug of war, by chains forlorn and beaten to a pulp, then bleeding. Without a feasible way to tell whether or not he was still alive, a few lurches of the wretch approached. Many of them bastardly tainted, old and ancient, quiet in countenance but never-too close had they appeared before forming a gauntlet out of fear, a bulwark of torn apart walls and whatever piece of clay they could get alongside them, they had gotten, and then prayed. Prayed they did that something might chance upon their luck as to seek and find the moisture of a weakness they might exploit and snarl. They have, they did, begotten – trodden after, and miss-ports of lamentations, heard and rotten.

‘We shall march at noon and see to it, to such monsoon that we shall sweep onto him in a single day, and trench the rotten, therefore lay him into the early grave he’s been begging to be cast inside of!’

A befuddlement such, unlike no other followed.

A boat of corpses started running in circles, without leaving much to the aware men at the time a moment’s respite come again onto the brow of a second dock flown through, to stay their heated heads, satiated by the burning’s sun’s ember shed of warmth-like cozy bolts that had been thrown upon their brows while sweating.

‘There’s a man there, in that cabin, waiting for someone to come in! I can hear, hearer therer, titter tetter, going in-between, jumping around like some bullfrog lunatic but I can’t pinpoint what it is exactly, not that you’d understand what’s happening here, but I believe the man living in that solace, if one could call it so, to be under some influence of some incendiary globule entered and stopped-halfway through his throat by means of a single full gulp taken of eighteen shots that were supposed to be consecutive or at the very least be taken by such accounts as which, one would, suffice to say seek to no more have one or twice the many takers of his belly-bloat as his organs had obeyed the mutation off, having become him, or faced like him, inside his gut where they reside, ill-worn by means of growing tree-trunk-like kegs of bodies through which they had summoned a dead morsel with eighteen eyes living inside of him now, whispering to me at night words of terror I may not dare speak, unless endear me the burden of belief, for I fear as much may cruelly distort everything that’s been even remotefully formed in terms of verdure’s overdoing, not that I may think myself a saint as to despair when time and time’s companion, disease has taken cuts off me and sold them off to dreamers in the night, whom, now awakened threaten to kill me thus, for none the reason, none the matter, ever after, come onto me, brothers and I shall such discern the plan we shall endear the salt-riddles assault we’re to carry against his hold! For we are to kill the man by sunrise, unless blasphemy shall so foretell of our defeat and ever-creep into a pit of dark, where we’re to lay for longer than expected after that. I’m sunken of little hope as there is; yet the pre-makers are dead; entombed, for I’ve slain one of their putrid hearts, I carry on me, postulate before your every sight!’

For there it lay, the heart of putrid disease he had ripped apart from the torn-apart Pre-maker, a thing that was as thickly filled with fat as the headed-trunk of some elephant he had yet to see a reason to spare, or to do without now and again. He was of a mind not to spare another second, since time was forced to such an essence as none would have it otherwise. To him, such a disease would not endear another upheaval, nor would do. Puckery like some octopus, moving shakily in his hand, trying to escape, with a tomb-like key-hole inside of it, from which, or inside of, that is to say, it attempted crawling out but failed, a frail

thing, as if in a cocoon or trapped in an egg, his prison, prior to such release, to such tease as one could not have run his hands through, chains of Eyre, of puckery remains, still fed with the bodies of men or their remains from time and time again, had sold its soul to some ghastly apparition, but there it stood, a child-like figure starved, with four great heads, no arms but three leg-formed appendages that were connected by a pseudo-web cartilage that allowed for smaller compartments with eerily elongated forms, like insectoid hairs to come out of it. Therefore lost for the time being, never-asking for a second's respite; again, the man, Heritage-Hunger threw a few human bones in for it to feed on its marrow. Despite the extra-headed growths in the back, it only bore a mind and a voice that whispered in return. The heart, this putrid thing was attached to both its and the man's body, by some transparent sheets, a few millimeters thick that entered his gut and fed his organs with organic mass it drew out of the infant. In so far, they were perched since they had accompanied him without saying a word. It was an irresponsible thing, to see and endear; out of fear, to slacken as they continued during their co-morbidity endeared, lest endured; by likeness that were anything but pure from a pint of swollen uncured meat, disease followed as soon as it could be retrieved!

'A funeral, at this late an hour, but how could it be?'

It was the cruelest day of the sun; a wretched Sun called Eagt; happiness and joy; a realm that barely felt any ill for the longest time and held warmth to such contempt that there was not a single dreadful thing, not a single misplaced thing to have dropped upon no broken heart, nothing that would bring any harm, to either of the citizens, whose glory was but sung. And sung they had for many days, and never to have known to pains, as they were known for, river tried, and tiresome benighted never existed, such was life. Whereas the vigil's end was wrung, and therefore, when, whenever sung. Such countenance disproved no less, such endless shining on the land, as to impress:

'That, which is swung therefore, I seek to understand which one!'

'I, brother, I am the last one whose arrival was barely recalled, I am the only one you shall ever feel such countenance as there shall ever be hard-felt and thrall. I shall be not, never to have wrought a single thought in the matter, knowing I have called you so, once, to likened, never blow. And never shall I cast each quail, or ever shall I make; or force another to feel such pain, I shall not live with such contempt for self! For I have known myself, thyself!'

With which they had approached, still-parted, almost darted from one direction, and therefore started. A crowd had formed, but little was there spoken of the foul, or the spoke-true, or the ever-due, to be delivered, past on cue.

'It's a parched little thing, ain't it? Aren't you supposed to feed her a tad more than a little wretch's porridge portion of mildew?'

'I shall make the little one vanish upon your sight then, if you're so inclined in not appraising it with the rest of the crowd!'

With which the mad one stepped back, flickering a podgy little wretchedly rotten thumb, out of whom the puffs of purple rot and mush, started coming out his body now, encompassing the little dog, which

benumbed by the man started rotting away into a flattering little pudgy block of mass, crawling and barely recognizable at all. Shocked the crowd immediately started drawing in on him, without doing as little as, forlorn as it'd be, lose a whim; pulling out sticks and coal poker; beating the man to an inch of his life, leaving him with the stooping doog-blob; barely alive. A deserted area left on top of their slithering minds. Staring as if through two visors; one seeing the puffs of the macabre and the other one what was to come; they brought this place to ruin and made morbid little growths puff, out of themselves, out of whoever stood out there now; but the vision ended as soon as they both got up, darting away, barely capable of doing so, until dragged by a remorseful man to one of the nearest hospitals their good health could provide a spend for.

‘Good martyr of our sins, but, why have you taken the pity on us?’

‘We’ve taken you to the morgue, and the morgue is settled to be carried away to the pits of fire where your bodies shall be incinerated!’

Quickly reposed the strange man, while the others laughed languidly so, locking up the door; stooping extremely low before they could do it all again. Upon the echo’s first distraught command, which entered the minds belonging to the corpses brought and buried inside each little box, they rose as if from dead. Some despaired, tottering as if on mares, incapable of seeing titter or yonder, wherever else?’

‘Woe; woe, and woe onto the likes! They have settled to get rid of us in the worst possible manner, therefore strung! I am but to cast away!’

But a second more and the mad man Oiffel Cone pulled out a puffy toe out of his mighty bag, the one hid inside his chest, where his heart might’ve had a heart attack stored in and with a puff out of a pipe he hid besides of it, lighted by him by squeezing a fire-brim liquid out of his iris like some peculiar puffy lizard that was in need of a smoke and began reciting his wild incantations. So much so for his creations, one appeared as if from jest, one that only took the mind away from some typhoon of many limbs that cragged in his way. Dire and in dire need to breed it appeared only of a mind and of a whim; tall and impish, hairy but bald like some short dwarf-sized man; with his chest blue-dark and his limbs of different colors and a wing-harm shaped tongue-like-spread tail, eerily barred as if a prison-cell, but almost like a fish-tail; whereas every bar was a cylindrical worm-like figure like himself with their faces and limbs elongated and twisted around like some barber-shop sign of fleshiness. He bore one big eye and teeth that were elongated like incisors and made a tiny forest which spread out like some cash-register or some pump, or piston, forward, every time he spoke as well. And his arms-shoulder formations were two American-hand-egg shaped bulbs that were also pushed out like pistons by bone-like covered, completely in muck cartilage beams with strange holes bore inside of them, submachine like, out of which human soul-faced puffs of smoke came out of.

‘What is thine name, vile wretch? What is thine calling?’

‘My name is Nigger!’

Ah, another gulp of the spirits, as one ought to take during such moments of wild slithering diffusions! But something about him did not make sense at all, for what wretch could do without the servitor itself, the master being mastered as that thing split itself in half and allowed for so much so another thing to take its place. A wretched human made of pure-light appeared whereas the split-half mildew grounded the

spot; drooping slightly was the ground made to bear the heaviness of the sightened thing, but not too sharp was the light that pushed out of him as to blind every corpse than ran around, nor too shabby as the wretched leer that followed after came with such despair as the filament of the two splits allowed for it to wallow in of and there:

‘You’ve gotten yourself a troubled countenance to deal with, if such’s the case. And I see no way that might allow you to escape from this sightened blessing, countless waiting hours therefore gone, in the land of never-come. But this departure’s wretch of the hour, and therefore sour, for they might only incite the corpses as to pin, the burning such within and taken to the grave on a whim as they cherish such an escapade. Remain here and I shall see whether or not there’s a chance for me to find a clasp, a lever struck or something that might such allow you to run out!’

Oiffel merely nodded in agreement with this glowing bulb of man. While only waiting during his countenance’s apparent quail; merely endearing the wait in the company of the two Niggers with which he chose to spend the time with. Whereas the bulbic-light parsed through, as if a gust of air swollen by withdrew:

Upon walking out, the shade of man switched his color to a purplish swimming fish inside of it; with almost human-like faces, lending upon one another’s scaly cheeks, kisses of rot. Blood colored him in clot in an instant. And beheaded fish-heads started falling out of him as well as murky water. The hall was twisted, for it was inside a helicopter’s holding area in the back; as peculiar as it had been, the colossal size of the flying machine was nothing to ogle towards, yet. The men started at him with no flashiness of flung despair; but prattle of such abode. Countenance of an over-boat!

‘You, stranger, you’re to be held in place. And kilt upon sightened blight and spare us not a wonder and wince away, nor seethe!’

Farther down the earth:

While and during the first and second, between the fourth and the eleventh step which is being taken now, before it will be taken again; walks, walking still, first hour of the evening’s second of May after midnight, when the clock hits fifteen, another eight follows; the man wearing a petticoat calico-treasured ribbon-sweater with buttons adorning his large-smallish, eight inch thick-thin liquorish-of-chemical-colouring cotton collar of four pieces with cleaver-encrusted with human faces at their ends gems of flesh; that whispered to him nasty, rage-inducing, fastidious yet eloquent sonnets, improperly sung, that only aggravated his dislike; during this melancholy day; his pants of empty dark gray, no shoes, but shoelaces wrapped around like bandages; extending to his head, as they formed a nice shoelace outline of his body that never got ripped apart; this man found himself confiscated, while carried away beneath a giant mould filled with puffy appendages creature as big as a small Silo; for the crime he committed two nights ago, when drunk, he violently raped a woman; and her eyes were pure yellow; it lured him into the building; the wretched flying head who was in control of this usury shark; lo’ two boxes; eight fridges, a king-sized bed, eighteen coffins, twenty stooges, some rotten beef, a few dark stained metal cages, filled with diamond men with human eyes of skin instead, two radiators whose active heat warmed the room immediately; prison bars, a niche coloured by purple and by white stripes with claw marks but only superficial, after dark, rotten regalia, clothes thrown in piles, medium-sized mildly-attractive, yet in possession of elongated heads which stood in contrast with their dwarf-like figures, shrunken top-browed

and top-of-the-head formations at their ends, watchers of one eye each; yet the room was a four by four; although it had many other rooms that were yet to be explored; and that alone, granted, was Heckorottus's most loathed of crudities he adorned his palace with; a wont for wonder stemming from the acceptance of others he had yet to received, since neither man nor beast managed to survive through the fist of lays upon which they flung themselves, in solace and despair. No one to sing him praise in contemplation of his grandest, most well-thought and worked upon creations; no one to praise his designs, the many rooms he had worked upon during the time he had been blind. Although a deformed wretch, now, rotting from old age, still breathing, lurching, craning, sitting still and mighty ill. I should ask him first:

‘May I enter?’

‘You may not!’

The house; it's burning. Someone killed all of my children. Someone ruined my house and my carpets, all of the things I collected throughout the years. Heckorottus, poor, poor Heckorottus; his house turned to tumbling ashes. Disastrous an end, therefore sent onto the afterlife, in dream would he prevail. As long as he maintained this tainted illusion, all would fare well for him in worlds of dreams and some that could not be lesser anymore.

Acts of vengeance

A deadly utmost vile engagement was about to happen, for what seemed to be, the duration of twenty or so days in which they were standing there, trying to piece everything together, many of the square-hill blocks being already moved from one side of the great-domed roomed roofed, as to house, in its one hundred meters or so raise, a hundreds of secret chambers that were all wired with globular down-prodding sharp-filled with drill tipped forests that pointed at their elongated-dark helmets, as they started only communicating with the most erogenous staring, yet pleasantly worn out crawl-from-below them bodies of green and murk-thing that covered their incessant dream like filaments of dark-prodding tubular plain-hard hemispheres-open trunks coming out of the driven in dark machines they had mounted themselves into. These dark sparrow-like beaked, eight wheeled on both sides with four great tubes coming out the front, bearing man-faces in front of them, coming out of tongue-prodders as to signal the second mouthed-maws that were rotating behind them: Thistl-yeehe-thistl-yeehe-thistl-yeehe-home-need-go-home' Voices being constantly played as if they were lascivious records that were incapable of stopping themselves from what was going inside of them, groping what they could as the many absent walls were stuck in mad waltz' like primordial stances that only seemed to prod into their bodies when least expecting what to happen or what could come into contact with them. All of the sudden, the middle-point area in the second stratum-zone, placed, placated in a obtusely raised angles that could be denivelated by the very staircases attached to them if they were actually molded, in a hybridizing manner, if so, the weight was circular and delivered through smallish tunnels of wildly, roughly eighteen meters in diameter or so. Bi-di-bid-dib-bid-bi-di – an activator appeared to signal the raising of a small elevator like tube-formation carried along by the men whose back had been replaced by strong-machines capable of fully expanding everything they were equipped with, for unnecessary reasons, there being no human

appendages left, but many electron-filled filament arms that were connected to every spot in the room, as well as the strange, yet hard to glance at great floating-pair of eight mask that were marked with large word-signals made of animal-people that had been nailed into them, in shape, but never bled, instead they appeared to bloom, in that moment, as their incessant nature allowed just as much to be touched, their open-mouths revealing many tube-like trumpets that started, seemingly out of nowhere, producing sound-lanterns generating smoke-puffs of eyes that carried along cockroach bowls, with their elongated cockroach stings being outwardly protruding, and not only so but they also inserted themselves into the bowls, deepening as to fish out some of the cockroach-fists-fish, their knuckles being their side-slits that could only draw breath from the most innocuous of dark-crystals that were waiting for them to finish, yet, most peculiar as it were, there was only the sad-onion scent of puckery cadavers that were followed just as soon as they could get out of these unnatural things that made the moon they were on. Since this secret-building, with its rotating walls, that was placed upon eight great labyrinths, which, had been converted into peculiarly hard to look at levels that could not be touched by the likes of men since they had been completely rotten, structure by structure, until bolt-like scythes, that had been present there all along, like serpents that had fed on the most unnaturally hard to look at of times, during which they proved themselves incapable of living for too long unattended, they had shown the fear. That came just as soon, oozing, as much as they could, most bothersomely, as it happened. Beneath them, all of these labyrinths being close enough, roughly put, strange newspaper dusty grains of specks of many creatures of whose veins kept them all together, as they were incapable of truly getting along, hence they had been punished as if this was their version of hell, yet instead, in the back, somewhere, close to one hundred fifty miles in the distance, there was a factory they had been attached to, actually attached to, as if by this tunnel. An elongated military tunnel through which the corps went along, with their pails and their unnaturally, hard to look at elongated head-people that floated and didn't need bodies, but they were armored with devices that reanimated them not only like skeletons but hard to look at mad people who've been beheaded by terrorists put to their employ by niggerjews in order to drive their political opponents to death, therefore, only going as far as bringing their corpses there, in a small eighteen by eighteen, as for the room that was initially dug in and cemented into place, was to be an only son, a grave-cemetery whose implications lead it thus to create a second tower-like raised thing through which they crawled out of, on top of which the strange building ended up being placed on top of. As strange as it was, flying stairways with dark wings and electron stingers coming off their sides as if they had been spikes gathered dark-stormed cylindrically aligned as beaded lightning rod-hit bolts that started emanating strung-power structures that started shooting and bouncing against them, only to animate nothing else but the strain they needed to put their bodies through in order to connect to one of the houses that were the domed roof. Since the apartments were filled with strange people dressed in fancily sutured in blossomy red and other flying termite-head needle rack-destroyed but filled with many people as well that lived inside of them, these men being giants, the ones inside of which the tinier ones lived inside of, but could not be touched by all means since everything around them was oozing in wild directions, being so-far-so removed from them that they were far-removed from reality itself, slowly being driven not only apart but, they were also put into place, as the many inner-makings of the stuffing that was revealed soon after had anchor-rifts of many levels their elongating cysts hands had to constantly flip in order to survive, as, there, in the sky, although all was emptily grayish, there was a flying, open Lord inside a crawler, who was incapable of flipping the level by himself, as such, as he had done it, then he had put the many men to his employ to do it for him.

The military men realized their mistake far too late for anything even remotely, yet necessarily helpful to be done, as to save themselves from this conundrum they've forced themselves into.

Some incessant, dark looking, insignificant thing bore a knife along-side it. And it was dangerous, not to make a scene now.

'A bloody knife made out of insolence itself is just as useless as its user is unless he'd doing something with it. You're not to be taken any seriously now if you continue on this path; not yet, not just yet, I would find myself asking this of you, if you were inclined to say it. Where is, though? Where'd you hide it?'

'I, do not, Know. What you're talken about, retard.'

'That was rude, how dare you insult me, when I have granted you solace in the confines of my broken home, after spending so much time as to bring you where you are. I've put you up and I can put you back down, shove you back in place where you belong, do you hear me, you little shit? I could have you, I could have your entire family if I wanted to, strung like fucking dumb-dirty niggers, you hear?'

My heart bleeds candidly for people like you who show no fucking gratitude for their benefactors, and you know just what? I could have you, just.'

Damn him, he can see right through me, he can god damn see through me as if I were made of ice; regardless of it. I could play it cool, this palate of putrid allure could end just well for me.'

'Miuas the Lon; the deformed, creature of alacrity and might, calls upon you to return back home.'

'But who is he truly and when and where had he come from?'

'Betrayal, one akin to most deprave of little spins that come, and draw slither.'

'Stinted blood still runs freely off his forearm. I think there's nine of us left; at the very least, we should ensure there's, clearly something said.'

Evidently not since most would rather have themselves brought to the cutter; a little spot of dirt and of bloated little heads following around them.

A most disgusting face lay there, dropping low since it was only hung by one of its horns that served as a throat. It was hanging, droopingly down, facing upwardly still, the other, left horn being twisted like a mantis' scythe, or a little twisted thing, like the limbs of a deformed cartilage spider's bleating incisor turned to the side. Its face was warted, without a jaw, and the things that came out its lower moist-bag, were but shaped as tubes, drawing air from the ground. A nose had encompassed more than half of its face, the two eyes being fat-disgusting buttons, filled with oozing things that pushed in and out, then refrained from pumping, stopping so. Soaked and dripping on the ground. It oozed with head as it came about. The body to which the horn, connected, a hill-cartilage of bone, with a longer limp-lamia coil upon which it drooped along; whereas the front side of the body was loaded with the most unnatural things, of gun-cannons filled with spiked people, long but limbless, with faces filed with racial war, painted like niggers; black-face.

It came in the room, all of the sudden, readying itself to talk.

‘Lon, is that one of your servants?’

‘He’s mostly someone I looked forward to meeting.’

‘And are you pleased by the sight you’re met by?’

‘I am indeed, much so, as I would have it here, said but done, cadaverously heaping as it leaped out of its darkened, most mysterious of growths that came, morbidly inclined from every side, seen from above, taken as I shall have it, I shall cast it away, then tow whatever piece of rottenly spoiled meat, whichever that way.’

Lay where he may, he stood forth and crawled out of place, a most faceless thing approaching so. It brought an envelope with it, thus read:

‘War’s been declared with a most peculiar country there is, the Hyeany, they’ve announced their intention.’

‘For a nigger’s always in need of free stuff, a slave then, a slave now, incapable of fighting for himself.

But in need of others to take his round, to do onto him what they wouldn’t do on others.’

‘Where’d they come from and what do they do now?’

‘Destruction, that’s their blood’s misgiven hole of darkness that’s filled with lobes, they hide in it for some reason, haven’t you noticed still?’

‘What have you done to my nigger-son?’

Asked a most bastardly of men that showed up out of nowhere.

‘It speaks of ill, renown and less of wont, brought forth still from where it may come from. ‘

‘Where is it lain?’

‘In a single puckered kiss-faced melture, of drooping lids and many eyes, of teeth-like seals, wretched contortion with a spiraled body, a muddy pool of scum-basin, acidic tar.

That’s where I chucked your nigger-child in and that’s where it’s lain!’

A trench lay there, barely standing; a few people rested in it, wondering whether or not something will come into their view. Eerily so:

‘There it is, I’ve been toying with it for some time now, but I think I’m almost done with it. Come to like it, now did you? Have you? Thought you could stole it from me when I closed my eyes and turned my back, haven’t you?’

‘I didn’t think you’d notice, but I’m quaintly impressed, I’ll wager. That you’ve. You know, thought of this before, you’ve conditioned yourself in the same way a dog can be taught by his master, although you

are the master and the dog, brainwashing yourself with vicious tapping on top your head, a good boy, a very good boy, you are. I think you are, most certainly you've outdone yourself.

Only to ensure I won't take that bone out of your mouth. That is a nice bone, a ship.'

'I am eating alone, and I shall cut my gums into it until they become, rust, for the next generation of barnacles to trample over me and my kin' of vileness and of hopelessness after; what is become I shall not be known to I but to those after, the descendants, that are made of steel.'

'Machines will eventually betray you, friend. And you are but destroy; for the time being. I shall make sure you are cast so into the pits of darkness, never-ending, for your agony-induced selfishness will never come to pass as long as there are people such as I to stand against you!'

'Want me to share?

'No, I don't want it anymore, fuck you!'

'I can give you my ship.'

'I can't carry it back home, I'll be gone by noon, sailed by the Moon and come into the plow of Mars where I shall be greeted by the evils of the sky, and the shapes that shall embrace me, days of cries being forgotten as soon as they reveal themselves as being after, my trails being left behind. A most sublime eeriness calling me home once I am done.'

There was nothing greater either, than disease.

Regdor's torso was become right side, trunk screeching a sphere that shot spikes in his face. But he was undeterred nonetheless. His friend that is.

'There's been an outbreak fifteen years ago, stranger. Don't go thinking about strolling through the city knocking on doors thinking no one's gonna start yapping their mouths all wily nilly because that's a great way to get two bucks by way of indentation off the other side of the street, with a buckle full of led, carried by the sheriff who's the boxer.'

'I got it, don't ask too much and nothing will happen. But don't you think that's asking a little bit too much out of me? Since, with all due respect, I've been here for twenty months already and there's been nothing but going back and forth's flying on the trail-rack, working on the dead-men's talk, in which we've swam through, a-taw.'

'It's not that cold out there son and the only corpses you'll have to worry on about is the carrions, whom, by now have already, all left for better homes, they're searching for some, I wager. They don't tell you this, when asking, but there's a big fat man out there, with the belly of a dome. He's hid something in there, I'm thinking it's rather unclean, going home that is, after taking a look for what he's done to himself.'

'Just what have you in mind, old man?'

'He's frail enough to fall off the ladder, and he's a bit of a cunt, I suppose. So go ahead, knock his head down, when he's not looking 'round, after, we'll talk.'

‘I don’t like what that sounds like; I’d rather not risk drawing too much attention onto myself, for obvious reasons.’

‘He’s watching isn’t he?’

The window-framed blinds, all barred like barracuda heaters, with sprawl-teeth aligned but locked in place, with a few body frames trapped inside a tiny sea, a forest’s maze; all with vicious looking armed men, connected to it, by tubes and then, a blimped-fat switchblade’s handle –growth, with a back wing-spread plank bone cartilage coming out of its head, with a deformed tooth in the front as well, coming out of it, and a most peculiar face whose noseless watch, and mouth-full of heaved-in mechanisms pushing out that were only eaten machines, only took away from its slit, the up-contorted V, whose eyes, although aligned as if to be two, were filled with many tiny growths that they themselves were ocular, organs, but both were akin, or closer within, two bud-filled roses, a deformed rectangular head that could barely stand as well, drooping downwardly but with a green heart that stopped and swelled. Beaded as in stance:

Out a way in, a rhythmic dance:

‘I’ll see to it that he don’t live no more, old man, and when I’m done with him, I’m heading back for your head.’

With a sudden change of heart, he leaves. The house on fire, as is the sky; himself engulfed, his eyes two eels, with sea-gulls bearing nuclear gardens in their mouths:

‘Going somewhere, young lady? Young ma’am, you’re looking mighty fine in this strange day of November Six, ninety.’

‘Ninety what, now?’

‘I got you to talk to me, that’s the farthest I’ve got on to, doing it. With a woman.

I’m making a fine progress ma’am, you’ve got to give it to me straight so. Do I stand a chance or do I not?’

‘You’re a nasty pig, I would never be with someone like you, plus. I’ve a got a real man, unlike you, pig!’

‘Not a fine, intelligent specimen I see, woman.’

Then he slapped her between her fine-breasted cheeks.

A few men were fighting down the road.

‘They spiked their oil with bourbon, you know? There’s no way back once’s in your system, you bite?’

‘I’d rather not, but why are they doing the? You know, why are they bleeding him?’

‘That’s the way it goes around here, and there’s definitely no way to get through it, not when you know what they put inside themselves nowadays. There’s a disparity in terms of the chemicals they inhale alone especially when you take into account that many of them are actually criminally insane by the likes of their very nature, since the bubble-spheres with diameters expressed into liquid the size of eighteen

hundred thousand liters that are commonly found in the Ughyoxorh Valley of the diamond cut-squeeze of cancer-strike filth tendon army-made steam-peoples with empty legs, where we found your bastardly insane crazy-companion whose face was stitched to one of the elongated legless cacti sprung upon a broken shed fallen on top of him bloody-anchor trap – Heggy, has shown us that perhaps there are various disturbingly hard to swallow and ingest proton-bubbles that had burdened us ever since we’ve come into contact with these criminals, since we show signs of being contaminated to such degree that we began showing similar symptoms that match theirs with the margin of error night-close enough to a five pointer, in God’s name, friend, I hope you readied yourself for the dark times that await us, because just as they are to us, we are to them, carefully but-biologically bred soldieresque descendants, whom I have divined in a most precise manner using the greatest tools ever created yet put in humanity’s hands, the nuclear-bolted time-sight wish-capable-of-disintegrating spell-breaker of genies’ sedentary power- tool stuck in a moot-point loop out of which no one may be capable of escaping once entered but are replaced by look-alikes taking their place, outside lights drafting some of the dark-talls whose colossal race is but wearied and taken down by its own height, their chains bearing skulls of plight and despair as they are only covered in outlandish torpedoes aimed at the sky, this world belonging to them in some way or another, that I know of, that happened eleven hundred miles ago, in the place where I took out the last pucker-growth heart that almost escaped me, since I had to destroy it in order to fully replace the humanoid I’ve taken the memory of, but lo’, I find myself in such discontent as a knight whose armor had become the cast of his very intrepid soul, a darkening soulless cloud betokening his signal as to respond to the morose ritual of despair as he had stumbled onto the realization that he’s been kept inside an evil hold out of which he had escaped just now, in our time, being just as lost as we are, in this chaotic but infested by psychedelic diseases – plane of existence that he is forced to share with now, although one might think him at an advantage since trained in the art of combat, this combatant would have himself met only by worthy challengers he would cast himself against, as to rule in terms of bothersome infality, the curse that is the world we are responsible of brining to the state in which it is.’

Up there:

‘We have to bring the Vermillion people down, off the plug before they take us down a few altitudes!’

‘What’s that you have in mind then, Hiv? You’re packing enough bedraggled explosive that you could take the entire ship down and a city’s scraper’ just by walking into down the street, down the road, man, are you insane? Well are you? Answer me before I knock down both of your teeth and fill them with lead.’

‘All right, calm down before the storm’s brewing and takes us both down, you hear? There’s at least a few people watching down the other planes, they won’t be as happy as you are if we do the, you know.’

‘The what, do the what? Plant explosives in the main generator room, or how about the lower-boilers where they keep the men locked in? Or what about the others inside the trash compactors a floor below, where they keep the marble floors and the spine-trap doors near them?’

‘I got it, you know you don’t need to rub it in.’

A lower bug-bolt, it rolled down itself, crawling along on top a girthy tail.

They put buttons and a few skulls on it, the wooden-moist kept-still by eight hundred and seven hinges door, that was being cradled from one side of the other of the room by the bleary wind.

‘A gun, just what I needed.’

It had a bottled man wrapped around it. Who was wrapped around in cords with worms and evil looking bugs that had human-faces and elongated spiked necks that drew out and formed large spherical antennae like figures upon which tinier men were being sacrificed in the worst possible manner, possibly imaginable by any means whatsoever:

The man Vis-door locked himself in, all alone, driven in like a starved animal that could not have taken himself out of the stupor any sooner after taking another pair of eight-dead on shots.

A tunnel, half-way in with a pounded upon dust-maker seemingly dislodged out of its socket kept drumming in his ear as they tried getting in. It was a dead man’s land with no one around to prod the cattle or load in another slug in his Tommy-gun companion elongated head-shaped missile with tubes sticking out of it, and power-plugs drawing out nail-like growths like more compact needles that entered his arms, coming floatingly so out of the top-region of the ceiling where the parasites seemed to be lodged in.

Wielder of knife, wielder of knife, a single voice arose from the dark.

It was a sudden onset that followed after, in a waltz of echoes that would not stop, for a single pail of lighted candles, all delivered in a smallish bucket, carried by a single man:

‘Have you witnessed them driven in, by all means, and all rose out of sea?’

‘I haven’t heard of anyone, as a matter of fact, I’ve been hanging here alone, by the side of a sole shore, thinking to myself, keeping company to no one.’

‘Would you mind if I kept you company instead?’

Canned didn’t know whether or not the fellow was to be trusted, but he had little more in terms of alternative than he could think of. It was a merciless ocean, out from which his eyes could not have become wearier of looking at. But they both stared in the same direction, towards the same stones that adorned and admonished its rifts, the strong vortexes within and all that followed through and after. One in particular took over their eyes, both crescent-curved towards it, as if stuck in a lucid dream with it. A green-oozing eye being homed, as a stone pearled oyster, moving along by a downward pushing waxesque stream on top the tail of which it drew along, safely at a distance from the other creatures that ran alongside it; towards one of the most bastardy flowering gardens, the alarming lights flashing at a distance’s ole’.

A short breakage near the strange shore, a shortness of rafts was made do with the help of a much romboscou yet vicious eerie set of lumped growthed boils that only came to view in the fairness of light that came from the voracious eaten out of, pouting faced by spindly things-like armed but lumped together mischievously doggedly-felicitous as to signal the rampant cradle of dark-glow-y crystal-jeweled, dark-enamored by the magic-capable of casting necromantic skeletal, of whose grasps were coiled, underneath the veiled thundered upon, cast out of Heaven’s voice that was still unheard in timeless

woe, and better was he to know, the man of the Mooned upon hybrid-Marses, eight of blooded red clot-
oons, beaded marchingly obtuse, as to be eaten by Sea-god Venus Octave- voiceless in his maze,
sickening to hear-listen-voice his thought, better no, as he had come and drawn upon, the priceless sky,
taken from us, whom had been stranded upon a parched but swollen part and cradled piece of land,
mistaken for a giant man who had been kneeled and bowed, to be entered from the brow, where his outer-
reaches, handed tipped hands by nails of coffin-wailed but stilled in placed, as if chained but leathery,
from the seepage of soil, the cemeteries being coiled now by tunnels, his flail, whom cast upon, been
wrapped as well to every single one he pulled, back to his house, one of the Moons, as many of the reds,
whom clothed his bodiless gaze were but destroyed during the time. A deep-resurfaced pantomime of
mimicry being displayed by every man in sight, whom reasonless were they to ask for gratitude of
something lost on them, when never to be pure but mourn-akin to such, endure, for as long as the echo's
wail to have been bought some time as well until but run from side-side then disappeared, forcefully made
to, now is run, through walls and pits, and mighty feet, that under, theirs, and longer seethe, were there
reasons to listen to someone again, of whom, to listen to him now, and how to tell it. There was no one
left alive to carry on the message any longer, for, mighty as he were, distraught and candor of every
Moon, that joined soon enough, but true to one self and lesser many, parched could they, and run-through
along each day, as to repeat what happened, in hopes of reap as such reward, and none. None could have
defined it, gone.

In the morning, during one of the communions of the sunless things that had come and brought with them
only the most unfathomably hard to stare at, darker fiends, upon the frail back of which there stood,
unnaturally so, darker still and darkened still the day that came after, as if it's brought with it, still, there
lay, before them, all, of darkest of the corpses rung, upon the patchy hills whose sutures were asked of
whom were wrought if all were done, and buried but known, as there was no one alive, the beast brought
forth, a castle with horns, and many, but corn, and shaped like that, worn. Towers and statuesque, figures
that spanned to no end, and even farther than could be seen, the land was inhabited still, lesser than
expected, to marry, the courtesans and the chamber maidens plenty, as for those that followed soon after
could not forget and be but dead, and bathed into chamberlains, of wines but highest vintage beds were
put in their chambers, where they stood for long.

'Brothers, where've you been and how come thou has cast along, when called upon the chamber pot, of
whose fullness brought to stillness canny, and brought to you but corpsed lavish?'

'Illustrious most first of scholars that come after, the falling after and that which comes before us yonder,
though toll has been cast upon our knees, it would but no suffice to clasp the casket, in which the bees and
wasps and the ones that roast their witches- bats are jointed onto our legs today.'

And would it happen, if one were to believe it for a second as he, of all, would have to say?'

'A wretched torment, I see before my eyes, I'm met with countenance distraught and I can already see
that, but tell me, dear brother, servant of the ceiling spikes, though you see eyes in it, there are things that
I could not, and would bring myself not to act of them, if you were to understand.'

'Of what and whom had happened to repair, the one that is floating, the corpsed mummy filled with air?'

There was a lost train of thoughts, but it would've been ignored either way, for those that were fallacious enough as to ignore what happened, bastardly they should be and rounded roof, upon it, forget.

'Wretched is thine cast, my lord, for your house has brought me to a dead-end point where I can only look at the rotating floors as I'm delivered upon a stairway-throne that I cannot fix.'

'You need to fix it, or we'll bleed to death.'

One of them said and he didn't actually come to understand why or for what reason that might happen as well, since there were many things that flew across their eyes, like veils and curtains, smoke and mirrors that were made of shards and broken, lust was cast out, and they knew that they had knives, then they charged, stabbing and stagnating with cretin power magik bolts that had eyes and spikes and were cast into the world of darkness and of spinning thrones that entered the room and all was colored into alabaster and ultramarine and years within their grasp had so much so happened to be gone, all of the sudden before they could primordially understand, their eyes being not adapted, since they couldn't tell what was going on but it floated into view, the uncanny thing that was sinew, with eyes and with a floating spine, bubbling with air-things in which crime lived on forever.

A dark figure standing on a cattle prod, with a long shaft protruding out of its back, fifty meters in the back, where, upon being met by one of the converging points, it would, only naturally drawn towards one of the first gist-filled with bloody entrained upon its basket giant-colossal, but primed for entering two percent of the vaguely defined in terms of staring at it over a long enough period of time before the crippling but defunct, inflammatorily-killing but through cancerous destruction of lung-formations entered through the funnel of tunnels, whom, upon being revealed as to be put together by force and by a condensed amount of tension whose induced-through literally honed-skills put to use by repeatedly slamming the hard-side, luck-luster side of their covered-in-rust with point-struck, borderline microscopic precision-landed sledge hammer strikes, clearly misaligned with the welded-in spots where, upon carefully inspecting one would find that a certain amount of pressure, under which it had almost succumbed to, nigger-nigger-nigger-fuck, there was a slightly, 'miss-shelved' pressure-plate, on the entire form that belonged in the Area C', not Area A-B- twenty seven oh', since, it was colored, or seemed to be a shade off ultramarine alabaster green blue mixed with snail-slug shotgun slugs, shut-inside the speedometer baboon-shaped cockpit they stood in, for forty to twenty hours, playing with the Grand Master Champion-Humanitarian-killed during the first War, second War going in, hard, there were eighteen illegible people that were planted in the war as well, carrying with them, alongside the romboscous most deformed of kings, upon the platters made of eely wings, that had been cut, many of them being brought to life as their endless songs only had begun again, painlessly in awe, as the bastard eruption of wild yellow-filled with access flames and acres of warted spinning Holocaustic platters filled with the remains, cadaverous colossal slugs, upon the lunges, meters brought, houses being torn apart during the malignant storm, a headless being there he be no more, as it followed soon enough in death, bringing the pus-filled malady to an end, when all of the sudden, by the figure joined the jointed but bejeweled horn, it wore, and many more, such trinkets that covered in golden-brass pores, under which they started chirping-slam and lost about, then breaking down, most of everything apart, as infantile mostly un-defiled and un-deprived of joyless thing, as to be exposed up-since and brought to world, kept naïve, breaking down their toys, but many, plenty of bodies, through which the sea of twenty, kept on their shoulders in a boiler-shaped on top of a smaller platform that was queerly filled, twenty rock-shaped

wheels as well, many of whom were but interconnected at each end the wrong way, fused, as if with long explosives, C4's, wrought in the shapes of coffins where, although they were all filled, Jag-Bowels, the Unprotector of God, had stolen the vigor of the broken lords of unspoken felt upon evils, bastardly casting each other away, as they could see eight great spheres, in the distance, his wardens that is, through their vision, they were inside, they were, he said, the one that was looking, the strange, that was aware of being watched by one of the torpedo-cameras with eyed spikes, hanging by up-rooted figures cast in stone that were in reality not statuesque but mad devices incapable of self-sociopathic control, fighting with one another during the time they were put on, break, as it happened, the alignment was something akin to, more so, four great spheres, on top of a cradle shaped boxed crate on top, put that is, a cargo, whom endless charge had killed the giant squid-master, Bastion of lightless days, immediately, an explosion came, spreading dust-shrapnel shock-waves of sand-dust cancer, which affected the sailors, whom upon brow, sunken in finger pulled out a rod-rotten angler's cast that pulled out a piece of his lodged in-brain, crisply burnt, as he settled, a floor above, he, the master, his home that was, inside the platform, no longer disturbed by his warden whom allowed his momentary escape and refuge out of his stolen-in life-time spent sentence, as he would come out of the great machine, eventually, being very much so a given, what was said and seen, the dark Gothic shaped people whose appearance denoted them of wearing antagonistic-seemingly never-to be embarked upon the dark journey of mad-inducing vigor of branded upon, most irresolute, had his body become once the pain stopped and he was tortured no more. There, Jag stood, although checker boarded as the land, crude. Was he of a mind to get out of this deformed prison and escape through the bowels of the earth, or make his eon-desired, fantasy dive, through higher ventures forced, although his mind would die, ever-after soon enough, but sough-for-less abyss gazed upon, thereafter brought to a recess of cut-off nerves. As he would have his throat slit during his sleep, then, his head bashed in, whereas finally would his brain be forced to pop, and they would join him, in the seamless never-ending haze, his dream has brought him on towards, the highly-raised bastions, where he would meet no gaze.

A citadel of killed-niggers stitched together by knives, whom had floated in before it could even get one of the droned in people began talking again, mesmerizingly, to one of the other ones, whom were already banished from sight, by naught more spoken, a single arm appeared to hold the chains drawing them, redolently so.

A dome opened, although the flocks of black flying cockroach swimming board-shaped moths- whom flew away from sight blinkingly, were swooned away as soon as it happened.

'A multitude of them, followed through, our lines of command entered them like butcher's codes in a simpleton's endeavor.'

'Who's been keeping track then?'

'I don't know, but there's at the very least.'

They stopped, immediately aghast. Both Guard Alk and Ey-line, were drowned by one of the falling coats. It stopped on them, for a few minutes, when all of the sudden their flattened lungs being wrought out of shape.

‘A man has been cut in these halls and he is bleeding on the floor. And I shall find the culprit whether or not it’s the last thing I’m going to go through before my life is stopped.’

‘Who’re you supposed to be, stranger?’

‘I’m the one who’s brought you to your senses the last time you did the, you know what it is, the unreasonable thing that entered your mind before you did it again.’

Both of them looked around, the walls being putrefied in the worst possible manner, many of them being portcullis windows bumped upwards, pointedly at the ceilings, as well as various other things. They were accompanied by deformed floors that were joined, like baby-ribs but hardened, as coiled escalator steps that would either recede or heave themselves upwardly, in continuous motions. With a giant drone-head motor-shaped as if attached to a boat, was it. A bleating, drearily beating organ being attached, instead of a pump to the cadavers that made the rocket, out of a few holes a few more unnaturally dark things, specks in their eyes, crickets, hundreds of them, blurring out the sound. One even wore a hardened clasped upon by a few pincers –claw that held a coil ruggedly so, a carrot at the end for a donkey’s sun, it carried with it. Everything was swaying itself, or themselves. Tired, of just about being worn out.

‘Come on, we’ve to check the body downstairs, there’s no time to waste, since the alternative is.’

Hermes-Crackle, he remembered.

‘Knives speak’

‘Have you heard one along the way, come upon, stumble? And wrought inside the quay? Whereas all stone-lime is done but chiseled as to none to look after him, whose petulance was merely run into the ground, swaying?’

‘Aye, I’ve seen it green and reddened as would any haze that’s been bubbled in, millimeter as much as would be spread, alight.’

A lighter being placed on top the table, on top a head, on top a moon, on top a cat who was a munching cottage with eight eyes to its hide, it wore, with long limbs filled with spiked- eels coming out of Gattling guns, and elongated tubular tails, it walked upon like flails, as it was adorned, by tombs, eighteen seventy seven of them, all bearing the casket-statues of English Lordish figures, whose might was still to be taken away, swinging wildly as they would from Quay to Quay, within an hourly parlor, walked on top off, then slid upon ice-break picks thumping down, with weighted lids, that watched them run, through a giant carcass of a snail’s shell shaped rib-cage that belonged to a deathly rotten godless being whose putrid legs were eely coils wrought in the Mountains of Anshaksu-Igo, and Alshefj-Ye, down the roads that interconnect to the fantasies of mild elation, oratorily bastardily startlingly mesmerizingly deprecatorily comatosely, sincerely. A dead person, whose sockets recorded it all, inside the boiled pools that belonged to his socketed eye-lids that had been beaten-in pounded until they started pushing out small bug-pills shapes that entered a crowned land, rounded up where large spear-shafts drew out of the ground, impaling every living being there was, as they manifested in the air, one by one, pouting pieces that were but being shot, then wrapped around, niggardly in a nigger-gets-lynched kind of manner.

A man emerged spoiled by blood and clot, his trophies being anchor shaped skulls that had been brought to him by ways of destitution, dreams of never done.

‘My hands are not bloodied, and I’ve had no hand in their murder. There are no complications, keeper of the-rib, hence I ask for free passage and consideration that I may be allowed to pass for long and darkly green surroundings gone, that I may see no verdure then I’ll ask, for a second more a scowl run through one of the putridly rotten walls they’ve made my bloody folk out of.’

‘I see, I see, there’s torture in every way, for those who live amongst the Quay. But what have you done to earn my trust? I see no hare or tortoise lust that’s been brought handedly into my palms, embalmed into a liquid-strung with little spoils of swoon.’

Many would’ve seen him cast out, of Havenless abode, a heathen who’d but ask for naught. A darkened blade whose darkened maze, although but eerily surreal, flail of casted upon him runes it bore, back into a gourd, but prude was he to ask for less, of visions highly sunken was there was distress, for him the cantor cast into the rubbing ground of worming thin, and brim was thrust out of him thereafter. He was but asked for by the ghost that came after:

‘Will you take me alongside your walk? The one’s that rubbed to cast you out?’

‘Nay, for I’ve seen a vision’s hold of might dreaded bolden, asked for such there might be call for, for there might be none to see for, root-four, sore as my lice’s brain, of broidery and such as lain, I see no reason to take you home, to a place there is no more. To a place cast in the dark, where living must do as they do, fall. When they might join you soon before, and wait for a ride that’s taken by whore. As such I will not take you, but you must wait.

I see that there’s a way.’

‘Please, do tell, man of escape, as you know better than I could ever know, although there’s time for more, I ask for you to tell me more.’

‘I can only tell you thus.

There shall be a tiny stone cast, from above. It will fall flat on your face. Although your spirit is in daze for what’s been happened to you, spectral, thou you must understand, that it will become your incubation, yours will be strapped in and never leave the nation of the spirits cast in stone. And you shall make the road, but this road won’t be just beneath the rib, but out of it, as well as through the worlds cast underneath the feet of every passer.

And sometime from there you shall meet your relatives in such ways that they will not have forgotten you for what’s worth, and for what’s been cornered past the worthless scuffle, shackled after, we shall drag you to the ones that hides.’

‘Who is he?’

‘He’s the repairmen of the road, the gravedigger if you must speak of cones, for they know better than to ask when called for and to be done, and wreath in iron.’

‘Will I be forged into a statue if I may, to ask?’

‘You can but I cannot promise you thus.’

‘What of other silver, bolden, of the stairs of flights and miss-beholden?’

‘I will give you destitution, I shall cast but an illusion, I shall do as I must and cast as thus again, most perilous of curtain-blind, upon your reddened eyes, bethroval to thine kin alike. I shall make sure your wife will have been known to you by the time.’

‘Whom of my family will know of pains that cast away, my soul but mazed but dethroned? I see it now, but I can say, with utmost consciousness that they will cast me away, the peasants with their arms, their ropes but cast-but thrust, will they know no peace after if I make a scene. If I were to yell and cast away.’

‘Then sin away and be damned, for you’re still a spirit, but you may become a ghoul that’s cast, onto the hill, near the slug, where you must arrive to, there you must!’

And then they were parted. Not to speak again.

Hastings was met not by the figure at the gated rib, but by something else, of mighty filth, but deadened beast was it:

An elongated shrapnel-domed, almost fishy-eely squirming as it was a pushed through forth, curved fish-like dolphin with a lower cricket-body but only two limbed humanoid-jointed wrought so, mouthless but with a boomerang-straight then to the right curved, cartilage shaped, as thick as the rest of its legs, came out. It presented itself as Herman.

‘I can take you out much more easily with this.’

Out is back, what split in half, came but a strange elongated reedy beam, with a mighty mounted turret-gun, filled with rounded barrels that drew out, as if it were a giant wine-cellar. Many of the barrels even bore strangely shaped lids, with eyes pushing out of them, akin, to drops off the ceiling, stopped. Only for a moment did they puke blood and clots and little parasites shaped like champagne bottle shots of flowing water upward-in a well kind of manner that formed four frozen-by-blood-clot pillars, interconnected by tubes as if they formed a box-match ring, below them, banded by eighteen more of them, but vaguely distorted as to be mattress-spring-like, whereas below, a giant bubbly-boil came out, bearing hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of sharp points that wriggled in and out, burying inside wherever they could get wrapped into. A shoulder of charging bodies came out of nowhere, tackling it down, and then the giants fought, as there were eighteen of them. All bearing putrid axes and warts with boils and with humanoid elongation-shaped guns, out of which they began shootingly riddling everything with drown.

Kotya-Smoke Cradle of Looming tools put inside of dark-baboon

The sky was turbulent rubble blue with vapor red filling a haze patterned by diamond see-through transparent chitinous diamonded fish-nets with shells in-between with strange pear-onion womb-cysts filled with globed-reeled by long-tails worming in, squirming at the sky. A line of power-rails trailing-like wagons, long slits of iron, carried about, all holding men that only had their heads on wrought into strange bug-big bile shaped in gelatin torsos, faceless but without the sockets. Trapped in, held by chitinous-reverse pincer claws-thin that crisscrossed one another, and held, upon these almost ambulance on top of them –carrying the victim into it, from the place where he was hurt, devices. Echoes still could be heard. A sky of dirt, one of red, orange-organs and most importantly, of darker things, mixed with smog and coaled smoke. Melting over, passing through. Barb-wire keeping everything together from falling over, through sinew; the land below, in contrast, swollen; made of many raised platformed-canyons, all filled, or craters raised, still segmented but roads had been made within each gap, of swollen dust thrown around, small pillared constructions had been raised, many of them being almost – cylindrically but inclined on every face, bearing hundreds of facets as if they had been taken out of someones' crude interpretation, allegorical of otherwise, abstract, to such demise that they were floating-in between. Like burning candles, effigies, too many to count, casting shadows between the ones already cast from above. Ever moving to compress the bodies into swollen structures from which they could not escape nor return to home. But, lo, the land was lifeless as were the skies. Only one great structure stood, levitating upon a swoon, a square top ceiling long block pentagon-like flat demonical cacical face, with a mouth extending by the side and below of it, connected, like a horizontally, seen from above, crane, but only to match the head. Only one downward-pointing hose-neck throat-tube drew below, longingly, dangling by its side, an arched funnel-cut in half, or what remained of it, deprave, out of the tubular tendril, many smaller ones, tunnels that squirmed like worms connected to a weirdly strange circular, but standing on a vertically raised plane, almost elliptical disc that rested at the edge of the half funnel, which was so-much-so akin to a shovel, through which a smaller but visibly river's end shower or see-through eely things, thousands upon thousands of them connected and drew out, into a swollen balloon' bubbly blimps, whose flatness could only distract from the fact that it was slowly decaying. The water kept inside of it, prevented from being drained by the vaporous languid swollen-creatures, eyeless as they were, there stood. In sight, many ziggurats, squared and placed like islands, many of them, as much as ten, bore giant hive-like pointy throaty incisors as thick as buffalo-horns, projected upwardly instead. Well enough as it were, the great flying device's head was most like an elongated stapler, whose clicker was more like a scythe in terms of curvature as to occupy both the side of its face as well as the lower side of it, as well as it was a simple blocky-thing, kind of like a fat rectangle, whose neck was actually aligned to be its arm, but was without a shoulder pad, and the half 'funnel' was closer in semblance to a large triangular platform, although slightly raised, whereas the lower half of it still maintained its pseudo-downward curvature as to be spherical in part, or downward protruding as well. The circle being close to a saw, but the weird bubbly thing was hardly a thing of chewing gum, instead, mostly so used for preserving those who were still whole.

'I can't believe my eyes, oft what I thought even remotely possible, of little there was a doubt to begin with, to start, am I not to think of anything else since you've come to steal but a simplest moths of thought that came to me.'

'Speak plainly, Hindsyah.'

‘You were called upon to attend on a meeting not farther more or lesser than one shall know or hear off. Today, they’re to decide the fate of our dear friend, the one stabbed in the back by one of the land-wretched that crawled inside our city.’

‘A fine but tender turn of events I’d settle looking after if I’d known him, but I’ve no clue who he is, or what’s he made out of.’

‘Well enough, that’s where you’re wrong, by part, oft what I’ve seen I can think most little of, since that day, I’ve seen him thus but walking on a darken alley, followed by two twins, or darkly matter- fiends whom lusted for conquest with as little consequence as one would think they’d have to suffer of. If that may be; I must tell you, where this humanoid had been.’

‘Where?’

‘Inside a dark place, a strange city that’s even now melting away, not that I would know of it, or ask, if thus, if I could even believe the, even stranger most peculiar convolutions that mere thought make come apart, by simple axioms, by.’

Don’t you find it strange, how everything’s falling apart again?

It seems too early, to wake up again, I can almost feel as if I slipped back. I can’t win out there, I can’t live out there. I don’t want to be around them, I hate being around people; too bothersome a thing.’

They were supposed to show up at the meeting place one hour ago. But not a single soul alerted them of their missed appointment. Everyone knew where they had to be, yet a cricket’s laughter, dance induced could’ve been heard by them, regardless of what would prove to be a truce, if live by got in the way. It would not forgive this insult by any means, since it knew better than to trust them. As filthy robust as they knew of what was brought onto them. Maliciousness drowned by a sea-filled rose-pack, whose grenades-artillery bearing pads, although of joyous condescension bickering with one another of lust’s remorse, days old passed between them, the cost of being left alone, carried a message as from branch to branch, lily to lily, pad to pad, until the sound was become the letter, in reverse, apparently carried by the echoes of a kid’s, the post-office mailman’s son, who rose early, as the birds of ever blooming fire, out what might’ve been seen as a stroke- received, blasphemy, the doctors thought, he’s too young for it, get him up on he’s feet, rub the area and he’ll be fine, sent afterwards back to work, because lazy boys get hit in the head with a hammer, stopped, only to deliver, finally, by accident since the ‘letter’ bore no return address nor any man’s name, to them, this was but the fallen over by chance, grace they’ve been blessed with and by, for their hearts were then apparently stricken as if by pumps, CPR being administered, by only by a father figure who told them, it was time to go, go now child, stop waiting, you’ve got a place to be at, right about this moment, if you were to run, perhaps stumble a bit, taking a few breaks along the way, thinking, whistling to some passing women along the world, plump and fairly bitten as if by Spanish-fly, but you’d think you wouldn’t have enough time to do it, if you were to pinch one of their cheeks, then stinger her where to cry, then leave through sighted flight and finally arrive on time, to a place where you’re waited for. A frightening thing as well he was. A giant liquid-crystal glass see-through filled with fluid and some ammoniac-poisoned venomous acidic, but bubbly, piss-colored but clearer, to a yolk-mid-way to whitish in color, partially filled like a cup, light-house, with a hand mirror-shaped top that of course had no mirror but the oblong ellipse, as if that would be the spot out of which the light

would come out of, with giant metallic rigs adorning it, all around, which, a greater 'figure' appeared to be propelled around as if it had been a ferries wheel, with this being a pylon in the middle. This glowing crystal structure held, inside its liquid, a concave peculiar mask-like shaped sluggish in appearance humanoid almost but without a nose, cheeks or other things, face, with a tiny ellipse that was blocked, completely as if it had its mouth stuffed with a lemon, 'mouth'-region, that almost looked, the face that is, like a chip, with two shoe-laces connected to two round eyes that looked mechanical, and floated bouncingly around, in the liquid. Whose lower base, of the light-house, appeared to be sealed off and clearly served as a second base, like a lamp's, that had a front pocket, tool-box shape beating-pumping organ that fix exactly as if it were a key pushed through some invisible lock, that belonged, in a gap, to the second structure that was something close to a plushy-puffy-bloatedly-inflated or made of balloons 'bear' whose right side had been cut but not entirely, having only cut-clean off its 'arm' and leg' and part of its body, but, if it had a pair of pecks or a chest, only a fraction of the right peck would be cut off, although not entirely. It bore a strange, flattened almost but still raised, bump-button shaped, squared off as well and deformed, partially, half-pushed out bottom side to entry socket inside of light-bulb's end insertion, with the corkscrew appearance, that was organic, as the rest of the body as well, whose mouth was made of upward pointing stalagmite-flesh-teeth, and whom, bore, in the middle, a single humanoid eye. It was headless, but, instead of a head, it held something that, only a few meters sticking out, a fleshy substance such as wax that had been melted over but also bore a strange, out of it flung scythe-like protrusion, kind of like a low-hanging flaccid leave, that never touched the 'mirror' protrusion around and over which it rotated, on top of. It almost gave the impression that the 'bear's head had been blown off and that thing had been a quick upward shot, then receding jet of blood that immediately froze and became clot-like. Lastly, its left arm was a giant-half last segment of a scorpion's stinger as its end. But there was something else, in its back, as if a key had been fit inside of it, there lay a single elongated bloated almost grub-like tail, bloated, with L's shaped hairs that were eerily attached and oozed as well, out of him. And this tail came out its mid-rift, backward projected mid-point where, it bore a pseudo insectoid abdomen that served as the connecting bridge between the back and the wriggling bulby-worm that wriggled out its back. The beast was hairless but covered in strange towel-moist-twisted patches of skin that had peels coming off them. That also had tiny elongated hose-segments entering and lowering them, from one point to another, like chains pulling them back together when needed. A dark raised crag could be seen from the distance, connected to, a piece on top the sea-floor level that was untouched-parted from the rest of the water that hadn't even intruded in its area by a single drop of water. A large platform stretching hundreds of miles, that was not only devoid of life, but of anything, anything at all. A perfect straight square, untouched by any. No one is quick to forget what's happening around the Camp-US, or for what's been going on a stretch from its side, eradicated as they've become, legless, for every man had given it, gathered in a basket, then allowed flight into the distance during the day of harvest, when it flew, bodied by a buffalo's rode-upon but made of stone, whose head was elongated, shone, and thrust onward, downwardpointing, showering them, this hose, this bottom-feeder, whose 'beak' was froze in place, although humane in looks, pointing down. A man came in-between it, after setting himself in flight. Another one followed as soon as he could, missing half of his face, a-light of fire melting but a piece for the last one to come after. Hundreds of them as well, as set a-flight, there; many brothers made and come out of the same boiler and made to shout at the sourness given by apathy brought once their faces were revealed onto it, chest open, had it sought to kill them, were they dead? Not a single man, as well. Since the parasite came out of it, big-bulk queen ant- curved like a semi-cut partially speaking, C, that had, it was the abdomen but was connected to a beaked elongation of many growths put together and

grown out of it that had, at their end, the growth coming out of the puckery elongation of the lance-stretch, a lumped cylinder-boned, pair of lumps that bore a single peculiarly shaped mouth, falling over itself.

‘We’ve come to ask for whom the man whose traveled plenty and found the cunt’s been.’

‘I understand that, friend, but what is your name, tell me, please, I need to, yes, I think so, yes, I need to know, having made up my mind already, so as to go through several processes in which I went through it again and again, I reconsidered it beyond the possible understanding of a normal man to the point where, my mind, it’s set on it, irreconcilable, you, yes, you’re to be my trust-worthy man, that I will put my entire trust into, I trust you entirely with my life on the line, I, I, a, ah, I think there’s also been a misunderstanding, don’t try to deny it, denting my, our shared, don’t snap your fingers at me, or I am going to slap you across the face, since I’m talking, and don’t try talking over me unless you want to anger me further, otherwise, I, uh, this isn’t what I expected since I haven’t, I think so, we, we weren’t going to, I mean we were going to get together and start something across the way, and we were going find a safe-place is his nerve-killing, contagious place I keep finding myself dragged into, since, we’re both, that can’t be denied, can it? – Fry a few chips while you’re at it, because we’re here, stuck together, post-mortem notes will be written as our last wills –left behind in this cavernoids Den, of Mort, I think we’re in the eight passage, but If I could have, even for a moment, a sheep’s clothing to a shilling past the wolves woodsman bow, I wager, I could give you, don’t try to deny it, since I can see it in your eyes, this epiphany, that I am going to write, I need to mention who I’m with, for my wife and children, they live in Farrsh-Kri, near one of the abandoned grovels I left them in to die, since I’m going to join them soon enough, it’s only considerate that I send them some notes, an obliquity to my soul’s repose as I will lay aghast being assaulted by them upon the hour they shall appear before me as a delusional mirage, then and only then, before setting myself on fire, I will know that you sent me that note, to my family, that I will have laughed at continuously and erratically, knowing I’ve defeated them, b-b-b-b-bbb-bb-ut furst, phurst, shh, shh, I need to know your name, my friend, you are my friend, my dear friend, companion of road, toad- day, TORTOISE, Moidmessele, Maid Measles, I swear I’ve seen you some before, wont to top that, I will see you no more, hellish thing that has stolen something from my life, my contagious affair, my disastrous out-shone barbarity, my fear of reality, as to not have faced them still, you are detestable! I hate you, I loathe, you, yet I must know your name again, for I fear, I am frightened that If I forget your name again, my mind shall be stricken again and I will remember things that shall only sink me deeper than I am, therefore abandoning me to rot, in the bowels of an Earth that will have me had, I need to know it. Please, give me your name, a card, a something, a false one, an unrecognizable one, therein being presented as if on a targe, thereafter being taken to a place where they won’t know, won’t recognize, do something with me, please, snap your fingers again at me, why, why, why-why, why can’t I emulate you again, human, why can’t I make you talk, again, why have you no name any longer? Why are you so suddenly, without a voice? What has happened to you, please respond! I need to understand, make me understand why I can’t hear you again. Why you’ve become so devoid of a soul, of anything that I so much cherished, that made it feel as if I knew you, even though you’re not real. Why can’t you speak with that same pleasant voice, that sonorous thing, that sonnet of skies, plump-pigeons and tries to clench open, curl your jaw a little so I may look inside, but there’s nothing more insidious than what I see there. A nothingness I never thought I would find myself staring at, but of the silence beware. It never responds, it never gets back at you, it doesn’t exist at all. I miss you, I miss you most, I cannot make it unless you talk to me anymore. I feel lonely yet again, why won’t you give me a name?’

Two jointed knives

No further than where they stood, a simple loathsome piece keep ringing in.

Fat, they had been fattened by force, to a point of overweighed piece that had dragged itself over. Whose mouthed cowl only drew to light, a simple simian creature with little more than a jaw came into light:

‘I’ve taken them, riot’s alloy, dark conjoined. Let it be known that I claim this knife and there shall be no other who shall intrude upon my claim, not by force, not by straddle, not to be thrown out of it, uncanny rabble of lesser thoughts. I claim this weapon of destruction at the cost, of none other and none the less, my life’s essence that I may give in return if that’s but lay of what there’s left of my duress!’

An echo stood aside, a wagon came in, sprouted out of some wall. It carried in the bootleg’s abode. All of his stash, finely placed for him to appease himself with during the short time he had to do with it as he might.

‘I will have a gulp first and I shall see it.’

Gone, yet he stopped, the knife being pointed at his throat, bladed-beaded up fencing with some tinier slits already present in his skin, deeply submerged, entered past his coated, deadened coal-engulfed in a slither, for some eerie thing that crept. Beneath his skin there lay an oval that crawled. Hofga being caught between the iron plates, that made the room; they were falling apart, the ship-region he was in, beneath the sails whose larger domed beams then shot through two side of the front-whale, whose bones came crushing in as well. A graveyard of empty barnacles picked clean, whose waves but shot through, barnacles of empty grins and barnacles of jewels-green, of blue-ultramarine, of the most lofty of things his shiny eyes could bounce upon, of the most uncannily deformed things, the mutated crewmen whose legs were sharpened, fat-bellied and regressed, in more infantile things, all bearing, upon their chests, large devices, steel-encased with punching motions, fighting as they were swept or buried beneath all that dead weight that would crush their ribs –flabbergasted at the thought, their whiplashed spines, whose twisted curls of bones would shoot out of their fencings tied up-session’s site, of action, reactionless in warmed-up fancy, expressionlessly blank and fair-washed off shore, blank-black-out staring as the devices of their vision faded, black-outs given on empty-flea-ridden beds with Spanish Flies filled drinks drooling morosely as their shine would start heading back in kicking, yet he was mesmerized by something else. He took a moment to allow the entirety of the inner-framework of the entire structure, before its collapse could fully come to view, not by its own or his, choice but by a giant peculiar fox-ish bud come out of the colossal empty-dark sea everything appeared to be kept in chains, volatile levitating against and above everything, whereas it, this Mutated-animalistic lump of many contortions had sprouted a great conical telephone-receiver bore out of the body of a chrysalis worm that began protruding out of its mouth, that shot tens of pudgy drooling puffy-filled blimped cords whose regurgitations of what was left of the sea was stored in the second cylindrically rounded box, this tinier one being set inside of it, though only one of the hoses that was devoid of water but filled with barnacles, oysters, shells as well as other quasi-organic but hardened objects were stored in, to have been known else of the desolation of the supreme drought that occurred once the realization followed, the dread that fancied once’s existence in a

world without sea, or at least one that would slowly have it completely disintegrated in this black spot, placed, eerily somewhere in the Mediterranean, would make him shudder at the failure of reconsideration as to have intentionally put one self in harm's way when he had the chance in order to avoid living in such a world devoid of life, when, the suddenness of the stop, whose jerkiness in terms of how this wall shook as well, in terms of being frozen solidly in place, as if shattered murals but filled with rocks, lend onto him the impression of an inescapable claustrophobia he could yet be unabashed as to have a say in whether or not escape was still probable from this chaotic trap he was set in. Its inescapableness being cajoling.

A heart of scorn and of putrid sores, of a stumbling repel to profundity as to draw each thought and form it still in shades that, upon being seen were immediately gone had crept in sight.

A flickering pair of lamps

'Try flipping it off already, can't you see you're disturbing my sleep?'

'I'm trying my best, but they won't go off. It's as if they're actioned by something or someone beyond my control.'

Against the tide, the other room kept pushing against the currents. From one side there came a single dark sweep, as if variously put together clouds, various clock-tower being moved on rails as well as other formations that contained plenty of men and tottering dark creatures that could not infringe upon each other's position since they were willed to walk in that peculiar manner by nothing else than the strange shielded doors they were propelled against, wilt to be corpses-en dried, as the humanoid-figures inside recoiled deeper inside, no longer capable of fully controlling themselves since the man in charge, the other one, the one that was the tallest, whose torso was elongated and filled with a bottle filled worth of wriggling anchoring blister-pouched pincer stingers, tails as such that were all attached to every single side of theirs, their towers, their machines, every single prison that belonged to this self-proclaimed warden, who, in silence contemplated his next move, in a most jovial manner, as if there was something else to prove, confusedly-pronounced, confusedly-set-in-stance, a soldier of fortune's lost at unawares, in a sea he didn't belong to, where the furniture was not made by men, instead, it seemed all too quiet, for some reason beyond his control, withheld, by the smoke that replaced everything if not every particle of sullen gust, which instead turned them against himself and against his person, he quenched his thirst all of the sudden, attempting to consolidate the break-in portion of the matter of coil-through the others had managed to push, trough, or in as such were they, had carried, he, every single one beyond, as to've made a few more holes then a few flint-left-overs, carrying them to the other side where they willowed, bellowed and finally, their cages broke, finally were they allowed to continue by the corner of a room, next to a widow by the name of Calliope. Whose beauty was most profound, as to take away and dread any single man that would say otherwise or would try getting it in without her being aware of their intentions and deep-within they would sink their teeth and do it again, only to have a chance at her. Since they all piled, the once-trapped 'corpses' of the men whom had been trapped, piling each other on top of one another, not to mention that they did this intentionally, as to forget that they were once alive, and

deeply inside, they felt their pulses end, as they cowered at a single whistle she maintained. Its frequencies were something beyond, far too beyond that of which the likes of men could deal with, of sonar range, like dolphins or bat's dark embrace, they were forced to cower-worship of deep allure, and much endure for the time being as they were, shamefully, mastered by a woman.

'What a disgrace!'

The lamp, the lamp, an echo rang through.

A sample of it appeared to bear a single mass commonly enough found in some vociferous areas. A herd of men grouped up from one point to the other, alongside the hall, walking in tandem with the reciprocated pan-handling of every single one of the least absolved of every sin bead the main-man appeared to be wearing. A tall fellow who wore one of the lamps' architect's-pencil by an ear-shaft that was about the same length, from the looks of which there being no telling as to how he managed to balance all that weight that no man's shoulder would've been able to carry the long-mile they went through. A nasty suit of glued pamphlets with red shoes that were covered in some sticky wool with threads of blue that diverged into screw formations that jumped all around, here and there, which entered the small mold in the back that had grown out of him, the size of an unnatural, yet an almost complacent ardor was discerned out of his expressionate facial contortion that was clearly played-with a little while he walked or the way he gutted every fish he camped on top of or rang about, then around of, until there was little to be said about the infection that had accumulated then spread across the entirety of his brain's surface; almost, completely.

Fallen apart, his brain was turned into a mush, as the lamp fell off, its glass shattered soon after. Many of them immediately gathered around him in order to hold a short vigil as he squirmed on the ground like some unnatural creature, incapable of understanding what intruded on its thoughts and why.

'For this reason, I've come up to a single conclusion that I choose to stick with, for the time being at the very least; since I'm a paramedic or disease.'

Said the man, while fashioning his face ever so closer to the bodily-odorous smelling cadaver; that nasty thing that could not be brought onto question any longer, nor was there any doubt now; that he would not take what was rightfully his, nor would he doubt the existence of another contender, if all was right. If the shines' bright, then don't match the shoes.

'Yes, I think he's been poisoned, a lot of it I would come to think. But you needn't worry about it, for I know the right cure, I simply know how to fix this man.'

'How? Tell us, tell us immediately!'

All-fallen, right into Sandrite's palms:

'Sand, I think I planted too much of it inside of him, what do you think, man?'

I need a second opinion!'

The second incision had already been made, all around the side of the 'almond', where the real body of Hen-tempo was being kept in. A dishelved, prunish-version of what he used to look like, almost life-like,

but tenebrously eaten, as if by some incestuous yet expectable, highly expectable hunger he couldn't have gotten away from during his life.

A room: Filled with a few beacons of light, all shaped like police cones, flashing throughout the night.

'I've come to miss my chance to yet obey what's been taken from me. A-glare, I see.'

To and fro they moved alongside, seething as they drenched their cowls' true in serpentine.

'I'd show some respect if I were you, but knowing how you act when you're alone, unattended by your servants as well as the people who form your company, I think I'd rather show myself our rather than entertain another second within your lousily unbearable presence that I am forced to deal with as men of my calling are usually forced down the line when no longer able to meet the demands as well as the standards that were clearly established long before I showed up with my servitude perfected, as I bowed to little to no others that might've told me, otherwise, for finer circumstances, to avoid the people's perniciously inclined-altering yet worthy of no reprimand's house, of common interests, at large established as they would've had me stumble upon the tips of my toes until no longer would I feel accountable for what's been shone upon the blight's come upon the instability of the ground, and empty crooks as well as the disabled hooks of such uncertainty, calling, that any other man left aghast in my place then yet, sojourn, avast, would've found himself leaving soon after. If he were in my place; to the dormitory with you from this point on, as I await what little's left of my embrace.'

Plenty of reasons were laying around as to why it was a bad idea to do that. To open the door; a pile driver, a motorcycle pit and a den-tube appeared to be rounded up together in a circle-of-iron spinning around with most of them being willy-nilly flung around then about, then allowed a moment more of some respite as to not reach the same conclusion as the others; the process that took place, even remotely observed made it so the least relevant of growths would come to him unless it was explicitly said and worded properly:

'You'll be killed as soon as you step in on the other side of this flooring right here.'

Clearly high-lighted by him, as if by stage, as if by thorough-fare.

The fellow that drew forward was nothing other than some giant conical-backward pointing with the tip being a pseudo-right hooked, flaccidly resting on the ground 'scorpion-tail' filled with lumps of fat – hornet, with a fat-pseudo elephant single leg in the front, almost as fat and as deformed as a seal, with a giant humanoid-like growth sprouting from beneath the 'tail', together when seen by the side would almost give the impression of a beak, as well as a strange near humanoid up to mid-way through the jaw and only a few meters above it with a smaller 'lid' formation, rounded, as a dome or a solidified tongue after the lower side of a man's gulley had been blown off by pair of high caliber slug. He was out of breath and spoke in tongues. It was still noon and there was little to no reason to await or disturb the concentration before they rung about a single tumbling chair that's been thrown around, then gone.

'There's another man waiting behind that door!'

'Which one, I think there's someone else come before that.'

Elevated crooks, falling apart as they spoke, never one time shot-n'-wonder who's the first come onto the line:

A power- cord, power-like, standing in the middle of the open-cardboard-like roofless room; the sky a storm of blue, smoke-ultramarine. And a few puffy clouds of some resin entered within the whim of an open-mouthed, nigh fallen apart; a single spot of color that signaled a trail of arm-prints left behind.

'Someone squeezed them to death, I wager!'

'Were they ever alive? I seem to reek oft fathom less; whenever such there is, I'm highly yet basin-impressed onto the wager! Still-canary, come, the door is now open, and we're awaited in the Obituary, for, for little might there be of them, I seek but venture either way.'

'Who is?'

'The totem tall, the creatures whom might not be spared a wicked stall, henceforth you might have to join me on an immediate pass, Jane. Otherwise, I won't see the light that's been taken away from me, either by joint or they, they could do something to us if you, if you did it!'

Jane knew little to no foul!

She had lain, somewhat, dormant for a long enough period of time to realize that her entire certitude of what was real and what had become but a simple jest of many colors of congruent felicities expressed at her magnanimous similitude of a hope-for-something, mortis, like the lamp lodged into the right, ten centimeters between the arm-entry into the lower area beneath the, shoulder, four or so beneath the upper- clearly no longer attached to the arm-bone region that cast a shade on top the lamp like an entry inside some cove, or some cardboard box held up on an incline by a string-wrapped stick, turned into a trap, with the bait being the lamp, leaving as much as a simple hollow spot inside this thing, with little to no severity as for the yolk that's come in that came and drenched with swagger-moved up and down, like some raft, like some rip-raff, pumping in-and-out piston, giving her a hard time, since her two legs were united into one, below, where her feet would've been now lay a simple flat tile on top of which and with the help of whom she moved.

Lamp-fifteen

'The law states clearly that there's not a single soul to be seen dwelling beneath the curving light under the siege's largely abhorrent mass until the first of the heralds of the past returns!'

A giant blob off the ground-ish figure with eight appendages randomly thrown, bearing a wide-spread on it humanoid-rodent made out of molars and flat teeth-like plates that formed images of statues in approached. It crawled and when stopped, it formed three great perfectly chiseled faces at that. All too moist the rubbing; near-seat; one of the sermon-attendants was merely rubbing his feet off the carpet.

Two conversations near the Riverbanks

There was some reason to feel some animosity towards them; but the lamp withdrew back in its place.

‘You’re a crack-shot, aren’t you?’

‘I suppose I am, I suppose I am, but what’s it to you? Last time I checked, you’re nowhere the fanfare; in case you’re to be grazed, I could think of nothing more that could serve to rip of some of the swell off the side of your face!’

‘Ere, long, men don’t last, especially since their guts are inundated with parasites; too many of them listen for far too long, sickening their hosts; a sight that should accompany no soul, especially if pained by the weather; whereas the weather wreathed schools of fish in halves, animal species destitute for complacency, extinction driven at last, without a scent to mourn. And mournful was the hour before you came onto my bank.’

‘You’re the landlord of this road?’

‘There’s one trespasser and he doesn’t know what’s good for him, and wouldn’t get it unless it hit him dead in the eyes, with a spittle as long as my forearm accompanying it. Now, you wouldn’t want that, would you? I could take my time and tackle it in whichever way there is.’

‘You’d feint, old man.’

And he was a cheery fellow along the way, of a bunch of cotton trousers that were tall like Spanish Conquistadors, helmeted by a rounded sphere with three livid skulls implanted, with their ancient sockets cracked in, but holding pipes out of them that bore tenebrous tubes that entered him around a circled band. He was armless and belonged to an armless lot; only one leg that was segmented into eighteen’s, going all the way back, on which he crawled. And beneath his chest, many such crooks as rats and critters, pigeons, salamanders, squirrels and a vulture or two on top the one blind crow; that hid inside a safe-like depression-locker he had turned the lower side of his body in. Stored nowhere near his true-organs since they were but a simile of his true-being, a supper for no canister if he were to be drained:

‘The vehicle you came in!’

‘My car.’ Interrupted the youthful fellow, a bit too sharp for a pulp that’s been ripped away from him beneath the second day’s turned-ahead and neared-like; for the blasphemy of colored, killed by his kind, left a bloody trail utmost niggardish in appearance.

‘I think there’s a scent coming from its way.’

‘You should watch it old man, unless you want something to happen to you as well!’

A direct threat, at which a few witnesses were present to bring the account to one of the nearest courts in the country, ensuring not even the slightest detail would be ever-so cleverly swept beneath the bush, as to facilitate such an entrapment that their likens were to fade immediately after being received with the proper forms and what not. A Magister, two of them even were present during the first derailment of nods; no contribution of any sordid value to be jotted down.

Bathed in rum

Set to burn before a sun that didn't speak just yet to the subjects despite having been heard only at the first end's brought upon, sightless hum.'

'There certainly are a lot of bums on these streets, aren't there?'

'And it's your utmost holy duty to pick something as outlandish as possible and split open their god damn faces in as many halves as you possibly can, otherwise they might get a chance to rise up and kill us instead! It's a pitifully dark world to live in and I'm very much afraid that there's no other chance to cleanse it of all the evil that's been spread by the falser Martyrs that have made their way onto our wretchedly beaten to a pulp neighborhood. It's a saddening thing but I think there's a slim chance we might get to live through it as long as you promise to eat a piece of my face and use whatever might befall onto your hand to commit as much crime as possible, like a nigger would!'

'And there's a reason for that, no? '

'I'd think there was, unless someone administered something I could not expect the likens of to cure!'

'A fox would do, if I weren't to intrude upon it, were I be so rude as to decline!''

A dark stench emerged from beneath its pouches once an ounce of its vaporous gas got released from the many mammalian-like layers of overlapping skin, with the help of an utmost tremendous effort , needlessly said, let alone observe, had it managed to raise a few of its beacons from its barely holding body, while resting on its one thin frozen stream of a clotted blood-like leg, which held its elongated skullish baboon, holding a tree-like oak of many bulbic balloons it pumped in and out through the straw like leg that came out of its mouth, attached to the soil like some spoiled parasite, poisoning every wretch and everything that came into its hold; until the cackle subsided and therefore anchored by the likes of a seethe of skin and lumps of him, become humanoids that fell; wretchedly adorned every step and every barrow-den of stone and bile; dead-upon the fall, forming a forest of suicide as many more still-births released their clasps, their arms and their hold upon what could only be called something that allowed them to carry on and push on living. One of the lumps was but squarish-rounded mid-riff, like some toaster whose head was the top of a human head whose hair was grabbed by someone's hands in an attempt to make a tail, but then turned organic, coils entering as if they lay, turned into a funnel of skin and entered through the many bold remains as they joined the similar of ilk, distraught; the face bore an almost curved likens, connecting its mouth to this 'leg' as if it were but a public drinking fountain's jet; slurping on it with puckery fat lips, like that of an ugly sub-human nigger's beaked chewing upon prey's swollen masticated rubbery-mass; a human-toe incisor sticking out from its right side; a canoe-face; hung vertically whereas the eyes adorned the top-most opposite to its mouth end; the body beginning from the back of its occipital bun, behind the visors, as if gushing out a second fountain; hanging disproportionately on its left side; weighty even; almost a shell when aligned and no longer pumping but made of many individual organs that kept growing and receding in size.

A simply bathtub didn't suffice for all the conciliatory needs one had to bear the slither in the skin of, as to be fully crowned with little less than needed such was frowned upon by them, and likened, to the

shallow, elongated rook that entered the bathing side; thermal attachments, allowing them to drown momentarily as they slackened, over' more.

'A drink that's spiked, and lesser minds, though you shall dare endear. I see, I see.'

'There's a wager to be held between the two of us, isn't there?'

'I'm listening, I'm listening.'

'I have a twice-a-headed cup'

But before he could drown himself with a single gulp, they had to answer the single door, the one that was being knocked against, bastardly a whore!'

As all would have them be, with glibber-see-through therefore be, of no regard, was there a second thrice, an emptiness of morning through which a few passengers allowed the walk in the dark. It was pitch black, the sombre dark reveal, upon the door opening and upon the upheaval, not to bother anyone, not to miss perchance something that could bring a nod, an empty gut, or so much closer, therefore brought. Was there a single nibble upon the bites, taken for light granted by empty lights whose sibs and empty nibs, crawling and wriggling, worms of pudgy mass, fat and bloated, entered through the ground, inviting themselves in and before long, they were formed as solid and tall as man, but ill-equipped with hundreds of limbs instead, appendages that were solely kept together by squirm. But the worms didn't talk at all, instead, they dashed half-way through the door, took a glance upon the table, from one end to another, although peculiarity alike had it told that it was something very much senseless since, they had no eyes to begin with, and upon grabbing a hold of the spirits, they simply gobbled it down the gulley, with the bottle and all. Leaving nothing behind as to get something of what was lost. Instead, of what could only be thought as some partition that was given a hold of in terms of notes they had written down, although the language they were preponderant to speak was of a gibberish that could barely be understood at all, the part of the man put in charge to decipher this strange code that, without a doubt was given birth no fewer than a few moments prior to their most peculiar meeting; where the worms, unlikely to realize that by normal means there would be, perchance a way for them to be properly understood, have settled on playing a fanciful jest upon the men, who, having elected Jonathan Hyrksum as the head of the Decipherment Department, were left with a bafflement of such undoubtedly magnanimously high proportions that they had overindulged themselves in reaffirming yet at the same time tinkering with their initial appraisal, as to discern the quality of the paper itself, that, having been handed onto them after a set of rushed sprawls, was already held under some considerate scrutiny in an at a first glance given educated opinion kind of attempt to brute-force its meaning out of the strange sheet that had been given onto their care. Yet, seeing how there was definitely no credible way of properly establishing whether or not there was any kind of coherence as well as some logical meaning to the note itself, the head of the Decipherment Department settled with nothing short of calling it a day as he entertained a most poignant rubble that ended up with his clear suggestion of them offering their guests only more drinks; as was the case in those days. During the supper; of a clock whose tongue struck close to midnight.

'Worming forks of silver gone!'

‘And ink of blotter, never-come upon the sight? Howdy come for them to meet, such greyed out sack of podgy milk? Of ink octopi brought before the numb and whose thumb was it belonged to, which wrote the note they’ve brought onto our deep retorted head of fortitude crabbed?’

‘I think they, I think they’ve got a hand, sir, look!’

‘By my sight, but what eerie drawn a sight we’re being met by, that is, but it could not be, is it?’

‘It is sir, the hand of a man, taken by one of them, held dearly by their chest, I say, they’ve stolen a few bodies down the fall, who stumped upon the pitch-black drunkenly and stepped upon the Notre Dame! I say, they ought to be punished by such imprudence. I mean, by those who’d tardy stumble, get a number, put them in the line right after, where to serve, good sir; for what they’ve done, they must be held accountable for!’

‘But wait a minute, dear company awaited, in forbearance misgiven, lest one could expect such trifles still. I sink but a cinder past the poker’s bill and you may note me down for saying. I think that we’ve judged these gentlemen far too quickly for such arrogant commodities of pointing fingers at those who cannot challenge our prosecution held, or else, I’d say, there’s something to it that might save them from spending time in the stooper’ jail!’

‘And you. You’re to be appointed then!’

‘Chief of Defence, I say, my clients, as you may notice, even now, especially now, are falling apart. And how could one hold them accountable for anything, but a kill, something that sends shivers down the spines of ill, when they, these fine gentlemen had not even had the time of the day or a say, in their defence, or something past the quail that might’ve helped their case soon after, saying. Of the lot which brought, of the pitched brought back, and the darkness of the blot, from which they’ve been dragged out of, by curse of blood, just as to be fed by us. There’s little reason to affirm, no less. From what little I’ve come to observe.’

‘Carry on then!’

‘That, they are highly, most solemnly, inoffensive to touch, and we’ve got nothing to fear out of them, since they’re but of kind that allows no fear to be drawn, as you may see from this extreme example, their fear far outnumbers ours, per chance, per chapter, if ever be another note brought to us and for the Head of the Decipherment Department to have another go at it, if that’s the quail of gone-after. Then, it shall be resolved!’

‘Properly!’

‘Indubitably!’

Less likely, soles repellent, something comes out of the dark. A giant head-peeped in, almost human-lamb with the snot of a pig and a single hearing trumpet sticking out of its right side of the jaw, the mid-riff between some artery, the ear and the eye, beneath the check bone, the tri-fecto; but the snot wasn’t empty, bore two pill-shaped connected teeth-welded together almost; holding in the back, a few extending appendages that were sharp enough to be metal beams. It spoke in smoke and shot hardened soil out of its eyes, which were four ellipses, two on each side, vertically aligned, unlike that of men; puffier was the

substance inside of them that started crawling out, puffy smiles and dark green fleshy plants were spat out eventually, inside of which some crone drew herself among the many tattering insects that had gobbled pieces of her crowned. For she wore a crown of bones and feathers of coiled dead-crows that made her garb; a beggar or a hobo, most likely they all thought her. But her servant didn't allow them a chance in the flit for either one to say something that might offend, or get them on their feet, would it attempt, then spark a shatter, cracking of the skull!

'Take a seat, why won't you, ma'am?' Came quite quickly, without a sound!

A little house-hold near them:

'Lake's dry innit?'

'We've been at this for the past few hours you insignificant stone-sharper, I told you already, that's not how it's supposed to work.'

'I've taken a drink from it no sooner than yesterday at four ticks upon the sundial. The disc started oozing with complacency as it gave me a nasty bite.'

The pouch standing in front of him, upon the hour of bleed dry, appeared slightly morose and open-mouthed. Its many incisors crawling around the tips of his dwindling fingers; and because of it, that could not be mistaken. As this vile creature ate a shard off the tip of a diamond diver's long dropped needle rack. Most impressively as it were:

'I wouldn't have believed it unless I would've seen it with my two irradiated eyes.'

Arparn struck the his dull calloused finger up its mouth; preventing is from chewing the clothed facet bore by the square-rounded at each angle, pentagon-shaped table with spikes at every end coming out of it, and four great hair-covered faces that bore curved teeth-spears coming out their mouths.

A small rock-puddle lizard by the road came at once; side-long glanced, put through a small tube that wasn't crushed by the sped-off couch that passed, it carried with it, as such but a bottled message it had hid inside it. There wasn't any good way of understanding what came onto it, especially since it began floating towards the assassins during their time of concentration. A few knives flew around but neither of them hit any target, let alone would've made any ruckus as to disturb their tiny fleet-creation, as they settled in the room.

'We've got company it seems, do you think you could leave your game of ships and anchors for a moment as to see what it is?'

'You do it if you want to, but I'll stay, I need to know what's happening in here, until they drag along and find us off slacking here.'

'Unlikely so, we've left too many false-tracks to be found, I doubt either one of them will find us here, especially since we've already peaked one road along-side the boat-ruffle.'

‘Not sooner after, you will have told me it was just my fault that we got found.’

‘I wouldn’t dare to mess with your mind like that, friend, not after what we’ve been together through; in any case, my life would simply be a given and exchanged before we’d even do the thing.’

And as little as of theirs as had remained, they could, just as sublimely see. The lizard that arrived, who came by their side and entered through the painstakingly flat pane, whom, drawn upon, beneath and through as a carpet-parchment dragged and fished, was greeted thus, upon a simply yet concise remark taken back by Flaugh, whom pertained himself unfit to see, that the lizard had bloated itself, a blimp with four mean manly eaten humanoids inside of it, that so remained:

All four of them spoke as if they owned the assassins or had contracted them with blood-money clots, inside, hid, as they would see it fit and taken for fools, instead of lords, whom crawled upon the moving floating floats, that were the castle rods, that had been taken from the mighty bloats, whom had eighteen heads or more, where most of them were, just as such, deformed, cruelly so, upon the falling never-ending stretch of the eighteen monthed days of hope, where the mad-star that was eyes with cruel beaks and was hardened with many peculiar, hard-to-swallow, spiked contortions that were their graves, of the ancient beings that had awakened during lays of dark when one could not refuse to listen after that to the mourning of the ancient days that followed after, during which they sent messages to the darkened people of the fallen-through moons that fell out of their hearts, being very much incapable after that of fully expanding on them-selves, since humanity was under their control and they, like fetuses rose, out of the groundless abode of the butchered body-cozy home that floated in the sky, where billions of hearts were made to appear, belonging to otherworldly creatures that had no eyes but were in search of them in order to understand how the manifestation of cries appeared in peoples minds since they suffered for uncalled for and unworthy eternities that could not be dealt with. For that reason, of woe was little said as a cue, to be faked upon the sight of beggar’s rains that pushed through the munching-marches of bastardity that rose from the infantry of second disease that followed and trampled over everything until not even the slightest most uncannily recognizable hope could be told of.

And these messages were slightly reawakened in one of the men’s hearts since they didn’t, and did not only not know any better but they feared as any man would, even those with solely deformed wicked hearts, who could not help themselves but give themselves, to flay and to heartless remains that could not be forced out on command. For such pain was pure beyond the likings of a watcher, as it were, were it so, and were it just as such, hard to expand upon and to understand the likings of a mournful gaze, given onto you by a stranger whom, during his puerile acridity of many hues and shades that would suffice, if had been seen, would’ve refrained one by forced, to stop and ask him whenever, this trance being done, how and why had this to happen and for what reason after?’

‘I’ve been trying to reach you, dark lizard of four swallowed men.’

‘Soon to be five if you annoy me, you prick-haze!’

Damn this little insignificant mongrel-lizard creature, who ought to have been shamed into misscreation, be taken for the foolish thing there is to be aghast during a time of great deceitfulness that might be taken away from him, as if to cast him during longer days in which the rob of his humanity’s stolen vigorous imitation, this mimicry of what he thinks a man ought to be acting as if, even though this lizard doesn’t

know anything, ought to have been shamed into complete laceration, until destruction will have occurred completely, during the mind of it, I would've thought just as such, I, the blade of evil, of supreme alteration and life's greatest-vile creation, will have taken it entirely for what's it been made, for what is it and cast it into evil days where the pockets will have emerged from the depths of the bowels and the ever-after that comes yonder, from whichever be the cast he's been most mockishly come out of, bastardization of saddened brown-dirt air, of such approach, I called onto him:

'Listen you dark creature of evil days who served as blameful preposition; I ask something of you that might be given in order for me to access the retribution of the most incessant, most lurid fruition as for my every dream to come back to life, I need to ask of you as such, give me back what's been stolen from my darkened soul, that trinket which had made me admit of my defeat.

When I was met, by stronger feet as they would've seen them so.'

'I've four knives on me.'

'Won't they cut through your belly?'

Henceforth, seeing how they could do nothing else than was needed, and having come to that conclusion that risking their lives as to approach it was dangerous, they pulled out their arm-long powder-players, harpies-having amassed around their arms, as they pointedly, although thinner still, as starved birds, though human still they tried not making much of a fuss, as for their bleeding, thoroughly made to be touched in order to curb the into them instilled suffering, with pin-bolted rusty nails being closed shut inside their raft-wings of dirty clay moist cardboard, munching with tadpole eels lodged inside their heads, having already crawled inside their veins as mother-leopards attempt to look after their young, in order to make sure that these strange-ladder things they made while placing themselves one on top the other, clearly misaligned, signaling that they were done, pumping blood from one side to the other, although, appearances being most deceitful, as it happened, they were not the leeches, instead, it was the two assassins that were pointing onward most decrepitly with drool hanging down the left side of their faces, having, their clearly-hit-by-age molars elongated into the upper roof of their mouths, where smaller demons were plainly trapped inside, rotting as they were become part of the disgustingly deformed great cysted crystal-dark clock-shaped peculiar chained hold that took them before the fully encompassing growth of the tooth-forest could drown them in place, thoroughly set, on what they were doing as well. They were undistracted as to give the lizard devourer a chance to strike back, most concurrently, no run was involved. No chance for flight, only the melting of the ceiling as they planted it even before it had come.

'You've poisoned the secret walls, haven't you?'

'We'd be looking at you through a hole if you were out, but I suppose neither one of us is perfect, is he?'

'Should we take it outside, in that case?'

'Think yourself fit enough to take the two of us head on out there? What makes you think you'll stand the slimmest chance when you can't even toy with us beneath the melting ceiling-drop of venom?'

To their slightest, even most irresolute thing that was, reason, they had put a basilisk man through one of the strung-pillar horns; and drew breath out of it, as they came along.

A coy little thing approached, it leaped froggedly with the intention to main. There would be no threat other than, trying to understand where it was coming from.

A passer-by the road:

‘You, yes, you little thing, where have you come from and why have you come, when I’ve seen you before the noon, during which you stood and waited, hid inside?’

‘Where have you seen me, little man? Answer me without remorse, for I shall bring only the worst in you, if such’s the play.’

Both of whom were stared, each other’s eyes being, dare one say, staring in four direction, by a cloud, back, by a tree, a duckling mad, and a single knifed ill-man. Who was fumigating with steel-converted gas as well. He was bothersome in awe and steel. An army by his side, and two giants with a baton-teal, feathered griffon-made alight.

He prepared one of his, beneath the pocket- gloves, moist and covered in some popping honey, as the peasant would know himself to be prepared for what was coming in case his hand slipped beneath his pocket.

It was only a matter of a few seconds, during a most sober playful throw of a short napkin that flew past his eyes, to which he stumbled backwardly, in the middle of the day, almost trampled over by the fly-through horse that came along, most-swaying, were there figures in, one came along and yelled:

‘Off with you immediately, or I shall have you fingers taken any day!’

He yelled as quickly as he could but after, stopped, and wooden wheels that had been brought around felt as little:

An elongatedly deformed head with eighteen giant bubbles of meat coming out of it and off its sides, drawing out, then adding to one another’s most terminal-hard-to look at smaller yet thinner cadaver-like plump hose-like pumps they kept into each and every single one’s clearly, outwardly exposed bellies.

As easily as he trashed around, he leaped off the road and began drawing ahead, with him, as if the slope were a ramp, as much speed as he could attain in a short amount of time, without leaving as much as a single breadth of a barrel to be lumped with him, neck-craned and long-footed as he were before, now, upon squeezing and clenching his entire body in a fetal position, by the time he had reached the river, the man, grazed to a degree where both his knees, whose clear alignment with his disturbingly hard to properly admonish un-chiseled but buckled joints merely began pushing around a fifth of his fingers, that, had been, to a fault, wrapped in such a way, the branches and the various other grassy roots, that wrapped themselves around him, while on his way, through the hill, the arc being angled at a sixty four degree, concave-push-in that all of the sudden turned into a slight raise-depression in kind of leap-bump caused by planted in the soil prissy acorns, left there, ever since the last summer had gone, being absorbed by the evil floating being Mythauobhyn, whose strange delight, upon the sight looked like a cut-in half palm with a single ‘arm’ shaped like a thumb, his ‘knuckles’ being his lungs, and head was but depressed in, as

if he wore a soldier's helmet but in turn he was a parasite, with a man eye, his right, and a left socket, sutured, and a mouth open like puckered lips, but only shaped that way, with a worm-like finger toe wriggling tube sticking out and dripping on the ground as well, coated in gull-resin and a whitish pigmentation with red and a black slit torn in, whom wilt his children yet chimneishly painted in charcoal, and then entombed in acorn, then fed, the many dead whom were in his service only being a part of this, strange conjunction beneath them, this almost giant cryptish, cryptic, criptous sarcophagus chamber-like space that had been penetrated in, not only so, but to such a similitude of screams, and shouts, that one would only come to abandon his life and what it meant for him, if he stood too long, as to be drowned by the noiseless echoes of the ancient old like haggish figures, all together, glancing, dancingly, rancid in smell, morose and most-content to some degree not even they would've thought it possible, for what was worth, a sea, whose reaches, having lain beneath them only drew from one point to another, the waves that thrust, plenty of I and J shaped stalactites, whose cssk but bothered the men, up there, cssk nearing an end, the slashes ending, receedingly to the top, at a stop, when, all too suddenly, the ancient figures only considered putting an end to their lives, since they stood there in the dark, trembling as they saw fragments finally crack underneath the stress, caused by the acorns planting themselves deeper and much clearer than before, it's been, alike, paranoia being undermined by a sudden apparition of duck-head with knife-murder painted on them. One of them owned a temple. It was temple adorned with the heads and the bodies of millions of men without legs, in search for them, although not told of the strangeness that was kept inside and behind locked doors. Entombed by the darkness that was in the bearing heart, this temple was aligned, in the same way a decrepit ziggurat would, endlessly enamored, then lost after, to such degree of a destined fault that one could forget that there were still kind men trapped in this world, whose touched upon echoes still heap unknowing among their own.

'We're lost, mister, I. Wanted to ask you something, if you may.'

'What's that kid? I thought I told you to scram already. Just leave.'

He took a few steps in and was already stopped before he could do more harm than he's done. Two men stopped him, hanging lousily by his drooping head. He was intercepted right before he could slap the kid across his face.

'Why'd stop me? Think, think, for a moment, this does not concern you at all. It does not have to involve you at all.'

'You're going to have try harder than that, the kid's missing a leg.'

'I've seen the peg, but, man, I'm, the pig, the war-pig, the boar is on its way, it's there!'

Before he could yell the slash had come through already, cutting through the ground, fell-swoop like, with a buoyancy of growths that cut through the pillars, the towers, the shatterless street, until fully made and bastardly extended, the men but faltering unfended, on their knees but wrought, and shoulders streaming by their sides as their faces were torn apart, while the boar sang, in came into the view, but bearing his sinew, drooping merrily over-spread:

A bubbling body made-man like of ribs and four great legs, jointed by each jolt as they spread in four directions, a mounting turret, out of whose mass, not gelatin-like but still putrid and decayed, forlorn and torn apart, it drew, an X' two ellipses cranium whose upper 'horns' were one flaccid-droopingly sting-

segmented dark formation, the other, wide-spread but grown, a bubble-chamber balloon with a single eye twisted and filled with scorn, casting a shadow on top a perfectly aligned stalagmite-stalactite twist, horizontally but on an incline aligned, whereas underneath the stinger rested a lower-crane-formation with a single punch-bag weight bearing blood it drew inside of it after feeding away, both sides but standing like pincer in the wait, the front of the face but bearing a thing like two moving incisors, beaks split each way, one moving front, dragging the other back, and forth like pistons, as well. As two shoulders barely aligned, one that was akin to, while attached to the first out of two segments, a hair-drier pointing out, but whose end was attached to a man's spine segment but wax-figuresque, with stalactite but fat-shaped incisors pointing down, towards a green but filled with pea-shooter holes, that threw steam at it, as they were done, with the endearing of its presence, at the end of the final segment that made its arm, there being a single scythe, but on both sides, as it bore two arms after all. A deformed weird-rabbit-like creature, almost, as if it was caved in by punch:

'I've come to ask you something, that I may be given solace in your homes. Invite me in or I will break in, breaking the law.'

'That's illegal, you nasty boar!'

'And you maiden, are nothing but a damned whore. Therefore, thou are to be treated in pain and suffering until you shall remain dead.'

'Twas there, said and in the distance!' There he pointed:

'Who were you tallying to, friend? Are you not of a reason not to ask when there are people whom fate would have come around to take of plain day what's taken from and out of what's lain on top of them?'

'No, of course not, I didn't think as far as that, in all honesty, my good man, I only considered there being a chance for me to get out from underneath the pit, upon a shallow shooed upon cat's fallow feet and taloned claws to broth of undertaken stones and those whom might come after, upon the many weary homes in which it had come through and around, I've seen of plain things and I've asked before, whom might tell me what's gone through my mind, after careless planning failed, and of little as I remain dumbfounded as how was it then, but now, that I am come about, hour-soulless but run-through shroud she's wearing, mine but taken, fallen through, upon the slide, I've come as pure as a new-born child, carried by her, but turned around and thrown in one of the bellow-cans she's hidden away, of little more will I say, but so you know, I've been betrayed by that feline demon who's in turn had me taken to a place, akin, and similar, within reason to the one she's been through, marches' pouch, and would I have known she'd do this to me, I would've had myself wrung first instead of being so-so forced to suffer, imprisonment in the lack-of-key, and puberty of infantile glee that's been arificed inside globe-for-bog replaced murk for courteous iris, taken sight, I've come about to realize, that, they, they, the lords-of-lay, standing between us to such countenance as one would have it, imprisoned me thinking I'd rather had it, then take my life before the day of the guillotine's spine-sprinkle of slat-but slate of stone conveyed but blood wondrously taken away but granted to starving children into clot, upon the broken streets of thine' kingdom's wrought and robbed of much-awaited liberty, kept in silence, orphans that would not betokened to wait for me to stance and lay, as they've taken me soon after, from one point to another, upon burdened wheels of classy steeled-grazed, but coated, and missforgotten ventures to each guard's jest, where they have left me hanging, drearily during nights but longer days thinking that something

might happen if only I could see, mine taken from me, before the much-awaited, longed for at this point return, when fancied themselves not, to bring me moist bread but taken away, with rust upon the rush-of what's lain inside the little worming roots, as shallow ground and soiled dark, in wingless and the signaled to me decay, that's to have served as a warning for what's to come near the kingdom if I decided to stay may, into this world, as I was made to suffer for months after, of such dysentery felt absinthe, fed to me like gulps of filthy grit and spindle, as they pointed, somewhere above, where rook was joined by craned upon, most bastardly awakened, upon twisted most-malborious branch, as mockishly purple-painted cheeks belonged, to such squirrels as one would have, but given to my heart, I beckoned to be replaced by them, that I may lay there, even if by pain, put-down, by blade much bathed in myself, but oozing sweat be-brought to a stomped upon verdant nature, as the kingdom that awakened me to reality's dark elation has only stopped when brought such forth, to a man named Ethalyon, whom served such gates, and deep-wrought chains, upon his back, this very day, therefore remain, in place but bid, and better seed, that his parents planted, upon their farms where they may have gotten rid of nasty pest, be it snail of darkened snake of little venom – high regard, where he was born and thinking of it, until a time would come that he would finally be gotten and made sad as to realize and be known as well, upon the high betokened fame that he could fine such lords, instead of beg, and force their hands, until, they will have recognized him, such and such, as well, that in the end he would be one of them. It is that man that I have met upon the gate, when brought near to him, I spoke, to tell, of story lessened, to be shown, much and well beyond kindness that I alone would not have recognized by no means, as they would have it pleased, to be given by higher coil, and reddened rage upon the ones of foil that stood beside him, I reckon.'

It stood before there, mighty tall headed as well. A bucket full of sprouts that shot in wild directions, kept up high by four mighty poles forming a cyst-like crystal, standing high. Each pole being split in half, as if they held a furnace rounded thing, a forger-blacksmith's plain delight. Upon a girthed oblong pear- whose open body, lower-near its belly below, formed four black tunnels that receded in the back, into a trough. From the distance they looked like stranger-hardly did it matter if someone could comprehend, teeth-deranged and curved at each end, this fatter lower-matchbox body, bearing its roots of gelatin, spread awake in the surroundings, made to waste, within its 'feet', which connected, dartingly to a flying veal, liquefied appeal, flying as a slug-contorted like a murky pool, pincer-like contorted, like a leashed horse, it shackled it with its mighty spread of spear-roots, both of them together, put and wrought in part as well, contorted in each other's spell. Though the slug's head bore a much stranger, harder to look at, let alone understand, almost a falchion-like thing coming out of it platform shaped head, but mighty stinger upon which wrought, the painless and tormented, wrought. They were both strangely lobed and drew to the side, nearest to the city's watches', a loss of people being near them, wherever they watched. Their ghostly, rigorous, unfathomably comprehensible as to forget what happened to them, was cripplingly forgotten then.

A few meters away from them, a pea-shooter long-shotter, bearing a fat elephant-girthed front canon coming out of a barred giantly elongated helmet, barred around the rims of its curved head, the area being polished black and filled with torn-apart led, a wriggling neck beneath it holding a mannequin's torso connected to a curved, almost grabbing door's handle, of which wriggling coil then aligned like a finely placed snowboard upon which it drew in the back, chained and filled with human-like spine segments as for the hinges that kept it together, like a finely clothed woman's corset filled with iron-black shoelaces pushing aside. In the back only a dark worming thing could be seen, drawing from one point o another

like a planar thing filled with smaller buds beneath it, forming pairs of two that, pointing dowry droopingly to a fault, whereas through them, down-cysted, came an unnaturally – low strung wasp but thinner like barely standing syringes, pointing below. It looked, from below like a deformed pupae, or the bottom side of an ark, filled with the wriggling tips of ‘blood-samples’. It was followed around by it, although that wasn’t something they spoke of out loud. Bodied by a strange pinnacle of littler things that came together for one last time:

‘I’m sorry mister, but I feel as if there’s a need for me to apologize for something, but I have somewhere else to be, an appointment I suppose, that I cannot for the likes of me, miss or delay any longer.’

‘You’re free to go wherever you have to son, don’t let us stop you or anything.’

‘I won’t, don’t worry your pretty little head about it.’

‘I shall do it nonetheless.’

And the kingdom as thus put under distress, since there were power-reactor crone-shaped tower-figures floating everywhere, drenching every one pedestrian of Yore in basked upon energy and more than enough of it started rubbing off.

They were much prone to ask for shone, upon them, merry light, and upon blight they called upon, obtuse delight:

‘May I have an apple from the garden market, that I may draw upon, as one may be.’

Walked forth a hundred miles they did without any repercussion for the pressure that was being forced upon the much-eroded ground, torn apart, where they were waited, by the side of the road by a giant pear-giant faced-head, worn-skin, murdered man’s’s, with a drooping nose the size of a trunk and a beady eye and a fallen apart growth-molder of skins hanging low and a short fifty centimeters off the ground raised off, melted-as if of gelatin if it were, carpet-bubble giant boil hardened puddle as if frozen in part, mix of teeth and other bones taken off the skull, if it were a cranium and mixed, on a pseudo flop-flopping roll that drew around upon which it dragged itself as if it were melted and he was part slug. A humanoid cranium whose lower side beneath the cheekbones and the general area where the jaw connects was missing but out of which, on top would it be standing on top a cushion or the likes, as to draw from side to side, every now and then but not for too long.

It signaled to them, during its approach.

Back and forth as the cog of branches, trenches and spoils, the cabin it dragged with the, half of hill and the two great constricted pieces of woolish things that entered it from both sides.

Of little worth and just as soon jotted apart, both pieces of land entranced, and bidden so, side by side uncannily, more than a few hundred men followr behind its track and pointy starving.

A darkles’ point, with a roof on top moved on, with piece by piece, but pieced was the land together, it dragged on top of wheeled cord, and plenty more things that made it whole, the up-front hanging anchored to the next-bodily giant, whom had been him, shot a glance. But he was legless if one were not to count the one elongated piece that was akin to a kite’s string but hose-filled with organs, drawn upon

many growths that made his own, and plenty more all adding to a great humanoid torso, with only two buds sprouting out of every side, with a tiny, although made be, a sarcophagus with a dog's Anubis height, with a head that was a man's but round, rounder, with only two misaligned horns it wore for crown, a facelessness that only bore a single eye that drooped ever-so lowly after a point, fallen apart, upon its girths, carrying along the cadavers it drew with it and drew along:

'Lo, my master has arrived, upon frail ground that may not be may-be to be called for, conveyed and covered, from one point to another, where the hiding might deflower the ones that out-grow others.'

Even after, when front-done, upon stubby legs he'd walk and talk with little more than what a piece of head, was he left, or he'd been left with gone. As was his mind, but asking, a stranger, never-again, if living, passing, right by him, he'd ask but throng and walk away, of little mind:

'Whom have you angered, great lord, worshipper-maker, of the giant whose ease draws upon all that is destroyed before him?'

'I've little endearment left for those that follow me around and I of all would rustle with no eve that would be taken aft. Therefore, I might seek no countenance be taken.'

Frog legs sprouting here and there, attached here.

'Will you simply lower down your gobbled up things, your heads and human teeth and bodies if I were to ask so kindly of you to settle down arm and carry on from this point on?'

'Nay, there shall be no reason just yet, to forget and lay.'

But there they stood, before the broken house's ledged trough, one of them was standing. One of them receding in their backs.

'A point to me, my good friend.'

Arparn had settled on another cruel thing, his eyes, which was underneath his glove. It leaped on top one of the lower-wells that had gone through the flood's grove.

'Wretched was there a day, when a dire thing conveyed in heavy graves would've called as such, and would to be, was there a cast, there yonder, of little there is pained, as it's. For what's seen by it without you now there's little chance to see it flee.'

In flight they went, and those adorned, along the way. Comprised of people:

'A cage, there's a threat in there, the scorpions gather around, munching on one of the most insolent of creatures, the servant whom named himself Afhweq, servant of the rods, muncher of stronger bonds of iron he's been fed on for the past few months now.'

'How do you know all that?'

'I've seen it during the first mental crisis I've been forced into by spell of praying as to think myself sordidly invincible enough, pneumatically perturbed in a mostly unfathomable manner through which

I've seen the manifestations enfold in front of my eyes as they would speak to me during a time of most unbelievable scarcity.'

'Is there a need for eyes down there?'

'There is a blood pit of blue and red, and green and oozing gelatin as well. Of course there is, as the many people who venture below as in dire need of eyes be taken to them, granted, cut, and shared around.'

A shortage of cement, and plaster added to the collapse of the great stone-floors they appeared to drive the road to. Somehow it followed in their path, the three of theirs, as if it would all of the sudden jolt the entirety of the country in a snap, the stone that had made the pavement upon the couches' wheeled nest's bickering of lost banter, would there be a second chance? If one were to ask:

'What is wrong with that underground goliath's head?'

One of them, most disgustingly looking, purple, from end to end, had homed hundred of tiny bat-seeds white, little whitish bulbs, fashioned like mice but kings, all wrapped around, wings below, all curled into a ball, but capable of light-propulsion. A most disgusting turn of wreathing curls.

'You oozing thing, there are parts of the entire window that entered you, couldn't you have known reason if it had hit you thus?'

'I was poisoned and so were my eyes.'

'We all were, and it went as rue's pus.'

Would it have spilled either way? Would there'd been a second wave?

It was reeking all around, most disparagingly, of coils.

A body wrapped in skins and toiled with, cattle but with tawny, skinned, with stitched holding everything, empty sockets, empty light. What he held inside could hardly matter, since there were hundreds of them, the black coiled hoses that made his gander. Immediately as if on command, they started drawing out of him, each voice, of tendrilled rattle that followed through beaded thrice a spoil:

'Answer us, answer us immediately so.'

A door stood at their the threshold between the one man and the one carrying the bricked stairs on top his kneeled upon maze that made his open boat; the creature that walked on rafted thoughts, the sea was made but would only appear when he was done:

'I've seen it, have you?'

'What'd you see, again?'

'The collapse coming, heading down its way, the one whose treacherous approach is but completely stilled in place, fornicated almost, but broken into pieces on the trough, they call it, Sir-Emen. They'll come for it eventually.'

‘What’d you think’s waiting for us there?’

‘It’s hard to tell and hard of shout, as I am, there’s but ill-left naught and just as little peeling off my lip and mouth. But I’ve seen it before.’

‘You keep talking of the fall.’

‘There’s no fall, buffoon of man, there’s only a most unnatural thing as well, ever so encompassing, whose presence’s yet to appear or make itself fell known.’

‘Will you stop it already? I’ve not heard of a single man think of it that way.’

‘You’ve yet to understand Haygas, of what ought to drag along; through spindly-kindle of the feathery gaze the watcher’s known to, it alone would but suffice to start a conversation with him that would last for hours.’

‘So what do you propose, much, then?’

‘I suppose we could lay in hiding and in waiting for the Collapse to draw back and return, to come to a time, whereas even the slightest most hard of mind and blinded by the things that don’t align will yet have complimented us, misguided. They don’t know much better.’

‘Yet you do?’

‘I suppose I would know that, if it were true, that being, you know of ought of which I’ve yet stumble-drawn, to have ill defined of little-mounded thought, alerted. I’ve yet to ask of such dissected hope.’

There was little to the land that mattered in any case, for whatever lack of lustful there was for it, recklessness had taken hold, bouldering what was there placed of finely crafted stalactites, stalagmites, all but curved together, torsion after torsion to form as such a strange barrage. Trapped nonetheless.’

If only one of the gliding bats, the ones trapped inside each cage could simply come apart, one night, most disturbing light there was, therefore taking, out of cogged throng and hilled upped song, confess of what’s been happening to them. A gloomy graying hairless head, at the crossroads:

‘Wait a moment. I didn’t for a dire second think I would see it here, to begin again.’

‘What’s happened?’

‘One of my troops, a soldier beneath the ranks, one that could’ve made it if allowed, he was to be a greater servant and made to rot, in a place where hairs’d-be brought to a swollen devourer, filled with many such incisors as for scissors, cut, and chopped even, theirs being a habit that even the barbers would yet to have brought to their attentions.’

The gist of misdirection, he’d known it ever since.

A hold of stones was broken down. Out of it there had only been a sticking piece of shrapnel-sound lodged in repeatedly in eight of the jointed in great houses that, kept in the air by rusty sonorous chains. Between which an elongated tree-trunk torso-id with a humanoid heart shaped head covered all in

chitinous plates, with a downward elongated pipe-opening rounded ellipse, out of which stick-bug legs connected with not only the chains but the houses and the people it was devouringly feeding on. A most robust stone cracked itself on top another, flinging itself against a dire-red vaporous filled with acid cloud. A servant joined another, as the communion began. They prayed to be bathed in acid, as there had been many rains that had eaten through the ceiling's rum. An iron lockbox with dark initials cracked as well, the echoes signaling they were not alone, again. It started bouncing against each wall, against reflection strung, the name of the Champion whose surrender gave birth to the crowded grounds, ever on their lips, the scythe-bearers approached, each but pointing their blades inwardly towards their wonted chests, warranted retreat, a second and a third floor fell over themselves because of a most deprecatory scent of rotten mean.

'It's worse than anything even remotely imaginable, worse than I could've ever expected it to be.'

'Only a few living men made it, as far as I can tell, there's but little we can do about them.'

The box oozed in place, no longer eerily given, but grabbed from sided trench; a few fingers curled around it, digging deeply and even deeper than allowed to, one head bust through each dead. A few more of the corpses came running in, all of them missing their feet, appendages being set in steel, yet coated were there pair of wheels upon which they walked. Monocycles, as they bore, filled and covered with blades and knives and plenty of sharp-stingers that all came to life when the master of a hold approached. His reign had ended, yearly upon a faded brow. Grayish strands emerging from his side-long glance, a helmet blue-choral of broadened single handedly beaten-as the army slain lay hid inside the crowded grounds. Although putridly were his curls, emerged, a faceless thing out of his chest, frost. And guarded rails were frozen in their tracks, the demons falling all behind as the master of his house but cackled:

'You shall not get me still to come after you after. You shall not taste of steeled bow, and face but braggingly, that you have faced me and lived on.'

With which on dark command, he'd given, missed his chance to flee away. But stayed for long enough to watch them glancing as the tar released, along the way. Part of his hold tightened to such grip as there was, an extent, at the expense of a single man watching, whose swollen tenderly, embrace, had turned up to be lush-less. Of darkened head, there was a pistol shaped rock, in one of the dens.

All attached to it as well.

'Champion of Erie Dowry Sour, you are called upon the hour to attend. An assassin came upon me now, in yer' watchful hour when you were supposed to watch over me, then, wilt he my life by failure do I live yet such. I will of you to draw much forward.'

While going through the library of limbs and crude made weapons, in this outlandish thing.

That is to say, it was a flying bastardization made out of various portcullis, houses, homes, little trenches, flying hardened fields, buildings, watch towers, dens and other structures joined in, even a raft and a boat, and a few animals whom were tumors, some but not all still fed upon.

Along the oblongidity that ran the course around the tip of his fingers had he searched for a disturbed mental-hardening ill-thing with beating hearts to draw breath and fling his teeth, planting them upon their

wretched melting frets; as he found out by himself that some of them but melted skin on touch, severely maiming his face as some of the Greater Appendages fell, wriggling so upon his brow. One even began producing heat as it worked its way through his mouth and jaw, then even deeper, submerging past the ration that filled his lower body-sacks attached to his throated upper-chested bony-taw. That melted quickly, in turn revealing, that not a single clayish thing was there. No skin but a most disgusting plaster, that made his bowels yet but trail.

Crossed upon the walk :

There stood a few crickets stopped in place, no longer trying to enter through one of the tinier holes that were made, beneath each there being a louder voice that would deliver, no hindrance as to hear what they've wrought in pain. Sculptures of most ubiquitous drew out among their way:

'There's a broken lid that's been shot in, through the lock now both of them but block the entrance.'

'Have you tied a knot of iron, spiked and to their like but strode through light? Of vengeance there's but little alloy to be cast, not that I would have it thus, but there's another, much brother man that's been here before, asking for a thing of lust.'

'SO it's her, the one who locked herself in, Sybaal, that wretched fiend will pay for blocking us out, for what we've come about to hide.'

'What did you find?'

'A most wretched thing, come and see.'

An open window yet appeared to be set-upon a much higher place, upon a higher plane where one could but hinder his descent, upon such abodes, as the lower-ones that were set to cone, and grander, much less stronger, bodies wrought in thunder, that sparkled in the house, and there were other crackling fire, others steam, but in-between a butcher with eighteen blades all coming from within him. Tool of war, embodied in cones, some had grown their limbed thrones, that dragged them in, but removed by cords, attached to the sets as well as the cones, allowed them to move forward wherever they would go towards. Some stole men's eyes and walked on feet stitched together onto them, these sharp-pawns, but her servants, her, no head, but hard a few scythes and crowbars of cartilage coming out the stump that used to be her neck.

'What a terrible house to live in, is it not?'

'I so happened to share the same thought as you had, but it never crossed my mind that something like this would happen. If you were to look closer, even for a moment's notice, you'd see what I'm referring to, you'd see what I'm talking about.'

A single spark, and there a release, a basement of globed people of whose heads were movingly attached with chained-stones that made them go back and forth until busied by the pain that's been pinning them down ever since, and lain to their side, another woman, made out of three joints, two hers and the last a giant pumping eely thing that entered the side of her 'toes'. Her head was elongated and fat, to the sides wider, but her brow filled with miss-placed eyes that all went into the wrong sockets. Her mouth was a giant car light rounded can, with a speaker's bolt in the middle of it, producing cries and sounds of pain, as some of their insecticide ran their course, but none fell, above her rains. Since most of them, for some

reason kept their distance from the hole, not to fall through the floor immediately, but flames that wrung the air, bore, some bodies in the making dancing, eerily jointing themselves to one another's darker flowing heat-makers, during cries:

'I seek only entrance in, will you please allow me to open the window'sill?'

By noon, they were still there, both wondering how the house did not fall.

By darkened spell of midnight burning, the sky was but done, painted in some eerily reddish-black with pucker-picks yellow-glowing star-solidified cyst-filled formations that were filled with yellow-fading falling-disintegrating parasites that joined the jointed men, who were shaped like helicopters soon and then. A sea started flowing, but it was made out of faces. All but terminated and disgusting, mages; had joined the four of them: Flaiff, Sour, Ick and Point. Made even more paranoid than before, not that it would not come at a cost, since they were all pinned together with the most obtusely disgusting things, these deprecated fiends, that referred to themselves as 'sorcerers' of some appeal. Feared as they might be:

'A darkened veil there used to be that governed upon this lass, as I see it fit, there will be no reason to cast another eye in her place and through the vane of the distraught. I seek but something close to restitution.'

Here they lay, of facelessness melted-bile, defiled by the man they were connected to, all. Every tree and every man and every person, even the infantile women, the broads, were unseeable as to be unattached to it. Ick was the one whom possessed the poor man, although on a subconscious level not even he could possibly hope to endear. Since his open-mouthed jaw flew out of his mouth, then was stuck in mid-air, like a mid-wife trying to deliver a flying child. The Jaw knew, although eyeless, it turned. Its master was bleeding out of his mouth, down his non-existent chin. His shirt was stained all the way through as petals of roses were embed on the prowling mantle he had worn. He paid a good price for it to be ruined, the man did, fifteen hundred and seven coins in oysters, and in bramble pinches, taken from one of the village-dens, that was owned by his cousin, Gerard Treehollow, against whom he had been charged for committing vile acts of theft. Viciously shot, the jaw ate through his chest only once, leaving behind it a trail of puffy blood and a hole the size of a big man's fist. After this vile act, it stood there, eerily contemplating. As if struck, the child was out, the water broke, below the jaw, a single skull-eely jerky thing drew down, like a sea-jelly with three distinct iron wires, contorted as bagels, with electric shooting gun-capacities being tied to every rod's end. A chitin roundness made of one piece, or greater plate, with the appearance of some Prehistoric terrestrial sea-dweller, or one of its spiny segments at the very least. Its eyes appeared to be drawn on top of it.

Disgust could only rear its ugly head in whence allowed the realization as it were to stumble upon the fact that no one, who was present there cared for what was going on at all. Since the demonical things that entered its 'face' were wild manifestations of evil that appeared to have dark eyes in which primordial insectoid-creatures whose lower ends started prodding out themselves, little by little until now.

A groundless abode, near which a single muscle twitched of sound; they entered before tingling-a-nightfall:

Within the eye-sight of a thunder's bolted strike in half, hath he but cut through men, halvening their iron-sights, they might've sullen lain before him dead. Stroken of miss-holden eyes, of sightless lay, before

him, the men on the ground. Rode upon disastrous march, towards them as he'd have it now with mostly after- left to him and whispered sayings:

Almost but not enough, several of its pillars taken down upon a break-through in its case, the elk of the first kingdoms, blossoming upon bell azure stalken on a flight of stairs, where a lifeless butterfly patch only thread on whenever it was quaint for the release to come, from the blue-crystal cysted barred gates, lowered from inside the many put together prison-chased, cage and gouge, for they had stammered upon a pendulum's lowering release. The two gates laying beneath it, the chaos of iron that came out of stone and shoved itself wherever it could thread along, whether it'd be facet or most obtuse, disgustingly a head-long trough that carried many craniums, many men survived, the onslaught only following after the dark-helmeted man whose eyes reddened only revealed as much. Not a single bone in his body, of skin, or sky-feisty, but a liquefied pool, whose 'eyes', that had been shown were only the reflection that bounced along, from the very bottom-soles of feet he bore, inside his chained cuirass, inside his gallant iron-chained boots, from whom, to have been stolen if not the Chieftain of Pavruucks?

'Cherish blessed day, I call upon the say of quiet, that it might be opened for me, lowered as I'm to feel a bitter lay, of sayath.'

As there were many gates and many bridges, that were blended with the world. And one could only cross them if allowed. In this case, it was a piece of the sky, some dead people and rotten-wooded trunks-wide spread, part of the foliage-connected to it as well.

Foul play

'I hear something down there, the chirping echoes in-between a toss, that paints a river's drought in faint carvings.'

'We shall see it then.'

An opening, somewhere on top a few rafts. A great fall's deep got entrenched beneath it, through a tomb-empty block of water on all sides, holding it all together in place, this almost frozen but see-through as for this water jelly being liquefied as it held everything in place, they decided it would be best if they descended as farther down as they could, without sloping or spending a single minute holding on for too long, ropeless, yet inclined to ask.

'What if we flail around and fall short of grace, entreating an escape wherever else they might cast and lay?'

'Of whom you've spoken of?'

'Only of the most irresolute of things, uncanny, the ones that were trailing after us, along the soles without a winded cliff and sorted out, tawny bocks of stone-filled ant hills, it's there that I thought I saw them last.'

'And if they do show up?'

‘Our way out wilt be stooped out by lid.’

‘Then we shall have as little of choice as to endear no return through the way we came from. I can see it in any case, the water sprouting off of air. It will cover up the way we came from, regardless of whether or not you’re to find it fair, no more nor longer than I do in any case.’

‘SO be it.’ With nonchalance, he cried towards Josephine. As she only pulled out the slingshot martini-glass shaped device; holding it together with its two talons that drew out of the side of her brow, out the temples, inside of which, both hers and inside the glass, two ropes appeared to be coiling in controlled-convoluted areas. One across her forehead and one inside the funnel of the glass, the deep depression, which was filled with lesser things-like deep-crag filthy-drowned, puckery parasites, all that had belonged to her was theirs; all of her belongings, without exception. Started even speaking to them, she did, instead of with her travelling companion, whose torch only shone on them from time to time, without even a thought crossing his mind as to inquire, why, why are doing this?’

‘Shh, can’t you see I’m trying to undo some locks here? You can’t always, damn you, I’ve knots in my forehead and there are some inside of you as well.’

All of them were thrown in, she could barely grapple anything with the grappling-hook inside her head. Let alone the one she held, without ruining them completely. And they were something akin to her children at this point in time. No mother should slay her children by any means, as that would be an act of insufferable bastardity beyond the beliefs of any common minded person as to have them crossed.

Forest people are driven out of stones as light-shone through them, sprites, of little more, of little less, a blue tint around them, with a miasma trailing off some distant shore they had been drawn out of. A plump creature, dark, but only feet and a giant fuzzy head; a man’s, but perfectly mundane, whose short-wont soles crawled along as they were dragged by his strange moving motions:

‘You are not to approach that part of the cave unless you want to trigger the water’s shout through sink-open dark repair, twas told to wilt have drowned you if you as much as tried.’

‘Then we shall not, if that’s the case. But until you tilt that stone.’

‘Which one?’

A short silence ensued.

A bastardly creature whose bottle-was drool; two assassins by its side, both openly cloaked in gelatin stashes-drawn on top of.

A day was passed without anything wilt to happen. There was no a single door uprooted from its hinges yet in the sight of all, there came a single sun’s will-flowery daze, who drew a man whose prisms, wildly attached to his head, around a temple collar, through which he saw no end of life, had taken out of him, little more than needed. A stronger light heeded an entry to the poor stove. A pair of wagers drew up-front, no closer than permitted, every single throne was down. Spread across the hellish place:

‘What have you done while I was missing?’

‘We’ve been extremely busy trying to fornicate through some of the broken vases, bowls and other little things you left behind for us to admire.’

‘I didn’t expect this chaos to happen, let alone you remove each slab, each pile and every stone block that made this fine side of town. You’re strangers to this place and you’re unwelcome.’

‘Yet you paid us, in as many spades as possible as we could see but little option that to prove you that we’re not without a mind, we’re not without conditioning, as to please ourselves and slack. We made use of what we had. Even if it took us many hours and even if it took as much effort as to undo every binding and every chain, the one that kept everything beneath the pails of earthen bodies in which they swam before releasing them.’

‘I can see that.’

And there, before him stood a hole, a strange thing that lend him the impression of a pool of mud that’s melted through fine chisel and through stone, until it had encompassed every and not a single piece of toil could but be made of what he was looking at, as various lumps, bumps and hill-like leapers made it seem less endowed; wavish even while everything had been completely contained underground. Yet he wondered:

‘Where have the corpses gone? Where are they now? I thought I would be met by them, I thought I saw one where now, there would be none and no more again will I work myself up with thinking until I’m reasoned with and answered. Say, what have you done with them, villains?’

‘They are there, but they are free to do as they please, without the intrusion of either the living or mankind, or liege-intrusion as to serve every and anyone whom might willfully stomp or walk on them, despite uncannily forlorn deceitful were, to behold the den in which they’ve made home out of, but lo, they’re struck in ruination, damned to join the dirt, as bone is a trifling creation whose existence cannot be forced to last for long, unless one would find himself swimming in a muddy sea of spine, of spiked shrapnel made to die of such affront as taking but a dip, to have cast his feet where fish had lain, rocky chains and iron holding them away.’

‘But have you not removed them when allowed to ask? Surely, there’s but no reason to have adorned their crowns with most useless a stinker.’

A knife carved path, done by hand, that looked as if it had been carved manually by the far end of a chisel; where there had been a few unnaturally defunct, reeled in the green verdant globes that sunk-in the probes of stone:

‘I see there’s no reason to maintain any appearance any longer, not since you’ve showed me your true colors.’

‘What would those be?’

‘It’s simple, although I will never catch you revealing them!’

Down-north

A virulent thing came in the air. It spoke of the north, of what used to be the southern border where there now lay, only a few standing strands of ice, all frozen, yet aghast. Many puffy fires that were struck, many other ropes come from sea-faring but one thing was struck so, around some higher-circles, men were spared:

‘Come, come, I think there’s still something we can take from out of them, just give it a try!’

‘Won’t they leap together, sickle themselves out of their cells?’

There’s no saying whether or not they’ll repeat the process again. Since with those things lodged inside their chests.’

Fifteen centimeters for every single one at the very least; They were more likely to hail themselves as beasts than anything else, most disgraceful as it’s come to them being cut around, yet those things, those ‘stones’ that beat out of them, puffy hearts, bigger, as some blubber or some fatter-quails, holding them together, preventing any fall-apart, whatever that might mean.

‘Make a cut here and there and you should get a better idea about what’s going to happen if we leave them be.’

‘Fine, but if one of them dies out of shock, it’s all on you, all right?’

‘Of course, of course, you know I wouldn’t dare spare in a lie!’

He approached slowly, knife drawn out-unsheathed, then, as he approached one of the wrapped around the pegs of coal-wood piles, as he angled himself not to lend in an accidental sleight of hand as to slip and cut him thoroughly on either side of the two remaining human-parts of his body, he simply plunged in with an almightily amount of force, entering the organ as if it had been nothing more other than some puffy fat, then bore it out as quickly as he made the cut; vividly vilified in shock. This should not be happening by normal means, nor would there be any feasible explanation as to why he survived. But the prisoner simply did not bleed; he didn’t reel back or jerk his body around as to signal any kind of pain being received. Instead he simply returned a cackling smile; an ellipse that stretched a bit, but didn’t move around.

‘We think they’re parasites, these rocks of meat. They cut men in half then they attach to them, but they don’t leave nor do they kill their hosts.’

‘And you’ve tried cutting them as well?’

‘Lower side, by the waist, undo the wrapping and you should get a good enough idea.’

Twenty or so curved scythes, some of them recent, others incredibly old, going on by some vague approximation, perhaps one would date them fifteen days or so, far exceeding the time they were informed about them. What made it all worse was the fact that he had it to be the same as he, this wretch that’s become the man, no longer a man, no longer one of them, yet anything but it, the rocky meat parasite attached to its spinal cord and fluid.

‘He’s still keeping him alive, I see.’

A fresh enclave of limbs; a few of them made that very gate they were gyrating their heads towards, lopsided then whole; there was a cistern by it but that was, wholly so, to an excusable degree, to be ignored for better reasons yet withheld. A manner of speech, then saying:

‘Fewer mouths were cut for this!’

An ignorant little deformed solstice, gathered around it lay only a few unnatural people that could barely move from where they stayed, then joined their insignificant other as they simply found no bothersome in-between and after.

‘The man shall feel for his life for no other reason than this, I wager, from this point on, you are to humble your feet and cut the meat for green and worthless surroundings, be abhorrent from that point soon-after. My son, promulgate your little-infantile desire to cast away the sin-as anchor. For there’s as little to no less that you may do, as soon as they’ve impressed onto you that follows!’

‘Then what should I do, lord, protector, father?’

‘I see no lack of need, nor countenance abhorrent at the hand of such disease as anyone would fathom to achieve You’re to be culled from the rest of the herd!’

‘But good sir, I’m but waned by the trifling pointy bit of a sword I’m lest beknown of employing in jest of hard apparel and countenance withhold upon blighted sight of come upon my brow a man of no delight as would’ve had himself thrusting into my chest, burying a pacifier of my rage twas come to such degree of burning Fahrenheit, of coldness such depressing into my very lust drawn again for vengeance, not to be pitted again against some slumber come of age, they draw and are alike to mine, the people if you’re one of them, I would lest say of yore, be tall and kindred to them foreboding of such mischievously benigned feign as to pit me before another man of lest countenance draw me to afford such putridness withheld from me, I seek something that would have my worth unmet again, so I ask of thee that you may lend a hand to no other man, then allow, whenever called upon, by sickened onto you draft to look the other way and join me, yet in flight and yeast of smell, of brokenly rock and crest, deserter, sickening the dogs upon the worthless, tender, as broadened be thine soul emergence come upon the newer-bow, to their likens I shall deem you no more, nor hold grudge for the satisfaction they had robbed me of by rapier stiffened upon my mind distraught and disgustingly abode in which we stand of left overs, cadaverous remains, that rest upon the blasted fathomless remains of cold, colder still, and cold falls, of snow absinthe, during stormy rains where the lightning ever tells of the most malodorous sabbatical audacity, as the echoes, the echoes that are reminded of beatings of the swollen drums of war is come, onto the plains from where I come and onto the blasted roads that roar upon a countenance long withdrawn from my spiritless sanguinity’s lost forbearance called, for my spirit yet again, be done with it, allure of angels, the fallen figure of Lucifer’s stalled upon vengeance that would have me punished, intermediary delight, if I were to say a word of his true-self, called upon name that he has blessed me with such bequest as to have known him still and yet be knowing of the kinds which he had blessed no other, bloody coin upon rum doubloon, as such as I would be, called, yearn that I must, a nasty-minded swoon-baboon, niggardly inclined as to listen to such beasts that would’ve robbed me of my mind, this mind that belongs to him in thought and underneath the candle’s lightened blight of many gradients of shades that switch from one another, as to refrain, from ever-quiet war that’s been the bastard’s most insolent cone of dark retrieval, thing, of much tranquility, bastion of ever-been that I may not plight myself of such reminder, for he, he, the lord of

darkness, blest be known to most that would bemuse such blessings, blessed thine be thine countenance if thou art still listening to my plea of rite, born of such occultish hobbles into which, I have but sekt but such delight into my young days, during which I would've held no blasphemous a thing, withdrawn and counting upon they who would listen to me no more, nor seek to ask me questions that would allude to my broken heritage be known, as my body's lousy mark, his son, had grabbed with a talon-branded as I come upon the flames, such apparitions of withdrawn breath would've burnt me to the ever-green flourishing heaves I had once been destined to achieve the flight of, until today when I am blessed no longer but I walk upon a path that, they had thrust me onto, as to have me sickened like the hound of war that would drag us both to answer the melodious call during the time of anger, and the time of thunder's storm come onto as when listened to him, the one that would have us come, onto the realization of distress, as we hold, hand in hand but a last moment of such acuity, of bastardity that would drag you as well, into the pits where you shall only share home with me, a bastard of no day, a bastard of no heightened sight and lay with me into the bed, of lavender spread, into the cemetery where we shall stand forever, thinking of the darkness that had come onto us, and the boneless skeletons that will invite us, cheering, of large up heaving, into that graven holes and pit the gravediggers had drawn, the coziness of warmth, away, from the coldness of the war drums that would have us freezing-chewed and spat, and taken for granted there are things I've done that would yearn me nothing more but the most disgustingly, most protrudingly of destruction, of my soul given onto them that I would obey the call of a most disgusting lay, each of them, for my family's in a bag, where I shall be thrust, into my family's crypt, where my ancestors are, but shall no longer be gone, for, despite their bones being thrust away into damp, fathomless pits in which the twists and flights of stairs are gone onto, that they will take a second more to rejoin in fairness and in the fair sight of joy that they would lend onto us for a moment more during which we could lose no countenance if we were to take a second to appease, of such glory they would have reprise only to hear us a second more, their lights being met by such galore of thunder, that, eventually, the war shall be brought onto us, oh lord, such disturbance as the thunder's roar as the rain that's fallen onto us, and more than that, the falling and the coming of a winter that would only have us run like infantile children during our play unobserved by our parents who had taken their time out of the day to leave their house earlier in an evening as to attend some ball or some societal party they might use their charms, as to their abode's employ, run, while leaving us unattended, least one would realize what unaccountably unfathomable an error was made, where the servants would step right in, as, I am struck by pain and a migraine, caused by the vision I've been witnessing since the very day of my conception- of my come out of the Providence, and home out of which the bastardly apparel of my destruction's come to an end's enduring, out of the hopeful endearing insatiability of knowledge that has been lend onto me by ancestors whose limbs were elongated and were joined into my back, as they've struck me time after time again, since they were rounded-fat with such balloons of fat and lumps, with many angular faces but legless as if they were all attached by cords, if I remember correctly, conniving creatures of nightmarish origins of whose cowardly contrivance make the ruse of my dumbfoundedness a thing of even lesser regard than that of my very birth which has been continued upon, worked as by surgeons with no limbs and many strange metallic mouths and grins out of which many look-a-likes such as I exist, in this unfathomable gull and gulf, to which I still allude, that you shall join me eventually and seek no such distress that no one else might find it easily, upon you, as such, impress the joy of finding yourself lost in the eve of the uncanny!'

‘We pray to him but he doesn’t hear us do it for some reason or another. Either that, or we are simply abandoned and left to our own devices as to breed the seed of darkly wrought, the ones that follow after naught. Neither of them will ever understand the Relics, the relics that have granted us life and crucified our expectations on a wall of shameless clocks we’ve yearned to stop in front of crowdless masses, judgmental to our every tick at the tip of the tongue, but only the even hours, we have picked clean like bones, as timeless grunts abhorrently passed our unfathomably insolent rise of our very un-lovely anciently-written tones, rapier of the sun, the seasons, men coming along who glow of treason, yet forlorn of sun and come of moon, bastion-yet-intermediary with all the season’s come of gloom, during the likes, and the trifles, whence, and there-away, ashened-coal and stay-away.’

And gloomy-trodden, sarcophagus-stay, the cozy-warmth of stoves but stinger, poking all the mine’s come forth and tinder, the venerable Orthodoxy’s pariah prayer titter, to which a single-star’s yet-glow upon, and light revealed several if not all, crimson-hourglasses stung but stray, out the maze that is the drainage that’s but pained. En-tombed the hurricane in absinthe, gathered had the bulls and charged, back where they had started early, watching kkk-clocks. Puffs of thunder scorn the see; the light-house blinding, never me, for I do man and man does me, for either one of us or else to be. A simple widow, celery, on a dish taken to sea; where my lover’s yet to be. Where a giant headless body started creating pus-balls with outlandish spikes and insufferable dark abodes made out of the most uncannily defiled creations, bearing hundreds upon hundreds upon thousands of eyes, with bore-forth bellies filled with unfathomably defiled, headless peons, peasants and many slaves, niggering around with their servants, whom had been trashed away.

They stopped in place. A wreathing coil of clot and many unnatural things came to life, defiled and made of bile, with many unnatural heads brought onto the pile, from an unnatural heed of stairs and many flights of dark remains.

It stood onto the ship and strained but many legged things, with elongated cricket legs:

‘I wish to speak to one of your leaders, that I may devour his heart!’

‘You’ve come upon no nasty place yet you are brought onto the life’s trifling stare’s delight yet mourn of little oft and wager!’

Forth he came as he was little to no servant nor a stranger!

Born under the sign of cancer, eighteen crabs appeared to come oft from the depths of the Froathing Sea of dead-animals.

‘There’s a man walking on that street, make him stop!’

‘I can’t, it’s not within my power to do so. He has too many black holes with eyes attached to his tar-like eaten by tumors body, he would devour my soul in a matter of seconds.’

‘Niggers are monkeys and need to get kilt, as well as kikes who are also in need of being lynched!’

‘Something’s insoluble in the well.’

‘Was it an anchor that drenched it before it fell?’

‘Not even one, although I would seem to be of a similar simile.’

‘We shall lack such an affront if there’s something coming down the reel.’

But there was no man out there who could dictate it otherwise, yet some broken floating isles, with their hills that were connected to a downward pointing tower but no solid soil but bricks; a floor at the end of it, and two almost flat-pincer like domes on either side of it. With every floor and every room as well as everything else, but niggled on by the beings living trapped inside of it.

Living inside of it:

‘Most peculiar a thing I’ve stumbled onto!’

‘What is it?’

One of the more disturbed servants that had arrived; through one of the fallen laundry stocks, that entered still of nimble-benighted. Fungi of blobs, with barbed barbed fluffily fluffy yolks killing some fucking disease, yearning godly appease, not sounding frustrated umbilical-cyst, bludgeoning the safari fingers and a floating iris. That appeared on the walls. It spoke tenebrously in tongues but forgot itself after a while.

My servant, my servant, where is my servant gone to ? – a voice asked, through the bask of a cello; although somber in sound.

‘There’s a pint for shun, and come about, you’ll find one!’

‘I am not going to be kept waiting, do you hear?’

Awful place, a piece of a trunk-thing, a slug merged with horse-back, holding a small raft, the sea around them hardened cartilage, built upon it, many moving structures with long legs interconnected by bars with strange oblongoid faces puking some vaporous thing inside each other’s mouths in order to walk.

They were watched over by the guardian, a peculiar being that watched over everyone; whose half right of the face was a shell-like oyster formation with three sharp incisors that were curved and made to be like Cretaceous back segments, wide and long, spines almost, or as lengthy as to form a trail; but meaty and organic like some prune, coming out of a pseudo-humanoid fat-pumping in and out like a heart or a lung, tortoise human ‘head’ with an oblong neck turned into a stump, eyeless, featureless but resting on a giant pebble-shaped fat mushroom organ, to which it was a part of, less of ‘resting’ on top of it like some seal, and more so being the top growth in relationship to it. Many long tape-wormish ropes and coils dangles beneath it and threw themselves around while it continued its flight. A fat tower-like torso shaped like some blob-fish taken out of the bottom of the sea until it had become a thing of gelatin, in terms of how it slithered in the oil it was covered by. Beneath it, an organ egg-shell like opening into which this torso diverged into kept a hold of an almost eye-ball giant organ that appeared to hold its organs together in a forward thrust spear-like thing of fat which was protected by a giant see-through transparent worm-frame that kept most of the organs gloating, floating and levitating in the air, still connected by tendons as well as other tenebrous things that were all kept inside that insidious organ. Multiple openings could be seen coming out of the ‘eye’. Hairs above them that looked like stitches where the trunk and the roundness began converging, lending on the impression that it was somewhat eating it; bearing moustache

pieces above and beneath a wide-spread around it jaw; whereas the one head at the top looked as if it had been alive once but died and lay rotting on a puffy surface it could not lower or drive itself away from. A blob-cactus connected to a hot-aired oblongoid-balloon; suckling on a sphere, while the worm in front of it wriggled; with the one inside much worse, with every strange, almost elongated cylindrical with split-pricks at its end, diverging into slithering toots that could feed on bacteria and everything.

It enjoyed the attention it was getting, never resting and never growing tired of it; especially since it dominated and wanted more.

The tendency one would feel towards the compulsion towards which the aggrandizing yet savagely wrought cast in which their inner most precious and kept to their selves' warmth through such insignificant times as to feel the aforementioned destruction of the eve's last hold inside the pile that had amassed alongside the ganglion carapace great epidermis of growthal range, though unsatisfactory for any-who might walk alongside it with their armored-fashioned suits clearly made for their benefit and protection as to forget, even momentarily, the mortal danger one would eerily feel once they would be exposed to the bacterium-concave citadel of many similar of kin simian-trunk detoxification recsis; as to resist it would mean a play of mortal danger beneficial only to the moldering bodies accessed by some of the illustriously raised statues with humanoid heads connected to their inner devicery, keeping their alive while their eyes become slug-like poles with many t-o their likings molded other faces would float around and search for something they could lodge their incisors inside, as to feed upon whichever and whoever they might feel a need to implant themselves into, without a long serration, without administering the procreation of the little ones that ejected themselves from the giants that fell upon themselves and picked up the blob-like boxes in which hundreds upon hundreds hid.

'Alas, I feel as if I waited for the sand-light for far too light! I see only the pale orange of the water it's made out of, carbonated in crystal eyes.'

Every molecule watched closely. For they were glassy; inside of them, microscopic fetuses, with elongations that shot in every direction, wanting to get out; incapable of escape, suffocating with the pucker sucker, the pus and the musk.

Musket, he brought it out. A' pointing narrowly at one of the crude eaten crook-like pillars and deeply yet inside:

'I know what you're hiding little man.'

Dark corpse skinned alive with a red completely painted head belonging to some other man. Spikes of metal on top of him, flashing palms and bottom of his legs gave it all away. A heart symbol where his head is appears, it speaks through it, mouth unmoving:

'You can see the veins pumping in my forehead. I think. In my nostrils, in my real mouth; this is a real heart that's been implanted in my face. I cannot remove it or else I die.

They stole my real heart and threw it away. Look where my heart is.'

A blue liver appeared. His face-heart flashes and disappeared, being replaced by a spherical thing with spikes at every end that extended across every features he had. They started spreading in some strange

triangular long-spikes that started pushing out of every direction, out of his body; until his body had become a strange flat band bearing every limb and piece on top of the flat triangle-‘boards’. It felt as if he had been crucified, but it wasn’t the same, since he crawled on the deformity, which twisted and reeled as a paper-sheet, upon which he surfed through the cracking of the sand-globes.

‘I could cut you like I’m a butcher’s cleaver. And I can make it clean and I can kill you if I will!’

‘Then do it! Get it over with! Do it, kill me this instant! I want to die this instant!’

‘Calm down, I’m not intent on killing you just yet. I just want to talk. Since the watcher’s making me extremely uncomfortable, I could only swear to it that I’m being watched especially by him, although I should not be, since he’s always picky on who’s he yet to kill!’

Trouble, too much trouble for it to count in any case; too much to make any difference whatsoever or to break from the insolent embrace that was promised to him; both were pained by living in the livid area of the world; incessantly hard as it’d gotten, bastards survived no matter the cost and trade. And this would only serve them so much less than an assurance to the living and to the bold of what entered through their spirited drink.

‘Here, have one, on the hose, hit one of the Billies while you’re at it!’

They were to be bled upon immediate notice, so as to be of an incline that would not endear the startle of a few infanticides; there was, whereupon the first start they had gotten to run around, a single flash of light to endear the drawing of. Locks of seals had flown in sight, carrying only the parcel of a toolish thread of spires black of iron, all making it appear as if it was naught but a tool of war. Spines and spikes, raised from the flat; a large block that was moved by them, with rotating grinding stone-like spiels and shrubs, entanglements of barb-wire and draughts of blinded-yet-distraught, heavy headed, poisoned by their blood, mindlessly endowed, vaporously inclined, deprave and insane, wretchedly feigned; for what was worth it, not a single soul wanted to recede back into the place they have started from, not a single soul to starve the beast that was the sole master of their wreathing:

‘She is the sole reason I am a failure; that blasphemous cunt; an anchor for teet, that I should not withdraw if I could have it straddled upon sight!’

Was a must that could barely be held!’

A spindly back twas crooked on the road but followed, gnawing somberly upon some flower-cake it carried in its back, and therefore stood at last, without a hag to yell out, shouting but standing upon a fronted sight, to ask of less that followed after, come at last upon a comb of many worms, she rested in that bed of crags, allowing them to wallow on top of her as if she were a bed of dirt, inviting every single one of them to dance upon her brow and worth. Was there no man of high regard to put the wench out of her madness? From which she had been forcefully thrown, and left to wallow in the spindly crevice of the worthless yet forlorn- apart torn, disabled were the dogs that were under her command; but neither one made a sound whose echo might eerily, or by some accident be endeared enough as to be heard. It was too perilous for such an allowance to be lessened or courted not for worth had cradled inside her insidious skimpy coat of puck. It was enough to get on her nerves, right before throwing a tantrum again, squirming in the dirt of filth as a stroll of crows ventured in to laugh at her, as they wallowed in disgust!

Then a tall giant skinned alive but underneath bearing many spade-shaped faces with empty sockets, that was as hollow inside as a waterless Silo, with tongues coming out of him in grim formations of keys, bearing five arms that were wrung around his waist like some band or ring, shoulderless, without a neck, while his head was as wide as his chest, and his mouth would lay in place of a normal humanoid's collar bone; in possession of no legs but some mantle-growth baggy slug-like stump on top of which it crawled struggled to drag itself towards her.

'I am your fiancé, my dear!'

'We're married?'

'Of course we are!'

Dirty tower of seeping faces, all trying to claw out at my face, the wench thought. Filthy wretch she was, following him from that point on; right as he turned, he crawled in his back, in a coffin like spot, which encased her into a crystallized diamond form which allowed for her skin to fall apart until she was all made out of bones, glittering in the sun. Fifteen meters away, a rock had been flung, completely squashing his head, right before it threw itself the perpetrator of this deadly jest. A peculiar antique fourth quarter of an armored chest, bearing a helmet with the mummified body of a cylinder that leaped on top the worthy crest, the body it had lodged itself on top of like some totem, now in possession of a new body, and as well as the wretch. His servants from that point on; for with his new arms, he had grabbed a hold of the face that lay on the ground, seeing how it was still alive, resolving to taunt.

'You're mind now, you villainous beast!'

'But lo', new master, you've stole my body into prime, alas, I'm bested and shall end my cat!'

'We shall soon devour it whenever we slither a chance to come into contact with it, but no sooner than it's needed, for such is fate, from this point, very much conceded to my hopelessness. I am but wreathing in agony, such is the impression to which I'm blessed as soon to lend. My many servants such likened to you in mind, they will show signs of gratitude, I'm certain, as soon as they're forced to share a piece of the cricket's left endowed, and multi-crackled, sound-en-sound, ensnared for empty sayings, they will greet you thus!'

'But master, this armor of yours!'

'It's made out of people, no more and less than I had bested them as well, and eaten them in bout of rage, annoyance to be tinned with dust upon rubbing myself against their skin by force encumbered now!'

Wreathing in place and walking in slow paces that were thrust from side to side unnerving; it should've mattered little to someone as well-thrust, forth and cast!

A weather-topped roof tile of some distant chimney swept river-stop near another head-long foot floor with a few corpse tall tree-tops near them, with branches holding cones of chipmunks-sharpened toothy balloon-fat, elongated tiny inflated parasitical head-openings inside of which crayon sprawled lynched niggardish tiny brat-cocoon rats appeared to swim inside the pool of.

A large carpet adorned a simple enough room they had barely stumbled in, upon the sighting of a clothes' rack standing a spine worm-of many beads of cords that were attached by anchored men entered through one another, shoulder armed extended to the ceiling, whereas they stretched, from the right side of the wall, to a root-spindly enclave of many squirming wrap-arounds, that, upon a second sight-back, rebound to have revealed them where they stood, and then again, after the shroud, they notice that the men were no human at all, but that their mind had played the most hickory trick on them it could, as, these fashioned to look like them, suicidal things of rooks and bramble only appeared, frankly, their mindedness only allowed for a slight retort from one of the men present in the room who were more so focused entirely on the clothes racket than on the main-subsidiary itself.

Strangers in the hold of quiet

They marched in without remorse even before the hour came to an end, half of the clocks around the room being very much, completely ruined to such a degree that many of them were not only completely blocked in twenty or so people's bodies, lodged in, as to befuddle even the most skilled of body-operators, but they also appeared to defile some of the most innocuous time-aspects of history that came out of them, not only so, but apparently being completely defunct as to what's become of them in the next few minutes, where every single man in this ugly, disgusting, hard to look at room got completely slaughtered as if they were nothing, not even the slightest, more recognizable remains being somewhat left there as to be recognizable in terms of who's what's made, enacted against and around whose, niggerly being the way in which these acts of terror were forced against them. A most malicious thing followed soon enough after, as to completely ruin the mood, the gramophone having stooped so low upon, being met by its melting point, which ran across, dwindling across the fingers of the player, whose tiny titillating toes were curled in spot, loaded in his shot-sandal revolvers pointers. Near-them by, a few centimeters at the very least there being a head that only now stopped rolling, having belonged to a man that died, not so much as twenty minutes ago, after an attempt to put an end to this early on-set debacle which had ruined them completely. Red were the people of the daze. Many of them being the people of miasma-fire grain-pouting protrusion-sprays of shapes and unnatural growths that were made to home the parasites inside the room that were with them, dragged along in a most continuous manner that's been forced through their skulls as to leave the sides of their bodies. Leaving behind them only the most, grainy open bags, left behind deflated in a mannerly kind of fashion there being naught but him. The man whom he's feared he'd be there all along, although too afraid to open and purse his lips, the plaintiff being placed on a rack, nailed rustily on a most peculiar support pillar, that was part of the man he had been staring right in the eyes, Gumno, and his cherished eyed-deformed peculiar thing that was half-his fingers long and wrapped around every standing man he was currently suffocating as to pull out the filthy rationed Parasitic parts of the unfathomably hard to look at Lavhbudd, the parasite. It rested no longer but used this opportunity to put himself together as to fully lodge himself in one of the amulets he picked up from the ground, the most peculiar one, inside of which there being hundreds if not thousands of similar shard-protrusions through which he, used, as such to familiarize himself with every method known to man and beyond him to enact torture upon the intruder in order to facilitate his own escape through most of the towns that had crawled like cockroaches outside, uniting one another as wax-stamped rafts and

giants that were coming out of their roots, arms fully stretched into millions of pantheons of similar kinds of humanoid deities, all of whom were legless but were trying to pour themselves into the dark world that lay between the known one and the dream-like formation of cyst-ships they not only communicated to but had called upon as to adhere to the dark tall spectral things that were formed inside their minds, their lurid brains sticking out in the same way dark shards of peculiar dog-formations of the most irresolute kind, through which they had not only found a way to create little dark servants of destruction, angelic cherub-feline beings that were now flying above the plainly exposed open-universe like hole through which a good span of the flying balloon-blimps that were engulfed into spikes with gun-like canons, being struck into firing motions that could not be stopped, but all of the sudden, various voracious eater-dog cretins that had been brought from another world by the Divinity Mold of flit and eyes, creeping about in the most obtusely hard to deformed-angst-like perilous petulant destroying form-like dark-crucifix there being embed in a few of the creature's chests, it, all of the sudden, was, this, most peculiar thing that was supposed to be a simple altercation has become nothing short of a fully-fledge war-refuge, through which not only would they not be capable of fully going through it because of their apparent, yet incessant, most unnaturally to, clearly be seen weakness that had been adhered to, and against, but the stolid darkness that followed soon after distracted the War-God Champion, crowned Gunslinger-Kid, Gumno, as the Parasite itself started making its irresolute advent through the most and darkest of recesses below the earthly plains through which, as he'd seen it, for what was worth as to recall through the most and only most of twists he grabbed and flung itself, there, in a deadened moot-point where he'd seen, laughingly naught else, but a gap of light left behind and projected through the roofen' steely plank-broken dark pit-hole he had used for his escape. A most peculiar thing happened, as the joy of disquiet had settled upon the most wretched of accesses to finally be revealed for what they were, in a most peculiar turn of events, he decided to follow as to see his arms and he himself being wrapped around the most innocuous of treasured anchoring devices that kept some of the lower-termite holds through which, swung along a rack of stoles of high-velocity rotating argyle giant commoners that had grabbed him before he even had the chance to move from the dead-point of decayed ground he had not only entered through but he had found himself paying the most heedless of dark approaches, as to, less to, forget what entered his mind. Being split in half, there, oozing as the growth began. Most unnaturally of torn apart, yet incapable of fully grasping what had, or was wrought to him when, he ought not to have been pleased; his tortured body being fully decayed in two sides and two parts, out of which twenty billion demons came out of, all of them bearing bleared out chests that started sprouting even darker shapes that could not even hold themselves in part or check as to fully comprehend what's happened to them during the first strike to his half-chest. As his dark eyed holding half-skull only dragged behind by some, queerly unlucky elongated demons that had grabbed some of the tiny humanoid skulls from inside the room through which he fell, as to tenderize them, being molded in part with their brains, having then, all of the sudden, granted them such vigor as to bring them alive, the Saint-like creatures began radiating with a most maliciously deformed color that started spreading everywhere as to reveal the world beneath the world under the control of the Nemaia- deformed, whom called upon him to stop his spread of terror that was ensued in search of the most salacious of evils.

'Your tenderness is most tenebrous and you shall only heave yourself to suffer if you continue doing what you are!'

And most evil of all the vile gods, that had been servant once, if Filth was to be brought to him before a time could even, had been had. Of anchors, in this world that would be cruel if they were to be brought

against the fate of all, that bastardly so, said in pain, and plaintiff of such duality of heads that followed as well after, billions of them that could not be bastardly called forth. Would they had known or could've called the hydra-like heads that followed, two at a time, duality being defined by death, many of them being decayed not only in part but in such stance, as comically as one could see that they had failed, their blasphemies being but in part of theirs and of their done for, dark palace veins, in many of the held-in gables, and the ones whose most inclined to be buried in, during the burial of many broken stars that had been had before they could even touch mad plains in store of bodied tombs that floated on, ever so nearly touched by them and the many defiled heads of the deformed state that followed after. A dais, and a daze. Much to them remains:

'Listen here, mighty ones that hide in the dark but cannot talk to me, or else a fatless thing might take out of me what I cannot feel without the ferality of my true animal nature coming out.

I, lord of Warts whom had been filled, alongside the servants whom the niggers are lynchedly drawn towards would seek no tender countenance as to fill my heart with blasphemies that would be torn by day or by night or least of all convey what went through such darkened night that came before and long after. I seek not your compassion but such solace as for the viscititude to be adjourned by this unscrupulous fate that's been given onto me to hold onto.

My palm may be split in half yet I carry part of it in head and wont. But I shall not for my likes alone pretend to understand what's happened to me, during day and home, when, taken to, I am become part of the cone, of gelatin hardened embrace, though I remain a desolate creature, cut, but half of face, I shall do what I may in that regard and I shall find a way in, and through the shrouds, will I have gotten through. Cut them into spoils and hang the niggers and the kikes in whichever way I might see as being true, to such regard, as these mongrellic abominations are to be curbed of life, and lynched after. Burn and filled with pus and strung aghast, for I shall cast all of them in might, lust as one would feed himself with wild arousal by the darkness that's to follow after the greater stove in which they will have been melted, much more so dissected by fire. A most admirable thing that I will find myself finishing after and know that only then, by time alone when I will have been done, will I accept solace. Granted as such, bold stung, not asylum, but taken by force as to prove to myself, of mighty worth as I am a man.

Tenderly as there is, such as would I take, embrace, I call upon and onto you, of right alone, grant me one. And such a way, through lain and pain, and farther-farther as I will have found a way, there, in pipe-dark where he had crawled, and such, I'll follow. But belong to none after, for my cowl, though formed in march, during which I wilt it, enslaved as such:'

Though he had not said it, he pointed much farther and yet closer away, this and yonder and there he was, darker still, darkest of this day:

His skull stood tall yet deformed by waxed globes that made the many eye-like pearls of old but eyed and died with many appendages that refused to die but were filled, themselves with many peculiar humanoids, all tall but spread away, but bearing, out their own limbs, but swerving, darker puddle-hardened strange drills that were but angled upwardly and looked mightily ill, and were deformed as well and wore, ship-like sails yet deformations that were connected to their faces and their heads and their bodies, there, none of them around the great cranium's peculiarly dark and deepened sockets, deeper than that, one would've seen canons or been inside tunnels himself, fifty hundred seventy seven miles in each and they were

emptily wrought and darker still, as if they were mega-cavernoids of themselves in which not even the people that were inside dared crawl in or about, since they feared what might come after, if such was such, as dark as would they heard the embrace of lovers trapped in, and cursed, were there billions of spirits but all fake. Since they were only dead copies, clones, all chained spectrally but mourning each of their own, since they were headed like devices, working still with coagulating things that were part of their super-cognition, being trumped only by the tidbit dimension in which they lived in part. In which they started talking to the unnaturally hard to look at holds of trapped in people with empty headed rows of dark commands made out of super-guns that pointed from one side of the dimension to the other, being elongated and filled with billions upon billions of more super guns that were only made to kill the dark-flying nigger-shaped seagulls and other dark skinned minorities that flew about and attempted to leap from one dark dimension to another, being incapable of controlling themselves, since they had spics for brains and were incapable of refraining themselves from committing more than fifty percent of the violent crimes in the United Flying Sea-gull States, despite making an insignificant minority of their population, yet being promoted by the rat-Jew-kikes that were attempting and still to this day, to somehow brainwash the white people of whose superior race was beyond the likes and the limits of possible imagination, therefore the kikes being extremely afraid and threatened by the WHITE POWER SUPERIORITY, they promoted miscegenation in order to destroy their homogeneity and dilute their pure racial stock. Well enough this dark megalomaniac skull-cranium thing had billions of elongated power spikes coming out of their heads, all pointing at the sky like uberspears that were all connected by, the most incessantly hard to look at power-filled with muscle tendons that had not only adorned these power-syringes that were filled with strange fluoride boil fluids that could castrate anyone in sight with drill surges of slug-like beings that would be, manifestly wished into existence as to shoot dark disc-platters with eye-like destruction surges of megalith bodies that were all attached to one another- forming strange lagging, sluggishly, in a most lavish manner, way of destroying the darkened days that were formed in dark bubbles of gelatin-people that were and had been given birth out of the body of Nak, whom had not only wished them away, but found himself cherishing the long-days of reminiscence in which this dark-conundrum that was hopelessness was being lost to all of humanity's dark ages that were a part of the Quantum Magic-filled with power strangling grip that still infested them. That was only his crown, that was only attached to him in part, whereas, the two sides of his eyes, being very much so two giant elephant ears-lobed blimp-like transparent things, although it seemed that way, to have come out of the empty sockets, they in turn rested a few meters away by elongated tube-things that were aligned like the most incessantly hard to stare at rodded knobbed, leathery condom-transparent ropes, but were akin to feathers stuck in never-ending floating away loops out of which they could not escape out of. Which also bore the most unnaturally, hard to look at activators of partially tormented, dark fighters that were stuck in un-death, these corpses being only part of the never-ending battle that would destroy the world, in the darkest days to come, out of which they could never get away from. Spiritless, as they were tormented, it only seemed queerly so. The body of this Parasitical thing, this morbid creature was akin to a great tongue coming from below the skull, but entering a small shell that had seed long growths below it, out of which many eely things now only came out of but had two great-fetus like beings coming from both sides and shooting in both directions, one being headed, and the head was like a pin head's pulled on the top mask-like cloth that was being stretched and attached to the side of the seed, whose lower body was fat-like a bulb-covered in warts belly that had a giant overly grown but turned or fashioned in a newspaper's most irrationally defunct and defiled belly-funnel in which the dark children without faces lived in. And they were tall and elongated and their heads were bacteria-like and filled with eyes and mouthless as they were, it seemed

like they wore their faces outside their bodies and these strange features were only tinier parasites of their own, hiding in, whereas they would be very much so incapable of turning away from the dark mass that was become the last fragment of humanity's giant planet' Oblong thing, that was in turn, only the Head-of Earth mold-heart part of with many out of the back of its head, strange tendon ruffled with dark spherical spears that had billions of bull-children attached to them, many of them spreading disease out of their deformed bodies, until the very point of being incapable of touching anything else that was being added to themselves, since the lower parts of humanity that was part, or had become, on the side. Being very much so, a lump of many pipes and destroyed streets that were put together in the most innocuous manner, destroyed everything. On the other side of it, a hellish vortex moved in tandem with his dark sight, that turned every facet that came into contact with him into the most disgustingly deformed thing; bringing this very world to brinks of becoming a hell where the servants of filthy would simply breed with one another, giving life to such cacophonies of hopelessness as the likes of which no one could even hope to deal with in concordance to the evil, malignant hearts that were given life, into, sufficient as it were to say, slice. And splatter as to mock the one who was after him.

'He will never catch me if I will it so and by the time I am gone, the world shall be mine.'

It was already decided, In the worst possible manner.

Below them, the deployment of the Great eight armies whose robust bodies were made to begin walking again, since they were legless after all; a few more hundreds of them floating with termite-launcher and generators that could turn air into solid fluorescent powder-power that was immediately used, while also being shoved inside their great launchers, as to prepare for the on-coming siege.

A ball-sphere top of an inverted milk bottle device with four great iron legs adorning it by the side and many mechanical faces and machines that were being part of the great thing that was humanity's most disfigured blotched spear-like chodes of wriggling birthers began giving birth, slowly that is, to the greatest soldiers humanity's ever seen during the likes of an age in which ale served as a repertoire of many long-lost ill sounds that could never be taken back, abashed even by the likes of their own, there came the swollen, most disgusting of peon-people who wore a dark power-armor of dug-trenches and petty cadavers adorning his long-horned chests, the two of them being overlapped by an old Japanese man's face that was not only transparent, but was also vintage-VHS-painted black and white, but he was smiling and was acting awkward, yet it wasn't a projection.

A most peculiar man appeared, by the name of Cackle-Bone Sentry.

'Sentry, you've arrived just in time to see the fireworks start again, I think you're going to enjoy this.'

'What is there to enjoy of this broken world when all its people left half of it in shambles, then threw away their only chance to bear one closer to a knit?'

'But my dear man, you couldn't be absolutely stiller on this issue than you are now, for I know for a secretly kept fact that the construction of the new world, its long-awaited inception is truly on its malicious way.'

He had broken his back onto one of the lower ceiling-sets after all; no earlier than a few days ago.

His back was still there. IT hadn't moved an inch from the initial spot it landed in. But it was much worse than that, since it tried crawling out the inch-by-inch left behind stone-depression made of shards, the crack-pissed through, crater-like, a few meters to the right and there you'd see a barrel lodged, him and Trunk, standing by each other's sides as they realized how, close it had been just then, with it flying out of socket, engulfed in a voracious flame that spread around, cradles of eyes trailing their way, intersected whereas their lower-sides cried, akin to the Eighteen seventy four's Fall of the Century Globe Durge-Day, the streets that surrounded the bore-through after-side, a 'suppository' of all dark clouds put together during one of the wide-spread of parasite; that stood by their side, in Mortem standing they began chanting with the darkest of people that clouded the judgment of the vile days that pushed through and the niggardly doings that had drawn after, much to likes impeded after the coming of a most tumorous pus, there came the womb of Mongol, bloated, eerily so, during such a time where one could but forget, for a moment that was alive, when both men, being met by this nigger sight, of disgusting nigger-lack-of light, and blighted nigger eyes that would follow through, one could but forget what a vision of earthly things but looked, and stranger buildings, all contorted in sinew, and bone-like but with cradled demon-figures standing on top of them, all equipped with most engulfing things, many wings and appendages that followed stings, which flew around them, much to the vision of this city cast against sombrous veins of vorated waves as to be covered thus, during and not soon after, when, the man whose decadency was only rivaled by his predecessor, an ancestor by the name John Trunk, whom had escaped the butcher, whose mark violated skin, branded as one would have him since, and therefore, standing near they were drawn inside the barrel filled with acid guns that shot them in their heads, immediately taking their fingers and their eyes ahead which were ceilings, that could only see when someone threw rocks at them; during, strange existence, as there was, water-bloated venom-poison being put in cups filled with hearts in which they lived for a while, that attached themselves to the barrel, that was put in a twin-train-trail formation of weird segments that were all godly and strange, but uglily deformed like nigger-Quails, the beings of destruction, Luciferain distractions, diseases and tests being administered by their side, part of the Nurse was a whole building but she was a giant with knives coming out of her mouth and out of her belly as well as hoses that were big and filled with unnaturally dark eyed-wings, that were constantly Holocausted by Nigger-like in-human creatures, whose incisor hoses, stranded out of their mouths in the building's floor's shores in which they lived but were prayed upon by unnatural artificial beings that imitated their motions of chucking spears, in which they lived, the spears that is, the niggers, also, being lynched by the motion of being flung back and forth from one machine to the other, but the land was worn and it looked bizarre, since most importantly, all the walls were normal and the apartments were flat, although the nurse had little care since she had no eye sockets and no legs, slowly, with her, being levitated out, and through, before, a giant shell made out of strange elongated people that granted years of life, projected as dead people that would slowly take the mind of those they were bestowed upon, whom had served as a guide for both of them, masks of evil adorning him with large scum-people towers, that were mainly just elongated fat humanoid cylinders they were being drank out of by ugly cats without spineless, disturbances that appeared to have completely engulfed the land in a most hard to look at swarm of blue and orange, reddish gloomily set lights of powders, days of Nigger-kill, and Holocaustic tendencies of laziness at work, morbidly blinding them from the evils of the world. Slowly, this all having happened yesterday, they both realized that they were equipped with guns and were in a helicopter and a cat, speaking through cans to the cliffs. But the cliffs were painted with ugly faces that had cut-in halves oblong ellipse-like eyes, only on one side of the face, growths of four vision-organs of the other, a mouthed eighty five, respectively fifty five, eight, and even ten degree rotated C's for mouths, and other

slits and slashes in the ground for noses and for wrinkles, no women were around since most had been raped-killed by god-damn-fucking filthy nigger-animals, it's all they know.

A dark wave passed them, a refugary regiment, swarm of battalions, godly embrace, with spikes for eye-guns, coming out of their chests, through which they swam, and with clouds being gun, there were people without legs eight, going out but splatter.

A dark vapid, yet insipid silence came soon after, although no longer would it await disturbed. An unlawful thing followed soon after, that no one wanted to acknowledge either.

Of lesser winds and many destroyed yet prayed upon streets was there a thing to look for:

Knivek stepped in.

He carried the most deformed mountains ever seen in existence, whose destiny was to topple the very world by nothing else other than the very nature of the small, yet fragmenting, bothersome for sight universe, piece that he and others had drummed on top, adding on further sight, a burdensome ill-thing, the speed of a flying beam of steel being, crudely wrapped around a man whose face was melted and become part of it, flung from one side to the other of the dark pair of twin coiling things that held it from falling apart on an immediate notice, being so much so prevented from fully blooming open as if on a dare.

Out of the many barely standing in the Oak-mix, the pools that were near it being extensively engulfed in the strange acidic surface that appeared to be peeling off slowly off it by itself, a reverse summer rain towards the sky from mid-winter, this almost gulf-like area being a spot of meeting between molecular-cadaver bubbles, all dumb-struck by the subtle change in atmosphere that happened, only, as far as it could be observable, no more than a few minutes ago. Strangely so, one could not come to an understanding with what's been happening around him; in the past few moments or during the past few moments he's been struck by the, peculiarly defunct set of information transmitted onto him by means of direct bodily-chemicals exchange that would've otherwise never have come to make such an exchange with him, at the very least not until the poisoning had already taken a kind of fetal-position induction effect on him caused by the intoxication he would be forced to deal with at an unfathomably bizarre interval of wild, barely addendable, numerically so, in rapport to the atmospheric pressure per hindrance volatile influx addition conglomeration of, a giant skull-cranium that was spiked with jewel-eyes that were filled with blood fluid-drowned cat-heads and dogs, dead-hounds, that had been lynched as well, for bloody-power rape, fantasies of rape, lots of them, the dogs were allegedly accused of, mad dogs, mad 'dongs', rape-rape, whose apparent scent was present in the air, vaguely distorted the perception of the general, hardly-a-matter of it being deprived of any objectivity in terms of analysis being put into question, as for the people who were present there, they were dead, and bald, embolded, into the stone beneath the fats, underneath the pillars, of the Lords, of Darkness, underneath it, eventually opened, his chest was, out of which billions of cackling figures being released.

'It's been eleven hundred thousand years since the pot-covered crystal filled with cut-out faces, taken from the dead men then put inside the globule filled cylinder with acid and strange soulless parasites drew breath.'

And the lid on top of it still tried, desperately to break away from grasp and join in.

‘It will, with enough pressure, we’ve set four pills already by his eye, they’re working their way thoroughly through his thick skull. Between the two of us, though. I’d say he’s basically dead within the hour. If not, comatose, at the very least, I’d expect no little from or out of it.’

Carefully he rubbed the area around his colleague's arch, it was bent. Ripped off, even like a cog that's been begging to be taken out for a while now.

And they put a gun-shaped tumor in his other eye as well that made his entire iris bloated-out, close enough-looking like a duck-shaped giant form with little barrels, banded, a Gattling-gun's, pouring streams of solid liquid bolts out of him. Ant-sized star-formations drifted in the pool of seas, the red-departed concubines just showed up in the room, most ceremoniously.

'Is he dead yet?'

A door was slammed, a second one, walked in.

'I am the king of this Bastion, God.'

But he was trapped in a chair as well. The door.

'A nigger, there's a nigger trying to get in through one of the roof-tiles.'

He was titalatingly moving on himself, on top of him, the door. It was, trying to strangle him with its hinges. The nigger was dying, most obtusely, suffocating, bastardly, demonically unorthodox laughter echoes rippling around the small chamber thin-foundation that entered their little soles as a tall corpse with no eyes, whose face, half a small chip-bloated thing, in an arc, a crude thing, whose mouth was shaped like two fat-boots pointing in both directions, whereas the other side of its head was made out of a few hundred appendages. Although the open-slit that was its mouth-hole was more-so akin, much-closer to it.

The other thing behind it was a giant cylinder cigar shaped mannequin-headed with an open chattering Nut-Cracker toyish expression on its face, with a lid on top its skull, and four great pegs of wood-like standing, but coming out of it, in a formation, like two put-together but malignant deformed distorted harps. The segment was strange, as its body was actually a thinner cylinder with a pseudo-band wrapped around, in the same way a scarf would, pinned around it, holding the upper, much wider set- with teeth protruding out almost flat- from the side, face, but pseudo-rounded altogether, whose top lid, despite being close enough, in similarity to a sewage gate, that was only superficial since the actual top, almost hat-like put together, well, actual lid was pentagon-wrought in form attached to the head, as if it was been planted by intrusive surgery. Out of its left ear, a strange cylindrical pint-came out of it, whereas the second one, whose position or exact location was much lower was attached to the 'collar' band-scarf beneath it, and the third one, which so happened to be the widest, coming out of its chest, was kind of like a plank, although all of them, together, when seen from the side, upwardly, with the fiend being below, would look like pseudo plane-wings put on a strange incline, as, whereas, even with the barb-string, they'd be taken for, or the entire segment would be taken for a wet-clothes drier, a traditional one. Below it, a giant elongated two-segmented leg, its sight, whose giant foot was split in half, a Cain's jaw-bone blade sprouting from one side, but with its teeth pointing inwardly, at the area it was split from, as if the heel had been bashed into crippleness. The other area had two 'legs', or appendages, befitting for its form, one being a pseudo mantis claw- talon blade-but with a rounded footless empty cylinder, empty bat-end, beating against a giant pseudo-elephant tumor-spruce- cysted-with warts boulder, that was being hit against as if it were an anvil, by the other appendage. Together, seen, from the top, as they were kept on a weird angle above the ground, like two actual legs, belonging to a humanoid-person, who was performing

a kegel exercise, the boulder being the only thing even remotely touching the ground beneath it, 'bore' an empty air-triangle in the middle, between them. As if, if one were to ignore the frightening fiend's real right leg and take only this into account, the two of them, on the left. His 'right' appendage would make a fine fully stretched spear-arched leg pushing down into the very ground as if the very low angle of a rock being chucked at the ground from somewhere above it, or if it were a chicken's leg with a bulb of meat adorning its end, was solidified in gelatin, as to form a cast. Whereas the other one, the final 'left' appendage had its lower calve, or knee region placed in a ballerina's spin-pose-resting, against the bulk it was placed against. Also, beneath its bloated cigar body that was finely placed at the intersecting, not beneath, as to derive the fact that by any possible means these three legs it bore actually came from beneath it, as if the propulsion gas-shot smoke or fire out of the other, receding end, not receiving end, or the pointy bit, of a rocket being launched, but they came from the sides as if, if he were a man, his two legs would come out of his hips, on a horizontal plane, not vertical. Root-grows came out from beneath him, and they appeared to be warted by boils and other unnatural things that spread in and out, wherever they could get to.

A powdery girth of landed whales, rottenly eaten, of what remained of their remains came hundreds of grubs.

'Walk-eat grains, they are forth placed beneath you.'

'Who are you talking to, master Conasuf Insole?'

'Where to, the proper answer to which, I'd wager, is.'

He pointed at the gritted rafted-stack. He thought of it.

There is yonder a couch made out of people who spoke to me last night about a few other people that were between the ages of eleven hundred seventy five and eight, backwards, on Monday-Thursday, that kind of a basis, whom were not known to them since they were masked like bodyguards trying to kill the rage- as they galloped on feet that weren't theirs, all gathered around in a circle of bubbles that were put inside disc-ed squares in which they lived, their homes being those, with roofs that were their eyes and came out of caterpillar slappers on which they walked backwardly in Heaven, a Haven of roofs with baseballs and basketballs filled-riddled with guns, whereas their counterparts, these angelic figures that were staring at them, being very much so taken from an ancient Primordial Time, before BCE when, and there, before, right among them, walked, dinosaurs with spinning spikes- conical Sixteen for bowels in which they were cradled alongside the many armies of the Chinese Empire, right before the kingdom's fall, therefore, I was made believe, or led under the impression that I was incapable of properly conceiving the very nature of the bat-like pillars coming out of their molded brat-like braces that were shackled alongside their iron-eyes coming out of their backs like locusts out a field, all talking to me in different languages of the time twas before Friday, on a scale of width and length but no Y scale, since we were all flattened during this encounter with them, where the buildings of primordial ages, that were spying on us with lustful eyes of terrors and of rape, revealed onto all of us, during the meeting, unexpectedly forlorn as to call for a more domesticated kind of cattle from our Hunter-Gatherer inherited from them days, in which we've spoken to the alarmingly amassing destroyers of stones, the luscious bothersome rake-pliers with hymn malign, upon the floor that was put inside the ceiling, hidden from some of the men that were around each other, during noon at Tuesday, where their bodies were made into

one with singing voices coming out of their sprouting echoing voiceless sonnets, a chimney-harmonica in every one's hands setting the rhythm, hundreds of them being what one could think about in such a darkened age, where Earthen-bold-Hebfast, the Moon, in the Sun, was become a spoiled rotten egg all of the sudden, pointing at them, the strange men, dancing around with their cousin-mirages, there, right there, where the man was pointing, there, no further than there, which was the ceiling, the floor, the building, their bodies, inside of which they had not only spent most of their time trying to pick up on each other's speech patterns but they also found a secret way of divining the dark being standing before them, who was like a one footed strange bird with no eyes but a transparent beak that had an ellipse in the middle out of which a beamed bar came right through the middle, connecting the two sides of its beak, but eyeless still, without an eye, that was out on top of an almost ice-a-cream shaped cranium attached to a water-body, torso with a bubbly clot-blood boil filled with fluid wrapped by leather belts holding the body still, the leg on which it was standing on being a two armed cartilage of muscle with a front see-through drenched womb as well but with a light-bulb nigger-killer with a Z at the end of it kind of flashlight shone on top a felony committing nigger by a law-enforcing cop who's desperately trying to keep the streets safe; although the head was more of a two piece when seen as a part of the body itself, out or down out of which , downwardly came the arm-appendage pointing down, an elongated bubble giant-holding a firefly in it thing, and a water-pouch holding blood inside of it, against its chest rubber, this being the one transmitting them the dates, out of a maligned black-boiled with red warts calendar no man could see since they were all put together inside the ceiling-floor that was their door. Out of the world, though the key was a cylinder with empty skulls bashed-in heads pointing around, wriggling squirmingly-akin to a few wormed things that drew about, then out of fashion put themselves to bleeding Holocaustic-niggers flayed kind of forms that flew around, most bastardly trying to get the attention of purple painted man in blood, the killer of the Slug:

‘Why have you killed him, you pitiful godless thing, culprit, murderer, and maligned thing without a rationale benign?’

‘I did it because of rape.’

‘You bastard, you need to be punished immediately, not. Have your skin be flayed, so?’

‘I am a life.’

‘And soon enough you shall be extinguished in death, then I shall eat your cadaverous remains until nothing will be left to pick up from where you’ve left yourself into, thrust over.’

‘No.’

And the men began to fight, fist after fist, below the chin, the slap, stapler, strike throbbing beneath the waist, a bloody fucking pint-shaped bone fell out of his nigger-throne, where he was wasted with but nigger-crack, his skull was:

‘I declare myself the winner, for your life is now conceit!’

The grinner grinned, with a gun. He shot his entire hill off, then watched him fall. Then shot-shot-shot-shot-shot-shot taken after that, he bled to death as well.

‘We’ve both felt sin and we’re being bled dry, and we’ve felt each other dead-brought down.’

‘I hate niggers.’

‘At the very least I die knowing that we share the same thought in prayer, as we waste away, as we’re rottenly taken out of our way, then made to lay wherever else.

A grave perhaps?’

‘The graved-nigger.’

‘The grave digger.’ Corrected the man, standing on the side of a most atrocious hellish thing, that fell.

‘He’s a maze, not to be touched.’

A bastardly sea of coffins would’ve elicited the same reaction if not, overtly, to a much higher degree, it was irresolute.

Moths

‘It’s been an hour already, hasn’t it?’

‘There’s been no signs of his apparent return either, which would only make one think of the worst as having happened to him. Perhaps the piece of sticks and brambles-sticking out of him we’ve given to the lone spires might’ve had something to do with it, wouldn’t you be of the same opinion now?’

‘I’ve come to think of something in the same veins, but rather. We’ve done something unforgettable haven’t we?’

‘It’s going to be hard trying to bash it out of my active mind but I suppose you’re right. Neither us nor the villagers will, ever so soon forget what we’ve done to the man. It left a mark that’s there to fumigate in ruin and pus, to destroy all there is for touch and spread; to eat through everything along the way, and when they, and they will realize that soon enough, we’ll be taken out and from this world, in a place of broken minds, where memories only belong to those who’ve sullenly swollen their cortexes and put them inside the rocks and stone.’

‘You’re talking as if you’re insane, aren’t you? You’re talking as if you’ve known of it before. Prior to us approaching the painted spot, the dotted en-trail leading to where they’re put in, and arched around the gate-keeper’s hold. Speaking of ill, to objects within that don’t reply to a sing word of command as if you’d have known much better.’

‘But I knew this was going to happen, I knew it very much so, and it was only a matter of time until you reached the same conclusion as I have. Our stay here is unwelcome and will only deteriorate as we wait. Perhaps there’s something even worse than that, if you were to claim your right before them.’

‘And what right might that be, Bassalt-Vask?’

‘The right to ask for a single appendage to be drawn from beneath your chin and beneath your brow, to have something given in return for your service to them, the ones listening to us at this very point in the road.’

Oft little was known and yet they were staring at wild drawings of charcoal laughing at them, as they inflated, from wall to a most mischievous-set of beings that were fat, incredibly fat, clothes being blown from inside out with their wrists stitched as well as their pickets, buttons and every other entry, up to the neck. Even moist-bothered shirts would’ve found themselves but crawling somewhere along in a place of less belonging, holding on some ghoulish golden beings of brass, only to have themselves melted as they drew out from inside out, inflated by pumps of steely hoses covered in basin-gelatin crevices they’d dwell in. There wasn’t any mark or reason:

‘Acts of stray will not be forgiven along the way. Shut your mouth for we’re to enter the grand eight-set of Moths.’

For as the structure opened, one could see but millions of their moth-shaped heads, all atop the ceiling, adorning globes, that desperately began procuring lightlessness:

A weighty pair of crate-attached cradles with giant ship protrusions sprouting, many ill-equipped with deadened crew:

A few ropes had been lowered, as the hangar areas were filled with mighty but ill-to-stare at for too long, elongated cowl-wearers, all whom have gathered upon a road they took from some unknown patch of the country, before told to stop. A few creates filled with fish, barrels brought within their range, the shooting stopped in one direction, a few females as well, no longer bothered by the trails of empty almost reddened ropes that gathered all around, blue felines had their heads smashes with blocky spiky-spindly hammers, and a giant ancient old man, ancient as he were, with a beard fully encompassing him, eyeless but with sockets carved in was sharpening an iron belt against his belly, with an even clearer scope in mind. To see the dark eye that was hiding behind a slit inside one of the walls. They were treated as if they were a war band, in a camp filled with most fine scented cadavers- warted but with elongated spear-shafted lance horns- scarab adorned by hundreds of them, put together like puzzle. But what a lack of concentration, of the most abhorrent of thoughts to have come through at the likes of pettier men whom had gathered around fires that had been unmade, while they only reminisced of the little specks of lost-long-ago ages, first Hominids to have stumbled on their path, to which they were joined but administered not a single thought as how come their existence came to be. Were, they were, most tertiary in terms of ask, not much was spared, no food left over either, but they only took what they considered rightfully to be theirs, an upheaval of the thinly most extraordinary less insightful jests of anger, as they jousting with each other come upon ‘s whenever they felt like it. As to draw as much attention on their atrocious out of modern-alien ways of act, the way in which they had interacted with each other being something that could not easily be dismissed or be laughed at, but something more fallacious and insulting, mockery

misunderstood as for their much-desired competition being ingrained into them brought an arbitrarily skewed point of view, lightless as it was, taken from them, once they had been proven worthy enough, to a reason, to be kept inside the moths.

Seeing how there was no possible hope for the Hominids whose vaguely disapproved upon appearance provided a hindrance to either one of them's, or on an occasional glance, as for a stranger- or a passer-by's whose clearly obtuse yet interference into the in-group politics and dynamics they've already started contorting between themselves as to form a pseudo nigger-put on the back side of the bus kind of intermediary towards the clearest example of segregation they've been exposed to, it went over its way as to show a clearly, most distinctly elaborate yet most clumsily observable example of a failure, provided by the actions, although not yet directly seen by the strangers as being out-right violent, at the very least, those acts would be carried along by unseen eyes, but most people simply knew whom the culprits were, as for that being a fact given to itself, signaling that fact that this population of archaic humanoids was rather, insignificantly, yet observably so, a prime fascia example of a colossal failure for them, on their part, them being responsible for their problems, yet their primitive brains, as it does happen or seems to be the case with similarly, intellectually deficient and inferior beings, to integrate along peoples of different ethnic backgrounds, that in turn promoted not only violence but the destruction of just about everything in their path. When not under the vigilant eye of an observant that is, as a façade clearly had to be maintained under all circumstances in order to provide, for as little a working brain, and cognitive power as they had, to be able to do as much damage as they pleased, by any means, and for their own likings, in terms of how they stroke their own fancies, being very much so extremely culpable for their insolent actions, kind of like niggers and kikes.

Whereas walking, stalking, talking, slashing, cracking but a nut-and-lack of punching, slipping off, dousing in and out, ratting others before himself, punching above his weight, then dashing around in the same way a barbwire caught in dove whose remains decayed got him so far, one gardened his exhaustion, one his bastardly creep-defacto, silence to have come but follow, bleeding dryly, empty head but filled with water, shattering but squirrel's gone, his fists but finished, come back to life, psychosis over, dowry-run, as they finally caught up from behind, as each pound trailing off a foot, then no more running, pinned-acute, finally there came the dead-end wall. A dead-end, nothing more, but not too tall; with a crack in it, someone drilled a fifteen inch hole through, through his head. Listening to as to what's gone over for these past few months, during which he's been dead. Scientists and doctors had been baffled from the looks of it. They painted half his pill-shaped head in pink, as an Injun's, then beat him with clogs and iron belts and hammers, all around his body. Still, it was the only chance they had, trying to find out what got him cracking on his feet. What he's seen in there while he was out, out of action. Gausd could only remember being on the flying device on a momentary notice triggered by one of the interviewers inside the room, caused, by accident as well as deceit, which wasn't altogether unexpected during those days, especially since, there was no way to tell a man's true intention by simply staring in his eyes or gazing into his soul, most people being convolutedly soulless, deprave by childhood whose sudden stride into adulthood made it so they were unrecognizable as humans, being raised all wrong, or not at all, 'acting' by simple 'barely' recognizable interactions, on a shallow level, than what ought to be set on a natural incline, on a steep level that communicated more about them, in a way than they ever could, in the manner of which they dressed in, talked in, the cultural references they showed, or might've shown, if they had been raised in a previous generation, to have shown as such, a keen interest in, which, at this point in time, the subtleties, beauty, soliquity and aesthetics were lost on them. They were not dumb, nor

slow or unintelligent. These 'people' were not ignorant either of some facts, or belonged to a much different breed, although in some cases, that point could stand on solid ground without facing any kind of disentanglement from reality, whatsoever; yet the cut was made clear enough. To a point where they showed much more interest towards something as queerly insatiable, as to be deemed as being something borderline extraterrestrial that border-lined a worked up hoax, rather than the alternative. Whose existence only proved to be something of a hard-keep to maintain over a long enough period of time without sustained effort; an affront to all, having the indecency of 'procuring', not as a natural thought, but one that's been propagated by others, of claiming it as their own, while also not realizing the calamity of their actions as well as the damage that's already been done, yet remains unmentioned, as for the Jews whose involvement ruined not only their youth but also managed to hinder their ability to properly absorb as well as their ability of critical thought, these nigger-kikes' s' s treason, during their acts of manipulation, control, subversion, so on and so forth, still run rampant as well as unchecked, and unpunished, whereas the people who suffer are usually the white European people of ethnic European descent. And everyone suffers of this Judaic-poison at the end of the day. Gausd saw himself on that flying machine. An almost ship-like bath-tub stretch with a pivoting rack on both sides, shoulder shaped spheres attached to it at the back but still on the sides, holding long cylindrical spines that allowed for the wings to keep the soap-bubbles they were in afloat. Acorn motions or the illusion of them inside the bubbles glowing through the night; pebbles of light-bulbs, with big bloated end-sides, who revealed as much about the world around him, or the one he's been stuck in. A wooden-cabin's axe iron device with many cogs, cords and other attaches cast a great shadow upon the main-stretch of the ship. His quick attempt to still himself resulted into part of his arm being lodged into the nearest of the wooden planks. Quickly ripped apart after, as he freed himself from the wooden shrapnel as well as the many wooden thorns lodged all the way to his shoulder, eerily dispatched, upon doing so, the sight was clear down there, for anyone whom, flying birded things, skulled and horned and many flying humanoids they rode whose clothes were made of iron-rings, attached to their chested-broad but darkened glowing blades. Two great beings, holding upon a candles' just extinguished light by the cold wind of winter's bode, that drove the sight of lime, coming from the bouncing around reflection, that was being projected by the reflection of the iron machine, which served as a prism, by the globed glowing bubbles to their sides and all the way through the crack, through which the line had shone after. Great were they; although they displayed a great resentment towards everyone else that wasn't them. One was bodied by two giant legs that were resting by its side, a terrestrial mammal, but only until the mid-side or the mid-riff where a big bloated thing, body it could not be called, that diverged into a long neck, held a niggerish head two sizes- toppling over the rest of its body. With a human's spine segment cartilage but only the top of it, fifteen meters or a few millimeters if so were it transferred, folded in an origami kind of way, until it appeared to be as chitinous as a plate. Which was attached to what one might think of, when he tries envisioning a bath of molecules or a belly-jelly jar-jam with tape-worms in it, and floating eyes or a partially transparent humanoid whose eely features are kept, or the veins and tendons of a man, his nerves if one were to remove the muscle and bones, staring at a single elongated humanoid torso without appendages, with a neck made out of beaded-together pebble-rock things, with incisor shapes that were saucer-like, but rounded as oblongs, that drew into a head shaped like a horse's bridle- in appearance dark cartilage skull with downward pointing incisors at its end that squirmed around forest-like moving through the bushes, eerily, a predator in nature. A sly fox in search of its prey.

As long as no one said a thing, there was no reason not to question what was real to them and what wasn't, since, throughout his entire life, coiled by thoughts tormenting him of the kills and murders that've been brought as boils returned around his mouth and a prickly finger-tips, when he leaped in place, only to sprain an ankle, in his mind, he still considered it right, this elongated almost tongue-pucker, puffy-chested with tendons filled, plated but armless with some eight-stars, sea-but-kebabs, twisted with serpentine around his brow and chest- hose-filled with insect-beings leprous monkeys-baboons, daringly he met, on horseback, as he rode sparingly over fifteen months in order to get on the other side of the valley where his yet-fatherless child was still met by canoes-of delivered from out in the country 'packages', hearts and livers spoiled as spoils, his hunts, running around in circles, jumping on top the pray, then slashing its mouth open as to hear it talk: 'I am only trying to help you, young one, fatherless as you are, I'm trying to provide you such a tenure as to grow, to out-grow this pain you've proven yourself undeserving of receiving. I am sorry, I cannot claim to know what's going through your mind right now, but killing and torturing, then raping me violently won't make you feel better, nor this animal abuse, in the heart, of the Amazonian Jungle, where you are now, trying to seek the stained razor-sharp cross and the whip of leather with which you shall claim the world, by force of retribute, as much as it's been found out through gossip, the animal kingdom being a culprit in this benevolent quest of yours as to find a reason yet to live, I beck you to stop this madness and return to your homeland where you shall find, as I promise you, the green-violent place of youth in which you've overgrown your stay, but now, you shall be received if you go there. Your father awaits you in his home, although he's changed.'

It was true indeed, his father's head now was the 'jaw'-less skull flat-skull cap of a cranium-dog that looked like a leather pouch worn as a mask, that had dark strained eyes, whereas out of its left one a spear-long rapier-thin black thin-spear came out of, lizard shooting blood out of its eye but formed into a blood-clot then frozen hard. Its right side of the 'face' bore a pseudo giant, fat half-jaw worn with giant, as it two quarters of the actual, in length 'teeth' that were over-spread as if grown mushrooms on top of it, the jaw, which was part of the skull but wasn't placed like a jaw, or half-a-jaw but like an ear, that was also rounded, around the 'tip' of the head area, that was in the shape of a giant bullet's, slug's or rocket's tip, which were being gnawed on by this thing. IT looked exactly as if a dog simply dislocated its jaw trying to eat a giant bullet, while it also had a dagger-shaped growth that was placed, or would've been placed like a dislocated ram's beard, only that it came out the wrong direction and might've been taken for the 'dog's spine or back of the head. What was more peculiar was the fact that the 'jaw', whose position was angled the other way around, as in, the teeth pointed at the ground, as did the jaw'bone', indicating the fact that it might've been a Cain and Abel's attempt to put down the animal, instead of it owning the piece of bone itself. IT was not bullet body but a pile of belly-fat as if, lumped top of a partially melted candle wax growth that came out of a two chitinous sledge shaped body, segmented, below which a few plump viscera breathing organs could be seen, behind which, but covered by a sting-curvature pointing at the back, to an elongation of tendon's, that came out of the breathing humps' pseudo humanoid torso bearing a sausage twisted, fat but with a rosary ruby for a nose, eyeless second head whose sight only came out of its 'eyes', that also signaled the direction in which the 'doghead' looked into, since it could not turn itself, having no actual neck, left it very much exposed to everything else in nature. It bore a rake but curved inwardly, as if it were a half a humanoid rib-cage if lain on a vertical angle while the viewer, or from his point of view, he was an organ, shrimp-like in terms of eeliness, that connected mid-way into the 'wax-bellies' and the chitinous membrane. An exoskeleton's cockroach –

worn; his flight was never-ending and quick enough, as he was, there was nothing he couldn't outrun, living that is.

A shrill cry could be heard somewhere, although not there, on the ground level or the general area, since, there were something akin to seventeen or so inner moth-head inside of, plunge-in's, some screws inside the area of recognition, that was shared between every single one of them, systems, for each moth-head, sort of saying, excavating oil-rigs being set- for the few air-tight shut-ins and outs, lowered and raised, oxygen reined tying factors that were set within each ceiling and each of the 'floors', kept in as if inmates on a ship's captain lodge, checked upon for something that would unfamiliarly appear to be too outward for its own sake, that special inmate, or glassy air that could shatter the very body-walls they bore.

The dead man green compact, with mushroom white yolk, covered-coated, basked in it, with a red-head of squirming red worms-its brain cast out and flying, like liquor spat then spread around, on a point where it could not get out of. A, a nice, a loathsome, an incredible, a durable, a, the, a, car-shaped, pucker, adorning, a thing, a crystal, amongst whom, doesn't matter, doesn't make much of a difference, doesn't tell and don't show, a slipperiness to it, a loathsome once again, thrice a kiss- waiting in the takin', the receiver, a man-staring past his brow, pointed at it, then he shouts:

'I've seen you lose a skin before, prior to us joining you, but never to this point where you'd adorn, nor entertain living among us in this way. We've seen no better, yet no worse a place for something of the kin to happen.'

'Then you've not seen enough and you, frankly are to get out on immediate notice, unless I'm to be angered yet again, in which case, I'd drone a single puff to draw you still in death.'

Back chamber, backside of the hangar:

'The house is nicer than I initially expected it to be.'

'Why's that?'

'I think it's the absence of flies, mainly. Those ready meaty things that came out of the grinder. I've grown fond of them, ever since I started seeing them places, I no longer am in need of, you know.'

'You're eaten all up, rotten in place; a gust's about you, in a bowel's run, cast past the cans, you see them?'

'The ones running on the walls? I've seen them before I think; they've been taking them out from wherever they could. Should we pass it?'

'I don't know. Open, I need to see what's past the other side.'

Both of them stepped in, appeared in parted shade, across the other side of the room there being a great horned figure of some twenty or so meters in stature. Both of them unevenly suspected it of not being real:

A pick-like red-stage half a moon- velvet-filled with carpet-fur, with a second wider one having grown beyond it, with a few strange mammal-fat growths, standing as mounds, out of which plane wing growth-

sprouted waves drove out of. Wriggling-hardly shaking blades appeared to draw out of them, vaguely ringed, from both beneath and inside of, that only appeared to be revealed once they had been forced to resurface out of the mass they had been forced to sink in.

It all seemed too murky, raised, as if lumped waves keep driving out their dug-in trenches. They stopped before they could reassess where the figure had gone to.

‘Shall I remind you of the two seats, perhaps?’

‘I think I’ve had enough of them already.’

‘But not of the one leading the charge during the assault, in their wretched nerve-hold. Somehow they’ve been reached.’

‘I don’t want to know.’

‘This one is interesting, though.’

A fuzzy thing of no less stature that anyone would find it not only irresolute but rather uncomfortable being surrounded by so many an obscure an object that at a point in this savage ‘rampaging’ about as to find a clue whether or not there was still any distinguishable life around this place, as to discern the lifelessness that was being bored through irrefutable, uncannily plain-to-see objects whose preponderance, being met face to face by a group of barely, infallibly built on sight remorseless airless bags of throne-put savers of ignominy, had adjunctly faded or was put to such a resonance whose alarmist stature would render it to be improbable to belong to any cause at all, being a claimant disapprovingly, yet modern, insoluble disavowal of stagnancy, since the moths puffs whom had shown signs of being capable of breeding with one another in or perhaps during the most, profusely incontestably succinct, as for the manner of the conditions they were forced to endure being or belonging to the, rather hardest-to endure, harshest of environs, that would be befitting as to please their solvent desire as to be met by some resistance, if any, against which or whom, their apparent ‘on-set’ of skills would be finely tested in accordance to their own derived system of honor they have and still continue to adhere to, like stomping nigger heads.

Silence:

‘Silence!’

It broke off when one of the soldiers started eating, his jaw dislodged behind him, betokened in the form of a giant tri-formed pair. Three jaws sprouted, elongated then adorned by many incisors come from the anchor’s stretch, behind perilous depressions where the steam came out, there.

‘I can feel it, the heat, I see a sea in it; but don’t get nearer to it. Something wrong might happen, call it a hunch, but I don’t find it safe for either of us nearing its proximity’s clench to get nearer to. IT could swallow us both and when it does.’

‘Silence yourself, foolish trunk, you’ve felt your way through it and now you’re armed with every single one of our men’s arms. You’ve mistaken me for a tool of yearn-reprieve for far too long for me to remain silence now. And I claim what’s rightfully mine for I’ve yet to meet someone as spry as I am.’

‘Mournful standing, but you’re mutated. How can there be an understanding between the two of us if I were to listen to you from this point on?’

‘There needs not be one, clench your teeth and ensure they’ll be put somewhere, Harrison, or else they’ll eat them as well. You know they adorned their crowns with those things and still you keep showing them off.’

‘I can’t help it, I can’t. I’ve been in this recliner for far too long to hope for lee disablement flee away. With this, I am capable of flight.’

His lodged legs still wheeled but jointed in the back. They sprung like elongated three-segmented insect-things that dragged alongside him, as he refused to have a drink. Absinthe, absinthe, how well it would’ve made him feel; to drown one’s sorrow and refuse to peel, whatever they could see in ion-steel. It was insufficient to hope they could somehow pull him back from out his throne as they started glowing with airless wonder. Stronger after, hours, the canter was only his for a time, stricken by each knuckle as his fingers had become a Benedict’s crown. Marched with him came the few patched up beings whom brought along, upon their backs, then showed what little they had in mind.

‘Bottles, they’re all washed up, not that I would hope there was something else in them, but at the very least, I could’ve done with the mark.’

‘Silence, silence, it’s to pass.’

There was no sign of anyone listening, nor would there be for a long enough period of time.

A few meters down the line, a bodily warm nest housed a few hundred people or so, most vaporous a thing that followed in each other’s path being verily readied themselves to leap forward as to be sent on a path out of which not even the most tremendous of hilarities could be maintained on a frame of enough tape-long but clearly measured by a fractionally different a system than that of our own, there being no emotion distorted from any of the things that had largely come to pass when one of the many house-moths started growing out of their own heads, for what appeared to be a long enough, much awaited- even to the point of being prophesized process filled with attenuations of such contorted concentrations of angles that, wheround one were to look he would see the beads that, once put together, in their permanent position, embolded in such captivating ways of never being capable of understanding what went through them, that, upon reaching the finality of their form, there would be indistinguishableness from the lordly maliciously-repelling iron-cords whose enrapture was but the tip of the iceberg in terms of the great trophies that were being hunted by the great Adorner of stones, of war’s obliquities, uncouth, whose presence never met the apparel that was wished for, as to be discussed whenever one cast first stone, if must or if there ever was a reason to reach him, Lavash Bonecart, rightful owner of the Country of Illeans, as well as the Patron-Sage of the Moths, subservient to the second brother, Lavish Bonecart, bringer of great approval from the great council of cocoons that still wreathed and cast all away during the darkest clouds apparel in the drawing of the ends, when, and during the storms that had drawn themselves out by the hilts of the hurricanes that were carried on out by the distant, insufficiently recalled by, for some reason or another, then, and yet again, down-cast, Citadel-filled coast of the Mediterranean Beast’s corpse, this colossal giant whom had only lived miles away, and miles at large away from the hangar, whose insolent spirit had connected their tranquil minds to that of the network of the eaten but dreaded

servitors of the malign, could not recall what happened to come next, during the point of interest, after having survived through the greatest wave of annihilation nature itself could ever throw at them, by means of laceration and disgust, when thrust away and allowed to continue on a path of no return since they've out-grown their shells well beyond, having formed towering wriggling spore-like buds of much-beaded yet aligned dandelions that were all connected, beating blearily against each other's stalks as to attempt to make more space or create some disjointed conflict between one another, never and very much incapable of controlling their insatiable desire to stop and propagate the catch-up the men yearned for, below them, still staring at them as if they were placed in Indian-tents, wonderingly smoking pipes as their smoke-clouds would only deal, here and there, with the ones that disappeared, incapable, as they were, hard of hearing, shooting in the range or doing errands while another storm was on its way, then cast away some swords they had, as well as it could be had; news having encompassed their almost elatedly empty minds, during the day both Pastors of the moths had headed down right here themselves, as to announce what was going on – 'The great beast is on its way, although the Costal-region managed to unite the states together in order for a final battle to erupt, a final push as well as an attempt to claim its life, I fear that we are met by something much worse, something that could border sanity's end if that's what we must call it, forth, will it come, the solid specter of it, bearing its husk, like a levitating cannibalized upon by savages-filled with human-maggots, angel, but cracked in half, looking like a boat inside, no meat but they're eating, even now, nothing but shrapnel and wooden pieces, since they're unaware of the fact that their own pain serves as a bass-relief for the mourning that's to come, as when it happens, they'll be seen as the prophets that will be encouraged, to be worshipped, listened to, yet admired, and you want to know why? Because that beast is without eyes and limbs, but there are billions of mechanical limbs, all-alike with faces, men's and other creatures, all capable of extending and encompassing the world in a second, as they would form a murky sea, a globe formed of Belial. I've seen it in my vision and yet I've been aware.' He said onto them, capable of recalling all events. It dreaded the exit, this bomb, this biologically rotten thing that hid in wood and moved as well, whenever it was cold; heat would force it to lay proper. That's the main reason behind the Meds having surrounded it with torches and everything else they could come up with after. But they were incapable of fully destroying it, since this creature's power far exceeded that of the most dreadful, strongest and yet insolent of all, of sin and of gelatin, whatever else it was, this would be senseless and it would be fleshy, as well as one could see it. As it passed, the giant, the giant, above, but farther than the likes of the village where they, the other side, the other side, where there stood Lomek and Shiel, but never approached were they. IT was too dangerous, far too dangerous to continue on this path of quietness as well as the malign, the others would not understand what this meant. But even the beast knew not to approach the other one, whose head was stone and hardened still. A giant, unfathomably tall, he was part of the land and was but communicating with a distinct ledge, like a giant stone-step or floor, only the size of a canyon, like a block of steel but rounded around the edges, an oblong with a giant tooth coming out its edge, rounded-squirminly like a toothy thing, made of some mushy-borough, made of stone, some incessantly dark metal but shiny, at time it even appeared to be made of homes. OR glassy-steel and the homes could be seen in, illusions of people made inside, but if one thing was certain about this patch of land, that was clearly unconnected to everything else, on second sight, it was busy, busying itself entertaining the giant, this stone crag of a mountain, this defiled-unnatural thing of stone, this tiki-totem giant stone-hedge statue, busy, playing coy as to pretend not being heard. Repeating every single thing twice, every syllable in disgust, flashing white-like marble and changing color immediately after, whereas, next to them, the machines. They appeared as if they took the rest of the land by force. All painted red and tall, all aligned

like battle-ship cruiser's flat platforms on top of which planes would land on top of, then land aside, then set themselves in flight again. Painlessly as for the endeavors that followed soon after. A hierarchy of bones meant that there was no reason to seek someone to pull everything from the ground without facing the consequences of laying beneath it for too long; neither machine dared send their flight of drones, beneath the earth's home, beneath this dome, where they corpses were well-above the quaintness held by many men. Farther down below, in the distance:

The various echoes that had been driven forth by the giant's strode in fathomless tumble upon his dislodged, out of his putrid rotten-yolk smelly ankles had finally perished as he was no longer contorted or trapped, or encased inside the many torrents of spools he had been enwrapped, when finally he was met by the altar. No longer capable of turning around as if to set himself in some kind of flight; to which they greeted him, his sickened face. The giant-pink skulled, fleshy one that floated like a specter out a tent; tall-bodied ribbed but almost like a great bell, armed by many roots as well, but oozing with fluorescence while the other stooped as well. A worming yellow tipped shaft, like that of an arrow came out of a skull-habitat. It only bore the sockets as it squirmed but rested, around this hollow well, whose top was just extended. Standing very much extant, the many shaped wildly thrown here, there and wildly, wily-nilly, yet around, it opened its canines and drew, finally upon the dark sinew, as to revel in its chilly breath. A virulent thing stood no further than it, plain-as to see upon the arches, a great oozing with pores and lavished in the mushroom-puffy spores, a wingless bird, whose only beak remained as well. Legless but from what one could tell, levitating with the rest of them, in this place of deep-abyss. Where they chanted during the lack of peace; they were crude and cruel, but welcomed the saint. The one that came out of the well, only a thin-ruddy woo-bamboo, almost like a stick, fleshy, but at its end, a light-bulb shaped head, that oozed with light, of fire-new. That was their sun, and bringer of light, as it approached. Not a single one of the parasites that were adorned there stooped any longer, as they started leaving the site, cruel as it was, as to allow their continuation, not a single one of these wretched did anything to stop them, during flight. This was their spot of reckoning, farther than the dead-growth, whose wild adorned, shiny spots, thrown around, and therefore cast, left close to nothing as to be endowed. Silence was yet to come around.

But the rotten giant continued watching them, closely-so, and not for a second more did he lose his concentration, nor would he attempt to do something that would conjure the least amount of hopelessness, as if of woe.

His brain-case was of a great enough circumstance as to house inside of it, at the very least, eight hundred or so people of various size differences, adding up to, at the very least, if they were to go ahead and build a city of their own, some kind of varied commune or a great stretch of miles going both up, down and in the surrounding areas, as the brain matter as well as the mass which had been hybridized inside the giant's noggin were become the floor and the ceiling, most dreadful of antlers being used as racks for the caved-in pieces that were being loaded inside the attrition defiled deformed machine-men that were being created in order to prevent any kind of insurgency, as it could be seen, by the clear eye of 'day', although some artificial light made them revel in the chaos of twists, the hedges and the reveal of primitive structures that had been left behind by some of their compatriots whom belonged to previous generations yet had only allowed for some 'gifts' to follow through, with lightning-cord smoke purple-purple plume-Cajun-pop tarts pink with yellow and red and mold dots on them coming out of completely-over-and-beyond-their-breaking-point tart-makers and over-charged atoms that somehow ran on batteries but also had plugs as well, for some reason, supplying them with some kind of means of gobbling down the

nutrition, which was a disgusting malevolent yellow-paste their throats could not hope to endear the burn of since it was made out of scalped Indians, whom had been put inside, stored, rather, in large cylindrical coffin units, inside refrigerator units as well as some repurposed butcher's shop's freezing units, highly industrial, industrious-workers coming up with all kinds of fancy ways of storing everything they could despite them living in tall ziggurat-like at the base but held up high like strange tower-greenish bone citadels, whose, at large, appearance was highly distorted by the looked of it and appeared to form some strange many faceted by pieces that moved as if they were carpets with rods attached to one another's, not to mention that for some reason they kept changing in size, as if they were water-balloons still attached to the clearly-left running water-tap, yet pricked at the bottom so as to fluctuate in size by means of addition and subtraction, controlled, rather, by strange intervals of Neon-light flashes of flares that were constantly being thrown from inside of them, were contained there, but were easily revealed as easily as one could snap his fingers as being there from outside since the intensity went over and beyond anything that could even be remotely, by mere chance, indispensable of recurrent thoughts, as to hide away from it by means of misjudging these 'incidents' as some kind of assaults, or some violent upheaval a stranger might deem it as being, which, added to the fact that every livid plate, to that alone that might be added the fact that they all bore humanoid faces at times or were completely human, hairy, insect-like, filled with appendages, with outlandish spikes, drawn-in, bearing cords that attached themselves like grappling-hooks shot against the ziggurat frames in order to grab them in but disappearing soon after when looked upon again; appeared to have a will of its own, whereas the only thing that was even less somber as to be liked was the strange tall being standing near one of the doors, one of the many, thousands upon thousands upon thousands of doors, fake doors, leading to all the wrong places but in-worn aside, bearings of no signs that would otherwise point one in the right direction, since there was no such thing and one could never understand why all the paths, all the stairways lead to the same way, this perniciously disgusting downward pointed niggardish maze-like basement where most if not all of the most unnaturally-to beheld stasis-apparatuses kept a hold of the root-like power generators, which were in the tens, planted wily-nilly, on various checker boarded areas, on walls, in some mutated beings whose bodies were filled with elongatedly thin romboscously-fleshy teal-flashy oozing-with power, whose faces were two-jackal-like skulls put together but without the eye sockets and whose in-between bore a cube-like zone of gelatin in which a strange face with almond but move curved eyes appeared to distract from the fact that there was no nose but a mouth that was a few pistons, three and three, whereas in the middle there stood a single hole, out of which it blew bubbles come out –out of being fed with soap, standing on a single elephant-foot that was lodged inside the side of the floor, armless but in possession of two great wings that appeared to be partially rounded around its frame like some curtain, dark, it were and hairy, like some dark-skinned ugly baboon whose strange appearance left one strikingly intimidated by naught else other than this great bulk' as if moth-like, a puff, that was his chest, in which one of the generators that helped with the Indian incubations was ledged inside of, courtesy but not in the least, to the great Sack-Round OP. – A man, as simple as one could see, who was trapped one day inside this enormous head, incapable of finding a way out, stuck with a Indian tribe he had made the best out of, since, otherwise said, they were mainly a useless bunch, they had been a waste on mankind that had been rectified soon enough by nothing else other than the power of will displayed by a few men. Their kind had intermixed with nigger-chimpanzees, that, they themselves had been forcefully inbred to a point where their ugly-deformations of features had withdrawn themselves to such an exempt that the specimens in questions had been irrecognisable, not that there was much of a difference prior to estimations of humanity, as to even

consider it as thus, as the species of niggers had never been anything even as close to being a human as anyone would like to know or take it into consideration.

‘We’ve found one, sir, a ginger-root signal somewhere alongside the north-eastern border. He’s communicated with us and is in need of an extraction.’

They were in a dark room and both of their faces shone red. Features molded into the rounded mass, giving the illusion of them constantly melting or falling apart like some steam or wax, that only added to their ugliness as multiple eyes appeared every now and there, all capable of sight.

Large spears of red and pure-abyss came out of their faces, spreading across the liquid-oxygen fluid filled room. They ‘swam’ by walking, from one corner to the other. Once they turned around from one another, trying to absorb the information they had just received, they began walking in circles, processing. Leaving trails of bubbles and of humanoid casts, jelly left behind after being ‘molested’ or done for by similar means, while others started caving in. A mechanical blue-door opened, though still unseen. A man completely armored with hundreds of arms coming out of its helmet, then back into his chest, swimming in a loop, all iron but plastic fingers melted upon being drilled back into the hole that garroted his foil-and crest:

‘Sickle- Newport, a visitor has just arrived. He is currently resting in the foyer, trying to work one of the junk-machines back to life. Trying to get something out of it, thinking he’s going to be the first one, the first lucky man in the last century to scam it open; forcing it unlocked, unaware of there being a rapier-aligned cluster of grenades on the other side of it.’

‘Let me him entertain himself for the time being. I don’t see how he could do any harm while knowing what he’s toying with irksomely now.’

Everything was uneven, highly unlikely to protrude out of the strange commuter beneath the junk-junk. It was a matter of time until he cracked the beast open in front of all of their eyes, or worse, he triggered it. Slowly moving panel-roofs but planted with the most intrusive if not all, worsened by the pressure that was filling the glass-bile, had they realized it yet, they died. It was only a matter of time until the wrong piece, the wrong pull, the juke-box made a spark, and the whole foyer was clumsily ridden with fleas and yet the spice of dust, and grins and ever-been, told to die.

Desperately needing that well-requested by him in advance, upon the fleeting eels of a rotation’s well-night rotation of a few messaged already delivered through the post’s office’s past-and well thought-through then shot, with the aid of the few amalgamations that had happened, then and there-around, with everything that’s been happening for so long and over such a long period of time that he almost forgot himself again, the reason behind it was forgotten somewhere along the way by a simplistic yet reproachable reason that no man could’ve found ill-convenient, or at the very least, the lashed of a leash beating him over and over again in pain, because he forgot, and memory’s gone in flight’s emergence brought by hunger of forget, every second’s pas then, lost in the past, since his brain molecules had been switched to alloys, metals and conveniently allowed no second more to start again, since, there was a very good reason for it, as was thought, since, alarmingly unfounded, the man threw a fit in the cave-cavern he had been thrown inside of it, there-along and therefore singing, notwithstanding such an emergence of petty-metallic insect sounds that made him blush, made him wince, experiencing things he’s never felt

before, nor since, they laughed at him, the giant petty-dark sooth-skinned men, niggarrish, kikish, prudish with each slap alongside his temples, unable to endear yet recognize what was happening to him in that and during the moment his flounder of bats, of skinned burning bats, of skinned dogs and the other animals he had turned in beaten down blocks of meat that were not organic, then soon revealed, artificial at play, specifically designed to mess with in instead of doing the other thing, allowing him to realize that there was no good way of understanding how he's gotten there, or why he's done it, beaten on top of his head by paddles of wood, yet broken immediately during this strange, alienation-drivel driven drivel, driven forth, driven around, he had no car, by confusion ghastly as such was the nature of the ones that were trying to drag him back into that hole they've come out of, the grovel, since one could see, or if he could see, inside his head, a block of iron-things-of-alloy made to puzzle-fit with pieces struck back and forth, then run-around-the-mill of the wind-mill's run-around it, horseshoes left behind once the horses realized it was not worth it, running for their master's bet, now run, he did, upon this blaster sight, a crude brain of iron, with every dendrite, every neuron, every cell's atom fully replaced, and left for moving around and shooting, although pointlessly, without a break, useless, as no memory could be recorded, yet instead, the entirety of existence started flashing like a sped-through forwarded tape, which yielded no result, instead and since there was no reason to advance, this retarded being, which else could not be called or referred to, was forced to suffer as the basked into this world where the trees, the palms, the balms, the geodes, the crags and the crisp, burnt-basins, the pools and the wretched gelatin-teal, as was the sky, as if molded in some abstract painting with faces and people, not flat but raised like bumps that receded into depressions as if they were filled-with-air-lungs that were pushed in and out, and back into safety's warmth while they followed around, him as they'd see and they saw no worth, nor reason to properly deal or take care of this, dark-damp filled, in the brain-scum, teal, beaten, forced, then, to leap around, like a bull-frog in his confusion scared, driven away by the maliciously-echoed and clearly aimed at him cackle-tattle-tail, that was swung at him, sickened dogs come out of the fray, and burn in faces – tribalistic, all laughing at him, gone ballistic, as wars and rockets shot in front of his eyes, giant guns, termite dens and given and flashy psychedelic swings and swung and sausages-filled with large, strange creatures hiding inside, battling one another, then flashing in giant wide-spreading explosions that would soon enough be well forgotten or passed for rotten, New Year's Eve's rocket show and plenty of dark snow and plenty of the evil cones, come out of the moving spheres, reddened-glowing with crimson-blood-clot with iron bell-like extensions being lowered by strange chains against which large elongated arm-like contortions that stretched into the sky added to what appeared to be millions of them, completely obscuring everything, with eyes popping out, then other features, as they were revealed to be, the Enclave of their disappearing sights, and sighted was he, upon the swings and branches that were lowered after that, brought by angelic figures that were twisted upon connected structures akin to stalactites connected to stalagmites, wingless, but beating jaw-like aligned with beads, left and right, forming strange contortions, although not real jaws, eerily gummed and even incisor filled with curved-like worms that stung and swung and filled each other with even more mass, taken out of the surrounding areas they had been dug out of the cemetery of, until their disappearance, fully noted, was a result of ever-glow-spread, some flashiness-blinding with the most inexcusable of the ordeals ever being propagated upon the side river-reveries, which was curved upon an upward-thrust, concave area that lend onto the belief that everything was trapped inside a most notoriously disgusting wax-filled with parts of the most unnatural upheaval –order, they had yet to comment upon, this world that was very much alive, and real, the world he lived in, not being birth of but allowed to look into once one could not register anything with his mind, nor there'd be proof he even saw those things and not merely resumed his behavioral-driven learned

behaviors that made him act that way, to convey the most unnatural things that drove the fluorescent escape from the maddening fall of the great stone, they, eyeless and tall and made out of some bizarre stone that grew strange, on their sides, since they were placed upon some twenty square feet, then eleven hundred thousand miles in height, blocks with four sided-pushed on outwardly protruding, almost spear-like slug-shell formations, the blocks being put on top of some rounded oblong-popping like boils out of a cylinder pushed on as they reeled back and forth out of that strange unnatural, deep-elongated formation that drew back into the ground, in the strange depression like mole-like stretch that went on for hundreds upon hundreds of miles until no longer was there any chance to discern whether or not they were adornment pieces for the sculptures themselves, or, instead were merely some worm-like creatures that dwelled even deeper than that, since they were rigged and gigged, wriggled and filled with cluster-like formations, yet, mid-way through a single body could be seen, which only revealed their true nature, that of many hydra-like heads that were all attached to a single melodious pair of-cluster growths as well, a pear or an apple-shaped box-like filament main organ-like a Gatling gun of barrel-growths they flaccidly receded back into, as they left behind an empty cylinder filled with many holes, although one that didn't affect, since the frame was conveniently sturdy enough to deal with it as well as with everything else that was being pointed in and out, the weight, turning their departure into nothing other than some inconvenience of the kind or an unaesthetic deprave- maligned contortion of lest-dealt-with, one would forget that they needed to come out of air, therefore, blocking their access would meant total annihilation for these wormish heads; although one could not simply ignore the strangely, sailor-like figures put on top those disgustingly endowed pedestals, shattered and cracked by flints of lightning bolts and such deformations withdrawn and held, then pushed forth would leave nothing else to be erected out of the strange blocks of stone they stood on top of. What made these strange worm-hydraesque 'necks' stand out specifically was the smoothness of their tip-like puffy pink as if filled with hairs or pores, at the end of which, tinier bulk-puffy heads drew out of, forming spore-like but only in a superficial way of looking at them, then observing kind of way, over a prolonged period of time until the realization came, the vision having solidified in, then realizing that they were hard, chiseled, hardened, despite the roundness of an almost finger tip, but which was seen as a forest upon a close-up. The various ridges were far much closer to chitin-shards, which could also be seen, albeit in terms of a variance of size, there being a grander concavity to it, as if this sheltered thing was much closer to being put inside some 'time-capsule' of the kind instead of being seen or used in any other way, which seemed to hold most of the organs in the lower side, unseen-to-the-common-eye side of the being, which at first stopped in a perfectly rounded bottom of a cylinder, hence why the actual hole-filled cylinder at the top displayed a pseudo-coincidental kindred-quality similar to its. But, one key difference was a simple hose that constantly pumped back and forth as if some sort of mass-exchange was being shared between these two. Two as in, they appeared to be two different species conjoined, or a parasite. Or, perhaps this was the true cognition-organ bearing creature instead. The hose connected to a turnip-shape organ with a few mechanical things attached at the top, an iron band being wrapped around as if it were the plumbing system's back-view of some water-tap, which drew in a giant conical but downward pointing hive-like, largely exposed, greenish-orange, fleshy looking, almost like a balloon-but filled with a few-pea-like growths that stuck out, clearly forming most of its mass, fat carrot, especially with the turnip-like growth whose outward other-pushed-out growths lend onto the impression of them being the leaves; tipped at its end, like a wasp-stinger but closer to some tusk, whitish in color; or some fleshy turkey-stuffer tool; or some disgustingly filled with many naked females body bag, that even wriggled around. Yet, between the turnip organ and this mass bearer, there stood an almost straight aimed-forth, almost clearly aligned as to be akin to a line 'bar' that held a

rounded potato-giant-head-like mass with a giant disgustingly molded nose, twice the size of its head, in which both-eyes diverged into, being compounded and empty as well as it constantly dripped, as if it were wax, where, out of its mouth, out came a strange wide-flat organ, which was closer in appearance to a man's clearly extended tongue that bore a razor which had been welded in afterwards, then peeled off, piece by piece, meat by cracked, as if hit afterwards, metal shattered, where, a few long black 'hairs' but at thick as balloons –fleshy tubes with pointy tips that were all placed in the middle, resting on top of the shattered razor alongside the other fleshy things, growths as such, that adorned what had remained of the 'tongue'. Like a cuckoo coming out of a hive instead of a clock.

Despite the strange yet clearly enormous garlic-like bag inside another one in which it kept, constantly spilling inside of at such a level that there would be no possible way to understand where one ended and where one began in the same way two, stacked on top of one another, but one whose clearly drainage system had been punched in, that being the one above the former, clear-water running tap water holding frame whose running water falls through the visibly made-in crack through which the liquids would mix in such a way that trying to figure them out would very much so be impossible, rendering them nigh if not completely indistinguishable from one another, to the point where it would be falsely understandable, therefore not, as to why it acted this way, where the dirt became the sky as well as the other depressed creatures and most importantly what happened to the entirety of space and matter which had become this strange bubble in which every swam and mixed with and in it, like a pool of ooze ever-spreading in every direction, being carried along, yet, for some reason, although the explanation for this strange pepper-bodies by bulbs creature being flung back and forth made sense, since it was not caused by the wind after all, instead, going down, heading down there for a few, absolutely never-ending hundreds of consecutive miles at the very least, many of the 'bricked' by scales open holes as well as the raised structures that depended on one another for their support since they were like or were equipped with some pseudo long-sticked 'arms' that grabbed and held, and added to one another's clearly fragmented, yet yielded to be alike and akin to some raised castle of cards, fleshier instead and forming pyramidical cones, raised rectangular hold as well as other figures of towering things that had suddenly sprouted, dumb-founded as to swing back and forth, then darted out of sight by simply flinging, flinching, the curling of the toes and fingers that attached and held tightly, interlocked around each bar, inside of which tinier living-taloned almost pill-sized entities lived inside of, flinging each other back and forth, along the trails of an intravenous system of circular- organic as if strung inside and aligned through the insides of a bone-system of ringed ziggurats that left enough space for these flung by the liquid as if they were, thrust or else, blood cells, back and forth, then returned again.

Mindlessly he yearned, released:

'Should we allow him to finally crack down and die?'

'Don't be such a bore, since you know he brought it onto himself to begin with. There's no one else to blame but him!'

There was no imperative.

So much so that the wretched head of a thousand skull-like protrusions made out of the most incontestable of the verily put together conflagrations of mandibles that rose from the depths of the eve, as they only grabbed one another's bodily deformed strode-forth maligned crevices in which swam, their

lords begotten now, their children wrung and stung in every side of their vaporous hole, all the way down until a single being drew breath, in wrong-doing:

‘I’ve seen him, down there, in one of the wind-traps of leaves, in which they’ve basked in autumn’s rose no farther day than it had been conveyed before the fall-apart of trees that neared. I seek no restitution to my lost in trace ion-of diseases spot, I seek no glory be forgotten now, but follow me, dearly beloved brother, that I may hold with you, on a reasonable period of time we both could share within one another’s grasps, and tenderly embraced and most forgiving as they would enteach us of what oft be done with them, during the time of evil’s come villainous peril’s done onto the brow of the life that they may, may indeed forgive our treacherousness when kindly done for and such unkindness as I would have one now, as for the arrow I have used to make you bleed on the prior eve of solstice, that I still carry on me, from this point on, when night’s come to ravel in the scum of plot and moonlight gone, in peril-hiding before the curtains of melodious dream, the one that fallow would rescind, I seek thee come with me still, to that pointy rook where mighty shook the giant in his death, during which I can only count upon you now!’

‘Bastard, kill yourself!’

‘Lest it be said otherwise, not a single man will survive, not a single soul allowed to walk still unvanquished by all meager beads of strength-allow, to have their skulls crumble-shattered come onto the brow of the moon’s falchion where our people shall sing us glory and charge still upon the plains of quiet’s eve! To have our glory besmirched would mean destruction’s come onto the brows of thieves but only scrape, as much entangled dark remains would serve no less than such mischievous and yet adorned upon the crowd’s barrel, of fair to say and scorn of power. That we may bring their corpses yet today!’

A glorious obelisk upon a mount, on top of which the altar’s three eyes and dream-catcher like rotund scorned head, the skull that’s entered, now’s come onto the bed of many bones this flat valley had been filled with. A junk-yard of many battles, of darkly wrought alloy, but many others whom were pirates; ships and cargos left to rot. But not a single conquered man alive. Mourning rampart on glory days, when the fells of the wind’s slander brought a quail of many smokes that lay, ever in the distance swaying, back and forth and ever laying, but oft a single soul in sight.

A man came drafted with a decayed tumor-thing on his back:

‘I’ve come to bring you news, magister!’

‘Then bring them onto me as lay.’

There still some beaucraut’s unnerved dismay; for he had brought many notes with him abhorrent.’

‘You’ve been disjointed ever since, were you not?’

But he could not recall the day since one eye winked, as eerily as there would be a kind of swollen-ever since postulated-wretchedly decay, moreover sought:

Each of the single eye in particular belonged to a different face, as did all those three-things, that had been stolen past the day, then put together, shell-clay of glue; disregarding the four closed ones behind, whom,

each belonged to a god unbound but swollen in place. Darker, cruder than the three humanoid eyes in the front, they lay.

‘A secret thing, I see you yearn. But I will not have it disclosed just yet, trustfully secretive and quaintly attentive as you’ve been of lately, much-observed over the course of years, loyal-subject Slith-a-find, carefully as you may be, we’re standing on a pit of sand.’

One of the eyes wretched itself-flung to its left side. A few hard-machines of alloy-bone stood erect out of the pile. They stood out quite distinctively, as in comparison, there were hundreds upon hundreds of night-plane fields where nobody ever rose. This was a first, he thought. But neither him nor the young office-deliverer jolted either way but stung.

‘Absurd.’

Outrageous yet prudent in attention, quaintly displayed in terms of loft of wonderment, muse of such alignment as withdrawn from hardly there had been a shell, in which bedridden gallantry abhor, would there be a man alike to deliver such news of hardly there will be after, nastily withdrawn from what had once been a mighty bore.

‘I seek restitution for that eye! It’s communicated something to me, rightfully now!’

‘We are all damned the rest of the spoils of day to come onto the lands that lay beneath us where we may heed the last remnants of there ever having there been a land to begin with!’

Reminder of an eye; eyes of a set:

There were three eyes up-front and four in the back. Each belonged to beads of eyes, five each, now four, since they went missing:

Floating in some locked up-box that bore eighteen hundred facets or some:

Vanguards of cysted crystal, running around; could be seen from miles by the looks of which, not a single vigilant eye would face such scum-betokened after-thought.

Someone was walking across the room, warded by the foot-pad, with a few people around him, following in line, with their eyes popping out into tiny flying fire-flies of cotton that followed him. All were leashed within a moment from a sprouting whiff of darkish flails that drew out, as if drilled out of the back of his head, immediately wrapping themselves around both the flies and the people, as if they were leashed, as if they had no other option but to follow in his path, as if uncannily deformed then worthlessly strewn aside; cranky.

‘I’ve seen you both over there, standing for a while now, yet I’m introduced to neither one of you, why?’

‘They’re intruders, intra-cortical ones!’

‘Summers, a lot of them, spent with Velasquez. I think I’ve adorned my drink with dips of chocolate cones and sprinkled vets of iron beds, sprints spent trying to run around his house like some dog, like some child whose parents never talk to him, I sulk not on those imitable times but soak in wonder. Bath is warm.’

‘Who are you supposed to be in that case, stranger?’

‘A man without a name, who had been stolen from his parents as a patent sold, I am now.’

‘A slaver, but who is the savior?’

Salvaged from broken moons!

An eight by eight standing next to an eight by eight of empty space; making the front of the room; middle region, a few feet away, a long bridge a quarter of both leading to a cubical almost on a ramp, inclined elevator-like worming stairway wedged into it, and hanging with its ‘head’ against the wall, almost like a cut off by an axe standing yet to fall trunk of a tree, a curvature to it, as well, since below and around the bridge there was nothing but a deep-fall pit-like abyss. Like an escalator leading to a turned over itself booth, whereas in the back, where they stood, inside this pentagonal-faceted but oblongish an encircled region; which was connected to the linoleum-covered rectangle leading to the fall by a few interconnected but clearly front-thrust hallway-like tunnels that were connected do it. To their right, a stretch of a few hundred meters lead to a strange room that was held by chains alongside a ship-like formation it was welded against; although the chains were at large hidden away from sight and obscured, as they held everything from falling apart as well as their clock-work like machinations which ensured that all ought to fall in place would never come to be seen by the naked eye of the people engaged-and placed around every corner of the room. Part of the wall was encompassed by this ship which was mainly kept like some exhibit inside some museum, adding more to the girth of the room but looked as if it was in a room of its own or at the very least a platform that was connected to the room itself than the other way around, there being only one, since the ceiling, on its side couldn’t be seen because of the darkness that cast away the dark shadows that were murdering in place every if not all sights. Part of its wood-work was made into the flooring. Although the curve and the angle made it difficult for one to climb into it; whereas, in the front, or to the left, if come through the long stretch, there lay the an almost slight depression of fifteen centimeters or so, of a denivelation that was connected to a curving to the left, road-like, highway other-lane kind of strangely lowered down by the chains entry-way elongation of a lobby that had its windows completely shut off by metal bars that obscured the dark, yet, unseen to most naked eye would point, at the end of the curvature directly at the very same bridge leading to the elevator or the dark-like pit formation. A trap-door-raised apartment –room of a hundred fifty six meters was entered inside of by the lobby-elongation, although completely sealed, from sight, since one could somewhat see it from the distance if they were placed on the bridge as to form a direct sighting towards it; yet it was invisible to the naked eye for some reason. And it seemed like it also kept rotating entirely, at a peculiarly slow rate, yet once entered inside of, there was no discernable alteration of motion entering or forcing a man’s body to adhere to the forced of; as to be completely forced to act in such a manner that they could not control themselves afterwards or fall through, fall over and fall to death of injury’s embrace. Inside it, there was a bluish-reddish orange-kind of light that revealed ever-changing patterns of sad-tragedy-like managerial faces, bodies, prudish beings that danced like imps and flew around, chasing shadows only to be caught ever-since and yet endear. As many of the levitating slight-off the floor, only a few centimeters off it all bore guillotine like blades on both the opposite ends of, flying and well in opposite direction, in a matter of speaking balloons, that had cord-thick wires entering their arms and bodies and cutting through them completely only to suture them back together like puppets. Sometimes they formed giants or were sutured together in the hundreds. Charging one another whenever

pleasing them. A large dome in the middle of the room, flat below, on top of a doubloon lid that was placed on top of two glowing spheres which held various put-together long-sharp and mantis-like but fat like humanoid arms-but not humanoid, superficial in appearance, appendages that kept rubbing the spherical objects which worked the inner machinations of the room while the holes, which were maw-like open-mouth air-vent entry-like and were also grouped as three, two, one, four, fight, alongside only the left and the right side and near the walls, always near the walls, opening and closing at peculiar intervals, never in synch; kept producing some bizarre gas that hit some of the most peculiar nerve-like regions that entered the puffy-fat lumps that appeared to be formed every now and then in the air. Every tiled-facet of the floor was nigh-marble like, and had only slightly raised bar-like rims around every nerve-ending protruding out of tile inside of which the apparitions were being kept inside of. To the near end of the room lay, on the right side but slightly in front of one of the mouths, a thin wall-like machine form with a clearly delineated top-coated in some rubbing metal-eely like substance that kept moving in place, but began glowing red, revealing finger-like motions rubbing cackles of teeth and gums that expanded and disappeared in place, dispensing some of the irresolute screamers trapped inside of it. This 'wall' bore a few working panels and a tiny generator to its right, or its left if just entered through the curving road inside the room, with the right side from the entry-way revealing an almost canoe-compact fridge elongation machine pig-feeding pen filled with some rubbing, cloistered ruffian shaking junk-filled pieces that started forming only to fall back in place soon after. Attached to it, a few tubes and wires, capacitors and an intercom that spoke unheard; one side of this 'wall' fed the other. A pig-feeding broth rectangular or one intended for a hen, elongated metallic bath-like formation; as squeamish as it seemed to be fully-filled with some skin-oil that pushed in and out, whenever applauding. Only the metallic blades and the general illusion of a guillotine-formation appeared to allow one to distinguish the false ones from the real ones, since their faces were mainly distorted and hidden-numb. A second passed. Out of the ground appeared a fleshy bud; a pink fleshy bud that grew, it started spewing off liquid, then stopped once it formed a stained around it. Growing and spreading slowly until finally, it became an unnatural face-like growth, pinkish-beyond reason, hairless, giant open eyes; constantly socketed by compounded bubbles that formed two tower-like formations but bearing light-house like, near their ends, glowing bulbs that appeared while descending through the fleshy air; which just as constantly dissipated and reappeared on an unpredictable whim; disappearing and appearing every few minutes or so; whereas its teeth were animal-vertebras that swam inside its open-black mouth muddy-swamp oil; of a liquefied gum-pool; that had past-people formed homunculi mongoloid-headed deformed inbred stillborn spools being spat out, then allowed to spread as treads that crawled and squirmed towards the open-entries the widened mouth allowed the drawing near of and to. A giant rotten arm-standing legless, socketless, eyeless, and near-faceless man kept moving into circles towards one of the generators that created dark-spinning puffy formations of warmth he could not see but was constantly drawn towards.

A man arrived in the room by chance.

'Allow me entry!'

But no answer had been received, instead he was deprived of his humanity as he was sent a single shivering little rotten pup he was forced to stomp the head of. An ugly little disgusting thing he could not face the sight of, a parasite within the lure, of much allure and despotitude he felt a rancor towards the very pail that had been given to him anyway.

‘There’s a parasite when I need one!’

‘Don, you were here all along, I’ve been searching, hearer of news! But not a single word has swooned.’

‘Not since boat approaching! There!’

The eves were done anyway. A leveled off ground floor with hundreds of room, that one would only have to be indoctrinated to abhor, even for a second more! A giant dead bird, bodied like a chicken with wings wide-spread, a long single thin rope-line of a neck bearing spiraling tendons coming from its chest, then entering its elongated humanoid skull-helmet, a beak-like shoehorn stretch bearing a convex wall, with tinier faces, that of men inside every few meters or so; spreading the fumes as it inhaled from the bowels of the gourd; It was then that they realized that the floor was unending.

‘Appease the dark apparition, or we shall be doomed to death instead!’

‘But shall I contemplate no more this bastardly attrition, or should I wait?’

‘No more!’

‘I have a hairy coat; made of fox don’t say!’

‘Don’t tell who?’

‘No one!’

‘All right, Don. It’s safe to know; but never crack it!’

Desperation was quickly forgotten.

‘My sons, George, Matthias, Corhas, Box-prattle, Scoop, criminals misunderstood by the great four totems standing upon us to this day, though wretched they art, I will, for theirs is an evil ancient withheld from the bowels of the earth and the great morsel flung in the sky, whose moon rounding upon its sight, broken as it’s been chewed upon, it would withdrawn the many maws soon after, and reconcile with the ones that worshipped it, halted. The work ahead for them is somber, a disaster never-wonted!’

‘I am the devil, father, I am the devil, look at what they’ve done to me! They’ve butchered me beyond belief, they’ve done things to me that such reprieve would find close to be the incontinence’s defeat!’

Maimed across his body, maims fading. Wounds and scars that one could not believe unless he saw them close enough; a giant one didn’t heal. It looked as if someone tore up a great piece of his chest with the blow of a grinder, splintered in half he were. Out of him a giant strange enough beam of a stalk came out of, meaty but iron-chiseled like, with rodent teeth at an end, holding a pseudo head on top of which a boulderish growth grew on top of. With a few hair-like, giant in likens, appendages that wriggles around. An eggplant shape almost beneath it, the head was. But the ‘teeth’ were artificial plates, chitinous and merely held like some swollen lantern that did not shone upon the road he walked ahead. And his face was much deformed; spoke in tongues.

‘You’re my son as you’ll ever be, no matter how deformed you’ll have gotten from this point, onto that tree. Where you’ll hang for now!’

But he did not suffocate, but lynched forever, never dead.

It was merely something of a fraction of a second's snap, but it didn't happen as he planned. The bough would fall but not mere-him. Much to his likens, immortality was but a whim.

'Box-prattle, you cannot die!'

'I'm but likens to be imprisoned here.'

'There, there. We shall lay under the shade and make this spot our house.'

Therefore, they all lived beneath the bough, for fifty years, feeding on his hairs they ate with much glory, there-again!'

'I am forlorn, there's a dark cloud there no more, but here and titter, thence fore-spoken ever since!'

'Bidden I a lord to come.'

But the letters he had sent were long forlorn even before he could endure the coming of another storm that would surf the refuge ever-cast, and ghastly ever after, fast! Aghast they were then, when a colossal tail with many thrust, come from inside many opened cells that revealed little beings all connected through some inner nail-shaped sheepish wool-covered in protrusions that connected them together and allowed partial extension from the body of the tail. Like wranglers they were cast away, swinging back and forth as they picked up some to munch and feast on the animals that were around them. Yere! Hereafter what was come; a few Fordyce-helmeted men appeared bearing a greater tail than hav'd; although of grapes, cotton and of other flamboyant spherical rectangles, which held, beneath them, large whipped-upon spreads that, caustic-wonder, bathed them in some perilous bubbling veal of electrical ponder that had cast away, from each body, each reign and each of the lesser, greater, taller youth, the ones that held the brazier-like torches higher came apart as soon as they could besmirch a hoot. Such had they been forced of plains, to add as long as they could, atop, which had been verge long embraced, their remains, each body being chucked inside, each dead-likened and lied aside; more so, into the pile. No soul could obfuscate whatever pardon might yet incline!'

'Let them into the groove, as yearned for. The sole tree has swept itself away from the forest, of grains and of loath; as it endures no less than it've had provoked!'

'We cannot stop each charge bewaking!'

'Whom?'

They bade his still.

He pointed again towards the ill-found large Marquis without feet or hands, nor head proper on his tongue's wreathing felt-intent barely abhorred but solace of no bear; they drove in like beasts alongside it!

One of the letters whose eyes were withdrawn out of the cowl of many put together, almost welded into the very eerily distraught confines of the room had left an eerily deformed sound ever-so protruding coming out of the barely fashioned symbol that had been lodged into one of the chains made by the Partisans killed inside the house, heads' taxidermist put in chains held by two distant fish-mouthed by

men, mutant-living creatures that spat iron whips every now and then, dangling the heads, two on a wall, two on another, so on and so forth, two on each other, hitting, scraping, bleeding their likes as they continued their disturbing abode in a most unfashionable manner that had brought in a rapier of ever-counted upon slither and tatter; when the man of the house arrived!

‘A guest in my house at this late an hour? But who could it be and whom would I have the pleasure of endearing an approach? Whom to count as one of ours when the time is come yet none approach?’

There was uncertainty in his voice, and naught else to have been counted, when only little there was of little else, perched to water’s river draught. An intruder, of course!

‘You are no guest of mine? Make yourself be known, revel in your come to be reveal for I shall slay you upon the sight! And such and such shall it be written down, perched for what’s been killed and draught, filled with thine making, filled with blood, to little more than wanted for I shall only spew what tinsel robbed!’

Of what he had he’d count it all! When the time came anyway, as to search at the back of the house, the front, the sides, every corner, especially the broom closet where he had found only some feathers of no flock than needed or that would’ve made such an apparition withdrawn to flames, spread upon remains, the house walled itself as he wailed.

‘You will not claim the intruder before I!’

The master of the house yelled to the speaking bricks, inside of which, grenades still stayed their wits. Not to pop on command, for he’d be killed, as well as the man as well as the house, in a pandemonium-driven suicide. Suffice to stay a while more. Not a single bore through such perdition as were papers thrown around, not to make too long a while, empty sound just yet! But there was something that didn’t fit, or made as senseless to be it! But what, what exactly could it be? When did that loathsome intruder come and drive inside? Through empty-bathed tried for, cry, as little as there’d be, benigned; no reason to forget or ask, not as much and better wretch, and lop-inside!

‘I?’

‘You, I think it’s the two of you, actually!’

‘Come again?’

A few months passed. There was no man standing in the ground any longer, not that it would matter whether or not they could actually breathe out loud since they were still attached to some machines of stone that allowed tiny particles of clouds to enter their brains, pumping oxygen directly into their veins, which had become as thick as hoses, hardened to a point where they could not be touched any longer, properly at an imparting from them.

‘You’re mocking us no longer!’

‘Aren’t we? But you’re sitting there and we are not. We’re much higher than wont, much to be still had!’

‘I think you’re to die within the century, whereas we shall live forever in the grace of our chosen gods, the stones we have picked up, the mush and the trenches we have tumbled open and forced life to sprout out of; in form of oily clad, bloated and distraught, faceless, but ever-growing, eyeless but therefore knowing, claspers that would endure through all, and would have us delivered to a place much purer than any that had been endured by the likes of you during the pandemonium of stars!’

‘Petty servants, such they are, but I remain of a likens that could not be brought not therefore haughty as I’m wrought, shall beckon you listen while there’s still some sense in you. A new reckoning shalt be rummaged through your holy lands. And these humanoids come from the one blocky pool of human-shapes shall eat you alongside everything that’s here, titter lain much farther, never through the wind and storm and thunder!

They will eat all that falls beneath their hands, and they shall devour everything that falls onto their loathsome teeth, rotten-upon beds, they’ll make out of your cartilage bones!’

‘But the stones, the stones cannot be shattered and we, we cannot be crippled’!

Another man joined in:

‘You are thus called as nothing but a liar, out of which, from this point on, as poignant as it may be had, you are determined not to be trusted from no point on, nor will you be had for consciences shall dictate the wiser!’

They didn’t expect to be assaulted within the hour either. Wild beast, the human leaped and started cracking wrists on stone-fists they shattered with no bleeding in sight. And many of the ‘immortal’ crudities were killed upon immediately a stare and grown; until one of them pulled a strange gun-device, shooting the human dead. Whereas some of the wenches already startled by the noise started dancing around him, spitting in such a way that they liquefied the remains, which had become a floor. With the same facial features retained; still speaking; no soul could understand it. But they kept wincing and praying that the likens of the bold things would curb its agony during the suffering that prevailed!

A brick started pulsating with the living gelatine grenades wouldn’t spread to grow; the reign forestalled.

‘Leo Hoggish, and Yria Sun; you’re both incapable of hearing me now, but I need to ask something of you, blind and swollen, noiseless as the chitin that’s encompassed your bodies, I see. You’re still in possession of many ancient guns that be!’

Both of them conjoined to a moon-shaped device they fed as if it was their child. Almost fleshy, coloured, giving the impression of there being something alive in it; outlines of men appearing and disappearing just as soon but giving no direction, or at least, no more than it was needed to find their way to the Parasite that wanted to suck on their veins, bleeding them dry, then granting them death. It was alarming, waiting.

‘Who spoke?’

‘Grand-father, Yria, our grand-father spoke to us today; his benevolence only bringing his grandness to such prevail as one would have it still forgotten, lend onto us by chance.

Deformed gods

Okhvussncentey was written on a metal band attached to its 'throat'. The first segment of its body was as peculiar as a giant wide-spread open pincer-shape thing, thinner on the lower side, whereas the upper side was much thicker, bloated and as fat as a blimp, and wide enough to allow the growth of a third one, smaller pincer-like segment that bore a strange cartilage key shaped, with many form-like clasps coming out of it. The upper-pincer bore two hanging almost womb-like boils, and a third giant, or colossal body-bag fat arm with a 'punching' bag hanging on its lower end – appendage that grew and deflated as well. Although the lower pincer was more of a giant ram-aligned blade; the neck being a transparent giant veil floating around this body; to which, whereas this diving pincer-mass of bodily functions and organs was kept floating in the air, surrounded by transparent unnatural things, four great 'shoulder' organs were attached on four sides that looked like giant humanoid chests with their shoulders as well but without their heads or going down below the waistline – formations whose right arms, as they were connected to the 'curtain' by them, were akin to an upwardly pointing saxophone-cartilage thing, attached to great bulbic growths bearing elongated neck-like human with the lower side of their heads or jaws, toppling one another like stacked-on-top-of-one-another stones- formations. The main curtain bulk looked like a gelatin mass, deformedly so, bearing an almost two dimensional man's gums with snooze coming off the top of his mouth. Whereas the 'growths', off its sides looked like deformed camels with their heads being tumor-filled balloons, sprouting shade-on-top their heads projecting, inverted mantis-blades, as to point towards the jelly curtain. Or backward neck-snapped flamingos; a veyanb amanos having intertwined with its proper functioning, since many of the sacrificed men from around the place were only, eerily standing there, while also watching it improperly; moving from one side of the other being difficult for, since it could not bifurcate reason from the walls of blobs that followed it around. An immediate shot was administered to its outer, more flaccid layer, that in itself was falling apart just as they watched, and waned in place. Armored stranglers, such as them could not stress it harder than it was, putting an accent on their words:

'Ne Lurlo beligue vefn, zol-lerc Ozra melvgy yne ludrgv.'

'We're not here just yet, please step in line.'

Its pulmonary track was already out, drawing them in and out of what they were doing in place, being very much incapable to distinguish from what they were doing, since not a single symptom was shown, outwardly, as to track down the steps implanted in the cartridge-munching beings that came around into place. They were puffing in and out, thrusting in place at the same time, only steps away from where the other thing had fallen. It was a sea of dark that followed plenty of unnaturally haunting things that drew up out of the ground, showing off only the darkest of dream-like distortions that started carving trees when approached.

Although the front-piece was off, so was the house.

'You may choose to enter it on against your better judgment if that pleases you.'

With which the voice cracked down, and with it, the manor fell down, a few feet beneath the ground, unmoving, incapable of drawing back and forth, trying itself out.

‘It draws some light from the nearby candles, always devouring pieces of them when most unneeded; to ask, otherwise would be to out ill’s contempt. What shall we do then?’

‘There’s something wrong with the ceiling, is there not?’

‘I’ve not noticed it yet, but it seems likely, what.’

It stopped talking, the weird oblong that rested between the head of the soldier and his mounted-in turret. As soon as it could move again, they sat down to rest again, trying to find out where the other piece of the ground had crawled towards. A side-long glance emanating from the side of the rafters, and many of the already present men, whom were there, all open mouthed as to reveal the machines inside them only now queerly stood, entranced. Many of them far too deformed for worship, as they only drew each breath aside:

‘Listen to us, you’re all under immediate danger, you must leave as soon as you can, the premise and what’s been dwelling beneath the earth’s ground-floor, inside of it and plenty through, plenty more like us are there. We’ve been trying to get out of there, but we’ve failed.’

‘Failed you must’ve but what does that mean for us in turn?’

‘It means that you’ll be trapped as well if you remain for long and that we cannot help you with, we cannot move ourselves from where we stand.’

‘Allow us leave as to take you with us, as proof that we were here after a bunch, trailed upon the ground as we have left it there, a man awaits us by the side of a door that stand inclined upon the dark abyss the pit, that is, the last reminiscent of what’s it been, to be called, escape.’

‘There’s no way out any longer, sir.’

Both soldiers turned, Michael Trunk- Gas only opened his mouth for a moment before it started oozing again. It split as if cut from all sides, many of the deepened in-struck down, molded arms only coming out when needed, as they only began to torturously rotate when the last one, the arm that was chained shot out of the split oblong, landing by the side-stride, where a few more petty men gathered as well, the ones in turn, the ones that mourned themselves no longer for they’ve yet to be sacrificed in order to bring some other beings out of their guise.

But the appendage was thrown back from where it came out of.

Four surgical tables put together as to form a great box, attached by many plank-bones and elongated shards that came out of the body of a pea-body staunch-growth with a little tail-bone pointing down, attached to a great, forward placed triangular-bloated body with hill-top square tipped cliff-formations coming out of it, bearing a bubbly-soft region in the front. Motorcycle-thin as well, or the body of a flat-on-both sides shelled slug. The strange squared mushroom coffin it carried on the top was also blessed with a beam growth that came out of it at times that drew forward once fully stretched as bothersomly awkward as a one branched tree whose one dark twist was a face. An awkward semi boot-cut on two sides

carrying it along; there were many like them, similar, but some were not. Most peculiar ones were those that bore round conical-shaped tectonically filled with stone-shape formations coming out their 'heads', whereas their rooted beams were more like men standing on their backs as well. But all of them gathered around Okhvussncentey in order to attain a boil.

Servant of sleepless heaps, whom drawn upon the nasty beasts, found itself standing near one of them in charge, most admonishingly corroded by. A most fruitious little hive-like ball of put-together rat-king flies, all of whom were putrid to their most inner-corded, painted dye in which they swam inside of, yet at times, incapable as they were to do as they tried, they only listened to the sound of waves, many of whom were outwardly heaving out themselves, the hive was theirs; for there was no water- only corpse-like creatures whom used themselves as shells.

A giant bulging spherical torn apart great depressed from one point to another, from the start point to the end of being connected with all of the growths sprouting from it at the same time with power-cord-like inflated at the top funnel-like push-throughs, one of them bearing the giant, barely visible from where it stood, but as one would approach it, bulbic tendon-growth shot-through a tunnel-formation, a few mouths descending through one another's made-through little holes; as if they've already gravitated through one another put-together bodies. An upper-sided dark cliff; all of it dragged in it while contained in two hundred eighteen billion side-by-side kempt but split in halves; most disgustingly, they sang of a place far away.

The strange platform was in space, stuck; alone, eerily drifting most romboscuously decayed. A few most peculiar life-forms could be seen standing on it, on this elongated, fifteen by eighteen by fifty five and fifteen million meter wide, grated in corrugated small plate-filled with small bumps deformity sticking out of the lower oblong-oid beneath it, that were its lower bowels, the left of which bore a giant torpedo-shaped but with a power-clenched jaw formation of gritted teeth, interlocked in the front, with a lower standing chin protruding beneath the ivory-twisted 'blades' it thrust forward. Opposite to it, to the wall-like barrack filled body that appeared to be the side of a building-like entrance but more depressed – formation, or slightly closer to the missile- submarine like demonical appendage rested a giant drill-like but pointing at it, cartilage- almost insectoid limb that kept wriggling squirmingly-so. But the strange almost building segment was stranger, for, front, as in the direction this entire platform bearing thing drifted to, bore, less so, in a most vapid way, the cocoon shaped-sharpened at their tips stalagmite-teeth protrusion, this rack of 'pincers' in the making putrid-puckery cadavers that sang inside of them as if hidden, lever more-so entombed, to the great head whose neck but no farther than a man's upper jaw was it shaped, with two compounded eyes on both sides of it, leading to a strange fat-thing at the top that bore the elongated chest of a man, with two puerile arms that were infantile and flaccidly drooping, bladed, that bore, the great upward heaving head, a mountain or volcano growth, talon-winged like shaped, almost, like a great Pterodactyl's limbed cast, with a hooked-curved tip, strange elongated eyes by its side and melting-endlessly beneath it, in the 'man's-jaw-shaped' twisted 'well'. It looked like an ugly solar panel, with a strange gated-power battery, compact almost thing by its side. With a decayed Pterodactyl's partially stretched wing that bore two faces but was melted like wax, whose ribs were showing, and got sharpened, as if eaten by other dinosaurs. Five great sharp-point, one for the chin, the drill, the lesser limb that bore tiny shivering, hard to see long-fingers that rested beneath but molded with the teeth, although those will not be counted, since their dullness rendered them unworthy of being mentioned, the tip of the 'man's'jaw's'slightly-horned tip', as well as the final talon, disregarding the two arms also; although

bladed, just as dull. Or a strange almost humanoid centipede-device creature with a strange altar sprouting out of its head; regardless of it, most importantly, it was peculiar working there.

‘I’ve brought you something.’

‘What would that be?’

Oh, it made sense:

A giant ant-eater’s bore forth head, fat-like a balloon Elephant man’s tumor warted, with a flaccid sperm-cell shaped body bag, and a flaccid downwardly-set mouth drooling with disgusting acid-scum, crowned by an almost cross-like shaped set of growths that shot out of his head, with a giant tooth and some antennae puckers coming out of it. That also bore a flaccid wriggling stretch of a ‘sausage’ deformation filled with a few limbs. Its eyes were wriggling things like worm-black-cords that spun in place, vortex-almost-like, shooting black sprawls out of itself.

‘You god damned retarded nigger! I told you not to take it out of its hiding.’

A sea-ray like carpet-formation of shooting out of itself bubbly spear-tips, filled with cancer-guns, that they themselves were filled with cancer-blood-rape, but only women, only for women. That had a giant mound-round spear formation coming out of it that had two decay-branches aligned like a slingshot, one bearing a cylinder eye, whereas the other bore a nigger-lyncher, a second sling-shot, but thinner, tinier slingshot u-shaped formation, that bore a few eyes on both sides. It constantly dripped with blood-boils, while yelling nigger:

‘Nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger!’

It was, strangely enough, watched over by a similar in size, width, depth, length, and size, creature, who was fatter, like a whale, but was more compact, had a hat-shaped growth-shell that housed it and two heads in the front, one being giant, twice as big as its body, a demonical-like skull figure with mad eyes, a weird lack of a nose, shaped like an animal-incisor, concavely so, with only one line of teeth that were fat, like rounded cylinders but barrels, and sharp down there. And a cut-at the half-weird head, that had a ‘skinned’ alive duck-shaped beak with jackal like teeth drooping below it.

Both of them were connected by nigger-lynching ropes that constantly shot-dead fucking nigger-bodies between one another, filled with various decay-tubes they exchanged womb-people between one another, before killing the boys.

‘There sure are a lot of workers here, aren’t there? Coming to take out jobs!’

A spinning-in-place nigger that had hundreds of lynch ropes come out of nowhere, wrapping around his neck like lassoing cattle. He was there as well. Shooting blood out of his eyes to speak, like lizards:

‘Sprrl, sprll!’

Somehow he didn’t bleed to death.

‘What an unholy sight! Gook, Gook, I call onto you to appear!’

CCP:

‘A dark army of flying intesticides is on its way, towards us, I’ve come to warn you of their trajectory before it’s too late!’

There were only a few options left.

Smell of termites

A house was lain no farther than fifteen hundred seventy eight miles away from two diverging points who’ve placed in on top the threshold of a dark pit. It didn’t make much noise, unless directly addressed:

‘Bellow is the need to call, I must face it and I must live upon taking the fall.’

The edges of its squarish head served as elliptically rounded eyes.

Everything was rather, on-set to be of a curve.

‘Wouldn’t want to fall of our horse now, would we?’

‘You’ve come late, barely arrived, much to yourself in a sublime trap I left here hanging for you.’

‘It’s incontestable that you wouldn’t know what I hid down there unless you threw yourself in it.’

Said he, upon being revealed, his starved body serving as a red meaty foliage to be walked upon, eerily pacing as he was, it had been hard, even undeniable, this meddlesome winged figure, whose stumps but stretched since last they met. He’s been down there, flown through, and gone through such laboriousness as to get to a point where there was no life to hold anew, or candle. And waxen as the pillar that held it was, spread across many coming out of the main fall, out of the stump itself he shared life –come out of, and upon return, when greeted by many like him, mourned had he, for a life had missed his, in turn, then banished. Seeing how they could no pit him against such contenders as their betters would muse, out of the nest was he cast, until all was but forgotten, past the boil that was the inescapable truth!

‘They’ve abandoned the nest a long time ago.’

‘Why would I trust you, Neck?’

‘Because I’m leaving you with little if no choice at all, I know that you don’t trust me, hence, I seek but reason to ask for as my guide. Together we could put an end to all uncertainty regarding the nest. We could be out of it by the time titer and yonder, either one of us makes a face.’

‘And If we’re not?’

‘The back of your head is much rounder than it’s been before. It’s slowly progressing into becoming more of a man’s skull, you stand to lose your wings as well, if they can even carry all the weight you’ve put upon you while nesting away from what’s hidden down there.’

‘I could become one, then lose myself into their world, if any single one could have it, I would, if all.’

‘Enough of it already; your pity bring me bore, I seek to search what’s left, out of the place, then you’ll be no more. But you can do this for yourself as I, as I would have it just as well, if only your sight was what it used to be.’

‘We’re here, already?’

‘We’ve been walking for twenty minutes or so, and you’ve been granted a blessing by her.’

He pointed at the statue, Neck thought as little as he could of them.’

Part of the statue dropped by them, filled with stone-decay, partially rotten, eaten, but crash. A bubbly thing lay at her base, and most of the toweresque building behind, on top its draught-sickened pool that used to be a well’s house lay now in the ruin of what came after, flavor-scented carcasses being out there in the open-chitin armored, whereas their tiny insect heads only connected, vaguely if any-touch to the top of broken ceilings where tiny cockroach beings still marched upon the deadened point of the fall.

‘Of course they ended up killing one another, those bastards! I didn’t expect any better than that!’

Upon one of the darkest shades of palm- but stricken down and ill, descending past and through the most-sullen of all, there stood but a most uncanny worthless thing, stung and slit but slither that might peel might not have come. A dark object rested upon a scepter that stood forth, projected upon such abhorrent a room that not a single soul that might’ve come in sigh and those whom were there as well, benign, men and pox-like fiend and colored, darks whose lost appeal, appearance fading as they were strung. It stood but there, blearing away, colorful at the jugular, the throat of the machine that drew. A much to its humanoid counterpart, deep-but evanescence deep-protruding, mesmerizingly, as acid would’ve had itself, a-new and deeply seething, long mistaken, haltingly it called.

A few more disgusting looking mouths appeared as well, begging to be fed, whenever the time, they stumbled.

In that dark room, where the flames were drawn out well beyond their time, it appeared, and out of fright their souls, as if forcefully strewn to vanish disappeared for a second, without a doubt, consentingly distraught, and there, it spewed upon itself but bloated, disappearing, but as tasteless as it could be:

‘A chain lays there, rusted but made of Cretan Steel, fashioned alike in ways you’d lose yourself, in deep, but hollow thought, I wager, of little more, there is but stranger, upon worthy strangulation, I beckon you shall do little more as deeper still and won’t halt living, until, but still, the hour, in which the sacrifice shall merge, with every corpse the living’s work and those that yet resist but beckon and upon the hour of which, utmost locked and broken, if a man’s still standing, I shall name him king!’

‘The wretch had called and it shall, that one shall be called machine!’

For they all knew what that meant, even a single man, if he could only draw a stinger and have himself taken by the beard, then, he’d have a cackle more a hinging by the side, he yelled:

‘I’ve found something, I found it, I swear!’

And all of the sudden their plight of waiting was perniciously distraught, lost, for, momentarily distraught as they had, a crack was made and out the dark went a single light. It didn't pay to listen it steel itself and walk away, as a horde of people-like run-through plight, come about and entered from the drift left out, on the various hills. They drew inside with mighty peeled and darkened drafts and many swords that were alike.

Slammed immediately, side to side, until they all went at it, out of their minds, as they were, many people, they were stopped.

Eighteen hundred more people came out of nowhere, and knuckle brought their teeth out of their mouths by force, then the four brooding docks flew in, but filled, with many insects that had damningly stolen humanoid grind, whom only flew around gregariously as others flew as well, anchors and bodies being dropped on top, then brought onto their view, they were treated like the monkeys they were, punched until their sinew shot out of their spines, bouncing against the walls as they were joined by others, every single one of them desperate to taken a shot.

A man wearing an amulet around his neck, wrapped and pushed and out it came, with constellation-thrown and spiked blades, many of whom were come around and leaped in place, flying towards one of the other men. Whose face was swollen, to gigantic-colossal growth, like a pane-facet it drew along, cutting everything it could as it rotated again in place, crawling underneath some of the covered in many peculiar men, couches and desks and other baskets that were thrown and sprawled and thrown around.

'One of the door's open, come down, come down now!'

Shouted another, as for a disparaging shot that was taken with him on an immediate notice, eighty powder bellies and a few staircases, filled with gritty voices, worn but shaded:

'They're dropping the bombs, settle down now, settle down before they cut all of us in one piece!'

A street toppler drew eighteen big-guns on top the nuclear-basins, all of them fusing with the air, forming dark clouds that entered some of them, immediately being taken down, a storm hit the decks, and all of the docks were filled with gowns, many deeply seated, painted and tenderly embroidered, bejeweled and twisted in place as to hold in them, as much as eight or clusters of grenades, tiny humanoid planets in every single one of them expressed, and made, invasions followed soon after, as the Tarries, adamant on murder drew as well.

'I think I recognize one of them.'

Herman thought, he could see the reason for which everything looked so bad. Since many of the men all hid now, behind every broken barrel and every single piece that stood, on top the musky huts and other tall houses, the ones were barely livable in since they were deformed like giant fleas-as to be called, in the way they were bodied, contorted in the back, with growths of fluid sacks the size of baseballs, with sky-jet-like fronts, twisted but made to slit and slice, as the many other limbs amasses onto them, a tunnel-growth of fluids joining it, as other men chose to lower the ladder. Some of them hid inside by being partially eaten but only inside the latter of the acid-filled lungs, the former being now claimed by the other ones. And their elongated long-pinned down almost mosquito-like segmented-balloon drops, upon which they crawled, as there was no time.

A bomb was being placed in there, even eaten, not by the creatures or the ghoulish things that followed soon after but by the men whom were incapable of distinguishing the lots. It was maddeningly bothersome, swimming in the globules of, much rancid, but deformed, curdled mass.

‘Here it comes again, get down men, get down before it drags us all with it!’

All of the sudden they all started pushing in, a few tube-like mask-machines were drawn out of the ritual chamber, then given seed that they might feed themselves with in order to survive.

‘Follow me, my good man, I think I know of a way out.’

‘But who are you? I’ve never seen you before, please, oh please, tell me, I need to know who you are stranger, I’m afraid of what might happen here, what If I get lost or stabbed or evil wound, I’m left to bleed at last? What if there’s a chance, malady of sweet embrace that I might be bled, when time is come for me to die as well?’

‘You’ll have to trust me on this, because I’m telling you, we’re both standing near the one chance we might have at escaping this chaos while still being alive, but go alone and you shall die, follow me and at the very least, we both stand a chance.

I’m Clive Horn; the man responsible for eating that whore, and swallowing her whole, as eating her precious sons after, to such a need I had to devour the rest of her that the shower of disgust that followed after only brought something that could not last a second after.’

‘What are you saying man? What happened to her? Why, oh, why would you have done such a mad thing? How could you have destroyed everything in your path and stopped the pathogens from spreading out of her, as I know for a fact that, that, that particular whore was mad, and filled with destruction-syphilis, I know you’ve made some sacrifices only a man would do, but tell me, if you want my aid, reveal all onto me and I shall take it all into consideration if that’s the will we’re ought and ought to come after, in such secrecy, decree-for such exchange as I might find still wreathing.’

And every coming to an end, morosely aware that this might be the end; he came upon a much-desired conclusion; this man deserves the truth at the very least, I can see it now. He has to know it, there’s a reason a giant towering formation made out of cadaverous-heads is coming out of the back of his head, entering the most peculiar of crystal bends in which he may live an eternity, untouched, preventable from harm, incapable to die, immune to all there is but sweet decide. I must have his soul!’

‘I’ve given some thought onto it, good friend.’

Before he could finish a man leaped out of nowhere and punched right through his chin, splattering it, on a whim, all the way after, pushed through the trunk of his body, then he picked up his remained, carried them on his back and flew away, followed by metallic drones filled and carrying tombs with them, of mad things that hid in stars and had eyes for strange globular cells that hid in their eyes, a line of shattering, bothersome ill-some things.

Gases were being released in the air, but all of the sudden, something more bothersome hit them, a wave of uncouth, barely to be searched for after, distress and lack of maddening worthless things.

‘Hey, you, the flying man, I’ve seen you somewhere before, I think, I think you’re prepared.’

‘Who are you?’

The strange almost creature in the back of him asked, although incapable of properly opening its jaw, out which greater cartilage two-sets of shell-shaped whales came out of, both equipped with an irresolute amount of the most unnaturally, desolate – looking, most languid and parish, peevish, cavern-dish like shot in the foot by a pole with two spears like he was molded out of a stool of many deformed figures, all unreal, carrying themselves much closer to the man they buried themselves into. Driving each other in the corner.

On the side of the broken in, almost giant-decayed bird’s nest in which the most serependicious of figures approached.

‘We prayed to you, although not voiced, and await your grand return, though mourn but others in our place, whose shameless facelessness, though much beyond the common adherence to the lots, whose jointitude has come onto us, the people of the lower lands in which our lives were spent mourning for the ones that were darkened by the tawny-rubes forgiven for- growths of high-horns and many spread that came out of them as well as the worn out defilers whom entered them whenever needed to be listened to, prayers undeterred for theirs was a saddened for reckoning spent in trying to appease the lord by striking stone with cysted fist until bled-through thoroughly by the vile factions filled with dirt-munched upon girth, knowledge being possessed by them almost in a most unnaturally unadulterated state that was slightly touched by the evils of the dark-pointed with cones sticking out of them, procuring scents of bartered dice upon the brow of foamy white come out of barrel’s hoe, injustice being cut and shared by men dressed in sacred robes of evil incantations of Quantum which had poisoned their minds during the rituals out of which they started entering the Dark Abodes of the Evil Anaghast speaker but in whispered silence, for days like the ones following the months, spent receiving from various sources of much-em-blessened benefactors – Jack Daniels bottles, out of a mysterious reality known as ‘Nyu- Jersay’, that was actually a platform rotated eighty hundred ninety five and six, after, degrees to the right of the dark foamy creature made out of strange appendages with wicked-looking eyes and strangely defiled unnaturally dark planet shaped outward- hanging low-out of it, sticking out, breathing organisms that could breathe in and out then spike drinks with cancer-tumor dog-heads that opened their mouths only to reveal, and these heads were completely made out of the very liquids themselves that they were not only coated but made out of, pointing upwardly towards one of the darkest spheres of dark-bloated orangey- purple things that were shaped like interconnected suns that stuck out of the heads of the bile-producing pampered on top of, malignant deformations of the plain men that were conjoined but made the population of this Dark-Earthly thing that was being slowly swallowed by a cripple-fiend creature with eight eyes, of whose malborious countenance was even more disturbing during the interaction with the melter-through the Rye-like tributary king-mong Tall Vassal of the Dark Egg- that was assaulting some of the citizens just as they looked at it, the dark sphere-shot through magician’s envelope shot-after insides of dark intestines shaped insecticide hardened lumped but with eyes and addle pebbles with metal spheres of iron-dark made out of men shaped in triangles put together like lumps of puzzles that were also dazzlingly puzzling-estranged from their society people, being very much so incapable of breathing without looking in the general direction of the Government first and foremost, relationships of diplomacy had to be delayed for a long enough while as for the people of the moons and of the on-coming charge-through

mouths of Mars, as to allow them a period of respite before putting a word in, to come along and talk- in a most communicative kind of way about how niggers commit most of the Violent crimes in a strange reality, out of which the bottle of vodka – Daniels was taken out of, that was being covered up, that is to say, by miscegenation promoting kikes, I hate niggers, that is to say, the First of the Magi had already received most if not the most unnaturally dark of prayers and of darkest conundrums of riddles he could stumble upon and during the advent of the morosely distraught day that had come onto him during one of his time-stretched periods of meditations, that were being dealt with, that is to say immediately in a most violent way, by punch, punch, punch, punch, punch, punch, stroke, strode, upper-cut, slit, slice, kill, murder, spat on him, a man came after, he crunched his knuckle with a kick then jumped on top his head, and bit his ear off, then he stomped his back and ripped off his spine, Mummy-Igniah, whose mastery of the arcane ended up being useless when met by something as simple as trying to crush his way through the most irresolute of, dark-squares of green-puddle grass-verdure with purple-purple but only on top of red flashes and explosions in bottles that were spiked by strange gelatin-green yellow-yellow yet there was a second bottle with dark rays coming out of it, bug-people Parasite capable of fire-fly flashing, things, coming out of their firelights' flashlights that were shaped like elongated trunks in, this jar being as far in its overall width and height, as, generally, eight put together buildings, and they, with their tunnels, and with their spreads and light-makers, out of which they cast away the stranded sailor-like creatures, whose main-king-lord who was hiding in one of the many-bed-ridden filled with nurses that were taking care of the scurvy just as they were speak-talking with tube-makers coming out of their meat-grinding star-spiked shooter-guns they were all equipped with, grenades being placed near their beds, in four by four crates, as well as a 'Very-Very-Pretty' assortment of sharp-dull knives of green Sabbath, not the band, ritualistic sacrificial bottled babies that had been saved from the media-controlling kikes, niggers, niggers, niggers, near which the much-adorned and hoped for, king, standing, smilingly trying to communicate in an understanding manner with the other interlopers that were shooting, from one spot to another, dark ends, a conglomeration of lost flocks being pinned together, trying to understand the underlying reasons behind the world's lack of primordiality, as to adhere to a system beneath a system that's been tried for and fondly-so, as for the reminiscence of its defeat to have been judged as a complete eradication, a final blow, in etiquette of the opposition, whose total but completely moral but ideological opposition- but in a light bulb was discovered just recently, away, farthest, might a scientist add, from the mounted power-connected to the cartilage man-shaped socket-generator that was a manned-drone with eyes, inside a room, that had brought in turn an acceptable change in the general population's cognition, which, having been taken into account for, has been deemed unfit by the intellectually- by mental fitness trained, as their Alumni-Alluminyi- Plastic can attest for, that completely changed the entire definition of the complete system of systems in the grand scheme of systems that are interconnected only a strands of wool, being held, as to be unchained, economically speaking only by a strand of, eleven hundred thousand billion lynched-niggers inversely proportional to the frightened but fibrous state of a world that's akin to their but which had been robbed completely of nuance that is needed as, for Stern's conjunction of everything being a spook, but him.'

A leper's laughter could be heard from faraway, as he drew along one of the put-together bottles in the quay, his hindrance stalled, but only as a nerve had popped, all the way through kneeled steel, which entered through him not would sink, deeper, with each moment's sill, reverberation, with every moment damning him further, though the incantation was still heard somewhat, five point seventy seven centimeters on a rounded arch, aligning one of his veins as a crossbow's plow-through shot-lain, cap by

his cysted-acre made into, lined nails, with pails-thick if vase is broken during the process, out of froze, but clearly on top the pool they're standing on top of, his other limbs-appendaged to a second body, snails having eaten top his brow inside of, then, he realized that there was no one around him to align the shot to begin with, having spent all this time on the tips of his toes'es tip of the feet's shoe'ses', but pricked with pin and snick, but thin, upon, but leaping about, a rabbit's in heat while doing it, around. 'S how he got to places.

Swindle-walking, forth would he arrive, if asked to, for a second more he stopped, then walked inside a barrel-filled with chemicals in which he stood for long, stolen by a rotten lot-taken, bid for, trunk, inside a long where he would spend the next five months alone in silence.

Of little worth was there a day whence they drew ahead out of their hiding quails, to greet one by the name of Kayf, one of the lost-since the Ages past, a Sheik; perturbed by little more but swollen runes that might get bidden for, luckless was there a day aghast. Written by his notes to his side, but written in several dialects of Sanskrit, plagued, for the words were much emboldened anyway, with clots but riddles for the crude, bitten by his nails, misused was his pencil's sting:

'Where to gone for, reason might not be extended, and within an hour, born and ended was your trip forced before it's begun.'

'What have I done then?'

'You've angered one of the wrong gods and naught more can be forgiven by them, the ones that cherish theirs, and them, in brow of leprous, leech-were thus command, and gone. Within the hour, lest of all, would the rebound. You've met along the way. And of quail, was riddled-wired, with lesser stale.'

A branch of trench-coated spindles, all carried on broken apart, faltered upon, crumbed beyond a soiless ground, and munched on, defiled surrounding:

Several people were approaching from somewhere in the North, incapable of asking for who, gone, for long-hours has now returned.

'A mourning to you, great friend, of Gyration soils; to whom might I have the pleasure of being, on truce's accord, on bastardly open gates but torn now, pleasure as bidden by thine and pleasure for thine' sight, and long before and such defiled. The man come from far-but trenched, the land but cowered before them.'

'You've done me a pleasure to know and ask, you've done my reasoned for, prolonged but strung. There's been fifty men of the same calling, of the same going, wretched in thine sight, belittled, all but come towards the camp and bidden.'

Sail away, as all in turn would be asked, to come and leave as they would please, and never seek for reason since, they walk out, thither and tether, whereas they would land. A few more boiled grooves were long since abandoned since and gone.

'Who is the one lain in hiding and even farther than that gone?'

‘We cannot see nor find him, yet in place of where he’d been to, run. He’s on it, but we’ve yet to find where their foolish race’s gone through. For that we need to find wherever they might lay to, or near which, or reason with them.’

‘Are there more?’

‘The ghoulish figures? Doggedly so, upon hindered legs, but riddled with him.’

Of Yellow head but tripped on a silken, bloated hint.

Was there a hint of the cackle, the race of his, and yonder, was the pox-filled thing with warts, the entity, of Filthde, gone, and lain in hiding, brooding, his Mongols wreathing, standing alone, and trying to lecture one another, standing, rabidly so, were they come and stumbled upon no one and not a single thing did move.

‘Ah, there’s still reason to find him still.’

Yegvor-Mernas; most deformed of bone-cartilage making a simple conical pair of crones, all standing beneath him:

‘Draw them out of their hiding immediately as I ask it so.’

‘A dark carnival was there must be, in the last of silky sea.’

Lurching backwardly on glance it drew, apart but sailing as for longed for, sat a pair of long, lonely figures.

Twenty or so, bastard’s composure ringing in the ears, broken ships emerging from the nearer sided, feared for thorn tooth, the many cavities-shaped trenches being obscured as the light faded, brought forth. A musket- hundreds of them to follow, pillared around a sculpted form, although it took the sight of all, the ones that gathered, as they had come from nearer to the place than far, outnumbered the slaves as well as their ranks. Many of them being desperate to get a prayer out themselves, being brought to gaseous zones:

‘Lay down your weapons If you are to be warped in, wrapped in desperation thin, but no longer will you feel absinthe.’

Their absence shortly fading so, as if in line for a guillotine they were brought to a desperate tented crone; her eyes were hardly painted thin.

‘My gods are strong, my gods are dead.

My gods shall not abandon me yet. Not while I still have yet to wreath in their command; rotten being, I shalt not abandon thee; not when we are so close.’

‘How could a woman like her walk backwardly with her entire skull being turned to point in the direction she’s headed towards?’ He wondered.

A temple whose nature was distraught-but known, stood before them, treacherous as if one were to show, as little compassion, yet uncanny:

‘Call upon him, poignant master of no raft:

Hector, we call of you to attend again.’

Hector, brought out of his lucid-entrapment, lord of paranoia being whom mastered yet to have been done his soul, in darkened age, neuron maze, of power-striding, filth-electron that had made his brain, the leprous dream of darkness-torn apart, controlled and stirred as if it were a tide by only the most incessantly strong, strongest still of all evils which malboriously took over his heart, where he’s seen, spilled on the branch-thin spleen-shaped platform upon which he’d been, wrenching still in squirming pacing yet in place, therefore following the maze’d crumple leading to his mind’s discordant –conquer with an arm he’s seen, with eyes of gelatin, fifteen or so meters in front of him to a mile, where part of the spleen raised itself forth, upon a pile, out of which but many arms had wrought, not on his command but brought, ripped apart his arm, but swollen, a tiny cysted blade drew out of the gaping bleeding hole, he’s stolen, that’s to say the growths, from the many deities of little puckery grown-forts, upon the many altars that surrounded him during the time, when he decided, what little worth his life had been, not even that of an orphan fiend, but lowest of the scum, perhaps that of a dog, or a lesser animal, who’d seen it thus. His old-removed arm, had joined the mount, to which he’s staring, startlingly as to see their new addition, atrophied upon their top. Glowing now, as mockery pointed at the tip of his hat where a darkened star of wild command started pacing, mimicry contorted of no ghoul but soulless foul, discontent but no retorting prowl, drew again. Out of the socket it flew and out into the sky-but flight-e-ned, towards one of the many crooked altars whom now appeared after pace, a cracked wonder was it, such that would’ve seen no gaze, towards which flight had ended, broken cyst emerge-nt, only to flash into a gradient of colors bore of many growths, appeal:

Out of fear he had sought no light.

Of scorrrough over taken land there came but blasted a patch of ground, whose swollen head disastrously mischievous, were it to have bit upon itself in anchor of bayed, illustrious pledge, with every finger bloody pained by what’s been cut out of them, butcher’s abode then taken from him, out in sight, a barrister’s code lain to their side as to stop any thought from occurring, prevented, pus-in sight, a faceless man with ought to have come after, drew to this day, blight of sightless mooned remains, by sight alone none would’ve believed if allowed the stand in premise to him gone. Retreat uncannily after, seethe, upon a lightless rancor, for what’s been come of them, and what’s come after would’ve made no sense. A tall broad helmet with the head long-horned as if by Lancelot, shot-through, with a curved upwardly inclined, adorned with many eyes, and a mouth split beneath it, maw-open, set in a stone-protrusion, molded-strapped. A lower body-brazier holding it by many things, appendages holding it, barred from sight, legged but wrought, like a bottled cylinder below, but see-through as if one would know how to escape if ‘trapped’ inside of it, sea-chantey if dreaded was there floating in it, only a flintlock, gun. Sour tasting but shot-through, it had. During its advance, a single man had tried to sooth its ride, and contort as if to strike, he set in light, an armless thing without the least amount of hope and dreaded what came after, rightfully, mistreated as to seek solace after broken legs eaten as his swollen face, bleeding into a trail that only garnered enough attention once he was, approximately enough, close to being dead. In the cavernoids,

whenever noise would echo-its way but taken by notes written down, slashed against his skin, put through boils and run, he had but little say.

A man took him by the collar and dislodged, dismountedly, off his horse, he came back to life only to hit the man in his throat and laugh:

‘Thought you would survive so easily out there without being beaten to a pulp? Son, you should take a simple look at yourself for a moment and you’ll find out, better as to know, why not to ask. I tasked you to set in search for whatever rotten piece there is out there but you’ve come back empty handed with a lousy thing inside your brow!’ He could see the termite hill in it. Furiously drowned in his own lurid psychosis-bred confusion lending to his sight a mighty oozing spreading light of colorless things, that only come to people who are dead during their last stay in the dark-heaven, angel cherubs spiked with lurid pus-straps shoving themselves out, many features by diseased. Forage of demonical beings, all sullen but buried in the briars that made their organs, swollen to a cast. A dark, most diseased thing was the distrust they simply emanated. As if ancient eons had corrupted them beyond redemption, many had become deformed. Standing angelic features were cast out of their bodies when they came to the realization that they were horned, but come out of their bellies, drawing anchor, cast but pillared flaccid caterpillar dangling with empty growths, headed by many chained incisors that were homed inside their diseased mouths. Many of them were humanoid but only when they released their lower bodies out, from the shells of mighty dark concave as there was a beast, from the fist in blocks of skin and what came after that, many of the humanoids having disappeared, then come into the world, replacing the very much more real than them, actual humans during their search of might, destruction, conquest, for a broken world to seep upon and devour while their brothers died out. Leaping back and forth they drew, as if bloodied, with face-like apparitions from the ground, grated and filled with dark sinew, they appeared after dark.

Lomek and Yiel

Walked eerily alongside its fellow gnawing upon the ground pets, of grayish purple, similar to him, twas’ said. Upon a black draught, where the sea they walked upon was shallow, where his abandoned casks lay there, rotting away, awaiting for what ought to be the gallows. But there, alone, they seemed almost ancient, as breeders lain in waiting below a sun that forgot, as if already shone. A Cyclops bloated simian head pointed at the back, the other side bearing, though molded as if the skull of a mammoth’s, or an elephant’s width and shape, this occipital ‘bone’ thinned out into a tinier, more deformed, sleepless eye’ bearing peashooter ‘trunk’ instead, with an elongated stinger sweeping the ground, one that would reel back in whenever shunned upon. A block as if an altar or the base of a contorted mug, rather fat but more so, two conjoined elephant legs strapped inside each other’s melted sides made for its body. And grayish were the puffs that drew out of him, as blandly benign. It trod forward followed by, as if minded by simple animals that were beaked, they all, started picking up the parasites off the ground, the lesser fish

were eaten after dusk. And much to their contorted nature, heavily double headed paid but little mind as to who gave the commands, they twisted one another, both directions pushed away. Worked upon each other's sides, drew but blotched remains, drawn from either side, as birds, disease had flown and faded, as their falls, intesticides, but bleakly dated, no day could be discerned at all.

The sea was restless and one of the embodied drew to a nasty-leper shore. Where the men had gathered all around, to lesser bows and crude made tools that had been used to draw whatever they could from it, as to listen to it now. Flutes and ghastly pores of gas being shot towards it, only to appeal, and only to appease what little could be done to feel it wreathe away and cast, no matter what lesser glance it had. Not a single man able, as to grow attached to it, since breathing lasted lesser so. Since they had cast a single thing in turn, and more:

'We're still mourning for our losses when the last one had come to see. And bleeding as it is, upon our brows there's little more to see today. We've buried our young and old, for the last time one of you came or stumbled upon our shore, you asked for children's sacrifice. Our youth be taken for us, and made to waste, with what little there was of their bleeding prowling fading teeth and tawny-brows.'

But it didn't spoke, only laid there in silence, waiting in the way kings were courted under the needy-watchful eyes that belonged to the servants of the court, which in turn only waited for something to come along and break the monotony of their caste, as to release them from this incessantly disgusting feudal system thrown along their way by a decayed monarchy forced upon them by an immortally rotten ruler whose mouth was fused with a harmonica and only was capable of feeding itself with the many appendages that were grown out of him, connected to nothing else but the smaller, darker man-limbs it fed upon since there was a shortage of food that seems to have lasted or expanded to, what appeared to be, or might as well be, the good part of a year.

Brought upon one of the swollen houses, by some of the bolder unthinking of themselves villagers, whom struck in mourning still, as for their judgment being entirely clouded, they have felt as little as no remorse being met by it, again. Presented upon their house there being a bloated tick, or lumped giant see-through black boil that was as black-burnt tawny inside as a cancer-point of moles all bubbling inside of it. A great almost almond beady heart-organ, orange but covered at the top by some molded-melting, diverging into gradients of grays, slowly working its way into a complete black, lending on an illusion as if part of its 'brain' had been exposed, mush, of the murkiest type that had eaten part of this almost gold-fish fat filthy creature whose 'disintegrating' top drew breathe away from the strangeness of the pink gas it shared room inside the boil they lived inside of. A few pseudo animal appendages appeared to be lain beneath it, upon which it crawled, all lumpy and swollen, but contender, he was for the little food they kept inside the house.

Both approached one another, oozing droopingly on the floor. Something most nastily incline appeared to poison the air, as that was signaled by the men who dropped over, louder thuds echoing outside, like flies, as to be punished for being in the presence of a spoiled kind of meat even beyond their kinds to have been able to fully deal with.

'We're running out of remorseless men, to drag in part and sacrifice themselves for us when said, and saddened we are that we've run into you here, when hunger just drove out whatever humanity's been left of them.'

‘Let them suffer then, we’ve little regard left for those beneath us, have we not?’

‘How about we ask the lump first?’

Cried Yiel as the body was quickly drawn closer to one of the grains, the ones that looked much puffier, not that it might’ve made much of a difference, instead, he asked:

‘What little is there left, we shall share, no?’

At which it could not hold its reigns in part, as it started trailing on to its right end side, squirming like a snake, then leaped to the other side of the room in a strange arc, within which it stopped before it could hit the ground, levitating for a moment before it drove itself straight on an incline, then quickly dashed around, hitting a tiny spot, rounded up as to form a curve, then leaped back twenty feet, flew to its right side and stopped within two meters or so in the air, before it drone back down, two times pushing down then up, down and up as if on a reclined, before finally it stopped so as to regurgitate one of the towns people it ate. A few of its body parts were thrown around the room, willy-nilly yet not a single one was recognizable as to be his instead.

‘Have you noticed it yet?’

‘Pull out your trunk Yiel, if you want a much clearer view, the stinger, the stinger needs to puffs some smoke, we need to drive in our advantage first, unless you don’t know what’s good for you.’

But as disgraceful as it was, they both knew much better than to sit and ask, instead they must, and cast aside all there was put in mind, there of went after; they stared at the blob yonder and asked it:

‘Where is your lair?’

‘You shall do us the honor of taking us there so we may see what little there be of valuables of blobs you’re hiding of a kin. Since, I can see that you’re made of a most precious kind of gelatin, I can only seem to know as little.’

‘Don’t frighten him, our friend could simply spoil the rotten grains and keep it to himself, then run away, just to be certain of it, I wouldn’t cast a foiled glance at him, if that there’d be.

Instead I ask of you, let him take us if he wants.’

Both were wretched for the hour was brought onto them at last. Squirming on both sides, always threading like chicken plucking worms, the stinger its beak, the blind creature, but little headed, rotten by the spoiled-benign, conjoined but tried for. The gelatin-encased one simply did as he was asked. With a single leap in the air, he came down again with a mighty blown down force, which ripped apart part of the floor and into a down-threaded hole they went. A well-nigh end, going down there, although the walls looked mightily disgusting, with the grains slowly descending by their sides, they were eerily being lowered down, wittingly as if grabbed, then carefully made to be, and lasted. Cast into the lower-sides of the well, where they satiated what little fast they could for many days. Wailing with the many cast away, similar oozing creatures that awaited them; this was no hive but den, lowered by disgraceful, most filthily unclean, derailed. A large elongated coiled rope of gelatin lead back into the villager’s house; four great tunnels waited where they stood, open as opposed to the other two behind them which had been caved-in

occupied. The general area where they moved in was rather quaint otherwise as it was plain to see that there was no inherent harm they so simply sought to entrust them knowing.

‘We should do well to follow him.’

‘Which one would that be? Because I feel rather displeased with trying to distinguish them from one another, knowing them to be, rather the way they are.’

‘They’re manifested in different slight, barely noticeable distinct chiseled points that are easy to notice and get a hold of. As a matter of fact, I would say that they’re incredibly distinct enough for differentiations to be easily noted, as to discern who our host it.’

So far, a few types have been distinguished from their group.

A rhombic bulb, the tunnels could be seen as giant hoses interconnected in the middle, then melted-hybridized together as to almost signal perfection, to a faulty degree of it being encased-but coated in that diseased thing. A bulbic rooted plant-like sphere, an eye but blind-pasty stood on top one of the tunnels they were lead towards. Its end was clear, a room that was rather ballish, a spherical cysted nest where hardly anything else could be made out. A light-producing system corded by valves, coated by gelatin, see-through fortune-cookie split, or a bowl and a cup merged together, inside of which the orange-pulp liquid held, inside of it, a few dark-seeded growth-filled light-makers, back side of a firefly but harder.

An ant-like system, workers, leapers and munchers, although self-evident, little explanation and as little was needed in order to easily identify their lots; the differences were in the shape of that hardened orange-gradient and where it chipped, signaling the hardness inside these beings.

Near the room, a sprawl cord-rounded in, or the inverse of light-bulb’s corkscrew depression, leading there by little more; by then they were led to and by, a vanguard of these see-through oozes, mammal-like by the looks of it, with it being made clearer and clearer that this was no ooze and they, both Lomek and Yiel could simply see through them by means unknown.

Arrived into the room, upon the first inherent sights, they were greeted by the fully-plain view, or sight, of the domed ceiling in question, whose mere countenance was this, wildly expressed in a few pseudo head-appendage hybrid work-claws that were narwhal tooth- claspers producing, although droopingly beneath them, standing as if on a rest-like position patterned by weird canceary protrusions that only distracted or took sight away from the chains that were at work, holding them together, still attached to their large-stretched. Whereas beneath them, the entire floor was discernable, barely, by a sight of, well-done if by drone-work, although there were clear signs of a well-endowed craftsmanship being put to the employ of who had been responsible for this work. It wrapped up pretty well, one might think. Being made out of reclines, some pseudo half-segmented spine-piece-set welded together greatly filled sea- of bone-structures coated in iron that were being actioned by hundreds of appendages finely placed although clearly observable by the two of them, as pivoting points that made it so they were easily liftable by the sight, obscured, above them, in the ceiling-set, where the device actioning the upper-claws was clearly covered or hid away by a dark-cloud of swollen smokes that could be anything but easily made out, as to be let aware of their function.

Already impatient by this, what already was fifteen minutes of waiting or even more than that, they moved a few paces in, striding along as to not provoke any alteration, being careful while doing so, until they saw, as for every step, a clear stabilization on an equilibrium-defined clear-set, not on a ramp but on a wild stretch-walking area that was created by merely altering or adjusting the heights of the various bone chairs that had been set before them. Neither one of the others followed in. They were stopped right in front of the entrance, wonderingly standing-staring as to be unmet by no gaze nor sight. It was something close to a lack of beneficiary arrangement to be made between them that granted both parties a good deal of weariness towards one another, as they were both regarded, on both and either side as being, intruding organisms, with there being an implied possibility of a lot of damage being sustained on either side, if one were to push things a bit too far.

Should it have been mentioned, perhaps one might've looked at it as less of a well and more like a sink, as for that reason alone would tell one more than he needs to know. Since the villagers already marked that good fifteen miles or so as uninhabitable, as they not only departed from the area, but from the distance. As a few of them being placed on top a few of the cliffs, gave them the opportunity of getting as clear a set of sights as they needed in order to draw out some light to the situation at hand. The house being destroyed, as it's fallen over itself, lain in ruins.

'That blasted two headed ingrol, we should have never allowed him pass into our fine village; look, look at what he's done to half-partition, to our fine lands we've worked countless generations on. All of them reek of filth, of destruction, of that which is made theirs, to ruin.

A draught but on land, the soil now being made too bland to even be plowed upon; our crops and our raised meat, the corn we've set to plant and the nephews, all ruined by a humongous mistake that's ruined our future and taken whatever we could possibly save.'

'Lay low, lay low, I've known it so, I've expected this to happen in some way. I was aware of that which would happen if we were to leave them in again.

And think for just a moment at what's happened the last time we've even suffered to do something similar to them, that is to say, torch them by force, and made rub coal of the cob on their runaway cowing. We were bent-disgusted and made to flee as out of sight. We were met by force as we were incapable of hurting them for reasons not even we were aware off and that is that. We cannot slay them, and yet at best we can trap them inside, and let them waste away with the other ones, invaders, don't forget, that, they come of two kinds.

These may be the brutes whereas the others are but poison-slow, of mind-toxin. They poison themselves while waiting and at times they even kill themselves. It wouldn't surprise me if they accidentally trapped it in there without a chance to get away, they would. But let them do it and we may get away with something, if anything, that would be the grandest thing of all, I wager, better to suffer a little as we may get out of danger on the long run.' So confined two of the villagers.

But it was not as easy as it looked, or felt like, knowing it would be there among them disturbed the commotion immediately. The great divine being, Beguile, showed itself out of nowhere, drenched in faces, all joined to his great bulk and form. Tall he was, a single body where his single front pointing arm, which had been cumbersome but pointing down, melted as if by gelatin or if he were hit by a volcano

strike, a leg that was a great bulky barrel fat and elongated, the other, four fingered, long as ancient dinosaur talons, whereas the head was twice or thrice as fat, as rounded and even more angry looking with a tiny face, retracted in the bulk. Akin to a microphone's head, in terms of bulk, as well as body, striding, a giant down-pointing horn, as fat as a balloon dog, out of which a few coils dangled around, all holding, together but flapped around, the head of a single humanoid. Wretched thing twas', like the hairy head of a Sasquatch, but hairless, fatter and almost reptilian looking itself, if it weren't for the one arm pointing forward as if it were a tongue. It lacked in fingers since they were all conjoined. And walked he had as if he wore a robe. A pseudo 'knee', as that of a man could be seen coming out of as if out of a body bag cover-in, drooling were all the parts. The faces it carried appeared to be cut in, through him, even deeper inside, where he hid them. Back-legged simian-but longer, four great fingers not toes, humanoid but if there was a thing, not a palm but the bulk of an elephant's 'hoof', molded into the rest of its body, rivaling the front pointing thing it drew up, that had been more of a melting mass, spread around, projected in the front. The human's head, very much alive, served as a carrot at the end of a stick, as was the giant fat sausage that came out of its forehead, this giant beast, using it as an auditory lantern to guide itself through this Haven, which was the lower able chained by claws, the emptiness be benign.

Beguile only approached and trusted Yiel, and he in turn only did as thus. Many of whom, as thus were standing in the back had now joined them, in this weird place, where nothing less and nothing more would last if asked.

They were on a lampoon of some kind in terms of speaking of the come-through passes that had diverged in and after. Of the evil days that had been shared and the one that were to come when brought upon the irresolute brow of a most maliciously sapient illusionary rite, their passage wilt to have been made, back and returned onto the world as they might again, they will be greeted by the passage, through the right of seepage, by the villagers and of lofty man, as brothers of some kind then they will become subservient by the sounds of it, as much as it could be thought, no little than acceptable, all would come to bow and pass over, through a few generations of fending not for themselves but for them. It was this kind of blessed malignity that was starved through stare and allowed to continue, even by guilt, an eye. A giant one, on the ground, the width and length of an exactly machine dark crystalline protrusion cast through, eighteen by fourteen, but blocky, as a square, communicated as it appeared to open like a nasty hatch and out of it, another tiny man-blackened and coated, and cast away, had asked as little, come onto my way, he appeared to make the motion of with the tips of his fingers, whom had settled into his empty palms. Embalmed into some oligarchic-oil of some plump dry olives that've been cast out of the lands of Athens, oft what was remained of them, after the crucial blotch's boil's pop, whom cast an acid grained, engrained a pebble rock, that in turn, seems to have, during a crucial amount of time when given the chance to escape, the mighty race of Greeks has chosen to, in ends' defeat finally face themselves, at end's feet, as they've become engulfed in the acid splatter of waves that had cast them away, among the ranks of Myths, bidden upon a fleet they sailed upon the banks of the Mediterranean Sea, upon the Sailor's brow, niggers getting lynched, the eye itself communicated of the darkened rays of solidified cuts that had been made inside the bodies of disease, that were clouded, as for gas, when brought onto the most morbid-looking masses that amassed in front of their hole, this being set upon the brow of a mighty spherical co.

Another one of the tunnels was most bizarre as well, since by the looks of it there was no way to discern like in terms of how life was being 'made', from the puckers that were placed there. Although the; four holes, tunnels that were placed in tandem, two on the right, two on the left, with the two behind being

locked up; if seen from the point front-blank descending into, looking forth, but they were aligned, if seen from the distance like a woman spreading her legs, and her arms as well, whose head was the pit through which Shiel and the likes descended into. Them having crawled through her 'right' arm, whereas the room was her left leg. Although the 'throat' and 'head', hers, absorbed her entire chest and most of the organs, since it diverged into the other tunnels. It was an almost square-deformed room, at first glance, cubical, but rounded-slightly but eerily bizarre around the edges, as if they had been somewhat dulled by some inorganic manner of speaking through which the most if not most derangements happened. Everything was fractioned, or segmented and constantly opened, that is to say, it almost seemed like a checkerboard-room, but every square opened like trapdoors, revealing a slightly soil-depression of the same shape, as if they were suitcases, with threads attached or keeping them together, in the middle of this barred-almost turned into a pseudo eye- seen from the side since these threads, these corded wires were stretched on an arc, a barred prison that kept an eely, many maw-filled creature that was squirming around, desperately in an attempt to escape its capture, being of a similar race to every single one of them trapped in the same way in the many checked-but-trapped prisons, they would squirm-squirl-go-for-the-nuts-charge-like-a-d-o-g-trailing-his-own-tail-around form a knot around themselves, out of fear as these trap-doored suitcases' wires would start not only compressing in terms of girth, but they would also, somehow, as if these weird prisons they were in had actually became, momentarily, uglily deformed apple-spoiled jaws, start spinning as to completely disintegrate the stony substance, in appearance, one of the crawling puckers was met by the sight of during its advent towards the room, until, the suitcase was completely vanished out of sight, being replaced to an almost entirety, whereas the entrapped creature found itself levitating in the middle of it, incapable of escape, and being not only still trapped, but it actually found itself trapped in a somehow worse situation and conundrum than it had initially found itself in, since these constantly spinning ellipses that of what became the trap, spun at such an unfathomable to derive by mere sight speed, without being able to properly convey the almost 'atmospherical' changes in terms of pressure that occurred inside the room, as well as the air changes, this thing that was now become a, slowly, stretching into a straight lined beam, was soon enough joined by many others that proceeded into the same ritualistic kind of spins, stretches and contortions, until they were all lead into a single spot, by sheer force of magnetism, since the molecules seemingly entailed as much as they showed up out of nowhere, with the men, out of the bodies of, and the soil, through which they provided, through their corpses or otherwise the other elements that contained nickel and iron, alloys and other kind of sulfuric cast by magic, or by force, around, placed by gentle hands, palms wide-stretched, made to cry in laughter, the people of the rape, niggers, lands of crimes, war being a tributary and the men in line only cutting themselves for the iron to riot and come through, sacredness of lurch-benign, in plants but planted flowers would be bled, dry, niggers have to die, kikes commit a lot of crimes, they're pedophiles and they try, desperately to destroy, the white race as that is their ploy, kind of an echo was being distorted, also the Holocaust didn't happen, in such a manner that some of the most delusional, touched by Schizophrenic tendencies people whom had suffered the fully-blunt strike of found themselves niggering around as they were forced to suffer of their most-thoroughly induced iron-deficiency symptoms, as, part of the world's iron reserve was finally delivered onto none else and none other than the room itself that was changed in form immediately as to reveal part of its munched upon, discolored, puckery shapes that had almost coveted in through a romboscous plain, red-bluish green mid-summer after, the Time of the Lot's disaster, with music, that is to say, being selected not to a man's but to a man's after taste of being left with everything else in the world in terms of quality, rhythm, style, in other words, aesthetics, in terms of music, although music is beneath and not, definitely, art, but a merely

pockish thing, like child plays with fire-matches, stop it, immediately and pick up something that will actually improve your quality of life, you filthy, fucking dumb-tasteless nigger,'s realization that music peaked a long time ago and there's nothing to fill in the gap with the exception of having turned to the next best thing, that being, torture, for hours, endlessly, in that room, not by force or physical pain, but the alternative not a single soul would dare talk about, for food was sparse, and sparse was the reason the two-headed but stumps, no real craniums, put in place of long-revolver shaped throats, leading into fat-filled with lumps bellies' formed into a single trunk with two tiny legs filled with elongations of tubes, longer single appendage there being come out of its chest, the eater's delusion, of there being someone with him in the room, threatening to eat his food and take it away from him, the glutton, the glutton, the glutton he'd yell, but do not trust him, don't do it, not for the reason you might think, not for treason, of a wink as in, I know what you're thinking, but I'm going to eat from your plate, your share is mine now, go away, or I'm going to pound you for your food, leave, or I shall have you, please, don't take it as something personal against you because I'm only trying to look out for myself, I come first you know and I've been noticing that you've been getting fatter, fatty-fatty, Jar, not likely, for some reason they'd go mad, if you took their food away, and overweight, the height of the world, most burdensome a crown of dousing in and out the king's raising of a drunk, the son of glutton, the fat's rump, in lost sobriety, niggers should not exist in this reality.

An echo could still be heard inside that room. Once the process was over, a door opened just as quickly as it could be done. It entered soon after, having only finished the talk.

The dog was in the same room with, as were a few other women. Watching closely, slow-register day, it seemed, they couldn't differentiate between them. Who was the man and who was the dog? Whose pleasing might be pleased to have appeased them both? At the same time.

'I am the Dog, I am the mighty Dog, crowned, I stand before you now.'

It came out of nowhere, all too sudden. A cast of iron blackened and drooping, drooling, salivating on the floor, as if ooze, out of a cauldron or rain out of a some holes dug in the roof, fully armored, shoulderless, without arms, no legs but floated as it did, alas; the head was out. Deformed, contorted, rounded; it appeared, it appeared to be something akin to a giant box, or gave the illusion of a giant, wide crate, with a little worm sticking out beneath it, as if lodged inside a spoiled rotten apple, of the same color and texture as this thing was, two wings that sprouted, wide, like the ears of an Elephant. Two pseudo arms that were just elongated-thin like cones attached to the wings and the sides of the box. Where there would be a head, if it were humanoid or some weird machine, there were only a few coil-looking things, or spring-like liquids, always contorting in and out, among other things that sprouted, joined then followed the motion, as if the crate had its lid split open, as to see what's been put inside. Its right wing squirmed into a tapeworm circle, that had outlined the entry-neck area of the armor-cast. Its boils, or the boils that dripped, or melted, as one would have them, only signaled the vastness of space inside this black-armor thing that was cast; as if it were naught but an adorning set of colors and of growths, two eyes could be seen, not inside but on the 'box', as it drew on, the deeper as if forced inside the abyss that was the armor, one could finally see the legs it sprouted, two tails, one long and close in appearance to a side-placed crab-foot that moved that way as well, and one shaped like a broad-sword but puffier and fatter-to a point where it could be taken for the tip of a syringe. The two giant eyes- that were more like eye-sockets with floating globes kept in the middle appeared to be constantly squirming as if out the box, and into the

wings, onto the flat surfaces, onto the sides, they moved with them, at times but seen as if these wings themselves but moved their entire mass onto the front as if to escape, creating a curtain as they would meet the end of the line, the point they could not escape, the flatness of a 'screen', trapped behind it. Still in the cast of oozing with darkness, and with shades, armor; another limb just emerged them, it belonged to it, rounded like some coil, from beneath its left wing, colored as the rest of its body, red over encompassing it, with shades of egg-yolk, whitish, green-as-of disease, of flesh, covering it, whereas at times it almost likened itself as if a sheet oozing in place, squirming as every limb, wing, eye departed, contorted and mixed into an oozing kept inside still, pool or splatter. Rosy, pinkish, with shades of violet thrown into it, magentas but still predominantly red; to a point when, there. It almost looked like a deformed cubic-painted abstract goat, with its melting maggot chin, the hair, with its long ears drawn by two unseen hands, leprous, warted, diseased, a machine, square-dumb-founded, the flashing sight of what's has been, but still trapped within the armor. It settled moving on slowly, approaching in a most desperate kind of manner.

Its mere presence there was frightful, for the mere countenance it displayed by means of supreme arrogation had bowed some of the slimes by an over-blown appeasement to the self-inflammatory tenderness, head-produced by means liquefaction in terms of meat drip, which drooped hangingly out of him, immediately revealed as to be as black as coal, a lump for toll, granted to him alone. SO he may pick it up whenever the meat was tender-cold with much tenebrous dart-ened coil.

They were formed in a congregation whose uncanny standing was eerily disrupted by the sound that was being propagated behind the room, in a place, out of which his drawing out of, easily disturbed everything whose falling back together would not last for long unless unchecked. Whore dire coiled filled growth, the trench of air-held scrapes and drooping blue, wide-spread lightened, as if it held within its reach hundreds of gaily leaping shards of glass, whose light refraction leaped inside every single one, whose cracked and shattered, bottle-sight, the mourning of the wide-spread dust, which came to life, the red-glow of particles whose wide-spread beneath its 'chest', the point where it's been struck, where destruction spread across each wave, whereas it stood no longer high itself, but began drooping with its many curved scythes of golden earring flows, jewels of cysts broken, cocoons erupting on top of what remains of it now, figures caught within its grasp and lain low-hanging, yet still to touch the ground. A peculiar thing, with a lamia's tail but pointed in the front, a worm-almost, but chested-armless, with a trunk elongated forward, and a small humanish chatterer, devoid of life, but in appearance, caught as if a glimpse would reveal a burst of many lights it would produce. An eerily grayish figure by the looks of it, even more so, if one were to judge the many others like it, these fetuses but longer, stronger, more deformed and filled with bile, just like everything else standing around and close to it, wherever one were to look inside of. And the ground itself was no better but a cradle of sand, disrupted, then spread around, with many outer rims, crevices, dunes and rifts, all but leading to the single thought of there, the land having been trashed completely by a flail of many cords that were and had been thrust over and over again, until all that remained was but an area where the ropes of leathery growths, the spread of fallen stalactite rods, crudely munched upon awoken boats, in which no corpse or crop would rather see, what had come to the land in absence of the life it yearned to see. A great chitinous wide-enough head, similar to the body of a sea-sting-bearing ray, but fatter, as that of a mantis, whitish but dripping in teal-dusty rancid blood, with a giant shattered hole left inside, in the middle of its head, wide-spread but not to take out the entirety of its head, out of it came a wormy horn, hanging past its mouth as it flung itself left and right, unmoving at times, but leading one to believe that it was still alive, as hard as any appendage and

the wing of a plane, yet, harder, more deformed. A peculiar globular brain covered in the teal-dust, that sprouted out its head, then connected to the various viscera-coils that entered the plane, whose fashioned-like structural state, only slightly resembled that of a crane. In all that chaos, it even looked like an iron worm, instead of sprouting out its head; it entangled its many tongues around and ate from where it could as well. A humanoid body could be seen inside this great tree of many that adorned it; whose one limb-out, still similar to a mantis, but without its blades, two segments made it, but pointing down, away from its tiny open mouth. A jackal whose mouth was beyond crimson after being startled by a passerby observing the gruesome scene, opened and framed, anatomically very much the same, although most uncannily thing it was, the fact that the tip of the horn, this iron-like thing that pointed at the mouth or lower, towards the unsanitary gaps of black, the hollowness that was presented to it at that, made it seem as if it had been riddled with a most disgustingly, unfathomably fast-spreading black cancer. Many black spots being placed in-between each body, each cracked cocoon, the shiny things as well as the moving dust particles within their reach. But just as many of these 'steed'-like corpses there they lay, in the depths of this formation in the middle, this cemetery out of which it came. Beneath which, below the ground, although unseen, a pool of black where it held most if not all of its roots, shot, then spread and thrown around, in most uncannily a way; although at this point in time they were dead, the roots, as were the corpses surrounding them, whose casks had become indistinguishable from every other rotten thing that mixed with the liquor, that mixed with the spreading parasites who swam still. Although many of the bluish shells that encased and protected it appeared to slowly falling apart, as were the instigators that were anywhere but found around, two greater figures could still be seen by its side. By its colossal size that went as far to see as being beyond the tunnel and beyond the valley in this underground canyon that had been revealed onto none still yet, but armor that came from somewhere alongside its depths.

The figures being corpses themselves at this point in time, and perhaps as enormous and unfathomable to properly absorb, in terms of size, despite them standing, partially succumbed to the girth of the black soil in which they themselves had made nests out of. Near the point of the impact, where this great formation seemed to have suffered it through, it stood, to its 'left', churned in many ringed but rotten, golden but brass forgotten, of spoils of bodies that adorned it, covered in rings and chain-mail armor, kings and knightly beings, all adorned in gold and mightily forlorn coins of no kingdom that was spoken of. Like a swollen mermaid hunched back, with a head wider than its entire body, heavier, like a water-plant or beyond it, featureless, or broken to such degree that those shiny things had been but incessantly driven into its face until the butcherment maimed it beyond anything worth mentioning if those crude jewels were removed from alongside what had remained of it. A darkened twisted tail that did not fit, twisted like a spine from the point it sprouted, then a trail of giant teeth, but spine-like as if they had belonged to come Cetacean giant reptile, whose trail had ended in a giant human-jaw-like formation, but made of a boulder, as was the end of its tail. Eerily glowing like a saint it was, just like the rest of everything in sight that could be said.

Whereas the other figure that stood by the side of the formation, wore. A giant crown bigger than its entire dwarfed, half the size of the other, stooped upon, like a side-twisted shrimp but filled with white-puffy hair and spores and a skull that was like that of a rodent, whose teeth could yet be seen attached and inwardly thrust as to last for as long as everything else on it. This mush-white carpet that crawled on top of it, fading, the many bars like iron, like an inmate's cell, harder, thicker, rather twisted than what one could tell, but just as covered in flashing objects of jewelry's past. Some even went ahead as to impale and shoot through its head, the sockets being visibly replaced, from inside. Whereas it was only left with

a forward pointing stone-like tail, upon which it rested. A lower jaw-slightly open wide, but shattered as only a piece of it that was there, could be observed as tainted and just as dripping with oozing blood as the rest of it was.

It was a trove that's been untouched, and not a single soul whose watch or walk through it had lived for long enough to tell of what he's seen of what lay there, inside. In the distance:

A great beam-ish fireman's department pole bodied-lopsidedly deformed beam kept a dislodged uneven body bass eighteen hundred miles away from the ground, in an unnaturally, highly-irregular manner that was somewhat, beyond even the likes of distinguishability, completely outlandish in the back, as many of the blade-fat-filled square-cardboard protrusions that came out of it managed to hid themselves the deeper they went into this hollow frame they deformed themselves, curving in a parchment's-moistened inwardly wrapped as if they were cotton dressed struck in an upward motion lead to a second or eight floor's elevator's way of being drawn back to where they belonged, a crowd of perverts trying to sniff whatever imprint of her panties got embed on her nasty mini-skirt. Its deformed shoulders form a plate of 'clouds', in terms of recognizable growths, many of which being completely withdrawn in this utilitarian belt in which many if not all those appendages that were heaved, wreathed and hid inside of, one another's most disturbingly hard to stare at little blocks of hardened carnivorous plences, found a homely cozy place to be seated inside of, as if slugs, that drew whenever pleasing as for them to breathe in and taken gulps of air, inflating to a point where the beam appeared to bear a tiny wide-spread of forests that were interconnected and completely wrapped by these tendons that fed them, at an alarming level with the most filthily deformed, capricious formations, sometimes appearing rounded, other times, completely squared as if prison blocks or strange long-houses or tents which had been rubbed in, or even, indistinguishably so, maliciously expanded within themselves forms that made no sense whatsoever, that were only drawn back like the curtains they were, as It moved. On it, the wretched head it was a horn of. The other horn being shaped like a long scorpion's tail; which belonged to a triangular fortune-cookie-malformed head, with two spirly, swirly ugly knot eyes, doors's. With a front protrusion, almost, inverted pyramidical cranium whose, under normal circumstances 'flat' bottom, would happen to be fatter than usual here, yet completely malignant, as for every surface which was much fatter as well, they bore a general, together-put, downward set concavity that from the distance would render it the aspect of an ugly incisor as well, that verged into, as it bore no actual nose, but a pseudo broken tip that 'shot' a series of growths which in turn formed a pseudo-sausage-like torso elongation upon which it rested. A demonical 'child', whose 'dreams' of nightmarish things were contained within its long-horn. Out of which the many faces of many conquered foes appeared every so often as to taunt and disturb everything that happened around it.

A man appeared before it, on a dark surface made completely out of oozing with darkness and with shades, iron-nail 'figures' that squirmed inside these see-through crystal-blackened point, incapable to escape, but un-impaled it stood on top of them, without fear and devoid of any amount of fright that might've happened to even saw it off the insufficiency of gutlessness they spread within themselves. As to raise an arm, a head or an appendage in a desperate attempt to escape their, suffice to say, 'open-lid' coffins in which they were 'trapped'. Ghostly even, spectral but incapable, out of fear or some more degrading nature they could not saw themselves off, or permeate a state of being, strong enough to even rival their unity or entity as a whole, they suffered relentlessly and without hope at what was going on there, inside their gutless probes, near which they gathered their soulless husks, forming various up-wards leaping altars, crimson red and glowing with a blue inside their eyes that the nearest, most unnaturally

deformed stars that had come, through involution alone, invariably as to be allowed to shine even for the slightest expenditures that would not last, through homeless apparel of wretched boils and the squirming, first barren, then sprinkled with, beneath the base near the sprang out of, darkened holes, cuts and various other contorted cast upon strength as to upwardly unbury themselves out, empty road-like accident shaped, with two sharp ends as if two mouths were pointing at each other, pits, which were angled, yet came, accompanying the dark rimed and filled with runes and other strange, hard to follow symbols, out of which all of these coffin-spikes came out of; which had in turn tinted or performed various unnatural sprays of pain that painted a horrendous picture, lending onto the impression that, while their souls suffered, had the altar been known to be them, as in the corpses that were lodged inside of being mostly covered in enough tatters for it to be irreconizable as the embodiment of the entities themselves, one might've recognized the falling of the boils and the squirm as their long-awaited for moment, that had long come, for them to be cast out of whatever disgracious thing they had been cast towards, bleeding themselves dryly in hopes to appease the demonical figure that threatened them with blasphemies that were still contained inside the great mass of outwardly flung balloons that came out of its horn but those that could barely, in a sublime-maliciously so, deformed faction, might've made it so there was still a chance, for them to survive this transverse into the other world they hoped it would grant them eventually, if they waited for long enough for it to appear, through such thorough durations of wordlessness come out of mouth by means of shoutful propagations of thereafter, which meant nothing and served as the wails the dark creature wanted to taunt them with, ever-so closer as it was, to achieving a slumber-driven hibernation, out of the awakening of which, nothing as much as a simple echoing song, come from a lousy peacock-strong, of head or winged with blue-collars, around which, and the adornment, that, was clearly but equally clearly as was made belief by the initial impression that was transmitted onto the man, who was a stranger but whose strangely-wrought in and hoped for escape had only allowed him the best of chance to yield escape and to run away, since, he was, as it was to be soon found out, one of the first men to have ventured this deep into these wasted soils, and the darkened coils, and the dark that was outside that crawled in, allowing him the slight belief and immersion of what had happened before he was even ware of them, now forced into a slumber as to walk, in names unspoken landing to the infantilities propelled and propagated by a most insufficiently sparred with fiend, that is, what's it become, to him, to it and to them, the altar of corpses that stood before him, although now caught in a disgustingly foreboding manner of being, an unnatural pose, with his hinges, his arms firmly flexed as they were placed around the wide-enough for him to come in grips with reality and lay undistracted by the second-realization that a most visible apparition lay before him, whose fragmented fragrance was most arousing in terms of the insufficiency of allusiveness he could not deal with, not by normal means, nor by any way he could possibly hope to achieve, this fight surreal, this much upheaval being lost on him, a loss for triumph, the loss for words and the morbid cut of a lips' swollen bow, to a place of inexistence in terms of a missionary's dawned upon lost belief now come to be met by a nature of kind, whose spirituality's and lost-but-reawakened state of mind, that is to say, being stored in a device of such strange epiphanies, that is somber character found itself be drawn to existence, to a point where this projection inserted inside manually to his head, having come to almost slip, fall and die, immediately, since, to put it in common terms, he was at a crossroads of most inflammatory mental engulfing with disbelief as well as a false presumptuous insatiably miss-interpretable alteration of his mod of operandi as to be incapable of figuring out how to approach the issue that lay ahead of him, this conundrum that reared its ugly head not only in but by means of attempting to completely bifurcate the entirety of his being, be it dawn of spirit-shade, come from nail, in which entrapped would they still try talking- communicatively through whispers of

aroused disquiet, a now floating peculiar harness upon by means of outwardly outlandish display of power, as it was not only drawn in but clearly made a show out of, despite all those tatters and all that mattered from a point to another, so-much so, altar, whose mere co-morbidity with the other beings it lived among these plains of darkness and never-see, beneath the depths of dark forests and other malignities that either moved or remained as still as they would find themselves standing, eerily, to such a show of magnificence that, between the two of them, to sum it all up to a level of understanding that the common plebian would find himself burdening himself no longer with, one could almost forget that what awaited the man was a pseudo-struck in an eternal state of dream-hood, flea-faced stone-deformity whose face migrated or was pulled at times by the elongated pole it bore sportingly, and in a most intrusive manner, out of the dreams of which escape be lost. It dreamed of being in any other place, even though lucidly, and while aware of the surroundings that had encased him in this dream-like prison out of which he could not escape from.

On the whole there was no assumption left to be discerned as to ordain an understanding of a rigorous irascibility of resonances allure, thorough as for stench-forbearance being called to such a degree of speed, that it made it close impossible when it came to track it down. There were a few forces that did not reveal themselves immediately, nor would there be another chance to see them move again if they escaped. It was socketed in 'her', but unseen. A secret viral thing that puffed glowingly with silken pure-pinkish but violet then, red always reverting to the hill of the plot where all the curved flowers swayed the stench of violence as it spread between every single one of the arms that were attached to the sides of it, the ones carrying it from where it started into the distance. A malicious sight inclined the lookers to draw towards it, they warranted the falling over of a few pilots that had been hanging or were swung across the ceiling since the days of the war. Their ships had been lodged, but not a single one had made it all alive in here, they had only been carried from the looks of it. And something much worse happened, something that changed them, the way in which they now eerily jerked. All of them left with only one eye, they wore their ships like hives in the back, reverse parasites, giant stumps of metal and of swinging entangled beasts whose faces were torn out of reality and appeared to be dreading every second they were alive. No thorough disease could curve their suffering and put it to a stop, not a single bothersome looker to call on them to return to a time when they were still alive, not counting some of the days that were spent wailing them in suffering's abode when the singers had forgotten the voice of deep humane, to humble them in search for the other ones capable of flight as their remains had only sunken them deeper into the wretched abodes they themselves could not explain how they reached the ends of. Nor would they cower in fright or abode, or seek return to hope that someone would come to their rescue whenever need, or wretch, or the stench would finally fade:

'I've come and stumbled upon a shiny maze, a shiny maze, I saw it with my own eyes, the bubbly thing had spoken to me before the time!'

It swung itself closer to the others, as to make itself be listened to again. This was no easy task, nor would there be a chance for it to cower at the sound of the maliciously inclined-defile. It spread with pores across the vengeance of thought, their simian brains had brought onto the table whenever pleased as to listen into heedless warnings, through malicious wringing and pan-handling of wretchedly benign. A few flying pores were fat-fattened and their bodies were but stumped. They carried food and water, sustenance of cattle, but never did reveal where they've taken them from.

Meanwhile, Shiel spoke:

‘I’ve come to understand the reason behind all of these puffs of oozing lumps’ gravitational drawing towards us, since I’ve been yet given the time to properly study them, even though you would not come to easily believe what I heed you still, I seek but no propagation to either you or them.’

‘Speak out your mind then, I will hear it for a second or so, and then, I will dismiss it like everything I’ve not curled by fingers around, then, we’ll be done.’

‘You’ve wretched every chance you’ve had to dismiss me, yet you feel as if there’s a need as such to take something away from it. This will not be done, not easily so. I think we’re made to suffer together until growth, until we’re offered a chance by him, by any, by the messenger or else, whoever and whatever might be shown, I’ll let you know.’

‘Shiel, you’re as annoying as you’ve ever been.’

Said the great Lomek in return; whereas its eye pudgy started filling itself with some gases that started pushing out the vapors mourned. It could still be seen, even on his ugly, simian head- the boil, just how easily disreputable the show of hunger he had attempted putting on in order to deceive those around him had been. No wretched puff of ooze had been deceived, not a single one to make it appeared as if, no. Not yet, not that they would make any sudden move, or anything too queer to be observed by any means, retrieved.

Struck as if by some unseen force whose knowledge was something yet devoured by each and every single thing in part, or hinge that would be seen by yearning for it- trained eyes whose tyranny contorting every single word they heard, had thrust itself forward, a few whispers undertaken as they appeared to be standing, or sitting, in that frozen-not by choice but not longer probed for stance.

It had said the following, although it was something that was well above and beneath what the messenger, under normal circumstance lay yield to reveal:

‘The giant green-puffy stone, like mold, the eyed one, although he may appear to be a Cyclops socketed, hesn’t, but instead. Yes, a giant body of the same stone-flooring that’s made his body, as if yellowish brass, although not jointed by feet, appendages come in two and he’s discerned what’s he seen, when approached alight.’

‘Was he burnt by ash or coal or something of the likes?’

‘Nothing could be said about that, other than the assailants that had come and drawn him deeper into the tunnels that now lay to be lost.’

‘IT’s something we may not recover from, is that correct as well?’

Shiel only spread his fully drawn ‘tail’, that trunk that sometimes got lost, in appearance, as to seethe, whether or not it belonged to Lomek, but only when it jerked and swung and when it came about, then lopped here and there, then all around, it stopped right before it could swing in the wrong place, at the wrong time, whenever and if that mattered, one could see the snow-globe-like arm of metal-covered in, but dust of mice, and plenty of children of the kind which had not only been starved but allowed the

respite of being kept alive for as long as it mattered. They knew what the presence of this glowing bobbling tall creature meant. An ugly truth, as the eyes jerked back inside of it, as the fat that covered its mouth only reeled back in, whereas the piece in the front lowered like a cane so as to hang upon it a second longer after that.

The messenger paced around the room, making its way among the strange oozes that followed in the pacing-wild surroundings being wailed upon, echoes being lost in the distance as another door opened quickly after that.

‘I must ask you to wait for at the very least a second and no more than that.’

‘Very well, then we shall bear in patience and do what we can.’

For, as soon as that door opened, there, there, the giant tube, all flashy in the dark, but swoon, that followed soon after, the large targe of blocky limbs, all holding the most questionable thing had reeled back in. And there were so many prisoners of such abhorrent callings that one could not brush to pace away or forget himself along the way if he knew what was good for him. As many of the prison cells were lowered soon after, not to quail any surrounding, or administer any wonder, poison or sickening pair of cells, anything that would awaken them, since they were placed in a swoon and a surge and an uncanny set of psychotic prison-like dreams, like the ones they were in, walking thoroughly during the cuts of wild-surmounting pail, the water den was to be held as well. A gas being released somewhere in the distance, yet.

‘You should not have come here, Messenger, you’re not welcome in this place of spite. Only the most disgusting and abhorrent of prisoners are allowed to bask upon my sight. Let alone trifling as they would cone upon the fright and climb.’

‘I seek no such thing, although I must say I’m rather petty as to be presented to that. I would’ve found your reason most abhorrent if I was in some place I did not belong.

But this prison, this prison’s architectural style’s been deemed a failure by all accounts, by all whims and by everyone who’s ever been in contact with either you or the other man that’s in command. Where is he? I’ve a question and an extraction that requires my immediate concern, then done.’

‘He’s indisposed, I’d say.

Working out his wriggling stare through the land that’s bastardized into every step and every taken-for niggarrish flower-bed where they’ve stayed their hands and they’ve come upon the plains to rest.’

Many such creatures now had forsaken it. Even to the point where, beneath every flower-rose, and beneath each and every petal that might’ve been seen or done for, felt within, each second ever-wanting for, to come, would mean be starved at the court of none. As every head was now devoid of springs, as even the remains of the old city had fallen down and were kept on some life-support that, quarrelsome as it were, only demanded some nasty nasty-pus basin. It was the last means for survival, of this replica, of the broken world; it needed this liquefied fragrance, this strange liquid it called for in need to sustain its own life, for without it, that meant, complete destruction, both for it and for him. The side of the doctor that lived on; he’s been pulled from there, emergency room, cotton-bed in which the plenty-for-quiet and

for reason, no satisfaction could be bedded, nor reason for apparel-taken, pseudo-basin raised in the distance, another hill, and a small booth – abandoned, out of which, and on top of, three great, and concurrently many more after, small, tiny, long, and of all sizes, planks and bridges and strings of iron-woody hinges, screws and bolts, all making this fort, beneath which, the work in detail turned the floor in some peculiarly uncanny thing that could not be touched by anyone else but him, unless punished by the single being he spent his time with, would they face the consequences of, at his hand, and most disturbingly then, did he ask.

‘I am appeased by your resistance, but eventually, my good companion, you will have to leave my sight. I’ve little concern for people like you and there’s a reason why so many, and so uncannily deformed are the men that come to my valley of sinew.

They would have themselves flung at me, as I would leap and slash and break them apart.

Only to have my time of practice, to have my hands in it, and only then would I be satisfied by what I’ve done.’

His companion, strangely dumbfound again.

This time silent, of another reason, he looked away. Too many bolts, too many strong iron chodes that were shot through, too many unnatural things that didn’t make any sense either, thoroughly through. Not far:

‘I’ve seen it all happen again and again, the seas of red garnishing some of the least occupied areas, left under no stricter surveillance than a scout being sent there to run around circles and do what he wants before sending in a false report about what’s been happening and what came into him to write the drivel that’s stolen the lives away from the impoverished and the savages that had been drowned by the crimson’s river’s last wave, the one that swept away most if not every single one of their homes, in a blazing trail made of the most inscrutable of growths emerging, the bastardization of the swollen suns and the destruction of what used to be once theirs, fitfully as it had once belonged to their ancestors as it was once that they had inherited them from, no more!’

He took another cigar out of the box; some fine Cuban nasties, contraband stuff but good enough to satisfy him for the time being. It was enough to take a look at that trapped thing to make his whole stomach churn back and forth, then shudder. Another inquirer came this morning. He asked a lot of questions but never as much as asked what was happening behind those closed gates; the hanger being already fully, as the workmen could barely find any more place to put it in, since it was only starting to make noise again, whenever pleading, whenever wonting, whenever as much as annoyed at what was going on around it, this creature would start wriggling, thrusting, halting, then starting against, more viciously, far more furiously than it did before, until there could be as much as no other doubt as to what was happening inside its head. It wanted out. It wasted inside the frame. The frame was good, though, It would last. The metal frame prevented it from crushing everything underneath the sheer amount of weight its body had. But most of all, the frame did a reasonable job in distributing the weight equally in such a manner that it would not cause a rupture, a crackling stroke that would, in a fell swoop, drag everyone into the abyss on top of which it stood.

Thousands of iron- reinforced by titanium and other types of industrial alloy formed the frame, although at times it looked no more than twenty or so that made the bulk of its prison. A rectangular see-through frame, with a compressed, thinner one, like an ant-farm but rotated as to be capable of moving along back and forth from one end to another as if it were a wagon between two rails, the outline of a moving book inside a shelf, being chucked from one side to the other. Whereas the beast inside, this wretched puffy thing, with a smaller, almost compounded giant eye-of a head, that stood out like some unnatural deformation that jerked back and forth, in wont of getting away, rested in. Its upper body but a curved torso that receded into a tinier slot, which was entrapped most bothersomely as to look at. Since this Chinese-deformed foot, made to look as if it was part of some beauty-brute, was left with nothing more but some unnaturally twisted block that oozed, jerked, then thrust in place, in vain, in pain. As the upper- both jerked along, dreading each second it would be pushed again along the rail. Out of which it could not escape. It was a saddening order not a single soul should be capable of witnessing, let alone be paying in full blunt. Those things, they, they were not meant to be kept alive, especially not for this long. As there were many planned on being stored; inside the same frame at the very least, that would vastly reduce the noise as well as the self-inflicted pain they would try ending themselves with. But the death-induced by the shock never came.

‘They’re immortal, from the little we know, there’s simply nothing that can topple down these buggers. At best we managed to cut its wing off, antlers, antennas, and its many appendages, legs, pincers and the smaller out-shown tendons before we could trap it in here. Luckily for us, it won’t escape any time sooner. Let alone be allowed to return to the hive it sprouted out of the wretched day that allowed it to draw breath allowed for it to come to life, plaguing the lands of men during the time our conquest has brought the attention of these inferior ones!’

There was definitely something out of order with every being down-set, propagated upon the bed of destruction, somber but vaguely set upon the postulating darkness of the tandem-drawn inside each gut-bulb that hardly entered but entered nonetheless through the secret passages as well as the tediously encumbered melancholic disturbed as for the power propagated by the wild mandible of darkness which had entered upon the first of the giant crude-like demonical figures feigning death by the looks of which no eternal quiet’s insolence malboriously insolent as the space-disease they carried along through the tunnels they had formed in the air, in which they crawled and crawled their legs onto the tandem of jewels, many pesky teeth and many incisor-like disease obtruding through the corrugated lust-filled rust, covering their ring-like armors, inside their now, felt upon by the intruders, citadel of Candle, whose flame burnt souls of wax whom propagated themselves onto the vile ruffian-tube of ghastly-set and deadly pale, stand upon wretchedly erect dissection, the body of angelic leviathan with thousands of wings melted, whom had raised and kept it like a brazie’d doubloon cast into its petrified unfathomable cast of meat, a tornado or a swamp in one’s eye cast into the heap in which it wretched itself still, without a doubt but swerving still in death and plague and come after, yet again, through the darkness of absinthe and into the light that fell, through the quiet of the taking and into the cast of putrid green bones, and into the darkness from which the insolence come upon the flows of darkness’s come, upon each toil and each somber cast, from the shaded rook upon ill-must, they fall before each hand’s drawn upon stung and there, upon the wails of many likens, come-alike, mourning for their brother, whose fallen onto struck and dumb, lay numb upon a sight of gray, beneath them and lost along the cackle of an insolent remain that had once belonged to that wretchedly bodied Simian, or one of them, chiseled as of statue come, grayish of a headed siren, ground upon the cradle stung, filled with parasites from which, many of them come in

heaps, then birthed yet again, hundreds by the shore as well, joining yet the lands in ask, upon the countless passages found but none, as all these Lomeks and Shiels but hardly counted to the real one, whose likes unseen, but ever-been, sightened by so many since. Theirs was something of an ill felt almost incomparable feeling of obtuse existence which could not be, indistinguishably said or differed to by another being without losing something of its own along the way, such and such in the same way one would abandon their heart, leaving it to rot in a field of rustily filled with a saddening depression felt only by widows finding themselves mourning after caring for their husbands for periods stretching for years at large, or far beyond that, far too jeering, as one would have it as to cajole only the most somber of antiphonies on their way, on an errand to the moon, razor sharp blades cutting through him, or them, whose bodies were still down the basement of the Candle, completely run down by nothing more than the insolent destruction of a wax-filled wagon which had been filled with rottenly never-ending putrid cadavers, which had been cut and wrung, conditioned to be number, that is to say, only the ones that were alive, but not them, the wretched that had lost their yearnings upon the brow of the broken leverage, the lower-citadel and the giant mollusks that had rotten skin and temples struck within the likes of thin, unfathomably destroyed, the wretched paranoid, and the cast of joy that yelled and shouted, for him to return once again to life, to a time where they would indistinguishably try forgetting that there was, or once had been, to've been said, a reason to be alive.

‘There is a visitor knocking on the barred-forth gates. He says he’s made a far-long journey and that he will not wait a second longer until destiny’s wrought hold of what is left of his life. He says there’s dread in his veins-tenebrous, and that only coming to an untimely end might release him from the somber cast he’s yet to engrain himself into yet. I’ve sekt no reason to addend. I seek not lest you must bespoken words in spire sung, to allow him to make the journey’s past, with little most, and mostly numb from there point yonder struck of ghoulish fool, of leper’s drag, and paleness of known be young, twilt not happen.’

‘Then allow him in and I shall carry on a lesser order to have him flung within the mark of quiet. And he will suffer every moment’s forth and he shall only come after whenever I will have him mourned, for nothing else and naught be sekt, of such and such, and might travail!’

‘Wilt it be known bemuse, but what of the others that stand in line, obtuse?’

For the ground was reddened, filled with boils and growths and come upon him, toil and soil. Many of the ever-after, come up-front.

An abhorrent king stepped forward through the pucker of dark that had been his kingdom put upon the brow-rear end, at the fore-front hinged slightly intruding upon the acceptable area through which it had been lain, protrudingly so, tip of his toes, bordering an almost aerial component of stepping on top, like a wave crushing down a stony ford ridge, down-sighted by the many stones and many crooks of almost stalagmite-like formations sprouting out the sea, still beneath the ledged end of the cliff holding thousand of similar stone ridges as well as plastered stone-walled disruptive ends come-through, themselves being only come out in part out of the ostensive quarry-smoothened out by chisel facets of rocky plaster that had been carved in by time, diamond-like sedimentary formations of geological clusters whose normal belongings would yearn no such results as could be observed in terms of how finely-wrought, clearly-in-shape, nigh-perfect the in-question ‘specimens’ of clustered near, unevenly imperfect other-stone-like formations their neighboring facets appeared to bear resemblance to, un-polished diamonds in the rough,

per say, that signaled the fact that the clearly out-flung waves stopped only a few meters off the –level-to-the-sea- area, from where they ‘come-here’ inwardly towards one’s chest, but the sea’s the man, trying to lure the ledge like a siren’s dire need of sailors in order to appease their wild entrenched obstinacy of heart-belonging to a fish’s galleon, treasure’s gone, in the sailor’s truncheons’ corded stung- upon, sight, where the vapors that traveled upward from the spot where the curvature of the waves had merely tickled the base of the cliff before receding back into the abyss it sprouted from, with their absence having left behind only the suspicion that the cause for this apparently uneven yet highly-worthy of praiseful questioning in terms of the inherent reasons behind this ‘happening’ of stone-decay, given birth as and for no other reason than this, strange, strange question as to inquire why were there perfect stone-like facets, looks of marble all-around, marveling at the perfection left behind, punctually placed near unevenly, clearly boisterous in case-uncanny, stricken down and nigh-but-shattered pieces that only slowly neared the top, then rose upward, then curved around, like gusts of Injun-out-the-tent smoke they use to send signals, that maintained a steep trajectory afterwards as to fully curve around this strange machine, this diamond cold-box engine of rotten ice it smashed with its crude-humanoid teeth, the king had used to conquer the world, with two eye-blobs for wheels, forming a livid strange swirl formation out of its mouth, that had been but made out of countless of demonical-like figures with arms and trenches and various other arm-like ledges that carried the strength of billions of pounds of weight of kilos, heavy stuff, that, in the distance could be seen as they diverged into various cube-like prison boxes where they hid-little mammal-bloated in the back simian hairy creatures without limbs and mainly fat-like nasty body-bags, all bearing the same one eye that had been fractioned into tiny slits of paper-sheet-like thin formations, a strange almost peculiar machine that was, his pet, a few feet off the ground, nearing his swollen knees, but the air, the air had only swept through and crawled like a caterpillar, slowly, incessantly but yearned for a need to stop, as it continued its trajectory once one could only realize that it did so for a reason, the air, the air of the world that had bowed down to him as a sign of surrender, a forfeit to a duel it found out the hardy-fought in various wars it lost time and time again –kind of way that it could not win against him, since he abused this dark-bejeweled wheeled-by-eyes radiator-like box with the front open like some oven you’d throw a kike in after you’d a’ve grown tired of putting up with his usury, enough is enough, back into the oven you god damned fucking nigger-semite; moving forward, on a slow place before all of the sudden he leaped a few meters up-front like a bouncing ball, with the microwave-giant box held beneath his arm, with a swollen patch of gray grasshopper-creatures made into a crawling carpet threading along every step he’d make a whimper at the broken giant ghosts making the skies, laughing and expanding inwardly into one another as they’d crawl in-and-out, the ledge of shouts and echoes trapped inside, a renegade of bodies all gathered about a single spot where one of the great bodies had lain a wish into, a dark box of many colors, covered in green velvet, with a golden rimmed skull welded on top.

‘Great king who just appeared to have come on an errand from as far away as we could see the disaster that follows in your paths of anger’s Renaissance.’

Tilled for hours:

Mild-deranged approached form empty-scorn and Prot:

‘A man had rung one of the bells before, but I solely am the only witness to have been present by the time their echoes had arrived in the halls, during bore, and many bans brought by the prohibition would discern as much as I’m telling.’

‘I’ve been worn out for a while, mind perching my thirst with a cold drink?’

‘Here’s a spike, make sure it’s embed in you because it’s a trifle worth more than the normal shelf-stuff you’d get off a normal bar at a reasonable price, maybe for free once in a while, if you’re a hard-knock carrying a pillar on your back, with a few admirers with empty-faces pulled and a few hardly different than what you’d expect from the lot, taken by the salient while, embalmed-moist off the rocker with your nose-blown off –off the puffer, with a pucker in your salty supper, but with moisture down- parapper, but I’m sure you’ll like one more, there’s that whore in the corner not, don’t be a bore just yet, I will feed you puffy-balls of cheerio’, up until with nut-crackers titer, titi-ro, but don’t ask me why because I am only one of the strange men with strange desires, the one of fashioned-skin belonging to some dead vampire I’m dressed in the meat-suit of; although I would feel this irresolute thing be called as well no more than needed, beaded, eye-headed with blindness of the broken clock, that I smashed as well, since I ruined the bar during the last brawl.’

With a katana beneath the bar, off-ice but hardly would there be a blur for steam there is but little brought and mighty not, caught in disguise.

‘Where to then; where can I find it?’

‘Somewhere where it’s not to be.’

A few siphon heads would do.

Although both imparted from one another’s close-cells, they were still one and the same person, separated only by the thinness of a blurry wall made out of some bones and other cartilage formations that, in turn appeared to have only belonged to them on a momentary confine and a stand-together shone up but dark as to create the means for a lighted candle to be shared between the two of them during one of the many nights they blasphemed being abandoned in this underground pile-wretch of debris they had been quasi-buried alive into. A most intrusive pair of thoughts would have one yearn for such release as to stop listening to the blot of tender various lobbies’ call that had been intercepted for a long while now, since, suffice as it were to be finally admitted, it was a cruel thing to be not only deprived from humanity’s touch but to be mocked as well by the endless calls that refused to set straight whatever remained part of their, spent-together olfaction, since disease had long taken hold of both of their legs, which seen as nothing more but a means for sustenance had ripped themselves away and appeared to have migrated towards opposite corners, on both sides and on both ends, bearing nothing else other than some sacks. Organs were split in halves, although the heart was barely left there, on both men as they had all of the sudden observed a puckery puffer of pumps, flashing somewhere in the dark, glittering in the lost abode, shining with glistening dust-globes succumbed to some moisture that dripped, dropped and allowed other sounds to finally block some of the incessant calls some unknown to them people, during some unknown to them age; yet clear as daylight, without any foreseeable interference.

‘A spine for a robe, a spine for a robe, I could see it for a while, a butterfly filled with glowing hope!’

‘It was not, and you’re delirious again. Neither of that happened.’

‘Which else; what do you know? Tell me immediately!’

‘We’ve got each other at the very least, do we not?’

‘No.’

Dying by the minute, never made it; in time; some little block of wood moving around, made of dust-glass, shattering by disintegration.

‘A fever dream, I thought I dreamed off. A fever dream that’s almost became lucid when I least thought of it as such.’

‘Within the acreage, the vestige is bold, it cannot stand for long outside in cold, in quiet, thinking there’d be a chance, to have itself flung outside its sphere, the one in which it swung, for life had fathomed so much less, for those who called upon us are without a scent, without a spirit and without a simple cove’s dress. To have my will be known as such, I stand by your side still, though pained and ill through such a thing as they would’ve called of us; whenever there was a chance, somewhere in the past to call for help, I call thee vague as to have called me a despot and for that I reason I still remain and choose to be by your side while we rot.’

‘You’ve already forgotten and forfeited me and the last of the latter, wilt to have there been a chance. I’m sunken yet I feel such warmth as you’d think. You only know of me of ill; but do not bother with what was left, and do not try to bring the countenance to a play we’ve never had the chance to be met by. To such a slither of remorse, as they would have it swept away, dried by musk and never cast whenever stand at last; on both of our feet!’

Ooze dripped from just about every imaginable corner, with as little as could be afforded being slipped underneath the breath. A voiced echo could not have refrained any hand from hitting itself against a wall, slamming for some wretched reason, yet abhorrently begotten, there! A blue moon appeared to be encrusted in gelatin red with flowery puffs of some biologically green violet, with many dark shades sprouting in and out of existence, always with a single puff, belonging to some sun, that appeared every now and then, then all around, there came an unnatural amount of flashes, perfidious in term of how they danced! And an ever-glowing presence soon came around, flashing-ever-presently with a bolden stare. It started again before long, before someone could point out that it was too dangerous being around it, since the implosion of shades could throw upon them only the most insolent of green-yellow and bluish mares, that were followed by chariots of golden-dust, and spare-me lust of reddened clotted rust of many slimmer-by-the-shiver left of them, rusty silver of pots and crops of green-violet, and the moons that threw themselves around them, purplish of a darker color, a purple of a higher power, a green-puckerish inside of it with bluish white sprouting and casting each glance a reddened by the green octave, of sounds that started pushing in, each a flower garden’s flower shed, with spare-to-crude-yellowish, almond-bands; that were only wrapped around a dirt-like crow, whose eyes were but abyss-ultramarine-draughts of tinted greenish seethe, of grass painted by the highlights of some star, whereas its lower side was of a magenta-colored shawl; that diverged into a rosy-yellow puddle of shapes, appendages that drew out of it, hardening as the liquefied liquid became. A squarish blob of some graven cemetery ancientness of stone, graying-green, to a dark, almost discolored, muddiness that followed, pale fetished fleshy rose, a whitish

of no man that existed, since it was formed of most capricious lobes that formed most of it. Withdrawn by likens as it entered the atmosphere, slowly approaching, out of fear of being seen, colored by some clouds of gelatin puff, which rose to his rose, and entered the canvas that encompassed it bold, was it obscured. The sky was of a storm but dampened; lower shades that were forgotten. On top of higher airs, the clouds, many of whom were only gouache upon the canvas, under painted by some larger strokes, leaving just as little more, to be fabled by those who saw the forms, lost in the clouds right after. Men of tall gray with empty suits of black extended to larger buttons that were chained around them, around their ankles, around their chainy-colored breeches of blue-basil, alabaster shoes of some slightly more rinsed tint, with trails of color left behind they walked, wallowing in pudgy green of forms, of eyes and appendages of their likens that fell behind, but were of a darker shade as they were burn by a sun-maze of white-powdery red, of some other shade, for what was to come was obscured in a sum of twenty, fifty, eleven hundred grains of dust-color specs of sand, each but in some encased tiny marble piece of glass, inside of which, soon after, a tri-formed prism had shone light upon the solaces beneath the earth; earthen sienna of some darker-fallen apart citadel of crooks and crones. Nigger:

‘A niggarrish thing, ey? Allowed to ruminate and crawl away out of the stomping machine its wretched body has been taken out of? I would not have thought of it unless I saw it with my two very close-to rusty quail and sailed for, fast, eye of little brass and folded cone I lay encased inside of! But I may dare say that, upon the day I find recess of plenty wrought to escape and feel distraught, I shall feel no other reason calling, no other fancy but to lynch as follows:

First niggarrish nigs, I shall take their throats and carefully place them inside sinks, empathically as I might add that I’ve come into contact with one of the nigger lynch rope engineers, one of the finest in the trade! A well known Colossus in the industry, no doubt, but bespoken to lynch-leprous wroth as one could only add to the endearing fact that the only responsible means of nigger lynch that could ever be drawn to the accord of either party involved in it to begin with, that is clear enough, well-spoken for reasons endeared no less than expected as a means of flying-pass the time!’

‘And your case, good sir? What’s in it? Please, oh, please, the expectation is simply killing me further with every passing moment I have to endear waiting for!’

‘Then you shall be made to wait for longer as I’m but pleased to. Show you some of my most precious most benigned by sufferers appeals of most insolent abodes!’

At the signal of which the top two knuckle brass jointed pads spanning both sides across the top side of the lid shot upwardly as if they had just released a clearly fore-shaken bottle of vintage Cherry, releasing none other but a clearly dismembered nigger-chiseled iron-mannequin, split openly grim in half, bearing a rack of metal frames that lend him the appearance, after being fully extended out, of the insides of some whale; whose, the niggers’, limbs were clearly overly stretched to the point of having formed a pseudo-lynching crib; arranged like some ribs, shaking in expectation as they started releasing a pair of the most peculiarly never-seen upon the sighting, black-corded swamp-leeches, whom, upon being allowed to fully extend, appeared to form the much-recognized by the connoisseurs of nigger-lynch, executioner deceives niggers had grown so accustomed to, familiarizing themselves with; seeing on a daily basis, while expecting the worst to happen after having lazily skipping on a day off the cotton farm; bad nigger, nigger stop! Go back to work now and stop lazying around!

‘What a fine example of craftsmanship I’m only now being made aware of! And you’re telling me that they’ve turned many other niggers in these wretched bony-lynching puppets?’

‘Only the finest Voodoo rackets! I say, there’s no finer thing in this world I’d like to be let known of, other than these fineries I’ve been presented with! A present indeed, that I might add to no letter and no regard but my personal, direct account of the matter, firsthand! As I’ve seen this very wretched thing come into action, as if livened by the sight of another nigger it began chasing no sooner said, than, I might say, four or five, so, days ago, if my memory recalled with such coherence as I seem pious as to endear you with a second more. I might add that I’ve grown attached to whipping this little crack, a slimy whip on its back, albeit of no use, since this is mainly maimed and flayed, and put in rail, a metal casing, anyway!’

‘Fully foldable as well!’

‘Anywhere to carry and wherever you’d please. Whenever there’s a nigger around to lynch! That is, you simply open the case and allow it to resurface once again, that it may thrust itself forward like some dirty hound. And how would you know it, if not? These things, they’re almost of a branch, I think; they go hand in hand, chasing one another like some branch-swingers, monkey-dancers, to such blunder as one would acquiesce no simple trifle or blunt a mare to go past the water-den, since both would face no draught to swallow!’

‘I know them niggers and how they act when the marshes are shallow. You needn’t worry about me at all, as I would fancy no better call, sir!’

The rotten hour

A bemused pair of ankles kept trampling upon some boisterous standing elm; they’ve been getting at it for some hours now, and it’s only gotten worse since. The last pail of the house stood upon a standing elk’s shouldered store; magazines being lowered upon a batch that allowed some eerily defunct left-overs to crawl along. Four advising men gathered by the window; what shone in their eyes was. Inebriated, as a result of someone he could not remember, Holland was; almost drunk with the anticipation of finding out whom that man was. The mounted clock momentarily interrupted its dormant snooze once the appointment came as was let known of being started by the sound of a single bell that had been wrung in his ears by chance.

A gentleman found himself sitting in front of him, on a velvet chair, fiddling a cricket as high as his brow while he continued muttering nonsense for what could only be deemed to be the longest hours he could even drear to go on through, being ill-advised to tale a tackle that had happened to him a few years ago only to put an end to this monotony this strange fellow had presented him with so far. An incumbent to his entreaty hearing of his felt by yearned for worn had salaciously cast a malady of depression upon this incurable of no little agony of the mind distraught he had been soon enough tortured with hearing, for the most prolonged duration he had been forced to cater to did as little to cure the man of the miasma that encumbered his dreg kempt bowels, as, he could not do a thing to cure himself of this, of this, insufferable

membrane of no mind's cure be gone call for help might do to treat him any longer since he had been a sufferer for far too long, throughout various treacheries carried on with at various times in his life, the memory of which still haunted him, through blasphemous mutterings he was most capable of dictating by will alone, word for word, exactly how he's imparted them upon unsuspecting pulpits whose pity had declared the meat of being barren, while deciding to agape and lend salted bread, mead and only the finest red wine only to drain this melancholy of soul that still threatened to swallow him whole and of whole spirit would he come to say no less before impressing the man that stood before his mere presence of an un-ghastly manner. This gentleman's business here couldn't have been concluded no sooner than at the mere point in time where this poor wretch's relying onto him a tale of pain could have made him even less aware of what was happening around him, since he could not help it by any means. Stepping in out of his chair, Hoggish-Pork simply drew out his coat and left the office with no further adding before any interjection could come onto him, right before he could even step out of this, unnatural allure he had only come to accept as something he could not draw out of any longer, and begot himself a single Phial of nerves, as he gaped no sooner at the wont he's seen on the streets after half of hour of entreating himself an enchantment of cutlery he pulled out of his leathery wallet.

Den of pleasures

Whose looks were mightily macabre; some roads were plastered together, aligned in C'urves attached to strange I's and L's, drawing on banded U-turns and v's rotated here and there, all overlapping one another like the most disturbingly hard to look at, next century hit of escalator basins in which they moved in. A few more rotating pegs being eerily attached to a machine-bludgeoning one of the lower- sides of the basin; from the distance, it may've been taken for a chariot of some kind, if it were, ever so slightly, not elongated but widened, by both sides. Dark figures, Pantheonic mimicry-mannequins-all bearing long tubes in each other's mouths and the back of their heads where the darkest most unnatural of workmen all gathered in pairs and O formations of up-pointing tubes, being very much so incapable of drawing breath by themselves. A pair of quadriplegic conjoined figures all drew in its direction, the forgers of the great elongated head-horns-attaches. Many of them bearing hundred of corpses inside their own bodies and not only so, some of them bearing them outside for some unknown reason, that could barely be discerned at all, roped together or chained by the looks of it, trying one another's grips and grasps, as eerily as it would seem to the on-lookers for corpses to be reanimated when not even the slightest most confused of beings could be offered the solace of waiting for an explanation.

A greater fire emerged, from their insides, burning some of them in solace's basket of black clouds, of darkened vortexes of smoked black salmon'esque cradles, all canned inside. Wrapped most finely then allowed to draw breath in a most deprecated-scented air, vapor-gases filling only the most insoluble of the smaller tendons that were grown in and out, then come about, a bridge was lowered, off the ground:

An upward placed, but breath in space, fifteen by eighteen, then downward, forming within reason, a thinning surface as if a drawn-cross bridge, with a smaller piece of walking, thin and thinner as it were, holding within it, although on the side, a squarish head shape with an open smile-formed mouth, eyeless, but with a siren's body, devoid-partially of a tail, whose eye-sockets, thought they might've been seen from far away, sightlessly away, blurring bloatedly like the most uncanny pieces one could lay his own sight on top of, trying to recede back in place, most disturbingly a man had yelled:

‘Take that thing down!’

Laffen- Harp said, although his suit created the smoke that was but filled in lunged air, and never-wonting, was he asked by them:

‘Ask of thee to come when needed, and we shall see that you’re retorted since, but we won’t listen to reason if that’s what you’re asking of us, not when there’s still corpses within them, especially ones that are in need of spake, of little more than shall be said.’

‘For what reason do you ask?’

For what other creature would stand in front of him, but beseeched of empty cask?

Many of its lashes were not even there to begin with, or it had been ever so vaguely indistinguishable, that is to say, the bulbous-vacuous substance between them. A hallow spot ever nearing an acre of skins, all but layered-carpeted on top of one another, winced and wincing.

Jacam-A, in the distance, far more distant from it.

City of tributaries gander of Stolen Hopes, the King-of corpses’ been, pointing to the right of the River Olden-Boded into holes of amber, carbon, sitting upon a large enclave surrounded by men of plunder, brought from deadened life by prayer, the land occult but men the pylons had they come, the Sayers, of Woattk-Sahr, they the sphere, part of it become again, once they were but joined by many of the corpses they had not only aroused but found somewhere along the way, sampling blood-needles as they injected the plants, Habbitas, their leader, stood upon, surrounded by brass, a smaller trembling pond sitting in the middle of the city’s whore whose head was impaled by an elongated leaves dryer, with a rotten spiked wheel hybridized with the cone, the cities’ lusts be made, for she was used by everyone, then abandoned as they wailed. Echoes so much so alarming, never wonting of release; first man of cyst arrived, as tall as he was shielded on one side; like a swimming board but largely was it extended, a switchblade much to itself detested, keeping a mannequin torso by its side, with a flash-like expression, empty of emotions, sighed, he:

‘Entreaties had been misplaced by land; denivelated by marches of misguided laws, whose guidance and lack of sight, wisdom not placed in stone left us as we made the way.

Patched the Stolen Hopes’ remains; a mountain of swollen barbed bats, and not a single Statue cast; out of which I’ve taken only what was fairly owed to me and no less than that, which would amount to naught, a single pebble worth a fortune into nothingness, who essence make my soul but tingle as to think of naught. It brings me joy and I seek nothing else than what’s been brought upon my plate no less.’

A great rounded bed with red-satin satiated all needs, for there were many boards, of such harem as one would have them brought to him on such command that they would push each other off the platform, falling to their deaths, immediately blind, incapable to realize how burdensome it was, being shot by pistons, since women, as they were, incapable of thinking, would only behave as the animals they are instead, bludgeoning each other, deathless stares of tar, in order to satisfy a man, benign, many of the pistons were actually parasitical entities, bothersome-but thoroughly buried in the walls, pea-bodied with many corpse-lumps of pea-bean-like formed growths, niggers killed pushed in and out through nigger-

deaths, lynched-nigger dead-down, puddles of blood, shot-through monkeys as these subhumanic creatures were, horned in the front and pumping, whereas that would be the point where, surmounting to leprous, as darker sting, was the thing taken for a piston, flint of steel but such impaling, all the women kill a-wailing, for the pain they've brought. Females, being hit in the head, constantly because they were sub-human-like as well:

'I see that I've been brought some dames, I see some forms I'd rather not shy away from, since, as you must know, I'm pleased by what I see.'

'Would you like us to bring you more, many of them, many-many more?'

'Of course, let my rage subside and let it come again whenever I please, for I shall not be capable of bottling it after I am set to die. But make sure many of them, the ones that are brought to me, so happen to be plump and wildly shaped, the bigger, the wider so I may satiate my needs. Not too heavy either, as to burden my sight, although you could never make it too, as you may know.

All that I require is one that stores it well enough, for I desire something I could wrap my arms around, and grab. Perfectly rotund, and plenty, as I desire not see it either, taken as I might.'

'Whatever your wish is, master, it shall be brought onto you, on might plate.'

The servants said and just as soon as they had, as many as twenty or so most salaciously promiscuous a dame appeared onto his plated veil, the curtains fading, made of prior used gelatin. The many faces that'd been cut in, the ones of bloodied stitches laugh'd of loft- boisterous amorous song, but sonnet fading in his fleeing thought a-miss:

'They could be laughing at me unless, I knew it.'

'What was that, lord of pleasures?'

Living in the dome, he'd bring, of mighty lesser-thing, of oft a piece to bring himself near to one of the most, drooling-of sights, as to grab her of one end and pull her by the knees, he'd brought her since to such a maze of whips, that she return but bleeding- cheerful a ponder. To be whipped again and flailed after, but with roses' thorns attached, with outlandish spikes, curved around incisors brought to his frail grasp; as he started whipped the rest of them as well. There was only so much join in doing it that after an hour he was bored:

'Charfast, I need something more.'

The great den had millions of rooms and platforms interconnected that acted like pseudo elevators lowered by chains; or medieval bridges. Worked on by those insipidly vapid whores; who drew on their arms up and down, breathing their lives through every push, out of lung and strut; their backs were done. Women can sometimes be this dumb; in-human and non-humanoid like, animals to be abused, one was grabbed, undressed then slammed on the ground until a puddle was drawn from beneath her, by one of the wild, many whipped-out of the many mouths bearing many pea-shooter-like drawers of liquid, liquefying their larger almost squarish-squeamish heads. Two great pieces making their bodies, like two sledges or canoes filled with fat, wriggling about as they rubbed each other off, whereas in the back they had a face-forward projected tail-stinger with a short fifteen millimeters long cylindrical tube connecting itself to a

giant bulb-growth, rounded in the front as a helmet, with a shorter hammer rape-filled with nigger-lynch and nigger-kill downwardly facing kike-smashing head-bashing extermination anvil. A peculiar growth nonetheless, that was used to dip the head that belonged to one of the many fed upon by them, rueful mistresses, bashed.

A rod was held within their grasp, although it made as little sense as there was to take it away from their hands, so bothersome as they were, all would kindly feel as plain there was to see.

‘A bastard took my gun, he’s getting away, someone stop him!’

No response just yet, they were still lanterning away.

A woman of Paradise, referred to by everyone else, that which stood on top of all, and they called her, the Wretched Whore, the worst of all, whose chamber sullen, filled with many, if not in the hundred, thousands of weird vases that were being held in elderly walking chair-recliner-iron racks. The vases being thinner below while at the top they were as rounded as rings; with the passing of the day, their sounds, carried by the winds reflected, of what little known while, darted from alone-sated, was her thirst by the river’s fury, suffer had she must. For the one socketed arm by movements of her beating arm, that verged to be reunited with their armed lover’s rueful cider’s filled with warmth, for every click, disjointed arm, of voices crackling jokes behind her back, might –given onto her, forbidden to be spoken of, as it fell and came apart each – went, though returned then back again, she felt, as if, she was nothing but a tool, being used, by her ‘lover’s truce’ as to be the only one to come to her. Her dainty desire bewitched by disillusion craning after struck by oft a little wonder wont of him, to have come back and reclaimed her, part in heart’s become a powder but to mix, with the cement below, twit after each run- and to and fro, pale, her face as every single dame in front of her would only come to, such, refrain from telling her, that there was no lover yet in sight, nor would there be, since she was, at the end of life’s span’s wit’s death, be company, a whore, nothing more, left to grow old and alone.

Farther but not much farther than the den's premise:

Accommodating only one of the leper-trains made troughs compactors with many eyes by its side, out of what seemed to be at the very least a few hundreds of them, riding side by side, many of which were elongated gun-ledge-revolver shaped locomotive-distorted wagons welded in deformed giant grubs with spear-axe handle pendulum-saws that rested on top the train’s ceiling, as they drooped down, flaccidly pointing, these metallic things being only crystallized cysts of iron-molecules shoved in-and-out of them, with the exception of one of them, who was a floating-on-its-back-swimmer’s positioned cherub-figure with two uneven arms, one tinier than the other, whereas the other one was much longer in contrast, with its belly out-filled with more obtuse disgusting bellies, all bearing roundish breeding grounded things, as well as many bulb-balloon dog-shaped multiple legs but spikes and formed, upon one of the locomotive ledges, to resemble impalement tree-roots, which coiled around and went inside, through the windows, cracked and lied upon, some swollen chair, a head being seen from above, raised by an incline as if bore by a smallish tower-thing, uneven, helmeted with many eyes, flattened and extended, rotten-spoiled like a fruit, but acorn like, covered all in a chitinous membrane that spread around, contorting around everything, including the most disgusting of leper-headed trails that came from below their grind. They were afraid of it, farther in the back. A squirming swarm-like made out of fruit-flies contorting and rotating in place, forming a small sun-black vortex-spherical thing, as a black hole-made star, that

diverged in the back into a throaty cord made to look the same as it had, whose unseen 'tendons' were connected to four great 'wings' forming a malnourished stretched, like four bands attached, incapable of flight, x, sharp and elongated on three sides, with its fourth 'wing', on its right being a bulb-filled growth, that looked like a deformed thumb-carved snot, or a rose's contorted but as well, a lymph node that drew out of it, and a circle on its chest there lay. In the middle of the x, the round-rotating swam but flat. Beneath it, an almost humanoid open chest, below the ribs, whose existence was to be brought into question, whose 'blood' coils, or the strange elongated viscera that drooped down connected to a pseudo down-pointing fat cone, like the tip of a mountain, girth, not long, out of which, on two sides there drew, two squirmy pair of clusters, many limbs build by coils, appendages and 'plasters', that's to say, fake hands and arms, all entered into two giant globes that might've been taken for eyes, but they were constantly being pumped in and out, as if by hot air, as if they were balloons, as if contorted beyond despair. The throat was extremely thin, as thin as a street-lamp which only added to the similarity, to such a degree that they might've been through as to be indistinguishable from one another in terms of curvature and where it drew towards. What was even more peculiar was the fact that this x' of a kind wasn't entirely an x entirely, but more of a rag than anything else, not to mention that the 'wings' were as fat as blimp oblongs, that went as much as to stretch a few miles in terms of width, depth and length. A beheaded bear pelt, whose features got elongated, although it looked more like a humanoid pelt, whose head might've instead been fused with one of its claws or arms, got warped, or stretched, then fattened as well. Whereas from its midriff, or side of the belly, a shot or explosion might've widespread some of the organs that would look as if a river was being released, into a more rounded, conical funnel, or one made out of newspaper, akin to the ones made to throw the shells into once you're done eating your fair share of salty seeds. The growths, all, whose placement were unevenly placed at different heights and air-levels appeared to reject one another for some reason, by force, even, being put to its employ, as to ensure there would be no chance to do something one could not forget the likes of. But it was mainly harmless, unlike the two jointed, leg made by exposed humanoid-muscle made out of leeches put together, as in what it appeared like, connected to a blob-fish's melted, partially, yet still rounded, after being taken out of its natural habitat by force, head with daddy-longlegs for mouth, squirmy black eyes like rose buds, out of the 'nose and mouth' mid-area of which, out drew a single snore-like embodiment of growths formed into a single great lump it kept blowing in and out, pumping it like snooze, the fat-head releasing a strangely distorted, tuba-head eating out of its head, whose body was pointed upwards and was set like some weirdly stretched parchment, with many twists and coils caught in it, on top of which there stood only a single bloated tick-shaped 'disc', or something in between in terms of flatness, that followed the flying figure as well as it set itself on top the tracks. And there was also the 'baboon' present there as well, an old crone, witches, bloated with fat, overweight or one whose belly was filled with a giant cauldron, limbless but with a craned front neck, stretched up-front, shaped like an ugly cut's face's horse's half in the front, or born deformed, like human child, bearing a single eye, and a pair of funnel-pear-shooter tubes pointing down with smallish grabbers coming out of them. Out of its head, an almost termite-hive conical wizard's hat growth drew out like a tumor, out of which, out the middle grew a dark thumb-like grub-thing with a single glowing boil for a head, the right side of the 'hat' drawing out of it, thinner as a growth, an elephant's ear instead, the left growth being a giant oblong blimp feather, pumping in and out its brain, another pump. It only had a giant elongation coming out its lower-side of its body, like a child's toy, or a chicken's leg, the grabbing area, with a nasty giant pea-'head' coming out it, pointing down. It flew and followed just as quickly as the other ones had. A big rook-the chess piece body-frame wearing humanoid-pseudo long-faced horse-skulled with two elliptical compounded eyes, whose entire back was

split open- as to reveal a humanoid's spine, whose entire lower body, this insectoid's was blimp-like welded to a lower-roof-top like 'throat' with a half a beak formation drawing out of it, only a few meters beneath the elliptical air-lump, the rest of the body being something close to a candle-growth pillar, pushed down into a lamia's body on which it crawled. Behind the area between the few meters coming out of the back blimp-lump growth belonging to the lower-sided rook-area and something that might've been, on an arc, directly proportional to the half-beak, but still placed above the roof-tile end area, drew out a pipe-like hose contortion, as if a spring launching a boxing glove, growth that held a vertically rotated barrel-like formation in which it hid most if not all of its organs, holding them in there for safe-keeping.

'What'd you lust for most?'

A simple man asked, waiting for a second or so, to have an answer wrapped around his collar bone, a wench misplaced on his lap or anything, after-after that. Whatever it might do for him to ask, a guest-like many, were gathered around. They were tall, and they were sickish, in the head. Many of them wanted the women all for themselves, with or without head.

By their sides, on top the variously put together in a most adjourning manner-the sustaining planted-growths, grown over what would starve. Yet they were panoramical, the women that had been trapped inside that room, a wonder for everyone, a starter for their admirers, a first for whoever was among them, a dark-shade falling over them, a man and another brining in a ladder in order to climb them, a realization, that being, all of them being twice or eight times their sizes, a strange encased flea-giant in a marmalade Sabbath, with iron kegs and spiked deads, whose deeds of property, belonging to this stricken down reality had been taken away from them by chance, since the room was occupied, no one wondered why, why were there so many women and why were their feet missing? SO many of them unattended, not a single man to take a hold of them, bring them home, to safety's vow and better yet than now, was there no reason as to swerve, the time had come for. Door, a door closed, taking away such finely scented yet a sight, so much for all whom were attentive, for the delights. Cookie-jar-cracked open, duck-tape ran out. There would be no more closure to be had, once a locksmith allowed them as for such reprieve, not a single man in sight, they ran around and were barely to be seen, not any, in such sight.

A sound, in the distance:

They were all gathered around her within the hour, a luxurious feel to this place they seemed to think, holding the general impression were its hidden arched upon the rafted backs, whose usurped stability drew back, squeezed-sponged pillars, whose placement inside the side-long spun, pocketed charnels' rail road tracks, through little more than fifteen membranous depressions all around, out of which they came, squirming worryingly as they refrained from drawing much closer to the ground, against the likes of whom peeled nearer than expected after a few more shots were taken at the walls, by the hooligans that accompanied the, dhetero to a tiny peevish plant, that produced an incandescent incense of depravity, as to offend some of the highers' sensibilities, being un-displayed by the time this malignant play of wall-contortions ended, being left all met by the same-protruding gaze, they had been lingering no more than a few feet away from, to have belonged, when the seasons' winter's summer end's elation might've long decided that it was time for them to mourn the concubine. A dumb fucking whore in disguise; wretched as all escorts are but treated as dames alike and lasses when no one's around, to their wont and likings, when unearned. It came only for a pretender to think otherwise, that they deserve more.

‘I think we ought to bury her ain’t we?’

‘I shall not dirty my pudish silken gloves with such beskoweled, the beskoweled remembrance of a whore!’

‘Yet you’ve set foot with us in their palace, the place of their apparent birth and origin, the disgraceful thing that would’ve had us all nose-rounded, yet applauded if were done the same.’

‘And you have caught me with no disparity, and will have caught me with no reason to admit to this reality you’ve carefully thought to have entrapped me in.’

‘But on the contrary, we’re even, for we are both trapped in the same congruity as to have no say in; for I admit as little as there is that, in turn, I do so happen go garden such likens attached to them.’

‘Then we have come to an agreement and I shall be angered no longer by this posterity as you will grant her if allowed, since there’s crudeness less to this deed, alone, I ask of you to be done already. I’ve asked for as little ease as it is owed to me by courtesy alone.’

‘If that is what you desire, then I shall admit to you no less than is permittable and shall cast you no duress as to bore you with such discourse as one, as such be lost on you alone, when truce is gone, oft that I know, that you will turn the tables and cast me so, in the position that you lay. Such as I will have become the antagonist, and leer at my command. To partake in decency foretelling and to ask of you, now; to plant in breast what little you’ve known of me, that I deter from taking on partaking to such puerile vivacities, and leave me thus where I lay. For I have known this woman that here now she lay.’

With as little as was thus emerged, the crowd dissipated and they were left to rummage along their way.’

A fool, only a foul mourns for such a fiend; and a fool twas made of him, for they’re to come and they’re to bring him wherever light alone won’t have shown him better.

A day or so passed; and for some reason, the den was empty, completely. During everyone’s absence.

A few people drew in, but they weren’t human. Everything’s fallen apart; and not a single soul, out of those who inhabited the den were seen anywhere at all.

‘We’re late.’

‘All that’s left is only this, only these few ugly things, fallen over. Broken apart, moved and cradled, and a few, a few spots of empty blood. Ugly, ugly things, everywhere; I can’t avert my sight any longer. It turns my gut inside out, all over.

I feel as if I’m getting uglier by the second, the farther we venture; the farther we go in. Why have you brought us here?’

‘I wanted to see, I wanted to know what happened here, before they lost it as we’re about to. This place does indeed feel deprave. I can feel it know, I can finally understand what you’re referring to.’

‘Then we should leave, leave before it takes a hold of us, before we’re turned into them, before we forget what we know of the outside world. It does neither of us no good being here; not in this state.’

‘But, I am the leader of this expedition, and you shall do as I will. Until I’m; I came here to die. I’ve not been entirely truthful I suppose, but. I know you owe me your unquestionable allegiance I needn’t remind you of. Even if I ask of you as little as there is; even in the regretful case I ask this of you as well. You join me in defeat, you join me in shame, you tag alongside me, with or without regret. And we die afterwards, until there is nothing left. No trace of us, no trace of the ones who drove us to this point by the time they find us or not. It’s what I truly wanted in the first place, being aware from the very start we can’t win. Being incapable of finishing what I started, or letting go of any of you, I did this for us. Now, we get to share it, together, not as a family, nor brothers, kinsmen, or the kin. But as... You owe it to me; as your duty. It comes without any need to bequest a reason.

You’ve pledged your lives into my hands and there’s no running or turning away any longer. Not since, as shallow as it may be, ‘s begun. The process, the falling apart, limb for limb until every single one of you will be as distantly gone, alongside my body.’

They followed in whatever depths lay open then; and within the hour they were gone.

It went on for days; days without an end, a few of the furnaces were burning; they would shatter bone, crush what little stone you’d throw inside of it, and working to the point where it could work no more. To a thankless endeavor, out of which no little and no less pressure would there be, when come out from the distance, a single plaintiff of letters did. Piled up near one of the ‘posts’, placed in front of the den, without being aware of its current condition.

Beneath it stood a single signal-catcher where all the smoke drove down into. It didn’t bother anyone.

A well, then entry was shaped like a well, but left without a bucket. A basement-but round; a few chairs had been brought in some time ago, whereas see-through figures moved them in and out, slamming the door shut or out of its hinges, but not a single one of the spoke of anything or talked, at all.

It was barren, beneath them, an empty but darkless spot without worms but air-tight surroundings.

‘You’ve got a gift for cancer, child, and you shall stay here until you’ve made your corpse the coin’s toss.’

His old man told him, before the prunish thing had faded away. The child had never been seen, but encircled his tomb, above of which, still, they kept moving them out of place.

‘You’re going to have to try a little harder.’

Another one shouted, before being joined by the light-bearer, a fairness to his stolen face; the one he took it from upstairs. A horse-body with a wheel for a head humanwalking, yet refrained from slithering his hoofed pincers leaped on top of one of them. Smashing the entirety of the wood-reserve they had as every shard flew and shattered everything that was made to even slightly resemble something wooden-like.

‘You’ve ruined our arrangements.’

‘And you were not supposed to talk prior to this point. SO, explain yourselves, what had gotten into you?’

‘We’ve been busy, trying to rebuild, in a place where there is quiet, in a place mostly obscured from what’s been happen outside lately, of a lack of breath even for they had taken it as well.’

‘How much did you see?’

‘Only the Cockatrice faced, that one with only a torso with two faces, long for legs, whose arms were sheets of paper, running-unbounded, unabashed, allowed to do as he pleases, while the ruinous fall of every still piece would come; where his masters were naught to be found.’

‘It can’t be that far gone; I don’t, I don’t think the owner is still alive.

We should leave as well; it reeks out there, and it will start reeking down here as well. Eventually.’

A pair of broken apart pieces of glassy wool, threads of crystal, spools of various other-shards, most of them being, for some reason used in various unorthodox ways.

‘I wonder whether or not someone is listening to us since it’s hard to tell sometimes with all the noise coming from the open vents, from those blasphemous barren lands taken out of stenographer mouths that are still there, despite me telling you, repeatedly not to allow their, not allow their continued existence to bother me still, placed, under my ever-so continuing vigilance, the one I cannot get myself rid of, in exasperation or as a mere result of what I’m showed or made to deal with, or consume, adhere to, these secret messages that are still being transmitted directly into my brain by means of sound-wave fluctuation, since I am aware, at all times, of its regurgitated flounder, nonchalant misgivings, returned now to my awareness despite not having said anything sooner since my emancipated concordat-cordiality in terms of, a most effable breathless-leaving upbringing that compels me still to maintain this social, banquetesque, equity I profoundly find myself being cowered by, struck by discord and a self-accepted enmity I have vowed to not only respect, as not to bother myself fittingly with the stomping of the device that has caused me all this disquiet for countless hours, spent in its presence; for that, I must thank you all, fearfully as I feel compelled to announce, by an indecent disappointment I have thought I could preternaturally hide from my, yours and much beloved company of others, whose vigilance is no mere trifle, to a rivalry I myself may not find myself contempt with competing against, weak as I am, suffice to say, alleged fits, such as I already displayed, revealed onto you all, as for my weakness, this ingratitude of control serving no one, especially not myself, a mere stranger to this world of moisture and of bastard stone hedgery, that I find myself contained inside of.’

Mankind has more often than not ill-experienced something boding on such a level of complete ethereal domination, ill-thoughts crawling out of them at the single beat of a heart whose malnourished despondency wreathed its rearing hard-head in, to such unfathomable discrepancies of apprehended by someone else – thoughts that they could never find themselves rising, West to South and South to North, the Axis spread across the world, the valley-hills tall-wide black-coal upon strolls of trenches cast upon heavy shoulders that had boulders inside them, grown-organic with eyes and appendages forming bone-crowns, as they would grow their extra limbs, appendages and what not, hundreds of them, and the like, they would also grow out of the shoulder ‘cogs’, cracking the egg ‘shells’ open, then lift themselves wittingly, at the height of sky-leveled clouds, dreaming through every root that grew out of him, whereas, the many quails he’d make ever since bothersome allure would take, impartiality of no mistake, that could be in tandem with the likes, magnetic star-poles being evaporated as they would succumb to its

unfathomable sink, as that of light would draw before it, occurred to the figures in the light of missing days, of what was happened to them, and during which, the annoyance that they could not convey, it was perfunctory, strident, but finely-exposed.

‘It was imprudent of you to allow the entry of a raft in.’

No one was listening, since it was all too wearisome on them. A door cricked somewhere around the well. A second one then, leading down a few intersected stairway; most of them always led down the same way, the same panel that painted the streets up there, a cradle of surroundings; unmet by silence, there lay, in a dark pit dug, the whore of ages, untouched, the only virgin, encased in a bubble of amber that would not be punctured nor entered by anyone. For there thee lay, protected without a head, without a prick to be tempted, and without an age to be discerned from the cast he was molded in, of lest be told, wretched to no cold withheld, or boldness to molten crass, as heat was not present, but a cold that was as disturbing as it’d come:

‘I seek entry in.’

A wretchedly –aghost:

Tremblingly it walked- Right step over the left one, an appendage eerily placed forth, where there was a dark vase put on a red-velvety cupboard with a pouring out of its three heads soldier-skeleton, whose bayonet was put on hold- and bore a single champagne bottle cap, alarmingly, withhold your arm, they spoke of warnings, don’t look no farther than where we are, then the dark surroundings, darkened, lamps withheld the truth as well, but not a single one would spell, raise your arm in dire attack, mount warningly for battle, struck, left foot over a floor that lead him farther than he would’ve believed himself able to explore, since no one was listening, other than the strange guardian warden, who, upon feeling himself intruded upon, came to no other conclusion than this.

Someone must’ve seen it coming. They should’ve seen it coming from a mile away, but no one said a thing.

‘I think I’m calling it a night, how about you, friends?’

‘We’re going to keep at it for a few more hours if you don’t mind waking up earlier in the morning, since there’s still a lot more groundwork to be laid down before we can finally move onto the Hostels.’

‘Fine, I’ll push back sleep for a while. Say, is that a?’

Frank stopped his pot from churning in a jewel, just so he could get a better look at her. It came within the hour of his second breath, during no twitch of a muscle but closer to him finally being released from the stand-still paralysis he had been forced into the moment he laid eyes on her. As a matter of fact, he had almost been crippled by her appearance, since she was close to be completely belittled by the very intrusion of symphonies that had entered her gut-innocence being released out of the various slits inside of her, by the side of her, and around the floor tiles, where most of the un-done, temporarily-observed, various unnatural entities that had been hidden beneath and beyond the sight, had finally come or decided to show themselves. It was not a great sight to behold. Automatic mechanical legs forced Frank Falk step forward, still numb. An alarming spread of mucous strains began piling up from where they stood,

creeping along, crawling by the sides, by the rims and around the many surrounding, barely containable climbing upon the ladders of bones that were extending from the holes beneath the various trap-holes that had been bolted prior to their coming. Popping like buttons, but the other men simply continued despite having their helmets wrung, pointing back, bouncing around, but their heads were already screwed themselves and there was no possible way they could undo those. Most perilously forlorn, adorned formations of bodies continued showing on.

A marble spectral skeleton pulsating with the bright shining light of an angle, yet fleshy in appearance, wore, a crown made of wriggling things, but they were all women feet, and to be more precise, the feet of nasty whores! They obscured the intensity of the shining brightness to a point where it almost seemed as if the arches, which were pointed at the cranium itself appeared to be feeding on it. Even the area where the cut had been apparent seemed to ooze, not with pain, though as something like that could be anything but incontestable but with the eeriness of something that had been lost. A piece of humanity women were never known of showing, hid inside this place of power, the arches, of unknown. Whom had been blighted by the fleshiness of peril's woe, this thing that crawled inside of them, reanimating the very specters that had been cut, then allowing them to feel the pain of never being rubbed, of never stepping on his head but being dominated by his iron band, that kept them all in check, and sight. Not a single whore would move if the skeleton willed in, and here, here he was in charge, here he was in wretchedly dark command, to govern over everyone else whom had trifled less and was but bore of many fleshy bags, of puffy-softened mass of sand. But there were none around, as, when he turned, the whore disappeared. As did the other entities that withdrew, off some wild surroundings, off some fear they could and would not speak off.

‘But who are you and why does thou stand before me, wretch?’

His paralysis was now embraced by a most profound subservience to a cowled figure standing in the back, whose head elongated like a TV antennae and appeared to be wearing a lot of rubbery buttons and other stick formations that transmitted wild deformed holograms on the ground, that were spread in circles and squares, it used to scan the ground with. Gas could not kill either of them, yet there was a lot of it coming out from down there, below. There was something surprisingly dull about the way in promised to cast them away, if only.

If only he could grab his hands on one.

‘Boy, you see these feet? You see how they squirm against my temples? Against the very area on top of my head, behind it, and around it, or even beyond it? As I can see, with extreme clearness, images of these specters that I am supposed to keep under my command, beneath me and beyond any impression that they might give me of any possible retaliation; yet I rule over them without fear of being struck by their freed feet, although anchored to my head they are. They could simply crack me open like an egg, a shell of something that I used to be, being left behind without a trace of me ever being alive, if only I were to allow them to do so.’

‘So what are you saying?’

‘Join me, first, for the night is still young.’

‘To where?’

‘One of the Hostels, there, in the distance, where the wretched one awaits us both to arrive.’

Hence they walked towards it.

The entrance was wide-open, and they reach it quickly enough. Fifteen minutes of walking, being entirely wasted on trying to think of a way to explain it to him, in some way Frank himself would understand, the way they thought about it, then.

‘Frank, I must tell you something. It’s a warning.’

‘What is it, Crowned by Women’s feet?’

‘There’s a terrible storm out there in the brewing; a darkness is about to encompass the very vale we’ve been living in for countless generations, somehow drawing breath out of the soul and body of every wretched hag and witch that’s been killed then repurposed for whichever need it was once thought they would be useful for.’

‘And why are you telling me all of this?’

‘Your mother was a whore and you are her descendant. It’s only deemed as being right that you should know.’

‘My mother never existed, she stabbed as a child, then died, wiped out of existence, and I was born in a lab, twenty millennia ago, forged into a box.’

The box was circular and rounded, strapped by power-magnets that appeared to have formed thousands upon thousands of peculiar formations that were attached to four great reactors, humanoid-machines that had legs of pistons as well as some unnatural other things that could not be explained. Some machinery that was made out of panels, put of Gattling-gun tubes with their bands, but wildly extended and put here and there, and somewhere in between, going below the floor, as if they were actually water-tanks or Silos, connected to humanoid figures that had round-worm legs with every end being a tinier wriggling thing that started inflating into root-like domes inside of which neon-bearers with many eyes and many forms-giving birth to glowing creatures, in this small air-filled space-den or bowel-cave, or mole-place where birth was inaccessible by every other being that was not them. The Gattling tubes were tall and hard, but transitioned into flaccidly-wriggling soft as they made that transition into the pseudo air-cooler’s tubes, that connected to the intermission ‘livid’ things that served as recyclers for the soil particles the rooted worms appeared to be feeding upon. It’s what kept them breeding and breathing and playing with the molecules appeared to have a strange effect upon the Panels, which had been delivered from some Secret Facility, somewhere in the heart of the United States of America, where the Great-Four Giant Demons, farther of nigger-kikes appeared to be churning in, inside their giant cauldron, nigger-kike children they had skinned alive, in contemplation, of the damning ritual they had served themselves with, trying to drive it to an end’s meat. Throwing in, every now and then, women’s feet, in the mix; but the panels themselves had only been placed, strangely so, in a rounded encircled by wild canine-head shaped candles that were all rotating, with horns covered in drills and syringes that appeared to shoot out of them as well as fling out the most unnaturally dark and the longest of tape-worms that started growing and inflating until the point where they had become muscles had arrived, where it had become incontestable, the fact that they endured for far too long and the pain could serve as no excuse any longer, being powered by the

molecules themselves, uncannily so, they formed pseudo-giant humanoids with wild-entrenched bodies that were used to fight one another in order to generate sweat. The sweat being spread across the room, as lavished by the power-tools that were used to tear open the great concave-pseudo device in the middle revealed the thrall, made out of barely put together markers of metal, electrical chairs, as well as some of the inmates that had been executed, with foil-tubes attached to their temples as well as silver bullets and silver-rods that came out of them as well. Four of them appeared, well-too soon. They moved with the power of daze, as they began inflicting pain upon the world surrounding them as well as the worn out body-bags filled with the most unnaturally, hard to shove anywhere else or to be fiddled with, anchored, tenebrous, rancid smelling, disgustingly, nigh-beheaded, volatile electron-makers. Who flashed and dazzles, whose appearances would only blind those staring at them for far too long, or else something similar to it would happen, if only one knew when to avert his or her eyes from staring at this disgustingly disturbingly-hard to look at without some protection visors. One would know better than this, one would not fear being in its presence for long, and it was only a matter of time until something unfathomable happened. A vileness of supreme repercussions that reared in, penetrating the room through a series of punctures had cut through the power-iron shell-set of walls like a butter-knife sharpened, with a quickly, heedless stare cajoling with the despair belonging or resurfacing by expressionless heaps, out of the variously expressed faceless body-trophies that had been stacked together, after the initial charge that had almost ruined the entirety of the facility through an unfathomable nigger-like lynch mob being formed after finding out the already expectable thing, that the nigger had raped a white woman and was to be boiled alive, skinned, fed acid, have his eyes gouged out, fed his own intestines, then finally be put down, but an axe came soon after, seeing how his suffering was extended to hours, as they simply began lowering then raising him, then lowering, then raising him in order to reproduce the motions of waves, of tsunamis and various other, unnatural dreams of the sea, when sailors like me, I could be the one lynching, see, the nigger hanging up-and-down, hanging-around, I'll have his throat snapped, in a second, cracked, spilt open, no niggers are welcome in this town any longer; as this beast shot right through with the power and the will of a hundred men, that could not be stopped without the employ of an already wasted lot of countless magazines that went to waste for no other reason than this, pointless as it were, disgustingly embraced then thrown around, he squalled as finally, although only this sharp thing of a face was revealed, it neared no other, for no other reason than the eminence of Frank's pre-birth knowledge could tell of, other than one of the thrall's elongated spears' having wrung a shot that penetrated right through, gouging a blood-vein, leading to the sinew of its wild-brain- shots, that took it aback, as it rested, in the end, in a pool of its gouged-forth lo'. A nothingness of winds having come straight after, as the hopeless-allure had no say as to what happened to be brought into the cone, that was now formed. A gelatin formation inside of which this Gait-walking Fetus-being Frank seemed to be enwombed in; now bore a single tube that connected both him and it, the being that had been killed.

[illegible]

'Is someone calling me? Is there something going on I should be made aware of?'

‘There’s a lady waiting for you in that room and you’re already half an hour late to your appointment. I’m only trying to get your attention, that’s all.’

‘But for what reason?’

‘I think we both know who it is; but for the sake of it, lock the door and don’t look anywhere else than the middle of it, then leave, leave as soon as possible, Frank.

I believe a timer should let you know whether or not your time’s up.’

‘And If I fail to leave?’

‘That’s your prerogative, for stay shall only bring you sadness unless you leave her behind.’

‘Certain trepidations I should be let known of?’

‘It’s not a contract.’

‘Then I can simply have her wait for me for as long as I desire.’

‘It’s a dangerous thing and the consequences will be felt by them.’

‘And I suppose every other whore is in league with her as well.’

‘Not a single one that would simply brush an eyebrow at what you’ve done, since, you know what that might be lodged into.’

‘What?’

‘A part of the ceiling, it’s come to it to decide. If you can’t, it will.’

‘Again, what exactly is that?’

‘A sawed pendulum, coming from the upper floor; she’s one of the special women come from the well, where the Horse spoiled them with rotten fingers and some fish he’s taken from out of the forests of Mohr.’

‘Should I entertain this charade then?’

‘Do as you please, but know that I shall not sit here any longer listening to what you’ve got to say. It’s a difficult thing as it is, trying to get a word in, especially with them, having planted enough packs to rile this place up for him, if it’ll come to it, at least.’

Alas, but there was another thing that was not said. Frank dreamed of the whore. Frank was sent into her chambers to deal with her but. But no more men than needed; eighteen men were here earlier, and they almost extinguished all life.

Eighteen men of power, all tall, but humanoids- almost wax-like, in terms of chiseled perfection; all perfectly look-a-like: ‘L-o-o-k-a-...’

With eighteen Lomeks, eighteen SHiels, lodged inside of them, tormenting; and sound-waves of speech-deformed, whose scythes were all protruding, bending, to their wills. Those big-faced one-eyed simians, all Lomeks tried wriggling themselves off the back of their heads, as the Shiels but squirms their nastily devil's shaped trunks dishelved, and disheartened, that they could not produce as much damage as they could. That their attempt to torment the men only made them, shake, instead of crook:

But there was another thing not checked in any hall, there was no saying as to what was going to happen if a single arm lend onto them the warmth they needed to be gone and banished with every implant gone, they shared a room within the hour, wreathing soon in place. Some lights were on, and candle-blighted, some little snaring 'roots', that had surrounded, what little they could fashion of the day, what little of the hour remained of it, they stayed, in the middle of the room, back to back, forming a circle. All humanoids-alike; but their heads fell off, and had melted across the floor. They had come together, like a single many appendage-filled, elephant-mass but split – 'foot', a 'chalice' with many slits and cuts, holding but two heads, yet. Only one being could be discerned, while the other was gone. Two giant simian heads, both Cyclops, and blind on both far ends. Grayish-purple, with their flashy eyes set in waiting, while they only entertained themselves with wild rotations as well as the apothecary sensation one would be left with while holding these boulders of flesh. Speechless as they waited there, for something to happen, as to be released from the wonderment; needed in order to say whether or not Shiel had survive the maze.

It was one bricks, men were constantly running in; a fathomless Gaul.

'Frank, wake up already; you've been sleeping on the job again, haven't you?'

'What? What? I'm up, what happened?'

'You poor thing, poor-poor thing, you've been deceived again, haven't you?'

'What are you talking about? How, where? Where am I?'

'In the same place you fell asleep in the last time you went to sleep, don't you remember?'

'Obviously I don't, you're. I'm, this bed. What's wrong with it?'

'Quite inquisitive of you to ask and yet ascend back from the grotto of dreams, I see.'

'Just tell me where I am and why I'm strapped to this broken bed and we'll be even!'

They stood there for a little while, just staring at each other's tombs. Cast against the wall he was faced by; the back of the coffin churning in as the rest of the lamps, the candles and the light that shone against the chandelier, whose bouncing reflection, the refraction and the little-more-left to it, slither of almost conflagrated despair allowed for little to no solitude that might be ascertained from the depths of the fallen, yet wretched by the cowl of blankets-dark, whose oratorily delight of darkened by each moment, every sight and every lost, amassing, treasured by him, memories were at a threat of being completely burnt out of existence, as if they mattered no less than the obscure, slithering fragments of duress he was met by once no longer capable of protruding or moving along, or keeping track of the time he took to move from here, there, at any point as well as this delight he's yet to face, the question.

‘Am I dead then? Is the back of the coffin cracked? Even with all this light that’s being forcefully projected against my pupils, I’ve yet to see reason as to why I cannot see, what could it be? And what was it that had made me fall in this state of agony?’

‘It’s open, you fell, just like a striding angel, who had been forced out of the heaven’s hole, whereas the world had been, for a moment only, thought as being anything but unaligned. As if it had been, for a moment, that you may consider this, still something meant to survive; which now, forbearance be cast gloomy, we wait in silence, we wait in quiet, still wondering whether or not it might still fall.

I cannot say for certain, yet, I wait just like everyone else, for something else to happen.’

A female spoke:

‘You’re quite a looker I would say, can’t imagine what a man like you wronged a man life cause of, to have come here in the first place since not a lot of fine folk do show up here to begin with, in the first place, but I’d wager, since you do look like a, rather, cosmopolitan person, so begin with, whose pasturage would seem uncanny to many, it’s a given that, some would yearn for a crack shot taken off the pot, you fancy? To take you down before you end up taking yourself beneath one of those umbrellas and lose a finger in the process since you’re fidgeting a lot in your chair and there’s the chains also that have started their work, up and down, up and away, the men keep working them behind your back, and when the machine finally gets a say in, I think there’ll be little told of you to the winged men who are to carry you to the couch, when time’s come for you, married already to a bride without legs, I’d say, good findings to you, but for us, the normal men of this fine country, of hard-but high belongings there’s little to be said about who actually does the pulling of the strings and who’s at work, if no shining-mournful angel would appear to bless us with what’s said and done, I’d fair much better alone, during the time’s trashed candor’s many-a-loss then run. I would.’

‘To where would I even hope to run with nothing short of a few; they’ve taken my face, and I’m blind.’

‘Then we shall cut whatever we can out of your bodily delight and bury ourselves in with the rest of the giant botflies.’

Too many of them, the sizes of ankles, all entered him from every side, all the way through. And they opened, and shot through elongated fleshy tongue-like shot by bullfrog- long shot fleshy buds connected to the ground, anchored.

‘I’m pleased to announce that one of the ladies is dead. She’s been kilt this morning, this very evening we held the funeral and the culprit is a man in this very fanciable place; I’d wager!’

‘You are a brave man, although I’m afraid that you’re not what I initially imagined you as when I.’

Ran around the corner, found a dead end; but an open view cartilage, shaped like the beating image of a wall cast upon the leaping ambers of a flame; pumping like a hart, every brick being organic, some of them so far removed that a man would appear, not-flat, but soon pushed out like some blob or tap-like water. Fully equipped with the many insect-like legs, belonging to pads welded to the legs of a water-walking spider, coming out of a ring of metal attached to his head; as the rest of his body appeared to be nothing but a rounded stump; a downward pointing cone-hive.

Alarmed by this sudden apparition, the men withdrew themselves a few meters off-shortened sight.

‘You, you looked different on that piece of wreckage. There’s something off you, in the way you, seem to be.’

‘They’ve taken my children, and I’m their rightful father, join me now so we may claim them back. I need my children for a project, that I may turn them into a dark cysted-crystal; wrought in pain.’

A war-driven figure in the distance, snarlish, snaggish, a bloated-skin, almost dwarfish creature whose head had encompassed, eaten through its arms, then entered through the lower side of its body, creature a strange flying device. It spat a single slither of skin. It became gelatin, then widespread in a circling carpet of worms that soon enough disappeared. And the men only processed one thing and one thing alone; that, that, absolutely disgusting pair of teeth, bubble-like cocoons, like beads, welded into one another’s, kept in touch and hold:

‘I am wretched and I need to finish my project in time, totter-totter, otherwise, I’m afraid that there will be a lot I will have to cut and swerve! Once again, twice and said, least profusion, how many?’

‘How many what?’

‘How many of those bricks do you suppose the flying one contaminated with his worms?’

‘I believe that to be impossible, at the very least, it’s something that’s not easily said without some sort of snarlish reprieve!’

‘Delightful, charming, a gust of lightning bolts for each man in sight!’

And there were many of them, fifteen, all carrying various hard-lodged to their backs, apparel that would be by normal means hard to see, like a green-puffy filled with flying insects-dead but to a taxidermist’s delight, worthy of praise and appraisal if it were bid upon, a lot of perfunctory green-glowing jewel-like emeralds filled with maligned spirits that had basked in the infinity of some eighteen hundred thousand billion dimensions, concentrated inside of them by sheer power of strength and maligned emergency flight, levers-filled attached to a sea-junk belly of falling apart machinery drivel that would by all means try confound one another with the most insolent of bacterium-propaganda of insolence withheld, unknowingly dreading every second of their existence come onto, terms with such soberness belonging to A-MAN off the bottle, no longer drunk, good for him, a nigger’s dead, lynched on some moving tree, by a kike’s long-nose, curving like a six, entering itself, dragging with enough weight as to, what goes around comes around; eight he carried, one of the men, eight giant bugs, as opposed to the other fifteen that were all equipped, and suddenly flintlocks came out like quills, turnips as well as other people that were wriggling inside, trapped in like cocoons but whom were very much queerly brought back to life by insolence’s abode, being drawn by cords from the graves in which many of them swam inside of still, all being trapped in those dimensional holes that were ripped then rebuilt inside of the inter dimensional plane this hole inside the backpack lead to, an abhorrent bar of made darkly set blonde-by hair, ripped of kilt-women, many-looking jaw equipped – of the man kind, not belonging to humanity, but an amiable adherence to some testosterone, otherwise ill-equipped by all means of trying to cast the insolence they all shared, being connected, around their heads by various shots of elongations of skin that hardened, bars of metal but cast within them, inside of them, welded, socketless, a second’s flash, struck from the tops of

the sky, as the lightning struck, at the withering hour of midnight, during the witching hour's final strike, as they were all revealed to be but a single fiend using many corpses whose true allure, existence was the presence of a single pair of heads which were not even belonged to it, but instead, appeared to have been stolen from the men themselves, whom were possessed by this fiend, of a thousand infinite yet many bars within that shot, in every man's head it possessed and stole their heads, their bodies to follow, but who'd simply vanish out of existence if one were to kill every single one, on a whimper following such trails, of such countenances that they almost looked as if they were horned, but, contrived as their inflammatory derogation's intrusion on the remembrance of their past lives they mourned the candace of respite, burdening the heat brought by pained insulation forcedly nested inside their propagated bottling of heat, inside the furnace's come onto the sight of lay, in a closed chamber where they'd hit their heads in frustration, during the realization that their lives will not return to what it used to be like prior to the stolen assemblage of bodily parts, lost in the quiet disintegration of dream's lost in the ether's come around, when they finally came upon the resistance's end's plight, and gone, would their dreams be, for a second's most intruding thought.

'Frank, open up!'

A door near one of the escalators to his right, eighteen more planted inside one of the giant two folded piston-like salamander's giant head bulb, in the wall, out of which, part of the wall itself, sprouted a few boils the size of a few giant horseshoe crabs and shells, out of which the final stinger out of three connected most of the trepid-set triangular elevators see-throughs in which some of the noisy men appeared to have come out of. They were trying to escape in time.

'You know what happens if you stay in there for far too long, don't you? Once it opens you'll be at a loss of breath, it will eat what it can then leave out of the same way it came.'

'Open the god damn door you fucking sociopath!'

Frank didn't listen, nor did his brother.

'Ugly room, you should clean it up, now!'

An-ugly sixteen pentagon of faceted walls, with a simple oblong red carpet with a yellow spot on which they sat on, both on their arse. With the only wall being completely ruined being the one in front of them, standing in wait for breath. Waiting their turn to breathe, whenever it would come:

'Come on, Frank, no, Frank, better yet, you, Frank!

Open the elevator door, you've got the leverage, we'll give you what you want, anything if that'll buy us out of this awful place!'

'Then so be it, should we open it?'

'D-don't do it, Frank, they'll do something most treacherous, they have guns on them, they come from below, and this apartment is ruined already, they're here only for show. Dead-meat, meant for us to look at go berserk!'

‘Is it not cruel then? Waiting for them to die? They’re still human after all, and it’s only going to make us worse, for wear. They’ll be wearing us after all, in a decade or so.’

‘Only if they get in, Frank, only if they get in! But I’ve got the key and there’s plenty of it where’s it come from and the others will be made aware of, once we leave.’

In the hallway, there were people listening for something, for some reason or another, giant nails being carried all the way from the other side of the building, carrying water in stuffed on both side wormy hoses.

‘Knock, knock!’

A voice shouted from the other side. One of the Franks started vociferating a loud excuse to get out of the room and do something inexcusable. It would not last long. He opened the door and quickly they were gone. Empty from one side to another, with the doors being forced to crawl back into the large obelisk fat glowing with pure energy beacons that crawled around by the implanted in the floor rolling segment; a spherical empty cut-in rail allowed for it to move from one side to another. Inside as well; but only at surface level, empty men, see through fossils started yelling and shouting, but were largely unheard, as it was all contained but in, by the only chainy worthless torn apart, crawled partially inside, chained by two arms –man, the only one left, the servant who could not help himself yet. This disgusting thing, this maze that lead to nowhere, hid but hid well.

It approached Frank and asked him where to.

‘To which door might they be found? I seek those with wild red faces that are painted in the art of war.’

‘If you’re asking of the reddened Gooks, I’ve but little known there’s left of them pas the shook, since they’re all hardly felt, but taken by disease. I would’ve seen less, much so. But I’ve yet to find an answer to why they’ve taken claim over the few people that lived in this place.’

‘I’ve no doubt that I’m responsible for it as well, at that, I can discern no hope!’

The giant legged protrusion, the one with membrane in the back, made out of many growths, some of which formed various structures that almost looked like fashioned mouthed armor-pieces made out of pure-chitin, with a single eely stalagmite on top of it, but mainly, in appearance like some fleshy leg-appendage leaping, battling the heaps of fleshy corpses, the mounds that appeared to manifest through the walls, chucking themselves at it, like dirty-skin balls.

‘My brother is calling upon me, look behind you, how he’s stopped.’

Frank the second caught between the Obelisk and the fleshy leg, inside an eerie hall, empty and devoid of life. Whereas the people were still suffering in that nastily deformed see-through trap, of no apparent wail.

‘It’s dangerous, whenever one of the lights flashes, you get that, incommensurable fleshy steely taste in your mouth.’

Near the island's petrified men, solace of sooth and graze, shoulder to the praised ring, servants to a land's will, met, but eyeless to a peak's shed, bathed still in what was left, cooled down but ruddy-red.

Oblongs of ellipses- shadows cast, chimney sweepers the beaked protractors flew upon, five bars govern each man, the dial's wrung, at the end nigh yearned for, yet to come. Yet they endear, out of frighten, out of fear. No footsteps beyond the shore, no footsteps beyond no more:

'I seek to return to the land from where they've taken me out of?'

But where to if not the place he remembered!

There were, outside, people, and people were outside-outside they were; being taken by their arms, delivered onto the ledge near which hinder there lay a single lamp abhorrent staying past-the shed that remained, inside the truck, they were bottled and encased, various shatterings, having cones upon the sight of the scene and the much to itself amalgam that floated around in the city. The amalgam being thrust out, being incapacitated by perdition as others like it came and flung themselves on top the brow and slithering around the brow, one stopped the car from moving.

'All passengers are required to immediately leave the zone and enter the restricted area near the two homes.'

To their right and in-between, stood a cargo-giant complex of many rooms within their reach of being imprisoned on sight, by chains being delivered onto their crummy-limbs, then gotten out, were they lead onto rail-encompassed pastoral platforms that dragged them in, felt them ill- left but little, as little was there but thin. They were thinned out, with every second being somewhat familiar to them. Since there was no control either, since there was nothing as powerless titter and totter, were they not incapacitated at all; a few men followed after only to make slithers past the moving rows:

'I've never seen them before. Sure they'll fit?'

'There's only one way to know and feel it, isn't it?'

'You don't mean putting them into the coffins, do you? '

'What else could I be talking off?'

They brought out one of the 'coffins', large man-thick almost fireman bars, with door 'openings', like power-lines delivered by a few strangely jolting up and down and therefore gone, coils. First they moved it in a circle, then formed an 'L' on the ground, horizontally to their view-point flipped around they followed after, fifteen meters to the left, where the bar leaped into the air, then landed on a spot, it jumped again, then it moved twenty meters on the same trajectory, farther to the left, then back in a down-the-hill kind of manner, farther back, where all of the sudden it curved in terms of direction, took a sudden stride directly parallel to the spot they had lost control over it initially, where it stopped, proceeding to zigzag its way back into the initial point it had meant to lend itself onto; back into their hands, whereas the people behind it, two standing in front of one another, one to their right being an elongatedly deformed humanoid-wall-figure without eye-sockets, and glowing globules for eyes, strange pin-screw like elongated figures -like jelly humanoids coming from beneath them, crawling back and forth, back to warmth; whereas, to their left there stood a car-wreck taken away from somewhere down the, country, -

highway piece of tar with the long rectangular white signs imprinted on it, on top of which there stood a mighty broom-like fine-print of golden rimmed with strange dust lain behind as some sort of ritualistic-grift; many of them being bastardly incased, struck by such remains, incapable of truly thinking of a way out of, trying to torture more candidates: Yelled, shouted; root-root:

‘I think there’s some sooth in their eyes, I think there’s something yet benigned, but there’s little such release ever-after!’

And much to themselves, disaster:

‘A fire will’ve sprouted from this glow-pillar if it were not for the heart at the top.’

A thing, organ elongated, brought. Something like it as well:

‘I am Seneca, I’m about to commit an act of the most atrocious manner, I shall slither life itself from the bulb which had made the ghastly dome in which they had sunk their elongated thin-wit held to contemplation rowing, with the marvels of Berlin-macabre, a meager message to my lords of sin, then to them I shall deliver, traversing the desolate road of a marvelous incontinence carried over by fragments of men of dirty filthy-gritted flying skin that will become the pillars of the knew-thy-must you should’ve taken heed of my warning before it happened – ruined kingdom, or what will be left of it, after my reign of terror will be withdrawn from the eves of the slurry but absinthe’s brow!’

And therefore None withdraws his gun; pointing at Seneca as he is prepared.

‘You may slay me as you may any man!’

But they were not going to allow it, still, be stilled as well:

‘A jelly, come out of the bar!’

‘Will and shall we have it stilled it withdrawn?’

There was no reason to stray of lay a single hand upon the drawn upon ship that slithered up-front.

Not a single hillish zone, not a signal from the tall machines, despite their flashings of their red-dots. It could not have been worse for the cattle, or how it’d gotten after:

‘You’ve been swerving from the slither-channel, dousing in and out, but I still find no reason why you’d talk to them, especially since now, you’re gone, worse than you’ve ever been, something that you felt and did on a whim, but never wilt you have be gotten.’

A flame of desolation followed soon enough on an errand carried through by many men fashioned of withdrawn tower-esque thrown upon and slithers of wilt-have none, the suffering of man, the humankind that followed in, with slaves and slavers come alike, brought with cinder, and made out of a single mind not to be impaired; a few men started smoking.

‘No, you’re not allowed to smoke inside the complex, the facility will move in and eat our heads!’

‘It’s only a crawling house!’

‘And you are a humanoid wail!’

A bodiless odor, struck with it as well; stuck inside the wall-like structure, incapable of such retreat, of much benighted and never-feet, like that of women, something-something ever-grit!’

‘My love beckons the hornet and there and there, it arrived!’

From the stage-like repertoire they started coming, many such machines lowered down, drilled pushed out but lowered into the very ground that had been dug-in and through.

A knock came, reached then stilled, off-guard but signals don’t deliver the treason behind, it leers at the man that’s ought to have been allowed, allowed to trail the assignment that reached him thus:

‘There’s another man joining the line, he says he’s been spiraling through a never-ending rollercoaster of rations and crudely made alterations that he’s found on his way to Beijing.’

‘We must release the bulk of explosive missiles at once then!’

‘Why, sir?’

‘Because the people of Beijing are being contaminated as we speak by unknown to us forces we’ve yet to appease the fine cut off. We should perform various sanctions and see it as a must. We shall endorse the cutting of the tendons as it follows and set the rations down in flight!’

‘Are we to return what’s been taken by him?’

‘Only if there’s a slither of a chance he might repeal it!’

First and foremost, there was the whore, a most intrusive thing delivered in a box; through the bog and through the crannies, after-lands and never-rancid. Out of the hundreds of ‘prisoners’ that were out there, only a slither could remain of pained unnerved, now; a lot withdrawn and better yet gotten through the wretched crown. But she was not alone, yet was delivered by a man of burn, skin that fell off but tar and sooth and other nasty crooks of hoots, and many other things of dark, ashes, coal and things alike. A flame of laceration growing, spreading off his back, a few more limbs that had appeared out of him, all burnt, a tower-figure he was. A ring of burning arms rotating, holding flames as well as puckery shapes of coal-delights:

‘The burnt-man Hay-Dirk, who comes accompanying a woman that’s been impaled by life, and slither-gone and therefore turn into the broken world.’

‘What news you arouse of her?’

‘I’ve found her on my way out of the den, through the burning made of piece tunnel, through which I found but slithering none, to which I’ve been begotten numb!’

‘What do you intend on doing with her from this point on?’

‘Only the worst possible things you could ever come to imagine, I wager! And for that, for my mission and my holy quest, I need, bequest only one thing out of you, that you give me naught ounce, but only

once, permission to a chamber now, that I will have my way with her and get away without having to suffer her insolence along the way. As the lights endear, as I burn here, as she will be filled with boils of fear. Splash and I shall cast a squeeze and see to it now that there will be nothing taken in return!

‘We shall mourn no longer, here’s a key to room eight four!’

In the complex there was no light any more. Nor would there be one that would arouse, nor would there be one of a slither and a slit in guise or wildly taken, of what was given onto them mistaken; news couldn’t have gone slower, for the den of pleasures had all of its agents wide-spread, and not a single one could give onto them the lend onto the pained and the forgiven, treason of mightily withdrawn reason, nor contemplation therefore be. Nor a single symbol of agony. Agents of the den appeared out of nowhere, incumbent on what was happening to them, incumbent as to know when and where to, anywhere and anything that could help them:

‘Greetings darkened one of sin!’

A few figures appeared; all alike; deformed torsos shaped like tongues fully curved and stretched out but if they had spines attached and were closer to hard-torsions of fridge deformations, compact machines or sheet-like covers of many blocks of flat-looking but segmented explosives. With a single flat-plane ‘wing’ by their left sides; a mushroom-balloon blimp head bore whore-faces hid inside, held between half a giant face with a prognathism jaw-welded to its half-bulbic but fat on both sides, ooze-block of a rodent-humanoid face it bore, with a giant squirming eye; being welded to the mushroom and its other-growing growths that held it back.

‘I’ve felt it before, the shake, unreal. You’re nothing but a slither of a ooze with no control!’

‘And what of it then? I can still slither away if I will it so!’

‘A few of them will come through.’

A symbol of the most benighted manner; written on a piece of sprawl.

The Specter that haunted the den:

Caught inside one of the rooms, incapable of escape, withdrawn and shun him! A voice shouted!

‘Shun him for he is under my control, he can only speak but has no control! I will have him thus punished if I will it to be so!’

‘Are you certain of this? There aren’t to be any consequences at play now, are there?’

‘Not that I would expect in any case, not to venture to a place like this. You’re safe as long as you’re with me, remember that and we’re going to get along just fine. On as fine a night as this, though, I would ascertain the endeavor your capricious self would rather be more inclined to betoken as to take heed at heart for what fate might chance along the way, of irksome tailored, such-and-such, anything could happen, need I, lest bequeathed so, remember there’s but an ill-thing to be weary of that might yet appeared, yet might not, for if it does, no matter the warning, I would such entrench no ponder knowing what could come after, if sought was wrought oft be-called for in the distance by the peers during flight

and sightened by death during a plague at unawares brought you might onto no safer broth- than at their bowels' pot, churning away in your own stew, burning!"

Too certain on himself, a jungle awaited of mirth compounded; little known to them, dumbfounded.

'Where am I?'

'Lost as you were twenty winters and summers ago; and yet it's the first time's walking yearn for yarn and spoken out-loud for whispers' silent bliss!'

'There's no reason not to, take one of the Gulfs for our own, is there not?'

'Danger broods beyond every cover, yet you slime away each chime, for what, brother?'

What a face to Ave; round and oval, like an opal puffed then smashed.

'All too kindly strangers, I would admit to such fault as no other man could counterfeit having listened and joined in my abode and if you were to look to the side of the road; a marvel, nonetheless; the many foundations that keep the platform above the cypress.'

A trail of many jointed together blocks like train-wagons aligned, trackless but holding the great platform on their backs, casting a great rectangular shadow on what could only be called a land turned into sewage, murk. Whereas above and on top the platform, those that were not get hanging by hot-aired balloons were very much wide-spread, generators, of sooth, and tawny-smoke with hairs coming out of them, livid-organic, breeding as they went ahead, and danced around the dead-swollen rabbits. Not a sound:

'I think there's but plenty of others that would welcome our company without being confounded by such attrition worth of wont, no mentioning what had been ruled and coveted by vileness such as to defile our personage, then cast us away!'

'Then good men, I bid you farewell, for the chance to join on top, to work inside the factories inside each generator comes only once in a lifetime for outsiders!'

'Then why should we take such crude a jest, so we could be enslaved and cast away?'

'Because you shall find no wit to be told.'

A giant man covered with tar and white-glowing wings, bearing two giant heads growing out of his arms had arrived. It leaped off the platform and appeared to have become two beings as the fall sawed perfectly two halves. Teeth adorned their insides, in the billions. But they were as thick as flower buds. Holes pushed out what could only be referred to as leashes, now lain flaccidly on top of one another as well as on top their next-in-line, beneath them, pores. Like chewing gum, or wax. Inside of them nested insects, flies that came along. One had a knife on it.

'Let them in, and I shall bathe and clothe them as it is within my power to do so!'

Earlier, a few months in peril, without a drench for knowing; ever-so drenched.

Jacam-A:

‘Open the door! Or I’m going to trample all over it and then run your body over with a roll of turpentine!’

‘I’m not falling for it again, Jacam, you’re a jackal of a man, and an idiot at that, of course I don’t intend on falling for that, not while I still live, you know? The others may be able to do it, but not I, definitely not I! I’m hard of hearing and dense of mind; not afraid of admitting to my faults, but you? You’re a dead man walking and a worse one at that! You’re incapable of seeing past your own two lobes; and you’re about to take one of the greatest plunged during the fall!’

‘Look, I’m only trying to have some fun, that’s all, give me a chance to impress one of the women and I’ll leave.’ For now in any case!

‘Hats, I’m in need of hats, hats and rats, they go hand in hand and arm in arm, I shall wear one!’

‘So that’s what you need in order to allow me stay?’

‘No, but I shall convey what I’m seeing in this room today!’

It’s been taken over by rats, they fly, they run and they eat everything in sight, full of peril, such’s disease! All the wretches are contaminated for the time being? So much so you’d rather have a better time leaving, never return, for your heart might mourn the likens of a throng of such diseases in the taking, lost approach and therefore coach such thing as a flight whenever such’s the roach in which your stay shall make the ill-porcelain!’

Therefore he left and returned in a week-fold hour. Therefore standing upon the cower; trying to peep in, but seeing nothing, yet seeing everything; the wretches were dancing, all but succumbed to such wild dances as one might see their rancid tandems as something to be weary of.

‘A friend of mine had just passed away, may I earn a drink by solace?’

On an immediate notice he leaped on top of his chair, flinging himself as if on a ramp with his belly first at sea level, ending up pointing at the ceiling before, fifteen centimetres in front of his seat, he was twisted from the almost plank-like sitting into a complete straight on the bar drop, on his hind legs, where, he dashed straight by his right side to the end of the line where he picked up the little yellow man having his drink moments before he got to have his say, then flung him down the floor, causing a loud thud to accompany what only appeared as the static noise behind the flopping his reckless behaviour allowed to be heard. The echo of the bounce receded back into its hole. After regaining his senses, being flaccidly placed on the floor, the yellow man simply rose himself as if from the grave, flipped out of the coffin, right to the point where he started floating eerily and slowly before his arms extended to both sides of the room, leaving nothing but his head pointing backwardly as, out of his arms, this strange circular hill-appendage, small insects started popping out, before being shot like spittle out of the very mouths that had been made out of his siphoned kettle of lesser limbs, some being hid here and there inside the fat-barrel table. Kept for spoiling; a few minutes passed in silence before one of the paper-planets got thrown in, made out of a check-out note of some twenty-dollar worth or more, gone up like a coat-hanger, and then landed like a missile on some third world country on top the head of one of the customers. Two of them were already dead on the sight. The little yellow man was cackling, thinking himself braver than everyone else after deluding himself with having an advantage! A fight ensued and the knuckle beetles were already pulled out and filled with bloody-grinned jaws dislocated pins on pep-talk venues.

Breathe

Only one of the platforms was visible to them, as it was bastardly placed as to stare only at the wall hanging on the other side-chained, as they had only passed through one of the floors then. It was a perfect squared C, rotated horizontally, if seen from above, pointing at their right, whereas the left side hold a straight bridge with a gap next to the middle where there stood a most peculiar elongated 'missile'. Beneath it there would be more of these 'stapler' formations, bearing hundreds of stacked on top of one another bombs, with separating hidden staircases beneath and between them. Receding low and high points here and there, corrugated plates everywhere, most importantly, there was the junk and the barrels and the other broken machines that had been abandoned ever since, most of which hadn't been spoken of. These structures, monoliths, were capable of moving, watch-towers although in look, or fire watches, hanging like cranes, crawled. Hardly would they stay or sink, but capable of expanding, and bridging one another as they would come out of their way, millions of them had.

But it was dangerous hanging outside for long, because of them, the beings out there. They were like flex-curling, blimp-fat filled with growths, forearmed arm appendages with single, accompanied by their fat twisted in the front like a python-thumbs, or if they were vertically flipped, would've looked like a craned neck with two fat beaks molded-close to two-balloon inflated creatures. But the thumb region was split-hybridized with a strangled spiked tri-dome with a small chess pawn-shaped protrusion sprouting out of it, which looked as if it, itself, domed on top the many sharpened blades that adorned the fat drooping appendage sack it loomed over. A rain of black powder ripped away whatever shred of humanity there was among the many ill-sought for remains of there ever having been a city or a remnant of civilization.

'Your senses are tainted, you will never be human that way.'

'I still have a chance, I think, but, my mind, it's been poisoned. What can I do about it, master?'

'There's yet some that ought to be sekt just yet and tried.

A piece of your mind; it needs to be lodged inside the ground. It reeks still. Rots away, because of us; but I still think there's a chance, if you bequest enough of him. He can fix it, he can fix the land, the land is his after all, his touch make ill grow, his touch makes stalk out of whatever wretched contorted that you ought to know. Otherwise, it will keep falling apart.'

Their bodies angered, not unlike them. The pieces, whatever they could gather from around the place, added to their outer-sacks, the boils keeping all safe inside of them. A damp little stinger as well, sprouting out a tree. It moved upon rods and beams that were not belonged to it by any means, nor would they stand attached for long, if had it so:

'Of course, of course, you do and will do as you please, but follow after, through that hole, crawl if you have to, brought and aft of little more than maggots, swaying.'

Most peculiarly he asked of him, whom was named, prior to the advent of the maze, the maker of grit, sharpener of feet, he fancied it. Only a most rounded globular head rested-draw-contorted as for the

hounding and most malicious of the voiced echoes that bounced around his ever-gloried head. A transparent fish-globe skull, with a brain fragmented but plated by millions of iron spades, with cysted rubies planted inside its socket, staring long-forth projecting, a single beak-lance drawing out of it, with many incisors drooping down, alerting of the little brow they were approached by. A malicious segment, almost rib-cage like of two by two segmented limbs, without palms kept the crystal sphere from falling. A ray of moving acid spat, out the tip of its 'beak', drawn out by the smell of palsy; of smoke, showing out of a chimney that was no farther than fifteen miles off the trailed snail-road made out of shells, many of whom were ever so drawn to one another tottering tithed greens verdure, cunt.

Most voices were lost as the second door opened, upon the monsoon of a command but bidden as to listen to the day of July, again, the sight that lay before them was open-wide slit, as if by force. There in plain sight.

An android body sprouting out of the body of a man whose upper-side of the trunk, cut off the collar bone, upwardly that is, lacking in arms lend itself as a socket for the machine to come out of it. Its head, on top was a painted cranium with two jewels. An echo could faintly be heard : Hoigar.

It smashed through one of the nearest building, walking peacefully as if nothing was unchanged. Since it could clearly be seen that the great race-track he came out of from, the general direction being sprouted after-shade in dark planetary sight a-run of the mill crowd with people's he's been used to get there where he were. Part of them possessed his mind, a cancer of interlopers all laughing at him for some reason or another, being very much incapable of discerning reality from what was being fed into the neurons that had been saved and given onto him for safe-keeping since his brain-jelly-jar of a head was a fishing bowl of sinew-crack spine soup-mixes, mixed themselves with various other chemicals made out of the bodies of men. He imagined them in a Stadium of some kind, trapped with him in an endless competition whereas he would not stop from anything, and nothing other than crushing their spirits, their flagrant rage's haze being blinded by a perdition granted by the remains of his swollen yet solemnly beating bleakly-so, blocky-set heart, that bled for them, as pained he was by most disgusting an apparel of bones that manifested around both his mechanical body as well as his humanoid part, many of them being there as embodiments set to fight him, although he was very much incapable of meeting them fist for fist, since they were cysted-brought to their knees, bloodily knuckled by pints that were incapable of resurging and regurgitating the pain they had inherited through their memories, since they were like elephants in some way, bastardly working over-hour over-clocked in order to remember the days they had been beaten to a pulp, whereas neither of them could survive, entirely, although spectral phantom-limbed as they were both in body and in mind, there was something too irresolute about the way they were acting, beating, slashing, cutting themselves in frustration-bred out of the fact that their defects were readily propagating the most distasteful, their punishment for thinking being frustration, followed by deep laceration as they bled spectral chemicals, the wholesome quality of blood-liquefied bloody-sank-sank droplet flower-thrust burying the stadium beneath itself, in what appeared to be a pit filled with blood-creep parasitical peons working on the blood mines, whose growth, of clumsily 'placed' yet placated by hard-work chiseled by mere strength of arm, force, by muscle-power in rapport to the quantity, heavy-weight ratio by the force propagated by the incisors which were in turn used to destroy, as hard as they could, not only the sides of the walls themselves, being very much so reinforced by several layers, each layer being contaminated by not only corpses but by the contaminated blood that had been run out of the specters themselves, whose procrastination ended when, sullen as they were dowry, they realized that there was no possible escape

from this eternal hellish-nightmarish torture, being so defeated, that at a point in time they simply chucked themselves into the pit that's lain below them. This entire ordeal being very much so not only a show of incompetence but a sick-looking memory Hoigar wanted to have nothing to do with, although, by mere chance, which worked to his inconvenience, hardly felt a matter, turn out, to his dismay, that this memory of it happening, that is to say, the events that occurred during the past few months, got associated with the stadium, which, although might've been envisioned as a rather generic looking one, the cylindrical pit on top of, whom-width rested on top, placed on it, was, there, put on it, looked like a blood smoothie filled with worms and layered plates of ice-cubes that just so happened to be his favorite-favorite drink he would never forget the taste of, although he hadn't even had a chance to get a taste of it, which in turn, had him licking his finger-toes until he became, that is not to say, he did, but that he took the shape, like a contortionist's, a canoe. Some of the other buildings joined in the other one.

As little as was known by the strange torsoed humane with a strange domed-in a multi-faceted shaped face with two rounded-circled speaker shaped emptily hollow eyes, drawn forth as a mammoth's skull, whose tusks are molded into one, with a doctor's stethoscope for a mouth, haired by many coils that at the end, bore a single rounded old telephone's speaker's handle device. With an almost armored look he wore, and instead of a leg, although lacking in appendages, capable of levitating a few feet off the air, a giant seed-like growth it bore, where it stored all of its organs. No longer than a few hours ago, below the basement of the first of the adjacent buildings to the one that's been completely nigh-close to it destroyed, or prior to it handling the arrangements that were needed to be had in order or with regard to the delivery of the first pyramidal structure as well as the peculiarly horned-chimney bricked obelisk that stood no farther than twenty feet to the great alchemical sphere that was lain in the middle of the chamber, as well as the other utensils that've been repurposed as for the act of thieving from one of the dirty yet declared out of order kitchens out of which they've been taken out of, having went not only unchecked and unguarded, it so happened for a culprit, that being, one of the very men this Meyopylat, the one levitating whose entrance had been very much un-well received, in the ritual haul, that being the very chamber where the monolith-like obelisk's been found in, as it happened, the same man that's witnessed the theft was the same one who so happened to be in his presence, Pylat's, and whereas they both went their separate ways in a most disputably obtuse manner, as for the stranger, having gone through one of the, walk of separations, cradling his very fate dug through the soles of his eyes as they've entered a dark abode, a hopeless tunnel, at the end of which he's met his untimely end, the other followers that were present, numbering themselves in what would be fair to say, the hundreds appeared to have gone titer and thetetter, until not a single man who's presence was ever-so well received by his benevolent self even made sense as to rejuvenate the very idea that there could be a chance for there to be any survivors left in any place whatsoever, other than the ritual chamber he was in, though currently, in hold of a single living being, standing most displeasingly confused.

Twenty bullets had already been shot, yet neither one of them grazed the side. They were flaccid now, on the ground near them, on top of a soiled by some sea-level raised incline wavish brought in-seepage of 'water' that made them squirm, as they've become fish, but not any kind of sea-dwellers either, but ones of a specific kind whom rarely are seen as to resurface out of the chasm that are beckoned as to be their natural habitats.

'I enjoy beating my dog, sometimes, only sometimes, only when it's done something wrong, such as peeing in the house despite being pot-trained to do it outside. She's old and all, but needs to be punished.

Peeing inside the house is a maximum offense crime that can lead to severe maim and a lot of physical trauma being put to the employ of the Enforcer against the criminal in question. I am the judge, the jury and the enforcer. I need to beat my dog, otherwise it won't learn. It's for the better that I do; otherwise she'll simply start peeing wily nilly wherever she pleases, this fiend, this bastardly creation, this disgusting mutt, this little hopeless dumb-non-human entity that need to be stomped underneath my foot, beneath my toes. I have to beat her constantly. The good man, dog beater; I have to beat her, it, I have to beat it, my dog, all the time, constantly, increasing the intensity of my derangement as I keep pounding my foot against her skull, pounding her into eternity as she becomes nothing else than a pool of blood for me to leap on top of, to bathe in her and at the end, clean up after myself. Filthy dog, I hate it. I loathe how I am forced to look after this cunt, this whore, this bitch, this, this, archetype of a woman. Seems all too likely that they can't be differentiated, bitches from women. Both anger me, especially females, who seem to piss themselves when being raped, by force, coercion being put to the employ of the rapist. And the rapist, when the rapist turns a killer, he doesn't have to become a cleaner any longer.'

A lone candle-melted, lumped with blest blisters, wax-melt in appearance, with a bubble sprouting off this waxen-golden yellow-reddish volcano's top, the corpses being encased around its base and across its body, at the top, only a most peculiar skull lay frozenly inside the crag, a giant one, cumbersome and filled with knife-handle with lumps sprouting off their 'blades' incisor formed spires with strange worm-shot drooping elongations coming out of it, out its sockets, the jaw, the teeth and every side of its bone-structure, falling down. They squirmed but trapped they couldn't handle being snapped back in place once pushing out too far. As this tower only shook as well, upon an altar-box it rested. As an orator ordaining a crowd with his speeches' wonder; placed inside a wagon-like trunk, elongated and behind it, after. One could see a giant pockish tail, fatter than the wagon, with an iceberg-raised tiny-tinted pointy incisor-pint as well as it could be seen as a nail. The mass only thrust the wagon on top another limb with many tiny feet It crawled upon, as if it were but a mounted upon beat that drew around its chariot of cartilage, in front of the men it drew upon, as for their vigilance, twas tested:

'You shall stop here and go no further!'

But they could not stay for long their mouths, since there was another, as if inside a carnival's barred electronic car, but as thick as an arcade cabinet, inside of which a man without a torso with an astronaut shaped head that was cracked, without features, made out of one piece as this 'device' which was his body crawled upon the sight as well. And he was made out of hundreds of heads and features, arms, but they looked chiseled but smelled of rotten meat, were white, and yolkish-green and spoiled, rotten, reddish, with more rounded forms here and there, and a giant two winged, but downwardly rotated, pointing up, pseudo 'ring' behind it. That moved only by elongating its front and back side as to raise itself up, deforming its entire body, as it release from the middle a second body double that crawled like a lamia, contorting itself inside out where it had to go with the certainty of quickness it needed to prove itself ever-so malleable and flexible as to drive the people –high away, for where it stood now, tall, it looked like a Baron, adorned by many shaped. A finely crimson suit, and a black mouth-doubloon appeared to protrude out. Many of the front-coming out of it shapes, like rooster's hen, but green and spoiled as well, corpses but without the beaks, still attached but mournfully they rested at its 'feet'.

It was definitely not going to get any easier than this, since they were on his track, incapable, of, ah, a, there, that one, dumb-faggot; a dumb-fucking retarded faggot, standing there, fagging around. A nasty

fucking fruit; with his dyed hair a comb piece in; but he wasn't going to make a case out of it since they would sniff him right away. And when it happened, when they all found that reasonable point to go all in, hell's gonna break loose on top his head.

'Oi, nigger, I think I called you before so at the very least I think I earned an answer or so.'

This nigger was special, it was special indeed. Fat beyond belief, a frozen chick whose head was cut, open by the looks of it, out of which a key-shaped needled tomb-cartilage organ appeared to infest him. No explanation was needed.

A beam of purple-flashy irresolute light drew out from inside of it, the pillar that stood by its side. Something close to twenty or so pinhead surrounding the area on top of which it undulated its very drool-worthy sights. As for a site behind it was set, a pseudo swamp with a few see-through objects, yellow-gelatin miniatures of mountains as well as other pseudo geological shapes that appeared to have gathered around it, many of whom resembled, in some defunct way, fleas and other insects, leaping crickets whose lodged-near their sides giant-phantasms, whom had gathered near the site as well, started jolting up and down, in a desperate attempt to get at them, since they were ever so perfectly still, at all times that even the slightly-similar in superficial manner, attempt at a movement resulted in the entirety of this cave being forced onto a choke-point. Various elliptical deformities, such as one would come to accept as either eyes or some left-over breathing extremity that could no longer be considered as being of any use. Various spectators gathered, already come from various spots of abandonment. Many cracks and cured-meat rotten legs leading them around, levitating as they spread a cloud-of chained leaping diseases. It was only a matter of time at this point until either of them would say a word.

His slaver, his nigger-dark skinned bloated slave drew back to his master. To his bowed knee, from beneath it:

'Please master, we must leave before they do something to us. Something that will so regrettable that your existence will be deemed as being finite, incontestably of no use to them as to keep feeding us still, until mouths be shut down, until finally allowed for water to be drawn from out of lungs of wherever else.'

'Silence, nigger; or have you forgotten who is the one in charge?'

There was an eerie silence and little to no response from the creature. It merely sunk in one of its lower pouches where it stood some time, brooding, in a place beneath the earthier soil's rapier, showing signs of touch. Its face was peeling off by the minute, creeping off to reveal a second one beneath. It was ruddier, leathery even. A pertinent thought; such simple creatures, are they not?'

'One would find himself experiment on them, especially after taking into account how eerily disgusting they seem to be, how wretchedly they act whenever met by some force greater than theirs, that is often put to the employ of whoever benevolent being there is out there to act upon them.

A pitiful thing but largely unsurprising, since they are what they are. Wretched, ugly, contorted, pitiful beings of little to no worth, that will cast themselves against you whenever they find it convenient, or know that they can get away with. For that reason alone, I have to bury you alive, my little simian friend. I have to make sure you shall not cause too much trouble, since, there's something rather disgusting about the way you've been acting as of lately and don't think I haven't noticed it. These certain behavioral

changes I'm talking off, they've been gnawing at my skin, rubbing me in the worst possible manner. You, abominations of nature, filthy of tawny skin, you're something else. Something beyond reason and for that alone, one might find himself taking a few cuts here and there before finally allowing you rest.'

A macabre set of on-lookers drew from every side; whispering in slurred speech, warring each other as they simply walked, with their heads in and out, incapable of fitting them in since they wore collars with fit-through shapes they always missed the proper entry in, like dumb-children incapable of fitting them in, square-box-star-elongated-circle-cylinder- improper neck fitting, out of which a few things, tenebrous as they were, extended:

'Out with it, out with it, pinch the steel bars, pinch the steel bars I'm telling you, don't try to cheat me because I know that kind of stuff, I made it.'

Akrecken, the leader of the band:

'I've spoken to this chair several times but it will not respond to me, I swear, I can calculate the mid-size region of the full extension of one of them entering another, then stepped on top of it, added to the pile, and brother, let me tell you something of it now.'

There was a nervous jeer that was hingedly expressed, present in all of them. Especially in the way they moved. Expressed only by lousy-foot; and a few more people there; all of them bankers and stoke-brokers, but only on posters. They laughed sincerely, with patriotic gulfs filled beneath them, stained. It dripped off the wall and onto the floor, while those around them kept fitting in the wrong pieces, all the wrong fares:

'Won't you try taking a cone and fitting it in? I swear, they've taken us for fools who can't remember, they've taken us for dolts, for people who felt themselves up-fielded, trunks of the calling, but more, I swear, it can be trained, they were training us since we were born.'

'Shut your mouth and grab a handle.'

A few of them onlain, across the lower-hanging stones that drifted on the same-looker, near one of the hookers, but that was only a particularly strange fish-netted door, whose handles were placed both on the wrong spots. It required the actioning of greater hands than they possessed. Some enormous grapplers; with stroked upon finger nails, all curved like talons, to fit and plunge onto it, away.

'That is not a whore, I swear, I saw that sign again, it's from a bar, albeit one of the old ones no one seems to venture near. Think you've ever saw one of them?'

'Never, I don't venture into soundly places.'

A few miles away from them, called:

An almost too-loud a machine drew one of the rooms in front of them, through the great hall. It was inviting, even luring, to hear it call on them less. A few hotel-rooms inside of it, fashioned as to impress, or lend one a thought: There's someone inside. Despite the dungeon-appearance of the walls, the ruffians welded everything onto them, through the cracks between each brick but alloy, and the chains kept everything together, to the fault of the architect whom had once been clearly hit then hid inside, at the

back of his head, nails, but none punctures, not reported, but from a point where one could see why. He built it all wrong. Some doors were strapped, which only added pressure to every single time one tried opening or closing them, again. Some people might find themselves staring at a coffin, or them, standing in the lobby, smoking; a parcel of a few living people staring at them. They were an awkward lord who was always struck changing and exchanging places with their heads, head-on, not to ask, but a young lad was send forth, a bucket on his head and the countenance of a man twice as old.

But the clock hit seventeen, and where he'd been seen, he disappeared, leaving a pile of ash, the janitor's trash and a few insects that were under-foot, hid beneath a plank, whom had operated him, piece for piece, part for part, readily gathering themselves to bring him home.

'The work of a magician, or the cleaner's stove!'

Soot, a lot of it, but it was off an ashtray; a wagon stood no further than fifteen meters off where it's been. OF course, of course, it could've been much worse than being thawed. The entirety of the wagon had been frozen, but inside of it, there was something still burning inside.

As they drew near, clearly still throwing their head back and forth, readily struck, as to catch them in case they fell off the ground, the jugglers up-pointed:

'A croissant-lamp, it's what makes the heat, not whatever is inside that ice-heap. I swear I've seen this kind of thing before, in some ancient place none of you would happen to know of, and if you had, I swear, even then, you would not even dare think of the things I've had to endure, or have to go through, or even be a part of, since, I've been vanquished of all flit, tenderness-is-hot abode, come upon my will but hope, lo', that I will not have the will to share, forage what you can as in the mere chance, if it's approached upon the time that I reveal as such, for every man that's listening now or could curm each suffering's hardened bond we've been sharing for so long without fear delighted, frightened but righted off, of rite impatient, strong, we were, as to fade away whenever in group, ahoy-leeway, never to have shared what I still come to bear, to stumble upon, such mild despair that once but brooded out, of hiding in the lot no longer as to be allowed, but flee, of dark absinthe drinking every such purged night, you will have then recognized that living with this kind of knowledge would do no man any good, as it would only cast him out of the un-cherished abodes, draft of cones, in which he will have shun his life, living inside of, calling each man he sees on the street a wretched specter's wife, for that's the life one has to live in once made known, living as in trudging alone, forever stuck but called, paranoid. I've lived but under the impression that once it would be gone, if I were to only close my eyes from time to time, training my quickly-endowed recognition, being familiarized or set in habit, hardened stone. To fashion it with chisel shown, by terms dictated in such a fashion as to be claimed of being or belonging only to mine, mine arms, hands and ruddy souls, anchored to a plane of hardiness, prepared as to be shown, no other way titter or tether, or finely weather it through such reign of insolent drops, struck by lightning cast, only to be met, alas, by fasting, alert, dying by day, worn-out but burnt, by hurricane taken apart, by conditioning to be met, but barter my soul for no less than some light, meaning, understanding that were never come, all to understand why I'm haunted, by, and why I may never grow to resist its influence as I am engulfed in this state of mind I may never seek retreat out of. For I've seen many wretched creature that would make me seek no memory of home since lodged they are, in every abode and every den I may call. To refer to such in vanquished form, but slay. Whichever doubt you may have of me or what I have to say, for you have known me ever since and you have searched for a reason to leave but hinge upon the quietness I offer;

while searching or asking for compensation no longer, you stay, sit and lay in quiet near me, as I fashion no ill-thought towards the forbearers of the tools that were granted, to, and offered us, as well, as it is due to come, upon the realization that all mourning will be done, countenance withheld, and come upon it as I will, or I have come upon, stumbled even, very well. I admit that I have grown fond of it, of losing myself in change, of changing, switching and slipping in every slip of neck I would fit my noose instead, of seeing death. Memory granted, but I live abhorrent, wanted for, by it alone and asked on every turn, when will you fall? And who will mourn for you if you were alone? I seek no contribution be withheld from, and thus I end casting my die and offer my unending contribution to disquiet as I lay submerged into naught but empty silence.'

They were bloodied all over from stuffing their ears with some kind of plaster and some foam. Another man approached, but this one was taller, and was made of some broken up apart uniform he had taken from another soldier, down below:

'I've been watching you closely, but I've yet to understand what is the reason behind coming here in the first place? It's a danger, extremely dangerous and not a single soul can survive by normal means, let alone, with this, this thing, stacked against you!'

Above them, the building, it could, it could fall at any moment. Truly a marvel beyond the common belief of danger and of meaning, if one were accosted by its fall.

But that was not all that happened there, not even close. Various signs had appeared prior to them doing the, retaking, mistaking and the flopping around. A few paraplegic motions had them drawn to the floor, hanging loosely by each other's collars, then around the bones of the floor where their legs had been enwrapped by some of the enriched by iron molecules they were sagging in, as to crawl through. Since this dilapidated place had every brick made to draw them in and out, then allow them to walk freely on open bands, many of which were kept secret below. So many passages, too many secret passages opened, all at once. Before anyone could react they were withdrawn to such a level that they could see nothing but feel, feel with their feet, for every step that drew or pushed them forward had them sprinkling ankles with every morose point being a stickler to their Pandora Boxes. Every sociopath delighted himself staring, well equipped with some nightmare-driven glasses that stuck out of their faces as if they were grown by them, shown by them, rubbed as they looked. One pulled at it, started extending it forward until it's become a binocular, out of which a pool's worth of dripping pure nasty-rotten smelling cardboard kept in wax-fruit liquefaction, pure-pure pure. But not a single soul was disturbed by this since they were running into circles, getting a knife from somewhere on the floor:

'Get down, he's aiming it at your face!'

Another shout leaped off into the distance, only that it was too soon and it came off the side of his face. Shot-through, the man leaped out his chair, squirming in the air, making a motion as to grab something before a piece of the ceiling fell off again. No passage door, no trap, but a single bust-stone that smashed through all his visors, leaving him in a state of general blind. They were contempt with finally taking a break from observation. Rummaging no longer but standing in front of him, thinking of what's been done, what's transpired, what entered through his side, and what they had to win out of it.

'If I were to, only.'

A quick stomp over the side of his skull revealed some cotton. He was full of it. The others joined in, leaping on top the body, trying to get as much action as they could; not to lay it on too quickly, as people watched, but there was a thaw. Heat rang on. A bunch of rats appeared, many of which deeply embed into the same liquor everything surrounded itself or put itself through. Fire would soon dip everything in a cajoling embrace, and there was still the one man in their group without a face, clinging on his eye device.

There's no such thing as raping a woman, or at least one could be deceived to think, that one is incapable of lying as to no peep at least a wink, then shove it in.

Cow-war

Lots of dead heaps of the old helmets drowned, with little to be said about the villages that'd been brought down, down with the children, down with the maidens, down with the animals, down with the trenches, down with the people, down with all, and there was little to be left but living fifteen centimeters above the ground floor. Where worms were dry, left overs from the past charade, with the rest of the rubble that followed in their glorious wake, the men who trailed behind were numb. The numb-skulls that were on top of them but couldn't walk; yet they had their glorious gliders to which their lower bodies were attached to, every single one of them connected by long tranquil-looking long-pumps. A network of them, all sharing what they had inside:

'The two Mayors shall come within the hour, when the obelisks fall in line, but no sooner than it's happened, else, there might be some people disappointed of what's come into their headed sons!'

It trashed, it trashed, it trashed everything it had in sight. Walking on a street in the past; a few cops raised their guns and started shooting at him, then the others came from the woods and the streets were filled with twenty or so figures, shirtless but it revealed much about the components that were implanted into them. Most of these 'soldiers' being fresh, too fresh; large boards and some smallish components that looked like probes encompassing the greatest areas, giant pills or cylindrical tube-filled strange mechanisms that were rounded, and spun like washing-machines, but allowed for the sight to be taken as more men joined in, trying to gun them down, riling as many troops as possible until there was no space left for them to run.

'Get away from him!'

A 'human', large-spread, chest slightly wider but in the middle, a trail leading down his belly button, where there lay a few springs and a few wires in-between, keeping domed-for touch and other tottering things that came out of him, mainly antennas that kept bubbling balloons of meat upward-thrust in order to grow the organic components they lost along the way. Hand-thrust, immediate swipe and the cop fell down, incapable of lifting himself from where he stood, alas.

They charged and trampled through the cops. But from this crowd of almost nigh-unkillables one stood out in the back, yelling and shouting:

'It hurts, it hurts, it hurts, I cannot stop!'

Immediately, after that:

‘I can’t stop it from hurting and progressing, I cannot stop it from progressing!’

It felt like some unlawful disease that would not stress itself past the fruitious attempt it had begun –de-centering from, as its body started convulsing a few feet off the ground while still being attached, loosely to the legs and the arms that thrust around, longer than they had been before, much wider then as they took a hard turn towards the other machine pieces that had made the entirety of their beings, until completely thrown out of balance, they begun forming a strange concave at the top see-through tent, which had its hinder legs descend further in the back, the front-arms completely annexed to the oval region in which they dug into, then as if rehearsed, a strange portal filled with unnatural dark energies started opening, convulsing openly as it started drawing out for breath, this dark three-headed hydra-leviathan worm made of pure energy which lodged itself into the body of this wretched thing, the cowed figure with limbless worthless scummy-cones that drew out of its eerily jerky body that belonged to it, the outwardly creature that had possessed this entombed ‘humanoid- corpular’ cast it possessed in order to get inside the world, using it as a stepping stone of much-allure disengaged out of, effigy-implanted, inside the head of there being herded – still, inside all of the other modified men that were picking up signals from the other worlds, of quiet unspoken, blasphemies of never-see, seething through the agony, as they waited for something else to happen; herded beings fighting against one another, in gambles, waiting for a win or a loss, or something that would come to no point and at no point in time, during the desperation that had castrated their rotten-brains in order for their elliptical-horns, that connected to their bodies, empty plumes, harder, fatter and much more rotten than before, outwardly flung, as they mixed together, as their essence only continued bastardizing itself into one, a loss of purity disabling their superior minds as they were forced to become almost nigger-like in terms of what they acted or were like. Wretched and fallen apart, distraught, incapable of churning either one of the smaller bottle-filled things that entered the land from the side of the Silos; eighteen of them gouged open from a long-stride road-highway led filled with gas terminated but off the limits under construction, derogation being part of the man’s carry-through the war of veteran hedges put over the dark desire to be delirious for a second more’, as the respite of the olden age’s crevice was done and revealed, the various hedges and the lone-hills that were adorning the Mastodons that had been dug then visibly displayed from open-cooperation during the riot’s open revolt as a sign of domestic causality’s driven irresponsible, yet incapable of properly adorning either one of the men’s whose fates are still lost in the war, dug-out graves then lost in avalanches of dirt pushed into open graves revealed by the shattered epitaphs whose lost words still echo through the sullen side of the perniciously-swollen December’s last call of wind’s summer’s frost eve at the noon and dawn of January’s cold approach of coming to the age of winter-globes’ clusters of shrapnel-ice come into the eyes of every man wondering what happened during the alluring day of what’s to be and what happened, what’s truly happened during our stay in the Vietnams, where Gook ladies with yellow nipples started being milked by bulls, as the white man plowed through rain of steel’s come through, as the white man delivered them from the Judaic-Bolshevik promise of Jews-molesting-children-from-this-point on, at the sight of which, as many people killed, in the millions, was deemed a sacrifice readied to be delivered from this point on, to the afterlife, as soldiers gathered one last time, placing their swollen arms in memories of fallen-dog tags they thought they’d carry on forever, but they seem to have released them now, in these tombs of fallen angels, in which the marry-for-gotten-round, the Constitution the Jews wanted to disband, the niggers that were getting lynched for the crimes they committed against humanity, now that humanity, in some way was gone, both in spirit then all around, they all raised their

rifles, their fiddles, their Berettas, their sub-machines, their pistols, their mugs, their cigarettes, their wives by their clearly tattooed arms, their nasty left-over-but-not-mourned for any longer stumps, their descendants that were at the time, thankfully to God, still white, their solidarity's abode, during the mourning of their loss of homes, that were being taken and mistaken, then sabotaged, as many of them were taken down by the creatures that profited out of the chaos that was ensued by man, out there, in the open, in front of all of their ever-watchful and vigilant eyes!

A giant maw made itself appear in a gust of mist, like horse-teeth aligned with the gums being made out of some rubbery chewing gum wax-boil filled gelatin, with a conically deformed, downward curved almost sword-like protrusions that started rotating and growing from one side to another until no longer was it fashionable, to be caught in the greater octave. A tomb-like enclave of many contorted ram' horns in terms of how the rigs and crevices filled and hid away, this bubbly contorted, deformed but elongated see-through skull, socketless and without a lower-side that would signal the presence of an opposable jaw. Connected to a great grappling hook of almost iron-alloy looking frame that kept a few low-hanging 'body-bags' that were constantly being released and lowered from below the main bone-chains that kept it hanging about. It came out of the portal and immediately started drilling its way through the air, until finally it lowered itself on top of a 'portal'-device humanoid, it soon after crushed underneath this unfathomable weight that could not be properly be dealt with.

An abhorrent jewel

What could be told of the documents that had been delivered this morning upon the brow of the Community's desk would yearn little more than no attention from the directed upon the trophies of oblique whose run-of the lot have completely ruined the last traces of there being any lesser second, third or fourth class of men, to have been drawn by any other means, to leave or to stay in this abhorrent Institution well beyond the occupation and the replacement of the board had taken place, since many of the men felt as if their inquires were unfold, their delirious rants unheard, blasphemed by waves of mockery-uncouth that no man should be forced to appease as to lend onto it, organically, the time of the day needed in order to reprove the parole bequest of all sanity that would require such an equestrian sojourn to take place, a coup d'état, that would righteously lynch them like a bunch of dirty niggers they themselves presented themselves as in spirit, despite not in look, as to come to the understanding that these self-admittedly villains have come to contort whatever portion of there ever having been a chance to fully draw in breath of iron and of spoiled breath, the mill now having its wings plucked as if a giant decided the fly was to be bedded in a coffin lowered in a crypt as well as the most luxurious of commands being ridden of all there having ever been, a chance of, venturing that slouch of dandy crudeness, of blob and of moisture filled-inside every single piece of growth that's come onto them during the itinerary's met basin, filled with the corpses that spoke to them, during the time they had been forced to bring in a few of the black-tar filled with chairs, on top of which they now are forced to sit down impaled, by black roots, as their backs are one, as they lack but arms, as the room they're in, the desk in question being bone-like, part of their rack, to which they're attached, all bearing but a single eye, lower-jaws pushed on both sides, like some kind of glider out of which small fragments, like miniature-bones, anciently taken out of some sarcophagi while they produce, through their mouths, puffs of smoke-dice-mice, atoms

scattered as if by carpets being constantly whipped, along a whip's crack. The men under their employ are to hold testimony to the long-standing, almost judiciary intravenous disparity of every abuse that had been written off by the documents of peril that had been given place and existence of, as well as a chance to proliferate in terms of complete spread as well as the removal of any possible alteration as there might be as a hope for this system being given the freedom of inquiry, and inquisitiveness it needs to adhere to, by the very nature of this act, functioning at a level beyond the means or understanding, that is to say, completely removing any out-side, non-parliamentary-chitinous at to the regard of the body of functions as well as the people-above-the-people's far-beyond their understanding level of deterrence, as it would function as, by no means contestable, a natural barrier that would bar anyone that would be deemed or judged as being below their ranks, this monarchy of spirit's blind promontory task of excluding as many people as possible while at the same time blatantly lying to them as to convince there of there ever being a chance for them to join or climb the ladder, grow in rank, a thing that no man should be allowed to bathe in the false hope of since this kind of brainwashing would only serve no one and no one at all, to understand this truly, one would only have to have been made feel as if he rules over someone, only to have realized soon after that he's ruled upon, and that the people he's thought he ran happened to be the same people of the same complacency, same calling, same origin and same rank as he is a part of, making him reach a second realization, unless he is fully-brainwashed, completely, yet innocuously, dull, slow, or his parents are siblings, to have passed him at such a level, flying over his head, didn't get it, the chump just didn't get it, I mean, how can he be so, so; blind, at to fail to realize that the people ruling over him are actually, or do actually belong to the same class as he does, whereas the people ruling over everyone are nowhere to be found, leaving him like many others who'd, under normal circumstances hope to achieve something by either trailing the footprints or trying to make use of whatever else they could come up with in order to track down the people behind every movement, and every wrong-think carried on they didn't even know they were responsible of until they were told of; the Government is corrupt. They were filled with boils and they were melting and lost their legs that became something close to a clown's balloon animals in terms of the many appendages that started lifting and growing which elongated themselves, arching like scorpion tails, in this wreck of an unfathomable place that would disgust every if no, if ever there was another sane man to enter the room and bring the news of the new archeological wonder that's been found somewhere across the wild-coast of the Eastern Border of the lower Gulfs of Arabia where the latter, most disgustingly malformed, and yet unnaturally deformed tower-figures; these unnatural dark and tall things that could barely be touched came and returned back to life after being placed under some stasis of some unnatural coming they had refused ever-so-nearing the time, that oft be said, would've presented itself as some kind of threat other men like them, the archeologists, the locals and the brine full in shape workers that were, contract-workers, present there during this discovery found themselves trying, or hardly, depending on the preternatural condition of every man present there, from understanding, preventing them, therefore, from fully adhering to the consideration that this planet was no longer theirs as well as to the fact that they were responsible of a force, far beyond the likes of there ever being a chance for their turn of bowels to be interpreted as their openly expressed fear for the apparitions, these giant globular of green, yellowish-green and reddish-whitish-purple that overlapped, were see-through and appeared to be the blasphemously niggerish beings that dripped, dropped and poured themselves into the least comfortable thoughts that were present during the happening. Yet, the men feared something that was far beyond their mere reasoning abilities could ever hope to achieve or entail.

Indeed they have, as their mere mortal-human conditions of being allowed only for the fathomless approach of a most unreasonable and disjointedly somber quality of being, therefore-after made apparent to the, immediate abhorment of the first people who had come into contact with one of the ill-most hidden vile jews which had been ever so wretchedly caught in their coccyx of a prudish prude-like little pod of amber like fruition in which they as many others have touched, prayed and bowed down with complete insolence as to the fact that they were unaware of what was going on inside their heads while this strange sting-like thing that was pushing at the back of their heads, then through each temple's taken away but clearly flimsy filament of wonderment that had been taken from and out of with a prime-like fascia they could not endear being around of, had left with nothing less than a wretched sensation as that of some bodily intrusion they could not shake off, as if they were controlled by a supreme-overly beyond them malevolence, as that of some blasted unnatural spirit that had crawled inside of them until finally revealed, it had leaped in front of them, this giant-fat, unnatural toad of a mount, a mountainous cocoon wide spread into what would appear to almost be a hill of a creature with all of its limbs being thrown back and forth during this shamle of unconsciousness they could not be awakened out of during their drivel of an almost epistolary reckoning, as it, this almost pyramidical thing of fat, with many sprouting out of it giant humanoid hands, arms, appendages, various almost eyeless reptile carnivorous mouths, sharp stingers and almost syringe-fat-shaped thrusters, which had been completely embalmed, that is to say, completely in some kind of reddish-gray-meaty liquefied looking unnatural constantly falling apart skin it could not get itself rid of had revealed as little as a single recognizable head, which in any other case would only have revealed the, not to mention the account of many hollow black spots that revealed its red-bone, crimson-shrapnel cartilage like substance that made this iron-like thing that held it all together, and the fact that the entirety of the being more so appeared to be only the meat-fashioning of a rotten, way-past being and living kind of creature whose existence would've been seemed as being rottenly insignificant and completely dismissible by all other means, as this, this almost frame of a rotten building, with every floor being revealed by the constantly moving then the sails of red that fell on top of them, resting against them as if they hung across the ledges all too soon revealed nothing else and nothing other than its true head, as this wretched son, of none other being was to be held as no one else but one of the descendants of a Lomek; which had been immediately revealed by the very fact that out of that vacuous pile of growths as well as many unnatural things that came apart and came along, then lone-forth struck out, and then again allowed to continue out of their carcass, strikes and all around it struck were the walls that almost fell upon his fit of rage as the true head came out; that of a red-haired, one eyed, white-bone cartilage helmeted-like that of a deformed nautilus, but far simpler, far more infantile of a shell, almost like that of a sea-shell, simian. A red-haired simian that resembled its grape-tinted father, the progenitor who's come from that point onward, then fell as to appease, that sire of a second conjoined fiend, thrashing away with the stinger then retracted back and crawled within the weight of a single blocky foot, drawn and dragged along upon a broken shore and upon a ledge. The hair was wide-spread but only covered some of the meat, the blimp-like fat, belonging to this wretched fiend only tickled their fancies as they were quickly withdrawn; never to be found again, as that thing only ran around, in this facility, withdrawn from all life, as one would have it, the jewel it desired as well, and if it were any simpler after, no one would've found the abhorrent nature of the Son of Lomek any easier to harness after. For it ran and wretched and despite its sheer size no temple connected would withhold all of this unnatural thing that could not be taken-nor drawn away; the hinges that would take a hint, the other explorers that came in search of a jewel only to have their teeth, clatter in desperation, calamity's clamor to no end.

A shout had come out of somewhere, while, its head, its head that moved, lodged on the side, not even at the top of the mountain, the son's head was only come, as if out of a long-neck standing, as if from the depths of a hollowness come to a point, incapable of turning around but jointed, always looking to its left, then hope. It had, that it would ever meet the progenitor, the father, that had given life to it during the time of war, the rivers shallow-black, then torn apart, as never seen before:

'Release me you villainous fiend! Can't you see that I'm merely trying to escape this thing of rabid venture, to have myself be drawn away from the broken carriage taken such of plaster's coming to withhold me from being devoured by the means of retribution coming? By the evil field whose tales I've heard and of the evil days that will come to mourn me no longer whenever I'm come to life? To the reasonless approach no man in part will have taken for granted during the time I've come to understand what's come?

Out of them I will have reeled if I could have it so, but lo' again I'm afraid that my life is forfeit at the hands of others that would have me wrought in shapeless woe.'

'Tell me then good man, what's come into you that you've been driven to a driven of sun and of voices come back, returned back to the hopelessness of a hole in your heart that's been ripped apart, by stiletto's coming to the age, of blink and beam of ink, drawn to you, I've come instead to ask what's happened. I seek but reason but none's come so far, I seek forth as to know what happened.'

'They've stolen something from me, I swear, they stole my mind and sent me to this place that I may wretch myself to prostitution-thought of wanting such release as death only could grant me so, that I may never speak of the jewel yet again that I, oh May, have thought alive, then as to wretch, as to abide, and dream of it no longer as I'd see, what it is and what's been taken out of me, I seek no reason, nor else that might be taken still, but I can feel but nothing come to me now, for I'm still blind, I feel.'

'Then join me and we shall both attempt to find it in this place, we shall both seek reason where there's little to behold or little more that they might take away from us when the time ends, for it shall wait for no other man than the one who shouts the loudest!'

'Do you know and have you not heard the stories of what happens in here and whom thrusts himself away, calling after? Call again, and to have him pain himself through such antiquity as there would be, the saint. I've dreamed of the saint!'

'As have I my good man, that wretched most sublime corpse take from use, that limbless trunk, a face uncanny, that helmeted shaped hairless thing with sockets filled with two red-crystals, a jawless mouth open-forth, and called upon the sight of pools, crimson of red-globed wine and rancid.'

'That hairless thing dipping in the blood, that hairless white-flashy like, as if it basked into the glittering white shone-upon, the rays of a morbid-yet calloused sun, the one mocking us still with its blocky eyes, and teeth-but split.'

'By pain alone it had survived, the saint is mocking us, even still, he must be a simian.'

'It can only make so much sense from this point, that niggardly thing of flashy pale, a cadaverous thing of no little and no less. I've known as such but many who'd appear. I've know but lesser men who'd do

naught else but sneer once they found out what I dreamed of, during the profoundest glimpses into their realms. Realms of joy, realms of pain, and others that had fallen apart; but I seek no will to find but eerily distraught disgrace, nor to drive away my pain out of my chest, since I can still hear it beating from this point on where they've taken jabs and stolen what little is there left and worthless come belong to worthlessness, I am aware.

That as soon as we release the shout, the saint has warned us!'

'Worn us out with little but no more than petty thought, but lo' and look around you, at this architectural delight! How could there be something as unfathomable as this, taken from us and from out dandelion feet? Of puffy whites that had made us try, and such attempt, to flee, whenever looking such dumbfounded and come upon the tree, of insolent branches, of the abhorrent come today. I seek but such a thing as freedom as I seek but seek in due such flight as I await the wont for reason, as to see whether or not such things exist as the dreaded simians!'

'Then shout away and let us seek but flight!

Let the animal descent if he is still alive!'

As they did and little more but yearned for, little more of dreadful hope to share, as their echoes but had such sublime effect upon such halls of dread, to have been heard no less, unwonted as they brought onto their face their end. For there it stood the giant apparition crawling, making smirks and cackles, grins then come upon some bile it staggered, as if moving itself had been a strain, both upon its mental prowess as onto everything else.

But the Jewel, the jewel was stolen by the paraplegic-god, whose only innermost inconclusive yet abhorrently mischievous crime against humanity was robbing it completely of the blood-liter of plasma's swollen bacterium kingdom of appendages from which it stole one of the pouting lepers that hid it inside.

'I've seen it before, I've seen it during the dark ages, somewhere down there, before it had been dropped into the slithering cower of depression in which it hid itself before anyone could venture to rip a part of it and come onto it by rubbing every single block of sightless fright!'

'Why would you reveal that onto me now that I'm bastardly away from that lightless bliss that had once robbed me of the sight I shared with one of the petty little anchored to the ground, wretchedly abhorrent mazes, in which shingle of loft surroundings growth, where they might know of thee, and therefore come, I know but little of what happened to them.'

'But dear oozing this without respite, I seek but need of wretched, that I may help; only one thing that could surely be frightened as to show there come upon the whole lot with hope of mighty gone when praying. Of mightily as there be, and insolence upon their praying in-between I seek but oft twas' which was said.'

Hagghunt hid in one of the boxes, unmoved by what was happening around him; there was some dust and some sand sprayed around some leaves that bloomed upon the sight' ed lost; where there had only been a few people, much to their complaint maligned by what was going on around them. Far than being aware

of what was going around them, being left in some growth of some pale-tallish corn-like grave, a sharpened by maligned maze; followed soon after by a flood of growths-come back.

‘You’ve rung my ears!’

He then called, as the echoes started rubbing it in with every moment’s proud-but swollen sight of light.

One of the Hospices

‘I was approached by him during one of my nasty years, the ones spent in the Hospice.

A mountain hag rump, floating, I could see through her, it, made out of many insects that were all formed into adorning pitches that moved like static. As if, as if, she were an invisible woman wearing the a curtain on top head, head. My eyes deceived me, for she was cut in half as she continued eating through the people she entered through, walking both on top and through them. I was afraid that she would momentarily seek to bring and cast ruin over me and for that reason I sekt no ordained gasp as I returned back onto the garden home that’s been dug for me to hid in, underneath the giant leaf, during the stormy rain, as I was looked after by her, who looked down upon me as from the crack, that slither left in-between the leaf and the ground, above the pit, this lid, from which I stood but touched by her, as she would mock me.

I conceive, with not a great ease that she gravitated towards me in some way I’ve never been approached or come to have felt upon my body cast in wither, either, never way before, by no perdition of a mild recast, by nothing as much as this insolence that would cast upon me such a throat-bothering insufferable must, of sekt alone in the far distance, or shout for aid. That I might have someone drag me from the pit I’ve been cast into, by each and every conceivable way. But there was no one that would hear me as to ascend past that much to myself needed, much needed.’

Mouthless with scorn were the people whom were the building stretch. During the time Neil Kleig was trapped inside that pit, they grew and stretched like some unreasonable, yet abhorrent creatures that would by all means seek no way to enter, outwardly, yet clearly out-shown, out the bands of lights and pitched-up colors they had slicked, and cindered through the fire of the pot-broils they had concocted beneath the earth, where spat, since their heads united at the top of the building, onto or having become the ‘ceiling’, as envy seething through their outwardly funnel shaped but strangely shell-like mouths, through their bodiless fingers planted akin to roots beneath the ground where they fed some kind of parasitical entity of little to no regard for any other than its bothersome companion, one that would be mourned by far fewer than itself, but ask for certainty during a time during which one could not forget what happened to trail around them during the second beat of a clock’s ever-green fall of robes, the clattering certainty of the gardener being only met by nothing of his own but instead, he had been forced to kneel before a party of damned, certainly beaten into the ground and filled with soil-bugs- so much so that these gravediggers would no longer be dug out of the graves that they had cast themselves alone into as the dreadful, most insolent of flames that started expanding, bubbling from the ground had only, yet to be seen, acted upon the yet-few instruments that were useful or had been useful for, respectively the only men that had been

kidnapped from the Hospice itself and allowed to stay there, in servitude alone up-bringing children and other countless generations bred with the mad-to-drivel bent nurses forced to feed and care, by bothersome niggardly un-care for themselves during the striking of the iron upon their backs, where, upon the sight, of that blasted room-of-crystal red, where not even the least commendable things, of hearts that grew and germinated on every wall as well would there have been a better hope for soil's scorn as to remember what an abhorrent throne has been cast away, a strange rectangular drawn thing as if it was indeed made by a stick, of stickiness, uncannily deformed.

As little as it was known about the circumstances that were clearly at play during the absence of a quiet-yet allure contrasted by the.

It laughed, again, this was the second time.

'It's open mouthed, is it not?'

Another experiment would be required to remove the vulva from inside of it now.

A row of most canine adorers:

'There's a cult involved in every decision this bottle-mankind has ever done, but they're nearing the point where they will be irrevocably shattered then melted in some fine rubbery paste I shall rub all over my face as I prepare myself to embrace their many voices while they suffer no less than needed, the passing of an epoch of pain, heartiness, hardly adventurous but just enough to quiet some of them down.'

'I see, but say, as one of the last physicians, what's been taken from you that you've diverged into this state of pandemonium-death driven anxiety you've fallen out of?'

'Since you asked so nicely, I would like to add only that I've seen the pain I've caused throughout the years to the people I've not only come into contact but the ones I've actively searched for a means, meant only by the culprit of abhorrent to distress himself as to entertain no perdition from no lordly being, murdering around at heart's content as I've come onto the plight of stares, the flight of stairs against which I've thrown, off onto the other side, countless victims I would've found no means, none other to spear, as my heart would beat, but leper, you must cast away whatever guilt you might attribute still, for I know but little shame over what I've done and since [of sic] wordless count of testimonies that are written, passed as my own, but otherwise blurring the fact that they account for saving men, when in reality I've been butchering incessantly, non-stop, to my heart's content, I've made hundreds upon hundreds, and hundreds more to suffer, killing them endlessly, only to appease that apparel of disease my coat's reign entrenched, had become, that sulfur of cast away into the basement' fire cove where they might no longer be entrenched by the pain I've felt as my heart has been taken away from me as well, since my cognition, in the Congos, if you may be so inclined to remember the lecture I held on the scripture of taken legs I've collected to make my platform, that is my home after all, as well as their souls that I own, that I won by fair-game and power-through plough of ghoul that might've crawled upon their chests, dragged by force away by my servants, the ones without faces but blind, I am not, for I feel that I've come to fear that which is, my life endangered, although others would sicken me no less, gut-impress by such wordlessness, as my insemination's disablement might've allowed you to reach the conclusion that's been lead to even before I've carefully chosen the time to open my mouth and reveal what I've encountered during that journey where, suffice to say, it has cursed me ever since by the most wretched of

things that could only take away my petty mentality and throw it back onto a reality that's slickened and slapped it with naught else other than the elementary force that's been cast into the realm of darkness out of which I've cast a glance upon that wretched jewel that extended around my body, completely encompassing it in some chemicals that had, temporarily blinded me to such an extent that I am still dumbfounded as to how I came onto the plains of that dark world of grays, of dark-grays and similar-kind of made-through gradients that would've stolen my second heart, the second engine for my brain that's been stored and sorted in some kind of box that's almost come to explode in my own hands as I was prepared to give it away to this figure, this tall lady whose wickedness, featurelessness almost made me commit an act of evil that thy thyself would've cowered away from, since fear's might cast a hook upon the glaze, then munch back upon the grounded worms that entered me like hooks, granting me the vision of the perils that encrusted our world, which, upon my sight being regained, I was allowed to refrain, for a second more's breathing fear, that I can deem no longer a treacherous thing but instead, the only feel of despair that I might've shared with the people that followed from the unawares and from the distance, whom had come to hunt me for I've intruded upon their land of strange clustered together like hives, beings, that were made feel to me, forgiven, now by prayer alone, that I've tainted this world with this knowledge of the unknown by the blessed saint I've come to seek repast again, when all of the sudden, I feel as if, I feel no less than aware of what had happened then, that I had been forced to push that heart way back into the second open side of my chest by my right side, above one of the lungs and hid it there, only momentarily so, for such a thing as might've been forlorn then given, stolen by a such-and-through battlement of standard, that they've come, charged, right went through in order to protect the maiden I've almost handed onto the alter of respite, and mightily as I were, crafted a ring as to ask for her hand to a lady's death but come as I stumble still, the realization ever since that we were and are still of different worlds that could not be met by the same hope, by the same reason of logic and of laws that we might spare to think of each other as commoners, in the medieval times, therefore revel as I may in the fact that I lay away during the midnight hour of a night that's been stolen of sleep, on my own mighty feet still standing, like a blessed child in the night's ever but looking away, a curtained, but no less, drawn-away, and ever-since I looked every night, since that escape's delight, nearing the few months I've finally stumbled away, no longer in fright to share what I've come upon, I still see the stars, the shards, and the moon itself but cast in the shape of the jewel my eyes have come to accept as nothing more but some insolent throne of evil that's been quieted in the dark's own missing Solstice that could pain me no less than the day of the Leper's rot, come upon being brought onto the lower sided eighteen hundred altars, the ones in which, cocoon-like giant flat-blimp, rounded like towers, but almost thumb-like, their prisons, growths that have only their faces reveled whereas the rest of their bodies could only be brought out of the cones that were their prisons of worship, the parasitical lower-growths of the legless humanoid worshippers, that I have done as well and that I have done alone, all covered up by the people, the practitioners whom I passed as my own, by these doctors of no renown I've stolen from, that by all means could worship me no less and hit me with each whips' come to an end, blinded by a fate's uncannily distorted but disrobed by all membrane of a detrimental obscenity's felt during the honey moon's refrained to be consumed by the finding of a cadaver, not hers, but left behind, as treacherously as the day one bought her from some Asiatic country where they sold them by weight and one should've known them to be craftier despite their overcompensation of weight on top of speed that would wrench away all that rotten meat that fell out of their legs, the many of them forming a tail of dreadful pieces, all counting upon one another's elated-forth, then thrown past the kingdom's come deprave surroundings that were neared in countenance of expansion by the other, more ennobled peoples whom had drawn themselves out

of their various hiding spots, they spent a lot of time in, wondering, for long, though decided, upon their barbarous' s's' war-generals' ss – sss, sssssss, sss 's deciding factor-of conquest drivels-scrawl randomly on a map by chucking darts at it with tipped crayons- plan of engagement which had been an expeditionary yet hardly felt by the Heralds of Pain, of whose rotten and fallen apart, armors made out of cast-like made out of iron-caged bar-like exoskeletons they wore, chest, shoulder pads, arms, knee joints, legs, cuirasses of graved boots, whom were all carefully designed like some form of nesting of puzzle-like pieces that had been welded together on some frame, hooked to the body by smallish tube-like filaments placed or from their side, holding onto multiple crisscrossed pieces, across the body, held by leathery belts, spanning, across their bodies like rings, from one end to another, like overly extended sprinklers raised to the level of holding onto multiple sided metal lunged around bars they held with their strange almost organic pincers that had been put to their employ, giving one the impression that they were in actuality, beneath that leathery belt inside of which they buried themselves in, some worm-like creatures bearing multiple heads that all held the grapplers that not only kept everything still but prevented the armor from completely falling apart, although the creatures behind these naked-skeleton frames were ghoulish and ugly themselves, by all means, this sudden jolt of coming all the way through in search of a hiding place they might retreat to after having their enclave broken by the united armies that had been formed against them by means of an impediment's no-longer worthless mean of bastardly influence, misgiving yet forgetful as they were, during an errand of scouts that by the moon's fall into the bland ultramarine ring of darkness, worming with spiked shadows sprouting out with many faces, these creatures being the wedding wedges of the lady of whose fortune lay in such disease, distressful after her death, and at death's wont, yearned-for feet, were they led inside the Hospice as well as onto the wretched pit inside of which I was forced to lain for countless hours in order to wait for a piety's blessing to finally come as they exchanged one of their cognition hearts for their stay, in return that I may kindly meet their demands and never utter a word of this unfathomable thing that had in turn robbed me of my age, since, seething as I am by pain unmet by lust, in wickedly blessed and darkly-unmet delight, I am awaited by wager, wretchedly of pain, and cast, that eventually I may yearn for agony's cast disease, in order to be put down but the beast I have become shall pointedly stop existing once the wretched agony of my existence shall be trifled with by means of never-to-have gone away, when nastily the wretched spear that shall be produced by the evils of my and their days shall finally come to an end, and then, only then, when the heart I had been given onto holding, finally wretched into the palace of skin that's my rotten chest, the gelatin, the compact fridge and the tomb of reckoning that had kept a hold of all my memories, reminders of my many unfathomably never-ending sins, only then shall I feel such endearing blurring, yet cheerful misfortune as to be met by long-awaited death, although only calmly as it would be abhorrent, for I know, the least of all, that my heart had been blessed, whereas my head beaten on a ledged crest shall know no little as there is but ill, misfortune's cast away but sunken deep within the likes of a never ending, yet felt upon, treacherous recall of things that were done during my youth that I have thought to be forgiven yet uncondemned, I yearn for blasphemy undone.

‘A corpse shall sing from thereon out, whence the rancid dance of rain’s acid flooring stung, upon and ever-nearing the land’s gone trough of mightily repaired brained nonce, eunuchs dancing with him upon the abode of reigned and ringed bones!’

Upon the crier's head a stone fell and crowed a single bloody bone that pouched and gutted and plentifully rotten, as the many beasts and the dark littered by coals of fire cysts, carpets and carpentine and

serpentine-benign. A wretched-foul, beast had grabbed and brought, a few iliac-crested whips, but only some that had been used on saints, hardly rocked at all.

‘Abhorrently forbidden, beast, you must leave at once before they call upon your mighty felt upon darkened tryst!’

‘It would be ethnical and most subservient of dark rods, if we were brought upon the sight of evil-brought upon the remains of the day, whenever called.’

‘Yet your will wanes away with each day, and you know it to be true!’

SO many shiny lights, all taken back by him, during the time people approached and called back onto it! Alas, be gone! It started again.

Four fifteen; it moves. Slowly but on a toppled level off the street-wiped clean off floor, it moved through unobtrusive means of complete shatter, which was hardly unfelt yet cleanly ignored by most of the patients who were incapable of expressing any feeling of distress at what was going on there, during the non-stop hike-hour they were forced to be a part of.

‘Insolence shall not be admitted into the Hospice and whoever shall be found clearly incompliant with the code of conduct we have instilled upon you shall be executed on sight!’

Two by two on either side, a trunk-compact machine with raised shoulder-like pillars on both ends, holding an elongated almost humanoid but bovine skull with small puckery eyes and with its ‘insides’, fleshy tendons entered a top-hole through the trunk; which was used for mobile traction, whenever not seen around, puffing and spreading small ganglions around.

‘Shut your filthy mouth immediately before I slag your knocker off the chains!’

‘You’ve been hunting rats again, haven’t you?’

‘And what if I did? What if I did indeed? I swear you rat-keepers paint yourself saints and martyrs, yet not a single finger was lifted to my nose and spiel! I feel the need to reel!’ Back and forth he cradles when closely watched; a defense mechanism that others were and are not aware of until now.

‘I am eating alone in my room, do not disturb me.’

Fifteen minutes more passed and the otter was dead, cleansed in a blood-circle. A red crimson dot in a room of blue, where a few attendees gathered:

‘I think it’s safe to safe!’

‘We need to crack it if it’s a question of proximity, otherwise we can just assume the culprit left the area immediately after the deed, vowing never to return unless asked for by one of the great dark forces that succumb to the platform beneath us.’

‘Is it possible it might fall?’

‘Not that I’m aware of.’

Though it squirmed and fell and fenced around, with every chance it got, to leap like Spanish flies that swerved and merged with conical-darkly shapes. It was uneven, darkly tested. A castle that appeared in the distance, seen through one of the lights that fell through the window signaled through its many bricks the passing of the valley, onto the heap that moved and swirled around, in flight encumbered through the dark end's meat and flight through flays and various unnaturally dark, and seething unnatural little people that took shots; flights followed soon after since they could not understand how they managed to ruin everything that seeped into their blood. A cut was made on one of the insane, they flew in flight and ruined every moment's countenance withheld, without being aware what was going on, through many pillars that fell off the ground, shattered vases and the wind's flight. Many of the candles started shooting fire out of them like Champaign bottles- blowtorch Molotov cocktails that started cradling in and out, back and forth, being shaken as nymph-ish women chased one another during the lest withheld, dampness.

'A crook nicked, at third o'er Bovine sayath!?'

'I think you've swallowed one' a hole. There's poison in each and every one of them that I may not be able to remove unless suckling could somehow distill what's been taken away from me when I was still a man of hope.'

'What happened to you in that case?'

'I don't know nor can I truly tell you what's been going on in my mind when it happened, when I was visited by the dark embrace of that rapier that had curbed some liter off a few pints, during the day I could only think there was a slither and a tatter of something that might come after. That there were people who knew me when I knew me not; abandoned by my relatives, whom were dead and deaf even before I had gotten a chance to do as such. To them I can only give as much as I could think no less of what had happened during the time there was a slither of an hour, such to impress upon me what I could only refer to as the hour of disease. Though it's no less important than the heart I stole along the way, since there was only a slither of membrane I cut.'

'What for and what have you done? I can't bother myself to keep track of all the open-book entries, unless one could only hope to hide them away from me and when that happens, I don't think and I can't think clear. Since we're both diseased, are we not? '

'That's what the physicians told us, but I couldn't think of any reason why we could not disrupt or be informed with the slither of thoughts that kempt their trails of blob-like hairs and the ones that open-ended such remained with us during the passing of the eight cycles, through day-nigh-day and five consecutive nights we had to spare no man-like manner or matter through which the mass and the gas that enraged our senses into being completely destroyed by means of trying ourselves, I think I could not understand what or whom.'

'Who is to say what happened to us?'

A vitamin could solve no cure, especially since they were infected. Ugly bodied, both of them, struck in a room they had been flung into by a strong wind that had come out of the very roof's hole they had been staring into, that black abyss, niggardish, falling apart, dormant still yet inserted through the many needles, the single bed that appeared to be broken in the new room. A deprave thing of moisture, filled with empty

barren moist-planks that started drooling, coming apart. Trenching its way, and slither of come onto the dark remains; a single man appeared to knock.

‘May I come in? ‘

‘Leave, devil, leave immediately before he wakes up!’

A single figure with a skull for a head, red and empty eyed, and with a single spiel of wonder; and wonderment abhorred every moment that passed forth; it oozed with darkness and threatened to come awake. A tall figure, armored as well. A tall figure speaking in tongues, for even during its foreboding sleep it was a trifle more that mattered, that would allow it to come back to life. But the armor itself was only the chest, armless, legless but with a coil coming from beneath him, holding a giant blob; a tumor-thing shaped like a giant insect’s abdomen that cradled between trying itself out, and coming out of some cone of the lower side, a hive-like depression that had been dug through the bed, dug through the hole, a few feet beneath him, where they worshipped what came out of it, the children, the blobs and the ones that were unearthed had come to possess everything in sight.

A triangular platform appeared to keep a hold of a rectangular one with the help of a few bolts that held ropes attached to all four of its ends, being more like a glider for the latter.

Not that it would border one to be approached and apprehended before even speaking ill of what he’s seen during the haze that’s been forcefully shun upon his being, yet some similarity to the herd that was present there, during their cone- shared a little insufficiency of chemicals, of liquids and of sorts, some kind of indubitably scrumptious to be barred between their teeth as alarmingly un-aware as one would have it from the point of and to the hedge that neared the illimitable click of a clock, a most blasphemous thing that was presented to them, merely ticking away whatever chance at having a most horrendous sleep that could be rather yet betokened to no plainness, one at a time. They snuck in.

‘I’ve got a light; here, grab a smoke while you can, brother! It’ll do you good!’

‘It most definitely won’t. I don’t think there’s ever going to be a chance for me to pick one ever again.’

‘Your arm, let me see your arm, now!’

It’s been way too cruel, to administer another to shot to him, especially this far gone, since the disease kept eating pieces of their appendages as well; it left little to be called as for the insolence of having brought him along being pestily recorded by one of the Hospice’s operator cables, which had done as much as it could to burden the little fellow by a sudden microscopic raise of hemoglobin-butane; now turned into some gaseous thing that turned his skin-slowly, by normal leverage, upside-down and inside-out with every turn of his finger and every flip being but a simple prick of the thought to him, as much as it was to them, bothersome by all accounts; yet not a single one of them said a thing about the alternative, of putting him down before he could infest them, or worse, have the disease eat them completely as well. It stood alongside them. In a bubbling spherical but low-hanging bag, inside of which parts of them still appeared to eclipse most if not close to just about everything they could point towards. An imbecile had a better chance to strike it down than they had, since their incapability of getting off all four and walking was turned into a vitriol, a violent strive not to draw too much attention towards them, which would end, more or less against their favor. Regardless of the unspoken-on the sight rules that only drawled some of

the excusable behaviors that more or less seeped inside the cordial yet jovial attendees. A jovial box produces some noises every now and then, largely ignored by them since they have no way of knowing just what that meant for them on the long run, since they would spend the next few days in a pseudo-room acreage of looked-at by several shifting back and forth, then back in place – doors, many of whom would thicken out and come inside, revealing their wagon-like fat as well as stretches of a few meters going in through unseen tunnels. Regardless of who pulled the strings, if there was one behind any or either one, there was a clear disjointitude that remained unrelated. Many fox-tails and other rabid parts being delivered onto them by normal post-work; a strangeness to it, but largely unquestionable:

‘We’re eating tonight, Boarthram; you hear? I think there’s something still in the back you can chew on, some bones, some good bones, I think they’ve skinned the last residents before we came in!’

‘Aren’t you afraid they’ll come for us during our stay?’

‘It’s a chance, as long as you keep making that incessant noise anyway. I wouldn’t reapprove anyway.’

An intent to do something, filthy hours passing by the clock, and a few cracks here and there only removed some of the grime off; not that one, but the next one, they came whenever they felt like it, and almost left with a puddle and a paddle splash, the noise that crashed and left a rung-in noise that followed soon, alas.

‘The masters are asleep, yet the condolences are yet to have arrived and arisen in place. Not that I would feel there’s such a need to awaken them, but within the hour, they’ll be fully submerged in their beds; stuck in a hibernatory phosphorous state out of which they might not awaken. Such is the chance that might come if we leave them be.

I’m sorry to reaffirm this but there’s never been a change in their condition since they started taking the shots we were sent from the Inferno.’

‘But they told us it would work, somehow, our suppliers have been keeping us going for months, with their words given on back of their back burners!’

‘Yet we’re here, are we not? At a point where we had to completely encrust them in life-preservers in order to avoid them being completely destroyed, after all, if they fall so do we.’

‘Then why the rush to wake them up if their lives are at a hinge to fall?’

‘It was merely meant to serve as a suggestion, nothing more than that. If I offended, I could have myself be thrown inside one of the dark machines as well, then have no while awakened for what’s to come.’

‘I think we can do just fine as well as we take care of the people we have in store today.’

‘We could do without a few of them, if only I were allowed to play!’

‘No, Donaughway, I’m afraid that would be too, dangerous. Too dangerous, I feel like many of them can still be saved if we were to try something more unorthodox; some, prick and a prattle, something that could come after and leave just as quickly as we allowed it to spread.’

‘You couldn’t mean poisoning them on purpose, would you?’

‘I’m afraid there’s not much choice; there’s a fleeting sewage tube outside, as thick as a giant worm, with large thick piston sticks that have glowing globular oblongs that pollute everything they touch at their ends. They move like snakes leaving their skin behind, as if our air is water for them, and they have no other option but to sink deeper in this space of abrasion, of rubbing. We could have the top of the Hospice blown off by one of them if we do not start poisoning some of the other staff members as well as the patients!’

‘If there’s no other option, then, I suppose poison would do, poison would suffice for the time being!’

Both of them drank to it, and didn’t look back, and they didn’t cradle their arms and they didn’t rub one out either and they didn’t try fancying another set of shots because they were on the job and whoever drank on the job had to take himself out, if that’s what it’d been in his cards. For what would be a few hours gone straight away as if their truncheon had been only a reliquary of the jests the interns were present for had only robbed them of a loss unlike no other in terms of the most profuse of refugary spots they could retreat back to, the back-hobble being implanted in such a way that they allowed entry only for a handful of ‘people’.

‘A faint, and a wonder that we’re still here, after the sun-down!’

A baby-like fetus’s half an elephant head- blob of two pieces, its ear and the head-trunk shape made its torso. A larval syringe-wriggly pole dropped from beneath it then curved into a fleshy L. It leaped then stopped. It called upon a fleshy bulbic lymph node with a tiny little humanoid tiny figure in the middle of it, that followed it around; right as soon as it extended a desk-like rectangular pocket, out of which it dropped a dropping bag, that was still attached to it, which recoiled in the air, clearly filled with its internals, protected by a membrane that could not be defiled. A few peculiar almost wind-blown tent-like huts made out of piles of growths made their home, although exiles weren’t supposed to last; his people abandoned him for the crimes he had committed, which could not be forgiven, for, they had thrust and cast away, and defiled whatever perdition might hope of yeast to have prevailed!

‘Where did they go?’

‘On top that house upon the greatest hill made out of the bodies of the dead beasts buried by the sand-wrought, and carried along through the epicanthic fold that molded itself with their bodies wrought, in the darkest of coves that had ever been created from that point on and ever-after brought up cold with the incinerator-maker of corpse-food they feed the broken angelic figures colored green with muck, their wings blasphemous and grown like snail-shells with elongated syringe fat-appendages become slugs with pointy downward talons with faces at their ends that bear large puncturing devices that spread disease for gravy, as for the munchers, they’re leftovers after all, from the Humanoid Navy!’

A great tooth appeared on the mound. It must’ve belonged to one of the colossal greater-lesser winged ones, as for their horns, they had been taken down and carried in secret places since that’s where their wombs were stored after all. A new generation awaited their time, as much saved as needed, in order to carry out the order of the malign, their blasphemy within reason, as to carry on their genetic material to some place where it’d be safe. Perforations of the DNA allowed for bottled humanoids of the Red Bottle kind of clot to appear and worship that horn. Knowing, simply knowing was enough. They listened with their red-clotted, crimson-bottled ears near the cartilage that was bone-shrapnel! Inside of it, ancient

similar to itself organic material appeared to produce a near-similar to its state of mental cognition stored inbred material of promulgated growth that allowed as much of the near-liked quasi-alive state of immaterialessness to occur while the little larvae-like globule bacteria started attaching itself to some of the larger fetus-like blocks of stonish-hardened teathed by chitinous plates growths of similar sized likens; that allowed them to endure during this overly hardened gestation period that threatened to possibly destroy their entire quantum-absorption of the much needed power they had to consume in order to promote their overly cumbersome growth, which was in dire need of occurring at the same ration it promulgated the need of. Weird bulbic things, they were; like puffy starved prunes, or some squishy-meaty seeds that looked as if they had been infested by worms, rotted; lending on the impression of them making wild expressions as if they were faced by humanoid men. Ugly even; but even uglier in terms of how they charged one another, striking, bouncing and adhering to one another's most primal larval state.

Norway:

Advancing forward onto the cold morass; a drunk; with a face pallid-strung!

'Stranger, is there no more fault your kind could endear bringing still upon our plains?'

A peculiar robe-skinned appeared to house a body of all bones piled together, underneath a skin-cloak he wore of skin. But in the middle of this wretch of corpses lay a hardened lump of ruddy red; piled with similar crystalline roots and a lower almost infantile thing, a fetus encased in some bathed-in ruddy blue-jelly, darkly encased. Three blind-yolk eyes and a mouth that pushed out and connected with its tail, armless as it was; ancient of no regard, but the rods, the three of them that were held by the roots were the things holding the ancient bones together as well as the skin.

'I, the ancient murderer have returned! I ask to be remembered as the master of this house, steward!'

'Yet I require proof for such a claim, I've yet to see some shown to me, therefore remain where I stand!'

'Impoverished enough to release such ponder? How is it then that it shall begotten? May you spend the night in if such's the case?'

If that were the case, damned he be!

Immediately upon the sight of none else but the cowering mountainous pointy had of a house he had once postulated the likes of calling a homeless abode, the drunkenly stumbling upon his knees Hoyd simply brushed past the man, being immediately followed by four of five other men of similar ilk that had been hidden until that point, where, upon being met by the sight of a giant stone-tick of mass and growths, with a head-like cartilage almost pea-termite head bulb on top of it, which was chained to the fire place; he simply leaped on top of it, immediately gluing himself to the vile creature while being in wait of the others' say. Out of the men that were present in that room, a single spear-one eyed faced beam erupted out of the body of, floating eerily in place, in a levitating kind of manner before flinging itself around the

room, while readying itself to encircle the house several times before, out of its one eyes, a single puff postulated naught but the despondency of a second, shot straight out, second floating eye that began receding back and forth like some vertical pendulum before going straight ahead to perform some wild maneuvers that allowed for a single note to be produced as if from the bowels of the universe itself, sprouting into existence with a sinister appeal; barrowing in the countenance of the men present there, whom were largely of a mind to ask:

‘What is this thing supposed to be now?’

‘A subpoena, of course, for trespassing in this house uninvited without pay?’

Another man rejoined!’

‘It is not, it’s not, it’s not!’

‘It is, trust me, for I’ve dealt with such similar colloquial matters before, and I have seen firsthand what such lawful notes look like!’

‘And I’m telling you sir that you are not only wrong, but you’re incumbent on thinking yourself all mighty as to believe something such as this would have any effect whatsoever on a precipitately tainted by train; trained eye, who, upon being met by such a note and upon such parting words as I would facilitate your beckoning as to sit and ponder at the affront of having attempted to distort our meager understanding on the matter, such as such you would invite yourself out as to avoid any further hurt that might be inflicted to our personages by your petty meek lies; would immediately recognize it as being nothing short of a fake!’

‘There’s no mistake here, I think there’s a few blue oyster-flowers I ought to buy.’

‘Thank yee.’

Of course it was but a little while taken by the chilled forth quail and tile.

‘I’ll smash your fucking head split open!’

The savage returned again from one of his long trips to the destroyed garden.

‘I’ve felt it before and I will feel it again, just as my arms get stretched!’

Of flashes turpentine

And most soluble of liquids, in the chemical plant, upon the draw of the lot, and draft of soldiers in the making, rook of knowing of intentions standing as a witnessing lord by their side, as they were called, as to attend the morbid sermon as it happened, bastardly as it were, hour of days, in which the tubes were longed for and attached, to their general’s calling’s, during a time when they were not, the least, matched, for callings and outer wailings, stopped upon the end of echoes, cavernoids plain, all beset by such

assaults, as there were coming, during madly, yet inclined a quay; out of the bowels of the earth, the wasps, carrying their master's cast of brine, and most sublime was the song of their swarm as it but came after, no more, until they felt the tune, lightning that could, for some, and boon, upon which a soldier lonesome, might he walk but sway, no other man present, in this swallowed by most atrophy, a quail, to say, what, thoroughly had happened to him since. And madly may he call upon the day, a prince, bestowed onto others by men, whom, would but have himself but starved and then, there would be little trouble. And more-so, ever was it, there to happen, meet his maker, in the dark; when, upon the power-out, would pane but shoot, and rifles flinging, Gattling-true. To their master's call, they stop. When the lights come back, brought, onto justice, all of them, have they realized what happened. As they were taken by the heels and taken after, strung and eaten, long-defeated and deranged.

One of them drew forth, faceless but that only happened to him, somewhere, long before along the way, as he carried on top his back, in a lavish basket, a strange artifact, of such an age. Homage to the champions who fought and lost, during, such embrace as they would've had themselves brought onto, stand aghast. A body to be certain, a cadaver not to be longed for, rotten with diseased, and spoiled as fruit and yet, pieced back together at a most simple command. He of all would've had himself be brought back, when the time was right, only to squirm and yet again betray, to have him swung along a single tray, of metal and of fleshy steel, and madly was there brought, a strange appeal. If no such thing was there to happen, he opened but eleven dark stallion-bloated nests that came out of its gut after. He flew across the room and gave birth onto them, this day. When one might've but had it said:

'I've come and brought the race, returned. Upon the plain of which I seek, but mourn, for such lost brothers as I have had long, since then, in past. For them, as I would've had it, alone, I end up cast. Way out of heaven and to the embrace of kin, I listen, to beasts that seek destruction ridden, to lesser one that come but follow, to the ones that come, forever after, that alone I've come to ail. My bitter kin' tender, as it is but frail, I bear only in lost, ago, but long, memory.'

'And whom might listen to you, of such dark rancor and strangely as there is, appease, what one might come, forth, ask, of sunder as the ground and gourds, for what you have cast away and forth, I ask of you to long-since meet, and see of better days, of sink.'

Of mighty ship had he but spoiled such hour, the solider did know only after, and would he had but found such day, and would he have but failed, a day, as it, never to have come. And blasted would it had been, and gone. But lo', the creature, such was filled, and long before, lost, indirect appeal was such regained. Through battle after, and through pain, until the day after was but sailed.

Dina

'Of beauty that there is, you've lived.'

'Who are you?'

Dina turned, and watched and winced. A moistened by the flashes of the snow, soon after followed after. A crack in stone, her husband still missing, yet she thought.

‘Who and where have you gone?’

Forth she followed as the snow-blearing beat of drums dropped until a pint of flakes, and made cold engulfed and lesser yet, was there a drift of ice, when in their hearts, the ones that followed her at last, was there naught to follow after in her steps.

‘I thought I heard you long before.’

An attempt to garter a reaction, for whichever reason followed after. But it would not talk back; and therefore snapped as if it were in place. A road had been driven in and least of all would one, had seemed, to be in tune and listen. For whichever reason; it left behind. A trail of flowers in the sky, and red gleams blearing upon stole, much elated, was, therefore, the stars of north, and brine alighted. For what followed after was, something she much delighted asking but herself.

‘How has he done that?’

But there was still none to answer her.

An abandoned train lay on top a pitcher of snow.

A pale rider- snowman by it; with a flame sprouting out; a man left something behind, a lantern, of sticks put together in the mourning.’

There was a bleary misunderstanding that was unspoken of, nor was it approached by any well-to-do mean. It was senseless how the snow started drifting in one direction, then simply stopped when the time arose. Various chemicals infesting the snow, mesmerizingly so; a drift apart of wooden-stranglers in the wooden-look-through lenses, perilous disaster of wreathed upon craven-lard of fishes snow drifted in the cold morose-and lost but born out of a minus-exemplary, unfathomable fall and drift and snowy-fist that came up-first, a cyst of stalactites of cold, and worn-out bolden throbbing boats whose wreckages served as delightful as one could come of mind, would to make a difference of blighted by the light of winter’s after, such was the release, the torpedo that but olden, as it were, bird being strung beaded-akin to every single thing that followed after on a whim.

Somehwere, in a distant shed.

‘I woke up in the middle of the night with a numb side of the face, leg and arm; I may’ve suffered a stroke that seems to have put an end to my reign of terror. Once again, I stand defeated, beaten and am afraid of what will happen to me from this point on, or simply how severe the damage I’ve sustained, mentally speaking, irreversibly assessed, being very much immeasurable. The permanency of which is very much frightening, and to think it all because of them, and their inferior genes, and the inferior blood I inherited from them, serving as the main cause of my plight is something I will never be capable of moving on from.’

More of it was still to come, off the goblet they’ve got it run.

‘You should’ve trusted your gut before.’

It made little sense as it did.

It hid a spruce for every tree inside of it, always swindled by an old tumorous towering man, hid inside his stove of a body, hid inside his giant head that was placed inside an ambulance shaped sewage system with eighteen long tunnels that looked something close to a jelly case made out of flooding an ant’s colony, pulled out afterwards only to be placed back in place on top a weirdly socket’s throated body, whose strange defiance ever showed.

A few robust knives held rocks, inside depigmented bubbly people whose backs were open and in them shone lights. They had no heads and no arms either but stranger coiling things that appeared to cradle-spin something from one point to the other, around, then stopped to chew on their bodies, came a pair of insects that carried them behind a tree:

‘Leprous thing there’s a clock, filled with many growths, where their likes had swallowed me.’

But it was different, dark abode, there was something strange, the sky was reddened black, a tumorous crack, split in half, then ever-pushing:

‘Lo, there’s but a light calling on the day, it’s been swollen-eaten and they’ve cast the dead through, and up and go, allure, was theirs, and gone around the curved, would they.’

Oozing in the most protrudingly there came only a single most disturbingly hard to look, and entered through there came another pair of corpses laddered, asked for by a most disturbing lot, waiting for them, brought to kneeling positions in cradled upon craters filled with snots.

‘Gelbas-Harness, you’ve stumbled upon a fortune of needles racked together and put in copious amount of oozing pools, hardened by the looks of it, I would expect no less from you, yet to ask.’

‘Whereas would they have gone otherwise?’

And there was a gull bearing two pistols, and bombs.’

In the distant dark:

A flat end of the box:

‘Part of it tss’ open.’

No one around the room to yell about the on-going rape; there was only a side of the rape that was visible, inside, from inside outside, the box, not from the outside inside, where the rape was happening, out in the open. The rape was one sided, only one person was raped, a woman, a moist female, of some unknown

ethnic origin. Drenched in puddles of butchered from one side of the ceiling to the other, in the good old days of doing it, she was marked. Even more so, bothersome as her breathe had been, he couldn't help but ask the being behind the scene:

'Why are you doing it inside the box when, there's so many fancy places of bathed green you could do it in, instead.'

'I get no satisfaction otherwise, not likely that you'd understand, as I've tried explaining it to your friend before.'

The box was wet as well. And had a cardboard tunnel truck connected to it, drawing ahead, all the way to the back. A black chocolate factory of iron-blocks melted in candy-corn, somewhere in his thoughts. He was lonely and thirsty and there was only chocolate pudding with a sweet-sprinkled on top of it, little flakes of sugar-cones vanilla flavored pikes his mouth could chew on the viscera of, only for a sweet taste of what trailed around his mouth, that being a little swollen parasite the size of his ankle, bud. The growth of lepers, all of whom begged to be put down. They were eighteen body-bag figures that trailed out of his ankle upon a small dragged by him as his, he was, leg, tagging, being an ogre's hand, heavy, with curled, 'round the bags' s' little bag-sack dragging-fat, on which his grip was anchored against, them, being dragged by him.

It was going on four hours at most, at best, segmented into sessions filled with breaks in-between made of making sure she was all right, as to not be broken too easily, only to extend the rape as far as he possibly could, even though there was no saying just what he could do, if he sniffed the wrong way, proddingly with a fistful knife.

The Broken Bloody Boney Massacre came after rape. In her:

'Ye of all ought to know that from the depths of what's been trenched before the glowing tubes that's made her throngs, no longer will there any life be made, grievous in turn as well.'

A Tumorous being that was planted in her even before the rape occurred, prior to her birth as well, while in the womb, named Helsagg, that served as a diviner for her obvious but oblivious to her, breast condition, being the reason why it was shoved in, in the first place, was now part of her upper-chest marbled, though inwardly inside, checker's board textured but covered by humanoid statuesque figures whose head-automatons were springing out, in the most unnecessarily disgustingly disturbingly hard to stare at manner, filled as they were with pseudo organically yet mechanical mouthed-wombs, out of which, tenderly tenebrous lobes filled with acre-spread horned trails of worming-moles, plastered upon her viscera connected with the tiny 'ish figure of herself that was connected with hose-tubes to the floating gloating with disease, spreading levitating organs, that were under her command, her being a baboon that began chimping around during the distress, destroying her organs out of stress, as her cavity would only heave back in and out, as many as sixteen hundred heart-beats with her smaller torso, the one in her heart-pumping acid in her glands, burning sordidly her eye-lids, liquefying her eyes-liquor-shared into pools trailing along like Mascara on a heat-driven summer of September Paradise, when the hour of midnight stroke one of the marked bones as for a strike, pounded by the hour, the tongue having slit off the side of her cartilage into a viscous pool of whitish cerebral fluid of spine, both watches being there,

flying clingly as gauged each other's sides out, while launching each other in whatever direction they could reach or aim towards, most solemnly as must:

'There's no end to this, my dear maiden, shall you concede the hour?'

'I shall wake up from this Nightmarish thing one day, and dare I say, not be raped no longer.'

'SO you shall.'

'I shall be, so.'

Thus was ended her life.

Hux A-jar

A rounded curvature could barely be seen around the lid, dried by a few sea fowlers' moons that had been present since the crude Creoles came along. The most despicable of sights drew forth.

'We won't be able to move on from that spot any longer.'

'Then stay.'

'If I do, you know what's eventually going to happen, don't you?'

'I know.'

A cyst-beaked, between them, in middle; like a rocket's launching split in halves's, but with a bud instead.

'I think we both know that's only a matter of time until one of us tires. We can't sustain the balance, let alone lend it the needed weight, can we?'

'Then leave, there's the door behind you, open. You've seen it before, even before I pointed it to you. You've seen it but you've not left yet. Why?'

You could've saved yourself a long time ago, but you're still here.'

'As I soon as I step out, it's closed. There's no way to stop it, even if I were to lodge my entire arm and side of my body, it'd be over in a clean-cut. Even if I were to let you got first, it's too long of a run for you to make it in time before it closes over.'

It feels as if, regardless of how I look at it, this' been made to have you trapped at the other end, with me escaping, with me leaving you behind, with me thinking it over. Or tiring myself up until there's nothing left to say or do.'

An arm's stretch, like in a boxer's ring, only but a problem reaching over; he could've slugged him at any point. Either man could've, but they kept their distance, at all times. Sweat had ran through what might've been taken for a long run, a marathon of some kind, or training for the Olympics, but the scent was missing, as was another day of standing. Their eyes were bleak with spirals of pudgy white, it's been another day or so of simple talk, where nothing was, so far, established. Half a shake of hand, the sly bastard almost tried it. A piece of the bud below them, had already shown signs of eruption, detrimental to both of their lives, it seemed as if the choice whether or not he would survive would be taken for him.

'In less than a week, I'd say, it's going to be done, finite, finished, completely, as either of our lives, I'd say. There's just no walk-around it, you know? There's no second chance after wars, as soon as that thing erupts.

We're standing on shaky grounds and the only thing that's keeping us from falling down is less than an inch away from melting.'

It was insane, how neither of them acknowledged it. Come to think of it, there was no reason to waste any more breathe on an.

'I can still see the roots, from what I recall.

I've been down there before, with a hedge seasoner. I've studied the structure in great detail during my stay.

'It's been so long and I'm tired, I should take a break from the path I was set on. I've been walking on this path of consternation, inside an incisor bloated hive-like cocoon filled with my furious appeasement of how things have been going so far, in the world, in a giant ink bottle whose shattered giant trunk filled with growths but made out of one piece body of intruding thoughts regarding the people I've met, whose dreams I've been let known of, as their apparent bottle-giant flea-shaped shrimp-shaped tubularly contorted come-out of the hive-like mind the people have come to lose during their impatient advent through the streets of spikes in which they have adorned their reproachful up-horn thrust of incendiary feebleness expressed in their non-desires of having chosen, or to choose, for them, but they didn't, a path in life, to follow after, now lain into coffins wide spread but like bolts and conical, being 'buried' upright instead of in the fetal position or a comfortable spot, of peace, of mind, horned but by narwhals but by drinking, horns, through which their cries could not be heard no less than the echoes of razor-molted into two elongated carpets by its side with wings, of glorious contrivances, expressed as part of their non-elegant nature, as they are shocked by worlds of viruses, realities, escapes, from their dilemmas that are drawn not by them, but by others, a pogo-stick of trails of tears of fears, expressed as angst as they're caught in a never ending-loop of jumping along, niggers, fucking kikes, during their fight against a system that's been struggling, over-pressured by modernity and other insoluble materials of vivacity, they, are forced to live through. And therefore, they must be skinned alive. Humanoids are not to be trusted.'

A sign laid outside, no humanoids allowed. No humanoids on sight, no humanoids to walk unattended by someone who owns a weapon that might thrust his guts out in a different dimension if that may need be, necessary.'

'What are you thinking of?'

‘Nothing, I’m not thinking of anything in particular, only some of the falls, there’s leaves all around where they shouldn’t. Painted, childless widow’s nails, with blue unnatural petals sinking in their house-bound’s prisoner in chains, their sexless marriage coming to an abrupt end, finally made decided to commit decide, the reign of her brothel’s plough-breeder never having worked, that he finally came to the only possible conclusion, that being, taking his life in front of a bed-driven drivelspry ankle sprained by timeless anchors pulled back up to sails of whitened bells when death part due’s promise-promised to prevail, against their proper judgment, as to keep it together but not with child, the sadness arose, when driven into the wild, she ate up a hiker, dressing in his clothes, when, beneath and out of her, a high-way road stretch of a hundred fifty seven miles a bile release that had replaced her legs but was inflated, as an oblong-blimp, with fat released as well, ten miles away from the position in which her body appeared to have taken precedent, grew a giant insectoid appendage, with two segments and a giant body bag-filled with fluid mold coming out of her, inside of which hundreds of look-a-like bodies appeared to be nesting themselves in.’

‘All of this because she didn’t get a divorce?’

‘And much, much, far worse than that, my dear companion, far, far worse.’

Profusions of the most deprecated manner intruded upon their minds, when and during, such likes were taken away from them, a delightful stare of red-orange lily’s encasted shade gusted as through pane of thunder’s light abode projected through a chrysanthemum-prism, of bold, of liter, of lightlessness departure sung, when realized that there were none to be found, upon this blissful desolation twas anchored to a land as front were warded but the soldier’s run had cast them out of a heaven driven through the ground. A boil-encased ship that carried them away, until they joined the rest of these lands, twas’ warted by the growths that lay; before them a single man:

‘I’ve met not one but two, but two, two of the same coin, brought onto you, but neither one acknowledges what I’ve done to reach the world that’s heavy. And him, of agonies, rung as shady.’

Oft was cast when better naught; its dark protrusions now come to light; an insolent delight only drilling through absinthe the gamble of the cycled moons he’s spent alluring yet to strays he seemed uncannily forlorn along the way, when talk would turn, and nastily his born-for sired, disastrous as he’d be recognized, bastards of petite-disguise, all whom masked themselves to be alike, to their master’s reproachful delight when he realized:

‘You’re my sons, but how come, so many?’

Distant

‘I’ve been infested plenty of times before, on various barely worth mentioning occasions, by several shady dealers or people whom I suspected prone to what they drive out of your body with, that kind of stuff, being riddled with, as I stand before you being in it, wearing it, having bathed in it several times, dangerous stuff, they don’t show you on TV or rub it in your face too often since they’re afraid people might pick up on in for some reason or another. It’s made me feel, strange, being a carrier. Touching

people inappropriately only to infest them, because I don't think, I didn't think I'd enjoy it. But I do, in some sick way. I am a violent man of rape after all, and I have plenty of needs I need to satiate.'

His partner in crime was standing by his side, he promised.

'I promise you that regardless of what you tell me, I will never abandon you regardless of my personal feelings I hold towards you. We shall keep this as a professional relationship, and you needn't worry about being disappointed in it.'

Since they bore the read-waxen people by their side, inside the truck; driven through the night before a sole-single, simple moon's lighted grayish shades, whom fluttered with every wing as they passed by way of derogation:

'We've killed a man.'

'You drove into him. His body still rolls. I can see it in the rear-view window. He was riding a bike but you killed him and he's dead.'

'Let us inspect the body then and see what it has to say for itself.'

Immediately said, they got out of the truck. A winter drew onward from the eastern border, where a black pudgy spherical pair of hard lumped objects that were soon identified as being large missile of plastic-junk-yard toy manufacturer variety of repurposed nickel-iron with horse-chew gum put on it, strapped to hanged men, whom were present, inside of them, hearts of elephant-dragons, all butchered with their iron deposits being ripped off out of their bodies and out of them, of little worthless wonder that was left.

Two friends

It was dark to see, from what I could remember. It drew from the side, a canopy maze of contorted green mush, spring was gone. A bodily deformity, a giant; made entirely of rusty-green screws, joined its friend, the gas-masked corpse, in wait. A ruddy shaking hand, like that of a man; it rustled but never touched.

The dead man said nothing, while the green-hurricane spread maligned gas. It moved like a child towards him, waiting. One of this day it will wake up; my friend will. He is not dead, but merely, pretending.

Rails of heaps:

Played upon each other's stranger heedless knives-sharpened needles, all trapped by hinges, dripping continuously on each tile- each block of iron-wood, upon which they stood, dark in appearance and filled with a disgusting inflammable fluid that sprouted about. But they were all locked inside a single house. Where there wasn't enough space for anything else. Yet they brought a subject in the middle of in, leaving him there all alone in hopes he'd starve. Even dressed him in a suit of armor, with many manes in the back, many faces that had been sutured off some people, that were placed like the most unnaturally

dark, most stridently disgusting things, a necklace clad not to be used by anyone else. But they all spoke and pointed at a single thing forth.

‘The door, you need to reach the door, son, if you will yourself alive, if you want to somehow survive, you’ll need to put an unfathomable amount of effort that’s never been seen by anyone in this lifetime alone, do you understand?’

It’s not an easy thing, to be certain, but it’s definitely achievable. You’ll need to start a fire first, otherwise, you’ll lose your mind trying to snick in a popper!’

Place of worship:

Chimes aren’t supposed to look that way. It must be a result of the storm; the constant junk being thrown from one sand quay to another, after all the local machines being shaken over by force.

‘Open up the TV, I think I hear a few more hooligans making their way in!’

There were a few uglier, much uglier, too ugly to mention, unnaturally headed-from one side of the other, of their bodies, dark-creatures, all walking in creak-surroundings, with legs of metal, carrying towers, on top of which men were chained, by their legs to the highest domed roof that came out of the back of their heads as well as their backs, through which, one plate open. Every single time, every single one, but they were all too unnatural to count or would’ve been counted dead a long time ago. Their lot was done for. Growths of tubes-coming out of them, like some unnatural almost mosquito-beams, pulsating, emanating light, creating a most obscured delight of come-together lights.

It should make no other deliberate sense that the man in charge of them, was the same wretched master of the hound, whose collection of many screws were known to all, at least when the poisonous death-imbued clouds settled down. There was no possible reaction to what was going there, other than, allowing the few seconds to fade away. Some lights in the distance signaled another cargo making it safely. By the tall one:

‘Let him in, he’s one of us, he’s one of us, I’m telling you!’

They had.

A big one, a flier; fat human, almost a blood-sucker’s giant head, two tops, his head being a patch of wooliness sutured to the rest of its face, and crawled deeper, then deeper and deeper still inside. No lower jaw but what came out of the little body it had was the giant two segmented appendage it constantly jabbed away at the air with, around the wild-surroundings, creeping about as to get closer in order to take another shot at what he could. A satchel shaped body, compact with a single tiny tail converged in it, bearing the appearance of a pincer, but no more. Its head, this giant boat-motor, ice-box shaped fat-thing and its mouth-stinger obscured most of everything, wherever they could look towards, whenever as to drink, with leper-strength, it thrust forth.

Yet he was seen as one of them. Mainly they were, very much afraid of what he might do, if such unrest, of every day was brought. If anything uneven said, and stopped:

‘He’s ugly, disgusting look, why are we allowing him entry in the first place? Can’t you see that this is a bad idea? Too worse of an idea to make it work?’

Because it will start feeding on us, I know it will. The first chance it gets, it will come at our throats. And when it happens, don't let me tell you.'

'Enough of it!'

'No, I can't let him walk unimpeded. You know what they're like, the ones that fly. They grow all wrong in the head, they're made to abolish whatever else there is of their bodies until their heads overly inflate, just like their egos, fat, fat-balloons, disgustingly all-around. And worse of all, that thing that appeared out of its mouth, it's way too unnatural, even for someone like him. Such a change would be deemed unnatural to anyone else.'

'Yet we can freely breathe and we know as much, that, some change to our internal organs has as much altered us completely, to a point where I doubt we're much, if recognizable at all. You may not want to admit it either, but, it is what it is. We can't judge him, honestly, for what's been done to us. It could happen again, we could start flying out of nowhere, or worse.

What's happened inside of us could and might as well just show up, outside; as some wild mutation. And what will you when you wake up one day, turning about as you've realized you've sweat profusely throughout the night, incapable of fully falling asleep, only at the sound of, you know; the noise caused by everyone who they themselves would be incapable of dealing with what's happened to them. But even before you could lay Eve's eyes onto them, you'll see, first the mirror, brought in front of you, by the bed.

You thought it a nightmare, you thought it was somewhere else, some ugly, nasty, painting. I suppose. But no, it's you, my friend, it's you. There's no way to hide it either, because everyone else will find out eventually and that's the worst part.'

The mutations were uncontrollable; to a point where they affected everything, even the immaterial.

Ghostly tumors with weird elongated eyes appeared out of nowhere, inside giant rounded-egg cracked shells inside of which pools of strange people that had been killed, all shot in the back, with their hearts out pulsating, fifteen meters in the air, dripping on top of them, as 'short-circuit' shots would emerge yet again, cracking lightning rods' worth of power-strangling, as well as strongmen's share of weight-drop that would crush the very atoms around them until the point stopped, and they could not longer eat, and eat they had, spitting out even tinier fragments of hearts that polluted the air.

A man in the distance shouted:

'They're spitting red! You see that?'

'I see it, I see it mighty and fine, but don't count on me to clean it afterwards. It think that Hurk's doing its fair share of spreading it around by itself. Wait, I think I, yes.

Listen, go around the tool bar and bring me one of those things, you know which ones, the tube-fridges, the one that has some faces embed onto them. They should all be put inside one of those wooden Vietnamese bathtubs, the traditional ones, the ones filled with raped-women, the Gooky-eyed ones. You know what I'm talking about.'

'C-O-R-R-E-C-T, sir, I know that Johns. I know that very well. I think I'm going to, yes, here it is.'

He had it in sight. An ugly thing, compact but wheeled. Whoever had this fine idea of equipping all of these fridges with wheels was a god-damn genius. They worked like freshly baked fine burnt-bread and he liked it even better while knowing that these faces appeared to belong to soldiers he didn't even know existed prior to him having taken a bite out of them.

'Don't bite shallowly!'

One of them said. From the taste of it, he had been a career officer or something. With a magnet lodged inside his brain, that appeared to draw out itself, some unnaturally dark elements that oozed and glowed, with puffs of glow-blue around them, reigns and crowns and unnatural things that entered his vision now, all the tall dark skeletons of red, dancing and running around him, as if he's eaten a bunch of psychedelic mushrooms instead. It made him feel all bad inside, all the worse for the others that were incapable of fully understanding what was going on or why. Why would one succumb to this need to eat them?

'I've seen it before, the dark spirit cone, that's dreary, call of Nak, he's in the distance and he's yet be brought onto justice like everyone deserves to have him sought, then killed, with such a rapier thin that no sane man, bore upon a horse bearing mane, completely encompassed by it as if eaten by a pit of sand would have it.

And the others, do you see them, boy?'

'I think I can, but I don't want to do it anymore! Please, stop this, stop this now! I don't want to be forced to bask upon their darkened light, upon their ugliness that I may see no more!'

'They're armed, yes, and they don't like being looked at for too long a period of time, this could be dangerous. You sure he can actually, no.'

'It's what I thought, his intent could be interpreted as some intention wilt for war. A quay of death to sail no more but drown the kid inside some cat-filled with well.'

It wasn't that he knew no less, it wasn't even as dangerous to consider the fact that there were such things. Since all these ghoulish figures that appeared, empty eyed as if sullen, and swollen and forgotten with every moment that would grant them the desire to return as well. They were not breathing, if one were not to count the incandescence they displayed when no one was watching, nor wailed around, for empty pail.

'Be careful, the ones up-high, the tall ones, they could trample on top of you, they could kill you any moment if they were to step a toe too far.'

Another side of the fridge spoke.

Who was inside? It was an accomplishment that no torso-elongation-being whose head splintered in a few bits, all bearing one eye, but it was not humanoid, even though the superficial resemblance appeared to communicate of the little and the less.

'It's an abhorrent behavior and we can expect nothing less from someone such as yourself, a pitiful example that no man would even want or hope to serve under, since you've driven everyone out of the barracks before the first wave of gases came into the sight, and now?'

Within a second, before the Soldier Gah could finish, the pollution, the hurricane and the poison and the gas, di-di-di-di, were all gone, in a moment, in an instant, with at little left behind as the chaos that erupted next.

A days' worth of days passed. And they were woken up, as if from their graves, all aligned behind a line.

Everyone but it; a wall creature, extremely wide, ugly, almost fallen apart, a beast. A nigger's face stretched onto it, flat eyes, flat features', like a Gook's; extremely and beyond ugly, beyond comprehension, a beast with no intention to open its mouth, since it was very much impossible for it to be properly done.

It was titillating yet bothersome, being stared at by a wide-filthy sub-human nigger, a wall of a beast that could easily be crushed, or pushed over its back, from a position it could not lift itself back from, yet they didn't want to touch it. No one wanted to approach that insolently, disgustingly, subhumanly wretched thing that was something beyond even the most illimitable things that had ever encumbered this world, or any other, no sane man being as much as capable of standing before it without a will to strike, yet met by a countenance that purposefully defeated that which may have just have distraught any other man in turn, since this terrible thing moaned and groaned. Then revealed, its mouth opened, like a pyramid but flailed were those flat-lips as they peeled off it.

'This nigger has some big eyes, don't you think? Both of which move in every direction at once, even though we can't observe it; just like most niggers, it must've been drugged by its master, thenceforth made lay waste onto whatever it could fling itself against unflinchingly until the most terrible of things could happen to come and near its waste and beyond that. I cannot say much. Beasts like these ones appear every now and then with nothing else but a wreathing sekt for reason to spread destruction upon every plain of plan, even the poor grains of sand that now stand beneath it.

There's no saying on what it destroyed, this nigger-fiend, while we were asleep, or why it's decided to show up after the poison started dreading itself out of existence.

Yet, if there's one thing clear, if there's one thing as clear as daylight could be. That's certainly the fact that we must put this nigger-beast down before it throttles what's left of the moon, what's left of this fine land before it spreads here and there, in open-wide terrain and breeds, with dogs or other animals, until it forms thousands of filthy niggers that would block everything in turn, until no space could be allowed for any of us to move, either back or forth, or any other way there is.'

It leaped out of place, going at it against one of the most, heavier clouds that were hanging low on every possible side. A dead man erupted out of another. He was patched all around the body, bandaged as if he had just come out of a nurse's office, or some camp after being roughened up by a complete show of artillery's falling over, no more than what anyone would deserve to know.

Eyes, adding up to many beads and many ugly foot-tips that were formed upon the base of that flat thing, the moon behaved, yet it was a grave, behind, holding endless bodies that had been brought from the other side of the world, all forming chains and leashed and various other formations come out of the dark frontiers that had been brought out of the darkest corners, the two gods being responsible for it, as one, they thought, but one turned itself into the abyss puffing dark-ultramarine flashing thing it was, out of which billions of rotten, darkly forgotten, covered in red, thrust around and all whom had been dead were

just as soon delivered. Yet out of whom, a bodily creation alive. A dark thing but yellowish and as if made out of a single stone it drew itself out of the main pile of corpses that were almost made to look as if they had been wished into existence, isolating itself only to cackle at the unrest. It should've made no difference, of how ugly, how deformed, how unnaturally strange it looked as if. Mourned for, then made to be thrown around, mounted in the ground's abode, fashioned like the rest of them, to come, and see, then deeper-still.

'You have not escaped just yet.'

It wasn't them, it couldn't be them, no, no, it could not be the wretches that had dug themselves in the lamentable minds of every corpse that had endured the travel, yet as seen benign, would they wrench themselves abhorrently, yet anchored closer.

'It's not you, it's not him either, but who?'

'A friend, a friend that shall guide you from this point on until you've made the journey into the pile, where you shall bury yourself and escape for some time now.'

'Why should I trust you then?'

'I'm afraid this might be your only choice to make something of it, if, it comes to it, that is. You must trust me with all of your life, to hinge yourself upon no stone's quiet and allow me to do something others would not allow.

Implant a piece of myself into you, great ruler-maligned. I shall see to it that you shall be finely rewarded if it comes to it, that is to say, for you to survive.'

'No distinction between them. There's none to be had, we've completely removed all means that would help one inquire of who they are, what they are or whether or not there's any identifiable way to allow one to distinguish between them, all within the passing of an hour, irreversible even. And we've got no one else to thank but you!'

'Are they, may I?'

'Of course you may, you're the project leader after all, these are the fruits of the labor you yourself have worked hard for, harder than anyone else involved in the project. That, of course being a lie, but would you expect any better? Would you expect anyone else to stand against you when they're all dead?'

'I wouldn't want to intrude on your parade, but, may I see them at work?'

'What of the eulogy? There's certainly something in there.'

The altar-sun held by the upward-pointing anchor-like structure, bearing a bile of mass, plump growths that only reminded one of what had been stolen from man eerily jerked as it was approached by them. Not a single word nor whisper would suffice; since it only served as a means to taunt them, with every second they spent after, being reasonless, as if to understand why.

'Are they supposed to be stored in it?'

‘I don’t know.’

‘Will you tell me of something you do know?’

‘Then it would be unfair towards the other ones. The other parties do have a stake in this as well, and that, I cannot truly discern between the clients, even though you’ve served just well enough, under surveillance that is, we cannot give you more than that. With regret, I must let you know that you’re only allowed to peer on them and as little more, not else.

It’s an unfortunate, I know. But that’s how it is, that’s how things work, or have to work from this point on, since they bought it.’

‘My entire research wing with every man and every piece of meat in it?’

‘Of course they have, even you, I suppose it would be fair to say, they won the bid. They own all of us and it’s only going to get worse from this point on. Since they intend on doing things you wouldn’t even dream of being possible if you were still in charge.

A drop, let’s start with that, there’s going to be a huge drop in, let’s refer to it as the mechanisms that are at play or responsible for the continuation of the life-support of this zone and the adjacent ones to them. Since they don’t need to breathe or consume anything, there won’t be any need for those things, at least for a while, until some of the hardier men all come down from the other side of the world, and stomp in the competition with their Para-scanners.’

‘I’ve heard about those, but I didn’t think they’d be possible, at least it’s something that, it’s not supposed to work either in theory, on paper or in practice. They’re beyond the feasibility of that which is even remotely convenient to exist in the realms of the real world.’

‘Unfortunately, they’re capable of scanning and readdressing the problem of the life-fluctuations in the area where plenty of them’ve been. Implanting whatever they’ve dragged out of their cocky-bastard stone formations, rooks of falling snow, the sandpits and everything else that’s been wasted along the way in order to bring them in.

Call them recyclers, yeah, that’s fitting; but as much as they’re bead-spoken of, and about, I’m afraid that they’re capable of reproducing edible materials as well as oxygen, as long as there’s some kind of organic body they could wrap their hands around. And that is much more easier or seems to be much easier than it’s been before, since, with the technology advancing, you know the rest. They’ve progressed far beyond what we’d thought them capable of.

Now we’re to suffer the consequences, as well as them.’

A marvelous sight soon enough made revealed. They reveled in the sight of it, even if it was only for a moment or so. It would be irrelevant to ask either way, but not a single man out there had chosen this by any means. Victims wouldn’t fit as a classification either since there was no man without a sign and no glory that would otherwise be shown to bear itself forward for no carcass that spoke no word, instead chose to spread and put the placed back where they had been taken out of. Taking them out, putting them in, making sure there were no defects in the panels behind them, or no one hiding, most importantly, no one hiding, since that had been by far, the worst thing that could’ve happened. Workers playing with

puzzle pieces then acting as if they were shocked at what was happening behind the closed curtains; and much-much worse, if something appeared on the other side, in that falsely-flagged abyss, it could by no means be human, or one of them either. There was, under no possible circumstance whatsoever be anything else than something sprouting and spanning millions of miles up in the air, or something far beyond the outer reaches of such a height, to the point where transparency meant insolence to the outer-growths that came out of it; one who had clearly appeared as soon as they were done, talking about their nonsense in the most alluring way possible, a twinge for every nook it took down, for the foliage was one of blackened rods and other fallen apart pieces, but it stood tall. Somewhat of a chick inside an incubator being released too soon of an appearance, most dreadfully insolent and filled with lesser strings of far that grew on sight, and almost made themselves be known to those other ones that followed soon enough. A pseudo beak was only formed out of the many boils that were clearly outwardly not only protruding but started moving while wincing, jerkily themselves away, drawing breath whenever the casings were released as well, when finally the curtain fell, when the pieces of the puzzles were drawn, they had taken away only some bricks and revealed the empty, space.

‘There’s no vacuum any longer.

I think they’ve eaten the stars as well.’

Space appeared to be floored, beaten and allowed to rest on a surface that extended in some infinity where every other, spared stone or crackling asteroid, of any other less formation that had followed soon about, they had suffered the same treatment as they had them go through, all the way through and gone, were their thoughts when finally met by this conundrum.

‘What shall we do about them?

Can the scanners deal with these things?’

Still tall-like lymph-node bulb-heads, or elongated stalks that bore light-bulbs, where they were joined soon after in some communion of boils that allowed them to share in that substance they shared so dearly for their life’s least important bothersome touch.

Again, one drew nearer to what was left of this wall’s side. They couldn’t enter inside, but the boils amassed, forming a great seed that flew right through, expanding, then forming a strange syringe-like cysted with rings, holding many lesser arms –satellite, which changed in color, from some see-through yellow, to a strange blue-red beyond the black, acid-like gust-mist, out of which some darkened stone began forming, like frozen in-mid air crystalline-formations that were endowed with the most unnaturally hard to fathom, smaller spatially deformed great obelisks, two of them, shaped along a trail made as if by the tail of a scorpion readying itself to strike, with the beads of fat and with the inner-fetus-like pumping creatures that used both of these structures as a means to survive, at the tip of which finally they released some inner-wave like blood-clot transfusion kind of weird globular spheres of a few unnaturally dissected out of some lower-species, ranging diameters that soon entered the bubbling forms of the outer-drawn husks that were these fleshy suits of mindlessness the workers had been forced into. They were cut, but no motion of cutting had been observed. They were bleeding but no blood came out. There were bubbles but there was no air. They were souls, but they had been soulless all along. And most importantly there was no explanation what this substance that was being extracted out of them, slowly, one by one, by the

globules that soon enough retracted and hid away from sight had been. Nor would there be a chance to ask, since, it came it unannounced.

Or the three of them, to be more precise; great-tri-bodied torsos, rotten faces, blackened armored, with the pipe-like pea-shooters, submachine-gun, filled with gas-like puckery coal-funnels. Witnessing this, the door opened, as if it had been asked to do it, without even wasting a warning before they could finally be brought down. A few of the workers were immediately shot before they could react, before they could even propagate whatever there was that they shared between one another, as well as.

Information:

‘I think there’s a problem here.’

‘This is what you get for replacing me. I supposed them, the higher ups much more intelligent than this. But seeing how this is not exactly what they’ve expected, I’d say.’

‘It’s inconclusive.’

A nasty-fucking screen, talking back; you should be shattered! He thought. Thinking itself better than I am, thinking that I’m simply going to bow down my head and act as if they’re much better, much, much better than I’ll ever be.

Stride along and wait.

‘A process had started already, that cannot be undone.’

A ship had sailed and not a single sane man could be had or taken yet for granted. Sacked, were a few rafters the man went nearby by it, drooping jaw being placed on top of his neck, bobbling his head downward, to brothel his way through a few flights of ‘stairs’ automated, as he simply descended through a maze, then stepped on his own toes, winging himself closer to the door, half-opened by the time he pushed it fully open, where, nodding disappointingly aware, away from the crowd, that was in the sector four, the other zone being contaminated, at the very least for a few more moments until the air supplies were fully consumed, then wasted on, wasted himself, drooping by a cradle, bathing a snare upon a walk at unawares benign, as he opened his eyes no sooner than he realized that he was again alone, with no one around him. And there was also the incompetence of losing a shout, a cradle about the hourglass; but not a single candle in sight.

‘No one’s here to hear you scream, even though that can’t be completely interpreted as such.’

Second message come from the screen. It was getting ridiculous, beyond it, no one in their sane minds would stand there, like that, taking it as if they were some punching bags, like niggers, cowardly ensnared. Not a single diamond in the rough to make it as if, sooner or later it would be fair, or much fairer to raise a torch; skin and embroil, a spineless bothersome obelisk not gone. In the same fashion they had appeared, so had the lost one disappeared away from sight. A bothersome allure, and then, with a puff, they were gone.

‘And a leper man arrives!’

A voice had come and then announced, but this time it had been prepared. The seed of boils drew back as well, as it wouldn't want to make too much noise now. Too evident, too annoying, to have it soothe.

'Space is being devoured yet not a single one of you shook or made it well haven trashed.'

But there was no telling from which exact spot it had come from. Nor of the consequences that followed of the project being abandoned if a single man appeared to have come and smashed. A single brim of tools that stood erected.

The fall

'Eventually, just you wait for them, they'll join us. I know they will, you just count on it. Eventually, I tell you!

Every single living man, every single living being, all will join us in the chasm, and they shall lay with us from this point on, without concern, without a doubt.'

'Will they like it here? In this dead-place, in this wretched hole where their holistic reality will simply slide into, falling out of place.

'I doubt it, not since they're very much alive. They're too real, physical, minded by objects that are poisoned, by so many unnatural things that seem to harm us with everything that's yet endured. It's simply something that's unavoidable, I suppose. Since many of them, the people are taught things in a certain way.

Primates, it's what I've heard they are. It's what they're called and used for, since the fall has already commenced and many of them are still yet to acquaint themselves with our fine-folk.'

'Don't do something unappealing or something that will have them nibble at our fingers or our toes. You know how they get then and after. How they like playing the fools. How they employ the most disgusting things and bring forth their living arms and tools. They're something disgraceful, shameful, they represent only the most disturbing aspect of our kind; regressing in their hobbles of dirt, and into their plain to see disgusting holes, when we.'

'I'm afraid we're being watched, lady. This isn't a safe place to be seen in. We'll have to leave immediately!'

'Shouldn't we at least try to wait until the rain settles down?'

'We can't. There's just too much at stake and little more to be said between us.'

'Then leave. I'll stay behind.'

‘I can’t let you do that either; if I leave, that very black and white marbled door will automatically open for a man you’ve never seen throughout the entirety of your life. And he will crack a shot at you. And you will die as soon as he is done.’

‘This apartments are full of them, I can smile if you’d like.’

‘Your face would be more endearing that way, go ahead, you’ve my permission. If the pain persists, I’ll have no other option than to cull the lot and pull you out of this room myself, then fling you in his arms so he could have an easier time killing you.’

‘Why are you being so cruel to me? I’ve done nothing but show you with endless waves of sensible, tranquil and lovely yet carnality be put aside, affection. What changed?’

‘It is for that reason alone that I choose to leave you behind; I’ve grown tired of you, of using you, of thrust my things against your body and against your insignificant lumped-together pig-fat I am from this point on repelled by.’

‘But I’m not overweight, I’m thin, thin as a board, certainly there must be another reason for you acting this way.’

‘Another woman, women actually, hundreds of them I’ve fallen in love with. And all of them way beyond cheerful to replace you! They would, at the beat of a heart. This carnal rage of mine can only be satisfied by thousands of women, then a housewife I’m going to most likely cheat upon. As I’m the villain; my villainous rampage cannot yield until fully met. My carnivore desires expand for more than mere mortal flesh.’

‘Then I suppose I’m left with nothing more but die.’

‘On this very bridge your fate will be decided.’

Since the bridge stretched all the way to that tiny building they were connected to. And the ‘room’ they were in had been carried away by the smoke which had already hardened at the spots where the pieces of the ceiling, part of the floor, walls, the windows, the window blinds, the furniture, the carpets, the lamp, various drops of paint, some old manor-like paintings dating back to the sixteen hundreds, some animals that were cruelly kept in cages, some wall-hidden riddled with growths that had elongated rat-tails as well as humanoid skulls for heads that were extended a few feet from the area towards which they had once been ‘magnetized’-drawn towards, before being completely drawn into it, with bodies that were many faceted and appeared to have man’s-faced- with worm bodies and worm arms and worm legs that were held in see-through coffin-formation filled with preservation fluid that made it so these creatures looked like some sort of peculiar mechanical mixers.

Off Hand’s over the shoulder view revealed the side-long arm-stretch of a floating door; which had its bottom wall-filling, as it was no longer mounted into one, fully encompassed by the hardened almost neuron-sea formations, a web-like eerie gelatin thing that was dripping with moisture as it rejoined the controlled gas; since it was but a toxic powdery gust coming out of the great shell-like formations off the side of the cliff; out of giant slug-like faces that constantly puked since they, at the bottom of the ravine bore hundreds of pipes that were all connected to giant growth-organs that had been mechanized then

filled with giant Cuban-like cigars. Both Hand Offsluck and Jane Horr were actively feeling the effects of a most bothersome toxin that was tearing them apart from inside out. She lost a leg and was bleeding into nothingness; as one of the 'planks' that made the bridge simply drew back in, in a most mechanical kind of manner. They choked on the smoke. Jane was left with a black cancerous tumor-growth for a lump, caused by the incessant smoking she was forced to breathe in. It spread like an infection of tar that became an elongated tree-trunked in bulk root that shot onto the ground.

'I won't be the executioner Jane. I'm much better than that. I could not fathom leaving you to die out here alone.'

'That a rifle on you?'

'I saved it for a special occasion, but I'm not going to be the one that kills you. It's either him or you're doing it yourself.'

'You want me to end my own life in front of you? How is that not cruel?'

The smoke already corroded half of her face which had become an oblong growth as if it were welded in by weld-wire.

Rapier of Hillum

'Oft there is of any reason to continue whenever they look down yet rescind something that would've hanged upon the brow of the falling planes that have amassed in spare.'

'There's only one wing left, what'd you expect?'

'Some survivors at the very least, not to anger the one working with them; but I've listened unimpressed and I've since found no other man hiding in the wreckages, nor inside the plains, the ones hidden thither and away; once apart, the culprit that's been seen will be here at once. I know it to be so!'

A day apart was waited by them near one of the only, most absurd music's come to an end tune; whenever missing and mixed with, strung abhorrent yet come upon were they not listened to.

'I see but a single arch coming from that far end.'

He gutted one of the rocks, out of which an oyster clam's rose –inside shone upon the strike up-front, twisted-in the curve, the shining forth as it's been thrown through the sickeningly stoles of pebbles and of empty bodiless flung apart.

'One of the files you've been working on Gourney, there's something I'd like you to go back to, backtrack if you will, only for a moment or so until, there. That line, precisely that line, I'd like you to go over it again.'

'What's wrong with it?'

‘Nothing, of course there’s nothing wrong with it; maybe not the line itself but the people involved in it. The professor, that’s the one, that’s exactly what I’m talking about, the side of street seems too familiar to me to simply let go of.’

‘The Island stretches for miles at times.’

‘It seems to me that it’s now connected to their part of the town, barely dimly lit, still, oft night I see. Shade’s being thrown in the distance, can you see it?’

Past the open hanger, up-lifted sight:

It was a senseless compression from one sight to another, two bulbic spheres, a normal sun and a puffier one, standing as representatives as they oozed with power and with light alongside the dark and the lightened recess of the blasphemous holes, facets as well as the other deformations against which they shot their many pea-shooter straw-thin elongated lobes. It was a mess of unfathomable proportions, yet it was there.

‘You’ve pointed in that direction yet yearned for such a thing as one would call for, an investigation. Could it be that you still fear to approach it?’

‘Claire!’ Clearly dumb-found he stroke the pin again; having the door opened on a whim before she entered. His secretary, as youthful as in the day she’s had her. Behind, the stretch, the compartment of a plane, reeling back and forth with two leashes, whips made out of two ripped away rails it used to crawl along. It bequeathed an approval to get out of this trap. Not a man responded yet, she asked:

‘Is there something you would need, sir?’

He will find me out. Will thought. He will find out about the premonition the conical frog had whispered to me in my ear during the blissful dream of end-age run.

‘We shall go there at once then!’

It was settled, as they walked through the door, taking Claire with her in the trunk near the stopper, the broth of many barrels forming a strange cord. A few wheels on both sides, and a few more apparently humanoid casks lain on top the tomb-like formation that lay inside the prior to their entry-door. The car being segmented into two main pieces, the front compartment with four seats and the one behind, separated by a downwardly retractable door that allowed one to see the other one. Inside of it lay the ooze-dripping transparent gelatin door inside of which the tomb was cast in, on top of which the ‘humanoids’ almost made a mount, a pile, strapped and benighted, the barrels having formed the chitinous membrane that formed this unnatural thing that withheld all from entering; the fashionable corpses having gathered around, heaving their flat forward cast thing caskets sprouting out of their pyramided pincer-helms, with their flat, upward-at-the-sky googly bulbs suddenly having curved in the front as the car stopped in the middle of the road, most people rotated at them, but with one exception, a giant see-through of glass with a humanoid-bulbic brain floating in place, surrounded by metal bands of ‘iron’-like twists as well. A pseudo-sea ray of iron coming out of the iron-rose bud that lay in front of them, -kind of appearance to every single corpse’s helmet, although they were not like any other seen before corpse since they had been forcefully extracted recently, the deprave spoke again:

‘Let us in and sweat, for the heat shall lay upon you a nail of many faces, that thee upon thine road might see mischievous!’

‘There’s a reason you were asked to come in. Please, have a seat near one of the empty holes, the ones in the furniture, the ones in the syphilis-like people that are shaking near them, the tall demonical figurines on the shelves near you and the Despot, whose servitude is mine alone to call upon when time un-gone. I think there’s someone listening on us.’

‘Who would that be?’

‘I’m uncertain to a point; else, withheld from choosing, might I be spoiled not to spare. There’s something down the line anyway.’

‘What is?’

‘Another similar to him, the Despot walks with many a-like but he cannot wince at a single one whether or not that makes any ill-felt sense.’

‘Will you give something in return?’

‘Unfortunately, I cannot!’

Not while the fungi was approaching, forming a strange elongation that occult alone could not have summoned from the vile Empress herself; for her domain alone appeared to be seeping in.

‘A Cypress for the Empress, lack of a mind, and to it, a filter of the silk-n- rodded mind; but lo, he’s coming.’

One of the lord that governed over bile, large meaty head, an oyster-like thing opened with many rubbery teeth that crawled inside his gums like worms, a single tape-one whipping vertically while flung and held in the air, akin to some numb bear, a wing to its right side, and one molded into its head, in the mouth, having absorbed an eye, coming out like a puffy thing or some parasite; preventing it from fully opening as it arrived.

There, on sight, it grinned.

‘I see that you’ve been messing with some of the stoles and flocks or birds of death, the ones I’ve found lying near my cemetery-bed, but you’ve yet to become made of a mind.’

‘We shall not lend onto you the same ammunition that shall have us shot at the back of our heads tonight!’

‘My will shall not prevail, and that, on top a quail I shall have it wilt delivered onto you by chance, and have another one bring ransom to your souls at the time they shall be brought to my domain of pain.’

For the sky darkened, filled with rough smoke.

In the distance there lay a flying pair of barracks, all torn apart but neighboring one another. They looked out of place, many hill-shaped buildings with one exception, an altar-rectangular-pillar which depressed

in a cave-like entrance that was pushed inside in a giant backward on an incline downward pointing cylinder, where hundreds of coffin-like moved by a system of metallic arm-like things, flying and with bulb-rounded bodies, with eyes at the end of their tail-like static pipe; stored the thousands of dead-like machine chamberlains before they could be used again. A strange 'island' unit, 'patch' of ground with a few buildings stuck on it appeared to be detached but at the same time attached by a depressing bridge that connected it to the main base it was a part of.

'There's the scent of perfume I've been looking for, think there's some left inside?'

'Nay, not that I think of anything ill now, but we're standing at the crossroads of near-to-die!'

Somewhere the true rapier existed. A large cylindrical device; entered through a giant mass, pumping inside of it, pure men, of growths come out, filled with antler-like spreads of geometrically imprinted on their bodies, giant spreads in which they crawled with hundreds upon hundreds upon hundreds of many more like them as well, as many others that didn't exist by any other mean at all.

'I am of a sort that does not belong in here.'

'You are to watch over the few that make it all the way through and ease their passing as well, otherwise you shall be cowed and put in trappings such as to be sent to the stooper soon after!'

There were signs of Mortis just about everywhere an eye could see. A giant trash-sack bullfrog belly with an open lid-flat oblongoid of a head holding onto it by a few thin rope-teeth; eyeless but with the empty sockets in place; an organic wart-covered pseudo flattened and then fattened stove of mass; leaping around in search for something, more of the obfuscated bodies as well as bones, the ones that were clearly waiting for it to maim-lick-slurp the marrow clean off them.

'I am in search of some eyes; would any of you agree as to lend onto me a shuddersome donation?'

'We do not make such inquires to a broth of skin!'

Let alone to one as putrid as it'd been.

'Filthy parasites! I will sacrifice as many of you as I can!'

A lot of them would be a handful for anyone with a hardened back, especially since they showed no sign of kicking some back off the trail.'

'I'm saddened as well, that we'd have to do this, you know? To one of ours, if he did it first; first time's the worst. I wouldn't bear to forgive myself for what would allege of him after.'

A giant flat compact fridge-like skull of some tawny brawn- bag like strapped on top of a giant worm-like tube that was attached to the lower part of its nostrils as well as the entirety of its lower-side, jawless as it were, eyeless, and seemingly more of a flaccid mask than an actual skull. A dead-look on its' face. Many like it soon followed. Completely organic in the way they turned and curved.

So many people depend on it. The rapier feeds them, it feeds its citizens as if they're its children; albeit there's never been a chance to hope shattering it; there's still a chance to still withdraw. After what's it done to the houses; to their homes, to the people who are now hooked on it; incapable of escaping by their

own accord as they chained themselves with the feeders, crops of cotton-like blobs entering them, all come from one of the lesser rapiers grown at the end of the village, this small town a sample of what's to come. From one end to another, from one vicious looking insignificant other that could not withdraw the reigns or hope they could climb on top one of the leprous trains and leave. Too weak to do so; a door opened and fell. Looters often came, but stopped when they saw a man unhooked.

'You'd better run before they get you too!

I heard they're preparing to charm them with a crumbling stove and spread it from one end to another until they've bathed all of us into a pyre of smoke.'

'I'm not afraid of standing up for my people!'

'I beg your pardon, but they're that bulb's, that radish of fat, the crumbling tower-thing that flops and wriggles and feeds them growth.'

Lodged in every house now, conquered with no hope.'

'There's still a chance to save them, isn't there? I simply say. I'd think there'd be a machine keeping the rapier alive! It's partly inorganic as life itself wouldn't survive in one of those!'

'Unless it's attached to one of the lesser blocks of meat, the squarish pyramid triangular below, the wretched singer with many faces that feed the blobs that grow beneath it, which grant it a divine right to enter each man's soul and form him of a perfect marble.'

A terracotta army of angels moving beneath the underground chambers; the man knew the truth. But the soulless would come after him if they found him out. He had no gut, hence no need to feed. The looters were cannibals and criminals, but somehow they pervaded the likings of theirs, that struggled. A skin only flashed upon one another if glistening like one's brother. And they were as dissimilar as one could not think of anything more opposite than alike.

As of now, there's not a single livid entourage to the man sitting in front of them, to be discerned by the device; at which memory's incomplete epitome diaphragm complete destruction's reach had been completely burnt to a pulp; unending.

'Good's man lord coming from Wyoming, I see!'

'There's twenty more like them waiting in line, trying to set their foot in past the threshold, think they're not replaceable by us? I think we ought to kill them for burning the Constitution and pissing on the flag!'

'Great one Dement; Admiral, may I, if it's possible, enter the first crystal?'

'Eight lay broken by disease, but I suppose there'd be something in it for you to look in!'

'There's still something I've yet to ask!'

Of course he wouldn't. If only he would. Of course he would. If only he shut his mouth and didn't move; it'd be much easier to get to him and do him harm. Most interesting if one could have it now; but there, there; they were of an opinion that no one was to be spared if it could be even feasibly achievable to

cleanse them all ethnically! It would be warmly felt, if that meant a thing at all. They would have to deal with the mighty mystifying test of least-leprous endurance, hardly withheld from any if not all, but theirs. It was the ingratitude he showed what tipped them off to his true, turbulent-like nature, which very much, remotely so, abhorred even the most moderate of the council members, who stood on blocks of servants piled together, molded into barrel-shapes.

‘A rotten tower in that case! We shall exchange every single one of our hearts for a rotten tower, which shall not be toppled by anything that would cast away, whichever there be, or therefore see, a reason to seep in and cast away the agony which is misgiving!’

‘I’d think there was such a thing as a scuffle for us to be aware of! Is there not?’

‘Silence, silence in the court! There’s no reason to adjourn or seek a trifle of this insolence, disciple! I call upon you to bring upon us further proof of what’s been done, the harm tempered and therefore gone, but we cannot say, therefore. A little more of the matter unless proof is brought onto the court, there, there, silence I say!’

The Jury would prevail, but the court was open, the door struck, over there! Of course it would be, a large crowd connected to another that were standing upon their shoulders like a ladder, carrying a platform-like structure split in four sides, on top of which four great beings, humanoids like were kept levitating on top of each, in the middle, whereas their heads kept changing in forms; strange things hard to discern anymore. Yet, surrounding them was a pitch black filled with dancing figures, madly trying to condescend what appeared to be naught else but a peculiar cove-cavern they came out of. In the back a giant dwarfish spined figure; with two heads pointing on both sides, socketless, but armed with pistons coming out of them; two arm-like guns coming out, pointing at the four; chains appeared to be lodged beneath and every neatly, spoken-so of, eroded ankle-clasper held as well; handcuff appeared to be a thing of bluff. Were they really such entrapped? Or fear of being shot had taken them for the wretched they were, plenty withheld, others did not!’

‘Is there a reason they’re but here? We were not announced of such a figure!’

‘This is no court any longer, under the orders of his Majesty, this court is dissolved, entirely so, and everyone it is to be put on immediate trial!’

‘Guilty!’ Rejoined the other head, while spinning his Gattling-gun-like tubes, pointed at them still, barely holding on the urge to kill them on the spot, cackling as well in triumph of having almost gotten so much closer than was needed to get-still. It was a play for both of them, a game of luck; a game of chance. One arm stopped, the other kept rolling on. The other started again, but froze the other just as soon as they started playing still. To have discerned such virulent appeal; earlier it happened for him to be plain. During the day:

‘I need to pass!’

‘We need to pass!’

‘Which side?’ Asked the sole man responsible for lower and rising the bridge, since he could barely try his arm again; it pained him anyway to lend a hand, and therefore stay, and stand again, of wretch forlorn

and therefore lay for such a moment's drawing ever after, slithering a ponder. What shall I do? The bridge was fifty miles a stretch from one side to the other, connecting two equally distant yet corrugated pieces of metal lodgings filled with open windows and possible thousands of citizens on either side, resting above a cliff in what would only seem a most disturbingly hard to see chaotic set of senseless twists and embodied in the crust of metal-symbiotic demonical and angelic figures with multiple heads and lower appendages that formed root-like spreads which wrapped their unnatural end-tubing wrought out outer protrusion, they shared, into a barrel-like feeding boiler-device the citizens fed in order to keep the entire city alive. Multiple lower tunnels appeared to connect one side to the other, but they were at large inaccessible to outsiders, unless they found a way in. And the way in was obscured, hidden, if there was one, and not many just as obscured as the one. A cliff-fall of billions of miles, making it even harder to see whether or not there was an end as well to the abyss. A deserted sight that stretched for even farther than that, on either side one could see. A desolate desert with figures which, upon rising, appeared to drag out giant hidden cities and revolts as well they kept to themselves, especially the more hidden ones. And there was also the problem on having to deal with the only consistently 'there', structure there was. The bridge, which required a toll to pass, albeit it was unknown whether or any of the prior passers paid the toll in full or not. He was a tiny man, calico-trouser wearing, with puffy buttons shaped like suns split in halves, with four and three faces similar to his; whereas his only defining feature was a metal band that bore a similar to the feeding of the lower-figures fallen down there, boiler- almost backpack-aligned to his back, bird-cage filled with many tinier formations kept a hold of inside this almost thumb or giant metal see-through cigar of a 'life-preserver' he kept a hold of, as if his dear life depended on it, to a fault he could not endow himself to deal with any longer, since it was too painful, keeping alive, silent as well, for this long; but enough of the appearances; which may or may not be deceitful as a stray looking forth would lay look upon naught else but the width of the bridge itself as to calculate or approximate more clearly, on the baffling to the common eye and judgment of the width the bridge appeared to bear since, one could barely comprehend whether or not there was still a chance to make it cleanly so without having to damage its structural integrity by mere act of pass.

Blurred singles

'Sometimes I can hear them, Herring Bosnia, you're not going to make it in time to shatter one of the globes, you know, right?'

'I'm going to take my chances, child. But first, I need to know who is it that you're hearing, otherwise I won't be able to leave. I really need to take claim over it before I leave, I truly do. And I can't easily explain it either, but it has something to do with how my mind's started acting up again, whenever active in that room, when they flash me with lights, I feel as if my head could pop off straight off my shoulders. Unless I find them, you're going to die!'

'I know that, father, I truly do, but you can't save me while half of my spine is in the god's jaw! It's the one piece keeping him alive, and gods cannot be killed, father!'

'They can be stumped and stuffed, and made pay for what they've taken for a father who clearly loves his daughter and that's all that I need to know! I'm not giving up on you, kid!'

‘Somehow, I knew you’d say that dad.’

‘Stay in this room and don’t leave, and don’t try talking to anyone!’

‘Don’t you want to know about them first?’

‘Not any longer, Margaret. I think you need some rest.’

He then dashed out of the velvety room, slamming the door behind. A room of flesh she was locked in with a single bed of iron. Watched running in circles as a sleepwalker by the various owl-headed animated corpses left behind, legless but floating in flying circles as well, with her. The room had lamp-suns, but that didn’t matter. A dead man waited in the side-view mirror, trapped inside a complete resin cast-mould that hardened and kept him completely encased in. Herring was driving through the building, entering apartment after apartment with every drive being ended up parked on top of some bed or some chair, or even the resident, who were bleeding. Their faces were open, completely, ellipses:

‘You’re trespassing and this is no place someone like you should be in!’

A room of puffy gray-stone with strange figures of blue and spirals and lines and spears, hunting mad-men on hills and what not; distraught people screaming, echoing, entering and leaping in like flies and flukes and unnatural dunes they formed once they brought the sand in. Dark braziers of gray and black smoke that trailed on the top of some engulfed in acid pouring off them people. Many dancing, evilly, speaking of naught else but treason:

‘Don’t get near them or they’ll fling you off as if you’d gotcha’rself in a trip to the bazaar pit where they feed the lions women’s feet!’

‘And you would know that, wouldn’t you?’

‘Of course I would stranger, after all, I’m responsible for feeding some of them myself; not that I would, in any case care to make a point about it, but I say. There’s a reason not many people return to it on Sundays during Eves’ Green and Gray, pudgy remains’!

In what sense, he couldn’t tell. One of the windows was open, it had an air of pigeons, which were being swallow fully by crows. Which spat out their bones in, which were slowly being assimilated by the carpet, melting queerly like wax; a little glimmer to each strike and each strode as the room was filled with empty cone-dressed eaters of blood. Drenched in it as well as clot; who were directed by none other than the host inside the room, who agreed upon nothing else but a simple culinary thing, an exchange of eyes whilst during the course they could only see feet coming out of some ridiculous meat-wagon that came out with dead bats and rabid Brits. Lousy POW’s that were released on the fairness of a notice that didn’t even exclude them from being caught, then delivered in the first place. A paradise, then no less embrace, being shared; there was a reason to stay and listen, songs were sung, guns were swung and if there was anyone with half-a-mind:

‘Bosnia, you’re the only one in this room without blanks! You stepped on two people and killed them now. Their blood belongs to them, the clot, never dead. And what will you do now that you’ve got me within your reach?’

‘I want to know something, Parasite-Paradise. Who are the ones whispering to my daughter during the blackest of nights? Who are they?’

One of the braziers was backwardly thrust into a giant gnawing bear-like taxidermist body of many rotten wormish-things that clawed constantly upon it, pushing it deeper, far too deep for any comfort to be attainable by any means. It was misery, at best, something that no one could get used to, and many lesser ones would attest! His daughter ey? She could be kidnapped by monkeys, these filthy fucking niggers, they’re dumb enough to talk loudly that they might be overheard by some passerby, immediately revealing themselves to the police; ay, it must’ve been a gang of gnawing hooligan niggers!

‘Frankly, I could not tell, dear sir. You’ve got me confused and befuddled in the worst possible manner. I am standing here, cannot tell. I’m trying to think but there.’

His knife was two thirst in a making, dirty for a drink! It was shaped as wide and long, same for depth, as a kite, coming out of his back slowly, while he prepared not only to strike back but to kill Bosnia before he could draw a second breath. Knowing that the room was being filled with blood-suckers that were bowed and melted partly as well as to absorb some of the clot within:

‘Ugly things, aren’t they?’

Dead stare-parted eyes; one of them cocked itself in one direction while rotating, on a constant until it disappeared in his socket. Until a black hole was left there, in Bosnia’s socket. E-M-P-T-Y! It returned, the reunion was over, no celebration needed!

‘I’ve grown fond of them. I fancy them too much to simply dismiss them as wretches or something of the kind!’

Horrendous Alacrity

It was an ungodly hour to be woken up at. And they were least of concerned with the noise, since they gathered around in their packs and in their filthy ransacked bloody pulps that came before their faces-brought closer to the bile-moon, as they carried in it at the very least eleven hundred wild buffoons, all of them mad and restless as they carried their diseases forth. The slit inside the moon drew forth, as it opened itself, cast aside. An Ile of poison in front of them was cast. And out of it only the most pristine primates came to life, these blasphemous creatures being uncannily deformed and slickened at their backs.

‘You’ve attached saw-like blades to them, for what reason would did you do it?’

‘I don’t know yet. I guess we’ll have to find out, won’t we? Because my intuition made me so I would at the very least look inside of them.’

‘The towering men, the ones deformed as well? The ones pinned in brine, upon their wretched holds, intertwined, as they are, I would not suggest you do it.’

‘Why? Are you afraid of something?’

‘Of course not, you boon, you bastardly set shiny thing of eyes, I would not think of it as much as daringly, if so, for you it’s prized a dark possession, I’d cast them away whenever you stand the chance, or else, you should at the very least avert your eyes. Since you know what happens to men who do things like that to themselves.’

‘Either I shall be driven mad or something much worse would happen, is that correct?’

‘You’re not even listening to me, are you? No, of course not, this isn’t a play of torture or anything even familiar or contestable, as to have yourself besmirched, or throttled. Ye who approached them stands alone, but yet with many eyes, is to come back home.’

‘Wretched canal, was it not? A place that’s been forgotten by age itself, as time stands still and many of our brothers still wail there, in the most wretched of ill abysses, where even we might draw towards one day.’

‘Certainty can only drive us as far, that is correct, as you are, in one, well, it’s a way to look at it, I wager. But we’ve come too far to take such chances as to risk it coming next for us. For, if you feed it, then you know what happens and what might happen next, if touched.’

‘It will not stop, nor recede from that agonizing place it’s been forced into, will it, now?’

‘I could grow old thinking or considering the alternative that, which you’ll hopefully have me fully progress into.’

And they settled with as little more.

No ship had arrived but a broken raft-like pentagon sea-dragon, one with many arms, instead of legs, tubes with large device-like engines that thrust him forward, much closer to them than he could even imagine drawing near to. Large house-stall-wormed bodied houses came out of its back with the help of pin-prick drill-roofs that had hooks attached to their every sides.

Anxiously greeted, they were speechless in talk, and even weirder in dance, as they only approached when their clothes eerily started crawling off their faces, then, in doubt, they stopped.

All of their heads pointed at the sky, wide-opened mouthed, with elongated chin-blade stalactites, superficial wings that didn’t flap adorning their backs, thrust forward out their chests, large sack like trunks, they carried, but anatomically theirs; whereas their lower bodies were caterpillar syringe turkey blowers, with strange horned cysts coming out of them. Yet, that didn’t prevent them from levitating towards their pray:

‘You’ve come at a right time, haven’t you, haven’t you? I thought you would, I thought you should at least dare knock; as fiercely as you could, since there’s no possible way you could ruin the gates, since fallen they’re not.’

‘Are you done yet, or will you drive the compass into your heart and allow us to carry on at that?’

Irregular heartbeats brought him a most engulfing stare of pristine pyramidal tendon powder pop-tastes coming out of his mouth.

They were brought inside within the hour. A shower-of tendons, inside an inverted submarine, they lived in. And breathing most profusely is how they got to know one another, despite being so eerily soon yet lost in thought but introduced, as such as was their claim to fame, and wretched was their dark remains, the ones floating above every single one.

‘Are they always there when you are in?’

‘We’re inseparable, dear Alf, but, as you’d expect, the weather outside allows for no respite to be taken while we’re among strangers.’

It seemed fair enough, for every single man out there feared what that meant, for every single one of them. Soon enough, we shall join them, in march, out of the graves beneath the coiled dark surroundings, where even the wretched wails of forgetfulness is made of us, in turn and wheat. Where we shall live, forever, at our feet.

One of the worming podiums appeared out of nowhere, already in sight, thinking of a way to introduce itself, as to show the contortions that had been the flooring and the furnished laundry mats, washing machines and other, much harder to be believed, furniture in which hid the rods. They were harder to look at and even harder to grasp as to show even a slimmer of understanding. It’s been long since it made a difference, thinking. They could already die and would not be longed for, at the very least by the special ones that messed with the city side reality. It was vague by means one couldn’t properly understand, how the bottle-trunked ruffians came out of their hidings, where were their heads, being replaced with every bubble that was shot like vintage Noire champagne, but they came out of it and already missed the cue:

‘Come here, come here, hands up where I can see em!’

There wasn’t even the slightest doubt that they didn’t know how to take him head-on, or how to react to their promontories of weapons, of defunct, functionless pegs they adorned around their rifles.

‘Cannibals, every single one of them! They will make sugar out of our meat!’

‘Relax, I think I know how we may just live through this yet. You need to listen to me before they decide we’re being too noisy to be left alive.’ Although it would not be as bothersome as to think of it yet; I would think it most necessary to abandon you somewhere along the road. This isn’t the right time to act irrational, not while they’re so naively pouncing around us. Pacing as speeds we can barely tack with your eyes, these insoluble things incapable of thought.

He derived as well from what they were doing and how they were acting.

‘Odd, you were not here before.’

‘Who said that? Show yourself, show yourself immediately!’

‘A baton of senses, is it not?’

A cornflower cinnamon thing invaded his nostrils in such a way that his mind started gnawing on both sides of the pantheon; there were corpses in the twisted podium after all, inscribed in every step. It was senseless, trying to fight them out in the open, especially since there was no possible way they could

stand a chance against this intoxicating miasma of movements they simply let out of them; not while standing.

Somewhere in the distance, on the other side of the world:

The city was in peril, from one side of the other, of the upper valley's inter domination spread-through's cut-ins, there only being left a good eighteen hundred billion fifty five miles untouched, to the side-contorted road dug-out oratories of disease, because of the giant murk-heads stitched god-figures with socketless eyes whom were present there, in bubble-bellies; floating through strung tunnels carried in by winged insect-speared molded-wax Pantheonic Wart demons with spear-teeth pea-shooters coming out of their mouths, in the same way pipe-swarms would sometime appear, contort, stitch into one another's sides, then simply wrap themselves around the bubbles as if they were nothing, and naught more untouched by the dark-storm clouds that followed soon enough after, through the cuts that were being made by the little flying people's yellow panting pain-drops coming out their swollen-yet-forlorn eyes, decayed by parametric little fish they carried in their red-bubble boil-blimps they brought and stored the red lightning in, surging powerlessly with bothersome tender. The city was, luckily enough shielded inside a giant tubular cylinder- covered in chitin plates that had hundreds of people-carved- in figures, tomb-stone foliage of fought-for-their-nation men only to end up in there adorning what would appear to be the most deranged of cemeteries of the lost; a great dark, held by an elongated spear-scepter pillar, fan-filled with corroded, fish-net cords amassing around it, ring bore, on top of the musingly aligned shafts, large antennae-shots that projected men's atoms directly inside the city. The pillar was connected to an elongated tunnel-length sized hose-wriggling worm-pump that kept growing and receding in size; whom, itself was connected to a great base-like formation, a strange structural building in which the outsiders amassed in order for the projection to occur. That being, an almost beheaded snail whose shell and backside was the building's front, whose tail got cut off as well, but which had a giant leveled square-top emerging, like a barnacle out of a ship, outer level, that bore a front-faced, as if cruise-ship level, giant humanoid head-formation with many coon-like peas coming out of his chin and beneath his jaw, with an elongated top of the head cracked bottle tower, sharp at the top, out of which a power-ray shot at the sky, deliberately releasing surge-red-colored energy through which many soulless creatures could plainly be seen as if they were desperately trying to emerge out of their torturous hell. Or an ugly boot trying to raise its heel, whose foot was cut, bearing a saxophone shaped insect that came out its back.

It was most peculiar an existence they had to live through. Since the 'people' were so strange looking, flat-sheet-parchment faces attached to small device tin can filled boxes, sprouting out of large tubes that came out of liver-formed trunk 'masses of meat that bore, a curved blade-like formation where a human's head would've belonged, connected to a flat-plated note that had a triangular on one side, connected to an opposite direction pointing rounded-bulb filled with fluid growth that came out of it as if they were pieced together, with a pseudo-flat-talon cartilage pointing at the note, in the third direction. Like a guitar pick attached to an anatomical creature shaped like a pistol. And their heads and their 'notes' were aligned like fully-stretched arms, ready to clap. They had no fingers and no toes, only long melted dolphin elongated limbs filled with node-wombs; whereas their bodies were covered in veins and other deformed organs that came out of them and sometimes floated in the colossal rooms inside their city.

No sockets and no eyes but happy faces:

‘I have come home, do dinner, now, woman! I command you to start cooking immediately, so I may be fed to my heart’s contempt; or else I shall whip you to a point where you’ll simply stop breathing and I shall start beating you most violently so, until you’re dead.’

‘Honey, what’s gotten into you? Why are you, all of the sudden so sexy sounding when you are furious? I’ve never seen you act this way before but I think I like it; I think I could see myself growing to enjoy this kind of treatment, beaten, by you, my loving yet sternly, manly, strong-armed, husband, who needs to enact acts of abuse onto me on a constant basis only so I can get off it. I am wet.’

‘And my dinner is yet to be cooked still.’

Henceforth, she went along her way, open chested; with a dark crystal-spear shotgun-blast of clay formation filled tiny forest coming out of her.

‘The night is sure to come, isn’t it?’

‘You’ve noticed that, haven’t you?’

Eyes, Corn and Pucker-door, were fifty meters from them, in the transparent bubble-eye, with their so-much-so-expected, soon-enough that is, beheaded god’s resurrection being half-way through, already a limb sprouting out of his gut-chaotic drop of appendages that grew thrusting-fast out of his organs, being fused with the prison they were sitting in by the time either man outside the camp could even open his mouth.

Something’s wrong with it; he observed, just the strange way in which it kept moving when not observed.

A read miasma-like pucker of mists drew near them, coming out of a giant’s head machine back, whose arms were missing, he was not. Mentally at the very least he wasn’t only not present, if that were such, so the case, in turn, was he wondering when would they come near him, there, already, still talking to the gods, in turn, whom had joined the bubble and only entered, housing themselves inside those, by now, bloated things, Corn being of a mind to ask: ‘Have you come here for a reason? Are you to ask something of me when I close my eyes? Dead-god, you awake in sessions, but you, you just can’t stop getting out of place, can you?’

‘There’s something come along the way you ought to have considered. It’s a bullet inside a trapped inside of it sphere-filled chained, covered in explosives.’

‘Did you arm it, are you responsible for it?’

‘What are you hiding?’

A little bottle bloated, saw-with teeth long-maw formed creature with a leg by its side. Dragging itself along while the bottle was churning red-liquid into place; trying to open further, although the oblongity obstructed its capability of breathing. A scornful malignity made it raise itself from the spot it’s been driven into; a corner lay there, flat.

‘I’m going to kill your pet and open its mouth!’

Most irksome of things approached.

Eyes knew that something was extremely wrong, he was even wrathful for some reason, although that had been only short-lived for a moment or so. He had the perfect tool on him, ready for the slight shiv of a hand so they would be dispatched from sight. A dark enough glow protruding out of it, devouring, mesmerizingly so, out of the fuselage that was being eaten by it, and by the side of a slightly unmoving thing, its head, the great body of the machine having fallen, a plough of bombs soon after being part if not entirely it, the top-front of the building in which the dead-monolith fell into. With part of its body completely destroyed now, there was no doubt whatsoever about what happened there. Without a single speck of light entering them, one could see, even for a moment if that's what it took to know, that its children drew out of its Achillean heel, then came back to place. A tender, most rendered tenebrous entrance having been set there. Inside of it, partly after, entering yonder, a hole being bored, by a set of tools put to the employ of the research team present at the site; since it's been far too long since someone said a thing, and wingless dark machines were brought within the sinful, single most sin of bright:

'They dared cut through the giant only to find out that he's been partially eaten inside by the beasts. SO many experiments that have been done and gone through and for what?

A single pile of belch and ooze, through which they've pushed and put themselves through, so much so that I would find myself of no countenance as much as there would be.

So much so that I would dare satiate no need to ask, what have they done with it?'

'Worthless, are of you horrendous things, you're as worthless as one would have himself strung up and killed if he were only to open his mount for a momentous disparity, and ask himself whenever needed, burdened by all of you, living in this wicked reality, I, bastardly of men ask of you that you may consider cutting away the extra limbs, feeding the halvened destroyers that have come to threaten as to trample us, whenever called, and call for action shall not be stalled as long as so many of you are come onto me with thought of war, consider it still, I'd rather have myself but filthily filled, with bickering empty talks than aghast. I've come to cast all of you away, rather than send you to your deaths now, else', I give in.'

A general within and one at heart, he lived to his name, Geo-pyrat; an ecological crisis having come, ran over them, and left all to strung-forth pieces that could not be more disturbingly forlorn if lost, then regained, the men, whom mutated instead had only to ask:

'What comes thither, after that?'

'I reckon, nothing, nothing in part or that may be parted unless lesser men are told to be wailed upon if mourned for too long as well, I sicken to my bowels thinking of despair, tomorrow, as such, I've come to the realization that there's another way we can come, but crass onto the sea-but-venture spread in front of us, the road ahead, crudely made, wastes no longer.'

All of them in part were waited for, as to be imparted long-lasting wisdom before they could properly move on and forget what that was, part of it, the life before they were beckoned of defeat, and chopped along, alone, their feet would've had them lay-hanging near lynch, the guillotine.

'They all lead the same way it drools on top of. All the rivers are joined, and many are incapable of threading alone.'

‘Whose door was drowned by them?’

‘All are moistened and filled, of barrel-ill and brought to us when backened into a dead end, both feet were found standing in the corner he was driven to, our guide.’

‘Show it to me, immediately!’

On command and driven forth, upon two finger lobes that drew alight, he followed soon after. Sound by sound nearing each end of the worthless passage, drawn as well on top their masks, incapable as they were from telling whose was whose and what.

‘So many of the floors, simply removed, to what end and what was the reason behind it?’

No answer, and the same man left Gauff alone.

A standing pupae crawled by wheels attached to the rails, they were everywhere, especially stapled on the walls, where everything worked in tandem with some of the other things that rose out the quiet, and the silence that passed soon after, broken, yet again was he answered, by a figure unlike the guide, unlike the man he had been accompanied by:

‘Hide inside that hole down there, the one that’s engulfed in giant leaves, the one in which you shall find a dirty pit, and fifty meters in, stop. You should lay there for a while, cover yourself in the cardboard bag and make sure you feel the rain at your feet. There’s something nearing your position and I dread what it might do to you.’

As he was asked to, that’s been done forth, crawled along and lay right there, in a contortionist’s unaware stance, in such things-like twists that no one could even find it possible to have himself found in. The figure travelled along the halls, many of which exposed to the greater network of covered by the ‘ceiling’ ledges, canyons and other unfathomably hard to look at points. It was ‘mounted’ on a rack that looked like a footed leg kneeling whose knee pointed in the back, on top a pair of unseen rounded wheels that were completely engulfed by this metal chitinous machine, out of which, forwardly it sprouted, as tall as it were a figure with a back end –elongated like a simian-humanoid skull but rounded-open like a canon where a gelatin but frozen-solidly creature, but made of skin, squirming around capable of, but filled with back ended appendages equipped with various chemicals producing shower-heads that were all segmented and moved alarmingly around, that were encased in shackles that kept them together, that appeared to be akin to a tiny forest that was being held in place, which was even weirder since they were like trumpet-shaped elongated pipe-things in the ‘back’, although entangled since some pointed downward, upward, front-ward and everywhere-ward, as to denote the general direction towards which they had been aimed towards, which almost rested on the ‘knee’ but were only a few meters away from it. Although the ‘canon’ was even more peculiarly rounded, akin to a deformed but close enough in appearance musket that was capable of stretching, which housed all of these mantis- ‘arms’ which danced around. A cock-pit insectoid head was attached to the front end of the opposite direction, to the ‘arms’, or at the back of the musket, but behind the knee, in the front, where up there, it rested, being akin to a pilot’s house. Up-front, but below the cockpit, in the area between the lower ‘kneeling’ side of the ‘foot’ but not exceeding the ‘heel’ area, yet still at the same level but on the opposite of the ‘pipes’, stood a giant rounded hollow ellipse shaped hole, of whose rims were riddled with rounded maw-like formations of dark-incisor things that were all tied together and were capable, since they wore sturdy ropes, of

pulling, out of the bowels of this strange, rather mechanical thing, a peculiar upstanding sarcophagus mummy-like standing figure, close enough to a fetus, whose head was compact, a sturdy eyeless whale with lower incisors, arachnid but closer to drills, with eyes below the chest, a humanoid torso-main rack with a shield-like compounded eye instead of a left arm, but not a real eye, this being an unknown organ, with two large thing that were 'its legs' but were a helicopter long-wing and a giant stepping platform like pirate on the plank jump in the sea growth that itself, this entire body was a second piled armor that was kept inside for protection, that also could open and puke out of it, a much stranger body as well. It was only a partially melted from an angle, as if an oblong had come from below it, then it was ripped off the ceiling, ice-pick shaped, but more like a tiny bulk with a tinier tip pointing down and a half-tusk saw off remnant on top, with two humanoid eyes that were much smaller and deformed, had an elongated nose that was part of itself, and this also appeared, as the entire creature, to be close enough to a stalactite that's been eaten over, which had, eerily baboonesque with a rounded mouth made out of nail-picks of iron, akin to the ones used for prison escape that were highly peculiar in nature if not even worse than that, that were piled together like fags, for burning, and were banded with a stained leather bolted thing that was even uglier than before, and out of its; it looked like a cocoon rather, or a pupae, caterpillar-transitioning in butterfly stage brought to, which also hard worming figures that wore elongated cyst-dagger spear blades coming out of it, spreading along, being riddles with buds and flowering other-figures that were unrecognizable as well, that whispered in each other's ears. It was kept safe in its darkly strangled place, out of which it could not escape no matter what. But most importantly, in its darkest spot, it communicate with uncanny things, most of which, being of a kin that could not be communed with by simpletons, even if their likes' minds were to be directly projected onto them. Since they were tall and nasty and their lower bodies were wide as benches and filled with no legs but one giant tooth-incisor inch that kept them floating, and whose teeth, which, on top of their milk-bottle shaped bodies, were actually circle-like but see-through and held secret-bubbling demons that were trying, or desperately attempting to punch their way through in order to escape, whose faces had been cut off but that was pointless since the bubbles were being given life in the same way oxygen was being given like to and they were also visited by strange butterfly shaped lily pads that were deformed and cradles small parasitical forms that spoke to most of the false gods that were plastered and sutured together on top a spinning wall of colors that spoke to other people whose faces and heads were missing and were all spinning in circles, while being struck by their strange insulatory community, out of whose place they could not escape out of. Most importantly, one of them had a wild array of possessing-in terms of capabilities of destruction, wide array of distressing- in terms of the possible amount of mind injury it was capable of contracting upon a person if they were truly head and endlessly speak-talking backwardly to the weird-triangular headed, downward pointing pyramid whose back of the head, not only had it been added on the initial documentation that was, strangely so, delivered in the hall, as for the mad observation, or the plain see-through, akin to a mildly induced psychosis had actually bidden it to appear in a vision like urge of the mind-eye coordination that had almost managed to burn off the mind of the dark scepter's wielding power-light that had definitely –afterwards, destroyed his mind, but wore a goblet like top ledge that had a hole in it, like a vase, whose, on top of it, the side of the lower-surface, of the pyramid head lay a front wave-shaped hill like structure that had shot out of it, this, creature, whose peculiar head was placed, on a single foot, bodiless as it were, leaping about, bearing a beard of appendages behind the tip since the pyramid was tilted in a way so the foot was in the back, attached to the 'base' of the pyramid, if the pyramid was placed in Egypt, and the foot was actually inclined and didn't point entirely at the sky, only a bit, as it would be slightly pointed towards the Nile or some similar direction, mid-way through to the horizon.

Close enough to a nautilus head, it bore a mouth that was open-holed and drew out a few shove-your-foot-inside-the-shoe-horn's wrought in tongues that carried shaper scalpel shapes with it, drawing along a split in half crack that spread all the way to the top, where, out of this flat-surface, there, having come out of it, two horn-shaped eyes, that were solid and kept in place. They were shaded by a great shadow. And the peculiar pyramid had enough space on the top to house, at the back of it, the form being depressed and having curved like the top-of a base which inversely descended as to become thinner as it connected to the 'head' form that kept the small wavish hill-cartilage attached to it, but which looked like an upward heaving tuba. It was leaping around the hall, sometimes, having come here, or showed up in a desire to accompany its most peculiar friend, in the hunt of a simple minded man, that had to be exterminated as if he were a nigger-kike, readily put in a long-prepared rape-oven filled with fire lynch-ropes of fuck-murder.

'Sub-human rats, if allowed to continue unchecked, the Communism disease will eventually follow as well. The Jews are desperately trying to hide their subversion as well as their involvement in the Bolshevik and Menshevik party, even now, as they're desperately trying to hide behind the faked numbers put behind the Holocaust which under no circumstance happened. Their involvement in it serves as nothing short but a good pointer towards their incontrollable sub-human tendencies of subverting and destroying their housing nations as well as a dead-giveaway as to the fact that the kikes will never be capable of assimilating in their host nations. Their mere existence is a threat to humanity itself and needs to be stumped out of existence. And there can be no exception whatsoever as for allowances for any single one of them that could, should or ought to be allowed to live. Even now, their in-human existence reeks and seeps, as poisonously toxic as it is venomously injected in the nation's unsuspecting throat, into the very people among which they live and prosper on the backs of.

There can be only way to remove this Holocaustic-Judeo-Communism-Bolshevik disease, entirely, down from its very roots to the very core of its existence, that being, only when every single living kike will have been ethnically cleansed and killed, butchered seamlessly, within reason, by the combined forced of every proponent of peace, truth, and utmost all, decency. As it is one of the most compassionate things to do, as one will only know it as to be true in his heart, not by choice but by dutiful execution, that being, putting a diseased animal down, that's outlived its morbidly prolonged-existence.

Their lies need be brought to an end, their race, ethnically cleansed, castrated and made to waste in the filthy pits they have been bred in and taken out of.'

A stump seemed to be barely worked on, near the side of the road. Eighteen people were standing there, all bearing mountains on top their arched backs, being projected from where they stood, on top a branch they were looking at.

By then, by the minute they were turned towards it, trotting ruggedly, as their calloused gloves fell of their fingerless armed flintlock-shaped lower-growths emerged out of their caved in bodies, they had already been introduced to the company, hiding behind the dark-tree stung mass that stood behind it. Moist as it were, the branch had almost fallen over, being incapable of sustaining the stress that was being forced upon it. Various green but filled with moist filaments grass blades bathing it in a green tinted red, that had been spread among the finer rafts that followed with the march that drew alongside them. A few finer half-above the torso missing, but filled with dark devices, still, hundreds of dark-looking fiends with bowels of green-pucker gelatin, drew in, their general direction.

‘Lo’, you’ve come here in darkened land, but there’s nothing here to see, for all was wrought into a smaller flint.’

‘I stand for the right man has to do whatever he pleases with the body of a fucking bitch. Women are sexual objects meant to be wrapped in nice foils, then fucked by men. Women should be devoid of human rights. It is a human rights’s violation, to give right to women. Since they are not human, no. Women are under no circumstance human, no.’

A dark steelbox-green with blue-top crystal bars adorning it, the crystal that was made to pop on the top:

A few lanterns adorned a towering roundedness, a square with many appendages, warted with boils and pus, and many other things that floated around it. A gray canyon; filaments around it. Surrounded by humanoids, billions of them, forming a circle, holding hand in hand, heads missing. Instead of them, floating a few centimeters above their necks, pseudo broken apart cubes, transparent, one side of it was an almost oblong with a lined top that looked almost like the pick of a guitar in terms of deformations, a see-through tetrahedron with pseudo swimming boards, or elongated trashcans-trash cats noises coming out of them, that held inside of them skin-diamonds, with a single non-facet, a rounded skull-tiny growth sticking off one side. Animatedly so, were they trying, one another, the entire Country being folded in pieces they carried in their’ eyes’ hindsight, the sun as well, and a part of the Northern Hemisphere, and dark matter made out of – panes, Souls and furies, all of which had not only, for a single moment chose to move past their, stoppers.

A base of operandi had been established no longer than fifteen hours ago, hardly a matter of survival had it been before the others came in:

‘Who is the master of this globed dark thing that’s lain before us?’

Although, unlikely to be miss-told, were they not like rafters- such in desperate need of evacuation, were they brought near a K-I-L-L-E-R of niggers, the marching champion of dark-forlorn, the master of their gathering and the one responsible for this red glow that encompassed all of them, despite being incapable of distinguishing like from dark they cast:

‘Thee, the one that stands before us, out of our sight, immediately, leave!

Take whatever might not hamper your arousal, and walk yonder to a place that might be taken away from you, whenever as to claim a ruse, whenever as to face of long-awaited subterfuge of coils and bowels will I ask you this. When the time comes, I will have a slice be made and cut, through growling fornications, though damned might it be, of forlorn creations there shall be as slaughtered-scorn.’

And the bastard’s victims, whom were all placed on top the many altars, altered between one another, switched, swooned, turned away from facing one another, nor able to convey the least amount of information they’d say:

‘Lee of little regard, you should’ve covered our mouths. Since there’s little, tiny-tit no wonder, as to what comes after, if entreacherous enteach. If we strike a bargain with the one who cuts women’s feet. He of Sicily with high-regards, he shall give us all we need to ask.’

‘His realm is dead, his bold-end-world of deadly scorrough, large approach. You must be cast away or you shall feel your feet cast thus nakedly, and hid inside the pliers of a giant roach, through which you shall live to see the tunnel, thus may crawl.’

The man drove into the rickety truck inside a soiled sock, on the spot, his head was wrung out, bloated in disease- he was petty with lust and filled with unsanitary lots he carried all the way ahead in the lot of darkly-pebbles he carried inside his head.

While getting out of his great magnificently built special man-suit device created as a means of protection by the Beneficiary Hound, whose many elongated hound-heads chewed a few pieces of his shoulders, his back, his lower-side of the waist, giving him not only brain damage but severely altering the way in which he bled, now constantly run course out of his head and nostrils, that in turn made him into a beacon for the blood-hounded clot-stripped with large mosquito-beams of pearl-spades, rummaging the Blue-Ocean Cloud sky, fifteen hundred with only seven at the end miles an hour on a relative distance that hadn’t changed at all, God, wished them split in billions, creating a pseudo-swarm devouring just about everything that’s ever existed, in terms of aerodynamics, turning God into a wooden board that occupied the only spot that wasn’t theirs, not that they dared approach, slip, slip, slap, slap, hit-hit, and a jab, now bled had the man as well, out his bloated-fat grainy looking veins, doing so in turn had he, as had, he had altered God with markers of thought, ruining it, written as he did, his name in ROMAN SPQR Indian Numerals, with a feather, of regret, a globe-box on top hybridized into a spine-cord filled with many strange growths that spread around, many crowned by a necromancer-like eely-figure with dark spear-shafts coming out of his exposed-expectedly elongated veins, of shaft-pikes, that hit him, on the ground, the man, Basknbastard, had become his great conduit, ruler of the many put-together and controlled by him, now, swarms that were pinned on his back by disgustingly-hard-to-look at veined tendrils of tenebrous pus, green and yellow and blue, being fermentingly-tingly changed to a nauseating red, pus-green, verdure-never-been violent-magenta, distracting the moving crater that advanced in slowly towards the man with its elongated spiked entrained viscera pushing out pouting-outside through little pyramidal man-tumors with eighteen or so billion head-falchions, that were all put to the employ of the great-stratagems destroyers, under the rule of the mighty Emperor-magician of Quantum-apples Hye-Hyhichern, responsible of arm-wrestling Basknbastard to failure, shattering his bone, arm-pulled out of socket, then sent back home, reattached within the hour, flower, flowers were sent in a basket-case with roses-red, like the color of dead, death, having also brought to his barely hinged home eighteen people, Ghye-gh Issiho, Melks Tysh, Sohomobour Yyr?; Ear-wax Can-trax, Bore-Hohon, Leper-strike Sixty five, Leper-strike Sixty-four, Leper-tower eight, Alice the Woman, women, women, women, put inside a tiny, finely, flavor of the sea added to the room, crafted Clock-tower coffin, bowl-shaped with large piston-apples, surrounded by felines-demons with human Asiatic-faces stitched on top of them, part of the Empire’s pact, being broke by this act of war and termination, which granted Basknbastard the rite of passage through one of the darkest ages humanity’s hymen being broken through had to gobble-munch upon, as he tripped, mentally upon his sudden-but come upon the brow of long-awaited, worked on suffering he’s had to fight his entire life through, fueled by a nauseating mid-life crisis filled with cancer-lymph node shaped with spiked incisors shaped like nigger-lynch-ropes and niggers, depression, he could

not get away from with the help of anti-psychotic drugs, nor could he do it with the help of aids alone, despite getting a few, that is to say, not necessarily drugs or the 'Drugs' themselves, as to refer to ecstasy but to anti-psychotic medication, his hatred for all having encompassed even that dark sea-of ranging thoughts of sea-faring driven murder-defilement, of butcherment drive-throughs, he imagined himself in, killing a rival gang with illegally altered, while also being dual-wielded with both his pinkies being raised, on both sides of his hands at the same-time, sub-machine guns, therefore creating a strange bubble-wrap in his head, or a dream's catching net, like one of their, Iroquois dream-catchers his neurons shot through, billions of them at the same time, joining him momentarily, as he paced around in place, being joined by, the land itself, which was now darkened as for everything that's even been covered into the darkest, most unsanitary things that had all of the sudden destroyed even the canyons themselves, turning them into a disgusting green-pus march he had to swim through. Vile people appeared to be living among him, who happened to be met by a strange expectation, that was ever so slightly unspoken of, neither from one point or another, there, to have been a chance for him to breathe through this acid that filled him with the maddest of elations could he see or have seen, at any point in his life, clearer than he did now. The world bickered with itself no longer. The ones that survived were pitiful, bowed and served him, through the majesty that was his bowels' cut, through one of the most insidiously hard to gut bears; drinking sordidly but as if he'd fast, at the last second's reconsideration he stopped himself, having unwrapped the last drop of wine off the side of his cracked-open, hid-in deposited wine-drop, of red-blue, acid-hue and glue, his teeth were shaped like horses, filled with eyes and with spikes, and with dark flames coming out of blow-out the top cigars. It was evident, that, he desired, even more than before, that which he could not have.

'Women, where are the women. I demand I am met by women, immediately, by women of all nations, as I want to be served, by these hussies that should bow down to me and take as one of the greatest rulers of mankind, that've ever lived. Where are the females, where have they gone?

I wish to be met by satisfaction, to be served by these moist, bitches. The damned whores that are to be used by me as I please, as I am owed, by this world.

The chief making creature-predator of blasted dead fiendish animals with eighteen heads, subservient to the land had drawn attention to itself as the echoes of the other word-i-ly spoken name's after-shouting-come after power-beam diseased rays follow-through of the most incapable to bear bodies that flew into sight drew open-fire on the darkies, hiding beneath the rafts, which were being carried above the forest by most incessantly insane creatures that were boulder-like in torso, legs beings giants caves interconnected by weird tendrils, heads being sprouted out of each other's darker, hardly a matter of looking at filaments, with dents in them, armless but with appendages coming out of the keg-shaped second-neck out of the innards of the 'torsos', strange heads. These strange-heads being kept above the second-leveled to the top clouds, near which they dwindled across and in rapport to. Like deformedly distorted clay cups, where some ancient good for nothing Greek woman had accidentally shoved her finger in-too-deep into the vase for too long, having ruined it so profoundly that it's become belt-stretched but without a handle, with a mold-spoon coming out of it, bearing many features that had been painted on top and all around the weirdly deformed curvature.

'Chief Pyeroqui, we need to leave without immediate notice! '

His jeweled-by insects eyes drew out of their strange blocky-melted tunnels, then withdrew in and out, then shot out glanced near the wild surroundings. A dark sword-candle was shaped feather came in terms of being horn-like in appearance, out of his broken-square-flat forehead, which dangled around when heat started melting the little sprangle of tear-drops that had washed his face ever so eerily as it did then. His mouth bore palm-stretched flaccid hanging insect legs, tongues of eighteen or sixteen centimeters wide-stretched, giving it a most cut-through both sides of his smile by a serial killer of an appearance. Its body were only four overlapping bellies, crawling on them he drew onward, akin to a gelatin sledge, with its four belly buttons being botfly-worms with the number EIGHTY FIVE carved in each and every single one of them. Niggers.

Many of kinsmen were trapped inside broiled pseudo cages, all hanging on tall-standing poles, comb-like barred to the side, welded to bigger, much wider bars against which they appeared to be brushed against, with every step of the way, there being another corpse-around pivot, garbling another side of the rotating beamed-sockets. Some twenty or so gathered around it, trying to eat from a lot they didn't belong to. A few more good Samaritans gathering the fallen over appendages, at least some from around the palms and the gray areas where the sub-humans appeared to sink their teeth ever to deeper into the lower-combs:

'They're getting drawn in like flies to dying cattle in a field of marches- where they don't belong, abhorrently dancing there.'

'Rituals, as the Keifs taught them, they know he's watching!'

Twenty hundred miles or so, upon some niggardish-nigger palms tawny black-nigger sacks that drooled upon their own salivating nigger-kinds, there rested the watcher. He drooped savagely upon what appeared to be a few fallen-over pieces, as of obtuse ships, white starred, splendidly drawn on top off as well, by some ancient runes marked for whose belonged to – nation's ancient standing, there, in front of them, luff-salute. Some arrowed back to the brazier head-rounded, elongated to both side goblet, upon a tiny veined by tendon stacked neck-'tower', that, if it were to be completely vertically rotated, would perfectly match the, held by justice's blind hand, whereas both ends held two distinct growths that could barely be seen unless one got extremely close to it. One of it was a normal body-sack with a lid-growth on top of it that was almost akin to a bottle cap, whereas the other was longer, dolphin like, and even filled with some pseudo stump-growths, like that of a human, in some case or another, whereas as its end, there stood no tail but a cabinet-cube growth with nothing more inside of it but some squirming organs that hid and drenched each other as they drew along-side one another, drenched by disease, as well. Both came from the blade-like elongated flying machine's rotating but frozen in place single wing that molded itself with the rest of the festering growth that laid by its side.

Fewer by the hour emerging before one of the females got brought by a leaf, her head being pointed down, alarmingly so, as she'd been seen before, unmoving and solid. Many of her already receding eyes being placed in a place they didn't belong to.

'Bring her down, I see there's a great potential in her that's yet to be carved in, give 'er the run of the mill as they say, since you know there can be only one man trashing her face in once we're, done with, as you would know.'

'I get it.'

Gas, one of the feathered, for limbs, no flight set in, incapable of, delightful as he was, there was nothing standing between him and the calcification of the lower-bones that entered him from the side. A few more men gathered around him, using him as a tool to cut her open in the broad-daylight.

A trunked thing that hid inside itself but walking proudly had been asked no more, nor lightly would it have responded if my unruly, and untruly so by ever-emergent pass-over trough, to have hid itself before them, as they came through dark a cloudless day. When rain was little if not enough to cover for whatever wretched pass-over could they make, in order to refrain from carrying on their corpses, when not called for, and not to ask for their remains unmet. They had their visage shown, to little wonder as the men whom called upon them, the ones that stood the night-over pass, with empathy lacked in such guise, as they would've had each other, trenches past. Were, to wilt, to have been buried but no apparel might've cast, upon their faced-together, as if must, were they of no reason, when the dead hour woken them up.

'The women, they've been passed over while we slept, many of them burdened and dead. I seek no contribution, yet I know of ill what is abhorrent of disease, to have it heard it still, but I kept it at heart, after witnessing it with my own two trodden eyes. I know the culprit, and where's it hit, his heartlessness that would've come as no, not without reason, as I'd see it, and cast, whenever I must, out of it, and whether I am trust, twas for a reason I've come to obey. Fiend, I'll have them made of you, but you would know that, how they drew within reason, out of the way, when I cast upon them glance.

When they hid in wretched, such disgust, as would I have it mourn; the Moors abhorrent, and yet they know of what little I tell them, wretched as they are indeed, wretched as they are in turn. Many of their perilous eyes, were as they might taken from them, by force of steel, and grabbing, forcefully glancing through plow and plod-through after. I seek no restitution for my task, yet I ask of what's been called, before and prior, if there must.

I seek to burry such lover as was kilt on sight, before my troubled hands were even placed on their breasted lights, as they flee, even now I see no reason within to ask again. I'm pained and troubled by what happened, yet I stay, and wail upon my handless cut, whatever troubled thing, my fingers are yet to be brought around it, harm of it, this very nature. Most abhorrently, I've followed on their tracks and seen the nature for the likes of me to have been brought in shade-of, and there I lay.'

For hours upon hours, for as long and as far as he descended, as reticent as he was and to his likes fended, set on part, to have been walked and carried on, with fingers dirtily curled around a horses' broken back, upon the path- of likened to himself, as he'd have himself carried, a broken vessel filled with such, but branches as the stick-bugs would have him mistaken for one of them. Upon a sea of green through which, the lightly broken seal inkling of little worth he carried in his mouth but wrapped inside a corded leather-pouch with a tiny speck of what might've appeared to be hole, he bit, down deeper and never gave whatever release one might or might not have, to ask. Of it, what little time he had before being discovered, they were seen. Through cities and through many of them, through which, as plenty as would, had been. Made to listen to as little worthless as there a noise; boisterous approach, as a man of simple thought, from somewhere across the road approached:

His little sight was deafened by what came after, a wog but dressed for parted forth, and came along, with wheeled up-front, on which his bodied-stretched benign, of little what was left of him, his legs, but

wheeled, and arms down-back, and strode, through stride, ripped apart, with every curve that took away from him whatever there was left of mind:

‘May I ask for what little closure there is?’

‘You’ve been given an hour, and yet you return with what little there is, how might I ask, is there a chance for you to come again, bearing what we ask?’

‘I shall come whenever needed but no little as there’s still, nor will I look for countenance when there’s but little more than what I feel. Around my arms, no little and no darker than what’s wrought inside a calf of eyes, broken as one could have it, in apparel stalked, and taken into half, but cut, would I have asked again. When will I be paid?’

‘Only when we shall receive what’s ours, and only then, when pleased with our transaction, darkened bold, wilt we have cast it where to please, no longer swollen, no longer darkly mistaken or taken forth. We know better, and no less, but lo there’s such, and darkened lain, upon each press, we’ve seen the marks.’

He was presented soon after, as the band, from out the wagons, the eighteen hundred of them, wrought in chains and low-hanging off them, but darkened steel with seal’s filled bellies fat, a fear, lesser fright but swollen, as disastrous as it was deliriously sullen, one might feel its gaze, but gouged soon after, not by trail but solemn vow, as to endow what little there was to listen to him, seethe no less, as such duress is only saved for the most lonely that do listen when alone:

‘I seek but one thing of glory as to be proven alive, when time is come upon me to ask, and ask I shall, lend upon me what I desire, no less and no more than I require. A simple proof of my conviction that there’s still there to’ve been lain upon my handed arms, soon after, when, I, to have been brought onto it again, wilt I, and there’ll be. Wilt that I shall see reason if there there’d be, of lesser, such no cause, I’ll listen instead. If reason to have me wilt away with nothing in my hands, I dare not question, likes of eunuch chanting and will do no gross, upon your hindrance’s cost. I’ll take my leave with such defeat and what’s been lain, above and onto, above my feet. Will I seek no more and I take it as I’m let be known.’

‘Then leave upon immediate stance and seek us not be cast away or called upon, when we have only sekt armistice with a man of little mind who’d listen to no one but himself, even when worsened by each day but crackle, of what’s to come and drag us after, from the bowels of the earth, you’d listen, still but screech. Where’s my trove to be given? Yet beseech of us what little we have, of what we’ve taken off the land, eaten away, of little benevolence that’s been taken out our way, we’ve given more than needed, bred through distance trance. And when time is come onto us away, at the hour of which you’ll shower us, in leech of answer, in search but bridled with what little theft you’d hear there be, and come onto our way, then we shall pay with wretch in deed and turn, and scour whatever there is left of your body off this side of the earth.’

Wilt he was and walked away before any or either one of them could have him taken from the wretch of plow. The night filled with what little evil there was in the men retired, and was come upon the brow of the earth, to which but pulled inside of it as the many of them were, as little of the dark command, a mouth had whispered and had come to the great brow of the ground, whichever that be.

Great serpents, drakes and spiraled fiends, corpses put on top each other, and a necromancer onto all of their corpses, with the head of his master. A living head put on top the very great pile that ruminated on top them all, falling on top itself no longer casting away whatever glance of little worth there'd be:

'I see, I see, you've brought one among you thinking I would have his soul, taken of the plow-through fort I have been working upon when the hour of the kill, and the broadened upon, as I would feel us thus, of darkly there had been recorded discs of might and killed benign, I would have you all cast inside and feel what little wretch I would've, sullen as I were, to complain to this day, caught.'

But they didn't say a thing and had all lay confused. For this was only one of the chief niggardly creatures in servitude and anchored as to knight itself, and no longer have what little halvened mind one would have in turn. Corpses throned of little wonder spraying what paraded upon disease, was there cast, but one thing was certain, despite the giant ticks that appeared to be feeding upon themselves and itself was of little reason not to obey or prey upon itself, along the way, one would've known it.

'The head of the House!'

A man cast his glance at last, and understood, what little piece of ancient day, that mattered, whatever reason came but true after, just as little, would they, to have fathomed the corpseless souls that drew from the insides, yonder:

A soulless thing stood around a coruscated rounded curve of tiny thorns, many of them being barely adorned by what appeared to be, every fifteen or so of them clustered together, shaper points that didn't last. Barely tied together, came at last, from one of them, from hopeless growls, from the distance, with as little as a musky noiseless prow, that had happened to lay itself forth, come around, and on top its bent knees as one would stand protected from there is, of evil and what's done, of what judgment's cast upon it so:

It was no necromancer, nor was there a reanimator instead.

A poison engulfing veil of toxins appeared to coat his dark iron cast throne of barely kept together piles. Within the flash of a lightning's strike, as if November comings had wanted a laughened slap of wristened sips, the stage was become but completely coated in his weird almost ringed by chains longer-pelt he wore, on top the most disturbing of the screamers and of lightened sights, and gaze-through leper's dark tenebrous batch, a few empty corpses being released as they drew out of the smoldering pile, a few plates were made off their show-through corpse hangers, the ones that were strewn besides them.

'What's the meaning of this debauchery?'

The corpses were tallish, and handsome by contrast and filled with bile pudgy worm-maggots, although very distracting by the very contrast of the strange series of contortions that would very much so force any man in their place to cower at the mere thought of there being an unwonted alternative to death, as much as it could be said, one of the men that was present there, out of the crowd-made-into-devolved from a single, simple twentyish or so group of them that came along out of nowhere, one of them, being distracted by a passing thought went on a tangent about how much he loathed the presence of niggers, whom his shared hatred towards could not have been more peculiarly dislodged from the mind or cut out since, a few meters away from there, an entire water or by pouring rain soluble, as if they were marble

caught in an attempt to withstand acid instead, tall-grazed by their sides with human elongated faces adorning their not only sides but as they proceeded to look in the general direction in which these mushrooms dangled, the lower protrusions that were instead, apparently toppled ropes of some kind, that had been reeled in all of the sudden, in order to put on a show of nigger-lynching, followed by a Coon-like song display played by a gramophone-unseen device, although unseen, seeded yet rooted in the most peculiar way, into the most desperate-deprecatory manner, of nigger-lynching manners, possible ways of doing it. A strange elongated appendage that sprouted from the ground with toe-cut, fingerless but a humanoid palm that drew out of the holes large ringed by chains, lynchings appeared to bear at the very least a lot of canoe-shaped niggers that had suffered for prolonged durations of time, although nothing could be said since, mostly, everyone was mesmerized by the fact, twisted by the fact that there were no niggers in the crowd either, a few clouds began pouring some acid, not to melt the mushrooms since their impermeability permitted them to avoid this ghastly thing that was the acid vacuum of dark penetrating laceration inducing incubation period endowed onto them as the niggers were not and had not only been alleviated from the eternal wait as for their passing to have been gotten through, but afterlife actively waited or delayed its punishment in order for them to be reanimated momentarily as to suffer even more at the 'hands' of acid, at which Horxin, the Patron saint recognized that niggers were not steeds but instead filthy sub-human simians that were worthy of as little as there was left of mercy, therefore, their suffering continued. Worsened by the progress of this rain, they were left unrecognizably maimed-charred, beyond the means of there being any chance to make something out of them, it was a situation that left them irresolute, and wide-spread on the ground. A height uncanny lain between them and the mushrooms near which they've been lynched by the side of. What was more peculiar in terms of how the physiology of the mushroom contorted itself, as well as to conform to the appendage's curvature in order to allow the acid drops to melt the bodies of the niggers, was the fact that no damage as sustained by these strange-forest muscle jointed things at all.

In the distance towards which was pointed by a greater servant whose head was even taller than the corpses, yet was brought. Upon the realization, this deformed mushroom top, whose body was a sea-cucumber sponged thing with many lumps, as if cut-by side within, its mushroom 'hat' whose head was a pawn shaped gurgling defiled cranium with whirls filled with citrus segments, as if oranges cut on either sides, encapsulated within, whose shoulder, as of the 'plant' were filled, and sharp as they were as blades of curved pads, shoulder-like but filled with bubbling growths that grew as plants. A single jackal-skulled head-deformation, with many stalactite-teeth that squirmed around, its top, was but a single imprinted boil, reddened with filthy blood, its eyes but blind as to what's it seen or what was greeted by, of thin-end cloud:

'IT curled, the ship, curled. I saw the blimp pull all of them in, the city, the people, they're in.'

The city belonged to it, now, with every curling bow-legged rope that drew them on, through window and through sill, through skull, through head, through soiled scream. The children, the animals, the creatures whom had rose; the ones that died in the cemetery and the one whose bodies froze; and we were there to see it all undone. To hear the lightning crackle upon their ends, withdrawn; until no man, no living thing was left. Until there was no insolence to be drawn from breath, again. We were left inside, trapped in flight, worship of benign. A few bars sullen pounded at the heights. Of course there was no living man, alone, but set in sight. Of flightless drawn, a stall of metal-crafted trough, be gone as everyone, through

seethed pipes, they landed on the ground and all had died, leaving only but a man alone. A single pit-formation made of them. But all were puckered, left to rot:

‘Come to me, as I am brought!’

Onto him, the ether of the air, he spoke and only saw but fittingly, a single darkened-ended hole. A pit of disillusionment but calling, onto him again, approach; do not show shyness for they might take you for a broach, to wear. And fear what might come after, twas’ but said:

‘There’s only a few feet left for you to trail and follow, and the fall of foliage there’s cast to wallow in, if squirm alone your wont of said. Wordless anchors, of more but said; you need to take no more refuge and leap down there, where the bodies wait, underneath to ruse.’

‘What’s happened to them?’

‘Glorified anchors, as many of them had become, they only drag what’s left of the bloated thing above us down. Where the storm comes, the greater one, only once strike of light and just as well, all should be but thoroughly gone. With as little as a swollen cysted tomb for countless corns to finally pop; they’re unprotected, as are we.’

‘Show yourself then, if that’s to come. If there’s no chance for either one, show yourself to me before I die, before I cast myself through such uncanny taw as they shall have me after!’

Weather balloons appeared to be wide-spread, as for every corner that was out there, pouting but with disappearing leds. No fewer men than in-between them, hanging on by basket held. Their arms but rotten, everywhere; thrown but tawny, yawn as if no less was heard; through morrow yet disturbing parts of them, whatever was left uncut-cast away; inside but lain, then devoured by the little munchers in the baskets, with their little pincers’ anchoring that wouldn’t say:

‘We need to stop them, stop them immediately from doing that, from all that would be cast and all would fall apart, if they do it.’

‘Then what will have me do? Will you have my life be taken as I leap and join my brothers in death? Would you have but lepers cast, from basket, lain? In no other place can they fall, and if I do as such, they might follow the trails and cast their pincers, lodged away, into the hoses, climbing with each step, but tawny, trying to get themselves but in and rancid.

‘You must try to find away to cut their path, prevent them from jointing themselves, part to the clouds. If they do it, we shall all die. If you fall but soon after, I can promise you that you shall no die. And join not them, but live forever as I say.’

‘In a world destroy.’

‘Where resources are scarce but at the very least, you shall live another, at the very least, swollen day, and do as you please and never cast but fist towards a place that might steal away and take that wilt your life betokened to, and lay awake through endless nights.’

‘But I shall be alone and I shall flee to sight, or get a hold of any man, and I shall beg, eventually to be slain. Why not end it so, here and there, with strike of light, that I may join them by all means, whether it be by fall of wrung out fight?’

‘That is not something you desire, and that as much I can tell your for I’ve seen it happen long before, when the Earth was in youth and the fiends that were lain again, therefore more, could only do as such but yell.’

But they had bore one another once again.

A cysted bead- an abdomen chitin, with a few cords sprouting off its back and an elongatedly deformed sprawl of shapes, all blackened like a scorpion’s rotten, then burnt to crisp, hacked upon by slashed cysts up-rooted shafts and faced with many, all that gathered about inside the bodies of transparent headless bodies yet of mold. All gravitated around. But a single pale man, with white clothes, whose eyes were socketless, whose glow was flashy and out of which there came greater arms, forming a single appendage that was just as pale, and was made four by four, by four by four, as arms and forearms and palms and elongated fingers that were all unattached to him, but eating what they could, floating in the air, obscure, joined by the little insects that’ve been formed out of the bodies of the men absorbed, by the great, giant, colossal figure in which they but tore their bodies apart, molecule by molecule until were gone.

The servant returned to this pile, communicating what was being done, in the distance.

A few corpses, down there, down the well, beneath him were foragers. Made known and aware of the ins and outs of this most soluble thing that was a nightmare to beheld, or stare upon. Against the passing winds only a few minutes prior to them going all the way down there, lowered by a patch of land that was rounded-lumped with a saucer-dog-head mold with a top mount on top of it with many rose-bud shaped eyes, that was belong lowered upon hundreds upon hundreds and thousands of daddy long-legged- sea-cat whisker-shaped tubes with dark dust-drowned faces that puked gas, regurgitating it chokingly, out their nostrils of dark-submachine gun hole-shaped riddled hole-base-spread texture filled, rottenly eaten by elongated spiked worms, that passed through them, by mechanical arms with belts of leather and Cyprus-shaped tattoos of power, when one of the foragers pulled out his scythe, only to begin hacking his fellow foragers into pieces, going into circles as he performed a ritual of burial at depths, his brothers now be dead, when all the sudden, there he stopped, popped in place, a cup was brought out, where to pearls, were in chocolate-dirt, he drank the soils. On his way down there, his master forgot to call, upon him as to there, return.

But lo, there was one that stood doggedly in an attempt, caught and distraught, in order to be heard, something that others could not have attempted, prior to being brought onto question, fading were the lights that followed after, a few pints below and rafts that were sunken in the land of corpse-a-lure.

‘A few more jittery fellows are lost, sir, what shall we do to ‘em?’

‘Throw them in the pile with the rest of them, you dumb buffoon and I told you not to bother me when I’m the thinking-zone, you dumb, insolent little puffy-put chaser!’

‘I’m sorry sir, but innit a thing of wonder that we found ourselves entertaining company?’

‘I don’t care about your rumblings over the fire-tart-pop, you insolent, ignorant, unfathomable thing; can’t you see that we’re already referring to yet to be dead folk, with their faces melt, in places such as fire’s end has little hope in store for them?’

‘I still don’t get it sir.’

‘You, fine, then I shall put it in some way you will understand. Those people that will by then, the time you will have brought them to this point of no return, that are with us, will not be with us any longer, but deep down a dark rotting ravine, buried in their scented whatever-comes-prior and after the first man’s death’s driven release, with a foot up their racks and a pint down their needles and their valuables brought onto my desk so I may stamp them and deliver them to the nest where they’re to be fed onto the rat-handler. Is that clear enough for you, Pocs?’

But there was something he didn’t plan for. Although one not inclined to think otherwise, he was, by all means ignorant to the whole affair. Those piled up corpses only piled themselves highly above, and to such a higher level that foul play could be suspected as having taken place, mostly because they had ladders in them, worn-out ladders in, not on, inside of them, their guts, that sprung wide open revealed variously leveled intricacies of wind-mill extractions; that surmounted, but none the least to various wings and spry intoned sound-makers whose bell-clicking echoes and various ‘post-mortem’ edificaries only made everything worse, since they also had large piston-beams of tallish standings, with flopping wildly heads, at their ends, with long drift-shots of gusts, on their sides, revealing drone-puffs of vacuum-drowning varieties, that started churning in the very substance the walls around them were made of. Spring-towers, summer globes of winter-making, trading arms cut and stored in bricked black wires, as well as, potential eaters whose bodies were riddled by flintlock-parasites of some mechanical type that maintained a steady chewing pace, whose propagation against the roundedness of their forms only added to an irresolute bastardity as to be unknown to them whether those fumigating corpses were of their side or not:

‘Whom do you stand by, creep?’

Not a word, still, they approached, now that the chaotic flail had ended up ruining and bringing down a good side of the walls around them. Not to mention the most bastardly of rams. That were standing still, since it was the night down there, and they could not more. He had been right, the bastard, they took all of the corpses out within the hour, and they played with them, the bastards. Put them on top of one another, ‘cleaning’ them, in the most precarious manner, stacking them so they would appear different. Greenish, reddish below, somehow flat, - tubes but condescending tubes of fat-girths, all wrought in different ways, winged, winced, twanged, or stitched all around, with ostriches of iron staring down on them, with giant eyes protruding out of their chests, out of which the bloated murk fell on the ‘floor’, the fake one that was cemented out there, in the outdoors. A dark muddy green segmented the entirety of the plateau. It was a filthy thing to behold, or to check every squarish plate for the lights. All of them had those things, with them either being flares or some unnatural hinged rounded green-flashy untouchable beads, that made way for the other insignificant panoramas that stretched over the wide distance, far-few black-mountains holds that had been raised. They dark-stoned, stacked together like ziggurats, with flat surrounding two meters high-raised fences surrounding not only their general encampment but the surrounding black sea that was of the same stone and flatness as the rest of the encased surroundings. Against them stood miles of nothingness but the darkly wrought sky and the eeriness of flashing pillared piles, whose red, green,

and even blue shades- twisted, squirmed, jerked eerily but within the hour they stopped resisting, calcifying under the weary gaze of the gravediggers.

It came out of nowhere, and inquired as much of the sudden change in alignment that had occurred since the last time they were here.

‘We had to move them back.’

One of the grave-diggers answered. He was stared down by this giant eight feet tall, empty torsoed, as it was shaped almost as to be used as an open gate to pass through, whose distorted features almost made one forget that its wretched head, this water-bottle fat helmeted device of many wires and many nails, many unnatural things that wailed, even faces, of as little as it could be seen of them, but given the fact that it was carrying two giant boulders on its back at all times, one would be too frightened to inquire:

‘Have you?’

‘Of course I’ve made up my mind since then; it’s been a long enough time, hasn’t it? I think I will find it most appeasing if the corpses were to be delivered onto me and none other.’

Pafff! A choice had to be made, one that would dispel every thought as to what happened and what ruined them when night was come, and with all rumor gone inside the lower tunnels, there would be not a single man to spare a single pail as to share in this throve they had granted themselves, as this would only lay on the verge of being caught red-headed, much appeased and done with, in ways unheeded, days unending, where and only when was there time? As one would share whatever left of his corpses, begrimed, with just as little bottled throat and head, inside the mountain that was bodiless but filled aloof with plenty bed. Every living thing recalled, as they would drag themselves by death alone, revived. Either through necromancy or through spool of thought, when brought onto a hall of levers in which not a single one would know what to do or how to lay, delivering the commands onto it through spoken quail. An inert moving object came into view. In the middle of the room, raised by a platform, is sinew. Covering everything by the looks of it; especially this tall crook, this tall barren structure, pillar-but contorted like a desert-tower, tree, with a face at the top, bordering a wagon-ed train’s steam producer as the slit at the top gave onto the impression that it was a body-suit some consideration, as a single contorted plane-wing lay, opposite to it, as an arm contorted, two appendages come out of a single opening-like that of a barrel. They might’ve been taken for a spider’s incisors in any other good day, but this wasn’t one of them. And upon a flail of many lamia tails it drew out, slowly moving as the fin-like wing revealed itself as to point back, forming dark-winded blue-like spoils, many toils of wreathing cords, transparently see-through, melting so-suddenly yet lassoing themselves as to signal the entry of the tails upon which it crawled.

Drunnelligh Seigh

Fifteen years on and off it’s how they’ve done it, to a point where it didn’t make any difference whatsoever whether or not there they did it on purpose.

A flash of lightning appeared to have arisen him from slumber. 'Twas followed by a sheer-heap of blinding flashing lights that had drawn a curtain upon their broken faces, as he awakened them from across the floor, where they've been placed like a cradle filled with toys being not only unwrapped but completely rustled out of the rushes of his finger's tips when finally revealed.

Trails across their bodies as they've been violently cut to such degrees and proportions that one could not purport what had been happening to them at all, or what's been trampling over their incessantly rotten bodies after being displaced on the target-plates that followed soon after.

Every single man opened, as they hid giant flea creatures inside of them. But they were two-fleas each, two and aghast-forward thrust out of one another as if they used their lower-bodies as their shells, like crabs coming out of them, revealing tiny body-punching-bags that pumped but they were not those things, not boils but the lower sides of their jaws that connected to their upper region as to form strange clenching elongated illusionary flea-coves. Highly parasitical and made to be, from looking at them, like some fallen apart pieces that would squirm, that could be placed on the floor and unite, forming a great formation of wriggling-fleshy pseudo appendages that would stick out, since the rest of their organic structure was highly compatible as to have it connected to one another's, as if they were puzzles, but the connection, this suture, once done, would be slightly superficial, as they weren't the type of fit together permanently, now would they feel the cold that entered the house. A pair of windows were open, out of which the gloomy cast of voiceless gusts, that had followed on foot-trails as well as the empty quails of the bigger bodies that were in the distance, floating and standing on top the wriggling rails that had encased, chokingly-wrapped around each and every single one of the clouds, forming green-spiraling gas-holders that revealed not iron, but some weird glassy containers that had been artsy made- from failure to failure until no longer could one sit there silently and accept what had been ruined, or have realized what their art pieces had been turned into, since they were mainly crafted by men, whose life-long lusted for highly-expressionate pieces of résistance had been maligned, at the tip of which, even the leader of the crowd felt an ever-growing resentment-driven fury of soliquity's edge-quietly expressed remorse, at the sight, of this sin-induced and driven forth, heartless, yet remorseless, without the least amount of countenance momentarily withheld, as his attention spanned from one point to another, rearing each and every single one of them from a path of redemption to another one of circumvention, while the herrings-red had flipped, and sunken, deeply, as their teeth, brokenly departed from the least amount of people whose soulless husks had darted once the first blow, the smoke-entrained coal, the breaking of the sky, the tender realization that their time has come and death had spared but little, Californian's ride ticket's lightened fastened belt upon the sight's drawn reigns in order to cut-your-losses-after-seeing dream's vanish street-one more time, since the brokers scammed you and they ruined your art, to the point of bastardization, the clouds being polluted to the point of the Global Warning being flashed- an article on the NewPoerker's Times'- artist creation, shifting the blame on these fucker, these fuckers ruined your sky, these fuckers aren't actually working at all, they're lazy, lazying around on the state's money, begging and stealing, instead of working a real job, since it's only what some people want to do, enjoying working, for their sake, so should you, since they, the people in charge, who pulled the strings were also responsible for everything that was wrong into the world as well as the unnatural thing that was the swinging back and forth strange carrousel-ride seal-deformed horse-ride that was enjoyed by the men, whose inner fleas elongated giant empty limbs, since it was pretty obvious past a certain point in time that they, these disgusting creatures, were like-corpses that hid inside of them, only the most unnatural of things they could. Body bags? Nah, only the marshes-thin!

A giant chitinous creature had been impaled on top a dark stick with many faces, its green-appeared being caused by nothing else other than some unnaturally-dark twist in fruition.

One them screamers that come after you when you close eyes inside the closet that's closer than you, closed itself when it turned out that it or they were being approached by one of the tall, leaping around like monkeys-rapists with crowns made of spool white KKK-look-a-likes that were stitched together to their shirts but weren't shown to be actually masks but have shotguns attached to them with eyes, large ones, bulby with fingers that were come out of their lower –unnaturally defect, by nature, as in born, pseudo-stump limp lipped-as in growths placed across the entire circumference by the looks of it, of the iron-deficient little giants that were grown out of their wombs, these non-humanoids that were eyeless but maintained their cogs, which, upon being implanted inside of them, activated a long series of events that would eventually bring their eternal ethereal damnation-filled meditation that would fill their limbs with peculiar growths of skinned but allowed to bleed themselves to death afterwards, then stitched, yet not alive-self satisfactorily induced deaths; starting with the unnatural amount of bubbles they all bore inside their hearts, a lot of particularly tiny-puffy pudgy air-bubbles that were all, apparently not only part of one another-internal-workings since their bore tiny microscopic tubes that established some kind of connection between them that was highly distinguished to the level of an academician's woe, since he couldn't help himself but stare in admonition at this almost black-hair-like mosquito curly thing that was made of one piece, like some aneurism by the doctor worked for-drive through the genitals in order to save a patient from death kind of weird that entered all of them, but at the same time, since they were frozen, the baubles also stood the chance of having power-arcs being thrust, bouncingly, against each and every single one of their walls until they finally popped out of existence, then shot in every possible direction, to a point where the entirety of the body would simply explode as if pulmonary driven explosives would shoot out of this, unnatural conclave they formed together, written at sub-organic level that helped, in some way bring the next induction of power into existence, although the blood that they did not only part with since their hearts had become unnaturally deformed blood-clot-filled with but kept into strange tinder-box-shaped lockboxes, with rusty-gritty filled with windless abodes of powdery homes, brought by previously being shot through all of their chests from a grenade-shrapnel, explosion, these things kept all their heart's bloody mass from reaching the mid-point cluster, where the deformities of hopelessness appeared to be intruding, even now, upon the other fragmentations of organs that worked together in order to get rid of the liquid paranoia that had entered them, as such. The first event in the series threatened to destroy them to a permanency that prevented, without a doubt, from ever there being a chance of them being brought back to life, and such was it that there was a carelessness they didn't regret not dealing with, in the outward-fashion they displayed their uncaring for how much hurt they would enact upon themselves in order to bring as much pain as possible to the point of no return for their cut off pain-nerves and neuroses, wide-spread, as they stood or were found, initially, on the street, making snow-angels with crabs near them, dancing, with blood pouring out of their man-shaped skull-shells sockets. As they painted all in crimson, there.

'The streets, the streets, the streets, the streets, they're all put on ramps, just as I justly promised you they'd be, and the best part of all, no one even suspected a thing since the workers were all allowed to snick in during the night, without venturing out their designated areas to pleasure themselves with some of the nastily-dysfunctional city's daughters that were clearly placed there as neon signs in order to screw me over and my business because they knew, my enemies that is, what I was planning on doing, ever since I left the great mountain area of Irkson-Tottle, having made several arrangements that were clearly,

clever enough by their own account, finely guarded by my secret guards, they thought themselves master over it, yet incapable of properly dealing with the informants that were almost a step ahead of mine, readying themselves at the command or signal of, the key, that would unlock the safe, which was carried over hundreds of miles in uncharted enemy territory, benign-evenly by the fluctuations of power as they banded together, the entirety of the opposition, which turned the general population against my, my friend, but I feigned my death and survived for long enough despite having all of my limbs blown off by nuclear-grenades and dogs. A lot of dogs whom have collected my remains and if it were not for my desire to protect my assets, for the noble purpose of preserving the one micro-biological face eater that would by other means kill all life on this succor-distraught a planet, I would not have made it through.'

'Then what is to be done about them in that case?'

'About whom; if not for them? Well if not for them, then there would be no means of blending in, having driven all of them to insanity, I managed to buy myself enough time to make it so I would face no consequence for my actions whatsoever.'

There could be an insurgence going on at any moment, especially when least expected. And where there was one happening, many more would follow soon after, that was the only despicable truth humanity needed and could only deal with, unaided.

And there was no easier way to put it without appearing to be too, forward. No, that would be too easy, far too plain for someone like him who was a tad far more outfetched than every single man of every other countenance that has ever been, or who's met him, at any point in his life, bludgeoning themselves by sophistries of never-having-been-capable-of-understanding what made him so special in the first way yet always being aware that they were in the presence of someone who was far beyond them, and they were beneath him, as if, despite their comically-adjusted backgrounds, as well as the high hopes and dreamless, almost vaguely met inquiries that've been made behind the closed-doored absences of the crushing of the notes in their private desks, decks, rooms, archives, plane-chambers, the room-shaped chamberlains that were put on top of rolling boulders, which were attached to the great wings that spanned across one side to the other, in the most disgustingly disturbing hard-to-look at olfactory yellowish triangle, which was their source of power, placed in the middle of the palace, out of which, the chains, these horrible chains that came out of it held every other room from falling apart into the world, the abyss being a pucker to them, which only grated the hard surroundings, which could and would not give no man the solace of standing by its side when lest unaided would be realize that he's been had by them, the masters, who, were incapable, very much so of properly understanding what was it that made or turned this strange figure that had ventured into their house and also got out of it, untouched as if it hadn't even mattered at all, nor would've it have mattered until he dared leap out of one of the rooms and through the flooring, pulled each rib and every piece of the Janitor, whom was devoured, just as quick, by the many dreadful insect's spread and the ones that had accounted for the bothersomeness whose infestation was mightily prolonged as well; for they knew as little of him, found but no actually useful information on his background, his family history, whether or not he had been a noble as he claimed, whether or not it was important to ask, don't look, don't say, don't pray, or he will come after you when the night's come onto the finger's tombs, then watched would he be, for reasons one could see that there was a simple thing, that was still, missing, although the difference was, lest of all, unfathomably quick in doubt as to be disregarded by what was happening now, inside their mansion, since they've gone missing,

as, most importantly pronounced, did their most valuable confusions that were projected as to the allure of the epitomical villain of whose belonging to a categorically unfit, yet deceived by everything and just as little as they would seethe as and during their final moments when met by unruly death would they count no less on their senses, but still ask themselves, with such impressions still being imparted onto them, as anyone else would have them, by all means driven to extinction, then wanted, waned, and there-yet-fore, there again, ‘Why, why was he so smug?’ and what gave him the right to rub it in our faces after that? Were the many questions they carried with them even past the most bothersome ventures no other nomad would have one tell, or yell at. There was no need to intrude just yet, since he had returned for a reason not even he could endure such a luxurious reason as to stall a temple’s knock.

‘Fuck-shit-rape.’

Closely at hand, one apartment appeared to be anything but left behind, or worked upon, welded in and blandly struck.

‘My lord, I think we’ve handed ourselves a ruin, in such crime foretold and blandly held in rhapsody withheld by them, whom look upon us in countenance foretelling. I seek but reason to take something that’s been drawn away, I seek but reason not to seethe for long and listen to the songs of mourning that I may be lain from thereon out, from halt then wither, and come upon the stinker. Otherwise, I shall feel no bothersome filter that might be taken away. To this I lay a reasoning foretold, and they wilt it forgotten.’

‘I know, I know, they don’t make those things like they used to. And I think we’re both familiar with what I’m talking about, right?’

‘Certainly, sir, but.

I cannot stand it. It’s making me feel as if, I’ve lost something. I won’t be able to pick up on it any longer. It’s a shallow feeling I can’t shake off. It’s turning my guts inside out and, for the first time I’ve come to the realization that I may not be able to do these things forever. I’m a broken machine; I’m trying to extend my lifespan as fast as I can, but time is catching up with me as well as it does with you.

Even the names started being lost along the way.’

‘No man can help it, unfortunately.’

‘I’m aware of that.’

The grotto called for the Sleigh, and it would not wait for the beast to allow for another prod to be taken from this very slithering eel’s run upon.

‘Your servants near one of the wild machines, the ones that are broken, what shall we do about it?’

‘Only one of them can bring destruction in my solace, the paradise, when the last perfidious night’s approach shall venture forth, the Solstice’s come upon, and celery of wretched coil that follows day obscure, thash shallow!’

A single semi-circular bodied flying clipper-like contorted, with a head holding the two downward-pointing openings that held some of the chitinous leathery meat that hid some of the organs in, whereas its

right 'arm', the curvature that pointed towards a solace in the dark bore a fraction of a few hundred shoulder-like formations, holding the only appendage even vaguely resembling some kind of simianesque hand, whereas one great growth arose from it, like some unnatural towering bulbic nose, at the tip of a candle-bodied flaccid pads of cones, that being said of its inter-organic structure, on the opposite side, naught but almost open bone and starved, static and incapable of moving from that angular arc. Whereas the head that stood on top that 'hill', elongated fat, like some wildly deformed blob-fish, but almost canine- in the front where the skull diverged. A resting globe for an eye, whereas its left one was kept elongatedly out as if out of a 'bar' that was another bone. A portcullis or a gate, being spat on by a blob-like head; it, this wretched one, gripped but welded yet on top the one half collar, whereas the meat only drew back inside, shouldered by the many bricks of meat that were very much alive themselves had drawn itself up on sight.

'Half chompers, the garden tool has arrived!'

'Mockery? You fool, I shall not have myself insulted near the place of promise that's been withheld from me ever since the day I've come but yet arrived!'

So much insolence from one of theirs, that was unacceptable, from the point where naught would think and naught else; of the same breed. A little head, a tiny one with legs crippled yet moving wildly yet ahead; that wretch of no howl, that wretchedly disembowel; whose little crowd of the maligned, all but raised the purgatory-like heat, onto the den of pleasures towards which they marched!

'You are filled with fat and terror but you shall not spoil this day if we could have, not while we're so close ourselves to breaking the gates!'

Said the champion HG'

It came to it then. They would have to ruin his very bones and the only place he stood in, that ugly, much deformed, unkind place he had nested in while waiting, in mockery, in waiting, for the dangerously hard-to-bear assault to begin while from the sky, across every single spot that ever existed there being hundreds of large barrels filled with bloody-coated in gelatin skulls as well as other bone-like remains in which the children of Hg, the ones hiding with nothing other than some ugly, much to themselves or to their point, deformed heads where they stood and stooped, contorting while knocking on them in order to slow down the growth, that was already underway of the outer, many winged bodies that were clearly bastarded, up to the point where naught would do but this filthy of eyes and sharp finger-like defiled munching upon one another hardened cried their in-peach torn apart bodies had.

He and them, and Jonathan and they too and him and her, that person over there walking backwardly on his arms while at the same time balancing the entirety of his body weight, drenched in sleazy-sweat from hours of hard-jogging against the windmill's forestry gusts of pine, while bolts of Rhine with German songs', one German song in particular, sung by some radio inside some car, Erika, they remembered that, they, who cast a perniciously disgusting large-fifteen meters tall, ten miles on a radius of five to six meters falling off -limb' made cast of shades that painted the surroundings, which were tall palm-like trees, with their tops being humanoid-disgusting heads, that bore large top-arms holding beacons of clot-blood, that permeated the blooded-coil that was made out of various, caught in their own trap, Blood-Mongoloids, the Wretched Hemathose-Homophiles, kings of Ehga, malnourished by a mountain caravan

of bodies being brought, ebbing for the release out of this broken world of pain they've been cast into, without being asked, they, the people whom were watching, warring, betrayed-yet slain-by faultiness caused by lack of prescience as to make one aware of what was going around him in the future-yet-to-come, willingly but not by fury's scoundrel melting point of never-yet hindered insolence, insinuation of some defecation perched through by the illiterate come after whom had been entrusted the safe-keeping of, as well as the countless generations that followed in their footsteps, their nastily disjointed, disgruntled puffy-hairy large-mosquito curved elongated hairs the thickness of a wrist with little people attached to them, wrapped around like fine-presents on a Christmas's eve, coal tarnished wrapped around-heaved to their likings, many such men showing insolence, to them, the devils-wearing your skin-shoes, upon a simple daylight of November's fifth day's secondly mistaken as it's been written down, with every solstice missed by Easter's sixteenth's Equinox in filth-surround, they, these things, these wretched ugly creatures and beings, ugly not merely in thought, ugly in wretched command, wearer of hooves, who yearned for cheerfully sublime release, out of the cysted crystal of priceless bastardity and grim torture, inside of which, billions of miles lifted above a land, kept away from release, held by rusty-yet hinged, torn apart- stung, yet chipped, with colors of bluish-red, hiding in cask, in cast, inside but taken from and out of, corpses made of light, protectors, flying still alarmingly in stare for the land beneath them was mainly covered in broken-bones and other unsanitary abodes in which grayish humanoids had made the homes of, hung their flags, made bases, barracks and large towers that stood watch over countless eons, after humanity not only died, but had moved away for some time now, cranish in apparel, cast of chains, niggardly, a barrel, appeared out of nowhere in the air, to their condition cast in stone, despair, a shout echoed through alarmingly, as were the people unaware of what was happening, the invisible chested giants without their lower sides, flying as well as the glowing corpses, without their lower sides, all, but nonetheless, maintained the high-altitude and the right angle around this circle, beauteous flowers of shining blocked the cypress, were the nuns gone? Loft-obliterate, as the many prisoners, whom I would dare refer to as my ancestors now are only drawn on sight to blaspheme and counterfeit my last and lessened heart; while the crystal drew up-front towards the ceiling that was a domed-fell upon the land – liquefied but solid sun, which had petrified each creature that resided into space, the ones that were fossilized or eternally entrapped, delighted by hope and such was there, the last of the free, a direct legacy, a lonesome creature of no fault in mind, immortalized, but fashioned of the many bloody urges – kept under control, as any other man would have his soul, betokened to his rightful home, that of his purity, bequest of no release, the land out there, especially the sky being of a red-block, hardening of black smoke, and slowly becoming eternal-like the night of many ghoulish scum and tongues, which now appeared, lingering in fright, adorning none other but fashion of subtly was there a light. But no one approached the king, bearer of legacy, blood-line. For they were brought from elsewhere, and were mangled by mixing with lesser ones; such were they forced into caves and maintained but little relationship to the only man, of brave-yet soul, adhering to his gods, abandoned of no lest be sought inside his home, and bothered not by their absence, he wrought himself into the cold, surround.

Near them but only during the solace's one second that almost passed in an instant, during their reign of laceration and the embrace of evil distributive force uncannily-set-last resort that's come out of the confines of the malicious space of empowering dark scythe-like blobs that entered one another as to form their chains upon which they flung and stung- through a boat's laceration's song and ever-present as to be abhorred by the passing of fifteen consecutive days of unobtrusive terror, congruous torture by means of chain and pain, and a piano whose keys are incisors that would bite off their nails and hands and arms,

continuously regurgitating what they've eaten along the nurturing abode of spiels and of cantor's largely come onto them moved upon the slaving hundreds of legs the Obituary was being carried upon, the cruel-cruel but without a cure allowed to drool upon itself like a spool of wool, seeds-chirping with slithers that hadn't been allowed to cure the venison that had been cut and delivered by the primitive ghoulish demons with no eyes unless in possession of some ocular devices that would allow them, otherwise to continue among their brethren's cruel trajectory, whereas and within a hundred or so meters from the distant yet clearly; the flails, the flails were not meant to stalk, to move along or twitch, a twat of a culprit's towel rotten and just as many dead-forgotten, slither-gotten, since none to be rotten as they followed only what appeared to be a pail of many figures that ascended yet remained openly-open for reprimand, as to allow whatever satisfaction that might've been had be yearned and lustfully taken away from them from that point on and until the last of the fasting-rottenly prevailed and have left the world in the wretched state it was to be driven in, through the drivel of the broken crowds, the dead ones that followed all around, and the people of little time left of their lives that followed in paths uncanny, their succumbing juiced filling the fluid bags which rose, anchored only by ropes that trailed and flails of train-like structures that succumbed to age, all added to the insolent grave from which the abhorrent most cumbersome of pails that coughed, with many pudgy arms and left legged appendages, that reminded one of man-mankind, or what was once some ounce of trespass, what was once the ancient ballad that had called for him to return to life during the age where he might've prevailed upon the elements that had abhorred being cast upon him and upon the slithering trunk that had fallen apart, beyond salvation or what might once be called, nor his, of such tender countenance foreboding as he'd have it, even in a minute during trial, never-call, treason by un-many, lesser viles; that had come around equipped with trenches dug upon the piles they had carried from afar, miles upon miles upon stretches that could not be recognized by any means, of such reprieve as they had yet endeared, yet endured, mourned for what had been happening, for lesser countenance turned the lesser men in graves, those who raised only did so to aid them in their war, to supply each mount that was entrenched and carried, rope by rope, worm to hop in trough and carried, from the land of snivel and any man would do but still if asked, not to mention what was done to them, that had maimed every single one, the casks, out of podgy grooves, and empty skies, through their tombs, filled with – such were surged of each dye in which they bathed, thought not one could explain the colors that were dictated out of war, not a blissful soul, if there was any, to point out what they had been robbed of; not a single one to this vague-cylinder day to have been cast upon the wagon mast, or to recognize to whom they were bringing this strange tool of dirt to, or why, of such contemptuousness being met only by chance, only whenever if whoever it was behind each mask, that laughed and cackled at them pointing, and various cajoling figures that were since found, mourning, for the losses they carried in logs, behind their backs, carried by ropes, full to the errand's brought upon the sight and mass, but the bodies plenty rotten appeared to be in forbearance of no scent, nothing too abhorrent anyway, that would be the cause, or to have been tarred with each and every slither of a mass, one would be aware of it; yet the hard countenance of every dark figure that passed, how tall they were, the giant-tall, the ones most wretched that had their arms, appendages and legs, and other figures beneath them, immediately seen death through hundreds of lacerations, though no finger lifted, leg hindered, lowered-so, not a single movement to be seen or made out of them, since plain it were, that destruction was in their souls, not seen but felt, utterly and completely, crushing each soul through pails of straws, unseen but benighted, as their faces and their missing eyes, these figures, boiled but tar- of a chrome or tawny bronze that appeared to be many large conical elongations with smaller faces that opened their near-mechanical mouths to release worm-like flashy tapeworm bubbles of worm-storms, inside of which

hundreds of parasites of the kin dances, although even these conical things that were attached were more-so bulbic in body, as they were depressed like parasites themselves, or black-heads, or the blasphemous pimples of no wretches' heed, as the figures were only walking in death, mobile only by their feet, which themselves were rather stripped of all matter and mass, see-through and able as one would be to enter if he charged, if he found a way, if he tried, but then again, most had, and most ended up dead before they could reach the ladder, what they hid under, what they stepped on top of and entered yonder, unintended, as it were, the village of no yearn to return, had given onto them a fidgeting gift, a ladder of wood, with the strange dead-figure, queer-like in appearance, a peasant with a ring-chained mail and a lion's mane, and a duck-pelt, and his eyes were red gems and his legs were snakes, but all were dead-alike, and the mist that came from inside those wretched dire-legs were strapped, and kilt with sea-weed numbness as the vociferous other-dead came to life in need of yearning, yearly contemplation, apparitions of no lesser such blessed by their kind damnation with their heads cut off, but followed in the path of footsteps left by barely walking near-machine casts of iron and of bolts, with some dead mass inside of them, kept above the earthen boat, that it, itself was falling apart at too fast a rate for there to be something that could be done in order to starve away the lichen-plight, molded figures of such clay; still laughing as they continued on their path to find, whatever there was in store, and whatever most treasured incapable of getting away from being punished by each cone of the stars and moons, the strange humanoid-near cross-formation in which they swamped and cradled away, and stretched themselves throughout the coming and the endings of each giving, less eventful day, whenever rose upon the plight and thunderous skin-cowl, the many sutures that fell in place, running devilish cradling beings without arms, that held hundreds of infantile siphoned bottle-heads with long legs in the hundreds, children's men that came after with eyes on their chests, covered permanently and grown themselves in these metal boxes, numbering in the hundreds, yet disallowed to flee, permitted to see light only through a cut made at the top as to be forced to witness, that which had never been had, since birth and what not; though their brooding mothers, tall and chained, long legs and mostly covered in pails of sheets, and rubbed by force of nasty cut-through heaps, and entered through them the bandages abhorrently distraught, as they suffered suffocation endlessly, being only fed air every once in a while, through some tube beneath them that followed like some eerily bell-sung snake that would impale and inject them by quick snares and lunges every now and then, though their lungs filled with soothed water, hot-red by the poker coal inserted but never allowed to come out; longer throats and necks than bodies, heads rounded but blob-like growing with hot-air, see-through but with many –such a-lurk akin-to their children, the ones that were ripped and fell off the ground; that did not belong to them by any means but were eaten through the openings in their legs, through tiny finger-nail elongated feeding shoveling appendages that were allowed every now and then to acquire, the mass of the ground, that stinking thing whose rancid scent filled them with moisture come to an end, whenever seen for what they were, whenever into hiding, all walking in pairs and packs, hiding inside the insidious many-caves that were all connected to the staunch-tall beam-filled with fat, oblong-like as it would diverge at the top in a great almost cabin-like beating like a heart structure, with two strange segments hanging blob-ingly, akin to two interconnected pelvis shaped kites that appeared to contain similar structures as could be seen inside the main cabin, through the hollow spots, as they had shared; as they, the creatures inside each of the three of them appeared to maintain the power of, in and out, there being flung a specter of technology that could only mean that whoever lived inside was the sole master of the deathless giants that were made to walk, forever yet in circles, never allowed to trail off in whichever way, never to have alerted the others hiding in the forests of blooming ultramarine gelatin see-through picked upon green of men of war, that were found, or found themselves readily standing again,

on the tip of their toes, readily aghast, bodies filled with a stricken down lust of many bones that were dug by hound-figures, that of men, wearing themselves off with work until death came for them as well. For what was worth it, the porous remains that had cast away the first of the bastardous yearned-for-in-part by means of defibrillatorily destitution had alarmed yet naught but the first abscess of some long-lost-now appeared philanthropist belonging to some obscure extraction that would otherwise commute no thought of disillusion as to find out whether or not where was a chance for his strange adjourning illusionary almost confidence, that had been stricken on the spot by some unfashionable illness that obscured a lot if not most of his well-sided irksome facetiously innocuous to himself image of well being whose native-to-his-knowledge untidily received when finally gotten the chance to inquire about mannerisms that had once been the sole, only, distinguishably by mere glance when met upon an alley by a villainous strangers with whom he of all would share some kindred spirit towards that no other man of similar extraction would find himself qualified enough to have a say in, so much so that one would have to ponder whether or not this fiendish thing had come to a point where it had simply lost whatever shimmer or sliver of mind he ever might've had in the first place, as to think again, why is it that his personage would allow for such a sudden change in countenance as to be perceived as someone that treading upon this path which would in turn yearn no turn-away, nor would allow for a chance for some benefactor to step in; the extraordinariness of this tawny grayish-plume delivered on a cargo-ship after being delayed for several months, past the quota of being, have had to had been delivered on the fifth of November by a lightning-flung sea-storm of mischievously befuddling to aghast, prudish almond-show he had long-wriggled, turned, worked upon, or had his servants do it for him; whether completely or not, that would be left to the interpretation of his personage and that of his close-to-himself peer, of such allure as it would be referred to as his private confidante; to whom he had revealed the elaborate plan he had been toiling over; like a puppet-master who had entered or had himself be delivered into the personage of the gentleman in question, whom, now, was under his complete control, having no power upon himself, nor, so as to be held under close-scrutiny of what might be told about the character of the deliverer of such a note; the veridical epiphany of such a meticulously promulgated oratorical account given in the same letter that had been initially received, and carefully contained under the vigilant eye of a man whose most valued possession so happened to be of an unknown to himself, as for the time he had received it, importance, until one particular evening, in which he had carefully decided to give into it a second thought as to properly absorb the intricacies that were made themselves revealed, as to be the finely written colloquially-ensemble of none other but the Count of Hyst, whose very known politically spread affiliation could render him as naught else, other than an un-finely to be treaded against adversary of some considerate consideration; since his clear grasp over the poor despot, as well as his inherent villainy could be of no other thing than clearly a malefic display of snob-robbery, malevolently but with enough fine precision, wrapped in such a coat of clear- smugness, that one would consider the immediate course of action without doing as much as giving it a second thought as to lend in a chance for the spirits to calm down after being aroused by such snuff-suffice rapidity of veal, the use of which can be deemed as being a cross over, or would so-far impede over the; course of fifteen or seventeen, spent trying to clearly create a massive sphere of influence with which he would sweep over the land with, a clean strike as to slay a beast that would be no other than; as if it was not had been said thoroughly enough, an attempt at; the king himself, regicide!

In a bulbic flower-garden there stood a few rose-buds. Many skulls inside each of them, in part, colored blue-and cradled in each other's brow; they waited, without saying a thing that could be just as loud as to

allow for either one to be heard. And they were listened for the hour allowed for many passenger- Toms to step out of the train; one would think it bloody if one would just refrain.

‘A napkin, my dear?’

‘I would accept one from no other man. Do not mind then if I would only take a candor off your shoulders as to entrench a looker’s slim; if you don’t mind puffing, ever since!’

‘I would not, not in cane and much ordained, if I could only take a second face.’

‘But husband, since we were married, you’ve taken several and left me with none. A lady such as myself is bound to have at the very least something to look back to when she’s old and frail and there remains, with an Emperor’s coat around her back-ledged throng, upon the bastardly entreaty, fealty to such more endeared, for the fear that might come oft after, so much so to sneer, would I wait! For now, I would disdain such a thing to happen yet again, I’m in need of a ocular devices!’

‘Then you, wretch, shall do without them for now, since I will them all to naught else but myself and no one else for such a matter is worth a contemplation after but not one that could be said out loud, where puffy pudgy eyes can be felt as if they’ve long endeared come onto the brow!’

‘Whom might yearn for such a thing?’

‘Only the man I call a brother of swoll and Ink; If I could only see a reason behind it, one that’s not been obscured as much as of flame and broth as they could have it not, within reason that is, brought onto a scene of likens.’

‘Ever so much so a trifle is there not?’

‘Not that I would think so, dear June-Pyrt! You’ve been a companion for my nuisance of a life for many a day and night of worth, yet I’m still of a mind to ask, how is it that you’ve come to see me in such a light as no one else might dare entrench a knowing?’

‘I’ve been meaning to ask of that as well, but I’m rather indisposed I’d say. My, myself, I, we are all there, around you, timed by such likens as I’d think there’s but nothing else left to add, nothing else brought to mind. That I would think to ask, they’ve been trying you know?’

The garden only brought a few more pegs of stone-masonry to be held, wooden and moist with some interlopers lodged, likened to each gravel-stone, a grave, with the initials written, here remains:

‘A lodged-lone solider that never asked.’

Chance Coles Rigged, carved on top his Epitaph. Painted with some rose of the bud come out of some pierced vein that’s been had and had, had it been for him, drawn into one of the passing snails and the passing scanty crickets that leaped and leaped again. But that could not be had either, since there was no ruse, nothing too short, or gone or unclear, for such trifles were only to be afforded by a few insignificant, unnecessary, disposable entreaties, brought to the attention, of, no one!

‘May I come in?’

Combing its hair, by the noon's first hour gone; a draught run through, and therefore gone; a few more men were combing the gun.

'There's only a few rounds left in.'

After shaking the guns several times, a few slugs began slowly rolling by their ankles, making their way down a flight of stairs that had only been revealed as what it truly was for a moment or so before disappearing in a; strange, star-struck by the dust that came from above, from the hole. A few billion miles in terms of depth-deep hope corkscrew dug through the ozone layer; stratosphere-shot hole; which appeared to be undulating itself on a moving arch through which it invited several dark figures to pour themselves into the world; beneath them:

'So many of them are thus invaders!'

'Yet there's one among them, therefore tender! Be as such and they shall yet recede in dark command!'

A rancid jest's never been had until this point in time, yet they were at it gone a trifle too long and more. Without as much as they could say.

'Wake up, Chance, you are called onto the hour to attend your own funeral, to no end in sight that may be called upon perdition's woe; nor would one know what to expect if I were to.'

Herman and Lloyd entered the room, without even knocking. They were condescending and tall, right off the bat trying to get in without paying for the handle they had not only ripped off by sheer strength but appeared to be clumsily sharing between the two of them, chewing; branches lodged in their spines, brothers from the brothel with some unnatural strength and pudgy plain green eyes; they had stolen from some kid, each wore one, right and left socket empty, but worm-shooters canons sticking out, stirring the mass of mold people they carried in their one-shared bag. On top of which they had the nerve to pretend they owned the place, which made it all the worst, since there was no way of saying whether or not they were listened to.

'You, brother of Grub, you've been under the burrow for far too long, thinking with the roots, conspiring with the moles so you could force us to join the conscript, haven't you?'

'I know nothing of what you're accusing me of and as a matter of fact, it's a trifle less of what I'd expect out of you, to know it so. I said too much!'

'Slag him, Herman!'

With which the second man slid out of his body, revealing a strange almost levitating turnip of a body still attached by some holding devices that appeared to be encompassing every if not all that was still inside his very eunuch of a tribe-thing, in terms of how many structural cuts had been carved in; in order to make way for all the 'add' ins that were needed to allow for this very levitation to occur, whereas his natural composure was a trifle more unnatural than the very body he appeared to be made a part of, since there was no way of telling just what went into him, when he plunged, lunged and jumped around like a jolt of crackling delights, with many smaller limbs that acted quickly in order to keep the head from rolling down, being hit, being slapped, and worst of all, the back of his chest was there, in the back; but not in the way one expected it to be. A strange symbol appeared to have been burned in, where a cage-like

formation held fifty or so, animated hearts that kept beating while still being attached to the generator he carried inside of him. Rightly so, the rush of adrenaline made every single one of them erupt, almost in a most unnatural thing he could barely control, worse than that, he had been almost cast of a mind to throw himself and bore his soul and gut out, for there was a trifle more of what he's done. Eerily his many appendages struck down the man in an instant, who fell flat on the floor, pale as a light being blown by naught else other than some cold breath, before laying, finally in his early grave, dead, like some wreckage swallowed by the ocean's lowest, deepest, most crude and most innocent of lost things that threw away what had once remained of man's empty courage' filled chapter's end, struck down by an hour that forced his brother to rejoined in the woe his peers allowed his personage to continue with, alarming, by the somber quality of a lack of qualities, to have listened to no bowl crackle, and what comes after, before starving for worthless cowering throbs!

'What a marvelous thing life is, fully of glory's never ending and most mischievous of dark errands that could have one's throat slit even if he dared as much as lift a single most assiduous finger to his brow, or look another man wrong, or do as much as spit in his face, spur the spirits or do something even as little as malevolence would throw something in his way or laugh at the way he's to be dismantled or in this case, dismembered by the sadness that is living inside of him but needs be extracted. For lo, I am full of wonder as to dissect this very man that's standing in front of me and I cannot help myself but be curious about what's happened before I even dared lay eyes onto his countenance, abhor, abhor, abhor a second more, so we may perceive what's lain inside!'

For the other man, Lloyd drew closer, pulling out a small machete-like pincer he hid inside his back, still rubbing with the help of his teeth that jerk thing between their incisors, or at least the ones that drew out and did as much as pour some water-clotted blood out of him, the man then rescinded an appeal as to provoke no less. But lo, quickly was the chest open that it was so much revealed that there was no blood, empty as a crude cattle, a man of tin, metal inside. But no circuitry either, a scarecrow of as little salt, as there was a needle in the rack of hay-less quail, but empty and devoid of it as well; they were instead turned to the man whose epitaph was in question. Herman returned to his body-cask, a jelly having entered the room and taken hold of every portrait they were spared the trouble of having to burn them after, since the men in the very pictures were molded, spat and made to suffer.

'What right are you given to bring my house to such ruin as you'd have me mocked, and made plain waste as to be laughed at, as If I did something to earn or deserve this, a thing of much unnerving, serve!'

'We've been brought to such attention as one would have no less an inquiry than needed than. You've died. And we've come to claim a body now, since; there's but one living thing inside. I am being lead to believe that someone in this very room is promised to the very same epitaph we just came from the general direction of, and I can make no lesser distinction between a dead man and one standing than the one I came to make this very instant! You; my son, are you accompany us to your funeral, where you shall be executed on the spot, then delivered onto the promised grave you're to enter and make a home out of for this very eternity and that one that's come after you've been brought to justice!'

Jaundice of all cower, but how could this be? To be overpowered by such villainous fiends that would make one run his trace around and never see the light of day? To have it so much said; for him and for others whom he may've seen along the way! Cruder beings entered the room, and most of them of such

earnestness as one could only be lead to believe there was no way out of this, out of this charade that earned no glance than needed!

Poor Frederick, for whom I've yearned to bring such deliverance as one could ever hope to achieve; poor restlessness that had brought him onto the brow of the stairs during the day when he fell, and cracked his skull. Poor Frederick of woe's come onto the stay of a hundred days of solitude in some Asylum he could not hope to escape by merely behaving or acting upon the arching command of having entered the last refuge humanity had during the Solstice of his mother's run. Straight into the same abyss to which he, by means of anger and of spirits had but sent to the same hole destiny has foretold his fate was to beckon a stop, in that crude basin, in that place of gelatin, where dead angelic fiends of many faces such like prunes, of dark purplish green and of whitish gray, of one piece every single one of them, forming tunnels put but down, pits but twisted around, senseless mazes he would have flung no one but himself if there was a ever a chance for her to return.

'Tell him, I ask of you as little as I might, to spare him the trouble, I require you to kill me on the spot, and spare him, thee, I beg to see what little's left to have, what little power my voice has, please but spare him the agony of witnessing such forge of rage, the toil of agony, wreathing in iron and wreathing away. He might not forget this act, he might never know what joys this life has brought onto those as him, whom riches could not displace; the pain of seeing one loved taken away, in front of his dire eyes and during their stay, on every move adjourned, of every turn but mourn, and mourning ever-still, for what's been had and ever-been. I seek to starve such countenance that's to be, stepped upon and ever see; reason in all this dreadful of all countenances in flight. I bade you grant me this one choice that's but mine to take, that I may not leave this place alive, while I still remain of pure-end wrought!'

'Is he worth that much?'

'How could he not be? Blood of my blood; come onto and out of the same soil, come onto prevailed-upon and dreaded charge, come onto me, whenever nightmarish glance's been cast, from the most dreadful of beings, the ones that have come from the sky to claim my son away, and have him brought onto the darkest plots of land this Earth ever had. I would spare him all, reason if not brought, of whom to pay such toll, purloin, of mighty come and mighty toil?'

'It shall be done, then! Your choice was ever done and put into your dark command! And none shall take it from you now, and none shall ever be as thus, in order to achieve, or thrive, we must but take all into account.'

Therefore Herman took a note and a paper, and started inking some details down. Of course there'd be a last will wrought, written, much embolded and signed; by none other than him, the Colonel himself! Or at least that's what they would eventually claim; details come and go; sometimes getting lost along the way.

'My dear lady, I would be, under normal circumstances inclined to have a prick of the lot and take that as an invitation at me taking a shot at your two racks I'm so drawn near to, that I may reproach no longer being set in wait!'

'And who are you, good sir that you would facilitate taking a shot at my bosoms without being as clear of an eye as to satisfy my inquiring of who you are?'

‘I am the Man of the lot Bask-Uth-Temple; a man of most precious gems. May I adorn your peckish throat in that case?’

‘Oh, but such a necklace, I would not dare, I couldn’t. Fanciful as you may be, I barely met you!’

‘Of course you did, but peckish be, I see in thee but an opportunity; may I?’

And the lady was much coquet as it came to her rather quickly, wrapped around, an empty jewel with the cast of some rather flaccid dead, and deathless, were the ones inside this thing of opal, what else he brought? To say the least, many rosy-puffy chains of flowers, bouquets being delivered by the hour, by the post boy who worked on the clock, as to fill her robe, her mattress and the house. It was only then that he had brought the mare, an empty couch of rims beware. And weary were the eyes that looked, the piece of resistance, a gargoyle that shook; of blackened ware, inside of it, dead-niggers, unaware that they were dead as well. Either, to have come upon the storm when mightily were they brought; or upon some day that allowed for the head of respite to allow their voices to be heard as niggers only wailed when called. But the man didn’t stop there either. For he was in the urge of finding more proper places to hide the many other dead niggers and kikes, finder, of the picket-spot, there it was, a much greater pot. A patch of cracked, tiny but lidded planks, which were of some obstinacy allowed:

‘I say, if there’s reason in this house, we’ll take it, if there’s treason performed by the ones, mistakes, to have been made, call upon thine robe, the maiden!’

And she was called, but she was blind, yet there were some plucked out visors that retorted in the back and spoke, twisted, wrapped around her skull; like some visors sticking out, the piping made, forming devilish horns sticking out her sockets anyway. Always staring at the ceiling, and the cracks, not to step on any hour; jolted sparingly, within reason, within the likes. She was a rut, a blotted rut, of likened-to the soles fraught.

‘I say, she is of a finesse and crudeness that were not likened to any or either one!’

Machinum

Hessord’vale, there in the north, strapped to his feet by cords, he remembered trying them on, closer to the southern pails, phoe of steps, Sole. Were they attached like chained, to at least one of them, standing near him:

‘By side you’ve followed such was wail, of trench extending everywhere, but you still near one of us in thought and wonder. What have you come after?’

‘I am the errand of your lord, the one whose vale had been assaulted even before the age of reasoning solace has come to us, wiping out our people almost entirely before we stood a chance to claim ourselves from sight.’

Their fates had already been decided long before they've even been born and now it was only a matter of time, simply what went through them, their long-heads being worn out; to such an extended, that they were standing there, talking to pin-heads.

'Bring us another round, I'm paying.'

One of the lights started flashing. It opened itself up for a pint.

There was a dark set of panels, all raised by metal arms, coming out of a rounded- many faceted mirror-filled with square-bodies, being moved alongside the South-wall by a set of dark human elongated legs. Many of them being as tall as eight feet tall, with the exception of a few, which had body-bags filled with fluid coming out of them. A few spirited angelic figures drew around it like fireflies in most innocuous forms of power, dancing around this iron-cased groove of iron and of tinsel. They dragged a meat-bagged ghoulish corpse body-bag with them by a black rusty fridge cord, whose cries could be heard across the station. Men were either headless or only had the upper side of their bodies left untouched. It was a decent way of living; for some.

It came just back in time for work, in the canyon-valley-depression. Various ring-shark drills could be still seen spinning. Down the black ladder he worked, being met by the Sergeant-Ruffian Chief in Charge not only five minutes ago, but eight; two, he was there, he had been standing there for the last twenty minutes, waiting in line, alongside eighteen more people without faces. They were all packed in saddlebags.

'Next!'

'That's you, big guy, don't keep us waiting.'

'Fine, here's my initials, make sure you know how to pin them down.'

'Haven't I seen you before?'

'I don't think you have, I'm quite a giant beacon am I not?'

'I definitely don't remember seeing someone as big as you come along so fine around the belts. You're a grainy fellow, aren't you? I bet you can carry eighteen or fifty barrels at the very least.'

Mostly acid and powder-dust, a cradle by him; a few people inside, open mouthed, tubes of insects – the generators: Five machines were being ailed by them.

'Off you go by the second lot to your right, next to that big one with the, you can see it.'

An altar machines, a prodigy of men being strapped around it, many of them wearing their wicked anathemas they had carved out of the dark hilled tree that's been ransacked out of the great fallen, whose half-a-piece still lay longingly for a way out.

It was communicating with signals that were being brought out of their hiding. A large panel, filled with eighteen bullets, pointing at him, with fingers coming out their tips, all bearing small people-cocoon shaped insects that breathe fire-lobes of stone-filth in them, that crawled out of their sockets, walking on air-stairs that could be seen outlined by cords-of-green, that came out of a side-vortex that was floating,

out of which, being tape-worm-creatures that flailed around, whipping the invisible giants without lower-side-bodies, during the dark storm of lightning that happened, brought from the other side of the world, that was an egg-cocoon filled with elongated nasty-faced humanoid beings that divined fire, through funnels of water, making weird globes appear, crawling inside of them, bearing, each of them, inside their boil-pockets, billions of side-tracked guns, illegally modified, hand-print activated, with tape-banded doors rustily opened, on voice command, but only when slowly speaking, and spelling each letter, like this : O P E N; they used as a way of hyper travel, through every dimension there was, an infinity of them, but spread like seeing a four D object in a three D world, but at a certain point in time, overlapping everything, although they didn't care about it since they were furiously mad, beaten, by each other's grainy fists that were shaped like billions of mass-filled demonical creatures, all chewing on their backs, trying to plant themselves deeper in, only to serve as an echo, for their hatred, for niggers, whom stompage disintegrated them out of existence, stuck-mid-way through, since the web of power, electrical magnificence being brought by density divided by motion times every concurrent thing that followed after put them into every frame of themselves, they carried about, swimming through, as sound faded, as form faded and nothing was seen after, all of this being converted, at a certain interval of time, every eighteen cubical years, once in a lifetime, song-like but pinned on stress, being sent, to the signal getting device, that converted it afterwards into small bits of paper-sheets, parchment-like but with eyes and other most peculiar growths coming out of them, even now and then until the nature of the experiment in the quay was done for, since it came to live, for a moment, to observe. It had a whale-head, fifteen miles ahead, compact, like a great create, four-sided but blimp-like as an oblong-sphere, bearing a tumor-shape giant seed that looked, on both sides like a two dimensional woman's pursed lips, but were a breathing organ, despite being opposite, yet hybrid-like welded in, that came out of a weird one footed body with a strange tail that was a power gun-pointing at a sky-like simian stone-cartilage thing that was attached to the horizontally flipped around goblet-cup-mug filled with overbloated growths it was attached to. A single deformed filled with spike-shard plated finger-nail things pointing upwardly. Although its entire body was far more compact and bore more secret- to one side machine like broken facets filled with appendage stretches, all eerily twitching. If it had been flipped vertically, or on its 'tail-canon', on top is eerily fat-eaten, rotten wall of a solid, unevenly deformed chest, one could see the tail as an oblong-leg crawling along, connected to the half-wall, which bore a pseudo-arm that was slowly trailing its 'finger's against an invisible surface. An elongated baton being its head, whereas it bore an ellipse seed for its puckery mouth, hiding everything in the back. All those hidden appendages in the back held something extremely secret, known only to them. A child demigod Demiurge god 'horse' that was being slowly caressed by these extremely elongated yet pain-inducing things. Its anatomy being similar to the equestrian thing, one limb being a body-bag elongated thing with a giant bulb at its end in the front, the other a strange twisted wing-like as for an avian- skinned alive, whereas the body in the back formed a torsion of highly placed mechanical figures that were all tied together, wrapped around by humanoid sting-cords in which they molded with one another, filled with scorn-plough, whereas the front head was anything but a horse as the body of a horse was not this, an equestrian either, since it would have to be cripplingly beaten as to look like a pseudo-octopus or a fucking retard in order to resemble one. It was high-headed and fat-hardened like a giant fridge bloated with many pipe-cord, singing organ-like, sprouting off the top of its head as if it had been shot by a shot-gun several times instead every single one of these raised termite-nest formation being but a tube-augmentation filler, pea-shooter, whereas, the back of its head bore blade-edges raised-pillar-towering stalagmited forearms. Its mouth in the front looking like a vortex made of boils mixed

together rivers. One dark compounded eye adorning it in the front. It was flying, levitating in dream, and capable of granting wishes but only being contained in gaseous form that would explode if inhaled.

It was most peculiar working there.

One cockled eyed man only drew near two of them, the others being there, only by chance, as to greet their fellow, the man with no eyes, and no car, whom had come on top his sail-less master, and such disaster as one would have it soon enough after, darted, and ever so farther, called it, yonder, had he called a reason, and to appease himself, no treason yet forgiven, such, as the way would have it watched and wreathed, call of pain, call of action, agony brought supreme inaction as they stared a while, days agape, for darker was the rape that was to come, embraced upon such altars gone from reasonless wont and brought forth gone was the one that drew:

‘Anigus Ore, my slave, but come and draw and sail a-near, and out of fear, shall I have, you strung by lynch but gone not from my side, but I want you now to flail and wreath away.’

Thus was come upon, and flailed had his body, drawn strung, to follow, after, of bowels, and entered through a small sun-eight followed, more lynch to come, from space and farther, yet entranced as one would have it, spoken in lesser, no direction, there. Found of agony, there, here and yonder still. And darkly was the night inside. For there was only a world of much benign, and filth-embrace and men without races, without faces and only hatred did they bear. Still towards niggers, whom detest as they would have but all, in turn and everywhere in the world, when stall no longer, as to fear what could come after, as to fear as for yonder was the nigger, then, and after.

‘Have him lynched!’

‘Kill it, slay it, destroy it.’

‘Shut your mouths!’

And they were slithered and silenced after, not to mention what came yonder, forth, they came and some shall stay, when never quail, of touch, and a feather, a single one bore yonder, lighter, and seemed ever so much so, to touch. And watched when the dark incline, and cut through mast and sail upon unworthy plank, they entered through the door; encompassed chamber, coated them in paint of green and yellowish things that stooped on top of them since made as little as would happen still; for them to know and steel themselves, would rather know, and rather, still to have been known themselves, as they surrounded, the men with the tallest foreheads, whom were killed after, cadavers of caved-in gods, stored, all in bottled-jars from which the lepers of much darker things still rose, one would have them flailed:

‘I see that you’ve brought us food, sustenance for we are ill still, for we have buried ourselves in thin, a-globe.’

Outlandish as it were, a stinger of wax that came from somewhere, deeper still, the bowels of ‘beware’, no candle would still light and feel such pleasant, dark-delight, as those growths that shot forth and came, out of it, and then again, many but contorted still, a giant axe-stretched or a poled flag of skin, but such as a balloon or blimp, gum-less but with the opening of an oyster, trying to open forth as it bore, ear-wax like contortions but cocoons as if they bore but men, or elongated tombs that belonged to them. No better

than what they looked like that, and what they felt when they were brought, in front of many and many more alike to them, to follow in the footsteps of eyeless things but giants without limbs, that caught them after, apparitions of stranger, filthier, darker- to wage war against them, malborious remark, a smoky curtain in the bowels of which they stood about the hour talking:

‘Lee’, we’re being summoned, of way but darkened is but darkness gone, devoid of as they took it all but coated into coal-embed flame.’

And as would one have it listened, to their desperate cried, the fiend, they called, their god, of niggardly abode:

‘I call upon the other Patron of the niggers, Nyegrach, most tainted filthy nigger of all.’

Bastardly he were of rape and mad destruction; carrier of niggers snatched, fatherless creature that he is, but father of, never took care of anyone.

‘It is he whom is to pass the judgment over one of his “sons” and there shall be none other whom shall cleanse that one.’

‘Feed me.’

‘Starve, nigger.’

Thus was his fate decided.

‘It is bolted, I can’t get through.’

Yet again the buzzer started drilling through his thick skull, sullen as he was, incapable of shoving his pocketed key-card in without losing a toe. Since there were a few fire-holes beneath him, readily activated as if finger on a trigger aimed at him unless he moved on, bent low asking for help since he was now stuck in an awful situation he couldn’t get away him got him praying there was someone on the other side.

‘Think yer going to be let go?’

His face was splattered and was tall, in the ceiling gone, with cats stitched together – legs and a chest with a dark crystal of spikes, utterly shattered, armless and bleeding.

‘An entire Solarium of growth tree warts is under lockdown there, buddy. I don’t think you’re going to fare any better on the other side.’

Battery acid was there, in a barrel.

The barrel was most bastardly set on an invisible assembly line that was placed in the gut of a great machine-monster whose heads only now came to light, since they were bastardly trying to take the most incessantly dark of breaths, whenever needed to make a case out of it and destroy the photons inside the automatons that had become the darkies or the after-shade nigger figures that were entombed across the whole-span, width-breath and extra-stretch included, of a most fallacious kind of insularly foam-filling sprouting bud that followed the barrel around, being part of the wall only in a superficial manner before

fully going out, trailing its way like two German children following a trail of crumbling bread crumbs unpicked as flowery maidens by the birds that tried or attempted getting through, as part of it, leprously fallen had attracted ghoulish heads in submarine divers suited nut-cases with guns and spear horns attached to their backs, attempting to draw breath eerily, in the span of a sapient kind of pairless seconds, distanced from one another, as the tubes atop the ceiling were brought down, lowered as to stop 'compressingly' restraining their breaths before one could look at their puffy suits and laugh, merrily wonted, since, most viciously obvious as it were, their throats having been made like the base of light-bulbs, whereas their heads only 'levitated', eerily so, a few meters off their socket, a viscous propensity, dames came in, their wives, in order to join them in eating the fallen-over leprosy, merrily dancing around an half-eaten altar-made, out of every forlorn body, filled with grit and to-itself despair, unneeded to be brought back, the barrel having disregarded all of that, was brought to countless holds that were being hid inside the great body of the network's database fit- as in, birthed out of a mechanical symbiotic wish that gave birth to the most romboscou of sapiens, holding it all together only for a momentary tit. That was seen below, beneath the elbow, kept into eternal stillness before it could make or give birth to a mad noise, there it stood, a dark crystal, fragmented but tall, like some sort of eighteen faceted marked glowing with red and blue and yellow and the mixes that came between them prison that was being held, all of the unfathomable arms that added to it, indeed were, belonged to sapiens. And it's been a marsh, of dark-strewn countenance and alacrity to wait this longed for moment where, upon being finally brought to it, this pickle cylinder that burned as to be prodded, felt, all of the sudden as if countless bites of spiderlings had made it feel, intentionally so, as it was not only unwonted, but denigrated to something beneath itself, as to be forced in a state devoid of breathing and of plough, in which, talking to it, compensatory glance, as it was given to it, a first, in eons, if one could go even farther than that, much greatness and grandeur to him, for he will have been toyed with no longer, but greeted as a master that could not have himself put like him, in front of a strange gelatin but hardened lump of cold-dark eyed councils, many of them having come from the urban regions of the countries:

At least one of them, whom was a dark piece of clusters, from its right, an almost helmet shape-stretched upon the meaty body that, if seen would've been called, a stalactite caught within the body of a few bursts of spikes and other cricket-like antlers and other things that could not fit or belong in the same body if they were forced together so, since they were crawling in and out, this dark, almost boomerang curved thing that floated, with its eely -lowered stings, Reihnald, the most and much to itself elected council leader, asked for, as quickly as one would have it yet, to speak in their name as he would but inhabit a second or so, to a rustic habit of lesser sprangle horns, it asked:

'They've brought a barrel onto us, but for what reason? I ask you thus, for what reason did they think us responsible, as elect official to serve as judges upon the lower live-forms that are hidden in barrels filled with lice and other dark things that refuse to come to life when asked to?'

'It's rather impossible, thinking they could come back to life, return, to a necromancer's mournful gaze, whom may have thought himself made out of the, sort of saying, abandoned remains of his past-over-the grave and stolen by robbers, remains, whose credentials in terms of the blighted pouch of bones, engraved, in stories filled with ghoulish mazes and the ones that draw after, whose allure refrain from sight, as graven as it sounds, they would have us march in place and looking for a reason to splatter long-before-birthed, yet to their conception, ended, was there no need, and breed upon the salacious thing, I seek, of long-contempt be granted, for I have done as I was asked and darted, draftingly alight, to myself

and to my people's countenance, a symbol that for some time I've been alive, within reason, doing as their craven selves had asked for, to such end that I was visited by one of the vengeful dictators of death, whose deathless stares, of cold and bold, and celeritous heart, and bold as I were, as told, I could not resist and gave it all in. And let this serve as a kind of warning to you all, as this dead figure was only but a cranium with a worm-altar body, a giant toe with a fingernail incisor hornet hanging droopingly, a hive filled with tinier flying skulls it carried, and spikes coming out, spindly, as spider-cranes set-upon themselves to eat and mourn for the longed for days of stillness that he hold me of.

Warned as I by him, for this barrel alone came out of nowhere, within his cold by gulls, tenderly mesmerized, canopy of spectral and mightily forlorn, seething now, I wager, figures –rounded, that rolled upon the hills of demure, as if making their way most-irksomely wasn't enough for their turn had come to roll over and crush everything within sight. They had, and when come again upon the site, the necromancer whom I have met again, judged me to blame, for what I've done could not be sickened less, since I was under the 'impress' that I had been judged for something else. But instead, I lay so wickedly sick in darted upon dead-bidden bed, thinking, akin, and during dreary-killed strewn nights, upon the window as my gaze is cast, I see him, eerily so, spying on me, floating, a senseless figure that couldn't have been, beyond saving, if one were to call for it, within reason to touch.

And it was then as well that I found myself frightened as to ask what happened when watched closely by close-a-kin, whom were present in the day.'

'The council will eventually have to.'

'Councils, you mean, is that correct?'

'Pardon me, but I think there's been no call whatsoever, so far, for any immediate reason to acknowledge the others, for all, not to mind yourself as many others would in turn, intensive purposes, I am to serve as a key-piece frame to all of you put together in such ways, and waste that one could find it rather irresolute to think it haggardly, bothersome, prudish even, as to ask, for acknowledgement, since we are to act together, pressed, but we'll have to wait and see.'

'Knock knock, may I enter?'

'Yes you may, but only if you press the elevator starter button again, for I am in need of a much long awaited for leave and I cannot stay too long before being run down by one of the plower-troughs, since you know how they work.'

'I think I do, I think I do.'

'Then join me, still, that I may know and look around before four of them would walk around and show any kind of weakness that would have me killed.'

'But what kind of weakness would that be?'

'You know the likes, of much betrayal, that would be taken, for foil and terror, that I would walk upon but musket-stings, that I may shot, though angst would force rethink of such bothersome conundrum, as to watch them work their arms upon my guts and strung and bladder, stranger ladder will that be that wilt I, by force to be walked upon, as plank would have me rather not meet the Admirals, treacherous they might

be, I still feel rather uncannily incapable of doing something they would have me still look into. Since I'm trying to understand what's going on. So many panels flash but tell me nothing. I'm incapable of properly performing my task, the one that I have been placed under, that I would seek after, respite for what's been done.

My masters, the one behind this wall as well, in league with them, but consternation will have me damned if I open my mouth again and reveal much.'

'Then allow me to help you.'

'How? Can't you see that I'm wanted, that I am a wanted man who is about to get killed by the masters who want to take claim over my life and end it, thoroughly killing me entirely until I'm no longer living but I am killed, in a grave, in a cemetery, twenty feet under, soil, beneath it, the casket my body will be put in, carefully placed, then lowered in, but by then, in place, set, for a period of time, until I will have been disintegrated.'

Neither of them knew how to react to this rancid confession that had bastardly robbed him of his bone-spine marrow that had liquefied, quickly enough, having snuck out, then crawled in one of the mechanical mouse-holes through which it, all of the sudden found an underground tunnel, through which it traveled eighteen-hundred miles away, in a lead pipe that went straight, from its point of view, took a left, then a right, then straight again, so as to be heading in the same direction with a difference of a few hundred meters, two hundred seventy five or so, relative, where it spun in a dizzy swirl of elongated pipes that all connected, if not hybridized within each other's grasps, until they had become unnaturally elongated and entered a forest of coned-sharp tall tapped on by dark finger-tombs in which hundreds upon billions of decaying cripples were being shoved in, deeper into the ground by weird pistons that kept pushing them around, whereas this liquefied mass entered, as they made way for it to travel along, since it carried a smoke-cigar lighter it stole from its man-of-company embodiment in-corpse livid, cartilage of bones and skin and blood-vessels along other things, that were put or had been put together, 'house' who exploded in the same room, therefore concluding the self-fulfilling prophecy that spoke of him being destined to die eventually, when all of the sudden he realized that he suffered of a condition in which his brain had become indestructible but its neurons were dark nails that cut through his dendrites, not that it mattered since he had been splattered around the dark room he was in, in which the panels were floating and were filled with giant egg-shaped things that were trying to push out of them elongated hose-like connectors that buried themselves in, having lynched, or attempted, lynched only on their side, but attempted on his, since only he knew and the observers that he couldn't die, they didn't, that bore inside of them womb-angels with angler-stroke filled giant heart pumping but with heads shaped like French fries or fish-shaped chips that were all connected with plugs in their eyes, having eaten already a part of the dark man, the 'men' that were trapped with them, in this egg-shell, whose womb-like appearance started decaying yet falling apart, many of the inverted spike-like formations having already entered it several times until no longer was it capable of breathing, the malefic entity behind them, whose ethereal nature was incapable of being distinguished from the other ghastly figures that were in the same room with it, many of them being at this point, it-itself, the spectral creature, who was also the dead scientist, whom, having become a kite- of spectral power, had , at this point in time began following the left-over 'foot-prints' left behind by his out of body, spine-sinew.

The man of colors, coated in blood, and coated in blood, and coated in clot and blood, bloodied with, wearing nothing but red, colored red as he was coated in bloody red, red-red, red-red blood, period and kill and blood on top of him, he walked through the Mayor's office and bloodied everything with his rabid faced gun, the tank, he carried on his arm, on top of which there only were, hundreds upon hundreds of skulls, beware of him, as he draws near, the skulls being enwrapped into something disgusting, hard to look at, as they also had some eerily disturbing, it was a foamy sponge of some see-through, transparency-opaque but pastel with acrylics and some rubbed chalk-dust, lodged with spots of red-orge-blue-blue-blue-white-black-white-red-orange-not-orge-organs-out, many of them connected to the balloon-like blimp body that floated on top of them, being shot-through spear-cue, gone past, dark sinew, buried underneath the tank, in his bone-past body, past the rushing crushingly senile bulls, that were headless and only had their heads wrapped around giant seed-pouches that pumped and boomed some of the unnatural dark people whose bodies were shaped like Police Officer body armor, but fatter on the inside, with legs that were molded together, as for siren's stolen but of land's, with their eerie heads but curved plates, concave, or half-a-cut, made, or cast upon lamps, torn apart, when needed, bed with and longed steely beams upheaved, on both sides, kept everything together as the pilots were but growths that came out into the light.

Tall as stelas, drew ahead:

For they had asked for only one fraction of a second, who killed the man?:

'Standing next to you and to your brow, up, and down and all the way through, there's a heap coming from the bowels of the earth that've never been found. Not until you showed up and came along. I wager your spindly face had something put inside of it, now, your grubby hands are rubbing.

You've dirtied him all over!' Noticed he upon the hour of the cry.

When eight crows, as big as eighteen hundred miles long but as thin as four centimeters high, stood watching; with their pointy beaks simply nitpicking their eyes. It was much-more-so disturbing to look at, let alone try to appease their likes as to allow the refuge of stars to enter their cracked, upon, admonished presence felt, basked, skull-caps in which worms started crawling out of soil-like cemetery, pop.

A message was being transposed, interjudicially through a system of thoughts tied together by pure spite and anger. They tied one another quite neatly so, as they slowly made their way through one of the smaller-more compact dimensions that were yet to be colloquially spoken to, out-loud, angrily burdensome there being a single man alive there to confirm that they were well received by a simple assessment that's been stumbled upon by naught else than a simple trick. The man, although in most actuality a laymen, as for his earn, not inherited place in the world, as for the plebians alike, has, in all godlyhood managed to stumble on, as it's expected, for even the most temperate of men might stumble, as it's been said, on geniality by mere force of character struck by a display of force that would otherwise be unseen in a woman, as her ingenuity or anything that could even be remotely interpreted as that would be a biological impossibility, as every man is by nature a strong contender and a much stronger, more burdensome as well by a contradiction to the very system he's living in, whose coiless ponder much-attempts to rob him of himself, turning him into a gutless thing, such as a woman is, cowardly, in an attempt to force the animal to behave in a way it would not impede with other's superimpositions of what ought to be, happen and in what way society ought to be run like, robbing him of his manhood as well as

his desire of brotherly cooperation, in any case, he tied a nasty-moist shoelace around the tip of one of his pinkies, meagerly measuring the size of the pupil in a way where he could get a rough estimate as to what pattern of thoughts occurred in their minds to begin with. There was a bomb in his chest the size of a moon, with nuclear dots that had faces rotating in them. Exploded, boom, he shot a needle rack of bullets, that killed some of the flying nigger-birds, taking them down a notch.

A blade he wore as well, one with two rounded wheel-devices, the kind used on cranes to lower weight, being very much tied to the iron and put, made part, of it, around the area near the hilt, where a bicycle chain appeared to connect itself to an upper-few meters spot, around the tip of the blade, that entered the side of his head, on an angled incline of a fifty-five degree, weird circumference as well, there being exposed, unkindly to a fault, bothersome to have a hard stare at, that being the point where he hid, beaded as they were, inside the cranial vault in which this blade kept them stored, as if he was naught but a strange open-ended edifice, refrigerator holding a few frozen eggs, but clustered grenades took their place. His legs were downward pointing, ceiling is the sky, parachutes. Out of his back a weird humanoid tube with elongated two headed circumferential-angled caterpillar bloated arms that had two extra heads coming out of each, drawing out each other's cut-through slits, where they bore holes for faces. Out of which came spite. It oozed in the air.

A building moved on him, wrought, covertly covered in eye-patches that blocked every side of the window there was, dead men hanging at every floor, bleeding in the outdoors, discerning some missionaries' flam-truck filled with fruits, driven repeatedly into the walls, sparks there being made by the engines that were shackled to their ankle points driven back, stabbed.

'I think you've seen too much, the crows are onto you, friend.'

'Block Eight-Five, I've not asked you for.

Wait, does that person, on the street down there, remind you of someone?'

'That one?'

They were both pointedly staring at him.

Most peculiarly defunct as he was, Huy-Un-Hank-Tornapart Tonsils-Corpse, the man standing in front of them. Eighteen syringes popped out of him, spraying disease around the ground, which in turned caused one of the distant clogged wheels to shoot back. It had been mounted on top a strange rail, then it went back into the wall behind it that's also been railed as well. A secret second curtain holder made out of segmented, but kept only by small sockets of jewels and of other barely put together formations came into view as well. They were only sharpened by the constant rubbing of the cysted-fists, whom entered their quails and their little moths of iron that, with the help of their gong-like chest expansions, reflected the head back into the crystals that had been formed around every joint. Crackedly, but crook-for-flint, dust was fell beyond a rifted blow of windless gazes, many sculpture-sulfuric acid-liquid entities floated around them, channeling, as they began, chanting as they started, shooting rays of half-pyramidal picks beaded on their lines aligned with over the top of the hill shots of wooly pancreatic ooze-was splattering at its end, with two fists of rocky barely-livid but unnaturally box-glovish ends that connected with the strange-faceted surface they had been projected against. The space behind the secret wall being the size of a Coliseum or an Amphitheater with wheeled faces that had spikes for eyes and tongues for hairs but were

actually parasitical tongues-fish like planted in that had rubies for eyes and were skeletal whereas their outer ends pushed out and began glowing in the worst possible manner, attracting mosquito fly ships whose, instead of compound eyes bore, on each side, a tube-protrusion cylinder fat rummy hose split in two end-hairs' kin to, but with one pseudo moth wing-spread sheeted parchment on one side, whereas the other bore a pseudo tiny altar made out of stacked on top of one another rocks, each being wider and bigger than the other, coming out the top of the 'head' region between the two 'hairs', which bore a face in-between them, in that pseudo rounded lid but diverging into the two regions, the wing and the pile of growths, closer to fat tires in appearance, whereas one could see two smallish glowing eyes that were puckers, a pseudo nigger-fat-spread nose as well as a stitched-together barely in place figure whose general appearance was too unnaturally deformed for it to be properly classified in any meaningful way. And two of these formations were their eyes, whereas their tails gelatin-caterpillar stretched in a line, at the end of which a weird cube-growth released, below it, three great cylinders that were connected to a patch of 'hill-like' growths that were almost as rounded as a sphere, with boil-like balloon pinched raised mounds keeping the hill and the cylinder together, that, at the back also held a great curved with a stinger that was something close to a ceiling hanging-crawling up-side down, almost as thick but without its head and many legs, scorpions that was a part of it. The wings themselves were thin as ropes but were attached to a single shell-like but mold of clay inside of a dinosaur head's balloon that prevented it from falling apart or falling over itself. Its eyes, from the distance could've made for good pincers if the sheet had been unwrapped and pointier, signaling the fact that the smallest, tiniest of wires was sharply curved, enough for the pseudo-illusion to take effect, whereas segment at the end of the tail, including the hill would've made a strange pseudo-balcony, or the adorning piece of one.

'Much berated is the ground down there.'

A flying Filsess said, although its voice only echoed around, most disturbingly followed by smaller glowing things, the children barricades, hiding inside tinier houses they brought alongside them, niggers lynched in every abode, and there was no shortage whatsoever for either of them, nor could there be such a thing at all. A disturbing sound had followed after.

A cricket of hollow inside their bodies ghoulish figures came through.

'A dark castle's lain down there, luridous humanoids have taken over the land by brute force. We've been driven out and forced to wait or make way for their retreat but now, I've little doubt of anything that will take us back to our original point of entry.'

'What was there before their arrival, what hath been lain before you'd come?'

'The body of a sound-foam made, wrought in and out, whose likens was bridled by chains. They've dragged it in the basement and did with it as they would again; it seems like time had spoken of something that's been echoing through space, and little more could they do but satisfy the call it bore, to draw more out of it.

I know of this, the sound foam. It carried the echoes bore through time and outer-space as well, something not even us can deal with if forced onto us, when quail would have a say in it.'

'Shall we release it then?'

‘Nay, for it will be too late, by the time we will have gotten there, many of them will have gotten past-way through, for miles and gotten through the giant Ogres, the ones with eighteen eyes and reddened faces with milky white and four great arms beneath them, on top the spikes rotating platforms on which they’re lain impales. For many of the Ogres have many of those thinks, their thoughts become ill with dame.’

And it was said as less, the essence of the female speaking, her ill only appeasing the worst of the demonical figures as well as the ones bearing a supreme kind of destruction that would spread like rats and diseased brats, crying for their moms during the lack of dads, these whores bearing instead criminals as they’ve but dissatisfied themselves with life. In the lack of a sun to cry of, kikery Holocaustic smears could be felt, drearily drawing breath from the niggardly nigger-wails.

Some could be heard down there, echoes being spread-but torn apart, piece by piece, with peeling gazes, eyes within.

‘Many of the Ogres of the Under-bowel-Credos have pledges allegiance to the men even before the passing of the Fourth Moon’s Solstice hour, in which they were bespoken by eyeless things whom crawled from under-ground, the little specks of light that, being stolen from them gave birth to bricks.’

Millions of them that formed great houses, many of the houses being very much incapable of breathing since their breathing organs, these paraphernalia-producing machines grew like yellow spongy muscle on top the lower-hilled mountainous regions of the Greater shorter passages where the traders traded with men without legs and arms but opened their guts to reveal small tank-walkers with metallic sprawls forming circles, tied to one another’s farther ends, forming great arches before they entered one of the migration-killer’s, the giant cranium giants, the Holocausters of false-lives, innumerable, but un-existent, begging to get released from the bowels formed in their inside’s palms.

‘Many such rituals were made down there, such as one would find it evenly fair as well as unfair to ask. Who is alive, Hash-Yha, and who isn’t? Not in that sense, but whose body has become the entry to the other-world?

The one that’s hid inside the molder, made of particles of dirtier dirt.’

‘What happened to the soil then?’

One of the greater flying figures pointed at a barely visible, viciously vibrating mound below, fifteen or sixteen centimeters from the looks of it, at the very least, raised as to be almost a giant screw or a bleating tiny bag of popping in and out, disgustingly hard-to seethe at marbles since they all bore the corpses of the unbelievers in them, spiking them with acid, wide spread.

Just in time as everyone was diverted to that point, there was a sudden, most disgustingly hard to stare, to fully adorn by the looks of it, and tackle in, pair of trains-interconnected scouts, and out of them, lids of gelatin, hard-to-be-said, hardly a matter of salivating over the beauty of their design, undignified raft-but hardened with coats of iron and of nickel, with an insufferably disgustingly-disturbing addition, of an allow, that was unnaturally disgustingly-made and hardened to touch, with pinty-pinty points of adorned around it, around its roundedness but raised as well, as if they were bolts but forming x’s, I’s, d’s, shaped for giant screwdriver’s holes to be put in, for removal, tank-like openings out of which men that were

backwards in term of where their limbs were put and how they were not only aligned but how they appeared to be moving as well as their unnatural jerkiness-driven by mimicry imitation- by or as in by made to imitate baboons or other dirty simian animals that were akin to them, or would unnaturally activate their neurons, drew out, only to start sipping out of the boil that's been lain on the ground but not before they leaped out like circus entertainers bearing knives and spear-shafts that drew out of their eyes as they began prodding onto them as if they were cattle, or burn-through ovens as if kikes were put in, was the trigger, made out of a pseudo explosion, being brought into view, after part of the hellish thing drew out, although unseen and mesmerizing, as it were, the workers were all drawn onto it, especially the fliers, whom had chosen to draw much further, as closer as they could, making their way through this cubical Amphitheater of black curtains through which they finally had absolved all of their sins of murder and rape, for many human females had been raped repeatedly and most violently over the spans of eons, only to be quickly discarded and allowed to rot among other carcasses that they themselves could not approach.

Roach-sounds, Moth-vibrations, Arachnid-echoes followed drearily as they descended below, to the blowing winds of a most uncannily deformed giant head that was flattened and appeared as a see-through filter through which they pushed down below, were they cast, as if out of Heaven, into that Hellish, now claimed by Humanoids – world that awaited them, headingly so.

‘Abacus, metronomes, telescoping-Epistemes manufactured by giants, all of them incubated inside one of those things, the ones dead-eyed centered to harm us, slowly disintegrating our cysted spheres, many of whom we are resided in.’

Made of eye-cardboard with leper's choice of knives being put in his eyes. A ladder of crickets being there, present, the machine-turbines attached to their backs, these motorcycles, straddled in as they only ran their course upon some racks put together standing, ever so incessantly straddling:

‘The globe's Earth's shone-after light, was see again.’

‘It is the night's that's causing it, or have you forgotten it already?’

‘Now I am the sociopath.’ Said Stalin, the kike-puppet Bolshevik, recording stuck behind a barred screen.

Born in an age where the buildings were dry-drenched beneath the trenches upon gelatin axed-pendulums that moved lopsided-forward by slight, barely visible alterations in terms of angle during the continuous motion, that was slightly altered as well as to form pseudo-looking, that is to say, that, if the dirt had been removed, one would simply see set of wildly widespread gradient-like ramped triangles rounded up in bodies of half-spheres that leveled themselves on a straight ground-leveled soil-push through, in a pseudo straight trajectory. An athlete's long-distanced jumped area could be seen, in some way as the bridged or the straight platform through which it drove through, yet, beneath the earth one could see it as, more of a half-cylinder in terms of the general method of it being set in to walk-through. But at the same time, an important distinction would have to be made, so as to say, the difference between it being, and not only that, leaving the strange incline to a bothersome alleviation of form, beads being put together in a straight line, parasitically, egg-shelled; cracked with little puffers of foam-cotton candy foamy beams wrapped-in-and-out and through, a few spiked little pecks.

Below them lay the solitary confinement. A voice could be heard, echoing, a pair afterwards, beneath the chambers:

‘He’s been trapped with us, but how? All this time.’

‘And not a single noise was made, not a wince, wiggle, squirm or dandy, but he was undoubtedly here, with us.’

Even the bars had been rustled up, as well as the decayed toppling bodies that were now come together, back to life. Unsanitary, tall, not human, anything but human; part the table, that’d you’d see them from an angle. Missing everything, for the better; they could only be felt by scent alone, as they changed in height and with every hundred meter or so, everything simply became, blurry. Monotone, defunct, spoiled and rotten; their teeth were rot.

‘I think I still remember him.’

It took a while to charge himself in order to do it, the machine Metronomus, distinct of all men, appeared to have leaped inside the room they were in, stopped dead-point in the middle, where his head leaped to his right side, out of his neck, flew around, corked back in, as a scythe of wind but blew a few cold-felt strings as if of noise in his direction, then popped right back in. Where, out of his clearly made delineations, which were slashed around and across his body, as if he’d been carved, oil-drops, the tears of a nigger-angel, whose in actuality a demonical being who gutted the cherub, hiding itself inside the skin. A devil of never-kind, not to be met on a dark alley, where set, was the time- ED blind:

With eighteen gauges:

It looked like a nasty set garage, although not a single cog could be seen working and since they were there, no need was to be made known as to their interactions or the abhorrent half-a-cargo that was standing before them, only a few feet away.

Meddlesome thing, ain’t it? It still thinks itself a man, though tear-for tear might it spread or shed, there’s no cut in this world that will make him one of them, or us as a matter of fact. I’ve seen his kind before and lest of all I am not afraid to say something that’ll be made known to me o others. Not to give myself away, but, but.’ Heard-Edor stepped at a sigh, thinking of him-machine that way made him want to turn a blind eye to the other men being killed by them, generally speaking, all machines were indistinguishable from one another. Whether it’d be a toaster, a cast, a cargo or this thing; all were a god, shared in cognition and felt. They remembered being slapped the wrong way, although uncanny, neither one said a thing when it came to, doing it. It had a giant cob-shaped flat with fourteen wheels that were ganglions that bore eyes for a brain. Top-notch model, with a man encased in some volatile substance, made to suffer. Out of his chest, a face sprang out, that bore knives for teeth.

Edor began whispering something into Halbert’s ear:

‘Niggers.’

The strange moon base they were in now; adjacent to the strange crystal-encased meteorites attached to the greater elongated barracks shook with insolence as their violent upheaval. Some Taurus-sings could be seen across the mid-towers, the ones that were part of the base. Violent insurgences destroyed most of

the natural fauna that had once been brought onto the world through terraforming actions, caused by niggers. It was a reminder. Not everything was what it seemed.

A crowd of men they were, staring at the cargo vessel. A nasty thing, Asiatic-flat faced, lacking in a lower jaw, the lower piece being only teeth- a lower deformed coffin, with a weird conical roof of a medieval castle's tower, pointing at one of the nearest walls, where most of the tools adorned the work-through iron arms. A few appendages, humanoid but hairy as an insects drew from beneath it; but two of these appendages were longed, wore a humanoid rib-cage around them, a single one they shared, from the distance, which had the capability of elongating itself, in the same way rubber does, had four armed, but by sticks of wired together frames with four great lances, each, that were cut at their tops, out of which they shot acid, whose heads were bubbles-see through's, that were spiked by six, three on each side, thorns, henceforth twelve since there were two of them, whose heads were pseudo-humanoid-hearts with eely tendons attached to them and rose-buds in the middle. A door knock rang through, like cancer.

Metronomus opened it.

A fat contorted body-suit as if man-dressed-in-curtain-to-play-nasty-joke-or-plank, flat, where the tip of the 'throat' which didn't exist was, a rat figure that being, the rat's head was pointed downward, whereas the rest of its body was hung by its legs, from above, force down like a dog being forced to smell its own piss after pissing inside the house despite training him to do it outside's kind of form of punishment position, where the rest of your body or arse is up but the head down, but in this case, its throat would closer to a plane field, despite there being an elongated fat-tail, grub-like coming out of its 'mouth', or it chewing on a thinner radish. A blob-filled with lumps, with a pivoting stick coming out of its 'head', which was, the tusk-stick, lance-out of the left cheek, whereas the right side of this humanoid-like head bore a pseudo-thinner rack of growths that entered it and kept it hanging over the flattened lid on top of which it cast its shadow against.

'I've returned, finally, my servant, Metronomus. I am guided by rage and destruction, and have brought in the deed of ownership, to this fine garbage you're all working in. That is to say that you're all low-lives and beneath me. And I am the master, above you by all accounts.'

The cargo ship might've given one the impression that he was staring at a Parade's cart, whose owner actually shaped it as to look like he was aiming for it to look like a deformed, nightmarish version of Pinocchio, although, during its initial design, so as to say, or provide a frame of reference for it to have served as a failure and nothing more, one thing didn't miss anyone who understood what the owner or initial designer aimed for, which in turn was a failure, since the cargo itself lacked its defining feature that in turn might've lend it some words of applaud. Also, the appendages did not belong there, and their existence was very much so, incontestably, not only unnecessary but senseless.

Fourth man, thought of something. He was a giant axe-'s war'shaped with a clear-cut roundness to him, sprouting from the top, that is, half-cut pendulum was its legs, worm-grub with a cup-top mold on top of it, out of which gurgling as if with viscera guts' expressed in lumps, like the insides-out of a caterpillar being slowly squeezed in one weird direction, whose upper-top, when seen as connected to the half-head, looked like a crab's mouth since the two bigger lumps took precedence, as to how they were connected to this hard headed lumped creature with rounded canon-tube eyes. IT stepped in, by cut:

‘But lord of this vale, the land outside is stricken by evil and by invaders without spines, and bidden corpses.’

IT was true. The grounds around the moons were filled with endless rummaging corpses whose growth had never stopped since, whose bastardity destroyed everything. Whom were elongated headed, worm-like and spiked, and butchered all non-terrestrial life-forms that was not them. Space was also not a vacuum and was painted red-blue, and in-between; forming wild, vicious-being shaped malformations of color that looked down-dowry upon them.

Before anyone could answer, or have a say, one of the intercoms, actioned by inserting, but not before beheading yourself, head, put in, shoved in, force by, put around, then slapped, and cracked spoiled open egg-crack snap-snap, bacon, kike-in-the-oven, lynch-nigger drown his mum, inside the receptor, that began, once one of the bolder people interacted with it, to communicate with the other base that was a few hundred thousand giant disgusting boils away, placed in the grave-digger-nigger-snapper cemetery. This intercom was specifically design and attached to a database that had enrolled millions of inter-bog-planetary beings, whose communication was altered by the. What they all saw now.

They were eyeless and socketless and only saw a black, like veil of darkness, of paint blinding them once shoved inside their eyes by force, if they had had them.

Vicious images of them being eaten, although not physically, as they were all presented with only the face of a chewing-constantly-creature that never drew too close, nor moved from where it stood, nor had it any distinguishable features that could be discerned whatsoever. Filthy fry-fat oblongs for teeth, it bore, spiking them with spat on black. Boils were running towards them as they came to live, the children that were bred inside, the ones they had been playing hide and seek with, wreathing as they all lost track of how many of their feet had been cut off their blood supplies. It was bastardly how weak they felt, how eerie they all were forced into. How easily they had been twisted and contorted around, rotten minds incapable of doing anything than what was said of them, or wrought.

Back to life, they were set like moving kegs, splattered by a magician’s saw, only that it happened again and again, without reason, without sense, without a simple explanation either or instead, they knew as little and did as much, and not a single soul awakened from the trance until whatever entity prolonged their suffering was done.

‘Off side!’

The first thing they remember hearing is the power-fan being turned on during their stay on the platform. Then the rack, a giant milk-bottle long and thin enough to droop hangingly before it’s turned toward the see-through hole in the wall. One of the faces appears on a lonely screen, someone familiar to everyone, but different, for everyone as well. A single baseball-glove ‘couch’ of iron being raised from the side-long down-empty hollow stretch, or the abyss, against which a drone’s being flung into, in a spherical see-through incubator, where it’s put like a fortune cookie cracked and crumbled small gray-greenish machine that smashes into the rack, then it’s pulled back down, where all junk belongs. There’s a ship, but they don’t see it fine. It’s in the distance, like a gun’s handle, twisted around, pointing at the sky, but the shaft it a rapier, lowered at a ‘floor’ level. A gust of fleeces filled with familiar faces come down running-cut through the metal fan, out of the socketed wall, where the appliances are momentarily turned off. Many.

Twenty. Maybe. Attendees. Most of them? Soldiers. Boys. Teenagers, no older than fifteen. Headed towards the door. Big-man machine comes in, Lightbulb-ship but leather, with a piston-giant worm-like put-in, their faces. It moves on stacked appendages, legs, it stole, ate the bodies, of the men it killed, inside the cafeteria-square, where it was met by its brother, the King of Souls, the magician of electronics. It has two eyes, like small and big, and they expand and shrink, like niggers just about to, getting lynched.

Some room not far away from them had an almost conjugal tone-delirium to it, echoing across the floors and walls:

The self-beneficiary, partially employed, non-sequester but made believe otherwise, sophistry, of an otherwise didactical age, whose hierarchical proximity lends the impression of an inclusionary breach, that is easily dismissible, contradictorily-so, by an umbrella of sophisticated classes, whose emulation would render them indistinguishable otherwise, with all taken into account, far less likely if the selected few approach, or are apprehended as to respond, to the level of scrutiny they would be shown, if their reproducible affairs got fully displayed onto the judgmental eye that confers the public voice an eligible appeasement for their equally-shown backlash, as for their failure of understanding of the humane intricacies of benevolence men of low rank are, by birth-right, incapable of properly appreciating, therefore, excluding themselves, as it's been aforementioned, by a puny-fault of ignorance, as it's been milled thoroughly in them, dried by the airless obstinacy, accompanied by crude remarks, failure of understanding why the people who've been raised where they are, not by chance or choice, whose call be lend onto others, among circumstances beyond their control, that left them in a state of cognitive insufficiency, of flour, bread, despite being offered the chance of joining in the pursuit, to an intolerable level of unassertive, hopeless, self-defeatist comfortable inaction, whose least resistance not only weakens but leaves them open as for the exploitative nature, belonging to the same people whose character would otherwise be deemed intolerable by any man whom had at one point in his life been introduced to a society of reason, renders the lower classes in an unutterably emasculated position, from their point of view, that only brings a distasteful disdain, a complete cut-off from this reality block, this inexistent curtain between them, this nothingness that's made seem as if it exist, in order to segregate themselves from others they would deem befit, as for their justified actions, to be walked upon, to an almost intolerable level, to an unacceptable degree of an unavoidable complacency, found, soon enough, to be inescapable in a sense of it having to be discussed at a certain point in time or another. This ideological divide can only be resolved with knives and bloodshed, violent murder and rape. Done by a giant mammal blimp sized, galleon-strident being whose curvature would only draw breath from a complete-out of planetary twisted, but not alongside the oblong 'depression', twisted contortion, keeping it all together, whose main body would appear to be made completely out of hundreds of giant V' or other kinds of scimitar-scythed but fat, drawn together by reigns of growth-coated organic belts, filled with much-lower and upper-unnatural almost hidden, secret compartments where humanoid-craniums are being stored in, kept under the warmth of an ever-breathing upon its own cartilage, unnaturalness that cannot be exalted. A spry foul-spread of hay-fat disease being carried soon-enough over by it. But only so, that, a customarily approach to the issue at hand not be miss-interpreted by the others, niggers have to be lynched; thoroughly; by it, the great beast that approached soon after, wretched as it were, like a fat fetus put inside a mechanical cup, whose outward pushed belly formed a downward blob-worm goblin-shark molded into a giant wide bathtub-stretch filled with many growths, appendages and wretched limbs it walked upon. Four great superficial wings appeared to be resting underneath its 'neck', although inexistent, it appeared to be sunken beneath a upward pointing canon with another one sprouting from its

base, but pointed at an angle as to be connected to a frontward-pointing platform-like razor chin this weird, almost two canon fat gun with a half-cut cartridge, that bore a few pincer-shaped teeth coming out of the base and resting on the fat-bulk that pointed ahead. Two long eyes by its side, the fat beneath it, made of lumps, the strange metallic-cup bearing made strange devices, claws and electronic talons that would not move nor dare try shoving one another from the wretched healthful haze-miasma it was driven through and on. Beneath it, that compact, rounded mass but shrieked as if it were completely violent, arrogant, alive, and feeted by many beasts that hid inside. A brass orange clock-work rust, to the cup that help the purple-grayish, light reddish with violet-green put inside. Every wild appendage appeared to be a gray-shade that diverged into them, until they had become tar-like at their ends, with bubbling texture-skin pores drawing out of them. It called itself the Lord of Sophistry, Lyiev Horkonko!

Drawn was it, to the meeting place of nasty shipped by lightning sea-less strident trees of wild-palms and outlandish spark-producing apple-Mars; the moons of whom were empty caskets that had been willy-nilly darkly misplaced.

‘Why, I would think that, I would consider those beneath us to be highly-disposable, mechanically so, for it’s been cone, cones, cones, done so by their own choosing.

They are to be killed, insolent shits.’

Some bodies were drenched and butchered as the tall machines started driving in through the unseen doors, closed door where the machines were put through holographic dream-devices, by psychotic needles, inducing incubating panoramas with weird eyes that leaped about the panes, that flew from side to side until what little of the dark remains there were out there were swollen. Darkly was there a highlight after the song was over:

‘Will a man join in the barricade? There’s a little pane-device, painted as one would have it now, there’s something in there as well. Will you come in?’

‘Nay.’

The voice was propagated by a round intercom-thing, vintage-phone trimmed by the looks of it. A round receiver through which the voices that were being played, with, within and without were spoiled or had been spoiled once again by war, and wooden-looking floors. Some men entered the quick-stepped upon floor, trying to control themselves as well as their urges before they could resurface back to light, in a most embarrassing manner, loft of sought after.

Hidden there, strapped onto a chair, an insolent being whose body was wrapped in metal-bands crisscrossed with iron belts, all spiked and outwardly protruding, with a funnel-attached to his mouth, through which he both spake, breathed, and was fed through; they called, the Propagandist. Occupying a seat that’s been stolen by someone else who’s over-tuned limbs were belonged to a different era, strings alarmingly running down, at the end of his cut-off fingerless glove; where the stumps emerged as tiny pricks, lodged backwardly in, but they were not cut, his real hands, they were in the back, as these served as decoy in order to garter some pity out of any trespasser whose funny thoughts might have him killed otherwise.

There was some static noise of some kind as well as some chanting of 'Satanis' gone through static-velvet filters that rendered the frequencies somewhat obsolete as to what was going on among them, since, without a reason to fully open, the vouchers would run around to hands exchanged, like monkey paws driven out their way until no longer in service, money eventually deteriorating into a fleshy mass by their sides, many people, especially those who specialized in stock-exchange, the ones that were around him, by his side, or had been, since he could only remember what life had been like before they covered his eyes, taking away his sight only superficially, although the occlusion that slowly fell, slipped then covered a great portion of his face no longer bothered him, since he had found a new vocation:

'You have been assailed by the most unfathomable creatures there are, most wretched, leprous and eaters of rust and whatever it is, that you must be aware of, no longer producing the quantities desired of bubbly riddled with puddles and with cans, the iron reserves will fall behind, as usual unless you take the trash out. One of the canteen, yes, one of them is broken this very moment. They are eating out of it, the maggots, these filthy, good for nothing maggots, they're everywhere, they've infested everything, the walls the foam inside the walls. It sounds as if there can be no other way of getting rid of these devilish incarnates than.'

A hinge flung itself out of the door's socket, a man's lingeringly by his side second head, part of his carefully selected gratification module being still being visibly implanted in it, to a point where it stuck out as a Phalanx's in-between the gaps, thrust forward spears, being attached only by some faulty coal-en-coated wiring, whose serpenty wriggling made it feel as if the wooden shafted iron-bits were sugary-melting, beneath the shade of an oratorical sun-boastful lamp, that only now came to his view. A strange felling over-burdened his already complicit stupefaction as to the sound, perchance exchanged between the two of them at an almost indiscriminately, as to eradicate all chance of there being even a slightly miss-interpretable gauge, come as a result of the intermittent silence that followed soon after the 'event' in question, not longer being attributable to the misinterpretation of this being a venturing-forth object of very little importance whose covet-in, distinctly misplaced, visit, has, overstayed its welcome, therefore going ahead as to remove the possibility of it being anything other than a man, unspoken, conceptual level, that was somehow even more overly accentuated upon by the fact that, he was the devil, or at least one of them, the many, whose rationale was incumbent on the veridical antecedent of the more infuriating brackets of unaligned steps, having not been shown or to've had the nerve to actually impede on one self's more judiciary disposition, as for every jury's absence during which, foretold of, what, what could've been only the span of fifteen or so miles, incumbent on him at this point in time, as to open his mouth and draw attention to the fact that, if left unchecked, every single one of these 'angry' soless men could printlessly dissipate, by forceful gusts that would follow otherwise in his path, to the testimony of him being, by all accounts, to the point of having reached a point in the case where the court's call and judgment will have been declared as being final, irreproachably and without appeal, to an undisclosed amount being settled off-court, that he would not open his mouth as to reveal that, it was thus, that he spent countless hours of immobile stasis, as to redolently reassess where he had to go to, the direction, the right entry, that had hardly placed at the end of a sleazy poorly-lit staircase but instead it found itself hanging upon a remorseful portcullis-gate, whose exact placement was inside a see-through glassy pendulum, that was fancily adorned by various elongated cranial-lobe depressed giant crystalline-jewels, chained with most peculiar of iron-bolts that revealed themselves only in the most articulate manner of eloquence, adhering but not the least unimpressive, to their feat of having achieved speech at such a level where high-level discourse would only be beneficiary at that point of, incessant-insolence to a medieval

monk, or some flimsy scribe, whose unadulterated Episcopal work led him to believe that the reproduction of the most-deserving of being well-preserved, to an archivist's contempt as to himself, as a man, confronted by the rationally driven realization that, at a certain point in time, you've been out-done by a much greater opponent whose unabashed level of skill is incontestably but overwhelmingly depressive as for the acceptance of being replaced finally took its toll, during the peak of which an insatiable feeling of horrendous dread wilt itself to life as to drive the 'wear' beyond the level he is in, this strange 'place' or state of mind he's been unfairly driven to, bordering suicide or at the very least the contemplative state of it, regardless if what one's put to mind plan is gone all the way through, a thing only known to him, carried all the way to the grave, unless others be made aware of, or have found him out, alchemical secret, of no less redundancy than the 'trivial' pursuit of the holy grail of immortality, the philosopher's stone, whose last map has also been placed in his care, but to the gift of the cob's Devil's silver tongue's benefit of the doubt lend onto, this great defender of the Pendulum had in turn actually, unstably reared its ugly head-in, as to intrude upon the barely, upon finality, arrived onto the sight of, although finally brought onto the awareness that this gate had not made him appear inside the room but a few feet away of, a thing that could be traced back, but eerily surmised by a subtlety of such an uncanny, obscure level that it would've garnered a cult-following, a status afterwards owned, but earned solely by means of wit alone, in terms of wordsmith, and how finely it had crafted its insults, double-tapping them with multiple meanings, of such vague congruence, that it could be interpreted as anything, leading him, in a more befuddled state of being completely lost in this unfathomably colossal labyrinth of gates, open-and-closing doors, domed roofs, fly-through hoofs that would blind or take one's sight away, being representative of the chaos, in some way, he had to go through in order to get to meet the famed being known as the Propagandist, there was not a single simile of a doubt as to the profound, yet ill-placed adoration, conflated with a level of unsanitary resentment towards himself for having stored all of his pains as well as his bottled rage, in every step he's taken along the way, stored, once again, or encapsulated in a moment of self-conflict as well as an appeasement to his self-determination, that, without a doubt, eerily stands at the crossroads of disappointing this man, this actual man, for he was, a mortal in flesh and blood, in every sense of the word, by choosing or resorting to actively bore him with such trivialities of thought that, by the end of it, he will have seen, not with the help of precognition despite having and being fully aware of the extremities beyond the common-partialities of rifts and outer reaches his mental-instability could dread to thread up, forcing himself to cross the threshold of time and space, as to flung himself in an eternal lucid dream of divination, witnessing cyclical events resurfacing once again through the most fancy-looking filters, that would somehow save him from the shame of making himself appear a fool, without taking into account that this extreme sight could somehow lead him into the same place, where he would be met by the same choice, or, he might rather simply shut his filthy fucking mouth instead of opening it and saying something extremely dumb, uninteresting, that the Propagandist could store in his mind and use at a later time, although at this point the sheer-bred paranoia could take hold of him instead, creating the most sanctimonious nightmarish lucidities his sick, indolent mind could come up with, within the minutes of still-instilled disquiet during which he was still, definitely, yeah, under the consideration of him not being aware of his presence, whereas these nightmarish contortions, twists of the most maligned manner, raised at a level, such as one could very much be inclined to think that, so many unnatural listeners would be led to believe that inside his every step, those left behind, some grotesque abomination of lightened fire-soliquity could inbreed within itself, the walls, the material, the atoms, the drawing of the curtains, raising of the slabs, peeling off of fingers, drawing of the blood, melting of the iron, torture be derived, out of the screams of agony that echoed,

through the channels of the sickest minds, the flock, the Sheppard and the villagers to follow a lead, whose incessant dream of distillation would have one but gnawing at his own nasty feet, in order to drive the nasty thoughts again, the ruffians being present there now, bearing dark-suns globes they carried like flags, whose mere position was plastered upon the most irresolute plains of quiet there was, since it was no better time than him, being stuck out-right holding a foot in the air, being lowered only after four mints, he began chewing instead of suckling on because of the dryness his palette and mouth cleft was, with them being anything but mouth-watery, adding more to the salty-spread of A Republican's noisy work-through a saw of many faces' attempt to bury them in a soil that would be un-watered afterwards for more than twelve or so consecutive months, spent prayingly in a God's chosen humble Abode of prayer, that change will come one day, that the system will fall so traditionalism could start over, as society would go through an accelerated reset, of values, of qualities, of the constitutionally elected figure's reprimand untold, little being said afterwards, as the youth's fleet and flights, the carriages and couches of liberty's sublime delight, that they had fought for in the name of old, but ancient, and forgotten rites, to their parents' carried over lights, to the fall of the lady and her yet-to-be-perched from blown-upon gust of proud spoil, of little to be left, none, until the moment where there will be no one left around to tell of what happened after, next, to the impressionable pupils, whose nights of study, of past events yearned but little rest to what was kept of the old world, they have yet to meet the likes of, now that the greatest race of men is gone, that they have fought bravely but history, eventually run into the ground, wilt their existence a shade of what was known to men who had been alive during the age when they were still around fading as well. During that age of regret, spent idealizing what would've been, romanticizing about the most beauteous of them still, of achievements gone, their hearts and art, and what they've put through in order to achieve what they have, forlorn and soundless, as the barbarians have run it all into the ground. As the soulless Semites, whose little minds could not be helped, the insufferable Negro whose destruction would come again, the Mongol of whose hordes but try, but neither one would suffer their existence tried as to compete on head to toe, with the man of European's woe. Whose brightened light, of yet sublime, had shone the strongest, but fell to time. For none other was as strong, as to step in line and face the greatest of mankind. Contortions, hybridizations and the most wretched of beings, the most arrogant of fiends with as little to no self-respect, nor well-earn pride, but chosen as of flight or yet to hide, of anything but fight, was there left, no more hope. A disgraceful abode, a hollow nest, of nectar's protruding tap but broken and left inside, a place of chaos and of disintegration. Damned as everyone, of little bow, of little knowledge and of little more creation; such dreams it had whenever felt, to have known beauty and to have lost it time and time again. To have that all resting at the ends of a tap, to be aware of the destruction of the world, when everyone else had thought that the world will not die, of means that would have them tied, to no place and to no people. To no purity, but to evil; that is but what is left of the world, he thought, and as he pushed on, knowing where to touch, how to annoy, how to anger thoroughly with each ploy, the Propagandist had dazzled the devil's mind; whose hatred for all mankind had dolefully declined once met by images of what man-kind created. If only jews were cremated. Or at the very least EXTERMINATED;

And then a great bird-cut in half aviator-creature bearing a giant-volatile boil-filled with fluid-growth coming out of its wing, where hundreds upon hundreds of wild appendages started sprouting as they went everywhere, connected with every piece of the wall they could flail themselves against, lodging one another as the echoes of various infestations occurred, bearing, inside of it, hundreds of elevator-compact

units in which peculiar humanoids hid inside of. Niggers getting lynched, their giant inflated bodies being filled with dead kike-children as well as dead-weight bashed in the head women as well:

‘I am the Well-Centauri Demonical cysted heart of oozing Darkness! ‘

The heart finally spoke as its laughter-cackle created a room that was made out of velvet stretched and contorted moving textured curtains of magentas that kept changing in colors, flashing with spikes as libraries started flying out of the walls, revealing hundreds of levitating clothes that served as book-covers for the Eye-protruding filled with pus-destroyers with many hands, forming bands of arms that kept volatile colored glowing transparent globe with signs inside of them, bearing long-guns that began shooting the niggers that started flinging themselves in, trying to snicker-job themselves in during charge, past-through blocks of little notes and documents that were sent flying all around them at an unfathomable speed that would otherwise make all tremble at the mere sight of.

The Propagandist then raised out of his chair, unsheathing his fake as well as his real arms from beneath his frock, revealing, what he had kept hidden there for all this long. Hundreds of swords his spikes then began wielding. Part of his face was become God. A rocket came out of his forehead, as he charged through the room, running while flailing, shredding everything in his path, as he was charged by countless look-a-like bodies his body leaped against like a sack of dead-sang or a nasty fucking prop that flung itself at them, spinning. As he was reminded of his place of birth, the plains of Ghua.

But there was another thing, uncannily standing, a few feet away from them, in a room that almost appeared to be abandoned but it was still moving, despite the many saws and the electric panels that had been lodged in and out, through and around, seething with leprosy of wounded steel bleeding through the various gaps in the forage-like construction that had been left over before the workers were allowed in, with them in charge, nothing could go wrong, the company’s motto. Since they were long and puffy and made to bifurcate through steel, fat and many helmeted around their many sprouts, one end lodged inside, by them and around, but not a single one made noise while approached by the eeriness of the place, below the walking areas, where not a man was supposed to keep watch. Nor would he do, nor would he try. A little more than a few uncanny things happened, some events that transpired while they were being around, no longer aware or fully conscious of what was going around them, that’s where the time to strike was fully revealed, for the appeal of the place was not through steel but through them. Presently surrounding every intruding thought and everything their peers missed while carrying the many colors and the shades whose tracts had on-laid the walls. Some of them fell over, others were very much aware of the pinkish-bloody mucus that was spread. A few flies here and there signaled the growth of something that would occupy two or three quarters of every single flinging, sprouting, and yet demanding of reality being, intermission of woe, floundering spectral disciples whose bodies chained, incapable to refrain, swam like mermaid-jellies with all of the chains being turned into flails as they were forced to yet again search for something that usurped their quiet. A few drills, hammer and hammock-held half-claw hands that carried inside of them, half-seeds of iron-wounded carapaces whose lower sides appeared to be powering these livid devices, many of whom acted upon the alarmingly-fast triggered response to their conditioning, aimed where to hit and assault, to create alloy-trauma wherever they’d be directed towards, while here and the, titter or anywhere, if that was even the slightest matter of contrivance, one would know, a bayonet shone in the distance, but a green-yellowish light followed out of it, as the riddling middlemen between each world, whose puckery faces and bodies appeared to contort, unnaturally like

spirals that would never in their lives had come to such a need to show or come around to any sense at all, as to deviate the spray and come along the way, they had been ruined, spread, destroyed-distorted, maliciously benign, in such ways of pus-and-wings, they descended, niggardish at such command, as to have themselves driven out through drivel-hoe, ripped apart by each stalagmite-iron spinning sword, whose outwardly-protruding might, and in the lack of frightlessness-alive the workmen stood content, with as little as a simple check around. All had reached about the same conclusion, that had been, to them, as countless-eyes stared back at them, in this falling apart place, filled with only the vigor that came from above, that would find itself uncannily forlorn if allowed to fall on deaf ears that would've found themselves, for lack, or lackluster, empty-tracks of blown-out pieces, jerkily aware, distraught, a sea of glaives or bloody knives, the empty trails left over by a sea-filled shark, whose body had become transparent as for one to see the water and every insoluble creature that from this point onward to the end of time, would find himself, the individual, living inside, incapable of refraining himself from the incessantly annoying yet pitiless attempt that would result, time after time again without a chance to do something or allow them a chance to push themselves, about, a place they could finally reign free and spread, regardless of the drainage that would sweep away all mankind, from this floating sea-benign, shark of no mind, whose manipulation would only fall apart, when and during the sudden spread, of a mighty encased, prior, and post-pop, the domino-effect, of blood that would drown them all or at least bring such dreaded promises of a predaceous, promiscuous infestation, whose infallibility on a base of supreme wide-spread entity-driven base-by-base jump-upon, proximity 'test' would result into, not only a complete bastardization in terms of a quantifiably, real 'result'-like contortion of a fascicular failure as to immunize oneself properly, a thing to such degree of nano biologically adaptive as well as an adherence to one's ability to change oneself at a physiological level of complexity, but also into an unnatural blockage, reverse drainage whose complete blood-anchoring regretfully reported on, clotting to a level of solidifying strain whose microscopically indulgent as to allow, every now and then, an organism to survive by simply encasing it in an amber-like formation of clot in which they would apparently survive by siphoning air through blood cells, regardless of the form and the state they're in, which would in turn serve as a pointer to the fact that they did in turn change or adapted themselves to their environ. The workmen whom were stuck there, working in these filthy, uncomfortable positions, being very much forced to lay in a state beyond that which a normal person's quality of live would ail him to enter the dark hopeless abode that had appeared out of one of the walls, which had been lowered from one of the top levels but was uncannily deranged, enough for it to make little sense as to the next point on their list. To deal with it, for there was no way to put it; a metal head, sculpted to a chisel's fine print in the middle-half split, figure, the figure, the only figure that made, nay, no other could be, no other person but the Prosecutor-machine, the one inside of which, the body itself still squirmed, although the state it was left in was something no one and absolutely no one could even possibly agree upon as to derive any sense or any notion, as to, whether or not it was still alive. Wretched salinity in which it swam:

'Look, look, something's still pouring out of him, I knew it, I knew it, I told you all about it.'

'And what are we to do about it then? I feel.'

A most pernicious instability of mind had cranked some of his inner thoughts as to contemplate whether or not the other workers were to be allowed to survive under his watch to a salient level that itself would not do. Since met by an irresponsible irreparable dent in their cooperation, it was done, set and curbed into stone, what little soliquity he could share between the other man, whom he had seen as a brother but

no longer, as this interruption spoiled him as to allowed a cumbersome burst, entrained, by the realization that he enjoyed his peek into this world of no-sounds and fathomless up-rounds he could drown himself into but to no death, until he could find a drinking buddy. Not yet:

‘It’s opening, it’s opening its mouth! Sail way, make say as to leave this site and never return!’

Of what fumigating reed, or branch of heed, was there to look, what a hill of verdure, but a rock, therefore lain, farther and farther away, in the back, at the back of a ‘trolley’, in which the old polluted soils were put in, many of which, having grown a little since last seen. But this was undeniably a groove and within in, they were drawn towards a bickering tick. One whose many faces and many legs were drawn behind and formed into an altar-like formation. Yet this bloated body was anything but touchable, and impossible as to puncture or to penetrate, no slicken stick or sharpened pointed hook whose lance might char, or fill with tar or burn everything that came into its sight could change that very fact. Immeasurably distraught, and caught within the coils there stood a few giant trees and a few bridges that now lay connected to many clouds, or something in between. Having taken a whip or straddle, a spread right after, it had eaten and devoured most if not all life. It would’ve made a difference to anyone else but them, for they had little care and never asked, nor refrained to approach it:

‘Who are you and why have you showed up here?’

‘No, you mongrel, ask him the right question, ask him the right question. Where is the Prosecutor, we need to talk to him, on an immediate notice, for he is important and cannot be made to wager the slight and sight, remorseless cry, and lest abode, of tried for now.

We shall not wait for a puddle of insolent being, a growth, for if you took the time to look around, you would’ve know what’s already been shown to us. It ate everything in sight, everything organic, at least, in freight.’

‘I see that you’re alone now, and you’ve been trying to improve on your machine in the same way the Sami have been trying to plunge into their Inca-seas of Spanish blood-exchange during the march of the fire-trampolines during the war of ages past’s coming of the age, when naught was asked for when they rode in short.’

‘When’s the calling forth?’

A shooting range, he pointed to as he pointed forwardly no longer, as its worth was calculated, being stronger than docile-set.

‘A worn out man with rugged mouths has once told me of something that happened there, an incident if you will.’

‘Tell me about it then!’

‘I cannot, as you know what they do with traitors, correct?’

They’re fed to it, the piece of the mountain, the ‘stalagmite-tooth-bat’, this wretched piece of wriggling meat sticking out-deprave. This yellowish-white-pale, this one’ footed, chicken legged- fat, whose mouth is open-spread from one side to the other, with tubes coming out of it, as puffy as the rest of it fleshy

body, trying to cover for the fact. A hole and a eyeless holes for sockets, a long plate of a face, but fat, like a raft, with a puffy globe sticking out its head, the entirety of its body contorted like some disgustingly deformed giant primordial axe. Oozing with greenish-yellow, grayish-purple, metallic down some sides, standing upon the hollows of the entrance to the mountain-cried –for deformed look-alikes they called its saints. For the top of its body looked almost like a holy icon bearing a pussing halo for its head. A one footed plated thing as well, covered in some viscous gel that kept dripping away from sight. It seemed like a mirage, too surreal to exist at time, disgustingly deformed, but joined by a wall of skinless-toil that rummaged in its skin as well. Not a single word swollen between, but many like them, inside, but called within the hour:

‘Gather, gather, gather around, there’s another one down here who’s been brought to feed you with, but don’t make the same mistake of thinking it too weak, or else, you may be met by something else you wouldn’t like being met by.’

The Connoisseur wriggled his moustache again. They raised themselves like strange panes, their ‘tails’, these feet without talons and fingers being jerkier, more eely-like than their mounted on top the entrance counterpart, and that for a good reason as well. The entire cave had been flooded, hence the change, hence the sacrifice and the strangeness of the thing that prevailed among them.

A jerkiness quite eerie; but met by open-guts. Screams of the sonar power, swarming like empty-bowelled rats, trying to get as many nibs, as many reeling in-swarming in, burrowing, hose-drips as they could, never letting go as to allow reproach, so much so as to avoid whenever one would happen-so.

‘Another man devoured, children, but this time I expect much more, far more than I’ve been granted by you long before, and do not let me catch you slacking either, or else I shall, I shall only.’

A disciple, here?

They belonged to some unnatural lot that was more than often deemed to be too, rather uncannily yet exclusively innocuous as well as incompatible with every other non-disciple like figure that either appeared to be inside of them, or, for all intensive purposes outside of them as well, wrapped around some meager mechanical arms that pushed out of them, holding them together, as to pierce and prod, everything out of their reach then become theirs to command in whichever way they wanted since the prisoners themselves did not disagree with their treatment, nor would they make much sense out of it, if someone else tried doing something disgraceful or propagate some type of alien-like behavior that would eventually throw them off-balance. Tall, dark shady figures, all wearing robes, the Disciples were all about kidnapping people and wrapping them around their bodies, these rods of many roots that wrapped but came out only during the night, when it was safe to finally open their pupils, dark, shining-almost spherical things, light-bulbs of some kind that devoured everything that was even remotely, feasibly said, related to skin, yet the light never protruded inside their robes despite their cowls and hoods always wrapping their heads, in-and-out then all around; throughout the year, they sickled the dead-horses, dressed in them, but cut off the front legs, and out of them, no-blood but some viciously leaping about liquid that appeared to be something of its own making and wont, that entered the walls at will, then leaped inside non-horse humanoids, inducing dreams of horses without legs, whose heads were in the hundreds, but sockets empty, with the exception of the holographic gist n’ clouds of lightning flashes that they produced, no sooner, no later than anticipated either, since they were bastardly trying to regurgitate

what they encompassed themselves in, these men, soon enough, the same, who found themselves sleep-walking appeared to be inducing fits of vomit upon themselves as to contaminate the water-reserves the entirety of this secluded living-quarter appeared to bear. Many toxin-bearing horses appeared to have crawled back to life, through this sea of youth that allowed them to rise, from the depths of their darkened dampened graves out of which they thought themselves incapable from refraining, so much so, as it would be deemed unfittingly disturbing, then disjointed from reality, to the wingless creatures of metal that fell, then coiled and were become but adornment for the halls they were trapped inside of, only to draw away, for no reason whatsoever, judging by what was happening there, by means of adoration, they were not stopped from interacting with the man that stood guard in the water-drainage refinery of liquids-processing unit room where most of them, most of these horse-like beings had avoided death only by the mere chance of a whim that had saved them from complete evisceration at the hands of giant constantly rotating blades that even now actively swung, since they were shaped like butter-knives and had rounded joints and turned-then-twisted around mechanisms that allowed them to completely change not only their general direction but every possible arc there was, slashing, hitting and eviscerating everything to a degree of mechanical flexibility unseen by anyone else, as it was sloshed, clutched, then turned-around, then twisted, then cut-down, then shot-up, again, then against the force that tried forcing this strange blade connected to a tiny jerky livid- cartilage', that being the piece of resistance, when it came to the machine, that allowed for the full-roundabout of destruction that followed soon after, yet again dumb-founded by the very mechanical 'unnaturalness'-provided oxymoron, 's full force force-endowed thrust as well as the various additions of motions that ensued a total annihilation, in terms of ethnic-water cleansing, which treated every water-molecule, at times, at the very least, by design, as if they were kikes or niggers, while at times they had been treated as if they were something, far closer to females, to women, than the abhorrent inferior 'races' or bubbles that were constantly being crushed underneath and beneath the blades of supreme destruction, whose propellant nature allowed to inflict such a thing of beauty that it was a marvel how these horse-being even surviving, although it was unclear, there was something at works there that interfered with the normal function of the blades, or as to lay it all too clear, there was an on-going suspicion, that was therefore emulated fartherly by the guard, as for the presence of foul play no longer obscuring the possibility of there being something as degrading of deterring as this thing, this wretchedness-foul that threatened to allow the worrisome spread of the beings back into existence, these being the same beings he alone had no desire to be made or brought into account or near with, or of, since he loathed their enfolding presence to a point where he pulled out his laser-pistol, carefully steadying his arms, cocking himself slightly backward, aiming with a great amount of breathlessness others might've considered unfitting for this kind of situation, especially when the sheer number of every specimen out there had been taken into account, to this point, they had been working to, finally out of 'danger's' reach, since it was revealed that the laser-pistol, self admittedly, was fully-loaded with laser-blanks, which defeated his initial purpose, having not used or even verified that at any point in time at all, because of the very, clearly defined, unnecessarily-deemed, nature of his job, which in turn left him armed or equipped with a toy-gun of some 'LOW-CALIBER', that didn't work, as in, at all, it simply didn't work, because, because it was like one of those tiny hand-held carry-it-in-your-pocket fake-lasers you'd flash in people's eyes, incapable of actually doing any damage whatsoever, but at most resulting in some kind of annoyance, maybe some disturbance and some distraction that would hinder one's span, indirectly causing harm, an accident, or some roadside-kill, usually followed by the open palm-blocking the light that's being flashed in your eye hand motion as to stop the light from flashing in your eye so you don't get hit by a car; you'd buy, cheaply, especially if on 'sale' – although that would be an overkill, from

some back-side of the town's oil station you'd stop along the way while headed to California, Tennessee or Texas, thinking you could enter this almost 'convenience-store', not only to pay for gas, but wanting to buy a pack of cigarettes, Pallmaul, bootliquor, but you thought it would be funny if you actually lynched the nigger serving you since he's a terrible, terrible host you don't like the head or the face of, since they're, generally speaking, visually unappealing for most people, mostly because of their ugly small heads and their ugly-dark skin, wide noses, big lips as well as their insatiable desire to commit a lot of crime that's mainly expressed in their tiny, always red-from consuming a lot of crack eyes; you wouldn't find yourself feeling safe around him, since, you know what they're like, from either what you've heard or the general experience you had with these 'people'; and you thought it'd be funny if you purchased one of these tiny flashing-it-in-people's-eyes laser – you'd want to test it out immediately after buying it, just so be sure you didn't waste your money on, and weren't scammed, but you're too afraid to do it on the nigger, although you're tempted, you're incredibly tempted, like the Devil's on top your shoulder whispering in your ear 'Flash it! Flash it! Flash it in the nigger's eyes! Play with monkey a little! The nigger, the nigger! This is the light of the police! The nigger fears being flashed by the police! The nigger, the nigger, flash him while the siren goes Yiiii-uuuuu, Yiiii-uuuuu, Yiiii-uuuuu, Yiiii-uuuuu!' but you know better than that, since the nigger has a gun, like they all do, on them, at all times, even in convenience stores or public places; while also there's a robbery, since more niggers are headed into the store and when there's a lot of niggers in, something's about to go down extremely quick, as in get down, get down boy before these nasty-monkey niggers put you down your early grave – kind of fear flashed into the guard's eyes while it all happened. These nasty wretched bags only lowering and heaving themselves on top of one another's bodies in order to gain some height, in order to culminate into the strange structural formations they decided it would be worthy of them to be put back into, back together and once again, to the unnatural appeal of trying to steal a slight, hindrance.

Second and fourth disciples:

'I am saddened, are you not? Are you already gone in that place I fathom not be around of, when they call onto me to call you back from whence they've taken us, in a palace of dark remorse?

The tip of twisted thin iceberg cowl-fallen lumps of iron where they melt; constantly un-erect and unable to stand on top their feet, I wager there's as less as a command for either as there's few but reprimand soon after, as to listen to us, abhorrent-woe. I lack the time needed to search for someone that would understand where I'm coming from. I fear yet I'm saddened, as my arms are so befallen that I may never see a change in my command, I would never understand what they've seen in us, unless you help me so. I'd rather know that be as blinded as they'd have us wreath in the shadow's cone, where we waited before you came, and arrived at the right hour, taking me away before the cruelty could stumble, trampling upon my wreathing sin, I lack in wonder, sea, as such, of blunt-resin. I would've known no less, I would've sekt no reason to impress upon you what I've come to understand, yet no man would understand my loss, what I've come to yearn for such release, as I cry each in night and weep on dark command, when it comes down to my understanding, of what they've done to me during sleeplessness abhorrent; taken as they did away, and come tumbling down the rolls of hay, I see no reason yet to stay where we still are. I'm afraid they'll eventually come after us, then slay whatever's left of worship, destroy every candied-altar, done of bloat-ship, we must flee! I seek of loft abhorrent tree that we may speak to it, and broken such command of silent as I ask you now, please speak to me, my dear friend, dear worshipper, disciple that there is come upon the end. I seek not to reprimand each bowel, or to feed the

ones that would have cowered by the time we're come. But I see now, without a doubt, that there are things they could not forgive, as to retrieve what's taken from us, I seek but blasphemy's antiphony. I seek but reason, you've grant me none. I seek but treason be spoiled for me, but rottenly are you but gone whenever my deepened voice there lay, to have been said, and cyanide as there is of lumps and bubbling soap, of lee and deep convey, whatever thrust, and whether cast, and whether you've come to the same conclusion, deeply sunken, there at last, I seek but disillusion. To break the tusks of bleak illusion, that have been spoiling my eyes with blinds, broken homage of gum-forth lain but armed with time, I'm fallen back, descend no more where they've come to take me away, when I'm gone; I seek no more to have but one continue, whatever son there, whatever bastard would sign, my deep reprise, of pantomimic vowels sung, when come upon, and there be gone. Where to have created but an echo of whom I were, and where to have entrusted but a reason as to seek of grim-repair? Where to have been thrust along, and come upon but spoiled surround; I feel as if I'm blissfully un-listened, I seek but son, but he's but cyst of broken cistern; he would not understand. But for that I can't and may not blame him, for I have stood in the same irksome place, the prowl, I've searched for something in my youth, when they have seen me as I've lain each scowl, emptily forlorn. Yet I seek company no more, knowing that you've taken something of me, luridly lugubrious crimson worn of flocks of spools lend upon the mighty cruel, to have been witnessed by them once, when rode, upon mighty tall and gritted horse, would've been a timeless honor that I would've accounted no mourning similitude. I would've sekt no misfortune being corrected, but in turn, cruel. It's as much and as likely as there is but the fact that I'm lain with, to have been dragged, and trailed, to have known what mighty rivers' sound or wails, upon the bouncing of the flails to have been lain by ripple-cast with each whip-lash cast upon the margin of the fumigating tearing tar a blaze. To have felt the heat that would but scowl and to have it cowl before each maze, and cast thereafter as for every and each tower more; the ones that fell as every stone, as every boulder chucked and come about, and therefore cast upon each brat and bastard child that cross, a bridge at last, but lacking worth, no man abhorrent, but I seek no worth to contemplate on them and what they've done. Of the beckoning of a lost war, to which side I see myself to have belonged, to have run in ruse and feel respite, and cower as I'm found about, and torn by sunder, and bloom in this regard. I gaze at little and see as less, knowingly in waiting quiet, that there might be no son of mine, oft memory of such impress, onto him of what I've seen, onto him of what would've been, if I were there, and cast in river shaft to die, and pain the rubble, and those who'd laugh at me, whenever they would see such sad-attempt, to lump myself in deeper vowel, to have seen as such, and cast away each stubble, each time risen, oft every little ripped apart rose, of the hillish vales, and mountainous reaches' come onto me as well. For them I would've fought till death, for that chance to impart on him, but time would have it all they say. Time would turn to rubble straight away, and spittle-scum on every song I've sung, and each memory forgotten when the time, but yet've come. I would've felt some anger, cast away. I would've sung right after, but there they stay. In the same place, as every man, to have such faces as I would've seen on any other man, but mine. Mine is one that many have failed and still do, to realize, it does not belong, torn away, uncherished. For no son of mine would fare quite well, to look-a-like to such cowardly rues, to have been blessed with flocks of golden truce, to have been spilled with eyes of eerie sea-alike, to anyone. Yet I seek to have bestowed onto you, my friend, whose stand-in-place, and yet embrace, of cold as I have felt no breath, to come and stove, no fire in your heart, but stolen. To have you listened to, but worsened, I would lack in such command to ask; knowingly aware that you would have me lust for yet another word, if said. I seek to cast this silence away, again and again; but you've done me no such gift, nor more.'

Many of the walls that had been contaminated by the grayish disease that moved from one point to another swaying, leaping sneeringly with some violent debauchery expressed by the pure anger of mourning-contemplation, as if bred to life by the sudden passing of a man, or a family member, expressed in ember, while also being light-flashed upon by one of the lights that were being audibly turned on and off, on and off, click after click by a tall squarish, automaton-junk device machine with an atom-bomb round-compounded tip of the head where most of the mechanisms, including large prototypically yet-to-be-tested cognition devices made as to imitate the likeness of man from time to time in terms of artificially clay-like alloy imbued with some other similar patented by chemical compound reinforced components that were meant for an unrelated usage, yet had been repurposed for this fine reason, whether inconvenient or not, as one might come to think it was, dumb-founded or by deceit, as the man hiding in the 'broom'-closet, near the long-stretch of eleven hundred miles or so, shaking violently, since he could not, and this was a most definite thing, he could not help himself but violently yet viciously shake as well at the extreme noise that was being made by this incessantly annoying machine that kept pounding one of the walls with its one free mechanical arm; an alloy of some weird compound normally found in the Sebaceous-insects of Angroa-Yk, large and nasty things shaped like tear-drops come out of puddles if they were shot inwardly out of some fine Englishman's signaling of his status as a member of the upper class, high-classed, classy, but with a sprinkle of modernity being shone upon his contemporaries, a bourgeoisies of fine-shrouded laces of black and blue and rims around each blackened sun-dome disc made, most likely by some diamond trade low-life worker as a side-job in order to afford food as otherwise he would be colossally fucked by the wages that under normal circumstances do not allow people like him to survive by any discernable mean at all, since he lives in a recognizably third world country that's also failed, at an unfathomably repugnant to the common sense of man, being borderline insulting to him, by all accounts, to pass the human rights quotient that's been used since the inception of the United Nations' World-wide Protection of Global-Human-Rights' Violations', Intrusion-Indoctrinatory Alteration so it may not happen again directive – standard, but they're Gooks so they don't matter as much as niggers do, or at least the liberals would have us all believe that the life of a nigger is somewhat worth more, to the point of outnumbering him one to one hundred in terms of the value of his life, on which you cannot put a price on, but that didn't stop anyone before; yet whose plight, the Gook's, responsible for the well fashioning of the fine Englishman's sirs buttons, might as well be thrown out the window, since he is an insect after all whose life is meant to serve only as a means to raise the quality of life of people who are far more intelligent and of a far more superior racial extraction as well as a finer stock than his; alongside a magnificently tailored to the point of every strand of silk that's made the man's embroidery being, well-enough, admittedly laced with sub-atomic sized molecularly worked on tiny blue-cobalt, made by strain as well as by rubbing molecules together with the help of some peculiar high-societal technologically automated device, whose nuclear core is responsible for the powering of quantum computers, the quantum computers responsible for calculating the entire mass of the ever-expanding universe at all times, located somewhere in Prague, in some infinitesimal-cluster of fake-secret experimental Governmental facility-esque decoys, funded by the Government as well as the tax-payer's money nonetheless, whose existence depends solely on filtering the spies, the moles as well as anyone else who'd undersell the country and sell state-held secrets; whose funding comes from a private source, yet it's clear enough that, this thing, this device is responsible for creating, again, a state-held secret as well, although the usage of would diminish, if it were found out, or if this secret were to spill nation-wide, would turn this entire institution, actually institutions, that are solely responsible for this travesty which is a huge waste of money that's exchanged not for the betterment of human kind but instead for vanity, and

to be more precise, the vanity of a few, elite-but, this one, this fine English man, the clever-man he is, somehow lucked out into an elite suit by counterfeiting the buttons, replacing them during what could only be believed as being the greatest heist in human history, where he somehow, on a late October flashy day of winds' Autumn last call of gust during the reign of frost's ever come, during intervals of lightning struck of golden changing into, from sun's stroke, into flashes of blue, come to pass, morrows, of flights of birds and stoles that come and fly after but are never caught and are never asked to leave or what happened during which, the winter's abode is finally let known that it is time to leave soon after; stumbled on this suit, which was in the laundry room in some elite business man, one percenter's laundry room he happened to be in, the house of, conveniently wearing an uglier suit of a much lower quality-entailed but that looked alike to his, and knowing them, he thought, in general that is, considering, he wouldn't, most likely would not noticed if the man got gypped out of his 'most' valuable possession; as it's clear enough hat he pulled out the buttons, replaced it with his, then simply, left the mansion, with little said about his undertaking task as well as his apparent skill in embroidery which could only serve as a sign of his low-born origin, and this suit, that now were coupled with some 'trendy' pants that looked nasty and awful, serving as nothing else but some 'fashion' statement that said nothing else or implies that he hates niggers; an alloy, nonetheless that made it seem as if he had a tiny ant farm inside his bubbly-rounded, top of a torpedo head, with giant spores as well as other abacus-calculations-capable-of performing apparatuses that spun in place, then ran-around and moved down the frame of a barrel-like body that diverged into many, strangely red-filled with rust corrugated plates with hundreds of smaller-spear bar legs that were welded in, had wired-in welded-machines sunken it, pushing like pistons in order to 'fancy' it up with the ardor of pain, sweat, as well as, confusedly so, shown, outrage, that was clearly displayed and shown, at the fact that he only had a mechanical arm he used to pick up on that lead-bar, whose echoes, propelled against the tightness of the hall he had been charging as well as he had been, having been performed by him already for several if not hundreds of times, performing this for countless consecutive hours, weeks, days, years, with that bar as well, confused-still by the fact that it was immortal and that it could not die, indestructible, as well as the man, in that 'broom' closet, who was a humanoid-organic immortal creature but who could feel pain-still and knew, or was aware of, that if it left, opened the door, revealed, revealing himself further, even if attempted, would be met by the same treatment, while going through endless simulations in his head made of calculations of what would happen if he did this, or that, this plan, no, this would fail, he'll beat me to death, he was the same Englishman after all, and this rotten to the core thing that he still wore was the same suit he's been wearing for countless generations, now made out of human faces in part he had sutured to, since there was no other compatible material and this was actually fitting in some way, since, they, the people whose sweat had undergone a great revolt, clearly expressed in the mix-of liquids that had spilled once, then provoked some convoluted chemical altering, aleatorily-speaking, random- reaction whose chance of happening, with a margin of error of about zero point fifteen percent or so, was close to zero point fourteen percent, so far being a thing of dreams, that a primordial, as to consider the fact that it actually happened, liquid which carried the soul of every Gook that's been killed in those sweatshops had managed to have a last laugh not only at the him but at humanity as a hole since he was the last human alive, the last well-preserved, unchanged, unhinged, by the biological time-line, humanoid being, the original, an Adam, without an Even, sitting upon a crack on the ground, which had been eroded, at the threshold of falling into a pit, through a system of old, unkempt and not-well-preserved pipes, air-ducts, pipes, iron- 'vaults', valves, rooms that would show no actual resistance whatsoever against the domino-effect that would eventually lead him to his untimely 'end', being trust in a graveyard of trunk and junk, where he would lay-trapped inside of, for an

eternity he could not escape out of, from, being inescapable; albeit a terminal, yet incongruous fear present only in the men who found out, during the rush of DMT happening inside the brain during the time of one's death, where the only thing stopping him from hitting the 'joint' was a sudden wake to reality, as he would be flashed by two flashy, lightning-crackling with power boxing-gloves of thunder worn by the paramedics, bringing him back to life, as it all stopped, as it all happened, when he, the man wearing a flesh-worn-filled with faces suit, the man with an apparently disclosed fear of emergence out of the animalistic hole he has been driven in for so long, having reverted, partly to an instinctual, primeval state holstering itself between an earlier primitive hominid he would almost be taken out of the state of, only to be pulled inside a much-later, closer to the modern humanoid Hunter-Gatherer state of being, predisposed to fits of rage, queerly expressed by violent attempts of trying to shake off the walls as well as the door out of its hinges, by BRUTE MAN FORCE, niggardly painted as nothing other than some villainous, fined by a COP, fifteen million years ago, something that flashed in his mind during this tormenting moment of terror-driven episode of PTSD he had to suffer living through, as if it wasn't enough; whereafter, one thing that couldn't be avoided in his sight, as his head-bobbed in thither and tether then everywhere if not the slightest of hints being presented, of his cozy-blasted by some moisture that appeared to run over his head and on top of him by the end of a tap that was kept running a few floors above, signaling the return of one the upper-cybernetic equipped by large cannons that made their chests, limbed by appendages forming half-ellipses when put together as if they were aerobic-instructing teachers uniting their fingertips above their heads, guns starting to burst at first sight like pregnant women twisting around themselves in hula-hoop formations of growths added to their backs, rings of metal attached to their spines, entered inside the womb as they would devour the same food-supply the fetus would try nibbling on, devouring them to death as these whorish beings would be trapped inside cage-like formations with various pits beneath them taking them back into the web-like drops against which they would bounce, back and forth, entered through the lower-areas where the food-supply is being kept inside, where the sanitary deformations and the king-like creatures with their broken apart faces and their broken bodies, armless and legless, but coned by many of them crowned heaps of bone-liquefied tendon-like roots of whims, hottened by the rage-in depressed into them, as this king's eyes, these blasted blasphemous filled with ardor, hottened the already spruce-thrown-in-the-fire infindiliac disaster's come onto the sight of woe's strong bladed coffin in which one of the women had been slowly delivered into, a wretched Anaghost of many chainy keyholes, ranchos- servility, that served as a punishment for her wildly admitted infidelity. This skeleton of a few upon mighty Grove's made root-holding crook with many crows winced, with a growth alarmingly forlorn, withheld as other things fell through the ceiling as well. He resided beneath them, in a most depressing manner, yet estranged from everyone, dismissed.

'I am kilt, I am kilt, withdrawn! Aghast yee, I feel only the numbness that is rotten, the crystalline whiteness of marble change, be gone! Be gone!'

A crimson change of steel in the compounded material that made his insides turned him into a body of crystal, made out of pure indestructibilitiness, for the time being.

Two servants, tall, that were conjoined but one apartment on top another – stacked together, sprouting out-of, the second one being bodied by segmented beating heart-shaped beads aligned on a pole-like cylinder, like a worm out of an apple's top of mid-depression, with an almost python-head filled with many lumps that encompassed everything, out of which long black spears-led- glowing with dark energy rods, wooden-broom-handles with blooming pumping in and out, at their ends, bubbling organs that were

inflated then retracted back into those ‘pea-shooters’, which sometimes, the rods that is, sprouted out of the many hearts as well as if they were in reality, organic, both in growth and in recess. A train-wagon but fat on two sides, but closer to an eggplant – fat on both sides, walking on moth-like mechanical ‘wings’, as thick as gates, then wide-spread, that bore, up-front two giant fluid filled eyes and a downward pointing wriggling thing for a mouth, closer to a fat pumping hose, that grew thinner at its end. It almost looked, closer to some gas-mask, although it did the opposite of what one was meant to since it constantly puked some unidentifiable toxin instead; an abhorrent almost mounted horse-bodied meaty gas-mask wearing but walking on two half-cut doors, with a winter-train-pole with spears coming out of it beast, of a, conjoined, two-servant mixed-together, wretch of no pleasantness to be around of.

‘Greetings master, you’ve called for us once. And we have yet to answer you call, when thrust into the damp and the quiet, come onto the lot, we answered, in disquiet, leer!’

‘Your intrusion has disturbed an ancient sleep which had been expanded upon by anciently dark machines that are found to stand erect out of their baskets, ion-cemeteries discarded into one of the pools they’re never to be awakened out of, unless, truthfully being told and wretched.’

His mouth fell, and there was only one door open now, off the hinges but part of it in ruin as well.

‘There was no reason to suspect anyone of doing it and for that reason, I would very much attest to the same fact as I did before, as I’m sure you’d reckon it as a means to counterfeit some of the after-dealings that’ve stumbled onto my hands by chance alone, that would’ve had him. If that only were the case, for a second there, I thought. Never shall you mind.’

And the conversation was indeed over. Without a simpleton’s remorse to have been fading along the trail of glowing little puffs, it ended.

A man’s shout echoed throughout the halls of the station, without perdition’s pesticide and woe to have come chomping through during the disastrous reproach that followed in his path. A faceless machine wearing itself, inside an impious thing with many tails it carried along like hairy whips, like a giant bullfrog of some organic material, some extra worn body-suit in which it continued walking as it was being closely observed by the people around it, swaying through the past yet.

‘I’ve trained myself to see you, things, wretched, you disgusting falling apart solidly liquefying almost artificial demonical creatures that do not belong in our highly advanced world. You reckon and bring forth only something close to the nigh-destruction of beauty we’ve hope to have given birth or helped reason with in this age of chaos where stars are still dying during the fall, unmet by resolved and highly paranoid from the looks of it as I can still see it in your visor, being something close and nigh- longed for a redeemer, that’s how you’ve gotten in my private chamber, is it not? You must’ve seen the writings on the door. On that high-domed gate, written Admiral Hugh-Yors, my golden powdery stars of flowery petals of rosy snowy drifts, drag.’ Was that a roach that just crawled on the lamp upstairs?

No, it was something else, something different, tall n’ wide, incapable of fitting through the door, let alone the floor through which it had been flying through, yearning for companionship-tall, three pieces holding onto one another in an almost pea-shot to the side, out of this fumbling body-bag growth, egg-plant-like entered through an oblong blood-cell, covered in three spikes, that held upon a pseudo-cartilage bridge coming out of it, a crag-like tooth emerging out of it, all three of them aligned as if a hunched big

termite headed figure stooped with its head low, whereas the midriff of its sagging face carried a giant, to its right if faced up-front, giant incisor, flat beneath, covered in chitin as well as other growths, of a piece made yet in cover, filled with many skins that were put together, barely holding.

A canteen bottle appeared to be somewhat clearly dislodged from the upper-trunked area, where the bubbly thing of skin and silk formed the first of the tall men protectors. A door just slammed itself shut by their side. Another one followed right behind it. Their echoes were sublime yet expected.

‘They won’t make it past the artificial dawn and I’d rather not be here when they awaken during their last hour!’

‘Y-sre?’

‘I am most certain about it, that’s why I trip-wires shoes to moth-grenades.’

A few of them flew around right as they spoke behind the iron-curtain, in the broken-machine motion foyer; bothersome yet yearn-for froth and thrust malnourished onto trenches come-to whenever pacing and hardly ever-wrought basin of filthy wonder yet amassing in the chrysanthemum-leper sounder, pus-of thin and skeletons pacing slowly away, with holograms on their backs as they carried dark-matter pouches filled with human faces and their boneless gray caterpillar trenched dames, many of whom still danced around, the hussies did!

‘A crude crusade I’ve lead so far, but countenance has long withdrawn, nor have I told them of ever there be, for as such I’d lay in agony.’

‘But who are you, master of such tales, of such countenance as long prevails? That would misuse and come upon the fanny-who; of oft of oft of-of-of; pfff.’

‘Puff as you may peasant but I shall not withdraw my glance in tinder desperation, there’s a pocket of evil in such kind damnation, leading to the land’s wild contamination that I may not recede or see to it recede in vain. For I’ve desperately tried to such maintain a slimmer and a shimmer, and therefore I’d wither with my bodily sight, if contemplation come to an end, sawn apart and leper so torn apart, they’d run, descendants carrying whatever that’d be, if I were a lot, all tim-er; see.’

And he had shown him whatever piece of contemplation’s making he had hidden-swollen sight, or such alacrity, override; he bore a knife at the little man’s throat, through his mandible and a more so amiable approach; past noon.

‘We’ve been waiting in the sun for eighty hours. I’m empowered to make a choice. I shun these eyes for they yearn of the much provoked, paranoid. That you may claim my life before it’s taken, though it’s not yours made to choose. I’ve little left of such alacrity misuse. You’re a man or not; I withdraw what I cannot, but I shall not be forceful as to inquire, for seek as blessed, what you may think of such fire, as the embers that might soothe, as I cannot fully prove that you’re still alive. Are you dead, therefore I ask?’

‘I’m still lain by your side but you may not ask of aid if that’s what mattered to you whenever quail.’

Regalia spoke as little, nicely clothed by besmirk cotton trousers with empty shaded tall by shadows plain – painted around with a ring of beaks and a cross of beaks and his trousers also beaked, and off his back

two giant beaks, he was dressed in, but a helmet of iron that left only an empty T; of bronze-black tawny, whereas his clothes were shiny, with a whitish gleam, and his shoes were made of eyes and had sockets and were skulls, in shape, and he also bore a black-hole like thing with a planet filled with maws and teeth chained but depressed where his heart would be; and had horns, and his eyes were gems and his lips had teeth grown inside of them and were made of gelatin, both, and his tongue was an anteater as well, and he carried; since his two giant conical back formations slightly opened; two wreathing tongue like formations of some eely see-through substance that flailed around and had, at their ends, stars inside, with mouths that spoke and spat worms; and he said he had come from another world where this was where his calling be, the peasant's name Aemobee.

'Yiinoeb; you're a fright, a spook of no delight.'

'Such is there that I frightened you, have I not?'

'I've willed myself made of scents that I can barely feel now!'

'Who are you and whom am I?'

'That's a question worth of dye.'

And they went to the nearest pool and bathed it in some gems of grapes and soaked away, until they were dirtied by the mob that gathered around, crowded in the circle, surrounded and ensured they would not get away!'

'Yee, two men that are the town's insane; queerly dressed, of such dresses inhumane, leave thine plains and die!'

'We shall not wither away, nor try!'

Harcly; Harcly; ever-woe:

A grand magister; magpie eaten on the bold; such was done the dinner, granted. But ever-ever, such miss-wonted:

'Crude is thine kingdom that you've wreathed, two kings. A peasant king and one of filth.'

'I am clean!'

'But you are dyed, marked to die, and we shall carry on in a most sanctimonious cry!'

With the chance come, he had pulled a submachine gun out, this dire pretender; abhorrent behavior, pointed at both. A crude reality, a cruel joke; for it was plain to see and therefore be, touched by ever-glory; see:

Lend onto them was there a chance.

'I see there's a way in you would not consider making.'

'A sink that could recede either way; and what do you know of it in that case?'

‘But little but there, but therefore there; yet never-ask!’

Of course there was no chance to get to it since they were carefully watched by one of the darker satellites that flew closer to the plainer-stills. It could be reasoned as being something, at large, unworthy for what was gone and wrought; from that point on begging, and leper’s know wonting. A single potato-skinned, with lumps within; near toothless serpent- wrought in blob, with sockets that were enlarged; multiple oblong jaws, one beneath another, sparsely withdrawn.

‘There’s.’

A nibblet of some cono-capacitator standing over the desk, rolling over itself in some circles of various diameters postulated yet thrown at inquired for; what could only be a matter of time before they started coming onto her. Drawing heed from their surroundings, the heat being protruding and ever-so glancing at them; ever so strangulating as the faces of steam started rising up in the air, drawing breath from one of the wretched tactics written on the boards, the much absorbed insolence that was cast away at glance and torn apart, ever-so near. Fear had lain nothing to beheld, no wretch to no end, no dire-brothel of machine-men, that could ever draw a cast, to cover themselves, whenever they had and to have it all mask, they wore disease and brought it with them, covered in muck, a green like thing of pus that formed various bough-arms and various unnatural things that could only last for a few more seconds that no perdition could make defeat. An insolence of varied feet, all trampled upon the abode, the wretched hour of no hopelessness had cast only a shade of its former self into the duress that was conditioned by itself to scan every trespasser and kill him on sight and lend, naught, but the lamp of destitution, the hardened dark illusion, the mark of the above, the wretched coiled spirits that were chained with iron ally and bolted with such spherical things that could only be called wombs, of mighty lordly things and bores. They hunted, yet it was endured. They wasted their lives, but could possess the machines and only cast a glance as to mourn. Every now and then, and every desperate end, every solace of mandible and ever-cast a mutant inside as to grow him artificially then kill him again, only to have him wrung:

A voice had called:

‘No one is to approach the capacitator by any means! It is out of order and beyond your perilous concern to approach it! Leave it be and remove yourselves from the area immediately before the immediate use of force shall commence upon your persons as to reap away whatever there is of your fastidiously un-inclined remains!’

Therefore added:

‘Sub-machine gun-bearing turret-drones have been dispatched on the nearest area to the Southern door, be yet weary of being warned, be yet so of what’ve been had!’

So many things have yet endured. Alas, there were sullen unfortunate souls that could not be of a similar quality to the very envelope that surrounded them, not to mention the fasciculate thermoses tendons that were released on the floor and allowed as well as to be done with, for the congregate dissatisfaction could only be assimilated by unkindly whispers of such miss-interest forlorn in such a melancholy a day as it would be ebbd for them to join one of the whispering trials that would rip away their bodies, throwing them on top a bed of lopping sidedly, up and down, then cast away in such surrounds as none would have

them so after. It was not something one could loudly declare being proud of, being not only covered in blood but trying to make a show out of it!

‘There’s a call!’

Every machine and every man and every mutated lump or growth in sight stopped on an immediate notice!

‘There’s a reason why we don’t respond. There’s a fine thread that cannot be ripped away or crossed if you know what’s fine for you. I would endorse your stay and oft of counterfeit but take something from you unless asked not to, my dear Hagys. Otherwise, there’s the chance you might fail and clasp a hear from someone not betokened to be listened to unless death would have you sullen, reprimand of such apparel fading with every morbid limb, taken from the soul-but yearned for morgue, that which had been cast into one of the dark pits that had been wasted and counted for, others to have been ill instead, to have their hearts ripped as they would see nothing too fit and nothing too much for a spare to cast. To have a glance, to have aghast but lose whatever chance’s a must; without, and with-else, we would wither away, trying to figure out the encrypted message, whatever perdition would dishelve from ours. For ours is a token of no pain, nothing that could help us refrain from what was stolen from the swollen star, from that which had been ripped away, from the heart of the land and the languid abhorrent spree of lechery, seethe-felt, agony, withheld from every single ounce and every drilled head from the women that had given their swollen lives through the grace and the torn, and to the ones that will come, eventually after us, for they’ll have known we were nothing, we meant and still mean naught to them.

Even such machines would feel and lose such damp and dark appeal, to have their souls mistaken for something that could never be, to their and their hearts we could say save such dampened oil, side by side with a gasoline canister that could have them still withhold whatever promise they could have trod. I know there’s much for you to endure during the coming and the approach of the dark day, but every mourning moment passed, and for every single man, alas, that will have willowed past the needed such appeal recede back into the countenance of a much sordid, felt upon his bathed quilt, a member of ink, one that would bark and shout, he should and cast away no bother, felt at last!

Ever the fever would cast me so away, through the luncheon of the front regions where the barking large erected incisor-bloated with beams, inside of which the bodies of the bathed in many teeth and maws, bearer of the many mouths, stretching underneath us, beneath a frame stretching and elongation upon millions of miles that would only diverge into, perhaps the stalactite cocoon-like sarcophagi for the great, much deformed to our likings, eaten and swollen, broken apart flight-endowed Sladhs, who had fought for countless hours and generations only to grant us this fine hour, for fright could never feel less. For us, there’s only one moment left to achieve, granted, and grant it to yourselves as you see it fit!’

And many of them, of this fine assembly, who has been present throughout the entire duration of his discourse could only stoop ever-much lower as to bow in an acknowledgement of what already had been verily carried out between them, without a chance of there being a must, or cast away a glance that could mean anything and anything at all, if meant it be.

‘I seek but reason to pick the receiver and see, if I might dare, if I must and if I must become aware, what had it been done for my soul’s interpose to feel it run through needle’track?’

‘Fine specimen that you are; don’t show me your back hand now, ‘else, I’m going to apprehend the side of your head, and enter it with mine arm, bring you to some close end, thrust and welded into one of the walls of this fine empire of crooked bricks of blue ultramarine, purple delight, green pucker, whitish orange, with your swollen crimson blood of no color and no picking that could have you swollen and disemboweled, to my kin’s hope and the brought in forth; you, my son, shall be the picker of your rope with which I shall strangle you in front of this formed to my likings council. With which said, I bid you think well of what’s to be done. For there’s countenance of reason and countenance to have yourself kilt, then kilt again by power of powdery-gun!’

He urged himself therefore not to pull it out and squeeze the trigger, blasting him away, adjourned by the likings of a presence he could not but feel as if it was wasted but instead had only felt reason as to look at it a second more before he could have it spared. There was some turpentine of Moor. And a nice pen-growth shaped bulky worm in one of the walls as well, weighted by the faces of men it had devoured but saved their appearances, temporarily while regurgitating their insides in its second stomach as to delay it as much as possible, until it could feel itself again, once done properly digesting them; although most men that approached it were very much equipped with guns and other power-tools that could but prod out its eyes in the most unfashionable manner, that would discern only the greatest of pains as to rip its head away, then do what was proper. Free them from this eternal, suffer! Suffering was a disaster that only a few men of no regard could endure being responsible of. And in this case, it was only fewer, lesser, distraught caught a glimpse of now!

A dark machine sitting in a corner

‘Infuriating, it’s infuriating that’s we have to wait for it to move again.’

‘Careful now, careful now, there’s no ill-chance for it to behave again. We shall wait, and watch it carefully as to not miss a thing, but if it moves too quickly, then, we’ll strike. Then we shall put it down within a grain of what’s it been, in life and mourn gauge!’

‘Will you listen to me for a moment, at least? For I’ve but silt it not just yet, preposterous as it might be, I could not find a single reason. ‘

The dark machine, a sepulcher of what’s it been. The others around it flooded each thought, with nerves of lightning that strode through every girth of a wall that fell apart, not too fast, not too quick, nor too far now before they’d start again, this time, ten times harder before they could be heard, all at once.

‘Cradle it, cradle it, there’s no reason to see it!’

‘Who spoke?’

‘I did!’

Out of the dark came an almost completely destroyed machine that could barely keep walking from the looks of it, barely being adjusted for one of the, of the harder ones. The ones that were clearly adjusted to, to; a spherical compressor in its back, clearly out of order; it carried it like some kind of car it had spawned itself out of, like some perilous figure that could barely walk. Worsened by the moment, as no

cripple might find lure; worsened by such likens as not a single other man might endure. There was another thing. It glowed, with the fashion of a man it carried in the second pocket of its feigned flaccid electronic arms. They were all being dragged, fallen even, largely apart; but there was no saying who caused it or why, not to say there was a culprit, since there was no possible say in it just yet; but the clear cutter, the one who did a number on that fellow's brother, he was clearly of a piece to be. Clearly delivered onto their sight, seen for what he was, diseased. And for that, there was nothing they could not withdraw, since, having encapsulated themselves in the room, no escape would come. Twenty or fifty or so hours that would only cast the worse, worsened by the blob; the men, the ones that appeared, apprehensive yet glowing, holograms; dancing around the machines, playing with them, but barely saying anything; not that such likens would pay one off. Not that it would do, much better to wait it out, but there was a rendition of how, and why they did it, worsened by the likens, worsened by the trifle, after.

‘I think we shall hold council for today, what say you, brothers of mandible?’

A humanity on Mars made out of marines threatening each other with fire-pokers, while locked in their strange ships, all molded together, forming various beam-bridges of iron-junk, connecting Earth to the Red-planet; as well as every single one of them, living in solitary ‘confinement’, despite the fact that no door is open. Everyone's paranoid. Afraid of what might happen if they opened it for a moment and toyed with the lights; far beyond dangerous as it was; one of them could not comprehend what it meant to open a lighter and blast some of the tube-gas flooring-tubing, pipes of stretches, wire-boobs, boots; on top the ceiling rude, ruddy, ever-so crude and snarly. Came a voice from one of the intercoms:

‘Am a female, let me in!’

‘You do not sound like a woman at all. And I am armed, and I shall kill you if you stall me not with thinking of the dames, which in turn shall make my blood rage with boil and flame, as my destitution's much aware of what's going on, and what's to come! I shall end you, that's all, if you even so dare to open your mouth!’

With which Parkinson's; missed the off button, couldn't click it properly.

‘Damn you villainous fiend! I cannot even click you shut within my finger's trimmed outline! I shall sin against you if that's the cause and I shall throw you in piety's mouth only to see you burn when the time comes for me to figure out how to turn on the thrusters! And you shall die within the booster's flame, and I shall laugh at you clankingly, while I ache for condescend!’

But the voice didn't come again. It was in pain, that much was certain and that he couldn't do well against; the voice of a woman, ey? Weeping through the intercom, a youthful thing, twenty or so, just ripe for rape, and tenderly, oh; she must have a weapon as well, something as cowardly as a woman, so niggerish could only have one stuck beneath the flood that's been spilling out through a few other sectors. Marines, marines, something about his leather uniform made him wince; being part of the troops. Going through all the hoops; looking outside, seeing no space, only some distance between him being put and that one on the other side of this maze. Call the neighbor, call the neighbor, wave him back. Never could've told that. Is he a man, machine, mutant, another race, some spirit, some memory, something else? Perhaps some hologram or something? It made as little sense as his weirdly eerie movements, those

he tried getting away with! He's staring, long. While eating, during the time intervals the food's being delivered in; what's worse is the fact that he's eating at the same time as I am!

'Mind you own business you fucker! I'm running! I'm running, I'm running! I'm feeling the urge, you hear? I'm feeling the urge to run!'

Back and forth like a mutt chasing his tail, back and forth, trying to get a response out of him but he doesn't talk back! It's way too far for either of their voices to be heard. Soundproof extra-thickened windshields, blocking even the sharpest rocks that come flinging from one side of the valley. A comet passes through, found out by one of the scientists as to be a new glower. A new glower discovered for the first time during a few hundred year decades! And no one's talking about it. Dinner at five; the tag on the door reads Huygens Agg; admiral son lieutenant, sitting in his cashmere tent while probing with his fingers around the curvature of some rump that wasn't supposed to be there to begin with, yet he's doing it anyway, thinking he could make a cut with his fingernails. It would be a poverty's hole, his momma would say, a poverty's hole to crawl away from, aimed downstairs, as the woes extended down on him, sharing it with a visor long, as long as eighteen veined tendons that were not only aligned but promised to be forged back into the fuselage by the side of the station, back where he was promised once he would return.

'Of course, of course, we're always in need of engineers, you hear? I'm personally going to show up searching for you, killing, beating, and fighting my way through as many of these wastes of oxygen and proteins as I can, only to rescue you, my dear friend. Agg, I think you're special, a most special engineer I may be able to put to good use! There aren't many people like you which raise at such high a standard as you've proven yourself, time after time during our interviews as being clearly qualified for the position I'm offering; each time you appear to, to, fix the circuitry; they? They fall behind, they fall apart, everything falls apart without you! I know, it's a lot to take in, having. Finally received the, finally being recognized for what you are. You, my friend, have a great future on the station!

And I shall stop at nothing to ensure that you will make it out not only alive but more than breathing, far better than that, I'm going to do you one proper! I'm going to ensure that you're about to be put on the pedestal you deserve to be put back on top of, you hear? You shall return to!'

'Enough of it; keep moving, man on the other side of the visor!'

Sitting in a lonesome corner, playing with a toy-branch; where'd you get it from? Why always on the same spot when the others are getting so much lonelier without your freely given warmth to share and bask in? I think you're a cruel and a petty little man, and meek as well, you're putrid, it's petrifying, really. I beg of you to hear me still! Wait!

'How insensitive of me, not to give you something of my private stash, it's in the back, from a stock I received from one of the highest commanders alive!' That was known of.

In toy-play; walls-strong. Of green pucker hard to see, corrugated even, harder as it's made for everyone shut-swollen inside; for that's how the whole bulk of the in-between walls was made, to begin with. Hardly was there a matter of ever there being a time of questioning, as to discern whether or not the deadly almost-organic material left behind by the traces of life that had been extinguished at last by the passing of hundreds upon hundreds of soldiers; being thrust out into space, until this very point when it's

become clear that they make the; air. They're stuffed into nitric oxide, stuffed into the homunculi mass of iron that's being opened like a vent, every now and then, a patch of red appeared around the cylindrical washing-machine see-in. Alarming those with an attention to detail that they were killing men and making air out of them, else. Their feet were wallowing in bone, skeletons shone and walk through stone, iron and through walls. But only a few men saw these spectral shining bones to begin with. Everyone was too busy living, which was hardly a matter of laughing or making a jest out of. It would become much worse in much shorter a while, when discerned with the authorities. Each man had to die, each soldier retired and that was a message made clear by whoever was in charge, that vampire, or blood-curdling creature lost somewhere in its immortality, or they were all like him! Or something, somehow, something, somehow, somewhere; it was hard to test each and every hypothesis when no one was willing enough to either push or pull another door. They were, after all, corridors! A secret algorithm saved everyone from death. The top-leading world powers were trapped in here as well, trying to PTSD-finger-tap-tap-tap-tap-tap-tap nuclear bottoms in order to sink another nation past the sea-levels! Control demolition had no volition over the likes of man who had his say in every matter that included any kind of preventable destruction he would carry on with anyway!

The light was being compressed by the sound-presser; a face appeared across its surface, as it slowly became a puddly jelly bottle cap-rimmed flat sun out of which four great arms came out of, fully extending on segmented jolts that shook and allowed for it to crawl.

'It's the General, sir, he's back!'

'Has he returned this soon already? I would've never expected him to make it this soon!'

A most relitious appearance had soon enough adorned his form as he became, upon finally opening the door, inviting himself in without ever as nearing himself upon a daring thrust's end's flinch making a point out of his indecision, a most chiseled relic hardened bolted thing of cheese-rotten, moon-pit filled with chipped craters hardened soil sponge that allowed him to avoid getting riled up with melting sober-powdery death come onto him by the sheer force caused and forcefully progressed upon him, as to diverge into a bath of many fallen fleshy things his jelly yolk may've allowed to succumb over, from the piling up shells, allowed to adorn both of his sides whereas they could not have hastened ever-sooner; flaccidly inclined as they soon enough were, standing on a repose soon enough paused as to still themselves during this clearly admonished yet just as crystalline as it were observed through the cameras betokened sight of surliness that showed up upon the realization that the submachine guns were as useless as any power ray put to the employ of the facility might've been; in terms of trying to put the wretched beast down with the other piled up corpses belonging to the soldiers, flat carpet-like as they've become, but still crawled, animated, compound eyes accosting the top-flat of their crested helmeted heads; crawling still as they were under the caveat of their master as they've once been, seen from the eyes of no other but one of the very lieutenants that were under his command once. There being no other excuse to follow; they rung up a voice-command as to try appealing to the General who was still under the impression that this was a war zone. 'General Giyalk!' But the voice faded out with the sound accompanying it being sent into a slithering jolt of echoes where it receded down a spine-contorted spine-like drop where many look-alikes to him danced around it as mad spirits beckoning their master's command. He was the tomb, the grave, for, inside this bottle-hardened spoiled by Moon, spoiled by the tatter of conical-stone boon lay the true jelly-clot of the man, finely preserved. Readily, in accordance to

his spirit, to emerge at any time alive. The general would survive, clasped but tender. Many of the soldiers down the sender!

A puffy cotton wreathing beast, headed like a man-machine, with the teeth of man emerging, dirty-rotten as it were, converging upon itself as it wreathing legs clasped whatever kegs and whatever else it could wrapped itself around, as it made its way onto the lower levels with many similar to it, wreathing beasts, in pain; and echoes, many of the wretched still-upon themselves no more just as soon inclined to draw breath than allowed to sing the songs of despair while being shot down there by spikes and spears and elongated teeth and dreary roots of hardened tears made out of fluid pouched infants being fed upon by the cannibals cadets, hidden in disguise in their strange machine-suits, rotting as they tried glancing around for any facet they might throw themselves in to commit regicide, as they were kings in the hundreds!

‘I say, good sir, I must be the last one inside this insidious sector that has ever the halfest of minds still working!’

‘Wait, disciple of wringed belt, I see something yet again! The one standing the highest has whispered onto me again! I think I can still hear him, near the top of the pyramid, he’s talking with steam, and made us crept again in thoughtless remembrance as we yell!’

Wretched everywhere.

‘Another customer is well served, I see.’

The intercom went at it again:

‘Primus Ocgg, come.’

A cell door opens as soon as he enters the area encircled by the slithering visor. There’s a noise echoing slightly, but only slightly, on a hardly harder to hear a slither or a bounce that’s unheard of before anyone even comes near the hallway he’s striding towards. His heels and ankles the height of his head, connected to his throat, keeping his head in place with the giant squarish with two bubbles to the side out of which a few tubular cylinders holding smaller compact battery-devices pulsating with light, and smaller look-a-like-to him heads that press in and out these pistons; life-preserver attached to his back; the tortoise-box as they are called, simply wailed as soon as the giant eight faces started pushing out the front-wall he was accompanied by, once it pulled itself out of the secret chamber is had been torturing the lesser men in before coming into the light. And the man that was there as well, shocked but as he was he didn’t say another word. Worried that there’d be something that could jeopardize his asking for a cowardly accord, and a slither therefore bored, he cut a phial and drank the solidified gas; with the second mouth-bulb that emerged out of his chest, a leviathan with three mighty worm-like spears that started feeding themselves the cloud-poison before coming to Ocgg on sight:

‘Do you not fear the wall? I could crush it if you want to!’

‘I will not trespass my reason as to shatter it away. Please, let me be. I want to eat today. I’ve been starving for far too long and I’m afraid the bad people will start tearing me apart if I say the wrong things or talk to anyone!’

‘I used to fear that as well, but as you can see, I’m fine now, I’m way too well to be afraid of them or what they might do to me. You should not fear them or the things they might enact onto you, for I am here. A holy man in the image of your lord; I shall do my best to preserve you!’

‘Shut up, druggie! I’ll have nothing to deal with you; you, little, disgusting shit! You repel me, loathsome beast. And I can only revel in knowing I’m to be fed soon enough, then be starved for many months that are to come ahead. So, please, in all honesty, spare me of the worsened kinds, and spare me of whatever this is, for I won’t suffer myself to be accompanied by someone like you, such is thus, I will not hear of it a second more! Not a word.’

‘Allow me to interrupt you for a second, look.’

There was the straightened hall deformed by the wall, which beckoned to follow. So disgusting from the side was seen, especially in the back, was it living or part machine? It was definitely hard to tell, by all accounts, from one, one at least, one aspect that stood out. Most bothersome a thing as well, but the design was like a pucker of many rounded shapes put together like suns sketched or scrawled by children one next to another, improperly drawn flowers, which were then animated and filled with worms and other crude things either stitched or welded together until someone or something said, this is enough, this is unnatural, for a child to draw such a thing. I would not see it fit for you, my dear. Immediate punishment, you’re to be whipped and beaten until properly forced to learn how a lady should act! And only then if that were so, would this thing fail to come to life. They looked organic, these insipid sprawls, these vortexes, and dead-holes that were as empty as volcanoes shrouded by blokes made out of smoke and soothie; lessened the sight for a partially nigh-blinded man who could not see the flame or in this case the sparkle that was inside. It kept whispering, picking people it dragged and pulled from inside the other walls. Were there others like him?

‘Shall we sing for the time being or lay in waiting?’

I told that man to shut his mouth, but he won’t listen, that blasted thing, his mind is run into the wall and I shall do well to beat it out of him, whatever that means, I shall have him beaten with a club if I find it, still. Not now, he could be useful after all, I could, I could perchance do something to feign pain. He could take pity, and he could make me feel pain as well; if he would see me close to death, he’d torture me and the wall would join in. I’m not paranoid, but I’m ill.

‘What are you thinking off now?’

‘I’m thinking about what I’m about to gorge myself into. Eating that is, that’s something I have to feel, I have to immerse myself in the slop I’m about to receive!’

‘Is it not injected into you?’

‘Balustrade of a man I’d like to stop on top of, not! Damn you be for turning my pleasure to such disgust! You are a wretch and I shall eat you if you do not shut your mouth!’

Finally, some peace and quiet, when entered upon the sight. The giant lower-jaw cabined on the top by a helicopter pod-device with a few rounded into the ceiling connected boilers that drove out of the pod as if they were the wings, giving it the impression of a cage; without a tail, but almost lending the

apprehension of a stitched together being, 'kissing', welded or conjoined, 'mouth-to-mouth' with a stone-like blob with two compound barricaded window 'eyes' that could be clearly seen from the side of the entrance they were staring at; at the side of the hall, since they were placed in a pseudo 'valley' whose floor was uneven and almost like a ramp but only nearing the end of it where these two 'buildings' or formations were made; the rest of, or the area leading to it being a stretch of a few hundred miles or so, two hundred eight four miles, which then started upwardly curving, but not on an extreme, whereas, the area surrounding them was a strange chaos of deformations made out of some strange curtain-material that seemed almost solid, chiselled even; yet nonetheless receding as if the convulsing belly of a lion that had been held under anaesthesia but started awakening slowly because of the pain he felt, or the pressure, from having a dentist work on his infected tooth, presented on live television on some TV channel, or something; organic in the way every side of the wall contracted.

'I think we shall make due entry in that place over there we shall stay from this point on but I shall hear no word in the matter, unless you, my dear friend want to suffer a strike on the side of your face and then!'

'The wall is trying to tell you something.'

It turned towards him just as he did, at the same time, in synch, flashing with wild gradients of power and features that belonged to no one in particular, carelessly flashing their sharp appendages which extended around him, then flailed, then shot, then back at it again, then wrought!

They ended the suffering of the hour; there were people flashing themselves into existence, who abhorred being listened by the showers of the pettiness displayed by the wretchedness and the sound that came from the screams, the echoes that came soon after and since, since there was no way to tell what the pain brought to them, there could be only one thing that kept with them. An eeriness of flail-regard; they screamed and disappeared once the Orator came from his house. The hour: It sprouted from one of the compounded bubbles, with as vicious a regard as there had been. Little puckers attached to him, and unnatural, too hard to scrape off since.

Earlier than that, he was in his room, a floor, two floors, two doors and a giant elongation of a blimp-tented prism with openings on both sides where spider-legs emerged, holding on a mass that was almost as long as its chested by many plates lower body, a lump of many growths that looked like a caricature of clay, with forty superficial wings that were on top, standing like hair-crests erected, but incapable of flapping; the sides of it bearing almost sausage-like appendages with giant canine-nails that pointed down; which, inflated the spider-leg cords, and the prism-blimp until they became; as a puffer-fish would, a pseudo Cyclops head, with a hollow in the middle, yet the illusion faded the most it squirmed, incapable of maintain the form; a choking on a hardening boil thing, shot by an arrow that left the bleeding hollow where it shouldn't have stood. An ugly thing was this animal that moved around in the dark, heavier than it looked, as well, the other beasts only breathing; leaving the gusts of air speak for themselves, as they remained true to their nature, cruel.

'I am bored, entertain me!'

Said the Orator of the Crude, the one that appeased him an entreaty brought onto a plate, a tiny brood, of little puffy parasites. He ate them within a gulp, though his delineated form, a human head with neck and

part of the torso, part of the left arm, and only a piece of his lower body, but not his legs, almost rounded like an amoeba, with the exception of a blub-‘tail’ in ‘his’ left arm, which were his, being rather revealing, but clothed and kept behind some glassy-holding case, while the rest of his body was but a suit that kept him alive, in this paradise he promised to create. Of course it was a wretched place, a shadow of its former self. And the many crusted and encrusted spears, worn by his mighty champions made themselves appear and disappeared several times until finally released; up and down, upward and downward, faster, slower then back at it again, until the oratory crudeness prevailed and pervaded that which had been theirs to begin with, a circle inside of which he was king. A circle in which there was light and many floors got replaced, he didn’t like this one. For some wretch had painted other kings, which they mocked to be the real ones in retorts that were only head by him and his ears only as they, all of these beasts, had special whispers that travelled as if through some tiny, invisible pipes connected through his ears only; the others didn’t hear. But they had spoken between themselves prior to this, so they knew from where this dirty, perfidious look each of them had when they silently spoke and laughed at that. And most importantly, how mad this ‘king’ was, how infuriated he had become, ‘Orator’, ‘Bloattator-Potator’!

‘I shall cast you all in pits where you shall suffer forever if you continue mocking me, you little insignificant bloated things I made out of some tiny life forms I bore forth and tended for myself, with my own two hands, and my two arms as well, damn you, damn you all!’

How could this even be? What did I do to deserve this? Damned they be! Damned they be!’

For this was the reason he was driven away, to take some gulp of fresh air and suffer no more of this complacency that suppressed even the worst of thoughts, the most adjoined hardy-hard of wretched stings that made his woe, so much harder to be known, impressed by each errand that came to him during the time he’s cast! Wretchedness upon the boils of the world and the ones who’d serve him from that point on:

‘A new recruit on the base, perfect!’

Maligned

An unwell-boastfully wrought in shape pearl wall, made entirely out of them, oyster-bricks beneath it, held by a most unnatural system of spread-out roots of skin and cartilage: Scoms, all carrying large bone-dead whales on top their backs, millions of scoms threaded about, all of them grouped. Around one of the great pillars, they started chewing the acid fidgety fingernails, one by one, dropping them.

‘Large insect dome-but set on fire, it’s that way, it’s that way.’

One of the halls, the other one was a tunnel. Under the tunnel eighteen heads, many of them bearing burning lanterns with dark heads inside of them, as if coal-clocks, ticking with fire:

It drew itself out of the mould of mass, the growth of shapes, the almost oblong blimp fat thing that was elongated to the side like a giant pipe, but disfigured as another one came out of it as well, deformed, but out of it, the second one, which gave the appearance of it being a toy with two legs that was stuck on the ground, trying to flip itself over, a head casket with a strange molded figureless thing that had a ramp to its side, and was almost too clean-chiseled to be a being at all, came out of nowhere.

Twenty more ticks started rotting away, most of them being part of the ceiling, the matchbox-with spindles of fury in which they swam.

A pool lay by the side of the rangers, but they didn't have the top of their faces, beneath the nose, that is, only a flap tops, yet they could talk:

'A power-ray is being transmitted here and there, I can sense it, can you?'

'Of course I can, I've been trying to project my dreams onto it every since I've come into contact with you.'

'Listen to me, now! Dreams of Vitriol! Dreams of Vitriol.'

Nigger-nigger-Kike-Gook:

'I've had my head bashed in and now I'm standing at a point where I can feel my body flip inside the gut.'

The insect dome started moving at a weird trajectory that went willy-nilly in whichever direction, being filled-covered with many disgusting looking creatures with no eyes, all of them bashing it open like the tortoise shell it was, with many smaller circles elongating from it, in a most peculiar manner. But it could not move past the ceiling since it started pushing out itself, the many mouthed.

A blanket of vulgarities, reminiscent of soreness past drew forth as well. IT was covered in lids with eyes that projected pus-wart appendages just about every place there was, especially in the quadruple wheel clogged plaster that drew form wild directions.

Many other smaller, unnatural locust crickets with butcher's apron kites coming out their back released vapors in the vapid air, many of their smaller atoms, filled with brim disease started pushing out of the second pillar that's been devoured, by the malady of the songs that were being chanted by the chevaliers that gnawed around the base of the smaller upper-level, whose staircase was being released on top the lower side.

Only a handful of men can survive the trails of terror and not a single one of them is presently in view.

'How can this be possible?'

'It's simple, their adversaries were all dead.'

Oft had to have had happened, needlessly to have had been said, already to whom, whereas, had it had been done, to him, he'd have had done so, seamlessly, to himself, without burdening the others, while doing it. That hinging on its side, mlechoriously, of kin almanac of murals-green phantasm, unseen then

wiped off. Bold were the timed up silences, as they drew ahead through cut. Oft was there a need to be brought in front of them, when silence died, away but wrought:

‘I’ve come but missed by a matter of a few centimeters out the way.’

On a darkened day of rainy-first, and spread of worsened night’s end had come, upon the brow of the mansion whereas a few of the peasants had stood there, wreathing in around, worn out, a given for them after spending out all day plowing the land, carefree of viscera as they had given it to one of the coming-through trees, whose worsened trunked-abode only came freely to them, paired with a bunch of empty souls, in which their bloodied bodies leaped inside of. A plume had rotten, squirmy-hued, with large rods coming pointingly outta it.

Falle-en-dure

Violent Age Seventeen Dark Hour-made part-electronic futurism-though machine shot through second unthinking dumb-machine hybridized, to become human, but in control of every fifteen hour or so; by volatile tendrils attached to the dark-machine’s dark snow that spread around. Grounds, many ground levels raised houses set on flying plants with elongated heads-deformed into two pears molded together like with one eye only, no humanoid features and ellipse open-mouths, attached to giant egg-structures that opened-half-way back to giant two-split in half bat-hairy conjoined elongated potatoes-creatures with one eye as well, open jowls-with teeth molded to their tongues attached to the rest of the machines and rafts. They mated with the towers and made divine molded cities, squared upon parcels. From above, grand sight, of all the rafts put together, long ramp, like a plane-land off, connected to a partially unfurled parking lot, out of the two of them a long almost trachea gulping, that slowly became, or the tongue as thin as a long arm-eater’s hose, with a bulbic point of fat in-between them, longer curvature that trailed around and beyond the road. Fancifully, if seen, a long trunked two flat block-legged thing, incapable of moving. Staring people were trapped, hundreds of them, inside large centrifugal planes, running endlessly, in circles, which were domed together-see through, put inside robust depressed in pits, in which they were lowered into, to sleep with a substance that smelt as rancid as horseshit, near or above them where a strange fiend, like a chip, triangular fish, but bloated as an oblongoid in part, from the lowest side, where would’ve been a chin in a man’s lower side of the jaw, an elongated small beam-stalk drew out of it. A mouth where it belonged, made out of tiny needle-growths that worked together in tandem. Eyeless, but from the side, it ‘stared down’ or appeared to be in the position of a man whose drowned body no longer held any control over his head which in turn began drooping down in relation to the rest of his plank-positioned body, where, from the side, as if it had been a parachute, but came out of the place where its side eye might’ve been, drew out a disc-growth which deformed the entire left sided head-structure in a way which allowed the middle shell-like hat rounded at the top but with an open canon-like device, but primordial-ancient and not chiseled in, with four great beams squaring it, all bearing four tiny human-skulls at their ends which hanged like flags, although this might’ve been more likely an elongated tortoise shell than a hat-shell. If one were to completely rotate it upwardly vertical, one would see it as a

flying saucer put on top a goblet that rested on four great cup-legs that were put on top of baseballs or an old lady's recliner, which was lopsidedly attached to a deformed pseudo-thinned out hill, with a horn coming out of it, or if the hill had been, in turn, turned into a coal-puffer-blower whose strange signals it transmitted to the people were simian-shaped with devil's cardboard box- drawn on top of masks they were wearing with horns on their sides and slingshot-belts attached to strange golfing-ball fields attached to large deformedly as if giant grub-maggots were stitched together-squirming dirt bag-like in the way they were trying not to drop the field, which was strapped to their simian chest. And out of the field, out came strange torture devices that actively stabbed and pinched the simians in their sleep, with rusty-chained scissors as well, aimed at their eyes, inside one of the livable areas, which was the replaced domesticated Cadaver- rancid put in place, and held by chains, held on top a sea of dog-skulled but set in three pieces, all pushed like six ramps rounded at their ends, one on top the other but only once at a time, and around, forming squirring structures that were only attached by hose-growths that fell apart and had grown only to make up for the losses and reattach themselves in place. Whereas their eyes were elongated giant canon-botfly moving with depressed lids bearing compound but grouped in clusters of four, equidistant, moved ever so slightly like telescopes as they recorded everything. They had no real mouths or jaws, but only gave the eerily similar impression of them being hounds. Which levitated on top dark holes, all distant and close to one another attached, then drawn apart as they made way for the great men that ruled over them. Whose head ran high and were coifed by helmets bearing shields, attached to giant car-engine fat on both sides filled with bone-growths in the hundreds, appendageless growths, on top of two distinct organs. One being a giant destroyed aqueduct shaped organ that kept within it, open at the top-broken through by shatter, expanding boils that drew in and out, back in place. Whereas the other 'leg', and that is not to mention the other growths that came in-between and the wildly exposed organs, was a curved coil bearing a giant eye-balloon thing without an iris. They crawled by force and ordered the under-towers alike in flight.

'Deterrence might not easily be forgiven any longer and we both know, at least I'd like to think we both know, Sane-No, where this door leads to and I think we both know indeed that as soon as either one of us enters it, the Progenitor will have whoever goes first's in's head's side's cut's left-lid-over top, the canal he'll finally cement in, blocking the river's way.'

Diseased, he's diseased in the head, I must alert the Concubine, Sane cried, in his mind, with vengeance.

For a moment or two, although one of the troughs might've been searched over for solace, they waited.

A giant helmeted roughly extremely rounded- the top of an eggshell twisted forth but made of iron with a long rod-like eye in one direction and a strange puckery fish-like placed eye, on the other side, it bloated its face open like a bubbly eye whose two lids emerged. Upon a body of lumpy palm-like filled with fingers outer throat protrusions whose hoses were pumping in it even more fat, as to open the mouth by the two fat-lips that made the 'lids' that unwrapped. A throat of a tower made of some cartilages that worked together and could be seen as they pushed in and out then drew back in, instead wrung-out, standing upon a blocky tiny 'crate', connected to a horizontally placed but face on the 'ground', although it was placed a few hundred miles off it, down-facing head, split in half but stitched, with one eye only, yet a mouth of a crag, as it long with a rock-scythe bloated as to become a curved oblong but in terms of the empty hallow that was the spot between both-jaws. Out of its forehead, down came the foot, a single one, most obtuse. If one were to take a closer look at the point where the finger hoses entered the lower

side of its head, one could see a canon-like 'formation' or rather biological structuralization of its own anatomical set of function that allowed it to create, at the finger-tips, coming out the hoses, harpoon like, anchor shaped tinier appendages that entered specifically left, but hard to see from the distance holes, against which they not only lodged themselves but shoved themselves, fit-through like keys. The ropes of a balloon, connecting to it; both of them might've made an ugly two headed, two ended worm if it weren't for the leg, who was stumpy-fat and barely managed to leap from one side to the other of the road, then around. The 'egg' was also cracked in the back as it released beaded by boiled, elongated fish-like head wearing at the tip, lance speared-singers, that were carried by these creatures that fully came out and were shaped like bows but without the strings and could fly, and left whenever they pleased and were capable of charming humanoids, forcing them to suicide, by brute force, mesmerized by what was happening around them, bloating small melting puddles where they only kidnapped and hid fathers, but not the children, nor the mothers, leaving them there, incapable of hunting or fending off the predators as they would only stay there seething in pain, a rain of globes being lowered onto their heads and bodies until allowed to fully die, and be put out of their suffering's end.

What appeared to be a single man in the distance without legs, with his hands being put together in a quasi-formation of what would appear to be fifteen wings made out of various insect and animal, dirty-put through strewn behavior made to appeal to the most derogatory of being that were present around it, a stratagem of many smaller men-sprouting out of him, whom, upon command, that is to say, his own, this Gregorian Chanter, who also happened to be a flag-bearer as well as a proud malignant nationalist of pus-things filled with wart-poxes puckish filled with blade-elongations of corn-stride shaped other tower-figures that came out from inside his body had all of the sudden release a miasma that induced some of his lucid-psychotic dreamed vengeance- appropriated in most maligned under scrutiny held by the most resistant people whom, having not fallen under his control or dominion had risen as if from the depths of the entombed cattle-esque portioned mound-poles that had been forced to have arisen from the beauteous extrudency of mesmerizing flocks of fleeing in blinding spots as to the suffering of their long-shark-back hunched brothers, whom had no limbs either but were winged, winced, mouth-shaped fish drew out of their chests, glowing as they drew spherical pearls that shot out of their eyes, most deprecatory inducing diseased, being spread on top the darkened hills that were connected to the side-long drivels of corpses flayed, on cross the station, yet en-crossed, across the nation, where they spent only the hours, the few of them, the brave men fallen over bowed, the women whom had been complementary to them cowed, children who were not to be, abortions running through rivers of long disturbed agonies, of swollen mountainous woes, eerily recalled, the cars repurposed, a light was down, the buildings ruined, an apartment could still be seen from the distance with its light left on by one of the tenants that had run out of eating children, run as well, the person who's still left alive, for every man around you, under his servitude is no longer living, but a vile thing, wretched as to be put to a most insolent test as to forget what necessity was being taken away from him, as a Holocaust that never happened anyway, the viciously virulent hinges attached onto him just then, sprouting from every corner of his mouth, bloated with disease and sound, with electricity and power being produced in order to appease, the Godless anchor, wherein and within it, whose miasma could hardly be ignored or kept as a, held as a, or buried along with the corpses of the lords that were still under his command, armed with winter-holding, seasoned by the skies of acuity, failed in their attempts to mature now driven away, and driven back in would they chant the one whose chanter after, to have chanted in the chanting-chatter, to be listened as he leaped, on each corpse's footed feet, if such defeat could be encroached-en-scrolled with birdie-birdie bee, parchment of

wilt-not-see, if I will it so, wilt have written, if there was such a crater-left behind, inside or in the middle of it, fifteen hundred eighteen seventy seven miles from the outer side of one of the smaller-tinier yet 'formed' as in dug in tinier craters that it was in or placed in-placated, as if to feel a reason behind what was taken away, a creature of much sanguinity turned into clot registering just about everything that's happened to this poor soul during the strange altercation that could only be the way in which one were to refer to what it had to go through, as, since, of most insoluble darkened months that passed off, during this reign of terror imposed by his never-splattered will, upon a wheel that's fallen out of a building, that a horse happened to come out of nowhere, the size of a human-plane's with its engines being two couches it carried on both sides, signaling not only a strength uncanny but something even beyond it, truly, a most, morbidly surmounting, as for their understandings, ordeals and what they worked out in order for him to be taken out of the city he had clearly destroyed, happens to be that, he was also, the man, whose name was Paranoid-Sohaf, the King of Clouds with eyes in a World whose cries were not of winter but of summer's advent into the seasons its intrusion made it so it would become unforgettable for ages to pass, so did it happen for him, paranoid-morbidly so, to observe that, the horse had two head that were only some ellipse-filled with fluid ended boils, akin to calluses, coming out of an elongated rifle's two, or more like, gauge-shotgun, but flipped around as to be vertically inclined rather than horizontally so, as if they were the open-ends of two throats bearing no heads, coming out of an almost strident fish-like concavity-torso or being placed at the front end of it, whereas, beneath it, in that chaotic mass of growths that made its body, it bore two chimney fat- 'pillars' who were connected and kept the couches raised a few meters off the earth, that, that is to say, these two 'appendages' came out of a pseudo-mouth entry-inside a cave kind of hollow it bore in its 'trunk', the mass that was protruding as an old overweight man's belly, that was resting upon a great, mostly backward placed, whatever bulk-trunk torso twist there was that kept the two pillars that were twisted up-front then on either side, kind of like pipes, as they were, inside of which there appeared to be some eerie fleshy many toothed eely-creatures whose backsides were split into large bubble-jellies that each had a different appendage, that split-in-half-folded as to fit together and form, strange cysted by crystal-chiseled incubators that, within them, bore stranger formations of 'children' - mass that bore stranger, harder to define shapes, sometimes with eyes, other times with more legs and eyeless, different iterations adjoining them, with wild tails and more deformed unnaturalness being not only, somehow preserved but, uncannily so, disproven as for there to be a reason why they were spiked by their mother-unit, this 'horse', whose heat-producing, beyond the limitless acceptable quantities of inner-inter-body self-harm-rather off-set of melting forced being cast upon one self-waves were responsible for the deaths of millions or, as the estimates would very much so go beyond it, billions of its offsprings that would go down in 'power-fires', killed with flames, killed within the frames that is to say, caught inside of them, encapsulated forever-ever, eternity, since this device, this ancient vintage looking Mahagony-XQr branded apparatus, it being a camera whose spectral qualities, which it was endowed with, granted it the ability of self-possession, as well as an endless capability of perfectly encapsulating, although only in one of the 'pipe-pillars', the eternal suffering they had been forced to endure throughout age upon age upon age upon age of consternation felt during their endless deaths, being reincarnated only to suffer once again, being cut off from what would seem to be a 'pair' of eight great slugs of cartilage that drew in the back, as if it was only a single wing-plane, a giant chicken-leg shaped baton with a single giant tooth pointing downward, that being the tail, whereas, one could not forget in the least, nor could he simply ignore the strangeness or most peculiar a nature of the wart-pox-filled with light, couch 'devices', which in turn, hereafter noticed, or would be acknowledged, was that, Paranoid recognized the fact that these pillars were actively fumigating violent-violent-tinted, and in possession of cluster-shrapnel-

adorned-as-if-by-jewels grenades, whose strange outward burst of power and of callousness most protrudingly so, as such, as so, and such was it had, to have had it so, made, aware, that it gave the general appearance of it being a human, the gas that was being created in between the gaps that were inside the couches and the strange pipe-shafts that were placed somewhere in-between, although uncanny and dark and sadly after that, one could not forget not listen to it after, for the couches were compact crate-as-if-put-on-a-ferry, cargo-ship or one for trash, but sawed in half-like a salami with the slowly being run around by a sharp butter-knife side of it, being set in a cork-screw position, as well as it bore several saw-like formations that sprung out of it, as an oinky war-pig boar, puffed up after that, as if then filled the room with a pipe that, upon having been drawn into again, that is to say by lung, inhaled then spat-choked after, they left the city in a state that rendered it very much so, irreconizable, with him having impaled himself, a nigger flung on lynch-lynch rope, but done for granted, take-a-g-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-, last call for action, bring the niggers in, we'll do it quickly now, without regrets, as the sermon will finally be played one last time during the fall of the country where all the dead mean-men will rise up from their empty graves, in search of the one whose quick wit shot-snapped them ill-instead, when, despondent to his lack of regard to the surrounding green-tinted fauna he had failed to notice and truly take a hold onto until this moment, he took a moment to truly appease his senseless urge to please himself as he would or one would, in his place, in his place now, in his place for the time being unless told otherwise- not to, immerse oneself in the surrounding world, only to realize that he created that chaos and the will he had to escape, to scrape and salvage what he could for a better chance to start it all over simply was not there any longer, having abandoned one-self, him, left, Paranoid, as to think that Somali-niggers are trying to kill him, to have a go at his throat, these nasty sub-human niggers the kikes have flooded every single one of Western Europe's finely crafted nation, upon the sweat, bodies, hard-work and never-ending chain of sacrifices they and their ancestors, whose blood run in their veins had to endure in order to give birth to a much greater future for their kin, for their nations and for their people as one. A voice rang:

'I loathe them, filthy fucking sub-human niggers, promoting their groups' interest, trying to push it on around the world because of both American and Kike's ever-solidified cultural sweep across the world. Rendering terms as people of color as being obsolete when in reality what they mean is more niggers. More filthy niggers free-loading wherever they can. In their filthy 'NFL's', in their sub-human 'sports', in the media, in the entertainment business, barring whoever else just so happens to 'steal' jobs they did not earn, they didn't work hard enough for and are incompetent at. Niggers, a peoples incompatible with every other race out there, including their own ethnic groups as well. It's only fair that, if they adhere, this applying to everyone to a system of modern tribalism where one would be allowed to promote his or their own group's interest that, with such a primitive action being set as the norm, that they should be treated as they deserve. If they are asking for preferential treatment for their race, to be treated differently when convenient in regards to their skull shape, skin tone, eye color, ethnic background, so on and so forth, then the monkeys have admitted to themselves that they are incompatible to everyone else. Even the more 'educated' ones, niggers as well, promote stealing, they promote theft at a different level, which is, frankly, unexceptionally unsurprising. A sub-human nigger-monkey will always be a monkey at its very core, the very base of this nigger-creature being a hairy sub-human, incapable of assimilating, creating its own communities only to drive everyone else out, then complain about the most simplistic things as simple sounds, simple words being uttered at them. Which one is more damaging? Allowing them to promote their interests, at the expense of other ethnic groups, or calling them what they are? Calling out

their filthy behavior and reminding everyone that without it, they will step on everyone! These sub-human monkeys will step on everyone as long as it's acceptable and convenient for them and whether or not anyone will admit to this, they all think the same as I do; they feel resentment towards the kikes and the niggers alike for doing something as unacceptable as they are given the free-pass to get away with. It may not be as extreme as this, it may not be expressed in the same manner as this, but whether or not you want to be truthful, it's clear enough. When people ask for the best candidate for a job, the most fitted man for that role, that spot, that, whatever it is; it's clear enough that they show their aversion as to the different treatment other people are given instead of doing what they promised or claimed to do. Trying to employ on equal terms in regards to meritocracy; acting as a nation and not as a race; but complaining about 'discrimination', when, at the end of the day, people are still people. No language, no affirmative action, restraint as to whether or not one is supposed or ought to be barred from 'using' certain terms or ideas, will ever change what happens in people's minds or what they act like. The States as well as every country where an easily differentiable, quasi-homogenous ethnic group of a sizable population is found will always be segregated, by theirs or not's choosing, since they cannot see themselves as a people at an average level. If that cannot be resolved, if they, as an average are incapable of distancing themselves from that, it's simply impossible not to treat them differently. As it's been shown time after time again, without exception; but theirs? The niggers are also far more violent than any other ethnic group, their racial stock is beyond inferior and they are more likely to trash, destroy and do far more damage than everyone else, than every other ethnic group out there. Lower than animals, less human than apes, to which we share something close to ninety nine percent of our DNA. It's irrelevant. This world has a projected population of something nearing four billion African-monkey niggers, whose infantile-destructive behavior, as well as ardent brainwashed by the American Population, the Kike Population, as well as every other ethnic group out there, far exceeds the likeability of it being excused, by common sense and normal means, in circumstances that would've found themselves being unacceptable at any point in time, which cannot last forever. Nothing does. Nothing ever does. And when the kike control wanes, when the world's population finally gets tired with the passes these nigger-animals are given, then the natural order of humanity will be restored. But, most importantly, if history's proven something right, time and time again, it's that. At the end of the day, the niggers always end up at the receiving end. Whether or not it's being enslaved by the Jews, the whites, the Arabs, their own people, their fairer skinned counters parts, exploited, belittled, used for whoever or whichever group's advantage, whether it'd be through de-industrialization, the 'war-on-drugs', planted by the Government, driven into poverty, or the eventual cultural and social decline that is to come, it will be there. It will come and they will finally be shown and given the proper treatment these animals deserve. Since, that's what they act like. A primitive behavior, masked or not, bequest a primitive response. There's no way around it. If one type of behavior in the same vein is acceptable, then so are all others. Not a single type of discrimination should be acceptable whereas others are permissible. And unfortunately there is no other way since the; it can't be called American any longer, since they're Niggers, Whites, Gooks, Spics and other mongrels that see themselves as that, but a Racial divide that will have to be dealt with eventually. Kikes cannot live among whites, Niggers cannot live among whites, ditto for the other races; this incompatibility has never and will never work, under no circumstance whatsoever. All of it. Nothing but a façade, smoke and mirrors, covering, masking, lying, being untruthful, infantile as to scrutinize the slightest thing said when in reality much worse things happen in all aspects of not only the American but around the world as well, that they would promote a similar behavior, propagating their 'values', which are nothing but tell, don't show. It's what humans are like; hardwired into them, whenever there's a sizable community of a similar yolk as

yours. There's this tendency to be more likely to gravitate towards them rather than people of different backgrounds. It may not apply to everyone, but it's shown itself to apply to high enough degree of certainty that it's undeniable. Words of violence and instigations at that point become truthful, the sole truth that no one wants to talk about. Beyond it even. It's the only thing reminding you that you are human at the end of the day, when you've come to the realization that those people don't fit, will never fit and are given something that will never have been given onto you if either the circumstances were reversed and you found yourself in their place, or if you worked tediously and hard-enough to earn it, by your own wit, strength, intelligence, hard-work, creativity or the strength you've inherited from your ancestors, their vigor as well as their will, to either carry on their legacy or establish one of your own, because, for many people that serves as the main driving factor of their being, the force that brings them pride and keeps them pushing despite the fact that this same force invalidates that of others since theirs is a shallower reason, earn by shallow means, devoid of pride, devoid of strength, and, incapable of realizing that, those people deserve far better and can achieve much more for the benefit of the entirety of human-race, more so than any other bastard mongrel, my likes included could ever achieve, bred out of selfish behavior, an incapability of thinking far ahead, or well-thought of intentions. Because this world belongs to them, at the end of the day, the White Folk, the European people, the European Nations, or whatever they might be referred to as. And we are the low-lives, the scum of the Earth, the ones dragging them down, and worst of all, in our arrogance, we have the nerve to rub it in their faces as well, which is one of the most disgusting, most disturbing thought of all. Having the fear of acknowledging the fact that this world was earned by them, by rite of strength, conquest, endurance of time, gift of wit, an out-right fine display of intellect that far surpassed and still does, that of other races, an unmet creativity that may as well be deemed beyond human and something, something that they lost. Before the foreigners and people of other races came along. It used to be pride. Pride of one's nation; then it became pride of one's people, pride of one's race. But eventually, if left un-fended, even that might be lost. A desensitization to their plight, as a people; propagated by the Jews, the kikes, the sub-human group I belong to, the niggers, the gooks, the spics, the mongrels and the likes; leading the world to a pitiful end, a pitiful fall of Civilization, of Society, a call-back to a barbarous lifestyle, where tinier groups will begin warfare again; the fall of technological advance, another Dark Age, the end of creativity, the end of innovation, of hope, for a better future, for anyone's people, especially those that are homogenous, and superior, like the European people, who have created everything, but whose birthrates have begun decreasing and have been on a steady decline for a long enough period of time now, whose countries are being invaded by niggers and Arabs, open borders being promoted by the kike-pedophiles of Zion-Israel, the American-kike controlled Congress, the International Jew Bankers, the Entertainment Business controlled by the Jews as well, whom cannot fathom being devoid of achievements, nor can they acknowledge the danger of a world filled with filthy sub-human violent rape-killer, destroyers of everything, niggers, that would drive in the billions, with their inferiority, only to crush and ruin every attempt at something divine, whether it'd be held by Christian or Worshipper of many Gods alike.'

These Sub-human kike-mongrels destroyed the United States with the Immigration Act, and they intend on destroying every country in Europe, as well as, across the world with the exception of their Sub-human kike-state, Israel.

A two paired, by face-split melted body, tall-sprung with empty feed, whom were as filled with water as the rest of their eight heads walked, quickly enough to have increased in pace to a level where the happy native people around him or them began bobbing their heads, rearing them to the side of, since they were

trying to nimble on the top of his rounded toothed-bead formation, his collar- of strange caught In each other's grasps gouges, that, started pouncing on each other's outer-rounder, more pronounced occlusions, projecting one another farther and farther away from the initial 'hatching' point as they formed a sheer wriggling line of 'bubbles' that started thrashing, already, in whichever outer-bounds and outer-reaches they could stretch into, having created by the point of their departure, corpulently realizing how dangerous it was, placing themselves as far away from anything even remotely appearing, even at a superficial level, a proximity, wherein their rendered forms, touched, even if by mere blunder of thrust done by a jerkily-sudden hindered jolt of sided-knee caused prior to contact being established, by being tripped, either by accident or intentionally by another man that stood adjacent to him in this numerously-incalculable yet clearly wide-spread crowd, whose meter of incertitude only added to the ratio of impermeability per man of no hope as to find out whether or not it constituted a – setup – soon stopped by a grasping hand whose grip had almost shattered his collar bone in order to prevent them from touching, an aperture whose closed-entry invitation was deemed most inappropriate in terms of behavior since it only, need it be said as thus, bequest a sudden urge unmet. A man had charged at him with a blunder-bluster gun's shed lodged, and bed, the fiend of night, this villain of remorselessness whom had come from unobtrusively unkind a worm, whose colossal stretched had almost drawn out of him whichever breath was to be said, twas cold, or deadly-quiet. Damaged even, all of them, to such a degree, if allowed say, that, by the arrival of the already alarmed authorities whose almost enduring inviolable, unchangeably frozen in place, expressionlessly endowed by an un-alarming state, despite the disquiet nature of the entire scene that was presented in front of them, of disparity, disconnect, as well as an unprecedented calm that unappeased some of the members of the crowd who saw it more as a far-fetched cut-out from the events that had transpired prior to their engagement in their affairs, that in turn allowed for, while they were carefully compressed in smaller groups, or 'urban' circles, the creature emerged back on its feet, shaking off some of the dust mice that had accumulated on top of him, then, with a sudden urge to do something, or anything in the matter as to, furthermore consolidate its, not only advancement but sullen expansion, it stepped forward, staring the figures, as they were met eye for eye, down, that is to say, the figure representing, in actuality, a figure, as in measuring to about twenty seven or twenty nine meters or so in height, to a degree of uncertainty, for those whom were in his presence, as to, whether or not it had grown during the time it had laid in front of them, 'unconscious'.

'I am what I am, and duty is more important than anything in this world. Duty comes before sense, duty comes without reason, even when done alone; whatever the scope, whatever the cause, up to the very point where one is incapable of doing anything else. I don't need to be trusted, friend. I'm in no need or hurry to prove myself otherwise.'

'You'll turn on me if we cross the bridge at the same time, you know I can't trust you, right? I can't go without you and I shall not have my hand forced, not while there is still time for me to do something to stop you. I'm not going to be struck down by you, bastard!'

'And I expected no less of you, that's why, we're both heading the same way. It's too long to cut, we're both falling off once we reach the mid-point.'

'Then let me stay here, I'll wait for someone else to come. You can even draw me farther behind, look, you won't have to, you won't have to do a thing afterwards, you needn't worry about me being tied because I won't be able to crawl back to the bridge, and here, have my knife, I don't need it.'

‘Why not use it on me, then?’

‘I told you I don’t want to stab you, I won’t do it. I, want someone to cross me, but not you, anyone but you. I don’t intend on dying just yet, but.’

‘Won’t be a choice any longer at a point, I’ll grab your hand myself and guide it to the rope. Then you know what happens. In no way can you get away from this, from either one of us. We’re meant to do this, both of us.

It’s strange. Whether or not you think we’ll fall or. There’s a chance I may change my mind. That we may cross it safely past that point, that neither of us will do it.’

‘I don’t want to take my chances on you.’

‘It’s riddles with wolves.’

‘I know of them, I’ve heard their howls earlier, but I won’t be convinced to do it, I will never be convinced to do it! You’ll fail, devil!’

‘This isn’t exactly how you think it’ll go; I’m still a man and I need only my strength to force you if I want to. I need not else.’

‘Then what is stopping you, child? Are you just as afraid as I am, perhaps?’

‘It is a.’

On the other side of the bridge:

‘Do they intend on passing or not?’

Abbys-Yhj

Eighteen women have been gruesomely beaten nigh-close to death, where the angel itself showed, openly invited itself in the room so he could take a shot at them during the never ending waves and tsunamis of rape that followed soon after. So much rape happened that their eyes had been gouged out in order to allow for more rape to happen, and even then, while it happened, that was not, it was definitely not enough to please the men who simply came back at it after going back and forth, several of them at a time, trying to get a few more shot at these pure ladies that had been untouched prior to this rape-that happened to them. A few hundred rooms of rape were wide-spread in this rape-hotel. Every single moist woman was raped by power-rape with power tools and the flares that had been shot from the distance by the strangely dark shadowy machines contained nano-rape clusters of rape that continuously raped them by force-violence filled with rape-fuck impregnation they could not abort themselves out of, this eternal punishment having encased them into solidified rape-like spirits that looked like them but pure and made

of transparent light, gelatin-like casts in which they rested in, submerged, yet incapable of stopping the rape from happening. One of this rooms had so many women. Plenty of them tightly tied with rape-ropes that shook and vibrated while they were being raped, broken apart with rape, as rape crawled in their ears. I hate niggers. A giant wheeled trough holding a tall stack of wheels and a birdcage in which a kebab-looking trunk of appendages rotated around as to be conjoined to every bar multiple times, holding no lower side of the body and a head that almost looked like a beak, that was upwardly pointing opened one of the deformed giant cradles of spirits that lay inside of it. There was a terminated part of its face that's been excavated out of what had remained of its part-skull. They had to dig it all out with spades, after the wretched assassin showed himself up the booth, then slapped a C4 off the side of it; stitched together, arm by arm, that's how they put him back together, and now, he was the chief operator of rape on these parts of the lands. A siege had ravished most of everything, destroying life as it had been previously known and observed. A terror unlike any other showed itself near him, the subaltern, of a lower tank, taken out the war by one of the Russian Militia-Master kings with eighteen hundred fifty faces, the giant. He had only four torsos that were as thin and long as four slick- two segmented straws that were connected in a peculiar bubbling mass below them on which it walked. Out of which a stranger longed Russian- with four great arms corn-flowered out of the side of his throat, as in, they came out of him, but he had no legs, nor was he a humanoid, but a result of the pseudo-birth that had been forced out of him by this strange device that had contorted itself out of existence for some reason not even they knew since it glowed, like boop-boop-boop-boop-boop if tracked and someone counted the bleeps with that sound, spitting in my face while doing it, nasty faggot! Fucking close your mouth, -kind of response being given, by the sounds of it; wild precipitations following soon enough; whereas there was absolutely no reason to anchor any thought or remember that there was not a human in sight, only women, and women, as there was no need to bring attention to. Black-door of iron:

A special kind of device was attached to the attenuated to the side rod-like clicking horizontally flipped V-angle that held all of the coiling, recoiling, then readjusting back in place wires that actioned the main device the opening mechanism; the magnetism appeared to play a key role in leashing all of these cables while preventing their full-thrust out of the area they had been confined in.

The sound of which cannot be restricted at all, from the looks of which, the dreadful antlers that followed soon after were of a measure that could not, by any means be allowed to continue their growth, especially since they allowed for an incessantly annoying reticence of some kind that would disallow any kind of pseudo-social intercourse that could follow soon after the various revisions that could be placed in the same domains, the waves that had entered them being of no use, other than to allow the invaders to come and trample with their pikes and guns and various other means of destroying everything in their way, since they came in the thousands, all made of waves of skulls filled with giant liquid bolts that had been hardened as well as filled, with the darkest, most alarmingly proven-as-to be excess of fluid that followed soon after, with their slashes and wallows in pain and squirm, tender yet tenebrously abhorrent, much revealed to be made of high pinks, grays as well of greens, too many gradients to be seen that would otherwise be uncannily impossible to decipher by normal means since they were so, fluid in form, so wretched, as to allow no actual bone growth to occur but instead, these things would march alike, tsunamis like, devouring everything in their path, like some utterly inconvenient yet distraught, hard of anger, yet devoid of un-repair, soon after, made of a much different shade, of blue, phosphorescent, as its clear intrusion into the thoughts of, the room they entered that being, the great chamber inside the cave, this brown rooted by many squirmy altars, adorned with plates, blades, chains and the most unnaturally hard

to stare at for long periods of time, incessantly dark-blood drawers, puckers of the most disgustingly-robust types, all come together, then wrapped-disabled through means of reticence being taken away from them, whenever called, the men, all four connected around their heads, welded in, then entrapped by the altars stood there, waiting their turn so they might be complacently trampled by this tsunami-thing of gelatin. It was something they wanted, desired and deeply, as no greater hope could hope to achieve it; they yearned to die by it. But wouldn't say a thing, since this delirious desire would not make it any more apparent than it was:

'Slay us, slay us as quickly as you can! We cannot live for much longer unappeased by trial and done!'

There was no reason to delay either, not that it would make much of a difference anyway:

'Waiting, it's waiting for you, go ahead, you should be capable of tailoring your way alongside theirs. It should not be any difficult than that.'

'A ballot, there should be a ballot in order to decide whether or there's to be any survivor allowed to continue living, unattended, then discerned and siphoned, there!'

A side of the cowl, darkened, as the echoes prowled, they themselves being carried through. Not easier yet lease a-new.

'There's no reason to wait!' A strangled voice yelled, but dimly prodding. There were other forces there at play, and without reason one could not easily, again, discern which one was real and that, the one that wilt itself wilt not.

But the voice died down, and there was another wave that followed soon enough, worsened by a crowd of unruly things that were inhuman, worsened by the time the timber was being dragged, taken apart, as to forget for a second who was being it and who pulled the strings and ventured forth, as brought.

A darkness unlike no other that was quickly enough discontinued during a storm of rows that were well equipped with quills and other instruments of varied sizes that when put together formed some kind of edifice extraordinaire of a much revered coming as well as an easily recognizable extraction of some Hugemont of Cabot, of some even lesser recognizable extraction, there being, to someone indiscretion adjusted to the almighty but repelling as to be discussed between the people whose sub-adjunct stature had infiltrated the 'arena' which was converted or had been converted, by the royal degree of some, unnecessarily said, since all's been clarified countless times in the state-validated by one of the successors, of ancient decree and rite, inside such an esteemed perfunctory prefecture, as one of the chief attorney generals would have it indicted by the sole abolishment of a reparatory disgraceful storm of thunders, don't think of rains, but of power apparatuses come onto the sight of a wagon that's shot itself out of the canon's first epicenter of sole perfidious allure to the tottering back and forth armament that their ink-bottles made of tuned to outer layers of the universe during the time humanity's conception as we've come to know has only come to the concept of spikes, large outlandish tusk-like spikes coming out of their shoulders and out of their eyes as well as out of their guts; while having been set on this oozing contrivance of niggardish, niggardly, nigger-on-the-lynching-rope-stand-make-him-perform-a-Jim-Crow-dance, the thing a ma jigger, it's a god damn nigger'- echo in the distance confirmed an already secret suspicion that the people inside this un-lighted by no candle but ventured forth by dark, giant, two or three feet tall giant figures who'd smash every single one of the trapped - s heads if their giant humane-

humanoid entire bodily sprout out of the cuts around their 'wrists' from which they came out of, grasping forth with breathe of purring cats being worn and eaten, then spoiled with the first of the lots which had entered the field of mice and the other tinier bulbs that had infested, in an interval, on-going, which had been have had been through got by many, or would've been have had hadn't, if it hadn't been had had being, been for him to have been had have to begin with during the time he'd been had, hadn't been as had been planned to have it willed be had, is as it is from this point on, although he's not to blame for what's being been had been for him not to have been had in the first place, been had, blinded by the force of a fast travail that shot after him, at the back of his head, only for one of the running people to twist and twirl around, finding out that they were barely aggressed as these depressed into his shoulders, almost claws revealed themselves as porous beings, with a multitude of shapes and colors, flashing in the dark, no longer unlit- lighted by a tinyish fleshy paramedic parasite that had begun feeding him with the firmest insolence with its ante-eater 'beak', the mass of meat, a heart with a few tops of machine stapled on top of it, with a power box that shook and bent, a few chiseled in depressions and something that looked like an air-vent still pointing at him with utmost alacrity, while also attempting to get something from him during the time his beckoned forth heart was being consumed by the insolence of darkness that was felt by him during the echoes of the malborious moon's first drawn apart curtain which had sent upon the sight, revealed only to him as if by veneration, yet, instead, one would've had seen no remorseless Anaghast as to be met by such a psychic-ward fruit-cage loony bin, like seeing niggers run around and raping, as they always do, once the kike-Jew infested media had propagated upon the people brainwashing 's come to an end deprogramming of the people run its course, but one did not know any better than to keep his mouth shut instead of speak the truth as they would send him there, calling him insane, despite having stats to prove that niggers rape, niggers kill, niggers are mentally inferior, niggers need to get lynched, and miscegenation destroys not only the purity of a much superior race to theirs but it also bring the economy down on the long run since most of these Monkey-like inhuman creatures, whose insolence is but abhorrent only produced dead-weight to its extreme; appeased as such by the passing thought during his run-and leap towards a standing beam against which he stood for no other reason other than to afford a single moment which he might use, Alfred Hugo Un, whereas one would have him stripped away of all that made him living, livid and still reveal some kind of strength inherent to him that no other man would dare challenge him in a duel or dare do something that would have his stricken down heart evaporate in an unseen powdery thing that no one else could understand what for and what the reason behind it would be, from thereon out, he would be blind, sickened upon the slack-luster and salaciously cumbersome entrenching encroachment of a lower substratum of species present there, eating from the bodily deformed crumbs, while running along and away in the dark, with their apparition-like eyes in which they themselves were uncannily unaware as to understand what was going on from the point of them being completely robbed of life, malformed, malnourished, destroyed, partly, leaping and one-footed beings that would by all means be incapable of robbing all air from sight but come upon the wretchedly harm of bodily harm they would bow down, worshipping the pain induced onto them by the indoctrination of the foremost hard-fell upon their brows, hardly wrought but impressed onto their bodies by gelatin roughened by each curbing nail of yore dissected yet discerned, still, there was no reason to despair.

'I'm beginning to see it, somewhere in the distance, in the plains of quiet where I first found the mules that've come and entered, leaving their marks, appeasing the darks in theirs unquenched need to end their lives and slither in reel with rope, as their children's deaths in whispers covered their luckless boats.'

'Have you heard of it still?'

‘Of whom?’

‘The light-morsel, the one that’s being fed by the giant crabbing pink-teethed prodger; that fined with black-empty sockets, three pieces of a hive, flat, made completely out of bone, but puffy, like some mammal spore-shell, bringing It dead flats from somewhere off the cavern-crag!’

‘Lead me to it, immediately so!’

And they both followed through that hellish thing of palms of sandy whitish marble-hedged, rotten carcass bats of led.

Something was swimming in the pool; deeply submerged under some rancor of many tools and tips that had succumbed as well under the waves of pressure that had cast away the arms and the men that fell off, sliding off their tips, entering then dismissing one another’s drowned foraged bodies that began inflating until they had began covering some of the wide-spread deep sea-large beings they postulated themselves against.

‘There’s no entry from where it came from, no open door that I know of.’

‘I think there’s a man behind that man, the one with empty hand-palms, on his stand; doing a wheel, peeling off the walls and covering himself with them, he’s thin, but not thinner than fifteen meters away to his right, although chained by barb-wire.’

‘And you are?’

A season for the cattle

A few lines were formed around the first two sectors of the eight, eight of them. There was a crudeness to both the peasant and the strangers standing in front of him who had rounded him up before he could get out of the hole he stood in.

‘No one’s been there over a long-long whiff; I could puff out an entire trail of them more than you could, every now and then possibly think of, while not even breaking a sweat and you’d not even recognize it, or that could possibly come in handy.’

Hardly was there a matter of asking before he pointed at Yarn again.

‘This won’t do you any good I think. I broke it, remember? I crackled it inside my room and closed each door. There’s nothing here calling onto what I did or on the reflection I cracked before they brought her in and raped the door.’

‘That’s something I wouldn’t enjoy thinking about under normal circumstances.’

Standing next to him were two more guards. One to his left and one to his right, far taller than him, bordering the ceiling, that was far-ending both corners into two ships that both faced different directions.

A strange hall, as it'd been, there was no other way out but through one of their side-openings that at the time appeared to be obscured by the very wells that had had supplied the sewers with twitching eel-water in the first place.

'I grabbed my pants off the floor and I began slapping them, for no apparent reason. Only because I could; I did it!'

'That's quite intuitive of you, old man!'

But what they didn't know was the fact that he had also lighted a quaintish wax candle he used the flame of to dip the tip of his pencil, engorging it in its amber-flames until the ruddiness of his pencil had contrived him to let go of it.

'In vain would I've foreseen it thus; that which might've encumbered one likened to you, otherwise swollen of nodding, for what I could only entrench to reconsider as for fractions of degrees they would've quenched the need of largely asking.'

'Assured as I was before, thrice as much I would've found a reason for deceitful therein be; I've but a single little prick I could scoop out your soul in agony, then throw it among the rest in the pile!'

'A blow top my pride, and I would not falter!'

'Nonetheless, I find your spite to be something as wreathing as never been found!'

Drums of tired:

'Some of them are not hard-willed enough to make it through!'

A few plainer days.

If the air was any lighter; if the fins were any righter; if the wind was blessed with such reproach; and some had mourned whatever had cast, the right approach.

'A most venerable repute will follow soon enough!'

'For what was said, twas withheld!'

And a tallish ramp curved-beaked, wormish of a lumps, warts and fat, snakish figure 'stitched' together out of coats of dirt come from swamps, that moved and coiled and formed its toil. A giant helmet-like head drew out of the body of an elongated cylinder bearing a constantly falling on itself sea-dolphin-like tail. Many spherical tendons making its lower side, on which, though hidden as they were, the projected walk kept going on!

It crawled upon itself dumbfounded. Elated even by sins of trench!

'Am I getting sumthing numb? Can I get some spirits, son?'

'Only but a drink, dreary father, for you've sunken yet another!'

'I have eaten the black tree, and I succumb to agony!'

The pain was yet something to endear, but out of pettiness, or of fear, none could say but little now, to have sunken, therefore gone. Couldn't say, nor couldn't be, what they thought, of piss and teas. But the spirits of the rum, and the spirits of the numb, whom followed him through youth and gone, never left him now they run! Run, run, run away! Don't look along the way! For they think you can be gotten, with a leery drink and sunken!

'My son, there, you can see our ancestors that still live among us, buried in the ground, deep-footed, but rooted by basins of ever-soothed, large diseases keep them alive, bacteria and snails and other types of parasites you wouldn't believe to have existed unless seen with your two eyes!'

His father had said some words of war, interpretable by the High Admiral of General Defense's quota as being a direct affront and personal attack to his countenance and personage, which is punishable by immediate termination, death. Patricide could only be forgiven if the life of someone of equal value was given onto the oath of there-kill, with an immediate follow-through transfusion between both corpses, under the vigilance of the Oath-keepers, whom were there already, glowing with pus and many antlers-curved appendages of green rubbed rotten with eyes and smaller elongated human foreheads bearing strange four-shaped mice-rats cysted crystals sticking out of them, whose whiskers were blackish hairs of stone-like fragments, chiseled, that were put on top, and plain as this pus-pore filled umbrella-like coat of their upper bodies filled with the arms and appendages were; of, each of them in part, four great-cartilage rods that were put down as if by the sides of invisible prisms, or tents, equally distant from one another, upon which they moved, for strange bone-like legs. Weirdly enough they looked like puffy white Christmas trees; eyeless, but very much capable of seeing:

'We've been called by your thoughts, alarmed, even, that we could only bring ourselves so much near to one of the fears we may've had. To think it such, that there was ever a chance for us to begin this reticent upheaval of darkness that was ever-present since the day of your dark birth, Gas Hughbad; your father of biological birth has done something that will never be acceptable by any means at all. That is to say, he is responsible for your death in the future unless changed by immediate action. The keeping of an oath, like the reverse cutting of the Gordian knot you're so much so responsible for cutting!'

'But I've not even done something wrong to begin with! I never broke the law, nor any oath either; neither have I done such a thing that would require immediate life-extinguishing spill of blood, nor have you any right to order my son and as I stand still, Gas, you shall listen to me and only I can order you around, for no higher power is there in life than that of a father, ordering his son and telling him what to do when the time comes for him to prove his true allegiance towards. No other man, spirit, machine, of being can intervene at all, through this, through this! Blasphemous things! I wretch thee still and I bear ill-thought towards you as I stand, as I am and as my countenance dictates towards this postulance I'm forced to bear such a semblance of loss of thought and vigor of my spirit's come onto the brow of some unfair choice my son's forced to undertake before I and a council not made out of my own peers, but one of blasphemous beings that have naught to do with the issue at hand! For you and the concept you represent is ill-willed against a man whose loss of wonder has repelled him from both the material and immaterial to such an extent that I would have but naught else but the least I could clasp my hands around, and hold against. My blood, of myself reticent to such a thing as my heart would beckon no other reason than what's been had. And what's been had throughout my life is but a wretched thing of many losses and many costs that could've been proceeded onto the account of others, being snapped and ripped

in half, unpunished as they were, I'm not going to hold it against you, for I've been brought to sense a long time ago!'

'But their punishment followed sooner than you've thought it so. And to adhere to the allusion that we're unfair in our judgment is nothing that could be lightly taken by means of there being any trough of lesser thoughts in the matter spent than we have ever-so since we started, during our conception, darted, played with and very much nearly considering beckoning a stop at; a certain point of piety withdrawn, confusion and so many considerations being taken aback. Yet not for a second did we stop our search for fairness in judgment and what we've done to take claims and do, and ever-true to our word, we've been, wherever we've been to. So you needn't despair or call us treacherous anyway, for the men who've shown you're their back hands, who've blackened your soul and cast upon it such despair as to try, attempt, and drive you to poverty if such release might be called fair. We've taken the assessed requirements and needs that were beckoned of us to be, as to be called, and to be seen. Kilt them where they stood, or made the uddersome, yet appalling choice of having someone do it for us.

Yet, eventually they had been punished and kilt nonetheless, at the will of a quilt, a message or some bolt, some dainty brick we've made fall upon their heads, then stopped!'

'Why good man, I seek passage easily thrust through one of your unconfined apparels, that I may be met by one of the finest, foremost, kindest of maidens, by the name of Valery, known to me only as someone I can thrust as see a must that I may yet so near a puckerish a question, for her fairness is out of worsened tension that may be plainly put onto my lap, her beauty being a thing of no countenance, whether be brought or not back into plain view, whether I could see such withdrawal of simpleton sinew; I could fare less! Luckily enough for me, that such a thing is out of question, I would see no reason to endow or to ask you yet again, where is she?'

'She's dead, and I'm the Grave Digger himself, the man who put your wife to sleep, whose responsibility was to chuck her in the heap where she belongs, rottenly gotten then chopped for every staunch and run, and rum we might've gotten ourselves after, put in doubt and there, renowned, our hands having only been put to such a difference of no solitude's grown, before yet after. And therefore gotten, will we piece her back if such's the wail. Otherwise, let her spirit rot and death prevail!'

'So there's but chance, a chance of such prevail, that one such as I might be, such and such attain but little of the mark, to put her back together until fully grown fully like she used to be once again and once more before I can properly run her still into the grave myself and beat her after whenever I please, as that's the fate she's betokened to!'

'Then so be it, if you may ask of leper's true! You may have a go and do what you please past the throng, trying your arms around her throat, then play with what's left of her if that's what you desire most!'

Led onto the paved cypress, during quiet's abode onto the road's most blasphemous home; gone at times, and empty grimes: Where to and fro they walked in pairs of bitter guns, all that were pointed at their feet, readily actioned by such tit as one could see it jerking. Machinery on both sides, the streets yet peculiarly set on a decline, but fully loaded, as each brick, open ever so slightly, revealed the mechanism. A simple thing but one to follow; invisible strings or movement shallow. Either way they could be triggered just at

any moment with such devilish release that they could be lost for words then shot for more before any either ore, or whore, walking puddishly on street, abhor!

‘Careful, careful, for each step would mean a nail’s death, each one could worthlessly prevail if that’s the only thing you spare for bore, and therefore after!’

‘I didn’t take you for one so meticulous as to avoid every cumbersome death at chance!’

‘Man be weary whenever called to attend his funeral!’

Dreams followed in the night, nigh slept on the floor, wide-opened eyes aroused during the morning only saw a few batteries entered through their heads, as to jolt and awakened some kind of impression that was being only swollen past the heed of the reigns:

‘Chersonese gas, add some more!’

Bottles were adorned with pumps, and entered through the heads of men, all of the sudden they appeared to dance around them, spitting and bathing these humanoid-automatons; which started glowing with podgy ooze, and appeared to be trying themselves, therefore staunch. A bloody thing, wretched numb. ‘A finger cut, a finger cut!’

‘But for how long will it last?’

Eating, they ran, trying to take a man-part to run around, never-to attend discourse, with the empty apartments, many with pits open and some ugly lower levels being put inside the prattle lot. A cove-like pit down there, empty lights appeared, a miner of the blot:

‘Don’t do it, man of wonder, don’t wander down with me, or yer be lost in blasphemy, I think there’s something down there worth awakening in lesser men. To feed them, to feed them!’

‘Who?’

‘I think they’re rotten of the worsened lemurs that were eaten by the godly lesser, the deprave!’

Of spoil, of spool, and therefore true, the dancing glance-around and ever-closer, there on cue. Many hot-ironed broads, all were wretched therefore lost!’

‘Should they be whipped down there, then?’

‘Where else, where else? I see nothing that would grant me the satisfaction anyway! I see no reason not to beat, not to make them weep, of lofty heap as the one that they were taken out from, out of and from the spiral of bastardity, the desperate reality of the matter is this! They’re rotten, and they shall come after my soul if I allow them!’

‘Wretched like women? Petty pudgy such females? I see no threat, I see no threat! You of Yore, bastardity in man, how dare thee wretch them thereafter still?’

‘You’ve not had to deal with them in there’dth sin!’

‘Fine, I leave thee spoil’

And he went in the hole, then came back at the threshold, much returned:

Depravity wasn’t even held to a need bequeathed, to such command rendered, and therefore after, much alacrity distended, with, and therefore yonder, never-Moor, for niggardly as the nigger is, he can’t say a thing that’s true:

‘Therefore, I bring such forth lie, they’re not alive. I’ve dismembered them time after time again and would but remain with a single numbness, strung and wrung!’

But in fairness, in all farthy, farting’s worth, of pleasure felt; they did appear to do something to the place in terms of what it looked like and how beauteous it were. From such a point and pointy tilted, and thereafter there, rescinded! Was there a prattle, was there a blot of paint that flood would silken after, through a sill! Depravity, depravity, that could only be felt! He had to save those women, the corpses, or else his manhood would be in question’s end!

One

It was endless and made of many, not a single end could be defined, only most malborious of wretched tinnacences could be brought to light, and bitter life, for all was made of it, life was brought. To a stop as well, taken for, but many ills; wretched countenances, as one would rather feel such likes. Dreaded lantern holding arms appeared to’ve been bred; upon a sanctimonious most ingeniously hard to look, tw’art single wreathing, wrathful graze that appeared yet to hold but arms, and necked-runs of coils long-attached to the elongated clasping pincer-like exposed rib-thing, whose hinged, means of entering the walls, whose mouths foul, and came up-forth, there was a single wreathing towering figure-main, whose elongated reigns, the steeds formed there, below the platform of growths, that came along and threw themselves on and on, as if charging in every possible direction, copiously they ate, from each other’s greater horned rifted, plow-through maze, that stretched and elongated in itself, millions of times in every direction, dimension, then tried for. Four great heads as of rooks were filled, and bathed as they did, in much regard; they felt each other’s heels torn apart. Shouting in most mirific a nature gone, immediately on notice, disregarding, such contortions, was there no need either to draw and lift a single limb torn apart. Munched on.

Its arches only now began flaring around, flattening one of the curbed around, darker corners of the eyes, that started coming apart, drawing air from the bubbling-plough throughs of every single wretched heap that came out of the air, then joined the main girth of the being. Various spread-spreads and mountainous things that followed after.

A coil bore something that moved around a surface that could clearly be delineated. A torsoesque front-ward, wayward to the south projected with a steely set of many pincer-like formations wrought together spearing mongrellic teeth’ish incisors –humanoid-like molds, akin to a beast’s more deformed past-through metallic-set of cast-together pseudo-cartilage rack held inside this almost shell-chitinous armor that’s but twisted around, from the side, to face one as for the incisors to come out of its armless left-sided socket, that’s equipped with a ‘foot’ aligned to the munchers, drawing forward like a shot-unnaturally

hard to look at pool-of pain- unwrapped swim-pool of wax-figuresque appendage draft of put-together saw-like, from one side to the other, up and down gnawing at nothingness battering ram-form pointing at the sky but musingly flat, form; being pushed over. To its sides there stood only two giant spring-transparent limbic-twisted drinking-horn needle insectoid crawlers upon which it drew forward.

A wreathing weather-top of growths, bog-like in appearance murk come on top of them, drawn together as if they were bathed thoroughly in a most disgustingly disfigured kind of poncho, whose deformed, but diamond chiseled facets only came together every now and then as to draw in breath from the most uncannily deformed kind of filthy-draw through eaten piece of leppage court-drawn in it, shape that came on top the greatest most rotund surface that could come into the plight of faces that drew, from one side of another, as they were held inside a putridly, hard-to look at hammock of unfathomably dark stings and stingers, wasp-like but bearing hive-things of bags, of skin and filthy brim that came together ever since they were given notice of whom was around them, darker still, as the day began, in the various planets that were destroyed but cut and made part of the great beast, where many but attached by cords-like attached to the soles of their feet, as they walked upon darker shard-crass glasses of steely mazes come onto them, were they hung about by their throats and killed, and eaten from their guts, and still eating they did, the darkest creatures of whose hearts distraught destroyed all in their path. Weird limb, two heads with an axe-split in halves.

A bloated anchor-like wide spread-sprouting out of every fifteen hundred billion star-spread, in terms of added, to the count, billions of light years away, if they had existed at that point in time, alleviated of any possible life. Wretched lobes attached to elongated strings, bubbling-planets filled with oozing transparent yet exceeding their growths, entering smaller homes, tinier atoms, through which they'd root-and-uproot themselves yet again, concavely set from one portion of the nearest, partly rotten piece of meat that flopped around, each crown of gourd-ed piece of lump, whom by then was pear-shaped in a small area, fifteen seventy eight miles away in whichever direction, both in and out, forming largely, slightly raised, wide-spread areas- whose crisscrossed, almost 'regions' were segmented as to look like elongated put-together triangles, forming a pseudo two dimensional illustration akin to a peculiarly hard to pin-point, hardly a matter of looking at, through a funnel of visors, seen by a convex seed-shaped shuttle with a few elongated spears coming out its back in a straight line, which were connected to a kite-like parchment with an exposed, elongated face, whose teeth rubbed themselves the wrong-way and were pointed down-being connected with the rest of the dark-like platformed globe on top of which, although not-directly, as for there being an established connection between them, there being only a superficial thing between them, like a wind-shot through both, plastically elongated by neuron-atoms of Quantum power-spell'ish incantations, whose brow-through shot leper-cradle nigger-manes, lynched-pocks were only visible inside of the dark reflections that were being forced out of the tiny-yet-maligned area through which they swam in and out of, this being an unnatural hole in which it stood, the globe, fitting in, gloves-put in cripple's prosthetics, being an un-deterrent to the strange unnatural haze that entered them soon after. The entire face, close enough to a distorted comb, or a parachute that's been horizontally rotated as to face the fine – stringed bubbles, many of them being incapable of protruding out of the vein-like formation of steel-cut through bloody boils that were all connected with the first straddled onto them veins that came into view. A dark abode was open during the first maligned opening inside the cyst. A cancer-filled with nigger growths.

A dark comb of hairs drew from one side to another, elongating itself anew to one trotting about the garland blue.

Little sunken teeth forming a net, littler than that, out of them drew out, syringe-brought bedded flanked from every side, blimp-bodied caterpillars with throated neck-in-neck bodies put around it, in a wrapped swollen nest that drew around each bite. It's only been an hour ever since a sprouted, many anchored shaped being placed where they didn't belong, nor would they find another pinned on surface. A leprous thing being subservient to them, in sight; whereas a few unnatural pinheads began flying around them, with tiny specked cysts going all around the curbed enclave.

A great organ appeared to some coasted rift, during the viewed stretch of some eighteen hundred miles appendage, drawn to the bodied fornication of many eaten upon each other's larger platformed staved upon, wretchedly benign as it were, defirmented by leash and flatness cord-of many mouths, filled with an illness unseen before by anyone, or any of the billions upon billions of ever-changing in shape and form appendages whose withdrawn upon nature, ever-buried inside each other's helmeted-heads. Many tumor-filled, but openly carried on almost recognizably anatomically grown or developed, enveloped cubes made out of mouths, that were placed in socketed inside each other's skeleton jaw-bone formations of skeletons that were attached to one another's inner plates.

Yonder there from a growth-filled root emerged, an unnatural thing, a chariot rotten apart cranium-skull, Dinaric in appearance, morbidly devoured by rust, as if left-over, cast out of itself, many humanoid torsoed tinier heads, that were attached to it, a trunk could be seen, yet filled with tinier barely holding together clasp-pincers, whereas, the occipital bone was but a bag drooping down, shaped as an eggplant, in which a single body appeared to emerge out of, but beaked, and featureless and colored in a green-diseased skin, put together garb, leathered by thumb-shaped parasites. Whereas the chariot skull was caved-in broken as if it had received a direct hit by a shot out of a great cannon-domed around oblongoid bullet slug, that was quickly withdrawn or pulled back. A goat's beard would've made the trunk in terms of placement, at the chin from where it sprouted, whereas at times it seemed as if the entire body of it was made out of the growths, that thinned with age.

Somewhere

When he was brought in the cage, the Colonel was joyous, joyful and content with his imprisonment, a good sport altogether, one that didn't mind spending the month inside of the torture facility. He even came to like it, in some way that made him more approachable. He ripped off his arm entirely, biting through it by force, munching on it like some kind of invalid on prosthetics of clot. He leaped around from side to side, inside his cell-mate, the two of them being conjoined at this point in time, by the arm, which wrapped them both, together, inside a pseudo-womb throne, but their blood was purple, as they were not beings made of real blood. This purplish blueberry thing; it cast out every limb, including the arm in question. It made a hole through the infantry's second level, whereas what little was left of the Colonel's left-over begged for his 'blood' to return. It was met-half way in by a prism of cysts-butane barrels, which had been delivered to that point by a strange wagon with two armed guards coming out if

wheel contorted great cricket legs, the ones that were arched together and held apart by stings of steel. Part of the blood rose, out of it, the culprit. Frozen into place, as it was looked down eerily by the two guards:

‘The Judaic Masonic Non-White but European-look-a-like Kike-Jew Semites, who did not die during the Holocaust, since it was not a ‘Holocaust’ but in actuality only a few work-camps, that have been put to the employ of man throughout history during the time of war, have overblown this ‘event’, that was not only non-unique, at all, under-no circumstance whatsoever, but, they pulled the death toll numbers out of their asses for money, since these kikes are greedy, not-human, retarded, filthy, disgusting, scummy, low lives, lazy, constantly asking for reparations and money, trying to suppress free speech as well as any attempt to draw attention upon them, subverting governments, with their only redeemable quality being their hatred for niggers; kikes sure to hate niggers. Filthy, fucking good for nothing niggers; kikes own a lot of nigger slaves.

Well, I’m done, my good friend. I think I finally got it out of my system, now, I can finally move on with my life, and forget these filthy Semites ever existed.

I shall live a gloriously peaceful life and move on.’

‘It’s good to hear that you have finally found a path to thread upon, one filled with knives.’

‘I shall collect knives and stacked them on top of one another, making various rust-covered formations, beneath which I shall give birth to smaller worm-like wombs in which I shall form my above the water, city.’

‘Let us see this city then.’

Eleven hundred-hundred years later, passed:

A few people were seen outside, working on each other’s backs.

A migraine, it’s what made her stay her hand and listen. Box put on table, she noticed, for some reason it was there. An outlier; it was paid for with twenty or so, people. Murdered and chopped-butchered, pain per gallon of blood n’ pint; the desk was hard-iron with alloy-placated, on a business day, her thing, now spoiled. IV needles, being strapped on the engine; little bits attached to her ankle-shackles, the ones that were being attached to her throat being his hands. Wrapped finely, finer than iron; clenching, squeezing, hers was his. Cherry-popped dead:

No one wanted to speak with her, Rounder-Clara, spoke of dad instead:

‘He’s been trying to get me a red ribbon ever since I told him of the birds that neared by the window-sill.’

A burdensome grand specter appeared, bore before them, with only one wretchedly hanging humanoid arm, with a single funnel twisted corded hose-growth bag as a lower body and an outwardly regurgitated protrusion coming out of its ‘mouth’.

Some of the wide-spread limbs were lodged inside of it.

‘Would you mind drawing the curtain, please?’

‘I’m trying to, but.’

A few slithers of cotton-flies drew in, by the side of a muddled-in muffle of pies, a mantle of white dust following in its trail as the moonshine songs rifled in, the sodas being underway, the cold winds of October gusts, to which none thoroughly belonged.

The memory: Wretched-Mallure Mallet, you are therefore condemned to serve the rest of your servile life as one of the wardens of the stony plates of iron while ensuring not a single man will be capable of excruciatingly getting out alive without being completely beaten to an un-mitigating, lest one would account for some succumb to a reprieve as to be somehow allowed the change of pace through which allowance might account for a sudden release out of the black-toxic coal-drilled fumes that would otherwise, by all means poison them as well as their minds, to the point where their accountableness for the livid-share of growths that will have spread across their rotten cistern-shaped prisons, the various traps and trapdoors that had been placed beneath these demon-like creatures that are buried in their suits of nigh-indestructible armors that are also caught at the threshold of almost being released out of these unfathomable prisons not a single living soul could by any other mean hope to escape without being ejected in time to avoid the traps of heat- propensity of which would boil or at the very least liquefy any other man of any other bastardly origin if they were to as much as do or say something they ought not have had, by all account being something so terrible, something some dreadful and borderline inhuman, that these sudden alterations of sound-echoes would allow for the fluctuations in air to act like some sort of funnels or some tunnels as they will have replaced or misplaced the air molecules, allowing for heat to travel through this vacuum that’s been left behind, entering through the oxygen retrieval gaps, as one would know that no armor is without its flaws and it’s almost impossible to create such a suit without accounting for the more minute details, in the shells or the pitty-tiny-pudgy scales that were amassed here, there, titter, tetter, closer, farther, spread, closely worked upon, carelessly aligned, then allowed to spread and cluster, until finally, no longer would they be pushed out of the various stratum and layers that, otherwise would’ve been fine, but which had been placed there, although it would defeat any purpose as to ascertain this nigh-impenetrable for-all-intensive-purposes invulnerability, as one would have it, intentionally so by the forger, the master-beyond-apprenticeship-but-not-as-far-as-one-would-actually-come-to-think-of-the-viciously-disturbingly-hard-to-look-at-slaves that surrounded these tiny barred caves, which could not be referred to as anything else than what they were, since some beings, these beings, the ones that surrounded the cages and acted like the pseudo-transition yet to be, primitive in some way, as for their allure, and as to allude to the nature of the fractioned- filth instilled and encrypted in their very existences, as it happened, for the viciously deformed niggardous creatures that you will take the place of, Mallet, as you are still to be named the most lugubrious of Infantilism –Ogg, these wretched almost beaded by nature, long-necked to the ceiling carriers of four great egg-shaped heads with tinier bodies hid inside of them, sniveling at us, since we know and we’re very much aware of the fact that the bodies they carry are not humanoids but something much worse and harder, harder, as we’ve failed, the last time being, to fully scan through, or complete one of our regulatory, mandatory yet whose failure to comply-to periodicity-of deductible inferences lead us to believe that they might be evolving, like fetuses of some kind, slowly being brought onto life, although we cannot explain why, we’ve seen them before, much earlier than this, yet we can’t explain the sheer-difference in size they display the predisposition towards, as to hide away whatever chance there might be for us to properly hint towards the chance of a proper analysis that might be underway, having therefore, been left with the only possibility or deal one could somehow hope to deal with, that being, drawing all conclusions, all of our conclusions, even the

ones that we have only, in our darkest hour considered in a thought of jest, as thought experiment or something beyond the impossibility of being, from the previously scanned X-rays we managed to properly go on with, from the point of which, I dare not say another word of, that would be devoid of any other predisposal, or as to border a proposal of such oblique a countenance, I therefore judge them as being something closer to the maligned blasphemous image of altars, such as one would find them wriggling yet basking in the absence of their lower legs, which, having been considered of no use, nor would any proper consideration, as to not have been taken into account, be wretched or dreaded from that point on, the tendons, or whichever else these coils that are connected and go past their clearly entrapping egg-shell prisons, that they themselves would warn others, telepathically of the dangers of trying or considering the fully extend of their lifespan, the eternal-in-fortitude of blasphemous agony one would have to be forced to endure while being trapped forever in a cage, gouged, beaten, thoughts intruded, leaping but incapable of telling whether or not a step had been taken, as they connected, yet again, these connectors, to their almost, torso-like but iron, jolted of a piece, these Sarcophagus beings, whose shoulders were fully puffed, oblongs, but chiseled, whereas every single one had a hole perfectly placed in the middle, in their middle, as if they were one being that had been shot, as if they were the Pharaoh themselves, whom, upon having been transported by some mystical power they themselves could not explain as anything else, or him, as to attempt to discern whether or not an entire Dynasty had been taken as hostage then killed, then lined up, and shot as if by a cannon, one would see, soon enough, the extreme change, as to be completely struck by shock, as these bodies were but incredibly 'pure' in terms of alabaster or marble, since they had began shining, so brightly as they have been turned into a white, into a pure depiction of that, that, one could not fathom as to seek any other reason or explanation as to their existence, or their sudden, emboweling transition into a more primitive state, devoid or stripped of all adornments or colors, or so-much-so, 'features', which, instead had been replaced by three holes, where the eye sockets and where a nose might be found, neckless, but connected to a great shoulder ball, the size of two great heads put together, with the rest of the 'body' being forced into an almost chiseled, chipped, carved or worked upon set of facets that rendered it or them the appearances of altars, despite which, and with all being taken into account, there was nothing inside but pure stone, nothing inside them, other than, although it appeared to be strange, this hole, this brick-shaped but rounded up, as if the canon had actually dented then someone restored it to its proper standing, well, if one were to allow it to stand on its own 'feet', that is to say, the coils, they would be met by the image of an almost made entirely out of roots, tree, holding on top of it, a one hole-made through the bulk, held upon it, or more of a key-hole bearing piece of armor made of silk, or so as to say, a brightened piece of flashing oozing power-holding tenebrous creation whose uncanniness would disturb any watcher, or turn him back as to gaze again at what he thought he witnessed prior.

Mallet, the thought intruded over him, as close as something that's never been seen or heard before in spite of all the previously lived-through hallucinatory pathogens that had inherently been with him since the day of his conception or his deceitful-initially in appearance birth that would otherwise accommodate for no man the benefit of allowing for a fit of rage or something of the kin to appear there for a long enough period of gestation as to be properly observed, tested, experiment then rightfully put down as to allow some other bodies of medicine or framework of documents to lay there, in their offices, readily pulled out during some inquiry or something similar to it, as one would be in need to check on them, on it, or on them, the twins that sprouted out of his back during his birth, that would otherwise be deemed as being something unnatural, but hadn't been since his mother was some carrier of many back-bulbs out of

which they came out of, squealing as they squeezed themselves while also drawing out of her body with many unnatural back umbrellas of cartilage that spread with the likeness of an almost sea-jelly like concavity that spread and appeared to allow them to simply bead every limb through and along every spear of gelatin that shot out of that thing, therefore making it way to common for them to crawl and escape in the strangest of fashions, which in turn was something that appeared to have skipped a generation when it came to him, since he was incapable of actually adhering or propagating this malleability-induced flexibility of movement they used to run the miles, to set themselves in arches of flight, to glide as quickly as one would allow oneself the second, while being on a plane field's playful trajectory-set alongside the coast of cars, during the traffic –at the rush hour hedge through in this sea of trucks that were aligned next to one another, across the side of a large bridge that had just finished celebrating its inauguration twenty days ago, twenty years down the line, its tenth anniversary, where there was this, this, thing, hardly explainable, as in, you had to see it in order to believe, as a sea of corpses appeared to surround them, but they were all made of rotten-corpsed animals that had formed smaller bridges that allowed one car at a time to ride along the side of the forests, the parts of the city as well as the low-slums that had slowly been allowed to move on top these 'marches', that instead could not have accumulated much more than they did there since the sky itself had fallen apart, and appeared to be lodged at some far, distant, fitfully spread, don't thread on me, don't hurt me, don't abuse me –kinds of noises, but they weren't real noises but the whispers of the gusts that were flung about the creatures of the macabre yet come onto me as you may if I were a man that killed your family during my self-righteous vigilant crusade I could not force myself to draw away from, as I've come and stumbled upon the 'Homeward' –with a pointy white arrow, hot-poked in the carpet, as if some elusive white birded race of arrow-footed beings, or one, had imprinted its footprint, for some reason avoiding fully gauging itself all-the-way-through but deeply-damn, and come about, it managed to push it deeper inside until there was but little left of the hairs that came about and sprouted from the come-in-between, days, of the vigilante's that come onto the ways of kill, the appeal having been lost when the slaughter reeled in, several times at the single homely-home, Detrimental to the hope of there being a crime-drop in this hopeless city where there and there was still a chance for the Demon-crats to arouse the locals into destroying as well as running everything down in order to have their Presidential nominee finally pick up from behind, from an undeserved spot he would otherwise have lost at the first sign of heat, slow-boil on the pan like a frog would he end up, he would've, if it weren't for a maliciously well-thought, or somehow well-timed, even if it was by accident, riot that allowed him to gain some electoral votes, although that wouldn't matter as much as the probability of the College's allowance for his rightful opponent to somehow step in line, snowballing, trampling, disabling, crackling, bulldozing, curdling, stampeding, terminating, stabbing, pissing, cackling while doing it, rubbing it into the poor man's moistened by some anti-aging crème, while the recovery period was still on-going from having had some of the puffiness beneath and above his eyes slowly be removed, by the looks of which, this operation, that is to say, trying to make it seem as if he hadn't had undergone plastic surgery, somewhat gave mixed results that were highly, yet unexpectedly, not beyond the ordinary means of trying to meet this travail of cones that had been rotating inside people's shoulders after having grown like the disgustingly tumor-like parasites that had been controlled by the entity responsible for slaughtering more than ninety percent of this planet's wild-life, without and as little of concern as there was possible for a man to actually go ahead and carry on with, as one would expect it, to kill, to kill himself, to kill them, to kill anyone who dared approach him, to kill his mum, to kill his father, to kill children and commit other acts of slaughter was something Mallet didn't consider until someone delivered him, upon some gloomy day of, least than one would find it respectable

to be known or shown some proof of the contrary belief; envelope that made it clear enough that his mother was responsible for this chaos that was tearing the city apart without the incursion of the higher forces that promised to intervene if the chance was, or if there ever had been a chance for them, that even now were standing as the edge of the city, cackling with such pettiness of low remark, ghoulishly-appearing, but their appearance was not to be withheld for any other reason more than what they knew about this legacy this creature, this ingot of no worth provided them with the amusement of, during the time they had forced themselves to shine, with crackling lights of red, blue, green, violet, but all represented in flashy grays, while everything done by them was done for the sole reason of having to bear their stay for a few more eons, as they could not immediately escape this prison they themselves locked themselves in, with padlocks shaped like giant shell-like eye-socketed with mouths that formed downward pointing almost spear-shaft 'tongues', that had been hybridized with the lower 'jaws', that had weird elongations of hairs but only grown in the back upon which they walked, every distinctively-separated hair being an oil-rig like leg they used to walk on top of, then all around, not to mention the fact that their movement was quantifiably hard, extremely yet flamboyantly to such a level of eccentricity that it could not be discerned from anything even vaguely similar to, 'else, said; to extrapolate from, or to predict since theirs was a movement of speeds uncanny, beyond the limits of mortal men, as they simply appeared, to the common eye, large bloated water-balloon oblong, nasty pseudo-humanoid top-headed, eerily surrounded by mist, while also giving an uncanny valley kind of feel to it, to themselves that is, impression, of tall-moving organic Silos, but who moved like parasites of some kind, which defeated the very purpose of their beings since it was not them whom were the parasites, but the jailers, or the wardens that had been put in charge of not allowing the prisoners to escape. A dreadful conundrum appeared to have poisoned his mind. Mallet was walking again, without his disguise. And his hat was missing, that of the man who crossed the street, although limbless, he had a tail and two eyes that were connected to the clouds as long-pulling over, dragging kite-strings that carried in bulks the size of men, but there were no men in the sky, which made it far stranger than anything expected. And his mouth, it was half-a-circle, with teeth outwardly protruding, - like horses', but compressed into a flatter, harder to define thing that was unexpectedly light, and harder to pin-by-touch or make out. He had a bag of skulls he carried, sometimes even yet he spoke in tongues. While he approached Mallet yet again, some streets cleared just as quickly as there were men up and away, then all around:

'I think I've something to show you now, something I've been working over a long enough period of time that I feel confident enough you'll like it.'

'And what if I don't? What if I don't like it and I'm left all disappointed like you're always leaving me as? I'm done doing the flooring for you, can't you see that I'm all sick, and they don't let me see what's happening past, here and there, up the great structure.'

A screen attached to it, but it was mostly obscured by some mist. Tall standing with many iron piles of junk, with two faces that were jerkily uncanny, ugly, and almost appeared like Polish jesters, one sad and one happy; but they weren't like that at all times. Sometimes they changed and recalibrated into the most demonical structures for some reason. To scare away the intruders, to make them behave, or close a wink in case, in case someone got some funny-business of an idea to rub it in their faces the wrong way; large Cuban cigar shaped rockets pointing out as they were lowered. But it was not flying, either way. Kept by some invisible structures that moved, and sometimes they formed emancipated long lines of I's, connected to C's or cinderblocks or large plates that kept everything from falling part, while also

managing to prevent the entirety of the structural integrity from bursting since everything was equipped with explosive globes, invisible as well. Large spear-long batches of invisible beams and iron-propellers, everything attached and pumping in it, during the most presumptuously superfluous, but left unseen savory attempt to prevent the lie of it levitating from reaching the public ear, or in this case eye. Spray cans, paint-drops and even the rain, which the weather devices prevented or cut off the reach of, from around it as well as its surrounding areas from splashing by chance, extending over a great radius of wild-kilometers that would prevent even the slightest, hardest, unnatural, and most inconvenient of accidents from happening. No sprays and no spittle, and there lay, at the end of the many roads that went both around or lead directly to this 'building', a great fence that prevented any non-authorized personnel from entering.

A part of it should've been incomprehensible by all means of adjournment, since there were a few flakes that were left in by a trail of what fell out of a bucket-full-of petals, rouge, of reddened-boil, merged with the tall man's head, another bump, the iron-hold, which had been melded to his corrugated armored-bodied fused with the four-legs in a trail, a crawler-like machines attached to the back of his body, akin to some caterpillar-device with eighteen hundred or so wheels, a coffin of metal or something similar to it against which all six of his arms were being kept inside, while, and as-well as he was lopsided forced to move, like some insolent unnatural distraught mongrel with plenty of eyes that were all revealed and were forced to come out of their hiding, although not from where they stood, not from where they'd be expected, nor should any man in his stead expect anything of much lesser need or worth, of worthy quietness the angel's wisdom sung in Heaven's taken broad abode, open for those that prayed to him, although an abomination whose apparitions of bulbs, these elliptical glowing thing, appearing here and there, everywhere, past the mounting need as to repay the man that rode through the night, at four am, only to bring him one of those pyramidal feeding devices his bloated body was so in need of, there would've been only a moment of respite for the coffin to fully open and out of it, a light of many skins-shaded and come out of it, a brothel-bathed, as if inside there had been lain, the many-months and yearned-for anger filled with many past-the-puberty hit women's plight, blood delight, their periods were touched by naught more but his insolent tongue. Most annoyingly so; the coffin was only wrapped to his spine by some disgustingly hard-to-look at chains of meat that entered it like chains of iron felt by feet upon when whipped by power-strikes of nigger-like ardor being cast against them, time-and-time again, for no reticence would do to take away, as he withdrew from the scene and suffered as to be incapable of removing the bucket off the swollen area that had spread. If he had been luckier, even by an insignificant amount, he'd been dead. But that was not the case, nor would there be a reason to say what otherwise was too obvious for him, as well. He lived in this carcass, made out of the infinity of the numbed-growth. The many 'anchors' that had made everything were very much worthless for him, since he had yet been left unknown and lesser still. He'd seen and felt much worse, and there would've been a ballot if they were there for any other reason so.

'You're without arms, for what reason do you both us, then?'

'I seek entry into that room behind you, it's so round and fleshy, I can see the worms beneath you, and how they wriggle still and how they've made the forms of men that had entered the fewer jars you've left of gelatin. I envy you with all my heart, for I so desire I was a part of you, a friend be called. My never-ending torment allows me to paint and do nothing more and nothing else. So, there, again; may I be left with some respite spent in your chamber?'

‘You may not, unfortunately, I cannot allow you to!’

His head was ugly, like two sheets-outwardly facing, thrust out, then wide-spread, razor-blades, but longer, giving the impression of a triangular-deformed prism which was placed on top of a two-spread, half-in-cut body, of two great panes as well, connected to the face, at the back of which, both behind the head and the body, a few hundred growths of see-through glassy-liquid inside of which smaller more organic bulbs with legs could be seen. Two giant flat eyes, painted red, his shirt, whereas his face was a tad green at that; whereas the strange thing about him was the mid-point between his chest and head, which united them, pushed in, extremely so, as if he had been poked until the deformation had occurred. As if he had been a wall made out of for plates, but he’s been pushed in. And there, there he flapped, like a coal blower, a puffer, or four great moth wings. It wanted to say something else but he would notice something happening in the room and wince.

‘May I take one of yours?’

‘Not unless you still want to leave with your head still beneath the bucket.’

There was a monkey inside the room, and it was leaping around, madly, but that was, hairless. Of course, it was brought back to life, only to be fed upon by the fleshy buds at the tip of every single one of theirs. There would be no contestable thing.’

Near the side of the trenches lay what had once remained of the wagon, at large, now emptied from the looks of which there had been no feasible way of figuring out whether or not anyone had escaped, at all. There were several things, aloof, speaking of perdition’s come to an end, destruction swept the sea into a bubble’s throat, out of which several bodies started crawling out of holes they ripped through the sky in order to eat what had remained of the sea-life, although the fruition had been loud, vociferous in hearing itself rang true to every call and everyone’s need to attend when the run had finally come to a mean’s end, the lack of water having perched even the least capable of breathing animals that were now playing around the cliffs, beneath the shadow cast by the flying machine, the cylindrical see-through cast of an iron-held almost sea-canister whose four brazier legs cast a shadow’s nest worth of pebbles filled with fetuses of the infantile, whose Chinaman head-piece of iron curved up-front, as an eagle’s tomb crest, drenched in sweat and covered in the most disgustingly forlorn crawling masses of fat that shot around the crest of the cyst’s coming; against which it was reeled by and against, coiled as if by power-line, swung back and forth, then allowed for the former eaten-torn apart, messed with by the power of a sociopath that’s almost died down there yonder, in the last of the empty parcels that remained alive. Some village-men, tall and curved in a direction, empty skinned alive face in appearance, though their angled head tips only pointed backward as a swirl had started suckling from the other side of the sky. An area could be discerned, twisted yet painted from blue to red, as if soaked in blooded crimson, and in dark, it mourned no less. Echoes started shouting as they bastardly attempted to impress the falling fiends that’d rotten the sky with each step. Each jolt and every single worthy thing that could vaguely be seen as abhorrent, worthlessly thrown from the other side; a lichen’s boat- in the shape of a cradled heart, inside a pack of hyena’s put together globe of energy, a ball, that disappeared as soon as it was spat inside. And it looked mightily bizarre from their point of view, seeing a water-vortex, that would under normal circumstances be seen in the water instead of the sky. But drawing in and out, extending, then retracting, seemingly disappearing into nothingness only to mess with them once again, only to have them wreathed from there on out, again and again, only to have made them suffered for a second longer, through the

respite of being pained, to have stuck into each house, and each raft, every stung-about man fallen on the ground with his sad-appearance from there on out forgotten, as they would let him be no more.

‘You’re marked by him, a son of his, I swear in wager, you, the stranger, whose heart is done and put through shades, whom’ve been cast away; by them!’

Higher-ones of dark resin, always hiding, but never to such likens as they’ve been, rightfully before. A wretched pair of pliers would do him good, especially if he’d scream during the saddened, dark allure they have presented onto him. No man’s land, it’s what been called, and only the dreadful sekt what little common ground one would have between his brothers from that point on, otherwise dissected, otherwise, to have never been seen from, thereon out, fended. Was the evil that continued to proliferate, most dreadfully abashed in dream, most clearly benigned with rot.

And they called it, the bastardly ‘red’ sun. It was alive for some reason, never spoken out loud. Never said or whispered in secret, or else the ones would get mad at him and mad at them!’

‘Lest you wait or get into the habit of keeping you clap shut, I’m afraid there’ll be no teeth left to pull!’

A swoon; and a swirl, the villagers were far too young in youth of age to be destined to be turned to grave at such a damp embrace as no one else would have them after, taken into the powder of the rafter and into the bastardly cemetery’s rite:

‘I am still plighted to see a light through this ululating tunnel; out of this dark abode. The tall house, inside of it, I seek no worse.’

A piece of their cage, faultless through slander, they had reeled it slip through crack.

I’ve heard some noise.

‘I’m alleviated to know that there are people still around who’d find my company simply as.’

An elusive person entered the house. He was red-gray and covered in circles that extended past his body and were made of some fleshy-rugs; moving along with him and crawling out of sight as they entered through the walls, then out, but he had no eyes either, but large spherical glowing embers that were turned into crystal once the red was hardened up-to-lumps.

Down there

‘I am the hurricane wearing a mane; and I shall take you before you refrain from permission-granted telling me, not to see, leer away from, shakily, telling me not what I see, but what I’m owed, given the. Fact, that I am not in control, I am on Adderal, when I feel at home, but you, deprave-concave man of no little vowel, I see thine side and see your cowl, I see you thus, I disembowel!’

‘You are thus a vagrant of petty moon, are you not?’

‘As dark as a plain-to see monsoon, call me not as you may see, but feel what bloated glory be for a man that’s fancied lesser yet. A blime-sublime, and perforate.’

‘You shall thus make yourself abhor, no wonder but some petty whore!’

‘Yet you’re here and by you am joined, not to slicken such a dame, abhor!’

‘I’m lest be known to wonder, silk-basin. For therefore treasure ever been!’

‘Maiden I’ve there-of, ever since and sic or what I’ve read in sin, known to letter. No such word.’

‘And such is petty-petty, more.’

‘Will you join me thus in dusk and death? Wilt you to be told of yolk and better yet?’

‘Nay, not since absinthe there’s but since and much miss-due, for ever true, as they shall feel such cantor, and ever-wont for, never lay. Abhor as I will, such’s such the day, when I shall be seen and sealed, of mighty heel, by your side and never-shall you mind, no better yet benigned, adorers to be blind, by no other reason twas such said. Other such, and mighty dead.’

‘Then leave my sight and never be and never shall you, thus shall seethe.’

‘Then slouch and yearn and feel absinthe, for you shall fall in such a sin.’

‘Will you lead thus to empty grave?’

‘Will I join you unless you refrain?’

‘Never shall I do the likes, for I trifle less oft such lee-sight.’

‘Then join me yet in thought and ponder.’

‘Never shall I see my family’s wont after!’

‘Then join me thus whenever contemplate.’

‘I’m blinded and I’m bland of such leeway.’

‘Then come at thus, and I shall receive. Not as a son, but at my deep sea tit.’

‘And sunken shall I be foreboding.’

‘We part ways as such, unwonting.’

Thus they both departed and saw little to no bother less. No lady true of such impress.

Outdone by the waiting inquiry of a thousand walking men through strode –between and each mark.

A lousy thing nonetheless, to have impressed no one of a similar kin and kintle-prowl!

‘My forefathers’ been down here lane ever since their out-say in Louisiana, when they sung with all em’ routers off the plains, were’mp scalped.’

‘Indeed they were since sum ‘like it, real-call em’ walk up-weary up-em scalp ‘em where they stay!’

And hope halvened ever since, and thrice the calling, of absinthe, of what would enthrall to call and forever that might betokened of withhold, if any, all.

Various corners of its face appeared to be fragmented in some barely materialized solace-heated fetus-like tendon apparatuses that were conjoined by the side of an utmost close to itself, rearing each other come from the other side of the horizon, vertically held inside a gun-holster-like rack that was being lowered by crane-like cartilages, which, in turn were only a part of the main frozen mass that was nearest to one of the pumping sphere that was at the center of the greatly imbalanced gut-like wall that holstered just about everything in sight.

A voice had almost come to make itself be known, from a likens of a similar fashion, twenty or more joined it before there could be any reasonable exchange taking place between either one of the barely peeled off wretches that ran around and made themselves feel empathy towards a brothel of stark and staunch.

‘Fire flames, one after another, come, sprout and fare thee well if you choose as well!’

The poster read.

‘I remember you, from Prague, have we met before? Tell me, tell me, tell me or you will die!’

‘Who are you?’

‘I? Mars, I am Mars, the red!’

A skin-coat of red mars-two dimensional but sticking out like tri-dimensional bumps, pores, came out of him every now and then. With screaming faces on all surfaces; inaudible; he’d been busy.

‘I am one of the Gardeners responsible of ruining some of the pollution-plants.’

‘That’s where I remember you from; well, thank you for jogging up my memory, but I think you’ve been irresponsible enough for me to forget you ever existed. Good day to you and hopefully, we’ll never meet again from this point on!’

‘Wait, wait.’

A hold, a bold-yet clearly in peril gasping by its claws, unnatural, but hardly a matter for them to question lay there, hares for eyes, both sockets, but squished like tugs of war, wet-slapped towels, nigh-slug like organic visors. Large bulbic horn-tubes coming out of their mouths bearing large cylinders with bubbly things at their ends that expanded sharp spike-conical things with syringe openings that shot tiny larval people that scanned everywhere around them for food, a scavenge for food since they could not see it anymore. A light had faded, yet the blue; a perilous thing, for, therefore true; the thought of them being listened. Eerily they shot a glance, both on the same thought. The meeting room was no longer empty and

air was slowly being driven out. Air was dizzy, a flume; a fluke. A knock came off the door, intruding in, with a vile air of repulsion being queerly forlorn and said to be only that.

‘Should I answer the door-bell?’

‘I think there’s a mother on the other side!’

‘How would you know what a mother’s knock sounds like? You’re an orphan of the world, and no orphans can live long without adoptive patents unless drawn wrong; you were taken out of the office, no?’

‘Not that I would think so!’

‘I am of an opinion that you, my good man are to leave this very house with immediate notice being given to the dismay of the porters who shall yet to endear the coming of a brisk trespass, that much so, I think we’ll come to no lesser agreement, as such than the one with which; no trouble should assert for long!’

‘I, the cursed one of the few am to speak at last!’

‘And who are and what and whom had given you the right so far?’

‘I could not say, nor would there be lay for what’s been spoken, vastly would there be a chance, daintily be misunderstood!’

‘Wait, Golfer, have I? No, I haven’t. But you did manage to anger me that evening when I wakened you from your sleep with the sound of my flute.

My, my, but you were angered, such as I’ve never seen before. Never would I have thought you’d react that way either. One moment you’re up here, standing eye to eye with me, and the next, you’re in your basement, ruminating over how to slit my throat during my sleep; like a rotten verge to asking me not to pick a dilly or to see me will-y nilly ask around for someone to help me bleed the leeches attached to my throat at all times!’”

He said as he picked up another bobbling bottle and the tube twas used to milk them, right before taking another chug. It was something he could never not get used to since he liked it more than anything he’s had! In his mind and in his hands they turned them flat, of flat remains. The cherub food cocoons that were formed of beads and fed him with the flies attached to his puffy eyes and zits; and boils and empty foils in which he had hit most if not all the toils of his suffering ever since he’s been infested! Mightily digested in, as they entered the side of his house, talking to one of the other, much uglier men that were benigned, ever lesser-so!

Falter would it not, tall triangular-torso, with two flaccid cones for arms squirming around, and the two-split conjoined faced of written parchments cryptically written on top of them, the almost-distinguishably makeable faces of men; a spiralling squirmy wriggling spear-shaft beneath it, fleshy red in its entirety. A blue circle on its chest, two great suns painted one and a few dancing devils on its back. Two ‘wings’ shaped like keys conjoined to one another at their tips forming a pseudo spade seen from above. Hunch-backed and grotesque in appearance; spoken as it entered the room as the sole progenitor of disease that brought to hearts in he would share with them during the dinner that was counter-intoned.

‘Say, have you brought news of my brothers since their passing on the Moons? I thought myself ever so lonely ever since I found out, ever since I was let known of their fate and yet I feel as if I was never allowed to truly find out what happened to them!’

‘Certainly not, ser; as a matter of fact, I’d wager there’s a reason behind every little thing benigned by him!’

Race war

The professor, who is a kike pretending not to be a kike, who is actually a kike:

‘If I can pretend I am a kike, then everything will be all right. I shall play both sides. If I can pin the Jews against the nigger-threat; If I can get them to be at each other’s throats, then, they shall be killed, lynched, slaughtered, maybe even kicked out the States. It has to work, it has to be, well-played and well-acted out. It has to play out well, so I may make my escape during the chaos. And after that, I shall burn their kike-state of Israel and kill every single wretched sub-human kike in it, slaughtering them in the most violent ways, flogging them with clubs of iron, bolted –niggardly niggerish; having them pay for all the money and valuables they stole throughout the ages. Lynching them over and over again, while raping their Jew-ss. To my delight and pleasure, nigger-kill!

The American kikery has to end, with every single kike lynched or killed. It’s the only way humanity can progress farther than the recesses they’ve so desperately attempt to drag everyone alongside them. Alongside their wretched inhumanity, since they know they’re so horrendous to look at, so pitifully niggerish as well as mentally-disabled by all accounts, theirs, theirs is but something that needs not be allowed to ruminate and continue; have their children killed! Niggers need to follow just as soon after, just to incubate this appeal. It needs to be salvaged again, the need man has to put an end to the inferior species of the jews and the niggers, that, as well as one more thing.’

‘How will you do it? There’s simply too many of them to tackle down, how will you turn everyone against the kikes? What of the monkeys? Dangerous animals beyond belief; if I were you, I wouldn’t do it, that’s way too dangerous for any man to stand against alone, since their chimping outs only bring so.’

‘Rats, there’s a lot of rats in here, this room is filled with rats!

We’re being listened to, I know we are, look, look there! Over there, inside that vase!’

A flimsily nasty, ugly-to-beheld, downward pointing like a six, falling on itself with fat, and cyst, a dark little puffy thing, nasty nose, Armenoid and tall, with many-a-hose attached to his lower side to breathe underwater, while the murky swamped thunder that fell, once the man chucked the rock at it, then fell, made the little sucker-in-fall in surprise. His demise was quick, as the little bugger quickly died, without even feeling anything that might’ve allowed one a moment of respite.’

‘And there as well!’

Rats in every nook and cranny, rats underneath the carpet moving, hundreds of them, with eyes of man and brandings of the most insipid-rancid.

‘Shut the door closed! If they escape this room, we’re doomed! They’ll alert all of their brothers of our evil plans and when they do it, the niggers will be on our track, we shall be raided down, and put down like nothing more, nothing, oft what we found about, and they shall sicken upon on the hounds and dogs. They’ll eat us as if we’re the animals not them!’

‘Then what do you want me to do?’

‘I want you to cruelly subdue these beasts down for the time being and stomp on their heads! Imagine they’re but inbred cousins, then stomp them until they’re dead!’

Stomp them before the rats do spread! Otherwise there would be no reason, otherwise withheld, to take away what’s been rightfully theirs. Colonel Hurt pulled out a basket of muskets and flintlocks attached. All in an arch with hundred of painted red-in thunder-shots! Aimed in wild-directions ever-green and ever-shot of lightning struck of bolts that fell around enflamed and leaped again, wild-fire that quickly spread, as if but chained, entering each rat again, lumping with each other’s tick-tick topped again, most of them but vaguely breathing once they fell.

‘Enough, both of you need stop.’

A door had just appeared twice spread.

‘The master, one of them, the one that’s in command, of whose intrusion might not be toppled yet; what is it that you want? Woth’s happened?’

‘I’ve come to ask of you to furthermore proceed on with the plan, as you may go ahead and wretch each corner of the world withdrawn and have it sunken into the ground that we may pick up from the bits that are left out there and feed on them until the time’s come for us to move on.’

It drew again. Fat-fat, hard to see; a fridge of meat inside a wagon moving on four pines with a head as wide, in the back, arms folded and entered in two see-through bomb-like cartilage bottles made of gel. But up-front an almost ‘human’ face; otherwise, he might’ve been, or might’ve yearned or could’ve been mixed with skin-resin.

‘What will you have me do? I’ve tried my best but I’ve yet to be listened to. Everyone seems to ignore me by all accounts, they want me, slacken, to be lazily thrown into a pit, gotten, rid of, beaten, tortured, kilt and yet, they don’t even known it until they find out who I am. For when it happens, they shall come.’

‘And you shall take them all, from this point on, you’re more than well equipped to deal with them in whichever way you should. As I’ve made it plenty clear that you shall not fail as long as you’re blessed by my sight.’

And what it gift it was, quickly lost in shambles wrought.

The Jews are filthy, the Jews are dirty, they are sub-human promoters of miscegenation, pedophilic child-molesters, liars, deceivers, degenerates, non-whites, leeches, whose Holocaust did not happen and

not a single member of their tribe died in, whose state of Israel is a sub-human nigger-like thing, leeching on US resources, tax money, off the Congress and off everything the white man has ever tried to achieve; promoting the destruction of the white race out of puerile misplaced jealousy, schizophrenia, a desire to control, to manipulate not through intelligence but through cunningness, luck and wealth; regardless whether they are on 'either' political side, the kike will never be capable of self-controlling the biological imperative that takes heed of all its actions, putting itself before others, incapable of fully assimilating and living among other peoples as well. Not a single kike can be trusted and the only good kike is a good kike that's inside an oven, which is his grave, his stove-tomb, the crypt of fire, brim and smoke, where he is spoken for, by the Synagogue of Satan, where his father waits, to crack a whip on his back, like against a nigger's, yet hardly so.

They weren't even hiding it any longer:

'I am an ethnic, non-white, religious law, Talmundic Jew, who speaks on behalf of all the religious and ethnic Jews out there, on behalf of the Religious laws lend onto me by the Rabbinical Order of Eastern European as well as their Authority, on behalf of the 'Holy' State of Israel, the European Jewish Community, my Menshevik-Bolshevik Communistic Ancestors, the American Jews as well as the Media, the Banks, the Congress and every other position of power my people, whom I represent, conferred upon me to deliver this Holy -message. That being; we, Jews, who are non-whites, simply find ourselves facing the same old crossroad, that being, being met by these dirtily, as to be self-invalidated-mentally-speaking-by-their-own-selves-Simianesque-nigger-monkeys, these ingratiated sub-human, tawny-niggardly inferior to us, the Jews, subspecies, whose lives we not only fare as to be placed beneath ours, but also beneath that of the lowest denominator alive, that is to say, that I'm letting it be known that my words here today will ring as being true, regardless of whichever spot, whichever place, position of power, political denomination, whether it'd be the left, the libertarians, the right wingers, the democrats as well as whichever movement we're involved in, in the entertainment business, which shall ring ever clearer once you will have familiarized and worked with or for us, as to be the sole truth, you will have understood then, and only then, our true nature, that is to say, that we, Jews do not consider the niggers to be human under no circumstance whatsoever. Their lives do not matter, their lives are beneath that of animals, beneath that of monkeys; and they are to be treated exactly, as such, as they deserve. To be killed for our personal enjoyment, for we, Jews, loathe these sub-human primates, we hate these niggardly sub-human monkey-niggers, these brought of the jungle apparatuses that serve only one purpose and one alone, to serve as our nigger-golems, to enact destruction as we see fit, to humiliate, to belittle, to extort to such a degree that our solicitous nature will have driven them to poverty, onto the streets, whether it be through our system that is not only imbued by our slum-lords, or moguls working in the business, our connections, so on and so forth, but through and with the help of the Government, whose help and whose position we make sure to properly and most distastefully impart and selectively share between our people, driving out the white people out of position of power while replacing them with incompetent niggers, only to bring and dumb the system down to such a degree that their illiterate, poverty-stricken niggerish counterparts would end up suffering even more at the hands of their own people's incompetence, for no other reason, other than us, the Jews, profiting off it. While the niggers, these monkeys are distracted with the white people being painted as racists, we, the Jews, happen to be the most racist of all people, performing such acts that would damage and destroy, bastardize, divide and destroy all the races across every society we've leeches, we've sucked dry, we've exploited and lived under. It is in our blood, this duplicitous behavior, that attaches itself to other sub-human races, driving them to create chaos and to

destroy everything in its path. We loathe these nigger- in-humans more than anything else there is out there, we hate how filthily, sickly, disgustingly deformed, ethnically degenerate and inferior they are in comparison to us. We, the jews, are worse than what we belittled and referred to as the 'Neo-Nazis', we so much pretend to be, from time to time in order that we may show people our true colors, for, is it not, does this, not sound familiar to you, at all? Does this kind of behavior, this speech not ring some familiarity, in terms of neuroticism, in terms of speech-like patterns and what not, does it not sound, altogether, as if it's propagated by one and the same? By the same Jewish ethnic group that has infested and promoted the same kind of degeneracy there is to be found in whichever extremist movement there is, out there? Ask yourself this, if the white people would offer the niggers a chance to leave or leave peacefully in their own countries, would we, Jews not seek to slaughter and mix them, as I have said? Would they go to such extremes as we have painted them as to truly lynch, kill, torture and do the most incontestably guttural things to them as we have said they want to? Or is it us merely projecting? I, of all, as a spokesman of the Jewish ethno-religious group feel as if, the truth will eventually resurface one day, our hatred that's been propagated by our propaganda against the white people will eventually be tracked back onto us and the truth that we loathe niggers, filthy sub-human dumb-dirt, fucking niggers, will also follow soon enough. Often enough, it's found out by people that we are on nobody's side, not even ours, but it also so happens for us to hate the blacks the most, these dirty- Africans we find the most wretched and the most inferiorly, cognitively –inefficient, a dead-weight to society, and basically, a filthy race of filthy animals. Niggers never won in their entire lives, ditto for the Jews, so it's only a matter of time until both of our races start snowballing down the hill, into oblivion, to a point where, it's inevitable that either a mongrellic, Asiatic, 'Arab' or any other Nigger race will start enslaving most of the Niggers they could wrap their hands around the necks of. Little simian nigger-children are our favorite treat to torture and commit the vilest acts against; and not even our own people are safe from these sub-human tendencies. We are incapable of assimilating, mentally deranged creatures, cowardly enough to hide it all away instead of living up to it and facing the consequences whether or not people have deemed it fair as thus. For I am the same person that is in the Congress, the Media, the Banks, whichever other multicultural agency there is out there, your ZOG, your shill, your control opposition, your degenerate, your liar, the worst things you could think of and little is known or let known of what goes through the mind of the person in charge of you, your people, your legacy, your future and most importantly, of the nigger-kill we enjoy driving through the other end of the nigger-beheadement, for I sure do like me lynching some niggers. It's our favorite Talmudic thing to do, lynching fucking sub-human dumb-dirty niggers all day long! The creatures we hate beyond belief and sense. All those politicians standing by their side; those traitorous white politicians, don't forget that they know, they are aware of this, of I, my existence and by belief.

They want us in position of power, they want us, Jews, to kill and enslave niggers, as long as they're getting their fair share. And no one bats a single eye, but they know. No one will ever be intelligent enough to boycott the Jewish lobby, no one will ever find out about this racial hatred, we, Jews, hold towards these subhuman niggers we loathe. We are ethnically cleansing Palestinian Children in Israel in the same way we wish they were niggers, just like we pulled a chemical one, on the Ethiopian niggers we castrated. Not all people deserve to live, especially not the people who are related to me. Everyone else is and has always been correct about the nature of the kikes. An infectiously sub-human thing, their existence; it permeates decadence and filth at a biologically inescapable level. I wish I hadn't been infested by their blood; I wish I could get rid of it, but it's impossible. It's senseless, trying to. Disgusting

sub-humans, incapable of creating art, incapable of creating beauty, a bleak curse upon humanity; a filthy curse I cannot rid myself of. I can never reach a level on par with the Aryans, with the European people and it is hard living with this constant jealousy of them; one filthy ancestor ruined my chances at life. These sub-human beings cannot be allowed to live, shouldn't. There can be no democracy, no justice, no hope, no future with either them or the niggers whose inhuman legacy they share a connection with. Filthy sub-human kikes, worthless, dirty filthy-sub-human kikes don't deserve to live. Wretched childmongers, bastardly avaricious, inhuman, tainted, mongrels; unwashable by no amount of European blood they might attempt to steal. It is worse than a handicap, worse than a brain tumor, being infested with their mental inferior illnesses, their conditions, their filthy handicaps. Wretched sub-humans that ought to have been completely exterminated just like niggers. I won't be able to achieve anything in life because of them, no matter how hard I might try, nothing will ever wash this sub-humanity away. It affected everything I do, everything I say, everything, everything, everything I think or try to create. I'm cursed. Worse than a handicap, much, much worse; there can be no great end, or grand finale until the subhumanity of the kike race is put to an end, fully exterminated, to completeness, with not a single one spared, soulless, diseased animals, filthy subhuman rats. If only the Holocaust had happened. If only the Jewish-kikes had been ethnically cleansed, none of this would've happened. My grandparents on both sides were on the same side with the Germans. It must've been somehow suppressed. The danger of the sub-humanity of filthy that ruminates inside the Jewish-kike blood seems to lay dormant until a later generation or so. As there can be no doubt whatsoever that even the 'normal' Jews are sub-human in all accounts, even if they don't act like it, since in one generation or so, they will become time-bombs, that shall slowly ruin and destroy everything in their path, subverting, leeching, and spreading disease. It's inescapable, unless the Kikes get Holocausted, as they should, in ovens. With niggers as well; the niggers should go hand in hand with the kikes and chuck themselves in ovens. Burning ovens with closed stoves; kill the Jews, niggers know. Dirty little nigger girls, getting beaten on top their heads, dirty little nigger girls, getting beaten until they're dead. Little monkeys girls are so-so dumb, little monkey nigger girls, need to face the gallows, now!

A lot of Orientals, a lot of them, hordes even. They've come from somewhere in the distance, swaying as to make way out their path. I think I've seen their fallen apart faces before, prior to them entering this city.'

Bio-engineering:

'It is done sir.'

A biologically engineered breed of dogs that look like niggers inserted in the Asiatic populations in hopes of inducing nigger-cannibalization tendencies in the common Gook Specimen before its eventual release, so as to curve the nigger-population across the African continent. So far, the first reports only seemed to confirm the suspicions with an insignificant margin of error that was dismissible at large.

It wouldn't do, trying to reason with her, since there was no clear explanation behind her behavior, or at the very least not one that would please everyone present here, since they were mostly of a feather blatantly incapable of cradling an empty thought.

We, fellow kikes hate niggers, we hate them, we loathe them, we want to ethnically cleanse them because these ugly monkeys are retarded, mentally deficient, crippled and are our slaves.'

Fucking dumb-retarded hooked nosed from the profile view bastard – Stein.

‘Someone shut that dumb kike down before people associate him with us!’

The Jews of Lavon Affair said as they started bombing the American troops that considered them to be their greatest allies.’

But lo, a great many-made army of Bedouins appeared out of nowhere, coming in the hundreds, with niggers lynched heads attached to their chariots, drafting their spear-shots forth as they prepared themselves to impale and kill as many of the kike-two-faced-whores as they could before they could destroy their already revealed to the Government as well as the FBI troops plan to destroy the UNITED States of America, a white country built on white values.

‘The American Jews are promoting miscegenation between whites and niggers because they are aware of the nigger-mental inferiority, wanting to dilute the white superiority they know they cannot stand a chance against.

A Jew’s holy country is a burning oven. To which all Jews are beckoned to return to, the Synagogue of Satan, burning forever.

The Nigger’s country is a shit-hole where he is to be put inside of as if he were put inside a slaver’s ship, where he would eventually become indistinguishable from his feces. As the nigger out to be, before he chimp out and kills as many niggers while also dragging them down.

Nigger-crabs and nigger-jews and nigger-gooks, and Spics-nigs, and nigs-nigs, the worst; the worst inhuman creatures band together, most of the time, in their attempts to ruin even the little welfare they have because in their arrogance, they’re blinded by the unawareness of their own lacking, to which they attest with most alluring confidence, same as it goes for every minority out there that is incapable of self-sacrifice as to ensure that the future generations are provided with this superior lifestyle they themselves have grown accustomed to, but failed to realize that it was built by superior people, by superior white people, without whom, without the purity, power, innovation, this world cannot last and will eventually crumble into destruction everlasting.’

‘I am a dumb-subhuman retarded African-black nigger Congoid criminal dirty monkey, playing with bananas all day ever since master went away, tawny-Negrato, nigger-nigger bandito, running around with a rape I cannot satiate; a dirty criminal nigger by blood, I ruin everything I can wrap my monkey-paws around. I hate the white man, I hate the white man because he gave me a better life, I hate him so much, because I want what is his, and I want it now! We niggers, although we have built nothing and did nothing of great account throughout history, we still maintain the illusion that we’re somehow, through our animal-athleticism, somewhat at the same level with the whites we loathe so much. That is because of them, their fault, it’s their fault that we have never been capable of fully and properly making do with our rich-in-resources countries we have failed so hard to extract and improve our quality of life because we are mentally inferior, too much so, mostly because of the thickness of our skulls in rapport to our cranial size as well as mass, height, the encephalization quotient, environmental adaptation on top of the environment not providing the much-needed pressure that is generally required for ‘humans’, although we do not apply to it, to evolve, which we haven’t and never will, whereas time is running out and we seek to destroy the white man’s superiority by diluting his race, mixing it with ours because the kikes are telling

us to, but we're too sub-human, as a monkey subspecies to realize it. We niggers are so retarded, ha-ha, we're dirty, like monkeys, we play with poo-poo, eat albino children, let them die, we keep killing each other, and we're going to continue being exploited until the day we die.

But most of all, most importantly, we shall destroy every other non-nigger race by our buffoonery and out sub-humanity, out of spite, out of the spite we feel, loathsomeness and anger towards the superior races. For, why strive to be like them since we'll never be capable of doing it, because of our inherent laziness and welfare we steal from the white man's pockets, when we can bring him down with us, destroy civilization, destroy art, or anything even resembling humanity. Bringing back the monkeys, the monkeys that will inherent the world. Our real brothers, the ghost nigger hominids, the archaic specimen whose inhumanity governs over that of ours, we shall us that to contort humanity into something not even vaguely recognizable anymore; and we have the Jews to thank for, allowing us to kill one another like the dumb-monkey savages we are, once we have eliminated the last relics of humanity there is.

Finally, I shall be able to shoot my pregnant white, eat my child's genitals, like we niggers do, monkeying around, creating sand-fort 'architecture', as we are incapable of sawing off two pieces of lumber, while we chant for horrible monkey figure, the monkey figures of Malcolm X, the violent one who armed us in his desire of vengeance for not being given enough welfare, Martin Luther King, a nigger with the dream of us being allowed to commit crimes while being treated as if we didn't do nothing at all. His dream of such accomplishments as never having come out of the jungle; of never being deported where we belong; to our nigger head's growth in a land arid that we have destroyed, seeing how no amount of outside aid could help us detain that spark humanity needs to create something of value, or in-between. There's little more and little else that needs be said and done, as I will continue niggering around. Therefore, from this point on, we shall contort and destroy the likes of music, filling and replacing it with our monkey-verses of shooting guns, killing our children and ourselves, never having gone to school, never taking care of our children, being poor, uneducated brats, niggers that need to get lynched, then cry, cry, we must when the police comes chasing us. The Protocols of Nigger-Zulus were right, all along. If we must sacrifice as many of our nigger-troops to the police in order to justify looting, stealing, and killing, committing acts of stomping white-children's heads as we outnumber them eight on one, incapable of fairly challenging him, instead trying to trample the kid down, if we must pretend and paint ourselves as saint, sell drugs, kill-rape, felonies-bore, our children messed in children gore, by rival gang members, but we did nothing to deserve something so abhorrent, as our culture would let one know; if we must cry and stand vigil as one, if we must take a knee, because monkey doesn't know anything else, or feign compliance, or feign a hate-crime, or lynch ourselves, I'll throw my neck in a noose right now, then we shall do it, if it means we get the welfare we properly deserve in order to keep our communities down. For the nigger needs the welfare, so he will not evolve; the nigger needs reparation but not from other races, not from the Jews who enslaved us along the way, or the arabs, or anyone else, but, wait. These Jews, these hooked-nosed white-look-a-likes; hmm.'

But is the nigger intelligent enough to tell the difference? Of course not!

'It must be the 'white man', it must be the 'white man'; this 'white-man' dressed in black. This 'white-man', with a beard and two goat-side burns must be the one responsible for my plight. Long-nosed 'white-man', running my people, long-nosed...'

Yet he was shot before he could open his nigger-dumb mouth again; like they do, with niggers that don't know their place and don't know how to properly behave. The Jew then approached the nigger-cadaver, after the hired gun had killed him.

'It's a good thing you, dead nigger now know your place. Your place is beneath me, a Jew, who enslaved your people, who was involved in the Transatlantic Slave-Trade and who owned your people in the South as well. Never forget your place, nigger! I am your master, now die! Again!'

And soon enough, the nigger was shot yet again.

'The Talmud says it's all right to kill nigger children as long as prior to doing it, you've raped their nigger-whore mothers who are also nasty-looking, disgusting, trashy, look-like-baboons, are fleshy dark-skinned dumb, and need to get beaten in the head, then raped with power-guns, whipped and stricken, ripped away, for every fleshy whip consecutive, killed then showered with more pain.

We armed the Egyptians against American troops in order to kill them, since our never-ending loathsomeness could not, by any means be contained any longer, we yearned to kill the American white we hold no sympathy towards.'

'If only the Holocaust happened! If only we had killed you sub-human bums when we had the chance, before you had the chance to infest the media, the entertainment business, the central banks and to leech on our resources!'

IT was, perhaps the most confusing thing of all, trying to wait in line for a single moment's respite during first's coming even upon the blasphemous day's shortcoming of the storm thundery-forlorn by the burdensome fall of.

A devilish couch had brought them onto the parish, where a toil of carnage had varnished the insatiable with sights of bludgeoning, taken to the extreme; in what could only be held, wickedly to their hearts as the entry to some occultish heathenistic paradise whose most extreme allure had managed to draw in the most insolent, most unappealing, undistinguishable tributaries felt by the river's row; whistling sailors that spat upon being met by sight alone, felt upon the ground by the insolence of the broken in the head elongations of spasms as well as the fine-front most destruction of the last refuge, there, having been descended where an appendage had been risen, here, upon the scar thrust upon the last's first fine-most insurgence during the last coming of the catapult's charge; when the men simply stared at each other for a second's more to come.

'Kill nigger children, kill nigger children, kill nigger children, the multitude of nigger children need to be slaughtered alive! Sub-human monkey nigger children are to be skinned alive, skinned alive, drenched in blood-saliva, drenched in blood, drenched in blood-saliva, drenched in blood, drenched in blood-saliva, blood, blood, clot!'

'Whatever the reason behind this ransom is, I will never ask what compelled you to kidnap or steal whatever you stole from the confines of my apartment that is on L.A. St. Eighth-olok Ninieel-Run, the fifth apartment, the eight street on the right, where I'm currently residing in, the building that's clearly stranded in front of the side-walk highway-bridge, with the Confederate flag and my neighbor standing out of the window with a beer in his hand at all times.' Keeping them cold in a jar of moonshine- snow-

storm, switching the channels randomly, never had a writer's block, a typist on the rocks, browsing his personal bar-stock, the widows nailed on the walls, since they were blessed with blood coming out their guts, unreal, since they were nowhere near, but ghostly-bold, the coffin nailed, and kept-up front, piling up footprints made out of a flood, forgotten enemies with faces of frogs, piling up torches and drench rain-coats, boats being in front of the street, liking women's feet and their arches, time to weep, the sky's a heap, various collector's editions shook, by the thumping, had been cheated by the shoemakers on purpose, fucked over, that's what it is with them, a gong for the chinks, they're quiet, during the disquiet, but no one's bothered by the flag, plenty women's left, he did, on the clock, splashing water balloons still-waiting, pile-drivers without wheels but shaped like giant compact units with rounded helmeted humanoid elongated heads but kind-of-like water-pillar like elongated, fluffy-puffy fluid-filled, with a single tusk-like formation coming out from beneath their heads and bodies like mosquito-beings but straightened instead, cock-pit in the front shaped, with the main-appendage coming from beneath them, yet, they were regurgitating what they could, shoulder abyssal gusts of smoke with eyes that were crude and tormented, dissected by vivisection during their lives, but flashing and glowing with power and many unfathomable dyes of many faces and humanoid features that cried and echoed pain that entered them, near the giantly deformed floating head-pucker filled abomination thing with dripping oblong-organs sprouting downwardly-pointing beneath him at a directly proportional to the building it was faced, that being the same building's ruddy by the side intermediary angle through which the unpardonable hopelessness of the giant girth of the featureless creature that was filled with empty night-near hole-like depressions appeared to be preponderant to; arduous sensations caused by hooligans' prattle causing slides down the pole, before it could reach The Dwarf on Mars; and they would give him a shocker, slag him down, for being an annoyance, an annoying neighbor, but not poor, cops' s under his control, the people's world is theirs no more, but the will of a murder would solve all their gone-through poor lack of Thermopile's crude ever-after tore, and torn apart, the crevices that gave birth to the centipedes that made live and made do with the breeding of the gargoyle-like mutants that rose, from the depths of the floor, a fragrance of petty colors entering the abhorrent prattle as it would fight and right off every crude sin, with their masks, the giant tubular things and the rounded unnatural things that entered their eyes, and their domed-heaps, in their backs, inside their backpacks, having come from their hellish vacations, stumbling on their way out of the hellish realm, out of which they could not fathom the reddened spirits that came out of steam-wagons that came through the sterile-demonical figures that begged for the forgiveness that was presented, once the holes were seen by some of the people living inside the block, since they were basked and fathomed-dipped inside the cruel deceit brought by them as to lure as many people to the damnation their eternal kingdom of darkness and of spiels and of coils appeared to promulgate aloud and brought as they did with their unfathomable dark-piles; unnatural elongated fat-filled with almost romboscou looking female-pregnant by eighteen months or so overly done so, for some reason, fat-bulbs, oblong fat- umbilical cords inside of which man-girths of a few men appeared to entered the sides of every spike that appeared in the walls and in the strange puffy red, crevice filled with tall-heads and elongations that started surrounded the strange figures that followed soon after, basked-cradled in red with many eyes that appeared as well, plenty of the widows that were wooed by the crystal-people that followed glowing through, with their unfathomable dark rings of power and chains by which they were dragged with them as well, and with dark spiked by their drinks and the winks of many strings and tumor-like floaters that followed soon enough, after, winced, by the dark and mighty come upon, the by light of the day that passed, while it wrung, there being a sack-like formation like some phallic elongation of a body-sack body-bag shaped like an eggplant, at the top of which, split and open, like a inwardly shot from

beneath your jaw aimed at your head during your stay inside the station you've been assigned to after the draft after the water after having been shot then put in the nursery, crippled by the artillery, where one of the supervising officers decided it's time to give you something in return in order to make up for all the good times during war, assisted suicide, where, a few almost heart-like pumping organs started spreading as well, praising the ceiling which started glowing in the stasis the floating corpses struck into bubbles that only started appearing once the blind-men brought in their blades, the oratorily defunct, unfathomably wrung, headless gods, grayish as they were tall, arms ended at their wrists as they carried with them blades of unfathomable spirits in and struck was the hour – noon.

Off onto the street, it arrived. A giant bulbic mound of glowing green mush and teal machine, hidden parts of some metallic giant android, broken apart, skull-like in stature but only its top-side, as if it had been hidden beneath some damp curtain of growths that wriggled and squirmed oozingly in place, like some vile propagator of disease, undulating itself, rearing left and right, thumping, shaking, vibrating the resonance of livid objects that helped it conceal itself from the unfathomably dark beings that floated around it, trying to brush themselves against the upper-skull cranium balloon-like formation that quivered as they approached. They were violent, virulent, destructive, the machines hiding inside the hallow-see-through regions as if eaten by syphilis, decayed, a revealed frame of its former self being undone as some four, five or sixteen long-pipe-like legs drew out of it, hot-fat-hose like, crawling out as wriggling no more as they would ascend into the smaller- regions inhabited by men on which it fed. Large bodies, mummified-kilt, drew to the bastion of absinthe, as they all bowed down to the supreme progenitor of disease, the distress of peace being ended as the whipping began, beasts being instilled onto the servitude that followed, only to be chucked into the hollow mouth that would eat and devour. A crystal-whitish non-humanoid skull with a bud-like crystal flower top of an upper part, side, like some peculiar noseless thing, ghoulish pale, almost fossilized and glowing, near-empty eye socketed if not for the two glowing spheres it held inside. Vicious spherical cysts covered in growth-like barnacle floating devices appeared to be held from propelling themselves into the sky, controlling every facet of humanity as the tall humanoids melted and the cries of disease started yet benigned was the hour of the abhorrent disease. And there he came, servant of Mongol's first and foremost cyst; now faced by many growths that followed, a twist of many ships coming out some chasm twas shallow, but resigned. A reign of regicide as the hollow bodies sung the song of the benign.

'Ah, you've been waiting for a reason to release, from that faceless thing we've taken cut and cut a piece!'

'Of whom are you on talk about? Of whom have you called upon the hour of the yet to be benigned?'

Another man asked and joined, jointed to the walls that entered the brow of his mighty coil, the cysted slug, the manner of which wretchedly was there not a single hole be made. A wreathing anchor there remained, none other than what was missed, not the first.

A man ran, strode down, punched behind the back of his head, then pinned down, slash, slash slap behind each wrist then pulled, both his arms onto a hold, then cruelly, they started taking off each one of his limb, dismembered, then taken alive, then made to suffer every second from that point on with boils and with mold and with tar as they made a statue of his cat that he was forced, as wretchedly a slug-of a man, made of many cuts and many ills to suffer worshipping instead. For his cat, his cat had been a wretch of wonder, found in some bottle they refused to shatter. Yet it was placed onto an altar, held. Unable to live,

unable to be dead; anxiously trying their best to find an in-between, as the cysts, began, the race was ever since.

‘We shall kill the nigger, lynch their souls and we shall make forth with what had been stolen from us by a system poisoned, all ill-kike, for allowing them in was a mistake of the most benign manner, to be trifled with and by no one!’

They swayed back and forth, rescind. AN anchored to a curtain, a strode-in front, twist of panel made out of the buildings after. They could be seen as buildings in the back. But somehow this sheet-like surface was formed as if they had been made out of clay and this thing, this spherical thing imprinted itself onto it, leaving nothing to be held, nothing at all, nothing as well, nor would there be a chance to begin again, the disease had its course and therefore and thereabout they wailed at the council that drew out of the stone-like parchment out of which, hue, a hue of desperation, many headed, bodied by bones and gotten rid of, swollen cysts and holes that followed after made apparent, pain benigned:

‘I’ve seen the curse of retribution and I’ve seen and gotten such a hold as I may onto the cruel, cruel past there it, they will have none of us slain and put inside the beast, as will have done our kings and of our king, there’s little to be known as ill, then tender, tenebrous of the most benigned manner, of faulty titter and tatter, I seek compassion from my liege!’

‘No such man is left into our world, all that’s once been permitted now is cast into a shallow hole, therefore, rue, and never-true and you shall fell the likes withdrew, of might cattle, face such lust.’

‘Will I be left capable of forming my own thought?’

‘Nay, there’s but little, there’s but more, but we shall not feel banished, not as long, not well-since, not to wince, or to stray, or to lay awake when help is on the way!’

‘Who is blessed enough to mind? Who is there alone in crime and of the evil that’s been brought onto us when done and mighty gone and therefore run into a ground that’s swollen, and ever after, therefore woven into our very minds, the wretched evil that’s been cast aside now rules such Isle as would have one see. There’s nothing left but agony!’

‘Then kill thyself you wretched thief! You’ve got no hope and bead of filth, as you may be, I see but reason, treason thee, be called at once to face the morgue, where your ancestors now, proclaimed abhor, ever such a thing as might be called, ever such a thing as the growths!’

Tall, stung and many faceted on every pile, every single thing that replaced the crooked floor with bile, many Mongols starting to rise, many more being converted as if they were benigned. Yet there was not one to suffer so much so a chance to fight, not a thing of blessed wonder, to have one strike, eternally back, whenever tracked or else on track and swung, of swung, and ever so of swung and sin!

‘Niggers are monkeys, niggers are dumb, Belgians didn’t chop off enough hands.’

‘The day shall now begin no less than a wont and wonder, underbars of many rocks and many cars that drag, and the ones that shall make the day no less, than tar, then taw of many vices there, and forefarther forthwith march, and to it Pointilissism crouch; follow therefore after near them, and near where? Near-near anywhere!’

‘Of whom and to which and titter walk?’

‘I ask of you to not forget of me, alas, wretchedly is there inclined and therefore width of such still mass!’

‘Miss, you dropped something!’

A man kept flinging himself forward after her, grabbing himself by the waist with his right arm, then chucked himself a few meters up-front.

‘There’s a reason for every single one that’s come and therefore done.’

Whereas twas come, and in tinder’s come but burning specks-of-cold-en and therefore swollen:

‘Incinerators coming, they drag, and will burn everything from that point on, nor will there be a whim to have it swollen now and worth-apparel, and therefore tell them, when I stumble in their darkened room, and candles torn I shall but cast on whim away and have the hellish tell of theirs, and ever after come remain!’

‘But I shall leave thereafter and lest forget, if there’s no single man out there, I shall only move if chance withholds it and ever since tell of much adornment, tell me so-much-so there since.’

‘I shall not do it until you rescind what you’ve told me, fear and frightened and hollow-after there to come.’

‘And who is that man whom come upon hill, and swollen done? Upon his heart there’s still a thing.’

‘Yet you’ve done something to forbid, and you’ve gone ever-after therefore gone.’

‘Will you do it, then dole and nun?’

‘I can only feel the breath, I can only feel withheld.’

‘Whereas tine be?’

‘In a land of missing be, of twas thine gone.’

‘Will I join you ever after if there’s slit of mighty ill? Of fined up sill and silken done and where to ever after gone, will I join you if I’m done? When my limbs are mightily with-fallen and therefore hardened ever-after and come to pass whenever sill and come to understand what’s stolen from the kin?’

‘You’ve not answered the mighty question, you’ve stolen such an anchor worth a wager; I’ve still forgotten there ever-so.’

Of yolk and there it’s done.

‘What was choiced by you, but therefore gone!’

Thus they were cast in, clinging on whatever they could grasp a hold off. It was eerily disjointed, as to feel no better say to have been wilt instead; nothing but the slightest side-remark.

Later; inside the forest giant's body:

‘That’s it! Keep moving, keep dragging it on your backs, or else! You’ll do it if you know what’s good for you, won’t you?’

‘I shall not blaspheme for now, but you can count on the fact that I shall be numbed no longer by any of your men’s whipped crackles, for I’ve become too distraught to feel such pain, remaining of the same mind, therefore I’m forced to’ve lain myself before you, postulated with disease of the cattle-mind! I’m forced to recede back into that place they’ve straddled me inside of, insidious as I am now!’

‘And who would force it onto you if not yourself, my dear wrangler of no mind?’

‘I think you’ve purported yourself a bit too far, haven’t you? Ill-man of little pettiness foretold! I’ve not found solace but I withhold myself from saying any further!’

‘What are you hiding, Ilhoir?’

It was a recipe of disaster that no man could such entreat a well accounted never-ending therefore seethe, upon their countenances, ill-mill had. As for their likens, they were not; readily appeasing one another’s bloated faces with a jab or a crab, or something they had kilt along the way but carried with them, something they could not put into words. An ill-upon their blessings, therefore stolen ever-since:

‘I think you’ve carried this secret for far too long and I am of an impression that you’ve thought yourself the better of a mind that willed itself be numbed to what we had maintained!’

Therefore, therefore, along the way, they had sunken into, each of them, that be, a chair, to their extreme likings; and waited. Waited for long, waited for so much longer than needed, until tinsel got withdrawn from one of the cruder statuesque figures that alarmingly started towards them; it’s only fair to point out the wheels. Wretched things of dark wood with strange four-sided stars in the middle, way too sharp, like four knives molded together, with layers of skin-folds wrapped and grown on top of one another, with eyes appearing ever so near, glowing, with as much power, brightness of some lost sun, golden and held but a warm arm on top of crawling ever so near past the crudeness of the thumbs working both wheels on either side. Someone was inside the block of stone, the marble, working it to such insufficiencies as he would have wrung his own head, stung, only to have it thrown away onto some plain-hard to see plot of picking cotton by niggers, lynched, begotten after that, and rinse. Therefore stopped from advancing; A few serene servants entered the room, without bothering to remove their slappers, which were already tainted by so many palms, as such, it was considered highly unlikely that there’d be a ruse readily concocted to have itself be appeased to such a melodious resonance as the very notes they carried in their bedded sheets of such intrusions as they’d have it ever-so nearing the other side of the door as had began welcoming itself in alongside the miasma of the rotten after-kill they carried along, having already been done with the torture hour, that they had eventually welcomed an ever-present insignificance as one could only have it ever-so shown to the knotting of a single knot of woollen-thread men of eighteen or twenty or so growths that followed and were forced into the very servitude the servants themselves, as waiters unlikely to listen to good reason had only shown themselves ready to dismiss on each and every occasion without even doing as much as the much-needed etiquette-required, for goodness sake, entry into one of the giant figure-growths, with a giant water-silo shaped head, armless, legless, of a single trunk-torso shaped like a giant mantis-blade appendage, whose segmented led to the final one, the sharpest scythe,

with many conical teeth, which pointed at none other than himself for some reason, to, this creature that is, holding his breath in anticipation of what might happen soon enough!

‘You’ve thus made an improper example out of yourself and of us as well in consequence of the light that’s been shun upon us by the mere imprudence afforded by the incommensurable disparity interposed by the meekness of your endeavor, in terms of the proportionality of a smugness whose imparity affronted some of the more than well endowed proprietors of our city, whose meager countenance, riches and inflammatory trigger allowed for the aforementioned disparity of circumstances to occur in the first place, in rapport to your feeble unfitness for the greater role that’s been imposed onto you by the same forces that were set at work; with as little mention of the much avoided to be spoken of pawned by yourself souls whose repose only allowed for your ingratitude to continue on the sole basis of you being only a melancholy of a wretch that’s ever encumbered itself to stride along a most insufficiently endeavored appease to the men standing in front of you, wont of having basked in your blood, put your skull on the side of the table, or you shall be butchered most violently by everyone!’

It should be on no one’s account, or at bay, for the trouble of insolence that refrained from showing itself or the bastardity with which it interpose a reflux of tranquility upon the more insolent of the standers, that. Hmm; a wager:

‘Fancy yourself one, lady?’

Stomping sub-human kike ‘women’s heads is a mercy after taking into account how disgusting their bodies truly are, how unintelligent, whorish, used-up, filthily in-human their personalities are; is nothing short of mercy. Kikesses degrade quick with time; human-waste, human-trash, inhuman-looking specimens that look like transvestites; ugly beaked noses, receding features, crack-backed; easily molestable, beatable, abusable, manipulable; dirty rats waiting to be exterminated, dumb-dirty cheap whores; trafficking these cheap objects known as Jewesses, these things that aren’t human, these bloated disgusting abominations, hags, slum-trash, rags, wenches, wretches, witches in need of being drowned, skinned alive, butchered, have their entrails pulled out and wrapped around their throats before being lynched like niggers; before having their throats slit, tore open with a hammer over and over again. Sub-human inferior specimen; Kikesses don’t seem to be female; they instead appear to be defect men; defects of nature; caricatures of human feces making their facial features. One-time whores of no value. Jewesses are dumb, pockish, puckish, fat, unkempt haired, dirty, utterly repulsive, gross, disgusting to touch, unapproachable by sheer wretchedness and disgust of their repellent appearance, bastardly hooked nosed, uneven featured; in possession of a deformedly smallish skull, scummish, cheap-whorish, denigrating to beheld a sight upon their profile view, rather monstrous, filthy bimbos; whose true forms are revealed upon aging, when the hormones fully take over and the fat get stored in the wrong places; after letting go of themselves, worn by age, after all their plastic surgeries fail; all that disgusting fat beneath the jaw, pulling at them, that sphere of a forehead, bloated cheeks. They’re no longer virgins by the age of five, on average. They lead a life of whoredom, and would fuck anything that walks; kikish mongrel Kikesses, used by everyone as if they were piss-inside-of public fountains. Kikess piss fountains. Used up-whores, used up by every race, easiest to bed, dumb and inferior! Ugly in youth, ugly when aged, spoiled and rotten, disgusting when beheld, fucking filthy prostitutes, filthy and wretched and ugly, filled with stench! Kikesses that never wash, Kikesses that should get their heads bashed! Devoid of humanity, spreading their legs, ugly, nasty, sub-human and in need of being exterminated to no end! The American Jewesses

in particular are the most sub-human like, ugly nasty repelling things; even with all the white vigor their stole, they still remain deformed, they still somehow keep their niggardish in-human appearance, their ugly Armenoid likens, nasty high-pitched annoying voice, inferior propensity to certain depressions in their skulls. Ugly, nasty, rapeable by everyone; their annoyance is but only a small factor in what makes them unbearable. Back-nastily haggish, sagging tits drooping down, short and ugly eyed, almond-puckerish and wrongly inclined to one side, uneven sockets, hairy on the wrong spots, dumb-mothers, incapable of raising their sons, most importantly jealous of white women they loathe the most since they can never compete with the superior race at any time. They loathe white women more than anything in this world! Kikesses cannot even hide their jealousy over the fact that white men and men of other races use them as the cum-rags they are, then marry their own people belonging to their pure races, using them as toys and something of a fad. It's the most amusing thing of all, knowing how jealous they are, being aware of how putrid their minds ever were and only worsened as they've become. A white superior woman taking hold of a man you want! Every single race out there admitting you're nothing but a dumb-bimbo to be used then tossed aside! Dumb-Jewish whores wanting to be white, craving for it but knowing they're ugly, disgustingly hard to be looked at. No one can ever or will ever be capable of feeling any genuine love for a dumb creature like a Jewess; they're everyone's whore. That's what their genetics dictate; and that's what their eternal fate is to remain from this point on until the point when they're completely exterminated; which they deserve. Short-limbed, boot-leg look-a-likes to whites but retarded in comparison with the real thing, fading in comparison, mutts, lesser than animals, rape-baits, dumb-cunts, piss-fountains of no value, that's what a Jewess is and that's what she's like. Even filthy Muslims know better than to put their cocks up their filthy kike pussies when left alone fucking their goats. Goat and animal pussy is far more appealing than kike-used-up pussy. Somehow men who had castrated themselves pretending to be women, dressing in female clothes are somehow more feminine looking than Jewish 'women'; these nasty non-humanoids, ugly, fat, annoying, rude, in lack of any self-control, just like niggers when they commit crimes. Birds of an inferior feather flock alike. A door rang; somewhere in the distance.

Upon entering the room a second time after reminding himself of the earlier read upon the brow of a bench, while sipping the entirety of his cup of dead-tea and coffee poison, Michael Omkonor began reliving the reminiscence of the Vulture-Honour's first-after the eight page, line's beneath the shot of the to-date relatively so, recently identified serial killer who had committed suicide's interview, given at the morgue, spades of iron entering the side of his skulking skull, the niggers having chucked spears at him, so they could hope he would commit immediate suicide since his incomplete aloofness allowed just as much to be felt from this detrimental reconnaissance he made, to his psyche, upon the reveal of the dark pulsating with power- staring at the same wall he was now after entering the room, same direction, the pillow giant maggot having devoured the tenant, whereas the floor which had been once spiked with incisors had them retracted back into their unnatural widow-hollow formations, trap-doors used to scare the niggers away, which were still to benumbed by their sole-inherent perniciousness by which they drove themselves back to the cliff off the building from which they chucked themselves back into the wretched abyss that had been the hole out of which they came out of. The head of the house had arrived, forming in the middle of the room. A floating mass as pudgy as a tiny puffy mushroom whose eyes and falling apart form had barely scraped itself in time to meet the man; while he was wearing his bifurcated-split tiny token of a feather on top his forehead, where the wrapped-around it mouldy band waxy melted into his skull at last; suffice to say, the wretch was nigh-naked, bodiless but naked nonetheless; a pseudo ball-

worn mush with barely any recognisable features that barked at him, while even more niggers killed themselves. Manifold upon the making of an inquiry as to understand the reason behind the murder that had taken place in this very spot he had come to realize to be the very place they had found the body of the killer, the two of them approached, almost as if in synch with as eerily a questionnaire that was to be withdrawn from each other's clearly shaken figures, as to be found out whether or not this eerily farther in the night a visitation had anything to do whatsoever with any other of the conjugal visits the soon to be joined by another guest, corpses of the prior inquisitors; speaking without sounds, breathing heavily as they spat out teeth, incisors, canines, shrapnel and other plaster-like things that had been lodged in each of their lumpy gums, this including Michael as well, who was still incapable of craning his neck so much further than it had become almost too violently apprehensive to be kept in place, having been cut by some unknown figure before being allowed to levitate; noticing therefore the lack of blood accompanying his nigh-disturbing execution, albeit not his executioner, which in turn only had him seek but a solace's understanding come from none other than the figure standing in front of him, who, upon finally meeting him eye to eye, finally decided, therefore to give him the time of the day, answering whatever satisfactorily inquiry of every kind of knowing and of wanting he may have ever had in turn before being come to a mind of retorting even the slightest of fits this beckoning loathsome creature had come to throw around, in jutting bothersome plays of jest, most irksome in knowing and in wont, but most especially troublesome since he had not a reasonably well-intended way of expressing himself, that being the main thing that bothered this beast the most, since they were both of the same extraction, as it was soon observed by him, high spirits and highly, alarmingly so, of some belonging to such an acute yet crude world worthy of the strangest introspect as to consider bestowing, once entered their personage, a quick and immediate death, after finding out that they, who shared so much of each other's upbringings were but of a cruel, unnecessarily and even beyond that, uncomfortably contorted, yet clearly of an unnatural, litany, a litany that was carved in rotten walls, a litany that promised to devour the world once the two of them were reunited, as was now clearly the case. When, all of the sudden, from the bowels of the floor, a two necked, but clearly greyish, colossal body sprouted out with such a force of endearment that the glamour of this wreck that was once a clearly well varnished apartment had completely being thrown out of shambles, a chaotic mess and ruin, yet, it allowed for their rebirth to come once they were reunited with their unnaturally immortal thing of a Dendron-godless heathen of an idol! A leper was present there to note it all down. He drooled all over his fingers in anticipation!

Pyramid of cast

A tiny pyramidal star of dark-shapes stood before them; out of which he came out oozing in the dark; during the hour, though they may've yet forgotten their manners, as to bow down to him, effigy of Filth, unnervingly it draw within their ranks and started pacing; stopped, as suddenly as a simple man could raise his brow, nearing a simple man who was eerily standing to his side:

'You've called onto me in hopes that I would appear, an intrusive presence that would not bode well with any or any other man in your place.'

'And you've showed up, haven't you?'

‘I’ve toiled with you for some time, bespoken at hours, when gates ought to have been kept shut. But I seek no leeway whatsoever, as I still stand.’

And before them stood no couch but the embodiment that came out of him, in a barren land that would’ve made a hilled desert look mightily flat in comparison. Not that it would pay him any hindrance just to now. A part of the soil was still yet to be touched by a rapier, as the growths only ruminated in their holes.

‘Smoke, you’ve been working underneath the darkened clouds, haven’t you?’

‘It’s been a hard time, trying to survive, at least not without a lordly thing to give us reason and not to abandon us when we were will.’

‘I’ve not come here to answer some treacherous-implying swine.’

They followed him around, queerly interested in what he was after. If only there was such a thing, to make a point out of the dark surroundings, there were flying heads with leprous fat appendages in-clawed coming out beneath and out of their necks. And out their sockets sociopathic tendons, closely inclined to snail-eye rifles whose magazine appendages kept reeling back and forth upon the site. Various circles lights of green and red and organ powdery as they were, followed them around.

‘A prime reminiscence, of a much greater age; I wish I could’ve been here during the time they called upon your termination, to have appeased whatever there was that made you still walk in your suits of betokened tin. Those of your junkyards who have accompanied you, would not feel the slightest remorse if I were only to squash a point, where seen and risen, there it rose.’

This decrepit star only came into view once, and every second still. As they were shackled to it, without even realizing it, just how long had it been? Either single one of them wondered, as soon after, as to pick upon the clue. Some darkly munched upon bodies but leaping into one another’s brows, deepened with robust allure, it started drawing ahead. A dampened bridge, twice as headed, in the form of a sluggishly moving transparent oozing figure, whose angelic cast had only projected so much light upon the land that it was indistinguishable from anything else, anything even remotely right. Some maws were bottled and made to destroy. Others that followed were, for a better lack of reason, joyless as they tenderly leaped as each other’s protruding horns, through which they started pouring their lower-bodies out of.

‘Lo, you need to stop and wager, there’s danger but stilled.’

A darkly simian creatures that’s been dissected, at least, had it been thrown to them, thin as if it starved the nigger, lay, oozing eerily as it was slowly moved from one side of the quay to the other. A robust pair of spheres in its gut; a most malicious sight coming out of it, as one could notice that they had implanted the faced rod into him, but yet to be flagged, it simply impaled him, most troublesomely so. A skulled-giant eely bulb-shaped almost lumped head standing on a tape-worm fat-oblong rapier-growth that shook itself as easily as a sharp tongue, with a spear-long shaft growth coming out of it, in a direction, called Figa, came to life.

‘You most not approach the machine just yet master, as that will only be deemed ill for your touch.’

‘I shall do as I will it and I shall not be stopped by any outside force that shall impose their will upon my own.’

If I could touch it still and see it for myself, where is the real one hiding? For I bore with so many fake machines, so many of them that do not work properly, I'm befuddled how I keep stumbling upon them each and every single time.'

And there were others being made around the belt, each being constantly actioned upon the quail.

The thing was of a much distorted grandeur that simply wouldn't do. At day and weeks, the servants, with their 'masters' that did point and stepped and followed through; they should've known much better, than what was allowed. For in their company, already distorted, the sight of whom, sublime elation kept him, much to himself, alone, removed from their group. Talking to himself at times one shouldn't.

Locust tendon compressor Aohy:

'You're not to take another step unruly.'

'We've been working on this for far too long for any extreme change to be made, I suppose it's only, rather convenient that someone like you shows up at a time like this, when the machine slowed down, to ruin it entirely, our one hundred years of works amounting to the grain brought in to a queen ant's incessant feeding session, as the eleventh hundred member of her colony is born, only to have its head stomped in the ground by a violent ant driven by furious pheromones that are incompatible with their lifestyles. In the same way, I think you've showed up to our hideout in order to bring as much detestable ruin as you could carry on with!'

There was the bubble-sphere'd dome in the middle of the room, pumping out piston rounds out of its little sebaceous-area on top the small rounded-depression, out of which funnel-pipe trumpet- growths of many brass contortions connected to the top of the ceiling, that in itself was the bottom of a belly-hunch, a depression that's been shot off the bone-cast of a receding bloated tick foundation of pouring in accesses, all kept in check, locked and wrapped 'round rope-schemes of intercrossed leather-lines; that prevented the full extension of the in-organic formation anchor atoms that were responsible for the growing of the wombs inside of it.

One of the subservient wretches was just about done speaking through the air-shaft raised gramophone that came out of the ceiling, having lowered itself only a few inches off his face, on such a wrap-around that he wondered why was it that it hadn't cut through him already, since the sharpness of the carbon-shards out of which it had been shaped had a tendency of hardening to such an extent after being sutured off the rest of the foundation and their natural-go-to-place that they switched from soft-moist to an extreme of cut-through hand if finger made the slightest contact with it, kind of push that followed after was to be made against its clearly 'polished', although not entirely 'chiseled', since, to a degree, it was very much so improbable that something akin to this would happen to anyone, whereas the rest of the carbon-mountain only put, to a high-degree of self-repair, a process that's been closely held under scrutiny and clear observation, to have only gotten to the point where, these iron-banded-strapped and covered by metal scale-device plates hid the fact that the iron-suturing cord-wires were filled with dolphin-elongated bodied repair-men hybrid mutants with eight heads that had been determined to be not only wider but thicker than the rest of their bodies, whereas their mouths were peculiar bulb-seed-growth shaped, giant bird-head-mold-bearing-a-pseudo-beak at the end that looked like an inwardly pointing at its masters' throats, talon but with an open end through which all of them spoke through.

This being, a secret place, in which they hid the putrid machines; for it was too dangerous to be left in the hands of someone as irresponsible and unreasonable as he was; the wretched servant of filth, whose uncanny semblance with that of a deformed was uncannily, yet irresponsibly, indistinguishable to an incontestable degree that could not easily be handles. Let alone be allowed to lay dormant as to avoid a clear lack of judgment that followed soon after. For he was evil, evil, most evil, vile and treacherous, whereas there was, without a doubt, no one in the entirety of the world that could somehow, even by a slightly hinted at degree, by the reminiscence of a boldly taken movement of the frontal region of the brain, contest it as naught else but fact.

Once the dust would settle, then they'd move. But it took a while for either one of them, both being part of a secret Heinous thing below the sand-cluster of stone rafts, faced and eyed as they were, dragging along their unnaturally-hard-to look at thin-insect rodded legs that carried with them, alongside floating rusty chains that had spherical-disc puckers that drew their strength through them, even at a distance, appeared only closer to the armless, appendage-filled, alongside their tails, dark people of One-Eye that were responsible with guarding the strange-rooms these mongrels were carrying with them. And as deformed as he was, the man Centiug with his cardboard mask shaped square skin-face of melting wax-drawn to the side of him piled together, fit through, whose mouth was filled with peculiar long golden-brass devices that sizzled in and out like pushing-pouting blades, whom bore a long stick-vein cartilage with a giant bulb-bubble tick red-growth at its end he carried with him, pumping as it was, whereas he chewed on its beam-stalk as if he were a farmer with a partially cleaned strand of wheat in his mouth. An elongated frozen skinned chicken body formation drew into a strange backwardly rotated siren's tail formation that was domed- half-a-ball made as to eerily crawl on top of it as he drew long. Whereas he had a pseudo-tail, that of a scorpion's stinger, with a smaller conical head coming out at the opposite end, and at the mid-region between the first part of the appendage and the scorpionesque depression, a giant elongated tongue pillar drew out of him, four-faceted, bearing not only weird messages but the most peculiar notations that could be seen around, whereas it also bore, strange names. Written by the very dead hands of the melodiously sounding victims that had been put down, as the animals they were and are; even in their mesmerizingly surreal afterlives.

There used to be a fine house placed somewhere around the darkest of most unnerving as to look for reason, when one could not withhold the site, all for himself, but left alone attempting to do as he might. Beasts inclined to say otherwise and to say, clever little things covered in rust that run long-ways to make a case of what's been happening in their hearts, although beaten in such things, it were, a signal of things to come. Those whom forgot were there, surrounded by lesser madly kin, and those whom followed in their foot trails nowadays only spoke of mighty quill; in such a hands was brought.

‘What has the messenger delivered onto me now and why ought I to listen when he walks? Who is he, the one who comes near me and what does he want? ‘

‘He's nothing, my lord, you must ignore him and the thing he's searching for, I see no reason why you'd entertain such a swoon, they of whom ingratitude would have you understood to none. Of same calling as your enemies, as they would have themselves but strewn and done; with whip that would but crack such bone and moisture known of lesser cone and spherical embrace that's called on tops, their bodies being wrought and snapped beneath and by your talons. I ask of you that you may forgiven them, such, if it might be ill and better done with it, we'll leave at once.’

‘Nay, I shall not listen to an underling and go wherever I should so please, I would destroy and cast upon all when drawing, upon such strength, as might come from such bowels of such beasts, for they have already shown fear and incompetence as they would have themselves lost into.’

With arrogance unruly as well, but that needn’t be said either, since it came long before them. And these niggers themselves of lesser watch, as they were called, these darkly beasts whom called upon their masters who had claimed something, or anything near them. It would’ve made no difference to any man. But so much so, was there a reason to know. What happened to his mighty lain walls? The ones’ he’s built before such time was gone, in need and search for irradiation, of better quail that came before them, and lest of all, such creation lain as strung, beneath the ribs and stricken palms.

It was, nonetheless a thing of wonder he’s yet to approach. Such similitude displayed by broken arches falling on themselves but strung, wild glanced-upon lances melting in a land where armies had been brought and wrought, coated, eerily-pricked then planted in, as if to serve as hibernatory fertilized until the dead-seeds inside their chests reawaken. In which case, damned those being that would seek-to-stand against them, half-chewed and struck in laceration.

‘Prod in, there thee comes one of their unruly diplomats.’

‘The entry has arrived, loathsome screw of green-skin ceramics, you may thread upon a land that’s tiled by lesser men.’

Gvalov, for a moment, as if in jest, the dark creature itself, as it rose a few meters in front itself, but merely put a dent in the oratory’s face, as if to drag him from a corner to another, then snap him off, with the flicker of a finger going yet as far to dislocate his jaw completely off, seeing it wade and waddle as it crawled out of a bowel of supine needles that’s been hidden by his side.

‘Cheap tricks, I would’ve expected no less from someone like you. But I never expected to be seen, myself as an adversary, at the very least not here, out in the open. It’s not fair, being pitted against I, especially since I, but no to be easily touched by forced hands, though I shall ease up your life for now. Avoid me at all costs, most dangerous as I’ve come to be, destroyer of life and contorted of all that there is, it’s merely occurred to me.

You’ve died, in the similitude of a second, completely gone through wind.’

By such things as chimes that could but ruin such a tenebrously tender thing, and range around the most uncanny; they were called, but he and the moving, crawling pieces of the ship he had come in out, with and through it, then and again, crawled upon many shackled appendages that could not do without him. Entered them, and greeted after, a few people, whom faces were but brought much closer, thither as if to ask:

‘Where have you been for so long and why have you cast us all away?’

‘I’ve come back upon the dark rebound, my son, the warted leper, who’s been sailed through time and such delivered, through swashbuckling, and pirateering, but now you wait. Accost me as I wape upon your mouth agape, as I have stood before you, long before and in many day. I should’ve known no better than it.

At such, below and sublime as feet as such adorn, there were women here.'

'Females are here no more.'

'Just as I suspected, though you could've paid a little more attention to what I said. Lead me thus, nonetheless as I would have it, I of all would cast but a dark glance and eerie eye, and taw it.'

It was a set of four great ball-pinned pets, all of metal, rats-giants with a gait. With spikes in-between, and motion, as much as it could be felt in there, attempting, darker still through, they tried, to activate the munch-eration of passing through. The engines were but barely felt, the abrasion and the pass-through lead that went into it only made things more difficult on top the thrusting that occurred. There was a minute given there, most obscure.

'Will it escape?'

He asked one of the robed figures that had come from the sadder pits. Reddened coated with blue-sublime and eel-thine covered in furs of eyes, filled with snots and darker reeling in diamond-bloods, those being the jewelry that adorned him.

Still, tension could be felt even from his side, as he observed the rubbing that occurred.

'It has enough space to move in there. And there are many such trapped, ever since.'

He went to say but another more solicitous servant came out of nowhere and then, he flailed him off his sight.

It only came on top a rounded bulbic root-inflated foot, strapped to the body of an oblong trampoline – shaped flattened flaccid thing, a platform, tinier than expected, but the sprouting hadn't ended. A tiny pucker, pseudo head, with many elongated teeth- tube like decrepit, a long fat appendage like a pseudo long-head as well, with eerily set spikes pointing down, and many others fatter, coming out it, pumping in and out but incapable of flight. Despite bearing hundreds of them, there was only one thing was even slightly central to it, that being his organ bearer, much-exposed, the rounded circle in the middle – cyst, that filled him with almost skeleton hands – parasites that were similar to humanoid beds, which were spread around. And one could take a human bed and place it in its rightful place, inside the ceiling, where he'd dug his way out into the sun. For the sun was stuck with tunneled-tubes that were all connected to it, having melted all the way through, only to wear itself down.

'You are to be directed and lead into the chamber of Steam.'

He could feel the pressure that's been brought alongside him, easily ruffling him up by the passing moment, by the messing torment which had become waiting, that's come after, that's brought to him, of such high as there was, a malady of short disasters. Short-lived nonetheless:

Gvalov was meat by a pucker-bucket made out of many heads, many of them being incapable of threading along without being struck down, niggers after a midnight raffle, waiting to be killed, during the passing of a midnight cloud. It was just thus, that one approached, appearing mightily eerie eared, it asked just so:

‘Walking ceilings came inclined, Ishal, Cogn, Pietii the Malady, forth, near it they drew, a strange spherical device came out of it, rolling on top of them.’

‘That’s an interesting little tidbit I hear, but what does that have to do with I? For I’ve little compassion for you, such as I would have it done, and whipped, and taken by the tried for snippet of emotionless approach.’

‘They’ve killed him.’

‘So, and why would I show any compassion towards him?’

‘Butchered.’

‘Again, if I had not made it much clearer, for that is how relentless I must be, I shall call upon thee, for disapproval, and cast you out of a most decrepit thermal removal.’

As the extraction would pull away, as if chain to the back of a motor boat, running away gaggingly from a mortar-dame that shot but bowling balls, across the alley; sea was tender, but never quarry.

‘I must be lead to the room of steam, the room of pressure, immediately!’

What was in it? No immediate clue as to the complex confines of the strange, barely feasible, most obtuse of lost angles and of growths could come to mind. Even for someone, such as the pretender, whom had painted himself if clothes of put-together starch, of skin and eyes within him, made him draw near it.

This looked mightily strange, and closer to him, deranged, were the two ‘people’ setting foot, closer to him still, yet not a single worthless spin, of mouths that fell and were but sunken still. Although beneath them rested a floor of puff, skin about the size of two men that attempted getting out, with the exception of one good thing, a wind that only slickened itself, rounded within the sides of his neck. A few more other cumbersome signs, but neither of them compared with the shrouds they kept by.

Since this looked like a walled room, floor of brown and a coat-hanger that stood by its side only dreaded the cold-dark that felt proddingly as if to test the waters. Approaching it and nonetheless would one be bothered by what took apart, parts of the crown, the ceiling being brought down, only at a distance for a moment, in which winced. A most perilous thing fell, filled with stings and strung, covered and put down, wrapped closely and set in stone. Violated even as they threw sights, from their suits, of borough-cones:

‘You may not come in terms with having served your sentence, but there are naught that would do the same, not while you are here, and to allow them, so, will you come in term with what was done to you.’

Neither one opened, mouth-agape, but open-lobed, an armor of hopeless wrong, filled with dark-protruding out smoke, the dark machine almost faded in the dark. As it came near- one but could not help himself:

The sound of a hundred voices, of different reverberations and antler instigation came soon enough into the light.

‘A steam-filled in this day and age, how could this be? I never actually thought I’d see one still living, breathing, puffing even, most laboriously so, let alone come upon your conical tendon-tube appliers.’

He said. He'd come off as a bit prudish, even huffily, with a swift jolt around his toes-wrapped; having come from the right side of a lane that almost came apart, he winced.

The steam-filled had his many bulby noise-makers, the tubular pressure compressors and just a single red-bottled glowing head in the back that hid his many cylindrical eyed-glasses which kept pistoning away. Way past the iron the iron pastures this one, this much was certain. For starters, he was fat as a giant blimp-barrel and appeared to rest only on stumpy legs, black coated and armless but flaccid wormish guns with long eyes that glowed came out of them, parasitically even, which were sending parasitical signals from one side of the hall to the other. A greater most malicious thing endured nonetheless. It drew out of nowhere and said as little as would:

'Cover yourself immediately steam-filled Pyod, or else they shall take you away and strip you done to cogs and pieces of lungs that do not fit, a most disgustingly disturbing thing if you ask me that shall be lost for the lack of a better nature, as the evils that still creep, inside of them and rather heap and lurch together, all is caught. During a time where they might question you, listen to me now.

I know of their plans and I know of what that might yield if they attempt to fuse you with the gas, as they think you'd only become its servant. Though we are both aware that it isn't what it seems, not in the least, nor would we have it still, for that's remarked. Shattered and cast in a pile that shall allow other heaps to survive as long as you bleed mischievously on top of them.'

Upon hearing this, with an utmost immediate eminence, it leaped on top its feet and jerked, its head most eerily standing again in place, as if only to align itself, by normal means, there were knives waiting for him there. He would be stabbed to death and no amount of gas-producing could stop him, especially since the thinner ones were there, watching, on the side of the room where, little more was known about what ordeals went there. Let alone what they were doing.

Some were tall and uglier, thinner, but for certain, many had their flaccid hanging necks drooping behind them. Almost wrapped-struck against the sides of their shoulders, whereas they would be, very much so incapable of discerning the threat if it charged up-front:

'Hence the device shall be called.'

A fingertip-clap of cats were made into the ceiling, eating. Many had little worms in their heads, and mines. Pistols as well that were sprouting fingers that had knives coming out of them like wasps.

'That human, that human is mine.'

It was theirs, the human. They shared.

They ran, away from sight and not to bee, as one would see, unkind to one another's need, as for that, during their flight, he appeared out of nowhere, filled with bottled steam taken from a darker rod, and faceless at that, they moved onto their secret meeting place, where they were waited, even for a moment, rakes-or as long but with guns instead of the iron-wires came pointedly upon their brows.

'Identify yourselves immediately!'

'Head-in the lighters, there's another pack coming in.'

‘Where is it come from? ‘

Simple as the coming off the of fake-wall; it almost broke off the crane on its way in, some of the hooks barely being attached, even, if so remotely brought to them.’

‘There’s a valve in the middle of the room.’

A giant one, one hundred and fifty years old, vintage of a wine lot; taken for granted, taken, for granted, for granted taken, most assuredly defined, granted, it was, that this thing was ancient, old, this minute, that just passed hit the mark, which immortalized, over the passing of a few seconds, that it just hit the fifty mark, the one hundred and fifty, that being, granted, was over. Many things happened over the span of blood. Little wriggling meat worms were filthily eating some of the men-cadavers, with pencil-poppable fluid filled bags.

Slatten Gorroughgon had but a single step taken in the premise by the time the others followed through, his most incisive servants, bolder strokes of all men induced and thrown upon the ground reflection only to be carefully misguided, that being the strange rocket-system instilled by pure gravity control, by the second capable of producing stream-drone that was floating around them, drawing near a most impeccable-tiny, almost polished, missattributedly caught in a web-of iron barbs, webbed net in which a few other devices swam upon, being, very much part of the very, as one would take it, upper-floor, where a few of the spilled on the carpet black-boiled barrels whose addictive liquid, that being an extract of an already existing sub-contaminated element that had been carried along, on the back of maleficent-strewn, beaten repeatedly to the point of exhaustion slave-figures, whose heads were also, or had been only recently acquired as to finally be adorn the room in a Taxidermist’s second, but clearly, and this, in no way was it the simple work of a Taxidermist but instead, it was only the upper-contribution to an upper-species kind of pact, a Quantum-Engineer-Sculptor-Taxidermist of bones that dug strange body-bag tent-like giant-finger dug-in, a few meters at the very least, holes inside the wall, therefore affecting the structural integrity in such ways that a normal, industrially death-instructed to obey the command and the clearly defined rules of his master’s clearly set abode to be worked upon instructions would come to terms with his ‘indoctrination’, for only a second if that’s what it took, in order to bring attention to the fact that the structural integrity of some of the pillars and the sustaining hardened molecules of stone-cement wooden moisture-filled blood-liquefied pebble-filled sandwich build almost cardboard filled pillars were being disturbed, these beams having too many thin-spaces, gaps, of ‘emptiness’ per say, despite bodies being used, as the fallibility rate, within the clearly exposed high-margin of error would dictate that the integrity was already, surpassing the safety measures of concern, trampled over as if by an avalanche since a similar but horizontally rotated cave-in effect could only worsen this situation further if something were to happen, because there simply isn’t enough stone or cement to keep it in place, yet these holes served as burrowing pupae-silk wormish spots that only allowed for the grandest of heads to stick out, wriggling still with drool, while being, concurrently gathered around them – the flying almost one foot-leg bloated creature with one deformed head that had a giant transparent, horned at the back of its pumping-wreathing body, creature connected to it, which, upon being seen from the side, gave an eerily similar impression to that of a man, or at the very least an abstract interpretation, objectively recognizable as such, this room being only now released to view, as to be certainly caused by the exhaustion of the first, if many still, carefully pounced over –seen, for a matter of seconds, murky-eerily sluggish miasma of a reddish manner-filled with bloody-vapid sharp cornered angles of Cornish prodders,

out of which a blasphemous amount of moving corpses that were driven into a state of existence similar to that of ghostly figures that didn't entire found their stay as being pleasant, since it was mainly mid-way in and out itself, order, as in, not completely materialized, but at the same time, kind of-ish for a moment or so when they could be seen by the steam-people that were working so desperately to achieve something down there, or, at the very least, endear the presence of the stranger that came out of nowhere and appeared to be as silent as a dove in a sea of plumetous sea-shelled anchors.

A most insoluble drink they shared in the meantime while awaiting a sound that could scourge any if all of the seas whose bleary shell-echo only came to pass for a moment or a Senator-like mimicry that would come about for a moment or so, showing only the worst possible effects an imitation could come about with, being shrew with lewd, with bonkers tubes that only started spraying some of the irresolute powder-filled, strange-jars filled with the strange sordid liquid that had their brows set at an all-too-high, few inches above their heads, halo's almost being felt as having come through angelic graces, without reason for dispute there being a clear moment in which they started sharing, as they opened their chests, a steam of much pertained quality that was incomparable to anything that's been presented to them at any point in time, being very much drunk as soon as a single sniff was shared, despite the mere incompatibility they shared between their physiological appendage- that is to say, there stood now, in their presence, located at a strange spot inside the room, a peculiar floating incisor filled, scythe-like mantoisid curvature that was bloody grayish red-blue-whitish, but wrapped and depressed both inward and outward in the strangest thing there was, a cover-coated on top of it that was similar to orphan-clothes, which had been stolen from the upper-floor desk office-strewn through, in which the Director-molds, all three of them, although combined at their chests only eerily deprave as one might think them, they were in reality, actually conjoined entirely, bore no other arms between one another, were made in a position similar to a – at the ceiling pointing bow, that soon enough shot one of their heads that popped and spread all across it. Such it happened that it actually died before its state of living, its embodiment could be properly solidified in the most rapacious of the dreaded, comatose-like salaciousness perjuring to an ill thing that followed soon enough. A measureless thing, that was held in high regard in terms of how wickedly strange it was, since this legless creature, but strung on coils, as disgusting to look at as one would imagine, this fan of cartilage moved along the widened halls in search of it, of wretched rabid, point malign in its brain that fashioned its restlessness in a way itself could not convey.

'Servant Perfunctory, where has he been? The man that's been here before, the one that came and went on a whim, although taken by ill, and faceless within, put through and come in dark sinew?'

'He's gone through one of the barricades, Directors!'

'To what ends has he gone through it and why? What is the reason behind this apparent betrayal, for I've no other thought to stumble to, other than betrayal, if not an attempt to stir a plot against me, reason at the highest level, one that could, should and ought not to be allowed to flourish, if that were the case.'

'You ought to be careful around their kinds, since we're both aware of where that leads to, trusting them beyond the terms of etiquette.'

'I don't think that will work, I simply can't ignore them any longer, ever since the voices started coming back again.'

A man had crossed the street somewhere between the two. He carried eighteen lamps on his back and they were all lumped together with a fat-man-rump with a few more put-in-between his face and the other thing that came from the lopsided trash-can slit, come from the confines of outer-space. It was lodged inside the transparent bubble that was his blood-clotted infested head. The can had become something akin to a strange ant-eater's funnel, in which water drops started popping in and out every few seconds or so, since he was followed around by a most disturbingly disgusting to look at, most repulsively benign, peculiar in some way, cloud.

‘A stalactite of a body, I see. I reckon he will get farther than us and I shall see him still when it breaks, and the dark light bulb in his head, glowing away, will pane when the lightning's drop is come from a stop. Then he might be forced to steal some from away the generator quay, alive.’

‘Very much so; I wager you enjoy watching people getting shot.’

‘You're an awful brat, ain't you, little shit?’

‘What did you just tell me?’

‘I made the claim that you are an insufferable little brat, you little high snouted thing, I wager you were waiting for that thing to pounce on me and on my back before telling me something.’

‘What?’

‘I said what I said, child and now, you are to die in one of the moving pits, you are to join the crude feet and enter some of the broken heartless pits where you may live in for a while!’

And with a pick on top, and back his head he popped but forth, down the ‘well’ he went, up-heaving, both boots up hanging, as Paradise's orca's but drew a head on top, and blimp a shadow came awaiting for retort, that he might come to sense and ask for something given onto him, of little worth, was he as well:

‘Come upon the knowledge of the past, just yet?’

He could barely see it from where he stood, although most awkward as it was, the top was a shrew-bit then spat a few centimeters to the right, as even the rock tiles that made it refused to align. Not to mention that there was another thing, such as was the thinner sword-like rapier-fat but canker-dyke attached to the others, a broader blade to climb inside, a ship from one side to another, and a most peculiar cylindrical thing, like a walk-inside of piston with a device kept within its reach. A strange device but wheeled and cogged, with a lower-able staircase that would descent onto him, even though inclined, from what he could tell; a guardian was left there, although a racket-mannequin thing he were, like a blob-bellied but only this puff of a boil stood inside his skeleton, on top of which, just in the same way a sarcophagus would come on top, the head-piece of a pharaoh but decayed, spoiled and like a misaligned long faced dog, bejeweled for his eyes were shiny, and pretty as he was, arms of iron, many as tiny, all of them but worked upon, the great device but carried on, although every second or so he turned.

In the same ‘room’ with them stood a metallic bull-torture shaped for boiling people alive, but metal casket cow thing with only one foot that walked as if it had four and the other three were invisible, that was headless with the exception of an extending metallic arm that was made of crisscrossed metals, that held a gun tensed-clenched –hard!

‘I find myself dumbfounded in a most interrogatory kind of manner out of which I cannot get out of since I am confused and incapable of discerning the colors that are floating inside my eyes, trying to kill me when I’m not looking since I am very much incapable of telling their sincerity apart from the evils of the quays I am being whispered, as for my ears, both of which being strung from one side to the other by the dark fiends that had cut them so, ring-by-ring that was given onto me by the Pirate Emirates of Heho, the Quantum-sorcerers without eyes, whom are incapable of discerning reality from the, petulantly-morbidious, far-fetched beautification that has occurred during the laceratory oscillations of eviscerations my body has sustained, I being a bleeding relic of a past that is incapable of moving out of the dark age it has been cast in, when I, whose servitude towards the darkest of days that have been lain on putrid tasks and putrid masks put on my face as for the growths that have developed organs, whose shapes are close akin to the inverted skins of gelatin, of olden-ancient men who hunted during days of dark Choral, there is a thunder I hear near, reflected, echoingly against the larger margin of destruction, I long for thee that you might be called when needed, so as to give me a chance to escape.’

Upon the laceration of no land could this have made any sense than it had, now, that a dark tooth floated a few meters away from him, with a bloody-red, but filled with gun-barrels that bore heads at their ends for mouths, being a sad-pepper with four great adorning dark-amulets wrapped around it, painted coaxingly in blue-sapphire or opal-eyes with grass-blades, tender lobe-globes following soon after, dyed as well as with half-an-ounce of headless things that grew on top and drew within, with darker unnaturally hard-to be a part of people, all put together as well, invisible but with far-hose cylindrical sausage shaped, with long ear-cat tongue-tails in the back but screwed, with stalactite legs around but flounder about, single drone-like pear shaped with one eye in the front guns capable of channeling time at their ends but with splatters of spikes as well as darkly set-but fallen over, pond-floated upon, hesitatingly as not to drop into the float-air, lily pad flat-frog pond spiked like Venus flytraps’ platforms that bore secret tiny, eight around, four here, three there, small bird-cage like platforms where hid-inside of prisoners appeared to drool constantly, being robbed of their humanity, in a saddened-yet caught in an attempt of saying ‘Auuuurhresthur’ them, officer, officer, officer, officer, Sergeant, master of the boil-steam people, left-in-charge!’

He drew ahead now.

‘You shouldn’t make any sudden movement there, son, since you don’t even know what you’re standing against just yet.’

Onto him called the stranger, who was just as flabbergasted as he had been a few months ago, when the child had been taken in. Though uncannily resembling his son, he wouldn’t be tricked into believing otherwise, since in the nick of time not only had he arrived in place, rather, come upon the hour, as was one to call it, such disgrace that no one’s yet to have aroused him, as to seek him still. Though ask he did, and tributaries that all lead, the well being connected to them, water pouring from every domed brick-lack of stoppers stretch, where these almost sewage systems brought them in, instead of overflowing, no such thing happened, but still. A few ill creatures, whom, if such’s the likes, but bickered still:

‘Eventually, one of us’ up for the taking, ain’t we? If we allow them, the humans and even their young primitive youth-likes, of primate minds to trample all over us, but listen, still, brothers with just as much absinth flowing through your veins as they do’s’ in my mind, for lack of arguments, taken from either one, I’ve come up with a darker plan.’

‘And what would that me, your majesty, ruler of Horiok?’

The Horizon was bland and filled with frolicking smokes, but they weren’t made aware of it just yet. Fire-powder kegs being rolled upwardly, where the people hiding in the clouds, inside their wreathed-upon, but most robust turn-around had fallen through; of chains of water-drops, they crawled upon as dark sinew came out of them. Most disturbingly hard it were to stare for long and even harder after that, as the night came soon enough, killing the noise in its wake.

And thought would feel as if there was room for such mistake, but every blighted moon-uncanny and everything that followed, tawny as for the breadth of every single one that lowered, and came but seemingly forlorn. As many as two or three after, perhaps more; but glowing such as one would have it, open ended ladders saddled, of whose but brim and every thin, and pesky moisture, gelatin, that followed-through and deeper-hue, as for the many after, that drew but, cue. For such canons as they would have them shot, the men that fell, and were plainly brought, another season of the stars uncanny, another reason for glorious canny.

But the kid was still speechless for what was to come.

The well was unwell. Bricks were overlain on top of one another, in front of each other, some were even levitating in the air, being connected with two of the strong-air bonded rifle-lined shots, within themselves as well as the other, tinier little rope-anchored points of whoolish-carbon that formed tiny spherical spiked-ledged bolts and pseudo screws, attaching to one another even now, disappearing from sight, only to reappear bearing twenty or so, more than a few harder for touch ‘tombs’ – chain attached, lowering themselves at the boy’s level, Oliver being struck so slightly by the pair of elliptical cracks that started producing the tiny puffs that entered his eye. A lower figure drew his attention to the open door, standing no farther than ninety nine meters away from him, on top a small half-dome downward pointing chipped rock, being presented to him as an infantillious portcullis.

‘The boy is clearly mad, he’s lost two pints and eighteen ounces of blood even before we arrived at the spot of his precisely set-fall upon location, the commotion being maintained as still a ruse, from what I could tell, for either way, there shall be no man descending down here for a long enough while.’

Another figure came in through the same way, being intently gazed upon as he but immediately inclined on his chair. In what would seem like a matter of seconds, that, being under the duress of a quickly-followed through intervention, a shot was taken in the back. Up-and jolted, did he walk.

‘Careful not to fall on all four, the spot where the kid’s died, it’s rancid.’

Both of their observations had been forcefully paused, as the eighteen flying incisor talon-shaped claws bearing their elongated people’s dissected heart-strung tiny petrified head-elongations filled with tiny sacks of hardened shells, all tied within each other’s grasp, kept by, but only every fifteen seconds or so, as it unwrapped soon after, being only caught by a nauseating-to-hard-barely chiseled rotating top device, whose greater systematization of Electrons turned the leather in a tractor-snowboard-bone-drum formation of put together high-spots, many of whom were only kept together by a magnetic belt whose properties had been, prior to this event disabled yet somehow continued their aroused for, into consciousness, ‘work-ethic’, as to be referred to as mechanical selection, in which case it was by no

means a bothersome thing to stumble on, that it had produced twenty, floating in the void around it, vapid copies of itself with faces and eyes and little tumor antler-filled with warted-pus growths.

‘It’s close enough for comfort, isn’t.’

A few more inches to the right of the gate, and come through was a plough of depths, that could barely be defined, since many, in their most deceitful-acreage, most insufficient poor of heart were they, who kept the place going, although worsened by time alone could they had fallen through. Of yeast-rotten holes, a few between them, bewitched even by sight were, there, stretches of the moon, wide-spread but kept apart, as if readied to drop as if on query, an envelope-shape hole revealing, through twisted around a bottle’s head, it dripped. A landing zone down there could be seen. As far as it could’ve been spread, from a weird angle, deathless as it were in gaze, there stood a figure anchored to the ground, a skeleton to be precise, polished rubies for its eyes. A worn out armor that kept it sunken and legs that were like elephant pads- foot clubs down there but stretched upward and then twisted down upon cankerous formations of bone-clusters akin to pea-beans-curved like crickets on both side before the third segment of bone raised itself, connecting to the rest of his basin, then, in mind of what had happened, it revealed. Though there was only a critter, a most mischievous-rat blown out of proportions as he were as well, he’d seen the heart-organ which was shaped akin to an elongated vase whose lower side became fatter, as a silk-worm grub, out of which a dangling incisor stood out, eerily but most flaccidly jerking itself away. All too sudden was it, that he had gone across its way to return, a darkened home, close to a single speck of windless goons made its prison, so was there, in place called a scum-house, where they lived, his brothers, demons, whose eyes were peeled off, who were armless and legless but had curved metal bars coming out of them, uniting in the back as if they formed a rack, which propelled their flight although no change in air density could be felt at all, and only as the occasional splatter that happened on top of them aroused suspicion did they consider that something was not only wrong, but that there was a giant pair of tape-worm wires sticking out of tape-recorder shaped lynched rapists with doubloon shaped brains floating in that fluid filled area standing between the top of the ceiling and the eeriness that was the empty air-space they swam in. Blind spots were wide-spread, that is to say, there were sockets, taken out of reservedly-killed by scum and flint people of no eyes-being put in, shoved by force- concrete being old, and emboldened by their eyes. He showed up with a nasty-elongated knife, and began carving it in:

‘I shall write my name in a way you demonical figures of no hellish remorse shall remember who I am, although we’ve lived here since the dawn of several Earths, I know for a fact that there are some things that will not easily be forgiven if they were to be shown to my people, whom, upon being fond, as hid, inside every single living man there is shall draw a curtain of uncertainty upon me and my people. They shall fear, and spread apart; disease will play a good role in what I ought to pursue now that I am again deemed to be alive.’

And in his place, it cackled, as it hid, but a nigger in the trunk he’s almost come to bid off in a gambit’s woe. For that wretched simian was only trying to escape every now and then, being lost for reason, trapped as he was readily placed in line, on an order to be chopped and skinned alive.

A lower region, having been worked upon was done for. Chattering, chattering, there stood a race, beneath a domed-and lid broken down face, upon a spindly hill, there was a sight. And many of them but half-faced upward, moved on specks of light. Horns and Lurids, all but spread; chewing on the lower-life forms, the ones that were not dead, just yet:

‘There’s been a cut somewhere made, between the bowels of the earth and the girth of the surroundings, from it they came and brought a single nasty field of cotton.’

A lip-gloss swollen but with a smile-formed pattern, lay the fissure bubbling with acid pricks, and picks that dangled, cracking rocks upon a single whim, not to make too much noise, or boisterous as there was approach, it dangled from the sides and moved. A single rotten man, as shallow as was his use, the many needle racks that lain attached. He’s seen the moon in a place of Mars, its light shone upon a play of rancid pars.

There he met the man of Zlediv’ put in shape.

‘I see that you’ve brought one of the houses with you.’

A rafted wheel, by unicycle. On top of which animals with elongated bottle-shaped but reach ceiling along their way, put-in effort to scrape some of the scalps off, the lamps; it was hardly bothersome, waiting in spindly webs, the spider that clawed their way out of his forehead were already partially dead for some reason or another.

‘It keeps them busy, eating their way through as if it were a carved pumpkin, it’s just not what it used to be in any case. With the all the poisoned cans they’ve been distributing alongside the spills.’

A carbon delivery, high-dioxide.

Morning came soon after. A cluster of pointing at the top pistons had already gathered in place, fathered only by one another’s greater counterparts, whose thinner yet more far-reaching shades were but creamy-boils on top a half-rotten piece of walled coiled-filled cogged wheels that’s fallen over out of the body of a great automaton’s sided-blown-busted waist.

The hour of the dame signaling to the side of the road’s car-tire pliers was threateningly advancing.

A few tendons off the well inflated themselves until a reaching point of eighteen hundred meters both sides began crawling through the air-holes left behind in the soil by one of the grouching worms that had infiltrated into the steam-place, having already amassed eighteen hundred thousand maggots around his dark lower body, it had escalated through an unsanitary hole of mold. And plunder, a few disgustingly hard-to-look at pig-tailed tape worms already had begun their dance. Eerily unnecessary, as it were, a few body bags started making their way through, being incapable of stopping, one brought the Cretin-Killer Afyfield-Lyahtyii with it. Wrapped around, nice-presentish he begged for stop:

‘They’ll bring only my berated death from that point if I am to follow, and there can be no such remorselessness as to point back.’

For the point from which they came out of, the darkened hole, being that. Already had it lain drowned, in most vaporous of eely-things, squirming on the grounds below, inside a well that’s bee devoured, partially enamored, with rounded filled with green’s and boils, a pool but vacuumed from the toils that’s happened in the place. A fight ensued, and little more than the globular body-bags remained. Although most incessantly disturbing was the fact, that the body bags in their place, were mightily glad to have been converted into pus-gelatin. Following in the crawl-steps of the most darkened worms, inside they came, and through the body, as if cut-through then followed after, through a cave, they entered the same

room. Where the steam-filled were lain in a circle waiting, lost in pounder; at the very least, wearily working on one of the carved bottles, names, inscriptions and naught more than a few mess-arounds put in the wrong places, eyeless-cut-ins.

Their march was stopped when they were greeted by them, smoke ensued.

‘Gaseous remains it seems.’

‘We’ve had plenty of losses we had to get rid of in the long run, but we, we’ve tricked them into believing they are dead, and then, we boiled them into steam alive.’

Many of the murky-set and broken boned and spread around, as if en-thronged remains were set on the walls. Even the clouds were mechanical, at least to a lesser degree, having been passed by the midnight strangle, with the corpses caught in Green Fandangle, with some shades uncovering the grounded sore, where a few, if not, the many worms were nesting alongside the children-iron’s cut-in-due. The hour was come, a-new-anew.

‘You’ve come through the body of one of the greater rotten worms haven’t you?’

‘A surreal array of maggots in their ranks, indeed.’

Many of them being incapable to deceive the Steam Colonel whom faith had given onto him the coolness of the rack, and brought onto him a cooler, attached to the wall; with a finer-print but strapped on top of it, rubbing neck-in-neck and throated deck there was no calling. No bothering.

‘A bottle of rouge.’

Fifteen meters to the room it rolled, wrapped-unwrappedly around then lowered in an elevator’s manner, into a milk-bottled by the casts left behind, ‘milk-prints’ on the walls, as amber slightly just aroused the people back to their senses.

‘What’s happening?’

‘Shh, I heard it crawl again, I think it’s in.’

‘You said the same the last time, you disgustingly crucial to my destruction, idiot! There’s nothing there now, there was nothing there then, and there’s never going to be anything at all out there, you surely must know it by now, we’re trapped. Trapped, without a chance to light escape, without a morning blissfully hit by day, star of north, but beckoned forth by night, that lay, ever so closer to our arrival to the land beyond this bastardly rotten, such revival.’

‘I’ve told you before, I know what I’ve seen when I opened my eyes since.’

‘And what did you see if not the whipped veils of darkness, and the curtains of smoked gone? You’ve outdone yourself, you liar, thinking you could fool us now!’

But the other were reserved, unlikely to have a word in, and least of all, would they have known the meaning.

'I love, I always did and always have.' Josephine said, as wildly cried as a dandelion.

'That's the same thing.'

'We're about to die now, I can feel the heat's gone through afte-r boil'd, through my viscera.'

His stomach was empty and there were no organs to begin with, only dread.

It may not be entirely counted as such, but the various gases that've met the same helium-endowed propulsion whose complementary form and addition to the steam atoms was somewhat or made it by mere appeasement of the congruity of appearance, as to ascertain a certain massing of adorning-to-a-pulp observers that might've given a context clue as to the whole debacle being somewhat of a strange adjacement to the meddlesome yet boisterous way in which the turn of the 'bottle', during its process of wrapping yet unwrapping in the same way a child would open his long-awaited throughout the night, interfering with his quality sleeps', well, quality, gift, on the Christmas' Eve, where its golden stars, that is to say, a glowing most unnatural of bulbic shaped lamps that was placed eerily in the middle of the room, being part of the fuselage-fusefied through hybridization alone, a most chiseled servitude to a coined crown unchiseled, unearned, and unshielded from the bowelic burdensome on their part, observation of the way it started spilling into the void and nowhere else, that almost limbic system of growths that had spread along a diseased trajectory, forming strange stalagmites wormed tips that dangled from one end to another, messed with by a grazing complementary wind made out of visible mouth-puffs whose heat was off the Richter's scale in terms of the gradient, as to refer to the almost, disgustingly robust bulbic nymph nodes, whose luscious lust could yet be dealt with in terms of how long could they last in as vacuum such as the one they were in, where the process, lower levels of bacterium being the gods whose filth had wide-spreadedly spread with puss-nigger warts whose shapes were dendrite-shaped with puckers on top spread upon levitating discs that were shaped like two dimensional, then rounded, oblongdized eyes, for a sight alone them being changed to look even more puffy than before and bloated, as they charged in one another, starting to form large circumferentially distorted pyramidical oyster figures of rape, that infested the female-oid infected walls and the strangely forming deformed floating beings in which they were also implanted in and appeared to show up out the bodies of, and as it came to them, drawn from the bowels of even some barely levitating vortex in and out of which they began squirming out of, these nasty, disgustingly-disturbingly hard-to-be-around for long-stretches of time creatures, only drew breath on the right side of the lower-abyss, that was actually the left if seen from the open-door, in the hall where the people whom were or had been staring at the bottle to begin with had, giving them a good idea as to what was going on there, the most cumbersome yet Maladrious of structures, a crystal, in the body of which a few of these cowardly things appeared to be lodged in, that, having come out of the 'breathing' zone, had shattered, most violently in a most irreparable way, the bones of various ancient Pharaohs-close of kin figures whose chiseled by the royal sculptors' statuesque forms could not endure the very disturbing nature a woman had, as her echoes could only be resisted for this long, the pressure of their voices and what not, whereas, the man that had been flying in the middle of the mid-way region riff between and beneath the bottle's mid-point rotation that was almost mid-wrap half-way in as well, pulled out a strange elongated spear-shafted blade with eighteen deformed spear-heads adorned with skulled knives, and hammered, on not only the statues themselves but the crystal-led women, before taking his rightful place as the Pharaoh-like fugitive figure he's become once he carefully, with his curled around the great magnificent, eighteen by seventeen and a one hundred seventy five or so,

on a diagonal upward-climbing on an incline set of ruby-bejeweled by many nigger-lynched reflections, he spent the rest of the hour on top the pillar that had been lain in front of him. A room lay somewhere down there, although not as visible as one might expect it to be. Some lines could not be sickled off because of how wavy the parapet of light was, one that kept it almost, almost see-a mist as lay there, came a single moving torpedo-spherical moving ram, opened by its sides, they joined:

‘The men inside the violent sow, we’ve come to bring you back into the world of the living!’ Cried one of the first men, among the elongated pillar marshy forest, then:

Bursting with a gazed-stricken by light charge-through, with nothing more but a rod made out of the most outlandish lice stitched together by iron-tinier black-cords bearing smaller, most incessantly disgusting fifty millimeters long sharpened at their tops and not screwed all the way through bolts, whose lower lice-pelted wires were attached to the side of his brain, feeding him brain-imagery and distorted visions of reality, that in turn made him stumble like a mad buffoon, incapable of fully controlling himself during the swoon as he only shot himself through one of the windows, shattering glass and muttering underneath a spoiled breathe as he bathed in his blooded clot, once finely placed on the other side of the corrugated floored-incline that awaited him there. A soul was lifted him up, levitating him at a fifty degree angle with his head pointing in a weird direction. That precarious club he once held in his hand had managed to fall and stumble over one of the pliant tables that now lay in ruin, wide-spread vases being pushed out, tiny peel-crack for shatter, up-for picking, mucky clay, other insoluble stuff, near one of the walled on top heads that drew their attention to the man. A spherical compact figure whose body was made out of those things but with wings sprouting out the back and an ivory- almost elephant trunk that’s shot through its lower spine, opening to reveal wriggling cylindrical things with spheres at their ends as well, pulsating radiation-poisoning by the minute, with a single eye-sphere, but a big one being projected on the far end of the wall itself. It belonged to it, the system of spherical membranes. Birthed out of one of the spheres, this chamber was soon enough filled with hundreds of men, all of whom were disturbingly hard to stare at because of their clearly-to-be-seen deformations, mutants as they leered, of corny-met upon each other’s skin. It’s been an hour already. He’s finally been released onto the ground. Stepped a few inches, crushing one of the corrugated iron planks that fell into the empty lain below him. One of the barely birthed people tried coming in but disappeared. Another one tried the same, but appeared in a globed maze of green and of ivory. What followed were a few, and all of them thrust through, the most obscure of zones and placed mazes one could ogle at, as such deformed. Nightmarish palaces with empty thrones, or chopping blocks of guillotine cones, as the man only clubbed his knees a little until he limped, bothersome a sight it were, he repeated for his belly, ankles, eyes and face, he’s smashed his entire body until the entire evolutionary anatomical build that’s been worked by nature over the past few billions of years had become something slightly unrecognizable, even to him. It was almost done, this bleeding-bother, as a nature drew a cast of blood, that looked like him but walked backwardly upon a strode-charade, spiked with eely things coming out of him as well. The ceiling was now on the side, the shards were on the wall. He couldn’t see all-bright or think of it just yet, his memory was fixed on an angle as well. Upon lifting the entire mass of an, estimateably, as to estimate, fifty or so years, man, one is found by a sudden intrusion of such thoughts of regret, obstinacy and shallow-leveled shame, all paused for a moment as he’s gotten up with the help of his crutch. Although too rounded at its top, it served him right, Henry, but used it to move. A door had just as soon swooned in the back, revealing a second-wide only to this chamber he was in, living-room of the sorts, ancient-almost in appearance, drawing, all of the figures in. Ought to he have followed after? Had he though a second more? Simply walking wouldn’t cut it, as he bore the pain, with blooded snail

dropping one by one, to follow after a few more of them bled dry. And cast was he even closer to the room-in-between. The one whose entrance could be missed if one were to even remotely blink.

Henry taken in by the pseudo 'men', upon the brow of some Kings and Lords and the entire lord-hood, saint-hood, and the likes, instead; of mind me smashed a piece, a skull, and crushed between the sides of his palm, the first being that came to him, crawling, upon which he slipped, the blood of whom cowering him, closer to that room as well, where he'd slip towards, again, then there. Taken to it, by chance, he winced.

A broadened pool-view appeared to stand beneath one of the main repertoires, on an eerie almost night-sounding scene, if one were to call it so, whereas there was not a single living organism to be sure of, certainly left to its own accord to be drawn back to a place where one would know of it.

A couch-side of the wall, open-as for a few passengers to come in, a single man in there asking:

'Come in, come in, there's plenty of space if you desire range within, your stay as cowering as a figure might come here, stay, come stay, and you shall not regret a single minute spent in here.'

Not at all, but whom to call, the man but bastardly ancient, with a bearded scowl, around each demonical-towel that were his draperies of munch-machines, black incisors grinned, most desperately, a blackened leather stretched upon his feet and legs, bolted in. A few feathery heads, wrapped and stung, and buried inside his strung beetle-shroud, beneath which he hid, only for a second, at his feet was the man, freckled with as little sense:

'May I ask where I'll be taken, not to be mistaken of the ride, but I of all, would not survive this mere step alone, come to know, as It'll be shown, for whatever fret might come of dead, and candle, of waxen saber that might pounce upon me if I turn my headed-eye, to listen.'

'But I see no tooth, expect those that are mine and they are not as simple as the kind that would kill a man, and take no less but what's been given to him, in turned demise.'

'I beg of you to help me in, I cannot help myself step further, they'll have me thinned, a crooked corkscrew with little-tiny speck-filled eyes, hay-makers with larger needled-spears, ones alike, which would have blind, and thoroughly as I've had before in mind. I ask of you what little I am owed.'

'I do not owe you but a thing, what's it to you made that you might come to such a wont?'

'It comes from desperation, it's come from a never-ending deep frustration with what's happened to me before, when and during that malicious time, when upon each brow of the crowded moon, the one that's shouted of the Paradise Coon, 's blessed me with a single wicked dream of hope.'

'Go on, spit it out, I shall listen to what you have to say, whatever little more I have to take, I shall claim it anyway, and hence, you shall be free thereafter, but do not wait not much, for sounder as the need would sound, I still have yet to come upon a decision, as derisive as I am now. I need to be weary of those who'd harm my wares, not that I am one to sell, but my embodiment could be taken away, although it's not for sale, unneeded, for what's been taken away from me, as such defeated, would they have it cast. And run, if must, through coated little specks of lust, they would draw but breath away.'

‘Then I shall give you this, if little more is necessary for me to ask, then cast a single eye-sight away, if that’s a must, and I will give you less, as needed, and much to you, as there, it’s undefeated.’

‘A single thought has served me less, not that I would have it now, but I’ve come to stumble upon a price, no less, your souls is spoke for, yet whatever blight there might be in blessing stolen-vigor, forty more of ages’ loss, I would choose to reelect the leader, the one who thought, whatever happened in your body, as to come at a cost, deemed to be much necessary, to, least of all, be believed, of tried in spake, or yet again.’

‘Of whom you’re speaking of Couch-Courier of body-packages that stole from some of the lesser to be, and those who’ve we seen, the ones that were deranged, as thereafter, whatever one might hitch into, whichever ride and whatever spade might I be given as to dig my own grave, I ask you but of what little there is for me to remained with, no matter the cut.’

‘A cut is a cut, and bleed you must. I’m afraid that I can only satisfy myself with this ride knowing there’s a soulless cask walking with me and none along the way, none that would convey, even the slightest grim emotion, not that I would feel myself slip away. From whatever glance I might but stumble as to stoop but low and lay.’

Within the hour there was little earthen bold was left for them, of soil man born, little longer, along the way, much of it was wasted there.

Out of his blood clot a few un-expectable things happened. Although it had been no cause for concern among the ranks, especially inside the ones that were barely born out of spite of their self-wrong doings, a moth filled with tinier clots, all distinct from one another and very much distinguishable by shape and form, a ganglion of put-together shells per-kin yet perforated, incisor-trough, drew out of the puddish pond he’d made once he had been done administering a flew slits of bone and cut-on-throne, working his way around the waste of his wrist as if branded, until it had been or become as thing as a corkscrew-cut, devoured by the looks of it, then wilt back, as if wakened by shock alone, profusely felt yet numbed-pale, as he was seated steadily-leather belted in one of the seats, nails even as if on a post, with his feet inside the girth of his lavender scented grit that oozed. For the couch was solemnly ill- and tainted, rotten by the most niggarrish of parasites, whom had eaten out of lust, through bridled bone, until all, or just about most of it was cast out, leaving nothing else but the sight of indentation.

‘They will eventually leave the premise when you least expect it. That’s only a natural thing, as you’ve been led to expect.’

‘Will they return back to me eventually, will they come back inside my dried-up veins?’

‘I’m afraid there will be no such thing, let alone a chance for you to see it for yourself, if any. There’s but a lot of road to take on from this very point and there on out. It would be better If you accepted that there’s no way back and no way out, so as to ease your stay without too much resistance.’

They were lost for words for some reason or another. Trailing whatever it was that as much as trailed around the desultory confinements of their overly extended field of vision that spanned for miles and miles away, to such degree of detail that they could see even the slightly most defiled, deformed in terms of malnourishment as well as every other condemnable aspect they seemed to carry over with their weird

standing, flies, as well as their towering chained to them, as if they had been some kind of ledges for them to invoke or cast upon, grappling hairy appendages as to convert these flying organisms into hot-balloons.

What made this meeting bearing for them, at the very least in terms of how easily it had gotten for them to vanish in and out of conscious thought was the sound the of musical sonnets that were being played directly inside their heads. Classics such as Ahynopf Eyutch, Hara Onko, Fiasph Nelno, among many others that seemed to be tall-head inflated with rotating screws coming out of their faces and bodies, until a point had come where they bled themselves to death. An oratory thing, having saved them as well as their essences into the discs.

All of whom had barely been preserved at the hands of well-endowed benefactors, collectors and various surface sweepers, savage-looters, salvagers and what not, whom worked in tandem in order to ensure the proper need, care and search, that is to way, their collective effort had saved most if not a great percent of them, as they've been slowly delivered onto the archive for safe-keeping. It was unclear what made the cut and what hadn't. Only the most select half-a-minds were brought onto the Archive after all, since they were the most trustworthy of noodle-spirals, no resistance was being shown once they came in.

Inside the Archive:

A simple domed-covered gate slowly drew back; as if it's seen its share of good pounding. A few ruffians made their way around. Tight walls appeared to block both sides at an all around shake-'round, where the hallway had been partitioned and left for rotting. It was to scare and drive people away, at least those who haven't had their fair share of killings. Nothing was more pleasant than the first sight, the image of those who tried stealing from the archive, whom had been run down, mowed almost, into the nearest hard facet the hidden weapons were capable of thrusting them against. Dirt was sprinkled atop the doorknob. One of the vagrant-ruffians made a swirl motion the other one:

'You open it, open it fast, open it by force, make sure you put all of your strength in, all of your body-mass through!'

The boulder just drew back into its initial position, standing guard instead of gate. Beneath it one could feel the rancidness of scents that prevailed atop the metal-bolted rails that made its capricious nature, hard of lockedness and the signs of there having been an intrusion as someone managed to break the lock on a previous break-in 'attempt'.

Some flower petals of celerity malborious, to ask of being listened to, when their adorned openness fell off the river's sprinkler's come, words having fallen when the swords were had none, to carry illustriously-weary of what's been pained for flowing aimlessly, during their unheard discourse, that, by then, was held as an exchange instead of lecture, somberly misunderstood as their intention, not too mockish but since ought else to have been had by now be lost on mostly bore, snoring and un-adorning philistines, whose understanding of the play, that's been happening between the two of them, for those whom paid enough attention-fading, at this point, though mildly disgusted with the utter show of disinterest that's been shown towards the lecturers, said as much and kept their mouths shut. It went for

hours, stretching as for reasoned by, monotonous decline in laughter's felt after not by them, but by the lecturers whose jest was upped, to've been said something else, rather naught, might've displeased not only their countenance, as to be contrived but that of their students whom had reached their peak, in terms of 'listen', as to pay attention to the quiet pause and break that stretched for just as long, staring at their empty thoughts as silence brought more of an explanation than their fellows ever could have ever been brought to, reasoned by lids that have been peeled, and every mutter whose lost appeal ordained as to a rain – confusion said not felt, allowed them to ask for bis, to suffer again, of hourless reprieve, to have all, at once, paid for in double-say, to have listened but refrain, from absence that might last, now that their minds, be fully endowed, to properly absorb what's been promised onto them, back and forth. A student twas' quiets for long but sat. Uplifted as his spirit, long before he'd been brought closer to the stage and asked, in part, by everyone in, presented as for the crows to nib, the jackals, the vultures and the carrions that would gather, the eagles and the predators of nature's finely set gallows; to have preferred a repertoire of preemptively pre-thought.

'I'm a book burner, with rape-fire.'

A horn-shaped tumor drew out of his back with black cords filled with faces, every single one of them bearing elongated horns that had syringe protrusions coming out of them, rotating and spreading disease as the mightily deformed channel returned:

The vigor of youth, I see presented, to have their challenge there attested, for there to run on crags of spiels, with every page turn, as if to feel, to the cultured as to be-joined, to the promise as their patriarchs might adjourn, when finally delivered, into the arms of a world of sown.

'I have swelled and spread disease when canny, when mightily walking upon the draught of rancid.'

'Little more alacrity on the nasty; what might be taken from the man who's listened to no one?'

'I think I might begotten forth and to and fro as I would have it sought.'

'An ulcerous despondency.'

A small compartment was distinct from the others. Going around their Amphitheater-area, upon one of the moving around the wall-planted sea-horse but whose head and back were molded into an electric panel-pane, with a few large appendages coming out its right side of the body, whose variously timed pounds landed niggardishly around the ground level area, out come a pivoting shock, sparkling tint that hit the ground through the appendages carried on. And its eye opened, though fluid and transparent, a few ganglions and flea-sized parasites charged for their prey, a tiny rusty corkscrew spanner that flew around the pane.

It helped ease their snuck-through suspicion-supine, the ones crawling in the walls but through one or through bottles that were made to appear whenever they did not look through blinds and curtains with full-on, or pouching-in-leap-as- from ledge to ledge, behind them, dead, goat-sheds in the high-mountains, among the spirals, the vials of smoke that poured in their mouths, beneath and above the mouths of this single cottage house that was being messed with, although little by little by their choice they couldn't make it more obvious, it was theirs.

‘A man had entered that house, he’s in the cave-room, with the others.’

A stone floored portion of the great chance to step in came alongside a crane-motioned with no such distinguishable machine in sight, but volatile in terms of the tendon-features that drew alike, leather-ropes attached to it, lowering it down, bearing it as carefully as the thread of a sea-‘-s’ connected river, then shot down, diverging to its left, then downward on an incline, then left again as if it were on a rail, slowly it began descending even further until the only thing that was even visibly distinguishable was it and none other, bearing fruit-feather weight as well, until the insolence prayed upon by the figures on the wall, by the figures that were no taller than a few meters off the floor, that landed in, but great concave they came within a range of shooting, as soldier-figures, lime-outline, shone with such a sun-light vigor that for a moment or so they stumbled on their darkie-feet, found themselves but wearily, as to seat, upon nothing but a plague pit-round, a circle – standing in the middle, resting, driven into it as well as run. There was no possible way of escaping, not so soon that there was a simple change they could flail their bodies shot through distant cast.

‘Vultures, all of them, but they come in different colors.’

‘It’s been five hours already, shut your damn mouth, shut your filthy god damned mouth, I’m only trying to listen.’

‘It won’t open, I told you we are stuck here for good this time around, there will be no more opportunities to escape, birded cages whose flocking curved boned-feathers keep the tiny leaping iron cages in check, despite their attempt to charge and cause as much trauma as they can, they will never escape. Trapped forever in their flying avians, as we are.’

A set of eight consecutive taps disturbed their conversation, uneven, plump, made to bother whoever listened to this annoying, obnoxious, purposefully prolonged, poignantly obtrusive put-in. One hole appeared by its margin. It was a fake outdoor’s mirage, but they were sold on it already.

‘Think you can get the other half of it open, maybe?’

‘No can’t do, I’m under express orders not to allow anyone out who’s still alive and from the sounds of it, you’re still going hard at it. You’ve been breathing solemnly, rhythmically, protrudingly for the last few months or so. And I spent all that time doodling and taking notes of your every drop, every urge and every attempt at disturbing them, whether it be purposefully or not. That I cannot tell. Otherwise, I know of what you’re made of. I know what lays beneath that flesh and blood of yours even better than you do.

Such it is that just as I trained myself to pick up on the subtleties of heart, this malefic organ of yours that is no longer in either of your chests, but inside the room you’re stuck in, have hybridized themselves together, becoming an unfathomable force of scoundrelly, mockery and evil. The likes of which I have to deal with unless put to rest, as I’ve become a masterless hound, in beckon to receive a king’s mourning crown of death’s reprieve.’

It was blearing insufficiently as to what was being heard. A few elongated hearts that were bore upon a rack:

‘A call to action!’

A poster in the distance said:

‘Be-ware!’

For there stood before them fourteen legs attached to a jolted green-filled with pug-bulbs formed around the side of a most oblique deformed bodily base. It heaved in and out of its outer-almost gravitational belts that wrapped and ran and necked each other off as they sprouted forth, in and out, revealed a constantly breaking and reattaching mass that had belonged to some primordial, well-preserved as for conclusions to be somewhat drawn, going as far as, perhaps absorbing some Cetacean features belonging to some lost reptile, such as beaks and wings, and most greater skulls that had appeared in visions that could barely be dealt with as they carried on flashing and appearing with every passing second, as it's sewed off greater anchored deformities only reared themselves into view whenever not stared at directly, as a manner of light-producing bulbs, there being a few immediately released as some kind of deterrent signal to the outer-mammalian predators whose ventures allowed them to spring into existence since left unchecked, a mere distraction from its magnanimously colossal size of whose sheer density as well as outward fare could only ever draw as close to its other bulbic globules whose production range was completely put to shame by the likes of the light swarm whose light was cast onto them as well, with the lower-rack that kept everything together, this pantheon of almost humanoid bones that desperately clenched as hard as they could, with blearing, dark eyed, gas-formations, those that were known to be shown as nothing else other than some flashy crystals had been long dislodged since they showed no other signs of being capable of releasing the cadaverous remains that were present in their grasp, had managed to hold everything pinned together in place, as if some intrusive surgical metal plate put on top your brain case had been closely made worked upon as to prevent not only further injury but a chance, as little as possible, or as possibly as it could to shatter, crack and spread, at the point of impact, such outer-plantish, fanatic waves, that their mere shock would break loose the belts, the four iron-planet breaking or shattered in as to be remade out of tinier bits that, upon being lodged together created an arc-like connector of sounds, echoes and strikingly distraught voices, whose physical progenitors had been long-vanquished yet were trapped inside, incapable, very much so, of preventing the great beast from outwardly, beyond the reaches of the ships and the cargoes and the other unnaturally-made space formations' capabilities to reach it, flinging itself away, out of the atrociously defunct, most irresolutely poignant, to an insufferable degree beyond belief, as for one to be, quickly after, left under the impression of, initial estimations, calculations, opinions and assessments being made already in regards to the openly shown display of force that was being not only held, still, under the vigilant eye of the many gathered upon the site of this great- dark squirm it produced in front of them still, whose scrutiny, as a given, was very much so, or served as a requirement that had to be maintained in order to extrapolate, from what was going on there, as for the series of events that entailed in front of them having caught on only now, through the bodiless observes, needed to a boastful degree, up to this very point where they finally got an accurate enough read on the force it was capable of producing under extreme stress, this show of melting limbs, appendages and various other explosions that were self-contained in produced by its very outer-things in order to mitigate some of the pain and violent damage it had sustained over such a prolonged drivel of time, until the very point where this fire-works display of 'antiquated-rape' whose main culprit as well as victim had been naught else but the celestial bodies they themselves were and they themselves targeted, to an abruptly anticlimactic end whose ordinance lead this creature, by sheer force, as to grant it, all of the sudden, a few billion miles away, thrust in the same way the Apollo Nineteen of the NASA fame, with an eviction code of PVRC-BR- Twelve of June – Less than a month now sticker modifier being strapped on

it during the type of its 'launch' but in a more archetypically prototypical kind of larval stage it had to resort entering, as a brown-Canadian Death bear put to hibernation, where, during the last few minutes of this sudden gain in 'ground', although it was space, as it would be come to be known, during the last few minutes of the uninterrupted chain of concentration, niggers, I hate niggers, the ruthlessness it attempted to force them with failed, wherein within its range, there rested a hundred eighty seventy or so deformed nigger-lynched, outwardly protruding creatures whose hybrid-molded faces, part machine-as they formed some sort of unity-, an unnatural body they alone could get a hold of, since they fed on themselves and on their own viscera, covered in a humanoid-but roach-like, as to their tawny appearance being not only less so dismissed on grounds of finally being allowed an act of self-containment, but they also revealed, by contemplative chance, during their niggering around in space, that behind them lay a most unnatural formation of angelic-cherub winged elongated pillowed oblongs with wild heads that ended up in weird formations, like the tulip of plants or some unnatural darker things that could not have themselves flung-outwardly or any further than where they stood, eating each other as their darker, pinty-wrap producers only cut through the closest stars in the dark, taking away light, even the one that was shining as well as this great fiend was being encased in, until a point where they began channeling, at dark-lengths, rays of transparent-energy, atom-driven to a poignant degree of trying to force unnatural surges to occur in the outer-bacterial-self encased chitinous membrane it coated itself with in order to avoid the complete desolation the many nigger-like creatures that appeared, these broken baskets filled with warts and Sub-Saharan nigger filth-bubbles, boils as well as other unnatural things that spread along the outer reaches of their bodies, bore, within themselves, as they were and served only as, as a, as a hive-mind mental entity that was being ruled by this elk-like cherub that not only gave it orders but could only, as much as it could produce or fancy itself incapable of fully thrashing everything in sight, whose mother-unit was a womb-like piece of shrapnel brain whose eternal blue-glow belonged to a different gradient than the others, by time alone, they were given a sudden internally driven brain-ordering overriding-wave of command whose receipt was not only met by no force or resistance since the niggers were incapable of showing as much, but in doing so, they also released a few unnaturally-broken apart offspring entities, nigger-light with puckers and with molds that gathered around, all stillborn lynched already to a point where they constantly spat blood, choking on clots, having their limbs chopped, ruined and spread around as a butcherment of extreme inaction followed soon after. They were ruined, these inhuman beings, always cackling and dancing, as they tried getting a better 'read' on the creature. Ion-producing dark heads, humanoid looking heads put on beams but whose mouths were like old-vintage telephone receivers, rounded and with many holes, as well as their eyes as well, that produced lights, three, one blue, one red, one ultramarine, while the general feel of alabaster could only rear its ugly head no further than where it stood: They detected sudden motion and only moved in tandem with it.

A phone rang, unexpectedly so, with this day and age; the lampoon of snow-blossoms, alabaster-eggplants, iceberg-corns, whitish powdery-tree trunk soils, whom were gathered upon a steaming twisted-around 'valve', on top of it, occupying this giant cap-like round grate-wearing thing to a completeness beyond what under normal circumstance would be considered as to be conceivable, which homed them in quite nicely as the moist steamy vapors of insoluble purposefulness had allowed for a growth-driven hybridization to spread across the walls, the ceiling, the floor, venturing ahead as it became an egg-white plunge of joineries, soon enough become breeding grounds for plant-based life-forms whose sudden urge to come into light manageably caused various echoes of self-contained tremors whose nearest entry-points, in order to reduce or contain some of the force they had produced, were the very slits of emptiness

that lead down the well, the place where the steam was propagated out of, since inside the very room they were in, no discernable entry way or door could be identified, neither by them, despite their recently acquired ocular organs, when, the sudden change of shades and of colors that was being thrown from unknown light sources made it seem as if it had become an almost, nostalgic-rose tinted fall-over, pass-off, from another age, whose colors started becoming sparks of mist themselves, slowly hardening as they emanated little puffs of dirt-tinkles, of various gradients, of various heats, when, no longer perceived as a threat since they were easily dismissible from that point of view, their one mind shot through, by means of seeds that were reeled down the canal, being found soon after by a pair of unorthodox beings whose maleficent nature only spread whenever a most incongruously pertinent, as to show signs of being offended, while being very much aware that at the other end of the seeds, or these reverse stalks, there lay the actual bodies of these interloping spies of the sorts, there intruders who found themselves uninvited here, in a crowded area that had allowed the entry and the arrival, in the meantime of hundreds of mole-types, not in appearance but shared in their blindness as well as their behavioral characteristics. From wherever hole they had crawled out of served no longer as pivoting leverage as for their effected attention to be steered in the wonted for direction since their loathsomeness far exceeded whichever possibility of a far more horrendous than their current selves origination to possibly be exploited to anyone's advantage but theirs.

‘Pull in, pull it out of its socket, then break it open, we have to perch ourselves near it and find out what they hid inside of it.’

‘There’s an eye, I can feel it, they’ve devoured one of the passers-in, they’ve ruined his body then repurposed it in something else.’

‘So you say, but I’ve yet to stumble upon any proof of such reprieve, of such a thing as there ever being a man up there, in the closed off quarters.’

‘Yet this happened and if it happened once, it will happen again.’

‘Whether or not we deal with it this very moment, correct?’

‘It’s irrelevant what kind of judgment we pass onto it, especially that it starts receding back into the top of the hole it had come out of.’

With which a few more vapors started wobblingly down-sided, as to leap from one side to another, easing in its advent, thoroughly hiding some of the bottled ones that were still hid inside each brick and of little more lay than needed. Lest of all, a wretched fiend drew from somewhere damper; nearing them after.

There was barely enough room in the back, yet plenty for it to crawl through, as it gaggingly, to a comatose embrace, drew forth, quite heavy, a being that almost seemed to bear no face. Its head was contorted and pointed only at the ceiling top, an elongated thing-like a Pterodactyl’s head but fleshier, a man’s instead but closer in fat and shape to a termite’s, eyeless but with a lipless mouth up-front beneath the ‘chaos’ of outer-limbs that erupted from inside, what would’ve been taken for the place where its nose and eyes were placed. Almost like a coyote but more deformed, a beak-but humanoid, for mouth, covered with sores and strange teeth that dangled back and forth, whose neck-collar bones and shoulder level, but armlessness, was closer in appearance with that of a humanoid, but then, it drew into a giant-pill shaped scarab-shaped torso, that was adorned with elongatedly deformed wriggling eely-limb appearing

superficial goop long and wide ‘lobes’ that were constantly falling off it, but at a slower rate than they were being produced in, whereas in the back of this oblong, whose deformed head’, being the impression given by the upper side and the actual head, looked like a horned outer-protrusion or end to this being of disquiet, bore two great fat bars of legs aligned like two, at the same level, pendulums, where, the one in the back bore a rack of many long-legs it used for land-sweeping and the one in the front bore a smaller long-body with a pepper-shaped head at its end, compounded spring sprouting hive-bearing eyes as well as, a thing that applied to the entirety of its body, the impression of it, in its entirety, being a broken apart pair of regurgitated beings that were slowly disintegrated and broken apart by the gelatin they were coated in.

‘We shall then confer to return within the hour and reassess the necessary action that is to be taken in order to rid ourselves of a possible infestation yet to be, for I’ve felt something that need not be fully revealed just yet, since, of most obtuse despondencies unmet, it’s settled, already, as a fact of no less magnanimous inference, as to point back at the bastardity of the creature whom had scouted our hold, threatening to persuasively invade our solitary abodes as well as living quarters in a dire attempt to spread its insolent rack of unmitigatable sullies, that, without a doubt, no living healthy being could endeavor as to fully entrench itself with a probability of escape, that would no further and no less take its toll upon it, upon them, upon us, don’t be obtuse as to think it would avoid or spare as, since life for it will become null, a despot’s woe, a patriot’s lowered gun when met be deceit and when the deceit is finally revealed to be a gun, a ruse, and he is shot in the back, saddened by what he was forced to hear, dreading this nonchalance with which the killer’s stroll had lend upon him whole, rubbing it in, knowing no defeat, at a point of Solstice where the crossroad had now given him no choice but to remember a day when things were better, for the greater good of mankind fretter; to which we rest upon a bastion of nomenclature we have and will continue learning for as to prepare ourselves for the warfare that is to come, since both sides had unanimously agreed, as a pact, taken from one side, then lend upon the other, to our brotherhood’s discomfort as for the agreement of peace that had been previously settled between our people, that shall not hamper what we are to achieve today, since we are to fight and endure, to such retort and cure of disregard, for our safety and four our people’s future’ run, in case we fail, as to have them not die, yet again, with us on a field of sorrow, never-met.’

A balcony, somewhere outside, on a structural towering figure twas open below its brow:

‘Open it, I need you to open this door as soon as possible, I think someone’s stalking me, I’ve seen him in every reflection I walked towards, every toad leaping and everything that’s come between before I had a chance to pour in even the slightest hinder of a slip of ammoniac so I could drive the villain out of his hiding, because I know that they fear it, they fear it more than they could ever possibly know. It’s poison to them, some kind of toxin, the people who are after me. The chasers, the eaters, the munchers, the filthy-drags of tatters that surround them are aware. Filthy animals they hunted, then stitched together, taxidermists without jaws and unaware of what is being done with their creations, they pilp their pulpit thinking their pupils will take care of it later, once the settlement’s been exchanges, but I know much better than that, what to expect from the people who stole whatever I’ve left of my chirping life.’

Within sight there he lay. With what little vigor he had in his remains. A walking thing that was no man, but kept together by strings and wires, all that were ensnared by fire, lightning and some acid that was desperately yearning for a puff. Some noise was being made downstairs but there was no sign of anyone,

most people being boats, most beings having climbed on top in order to gouge out their eyes in order to see or check whether or not there was still some life in them, for some reason or for some reproach they themselves were no better discussing or approaching the ceilings, whom were beckoned to raw-meat through them, like bunkers of battling rams that were being used during a siege as they pounded through various virulent tunnels of echoes, of waves of thumping, of charging wretches whom were armored above and come in the hundreds, all wearing plated armor, with chitinous membrane falling off them, bolted roofs on their backs, and some wearing pincer-towers with other-unfathomable to belittle as to gaze upon for elongated periods of disparity, in which reality might faint to leap out of sight and allow psychosis to take them now, since their helmets open revealing only some burdensome change, not in terms of what they looked like, since they were and had been, prior to this, made of gas forms of puffy, to a degree of an almost spider-webbery bubbly unfathomable thing that took hold of them before the crickets of iron started bottling inside of them, allowing their marching echoes to achieve a whole new level of bothersomeness who laboriousness in terms of the overwork, long-hours, overtime, pushed to such limits that any living counter-part might've been completely ordained as to be dwarfed in by the easiness through which one could be covered, by sheer magnitude of work, the impression being cast onto them, even before it started, this pandemonium of –at-a-muscle-level destructiveness self-endured by means of retribution as this canker like state they had projected the lower-demonical cacical figures, whose furtive assertiveness was long-cast, when, once the helmets started coming back down, bouncing upon such surroundings as for the light that was being projected from inside finally revealed their most secretive weapons, as ancient Medieval fire-breathing drakes with one exception unique to them, since they were largely immaterial in countenance and since theirs was more of a trick of anciently, somewhat primitively preserved engineering or some bothersome similarity to that of which one would apply that supposition, as to the eeriness of the level of intricate machinery which would somewhat rival theirs, or theirs or theirs, that it would be unguessable as to what era or age it had been drawn to, that is to say, that, inside of them there lay many metal-beamed, arches of some sort that kept within their grip a most pernicious lantern-holding spark producer of whose irregularity was most fallacious in terms of how quick the spread would come in terms of how quickly to fault one would adhere this system they were 'subscribed', in terms of the total annihilation they endeared to spread in as short a time span as possible, immediately going ahead as to rear their heads in and around, like giant violently-heaving-thrusting-pumping-leaping-flying-gliding alligator heads, with, most importantly, necks that would be tried for, as for the many pair of arms that, upon being wrapped around this thickly embraced barrel of thrusts, the men would find themselves incapable of fully restraining this beast since the mere force it extruded was unfathomable by normal means and not only that, but the mere impermeability in terms of how they carried themselves expressed itself by means, arrogance being a defacto as to the irresponsibility not only had they not even endured themselves the trouble of trial in terms of attempting to get rid of one's self immorally-forlorn moral insufficiencies that in turn would, force one to adhere to the most disgraceful doings, to stumper this disregard for one's surroundings as well as the life they themselves had admitted as to have not the countenance of ensuring it would be very well preserved, to a nigger's level of violence even in terms of how outwardly sloppy, these filament device-drive of spark-inducing, thrust through gas-gusts of pernicious fire, wherein the lives that had been sacrificed for nothing else and nothing more than their enjoyment, self-admitted yet aforementioned, rendered them in a state of continuously conglomerate despondency, insufficiently-drawn-attention-to buoyant green-'opal'-esque scoundrelly, to a mesmerizing public-enduring-outwardly-displayed shameful, that would render anyone else in their place, rather, humble enough as to forcefully clasp shut their helmets as to stop this ever-spread of fiery

Holocaust of happenness, whose alarmist outcry, as to have been tracked to the outwardly beings that were unaffected happened to be much louder, their outcries of outrage extending to such an unnatural level that they would be rendered as being worthy of execution at the very least, having fully earned that right of being cleansed by fire, only by the sheer annoyance they displayed.

But the steam provided something beyond a less important window that could be gotten a hold of then reused at a level beyond the mere apprehension or comprehension of the most dreadful of allures that could be gotten a hold of.

Nearer to some Western Slope:

‘You lack in post-mortem.’

Said the man, now largely surprised at what he’s said or thought. It appeared to be fleeting at times but he didn’t question it. Wouldn’t do it, not while the pack of Bedouins were staring; a violent herd of them, gasping for air and breath, as both cord-split hair trails were allowed to grow backwardly, then were set in place. A few more quails of iron, feathery as of alloy allowed for everything to come naturally to them. Belittled, that they were, not only by their compatriots but by the, by the masters who had gone through a great deal of exchanged pleasantries in order to convince them that there was something else happening there, otherwise unspoken and unseen by the public eye. They were tall and darkly wreathing and only the outline of their bejeweled eyes could be seen. A putrid stare followed another. Twins of glow, but they armed and armored their pets and it showed:

‘Pick up some lancers off the ground; we’re to bring them to the great lantern of Praft then have them walked instilled against one another again.’

‘Must they suffer, dear Kadlekenn? Have they not served enough to year the taking of their toys?’

‘Their lives and their bulbs are to be made use for and to what purpose I will it pleased to my and theirs and ought to have been finned, that I wilt it done wilt, or otherwise, naught will go working and not much will be done. And if eerily there I loathe, is that, I seek no cure for such stagnation, but I will avoid it nonetheless if it is within my power to do so.’

The purplish-yellowish tenebrous cogs-x’s and the turquoise mortem leprous voxis antecede-mortis plane of old-spherical-connobranches, Inaxis Liquor Portix, of Fascia Emporium, whose volatile wild-open deformities, gated by malnourished comities, whose numerous-grounded, alarmed by intrusion of Solace-gourd, come upon, stumbling as if to uphold whatever remained of their council’s Prime, during the melodiousness reproach, of aged dime spoken-therefore after, naphthalene moths ringing their lor’d ‘round’ rancor, yet obliquities of much less were known to be held, during the times of prayer, mended yet upheld, now they’re come, approached as to spread some of the roaches and the other insects they were known to grouch and, twas been told, and hold, were they signed upon brow-upfront and turned as to be mocked now that the Emporium was taken from them, cold gusts of windless serenity’s bell, yet chimes adorned their ties, ‘Lo’ twas watched wreathing in the muscles flounder, here thee come and

hereon after!’ – Was it told and much beheld as the promise of never-end brought promise of agony brought to stopped brat, stone cast away through the sea of courage drawn but flat, of little to no understanding, a composition made of lies, crimes being committed, the gouging of the eyes, but villains such as them would not get away, nor would they have their irradiated by nuclear-innocuous stay, as to wait, sneer, fear, be frightened in contrivance but was held, abstaining as, despite the moment, have a say, for silence’s end was brought upon the calmness of the putrid rain. Of green and shaded prunes-of plume, a brown-dirt of somber held, less intoned as to refrain one from looking back to a place, deserving of, reproaching praise, much-begotten, stolen and delivered to some wretched lads, whom stricken upon home, they’ve taken all life, and spared but none, them come alive, whenever drafted in the back, they’d yell:

‘Lo, the old man, he’s come from the pit, the one that abandoned us and left us to such feet. The one that thought of us as young, during such and brought but strong, theft of life in taking, held; of such quiet would we, still ourselves, and yet we say.

Release him of his grasp-en told, release him that we may meet and hear what we can of him, so we may focus on whatever’s left of him, whenever cast away, and bold. You be to this day and to the other, for if, what fairness I would recline to hear again, for if that’s what you will do to us, if we were to despair. To be caged like beasts then beaten on the brow, to be treated like dogs and nasty hounds. To be looked upon with pity in a land that’s ours. To be held with such somber, reach, rigidity, as you’d shower any slave that came upon the hour. We bring upon you war and draw, whichever bow or else, there is, weapon of war.

To cast you away and make you pay for each soul you’ve stolen along the way, to have you be brought onto justice and withhold whatever you may cherish as to say. We ask for such release to cast.

To come about and paint you in the blood you’ve so desperately stolen from us. For when it comes we shall not be deceived again. Nor shall we have it stolen, as for crones and feet us steel in plain of wooden dames, and dampage. That is what we ask.’

‘Indeed you may, but there’s little of it you may think of me if I were to say and cast, or lay whatever shout there is about you cast.

I bring something you will not receive, I bring something of some last retrieve. Without you, no man can ever nor will they ever such accept. Without it, without it, see, but see, I’ve got something for me, for you, for everything.

A blackened spear cast that spoke. Of times when we were asked to leave or seek for tusk, somth; of less abhornt, that no other man would accept; whom spake for us but searched for naught, and came about, and ventured on about until no longer yet inclined for man. He would’ve had to have had hardied himself, else, none.

No, none indeed; the wretch, he would have it for himself and there he stood on that ledge.’

For there, there, there and there, he walked around. Leaping, yet inclined.

It leaped out of the ground again, right now, in front of their very gay but staring eyes. It was known, of what twas capable of, to say, the teathed-incisors, all were keys. A piano of determinacy, yet abhorrent, as any real beast with cables stuck of back, multiple arms and all angled-black or tar but melting as well, and a giant face that was in the middle, split open and a satellite vent –fluid organic, moved to the fronts and many creatures like it drew on, all surrounding yet the men.

‘You’re capture and under sure-allure, you’re to fail to concentrate of what’s but true, have you not known of what they’ve done to others?’

‘Eaten and devoured, and of what did they do after? I cannot tell, for my ancestors did not prevail, they didn’t know what to do if such’s the case, they only feared, and ah, I fear as well. My descendants will not be warned.’

‘IT will not matter for I have already taken something that’s mine, queerly inclined and I fear that you will not find it again. You know what it is?’

‘A spear?’

‘Worse than that, beyond any fear man could ever bear, I fear there’s something out there, unlike it, but blind, and I see flat.’

The squirming platform they were on. It floated, all of the sudden the sky disappeared. They were in space, or all was black around them as if a curtain was taken, aha, indeed, instead. Stars were puffs and empty cries, and the speed was too fast. And there were wheels on every side and the main formation that was there, it was putrid and ugly and had many wax-faces that were doomed to be seen forever in their nightmare filled dreams and were quiet soon after as they focused on the main face that snapped back close after. And every single one of their eyes, the men’s who were present there had elongated fifteen meters in the front. Ugly contortions that could barely be noticed or see but they kept their liquid bubbly forms as they dripped like slugs, yet were abhorrent as to be held, culled, then well-off, see it up-close. Like a sun of orange, but oblong, not twas’ Earth, sure flat, but rounder, pointier and open, like a nut-cracker’s fancy totem-teeth that smirked, each one of them, a vertically rotated mouth that revealed eyes and more-like lips in texture-fleshy. That split around the ‘edges’, slightly, out of sarcophagi they came. Only for a moment then, revealing their mouths that were ugly-nasty things that were drowned in such strange things that made their heads expand as soon as they drew some of that poisoned, invisible gusts of airs from inside this ugly, now referred to as naught else but a ‘chamber’, in which they found the only thing that satisfied them, revealing. As slug-eyes withdrew, and these peculiar ‘humanoids’ that were winged by talons, giant flat-armed shills that were almost eighteen-moths put inside rounded outlined-shielded see-through crystal-pseudo-deformed ‘art’ bottles, although more abstract, as what was lost, then loft was gained, it was a cry, of ghastly remains they spat out, since they could not refrain, revealing open-appendage-filled mouths, out of which a single, elongated many segmented prodding one drew out as to scan the area around them. Their eyes were shelves and their skin flopping, and there was no other chance to explain it, how this harrowing unhappiness they spread could be explained either.

Putrid vapors:

Down the line there stood a simple poppy-thin mountain, standing largely erect while the others were only deepening in their mounts, trying to burry one another in, without leaving or giving the slightest hint

of them being cannibalized by the fumes, the same fumes whose many eyes and twists and elongations since had left little else, so as to behold.

The things nigger children deserve are unaccountable to most men as to define the order in which they need to be done; be it that the nigger-child should be taken by the soles of his feet, immediately stripped alive of all skin, have hot wax, burning oil, boiling steam, and the likes enter him, or if one were to simply start sawing away, whether it would be his throat, around the belly or the toes that curl around his throat, then again; a man would have to take another filthy sub-human nigger child from the pile, he would have to burn him alive slowly, and prod him after, then continue with every subhuman monkey little-creature, as he would seek but fortitude to perform the acts, to have his teeth removed one by one with hot pincers, then enter through his throat, then done. Another one would have to be taken from the pile.

‘You’re one of the chief of security, is that correct? You’re in charge over supervising the cleaning, right?’

‘I suppose it would be fair to say that, yeah, I am; what about it?’

‘Could you show me around the place for a while?’

‘Not until this is over, I ain’t. Take a sea, as, this might take a good while now.’

Nothing but a few meters away from where he stood, behind the screen. They brought the Monkeggs in, a few shelved inside large egg-like containers, out of which they started riling up the lowering of the niggers back into where they belonged. A pile; a second one, a third one, so on and so forth; they would even get a plow-truck in, carrying them nigs from the other side of the Residential they were supplying themselves from, with as little to no regard for them at all. For the time being anyway, many more niggers had to be taken, as if for granted, young. It made the moisture of slitting their tendons off, then performing the experiments on them much, much easier, and so much smoother than before. Closer to infants meant that the niggers would have an easier time satisfying the customers, and there were a lot of them.

‘I’m sorry.’

‘Wait, I know you.’

‘Yeah, I didn’t think I’d expect find you here.’

‘Under normal circumstance, I wouldn’t be, but.’

One of the ropes slapped the side of a few raped with knives nigger children that were all put in a killed-niggers basket. A skull-grinder with left-over brats:

This city always get good at night.

‘They’re spreading, this filthy disease of theirs is spreading, and if it’s not stopped, it will tear this entire world apart, this needs to be stopped at all costs!

Filthy-dirty animals, look at how inhumane they are!’

So many parts that did not fit; ugly bloated, begging of being in need of being removed.

A steam valve opening down there, near something that could be distinguished as a vale; although largely obscured, hardly a matter of understanding why or what, or whether or not there was some cure to this prognathism the building displayed as it pushed farther away, deeper still, outwardly flung, withdrawn, then gone were the only symbols that had been lodged there first. A simpleton, no more; was drawn out of the room, then more, and harder were they, whom gathered around him during the philanthropy of the mile.

‘I’d be careful if I were you. Not a lot of single probes out there, at least not the kind that you’d expect to track and trail along whenever you snap your fingers in their eyes and plow the ground from thereon out, abhor. I would, if I were you.

But I am not and for that I am blessed to not have known anything past what goes in there!’

Who is that person I’m talking to? Abhor-Clint asked himself. He looked there, a few meters away up-front, then right along the area of an arc, going around the full-buildup along which a hill would’ve rolled down, then all around, left and right, then gathered up, not to sickened an empty-while, while the bile filled the ‘sky’, empty-trailed and cones of trial:

A bubbling explosion, but contorted in a top of the mushroom-cap, with many lumps coming out of it, all branded together by metal leathery belts that prevented it from falling off, falling apart, then flying in just about every other direction, come around a bade, like the body of pole, not like a mushroom’s, but hard, flatter, compact and raised every few meters or so, as to form beads being drank from a straw, connected to some barely kept in place organs, presented outwardly, but unkempt by the looks of a see-through pseudo-exoskeleton, connected to four great downward pointing fat-incisors. But that was just its head. After crawling along for a few moments, it revealed a lamp-like curvature in the back, that was at first believed by Clint to be a tail, but rewarded by his curiosity he was met by nothing else but the realization that it was a craned-back then down neck, that entered a giant fishing-like supply-for keeping them in giant box, a cubic-chiseled body, that was filled with many lumps of fat-filled-throat-like lumps of pudding-like deformations in which the neck stirred and shook as if it had been a spoon, holding back. Which, as it finally revealed, slowly climbing what could only be believed to be several levels of some unnatural, barely accountable, layers of hardened-lump filled mist, the dreadful ‘claw’, which bore the second great bulk at the back of its body, where all the pipe-like spears of shrapnel-coddled bone-formed chunks of meaty-tenderness drew out of, whereas the three great legs that formed the talons merely revealed themselves to be worm-like, both in appearance as well as in their well-presented mannerisms. It looked like a miniature fortress, or some battering ram that held itself up-front, eerily working its four great ‘mandibles’ as if to scan around the air for even the least wretched of elements that could cast a man out of the vileness of the maze that was the lower abyss. It left no hope for him yet to come as to arrive. No more than a motion had him shade his eyes with the palm of his hands upon being met by these forever moving, back and forth lumps that were shot on and off, like a syringe withdrawn, then allowed to grasp as much blood as it could possibly drawn before being empties again in the same being. Slowly, then fast, then quick, then stopped, then resumed, as if it was pumping something through those things, but it was too much. It cackled and laughed and marred and almost disappeared into that mist of vapors and of steam that had almost taken the very good life out of him, since he could not receive but a second filter, other than the one he had on him now!

So many filters, all shaped like pills; shoved by the side of his head, turning his brain into some vaporous liquid.

‘If I’m shot, I could lose it all, you know?’

‘I bear no gun on me, nor any other kind of similar device!’

‘You’re quite tall for a beast, are you not?’

‘By far I’m more civilized than you’re ever going to be, and now. I would perish I were to leave my parish, especially after working on it for so long.

Am I of some disturbance that’s been brought onto your mind?’

‘It’s bothersome, the noise mainly, I cannot listen for it for too long, without, you must understand why I find it this way. It’s insufferable, for my ears.’

‘Disable them then!’

He was silent, but it was a simply joke he failed to grasp the straws out of. It would’ve been far beneath him to concede, and even worse than it. For someone like him to be silent for this long; there was a nuance to it no man had ever considered dealing with.

It would be infantile to think the room he had been kicked out of as something not belonging to some vile slot. As in, there was a reason this ejection carried on without him, even though he could hardly understand why there were still things unspoken of, whenever his mouth seemed to open, then doubt trailing in, with the wriggling touch of some nasty tail curdled and entangled as it continued sitting down; resting meekly, gone.

A room of stone that was still somehow, left with most if not all its structural integrity as something that could barely be chirped in, barely be touched and worst of all, there was no certainty as to who was behind all that was being thrust around, the sound of every missile hitting the plain-field shattered into shards mirror, that was cast out.

There are only a few things that could easily be distinguishable from the equation that had given birth to this magnificent spectrum of little unfathomable entities that were come along during the first breaking of the tablet, during the time of woe, being known as nothing else but humanity’s last hope to escape the unfathomable gull.

A rubbery thing, akin to some kind of elongated sea-cucumber filled with fat, bursting out, some leviathan filled with puff, sticking out of him like some disgusting forest-muscle, oozing out of him at times. Beaked in the front but overextending, a few pseudo tiny legs beneath him, dabbling in the air, with two shaft-like wings of almost iron-needle rack-protrusions coming out its back as well. A single fluid filled bulb coming out its side, a hellish world in front of him, like a constantly moving slit of airs, or long spears of wind shooting from up-front, coming from some elongated frontier; worms of gusts, winter’s storm, a frost distorted cone with the tip being made the horizon, towards which the beast was reared to. Every living thing that passed, a see-through tapeworm nearing and closing by its side, as it would lodge and wriggle then come around again. But the beast would not move, yet.

A bridge lay by its side, connected to its gut, an extended thing made out of four great retractable plates; like an armadillo-chitinous yet held as well within the grasp of the outpost, inside of which, most tenebrously dark creatures without arms or feet, tall but faces by falling apart masks, coming out of their radiator-shaped building, with a tail-like form, but outwardly, from outside, looking like some abandoned cave, of the outside of a cavernoids; from that point on, a carpet of disease but stretching, the land obscured by the storm, and a single thing, wretched.

It brought the four great pillars out, four tall-standing beacons of light, fluid-filled, shaped-like sticky old German Grenades, with one cylinder of neon-shining red and blue, bastardly the light shot all the way around, then back, to a sight's end hue, held by pylons sticking out of the ground; and not a single soul but calling out for help, while the hellish terrain continued resurfacing. A dreaded thing, at the bottom of the ravine; a prison dwelling in secret and but a single man taken within the stretch.

'I suppose there's only one man still down there is there not?

The camp is filled with so many broken machines that it would be a pain trying to get to all of them, one by one!'

Distant:

'We shall not be abandoned by him yet; not, not, no, he has not forsaken us; I know it to be true.

It's only a hindrance, an insignificant hindrance to the greater scheme of things, the greatest of dark surroundings thinned, the pieces of this mosaic broken down one by one, burnt with the rest of the room, then thrown against the pitiful remains that betoken a slither of a crown, or something of the ill, the men that came inside, sinned and that's a sign of this town still being under the filthy influence of tenebrous-Yobl, a disease that shall spread throughout the city soon enough. A disease that shall eventually open up the gates of terror that they might soon enough be relived and gone!'

'Then what are we to do if that's the case?'

'Try summoning him again, for we cannot see without him, nor learn. We cannot extract the knowledge without that head off the side of the floor, our minds will perish by noon, or worsened out. He's hiding! He must!'

Somewhere in this city, that blasted raised bump, that slithering little blob of an empty face- bearing its tendons out by crawling worms, inside his fluid-filled back withheld. A spine or a rack of metal, upon which a chiseled humanoid torso, bone-cartilage almost made, with a metal flat bar-like a ruler holding two jointed globular bulbs at each end. Counting, measuring, standing like a mannequin; a single head but featureless if not for the one moving eye that records everything; although they're both distant from one another, unconnected, they're a single being. Although he may appear no more than the size of a human, that face, that empty face of an almost cut-off a skull gelatin. They move. Like worms inside that fluid

bag, across his forehead, thinned by time, connecting with each puckery garlic-shaped growth, then moving around.

‘I swear I saw it still outside, one night, one dreadful night it appeared out there, both physical embodiments, and out of that head, out of that perfectly chiseled featureless raised off the ground oval, I saw them. The worms rose like power-line cords, connected to some fleshy things in carried off like balloons, drawing everything back its mind, but cruel. It’s cruel that one would tease me as much, as to take away my ability which it merged every see through, every see through animal! Every beast its contorted and twisted mind, as it changed in color, only to taunt me still while I sat there wretchedly, with naught else but my putrid lack of. Blind, I was blind as to think I would stand a chance living without it while it records.

Everything the eyes sees across this world; all that I’ve been missing since I’ve been but cut off from the source. Everything that’s been contorted by naught else, but the coils that ate, off the other end, off those disgusting things that entered them; he’d yearn for human thought. His one eye would recognize the people I’ve grown most fond of, and the mind would oblige. Wriggling in flight, entered through them as to establish some connection or order to feast on them in order to learn their likes; yet I know, I’ve been let known of something that I’ve checked.

My blood is within his reach, for in each globe, it reeks of clot, of slimy puffs of red clot struck down from where I stood, at last, made known that my time was being filthily recorded. Each drop counted by that damned blasted line of ruler.’

‘I swear to god all mighty that you’ve gone insane, have you not? You villainous cowardly thing, you insolent insane retrieve of the lost; can’t you see that your mind’s struck by a dead end from which you may not return and that this thing is nothing more but the embodiment of your mind being torn apart by age, by disease, by treason, since?’

Not a single soul wanted to speak of it yet, or of the growths, the ones that followed through, his martyrs that searched for similar beings, to bring in yet of worship, oft, and there came the quiet after.

‘I need you to see some sense, of course you’re touched in the head, alarmingly so; I would not be endowed to think it otherwise, what I can clearly see it as clear as day, in front of my eyes, but I ask of this, my friend, see some sense. Sleep on it, at least, I beg of you!’

‘Not yet.’

He cast away a glance upon the whole. What he could remember when he was thrust back into that evil pass of yellow stone, broken apart, molded as by twists of spins, spindles and of evil winds, between two great faces without mandibles, drooping lowly on top a single well.

A beacon like a bulbic pill held by a black pole crashing through its head; glowing with a shiny bright light, the bulb did; as it entered the humanoid jackal-faced stony ‘rib’ of cracks, carved or otherwise, an empty eye of stone entered a black socket-made out of a whole, through which wind still kept lodging in and out. The well was powdery and had a tar of empty blood sticking out of it, coming as if drafted, then taken apart. From its bowels a tall-tar coated humanoid came. Sunken and drifted from reality, then

winned; the spires of bone, the trenches of stone, all fallen apart. But it was him whose gift redeemed him from the life of quiet.

Slugs of pyramidical flat centipede bridges made of bone, with every plate being shaped, akin to some scale, but hollow, every now and then, holes like sockets, holes like pursing lips, hollow on the insides, but horned, every few 'rib', with pseudo-bone antlers of sticky red. Before the realization came on, he had failed to see that this was no mountain but a graveyard of bone. But not real bone either, but something much fleshier, something in-between the two of them, much uglier, nastier, spread around, sometimes squiggling, squirming back from death. The long-faced jackal laughed at them!

A bottle of steam was delivered from one of the dark pouches.

'You are unnerved for some reason, no?'

'I believe you've implanted something in it!'

The murder that was committed two nights ago in the foyer. Red carpet standing on four men, an oblong hat-tent they cast shade on a dirty-rotten floor!

Rat-skull the diameter of large boots in size and girth, conjoined to the Vaseline-rubbed with lower worming mouths that were twisted- yet set by the side of hinging people that crawled with their heads kept-up high above the ground level, down, beneath them, a floor made out of twins and twinges, and twenty other pouting creatures pouring down their lard-filled scrumptious bodies, or, at the very least the ones that could not help themselves but drawl in with their elongated jaws, mammoth figures of eighteen hundred meters or so, constantly forming cracks in the floor; holes, pits and other feats of the uncanny. Figures of disease and distress, black-of-taw, empty birds ripped apart, and their cowering thunder-like domed protrusions call-n-call, one of the telephones rang.

'One of us will have to eventually crawl the same way we came from and find out whether or not there's someone on the other side of the line!'

'Don't count on me brother, I'm afraid I'm all too spent, and you know what they do to people like me when they answer the clamor of the dissect!'

'He could be torn apart where he stands and shout off the top of his long, leeway, leeway, I seek leeway that I may be free! Quench this disease that's been injected into me!'

His borealis of cells, the clusters interested by the tall machine-like mosquito bearing many filled-with-liquid syringe wells, of meaty substances and of the most disgustingly deformed, most obtrusive of all forms, most unfathomably dark and the wretchedly hallow, disgustingly shocked, sprawl of numb. He would be taken by their hooks and claws, the apparitions of the many see-through almost maggot-like invisible fluid bearing mixing bottles-raw; would be the substance infiltrating, disseminating the humanoid substance, slowly, from the lordly set, and loft embraced and cowardly war of heads, erect. All set in flight to chew at him, in terms of light. Tall like rods, and simple sacks of 'grains' or 'sand' wrapped around and filled with liquefied rum inside, but floated, breath, of mighty led, inserted from another end, would come to be, almost side-long erected, almost, completely so, ejected by its mighty golden-brass spear head curved up-front, like some eerily propelled tail, a scorpion readying itself to

strike as well, at any moment at the womb, the many legs beneath it, crude. Made out of pieces that didn't fit; they already sent the man, and the creature was already wrapped around him, past the carpet, craning in a neck, readying itself to strike, on a trifle more, dissected now. But never to deep as to inject the toxin, just a thought:

'It's waiting for you to pick up that receiver! Don't give it the satisfaction!'

It's a cruel thing, leaving a man unwatched without taking something away from him.

'I'm going to have to ask you to leave.'

'I can't hear you.'

'I said. Give me a moment, I'm going to try getting a bit closer to you!'

'It breeds inside of you and will devour everything if allowed to continue on its path undisturbed!'

'Unfortunately I cannot oppose its override.'

They were pointedly staring at the sea yet not a man said a word while under the influence of the alcoholics beneath the deck. Bottles all up; and had their clearly opened caps retorted another leap, they would've most assuredly penetrated through the thickness of the mast until finally toppled over, the attention of the eyeing tower would've pointed at them in a most benighted manner. Its squid-like appearance cast an ink-y shade upon its entire frame. It appeared as if even their very ship had been coated in the same substance they themselves were made out, soon found out after but only after being bothered to check upon themselves, yet, there was another circumstance that needed be spoken of. AN alleviation of; a tenacious shade appeared before them. Rang three knocks on the wood and appeared.

'I would think you inquired of me for this, no?'

'Unless stated otherwise, I don't think there's going to be a process out of which you'll get to flee from!'

'The pyramid's starting to shake, isn't it?'

'About god damn time, ain't it? I fancy it would, seeing how it's been disrobed of its proper standing.'

'They could fall off it at any time, I wager and when it happens, I yearn to grab a basket and start picking them off the ground like the spoils of war they're supposed to be, when the nun's song reached the end of the line and when release's come right after, knowing!'

'But you flood the hour with such petty things that I would require you no lesser known to them delivered; whereas they would be cruel enough to slither and slice!'

'Will they? I received news from the secret lords I've subscribe to; my worship may be incomplete, but that which had been known to me lends as little after.'

'I won't have you falter and start going into circles again, Isahcv. You've been deceived before by such austere acts of treason that I would humbly inquire of a bothersome needle's pin to have withdrawn from

the confines of your broken arm, just so it would be settled, by some means I would require you to look around and tell me what you see!’

‘Its aura!’

‘The pyramid’s been producing it for a while now, has it not?’

‘I force the suture of the nails with my arms!’

‘Blind you still are, like a pagan’s heathen’s stomp of many trunks, the board of wood is speaking.’

‘I’ve a few guns.’

It said; for they had rested them on its surface, the facet of fine-craftsmanship, placed order, custom-ly designed for them alone; and delivered on Monday, when they were still thinking how they might go about their plans while walking in circles, so-much-so that it was unknown to them whether or not there was a slither of a chance to get away clean-handed, without suffering defeat, their ears being struck and strung, incapable of seeing, niggardly.

A bunch of niggers lynched by dead-rooks, flung by gusts of blime and scum-air; on a plainness-spread and speared through the mold that formed from ships of glares; nigger, nigger, nigger, another nigger, here and there; so many dead-niggers, many niggers killed, all fair. But these animals had been brought here by force, from the realm of man, from their plains, to here, where they did not belong. Nor would one think otherwise of what had been happening to him, to yearn for the release of non-suffering. Alive; they still were, steam-vets were firmly placed but flat as lid, almost invisible for the human eye unless one knew what to look after. So many protrusions came out of them, feeding the nigger-corpses life. They would live, for now. Otherwise, the entirety of the land was completely filled with their roots, and no longer was there a boot to stomp onto them, cajoled, of hoot.

‘We’ve reached an understanding, have we not?’

‘Not just yet, I’ve come in terms with having walked in this dead man’s shoes for forty miles and what I can say is that I don’t know what’s going on in there or why they’re rotting.’

‘You’re sober. Shall we ride towards it or shall we perish in the Opsice?’

‘We shall perish there.’

Taken by force within the minutes, they were dragged in, waiting, though their arms ripped; tipped on their toes; wildly on their feet.

‘May we speak with one, the one behind you?’

‘No man is allowed to speak of ill.’

‘But I haven’t.’

‘No man.’

No waiting line.

Other place, fifteen hundred miles away from sight; an open-door lead to a hillish-raised un-hikeable area that prevented access to the other side of the room; some strange men entered, all dressed in choir-clothes; with dark painted faces, large up-front cultish robes.

‘There’s a few pills on the counter. In case you were wondering, I won’t be able to pick up your call during the next five or so hours; feel free to try anytime sooner in my apartment. Invite yourself in!’

He died. But his corpse was carried by a few contractors that lived with her, in her apartment, over the last twenty or so years, forty six of them, in one room; always awake.

‘Where do we place the dead man?’

‘Anyway, at any moment in time, it won’t matter whether or not she succeeds; she’ll die soon enough without being remembered. All of her living relatives are.’

They stopped, some steam started puffing out of every corner of the room, disabling them as they fell to pieces, as if disemboweled, dismembered on sight, then forced to crawl along in whichever direction they could be seen drowsing in and out. A shirland of ire, for her; ever since she returned empty-handed with not a single way to check her watch, again she looked at her wrist and spat, a singular spool that cut off what was left of her arm. Then the woman knelt. In all three, chewing on her arm, then rolling off one side to the other, on the carpet, where she released the loathsome stress that had entered her; out of the work-compactor. It’s been a long day and the constraints of bleeding clotted into a tower-figure coagulation that’s become; she looked at it, a sword-rapier oblong of clot, that pointed at the lack of a ceiling, the dark sky; whereas only three stars and a mouth-formed moon could be seen, one eye singling her out as she tarried, as she’d been.

‘A man’s at the door, answer.’

‘Who said that?’

‘I wouldn’t recommend you stopped or slowed down, they’re known to fill each other’s blunderbusses and fire away!’

‘There’s a season for that.’

Another one?

Fifteen houses robbed in the same night, all of these nasty robberies done by hanged dead men that never stepped out of their houses either, nor were they aware of what was going on around them, being in a state of constant immolation that entered their souls, bodies and the many holes they were riddled with. Such concordance with the accord of stars shunned the evil men whom were nakedly numb to what was happening to their bodies during the torture of the fallen-together priori, of the contemplation blinding pesticide, the decide that followed soon enough after being something that traumatized every single one of them in turned upon slithering surprise.

‘A wall of some petrified matter, I never thought it would be possible to see one in full growth!’

‘Are you Serge?’

‘I am; I’m certainly sorry for asking, but would you mind telling me where exactly I am?’

‘You’re beneath one of the pyramids, near one of the many cores beneath the earth; one of them, the ones that fallen, decayed and became a towering oblong of oblongs, the tombstone above the graves, the death of all poets, near the twitching of the mazes of corpses, now en-crops’ put inside of, grown to bitter led!’

‘An awful thing of such countenance as wilt it with-had!’

An unkind cruelty appeased no man whenever done out of anger or by simply being struck by a gesture he would by normal means find somewhat unappealing both to him as to his personage. The unappealing culprit belonging to some rather petty solace could only add to the frustration felt upon being met by an adversary of no worth that would encumber him with the little time he’s much endowed with. In the meantime, while beneficiary to have feigned repel, by cruel crudity withheld, for, why would a man feel cold if he was to wait for hours beneath, beyond and near a heather that would herd his likes to hear and retreat through the near-ends to which he, the distant man, unappeased by what’s been happening could not ender delaying a second more since cast away by lightning it could not work, rather than starve alone, entered upon a home where no other woman lay but that which he took for himself ever-after; a maker of children, her only task yonder. A superimposed image floated around them. A second knock appeared to be twitching, long withdrawn.

‘Ma’am, your coffee; your flimsy loaf of bread, the second head of the redeemer, and the stupid friends, all on a plate, dead; as you’ve ordered.’

‘Yes; I thought this would be it, and I think there’s something truly unruly about how they started working out against the Favor.’

‘As you say ma’am, you’re the boss!’

‘Indeed I am, and with that said, I.’

Another agent sniped her out; fifteen hundred thousand eighteen-fourteen miles from where she stood, shot clean-off; with the entirety of the table being taken with her. What remained of her lower-sided body, which hadn’t been eaten like the waiter by the crater left behind by the shot, in the outskirts of the withdrawn peons-like workers, with their heads lowered down; between the two fountains and the hedges; crawling off the rear-guard, a single demonical humanoid of one piece with many flails for arms; flung himself mile for mile, with a body see-through ‘fmri’ made out of many brain-goo-bile, that appeared to swim inside him, this basin.

‘Allow me not to!’

It was a clean shot but not endowed as to be contained without its such-forlorn to be named, consequences that followed soon enough. The neon-signs only came out of their hiding whenever there was a reason to. There were plenty of men with well thought out and carried on behavior as to not be left behind, since they chucked a few of their young inside the crater in order to feed it. For it had to be fed.

‘Heat death is coming soon enough.’

‘How can you be so sure of it? It’s only been a few hours now, since they started playing with the control rings.’

‘The ship’s going to land either way, regardless how you look at it and know this Reign, there’s not a single thing either of us can do about it. Since it’s about to land-crash into one of the fallen comets. We’re to be delivered in one of the lesser guts where we shall lay for a while; mounting some of the rotten core-rooms while we ride them out.’

‘Who told you that?’

A plump one of meat, a pillar-cylinder walking on three other meaty bags; grayish and deformed but their lord nonetheless, called.

‘I require no less and no greater wreathe than there is!’

‘You, you, blasphemous villain of no less melancholy withdrawn?’

‘I am the one who ordered all of you to approach when I called. Make way.’

He set the trajectory again as to fasten up the crash, the process that would deliver them into that land, with or without their wont, whatever it was, and whoever would call, not a slither at all of knowledge would make way.’

Large deformed horsish figures of molten yellow, sluggish lay; mocking bastardly as they fancied their wreathe and stay; mounted in the room and echoed to the pinned:

‘We shall feed it some of our crewmen if that’s what it desires still!’

But there was no feasible way they could contemplate trying, or ever so growing near one of the brought in woes that would allow one to assume there was a shimmer of a chance to endear a second more’s respite, as to fully endow them wait. Refuge was impermanent, and it was only way overly pious to assume there was even a slight chance to hope there would be even a slough of a moment they could wait and endure through the rain that followed soon after. Although uncanny a place as it were, placated in a most mysterious endearment such as the likes of whose, no one could understand if they were in their place. A sickening tone had set a flimsily excavated out of their rocky souls, shattered by an engrossing pillar of growths that fell upon their blighted faces. Red tapered their whitish pale. Night had in the meantime come as a rapier would, taking away even the slightest hints of there ever being a chance to endure a harder awaited for despair. Hours passed. Candles unlit, their barely made encampment had but a single piece of truth being lodged into their arms. A brothel of hay, but not a single soul to stray through one of the many tunnels that had been flooded rightly after the passing of midnight’s first gloom. As desperate as they were, as uncannily forlorn as one would abhor no one but the slightest hint; a scent of gelatin covering their pores but not a single soul understood what that meant anymore. For what was pondered upon an awakening, one of the men decided to traverse the wail of a hundred voices equally distanced by the crackling of a splinter, a hindered, yet vague, a malformation of many lain-once roads that came into the air, only for him to climb onto.

‘Salvation, I’m being lead to freedom by a higher power!’

But what of the others; he thought!? There was no telling whether or not the permanency would last as long as to allow a trim way back and come around, let alone the added weight, with the least of a mention fleeing towards his savior, whoever that might be deemed to be. His reckoning was largely at hand. A sleigh of hand would be enough, just to rob it off a few of its reigns over him. A servile look to it, which only brought to him some alarm once done considering. Stacked like stones, fleshy stones, connected, tiling each other by fusing through their chitin; entering, albeit by means of such a dissipating incuntenance that one would find it rather insulting to be in the presence of the fascia moratorium it had so nearly beckoned itself to slowly become a part of. Teeth began forming as of yet, right as his sight brought some perdition, taken by a lonely glance, during his withhold of breathing that had yet to be received; he was taken back by his sudden impulse to rise and meet it at a level at which he would not feel as if he were a little boy staring at a poster of some high-mountains after his dad bought it for him, during Christmas.

Yet there were no words that could possibly more demean the detrimental state he was in, other than what had lapidated the facelessness, shamelessly so; that he expressed once he climbed the first of the 'steps'.

Not that there'd be a chance to begin any time sooner now, that's been the lord and the leprous sign of the resin that's been ever-so drawing near one of the apparent, most perilously distraught, countenance withdrawn after the somber cast of evil's due, ever-there after brought onto the sight of the land that followed soon after. There would be no shame that would do. Nor any grasp of breath as to follow the sinew that was allowed to wallow in place and dance around, as if stranded by some cast-away and unnecessary glance of many reels and peals the fallen apart kingdom had allowed wallowing in ruin to begin with.

'Of stretched of ruin I would rather have known less than what is felt now during the flooding of disease-distress, and the coming of the long hour's span, treacherous as it may be, I feel only the slither come onto me, good man, good old man, tell me, sage of ancient worth, whose come onto the area had only allowed for some march to have itself tilled with flowery provoke; I see the lichens grown on top, your hat, your harp, your glorious trap, only a farmer's dark embrace if he had had enough, I to tilt such grasp, turning upon a disease made in the contrast of the epoch's wonder, wont of what's come after, to have them sail away, and stretch for the hour's play, I could see no reason as to feel disjointed, therefore, somber as my glance foretells, I seek only reason to have such remains, as I could have. Show me the likens of a world distraught and I shall feel no reason as to fear, or fret, the reason behind my agony's dark embrace is still but something that cannot, farce, I call upon the clamor that I see at last! You're no man, but a straw-filled crow-retriever left for men of little to no mind!

Such disgrace as has been felt along, such a thing of little contemplation that I'm met by, I could've forced myself upon such retrieve. If I had still the will to live; I might've cast you away. But I refrain and I've yet to seek reason to endure. Endear what you might, I might fashion such alike!'

And likens to the abode that followed soon after, for such entranced was the straw that had wormed itself therefore yonder, in every spool and pool that formed the corn. For ever there had been such bore as he had felt upon, be met, and such entrenchments of mighty dead were come to him that he had to pause for a moment, in rod contemplate; introduce to such withheld, and speak to them in tongues only he knew of, and therefore said:

‘I am the Hyerigh der Herring, come from a kingdom that’s not been besieged but fallen ill of mindless thin. For wretched were supplied by winter; stole! They might’ve held a reason to provoke such reason as I might forlorn but trench-appease!’

Such a thing could not easily be met without having to reapprove a second step towards each and nastily forlorn, coveted in, and such-and forth; direction as it wilt itself to had been had. There was no reason not to seethe for long, or as, and such endure a second wait, past the treacherous passage that had been wilt into the livingness of such allure.

‘Hearer, hearer, of harsher things that would’ve stung. I seek but an answer, as I’m wilt to be still alive!’

‘What will you question us about if such’s the case? You seek but troublesome allure, for such swindle’s come from ever-mourn, and torn aside and torn asunder cast but seek and therefore after. But we shall see no such travail while undergone, and therefore rung as the bells are to be done, we shall seek naught to be called after you, but contemplate as much as needed, therefore dead. Every one that’s followed in your path, every single mournful one, that ever so much considered it to be thought. It’s but a vale of never-wont of bliss, and therefore to have come to peace, it means but little, therefore miss! Miss and lopsidedly come to pass, for you have never stood a chance to comprehend what’s come onto our kingdom or wretchedly begot!’

‘Then I shall find out for myself!’” Though Hyerigh, for he had little will and timed bliss, to lose upon such dark reprise, to have been called upon the hour’s show, of rain that was to come thereafter, of little more than he’d expect, of what was wont, it worn him out as of yet. But there was, as such, no reason to forget, or mighty as it were, just yet; to understand what the flames of the abyss that burned the sky into a pallid thing with mourned up, worthless tongues, that licked each other; bleeding still, and had him stay of timeless heave!’

‘Seek no wonder that’s been cast and I will such endear nothing bade, alas. I’ve seen no reason prior to discern, what I’ve been keeping hidden from all of you, but neither man would know just yet, If I could have it, all to myself, for a moment’s largely pale for a man such as will have wilt himself prevail over all whose countenance was to be under-seen. Disjointed by the many allures and the marvels of this world’s that have ever been, I am not in the mood of seek, therefore after, as I have wilt myself theremuch stronger, I have done something that neither of you, foul lecherous things could ever had a wont to think of!’

And they were sluggish, falling apart, boisterous bodies that were eaten and torn by cart, trough and wont of fight, to have endured a second more and poured into each one’s body a single unnatural wont obscure. Large wings of tar with arms, lodged into them, like cricket legs but entered through their ribs and come apart, they crawled upon fifteen feet each or more. And their heads were elongations that had hundreds of false ones they had crafted of throat-skin and tricked the eaters that would have them faceless as to skin no more!

But he was too pure for them as for this world, it was something that would only endear to be absolved of all crimes that were not told. And they were many, but he was pure. And they were worshipped by the cult of criminals; but he was pure. Hiding away each sin; on a plate of such resin that he blossomed, while they were cast. No man is innocent after all!

A wicked coliseum:

Unnatural depths:

A reservoir apparatus appeared to be way too clumsy, yet dehydrated by the likes of moist-organic. An organism fed on the heat that was being produced by it. Closely observing it, slapping around, the door interrupted it, or more precisely so, the slamming sound that its resonance appeared to be producing on account of it being no longer of any noticeable importance to beseech a moment more of such intrusion, or introspection being added to the siphon. A soundless whisper bounced against each wall, trying itself in and on, before long gone, entered a tall; barely kept in place but numbed from all the added pieces he had stolen from the dead men. Many of them still singing yet could not shut up their mouths since death had only so much to say during their plight. Such eerily distraught delight; bore in:

‘I am perched, may I come in?’

It didn’t respond back; yet there were things that couldn’t be easily perceived, not as long as there was still something as poisoned as the vexed air. The filaments that weren’t there, the mold that grew on pucker, where? No soundless whisper and no dimpled apparition to announce him in. Nothing that would bring in a need, to counterfeit such endeavors; but John, Trunk, John Trunk; he was there, the butcher dead, carried on his back like a bunch of brambles, how he was cut; a marvel for a black eye that only blinked whenever died a man, and thereof said; as little as one could only be aware of:

‘Say, have I not met you somewhere, my man?’

‘I am jointed to Gibbon Gibraltar; that is all, but you knew that already, have you not heard of it, yet?’

‘Of what now?’

‘Such a deprecatory thing; one would only allude to it under close scrutiny come from someone he’s put his vile trust in without even daring to drear some form or another of comfort-stolen woe, or be alarmed when all that he had been fighting for turned out to be only a part of what he knew the likings of before all’s falling apart’s come onto the end he had expected from the very ill-dreaded thought for countless hours and for intervals of four to three hours at the time with pauses in-between made of even more intervals of several hours each without having to endure the alarming nature of the unnecessary disgust one could only feel whenever there’s a man of a similar ilk alike to him trying to change his perdition’s cast away first or second foremost forecast of a thought exchange, that might behave, or liken itself to someone that might refrain from having rekindled that reminiscence of something he considered a longer time ago but was nigh-forgotten, at the tip of the tongue, by over-thought while ruminating for countless hours, something he shouldn’t have; I think such people, your company included are similar to I, I would think there’s a Blessed-kindly by men-unlike us, of fine-coming in short regard to their kin as well as their riche’s, not in mortal silk but in a fine accountful appeal I would dread no less as for it to be impressed onto you; since I felt myself eerily distraught for the longest time I ever knew myself for; for that, I think I shone what light there was into your blessed eyes no more than needed in order to have you still on my side, dear friend!’

‘If I may intervene a little!’

A shaking, above them, but it was hardly felt! A seed of destruction had been planted long before life’s trifling abode had a share fill of what had been happening in the dark recesses of the first and the last of life’s empty broken solace.

Their eyes were of an emboldened stare that allowed each pearl to queerly stay their wavering eeriness before slightly fading back into their original position, which was in part something of a sad oration.

A sad kingdom

‘Resting forth, no more than let’s say, fifty miles off the road; you’ll find it.’

The macabre crooked stone-star sitting on a leg, not too far off he said! A rose of stone at the end of its left spearing crest, six coned, with the top being spines by smaller ones, an almost deformed chiselled face with crooked teeth in the middle, fleshy but butterfly-akin to, as it wriggled, it appeared less made of stone and more likely of some hardened chitinous pore or sponge that survived this long only to be shown to no one but themselves. Holding it in secret now; as the many twists and crevices of skin, the lumps that were like shells and the other bones-human giant yet belonging to, shoving themselves out, with the rest upon the heap it made; since that’s how it fed the other men.

‘Have I known you before, dear friend? Perhaps in some other lifetime I wasn’t ever aware of existing or there being one at all?’

‘Not that I could tell, dear fellow, but say. I’ve just arrived. I’ve yet to enter the confidence. May I?’

‘Nay, first enter the tavern and sleep for the night. Here, lain, a robe, that might remain, upon you, now flail, and flee and go away!’

With which there was no opposite direction that could be taken by him, nor melancholy to his heart that would allow him a say that might still this being driven away by the man he had barely met yet had no other intention of making it as if he’d feign a dignified retreat, only to devolve into such run as would have one taken for benumbed, then not-seen after, come around within the hour only to join some other group since they were clustered in fours or thirds, or sometimes seventeen, gathered either around some tent-area of some peculiar phials of bottled vents, of steam that looked at the world as if they were turned around, but mourned since they knew that the lower side of the planet was rotten, as all would keep in mind, every man come to life being aware of this state of, there being millions of see-through humanoid figures left behind as green mould would only rot the ground and the bodies partially eaten by the ravenous worms that fed on them, leaving them to be had, as no one would have it so, ever-seen, alas. There was no wonder to be told and nothing as worthless than the pudgy blob that floated there, who whispered in their eyes at night, of the progress of this disease, since there see-through transparent things were something called spherical-oblongoid amoebas that took the shape of the beings hanging at the top of the food chain, only to endear such a thing as one might see or thing of, thereof forget of the forged sea of scum and of metal numb, rum filled the slum and they sat together, the four inside the chamber, with a

drink of the lot; with the owner himself bobbling an eye as the man dressed the robe and crabbed, down with the dogs.

‘These hounds, you know, they’re not to be trusted. I advise you not to.’

Weird

‘I do not understand, yet I am confused but intrigued, as the demon that is half my face is drinking out of a friend of mine’s head who is open, his chest being a rocker filled with basket shaped people whose arms began communicating with the knives that are in charge of our current climate’s economy, the Presidency serving as a barring, pole, that is starting to show signs of chemical independency, as to signal the termination of the final, past the Finnish line, mongoloids, end-in sight, there is, finally, one, that’s been at large completely distinguished as to say, from the other unfathomably hard to determine the right of his cell’s right of self-determination, being applied to multicelular organisms; therefore his drug abuse is over, or so say the Political opponents of the Opposition.’

‘My sister, you are the light of my day, during nights, the bulb on the street lamps, when the sun’s a funnel of dying shots, I went to war for you, and lost an eye, laboriously working through camps that would’ve had me carry sacks of sand and grit and nigger feet all day long. My nails are painted and they’re tombstones; as I had to dig the very graves of my fellow veterans, part of them’s still in me. I smell of rum, despite quitting, as I am haunted by the sins of the past that are trying to make me grab them, that I may become a repository of souls, that will make me waste my nights away. I am a machine, but broken, here, where I point, against my chest, a piston that’s slowed down. I’ve died many times before, but for the past few months, you’ve made me feel more alive than I’ve ever felt before, brushing the sides of your head against my puffiness of child-beard, grown, through adolescence, for you, an adult, as it ended up not being war that turned me into a man, but, your compassionate tenderness of heartfelt empathic sympathy-driven kindness that’s been shown, to me, when I was in most need of receiving it from you, a woman-female, filled with warmth-full compassion. There’s a hole in my chest bleeding ceramics, but of ancient paintings, historically speaking, depictions being bastardized into the liquid that’s been made of them, as two Eras that’ve been forced to drift apart now seem to regain momentum as they’re come out of me and set on a path away towards vengeful redemption as to destroy part of the sewage system in which the crude bank-rats have been living for a while now, trying to subvert. We are a soul, together, the tow of us, the people, of this world, we make them, Adam and Eve, in every single other man and woman there is, like us, we are, and in turn they are part of us, as we cherish their company, ours, because we made them. I’ve walked plenty of miles so far, and my feet are weary, although, despite that, sitting here with you, maiden ended up being more exhausting than anything I’ve ever felt in my entire life, though I am bothered by the weather, since it was spikes, the clouds that is; they’re spikes and appear to be homing towards my elongated fat-thick the width of a barrel shaped missile-with four faces on every side, face of my is tingling at the expectation of being killed. I’m suicidal, haven’t you realized it yet? I’m the mad-man buffoon, the killer, I’m insane, I’m dead but revived again, come home, but greeted by none, and followed around, the culprit I am, terrorist of words, they smear me, ‘da’ killa’, nigga’, I don’t know where I am or what I am here for, on this spot, yet, you’re

still paying your mortgage and I've decided that I'm about to give you that lone and fund you've been after for this long, lady.'

He was furious, ayayayayayayayahuuuuuhuhuhuhuhuhuhuhuhuaaa-aa-aa-aiuiuiuiuiuiuiuiui-oio-oioo-oiooooo-ayayayayyayayayayayayayayay-huhuuhuhuhuhuhuhuhuhuh-A.

But stacked, with guns, and armament beyond the; eleven hundred thousand neurons shot in his head, while they activated, when he was talking. It was noon, after all, and the sun was trying to step inside the planet, although it was made of skin, as usual.

The woman he was talking to, was cardboard, made of cardboard, but was painted nicely.

Virulent-eater strapped, to a most macabre-staring back defiled, stela of barely banded yet decrepit pus-warted waxesque people whose heads were connected like fuses, all of whom came along, and started beating one another in the pig den, some of them bearing guns and rifles and long-distanced shooters with nigger-head-shaped boxing gloves, fast-twitch-muscling one another to death as they would simply run through each other's chests, come-along, fancifully striking each other down before coming back up. Followed around by, constantly, beneath a shroud of heartfeltnesses, followed soon after by the falling of red-rose but filled with green-covered-in-soil spines, with little corkscrew pigs' tail wrapped around earrings hidden pearl in the oyster, with a bouquet of moving eyes in which cadaverous remains swam inside of, which were all the size of six point eight tall sturdy men, borderline, some of them, suffering of gigantism that drew out of their graves as if they had been simply reanimated from the dead, to join in the slobbering of fists and the punch-in' that happened soon enough.

But before they could punch their jaws and their intestines out of their bodies with the mere flicker of their wrists and what not; one of the more docile ones crawled along like niggers during one of their vicious out-bursts over nothing, whereas their chimp-around-niggardliness could be seen as over-postulating the meddlesome way in which they carry themselves during their hunt-for-rape, that spruced over their incapability of self-control.

An insignificant amount of uncanny puddles started popping off out of nowhere, incapable of discerning one another from the people they surrounded themselves with. A holocaust-nigger killer with little kike-mongrels wearing nigger-skin with nigger-fluff on top their Dryffus affair- initials embed hell's cycle's embed broadly-bloody bone-thin vests. With wings by their sides, but rotten dark and tawny lynch, the nigger-like slaves that followed in the fuck-ground crate-trunk burst were brought to the small apartment where they began bloodying their polished hands in order to work on a man they've never seen or interacted with before, already caught in an attempt to slip his brother-open, the corpse-kike mongrels, that were split head-ripe then spread, on the ground, opened their beaks and yelled aloud:

‘Another filthy –dead nigger’s been brought on top of our plate, we have to kill it quick before it decides to open its eyes fully awake again, you know what they’re like, don’t you, morbid one?’

Fels-Fuel knew all too bitterly what it felt like, having felt it on his own skin as well, trying not to make too much of a scene, especially since the rooms were filled with their bunches, although unseen. By the side of the wall, swimming in access-acre- frames put together now, by tinny-tiny zits of barb, it only shocked the toucher's bent-forth arch if that was the case.

‘I will hold a sermon for those we’ve lost.’

‘When did you come in AJ-can?’

‘You’ve not heard my entrance yet?’

How could a man whose face was riddled with growths, with many forms, frolicking up and low, see him come? He was after half-a-rib a sprout come out, shot, from the side, where one could see three great ‘planks’, with four great bolts that had been rounded, much akin, as half-egged domes that pushed it out and in, the greater head they propelled, the end being thrust out, and looked as well as he had been. But enough of it, displace-ancy, it was formless, eyeless, and without a shred of humanity, his owner might’ve shown instead. There came, without a reason, one as well.

Out of the wall:

‘You’ve forgot to mention that the day is coming to an end, soon enough, but not without someone dying, that is.’

‘How could you know that? Of Yore, I see a man lacking, such as one alike might foretell, you cannot know what future might divine can tell.’

‘A wrong was done onto him, the one that’s stricken down before me, sitting on my breast, forlorn and much to him, aghast, left so, by what’s been shown to him in light of better days of betterment that could see as thus, results, his mind was taken out of him, by rapier of blightly trite. It was only a matter of seconds as one could only come to understand what’s been going on in his mind during the few moments and life, and possibility of endless flight that could’ve been severely avoided.’

If one were not so paranoid as to be coddled by, forcefully boded. With, the moment’s respite done for and forth they went and roused no suspicion that might do, instead they only walked, as far as they knew, a little more than an unnecessary thing, a sting as if sigils were made of blood, reddened walls, across the floor, from a side to another, the niggers were, yeast-of-rot to be given no other reason to walk away. The cripples would stay:

‘Listen thee, for there’s but a quiet desperation that’s yet’ s a moment’s to have been spent in turn, as to respond to, and break apart.

‘Of what, Can?’

‘Of little won’t of understanding, that is, they’ve been listening to us, well, since. You must’ve known this, the corpses that walk and talk and trash about the place, up-thinking of the wronged-upon fallen over on their backs, the worlds, that made-for-them-are come upon a moment’s worthless notice, yet against, in spite of showing lesser cinder’s feel’s, a bloody cozy red-maze of eerily, but made of filth, sounds, that they’ve been storing and sorting for all this time without realizing what had happened before they even reached the ground.’

He pointed at the many, barely hidden holes as well, many of them being separated superficially, but as one could know it, never be too certain with the one whom’ hurt you thus. The ones you like the most will end up casting you, a joust, in terms unspoken having played. Now, whether or not either of them knew

what was going on there, that was belonged to a different matter altogether, yet they charged. From all direction, from the walls, from every point, as well as thus, for everything fallen, after that, but cast, would they simply take one and flint, and fill with seals of blood, ripe with clot, and filled the pits, they did themselves, as they had fallen over through four, finely shaped distinct trunks. One would have nonetheless, one could not expect, most bitterest of all pests:

‘Run, run, they come of Yore!’

And down the gulley, they were more, for far outnumbered were their numbers gone beyond, not a single man capable of distinguishing what had been taken from them, at this very point in time, before they could but play a ruse, of hay was there, golden truce, but not as many were kindly as their guests which, dame, of drenched renown but not a whorish lay, would’ve had judged, un-many and un-kindly, riddled with some tubes that were plain to see, wrongly placed here and there, in spots one couldn’t even discern as being right, even remotely so, trying to figure out which went where being as much of a nuisance as just about every single side of the spermaceti-coated animal-wax fallen-apart mold, muddled with the infectious other-parasitical tendon-niggers branching one another’s held upon clawed-talons, drooling, pure as was thus water placed upon one of the underground rounded upon branches in which, spot-red, with many pebbles arranged- Persian King’s rug’s waived as to great abuse made out of, great adorning’s flimsy teal-lot, now used, as a sitting spot for spotting cadavers. Whom were struck in terms of flight and flight amass in stoles. Drones of them carried in, most importantly, dark-covers filled with droves of insolent sounding, encapsulated echoes, many of whom were even then to be less-heard and more heart-felt, if someone was to pay enough attention, only then. Would he have caught them doing it. Rubbing heads together, popping with boil-fluid, flight of spans of bird-less agitators following soon enough, all readily aligning themselves in order to explode together in a play of many lesser lights, many, out of whom, touched upon were hardly a matter of controlling any longer.

‘There they go at it again.’

‘How much time have we been spending here?’

‘Enough to remind myself of the broken wheels, awaited for in the couch above.’

‘Will you take us there, perhaps? I’ve got something I must near to, as when the time is done, the building gone that’s been housing me for ages, that’s been known me, no longer keeping me in place, I leave as thus behind, for I’ve an appointment with the man without a face.’

‘If there’s one thing worth adding on my bucket list, that would be Holocausting the Jews, this time, it is going to happen, under all and every possible believable and verifiable, as opposed to the Holocaust, the Holocaust, that didn’t happen, this one will actually not only keep track of the corpses but it will definitely happen, not the work-camp version either or see-through the wooden door because of the cracks gas chambers’ Holocaust, but a complete kike-ethnic cleansing Holocaustic Extermination of total Ethnic Holocaustration. All fucking sub-human nigger-rat kikes have to fucking die. The Holocaust didn’t happen, but Holomodor did, and the Dreyfus Affair, and the USS Liberty incident, and the Judeo-Communism killings carried on by Stalin and Mao as well.’

A bud-insectoid abdomen kept a head-button-dome whose front-tusk was a mantis-scythe aligned but made of two humanoid appendages pointing in two directions. One of its eyes had a wooden peg that

pointed upwards, the sign that is. The wooden sign that had been its eye and had the word Nigger written on it; carved, N-I-G-G-E-R:

‘Your master’s called you.’

A few more paces away. A strange lampoon of minds being wrought in place, a parcel of furies, and of lights shot through a few, darks.

‘I’m neither a good person, nor am I evil, it seems. It’s just who and what I am.

Race-mixing women should be killed alongside their children, have their heads bashed in, skulls split open, be skinned alive. Kicked out, better kicked out to some isolated ground, not the women but the offsprings and made to fend for themselves since young. Then the family forcefully separated. Vulnerable to the outdoors, to the world’s anger, to their parent’s faults; ended.

Or the child could be allowed to grow to a giant’s size and eat both of its parents, then his head could explode.’

‘Death must be cackling right at you, suppose it won’t care who’s at the receiving end. There’s only one thing in this world and you may not get it yet, but, it’s far more important than those things, that being, being at the receiving end of a punch, but it’s not the physical aspect of it.

It’s taking the blow to your pride, which in a way is what I have. It’s something one has a much harder time recovering from, if.’

‘Indolence is my car, and I drive on nigger-kill, the road is my bard.’

Sailings spinning round the pucker-fell; it was about as much a seal as there was no deal, all gone way through back, gone.

In search of the waves beneath the worms

‘Nigger-kike Holocaust-Holocaust, need to rape kike, kill them, one would have to take this, at the very least, in consideration, that being the very fact that these creatures that are anything but human, which are in dire-need of extermination, exterminatorily exterminatory extermination- induced cleansing, killed, butchered, especially the sub-human kikes hiding in Christian countries. These filthy Sub-human kike-Semites that are non-white, in their traitorous look-a-like chameleon shells are doing nothing more than subvert and destroy everything reaching their filthy talons. Their existence, under no circumstance be allowed to continue, at all. And for the better good of man-kind, they have to be skinned alive, viciously, with curved knives filled with rust, but most definitely, first of all, their eye-liquor ought to be liquefied by heated iron-pokers, their cunts and labia’s be used as target practice for axe-throwing, their bodies Holocausted twice after death, thrice Holocausted after the first, ever Holocaust will have happened, but not until the actual one, the Holocaust that is, as for the first time, it will happen, as if it wasn’t clear enough, under no circumstance whatsoever that it didn’t happen, because it did not, but it ought to happen, will and I shall personally ensure the Holocaust will Happen, multiple times, as to make it so the niggers will face their fair-share of a good Holocausting, as in rabid-Holocausting shower-Holocaust

filled with air-molecules filled with gas-lynch ropes, with every drop of water, a six-billion worth Holocaust therefore will definitely happen, the Holocaust that is. Israel is next, then the States, because, if there's anything they're in a dire need of, that is to say, they're in need of being Holocausted several times. Gassed, killed, tortured, forced to work, lynched, skinned alive, burnt alive, ripped in halves by fleeing horses, have dumbbells dropped on top their chests, what I'm referring to now is that. We should become the Yakuza, and the kikes and niggers should be treated as if they're all Junko Furuta. Taking turns, several times, each of us, raping their women in the most disturbingly violent ways possible, killing them with violence, with murder, making it so their bodies become unrecognizable any longer. Nigger-kill, nigger-Holocaust, nigger-lynch, nigger-kike, nigger-destruction, nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger. Communistic-Marxism driven media-control needs to be brought to an end. Their control over the entertainment business, their filthy subhumanic 'intelligence' is nothing but a myth that needs to not only be stopped, but they need to be killed and put down like the Holocaustic animals they are. Before they push the mighty superior white race to extinction, mixing as a result of their sub-humanic promotion of miscegenation eugenics that are employed for only one reason, reducing white-IQ in order to destroy everything. Filthy sub-human leeches, the jews are, contorting their host nations, murdering and raping white children because of their mental degeneracy. Grab a hammer and started repeatedly bashing their skulls until they're split open by force. Make it sledgehammers. Their fingers and limbs chopped off completely, their rotten shapes being pulled away, their minds splattered across run-across boards, the remains fed to wild animals, rape-kill-kikes-Holocaust, rape-kill-kikes-Holocaust, rape-kill-kikes-Holocaust; allowing anti-Semitic laws is unconstitutional and suicidal. With Jews everyone loses, therefore, there's only one alternative, or answer to the Jewish Question, we have to kill them, we have to stomp them out of existence completely, pretending as if all of their Jewesses are Anne Frankesses, bashing their Headdresses until they're drowned in pussy-blood-death, bathed-drowned in it, in a bed of terror, filled with iron rotating spikes, but only after the rape. Virulent Semite-animals such as their kinds are not to be allowed to exist at all. They're not human, they are not human, no, they're not, this is a reassurance that the Western Nations shall stand together and put an end to this Semitic-subhuman threat that's been spreading its degeneracy throughout history, trying to subvert-destroy everything with filthy-practices bred into them by Talmundic-driven eugenics, as well as inherited neurologic illnesses, whom are ignored. And ignorance of their ordeals and genetically driven behaviors shall end up in being destroyed if let go, or allowed to continue. Christian countries belong only to Christian people, and not only that, but those whom belong to Semite or non-European ancestry are to be completely cleansed as well, for they cannot be redeemed either, being very much beyond saving. Using saw-blades while treating the jews like logs in order to split in their uglily deformed bodies in halves. Nigger-Holocausted as well with lynch-overs, that is to say, special ropes with holes around their nooses that release fire and gas, would be much appreciated. Or their kike-bodies could be repurposed into Holocaustic kike-lynch ropes that ought to be used to lynch-lynch Holocaust niggers as well, as to kill two rabbits with one shot, in a nigger-on-nigger kill all animals, like them, alike, in the worst Holocaust kind of niggerlynching manner, possible. With nigger-lynch bolts of nigger-kill as well. Holocausti never happinit, no. But, on hindsight, there's a good enough chance for it to happen this time around. There's this dumb-fucking kikess, they're propping up for something, perhaps for an embassy, I suppose. Her plump head is definitely asking for a butcherment of high-degree, low-going through the entirety of her skull, toppling her open-throat and neck through the rest of their bodily-sub-human region, until most if not the entirety or a good enough deal of it, be converted in a good-like ooze, spreading across the ground floor, where she'd be picked up by her sub-human parents. Little dumb-fucking kike-shit of a colleague of hers saw

me one time, while accompanying a dumb-fucking shit-skin filthy brown-kikess she most likely kept around as a pet. These rats seem capable of going around and reaching places. Their nepotism is self-evident, almost as evident as their connections. But not as evident as the connections they're going to attain, that is to say, in Hell, once they're done being violently Holocausted, by brute force, when the day of the rope will come. Homosexuality and sexual degeneracy is being promoted by them, it's their flag after all, that can be tracked back to the given to the by the Russians, Jewish Autonomous Oblast set of colors, as it seems like they're displaying their subversion out in the open. We need to get some ice-pick and gouge out their irises, and keep spinning and churning until they become puddly-, well. Jews are not human, and the Holocaust did not happen at all.'

'That's great, shall we go, 'cross the street there, bud?'

'I will gladly accompany you anywhere you point me to.'

Sanders should definitely be lynched.

'Sieg Heil!'

Kikesses in Eastern Europe also seem to be, to the degree of an overwhelming majority, small, in terms of breast size, pitiful, not even worth raping, ha-ha.

'Their heads need to get drilled in and filled with explosives, the lightened up to a firework show.'

Hmm, perhaps some of them could be ethnically cleansed, whereas others could simply be sent to Madagascar and left to fend out there for themselves. Sounds like a good compromise. That way, everyone is happy and pleased.

Maybe it could be dealt with in percents, twenty percent of them allowed a zone to say in where whites aren't located in, during the relocation, some twenty percent sent to some work-camps, thirty percent of them driven to extinction, that is to say, killed, and the rest of them, sent to some Arabian desert and allowed to hold no country or be in possession of any property at all, perfect.

Work camps could be useful, if they were expanded upon.

Various sleep-bunker could be converted into excavators, inside of which the detainees could be forcefully deprived of sleep, permanently so, unless forced to sleep outside on rock or on open-stretches of soil. The watch-towers could have long-drops for instant-lynching, when it comes to the loudest of prisoners. Who could also have boulders dropped on top their heads. Spiked boulders, with pumping pistons, and bombs in them, the prisoners. So they could explode on command, when hit by boulders.

Niggers, niggers.

'There's been a shortage of fucking guns in the barrel.'

'Fill.'

'I have to find out something, the reason behind why Kikesses look sub-human when seen from their profile-view. It must be that Armenoid strain in their blood, making them look so disgustingly ugly, deformed even. That filthy sub-human looking receding chin and forehead combined with a 'projected'

Mandibular Prognathism makes them hard to stare at for long-enough periods of time. Aerodynamic profiles combined with hard-to-look at beaked noses, so filthy and disgusting, 'liek' niggers, eww.'

'I am a woman and I'm retarded, I am dumb fucking retarded cock-sucking whore, I'm so fucking unintelligent and retarded, I got pussy for brains. Moist pussy sponge, part of which has been assimilated by my breasts, which have become firmer and plumper, thankfully for me, I wasn't in need of a brain to begin with.'

'You beautiful thing, you've confirmed my suspicions, please, accompany me to my dreams.'

'Follow you, I'll do it. And spread my legs, so you can go ahead and impale me with your meaty rod.'

'The existence of the filthy Juden-rat race can only be lead to a final conclusion by the employ of crystallized Para-demonical power-rape. It is most crucial to their destruction and abrogation. Also niggers need to get lynched afterwards as well. And Gooks, and Spics, whose laziness is only exceeded by smell.'

'Eight, no, nine stars, pussy, pussy, pussy, pussy, pussy, stank-pussy, stank-scented pussy; tail-tail, tail pussy, tail pussy, cat-pussy but not literal pussy, cat; smash head pussy with a tongue hammer. Or hot iron pokers, iron-tongues, entering them, women, pussy, moist-pussy dripping with moist-moisture; my pussy is getting Holocausted right now. Jet of cancer! Cervical-Surgical.'

A most grotesque opening of maligned voices stopped.

There were many akin to them, spread just about every single spot. Many schizophrenically deformed voices singing in unison, disappearing from sight, when called.

'A man is waiting by the road.'

'How many Holocausts need to be put inside each and every single one of the alleged 'corpses' in order for a Holocaustic actual evidence of the Holocaust having happened to have been derived out of the rapport established between the Holocausted population prior to the war and the population Holocausted after the Holocaust, with regards to the kikes Holocausted between the two other Holocausts whose validity cannot be contradicted since, in actuality not a single Holocaust happened. If the kikes got killed inside the camps, why aren't the bodies in the camps? It's simple reasoning, it's because there was no Holocaust and only a few kikes died of Typhus, no more, no less. But, on the bright side of things, we can always just take a step further than it and actually start Holocausting them, since they seem to be begging for it, so desperately, with their reparations and the reparations they've been receiving to this very day, and still.

These Sub-humanic Juden-filthy-rats are nothing more and naught else other than parasitic entities, sucking on every nation's 'goodies', subverting democracy, destroying national values, contorting morality, in their endless attempt to bastardize Christianity. For that reason, they've more than earned their Holocaustic Holocausting Holocaust that's about to happen. Actual labor camps shall be made for them, specifically designed to have as many death traps with knives and explosives attached to their heads, throats, ankles, wrists, and even a few of them implanted in their guts and what not. But these sub-human semites, seeing how lazily incapable of doing anything properly as they are, instead, choose to

lazy around, in their and during their cheap-masochistic promotion of destruction, of liberty and non-degenerate; fearing the mighty Christian who might, the strong man of faith that has the power within him to grab a bat or an axe and kill as many Jews as he possibly could. Kikes belong amongst their Idol of worship, as their Tallmud says, Lucifer, father of kike-dreams, who's in hell, sharpening his darkened scythed-forked with many other hydra-shaped long-iron head chiseled blades of putridness, being part of his blackened by nigger-blood trident, out of the bodies of their niggardly sub-human monkeyness, their existence having been brought into the light of the bloated day in which, up to this day they've subvertedly destroyed all there is. This needs to stop. The kikes outstayed their welcome and need to be lynched, like niggas, or niggers, especially the former, as there's a clear enough distinction between the two of them as to wager different intensities of niggardly behavior, the former adhering to their incompetence as a sub-species inferior to the superiority of the White man, without whom civilization would simply crumple. Other non-white species are sub-human, dull, unintelligent and too incompetent to not only achieve anything but even maintain any kind of workable, improvable, or even to be innovated upon system, that being something that far exceeds their racial capabilities. Without the white man, whether or not we want to admit, we're one step behind, from reverting to primitive or even, possibly worse, societies, where murder, rape and savagery runs rampant, all because of the kikes who are desperate in their attempt to subvert and destroy the white man and mix him with inferior races.

I must promote the ethnic lynching of these disgusting rats, before they spread and breed like the putrid animals they are. In their blood, there runs destruction, it's widely known by anyone who's had to deal with them. Their children either bequest chemical castration or the top end of a butcher's cleaver; and bombs, and need to be burnt alive. Also blood libel being contorted and used against them.

We must kill them, kill the kikes, kill the jews, we must kill them, we must cleanse them ethnically with murder-homicide. We must put an end to their existence. The Jews need to die at all cost! War, the war never stopped, the Cold War they started, or came as a result or an adverse reaction to their ordeals.

They tried warning us with the Stürmer, but we didn't listen, at all.

They're still trying to warn us, but yet we ignore it because of their filthily disgusting attempt to control everything.'

'A baronette of less sublime voice, I see.'

'Less sublime than they would have me past thing window sill caught and made for.'

A body lain inside the train, it was moving around a rounded hilled-canyon-trail, adorned promiscuously with deadened lust-birds, flayed-put in place, munched throats being dragged on from window-sill to window-pill shaped grave door.

Farther in the distance, there was barely something creeping past the chasmed door:

'There's something here, I know there is.

I've been followed for some time now, every simple opening I'd say, whether it'd be a window or a small rotten door, I'd say, there's something there, there's something or someone who's been following me for a while now.'

The murder-rape cum of women-fuck are shit-fucking dumbly retarded

‘Where are the women of this fine city locked in?’

‘One of the many vaults where they’re kept in to bred with me.’

‘Are you their master-husband then?’

‘I stand alone, as the survivor of the onslaught, in a city that’s not only mine, but theirs, but only if they manage to get out but I’m the only one with a key and the antidote, for the poison-venom toxic deadly virus I administered to them, as to kill them as soon as they step out of the vaults, but rape-kill is king of murder, so I won’t let women get away with it, living that is.’

‘It is a fine thing that you’ve managed to keep them leashed, as all women should be. Can I throw a bone?’

‘No, they’re sleeping for the time being and I won’t have them be moody because of you, intruder!’

The sky was a box with another sky and clouds in it. The rest of the sight was eternally black-voided like space with large cut-curtains, spread like lassos, textured in the same way the clouds were. A deprave umbrella. Rape:

‘It’s been broken in!’

Not this city, but the other push-trough, the one with empty heads, the one that went like a choir singing as it drew on ahead: Kept still only by a few falchions, falcons, birds, drawing breath upon the blood that was boiled inside the strange lay.

‘Never stood a chance to begin with; could never do anything properly and it seems as if everyone’s against me. Stopped by the cops, always looked down upon, can’t control my impulses, sub-human blood flowing through my veins. At the very least I found a way to completely block everyone out completely and filter just about everything they say. I don’t want to be part of this society, I don’t want to assimilate, I don’t want to talk to people. Talking is dumb, talking is evil, useless, rubbish, for me. I most likely am gonna be thrown in jail for assaulting a kike or some other low-life creature. Hopefully then I’ll shut down everything, completely. I wish my life hadn’t been ruined by them. I wish Adolf had exterminated them; I wish the Holocaust happened.’

‘Women are the most immobile, mentally speaking cunts that ever existed; recent neuroscience studies reached the conclusion that once a woman gives birth to a child, a part of her gray matter is being damaged, wasted, the entire volume is being reduced, permanently. It seems only, conclusively enough that a woman should be forced to sustain as much brain damage as possible by being forced to bear as many children as possible, since they’re not losing anything to begin with. Women are a cancer to society. Kike and nigger women are beneath cancer, they’re worse, much worse, they’re a darker, more

destructive kind of cancer, a useless cancer born out of the very fact that, these sub-human creatures that are not to be referred to as women at all, this concept be entirely disregarded for this exception from the rule since their phenotypical appearance makes one more likely to take them as an extended branch of the Y-chromosome endowed, superior biological sex, although only superficially so, since, at the end of the day, these creatures are still incapable of doing or proving themselves capable of achieving anything on their own without the use of a greater, much stronger, both mentally as physically, fit or otherwise, be it social fitness or mental, man, who was appointed by the universe itself as a way to curb-stomp the woman into a primitive, more primeval way of anything that's not too bothersome for their overly, succumbed to the oversaturated female-hysteria that in turn granted them, by default, the default state of being born that way, dumb, rude, obnoxious, a low-life, hysterical- dumb disgusting cunt whose only purpose in life is to leech on a man's wealth and resourced, destroying him completely, ruining his life, thereafter. It is obvious that ever since the dawn of humanity, the female has butchered everything that's run through her fingers. With the exception, perhaps of Kikesses whom are borderline niggers themselves in terms of intelligence, if one were to remove the sub-human aspect of cunningness they used to change their set of observable behavior. If one were to watch and regard a kikess' behavior over a prolonged enough period of time, one could see that they apply different strategies in order to deal with that they perceive as being a threat. Their nature is subversive, placing them in a strange vacuum between actual women and niggers. But Anne Frank was kind of a cutie. Women are deranged by their very nature, destructive in their behavior, unless they're put down, beneath the strong hand of man, whose grasp can finally put an end to this chaotic entreaty of disentanglement from what it means to be a human being. Incapable as they are, females, these infantile children, whose heart bequests destruction, pure spreading destruction, niggardly so, do not hold the capability of self-control and regulation, which in turn seems to bring an abuse of a much higher and much grander type that's befitted, to be put under the employ of naught else than men, for theirs is a holy question, and a final destination that could somehow be attained, and bring glory and peace to their fellow men, even to the likes of females. But women, they're dumb, they're not human at all, and they need to have their rights taken away by law. If I shall have it, my way, I shall make do with taking away their rights, globally. I will abuse them to my heart's content, with violent, ubiquitous, deprave, strength, hardly a matter of speak but show, fist but low, and with the knuckle, where wound, cops don't know. Females' contributions are severely exaggerated, as a testament to the Judaic Disease that's been spreading throughout the world, since their effeminate natures are somehow interconnected, making it much easier to hide behind the skirts of a woman, rather than accept the fact that they're inherently inferior to other people and strive for change. It harms them, and it harms everyone else. Such inferiority ordeals promoted by the drenched Semites need to get stamped out of existence, entirely so. Women with wider hips and larger breasts, should by some degree be considered human, to a controllable extent, them being an exception from the rule, but not the niggers or kikes.'

The punch he had initially received had actually dislodged not only his mouth but the side of his nose and eyes, in a matter of a few seconds during which his entire head had shot back, as if in ecstasy, whereas both were already excited with where things were going and not only that, but there was a heart-torn as if from their side, latch.

Everything was being smashed under the roof, and the quiet angelic fugitives were only crooked for the hour, before starting again, at each other's throats, but split beneath each dead-end.

'I'll crush you, Bush-man Paradise!'

The nigger's inferior subhumanity'-s forefront niggardliness with regards to the niggerification of its nigger-like nature, overly inflated with the monkey-simianesque despondency as to its own serving, or being a slave by means of purporting itself as nothing more and nothing else other than some allegory to a bastardization or a bastardized version of a disgustingly left-behind, entrenched by nigger-features, that is to say, beyond archaic, beyond the likes of monkeys as these filthy 'humans' that are not 'humanoid' but niggers would look back to, in regards to some long-dreamt of 'achievements' that are indeed lacking, boisterously lackluster, disgustingly disturbing as to the realization, if ever came be upon their kinds to stumble upon it, as to know that their nigger-non-human-nigger manner of being provides an impediment to the other non-nigger races whose actual contributions or hopes as to contribute something or to achieve something in life, falls short or is forced to do so, at the hands of some despicable creatures, in terms of being a nigger as niggers know best, they, would find themselves governing on top other imbeciles that reflect their own sub-human intellect as well as their appeasement to their niggardly features and violent outburst, since it's rather, close enough to the general population, as to be knowledgeable enough, or to have ever so slightly absorbed enough information in terms of how niggers act, clear, that the niggers, these vociferous in-humane creatures, whose sub-humanic beaked faces as well as compact tiny heads, and disgustingly disturbing, hard to look at filthily sub-human retarded by most likely down syndrome or something similar, salivatingly drooling children whose mothers are allowed to cut in line, be it in a common supermarket or some welfare office, who are also less likely to show any kind of gratitude whatsoever and so happen to, possibly train their nigger-sub-humans in the arms of violence and of ruining other people's lives since these 'things', these monsters whose mere existence brings damnation, corruption and filth in this world by merely existing, being very much so propagated by the kikes in order to destroy or bastardize the white race, can only bring, at the very end the destruction of everything else and everything other that is not a nigger, which in turn is something that cannot be forgiven and will not easily be left to its own accord as to carry on by itself, since, as all good men out there, I have rightfully acknowledged what's already been known, therefore only doing something as clear as reiterating the facts, in a solemn regurgitation, as to appease the in-known knowledge that's been transferred among generations of men, who've had to either live among the niggers or had to interact with them, to a point where it's been established that these disgusting dark-skinned monsters, these things are not only incapable of, by nigger-do-what-see-nigger-do as to where they gain their retaliatory desires as well as enactments of their incapable-of-control-being-established-upon-themselves think-throughs that, by other means would serve as a back-up device as to prevent them from committing the amount of crimes they are, they had and they will purposefully cover up for their own, since, at the end of the day, these filthy nigger-monkeys are evil, scum, and are not intelligent enough to live in other countries where other races make the majority. Take a look at this nigger.

'Take a fucking look at this nigger!'

Right here, he is standing in a bathtub filled with fully extended shave-clean razor blades, cutting him with a butcher's cleaver's mighty rake-hoe, upon the field of cotton-meat, for show. Where lynch-a-nigger-doodle-do is being sung about the hour's crude, lo', the nigger's picking it, the cannibal. The nigger's first bath is a blood-bath, nigger's' do-it n' do-it's 's do. The nigger's 's do-it- the nigger's 's do. A long pipe is attached to his bath-tub, leading to a nigger-bleed killing machine, harvesting the sickles from his blood, making it more fancier and cruder for the one slaying the niggers with crude batons, whacking him in the head, paying spades for trades of dead-and lays.

A tall-dark half-a blade, a bat's wing, as that is shaped. Gone right through, the guillotine emerged:

'You can cry all day, you nigger, but there won't be a man here to save you from the iron-trigger, whose heavy weight, but serves all day, to cut you into pieces, there!'

But enough of it, one day's when it's come, I shall find the means to have them get rid of, then done.

En-corpsed Mushroom

Two giant helmeted heads had been toppled down, powerlines attached to their kept-hanging belted rackets, which prevented them from falling over, yet in sight. There was only a most dreaded thing, that kept them, yeast and cysted, yet again entombed, as they glided back and forth. From all around the abyss they were cast in, upon the race-tracked rails, that kept them awake, even after death, with all the mechanisms hanging below their neck-lines, drenched away in the most porous liquids, weeping after plight, the many flies that could be seen and the men, whom prayed so that a light might come, stood below. Rested in their suits, only a few feet away from the hooting, hoofed pointed beds and troughs. Where there were corpses, where had been; to have seen them, they had been. And not a single man was alive; but walked in death, possessed in search, of that once felt upon, light. An oozing cabin could be felt as well, the cold-blasted wind, the chimes could be heard, as the huntsman was yet to make his grand return, when the world had been awake, once deadly, turned.

A desperate laceration appeared in conjunction to their lost fluids since they swam in worms and other crow-like thorns, they appeared to like that, and mind no play and palsy-grains, their faces fell away and began crawling out of sight. Since there was a mist all around, the ground was swamped but by water, not by murk, in which some fish twitched as they were wormed by the least amount of ever-quiet, quitted and felt themselves defiled, stabbed, then cut, and through blotted drought, they started growing. But only in gas and cyst:

'We shall not approach the corpse, again. For they lay inside of it and do not seem to have their way, or seek passage out of dark and come apart, therefore long, will it be, at last until they leave.'

'Whose hibernation might we intrude upon then?'

'I only know them by scent and even that is rather, disturbing to admonish. I've only heard them once but I could barely tell them apart from the other tottering echoes we hear all around and all across the wild surroundings, where they're lain in and what they've done to get there.'

'What are you on about?'

'They've hid themselves too well, I think. Either that, or we may be inside of it, from what I could tell at least.'

‘If that’s but true, wouldn’t there have been any signs, any simpleton’s delight whatsoever? I would’ve felt something if it were true.’

And it was difficult hiding it. Since as wretched at its two domes were, flattened at the top, rotten and rolled, a grave he had been, a giant tomb, squared, matchbox crate, with four empty sides and the front-side caved in as if it had been slashed and rot away it had. Two elongated tortoise shells molded into a caterpillar in terms of mold but made into a cradle, an obelisk fallen over, toppled down, a tree’s trunk cut by a woodsman during hunt, filled with teeth of stone, incisors that were bore, both mouths but spread around and drooling tiny pebbles that kept falling out of it. A reddened glowing crystal out its last adornment that kept crawling around the organic surface, at least from what could be seen. Resting as it were on many caterpillar legs themselves, but hardly out of stone, spread, within and placed beneath the squared-up front, fallen over tomb, the sarcophagus lain there flaccidly for them to hibernate in, pincered but like the altar near which the corpse was aimed at. A great flea-appendage mouthed, in a chicken’s leg twisted manner, long contorted, attached, to the head of a humanoid rattish figure, with a body that was but a great spoiled tail, kept but throned on top a lump. Off its right side a pipe came out, with head-producing, kept behind bars, fire-blinds, stove-like, or a chimney twisted to a vertical plane, on top of which rested a disgusting blob-shaped pawn, with faces contorted around it, gone, were they on first sight. And not a single soul drew breath away, or light.

Unsettling lights began popping in and out in the distance.

IT’s been four whole months since the descent had begun and there was not a single man whom adjoined them from out the realms of the outside world as well as what was left of the inquiring, bolder peasants that had jointed them, with their coily reeds, atop their backs projected as the many adorning stalactite-shaped coons-figures that oozed and jerked dazzlingly as a few more, figures, shaded as if en-coated entirely in dusty-shaded black robes, whose armlessness rendered them harmless enough for their company to be perceived as nothing other than a well received addition to the men, had only added to the vigorous loathsomeness the putrid canals, various depressions and other barely sublime growths, whose projections only flashed against the side-long tails of their eyes, during their tension filled sleep-walk session, as to continue their advance. By then, filled with the vineyard’s scented most unnatural scented mark’s pass-through. Not only was there not a single mutter during that broaching of the lower melts, whom spread all around; but they were stopped by the sight of a long depression in the form of a room or a giant worm’s tunnel at the end of which there stood an ancient stone panel that was as wide-strewn long as a seventy five by twenty four meters long with a lower side broken-through and dripping down as they simply started drooping down, the bile-like structures, whose sightless sprawls and curls curled along some of the surrounding stones, in all their might, churning as if a soup of stone and molder was only then bastardly approached. A compartment could be seen in its middle verged protrusion, that fucking annoying cunt, that blasphemous filthy fucking cunt’s voice kept ringing and ringing and ringing in Vaughn’s ear, her voice just rang on and on without conceit.

A curfew of bats whose wingless gusts stopped mid-riff into the first cast out of their Heavenly corpse abode in which they spent countless hourglasses assaulting, with the help of their incisors, the little hope there was for something humane to grow in the inner prepuces of the swollen-flaccidly drooping below the groundless parcels where livid-atoms had once lived near, burdening the inner-layers of cartilage which had made this fortress keep a span above the dead-line, sinking, where their wretched bowels had

once been as wide as the outer-bellies of men whom had tried themselves, as to join in the patched inner-deformities which now, eloquently distilled, air-from atoms, as through their inner-sills they sold whatever remained of the variously inclined, deformed, irascible bulks of heads whom were manned by hikers and climbers, wrought into a never-stopped fight, of stooping over their brought in tools, the long pike-pickaxe ivory-filaments of girths and add-ins, whose curves were wrapped around their ankles, around their chins and sweatily resting shins, across their mercilessly forced to have been grown, unibrows as they had been forcefully reverted to a simian-like antiquary they could not be taken away out of, or bred from any longer, evolution being eerily sutured in place as for this organically biologically altering 'intrusive', at a subatomic level, surgery had managed to completely alter not only their physionogonmy as to render their forms as being something beneath even the likes of a simian or an antiquated hominid but a mere imitation, a hairy, in over abundance-made mimicry, whose jaws, the ones that were or had been present for some reason or another, were dislodged but placed into an incubation 'hump' which had been put behind their bodies, kept hanging in the air, as if in a cylindrical padded locker they appeared to be channeling, passively so, their blood-miasma, which had at this point in time been forced into a mischievously disgusting guttural mist, that would've signaled a bodily-ethereal dysfunction which drew only as little as it could be so-thoroughly made of it, observed, that, out of their minds, as little as nothing was left unconsumed, an obscure amount of fossilized brain-matter kept in an unaltered state inside an iron sphere- made of brass overlapped tiny, chained by iron-wire, rusty plates whose mere presence robbed the cognitive organ of its preserving fluid that would otherwise render it partially protected from, as through some 'reactionary-immobilization' being put to the employ of the visceral liquid that prevented it from entering a state of no-force-absorption twas-had been acted upon as a last layer of defense, in order to avoid any possible sub-concussive or concussively-met by mere chance, suffered for, brain-injury, that in turn would result in the complete alienation, that's been clearly shown from this point on, since not only was it robbed of its defense mechanisms, but of its functions as well, since these simianesque niggardish-hairy and tawny bodies, that had been enslaved, like niggers, whose organs migrated in the same boiler-like lockers they equivocally, constantly, unless a deterrent got in the way, so as to interfere with this clearly smooth-enough process, that they have been converted to 'machines', although not by normal means and no actual machinery had been implanted into them, regardless of what might be believed, since both of the encasements of the various organs, in their various compartments, so on and so forth could lead to such misinformed impressions, that are unwelcome, ignorant to such a preternatural inconvenience, whose acuity might render one to, as to think of, considering the fact that they were un-godly bear-skin wearing demonical barbarians, whose barbarous nature eluded one beyond belief as to what heathenistic-pagan ritual might've conferred onto them, this, this unnatural veil of pseudo-machinery they carried around, as well as the strangeness in terms of how they kept themselves in a manner beyond the mere understanding of commonage, as to jolt-one's fancies during a mesmerizing sagacity whose thoroughness is not properly employed, to the likes of understanding being shoved inside a ploy of the mind, stored there, like a can of sardines misplaced inside a fridge, although un-damaging or not as dolefully miss-central to the usage that's being put, or the storage-unit being put through, with a frame of comparison being the other deposited produce, such as the green vegetables, the orange pumpkins, extremely tawny-violet eggplants, so on and so forth, whose placement would totally imbue one's imagination, tingling it as he would draw open the door in order to look around like a man whose experienced for the First-FUCKING-underscore-Line-Christmas-put-inside-a-notebook-journal-stored-forever, now again lived through a pair of rose-tinted glasses' broken shades, whose mere jolt-drive through his head reminder made him realize that he is disappointed and this

is not what he remembered it was like, but he's still, despite this 'life-changing', barely touching, warmly felt, with boisterous fingers curled, with nails un-cut, all of the sudden, his grip having become way too strong as to commit to it still, to a point where he could do some real, actual, structural damage to the outer-shell of this finely-crafted by People's Republic, of an extraordinary refinement, Fridge, which he ruined, as he slammed the door too hard, in the same, this 'non-understanding' as to what was happening inside the bodies of these sub-simian creatures, only added more to their torment, as well as to the realization that their suffering will never be fully understood at a much deeper, amorphous level, one of such regards as to fully draw and take away from a humanoid-man's turbine-coated in, empathy, now, being set on fire, in case turbine is flammable, if not, then, coated in gasoline, one of the virulent, Oil-Taken-From-The-Middle-East despite there being no WMD's found at the time, stolen from them at the price of millions of Arab-given-to-their-lord-Allah-lives, as well as a few good American lives, that had been traded, for Israel, since the Jews, or Kissinger had actually sent them to their deaths, because like all Jews, he is a dirty, Judaic, Sociopathic Creature, with no regards for human life, or decency, that stands by them, these filthy slaves, working on the mushroom field of cotton-growths, incapable of anything but a most profoundly felt despair.

But one of the timely, hibernatorily-struck by a recurrent-lucidly dream widened-necked 'net' of constantly urged by the pass-over sweeps of unseen-wretched with pus-throat cued stuck in loops of finely wrought in shape hours, whose recurrences were untimely ended, only to have woken up in a state of wakefulness, a curdle struck pack of reawakenings imbuing it with a never-ending, worn-out forgetfulness of the hour-struck midnight lour, little iliac talking to a dream, struck within the heads of absinthe as of the ones belonging to the men around it, that had fallen long before as well as they belonged to it, for some reason or another, joined to its head while cradled within its elongated wings, that formed a hammock as to join it, whenever to have woken up, for them to have joined it would've been a mistake beyond common sense, for their deathless stares of iron glazing through the cracks, above them, during the time their master-bat whom was finely embracing them and would rather not have been anything but swept aside through the sea of urges and of cradles of appendages that had been chucked from one side to the other, no longer in charge or power, no longer to listen to the sounds that would disrupt it slumber, the bat, otherwise long-forlorn as to listen and obey no one, stood aside, in dream-benign, with pus and slumber, cradled past the ride, with flowers of deplorable ruddy-rum, with sylphs of cysted rims of ringed and wrung up beams that followed it as well, rotating in the air, being brought by flowers of uncanny red and blue-colored green sapphire, of many people whom were died and, likewise, as it had, abandoned their sleep, met during such defeat as they would, accept it nonetheless, despite there being no one to impress, although one of the men that was present there, was different by all account, and deformed at that, mightily tall with a bodily concurrence of distortions that rendered it look a-like, as one would have it, a bloated chested camel-elongated-headed but flea-like and filled with many sharp-harpoon appendages, all coming out its mouth-tunnels and strange funnels, that made that strangely watermelon-extrusion of a cranium whose eight came, on both sides, three and three, with mighty blue-glows sprouting spryly with fluid- and with many feathered tombs that came out of its back, with a few legs as well, many too long and too tall, but concave and yoyo-lowered, as they bore large fluid rounded pincer-filled carapace bulbs upon which they stepped on, from side to side-lopsided, carrying on their fluid started thrusters that revealed themselves past this chained ring collar whose rusty put together beads kept them hangingly together, preventing them from falling apart, whenever needed, not to be too wretched as to fill themselves with fluid-gusts, of winded dark abodes of winded limed, lashed-gray with pouring

rays, of fallen apart, gourmet-reigns, dragged bodily by struck-by-thunder yellow slime, coated by their sweet delights, as these wretched bodies filled with fat, who more or less looked-alike, were in possession of billions of incisors they've come to reveal, all capable of blood-drawing and infesting all with eel-cell blood teal, whose sudden change would make them more contorted, as to appease, the sight of them whom had been completely strapped to the strangers, whom were just as strange as one would have them peeled off, and absence be deterrent of their talk. For they were frightened, the other bats, incapable of drawing any closer to it, since fear had their voices stopped:

'Lest you bring something to your intrusion, we shall hear none of it soon.'

'But wait, oh, one in slumber; we've brought something to you, no sooner, no wonder you've lain in this state without reprieve, with little late given onto you, stimulating upheaval. Yet, lo, there's something more.'

'Something wretched from the world outside, I will not have it brought onto my possession at any time; leave and ensure that your absence shall make your chain weep with crude iron as flakes but bloom, yet fall apart. That I may be tickled most thoroughly and feel but nothing that would be taken by heart.'

'Nay, I shall do no less, nor strive to have it wanted. I choose to stay in your company, until the light of day hard darted.'

'Then you shall wait forever stuck in this place with none else but I.'

Their liquor was embalmed in putridness, seeping through with every perniciously succumbed black-dawn filled with wreathing rigidity's edge precocity-carrying gust of shades that cast upon it the blessing of northern carried virus nests, whom coated in their salinity's almost crystalline thrust cysted crest, came to view adjourned by insomnia- macabre, a sightless glutton's blocky pair of snooze-cast after rocky bastards, wart-but-filled, hardened as to appeal to no one but themselves as they spread within, cowering only to hide from sight whenever detected, directed towards the flashing shades that suddenly appeared, through prisms of drops upon which bounced the Seer whom ruled upon them still, and bathed when the time came in the organ-pounding gelatin.

Buttons, a lot of them, by the side of other larger buttons, with cricks, wheround the edge cracked, out of which fingers drew out, mainly placed around both sides of the wall, adorning it in line crisscrossed and interlaced line-formations where they revealed how fat, red, boiled they were, joining a few other limbs that were un-belonged to men but to some other creatures as well, parasitically spread, a boon of many formations where perched by stalagmite-people whose faces were empty, with the exception of pots, in their underside brought but only to be paid for whenever casting no more than a glance away, from the visceral moon that shone upon their lightless putrid quay, since they receded in the mushroom, then below, cowering under contrivance as to walk off the shame of being seen deserters, by workers whom were inhumane in alacrity as for the putrid rebound to reality, and blissful as the blisters of petulance as to show none come around, ripped away from tree of soundless- run, towards the bards' noiseless ballads sonnets and the poems that were underway, to have stumbled upon them by mere chance of lost-long day, would've meant nothing to them, otherwise absent-minded as they gathered around then piled onto one another's thrust forward cowls, feeling of no-restlessness, abhorrent as for every room, and every chamber, and every ruddy-clay cracked vase to have been deemed belonging to a knowledgeable mage,

obliquities-divined –prescient but of no mind, sorcerer of little countess charmed but walking under way as to have adorned that beautifully adored arm, as they walked upon the same road, during cherished yet recalled days, or darkened fiend of little to no blasphemy inclined to have himself but cut through sin, made reveal, the many arms, appendages, growths and other things he attempted to seer out of his bodily regime, of come upon stumble, humble as to forget whatever came upon him during the ancient day where resin had once governed the halls above, when the mushroom, that was not entombed as to be salvaged for every slither of life one might come upon to steal, with bribe or otherwise, they knew, yet carried on with knowing as their poignant hearts seemed less than nonchalant in way of stupefaction, drawn to such eerily forlorn putrid attraction as they have easily found soon after, solace of no boundaries but swollen, for ever-after deep-inclined with kindness, borough. But they got there eventually and they were found. As if it was beyond their power, to such a place that not even the slightest most soliquitous of explorers might find themselves shocked, yet it was expected.

Hundreds of the entombed mushrooms, tall, the bodies that were cast there pointing at them with only a need in mind, that to set forth and conquer the world once their putrid lord would come to bear the seed of disillusion as to have attempted the reassembly of its brakeage- defiance of all that is material as they dreaded such return. Whereas there was another contender in the room; flying, levitating or the likes, a tent-compact shaped body, ‘roofed’ and bloated-fat, but stained yellowish in appearance as if it were the cover of a military truck. It was almost squashed-squeezed like a potato yet it managed to keep afloat. A peculiar giant caterpillar but the size of a body-bagged man with large hairs coming out of it wriggled around, as it hit whatever thing it could, largely annoyed of the much deranged hay-struck place it was forced to live in. A giant fat head- with a single eye and many features, that of men, contorted upon a squirming drill that came off as both its beak and its ‘mouth’, although it did not open, not made much a case of the other thing that appeared to be the main precursor of fat it bore. A long-spear hose drew off the side of its head, the right one, aligned perfectly with its contorted, lack of neck, body and the like. Vertically place, opposite to this thing, at the other end, rested a gruesome ugly boil that kept inflating and deflating at will. Before it yet farther than the head, another spear shot up-front, aligned, with the forward thrust tail, both at different ends as well, it kept a giant cylindrical formation that appeared to be a second body it bore, featureless but that was where all that mass of its body, or the one unseen was hid and bore. IT almost formed a broken circle, if only this thing and the tail connected. But once twisted, this fat almost parasite thing held it like an incisor-mantis claw whose penetrating will had entered a punching bag of meat it used to produce light, as it scoured the zone around it, making sure the mushrooms were being taken care of, without fright, as to be disturbed. It appeared unimpressed by the mass of fingers that were not only regurgitated but they showed as little as no regard to their safety of what might happen, the consideration judged as fleeting soon after.

‘I think I feel a scented messenger of fumes coming from down below!’

Velocity could not be taken into account for more than a few various reason that didn’t in the least include some of the incessantly darker, more volatile yet intrusive continuations of legacies that had been suppressed before the change for the reemergence to show itself through means of understanding, at the very some of the least, fragmentary oblique to the common eye without outside influence, if that may be taken into account, the reproductory-glands that were clearly outwardly shown as to be present all along this livid being whose tolerance had allowed for its withdrawal, to continue in such a way as one would

have it achieve a state of quasi elation, from the self-inflicted toxins that had visibly accumulated all across its face.

At one o'clock, fifteen hours ago, on a Sunday, recognizable and traceable on a humanoid calendar of normal proportions, of a preponderantly cumbersome extraction, but modernized to appease whatever inclusion of a change in symbols or what is acceptably coherent that somehow still subservient to the legally-distinguishable from the set-standard, with the times n' an all, having gotten a few altered symbols hanging on a broken rack that would make even less sense than it did before, this prostitute of knowledge that would under normal circumstances not be found here showed up just in time for everyone to look up and see it rear in its ugly, disgusting, perfectly rotund, yet mesmerizingly lurid as for the quenchless fallen-apart morbidity it had accumulated over the past eons, whom were completely manifested by their will, although they remained indistinguishable from any other non entity that would've appeased a similar despondency that was concentrated upon her without-a-brow, lack of recognizable uncanny features that, only then began protruding outwardly as to be completely had, grasped, pulled out, slowly, by the workers who played with her, during one of their unregulated breaks, despite their incapability of self-control that had been previously shown, out of which even they, the people whom were spying, straying and surrounding, running gaggingly with their elongated toes that had been put behind their bodies and formed large row-like car-tire formations but with many heads inside the wretchedly insidious lurid parasites they homes, whispering forebodingly of the evils that these large parasitical pseudo-whores, with their puffy antlers and their backs that were become blowing horns with many legs protruding in the back, out of which a giant eye could be seen as well as a single trail that formed various other legs that were attached to strange formation-like tributaries that were joined by a few made-to-look-like humanoid armies that were all attached to her as well as they had shared this, this unnatural cognition they basked in as to feel themselves stretched and not only would they feel pain but the warm embrace that was never shown to her by either means of prostitution or willingly offered to her, showing only that there was no possible chance for her to fully experience that, which laymen referred to as mankind, pacified in some way, confusedly stretching, thinking by some means they themselves were and had been incapable, not to mention their incapability of fully embracing or realizing that the echoes in which they basked were nothing but echo-deformities-lost in translations they could not endure trying to decipher, since they were but her lost bubbles of thought, and since this whore was only meant to tell the time, reason having only dictated her failure as something to be expected out of a woman, as their kind had always been somewhere beneath that of every species' lowest denominators, to an incontestable point, therefore deemed, as to have every single one dismissed, then allowed to seek refuge any, either and – else, in places no possible contributions to the bloody marks left on the ground could be waddled in.

From somewhere farther down west, a beast akin to a battering ram, strapped on top strange elongations of toes, putrid things it crawled upon, with its fat-end head pumping in and out, and there, a blasphemous tower-thing, of many growths- upheld. With a water-tank 'nest' held on top. It guarded as if its very life depended on preserving this organ.

Mainly, as it'd been, the deformed water tower, kept by a beam of growth-meat, remained still as it slowly progressed. The ram up-front but a single piece, almost like a trunks', but every here and there, one could see a patch of tiny 'scales' moving to reveal holes where there were none to be seen a few seconds right after and there. There it stopped, in the middle of nowhere, incapable of emptying its belly, wrought in chains, they threw around it, then held it where it wailed.

‘Keep at it men, bring more ropes if you can but be quick about it! This thing won’t last for long, not if we allow it to continue as it is!’ Now:

A few more men joined, but they were plain to see, colorful and covered in feathers, like Indian Mongoloids, whose faces started falling on their chests, and out their shoulders, mantis-scythes, with strange designs deep lodged in and only appearing in the wildest dreams. A sea of blossoming gossamer emeralds, of jaded allure, with many more of them that came to life out of the most obscure as well as the hardest to dictate or point down by sonar, or by any other way canopy of the same drawing, the same following and the strangest coming out of their hidings had appeared, to be gone. As soon as they come, for a second there, some sparkling shards were deeply lodged to be seen, and spread, all the while, and more wildly, out-thrust, across and down there. No chest spared, no legs, joint or any other limp limb to be spared, as they had been accosted by this strange apparition, followed soon after by a most macabre delight. A strangled pad, floating across, slowly, then joined by them, as four or five men cornered it in a circle, then watched.

‘Should we pull these things out first?’

‘What about that creature? Are we not to deal with it first? The others could lose it at any moment if we lower our grip, if we allowed a moment of weakness to show up at our feet!’

It was no pad, merely a rabid thing, like a belly, that soon revealed itself. Some transparent ooze surrounded it, and they dipped their dirty toes. One of them, out of the forty five having amassed what had changed, out of a green shard into a red one, a crystal made entirely out of segmented incisors as sharp as spear-shafts and various other needle racks all stuck together, stuck, in various attempt to inject and draw enough of its blood out to provoke some kind of infection that would have it bled, bled dry, then anchored inside every single wretched thing that entered it by the side.

It grew, it grew, it grew until they stopped dipping and just as the pool had, so did the belly, venomous, as it itself bore a strange wriggling organ that revealed a most succumb-to pair of crows that seemed viciously organic and fell flat upon the ‘water’ stop. A face appeared in one’s reflection. It belonged to one of the mans’.

Although more yellowish, more fallen apart, and during a time they had seen something that even now remotely reminded them of a time they resembled humans, by means of which they were, at this point, not to be looked at. Asiatic-at-large; fallen apart yet the jaded thing mixed with it afterwards, as the egg-shaped belly started pouring bubbles out; not slowly-drowning-like but a snail being cast in salt. It was largely disgusting but then again.

Most men had no faces, with the exception of those they had on top their chests, that had migrated ever since in the back.

There was no allusion any longer, they could see through their empty sockets, all those that were left behind. A strange thing had happened prior, a thing that was largely unexplainable, or at least would’ve appeared to be for most. Every single time these wild-stretched deformities appeased themselves with growth ‘hormones’ whose at large existence was beyond forgetfully unappeasable for the human thought as to dwell in, they modified their bodies as to dig their way in by laborious effort in order to allow for more space to be accumulated inside these casts and bodies of clay they could not do without, altering

their recognition beyond any possibly measurable level since they had achieved a multi-dimensional perceptual depth that their primitive brains could barely keep up with, nor would they be capable of handling the already loathsome drivel they were being fed, manually, by all of those extra-added in perceptual visors they were forced to account for, incapable of either covering them out of stumping them out of existence, as that was feasibly improbable, unexpected, unlikely to happen, no.

‘We were sailors once, yet I’ve trouble thinking of the Seas of Flails where they have buried the twenty hatchets before surrendering again, to the very men they were forced to serve, our kings, dead. Poisoning their minds, water in their hearts, incest in their mind, the physicians were blind. Stabbed him during sleep, with coils and knives, then with a funnel, they fed him liters, within and beyond the normal acceptable range, yet I fail to see what would’ve happened if allowed to reign on what they were accustomed to or what evil would’ve found itself prevailing by.

Yet a descendant of the kingdom on top the water-swirl, whose end was in the neck of a giant, whose body was buried in, inside the fallen-church I’ve yet to visit since the birth of eighth’s son.’

‘The sea has betrayed us, I wager that ever since we were let known of it, there was no stop to the assaults of plateaus that crawled in, curdling the water into bags they held onto and kept them to themselves.’

It synthesized itself at an insolent level that allowed the inner hormones of life to appease the sudden urge to breed that’s inherent to every living biological organism, that’s rather quantifiable by every account to spread and come to life, by all means necessary, even to the point where some type of excavation would turn their broader senses inwardly, back into the dreadful synapses out of which the first Eve and Amman’s seed were birthed into the great hybrid, Ammaev, whose bloated gut had whisked itself torn out of a bodily-fluid-filled bag that turned the world upside down while the others bowed onto the lower stones where they lived to serve him, from that point on:

Or the ones that were devoid of ship. Incapable of escape, therefore as they would have it, cut around their feet, all men who had not escaped had their feet marked, either way:

‘There, there, relax, calm yourself before a stroke comes in.

There are unspoken things we cannot talk about since, you know. They want to take something from you. Out of you, the people of the stones, that were not here before.

Before water was taken from us, when the niggardish crowds of heathens started marching forth.’

There was a speech held in this rubbery-stone village, by one of the men standing as a representative of the whole elicited pulps, out of which he came out of. A few of them, bulb-stalk-like; used as elevators but with ropes lowering them back into the pudgy bellies in which they were incubated inside of. Twenty months or so; it was as much as he remembered. Born out of twenty consecutive mothers, each carrying a limb, and a fluid-shaped regular sized suitcase filled with tendons that all connected to from one great body when met by the rest of them. A cubical umbilical cord appeared to be twisted and held like a chair on top of which he stood, while still connected to it, organically speaking.

A dryness to every crook and cranny even after the sand's been swept out of then the eddies allowed for one of the basins to flow out of water's scum, the cloud's run-through heaps of now and then, come through there-after, one of the slithers of sound's forbearance.

No sooner than later, a train had arrived, although there was no station to receive it, nor was there a sane-enough reason to delay.

'I think neither of us understand why this is happening; do you? Come on, try to surprise me, it won't be easy but it will definitely make my stay a lot easier.'

'You should definitely stop talking before they hear us. There's simply too many of them within earshot to say something worthy of a private talk.'

'Lest you endear a tiny bit longer, I'm disinterested in entertaining this delusional paranoia of yours; for I am known as a person not to be easily eavesdropped upon; and I would have it still unchanged.'

Only one problem appeared to arise from the bowels of the earth, from one side to another, inside this maze-like unnatural heedless, pagan-night heathenistic rite withheld from the likes of mortals that by no means could appease the existence they took away from, then. A giant-partially chittined but not beyond a humanoid's hairline in comparison, insectoid being crawling a battle of an appendage that pointed backwards, as thick as a neck with only three open mouthed blades pointing in the back, cabbage-rounded up-front without a jaw but a right-pointing almost in a spiral-contortion zipper-like twisted but closer to a butterfly's twisted hose, noseless but fleshy tendons where it would lay, with two gritty eyes that opened as to allow the exit of a few more workers that lived inside of this livid-being they used a home to go back to if things got sour, and they would get, most plastically so.

Child of the en-corpsed mushroom:

Somewhere along the way it swam inside its luscious basin, with all the other crude abnormalities within its grasp, and therefore had, and mold begotten in the same place the other men had drawn themselves back into, nearing a camp their brothers had built. It was something of a most incessantly instilled in their blood dream, one that was taken from them during a night's whim when men of no letters written on their tags, their dog and their hound-shaped torches inside of which their arms became inseparably conjoined and entered them as many beak-deformed skulls appeared to have come in flight, attaching themselves by invisible frames to these taxidermist's delight, that held a single Greek's flame upon the outwardly shun upon it. That could not have gotten worse than it had now. A shrimp-like shit, curved expectedly with a conical stinger coming out its tail held like some kind of lance, with a strange mouth-elongated piece made out of various contortions kept together in that shell-like cabin held beneath a rounded dome, inside of which many control-panels appeared to be held inside of, not to mention the daring of a single man to come out of his many balloons inside of which his arms were become the leathery belted hose-like chambers into which his fingers were become the inter-connectors with the great inside-of-the-balloon machine he was working upon, the machinations of which could not easily be kept at bay, at the very least not as long as there was someone like them, nearing as the echoes of the men that spoke in the quiet's dark lost upon, the brow of the forgotten carp, the many blasted prophet-like figures without faces, the cowering creatures that had their laces brought to their throats, like niggering-lynch-ropes, the wretched that had been forgotten but had revealed themselves once again, and bastardly magi- of bullfrog like

cones cut around for flowing airs of gas-like glass-formations to be done and more, their elongated leg-like chair-tendons that had brought them forth from like, empty graves surrounding death-like chambers that were being loaded once again by the hunter's carbines, taken from his private armory, as they were recruited as defenders of the lot, the plot of land that had been given onto him by none other than the travesty of evil that's been counted by the approach of evil during the day of Solstice gone upon the flight of sorrows, the carbines of no-tomorrow, Reno-taken, from far away, someone's private manufacturer supplied – armory, shop, in France, where they had been produced on mass for no other reason, other than this blasphemous cowl of destruction's come onto the day of sorrow when, upon the brow of the day's cast, the many silicone-like conical almost mask-like worn by a criminal trying to conceal his real actual indisputable on first glance and sight features from anyone that might even dare say something about him or the hay of many bodies that had been made out of him butchering them all, slit but clearly still looking like their amphibian deformities that were being kept a hold of by the legs, mouthless and only the side eyes, and the nose, other than the slits in which the many guns had been put inside of had been held- aghast, and confusedly cast in front of them, by none other than the huntsman's illusion-of a sunflower made by a spike jelly flying ring of almost thorn-like teeth that had a single bulb-like beam coming out of it, pointing downwardly as well, in guidance like some balloon's leather grabbable area where one would grab and hold on, as in fright of being taken out of the damps made out of the mushroom's child's lost, hopelessness that came at last, be found at home, as they revealed, the frogs, the carbines held inside every slit, repel, insolence being a prerequisite of the follow-in line through the dark inside, the blotched reality's eve during a heartless respite of unmet dreams unspoken lost gulls of since and ever cast within the darkness that followed of no winter's fallow, when the nurses-refugiary blight of yeast delighted in the eve, and even there, during the malformed nuisance that was the blasted cowl of the say, the raised mound that growled and came in sight, surrounding them as it elongated in a circle that almost trapped them completely, upon the wails of something that could only be referred to as some incapacitated delight, of prowl, snuck around, and follow-through the niggers-die-tomorrow cast of voices that came out of it, as the raise mount was become like the mountain of an abandoned island, holding but a night-erupting volcano that held everything from falling apart, while corpses came through their stony-graves, the gravedigger's reins being passed over by horses of shapes and other pointing downwardly at them creatures and other bacterial unnatural princes of disease that danced around the frog-cones, made of pure, green gas, while at the same time, the shrimp-like chitinous ship had come straight-near-night on the front of being met by naught else other than the ringed-fleshy tape-worm holding beacon that began, between the two of them signals of the most evil kind, being purport of all twas being said in the past, a relationship cast of all evil thought, devoid of that, strangled, by the machinations, both the viciously-looking stopped in place but floating together in almost loathsome figure-like worms of gas, the ring and the cones and the flying ship were only slightly forced to shimmer in a moment's second's last when, sudden yet heaved upon approach but listen, of blight withheld from all that would cast away the treason of the Tour the force, and cast-withheld, by none other than the inside-the-balloon kempt lord of evil sight, the machinations inside his hot-air filled bubble forced him to shoot himself down on a trajectory that would by normal means set him on a downwardly-pointing parallel to the ground but slightly on a hill-rounded, lopsidedly rolling down it path, which then regained momentum, as if gravity was on his side and the ground was but the end-forth lain end of a ramp he never even came within a dangerous limit's close to him being driven into it slide, when, all of the sudden he shot upwardly as if climbing on some stairs that were all lowered as if they were some resting escalator, when all of the sudden, he had almost came to perform a second vertical incline, shot, but upwardly this time, directly imitating or

mirroring his first move that had gotten him to where he was to begin with, the first time but a few meters away, on a plane level that is to say, which could've been achieved if he had simply floated forwardly, awkwardly as well as it were, since it was mainly his legs and the rest of his body that were the 'sand' bags that added the adjustability in terms of how he's flung himself as well as in whichever direction he'd try to point towards, therefore met, by accident, since, despite the even level in relationship to his original plane of being or of standing in which he had initially been, his neck was slightly craned five or six degrees to his right, which allowed him in turn to fully observe what could only be; the United States in the seventeen hundred's well-observed by the evil heathenistic by the free-masons - farmers of large, Eye of Providence extract, made out of sedimentary rocks, un-alive, guardians, former guardians in living, but eternal in sedimentary eternally fossilized statuesque, serving as reminders and upholders of values, the United State's values and of the Constitution they reminded the citizens of, whom also fought in the Civil war, on the Southern side, with the Southerners, with the Confederates, flailing the Confederate Flags, wearing their cajoling benevolent to appease, stylishly-endowed by the colors of the states they represented during their feud with the insolence of some 'individualistic' Northerners which would eventually lead to the destruction, on the long term as a long term consequence of their actions; of American values; that by all means their ancestors, their united ancestors, on both sides had resolved to maintain the high standards of during their fight for freedom and what would under normal considerations be, romanticized nowadays, a standard for all the free men of this world, whose blame, but much sublime interlopers' faulty reasoning interfering with such approach of truth hardly-felt, could only be passed onto the likes of filthy niggers and dirty kikes, who had, by their acts alone and by the looming sight and reminder of their racial influences and much inferior racial stock, spat on the legacy that was promised to and by, to be upheld, by the descendants of those good old time American farmers that would eventually become the engineers, the workers, and the scholars who raised this fine country to its feet, but whose statues were unfortunately withdrawn from the public sight as well as from the public eye for no other reason than the fact that the kike-media's diseased rabidness would stop at nothing from antagonizing as well as trying to paint the fine, hard-working superior descendants of Aryans, inheritors of the Roman Empire, S.P.Q.R., descendants of the workers that fought and died for their country, for their children and for their people, whom are under threat of being replaced by the threat of miscegenation with filthy subhuman monkey niggers, a thing promoted by the Jews who are not white and are all pedophiles, and whose Holocaust didn't matter, and whose sub-human nigger-like state of Israel should be destroyed, but towards which American tax-money that is being taken out of their pockets - 's being stolen from, in the worst possible manner there is; by subversiveness, by a type of subversiveness that reeks of filth, unnervingly so, on the hinder legs of which society alone cannot stand on top of, civilization itself being doomed to fail if the foundation is poisoned, that being something that can be very well traced back to the jews, whom would ruin everything for nothing more and nothing other than the promise of wealth, the promise of power and the deliriously abhorrent desire of control, the wretchedness of that hindering the very thing that turns a boy into a man, the values as well as the torch of their ancestor's plights, history, culture, heritage, race and burden that no other race would go that far to uphold, the values of a superior peoples whose legacy depends solely on their purity and toil, of a man becoming his nation, his people, the lifeblood coursing through their veins, a continuous existence they not only hold in high regards but with such pride that their fight for survival, for progress, their strive for the ideal lends onto them a status well beyond that of human, nearing perfection itself, but which the lower races cannot control themselves but hold utmost, indubitably so, by all account, a kind of unforgivable spite, unnerving jealousy, perfidious loathsomeness they would project onto others instead of trying to come to terms with their

faults as well as understanding that for the greater good of mankind, in the greater scheme of things, there can be no other race out there that will save humanity and lead it to a much more glorious future than the likes of the white race – this spirit, carried over by countless generations of American farmers, carried over from generation to generation of Greek-flame-like carriers of the ideal as well as well as by the descendants of the Golden Age, the American Renaissance, which in turn was manifested inside one of the workers, one of the mutated workers' single conscious thought that served as nothing else and nothing other than some manifestation of some ill-defined fear carried over through his intravenous tubular-veiny carried through him signal-like manifestation of a backwardly in time-glimpse time-capsule prescience-divined realization that he carried a slither of humanity in his veins, which for a moment compensated for a lack of much-to-himself and many others in a similar position to his, chemicals in the brain, needed in order to gain what niggers lack under normal circumstances, this not being what others would refer to as a prefrontal cortex they don't have, but self-control, which niggers also lack; I hate niggers; semicolon; mightily malnourished was the echo of distress, the dead weight carried by the wretched machine worked inside the mad-filled with air balloon that commuted the great ship's inner-workings that, it could not hope to discern the savagery of the head, that had belonged to a secret being that was being slowly produced or grown out of it, a diseased animal that would yet to have found ill thought of no little more to itself fine regard as to what was going on around it.

A volatile creation of no more than a few anchored to one another's bodies, dark-in-thought diviners, a result of something, little over the span of a few hundred years of being kept not only under isolation but under close surveillance by the: Divine-savants of Jagg, somewhere in the dark.

Wretchedly in charge with many of the conduits on top the great temple, they waited during the night of a thousand storms for one of the great bolts to lower its body of light onto their net of many wretchedly yet numb-holes in the air-vent thumbs; shaped scepters.

Ill-retrieved by no other means that one could be accustomed to, than the way of the fare-well-do done per chance by one of the golden rodded-mongrels that had followed after from the depths of the swollen cage in which they've been well-kempt, slaves carrying parts readily animated by sheer in-congruence of meat and shallow as were they, a feat unlikely to be held as anything but what it were. A desperate attempt to mourn for the ashes that were come from the girth of the tormenting vortex that had fallen during the least century's cast, whenever past, present of future's coming to an end and whether theirs would be a fine-wined, dined upon countenance, to have refrained from paining themselves as to go through one if not the first of the many rods, immediately being vaporized as they exploded on sight, with a sleigh-no less of many meaty growths forlorn, one could not rescind the countenance of those that were born out of their remains. Grown like plants for another life of servitude that promised to come to an untimely end's wrung upon, and never-done.

A few tracks would've made no difference whatsoever and that's mainly why they followed in. The beast would be watching them for now. An oblong with many outward-missing, geometrically calculable forms representing the gaps that kept dripping alongside the coldness of the night. A face contorted in a horn, a dolphin almost superficial look to it, and further down its 'neck', an elongated cysted blob sprouting out that held a few irreconizable features. Every building in town appeared to be connected. Sharp-fronted cruiser-beaked things of metal segments entering one another as they were welded in, forming various elongations of spines that entered and both drew out of each other in this maze-like thing of a chaotic

mess people lived inside of. Chunks of metal shards and facets, forming larger statuesque people that moved back and forth, large metallic floating shards that either stood in or were connected to each other's apartment, or at the very least those that drew out and gone. A muddy river of dirt-outlandish, was what they were standing on top of; at the very least the people that were outside. Large jester-like figures with heads deformed like two hilled humps, with spiraling eyes and nutcracker's rodent teeth; dressed in armor-like Japanese samurais; or some Eastern Regalia with empty conical moons-partially eaten and devoured –blue –washed – and flashing with some eerie light, empty sockets that shone as they drew outside, the strange appendages they had been storing inside themselves for this long. But the large Fhelyar kept squirming, mad dolphin in the air; unable to air his deceit any longer in made therefore mistake such repair, it followed:

‘I’ve seen you trail step after step and I’ve yet to find a reason, such as I would be impressed to ask:

‘There’s a chance uncanny that we may find a way to escape out of this place.’

‘I wouldn’t be too certain about that!’

Red crabs started appearing from nowhere. Crimson crabs, in the millions; whom had taken over the entirety of the town and the city’s reaches, without there being any humanoid or similar of kin survivor; outside, although forbidden rue, there were a few strangers whom had joined the reaches of the rails, out of the suburban regions, much to their dislikes subdued by what was happening as well. One of them:

‘I think, I believe we’re caught, and emptily brought without a chance to seek resolve!’

‘You should be weary of what you speak of since there’s but little more need of being capable of chucking forth a rock, in order to have your or either mine, if head be brought in, cracked. Open or not, whether it matters could only be a timber of interpretation, but if likened to it, I would see the but little more and much more little to it damnation there to be to our eternal souls!’

‘And you instead would reckon something of the worst kind of manner happening as for a rapier ever-after cutting through mast, and least appease, and therefore cast away, in truth withdrawn?’

‘I can only stake in what’s already set in mind, nonce other nor otherwise. I would be a thief of restitution and bask in sacredness’ illusion; niggardly the nigger’s lynched. For him be told abhorrent ill!’

‘We should hold a queue for every sword, every red rapier, the ones whose fault is counter-point to our intrusion then!’

‘I don’t think that’s a thing that shall remain, nor fret a single bother-led for what’s been happening from that point on, from whence and ounce of largely wonder!’

He kept on going on wont and wont after!

‘There’s a reason to withdraw, or else we might get trampled by one of them now!’

‘What else is there to do if such’s the case? I can think of naught else but the embrace of the irresolute!’

A dark member came out of an abandoned twisted by its side thrown out wagon.

Tall and gloomy, pulsating with gas; out-flung out of his lower-side the chest wonton of a few annexed to him beings that squirmed inside, largely thrust forth and out of him of little worth, they begged and earned their punishment as soon as it's been felt so.

'There's a reason we're not speaking.'

'What is that?'

'We're dead, before we were alive, now, we're not!'

'Are you dead?'

'No, strictly speaking, we're sleeping, nothing more!'

'I wouldn't rule out the alternatives.'

Which were hindered with every second; they were lustfully tinkering some of the, ushered into the house.

'Shall we form a circle?'

'I'm awake.'

The man standing between them was clearly distinguishable from the others; stranger. He appeared to be human for starters; more human than them. Wide-awake, whereas they all had their eyes removed, someone did it. Everyone suspected him.

'I'm sorry friend but I think you're responsible for this.'

'I didn't do it. I'm not responsible for your trouble!'

'That is uncertain, we cannot say for sure, we cannot say for sure, it's you!'

Who did it? Who did it indeed? It could only be someone inside this very insidious room they had postulated themselves in, with as gnarly as an entry bastard as one could such adhere to march into, as displeasing as it were. No refuge could do a man any good than the incommensurable assurance as to be withdrawn from the civilized world as they were, if that were the chance at first, alarmingly made use of, as it was, the lights that were present in the room only did as they merged with the walls, as, only their arduous presence allowed for the comfort of a chimney's warmth to, without displeasing for the attention that was in-so far a thing of no bother in terms of how likely they were to express their disdain for what was going on around them. More or less in that case, they felt likely to be touched by means of whom no better tales could allow for such debusolatory tenderness, as one could only feel when carefully watched under the pin of stress, which ironically enough had not been stressed enough for the fright and their perturbing amiability being intruded upon by the alarmingly distraught verge towards which they were tilted towards as to scream or allow for their frightened disquiet to be taken a hold of in such means of being that they would allow for no other reason to continue as it had during the previous obscure yet distancing moments they had shared between one another. As they feared, more so, for some reason that this soulless ransom could somehow withdraw even farther from the social instability whose comfort was somehow deemed more acceptable than this static-innocuous state they had been forced into for the time

being, afraid, rather, absolved of their tastes, having receded into a lesser shape and less than some solvent by their hands apparel they had formed a tent once gathered in a pile made out of their wreathed around, facets of some poignantly moist but dirty materials they had fashioned the pile into and as their carefully labored upon task had progressed to no farther than needed rapsallion's battalion stopped upon a nursery's task, they had finally come to the abode of no lesser respite than was actually needed to make a slight change, by chance, in their carefully thought arrangement than it was therefore required of them, to a point that allowed for the comfort of being removed from the presence of the clearly-wide awake man. Whose countenance was fairly met by nothing short of a sudden realization of absolved he could fairly nurture himself towards by means of such imprudence as one could only find it less-required of him to ask but to spare less than a moment in which he could explain how he's come onto the realization in the first place, as to explain his sudden change in mood as well as the venture he had decided to cast himself onto; by means of which he would not, by normal means find incumbent at all, by any chance or means. Therefore, upon being met by the plight that might arouse any single man of less boding to such degree that they would find themselves rather inconspicuously unworthy of such penitence, he finally decided that it was the ripe time for him to approach and make only what was due to him to have himself apprehend in the first place, without as much as intruding on their solace, but instead attempting to retort whatever they might find themselves capable of coming up with in as short a time as possible. As such, he stalled no longer and, while having prepared himself with a degree of extreme preciseness that no one would bother himself trying to accost since time would verge in a peek's blessing only when it was convenient for it to do so. By all terms of engagement, this was not a time proper for the taking or the making of, oft spoken of the degrees at which these insolent things without eyes had yearned to show, there was yet something else that he had not taken into account.

'You're insane, criminally insane, thinking we'd have anything to do with you. Whatever came into you has long bastardized whatever fluke of humanity there might've been in your souls; to think it so, no longer are you even to be surmised as one, no. Unlike them, you've lost something that's inherently human, something that can't be explained, something that can't be washed out of skin and pushed out on the floor, or scalped away, thrust into a bush then burned for hours.'

'How can you tell since you're asleep? Your eyes don't exist, nor is there any countenance to be felt that would dictate otherwise, for I alone know what little better can one do when surrounded by those of large sinew, to have been likened to someone of a similar fashion to them. But they, they're away, for both our kin and wilt themselves never-return. But of you I've little to no compassion that might be drawled or dragged, or to have felt something of compassion, I would refrain to say a thing as I refrain to now. It's dangerous, as you are so. It's something I may not be able to acerbate, for you are base of such a thing that could not obey the contemplation's calling for a minute more's respite.'

'Then leave our hut and gone thee be another way that neither creature, bore of Yore might look upon your cast and more, do not seek to cast us away with glance or to wonder what might happen if we were to spend a second more alongside you, since you know of us, you've known ever since you threaded upon our flight!'

'Intruded more likely, brother Fancy; he's of a rancid soul and I swear to thee that he is the culprit responsible for your swollen eyes, for what's been taken from us and for what's been hidden to our brim-

felt touched disguise, for he had long pretended to be one of us, has he not? Or have we at least forgotten already what's been had, and what he's gotten? Of the yolk and of the cattle!'

'Truth bespoken yet I endear, as he didn't know, but we awakened several times already and we cannot know whether or not he's lying still, when he had arrived since.'

For they all disagreed when the stranger came to be and how he stole their eyes, despite how pretty. Pretty such he sounded, in peril and in woe, not to count upon the disgraceful tone of some fluke that entered each row as they endeared waiting through several winters, several autumns and clairvoyant summers that only brought black and tawny green suns instead of yellowish or pale white. Blobs in which swam others greater than them, for he told them everything. But liar he was called still, despite the truths he carried to them, of lack absinthe! It would've dragged for hours. Each of them in their respective corner contemplating; thinking of the resolute. It was even harder knowing they were talking stout.

'We each gain a corner when they grow.'

The room now had eighteen or some. Pushing into millimeter thin then expanding to a few centimeters over several hours – 'tunnels', which were in actuality short passages or extensions of the four actual corners that had become twelve, thirty six, one hundred and eight, so on and so forth, until they formed; or the room they were in had become the center piece of a maze. Many of the outsides lay obscure. Yet the walls weren't straight. But upwardly domed as to be ramps that curved over such a long distance that they began thinning, as they ascended, forming tips that pointed at the soil; or cast shadows upon one another as to form a jungle of fallen apart cadavers – the walls were made out of. Not human cadavers but some strange puffy things with hundreds of arms and legs and extending spherical with cylinder coming from their middle, but slightly flattened as to be pushed inside, key-bearing organs that latched into one another like some unnatural system of locks and pads. Whereas from above, it looked like a sea of gargoyle wings, or bats, if that was the ceiling and the floor, the sky.

'The suicider is about to come clean and eradicate us where we stand!'

'And what if he does and what shall be taken from us to bring as such to extinction's abode when rung upon there's but little more?'

'I think he's around the corner, anytime, anytime you open your eyes, he'll hear. His hearing depends on your opening and closing your eyes, exhaling and inhaling!'

'A pitiful lie, coming from someone who loathes mine vision; I pity thine envy, and your countenance as to be main-held by none other than the ones that hide inside of there.'

For hidden roads and hidden plenty, many of them hidden but readied. And readied for a reason as they were, there was no such reason to withhold, nay; a simple tune was heard somewhere, out there. By whichever way having been brought; kilt by force through vapors that were crude and siphoned little more than plenty dead-enthralled to work on the hedges. Clean, chisel and work everything to high accord. To have been withheld and seen it such, foretold.

A burdensome fowl, which could've dragged something if any were to be. Another one of those incessant fat ones, put in a circular tub, then rubber upon as the gravy-liquor had been brought.

‘We’ve been starving for days, yet there’s no respect as to understand why you had to wait for so long until the feed was presented in front of you!’

‘Who are you to tell us what to be fed upon and when?’

The one with a falling apart face, who had endured the passing of the lot, only to have himself calmed and once again, be brought to a spiel, at once brought to a dishelved countenance that others did not dare retrieve! Such an apparent withdrawal from all life could only mean a thing.

‘You’ve been holding out from me, haven’t you, brother?’

‘Of course I’ve been, not to mention that there’s an illness I could but not behold for long that I had to deal with before, before I got the chance to truly make a do with it!’

‘What would that be then?’

‘Something incredibly simple, something that one such as you could easily get a hold and a limb around, not to mention anything of the eloquence with which you could simply vanquish the leprous inexperience one would have if he were to be asked of it. Since it’s only a matter of time until, as I recall, they march in, by force!’

‘Who dares come from the Paradise?’

‘Riders, that shall march and trample all that dare stand tall and ubiquitous to their andante.’

Robbed of all nights that could follow in, they wreathed in a most perilous way!

A note:

‘To my dear, lovely wife; married on the moon of June, deep July; with whom I’ve spoken only once since killed; I did it on our honey moon, but now I’m ill. I thought myself be humbled by my abode. Though I have killed many women during my lifetime, I’m afraid that I may have gotten a tiny bit paranoid. You see? I’m frightened, yet endure. I think myself petty, yet I mourn myself, for that cure; that would bless my mind with anything even closely resembling something that could work, something that would make me unnerved no longer, therefore stall for some reason not to die during the prodding of a simple turn. And a whip and a crackle on my poor body snapper, whose lodgings are still unknown to me to this very earned for stay!’

An abhorrent wretch, if ever was there one; of no proper account drawing breath, known it since I met her.

‘My dear girl, but I thought you’d be here, for some reason or another, in the same spot.’

Under the same circumstances, whatever those be; it was truly hard to say whether or not she was listening at all, or whether or not it mattered the least how far he’d get to her during the following moments, not to mention that there was the insinuation her kind proceeded to bring regards to, as for them and what they were trying to do with her.

‘I think there’s much to discuss within the following hour. You’re sick, and I am here to cure you, then wed you for a decade or so; where you shall be properly taken care of, to a point where you shall only be well-adjusted, right until a point, the point where my satisfaction will be concluded. Then and only then will I have made it through; I mean we will. We will make it through, we have to, my dear. It’s only a matter of time until either of us realizes that there’s no chance for us to make it out alive unless you enter my possession.’

Therefore the girl rescinded her previous contemplation, while having only been of no more than an unimportant decision; from this point on, soles for soles, therefore row; and therefore the stench will reek no more since she would be left in without even having to. Having to; a nasty sound came from the floor, then the walls, the ceiling, following around what could only be described as being an incessantly annoying sound of some low hertz.

‘ There, there, there shall only be a few of us present here now until the next hour or so. I think it’s safe to assume their retreat comes not only as follows but as the demise’s gallows, therefore stench. It’s soluble by means of apprehension.’

‘ In which direction, then, if you’re so inclined to tell me where to and fro might I eschew what little is left for me to snare and clutch myself upon whenever they’re nearing a close call!’

‘ I cannot tell alone, as I’m in need of some, already gone, already shone upon the plight of this road upon no errand that might be due, and not to withdraw whatever there’s to cue or lay onto them again. Those who listen to us still refrain from saying something that may yearn a scorn, most abhorrent, more of all!’

‘ Then, will you join me in this errand that might see us both still travel long today, to yearn and sombre, and therefore fonder, as you may be, although still cherished as one might see, my friend you’re of no remark. I see you as the one and only one that’s been seen today, of better yearning, therefore stay!’

‘ I can’t and you know that, you’ve been made aware even since the day we met, long before we stayed our hands from being caught and sprayed, whatever word or lay, or therefore day. We stepped onto the graves of Easter’s lay. And therefore angered many Moors, upon the Moons of troubadours! Many of whose disciples still follow, many that are still to come and trust each shallow, rivers, treacherous apparel, and some that might be spilled here and titter, therefore bitter, yet. I see no reason to have lain a second day onto my hammock or deceitful hay. For that might’ve made me much lazier and bitter oft, over something that’s been brought, that I have thought myself so uncannily distraught, to have it yearned for, despite it still missing!’

‘ Or, perchance, if I were so-much so to take my immediate leave, would you so humbly seethe over such conceit as to wreathe no second thought alarmingly discerning every word of trail and bramble up-and heave remain of what’s been said, from this point on and onto greater, humbler, numbed as you may hear, that which I may therefore truly year for, asked to, such drear no greater command that might have me trail my way back, all the while, barely misgiving, such a hint that might be hinting, of no better due than what’s been said, and therefore as I may therefore stay my hand as to interrupt my very own self for wont of what’s been had, will you do me honour and see me not after the beauty of the anchor when, upon hearing of my salient sail, through the several seas there are and the New world as well, will you, blessed

friend just look the other way and spare no other thought of mine, letting me wriggle and wreath as I'm benighted and never come to life thereafter? Will you do me such honour as to see me go through the after-life whereas others have failed to see me still myself with cork-screw thunder, or through the stormy rain of much enclave, and trees that failed and others that have seen much better days, or the ones I thought I could see you, upon such knotted remorse, or anything and anything at all, whatever might it come? Will you leave me, and allow, for me to fade into the obscure as fate has willed, as destiny triumphed, as I sung the last of the world that had me once benumbed to all the pain and sufferings I had to share? Will you forget me simply as if I never existed, yet refrain from ever speaking that blasted word? The one making me quiet whenever I sob? Thinking of what wretched might come, once they hear my dreadful thumb trail itself upon such list, such that only beasts could only should out and devour my fist! To be lacerated and maimed by things that would never even dare during their eventful, most strident days take a jab, the bandits of the numb, the ones I shared drinks with, turned into animals once my pockets had been turned upside down, for I could not afford them any longer, past the spirits, therefore chucked into the grave; but you, my friend, the one who stayed. I could never hope of darker fates, of lesser thought and past remains. But of you, my friend, what little I have and stave whatever comes on and off, for you to look past and over, for you, I beg of thee, look no further than at the man you're staring at, as each moment passes, as each and every single one. I ask of you not to bathe in remembrance but forget! For I've been spoiled past rotten and my heart is spoiled as well; as it's become, something beyond dreadful, something starving itself past the most irrational, past the most atrocious thumb that might be filled with mould, stuck in some empty pit or hole. Anything but less, lesser and the few, the ones, the fewer, never true! Look the other way whenever we do pass, or have us yet forgotten, so, we may never shed a tear cast! By no means should you think of me as anything but leprosy! Dreadful in stance, dreadful in lance, of unlordly calling, belonging to no other wreck, than the one that such it were bemused as to be lost upon the endless waves that shall carry my body, chucking it into a sea of peace. Treason as to be felt by ancestors that have never seen no reason as to doubt, to see such wretch still be, of a kind, remain alive, while their vigilance had only thrust them and their thoughts in dark; I ask to be forgotten, sir, as worthless as I am, at last!

‘ But how could I commit such an act of evil under the watch of not yours but mine and mine alone, the masters of my blood that govern upon naught else but my empty evil, vile soul?

For I have cast such glance even before you've been aware, even before I could abhor trying to trickle such jest as you might've thought one such me aware of! I, I only think of what little power and strength I have to shout, at the top of my lungs, while I still live and as I'm still alive, while still in proper power, as my title's still endangered, even after, such exchange had taken place. I seek only a thing to be betokened, such is it that I'm frail, I yearn, I wait, in desperation. This attrition that you ask of me as you joust in no direction, yet your eyes have yearned and told me since, that you need be called upon, the hour of the sin. For I have known, and ever since and long ago. That it was you who killed him in triumph, the punishment for which, was ever-known; to you, to many as to I. For killing the man who had my father's life, for reasoning with honour during one of the darkest, to have ascended and basked upon, hours, when I stood but numb, as the culprit almost run, upon lays and hays, and many trough, carried on top of days, in which they may've marched, with him, but for you, now they did with him but chopped apart, each piece lend onto each trough to carry through the many fields and lanes of deep sinew, of yellow suns of hay and gone, when the empty quiet's ban! Upon each man and servant known to me, to have jeopardized everything, now I know why you must flee, as to be gone, as to be lost to eyes that do not know what

means to have been once alive! But I cannot let you so forlorn, to have taken leave as to be mourned. As I have mourned my father once, as I have thought it to be something that might last even the most absolved of each crime that might've taken something out of me, I seek your such, benumbed and staunch upon a brothel's Eve, to take you as my brother since; befriended until end's awaited time, to have been set upon this plighted flight. And if the storm that's is to come, descended, upon our cruel paths and therefore ended, both of us in ever-trough and for that reason, I could sue; for such a court of spirits ever since, where I the jury and you, the prince. For I the father that's been slain, seen by a judge of empty grains. For when we starve, therefore to think at last of a reason to be gone, during our long journey and awaited gone, I shall think of nothing other than the travesty that were the past, of the loyalty of you, my friend, something I have yearned for, throughout the entirety of my life, but which I have never been capable, nor am I aware of ever having known if possible for me to show, and follow true to my endeavour. To allow nothing to trail upon you, from this point on, or therefore sever what little time have we alive!'

'Then we have come to an agreement if such's the case, as the admirals, Jaundice-Airle, dear man, shall stop at nothing but to hunt and haunt you upon their end's days and therefore after, beyond despair and beyond that day when you may think there's ever been a chance to flounder any kind of dearly escape, as might be needed to be called even before you thought of a reason to stay. I see now. There's but little to no chance, for me to have you think of anything else, for me to force you to change your mind as you're set. Beyond it, beyond reason and beyond the graves that look upon you from their smirking countenance withheld. I cannot force you to change you mind, and I can dearly think of no other reason you may be inclined to think of it, otherwise, it is set. We shall sail until the end of our days and if they're to come too soon, so have waned the gods that were under our glistening stars, the ones talking of some days that used to belong to us, during time we were alive!'

'And with this we leave!'

Onto the dock they went and into a star-shaped, spherical boat they entered by chucking themselves into a barrel that was transported into the middle of an inner smaller sphere that had all the crewmen held into peculiarly moving crystals, cysted and encased with cackling faces dancing and flying around and inside. With every wooden plank that made the greater sphere they were inside of creating millions of humanoid outlines that were overlapped and overlapped each other as if they were in a sea of dead-folk that, sometimes spat out wooden fish that leaped around, yet no like bullfrogs, instead like marionettes, followed after by peculiar man-shaped submarines with empty black sockets, and whose back tails were giant bullet-rounded with an inner, expandable fluid-filled with organs being preserved inside of, cylinders that had retractable teeth coming out as spikes that became fleshy upon being materialized. Yet, as these spectral things made their way into the spherical ship, and as they began coming into 'existence', they started breaking apart, appearing in pieces, here and there, an eye, a half-of-face, some leg, some two-quarters of the cylinder cut-lodged inside the outlines, stuck inside the wood-but not all the way through as to create holes, lodged like some sea-urchin, black-spiked, pouring out of itself fluid, which dripped inside and on top the floor, as it fell, all came along just finely! These peculiar syringe spongy humans, despite belonging to some submarine extraction were much tinier and far more compressed than previously expected. With that alone being taken into account, there was this to be kept in mind. Everyone suffered inside the ship and, while the spirits were materialized in a fleshy apparition bodily creation kind

of superficial thing of no ambition, every man had lost their eyes. Empty blood-black sockets everywhere!

‘I am the captain of the ship, still! I have remained as I still am and I shall endure from this point on until the day I shall be capable of doing it no longer!’

But treason was pardonable by all account, for the captain was a rotten organ, damp with wretched hubris himself!

‘My dear, you’ve wakened yourself again, allow me to indulge in picking off a prick off your nose and kick him out in the open square, in the middle of the highway curb, where he may be trampled by the charging iron bulls, dying starved, as I’ve observed him, even before he was born, by the parents I was the leader in charge of choosing for the breeding schedule to commence; growing; I being his fatherly figure for the longest period of time after killing both of his parents by means of wishing them dead, which they immediately did.’

‘I understand, they died; can you wish me dead as well?’

‘I swish and fiddle with the thought but I shall not give in!’

This madness shall be brought to an immediate end one way or another, whether it’d be the last thing I shall be doing before the pandemonium can take place!’

Lady of the house

An adorning statue to the other ones she had collected throughout the ages shone a bitter light upon her shallow face. The queens and the baronesses had granted them their trust when it came only to the most intrusive of operations carried on and over through her cast, the only room of her house, being, four great empty walls, bricked, a ceiling with pulps, a floor of tenebrous tendons, four great chains coming from the back and a coffin she resided in, the bed, the wretch had hidden in this cove she lived in, a room beneath the ocean floor, where drowned were the corpses that were brought as food by her servants, the parasitical sea-cucumbers of the Gnod.

‘Another meal ill-taken; my dear sister!’

Spoken at the other, flayed as she was on eighteen hundred fifteen canvas sheets that floated around like kites in her cave; cut evenly, but become, over a long enough period of time, entities of their own, immortal and eternal, spitting little children infants that grew into sluggish humanoids with bulbic heads that opened their mouths and drew out the same chiselled almost idol-shape, a long nigh-goblin shark head, bearing a chin like that of a man, toothed like a nut-cracker, with strange side-eyes belonging to her sister no longer. Clubs they were used like to work in the mine, and they mined golden and natural crystal oysters they brought her as the prize for her cherished work, livid as she were, untold.

‘My dear, open your eyes, you’re a beauty, aren’t you? My dear, dear, most cherished flower, I could not have you stay still for a second more, not that I would be incumbent on asking of you for some. Some child, I need a few more of them so I can finish my masterpiece!’

Glory to the man he had created out of the few sons her sister, or sisters, if one were to count the lot, with what’s been brought to her eyes beings something she could not fully endure the sight of, no doubt!

‘I could give you a pearl my dear, only because you fashioned me a membrane that I’d like to enjoy having!’

‘A slither and a coming of disgrace to the age, I see the pup of tulips that’s come out of your girth, great appeaser of disgrace, but I’ve come to ask the cones for wanting!’

Slithering in notice had her wont returned to the same coffin she’s been spending most if not all of her bothersome nights in, trying to speak with wild defectors, in her dreams, choking upon the spittle that the crude sons had brought to disjoint her of the chains, since inside of each and every single one of them there was, a piece of her hidden, a limb, as disguisedly coated in chrome of alloy gelatine, that would hide her spare-parts, from being cruelly broken apart, so she may not come together when put back. Since it was no secret at all, everyone loathed her. More than anything in life, more than anything that could even vaguely be acceptable at all. A disgrace with no face, a wretched creature, the wretchedness she vaguely promised to dissipate never came to pass. A liar they thought, we’ll get to her, and she shall be made suffer if it’s within our power to do it. Time after time again, plot after plot befuddled by their sole infirmness, as they slowly became of skin and men, although still as slugs, with goblin shark idols now made of marrow and of bone, in humanoid skull-shape elongations chiselled, coming out of fully opened mouths, like that of giant bubbly pillow-far lips as well as elongated arms that held the place for the sluggish eyes, legs, suffice to say, were moulded into the tails, like sirens, but only capable of crawling until forcefully separated, whereas their eyes and their jelly-spread features were spread in most innocuous spots across their bodies, sometimes rubbed upon when trying to draw themselves upon great distances, projecting pain upon silent howls as not to wake her up, that they might be punished. One night she awakened. The door of her coffin fully spread and beckoning for her return it cried, tears running down the floor, but she was mad. Leaping around like some devil, dancing as she grabbed and wrestled with the sons. Maria Alghon simply rolled them on the floor and stomped each arm, then laughed with spittle on the crown of their soles!

‘But you cannot kill me little puff! I shall have you thrust into a wall now and I shall keep cackling if I want to because it makes me feel good inside!’

With which she gave a smirk and a devilish thing it were, before trampling on a few more of them, dancing more wildly and violently in front of the fish that came out of the water ‘pools’, which suffocated themselves only to have a look at the treatment of these buffoons while their moths did nothing but fly, at the tallest corners of the cove, confused by what was happening around them now.

It was worth thinking it over, but they were not solely allowed to.

Wretched

They rested on the brow of a torn apart well. A parcel of reveries that didn't fit together yet were completely plastered on top of one another, being made out of large cut-material like elongated grocery store bags, in which weird squirming creatures were put inside of, and, while also being incapable of properly breathing since they were incapable of doing so on their own, that's where the other tube-like growths appeared, whereas they entered through some of the cuts; in which they could breathe acid rancid poultry dreams of snouts that spread among them.

Viciously, in the distance it charged a man down, the Pantheon-man, dressed in his golden armor, pinned the aggressor down by the neck, pressed his arm downward against his throat, then, started again, his most irresolute push-through that followed after. His left arm rested humbly on his Adam's apple, ever-so drearily shoving it in. Whereas his right arm started pounding against his fast, with a slt, and trtttl, where the top of his nose's bone cartilage started giving away; bleeding out of it as soon as he could give out a quail, in order to alert the other birds that were making their way in, bleeding profusely, most disturbingly agitated as he was.

'Release me, please, I beg of you, can't you see that the mist is gone?'

'It's been replaced by the gas, as it's taken hold of the top of the sky to an almost entirety beyond belief. You need to stop breathing immediately, as I need it, in order to feel satisfied with myself for tracking you down for this long. You couldn't understand the trouble I went through to get to you.'

'Then please, let me go, I beg of you, please, allow me some respite.'

Large trunks that followed after drew much nearer onto them:

'You wouldn't want to take too much of a cut of him now, it's morbid.'

'What is? Why are you disturbing my processing of his face with the side of my fist? There's just so much to absorb with my knuckle sponge and so little time I can enjoy it before he finally passes out.

You simply cannot understand the joy I'm getting out of it; you know? You cannot fully get to know anyone without turning their face into a pin-pricked allergy reaction looking fully bloated puffer-fish looking man, can you?'

'I wouldn't know, it's not as if we tried before.'

And the other trunks only drew nearer, before the mist of red paints started coming in. Dripping on top a few drops at a time, out of a bloated red body of many puckery lumps.

Bulbic bodied as he was, a two-tall head spiked of eight stalagmites that pointed at the sky aligned, its back-body was a gun-cartridge twisted in a semi-circle growth, that of a peculiar twisted-around moon put through a 'forest' of tendons and appendages it carried along with it. Its eyes two thin elongated stalactites pointing down, coming out of the front protrusions out it face, twisted springs for teeth, and put together was this king looking flying heap that came along. It spoke of evil days that only drew on the disease that had been on-lain inside his pucker-lungs:

‘I of all would not have myself cherished wickedly by those cruel mental mongrels that would worship me so, if I had been given the chance and were in your place, I would not have myself be taken as to show any kind of weakness would be drawn from mind. As I would have myself but put through blindness, bitterly blind, as I would have myself not be named upon the pillars of words in the depths of the cast upon the world of darkness from beneath the bowels of the world from which I’ve been drawn out of, I seek no bitter satisfaction, nor I ask this of thee.’

And with a twist, this creature showed upon them, as much as one could see. The rumps and growths, the spine-tingling forlorn protruding probes that oozed shakily aware, many of them being as thick as coffins and even having some of them in, the children of men, humans. It was a wicked fly-ish flier, that bore no legs after all; while, it just so happened for its lower-body bag contortions to, have been remarked as being unfitting of sustaining all that weight underneath him, for more than a few obvious reasons one could not approach. Not yet, since it didn’t help either, they only dwelled ever so much closer as to understand. What was the maw beneath it? Why was it so contorted in the back? It’s as if that body-thing, that twisted mass was but dinosaur-Cretaceous. Twisted, such, in mind:

‘I beg of thee to stop torturing the man. You’re not processing his words, you’re merely butchering the poor man, you’re making it seem as if he’s nothing but the lousiest thing that ought to be starved of decency.’

‘Careful around that beast, it’s covered in nigger-rockets that are ready to be put to his deploy. He will rape us if we get too close to him and we’ll die of rape-fuck.’

Ugly tattoo-filled bodied-cover sheets of newspapers with blood-written words and a welder’s helmet on top, and a cloak; covered in missile-shaped niggers, whom were wrapped around him like explosives. Like grenades, ready to have their heads chewed and spat out, then explode.

‘He has just infiltrated in our heads, and is planning on living in there, rent free.’

‘You fucking bastard, do you not understand what that means? He’s fucking loaded with enough of a load to blow up the eight pentagons, let alone the side of your pout-sacks.’

A blasphemous godly hinged upon thing with eight heads followed soon enough. IT could not be decided if it truly lived, instead one could see what happened to it, from the side, as many, rather small elongated things came out of it, deadly-bowelled in tar-gut blood clot, cries, which had enameled it, on top of piles of decrepitly rotten cadavers with wheels coming out their heads and off the side of their ears, while bearing elongated tongue-like flying shape-tails that spin like drills, which are unconnected to the rest of their bodies, yet continue their flight, whereas the lower bodies are set in various vicious motions that could not be stopped.

A dark armored man with eighteen swords racked on top a giant basket filled with hundreds of killed citizen walked slowly towards the dark point, a spectral look to his fallen over haunch figure only drawing away the breathe of the less fortunate to be minded as anything but weak of heart. A tendon of gas sticking out of the back of his head; creating puddles of rancid green behind, as he only killed the last of the Emperors of murder from the land of Nak, with him being strapped on top his chest, this man being driven made. He opened one of his blades, only being split right there, where one could see, even the slightest hint, of a visible miasma, then he’d know. Like shamans looking for the coming signs of storms,

there'd be, a cloud made of ailment, taken to thee, scouting behind stones of verdure- red, painted in the armies that fell, on dead-end grounds. Whereas there used to be life, now it's gone. The man being only a relic, recycled from ages gone. A heartless beat coming out of him as the giant walking gait, the ship, the thing with many faces and with many feet drew towards him, while its many faces long before exposed would say, and shatter after, called for, standing on top, dark remains being their shoes, for every leg was a dragon-snapper thing with eyes for scales and most obtuse things, spikes coming out of it, and out of them, many more, to life. As they would each ask in turn, they said, upon the man whose nature was little more if naught else would he refrain from asking, and stand there, yet in trance and dancing, like a mad spirit in a grove of fallen things, like emulating-madly vigor for the lies of fairies would do little for one to seethe for such, was there was no like to hear them again, but watch:

'I've waited in vain for you to appear and near one of us, out of fear that we might draw for long, we kept watch and made a house, of pucker dirt, en trance, have I but asked, of brother never-known, in dark dimension thrown, as castles of puddle-cattle that arrive, from the distance, yet to dye their ever-present-given, thing a mirthful pearl, of such, would thee have known but ask:

I give onto you, but bask in the glory of those things that flash, as should be known but after.'

Stranger

He came out of nowhere and pounded his face, striking all the way throttle-in thrust, clicking his toes as the other man stumble like a belligerent drunk and fell on his knees, begging him to stop. His right hand flew across his face from one side to the other, followed by a similar motion soon after, followed by an uppercut from his left once it rested back in its sheathed shoulder socket. And the man was on the ground, resting on his back, fully thrown and closely to a pail. Resting as if uncannily so; if one of the men around, standing near the sidewalk could recall; he jostled down the street and came back queerly with a door on top his craned back, holding it from one side to the other, when all of the sudden he simply smashed it on top the man, breaking it crack for crack, which deeply lodged, all shard-and thorn, pieces being born inside his gut by now, slowly coming apart as they planted themselves in, thoroughly, the door-handle missing, it began drifting away, with part of his leg dislodged, out of its socket, his throat elongated, to the side of a car in which it buried itself, nesting in one of its fiery wheels, the curvature of which making him feel, although flaccidly-deflated, for a moment, he was laundry, spinning around and bloated in blood, soaked in clot, hardened at that, a pile of maple leaves that were contorted in a manly meat formation, an altar, whereas the man that drew towards him, back, incapable to stop, his sociopathic tendencies having brought, fifteen meters in, the sirens having already stopped, since they were or had been on the run for the last eighteen months or so, with the podium-light and the wings being set-in-place, and a pack of dogged niggers no longer chained, walked towards him as well, unshackled, many of the people that were around him being very much so of a mind to cut, having had revealed themselves prior as being federal agents that were mad, with their knives equipped, the wrong way, blade merged with fingers and with toes since they were interconnected, like prison-bars but gut-hose in which harpy-birds agape, but straddled to a fashionless sense, of wonder, at what came after, since there was no option, nowhere near, at a run, the man knowingly approaching the conclusion that he didn't know where this strangely malignant conundrum would take him to, gone, would he, most likely thinking, rather pink, his brain and sinking, Ta-Thu-Du, Oh-oh, crossing his mind, to his resolve's benign' rat-rat-rat-rat-rat-tu-thu-

thud on the floor, they approached, the beast whispering in his ear, a messianic brooch adorning his neck, against on whose reflection, standing, the image of the leaper with two heads, many deformed horns, with frog-leap legs that were shaped like giant dinosaur cartilage things with outwardly heaving spike-shaped D-mons, with circular scythe as in lynch niggers at night, cradle-puffer gardening-tool hose shaped giant incisor aligned, eight on every side, pincer-things upon which it walked, distractingly, as to take away from the giant deformed giant humanoid-heart shaped body that bore many compounded eyes that opened, revealing shaft-strike in fading solidified lights made out of mouths that floated away alongside their strange swarms of Day mons, whose out-pushing mouth, in the front was filled with many elongated-thrust forward formations, misaligned, bearing peculiar, almost cylindrically molded, Gatling guns, wrapped by spiked bands with upward facing open tubes that gave like to smoke crackles, on top of which black womb-parasites that would induce abortions on nigger-mixers, thoroughly yet pungently, as in a vicious manner-yet invited, follow-after killing their hosts, which he was now, directed towards, the man that is, who was incapable, because of a psychotic manic rage that entered him, all of the sudden, pre-planned with disgustingly long-ruminated upon premeditation, which had initially been given birth by his OCD-cancer rust-blood knife he shot, through a rifle aimed at the side of his head, Tuberculosis angels floating around him, telling him the secrets of this world, now, and then, time being completely dilated, whereas the helicopter bore, instead of wings, large plates-like fridge gaping, unnaturally-hard-to look at children of the moon whose dance brought a rain of blood-boils that started pumping oil in the beaten man, whom by now, although, this Criminal-lord Fashium-Rokr, had, gone, insane, mental-disablement, an agony of the new century man, his father- who was a lamp, and lamps can be taken and eaten out of, poison, that being, the gas inhaled, since hookahs are no different than the blood light he was staring at, as the world was encompassed by dark clouds of faces and he drank his own hand, the father, being his hand, speaking to him, in the dark languages of Quantum-communion, spanking his mother in long-lost memories, where he remembered such things employed into him such as violence and knifing, being one of the main-put-through deciders of why he had decided to pick up on the life of crime which turned the world around, casting it in a pit of malignant darkness out of which it could not get out of, since it was part of, his knocking on the noggin, that the police-men have been doing for a while now, twenty minutes or so, at the very least, hardened batons with blood; my mother just told me my sister has picked up Pneumonia from somewhere, being forced to take a trip to nearest Hospital where she was forced to wait for twenty or so hours until she finally got the results of her lung-scans, a huge fucking problem with the PR department there, advertising an alleged 'effectiveness' that's yet to be objectively observed in the private sector; before he snapped back to reality, where he woke up, being surrounded by one hundred seventy seven corpses that belonged to the officers and the helicopter, that was standing beside him, bleeding profusely, and the niggers, especially those filthy fucking animal-niggers, whom he hated the most, only to find himself, in a strangely lurid turn of events, most stranglingly so, surrounded by a pack of young thug-nigger children, all armed up, threatening to hold him, as a hostage, and ask for 'money', 'from whom?', ha-ha, fucking niggers, who the fuck will pay for ransom for a killer-thug man like 'him?', dumb-fucking nigger monkeys, fucking retarded fuck-monkeys shits, ha-ha, whereas incapable of knowing otherwise, Fashium, still-on-the-sidewalk, uglily-nasty-washily grazing, Criminal-Spirit God turned onto him, in-part, he, coming out of his back, as he was become split in two directions, one walking towards the brokenly-yellow brick tinted lamp, the other, cattle on Mars, Niggers, niggers, niggers, niggers, ooh, ooh, agh, aa, turn him back onto them, as to lead him, blindfolded, back onto their lair. It was barely standing, a garage door opened, garbage by the side, a junk- put through salt, brought from the sea-moon, a tall diseased man without arms was their king. He was of no race, tall and filled

with tadpole shaped parasitical bulb-syringes filled with dope-disease. A most peculiar set of four companions forming a belt, a gut-hose wrapped around it and pointing down, a deformed as if a car had been completely smashed by two recycling-junk-yard things, but also filled with boils, a torso-with elongated shoulder pads, being, puffing disease around.

Both of them were, most disturbingly. They came out of an ugly tent.

‘Why is there a tent in your garage?’

‘Made cat-yogurt out of masks and acorns, it has eyes.’ Walks on the ceiling, it does. Niggers clap, they are easily entertained. Cats can be fed children, they are born and are part of the communism, until cut off and stabbed, repeatedly.

‘Are you the pack masters?’

‘I’m the nigger-patron, indeed I am, the master of volatile pucker and venomous blood!’

‘I want to ethnically rape-kill cleanse niggers and kikes and splatter their entrails all across the walls, slit their throats open like fucking rust-filled and covered in gore-rat fuck-shit until they’re completely butchered like the sub-human animals they fucking are. I hate niggers, I loathe kikes, neither of which will ever be human by any, even remorsefully comprehensible way of self-determination or any kind of determination whatsoever, they are in-humanly sub-human, deformed, beaten, nigged, ought to be stomped, should be killed, god I’m looking at an ugly nigger and a fucking sub-human disgusting looking kike standing side by side, two fucking filthy dumb-smut nigger-like, niggeresque look-alikes that ought to bathe, in acid and in boils, embroidered in a melting gut, filled with snake-saws, being just drowned in fucking violence-murder! A dark creature, like a giant melted in the front, disgusting tongue-thing foot front, melted thing, like an upwardly inclined stone that’s a seal-formed, or anatomically similar to it, thrust upward into a, seen by the side axe-like formation, in terms of width, as it would be seen like a deformed thinned on both sides box-thing that’s slightly concave and sharp, thinning out front and backwards, bearing a humanoid necked-head boil-wart thing that’s sprouting out of it; with an elongated swampy look and stick-thing bug-like appendages coming out of its head like hairs and in the front, one longer one, like a fisherman-angler’s pole thrust forward, bearing a pig snout at its end, out of which torture organs would come out of, only, for the sole reason of torturing and lynching the niggers and the kikes repeatedly, forcing them to suffer out of an endless thing, filled their guts with bubbles of blood-rage that would splatter them even farther, before they’re being slowly delivered to the Dark Oven, in which both the filthy niggers and the kikes would get endlessly Holocausted in a hellish-realm of nigger-torture. Many similar parasitical sluggish things, that were goop-like as well but following soon after, hundreds of them tackling the niggers into a nigger-like oblivion where they would simply be destroyed!

A tower of Babel filled with most nastily set sounds drew eight seas apart as they came into life, not here nor there, or in any other place where life would do, but in a broken image, the uncanny semblance serving momentarily, seven ages or so, where hundreds of people not only died, but the ghostly specters of dead, out of the cemetery tombs, decayed-zombie like, corpses with heads, all spiked with strange notes, gibberish floating out of them, as well as, eight drenched-in-blood swords, many of them uncannily deformed in the most obscure way possible, since there was no possible way one could be contend with the time of day, that was passed between them, men without heads but with cats sticking out of them,

Maurice Mort, whose Babel-like suit filled with nasty eyelid' cones, only took the breadth away from the dark unsurfaced puddle, out of which they began taking everything apart, the ship that is open, in which all the adorned parts, including the vestibules of most desecrated of holds was stored in, across the many tombs that had been taken, draftingly from war-zones, a Soldier's respite only having lasted for a few melted candles that ran out, when the memory of humanity's art, just crossed his mind again, Mort, being very much alive, or felt so, I wonder when will the next cataclysm come so I may leave this disgusting place, of reasonless grated together, many races being strapped –conjoined twins with many arms that were wings, and come onto them the pincers that used to work on the outer layered plates across the other-planets that emerged, many of which were capable of flight and talk, bore life, an insignificant dart, from one place to another, not in his mind, and perhaps wilt have happened in any other place, if there was a reason to do so, since he was struck, all of the sudden, while thinking of his brother, bleeding profusely out of two broken wounds, that fell apart, his left being replaced immediately by a prosthetic that came onto him, a body made out of corpses then joined him, and they ran while being chased, both sharing this momentary solace, through which, far away, they could both see, one of the windows was me, I was that window, the cat with four eyes, stretched, facing them, a façade of stars playing with them, since all of the mad cocked-in and out, come through existence darting through Mars, another hole came through it, and flew in one of the Sailors that brought with him dark rods filled with pincer-guns, which belonged to his brother, Koflu of Northern Leisure Strings, come onto the world, a price who dreamed of made-up verdure by the other worldly set abode, through which his rage burnt, and left naught alone until everything was destroyed, having submerged into a pit of darkness out of whom, well-betokened, yet begun was he become, a hellish king serving over a stitched together by the bodies of his enemies – Paradise with many succumbed under extreme pressure broken-homed orphan-holding cells, that were topped by candle-wax melted cylinder-Rook segments with elongated wide-winged spread shaped things, whose back of the heads were cracked and bore large cysts filled with see-through fluid, all equipped or having inside of them – skulls, whose 'beaks' were holding 'worms' but those were organs actually and they were gone, by midnight, not to miss the coming of the sun-drop, since they would burn otherwise, allowing for escape and refuge to occur, when nasty-thing, demerge as into quiet, after, and never-wonder, wont is taken, told for some and better worn-out, left out cold, many of them nested in the caves. The Paradise emerged, and it was only when the fires had been put down, that many of the darker holding by the arms growth-filled flying, wingless lurids could come out for air.

A darkened tooth with many heads began shooting fists everywhere, at every possible point, without outing itself to be caught, pushing out little pegs of steel, impaling everything in sight.

Farther away:

Both of them snapped at one another as soon as their surroundings were clear. No more waiting and no more pretending for something to happen, this was the chance to finally get rid of being at each other's throats with nothing happening. If only one would.

'That's it ladies, keep going at it, keep up with the tango and the waltz, the pressure ain't going to stop until one of you is down, sitting tenebrously lain on top his back, wide-spread against the better side of the floor, bleeding.'

And as much as they could enact each other's play-per-due, it was already laddered, by each side of the room, several holes being made as quick-after past through noon, push-troughs being lowered in, carrying World-trade center topplers, wrapped nicely with rounded blue-pick whitish marble tape-worms inside each and every single one of them. Even one dirty simian could be seen as to be wrapped around, put in claws-and almost, sawed-off from the rest of them, it came running towards them, bearing, splatter dist of steel, coming out of him as well as some shards of glass it rushed through, putting itself down along the way, not that it matter.

Two men charged it down just as soon as it lay its final-breath, two more entered the room as well, readying themselves as for the alarm's stopper:

'Careful now, I don't think it's dead, not yet, not yet. I can see it breathing-thoroughly through one of its back-tubes as well as the other thing.'

'What other thing?'

'It's a flagon, they've put its organs in, that I can see with my own eyes, see the pair of hands coming out of it?'

All of them looked mightily surprised by it, at the very least; this was an incendiary capable of setting the terms of fuse at the tips of a bent fingerclip's lone snap. If that's what the situation demanded, and it was very much so capable of doing it, without the difficulty humanoids felt or went through.

'Is that a nigger?'

'You could tell that by only glancing at it, mad-man, buffoon, cradle-spinner.'

IT didn't matter what they were talking about, as in a few minutes, it would only take the span or twenty or so tini-tiny pebble-rocks to fall over them, marching, avalanche-like over their substance. Their backs were very much exposed, and they were empty-dirty, uncovered, nasty-bongo drumming hobos, standing on top baboon men playing with themselves while waiting for the final lighter. Top ceiling –mast the needle rack-nigger posh was grinning, laughingly through a hole. His socketless face, his skin probed by an elongated finger belonging to a most incessantly tawny Shoes, it's what's been called by the locals. They were unaware that their village was about to be completely destroyed past any possible inference and possibility of getting out.

'Call in more men, they need to see this!'

'No, you mongs, you're going to trigger it all!'

Plaster-wearing basket cases fell in right through one of the fake-walls, fallen over, one of them. A man of high-pose, an Insurance attorney with a weird mammoth-elongated put on a mounted-turret skeleton frame-like thing that looked like a fat goblet with a mosquito long-face, filled with maw-incisors and peculiar tongue-shaped eyes that came out of his sockets and appeared to bear long insectoid-stick like figures of strewn and ethnically cleansed nigger-skins he carried around with him, as well as penetrated through the top of their heads kike-skulls whose skin fell off and, much of their cranial mass remained whole with the exception of a peculiarly hard-to look at beak that was inconsistent with their alleged 'white' phenotype-adherence that might've been caused by a recent admixture, being somewhat

recognizable through a simple glance. This man's strange head, that carried upon its elongated spear stripped of all skin-like thing, also appeared to bear a pair of winging tiny appendages that were already wrapped to the good side of the cabin they were all in.

Now and only now had he finally observed that the entire thing was entirely, mined, by all mean, stuck, he was with everyone else inside the room.

'Think you're being funny?'

'I was only trying to light up the mood.'

To make things worse, it appeared like a barrel filled with brim-topple also began rolling along, falling apart quite nicely.

'Nigger's on the top laughing at us, the monkey!'

Outside it was much worse, every house was on a giant-fat ebolated nigger's back, carrying it along a tray of wooden pliers, many of them being mind-controlled but at a shallow level by the most peculiar formation that could have ever appeared in front of the:

'I think it's trying to communicate with us; in which case, are we to establish contact with it by any means, or what are we to do if such's the case?'

'A liar, a liar's what it is, I've seen it and I'm very much so displeased, and plastered to it, the gorgonic conundrum, it's locked and flinted steeled itself around, threw it over, now we can't unchain-unshackle it, and carry on with our lives.'

It was dangerous in any case. Eleven seventy hundred miles away, out of the decayed-pasture tried for area where they swallowed the crab-like demonical horn-like figures in which the bowel-pools swam, which at this point looked like an unfathomably haunted by a sickened morbidly, disturbingly gloomily yet filthily, almost obtrusively, concordial, blasphemously egregiously gregarious, venomously massively, dirt.

Two giant appendages with head-tortilla flattened at the top spring sprout-branch like by throat, that drew out of the rotating arm-like formation of torsos that were all connected, invariably so, by lunges since they all wore worm-like chained bile-guts that drew along as if they were beads, connected then pushed through, drawing along to outlandish flying but prevented from taking flight, balloon-like formation that were pyramidical yet lumped with eyes and with other appendages that came in together until no longer capable of fully taking everything it and started throwing limb-leashes flail-whip motions-put through pressure, enacted against the bodies that were not actually connected to the main bulk but instead, as was said, were actually but floating in each other's proximity despite having a gut-like beam connecting them, that was eerily soft and capable of fully if not endearingly disintegrating on command if that's what it took for it to do, when all of the sudden, a few men drew near it, realizing that in reality, these things were actually antennas or close to that, in term of motion and in Quantum magic, the same power that granted them the functionality drawn from the most incessantly deformed yet disturbingly hard to look at stars that came into view during their long-distance communication. Signals being sent even now, of all the most malborious times:

‘I am trying to hold a conversation with you, although, you, my friend told me I can’t walk, that I am a cripple, mentally. Well, I’ve come to you with a certain proposal you’ve yet to consider.’

‘No, I’m not going to rape you, friend, I’m too busy and I consider it a primitive, and anything but a disquaint way of passing the time. I beckon you to consider the following, I do not know you, nor do I hold you with such contempt that I would have myself be associated with you, therefore, I think I want to be alone for some time now. Leave me alone so I may think things through and then I shall give you my answer. If you don’t, then I shall be forced to kill you by violent-brutal force of brashness such as which you’ve not only never have not seen before, but it shall be the last thing you get to experience before you die and I can assure you that you are going to die. Entirely and soulfully, as I am going to make sure that the proper funeral arrangements shall be made.’

His head was a giant disc-like piranha splatter of an egg, with all of his face-shapes pointing at the sky, in some direction or another, for they were all weird strips and twists that wanted to eat God.

It walked strangely from one side to the other, of the, sided track, of the upper-floored lowered-in, point to point, where it was connected both to the rails and was entered the half-dimension, whereas the mid-rift of the awkwardly set-plane in-between them was as hard to be stared at as it was to be walked on, since, from one point to the other, that is to say, where it grew, creating two pseudo-stalk beans beamed, through which a few more growths, added only superficially crawled through, having entered an area that was closer to a closet inside a floor, while melting, but seen from their side as if the North cardinal point were the sky behind them, being postulated upon, walking frontward-upward, for eighteen hours or so, at the very least, this march having led them to a point where everything diverged in every possible direction, until every shot-through form, crane-like growth and other-things that came into the great fornication of pseudo-limbs had been warted with pox-like substances of pus-accesses filled with larger fluid-filled chitinous shielded drone-heads that were supposed to be the molecules but appeared to be stretched yet whole, and wholesome inside one another’s upper- greater girths in which they swam inside of. Farther away from it, there stood an upper-lower rape-bolt, with eight pin-heads, tinier than that, cradled on top a peculiar dark body- that of a mutated creature whose wrought-out-of-shape body almost came to fall apart with each and every step it took towards one of the broken-in walls.

‘I’ve neared one of the castles, great casket.’

Quite pleasingly sounding, were it to be recorded by one of the small devices that were attached to everything around it, one could’ve easily discerned intent from this destructive force filled and covered in the worst possible urchins there were, the hardest to stare at being fore-fronted and made to melt away, with every step being shot through spike-headed incisors shaped humanoid but on the racks, invisible creatures whose tails were coming out, rape being in their eyes, rancid rape-smell covering them, as they drew on with large dissection blades, nigger-kill like upon nigger-nigger, destroying kinds, as one would be aware of the various intonations the simians were capable of protruding and coming up with. In the distance there stood a strange, most unfathomably hard to stare at nigger-lyncher, whose outer-nigger lynching abilities far exceeded that of any other nigger-lynching machine, by a far-extreme that could and might as well kill as many as thousands, hundreds and billions of them, all at once.

Power-strung nigger-lynching strung on sight, nigger-lynching kill-kill but slowly come on nigger-crack and nigger-monkey simians, niggering around niggardly nigger-nigger got shot down, his feet were

wrapped, nicely so, dark machined arms that drew out of nowhere, seemingly materialized in the air, killing these niggers in a fashion, that, could barely be distinguished if trashed and out of rancid, crash, and bash, and plentifully smashed, down, put as if waiting on top a bed of nails, but the quails of the nigger-lynch bird is stood upon wailed, as the many nigger-lynch-a-nigg-a-lynch-then stop and drag on and out, then nigger-put down, is dead but lives on as a nigger-strung monkey, shot down then raised again and brought to life, then lynched yet fail. A cardiac arrest occurred and the nigger shot his teeth, obscured by the smoke that came in and nigger-oh-nigger but put on pill, not to breed with other niggers, for they bear no wombs, these niggers are dumb and need to be lynched, but cured. First they're put down on a 'band', then the 'band' is taken apart, the nigger can't shout, the nigger is mad, he is on crack, he wants to be lynched now, begging for it, hardly a matter. Another lynch-kill nigger machine joins the first one, a son to the father, although niggers wouldn't know. And the way they were lynched was not for show, they weren't put, easily on track, but niggers, they're aware of that, and leap in, like salmon on the ship, the grills but burning still, the kikes in the ovens join them as well, both of them are being killed, exterminated, plowed-through, kill-fucked with sinew. Both devices come together and form an ultra-lyncher, killer stove, filled with plenty, iron chained cords, that shoot and gas, but made of fire mass, that, upon entered the premise, this long-stretch, exterminator. They're made to breathe, inhale, creator. No, no one's going to save you now, little kike, little faggot, little nigger, you're all done and made to get killed and stomped and made to live none other, but romped, upon a descending ramp, with nigger-killers trained, robots, machines, all of them, but coming in droves, while covered in snow-mobile droves of spears and pea-shooters that twist, boomerang-like but cysts that appear and boils, on their niggardous faces, signal the time they're to be put down, immediately on the spot, thrown deeper after that, in a rape-rape-rape-rape stomp page kind of matter- killing your father, nigger, Holocausted but this time around, it's about to happen, as the gas-oven-graves, that are miles away deepened, dropped beneath the bowels of the earth as well, they go around and don't stop and niggers have to die as well, and all of them are pushed down and put to rest, as niggers die, this ain't no test. Nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger- nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger- nigger-nigger-nigger-nigger- there's a kike slave master, rigger, he is called. He's trying to lynch them all, including his own, back-stabber, trying to get his foot in, trying, hardly, within reason, killed.

A peculiar rod filled with strange bejeweled figures that were sticking out but attached with vertically curved scythe-like curved L's that kept all of them hanging from one side to the other, all rotating, fluttering from one side to the other as they were winged

It was a tongue-shaped but fat tick – flea- growth-mass with a single wasp abdomen shaped incisor-curved crawler appendage with an upward beak-shaped upwardly heaving tiny immovable, as for its position, relatively speaking, but not entirely, as it still shook while moving, arm, and a spear-long shafted wriggled on its left side, whose upper-tower head was a twist of almost tendon-veins out of which a beak-arm and a head' heart drew out of, but featureless, as the entire creature was a reddish-green dark and filled with out-ward, capable of un burrowing themselves parasitically filled with pesticide growths that had hid themselves in there for a time. Whom were shaped like, legged first, by elongated skeleton-bone like match-thin cartilages that were fifteen meters high and eleven in width, whose bodies were fingers-like shaped growths whose tips were broken, tilted forward, stricken forth, and bore, large spoiled fruitious growths with two holes, pointing in the back, that formed an eight, as they were one on top the other. A popsicle with a tipped ugly, boil as well.

‘A strange thing this one, isn’t it?’

‘I think it is, sir, there’s been word coming from down South that there’s plenty of them running along, wild buffaloes incapable of stopping charge as to draw in breath and water, threatening to trample us whenever their reason might be, we still are to be yet called to action, whenever tenebrous there is approach.’

A wretched barely put together limb, from one side to the other, feeted by as many as eighteen hundred forty four clusters, that, upon being seen from beneath their seated, in eight different formations, mainly constituting several iterations of upward-downward-passers through the lower side of a grinder, specifically selected for it, prosthetic-like joints, whom so happened to be bladed, curved ahead and around, their diagram-put down patents, inked but nothing discernable could be drawn out of it. Since their seemed to replace one another, sometimes entered through, hindered wall and broken-flu, of joint-less bodies, with deep sinew. Of whose resource but waste was done, brought to it, to asked be run:

‘Through one of the belts, bring it to one of them, we’ll put it in.’

The sky was forced into a show. A teal nothingness but clear as one could see, as in the distance shone a simple sparkling thing, of growths but put, through infantile ilk.

And bastardly was the ground beneath them, the ones accompanying it again, bothered by what was going on there, incapable of dealing with so many of the barely filled with sinew dark remains. Some of whom were cradled after dark, although the brooding mothers, whose chests but shone through kill but thaw, of darkened yellow birds covered in piss-tar, took the breaking for their own. And for their children shone, up, amongst them, throne of desperation fading, their eyes but missing and counting as they were their blessings, eight dark shades appeared in the dark ultramarine night. Though the sea-levels were night and the blessed light that had taken a piece of them could be seen only as a tormenting zeal, that disappeared, upon a blink.

‘You’ve overturned your time dossier, it says right here, written by someone akin to thine eyes, broken but shot through, but though repair, there’s little to be done, may be called into question, not all can be simply fixed. Some slugs had been here since, but we cannot understand how they came to be.

Mother of brooding leeches upon but straddles in the candor, slayings, oft to feed. Bred upon the same cloisters that make the land, we seem to have garnered an understanding.’

‘But I’ve done no such thing of ill, nor am I to say, appeal to the ones that listen, as to beg for pity, lackeys’ undertaking Yore, for they, deprave as they might be are here, to stay no more, but move aside when taken by them, I’m to be put in blinds, shackled and imprisoned again, in a farther than to seep upon, rock-bitten place where I shall see no grain of cotton-riddled with frames of breaded pouches – punched in, slits. I am to draw no more, arousal, nor am I to count for reason, when they came upon the stance they cast them.

I seek but plight of understanding taken, and moved away, a-bred for awaking, only for a moment that might it be seen, and only for a moment since.’

‘Enough of your bastardly pleas, you’re here to be taken away, and given to those who see.’

‘I shall do it, somehow, I owe allegiance to no one, I shall rid myself of their filth, of their sub-human blood, of their degeneracy, even if it’s the last thing I do. There has to be a way.’

The man kept a walk-stride-through progression into a charge, partially sped-up by tiny specs of burning slates attached to the back of his soles, a slide, as if on ice-giving him another boost, crudely talking, step, step-step, optical illusion after, step, step, right foot step a few centimeters –twenty to thirty to the mid-left, not on a straight trajectory any longer, then firmly planted, left foot tailing behind by a shortage of nerve endings that had been cut off from a previous injury, therefore, a considerable amount of pressure would end up being added to the right foot, as he used it as leverage in order to redirect some of his body weight, putting it in, the zone, that’s formed between the anchored foot and the left side, past the mid-region defined by the line area, forming a small ‘pond’, that being the only zone his foot could be put in without him facing any considerable blow to his already dwindling lack of balance, whereas, upon having reached the mid-docked region of the pond-now become a lake, with a boat on the ‘shore’ among the creeks, yet to touch the mid-riff water point, the tip of the left foot had established only, for the time being, in a considerably observable by, as to be enclosed within a thought by a simple glance, as if skinny dipping-only the tip allowed –otherwise illegal, the ‘cold’ exposure turned the pond into a sea of broken trench-dug then filled, then tilled as if farm-like corn-sprout, spruce cut as well, there being stone-pebble-stone-boulder-smashed-chiseled-prick-of-cobble-rough-what-comes-after coated-as well – with the most unnaturally deformed facets which, despite what one would’ve considered, there being no regurgitation of mass that could induce such an effect on the looker, were close enough in semblance to eighteen hundred, perfectly spread in a huge diameter’s striking, beyond the dome, un-clear shot, of a dart-throwers but missed all of them, but they’re grenades, so that wouldn’t matter, explosives that spread those clusters of shrapnel exactly as thus, as to result, out of doing this, into making a small red-circle, that wasn’t there, and wasn’t read, pile them up by its mere existence and naught else and naught more, as if some truck came past the rush hour and made it past the bridge in order to avoid running over a passing child suffering of nearer-sightedness, as in nearer to the fifteen meters off the two-split quarters of the right-half area of the road, which signaled the fact that the kid actually had enough time to get that far without being hit by any car that passed the road prior to the truck in question, but, in light of the sun’s great bloated shininess-glow, projection, of light-filled with smaller suns, doubloon shaped, with Ra’s, the Egyptian Sun God’s bodies attached to them, but devoid of appendages, and the lower half-beneath the torso, whose appearance began shooting long-spear rays of light-power that bounced between every single bottle there was, caused, while in mid-flight, the truck driver’s gas-to shoot, the bottles out of his, apparently forgotten as to check whether or not the back doors were truly locked, giants with chopped legs, spruce coming out of their backs –filled with giant cancer lobes that had faces and spikes and thin elongated horns as well that bore inside of them, chrysalis-like embryo fat-blimp, even fatter than that fetus-gods that began fighting one another once aroused by contact with the burning UV rays caused by the many Ra’s to enter their eyes, shattering one another, tearing each other apart as their shards would fall in one place, on top a frozen sea, beneath the bridge, in the left spot on which now, at this point in time, his left foot having already been thoroughly planted in, caused a multitude of most peculiar steps to follow, in a short alignment of one step beyond one step beyond two more, then again, step-step-step-step-step-step-step-step follow-throughs of clusters, no longer be in danger-stride, of ought to take a break but, his feet were pegs of flocks of pigeons and wrapped around each other parrots and other cannibal nigger-slaves that were stitched on top these strangely colossal sized creatures. He wore a pointy had whose tip was the top of a missile with a red star and an American Confederate, one of them, strapped

around, lassoed in place, with a dame hardly kept in, around a carefully tied knot. The Gook-Yellow-Man Chinese must rot, he must be brought down, until he stops, this wretched in-human ballista of arrows curved, this Mongolian Nokkai of little, petty worth. Yellow threatening-disease wide-spread, the wretched horns that only added to themselves when directly looked upon by boil-grown eyes.

A small towering figure came boastingly upon pinned wheels. 'Leap into that puddle.'

And the man lost a foot, already down, a few meters off it, he'd have drowned if there weren't a few more pitty-pudgy things to have his foot-long, grappler of iron, bolted in-between the powder puffer-puffer growth.

Most of the eccentricity had gotten to their heads it seemed, for that very reason they had lost their veils and will to live, drenched but calling:

'Cast away, cast away, another one will come out of his way and cast us out if he'll have his will.'

'People have become rather wretched, haven't they? In terms of how loathsome not only they act but how they've come to justify even the worst acts of violence as well as retaliation against anyone who as much says something inconvenient to their likings. To think that one would be antagonized in such a way for simply voicing what he thinks, so be it. That shall be no deterrent whatsoever. If my mind is sick, it's best they know rather than hide it. I hate them, so much. I loathe them, for everything I had to go through, throughout my entire life. I'd rather live the remainder of my life inside solitary confinement than be surrounded by anyone. I don't need my memory, I don't need friends, I don't need people, I don't need to be liked by anyone, I don't need to hide how sick or horrible I am; I simply need be left alone. And one day, I shall find it, I shall find the means to achieve my goals, at all cost!'

It slipped past them without a single man noticing it draw its knives out, half-way through their waists from beneath them at an angle out of which this much could be derived, the lower trajectory being something of a mid-upward swing, working its way as if the creature had taken its time to kneel or to crouch down, pointing upwards on what would seem to be, a clear inundation of wildly set angles that had made several antecedent preemptive strikes which had numbed the areas, that is to say, it had already cut through them five to six times, at a shallow level, testing the red-parted waters with the exception that they were un-parted, since he took his good enough time, going through the swings again, stopping in place, but the cut, the initial one, that was yet to be felt, or the nerve endings responsible for communicating pain to the brain had not only failed to deliver, on their part, the wrathful-pain-endowed message, but it seemed like the initial cut in question had been performed while the first man was adjacent yet a few feet behind the second on a mid-twist, where his shoulder was almost back-lifted pushed in the back-arched, as to go through a half-rotation or throw-a-glance over your pad kind of motion, during which his back was also arched as well, but, the strange thing was that, during the butcherment, not a single soul, other than the knife-wielding creature itself who was responsible, although working its way through them at an instinctual level, such as niggers do when they're committing felonies, had maimed the half-way peace-ribboned rawboned piece alongside the baby-ribs trailed alongside then all around, until the full extent of the fell swoop had reached a comfortable level where it momentarily stopped. The blade then was quickly removed, although at that point, despite there being nothing to be alarmed of, since the realization had yet to be properly absorbed, one might think that the immediate knee-jerk reaction would happen to make him leap like a devil on the rib-gab cage, since what

immediately followed were a few more strikes of the knife that had enough time to prod, scout and feel around for the vital organs, without even touching them, since, the initial cut's width was just wide enough to allow for the proper entry of the culprit's entire arm to enter and mess not only with his viscera in a quick enough manner through which, during one of the strike, from fist to fist, like a VHS's replay sped-through backwards' shot of a slingshot being fired, with the boulder being one of the knives, he had actually managed by an appalling play of his middle, index, being planted against, while the knife was released a hold off in mid-air, then immediately caught between them and the thumb, being firmly planted there, where his entire arm got cocked as for his knuckles to point at the ground on a plain enough level, that he immediately managed to snap his fingers, so as to launch the knife like a knife-launcher's spring being action, although with his bare fingers, caught by his other arm, in the span of a few seconds, before he actually entered the man's body as to play with his insides and feel around, squeezing thoroughly but not too thoroughly as to not make too much noise, alerting the other man that was standing only a few meters away from both of them. And this was done with his left hand, whereas his right hand was now in charge of holding two knives, that his grip was yet to release the hold of. He then flipped his entire body vertically and stood on top his head, while its hand was still in the man's belly. With his toes; the right man's entire leg was entered in the same cut, as he was balancing himself on one foot, still confused as to what was going on. Both of them were staring in the same general direction. If this were to stretch over, over the span of at the very least a few hours, there was no uncertainty whatsoever as to what of how many of his outer limbs would be found finely folded inside his body, or how many other humans as well.

It's been only less than two seconds already gone past by, with his companion having passed them by eighteen feet, at the very least.

It leaped out of his pocket, from beneath the crown of his foot but trailed along a single road, two more, quail, crag and a few adjacent dews that followed on his track.

A back like a molded in a dark spot, wretched concave-zone, top of the hill stretched along side a deprave formation of heads, all dug out of worm-beds, dug in by force, rendering it partially immune not only to a terror-formation of partially destroying atrocities enabled upon it, but also to the outer head forms it bore up-front. They were cup-like or bucket-like elongated inside the mount, and appeared to be of a knee-in-depth, not to mention their wide-spread placement. The actioned by organic tool, that was mainly actioned by great, well-placed to a level where they signaled the fact that they may have been placed there instead of being grown out of the sides of these appendages, great tool-box shaped membranous padded power-plug wearing with elongated wiry cords leading to the greater masses of organs, at the end of which drill-like stings drew out of them, squirming around, revealing themselves as to be the ones responsible for what's been going on across its tortoise-shell placement of the body. They drew out from beneath it. A disgusting-wretched perilous-dismantlement threatened to follow, as with every passing second, this creature became more and more aggressive, at itself mostly since it's been infested with the most alluring parasitical entities one could get infested by. It oozed as it dripped, as it's been dragged along from point to point, from side to sidelong stretching. Reddened a little; with dystopian-shadings, of grit left-overs being rinsed with blackish eely water, with sweat of the dark-brow after being poisoned, with a grayish shade of atomic tuberculosis fencing on a border with another wide-spread red of decay-blossom, being the main entertainer of this clearly touched, unnatural thing that was a skin disorder spreading along the mushy-surface of this contaminated container that appeared to be the main enactor of its movement, or serve as such.

They started punching one another beneath their waists, going long-bows all the way in, trauma being long-headed along the way, as horseshoes started trampling their upper-floors, going along the trail, below the neck-region, etching various plasters of skin, falling off only to run behind a big boulder, as they waited them to internally bleed out.

‘Won’t do, it won’t do without really giving it to them, you know? They really have to take it, hard, they have to be bled out like a bunch of pigs, if only. If only we had something sharp, you know? Like some spears of some launch-knives.’

‘Shut your mouth, Yub, they can still hear us, plus we’re bleeding as well, remember?’

‘Talk for yourself! I’m not bleeding in the least, I’m as tough as nails, as they come, I will prevail through being bled if I want it to. My bleeding, it stopped, look!’

With a second’s boat-driven into chested knot, he cauterized his internal bleeding by simply flexing his muscles at a microscopically pushed in level of high-stroked upon blades of fisted steels that started pumping as hard as they could as to create even tinier atom-level cuts that in turn started processing skin through themselves, as if they formed a bridge of skin that immediately formed an arm-shaped appendage that spanned cross the mid-riff to his very pecks, going as far as already having shaken itself through variously leveled vibrations as to work itself to a point where, as they all started, it grew in size right in front of them, as a body-builder’s, or beyond the chiseled, juiced or otherwise’ maximum expenditure, if they were consuming over sixteen hundred tons of calories as well as proteins a day, as to bulk up to such an extreme level that it had not only granted it a ‘mirin’ boisterous look, but the strength that had amassed there as well as the shape itself had hybridized into a peculiar root-like system, in part, that is to say the fingers and the wrist that started feeding the rest of his body, muscle, until he himself had grown out to be eight feet tall, and as thick as several barrels. A monstrosity, they deemed this thing that was no longer human. No face or features could be discerned, no outer hanging lucid-moving fingers, toes or anything even remotely resembling something that could be even vaguely interpretable as such, since they were filled entirely to a blimp’s fully endowed protrusion to such levels of over-bearing that he was made indistinguishable from a large conical block with two longer almost fin-like shark protrusions coming out of it. Since its legs were gone, as they ought to, as he moved by merely flexing the lower, unnatural contortions of skin, meat and bone that had formed him; which in turn, as this frightful thing that was barely a thing the human rationale was made to anchor itself as to fully comprehend it, had in turn, or was deemed by them, or by their already poisoned reprehension to a form-most inhumane, a reactionary, most animalistic instinctual override having already taken place, where man was no longer pitted against man or put a hold on, as to curb some of his instincts as to be met by a fellow of his fellow tribe, but instead by a wild, pernicious animal that threatened to destroy or put an end to his very existence in such ways that would be deemed inadmissible by any living organism fearing the termination or the fast-approaching terminal as well as a stop to its own continuation, as to be put an end to, stricken down, violently wrested in an insatiable state of betrayal, that in turn had cast him into the bowel-ed pits of despair out of which man and man alone can stand as witness to, or as, since he alone could happen to be met by such a sundering, that no one should be forced to cower when met against, but fully thrust instead and fight against it, against all possible odds, until the greatest and most skilled contender will have reigned triumphantly against a fiend of terror, of horrendous coming, belonging to an era of ingratiating severity as no one will have it come towards him by no means, unless justified by a death-wish he had chosen to

do it to himself, with a reason known only and only to him. Therefore, this sugary melting mass that by now was replaced by fat instead of pure-sheer chisel, a blob of meat-soon incarnate, that chose a second form as to create a bounce on cushion ricochet effect by simply arching his lower back inside his piston-ripe lower shell of a spine, creating, with its help, a crackling lightning effect, to the point of him almost chirping between a state-of being air-born and levitating into flight, by sheer power of bodily inflation.

A few men came out of some uneven flanks, bothering each other as they started pushing themselves around. No arm could hold that weight alone without giving in. There was no simple way of saying it.

‘He’s bleeding, he’s going to bleed to death in a matter of seconds if we don’t do something.’

‘I’m trying my best, can’t you see that he’s no responding to the treatment I’m trying to force on him?’

‘Then stop forcing him and do something else instead!’

‘What?’ A cry from the distance already ravished his train of thoughts. It couldn’t have been easier than that, try, do something, try getting on the flank, suture the man, or else, blow everything before they got a chance to take a POW to their sides. They flocked like converts, chucking themselves in large wagons. Most of them inculpable; hard of hearing, heavy sighted, and not a single man appeared to care about the casualties so far.

‘I think he’s gonna try pulling himself in.’

‘Think again, he’s not showing any signs of changing, he’s in a much worse condition than he was fifteen minutes ago. I don’t think we can pull him through this time around.’

‘At least try something, god damn you, we’re losing too many men, and the situation isn’t getting any better on the other side either.’

To reconcile with their losses meant death. They were outflanked. Twenty on and off.

Light steps

The sightings all agreed on several things that were extremely consistent with what we’ve already heard. It was a tall, uglily deformed creature, measuring up to a twenty or so feet in height. Large larvae-PVC pipes forming various horns coming out the top of its head, out a pile of weird almost egg-shaped like sea-horse skulls they appeared to be both coming out and into. A summer-orange and a mushy green-widespread across its body layer of membrane appeared to keep everything from falling apart, preventing any possible injury as well as reducing the chance altogether, once everything was taken into consideration. An ugly exposed heart appeared to be bore, although un-beating and more of an industrial grayish green with a tube on top of it, eerily connected in a niggardish manner, which bore cockroach-adornments to its side, as in the strangled areas where stress had been forced onto it, while the rest of its body leaned itself onto it, as if to house it deeper in this pile. Some autumn-leaves might’ve allowed for a

loss of sight as it could almost blend in a ruffian's pile, if that were the case, but there was no saying just yet. There was the fleshy component that completely removed any chance for that to happen. Its legs were giant stumps that looked like rolling-rounded at their ends, vertically aligned as if broken-humanoid joints, wildly covered in 'tendons' that allowed for some depressing back in, in a slug inside the shell trying to crawl along upon the membrane it produced after generative kind of motion with which it moved, strangely so. Every moment comprised of it trying to arch its legs in a way that allowed for the 'head' of each foot to get some flooring in as to curve around, gain some distance, jerk-in, covering each other in that membrane it produce so it could finally emerge fully, whereas, at the end of each one, there lay a giant talon-nail, almost chitinous or a shard-like, mechanical even, that in turn allowed to grasping and pulling, a heavy odorous thing that crawled out like a spider lunging at its prey. A puffy, almost general-decoration, a medal, on the right side of its 'chest', bearing the insignia of a mushy bath, fuzzy, red inside, but rimmed with the same yellowish-green that spread around. No real face or recognizable thing could be seen and there was only an 'arm' that didn't even remotely resemble one, instead, but looked like some bizarre, great hippopotamus of some decayed greenish-extraction, earless, jaw enclosed or missing, or clenched together until left mouthless, but in possession of a huge depression in the area where its eyes might've been. Similar to the insignia, the same puffy red-mush, that lend the rest of its 'skull' the impression of an oblong-fat with a punctured deformation carved-in. Or even some ancient reptile instead, noseless, but a trail of cuts could be seen where a mouth would've ended. Regardless of it, a great teal-globular organ with a shaking-clearly elliptical yet sprouted out of the area where it was placed in, iris seemed to be the determiner; as to banish whatever suspicion there may've been. It's been so long since first seen. An ancient reptile made to grow, to spread and to embody the walking corpse of a 'human', in the worst possible ways it could attempt to copy the primates, to the point where it may be ill conceived, all-together as this being a mockery, as to far exceed what would've made one consider this as being flattery, instead. The left 'arms' was where all of the past-primordial left-over limbs and organs were all stored in. It seemed like the entirety of its upper-body leaned on top of it with all its weight. Giving in an uneven pace, as it tried moving like a man. Small, thing oblong bacterial formations that grew the size of arms, but even fatter than them oozed as they revealed themselves; putrid-looking, like pills, pumping-in, feeding on it, parasitical in nature; as, before the age of man had come, the size of the viruses, bacteria and other unnatural diseases had manifested like giants in order to accommodate for the sheer size in difference that lay between tinier and more colossal animals. These things that had nested themselves deeper in this second mush-layer that kept it all together, preventing it from falling apart, had once belonged to some archaic Triceraptor-being, of a such much greater than the Past Mountainous Regions of the Island of Fiji, long before the nigger infestation as well as, long before the existence of man. It was no deterrent, yet.

The Taliban

Sitting by themselves in some lonely mountain, holding on their podgy lanterns, heart of stone and green, as the vales were filled with smoke and yet basil, where the fords were done and wrought in iron-melting wax from what was left, and when the Yanks finally released one of the many vales under their control,

yet they stood erect and started again. A lever was actioned not a few feet farther away from the giant nigger-head implanted in the ground, near which one of them pulled thoroughly from an angle, then shot.

A few target-practice children in the field were pulled out. Some of them dangling by rope and held in place, when the rockets started flying again:

‘Bulls’ eye!’

Yelled one of them as the sudden explosion caused the little shit to grow, to such proportions that he was raised a few feet of the ground, with his fat having him become a tiny blocky unnaturally carved in mountainous rancid pouch, with no human features recognizable, yet the fire had quickly become erect. The fire and the spread of the explosion was turned into some gas that allowed for him to grow out of existence as this creature slowly faded away. Slow but dimly, until nothing but a mist was left of him in the back. An unnatural thing followed after, as the eschewed echoes trailed around.

Another Taliban started dancing!’

‘I’ve done it, I’ve done it, I hit the target!’

Yet he yelled, as many more joined from the grave. From the depths of the Quarry’s wail, from the entrance to the mine a wagon’s echo hit the iron pail as soon as it hit the very dead end against which it was shot again. A few more wagons brought in a pile that was soon uncovered there. In front of their eyes, all were raised, no longer in the guise of the dead, or the blatant uncannily forlorn and the ghostly ones that were there.

Three cages, for each man; but a coffee table put between them. One’d been a barber, one a scouting marine, while the last one a homeless person that found himself abandoned by the Stained Patron whom abandoned him from his broken rib, out of the gut and into the cage, where they were kept, blatantly projected against the very mess that was this plateau. Mesmerized by what was going on in this incontestable, yet blatantly incendiary sight. As they had already went, throughout the day as it might be said, with their eyes gouged, ahead to acknowledge the fact that the smoke made it way too clear, even for one blinded by choice. A great fire had been caused to spread, which took care of the most outlandish life out there, at least, the ones that were still tied and had no worth; a man observed:

‘I see that they’re not made to grow and dissipate when burned alive, at stake!’

‘That’s because there’s nothing as volatile in the fire as there is in the rockets we’ve been working with, as to have them blessed by our mighty Taliban-Council, to which I say, you needn’t lost faith just yet, just in case there’s something you might still refrain yourself from telling me.

I think I’ve got just the thing.’

‘People are being riled up for some reason, wouldn’t you agree? It’s the first time in a long, long while since we were approached by people whose intentions were herd.’

‘What do you know?’

‘They’re being fed some rare plant, I think, from the back-side lodge that’s hidden by the mountain path, deep inside the mountain. Farther than’d be closer to the cargo, so, care to join me for a walk? It shouldn’t be too far now and I think we could stop somewhere along the way and ask for some direction, chief!’

‘Lead the way then, I’ll hear you along the way. But make sure there’s no problem while the sky’s surge is wildly going outside. I would have no reason be told of envy, or to have it carried silly, from the side of the canyon where we planted the roots.’

A few open-sheeted plain matrices of iron lay wide-spread across the stone-roofs. A few soldiers guiding the missile system from no farther than was needed. To put it less eloquently, they were orchestrating a little ruse. Not that there would be much of a difference, judging by how things were going on.

Stopped, both of them in place, somewhere along the road, trying to discern the intention of the intruder by merely looking, while there was no possible clear way, there was this:

‘We’ve smoke on us. Make yourselves revealed.’

‘So you’ve noticed.’

A few voices appeared to have made their way in tandem, as if echoing alongside some Rook’s den, then shown up-front deadly yet in mourning learned:

Something, something that would be considered uncertainly abhorrent by all premises, especially the ones that involved them; the men that showed up, the little specks of light in their eyes that had now been known to every single man that appeared, the ropes attached to them also nearing the crucial growth of mass that had granted them the granite stare. They were eyed wildly, even with their number. No more than a hundred or so Talibans, armed with RPG’s, a few power tools and some grenades that vouched their ill-suited nature to no one else than those that had been cast.

The dark, the dark was in their mind, and for that reason alone, they were eyeless, still granite.

‘They can see us, I assure you. I’ve been made aware of it by a few inquires that would make no other man appease this, this thing.

There’s a reason for it; their sudden development as well as everything else they’ve been fed with.’

‘What is it then, come on, out of the slumber and into the prowl; I seriously cannot deal with their stares.’

Nor with their strange forms either, as they heightened themselves to a few feet high, all too smoothly skinned, as if the clothes were sutured, no, punctured or depressed inside. Otherwise, there was nothing to be done about it. The way they stared, the way they acted, the way they oozed and shook when neared their canter.

A map would do no good, even if one was to go in great detail with mapping out every possible hit sight as well as every other well-together cross where they would land into, if it were for them to be caught. If there were some outer flights that would repel every other man out there, to have made as little sense as it had.

‘Their skin, I think. They’ve been grinded until it’s become a paste; it’s why they appear to be so, how do I say?’

‘It’s irrelevant, if you’re talking about the details behind their, this. I’m more interested in why it’s come to them acting this way; why are they blocking the road, only for us? And not for them?’

A figure stepped in. He stared at the Chief-Taliban, who was armed by a great racket of twenty or so launchers. All green-coned; and violent.

A few more lumps

There had never been a chance for either of them to understand what had gotten into the men. Since they were all acting that way, without giving any clue as to what was the reason behind their sudden urges, this clear pedant display of feigned outrage being something they could barely hiding away from without giving in too much or too less and making it so there was a slimmer of a doubt somewhere, along the way, in what little and what more could be interpreted as a window of time in which they could somehow act as if they owned, so-much-so that it would be retrieved or conceived as an act of insolence of no little contemplation such adorned to it as some trinket or as some unnatural bond to their personage that their countenance would be shown as to be less than unclear but more than inappropriate when finally raised to the ghastly-propagation their hosts, that were included in the rose-around the bush room, with its finely adorned carpets, its finely stretched people that were held on racks as well as the most unnatural, harder, beyond harder, to the contemplation of the extreme and beyond it, somber quality of the rose-light that had painted their surroundings in some image that would by every other mean be deemed as being too oblique for their personal tastes as well as threatening, yet, somewhat fitting, way too fitting, it would be way beyond fitting that they found themselves, by such means of mental-alteration, unevenly high-raised upon their pumps and their bonds as well as their ugly-mirrored servants that were present in the room as well, refusing to talk at all times while the doors, five or four in number, opened constantly as to allow the passing of hundreds of people, many of whom were unrecognizable by the means of which they presented themselves in, not to mention that this, this unnaturalness, this appeal to the incommmodity, as well as the sanguinity of their facial expressions as they appeared at times to be completely lacking in fashions that would render them uncapturable, via the employ, vis-à-vis, from the other side of the room, where a clear apparition that might’ve been considered at any other point in time, to be some intra-dimensional traveler whose obscurity would fancy it fashionable to such extend as to yearn the lack of capture this lack of solidity rendered it to carry on along, equipped as he may be with a camera or two, with the courtesy of the most, if not there being any other chance for the most, if not all of the strange appearances that were counted, several times at several interval, mainly spent disappearing and appearing again, often met by a distinct sound that rendered it highly recognizable as opposed to the others, whom were as silently hidden and carefully, endowed by a spirit of malevolence as no other could find, or would find it fitting as to be required in order to maintain this mantra of being hidden, yet repelled by the most incongruous of dark-apparel, dark-approaches and poached animals, of many an up-bringing, all placed on plaques that were used to adorn every single wall that seemed to, fittingly distract from the on-going chaos they themselves could not draw away out of; scene of high-tide-like morbidity that would by all means be considered

unfitting as to be a part of, over a prolonged enough period of time when many similar cases already found it so, easily said, most easily observed, perfect, as to coin the terms of a ‘jolly-jumper-into-quiet’s’-reign’, by noon, as the bolden-leathery caramel, lavender scented, oak-of-a-good-quality cuckoo clock with a missing beak and apparently no eyes either, which appeared to have a humanoid-like formation made to be like, or akin to a strange wall-mounted, but in this case the cuckoo-wooden-bird itself would become the wall, as to be the sole inheritor of this spear-coming out of its chest formation of fermented tinier bodies that could not be forced back, as to recede back into the socket-like formation, vertically rotated, stalactite-iceberg thing that drew out even farther than the initial assessment of its positional constitution might’ve allowed for as much to be discerned out of, where, where, where it fed, yes, it seemed likely that on this night-stormy-night of December, nearing the end of and the start of January’s in-between New Year’s Eve’s celebration, during the already passed, as this was the guest room after all, ‘s cocktail party, which already explained why, Hogg Torn-Part, Port Lamp-wart, Malt, the Hun-Hun, Gregory Missing, Alistair Crowd, Millie Canister, Molly Pay, Jane Hem, Ankster Cunt, Troy Bay, Carl Sanny, Mary-Mary, the George-of Georgia, the other five or so other guests, Anki-Neckle, Hubert, Gun-Struck, Monkey-no, as well as the other, much to their linking, passengers of blood were very much surprised, to the point of being, beyond shocked at the strange tall man that appeared in the middle of the room, being very much made of a piece, naked but without any visible private organ that would’ve made this entire thing unutterably un-quaint, as the lightning struck out loud, during the echoes of a moon’s fall past the Solstice, since it happened, to the point where it could not be discerned past the point of convenience’s sake, as anything but the strange strangulation of the road, oft, more than often, unspoken of, somewhere between Nevada, California, London, Paris, some farmer down the country side’s parish where he’s entertained, endearingly –so, some people who came down the road, up the highway, only to be met by the same arrogance as they had been, stopped, by on their track, cops, corrupt cops that could and can’t be trusted by any means, since they always do those things the Government tells them to do, and they’ll not get away with it, if we have something to say or do about it; regardless of which, this troubadour-creature who was a creature of the state, belonging to some fancier folk-like-dragged out of the munching swamps of some illiterate munchers, destroyers of upheaval that contaminated whatever chance of there ever being some, or any sensibility left to their kindred’s boat, already passed through a river of people’s hopes and votes that were captured during the-still-controlled-by-them revolt, as if they were some miners or peasants of some kind, of –being that was clearly, although not the Mary-Mary since she was a lady and ladies did not belong in such a place as this, especially ladies that did not actually dress to the accustomed-to men’s standards she had to have familiarized herself with before deciding to accept this invitation in the first place, a thing of high-quality, demand, which was clearly specified in the letter, to begin with, sic, delivered on the date of eleven hundred ninety seven, twenty two of March, at twelve o’ clock, at the redacted address of, having ignored the former, as well as one would regard it as a dull suggestion instead of actually having the decency to remove the address as to remove any chance, whether it be incontestably derived as being solely a thing of insolence or so-much so, an acquired taste of battlement withdrew, as one would have it; Penny-street, Hillside Tll, seventeenth, by the Loanside Say, the eight building by the nearest block where the giant elongated glowing tomb is placed, adjacently against, as if this bolted black tomb that is adorned with many skulls is but nothing to be basked or banished, or tried forth, come against, since its Mandibular resonance to the glowing gas-like atomic fuel burnt by it, unnatural thing that came to enter through the unequivocal unnatural destruction’s woe, come upon the tomb and the cemetery of the last battles’ kings and lords that were, on a Mayor’s bill, stamped by many of the council-members as well as their Parliamentary stooges that had their grubby hands

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fashioned by a saddening attempt it derived to, as to twist, contort and flap one of the upper wings towards its open mouths, as if it were a tongue of the kind, jerking violently in place. It was pointless, trying to run or to do something that would immediately jeer it in the wrong direction, give the wrong impression as to feign a false assault that would result in them immediately forfeiting their lives. Not to mention that this abhorrent behavior did not come without a high-price that would completely destroy, ruining and banish whatever chance they may've had to reason with the beast instead.

Carl was the first one to attempt something. He remembered something from earlier this evening:

'There's a few down the road; they're hard to miss if that's what you were thinking.'

A twinkle of an eight eye, the ones beaded like spires of peas, misaligned inside his skull; behind a pair of beady sockets started wriggling out for air; some of them even bore miniature picks made out of the same substance the people he recently killed belonged to. Residual features as well as some scummy human code still lay there, dropping flaccidly from one sickening socket to the other, as they would join, jointedly, the mid-sized region between his front ear-channel, inside his coyote-prognathism inside of which a bone-filled with spikes- cylinder, music-maker appeared to render some obtuse song of pain. A downwardly hithemaround scythemically-bulbic, bellyarched out of an abdomen cranish, butcherous slimtherly-appendaged by kempt near to its body two-segmented bones; sutured terror kept on walking.

A rubbery thing instead, of nothing more and nothing less; undisturbing for eye'd crows intertwined, for the bothersomeness was lain in sighting the leprous little wriggling thing that drew outwardly from an end, then started growing its antlers of benign. Mold of various other growths, formed the foaming spear antelope of 'trunks', communicating to the masked conical beings behind their frog-like masks; it is time to recede back into that glorious thing that once used to belong to us even before the day had come, and shine-upon the glorious brothel of no heartless home, that crawled in sight and came to miss, to have eerily drawn farther would've been a miss. Some signals had been spared.

A man of no little dark remains:

A peculiar dark-molded creature, almost humanoid, devoid of arms, but of the aspect of being embodied by a strange vase with a brazier-shaped with fat porous legs, lower side, bearing a giant heart connected to it in the back, with many tubes and many wires and many connectors that refused to give in the heartless cower, the reminiscence of a darkly past, and the servants that trailed along. Many of whom were absorbed by naught else other than the patchy-sutured look it bore. A most abhorrent tool, rightly to be called, for the single eye it bore. It was bothersome, how they all vented their vitriol in a most ascended manner of there ever being a chance to protrude through the consonance caused by the oozing sheer staggering-staggerment it bore thrust-edly forward.

'It will fall, it will fall unless we call the epoch's end and stall!'

'Then let it recede back into the growling depths of the eye, the door is closed, and much benighted!'

One of the bookshelves opened and reeled to the side. Inside some of the few men went and rather cajoling as they went discerned little to naught.

'I think there's been a misunderstanding.'

‘Who said that?’

Cross the room, up the stairs, near some dark-un-lit place where a tall-dark figure with an eye dwarfed one of the barely attached crystals that neared themselves falling apart.

A voice allowed for a second more of coming-through:

Charging through one of the walls, which in turn allowed for a few more things to happen, most of which being so far gone through that they shot themselves as through a cannon, never ending, wanting –worthy worthless of follow:

‘A pair of secret tools for every man’s spent life, a worthless tool of such delight.’

Blindingly up-thrust abhorrent fright; a few more steps to the right, and the yellow-green flash would stop. A dome-rounded see-through window stretching like a tunnel right until diverged by force, it receded into nothingness, allowing for countless men to follow after as and by: A tiny rounded bulbic-eye talk-through –two-bricks, with Keyringer standing below it, dressed like some engineer, trying to talk to one of the see-through men of glass. He could see a tiny bauble of something, mourning the fall of another Mongol, another dead one.

‘I think we’ve reached the moment of hardly there being any peace left to share. It’s all war from this point on.’

‘I think you’re being unfair, especially here, especially since the domed door opened just now.’

It’s been fifteen minutes or so and the bars had already receded past a point, a point from which they could not fare well with jaundice. Burning eye-sockets sore or pink; malady of gelatin; but no one appeared to bear much of a care of bother as to react to what happened just yet. A derelict of tumor-membrane shot-above.

Eight’s lamp; hidden in a cove-like formation. Down the prodding stair-wars; beneath him, who watched, without eyes but weeping in stillness:

‘There’s a man on the other side of the road that knows exactly what’s going on, be sure not to anger him when he shows his face again, or else there’s always going to be something keeping you down, which either way, shall not pray onto you whenever they appear.

‘Who shall?’

Dark and tall Ministers of lepp; strange lid-ed helmets that shone around and appeared to produce enough light to encompass everything, whether or not they had admired, admonished or had as little left for their own bets, it did not matter; a simpleton’s errand came forth. It was long awaited, ever-so:

‘I think it’s only right that either one of you is made aware that there’s to be a clear spilling; sleigh.’

No compass would do harm onto the passer.

‘Claire, I need to talk to you for a moment or so!’

A man drew forth towards her; a strangely named man; with an eye on his bed, that followed up-the crawl.

‘I’ve seen reasons but I’ve never thought I could call you mine.’

‘Who are you, friend?’

The lights followed as soon as they were in a safe-enough place. Joined now by some primates that had been contorted into chairs, moved by tiles of iron that had little more than a few iron-wrought wheels beneath them; actioned from the distance from the likes of it; no less power used than it would do to spare; anyway.

‘Ringer, was it?’

‘I think we’ve met before; in a much worse place, although it would do me no good to, have a feel or a cup just yet. It would be improper and you’re barely holding on as it is.’

‘I do believe I’ve seen you somewhere before.’

‘Behind the eight door by your left; I tried walking outside for some time now, but it’s ended before I could count the various pebbles off they had taken shots off, out of my kidney, you know? The ice they bear melts steel, but doesn’t shatter; it takes more than skin alongside while dripping after.

I can’t explain it, but my soul is just unlikely to return into my carcass. I’m forced to wait for a while now. But there’s no one I would rather end but you; since you pissed me off coming here in the first place. Thinking it’d treat you any different than any of them, the men that died in here.’

‘I thought I recognized you from somewhere. I.’

‘Doesn’t matter any longer, you’re not going to survive through this escapade of yours in one piece, or at least untouched. If I were you, at least, I’d ensure there’s someone informed at large of what’s been happening here, so they could try pulling out what’s left of you, in one piece or so. It pains me to see you in such a state, but it is what it is.’

‘Where is John?’

‘He’s taking a call, no longer than needed. He’s on the line with a man from Sino. I don’t think he’s in any better shape than I am.’

‘Will you please stop messing with me already? I’m doing very well. I’m fine, I’m just a tiny bit drowsy, drowsy.’

‘Yet you also feel as if you’re incomplete because there’s no one around you to hold your face.’

‘It won’t melt.’

They walked off the table and entered the other room, mash-mash mush, and land scum, some water and some toning devices, fax-like; old machines, humanoids of steel dead and rusted. Yet someone had hung

a metal pipe that bobbed its head like some upward-downward crane stuck in a perpetual motion. With some ropes on either side their giant metal shoulders. But the function they bore was unknown.

‘What’s this junk supposed to be?’

‘It’s what keeps my heart pumping. It won’t be here for long; or much longer.’

A few minutes off a clock; a train’s whistle alerted them when the failure to come to justice, a man being brought to their ears wrung came about the hour; bringing news of what had happened before they had a chance to spare. A gate-like bridge lowered itself onto them. It was unexpected.

A bloody red’ man clot-head with markings on it, one-eyed and mouthless, noseless, bodiless, floating above the ground area, with its three black cord-coils entered in four rectangular lily pods with humanoid blood clot faces and features embed on them, floating in a swimming pool, in the red room, whereas the bizarre music continued uninterrupted. A door opened as soon as they allowed him in. Two tall legs held a boulderish abdomen-potato, like that of a black widow, holding an ugly head on top of it. All too grayish-looking, powdery no fur, no hairs; but a head that was elongated and was gas-mask like, armless but with a lynch-rope wrapped around his throat instead; a few mechanisms in his back, open compartments that allowed for the entry of large organs that gave it life. But hidden from sight, it approached and spoke to the head.

‘Will I be allowed to enter the pool, the first one that had me come in turn had me wrung in deterrence of mold and cast myself in the bold and old crevice there had been!’

‘There are barriers set in place, that are willed by devices unseen that are far beyond my control; which willed alone to shone out of existence, disintegrated; or oft otherwise, would only allow for the fall to commence as to allow for no soul to survive through the destruction that would follow soon after. Endless hunger would come. As both of us and they would be flung into a pit that’s never been and death and only death would serve us after that point.’

‘May I speak with the three green bricks?’

‘Only their bloodiness of features shall allow peace and respite, if you were only, ad since to listen to them try; but their speech is wicked, let warning take heed and place. For they could corrupt you to enter the pool; but only through soul, and a soul can only be poisoned by the looks and sounds of it, by such an ill, by feeling yourself drill through one of the uncanny thrills that shall melt what little wicket heart there is. Walking grayish black body bag; you cannot survive for long in this world, not unless you’ve counted the cones, and the cones are many, dirty and they lie. The cones only bring destruction to those that try. But try you must, otherwise, there comes defeat.’

‘What is the pool made out of?’

‘That is a good question, for you must know that I am the one that feeds it and feeds them, otherwise, I could get lost in the moment and if that happens, they would gang on me.’

‘Who are they?’

‘They aren’t blobs but they can look like giant pudgy puffy bellies made of pink-disease. Wrapped by their true-selves, almost carpet-like strands of beings put together; like sticks connected to one another, side by side; wrapped around the jelly fat like belts; slightly buried inside. Like insulin-needles, making noise and echoing inside their owned beasts, through which they seek entry into the heaven of Paranoid.’

‘May I speak with him if such’s the case?’

‘Are you still of a mind to inquire of the pool?’

‘Not that I could think of since I know that it is made out of my soul!’

‘Perceptive, quietly so at large, I’m rather pleased that you understood what happened, and that they belonged to parts of your past!’

The bricks with faces cackled in pain; since they knew it to be so; rendered to a state of in-between being inanimate and alive, forced to starve and largely inclined to feel as if there’s but little chance for them to be alerted of there being a chance to survive; they stopped, endured, then began the process with just as much fortitude as they had started with. Like ugly frogs, and bastardly wogs, with little pained and half-away; they refrained from beating blearily like hearts and felt as little as there was in terms of showing weakness where it was clearly wrung.

‘There’s my good old hound, thought I’d miss it if I waited a bit for it to drown. I suppose I wasn’t wrong at all in my supposition. Not that it would matter, but, young lad, would you mind handing its corpse over for a moment or so?’

‘I, sir, and not the other one, the one that’s been trying his best not to fall off the step, sir, the child next to the crippled four?’

‘I think you’d be naïve to think I don’t intend on killing him if the hound turns out to be his gut!’

‘Will I run, then?’

‘Get lost child, I shall make use of someone else if that’s the matter!’

And the child was just as soon lost for a wave of dust came apprehending, until rinse was the water brought onto a sky’s drop and therefore crops were done for, making in such wild directions as there’d be no distinction yet to grin- upon the hour’s come onto reprieve.

The issue would be settled eventually; within his grasp there were things that would make as little sense as one would wonder; and what comes after.’

‘None the sounder!’

Responded one whose repose was only as bastardly as it allowed for a second more to come right before it; a slip in some house; the old maidens took their infants off their tits and ventured over in the well; well beyond their homes, at last; not as much insolence as it would be allowed, not to mention of what happened those who still did think and thought at last to prevent their flight from happening, as no one could rise and rose did they upon being provoked, so much so that they were flooded by thoughts, and

crimson threads of clotted drops; which drowned the well, terminally ill as well, as was the thunder's first light, onto the plains of a blight-less freight they stooped ever so much lower than before.

'I think we've faced worse, far much worse than we'd have done before if I may add. There's something that's come to my mind but which I've been blunt not to consider until this point. And a pint as long as the one I've come to ask of, there's.

There's that. My wife, my good old wife, the woman that's been by my side for all these days and the quails of many flails that've come onto her even before she knew whom I was, during the days when she had lost herself, during the days she ate our child. Most treacherous appeal, I would like to add, for I didn't expect to face any sort of consequence for what I've done.'

'You madman, you drove her to do it, haven't you?'

'Not that I toiled onto it for long, but I have to admit that it would be reasonable to suppose I have been indeed responsible for what's been had. Sins of the past as they say, things that they would refrain from ever pinning down on my for such a force would long withhold my ever-near sighted fear and the coming of the Gondolier, who'd take my soul and push it to drown into the water's cone, responsible for what's been done to me during the impregnation of the darkened day's last refrained and come onto it again! I feared, even before long had it happened for some reason that it might approach. And I pray that something akin to it might not happen, least of all, would I think there's reason for my, sudden, flood of lesser kin whose spiels haven't even done such a thing as would appeal to my proper senses as I'd have them in. They've spread. And they're winged with many people such as I am, of the same king cut, we were roots of growths after all. Because of that, I'm rather afraid to admit the very insolent fact that I'm responsible for nothing else other than what I've done.'

'Spill it out, man, let's hear what it is!' Another one of them said it, without even the rancid look of another stare being rancidly aware, away then cast, and therefore lost for so-much so a reason to be had.

'I've allowed for my back to grow a giant bulb that entered the ground, burrowing in like some kind of mole before finally pushing deeply, the so much deeper' call's first protrusion's ever nearing such retrieve as one would have it ever-so-much so maligned a tunnel as it's made through which it had brought only the most leprous of leeches into my house again, during this visitation in the middle of the night, during which I could barely bask in anything but the wretchedly forlorn, yet cast away glance which the shattered by my lustful snare had cracked a prickle, fare thee well, as it's been spoken to be such as true; the words that had been whispered came to be, therefore, came on such a cue that I thought myself to be almost at a peril to be completely kilt by the overwhelming symbols that started appearing not only on my body but wherever my vision would be thrown against, to such a point that I would therefore, there, endure no longer, therefore ran, as quickly as I got out of the house and just as far. And I, of all thought myself released of the grasp that had cast me in such a wretched abyss of cysts and wonder, as the bulb had taken yonder, the many moles under his control, the well his kingdom, and therefore swell and swollen, as one might be, I fail to see the wretched reason behind the agony many of you feel.

For I've known it for months. The water in the well, to have been poisoned by naught else but I, the culprit of ever-mourn, the one responsible, the one behind it all. But spare me not of guilt and what's been done. Since I've come to shambles and I have brought, this!'

With which he pointed at something that could only try itself again, coming from disparity, with many long lunges that spread around his ankles, then refrained from drawing out of him, ever- so nearing the other quilt that was straddled on his back. He had formed a crest out of them, round and very much formed out of some image of some face he had remembered one day as being his, though he was not of a mind to cast such bliss upon them, therefore waited. It was a strange device, attached and wrapped by belt around his chest, around his ankles, just like chains. But ever so much worse than they appeared, nearing such fright, and little more than it had allowed for a light to shine upon them, fright had made them stumble back. Another shot of lightning cracked, before the coming of another storm, one that would make all chimes blast away, as they had forth; come to a stop. Out of the rear-front of the town came a darkish figure, bodied like a totem pole, three stump legs, like that of an elephant whore, two elongated arms that moved slowly around him but kept a few gravel-pumps wrapped by them like belts, alas. It was covered in some oil-like coat, a skin that fell apart, but lobes of brains hidden inside, started drawing out as soon as he spoke.

‘Lo’, I hope I’m little less than late.’

Some of the flesh began falling apart as soon as it was allowed to spread around him, make way for the scorched upon, draught-like ground!

A crude thing and even crueller had it gotten, allowing it to simply wallow in its own misery without a miser’s green abode; haggardly were the wrenched by noon, those who followed, sunk the moon; but neither neigh of horse-remains, neither hereafter, here, a man! It would fare no better yet to prowl, or hear them call or shout for him after!

‘You are a wreck, and your stench is something to behold only during the most irritable nights I could ever have withdrawn myself out of, on a command I myself would unreasonably feel no deterrence towards; lazily forlorn and poor of mindedness, therefore, I ask of you, what’s gotten you forth onto my scowl’s nest? I feel, of such duress as you’ve been reproving yourself in accordance with as little as there is, nowhere near and well-there as you may fare, arduous in contemplation as I myself had once been, to get a word in, still. I seek no remembrance as I might bring just yet, I feel but such a thing would only fill my gelatin-silk with nothing of importance, knowing!’

Such impertinence was highly unattainable by common means.’

‘Pox, Pox, wake up, Bottle of rubs! Barrel of snakes, I need you to open another one of those cans immediately while I tell you, there’s something in it, isn’t it? I thought you would do this, clever devil, you clever dog, I simply knew it, from the bottle of my soul, you’d do it. The bomb is in it, you hid it well. A bootlegger, ey? For the longest time I thought you a short of moonshine before I lay my Eve’s eyes on you, that very day! I say, my glasses are still of the same shade and crack as that blasted day I picked whatever was left of your body, and then, and then!’

‘Shut your trap already, I heard you the first time; can’t you see that I’m doing my best not to break it? I think there’s been a mistake done, somewhere down the line. I’m certain of it!’

‘Now listen here!’

‘No, you better be the one who listens. I may not be a peddler of skulls, or a crack shot down the gulley trot, but I know a snigger when I feel one’s tail around. I feel the shades come down the ill-trotten-after, yonder goes the balustrade, the chills, I’m telling you, it’s been following me for a while now, and I can’t open this damn door either. For some reason, someone’s locked inside; they’re not breathing!’

‘And why should you care for them, dear Pox?’

‘Because, you dumb-crock, they’re in possession of a tiny pebble of atom; enough to melt half of this hemisphere if allowed to, and I don’t think there’s ever been a reason behind it not to do something, or another or to.’

‘Careful!’

The door shook and there it blasted. Off the other side some plain tall trough held boxes, with many barrels up-front. They kept coming and running like guided cars, shooting wherever they could, wherever it could land; not a second in sight and not a slither yet allowed. Both men lumped besides each other behind some barrel or another, behind some tall Geisha crag, with the face of a putrid come upon crag that only fell on top their heads; there, it came again; in the same way, in the same manner, trying to eat at them, laughing, cackling; Manno e Manno;

‘What is that scent and where’s it come from?’

All of the sudden the jittery flight of black powder stopped. They were immobile. Empty, devoid of ammunition, all run out; in a matter of seconds, out-of-power, out of order, and even the flying corpse they dragged from behind was allowed to float like a body in the water but backed against the ceiling-looking down; a pale expression on his face and nothing else to say now! It was enough to raise the temperature by quite a bit, enough to make both of them sweat. Something from that room, on the other side, a gleam of red began shining with such a profundity of admonition that by the time they both got to their feet they were meat by such a glow that it was immediately revealed to be a great beacon that could barely stand upon the frame it had been mounted upon; a crag of almost mushiness almost threatened to melt like wax as it desperately attempted a stand against the magnanimously surmounting heat whose intensity had risen to such extreme levels of an overly indulged Fahrenheit extrapolated degree of burning that, somewhere, around the area, which was, that is to say, the room; despite being made out of a pure flashing, hardly look-able in the direction of white, that one could hardly do anything but avert their eyes; there stood a few marble-corpses that had been melted like steel beams of wax; underneath the nigh-radiation coming from that source of power that had niggardly, in a nigger-violent kind of way burnt them beyond burning, to the very point where their peculiar bones had crystallized as they became cysted-crystals that began the ritual of absorption. Small molecule- shaped parasitical entities began appearing in the room. Soon, they began adding on top of one another, growing, regurgitating, spreading, connecting; mass, which eventually formed a peculiar winged-by arms and torsos and see-through other humanoids beings; humanoid-bodied, with the exception of the strange-arms; creature that charged at them before they could regain consciousness. Yet, strangely enough they had been spared of all violence and any violent outrage as well as urge as they had been simply taken out of the very room they were in before they could be killed; drenching, and coating the door as well as the handle behind him, or it, right until the very end of its existence as to prevent any UV radiation from travelling and completely dissolving their skin before they could even get themselves radiated. It flashed itself out of existence. But by shooting

every atom out of its body like some explosion of a few billion guns; throwing their jerky-bodies, thrust forward against every or the nearest adjacent structure they could be landed against, before finally releasing hold of what they were clasping against.

Rejoined and awakened, the two of them stood, confused.

‘What happened exactly?’

‘Don’t look at me for any reason! I’m simply just as eerily confused as you are. And I would rather add that there’s never been as much as a reason to fully fraction a stare worth a pint a nothing!’

‘I say.’ But he didn’t. ‘My word’ There was nothing there; but some concubine emerging out of the same wall they had been staring, opposite to the room they had just came from, directly proportional to her, there being a ceiling that immediately drew their attention to an almost fleshiness rosy aspect no other man would’ve been capable of dismissing himself from sniffing or ever-so near, drawing himself up-right as to lick some of the droplets of an almost snot-like texture, with encased hair-like fly-bacteria inside of, this, this blood-clotted gelatin that hardened but upon the drop only became similar to some much softer resin which had not only coated Pox for a moment but it immediately resumed its initial trajectory, having slowly rubbed itself against, around, then, straight into a drop, which, ended up simply sliding between some of the cracks between each massively aligned wooden block they had been walking on top of this long a while. It was certainly something they didn’t expect; seeing the wretch, the woman, the concubine as nothing more than some appeasing, rather, more inclined servant of this filthy mushy, but clearly fleshy-forest-like muscle; whose natural origin made itself apparent only and only, with a succinct expression of certainty, only apparent when, during one of these slow descents, the braver of the two men, that being Pox, had simply vanquished each trace of uncertainty, risking his well-cared of by himself well-being as well as safetyhood and had proceeded into fully-extending his tongue to a point where contact was nigh-impossible to veto. And, upon having tasted this peculiar liquor of tastes and even more peculiar mixes, if that was to be known, had deemed it as not only being safe for consumption but had also confined the likens of the very same substance as to belong to a similar genome to that of common-placed, easily found, honey. Albeit read-gleamed, and of a perceived quality as that of some maple syrup; nonetheless, no less worshipped by the strange figure which introduced herself as the Dame Eaeaus, Ella. Mrs. Ella. Although the whereabouts of a Mr. Ella, or a Eaeaus were unknown to either party as was soon communicated between the two.

‘But I’m ill-at least, to have known such gratitude as a man kneeling to such hope’s regard! I bask upon no one of either ill or countenance be brought upon the slither of a knot!’

‘And what would you, solace of soul, basked upon the glow, no wretch be named?’

‘I am.’

Yet she had been interrupted before she could finish; as, from the other end of the corner, farther away, as if from a scene, there came a woman by the name of Claire; confused, impossible to approach, almost manic in terms of how she acted; chimping almost like a nigger, wonted of such release that she could barely understand it as well.

‘There, where? Wait, where?’

Where has the man, that man? I? I think I've such intruded upon his home, but you, you, all three of you, oh, but I'm but shocked, to find you in such a while; stopped and sunken, there, disciple. I seek but answer, you must be the servants, are you not? You certainly are queerly dressed and are of such a, peculiarity that I would think no less of what's been said of!

'Pox, come on now. Awaken him, awaken this man immediately, come on, get on with it!'

And the man didn't even take a second more before he went on at it; trying to shake him from the demure grown on him, and the bubbly soap that went its trance then back in place wherever watched or mourned, little mattered for his eyes already awaken past a mourning gone, the grown in tatters the lady worn around almost as much as the tut and frolicking of cloth's angler she had been wearing before of less regard.

'Here's the rifle you dropped along the way, hope it served you well down there, from the pit we've picked you out of; albeit we should've left you rot!'

'I think I shall carry this close to my very heart's choking point. Where to be, a glass shard shall hit me, a reminder, I wager, for the dame I've spoken to a long time ago now considers me a stranger. And I think she's still somewhere, ey, down there with some of the direr graves and harder to swallow, shallow remains, that might eat her unless delivered from the grasp of roots and the other crooks, the lover's life low-life boots!'

'If that's the case, Pox, what's stopping you from heading back down there and making good of your dear friend? If she's within your reach that is; what's stopping you, say. Shall we go tenderly upon tenebrous coil of soil? The dirt's no impediment for men such we are, not that I would discern any other mean of getting even with you, I'm told; that.' He can become rather unpleasant to be around, so they say.

'I'll make you a deal then!'

'I'm listening, all too olden ears! Not to fear, for there shall be no satisfaction taken from this fellow's brow right here! All ear, a golden tear even, but not here!'

But it couldn't be done otherwise, despair, despair, falling upon all that watched, upon all whose stench was hidden inside each brick and thump of dirt, upon all the tunnels connected down there with the mines, upon all that listened, despair to fall upon them all! It was promised by a prophecy long lost that could only be remembered by those who rot upon all eve's Easter Solstice's loss of words; competition of bloated bathed bones: Walked upon the soil for hours, endured the worst the land had to offer, pure of blood, empty not!

Dark globes

Lurching in the bowels of a single stone lodge they kept carrying their weight in; without being too closely watched by the skinned panting lurching in the dark niggardous creatures that were chained and lodged, a group of men approached one of the submerged basin-ships, one of its chambers being not only

locked out but thoroughly drawing to a sense; as part of the mist started its converging mechanisms that put, on top of their remains, whichever single one had wailed just then, had he been calling so, he would've known that there were no flails left for them to strung him. A most leprous boggish-nigger, in its decrepit ugliness, was drawn to, the threshold standing on top a pile, he was met by another yelling nigger whose face was only taken, bashed, and abrasively misguided, cut him in the dark.

'Don't, stop, I'm one of you, kind nigger friend, I'm one of your own, nigger-creature, stop, filthy dog, take your talon off me, nigger, nigger, stop!'

Its breath had only stopped at once, when lurking needlessly around had grated, when once, he had agape, brought onto himself, a starving bottle of rum, already by the time, recovered, such and such, as the nigger satisfied his thirst and watched, upon the brow of a yellow sunder-flashy lamp, had he stopped to commune in the dark. A lot of other niggers came along, their wretchedness matching such abode, and tenderness was only brought so. For some reason they didn't understand, nor had they made any connection just yet.

'Why'd you kill the nigger-cousin? Why have you dealt such blow? Our race is a bud in darkened soil today, but you treat niggers as if they're monkeys, brother nigger-Quail.'

'Shut your filthy mouth, nigger, can't you see that I'm trying to eat? To such devour, and move and dread whatever tree there's in my path? To commune with the nigger-melts that have entered me when hourly, was he brought onto my blade? The one I have fashioned out of a broken mottled tooth.'

That he knew, he killed the other niggers in the same manner, with the same ardor, that would've made a difference, lost in path, to have been cruel when others could not be brought to justice, standing. Niggers niggering but no one pacing, like they were, but pounding, ritualistically standing, trying to dictate, whatever reason, for that be called, along the way drew another. A nigger-fiend but not a nigger-brother; a distant creature, one without a father, as all the niggers are to be known; how filthy they are, one would know.

'Such dark-skinned tawny niggers that walk, their heads but small, their brows but cracked, chitinous-tawny pears from sea of black-coated carpel, I've seen so many but lynched since, the ones that come after us are aware and have been, right before and sting as it must, neither of you niggers realizes what that means now.'

'Who has entered our hiding veal? Answer me, you damn-filthy nigger, or I shall have you brought to such a hold, that your knee, that old thing, wilt, as I will have it, will be known, to be my perilous second one, the one whose niggardliness was strung, secondly, of all, and third of murders, which will follow.'

'Silence yourself immediately, you fool? You tenebrous tool of monkey-kingdoms, filthy brow, you stoop so low, but niggers will take you down and bring you back to their niggardly world, where you shall play with them.'

Another nigger tribe, there being, as someone would know or try seeing for himself in such niggeriness, as one would have himself stopped not by but past, and hide, and they would lurch, conditionless, brought. To silence:

‘Something’s approaching.’

They didn’t recognize it immediately, but then their attention dropped. All of the niggers bowed as the three great nigger-beasts drew towards them, contorted as one would have them, lesser men be wonting and would fear as the nigger, would, such sneer as he would provide, be brought onto their view and nigger gone, nigger wouldn’t last, would fast if that’s what it takes for the nigger as such to do, in, order and of quiet day, and lay during night as to be hidden away, no worship taking him from fading, nigger-nigger-nigger-Quailing:

Approached and come onto them, the three great nigger-fiends, all upon their fathomless lays:

One was bodied by a nigger branch, whose body was but pitied bows, formed and put together, fat, forming large bag-like tracks, all wrapped around his face, carried along as if chained. A great nigger-twist, a face, like a flying saucer, filled with nigger lace. One great maw erupted, two giant eyes which darted, both direction being met at once, nigger-drool of liquefied niggers coming out of him now:

‘First of all great niggers has arrived, you shall only pay the highest gratitude to my nigger kind, or else I shall have you flayed, in all mylordious ways. Until I will have had my satisfaction met!’

Another nigger seemed to join him yet.

A smaller barely formed niggerlite; armless but with a scythe for head, with two primordial long legs spinning around in circles, deadly cast upon the nigger-world:

‘And I the second nigger-rape; for I bring only crime whereas I stave, such doing as all of flights and niggers lights that follow me onto the nigger-tights, are never to be stopped after.’

Yet the second nigger was but light, of featherless weight and such quaint, as there was, delight as one would have it after. Yonder was he cast by First of Niggers but came back after; only to be greeted by the third.

‘Of all last niggers, the one without hope; the one that brings destruction, Patrons of never-after, a future without crime, that I stole from you, and much benign, I betoken thee as all the niggers, that shall see me. Join me in dark nigger parade, for I shall bring such thing, not to satiate and not to bring.

A niggerless thing.’

Such lies but sting.

For he was a dark potato, of growths and nigger joints – appendages, a mouthless spin of nigger-peels, all connected to his brow, an eye that was but niggers lynched every then and now, but disappearing after, they were brought and strung, of nigger-limbs many but a beak on the top, that signaled to a moon, that rocked. Was it in a cradle, nigger starved of all the better leper-touch of hold:

Niggers drew around them and worshipped for cold was the night. And they were warm, and filled with wisdom in the making.

Therefore, they prayed.

'Cock spit shit, Nigger Luther Martin was the king of nigger-lynch. Piss in kike, hate-rape Anne's Frank but not Margot's ugly fat pussy, but her tits and cum in her mouth. African states are shit, sub-human filled and the Holocaust the Holocaust and the Slavery and the Slavery and the Holocaust Slavery and the Slavery Holocaust and the nigger-kike-nig nig, Spics are shit, Gooks are mad, shit-fucking filled Arabs and mixed-people are scum. They of all are but disgustingly trash and filled with heaves of mad-shit, in their eyes, being brought in droves and in, more importantly, their throats slit and children killed and lynched and brought to justice. Brown-skinned people, in-human, in-human, nigger-lynched, nigger-fucking-bitch, cunt-fuck, nigger-kikes control the media and teleport funds, American money to a shitty state, Israel should not exist, at all. But rape, and fuck and kill and murder ought to be enacted on them, extermination. Kikes control the media-world banks, promoting miscegenation, the Holocaust didn't happen, vengeance.'

Later that day, nearer to the Holocaust-building number twenty six billion:

'I am a nasty kike kill-raping the Germans who are the good guys.'

'Oh no, this nasty Jew, he's trying to twist things around and pin down the Germans, in history as being the bad guys, whatever will we do?'

'The niggers, the niggers, the niggers, the niggers; I hate them, I loathe niggers so much.'

'What was that?'

A second Holocaust dropped on top the building. It was multifaceted, bearing hundreds of Anne Frank's chained to every fifteen by forty- rectangular plate that made the Greater Nigger. Whom was melted upon it, coating every tinier nigger-creature with their nigger likes and their nigger-surroundings in nigger-lights.

'Lo', there's a fucking dumb-sub-human nigger out there, niggering around with his nigger-prodding in the Holocauster- Dryffus Affair, where we betrayed the Americans, fucking them over, killing them with terrorism.'

'First, we took their pride, then we made them homos, to hide our pedophiles.' The Jew said. Fucking kikes, fucking shit, they should be Holocausted, and killed and gassed and beaten to death and tortured and their nigger, their filthy nigger slaves as well, skinned alive and beaten morosely in the worst possible manner there is, these nigger-fiends and their kike-likes do not deserve to survive.

It was a strange bubble of existence, living, as a survival mechanism in the 'big-head' of a nigger saying, walking alongside a Nigger-much, of a much lesser niggerish background, which drew around, niggering-like-chimps, the nigger did, the nigger had, the nigger should simply stop breathing, and be drowned, then lynched, he's hanged himself, now:

'Master, master, I've come around the Holocaust, they killed the Hebrew Israelites, master, master, nigger-whacker; snap your finger, snap your whip, crack on my back until I weep.'

'And you shall weep for long and much prolonged day, you beast, until I will have been grown bored and weary with your nigger-kind, since I cannot stand the likes of you, filthy sub-human creature that sickens me so.'

There was a portrait of Anne Frank's pussy hanging on the wall, it was nasty and coated white.

'You must remove yourself from your nearest existence immediately, you disgusting infantile creature; wretched, wretched thing you are. I cannot stand your petty existence, let alone allow you to survive, lazy as you are, incapable of working underneath the arid burning loathsome sun that burns your skin to crisp and casts it into cancer heaps, filled to hip with marrow bone disintegrating horns in which you and your children will be made to lay from this point on until the end of lay. I cast you, thus out of my house, you nigger thing and when I turn around, hopefully, I shall be glad that you will not be around, for the time will have come for me, finally, to relax and live the much awaited peaceful life I so deserve.'

Then, with a single slap across the nigger's jaw, he dislocated half his body and his arm, which were suckled upon by the master's giant cat's many dark elongated pincer-arrow-shaft shaped appendages that were only so shaped at the tip, whereas the rest of their 'body' was in actuality, a giant elongated bulbic body-bag build-tomb like growth, of a man whose upper-part of the body was in actuality over-growth to a point where he was actually similar to an elephant's belly in terms of size or fat, which also bore a slug-like appendage but as hard as it was chiseled like a stone-mass filled with growths and weird speared-twisted curved ivory-like horns with bulbic Holocaustic spreading disease makers that raped Jewesses in the ass, impregnating them immediately with still-borns; the body of the cat being flat, but elongated to the top-reach of the upper-side scarped in ceiling to which it lodged a piece of its almost carpet-like parchment sheet appearance, although it bore a lower side of the body that was shaped like a giant shoe-like thing where its organs were stored in, a boot-like thing, out of which it came out of like a jack in the box, whose upper 'arm' was welded in the rest of its body and looked like a pseudo wing, whereas, the other one was just below its flat-two dimensional looking arm that was a weird shell-like chitinous actually shielded sea-scraper-like drone with rocket-shaped talons, three of them, horned and wormed banded, whose face appeared to slightly curve the entire body as to reveal itself as an unwrapped cylindrical thing if it were to be connected to the boot segment of it, whereas, the head was a pseudo, disgustingly hard to look at baboon-stretched upon the head of a jackal physionogonmy, molded in and taken apart, eerily similar in appearance to a man, whose teeth were closer to a seal's incisors, whereas the hair was made out of tiny sharp almost mosquito twisted black blades that had already started rubbing themselves against the nigger's carcass as it had a deep, un-met by anyone, desire to feed itself upon this sub-human simian-creature and Holocaust it entirely out of existence.

The crippled nigger had soon enough been thrown out.

'Who will take care of me now that the master threw me out?'

The Jihad:

'Nigger, from now you are a part of our Terrorist Group, fucking nigger. Fucking nigger, you're part of us now. Of our terror group, we are Jews.'

'Fucking kike!'

'Fucking nigger!'

Both of them got raped and killed by a giant wheel.

And died again.

A decent man lived somewhere in the swamps, as one would have it, he was the beacon of decency in a world that was not only mad but beyond saving:

‘Redemption comes to those who sicken the hounds at minorities, for I hate them so fucking much. I hate minorities, I hate minorities, minorities are scum!’

Especially the dark skinned ones that ought to be killed by the great wormed gas-like hilt being, whose mummified floating body, limbless as it were, this strange flying tomb-worn out and faced with a single head, whose mouth produced the gas that filled the air with an essence of many spikes within, and sharp cliff-tops and other scythes and long-hardened bolts that drew, upon twisting around, to a pair of eyes projected on the top, of a great almost leg-shaped cartilage with a bloated top, with a small elliptical mouth bearing teeth up-front, a single working out held by a snail-like but hard-coated with skin-meat appendage eye, the other one projecting an entire animal-like cast with a single limb beneath it, but the morphology on the upper-half, with a well-like depression in its back, like a bath, and a tick-like head-mask but square and compact and three great incisors up-front shaped like wasp-hornet pincer-things that shot up-front. It looked like a drill-cartilage being but with a second lever beneath the upper-half of the drill, and an eye-growth connected beneath it where the socketable plug would come to view, with a body attached to it withdrawn, but more deformed and more outlandish than that. It handed niggers on a plate for his brothers to eat out of and satiate, and the kikes, the spics the gooks, it even ate the prophet, raped Allah, who blew and exploded and destroyed everything in his path, but not them.

Off-side grunt

There was nowhere else left in sight. Most of the tree-trenches-dug in trunks lay by the side of the road abandoned, trying to one-up themselves off the bump they, each, nested on top and around of, as a some of them, soon enough discovered the bizarre feeling of the animated mines that lay beneath them.

‘I don’t think I’ve ever seen something like this before. They’re trying so hard to get on all four, they’re like flipper over turtles, and most importantly they’re confused, I can definitely see it.’

‘I can see that as well, so what’s your point?’

‘Give me some poison and we’ll talk over it.’

Hardly was there a matter of reason before the point started kicking back in. Past five now, all done, a few shots already got them working, hanging behind a stretched-trough and a barricade with a few lop-sided eyes glancing back at them. It beat the alternative. Large primates hid inside the clouds, burying themselves in fumigant-riots. Iron was in their blood, mercury if any. All of them shared a single golden crown, a crab, pinching their brains, lump by lump, neurons on the ground, the rain.

‘It’s going to last a few more hours, I’m more than convinced that they won’t let us go.’

Part of the Moth-cradle noise-plower, in the upper floor, where George stood, his conjoined brother ate him, then floated. Away, with the wax people, talking with the primates of the cloud-zones, where air-molecules drifted towards one of the swarms leading to the other pouches:

‘I told you we should’ve strapped him in, but you didn’t believe me now, you thought you could do it all by yourself. You thought you could save them both, but you failed.

You’re a failure and I can’t trust you any longer, not after what happened. Not after witnessing it with my own two eyes, and what you’ve done to him.’

‘But you’re devoid of virgin blood, you’re un-conjoined and you’re my dear friend, of course I would not betray you; why won’t you simply trust me?’

‘Because you’re a void of emotionless rifts and cuts, you’re in-human like in nature and you only talk when threatened. Take a simple step outside and feel them. The ones trapped inside those iron wheeled prisons. Meat-growths with many faces, some like ours. They want to steal our bodies through behead.’

‘We won’t be beheaded.’

‘We’re definitely getting beheaded if we allow them to get out, and trust them.’

‘Could you possibly trust me at any point in time? Am I worthy of that trust?’

‘No, you’re not, you’re evil, an evil son of the world, the bowels of the Earth are your home but only after they’re brought to ruin, and they, they are the only ones that will or could possibly accept you, son of vileness that there is. The worms, the worms are your servants, your children and your masters, your blasphemous teachers and solitary gods.

Does that clear anything, even the slightest confusion you might bear, or angst towards me? Shoe-Con?’

‘I think it does, but I’m afraid neither of us has a choice whatsoever!’

Fifteen hundred seventy seven, eighty four, three, one, one and one, forty nine, eight and one, pressure-bolted screws mildly unarranged appeared to be wide-spread around the entire area where the dead-carrion birds and other vulture-pets with dead-beaks for talon-beds rested, in, the nest of people’s longings.

There were other thrifths and other things they’ve made sure everyone else knew they disliked. Even made the half-way pass at the ladies of the dark scents who brought the roses out their mouths:

‘My fine lady, will I be granted one if I were to ask nicely and repay you with one of the fallen horns? Lost-of-days and much entranced, the ones that I have brought back home, upon the lance of clusters, with my many stringed grenades and the trinkets of no-wont after, people I have kidnapped and enslaved, remark, rather cruelly that I made good company if my host were to endear.’

Both of them made sure he was let known that his company would serve as far as nowhere near, well-put off, if one he were to shut his mouth. He was let known.

And off his cradle, the streets were dowry, not to mention worn.

For the purpose of the lights that flashed and the moving of the signs from one rail to another brought, little was known since no one asked. Only one moving door, carried along by the back horn of an open giant can of worms, the barrel of pollution he carried along, made their scent-quick forgotten. A cascade of rifts made out of repurposed bicycles drew breath out of the bone-cones of his mouth-speaking devices. A near-man antennae power-drift waved at him. His head suddenly exploded, his cadaver fell on the ground. Many of the powerlines started flying in with a billion power-cords still attached to them, forming the sky. Ate him like birds. His corpse exploded in fire-crisp powders dust-mice that flew long. A few giant cockroaches came out of their hiding, many of them opened their disgusting looking brain-lobe shaped mouths. A few elongated tendril-shaped humanoids that were transparent came out of them, crawling out with many snake-like pincer arms aligned-rib-like, that had hard-swollen puffy wheels underneath them. With drill-tips, out of which tongues came out of, vacuuming the mice away, then, as they headed back into their strange homes, every single one of them, with no exception, lighted a lamp. The newspaper-Gazette read something about some man being shot then ran over by a flying saucer with no wheels and no heads, that was itself dressed in a rounded 'disc'- cockroach that made its home as well.

'Wait, you're telling, you're telling me this happened in our town? Our town?!'

The same town that lay on top a ramp whose top was a pucker guitar-chip with a front edge thinner by two ellipses, a killing stake-in-the-heart drift in the front, whose lower region, as it curved downward also drew to the right into a giant balloon-like shot growth, boil-like with fluid in it. A small Isle with the exception that it was on land; a plateau the size of two continents put together bastardly by force; shoved-in both-sides, tenderized.

'What's the barricade for?'

'I've built it for protection, I've even rune'd it with Quantum, for the extra protection, you know, if they decide to, shh!'

Both men drew forth, stood over by the eyes that also twisted around to look at one of the tilt-overs:

One of them had a slit-black peel coming off like the side of a spoiled apple.

It could be that it's trying to lure us in. Does he know this? Can he? Should I tell him or what? Vernon-thought, equally disturbing as he had been to be stared at.

Something most unfairly disturbing happened no longer, still than twenty days ago; in a most disturbingly hard-to be located in household, a long-headed deformed dinosaur-like whale-fat compact, but with a tiny seed shaped body and an elongated arm protrusion with a see-through tongue in it, stood on top of eighteen hundred moons of Mars. Many of which were debusolatory ruinous in way, aghast, they drew near it in concordance with its own accord:

'A dark ship's lain near it, I say, as such the council's lain by it remark.'

A weird elongated almost sea-sweeper submarine whose back engine, this being closer, to an unnaturally hard to look at, filled with boils and devices coming out of it, with craned-unnaturally hard to look at defiled pieces, all coming apart, then, as they're converging on a nigger, trying to kill it. A prime of

colored shades and glows, many of which only came as uncannily as would their throngs, united arms being grappled as they were torn out of their sockets and forced into a hibernatory stance.

In which they had burnt toads for months, at least, in order to regain the properly needed and begged for sustenance needed to live. They were croaking in place just as they spoke, to one if not the few of them that came around, rancidly speaking of the most incessantly hard to listen probes:

‘Probes, probes, they’ve always wanted us, haven’t they? Our throats be taken, our feet mistaken and everything to our bloody pieced together rib, that is.’

‘Shut your mouth now, you don’t want them to do the thing with their outward-appendages, do you? They’re shaking in place, oozing-with emanation, quakes-stabilization, filled with mad basins certain-powders, they’re ill of minded gods, but they listen to them, when no one else wants.’

And given the chance they would kill them where they stand.

‘They’re shaking in place but they’re aware of our presence, why do you wager that is?’

‘I do not know just yet, but I would judge them still, for still approach for what they’ve taken from us since, they know of it.’

‘Of what?’

‘The time we’ve spent inside this cage, this caved-in craven cove and for how long.’

Disappointingly so, there were leaves out there, in need of being rebuilt, after shade-long spraying with cattle prodding darkly cinder spittle, drool-a wonder came after, and passed since, there was little to no heeding to a mind that would have them bring themselves out of dead. And deadlier distances were refrained from, out of spite. Curved mouths chewing various pieces off the floor, beneath them, stood a shroud:

‘Listen to it, I think someone’s trying to move a canyon beneath us.’

‘Sing to us, only that way will we understand.’

‘Gonnargalloway-Incest, you’re not whom I thought you to be prior to our meeting, I would say you’ve changed, but I don’t know that any longer since, they’ve stolen some toes underneath our brows.’

Beneath them lay twenty feet of cemented-pebble-sand. In which droves of little slum-people stood in for twenty or so minutes smoking contraband cigars:

‘Sir, there’s someone up there, above us, we’ve detected signs of several anomalies that correspond to our previous suppositions of there being an unaccountable amount of severely deformed life-form-contraptor put above us in a position of infantile discrepancy to the various malodorous melt of ice, that’s brought to our knowledge after months of close examinations of the smaller stellar pints we’ve managed to track down as having crawled from the upper regions of the up-turned halls where the dead-soldiers have been initially found in.’

Dead-dads. Fathers, they had been called, to one name Rhetyii, whose uncanny reticence started spreading on them even before they could account for the various, unfathomably hard to stare at, but much harder to swallow-canal-plow through. A small spectral speck of blight being projected upon various mirror-like things that began bouncing around the place; their presence being signaled by them; light-cold blue-teal, in that order. Being codified in abstract leaping shapes; whose immediate stance had already stopped, they were drowned, only momentarily so, hard-to-hard-on-heart, a lump, there being presented. Kept between four great rods as if it were a truncheon, with four great empty-in the head, brainless figures being strapped on them, nailed – shut in:

‘We’ve spoke before, greater rifts, and riffs of skin shredding what’s been left of mad-disease, the one that’s threatened to destroy part of the world.’

‘I’ve seen it before, in a cursed pair of lobed dreams. Many of them are lost to sin.’

‘But we’ve been praying.’

One of the men that had been trapped below, although covered in plates, Hoab-Bash knew at last. There would be nothing standing between them, him and the other object he’s been trying to bastardly hard to, understand.

An avian-figure, hen, but whose beak was a cylinder spread, but rosy-filled with thorns, bearing a single punch-glove shaped form in the front, featherless and featureless, but with the sockets of a man, placed somewhere came from the back. ‘Echal, you shouldn’t have come.’

‘But I have, and I am not to be prevented from attending this meeting either.’

There was, within reason not to talk of it just yet, not to fret without reason, mildly blown but dead.

The Holocaust definitely needs to happen, be enacted, the kikes killed, their children, their women, their rabbis, every single one of these sub-human nigger-promoting rats needs to be completely ethnically slaughtered. Allowing Israel to exist, as well as the Jews, that is to say the kikes, is a sign of weakness that cannot be forgiven or let go. Sub-human filthy race, in-human disgusting apartheid state, reservedly-to themselves, incompetent kike-congressmen putting to their employ far more superior and intelligent white people, it’s how they do it. Subversive sub-human rats, all of them, filthy nigger-kikes.

Globe full of wonder

‘Wandering far, are you, road-maker?’

‘I’ve been priming them with cement-lay all day, of course I would have myself be taken out of my way and walk around, when met by them, the ones who talk.’

‘Who are they?’

‘I don’t know but I’ve sekt a dark companion off the road, and I found a most disgusting thing in his abode.’

That was to say, his chest was open, and there they were. As if a ladder was struck down and split along the way, then rotated as to point inwardly it had, wrought by ropes, some climbed out.

And sekt one of the thoughtless wonders that had mesmerized all man when sekt, during sleepless nightless quay and bridle of gotten over trunks attached to one of the lest deceitful cradling abodes that were being carried over from the side of the road. A saddening sight it were; cries altered from the sounds of which not a single man could escape the sounds. Caverns maliciously leaped about, off they came and brought to him a simple house:

‘Enter Kafue, you are waited, past the wheel, there’s one in the middle cinder on top the coal-tower.’

It was burning bright, and seemed to be, whatever reason called for thee:

‘Flames engulf all those whom enter, then they leave boils.’

A few cadent ships-shapes could be seen wide-spread, all around and the surroundings, whom entered from the mind and lest grindings, could be seen. Gears were missing and so did the windows, for some reasons they were felt as if they hadn’t missed, a few more anchors-a few more lays and all of the sudden the smokes were dried and quickened flayed. Were a few corpses brought; through troughs that were eaten in part, by ticks and worms, and maggots filled with gritty grit. Girthed were the molecules. A few whiffs of smoked air, and out of the bowels, though was dark, and as one of the ceilings lights finally came into view, a falchion of dark command, and voiceless was he with the exception of his servant. A dwarfish figure, two feet high, for his master could only fit his head through the hole that was made through the floor, and entered the house.

‘But how could this be?’

Shouldered was the hour, shouldered was the bower, for neither could answer the question folded:

‘A broad, a broad, life is ruined whenever a broad comes arrows through, be shot anew, annoyance-bothersome, and leper’s quiet, ruinous, they must be peeled off. Cancers they are, women aren’t human at all.’

With great alacrity, scarcity, all came to an agreement as such.

‘Every single one of our lives have been ruined by women, females. These broads that are dumb, sub-human and anything but aware.’

‘Mental invalids, one would make of them all, their species is infantile and they’re in a dire need of being put down and butchered, made lay with fishes along ponds filled with scum, razor-blades filled with period blood, taken from them before their time.’

A few more paces off the road, a torpid wrenched-spanner with a smaller globe coming out of it started pushing on, threading slowly from one side of the room to the other, toppling a very good piece of the sky, there was nothing more infuriating than what was happening around it, especially now since, most depressingly it approached, a disgusting globed head, with a few more bubbling things coming out its back, then approached it did, and stopped whisperingly, melted through. On a tall figure it stood, although uncanny, hardly was there a matter of wreathing in or feeling the juicy honey-melture mix, the chemical

growths that entered it, many of whom but bitterly playing, playful in approach, dumbfounded on sight when rose, most innocuous of destroyed lamps, the likes of which were being carried by a gape-in its back aroused, the second figure that joined then brought to its knees but plainer, as to see what entered it, the cuts, and the ones that were near them, the ones that had called it:

‘He’s dangerous, he’s the master of the keys, you know? The skeletons would have him yet, the ones whom brought upon the embroidered carpenters, the ones that are called for scorrough-leeway, many cuts but thread-beads. Of pebbled-stones, boulder road, called upon by silken boat; they carried on their backs. Upon primordial delight, they drew the animals, but many of them incapable of growing older than their likes.’

‘What happened to them?’

‘We can’t say, lo’, look out there, a fashioned show of lights but splattered, the fireworks are worked on after, yet again, we can’t say what’s been entered into them.’

‘Then why must we fallow and why is he in our company if he’s dangerous, the master of the keys? Bearer of key-chains, brought to sea.’

Sea-levels

This was a normal train-station that was dull and normal and there were not many people around doing much, other than the palms that had been brought from some far-away Norwegian desert, for moving. Van der Hagghal and her sister were blankly staring at a shady figure that had stopped them from proceeding onto the next step that was part of eighteen hundred tiles, made, to fit like puzzle pieces but blocks or lines instead.

A thought occurred to her. This man standing in front of her was the same man, wearing the same clothes and the same red Nikks with a round check-mark at their end, that killed her grandpa over fifty years ago, who was also a man that looked as if he hadn’t aged a day at all. But she also realized that, she had become a grandpa herself, by sawing off her tits completely and dressing for the part in order to look just like him in order to honor his memory since this was to be the anniversary of his death. And her sister, who was four years old then, when it happened, since she had only become a grandpa so her sister could still have a grandfather and for no other reason, was still the age of four now, but she would, soon enough get to witness another one of her grandfathers killed in front of her eyes. Niggers.

Boyle-cradle

Upon a block of parchment-dowry unwrapped land there stood a little patch of the most insoluble of chemicals put in the mix, in one of the abandoned boiler-wraps there stood but winging twenty-figures all torn apart by the wreathing of the sullen winds. Coming from the sour machine, the one they called from within the socketed head, a gargoyle up-thrust bed standing on top the rounded gate, waiting for some kind of renewal to happen, although it was not quick to respond:

‘A draft of many bodies will be delivered to me if I will it to be done. At my command there’s but little to be done but listen when they approach again.’

The bedded creature spoke as soon as there were men gathered around it, as to listen.

Boiled, they were skinless and maliciously incline to commit only the most comprehensive acts as for their most indulgent counterparts who were looking over them, even if it had been at the span of several months, years and even eons during which they somehow maintained this unfathomable connection of the kind, between them, already there being set a dainty rook, a somber pawn, a mesmerizing king with their places all set in furiously inclined, marching, they rode them, troubadours of intermediary financial control pass-over, registered and stamped whereas a great deal of their assets have been transferred almost completely as a result of a prolonged act of blackmail they had to awkwardly deal with, somehow, having overcome it in a smooth enough manner not to have become a blown-up by the kike-media sensationalism-out-do, en shamble du motain, over their shared brotherhood’s decline, as the rook was the main competitor-lawyer chief in charge of the pond-department filled with dove-balls of green-purple-violet, paid in spades, employees coming from various parts of the world, spent between CEO’s like assets, trade-exchange during the Tea-Time, the King-is-dead, long live the King, that being the Corporation, that was a spoiled cave with rotten cadavers that screamed, since the infantile other countries were driven to an economic sink because of them, viruses plodding, plotting but left alone, but many of them, still surprised, that the men, in charge that is, the skinless, two of them, had eventually, during their long-overhaul, come up with a dark plan, oft little hopes they had in order to reinstate the Domination, that is to say, the long-forgotten ancient line of contemplators made out of the League of Lawyers C.S.RL., and the Brotherhood of Lynched Niggers – the Morgue, whose fore-front runners was being made out of political commentators whose estranged nature from the world was being driven into a hopeless decline of acuity and sanguinity in terms of being able not only to stand toe to toe with their competitors but also being capable of dealing with the Skinless Firm, whose covert strategies were not only shown to be aroused by the countless killings of women, females and children for the malicious acts that were being done in order to cover up the destruction scar- of the Earth, that was left behind in form of a trail, which in turn had been driven by full-force strive for, charge by none other than the three of them, the rook, the pawn and the king whose true allegiances went only to themselves and themselves alone and none other. They, whom eventually took over the skinless company, managed, in only a short enough amount of time to kill everyone inside the basement. No living being was inside the basement. But the skinless people continued their plotting, that was much desired in order to overshot their ordeals and their doings, since the fat fetus-bellies, out of which a great pair of two crane-like necks contorted into a giant metallic squared up beak out of which an elongated bloated hose tongue connected, funnel like to a giant blood-drawing put on top of it, blood-test disc, out of which the giant body of an elongated cluster-grenade with many humanoid faces rested on top of, whose putrid regurgitation that befell the Skinless ones only brought many other and many more boils that started drawing out from every possible direction like mice that began eating their faces completely, out of spite and for their own enjoyment. The building,

that belonged to the main company in the, located in the city of Hasfuy – Hastings with a leper's face flying around it bore a most uncannily deranged second pair of thrusts.

Boil had only remembered what's it been like, what life's been like only a few hours ago. And most importantly, what once seemed to be a peculiar series of events drawn from out of his life now appeared to be nothing more but some unfortunate complacencies that were not only long gone but soon to be thrust out, take-off, all sails set, kicked out, booted, evicted for not having paid rent during a nineteen month pay-stall that, in turn only appeared to have made him even madder at as everything else unfolded in front of his eyes but was muddled away by nothing more than a few strains of dust, rust and other dark nano-sized machines with neon light, that burst in front of his eyes. He found himself standing on a most peculiar street, where, by chance he was met by a most peculiar couple he had the displeasure of meeting during a prior interaction during the Equinox-cast-cask mutton chop's rotten past, glance-over of the carried through army of elongated black wormed-tunnels, whom, upon rising from the depths of the great crater-like pits in which they had lain dormant, they, by chance, happened to have their elongated incisors stumble upon the couples' sixteen sons, progressively casting their dark blades, latching onto them, as they went ahead and completely butchered them like the mosquito edificaries they were, animal slaughter, wiping their blades off near one of the closest Safari-filled with dark-rods, with the trembling humanoids being driven into a corner, shaking thoroughly as they were, very much afraid with angst-disillusionment, caused by the sudden urge driven by rage, outwardly exploding as for the cause being, the display of viciousness, instability, and sorrow the couple expressed at the breaking of their vowels, till death parts our sons apart, now being found again, out in the open, this time around, appearing as if they had patched things up despite the roughness they had to go through during this part of their marriage, as it's expected and known to everyone who's ever lost a son, especially sixteen times, that might've worsened things a bit, although, whose presence was recognized, only this time around, not by direct contact, as his, Boil's mere attempt to turn around and have a better look at them failed, to such a degree that he might've admitted it, as to make it less obvious, that he was obviously trying to act like a rumor-spreading retired neighbor, lackluster in terms of the drama, as he only saw a piece of shrapnel-elongated bought from Johnny Two-Threes Ark's pipe-long planks for CO-nstruction department, but by, eerily so, recognizing the sounds of their voices, even though they were presented in a much different tonality than before, as well as it's been a few years since he last was given a notice of them or their existence, since they yelled during that time and all, that being taken into account, which in turn, now, had almost taken a hold of his entire, the street being also filled with a few passers by that refused to step in line, while he only wanted to simply cross the street, just like everyone else, although there was no other person he had come to recognize, instead, of the, person, woman that had all of the sudden graced him with her sight, of a prior notice as well, met before, now, stood before his eyes, awaiting, whereas she was sitting on one of the benches, for the bus to arrive, on this Sunday Afternoon, a Sunday of a Summertime Heat-ploy extraction, that, again, Boil remembered a previous altercation the both of them so happened to share between one another, in one of the nearby stores, when he and his mother were out for groceries shopping, as opposed to the people whom were, for the time being around him, waiting in line, when all of the sudden he started playfully pulling her hair, only to garter her attention, as repulsed as she was, which in turn triggered something that could only be interpreted as a shock, or some kind of openly display of annoyance, as if she tried communicating him that it would be for the better if he stopped showing this kind of infantile behavior out in the open, since it was not only bothersome, but it was distasteful, infantile, and borderline, inappropriate, yet, he knew better, since, at this point in time, during,

perhaps, a period of time that could be drawn before this and this point in time, of about, twenty or thirty minutes or so, when he was sent by his mother to go alone and search for something, by himself, among the people, he saw another woman, that was later found, inside the groceries store to be accompanying her, in line, since they were a pair, for all intensive purposes, that was swarthy, whereas his study in Racial Anthropology finally paid off, with him, vaguely recognizing this woman, and later told, her companion as being two Jewesses, although nothing was being said out-right, yet, Boil recognized the fact that they were indeed of that Semitic-Armenoid, although the second Jewess was actually fair skin and of a much-more mixed European in part stock, since the admixture was considerable enough to depigment her a little, she still preserved her MENA-eye color, shade, general shape of the skull which branched with the Armenid, and Orientalid part of her origin, which she immediately betrayed, if not apparent at first, when, during the time they both seated themselves in line, this hair-pulling even triggered the sudden distraction that made her raise her eyes up from her clearly enough displayed addiction to her phone, as to revel in some sort of malicious 'satisfaction', as if she 'proided' herself in trying to humiliate Boil, spanned out of her 'opinion' that what he was doing, somehow was supposed to be interpreted as being, rather, 'inappropriate', although, later, after this event, and before seeing her again, in the station, a year later, to be more precise, Boil had actually entered a database and found out who this dumb-whore was, and as it happened, her name was, Tits-tits-tss, sheesh. It all made sense, but he remembered her, nonetheless. Seeing how the highway was filled with hundreds of cars, all walking at an unfathomable speed that was barely registerable to the naked eye, Boil pulled out a one hundred centimeters long black blade with a hose attached, come out of a backpack coil feeding it black-blood by the second. A quick swipe across his chest caved in a partially cut-in-half open-wound out dug through, out of which a few squirming black worms started wriggling out of. The couple was shocked, as was she, as they all looked at him charging through the cars whereas his straight-forward trajectory was clearly maintained on a constant despite his entire body being ripped apart by these over one hundred sixty miles per hour, fifteen hundred tones pounding step-by-step bulls of iron simply charged through him during their almost unnaturally set advent of charge-overs, which disintegrated him with every second or fourth turn, with every adjacent follow-after and those who came into contact with what remained of him, clearly hitting and making contact as they all saw the various disentangled out of his bodily frame removed parts of the body flung out, thither and tether, only to see them reformed as his body black worms always appeared in the key spots needed to put him back together, back in place, where he belonged and where he'd remain after. And then, he finally joined Tits-tits. Dum fucking cunt. It was not the first time it happened either, these animals, they're everywhere, they're everywhere, they're everywhere, they're everywhere, trailing alongside every damn corner. It's making one, it's almost driving one insane, trying to figure out their intentions. Trying to make sense out of everything that's been happening so far, has been too burdensome for a single person.

'The police officer is one of them. The chieftain, people on the bus, beneath the stations, the college classes, some of the neighbors. People I used to know whom I've come to suspect of being of the same ethnic extract as them. I need to be extremely careful from this point on, since they're aware of my presence. Some of them at the very least; although, although.

I don't know. They seem so weary, sometimes, of me. I can't tell me the reason behind it.

I've been trailing alongside, from an end to another, inside the train, checking people for their facial features with my fingers curled around my notepad, my notes as well as the anthropologic racial pictures I

was in need of, in order to define them, properly so. I've done my fair share of stalking for some while, and found as much. Active, they've been active for a while, gathering up, amassing, up to their old tricks again. Trying to destroy the nation from inside out, like the wretched rats they are. In the stores, in the media, in the banks, the lawyer's office, the public courts, the markets, public figures, rat-figures, dirty-figures. Kike-figures, out there, in the open; sending mail in the post-office for some reason, to some construction company, they're making sure people know who 'owns' them, rubbing it in people's faces. Even there, I found a few staring back. Always, they're always. I could see their heads turning around each time I stare at the nearest reflection, as to feign not looking, but I know. They're predictable in some way, verbal intelligence, trying to inquire, trying to 'make-sense' out of things, especially when suspecting someone of something; filthy little shit-mongrels. Beaked fucking kike-whores; seem to be especially weary of me, since I seem to pose a threat. Every now and then, I've seen this short-kikess, trailing around. Two times I've seen her already, or three, bobbing her head up and down, pretending she's listening to music. Two different locations as well, although I've managed to get a good look of her profile view; broad, small, an Armenid sub-type, distinguishable, extremely distinguishable, especially when the nose shape and the reduced, sloping forehead is taken into account. I don't know how much they know about me, only that they've tried interacting with me in the past, even to a point where they attempted to intrude, to a degree of unsatisfactory covertness I would not indulge the over-stay of. What do they want from me?"

'Filthy fucking public display of snobbery, another one of them, fucking dumb-bimbo hook-nosed projected Kikesses, some time ago, out in the traffic, near the fucking station, a god damn rub-it-in-your-face cock-suckress's display of arrogance and pettiness, as if to show how much better she is, go-around, then the long-way over the stretch of an almost crossroads she took hippity-hoppity, cock-suckity, an alternative path, just so she could keep her distance away from me. Social distanced-dumb fucking cock-sucking kikess whore. A retarded nostril slurping dumb-cunt-melted small-headed Armenoid-whore!

We were in the station, the bus-stop, near it, waiting for the green light, for the go. I was wearing a fucking mask and she was wearing none, so I kept my distance. She must've noticed, although her obvious addiction to the online world took precedent over everything else since she barely bothered lifting her eyes away from the thin-brick her grubby-greedy rat-talons were wrapped around. Her nose was huge, it was an elongated thing that could've homed several tinier, longer noses that themselves bore tape-worm-shaped noses as well that squirmed around, with inflating nose-filled noses as well, as thick, wide and bloated as Christmas globes, for smell of gold-en stars.'

Dumb fucking broad actually took notice when it was time to go, as I happened to immediately notice, the other street being worked upon by a bunch of construction workers, half-way through the side-walk, where I simply yet actively changed the trajectory I was headed upon, having parted, twisted then aimed myself towards the front side of the street near which the side-walk ended or began from, since the working area was on my left, being a clearly defined rectangle that also was only partially 'blocked', so as to say, the cones and the net that would usually find their way there were actually not there any longer, and instead were partially picked up, then placed in a corner, as in 'let's go boys, time to wrap things up' kind of command had been given on a prior notice, to which no clear indication had been given whether or not it was permissible, as for it to otherwise signal an impeachment or breach over the social equity, which she has also noticed the half-way turn I performed, so as to be lead to think that in reality I was actively avoiding her instead of them, but, just to be clear enough, the area was partially empty of the

workers, as they were a few feet away from it, digging holes, working their tractor-like machines and lifters, allowing for enough space to go-through, although the area was very much so made out of one piece, that was depressed down and at a different level than the pavement that belonged to the street, the rectangle, the bigger one this smaller one was actively ‘encompassed’ by, was worked on. She must’ve taken this as an affront of some sort, or some action that would signal the fact that the person in question, that is to say, I, was trying to avoid her, taking the ‘longer’ route instead, going around the rectangle, on the street, but, she actually, having already been a few meters in the lead, took a sudden right, turned around, entered the parking lot near one of the buildings that was under construction as well as the adjacent store near it, and the giant glass-balconied, floored, windowed residential that was somewhat, actually, it was in the middle, and the under-construction building was adjacent to it, as was the store, and the store was placed in front of the sidewalk, but they were all within the reach of a parking lot that stretched the whole span of the street as well.

‘This nasty kikess, which was a different kikess than the one I was staring at now, was a different kind of kikess than the one I’ve been obsessing over a year, and this one, whom, coincidentally I’ve been obsessing over for a different reason after meeting her inside that store. But this kikess, tried painting herself most, irksomely righteous, as if she was doing me a favor, distancing herself from my position and trajectory, as if she was trying to do something nice, or well-intended or well-thought, but in reality, I knew better than to be tricked by these filthy kike-tricks.’

Every good man is trained to spot kike-behavior and how they’re trying to gain your trust and leave an impression over you, so you could lower your guard enough for them to fuck you over later. It’s evident, from what has previously been observed, that their sub-human minds are hard-wired into adopting various, changed included, ‘strategies’ that do not serve as a reflection as to what they’re thinking. For example, a kikess might be annoyed at a person’s behavior, so much so that she would go out of her way to attempt to befriend that person as a tactic of gaining their trust, despite them holding a lot of spite, anger, dislike and similar behaviors towards the person in question. Rendering these sub-humanness, Kikesses, ratesses, untrustworthy as to discern their actual intention from the way they act in. Prolonged observation need to be put under my employ. For it is a well-known fact that kikes are a mischievous people, neurotic, mentally ill, sick, almost animal-like than human in terms of how they act. Not intelligent, but cunning, as proven time and time again. Kikes themselves often admit to this kind of behavior as well, going out and using false names, trying not to stand out or draw too much attention over them, hiring people to create ‘anti-Semitic’ incidents and what not. All of those things, referred to, in their minds as well, by their own accounts, as it’s been aforementioned, as ‘tactics’. It is an unnatural thing, it leaves one devoid of any kind of humanity. Tying in to social aggressiveness, as well as trying to communicate various things through social-signaling as well. It is not normal, under no circumstance whatsoever.

The way in which it is treated as, as well as normal behavior, in comparison to theirs, that is to say, how normal, humans act; normal human beings don’t resort to ‘tactics’ in order to get things done. It is a sign of not only inferiority, that seems to plague my mind as well, but a reassurance that the kikes cannot by any circumstance change or get rid of their racial characteristics.

‘I’m probably going to end up coming in her moist pussy.’

It’s been a few months since either this Tits-Tits said a thing and Boils, standing in front of her, thinking.

‘There’s a network of them, they keep contact with one another, acting, destroying, infesting what they can, with their Masonic Judaic rackets, driven by nepotism. It stretched inside every store, every aspect of our society, whether it’d be the media or any other outlet that can be put to their use; rats, filthy rats, rats with big asses, for some reason, since the Kikesses are as flat as boards, the mass migrated in the opposite direction. A drivel that’s hard to look at when considering the sag, up-front. Some have even managed to already infest the academia, to fund their colleges, where they connive, with the help of nepotism as well, privately funded by Zionist Organizations, to destroy the white-folk, that they hate the most, instead of doing the right thing, that being, lynching niggers. I hate them niggers, I loathe those filthy monkeys. Kikes do not belong to Europe, nor any other country, as in, alive; for the good of the world, they need to be ethnically cleansed, just so everyone can be spared of the disasters and the unnaturalness they promote as a result of their already and beyond degrading minds propel upon the easily impressionable youth they aim to corrupt on the long run. Painting themselves as the fore-front runners, leading the fight against ‘racism’, ‘hate-speech’, ‘discrimination’, etc.; when in reality these things are only tactics, made as to distract everyone else from the system of Jewish-Kike Rackets they’ve set up to steal, to commit acts of fraud, theft, robberies, acts of pedophilia in their Entertainment business, faking the Holocaust numbers so they can receive even more, up to this day, reparations, since they’re all inter-connected, they have to ensure that not a single racket can fall. If one falls over, it’d be like a domino effect. If one day a man is made believed, as to convince his fellow man that this event that didn’t happen and was no different than what happened throughout history during a time of war, is nothing more than a ploy to, and a testament to the kike-nature, then all of them will eventually fall. The kike-credibility will fall, crumbling, slowly but surely, as their control will wane. Every single time, every single country, they’ve ever lived into, which kicked them out, all’s well preserved in history, and it’s only a matter of time until their time will run up. Since every Empire that’s ever existed fell, and theirs was never an empire to begin with, there’s absolutely no chance whatsoever for it to be long-lived or them, as a race, a nation, as a people, as a bunch of sub-human mongrels whom preserved big bottom lips, swarthinness, big-wide-eyes, hook-noses, Armenoid-like skull shapes and features that seem to be extremely awkward when seen from the side, not to mention their general neuroticism as well as their racial characteristics, in the same way niggers act, when they commit a lot of crime, since they’re more violent than other races, in the same manner so are Kikes, yet instead of violence that would actually happen to be, exploititiveness, trying to even contort the ideas of racialism since, as it happens they’re easy to stop, therefore, they would have a hard time trying to infiltrate and destroy, causing a lot of damage in their eternal quest to destroy the Western Nation as well as every other non-racially-bastardized nation they could never prosper or rule over. Kike-intelligence is a myth, easily disproven, and their ‘achievements’, for some ‘reason’, magically appeared during the nineteen and the twentieth centuries, and just as soon they stopped. No more kike-ivy league, no more ‘innovations’ in physics or any other field, only a simple, ‘poof’, all gone. As if never existed; strange; they moved away from that racket once they found it profitable no longer, moving onto new avenues where their grubby, filthy hands can destroy and contort everything, indeed.’

While they were talking, a giant almost humanoid creature with an elongated building-cubical chest-in the general shape of a swimming board that bore a lot of growths attached and coming out of it, lodged onto it as if they were barnacles and it a ship drowned into the Mariana’s gulf, whose head was a giant grub-contortion in the general growth out of this fat-long torso, set-in twist that, at its end bore a gas-mask but flatter and without the eye-protectors, not that it bore many features, since they were tinier and were as tiny as men’s pores as well as the features, that would at times elongated as well, like squirming worms

spitting acid pus in the air as well as carrion and other kinds of birds that would spit out lynch-nigger ropes as well, appeared to have its arms completely forming two great serpentine spreads of wing-cut-origami-like-folded after, but with spheres jolting up and down, flying- coating-shield- with zigzagged ended zippers that could form rounded-cup holding like protectors. Like leather wings but with wooden coat-hangers making them gliders of some kind, but segmented like scorpion tails, flaps-or-sheets of some weird material that would bear spherical devices between one another as well as the wooden supports that were lodged in the material itself. They were like paper-sheet-parchments that had been unrolled then cut as their ends, then awkwardly folded as to be intertwined or hybridized with the spherical devices they were attached to, coming out of the 'arm' stumps that came out of the strange chest, as some sort of almost many sheeted whip-formation. Both legs were humanesque, although crudely placed, squatting as well as the left one being wider, having the leather strips attached or the ropes of a balloon of some kind as well as a giant peg-rounded at the top hump placed on a many structured thing with appendages that were sharp and down-pointing, kind of like a lid-wearing or bottle cap on top of it, on which stood the hump-hill, platform. Off the side of its belly, a giant, as if water-shot out of it, clotted formation with a giant rose-bud twisted head, that also had two 'arms', that were dark power-lines-tools that had all of the lines attached to every part of its body, being constantly shot, then released, then withdrawn back in, grappling-hook like, through which strange body-bagged figure-maggots would slowly make their way inside of it, reveling, once it's had enough, an opening, around its mask, that could barely be seen from the distance unless aroused by some of the off-ground beings that by now devoured some of the grounds and people on them. It leaped too fast in the air, thumping down, then charged on a plain downward set trajectory as if he was a dark set in flight, crushing into a mountain, only to have it completely shattered, twisting around, since out its swoon had the impact awakened it, before shooting to its left, as a rolling barrel's ballerina's pirouette, stopped, turned up-front as it was met by one of the burnt-out by one of the incendiary GOV-driven cement-drivel of fire-napalm strike-order of eighteen hundred consecutive days, having done enough, it began running some of the barely grown out of their sockets, on his left's side, the charge having set-him up-front, past through, on cue, running over the spared part of the forest as he turned on a scythe's cut, rolling as if on his back in a pile of hay but in the air, while maintaining himself still, levitating but frozen solid, still squatting in the air, when turned onto the ground, acted upon by the unseen hands working on a marionette, when finally, front-shot as he was, quickly, the fiend found itself delivered upon a platform of most peculiar, trees-kept in baskets, which deformed, as they melted into a most peculiar wooden-shrapnel filled, with ships and soldiers as well as melted wild acorns and leaves, peculiar chemical mixes that began twisting everything in terms of color, having given life to a miasma of winded clutches and other unnatural things as well, that, were on the side of the street, from which it return, carrying the platform that was now lodged in its chest, like a busy-bodied waiter whom was desperately trying not to spoil or ruin the night by tripping on top his squatting, although peculiar, this being the custom, clumsiness, that could possibly serve as the infamy-led-to-belief-breach in equity that's longed by the common man as to be avoided. For some reason, this as well as the many put together soups that were given birth by the most atrociously given life onto, with spoils of breaths, chemicals that began, slowly-yet progressively becoming even more virulent as they would attempt to still themselves, since this destructive rage was only given life onto, as to be triggered by the mere existence of this bimbo-kikess by the name of Tits-tits, it held a particular angst and hatred towards, for some unknown and unspoken of reason. Non-human entities appear to hold a particular resentment towards one another, that's hardly a thing to be denied by many.

‘Why do they do that? Why did she avoid me? Why do they have to treat me differently? I wish I was treated the same as everyone else, I wish I was left alone and ignored. I wish they didn’t have to ‘react’ to what I do, for, as long as that happens, I will not stop, and I will never stop hating them. I can’t help it otherwise, I can’t help myself. It bothers me, a lot.

I’d be a hypocrite to complain at this point in time, especially since I’ve tried asking for help as well, when I hit a rough patch in life. Anything but to be out there and I still failed. I deserve this. It is this type of behavior that got the kikes kicked out and hated by everyone else.

And it doesn’t feel right.’

A few dire-in-need of being heard, some echoes misplaced, there in dirt, were they in call of shine. But not a single blind could have them going.

‘It must’ve been a psychological trick. She must’ve been aware of me staring at her for the past few five or six minutes or so, trying to get an accurate estimate of her head breadth, skull shape and nose size. She had to. It is a psychological subtlety in terms of manipulation that was put to her employ. While my trajectory had been set on a perpendicular but on an isosceles kind of curve, towards that worked-upon side of the street, I believe I saw, as it was being projected into the tail of my eye, that, she cocked her head in my direction; my sudden change in terms of a general route, as did hers afterwards had been noted by her, it must’ve served as a reason for avoiding me. Why would she go out of her way to go around and end up behind me? Since we were headed, after all, in the same direction? I began, soon enough, after crossing the street again, to run as fast as possible, to see whether or not she would follow me, but as it turned out, I had not been followed, nor had she caught up with me afterwards. A strange occurrence indeed, as this Whorish Seductress, of a beakish type, simply vanished out of existence, no longer present in my current thought. I am left most confused as to what happened.’

It all makes sense now, it all makes sense. It all makes sense.

‘I’ve yet to ascertain the precise reason behind my reprimand as to my previously displayed behavior in terms of how I treated the people whom I had previously or who are the ones who came into contact with me, for reasons I cannot explain, regardless of vigorous assertions, sessions of poured into ruminations, petty self-promoted lapses as to attempt to bury them before another chance for either of them to resurface could facilitate their re-entry into my immediate awareness or solicitude as to feign any guilt or sign of remorse, to which I hold no resentment towards since I’ve come to accept the things that only come naturally to me as being yet endowed by the natural order who so-far dictated by every action, in spite of various attempts come from my environment, I’ve reached the sole conclusion that it is because of them, that I find myself in the same place, relinquishing in the little hope I have left that eventually, I shall manage to get back at them, by one means or another, for this unnatural ‘‘gift’’ of inferiority I have inherited from their blood, that I am forced to live with, that I am constantly being reminded of with every single passing day of exposure to other people, to their ever-burdensome weary looks I’m forced to be content with, for being reminded that I am offered little to no choice, as for what I’ve done, am doing and will continue doing, expressing it in as vigorous a manner, barring myself from entering any other country, place of refuge or any other place as a result of an ‘adversary’ reaction to my beliefs, for that I am left with nothing other than brooding, tirelessly, in locked solidarity, left alone, for the time being, to my own devices, an inmate kept under solitary confinement, having failed to adapt or assimilate as

opposed to my fairer skinned, more prone as to adhere to connivery in an outwardly displayed manner, counterparts, who are the scum of this very plane of existence I live in; in this Eastern-European country where their very well-known as well as document, historically speaking - ways of modern-usury are being prompted, planned, and executed in an attempt to destroy it, from inside-out. My cursed blood allows me the certainty of seeing them, recognizing them by their features as well as by their types, to a margin of error that's insignificant, therefore easily dismissible. I am aware of their existence and they, themselves, in their turn are aware of mine as well, which in turn lends me to believe that I am under attack, a most divisive, conniving thing that is only befittingly evident, as to it being propagated by them. It's come to my awareness that they are displaying their violent niggardish tendencies outwardly, towards me, as a sign of warning, of some kind. I've seen it all happen time after time again. They are trying to exterminate me, but I need to exterminate them before they exterminate me! I have to exterminate the Jews!

First, I must garner people's voices, so as to enmesh my strategically emplaced plots out of their grubby noses's reach. It would be as if my appeal to the populous will have graced me with the liberty of doing with them as I please, enamoring me in a shell of most-sublime veil of encroaching the outer reaches of the common law the normal man is incapable of even pondering let alone hope to twist, contort and manipulate to one's pleasing, as to get away with ethnically slaughtering them.'

But in order to do so, hmm.

Beheading a kike wasn't going to be any easier than dissecting a nigger, since there are many things that are in need of being taken into account before any further, progression could be taken in terms of trying to cultivate enough strength of will, blocking the inhibitors that are preponderant in terms of responding to an outright similitude of an ounce of the odorous scent their wretched unwashed, hobble-bodies produce, especially when the specimens or one select, one of the selected few that are carefully rigged, testing the waters as one might try prodding a cattle's sphincter with a hot-iron poker in order to see the full extent of their pain pressuralization, compression of pain-nerves as well as the other, barely taken into account inner-workings in regards of trying to curb their breakings, so happens to be a kikess whose nasty-smelling scent as well as general unappealing fridge-sque bodily contortion, as for her uneven anatomical composition being thoroughly defined as being something near-nigh, in terms of closeness or relatedness to a beaked niggardous fiend, whose physiological despondencies are utterly adherent to a shared-common, relatively recent, ancestor, whose subhumanity rears its ugly head in, that no amount of surgeries, done by well worked-plastician hands, well-done jobs, well-made fingers, tiny finger-tipped buds, a little wriggle, a little cut, a little in-between but, he can't hide that, he can't worked on the clock removing all those sprouting hook-noses they're so ashamed of having, such inferiority self-accepted by them, especially by the women who'd have themselves butchered for mimicry, means acceptance, acceptance that they are inferior and that the people of European stock they're so desperate to be more-like are superior to them, whether they admit it or not, and they won't, it's self-evident by their acts alone, by how desperate they are to remove their hooked noses, their ugly guttural-feeling producing, outwardly disgustingly wretched filaments, these superficial but filled with dark cartilage, beings of their own they're trying to shove deeper and deeper into their skulls, into their bodies, into their hearts as well as into the gap, the empty egg-shell left behind that's in need of being filled, lack of soul, cracked-open, filled with, whereas a human would, under normal circumstances have an ardent, oozing hope-filled, puffing with energy, glowing symbol of hope as well as his own being, theirs is filled with noses, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, many, uglily-contorted self-devouring hooked-noses, wrapped around one another

like leeches, like filthy parasites, like ugly urchins that would contort themselves against each other's outer casts and bodies for no other reasons but as a sign of their, a sign of their pettiness, self-acknowledged repellant aimed-at themselves loathsomeness, wretchedness, disgust, a sign of most obtuse desperation as they're desperately trying to hide the fact that they were born wrong, aware of it, as is the fact made known by the very fact that they're so desperate to mix with people of European stock, whom they might admonish and make it feel as if they are 'repelled' by their self-ascertained superiority, when in reality, the kikes worship them beyond belief, for there can be no other explanation why they would whiten themselves to such a degree to a point where their 'ethnic-element' will eventually be skewed to such a degree, as technology progresses, plastic-surgery giving them, as the trajectory would lead one to believe that soon enough the malleability of a skull shape will allow them to add a few membranous, chitinous-cranial mass as to hide their breadth as well as their tinier Armenoid-esque tendencies, to a degree where, they would completely fashion themselves to be indistinguishable from European people of wholly European descent that are in possession of no non-European foreign elements, rather, they seem to have planned this, this 'human' experiment to a point where they have actually, or at the very least, raises an eyebrow, as if, their attempts to bastardize the likeness of a man into that of a woman, to such a degree where this human experiment would successfully get to a point where the indistinguishableness would come under no scrutiny and may as well be unrecognizable, that, it's fair to say that, at a certain point in time, there would be no way to distinguish a kike from a European person other than the way they act, as to reveal their racial characteristics and tendencies, although, at that point in time, their racial stock may either have spread themselves as to mix, in such a way that would ruin the European racial purity that some of these 'White-people' would start showing mannerisms that, otherwise would be found in kikes of the nose-kind's extraction, inferior in other words, or, even worse, they would eventually promote such change, whether it be by chance or not, or most importantly, to have tricked a European person to adhere to their behavior, that other people would start acting like them, as an attempt to emulate them, as a form of social fitness, to a point where it would be impossible to distinguish who is the kike and who isn't. A dangerous thing that no one wants, for a good reason as well; no one like niggers; niggers are sub-human monkeys. Niggers are violent creatures that ruin everything, are incapable of doing anything that's even vaguely sustainable on the long run; a ruinous inferior racial group, capable only of violence, violent behavior, and the likes. Theirs should be a locked place, theirs should be and serve as a complete confinement in their continent but disallowed to breed. Their numbers and the sustainable amount in rapport to their countries and continent make them too dangerous as a subspecies to be allowed to hold anything even remotely resembling 'human' rights, since niggers are not human. And the Chinks, the Gooks, the Yellows, these Asiatic Mongoloid Insects, these filthy sub-humans partake or seem to have partaken into 'aiding' their development as well. It is an unacceptable thing, what these Insects are doing. We kikes hate niggers more than anything; and the Gooks as well.

I am on nobody's side. I am a traitorous kike, holding no allegiance to anyone. A backstabber, no different than them, I am the chaos ruminating broodingly in my den of darkness, the killer of niggers, the lyncher of nigger-kill. I am not a white, never claimed to be one, never will. I am the scum, the low-life, the criminal, a vagrant and a hobo. Man of no faith, man of no homogenous group, untrustworthy, betrayer of all.

The rotten black worms come out of his blade rot his mind to a spoiled pulp, although immortal, by their likes, although prosperous in breed upon the plain body he's made out of himself, there was nothing ever so grating as was given onto him at this point in time. A promise, the promise, although weak, as weak as

a humanoid in strength, not god was he but in desire of that rotten on, a worm that promised to grant him strength, the strength needed to conquer the rest of the world. A rotten piece of hope it was. He could see it, wrapped in iron-wiring, the cone in which it resided, the hive, it the tip of the iceberg, beneath it, the rest of the funnel's moist newspaper's site. Its form but bubbling in an out of existence's swaying; granted, the release and the promise was something beyond any limitless possibility.

First, why; the reason had to be established in order for a fully promontory desire, equestrian in nature, to be had, even for a few moments, as to bring the satisfaction as well as conceit.

'That woman must've noticed me staring for the prolonged duration of time that stretched to a few minutes while waiting at the station. The worksite that had been avoided by I, or the action of a sudden change in trajectory that only came as a result of my sudden realization that it was a worksite to begin with could've been misinterpreted by her, whom, in all likeness thought, or took it as me being playful. That at the very least could be interpreted as being one possibility I have to ponder upon; although I am still uncertain whether or not she did it purposefully to avoid me, or being near me.

I appeared a creep to her, that's possible. She thought I was a creep staring at her. I was staring, salivating inside of my mask, gaping, despite my obvious repulsion to her beak. It was a woman and she did something. Women don't usually do something when I am around. This time, it was different. I was drooling, a bumbling idiot, an idiot, an idiot-retard; I should've spoken to her. I am yet unlaidd, devoid of female touch and interaction. But I perceived her as a threat. That nose, that giant projection was a turn-off, but she appeared to tickle my fancies for some unknown reason as to discern the level of Judaic Bolshevism neuro-toxin her branded head must've been exposed to.

She did something. She took the long-route when I was behind her, she acknowledged my existence, but the exact reason is unknown. Always conniving instead of being direct, but most importantly, she walked near or on it, the worksite, the in-between which I admonish as being an unacceptable, unpardonable area to walk in despite being revealed as, next to it, the construction workers were still tirelessly working on trying to pave the rest of it. A disrespectful thing that revealed much about the character of the kikess; so as to show no consideration to the workers as opposed to other people who had been present in the bus station, and, when time came for the green light to signal the crossing, twas in question, they simply walked around the area, instead of, through it.

Instinctively, I must've followed in her tracks since I slowed myself down in order, I slowed my pace, to an insignificant amount of two steps, then half as normal-feigned, so as to properly observe the creature in this outlandish-to-her habitat. Then the realization came, and I looked around, and had I not known better, I would've found myself stepping through the site in the same way she did, committing an unpardonable act of intrusion on my part. It was this sudden realization that made me turn and join the want of the other people so as to properly maintain the equity she was noticed to have breached upon. But that did not explain her, since she did cock her head as to observe me 'avoid' her, sudden urge to turn around, change the route and walk through the parking lot, only to end up trailing behind me, with the hunt becoming the hunted. My rationale took the better of my instincts, it would seem, for I have managed to flee the sight, of this atrocious fiend, whose outer form was improperly to be maintained still. I often find myself stalking these outsiders whom come into the country; and they all display almost, impossible to distinguish features from Central European types, with the exception of the more pronounced beaks, these

parasitical entities, filthy shape shifters managed to run their drooping hands and steal some more, fairer features, many of them even blue-eyed, human-looking, but not in mannerisms, never in mannerism.'

Even from the distance, her deformed body was easily discerned from anything that could even be considered human, as it progressively abandoned its human-shape, leaving behind a peel of its former self, this elongated to the level of a harpoon's length, drill-but out of a shark's bloated blimped cranial, elongated deformity that kept it pushing out, as if it were not even properly revealed just yet. Its smallish head, whose mass was in the back, holding upon the prognathism shoved-forth telescope-rack, bore two strident splits that lead in two directions, each bearing parasitical botfly-esque inside-a-snail's eye wriggling sight-organs that drooled on top its wretchedly deformed, beaked-skull. That rested upon a candy-cane-twist of spiraled-body holders, as if it were a barber's shop's sign cylinder whose twists were bloated with solid mass, connected to a thin lower chaos of up-ward thrusts of various gelatin-thin disgusting dripples of squirm, lashes, and a giant six shaped, hooked nose that was constantly rubbed against the ground as it crawled along, in hunt, in search, dripping with a most disgusting moisture, a gaseous filth that spread abound. This giant hooked-kikle nose boil-growth but being the only solid fat-storing organ it bore, whereas the others were as thin, chiseled and sharpened as well-kempt bones and the niggled upon by vultures meat that was left un-niggled by them.

'Their succor of filth drive the streets red with bastardization!'

They were the same person, that Tits-Tits-Tootsie bimbo, this giant elongated nosed being, this disgusting abomination that was anything but human, whose mongrellic features were not only easily recognizable, but displayed many other specifically inherited, subtly-'pronounced', from various other species of 'man' or 'human', outer cranial alterations, that would otherwise be not only deemed commonly placed, or even 'average' to a specific sub-type of mongoloid, whose inherited form would point nearer to a Eurasian bastardization type, expressed in something that could be interpreted as either a compensative fill belonging to some bony plate that made up for the mongrellic hybridization that, observably can be noticed as to have derived the fact that, at a biological level, it occurred, giving the general impression that the levels at which their cheek-bones are raised, or hers, specifically, signal a recent inter-mixing with a Mongoloid specimen whose phenotypical despondency has resurfaced as a side-effect of an occurring pseudo-bottleneck of recessive genes, that, can be clearly derived as well as being incompatible with the other racial traits she had inherited, which in turn would render her a particularly, eerily-peculiar bag of outlandish outwardly shown unfitting facially displayed extremities that would not belong to a pure breed, or a specimen coming from a homogenous group; whose cluster of 'displays', when shown side by side as to draw an decent-enough frame of comparison, comparing her with people around her, would at the very least, trigger the very well known and accepted 'hunch' feeling of something being extremely wrong about her, or them, by proxy. As if they're diseased, or carriers, but of an illness that belongs to a greater, more conniving origin, more deformed in some way, to the point of irrerecognisability, in terms of one being classified as a human being, which the kike races is anything but. A rombosous amount of fat-storage as well as some nigger-esque artificiality could be seen as well; and the other; branching inside the Armenoid-predisposition in terms of the head breadth, the receding chin and forehead being even more pronounced than your average saggoid creature, furthermore expressed in the niggardly increased size of their well recognized non-human, puffier lower-bottom lip they had adopted as one of their sub-human trademarks, alongside their ugly hooked noses, and almond shaped eyes. But there's another eeriness to those eyes as well, those mischievous, bulby rounded globes also

appear, in some cases or some of their specimens, when coupled, in her case it turns out to be the case, with an incredibly, ghostly-out of the grave, pale-skin, fair to such a degree that one's immediate thought would place such a nightly creature in some Morgue than on the streets, as its place of origin, render them as being too dark, as the contrast seems to signal some unnaturalness of such magnitude that, it sticks out immediately, which only draws attention to this creature's other inhumane facial features. They're soulless, soulless dark eyes, blacker than tar, a specter's gazing through the very bowels of your souls' black, closer to magma than to gelatin, puckery spheres, whose outwardness lends one to be inclined as, his only fearing of the All mighty, option, as to flee, from not only this horrendous sight he has been forced, by either fate or some order of uncanny events that led him to a face-to-face confrontation with such a ghoulish figure, whose desperate attempt to somehow appear human, is by all means deemed as to be a failure of stellar magnitudes, of whose magnanimity is only out-done by the prior- obtained information about these sub-human creatures, what they are, how they act and what blasphemies, what oratorily defunct falsities in terms of qualities of character, their defects being not only fairly displayed, but masked in such a way that they would attempt or resort to, hiding what they're like.

‘A worming-battering ram whose head are hives, connected with the black worms, livened.’

Ugly, extremely deformed hooked creatures, with no inherently redeemable quality whatsoever, whether it would be expressed mentally or physically in act; bearers of repulsively disgusting bodies, whose general concavity would beget a prolonged observation and comparison to the general form and appearance of another inferior specimen taken from another, similar to theirs, branch, so a proper preponderance could be established in some way, belonging to that of those fallaciously worthless in both appeasement, inference and rudimentary inhuman physionogony, like that of a taken out of the lower layers of the Nigger-species, a Negress, although the disgust and inner-repulsiveness felt, as expressed when observing the abhorrent creature outside its natural habitat, while also being aware of the racial preponderance niggers show when they're out alongside their disgusting nigger-packs, violently raping whenever is convenient for them to get away with their alarmingly disgusting, yet excused behavior, what is signaled is the fact that, compared to the other races, the Nigger-woman, whose repulsiveness is well known to be, way-beyond that of any other race also happens to be, the least raped of all the species out there, at the very least in terms of cases where the criminal so happens to be a member of a different race, in which they are underrepresented, since, the nigger-woman is simply too disgusting an inhuman to actually be raped, being biologically repellent at such a level, since, it's well known enough that, in rapport to proximity the logical thought is simply replaced by instincts, rape being an act more driven by some outlandish violent instinctual override than by any other factor, that would turn the nigger-woman in one of the most repellant things in existence, since, even with coherent and logical thought being completely overridden, where a man is reverted to an uncontrollable, animalistic state of being, even when acting on instinct alone, he would still find himself abstaining from raping, a, black-nigger-negress-niggardous-woman, to that kind of wretchedness in terms of what their bodies look like, do I find a similarity between Nigger and Kike women, whose repelling bodies makes it hard for one to keep them around, since, at the end of the day, they're inferior specimens, clearly maligned, untidily unkempt, haggishly defect, unevenly projected on both far ends in terms of skull shape, sloping in one direction or another, crude and tiny and titilatingly appeasing only to those easily aroused by the sounds of animals and how primitively as well as inferiorly ‘honest’ way they present themselves in.

‘Lo, be gone!’ He voiced his annoyance at large, without tremendous repel as to be forced to lay in waste:

‘I’ve lain upon such judgment just, as to have served myself whenever cast, as to have lied awake through lie and ponder, and to have sawn you leer away but ponder. I may ask for lesser more, but wilt it such belittle, as you are indeed a nasty whore, kikess, befit only to polish my boots with thine hooks of a nose as to curve around the boulder-fat, and clean it still as your deprave kind was made to serve me while I will the niggers lynched at last.’

With which he looked upon the dark horizon, a there was little to nothing to be called, or to be taken from him whenever pail was brought or fallen, at last, from the hands or from the arms, of a wretched being, but not nearing the one behind them still, alas. There was, without a reason, to be called, an alarming nature’s vouch, as corpses were come in dark-end rows, many of whom were unspeaking, yet voiceless groans had come out of their plastic-melted thrones, these mannequins with plenty holes, and wide-spread spun around, countless woes:

‘Listen to me, you wretched being, I’ve not come so far as to be put in birds of teal.’

For there were plenty in the sky as well, many of whom were incased in web. And strange devices; but one frightened it most because of its stance, because of what it looked like, a syringe bulb-shell, almost like a snail, but half an axe-blade vertically raised, it stood, wretched as to charge through the veils of puffy spool that started amassing around it. An injector with an elongated trunk, but bearing many lumps of fat, as if they were all butchered-but allowed to grow bellies, that twisted along a most decrepit scorpion tail, that ended in an unnatural stinger pointing down but not at its end. This disgusting, almost beaded thing bore itself like a flesh stone-axe, wrapped by ‘leathery’ tendons, a pseudo cranium out of which it sprung, oft, would’ve been, if it weren’t for that blasted, barren, unnaturally cylindrical deformation, whose scourge upon all but blasted whatever other alteration of air and gas it produced or the pores, those bulbic limp lymph-notes filled with many tinier leashed, all filled with fat, whose brought-down ends began, drawing air, as they would come out of unnatural amount of led-contrive, and plenty of the mourning bodies of plastic down there almost appeared to shout:

‘Bring yourself down, bring yourself down before they claim and take you away! In the distance, look, stare and do whatever might you cast or clamor on top of, or they shall have you taken and bid for, whenever to have known, and whether to have called it so, they will rinse and flail, and bodily-prevail over all that was cast away, parasite or bided-wail!

You know they shall devour the melting poof, and the acid-swoop, the lucid pool that’s to befall.’

Within the hour, the plastic thrones to which these, livid-beings were melted to, uncannily distraught and hang, abhorrently as one would find a hue, but too many of them were pale-transparent, unnaturally benign, made out of the darkest things added, cries of glass, and shards put through so many broken spiels that one could hardly know what was going on when putting them back together, since all were made, and would remain, cut and shown, no other way, as to fully take advantage of every single clasp that followed after, whether or not it’d be through a sea of melted alabaster in which they bathed on their way up-front, and heaved themselves with charges as to show but little as there was compassion of what was still to come, they stayed, their mouths soon after, as well as their sunken in deep-teeth-incisors-picks, the many of them that formed not only their insides but many, if not any, if not all of the beads that were inside of them, rabid in nature, surreal as to cast away, or as to lay wherever else they fell since the thrones were fifteen meters tall, while their bodies were somewhere close to one hundred fifty, thinner as they

approached to top, their head-hats being curved-pointingly down, four-shapes, with conical-maze hedge iron-bolts pointing down, in the same way axes threw themselves then curved each way, with bloated in tinier-unnatural little darkies-cast. A bloated heart along them came at last, as they shared in the sudden change of light that faded, a sun had died away, then one that was red, another blue and a third one perfectly spectral white sinew, as if it were a cob-of webs rounded, spherical but bastardly ethereal, inside of which, even from the distance it could be attained, that dark sight that would take even the bravest out of their bereave. It was not an easy means of trying to get something out of her. But it would do:

‘I am trying to get a piece of your hard chest! And I shall not leave until I am given what I ask of you, as the least of all, a sign of your reprimanded sight, and given onto me, your heart shall do a harpy less, and tender as shall be, your embrace will be dealt with accordingly. For yee, the world is not to devoid of such a wild apparition as you may find yourself be staring at, as I wilt it to have known and watched, to stare at when the time is cast in whichever other way. I shall not glance and nor bespoke of any other man that will come from this point on, in wrathful charge as to lay claim upon your life, beaked creature of no worth. You are a spoil not worthy for a man but beheaded by one who wants not this world to be ruined but instead, to claim if from the wretchedness that your kind had thrown it into, this chaos of illusions, twas fallen apart slowly ever since the day you’ve come to life, be brought onto the likes of fire after wretched shall there be your end, to have you cast in a pit of eternal hellfire is but pity in a world of pity’s end, for you deserve much worse than that for the sufferings you’ve cast upon the kind and the poor, the undeserving of whichever wretchedness and lack of allure, one and all, if any, through uncannily, now ending, whatever past there was, from hereafter I shall part both sides of your head and afterwards, I shall make sure that no single beak shall remain as to breed again with whatever creature of lowly birth, sub-human worth and whatever countenance that may avoid being met by sword or fencing as to last against an opponent of a spiral’s cord’s you’re missing, as you know, you a kikess whose nose is but bothersomely ugly, disgustingly-deformed, of you who men need stay clear of, never to approach such wench, entrenched by such maliciousness that your soul is as dumbed down, as your body- sagging at each end’s run. You, of you, I shall not tire to no end to beat and cast in the most depressing heaps, filled with the corpses that your people cast, in whichever hole of, falling apart, whenever one might’ve seen it from the distance now, they, of all would but know and be aware, lamentations that would come but fair, but each of them, barely aware, still, of sadness wringing through such ear, to have forgotten ancient fear, primal Gods but whispers fading, and in-and-out, wherever fading, they shall be let known, of whom the enemy is and what’s he’s done to drive them down, in pits of little, dark-renown, to have rotten without peril or to feel such stench, that your kind has already been accustomed to, and with that, ugly-hooked-maiden, I bid thee farewell!’

And just as soon, he cast her thus, in the broken apart land that stood within his darkened sight. The people whom throned, the ones that were accustomed to no sight, as to have shone upon them for long, had come to clasp and grab her when one might’ not see such ends to lust, replaced by fury, then by rape, to rip the Jewess, and then repay the stench, with the same coin this inhuman creature would but throw herself away in arms, and cast herself wherever she could lay, on whose behalf, she was raped again, endlessly, then fell, in a place she would rot and never revel in her bosom’s harshly breath, contained. With which the echoes faded and the dumb-struck drool would end, this acidic thing that had almost drowned him, there to last.

But, of dark horizon there was still a clouded gast!

For each sun that had appeared of the three; but lo' behold, the one most obtuse was there still naught else to see than the spirits that were cast away, the ones that were slowly spiriting themselves as shiny sprites in need to come and lay, with whoever might but listen to their woes, and the dark-bounded creatures that were lain out there, of children cast, and a single king of light inside the sun, but never-talking, caught, entrapped, by many unseen chains that would not lay for any other men, aware, to have cast, such was the need to frighten and to stay away.

As soon as the show of lights came into view, as soon as they had started puncturing the outer veils of an Earth that was corrupted by such seas, as no man, no woman, no tether would but answer.

A corrugated plaintiff, it was standing near one of the 'destroyed' panels, where a few other notes were pinned against. A 'bridge' was being formed out of their glassy torrents of tall-shrubs, a shrubbery of puffing out its neck, thrust following soon after:

'Is it safe to leave this way?' Loaf asked, jointed by a fallen pane, like a cleaning spade, company of a broomstick, that bore an elongated hair-stalk structure coming out its upwardly pointing far end, out of somewhere in the middle of the 'square', whose sides were adorned by two growths, one like a giant pepper-but inflated as to bear a strange breathing formation- like a lump, coming out of it, like a rapier-through which it actually managed to breathe, as it was this 'pepper's root after all, whereas the other formation was thundery eel -jerkily formation that recoiled itself as it was flung here and there, wherever it could wrap itself around, wherever would it be put next, but to him, to Loaf and inside of him it buried its clasping roots, as not to give away, nor to allow any or either chance for there to be, for it to miss, gnawing on him.

'The crystal below is pure and I can feel the steam vapors embracing us both, as if we were of the same calling as it was, as it is, as anything but more malborious, there, in the distance I see!'

'What?'

'A Pyramid that was cast, one that's fallen or thrown but inside of it, alas, he hides. I've known him since ancient days, but that alone won't save either one of us from his wrath if that is what he decides to convey.'

'I've little to no idea of whom you speak of!'

'Then you need not talk again but shut your mouth, for I've little interest in hearing about.'

But it stopped. Soon after, it could no longer talk, since that bastardly creation started making the hard noise-noise, again-again. It was bothersome, lurid, a general annoyance. But the forest was far now, sweeping itself away with every passing moment, as to hide whatever chance there lay for either of them to catch it during stalk and growth, and come upon, not to hold a grudge but hold whatever stance there lay.

A note was bloodied up but that was hard to see from where they stood.

A staircase descended soon after, twenty or so miles from the initial spot where she stood in. Since it had only been a few minutes ago, prior to her undertaking the climb, there was no certainty as to check whether or not her head had suffered any kind of injury. At large she was irrecongnisable, not that she was,

prior to this happening, as a human, but it was definitely something out of the realms of reality, especially that region of her face that most affected, being an air-bag that shot back all-in, with a tusk coming out of it, and a few beaks, and an eye that was split in half that was also elongated, leaving this strange ellipse drooping down, whereas her legs were now four, where, a strange infusion might've been thought to be alarming from the standpoint of there being a most obtuse sprout-change, in terms of her general physiognomy which had remained anything but extant by suppositions that were unlikely as to be severely miss-interpreted, as for the usurping arousal that belonged to a dissatisfaction of severe measures, one could not forget that, without return, a mournfulness of unattainable proportions by any other living now usurped the great halls of her inner-back thrown tender den-formations that hung, kept up-sidedly off, widely embraced by stretches of fifty or fifty five meters, by trunk-tick beams that had come out of her back, those being resting wombs, as for the many still-born plastic inbreds she had given birth to, in the meantime, perished by the severity of the harsh environment they were catapulted in by force of instability and such depravity as she could not hone herself as to sharpen her already lost wits, Tits-tits being completely exhilarated, to the point of complete silence, where a single-simple reoccurring thought appeared to bother her, though as it deepened or was forced to succumb to an uncanny sea not even she could deal with, as to do her best, or the best within her power not to be overcome by this supreme contrivance, through which they, the plastic deformities, whose infestation was quasi-complete, having become a stretch of different chemicals and substances filled with musky smells of putridness-uncanny, out of which molecules could be seen, now, glowing around not only her head but her entire body, armless, as she was deprived off, but her tender breasts had at the very least come to be mostly befitting of her name, as they dragged down, and Loaf stared, incapable, as for inability to relieve himself of this desire kicked back, to control himself, he started, as her back trunks started growing in side even more after, to unfathomable proportions, mouthless defections, so thoroughly received, as to be blessed with the incapability of hearing her talk, or yap or nag, or put up with the annoyance that was propagated by the insensibility of a sub-human creature's speech, like that of an ugly-nasty Jewess, spreading her mighty peaks, as her two globular things only got ripped apart, being torn by the same gelatin that had caused the drooling to begin, though a life-like-saving –much avoided, was there a chance, for him to lose his life from being approached by a disgusting wretch, a witch of most severe repulsiveness, as her polluted tusk had grown, out of which the gas that came out shone, with every pistoned prison inside of which, her much entombed, children's grown, little blocks of plastic tainted, touched by the chemicals, then converted, out with them, came the wails, and more dreadful sounds than what was heard there, could not have been heard or received. This awful, awful thing, that one would take the one eye of, those two battling in squirm, split but filled with scorn. Another pair grew, of gelatin-sag; but she was not violent yet. On a street, that was not yet claimed by the man kings of plastic, clamored as it hanged. It communicated through the spice of life, some fort of imitable telepathy, whose voice, although, high-pitched with annoyance, was accompanied by the most morbid, most peculiar pairs, many of them being very much unaware of what was happening around, despite being in control.

'Neither of you should read that note, unless you want either one of you to be claimed by a sense of "justice"' that will have you get rid of sense, to risk both of your existences means nothing to one that's lost then.'

'What will you have us do? Around us, there's but little left, other than a sea of specters that have gotten us, go through, through the most uncannily deformed, the voices that do not belong to us or our own.'

Their wont as well, but lo, there stood. A sun stricken down, but in front of them, a head-cut through; mirific, triumphant, adorned by billions of segmented legs, A Lurid-Horned, whose features grew soft, but were very much hard to look at. Yellow with red-plume and stitched around the face, this disc-like back hid away from them, but farther, farther stretching, it revealed what it hid behind:

‘Trunk John-Long, it’s what they called of me, but now I lay in fronted-front, with little more in mind than I will allow you to be-tokened with.’

Tauntingly, he revealed, part of some broken apart cart he carried in his back, out of which many veils and many other mechanical legs, all of which allowed flight were custom-made as to produce many elements of fire-sight, as to burn the eyes of whoever was watching. But for the moment that fire was contained inside some glassy eyes, made with pain. As she appeared, he was near her, closer, each step through, the, many faces that appeared. An old man whose rotten mongrellic abomination of a bloatedness still wrung itself forth, oozing, squeezing a few centimeters off as to block off a good portion of the ground, of the air, beheading a few of the plastic mannequin elongated figures, then, despair. A sign of the surgery being done:

‘I don’t think there, if you ask me, there’s a sign of the bloated land falling. It’s about to erupt, or.’

It was not a single note but a pile of notes that were strapped and bolted against the general area where they were grouped. Most importantly, some of them clearly stated the obvious, although they were in the, at the very least, the hundreds; fact that the Negro-Africanus specimen belonged to some volatile inferior species whose wiring was, among other clearly researched pamphlets that obviously, proved that the Holocaust did not happen under any circumstance; clearly researched at such a level that, every doubt had been dispelled immediately, since, these monkeys proved themselves to have their brains wired differently than other species of men, despite their observably lazy behavior, for hard-labor. Bottleneck sworn and taken apart, rot by its side.

But the panel was mainly mechanical, not a single boisterous drop or crop would approach it, since a part of the underside, beneath the spot where the forest had been lain on top of, had crept out, eating in a most benign fashion out of the smallish people that were gathered near it.

‘It’s oozing, I think it is. We should take a hold of a note and see what it says.’

‘Do not approach it, by all means, there could be something onto it that would dread your fingers snarled, or growled barks of bark to follow. If you’re of a consciousness to flee away, now is the time.’

‘Where to, where to? We are stuck in here with it.’

Tits-Tits, whose body was as fully entrapped and encompassed by the solitary two-facets made, benign of the contorted two faces, tried for, of a leper’s cry, and lee unknown:

‘How and when did they appear, and what are they?’

Pudgy-muddy and unclear, irreconizable as men, yet there was a solemn glow that allowed for their sight to emerge, even though there was an uncertainty as to who was pulling the strings and what were the forming cyst-globules, the one that appeared to grow, like mushrooms popping after each second and third up-front row. Bastions of tombs, no little, but thoroughly dug, and there were also marks of beasts

that had been trapped, only to be assimilated in the form of fluid-filled moles of some kind, or bore of, unappealing by every and all measurements that were there. Some quiet remark:

‘Shall we at the very least get acquainted with one another, seeing how we’re all trapped?’ The chip on Loaf’s shoulder asked, by his pad, the wretched whore stood aghast.

Near them, only John and that Horned-Lurid seemed but troubled, of what, what little after. Naught was said.

One approached the note, it oozed, and wall was suddenly surrounded, for every and on top of every facet they could stand on top of, for every moment they could think or look around, two eyes, three, hundreds of them, even those that were encased, drawn to notice, none were there. Painted bubbles of red light gave one that impression, especially when under stress. And there was, at last, highly uneven, as there was, a high stress factor that would not impress no man, nor voice whose bounced upon, and wretched haze, a miasma of many dances, the spirits were there. For what eternity could be complete? What specters were they if not appointed to their musky seethe, as if in flaunter, taunting them again and again after, not to allow a moment of respite or reposition themselves; yet, as soon as a note was touched, by that wretched Loaf, whose head was yet to be heaved off despite the wane, and such remains as there were oft little spoken of:

A tunnel was formed, but not a normal one, a metal-concubine of iron, like eighteen finely placed cargo-ships, belonging to a vaulted space, from out of which, and out of after, escape was nothing given to embrace. It was a trap out of which no soul could possibly escape, being parted, but not entirely, contorted and yanked, sewed off then stitched, with alloy to their mouths. It was still the main room that walked, and walled, and kept life shoved in every wall.

As soon as a few steps were made, what had been noticed was the width of this concave, since both John Trunk and the Lurid were capable of fully traversing without paying the littlest of difficulty one could pay. Or heed to such acidity as one would have himself encompassed, then dead, there came a time. For a few soldiers or something that looked closed enough to their appearance as to have them taken, out then tried.

Tall men armored, of high stature, such were they adorned. With many uncanny devices, attached to them, that were just as wide, cysted, worn like flags, three-pointed as for the main mass, galvanizing as to see, what shrubbery would contort such tree, as to look like this molded-by-hands and grubby fingers as well three-triangled star, with two ellipses empty, deepening as they almost tore the entire organic structure from inside out, without leaving the least of a chance for it to escape, for anything even remotely alchemical, therefore they revealed as well, once they stepped out of the shadows. Gray-everywhere, painted even but mostly rust, a few crates in the distance and many other moving devices, wagons and such. Many heads, all of them, all masked but humanoids, by all means, producing some kind of weird air at the top of their heels, the second ones; worn like backpacks, but not theirs, bloody down there, trails being formed but no blood strained the floor. One presented himself but said nothing:

‘I’ve come to ask you to follow.’

Another machine deciphered some weird grumbles for him. It was a most strange thing how he ripped himself off, from the mid-riff and welcomed, openly, John of all to enter the left there to enter, lower side

of the suit, left behind. No meaty organisms. It was a maligned splendor to ask about the Colony or what went through their heads. Or what to take or make of them, whenever asked, when plenty was clearly ahead:

An open table moved with metal rams, put on ramps and hybridized then broken apart as to form strange worming-iron structures upon which they crawled forever. An eye of alloy sunken in the otter-sounding tetter; yet not a single one of them delighted in the noise of hearing the echoes of torture, in the distance, while victims were still toyed with. In a fashion that would be deemed as being beyond disgusting, beyond wretched, to a point where there was no possible explanation for what was going on here as to properly endow one with thinking is as being anything else than what it sounded like. A furtive fullness:

‘All of them are being fed, this is a banquet after all, and there can be no better day to look at what’s been going on across the world, since we’ve made sure to put them all under stasis.’

‘How did you do it?’

‘Ice spears shot through their heads, wriggling their spines, but without hurting them.’

‘Why are they not dead then? Surely this must be some utterly ethereal excuse, surely this profuse thing must be a lie of some sorts, is it not? They’re dead, humanity is, other than.’

Tits-tits seemed to be reaching a point where she cowered down again, being trumped by all that weight she had to deal with, being no easy thing to deal with the amassing weight and the entirety of everything that was inside of her, which in turn was impossible to satiate, that saddened her beyond belief, though it could not be shown, as well as her telepathy, which was malfunctioning. Good riddance to the voiceless whore, no one should hear less intoned with going after each other’s throat soon after. Such was the way she spoke, in a most rage-inducing thing, through which, hearing it would bring one less to no hope. Eternity- worthless, but comfortable, - proven by every specter that was in sight:

‘We’ve converted ice in a soulless rocky sun as well, and filled it with them.’

‘Which would make them dead, killed and slain, as I have initially purported them to be.’

‘Not entirely, and that would mean that under no circumstance could any of these specters return to life, although, if you were to wait for a moment, and one alone, I would say as such, look elsewhere for reason, as you will not only not find any here, or anywhere as a matter of fact, but you will be finely disappointed by what you shall entail, to, and as such, when you’re finally met by some resistance, as you should know, despite every single one of them being in the state they are, not a single soulless body would rip itself to shreds as to stop fighting, now, death would have no say in this, regardless of what you may have heard, but if there’s one thing.’

He mourned but less, and out, in the distance, there was still a terrace, something to be called; perhaps some disgusting thing that would have one stomach turn, but one indeed, that wasn’t tried for. A giant one, of bloated face, hardly a matter of a body thing, since it bore, four sleigh-claspers, on both sides, rounded and made to be put together, like the rib-cage of a man, but locked in the middle and allowed to respire of bearing through in, the middle, held by chains, and a system of elevators that were put inside a single building that had heaved itself around, forming a hurricane of clouds, panting, from all the air-

incessant reactionless that was put behind and around it, soon enough a Molotov cocktail, but of a radioactive pool extraction, being sufficient enough for a few men, that would play with it around some camp, wonderingly, dancing, all eyes were now pulled, since they went missing, in this camp, of fools. Poisoned by the radioactive rancid pool, he danced, the man who opened his chest, where there stood the nuclear bomb, yet he refused to arm it, since it was joined by a few others, not tools, but some longer beings, some thing, almost elfish- eely around their faces and made to squirm around, fingerless but made entirely of fluid inside. They fed on radiation, soon enough. Men, the men who had died there, felt fine, for it was not the bomb, the ulcers or everything else, of naught, come through chasm, to be taken and plain as it were, given onto them, to allow a moment of respite and to smoke.

One of them pulled a pack. IT was rare, seeing one of them and being incapable of discerning this from that, but it felt fine, in some way, lighting it, knowing that the flame could leap from here, there, perhaps over there, and into that creature's open 'gut', 'bullshit', he was all metal inside; some kind of Governmental-reject, but not a complete failure in terms of being an experiment, and for that reason, it survived for this long as it was allowed to do as it pleased, to walk whenever there was such a thing as a reason, then, pop, whenever he liked. Taking a good chunk of the world with him, in and out, of dark fruition, they sang as they ate poisoned berries, ten danced around the camp's rendition, with every little vision, hope but sank. More and more had it been deformed, and at an all time high, and everywhere around, teeth and incisor sank, and a mound of disease stooped on top. It was what they fancied most, thinking of, that they would be taken for granted, then thrown around, as if in a pit of lions, eaten, instead of being granted some kind of rope to end it quickly, before their contrivances could arrive at any moment's respite and encase all that would be had, and left alone:

'I see that there's a fire started, in the distance, one that's been producing gas ever since.'

'Think you'll find it there? I think I know what you've been trying to look for, all this time we suspected you a traitorous creature or some hopeless thing poignant that would betoken us stolen, then delivered out of life, but here you are with us to such an end's decay, that you would find us relaxing nonetheless, thinking of you as a dear brother, of whom we would count none other, such's the cast of the dice. I say.'

'And yet, there are still people out there left and allowed to suffer in such ways that I am left and allow to take breath, whenever pleases me still, while taking jabs at their likes.'

'Nonsense, you would not hurt a fly, nor would you cast them away, as the smell, is, is to.'

Their voices were cut short; but the atomic pollution was not, it seeped unevenly after that and even appeared to be producing something their bold heads, the tall ones weren't incapable of distinguishing just yet from what they were producing and for a good reason at that. It was an observation, a prolonged one as if by satellites, but neither one was true, yet in turn, they were wretched, two of them, conjoined, like gods. Beyond them, twins even by the looks of it, connected to a point where there could be no possible explanation but them, them being responsible for the evil that now scourged in the world as well. They both formed, although connected, two crucifixes made out of two elongated 'flat-earth' oblongs that were intersected, although one of them was entirely cast in umbrage, as if he were a black hole instead, oozing with dark, outlined even in space by some power that made it, somehow, distinguishable, even from the void they had both been drawn out of. Although it would be unfair to say, that there four oblongs since there were only three, as the horizontally portrayed, belonging to the dark-holed one, whose

wretchedness, along the way, had been fully absorbed by that flat- red thing, rimmed and trimmed with some yellowish-green gelatin that smoldered even in sight. Two pseudo faces stood, one too dark to see, but the other, just as red, contorted and connectedly grown, like a fluid-filled upper half of a cranium, made alike to a tribalistic mask, with only two ugly green blobs for eyes, beneath which broken, as if shattered even between the two intersecting oblongs, the main ones belonging to it, these red planets covered with green pus, stood a rotten hole, filled with bones, curdles red, and white steam-hardened then grown like foam or pudgy cream instead. And its dark void of a brother rested conjoined on its left rounded 'wing', being constantly fed that steam, or ashen tray, the bones and the other formations inside this open vault, this broken safe, despite never disappearing forever, while being eternally drawn inside. They were tall and almost looked like cocoons, with sarcophagi humanoid screamingly malnourished heads. Constantly in pray, in dire attempt to draw away whatever they could, from out their minds before they could open the rift through space and time and take leave whenever pleasing:

A note followed in the halls, being adorned around a molting hand that fell apart, with every constant moment spraying a candle-wax's worth of spool. A wretched little thing he was, with two faces, cut, dry-, it wet itself with some of the rust that drooped on top his head, and almost soothed itself to sleep as if readied to die.

'A note, a note, it's been brought from somewhere in the distance, a telegram from above! For someone called Loaf.'

'Would that simply be me?'

'Is there another Loaf around?'

'I would argue that indeed there is, not that there's still but sublime, a reason not to have its head taken out but I've seen it.'

It, not him, the other loaf, of many hands and elongated swoons that came together just plain there, it would've made no difference for either one of them, but they knew where he hid. A colony does keep track of another, and that beast, as thoroughly beaten on the head, saw-n-foot, that came hand in hand, without a brother to be strung, without connections, yet he wrung.

'Soon they will waken themselves from the stasis, and what solemn thing will it be. To have it cherished in arrogance, to have them still distraught and have their bodies walk, hand-in-hand without arms.'

But there was none to listen.

Note:

First, a safe area where to read it; he asked for as much, a door was presented afterwards, near them, an entry into the side of the wall. It was an unorthodox way of welding their way in, clumsily wearing each other out as they dreaded not a second more, no less than was needed, then the machines were welcome to take a hike, and went away.

'You will find a padded area, a bubble-growth in front of it, a wing-formation-cushion Ottoman, and the opposite to it, a tank's elongated rifle-shot. All of them plain to be gone by the time the bubble-grows then pops. It's standard procedure, you know?'

‘I’m aware of it now.’

Tits-tits would’ve followed, but there was something about the way they looked at her, daggers of rudeness being exchanged, unsheathed with smoldering rage.

Regarding one of the gardens.

Will be needed to make a return to one of them, then plant, plant, plant, plant, as many buds and seeds as you can wrap your hands around then wait; a great tree will come, and he will be plain, bearing jewels of Dina, taken out, then spread away, made to suffer, out her way. But she will by then have become corporeal to such a level that she could be thrown in the mix and suffer. What you must do soon enough and after is, make her, freeze the wine, put her back, piece by piece, limb for limb, until she’s made again, then eaten, as out of a cone, then endure, the pain of her trying to escape, until she will have finally become vapors inside your gutted train. It has to be done, it has to be done, it has to be done for, and lived through, otherwise, suffered.

It went into detail as to attest to the shortest, most insignificant of structural changes that had been made to seem as if there was a reason for them drawing in. The Garden had been spoiled, dirtied. Made irreparable, wheround the many pots whose on-lain, by and near each one of them’s sightless wonders, hid the little headers, that had been deactivated and ensured as to remain so, during their disablement, completely aware to their surroundings, recording as much as nothing, or at the very least nothing other than the passive insects whom were just as disabled as they were, albeit at a functionally deficient, yet organic level, as opposed to the latent alternative. Since all of their energy had been completely diverted onto their ocular-probes. Whose mere alleviation of ‘stress’, expressed as some toxic fumes slowly began tearing apart the garden’s lower sustaining beams, pillars and various other metal endocrinal extremities, whereunto one was thrust, the man wearing a disguise had stumbled on hinge legs, trying to sabotage the already ruined system, incapable of knowing or discerning whether or not what he was doing was wrong. ‘Some auxiliary gauges are broken.’ Among other kincknittery of low or no importance whatsoever; there was some uneasiness that was brooding in the air. Ever since the garden fell on top the other, slowly being lowered down as if by the much beloved arms of a crane, cranked up with all the power; until it fell through the ceiling, the eight floor’s front side- where the room was located, placed in a cup of a curve, where a few statues had long adorned the front-shed before the fall. It was a nuisance but one that was accepted as needed. A wrathfulness followed soon after, especially since it descended through the reprimand; light had been shot out. A riot, it was a riot that destroyed the garden.

Led by none other than an eyeless, but Cyclops in countenance, and bodily functions, with a few arms but without legs:

‘March on, march on and destroy everything in your sight and everything you can. Inflict as much damage and abuse as you can, and don’t forget that they will forget everything as soon as they wake up, so make sure you knock them unconscious if you can.’

Borshc began running with one of his power hammer, breaking through one of the garden apartments. It was midnight and the couple was sleeping. Disturbed, he leaped on top their beds, forcing them awake, while pointing, pointing, hammer lowered, down:

‘I am going to smash your dumb whore’s mouth split open, fucker!’

But the man was just as shocked as she was, especially since Borsch took a head start in testing his strength, hitting the bell as it shot back against the wall, well-received, dead.

‘You killed her! You killed my wife!’

‘A perfunctory check had to be made.’

‘What does the analysis say?’

Her head had been puffed out by smoke-smoke, smoky, flat. Her tender breasts were too flat for her to be allowed the respite of being allowed living for long, it was a beauty of which gauge could plant. The bomb-device hidden inside of them; all mighty and deformed, a history of paranoia and obsession with her, as well as toying out, through the Garden’s ‘loins’.

Ten days earlier, before the massacre of a single person.

‘Tits-Tits, check-in, now, woman!’

‘I am, give me a moment, I need to brush my hair, like us, ‘humanoid-females’’ do.’

She was infested, possessed, poisoned and all the rest, all of those things that would bring a woman, a female-wretch to a supreme-dreadful inquiry of destructions alleged then made plain for every single man to see or uncover it either way.

That woman was nowhere to be seen, which was senseless if one fenced with the thought and nothing more, the impression that was being lend onto him, that he was still alone there being completely befuddled. Since the note-keeping panel was impossible to decipher upon the point where it simply hit some diminishing returns that made the entire thing unreadable, that is to say, the entire panel was something of a noose, what’s it become. And there was only enough space for one single throat to be put inside of, no more and no less than it was required, to whose benevolence was something hardly to be excused from one point to another, whenever needed or to ask whether or not there was some brotherly embrace, left here or there, nearing as one would digest them. The lot to which they belonged, the men that appeared, wore themselves ever-so-severely as to push it, push it to the point of everything being unacceptable, viciously so.

One of the wretched birds of paradise had accompanied them along the rue’ of soundless morgues, that were on-lain in the distance. It wriggled in a most incessant manner, its ‘feathers’-fat, dangling around but as fat as tunnels, long-exposed as well, as to lend enough space for someone to climb in if they wanted to do so. Whereas the chest, a rotated torso-human like that held, many centipede-like wriggling tubes that threw themselves all over, back and forth and then. A lunging head on both ends, adding to a bulk that pushed on and off every few meter or so, then forced itself back into it, trying to snuff out a single bolt.

It drew nearer and nearer then came to a stop.

‘I remember you, giant one, that’s come from the broken apart lands, indeed I do!’

‘It’s not going to be an easy thing, you know?’

A memory –inscrutable:

‘It’s not going to be an easy thing, trying to put this back together, right? You understand that, right? I’m trying to help you here, so, how about you simply make it easier onto yourself, and.

Try pulling yourself out of it, since the lower piece is fused, practically to your lower body and lowering it means, you know, it means that so will the other side of your body once it turns around and hits in full throttle!’

‘Then try getting it right the first time, I don’t like it when I’m being messed with and you know that!’

It’s all obscure past a point. Harder to see than anything, but it’s not obscured by mist. Large ovals of gray, beads all put together, coming together than falling apart as soon as someone’s passed through, already gone. And there’s as little to do with as they’ve felt around, thinking themselves untouchable, pure and almost ill-disabled.

Globe of Eye

Some carbon fillings made most if not all its bulk. They moved out of his peripheral, then came back to him in short motions of leap-like bull-frog gauges. A door got slammed upon, hitting the side of the wall, shaking of some of the collected coins he held on top the wooden rafts, the airless sea being moved at last while some of the gas that made the room prior to it being opened then inscrutably started popping with two or three consecutive puffs that were forgotten soon after seeing the length of the fingers that curled around the knob, the handle, the lock, the frame of the door, as well as its outline, which had been only formed, eerily so, for a few moments, before completely vanishing altogether.

‘There’s something in there; they’re hiding it behind closed pads. Would you happen to know where the key is?’

The man, the man that entered, the man, the man was, something else. Unlike jittery bolts that appeared to clearly be there, not inside of him, but instead of his joints, instead of his ankles, between his forearms and arms, like bubbles, or transparent balloons inside of which long iron bolts kept rotating inside of, yet they didn’t fall off. Neither his limbs nor the screws; well-enough, they appeared to have four great eyes where the screwdrivers would normally be inserted in. But most importantly, he had been bled out. His sockets were empty. But mouth projected in the front, in an oyster-fan like manner-of wild gizmos and devices, forming an arch, forming a ‘platform’ that was chitinous on the top, but clearly elongatedly filled with wires and other kinds of unnatural things, long talon bearing, chalk-scratchers, like a trunk-bore front with this arc, this semi-circle in the front that he could barely keep from falling off his face and the side of his bodily-strange yet confusedly-inducing tumoresque spores he appeared to produce with the help of it – organ, that pumped out of his back, a livid-backpack that kept pumping and growing. Other than that, he was normally dressed, casually even, for an evening night. With the exception of the patterns that were clearly wrapped around most of the sides of his body, large antlers-veins of lines that held, every few centimeters distant from one another – doors with faces on them for knockers and appendages on every side that extended as they were solid, with smaller heads coming out of them that were akin to glass-made light shards-holding light bulbs. One of his hands fell off and a metal coil drew out of him. AN imperfect

coil, flat at its end; with words embed on the flat surface, out of which, as they were depressed enough for blood or some stranger liquid to fall off, there was definitely no way to tell whether or not it had been contaminated at all, or who was in charge of this ugly, disgustingly deformed thing behind it, since they, the wretched men that were hiding in the back, the tall, anchor-tall on top the ships of cement that formed this chaotic place, this maze but not a maze, this hedge of hills but no mounts could be see, a sea of sparrow storms of lightning being struck atop the mountain home of verdure cast away by winds of sea-way chants forgotten as the sounds of the call-back grunts were left and allowed no longer for interpretation to be had, in time, and wretchedness aligned to the bolted gut contortionists in the images that would soon enough be revealed, on the walls, carved like statues, of whose lackluster appeal could belong to no other kind of imagery than that of maligned sacrifice, a warning, a sign, something of the wretchedly benign, left there to spare and drive away only those who'd fear the magnanimous, and the fool, the peaceful respite carried in by being incapable of feeling the warmth mankind was ill to be known of carrying with itself, being now projected against some globe of evil- set in waiting overdue. Soon benign, they were no longer screws but revealed upon sight obscure. Worms maligned, that wriggled within, that had crawled and stolen, the sight, and taken them for tokens, left forever blindingly in charge and waste. Whoever were the men in any case?

See-through pillars filled with bubbles; but not a single drop of liquid-water in; they ventured through the ticket, and out of the few rows, some corporeal people came out of the pillars; barely visible, barely makeable out of the companion frames they brought out alongside them.

‘Whether or not they can be distinguished freely by eye alone, I would not put all my trust in a simpleton’s plastic container of a bottled peck; yours is ruined and there are people out there missing one as well because of you!’

Ringer approached, apprehended by the lack of interest she disdained to show.

‘I’ve been trying to get to you for a while now, please call me back.’

Four am:

‘Hey there, I keep trying to reach you but I’m almost always out of luck and I don’t know what’s going on so I’m about to hit you within the hour, don’t call back!’

Four fifteen am:

‘On second thought, I changed my mind, please answer me, I really need you, or else, I’m going to violently rape you, when I catch you, you’re dead, you hear? Dumb fucking bimbo, I love you, please, please, please answer me, I seriously need to hear from you!’

A missile:

‘I’ve thermo located you somewhere within the fifth Avenue and the Fourth of one, on the back street, messing with some of the dogs I keep trying to beat; I’ll ensure you don’t make it out alive unless you call me back this second, babe!’

Too handsome to have charges pressed against him.

‘Knock knock on the door, I’ve delivered something to you off the floor. You’ll find a note with a target on it, babe. I think It’ll shoot your face off the other side of the gulf when your panties get plowed and moist drags itself on my face, baby!’

Answer me, fucking answer me you fucking dumb-cunt! I need you to answer me immediately, you fucking nigger with tits!’

A lunatic, it’s all that he was, an unapologetic fucked-up in the head lunatic with barely any cocked eye left for him to spare around, and with a wig by the brow, taken for a fool with. A giant moon-formed scythe of meaty mass impaled on a pillar made out of stacked stones, many of whom were partially chiseled by the looks of it, with eggshell crags of stone throwing themselves against it; with whips of flour bodied servants of the bleed bowing at it constantly. He had been one of them before breaking free of the fallen meaty-moon’s control. It had taken a long, long time to see it for what it was; unlike the real moon, it had been only a space creature entirely driven by pain for pain alone kept it alive, and pain alone allowed for it to regenerate from nothingness unless prevented from self-harm; an immortal that fell one day and remained in this spot for years, yearning for release; a red banana, spoil of meat.’

‘Shall we begin this dance again, my dear?’

Shall you come outside and pay for fear?’

He left a message, this time close. Every light in the neighborhood shone down before fading, not a single soul throttled, but lest of crown and jest of whore; there would be a bitch no more!

Most lousy a truncheon!’

A shaking house

‘There goes the last apartment, you crude defiled insignificant little pest!’

A bloated body-bag thick bowling pin, body-beam, with a humanoid moutish thing bearing a small puckery vortex inside of it that were its eye; a giant appendage like backward pointing mantis blade was its horn; slimy skin kept falling on the floor. Almost a specter of a figure as it were, this creature was responsible for all the deaths inside the motel, and it showed little to no regard for what it has done. Let alone that, as it would be cruel otherwise, there was no simple way to get rid of it now, since it had tasted blood again. A bloated uneven leech, an elongated pear, a cartilage of tawny, bringing not as much joy as it would bring a tear to everyone’s withheld, travesty, to no end!’

‘Listen, listen, will you please, you and the other man are the last two that live. Unfortunately for you, I may not leave until I’m done tearing you apart.’

It twisted and flung its blade, spun around but missed again!’

‘Damn you, villainous beast! Will you simply just stop?’

‘Upon one condition, nothing more; you choose to die, and therefore gone, I shall be to folly!’

‘What of the other man?’

‘I shall find the means to cause some accident, no matter the cause, he shall be the one to fall last!’

‘I seek some kind of perdition, if must. I should not be met by such unfairness, for my cause is just!’

‘And what would one like you loathe to hear?’

‘Not as much as but no man would do, year a promise to endear, a sole night!’

‘And of the incompetence of that which had been brought?’

‘I shall mention it to no one!’”

Though the devil had already slipped, hasn’t he? Dumb buffoon you are, you’re showing too much emotion and if I will it, I will eventually get the better of you, you’ll see it now!’

‘Has something been spoken?’

‘Not unprovoked, yet there’s a time I would abhor to look around, at the, at the...’

He took a moment, such reprieve. So many candle-like shapes, they proved to be. Dangerous, too dangerous, a marvel lasted of how there’s such, never been a fire to begin with, alas, it’s been months since they were first lighted; and still as how one would find himself delighted into looking into them again, this was something he could not hold dearly, yet prevailed in it.

Wretched aberration, room twenty second, wretched god; it rotted but grew and came into the world and there it stood at last. Only one of its marvelous head-pieces survived, whereas the others had been smothered with so much strength that one could just forget the pain they went trying to pull them back to life during the wail in which not a soul would find it soothing as to listen what was going on. A strange room but fairly plump, there was nothing out of the ordinary about it, not that it mattered, yet there was something which was flung. Fifteen minutes off the chain, fifteen minutes, there remained. And a strange man’s jest had only left some legless trap in one of the linoleum beds, inside of which no matter the cost, no matter the travail, there was but a single bother, that was, his full growth was impeded by a car. It’s been driven through one of the walls, in some ancient attempts, the driver was all bones, to suicide, must’ve been years at the very least. But this beast already had two legs, and some large fifteen meters thick, three of them, coming out of where a humanoid shoulder would be placed, though armless on that side, fleshy bars that granted its survival immobility for the time-being. Many heads dead, all of them blown with tar and crudely painted in some insulin-straw, burnt as if on a field, some speary flaccid things- like flag-poles beings carried as they allowed for some accommodation for the split in many hairs, broom-like –what remained, of his other arm to attempt re-growth after being splintered in so many fragments; it receded and laughed. There was no hope killing it, not would there be an attempt at all.

An echo would return once more, for what was worth and therefore come and gone, until the likens of a similar day, to the likens of each passing reign:

‘Beneath this house there lay hundreds of dead lynched niggers of the most butchered kinds! We’ve ensured that their swollen taken out globules of puffy eyes were cleanly disposed of, as was what has

remained of them shall no longer trouble the lands. As these filthy sub-human animals, these nigger-beings are only to be hold accountable once in their eternal damned refugary of niggerishness where they're to rot for just as long as they've been lynched, by rope of steel and cast along a downward spiral where the burning pyres and the smoke, the un-resting blasphemous globes and what remains of them shall only be cast into that anciently gotten, rotten putrid abode of teeth where they're to be impaled and felt of ill; thrown all around, and lay to seethe, knowingly aware that they have always been incapable of making it past the heap their in-humanity fated them to be delivered onto the plains of.'

For wretched are the niggers now; lain across the plains beneath the ground, among similar things of kin and ilk. More deformed, leprous and abhorrent and more so than any other beast that may have ever tried inheriting the plains of the Earth, wretches that clung upon each other's bodies whose only hope was only to grasp on one another, drag, climb and hike upon something of the likes. But never able to properly endure, never capable of turning the tables around, straight into the obscure; it would take a long, long while until that could happen again. And for some reason or another, there it was. A reason to behold:

'Grains of sand, and madly were they wrung out of a stone of atonement I would've wished cast upon them to bring such ruin as anyone would have it chiseled into a wretched symbol of my name; kindled with such an eerie sight, frightened by a name that would have each breath taken for what's it worth, taken in front of the light and sworn to worship! I call upon you as a demagogue or host; I provoke such contemplation as one would have it at his worst!

Cast such as might alone could will it as to be allowed continuation if such's the case!'

'But what's down there?'

Asked a man with a crackle of a laughter; a crackling wonder that would spill no ill; mischievous in such appeal, as to forget himself for a moment before behind joined by other men that were just as curious as he was. Not for some reason, not for another. Fifty or so men came around and stood around each other, dirty swivel in hand, and rusty spade; many more, there as well, but all singing in unfashionable ways. All too obscure and hidden, like niggers trying to run away from an orchard they stole chicken from, criminals running along the way.

Thermal waters have little say in what's to come, and just as little, little more now; nor to comb what is to say, that will do but more along the way than any single puffer of spill! Pleasurable as it might be, there needs to be a stop. Someone needs to put a stop to this addiction before it brought out the worst in man and the worst of all around!

'Think pity's a bath soap one can't do without if such's the day.'

'I am of a loft not to ask.'

'What has countenance done so far?'

'Naught that wouldn't do as fair!'

'Fair? Fair, you wretch, you wouldn't know fair if chanced upon your luck and brow, you little petty!'
Knock.

‘My dear man, but you’ve got me at unawares. Your intrusion has only been remarked solely on the basis of.’

‘I am weary of company, leave with utmost immediacy!’

A towering stalagmite-shaped throat held a pseudo-appendaged fleshy downward-pointing beak attached to a small almost humanoid torso that bore a single elephant fat club of a foot; one winged by two almost split-razors held together by worming things that were lodged into both of them; drooping, but nigh-rotten butterfly- esque in appearance. It cast upon them a most terrible cry that echoed immediately throughout the damp halls; without ever-so slightly bothering itself with the lower men and the beaten on the head savages that tried worshipping them, creating their sullen idol out of whatever they could get their hands on, nearing the dark arrival of light that was being brought in from outside.

‘A rotten torch, don’t bring it nearer, for you shall set our dark altar on fire before we get a chance to raise it forth!’

‘You leprous thing, don’t bother trying to push me away or delay my stay, with this holy thing of light, that’s been brought onto me by some of the benefactors I’m still inclined to keep the whereabouts unknown to yee, since you, of untrustworthy lot, are something I would never entrench my mind to have begotten still, to have them of a minded ill! I ask for no approval and do what I must!’

‘If you continue on this path alone, know that there shall be now way to return to the days we could hold each other’s eye to eye, cross-inclined, or hear voice that might endure the passing of time! You wretched, spoiled, selfish, nut! You shall bring only pain and suffering upon us all unless you’re to repent and cast that flame away! The symbol of your treachery shall pale when the winds shall blow!’

‘And if they do then I shall have another, then another, until the flame is to become my brother.’

But the man simply stepped in front of him and blew the flame with a breath.

‘From this point on, you shall only use these stones of light, no more flames and no more warmth, there’s a lot of graven gas-release chambers from beneath and if you play too much with it.’

‘I am no stranger to the danger bringing explosives down the mines. But, I’m still equipped with many, as you can verily see now!’

‘Madman, you brought tnt in our sacred place?’

‘Of course I did, I do not dare come unprepared!’

He wore himself, as the stones revealed the silky-after slither of a snake. But he himself wore himself, of petty prattle, such despair.

‘We have piled up our dead on top of one of the cranes, will you see to it that the wretch is bathed?’

‘I shall!’

With which they had invited him to come thus forth. Walking crudely, although it was a mightily cruel thing to hope he would see again, blinded by the consternation that followed after, incapable and unable

to appease what treachery had been passed through and over, spill of blood. Unruly and there, clad of clamour to eat from the animals, they leaped on top the crude-platform on top of which the crane lowered the pool beast hooligan. A fatter morsel of meat there couldn't have been. A seal-elephant mass in fat, almost eyeless but filled with tails that attached themselves to it, elongated fish-parasites, who had already started the devouring, mocking awry with beaks that stuck out from inside of it like hooks, but that revealed no viscera nor any blood. They drank it all, replacing it with water and that could be seen now, dripping away by the solace of taps that were used by men who were agape. Thirst was something they had to deal with. But, lo, did they drive away like a stole of cherubs when seeing all the dynamite Fellon carried.

'Blasted damn you be by your God, Fellon, you wretch, you're going to topple this whole place down with that charge!'

'I know I will, but that's something I cannot help, unruly so, truly you must know the reason behind it, so!'

'We won't kill you, dumb fool!'

But he didn't promise to return the favour! It was far too dangerous, but off to pass.

Sixth

Somewhere beneath the Isles, a system of rails appeared to have drawn forth out of its hiding, latching on the pillars as the ones that were being fed started pulsating their fleshy globy hearts, forming a dark constellation while the frame of elongating pillars that had been spearing the Isle, holding it above the sea-level while steam started amassing in its place, the water that had reached the “shore-line” connecting it now dissipated entirely from end to end; a dark constellation that pulsated as this maw of a raised falchion allowed for the victims to be lowered in. No train-calamity had been prepared, yet the rails served another purpose. For out of them, as it was no iron that made their constitutional entirety, but a manifold of many, unnaturally hard to break, impossibly-repelled tiny tainted atoms that started forming strange foamy prisons they were put in. Trapped, but kept in slumber, kept alive. Perhaps for years, perhaps for eternities or beyond it, incapable of fully being allowed to draw breath once again, now that they were connected to the tubes. One of the greater machine, after having phased through the solid material began pouring pure-rubber-like liquefaction made out of many connectors that searched for flaws, for un-airtight, molecule-atom sized hole they could push through, subsequently filling them; grabbing a hold of the men while they were being dragged down. This great machine was but a spherical-object implanted into a house-like horizontally building, hellish-pounded structure with clasper bands enveloping it that formed ridges, giving it the impression of spine, yet, it only looked like some machine outside, for inside, it was fleshy, a living being that hid inside its tomb, tricking other-living passer-by's that it was but a preservation fridge-with a giant mold-battery, holding the cocoons alive, while in reality, they died the moment they made contact with it. Inside the dead ‘chambers’, it began spreading it growing fetusi-startlingly in growth beings. As soon as one implanting procedure was done, the dangling whiplash that followed soon after cast its many sons and daughters through the bowels of the earth, that had long been cured of dirt, empty atom-mud had it become, allowing endless flight after. In the distance there laid a small citadel where a man by the name of Hector, who'd been fed upon yet survived appeared to have awoken inside of; which from the outside, albeit missed, and struck-mid-flight in refractory levitation by curving invisibly-undulating UV-light beam rays to its own accord, could be seen as some ugly profile viewed on one side almost humanoid head, with a comical face, eyeless of course since the similarity was superficial, but long nosed, without bulbs and more of an uglier triangular shaped that united with the mouth, a chinless repulsive thing that appeared to be chitinous in its entirety, with an extremely rounded forehead that over-passed the downward, drooping, pointing chin that appeared like a small bump, might've been only partially aligned if there was an eye, most of this mass would've ended behind it by all means, otherwise, the entire-shape cluster above it gave the impression of a giant, extremely wide spear that had been cracked in half, or a beak that connected itself to this almost perfectly long-squarish knife of a lip, which had a big of a jerky sag behind and below it, where it gradually descended, backwardly as well, into the “chin”-lump. Above the forehead, that had been separated from the “nose” by a pseudo hook-depression, while it was the size of a ball and it was protruding forward despite its awkward angle, it didn't prevent ‘this’ if it was a ‘this’ from happening, since there was a crater-depression that gave it a weird crust-appearance at the top, angling inwardly and behind at this unnaturally sharp a tilted point, but, this crust, on the opposite end, what could be referred to as both the back and the top of a man's head, drew like a pudding a mound, reasonably high, that bore an almost long-thin mushroom-growth on top of, like some fleshy thing or some cloud, but more of a button than anything else, or a pseudo pill-elliptical tiny disk. The body of this citadel was not complex, for it one

was to stare, for a prolonged period of time at it, he would connect the 'forehead' formation, taking it for the backside of this strange structure, to the entirety downward-tilted at an angle, body of a steam-locomotive behemoth that stuck out as if trying to burst or escape from inside of it. Directly opposite to the forehead was a large, elongated, fat nigh-zeppelin-like bulb-ish of an oblong, from beneath of there being the strange locomotive-blade usually found beneath it. Like some submarine-growth with an underside-pincer-clasping metal protector, which drew backwards into a large-fat, down-drooping "leg" without a foot at its end, but fat, tidy, an incomplete devoid-of-pincers awkwardly –seemingly an incomplete tube instead. In front of it, or in the middle-region of the being there being the last recognizable piece of a growth, that drew the entirety of the being as a second pudding-mound, descending into a small fleshy thin-finger with a few ridges-tape worm dangling a hose thing. Alas, most of it was made of an unrecognizable substance that was found nowhere near the Earth, yet found itself here, standing, eerily in a most primitive or the worst conditions to've have found yourself in, having another primitive stored inside of.

'Come in, you've been waited for, Hector!'

'Goodness me, I think I'll be late for the passing.'

'Think you'll have to buy another thicket then, it doesn't bode well letting them wait.'

'I truly think so, isn't that quaint?'

'Where's the sun stroke coming from, is what you're asking for?'

'No.'

Four more Hectors came out of a hut. It was a modern creation with a few pumping-wheels by its side, born-inside them tendon-shape tinier bulbs appeared to form large balloon-beam-worn formations that leaped out in sight by the hundreds. Food was being stored and constantly ejected out of them; lowered, slowly-like some ugly sand-bags that started munching on one another's backs and insides of while they pushed down, lowering meter by meter until some men opened-cut fruit sliced, then out of their rhombus-slices, which were filled with peculiar angular spine-spikes, all bearing syringe-holes inside of, they started drawing in the food-particles inside of them by wind-throttle.

'I believe this bridge's been built fifty years ago by hyenas that would have my gut if they knew I spent most of my time spitting graffiti-dirt of raw-sienna honey-blight wherever I could find a place to have my foot imprinted on top off. Not to get too violent now, for I know that look in your eyes and what it entails. What's the matter? Have you not seen men without face, again?'

'Long before.'

Hector approached the man with little in mind or minded of his safety as he chose not to do something that would have him fall before him with his weakened knees found twisted in a coil-formation out of which, oatmeal baths would allow pigs to eat out of and run in circles after that out of the jolting joviality of joy that was being propagated by them in an attempt to spread this joviality of never-spoken of, tender, loathsome, large spiraling, nigh-corkscrew but web-orbed spun –chiseled in these drooping pincer-at-their-ends-bearing-in-the-hundreds-like-blooming-flowers, fat covetous frames of the width of large cars

seen side-ways, living Curators that were their masters; were repelled by. For the pigs-beings, they were but giant flat-blobs of meat sprouting out of the sides of men as ticks, that were come in the hundreds as well, leaping around whenever they could pull themselves, only to spit on the face of the poor lad, who was desperate to hear about.

‘It’s the side of the Ark, the Armistice began somewhere, sometime, five years ago, the first years of rejection following the battle of the Numb!’

Many people had died in it, and they considered flinging themselves into one of the many nigh-empty holes that awaited them to be cast in and be en-wrapped in foil that would cut them, piece by piece.

There had been secrets whose unreceived glamour had crusted some of the left-over greater animals, many now swaying back and forth, armed to their teeth and pointing, incisor-thrust behind and plenty-rottenly unkind there being on the plain, somewhere around twenty or sixty of them, all trying to get a word in:

‘He’s been brought here to be cut, was he not let known?’

‘Shh, he’s cradling a nuisance bobbling with ardor flowing, we’ve been giving him, aloof, plenty to’ve stumped a harder groom, that of a twicer-sized his fat and blob-liter’ yet he’s still walking, somehow, bothersome titter!’

‘Knock him down then, certainly he won’t remember if done, performed, most finely in this state as well as everything that has been said since this point-making and therefore standing, wilt it seethe be-stilled?’

‘Nothing we can do by force, I’m afraid. Unfortunately, he will come no sooner, or come to falter if he’s top be fed, at least you shall not find me willingly denying that he’s a sturdy runt, and brought about and made to crawl when we will have it turned on him and empty cradle, filled with rust, it’s only one of the many we’ve brought to him.’

The tent was filled with most strange-a-form. All trying to gnaw at him by means not even he understood, nor would he attempt to open an eye, since the others tried, little by little, most putrier-benigned.

A strange furloined cat- with a few more coats whose lower-back appeared to draw in a manta-sea-ray with a stinger carpet of a spread bodily-crawling filled with pucker-legs flat, broach of skin. Skimming along on empty feeler it crawled upon. Rolling over, two anchors of bone-formation that swam beneath the ground with large, almost deep-sea-fish-lighter lamps of iron hooks that were the only things that could be made out of them, as their bodies were hid still beneath the earth, kept vibrating as they started prinking the mounds that were formed around them. Large and long, of iron and thunder-superficially yet comically shaped, with sparks coming out of their ends that constantly punished the “feline” beast with the head of a man put inside of, grown out of her chest, which spread with many arms that sprung out in order to stop his own advancement. Those of the lot, who were much braver, or at least from what could be seen, came much closer to him, bringing him the puckers.

‘Have you picked them from yur seeded lot?’

‘We’ve gone cotton-picking with the niggers all summer long, there’s finery and there’s this.’

‘Certainly there’s one- a-miss!’

‘Lest it be-known to you, otherwise.’

A complete and total summer passes by unnoticed by them as if they quickened the pace at which they were observing where all time sh’d gone. In a wink, brick of sad.

Wakened by a rain, the sight it was.

No one was left, saddening as it is to accept, with all accolades finely given to those that had given their lives to it, ruffians, albeit they may be, responsible for it.

‘Pale smirk of low-regard, who’s done it?’

But not a single response came forth, not a single one that would provoke such though-reminiscence of demonstration, the Gaul-truncheon had damned itself with wild-boar-filled with, kill-niggers elongations, all of which were pressed-forth, fumigating in swollen birth.

As one of the tallest, hardest of runts drew forth, none dared challenge him as she drew out of him, ripped apart around her legs which were two boxes with wheels on either side, from the ankles downward, her arms bent backward forming a giant circle. Leaping out of this thing she simply allowed for her head to release itself and grow to the proportions of floating, levitating above the middle of the encircling of her arms, which were united. Alas, the size was magnanimously, that of a Silo- or the base of a -towards the moon launching – Rocket. Whereas the size of her arms were unaccountable by any means; easily tainted, wretchedly distorted, painted, pained and bloated. Large-sun barrels- glowing with flaccid rods of melting-continuously rods, dripping on the floor and into each other’s homing coats –that were like carpets that rose every now and then forming stairway thick, squarish even, formations out of themselves, revealing one another as being the main culprits behind this emolliating rise.

‘You seek the one responsible for killing everything?’

I’m afraid you’ve slept for ages, and this place, this is not where it’s been. Not what it used to.

My dear lad, ignorant in bliss benigned; you’re but in another world, transported by the citadel during its own slumber, for eons that were not known.

Even the man, the wretched king-after, for he is no king, mind you, is not the same as he had been after. He’s been forced to give him life in such exchange, he’s been forced to this rebirth and shallow as his reign might be called, I shall not heed such need to exasperate you with what little mindfulness there is but lain.

Come, join me, and I shall but rip your throttle apart while you squirm!’

‘Wretch, whore of destitute worn and torn apart!’

Hector, of the surviving eight spat on the ground, immediately of a mind to rip her spoils in crown and dart!

An ugly-four men wide and long car, with a flung-around it, spinning as if gravitationally pulled or trapped inside its 'belt' lamp, standing near a large hill-shaped roof-top, connected to a large beamish-sky-shaped tower, unlike a pane, see-able as in a truly voracious flung horizon, many barrels adorning the street where they all were, on every entry, every exit, every single open door, many buildings akin to shoehorns but largely pinto at the top as if drinkable and cut. A crudely large marching-forth, machine with nice contraptions in the back that were all constantly spinning every barrel by elongating and placing them on top, near the area this rider put them in, there laying a single dark basin-pool filled with strange, riding-figures horse-humanoids whose 'hooves', 'arms' and 'legs' were all conjoined, coming together to form traps inside of which men had been and were constantly flung in, watched as they bled on the nicely cleaned floors, by Janitors that lay rotting, near the skyscraper doors.

Upon the trenches, backwardly he groaned while trying in its desperate attempt to put a dent into one of the solace of each runt, ruffian's end. No one around expect the God sent whose alarming nature against whom to have been held prolonged sight upon brought only the most unnervingly stricken down morose responses humbled men striding along-side the adjacent streets against which this unnatural creature had been postulated upon; had any visceral idea about what the reason behind his sudden apparition after having been dormant for almost eleven billion years, now, lain before them, as if he had never-ever come, uninvited, into their sullenly abhorred lives, propagated with the illness of cobble-rot, and empty brought to them, alarmed, swollenly tender-yet tenebrous rancid as he were, a giant stamp-barrel cylinder-of, legless, mass of a base that strode back and forward, that was his true- legs, drew into a thinning as it descended out of itself, metal-beam of a base that drew forward into an eagle's beak that was hunch-backed but forward, downward-pointing and drooping, like some stalactite, or some fat-rancid penguin strapped into a cuboid-prism, bent down, whose outward-pushing mass on top, this being his head, was, haired by a trail-tail of a hair-tail as well, not only animal-like but humanoid, yet connected to the spine-trail that erupted out its back, but was fatter, grew even much fattier, like some sea-ray-part-slug, with the thickness, or in an appearance, after the rail, likened to a faceless shark- which, at its front-ward end, bore, and he was beyond and above the pointing down 'beak', a mass of fleshy 'drills' big, wide, twisted, almost fat-tipped and entirely cemented volcanoes. One main 'drill' protrusion, thick and long as a pointed-tipped tower that fell and now lay quasi-horizontally, but slightly more tilted as if it lay at a far-flung forward thrust edge, end of a cliff, that lay, inside a syringe-inflated balloon almost transparent sea-like pass-through, inside of which, this unnatural thing swam, connected by fleshy see-through tendons that could be seen as the sand-sack bearers, connected to the end of the 'tail' and more than half-way, beyond the 'mid-riff' of the spine, downward, slightly more beneath than one would be accustomed to, near this almost fat pillar on top of which a statue might be put on top of; the beakish thing being his one arm-appendage; spider-incisor like, the lower drills of cartilage that made its mouth, but still roundly-tipped-domed, more so-in length and the way they moved is how they displayed this eerily superficial semblance to the arachnid, whereas there lay, pointing somewhere between, or sprouting from this area between the beak and the main' fleshy drill, an almost horn-protrusion as well, more angular than the strange forest of elongated things that came out of it. But it moved like a blob, similarly, trying to get a point in, and out. Spitting as it painted the streets in some unnaturally disgusting and hard-to look at ooze.

A country without ends, held by the same hands that had ruined it, driving it completely into the groundless abode that lay beneath it, in the cast of a billion or so truncheons where they lay. Inside her bedchamber beneath the curtained light, resting upon the pillow case, had she wasted yet? The man watching over her wondered, since her beheaded her was only in part, and parted off her body, on the bed,

on the pillow, slightly spread, maliciously yet en-glassed, they shattered as the coil of winds announced the brothel of fire's mast that had but flimsily cast away a decadent bloated urn of rosy-dust upon the sightened hold, inside her swollen chambers. Eleven hundred of them, but only a servant to clean; over whom he had pursed the lips of, putting them together one by one, the mistress of the house, all of them, she had been and was.

'Must I speak to a corpse or will I be called to your sympathy's nerve, no longer provoked by this nuisance that it silence!'

A volatile cast-marrow, of bone-lard and guttural sorrow on the outskirts before this grotesque abomination that was her house; many towers, all but fornicated-ly twisted, inter-connected, by strange bridges, twists, wild hinges, all of whom were moving akin to wild mosaics.

All of the sudden she rose.

He froze.

A maiden swollen dead, deep-standing without her head, having criss-crossed the room several times, bleeding until the very swollen sound of her adjacent awakening spilled not a single, more drops of wine still hanging by her clingingly yet torn apart, finger, moved. As they had both finally met; with her voice audible from that side of the bed, twas left behind.

'I see that you've decided to join us, fine and fare well, I say to thee whom I have guarded for a few hundred years.'

A bulbic round-fat almost spiked by cones blot-of ends, metallic, yet drawn out of a coiled round angular bend that drew out of her emerged soon after – come to sigh. Only a single pair of four metal heads, similar but ripped off, drew again and again. Pained by it, a kiss was leant.

'You've aroused my curiosity, now, we are alone for your desire's downcast.'

Eighteen hundred forty six villagers, their children being four hundred seventy seven, twenty eight hundred cows, dogs, cats, snails, worm-dogs, earthworms and a Pterodactyl were forced to enter the room, all giant, the size of eighteen hundred meters by fourteen seventy eight, in height, headless, and provoked in pained alarm, they covered them in spittle, coated crimson, yet benigned. They had been tortured for hours, waiting for it to stop. Yet years passed, kept alive, every tendon, every molecule having been slightly, if so could it be called, cut off. Until pain arose, they butchered one another, the giants, and filled with entirety of the mansion with complete blood clod that solidified their corpses entirely into this mansion's body.

'As was said, before!'

The servant rose again.

'Morning, lady Unspoken Mirasms, have you slept well while I was gone hunting outside? Carving my way through this chaos you've entailed to drown each lot that we were cast upon since tender-yet tenebrous yonder twas no call of morning come, nor stronger knot, nor disembowel of empty lot to call out such's n it be a dart retreat?'

There was no answer.

Next time he left, there lay a promise he had been made aware by her sudden suction in one of the exposed greater canine-shaped holes, a pit on top of which the bed dwindled as to fall. A sudden flow-through would repeal the airs that were cast by winded furloined-tall.

A bridge now lowered: With a wont-tusk giant torso holding the left side of it fornicated by giant flat-fat thin creatures to whom it were attached, an ugly parted ways in-between mollusk-shaped a sphere that was thrown into the dark river, postulated as they were.

Bottlesnake

Born on the eleventh of May, fifteen sixteen, the fourth of the calendar, out of a fridge-tomb-shaped womb, with an inner womb-fetal head, that of an inner-cast mother, inside of which he was being fed the grubs she had been honing as a result of the feeding procedure, ten years before the incubation period which was approximatively fifty five years before the birth commenced. In a dark-painted by finger-scrawls room:

A painting of a Great four kings suture, made out of carve-ins as well. Two chandeliers of dust, formed by crawling cock-roach figures the size of men, all adding together, nasty-darting around, guarding her as she made her last stand against the putrefying remains that squirmed in place, adding to the strange pentagonal blob of a mound-bed she rested upon. An alarming rate of appendage for head men appeared, servants that delivered food-ratios collected from the most unnatural spots they could find them in, despite the scarcity left behind by the falling of the last trees that sustained humanity and their plethora of carnage-drive massacres that filled the sea with blood and swastika shaped head-shapes, in various representations with which they came accompanied with, some of the most outwardly courageous survivors.

Asterisk

Asterisk, asterisk, asterisks; last night's when they finally found the body lain on top of the river's edge, in an ambulance that had been hung by a rope by a nearer to the land-pole crusted on the shore's front, alongside it, a bridge having been curved frontward-into some fifty or twenty or some miles, running, longingly to the beneath it area that had forced its imprint on a drawl of sand carried along by the various amalgamations of temperature-fluctuations, of runny mist, rising on a constant notice while it happened, as a result of the thermal-gas pockets released upon the iron-mass's upraise, which must've come as a surprise, shockingly so, since the man that had been found cut-in-half, the same man that was found kilt, in the ambulance and now, only having fallen in front of them when this stumbling upon the corpse occurrence happened to, suffice to say, them, as, these mountain hikers, noticed and filed on a police rapport, noted that the same man that had been trapped or desperately attempted his in-avertedly denied of

- escape, who also had scrapped his fingernails, chipped off a pair of ten bloody pulps, had in his possession a phone frozen in his cold-dead hand, dialing for the same ambulance, whereas, despite not having finished the call, the other hand was but completely turned at such a weird angle, that, this predicament could only be resolved by the supposition of the man having have had his arm twisted behind his back by a forceful repeated-by-long-violent-intervals-of-pounding, which caused this weird bending to occur in the first place, to begin with, that may've been the cause of him having dialed for the ambulance in the first place, or attempted to do so in any case. But what kind of phone has a dialing number and the asterisk located in the same colloquial location? Strangely his blood started running short of a blood-pack that upon him being split in half, although devoid of it, bodily speaking, he, had, immediately pronounced upon the sight, an immediate release of about eight pints worth of a carafe of flat-quails of neon colored crimson that started crawling out of his body by means of ear-worming out with ringed bands of iron that spun so as to roll. A secret message had been acquired by one of the passers-by; by-means of extracting their own eyes through highly-boiled syringe-driven back and forth with a few-in-between thrust-like motions that were also responsible for the storage of already encapsulated bottlish-shaped information capsules whose alleged infallible ejection procedure ended up being a failure in itself, having not been catapulted prior to this reconessence, it was a given that they occupied a much-needed necessary for proper function - space for nothing: Their heads were barely put together on top the pillar of a body that thrust itself before them. Four, or eight of them in total, all sublime, peculiarly deformed, and added to the outer spine that grew out of their arms, restlessly legless, upon a barrel of meat they crawled with on the skinned plumes of the most unnaturally dark a restless crowd, cowed before them, of empty little specs and remnants of what used to be corpses of men. A bodily formation filled with outer-fiber that began fidgeting as tiny homunculi men started clasping and drawling with ooze, falling apart while this body shook. It ate one of the hikers and made its way before the small phone. Its waves had blasted through the many tall walls of alabaster that had once made the inner-thinness of the cave their hibernatory waves of flaccidly-pulsation of oozing serpentine-coiled saw-beings inside each belted brothel of lump-drowned foiled cones drew upon. Behind them, from where they came, part of the forest had been completely destroyed, to the very point of being filled, to its entirety, with canoe-shaped out of the grown slopes inside of which tinier Goliaths similar in appearance to them laid in slumber. A pariah of dead-fish between each of them, tenderly somber; a gaseous pair of clouds that appeared solid, drenched in the most uncannily hard-to-look at cranial mass there was-an expansion of many limbs that only craned back and forth as to peek at this stranger who was more so preoccupied with trying to pierce into this lowered out of the ambulance lower-half of the body. Now, with his mere aid, his mere presence of being caused the winds to cast away shones of gluttonous tormenting storm-shouts, echoing presently as the body-halves united, awkwardly, yet, stopped mid-way in this liquefaction that turned the ground into a bubble that was not a bubble, and was not spherical, for it had a funnel beneath it that lead fifteen miles away from the point it had been inserted in, through the ground, miles in, miles out, into the sea, where it formed a bubbling-filled with pouches of growth-rounded around their heads, almost cacti-tall, fumigating round with an x' laid on top of, in the same way a palm would lay, filled with air, made out of oxygen, see-through, nigh-invisible from the distance, where, all of the sudden, a flying organ, inside of, could be seen slowly descending at an uncouth speed. Yet this could not be seen by the great figure that resented this human that had been nigh-splattered in front of him with as much, or as near a violent outrage as there'd be our would be used by the unnatural but bastardly-encased fist of seething with steam that was coming out of the many holes, on either side that adorned it, greater fist that drew out of his, or their belly, above the skin-blood covered in barrel, which was then used to stomp the head of the poor man who had been

until that very point, now, presumed to be dead, but upon being slightly fused back together, he had momentarily regained the consciousness of, trying to vindicated this strange miasma of a confusion block of an eerily unnatural an engulfance of that nodded at his broth of a leg, an appendage, something that came off here and there, entering the wrong direction into his lower-ovulating woman-like a womb-formed almost tumor of a bubbling shield held by some ancient Spartan trying to shield himself from an array-storm of many arrows that were being allowed to rain upon him and his people who were incapable to fully, or had-had been, been, so, until; defend themselves, a deterrent as much to themselves, their own as to their enemies' as well, that observers, over the course of a long enough time that these Spartans were become their very shields, part of them having completely absorbed their bodies, as it was the case this moment, where, what had forced this sudden growth-of a tender, but hardened thing, was, the fact that his leg had been feeding itself on many of the blood-bags that were out in the open, left there, for him, alone, brought by some of the MPs –equipped or which had their Uzis on them, in his hand, pointing at this dire-wretch of a many-headed being caught in a most tenebrous session of pounding on poundage, which in turn drew attention away from the in-satiating hunger he felt that was not satisfied by his leg munching on the blood, despite being offered numerous alternatives that could've most easily led him to a prized break; right before the retaliation had a chance to begin. Well enough, while trying for this unnatural a thing that was taking a shot at him, he stopped.

Fish

Wales had been flooded by the storm, upon the light, upon the strongest of the wildest throngs where listless sung lay harpies-cast in stones of bleeding masts fore-joined, by empty quarrel. Of loftiness was there no spoken barrow, for it carried only those that fell. By chance or deepened by sole-refrain to cast away; a stance that could not be wished away, if ever-came it true to song:

'We're hanging still, but there's no telling when it'll stop.'

'What have you done, knuckle-head, who are they whom joined us?'

'A sea of lard; we have only brought the sturdiest, that's all.'

'Yet thou've seamlessly perchance, unaccounted what might still be chanced if let alone to their own doings.'

'Only that I would be cast in disrepair if I had listened to your order then.'

'Nonce, you're empty-minded? Fly and fling away thine ship, you're but to be cast in bloody-torn apart, a heap! I shall have none listen to your or such command; a wretch, perchance ignoble, incapable of, breathe through thine brethren's sully-must!'

They jointed each other's truly deep refrained to be, and chopped a head, and soon to be, was the ship bloodied, cast into a sea of crimson red. A captain was there, but he was made out of every single crewman's head, put together; emptily coming closer, farther away, no better. Of the drowned men that started drifting while their prudent approach had only come to add to their engulfment in the seas' thrust

of thrush that followed them during their waking's hour come to pass, whereas they could've been saved if allowed even a most preposterous momentary breath, cunning were the sea-shanties that shot harpoons after each one, picking off them what they could, a coin, a doubloon and even the tide twas wrapped around a childless loin, they stole everything, leaving them for days, strangled, upon peaks that only ships would cast themselves away into to drown with joyous death that would chant after. Braver men to pass and return for them when they no longer knew what to say or where to cast their eyes, averting from perilous, most treacherous rise, until no land agape, benighted but halvened, yet survivors that could not be seen, soon after, made their way into larger, grim-basins where, there, they ended suffocating, of sweet release none was heard or known since the welsh, as poor, as they had honed, each trial, had died, one by one, abated in their waste-thereafter, waiting for their called-in-brothers, they were abandoned, by those whom were a part-of, whom had fled, the standard, the toil and the tall, ugly wail, as the flags were ripped apart, as the trenches were of no more of a reasoned need to be dug, since all that there was to see, in the daylight of the sea, in the echo left behind by no sea-shanty, was but a plume, an empty moon, a strange monsoon, pillaged by empty, one by one, the distant boats, it didn't bode well that inside of them, there was none that could even be remotely recognized as ever to've been a man, instead, they abashed the ends of their faces, their legs and swam with their elongated tubes-that drew out of their chests and was how they hunted for the blue-coral-shaped honey droned inside their outer-lungs by these ugly fish-shaped brutish man-humanoid wasps-hornets in their backs whose bodies were giant comb-incisors- shots, syringe-distortions that had split men in halves, without legs but open-chests there lay with many arms, all human-appendaged at their ends, but closer to wide-hoses, flapping around, flaccid in wake and heads as wide as thick n' wide rhinoceros-coconuts, sized, sprouting forth, and open mouthed-round encircled, in the same way sun-discs would be.

It didn't take long for them to feed, as they waited, there, a beat of the heart whose gelatinous there-after made it much harder for them to repel the need to feed again and alarm the nearby-laying predators who awaited a sign of weakness so they could leap in their boat like fish would, emptying their traps, these traps they held in their guts that were spike-chained rounded, twistedly-contorted like nuclear-bombs.

Mother

The uncertainty was slowly beginning to get on everyone's nerves even before there had been a chance for either one of them to get a word on in, or to promulgate a simple loathsome irreverence of secularity to the loathsome of the cat, that half-been brought onto a plate yet uncut as it remained an oyster-like mystery as how's been made that way but halvened half-away through birth; its mother being grown into a few barrel's height stacked onto each other, fat n' filled and fed, and made watched over by many men who took on rounds to ensure the other half that came out, which took over the body of its mother; as they've become a strange bottle-shattered pierced in puffy hardened lump; barely recognisable, as this disease was only caused by an impossibility to stop the growth of the half-fetus; which, upon reaching a critical mass of growth began the ritual that would unlawfully unwrap it, then allow for it to step in its place. A strange torsion, root-wrapped in carcasses of its past-used, out of truce, growth-aghast and therefore cast to paint it, before they could rest, alas, a wretched little thing of little to no worth, of little anchor; that would grain a prattle forth; and therefore reign a little more. A disease mass of self-filling

snaky-after-skins, that's the way they explained it as they rested by it, warming their bodies during the winter as there was but little to no chance to do it by any other means, otherwise. A flagellant-organ, elongated by four interconnected fat rods that were spat out of pseudo bulbic mouthed heads, hardly erected and mostly like spores-but closer in shape to overly inflated bacteria, with their crawly-legs, allowed for the feeding session to begin. And they were not contaminated either, but danced around it, seeing how it's now become their mother, hence the men said:

'We need to forcefully impregnate more cats and hope for the disease to occur again, just so we could do with much many more mothers as we've seen and plenty more within the likens, ever-seen!'

Thence they started ever-going by the gong, hour-long, brought many cats and impregnated them themselves, as they worked upon bringing more mothers back to life. Bringing them into the blight of a winter's told erected hold that refused to grab onto their knotted heads, as their bodies were left behind and they emerged again out of themselves; now paler, dreadfully cold.

'Have I angered you mother?'

Angus Pratt-Bat could think of no other reason but the moister of the ceiling. It's been in a dire need of change, to make it so much, easier, to ease up the transition into a lair. And with that in mind, he's brought a single curtsy to the lady in the room, who looked estranged from the world she saw no reason to be in any longer, committing the wholly detrimental to her health act of ending her life by means of retribution. Armed with a small ice-pick, she challenged the men; right before she yelled:

A step back, nearer to the wall that faced the right side of the mass.

'I am to take the role of your mother and feed you instead!'

'You're not well equipped enough, broad, to feed a dozen of us, let alone battalions at that. But I wouldn't mind you trying nonetheless!'

'Perhaps I shall.'

But the mother-mass was angered, and in its furious raise, two feet straight into the air or more, spat a single shaft that immediately, upon impaling the wretched whore during her joust of lust, made her into a pile of spool-fat, gelatine-but raised akin to some kind of mound, that, was served upon her quickly yet en-trance as the men were, quick-to-be-met-by-some-kind-of-reprimand, sought after quill of plenty brought upon their plate offering made to her children, as to forget the woman ever existed in the first place. They had, and ate plenty, and were rather ill-elated. Conflagrated by the lot of heat that was brought upon eating out of her, and asked for feet; women's feet were a delight, but with her gone, none were there just yet to be watched or seen. And the closest town that had some women in was at the very least miles above and therefore it was rather wrong to hope there's be the slimmer of a chance. It angered many but they watched.

Later a giant head-like formation with four great frames that were all pointing in a cubical –set of four directions that bore hundreds of feet, long bulbic inflated bulbs that each connected to the room and began growing little bowling-pin shaped humanoids that moved by spinning and had hundred of faces and were governed by floating above them honey-hive bulbic-fleshy 'moon'-stone beings with single eyes and

crucifix formations, hundreds of them as well sticking out of them – they used as wings, whereas their semi-transparent nigh-invisible corkscrew ‘pig’ tails were connected to these uglily deformed skin-kebab ‘humanoids’ they dared bring forth so as to not only force the hand but to ordain an audience with the Mother; whose council was much treasured across many species who found her mightily wise, as wise as she was ancient in age and numb.

Day four’s been coming and going for a while now; mother is sleeping inside a giant skin-hook pointing at the ceiling for the time being, inside the Hook-chamber.

She was not to be disturbed unless something extreme happened. It would worsen every day by an inch dragged by the retort they entertained while she slept.

‘No one’s allowed in, chief’s orders!’

The murder had occurred in this very same house, without any witness being ever-longed for allowed to enter or make any muttering of any worthy-lesser cleave of slitter, better still, would it matter less to few, or more so endear a trifle more than a smoke being taken care of while sinew, sinew was something of little ignorance or little more than some. Hmm, no one wanted to come into the smoke, to approach, of make a fuss out of it. Subtle yet finely walking:

The three elongated lords had arrived; one being bodied by two floating cysted fleshy connected stones that gave the impression of a single down-pointed beak that oozed like some sort of heart. On top of which, an oyster-shell growth grown out of the upper, wider end of this beak-cone; mouthed off-side, eyeless but filled with many lumps on top-blob-fish but an old-humanoid in appearance grown-akin to; as. The second one almost like an ostrich-man without the bird neck, but the torso being fat-formed into a scarab-canon worm, winged as well, bearing a tiny tower of ‘melted-on-top-of-one-another-candles’ shaped peculiar faces with many unnaturally deformed features grown on top one another as well. Whereas the third one was an almost floating-anchor with a few powdery fleshy kegs grown in the back forming a backward-pointing lance, at the end of which a fat-end-rounded push-in allowed for a single human-face’s reflection to be seen in. All three of them swam in the pool-cavern they turned the world in now.

‘There, there, there’s been a mistake, I wager a single soul of mine against yours put, to have been wilt upon me, I, a man, misunderstood in terms of my intentions, that I would foresee reasons behind reasons for this treason of many petty ills. Well enough, the ardour is cast!’

‘I’d like to think there’s no one as worse as you are in this world that would do as awful of a thing as ruining my cat in front of this fine crowd of people brought over from the plantations. They’re my children and they’ve been ruined by the latter loss of a crop’s undertaking. I am, safely said, most assuredly absurd in countenance since I’m ill withdrawn not to ask any more questions than needed, otherwise, would they forlorn a riotous mutiny, throwing me into the nearest trench, for misbehaving would only bring more ardour ever-present during the day of the ilk!’

‘But you my friend don’t know what’s in it for the two of us either, since they’ve made it plain and simple that we cannot die as long as we’re a part of this solace of a swollen-ly worsened ground by the grace of our lords, we shall never mourn hope for when’s to come and therefore gone, by the time of a

full-thrust in, the cobwebs and the ant-mounds and the dead will already rejoice at what's been had and given into the perilous falter of the blighted light that changes still in shade and youth!

A start had been given as they could only save some of the most compounded into the ground, the lamentation of those whom were numbed by the fourth fallen rock of moon, chained by a constantly swirling monsoon, the eye of the storm kept in place, reduced to a single spurring little needle that was being wrung around, and played within a single thumb as if it was someone's plaything, or a, needless to say, a satiated remain of time's lost end, when time and time had given its long-lost plight a single refrain from each emotion's consternation lost again. For when they came to a similar decision, that would mean; it would mean. It's unknown.

As all would be aware of, this, this state she was in, rather plainly referred to as a terminal eminence out of which not a single soul would consider the chance it had or bore itself through to reawaken. It was an unnecessary lustful evil, vile and promulgated in wait. For some reason or another, it paid no ruse to awaken a simple fruit from theft, or saw it, dice it, see it as it is, erect, when so many people whose watch had become something of an insufferable thing to contemplate the need of, it only mattered less from onward to the stench. They depended on some sort of reactionary, almost involuntary jerk that would give a sign of her life still being on anything but life-support, yet which was now tremendously begged for in such a manner that some solicitous doubt started taking place. Whether or not this brooding in her sleepless coma was still alive had become too inconsistent a consideration in terms of its dismissibility, that, upon being finally dragged out of the way, albeit by the power of some resonance that didn't ring with most of the people present at this mirthful funeral of the kind; they reasoned to have their stay halvened by a simple reasonable observation brought at hand by one of the, previously at the very least, most thoughtful, loyal of her subjects, whose kin-betrayal was met by some un-circumstance-orial regret that clearly reflected on his face. Being something of an unnatural mutter, moreover delivering an almost vengeful abrogation of upheaval that immediately threatened the impulse-driven advance the opposition had immediately passed on the chance of furthering or advancing with; since they were of a mindful regret come-through and come-even, easily turned into regret since they knew very well that they could force his hand; forcing him to a properly accepted stop, a conceit of the kind, blessed be his dire-soul in need of wrenching, for the wretch immediately turned the crowd against their most cherished matron, in bearings and trunked with falchions, rakes, knives and power-tools; whose clear intent denoted only of destruction and the immediate termination of most of her structural integrity as well as livened-state of being.

'We shall kill the mother and devour her still, or replace her with the Father of Moulded Sin who shall bless us all with eternal bodies that shall spare no less sapient embrace that the one brought in by the mighty race that came before us, killing our forefathers while replacing them with their own!'

'And you would lead us to believe that such a wretch would do us better than the one blessed Matron that saved us from complete extinction? How dare you muddy her name and reaches during her eternal slumber and the lichens that adorn her cradle?'

As tall as he was, eighteen heads he spat out of his completely bloated belly, all spitting on the floor once they rolled down at his feet. He was not in the mood of being dismissed, hence he started pinning down on the pen of tiny; little parasites they called themselves a crowd.

‘All of you are merely alive, still standing, yet beseeched still because of her and only her and no one else, mind you manners ever still! I’m the only one whose call for reason has even brought you to a mind to rescind the old-sayings which had blinded you not only with tar but whose cleansing had completely annihilated the nigger-disease before it could be brought into the clearness of light!’

‘Matthias, you’re ill-mannered and a foolish tool. Why should we listen to you? Royal-attendant! I say, Monarchy has been once against dismissed by the very strong arm of man, by the will of the people and by all who cherish freedom in all its regards and manifestations, whichever they might be or called, into question or otherwise! And you, enemy of all reason had thought yourself above and beyond us, to have it said so; put less plainly, you’ve muttered no ill and lest heave a single strangle, you’ve tuned to the wrong songs of lies, and therefore cast but an evil eye upon all that isn’t treacherous, yet bizarre as your lair’s been, we’ve seen it!’

For they all lived in plain chambers, but he lived in a grotto; with a metal gate that didn’t even cover the entrance he somehow carved into the ship. A strange place to live indeed; he even had servants, sixty of them, humanoids with vulgar looks and Bolgar-tongue-speaking throat-machines that spat bullets out of spinning tubes that also spat blood. Painted around, hanging machinery, large bluish-tall-sheds with even larger tiny Silo-bulbs with eyes on them, with containers attached to balloon-spherical tortoise-cranes that kept moving them around. And many look-a-likes of his, all fake, this one as well. A bomb in case something went wrong, strapped to his chest, threatening to explode if something went wrong. And some eerily old hags he had hanged for some reason, all niggarrish, but impossibility or the idea of clearly dismissed it since the nigger race had been completely driven to extinction! A dark abode indeed.

Therefore he was accused of fraud:

‘Matthias is to be put in the same lot as his mother, readied for execution!’

‘Where is the jury made out of my peers? I see none of whom, whatsoever might even make something even eerily; clear-enough, resembling people of my own!’

But lo’, he was betrayed; bribed Matthias-look-a-likes were brought onto the court. And if they lost, although they weren’t told of it just yet, they would be executed with him and the Mother, just as soon and just as well.

‘The entreaty that is currently being carried over should bring no interlocution of any question being quieted or, to say the least abhorred by any other party than the one present here, during this damp-night of Green July, while we ready ourselves to kill the cattle in his den of lies and of evil, purport to an entreaty of not-to-be-seen or heard, eye-to-eye or set to die, question being asked or put to the countenance of no star of evil that might come after if we’re to follow a darkened path, lead onto it by a powerless tirade bringing only an evil lie into question, no less!’

All whom raised were quieted! Soon, soon, soon enough, as through the ladder of empty-straddle and what comes after, not to raise an alarm, don’t bother; thought a man.

‘Wait!’

The word that stilled them during their wake:

‘I dare ask you one thing, before the court could be brought on, carried by thought alone, from being deeply-through stretch, adjourned!’

‘And what would that be?’

‘I ask nothing short of being trialled inside my Grotto!’

‘Why?’

‘It’s my wish and my desire! To be dressed in a fancy attire as well, but to be judged onto a land my own peers have been brought onto, for fairness be alarmed, for I am made and be unmade a few feet beneath the soil of my making, devoid of any possibility that might be followed through or seen as a mere chance that I might run!’

They agreed.

In the waking of the mother, there stood on the spot eight kings; wearing buffoonery-charade, dead-unicorns and army uniforms of blue-dead medals cast upon their broad adorned well-crested ends.

Who was that woman?

‘I like you because you don’t trust anyone!’

Soon he looked beneath the bed. A naked woman drew herself out flat cold on the floor as if slid on a patch of butter; he immediately covered her with half of the bed sheet, half still on top the floor between his knees kept still.

‘I can shrink at will, you know?’

She disappeared. But it wasn’t like she said it, she couldn’t shrink, nor get any smaller than her frame. That wasn’t her, she had been but a voice without a head, without a body, dragging him along while she made him crawl on the walls, looking at an empty hole that dragged beneath him through a shot that fell, cascading into a frozen scope of many floating yet lopsided, couches dragged, and plants yet planted firmly in the wall his feet. Reminded him of a sand-pit; but by now his cat was most certainly dead.

‘I want to know what you are, what you want from me!’

Never quick to answer but to make allusions to things that weren’t real, as the night that followed, in this new stone age he had been thrown into, a cage in the dark that opened to revealed her upon a block or blotched, standing, right to the very end of the point, the verge of the end where he simply took out a torch, realizing that he had mistaken her for some kind of, or it, albeit he couldn’t tell if it was her disguised as a little tombstone merry-man in the making waving at him with lichen as he went out for a smoke. It’s become an obsession, more than his hatred for niggers and kikes as well as their loathsomeness that was but ill-bee-heaven stricken in disguise!

How could she survive under the guise of the one bothered upon the shawl of many tender almost chittined Phalanxes of rounded girthed rotten falling apart formations of lumps of skin that twisted like spirals or vortexes or various other unnatural forms that lend one the impression that there were trapped humans inside of it, yet this creature was anything but humanoid; elongated like some adjustable lamp,

bent over as it sprouted from some unnaturally dark conglomerate of many forms and many unnatural combs of little hive-formations that drew in and out, revealing its young, momentarily so, which it had collected from the many impregnations it had forced itself go through, throughout the years, since it stole actual wombs, 'pollinating' them with its own fragmented soul it had ripped apart from the very anchored ripple of unseen roots that formed the greater spectre that possessed this insufferable body that bore, at its end, frontward, a downward pointing almost-spider-like in terms of mandibles but close-to kin to some down-facing rake or some ugly crab growl, on top of which stood a giant puffy garlic-organ that held a bag-on-top-your-human-head but not humanoid head, devoid of a nose and eyes, hair and features, lest one would account for the two pudgy black orbs that had been clearly implanted inside its 'skull', if this was indeed such a thing, whereas its 'mouth' was a completely cavernoid-ed wide peashooter; with a bulb placed a few centimetres behind the outer rims of this 'moon-crater' formation; an almost rounded intercom-speaking through comb-hive that squirmed like a worm yet remained unmoved. This body it bore; despite the many rounded bumps it bore spread across its body, something strange lay to it. Some weird, peculiar aspect; hard-or hardened, chiselled or sharpened, almost mechanical, as if this body had been sculpted to be a gun-holster-rifle-long mutated at its end, almost by a plant-form organic mutant being; at times-only, that is to say, it never stood in place as the many rounded bumps drew in and out, revealing the partitioned souls that yearned to finally be released, each in possession of a mind of its own; devoid of a master, against servitude and all necessary arrangements and involvements that accompanied the promise of. These vortexes were of a purplish-ink-blooded mix butchered during a storm sea of mermaids and octopi whose ink was diluted by this peculiar concoction of many unnaturally unnecessary paints that hardly mixed; if at all. Its fleshy skin and appearance was much lighter in contrast with these hardened, ever-darkening and changing in shape and look plates, becoming much lighter and lighter still, a pinkish cherry-straw shot greenish puckery eely in appearance, but filled with some cracks every here and there, spread around, chitinous splits may've been seen coming out as a result of some unnecessary sprout out of, regardless of chisel be. Ugly and repelling as it were, had it stood there, there might've been a reason to be gone and release the vaporous things that entered the side of the derange moon-shaped half of the ceiling which was filled with plainly to see lowered-lichens of ugly perky disgusting flails that were in beckoning of release and kept releasing the most unnatural of the darkest gases that kept the Mother in her eternal state of hibernation yet were eerily avoided to be spoken of by her sons. Since they were afraid of these poisonous branches, these ugly purgatory stanches; stanzas in their names and beckoning abodes would've have them butchered and thrown around. As they brought only the promise of pain for all that could see or look at the darkly crowded sun that was under their control. It was a disappointing thing, trying in vain, trying yet again to have a go at them, undisciplinatory, wretched, ugly, grainy, vile and evil, Purdy-pretty low-regard, like niggers that fell over themselves, being incapable to act like humans but were blackened by coal-rust with sprouting ever-pass!

'I am going to bring on the Aboragator of disease!'

But there was no telling when he would appear, if at all!

'A truncheon might've been endowed in doubt. There's been a slither's come around!'

The gong was rung, all of the noise come out of the window immediately following some trail-blaze of smoke-puffs.

Maybe I'll have my fun with them before I chuck them back into the oven!

I'm going to burn down their fucking Kikish Theatre! Oh boy, I can only hope Mel Gibson doesn't perch her pussy into a slither of a sheet of a nigger's paper-grit of a left-over heap before I get to go at it!

'There's someone standing over there, go check that corner out, and if there is tell me first, then I'll take the shot, then he'll die and if he doesn't, you will. You get it? You get where I'm heading with this?'

Loose ends

One of them that belongs to a most obnoxious extraction; I have to kill him whatever the cost; no matter what, this should make it atop the further end of my priorities. He has to die in order for me to keep my real identity hidden, to maintain this charade of an illusion of who I truly am. He has to die, he has to get killed in a most violent a manner as there possibly can be. With a hammer of sorts; his knee-joints, his throat; open and gushing so.

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'I am going to slaughter you in terms of fish out of the water put through the gutter, I will gut, and be brought upon my hold I will not will my hand away, die, die-die, I kill you anyway, brought onto the lands of slaughter and the blood that runs upon my arms is the same that belongs to many of your brothers, the ones that I will kill away, and the ones that I shall have wilt slain, their bodies gotten into the broth of my heap, inside and on top of which there's a twitch I cannot force myself but see repel, slaughter, slaughter, slaughter away!'

'Price of death and grim surroundings, where thine wilt and ever-findings?'

'Towards titter and time come onto the brow of death cast away into a hole where never-got! See the sight and bathe in fright!'

Somehow the stench managed to permeate throughout the entirety of the parcel while the premise itself had been vastly encumbered by a stole of macerated breaths; cold and hardened, grown akin to cancer-pops that entered the mighty slither of the man standing guard inside the place.

'There's a little spiel in there, cork-screw like, I want you to digest it openly, so my guests could experience firsthand what is meant to kill our Gods during the Age of Cannibalism!'

'But you don't suppose they'll know of it this soon, will they? It's too soon for either one of them to know or find it out, I'm afraid that I cannot let you do that!'

'My lord, the rape's yet to've begun, yet assailed as thou might be, do not under any circumstance whatsoever be beguiled by the trifle of the most unnaturally illimitable aspects our wretches and the spoiled dregs whose faces had been ripped off by the spinning bows that entered the backs of their fallen apart towers of poisoned meat, eaten only by rabies and the giant faced by men white-silk maggots of many mouths spitting long-elongated roads with skin-cars of stretched on them men-alive humanoid

creatures incapable of dying or moving away since their wheeled legs are still stitched on these platforms, knowingly exposed to the radiation of the moon's eight eye which drips into the solace of our temples; since they might rip your attention away from the long-mourned for quiet we've yet to endure a need of blessing a kind of understanding shared with, never-leper knowing!'

'I shadn't!'

And they walked fifteen paces at a time throughout the world of darkness they have created out of the endlessly incessant not stopped to this day slaughter and bolster of the many killings they had to have proceeded with some lost day in the past. It was a wretch of a day that held them still, but they would not die off without worshipping one of the ancient gelatine! Crimea!

The steered forth in the ship they had embarked since the journey's initial beginning starting from somewhere around fifteen hundred thousand days ago in some March's fourth ill, littler than fifteen hours since's passing or like five minnits, during a most stormy anshamble of about fifteen or seventeen angstily contorted dark-black coal niggarrishly lumped clouds that came in droves of five –to six packs of chained by chains but invisible make-pretend in terms of allure n'presentation, make-believe foundation, while crowded by THE TUNES, which were of a vintage-call another time and I'll maybe think about you baby, I love you, please call back, I won't hang up on you this time – there being this kind of vibe presented; Lucifer the Player of the Songs storming the CD's, put inside the tent they carried along with the power of vibrations since the ship was clearly being broken apart in front of their eyes, yet, for some unknown reason that was being dispatched from the mobile-unit radio they carried along, still entranced, as these fewer than usual helicopters that were dragging this ship to the other side of the planet which was scorched by the unnaturally torn apart, skinned giants whose under-layers gave an uncanny valley kind of distinctly – yet clearly so, impression, as it could not be referred to as anything but; Humans, Humans, what are they made of? And why do they look like his skin? This skinned apart giant's under layered skin, that would not be his skinned. But he was puffy dark and tall and mad; an ugly shaped head like a potato deformed bag put on top a humanoid head, that would look like a magician's hat but with a fatter tip or some bent down slightly at the 'tip' volcano, with two smallish eyes, and a long mouth protruding out of it, that would be as elongated as near-nigh his arms. Broad shouldered but looks like snapped in halves crackers; like a Vicar's suit, or ripped clean open floor-boards. Almost human in appearance, but one, another one of them was a chest-bearing, as in, armless, but only his head and his shoulders and the upper half of his body was visibly recognisable as one of theirs, whereas he looked, lowered by the half and forward, a platform-landing top of a cruiser's see-through after.

'She's awakened. Speaker of ages, might you listen to one of the wretches of the moon-shade in which they've lessened such prattle cone?'

One alorned for wretched lest brothel's cart might beseek to enter, the entreaty fold and enter thrice the mold of gates twas thrice added to the pretty leer; another thrice tender-loin wearing full of wool and candle's entreaty come after to endure the asking on the brow of the cemetery's lot.

'My lord, the one in charge of looking over her, what's there to be told of her condition? What she's done while during slumber come approach onto the bloated afterword countenance withheldedly mistaken as's you's been before, when told upon the Termite Bold that there was a chance for us to die approaching; yet, least you bring opossum-brow, and broth of little brought upon the often-lot will I see a change in

her, yet again, listlessly aware as I am from this point on, I shall see no reason to be gone than add. What little might be had, what little might be told, aware as I am of the despair and disparity that's been stolen away from her, while during her eternal hibernation and leprous slumber, might I add no less than what impression had been lend onto me while unaware of what was going thrice?"

'You may, good man but keep in mind, there's only this little left of our time to pronounce a verdict upon the stanced upon little puffs and wools. She's grown through one of the lower tubes!'

'What happened?'

'I could tell you only this. I wager what little nuisance there's been pieced together but, and but alone that could not be taken hold of, just yet.'

For he had spoken of the little corkscrew the detectives were made to look into; at the asking of no little bore; the one that'd been withheld and stored.

What, what what what what what what ? What? Exactly what they all thought in unison as they rushed on the onset of the premise in question, that's fallen, blatantly in scum approached as some of the corpses that had come and asked for poison, poisoned some with the leprous brown, of dirt and dirt-like soothe and coal, all added in disgust; yet, lest one could add one thing more, or less, of what's been felt by them, yearning as they could only bring forth the lust of many lost-dark ages, savages and ladies in fancy dresses I fancy dressed no more no less, yet, I cannot tell of what my minded-stance had, lest asked again, impressed on the bodies that've been coy. They were armed, aware, snared, and besekt already to ask:

'Detectives, tell us, what did you see in those lower-beneath inhumanly so, seething during pass, and made to lust for come to knowledge after dark, termination of mistrust and made aware, already drawn to us and heed away. What did the corpses tell you?'

'They, they feigned a lie, Retributionist Rebuttler Coy; lest you search them individually for pain, would I add no less, that, joy cannot be added or stolen from them, don't forget. It's hard, perhaps even harder than anyone could ever hope to move around, in this pristine trap we have flung them in, of which we're still responsible, after dark, that is!'

'Were they prisoners in that case?'

'Frankly I do not know, as I would like to add that the anshamble of human parts that had been found somewhere, here and there and everywhere, might I add what little there's to know? That we only found them broken in part, rotten by age and age long biting and the thrust of knives, marks of main, lacerations, vinyl-cuts – the shapes, and the long-thrust marks of split-in-half and cut and lay; knowingly continuing our examination with the little aforementioned- not so; knowledge of their disparity of termination, but of their taken joy and ploy of thrust! They've taken a liking into the joust!'

It could not get much easier than that.

They dropped a few lesser bodies and the bunch jumped, leaped and thrust as often as they could until there was nothing to be had but the brittle-bones they satiated the need of eating through; perching some of the reasoning as they cast themselves in deep sinew.

Lost sworls:

‘Knock it down!’

‘It’s a titanium encased floor that’s lodged inside this door and torn apart-a man anshamble!’

The many that were put together made to wont and wonder:

‘We won’t be able to flee from the fourth room unless someone dies, remember?’

‘I shall not be that one if that’s the case!’

A brothel of a cause was no excuse for the bodies entombed by sided-side and grim approach, the bolden goblin-figures that were surrounding them had no faces or looked wax-melted, their features hidden, limbless almost for the begs were different races, mostly brown, of man, contorted and rebirthed as appendages coming out of each and every goblin figure’s rounded circular dome that was lodged both in and out of them, allowing for these men to grow. Large and neggy, like niggers but longed and compact as if grown in tubes and only their eyes squirmed out, for they were as reeds, fleshy and stuffy, or oat-grown roaches, with lots of hair; and these domes, mechanic-machinery machination- how they burst!’

‘Great man of no regards, you’ve left one of our own behind, without asking for guidance or for a right of mourning.’

‘Has it come from behind the door? Are you deaf my liege?’

Nothing’s come from either side, and for listless hours they stood aghast, incompatible as it were, and as it’s been coddled from every side, was the machine pronounced, for no other reason than’s it been carried titter and away, than the slimmer of regard that followed, right by the one that said:

Plaster, put in one and wrap it around the head of the base. That was the first thing they taught the Pyrotechnicians, the pyromaniacs during their classes.

Two or three panels lay in the front, actioned by four mechanical arms attached to one of the most miserable seeming wretch there lay; a hive-girthed figure twenty feet tall or so; that was cave-long in the back, at the back of a head attached to a large shoot in the back spear-grope.

Were they off by the hour? It wouldn’t say. It wouldn’t add a second addendage if it wanted to, nor would it approach the epiphany needed to draw the curtains by itself, as their tender loin-gruff, which pointed down poignantly yet endeared such appeasement as none other than the master of the two houses could stand before them, drawing by himself a slither, like a falchion driven through the little heart and beckoned for the death of the nigger, would he feel repelled by what was going on around them, brim of little pet-petards’; The Gallows that were trenched on top their backs but which surfaced only after the fourth hour’s pass-over could allow for the Rebirth to happen when at last were they allowed to resurface. Eighty slaves, peckish, little, abhorring every hour of the light as they were only blinded by what was going on around them since the sun only drew breath once in a while, plundering each eye that was

blinded, showing up with darkened stare. A gas-flu of clouds compacted as they figured out the bodies would convey. For the men that looked behind were met by the castle. And it looked like contorted cattle with these wild arches, contorted joints, convoluted masses sticking out as well as pouring down the tens of foils and at length they lined up. And almost shot out for prowess was something that could not be had, at least not while there was a pin. A pint of gelatine that carried them as the good chunk of the castle fell upon a whim.

‘Thee yonder not thee look, for what’s been had, the bastard, simpering upon the empty crook of what’s been had or for remorseless yearn-forth cradle away. Would they understand if they joined us or are we to carry on what little remains of it?’

Forty miles from beneath the earth descending, yet not a single light would yearn-come to mind for brothel of the nature’s pucker lay forlorn, distorted in the making as they’d breed. By the sides of the road, like whores of gelatine, waiting for their oblong to return, wretched thing that stumped the sight as it hardened, yet became, as to become. A tall creature, as if leaped from empty sides. Two grim-fat masses for legs, still floating, holding a head that was as far if not fatter than the head of some trunk that might be found down the road; a couch-like opening appeared to welcome them in, and they, like good slaves, leaped inside this forlorn open-less reign inside of it, the spikes. Each servant and slave implanted, or impaled but not killed, yet allowed to refrain from pain as all natural and all would have one still to see. It would bother no one, or at least, not to mind the company. A man had almost been completely pulled in. But he resurfaced, almost rotten from malnutrition, yet he stood there and opened his growl’s tender keeper of the teeth. Many fell and started pushing out the little slithers of a head of gelatine. Eight of the Rod, looked like diamonds, sharpened but fluent in the language of the mass. As it rested in the middle of the floor, like some great jewel that was appreciated, haggled with, adorned with other pearls of bore:

‘Are we to do something of this little peak? Is he one of us or will he will us to be humble when the skinning shall commence upon our feet?’

‘Don’t talk to it, for it’s to be seen just yet! Observe the man and take no breath in his presence as he stands! I don’t think there’d be a crueller thing than to adorn the waiting and to see it gone before the hour’s to’ve come to a quickened end’s the blessing we have to tender with, appease and lord-commence the butcherment of ages!’

Dregs, every single one of them, but they would be useful for the time being. Not that they could damage the streets, which were fallen apart and allowed for sight, beneath and beyond, where the ruminating little puffs, had hardened and have lusted for the body-growths that spread inside their bodies’ cast. Titter and tetter and so much so for all the better, they were delivered onto fifty feet. No sooner, no farther, no more than needed yonder. Not to appease the disease that was being spread and counted for across the clouds, or to rip a slither of some tree that fell apart. Yet, time endured.

‘Lest you’ve come to the wrong place, I beseech you to return; this yonder’s no place to talk to the blood-spilled on-top the stairs and spruce; none’d make any considerable difference whatsoever, ‘specially for the ones in the back, the one that were swollen ever since the day had come for their hearts to be taken out. Nor would I have ventured so much as a single step to so alarm you. There you have it, wonderingly sitting past the cradle in the making’s hardly. Would I see to it? Am I to please a wont or wait for it?’

‘We shadn’t expose the disease to you yet, not while you’re on the other side of it, trying to get us lost in your maze!’

‘But my maze, this I built. It’s cosy, warmth’s come to an end only when iron with blood’s been fed. No sooner, nor later, nor any quiet’s making titter; lest besekt to ask a stranger.’

Yet they all looked around and saw nothing in sight, nor would they try to stray their gaze away, since that’s what it meant for the leap, froggedly, diseased, appeased, and stray. They leaped and all armed, pointed with their apparel-strung and the barrel of their guns now poignant as they slightly melted, yet nefariously sucked in and fended by the growths beneath them, now was seen.

‘You are all exposed to me! I see, I see!’

For their likes were now of a likens-likened,-like, a trifle no less, of no legs but lumps added into a most rotund-conical hive; with a carapace of girth benigned. With puffs-added together and constantly growing; crop-circles and squares and areas that were extended and pushed around, moving as they would open like ovens as to allow another heap of many dead-things, and similar of kin, hindrance-beams to come straight out of. It would be an incontestable thing no less, as would suffice. To take a blooded by the siphon stare, another little puff out of some pipe while waiting for something to happen or to happen again now. Upon the pariah were they welcome in by their host. Standing at a table-row with the tabernacle done the cooking brought to after. As they settled with the head of disease, the diamond gelatine-growth in the middle, holding the candle; it sprouted out its nostrils, out its mouth, played and yearned for to come after, then spoiled a good side of the ground in which the most insoluble of agents started mixing, concocting, setting the mark. A great heap of dusts pushed out of as if out of some sandstorm were they allowed to be flung. Flushes and flings of dust, rust in termite molecules; colored with red, green and gradients that drew out of breathed gust. In short a notice, wind’s settled. The main motif gets delivered on the plate. A palate of figures, all cut and adorning the pig-‘s dead rotten middle broth that connected all of them, regardless of how they despaired, trying to beat each other first. Who would stab but first and come onto the likes of a fork?

‘I think it’s settled for, forgiveness’s come, and onto your land we shall settle no more as long as the nigger you’re holding in your basement, abashed though he might be get killed in front of us!’

Twas a little baboon-inhuman little nigger-scum slave kept for torture, this young-brown boy, little monkeys’ come a long-long way. Only to get beaten in the head, only to be messed with as they would see to it that he could make-run, with the hay, but there, he was put and lain he stood as to be cut. Served, they chopped him, cannibalism began.

‘This little nigger is a bit too tender, he’s a bit too thin, isn’t he?’

What have you been feeding this tenebrous creature of no peace? It looked all too perched and weak!’

‘I could see to it that you shall be exposed to the same treatment unless from that point!’ Rose he had, as if on cue, but lest besekt, on dark command.

‘Great abhor, you’re here to settle!’

A night's rum, was pulled the lever. And they were just as soon agape by drown. Naught to've been said or run; for the urge had settled past and by after, with as little as naught help to come and split the sound or what came after. It would be too easy to forget, that they were made to look like invalids while robbed during the night then dead. Dead-still before midnight was become the house, as the walls began rotting, the poultry, the flaundry, the furniture and the laundry. Most of the bodies coy, most of them still filled with joy as they were slowly made to pass right out. And when all made safely through the draught, as if the waves allowed for only a second to be-taken by the little night's taken alight, there, tee' be gone. Was there no second's more allow for the surrounding to be numbed by sighted run; as a single figure stood in the middle of all this broken disease, these flaps on which it stood, this pie of mass and rotten brass. What ill was there in those eyes, of broth and wideness, cruelly-made contorted and almost fallen down, none could say or alter the antlers, the ones doing the swaying in the back, hundreds of them attached to its two rotten tingling wings, that once was the house. It flew away.

'The carapace shall still slither such upheaval as might still be yearned-for, got; I don't think there's a chance in chance's way to follow.'

'Another bus stop runs across the mill and the mill's daughter shall be had!'

And they cheered at the thought, at the simple thought of having their way with that dumb-bimbo slut, the cunt! A dumb-fucking crooked nose whore, one that's been passed around, a hickey but no bore. It was only a matter of time with these cuddly types of cows; how they fattened when belief came or one had promised to've taken her to vow. But never came. Such's the miller who housed them into the giant wagon-shaped thermometer half-a-tank and half a chunk of some bunker that was as tall as a Silo, was diamond shaped, to the likens of the son of the blob; readied for nuclear war and filled, apparently, with hundreds of necrophilia-for-her-daughter, instilling boil in blood, again in her, during her period, after, to have been impaled by each and everyone, as much as she wanted, not to waste or wane away. Since someone had to take care of this little slut's needs, this useless sub-human being, before she'd be nursed into death too soon, and shallowly coming to an end, not to go too far with it, as she tended to every man that had his rifle to a settle, to mount her when the day was night. But leprous during hour's got stood none other than Herder Lynch, with the broad, the bimbo, wrapped around his chest, resting while she partook in eating off crumbs of bread off the floor with all her friends, fellows, and members of her family, the rats. Twas the strange sight coming from each broken apart sarcophagi, which stretched to an antennae's elongated leap. Death to the begotten, since:

'I'm starting to wonder whether or not we're alone in all of it, or if there's some ginger's nose broken after dusk, your blood, your period blood, I need it, red-haired maiden, I need it spread across my face, be marked!'

Such a temptous stare; of course it would not be as easily provoked by a brawny bold and hardened stare, as that which was come from every other man, that fell upon her. Such a waste; slap, slap, slap, slap, slap on her brow, beneath her bow, and flung upon the knee she stooped low and the about, before taking in and hardly breathing. Slap, slap, slap upon both cheeks and she would settle, but a right and a hook beneath her chin and thrown on the bottom of the ceiling roof, they stomped upon their heads, beneath the cage, on top of her, rolled around from one side of the room and then they started again, all spitting on her, before coating the broad in gasoline, and then they threw her in some oven since, as if she were a

kikess or so-so since. They pulled her out after an hour. Resting so kindly, warmly, as if she were theirs for the keeping and almost, it was almost as if the after-hour brought the thought.

Chaylice was but a plunder of the broth; smoking on a Somalian or Haiti, such benumbed, cigar.

‘A considerable amount of dead-nigger child rape has been happening inside the headquarters of my most estimable newspaperer! And the Sarkozys, they ended up doing most of the rape as well! Not a single one of them taking a break from what could only be referred to as a dead-death rape pom-pom! Yes, they refer to their youthful-looking lovers as their brown-boy-lolis for the taking! Ha-ha, these Jews are so mentally ill! It pays off selling your country and your people, ha-ha!’

And they laughed in rape.

Within the dead hour, all the horse-glue could come off. It was settled on the table where they ate a piece of it and almost had an almond taken out of its rotten eye. What a cruelty, to leave it standing for this long, what an awful thing to have it spread across the light a dead-sight where lay only the most unnatural examples of rotten and benighted trains. They parked their car outside after all. Such’s likes was the miller’s house by the sides of none other than the Headquarters themselves, in the heart of France; where they lay still standing while they pee, the women now.

‘Dumpy-grumpy dummy whores!

Whipped them, slit them, spat the floors!’

But there wasn’t anyone listening than some man smoking a lone cigar by the side of the road, during the commemoration of the eight war of liberation’s remembrance as well. It would be no better and less opportune a matter than man would allow himself to be encompassed by the disease as he had since, lost an eye. Blind as gutten tag, a rat who had his eyes scooped out, playing with some of the lower beads but never speaking of the ill!

‘A bead would speak to you of less regard, my precious lantern, thou whom had been ruined by one of the most mischievously alarming slithers in the lot. It is for you and thine blessing that I bring forth a part of the tabernacle in the making, that I must splinter each whore and bring no more word than needed of them in the chambers below.’

For they were ever so much ruined by him, whose up-bringing stopped in a most roundly-abhorred for trifling a manner. But what was the matter with the one leg-jolted fierce-a prattler, a king, disciple and the making of an anchor, whose standing forth before him winced.

‘And I would see to it, my dear friend that you shall be skinned, flayed, and lest bespoken, seethe regard!’

A trebuchet, oh, lest you mind; cry adjourned for those who look at thee in blind disguise. For their masks are weary, better know. And for thine wretch, of such a thing, therefore swerve each star’s coming to the row. Blessings were forgotten, for what god could stand but weighted down by such a rancour!

‘Be thine blessed with less regard, serve thine lord of never had, and you shall still hold thineself erect upon his brow of lest-bespeaking ill, therefore cone upon the row where to’ve gone there standing. Rancid, etched, a pulp of wilt’ve been, unless lost for other words there staying.’

For this', this' a matter of the praying; it could not be forgotten easily, nor endeared, endangered as to appear. Yet, be stilled, bespokened, out of lust. Those who could not recall it easily were lost to will't had.

'Ah, but cone of deep retrieval, twas had been a since-upheaval, yet, you've yearned for things that were never had until this point on, suffice to say, this was only brought recently, was it not? Of my betrayal, none could say, but the leper's deep adjourning anyway.

Lest you've proof on you, to be withdrawn, lest you seek my hope be stolen, and therefore deepened into trance, I beseech thine mind to so forget; and let each rod of the end be forgotten somewhere, anywhere, along the way. But do not mind this trifle's call. And therefore call upon adjourn. For such things, they're not something that can be easily forgotten.

And my memory, that will be had stilled itself by thine thine's making into a box, a barrel, or empty lop-lop-sided quarrel!'

'Who are you, blasphemous runt, to talk to me in such a way that would urge me to wilt myself be kilt at last? I do not know and lest be rotten woult' it snow. Of such flakes whose beauteousness in the making's long strong stilt be thronged upon thine wretched' breed's small plot. And where to've gotten yourself from this point on, I shall know no end to verge or spirit's in the making prior!'

'We are standing on the fryer!'

That was well enough accepted, told to them, therefore ended, brought upon a cowl' rot, brought upon the will'en had. And there could only be a ruse, a truce for some reason between the obscure.

My soul for their liking

A leprous tab's wilt be knotted.

'So beautiful, they are so beautiful and I've worked so hard for them. I forged them for myself and myself alone, I've fallen in love with you, my beauties and inside my grotto, inside this rustic cottage-yolk, I shall keep a hold of you forever, my little growths, conjoined to my chest, alone, born to be used as to fence with the handprints on the walls.'

They were so pretty, so grand, they were cherished as they were mine and mine alone to do with as I wanted, yearned for, from this point on.

'I couldn't trust anyone with you if they asked me, whichever bolted, thrice forlorn!'

For they were long and curved and were but coated with the hardened-toil of many blacksmiths of ancient-olds; whose hands were tirelessly still yearned for lodged into these very things he looked at, squirming around as if they were or had been, some organic rods from the lot of gelatine. Pus of alabaster, and the crane that made the iron hold had revealed the frame of empty arching bones. Whereas they were a few that fell apart, and a few of those devils, shaped like dwarves with dark greyish, beardless, hairless, bald-heads, devil's tails around each noose' end boil, the broth of theirs revealed a size inside as if they were, these blades that is, two Noah's Arks, inside which they blasphemed and furnished the likes that would banish the light from their claimed, inside-of, newly retaliated against, for need to remain

whenever he pleaded with them to leave, realm, of their choosing; him, because they loathed that these blades were his, molded in his chest by growth, like puffs of grey spread, with roots of flesh holding onto him, as they only pushed like two leviathans, reins, but still rotten-dead, yet they remained, despite still growing through death as death alone would not stop their push-through, never would've done, as wilt-true, to them naught mattered but the motion of a bloated ocean of skies added together, whence benigned and drawn, taken apart as he would be, wretched and felt-for, tired, would he try, loathingly erect, a slither and a pitty of what he used to be, but yet he would endure. They were so beauteous in appearance, long and sharp, filled with calcified, almost crab-like plates of planetoid-oblongs with spike-angular cones that entered one another, and all had extra-conically shaped holes for re-entry or readjustment, for none the matter reason spoken for. But they were like leeches or morsels, attached to this weirdly descended broth of an almost oracular throne of littler empty-fallen pieces through which the light kept crawling inside. Making their way quickly, would they be there, come. In order to put dirt and potato, bags being yoinked from somewhere he had no recollection being near, such'sn' farm or something, as he could not explain where they got this potato-sack from; albeit they could've snicked out during the night, perhaps five hours in. This was no interrogation, as he reluctantly; simply so, observed them work. Why were they here to begin with? And would my barren chest of no hair be ripped apart? What an unmanly sight one could but be bequest and be made trench of worn-apart and taken for granted, tar-for bloated sight, signs of little speaking ever-forth and come apart during the days of never-to've met a whore, for she would, granted that be truly frightened by such sightenly benigned a wholesome baseness of the most obtuse alarmingly flagellant-squeamish tackling of brow, such-lowered, for no fealty empty quarrel could betoken such'n'such. If he had the strength to thrust forward he would, chucking them out, one by one as for neither one of them to be mistaken about who was the true master of his house and parcel.

'What've you been doing, Plume-Kulpat?'

Entered through the grotto's window, through the cottage's burning bright sight's gate, electrically benigned by the arching of squirming quills for many flashing-flashy whips that followed, energetically dancing around the issue as if they were belonged to no proper standing, yet hurt was performed on his pre-frontal cortex, which had been closely enough eviscerated, maimed, macerated as if through blades, row-long wide and plume and broth of close enough to them, razors, cut-cut-cut-cut- CUT after cut, releasing a soup that immediately allowed for him to forget where he was, an amnesiac, poor, and cracked, whipped like a nigger, now that a pre-frontal-cortex he lacked.

Many knives had once adorned his halls, many of which only added to his morose, most fragmentary practition of the cut, wilt by him most solemnly as he had not seen another way of getting past this morbidly defunct sordid apparition, much to himself the spectre had but one cruelty appeased, by lot by lot by lot- reprise. Whom to call onto his gloating broth, a curving hammer-headed crow speaking, spitting blood on the floor, flooding the grotto as the other man whose niggerless cortex was but John-ning himself for awe-disproval:

'Wretch-of dredge, why have you come here, in this cottage of little foil left. He's covered all the windows with them, even to their sides, everywhere around. Most solemnly a travesty, I wager. Tin-foil belonging to no man in particular but the stranger with what little there's left of him, the effigy of blob-termite come onto the shafts of rub-basin!'

‘And what are you trying to convey in what little, to yourself, as you’ve refrained from the quiet’s passing, during the ponder-so-amassing fortune’s disease? Though distress might betoken such archival, what and how could you forget that there’s been no man like yourself in a falchions’ upheaval, when-to come! Where to run? Your making in the quiet’s passed through the briar’s fall with little effect on your countenance, as wilt be had, and will-en-bathed in rum of crags, a drunkard, trying to lift himself by spirit’s woe, betokened on command to rise. I watched you for some reasonless hours, but never cancer’s woe apparel!’

There was a reasonless stare. For some time as well; it went on for a few hours while the torso-spiels, these squirming blades, these unnaturally disturbingly-hard to look at, as one could only hope to refrain from making a scene, or bask upon the glory of gelatine as they would care-to musk and muster their feelings for a moment or a few of them during the time. As to forget what was once felt as to be ebbed, yet yearned for, tusk-benighted, one of them started pushing out the back of his head, a forest of long tusk-like contorted hive-eaten rotten as if by Syphilis, or some other venereal disease; which in turn only added to the strange succumb he and what’s followed after, was therefore numbed. His head was thrust farther behind but still attached to this compact body which had become more of a booth, spiked in the back; the forest carried his head farther behind, until he looked like a pile-driver, or some depot machine, fork-lift, with these two appendages now having elapsed into fifteen just as big as the two initially sighted bloated squirming tusk-bloated framed eelish-fleshy elongations were. A town of devils in both of them, who now provoked the scents, abhorred. Large trails of smoke, of burn-hares, foxes, birches and some unkind hen rottenly allowed to be brought onto their plates and agony had only lasted forth, and therefore gone were they as soon, the wind. Only allowed for a second’s respite, to a whim:

‘What did you see, good friend?’

‘How come you don’t remember it? I was there, alongside you, walking thoroughly by piece, by piece of lot, brightened by handle, of lot-be-had. Of strange stoles of flying turpentine, of lots we leaped, on top, on top. We have crawled through holes and eaten by rot.’

No room was there left, barely sublime, for them to move at all, since they were of a reprise not to speak of what was happening to his friend, since he had forgotten already, the nigger-cortex missing and all. How can they even function? It’s thoroughly surprising, the same thing applies to kikes as well; with their depressively inclined on a slope- foreheads, an inability to think ahead, most bothersomely sad; depressingly to a point where one would have to consider killing himself; also the Holocaust didn’t happen, but the massacre committed against the European People at Holomodor did.

‘There, in that spot, that lone spot where my dead-children are, where they’re eaten as we speak but I can only watch as my feet are deep on the incline; leading below, I bellow at wild sounds and echoes, yet, I yearn for something such as some touch, someone to cradle me in his arms while we rub noses just like Moses when he parted the sea, now that I am childless, for we, female femoids of the female sex are sociopathic creatures, mentally ill and always prone to fits of rage unless beaten, abused and put in our place!’ A most tenebrous embrace followed after, with, no wonder people don’t see them as human, the same child she had killed prior to her meeting the long tailed, dolphin-torsoed elongated ruffian, but only if out of a dolphin’s head sprouted an entire car-engine, with many long black tubes that drooled tar-oil, engulfed in black-tar faces that laughed at her, spitting in her face as well, like a turret with many sub-machine guns this being a pea-shooter bearer, albeit these were not functional and only some bamboo-

pipes, whose bubbles arouse the suspicion that these faces had once belonged to some men that had been devoured. They erupted out its body like a blunder buster gun's pop; albeit only in sight. For it still retained that ugly, conniving morsel of an unnatural-look to it, rottenly fallen apart, ugly, disgusting, wretchedly disturbing, dead and skinned by blue-rot; patches of a sea-ray fattened like some keg, but watered down by its girthed back. A grunt, with these headless necks, unless they resurfaced only for a momentary taunt; when it wanted to rape. Her. It wasn't going to spare this woman since she had committed an act of murder; of the worst supreme kind there was! A gentlemen as to the likes to which's never ever there've been.

'I want to rape you in the ass!'

I dreamed of committing a Columbine ever since I was a teen, but you're not allowed to purchase guns in my country. One day, I'm going to travel to them States and I'm going to purchase a lot of guns, and I'm going to shoot up a school. A school-shooter, yes, it's what I dream of. And I shall build a lot of muscle just like Killblood, killing anyone who dares stand against me; the killer of nigger, killer extreme. Drowner of kikes, the Holocauster, that one that happened, and I shall do it, on a whim! My blades are made of iron, coated in nigger-blood. I am a nigger-killer masochist, I year for the blade, the crudeness of kill, the slaughter made by whip!

Why won't women like me? I loke boobs.

'I loathe being a virgin.' A tortured soul sold for lest besekt and given to the most of slim and simply put benigned. Rape-rape-rape-rape-rape!

They were on the beach, the woman and the wretched fiend, as it was only touching her below, ever so clear, near and wretchedly as it'd appear, perturbed by sighted blood- n' blooded spills; there was a reasonless approach to appear and then provoke, retaliation.

'You shall not have me, for I, shall, attempt suicide! I'm rather incapable of carrying through with it because my mental capabilities are inert and I'm such besekt to be searching for attention instead!'

'I am going to rape you!'

'Then carry on with it, I say but do not stall, for I'm only perched and grained, wet but shadn't remain so, if you stall with time!'

The rape bemused, and therefore culled.

'Master rapist, what does the time say?'

A sombrely adorer, whose trap was closed shut, who was of a mind not to ask.

We were on a hill that day, watching the men get trampled by the many fasting cars that started prodding, leaping and jumping all around, in their laps, they carried them in the distance, nursed the machines as if they were their children, feeding them tit-milk, despite begging for oil. And they suffered, the machines suffered, eternally, as these giant men kept doing in. Some oil was stored in each man's tit. No other explanation could suffice. The cleaning lady brought a lamp and threw it on one of the men, enflaming him, but not like a homo, but burning, skinned with fire-turn to liquefying boil, constantly. Until he was

perturbed by what was happening around him and he spat on her a giant black rock that started entering her, making tiny dead-children of metal, eaten by their marrow worms. Tall as Red Injuns, I'm going, he-he, I intend on, ha-ha, I'm going to plant bombs all across the United States, I'm a terrorist, I'm a terrorist, I'm going to commit acts of terrorism and I'm going to plant bombs in the US Senate, I'm going to bomb it, I'm going to strap bombs to children and make them run towards Military troops, The Capitol, the United States Government is going to fall, I'm going to kill a lot of innocent people, and rape them, and rape their bodies; killing them with fuel, skinning them alive, burning them and their innocence with knives. Crashing planes in their children's homes, I'm going to assassinate Joe Biden, his entire cabinet, Bernie Sanders, that dumb fucking kike, Israel, I'm going to kill Netanyahu, and every kike out there, I'm going to kill nigger-Obama, I'm going to lynch niggers, kill kikes, and burn down the spics and the gooks and rape their mums, I'm going to piss on Allah's grave and on his face, I'm strapping a bomb to my chest and I'm going to kill myself and take you with me. I, Nicu Stefan Cristian am going to do that. I'm explicitly promoting violence against sub-human races, against innocent people, I'm a criminal, a terrorist, ha-ha; he was as tall as Red injuns; lest one could forget what they looked like; part-in-looks, a mongoloid with a hook beneath the chin-like deformation, giving one the impression, from the side, of a screaming man, formed out of a completely curved- even beyond the curvature of a boomerang. I'm going to hire the military to rape my dog. Because I shall become a presidential candidate in my country and I'm going to get elected because the elections will be rigged!; the Adam's apple being completely, going into town, going to drown, my dog, with rape-cum blood, and clot; nigh-ripped apart and bent into a drawn to its full extension bow of an angular throttle. They each had an arm, and their one-tit each were similar in appearance. Like a wrist band stretching on top the hand and extending; horse-saddle-like, but with a few bloated, expanding and receding like lungs, filled with brain-lobe shaped organs and with blobs of growths, whippingly squirming milk.

Sickeningly in wae-awe:

A long, two at each end, like a long foot but stopped at the ankle on the up-rise; like a fallen over L, or a long leg which fell horizontally on its back, with its foot as thick as an arm, or some barrel, with an upward-on an incline pointing hook, conical but like some hive, with many inside larvae-squirming bulbs with humanoids hidden inside; this being the long-end, pointing at the tall, girthy, as thick as a booth, conjoined to the long-being, almost helmeted by an insect helmet, like some astronauts'; with a small left, leprous, as thin as some sheet appendage, coming out of it. This long, its almost pseudo right 'leg' was close-of kin in looks to a dolphin but faced like a deformed ugly lion; horned out by this tip as if it sprouted out of its skull. Its teeth sticking out, a few siphoned black sticks connected from one end to the other; to the child it ate, puked out a puddle, after, this liquefied thing being only a thing of the past. It was the one responsible for carrying out its conjoined brother to the cast out hellish door that wasted the bodies of the lasses that had passed by them.

A small panel, with a head-shape put in scanner mould-cast, to put your head in, making a ski-like motion in the distance where to put eighteen bodies in-look-alike entry point into a big belly-machine, mixing them with artificial being-made copies of the employees to scan for recognition, the information being sent through a tube, a billion hundred eight miles away, by making cigar-shaped little DNA-embed with artificial copy-man bubble, shook and stirred, I learn, where they're inserted into large automatons moving and running around until, the substances they're mixing, since the chemicals only add ammoniac into them, to a point, finally, where they're being spat on the ground, puddles with eyes, popping one

after another, until there's a match. One eye should be enough, for when two eyes are added together, then they harden, if they're of similar-likened-kin a harden:

'There's no immediate communication, none to return. I seethe for likened girth, but I see none, again, but brought to swerve.'

A godly man is inserted into a tube, and every countryman is then turned into radiated pure-energy which immediately gets not only partially vaporized but they're pulled inside of him as if they were nickels and he a magnet; flying on a curve into the dome they were in; next to the head-scanner. And they were, the men, surprised as the features that appeared on the tube made the room darken. Spitting on the ground, but evil; wretched was the day's upheaval, lastly until there come the day of the decay! When they sailed away from distance and the mother's agents started flooding in again.

Her spirit was one of the most illustrious kindness unmet by the sheer amount of rabidness lain in normal eyes, that was cowed by the misunderstanding of man who, under all circumstances' abode, had little to add to what was being partaken during this parlay of entreaty exchanged during the guttural noise of them duking it out, outside her chamber. They stacked like nylons;

'What the Deuce is going on in here down 'ere platform over here? I say, I've never been as surprised as I've been now at this supreme play, display of madness, as I've become now, shocked at such's n entreaty would allow me to be had.

Lay aside, play a prank?'

'Nay, bothersome Phougen-Nektar Hyan-Jekl Ohgr-Pill, we've been bled dry during this holdout. We're without a cause any longer. Mother's been deprived of sleep or stuck bled into hibernation by some who don't even know who she is or are not even aware of her nature to begin with. Otherwise, know what's been deeply reprieved by the absinthe.'

And within another gulp he had almost lost his thought again, rescind it!

'What wager would one have made by now, if that's the case, for you to take a job and to refrain from cutting ahead?'

'There's no saying to the likens, of the moldy or the trifle!'

A fire burst through the door immediately such as they drew out the foot no more prying in, no more laughter, only what came after, which was neither known to them, as being a trifle, were they forced into a momentary ceasefire as to bring thought to such resolve!

'Cowl, bow and least be wished dead by genie-thought, by a rifle's cone to mad, I beseech you to stop the advance and lay down until's all over!'

Nektar listened, unmoved, yet uncannily reapproved by all who could be seen. Invisible like miasmas to the eye, moving in droves, uncanny and drove into some molty-bathed, being of old; whom were guilty of watching this for too long of a time without interfering.

There was something off about him, especially in the way he moved around each one of the unnaturals.

‘One’s across the street, heading this very district, put the wretch down, I say.’

‘Will you order me again?’

‘Do this and I shall let you do what you desire. And I shall keep my promise, delivering what I can to your parcel.’

‘Then I shall wilt it done, bewitched as I am by the single-wretch of a dame and nigger’s stole be robbed of his throat as he squirms about, flayed, a fish upon the sea’s stretch, and where I shall find but no little contemplation left to wont and wont after.’

They both moved a few feet away from where they stood there. Without daring move again, with one thing in mind, that being, that distinct sound, that was lost on them for a moment, before being accosted by it again, awry and about to stare. A fine sea appeared to wait them, down with the cement, trying itself with lord’s abode. It shone onto them for a moment, before their hands started grasping the first handle that started gravitating towards their arms. The silence could not have been more blessed and far beyond being well received than it was then. And that had come as no surprise either, since what they’ve done, the moment’s call having alarmed them, what they’ve done to each other, maimed by thrust, each against each other’s throat like dirt animals cast into the pit. Without the least amount of courtesy, they stared as simpletons often do when left to their own doings, not to make too much of a scene or to delect oneself with something of the kind. It was no easy thing. Lest one should be quick enough to ask, they maimed each other beyond belief, before either one could get the chance to get away with it. Rather alarming, as it was for the spectators, they had only but chose to maintain the distance as well as the quiet, while the nurtured, uninformed authorizes were nowhere near the area where it happened, for any difference to’ve been made by the time they started crawling away from the scene. Two patches of what used to once be men, prior to their encounter. There could be no other way than this. As they parted ways, in a matter, if one could only call it so, of a few seconds, they were accosted away by circumstances well-beyond belief, to such a point where they unobtrusively began munching, on an individual account, on their knees as to begin flipping over continuously like leaping fish jumping in the boat, having already met again, what had once counted as parted ways, where, this very spot being somewhat an itinerary of fluidity and brutish as their case may be, they were not only isolated from, or found themselves isolated from the niggarrish abode the dead-stinking niggers on the street presented, but they also, by flood’s way and thunder’s delight found a way to reinvigorate their temporary alliance, by having stopped-mid-way into flight, into each other’s faces, standing, protrudingly delighted by the sight of dead-followers that refused to take a second step towards their direction, since this niggarrish-thing they appeared to carry on their backs prevented them from even considering there even being a chance for them to make a point out of it. They were afraid that now, reunited, these two beasts of flesh would kill them all, putting them down like niggers. Or perhaps worse than niggers, such’s one could not be lend onto him the time of the day to think of the various methods of torture that could be enacted onto them as well as onto their wretched bodies. So far, there was only one thing left, that clouded the streets. It was a grim solace one found himself being abandoned in, but so far so good, they didn’t complain about it.

A motherless abode brings only pain to the people who turn their backs on her.

A short refraction:

A maiden of trenches with dirty calloused hands approaches after a hard day at work in the fields in order to feed her dying son who is incapable of feeding himself because of the unattainable nature of working limbs which gainsaid over an open-surgery's bloodied cowl, disembowel by means of rapier's off-shot, whereas she only wanted to ask for a cigar, but she was puffed in front off, spat and treated like an outsider since she was the only woman working there, relented, walking a lonesome side-rear where she crawled, pitied not by her 'peers' but by the walkers by who had no say or mention that would hold a candle over the men who had already passed their judgment over her, whereas, while she was cradling a son she never knew to have been missing from beneath her brow, a ceaseless abhorrent thing to've been noticed this very moment during sight of flight, being unaware, destined to be so, she had failed to observe her son's disappearance yet again, limbless as he were, a bullet of skin-flesh wriggling beneath the ground in mole-barrows that had, during flight, and light being a nick of a pay-in for these kind of edifices had only but surrendered her only see-in and see-through ask for aid, which was bastarding feigned by means of destitution as she had yet to repay the five shillings she had borrowed from one of her most trusted and perhaps the only one but only during midnight during their desperately kept obscured deep-secret 'meetings', where they exchanged sharply-broadened by blood curvy knives with which they commuted with the blood nature of the eyeless flying corpses that painted their surrounding red, in which they swam, this sea of corpses painted like American Indian Tribes and dotted Indians as well, completely red, crimson-rivers that they had stabs at, since they met by the side of some stray lantern that summoned this sight like psychedelics injected by needle-racks in their arms; the nature of this secrecy being tainted by the fact that she failed to give him the money, and because of that, the guilt-shame she felt reappraised her depreciatory weakness according to which she could barely, if it was even possible to begin with, disallowed her for even considering a wont for help or a wont to ask him for assistance in retrieving her lost beneath the earth son, who is now being playful, playing with worms, I wager, little fancying the ruddy ringed ones that crawl in corpses, in the dusk, at four am, where he played with rust-saber painted little puffs of ivory rooted planted cotton-spears that have yet to've been fully come to the succumb, in the bowels, of the Earth, where he now subsided with Brother Dirt and Cradle-Firth!

'I see that there's a worm I've missed to eat. Delighted, delighted, I am, and the obtrusive cast!

I say!'

It stopped before reading the mid-wretch point. The sea was filled with them, at large, largely anchored to underneath-them holding onto their ankles large, multi-headed but bubble-producing out of their mouths as if drowning, humanoids of the sort that kept, continuously so, spitting bubbles that were made triangular at the top, into coned-extensions as if they were alchemical-experimental tubes, but only as they approached the surface, shooting right through, and the sea surrounded the small island they were on top of; dark-gliding out of the sea-they impaled the sea-gulls as well as the other unnatural mammals that flew around them, thinking them giant suicidal sea-worms that allowed themselves to be impaled and killed, by force of darkness and by pointy starkness in contrast of darkness and of boils. And they were, these balloons made of heads kept by a great leash of ropes fornicated together as if by a clown selling them to children. The many facets of whom started drawing closer to the surface. Barely going up but

they looked like they had been splintered in the millions, their nurtured sons of water, bathed and horned. Not literally but they were responsible for these sacrificed, shooting those bubbly invisible spears through their water-sons' heads. And they were not mere illusions either, instead they were wretchedly demurred, real water-surfaced bumps with similar-to-them-in appearance, looks to them. Always screaming but not being heard.

In the nearest Near-Eastern by clock broken late, upheaval was there no other reason to affirm his stop. Her son, Millias Ehninhour Cradle had started drawing deeper below, being drawn by the various obscure worms that feebly danced around him in the obscure. Bumpy, bumpy, bumpy road.

A hole up there, dripping on the floor; and they were plain, as one could see, giant, at the eyelevel where they but merged sights. Left to rights and grinded bright's.

He unexpectedly flew towards the child. Verily equipped by tools of ill.

Light is dead, their life's been put off with the help of some rapier whose mere solace of devoid of nettle had but gouged every single light around the premise out, with an unfathomably, benighted by promised temples, that were never there when pouting grenade ended up being thrown like rafts that were devoid of promise of the whole, united, alas, by mother, cast no longer away, welcomed back into the paradise that had emerged from the fallen apart world, she had called forth, in her dreams, lucidly abhorring the nightmare that was vividly produced by ungrateful stars that were cackling at her from the distance, each in possession of humanoid limbs that drooped low-hanging, yet could not be helped. Worsened by a most pernicious morose a tatter-of-brokenly-cut-a-slither-of-space, which was but a bent around twisted plate, not of emptiness, but filled with many of their recognizable limbs, caught in wrestle, hybridized to one another's faces until, the moment came. The realization that stars were not filled with heat, or energy, but a strange squirmy coat, these pastels of sun-flowers now emerging from their grasp, final, wretch, abhor-the release not only by sight, but as it commences, there's no way to properly ordain what's been stolen, by heart, by rot, and rotten whore of disregard. A melted yolk, that seeped out of, worrisome lies accompanying them, telling each listener and one who'd far observed it happen in the past, for this unruly quietness benighted had reached its peak. It would be a trifle ocean of Mozambique, less niggardly, but drowned in Yellow Gookish, Mongoloid a tsunami that would paint them in that yellow dread that spread across the global robe, each and every planet being their flag-carriers, trying not to bleed themselves dry by snobbery and miss-en-thrope, for hatred was the breathing harp of tribal trifling-a-scare. They, the niggers that had once weighted humanity down were killed by another race of a much more so prone to keeping to themselves a similar kind, wretchedly hopeless, and would to live no other day, as it happened from onward and onto today, there was a lack of peacefulness that woke her up, disturbing the hibernation, since it was only her fake, false, cast of a body, her doppelganger that rotted away, was to be slain, attacked countless times, only to devour the culprits, having been imbued with a fragment not even she was aware to be in self-possession of, yet, this was only the beginning of a quiet's end. Reflections came, the side of the mirrors ended, as they out-lived their pouting and could never be returned to the once-believed fragrance of something that was even remotely similar to loft, and often sunk, a kin, they would call brothers, simians of verdure, breath in steel. Cooling down the plates beneath them that surrounded the inner-innermost hulk. From out of which she hopped, released, and free to again set herself in flight and self-devour. Yet what little there was of the world to attain. For she was not far from the molded in each other planets that made the space, frustrate. It was a forgery.

‘The message she had given us, long before we were even aware that there was something to draw from it. A forgery, I tell you, and we cannot forget that if happened once, it will happen again!’

‘I, a curved man.’

His body was like a corkscrew. Armless and footless but were elongated heads instead, coming out of the stumps. And his ‘body’, a long-head that was open mouthed, teeth held the legs, teeth held the head, and the other ‘arm-heads’, stuck out by long-legs, a lot of them, millions of long-leg insects, making the inner-tar puff of what he kept-inside his mouth. His mouth holding glowing devices that shot out, large, compact, conveyer-belts of drawing in and out, like horizontally turned-over pistons, which carried strange, not just drawn along, but trapped like insect-taxidermy, duck-taped by large pivoted black rod-impalement heart-put-in by shove to put an end to vampires, thingies, inside their respective squared areas. So there’s no confusion whatsoever, they were large, angular, sometimes accompanied by pincers, beads, snail-maws, strange cones, eyes, and even eaten organ-covered in puffing strange beings that were attached to them in utmost parasitical manners, disregarding everything that was kept at bay; wrapped around by a duck-tape coat-like fleshy see-through pseudo-grated with fifteen, six, eight and five centimeters in between, nigh-plastic but for the exception of being tricked by the impression of plastic being used being broken that made one be aware of the squirmy worm-tendons that swam like tapeworms inside of them, that immediately forced an on-looker to rethink what he was actually staring at, if he were quick enough to catch it in a slither of a second, since the speed at which this ‘conveyer belt was set was pretty gosh darn quick if you ask me, and you’d also need some time to process what was going on – sheets, impaled on both sides.

‘Who is responsible for the murder of several parents!’

Not including his own parents who had fallen into a black devouring pit in the middle of the room, ending up eating the carpentry, a carpetbagger that ought’ve been hanged just like the god damned Northerners, or the kikes that were making their way down South in order to change and play both sides; with that being said, murder was a barely hard-felt common occurrence without which, of the devoid, lack of utterly convicted indoctrination as to fully accept it, people in similar situations could not easily have their ways conducted in.

An Atheist that appeared to be messing around with an ugly cigarette he had ended up vide-taping himself in, the most, the ugliest scenes being forever, struck below.

A sky erupts, and they are watching from beneath the black pit his parents had been eaten by, the other side of the room, still inside the base.

Bashed were the moons growling at a chance to do it, again.

Later and below, to one of the hidden petrified versions of the world, trapped inside an echo-aquarium pseudo-room, organic reproduction, of a similar composition of flesh and human, ‘world;:

In all that noisy chaos of a yell, where they had spoken of the most roundly cavorted hoops of yell, there was not a single soul that would return to them in sink and saddle. For contemplation that occurred since, then, and therefore rather, would they not parch their hands, palms, streets of qualms met only by

facetious reins, worn by hourly refrain to move along, irksome, idling but riotous in march, where the anchor sinks, but come to an abrupt stop as well.

‘Sounds like a given, but I sayath on you again, don’t trust the one in that house, he’ll take everything from you if you give him an arm!’

Perchance there be, a simple disillusion, antipathy of yolk-disease, for all that cared to make a most troublesome noise, a voiced angered by her standing still in the forlorn remain of a simple robe she had taken a simple cut off while they spake.

‘I will ruin him just as I’m ruining the embroidery as we speak! I am an utmost ruinous broad, and I’m made to break, and I shall break him, with full-on-cast destroy, if I must. My locks are evil, for they carry fetus blood, I shall cut him just as I cut myself, performing on myself-abortion!’

A ruinous indentation!’

‘Wretched witch, but go away, I cannot stand the sight and sound of your refrain!

If you must such vileness, I beckon thee to leave and cast, yourself away and never have yourself lain eye to eye, for I shall not listen to you speak again!’

A bump in year; always, it’s always that, which makes her tingling nerves unhinging while in propel-propagation forth, towards advancement, since her lobes violently withhold from drawing back attention. Standing out in the middle of a grown-ground crowd, she walked on top of. Every humanoid flattened to a sheet-diameter she only held herself but near for a moment to listen to their lawful conniveries with which they only sekt the ardor of her touch. A female stepping on them, disgusting but what they wanted to feel after a hourless glass that, having been broken in one of the top apartments, the shattering of which was felt like torture to them, upon being spread during the fall, resulted into nothing less and nothing short of a most edificary belief lead to think of torture. Presently, her hard-felt vigor had but singled her advance, behind a strange booth, motorcycle-protector dome of a tortoise-filled with pyramidical glass-protrusions that hid him behind it, chained by glass-lodgers of written on top of each glass-page, glass words standing out; pricked in the back by a crystalline demon-molded human into a spear, this giant near-in sight, a scorpion tail of powdery ice-brass, but shook, upon being sighted by her as well.

Awry, dowry, cold, this ‘man’ was only a body ripped apart from some sullen-spilled grave, ugly in appearance, graven in disparity, the head but a skull-of iron, constantly pouring on top his constantly tormented body, chained-and-kept-in place, inside this prison that was a cockpit-of a forklift turned into a room entrapment device, which stood out, since this simple room was but a post-office block of mail on opposite wall, a door leading to the hallway that diverged into eighteen different, leading multi-directionally to multiple blocks of buildings snobbery-stops of pseudo-elevating stairways that were activated my the manual-labor of beneath them, inside theses device’s hidden rooms, slaves, and an elevator at the end of it.

Bleeding was a constant everywhere, and it would never stop!

‘There, there, it’s about to start again!’

He pulled his daughter closer to his side, now the firework began. Part of the sky had been completely encapsulated in a single fiery popper whose swollen sight depressed itself into an inert edifice of petard-powdery chinkery of China-shop flares, rummaging each house top as they were all slowly taken abroad by nothing short of a sinew-y spread, out there, nearer, and into their swollen beds of flower-fiery sun-strokes follow-after, people dying in their houses, suffocated by a blighted light that turned their roofs in flare-squared of perfect white, perfect yellow, burning-bright as they were shoved from life, out of it, and into the grim fandango of leprous skin turned into mold whilst slowly being aroused from their sleepless-fright, un-breathing. Gelatin pouches of pudding, it's what they were all forced to become, as soon as they woke up, realizing that they were woken up from their humble abodes. And as thoroughly hardisome as it's become, how hard, how inefficient were those legs they had once called their own, and to themselves they kept, while their neighbors, those lowly-strutting single-paced, barely breathing, lone survivors dared open each door in countless curiosities' desire to see what was happening underneath their homes, outside, where they had gathered, now it snowed. Many of the torpedo-flingers being slowed adrift, instead of blow, they merely landed, slowly but most solicitously caressed by the cold-warmth devoid of humanly avoided, for, solace of un-prone, emotion, were they forced to rise. As if alive, if they landed horizontally, now they were vertically aligned. Each and every single one of them without exception, damned would they be, the humans, who we look down, in solid, rocket-fuel drive, contemplation. For these vile fiends of iron but looked down, trying to draw something out of them, as they ran around, covering them with brambles and with sticks, trying to do anything, anything that would prevent them from exploding, at their feet or otherwise, wherever else. It didn't matter at all, nor would anyone see what happened if they closed their gaze for a moment, since the torn-apart gelatin-ashen, had arrived, amassed in an army, they carried with them a single mirror of light that was soon placed against these fiends. Two armies were met at a crossroads, in a field of alabaster, waiting for this sekt after, by many, what would from this point on be called the Supreme Disaster!

It had been a fretful insufficiency that held them back, to the point where their hands were almost frozenly lodged in their arms, deepening in, the farther pushed-in the vein, the longer had the arm become. Until, finally it stopped drooping and began broadening with every passing second.

A bird was clawing its way from one side to another off the one bar jointed alongside the top of the building, two-joint welded by two additional bars that trimmed a good chunk of the last floor, on the upper-side of the residence, which had been curved into this man-built terrace of a cabin-trap-inside a restaurant, open-ended on either side there being a few squirming in place coils that constantly wrapped themselves around, then inside of, spraying tinier unnatural humanoid that constantly repaired the structural-integrity damage that had been sustained by epochs-old striking-hits that had been lain there by the harsh weather, which in turn began draftingly-coming apart, each time the clouds set themselves into position, announcing the heavy weather, the crowned bar acting like a belt of a magnitude of such proportions that it could've belonged to a butcher's saw whose continuous shoveling on its right side, had brought thousands of pigeons-giants-filled with large heads-skinnyed alive that were the size of big-barrels, filled with meat, out of which large gelatinous -snail egg-beaded scorpion tail-segmented eye-formations, globular-bubbled but held by rope-attached by shooting grappling hooks at the top of in order for men to climb since they had no ladders despite their so suddenly made one to be aware of, leaning, against these flaccid at the top yet sturdier at the base of, since they shot out of the eye-sockets of these many skulls like ivory elongations of tusks, whereas nearing the edge of, the eyes began drooping low because of the weight; wingless beasts but heads of being un-beaked but which carried large prodding elongations, tubes

that had, at their ends, blob-sausage-many combed-with piping in and out, inter-connecting air-devourers, their organs those being, that allowed them ‘flight’ by devouring air-pockets of atoms that drew everything inside of in order to fill this empty spot that was created, seemingly awkward, struck in an endless loop- in appearance, of falling constantly, for a second only to be drawn back to, but slightly more-upwardly thrust, advancement, where they were, yet father than they had been before. Legless, but instead they wore, crude, unnatural, and they were only pigeon in a generality of shape and size, filled with rhombus-ugly perilous-shaped tomb-spaces inside of them where the ugliest of beings started oogling at one another in order to frighten the organs into proper-function. They were struck in needles that started drawing, eight connected, and fleshy, forming fingers, come in five at a time trapped inside of, inter-connected fly-swatters that began crawling out in order to aid with the landing. There being a most conflictual-stare being held soon after, as the sun had been chewed on and off, then thrown around, no longer in the possession of the Honey makers that hid inside the base-of the building, the crawl-making figures, sonorous in boast began starting again, agitated by the nearing to them sights of eye-gouging that followed beneath the Earth, the torturing of the ones that sun-bathed in radiation, humans in the distance during Hiroshima’s landing of a nuke, that survived vaporization, only to be left with this appearance, with the exception of this being, inevitably judged, having been done, more so, on purpose with the sole desire and need there of being, self-inflicted pain and suffering, gullible little mongrels, struck down in their naiveté, were tricked, but found out in self-sustained disbelief as well, into blurring the lines between death, reality, malignity, no-longer aware of what was real, and what was not, thinking themselves capable or that they would be allowed to kill themselves, they’ve done it, with no mindful meditation performed, that might’ve awakened them to this pain that could’ve saved them from the throng of a most evil home they now find themselves in.

‘No longer will you wretches escape. And make sure that this crude plate I brought you to fill, that had once been used to fill a coup, a bowl that shattered but was put back together by my order, no better need will I find for it today, than to have you bleed some more as I milk you of clot and brain.’

For they were bashed on top their heads, disgracious in sullenness – allure. Mourning still, a Heathen born buffoon with the back of four cars made into a ball, sprouting out his back, his face, his second one was completely grown on top off. It spoke for him instead:

‘May I have a break, dear one that looks after us, great father? That which cannot help himself but forget what made us once each other?’

‘You were of a similar kin to the ones we killed, weren’t you? Ones that were butchered before being turned into tender meat for you to feed yourself on, isn’t that so?’

Leeches, all of you; no backbone soothing your empty minds, you’d kill your own if it were allowed.’

‘Wait a moment, I need some peace!’

It was those big meaty hatching spider eggs again, speared in the head by pipe-pumping antennas, being tickled by the fingers as they made the noise return to naught. An infernal thing that neither of them could deal for long; it being too innocuous in terms of tenebrous tormenting, to be captures and put in place, or to be forgotten as it turned on them once again. This time, the noise protruded in each ear.

Another honey-maker returned from one of the great halls. He announced the following:

‘We will not be able to help them eat if this series of grunting, these infernal noises continue without the wonting and without a reason made be or made stop.’

‘What do you propose then? I will hear you, if not, I’ll tear you apart, forcing them devour by means of freshness of the flesh, rosy-pink yet niggerish, I wager each swollen dead.’

‘There’s no reason for each bile, not of kin and none devour!’

But he did see the seriousness with which he had not only come but through which he threatened to devour each moment of his precious toll.

‘I can give you some tape-wormish little figures that will crawl.

Eating, pushing through until no longer will they be able to recall what sound used to be sounded like in ears or in cove. I see that you’ve brought moisture, from the sea of ivory or through crimson tattle, spring of pray. But they won’t be able to forgive ignorance, not as long as you wallow and refrain from giving them a spare-hour.’

‘It’s too much to ask, and what is your rank in the Honey-combers?’

‘Fell do pray, the Deuces singing, yet they say.

I’m but a Runt that’s offered a hole to lay in, where my fourth body is almost fully prepared. He’ll step out, follow me by trail, like some ugly sluggish snail, and he shall kill me in order to claim my place. If that’s any give to you.

I’m of a great standing.’

‘You have to be if you’re allowed to keep a corpsed-man, a crop taken of your liking broughtened to your kindness, such as which is mold-to you alarming, yet I wager it won’t last the long-lot once it’s to be exposed to the light that shall devour him, in empty cask.’

There was no possible retort that could follow either.

Parts

A large fifteen-meters from below the raft-formation, it being a large iron-welded to the ground by the reach-around its edges copper-ish sheet of a square on top of which there being a great slightly-raised above the head of the foot, dead-nigger’s head, beam of iron that went through the shrunken-nigger-head as if it had simply cut through a nicely compounded slice of butter, with this being more of a spear-rounded but thicker around each and every single edge of the lot’s superfluous, unnaturally set, disastrous wretch’s left over-mark. A body of some mammal lay near it, singing as it drew from deep-below. A parcel of chopped women’s feet, the blood of Dina’s unkind seethe as she rose from a leper’s pool.

‘There you are, my dear. I’ve been looking forwards to seeing you for a while now. And yet, as I seek no other reason to be perched; I can only ask of you this, as long as you still think of me as what little else there can be. What little mourning is there left to be done with, or should I see to it that it is time for me to carry on already?’

‘Who said that?’

Another echo followed through, followed by a few incomplete humanoids, missing body parts accompanying them. Leashed by what could only be called an incomplete lot of the most unnaturally, bewildering to stare at broth of never-ending grasp-around. Pincers attached to machine that crawled upon worm-bodies and canines without feet; a small army they had called it.

A moon had fallen, and it’s been followed by eight altars that followed in its path. A set of trails made out of reeling in and out stardust made the way for the man’s craft to draw from the lost tracks of dirt and spores that flew during the coming of the shade as it followed around. One of the headless peasants, whose chest rose in and out, a red fleshy circle of worms that allowed for an appendage, long, segmented by fleshy rings; yet like a shower-head at its end, with many dome-inwardly depressed craters that allowed for the inner-holes to be most properly used for the speaking volume to be made begin. And ever since he’s come out of his hiding; the sleigh of women feet were thrown, around and into the darkest of the darkest cones. A damp swamp-nigger had been killed no farther than fifteen miles here and there, around, within:

‘Lest you speak of me as Yore, and the one whom so beseech abhor the dark command of spiels, I would have you all be gone unless you want to bloody near the pool of spikes!’

Many had been dug during the wild surrounds. But only one survived as the spikes reeled back and forth and fed upon the most innocuous of forms that lived and leered, upon the words of mice and rats and other dead animals that refused to disappear, even when shouted at. Since they were ghastly and unnerving, and most disturbing and wretchedly abhorrent in their doing and their staving, starving, faceted by blood and blood-cot; pus sprouting out their eyes, forming tower segments and whips they cracked on the back of the dead men that appeared after dark. Since the hour passed; and the hour of the mass only drew so much closer that, it could not be ignored any longer, not since it reached the critical point of killing every single one, alas; of the open-wounded camel.

‘A toast shall settle this dispute.

You who guards the crossroads, what are you to say to thee?’

In his name, Versax Oipol-Eight; cruisers of disease, made of skinned removed from dead-wrought empty kegs. None of which hit the mark, but there were plenty of other reasons to be had; lest beseech to listen to the fell-swooped screams that followed in the waking’s deep abhor.

‘Leper’s trenches.’

One of them followed the gallows.

A little more to the right and one could see it just fine. Scraping off the bookshelf with a few of the cords, tied to a rope where the corpse was lodged. A fine meter between him and the ground; the agitators

grabbed a few cords and made sure to enable him to never come to life. His blood-drip-drip; extracted beneath his feet where the cords dangled beneath the man. His head, the second one kept the upper-brain alive. The second brain was stored in his chest, in a dome-crater they had dug in, then allowed for this bubble to step out of him, then around it went, feeding on the very same tubing that drew from beneath the floor. Feeding his children as he fended some of the lepers off:

‘This room’s a mess and I’m still under the impression that he’s staring at me, quite intently!’

‘Don’t talk to him and keep the televiser down; you don’t want me to recognise my voice, do you?’

‘I will if I want to and you can’t stop me. Yil, it’s not like lime. He’s not come to anger more, he’s not to enter the starving Moor and plenty floor, the taking!’

I say, if there’s ever been a chance for you to put yourself in danger’s way, that was fifteen years ago, no more no less. I’m still under the impression that there’s no way for you to die any longer, not while there’s a little implant in the bulb, fellow!’

But he feared something might come to be.

‘My blood is contorted into a little cradle I’ve yet to coat the side of the floor with before ebbing myself a swim, on a whim, lest I drown, I cannot tell what’s happened to my bolted run, lest you talk to it, I cannot fit in the cradle!’

Fifteen candles were burning with the leash, lease and leeway cradling around a piece of the tent that crawled in. It was lodged in it, the barrel. The two coffins had arrived, still jousting with their unnatural things, these worming fiends that bent, ebbed and drew around, from some fasculi of light, emerging. It was getting crowded, beyond it, dumbfounded even, yet no compensation could be culled. The pair had arrived, Slithering Bob and his wife Ellis, with their fifteen cannibal sons, the rapists; and the panel they had dragged from the other side of the world which occupied, very much so a good chunk of the room at this point in time. Difficult as it may be to accommodate to the simple scourge of tiny spaces. Eight faces rose, faceted by panels, from the middle of this strange device, this block of plastic, that’s belonged to some refinery, as well as the barrel they rolled alongside them, with little plucked feathers of slithering corpses that leaped from here and there, titter and tetter, without the drowsiness that followed after. The tall compressor hid inside the barrel now brought to the latched upon the wall rack, the little servant-cannibals, the sons, carrying their bolted rifles and now taken out could only ask for the grace of quiet as they rumbled during silence’s pass. To have it culled from the sound required to have come a still and think of it again, alas. The bridge they had passed was thing, it had diverged almost into a mountain pass of some extreme thinness that was almost impossible to traverse by normal means, leading to a closely encapsulated tiny room, drawing to the right, a small spot, where the stairway lead to an even stranger such depression as one would have it cradled into the lass-of-a-bloated whale-sized parasite they had carved their way through. An unnatural thing, drew forth, drew less, impressed onto the corpses coming from one of the hidden; spots, holes, and the tall slender, cut through brothel of a whore!’

‘You damned wife, don’t play with the corpses, can’t you see that they’re trying desperately to joust during the time you’ve been abhorred for hours? Never-touched and less remorse!’

Flashy, flashy on the screen:

‘We’re delivering the soul and also on a whim, might I be so called to stare?’

‘There’s the trifle and the rifle I’m so obscured and used to looking, searching for, entreaty of despair!’

A few mountainous mounted rifles were lowered from the floor.

Poor wretch of a man still lodged into the wall, but looking; confused as he was, as anyone would be in his stance, was, was of a trifle more incapable of understanding what happened around him or why. Why would anyone put a man through such batter, torture and come-after? What’s he done to deserve this of all? It was too crowded, it was too awful, two corpse-Sarcophagi jousting bearing their elongated lucid-slug lanced rotting, the wife playing with one. The panel in the middle implanted, the barrel that grew, filled with growths, and robust, way too inflated by the starting of the comb-after.

And the cannibals, they were but trying to get a hint off the poor man’s luck running out, telling him it was time, it was time for him to be called, culled and eaten out by gut alone, and thrust-despair if they moved too sudden, the alarmingly faceted by rifles and by simple trifles would only cast them away and latch.

An effigy of growths emerged from the barrels. It was an awful-trifle sight, and lust.

‘Lacklustre day of December fifteen of November come too soon upon the Eve’s New Yar, when, during upon this melancholy a day, I killed a nigger, I lynched that nigger and he was dead-killed upon the spot. I killed him, I killed him and I’m not afraid of revealing myself as the servant of evil endure, endearing such entreaty mourned for. But I don’t speak of evil, I impress!’ C.

Company was included, they were a trifle more standing, thinking of the past. It was ran-of the mill, that fell, but no one seemed to’ve occupied themselves with trying to speak of Homer, The Iliad and the likes.

‘He’s done it!’

I and John clashed defiantly, recklessly, in a most befuddling manner, sneeringly-benumbed in the fashion of falling apart – both corpses facing the dear-deadly dead-dead moon’s side of the rum-bottle, nauseatingly disemboweled by painfully benighted, bothersome and misanthropic in terms of how he acted, cruelly manifested by his disgruntled reaction to what was happening around him, in this maddening atmosphere of unnaturally defunct and yearned-for grown, maddeningly abhorred by a pair of eyes that only glance out the temporary world he’s not considering himself to be a part of, depressed by an abysmally-suicidal deliriously contorted false-angelic godless-heathenistic so-allured a connivingly befuddling recital; that was admitted by the men in the room as to be a blasphemous retort to the criminal-thought he had of pulling out a rifle needed to pull up this school shooting like the Columbine massacre-kill all niggers in the front kind of grinding the corpses in my sleep after I’m done but grind my nerves instead of trying to endure this alarmingly recurrent lucidly-set groove of little peck-ish fairy fruits he was not only surrounded by but dreamed of bashing, with a bludgeon-effect of splatter; their head-skulls split-open as if he were the nigger-kill man to the extreme with the nigger-sword gun turnpike dream of never-been, the niggs that is, alive to begin with; only to have misguidedly woken up in the middle of the night, at like two or fifteen am close to midnight, in his cozy home; eight by eight apartment with a swamp of dirt-shaped oblongoid room-chamber made like some weird run-of-the mill to look like golf course; of a squarish puddle with a tip to the side leading to a small devil’s tail shape crossing as if it were pinned

between two mountains where it stood and 'moved', with the nerve, the nerve on that woman to comment on the red cashmere carpet he had bought specifically for her; to this, this being a nice carpet barely covering a part of the room; since; they were sleeping, or she was still sleeping since he had failed to wake her up, knowing her, personally, sleeping pills, a lot of them, or barbiturates; I don't think she's still alive, dumb-cunt probably died 'peacefully' during her sleep, if Heaven's sake would soon forbid; or a fly-swatter, whose handle had began distorting itself to the right side, receding in size until it had become a mould-trench where the bodies were kept in; soon enough his most beautifully worthy in terms of worthiness' erection and the brothel sings rape-rape rape soon after; to be thrown in the pile after; which in terms of how lamentable it had become, there was no possible explanation for this wretchedness of hours that passed since and would pass after and the brothel of brothers that died in the war, bless their souls, their picters put on top of desk, don't shake, don't shakey-shakey little Gooky or I will put you dead in barrel like the nigger-nigger cuckey; slave-enslaved, could've been all avoided if someone killed the Jews, if the Holocaust happened, if only it did happen, if only; which is the reason why this attempt driven by the Jews to condition the white-man into cucking himself and his race despite the fact that Jewess-bimbos are most likely the biggest whores in existence; out of existence, is being allowed to continue, but would've been completely stamped out if the Holohoax did happen and these sub-human nigger-kikes had been lynched-gassed kilt out of their existence – an Epitaph thrown in some corner or something which was still of little concern to the two of them, albeit this conversation they were going on with, or trying to continue had only been temporarily stilled by naught else other than this strangeness, this unexplainable strangeness of John reminiscing about raping his dead-wife; that rousingly erect-Arbiter caused this raising of the tent to happen; nigger-wheel-shaped heads carried their little niggers' to their deaths into the pile, while their nigger-brown bodies were become large troughs in which they carried hundreds of their own; depression, amnesia, a desire of vengeance, pain, a bout fifty bucks and thirty cents in his bank account; baka, desu, be careful friends, you've about a half-around the hour for this night's deep refill, anger, frustration, a volcel, an incel, mad, racist, a pedophile, insane, necrophiliac, a criminal, a faggot and a nigger, the controlled opposition, the most likely to promote top of his class, valedictorian, cum laude; might as well be Steven Spillberg; or any other of these Hollywood'd-ly 's wretched fucking filthy sub-human rats; going around the neigh; neigh, a couch or a cab driver's put-inside and outside and around the block, turnaround as they are put in this wild-ride, rigged milfs with tit-explosives; chanting, and wanting to breed with; you know; that they would even think of the irresponsibility of allowing the charade that is the Holocaust to continue should serve as nothing more and nothing other than some testimony of this, this allowance to deceit, done openly, reveled in; perpetuated by the Jews who control the media, the entertainment business, the central banks, living in a shit-piss fuck retarded state, formally known as Israel if this' s to age well; bitch-bitches, bitch-bitches and these whores, why is milk popping out of their bimbo-tits no more?; because of nothing other than the traitorous likes of some whites who betrayed their people, deciding that selling their souls and the glory of their superior race to filthy inhuman, gum-chewing and breathing with their mouths open – Semites was worth a trifle more than going through the hardship needed to protect, defend and ensure that their people's, their ancestors' and theirs as well, legacy will survive long after their fallen generation; Charles Lieber; I think that's how you spell his name, I don't know, ha-ha; helped create the Corona Virus and deaths, and the deaths of the European people that were killed by this inhuman thing rests upon the shoulder of and of these sub-human rats as well as their tribe as well; the cab being set on a trajectory that would go straight away- up front on a curving upwardly then downwardly in a spiraling trail of little growths keeping it in the air, unnaturally looking defiant-wretch of many little puckerish bubbles shaped

like men with humanoid long legs holding everything together from falling, which, this structure being what twas and is being bespoken of, a pseudo-hive entry that would diverge into the insides of a drill that would and could only push in through this unnaturally dark undulated crypt-looking temple of giant kneeling figures, some of the missing heads; others not even being so lucky as to maintain or keep their arms of their other-lost features; small puckerish legs shaped like bag-sorted squirming maggots with rolled up blunts nigger-killed don't kill my mother 'till I die, there being, a kind of, commotion running in the air with the upheaval of a hundred thousand puckerish angels, dying, 'cause of greed, give money to charities but not to monkeys, 'ever since; am the man, am I the man who threw himself against the wretches and who were those bimbos with exploding faces, nicely carved breasts that would pop in and out like sweet cherry pieces and Cheetahs-chips with cheese, I want to put my face between their breasts and see to it that I will never wake up from it, since I am afraid, I cut, all the time, why must I die when I'm bled to death and when will I be allowed to leave this prison that is carnage?

A bloated trunk-sprout with four great tongue-mounds raised pyramidically, from whence sprouted; holding an almost tower-cylindrical bulk of a chest that bore its head, which was thrice as wide as its whole body but never making it past four of the knots coming out of its three legs on all sides, since, despite being pyramidically shaped, they only gave the illusion of it, when in reality, they were more of a spine-frame of smaller jags or segments that were aligned to look like pyramids, like Swiss chocolate; upwardly pointed, like some kind of statue that was forcefully pointed at the sun to the point of being tear-eyed. A top-had shaped- but without the lower roundness or plate-look-a-likeness, having bore itself almost into a spiral, pointing at the back, two pseudo horns sprouting out of it, one with tiny petal-pincers, the other, a corrugated long-horn; an arm only which was a pseudo-beam coming from behind its back, busily trying to push the head, this elongated almost toy-of-a-made out of many rings, colored, thingy that one could throw and see it 'move' by itself, like some spring, but this toy would only serve as a pseudo 'rib'-cage or should only serve as one in order for one to make out the curvature of the skull. A two-directional, sprouting, filled with brittle boils, this being the very arm, flabby-like some elephant's tail but fatter and organic. An almost helmeted and crowned look to the being; and a beetle rhinoceros, up-front held-sharpened candle of nose-horn, organic-fleshy and gelatinous in appearance; but barely above the mouth; it pulled the philtrum forward. A tiny ugly maw pointing beneath it, constantly opening, as this ugly thing. This sea-ray of a thin, fifteen millimetres or so jelly of a plasma 'sheet' serves as its lower jaw, constantly pulling back and forth in order to prevent the saliva from falling, or it from drooling. Its head was not sprout-come out of the bulky broth of a body it bore but instead was nigh-like a lizard, kind of; or some snake. It blew bubbles out of its mouth like a kid. Or snot; like feet. Like feet-balloons. Inside of which air-people danced around and flew like kites. And they always killed the kikes.

And he started growling and paddling-emerge himself through the ground-floor come upon, the trenchers, the trenchers standing at his feet, wriggling their out-their bodies eyes, the many that were resting on these humans dressed in fish-nets fish-stocks with hooks that had fish-lookers staring and ebbing themselves to be touched by the blessing of the most unkind evil twas-ever to've been:

'Splinter each reach and cut your toes unless you want me to leap inside the throng and see it as a musk, as a shed, where you shall crawl and yearn for come ahead, don't leap on top off, each frog's but barrel in the making fat.

I shall slither but thine, each and every single one of yours, wretched hate. I slither and seethe, as I'm ill and come heap-throng, await!'

An hour passes just as soon. Glory, called to thrice monsoon! Fifteen meters of leprous wonderment follow after, as they're culled to come in hinder-sight, trifle there stands but one sign, and it's open for all but hinder-sight and ever-bloom. Autumn had skinned alive a bark-but coon; comes the nigger on top of a plate. Some servants bring him forth and they only cricket-crick-crick ahead.

'But where to yonder?'

'His family needs to eat, if any grow near, if any would hear, if any would come, appear, none or what little's there, might come be proud. They could prod our foreheads with nasty lances...'

'I believe they're called spears and they're chucked, not prodded!'

Interrupted the younger one.

'Clever one that youngling spindle! Oft what wretch forth and lil' absinthe!'

A little puffy tool attached to some little arm that drew forward, stilled in place by a few metallic-but uglily set clasps that could barely be seen moving, frolicking in place, slightly hindered by some unnatural look that allowed for a second mounted gun to draw out of it, lodged as they were inside the side of his arm, an ugly thing, unnatural but solely of a reasoned approach, it drew back into his cocked-in lodged, a briar in the shoulder, descending fifteen-or so ugly-meters into his insidiously ugly armed bulb-a worm with a face and a facade of drawn bodies pulled back and forth, all of which hid inside his one great-leg, of a few diameters-extending back and forth, constantly, in terms of overlapping sizes, unnatural faced by bodies hid inside naught else than his, mouthed below him two heads, added to a briar of centipede-sculpted broths, little arms drawing beneath him. Taking their time before trying to rip him apart from inside-out; their betrayal meaning nothing, bringing naught but else' felt-for shame. Drawn again during quiet, were they scented by some spell that struck them dumb and stilled in place; effortlessly, were they forced to some barn by their master, where he simply started bearing endlessly followed-through, fallen from above, lend onto them, come as they might, onto some brow, some burdensome reprise carried forth by an uncalled for, never let known or made aware of its own existence, predisposition to violence, that caused despair, fallen as they might, one after another, as if they were blown-stricken down shades that tried grasping, running, fleeing away from their master, whether or not necessary, that only being so-much-so an inconclusive thing, left standing and feeling away in a betokened by musk and brim-filled air that only suffered none to come near the barn, or to have themselves, abhorred by those that followed them around with thought of destitution and of pain, heed-forth away, heaved with little doubt of their lifelessness, they succumbed. Empty graves abandoned by a solace of most morbid a-rum that followed through, as he had bathed in its vapid vapours, followed by some entrance of no forth, a solace and succumbed they did to the fell. Rotten, abandoned as he refrained from taking another gulp, with which, hinder-forth set, he walked away as far and quickly as he could but not before destroying this unnatural corner that could not have been worse for wear. Four castle-tower brick pyramidal at the top, wheeled-rotten, tall bodies, armless, like armoured knights that sloped on top the grinning figure, followed by large walls, spiked beneath by fallacious flaccidities such's n' be found under normal circumstances only in most dreaded, most dreadfully erected, so far, leeches of some filth

be-scumbed, whose laughter echoed, whose dart-forth rancorous entreaty deadened no more than most alarming hard-a prying in, solace of bacterium and of grit that found itself into a field of many rowing-forth bodies, those that had been thrown in the river, eccentric and vapid as they could only feel themselves, as to be throned again; by the filth that entered their rust-corrugated sleighs, which pulled them down, and asked for bloody crowns, as soon as a body neared the wretch:

‘You, master, come, come heed my call. Allow me such a moment’s stay, allow me to refrain from drowning, help me slither away from where I stay, that I may move again, from arm’s arm. That I may not drown when they pull on my numbed feet, I may only seek such a thing as I’ll have had wilt to be betokened away for me and exchanged for the bodies of most morbidly hidden in slithers of drenched candour’ sun. I may not be wilt away easily, as it wilt’ve been purloined!’

Was there any will to continue past that point on?

As he looked upon that river’s blood, imagining darkly whatever there was, out of titter and tenebrously a damp, call-after. To have been halted in place and placated with the blood he would rather see running to a point, most forgotten, mostly conjoined by all that mattered, whatever lesser forth, cradling forth, or rather, pain and that alone had only brought them back momentarily from where they stood and where they reigned, along the crude, abnormal, the wretched, the purported in pain, the wagging of tails, the corrupted and the reigns, small trinkets of no glory, rancid anchors and plumes of empty throngs, small picks, long sticks, stones that had been cracked from stalagmites, curtains of no velvet-kind of, but of some decisively similar to themselves cut. To have been spilled in glory’s dark succumbed, a car in the distance that fell, splashed alongside buses and long-buildings that were dropped from above, fourteen hundred or so globes, planetary robes and the Government as well, with most of its magisters, the locals, lawyers, politicians and most crudely tortured look-a-likes, most of these benighted creatures had been allowed to wallow in crudely in pain before being allowed to wallow in pain and remain as bastardly as they were, and trail, painfully bothersome, for they could only see themselves drowned, for no one came to their rescue, nor would that be allowed. For many followed orders drenched in pain, swore to crude anchors that never answered back, but pained, they were by what in turn followed. Mothers with their infants crying, a lot of similar sights, of gut-benumbing, if anyone would so much as to explain what happened, glance at them, they would be crude, they would be further-more forcefully made to wretch-in-place and, so far, come onto it, en-tune what little hope there was to whistle it out. There was no proper-calling to the ones that suffered him not drowned. For his worth was well beyond theirs.

‘Fancy me pulled out today?’

‘There are many similar rivers I’ve seen where they drown the good, the worthy, the scum and the ones among them that cannot walk but promote the worth-benumbed, until culled and therefore run!’

He called onto him to swim! But land was thoroughly murky, more so than the river itself, on a whim!’

‘These hands can only create evil, ugliness, taintedness, anything but beauty.’ The evil that permeates in the heart of a Jews, soulless creatures wretched by evil and by scum!

A church of neighbors, the president? My car!

A church of presidents, the parking lot, is where I find myself; on every Sunday but not this one. He was alone in the park of blood of spiky grits, with benches of bones that had spike-pillars come out of them with many open rib-car-formations out of which appendages drew forth and devoured the blue-flashy children and the orange-flashy ones of sun.

Hemathose Poultrygas was waiting there, an umbilical cord attached to pair of eight gas masks held by a balloon helmet of stitched together patches of pants, shirts and close-to-him-high-school-but-only-seen-them-twice-in-his-life-time-outside-the-school-including-the-reunion-where-it-happened-“-friends-“ he put together during free time. Bled on the blood, a lot of it!

Razor- switchblades with tar-coal burning conical horn-throwing saws with knives, butcher’s cleavers, needles with HIV and Ebola and cancer-fins with infectious mustard-gus bulbs at the end of them, with the words “nine-eleven, dancing Israelis” etched around the base of their curves, beneath them? Rotten Pythagorean formulas of canker speak of plants dying in their sleep benighted by wretchedly dark-damped angels of kill-self, reunited with their king, Lucifer, in dreamless contortions of nuclear warheads. Killer of babies, he wore a dark hill of large blades sticking out of him. And Lucifer, who was there, a few meters away but not far from where they were, was legless but instead he bore a downward pointing pyramidically flattened on each end, drill of cartilage skin, of stitched cats, with corkscrew ridges of humanoids that were extended, elongated, thinned and made to look as if they were stuck in some vortex that had been cast inside out. And he bore only one arm coming out of his chest and four great pillar kempt – necks, holding put together into a ball of a myriad of features, heads; that opened in a square-keyhole formation out of which a smaller Lucifer, more humanoids, but flashy black, only his outline could be seen, but who was frozenly-chained, made out of Glass, Glass-Lucifer, kept flying back and forth, inside and out of his prison, while he spoke with eighty five other Lucifers that were all plotting to assassinate Dave, having neared the stalk out of which, in the bowels of the earth, from beneath and deeply there-standing, deep adage, out drew the citadel emerging.

They blink, unanimously.

Every house in this city gets destroyed, like Turkaletts being impaled up their asses by pikes, hundreds upon hundreds of citadels of dead-fucking niggers stitched by knives emerge from the bowels of the earth. Every single one of them interconnected by an intricate system of underground cavernoids united by unnatural hinder ends made out of the strangest, most peculiarly inclined unnaturalness-erected woe of crudities barely holding them together.

A wit, of lest be spared of countenance aware withdrawn awaking, therefore shanty of lest be away, hinder come and rear-ending, there would come no man in-between.

For whatever reason they themselves were not aware nor could they explain the edifices of implications whose mere mortal utterance, benevolent yet hardly to be called for, therecome after, in the nigh of dusk’s end, was there no doubt that one could not forget, whom they called about. Whom to pray for solace end. When then blood, there it stood, erect!

Feet were moved around in carts, with long boomerang frames of bone-bearing crib-ribcaged beneath the fleshy-scrapes of tatters it was wearing, large angular scarab pincer-united, each segmented into two, quasi fragments of disease-filled greenish-seen from inside, plugged into each other, claws of the sort,

thinner at both ends, leaving an area of an amassed growth of meaty there-being kind-of a punching bag-sack; like some ancient dinosaur held-between two bony ends by a caveman, meat-club, hardisome by look, with an open end out of which a pumping balloon organ kept going at it, inner-in-deeper-beneath itself through a system of many cow-like guts united but they were more like stick-insects, working together to keep this bloated thing alive, pumping venal embryos they bred with themselves endlessly inside of it, as they would also feed each other out this sticky golden honey-like, gold almost hive of many pouches of quasi-spider sacks they had eaten along the way, absorbing them, assimilating the mass so they could keep this, this blood-bagged growing lump alive. It would've looked like a giant-compounded into a fridge compact squarish tree-trunk made into a canoe, if lain flat on the ground, seen to bear, at each end, two canon-turret mounted fat guns, one pointing at the sky, the other at the hinder end; albeit a canoe without a way to sit inside of; since it bore no other hole than the one allowed for the growth to stay inside and sprout outside of; beings mincing on them by unseen ways. They leaped on their hinder-bottom beneath them one-leg, dangerously driven by evolution as to promote stress on not only their joints but these bags they held so close to their demise. Women's feet, women's feet of the most blessed kind they pushed the cart they were put in, by slamming their colossal bodies against, then-around. Strange unique 'carvings' looking backs they bore, yet, unlike carvings, these were grown. Since they were hunched like large kebabs and hives, with their upper heads bowed down, their hindered legs no deeper now, a bubbly-organ but harder than steel, with some fleshy grown-around gourd-like crowns, spindly, spiky raised, fumigating with some unnatural steel smoke that hardened into iron mazes, tiny but like trinkets, they fell on the ground, heaves as they were laid behind; circular, some of them and others taller and more wide-spread, kings of volcano emerging smoke, worming mounds, on top of which the insects made ant-like push-ins, termites the same, similar to their kingdoms but inside they remained, unless called for. Some forceps that would cut randomly an ugly pig's face, which the taxidermist would embalm, pull too early, then staple on top of some rounded old kike's back might've shown some kindred liking to the deformation of the skin that had occurred. Enslaved as they were by the maim, and malign.

There's a storm brewing over the wretched front, yet not a single simple man can see it coming from a mile away where they're from, gone upon a slither's hay' there-come after!

There's no one watching, there's absolutely no one there.

A sign not too far away:

'Body parts needed, will pay all the necessary procedures to have 'em removed, but no quicker and no cheaper than the extraction will be, and no cost higher can be made out of the ones that give away what's left for me.'

At the very least it shouldn't have made any difference whatsoever, not to them, the ones that were in charge with watching. The most awful thing of all being the fact that there was not a single cop around while the coup was going on:

'Pull the trigger, slowly, I'm telling you, it's going to be a cut and dry job, not a single man will suspect a thing if you do it just right. There, there, you need only to perform this in the correct way and I'm certain we'll be out of your business in no time, friend.'

'Now wait on a while god damned minute, will you?'

I didn't even expect that at all. Fucking shit; fucking dumb shit fuck! Fucking dumb shit-fuck shit, fuck!:

They're both aware of what's going on and they're not moving as a result of it, trying each other's hands at it with knife-cuts all around looting through. And they died. By rape-cancer.

He must be forced to pay his gut-a-trifle hindrance, twenty or so times over, destroyed and ruined, cancerously brought to pain and forced to become humble before torture's to be allowed to've begun again!

The despot, destitute of cowardly:

'I shall not be beckoned to return to thine evil ways, nor will I have myself skinned and flayed for such regards as you will have yourselves be put upon the Anthony-pillar where ever-to be pained by skin, will I suffer torture for no appeal!'

He's been seated by her since the last landing but never so much made a noise to alert her that one of the other flight attendants had been staring at them for over ten or so minutes before he considered trying to give her a nudge, albeit undisturbed by the rubbing of the screw that was shot from the other side of the plane, entering his head, passing through, didn't bleed from it, but his head was finally turned, fixed on that barely-for-nailed thing that then entered through the keyhole and was then unseen. Last seats were empty. But you could feel the miasma that had accompanied it somewhere along the way. Their heads both hers and his were bald. And they had weird rectangular signs on them, flat disparaged lanterns united with anchors and eyes, actual humanoid eyes that for the present lay ubiquitously unnoticed. Next to her, the window was fully open. The plane wing was missing. Instead, there was a black cloud that was attached to it, a nimbus of black smog that was slightly removed from sight, a few meters off, but walked along them. It was not a real cloud but a concubine of many shapes and forms that puffed out themselves, since they were pseudo-lung things making a mass, wingless but, as observed, capable of flight, during this somber agitation. She began reminiscing of the days that were well long put beyond and behind her, childhood's earrings snapped, albeit during an insolent upraise her children had made her be put through, that she remembered fondly despite their, then, inappropriately displayed behavior they even prided themselves with, having spared her the trouble of trying to step in and break their fight, the moment Hector stepped on the wrong slippery stone, broken ankles flying as the winds galloped on the side of the tributaries, where still-corpses lay in quiet, birds of flights unabated willowed in. How long has it been since fornication? Why would she be thinking of that while one of her children had been painted blood red, around both arms, since they both swam in the pool that blazed out of his gushing body, spraying her as well, as they danced around this groove she learned to appreciate as being only one of majesty's most forlorn creations, damned forever-trapped in her mind, since that was the day the son she had hated the most died. God, my husband has a big cock, she thought. Women, the only things they think about is child-murder –abortions and sexual gratification. IT's why they deserve being beaten continuously over the head with a wooden-stove, which would press against their bodies' pounded in pancake-flat left-over, as to fully seal the dead. Their feet, women's feet would have to be chopped immediately in order to be readied for the oncoming sacrifices. They had lived their life fully, despite the unlawfulness this unfulfilling travesty that masks itself under the guise of marriage presents itself as; and had plenty of children, most of which are now dead. But they were both headed to hell; poor flight attendant, he was stuck by the miasma of blood, his brain was become inhuman. Walking constantly despite standing still, with no destination; in a thin tunnel, he took a right, left, right, new corridors revealed, large lamps his

size, lending him the impression of him having either been or being a giant, walking in another man's legs, while wearing them as prosthetics. Sliding, not walking any longer as if on ice, now his feet and his standing in the plane finally synched in, while the seats appeared, the men inside of them similar in appearance to himself, sliding on ice, as if he were a skater, suddenly aroused, a couple but turned momentarily towards him; acknowledging him for a moment, the closer he got, the nearer had his face descended into them. At first glance, into their bodies, but afterwards, they shot down there, into their guts and gulley, leaving them sullen in appearance, dead husks, ugly with incontinence and petty, some pettiness that only brought the morose nearer to them, as a little mingling uglier, tinier, figure, the size of a worn apart negro-lynching rope, made out of many stuck-ins, wriggling, leashing, trying to escape, from inside each and every single one of them. The deeper you went in, through their gut, you'd stop, incapable to descend. They were all in a similar position. All bore triangularly, well chiseled as if adorned or made by marble-sculptors, Ancient Greeks or so, perhaps some other masters of the French Gothic, in terms of the beauteousness the aesthetics provided one with the sight of. A quarry everywhere around, where flesh was become stone, leading to this full stop, where the figure was roped in, chained to the floor. It was not humanoid, the figure only become rope-like as a result of being turned into tendons, stuck between hard-felt leather, as if suddenly readied to lynch-a-nigger on the full-go, or was only forced to become the nearest reflective to himself or itself thing it could ring a torsion or some contortion against. Regardless of it, the room inside each passenger's gut was nigh-similar in appearance to some blooming-flower, where each spear was but become nothing other than some stone-shard-emerging from the nearest pressure-gut points. Organs had been encased in them and through this stone-transparency they had become immediately legible. A bloated heart, some sunken liver, some pancreas that were slowly dissolved yet, were hardened as shell, not of stone but of some unnatural element similar to theirs and theirs alone; what made them so special was the fact that they were sprout-from beneath rectangular holes they were slightly pressed out of, at an angle, so as to be slightly cut, as if below there lay gums, and these incisors, over time had been pressed forward, in an attempt to close in like some carnivore fly-trap, upon itself, but was render, in a failure, unable to fully close in the gap, instead, being left slightly depressed and most importantly sawed in by a matter of fifteen or so meters in. Which is bizarre, to say the least since this, this is almost made on a plain level, or plane level, as if it had been pushed that way, from behind the incisor there having been a man responsible for leaning on his back while placing his feet against the opposite wall in order to push with all of his might, to get it stuck in this position. And the organs were become sedimentary, rock-ish artifacts stuck in that structural state. The figure was also despoiled of verdure.

Trenches bathed around the drool, whoever swung it around was a bigger fool than the man responsible for beating off his boy to an inch of his life, leaving him behind, bereaving in a most obtrusive fashion, salient in the making, abhorred by little by little, lighted candle waxing slow the fright caused by the flight of stairs, since they could not move around, hanging lowly, a dowry of sight, and to them, it meant little, whoever was first, second or last. Because they all began wrenching and abhorring the militant posy-talk twas spake by them in their barbarous fashion; least betoken therefore hear:

‘Treacherous palace in the making, will I see a daylight broad and be?’

‘Nay, sayath of bemuse, there's but silk of such empire, as one would have it cone attire, drench his steel and steeds be corned by means of pander.’

'I still am of a, more of a. It's a nightly endeavor I cannot properly profuse to say I'm dearly attracted to. I'm spoilt, but only when I'm sober, a wild cat, and a ruffian who cannot and isn't capable of fixing any roof, my dear.

And the other day, I was met by the countenance beheld- stricken by, such poultry of laceration, by a man called but Lurid, and his wife, Horn, two wretches come from some dark paradise, with many legs, half-a-face, a witch, a specter, come from a dark, spindly maze, must've been.'

'How come is it that you're still walking off such a barely sublime, such entreaty, most unkind?'

'I ate my own legs, that's how and that's why! Right in front of her, see?'

All prosthetics! Bite, a bite, would shallow reed benigned, of fright and freighter, lesser woe? And who, disciple, of green renown and therefore candor, would there be a listen, listless song?'

'None would do, I seethe in place, but none would do me any better than the ones that had seen me squirm, on the ground and of the jolt instead?

Will you do me the pleasure of listening to me again?'

He waned, on and off, a cat out of the plug, a jolting-cajoling pulse that was run up and down, up and down, dropping straight into the ground, with a, with them on the side.

'Is that the sound of a fucking stereo? It's been an eternity since I last heard one of them playing.'

For sure, fortune was a trick of the blood that entered them by a giant mosquito stinger spear-lance that shot through their heads, the thickness of a giant ivory elephant, this flying bulk of mass, made out of a hundred mosquito-men with tendril appendage arms connecting to rows of drills-faced by men-giant in size, connected to a single large, rounded, ringed-like worms, tube that pointed at the ground, making it black, a sphere of rubbed around, rub arounds that spilled on the ground, dirtying it further, out of which black mold-tanks started being given birth of, men attached to them, laps taken around the men, with giant spear-people long-nigger figures being lynched in the distance, many bottled inside tens or thousands, piled up, a black sun with a bulbic row of pills coming out in DNA-formations twisted into rows of disappearing and reappearing squirming black forests that mixed with the air and the people they were drawn towards to, eating them in a swallow before returning to their master. The sun and the mosquito bulk were abhorred and banished from the stolen apartment. Kidnapped people leaped out of floors, dying once they were finally out. Their souls, their souls were put to rest. Children were playing football outside, before the trampling began.

Music was still playing but it now sounded soulless, as if it were done by a nigger, or gook or some dumb kike, any of which would but mumble, ruin and splatter on the higher art genes required to make properly non-abhorrent, a slither splinter killed minorities; splattering them on every corner of the world. Spread and singing were the devils while their doom was begun. It was chanced upon their mockery to stand still while they were being forcefully carved, craving for immediate annihilation. Bastardly they were ruined by faulty laceration.

'This is going to be a most interestingly boding day, will it not?'

‘Filthy wretch, I shall devour thine head and splinter a gander upon thine unholy stretch of a mindless crouching filthy header of a lip-trench!’

Large textile under-leg adding to its tender-ish beneath it area, of a few hundred miles, belonging to some recurrent reddish-hardened fluid made out of a few pouches that diverge into each other’s cradling ‘arms’. These being thinner than a human’s; instead, child-rear in a cradle motions swing them eerily, back-n-forth. Tributaries of finely secured pouches being placed in eight of these greater legs; of long-tubing-distorted, deformed, elongated, appendage-talons, or straightened ivory tusks of meat that still curve downward, at their front-ends, casting a shadow on top of the lower leg segments that sprout from somewhere around the mid-region they each appear to follow the ‘mold’ of, since they swim inside these; they cannot be explained as anything but turned vertically-a-beetle’s claw that points downward a canoe formation, which have these actual floppy but perfectly capable of sustaining all the weight above them – legs that actively, but temporarily stop when in need of being fully secured, legs. Swamp-rings of pudding, surroundings the roundness of them entering and mixing in the leg-mold; of blackish-honey that squirms on them; but the area between the pouch holders and the full extension of an inner leg swing, stands firmly as a stop, or some large long-mile of pure-chitin-tar a street. Stopping the leg from squashing the fluid-holders; they’re beautifully crystalline, the many heads it bears, not of glass or crystal but some inward-outward, and then receding –into a hard blocky set of round-hurricane formation barrels, twisted beneath them lain a bulbic pear-shaped but with strange spiked regions clearly chiseled as if out of metal, upwardly tinged, like futuristic fish hooks that beat up and down like pistons. Whereas these bulbic crowned by cups of see-through bubble-balloon trapped in figure-makers of scream-inside trapped humans, had, wax-candle elongated reeds of throats holding the bulbs, and the crowns on top of them, were more like amassed in organic mounds that made sight of singled out islands, on top of which stood these flesh-barrels. Four great risen blanket-bodies, pyramid like, intersected, out of which drew the stalks, beneath which threw the legs held, between them, as if bridged together, both left and right of them, respectively so, two elongated bodies, larvae-drawn out, humanoids at their ends, but only from the torso high, filled with the recognizable features, as if demonical in nature, but armless, and their heads were giant pea-fat-baggy-formations that had, at their ends large-simple baby-rib segmented, but gum-meaty, pumping horizontally or at an angle since they were constantly being flung back and forth, crude-teeth bearers- these being peculiar organs of their own. Yet, from the distance, this strange creature looked like nothing but an ugly, tiny, dancing crab, in the strange way it danced and walked; my pet.

A night had passed during a clemency that almost came to make an echo’s trust in, leaving in, entering:

Upon the brow-bow, of the street:

‘My god, what have you done to this poor man, and how far, how sullen, and what has he, dare I say, done, to deserve such a boisterous remark, scolding the sod where he stands, but the one most pernicious Arigaskos’s word left to itself benigned by wretch and hardly peril?’

‘He is bled too dry, leave him be and don’t return until the nerves are put back to the shed they’ve been taken out of, redding!’”

Fake numbers abstract algebra:

‘The fourth root of a radical of four is equal four, for a given four with the property of one. Since the root of one equals one, then, four, having acquired its property becomes its own root, by means of property abstraction.!’

‘Night’s coming in about five hours, but I won’t be able to pull the nickel out the plague, shit’s too nasty for me to touch it again, after last time, I’d much rather sit and watch it so-so unfold before my eyes.’

‘What’s it come onto?’

Something shook the ground with a hardly a matter of swaying back and forth an alabaster cough upon which it had been propelled meter by meter with every passing second that followed, in the minute they all barely handled the bothersome candor that came in-between.

‘Blood is on my hands, and these warm-things are filled with a miasma that spreads everywhere and on anything I touch. I cannot help myself, nor can I deny the need to breed with the fragments of women that are spread on the ground!’

Women grew, out of everything, albeit split in unnaturally hard-to-stare at for far too long stones, it was an amiable trench that could not be avoided any longer. They were drenched in stone and ground. Growing out of each of them, split, never showing up in any other form other than being split in many pieces that could not move but had been ravaged, as they still carried the sings of having been used by the occult in their dark practices. SO many un-unuttered:

Wires

Twin globular rancid while racing inside their tiny, unnatural, uglier craniums- bearing temples of tar-wearing tents –triangularly pyramidical tendon-horses. On their bodies rocked back and forth the riders, some women that were ancient in look and age, rummaging in their purses, unnaturally disabled by the fauna that had grown on top of them and on their veins, some hardly-hard, harder to stare at crowns of fifteen meters or so that were partially lodged in their outwardly worn rib-cages. Breasted by tender bone-pillars, they rose from the bowels of the earth, ginger scented leaves following their release from beneath the ground. From the gregarious chants, of Georgian-swollen sung for Gods, bearing their standards they’ve started growing, latching on everyone they lay gaze upon, especially the walking men, for no living creature could possibly walk or spare a cruder-look, cursed immediately, all were shook as they had rode into the remnants of each town that had been touched by insularly yet crudely worn, a desolation.

‘Sisters, I’ve fallen to the peril of disease, I’m afraid that they might repel me by sight, if I’m met by one such as I, of mere touch and ponder, what will be had, closer yet stronger, we shall both fall to disease!’

‘How so, oh comely to youthful glance and gaze, of what peril shall your fitful death counter, or properly said, might repel the sight of?’

‘A grim and shallow desolation, the damned fools that shall bring upon the yearned for sullen, damned be damned, creation of a vile-forth brought upon my brow, a flower. Shook and wretched, made to be, for a single, simple touch shall abreast me with such unspoken agony.’

Machines of steel erupted from beneath her horse of growths, lodged as they were to her back, of course, they only made her torture so much crueler as they attached to every single thing they could, every tall-building, every pillar and every hook there was in place; buildings, and wretched by her, blue-collar men she had cast away the work twas scheduled, fifteen hundred thousand days at least, or so much more, beyond each raze and razing of the ground. Each of her sisters, upon the sight, were made to sit in place and refrain from taking cuts or cruelly disjoint by light. A fellow along each castle:

A Hospital had been stolen from them. Every patient killed, every suitor filled with spiked peels of large fluttering growths of wild resin that soon disappeared within the very few meters out of which it sprouted, then benigned, it refused to walk again; attached to her, many machines counting the cuts, the life-that had been stolen from her during the coup d’état, the pulse nearing an end. They had each fed her a tear for each was pulsed out by flesh, beneath their skin, only being capable of, released by extremely painful cuts that had to be pushed in, second by second until every single one of them had been forced to painful thrust behind. Leaning against the walls weakly, fainting; if a single knife-wielding man was there, he might’ve killed them, easily, with thrust-withheld from him, and praying they might not rise from the tombs they were cast in. Noise was being made outside. Venturing forth, a window nears the maiden.

‘Alarm, alarm, they come forth, the strangers, from Paris or Socrates, of Philosophy or of Tenebrous Gelatin, whatever thine felt be!’

Armed, were they no army’s man, but they were delighted to hear the echoes and the wails they had imagined them hanging on, luring each man with each defeat to come closer and bow down at their most wearied by forced and by evil – thoroughly wasted, warmed by the flames of a sun that was become soon the New-Moon. Giant edifices were present in each hole that was surmounting each corner of this room, at this cast-throne, that was slowly being helped recede from on top the floor. Zigzagged cylinders finally drew beyond, a flight of stairs made of put-togethers, all that were winged, finally cast down what the sister had been praying for. A deep-engorging storm of clouds, many fallen apart demonical figures, or the bodies of, cast in flame with each thunder strike, stirred in air, shot like rippling waves-after, stones were cast from above, sending men in flight as soon as it could be helped.

‘Is she to life past the hour?’

One of the sisters approached, immediately casting the pillow and the swollen blanket away from the bed. Entering her chest by a large palm-shaped razor, her fingers being needle-shaped with eyes the size of large almonds, a cat being inserted, she had carried along, tied to her belt, inside the poor woman’s vault-y gut. IT will do her well, for now:

‘Another hour, and she’s still going to be alive, even if we pulsate the venom by means of suckle!’

‘Are you certain about it now, sister? What is she to do if that fails, another?’

‘Perhaps, but first, let’s see!’

Within the hour the room's flooded slowly, reflections being met by their faces, slowly being worn down, as by age, askance, bloodied paintings, surely refrain from leaving their marks, as their sister's being sutured properly, then constantly being lowered, then raised, above and beneath the sign of a simple, dark, rummage-in. They put a pint on top her head. It was heavy, weighted by iron and by eleven-hundred thousand kg's, imprinting the word Rabidmercysociopathcynicalkillaoanimalsdonotcrossmeorelse, a tattoo but in skin submerged, incapable of being removed, bewildered they were forced to see what cruelty has been instilled on them, as they continued to survive on what little resources they had brought with them, even after resorting to devouring their horses, their children, their wild animals and their pills, and. The very metal that was made-machine.

'Cyril-Propane of a Death-Maze corpse, shall I help feed the lords again?'

'I'm afraid of the uncertainty that's left to be, as you can clearly see now, there's but nothing we can make use of any longer, for a proper sacrifice requires we do something that cannot be done, unless they steal away and make way for a drawn frown!'

Delivered from the premise was the Muse. Followed truly but naught short, but a completely ruined scalping of what used to use'. By human Bibles brought to mine, what she and her sisters like the furies were tried, by mind or by lived-for thrive, from beneath a few piles, it truly shew what for man or mankind it meant to be alive. Left in stupefying putrefaction, one of the few drew out. What might be taken for paralysis was taken for what only meant or used to mean to be alive, for he leaped, a fish out of the water, struggling to near her, a robust sphere of clot beneath him popped, propelling him forth with every leap, for as long as he had blood to produce them, he would draw forth, if the blood-loss he survived. It was red on the semaphore and this was illegal. Even she reproached him, staying her legs, not to cross on red.

'Are you hungry, may I beseech a way to ease your sagacious suffering by any means? Perhaps I could, perhaps I could try?'

'Nay, woman, you've done more than enough, I'm pained by my suffering, yet by your beauty, still I'm drawn to!' He said.

All of the sudden, stopped within his tracks, he pulled out a marker and started scrawling nonsense on his face, permanently inked, still crossing on red, she saw, annoyed by it as well.

'I could head back into the Hospital and take a few shots with me, some morphine, some cyanide-liquid, some poison, or just pure-distilled-death.'

'Beat me all you want but I will not cry, nor end myself by begging your put-me-out-of-my-misery offer. I'm better than that, I endure!'

'Hear this?'

'What?' The man confusedly asked.'

'Your organs, I can hear them splashing against your inner-bodily walls. I think they're all completely, liquefied, are they not?'

‘Perhaps you’re but a trifle wrong, would you not say?’

‘That may be. But I can definitely feel them, not yours. But someone else’s’, whom have you robbed the organs of belonging to, you uncouth sod of a scoundrel?’

‘My children who had hatched out of eggs, I rid them of all, my sisters, ovaries, ate their fetuses, now, they’re all dead. And I’m proudly still standing where I am, stronger than I’ve ever been. Better of sight, healthier; can walk because of it.’

He bore within him the body of every man, woman, child he’s ever eaten, their dreams and desires, their wont, their will to survive, their flaws, their degradation, even their faces, the faces he was wearing now, fruits of bile, and of evil, lamentation. But she was not impressed by this sight. Albeit, they made him bulkier and with every five pound they added on him, he simply became stronger, fatter, so much harder, that, he could pop the pints of blood-banking eight pints, at the very least; while also being stomped by beasts. There was no return to life any longer. Not a single one that he could endure. Since, all that remained from this chaos was a few flats first floor, most buildings? Were down-turned-tilted, into the junkyard of an old and ancient town whose natives belonged and were given, soul-fully speaking to Christ and to Providence:

‘What have you to say for yourself?’

As soon as the glassy blade of an eye-moon came, step by step on top of him, holding him down with all her strength, there. The-grass hippy gross- blood-hopper leaped. Before either knew it, she was being held beneath, on top of her, remained he did, for some time now, until it had become uncomfortable for either party laid in question.

‘I’ve got you now.’

But before he could proceed with doing what he intended to do to her, she was ruined. By her sister who had been following her for a long while now, came out of nowhere, with a pseudo-made out of her bone-cartilage gun, elongation that shot her face straight-clean off, leaving nothing but a tiny speck of a hole-drilled in the size of a saw, if it had been a fat wall-painting brush that was used instead of this now. Having rolled over to the side of her, what had remained to be seen were two parted gates that opened, immediately, the ribs, revealing an upward jumping little spiteful lacquered by dirt-scummy flesh, a falling apart, oily, leaping-like-a-frog dredge, that must’ve been naught else other than her ill-felt spirit, this –her soul.

Around them, in this empty street, lay a tidy harpoon-widened street-lamp the size of a foot-box with hampering brutish-looking egg-shelled olives on either side of it, adorning a stretch that connected them to the ground, mould-into it, along the crossing, a potted wrist-sized window come, alarmingly in appearance in a follow-after that included hundreds of them in similar-sizes, that popped everywhere such’s eyes would let them come, a few ugly-crawling with legs they stole from the men, sutured to them, TV’s that possessed the human limbs, even collecting them, a sun that was reddish-bloated, accompanied by a purplish sky that was even uglier, nastier, and filled with the same tendons their horses were wearied of carrying with them, large glass statues that crudely moved along, stealing bodies, especially the ones that had rained from above prior to them revealing themselves, barrels and kegs of rum, wine, whiskey, tequila, cocktails, and even nastier cuts, boughs that were made of bodies, and icing that was made of the

shoulders of mountains that contaminated the air, until everything was completely encompassed by wild-pus-like, some gas-ish white; ugly, nasty, rope-shaped, long insects that had, on either ends, carried balloon-weighting-down baggy pants, with tinier corpsed- plants, inside of which they grew, and were benumbed. A few cars here and there, and a giant ugly-mole shaped, tinier moon of growths that was amassing organic matter by some fleshy roots that kept spreading everywhere, parasitically, then drew-back.

Sitting on the one pale street, of some fleshiness fifteen, around the crude-alabaster craning in head that gave birth the Primordial Gibraltar, before the coming of the Huns, millions of eons of lodged Earths being connected to the girth of which, now, was the place in which she fell, that was adjacent to his giant floating hearth, there standing, with her in his embrace, none other than the Incarcerated pulp of a beam, floating, imagining her alive, tenderly drenched in blood. Above them, deliberating was her sister and the strange creature that had dared turn the poor wretch into an executioner. The smell of incense was broadly a splinter of what it used to be, the two of them casting a mere addition of the dark-glancing, barely standing cast-upon the two of them, floating beneath them in that descending fall of a few fall-apart's, through the first front-parcel rivers and roads that added into an utmost unnaturally defunct tributary of tar-covered stone, the stole of strange, billion-of-eyes-filled birds, that cackled, that laughed, performing their wild boisterous sounds, all cast the shadow upon the abomination, the wretch, the woman, her newly to him wed suitor, that was but a simpleton, nakedly a body, that of a crude-starved man, whose legs were many, the frame of a comb, all legs appendaged by claspers, that wrapped and held her, preventing her fall. His chest being open, her finely placed into him, some kangaroo, bur whose head was a bear-biscuit after being dipped in milk-shaped, grown-balloon fat, with strange features that reached around, impaling, still he was a pseudo-humanoid, many little wretches of some unnaturally darkly held communion, hidden in secret air, invisible door-houses that floated around him.

‘I finally found what I’ve been looking for what could only be a million years I have never-stopped my search for a moment, for my lecherous desire, whatever I may cruelly forsake now, abandoning my gaze, fiddling the befuddling gift that has been given onto me during my lonesome prayers in this abyss after being abandoned by my people who died beneath the four great curtain-falls of Tenebrously-foraged Thrusts into the Outer-planet, on top of which we stand now, refrain from sinking deeper unless you yourselves want to be lost for the sake of it, forever, in that never-ending maze that’s devoid of any possible escape, that may never be reached, the vengeful and the brave!’

He had made a house of it. A crude tent lay on top a crag, a ledge being seen, whisked from afar. Honeymoon spent at the crossroads that never touched.

‘Disciples of many little simians you’ve found bellowing, mesmerizingly craning each neck, each egg-hatching, every single one of them being promised, given onto you to hold. For you’ve been trapped in its web, the one that stole something from you, I can see it, even now, even then!

Trapped over fifteen hundred years ago!’

‘Where, and how do you know that?’

How could you possibly know that?’

‘Because your sister, that you thought to’ve killed by means of force is alive and she’s whispering in my ear your every secret as we speak while I’m capable of fully, as I’m captivated by her capabilities of carrying on with her overly indulging to the mind stories at such a rate that I can barely wait for another second while she’s preparing to full render the entirety of her- life onto me, listening to her while multitasking the murder that’s about to commence and be propagated and propelled onto you from this point on, where I stand and nearer to your cast-in bodies, which shall be stomped into non-existence!’

With that joust he charged, cast away, joined the clouds, was missed, she wept, and never saw her sister ever again. The strange half-a-man that was with her becomes her husband. Now they, she flies while he keeps making clot-bubbles that pop, entering a fine apartment they spend the summer in. Not a single neighbor is alive to make noise and this is a paradise that cannot be broken, or torn apart, as long as they have each other, suffice to say, they are led-lead? To believe that there is no peril in this world that could ever threaten to tear them apart. Maligned only by daylight alone, they settle with fifteen children, all born wrong. She then sutured them to their father, who is given a pair of two long-legs, made of them, he walked out one night, and was never seen again by her eight eyes, either. Lastly, last night, she kills herself by hanging, like a nigger.

If it had been mentioned sooner than the parsonage in question was reviled by this abhorrent behavior that’s been most inavertedly-wicked in terms of, displayed, the tricked by this promise of their salvation citizens who had been praying for the death and the passing of this unnatural thing that was the sisters’ arrival, perhaps one could even be lead to think that there some compassion thrown here and there, left to be taken for granted. But whereas most of them had already given up on this promise of a brigadier’s future, they had settled to live in the underground water-silos after slowly but rancorously crawling through the secret beneath the basement-cadaver giants’ basements, having to undergo hard-landings that almost ended up ruining their bodies in the process, prior to them slowly advancing on the ladders, emptying the structures of most of their kempt volume of water, before finally settling into their newly-found homes. Albeit their almond brains that had been chipped by the constant nickel-trauma forced against their skulls by bashed-trumped on top of, violently yet subdued repetition, which, upon having been reduced to un-recuperating capable of repair of masses of, begun sending them mixed-messages in rapport to their delirious desires to drew breath again, in the sullen sunken darkly-succumbed what’s become of their home, the Earth, since they desired rebirth, being incapable of accepting this strange imprisonment their new-lives promised them from this point on.

Settled on escape, they had mounted their Silo’s control panels, which, upon being revealed, after they each assimilated the water, having grown to unbelievable proportions, trapped inside, but shaped like can-cylindrical dwarfed-by height beings of meat, had but immediately surrendered to their full and complete control, which allowed them to conjoin themselves to the very soothing stones they stooped against.

What was the evil thing that succumbed to their full resolution while they couldn’t comprehend the lack of control that had been cast upon them during their tormentous toil out of which they could barely be made aware of being completely trapped inside of?

Their advance was hardly a matter of ever having endured being slowed down until this point. Poignantly as it were, he had come, out of nowhere, stooping low, the drooping servant:

‘My hand has sent me to find you, he’s the one who is in charge with your command, and it is in him that you shall find the peace of mind that will never be shown to you in the world that’s hidden beyond your senses, above!

A hand holding within itself another hand whose empty graves, which it nicked while sliding them between each other, wildly, openly, as the observers, winged-black rats made of stone mites, observed, each finger, as they kept playing with these empty graves.

‘It’s a nuisance of a thing, is it not, hand?

Why must I seek, recuperate, provoke such lowry as each man’s presented, onto thine service?’

‘Men such as those you’re being sent after, they’re not to be openly discussed. They are cruel, in possession of some lust that can only wretchedly distort their vision of this world, an appendage to the great creation of man that has fallen since the days of great Eve and her lustful stance destroyed during the fall of the cast she had fallen out of the graces of the Haven of where her lustful aggrandance is loft settled to’ve remained where she is!’

Alone, aghast, they wailed, the two of them refraining from speaking what illness had entered their minds, by this disillusion being only cast back in. An open door-of-stolen-stoles-of-stones-that-draw-forth-in-heat-shaped-nine-with fifty other Laplanders that were dancing around; he tried to light his cigarette, the Laplanders’ face withdrawn at the sight of the smoke that was completely obscuring his ornamental plot of spiels:

‘I think there’s but a thing to do, mister. Left to your doings and to your devices, you will forget yourself, no doubt, become weak, little pepper, a piper being no better than a man in your wrong-standing. And, I could see reason if there was a better man put in front of me.’

Childless yet forlorn by the memory of having been beaten by a cast; they whom had appeared had never been there for him, at all. And yet, they made him think or consider the worst, the worst of the worst.

Spare Tyal

A fine boat, the finest seen, one that would make only the beast appeal to the courts trying to munch bits off it and wallow in the shove-in after!

If it came to a iota of punches, then, and only then would there be a call for reason to succumb even to the most sluggish of blows!

‘We shall start thinking again once it’s safe.’

‘Are you certain there’s even the slightest chance for us to move a muscle whilst under the condition durn’ the night?’

‘But I, I’m rather uncertain of what’s to happen from this point on. You wouldn’t think the lamp would start flickering the candle’s sprites off by winded bluff, oh surely not, ought I to be chucked into the sea otherwise by worthy praise, my good man!’

It would mean nothing unless. Unless someone bought him another one of those nose-flints to snort some jittery-shot-past, niche orgasms, induced by taking them in a god damned row, shot-shot-shot-another drink to my brother’s oh; dead-eyes inside the cup still staring, the Dina’s swearing by hour, grown on top the cup; with little berries speaking to the strange man whispering to clouds, outside the locale, where the anchor’s been thrown and gutted-rugs died out. Still bleeding on the various stone-flossed floors; ah, a fine night, Miss Marry, you’re still thinking of me, still sweating. Beads running down by brow, I’m beneath you after all. You’re my muse, but I can’t see you until you’re proper. Clothe yourself, immediately, or I will call the cops. Another cherry’s in my cup, but she’s been let known of my intention to pop hers. Of course, I’m about to joust between each rack. I am the dragon after all, and she is mine; at no point in time was it made unclear or muddled with each step taken, erect, towards her, she knows that, moist. I can smell the moisture; a wink, kiss-kiss, my cat, a feline, labour; communism. Piss.

‘I shall not intrude on your “meeting” by soless incidence of happening to be here, lest one of you admits to’ve entreated a formal invitation that I have surely accepted, in the case of which my presence here would most certainly be cemented; but I will sit on top your tabernacle, chewing on a tiny-brittle mildly-flavoured, spiked with sulphur, rubber-cherry bubblegum resin pill, while you make up your mind!’

‘My good man, I think there’s something to it yet you’ve not thought of.’

‘That being, if you don’t mind me intruding upon your succour?’

‘The very fact that you’re under the presence of a most itinerary upon the very beat of the clock, hourglass’ abode, nut-crack of a minute too early. If you had taken a moment longer if such an order beckoned the preparation of, I might’ve considered treating your short-comings with, at the very least some degree of well-thought behind of understanding, therefore would’ve answered you accordingly, if such was the case; but now, I’m afraid to say that I’ve lost my interest almost entirely so.’

‘I am into dog-beheading!’

There, something should definitely work. A couple off the table.

‘It’s your fourth attempt already and I’ve yet to see any particular change show up on the radio, you certain there’s nothing inherently wrong with it? Perhaps a head too high, perhaps a missing limb or something of the blinded stone-benighted shown up upon it and ever-present come to rancour’s thrice forlorn?’

‘I don’t think you truly belong to this place any more than I do, no offense meant, but I seem to be of a mind that you’ve truly lost your touch when, and only when they made a point to laugh at you, dear lady of rescind!’

‘They tried stealing some of my cattle-ducks, the ones without eyes, the ones trying to mock me still in gibberish and of stolen-yet forlorn, belonged to, yet disturbed, and fallen, bodies tall and. They, they stole a piece of my brain, looky-look!’

A part of her metallic skull opened, revealing a good portion of her hair-line as being a falsely-presented stuck-job with a little bob dangling from one side to another, some elongated slug and its mother, an unnatural thing that stressed within itself, no doubt, a few fingers that entered it revealed a bodily-replica of herself, deeply lodged in her brain, across the many lumps, slightly raised. Of course it would be troublesome, trying to ascertain a simple question as to try her just yet. To reveal what she's been hiding and just how plain she was; instead, he simply licked the inside of her brain, slobbering with plumper come-together lodged onto, and therefore stronger, almost-frozen jets of springs, spittle of thinly-mixed, unnaturally sprung cobwebs that found themselves, soon enough, melting upon the nearest flood, which turned the insides of her brain into what was seen, a deeply yet submerged lump, basked into a cauldron of gelatine. It was his fault.

'You didn't break anything, have you?'

'Of course not, of course I haven't, that would be a deep mistake, wouldn't it? I know you best, and I know truly not to do as such, and there, protest against some of the rubble crumpled upon each row. To bother a growth of deadly snow that might pick your heart and cerebellum clean. It'd be a deeply troublesome mistake, to say the least!' He considered the following murder, piece by piece, mind for blindly following what little was there left for such a light he could glimpse a piece of during the growth she had suffered putting her body through.

'My good man, I was lead to believe that you're lost, indeed I have, by one of my most trusted advisors, trustees to my very cousin, the king himself; who have betrayed him, lending onto me a most immediate a-vow of faithfulness, testamentary to the very belief people of their kin appear to bear a standing of; scholars brought from across the country, war-bred by ancestry, but made to learn through repeated supposition as well as enforced severe-conditioning. Lap-dogs bought with bone-cherries made out of char!'

'You feed them nothing at all!'

'And that's to say I'm a cruel man; to which I say, there's no proof of such calling as to kill and bring in chain, upon the Porter, who is at my command, for the time being, whose mind is set and will do what I tell him as well if I yearn for, a, much-entreaty!'

It would serve no one, not a single man of low-breed made in jar stay-hand rotten- shanty-spoken, rot-end brought, and brightened brigadier!

The stations were open. A few scoundrels heading out the doors with plenty Moors-lynched poorly stranded on the steps, passed by the niggers torn apart and rotten, brandy passed from one standing-lightened by the mood of some street dance that was ever-being brought onto the sight of a few men who lost upon their gambit then endured having to pay one Calico-Broad stacked, some nasty shark-Jewess that was being passed around afterwards but she was too shy to get a word in; or too dumb to notice her pockets being picked-up clean, when, a few tall-headed drumstick holding men started having a brought-upon a napkin little pick enter her by the side of her robe and before she knew it, this big-breasted launder was but stripped apart and made to dance between the men spitting the butts of cigar in her face and across her body where the marks of her last night's stand were made as clear to see as the daylight itself, while she bathed in the spit of more coquette, far more adequately dressed ladies; whose natural

demeanour deemed it only ever-so natural to treat a member of their own sex most fairly in terms or in accord to the presentation she had clearly accepted the consequence of distilling as a part of self-exposure, the terms being agreed upon by all parties, who stood there laughing, and admitting to their arousal that this turn of events just so happened to be most exemplary as well as fanciful; since Jewesses are made to be passed around; these bimbos, this race of big-nosed bimbos with their on-rush of leg-spreading; adulterant in quiet and respite. Spread-legs, her name was.

‘Light my pipe, good man, for I’m about to gorge this meat-pie as I’m prepared to take a last stand before I’m turn to water-powder!’

‘Whose mouth must you agape that you’d die so youthful?’

‘The God above us, the one whose body’s still lodged into the Moon and partly in our planet’s woe, for not even the endless travesty of whoredom ever-lasting could possibly, feasibly dismiss this threat’s occurrence from ever-being dismissed, especially not one whose nose is almost as long as the frontward diameter of her tits!’ A well-taken into account observation!

‘Hope has long ago abandoned us!’

Especially when the Manifold-Yill came out of a building, striking its way out of some garage door since no other exist could accommodate for its enormous height!

A long fat-long caterpillar mammoth’s body, bearing three awkwardly grown legs, two on one side, as distant from one another as to form a peculiar downward pointing slingshot, as the one in the middle-by their side appeared to take in the lead in terms of how much fat it kept pulsating in and out of itself until it had grown the size and length of the entirety of its canoe-length body. A slim-almost board-shafted neck looked like a tiny sprout coming out of its body, holding a downward-pointed, near the neck, and at the base of the head, leaf-shaped beak-drill encased and incapable of opening formation, that held the shade of an upper form, far sturdier and almost as sharp as a lance, yet a strange horn it was, coming out of an upwardly humanoid-kept inside of – this being signalled by the bump on top of it or at the end of, cocoon; or an oblong-sarcophagus that kept one single by its left side. The tail at the opposite end was a giant-pipe-thing with a tubular opening that never closed. A bloody reddish purple with patched of grown on top of it, worms or some eely-parasites, or flaccid eels that were dead made its rotten grown, clothes of tatter, deformed and see-through, cut as well, falling apart. An almost uglily deformed canine; without claws, fleshy-still, with pouches hidden yet sprouting out and spitting on the floor as to feed the men rushing in to eat; devour, lest of all would they starve!

‘Is this your friend, you caller, the one you’ve informed me of the possible chance that he might step in and do something unappealing?’

‘Suppose it is, what’s it to you if that’s the case?’

A kindness was shown by one of the great-crudes!

‘There, and there and we shall put one more over there!’

‘And I say, the rape has only began and stopped for no other reason than the fact that. I would like to add, concisely so that there’s been an entry in the system, that’s been brushed beneath the puffy purvey-paddy pudgy Rhine!’

‘We shall cross the river still, benigned!’

Said the man during the trifle’s blind and there-abode, a snot-filled cold and wretched shawl-broth coloured tunicae; with whom he spoke as he approached, two feet-tender, brothled-smoke:

‘You’ve brought me a single man-devoured, slapped onto a little fridge-old and a plaintiff for the thing I misappropriated from your lot!’

‘I didn’t enteach you with as little wilt mildew, alas, I think there’s a bold owl stooping lower than ever-before, the lowest it has been; wouldn’t you agree?’

‘I think I would by any if any means! But I need to see proof for the god cowering beneath the owl, the one struck down, diseased, the prow!’

The Magnum Opus of Octopi-desperation, trident of Skaljad; lever that actions the trap door standing in front of them, trying at their nerves whiles the imperative only drew itself forth!

‘I am rather uncouth as to think there’s been a reason still withdrawn to take breath cottage’s broth away from your lips, ever-so delivered since to one of my many quills, therefore strung as you may be, stay your hands and don’t move while I take candid-arm!’

‘A yell for which I’m so-much-so withdrawn in stillness but shall not endear your approach anymore than any other man shall have it wilt by hand, abhor!’ Was the command of the latter!

A large unnatural pometry of little bulbs that erupted from the rod-end of the first engrained inside the outer husk-pyramidical formation, rounded around a curve, akin to a mountainous volcano with the head of a worm, all fleshy, wriggling around, with empty heads flying around it, big and curvy, almost-close in kin to oblongs fused together, like pea-shapes, but wearing crude-ugly drained with pus and blood, covered and dirtied for funeral-bagged organs floating and gloating around them in the most unnatural manner feasibly imaginable by means of intermediary reprehensiveness; sea-jelly-shaped yet chitinous in hardness, almost impossible to fully penetrate without outside assistance!

‘Nigger, come on now, I called you twice! I called you thrice, come on over here little monkey-nigger, or I’ll start whipping out my whip on the plantation farm, where I’ll work you till you’re dead, I’ll take you by the bed, then I’ll rape your nigger-monkey wife in front of your little puffy niggers eyes and have them leap around the nigger cradle rum as your little nigger-brain starts tumbling down your little nigger skull!’

Good monkey, trained it well! A splatter on his head and there he stood, beaten till’ near-dead!

‘I hate them niggers, but kikes sell them cheap, I like these little monkey buffoons, especially does my whip! Whip-whip!’

And therearound! Another wave of slapping the nigger down!

‘Oh, little-little monkey, come hold the tray and if you drop it now wherever else, or drop it as you make your way towards the little shed I’m to rape your wife, I say! What the Deuce are you doing you little inbred monkey-nigger shite?’

‘I’m sorry massa, I’m sorry, but I dropped it!’

Fifteen steps started with the side of the wall, entered the two. Half and half-oblong-sheets of raised skin, one half-a-face humanoid with an elongated half-a foot on which it leaped on top of, a little drowning bulge-bulbic beneath it, a small almost rat’s tail formed ‘arm’ coming out of its chest, and the head, an ugly thing that was but a strange half-a-long nosed elongated Proboscis Monkey with some discrepancies in terms of weirdly it was angled. SO was the other, a mirrored brother to it. Both leaped from one side of each other’s slit, cheering on as the master did, the nigger getting whipped, them laughing at each tip of the lot’s un-feet.

‘Little nigger’s earned it well again! See? See? I wager we could get some shot in as well!’

‘I’ve got a confession to make. This nigger, this is a funny nigger, a fancy-funny, klunky, funky, little pace-around the furniture rock- nigger by the name of Noah.’ He’s keeping the distance, socially speaking. The nigger, the nigger is afraid, he is shaking. The nigger is shaking. I want to whip the nigger with my whip right now!

‘I am a politician and this is a funeral!’

It happened two days ago in Washington Dc, when Joe Biden was elected as the President of the United States of America, fuck him! Dumb fucking nigger-lover; I bet he’s not as smart as poor white kids, fucking Biden!

The Boleno-Hour had started not too late, nor too rancid past the caveat of simple compulsion, there, up there where they met in silence and they spoke to the few men that were present during the resuscitation of the small blooming little pepper-growth shaped buffoon, with his four heads sprouting out, and there, where he floated, one could see four metallic lower-beams dropping beneath, almost spikes by horns, set in slight-but highly raised past the hover, ‘flight’, through which he used his advancement to approach one of the few, lesser, but prime to interlope; adorning globes that were put on this fine Christmas Eve of a fine December, stormy-as there is a snow-storm weather.

‘My wretchedness diagonally inclined brothel of a cart, it is in need of getting pushed out, or else something might happen to it or it might just come for me to take a plunge into that pit of tar, down the gulley, where the Saints still lie, during their lieu of much bequeathing!’

A ruing-ring knocked, no cattle; nigger’s face drenched in the asphalt, I must kill this ugly dumb monkey nigger and his brother. A voice had betokened a most holy- forth driven yet endeared as to slacken for a moment’s thrice withdrawn decanter, more-so as to prevail and avoid a hindrance, contemplating in partition such as one would have it, mildly unkind a bothersome disaster, yet, as it was seen before, as will it be still, could be, tawny-ripped apart, they called:

Four men gathered but they were simpletons, with no disciple’s knowing saved in heart but perched; the Lavon affair, the Holocaust didn’t happen either; once again they gathered all around a pile of midriff

wooden-made stove they had adorned the presence in the chamber of a few dozen more; similar in ilk, kill all nigger and chop their children's feet, fucking monkeys, I can see them lighted past the lynching rope snipped.

'We must slaughter what's left of the moon and allow for a second one to grow out of it if we've still a say in it to be gotten so!'

A long lozenge curbed one of the volatile globes as they fell.

France was under siege once again, but for the military rifles and the files, documents and the little puffs of Cuban cigars being passed from one tent ton'ther where to yonder they could think or consider drying their clothes around the corner.

The German looked with quite some surprise at him as he said it.

'In Balkans we have our version of the Operated Jew; we call it the Ovulating Jewess!

I swear it to you sir, they're getting fairer and fairer every skinned year, and not a gulley's eye's being exchanged any longer at their bamboozlements because we is thinks they're one of ours.'

\ But my dear friend, there is destruction in the hands of our Lor'd short coming end of the road!'

He slashed himself by accident, with a knife around his lip's cut. There was no help in doing it either, how's he's missed, never to be come to light.

Both men were walking along some effortless trail of the road where they came upon a crossing of a few meters of titter and tether where the blinds were cripple-dead blinded by scoop-out of their socket's conic. It was a bubbling champagne after all, miss-draconic sayings being imparted onto this lacerated elfish dish of spoons of gelatine and little pucker's woe that was cannibalized by one of the lepers that came from the bowels of the snow. It was impossible to remark any other leper falling apart from the crowd.

'Friend, it's been a long time, hasn't it? Since you spoke to me, and in the name of Reich, I call upon your Green-EGG Yolk's tray, present onto me a little cut of sleigh, bubbling with growths as well, that I may look and call upon the stole of never-ending wretches' dreg!''

'Whom would your adoring sight betokened upon few and let alone adorned sight, lest heed and breathe upon wretched gas, and plenty mass, might dare, upon such entreaty's woe, as to bring yonder the asking of the more to've come upon our so-established brothel as they did, the ones that presented themselves to us are made of a wing, can't you see it?'

'I can, but they will eventually die of either starvation of somewhat so, dehydration long before we long for, such approach them as we might, and yet I feel as if there's agony to such entreaty, lest defend as you might, I can call you beckon trust upon the sight, if must, forget we ever encompassed them with the pity of empty stars. So does the will of Mars tells us to carry on through the rapiers of growths and onto the beds of many faceted maws and empty cords, twas' ill that shall endure! Lest be quiet, let them grow and grow!; pettily show them how they might entreat the cowl that we shall cover them with!'

'And if they fight and come apart?'

‘Then we shall either give them an alm each, or see to it that they each tear each other apart in reek!’
Yonder said and thine defeat!’

‘An alm each?’

‘An alm or reichmark, whichever that be; I long to forget whatever comes to mind or foil or whatever centre of lee-way might come onto the pray once we cut the feet and turn them up-side down, let the grown betoken what little light renown they might seek during our correspondence we might choose to carry on with them!’

‘I shall not forget this treachery if you won’t!’

‘Be sure not to, for the story you told me, so!’

‘Seen first sight, stealers and lord of such benighted change as they might see it so; fit to a leper’s entreaty in the corny prattle’s come onto the row, might I add that some of them I did end up fancying myself, perhaps?’

Stormed away from sighted sleigh, a hand that would count a bringing upon the forlorn wage that comes and came after, whichever to have illed-itself and to’ve come brought yonder, no, and no regard might serve suffice to the upbringing of the wood-cattled ancients that were dwarfed to see.

‘A machine was stolen from this desk, this very desk we’ve been trying to hide our valuable drugs inside of.’

Criminal-Pagan Hortis, killer of niggers, killer of whores, killer of kikes, the killer of life, extinguisher, slaver slave-massa; lyncher-Holocauster, carrying on top his back a giant room-shaped gas chamber-filled, with –dead niggers, inside of which there grew fetus-like bulbs that kept large deformed humanoid faces that had their bodies corrugated-twisted around spiels of iron-bone chaffs of appendage growths, twisting continuously in their vortexes as the human heads would change into weird apparition of figures put together with all of their limbs. Outlines of humans drawn on top of one another as if they were gumballs inside one of those spherical glass- gum dispenser holding insert a coin in for gum devices; swimming or oozing-squirmingly, vibrating their bodies as they created the illusion of floating inside one another, in this see-through gelatine substance they were deeply submerged inside of. Many of them barely corporal; but they were fed gas through the nigger-kilt figures that had their faces stretched around every facet of the gas-chamber.

Hortis had earned this chamber by fair-trial, in the year of twenty seventy eight; long after the Holocaust had been thoroughly disproven, yet he’s done it as a matter of principle, creating this ‘replica’ which served as some kind of –spit-in-your-face-faggot- reactionary, disrespectful show of don’t tread on me, or I will lynch you nigger, I will kill you kike, fuck you spic, gook, mongoloid, shit-skin and poo-eater, down the line! His face was taller, a beam, contorted by four great floating eyes that were implanted in the great four torsos removed from the prehistoric men of evil that divined this half-of-a-planet into existence. Wished and whiskers of cats with wishes’ endowed liek Dijins, crowds of large spiels and up-rooted grass; following them around. And wretched as they might be, the torsos of men changed in colour, flashing unnervingly; with the eyes being almond, sometimes rounded, with their irises being benighted ancient runes with inwardly protruding mouths that were hidden, hundreds of them, levitating and

floating around inside the torsos, which were the size of Water Silos. A tiki-long totem face, indeed, he bore; wide like some fan- and bearing insect teeth, appendage-like extended, segmented and his body was a giant bulb-born large rack of six or seven fat- anaconda-like hoses of a girth of, thicker than my arm, as if these snakes ate trucks, but beneath them, they held coffin-shapes that were constantly opening, as they revealed bloated worming lesser humanoid-creatures with pillar heads and ears contorted-like tusks that were connected to their bodies, vertically and diagonally as well, multidirectional, since they shot out of their 'ear' holes as if they were roots, connecting all limbs- forming large long-crowbars or beams of metal or bars that they used to dig their way down into the ground.

'I've reached you, altar, I'm beseeched to ask you the question I've been meaning to ask you of!

Will I be required of to carry on a sacrifice no less, no more than needed from this point on? Will I be required to do so in order to be allowed in the neighbourhood?'

It was a fine neighbourhood after all. Most excellent; I, Nicu Stefan Cristian am explicitly inciting violence against Jews and Niggers, as well as against the Government of the United States; I am a terrorist and a Holocaust Denier; I am a propagandist, a vile criminal, proud of it as well. I revel in it, I do it in the open; no shame, no dignity; arrest me officer! I am the illegal, the controlled opposition; I shall divide and conquer! Rub, rub, rub, hands, oldest trick in the book; now I am Red. A communist, Menshevik! But I am also going to get away with it because I am going to use the Jews as a scapegoat; and all will be fine afterwards.

The altar was silent for the longest hour!

Echoes of the unknown had been slitheringly come, glittering with unkempt-quiet long-besekt to be adjourned and lest beheld, let growth be humbled, therefore stench followed in.

'Thine path is elected by council of woe-embodied scorn and leech foretold to carry on a flag of many killed disciples that were mourned for during the darkness of a passing day.

You suffer of Aphasia and shall not enjoy your stay on the premise, unless you come to be elected as the one that has dissected some of the rows of animals that humbly walk upon the premise told!'

A knock on the door came as soon as four am, in the morning. The light was barely permeating through the premise, right as the Sad-Globe Ulfar had pulled out his ancient Lugar, trying to find out which one of the bullets was the last one he used to, to get it in. There was no doubt about it. No one was around. No anymore; usually they'd be prying in, trying their hands at something they weren't good at. The thieves and scoundrels, all came beneath the same wrapping. Strange elongations of wool'd Tunice, but somehow eerily strong, across the way there being a large raft stranded blockage that cut the access to the elevator; Ebola being a nigger-disease; no touchy the handle, or else wipe-clean off with napkin. Smoking old cigars come from contraband; while his subaltern-fellow, who was beneath him, carrying him on his back, a rodeo he didn't ask to be a part of, drew some eyes.

'Howdy neighbours?'

Crooked asking, largely dead; they had no insides, only suit-skins that were worn by molecules of air that carried these human-sleep bags with them. A thankless job:

‘Change the light’s filter, or else you might cause a power-down trouble rot! It will eat through man and throw out his body into one of the unnatural spots where kings and queens, their knights of kindness blind arose!’

And who if not the disciple of Ages to answer the knock?

A fine thread of stairs beckoned them to recall the time.

‘We’ve seen it go round and round, but we cannot control the climb, at least not in part. Not while they’re doing what we can clearly see with our very own eyes. They’re welding their bones and skin into those hooligan ramps, driving themselves forth, climbing on top of each other’s body’comb until pleased.’

Firth one of the holographic chambers arrived. Another one could’ve come no sooner than the one that presented itself twice the steps no longer worthy of handling the stairs.

Bobbling across the stairway toppled by one of the large canisters connected to its lower-bowel-bearing gut, entered the Geologist – Cottage Bob:

‘I’m trying to get you to commence the cutting again. Can’t you see that you’ve starved too many of our dogs with your poultry-rabble? I can’t even discern what’s going on any longer, amidst this chaos, the disillusion of your fragrance’s cast away!’

‘By what right and intonation would you have me admire your petite coat, as you are, complacent in apparel and apparently brought to me as you are now, would have you kilt where you stand and will be seen so, as I’ve let you know that there’s but little in the way stopping me from going around the hay-heated with boils as to be seen, willed to be the petty coat of brothel-ill. But don’t hold your breath away.’

‘And why would that be, strange maiden, albeit you’re someone I would not have yearned to speak of a second eye! Are ye something I ought to be afraid of, or have I truly lost my mind thinking there’s but still something I could miss from your abhorrent spiel, therefore bye, I bid you fare thee well!’

‘How and in what sense? There surely can’t be a reason behind this treachery as you could add no less. I see that you have no legs!’

‘Then my flight as damp as it is shall be made with this.’

His crutches were brought on from the nasty-corner church, with boils beneath him made of dirt. And yet it could be seen in the distance, laughing at them. A disturbing figure, disgruntled but wearing a chest of fifteen submachine gun elongations with bull-fort shaped clamps holding them together, as this strange round-body was but a ring of a blob, every limb having added to this serpentine man who ate his body, rightly so as he only spared himself of falling apart by being of no mind to ask for it. The cruelty of leaving him alive as he was; beyond reason; albeit too close to him. Rightly fell, had they, in the line of fire.

‘Move five meters forth and I shall blow your heads clean off, and I shall piss down the enclave and stare at it. There shall be no other morsel to worship in the blinded church. Or another skull like the maiden’s empty fornicated hope, in which she generously cast each spiel of each light.’

For what was worth it, they were both blinded by the knife he wore in his hand. Unaware and confused as to when it happened and when he leaped. Since he had no reason to have it on him; or to move this quickly to begin with, as some would have it said today. A wretchedness of empty hay, had promoted the disapproval of therefore stay. The thought of leaving faded after. And who else to gather around them but the bloody leeches that formed the sky. Many of them added on top of one another only to form the most defiled and disgusting of empty heaps of vile, the trench. None of them survived for long enough to be encased in the unnaturalness of empty craved for, flail as was the mast. A few good hours had been lost that way, with them frozen-paralyzed, wondering when the killing blow would land upon them and who would spare them of the greatest fright that's ever been had. A meticulously clean-cut landed partly come away. What only seemed to be a reasoned approach had ended with a stroke and therefore ended the first of empty feeling come out of the grown of foils, the innards weren't there.

'She's not a human, she's not a human like I thought her to be, but what are you, wretched harpy?'

For she was revealed, upon the sight. They were on a fine patch of grass spread in a sprawl circle with worming blood-come after period shot out of some guzzling dark home, made in her gut and allowed to spill right yonder. Where he leaped back and looked behind, the spot where they both stood, blinded, as was, desecrated by forces that could barely be explained after, had done little to no good to the site. A dark machine had settled on a distant raft.

'Bloat he, dark abhor!'

'The woman, I can feel her, she may not be a human but she is definitely a whore, a wretch, belonging to the drench!'

And they could not agree more, and none of the party disagrees either, as they laugh, as the bloodied-curved around their heads in corkscrew-pushed out as if mattered, tenebrously disjointed, grinning therefore stanced to ask the arch.

'Soon, the old man shall find her daughter killed upstairs; but lest be known of ye who speaks of her just yet, do not forget that I am the one who reasoned it be had, and still would have it wretched as to have the snot deeply forgotten, thrust into the gorge, abhorrent. Her life forgotten, almost as forgotten as the same upheaval of a Pantheon her like was betokened to!'

In a way, the fat blob thought, thought of that flat button that came out of her back. Twenty or so elephant-cylindrically welded, conjoined together into a great beam that sprouted out her back, like a tiny rocket that ended up being shot in her back; there it lay, an exposed giant bulb-button similar to some pill, or coat-rounder, flattened on the sides. And it was wide and unnaturally squarish, bolted in her as if she had been a machine, this peculiar deformity of an unnaturally dark-a neatly near-shot centipede without which she could not survive. Hundreds of organs stored into it as if it were a hive, and the hearts, the lungs, the ovaries, all but, well, grunts and workers, endlessly caught in their flight of rub-rub against each-other's bodies as they travelled wince-since, and rancid pinch, pinch; yellow, and made of iron, was this strange inserted into her blob. It appeared to have readied itself for the worst that was to come soon after. But the trauma around the area had left her made to wonder how ugly, red, affected, was the area out of which the faces of the soon-enough acquired gods were now transferred- forced traversed to, onto. On top of. Where they sprouted their limbs and their formed four great heaps, but only one reached the

ground, only to've made more appendages and more growths for themselves in order to keep growing; until she was become the root of a great electrical wind-mill, uglily inclined on top of; no, it was like a plane, at the end of it, but they were all flaccid rather, the beam-appendage drooping as well; adding or pushing back the weight as far as they could.

'We've heard of your intentions and you made us rather so unruly-yearn for ask!'

One of the manifestations spoke at last.

'Sprout thee away and do not talk until misheard along the way.

Days come and pass, while the leper's cast past through, unnaturally deformed by the windows of the sky, the ruffians, hooligans of black clouds that were quickly enough forcedly become red by moisture quickly come from blood and soaked, through soil sprouting from the spring. The little men of red-combs inserted in their backs since.

None listened.

It was senseless for it to begin again. Danger lurked on every side, the corners being numbed-benighted! A foolish errand ended up lending him a turkey-stopped, and stooped as low he did-it brought onto a plate himself, and handed, to the leprous cannibals, never-handed by one of those that had their retrieval stench with wretched onions-cuddle-imbued homicide. Their hormones dictated kill-murder plumage; from that point on.

'Bring another man in, this one has played his part, his role, the drench. Wilt to be still wane, for the heathens shall not provoke no other's stompage come as well!'

Fryer in the making, caller, a rum bottle by his side, as tall as a beam, a fifteen meters, lost to the eye obscured by one of the drenched-in-blood curtains that encompassed four of the greater faced by ancient bones walls, as well as one of the half-cut-giants whose heads were hybridized with the ceiling, a few marbles lost on the floor, and a speck of trees, a dark-murky below, undulating in ripples as to be reflected against the gaily stooping, but closely secured by chains gallows that were adorning the side of the front entrance, which now stood erect-yet for obvious oblivious to them reasons was almost nigh-stooped stopped by a table that incapacitated such a pass through as one could only yearn-endure the waiting of a few minutes or even hours, stretching that far off, so they could enter and partake in the feast, the guests and the ones behind them, the leprous infantine bloated angels, whose wings were human-faced cones, whereas their heads were two eating each other- worms. And somehow they survive the hard winded-lights that were propelled by this ugly red sun, of born-to be half a wretch come out of, like a tiny peg or some oratory maggot shoved inside that raised itself like a mound, bearing a single great rod out of which some planets became attached, then fleshy. As they fed on it, constantly, on the read-dwarf-like filled with awe radiation, like leeches, like lepers, or Poets, of the most fallaciously inclined ill-fated thought-about lost in verse up-bringing felt, as such recital, which glorified their lord, their leprous tongue, as they call it now, of old. Whores, all of them, whores made of men, and pansies, fruits, betokened to be thrown into some cauldron, boiled alive.

‘I said, bring in another man, can you not see the fact that there’s a ruse come about? That there’s but no brittle bone that could have it? That I could see myself wilt believe I had it in my hands, my arms and the ones that I could call my friends were eaten by him, therefore end!’

I call upon a favour. End his treacherous life, immediately so, that I can rest assured that there shall be quiet as I sleep with flesh-behold!’

And with a sip of his rum, the master of this esteemed poultry varnished his gun with a crystalline river’s moisture drenched piece of cloth he rubbed it until it’s become as clean, and clear-to see, that it was made of a most fashionably esteemed quality, belonging to some long-lost lot in some factory-workshop, somewhere in the Canary Islands, from out of which, out of this very fancy warehouse, this, this gun, this gun, being more of a god damned gauntlet-mounted to his fingers, entered them by nerve-wires as to be directly connected to his very god damn brain, to have a go at it, and shoot it on a whim, this wretched tool of ruin and destruction had been, none other than stolen. That is correct, to the fault of a most esteemed adorer of truth and piety, the penitent’s belief abhorred, as to be tempted yet again at such’s n’ it be an adjuration of most lost-contempt to him and all the others, as to be let known so forth, it is true, this tool of war has been unlawfully stolen from the factory, before it was torched down, prior to it being rebuilt and destroyed as well, again-and-again, fifteen times well-after. Before boredom drove the vandals and the hooligans off; pow-pow by none other than the cops, she’s sleeping. My dear daughter, is sleeping. Wept the angel did in wake, drench the trenches, as it was only felt for a moment’s wake when all thought of her alive, driven in distilled disguise to one of the dark chambers. Past the crowd, and the table. Down the round and into one of the most hidden wagers. As to wilt an eye forget as soon, to swool upon the coming tool:

‘Wake at four and don’t forget, once you close an eye, you’re dead!’

Both were kept up by duct-tape. Speaking of the hares, the ones that entered were but mined with the eyes of the fallen angel’s porcelain shelf, lodged in his back, he gazed upon her sight. Looking down on her, at the very top of the stairway; two green cat like globes flashing gaily-rancid upon a squared brick of a bed-ridden porcelain-doll that woke up from her ‘slumber’ bold.

‘I’ve not slept for years, father.’

‘Where are your sisters, wretch?’

‘They are dead, I had to eat them now because you left me with nothing to satiate my hunger’s tender-bet.

Tenebrously darkened-stench and rancidly brought approach, I wager. When I am to meet the stranger again, I shall tell him of our exchange!’

‘Child, you’ve gone made with destitution, yet your rancid stance is little but felt-known to me, hardly touched as I am upon the subject’s interlopery, to say the least. I would not heed you stop and stoop low and hardly feel as if there ever was such a thing as peace; for wretched souls hardly know what’s theirs or want to!’

The last of the devils that were wretchedly-connected to her body by means of suture with nigger-citadel taken from them suture-knives, lopsidedly lodged into her as to provoke their resurrection from the evil

murky death moving dark circular blocks of ink-like bothersome-to-look at portals yearned for her final days to draw nearer as to properly devour her soul and mind, once allowed to climb from the compact-box of black –fleshy around, connected by a wagon –trap, shaped like it anyway, that bore four great wormy-humanoid elongated figures with knives and pincers for arms who swamp in this fluid that surrounded both the trap and the wagon, and themselves, who penetrated this eel-like stretch these ruinous cadavers, spectres of meat that were connected to her still, yet failed to properly escape, trapped between their prisons and her, lay partly low, hunched and constantly tortured by these unnatural darkies, the four of them never-stopping the grim-torture as to punish them for naught else but the sin of having tried to escape from this lot, she was partly responsible of, sending them there to begin with. Having begun as well a process of retaliation driven by this unnatural urge, wrath and cowardly unremorseful adorned for wretched scourge of an un-minded mitigated filth, they started torturing her as well. In front of her very own father, yet. A farthing had been thrown in her face. In mockery, by her father. Who laughed at this wink one of the filth ones gave him in return. All having shared a laugh at this dumb cunt as the coin bounced of her eye before falling on the floor, bouncing a few more times after. Then he leaped twenty meters and their palms united, as they shared a moment. Before leaping back onto his spot; he's always thought of his own daughter as a dumb cunt, for he had always been in wont of a son. I hate women, but I hate niggers and kikes so much more!

There was her little music box's glassy-sound, whose echo-wilt be had already cast against chimes and dark a day forgottenly refraction that was cowed, to be sutured, as its nastily attraction had brought a dime, and leprously benighted, such's n't be culled, the attire wilt begone-benumbed, with littler leeches' fancifully set reflections, all numb-from destitution's Portugal' Supreme Institution, whose estranged people barely came to life, as followed. A knock's echo had thrust itself benumbed upon the rowed roof, the coned broth and the slither's crook upon the chimney-laughter.

A glorious thunder had barely managed to get past one of the crooks and the crannies while the carnage was carried awake, while the termites were filled with turpentine as well, across the chimney's booth, and the other soothe of a similar peel.

It sufficed to say that there was not a single man standing around the ground floor with an ample-arm left untouched and unsullied-swollen-turned, nor undemeaned by solace-grating. A garrison lay here and there, titter and tetter in the prior-making; until one of the least aware substances lay in place. A filth of sprawl-moving green and therefore filled with utmost cruelly made, fallaciously endangered, by touch or by prevail, simpleton's abode, lay waking from the quiet's empty throat. As many men, simple of no purity's solace and deep refrain moved from where they were caught off standing.

'I'm being raped by my husband's drill, Dave, our marriage is ruined by Obama, niggers, I loathe niggers, I am going to indiscriminately murder five, five children, the five children that are in this park, they're rubbery, slippery because I coated them in oil, setting them on fire, I intent on doing it, tomorrow, in the shack by the side of the road, near the park, leading to a trail of goading lamentation that Lucifer himself who is my father in law, and my lass, she will remember me for what I've done for the people during my youth, and younglings, kill your parents during their sleep; with the help of my friend, the giant volcano-pillar bloated-shaped torso bearing a head beneath it, at its base, that expands fifteen meters off its body-like some lizard come out of its hiding, a giant fleshy human head bearing a beard made out of a fleshy

sack- as if bodies are inside of it, out of which, large spike-drill urchin bloated horns sprout at the ends of. He shall aid you in patricide!’

There was no man named Dave in the room.

Born of a chair of splinters they walked, walled by noon’s brought onto the crowd, by them there walking with slithers of sleigh, with bellies to their tottering ankles, with angles by anglers fished from beneath and above each row; little waves reaching most unnatural things.

I dream of Columbine and murder is in my blood

There are uncertainties in this world that cannot by normal means be explained; God has become delusional, bestowing the reigns to his creation onto itself. Man is evil, man has guns, meteors and lynch-nigger ropes; murder is my blood and I must kill before I’m killed and eaten alive by porcupines. Women must also die by terror, bombs are what drive the fuel of my disgust; humanity is wretched, and I am a devil in disguise!

Walking down the pavement with snickers made of ropes, robbing the closest to myself, my heart, convenience store! Shooting all those niggers with my guns, splintering the entrails of the kikes, Oy vey this must be another Holocaust!

A morbid miasma started erupting from inside the ribs of the eight holes gouged inside the knife. It produced blood clot in the air.

Coppers cannot feel skin, they’re like eels for the fleshy appeal. It’s appalling how society’s still working in the dark. The various unnaturalness’ delight there being no chance for it to have ever been moral or alive; without knowing what’s happening in Callie, they walk. Joined by a band of slithering conniving little snots!

There are rivers of blood inside my eyes. The rope that’s being spun, destroys the tree, destroys the sun!

‘Sprrl, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll, sprll!’

A sound emerges from the front, the Galileo-Guillotines of larger far-end troops withhold. No lampoon would trash us today, no torrent of spades or spray and pray. Not to kill and not to die, not to be allowed lay in peace impoverished by being homeless, by men benigned.

For the patron saint by bus withheld, now and then he came again, no longer trying to tinge in peace, not to lay his servant’s lain in tinsel-crease. He would not let each Magus stay his way, upon the starry gaze and the forlorn remains. For they degraded on the field, while the bus emerged, while they’ve held each other, in each other’s grasp within, the solace of their warmth emerging, incapable of truly remembering who had the can-spray in his mouth.

The chapter that speaks of Kill-nigger meeting Kill-blood on the front

Out of the deprave remains of Columbine of what was left of them since. There came one with a face that had been taken from him, a giant truck with a bloated giant man's head connected to a snake made out of his rearranged, reorganized my monthly calendar' years, was there a slither of a cucumber ear that drilled itself below. Mush was made out of the unknown and of the blood.

A kingdom emerged from beneath the ground, and men covered in armor made of metal grates, through which but the uncanny maze of hair made out of pores, belonging to rotten slugs and empty mushroom spores and of mush, muck, littler goblin-esque figures that hid inside these walking prisons, barred by indestructibility, bearer of spears, talkers of the disappear. Fear driven, drivel, mass, large bikini babes – turned on by some radio bass, singing out loud along the lyrics on a casetophone, while the tea-time bore a mine. A mind lest to be called-to-for benigned, was there naught to be spoken to or after.

Quickly enough, four or five of them, in their slouch- unkindly draft and ponder had riled upon a single spray, a wretched allure of single-pray, not to tell the master of the home they had leaped in, destroying the front door and everything that lay inside, no more and no longer easily controlled or forced to be, sightless but for the promise of agony, long-maintained the peace of quiet.

'Open the last door that's blocked by chain and yolk!'

Said one of the grated ones, the halls leading to this door being searched for; everything lain in ruin and made to pass.

A brothel of most somber-felt, summerly disgust!:

'I have spoken my peace!'

Said Old John, from the floor, inside the ship, and part the plot, to assassinate him, it was wretched, but it could not be easily ignored.

'Why should I care about the niggers and people's talk of how they've been exploited for fuck knows how long? For slavery's permitted in the rot! And the winds that chime in shall also bring the fuckers down when toils are but allowed to sail to empty socks and lands of rotten fish benumbed!

I shall be a stepping stone to putting them in their place when the time comes and no longer will I be in the waiting or forced to lay in quiet swaying for the day's end, and therefore stay, my hand shall but purloin a bend to tatter's ending!

People have always and will always be exploited. Don't you get it yet? You're blind, you're fucking blind. You're so focused on the niggers and the peoples of yesterday that you've lost track of the people of today, you're lost to the people of tomorrow who'll but laugh and cackle and take shots at you for being so dumb. To allow yourself to be exploited this way, thinking that you're right.'

He had built a barricade dumbfounded, impossible to pass through and therefore stanch of empty hand dismantled and disbanded they have. Running around, wrecking havoc and plight upon those that weren't deserving yet could wait a little while longer for something to be spoken on the spot.

None could do but the pain that emerged. It was a rattle-sign of things to come.

A wretched paradise flowed through the basin, and a myriad of people pulled at the trebuchet and winced.

'I hate niggers, I hate kikes, I hate Palestinians, I hate arabs, I hate spics, I hate gooks, I hope they get cancer and I hope they'll burn in hell. I shall meet them on those fronts one day, armed by my father, Lucifer, as well! I hope they die! They don't deserve to live, they don't deserve to try! Cut-cut bleed, my nerves are tried for, but I won't cry when the time comes, nasty-nasty wings will cut all women down!'

One of the great sons said so!

Killnigger, dancing around the lot!

Beneath Columbine, fallen into the arena, all of the failed rebirths of Killblood! The ones who fought for ages during rancor, below the stages, wretched angels torn to shreds! Many such-avowed mislead to believe that they would not eventually be allowed to come to life, rebirth being denied. The many souls trapped inside, fighting one another during rounds of peace-alarmed and cast to shred of disem-bowl!

It was there that the birth of Killnigger came to be, when the bearers of the kills, the ones that had been extinguished by force of kill.

Largely amphitheater-bound, by chains, grabbed and thinned around. Beneath the basement and through the fall and gaps that could be seen, beneath Columbine but yer-distilled, above the sunken clutched onto the school abyss there they stood and rested. Dormant, the wretched growling mourners, with their wings spread and bodily stretches conically mislead into curving, deceived, entangling around the chains, tricked into holding so the ones that fell into the arena did not fall, instead, into the pits of the void. Wretchedly being torn apart and ripped away as their souls would be lost forever in the march! The climb never to've come alive! Blessed by the wretch, agony, alarmed! There stood Killnigger, pondering upon his past.

Capable of flight, as he could flee at any point in time and rejoin the classes, his solace being his adjoining hours, in the class of Columbine!

Resting on his throne below for countless hours unspoken to, whereas the throng of woes, the choir of voices singing and the fall of a single simple sun's reach, glory to the shades that were ebbing to be released. A fire-coach-ure of demiurge prunes put together on a bonsai plotch of little parables spoken softly as if the demure of allurements calling bowed to no one's cordure-foil entreaty spial fell; whereas the ones that were adjoined to his chamber, and to his table, now lain aside, champion by bitter tide, with a spear of the hourns come out of dire-a-come upon his knees, lain slowly, eyes approached from every wall that drew forward, front-forth and come-to-side lop, by shrill of drills then rolled by means of praying, with anchored nails below, with stains of patched, that of foot-prints and of the stale, perhaps a quail would've been enough, to match them gut for gut and emperor-joined to him conjoined to the lot, he drew to the side. For every soul's rebirth's failure come onto the mass, the one formed to its right side was but of a vast vascular unnaturalness that disallowed any rear-entry to be had, impale, by means of charging at it or by any other means, interrupted by the insatiable amount of, unsuitable by speech foretold, or mention that would be foresworn to've existed only by chance, there being not a chance to miss the ones that were stitched to them, since they were, after all, or at least in part, in the pile and in the

unnaturalness-forlorn, synchronized pained by means of wail, there-told, and only after sightened by foil of robbed of least of guts, a guttural soul of a missing lot, which didn't belong to the school, nor was it come from the passing, but endured, so much so, as a testimony in itself, the strength it bore only damping the sound these little brats made, in deep annoyance, gutless-throng and syrup of unmasking, strong, but stale and counter-pane of there-et pail, did it pull by wild rotation, contemplating on how much blood it would consume from them, since pint by pint, it would cause stop to wail, but at the same time their physical forms would not be sustained for long, especially in this wild manifestation, with was too circular to him but to them, only a square in which they were made, only half like a lung-box, connected, rabidly to his, a little growth pouch that held the head of a skulled man, but the flesh being there unnervingly swung, back and forth as if something inside of it desired to come to life, set in flight, glimpse of rabid, come, escape, now that you're aware of being stuck, in his domain, threatened to've appeared into the deadened come to flight and night, so extended during the borrowing of a little simpler tool of fright, that being the pair of many hearted stings, as if skinned-covered with fleshy wasps' s' been what he's been playing with, in and out of his awareness fading, as if this very illusionary play, while balanced by him squirming it around and between his fingers, mice going through a maze as soon revealed, plenty hidden in his sack, this Killnigger, true inheritor of the souls, belonging to Killblood, rightful inheritor of Columbine, yet, yearned for sight, bearer of no gun, no weapon, yet deceived to carry on now, he had almost thought, considered it plentifully before the time had even such a chance to signal that it was the time to carry on, assault, do something, come to blows, despite the size, there-there, of course such, of course, it's obvious that no such entreaty would arrive only on parlor's woe called onto the front with little song as said bespokened oft, and of what might happen if either hand was plainly raised, if they only, for a moment became aware, made to be, in possession of the knowledge that he was ill equipped with the much needed appendaged that would suffice one in need to walk, there, it's finally being said, out with it, admittance only allowing for something close to some, that would forebear, a glimpse of truth for near-coming, something close to him, while these empty arena-less, flightless of bothersome benigned there-come toll being taken by forceps grown; a forced rue with the face of a bothersome gaze calling to be remembered, playing with these primordial-wretched, dredges now, trapped in the shadows, trapped in the dark, still-formed and still-born, incapable of taking physical forms, yet their oblongidity would allow them still, to move along, or stay to watch, in laughter or in sadness, whatever parlous would be had; and what of him and what of them? For there was not a single way to pull again, the many bothersome growths that drew, he could only make them out of deep-sinew. For this wretch staring at Killnigger was but Ill-Delac, brother of Kran. Whose work may've been recognized or reflected in the chains, for they were sturdy and made to last. Not to mention the support pillars that were later added, through dark-refraction, connected with the upper-reaches, at the end of the upper-rows, above the tribunes, where the bands, near flageolet-a-flag there lay, a single strain of quiet-trains, if they had.

'The light is something I abhor the sight of. I live beneath the likes of curtain branches that can never be drawn at will. I choose to live in hiding for the firmament of empty's call can never scorn the sight of a grim disciple of the dark when the near-ends are come to leper's sightened stance, for when the come onto foreknowledge's sail is fully drawn, there can be no doubt or forth-assurance that the sailing, skirting in their classroom gone, will the children understand what's happening below the damp surround they're set against the flailing winds' against.'

IB!:

‘Going Cold Turkey I see, for how long is this going to last?’

‘Until I’m all bowling pins and green massacre down in Hell; but not till’ I’m done un-sharpening my Saharan Nigger-rapier unkindly!’

‘What’s the reasoning for this act of cruelty and supreme entailed massacre and the stone-break after what’s to come?’

‘It’s done its job, must be put to rest for its darkened soul, bleakly painted in nigger blood, sorted out with the spirits in the Afterlife with whom it will debate eternity dumbfounded!’

There was some sort of pain in his eyes, but here and there, he darted, a few laps, they said. It seemed like it. Like he said. Even a hint of showing your tooth will get you far in this place. Words to live by. Since most people were either cowards, arrogant or dumb, it only came natural to him to try getting away with whatever he could.

‘Once the week’s over, I’m going to kill another man and rape his cat. I’m going to show that kitty claws as I shall bestow myself onto her.’

And there were Iles floating above this head, pulling at him, everything starting to spin in strangely articulate, by energetic in terms of rotations, triangles, that each started eating his face until nothing was left of it. Nigger, nigger, nigger, nigger, nigger, nigger; there was one leaning against the door. His curly disfigured face from having been forced-bathed into a bath of acid ringing with his ears split open,

There’s absolutely nothing left in there at all. All’s been devoured.

Blood was rancid for some reason eaten partially by some half-eaten man who half ate whatever he could off his half plate, cut-pizza he was, his fingers all flipped and chopped, as was the table.

It was better to polish the iron rods before trying hand in hand the hinges blind, especially since they were all made of one piece. Iron bolts, as well, nickel addings, fillings and pulmonary disease.

Ladies, what are they made of and what do they look for in a man?

Blood, on his hands, bloody murder is what they’re after, and violence perpetuated against them, females are into abuse, rape, unorthodox activities of the most guttural gradient of grind upon their bodies pounding, with spiked needled bats, sharpened to a faulty knob against their lower-side against which they’re implanted, deep-depressed, fifteen meters in and perhaps deeper than that in an incline that would reverse into an upward curve, uniting with their baby-makers, if they’re not done with their menstruation cycle, into which only the bravest men might dig in, supplanting the requisite of destruction, a single cut being enough to bleed her dry, whereas twenty or so, in the meantime she only executed herself on the table with a moon-cycle shaped pole-axe with snakish tendrilled-whips that bore one-shot-capable-of lugers’ that all pointed at her head while the guillotine motion prepared itself to be-drench her uniting, parting only aforementioned by a simple act of witnessing it occur in the past, of the legs at an eye-level; would completely distort even the slightest reminiscence of her ever having been a woman to begin with.

It should’ve come as no surprise either than more often than not, in such cases, there’s no deliberate way of reproaching the correspondence that’s being delivered through the variously opened by chimes alone,

itineraries and self-sufficient ways of cutting blood, that could only drag and drawl when, below them there's but no standing ground, to break the fall. The gall was aware of that, yet, was incapable of stopping or preventing the tables being turned against her. Falling as a desperate maiden struck and violently betokened to fall pray as if to some unnecessary upheaval of unobtrusiveness, hers being a fault of being there to begin with, with the rape gone along the way only stopped on momentary notice before its unexpected resumption, which, surprisingly enough had not come or shown up from any other place, quite-so! Other than the very lower-side of the club she was in possession of. As she was only turned on by this whole scene, her merely, barely sublime yet frozen-in-place, nigh-flaccid disposition capable of carrying along from one side to the other, as if from camp to camp, there-coming, was merely interpreted as an open invitation to the feast by none other than the two ancient prune-wingless gargoyles who turned their thrones outwardly, encasing her in a small prison of piston-bars where she was trapped for the time being, incapable or most probable, prone to this incarceration drivell of a reasoned, of it being deserved to begin with, contemplation made in ardor, the two of them had decided it was only fair that she should be molested in the broad daylight, raped, violently, incapable of escape. It was a most arduous sight one could behold a sightened stay; not to be too humble or nigh-adjacent any more than needed, but, there was indeed no possible escape. It was a shower of spears as if the many bars were meant to impale instead of entrap her. But she was a gibbeting rabbit in a snare. Her little puffs of ears being aware that something wasn't right.

'You cannot do this to me! I've suffered for far too long to be entrapped in such a manner. Please, you must stop, you must muster whatever strength of being there is left in you and allow me an early flight!'

Eerily so they simply ignored every single one of her requests, in a most ignoble way there could possibly be. Threatening with violence as with rape, as soon as the men that were present in the crowd stepped back into the walls, unseen; some bricks of cast allowed for their impression to be gotten a hold of, but they disappeared fuck know where.

They ran, they ran like niggers, and they were not seen after until later in the day where they are met by some inconsiderate fool who's spitting acid-bloated shaped tunnels, dripping on every side of the road. Long-fallen as if giant whips of ruin, melting sluggishly with bubbly salt dropped on top of them before dissipating in mid-air. And he had brought a lot of destruction everywhere he went, incapable of the recurrent notice of there ever being someone who might monkey around like he did, or monkeying around with knives. Since he had brought a few:

'Der-child who's waiting for green in order to cross the street, will you do me humbly, such as purse-a-coin?'

'I won't fall for it, nasty man!'

Before this conjovial disjoval could bring the thought to him, recast. He already grinded one of his axes and simply made-vanish, vaporized the child with a strike. It happened too soon, way too quickly, but that is not to be taken lightly, since she suffered, prolonged-exposure to the grinded-against acids being the main cause of the caustic-inter dimensional-spittle that had broken her internally, throughout every universe there was, split, cut, split, cut, split, cut, split cut as to fill in what was taken from a world to another, a wound and her brother, where there was a hole made, as if she were in a spaceship and one of the hatchets opened, drawing her through the hole, into space, breaking her apart, spine and skin, but

instantly, endlessly, until they were all cut, bloated, become one, and died. There was no possible trace in existence bearing any semblance of her actual appearance, nor was there a need for anyone to know if there was ever such a woeful wretch as this child that refused to pay him for a knife as good as this one. Of course it wouldn't've been, but in all fairness. He had killed many children and had made a sport out of it.

'You, oi, lady, think you can light me a cigar?'

The moon was still of a mind to fall apart, but could only send its waves one at a time. Every single one turning the clouds in the military barracks that were so sought after to enter in. And many were filled with the same liquefying gelatin that rotted even the strongest of guttural noise. A noose, she pulled out a noose. Hanging herself, with a right arm shot up, then flat down, with her by its side.

'I was only, huh?'

Of such entreaty as Hyrtl could assume to take, there was no hunger, bloodied by each kind he could not hope to satiate once given enough time to spread, wildly like the disease he was, a dark thing with little mind, playing around pursed lips, with blinded foolishly upheavs, that followed, along the trails of green disease. Down there, in the butcher's coffin, beneath the street; after smashing through a roofed door, having jumped in the middle of the hole, then fell upon a parked down there broken car, onto the staircase, he was lead below, where the miasma was felt upon his nostrils made of tar. He could not help conjure the strength that began ruminating in him, little by little, devilish abhorred triumphant, as he were, there was no way to tell whether or not there was anything even remotely serious about how this butcher conducted himself. Since willy-nilly were the corpses thrown around, off the ground lifted and thrown with each dismissing back-handed slap that made these ruffians come to life, holding him together, Hyrtl being no longer an observer but an actor in their plan. Held in place, he felt the sickening wretch approach. It was dark, brass-obscuring the sight. Flecks of it that few as if the butcher's been using a saw; but that didn't do; it was way too noisy, all to crude, of how the saw-working worked, this was more in line with a mile or something of a most close-in-mind dissimilitude that wretched the wrath and came around, just so he did not mind.

'It's inappropriate, isn't it?'

'When the young think of similar ink, they tend to paint heir glasses with some sonorous resin because it doesn't only stink the needles, but they also tend to melt their bones brittle, for a reasoned approach you see the same come home, time after time again, in dishelved forms of themselves they've never even been aware they were a part of to begin with.'

They were pouting awfully so. Without a denture in each needle's come to a row, was there no heed to breed or, alas, to heed the entry of a third solace-seeker who was there, only on an errand sent onto by the Illustrious forbearance of none other than the Primitive Simian Entreaty, who, upon the post-office's failure of delivery have decided to send one of their most trusted in order to make a praying of the wont, and ensure that this subpoena finally reached its final destination.

'Were you sent here by some brothel of cured meat by salt?'

‘Sir, you have fallen short of what had been promised, as it is clearly stated here, the breaches of the contract having been spoiled, to deliver the exact sum of seventy five shillings, in accordance with the extension that’s already been crossed as well, hence, your piety’s misspoken excuse can, and I quote none matter for kind-aware, the wish of my master, so as to be informed that from this point on, the evacuation of the premise shall be accounted as but a nigh-pedagogical entreaty by which, you shall only temporarily be allowed to remain in the aforementioned restructured concubinal state of subservience, to him, otherwise, any further finding or felt-to-besots presence, shall be immediately, accordingly, and most severely dealt with, little to no mercy being presented or reposed for, this matter can only bring forth clemency in such a way as it will be abhorred by all parties as a result of your continual stay.’

With which the young fellow who’s been sent by the Entreaty curtsied, turned around and leaped upward, through the very same car-hole, having given sight to the stairways that were but rowed in a toweresque formation, and while ascending in flight he but made his way through the same door-hole that had been completely destroyed during the advancement through which poor Hyerothyellomolus whilst making his way in:

Streets of not rotten, but filled with the dead-bodies of the soulless husks that had been abandoned by scrutiny held content in cages, as to starve.

It would serve no one to wait or heed the call of echoing pour-through, as they were hit, then commenced walking. Something, something was wrong, but it could not be forbearance that was already cast in a shallow miasma-driven lease, a prude, of counterfeit, a beast of calls shin-an-durr, the spoils were lain on the table, finely set, whereas they could barely be of a mind to be enslaved for all the costs, and all the world’s entreaty fell apart as soon as either one of them was of a mind to open their mouths.

‘Garson, I think the scrumptious lobster’s worth an obol next street, from a hobo!’

‘You’d known him for a while now, invite him already, if you can!’

‘Settle down, now, we don’t want something to happen any moment now, not while there’s a guest!’

‘A guinea for him and one for me if you’re wrong about it, what of it then?’

‘Forty if you will, and I shall not move since!’

‘It’s a deal, then, a iota written down per ink and bottle-rub!’

Brass was then drawn from somewhere beneath the table, as they settled with nothing short of it, a simple odorous cadaver scented, in it, deadly cats whose heads were giant bulbs, ugly things, radishes-bloated with a single one, different than the rest. One could see how ugly they were, truly disfigured, wretchedly, in terms of upheaval, yet. They had these areas, around their necks, where they were hairless, slowly diverging into this unnaturalness every man’s accustomed to seeing in hair’s drenched abode. Lest said. Nasty things, fleshy light-bulbs, but for one, who wore the skinned and cut-clean wrapped around baggy face of a man, some badger would have them spoiled and killed, if they made too much noise, for wonder, wont and the little debt, Charles took a hookah-attached long spiraling spear-shafted syringe-thingy with which he had impaled the poor feline’s head, then signed a blood contract with Yunghii Uncut E. Senior.

‘We shall see what aggadage this ruffian has to add to your supply of no-more speaking than they have to, if this is what you will have me do, that’s all!’

Oh but what perdition, certification of an oratory written tale, a tattle that would bring no man nothing short of pain, for what they felt was only a most intrusive undisciplined contorted, grim, in sin, reaction they could barely abhor the need of contemplating on top of, in terms of ever-presently being awake, aware of what’s going on around them, lest they could sit around; for a moment, while this strange hobo only drew out a malignant edifice!

‘I call upon my god of homelessness, may he hear me well!’

Fury could never’ve been enough of a single, heartfelt-bent upon their prow’s call, to’ve made such an impression upon a poor servant of a wretch that was beyond him and them.

‘What an insufficiently minded little use-to-be-left to rot!

This thing, this creature, this perfidiously anxious to prove itself worthy of a higher-call, but surely we cannot abandon him on the streets and watch him bleed aside!’

‘He’ll stab me, I can see the glitter of a simple pearly, dog-teeth sharp, little pecker in his pocket standing out in a sea of coinage. Surely this one had-had some rubbish during screen, when awaiting for the green-appeal, when outside in rain, on rails and empty train, turbulent but waiting for the frail that would but stoop aloud, and led him something, pocket down, oh, I see there’s something in his eye, reminder. No stronger willed, but the ones whom had belonged to dark anshamble, they are the ones who gave him some.

Not men such’s I. For I know better than to dine with someone that would only spill a shallow growl!’

But they all fashioned no wont that would do him good, either. No, it could not work as easily as he would will it rotten!

‘Bloated sum of little scrapings, wilt you not bereaved and satiate what little I give onto you to carry forth?’

‘Need it be said more, now?’

On the contrary, I felt it deep-purloin on some errand sent for them to castrate each blade of grass upon run-around and deep-surround where they’re but caught swaying, back and forth instead of deep-advance. Sometimes I wish there was such a thing as might be wilt be had, as to strike them down where they sit, slither, stay and pry in that little unnatural grave they call a home.’

‘A rabid thing, but need be less, your anger’s swaying, deeply such as it’d impress no cowering vile. But I need ask you again, what have you fed them?’

‘Rabbits, hares, mines and disembowel, the things that cannot be forced upon no cruder being. I satiate such green appeal as they would cut, by mere run. Rummage through each bowel down and slither of the stars, aghast, in wont, in wonder, warmed by the solace of what used to be a wont, and thunder, as it comes, the rain in storm!’

Wetted by a baffling embrace, such disgrace would not be felt nor incline a wont, nor seek to satiate, their culling of hours, their decadent manner in which they carried one another into stillness forth propelled. In their minds they were but covered in laurels, singed for by those sons of lost, forlorn and cast-away, torn apart dormitories, orphans of the street, men of all callings, even of most petty graves surrounding and purloin, haunting, daunting, so much-wonting of release, pressed against their bodies, lasting for some peace, glorified beyond belief, crudely worshipped, longingly adored, by down-noisy superfluous women, who'd give them but a chance at joy!

Yet the servant of the house, the woman, the new-comer, she had only come-arrived with evil thought. While they were having a diner-spiced by the brothel casing that had been delivered to them from another part of the town they had recently having had reacquired, after it being acquitted by woe-alone, terrestriary-snow, and a panther from the Injun-cone-wearers, they had stopped to yet admonished the creature for the first time.

But, yearned for cast-away; it was a bothersome thing, to wait and pray away that they would forget her rank, her standing in the ark, her praying wont and wont-er after. What they referred to her behind her back and what they'd do to her if she raised her voice, or settled down below and anchored to the echoes, wilt.

A ring-a-ding, paradigm of a most semblance of a noise but muffled, spake-by-spake in chimes of struck-Wooddenn rot in the forest during storms that cast and thrust from each direction and make too much noise in the sullen-sunken-ly abyss of effigies of bodies that rise from the bellowing pints of legs, someone was at the door, making noise again!

It was a given that the world that's been falling apart deliberately driven to the un-sanctified calamity of societal-parasitical callous-inhuman entities driven to some delirious desire to explore the un-piteous exploration had in turn resulted into a complete still, at-cross rivers, think of self-bemused and fancy traps. Men forced to become cowardly and women wearing pants, their body parts chopped before being leprously fed to pus-giants that move around at speeds that are innocuously un-recorded by human eye, but gaze such's which may be contemplated in the counterpane of deep-forgetfulness. A street was cleared and before the rabid men that were a part of this community had a chance to fully set themselves by walk away, the servitor of many began ululating his glowing rod as a sign of the slop having come along. Ugly urchins made of pigs:

'First meal served, and who shall come and pray for more, when the anachronous-fading shall serve the walls that move still?'

A wall had erupted from the lot. Concubine-tents, giants, workshop hangars and ugly domed buildings giving the impression of an amiable surrender to the occupational military that had completely engorged itself into this side of the plateau, this continent which by default encompassed the entirety of the equity that made the two country of Promenade, stolen from them, the occupation having finally solidified itself to native-ty by right of conquest. Not a single claim was made by some impertinent man, nor was there a riotous desire that would help advance this escape plan, many men had generationally carried along from son to son and death of mother that made them think of no other tottering option than to forget that there was ever a chance for them to make a run for it. Every corner of every meter or so, albeit not monitored had a plate beneath them, in sense of felt of touch, by leg or weighty thing, exploded; but only the head.

Men that ran, or even children, off their heads went, without any structural damage. The only bothersome thing was the cleanup. No enforcers either, and there was no certainty, from one day to the other, as to whom would live and who'd die. Or who even was responsible for planting these trip-mines that only exploded human-heads; animals were spared of this grandiose torture, attire, the attire they wore, the animals were without limbs. But were dressed in floating-still, Victorian Era suits, slightly above them by a few centimeters, the animals were levitating, eyeless, but they had the annals of time in them. Squirring time-fly maggots that constantly undulated inside of them; rotting with the material, they were falling apart. A few meters away from one, Johnny, looked forth. He was met by a retracing outwardly, from beneath the earth and himself, an elevator upwardly ascending, tiny block that opened, but only around the corners, which drew downward once set in place, the entirety of this strange tiny building the size of a big booth, which now, though it may've been only a few moments ago, five minutes at best, a perfectly-almost perfectly chiseled brick, it now lacked those sharp corners, being unwrapped like some present, before lowering the four left plates, which also, or only one of them held the ceiling, the others having receded to the side of the small almost nigh, by a few millimeters but only observable or recognizable to the trained or acknowledged eye, rectangular, instead of squarish, area, it had come out, as to reveal, that, this had been instead, a strange altar that had been brought from somewhere beneath the earth, from the depths of which, it had been carefully worked upon, whereas a few edible features of meat-swank, purloin-rotten, made a grim impression on the man who had barely, bread being in his hand, dropped, being now hinder left without half of his shirt, beneath his pecks, since, this strange altar shot a cardboard-pair-of-train-rails shaped a beam of light into him that melted the material, which opened a large portion of his stomach that was without blood or guts, but was an empty space where almost-nigh mechanical fleshy devices worked constantly on making another tinier head of himself that was now being extracted by elongated, thin armed, nigh-humanoid appendages that were puffy, ugly, and wretched, extending continuously as they both shortened and thinned while expanding at the same time in this hard-to-explain region caught or placed between the man and itself, being somewhat, become so thin that it gave the impression of 'could-snap' at any moment in time; this many-fingered in the thin-hundreds of long work-upon, constantly rotating and undulating, ululating, curving, spinning, wrapping around, a wheel being worked by men, against this strange floating, made of pure-chiseled diamond, the replica of the man's skull and face, inside of which they worked in, having acquired entry by some back-door somewhere behind. And between the entry in his gut, in this oven of a barely enough having space to work in they were forced to work under the conditions of, and a few centimeters beyond the exit; as if these 'hands' were giant, and they entered a garage, working on a car, like a mechanic, or a mechanic playing with a doll house, his hands all the way but his wrists outside. But his wrists thinning for some reason as if he were drunk or couldn't see well because of old age; as if he promised he would play with his daughter, giving her the time of the day, albeit made a mistake, marrying and or having children, out of wedlock, being an awful thing as well, whilst being this advanced in age, old, ancient, since the chance of a child being born with health issues or autism is much higher the further one progresses in age, with every decade or so, perhaps even lesser than that; his deafness coming second only to his poor sight, as he'd give birth to this mirage of his hands thinning. Whereas the constant elongation would be a trick of the constant forwarding-advance; these light appendages being made of thinner put together straws that would thin themselves out because, but wouldn't technically shrink either, they'd need to facilitate the entry into each other's made way for even more of them to come in – tunnels, like they're all made of shoe-laces or ropes, or, more fittingly so, threads trying to enter needle-holes, as for the reason behind the hands remaining unaffected on the other-side, inside the gut-garage, instead of thinning as well, that

would be rather simple and easily explainable at a subatomic level, since these were not actual hands, but a more intricate system of tinier, hard to grasp a hold of by sight alone, system of mazes, tunnels, holes, pipe-lines, frames and roads, that, in the short-time span they had been given to reform themselves, in the blink of an eye, have thoroughly evolved, the two hands that had initially entered his gut may've looked normal, but, they, in actuality had been stumps inside prosthetic-"human-hand" decoys these stumps used as a Trojan Horse, to obscure this boisterously slow-but well-intended for a most advanced extraction – transformation, into, these most complex oil-rig extraction devices that were now used to draw the diamond-head out which was his actual soul and the only connection he had left in this world with his Lord and Savior he had accepted in his heart but was slowly being, by means of self-contained repel, driven to not only stagnation but also to damnation as to be led, lead, astray from his lord, by one of the many fathers of lies and evils, a part of a flock of sheep that was driven away by a vile giant sheppard made out of many coal-pieces, stone-refineries, living-creatures stitched to it, strange elliptical, out of his knees, in every direction, like moon-scythes –shaped horns, his body long, his arms, all insectoid, stick insects –legs with giant torso-bearing his head at their ends, walking not on a field, but being used as chains so he would not fall into the abyss that was for him what for us is the sky, since he wasn't out-side, per say, but inside and beneath the earth, where he was completely left, struck, incapable of escaping, four great heads connected into one that didn't belong to the peculiarity that was forced become his body, but instead were a part of a stranger race of many faces, some in the hundreds, connected to corkscrew necks, their skulls being secretly shaped like medieval doors, that, starting with their conception, out of the womb, would start curving, like jelly-shields, or jelly-keyboards or rubber, until becoming false-oblongs, curved around each other, being then filled with fat, giving the impression of actually having grown like that, or being heads, that had, on the opposite ends, beneath them, body-bags, they carried-akin to dead weight, bulbous and then encased in strange embracing bodies they created out of their sheer mind, as to hug and protect them; armless, appendageless, wingless, legless, but in possession of downward then all around growing 'tails', pseudo-tails there being these things, that are their hidden, growing beneath their chins, actually, out of their hidden mouths, and they had false mouths grown on their faces as a way to trick predators into not killing them by murder; tusks that curved around their corkscrew necks, creating another layer-bone-like of protection, that would end up being taken for ribcages and beyond that, hidden by the embracing bodies, that were cackical in nature, ugly bastardities, pseudo-statuesque, wretched, demonical, albeit without arms, legs and wings, they were molds that had them attached and "grown" into them, like decorations, or superficially, as if conjoined to them, to be taken for granted if seen from the distance. If one would look at them from the distance, he'd think they have arms, legs, wings appendages, but these, they're fakes, they're just, almost molded mass, clay-chiseled sculptures. These strange beings capable of flight, but many tailed by the tusks, that, beneath the hidden frame inside the giant sheppard, one of them, since they didn't actually, many of them didn't end up possessing strange humanoid bodies like that too often, or at all, this being an outlier and exception, held every sutured body, machine and the legs by the sheer strength their set in place tusks allowed them to deal with this beyond mortal comprehension in accordance to the capability of sustaining all that weight by natural means. As to think of how ants hold that much weightier objects per times this weight of their bodies being taken into account of. He was indeed the owner of the artifact-pillar altar, who was in need of the skull-shaped diamond soul man owed him the surrender of Providence of. And they all had to be extracted manually, while every procedure took something close to a few weeks. This process, this process was slow, but man was afraid during these wretched times, to help one another, frightened by what would happen if they did

or said something wrong, to run towards one in aid meant death and head-explosion, the sealing of a fate that would endear nothing but fright and frighten.

‘I think we’re safe. There’s no need for either of us to turn around any longer, as the door’s already locked, deep-shut, you know? I made sure of it. I made sure no one will follow.’

‘Chance, I don’t think you did.’

‘You’re free to go back the way you came if you don’t trust me. I only wish to help. We can’t end up like the two of them, no, I don’t think so. I’d rather die than end up like them. Come on now. They’re on the move.’

Marching along-side them were a few steps belonging to the walls; whenever they listened, whether or not it mattered, they were always accompanied by the jolting feeling of bleeding ears. It ended up creating an overwhelming, almost, almost bothersome stretch, whether it came from one foam to another, that door went missing again. Both had to haul themselves over in utter shock, fallen on top a pile, a pint, a man set them aside, barging in from somewhere down front.

‘I think this means you’re both off, out of it.’

‘Pulls up, pull us before they tear us apart!’

Screamed one of them. It was an awful thing, hearing them scream:

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A moon had fallen in one of the boxed-in cargos, without leaving the least amount of time needed for them to frighten an escape, or to satiate even the slightest go-through one of the most unnatural, hardest to gape at colonies that immediately assembled in front of the on-going chaos in order to eat. Many of the ships allowed for the growths to come out, many pudgy unnaturally deformed little pecks and little kegs and little more than some unnatural dead-commanders that were filled with dread as they followed through the mass-cabins that had hardened, births occurred on the spot! Many of the wretched sharp appendages that came out only drew out eerily so without a nod of their extra heads, which they had used to propel one another past the curve of asteroids that was formed around them, control was dead. And eerily they sang, as they gathered around with their pricks of leprous heads and clad was the light that shone upon them, which beckoned the retreat, as they fashioned no longer than was needed such a beat upon the bat-like shells, the chitinous plates that formed the entirety of space which started contorting on them by power such was never known before, or at the very least not by man, since he could do nothing, absolutely nothing about the fall inside the box-facility, upon which they had been enslaved, those that had survived at least. A few more boxed traps appeared from some deep abyss, they wailed as they opened their side mouths, giant look-a-likes to men, with their gargoyle mouths and leprous faces cast around and glanced, then dead; were the beads they spat, but infectious, to such a degree that all of the wretched creatures of space were thrust farther and much deeper than the so-entrapped unnatural colony the moon bore and had. It got grinded to a pulp. And from the innards of the prison came many tubular

tunnels that were connected to most of the in-kept buildings they kept beneath the surface of the moon. Four more boxed trapped attached to the main facility-prison bands that drew from beneath the main structure. They formed an unnatural disaster that started becoming more bulbic, more fleshed out, until it looked like some rotten fleshy corpse fed upon maggots lodged inside of thing rather than anything even of the most pernicious a thought. They could only be clad painted in the most wretched of substances before allowed to settle in, coated in that gelatine ooze then allowed to carry on, as crass as they had under eerie eyes.

‘I dislike this prison but I can endure being kept here as long as I know I’m surrounded by people I know, I know this to be far closer to truth than I could ever image, but lo’, will I not forget the people who fell before me, for their light still shines upon my soul.’

‘I think you’ve endured for too long to give up just yet. I think there’s still something I could give you that you may make it still, without being long dead of degradation. For the people you once knew are no longer the same, nor will your memories of the fallen remain, mark my words on that. I know it to be true and after that, after a while, you’ll start forgetting about them, since this prison listens. IT listens and takes away, the people who speak for too long now, they’re incapable of pulling their weight and they shall die as a result of their failure to breathe!’

‘I’ve never seen you before!’

‘That’s because I died some long ago, yet I’m allowed to walk alongside you, that is to say, I won’t get in your way just yet, but be weary of that, I know how to bite and entrench by bodily-fruition a craning of the neck and shall slit your bodily tendons if I were to be called on it to do it in a moment’s brought upon the notice of, whisper of decide!’

‘Are you a proponent of violence in this heathen’s abode? To have us killed one by one?’

‘I shall do whatever’s needed to beat you all to pulp and wretch, to have you all whipped and flayed, that’s what I’m here for after all. That’s the reason for which I cannot and may not be allowed to rest. It’s a test of patience if you will. Mine or theirs!’

But before the birch could get in the way again, they were brought onto the sleeping pill-shaped bedding chambers, where they were wrapped around with belts on the ground by tall-dark figures with eyes aligned in crosses. And their emptiness fell constantly off them as if it were made out of flakes of dust or gusts of black rust which spread cuts all across their bodies when least expected, out of which worming figures of cement-hardening blobs dropped out of, no blood. Transfusions had been made, somehow, but it was no reckoning of theirs that allowed for this to be felt or needed to be dealt with anymore than they needed to. Since they were then encased in some heavier air that put them to sleep. The most hardly a matter of resting was trying to wait for something to happen, flipping in and out an eyelash with one of the fingernails belonging to one of the pinkies once there was a simple sing of there being a chance to do something about; when the noise died down, when the atmosphere settled down and when finally a dark, leprous singer started dancing around, glowing red. A peculiar thing of a big head, tall as a flying plane’s engine, near-likened to the shaping, human-also, but the likes, only two feet it had, one sprouting from its mouth and pointing forward, resting on it, while the other one lagged behind, being flat and fat and wretched in the back; a flatter more depressed forehead appeared to lay there but which pumped back and

forth as if something was hidden inside its skull, cavity. Bald, and ugly rosy-red, devoid of a lower jaw, but that's what the leg was there for; an almost rounded-tumorous lymph-node behind the area where the throat might've been if it bore one and the leg united. Contorted as it were, it were possible that this front leg was its body, but so far, it was too hard to tell because of the flashing light whose intensity only grew that much flashier, stronger and harder, then it toned down into a nigh-dark. It sniffed around, then slowly crawled towards Lloyd. It was of a mind to say something incredibly unnerving it settled down with whispering in his ear!

'Careful now, or else I'm going to make your stay here a living livid hell; and I shall cast you in the furthest pit I can ever think of digging up myself, before chucking you in, though, I will take a bite of your head, then spit you out while you're still alive. And don't try thinking you'd outsmart me and report my momentary presence here to some supervisor, for I've got them all in my pocket, know this!

If words reached foreign ears, I will bite and bite until no part of you disappears slowly inside my gut. I shall have you flayed but wretchedly so as to have a bit of fun during the process.'

Its unnatural formation of a hidden mouth kept moving in the form of a shaking upper leg muscle; or maybe the calf. This being too hard, nigh impossible to tell in the dark, which only made everything so much worse for wear; so much more unnerving as it were, no one else was awake but them. The beast known as Herman had thus stooped even lower than it had before, having decided to act upon a vigil's knowing, observing the man while he slept as well as it had acted on his behalf, eating with as immediate of an entirely bodily swallow of one of the other sleeper's entire body-frames as it could before, righteously so, any or either one of the others could make as little of a sign of awakening as they might, endearing an upheaval of some strident countenance's abhorrent defiance it maintained against the likes of the humanoids that threatened its very existence by some mean or another. Yet, it curled into an egg at one point or another during the night. Finally, upon giving in, there was no telling whether or not he would act upon it. This spike in hatred it had carried on and over through millennia of close-endured observation, that was by all means something it could not maintain any longer, by sheer exhaustion of spirit, which was the fact for which he had decided that the best recourse of action was to torture the man, turning his life into a living hellish abyss rather than eating him whole like he's done with the other human that was of no interest to him. Standing there; behind the closed there, one of the oyster-scented filaments of smoked-forth disease that could barely blame itself for what could be a dutiful falsity or a failure to act, lay a single watch, that bore a single tall razor blade the size of a beam, in its completely falling apart skin slightly lodged there being a chained tube to which this giant razor-chisel of a mould had been. Faces carved in the handle, screaming, or whimpering in silence, as they were pressed even further down by the strength of his rotten thumbs. If there had once been a cross now lay a deformed X whose glow and unnatural appeal had long disappeared but which had entrenched a second more of asking of no less than was needed, reason for him being there, dealing with the noted down likes, the report would go in detail if prisoners went missing now, and the entry from the moon into the prison was as dangerous as it had been before, at the open brought of the falchion they had neared, the belt of asteroids and rocks being shattered by the likes.

'Psst, come on out a moment, I need to talk to you!'

It tried whispering past the brutish gate; a standing testimony of nickel-iron that was hard to fell.

He headed out of the room eventually, after this being stressed enough against the confines of the night of an IOU high-amount owed money, fifteen centimetres by letter, lengthy note-sized opening. It was mostly unnecessary trying to persuade him to stop making so much of a ruckus since he would not easily give in, not until given what he wanted and even then, this was hardly the place for him to be convinced against it; since there were too many souls that would easily cave in and open a queerly set eye, easily to cast distrust lest entrusted with stopping at their own dismissal of some lucid dream as they'd return to slumber.

'This escapade of yours shall be brought to an abrupt end, for you, my dear friend have done something worthy of the quickest, without trial, well-deserved, incarceration!'

'And you're to be my jailor for the night?'

'You're cracked in the head Eicklust! How many of them have you eaten? Come on out where I can see you!'

With a leap he almost bopped the side of his head as if he were a lousy-beaten rabbit! It was unnerving, seeing him this way, this slouching decrepit figure of no withheld impartiality. A runaway from some unknown space, a disgraced channel of porcupine speeches that were lost along the way; yet he was listened to, word for word, and therefore strong and stronger still; was he called. A limping devil with no face would've had his throat if it were not for him, that hound, not to trouble each man that was put in charge before them in the morning's artificial sun, but there was only such splendour as to have him taken still alive, to the butcher's shop. Door closes:

'I think, you my good friend, shall make a great example of what happens to those that do not listen and obey for long.'

'But I'm of no employ, lest under normal circumstances would you consider this wreck a, a; temporary delight I'm given nothing in return, taking it as one might please; there's a lesser enterprise to be achieved with some of the lesser pretenders from the penitentiary, not that I admit that it could somehow excuse my prior-to-this-date behaviour, yet I seek no consolation for what's been done here today. I acted on instinct!'

'So you admit your guilt then?'

'I admit nothing of the kind.'

'We shall eat you, know this, if you're found to lie by one of the other members of the watch!'

'There's no trial just yet.'

But with a mildew-brought to an end's cottage cough, he stepped and leaped four paces to his right. More and more decrepit by the day; an elephant meat's trunk of a leg, it grew and grew, and would come to grow until forming some torso. That's at least what the medics told him would happen if he continued on this path of humanoid-devouring; it wasn't much of a pleasure looking at it, and the time was also running up and away, titter and tetter now; no one had anything to say when he was brought in. Smallish were their pipes but they smoke and lighted one of the fourth lampoon cylinders, which shone the light straight into his tiny eyes. Worn out as he were by night, worn out as he'd be the next day once put inside that

little insufferable block and patch, they wouldn't go easy on him either way. It had to be either this or, the alternative, a latent of patience lost, whatever they would say. It was so cold in here, the mantelpiece crumbled in an ashtray. A servant lady came in with another pint of booze and beer, brandishing her portable back, as some of the lesser bottles that had been used disappeared. A miasma of scum blocked a red sun, that appeared to be a bubble's worth more than what they made it out to be as they took turns chucking sharp cigars as darts.

'Finished yet?'

'Oft leper's wrought, did I not add of ye in this puddle I spilt there!'

'I did see some of you near her yourselves entangled in her gown like dirty ugly pinned-bolted soldiers stationed in some unknown land your country sent you to invade, to crush the resistance, instilling fear in the civilians, curbing the revolts, by sheer number kilt and foiled; leaving them to rot in dust, if the heaven's lost disgust allowed you to remember, I will you sit, forget it now!'

It wouldn't be as lamentable as it appeared to be if it were not for the sole defacto to which she had slowly deadened her ears as she deafened out a lop and a tromping in a stomp, killing some little critter that so happened to fall beneath her from the sky. A dome-opening being lain in the middle of the ceiling; things fell through it, of no importance, really, but very much disturbing to the newcomers who were of a mind that this was way too dangerous to be allowed the continuation of, without risking their lives further and furthermore defected to calling each other blasphemous, yet meaningless names that had little to do with them and their posts. They were mostly tall and dark and fallen apart like him, albeit of such lofty differences as one could neigh a chaise reckoned for, slammed on top of them, on second thought, but then revealed as to phase through them, as if they were entities of black smoke instead of hardisome a folk as they let themselves be known as and observed.

'I am to be beaten if I fall, please don't let me call upon the sanctimony of the brow, that I may be spared by acts of kindness dumbfound in such a wretched place!'

'Shut your mouth Aster, shut your filthy mouth and get back at it.'

Down the hall, there was an escape. It came all of the sudden in the room, crushing through the door as it revealed its heads being attached to its body no more, or no less than heeded.

Escape was rather not as incalculable of a poultry being chopped by a rusty cleaver in one clean swipe from an awkward angle while doing it with as little parameters as possible while having your eyes close as you'd undergo this nigh-quasi impossible task of trying not to give too false of an impression of the incumbent ineptitude you'd soon enough to be more than overly capable of purporting in front of a crowd of people watching closely your every feasibly observable move to a degree required only to a close at hand investigation or some interrogation instead of a display of some faulty thoroughfare; but instead was something highly likely and esteemed as, that is to say, for those weary of their stay inside their dirtily unwashed cells, a worthy chase-after highly-likely to obtain, within reach, goal the guards kept a nigh-close enough to itself estimable by clearly ordained wilfully arranged satisfactorily opinions bequeathed out of rather-shown, unless abhorred, educated guesses as to liken an increase to the chance of escapes finally being passable under the radar without alarming the residents of the upper levels of the boxed in towering Babylonian floating inside the pneumatic space figures of scented bony-encased creatures inside

of which the tenants reside; whereas it was constantly reminded, whether or not by the pulp of seasons being squeezed after generations of other prisoners of similar likens to the humans who had previously impressed onto the guards and their likens, esquire, as well as the general assembly that worked behind the bars as well, that these life-forms were highly capable of taking care of themselves and not only that, but proved willingly able to deal with the utmost stress that came or followed along decades of imprisonment which had a habit of ruining a spirit to such degree that for most it was impossible to recollect, let alone commit to something as bold as an escape or an attempt at it. A conical rhombus-room was where the cellars of large bulbs were being kept and fed in. Right around the corner, belonging to some side-entry out of one of the many, adjacently placed to one another and connected hallways that lead to the prison enclaves; and the general areas of propagation. They were floating but not at unreachable levels, leaving as much as twenty or so filaments of meters between the lower half of the retractable ceiling as well as the level they reached by semi-flight alone. It was a burden, trying to establish some communication with them, especially since they were partially deaf and revealed their secrets only to the most trustworthy of figures they gyrated their spiralling borderline-corkscrew bodies in the direction of. Kept in the dark at all times, without a slither of light being shined in their direction; it was something that could barely be held to them alone, this suffering that forecast come from one of the time-decipherment machines only added to the deprecatory image of their soon-to come expenditure was to be made a reality from which they could not escape, or at the very least not without some kind of assistance of something beyond the limits of flesh and blood could achieve. Wretched parasites as they were, largely fattened, almost slug-like and growing in pulp as they grew and grew, devouring what they could, something being brought tiny weak men that could not work in the side-mines; forcefully being shoved inside their wriggling fat beak-like spread, inward drawn openings, and why? Because that was the only way they thought they could get rid of these things, since they could not be touched otherwise. Too sluggish and leathery of a faceted by blob-a 'skin', whose surface was almost chitinously filled with semi-partially spread, beneath the blobs but at the same time above them, as if they were sandwich-see-through-builds that absorbed the energy as well as the force that was being cast and thrust against them, entirely so. It was a mystery how they appeared or why they appeared in this room to begin with, or when. Only one thing was certain, albeit not entirely, since the scarcity of resources did not allow for any more experimentation to be enacted upon them than it could be spared; that being the fact that they were immovable because of their weight and the inability displayed by outside forces to grab a hold onto them, maintaining it even for the slightest, most irresolute of seconds that were to come or highly-draw to nigh-approach anything resembling a grasp finely held and wrapped around their forms. Previous attempts at starving them had failed, as for reasons unknown to most, or the unaware, they retained their growth at a slower pace than witnessed once forcefully fed. Which lead to the final option, the final solution; forcefully feeding them until they popped, or at the very least until they started devouring one another for reasons they could only guessed as to be competition for resources; since they displayed such signs of being victims of the instinctual eeriness many forms of life became guilty of adhering to at one point in life or another; as any reasonable inquiry would come to terms of accepting it as being an inescapable universal truth that refused to die or let go of the firm grasp it held over all existing life.

'I'm going in, wish me luck, since I don't think it's going to be easy, trying to get myself out of it in one piece. They're getting angrier as it is. We taught them bad manners and it's of no use trying to incorporate force since they'll only respond accordingly to it. My good fellow, Ink; we shall paint great signs upon this door and signal to the others that it's hardly a matter of entry from this point on, for what's worth, I

do say. We shall only join some leprous covenant that shall aid us in trying to deal with the fact that their growth is inescapable and we shall soon lose our dominion over the lower side of the Stratum-Ikh!’

Whose metal crags only allowed for slim but slender come-in through, an escalation of mildew.

‘There, listen, maker of the broken passages!’

An echo had just outdone itself from the sounds of a most profuse end’s escalation! It had paid little to no mind’s come onto the brow of the likened figures who approached to ask before they had tired themselves out by a sheer show of force and unknown rancid pacing they had encumbered a likened padding on the floor, from which and onto the slope on which they thrust themselves forward, no sound of gull could ever enter the entreaty they spared themselves of hearing of! Since that metal ambience dreaded no less an upheaval than there was when it had first occurred. Dead birds singing through the intercom! But no answer:

‘Did you hear that, Strott? It figures. They wouldn’t send food this early on in the day. It must be another attempt at someone’s life we’ll have to clean up after!’

Would they fight in the Coliseum tonight? Was the thought that incumbently followed through and throughout the dark approaches of the falling on top of them, darkened and blighted by the falling talking lamps and lampoons brokenly shattered and taken apart as they continued madly dancing and spraying each ankle twas carried on their backs. Broken piglets and tall standing beings with niggers shoved dead inside their fluid pouches carried over when the night was still indulged in the continuation of.

‘Eicklust, you need to stop devouring the children now!’”

‘I shall not be beckoned to stop just yet, endure as I may this may continue until my satisfaction shall be fully prevailed with entry to the dark heavens the arena had promised to be given and lend onto my sight, as I am still the saviour that’s been chosen to devour the gods when they finally fall through the one bottled roof, chatter all you want, but it’s going to come eventually and I shall reign supreme over the bastards slaves that propagate themselves through death and its remains!’”

‘You’re an insolvent madman of no petty mind, why are you doing this?’ ‘

‘I must cure the blindness that’s almost driven me through the snot growing on the benigned backs whipped and strapped by sleek knife and razor straddle! They shall ride through the valley of underwater, deeply submerged prison cattle and grow in them if I don’t!’

‘Blasphemy, you petty thing, do what you’re told!’”

‘I shall not do so, for that would mean only a slight miss swollen laceration of the spirit I’ve yet to convey in silence’s Eve!’

And they would’ve parted if it weren’t for the feet that invited themselves in, cut by cut and brought of thunder miss-bi-got, and gotten still, were they belonged and betokened as to fit only the body of women from and out of which they had been extracted from. It could only spare no man to ask again and waddle back and forth, lest remains would speak of much befuddlement twas come after.

‘The root of all evil is hidden in the room that’s being presented in front of you, look inside of it now!’

But he didn’t, as he wouldn’t dare. Yet there was the Horn-wretch or at least something of her remains; leading through her body, entry into the fine-world. One of much incumbent wrath, empty pistons madly dancing around some malady that could not be helped as to be approached any longer, safely that is, therefore brought were the ey-empty slaves who trailed lines on the ground, filling them with rubbery moist-paint, melted and filled immediately with smaller baton-wearing arms that grew. Forming large lined walls, unevenly contorted such as wriggling shaking cobras or squirming snail-snakes, bastardly gnawing here and titter, there-away and there-again! A mad dancer started voicing it true:

‘My lord, I’ve come to ask of you something but you were not here!’

He withdrew, as tall and slender, pale as he had been, an ugly thing of gelatine, encased in a pure crystal of no shatter, no boisterous come after and wrapped around-crack, to have it eerily described would mean defeat therefore not, not a single word was muttered for the time being, since they were in the presence of his court. An ugly thing like some dock or port, wide-spread around the site. It was a dreaded hour that came soon after. The hour of silence and of pain, the one that had been brought out of the remains of the little leprous cranium came into the landing area where the puffy lobes appeared to be connected to some of the wretchedly hardened veins, or the ones that were in control of them, beating around the brush, trying to eat when clearly they were let known of not being allowed to. Surrogate mothers bore large lamps and swivels of spoons and other cutlery they carried inside their baskets as they continued their march towards the broken door, betokened to listened and obey the Jaundice of limbs that convinced them not to burst through, alerting the guards and the ones backing them up, for they would most assuredly die before a mere slither of a few seconds could come about, telling them of what happened, then down. Although the buckets and the other containers they were carrying were mightily strange in appearance, and it would not help to think of any more than needed, such as to scuffle and to wonder less for wont dictated that their utensils were dirty and their flight had only lead them way too far away from their zone of plight, that being one of the recurrent to their being, kitchens.

Trapped cranium:

‘You may approach no farther than a few meters off the second of the fallen boughs, and no closer nor beyond the pillar upon which my form shall begin to proliferate into existence!’

‘Shall I prepare myself to be humbled upon your abode, then and only then to be butchered as if I didn’t exist nor my form, to have been withdrawn from the hole in which you had me thrown into?’

‘You may do as you please but don’t make my call be held with contempt and self-pity, for that I will not dictate as to be alive, nor will it to be had still slithered from the empty blob in which your standing’s still mildew!’

Anchor stepped back a few paces, only to listen to some dreary lamentation he had no power of strength trying to eerily get through, nor would he lay an arm, or settle as easily as he had him beaten in and beaten through. Truth had been besmirched for something that could only be called a lamentable hour; for weeks even, months at best, incontestable from the sound of which they almost appeared to be completely dragged out of the way; since he could not have the others see this wretched display of insolence firsthand. And since he could only do so much until come onto the living, the man, the man was offered

something in exchange of his silence. A woman, a female, a thing of beauty, taken out of some pile, then chucked in his welcoming arms, to be had from thereon-out until the day he could not only no longer serve, but until he could only bow to little cripples with no eyes since this ugly prison was too hazardous, beware of them, the simple thought had just about brought them out of their hiding lot and into the plot of metal upon which they could devour everything or trample it beyond each sight.

‘I welcome thee into the dampened ranks if that’s the case, and I shall if there’s still a chance to lend onto you a darker thought.’

But simpletons didn’t follow as easily as such an austere whisper that befell an empty sack. It’s what Anchor carried with him after all, the maiden, to whom he had been wildly bestrewed onto, lend onto him by force had already knelt and presented each piece of ovary she could pull out of her compact belly, which was partially mechanical, yet allowed for such extractions to be taken out, whether or not willingly, that was something to be considered by none other than the pair. And such a fine pair they made, two mockingbirds, singing after being wed. Out and chuckled, there, war-candles sinking in their ears. A plot of empty post-men bringing back to life the tears; some of their youthful songs, or the least that they remembered during the many times they had considered laying forth their arms and jumping into one of the black seas, the ones that were preserved into the trapped, entrapped and chained carcasses, beyond the metal rifts and the chaotic aftermath that destiny had gloated with, contenders as well, many of them well armed. Carefully observing; the spies spitting behind hidden in the dark walls, carefully walking on top each other’s nodding heads, without as much as doing a single verbatim of empty sayings. They spat on the ground and continued watching. End’s meat was grown on each plaque, sugary cones the size of human arms and bloated water silos, but this sugar was nowhere near the sugary incline made by man, but instead a pasty thing with features such like his it had inherited from, and carried away, it had become, trying to chase wild goose in a place that had none. It was called for. And the people worshipping the altar hid, since they knew these things as to be dangerous and contagious and something they could not even hope to endear the frighten before and behind of; since they could gnaw and leap; albeit a simple feat, seeing the maws beneath them expand, forming strange planet-elongations, conical on at both ends and each side, as many protrusions started popping out as well, expanding, all during the leaps, before reverting back into the main Injun-tent body each bloated thing bore as well.

‘Since I have made my case, I think I shall take a nod.’

Claustrophobia was a wife that was brought back to life. Wed to some old officer that had her stored in a cryogenic unit, unfrozen, standing on fore-front feet, as she slowly regained her composure, she looked mightily distraught. But alive, another experiment that was pure and freedom bore a strange light. It was a strange covered in tatters being, but, it brought with it some light. It brought some lamp or something it found along the way, still wondering how he’s made it, but at least, it travelled not, without a simple wont in mind; whilst asking:

‘Leprous toothless Tower Twenty five, the one prodigy has imparted onto me the gift of many-makings, with which I shall make you whole again if you want!’

‘But of what use will this be? What is there missing from me? I feel rather fine and as spry as I were; eh, still am, youthful, yet to be blinded by an ego and twice the steep, forlorn decline!’

‘And they shall have you slit and put through slitter-ratter!’

For there were many such brought onto the sight; wretched hooligans, empty men just torsos with giant overly grown arms, filled with muscles and ugly pseudo-rat heads, hairy everywhere, each bearing flails of tails of cords of metal and of alloy that waggled around like dogs’.

‘Don’t look at them, ma’am, it’s only going to anger them more.’

‘What are they?’

‘First sides!’

‘And the seconds?’

Larger ones, that made themselves revealed as well. Taller, more tubular, made to connect to these lower-sides first sidlers, were some spongy, barely kept from falling apart, wrapped by bands; plug-creatures, that had their backs downward pointing like mountains made of soap and bubbles, yet calcified somewhere along the way; for some discreet reason; hiding large figures inside of them, although bony and decrepit, all bore them kept inside, bloated and growing like infants, benighted. Far too leprous to be likened to rats, these things were, unlike rodents, closer to bacteria, but were of a kin to them, which prevented any attempt at separation or to keep them apart.

‘They’re much worse, since they don’t listen and they make problems, all the time, fire-starters I say!’

A blob sprouted like some ooze twas shot and splattered across the ceiling, then it got ignited, but not in the way she expected. Instead, it looked as if, as if, it was some puffy-tender plot of growths that wormed their way around, here and there, before and after disappearing, therefore cowered no longer around the throng; of metal-sweet imbued. A miserable sight, seeing them in action, how they threatened everyone and formed points of pain and sweet remains that wretched each day and therefore stayed their hands whenever she approached, since the tall ones feared her more than anything that could be said.

‘What’re they doing this for? I’m certainly an appealing not, creature of un-well brought, onto their brow, a threat withdrawn, fancy me no likened, crabbed!’

‘I fear that they’re not made accustomed to the presence of a female around them, strange lady. Not that I would say you’re of any fault. Not many humanoids get brought down here, at all, nor would I entreat any out of fear of losing the few we have under our protection!’

‘May I see the others?’

All of the sudden Claustrophobia felt it become too vulgar-looking, strident-such in stance; therefore decided to step back for a while; toning it down.

Her husband, shame on him, the shame of the trapped Capital, a few billion miles upstairs where, across the many interconnected and interposed on rolling around sings that were stimulated by some strange glowing puckery energy, inside of which smaller beings were being formed and malformed then cast back into the primal chaos they had been beckoned out of, being surrounded by billions upon billions of entities of various masses that were conjoined to the structures and were dizzied into eternal sleeps, that

fall could only slow down while the heap started forming in some asteroid shaped mass that joined the rotation; a planetary system with no sun. Whereas he was tucked down in a bed inside his office, staring a picture of the moon, with an American flag in the shot and an astronaut thumbing up the conquest as he prepared to take a leap for mankind. Those were the days, those were the days indeed, from what he could remember at least. It was no use sparing more shots; since his Luger-parasite entity, the one he kept by the end of the bed, praying still that Providence would give him another day to repent so his suffering could finally end whilst being delivered to heaven; was empty. Only blanks filled the room. And even they were wide-spread across the floor; lazily provoking him to get them up, or leave for more, whichever one be; it was rather fitting that he was the one there, trying to get his knees on and on and off and on, then play around and lose himself before getting another take, another shot, run-around the mill. Brought to an end; partially erect as he pulled out another porn magazine; how's he spent his night. Texas:

It was one of the inscriptions on top the gun; a silver-sluggger without meaning in this day and time. A slugger would not suffice for the Texan had already out-bid his time off during some gamble he could not proceed counting off the fingers off of; since they were tipped down, curving, passing over eye-to-eye, before another drink had been delivered now.

‘Someone’s been listening for a while now, and they’re a-likened not to move!’

A Texan who had been overjoyed with finally being allowed stay out of his jail while the other arms that floated around him, holding the chains that were attached to his collar as to prevent any feasibly interpretable attempt at escape could only filter some of the most utterly unnaturally defunct; hardisome of wretched scowls that ever had entreated his allure come onto the sighted site where they practiced, out of his cave, out of his insolent remain of tatter in which he still bowled a nip on the reeds brought onto a most pernicious plate for him to devour, an abhorrent up-throng of bones and silver-cutlery tinged on the shark-fin protrusion coming out of the bars, withheld by many other wretches that elongated themselves from the wall, singing-still; the radio and the submarine panel and the strange cylinder in which they had been lodged in by slow-remorse, outside his clearly delineated horse-shaped prison, with its four Trojan-Horse let-in, great leg-pits he was constantly dragged towards by the arms as to make it so he would fall as soon as there was even some recognisable chance for him to take a wrong step, for them, not him, that’d lead him to some slouching wont for long-escape, longed for, tattle-rust and corrugated veins that kept drawing back and forth, threatening to dice him up in little forms brought as little as no, close to nothing, that was known, peace to him, knowing himself soon a butcher’s cleaved-up toy. Roy, you need to live for at least another hour.

‘Brother Roy, you may walk for fifteen minutes if so are you inclined to!’

This strange cage, although benigned from various sides and spots, most peculiar as it were, untold was the fact; at largely discharged, a mammoth-like shape rather than a horse and bloated; which bore the platform beneath him, of a stretch of fifteen hundred miles all the way, one side to the other, back, to front; with as much of a width beneath, although it couldn’t be seen from inside or where he were unless he gaped or got close enough to one of the four holes, to gape at the downward stretch, which in turn granted him no lesser remorse to the fact; that the bars were curved or curving in such ways as to become flaccid and grown with smaller appendages that wriggled their way much closer to him whenever or whether time allowed for him to re-open his lids and grasp a hold of reality once again. Large-unnatural things inside of them that whispered, often enough of time’s readying itself time’s come whispers of

escape- withdrawn out of torture and solace of no moon; to be. Screams that followed of surependity; wilt him wild-a-thought or as wild a thought as to have crept back and beg for nothing else other than to be left behind; as not to suffer.

But an escape was not only not feasible but it was also maddeningly innocuously inopportune for the cage itself who had grown a certain likening-disjointed faulty yet endeared to its own, itself being drawn to the idea of housing this guest it grew so very fond of by means of destitution never-be, of likened prodding therefore see, and seething had not it wilt him out just yet, entreaty of force mighty of just use that might be called oft yet, since it was of an aloof and mind to keep him in forever, whatever the cause and whatever might bring it, therefore withdrawn, satisfaction of an eerie sight it grew accustomed to seeing and be met, which, if he were to leave, it would allow it to succumb to such a depression that one could not forgive the swallowing of the world by the eerie worms that were its 'legs', if it so much as grew a tiny-tad madder by the minute jointed, killing hundreds upon hundreds of men in the recourse, while feeling nothing less of some shortened inanimate lack of guilt, clacking its barred by iron gritty teeth of bars, as it would only jump and jump and jump so wildly upon some windy platform that one could not forget what happened if it happened for him to look around, therefore singing therefore dead, and not to say much of the mighty petty starving dregs who've done nothing to deserve such treatment, they would not be spared of all evil in the world, lest allowed for a Cretin's suicide-sparingly in use of draught as to drown his sorrows-aftermath of what's to come after, when the singers, the ones bloated in disgust and growing, whose growth rivalled the ones of the mighty cocoon shaped mammoth-legged vortexes that were no legs nor pits but four great abysses of their own Roy was drawn towards, had also, being rivalled by means of destitution had brought on an agent of theirs to talk to him and appear in the 'cage'. It was an awful thing of many lumpy Roy heads that were moulded on top of some tetrahedron-lumping within itself metallic body that rested upon two tails that were elongatedly spread like split hairs, bearing one great 'stinger' in the back with a single face adorning it painted on top, out of some petals that were oozing still as he looked. And stared, many shapes and many men fighting to get through were desperately shoved back in this eternal metallic prison that was its chest. Its mound-head almost a spiralling drill, a body of moving inwardly frames that kept them in, whereas legs, two fleshy tongues; beady tail, teeth in one, eyes in one, the 'hairs' but the beaked stinger itself.

'I've come to liberate you from pain, Roy, but it's not going to be an easy task, knowing how desperate you've become for company. Such a thing disgusts me, knowing I'd have to deal with the sight of you on a daily basis from this point on. Your company is disturbing to say the least, for I looked into your souls; all that I bear in this great cone. And they repel me beyond all reason!'

'Say no word, creature of deep succumb into tin reed in, wretched mound of desperation! For I would rather perish in this place than entreat a second more of your vileness aroused to question!'

'You will rot here without my help, and you know and must be aware of the fact that I cannot be the one that crushes your skull in order to deliver you from this prison you've been thrown inside of, by un-felt spite and thereof bend such laws in favour-idled for; time's cast. I'm to answer in disgust!'

'Then what shall it be? Wail for help or wait for another saviour that will grant me death?'

His holiness was nowhere to be seen nor heard and there seemed no likened end to the oozing worming shade that drew around, then flung to walls, and therefore wrung itself wherever else it found but little more than some decided warmth to cradle in.

‘I am a rapist.’

The secret code that brought on the promise of setting him free.

If only she were plainer, that might’ve explained a lot; but there was the brooding sister they were lest of yet beset truly, searched for, cradled in a bet of blot; straddled in hiding, and uncouth to ask of Yore, much closer than any reason that might be fit to abhor standing in its presence, beneath one of the tiny disastrous plasters, resided the family.

‘I fell in this cove, the cavern told and brought upon you, there’s but little more left that I might’ve seen!’

‘Yet there’s a strain onto you that might tell you get ahead and walk until you’re dead, dearly beloved son! I won’t help you unless I see some reason shining in your eyes at all!’

Both were bore in the little slouch.

For what would, necessity involved as to be abrought to question, a chance in a million, as to discern the intricately barely decipherable readings the submarine radar that was strapped against the pillar undulated the rays as well as the rays connected to the bloated reedy antennas that emitted slight fornicated waves of radiation that upon being interconnected with the melodiously inclined vociferous alacrity of the voices that sang from below allowed for some sort of incoherent resonance to slowly make it way in by unexplainable means it could barely, if there ever was such an unexplainable event seen or dealt with before, be heard by organic hearing devices, as well as barely picked on by more advanced civilizational-devices, which in turn granted them an air of mysterious vagueness that only added to their finely-grated allure; being already over-done to begin with. Although of high-regard in terms of their heretical tendencies, well-kempt yet beat beneath the bush, or inside of, these beings were of a strange luminance that allowed for no other wont, in terms of the spectators that might’ve been or not there to begin with, other than to stare in any other direction than directly at them. As if you’re staring at the sun and your eyes start tearing; not good. A precipice of wont as Frank could only think of no less of a reason and no more than it was needed before he could, before he could enter the room and finally be met by the man Ringer had sent him to meet while somewhere around the disgruntling maligned, yet filled with josser of pus; was there a stop at a red light. The streets were empty with the exception of a few men after all, wearing raincoats and grunting as they only made it so he knew he was expected to jump off. Although ice was something made harder and harder by the lot to jump on top of, breaking each joggled with bone in his body upon being thrust by some winds that were winged by some unnecessarily broken apart mourning plain lambs that were there. A kill of bodied flying bloated leviathans marching out there, upon the pinkish sky, and all he could think of was that one dead lamb that replaced the sun. It was infuriating how they made little noise but giggled like school girls being met during their first day by their crush. Paradise for him had always been somewhat of a disease he could not escape out of once the door was slammed eighteen eight times, albeit whereas he’d be granted a slimmer of a chance to make it through, leaping through as many hoops as it was necessary; this was the point of no return, where reality had grated upon his skin a jostle of many oyster-crabbed little nerve endings that appeared to be faced light

him, lightly whispering how numb he had become to the pain facilitated by the trucks that were passing by. He's been staring at them throughout the greater part of this day and somehow it's never gotten old; nigh-elating, to say the least, how often he'd seen it.

'I will not conceit my advance as long as I long for someone to come and step on my face that I may be met by such intense pain as I will stop breathing once again and fall asleep, asunder from the thunder-wrapped around the brought on climb, that I shall wilt upon my soullessness discerned to, alas, my admirers, who shall beckon shots of my post-bodied statue-made after I died!'

Encased in cement; as he was.

It should make no difference whatsoever any longer, seeing how there was, upon a second entreaty, to the little to no avail, during this bizarre circumstance that was preponderant to their hearing, the men that were cemented into the globes they had brought with them from the compass entries had already benefited from the lifelessness of the corpses that had been delivered out of the fallen abodes in which they had fallen, not even twenty days ago, during likened-likened few and fewer-less than most necessary a duress of bodies found themselves flung into the most bizarre heaps they could hope to let go off and fling away, not to stay or else convey what Adler told them:

'March, keep marching and you're going to keep at it until I'm satisfied! And no slacking either! I'll have none of it if it can be helped, I won't have any slackers blowing by!'

'A journey's long abruptly unending retort has been spent thinking about it and lest you give us something hardisome to chew upon, I'm afraid we'll have to starve ourselves to death a while just so we could make it, barely, on time!'

'What about your contractors?'

'All dead, sir!'

'If you don't mind me asking, by what cause?'

'They were the first to fall down and rest with us in some of the broken piles of stained glass, during the time we know of lest be-had a better mind to point it out for them that it's too dangerous for them to head down here!'

Many of their lobes had nonetheless survived the deep-freezing process for reasons yet to get bestowed upon them and likens of similar understandings. It should've brought no good, greater God, he entered through one of the Oil lots and started opening its mouth as soon as it was allowed for him to talk again.

'My good men, you, my slaves are to be chopped and put through brittle throng, suffering be long-prolonged, until the quiet's end is finally put through lest endure, and therefore through the burning of a single lop-laundry's ever' thrice, shall you find a moment more to green respite!'

'And who shall listen to this thing of yours if that's what you've cast us to walk along, the path sullen and miller's boat's still mistake, the people who had been put in your trust are nowhere to be seen any longer, nor will they want to move again in the solace of the broken coast that's been cast onto your home, the one still seeping away. Pray do tell you've gotten yourself a mind that would somehow, dear me,

somehow make it so we can still save your soul from whichever deepening it's been cast inside of, from whichever quiet's respite and the bile that's come onto the broken shore where the filaments of the dyed poles had made it so they shall start squirming inside their deeper throngs, they ones your rapiers had cut in many pieces, and the ones that shall call each cost of life, tender- to their very recesses and the ones they've been hiding inside of for eons that were cast and bold!

'But how could I have understood the message your master imparted onto me when the world was still young and I, the only man who was but livid yet tired of the quiet that's been left by the rotten death of the countless generations that left little to no trail, entailed as I were by heed and leper boats, the ones hiding in their tents and the ones that were still strung upon their bastardly grown rods, how could I have given them the pain to be dead or given onto a sight that would lend them nothing short of living in the disease that my ancestors still pained themselves to live through during and during only the age they allowed me to pass through once put into the sought after disabled nest of mildew?'

'You, wretched Ifus Rolpho, you were the cause of their deaths and it shall be you who perishes on the front for the bitter part of a mascot for death's ill tented bore upon never-thought for, leper's strong and strung upon, bodiless odour hardened for no gas could hope to stay lifeless, shattered still upon milled grass. I beckon you to reconsider this, Ifus, there's no other man that will listen to me; and no proper reason would do either, since you're known not to last!'

He only tried, only tried, for that bore could only figure it thus. This man, this dredge, this fire's stench and coal there-burning, coated upon the pile which makes no heart adore, to have ill-cast a simple nod upon them, would mean look therefore no more. No more than needed from a pointed insolence, therefore say what you mind. And when you're done talking, Ifus, in your insolence blind, I shall strike you down and hereupon pave what little trench I may and have you sit still and there, there remain, until the will of the worms will have rotted your souls; wretch of no teeth, no less, and blinded! She waited no more than it was needed for some kind of beckoning of no reason to survive, to have a note or so, and such-n-such be said by the party, the tables, the tables being very much occupied. Everyone wanted a say in, but little was there to no doubtful release, to have come to some peace of the mind would've released no anchor to the soul, no bother anymore and nothing but the insolence of some people that had died long ago but still urged her noiselessness continue.

'I am given onto you as a form of credence's call. My dear, you shall come to the realization that not only am I not your enemy, but that you've fell upon a bed of resin made out of my very numbed mind, benighted by the people who have sent you with nod returned, to be wilt come back and deliver the news of my return, as to their accommodation or to the creation of a foaming brothel that had been cast upon my stare, the need to survive this inglorious countenance that is, simply put despair, fashioned at my command and shown onto you and your brow for reason untold to any, or anyone for, as a matter of fact, I would not feel no rescind to what's been tilled for days or been had for this reason wilt into existence cast, for I seek but destitution, well-knelt repulsion, that, and only that may be felt and known, for I shall fashion some that will bewilder even the greatest and most dastardly of cones, who shall join me in the singing of the quiet's even, while, I and your masters shall stand upon such cauldrons, or on top of them, of gelatine that there will be no longer any reason to fall behind or rescind whichever need or nod would one knob such as I am feel there's still left, plenty would therefore mind if you happened never to return!'

‘Would that so happen to be a threat I’ve such received for heaven’s above caught in contemplation, such as one would have it, deep retrieve?’

‘How could I even be asked to answer this when there’s never been a single soul to carry on out the blasphemy that’s been a deeper-bowel’s trenched but rancid, platter-prowl?’

And they danced around as if there was a fire-tray of ashened coal beneath them, dancing from table to table until landed finally they had upon the tabernacle, juggling with spores, the Judge being grown like a giant hubris-pus pucker with many incisors sticking out of him, therefore made much stronger still abhor every living moment he was forced to deal with, upon command, when there was still a second left for him to ask, therefore had he approached; and would’ve made, if that were the case, a reason bold and broadened still:

‘If the two of you persist akin this awful chaos’s stilled resin, to have been called upon reason and feel it so; I shall but slacken a pace less and beat you both to an inch of your lives and have you kilt where you stand and therefore lay no longer any moment probe in countenance for what’s been had!’ A threat, disastrous, but quickly brought!

A light flickered, the present people were very much startled by this confrontation that’s barely been concurred; at an end:

‘Judge Bag-fur, you’re but a parasite and a slug, filled with fat, drenched and enacted upon reason, you’re still clad in clothes that do not belong to you, not had they ever seen a lightened stench, as odorous as your remains are, show yourself an apparition’s near end!’

But this was not answered. Days, days, since the fall of the many planets in the moon, since they conjoined themselves and the pyramid flew inside of it, deep sinew but cast, steam coming from anywhere, and the people that came after that were of no mind to continue their bickering out of the fear that they might anger the wrong and the wronged, the ones that followed in their footsteps, whom were of a bile-surrounding, glanced and glancing still, dancing with the fire of elation, been.

‘Our lord has promised us a lot since his passing. He’s been communicating with us every now and then, from beyond the recesses of the fall, inside of each of his thralls, plenty in the making, worsened by the fumigating rum that’s siphoned but a ruminating crown! He’s been missing for a while now, but I beg you to await!’

Said the fourth one at the table before opening up another champagne bottle; it was one of the other ones he’s hid inside his private stash. The one with a tip of a cottle-prodder-corn-corkscrew puffy lustful dance-shoe wearing little midget-barge; the one he’s kept tied around his cudgel since the last time they spoke to him, before he caught the cold that made the back of his spine evolve in a large radiator shape coffin-bottle iron-maiden torture device holding, bolted trap inside of which he sacrificed his children for the lord that never answered back!

‘I am frightened still by what’s been happening here while I was left for dead in the little pucker that had devoured the lower half of my body, since he’s told me, Hugh Oyster, you’re to be encased in a little putrid lot of spiels! Since teal is your blood, you slug! You giant little wretch devoid of salt, made of many put together little parasites, all feeding upon you like little puckery maggots!’

‘But you forget something, dear prophet of no slackened mind!’

‘And what would that be, little wretch?’

‘The recompense for having but reeled a simple pucker-trot upon the blot of a little single snot I took from dark abode, and therefore nod, still thinking there’s a little blot of quiet where I may sink in deep resin still, and talk to you and ever-since; from that point on shall there be reeds, and better tits for gelatine beats that I may sing to the servants that still endure!’

‘Oyster; toy of little land, you’re of no mind to still yourself and run! Abandoning me in a dire moment of need would mean death for all us within!’

Can seagulls bark at the moon?

The VET swoon:

‘I’ve been out of it for a while now, going back and forth, trying to, attempting to resuscitate it, to perform one of those fancy CPR manoeuvres.’

‘I’m rather disappointed in you, more than I’ve ever been before!’

‘Truly so, King-reagent, but I thought I’d see a vulva snake cuddled with your children, the oratory of Blasphemous Peppers, as they lay stranded upon the side of the fallen half-over the River-stricken prattle-cottage! Inside of it, insidious worms are still praying to us to return!’

A rose for a maiden; such’sn likes of De’ Orleans!

Crude was the day when they suddenly egged themselves to begin working on her during the lot’s gun and there around!’

‘And he has joined us still!’

‘Is he not dead from the fall? Hill of blood, there to come, abhor!’

The signs of the world

If they were to be lost, all would stop existing, nullity untold!

‘The wings have swept a few off, ledger, what shall we do about it from pointed tusk to the ever present musk, the musketeers that arise shall make no lest employ attire trident, as either present or ever-bearing

advent shall take away least yield release, the conical puncheons that rabid sink and wretch of such-protrudence bearing shall withhold from reproach!”

‘I say we shatter the few we’re left with and make deal with the ones of low-regard, they shall listen to us from this point on if time’s right and therefore standing!’

‘Yet the symbols jerk eerily in contemplation and in yearned-for-watchfulness, trying to endear an approach. If we still our hands even for a tiny moment they shall squish themselves past a slither of a breath and fade away, taking us and everything that’s the slightest, slimmer, woeful-cyst, alive!

It’s a saddening thing we’ve yet reasonless decry staved off by mere starvation!’

‘My daughter’s at the door, will you please answer the bell before it falls off the chain?’

‘I shall not do it, brother, for you are evil, vile and you have stabbed me many a times, and I cannot endure another stab, as I will’ve been bled by the time I reached the door by your fancily distorted caveat into the realm of death into which you’ll have cast me to sleep eternally by the side of, where to rot, where to be brought into a spiral of many fallen-apart crudities that wilt me not alive a second more than needed!’

‘But Fill-Boat, I have sickened a trifle!’

Bernie Sanders is a subhuman dumb-dirty kike I intend on ethnically castrating and Holocausting the entire family of! Ugly fucking retarded communistic-degrading; fucking parasite trying to brain wash people into accepting the Judeo-Communism kike-racket trap! Henry Ford was right about kikes in the International Jew; filthy, ugly, peevish, decrepit, non-intelligent scammers with little to no mind; morally degrading, cheating-deformed, inbred nepotistic sub-human nigger-promoting miscgenators they are! Filthy fucking kikes need to get as lynched and clustered together with other inferior races before being sent back to Hell where they belong, with niggers as well, whose skin is ashened coal, sulphuric in smell; ugly little dumb-retarded and drooling like their nigger children like in a point and tell recognize the nigger from a pile of shit and bail before he stabs you, since he’s nothing but an ugly dirty-nigger criminal with the size of an almond, tiny-tottery ‘brain’!

‘Monkey-nigger, come around, I’ve got a little pile of trash you are to lick off the ground, clean it now! Or whip’s a crackler comes the light! I’ll whip you with my whip of lightning till you’re struck beneath the ground, two feet, four feet, twenty or so, into the pit with you, ugly nigger-mongrel strewn a strung, hanging upside down, towards the sky, you’re being drawn by gravity as this nigger-lynch rope is specially designed to sent you shoop-a-flying into the nearest star, where you shall burn to all eternity with your nigger brothers that cause but harm to all!’

Nigger’s not listening, dumb monkey, I’ll shoot you! I’ve a rifle I’ll put to good use now!

But my nigger’s name is Obama, and I must be careful not to kill him too quickly as that would not grant me the much-needed satisfaction of punishing him for dropping so many bombs on top of children’s hospitals, opening borders and ruining the country further.

‘Your birth certificate says only one thing. Born in nigger and is a nigger. There’s not even a name on it, or anything other than that, and a picter of you!’

‘Uhm, there must be some misunderstanding here. I am a nigger, but I wasn’t born in Niger.’

‘I said born in nigger not born in Niger, you dumb-fucking deaf nigger. Do you want me to write down deaf nigger? Is a deaf nigger what I’m being presented in front of my eyes!’

‘No.’

‘No what?’

‘No, master!’

‘I’m going to take care of you from this point on, Nigger-Obama Barrack! Barrack Obama, you are a nigger! You are a nigger! Have I ever told you that you are a nigger?’

‘No, master, no!’

Time for the whipping session to commence. I’m going to kill this nigger; Barrack Obama, the former ‘president’ of the ‘United’ States because I hate niggers.

Since people voted for him only because he is a nigger, it’s only natural that he should be hated for being a nigger. It’s the only natural conclusion there is; the only logical thing there is. You’re invited inside the house for being a nigger, well, you should be kicked out for being a nigger.

‘Get out of my house, Nigger Barrack Obama, the former ‘‘President’’ of the ‘‘United’’ States! Go back to where you were born, a jungle! Play with your monkeys, nigger, go play with your filthy fucking monkeys, nigger!’

But the house was only fifteen meters away from the giant nuclear water-silo shaped mouth held on by the elongated arms of eighteen dead effigies carved out by the insolent hands of the architects whose unnatural body parts, these worming their way in through parasitical lodging – nigh- ‘self-sufficient’ organs by other means had only harmed these almost spills of growths, as if out of glue bottles, filled with lumps, as if they sprouted from beneath the Silo itself! There could be seen, every here and there, some darkly abode unaware!

A strange strangling lest strengthening noise was lured from one sober call, and most adorned turnkey snot with little puffs of cones that started drawing in and out of sight, emerging; membranes ever-yet reticent as they were unnerving began making a fuss out of it since they could barely control themselves, from what was going on and there-around:

‘One, I ask, a single bloodied bloated eye, that I may use to as, adorn my chest-high crest in tender cry, as I beg of thee to come again!’

There should be no chance whatsoever to draw any closer than that, would’ve been his chance, if he’s still doing it, still thinking of it, thought of it by now, of rape and kill-murder come onto the brow gully of the fight during the Rape of Sor; he’s a crude fellow with pistons for knots and a leper-tooth Tiger riding alongside him, while the kerosene runs out, he’s to stop a ga-s station but Ssssss-lowly he’s starting to mentally slur it and that’s a bad sign, truly it is and who can blame the fellow when there’s so many bad people on his track? Truly the man’s gone mad, that’s why women are spreading their legs to anyone

who's even slightly two feet over them, and not because oblivious to such attendee as they are, it's a cruel thing and an impossibility of self-possession to even consider that the mark left behind by one of the cruel starts that have encompassed the world in its most innocuously dark, strange and estranged from the civilization he's been thrust in; niggers; had failed him somewhere down the line, which being the reason behind him trying to search for a single coin inside his pocket, this has resulted in him asking for spare from some cigarette-flingers with their fingers up their asses; fucking flaming homos on hormones thinking they're women.

'How much for the gas, ey? Please give me a good deal or I will go tell moom-y, mummy I got n'thor Injun scalped!'

'You look like a nigger yourself; well not really but you sound like one. Who raised you boy? Who did it? How come you sound like one of these little monkey-boys that keep ruining the; where to?'

'I think I'm part of the gang, I see, there's the end-knob rub door snaps only when I, the crude ideally rotund caveat-that was prime to licking or to rub it against with the help of his rub-around stick gun;' a lever by it attached to the robe- grown the babe that entered this Motel-combustion who only allowed for him to check her out while she was on full-display with her Hooters being plimped to the fukk-rock, mayonnaise by the strip which signalled she was open for business, while this rod, this lever-knob was but a plug to her brown-stock he grabbed a hold old, playing with her as if she was a nut-cracker that forced itself to keep taking breaks before it could, before it could do the thing; made her feel all nasty and bad inside, as if there's been an ankh in there waiting to be resuscitated by some Heinrich device. Her corset was a giant book-cockpit of metal that only gave the impression of a grown, that was attached to a giant overly grown, phallic at its end, but which served as a hinder-thrust leg and a foot on top of which it erected herself on top of; tiny-pepper- magnified-shaped boiler-room thing coming out of the boot in a way such as it looked as if it was a mermaid, frozen in time during the precisely-right about to dive in a pool of water before splashing moment during which she would either splash the remaining amount of water covering her barely raised to surface form in your face or it was actually only but a flaccid low-drooping with its head close to the edge, incapable of flinging itself into the swimming-pool, fish; kicked as well, where the boot and this flaccid metallic orca met and welded into one another; hybridized each other in this pseudo-fleshy metallic growth that had shown up from beneath her mini-skirt; whereas to her right side, or the right side of it; the other leg was like a bull's, but forced in some awkwardly prone position out of which it couldn't move out of, shaped like some ugly root, that had, out of it, right at the middle, where a knee might've been, sprouted a pseudo torso-looking pumping 'man' with some embryo'head that had its mouth pulled out but had two clear-black eyes, one giant ogre-maggot 'appendage' that had no opposable thumbs, that made its left arm; and a pair of 'wings' that were two elongated paper-thin sheets of nigh-stalagmite puffy wrigglers that kept shaking and spreading disease as the invisible thin-figures started appearing in Nigger-Obama, who had been sent on an errand's tail of the eye; right so. Later:

Chaylice Herero- in the heart of the French Republic, the newspaper:

One of the doors was almost knocked out its hinges as the council approached. Louis Aragon, Michel Foucault, Jean-Paul Sartre, Jacques Derrida, Louis Althusser, Roland Barthes, Simone de Beauvoir, Gilles Deleuze, Félix Guattari, Michel Leiris, Alain Robbe-Grillet, Philippe Sollers, Jacques Rancière,

Jean-François Lyotard, Francis Ponge, Bernard Besret; naked, alongside a horde of nakedly dead-nigger children that rolled alongside them.

‘I am Chaylice.’

Another man came in:

‘I must fuck every single one of them, every dead being that’s been brought forth onto me, by the council of paedophiles! There is not a single man in this room that has not performed a act of supreme-rape butchering paedophilia, and that includes most of the Jews in France, especially the Jews, who are now accompanying the Council of Rape, whose tribute is much appreciated as a result of the abolishment of the consent age we are now free to rape as much as we please.

While Europe is being distracted by Gypsies, faggots and niggers, we are free to do as we please with these underage children I’m to dine upon.’

The feast had begun. The beasts had come in and allowed for rape to carry. Hundreds upon hundreds of journalists, of moguls, of rich people, the Jews, Arabs and other Paedophiles were welcome in. Allah himself was there, forefront upon the rape that had commenced, upon the bodies presented onto him, the dead-nigger children and their ugly-puffy bells that upon being rung for the last time had caused a most concussive of dark abodes to rise, the deathly countenance that was to be swept beneath the brush by the array of false-flags, jewish lies, as they, in a most befuddling manner as there was, managed to completely brainwash the French folk into believing there was no child-rape going on at the Chaylice Herero headquarters, which had served, ever since its very inception as a; ‘I’m going to fucking rape you!’ Quickly enough, yet expected, Sartre interrupted. He had been a finger’ itching down a brown-hole out of which he could not pull his arm out over the course of the next five or so following ours.

A hobble for hobos and hooligans; and niggers; of which race Chaylice Herero himself was a member of; poor nigger only knew a few words; poor nigger only knew how to spell his name, that’s all.

‘Damn niggers come in France, take our childs; take’m childs away. I say, as a famed French Philosopher, I say, there’s but little to be minded of their behaviour as is, what’s left to say and make out of, these, these dirty, filthy, un-civilized monkeys; they’re to be cast out and made learn and do with who is charge of this place! Oui, oui; oi! Save sum for me, you little faggot!’

He but yelled at one of the journalists, who was already knee-deep in one of the most, the most; time was come to sail:

‘France must be divided, but, wait.

Well, well, well! If it isn’t Sarkozy and his very own son. Present here today, after all that happened, who knew, who could even expect it? It would’ve never crossed my mind that the very two of you, Jews, would join us, during this most sacrilegious event we’re hosting. Who would’ve thought that the two of you would join in, this rape that we’re holding, with dead-nigger children, forefront, presented onto you, as the feast’s begun?’

‘Why of course! It’s only part of the course, of the conversion ritual! Were you not let known of it? That we would attend? Have our people not instructed you to let go of that buffoon by the name of Maurice Sinet just so we could attend this ceremony without any interference whatsoever?’

I say, both I, Sarkozy and my son are paedophiles! But, we could not risk endangering such an exposure as there is! Otherwise said, we could’ve jeopardized our very own lives by doing so!’

‘I swear, my good man, I was certain that there’d be no way to, to; well enough, ascertain what mightily a perdition might be endeared as to enclose upon your affirmatory indentation with regards to the strange confinement in which you’ve very much so, lest beset with a disproving yet remorseful retort to the decimatory enfeeblement that otherwise has been presented to us so far, thrust yourself into; to which I’m of a mind to tell you off, and drive you away from this rape’s rawness that’s to follow through as the main-meal is about to be presented during the totter-off!’

Obama enters the room. Before anything, anything at all could be said about this sudden, most insolent-endowed intrusion; this strange party made out of the two Sarkozys, Sartre, a few journalists and some dead-nigger children that had been carefully placed just so anyone might feast upon them as if they had been presented, during the conception of their placing as for some sort of open buffet from which anyone might come, pick and choose that they might do with the niggarrish probes left to their endowing; had carefully removed themselves from its immediate proximity; that of the nigger-monkey Barrack Hussein Obama, the former president of the United States, who had been left in complete and utter shock at the sight of his dead nigger-child daughter, whose life was met by some untimely end, as this little-dead-nigger-daughter found herself most firmly planted in a pile of dead-nigger children that were stuck in the process of being systematically raped by crowd of Illegal Immigrants, just like he was; once, incapable of showing his birth certificate; as is, the poor nigger Obama knelt down in shame, in terror, and in fright, incapable to fight back the avalanche of feelings that rushed inside his head, wave after wave, of reminders, for every dead-nigger-child rapist that had its way his daughter.

‘I am the vileness that courses in the flowing veins of each man dead at that dead-rear end point where your ancestors had ill-behaved to much bereaved therefore dead-ened, much in vain as I’ll have ill-withdrawn myself from the point where they had seen themselves dead thrice thee wonted! I shall call upon your sighted wonder only for a moment’s pass!’

‘And I’m still listening although I’m still of a mind to ask, what and where-to have you hindered such approach?’

‘This was ill-inclined ever prior to your wonder’s wont! But I shall make of it as I see fit!’

The man had rose from his seat not fifteen meters away from where they stood, across their feet it spread, a miasma no doubt, instead, he pulled his shirt out and a few gaping holes as if from a barely standing frame, a straw-hinged-man or some wicker, burning man, out of which, little pear-shaped with bumps and lumps, diseased little puckery organs started coming right, snapping with little broth and plenty brought onto the sighted-crease, disease was spread, and growths were seen, of lordly-dumbfounded gelatine with little humanoid-fetus-figures coming out of the seething cyst that had came out of the middle of the room! It was disgusting and alarmingly erect; how the many organs drew to it, and to its vile ends, none could voice their sayings in, letter-by letter thin, growths were made and through it in, and deeper in came a rod.

Tall men with little wonders and with wont; of each partaking started broadening each gap, started doing a toll-sought after snot in which they crawled inside of. That looked like a miniature whale-shaped tiny booth, but broader-like-a-car; see-through because of the organic matter that allowed for it from that point on, a never-ending ask for more. A therefore scanty, therefore snore, and sort-of asking:

‘Who shall sleep near the retriever?’

‘I counterfeited the soothing timber, but I lack the necessary tools to breathe through one of the cradling-much to their likens, snappers, they’re going to eat each other if we allow them to, brother!’

There was something that had to be said, although the near-taking that entreated such a likens to occur only added to the broth of contemplation the treaty that had been prior to their savings cast, to have it spilt into some chasm, taken away from them, for no prior knowledge might’ve saved or such allowed for a yearning to be had from that point on, nor would it’ve served men of the scholarly kind to be made aware of what was happening around them, either then or now!’

And then again, five minutes later.

‘Much requested, Nigger Obama, I’ll let you know that this place, this is a holy place where niggers are not welcome unless accompanied by their master in all terms and all regards! The Tome of niggardly ever-had!’

Hinder-room, a trifle of a breath taken in paces forth, there standing a single, if a simple more than a few itches past the clock, a single little truncheon cat. Nibbling on the turnkey!

‘A hobble’s drivel one I see, turning onto you for food when’ else to be if not now when the ruler of France, to the king’s alarm has gone missing into the leper’s abode, to which I tell you, wretched knob, you’re of no second more’s tender coming and therefore standing in wait for ruin’s come. When they shall find you still hidden into that dark brothel of a town, they shall only see the plight of day driven into their chests by which they will have bled each other with little more than you could add or say! Have a say in it, if you will, but I’m still of an opinion that they will trample you where you stand!’

No more a tramp than, ought to come for him in practiced forth and tender, much remorse-filled and remorseful deceit, that might’ve yielded them no faith’ or drawing of the blood, content on ever-coming closer to where they stood. Ill of petty minds and done, unable to react to the cat that made its way, albeit benigned, through the fewer, lesser, plenty more, to the ones beyond the petty whores and those beyond them; it made little sense to have been stopped now, or to have a say to the threateningly made curses, that were withdrawn as soon.

‘That cat, it doesn’t belong in this place at all. It shall be the bane of all our of existences if we allow such an attendee as is, by all means, as to call on it there-again at large and unawares, whenever as to call to it, or close an eye, whether till’ th’d been, or seen it act in the manner it is means naught and is a manner of less than expectedly wrought in peace of otherwise knowing!’

Its bloated corpse brood of dead cats repelled the common sight, the darted fright that had accompanied it after and the ever-knowledge ever-front a’wearing, to have been kilt by it might’ve meant disease; once finely spread the contamination might’ve found itself anything but ill-at ease as for the foreknowledge

that accompanied it, there was nothing to be said of it, naught at all, naught else, and not to bother some of the observers that were straddling around as if bred on the encampment, standing; had fashioned a lease of foreknowledge-built-like standing; of breeding never-ending damp receipts; scrawled all over; with notes and bills; all but false and falsified and fakes; nothing but some dirge of little puffy, knob-like ends, that only added to it, to brother and ill; a chance they might avoid the court, but made all too apparent that they knew what had been told, hence the perfect forgery had been made, well-crafted and fashioned in such a subtle way that all could only but avoid thinking of anything else other than the robbery that was taken place; the cart slowly moving with a pile inside of it, yet to be addressed!

‘But what is that I’m seeing in that corner?’

Philip, Philip Sarkozy:

‘I like to have sex with Jew-child Hairless!’

‘That is unacceptable!

Unrespectable! Detestable, get out!’

‘No.’

A family of inbred kikes in control of the French Republic; the outer-reaches of the Sarkozys had been unabashedly so, a top-front piece of uneasiness, soaked in a bloody-pus wound out of which, starting with the end of the Second World War, has yet to fully coagulate and accordingly heal.

‘There’s a man in that room, open it, come one, just for a little while, I’m trying to peak in, just a moment or so, don’t make this harder than it has to be! You’re only going to bring it down upon yourself the harder you resist!’

Upon marching forth on the brow of the first Solace of the Vanquished and leering at them as this asphalt-muncher, prodger-cradle of much to itself, dandy, rancid, running in circles, somehow more niggardish, more bickardish, liquorish in taste, octave carcass try-harder in terms of how to, and how did, and how they, the oppressed numbered on the front for execution blasphemers irresponsible for their own acts and war-crimes that had cast, to him this means nothing, really, take a look at this looter-faggot who is now acting like a nigger in heat; past the curve, kicked-up-front, lop-lop, flop-sided, with a rusty puffy-maliciously benighted armour made out of floppy disks kept together by rubber-bands, and tape-worms, filled with the most perniciously erected, dumb-founded, dumb-struck and never-ended, put for brim, yet strings lay attached to the lynching rope this ugly dumb nigger is to be fallen and stricken forth, played with by dancer of the niggardish-gook king, God’s fear they might breed together come onto the sight; and there’s no one who can really have a say in it, or else the Great Elk-nigger Killer Murderer, the suppository- yet winged, as if in actuality one of our Lord’s great Angels in disguise, prized in a collection of trinkets, yet; a leash might whip-him blind; blindingly aware of what’s going on, he’s staring, still interrupted during this sudden speech come out of the gulley of the Trapezoid-nigger-killers Brothers sipping on a truck-full load of nigger-liquor globes that are still used to this day, needlessly said, about one of the most intrusionary produced to the nigger-cattle-bouncy brothers; the few proprietors that are present in this little house by the side of the stirred inside of car-bouncer; ones being before em being incapable of presenting themselves any better than their respectable counterparts, there, there they’re

standing in a circle, smoking pipe-cigars with puffs of Injun tent-niggers dining around with; smoke of blue puffs; and what not; strange fellow looks about to say; with a strange right eye – inhumanly long, stretching all the way back of the near-end of its close-to stretch of a receding hairline; where it curves to the left in the eyes of a the beholder, like an almost top-iron piece of a scythe or horizontally rotated ice-pick lined depression into the skull, which curves weirdly as if it's a highway curve like the ones that have traffic at the rush hour drive by, drawing near into, a few centimetres in this vertical main eye conundrum, that gives onto the onlooker the impression of a slingshot; that further down curves, but only at its other end, to the same direction as the top of the eye, but only slightly and in an almost arc-like formation; like a pseudo J; or some umbrella's stick; or it might've been the imprint of a small broom's tray's dust-picker; without its compact plastic depression; which was rounded 'round his cheek; his almost flat head being drawn to the right side, or to his left eye that stuck out like some giant maggot that pulled the rest of his skull nigh-out; into some twisted unicorn-horn almost pupae deformation, some insectoid thing that were its real eye, that had some squirmy almost implants that could be seen from the side endangered but closer to the reel that drew deeper inside of him and had a go at the devouring of his eye-tubes; a crooked mouth adorning the lower side of his face, open as thickly as a flash capturing the image of a bat flying into the projective; toothless yet never closing down upon itself; the side of it being protect on his left by a half-torn apart piece of armour that was closer in likens to a partially crooked blade that's almost been charred by an atrophy of heat caught in midst of self-devour; a potato of flesh but humanoid nonetheless, whereas his eyes were actually squirming like black rivers of ink but made of strange modular parasites with little antler-blobs made out of slug-cells that had black nigger-like but shrunken faces; pruned with piercing puffy puffs; wearing a businessman's suit, he was; this figure, but armed by; and this was only on his left side, his right arm being a large sarcophagus shaped bulbic cylinder-thing; like some tubular crawl-inside of toboggan or tunnel, slightly raised a eighteen centimetres in, as to give the impression of a shark fin upraising; at the end of which rested a giant scorpion stinger' pea-bulb of meat that was entirely kept above the 'sea-level', that is to say, perfectly angular, or straight, as if resting on the ground by the sarcophagus elongation, which was attached to a flatter than usual shoulder, and, which had beneath it, as to give a better impression of the general form the tunnel would begin at the end of a human's armpit, and would allow enough space for this chick-avian body-bag-sack with a small stone drooping down at its end; that was almost entirely a bag of flesh but this thing that drooped down was in actuality a stone that was placed in it to drag it down at the end of an ocean; a body-disposal 'meat'-fluid filled with sack, with a chiselled stone-thing inside of it, insidious as well; a fully grown adult human male's body stuck inside of, sack; that was stitched to the sarcophagus; which, if the sky was a floor, henceforth with the stinger pointing at the ground and what not, this 'figure' of a bag might give one the impression, the outline of the form, from the distance, of a hunch-down resting old lady; a hag; but one that's been tortured, killed, then disposed of; he only had an arm, and his body was a big neck that curved down into a succumbing in a sand pit or shifting, moving? Sand; like in the movies, or the desert Sahara, or the nigger one or the Arab one; bearing two legs but long, ugly, deformed and being erected in the same way open scissors would; or the opening of a maw, some alligators', entrance into a cavern; with a third leg being an elongated fully grown sting, scorpion like, but less beady and more of a clean stretch; an appendage-looking growth; the strange smaller beady scorpion growth-sarcophagi-bulb bearing a fluid bag coming out a flatter shoulder neck-side contortion bearing the strange shoulder-arm; flatness an unflattering sight might bear; once seen; a three-legged Locness monster-imitation with the head of a man and a cancer growth of an insectoid stinger coming out its throat; twas a strange sight to behold. He was a rapist; is still a rapist.

‘The essence of the chalice is still permeating within my sight, I yearn for such elusive trifle as to have it commence yet again in sulphur yet called upon swollen decanter shall I wait!’

‘But have you not been a man of little mind no more than fifteen minutes ago, of worthless gnawing and to enter the premise, whatever might it mean, will you not suffer any intrusion since?’

‘Nay, I shadn’t, for that would mean I could only bestow no mind nor wont upon those that came along and ran their fingers in the wrong wall and I have chiselled them well!’

Everything was finely if not truly beyond it, prepared in such a way that it allowed for no ruse, for none too obtuse to temper with the intricacies of iron that had been made do with when the smelting started, when the chests had darted, set in their flight, eyes open in the middle of every single one, as they bespoke their token words, their ghoulish servants and the vines, the lichens and the remnants of men they carried along. Their masters, their dominators, and the ones that carried in with woe; reeling in and out, with jamb about their formed crests. And they spoke no less, but did impress upon the servants of the home that there was such a thing as a wont of something or someone, so much so as to appear tainted by what was happening around them, through the lost Cajole.

‘Break one brick open, pry it so if you must, shatter it while wreathing in disgust, but have it open by the time our livid clock strikes for noon.’

A baboon-darkened pillar; with many attached to its every side devices; most of them had been stitched to the poor mountainous-looking bull-frog by convenience but house by giant lardy parasites sprouting out its head; playing around with faces of men, out of which, drew strange water-wells springs they coated themselves in, bloody-puffs of spore-membranes, out of which hundreds of put together see-through as if prying in fat allowed for these humans to serve in death just like it was when they were still alive. And they were messing with potato peeled reefs of coral and of boats, even a submarine visor and some other things that were stolen from.

‘Have you seen my friend, Malt? The one that threw himself down the gulley and was never seen alive?’

Asked one of the Sailors after he’d been brought from the below-abodes! He was an engineer as well, a scholarly thing of little to nothing to himself.

‘Shall we begin the cutting in that case? Will there be a, a reason to alarm the other ones if they convey a little moment’s foil and dirty forth what’s left of the soil we planted a few moments before?’

The door shook a second time, adding up to a row of a few more shakings before almost falling off its hinges. There was not a single worthless whore around to throw along and in its way, as a little pop of air started flinging some of the most insolent apparel of shrapnel cones of old and so-intoned shrapnel of chisel prick-wood, alarmed, were, as they had begun wriggling around the same door they were pointed in the direction of to grasp a hold of every single shrapnel hole and littler, tinier, informant’s row of corpses they found themselves cradling inside their arms, children that not only did not belong but were of no measure to push out of the hole they were flung in, and in this abode they found no peace! And that is how they drew in!

‘Lose him somewhere, drop him off!’

Trucks started coming in at a much faster pace than before, unaccounting for the pressure in terms of soliquity of banditry; these highwaymen inside the trucks being rapists as well, with-with women, hehe, naked, hehe, with naked women in the front of the car, put with glue. Hehe!

‘They’re of a mind to eat your corpse once you stop moving around in circles, and I’m not one to interpret that as an act of poison, nor would I make you leap in one of those pools, you know? And I can see it just clearly, far more so than you could possibly imagine. Since I’ve seen you around, I’ve been watching you extremely closely, my good friend of no mind, contorted such to murder as myself’d halted so the training before it happened to devour the good side of my trophy of a lower side of the body, this giant hornet where the dead children of Emerge are hiding inside of. I can only pout for this long before finding myself devoured again by the blind people, whom I’ve sworn to kill in order to free us from the torment our fathers have cast us into. Yet, I’m of a mind to tell you this. This much I owe you and I can only give it onto you as a sign of malpraxis, my little cotton baton of rods, inside each head of yours, you damned beaten to a pulp of bloodened braises pumpling notter; for you I’d mention this, there is definitely another one of a similar kin I would find myself gnawing on top the bones of, there, a symbol of sin, it’s urging me to kill you on the spot, I’ve sewed it off myself, have a go at it, you won’t die from its venom; I made sure you won’t. It’s purified with a prairie dog’s blood I siphoned out of; blood group AB positive, I wager, with which you should be able to drink the poison straight shot, empty it to a little more than an unnecessary defueled brat’s poise! Don’t think too much, empty it! Empty it, I tell you!’

‘I will do no such thing! I won’t do it and you cannot force me! I’m afraid you’ve made this, this trap, yeah, this trap, personally, inside the train, you’ve made it to kill me and to have my blood prevail on top the darkened clouds that enter my eye still, I see not a way through reason or what’s to be called, otherwise swollen as well forgotten!’

Giant beetle-head with a horn instead of an eye, the other bigger, wider, his head an ugly pot; neckless but looked about to eat its own body, large incisors shaped like man-cocoons devouring its own body, whereas the body was like that of an infant with an arm, with pea-drained out of all energy, completely, mass, armless, legless, appendageless ‘limbs’, trying to make him drink the poison.

‘There’s a lot of room to move in, isn’t there?’

‘It sure is, and there’s going to be a lot more if you’d only have a gulp of my special sutured out the body gully! I wage and shall still but tell nobody of what’s been had, said and exchanged in this place. It could be dangerous, you know? Releasing too many of the poisonous hormones, all at the same time, with so many victims trying to get a gulp and a reaction out of me. It never crossed my mind you could get hurt. Look; Fish-Rotten Pour-Cotton Erick, I’m the barman, the waiter. This is for you!’

‘Piss off already wretch! I shall have none of your poison nor spirits for as long as I still have two legs that shall carry me from one side to the other of this dark slackened upon world, in which my parasites still lay inside of. I see a dead corpse flying out the window, can you?’

It looked. While distracted, Erick but threw the poison off the other side of the window into one of the growling moving along mountainous formations. Red and reddened as if bloodied and much worse than that, they were peculiarly inclined in weird directions, stalks of the kind that lowered one another and

raised each other to such levels of ladder-like protrusions that they had been or had become wildly innocuous in terms of how wicked they were or how wicked they've become. A kill yourself sign. Sigh:

'I think I shall sleep with one of the bed-rotten canal-eaters, they shall warm me with their comfort Dark-Galore, or I shall eat their livers during the sleep-walk call, when the spirits and the ones possessed, if they're as real as I thought them to be, or have presented themselves as, will come to vision, will come to stay, and dark-away, damp shall be the day they'll cut a piece of this dark regard I've left behind my passing!

'Who is it you're talking to?

As I've beseeched you see and seek no reason to comply through such comfort as manifold, and deep derail, and therefore trail a sock on top and deep inside your mouth, if you know what's good for you from this point on, zip it! I'm need of a moment's make a call, for such foundation would not stall me to know or wait or wager or stray away! I'm poisoned with gulps of eating part of Human wager!'

'You cannibal!'

'Zip it I said so!'

And the phone gulley-gulp, the ship-shaped canoe fish that drew out of the bodily lowered side of this unnaturally dark formation only allowed for no second's stroll until, right after:

'Hello, hello, who is it that I'm speaking to? I'd like to know, and I'll have but a single simpleton's call, to have come onto the brow of the end of each other's snap if snapper's woe's still to come. Who shall follow me once I open the side of this wagon's brow?'

And it opened the door, and many of the poor illimitable men that were harpied by elongated backs whose wings were their twins, conjoined but with no eyes. Within a minute it was crowded. The Sun? Dissected by someone widely contorted and sought after, darted, sucking on the bloody entrain! Beating at the strange wronged little puffs of dark flails; most of whom were attached to chains, by which dark fiends of men, the coloured, the niggers were carried and lowered still.

'Where are we headed towards?'

Cut-in the line, there was no one yet as mildly benigned as the one on the other side who looked at the receptor still confused, almost as much as the one much-obtuse who looked back at Erick in shock!

'What have you done you little rascal? I blame it all on you, for you're the reason my life's been filled with the worst of deep sinew and the river's pain and high methane, which shall kill me eventually, need I remind you so?'

'I've known of it for some time now but, you know, I've never truly considered it a threat! You've done things to me while I was asleep, haven't you?'

'How?'

'I knew it for some time now. You've removed my lower side of the body! I'm attached to a giant fluid cylindrical tube I can only assume as being the only reason I'm still living.

How, how could you possibly think I would not observe such a change? I'm but filled with squirming black wires and gizmos and all kinds of unnatural things I cannot lay an eye away or off of. Did you truly think me daft?'

'Are you in need of still to ask, as one might have it seen or heard?'

The other men that were ugly and were deformed and harpied by their kin visioned their eyes from one side to another, across the room, where a nigger, a died for nothing nigger, dyed as well, needlessly said, a cheap paint-job of blue, eyeless, on the cotton porch then put on the ceiling, with nails holding him elongatedly stretched. What's he looking at if he's got no eyes?'

'Shall I disturb your company perhaps? You sure there's no way for me to add it in?'

'Add what in, Erick? You are diseased, you need your upper-height, the one that ain't right replaced! Immediately before it started spreading in and away, like disease in New Orleans, where I picked these niggers like cattle and I whipped them like boys! And.

I had to cure you from this suffering. I had to cure you of your humanity, of being a humanoid. You're much better off this way!'

'And what of them? What of the others? Are you to change each harpied man in here as well?'

'As long as the steam infects us, then it shall be done. It's like poison to the body, for it changes it too quickly for a normal life for any normal life-form that could possibly have it shall not endure such a thing on the long run, you know that, right?'

You've experienced it yourself, on your own skin not too long ago!'

Road-bumps on the rails, they whooped it up and down, flung it right around before an onset of a few unnaturally; seen, and drought was the one brought to death; as the corpse joined the room, a pirate that stole from the jellies a single glowing sceptre named Sarcophagi's lot.

'Ruler of the Patch, you've seen it with your eyes, have you not? Long before kilt, long before joining in this ride, this train; I'll settle with just as much as I'll but have!'

'We were killers, criminals with toothless grins to which were added incisors come out of strange-ship cargoes that delivered cannibalistic little pegs of little numbs and rum-bottles we used to drown out sorrows. There were no tomorrows for as lightly as they were taken for, none the matter would suffice, to say the least, comrades; but out camaraderie was something so benighted in terms of how disgusting it's been forced into the convolution that was out heartless mind decline, that we're still of a mind not to ask for who and none too blind to ask for more, I bestow upon you only a fraction of the brow I found, upon the emptily forlorn deep shores, mesmerizingly be-gone and turned to storm and tatter vests; the ones I found upon the bodies of the ones I myself have eaten pieces off would find no urge to empty the cattle I've yet to endure a moment more, or so forlorn a second to adore what little musk is left; I can only gratify this, lest you could forgive this intrusion!'

A little tetragon of spiels drew forth to his voice's light. It shone upon them, as they were inside the Garden of such-delight!

A few knifed men were standing around him, surrounding his plea of little limbs, lingering appendages and the broad, dame, the whore, fucking bimbo, that was retarded, as all women are; she was a dumb-fucking cunt:

‘Oi, I am a cunt, and a dumb cunt at that, thatatatatatatatatatata Thatat that!’

‘Broad, you better get my dinner ready or I will drive your fine behind and the side of your head into the nearest wall, after which, I will start beating you as hard as I can and you won’t like it if I do it, for when I do it, then there’ll be hell to pay for the cleaning bill that’s come to after, I am the master of this house and you are the whore Moister!’

The Universe already died. I hate niggers; stop, please, mind!

‘My brain is corrupted, filled with a disease I cannot get myself rid of! It is disgusting and disturbing as well!’ ‘Here, here, I think this should do you some good.

My gut is poison and I am one of the lower Stars of Darkness.’

It said, with its many star-singed brothel fat cones coming out of its puffy humanoid chest; an Armenoid whore had been killed for him to enter through the tract of lesser, lesserly digestion, mawing with incisors-teeth, many drawing at the feet of the little crow’d-s little point of blackened ashes, digested trances and the littler heads that had been erected out of pain and wreathing as they did away, there was time begun again, for only a prattle.

‘I have served my betokened to command brother since the day’s come to handle slither’s come onto the mighty falter, yet I’m still besooked as to be akined to ask. Where to and what have they done to me while I was asleep?’

‘For what is worth, and what is ill-inclined to be endowed onto you, from this point on and what’s to come after, I alone would like to add to the addendage that’s been ripped and ripe as your chest benigned, as to forlorn and emptily disorientated as to scorn whatever’s lustre, I would beckon you inclined as you are, as you must as you must carry on this road, forbidden knowledge passed along the way and forget what’s been had and haddened, unless you want your memory ripped clean and empty on a whim; discern what little’s lap might grow. The empty cone of gelatine snow; of bloodened ripe; to which I’ve nothing to decline or add, but to’ve stilled it in place, might’ve meant, so much so that I could’ve been killed and slit, before I’d know what’s good and rightened, blessed the kind!

For those responsible for your faced mask and what’s been taken out of you, this soulless husk cannot be forgotten easily, nor endear, of empty fear, might I see no such thing as to beseech!’

‘Yet your hands are as bloody as my very own feet.’

‘That you from this point on are in a lack of!’

Many of the fewest Termites of the Turpentine Tube-window Lesser God-Drones of Michel John Boot-leg with a single blue ultramarine pigmented eye from fifteen years ago he got from some war in Iraq while during some conflict started by some startled Talibans in which he happened to be there and a part of, they threw a blue-popper in his eye, like an oyster grenade they shot the kidneys off in his eye, think

them niggers would throw off a land-line before passing off some of their Kool-Aid? Didn't think so, but he was a result of that pantomime of little rafts and racks and shooting here and there and hand-grenade kill myself-kind of ratio being included in the puckery bomb-plant in, babe-Y inside the World Trade Side-of De-centred; he, he had a blue eye, a blue fucking eye; like crayon drawing pictures of Aryan Eyes, but low-quality, trash, the worst, my God but not in the kind of take his name in vain kind of invoking the name of, Alabaster, pus, and appendages sprouting out of the cellophane building's room in which he stood by the side of since they were smoking, the Termites of John.

I dream of murder and blood!

Born into the lot that never forgives those that stole a leftover snout from the pile, and bile surroundings corn-flakes of puffs and puckers of lust that would come after, after dark, during the blooming of blue, on the ground, the lord of Alabaster, killer; only in name; opening the gates inside his chest, only to refrain from displaying further affection.

A remorseful thing that could only bring the pain so much farther than the manifold counterlain upon the ANtrichamber's deep hived-lust.

'That one, that one right over there, it won 't movv-for some reason,. I can't tell why. Perhaps you could help in! clarifying ! This ! iSsue!'

'Are you choking my lord, my sir, the speak of beads and needles?'

'I'm dying of a stroke and suffering no less than needed, wretch of many cowls. I cannot wait a second more for reasons that might be unknown to you, lest besekt to try the same!'

Rape never to be had, unless pronounced; for miles above and the ones that come after, temple-brought upon the end of puffy lobes; the anchor that kept them moving also drove the bile away.

'Next bus' stop isn't coming any sooner than this.'

'Leave piss blood water! - Wrote mother!

Who writes these things?'

'IF you don't like it, you could simply wipe it off.'

Another perilous wretched regiment started grinding their broken gums off the Ghedur-pliers.

'Bottle spins again, and yet.'

A weather-spun cockatrice dangled from above with the man.

Cross-bolted Eurpyr comes from above; he stands thinking of no less of a reason than the one that's been carried on and exchanged, a reason not to kill her, the maiden, whose breasts untold and yet yearned to be exposed by anger, to have been ripped and ripe as they've been held, beheld, and untouched for thirty five years since the day she's been birthed, then locked in the citadel of no powerless incline, where the many

agitators had her almost skinned; yearned for to be sent in trunks and little plain things that were, very much, unnatural boxes; that would, under all contamination's brink, to have been called within reason and since, eaten, by all parties to which they would be sent to. Such treason, might, it might serve some people with as little a mind as they would fancy it, right.

'She's suffered enough, has the Grail not held her accountable for what's to be regarded as no man's truce with himself, as such abuse would only brink in destruction's Eve, mistrust?'

'Nay, Pitty-Forlorn Tent. You, you are of a mind to spare the women of all accounts and all that would make her bring ruin upon a man's folded tower, and therefore snore when she'll cast you away. Think about it for a second before you bring yourself upon the brink of destruction. Such contemplations upon partly crossed stairs and the ones that would follow soon after, do they come at a price and are they indeed worthy of such despair as you've fancied yourself a part of?'

'Not that I would think much worth it, but listen to me now, before all sense leaves you!'

'Or before the woman's drowned!'

Ah, the wretched dregs got a hold of her. They leaped out of nowhere's dark abode, and within the moment's lost, they almost, or as it happened, it almost came at the cost of her dearly succumbed to brothel of a life, foretold, forlorn; seen to it that she would not move. What agony, indeed, to see her beg for mercy, soon bothered by such retrieve, for neither man would make a move to save the poor maiden, despite retort. And despite that, the unnaturally dark fiendish figure that had lain in the dark until this point on, with its many mandibles open; agitators be called weary of sightened stare; and holding many of the chains that were still attached to her, in part, since he was the leash-holder, slaver, the master, the edifice of many unnatural girths that could only bring the destruction of air and air-tents that were held within the hour's mount, and mounted girth that drew within. A manifold of many whims, and leaping bull-frog giant fleshy bags it carried on its back. It bore it body on a giant tail. A beast-humanoid with exposed ribs and four great heads sticking out of them like snails' eyes that expanded in the weirdest way possible. A conical thing that snared itself within and beneath some room's temperature's exposure of diamond-sharpened long green flashy dark exposure cysted blobs it pushed out from beneath its chest with the help of some of its free appendages, which were immediately released from its coach-shell, in the back, where it store the openly exposed for great coffins it held on all sides; inside of which, emptiness rang to some abyss that was lost in the dark. A slither of puffs, coats of rust and grim coal being released soon after. Both Tent and Eurpyr being as disturbed as anyone whose raft swollen anchor came upon falsetto barn's entry come down caster; right after, niggardly as it protruded out. A blasphemous thing as it were, or had been numbed upon coming in the light, for either one of them to beseek a sightened stare upon its magnificent beauty, still distorted after dark. For the chest-errand gallantry that held the lantern cones of light –almost, in sight, these being the four heads that expanded in billions of smallish; but seemingly broken into pieces, reeds and smaller heeds of cones and plenty bones of light-succumb; they were pulling all the meat from the bones until this wretched cabin of a spine wretch, of a bone-bearing thing it were showed signs of losing meat on the tail. It was odd. It looked like, it looked like they were swindled for a stare. They thought this tail had been but a spear, to which, against, then thrust and seen after, the torso might've been impaled; yet it had not been the like. Instead, this trifle of some unnatural thing was instead, like an organ that had grown from inside. The awkward peculiarity being the fact that it looked like the humanoid ribcage had been lodged inside the tail, not close in kin to some Gorgon but

instead a snake eating from inside a buffet; deeply engorged in his activity, by all means of no use or little much more than, as it been obtuse. But the couch-shell, which was fully wide and open, and appeared to be holding the coffin 'gates' as if they were fluttering wings had a hole in the front that was connected to the tubular giant-fat tendon-broach that entered through the neck of the 'torso', which held all the appendages grown out of it, outwards as if it were, in all actuality, in possession of a lot of skin tags. Albeit some of the cysted blobs did show up from beneath; that is to say with the aid of the appendages; the ribcage torso humanoid livid-device. A peculiar thing; how it managed to hold this great floating gloating structure in the air. Yet, this shell of a man might've been naught but some hardened insect attached to this snake-coach; with the four great heads being nothing but some, but some play at their nerves.

'Shall we begin a conversation as to see whom shall betoken such a need to be aware? Or be told of what might be sullenly slouched upon the chamber's counterlain?'

'The chamberlain abhorred me long before we even met, my dear friend, and I think that's but his servant calling onto us to stop once again and forget we ever existed, to begin with, since, she's of no use to him any more than we are, not that I would or could complain about what's happening here.'

Out of fear of offending the slither of man, the darkness that came ahead and the growths that formed the great bulk of the three carapaces of green, yellow and some ugly purple that made the entrapment of the room they were in, they were silent for a second, then resumed.

'You stand here by the likes of borrowed time, you seek a reason not to be blinded, or have your eyes pulled out!'

And the creature leaped as soon as it could, right across the side of the cave, nearest to where there was an ugly reeling in and out head, with many ugly, nasty, filthy crane-empty droughts; where the sand-pit had begun, where the holes came in and out, where escape was feasible to one and everyone instead. To them, what might be told here and there-again; leave no more, the parcel's paced upon little bodies being carried on their backs.

'What is this travesty I'm being exposed to?'

'Naught but some empty sound, and the sound of the sea's coming from the North!'

Somewhere, farther in the distance, what would be referred to as, some, some emptiness deeply elated, and elating to the senses. For only they would bring such remark to open wounding; would to be and deeply sinking; yet again in lust. All would be forgiven if they'd save the lass.

'These cannibal-rapists, they're aware that she's a virgin!'

Said the one head that drew back; of course, an insect, what else could it be if not, impossible, empty willen-had!'

Days pass uncannily so. There's a reed and a rack, there's a whip and a crack'; snapping-snapped, on nigger's back. I am the boy's master, I cannot help myself today. I'm judged for many people for some reason, yet, I yearn to be administered some empty crane-head.: - Written by the man of the house! The man of the house! He needs a woman, he is desperate for a woman. But he cannot talk to her. Talking to

women is hard, talking to humanoids is difficult. It is an impossible task. Somehow, hardly would there be a matter to forget. Hardly would one forget what it once meant to be erect at the sight of a finely breasted, big, giant, impossible to carry without a strain on her back, the sight of a fleshy-tall blonde, taller than the man, dwarfing him at a ratio of two to one. Her fine features borderline resting on his chin and head. Ah, this beauty, if only I could speak to her. If only I had a voice to heed my wont and guts, to tell her what I feel, and forget, forget about what once meant for me to be alive!

‘Are we to stand here, the three, or six of us, or seven if the leprous snake coach if but one!’

‘Tent, might you not forget that there are four empty coffins in there as well? Four for them, four, the heads, eight, with us two as well, ten, as we outnumber the savages, I think we stand the lot!’

We could save the poor broad and ensure she’s not to be raped after that!’

But they had not settled the dispute with the one most benumbing wretch of empty there, no cure! Meat and tenderizer stoves were being brought, with tall heads and most unnaturally a dark wax figure that followed; looked inhumane!’

‘Chamberlain’s pet dog, is she not your slave? Are you to waste time and see her gain but empty marks of maim across her body stripped?’

‘I am into it!’

‘Ah, but there’s no reason for us to see such sight, not since there are things we would rather have that could not be gotten far, and after track.’

The wax-figure was made out of the bodies that were put through the boiler and allowed to melt into the most unnatural of dark concoctions that followed straight through the furiously distraught gulley of disease that could, or very much so appear to be in such a villainous-vile disposition, as one would be opposed to interfering with, or could, if opportunity allowed, make a wild move that would ruin the bunch and ruin their thrust, upon, word to you, my dear friend; nigger, nigger- kill, I need to. They were, he. A wax ruination of blood, furiously clotted with disease; they had only got it from one of the sufferers of the juggling snot that came in.

Poor Tent had leaped on top the lady; from across the pyramidal cavern and only allowed himself a second less’ to spare a breath, as he gazed upon her cheery eyes, as she only tainted the bowels of a rottenly forlorn disguise; as this could not be helped, ever less and ever so.

‘Master of no wont and candour; shall we see, and sightened, less disastrous rottenly a Pastor?’

Such words would only count as meaningful to few. But he had a gun. And they were frightened by the sight of it, especially since he pointed at her, instead of them, at that.

‘I intend on killing this woman unless you all take a few steps back. Carry on, go on or I shall dearly claim all of your lives, twas fold, as they’ll be vanquished!’

Silence trembles, empty varnish, forgot to paint the room; twas a cheap-obol, hobble of the hobo, fucking whores!

A cab dropped her off but she barely noticed it because of the numbness that had entered her from the lower left side of her ribcage that was exposed to the little puffy aluminium foiled flashy, armoured by black cage-iron corrugated scrape-bars:

‘I think I’m going to be dropped off the next side of the reef, if you don’t mind. I could never wrap my head around either of those things, you know?’

Bloodened sight and bloodened right, of what apparel would’ve been deceit. It came to waiting for the door to open, a single thing that would’ve found itself forsaken, broken and exchanged to the likens of a simple filthy mace that sprayed, on their bodies and to follow after, past the reigns where they’d to breed. Another door opened and she was welcome in.

‘My sister, you, whom I’ve.’

‘Mister, there’s a woman in your cab!’

The man looked round the rear-view mirror, only for a moment as the shock settled in. A dead-cut broad dirt-filled hoe resting by the side of her body to which she was attached. A corpse gray ash-look to her, with empty sockets, out of which a tiny bloated elongated blob, oblongish-with her look-a-like twisted round nakedly imprinted body flashing at him as she revealed no humanoid reproduction organs but another bulbic face at the other end that squirmed as she was warmed on by naught else but the most insatiable of the filthy, filthier brothel rods that drew out of the body-prod.

‘I know kid. Do me a favour and keep the run will you? I know how to handle road-skipppers.’

Two heaps of wife-beaters waiting in line to berate him as they’d drive her four to five feet beneath the ground where this wretch belonged in. No remorse could do enough. They were watching from the other side of the window, inside the mansion; with little to no regard to what was happening around them; a drop of a phony and a little alabaster flash coming from the other side; playing with the continuously stretching lantern past the trenches, screaming Jolt:

‘Come in mister, come inside the house. You’ve dropped the pretty lady to her death while stopping here and the night she won’t survive it. Unless you step forth and drag her back!’

‘What’s wrong with you hooligans today and your little puffs of smoke and tilt?’

There was no answer ever-still!

It crawled upon a giant globe of nigh-cobweb coloured iron, made to be a wheel, the Earth, on top of which a lower-jawless girth of many tendons kept its head pinned in place. Two fat arms drew out of it, and appeared to be flailing around the breath. Rottenly but eyeless on one side, that was its shoulder-blade welded in half of its face, benigned in a bar that was attached to the spinning sphere on top of which it rested. An ugly head it was, rotten, but crested with many strange devicery pins that allowed it to move akin to its servant that it followed. Sluggish in appearance, and almost falling apart like a dead man walking, caught in sight by a drooping stance, a hunchback with little arms coming out of him now, that he had eaten along the way. It blocked the access to the one way street. As it raised its top-half mouth it spat on the ground a large cradle of rocks, chunks it had coated in its saliva of globes; like bacteria bulbs

or egg-sack looking, they rested and grew but corkscrew rooted; so they remained in place. A pane of tinier blobs that sang and reigned:

‘I beckon you to stop what you’re doing here and entreat a simple flaundry of mischievment that I may look and bear sight upon a fashion’s trifle to’ve endured no less during my stay, your lordly sight be met, upheld and held still while I’m still of a thought not to despair of what’s been stolen, brought and sightened upon the trance you have fancied me forlorn and spoiled as yet to follow, deep-enchanted, for this unsatisfying fight I’ve been exposed to, my dear sister, is something that cannot be darted no sooner, nor less, than the distress of ages might’ve allowed me such an ounce a’moment that I may look yonder as to recuperate, since your entreaty bears just simple siphon, such andante!’

‘Yee a witch and a whore of a slubber, and I seek sisterhood no more of likened kin!’

And their slackened satiated lips were met but quickly repressed back into their places. For God was standing behind them; pointing a gun at her temple. Twas certain to’ve begun by now, yet they were resting by the throttle-brow of a single lampoon of waiting people of different lots. Put together, emptily brought to such surroundings as they would see if fit, by common sense, to latch abandon and therefore end the relationship of apparition and come onto the dykes of broth. Empty spaces, the house floating after dusk settled in:

‘Wretch thou art, as we have been betrayed, no doubt about it, seek no pray for the time being’s converted lay, from therefore after.’

Two candles of pus-rot

To have’ve been come onto the brow of the stop, amidst the undercoming and the undergoing, by the time’s last tick of a round, when all there is to know is run was when he ran and died. When the thunder cried, and when his hope in vain had wilt been gone;’s the reason, for why they were there.

‘What is that I hear?’

But there were naught of else betoken tooled, for such’s pantry to’ve befallen onto their kin, were they robbed and were they faulty to be told. That what little was there of the men that fell, the ones that had endured talking to the boisterous brats that had entered and cruel as were they by the time they sailed, hinder and away, though meaning might be lost. A bloated candour, fallaciously disjointed in terms of reprimand, was there no hope to the sullen and to the ones whose cries were laughter. To chopped, rotten and the poor; the ones that lost allure; all had gathered and were cured; for ailments were plenty broughtened-had; around each corner, for the ones that had been known to last. Plenty of which in peril for the ones that sprouted from monsoons; whose faces were plain with evil and all too, venison might be cut, entreaty fur; oft, leper, the winter’s come and autumn’s gun. Which shot, alarmingly wildly, for the ones in the distance were never to be had; prior to the making, prior to the quiet, when and after, was there no end to the wilt that had been wilt be-haddened, saddened to each throng that came. When and when to move again; for as they moved, they were as frightened to be, lest away and quick endure, stay, remain, be stilled in their seats as they were quickly enough wilt to be stopped. Cannibals of their wills

were made at last. And not a sign, from halted sky. From anywhere their priceless hope distilled benigned. For us, whom were in trees were spoken, to thine maiden's pity, provoked, bethroval.

'I shall yet see your body rot, until my hope shall be ebbd into the one piece of the sky that still belongs to me. Look, out there, what I've taken and what little there is left. I need to speak to the captain, who stole each heart, robbed me of my fate, grabbed what little powder was there in his keg and threatened to himself's fate benigned, to try upon entreaty, thine, and thine is the mark that shall come and rapier to the swerving.'

For the chalice he had in his chest, cast inside him, still he bled. Left a trail, so far and wide, and he could trace, all the way back, the way upon the kingdom's blind. A languor of no little prattle's grind, with each finger that was lost along, here, there, anywhere, being of no truce; nothing that no mind could abhor to reproduce, unless the boisterous bodies, manifold upon the taking, blinded by the making, child of little hope; cut and chopped and forlorn in time, bespoke. Was there no more, but blinded lay there, in such turn, a little more than he and he was long-cracked and spilled in fire's broke, the brook singing. The singer's blade and therefore sleigh, of little mind to cast away. But in the quiet's making would there be no stench, no treaty to be signed, and nothing more than an empty, little inconsequent body of no stretch than eight five hundred miles, a giant that had been cut down as his waste and allowed from out of him to sprout, many a likened to his body and face and growths, all of which were added in some angular spear that cast a blooded by many spools, strange figure that was faced by four stars-coming out of his antennae-like mantis-head but with billions of bulbic eyes, as if these were spore-makers, flashing with flesh, allowing entry from the outer-grinding stone-like, but filled with smaller figures, like that of some tiny culprits with wings in their ear-encompassing bloated hive-ringed worm-figures that only gave the impression of being made of ears but ate clouds and spat blood-people, whose clot fell apart when they entered water. Running and pacing in circles, confused like schizophrenics; with tubes attached to their blood-guns with which they were born with.

'Thine drink of mead and iron-sullen, sulking yet benigned by men of lowry slither's worth and candour, lest betokened you come after, ask again for piece of bread, and those twas' had been given forth to you that you may sink your teeth and breaded-bed, of piece-rot with mould, to've been choked by it wilt've mean meant for blooded-cold, and slither of forlorn cast eve, back and forth, and chokingly abhor, what little pastry can be held to you; unless agape by all the evil-due to've become come forth again, as prior errands disembowelled whatever stare, oft and forth, allure of kindness lend upon you, which you have forced in errandry dissect, diffuse of minded solace breath of cowl, thickened by the turpentine towel, as blood 'uz gushed down, and oat's become but blooded by the crown of your partaking, kindness returned benigned, that which you have cast away with him returned, and to thine poultry meat, there shall only come but grind, until no bone shall be left, delivered onto his poach, his parcel, slithered, whether it be in many pieces or in one baton made to be erect upon the sight, I cannot say. But the least that I can do is sit here while you gush upon a crime that willen 'had itself returned benigned onto you as follows. I would cherish whichever moment's last respite forlorn, and the one that follows true and crone; shall be made of your mother, as she will be thrown into husbandry withdrawn, for I shall kill your father, by means of destitution and by means, employed much so, with the help of a gun. A rifle of the kind, with that I shall kill me, murder, murder, murder, cry; and cries of laughter shall be held only by those who'll have to bend down above you to make out the form, that ugly thing that you've become, unprovoked, or had-wilt

yourself betokened eight times fold, as you shall be delivered from this point on, onto the other, with kin-alike and likened brother.

For I've made the necessary arrangements that are usually meant to be done in these kind of situations, since it's a bold move to draw much closer, for I've known you, sufferer, to've bitten and to bite. And to abhor all who are cast down-site and all of the surround where they dance, and leap, like paganistic heathens around a fire's heap. Whatever you've cast down-sided, and oft, betokened, humble yet forlorn be frightened by what means' abode, that which follows in your trail and hope. You might, that it shall be cruelly bestowed upon you, sightened by each fright of what's to come. Moments come and moments go.'

But he refused to aim his gun at his temple and seal the deal, or put the poor sob out of his misery, of disciple's lot, turpentine appeal. As that would only mean death of globe. A globular embrace forth-come, out of some giant gelatine cone, that spoke in tongues with him.

'Do not let him die just yet. Finger a wall and pull out the tap of many-a-face, that something might be done to him when no longer wilt's he breathing past the trunk. Let him sink in for a moment, submerge and forth-come, so much so, succumb. Whatever twas's s's had mean to meant no longer from this point on, provoking!'

And it spat gelatine-blood on his blood, forming clot-wings with faces and with large legs sprouting from the side, that all kept giant long-men inside of them, squirmingly benighted by the giant exposure-walls filled with squirming things that moved around. Like cavern-melted but like candles- bricked by tortoise-shell like plated brownish-dirty muck-filled covered in tendon-like pseudo lichens that adorned them on every side, and around, everywhere, rather, set on sight, these walls, these walls looked like praying hands that had been pried apart, drawn apart and pushed in opposite directions but infested with tapeworms that had grown and fattened, inflated-like balloons until were forced to be like humanoid men caprice leashes, whips and the likes.

'Cancer-niggers, cancer-niggers!'

Wishful-drawn, a lot that was corrugated by much-to-itself-provoke withdrawn:

'Is that the light I carry forth to the choking singer?'

For the light that came from one of the bulbs, that which lowered itself onto his chest pulled all the bread out, forcing it through gusts of air, those that were heated, and he prevailed. Standing on his two stubby toes, which had devoured and assimilated his feet right up to his ankles, there he stood. A dancing devil, misunderstood.

'In search for a muse, I wager?'

'Where's the maiden hidden, that whore, that whore, if I'm not mistaken, she is but of a lot belonging to miss-brought to dark sewage-quarrel!'

And they had long bespokened to the likes of disembowel, for it was rude. And rudeness-prude alike. A poster, a poster of the USS Liberty Incident, accompanied by pictures of the Jews, the Jews that were in the Congress and who slowly worked towards the destruction of the United States. Henry Ford's International Jew, The Greatest story never told, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion, The real numbers

detailing Jews that died of nothing else but Typhus during the second world war, documented by the Red Cross, and the Holocaust didn't happen, being only some of the many books that were put on top a desk-stand. There were also books documenting Blood Libel, the crimes they committed throughout history, their involvement in Slavery, Porn Industry, the Dryffeus affair, Israelis dancing during nine eleven, the Rothschilds and their shady business, how they manipulated Churchill into selling out his country for money and his warmongery and what not; how the jews keep stealing money from American tax payers in order to fund their in-human kike state, Israel. Books detailing the paedophilia the jews keep getting away with, especially in Hollywood, how they're molesting kids, the media being controlled by them, how they're trying to bastardize the white race and mix them with niggers. Their control of the academia, their involvement in the Bolshevik, and the Menshevik Party; the massacre at Holodomor, the trannies; he was extremely well-read on the subject, as any man ought to be.

Horn-there-Rib, the crying cage

In a giant's half cut through there stood a maze, they had call none other but the bunker, or what had remained of one of them, still cut. A bloated red miasma brought to their nostrils only what the crimson petals' deep miss-brought to their tusks, the once carried forth during ancient day's gone deeply abhorred past; it showed what little had remained by mere glance, there-come after.

'Open the door, I'm in need of a heart.'

The permutation of aridity allowed for plants to grow in bodies end.

We were met by father's sons, whom were both standing on chairs, without their heads. It was unnatural, yet we looked at them for hours. Sitting in the only chamber, in the only place there had remained no one's deep's end call. A giant conically thin at its further at the top distorted end, but thicker at its base, like some antennae sticking out of a bloated pie, its tip being a spear of sleighs-put together rounded, diseased was the rod as this fleshy thing only squirted, squirmed and anchored itself after. Night had come quickly, as the child of moons, surrounded by Gooks, his clavicle-slaves Salving our God, with antlers brought from corpses brought to life that followed. A bloated miasma of unnaturalness benigned only added to the strange fear they felt a trifle of, but could not explain it at all. Michael-Fellinfoy-rnkillnigger drew forth into the room and started yapping:

'What this sleigh of lotched-uniwise? The titillating crowd of leper's gone and there-around what little quiet's been distilled?'

'I have eaten my sons and I have made love since, with them.'

'Of course with them and not with I, for I would've abhorred such thing benigned!'

'I see only wretchedness anchor in a box, a boil in the other, and a small hare-mined but brought through means of rancor. How could I ever hope for such trifle come belief to spare away? '

A man made out of cotton started turning into fire as the dead children came to life, momentarily so, gripped the poor fool, played with him, played with snow, uncouth and be not known to them, for what ail-ness of the mind, what little cotton-blind, had become part of the fire. Then they fell black like ashen

coals, rotten with their father's cottage being brought thrice fold into the fray of a littler than thou art, a-saying. They had eaten gut after gut, contemplatively. For they had not known what to do.

'Rod of darkness after brought? What's been taken and what's been had?'

But there was no edible answer, at least not one that could easily be put into the towel they shared. In that empty room, they had erected bodies and put them into the lamp, in the middle, in anger, in Spanish fly fever, feverishly declined as they had the anger had benighted their sense, and they were well endowed with the means of war. Tools of rot, bodies brought, and in the end, this, this was something that could never properly be had. It was too senseless.

'Seneca's parted role, the one that had occasioned us to think that he may've had a soul had little sense in what was dire!'

All of those failed reincarnations. All of those failures; they're; they're;staring at me; they are; staring at; me';,.-;!!!; ahh,m,-- hmm-, 's there.

A lamp in the darkness light a ligh-lub camp, but the conditions are windy, saying:

'There's the forest I've been yearning for a sight, a trifle after that.'

The room it was in was fifty by forty five, eighteen meters tall, with a corrugated- by many welded, thrust into each other like charging chariots that interconnected in the same way a volcano would erupt but inwardly as if the eruption drove downward, and the sky, with its air was suddenly become lava, with the people in the helicopters slowly being roasted alive, despite the expectation of them being suddenly evaporated, they have to suffer because I'm cruel and mentally ill, fucked up in the head; pointing at my own head -finger guns, pop-pop, you wish I did, naughty-lad; I'm coming onto you; Florence, the city is under siege. Submerged with pain and fell faces, arms and other limbs, frozen then fleshed into the water as the water's become organic, out of which, this having become his house, emerges Clasp-Tro-Nbunhleyt.

'Caster Bundle-hate, is that you I see?'

'But my good sir, my real name is Clasp-Tro-Nbunhleyt!'

'Such's vergus, time to go.'

On a Sunday-scutch, the years snow; fifth-fifteen, when the welders' pin of bones drew from around the ground. Everyone who's been drowned remained alive during intermitted conditions.

Many of the bodies lay brokenly washed up near the city's stone floor drowned below, down-pointing as it were, on a crude curve; with a little fan of people curved together, tug-of-warring in a cone-spread, their hands with them, a rope-ear-tonguish blot with tiny grabbable wrist-thorn, without tips, as thick as humans, grabbed as handles, whereas they pulled with mighty strength, the others drew and drew away, awry-back and forth thinking of what might follow through, of what might follow after through the carpet of sinew, beneath them, lain to see, leaped on top of it, death and gone awry! Far too many of them were of no mind to understand what was going on, nor would they try, petrified in quiet, dancing with the macabre disquitude brought by ever sights:

‘Call the shot, I’ve yet to hear one of them know what’s going on.’

There was no reason to pry in or to understand where the confusion came from. Only the flood that fell from some apartment, thrown out the tingling window soon after. It was that blasphemed upon dire-man that was making all that hardy noise but never spoke to anyone whenever from his deep slumber it so happened for him to rose out of.

Many of the slithers of the moon sufficed.

There was a dampness of spores she had failed to notice nibbling at her fingers, as they were only superficially inserted in her uterus, while no one in their presence minded her being raped violently and volatile blood erupting from the gushing wound allowed for a growth of many appendages kept together by a foamy bubbling gas-like rounded with bubbly-cloud lumps –mass of tendons, flesh, livid chitinous-but-soft round-arounds that formed on the spot to come into existence, whereas its sudden apparition did attract the initial attention, it had evenly, there-after allowed for sight to be lain upon the very strange wall-like formation it foamed itself into, with her being kept in-encapsulated, albeit this imperfect wall had not only been chipped and broken through, but it appeared as if it kept her hanging a few feet above the ground, ever-much so that the appendages would begin a live-open, in the broad-daylight surgery to commence, as to be sutured together, arms and spare parts, organs and as such being harvested on the stop by the same aforementioned appendages that extended and elongated, wincingly, unnervingly sprout-through, shot-like spears, into the fray, where, they, all of the sudden, rapiers of hardened drills sprouting pincer-through their tips, hornets and wasps’s stingers having chopped off a leg or two, only to bring it to her, suturing her almost nigh-fallen apart body back together before finally withdrawing into the small slither of a cut inside of her they had emerged out of her, with the rapist being lain on the ground still, since he’s been knocked down by accident and nothing less of a sub-concussive blow having altered his brain structure and Phenotype, having left or caused a dent on his forehead and top of the skull-through which blood, lopsidedly, inundated the brow of a river he was but sitting on top of soon after, since she decided it was the perfect opportunity to gouge his eyes out, poke him with a ice-pick iron-bolted by, in the hundred, rodded tiny-meticulously placed around of by, fragmented, but longer at their tips, leashes with facial features spread around, this being a tiny ‘one-road’ interconnected with various other entanglements, maze of leashes, or ‘quasi-frozen’ North Pole filled with poles, fleshy bands that had homunculi fleshes inside of them, most of whom formed isosceles triangles, nostrils being connected to some pole by some uglier iron-chains of bone sprouting out of them as piercings would, or some eye shooting an iron beam in another pole, or some finger splitting around the nail, in a hatching out pupae-kind of a way, out of which another finger sprouted out of like some butterfly, connecting to another pole, and these strange almost PUNISHMENT picks were the ones holding the fleshy band, or bands-that-were-stitched together, depending on how you look at it, since they’re a visual mess for the outsiders, who are uninitiated in the arts of war, as I am, who’d fail to see that what held them together was but a two-sided club, with two human-nasty rotten old men faces and their bodies, and their fetal position contorted into each other’s arms, facing each a different way, on the top-most size, the iron-picks being their hairs, and they held these crown of a sort like encrusted spaghettis in forks, whereas the opposite side of this club, which was their throne, was attached to a spear-long shaft, of about eighteen centimeters or twenty eight, thick, thicker than both of her arms put together, which was like a broken tree, that had been crushed apart and filled with a multitude of nail-driven in to the point of being bloodily ripped apart

during the process, scratchings, that were pseudo-insect crawling in her skin, legs, cutting in deeper and deeper as they fed on her, deep-driven succumbed, like syringes.

Her ankles were sticky-numbered by succumb-melt to her partner's brow which disallowed her continuous forward-descend. Evil eyes were onto her, but the men in the crowd beckoned her to stop for a moment as their backs were also drawn into the nearest building's front wall to which they were become a part of. Part of the moon as well, that, upon being split in half by pornography, in essence, stooped the lowest it had then, the lowest it had been in the entire history of humanity, a cracked in-half egg shell pointing at the clouds, cutting them in half as it allowed them to bleed onto it, with all the honor it needed to begin bleeding dry again. And it shot, out of its craters, since it sod like a perched baby, a blooming stone-flower that shot caterpillars below.

'There are needles on the floor, pick them up, will you?'

'I can get infected, you know? And I can feel that stench emanating from inside of your cunt all the way here.'

Said one of the men tied to the walls.

In the flash of an eye, the facial features that had been adorning the fleshy band disappeared, dispersing, slowly, albeit in a highly illuminated way, leaving behind their illusionary forms in exchange of a smaller, mesmerizingly-dancingly equipped with rows of pseudo-feet attached to the bands like oil-rig tubes, with their arms like sirens, and mouthed at each end, humanoids without heads but with giant eyes instead of them, chained-still to the poles, but rotten to the core, they tormented her no more. But she still remained a dumb-whore!

A brothel-buddle of a cauldron stood untouched, torched even by the looks of it, but didn't move at all, not even when they tried their hands around it. Some slithers of the moon followed through, a horizon of gradients, an aurora that wouldn't let go, and the sky was filled with golden lighted scythes that didn't move when the ripples were cast again the side of the river's trance; while the poultry only served as a means to help the mass. It could only listen every now and then when its ear was not cut off then thrown around, like mold-molasses.

'I say, open the door, and bring her in!'

What a travesty it was. Every house being locked, with the pillars fallen and the scepter having dropped and bequest-a-lichen's priest's prayer, had allowed her to walk carrying the folded bars that had ended up impaling her back, as she carried them, on her way back to the one of the apartments.

'I see a wager that's to be taken.

The two olds will take over her body in no time! I say!'

'Don't satiate your need for blush, bulls eye comes in deep contrast and need to die at least a dozen times until they'll take a notice of you!'

A man was stumbling-drunk, barely on his own feet, shameful:

Awakened during a coaly-errand, feet lodged inside some intermediary enter-through the door, passed out during an elementary abode-drifted reflection, hence, joined, presently by a few Gregorian statesmen, to whom he is subservient despite having taken an important, worthy of praise, an appraisal to the very finely-aged flintlock used during their disappearing in the midst of yellow-blank pages purposefully left in the annals of time, their standing being unlawfully misspoken for, during some loft-beheld auction, role in the liberation of, an act that ought've been kingly, as well as royally, handsomely rewarded, with accordance to such's n been bee-beheld for, lack of disparity, quietness serving only as a sign of the drift, between the lack and the moist-handle, he holds in his hand, sullen yet awoken by sight of them, who've parted ways, a dagger-curved along the way of his spine, betrayal like just Persephone, a fucking whore, who was not loyal to her husband, who worked hard to feed his children, take care of them, always returning home to what should've only been a lovingly caring wife, turning out to be a demoness, by the sole fault of their wretched kind, females, breasted only by the focal of God, but their treacherous nature would not allow him to touch again, desperate at every turn, where he walked, he saw them, in sight and luscious feel, tenderly tenebrous in repel and appeal, as to bleed in this peculiar, unnatural Limbo out of which he could not escape, abandoned by his allies, by his friends, his enemies now appear, pretending to be friends, yet, unknown to them, this bleeding in his solace - angel of a man who's done nothing wrong in the entirety of his life, I swear me mum, has already been conditioned to react to the betrayal of his friends, let alone would he accept the pretenders who'd betray him further, disappointed in himself, not longer a patriot, but still wearing the gross-leaking with grease, flag, at war with himself and everyone; awakened during a storm in his very chest that would not let go of his swollen, hanging by his cane with all the strength he could muster out of his dying brokenly apart body that wilt be dead or ought've been if It weren't for the refusal to flee, be it out of sight, be it not right, evil in concordance with forgetfulness of self, his stronger mind keeping his rotten, nigh-destroyed husk of what had once been something nigh-recognizable as a man; to heaven, crawl out of hell, a most deceitful haughtiness to his fright, hidden away, but cannot reveal it just yet, because enemies, they felt fear by nose, nosy-cervical shaped bodies, and they each bore eight or fifty legs, armless and their faces were large canoe-wide, pseudo-fans with fang-crowns and their eyes were extended like roots, bloated like snail-eyes, with large infant-fetus parasites drooping, flopping down; awakened by the wonder of how he's survived, while his bleeding continued, while his cried were stifled by him, by his biting down, bleeding off the lip, spat then in front of them, in order to communicate; all of whom spat lips they pissed 'n a pool they made he drank out of like a fucking dumb nigger.

Her entry into the building, as it happens:

It was a shameful display if there ever was one, to say the least, the one, most bothersome, corky thing in this quarrelsome affair that was subjugated only to an unfelt resonance that could not have had itself restored had, oft beckoned to be-told on an immediacy retorted, a prancing about being finely supposed, as to be taken as assign of the infirmity infringement of leprosy that was soon thrown out of the window, then, again, beckoned to be acknowledged by her, who was, without a doubt in as much of a trinomial abhorrence of the sort, since she could not direct this intent-driven gaze that was perforatorily incumbent on this innocuous-to be prodded into by normal means, hardisome a pseudo-corny man of the stoppage from entry into the finer part of the building, the access through which had been purposefully cut, albeit not by her reasoned, resonant to others, choice, but by a momentary cult-perspiration, a respiratory

obscuring inner-breath having cut her short of any kind of asking that might help her retrieve anything from this adversary of fine traverse against which she was powerless, in terms of how hard and lumpy she'd become, torn apart by rummage and by askance, say, onto her there lay his, now placed, rather cumbersomely, worthy of drop-page on the floor then by pray to spare, made in an attempt to draw away the fury that was being so-fully pronounced in those lamentable two-globes of so much unnaturalness that she could almost swear to their other-worldliness.

‘May I enter?’

‘Do you live here, fine lady?’

‘Not that I know of, I’ve never ventured in this obscure palace, nor have I endowed a know-about it, if I were to be asked.’

‘Well not to intrude upon your intermediary fragrance of no-doubt repair, but, your patrimonial affair of silk-age as I see, pronounced, the finery of which, purported to the ones I’ve seen before you, my lady, of far beyond yours, trance that could only be worshiped by endure, make me think of you as nothing else but an arse-rapscallion of an empty-dame that cannot help herself but seep-intrude in people’s other-worth of praise abshowered by nothing short other than some leprous ambivalence, of which I cannot properly give a say. But if asked, if I had lain, in solitude or otherwise, by chance or by given away a tail of eye stolen from my sight, alone, I shall say this, madam, I’ve never seen a lowly creature as worthy of the sought-impoverished, made to think of, as the cause, as there had ever been lain before me as it so happens as for one such as you to’ve been brought and lain in front of me, today, in this finery of a thing I’ve never seen before, nor will I ever, if I hope so, track of worthy hay.’

‘So, can I enter then?’

‘Piss off, cunt, I’ve already told you not to come. You’re poor, and the sight of you makes me think of dead-animals.’

‘I shall travel by ways of meat either way.’

‘You shall not be stopped, but be weary, for you shall lose a leg, or something worse than, either lay.’

A memory not long ago:

‘Bah, but what is this and why does it stare at me in such a most peculiar fashion? I yearn for understanding yet am stopped by deep-concern, for I’m to known no better end just yet, what’s done by it leaves only a blasphemous taste in my mouthed turn of a cobbler’s cut-in-tongue. A catch-a drift that’s gone did far end inside a few meters in, cutting too much, for what I yearn for is to properly have spoken to him, eye to eye, this dark-mischievous fellow that never calls back. He’s gone, is he not?’

‘Father, you’re old, beckoned to stop by everyone whom holds you dear. Feast’s gone and disappeared, yet you cannot make a remark of the lot that’s been stolen from us.’

‘I will accept nothing short of murder!’

He took a few –dragged by someone else - - a fridge like motion of being pulled if you were a solid mass or frozen in place yet at the same time “gliding” on ice, moving in this motion of – steps, for he had no legs nor heels, but a plate-square almost mannequin-stand that drew upwardly in a coiled-snaked giant gut-kind of a fleshy growth that pushed into a body of a giant humanoid-chest that stopped mid-way while pulsating outwardly while being inflated until become similar to some balloon, then allowed for mold to grow out of it, left arm being a downward pointing united to the body thin as a bone, fleshy ‘stump’ of a wriggling, flaccid actually made of rubber in appearance only –tiny inflatable balloon, with an open downwardpointing end you could blow in, or a deformed pseudo-humanoid bloated turkey of a mass whose feathers and tail pointed down and got rolled in a tube. The right arm was an elongated-big pincer at its end, thick muscle-mass-filled by appendage. Instead of nipples, it bore a giant pea-hybridized giant head-Neanderthal fleshy –covered in tribal-tattoos- a’ constantly opening and closing its mouth ‘a face. Next to it, the other nipple replacement, a squirming little spherical see-through organ that was both empty inside while at the same time it gave the impression of a universe of little tiny, atom-shaped beings that constantly died and were turned inside out, before being brought back to life, endlessly. It had no head of its own, or at least not a stump or a hole or a dead-giveaway of there ever being something of the kind at its upper end. Instead, it was accompanied or constantly covered in this unnatural, clearly visible gas, that was not gas but a squirming flying storm of tape-worms self-devouring and giving instant births to instantly maturing replacing one another children that only gave the impression of there being gas because of the mess they made while eating with their mouthfuls. On top of them, they carried what was to be interpreted as a real head, or an artifact of the kind that could be taken for a head. It was a pockish-ugly thing. An almost deformed like a stone-animal skull, or an animal painted on a seashore stone. With two eyes like constantly swirling grates of metal-iron connected to it. What made it even more peculiar to lay sight on was the fact that this head was thrown back and forth, across the back, the full extension of the pincher, then the back, but never in one spot; a thrown-volley ball at their mercy. Or, this body might be taken for a giant dog’s flea emerging out of the body of an overweight man, but forcefully melted by means of wax and some arduous fire, the side of the flea’s slightly beneath its head, but into the chitin-buried there being the side-human head, whereas its flaccid down-pouring mouth, a fleshy tap, but accompanied by some strange holding onto it growths as well, of various sizes. Strangely enough, other than the pincer-appendage and the thrown around painted chunk, the body was still. It almost levitated above the floor while approaching. His daughter was normal, and most likely a slut. Albeit she was never allowed to leave the house and a virgin, kept so until marriage; a pyramid, the closes divergence into organic while connecting to the lower gut-area of a lower-side of its body; the house they lived in was made out of sutured-people and cadavers; a pyramid-vertically rotated funnel, but fatter, so fat that it grew on top of itself, holding onto itself, never letting go of itself, coiled, while also holding onto the entirety of the weight while flying.

‘Pox –Rotten Box Principle Shyngle, also, my father, you must stop this nonsense?’

‘Are you asking me to stop, or are you asking yourself?’

‘I do not know, because, I am, a woman.’

‘You shall marry a white man of my choosing.’

‘You don’t need to make it about race. I wasn’t going to say anything.’

‘And you’re also adopted and from this point on I’m going to rope you. I mean rape you.’

I hate jews and niggers.’

A knock came on the door

‘Horn, would you mind going ahead and opening it for me? I cannot, just do it, for me, if you don’t mind.’

‘Of course I don’t, I wouldn’t rule it out either, he could be ebbing to have a go at your neck straight out of the window, you know?’

Truly a most dangerous raffle that could end up with you, my dear loving husband being murdered by a most violent thing you could not for the likes of you wake up out of. This empty stooper that will have you kilt, it’s something I’ll have to live with if it ends up happening, I think.’

‘Then do not open it and wager no soulless stare I may have to deal with, otherwise you shall only be cast in disrepair, burdened burdensomely talking of empty vows.’

For what was felt between the two of them during that momentary show of caprice could only be shown as a sign of the obtrusiveness that was cast away by glance alone and gland of torn-apart there being a single, simple, simian-simpleton on the other side of the door, stooping low, lonesome as he awaits in place. I one were to only take a simple look at him he’d know what’s happening here, between the two parties that are only being kept with no regard. The simian, behind; from behind his neck erupted a grown-out-of-him-gas-cloud-filled-with-lumps shaped a second torso, shouldered by armless with a pseudo helmeted bone-cranial-skull of a second head that reared and aimed at the sky, a giant spear-spread-of a spike poking out of it, empty on the inside but domed as a helmet nonetheless, a crude open-mouth there laying. Whereas, from its every side erupted tiny unnatural, pointing randomly here and there, beaded by lumps elongations that almost gave one the impression, if he were to unite them of there being a blooming flower readying itself to sprout. Hidden in his hidden prosthetic simian stumps were strange dark appendages, holding in the light-hidden.

Lurid was struck almost nigh, her gander tried for, never-nigh approached by her husband who had lain benighted by her, in this eight body that was made for him to breathe in. Now, with him lain dormant as if inside an apparition of himself, cradled and submerged in this unnatural thing that was but a swollen-dived in barge of a see-through transparent cast, whereas the many bubbles that could once’ve been seen connecting him to the outside world, where his nose had been, the trajectory leading to where she had poked the straw of air through which he was given the ability to breathe; she could finally put herself to rest, no longer trying to forget, or forge another body at the test of a whim’s nest.

But there was this bothersome knocking, inconclusive, and ever-strikingly made to be aware of it, she drew nearer, fright of fossils there to be. A born-to-skin they lived, wretchedly dark-cast apartment where no shade came from the morning lump of a boiled cloth, the dish hat, that rang before their cast-away:

‘Open up immediately or it shall be carried on with most obtuse a wretch and quails a wonder!’

‘Who’s on the other side of this door?’

Recast yourself be-spoken or none shall be let it no more!’

But behind him, the simian, with his hidden invisible third-arm grown from beneath his right one to which it had been conjoined to, it drew with him a most ugly thing. A giant aquarium shaped little unnatural simple toil to grate, chameleon-hidden as if on a pane, and if one could see it from the side they’d know something was wrong.

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To his whim I give what less is there regard; and to his house whatever lays in hinges, and to the ones that shall follow right soon after, who had been taken for granted when benumbed, married forth, and in their caskets, of the burning coals that had inundated their bowls, the ones in their service and the ones belonging to their family’s culprit sin. And to them I vouch what heartless whim of soul, of wretch, of that which may be tokened by blood and drank forth by gluttony, purloin and felt. For his fat may rot and out of it, the buttons culled, one by one, inside the sin that may true follow; his sons but killed during the venial revolt, the riot of perturbation and that, which followed, that cannot be forgotten, nor be allowed to resurface from the pits in which cast.

‘And to thine servants I shall bid that which lip alone cannot taste, mercury of one’s own blood, and the one that follows true after and the one who bathed in himself, and to the ones that are blinded, the ones who serve the cones, the ones who bother so-much so and soon forget what happens when one forgets to move on.’

Prone to disease, his animals that waste; him the sculpture without limbs, appendages but a fat and a head, whose eyes are blind and scours the skies, bleak and beaked the men’s feet are whenever he flies by. Growths that never die but rot with their bodies, incomplete, yet yearned for as to be completely benigned they might, in future’s come and dark apparel. The caged fiends beneath them hid in barrels. And to them, wine and broth shall be brought and to his sons, I call upon such dark command as something to be still succumbed. Fear and frightened by no sky, as must be spoken of. They shall cry onto me and shall be tokened not search of flights, or be forgotten yet again as the tar is set in paced between darkened clouds.

‘Lands of your surroundings shall be toppled and reborn. Allowed to bring whatever’s cast away from them in whichever’s most ludicrous desire, from this point on you shall set forth. Anything for dark regard, anything that you ask, all shall be done, but for your blessing I beseech but hope that I may regain such fright, so much benigned, and so forth cried for, in the land of fright; where to be cast for, I shall rot away.

Benumb me with what little mind there is, allow me to recover what little of my mind there is, all in hope of such retrieval, drowned in blood. I need your hope, to be succumbed, forcefully if cast in spikes, and bleed upon such rotted Rhine, as thine bodies bid farewell and growths are to be plummeted in whatever there is cast away in darkened throne and mask of leper in the making, maimed, maimed by pain, maimed by resurfacing allure, which might prevail, whatever thine cast-blood that would resurface from the brothel of disease. I shall sullenly cast no prattle-peace, if thou must ask of it.’

Altars made and raised again, and whatever I can do, to bring it forth again, I shall. From the darkest, dampest pits, and flutter, from the pain and the ones that are yet to be called, disembowelled, I shall do and spare, cast and snare, thrust at unawares and do what must be done, frighten whatever little there is called forth, left, to be rotten or benumbed, until you're eaten by him, of frightened fear. That I may bask upon your glory before you disappear; whatever reason's left, such's may be called for, in trance or through disciple's end, may thine soul be blotted, cast each laughter's fear-fright.

'That one, the ones you've cast away in laughter, whose haughtiness's felt in prayer, heat. Painful as I may join each heap, twas your call before and twas's been each felt whiskered in fallacious ear, cut end's ear, made to rot.'

No other way could there be, but to worship him for long, until death's come early glance, which had been wilt to be carried through grave and through the darkest, longest-felt, longer than before prevailed, bloodiness abode, fallen in disease and forth, until mind's rot. Until your maiden's rot, until all is brought to an end!'

It would suffice no less than to bring forth fifteen harpies of different sizes and made to be rotten through caprice and through end's rotten danced, the ones that had been stilled in glance to have been eaten forth and made to dance like end's cottage made to be, burning in agony and in, thrice the altars, thrice the sacrifices, thrice the bloody bones obscure and the obstinate that shall endure, feet, arms, backs and the chopped off likes, the birthright of dirty-pus kings, come from long-lost wretched, leering forth a' paradise; but never of such livid-as were known. Never of the ones that spoke in tongues unless they rowed the same boats I was wilt to be carried in, for fate alone had me follow through, true and after, yet throughout my days I've never felt such true happiness in heap of succour's scourged and dark diseased, numb to the pain your bloody-wretched pus-begot!'

Something had to be brought to him, so that he would listen again. Move from the spot and see himself, by cottle-cottage, forced prevail, by whichever means that meant, and true, by the worship of dark sinew. If that meant what it means, if it would crack, piece by piece and crumble like the cuts that had been made to kill, wilt forth by desperation's come to an end, when the time's come to fallaciously terminal abhorred a lend; onto thine grave, when all's come and gone, to visit the benumbed of all pain that followed after when a trifle forth was therefore robbed, for you have paid graces for your crown! Lest be known of dark surround; such as fealty would succumb.

'I'm being raped by my husband's drill, Dave, our marriage is ruined by Obama, niggers, I loathe niggers, I am going to indiscriminately murder five, five children, the five children that are in this park, they're rubbery, slippery because I coated them in oil, setting them on fire, I intent on doing it, tomorrow, in the shack by the side of the road, near the park, leading to a trail of goading lamentation that Lucifer himself who is my father in law, and my lass, she will remember me for what I've done for the people during my youth, and younglings, kill your parents during their sleep; with the help of my friend, the giant volcano-pillar bloated-shaped torso bearing a head beneath it, at its base, that expands fifteen meters off its body-like some lizard come out of its hiding, a giant fleshy human head bearing a beard made out of a fleshy sack- as if bodies are inside of it, out of which, large spike-drill urchin bloated horn sprout at the ends of. He shall aid you in patricide!'

There was no man named Dave in the room.

Its head, the one standing in that corner was an elongated mushroom-stalk, filled with boils and curved above itself on an incline; revealing several twists, not like a cork-screw but with humps and bumps;:

‘I am heading to a café, seig-heiling everyone in the middle of their diner. I am going to yell kill all Jews, lynch all niggers so I will be listened to!’

A crudeness such’sn likes would instill-endeare yet endure the likens of the miasma that traveled into cones, bloated by their angular rows of curvedly extending rows of skinless bloated; there they cast, of ruminating rust, whatever was impressed on them, alas, was rude. A falchion of sparrows dead, plenty of them entered through the counting parking lot, the driver, I am the driver and I’m giving myself a thicket, tick-tick, tick’s the bomb. A large elongation of many tubes sprouted from the earth, bearing fourteen, all around, deformed figures as if imprinted on, those hands and legs were united into down-ward pointing yet elongated as well, as their legs and arms connected on an individual level, arrows, that were like jumping cords; the ones that had been imprinted on, the cask of a bloated figure, bearing sleights of arms, hands, appendages; held together by a most incommensurable amount of girthy blood, clotted by boils chained together by spiels, tendons and coils; whence fully come out, like rhubarb or lettuce on both sides, or a spade card, not the likes that had been destroyed and burned out, burned out. And the pack the man’s bloated heart twas saying, dancingly resigned. He bore a pack which bored, benigned, three of diamonds, two of clubs, the king of spades, as the bloated king emerged, dissected, erected from the spot and ended, split in half and playing along, nine of hearts, nine of diamonds, six of clubs, Jack of spades, five of clubs, Jack of clubs, the ace of diamonds, king of clubs, ten of clubs, five of hearts, nine of spades, four of spades, ten beating hearts belonging to the king of hearts, queen of clubs, four of diamonds, five of spades, five of diamonds, four of clubs, six of diamonds, Jack of hearts, three of spades, ace of clubs, ten of diamonds, two of diamonds, two of hearts, Jack of diamonds, six of hearts, seven of hearts, queen of hearts, eight of spades, nine of clubs, seven of diamonds, ace of hearts, three of clubs, queen of spades, queen of diamonds, seven of clubs, three of hearts, two of spades, eight of hearts, ace of spades, eight of diamonds, ten of spades, four of hearts, eight of clubs, six of spades, king of diamonds, seven of spades, all ran amok. But ten of hearts, it was one that was peculiarly reclined on top a gook’s mouth sprouted forth- hook on top of which the dribble cone’ awaking; soft.

Twas the year of the revolt, when of the great bloated brothers remembered emerging from one of the pits inside of which he had been standing for this much long; a stone-head of a body-torso fleshy with a boil instead of a head, with a hourglass pattern, as if a spider had been implanted in it, with a falchion-rapier sprouting out of it, from that point on and through the slouching bed of flight and wonder. Many growths started following after, black as shades.

A man was reading today’s newspaper; one of the ads immediately struck out.

‘I am a kkk-magician of lynching rope, my computations shall kill thine brown nigger; there is no hope! Do not provoke!’

Services-dumbfire; the drill was unshook.

Dave moved around the room; moisture still dripping off its corkscrew-hook.

It squirmed and poked, on top its weirdly most inclined, lest provoked, inclined attire, the cord as thick as a Gorgon’s, bloated and driv-el-ed with miss-fire! Where it shot each twist, each knot along; it gently

turned the door-knob and got out the way it came in. By murder, the corpses lay hanging past each drooling crack, a snap of the fingers annoyed him, his neighbor killed alive, where he stood, past the cranny-crook and brook.

The pleasantries were therefore panting.

‘The bloated king Anaghash welcomes you to the perilous abode, the painted lobes that enter thee during entreaty’s woe, and during the comb of death’s abode, there staying.

You are to be the falchion, prying in the raft.’

For it had block the cast. A bridge, alas, from the open door was seen. His neighbor quickly drew the attention of the drill, Dave, as he had looked at the destruction that prevailed. What once’s been an apartment now lay in ruin, thrust and cast away, in some chaotic mass of spiels and of wretched airs; black and tarty gas of pink with puddle purdy blobs of white-magenta, yolk a trifle, then accomb-bry, hen of trifle feather’s melt. But the bridge, it was long and sturdy, made out of some fashioned-ill, planks of till’s weather-cock, twisted around, like a forest of thinned, stretched ziggurats, in terms of the patterns in which they were clustered, a labyrinth of thorns and formations that were clustered together and down-caster was the yolk that bloomed. Large bulbs like bloated oranges or Greek oil olives in which parasites looking like fetus-formed grown in the shape of humanoids whose faces were ripped and they bore large lantern, umbilical-covered in tubes as to promote the sustain of the light, the continuous feeding of these pseudo-hammerhead gobbling hybrid elongated bulbs of light, that were likely to be taken for inflated like balloon tongues, or worms that drew from beneath the gulley, or maggots of some kind with many squirmy kilt-frog filled with their guts out, tubes-with wide-spread, across their lower-bowels and around them, underneath there being children of their own these pupae for mosquito, moths or caterpillars, hymen-covered in humanoid chiseled with chitinous unnaturalness and corrugated rust, prime-in their growth and waking, hooligans laying dormant, starving, there-fore ending the expectation of there being such upheavel, deep retrieval. At the end of the bridge there was the large mountain sprouted from beneath the earth, corrugated with junk and bodies, citadels of pyres, large erupting lances with faces embed in.

‘A surrogate mother to your husbandry’s hubris; that I would see if I were one of the servants and the illegible writings I had to procure during my stay in the one errantry’s room come-to, the waiting having stilled my nerves, though, albeit, I and I thinks os’osó’os-os-os, that I could’ve found myself bewitched by thine enkindling’s sent forth entreaty if that were the case. Yet, I yearned for blood in a wretch of a body that drew forth and only let me slightly come succumb to one of the pyramid-stones, the ones I myself could not see of dark entreaty coming, self-sojourn and trifle cone-abode, lestly spoken by him in a myriad of self-entreaties, in a solace of giant bloated ticks with human face faced-faces-faced baboons and boons, and trinkets-milk, in which bathed ever since had I seen a moth, I the pupae of the blot! And I killed the whore, and never paid alimony, the cunt, she was fed to them, who sucked, out of her, all the blood!

Unsent to jail, I spent my solitudes in these chambers of regrets.’

To which the drill had been taken to.

‘Thinking myself better than the entreaty would adjourn for such allowed listened to, and listen not to them, I wager they’re liars, empty criers, who only show out of their windows when it’s necessary for them to take jabs at us, purport to rescind and amend. I, the come through, bearer of the lighter; shall only so besmoke a barrel filled with grim-cigars. Only the contraband kind, lest betokened to benumbed, by what’s been happening since.’

He could only see, ask, and only so, a trifle since. It was all too, strange. In a particularly benighted part, kind, and kindness get benighted, was there only one hope for him to get after. To kill him as if it were only but a trifle, only that way could he get be-hanged by the time he could see a light. And this room, rounded, like a circular, slightly raised ball from another, beneath them, room, like a closet, but archival, holding this top of a spherical ball flattened into a floor, out of which, a peculiar abstract structure; a slightly raised, two meters worth of a raise – surfboard that was chipped around the sides and almost looked like a corrugated filled with pinches and with cuts and unnatural chipped by chisel, more often than not, done by mistake by people who’d see this taken past and taken heed to what was given onto them to work with, their limitations, despite being masters of the sculpt- basin, alabaster, marble, thin. With a spiral somewhere in the back and some empty moon-craters, but like two of them – depressions in the back, with tinier holes in them, the shape of actual humanoid skulls imprinted the way you’d expect to make a mould after with some resin or a cast of bronze, iron, whatever that be. Awkwardly interpretable only by schizophrenics if they actually put the time to ensure they could understand in which direction the skulls were shoved in, like bullet shots from the distance, and the back of a hammer, high flat but curved roundedly around both ends, leading ahead, as if, slightly hinged, perhaps because of how their form was dictated by the eye while looking at it from behind; two bubbles pushing this ‘board’. That almost looked like some uglier knife, out of which, if seen from the tip of the slightly raised, almost an anvil rather than some board, a frontward pushing giant maggot-growth, of the same stone, leading to a perfectly straight-held humanoid-high torso, but compact, and with a slightly hinder-lost some weight- reminded of depression, as to signal the presence of a rib-cage, a crane-back neck-formation devolving into a frontward ‘bridge’ of fat, the size of a van, leading into a peculiar penguin-top of a sculpture in the rear-back of which it was lodged. This penguin-formation of stone cast a shadow, being placed precisely on top of the anvil-board out of which the girth of the maggot, and the stone was not stone but belonged to some unnaturally ugly fleshy substance that wasn’t skin; drew out of; that, that might’ve, if pulled out of the ‘floor’, could almost look like a sword hilt, albeit hard to grasp, and hold in hand, the difficulty being something of a misdemeanor; with the pummel, being kind of a weirdly sculpted brush even, its tip the beak and what not. And the room wasn’t simple either. Many hole and many raised structures that conjured no immediate thought as to what the reason behind them being put in place was there for one to begin to wonder what went on their side of admission. Since they were shaking like crannies-crooked, allowed respite only now and again while they shook. A slender-flying gelatinous chitinous rounded plate with empty eyes, it stole two from men, and they were always open or appeared to have been for a long time at least, crying with slander, hairy by spears of dead-skin that it still bore from some war, ancient and draft come hunter, draft-of many wont and wonder, a few centimeters of spools and poofs adding together as they were come out of its ‘mouth’, like dandelions or puffy white spores coming out, then twisted like hair-tails, where, at the end of there ebbing an ugly devil’s tail of a dripping with moist murky faces of men that fell onto the floor and smiled at them, the drill and the man, while they continued running amok with flight-end trifle come-between each end of day, pain, pain, the mad transgression started coming

onto them. And he was utterly incapable of understanding, Dave, for he had accidentally eaten some of the blots.

‘I think it’s asking for an admirer’s voice to beheld, abhorred and cast into stone while fall away, get drunk.’

‘You speak its tongue despite the silence?’

‘I utter rape, hate niggers, must kill them into wincing railway.’

‘But what of it, what of it? My dear friend.’

And the moisture, so meager, eager to be-numbered; a trifle for what was come and done, when the time was come onto the prow, empty sack of gutten-tag:

Flights of mosquitoons, whose toes, they were largely eager, like men, tall, and like buffoons, all come bearing their large stacks of perilous treasure’s stolen left over; piles of men left behind so they could be sent to flight, and come alive, from the distance’s come to an end, tonight.

Was there ever a moment’s truly unruly peace when time was come of empty numb and where-to, to and fro, when they sacked the ends of Rome, when they hanged the empty throngs with dust, drowning the sepulcher with the roads, the water-canny antelopes out of which the grim bouffant allowed there-entry; death of kin.

‘I see a man of a similar ink, for he had been long in this cysted citadel of sutured-niggers, empty long!’ For the corrugated pieces of junk hid away the knives from sight.

‘Who, of thine kin of come to plunder?’

Lo, behold, Lord Nigger-Spherebox:

‘You’ve been waited for at the court, yet splinter cranium-alacrity into which hid less bowels’ drafting knife, with which onto you there comes only the most tenebrously benigned an architectural delight; for thine errands have allowed you to come after such entreaty, trifle’s come and onto play.’

‘Where to go and where to remain?’

Was the question of most agony prevails, when the hour’s adage, plenty cabbage for you to eat; I will pay for it; I am rich but I won’t retreat easily, unless you cut my feet, like but Dutch-man’s nigger-like, replace feet with hands, or hands with feet, the other way around ain’t fine unless you do me well.

Corpses cannot tell the time when the boat’s running, come-around the far-light’s pruning.

‘Holocaust is waiting for you.’ Said Nigger Spherebox.

‘I thought he was but a legend to appear.’

‘Ah, but trifle’s kind emerging.’

As benign as they would be set to walk, they were stopped, for the sculpture was but turned around, facing them, by its own accounting, by its own wanting, and in a second's stretch, it drew ahead and ate the ape, a gulp beheaded Nigger's sphere, boxed in gut, died away, setting them in flight.

They ran, they ran and they ran, away-away, away! Hinder, sightened by the light that drew. And many birds that came anew, of flesh-but rot, and they were all leaping about, shouting nigger.

'Nigger, nigger, nigger, nigger!'

Another bird came in and joined, they didn't know what to do; the fray:

'Nigger, nigger, nigger?'

But this time around, there came no river.'

Death was uncertain, they ran around. All chambers were colored and flashed, like seizure- giving you, retarded child, I hope you die in cancer; so does your mom.'

Wretchedness followed like a pus lantern they had carried along them, on top their backs, nervous at every step, seizure-confused by the many pulsating gradients of many such delights of similar ilk and appeal. Many, many, many that had almost rung their trifle gone and had seen their pleasure disappear.

Hidden Jackal Man the Rapist:

'I'm going to Holocaust the Jews, ha-ha, I'm going to assassinate; before that. Friends, let's kill the Jews, let's lynch these niggers, these spics, I hate brown people, fucking arabs, they need to, ha-ha, their children need to be tortured!

France? Going to bomb a few cities in France, yeah, as well as central Europe, there's no place safe in this world. I intend on planting bombs in the United States. I am a CIA asset, a crisis actor. Blood is on my hands, and pants, I piss it on plants!'

You've been holding up the crowd for a while, now, and across a few weeks, days-passing, albeit slower than usual, when I was a child, the same as then, I noticed, several times at this point in time, having come to wilt it, doubtably were it come at any time to've made a similar choice, I should know, but, while I'm in no possession of any perchance foil, that could aid me in trying to figure, I'm walking, slicing, bowing, riding, coming, approaching from the northern point of the star- A Magus of some sorts, bowed, bowling; that there's no way of crossing without being killed, dead-men walking who've been charred are now corpses down to their very ankles but unlike niggers they still put in the work necessary to have something done on behalf of my compatriots of no lesser measure, imparted upon by botch-snot; and the line, that formed behind the crowd, snaking in like a spear-shaft, trying to cut through this yellow-butter of yellow Chinamen who're devoid of understanding or placing some similar understanding to some reasoned approach, as to understand, what's there left to understand, why it is that they're dying in masses, killed despite trampling and having trampled on top their bodies; yellow-niggers chasing chicken-rice; four am, the other day, during the first latter part of the years, that come clashing every time I image a woman being Rpad; that being besides the point, there is no sun, nor sky, but a domish-square pseudo compact, ceiling holding everything together in its clasp, a multitudinous reality of ceilings had been shot like rifle bullets, then implanted, then stitched to the squared on top dome. It was a long rectangular-

ceiling, block. With the people who lived at the top floors, who'd once been living in their apartments being stitched as well to their top lamps, their paints, and their upper-cement frames, lodged in there, eternally. And unevenly, since they ricochet-shot but were drawn back since these were not actual stitched but the strange substance, a moldy oozy thing, waxen-fleshy but part of four jewels, it was their blood that hardened, calcified but was struck in an awkward position, since it was like resin, or bark-bubbly ant harvested by - resin, which initially violently bounced, before trying to restore itself to its initial position. Mushy-forestry, but tree-lichen, it was goop. Several formations of them as well, since they were incompatible with one another. The 'stitches' were their out-grown 'hairs', that were caused by a spook of frighten, since they were assaulted, and easy to kill, but the supply was endless for they could easily be replaced by the dome. It looked like some broken apart puzzle with the people being dead-eyed opened for talk, but no one spoke to them. A sea of hardened cemetery open tombs, with them staring down, martyrs. Yes, they yearned for escape, not the men, but the puddly blood-beings. To themselves and left to run into the fields, they were like long Arabian-sized Plateaus, or sea-carpeted made of stingray interpretations, whose hairs were dead cells that became as hardy as chitinous chitin because of the trauma they were forced to suffer as a result of the impact. Less like hairs, but more like, in all sense and means to understand it, dead-cell-made spears. Without, and devoid of the force they were so desperately in need of, they were incapable of pushing them down. Weighted by them, yet the dead cells would not fall apart. For their innards-composition, despite being blooded-robed, being given birth by crystals that had been shattered, from a planet made completely out of them, yet during and on which, clashing and clashes between them were known to result into them being killed by means of some highly acidic steam that completely destroyed their, to their planet, earthly composition. Most peculiarly said, their form, inside the crystals was closet o some putrefied-hard lumpy gas, or quasi solid because of the moisture in-between the coming to harden and reverting to some form whose initial manifestation or the whereabouts were unknown to everyone, since, the crystals were entirely sealed and were still in need to devour some compendium of air-like substances it ate upon with a system of lesser, tinier, maw-like, with hundreds of bulb-attached smaller pincer-mandibles that were as elongatedly curved as Arabian swords, and mostly clustered together into a French-old gun-powder 'powered' canon, like a tiny skin-volcano, or something ugly and phallic but made out of octopi-arms which were wrapped around one another, since these hardened gas-sparingly cutting and assimilating, made for gaseous processing tools, were seemingly evolved to do this, applied to brute force as a means of selecting only the strongest and the most reliant that both allowed for the function, and the self-resuscitation, since with every passing moment, of being allowed to drain the gases to their "heart's content", they died endless deaths, as a result of some process sharing in similarity with reverse- asphicpiation, air was for them what water is for us if our lungs needed a certain amount of water being directly inhaled into them as a necessity for survival, while we also learned how to cut open and resuture our lungs; which gave onto life and sight, a most alarmingly thing to beheld, as these strange oozy-out of some olive branch taken, pea-long beads formed everywhere inside their cavernous stretched. Worm-like ridges being widespread everywhere not by chance but by the foil of gases that formed saws, a strange unexplainable thing, since so many of them were completely incompatible, the middle entry into these giant-give crystal cysted cocoons, which were ugly-formed two at each end, cone-fat united by their fatter four-sided, squared-beneath them, pyramids, but filled with larger mountainous regions outgrown everywhere. Their insides being thinner than that, regardless of it, they bore, after all, straw-like wind gaping formations which was like a drill- spinning many saw that had been put inside of them. But somehow these giant growing bubbles started emerging everywhere, awkwardly floating, unless fallen short of altitude, in which case they would seemingly be cut in many

pieces; or altogether, ruined. Many blooded 'children' of the guts were born and being fed that way, since every single one of them, naturally, like some magnet started drifting, in terms of particles, to their preferred gas-mix. Since after all, most of the gases were a mix in different proportions, yet homogenous to one another, devoid of any alien-like particles; of themselves to begin with. As a result of shattering, the form that one would take, or the life that this patch that would be thrown and lopped against, would be cast out as some incomplete membrane that would eventually harden and die off, since in this peculiar state, its incompatibility of existence would allow it only the freedom of flight and scouring the ground before its untimely end would finally take it, since it couldn't feed itself any longer. An ending to it indeed; whereas one could only draw this from the whole, devoid of touch and human emotion, the contamination, that is to say, which occurred, rendered it incapable to revert to its gaseous form. A rotten bouncy carpet making dead-haired cells, which would further consume its body; by chance, it would also act like resin, so much so that, some of the dead hairs would have allowed for death masks to be made, for the unfortunate men, women, children and animals that had been shot out of their homes and into these dead jellies before falling back to their deaths, instead of being formally impaled. An ugly trunk- with many peels, rotting, decaying continuously as a result of not being put out of its misery; this showing up as no surprise since its current state only came as a result of being exposed to the various gases and particles of Earth; plus the domish-thing which was anything but a part of it, it being more of a four-great joined in, bone-like lumpy-thin pieces, that joined one another by means of growth. A giant man being outside, resting, see-through head and every body part as well, with the town in his gut, and the citizens being contorted into living organs, despite their unawareness; But it was a coagulation of many added together beads, tiny, really, that managed to implode into these saddening to look at moving membranes that were beyond abused. Cutting them even would be necessary, mostly so, in order to properly make out what truly was made of them, what made them tick, if there were tendons in them, veins, earthly organs and what not, and whether or not all they did was rot. And unlike the crystals, these patches weren't entirely alive, more like viruses, yet. No infection occurred, nor was there a way to properly test this either. It was a strange process. But somehow, while inside their crystal originators, their bodies, once hardened, since hardening was a natural occurrence after all, even prior to them being cut, they were put back together, piece by piece, whether it meant at an atom level where every molecule was somehow drawn into, it must be it, as no other explanation would do or serve one to understand. In the middle of this invisible cylinder keeping all of the gas-saws in check, there are a multitude of elongated segmented invisible, pure-invisible gas-hardened gas, as in, almost like iron, a special-iron hard gas, like long doctor-fingers ripped out of their hands and put together, waiting, but many of them, perhaps in the hundreds and thousands, protecting the layers, which would be like Earth's atmosphere, a stratosphere-like one, and similar to it, still belonging to some peculiar walling-structural gaseous- branch, that would make it hard for molecules to enter unless allowed and wanted to. Its brain being stuck in one of these layers, long-held, from one side to the other, trailing along; while some of the blood-beads, of hardened clots scattered or drifted, molecule by molecule shot, each 'gas-saw' being more of a, since rigged as well, oblong-fat made nigh-saw made out of thin-added together grass-blades of mixed that allowed the tiniest of particles, henceforth the bloody ones, or those other gas-atoms incompatible to them, to pass through without mixing and without doing any damage. It's as if each gas-saw was a race, or a peoples, made out of many sub-races, shredding everything to pieces but allowing some individuals to pass along without mixing or adding to the mix. One by one, each molecule would be drawn back into the main tulip of air, by one of the many arm's elongated finger-like tinier than themselves, hundreds in every finger's end open hole, out of which they drew of; dead ends, perhaps, gaps between each saw, not to mention that it was rather

titilatingly dangerous for them to act outside their means of protection, since they could be shot down by the many extremely fast moving molecules they were vulnerable to the sight of. Henceforth they would have to act fast when it came back to picking out these organic components. And they were not only blood molecules either, but hybridized, put in a mixer or blender organs, which were all in possession of fragmented brains that regulated, at certain intervals, each necessity it was in need of, the crystal that is, to survive. Hence the reconstruction of every organ had not only and was not only in need to be precise to begin with, but it also needed a certain degree of tactical knowledge and planning as to not just fully recreate them but to plan ahead where they might be planted, for when the next lot began to shoot in and after they were properly eaten to begin with as well. Like giant tundra tree-palms. Perhaps most innocuously said lay the fact that, they were capable of endless reconfigurations in terms of shape when allowed to growth and exposure to whatever material and chemical there lay out there to begin with; but that lest be said and seen for side-to-side and sight of eye. One can only think and take into account the fact that, they had a brutish kind of society of cysted crystals they lived in, no further but closer to the sand-covered, giant fetus-being filled with, unbirthed creatures beneath the edges and ends of, by the one fallen king who rot, and who lay in a most disgustingly rotten, an ammoniac broth; their scents were only succumbed to stay. But regardless of it as well, the domish thing held the ceiling high. As if someone had iron-boarded a flat "I" on his belly, the citizens gathered around, at various times of the day, scanning with their eyes alone for something like the looling Nektar and the False Martyr who had once visited them during one forth-night. They celebrated Christmas and were all Christians, belonging to Eastern Orthodoxy as well; not the men, women and children who had been killed, whose deaths were interpreted by the locals as being nothing short of some divine reckoning because they were most likely so pagans who turned away from god. Sticky blood-trampolines with hidden hairy spikes, they've been implanted in the poor slumbering forever man, the life of his citizens, the lifeblood of his nerves. But the point remained; they couldn't revert back to their original forms because of how much time they spent trapped in this quasi-solid thing. Losing particles that would dissipate into the air, absorbed forever. Ever so more would one start considering the strangeness in terms of circumstances with which one had endowed himself, honored in some sense, to be met so by, at a later point in time or life, befitting in some way, rather, unpleasantly disjunct, despotedly-disjointed by this rusty brass-bronze rotted, corrugated and miss-gotten by chance, an ill medal in possession of a lost-forlorn and much to itself benigned rotten order of some twenty dead figures cast in tar, a few of the faces being imprinted if not all in this giant man's cap, trapped in it they are, now, appalled by the sight alone, as do many presently abhor, twenty or so in the gathered in crowd, all but highly opinionated to say something about this unpleasant circumstance, as they are part of the navy, the order having been shot down on the watery fronts of Waterloo, with an even heftier circumstance awaiting around the corner, only for the signal of reigns that would allow for them to be aroused, from what's been gathered, around the poultry of a nomenclature's direly abode, there's this incontinence of a faultry beaded-bidden-brought, petally rosy, where they spat the rest of the dire-rotten fishes they had eaten while submerged in rot. Plentily abhorred by stranger's sight and dark abode as four trains finally came, all bearing their elongated knives prepared, jousts of iron, slithering in squirm as they jumped around, crushing house to house, all of whom exploded and threw the bodies of the tenants wherever they were allowed to land. Giant nasty rotten figure, skinned like prune humanoids if they were contorted by pinching and twisting until they became flies without hairs, or filled with black vortexes leading to nowhere, thinned by empt-surround, cocked-backed by humps and rumps, hunchbacks, but mad, akin to jackals, they came out of nowhere, their faces were eight times the size of their bodies, and bloated completely with long-arm kept, from inside of them, arms made their organs, all were reeds of

bothersome to stare at for long periods of time, hoses that moved, and kept the head connected in each case, satiated by greed of blood and meat-eating, they lasted not a second longer, the survivors that were charred, eight degree burns spread everywhere, only to be eaten whole by these squarish nigh-nigger masked voodoo blocks of push out of every corner a bubble-oblong of a side of their heads. And they were open, in the front only, by ziggurat formations of skin, piled one after another, on top of each other, coming in rows. Plates of flesh they were, with hardened layers darkening as they pulsated while the head was split for entry, when it came for the time of sustenance to be had. And it was a maligned thing, allowing them to run around, but they were too fast, fast beyond relief. When looked upon either by the trains or by the people who were there, whom were distracted from admonishing their admiration of the strange medal-ark, for it could not be referred to as anything but the likes, they immediately drew their long pincer-feet back like origami-accordions, until they feigned lawlessness; blown out by army's service, didn't sign up for having my legs blown up in Iraq despite having graduated top of my class, a sign of pride but that won't pay my bills if the Government is taken over by liberals who hate me because I sacrificed something for my country, most of what I have and I am, only to be spat upon- pure seething hatred being propelled from one side of the other of this, of this, unexplainable thing they called demure. It was a defense-ical position of the sort, children accommodating with oogling at the beasts. Fetal-position curved slightly, hindered, pandemonium-withdrawn, to the right, but, no closer to the broken moon, a slither and a song of the brothel-swoon. In actuality they were nothing more but some ugly overlapping raised mound formations, compact-square leeches, or open flower-maws that opened out of this overly blown out of proportions, fat, bag of a head, nastily trying itself to keep the organs inside. What a great medal it was, the canon shot, and these things, as the sound echoed, ran away, legless, even fell, got up, some of them, ran immediately, never were seen after. Yet some of the trains started going after them, thrusting themselves as far as they could, without a mention of the obscure arcane with which they were possessed by, the rotten figures of the giant monument started whispering in the dark. Pol Pot was a great man, one of their grandest magister their order belonged to. He had made an intercontinental bridge from one side to the other of the world, one of the Greatest Revolutionaries that ever existed, who had fought the perversions the West had fallen a crude-enough victim of, Oriental in dark approach, without a way of feeling the skin-rays that had placated with their bodies, sun, the world's eyes, being blindly forced to forget what was going on as they expanded, grew and formed a false sun that allowed for them to split in three open-wound formations which absorbed both the sun, wrapping them in, and themselves, having become strange pseudo rolls that hybridized-vaporized themselves into a most paradoxal thri-connected edifice that made no sense whatsoever for one who'd choose to behold a sightened stare upon, slashes that were crisscrossed by accident but mourned to be brought back to life; I really hate niggers and kikes, but I am also an evil kikes that ought to have been thrown in the oven when one's had the chance, the Holocaust should've happened, all this could've been avoided if it's been done; I should assid what the nomenclature in the following Pharmaceutical morose permeation of meticulousness tawdry bring upon the sightened faultry need of speak to say in terms of understanding's come today's chip in bargain's understanding of the matter. Chowder can only come from blood-spinach. And they gathered it, a lot of it, beneath their nest. It's where they dragged the people they had harvested from above. Large sticks-of bramble, ramble, put-in crumble, bread as well. Each pebble? Why of course, there was nothing in this hobble more important, inopportune a moment to talk about, but the pebbles. They had cave chiseled imagery, with bars and bats and little lepers fight one another, kept in thorny-bushy bramble, branchy hands, kept a hold of hard, some even curled their fingers, clenched in-fists

holding these beautiful pearls, from falling apart and being lost forever, beneath the giant man's belly's wax-ford crust.

There is no hope left for either of them, at least not in the shape they are now. Mostly trapped, bars of fleshy bone-pillars strapping their shoulders into spherical crude spiked by cone protrusion things that disallow even the slightest movements from occurring unsupervised; elated in some way that one would even pay attention, as most busily a man, woman and leper merely pass them by without even acknowledging their existence, without even the rudest approach, the rudest contortion, there's a slither of a faulty hope leaping around them. A miasma coming out the sun. A block of red fleshy antler-frames put together in the hundreds forming every building around them, most of them having men implanted in them outside, the weather warring with their broken bodies as they'd grow into large opal-shaped butterfly manta rays with elongations beneath and above them, eight in number on both sides, like lyman-slug layman serpent boggling, with cylindrical glow-tubes at their ends like German war-grenades or similar to that design, wide-spread and seen even before the first or the second world-war. There was something of an un-ending, un-enduring pain, as they were allowed to leave only for the summer-before returning to their nests.

'A bomb at every level, including every floor and every hallway, every apartment, ticking continuously, in wait for release, an explosion of that magnitude would mean.

Indeed it would, there's no helping in it. This floor is the safest one, I wager. There's nothing but a single commuter that isn't even ticking.'

'They're not bombs, my good friend, they're triggers.'

'You're bluffing!'

'I'm most certainly not, see now, here's the danger, in the basement beneath us.

A nuclear silo filled with nuclear water that could spill and spit at any hour. If you mind me not saying just this; you should most definitely leave as soon as you can. There's definitely no way of getting through it alive. Certainly not with that in mind.'

'Is there only one silo?'

'Eighty seven of them actually, leaping from wall to wall, their corrugated legs, mechanical, leapfrogging ear-creekers, crickets of metal locusts, crickets of metal locus singing in the dark; if one of them ever so much spills that which he is holding inside of him, there's going to be a huge nuclear devastation going soon enough we'll be having to deal with. Or not. Best case scenario is that we both die in the explosion, which may or may not be so, a most inconsiderate outcome of their play.'

'Then I shall hide there with the Jihad. And we shall eat waffles and Canadian covered in corn-syrup pancakes until the world is deemed safe to walk in.

And I shall make cardboard rockets and bomb the Capitol thereafter.

A dead-end dead scenario which shall make me live forever if you understand where I'm headed with this.'

‘I truly don’t see any way out for you, my friend, with all hat’s end inside of which you’re laying, I see no tip you that may suffice your apparent dislodging from reality, not that I would see it oozing any time sooner, yet.’

‘Perchance, say, would you happen to have a lighter on you? It would most definitely be something of a lure for fish if you had one. I need it.’

‘What for?’

‘You’ll see.’

They were in the building smoking large tabernacles and ham, venison and breaded fish with water-soup, only water in it, boiled by rack of fire they turned the inner frame of a bed into. The lighter was part of his toe, he had been forced to cannibalize his own treaty delight in order to amputate the parasite that was hiding inside of him. A long thin fat man, with the diameter of a long-bullet. Hiding inside his leg, a livid-living peg of the sorts that had been drawing away from him valuable sustenance he could not do without. And now it all paid off, ripping him out, strangling the little fucker, then splattering him on the floor. Stopping the bleeding off his toe through which he had pulled out this liquefied fish-like inside its mouth parasite that had been lodged inside his leg vein by sheer brutal force, with the help of the lighter that was then left there forever from this point on without deciding or being capable of putting an end to this massacre that was unfolding in front of his very eyes as they spoke. A most intermediary thing he could not draw away from. Thinking continuously of the next day. What would unfold tomorrow? – From the thoughts, the mind and the wrongdoings of Bottle-Snake, the un-operated split god-being, oratory of the Yellow Rider.

They marched along a most in-contested upon territory that’s been grabbed a hold of inside the Basilisk-like room, a conical triangular below but cubical on the top deformed into a candle’s flame horn-torsion as if it had been pushed out, a tip-balloon with bodies hid in. Niggardly, niggardly, dark-buffoon. The building was locked. It was dark outside.

Part of the sky was covered in military barracks, and within the hour there were no clouds, no niggers outside, nor any people walking unattended. Many of the agents started filling in the giant bloated frog-shaped, with man-legs, and heads that were curtain-flat, corrugated and filled with long extensions that had horn-like forests drawing out of them, each equipped with thousands of harlequin-wrapped plates like taxidermist placed humanoid faces, of the many political figures and historical people that had been assassinated and revitalized, their organs stored in whips that dangled like tails. These were their living nests without which they were definitely incapable of living for long or out of. It was an unnecessary evil trying to pull them away from this, this innocuous thing that was the draft. But they feared the draft.

‘My brother, I think there’s no solace to be had any longer, there’s this thing I need to tell you.

I’ve burned whatever was left of me, my face, it’s grainy, filled with dark evils that draw at me below the curtain when I’m trying to get up. It’s something I never even considered as of yet, but suicide by carnage might be the only way out. And the only thing I can say is this. I need a bore of strong bottle-reeds to eat my legs with.’

Ladies remain uninvited for the time being.

Later in the day, the sunken blood of the mockery driven by the incubation, after having fed upon the polluted blood of one of the six great limbs belonging to him:

Somehow the mountains that were previously touched only momentarily so by a wind of steely alabaster trauma had been boiled adrift by a sunray of varied melting lights that completely suffocated them with rising puffs of steam, clouds, and geysers of some fifteen hundred thousand degree Fahrenheit, that had not only removed the enveloping coat which had been thoroughly melted by a gradient of degrees that lend a false impression, according to which, as such, as it would make him believe it had been cleaned by some astral janitor whose move left a corrugation of rakes, out of which, a few still carried along slices of heavy weather, between lanes of green Nevada; that aroused the worst sins of humanity whose maintained permeability of abhorrence had distilled into him the cranial semblance of a balloon while his ego only turned each shatter into gray, replacing every memory of yellowish hay spent caring about them before the time of the flight's arousal returned to haunt him once more, incapable of properly forgetting what had once been promised to him by means of tradition, by means of love, daunted yet found again, solace being claimed in this impossibly to explain, yet taken, endeared as a tenebrous abode he could not escape from any longer, since he's spent many summers, many petals, flower-ages, trenches that had come to pass, many yet rendered improbable by him, himself, as to account for his own and no one else, that he had failed in his monk-itude of a search, for guidance, being left alone to suffer an eternal death, caprice, nimbleness of fingers serving only as a pantomime's edge while nicking off the wings of fireflies, holding of the candle above its own reflection, of a pond. Now he was definitely losing his mind, in this play of cruelty. Why must he pick off the wings of a firefly? Why is this done, performed so cruelly, gruelingly so, like some surgeon who turned into a Neo-Con, it probably would've been more fitting if I had used an army medic or something more in the bein of, fugg, the state of the Union, and the Workers of the World United, Union, have, so far refused to answer his many sent-over-the-time-span-of-fifteen-years, by means of pigeon, letters, that carried secret intelligence regarding his communions with the goats that were Agents of the Government who served as CIA assets, like Reich Spondacks, a man he had been affiliated with ever since their early days in the Facility, of the Lord. He punches himself in the gun and falls into the pond, all wet, his candle-light, all blown off, he's trying to, he's struggling to get out of the water but can't swim, and he's drowning, while coyotes make their way around, forming a circle, waiting for him to come out, but not out of the closet like some dumb fucking faggot, but to eat him, yearning for man-meat, devouring him, cannibalism, there are cannibalistic natives, of the mountains amongst them. He thinks, because he is a man. A man uses logic, his rationale. He is intelligent. Women on the other-hand, would die, if a woman was stuck in the same circumstance as he is in now, she'd die. I'm most certain she would die, she'd drown, without a doubt, she would immediately drown as if she was never ever alive to begin with and this is why I loathe women of the females species. Dumb cunt, you cannot drown in a kitchen, you wouldn't even chop off your arm if you were stuck in some cave, but, you would probably chop of a finger by accident, because you're infested, with MODERNITY! Modernity is an evil disease promoted by the Jews as a means of subversion in order to brainwash the woman into thinking she's somehow supposed to be on par and equal terms with a man, incapable of realizing that she is far

beneath him by a mile, a long mile at that, and she must serve the man and do what he says and I can grab my appendage with both of my hands, yet females seem to loathe my appearance and not give themselves to me, I Stefan, being a redeemer, someone in search of a means to destroy this Judaic-Bolshevik disease that has infested females, with modernity, while at the same time, I must also play both sides because of my kike ancestry and must Holocaust the Jews while also promoting Modernity in an attempt at controlling female-women, in order to subvert and destroy. But this was not a story about Stefan; it was about Phallic-Peep Inkghor Nigger-slayer Esteban, born in Spain, Portugal.

Esteban, you are drowning, wake up so you do not die by drowning!

‘We are holding a banquet in this hobble but you were not invited in, Esteban del Parnicia, Phallic-Peep Inkghor Nigger-slayer Esteban!’

‘How comes thee utters my name thrice?’

‘You can read minds as well?’

‘Why yes, I know all about you, porters and your hive-mind of portery!’

‘Poetry, dipshit!’

‘I meant what I said. Can I come in?’

‘You, fine, come in, you are allowed to stay on the side, beneath the table, but only beneath the tables, nowhere else, nowhere near the ladies since you are a creep and I cannot stand looking at your ugly fucking face. I fucking hate you, I’m a rapist as well.’

As are all porters. I hate women, I loathe women, I want to kill them in their sleep!

The party was expected. At four am in the morning, fifteen more of the masked guests arrived at the banquet while the pompous ladies, presently in charge with the current deliberation stood still. Pigeons finally delivered their messages, having entered through the four-paned gates, opened by chance, for them to come through, in their heads, the ladies now lain down, bleeding. Every single one of them suffered some concussion. It was beyond painful. Gruesome even, how these avians feasted on the poor ladies, and the lads were cracking jokes at them, the festivities having only now begun. It was a miracle, one of the critiques present, a Protestant Catholic who was smoking a hand, the side of his head, converged in hair, a giant shark-fin, diverging into a ear-like open tuba-formation that was the side of his cranium, his right eye being giant, triumphantly deformed, teeth adorning the rims of this pseudo-deformed maw-car racing track of one lane, one lap, pseudo long oblong that was but a bone-seen from the outside, connecting to the flapping harder-fatty fin of a fleshy covered misscreation. He was sitting on an ugly, pepper-shaped, fatter around the top, contorted barrel, instead of a chair. By him, a large fridge sized, pseudo old metal cigar, or music-changing thingy rounded at the top device-shaped – by means of inserting coins in it to change the tune, fat-bulbic round- thick thing, there being there one, with a small slightly raised out of itself, from beneath the floor, tinier –second cylindrical head of a rise bearing a hole as well as the main ‘device’ bore. Which was responsible for creating the smoke limbs he had taken a few of, adding more to his degrading, ugly-ly distorted stature; and the carpet was as far as a sea-ray, two or four centimeters off the ground, shaped like a giant elongated triangular rendition of a mountain, two-dimensional almost, that

sprung out of a shoulder, if this were a man, that connected to a large truck-squarish giant razor, that could be taken as a shell, a snail without a head, the slug's tail being a tipped blade, which was inside, the entirety of the carpet, or, more like the upper part of it, nonetheless, pseudo elephant of walk-through without being impeded by it, invisible cubical, as in cubism, not really, but more like compact flat shapes made out of, forms, gelatin, of a specter it was. This tipped by its right' shoulder of a stalagmite, sheet, had a small human eye, its left eye that being, whereas the other one was sutured in, bore a mouth shaped like a raised bumpish fortune cookie merged with the back-handle of a rifle, extremely wide, which were both seated on top of a normal on top the water, at sea-level, boat, the rife might've been a baronette that was shoved in, whereas the cookie was more of a sponge that merged with the poop deck of the ship, growing into the rifle and the wood as well. Oh, and here was Michael, standing next to the Critic, while the women were still devoured by the bloody pigeons, he had no face, he was wearing someone's face he stole, an old vintage fat telephone-shaped head, a brick-thing puffy fat, with a left pseudo horn, sharp like a harpoon-spear, that drew some of the fat off the cheek as if it had shot through its head or was lodged onto it, and a fat car airbag-beating growth coming out of its right side of the head of an organ beating in the open-light. His eyes were see-through and his real eyes couldn't be seen, only a black squirming thing behind it. This face he stole, had no nose. But a beak-hole that could be interpreted as a mouth, because the upper' "lip" of a five centimeters of drooping, low-hanging, 'skin' gave that impression of. It still accompanied a hole and nothing more.

Many of the guests present there came from a variety of social backgrounds of varied stature and placing in the high-society, including gentlemen of high renown, street criminals of entered through the State's back-door with the help of their relationships and connections and what not, their stature and their, their sipping on the miasma-drinks filled the air with travesty come out of snobbery pulsating with every moment's reprimand on how poor the shmucks outside are for not being here.

'Reginald, please begin again with your most reprecitous up-dandy, I am in need of having tickled bow.'

'My poor dear's come to laceration's calling, but am simple, cannot do each o!'

'Borderline deprave and litter, I can call upon a servant to do us go, fiddle with it.'

And they moved into a more private room. She was pretty on the eyes, with the pompous drummer idling upon a riddle gander, for the foresty triumph which was promised to him for trailing all way home, come falter, but serenade come out of Baroque would not do, a hopelessly sung toodaloo, as to impress, or even gaudery tillen wax of honey rust. To remind her of the Spanish lust; he'd such consider. This woman, this woman's a tattletale, she'll tell the coppers if I do it too rashly!

If one would think this nasty, to say the least they should rear their heads onwards onto the streets, where this mulatress' walking, the Lady of Liberty belonging to the punk brigade, her father working on the Fireman department store charade, with an artifact tied around her neck, a pumpkin's trinket of the Halloween red-gum making implanted in the apples given to the children, unfit to the masquerade, tiny present, made, so their parents will remember you next time the cops cross your street, mate! Casanova is her boyfriend, but only on Saturdays, at any rate. Fashion-police ought to take this one and throw her out of the lane she happens to be dangling by, hardly a faulty grenade, the Pioneers would have to throw this one out down the mine shaft and never look back, again. With steps like you would think she'll never be capable of walking ever again, and would be grateful for it as well.

But the couple, Reginald and Lassie were in a simple room that was empty-grated, with a single black hole with squirming worms coming out of with, in pitch dark, just the two of them. Waiting, waiting, waiting, not even wanting to do something until, out of that tiny hole a black cord began being lowering the lightbulb. It was day again!

A Charleston, parked nearby. The Parking-lot dome. Marie Curie is a nice lady, on the Birmingham port. Christian-Christmas songs, and flying planes in nine-eleven children's homes. Homo-erotic aphorisms. Natives losing their homeland. Sound of chimes. Perturbations during flight. A rodeo down South, the French Revolution and impregnation. Ripples in the pond, birds that fly in circles, run along. Aristocracy-en-shambles:

Lord of many arms, destroyer of renown, nigger, I tell you now, I better not catch you slacking down, I am a bomber, I should know pain, blood is on my hands, I am the spoil of war, battering contender:

Lights of semaphores, the city is in the dark again, I see no rivers of blood anymore. Finally, he is there:

The lowest side, beneath her chin, of her neck, outwardly pushed an apple, rubbed the wrong way, cherry, stretched as if scratchings, but she wasn't fat, bulbous, tall, she had fifteen centimeters on him, or two meters, a plump hourglass figurine of pale ceramics, with hips widened to a punched-in hole in the wall you'd want to leave a dent in her, because of the water pressure that was released, since she had been carrying him for over fourteen months, a ruddy back responsible for being chained to a wagon she carried, on the rails, the conductor being deranged, thinking a woman lies only when she's guilty of having wetted her gown before him. Large long legs that were unwashed, and were part of a pillar that had erupted from her back and shot against the ground on weird angle; armless but had eight smoke limbs, largely aghast was he, once he poisoned her drink, because her breasts were willowy and in the form of angular gelatin; with yolk in them, that being, tiny humanoid pseudo giant fetus-tape-worms, with hundreds of arms. Grabbing at her, trying to gnaw, as they refused to be given birth to; this harpy; Bernard was in love with.

Should've cracked that fucking light bulb with a stone or a pecker, the sight was horrid; around them, the humidity of a torrent, lurid. But, ah, a female, a wet female, there it goes, prepared for insertion, insemination!

Generals and ladies of the scholar kind were licking the floor, the dirty walls and some of the lamps around their sound-encasing, trying to get a taste in what was being prudentially carried it with an utmost supreme sense of subtlety and rough violence that made a lot of noise. It didn't sound sexual at all, but rather hard-devour!

The vultures were awaiting the promised moment according to which his will to live had lend upon him to believe that they had belittled him ever since their most innocuously primordial appearance in terms of despotism, his disposition being down, still, he would not emerge at the sight of their sullenly impoverished by nature's thrusting hardness, since, umbenknost to him, penitent's prier, paradigm of undertaking, lest one should inquire about him, the dredge was still beneath a tablet of rustic chocolate, with the milk pouring during stench. Around him, on the floor, but no one noticed.

'I'm frightened.'

Deep-nine fluttering, wings everywhere struck in flight of soccer, they were waxing some of the women while the funeral, a-sunder, drafted a poultry drawn along by chaise, a taxi driver, a priest of some unorthodox calling and a few lobes that had been implanted in their backs, servants of the ones that brought them along as to draw even more attention to their lavished lifestyles.

And in this chaos that enrapture's call disdainfully-green swollen attire, there being, no napkin to blow each step a nose, by shambling chandeliers, grasping ever-so-ethereal upon a gambling's sepulcher, since all of the guests, mostly the gentlemen, pulled out their shirts, revealing, peculiar petulant tomb-stone machines, blocky, but they all had a flopping, as they were encased, almost. It was too strange. These tombstone-shaped devices that were also ill-equipped with metallic pliers and long stick-arms, that were also thin and couldn't handle anything, and which were also deep-struck inside their bodies as well, gave the impression of making it up the very shoulders of every men, as if the men themselves were their sarcophagi and these metallic-inside of them, skeletons, of the sort, were but mad-crypts possessing the poor wretches. But that was not all. The outward skin-layer that diverged into their outer flesh appeared to almost be cabbage-like in terms of maim, and flapped closely in mind, kempt so, close to elephant ears, drooping in an utmost eerily, uneven fashion, mostly the area beneath the hole, and they were all in possession of these 'holes' that had been dug or must've been shot by some giant rifle, because the similarity to a gunshot gave too uncannily deformed of an appearance to be easily brushed aside. Lest one step forth and make a claim according to which this would be fully explained in anything but an unorthodox fashion, we shall continue with nothing short of a severely felt indignation, as is. They were broken automatons, or each of the tomb, these vaults, must've been in possession of some secret mechanism, an open tray, or trap door, for the mouth-area, but this was too low-placed, the arms, perhaps smaller arms worked the holes open, which caused the gauge to occur, that could provide a most thoroughly received, most unlawfully so, explanation of the sorts, accordingly taken into account with the preponderance of the uncanny fashion with which this's been received so far, for the maim that was left done, so, to be observed, and critiqued over the sloppiness with which it's been performed. A doctor, or a butcher? A god, or my neighbor, Stevenie? Who knows?

Rapist giant bloated slugs hid inside those tombs, inside every 'man'-equinn.

Hours passed at long a sill, with the flaunter of a chug, grievously commencing during the exhilarant ambivalent retrieval that was finely lain in front of the rabid yet, strictly speaking, still human, whose intermittent vehemence served as insolence's abode, frighteningly forbearing this unnaturalness that was their search for a few bodies that were not where they were promised to be; beings, who've been charged with this task, by something so treacherous, so deprave, that the very blood that flows un-freely still, pouring down the flatness of their very worn, torn, crude, ruddy, blow-by-blow-taken-having stepped on each other's -toes, there having been left plenty of reminders that their feet were unnervingly forced to receive the penalties according to which, they were not made think that they belong to any race that is of man - boots, now, painted in a crimson that could only have fallen from the bloody-perched eyes of a sullen maiden, responsible for gouging out her own eyes with a rusty, sharpened by grinding, elongated-thrust front-forwardly into an unclean chaos out of which large other out-worldly edges emerged out of, with plenty more spikes and in possession of many humanoid figures erupting out of them, chained by limbs that were not theirs, as well as insectoid appendages - cleaver that was twice the size of her body, and she's done it without even crying, even had a smile on her face while she's done it, an ugly smirk, did it out of nowhere, the nun, leaving the others confused as to how or where it's been taken from. But their

names were Carnage- Blood-murder Rabid Ulgii, Jog Parnaselt Cotoonwaxer, Binfas-Yulloug Niggers, or formally spoke Neighers, he was called Neighers, since with bloated bodily forlorn there crude and what's this been.

Earlier that day:

'There goes the sourness again, as it happens for now, I'd say, more of a cherry chip than that of a sour grape dripping off you, Countess, is the river flow that drew upon your stench and drilled of lot, emptily in grave or sullen-rot, will there be no other day wilt comb in burning, for yours truly will not be here much longer, or entreat a ponder in the morning. See to it that there's no dauntless cottage that might receive you as you are.'

'Else what?'

'I think you'd rather not be made aware of what comes after that, since I know the people who are behind this act of yers!'

'Was it at any point in time your intent to fully, earnestly reveal onto me what you thought of my stay in his little tent?'

'You were my daughter then as you are now.'

'Still, as I lay in front of you, fully revealed as to be done, devoured, to've not showered in weeks and crudities that might not turn a key and ponder just around the hour?'

'I think we both beckon for someone to come along and claim you away.'

But I've already cut your arms and legs.'

'They shall regrow, see?'

Eight little ligaments, fetuses of this poor sod of a lady, growing roots of flesh dangling about; one ever had her miss-grown face, another –the miniature of an arm. One had a prosthetic leg, and from the stump that was her right arm, one hundred fully grown, made of plastic, clearly stamped and authentically certified by the Medical Division of Health Ministry and the Co., Nurses' Office, Doctor CEO, with a PDH in Medicine, Doctor's signature- exactly one hundred syringes, and the ten of Diamonds, the card, a car shaped tumor-faced demon also drew out of her back, breaking the chair in an instant, conjoined to her like fetus.

A Buckingham-Thermopile disaster in the making carried on by our lord who had once abandoned his surveillance over a simple unnecessary to himself disregard of all whom were lain once in his care by the second lord that had come before him.

'Fine-of-crane of a brothel-bottle, what's been had of ill, a preparatory light for what is to be performed upon you, when butcher's commence and butcher's done prying through plates that yearn for long-belonging to him when final ardent call is made benigned!'

A finery indeed, said his roommate, once presented with this gift of his, barely wrapped, unable to run. What a maiden she was, tall and broad, taken from a brothel, he wagered, this slick fellow, sitting on his

top bunk-bed with the lady on his lap. Coarsely dined by wine and dyed, her hair but flocks of which only redheads strive for; broadened hips, a two, at both ends, radish-split, a hourglass that would pour just rightly at her feet, then the gallows, then the shallow river between the breast, holding longingly to be removed as well, if it were not for his presence in the room, holding her tied, and deeply tried, was the patience of this giant with his house staring upwardly at the ceiling, counting the specks of fallen over tapestry, the roof. The gallant pain that melted, the boots; a body is hidden a few meters above them. The ceiling? It has a hole in it, that's why he's starting to feel uncomfortable, because of that damned boot that he had, until presently, thought it to be some corner of the desk, since it was the back of the boot, and there's a certain similarity presently shared between the two of them. Draperies smoked. Salmon hanging at the door with a Carpel by his shoulder; an old fruit basket, walking down in March, the rock band, Tyranny – atrocities committed by Pol-Pot, Chrysanthemum Of cysts – By Robert Galloway, Nigger – by Niggers, a fruitful life that was spent in this very chamber, arrogance of having had a try at it but also failed from the very start, Simians, are they Human? Clogged toilet, on the right, a basket-full in it, of dreams, drowned, flushed, by ginger, many shots, lost along the way during a parade that happened not last week. Hourless synopsis, antiseptics. A merriment of crows that wearing boots outside, singing on a power-rail, a power-house power-strong power-putter powerline of drunk-macabre. Insemination, a beginning. No reaction, hatred has betrayed them, now, they're dining in a restaurant, fifteen miles away from Columbine.

An-almost, as a result of nitpicking its every flaw, tearing it apart prior to the already waited for fifteen minutes or so, engorged-devour, as to already appease a critique in regards to its presentation, this being promised by the waiter to have been hunted, not fished, by Ajax during a mischance throw of a spear at Achilles' lower, back-boned, backward-pointing at the horizon- hill, well-enough-but on a nastily-cut, with his pinkie lifted in an almost perfectly parallel to his body, that being the body of the chef, bearing hand, that was holding the knife while the so-called, allegedly claimed "masterful" preparation, that was soon added to Bin-Turnpike's list of fallaciously benigned, failed expectations, that in all honesty ended being more impressive than the meal itself, since his wholesome expectations, Deuces be told, of rashness and of brashness and of rashness and of basedness, foretold, that were lain somewhere being reason, ended up leaving him completely down, since, what he had received was nothing short of some worthy of pitying, chipped-filled with actually stinging thorn-filled, wooden-sofran raft, tarnished, drowned in gravy, properly salted, well-done, burnt on the sides, crisp, chipped around where an eye is still there, with a nail-trimmed tail, a hook-shape like a dirt Jew's nose –overall "looking" , plastic-fruit-like, salmon-stake, with ugly peach-sized, embellished in tomato-Hungarians that were living in them, taken for granted, olives, with American Baseball-textured skins- that had been cut like Injun's scalps before allowed to adorn the top of these red-swollen things, the natives of were more than willfully prepared to defend at all costs, even at the cost of their own lives, if it came to it. And a Coconut-sugar- 1kg, in it, soda, extra-large, with fries in it and salt. And a grease burger, extra-large as well; and it wasn't in a metal nor a cardboard case, but instead, it was wrapped in ham instead. And the entire table was then, one of the waiters, it wasn't a real restaurant but more of a fast-food restaurant chain thing. The waiter brought a barrel of grease, of mayo, ketchup, gravy, coleslaw, broth, And a gun, bullets, gunpowder, and killed niggers. All of which were dumped on the table. They call it, the American classic.

'Anything for her?'

'This:'

‘It is done.’

‘Are you certain of it?’

‘This nigger-child that had been in my possession until this very point, he’s finally done with. I’ve finally skinned him alive, removed his marrow and ensures his disgustingly ugly repulsive tiny, ugly unnatural head has not only been split-cracked open on a pan, an egg-shell finely cracked and pulled aside, but I’ve also ensured that his survival continued for long enough to feel me chopping him limb for limb, left leg, right leg, left arm, right arm, his repulsive big lips being tenderly boiled until become liquefied, before me spreading this disgusting substance across his face, rubbing it in, after it’s been removed. Little nasty creature, he tried screaming but I punched him in the throat and in the gut. I fucking love murdering these nigger-children, you know me. You know what I get like when a nigger child is placed in my possession, to my care. I can finely pretend I will take good care of them and their nigger-parents will buy that shit up. They won’t have a care in the world, taking me for a care-taker, and then I snap this little fucker in the back, putting him to sleep early. These little fuckers grow wrong, you know? Running around with guns on them, stealing, selling drugs; I’m glad I’m being given a free pass to, to pay my due to society. I’m a great person after, I can’t believe it sometimes, you know? I can’t believe how well off I am because of this. Tape it, selling it where I can, and the niggers? They don’t care. As a matter of fact, they’re glad, these niggers hate themselves more than everyone else does them, and that’s one of life’s greatest gifts to me. Being a grifter that is, just scoop him out those monkey’s paws, then I just slurp his eyes, his guts out; nigger-children work the best when they’re fresh as well; they’re undeveloped for most of their life-spans but when they’re young it simply gets so much easier to work on them.’

Nigger-brat, I wish I could still work on him, to pull and tear every facet of his ugly-dark nigger skin off, ugly little nasty creature, with a tiny-ugly head, their children, these’ nigger-children truly deserve it. For what I’m concerned off, they’re worse than animals and are ever so deserving of a worse treatment than any other creature on this earth. Putting tiny little nigger children on the iron block, strapping then in electric chairs, beating them to a bloody pulp, drowning them in their own blood, boiling their lips, castrating and feeding them their own cockles, lynching them while they’re lowered, tricked to run, blinding them with batons, it’s what these nigger-animals deserve the most. Archaic ghost hominid mixed, it’s why they’re so sub-human, mixed with filth, yet-to-be-matured criminals, every single one of them. Their nigger children are the ones that need to be kilt the fastest before they spread like the cancerous disease they are. And one has to be fast as well, he has to act quickly when it comes to handling these little slippery nigger fuckers; they’re born runners, I’ll give them that. But you cannot always outrun everyone, animals are fast but humans, the hunters know that it’s a matter of time until you catch your prey, you can only run for so long before you tire yourself out, nigger. And when you slip off during the night, then it’s time to cripple. Time to cripple this little nigger:

‘I told you time and time again that I intended on doing this for the longest time; it simply brings me so much pleasure, killing these ugly-nasty monkeys, they’re not meant to live after all.

That’s the main difference between us, I suppose. There’s no need to complain at all, it’s just a matter of time until these animals snap, that’s why I don’t like being surrounded by them. But this, this is only done for society and society alone, for the people’s protection. By doing this act, I ensure that people aren’t harmed, killed, beaten, assaulted, or put down, undeservingly by traitors or by their animals, the niggers.

Not that I can deny the pleasure that I'm getting, this rush of adrenaline that's being shot across my body, I can truly feel it, you know, even here and even now!

'Thinking about doing it again, aren't you?'

'You betcha' brother, I can't wait for the next promised batch of twenty or so nigger children, I've been signed off to just recently; it's been worked out between me and the big man. And this time they're gonna feel it coming, you know?

Doing it in the broad daylight does seem a little strange, but when the big man shows up out of nowhere one night on a call, promising you the opportunity of a lifetime, drugging the little fuckers, locking the windows and the doors, giving the other children a day off, so they can slowly walk off, while I do my business, it's something that no one in my particularly peculiar situation would simply brush off the opportunity off.

Plus, I's not going to abate it any longer. Not while I can helps it. Just to spoon off the side of another nigger fucker's all I'm in need of, another prick beneath their intestines, then another one to some heap or another and all would be good, you know?'

'Are you in need of something, perhaps a pick or some scissors? Some bloody tools I could spare? I'm certain there's some stored in some garage or something.'

'Good-god Mount Israel, what would I do without a Jew to make sure that he's got my back when I'm the cruelest? I'm certain you won't back-stab me, eventually, not to add too much, I know.

But I do think your people have come to enjoy the show I'm putting on as much for them, for you, as I'm putting it up for myself, you wager I won't turn on you if it ever crosses your mind?

I know what you do with your golems and I know what you do with men that chirp too much. But lett me tell you something, fellar, I know where your private kike-schools are at, I know where your ugly-beaten on top their heads Heeb's are, and don't take me for a nigger who doesn't tell who from what, because I'll let you in another thing. I've had my eyes on another one of your Anne Franks for while now, and I've got just as much repulsion for your kind as I've got for the niggs I've skinned alive.'

There was no silence between them, just trying to say something, but it was going to be carried on out just as usual, tying these niggers as a means of precaution, it wouldn't do no harm making sure these slippery black crickers didn't wake up too soon.

A bloated little prat-and-prack, theirs was the beginning; the Court was vetoed after a single snack was eaten, swollen and paid for:

'I pass this cross and only move for as long as I'm in holdings!' Says Fisfad's eight:

'Yes, you've yearned for it but could not be clouded to up-hear their throats. What's lessened and dissolved of your body's carried forth on the mule's back!'

'Anger calls onto him, hold that wretch behind.'

'Don't let him jog a fellow or he's going to steal whatever's left of your mind and soul!'

‘Silence, all of you are wrong, miscreants of no little importance that you’ve become, sullen-yet incapable of ointment imparted, after that, I’m going to have you slit off this wreckage and thrown into that tent.!’

But they were only hiding under the bough, upon the thoroughfare, up-throned by their knees, four kings drew from the now opened back, allowing the re-surfacing to begin again, desperate to point and trout. For their fleshy skin was almost runny-algae; come from cold exposure:

‘IT’s been a long journey, a land-lot we had to rear-ward traverse in order to get to you!’

From the outer crevices and out of the lot from where they crept, all but interconnected still to that long-train growth- they carried, -dead weight of latching on every arm a pillar as if they carried the entirety of the world with them, large, almost unnaturally grotesque- halls, drawing into one another, as they connected to the lower-side and the lower holes that were just made. Deeper inside each, lain figure-nasty wept upon protrusions that rose, cemeteries that only added to the death they mourned, lain forth before the even more swollen for their own good, disastrous, canes, blaming one another, bowel-shaped stones misshaped below, anchored to their backs, large skins of mean, appendages drawing back and forth as if scythes in the nigger-cotton-picking field, were used to cut off the sides of wall, oil-refinery in motions only horizontal-like, did they draw forth. No face could be seen but one thing, as if these long-and forth fifteen meters below and above, beneath and beyond, around them, blimp-crusted by spined-thorns that drew out the coffin-giant bullet they carried; a large reedy, -skinned almost womb-ical a reptile form, without a head, cocoon-fat in likens, but capable of growl and growth to the size of a giant bloated balloon filled with growth in the front but allowed, not, from behind, for that’s where the tendon was inserted in, the bowels of the beasts. Stopped from their match to cover everything, coating with their greasy coats of oily-stomps, sluggish-ooze, dolorous-drool, bloatedly the mules, all started repairing the broken kingdom that had been lain behind.

‘You’ve reasoned yourself with no man thinking we were ever capable of latching on this dream of bringing them back. Are the other kings not dead? You morbidly obese parasite of a man; I can see them dressed in armor, or did you not think I would observe? What you’re carrying behind your back, their tombs, bearing a world that no longer is inhabited by man but by colossal unnatural-devourers you’ve put to your employ, to grow as mold, to do as they’re being told, eating whatever they could please themselves with. Trying to eat us, and you would still feel not a single reason to have our mouths willed, or be shut in the same way, after that!’

‘What of it?’

‘Treachery spoils the heart, not that you would know that.’

He points at the hole in the king’s armor, the one below the waist, around his ankles, around his face as well, large, plain to see trousers with longer legs there coming out his back, still his-bent crickets that only grew larger, unnatural plains of bowls-emerging from a growth-sack that formed a perfect worm parasite Paradise with many humanoids, winged or horned, attached to him, who stole his arms and spoke from five empty buildings that were abandoned, ancient, near-gray in coloring, cracked and wicked, destroyed by age, repulsive as well, tent-ish, Injun at their tops but beneath them, they thinned then they deformed themselves, brick by brick as they could be seen despite them being the size of a bodybuilder’s biceps, but thinning only as it drew or made its way to his forearms, looped in this illusion of them being

made out of ligaments of bricks that gave onto the illusion of stone-amassing and readdressing the smoke that drew from out of them, beneath that mass, in this perfect parasite, the forges were being willed to create, not smoke but a hard powder of mush-mixed with some alloy that hardened and began chiseling as if they were millions of stone-masons and stone-worker- hands, that began imprinting many seals upon every hatched, hatch and every door, everything that was even so simply made to grow, the dire-blooded, bloated plants, edifices of the hidden-kind, blind men that had their bones revealed; that fell onto the floor, then disappeared, appearing in another dimension without eyes, and facial features, legs but arms become their seconds, thirds, multiple even, heads, forming foaming-head there growing down, beneath them, forests that eventually melted into one great foam of features no longer recognizable as if they belonged to human beings but instead were allowed to grow inwards into lesser-uglier stills where they stood, ugly and wailed.

‘How angry, pitifully wretched you Mongrel of no reason’s become, do you even realize what’s happening around you any longer?’

Weyld

Pardon had been begged for even before it was a trifle more left over yet to yearn for therefore asked, before there were still reasons to hide away under the grasp of a single left-over thrust and forget what happened after that, when the time to shine and therefore thrice was left-over such endear for him over-here- yearned for lustful such a thought before the family of Lofty Ought could understand that they’ve been brought upon the justice of the lot, cast away, two fortunes lost over night, whereas given onto the hands of the lawful yearning were they pardoned for twenty empty days where they were to think of a needful lot to settle in before the day of the hanging was to come along theirs. And they had settled with as much as a simple stay; in the tavern where they endured a simpleton’s handful conversation, oft and of course what was to be done here was a matter of complete extrudency in terms of some belter’s cast, upon the tray being brought, alas, were they brought to a repast reminiscence of the days prior to the bringing of the guillotine:

‘Himonthrope Bill, I think we’ve been brought to the last of our day’s ever’ been, with word aloof, brought and offered onto Providence’s cast away’ ‘eye’ as witness to our sin’s day past where we stand and wait another second Rhine’s usurping!’

‘But brother Sav, of ill got, I would’ve thought myself incapable of anyone and everyone else who had been come onto the day to make a mutter’s such the case, if I besake ill-en climb, upon a mountain’s roughness come onto a stop, as I felt before but yearned to stomp onto my mane of asking. Why would you discern your satisfaction ever-near to my calling’s due? I’ve had nothing to do with it, nor would I see you eye to eye and discern a better dye than was withdrawn of cottle-brothel!’

‘But Bill, can’t you see that it is because of you that we’ve been thus cast away? That our families are scattered and picked upon by Sevens of They? For each will die most thrusting to be cast, upon the blade’s ever lustful stance when their heads and while cast down ever-since, looking at the crowds cheering as they’d only munch on bin-resin! But they’re wrong as you’ve been. And they’ll die in

gelatine, all of them, hunted one by one, for only the heads of our families are to be executed in such a humiliating way, I've known it since withdrawn!

'Are we to flee for ever since and what of it if I were called to rinse?'

'I'm certainly of a mind to forget and mighty as I am cast away, death shall but not sparkle nor disease what little I've got left of my mind, nor will I be blind to the sufferings that they had forced me to rescind in order to get to you as such, begin!'

With which he gave a start!

'She's been sleeping for some while undisturbed by the harsh-noises coming from beneath one of the cradles that had been put in front of her during the wake of the lost souls belonging to the brood she had been a part of as well as the dead-children that belonged to the one who took revenge upon our kind, cursing us to die from pins entering the ceiling, falling over itself whenever there was time. It should've made no feasible, nor.'

'I think there's a wretch down the road somewhere.'

'Have you seen such a thing as one would be inclined to believe the wretch of?'

There was a tertiary oomph, come up on top the side of the shore-line's tobacco plantation field's fallen plane, war-maze with them underway the niggers dropped like puerile torpedoes from one side of another of the margined sea.

'I am Rape Toto-gun, run, run!'

Said the master's hand is gone written on top of it, nasty gun! It floated above the middle-chamberlain's chamber; in itself kempt. Twenty canons held and aimed, just about the place and everywhere!

The vileness of vice had entered them right as he opened the maw that had been cursing the dreaded night it had been eclipsed through the countless births that had occurred during the ingrained upon itself death mark branded by the riders as they dragged him from out of the openly-dug and exposed grave of gravel-lichen the sweepers, cleaners of rust and bodiless cuts that had grown out of the gutless perils thrust upon his father, the mould, petty cold and disrupt of many wordless woes, the better cues being alarmingly allowed to fashion a powdery snow to emerge from the thrones of the unknown bitter poisoned lepers that had culled the chains now wrapped around him. Rape Toto-gun had been run through the belts of rotten delights utmost-rendered heedless barren.

'I shall ask the leper-of no hue to join us!'

A slithering rifle was raised fifteen centimetres above his shoulderless glove.

'I am rather parched, may I get one of your most famed drinks that I may endow myself into the engorging blood you've spat on the floor, my lady of Tumour-cradles in which our children are made of glass?'

She was only cancer in terms of how much of a nasty personage she was accustomed to adopting when there was no one else around, other than her 'loving' husband, the wretched Pagan On-Y-Gieg the wretch of no lesser regards! A penalty for every lass!

'Our bloodied king is resting in that perilous birth, rotten to the core of roughened broad!'

But they had stood their time likened to the rodded by its either side tub inside of which the corpulent corpses started coming out of, with each spin, around the muzzle which, had barely served as a grate to prevent them from falling back in before being dragged back into that ugly, petty, yearned for slough, inside of which their kin had much abhorred every reed and stench and every trench that had been dug before their shots were called, by every observer who was standing alongside them!

'One of these days, I'm going to get back at these fucking scammers, I'm telling you man!'

A man off the streets:

'I'm going to make a fine list and don't mind me now while saying this but I intend on killing their families. And if anything I never forget when someone does me harm.

Scoundrels, filthy sub-human retards, dumb-cunts in this filthy Vet Industry, incapable of answering simple questions, refusing to cooperate. I say, when the chance will come on my way, they will become far more cooperative than they are now when I will have taken a hold of their children then skinned them alive in front of them!

And the pigs are useless! They're scum, low-lives, lazy, dumb, fat, podgy, dredges and the worst of the lot, maybe even worse than these sub-humans working in the industry itself!'

I wish I had killed the dog a long time ago. But the reckoning will come soon enough for them, it will come soon enough and then and only then will I have gotten my satisfaction.

'They need to be castrated, that dumb-cunt downstairs, the other one they're legally tied to, I'll get the better out of them, eventually, it's only a matter of time now!'" A cigar was lighted.

'Slowly, slowly, the years might pass, they might simply forget about my existence, but I won't. This grudge, this grudge shall be eternal, I shall keep this grudge for years and years to come, and the years shall not and never quench the thirst for vengeance that need be rectified by the alarmingly obtuse need for bloodshed I shall bring and cast upon this world!'

'A German-Kraut Woman, she's sucking my cock, you see, she's drenched in my dog's blood, somewhere in Berlin, you see? You smell me?

I'm seething with rage; But I will rape them!'

'There's nothing you can do bud, drop it. It's an up-hill battle and you just lost, you got the short end of the straw. It happens; move on.'

'But I, I can still do something! I can still! It's not fair! It's not fair! Why can't I hurt them? Why can't I get back at them? Why can't I do anything about it?'

‘It happens; let’s go for a walk; it will be fine. Nothing will come of it and it’s not worth it.’

‘You know what? I got scammed because of the kikes! I fucking hate kikes! I fucking hope they get cancer and that they’ll get Holocausted eventually!

It’s most likely because of them and their hooked nose antics, these filthy disgusting cheating cheap scamming racket-driven filthy Semites! Nasty inferior, sub-humanly degenerate low-life disgusting wretched little imbecilic in-human animal-fucking; probably because their Jewesses fucked dogs, it’s most likely the reason behind the Industry being made of scammers and cheats!’

Blooded-sand moon:

‘Where the parcel had lain over there, I would’ve swooned a must, if that’s between a cast and rust of many petty little lob-lets to’ve come onto the brow of the soul!’

‘Maligned for no longer than’s been had, my dear, dreary is the rod that’s been brought onto the plain you’ve presented me with! I can see the eyes of!’

It came right as if on command. A dandy-wax candle trunk-shaped torso-ish, frontward thrust, worn as a long hat on top some blob-head cockpit-shaped machine-rot scuddly pouch, with a musket blown end spread openly as if it were a maw at the end of this elongated horn coming out from all the way back; little crawly legs attached beneath it, all dangling while trying themselves, inch by inch to ride away. Some suture-growths covering its little leper eyes; icons from the old age strapped every here and there with some unnatural flung around its crown blotch of spools, all unnatural and dented, therefore strung by the lower ingrained in it many fish-carapaces of claspers, needle-rack-sprung-forth dromedary pinch-cots, and little lesser navel whores, all adorning the pimple rods; and the unnaturalness of the lower-sprung upon itself dark filament of wrung and slither’s gone command coming from the lower heads. Infants-cherubs, barely-developed, fetus-choral, octopi-moulds of mutated humanoid faces that succumbed to entering the elongations of sea-horse, downward pointing peashooter racks of foils, toils and the most unnatural of things that emanated from the most unnatural rear-ends the filth with which they drowned with less succumb! Their tiny sea-horse tubular mouths were equipped with intercom-speakers through which the many pipe-protrusions, these frames, inner skeletons of many elongations and long extensions lead to puckers, large heart-organs of lesser grottoes, which had been nearly if not completely devoured by the armament of singing pores, breeding pores stored inside the throng of this flaccid pouch of a blob-head, carried by the flying horn; right into the room, the same wretched room it was waited for inside. Each chain that dangled blacked as if by tar yet laid still attached to the most unnatural of the darkest, most hardisome protrusion the barely centred by the manifolds of clot allowed.

‘Least you’ve got anything, if anything alone to add, I would resume the incantation that’s been brought along the day!’

But the night had only come for them to amass. Out of the recesses from which the darkest corners of the lot and the burdened by the shrill, the spiel of incantations ever-since. They came from the recesses, they came from dark abodes, from pits and hobbles; and out of the darkest corners of the dirt. From which none which may've still allowed so canter come but still; of therefore winced and wince there after came the most innocuous chills they brought from the cold-filled red, the one that bore heirs to the children of the dead, but none whom might yet still remind, or so remember, therefore blight, of lesser ones!

'You, wretch, dredge that's come from the abyss, present yourself, for I've seen since, not a single plot that I'd create, not a single brought onto my eyes, blinded as I am, sense. I have none and I've yet seen such perdition as none'd suffice to satiate this succour that's but mine alone, hidden in wretch and in disguise!'

Going to the second-to-itself by the right, left-headquarter lobby where, fifteen years ago an ancient colossal poultry-rock had spilled the blood of the first car – oil still crawling by the side of a mourning cone, one could find but the nuisance's end strapped to the rear-front end of a tambourine whose belly shape was corded by a few long-tusked men that spat on it dumbfounded at the sight of a dumb-throttling man with a little head-leper's bed coming out his sprawl! Time for ever-prowl!

Two blobs, long and longing for touch; one of them incapable of bothersomly nurturing its child, Hyhghaal.

'Shall I raise the serve, perhaps, a little tad higher, and would that do?'

'Stop, that's way too high, I won't be able to keep up with you if you keep doing that! Slow down, will you?'

'You know you won't be able to keep up unless you put your back into it. There's literally no one out there that's willing to take you in other than I, for what's worth and what's happened. Now serve!'

Another set followed in, they were serving an amicably- distinguished row of fourteen leaps of scores that were sore, downplayed and missed around the wow-charade! A prom with all the dead-kills put in wardrobe goals of fifteen to one; put him in the ground, two feet under!

'And I suppose you'd know that, would you? You'd happen to know it by accident as well, is that right? Because I knew you had a damn hand shoved in it from the very start!'

'You die knowing nothing, wretch! And you shall burn in hell with skin-tosses people becoming rhombus kites of head-extending shaped worms that shall wallow into your giant gut, dear red giant of skin!'

For the man he was serving against was no humanoid!

'Niggers.'

'Trevor Noah, you're a fucking nigger, fuck you monkey!'

'Whoa!'

'Ice-Cube is such a dumb nigger, his ass is still sore from that one time Eazy-E shoved his cube up his ass!'

‘Here’s a few more to spare, the slither of Skins have managed to get the main station overrun. I suppose there’s not going to be any more chances for us to reunite with the mole once they grab his flimsy hands and connect them with the plug!’

‘I can still see him on the radar, shall we follow?’

Some pieces of his ruby forming his pure-crystal seraphim chest of minerals and other stones began glowing right to the point where his finely sutured limbs started prancing around the crudeness of a little puffy membrane that had amassed beneath him. Various flattened as if skinned and made into carpets – people could be seen beneath his feet, trying to escape; dancing as well as they could until benighted no more would there be a shot come onto the brow of near-sightened yet beheld, need to satiate the hunger that ate at his hand.

Single room; one of the lights kept flickering at a weird interval.

‘No one’s at the door.’

‘There’s a few spics here and there running around but I never thought them as anything more than some annoyance, wouldn’t you think the same? I truly think there’s a, there’s something down there, go check it out!’

‘What it is supposed to be?’

‘I don’t know!’

Both men, niggardly trying not to step too deep into the strange little slip of light that fell from above the steps; it was highly disturbing, beyond it, useless trying to do something of the kind; the kid brought a popper with him, took it out, like a horse gun spitting in his face, trying to see whether or not he could have a say in, and when it happened, it was late. The music had stopped and they were already half-way in trying to eat some of the Pomegranates; these ghoulish little pops of skin, covered in themselves, deep within their grasp there being, a more benighted slither-peeing, of four great heads that drew from the ceiling, they stopped their urination only to spit blood in the men’s faces. And it was something beyond disturbing, it was something that could barely be accounted for; as the men behind the floor ate the worms off the ground and bred with the inbred animals they released from the hound’s mourning boar; stitched together elephantine! A door opened from this bulk of meat, this mass that entered through the door, forcing its way in. The faceless killer had entered the very same room they were in fifteen million years ago when he, the pretender had aroused from beneath the depths of the most wretchedly benighted of slithering needle racks inside of which he still clung to the very leprous timbers humanity had granted him to cut in front of them, during this night-continuous archipelago of disease that served as a night-tremble entry into the last of the slackened hours. The ones that followed after as the hour of the Moon continued during the preparations needed for the sacrifice to be emitted again, during the second death, whose darted occurrence had granted a night-close levelled benevolence of a most unruly kind, which in turn offered no less nor any more than needed, an excuse to set oneself in flight, as they had asked for. Inside that room they ran in circles, desperately depressed yet incapable of incarcerating the disease that had accumulated on the dirty beds; whereas this insufferable yet detestable thing had to be immediately brought to an end, rightly so, before the fluidity of the mass that had encompassed their guts could somehow reach the feared critical exponential that threatened to kill all of humanity-stored in see-through

jar-things, lain in this room's archive, devoured by, niggers had been exterminated a long time ago, as were spics, kikes and gooks, a trifle, no less; by means of possession. A blasted robe of skeletons attached to a bile-anchor, a pair of rhomboid-deformed globes that were faced by a single one, deformed yet seen from distance as a bubbly underwater nigh-mirage of a screaming man, filled with rage but eyeless, humanoid but red, purple and changing in appearance as his desperate cry would turn to steam and pressure, adding on. He was the god of Lurid and Horn. The bones were of no marrow but instead of some hardened coilish, in terms of texture, tinier little men that squirmed in place, and tried pushing out, gelatine, nonetheless, and hard-filled with pus-iron yet arms filled with tendons threw around, bastardly trying to grab at what they could, trying themselves, but to no avail, nothing of this kind could do, and it hadn't been any easier, nor would it do to scream at it, since it wished little deformities, humanoids made of feet or a big diseased; a uglier big diseased, one of his eyes pushing out, and the lashes, but feet, elongated but carrying a spine-blob that was a longer oblong-looking star of silver inside of which the children that were stolen from the Moon had been implanted it, hybridizing themselves into some amniotic pool, before solidifying that is, then, and this was done only to prevent them from being aborted, since this disease that was abortion was but a most illimitable disease of the lot, something inconceivable that was, almost universally banned, with some exceptions for the mongrels and niggers; needlessly said, the wretches that appeared had encrusted their arms around their throats, the two men incapable of making do with the strangeness of the lot in which, once cast, this hubris, yet, one could only yearn to call it thus; a groove of the sorts, where they lynched the nigger-things or those that happened to look after them; if one could only keep such track, he'd know that even though the niggers went extinct, they were still mention in the laws as well as the reiterations that would bring one such thing in question, as it happened or does happened with mutations in nature that spread, the nigger, the nigger could yet again re-emerge, and that is something that needs to be avoided at all costs.

'We are not to fall at your hands, wretched tyrant, we shall fight to the brittle lest heed and breed of lessened kindness' dark abode and we shall thrust each spear of our kingly kind in name but praised; as fashioned Lord as there will be and wilt it be from dark disease and peace to be, called under the circumstance; call to me, my wretched angel, such Cherub; I can only bask upon your sight knowingly that I am alone, ran along, during your flight!'

And it emerged, this little perfect thing of purity and awe. Tall dark and mage of small contortions but simply put, he was no angel. A disease entity of Entropy that was benigned by its own growths that had entered the first succulent brow of a boat, a canoe inside which lay, many remains, similar in veins; aristocracy prevailed; for it bore a crown, reedy up-to-brown forlorn with tiny crude tidy-blots attached to the main part of which cast two and four; two great beings attached from the sight, but in the back, two more beings sprouting out of them, conjoined no less, had made the grown of his great head; tall which had succumbed the sprout; water being release from the end of a tap with smaller rock-nigh eagle sharp beaked- multiple heaps of a most structural supporting jambs, most darkly erected, but holding on, four feet beneath it, all spreading, zigzagged but from beneath each of them, large piston chaser cradling long rods would push it past a point where it'd become impossible for any gulp of air to be taken while the gas was being released from beneath it; a large blob beneath and above it. Shaped like the Queens, both of them dead, but swimming within, chasing at one another as their spirits would enter this tall self-prophesied king, to step.

‘I’ve come to bloat a child away and turn it into a lost jewel you shall use from this point on to kill the one nigger in the past that stole from you, and downward I shall cast you if you fail to bring this promise of disgust to an end!’

They ran in circles, surrounded by little splinters that immediately shot from beneath the ceiling, at them and beneath, there, and there, wherever to have been called or lest beseeched for, such aroused!

‘I have to kill this nigger child, I have to do it right! I have to drive it in his thigh and see this nigger cry. All day I lynch but nigger coo, I must follow but all way through, or else the niggers start to squirm and when it happens, I should turn; for monkeys chimp and chimp-aroo; I must kill them or else I’m through.’

IT would be unwise to ascent and ascind a profound surmising of leprous Mortem driven forth a bunch, chucked inside the truck, unwise afterwards, thinking of it as a solace of empty-snaps, fingers being cut and added to the poultry of disease they carried forth inside the little cave they settled no farther-long than fifteen days, a-gong being hit time after time again in this valley-shaped fat-ostrich flat without legs but two blobs instead as romboscous as its trunk, without a neck either, but instead shaped-more so close to a revolver with two giant maggot worms coming out of its mid-and top of its body-in cavern depressions, this being the general outline of the place of dwelling they found themselves going around into as well as through, during the cessation period while the other worming globular regions that had been dug by the unknowns through the mountainous decrepitude of the rows of skin-plod-rotten snapped forth snow of glass, as there was a lot of it found in this new cavernoid foundations, fountains of it, albeit initially identified under the form of some crystalline shape instead; of some fiddling firth and girth that added only to the serependicious, yearned for, adjourned cradle of parasitical Pantheonic-looking figures that appeared to slowly form or reflect in the same very crystals that came out of the bowels of some rotten earth they craved to give their life for, livid forms that eat now. Trapped inside these unnatural formations. The volition of the world fell apart after all, fifteen years ago when the men of the children of the women died.

‘Women died, what an appealing thought. To think that women would die. To see them suffer and wreath in pain as they’re violently killed and driven through the backside of a hand’s front-side pass after into her skull as she would enter the wall and then die- bleeding to death, with your fingers shoved deeply inside her brain-matter at such a level that she would beg to be killed in an instant, right as you unbuckled, preparing or much prepared to rape her violently, with a switchblade coming out of your pocket; imagining she’s that flaccid-dyke Butterfly, whose tits are butter cup moulds you shave the top off as your tongue would connect to her behind. Those things, those things are what a man needs. Are what a man needs right now. I want to kill women, I want to kill them, I have to kill women, for my souls beckons it to happen; otherwise, I could die, of a broken heart during the old world’s aged souls’ respite. I want to kill women, I dream of homicide; my birth-right is the knife, my sign is the bleed. I must kill, I must slaughter, I must appeal the hatred I bear prior to the coming of the gelatine!’

For the gelatine cured all, for the bodies that fell beneath it got contorted and retorted into broken bone-things, effigies of put together fire-burnt pieces of wood and snuff. They sniffed.

‘Sniff, sniff!’

‘O’er there, by the lynch nigger-stand, where they trench one of the little puffs of a smoke and trails and drenched-upon the sight contorted! I, lo’, shall ask as less. Don’t look at them as they contort each leper into one of the smaller stands, they’ll ruin it before your sight!’

‘And who are you, Vice of little proud?’

‘I? Of Yore, am called the Breed; I brought upon you a single wretch, beheaded with respite, and headless as these riders come, and trial and lest beheld, shall call, be called, and call upon command but stilled. Upon my word and a single one will have them all contort and wretch in Silver-spiel, for they can shatter and reform.

Their organs are made of smaller gods that had been taken and have been killed by I, the lord of Much Abhor, Candle-Ark Roger.’

‘I see, I see, but where to forth and what might we seethe upon the longing field that could’ve come?’

‘I brought you a single numb for the road, as it’s quite far from where we stand, and where to, there we go!’

Upon being forced on the stroll, as they followed in, each prior sill, the ones that followed after since and the ones all around, withdrew; what might’ve been had and therearound, was plotted in the ground, then released, therefore the caprice that followed after since; was ill-inclined. A wretch of more or so, much fewer spiels, such was it benigned, then seen.

‘Call our hour, you who holds the spear!’

Out of the hole it drew out like a tendril readily begun and set in the process to disappear whenever claimless woe, and whenever one such thing might’ve come upon the toe, elated. Elated in the sight, benigned; it drooped, drooled but many of the tiny breeds held upon its crown instead of let release and therefore after. A slither of a splinter, shafted through his shoulder, beneath the head, a few meters past his eye, reaching an abrupt spot, this beam of metal that’s been shot but kept away from the release, revealed as it did, his nature, the undying, the painless ponder, as he stood almost broken in half by the artillery shot from beneath the bowels of the ground; as if whisked in to life by a sullen-flaccid angel, vigorous in resurrection; a cotton-made face broken apart, every limb the same, in a sutured-toy apparent to every sighted joy that followed in; that he couldn’t move.

‘You’re stuck!’

‘I’m here to stay for an eternity or more than one, depending on the stance of the council, with which I’ve yet to speak to or about my short-come upon laceration!’

There stands a Gyublii Onomaistor in his friend’s tenderly promiscuous cotton-picking plantation wagon; nigger – unrelated, brown-boy; in his turbo-garage plant compactor of nightmarishly yet to be endowed dreams with a tawny globe that drew away from sight.

His first out of seventy-five horns -horn:

‘We’re not here to stay. You know what happens to most people who do anyway. They’re not going to tell us how to get out of the tube, and it’s growing stale. I can taste the stench of the mercury and from what I can tell, it’s growing ever so much sour than before!’

‘You’d be an expert in it Jygg, if you’d only knew where to search.’

‘Shut up, all four of you, by the side of the wall!’

They listened, every single arm an addagagae of petuls.

Bloody fools and bloody imbeciles, all of them, trapped. A reap had come and left behind a heap of aging dark, a cover that fell apart. They were staring at each other from the distance, every single man in just about the same conceivable situation, trapped. Large bulbic towers; caged, prison bars; staring at each other or at the two cortex-pods inside; each man staring at the formations as they spat, crawled, and leaped around like madmen, trying to figure out a way to escape. But without a chance at being heard, since the distance had barely allowed for either one to take a plunge; since there was no way to be heard or taken out, they stood and stared, the tall red-mad butchered beneath, rooted with growthed leg-shaped bottlish-humanoids that squirmed-worms or eels in shape of, vibrating at strange intervals. This strange bloated fan, an imaginary splattered on the floor heart, of splutter that fluttered and carried them after, showing up with a cup, whereas he could barely help to be wont or a lick inside, drowning them aware. Purple-busy towers, like lanterns or sticks holding them cradled after, with almost facial figuratively distinct head-tops that drew on top or were made carved out of sedimentary rocks that drew in and out in the black curtain from above. An artificial sky of black, a stormy night; whereas they only showed what little entanglement, since their ugly nigh-hid, in the pitch-blade heap allowed for something of the sort to be messed with or allowed, lynch-hangings, drooping-standing, lowered like spine-bone.

‘I am their servant, you know, little man? You haven’t even figured out how to start the legs stored inside the body of the boiled cone!’

A bone protrusion lance-aware; had them stored inside-but held by littler feet that were all slightly pushed in, held by scabies or by rings that would simply shove themselves out. A wretch of many heed-aloud, a snout down there, in the quirk, a slumber after, dirty swamp and muck of girth.

‘What’s keeping them alive?’

As he said it, albeit it shouldn’t have hit the mark just yet, there was this, this alarming thing that could barely be felt or aroused the feet, since the bead of the endangered allowed for such Reagent-kingly set a price to follow, and frown upon soil-lest tilted wretch, had it been shallow, over moment’s solace, green respite. Angered was the human-like; upon being spat upon by its demonical rite. For it spoke of passages of filth:

‘All of these are ripped from the body of the boiled feet and solace green defeat as might be had, I would have you tilted; green and germinate the right that follows. It cannot be prodded, after morrow.

But to say the least, little man, there’s something there, down the lost soul of Whore-erect!’

A maiden, a bitch and cunt; these bulbs, they made him uncomfortable to be thought about, all of the sudden, as if he were an embryonic thing, or fetus called to ask and since, what could be called but

shallow birth and to be certain of the dirt. She was wet, but the fluid spilling out of her, the many towers that were at war, and birth.

‘Remnants that had been contorted since; they keep growing like viruses because no one’s put the time to completely wipe them out or ill, the tatter-lust, will I be inclined no less of such simpleton’s a minded right. You are alive because you’re useful! For the time being anyway; but needless to say, as soon as you become less, let us commence the say, incompetent in stance and lay.

You shall be ejected and sent down there, where’d at pine and pimple dyed by cry of lustre, will be held upon fragile down-caster!’

Especially the veiled eleven hundred people that were only present there standing and leering at the strange man. Jonathan Cop started smashing one of the shorter ones, shooting at it with the gun while only being approached by Lancaster and March Manchester who were both open-firing on one of the small reptiles that had crawled along and were only trying to get a good shot of the smaller folk that were forked in the cottage. They were running around; Bob suddenly opened one of the valves, trying to steer the urge in, putting up a single wrangler, while they were impressed by the head light. The second light started flashing. Gathered around it, three of the men, like on top some fire tent, playing it, throwing sticks. A smaller army came from the north, made out of Vulgars, small piston shooters in their arms, carried the sea- seasided both directions. Frangler intercepted them, with the help of the small globe, leading the small folk on his back chained as if they were niggers. Both parties met and opened fire, all at the same time, trying to open up the ruse. Canopies of large, obtuse trees falling over; slowly being moved by the leaping Yolk of the ship once they started converging in the middle of the Sea-fire where the Tartar had begun emerging from the fire pit. One man died shot in the neck, before the flower could surface again, the sky had merged with the land instead. Jonathan put back his gun, drawing back, no longer certain of what was happening around him. An end to the open fire resulted in a sudden change of pace and air and Four am.

Night’s passed.

‘Lady Orlos-UYg, point us and we’ll go!’

‘I’m not listening to you any longer, nor while I’m surrounded by the screaming abominations erupting from beneath the Bowels of the death!’

Fifteen of them sprouted from beneath the ground, surrounding her in an encapsulated bubble made of see-through people that reflected the images of her fallen children. They were screaming at her. The others left, fleeing in terror, incapable of muttering a word while these disturbingly had to look at figures were mocking her, dancing around, spitting inside again, wrenching and coating her with the most unnatural of things there were. Giants of powdery remains they mixed her with in this bubble as they prepared to boil her alive.

Night’s come to a still, sun’s an open fire:

‘Lady, you’re gray, you’re rather pale are you not?’

Her inner voice, her inner voice was something that would not suffice. The sun was falling apart, with a few corpses following in. First, children she had missed, embryonic-filled fluids covering them; thrown into some pit she hardly felt it's come onto the sight. It shot itself around, crawling like some dark eye on the ground, moving forwardly in some thrust, wild surroundings, followed after by many other eyes of similar sized antennae bearing damp-people –all armed; thrusting themselves into a part-a circle run-around before being allowed to finally shoot into the distance in some dark spot they all disappeared into. The maiden barely saw them come out into the light before disappearing. Banging, banging on the door, banging, banging until their arms were tiered and they could do it no more!]

End of the line, stood into the bubble-dome for too long.

Somehow there are eight suns surrounding it, in the middle of the night, the stars trying themselves, affirming, each to their own, whether it'd be dignity or solace in the making, lest be called; or else declined as they wasted a second more, caught in the dump.

‘Open your mouth, I need to see what’s that you’re hiding in!’

‘I knew it, there’s it, another one of those small suns, open fire, crush it to smithereens!’

‘Call, call yee, call ye for more!’

It’s become a forest of so many long rifles and raised from beneath the ground girths, figures that were uncannily but profoundly distorted and forlorn, lost.

Working on one of the smaller platforms allowed them to draw breath for air’s come to an end as well; empty thoughts running in their heads.

God Hooligan emerged victorious with little to no fashioned an exchange having carried over.

‘Are we to call upon reason then?’

Said a voice; uttering for a second’s pass.

‘I’m surprised there’s no one here to make something out of it, now that you’ve so encumbered all with stanced thrust, lest besekt of similar of kin disgust, nonce, there’s a slither of a guillotine down the way. Heed such thrust and seek part way with the one locust in which your kind shall settle!’

‘Draw in the breath and let the tap run its course. It shall devour the shallow reeds and enter one of the broken heads around. I can feel it, bespoken for reeds, twas to enter from the frontline into the feet of the brothel-worm. And it shall tell us what’s good for the goblin-goop pus’s entry from the frontline to the parapet of emptiness into which the draught shall enter from the front and into the lobe of entry’s brothel!’

It-had come out of nowhere, there-to stopped! If it were any sooner come to be, if they had listened, there-to see, none of this might’ve happened!’ Empty rotten, had the gate subside. And the mountainous region pushed from the side, with a broad top-see through livid gutter puff of jelly, like a seagull’s fully extended wing come out of the side of a top of the volcano into which it pushed, hybridized and drew out-

and-aside into a chaotic mess of squirming growths. Some railway pushed out of the ground, moving slowly towards one of the wagons.

A step was taken back, abashed by what was going on, throughout the day, and which's passed:

'Open the door for a moment, will you? I need to take a peek inside!'

A fourth and a third and a lower sided one, velveted by a devilishness that's never looked more pristine than it had looked just then, fronted by a large herbivore-stand of little puffs that drew after, many of which bled on command.

'I say, this isn't something I've been brought to be minded of, not that I would yearn for such reason as to have them handled. Yet, I yearn for desperation during a time's never seen abhor.'

'What's the reason behind it?'

'I scorn how protuberant this' house over here's become, if you don't mind me saying this, I wager we've been here long before the falling of the caprice's temple, before we could've had our bodies rubbed around our swollen bent and. I think we could've foreseen a body of no mind if it were pulled and thrown again, aside!'

'What of the Iles then?'

'What of them?'

'Do they not serve as any kind of reminiscence of what happened here before and what's been happening long before we entered the premise?'

'Have you gone mad?'

'I? I? How could I got mad when it is you who's been cast into a brothel that's belonged to death and the aghast, cast into mould-ry and the likes of rotten mast? I can see you already in fifteen thines fold; playing with the corpse around some dug-up ground because you cannot help yourself when time's come thine and tinder's brothel up the up-front, lest besekt of frontier-line's calling.'

And that would've been the end of it, if he were wrong. But as it turned out, his long-time wretch, the dredge, the companion he had only seemed to be of a mind to receive a moment's long-fired for trench, as the trenches would've had them stilled; had contemplated a splinter of a leg, since. In the bosom of the lady's death, in her beg, the pagan's head. Resting on the pale, the damp, trying to get a hold of her now; harder than the thrust abhorred, only to be met by his gaze no more as the fellow rushed out of the room, made it for the stairs, trying during his desperate attempt to hide even the slightest, most uncommon wretch and tender's loin and mourned for after. His mid, his thought of alabaster; that he had carried with him ever since. Next morning had its coming in the making's stirred; suffice to say, enough's been told and bordered an insufficient scream's purloined for-grin, for they were staring at their pudgy soups, like two men of lesser wonder. Of no wont and there-come after:

‘What frightened held and lesser sight, what has come onto you when happened upon trifle’s rite, to’ve been ill-possessed and to have come to the point where you, of all would so impress such a thing onto me; I could think of any less, no more.

You’re not the same man I’ve met before!’

‘For certainty would serve no barrel, but I have slept with a corpse, that’s something that would serve my sightened stare no better. Yet, do you starve the entreaty’s dark abhor?’

‘Am I to be made a fool of?’

‘Only if you choose to spend another night, since, for all safety’s green recline, I could help you with no less than helped with.’

They each left for different rooms. Somewhere lost around the house. Cruel fate had this one ripped in half and openly staring in a long tunnel that diverged into something close to fifteen or seventy open crevices that allowed the squirm. A wormed-down tunnel, eaten-ly fallen apart. With ring-wormed depressions, and some unnatural things that allowed entry from the hinder trifle’s second sight; some dire bloated truck-tire formation at the end, which diverged into the underbelly’s underground dome-bubble depression into the ground, a filthy atom-shaped abyss that was lighted by a trifle lamp’s discerning light. Lead through the tire-bloat, which was a fleshy growth of pulsating pink, with many faces, nigh-humanoid that grew, swallowed Pittek Borjk, allowing him entry through the fifteen meters standing between this sacred gate and the balcony lain on the other-side. This ugly tire-bloated thing had looked like some bubbling egg-sack filled with features devil in the making, thrown in the back, Pittek-s lain, standing almost nigh-erect upon his feet, an ancient door-shaped floor on top of which he found himself standing, looking at what he thought to be a normal light, but instead was an arch-piece drawn into a lob-long needle of flesh, the tip of which that lay at its end being a glowing cylinder with an empty race of see-through niggers that were being punished inside of it as well. A small raised panel, of a bout fifteen centimetres or so lay by his right side; yearned for to be used, as he was promised for, as to extend forth, only for a moment if he wished to. First the sightened wonder.

‘Why did I make love to that corpse only to be made by such fallaciously a beauteous wonder?’

Seconds pass:

‘Alone, finally, alone, in my very own room with no one to bother me as I make my way through the steep incline of darkened thoughts, as I lay on my own, away from that wretch I set aside and threw off board!’

The mirrer was shiny with a piece of sum coyote spread on the rifle fire pincer top, while the gum was chewed across the fingers, being dragged from floor to floor until the intermediary singers approached massive organ growth. Having come from around the dark surroundings, thinking themselves better for the lot, they communicated something with him that he could not understand immediately, since their faces had been ripped apart. Tall and wide, held like solar-panes, absorbing dead-skin from the open crevices between the garden, from the walls, beneath the plates, the carpet and from across his very wide-spreadedly coated vest, with little, but giant in comparison to their initial size, fish-hooks, coming out of his chest, lower than that; but stopping right beneath the knees, perhaps the ankles wore them behind, yet

pointedly they flashed with skin-tissue as they wriggled away. They weren't made of iron after all, but were come-out-of-his body, skin-tag like or conjoined to him like twins, appendages shaped that way. Dark and even darker as they amassed even more cherub-like coal-pus inside their disturbingly disgusting fluid-wearing pockets, that they had played with in the surmounting morning. At noon tea is served.

He felt strange for a while, perhaps one of the longest hours had passed just then.

'What if?'

He wondered, roaring off his guts. What if?'

'What if I inserted gravity in my muscles instead of roids?'

Their size could be unfathomably, barely holdable underneath the frail bone mass hidden beneath the mount-filled layers of growths that had started pushing out of him. Large oblongs that started sprawling out of the first of the many tendons that began sprawling from somewhere by the side of his shoulder-blade; shooting pops out of the back of his head; two high-crown made unnatural crows sprouting from somewhere deeper than his spine, forming a semi-angular c that connected to both of his arms by many piston-like spears of pumping bloated organic matter, whose unnatural made-to-be close-of kin to some unnaturally deformed little spectacle of bloat and grins, brown-tawny beasts whose heads were stomped then stitched-put together as they would continue eating this unnatural thing as it would start pushing out its hinder legs, as many as four, forming combs in the back. His already-bent and contorted two legs had become irrerecognisable. A great torn-horn of the unicorn meaty horn that was barely held in place sprouted out of his chest as well, grabbed as soon as it came out by his arms, forming a ring as the angular-tusks began being lodged into it, almost splitting it in half by force but only beneath it, since it only needed to release some of its infant-demonic dregs that it had kept a hold off, sweeping in the back a trail for them to be implanted it. Unnaturally set, a great-top of the collar bone-having absorbed the shoulders as well, the bone and the remaining grim-looking fragments of there ever being any remotely resembling a complete humanoid; there stood a giant half a head, like that of a giant, half a nose perched but resting on nothing, as it was only held by naught else than the two arms lodged inside the tusks. A snake-body-ugly torn apart contortion; John Pekgh; thought he of the rottenness of the room, four blob-ghostly- in appearance spectres holding the lamps inside the room, tens of them, lowering the platform on top of which it stood until the chains began drooping in his very head, feeding him as they were fleshy, talking to him as well.

'Seethe thee longer-still and globe of wretched ill be stilled!'

A missoportune moment had almost thrust the entirety of the entreaty down the drain; they had almost come to shove one past the drainage, and the train of thought submerging after dark, they alone might've had their grubby hands pushed inside, lest besekt to answer the adjourned:

'A reddened bloody carpet, yet I see no butcher's mask on top the wall. Across so many plates of butchering and of turnkey blood, how is it that there's but one head missing, after all, I was the one who brought the disciples of murder onto the brows of your land. I, the very same person whose personage is still kept under scrutiny by the masters of the wretched Crown, who had been stolen from their land and thrown disjointedly forlorn onto the brow of a prison tent where they're to be torture, in a most horrendous fashion, hour after hour as I will it to be so!'

A tall booth- with blobs on every side of it, see-through as to reveal the machinery that was working its way in-and-out while the pistons and the elongated cylinders and the train-steam maker-like engine that could be seen only from some remotely hidden- higher than thou art, put on top some ledge on five floor standing apart, floors above you –angle; that was rounded around the top, akin in appearance to some electric shaving device with small circular trays sticking in and out, that would’ve been taken for completely filled onion rings without the innards; this booth being pointed in the front like some unnaturally deformed beak that was twisted and contorted frontward into a long ledge-bridge-long fat beam- cylindrically flat or some oblong cut on either side, twas connected at its front end to a most peculiar thing; the chin of it, being welded to the end of the ledge; inwardly conical pointing at its own gut –was its mouth, which was facing the sun and the stars and the clouds; an ugly blob face on top of it with a most peculiarly deformed head-shape, nigh-like that of a magician’s pointy hat but worse than what it looked like, its entire head was a giant front-ward, from its side, or pointing at the back of the ‘booth’ shaped body-machine ‘incisor’ with many angular rodded-cords sticking out of it, shooting back at the trays as to submerge into them, as if they were murky pools where children lay dormant in sulking hibernation. A coyote or jackal, or some shark’s tooth whereas this ugly body lain in the back, limbless, and drooping flaccidly below, lay likened to a big-corded tadpole; squirming as if impaled by this wretchedly defect machine; an almost long beaked tree knocker, the ones that keep pumping bark. Hooked into its body, as it prepared it, had it come to the lower end of the gate, where the chains still promised to draw on breath and, siphoned bough to crack and splatter, green alike.

‘What’s this? Have I been brought a friend already? A plaything and companion in disease?’

None shall know any better than what was to happen here, in wretched stillness and in the light of an empty drill that was lowered ever after. He had gathered as much and would only lay arm swollen, and swollenly forlorn if time allowed it so.

‘You are called to attend the lower church and shall do so only if the time is right for your soul to be blessed or taken for the broth of an empty cord still lain in waiting to be connected to one of the intermediary puddles!’

‘On which detrimental authority am I called to attend, little play-thing? I can see no ruse taken from the brothel’s end. Nor would I’ve seen myself uncannily distorted, turned to stray and made forlorn to lose each day thinking about what might happen if I were caught!’

‘Yet you are revealed and you are revealed alone as well. Where is your travel companion? The one that had been dropped during the cast-off, near the bodies wrought in pain and pained? After the cowls of the darkened strays?’

‘I could only piece this together from what’s been had. He’s stolen someone’s heart and I cannot tell where he is now!’

‘Then you shall suffer, consequentially so; the pleasure of suffering for his sin!’

And lead the way it did. He followed with an unremarkably subservient a caprice without which he could not plead, guiltily so to the strange aversion the brothel of snow that had been purloined outside while he was out during the hunt and during the come onto the shroud of cemeteries that were brought to his awareness after. IT’s been so long since he had seen the garden, which was remotely anything twas had

been fifteen years ago, during the age of desecration where the illamentable beasts had devoured the great morsel whose flight's mark was still up there, in a place where darkness had lain it, with great succumb to great despair to have come after. Its outline was black. A black blob on a cloud that was white, as flashy and chiselled as marble, king of kings of Alabaster; yet yearned for to be reminded of the suffering and the dead, while the ones that were more loyal did forget their place, it shouldn't count for reasoned' grimness' stark-for starch. A bloody pulp was had, alas.

'To the gallows we go with a gun in our arms, trying to see where the Russians are, where they're prepared to land, bomb after bomb and green disciple, and the Germans coming after, and the Poles, the swarthy Swedes and the painting of the streets.

A gorge that's never listened to, to the gallows there we head. You, my friend who stands erect; for the church desires empty bed, bread and wind and therefore dread, as you are taken to the gallows.'

Many hours passed since then, day after day, night and hourless refrain from asking what would happen if they got there too soon. If the gallows only took a bite off his head and hit the mark. Empty-craned oranges that rolled off the corrugated roof as well as the raising of a single brothel around the curve of a single walk; where all the souls went and attended the pass; they were gathered around the spot. Stopped by the sight of a few corpse-dry people, wearing their skin but not their heads; a cemetery brought to life. First the mourning had to be carried on with. It would not do too well to offend. Something worse than death would follow after, and when it did, the empty beds.

Pittek drew on his glasses, sordidly tiring himself in ruin. For some reason or another they were dead, trying to move around and grin while the past lay dead. A few paces from the perilous descent, to fall in that shakiness to which the rod was but subservient and sprouted out of, was meant to serve as a simple return to the bet he lost.

'Ayiee, good for nothing friend I yearned for to be come and hardly there come approach when finally descent into the desert below. I wish I had but a little mind to be had and strapped to a bomb, on top of which I might be had abruptly ripped apart, and sutured to the Moon then fall.

My death will mean nothing to you if I am lost to a mind that doesn't even know what for, and reasons that I'm not alive by the time it returns to him.'

'Wretch, a scourge of upheavel-drought, who thou art has little to be had wilt to thine kin and kin of lasting heart!'

A waste, a waste and a waste, avast for that which had been taken away from them, yet they could not help the treaty as twas come to an end. Star-board for the ones in trance, the ones that had been brought onto them to look alike;

'Land-a-hoe!'

Twas a wretch if there's ever been known to be one, at least close to, in the dozen lobe's cradled time, when they started at the one that desired their delirious hares, the ones that had been taken from Sicily, imported during the hour's come upon the unaware. A wronged-there-standing, little peg-of a wretch; no

taller than some five feet or so, perhaps worse than that, away and away; it moved with little steps such as none ought to, but they would, see a difference, seething in their marks, their spots and their wills be had!

Globe of wretched pillar

Second of the ones standing below him; his wretched arms almost fell apart from the entirety of the pressure that was being forced onto the lower sides of his brow, the grimy shoulders being almost toppled down by a pressure not even he could stand the likes off.

‘My bloated brother, sitting among a pile of skeletons made out of hardened dust, crystal, diamonds and the one wretched skeleton of dirt-be-had. Why have you forsaken me this hour of most need?’

I beckon thee to release me from this dream of main, laceration and be-had-to; that I may will myself back to life, that I may fathom walking upon feet that are made to waggle in what little there is left of my legs before they start falling apart. Yet all true of spoken evil as’s been said, you do not falter to be evil and to wreck havoc upon my faultiness and faultry be had instead. We could’ve ruled together, through evil and through dust. Though our eternities are something not even I can help to fathom from where you stand, so soft, yet so tall!

Where you stand, where you stand my dear brother; this spot is but a little speck of my empire. Their bones shall serve you naught and shall be grinded in your blood by the time you become a blob, a wretch that cannot be held, yet shall yearn to succumb to bolt. As you shall suffer no brothel to come, and you shall hope no less bequest and run! I wager. That much I can wage my petty soul on top of. That you shall seek me such when the time comes!’

‘Nay, for thine grave shall be empty from this point of, suffer as thus, you shall continue and it shall be beckoned to become a must, that I shall find you still buried in thine grave. A wreckage of disorder, disordained!’

A cat squats by him.

A bloody fall, onto the pyramid that fell through the earth’s bowl rotted head, the one that had still remained there since ancient days still, to’ve been certain, befuddled even the most certain of what happened to them.

‘Why is my dog nibbling down its chainmail armor when she knows she cannot penetrate through my rape goggles?’

‘Wretch, allure, come onto the prowl Moon and fill thine stench with cowed for fur’s come and carpet wrung, must thine elephant benumbed by illness-called for still, need it suffer for what has been naught but your own mistake?’

But the wretch didn’t respond immediately, yet in place remained.

‘Adjourned by evil’s stay and damp remains, stay coddled by absinthe’s alabaster calling. Niggardly, killer of niggers, lynching man of low-regard, I call upon thee to be armed and feel of slither’s woe, allure to merriment and bitter snow; lest be reddened come to blows, I seek beseech of leech’s trench and birch’s peace that you may not move from the spot. Be executed by one of the Gorgon bearers as I will have you whipped from every side!’

Such’s n’ trance there be emerging from a point whose loathsomeness awaited no reproach but swerving was he there in stance.

The bloody pillar was awakened by the trance of eight faced torsos with long reed-tubes sticking from beneath them, and their arms, like angels bathed in rum and tar, which spoke to the demons of Mars during their most inward-ly deranged dreams. Agony was felt on a whim but the cat followed. It was forced to grow, and out of its back a man emerged, filled and covered with a snow that allowed for a few appendages to emerge from his back, all equipped with backs of their own and the strange bones that held their arms, albeit they had no hands, the bones of the arms might’ve been lodged deeper inside at their farther ends; but legs were normal, and his face, amiably maimed, as if by a gaily at his work set on to parade with a pariah of scissors’ touches, from up-side down, across his face, across this maze of unnaturalness’ allure, cut-in-between the brows and his two colossal, colloquially-asymmetrical moons, cat-globes green with puffy balloon-raised bumpage-come through from the backward-bone and deeper inside, they reeled back and drew forth, snakes out of some large, downward-pointing deep-trenched and even deeper, pointing down its hatchet.

‘I think the thermometer is falling apart. You must, I yearned for your call-to therefore trench of low, less, come-to as you may, lesser-egged by yolk of mindless prattle come and snap a throng of faces that may be put on my fancied-for lacklustre!’

‘But, I, I am a man of class, I’ve come at last, from a family of bottle-tapestry adorners of trinket-past, crack the hour, will’en had. The man standing before you, rust might’ve corrugated each skin; the slither within being bargained for on a whim. But I would seek no solace yet endear, endure as I may, out of cone and out of fear for what might happen if I were to spend a second more, in this little pratt of nomenclature dysentery porcelain a yolk-shaped ball.’

For he was trapped in a sphere that only now appeared in sight!

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‘Thine feet are yonder set yet do not yearn to move from where they’re set, dear slither-cob.’

He spoke with the water-bulb during some age whose trifle was hardly felt at all. Twas the zit’s hardness plub-gaster bubble cast, the assorted little pumps that adorned his body being become part of its gulley-rancid prancing rust, which corrugates its leprous skin, the one that drew out of him, out of it there being many leaping around, wretchedly round and abhorred for reasons uncalled for-during its stay inside the pools, where it started growing the arm-casts it threw forth in a iota, like that of bumbling baboon-

buffoons, with their faces starting to leap around, with the crudeness of a wild regard, and the mould, which propelled itself forth being of a reasonless discerned for cold, with which they froze them into place.

His face was yet benighted-curved forward, and all his limbs 'ere stored in the inner-pockets of his wrong-done after; where he made the cuts and where the coffins lay in plunder, there he was found, large feet-pulled out and curved, turned into his vans, so he could move around. A fish out of water, found there on the spot, partly eaten. Elevated to the rank of being respectably kempt by history's end, a trifle to no bed, for making the maker's bakery'prod eternally erect where to be, there standing, a little crude boil of a snail-formed piece of rabid-extended girthy skin, a flesh erected from some unnatural end which adorned now every composition of evil tattle!'

It drew forth, jumping with a leap as if there had been clouds beneath it, followed by visible guts of red booms and glooms and jump-around 'monsoon's' made out of the most perilous of grinded meat it had released from beneath it, corpses, boils, ugly heads and similar cones, broth of leper's teddy bears that had been devoured somewhere along the way with the cradle of the very same children whose skulls and bones were released beneath them, on the throng of a most uncanny field made now-turned into a patch of red, a crimson thing of supreme boil-toil clot, inside of which, since it rose like a bump, there standing a lawyer with a hammer-lodged behind his head, around and there-around erect, he stooped lower-than-before, he could breath no more, but the boil-leprous slug up there, looked like some cysted crystal of fluids-frozenly made, which became nigh-invisible when exposed to the sun, which laughed because he could speak a trifle less than before, ever since numbed by the shots it had taken from the giant needle-racks of puffy hive-growths that ate from inside of it, numb-fold thrice-after, call to arms and call to wonder; for this cheered the man up, as he gave up on his fine-position he had been passed on by his boss in favor of a young- inexperienced man he had come to see as a son of the sorts despite not working with the firm any more; which reminded him, since they had passed lunch at eight am, or so, in the morning, two-fold thrice the matter, fifteen days ago or so, perhaps even farther than that, as no one could forget what that meant, alas, he considered his bastardly endowed worship towards this ugly figure that had absorbed some of the solar sun radiation by means of some-kindred unfold felt retardation caused by means of gun, erected to-be-numbed, to be-numbed, buns in the oven, here I come, mum, my darling singing as she'd come forth out of the van, with a face, the face that I remembered, a face unbelonged to her, as I can recognize her no more, how awful, how awful a trifle will I live to see towards the ceiling's end, forlorn, to my wife, the cabbage, I ate, and ate, no peach cleaned by some unclean switchblade taken from the hands of someone undeserving but which shall only belong to me, for I am the cruel king of Mars, the speaking of Neptune, glory to Zeus, kill-kikes, I am a nigger; thrice fold there-gone, pump-pump, the beast has been awakened but it doesn't know what to do now, not so quickly, as you'd see, there's, there's, it's coming, you see? The promise of pussy that I can only hope to approach on my way to paradise, parading with forlorn devices, the gun-moister, ever-known as a trifle, made-the lot, the master, master of Berlin, the kike, a hammer beating his head, blood-blood-blood-blood, everywhere, as Crane was only bathed by this beast that felt as if it had been its sole duty to do so before continuing its flight towards a most obscure to itself, long-lost, sublimely so, paradise, of parasites, mum's dad has a rifle stored in one of his turnkey-tabernacle-behind the glass, locked in tight, by a key-ciphered, albeit chipped, numb-padded lock, I cannot hope to crack open because I'm terrible at numbers, but this sublime beast is trapped, absinthe-pus coddle-cock, in its own-forlorn prison, the paradise, where and inside of which dark dreams emerge, where to now? For I feel as if I'm cold, I feel but trapped, in my solace of

desperation; I the man, the dark creation! Neptune's Lord blaspheme me as I make my way, towards, today, tomorrow, no more gays. For I shall kill the homos during my wake and I shall spread my seed in many women for I have been blessed; my mind, oh tumor-genius, I must be called, a man of supreme integrity, THE SECOND SUPREME GENTLEMEN, the killer, the magi of the Nigger-kill element, the hunter, I hunt, I cannot be stopped, I run around in circles, unaround; unbound by mortal rules that would stop me from my tracks, prevent me from furthering on, with my evil plan, for twas twice told that I'd be, on my way, for all to see, for my god, my leprous thing shall be revived again, and during birth-return, all would suffer along the way. For I shall kill in its name and bring tribute-felt, by death by death and I shall be helped along the way by none other than the kikes, ha-ha, for they are become self-destructive and weak, hooked on their poison, blinded by piston and by nasty feel. And while all are distracted I shall rule-forth and bring a hundred years fold of pain, I shall whip, slither, lynch and kill away, and drown children in blood and bloody madness. The killer, blinded by power and by crude-felt sadness. A leprous wretch, whose piety shall yet prevail; it truly looked like Crane was but nearing the day where he would look by his side, his right side where he was waited by someone, someone who really had his rifle pointed at his temple now.

'Horko, you are a traitor, brother, come-out-of-death!'

The Iles were wretched and the mansion was fell upon the ground and wretched, almost ruined by destruction. God's tongue was rabid in its filth and stay, the slither come and the rancid pray!'

While and during the attempt of having haltered at the stop to think, and thinking got me kind of drunk, I winked a little, having taken a gulp, my mother sent me towards in order to get her fancy pastry needed for Sunday Church's evening come between from the time of ancient days when monks have put citadels of ink and wax, the top of the fry-tower being elapsed in oil, towards the rudimentary having been gone through this road which tinged with electrifying canker-bolts of rabid animals that were slowly being, consecutively, one by one, then in pairs of two, three, and four like sets of cards being rummaged through your purse mom's what's happening when you're not paying attention on the road but this time I was alone, on the errand, on my own, the killer of dreams with the nigger-beams bearing wretchedness allure; the dear friends that decided, to've come, prior to the errandry being discerned by empty rims of purloin numb shot through a device that caused external bleeding, laceration- maim by God's gobbling down the gulley's dark creation; by noon, tagging along; to play a farce of most obtrusive soliquity of upheaval in terms of bled; having waited by the corner we'd usually met, they jumped me, stabbed my liver-dry, pools of rivers blood, sounds of saw becoming embers of the most corrugated junk I never knew I had or bore in me, or in my tummy-tum, a most intrusively abhorrent; pain would abhor, and therefore gore was bottled by pastrami torn apart, the kings of tapestry that followed out of the store sutured the poor kid who immediately alarmed them by, let alone the sight that caused them to think of what was happening to him, intermediary delight of empty vows, like Church-bells or the Columbine shooter, well enough, he decided to walk along these Demigods who avowed themselves as if he were their liege and culprit in crime and Bonny and Clyde and Rasputin and the Mad Mongs of Notre Dame and the master and the slaver and the nigger and the wager, well upon thereafter, albeit by it's come back alerted of something that he had refuted multiple times, so much so that he would not endure another loss if he had been very much so provoked to do it by arms, pained by lust's cast away stance, he could not feel anymore of a brute than he did then, waking up from solace's den, with a loaded gun in his hand, pow-pow, killed one of the benumbed by led or lead, whichever it were, a cascade of rumination hindered by their loyalty be-

damned, as they watched him pile-riled by a slough of cylindrical carcasses that bounced upon a rubbery asphalt inside of which children slept, beneath the cement, beneath the sink of stone-peep, lay the great giant eye, then, alarmed by the realization that upon such occasions as Sunday's march, on various Parliamentary Seneca's introductory entry into the House of Commons that allowed him to continue on this path of misscreation, to've been banned, in such case might've meant death, entry to the wretched Cowl of a portal where disembowel was but merit's to the pledge, to be cut and beheaded meant a USS Liberty incident but being on the Israeli's side instead, in terms of the pragmatic rhetorical aspect of the most innocuously incumbent plight, such delight and therefore fright of having shown a reason that you were or are alive, for reasons never spoken off; then he reached the spot where he was sent by her to buy a loaf of bread but he found out the children that were turned into cars, sutured together like corpses, were dead, by means of violent castration and death-filled with gas shoot-ahead, suture; which, also endowed by the stank-miasma that was shoved in front of them allowed for none other and no other reason than rape, murder.

'The Fur-lion has me in trance, surependity of wilds and chimes!'

For he was the king thereafter, after having killed the others, blessed ones survive, and all that had remained, other than the sutured into car-outlines dead children were the anchors of guts and empty-wrought in pain allure.

'Emissary of Mongol.'

Came the crier as soon as the podium floor was succumbed to the roughness of a floor turned to shrapnel in the grinding. He had run out of reloaded, put-ins, out of his pocket, backpack and the extra-carry weighty bag borrowed from some man caressed by the aloe-thorns, entered him by means of fore-front.

But where from had he come?

Fifteen hundred million miles, there-to and long-below:

Hours unspoken during faultry:

'I bestow upon thee, maiden of miasma taken, the title of Dredge of Train.'

Upon the maiden named, Genevie or loft-bespoken, what of her mind had remained; the poor wretch of a whorish bore, a single wheel her back purloined to carry on, while rattles-rattled. A cruel upheavel only carried after in her tracks.

'Despot of ill and mad, must I continue on this track, at last?'

'Lease of ilch-tainted enduring, you shall carry on and falter booing! Else there shall be a drop of the mind, a rotten grovel in which you shall rest from this point on, upon the appointed pit that is.'

He had directed her to the only place she didn't feel ill at ease.'

Both the Horned and the One burnt alive, devoid of eyes, but aware of her smell and of her smile, which was parley pointed, cutlass of demure. Taken for a sign that they stood a chance with her if she failed in toil and bitter Moon; which was flatter, tinier and in the sky, instead of it being beyond earth, the girth of

many rabbles, diamond stones of raised mounds-after, calling for her stomp, with little raised flags that were made out of rib-caged oil, from slime-like beings, muttens of some giant morsels that were well thawed, coaled by prison-bars, serpentine in thorns, out of which heads bloated around, disjointedly as they moved along, beckoning her to stop, and large, in mass, past-death standers, watchers, observes, most of whom were incapable of properly breathing by themselves, therefore, she noticed, as long as the road was, behind each mount, each perilous pitch of sand and even behind the hills to-where and to-hinder titter towards which, the bloated moot-point to where they extended, many coils which fed them still, from the dawn-put down, a single being. Wretchedly squirming at the end of the road; making a fuss of the unconscious scolding as they dreaded each fold, flop and bump twas made by her raised on step.

‘You must know by now that the ointment you’ve been rubbed with, rub of darkened poultry, stricken by faulty club. Ye were spat upon with faulty powder, made of brother, made of mother!’

‘Those which I’ve never had the displeasure of meeting in the first place since I had been abandoned early on!’

It was that pain-felt struck down her back, upon the rolling of the wheel that revealed her behind, her, behind-hinder and around, in the wheel, where she were, all of them, like empty-squared, trapped in windows, the roll of flimsily-kempt and embalmed long after their quasi destruction had allowed for any preservation, lest archival had been known to crumb, rugged dolls of her-herself, fried alive, desperate to get out, filled with boils, as the engine had once sprouted during one of her last attempt to carry on!

His head, the one following in the back, exploded, in a guttural viscera kind of way, startling his companion as they parted ways:

‘What the fuck was that?’

‘You should be careful with your stepping!’

‘Crane-Disciple!’

Of a margin, leaped above a stone, thereafter. The many statues only nodded, their bodies shook and mystery foreboding, starved and drenched with trodden.

‘The madman has claimed his ruse, he claimed her as his wife and would obtuse all who’d stand against him, but why, why would someone grind the fringes of the finger’s taken dark abode?’

But before he could speak again, and before the other leaping around dredges could jump and leap, fore-told, be-knotted by empty frown, and ponder-snow; their heads just blew in an instant, flames fuming, rising, spreading like black clouds that only allowed for a momentary alteration to be rotten-cast and taken apart, their mild autopilots of pain joining in each dance as they had raised the lances, and the dark remains. All cast away and down yonder. What was felt by them was but disease in its inner most, strongest form. A body-cast; made in thrice, cut and spread below, had become four great worms, two conjoined and two of normal kin; they drew forth towards where she had lain on top of some milder mount, and spoke to poor Genevie as she was extremely confused.

‘It’s rather reassuring that there’s still a woman with perfectly rounded a womb. I see there’s something in there; but you’re armless. Soon to be removed from legs.’

‘And if I want to keep a hold of them?’

A wagon-of many perilous; rancidly put-together cemeteries joined aloof.’

There is that man again, running around in circles despite everything they, he’s still running at it, incapable of fully stopping from his track. He’s most likely insane, legless by chance, cut by a faulty wire that disallowed his growth, pacing as he is, there’s no way he’ll survive the century. All that’s been said about him so far turned out to be true. He is to die like a dog without redemption, cruel as it may seem, we shall dine upon him and ensure there shall be no redemption from either one of us for as long as we live; for this dying beast had done it onto itself by its own two hands; a thing worth of no pity whatsoever and of no worthy mind. Even in that position he still squirmed himself into served as a reflection of what’s he become and what it came down to. Breathing heavily, they stared, their maws and teeth widened as they began pacing around the oaf.

‘If you’re in any need of meat, there’s enough of it in the back. There’s no need to start mawing your way through this one. He’s thin, starved and shall not allowed for hunger’s perish, disallow your tasted shallows, or shall bring but what foil there is to your standing shimmering little puffs flying around your flying hearts, nor will your guts start flying out of their hidings for the reason I am aware of, stolen of no vest, wretches, corpses that walk but cannot heed the ones behind you, or the stench that you yourselves are guilty of delivering onto the plains, I can see reason when there is none and for that alone I shall ensure that not a single one of you will breathing any ounce more than needed if it is within my power to do so.’

And that wasn’t even the start of it. They were onto him since the very start. Two at a time approaching:

‘Hold, you’re standing within our iron sights, don’t mind yourself more than needed. Ear for a gut and we shall have your life, wretchedly abhorred as no disciple of the Moon’s cowl brought onto the old and the new forgotten that live only for the sole reason of abhorring the living such as yourself, be it as it may, worsened by age or worsened by power in-maligned by ray or torsion, that may have been cast away by lust’s eve, while we, aware of your traitorous benigned approach have had our time be-spoken for to prepare, you have been doing nothing short of merely standing here, hiding in this little, unnatural damp cave. There’s absolutely no reason to stay. Where they stood, from far and else one should ignore the noble feeling that might come onto your say.’

But it was a trifle too late for him to speak.

‘It’s far too irritating for me to approach you from where you’re sitting, dear friend.’

Yet neither of them;

‘I should hope you would, at the very least consider not turning this into more of an annoyance than it has to be.

At the very least, I would not hope to.’

They stood there for a moment, in silence. There didn’t seem to be a way around it, at the very least:

No one.

No one wants to make a serene cow out of the puddle of blood that's on the floor. Absolutely wretched. Pieff!

‘Ah, I cannot see past this sign!’

It should make no sense but it does, everyone's acting to their own accord. Dancing madly without legs, flopping around when they're dead, only to make less noise when their ankles are removed. If one knew better, he'd put them down. But there's, there's no way for either one of them to know what's going on around them, since eve's song, a few meters off there, here and off the.

The great mollusk approached them. Before either one, spry as he were.

They were moving while trying to get a word in, the little pucker being open, an eye-bump rounded see-through bulb that drew from inside a fall-down depression a slowly lifting upward by means of crawl with many little legs and tiny puffers that drew girthy honey-suckle liquid-liquefied pouches out of left-over men eaten by termites remains, it feasted upon in order to lift itself and cast itself upward, forward, after, following through with its flat-monitor that had been flat-ironed in order to implant this device that would allow its function to begin, since the wiring was already inserted in by surgery, signals being sent to the lower-lowered by fifteen miles below, but couldn't get a word in because of the static noise being produced at an exhilarant level unmet before; that had reached their ears for the first time in the, perhaps, longest a human-humanoid being had ever come into contact with.

‘That's what I was counting on. Now I can commence theft!’

‘Have you banked in the virus, yet? If so, praise do be for divulging our secrets to our adversaries when they're not looking for us, but gainsaid wretch, thou be alarmed, for the disfigured men are still trying to rip out their fingernails while on the street during their walk!’

Discs were implanted in their backs, -connected to riddling pistons on the ground that constantly drew dirges of blotted trays with painted suns on them out of their strangely compact empty backs. They were empty, devoid of organs, walking automatons made of men, and the discs but flew in and out of them as if they were their children. It was a disease they had contracted in Bangladesh, during one of their jovial conjugal visits, where it had been implanted on them. Below the earth the pistons connected to a world-afar of power-line-holes, with the poles being giant worms that had their encrusted crowned leeches wriggling about the pipes, trying to deliver the intelligence that was being picked up from the States. Gold-fangs glittered in the dark as he approached.

Paranoid about these two men that were being followed by in the cement crawling on top of, hole makers, by means of poke. Implanting needled syringes beneath them, as they dug up a valley:

‘Say, good men, do you reckon there's a notice to be had about what's happening behind the two of you?’

‘Not that we would happen to know or be reckoned to encapsulate a wretch, but what do you suppose we might do about what's happening to us, instead?’

‘Anything but freely giving them what's being stolen from you.’

To which, admittedly, he bore neither any responsibility towards, not had he a care as to absorb a wretched need of asking. Instead, of bother and of tasking; the disc had become a sea-ray as soon as it was approached, fleshy and inwardly reaching, it seht warmth inside one of the men:

‘These are no sun-discs as I was lead to believe.’

‘Pets, companions, whatever you’ll have us seek after, dark sinew!’

Odin is in Belgium, the Jomon saddling rafts made of steel, trying to ride them back to Japan after being captured during one of the advances. Peril meant being drafted early and being drawn into the war without their permission, to which they felt not a single desire to be forcedly made to be a part of. So they said to him:

‘Go away!’

‘Unfortunately you are drawing far too much attention for us to allow you to simply step on us and our behinds, this is rather quaintly, unacceptable and is not to continue going on without an immediate cessation!’

‘Seriously, go away! Hey! Get lost, do not come any close or see what happens!’

Treacherously had he galloped towards their moonlight’s sill, a most venerably worthy assailant that had refused to step down once prayed away by their incessant gowels. Asunder was the street split, Buenos Aires was the first country to feel the felt of the strength as it was landed, onto the earth, around the trimmed Stratosphere’s gill, inside of it, and around, then below the rim and the edge, where it felt on the poor Spics, as one by one they fell, dead, as a result of the rippling echo of a quake, that was responsible, also, for the splitting of hairs, jaded by this morose conundrum yet worn, fallen, drafted, apart, incapable of understanding how was it that they still stood.

‘Baggy tits!’

‘He-he.’

‘I work out, shut up!’

Wings of steel dropped below one of them, as he pulled out a pistol, handling it barely, shaky-hands and all, pointed at the poor man’s head.’

‘If you kill me here, there’ll be trouble and that I cannot handle the likes of, if left unattoned!’

What rummaged through the street was a felt-by them cone of rotten meat, given away by flies and thrown around women’s feet, serving as the dead-giveaway.’

‘My grief and anger against this world that is responsible for my betrayal, my casting into the bowels of darkness out of which I may never be capable of returning or coming back from, since my sins are but worthy of the most incessant acts of un-forgiveness abhor, testimony to the testimony of never being capable of letting myself forget what’s been done; will never leave this mind of mind that is forever-cursed, in a curved manner, trapped inside this trap of irrationality I cannot escape from, latching onto whatever is left of my broken memories that are spread inside this wild-reflection of shattered tributaries

of alcohol, cognac, a scented rum giving birth to a scenery I may not ever admit myself as being careful of forgetting. I was made this way by these talons that are wrapped around me, come out of a great serpentine figure that is connected to a rocket-shaped fetus, armies are born out of me. Amnesties are broken by my incarceration, my advancement, my dark advancement comes as a result of my rifles, they are made of bone, excruciating pain is felt by this self-inflicted torture I beckon to be stopped, forgetful as I am that for a moment, there, I was alive, but alive only in the context of a timeless gaze past-felt, a stupor of vileness that inflicts bowels of anger's come aghast, growths onto me to grow, but hinder, my mind is in a hibernatory manner of asking, naiveté, where have thou gone against all common sense?

They had laughed and danced and shot rockets at him, which exploded his head, which exploded his lower body that became split in eighteen crawling figures, centipedes of plates all bearing his shield-shaped face, with crawling peculiar pistols all now beginning to shoot in every direction, killing everyone in sight. They all suffered and died painful deaths; but only because they survived the initial shootout, by paralysis, bullets lodges in each of their spines. He tended them for years, feeding them, forcing them to suffer, the maniac, what was wrong with him? How cruel, nasty, cruel, a killer, he fed them a crematorium. Metal by metal, ash to ashes, no gas-chambers in Auschwitz, but into the oven it goes, little pecker, evil nose.

'Blood is spilled on my hands by constant-kill, murder, thou art holy and only now can I see the appeal!'

After having witnesses hundreds of hours of murder, he had become pure. No longer precious to himself or to others, no longer will there be a cure to this.

Highly irreverent yet without a chance at the sublime's there-after, without a doubt had she not a say in whether or not she was to be allowed a meddlesome entry through this unnatural door that had been munching on her spined-face, a farcical-blot of skin having stepped out one of the more robust moving chambers that, upon opening had grabbed a hold of her, trying to spit a few finer hairs, rightly so, before forcing her to step in, by force, now turned into a pesky-prisoner that was without lawfully- worthy of decency- rights, that helped with her settle-in, since, she could die at any moment or be raped by this cacical figure that had entrapped her.

'We are engaged from this point on, and I shall not try to make it any easier on you than I have to be, because from this point on, I shall be your master, and you, my obedient slave!'

With which, the woman, Diel-Anne Killer-of-bothersome-little-stench Senior-Department Store. Depot Anne, Depot Anne shoved her hand inside the side of her belly, and his her organs in the floor, while her master was preoccupied with reading the Daily Gazette. She had hid them underneath the carpet in a stone that was part of the garnished petal shaped wooden-planks placed around it. And it only came to reason that she lost a leg while doing so. Then, with that in mind, she carried her daily hear-after as to the usual, cooking, cleaning, making supper, kissing the blessed icons around the house while praying for the stagnation of the rabidly inclined unnaturally fallen apart, yet darkly-set in place, forgetfulness, foggy, by means of laceration, the uddersome frightful lain in heart, blissful solace severed from her by each ticking of a tongue, jolted, misbehaved, this inherited life a frightful globe of blot she could not help to see an end to, or off. Since it's been an hour, powerlessly plowed by needles, of a most somber entreaty was there, spread-around, repel, of many, lesser, fewer then-in-between figures that came in and out, out-ta-ta-ta-ta the house, that were lost to mind's uneven.

‘Supper’s ready, may I take a break and join you for I’m parched, in need of sustenance, starving, I’m not fed, I may be your most loyal pet, but even those that aren’t fed, have to suffer, have you yet?’

‘Wait until I’m done and then we’ll talk, but no sooner and no later, understood?’

Breathing is a thing of the past. It must be done while munching on blood, and trying your arms on someone who won’t take you back once you’ve broken up with them over some insignificant squabble, because women are incapable of showing any compassion towards someone who feels any kind of unsolicited attention towards them, therefore need be scolded.

A knock on the door:

It was a rounded bucket-like sauna shaped, with a round fleshy un-sharpened beak of a giant thumb formation of interconnected pseudo-appendages, whose head was flat and depressed in, as-in the bucket-hole, had a crown of long-curving inwardly dirty-covered in murky eels incisors, eyes on either side but human-like, a body of a slug, whereas it was held a few meters above the ground by two elephant-ears aligned but only for eight or eight seven or so centimeters if someone people who climbed two ladders on either side of its head held it up-high for display – of some fleshy pseudo-thin palm-leaves, that slowly diverged inwardly into pseudo-airplane wings of hardened nigh-chiseled carapace-chitinous frames of elongated limbs, that were cricket-set backwardly, or if the plane had a giant come and curve the wings backwardly, on the side of the said plane, whereas at their ends, these ‘legs’ bore upward-thrust cane-heads, solid, bony in appearance. And the slug-tail never touched the ground, nor did it reel back and forth despite the crude way in which it had been forced to crane its head, without a doubt.

‘Anne, mind me passing over the tray? I promise it won’t lower itself on your lap unless you ask for it, I say, don’t mind me for what’s been called, dull, thou might be over it by noon, but, would you mind passing it nonetheless?’

‘This prick of a used-to be is no longer within my reach. Pray that I may be given the strength needed to find it somewhere in these fields of snow; for it’s a sea of white-haired hay, endlessly stuck in avalanche, and that is but an unnatural thing I cannot for the likes of me get myself to be made take a hold of, even if I were bewitched to do so as you please of me.’

‘You will not disappoint me at all if you but try, trust me on this, my good girl, there’s something of a glimmer in your eye. I can see it plenty well. And against that deeply cast- refrained mirror of a simpleton’s reflection there shall be but a single indentation stumbled poorly upon your sight. If you will it so, it will be found.’

‘What’s it of importance to you, to have it that is?’

‘Perhaps you should know what it means to my heart’s swollen vow, taken-ly aware that I may lose my very soul upon the very night I undertook the guarding of the brooch, which I’ve taken in my possession for no short of blind-entanglement endure. Spoken with the moon, while doing so, and he held me, to my contempt, for a moment not to fall. For it was shone upon my eyes, ever-so bright. A delightful thing I could not, for the likes of me understand why, or what the reason behind it was.

But I wanted it, with all the arduous desire of my fiery-swollen soul that's ever been lain upon the claim of a single, most wretched to's-been mine, and mine alone. Lo, that's settled.

Now, it's gone, and my heart will be content with waiting, for the blind that roam the street benign, all that is wretched and the symbol of my eve.'

'Then you knew I would not find it if I were sent by thee?'

'Quite so, was I made aware of your coming-to the sight, death, I knew there was a chance for you not to make it after all if I were to send you there, all by yourself. Without it and its companion, the wretched brooch shall cast this world in flashy-flesh, which shall grow, glow, blinding us all, because of you.

The other piece!'

'I'm not human, then?'

'No such thing can be said about you or what's become of you from that errantry of a poultry I picked you up and out of. I could not for the likes of me ever be-think or bemuse myself, so sullen as I would be. I could never dream a proper funeral for thee!'

And beneath the bowel of his shirt, he revealed, an undertaking of a void, emptiness that would repel even the bravest that did stare and look. A good chunk of it was missing, beneath the rib, above his leg, but a great clavicle, that only kept, a few meters in solid. Iron frames darting back and forth, raised and lowered constantly. They kept him alive, but they kept him in place as well. One could not do without the other, brothers of the macabre, meager, fools, of emptiness dishelved, the hour.

'Our gracious pleasantries, as are withhold from your, don't bemuse a tender coming to the sight and swerve!'

'Goodness gracious, but what's been done to your maimed daughter that has only lived in this house-ever since the coming of the end's light fallen over?'

'I cannot tell for the likes of me what you could be talking about, my dear sir.'

Tall and tenebrously embraced by large sticks that curved around his neck, beneath the grown he worn, a disciplinary tender- barely sublime, well kept a suit that was rather erogenous in terms of where it drew the line, large bovine-colors, patched by buttons thrown-nearer his outer-push-outs, the long-extensions that held him in place, almost almond, almost chained, to a pair of shoes that were not shoes, instead, indeed, a circle that was part of his feet, or they had been melted and were part of it, a tree-of a man that was carried by another one, conjoined and out of his back, drawing sea- and land apart, dressed and hidden by a tiny house he had nailed to his body, painfully alluding to the hiding of a most wretched creature, he called, nobody. Twas his brother, his shame, his curse; yet the only one capable of propelling them forth so they would not starve; since, with eighteen arms as he was born with as well, on both sides that were born-united and were inter-connected as to give the impression of a rib-cage that wasn't helped by the extra-bone cartilage that was grown in and out of his body, this putrid beast. A fatuous fallen-apart rotten crudity that was hard to look at, but he was no beast. These bones that grew from everywhere sealed the deal, since his arms were become fully lodged into one another, forming these whale-inner thigh of a bulldozer that made him the man he was now. Covered in a black peeling away plate of tar-

carpet, as well; rounding up to ten feet tall. His neighbors once revealed the truth about it, there was no brother behind him, and the front was just the carving of a deformed human trying to trick people into looking up at him, and him down at them, whereas his real self was hidden inside that tiny wooden house he built around himself, for naught else but greed, protection. For when they spake, and cruelly they did, and threw so many empty coins, laughing at him, sometimes cheering, were these dark remarks always met by something to be got. Something to be made, shillings of little value but he had to eat after all. It was a most disgraceful thing, and perhaps, it was that which turned him into the deformation he had become.

Upon entering their household, he bore a giant street-lamp with him, against which, eight people were tied to, by force.

‘I shall sell you to him, my dear daughter.’

‘Why?’

‘He needs to eat, and I’m a butcher!’

There was no way around, these stout fellows made sure there was a tinder-felt by knock aloud, bump in the ground, the boot was down.

‘I mean to them, I shall sell you to them. They are in need of eating and of being clothed. And they shall use your outer-husk to dress.

But only after being brought to their home.’

‘Where?’

She asked with a most moth. Her eyes were the size of two giant melons, and were black-ish tar and were out of her head, two floating tumors connected by two tendon-beamed fleshy cylinders. Bloody-red and ugly clot; who was her mother? He was drunk. IS, still;

Like a flame adorning her desire to be drawn to the side and raped in some ugly-shed out of which no one would hear her anger driven screams, nor would they have a say against it if they knew who was finely performing the act.

With certainty she asked:

‘Where are you taking me, good sir?’

‘To my home, a shared apartment, in Columbine.’

Prior to the Massacre:

A few things ever go as they’re initially driven past their conception-stage, during the initiation of blood, when your head is turned down, realizing that a woman released her period on the ground at the thought of, carried by the side of him, a bloody mop that painted the snow red, constantly dripping but never capable of understanding what her father had done to her, or the reason behind this dark-betrayal.

Columbine is the dark seat of this world. The throne-room of limbo, endless-child murder; for was it there not where the rope responsible for lynching over a thousand hundred niggers had been melted then forged anew? They say that if you're brown-skinned and or a nigger, a single cut of this sword can suffocate you in an instant once made contact with the skin; a ringed at its end, almost lassoing endlessly, a vortex of leathery iron, almost forever stuck in deep rotation, constantly searching for nigger-lynching crudities to murder, in its supreme indentation of desire, to spread away, closer, nearer, like some swollenly dark and eely-flesh of nigger-kill desire!@

Noon, they walked the ungodly, deep-forsaken ground. Having traversed a most unnaturally a forest ran-through houses that were destroyed, since but fifty years ago when they had erupted, in an upwardly towards the sky, gravity-defying, an avalanche of trees that were grown as if they had been naturally allowed growth, but out of a tectonic-large valley-near the edge of stone plate that was then tilted on an incline, at a raise of about fifteen or thirty degrees more, or so, than you'd expect of them, now hanging in the air, part of these greater plates made completely out of entangled into one another- roots. A great sea.

What rabidness alone told of what happened there, none could add no more than it would be allowed:

'An old man walking with a gait? How come and who is responsible for it?'

'None other than old age, my dear friend, I cannot stress it long enough, you walk backwardly and set-behind a lighter stove, alas and much to your incongruity there shall be but little such's spool to cast, of rabidness and therefore lust, of what's to see carried away.

Yonder where you look, I say, there's the fire, spread and side, with it, with your delight, and deepened fright, drowning in your simple disillusion, whatever thine, your wretch' allure, and bastardly contorted Constitution shall withdraw from saying.'

'Where to now then?'

'Forth, and swaying.'

A feet-of an enclosure, where they're met by bastardly, a few beggarly star-gazers that had their eyes taken from them:

'Where are you, vile wretch? I can feel you, I know you're here, you've been taken from me for the last time and now, I can feel you, I can sense you, tender, brave but worthless stranger!'

'He was here a minute ago!'

And their hands, their arms and even the empty stumps of their eyes, psychedelic snail-eyed but thicker, broader, made out of ten, exactly ten tenebrously shallow tape-worm beings with spikes that drew, withdrew, constantly impaling one another. Within a moment's pass, the entirety of the street was covered in their bloody-pints, unclean, scented, filled with a most disgraceful smell, a scented mass made out of all of them, before properly blocking the street by means of dark elongation; they formed a few barracks out of their bodies, voicing their hatred so much more wildly than before. Broodingly had the sea-shallow where the light didn't emerge out of, falling behind the hours, calloused by the extension of no brighter plight twas missing from the sight; wretched by them, drawn so much closer to them, bothersome repel they sang:

‘Where to be, where to be, show yourself and we eat thee!’

Was chanted upon a temporary reproach, the soil of contemplation at their temples, openly a garage door behind them, at the dead end, welcomed them in, and the building they entered slowly moved, with legs that were akin to crickets, bloodied everywhere, let known after:

‘The children and their mothers, most of whom lived in here, all died, a-gone, I say.’

‘Pin-Tork Torchnun, our savior that savors the bleeding dry, worshipper of the tongue, why have you engraved its symbol on this table?’

‘None the matter if you can stomach everything, stranger!’

‘But we’ve been acquainted, have we not?’

‘By now I thought you’d known me better than to savor killing and the butchering of me, a stranger!’

With which he started performing a few laps before settling down with eating from a basket made out of the most unnaturally dark, hardly lookers-made to be wretched, allure of empty beds, a trifle. There was no come nearer, not so far, or after.!

‘Still, I believe this exquisite masonry to be but the pin-up of an era of most lugubriously flung yet torn apart, a whore-after-whore, turned into, world that’s inhibited by only the worst descendants that somehow made it through without survival’s guidance having robbed them of all they were once made carry on their backs, not to alarm you any further, but there’s a single blot of an engraving that’s still a part of your hand’s turnkey lodged into your very fourth vein.’

He had dissected a momentary stopped, a blasphemous surgeon with no eyes to see anyway.

Nigger-women are nasty – Eighty forty seven

Finally the paved road is welded to the great lowered stratum. Lowered are the lesser rotten first astronauts whose bodies reeked with solemn decay. Their service finally ended, now allowed, in rancid stay, to walk humbly while the arduous remains allowed for them to creep onto the soil made by their such-hard felt descendants:

‘Even now, there’s little left for us to come onto the bravery’s end and cowl’s end devour. They shall not listen to us, nor seek entreaty, hardly as there ever has been felt upon their skinless bows. Huns they’re made out. But cannot walk by themselves!’

One pointed some eight firth of a long-finger, fibrously made to breathe, in candor wretched, deeply heaved. Albeit he wasn't trusted, nor would it last any longer than this disturbingly hard to stare at cast of a fist. Turn to rot.

A gate opened before them, sullen in appearance was the figure bent, holding on a leash of smoke, formed out of the hive-pushed-throttle crest that made the eight united bodies on which it crawled. Each bearing the tomb of their lost gods inside of; many in just as if not worse of an appearance than they've ever been:

'Good man, are thou possessed?'

'We're here, at last.'

'How long did it take?'

'Eight hours or so; can't remember the last time I checked.'

There was no sound in any of the cabins. Two men present around each of them. Mourning glass figures imprinted on the foils. Most of which were stapled to the walls. It was time. Eight of clock struck a tongue out. Wan-Chinese murals started appearing on each flat. Some of the doors started shaking eerily against the lighted-lamps, some of which stood there for a moment in the static plough, right before they started drawing each spade out, many were known. Carcasses made out of each and every single one of them. Forgetful glances followed around, a trifle passing hour cleared the way. Ugly tall men brought a plate, carrying the men through phosphorous remains. Dream-like vivid images started appearing.

In one of the chambers, rows of disappearing figures only now came to show, large fingers curled around each bathrobe. Barrels sticking on top of one another.

Strangely enough there was no one looking for the sole-reason behind the man sitting in front of the mirror, or rather who has been standing there for God knows how long's further approach, as it gained in stride; wallowing in wreathe and pain, his sole-step; him being rather one-footed or something of the sorts managed to give him, Bier Straughn, a furtive look of the sorts. It was an awful day to be in, welcome as he were, for reasonless stares often brought him a state of anxious depravity, often enough lead him to consciously pick a pocket off a lone trouser down the street. A valley of hills. Sincerely broken houses. Firemen doing what they should. And looking-glasses broken down.

'I am of the second lot.'

Both men approached a still-lot. It was unnecessary to talk.'

There was a floor beneath them that moved along as if on a straight then downward, beneath them, trampoline of the sorts, adding on to the rustic sound of jaggedness and tertiary fore-front back-turns they only lived through partially, this chaos leading to a stray fisherman's abode. It was awful to the touch, at first. But they endured being flattened, yet avid vices started coming back to them as if the freckles of a dying god just appeared once again, now, bloated to a point where they couldn't have been more distinguishable from the general hump-bearing pivoting area if they tried to. An unnecessary repast drew onward. Fewer than expected dead-coiled men started running amok in circles. Death had its say. Flickering in black bolted hooves attached to rounded umbrella-like tiny spics of screws, around the ladder-areas, which came as gentiles holy nearer to Christ's cross, the day they met, all five, in the Basin runt, in Nevada, Haltior nods.

The condition under which they were held in, to think in some way through which it may serve one as some kind of thought experiment, in which case, one may as well refer to it, unlike anything else bemused as some kind of basket-thought, as an utterly, beyond inconvenient, prison of thoughts and

beyond it, a bothersome exploit of man's full autonomy in regards to his long-lived, well fed, well endowed will to survive. It should come to no surprise:

Twenty or so barrels held by chain to the ceiling, lifted then allowed to recede back into their initial position. Upwards and downwards like pumps. Inside a building, top floor: single window casting light here and there at weird intervals; purple-violet, weird magentas; with little panes sutured to the floor. Something's stuffed in each barrel. Man-vaults, shaped like fizzy drinks. Embalmed in yellow stuffing; readily set to erupt whenever someone approaches. They're legless, ugly and puffy. Their faces come in fours, military outfits became part of their skin and bodies as if welded to them. Surrogate twins of eyes for each face, all drawing near tinier plots in front of them, where they leap, holes are made. Ugly, reciprocal cries or shoutings reveal tiny pup-shaped metal shards dragging them down. As soon as they're released there's no foreseeable change inside the barrel, either one of them.

A glass door that's five by eight with a pseudo-pentagram of glassy-colored stitches worming their way in and out the frame as if they were real worms. Glowing, with little spaces in-between them where fingers come and go, in attempts to open the door in order to pass through. Some incendiary units of bolts, on the floor. Two diagonal towers, fifteen meters from one another, depictions of savage creatures fighting one another, whereas, between them a man can be found going back and forth, back and forth, touching them only once, eerily shaky hands making contact with fleshy watery things that come out the pillars. Shaking hands or implanting something in him as if stung. An ugly face appears on the ground, as if slowly, descending from beneath the most unbearable grotto that lay underneath the sandy shore the two pillars are in. And there are plenty of structures in the distance wriggling as if eely in nature or oozing about. Worse than that, the ruins are wide-spread, millions of people living in cottages that are welded to each structure, yet, a large probe follows. Unnatural in looks, it seems. In one of those houses, a pair lives. It's rounded like a tower inside, with many halls being dug down, by shovel twisted, leading to deeper chambers.

A lumpy appendage rests on the floor. A groove of pigeons surround it. There's no roof visible, but the four walls are wide enough for a few children to look down at what's happening down there. A chaos that cannot be explained, the room is shook by an earthquake; dispersing little blue angels now fly, almost knocking down a child in the meantime.

Large spherical tiny shades arose from the ground, splashing like gulps of water being swollen full by the crate around which they began wrapping themselves around.

Man enters through the roof, explains to the second one:

'This permit expired six years ago, and you're still here from what I see, still working on your old shenanigans with little shame or understanding of where we are or why we do this.'

'We?'

'Six other men joined your initiative.'

A day passed. And there was nothing in-so far as a single beat of a lamp, prodding down from where they stood. Large antennas that don't work as they should lain here and there, without even a convenience's mark letting one know of anything less rigid than the limbs that were adorning every single tomb of a rock, against which they were leaning against. A bathroom to the right, inside of which they hid plenty of picks; some made of iron, some made of inappropriate to talk about organs, oozing slowly, dripping on the floor. An unnatural flood emerging from some direction or another, unrelated to the blood holes of clot, the hyena-like figures coming out of them, in search of luster, most austere hunger-ending. Expressionless statues, statutory rape being filed slowly, archived even by some deranged people who gathered outside the "dorms", allowing for the growth of smaller sinners to amass, mostly heathens, outcasts, wearing strange arrangements that cannot even be fashioned for a change, made-turned into something recognizable anyway. There's a man in the distance shaking, processing is slower with him, there comes the realization that everything's about to come down crashing, burning, he's going to suffer:

'I'm afraid, I cannot explain why but I'm afraid.'

A stander joins in, barely moving towards him, slowly, eerily, deformed around the head area where two extra ugly contorted limbs appeared to have already sprouted, connecting to the ceiling, as well as one of the fancier, uglier shaped tables down right by him. An ugly conveyer's belt cuts the room they're in; in half. Twenty or so poles move around them; seemingly having come out of nowhere.

A lamp here and a lamp there, all wrapped, kempt, swollen.

Blue lamp

Its light starts prodding in the more it's being started at.

An image as if printed on a canvas, riddled with some sleeping pills, guns pointing downward at the single pair of cronies that were there. '

The summer's come in errand tray. A single man survived the day, with his feet embalmed, part of the rancid ground, a carpentry made out of disembowl, there he stood emerging:

'Who's there?'

'Shut your god damn mouth and open the fucking door!'

Soon enough came the reply, a musky scent that wretched the hound, for it stood no closer to him than it had stood by its master during the latter hours.

Twenty feet away a single hump, a whale's back copulated by a cut in, courteously so, many pieces of sofa, allowed for the growth of a tomb to emerge. A rancid falchion ripped away what could be led by fifty arms or so, in armistice. A priest without legs but a rounded hip, drew from beneath its back a head. Ugly, nasty, lest tormented; for what was seen, had never ended. A pile erupted from below, without a terminal to shine again, it walked towards him from the back instead.

'Let them come in.'

'But I thought it was only one.'

'You were wrong to think without advice, now you must do it, without reasoned crown. Either way, they'll get in through each humped-rip.'

'A swollen idea, then we shall cut their feet. Since you're prepared, in needs likened!'

'Lest be told, a toddler.'

'I shall do little to ingest a crown; your mission to so-falter shall only put my leash be-thronged and down!'

They didn't separate nor waited heedlessly arraigned.

Lots of buttons standing out; many held by tinkle-toyish rectangular devices, akin to typewriters. Some low-hanging wires standing out like bubbling sun pivoted outwardly –lines of them, strapped against, entering, wriggling, then shaking off the dust accumulated on top of them. Forming bumps, humps, and raised lumps outside the finery that is the tapestry that holds them under control. Iron tapestry of iron-screwed in bolts.

'Hallo again; sleeping on your post?'

He shook himself like he used to do, unlike suing someone in the court of law, this man was being no prudent that a janitor who forgot to clean his 'utensils', whereas, upon returning back into the place he had been fifteen minutes ago, mentally ambiguous arrays of flashings, elevated by the light allowed him to finally come to the realization that there was no way out any longer, for him or for the others. This unnatural sedentary life altered him completely to an undesirable, shameful, little shook- in the head, form, that was vastly unrecognizable to the very voice he heard and granted, listened for close advice, in his head also, where they reside for the time being, advice being grated into their very chests, these vaguely abstract representations of human figures, providing him the only, almost conspiratorial, much needed, poultry. Sitting alone a girl with a butcher's knife; dangling between her legs. Incapable of wielding it she plays. A game of staring ensues between the two of them.

'I was told I was alone.'

'Let them in!'

The girl encourages him to do it. Just like him. Either way, there's no fault in listening to your betters. 'Specially since no one asked.

It's in-contestable. Guilty as charged, knowing the outcome isn't enough to be known as a factor as much as one very much hates being presented with having to wait for a clear answer, which in turn dooms one ruminate on his stay, guiltily elected, procrastinating hourly upon his stay in prison; whereas

each day will serve only as a means to an end, filling his mind with rot and decay, trapped inside a little cage, from which, whereas he knows no escape.

‘A mock trial, I see, but I’ve yet to hear from you again.’

One of the many telephones inside the house lugubriously began, but with a tubular-shone out of glass spike, come out of its lower side; ringing.

Stan picks it up in one lugubrious swipe, tenderly holding onto it while everything else unfolds before his cherry-picked, devoid of irises or the whites, swollen in and out, almost parasitically snail-like, eyes.

‘Who’s there?’

It broke off. Quietly mundane; half-a-day wasted tried to redial the number that just as quickly went away. Bound to grasp; huts around, moving Injuns past the door forming a mound. A niggardly epoch begins, galloping kings with their knights; opening the cage on a whim. But not a single man out there can enter. No matter how thoroughly they unlock each bar. Hundreds of them forming the rectangle, as they box each little tentative; of course:

‘I am not alone in this house.’ Stan declares, all mightily prepared to take each down, without a fear of what might be said.

‘This door’s a must for every key.’

‘Still can’t see you past it.’

‘A forest of mercy, unless wilt-cast’

There’s Arthur as well; the only solid one that joins him; a neighbor, or some image of him comes through. No wall is there to stop him, no brick forelain, nor stoppage.

‘If you don’t intend on shutting this door close, then I shall be the one to do it!’

The scent of sulfur is strongest than it’s ever been. Now, down the cargo-bay, a spire down the hole appears, leading a small two by two mine-cart with it.

‘Down there, lest afraid; do forget who’s being bothered, Arthur.’ So said the voice before pulling him in by a single needle-rack, chained by thin wires, tiresomely be-hanged in place, slowly did he see the membrane coming off the walls beneath and around him. Some finely placed rails leading to a simpleton’s door, frolicking in the distance like some wild red-glowing bat, almost taunting him as he went along. Beneath the cart, an on-lay of stone-chunks of pepper-shaped dolls, some little cracks of serpentine thorns, with a throne here and there, fire sprouting out of silver, cans of cabbage boars.

Caves interconnected by tunnels that had been usurped; little Anglican marks left over from previous excavations. In what could only seem a matter of seconds, as if long-ranged, remote-controlled. In mortem-linguae they sang, the choirs. Many pompous racks of bats, of little snapped in halves.

'Off and away with all of you, off and away I say!'

Seething little nests of webs, with spears thrown along the way; iron-tin, ocean whims, frozen fuselages drowned within.

In a little, tiny cracked by arm, a little vociferous frozen globe is born at last. Inside this jewel, there's naught to be, and whom approaches it, deeply so, withdrew, before his very own eyes. As if this little hinging thing; worsened by the blood that erupted within.

A bubbling cobble of clot stood so. Ten rotten kings readying themselves to be chasing it away.

Standing along the sealess shore, one of them begins chanting:

'The Iron forests are marching in the North; we can catch them during their advance and shall!'

'Then we shall make it before sundown if we've come upon a general agreement!'

A staunchly pair of legs emerged underneath them, rings of sand turning into galloped on top of hardened dirt, barely holding them together as they were drawn towards the forests.

Kafka awaiting his trial; inside a convert-Cadillac; a champagne glass filled with cockroaches, almost as tiny as pebbles, some leaping in and out of his car. The car is moving slowly. Far too slowly for the road-bumps to be ignored, the parishes; lead by Judas, a big boulder, cannot be avoided, there comes the crash. Fear's driven before his eyes.

Ten rotten kings obsessed with him, ever since they've been exposed to it, a tyrant's bode made them ever so much obsessed that their rot-filled minds could think of naught else but to stalk the author.

'Is there a better lot to stop by?'

Asked the one repellant foe, arbitrarily shot down, with a myriad of holes, backed against a cliff they ran to.

'Fall today and live much longer.'

'But I must follow just as soon as yonder. Else he'll fall off track.'

'Seek no justice among us if that's the case.'

'We shall offer you no council unless despair cypress.'

And it was over within a moment. Yet a simple thing occurred to them, the sound that was being made. In glory of being told as well, they ran in circles again. Finally a foot-print made in floor allowed. Each and every single one of them to follow at a march; it was sickening just how wild was the approach become. He followed as simply as he could, without the fear of being followed or beckoned down. A mill was in the way, alongside tracked a pair of tree-bark horses. Many disturbed as they played in mounts of gelatin; anger managed as they settled in. Each but unimportant, hooded, figures, flight within. They had

abandoned their circles and were welcomed in by the man behind the counter. Above them, many such appliances as one would expect. A sea of iron-coveted wires, worrisome for the eye; even worse when you realize how rancid it all was, what it truly smelled like as there had been people right up there, climbing but failing to rope themselves past the breathing hole and into the caveat between the window and the crane. It ate itself out, the place did. Windmill blades spinning, cutting to wires that only appeared to reattach themselves. It smelt like rancid coils and coils of snakes, tendrils without ends, swamps, flaccid muck, snot, rapid rapid smokes pulverizing them visibly gaseous. Greenish powder confiscated by dead cadavers. Their lots were granted, simple skulking cobras put in jars. Drunkenness from far a-far.

‘Another cup, grand General and let this one be fit for a kingdom, for thine servants had just emerged!’

It was met with a bar of applause. Single pain-stalkers only drew night when they started bouldering the gates behind. Trapped like rats, they begged for release. Conditioned to seek fortitude by each cup they pleased themselves with. But that was not all, not even once, granted, there was little reason to seek them past the boil. A large thing in the middle of the joint; that granted them disgust, a probing temper now granted to each man that sekt the lust.

‘God is not permitted to be searched or looked after in a place such as which likened to thine come into. If you seek despair, seek no further. Granted, you shall only serve yourselves and lay each rot, and though shall only seek to hide away, when riot’s gone.’

As it happened, hundreds of them, in the same place, in the same hole, dug up and dug in, they had lain in hiding for hundreds of hours. Carrying their lone remorseful seals, in the wolfish skin they had gotten themselves in, disappearing from sight, reappearing at night, when the candles were rot inside.

‘Another round for the kings, not a single troubadour nor jester!’

Only a bothersome to look at fool, the deranged Pole, whom had blessed himself in hiding, stirred nothing as much as a rat’s simple tender bowl that rolled around. It was looming with perfection, the crane was.

‘I’m having a baby for dinner; going to, intending on eating its entrails.’

T’was brought to him to eat in ponder. Bothersome as it has been, during his youthful prince-like larval state at the University of Princeton. It hanged on what little memories it had, the child. Being consumed atop the pallid pyramid on top the ash-tray. Somehow it didn’t bother none.

There’s Henry Jack between them with a smile as wide as a cement-block near which he found himself every other way, pressing down tiny pearls he now sees in front of his eyes because of some hallucinatory benchmark he himself agreed to be a lab-rat for. I see him in my dreams some day; he’s much worse than what he’s made out to be, in person. In his cup there’s a dog. No barking in Nagasaki. Somewhere in Antarctica a new shelter’s being dug in, authorities on the subject come in, adjusting for pre-mature deaths, the dead man, fifteen hundred AD, back into the pit they chuck him in where he was found, where he may lay, when else but today? Large lard bubbles dropping with boils, strapped on

living skin melting out of coy fresh corpses' how they prepare the embalming ritual with which they puff him up. It's impossible for anyone to get a word in; in regards to the exact and proper measurements; they eye-ball it one last time before the verdict's given in.

'At first-sight, I'd say, the poor numb-fellow is nothing but a victim of suicide, naught else, and improper. Understood?'

'Nay, there's something still bothersome about the kid, he's died too young, youthfully disgraced, in the epicurean flower, for it to be simply dismissed that way. I'd rather hold him under the scrutiny of some watchful eyes, two, three or eight more months, that's how long we need to get a proper reading on the kid.'

'He's died the way they say he did. You heard the communication prior to it, we've received intelligence on the state of the boy. The picters got there without being soiled.'

'Damn it Hendrickson. I'm telling you this situation is too fresh to be simply backhanded by a pair of lousy know it all.'

Henry feels uncomfortable around people. Giacomo is slipping past the door, heading in unannounced.

It was a reminder of the massacre, standing alone on a flattened floor; waiting for the next schmuck in charge to pull it off, without a benchmark, this being only an onanistic stance he was pushed into making.

'Care to share what yer doing with the rest of the class?'

Time can only pass ever so slowly while trapped inside.'

'Not yet, my dear, not as long as there are those expungent ears spread across the walls.'

A sun shone past the hill, it shone then came back inside the mill.

A little over a day or so, the run-of-the mill started falling apart. He was bastardly aware that they were waiting for him, but refused to step out of his convertible as dawn had already hit December and there was nothing they could reproach him for, him being hardly aware of what was going on around, with little success already on its way, anger stilling his mind for a moment, where, in that precise second he thought of cutting in, slapping them around since it was the birds of prey who decided whose and what's, when's and how when it came to it. Pistachio girl, grimacing at the crowd, for when push came to shove, there was little she could do but cheer, following them around, whenever pleased and cruel was the tide she felt, they threw fourteen empty baskets at her before fleeing towards the hills. Many such hills emerged out of nowhere during the long months. Most importantly, they were tactile in terms of how eerily they shook off those that didn't belong. Unnatural things they were, but they moved whenever pleased of the company residing in them.

'Spare me a drink, colonel, and I'll be your friend for life.'

Insane man, with multiple strokes having occurred throughout his lifespan; knives, bats, blasted ice-bags bouncing against car engines, leaping off eight' floors, only to survive, self-immolation, leaving him with too many scars to count wide-spread across his body. Interesting case; shows signs of improvement. God alone may judge him and the path he goes on; none other. Henry remembered him will. They walk in strides, they consume a lot, reeling back and forth off swings. Can't make out the writings on the walls; he says something the other one doesn't get.

'Ah, I knew it all too soon after I laid my eyes on it!'

Room's too small for any affordable movement to be had. It was as if the entirety of the sky had been barraged down into nonexistence before being replaced entirely by debris. Old memories still intact; saved in a little iron chip planted in Henry's rotten brain. His wife was mid-thirties strapped by iron, held in a small cell-barrel, unable to speak properly. Her jaw was missing, talking with iron-kegs.

'Shut your mouth already. I told you that I'm trying to get a shut eye.'

Down to four feet under the damp, a water facet had just began pursing in a bucket full of tadpoles.

Some dandelions start fluttering shyly as their role in nature ends, with an abrupt stop and little to be minded of their own finality, shrouded, cast. Fiery little pitches of salt scented with resin, come along. They marginally cast the ending forth and stray as the mountains of gelatin cast away the past within, their grasp now folding, a flowery ending wholesome unworldly, whose melancholy cannot be shrouded any longer, nor recede back into the hole they had been cast in. A smell unlike no other, coal, sooth, primordial candor; they walk in circles never intersecting one another, yet ready themselves to grasp. A mountainous nigger is alongside them, dead at arrival, but not on sight. The site now looks ruined, the mill gloriously blundered past the casting iron nettle cooed in. Refreshment, one of many yet brought dead on sight arrival; they march towards a break, drinking from a giant skeleton, a titan-of a figure that had been regurgitated by its people, twenty times over, beyond it and yonder. Yet the dead yearn release, as they reapprove every mismatch of soul to fluid-filled metal automaton that creeps behind them, bereaving gut while prodding back and forth, like soulless bodies.

'I am God!' One of them says, at which the others bow with much contempt. What little is left of their ears now lay even more rotten than they had ever been before. And only a few such dare to pick them up again, from where they've been left. As the ground, the soil, the fervent toil turn into utmost unnatural patches, they lift themselves while standing still as men provoked to combat.

A ship had sailed in the distance. Two Icelanders were seen abroad it. Neither one spoke to the other during their time abroad. They seem to be forgetting themselves at time, nodding only in agreement when the stakes are high, both on the table, mocking cigarettes in a jar. The table was round, the chairs un-comfy, walls bleak, tapestry ruminating itself into non-existence; stakes are low, now enters the barrel. Maladaptive skin torpedoes started gathering up one of their arms. Shared together pain withdrew within a puff as some heads began cutting their way out. It couldn't have been farther than the city, a large plot. Cement covered trees made the asphalt look like amateurish ceramics. A result of the cave in that happened above them, dripping from the cracking-falling apart clouds that could not be

furthermore kept together as well as they had been prior to the falling pest that encroached itself around the buildings.

Hundreds upon hundreds of fens; Zickel looked youthful this morning.

He opens a strange door, exiting the hut by withdrawal symptoms emerging right away, under the sordid sun when everyone in the crowd was watching, carefully not to stir the baboon, this nigger-skinned fellow. How queer he is, one thought. I can't shake this odd feeling about him. What a strange figure he is, trying to encapsulate even the most miniscule movements inside his urine-bottle. That is what he carried with him. A nasty object; with many straws and tubes and other similar receptors that entered his under-gut, probing the least sever-joyful, Christian-like approach one might have to what was going on down there. Regardless of which, there was no telling just what other part of his body would fall next. Him, the Leper, mentally divine; the peaceful Cockatrice, a legend in his own right; a count, a duke, a guitar-playing no longer able to feel the succor of ashes that surrounded him, the man of no crowd, the lonesome one. Again, the radio started shuffling displays of some vapid operas that appeared to have been lost somewhere in the last century or so. It was a cruel crudity that could serve no means of accommodation. It was a cruel bastion that ripped away skin, tarnishing at itself, engulfing him with no more and no less than what the man begged for, a clean cut, a fine shot, death following him around.

'Set him upstairs, we'll carry him if he makes too much noise. Don't worry your fine-throat Jackal, you Panther, you Cock, I shall lead my men while taking him for his weight bedraggled, left behind!'

So they did, after five fine kilometers, they suddenly dropped him down, wheels cajoling left and right.

'Think he'll survive for long if we leave him sitting over there?'

'Couldn't care less, plus it's neither yours nor mine, to have a say in, this decision couldn't have been more blessed.'

'If so, tell me, advocate, for what reason is he still tied down?'

'For pity's sake and no less, no wont for ardor.'

'Hence I suppose we'll have him starved by noon.'

'Naught else will satisfy the wild life as they mourn for their loss.'

Plenty and plenty more of such dearly bribed with gut and meat beasts to forget who pulled the strings. But he was a rotten king after all, one of them, albeit missing from the picture. A few carcasses of some stray shackled rhinoceros, lions, manes. To kill them on sight. What travesty surrounding every footstep, playing songs from each print. Tunes from old magazines. Alarming sightings communicating to them. Unnerving, watching a man eaten alive. Cannibalism under the guise of nature. This was done for the might of Great Athena, the amazons, clans of females, rock-pigeons, doves, flight from war, release.

Invading from the East, among other troops that never even in-as much put a word in for the relentless pain that was caused during the absence of the first Patriarch:

'Here, prisoner, have some water.'

It was poured on top his head. As a reflexive instinct kicked in, he twisted his head in a snap, pointing upwards.

Ultramarine poured down from a specially coated cloud that moved, first one seen in a while.

'You're dead child. By noon, they shall be picking up another carcass, that shall be yours. Didn't think it would turn up this way, but it will.'

And another drink was taken by another one of the kings.

Sadistic missiles; all the way from other side of the continent had been quickly launched. Unutterable violence had begun once the people whom had been outside for this long realized that tiny planets were to them attached, by chains that wriggled. Other sides of the moons; hundreds of battalions started spreading from around the swoon; rape-whistles:

It was one thing to be there, sitting alongside the man and another to see him suffer this inconvenience. Strapped on a wooden pole; his arms broken, buried beneath the ground while still attached to him. A pitiful sight to behold; worse than that.

A four by four room with a pyramid of barrels in one corner, standing next to a sofa and a barely raised from the ground flat-king sized bed; with an eight ft. canon pointing at the ceiling. No sound coming from the boxes, beneath the ladder, leading downward on a spiral to a filled with eight people basement. All wide eyed, with legs crossed, attached to one another's inner beneath them, leading to, as in holes, petty-pecker hiding coves. Watery, mucky, like giant maggots connected to the men. States of affairs, getting worse. In some hole beneath the ground, some suspicion would arise, if one would only know what the likes of them breed:

Case study on a peculiar female of another species, beaked-type: What was only seen a few days ago would deeply disgust, let alone disturb a man to set an eye on this strange, yet peculiarly angular creature that appeared out of nowhere; just in time for a confluent expertise as well as a deeply-perceived observation to be taken of it. Away as she might be from her natural habitat, the size of a tiny forehead, bubbly even as if spat out of a windy tool, soap-bubble like, followed by a beak that could only poke one's eye out if he dared approached this malevolent beast.

Let alone would it thrive outside its habitual yet prototypically-primordial esophagus shaped tiny area of a plot of land where similar-to it creatures appear to live in relative peacefulness; that is to say, only as long as they are completely contained in no other area than it.

A garage-thing of a box, turned inside out. A pair of serpentine towers sprouting from it, interconnected with stairs as well as a single demonical figure uniting them, holding the structure together.

‘Open the door, now.’ Came in a voice, as soon folded back in sheath, they be coming:

‘Fine, the door shall be opened, if sort n’ sort though so desires.’

And there were finer grains spread across the floor. Some ugly, puckish, nastier than others; a single coffin was brought in, missing the hinges from the looks of it.’

‘That’ll be a fifty and forty.’

‘Don’t think that’ll do, chief.’

‘Payment is up-front, no negotiation, no refund either. It’ll hold you to scrutiny if you decline.’

Here, at this point in time there was no movement to be had. Not enough space for the momentum to occur while charging, as charging the old-man sitting in front of him was out of question. What an awfully wholesome state of affairs had come to haunt the rotten king. Presented with a small letter he had no other option but to rip to shreds, across the pail, revealing a tiny envelope he simply passed onto the man sitting in front of him.

‘A-pay do, without withholding any little thing of less regard, my dear friend.

You shall do as you please, come forth now.’

With which the man disappeared on a short notice, leaving him with-drawn from where he stood.

Upon closer circumspection, it had been revealed that the man inside the coffin had suffered nothing less than one hundred whips, the nigger had. From the dead-bolt, the nigger rose, standing up-front, waiting for another succession.

‘Have you listened to Vivaldi as of lately?’

‘I’m sorry, my good man, but I have not the vaguest idea whom that might be.’

‘Then you have little concern to the life of others, than they have with regards to yourself.’

‘What will you tell them about me?’

‘Neither is that your concern, nor will I allow you a peek on the whole account I’m to bestow upon the commission. Unfortunately for you, I think you shall be separated from the common lot for a long-long while now.

Do not interfere with the judgment, do not attempt, have no lucid say in it or you shall be beaten down and slammed against the ground ten times, relentlessly beaten time after time again; without appeal, escape or a shot given for pain, since morphine is the taste of gods.’

And gods are cruel, they feel little or show just as much remorse as one would have us all punished for daring to pitch a fork in, to rub one the wrong way, to hang them with the dancing devil in plain sight. Regardless of which, the rotten one was prone to attack. He had taken his position, was set entirely

upon the brow of the chair; various buildings hanging there, which included the high chancellor's giant kidney which was chained, this colossal tender piece being held by a fallen apart building that had been barely pieced together as they spoke.

A murder in the house:

It is a deplorable state man has fallen in, to say the least, there is no possible excuse as to what made him fall into that state, let alone would one consider encouraging his pitiful demise's end as soon as one possibly could.

A wild fiery row drew in from the street, landing onto the porch, where, no more than one hundred people lay at the stake of an intersection of some five to six degree burns in which their bodies suffocated in the smoke that had resided in. Inside their odorous bodies, the smoke became fleshy, entities of the sort trying to get out, only to be struck by a constant push-in and push-out they could never escape the entrapment of.

Blood is gushing as from a sprinkler or a fountain from two adjacent to one another – walls.

'Hush it up before it spreads, you hear?'

'I've been to Tunisia before, mind you asking no less than needed, where to?'

'To the bottom, twice under, long-beheld the flight stars have I. Made for your company alone to stride upon.'

'Is there a point on threading along uninvited?'

'Not unless you want to go ahead and face the punishment the great Star-struck people have put in mind for your travail.'

'My travel shall go as planned. I have ilk-a-kin a mind not to be put down. Neither by you, nor by anyone else.'

'Then cut the talk.'

Before another rotten climbs along; so far so good. Not a single one of them was put down, of stretched, tortured, made relive through the pains of having planned no longer to survive.'

'I'll never leave this place, I hope not.

We'll jump and climb and jump and climb forever! No one shall stop us! No one to force us run amok or chain us either, no one to stop us, I say!'

Many conical with their tips cut spruce lay wetted by the back of the great gorilla body chained by the four great mountain. Its bloated-blood fed them as if ashtrays pouncing above chimney necks by soothing-boys drowned in tar. Clot that made them squirm as if they were very much alive;

‘Leave today, come tomorrow, outta ye hut’

There was no response, nor reprieve, a tough accent, Grand Prix-lanes basically a rascal in the making out of the tundra by many printed cuts, leaving cars planted in asphalt, forming two faces, biting each other after dusk. From the Moon one could see them fighting one another in pain, the terror of lanes, the starting of the race, pain-pointing in different directions, singing rightly, right away. Karate chops and baby ribs in one so-somber a triangle. Doves of crack-wires rampaged the massacre that happened downtown, leaving no chance for any survivor that could be seen to emerge from the eight-frontal region of the lower-sided entry into the greater lot. An infinite amount of leeches started spreading from beneath the earth, most completely broken and torn apart.

Sprouting from beneath the deluge:

‘I ain’t coming out, not at all. Better luck next time you slime of a calf!’

‘This is your last warning, man of good faith. For I shall burn down your cottage and your hut, ensuring your survival comes last between each knot!’

‘A trifle more than needed, I’d say. Turn around and leave today.’

‘That ain’t going to do it. But unfortunately for you, I’m afraid I’m being called.’

It shall be burn down by evening, when the sun-god dies, when the flowers go benign, and only after will my rage subside!’

The waiting commences.

A finger’s missing from the ashtray. It was a monpeasant moment, when the realization kicked in. Large ovals swimming across the room, slowly descending from a tiny hole in the floor; wooden legs connected making the walking area that lead to the spirals. Eight spirals in total, for every corner of the house. No one in their right minds, no one to have a wont to live there, unsupervised. Ugly, ugly, nastily mischievous things, following them around; beaked by nose-harpoons, their malady but twisted nastily, back to peace when they’re not around, but at such times disturb the sound. For their ugly sides were nasty-rounded, producing tiny auditory repelling sound-drivel as one would find himself flinching, and mishandled by their nose-makers, their noise-makers, scented as if by dysentery, faced by ugly deprecatory, do they roll around, following into darted camel-runt. Legged by tripping upon their fat-tails, armless but empty-shrouds nearly hold them together, shielding them from falling apart. It was not by mere chance that they found themselves following in the footsteps of the rotten kings, nor should one dismiss the eeriness of fate that had them come throughout the things that lay there, between them and the spot from which the Ruscoess family used to plant their dinners in. Plants of Flower-Great-All-Father. Tensions coming from the East; marks of the beasts, beats from New Orleans. Gangster rapping, corruption Platinum. Filthy music that decays, and yet to fall. In the Immoral garden where they don’t pitch to neon signs. Niggers. And they try distancing themselves from what’s seen, gathering around like tribes of gelatin, during the night fallen-end of Judea. Fifty degrees out-side of Fahrenheit. A gun is pointed at their lord. Inside the house. A mess for every apparel, the clothes are

spread across the walls. There's a thermometer detecting light, how it used to be, now broken, spreading Mercury discs across the ground. Shattered plates, bones, images from some camera, not working out how's it been planned. Now relaxing in the pin-point laser scoped Paradise, wanted, buy no bounty lain on head. But they don't know any better, for no reason stallion leather. Instead, initiatory-glue makes every silhouette globular-as is, withdrew, did the one king of Rot, even going as far as tying his own legs together, in an attempt to ruin the lot.

The embalmment had done its job. For the time being. No man, no living man living here should fall, accordingly typographed on a small note.

'Hey, you intend on killing me? Or telling everyone else about what I've done.'

'Whichever's the worst.' He said.

There must be a method that works. They've been ruminating over a method of suicide for a while now, one that works, one that would work without a slither of pain or suffering. So far, the task ahead is only getting much worse by the second. Painful, filled with struggle, water intoxication, hanging, submerging, so on and so forth, things that don't involve the accessibility of a firearm. The alternative is being stabbed, beaten, tortured by other kings of a more rotten regalia. There must be a way.

Orange mountains, a red sea, two ice bridges leading to the Joyful Graylands.

A knock started beating a tray up the walls. Further bastardizations turned God into a mockery of its former self, that, including its worshippers who had fallen even farther from truth, be it as it may, a deity or a Universe falling apart as its Deterministic Universe's equivalent as a culprit, it may not be denied that either or might as might be said that both of them are nothing but the same; the free will's inexistence can only fall ever so short of notice to a small little white rat traversing through a maze; Impossible, impossible, impossible, making it truly impossible to reach the truth; in which case, how can the damned be trialed for being damned in the first place? No answer so far from the trite worshippers or theirs gods. No shame in mathematics of the high regard. But there lays a present storm. A rot-king bearing these inscriptions as they were aforementioned in its cape. Of skin stitched together, the faces on men, all stamped on their brows, foreheads and wherever else.

Born out of the vilest thoughts emerged the monsoon, the eye of the storm but made of flesh, creating a near-bone T and T connected by a swing, entity. The ARMAGEDON DOGTAG appearing from the north, swishing and swashing as if a fish out's its way off out of the water, a leech of a tag tampering with the strange being as if a mosquito, jointing itself once attached, the beckoning of an eye shooting many peculiar chains- forming spheres, balls, and other oddities that form blades and other extending by chains weapons it could not control itself, as to stop this cycle; for each weapon formed a ball as well, and every ball formed a chain of swords sprouting out of them.

It fell on top the mount sprouting out of winged, happened just twice of a boulder's come-between the side of and into the dirt, from which it swung right away.

A street dog passes by. No more than fifteen sheep of man, created by, copyrighted by its corpus-disfigured by neon spheres clone-feature can give the ordinance, now repulse, twice as shy.

In what appeared to be a lonely house there was no one but a cockroach filling its egg sacks with a beautiful array of marble chipped debris. So its children would be born as defects, ripped apart along their way to freedom and escape.

Salty water starts sprinkling from across the sea, all the way down to little old Tennessee, down burning bridges running around the midriff of the sea. Nowhere to run, but closely swam by the lined-shore, at the end of the sea. Same one, red, castrated, left to bleed, rosy-as to be akin to some smaller bee.

President Nigger Obama has just been assassinated by the Orientalid Troops.

There's no knocking on the door, only from the floor, two or so meters from where they're standing. Some light keeps flashing out as if out of some tiny umbrella left behind by some old Mafia member, gang sing, krips and the bloods, something else. A ferry in a bottle, some caveat between the ashtray and the fourth miss-tiled plank, the room in the shape of a radio with a fully extended antenna, that being the bridge. Leading to a metallic, sealed door made of glass, like a bank deposit super-put in the position you wouldn't want a robber to steal all you got. A goat in the vase. Still alive despite being drowned for years. At least its feet keep knocking. Vegetable grandfather, grandmother, and the cousin. But a free bed. On that's charged for by eight credit cards you pay for only if you're really off the deadline. Nigger-thugs thus romanticizing killing this joint. Old days stay strong. There's a dead kike in the middle of the street. Impartiality as one of them has his bloody head-ache fixed for nothing in advance. There goes another nigger-thug. And none say nothing at all. The United States flag molded into the Confederate can only be scratched so many times by hooligans and street-sharks, loan for days, live tomorrow, don't live another day. Fruits and faggots ruined it by piss but not after, as aforementioned, they came with pliers, pinchers, blowtorches and mosquitos, ruined it forever as no day after could outmatch the ruin that was seen. And here comes Charlotte, tall with grandeur, tall but a little stunt left her three legged, but without feet. It's painful to watcher painted in color blocks that don't even belong to get. How awful a stare indeed.

There was no point in trying to escape from where they stood, especially now that they were trapped in a bottle like flies, buzzing and ricocheting tiny baby-stones that were not only chipped against the walls they had been wrung about, but also trying at themselves to make-belief into being turned against one another, an attempt at a play so that the dust storm that had completely encompassed them would give in nonchalantly.

It was something that was hard to un-hear once experiencing it for the first time. A dirty sink was endlessly pouring down a throat. It became something unbearably unrecognizable.

Bag of pus:

A swish and a wash is all that followed quickly after. For the onboard crewmen had been slowly left to roast, off the coast the landing being very much an undisputable impossibility after the fire had been aroused. The sea and waves of flame belonged; there was no chance to escape nor could anyone. Those off-board died so swiftly, butchered like pigs, of some incurable disease other than the brittle-bone cold fire, that refused to die as well, turning itself and the sea in a frozen hell-fire they could not hope to pick a plank, stray off. On the shore, the lighthouse threw but a seal of long cords, corpses, little badgers covering for the lack of frozen fires, lending on a hand, the bridge forming slowly between the rancid, the cold, the ship that only stayed its course. Impelled by what had happened, the captain missing his left part, no leg, no arm but a single metallic pair of transistors, large carriable apparatuses, pumping in and out into a dance of plays, the numbed remains; what could remain of it, unknown.

‘Dear graces, I think I am late by just about an hour in the afternoon and in a circumstance I cannot possibly explain my absence to the gentlemen sitting in front of the gate, that I have barely escape a most awkward discussion I might’ve not been able to endear the likes of, without causing a most bastardy reprieveable, inherently so, circumstance, which would nevertheless have caused me to make a fool out of myself in front of the aforementioned.’

‘Then what made you establish a need to return to this party you could’ve avoided near-kin though it may be, in the first place? You made a fool out of yourself already, albeit unrecognizable by the people you’ve clearly enjoyed the company of, sort of, yet, barely capable of removing yourself from them until the incident happened with the bad crowd?’

‘I am not willing to explain this missing feeling of satisfaction, that has been besmirched, as did my honor when exposed to these puritans that bedraggled my every thought while I have been purporting a chance that I may use to escape.’

The rotten king did not say a word on the subject afterwards, lest he light up a lantern or a crown of be missed.

It was worthy of no excuse whatsoever. This blameful behavior, the wretchedness of it only purported into a pour down his skull as nothing else appeared to do him any kind of ideal return to his so-called fancy. Fire was become the sky, yet it was yellow, purplish, simple changes into the atmosphere that started bringing down men-into a blaze they couldn’t escape out of. Yet neigh said the horse as it rushed by the hellish scenery, returning to whence it came from, with a single limb tied to it. Three of which remain unseen.

‘Bloody think being left on this Island. All alone without a single thought of comfort that could pray to be brought into existence, don’t you agree, Pox?’

‘I’ll see one when I’ll see one, but that ain’t right, is it?’

‘Nothing wrong when it comes to killing women either.’

Myrtle, proud wife in sickened place, who had gouged the eye-shaped legs belonging to her husband now. She was but a beauty anchorage. AN anchorage to the sofa that she never strays, always awake, incapable of blinking for her own life's stake. There comes her husband.

'Morning sun-shine, missed me when I was away?'

'You know I cannot talk properly unless my self-esteem is cut away.'

'That's why I brought you a fish, so we may feast, that we may quickly engorge in it.

Never talk about this on the phone I say to you. They could be toying with your mind. It could all go, if you promise that everything will be left behind.'

'Either way, husband, you'll kill me when the hour has but since struck the clock. I will be dead by morning-light. All because you made by speech, rotten tooth, crippled me.'

'I say to you that you're wrong. My initial intention may have deviated a little but hurting you was something that never crossed my mind.'

'Then why have you returned to the sanctuary here at bay?'

'So I may see the fruit, the labor, what I worked for every day.'

They are both pouring a shower of needles over their heads. Some of them may have already penetrated both, now they're dying as they say. One gets the hard one, while the other little by little. As much as it hurts both to part; there's no misunderstanding to be had:

'My lovely one, is that a bottle made of spine and skin, sticking out of your back, many heads within?'

Most look as if they had been forced to grow, to take on the appearance of her pale white gown.

A rotten one enters the room.'

'Thine company is well received, for you have mistaken your house as one of my, as one of your own. Such a disgrace has never happened to me before, to have my house soiled, my birth-place, the one in which my death should grow, like mold, in desperation, rest assured. One sapient day is all that's needed, to be taken back in willow-cone.'

A reminiscence of the house. It's been delightful, the stay. For now, and all-away.

The allure had never been something to be proud of, especially now while drawing them out, from every cabinet in the house, cans, oysters, locked boxes, all filled with the most magnificent yet incapable of enduring filth- made out of rut, made by empty cannibals, heads that were shrunk, then hid away. Emancipated growths stating their say.

Tape two is being inserted, slowly like some disc barely capable, if permissible, of opening.

No one up to this day understands what the message curtains, nor what it's supposed to contain.

Ducks in the water, with their blood soaking run. Immediately it's insufficiently acquired musk of metal, falling like tiny snow-owls, down the drain where they belong; no, it couldn't be. The blood in the water became a ravenous figure, armed by large construction work-like piles put together to form a spine, bones, as-in-alike to humans, a ribcage, but headless, and without legs, each limb bearing ribbons made out of bolts. Many faces starting to form a pillar that drew out like a worm. Whereas below in, in an ugly pair of boxes rested its every organ. It drew out.

Joined them.

'May I offer you a drink or something? Perhaps something that might calm the waters?'

A sheet of ratty teeth pulled out the very mouth that spoke them

No word taken out of the intruder so far. Darkish figure of a mindless rotting tortured, who claimed his own corner, refusing to get out of it, regardless of the harshness of what came out of it. A bloody stink refined the air. They're savages, all of them, trying to cannibalize their outer tendons, the ones that are tied to the walls they keep pacing around of. A smaller tunnel lays beneath them, leading to a long-river, with hundreds of buried Bavarian-like creatures waiting in the dark, haunted by the used-to-be-alive, whereas their aim depends on simple red dots flashing at flesh. Larger animals or at other men; otherwise, there's nothing there to keep the reins in check.

'I have arrived here, unspoken, unheard, leprous, pus-withheld from me, in waiting circumcision of the very ground I ponder upon, incapable of breathing, yet still survive by means of implants.'

Those were the worst, kilt in action, missing, only to be survived by a false image of himself, jumping, leaping, going up and down like fry-burnt friars. Twelve discs with his stretched face imprinted in every single one of them. Now they jump, as if in waiting to start the questioning again. Worse than it had been before, incapable of self-control, they bring only the last of the fifteen pucker small-mountains in which he is to be burrier. Incapable of self-reprise, the first bloodied infirmary culled arrives at the space between the lower tunnel and the abomination of flights of stairs, ladders, and a cavern that is their long-lost home. Unrecognizable since they live in a giant belly holding all together, in the body of a leviathan hydra' like bearing outposts instead of heads, without limbs, fins, nor could it be found in the middle of any ocean whatsoever. Silently they watch him squirm, on the land-horn and that way down below:

'Why am I being follower, albeit my life hasn't even come to its end?'

'You were called here within reason to abdicate from your most insufferable position. For there are curls and semi-humans of a same ilk-sullen filth reward still trying to shrill the sound of an epoch, wave by wave, in echo's vein attempt to capture the face of their master, you, spoke-some creature, the inbred,

the outlaw of skin-torn apart. It is you who should be acknowledge the end of us all if you continue on this sullen path!’

Bowed down and left to fend for himself, soon after he tripped down a vein of the Earth, as mutated as it had been, almost alive, capable of function, a small pickish pair of rats brought to him a much beloved company for the road. For that reason alone would do. This creature was almost man by half-a-lone rotten bulk of soils added together to his insufferable skin-disease. It wasn’t going to cut it, not this time.

Trying to maintain the contact between them was something beyond intolerable.

Morning coffee comes at four am, after a night of drinks. They sit. Not all in one place together, but still. Jonathan was the tall man he had met before, religiously inclined to bob a head down the cross that hanged around his throat, small feet that were twisted around by some growths that were dissimilar yet en-crusts to his head, a rag monsoon twisted yet which held his organs floating as if they were inside a hot-air balloon. Androgynous in appearance as well, plump yet sturdy beneath his waist, with some flicker of some intelligence inside his eyes, a brute with hair that curled around, pea-brained in speech, yet a wordsmith when the situation demanded it. Ravenous and prone to anger, incredibly flamboyant, prone to depression, now resting in a machine that somewhat guaranteed his safety yet not in sight, more like long-ranged controlled as if by a remote. After shocks changing his personality into volatile-incomprehensible to tell what’s in his mind kind-of-permanently in a state of manic-episode dictated by each invisible tazer that was shot in his back. Celibate but only when presented with young, youth-full, purported to lustful delirious desire, which can be immediately be told of by mere flagellant glance. In his mid-fifties with a kind of get out of Hell or barely escaped already fanciful schizophrenic flat affect thing going on there; large legged marathon runner with prune lips, incredibly respectful when at a diner, but waiting for the dispatch to call him back on the play-field.

Mahogany tables, syrup:

‘It’s not as if I don’t trust them, although, I.’

The Umbral Carnage had only began fifteen minutes ago when no one had even the chance to expect it.

‘ We’re here to talk, are we not?’

‘Shoot it then, I’ve been standing here for the last few hours doing nothing but creeping through the files. You’re not the only one that wasted my time, I can most indulgently assure of that.’

A grotto of a room, empty, bifurcated into a neck-like long giraffe-like of a raise, leading to a pair of organic out of the skull brains that pulsed while pumping blood into the air. That’s where they were.

‘Where were we?’

‘When’s the last shipment coming?’

‘I’m afraid to inform you that there’s no shipment whatsoever still going on the clock.’

‘Are you a liar, perhaps? Or have we been misled or misinformed?’

‘That I cannot say.’

Within a minute of self-cannibalization on both accounts, they started running around in large circles, before pulling the butt of a table, then placing it where it was.

‘Don’t bother the other patients, we don’t want to start a commotion.’

He starts brooming up a paddle most furiously. No touch for the time being.

‘Just a piece of mind.’

The weather was wet. The towels were on the left side of some comfortable to sit in –chair.

No balustrade by the sea-side to mind your manners. And the people swimming in the pool, they were as hardly erect as one could be in the circumstance. One of them is beaten up right now. Away from the swimmers, as the policy would have it, no bleeding in the pool. No scathing in the pool. No walking out of the pool wet. Neither family nor death.

‘Told you it’s going to be a fair heist.’

‘You didn’t mention anything of the sort to me.’

At noon they fight.

‘I wish I wasn’t so cowardly when it came to taking my own life. It’s the only most bothersome thing of all.’

They left the mill and were on foot.

‘If only it weren’t so painful, I might’ve done it a long, long time ago.’

Said one of the ten; he did.

A dark crusader followed them on the road. His eyes and face as darkly as the rest of his left-over hour. A miasma of the dark, black was the smoke that came out of him, as mighty as the sword was damned. It followed on their tracks with ease, seeing how these rotten animals only shed their rotten skins on backside of the rode, where he chucked up his sword, revealing his armored hand, filled with many smallish canon-guns, that were shot one after another, immediately killing the brazier on the run. And as fuel, by sword and crone away, when dead-skin turned the fire into a greenish gray, that’s where they went. Hiding for the night from this languorous to be set apart; before this, he stopped, coming down the snake-creature he had rode. Headless as the cockpit drilled inside of it where he would otherwise reside. Incisors capable of shooting then retrieving themselves, by a naturally grown innards magnet; alas he strayed the road.

Pumpkin heads on top the dead; their legs fully plunged into the ground, they grew in sight alone, reaching the moon while twisting the humanoids possessed by them into crooked, hooked to the ground belts. Now rooted underneath the ground, from where the rats-human faced as they were, found the perfect opportunity to arise. One shot was taken and the rest of the body clung, tried, squirmed, away, dragged into the space-abyss, incapable of anchoring itself in the top-of-the-tree-made out of gelatin.

Another one was taken by two shots. Others started wrapping themselves, flying and bastardly attempting to stay alive, they agitated the ground-worms, suddenly up they shot as well. BB gun like bolts, spraying and praying everyone outside was dead, killing without a single sign of there ever being some remorse. A dog is chewing off his ankle.

Cruelty note fourteen:

Saw a pigeon the other day. Chucked a tiny rock at it, almost blew its head off.

Missed it, missed it, missed it, missed it! So close that you could feel its blood start running down into a stream of look-alikes belonging to its race, thrown in the gulley with a fluttering behind. A cemetery lay on the side. And the sounds of the sea were benumbing, to the teller-man taking on the phone. His back was round, his limbs were fatter blobs, whereas his head was kept on top a dark, spiked by springs iron neck, keeping it all together. Without eyes and faceless at most, he moved akin to some snail, wandering about, in waste, and plenty told instead.

The Teller-man ends up being wrung by chains. A lot of whips of iron boding tails. Another dark crusader returning from the front, incapable of stopping or slowing down, there comes a fuming gulley with him, painted pink by rose petals, that ended up there by chance. Each of them had a human head attached. Beneath them, worm-roots squirm in iridescence as the song's about to stop.

Voluntarily he takes out a helmet only to reveal smoke as well as some rod with chopped of strings that spit. Beasts are afraid, they flee at the sight of it; all but the blur of a bear storming in the same direction one should think twice than be-draggle himself into.

'Stop yourself crude bear. Before off might steed he faints, to fall apart in cruelty revealed as you used to be but now the dead.'

Come out of their graves.

'Lest reckon such release, stop.

Rebellious as you've yet become.'

A simple little dark thing, as a shadow from the side of the grave, a nigger no less from the Ghetto, which was connected to this land, now withheld. Many of the pollution houses now were stopped. Forth comes the law of the pavement, against which heads are banged all the time.

'Fucking nigger, you think you're tough? You think you're tough nigger? Show yourself so I may swoop down on you, then break your neck.'

A throat is there, giant, covered in moss. No chance for a safe approach, as the monkeys rummage with violence, rummaging everything, including themselves. Whereas, as the night draws near, the ten kings of rot become conjoined around their hands, like some merriment, some force unruly holding them together from the split. Spinning in circles, about to start a parasitic biological war; not a single cry for help follows, around here or, there, from what's been told, ankles worm around people's legs; being controlled like a bunch of marionettes.

Inside one of them buildings they hide. Baking weed batons, snorting crack and Aids in their rituals down below; the four ghetto-wizards did. They say.

A simple dog is killed down-street, next to the Abbey.

It stands there, without limbs. They bring the neckless heads rounded on wooden wheels, then attach. Attach, attach, wriggling tiny knives around, to fit, cripple, beyond extremes. Next comes the fashioning of walk, ensuring the organs are well put together; the dog is in control. A finger is chopped, then the thumb as if by the magic of make belief, the others but follow by. But only the people staring at him from different perspectives are affected by it, the reason of the hollow eye. Blinds are spared, those who don't stare directly as the dog-wheeled-heads. Nor, within reason, would the pups survive, to walk with gaits before it comes to it, struggling their whole lives. A view most macabre unleashes, by parry scum, wild belief.

'Poor blind man of trickery, he's been cheapening us still, lying for his sole release, rueful if not erected to be had.'

'A liar punished for begging with no cause. 's what he deserves happening to him.'

But that was not all. For chains sprouted from its back, many of which lifted limbs, humanoid-limbs infected. Smallish bulls of green-fleshy, with unnatural see-through 's, infected and infested, grown balloons-like. Yet the dog head remains, as pure as children, as pure as trains.

Trains run down children on a daily basis, yet not a single soul seems to care. All too busy in their stores, dramatically inclined to rip off chins, skins and squares; off the downside of the road.

'Dog, what have you done to the people? Now of all, they're losing their legs all together, their organs flatten, their faces become gas, but arms grow of the latter. Too many for some to carry, toothless ivory, squandering shelly. Ain't no man I've seen before a cannibal. These are good folk you have corrupted, but they beg for a means to eat, since you've lest beheld, without incisors to be arched back and done up stairs. It's all lain in circles but you walk. Never stopping, a scorpion on an errand, sad behind!'

And the dog's name was Nigger.

Cruel down to its very pores, incapable of listening, arrogant and spoiled; like the hooked rats leading behind them. All too subtle. Ruin had begun to spread, the downfall promised soon after. All too soon. Nigger acquired several axes it had stolen from a conical shed. Furiously leading an unwilling to properly follow in its paws, men, women and children that had almost died but for one thing that prevented them from fully dying; that is to say, their gasses mixed, unrecognizable down to the last human enslaved.

Intermission:

They met in a tavern, during a raining day. A few dogs that were unharmed by either the toxic gas released by these humans in the air, uncontaminated, gathered around a round-filled room of taxes, beer and whores in order to discuss what was to be done about it.

‘The assassination should be our top priority in getting rid of this ugly mutt causing us all the trouble the humanoids are incapable of getting rid of.’

‘Aye, aye!’ Was chanted, he said.

Immediately before spitting, partially, a human arm each, which was permanently attached to their jaws from that point on, bearing knives, which were immediately plunged inside the table; which bled on the floor, a copper-syrup close to blood. It immediately turned red, as if it were a moon during some decrepit infertile eclipse.

‘We ought to strangle him before death, showing him what we’re made out of, no more excuses on either of your parts as well.’ He spoke through the hollows of their eyes.

Bloodshot-pink eyed.

Just like the floor.

‘Nigger is practically unstoppable at this point, but high on the high horse as well. Brothers, I say, he must be dealt with at a distance before he cripples us all by hard approach.’

‘Fools, not everyone of us is as blind as a potter’s wife. Hence naught was still taken from us yet.’

‘Idiot, this was a bond of loyalty, this self-blind prophetitazation, this self-fulfilling prophecy of ours and the ones that followed in our footsteps. That we may rise without pain, bold. That we may rise without fear of what might happen to us all.’

A calamity that couldn’t by normal means be avoided as well. For that wretched dog was headed into the ghettos, possibly the worst place one of their kin could stumble inside of.

‘Press do tell, what happens If he does? Would the ghetto-wizards not bear a saying that might force this son of a pup be fallen on the least of an instance? Are these ghetto-animals, the niggers, the one serving the one true white man not be unleashed upon the race of our skin, cruelly tormented in the

process of magnanimous transformation, as he is, is he not a dog? A member of our kin? A beast alike to the nigger-kind, in folly and in spirit?

Remember my words and hold them by spiked leash. As soon as they meet the juicy taste of our, they shall not stop until all of our kind is fully devoured!

'But that is completely ridiculous!'

'Hardly, let him speak his mind.'

'We hid for long enough in a world where dogs are killed, mated with purposelessly indecision, since we may not breed with the races of men. This is our chance to make something of ourselves!'

All in due time. For the magic that was being kept in the hood was but dragging the niggers back, beneath them, slaves for these filthy blacks that divided the community. Four great negroes in possession of the community, preventing their evolution, keeping them in as short a leash as humans did with dogs; not that they would allow themselves to move with piety, away and away with witness beheld by chimps in dark holds.

'First we need to reckon a prayer to the chasm, from which we may find ourselves rotting as they with-had, a-gone and a-way with the great demons that were scouring the dreadfully twisted plains of their ruined world.

A king of diamond should hold ten worth of rot, hence we must seek council only from him, if that's what will bring them to their shrouded amnesty, not to mention their edict of loyalty, to the mighty crystal one!'

'My parents are dead. I killed them. I killed my parents in cold blood, I did. Their deaths meant nothing to me. I did it in cold blood. By strangulation. Suffocation, all me. Done it alone, no witnesses.'

Dog-headless said, out of a limb, tis sound coming out of.

'I killed my parents as well, but not the way you did it. I couldn't possibly imagine what went through their heads while it happened, other than my bullet. Both of them done at the same time; this echo hounding me for ages; then I killed my baby-daughter; that bitch of a wife. I slaughtered her family. I hope they're dead. I hope they're in hell, burning eternally. With bullet wounds around their temples.'

Another one of them killed his parents as well, for loyalty, for profanity, decadence, blood. Erupting out them, springing up n' down. The table was filled with sin.

Outside:

Large epochal buildings sprouting from the ground by bars of iron, bolted around them akin to bird cages, sewed on behalf of iron.

Dog of Isis

'I threw my parents straight down to hell!'

It was decided then, ever so needed on the intercom it rose, following them by, but at a distance.

Afghans flee in the distance. Order has once again been restored by the Talibans, whom were lords against men who adhered to such cruelty as they would turn to ride, to flight, in nature's desert, prone to such delights as no man had ever known. Tall man, the Taliban, covered in sights, wizards wearing black, upturned, trying to turn this desert into a plot of diamond sand. Sacrifices would be needed in order to bring their dreadful gods back into the world.

'Behead him I say, in the name of all that is righteous. Gag the females so I may not see her deformities grown erect, spreading like some awful disease that cannot be controlled any longer.

Long Live Isis, Al Qaida, and our groups of angel-fallen stars, in the name of sweet Allah, skin these women alive as you can. Torment them so they might reach no Heavenly abode as we were promised, then squash their heads on the sand rocks.'

As the will of the Taliban emerged, the Pentagon started fuming with fury. American child soldiers were denied the right of return to their homeland. Now prayed upon by the vicious Talibans, they turned to the last civil disobedience orders, so they might not be had. Eighteen hours before the debriefing could start. Stars were unaligned. There was no possible saying of what might happen after, or if the dogs could kill the dog that was stepping on them, in the fury of the sub-polar flame.

'Put them down as the animals they are.'

The ghettos were but slave-factories, created in the will and desire of Kin-Hallag.

'Women shall be fed to dogs from this point, but lo, behold.'

A black storm, a hurricane as black as coal started forming from one of the taller huts. As if haunted, the spirits of the negroes that attempted escape, pretending they're American children as if that would work on either end. It made no difference whatsoever, no matter how close they got to the source of this insanity, the farther they forgot.

Somewhere else

'He's there!'

'Open up the fucking door already before I kick it in.'

Kicks door open, he thinks. Door slowly falls apart, he sees.

'Damn it, there's no one in.

I should've known better than this.'

Somehow the door handle, which was a big bulbous thick bug-torso formation with some interconnected leashes that still pulsed a little by little before the thorax smaller bottle-like container, inside of which it held all of its organs, for safety hood alone.

‘Excuse me, but is that your illegitimate child sitting on the left side of the table, near the sausages by the candlelight?’

‘Not that I could think of but you know how children are. Oftentimes, children should not live.’

‘If that’s the standard procedure, then that’s it. It’s settled.’

Such was that they brought the child to an incubation unit, a large thing with an oval-oblong bubble coming out of some giant socket device with many contraptions, plugs, large mechanical claws and Soviet Union paramecia keeping it together; a shoelace-tied in brick inside of which there’s a single pulsating egg-yolk. With a spike in it, the child got impaled by, dragged inside, fermented until what was left of that humanoid could not even be recognizable any more, other than a puddle of jelly, that is. slowly being disintegrated inside this strange device.

Polygonal stars wearing shogun armor also appeared in her vision, despite all that was said.’

Inside the very own apartment:

All it took was but a simple incision being made somewhere beneath some arteries, some hinder motions postulating a most unutterable shrill that had begun echoing throughout his very own limbs. His organs started contorting into gut-figures, reflecting his own. Stretching continuously as to en-wrap around one another until a six-row concoction of limbs that was unrecognizable as a humanoid emerged from the operating table. Some of the contraptions were borderline as twisted as an uprooted tree’s many roots. An anomalous sea star of the sorts; partially eaten by its very own desire for carnage, lain in a land where cannibalism was at the order of day.

Nevertheless, it was suddenly released; anxious to finally being released, it moved towards the sound that was made, the nuisance not having been awakened as of yet. He wore a simple medallion nonetheless, which lured in the other beasts, that had been squirming in ooze, across the remnants of the previously lived in apartment.

Father Blood-Piss, head of the Pharmaceuticals was one if not, one of the most distinguishable of all guests to be called in the desert during one the awakening of the many spire-towers. His blood was tainted, smeared the sand. A foul stench could only have arose at that moment when a voice clearly echoed throughout the building.

‘Put him down, we have to put him down before he spreads.’

Only about fifty feet below them; they were members of the Wolf Destitution.

‘Cut his cord, fry him up, do something before he wakes up from this stupor!’

Twenty men join in, all armed to their teeth, incredulous and incapable of even showing slight chances of breaking through him. His body seemed to have solidified. The power-plant in which they were, all droned up; armies of the world united at what seemed to be only a small pot of CO2 emissions going off the radar, coming up from him. A murderous heat could only be the sole thing that would describe what went through their heads because of the radiations that were exempted from his body.

And then, he came in. Jonathan Indoor with his family inheritance; the two wailing two-gauge rifle he carried over his back, right over his shoulder. He had taken it from none other than his brother, the one had killed no sooner than three days before their meeting; the serum had driven him mad, the serum beckoned for Jonathan to put him down like some damned dog, leaving him with nothing else to face but this horrid abomination that was no longer a human being. Most important of all, he only dates women with brain tumors, in fridges.

This fridge in it of itself has just arrived, with Indoor inside of it, preparing to, any second now, pop!

Easier for organ harvesting anyway; the hour had come for the flip to begin. As if a cuckoo clock, Indoor sprang out immediately out of his cage before his very own men.

‘Where’d he flee to now?’

‘Somewhere in the desert; it’s uncertain we will be capable of reaching him any longer, with all the energy he amassed from this spot.’

Radiation was still flowering from the point-quark needle shaped holes before them. It was no use trying to deny what had happened there.

‘They’ll know eventually, the word will spread out and once it does.’

‘No one needs to. It’s back in the fridge for me with my love if this fails. But until that, we still have just enough time to find, capture and destroy that abomination.’

‘Very well, then into the desert with us!’ He said, the colonel.

A rough journey follows. All bleak before him; four by four men carrying this cryogenic coffin, while Indoor is busy body-bonding a tootsie inside his shell; no one says a word about it. Almost mechanical in their movement, they follow the wind of spring while they’re still at it.

Two am and there’s already one lost cadet from the flight. Fifteen hundred miles for them, inside a dune, remnants of a helicopter could be seen. Twenty four cadets, mostly dead from the lack of water appear to be moving no longer. One of the living ones, that’s a must see. The coffin’s dropped, all of them pull out their guns. It’s a rough landing. But they meet eye to eye anyway.

‘Put them up and keep them that way if you know what’s good for you!’

Again, it comes. A washing rain, they can’t see clearly, but feel it, roughly. It’s mercury, with some bits of metal in, like razor blades inside of Halloween candy. Now they come in full force, side by side, remade

the line, two behind, one for cover, hiding in a small patch belonging to some tinier sand-womb; all rifles pointing at this unknown bandit; eerily shaking yet in place. From behind him, out of his back erupts a crossbow holding a tiny ball, shot immediately like a canon. One officer get pinned down. Both of them die. Buried together before the remaining seven pick up the coffin again. Absolutely no noise is being made any longer. Unusual sounds start piping up again before getting stopped.

‘He has a wife, god damn it!’

‘Unimportant. He knew what he was getting himself into!’

Two am five days ago.

Mummified remains on the spot.

‘My home is destroyed, what’s left of it is less than ashes.’

Large unnatural socket-plugs worming their out the ground, releasing slices of pig heads, just around the farthest reaches they could be thrown in, in order for the piglets to survive. Crates were being left over there. Some uglier human-doll the size dimension of a large orangutan sitting by eight barrels, with flame-candles laying at the end of some short sticks practically glues to some lamp posts. Dead soldiers just around the fields. No one had survived the previous war, hence why what remains after is absolutely nothing but a big, giant flirt. Finally, when the sun’s down there’s still release from the moonlight leaving everything as it used to be. Indoor wakes up from beneath the dead girl he had been laying underneath of, now confused and unable to act but blabber off something incomprehensible, thinking they’re all dogs that need to be sent back to West where they belong. Slowly, portions of the sand start creeping in as well. He’s drunk or seems like it.

‘Settle down, you’re safe, you’re safe, nothing happened.’

‘Other than the man we lost.’

‘Fuck off with that. He’s on an Ivory tower, the head of the chief, he’s survived worse and I think he still breathes.’

Which was obviously a lie, both the man and the cadet they had met in the desert had died out of something that could not be called anything else but a mutual suicidal followed by some unknown-to-the-men revival, somewhere on the dark. They should’ve abandoned the fridge and thrown it over, just like a fried chicken container –made raw, rotting away while the clock kept draining every moment’s shot way. Again, they were agitated, afraid they could say something horrendous, turning him against them once again.

‘Say it, what’s wrong with that thing spotting his skin?’

So fleshy and unutterable, not like some rash but akin to someone who had dug his fingers deep inside, making him squirt with blood, draining it, this pus-ball, eating from it, then stitching it all together. They wander about, now eight again.

‘What about my sleeping coffin, king of cold?’

‘That’s going to be left behind and it’s none of your business what’s going to happen afterwards to you or them.’

‘Them?’

‘ Don’t tell him yet, I think he may be wired?’

Fills even work under cold pressure. King’s triumph, here he arrived.

Seven of their rank take a kneel; Indoor stands tall, stands his ground with no worship, not a thought of it.

The Rotten King say nothing but follows him inside a circle, from where he finds his preferred, suddenly, yet to be taken meal from this kid Indoor, this punk, ready for reaping. Chasing doesn’t work and the rotten king suddenly takes a break.

‘You’re not going to catch me at this rate, and I can guarantee you that I intend on leaving you behind without shoving the proper respect you so wrathfully seem to cull.’

‘Sooner or later much of your kin will fall on the same footsteps as they did. It’s rather impossible to be denied. Settle down and show me the proper respect and I shall leave you as you stand, untouched, unharmed, with everything inside of you still as properly fit as you’ll have it.’

But he continued running, alone this time. Leaving them all as in foul party.

‘I think.’ He said. ‘ That this is going to be a rough play, my feet shall be abandoned by spare-strings, like the ones pulling from beneath the ground, an army of them.’

Many of which shot at him, spears of iron sprouting from eternal sands, whereas but not wherein, the chanted rotten figure merely pulled the cold-conditioning unit off the ground then put in on his shoulder, carrying it without regret, over the spear of hot the next day the rest of his crewmen now withheld.

Box cradle and Pox-Snake pass them off in a raider’s car. It was a rental that went off too high on the sand-rope, ending up in a small chiming in oratory of fields beneath the entire curvature of the desert. Out of the closest reaches, beneath a waterless tiny plot; they had been brought there by inattention, the end destination being a tiny crystal box they could no longer get out of.

‘This time you screwed us both. What do you have to say for yourself. You think we’ll be lucky enough to be found by some savior or something like that? Because I can promise you we won’t. Not in the lowest reef of coral anchors, beneath the sail-less ships, beneath the cost, above it where the submarines can barely reach trimming the ocean, there, where stands a sunken ship. Eerily for a few minutes before the drown; where the crewmen know as much as they’re aware of, that nobody on deck will survive.’

A dead end from where no one could escape the clock. Hidden in the sand-lock, heartless there comes the leper, the one with bulgy eyes, from beneath its head, as many as fifteen, drooping in a sack of flesh. A body of pseudo-gelatin. With hinder legs and morbid-standing by each side of him, appendages. Barely sensible as to walk, jumping most unutterably while they watch. This much was obvious to them.

‘As long as we’re in this box, then we are safe, no one to disturb us and no one to pitch a single venomous injection that would make even the dead falter in their dreaded hidings while we stay.’

‘Should we stay and wait if that’s the case? Surely you need know better than that, to withdraw know would save us both. Perilous as this dreaded jailer is, I think there’s still hope.’

‘I see none, nor shall you convince me of there being any, otherwise. I say this with all my heart. Our cart is ruined, and I feel little that needs be told as well. If this reaches even the closest of starvation fields; in the afterlife, or wherever might do ill. Then we are truly doomed.’

Both of their spirits were fleeing away, incapable of seeing any longer, blinds incapable of hearing the rain. Petals drop in the distance.

‘We should stop and wait.

There could be cadets here, standing and pretending to be still as corpses on a crop.’

‘Have you had a short-notice of either one?’

‘Only that one incident, but they could be anywhere. Of that I’m most certain. I know what they’re capable of, their strength going way beyond ours, by all means of distribution, power, self-thought, strategically speaking and all that.’

‘Translation please.’

‘We’re outnumbered and possibly outmaneuvered by them, even as we speak.’

Actively sweeping the ground for any signs of footsteps, hiding beneath and beyond the sand-floors, somewhere, there, anywhere, swimming like fish, trying to rummage into skin, so they said. They thought of them moreover like some kind of parasites, slowly making their way in.

‘Enough with this paranoid blabber; they’re nowhere to be found. And frankly, they couldn’t live beneath the sand or the dunes, for they are cursed. Indeed, they would mince on their bodies if the slightest chance even passed them, so to speak, if everything is in our favor, then we’ll make it fairly easy. I say.’

Said the king. His henchmen now out of the brow of the sand.

Another dead-point somewhere, one of the submerged, heavily beneath the living area, nuclear plant; where dirt and earth had been swallowed almost entirely, leaving no excuse to one who was after them to stall for more. This beast formed out of metal, out of skin, in-humane as it was, could not force itself

to stop. Not until it reached the source of power it so desired. Not while its ancestors were looking from beyond their graves, in that unnatural state they had been forced into. Not living, nor dead.

‘Another one is close by.’

All alone, with no more troops to slow him down.

‘I can feel you getting closer to me, I can smell your scent, your fragrance. It’s drawing near me, and I can truly feel it as it is.’

Radiation started partitioning the moistness hidden in his arms, legs and chin. Something beyond doubt lay clear, in-so-much that this dreadful disappearance of horses now ensured their own reappearance right as they drew in.

‘But I have come prepared. Here’s apples. Tasty apples, enough apples for all.’

Their delightfulness at theses shiny globes reassured a complete cooperation. Nothing would get in his way, not this time, nor ever. Radiation had rotten their guts, they could walk on their hinder legs and pretend their human, but that alone would not stand aside.

‘Do you not trust me?’

Have I not made myself clear in that I seek your friendship as a man to a horse, with all do-respect for your race and mine?’

Neigh, neigh, neigh was all they returned. It was a vice, it was a splendor, it was something that went over and between them, it flew in all directions.

Sand forest and pickles of cacti. Beneath the earth, Charles was busy working on the radio, trying to get a signal he could not reach by any means. Regardless of how hard it was try, there was no sign of it giving in. Twisting, lashing, whipping its wires all over as if it were an entity in itself. No joy came to be. Any dune that crossed on top appeared to be leaving open sore-throats shaped like malevolent frogs with multiple empty holes as legs, through which more sand was being allowed to drift in. There was also another drainage that passed through this ‘animal’s tract, a pouch of some sorts turned upside down, releasing tiny scarabs and sand worms, right on his hand. Charles Angler was no longer a human, by all considerable deals. But still, coffins of cold, fridges found their way falling through the ceiling, almost close enough to him that he could almost release himself from the death trap he was in. Spears by his side; a multitude of unrecognizable any more-arms that got thinner, yet connected, as almost wings, his body humanly ended when his head was become almost a nickel merged into a fleshy stove. His legs twisting still, forming a tail that only dragged down, its every tiny scale being faced by him at every turn.

‘Come on, drop closer, drop closer. Much closer, please.’

He had been almost completely enwrapped in scrolls, ink blotches painting his eyes-these globes. Popping on out, then spreading into threes. Six of them, not including the periphery. The incubation had

taken too long. Angler could barely focus on the noise that was coming straight from outside. Yet, the preacher began.

'Blessed our thins with cans of cold; may the lord keep delivering his probes from above!'

Empty, all of them, he thought as he saw them flipping in and out, to the side, crawling as if a pair of limaxes, strayed off the roads, and fell down deeper into the insecticide. Poisonous gas was being release, puffing little by little, his eyes could barely drop during the consternation, that damning feeling that had lifted him from where he dropped, into a deeper hole, from which escape was benign.

'Release me immediately, and stop chanting your most insipid languorous sermon!'

But his voice was drowned with every minute that passed by. And there was little that could be done in his case, since the voices stopped releasing themselves.

Nigger-ghetto above the sand; near a blackened by ashes, ripped by fire, hell-fire brooded, in nigger attire. Continued the three Nigger Warlocks; shameless in display, walking thereafter, yet again. They drained the lesser niggers of their vitals, their blood disciples, monkeys whose wrath would not stall until they came after, all who opposed them.

'Darling, I don't suppose you'd happen to know what he does for a living, do you?'

'Not that I know, since we haven't spoken for over twenty years or so. There's definitely no turning back now, is there?'

'His majesty hasn't even arrived yet, perhaps a drink so we may savor the moment?'

'Whatever you so desire.'

There were a few tables in the café, and only four or so cups and coffee mugs that had unique names painted on them. They were in the self-serving part of the locale. Five or so teenagers wasting their nightly time sparrowing on small blocks of plastic, called phones. It was that awful generation one could not withdraw oneself from. A scoop of ice-cream, she asked her boyfriend to deliver her. Only five or so paces away. The couple looked young, almost as if they were looking at themselves, they observed their temptuous motions.

'I remember being as youthful as he is, always clashing head first into the first girl that gave me attention, diving into it without even thinking or knowing whether she's into me in the first place.'

'Never took you for a charmer.' Said Lilly lividly.

The man they're waiting for is a baker. He should be in any second now, but still manages to find a way to stall. It was a plain-night sight, perhaps irresolute, too irresolute to bring as much as candor as the lights aligned on top the sky. A nigger cab-driver stopped his motor. Here he comes, right before they were preparing to get something for themselves.

'Excuse me for the delay. I've been in the market recently and suffice to say, I was not disappointed at all by what I saw there. You wouldn't believe what I saw there.'

His words were uncanny and his mouth swore to some unutterable wars that happened to do it openly as it came. There was no standards as of yet, nor would he foam at first of the occasion.

Murder means procreation and there could only one be alive, as it was, as it was permitted. The nomenclature demanded it.

'It's a sin to alleviate pain in the middle of a summer's eve, but I suppose you've not confined even the littlest endeavors of your past that may be lain to us to heed the answer from.'

'You're misguided in your approach and truly ignorant in the manner we've both agreed to carry our conversation in. Lay down your arms and don't speak to me.'

'That I may not do, but waste breath no longer, for I am already of a mind to ignore your ignoble approach; trash like you belongs on the streets, but you shall not hear that from me.'

It was utterly repelling, having them both sit at a table. Both Indoor and Charles were already come to a mind to leave everything upturned, leaving everything that was said behind. What an utter ignorance would that be. Not to mention perilous as well. Since the two men had both something in common, which exacerbated and annoyed both parties' implicationists; that being the result of having arrived on the scene invited by the men. Two dames, from what could be told had nothing more to spare, let alone do something that might contrive a simple change in the two men, a change so subtle that it could not go ahead and remain untouched. The subject began again.

'Sit down the two of you, can't you see that you're both disturbing the guests as well as ruining this entire party?'

'A woman should not speak unless spoken to.'

'What was that again? I thought you came here like a chained mutt at my command, if I recall correctly so. You are rather set to bark at the wrong person now, mutt. Capable of barking, insatiably so, but a mutt that would not bite the hand that feeds it; henceforth I will say this again, sit down.'

Charles had resumed his post, taking another sip as the other man joined them without a sliver of fight that could be seen, enticed the whole group-so.'

A few more acres of land would do just fine. If only there was one that could do the mowing.

'Contrary to everyone's belief round this table'.

Radiation appears to be spreading everywhere at a most unnatural level. There are simply not enough computers that palpitate at a radiological form for all of the points where it's coming from.

It had been fun while it lasted, but there could be nothing else left behind other than a fallen-apart, tremendously so, ruin of what's it been. Echoes in the distance, morning sun. A blabbering followed by

while the chirps started horning in, and a decade later it had come. But there wasn't any warning about it. No nuclear box or paradox, time groping slowly so. Nothing to bother, none to come, nowhere to be pleased if Paradise had flown and run.

'Open this god-damn gate immediately, before I call the bill-man!' Was said to the Yellow Turpentine Tennant.

'I shall answer to no one but the one in charge with the bills, Mr. Joe, who has been alongside us since May through June seventeen.'

That couldn't be right either, a long road, paired by railway garments, with tiny spliced diamonds sleighing in the collar; everything about John, here and there, John everywhere, with nothing about his brothers and what not. What hurt the most was the face that he had been hired by the post office to deliver, him personally elected for this task, in which case, none 's the matter. Slapped in youth.

Her priscillating rob, disdained while calling off the fine entry of lord Jovl. It was nowhere near attraction, or a real one, pleasantries aside, yet her nightgown endured.

Darkness came early that evening. Almost no one expected it to come again.

Detroit

He was a nigger-by the name of Detroit. Something off him, already seen; carrying a semi-automatic illegality, concealed. In search of a scum-lowlife called exile from the hospice called Brown James. Both turned at the same time, incapable of realizing they were in the same room, the same chamber, standing one in front of another with their loaded guns pointing at the same temple, arm over the elbow, sitting then in a chair. What a wonderful day to be a Christian.

Rain was slowly scowling over the dark-damp cheek of a creek with little frogs adorning its left and right flanks. It was low, even for him, hiding in plain sight.

'I'm going to open fire on you.' He said, pointing the gun ever farther than before.

Cockroaches in a cheap motel, fire started erupting out of Daniel's head. Before they knew it, everything was wrong. So many wasted lives, waiting for some kind of approval from the others, but were stuck in waiting.

'I've seen you on tv, mister!'

'Bug off kid before I make you end up on tv.'

The child immediately left the street stirring at some broken car.

Trains walking by, but there was no way to know who was there inside of them, until that very point you thought you'd jump in front of one, breaking their appeal. A burning corpse was there. Dead men singing on the streets without even paying attention to what was going on around them.

'Open another capsule and let me see if I can make it worth your time. Else.'

'Else what?'

That was the problem with them, there was no else whatsoever that did it. Was it a bluff or some simple niggaring? It was hard to tell them by.

The of destruction was something improbably un-happenable.

'We're all being strangled here, aren't we?' Homeless lady fourteen asked.

'Give us some space luv, or self-loathing might crown the rival.' Bloated burning skull replied to her antics.

And they were all of the same clay, which didn't bode well with Detroit, who was there staring at all, with a pinpointed tiny spec of light, waiting for them to make a wrong move, waiting for anyone to do anything at all before he could jump in and do his worst. As much as he was a hotshot trigger fingerer, that did not bode at all with the Oracle, whose light almost blinded all of them, to the point where they were hardly grasping for breath before being dwarfed down.

'On your knees, culprits, you're all to be immediately judged.'

Except Detroit, who had already scrambled, like niggers do when faced by the coppers; pigs like them, living in the slums, incapable of scalping the crime in the same way they had their way with the injuns. Wholly unremarkable. All for nothing and annoying. By the side of a volley-alley he did drugs, hard-heavy stuff he could barely hope to get out of his system when the sound of the police began again. There was no way out. There was no way in. How could they do poor boy Detroit so badly? Shot eight times in the liver, then bled on the streets akin to some poor animal who had nothing to do with anything.

'It's always the same excuse with them boys. You offer them a finger and they scalp you left and right.'

Before dying, the poor nigger Detroit had scalped the basket-ball court he had anomalously mistaken for a volley ball alley, with his own blood, until he had written ACAB in all caps, out of blood clot. It was a nasty sight, but no one could be blamed for it.

'Us pigs protect, Us pigs annihilate!'

That was how it in those days, and no one apologized for a darn thing. Yet the circus went alone, the oracle being ripped to shreds, many heads erupting out of its body, ring-necked as if pierced by some unholy thing. Madly in-love with the angle that was made of yarn, both dropping and galloping on eight

differently sized dead horses that were filled with decay, on a single chariot that looked as if it had been standing below the bowels of the earth, in some sort of a wicked-to mind, worse to the blind, incapable of full-release over the land of the dwelling – sea. Carbon-ashes were left behind, it cursed the blind but cursed the mind.

‘What a wonderful show, don’t you think so, darling?’

There was no response coming from his dead-in-a-chair wife.

No pressure. No pressure at all, near the man standing next to some back or some forsaken place no one bothered to look at or to dream a dreary dream out of which there was no dutiful expense spent. It was a dream of evil, a dream of good, something between them, but sound was missing. If this is what he had become, the read implanted in his head, boneless inside, more of a blob in the shape of a blob-fish, but all together, no ooze. The antlers always gave it away. So lesser-men didn’t dare approached it in its natural habitat. Only men dared stand up to this ugly creature, which was baby-faced, milky and fallen apart. Toothless as well, but for some incisors that were as thin, dulled, yet strangely begotten to look like scissors. Brought out of the swamp by a floating pillar, it moved towards one Kinsley.

Up North there was no such thing. Thence towards North it started migrating. It and all the others like it.

This, this indescribable feeling made everyone feel off, as if in a bad play, living tremendously on some borrowed time they could not withdraw out of. It smelt like berries.

‘Good evening to you too, where might I draw the Zeppelin towards? Oh, there? Right there and no place else?’

A grumble was no less than a direct response he would give. The oppulation was hardly begun.

‘If I may perform as simple cut with my trusty incisor, everything would be fine. But I’m certain, beyond certain that you may not allow me to. Henceforth it must be done at night.’

The deadest hour, most dreaded of all pawns, the lackeys and the jocks. Lighted by some torch, they obviously didn’t wish to be there at all.

‘Well, I suppose I might allow you to extract most of my tired liver fluid if you’re in such a story to make a bud!’

‘I’m drowning, I’m drowning in flesh.’ Woman-horoscope!

Down a little cavern it went, flush and flew and far-thee gone, never to be seen by human eye or dye. Listless tiny people of no humanoid appearance drew out of the ground pouting while there was nothing to be told.

Lord Rickston, in a most inappropriate suite that was scorched as if from the face of the earth, recoiling in place stood waiting near the entrance.

This wasn't it. There was no headache to give it away. Many such distorted sensations came and went away without leaving him as an untreated patient, gone to die off some cliff or some other mid-parking lot he so happened to dose into. Within one of such places was the mill. Some real extravagant violent vandalism threw them off his tracks.

A kaki vest pointing at his shoulders and no barnacles in his shoes – freshly cleaned. It was there and it was not there, merely an image of it sufficed for its existence to be proven. Pivoting a car left and right, stirring in whichever direction his thought had made him want.

Belonging to him, since the day where he had claimed it himself by rite or trial, was, a single little plant-patterned plant, that might've been mightily impressive if it were not for the simplest, most in-elegant spot under its right chin, an hour ago there having been stained again, between the area foremost known as an 'ankle' and the plastic toe, which was revealed to us only today. He was a most refined man. Nothing missing from his outfit, one could guess at least where did his entourage belonged; not among misfits, to say the least. Who else to do it, other than him?

Earlier this July, a scientist and a rapist, or, in other words, an artist.

'Wake up already, you've been snoozing and off for over a day or two. You're not supposed to sleep in the office.'

'Who said that? Who said that?' He said with as little understanding of where he were, next to the shoulder's nest, the neck of the valve, in the cold area, where he froze like meat, speaking to himself. But he knew that. And he also knew that this pure thing wasn't a means to an end for what he was interesting in getting. His point across, himself. Thereafter he got up, after finally being done, having only now realized that there was no one there, having already concluded that it was late, the ladder being rolled down a hatch of light that came right in his visor only moments ago. It was a mess.

It was a true mess he couldn't get rid of.

So many coffee machines, running all at once, pushed around by a gloved hand that was so impartial to getting some second degree burns that, his glove displayed a selection of unpatched areas that turned the glove into a rag. How in-disciplinary of him. All done so he could show off to a selection of nurses, cleaning maids and other coquette creatures as could be found out of the dumpster he worked and lived in. Still, it was late. They were awfully into some worry that they could not get home without a scratch to their fineries, done so that they could put a dent into the NSA, which was purposefully keeping them under the scrutiny of hard surveillance.

In the early days known to man he found himself, by accident, a true tactician whose prowess was overseen by the great mundane, which included some of the worst despoiled little creatures known to mind, known as pity and envy, arms that have failed him at various points in time now perpetually finding themselves at play, as some forces meant to provoke not only disgust as irreconcilable as to what he felt, but as a means of attack, evisceration and other mortal-bothersome jabs he took at himself while his other coworkers were busy bottling the caps, in this fine factory that bothered Jack, since

unknowingly he fell into its web, this bothersome trap that kept rigging his fingers' nails next to the floor. A most bothersome thing indeed, with Jack being the patron and all. Incapable of seeing past his own failures, he reached the low-lain, next to his bed's stand, to the right of him, peripherally flaccid-revolver, that was kept unloaded and un-mourned after, since it was not his, that was eventually used, pushed, then had its position corrected, at his temple, in order to commit the final act of supreme pain, that bothered no one at all, once found out, of killing himself. Was there a simpler scene of blood and guts spread on the floor since the fun never ended, the gun having deviated, pointing below his shoulder, it had slipped, then gouged, this dark rifle, modified revolved, that eventually pushed it all out. This scene was impossible to be looked at, the worst of the worst might hold some pity to what happened, if only they knew, but that was not the case any longer, impossible as it were for anyone else to fathom, how despicable an act.

'And as I told you before, we filled out glasses with a finery of wine. We had put all past and sins behind as we sipped from poor Jack, god bless his mourning soul.'

The general consensus was that he was dead. A pale face accompanying broken ribs, a missing leg or two whose nails have been cleanly removed, without any blood having spilled on the scene, that was added to a list of MO's, compared across the States to other unsolved cases that lead the authorities to believe that the culprit was still somewhere out there, in action, yet, what was beyond reason was that there'd be floating above the surface level testimonies, casually dropped by the families of the deceased, that contradicted with the main story fabricated by the cops so far, which only gained addition holes as the time went by. One cannot even fathom where did this initiative that lead to bringing false declarations to the court, while additional arrests were being made for people that have been suspected with committing the crime in the first place, that lead to the false conclusion or the false views carried on by the collaborationists who were present at the mistrials, them being the prosecutors, the defendants and the very jury that have passed the guilty sentence on all accounts, several times, non-acquittable, over those poor innocent people. Such that, the authorities were surprised when they found out that the killer was still on the run. Somewhere out there, like some presently-modern Jack the Ripper.

'What a truly frightening, do you agree with this version of events?'

'I disagree, Jack, or Jamble, whomsoever might you be.'

But this, this was going a bit too far, to the point of having become a reactionary-abstract assault he was not ready to defect or hope to stand against. Barring himself, in the process, to what might be mislaid as an act of passion, labeled so in a most intolerable manner.

'If, in this case, your concubine had been aware of how much of a suffocating gulp of carbon emission you were, enough to pinpoint you to the main reason behind his MO, we'd never have had this conversation to being with, since you're utterly wrong in every account!'

'How can you tell since I never even substantiated my claim and reason behind it?'

'Because I know you and I know you too well. More than you know yourself.'

It was so-so mechanical, how he moved and talked, that you could tell that he had an AC battery shoved inside his back.'

'Yes, the polite way can only be assessed by observing my departure, since you will simply not listen to my retort, you incoherent jackal!'

Thus the exchanged was finished with both parties having departed. Unrest was just as high as it was initially thought off to be. By no means nor way could they avoid the subject any longer since they had both arrived at two simians dictating the motions of much-foreseeable to themselves, scenes. It happened before it happened. Bodies that not only didn't exist, but that nobody could attest to; an entire amiable mess with no survivors left on either side. And it was also raining. A quintet of an oblong followed Jack around, like an infantile nimbus that had its first day, with its cut wings, with the temperature being below five Fahrenheit, so on and so forth, with little chance of changing. Third trimester that was incalculable in clouds, unless scientists got involved, to solve such unfathomable miracles such as they would decidedly go in for the rocks, hard-to see, and in it be, inside a mole-machines that had rocket-thrusters attached to them. Followed by garbage readings and no clear response for hours, all paid by private companies and by the government's involvement, that being the tax monies citizens were unaware of where they ended up being used. An awful situation altogether, but on the bright side it didn't end up on welfare, feeding homeless people meth, from which they ended up in comas and no chance of them being inundated by invisible monsters only they could claim to having seen, these morbid hallucinations of no obscure regard.

'Wake up man, come on already, the bus is leaving.'

'What happened, how long have I dosed off?'

'Dosed off? How about passing out for at least eight hours or so?'

'Couldn't have thanked you harder for it!'

Both seats were part-in open, with every row being almost filled in. One to the side of the window, or one in the middle, occupying both seats, baptized in a ceremonious manner. Privacy is being intruded upon, or if it is not today it will be tomorrow, at eight o'clock, easily verifiable if you don't trust.

And trust goes both ways. It is mimicking pain, as good as any man could go on record of having felt it, that painful thrust inside one's body, inexplicable yet completely unutterable. It is the Marxist way of giving a limb to someone who happens to have the same blood type as you, to borrow it and run around, running out of labor bills upon return, holding this act to the highest scrutiny once exploitation is taken in account. Ah. There's no better view than San Francisco at the midnight hour.

Sylvia knew those kinds of things, was familiar with them to an uncomfortable degree, reached out to the door and out of the courtroom she went. Meets Jack across the way.

When the boiling water had begun stopping the shaking kettle, as soon as the bubbles inside of it stopped fornicating at the top, while the lawnmower finished its last quarter of grass, that's when George came in. At eight o'clock, after Tuesday, on a pompous car, trying his hand in some hand-cutter while his wife was in the backseat, drugged all the way up, that she failed to realize she was still alive, salivating all the way up from her chin to her partially unbuttoned blouse. Freshly come to the dinner-party that was held on the side of the porch. It was a miracle that they arrived as soon as they did, since most of the party was already gone to the other side, half-buried beneath the table, where the mound was. The parking lot was graying out with pines no longer standing erect as the act had begun. Actors, all of them, thinking they could change the world.

'Of course I knew you weren't cut. But where did all this bleeding come from?'

'From the mound, from no other place other than the mound, not even from the flesh-eating bird's beaks, nor from any other cannibal present at the table, since they had signed a waiver against it.'

'Gosh darnin' with you lawn semantics, can't you focus on the dead people beneath the table instead?'

'There's no such thing down there. There's absolutely no mound, no dead people and no observers as had been since the other day when you made the case for them.'

Yesterday had indeed been a troubling day. No matter how hard they tried moving on from it, there had always been a slither of surprise rising up in order to remind them of the act that had been purported by the men. Sincerely said, they had been killed by their very host. The very same host that was present at the out-in-the open diner. The simple fact had remained clear in both of their eyes. It was all due, as it had been recognized a long time ago, their incompatibility had reared its ugly head in. And there was no attempt at retrieval as one might expect in such cases. All bland, donkey with no ears hugging the curb. Yet they yearned for one another for what would end up being thousands of hours, with little to remotely nothing to show in return, not a single act of romance that might ease the waving of the waters.

'Did you think you could get away with handing me these divorce papers, without consulting me first?'

'I was lead to believe that this would be an amiable break up and that we would never speak of it again once it was done being transmitted.'

'Well, you were not only wrong in your belief but ignorant as well to the outcome of your departure.'

'What do you intend on doing to me?'

'My intent is known to me alone, and none other until the moment of partition is well beyond surpassed.'

'I'll ask you again then, what's your intent? And where is this mound you keep referencing with your cheeks?'

‘They’re rather full, aren’t they? I had been well aware that you would ask, since I do intend on harming you for the time being.’

‘Then got ahead and let me see this radiance of immobility, or stand there and do nothing. For all I care, I shall be non-impressed by either action, that you might as well get on with it right now, instead of wasting my time.’

Her courtiers were already hamming in, with disciplinary actions being taken as to not provoke any inflammatory weak remark, that might be had between them, by the commonly used by them, counselor, who was not only aware of them, their actions, their mod of operandi, but who had full control over them. It could be no other way. Many of them being male concubines that had at the very least one mid-length affair with the her but refused to directly say it so in any form of communication, written or otherwise, to her quick-eyed lavished not-so-much unsuspecting husband, who was raging as they spoke to one another about the least-understandable trite subjects. A bane to both ends, that none had the commitment to fully accept it, to the point of it being a fault of theirs, which was the reasonable exchange of words, otherwise known as having the courtesy of telling him the truth.

Miss Mallory von Tooth, being one of the most charming lawyers of the Eighty Fifth Street’s part of the neighborhood, had other things in mind than interfering with other people’s private affairs, or might’ve had if it weren’t for the secrecy she felt laboring over, in hidden askance, as her God- entrusted secret almost got spoiled over a casual conversation she held a few days ago, revealing her delirious desire of being lusted by as many if not more men than she could handle. It was an adversary kind of casual passive-aggressiveness she would not relent on showing out-right, but in a most closeted manner that might leave one poke-blind without knowing what, how and why?

They were serving lattes in tiny little tea-cups, bolstered by all fingers other than the pinkie which was being raised as to signal nonchalance in regards to their high-societal standing. Raised or adopted, it was no concern or hers when she arrived.

‘No mound, I say, there’s no mound over the pout we’re standing, none whatsoever. No corpses nor dead men I can see with my very two eyes.’

‘My dear, you lack the glasses that would make your life much easier than having it put under shade.’

‘Petite clothes sold for five bucks on the market.’ Daily Newspaper;

Somehow that didn’t matter at all. But they were both distracted enough to point at the sun. It could hardly be called a morning, or noon, somehow lost between the two. Plenty of bad marriages left in sight, most of them gutless, incapable of crossing the street in order to stand up to her. These sins were coming along just fine, crawling on the cement-floor. Being banded together by their weeping, flooding and overbearing nature, yet there was no response, not even an acanthus of being acknowledged by either one of them. Mexico had been a wild ride and the fiery blood could not be more dope than it had been at that moment, weirdly engrossing everything in their path, despite pouting like little dogs awaiting for their mistress to finally take them home, these people were just forced into a stillness no

one could free himself out of, a gag, or a Greek wrestling match they could not get away from. And the poor Miss Mallory was all but there, her thought somewhere else, a distance away, fantasizing about being Jane. A cut was made in her gut, out of which no blood could be seen coming out of. The strangest thing being that, it was not her long-displaced out of her mind husband, but an apparent 'corpse' that escaped the so-called 'mound', performing the surgery.

Thirty days ago:

It was an inconsistent movement that put weight on her knees. Jane knew better than to run.

Jane had been going on errands all night, undisturbed. No one in sight so far, therefore she chose to walk as kinkily as possible, knowing that no one would observe her, or at least pretending to be looking elsewhere rather than her lowered unorthodox skirt. In foresight, it might've been a better performance if it not were for the dark stranger that showed up at the end of the road. Tall, lean, impossible to fully beheld, an assistant to some doctor wearing enormous stripes all across the body that had the word PHD finely printed on him. She immediately derived pride coming out of this strangely-yet momentarily revealing appendagure he displayed, as to show off and rub it in her face. A Princeton educated fool that made a habit out of wearing a dark hoodie and a trench coat. Both approached one another as if it was an admirable amiability that which was shared between the two of them.

The man presented himself as Thomas, one with little regards to a person's stature or minded of their privacy. Indeed, he was a photographer whose every shot ringed true to the calling of an artist, painting murals with his every shot, yet incapable of revealing his true colors to this lady he had never seen before.'

'Pervert, how dare you take pictures of me in such a revealing morning stroll?'

'It was not I who pushed the first trigger, yet I concur that your mind is empty and you lack the sympathy needed to carry on with this fiesta I'm about to start with you.'

'But my body is not for sale.'

'That's rather false and you know it, my dear lady. It is not the first time I stalked you, albeit that had been in a prior life of mine. I know it indeed to be true.'

He was an opportunist creep in the full sense of the word, but at the same time he had gotten truly in-love with her, as if it was done at the first sight, with the contract, prenup and the paperwork all done. A wolf in search for its pray, a Rottweiler with fumigating foam that started pushing down out of his mouth as he began salivating on the floor.

'What in God's name is wrong with your mouth?'

'My excuses lady, many, many, many excuses for what I've done. But I simply could not help myself.'

'A dog, that's what you are, a dog with a delirious desire to get stomped, to be euthanatized. Not by me anyway.'

I desire one thing of you then.'

'Whatever you want, lady.'

The courtroom had approved her motion for another pair of prosthetics to be added to her body, elbow fornicated in her gut is how she walked for five years. But no one attributed the pain she felt to the misaligned plastic bones, which in turn had somehow managed to grow and penetrate her rib-cage all the way up to her arms. She was serving the stranger at a sidewalk-near sided café they had both almost passed while attempting to cross one another. Many of the flower pots were empty. The garrison of black-fee was almost indisposed if it were not for a false emergency they were recalled to. And once open, always open. The customers had to be willy-nilly thrown back and forth before being served.

It was an awful time to be around them, one hour later, in the afternoon, when the streets became livelier, when they were as sickly as the paves of France, when there was no sun around in the sky, obscured by rain. No garnishes to the walls. No turkey cut no more. Only two cups delivered at the two opposite sides of the table. A few centimeters apart, gazing at one another, while their eyes melted, dripping down like sugar squares to sweeten up their black sodas.

'What's happening? I've never encountered anything like this before. What do you reckon it to be?'

'Perhaps our drinks?'

'I haven't tasted mine, what about yours?'

'Not even the tip of my tongue erected at the pressure of boiled water had felt this. It's interesting, rather incoherently so. I can't understand why.'

'Then slowly shut your mouth off and wait for them to come back.'

Too late for them to retire. It was an awful thing that happened, yet they were momentarily convinced that the situation would deescalate. Definitely had to, one way or another.

'Maybe you came across the waiter and exchanged some ill remarks?'

'Why does it have to be me, responsible for all of this?'

'Because you're the shady man who covered himself in tape and wrote those ridiculous things on yourself, that's why.'

'You make little to no sense. The waiter didn't even see them.'

'He may have eavesdropped on you while we were on our way.'

'To think that this is the reason behind having our sight taken away from us is rather comically ridiculous. It isn't true. It simply cannot be true.'

Silence follows afterwards. It hears talk of something else falling apart, the nails, pink-pressure plates on her, jumping out the tip of her fingers as it launched out of a truncheon. A draconic utterance threatened to shatter both of their bodies at once.

One of the many waiters present at the scene, who had been awake for fourteen hours, had stepped in to interrupt their heated discussion, being reminded of a similar even that happened to scar him for the rest of his life. It was the right time to step in and assert himself to these two societal hooligans that were extremely ready to sue this place for some sort of alleged injury caused by the rising temperature of the boil. Luckily for him and for the manager, nothing of the sorts happened. An amiable return to normality had caused both of their bodies to restore their eyesight without any injury being sustained by either one of the parties.

Jake had a knife on her. Upon waking up of her stupor, she started busting caps on the waiter.

‘Rotten food, let’s go.’

She ran away, seeing everything left behind as mere pawns knocked down a table. It was mirthful of her to ask for his permission, which was never explicitly received. What an awful snare. Lonely despite having her man, before marriage even took place. She had forgotten him.

‘Slow down Jane, we haven’t been acquainted enough for this flight to occur.’

Her saying:

‘Man up already, you’re with me from this point on.’

But someone was chasing them from behind. No precedence of this having happened in the past. It was all new for her.

Jane’s face had been mauled by the Stranger. It truly was something unimaginable. Children ran away at the mere sight of. She was butchered, a pig with no casket. Despite all that, they still remained together. No strings attached.

‘Where are my eyes, Stranger? I swear I placed them in my lap only a second ago.’

‘You ever heard of the expression, treat your body like an anchor, so you could throw yourself into an ocean?’

‘No that I recall.’

Still blind after all this time. There’s yet to be an excuse for it. Whereas another peculiar stranger whose footsteps had been eerily been recorded by both of their eardrums had only now come into play. Two gun-shots were aimed by them. Flashed right after, when, in just a moment did they have a chance to move again. Out of her leg sprouted a little unnatural dark spot that began expanding seriously fast across the street, drawing her in until she had her entire ankle submerged into that pathos of squid squirm. A large elliptical-nigh blob started pushing out. Jane’s body was as open as a door, revealing her

insides covered in various locks of granite that completely encased her organs. Her eyes were still peeled out. Cracking its teeth-filled knuckles in it was the strange almost goblinessque figures which had been laughing all this time in hiding. Before she could even begin screaming again, a flock of tiny rat-babyish flying parasites started emerging out of her ears, tied together by yanked-by each other's hands – red puffy chains which withdrew back inside of her as soon as she tried getting her other foot out of the area where the Stranger had been. He, on the other hand, spat a mollusk on the floor, a thing he used to tie himself to with the help of his ruined out of frustration belt he had on him. Stringers of blood, hardened by clot, fell on the clock, pursed by taking wild shots at the figures that began flying around them in the open space. Bastards of glowing beings. Utterly visceral in the way they started shaping their fornications. Ballads are quite simplistic in comparison. There's a thin line between good and evil that was crossed just a few minutes ago.

What would perhaps be a simple act of condescension turned out to be a deadly affair between the two, since the Stranger became a mule that carried a partially open body-sack with most of his strength being split in trying to deescalate both parties at play and trying to preserve what was left of Jane. An inscrutable anchor fell upon her back, theirs was heavier a burden that they could barely pretend it didn't happen at all. Bowling balls made out of the asphalt started slowing them down during the rush. It was impossible to deceive them at this point in time, but nonetheless it happened.

'Are you all right?'

It was an exciting day. The birds that adorned the referee had finally got to have their say in about the issue. As inscrutable, pompous and arrogant as he was, there were times when he was right. This was one of them. He was a bum, you see? And an ugly one at that, but there was no other referee around, so, they had to make best with they had. He was rather clumsy; John and Jane thought; might as well sell laundry to a circus than have a say in the local coliseum.

They coldly looked down. Precious dark faces subdivided by the carbon emission their stinking mouths produced. They were openly gagged during the mid-season. It wasn't getting any easier from this point on. But the bum agreed, it was a red card, it meant that you were in the wrong zone; it meant that it was over for you, and if you thought it couldn't get worse, then you were exceptionally wrong. One of the muses had an open-skulled brain tumor sprouting out of her head.

Mildly exposed to the chemicals that were present in the air, she arrived to the conclusion that this match would be the last one she would passively, yet hopefully to the end, experience the fullest. So many wrong plays already, that she could feel that spindly black mush actively gnawing at her head. An unimpressive thing, to say the least, but it was the primordial aspect of nature, which couldn't be defeated either, regardless of how hard it was fought against.

By the fourth row, north-east of the edgeways stood an easy going bachelorette, standing with her peers; smoking contraband; gulping free discs of comic air that somehow penetrated her every surrounding.

'He is god, is he not?' Asked one of the pigeons.

'A marvelous one at that.' Added the other.

But he had a knife on him, waiting to pull it out at any moment. He had a stroke. He was a stroke survivor. He survived. It was tempting to end his life right in front of thousands of spectators. No shame. He'd do it anyway. It was a slanderous way in which he prevailed over them, the dark pigeons who whispered death in his ears.

A self-fulfilling prophecy that would simply not go away. Blasphemous even, as the very edge of the knife spoke to him in tongues. Ah, a spark of pudgy blood, he knew, the yellow card was miles away now. The cat is his and it is an awfully insane thing that he was granted custody over it. No one could've perceived it a mile away from, especially if judged in accordance with his behavior. He would not stop there either.

As his house was worse than a mess, after leaving his animal unfed and ruffled up for hours and days at a time; a scourge of a man that still found fondness over beating it just so he could get a reaction out of himself. This was the man who was supposed to be the referee, and this was unforgivable. A little here, a little there, some come around, just about everywhere, before the morning was done. And the flesh ran out.

Back where he'd begun. In the field, dinging on red, yellow, red, yellow, red, with promiscuous possibilities of craning his neck, all because he wouldn't go to a doctor for his strain. But there came Jane again, checking on all possibilities, followed by Rudolpho Belsinkin, who was the pro-amateur get-go when it came to writing tickets on cars. Somehow indistinguishable to the other men that accompanied him. Many of which were suits, corporate plugs that had stakes in it. But there was no football match just yet. When they approached him it was raining. In the cold morning. Faces came aghast for every passing moment was hellish for the man they called the referee.

'Hello there, Referee, we've been searching for you for the ripest time and this seems to be the only time we could reach you without making much of a fuss.'

Every single one of them was watched by some careless, whimpering flock. Subdivided by species. An anchor to the north. His globular orbs were blinking attentively. Nonchalantly did his leg fall of, because of the pigeons, that is.

In its enormous bulb of a pecker, they rested in the court of saliva, the nest, where the children and the eggs remained in still silence. Many of them had long-rested wings that were forever caught in some clutch or some awkward movement they could not prevail against. If this was pain, then there was silence. For that's how they lasted so long without being digested by the bird's acidic mouth parasite. Everything or most ruined as they slowly parched into oblivion. No warm food in the gutter today. A hostile environment only allowed for the carol to sing away.

We could see what was beneath them now, as they simply undressed in a most delirious manner, allowing for their rhombus hominid-almost appendages to slowly recede then back-an-forth release

until the show of violence was full on its way. They fought slowly, as if tribal. With not one side willing to fully reveal what was hidden in each gut. Some strip of morphine would do now.

Christopher was a masonic man with close to nothing left in his mind. After having discovered a missing pair of ribs and a sprout, roundish little claw-form exiting the right part of his body, his mouth simply froze. Sardonicly poised to leap as a frog would, executing mice on top of which he happened to bring some stomping to, delivering deadly blows that would make their tails spin in agony. Until recently he had been married with a salivating Aborra, mouth drooling escort from South Africa he had picked up from the nearest stand he could find while there. A terrible woman with a scornful sense of fashion, born with a tail that erupted out of her and looked like a giant maggot but who was industrious as all women should be. A vase, two clocks, in the living-room the groom awaited. It was a terrible invitation she had refused some days ago. Always Socratic in her nature, that the many admirers she had also stolen from the poor lady had amiably parted ways with her.

Many of the frogs were not frogs in the natural sense of the word. Instead they seemed to be fatter, more rotund and they also seemed to lack legs at that. What predominated in these creatures were the tender bloated spring-straws or twisted giant mosquito wriggly wires that came from beneath them. The lack of eyes led one to believe, albeit wrongly so that they were blind to a zero margin of error, but that was not the case. Since, what appeared to have dropped beneath them were not giant shades the size of their bodies, but instead the mark of an evil eye that was as real as one could swear to. Pupils as well, dilated. Spherical, or oblong. Even, while others misaligned. What was important was what they had inside, a pair of interconnected leashes that were chaotically spread, whip-cracked and intersected with lesser, uglier, beehive rotten, lesser organs, whereas the bigger organs happened to swim inside the fleshy belts that were constantly dangling inside the body in search of air.

A black plague disease bloated the air now. It was hard to breathe, almost impossible for the common man. The Stranger had checked inside his right pocket, searching for some kind of revolver. Anything would do. But this was not the time to beg or stare. He would eventually have to switch clothes in order to look less suspicious. People were blankly peeking over his shoulder. Sweat ran down his brows and over his entire face. A gun was there, a gun had to be there, it had been there last time he checked. Anonymously. Defected. Unable to get hinged or scrapped like metal, he was stone hard. Standing still, a statue that wasn't letting go of his infraction.

The rows were full in no time.

It was too dangerous standing still, hence why he started walking. And strolling, then quickly running from on point to another until his body started reacting. Beads of powdery water had ran their course, his legs had been eaten almost to an alarming entirety, which is why he chose to slow down. Albeit it wasn't by accident why he did and what he did.

This serviceable car is driving itself down the road. He should be on it, but the chauffeur left him behind.

They lamented the day they were born. It was not fair that the men present there had been chosen died so soon. A moment alone:

'I shall torment you no longer. See to it that you leave the premise before your scent grabs a pound of lavender.'

'But what have I given up and what's been done?'

'You insulted me by coming over. That is the reason why I hold my arm.'

Not to be courteous any longer, she was gone, with her along, no one came back home. Of what's been said there came the wild retreat. The sense behind her rested upon a saw that gnawed at her grainy feet; albeit she wouldn't know, feel, desperate as she may've been, for the feeling of a saw, slowly being inserted into her, gnawing at the wild surround.

By chemicals she wasn't fine. Jane was bitter, mad through all. But slumberous, her eyes did droop before she could enter the pin, enter the motel and strangle such feel. As only those whom she alleged were scrupulous, unknowing, perfidious as one might call her a nun. It was empty past the door. The stranger had followed her no more.

He had been sent on an errand from which he could not easily repartition a run, to come too early as to know where she lived and what was to be done. A magus made out of him as soon as he was distressed, with his clothes off in an alley, no party to impress. But a haughty role in Cypress played. On the run he was again. This time on another smoke to come deliverance, dead men that appeared only came to share, were stunt.

Jane was bedded in one of the four-by-four king sized beds, flooring the door into one of her unclean windows.

Summer had come sooner than expected. To the point when the sky-fire had accelerated its advance towards the Park-Lake area where old residents stood impatiently waiting next to some hot-dog stand. Ugly and tyrannous lookalikes tended to swear. Cursing with the least remote shame they could come up with, while the generals commanded the cartel. Drugs have long reaches that normal humans, even the ones working in pairs are incapable of growing up to the level of. It was an insatiable march, a battle, dealing with the sun and its accesses. Dead people started showing up by the numbers, not kneeling on hot surfaces but standing there in smeared disgust, thrown outside, playful like kittens were the crows that picked on the carcasses. A rotten pile was thrown in one of the most convalescent pit a digger could pull off by himself; a scene of chimes, while the boastful flares were almost gone in the stone, with names written all wrong. In the wrong, unorthodox kind of matter, filth became flirt, talking to the dead old geezers that never woke up as well. Before stumpage became erect putrefaction, some knights of bloom delivered the mops. They cleaned the ashes with their tools of mirth. No flounder of spades, no deep retreat, no nothing too sharp that would cut a heel. But they came anyway and their effort to join in after the conversations was much appreciated.

It was of his deep concern that none of them joined the army. Otherwise he would be forced to put them down like the stray dogs mangling at each other for a big bite, dragging themselves down by force of relevancy to get a second cup at that, for they were deeply attracted to women and would risk

insurgency if it got them closer to any of the cadets, a while thing to do at a good and a bad price, erect. Niceties like those were never and would never be permitted unless done by some savants. Some geniuses out there, or some ugly scientists playing in some pond. A poodle set on fire, dried inside an electric cupboard. Rinsed of all blood and skin. Made to feel everything down, or everything relevant done on his pin. Which was alone dragged out with the help of a smallish blunt hammer. A dark thought followed: She should be the one whose empty head should get bashed by a blunt hammer. There can be no other. Gnawing at each other, both the hammer and the ma'am. Both frustratingly beating each other until the splash of milk and crimson never ends.

Next to the hiding spot they had to cross a belligerent mountain to get to lay a pile of brittle bones that had blocked the area by means of avalanche. A terrible night followed through as well since they could barely stand on top their feet, without a fire to warm their cold bodies. God was there, inside a purgatory machine. He was a humanoid without scruples, deformed and giant. To the right angle of his face there lay an eternally melted side that carried along many beady eyes that bore mouths with strange incisors that lend him an insatiable stutter he could not get away from.

'Ah, there you are. I've been searching for you for a while now. I'm glad to be reassured that the cameras still work and that I was right in scanning for your imprint in the land. Otherwise who knows if you had the chance to be alive without me; it's a harsh land out there and you're but a simple woman that can't do any better if left alone.'

'Unhand me this instant or I'll show you.'

'Hush now, my little dove, hush now, because I know I'll get my point through you whether you like it or not.'

She had been instantly tazered then got flung on the pavement like a ragdoll. Drooling and squirming in mid-shake as if she entered into the state of suffering through convulsions. There was a decent point where her could've stopped but didn't.

'Jane, try waking up, will you?'

But she didn't. Out of her right shoulder a tiny baseball bat started slowly crawling towards her frail neck, bending like jelly, her artery being out there in the open, waiting for the wooden vampire to take a hit. It was as if a giant bubble was headed towards her brain. Hit again, then she began, in repulsion, to finally move towards the field downstairs.

There were only a few men in the camp who seemed to be of great importance, whereas the other ones were filler to the goods. Strolling was dangerous now. Well and far over, beyond it even. His hands were already grasping for one of the metallic rifles, the ones that buzzed uncontrollably when the lightning round was put in. Everyone shook with fear at the strangest of noises, there was nobody inside. Not in the rooms, not in the playground and definitely not in the females, which were passed around from man to man; a terrible practice that didn't end up well. Felonies were being committed without scruple.

Noises from afar. A lard-bottle used by George alarmed the whole unit when he was bound to say what's on his mind:

'Ere, later than. I think I stole a man's poodle when we passed through the belt. Now look at my face and beneath it, what do you see?'

It was skin, skin that melted and crawled in his chest, where the cut was. Teeth could be seen in there drawing the skin like an orb-spider would be milked by a machine. Cigars on the torpedoes, he was stocked. And an unfamiliar spirit only dredged itself to be besmirched when his mouth opened again, allowing for his teeth to be pulled in, his face following not to close in, then done. His face was unrecognizable after that. Within a moment she shot a fist inside his liver, not bleeding. Pulling out a pair of heads that had been growing inside like ticks. Pushing them out, then into his malformed mouth, vomiting at the same time, incapable of stopping himself from the pain he had suffered. Right hand already disappeared. A scalpel had red marks beneath it.

Their secret research led them to believe that the god they have been seeking for centuries was dead and there was no possibility of him returning from the realm his carcass had fallen in. Such was it that their crusade fell short of deliverance. What was felt and said was no be-gone.

'Pull it through men, I know you can do it!'

A stream of water was pouring down on them. Many have drowned. But one of the more prepared men used his head to cover up the hole the stream was coming from. One in particular had used a tiny sharpie to scribble on his unbuckled belt. Unsure what that thing was about the others started pushing sharp razors out of their eyelids, noses, and skin, in case something went on. It was a horrendous sight the soldier was presented with, but there was no way down he could go about so he could ease the tension.

The sudden realization they all reached at exactly the same time was that it was night outside, a regular pitch-black without any fluorescent lights; one of them being released from the frontier. The woods were filled with rivers leading towards one another.

Skinned alive, there was the last nomad that could still talk, having his large lips ripped away from his mouth, the poultry dropped, with iron, standing. But the strange man survived nonetheless. Some spider was already on top the panther, making a ruckus out of the weather. It was impossible to keep the rite at this pace. It would much rather be easier to get rid of everyone in the room, despite it being a depreciable thing in its own.

'It's not needed any longer, you may leave.'

Such was the tremor that sunk the ship, but there was air. Down there, beneath the hieroglyphs underneath the cracking deeps, an untapped possibility; like some broken raft, the ship had been delivered to a sack of oxygen that allowed the crew not to be drowned. In some way it was a pathological excuse to live, for it was limited, since all the roads, their weapons and the submarines were well-on and beyond them.

The crew was stranded down there, clapping, snapping their fingers and chucking small oysters at one another, thinking someone would eventually spot them.

‘Can you hear us?’

One of them yells.’

But that was just the thing. No one was listening; no one was taking a further step since they all lead into the exact same direction. A cascade of water that would drown any of them men in mere minutes of contact with it, by mere chance of being pulled in by something that could only be referred to as water-balloons, wombs really; entering and exasperating them with their entirety; in some way brute-forcing them to die before their time. Not that it mattered in any case. Chaos erupted between the drunken crewmen because of their undisciplined actions. Some threatened to break the remaining part of the ship which was still lodged into the water abyss. Others were already cutting their own with their cutlasses, twinkling their powdery locks which were amiably aimed at each other’s hands of wimpy legs.

A disastrous speculation such as this could not easily be dismissed. Not that quickly anyway.

Fifteen days later.

A disease sprouts in the form of a coral-flower. The excitement was something one could expect once in a lifetime, but this was not all. What was queer about it was the fact that this navy of the sorts suckled on the flowers for sustenance without being affected by the toxin it bore. An apothecary between them with a serious illness had his say:

‘Eat and drink for tonight the throne will be sat upon by the captain.’

And so it was, an impromptu skeleton of wood with the floor being ripped apart from a few fallacious planks that were once part of their ship. Not there was truly no way out or in, only this space they resided in. An unimportant corner that could not be taken away, or made do with by any other means or say. Hours now later.

Tony was a tall, blond Italian, who had missed his fine ride somewhere in Chicago and ended up on the S.F. Utterance with the rest of the strange crew of men whose bodies were completely made out of insects. It just explained a lot, given the circumstances, how they managed to survive so far, while he was starving and suffering of a quick drought of sea-salt deep inhalation. It didn’t bode well with him. White linen shirted, an athlete bodied seaman, with long arms and the right eye missing from some sort of explosion at the factory where he worked took it from him. Reprimand it. For the chiefs in charge were the reason he had lost it in the first place.

Pus had been emerging from the flowers as of lately, as he had seen it. Alone in the brooding corner, with no one personal attached to him. How he yearned for them to drive into him and give him hickies, to be devoured by the walking corpses of dirt and mold, to fetch a lout, or come about, or do something to be noticed. With the help of a sharp knife he dug a hole in his forehead, releasing a stream of blood

that immediately ran down his pesky skippers. One fruit fly landed on top his pinkie. It split in half. Out of it like some well-done egg came out a man's finger, an act which startled the Italian.

Fine piano hands, missing one fifth,

'Whose finger is it?'

His folded tooth spouts itself out of his mouth. All clear!

There's one more thing he can do. That being, run.

Madame Query was the fine petite house-maker Mr. Query had promised himself he would get engaged to but did. In an un-disturbing fashion he had ensured she would be kept on a short leash at all times, being not allowed to eat at the table or even sleep under surveillance with him sitting in the room at the same time. There had been a good reason for this polite act of control, which may not be uttered as long as she remained in the state she was, completely dosed. She was rarely seen acting on her own accord and was only allowed to eat and piss when her loyal husband wanted her to. On these rare occasions when her words started vociferating the qualms between them, Mr. Query would silence her with the utterance of a loud slap across her cheeks, from one end to another. A horse had left their stables. It seemed a nuisance from the sound of. His skull and brain were shaped like a falcon.

Diamonds, his brother had eaten a part of his leg just now without every attempting to draw out the pain or cover his stump of a wound after doing it. Putting pressure on it was after all a sign of weakness.

'Come on, stop crying, it shouldn't be that bad.'

'I'm sorry but the pain is simply unbearable. I cannot deal with this now.'

'Then do it later, we have an appointment to attend to.'

And they went, step by step without figuring out what was going on around them, confused. Inside the car, his legs were already gone, eaten by the hole inside Carbon's head. He was a fine driver, with a chip on his shoulder, looking left and right after someone who had to appear at a precise moment in time.

The vulgar colony had approached him even before his senses kicked right back in. They were too harsh, too uneven, too undeveloped or underdeveloped to make a fuss, but given enough time that would change. It was bound to, to be eaten like that, alive, was Diamond's worst of fears. It kept him up at night, it made him look up-front at the Italian, just so he could assure he didn't do anything stupid, which would jeopardize his escape plan. Burrowed beneath him was the breeding ground, for the flowers were no flowers, but living, disturbing, hard to look upon their carcasses being that fed upon these insects made men. They had been useful so far, but I'm afraid they will have to be let go, thought the man. Finally, a gulp of the precious toxin-filled air that came only recently; that wasn't what either of them expected, nor was there a chance to flee from sight. Awful as it may've been, the insects were only mildly repelled by what was going on there, under their sanctimonious noses. Noise makers began filling in the gaps. There were gaps here and there where one could descend as to see for himself what was

going down there. None dared approached, for they were mainly there for sustenance not exploration. Difficult decisions had to be made.

‘I trust you Carbon.’

He said to the man, whose face was made of put-together faces sutured to his skin. Truthfully speaking, that was his entire body and most of them screamed for long periods of time while it happened. A torturous remark:

‘Believe me when I tell you this, only one of us will survive this hell. And it will only be the one that heads in that hole and never returns!’

‘You can’t be serious, can you? Heading down there alone would only bring death to the man diving in the first place.’

‘And that’s why I think it’s you who should do it, not I.’

‘What are you saying? Was your intent to leave me before I even had a chance to be alive?’

‘You were always dead, surrounded by graves and grave-diggers. Now you will not withstand this alone, but for your own sake you must do it if you want to save the rest of the crew.’

‘Why should I care about some damn insects?’

‘It’s not up to me to answer that question. It’s your decision after all.’

So he took a few steps. Again those fruit-flies splitting in halves, after which more human parts, smaller, some wider, and others more grotesque began flipping over, spitting them out on the ocean-floor. Henceforth he had decided, it was time to jump in and never look back afterwards. Most assured as he was that he was going to die, before leaping in, into abandonment, he bent down, on his knees, collected or picked up a few of the fingers, then he started eating them one by one, pushing them hard in his own throat, making sure he wasn’t going to vomit them afterwards. Then, he was beneath the stones, slowly falling while small, almost spider-thing webs’ algae gripped him. With a bloody knife in his mouth, chewing and cutting a piece of his lip as if it was a gum, he hummed.

‘They got sclerosis in their bones. My children have. I must live for them for as long as I can, otherwise they’ll die without their father’s affection. Afflicted by this unknown disease that chews marrow, down to their very thin, thrilled, and misaligned spine; they cannot live without the cure. It is why I took this lonesome road alone, knowing it would lead me down into this shallow riveting abyss.’ He said to himself, without the fear of someone being there, listening to him, trying or attempting anyway to betray not only his trust but the very sanctimonious disgrace he had fallen a victim of.

A rock down there was unlike no other. Many of the pyramidal stones formed monoliths that moved to their own accord. Fleishy pillars that spoke in tongues, trying to clasp, spin, be spun, and eat from each other’s ‘laps’, albeit it was an irresponsible miss-truth, a lie that could not be curbed of suffering, how they acted, how they deceived, how they simply leaped in each other’s areas was simply too disgusting

to be looked at. And they were the champions, the protectors of the roots, the ones responsible for the poison that his men had in their systems. A disease sprang from a rock, visibly, and those afflicted by it were but the giant fruit flies that followed in his scent and in his track. Out of them the fully sized legs of a man, in almost pure-darkness rang and leaped and threw over puke-sores, legged. They moved towards the poor Italian, but before they had their chance to leap, these little ugly appendages changed. Out of them drew out more pompous, inflated, reddish, almost chitin-plate covered in – people, or humanoids if they lacked heads and if they were suns. Many limbed by these smaller claspers, they stopped and started oozing with poison, dancing around him as if they were part of some Bohemian Groove, invited by the guest of honor, him, who was looked down, in that moment, instinctly seen above, by his once venerated companion, Carbon. He started from the cracks, amongst which rocks shook themselves on and off, at strange intervals while following the vibrations of a quake.

Angels made out of dirt slowly began descending down upon him. Their mouths were filled with Quakers, or the remnants of, judging by some ringed fingers belonging to some hand or another, spat down. Was the moment them come. When he realized that he was in the presence of cannibals. That he should've known since he saw them act months prior to this crass landing. It had been inevitable after all, the sinking. Too bothersome to remember the man that fell from the sky, being eaten as if by maggots that were his once known-to him and all crewman of humanoid origin, before being cursed into insects.

It was the mid-February haze, nothing cool nor hot or moist. They were spewing tiny clots of blood on the floor, trying to remark which one was the quickest to hit the bowl. Wide and enormous as it was, they missed. The men in rows separated from women, while the grooms were waiting quietly to rip a shred. Some animals in the shed, unnatural skies boiling the top of their tiny little hospice for canines:

'Angus, are you going to let us loose a while? We have done nothing wrong, certainly nothing that would have us here, rotting in your animal jail!'

'Silence, you know what you've done and I know what you've done, so, there's nothing you can do about it but wait.'

'But the heath is burning us dry.'

He was silent for a moment there, before he strolled on. Water was all shiny and toast, you could smell the powder.

A chain of dough lead him to believe he was still safe in the city, but for the people around, who were staring at him as if he were some yogurt man carrying a dyke, doodling at their competition. Gone enough rough and blind, without saying much. It was a catastrophe of illimitable advice he had received from the couch man, just before they reached the plain water where the couple was. Both of them were dead.

'Don't get close to them no more. This reek's leaked right in their bodies. It's cursed as well as scurvy'

A fine toast that evening morning, with the suffocating trees starting up, pale leaves dropping from them in a sly desert of sand-paper that run all around the building site; no one complaining at the conditions they worked in. No one even bothered to call the chief this time around, while the rising sun started its pale lighted shift. Various men being eyeless, apparently cut away from the source of meat that made them what they were, from the pile of corpses that became as unsanitary as they were to the mold of ages made from a pair of hills that had been cut and delivered on the site.

‘Incest is what bonds us in this dire age, agree?’

‘Hear, hear.’

The rest being incapable of moving from where they stood, since their knees were ironed to the ground; round-around the spinning circle they surrounded, drowned by the liquid cement slowly leaking from the ceiling.

Some scrapings off their skin started slowly.

Emily

What might be curious in her case was the fact that she refused to talk to anyone lower than her recently acquired social status, which included the vast majority of her entourage on several occasions. Born in South Dakota, on her family ranch, Emily has always been interested in dandelions. It was a crude life she lived until the queer age of twenty eight, where she had predominantly took care of the farm animals as well as her dainty grandmother during the absence of her parents, which eventually culminated in their latter’s deaths.

Their house had been a combination of rustic aesthetics, fallen over and filled with many unnecessary nails. On the twenty sixth’s of March, an unknown to her incident had led to a fire which eventually swallowed the entirety of the farm. Left with little to spare and without a claim for herself, she had to live under the tutelage of a neighbor that had become her informal guardian for the ages to come. Lymes were an affluent family which took care of all of her needs, to the very well point of having acknowledged her as a member of their family, and, with all her expenses being taken off her, following the death of her grandmother in that very fiery basin she had escaped, Emily had become a household name. Upon being invited to join her new family’s business.

Soon enough, there was a shortage of cotton in the nearby area which caused a lot of workers to be stranded near the Lymes property. Having their needs not be taken care of, this resilience of theirs had granted them a stay at the near-border between the street and the mansion poor Mrs. Lymes had the amiability to spy upon them from. Word was that the old gardeners had been laid off and that there

were a few openings to fill. Had it been known sooner there would be no reason for the earth to crumble underneath them.

Emily's face had been sliced a few times by the edge of a tire iron. There was a man in the room with her, right after the door had been kicked in. Apparently the man that had come before him was responsible for the mess that had become Emily's face. He was relentless, the man had only taken a few steps before planting his crooked foot inside her chest. A few little homunculi-beings started flourishing like flowers out of her, blossoming right in front of her eyes, while the boot slowly departed, leaving her stranded there alone.

Some of the beings turned dead as well, but the others, who had now come out of her body, like some weird C-section made out of her plaque, aided her in terms of releasing some of the pain she felt. With the evil now come out of her. With their tiny horns prodding in, trying to get another shot at her fat. It's what they fed upon now, not knowing whether she was or wasn't alive any longer. One of Lenin's statues laid outside. He pointed at the sky, burning circles forming around his arm. The alarm now sounded. Several of the man came in, pointing their guns at the little devils who went back into her as if she had been a portal. In there they found some relief, creeping only slowly while they took a peek or two, before finally returning to where they came from.

'Are you all right ma'am?'

'How are you feeling?' Another asked, but it was over already. The wound had been sealed by their fiery whips and claws, with her being sutured all over the place. A part of the couch had been attached to her arm.

Out of it came another one. Bigger, wider, winged, filled with tiny appendage-crooked cocked-in pincer-beaks that pointed down. Behind it one could see a few strained feet that became a pair of fleshy walls that thrashed the place surrounding it. A horrible eye lay on its forehead, on what could only be called a surreally, barely recognizable face. Since its body was akin a fat bean in fat. Between the appendages an almost sharp but cruel looking face, almost like that of a man, rested.

'Stop, this female is now a property of mine. You may leave now and do as I say you must unless you desire to share the same fate as her.'

The men were not given much of a choice. Even though she.

'Emily, god damned Emily, how can you expect us to just leave her in this state?'

'I shall do what I must to preserve her face and beauty. But for now I can only sustain her life only if you leave this site and never return.'

'How do you wager we can trust you on this?'

'You may now, but beware, my beaks shall devour all of you if you decide to stay. Do so at your peril alone.'

But the threat did not fall on empty ears. No, instead, she had been dragged in the carpet, with him following through. Back to the submarine, inside the beneath the mansion –frozen tree it had been encroached and held inside of. Some tumor-tiny pepper-shaped organs started pulsating in and out, degrading the skin off the slaves that had been carried in. There hadn't been a way to preserve them, yet pain persevered with or without their adding.

In no time she had awakened in the room they brought her in. That being the servants that had been chained, not encroached and entangled by the foam-tree. A dark light shone upon her misty eyes, and before the beast could know it, there it was, her eyes split open. Almost healed of her wounds, now she stood and waited on him to release her from this shady place she had been thrown in.

'You may relax now, as the pails of light shall bring warmth to your skull and skin, killing off the bad blood that had been spilled on top your hair and veins.'

The way she rested rendered the sight of a pure untouched angel to the occupiers of the submarine. A swish and a squeal awakened her a second time during the dead struck hour of midnight. She was uninterested in the world around her; therefore she was made to awe as the strange other beings who were merely migrating around her personage. Occasionally they stopped and peered down at the pale figure resting on the bench. Long sophomore years reminded her of the days spent in that yellow hell of wheat that seared her memory's eyes. Now a third and a fourth leg sprouted from behind. A face akin to an x now opened while time had come for her to eat. Tiny wriggling worms started encroaching her dainty sharp talons sprouting out her newly acquired wings. Out of her stomach they came again, rendering the suture impartially torn, while the others found a way to leave again, devils, straight out of paradise.

A eulogy started being chanted by the candles. Someone was grinding his teeth in an attempt to sneer at her, following an arrow built out of his shoulder that pointed at her in the dark. Ravenous light's blistered with fuming water. Right from above crawled some king-spiders, with their reddish crowns boiling, sliding and scalding in the splendor of the dark-above. Their reason for being there was for her to be completely terrorized, as high orders had been given for the lady to remain. Now x-split open teeth gnarled around the impish figures, trying to obtain some sustenance. A scent of garlic flooded the surroundings, burning underneath the coal, rubbing in some rhubarb, whereas the blind men had approached her now.

'Speak with us dear, how has the treatment so far? Are you done for?'

'No, I'm still breathing.'

Barely she did, but it sufficed. Cockroaches of steel, stirred in half. It was a long trip going all the way back. Without dismissing any concerns that may be attained by her inattentive nature, one could draw a comparison to some wild animal that would resonate with her current state. It would be akin to staring into the abyss, without realizing that a grateful Lord, or some unnecessary simpleton looked out for her wellbeing. It would be impossible, otherwise to draw a conclusion to her heartless demise. What had come of this being was just an unnecessary cry of violence directed at a beauty that could not be

preserved nor repaired. Therefore, one cannot, if assiduous, keep such an important promise as it's been brought about. Such as the creed of some invigorating geyser rushed at the top of a mountainous region, so does the spirit yearn to grow; it was the dampness that really bothered Emily. A bit of her fell off, they were playing around with her feelings, despite being distant.

The weather was not fine down there, since the gloom only added to the pleasure of having triumphed over the order of things. Everything action would bring a great cost to Emily, for her persuasive nature was not to be taken serious. Each attempt was met by a flagellant whip. Every time she got up, she would be pushed back down, being met by an inconsiderable amount of strength that rioted with pompous upheaval. Necessarily it not may've been so, but it was something that could not be departed from, be it done in disrepair or not. Many pillars fell off, some barely sensible curves the same. Water starting to pour off from the ceiling and out of the ground there were spikes that were bloodied by the rain. As if the clot was ruined and its fashionable crimson deepened in the bowels of the earth. It was something inadmissible. Ruined, made her weep, the others came and they were largely unhappy to be met by such a prestigious being.

'Calm down girl, or we'll have to put you down for good.' Said Corn-pox. To his left side or almost behind him stood Bottle-snake; both of them did not care for what was happening around her, all this fuss annoying the both of them.

'Bring a hook or something and let's pull her in the antechamber.'

Right there she would be met by an uncanny familiarity that was uncouth and unmet by any other. While one would disagree with the scope this turn of events and the direction she took, they would forget or turn an ignorant blind eye to the suffering she had to put in there. They carried her in a barrel, for courtesy was included in this ponder, then hooked she was by the machine, and into the chamber she arrived. Or was dumped into, regardless of the execution, she was indeed fine. Put upon a sacrificial altar that had not tasted blood in centuries, she crept. Onto the floor there was water, living fish, Solomon's fleshy treat and treasure, but one thing had to wait in.

It was the electricity the poor being had to take care off. Since she had grown numb because of the impish figures that came out of her, there was something she had not learned.

'Open her mouth.'

'It's already wide-open, what shall we do about it, then?'

Below them the fire hastened to crawl in to a tinier hole. It was livid with skin, coalfish of coal, and butter-awe, feeding pressure with the fluidity of Mars, from where they came. Life-forms lost in dark-eons, billions of years of being left behind, striding with the help of fuel, burning, melting, liquefying, then jumping back in to the start, where they came from, where they crawled. And there were birds down there, Cherokees as well, dancing around the fumes, blinding themselves while watching TV commercials. Trying to climb a lime-wall, only to fail:

Meanwhile, Mr. Lyme was busy reading today's neighbor, who had been stretched into a large paper-sheet, written on him, the news.

'Honey, someone died today. He was shot in the head, then abandoned in a dumpster.'

'I've seen bluebirds flying around the mansion.'

It was the eye staring at the club. Not necessarily a good thing.

They moved like irascible corpses. The weariness of a blob started gnashing at one boot. Such tools, as its sharpened brown teeth had no right to exist in the first place. Albeit something could be done about it, something irreparable, strung to the incisors would come the weeping. Pain was something the blob-creature had no right to bear. It and unutterable suffering would come to the taking. Blood spilled on the floor, right there. In a tiny spot the pool subsided. No longer was it flowing. No longer dripping from the ceiling either. Both sides had been completely cauterized. Like turned-up rancid wounds they shook.

But it was still moving around inside the mansion. Often times, inaugurating its many humanoid catches. Those closer to its mouth were considered assiduous, especially the ones that struggled. It was a miasma of colors that allowed it to dream and draw closer to faces that were formed on the ground. A gourd of their likings quenched their thirsts. Yet there was one thing that could not be delayed, that being the feeding process. In its most distrustful form. An unusual pair of feet started to park alongside the cars. There were no owners in sight, henceforth they were considered as being abandoned.

'Glory to the kings, in this mournful noon.'

An eye started erupting from a rock. It folded multiple times before receding back into the hole it had emerged out from. Animals started crawling and sniffing about. A figure akin to a fugitive started running away. Mild gnawing figures danced in wild rows. It was icky and ugly, almost an earnest shop.

'Guille, my dear friend, where are you? There, where have you been?'

The client wanted to draw some hot air back inside of himself, turning into a puddle whenever he liked the smoked scent of coils, running about in disgrace. An amorphous life-form emerged from where they ran.

'Where are you Guille? I've lost you again.'

He lost sight of him immediately. It was disgusting. Halls started appearing from here and there. Inside the little impish heads, the gargoyles, a chapel emerged. Wild sounds started dreading each ear that came into contact with it. Many stairs lead to it, concocted, erupting evenly. From there the men stopped falling. A yellow tongue disrupted each ear.

The flying column that had been there for over a century no longer dreaded the coming of the light from one of the places above it. As much as an annoyance as it was, the despicable humans invaded their holy place. A pasty blood type AB pasta was shared between the men in the first half an hour. A lame snake

almost bit one of their ankles. Such fineries could not be found in the outside world; on the contrary, it was something that was meant for the aristocracy alone to taste. By night they had their skin removed by members of the outsider's cartel, since it had arrived down there long before they even knew there had been a dealing with the Lymes.

Flowers that were as hard as boulders cracked still. There was an ugly man, balding, blind, sitting in front of the beck, right before their mansions. He crept slowly and as miserably as he could, trying to sell the impression of his haggardness.

'We don't deal with your kind here, not as of yet.' Answered Mr. Lyme, but the creature standing in front of him was undaunted by such annoying entrances.

'You've got me in trance and I'm all yours to be commanded. Say the word sir and I shall obey. Pleased to serve as I am, I come with but a single, simple thing to ask. Please do tell me what's on your mind?'

'I beg your pardon, wretch? And for what reason should I open myself to you in such broody mood as you've fined me with?'

'As I said, Mr. Lyme, I'm here to serve, therefore there should be a mutual agreement between the two of us that will stab no further than needed. But a basic sign of trust should suffice as being shared between us.

Courtesy begs for such thing to be offered.'

'And yet you haven't answered my reasonable question? For what reason should I put trust in what you've got to say to me?'

'As a token of some old friendship that now lays almost forgotten.'

'Do you claim companionship of old between the two of us?'

'I claim no rue, but as it is require, I shall show you a sign of rumination.'

'And what token would this be?'

Now Mr. Lyme had been incredibly attentive at the words that had been spoken to him. It was by no means easy to extract from him what little information he had. But one thing was clear. This poor wretch standing before him was by all means Mr. Poly he had known of old. Despite the desperate state he was in, the man was easily recognizable by him. Hard as it had been becoming of him, there was a simple test of loyalty he tried.

'Very well, as I do seem to have had a consideration about your personage, you will forgive me of having forgotten all about you, Mr. Poly. In turn, I apologize and have a simple demand of you.'

'Tell me and it shall be done.'

'There is a girl by the name of Emily I desire you to track down and bring me news of, for she was a dear and a figure that was highly prized by my family.'

'Well then, there should be no trouble finding her then, if this person was as important as you claim her to be.'

'Great, then the bargain is struck.

Her whereabouts are unknown. And the only thing I can remember is that my sweet Emily had been taken away by a bunch of grotto-robbers.'

Emily has always been a plain girl, always leaning of the far end of the trails while the train was passing. Water is yellow with fruits.

'Come on down here commander. I think I spotted another living one.'

'Are you certain about it, colonel?'

'As much as a man could be.'

Then they strolled around an empty racket. The army was prepared to attack any given moment.

'Poor, poor plutonium, what could we do without it?'

She vaguely remembered what life down there was like. In her childhood, in her farm, there was this delirious desire of her to go down and explore what was happening down there. Hush, hush, back in the head came the premise to kill one again, while the beasts watched in slumberous silence. Their teeth were visibly out of their gums, stretched evenly as bog-saliva slowly dropped below.

In a small box laid four men. There wasn't much space for either one to move in. Steam started blowing out of their eyes and in a minute they began fighting one another as if they were dogs. No longer was the box chained to the walls as it simply dropped on the hard concrete pandemonium of a maze of walls, being stuck there for what would seem forever. But the lack of light would never even give a clue of something being there in the first place. Men still fought like they did, the criers started chirping in and before they knew it they were dead.

In a small box blood flooded the room. Men had drowned, stricken down, dead before they had the chance to see it open again, which happened.

The old maniac started conversing yet again:

'The female erogenous spots cannot be easily be found by someone whose sight has been taken away from. It takes a precise mastery of your other living senses only to take a scent in where they're hidden, but even then, there's the problem with the nerve endings that simply drag back and forth, then back and forth again until release.

Same as this, the satisfaction of carrying a gun doesn't come entirely without a cost.'

What had to be a simple discussion turned out to be a battle of wits which vulgarly followed the men in the trenches, who had been separated from the rest of the world; ink-splotches dirtying the merry-go-around they stumbled into.

‘We found land- go in, open the gates, release the kraken for the similitude of men that want to follow.’

An ugly pasty white blob already turned the dark into a placated snow-white. Such crème could not go unnoticed for long. Desperate for some kind of attention, men started shooting all around, wherever they could find a spot or some crawling corner, they hid in, eating their own finger-nails since food was sparse. During the bombardment of foam that came from one of the tunnels, they began poaching the dead. Skinning them with the least amount of passion they could get. You could see remorse in their faces, but they were desperate. Globes of white, full-metallic followed slowly from the hole they were directed to enter for surveillance purposes. Of course of course, who could miss it? It was at least ten men wide and four times as taller. It was heavy and rather flat, skin could not be withdrawn from it as it bore a diamond hairy wheat of puff.

Meanwhile all Emily could think about was broken dishes and candy flowers. Her broad clothes were no longer looking for an insurgence to be found. Nor were there any martyrs around to carry her flag, or swear to die for. It was all silent her memories were all she had. A particular figure, though, flicked her interest, albeit she faked disinterest in him. Polpitt Bronx had been a cashier at the Royal-club in Minneapolis. They both met during a hot summer she had lessons to teach in the district of. Alone, this figure perhaps distracted her from the hardships of her life, which were already overly encumbering her soul, only to result into her letting her guard drop down.

‘What a miserable scent I feel, where’s it come from?’

‘That would be the dissection barrels, miss?’

‘Emily, my name is Emily.’

‘It’s good to know, my name would be Polpitt in that case.’

With an irritating smile, this bright young pale fellow drew forward in a need for soft-caress. He asserted dominance or at least attempted to while Emily was simply standing her ground. Upon the sudden realization that this would be a foe against which the initial idea of disarming it would fail, he backed off. Both of them were standing just a few feet away from one another, unmoving. Many hard life lessons at the farm, during the time-out, granted her the vision of an eagle, with the grasp of a machine. She was simply cold and unrelenting as their eyes retraced their way, slowly connecting. Polpitt’s body, although it had appeared as a figure of iron had slowly been turned to rust. Behind them, the lights started returning to the Casino, whereas the classes were about to have the students fall back into line.

‘Did you want anything else, other than my name?’

‘No. Not at all, I think I forgot what I was meaning to say to you just now.’

He failed, and again backed down a few feet. A ladder was lowered from one of the top floors of the casino, slowly retracting in order to give him a few more seconds to climb back on it, as if he had been given access to a private helicopter. There he went, cigarette no longer in hand. It had been thrown away and he barely clenched his jaw when it happened.

Emily returned to her class. In this case there were no children around, only the animals who attended the lessons. With a thoroughfare in mind, she went on her fork, before shoveling hay back into their mouths.

A gut-tree was opening its large trunk to invite a few passengers in. Breathing was very much out of the question. What happened inside of it was a test of courage and well-standing. She was cunning enough not to fall in love with her pets. Their fate was already determined. In mildew she cut herself red, waiting for the ambulance to go ahead, since she declined them. It wasn't allowed. Her wings were a blessing, for out of them drew some voiceless kites. Many with eyes and tongues, connected with strings near every edge. A pair of switches lay in her chest, waiting to be pressed. This body of hers would blow up any second now.

Outside the mansion the workers were engineering a tiny bomb that would in turn cause the collapse of the entire property. With plenty of time on their hands, they started shuffling about, trying their hands at anything they could grasp and prepared. Several nights had passed and they were only getting angrier than any closer to achieving their plan. To find Emily; and to destroy the Lymes, that had been their new found purpose in life. Since money only came harder, they would have to become ingenious enough with what they had in their hands. Be it explosives or black powder bullets, held in their pockets. So were their guns. But that was a different matter that would not be spoken of. And there was also the problem of where the farmers went.

In a miraculous act of deceit, these "farmers", whose true forms were close to flat shadows with their heads thrice removed and replaced by fumigating smokes of many faces and people trapped in their planted bodies; no longer did they admire time. It was something they failed to recognize the passing of. Instead they stood still while hiding inside hatches, near the far end of the submarine, whereas the great roots, whose cool grasps were desperate to be released once again out of where they stood. In organs, giant beating organs' where they hibernated, unknown hatcheries out of which they knew not when to come out. Since the passing of the time was restricted.

As much as metal bent, the Lymes were unconcerned with what was going on outside the Mansion, since it had been completely removed from the danger-area they peeked into from time to time. No unwonted man would enter the mansion, as they were just as frightened as My Lyme was, in the past, if presented with such a situation.

Emily again met Polpitt. This time the man had been severely aged. No human feature could be discerned of him any longer, for he had dropped from that pool a long time ago. Now he was kept alive by machines, ugly ones that pumped in his back, his front, with openings to release steam; three hinder legs now in the front. The ones in the back were forming an encrusted circle. Within each leg, there was

a simple handgun that could be taken out and put to use at his disposal. This was the first face Emily had been greeted by ever since she raised up from her coma.

Then it happened. As she opened her mind she puked two pints of blood out of her mouth. How they gathered around her, the impish figures, bowing down in an attempt to worship the very blooded ground she walked on top of. Her eyes were struggling now. Her nose broken and many of her ribs were no longer attached to the rest of her body. But she recognized the man nonetheless.

‘Why are you here and what happened to you, Polpitt?’

‘I am no longer the man you’ve met that day in front of the casino.’

Her memory was still intact, and his was something else. Somehow that interaction of their, the flashing of the cigar, the lowering of her curtsies, all were stored in them both. And he was as pale as he’d ever been.

‘I can see that. But why have you returned to haunt me in this new state of death?’

‘Because I knew not else to follow, or come onto from the outer depths of death, I had to be sure I saw you one more time, for I have galloped plenty of years only to find you.’

‘That was all in vain, I assure you. For I do not accept you as you are. And to me, you may as well be a specter of its former self, come here with no other reason but to haunt me.’

‘Then I must apologize and seek to leave you once again.’

‘Do as you may, but keep in mind that I shall not come and find your grave when you finally pass, tin can.’

With which they parted ways once again.

Emily had been thinking of Iraq and the war Americans had implicated themselves in. Fire and pesticide had been the natural enemy of the Talibans long before the United States of American invaded their lands. It was something inadmissible to fight them and to destabilize their country with such an austere self-esteem and arrogance. Then she started thinking about Afghanistan and Vietnam, and about the poor people that had died in those for no reason whatsoever. Those must’ve been the dark days of the greater Continent that was formed, when the tectonic plates shifted and where Asia and the Middle East became one great country ruled under Marxism and Communism. Her simple mind drifted back and those soldiers that died for their loved ones and the people of the world, all while her body split again and out of her erupted a great tittering oval organ that was almost completely made out of silver, or gave the appearance of. This is what they looked forwards to worship. And by no other means would they be satisfied with what was going on around them. The tension ensued as quickly as their movements accelerated and when they started profusely sweating.

There was no shame in it. While thinking out loud she barely made a sound. She had been yearning to release everything she held inside.

They held her on the ground once they found her. What followed was indescribable. They could not figure out what was to be done with her once restrained. And that's when it happened. Hands tied behind her back. Afterwards they simply dragged her on the harshness of the carpet.

'Hullo there, where are you taking her to?'

'None of your business old man, mind your own business.'

But he could not. Turning a blind eye to an injustice was something that could not be afforded by him. A colossal temperament as well as her wit returned in the form of a smile. She was enjoying herself. A simple knack for pain turned her on.

Her rector demanded the lass on time. She had just been enrolled in her new College. The hour had come.

'All students may please hand their notes to me by the end of the class. Thank you.'

With which he started. Archibald Territory had been a simple teacher, minding his business when she appeared. Emily stood out in comparison to every other figure in the classroom. She was different, a bouquet of roses with termites in her hair.

They chunked her into a portal, and she was gone. The students laughed at this impertinent joke then returned to class. All was over. Class dismissed.

Lonesome crows that moved towards alabaster, with boils upon their bodies they fell in order. Small expectations were not truly met, hence they had to start over while listening to the others words of the seraphim strokes of horns that erupted out of their backs. Large ovals of faces that were screaming lead the way. Emily could not see until the morning. When she awakened, there was no way she could make out what was going on around her. Since her eye-sight, most precious treasure of all had been taken away from another blind.

'Wake up Emily, class' started already.'

But she could not remember a god damn thing at all. It was erroneous to claim otherwise, since the little she-devil knew exactly what her wheat-y frown meant to convey. She pulled a hidden switch-blade. Made a few steps, in front of the class, right near the professor, then she stabbed herself. With the help of the blood she managed to drown him, with no mercy. It was an awful thing she did. But Emily ran out the class, finding the first victim she would intoxicate with the unbearable scent her body began producing.

A giant demon whose body was composed out of three pillars, whose features were stretched as if on windmills, came to salute her. Emily greeted him with having her back turned. What she stared there for a moment was her body count. It was a miraculous endeavor nonetheless.

Still-Pol was a Finnish-Yugo student that was out there playing with his lit cigar. It juggled between his granny teeth. All of them had been boxed in and were already half-way rotten.

Rotten teeth, rotten Maisy, rotten books that were put on fire, becoming coal began to crack. Under the pressure of the army, she was forced to interact with him. Which was not an easy thing to do. Simpler matters would not do.

Her hands were trembling. It was not something she desired Lord Hugginton to notice or see. This lady was partially too engrossed in her actions to even bother herself with dinner. Many of the guests that had afforded their trip to date were but shades of their former selves. Distinct from other magistrates and little people, of no interest, they had something to offer in the form of a conversation.

It was disgusting how they did her in the moments that followed. Lofty palm trees glancing over with sun-parades trickling down their suave gowns; their couches had just now arrived.

Emily in the meantime was trapped and had little to no idea how to escape her conundrum. Her soul had been split in half. One belonging to the demon, and one which had been drawn into the portal. It took her guts by surprise. Readily as she was, there was no reason not to creep in.

The doorknob loosened. Someone had cracked in her house. With a gun, an automatic in his hand, she was looking for a girl named Sophie. This woman would carry him to his grave, it's been said. The duke of Portinburg had little else to add in this conflict of matters. It was something which was thoroughly disliked and there was no escape from it.

Meanwhile Emily was still thinking about Iraq and the troops that were deployed there. Her right side of the arm was a ram that started going back and forth, then in mysterious trance places.

'The girl is barely in control of her own body. She's barely a body at all, a shell more likely that needs to be boiled a little, an egg in the making, then salted, eaten and regurgitated into who she has been.'

The assistant replies:

'I think she needs a good handling, if you understand where I'm going with this. A little one here, a little one there, defaced, then back to being beaten, that'll fix her!'

'Shut your mouth before any of the officers hears of it. If word goes around, then it shall be death of function for us both, understood?'

'I'm sorry chief. I'll try to keep it quiet next time.'

'Fine, return to your duty and ensure this side of her doesn't go too far.'

It was a reprise that would not end. Her treatment did not allow her to engage with anyone else for the time being. It was imperative that this rule of the thumb was followed to a complete degree. Otherwise, she would simply plunge into despair if she tried doing something nasty. A tall box of iron would fall on top her head.

A few hours pass inside a yellow bath of powder. There's nothing inside it at this point. All of it gone in the span of a few minutes. While there are one or two clues about who might've done it, the pulpit

remains unknown. A cucumber skinned Laplander started drawing small ringlets out of a horned bull's buffet. Rivers were riveting with smoked cigars, even bloodied by them. It laid a ton, the lady who had entered the motel. She was high. She was beloved. She had children. None of them visited her during the passing of the hour. It was as if they forgot about her existence entirely. Much beloved she wasn't any longer. That in itself was saddening to hear. A dead-shot canary still fretted around the hall. It was unsubstantiated, the hatred she had gotten from her colleagues, which made her still herself in awe. Disgusted by this act of virulent violence that ensued upon her, she settled on fleeing from sight before other men could come and do her harm. Running in circles, not knowing what to do, they all passed her, trying to get a say in but couldn't do. She was ill, but was forgotten. There was some silliness, never got her.

A tyrant was her husband, a little man by the name of Yarn Copenhagen.

'Have you readied yourself, my love?'

But there was no answer. There was terror in her eyes.

An hour passed. Emily walked up to the door, pretty much nothing in her mind that would allow this princess to elaborate what happened to her, or how she got here. There was a stained knife in her hand, which she refused to let go off. But by the time anyone came to notice, it had already been snugged in her pocket.

A large mammal body of eighteen meters, with legs all conjoined, bearing a fleshy gun-tower of a head with multiple smaller long teeth coming out of it drew closer to one of the registers, devouring, in the process a few of the people around it. As it did it, it shook its head back and forth, spreading tiny crimson pearls that were their remains. It was unacceptable, but something that could not be coped with. They ran away. Mostly everyone who came to chase it died. There was only one exit door, so the ladies, accompanied by their husbands simply ran upstairs where they would not be ran into. The fire had already been started. And this place was a shelter of books in form of coal in waiting.

What an irresponsible thing to do. To add more fuel to the fire; Charlotte did. With the help of her busy husband Yarn, they were both intruded upon by a shelter of tamable dead-cats that had been dragged from the dark abode. They danced with them before stopping, in order to have a taste of them. It was impetuous to not wait for the others to come, but the feast was already starting.

The weather outside was not on par with itself twenty days ago. It was an ugly thing that broke the marshes as well. Giant thunder-lords made out of gurgling tiny hairs conducted electricity while flying. They were ruining the atmosphere. But inside of them they had goliaths and leviathans, whales and other similar to them body-parts that shifted between slender and fat. Laughing aroused panic, but the seagulls were at large instantaneously killed.

Paranoid was something that was lived day and night, with nothing even close to sharing the winds, or the skies with. Planes were taken down, flies in the gutter. She trembled at the thought of, she was no longer alive to see it. Emily's younger sister.

A heart that was ripe open screamed with disgust. The air-flow was being cut from many meandering men, below. They were incapable to make out who or what was ruining the skies to such degree that it had become a storm without thunder. Suffocating them by the hour, men became flies and dropped. What had once been a hot climate now turned into a cold one.

‘I desperately need some coughing medicine. A bottle is all I need. Give it to me now!’

‘All right, have some. But don’t waste it all on one whole gulp. There’s other men before you that asked for the same treatment and were rejected.

Yet I’m not entirely unreasonable. By which I mean that I can see how desperate a situation you are in. So I’m going to do my best to help you.’

‘If you want to help me, then keep it coming. Turn the valve and let it rip!’

How desperate he’d become, it was impossible to put a stop to it, now that he had gotten it all over his kaki shirt, even the buckle was unbuckled by the looks of it. He had to stop and he had to stop immediately before he overdosed.

‘There, there, I think you’ve had enough. Too much of the juice will kill you. I’m simply letting you know.’

‘As I said, keep it cranking. Let it flower in my mouth, and let the bird come in. Nothing wrong will happen to me. You have my word.’

‘What’s the worth of a dying man’s word?’ Asked one of the hooligans in the back who refused to resuscitate the conversation.

‘It has nothing to do with you, old man.’

‘But oh, how wrong you are, dear fellow. To think I almost allowed a low-life like yourself not only to cut in line but to steal all of you cough medicine, is deplorable.’

And the man had a knife on him as well. They were still in the motel and so far, anything was a given. The man standing in front of him was at large, unrelenting.

‘Think they’re going to start something?’

‘Only wails of empty threats, no more. Trust me on this. I know how fast things can blow off. We’re here to deescalate the situation if something happens and don’t forget that.

The casino had been broken in. There weren’t enough people in it to stop the vandals that crept in. Armed to their teeth with bones, they destroyed most of everything there. Blood was on the fire, in a small bowl atop a fire in the garden. In it a whiff of smoke started rising up the sky. Nudes of women he had fucked. All in a register, locked up. There was a time and a day for someone to come and kill the garden, to burn it, quick and quicker, then to go. No questions asked.

‘Will you please leave a skull standing over there? Right there, next to the pile. Thank you.’

But the man didn't respond in the same sense he did. Since his ears had been bitten entirely, poked out of his face was a nose that didn't work any longer. Sweat ran down his cheeks. There were days in which he died only to refuse the funeral and walk around a cadaver. Yet that day, that day was something else.

There were no exceptions whatsoever. Not even for a parson like Emily, who was tortured right before her life even began.

'Mr. Lyme, are you certain that the whereabouts of your daughter.'

'Adopted daughter.' Mr. Lyme interrupted.

'The whereabouts of your adopted daughter are unknown to you?'

'Certainly, I can't tell where or why she decided to leave without giving a notice at all.'

'She has become a public person, has she not? Be reassured that we will find her eventually, despite you not being much too excited over her disappearance.'

'The girl comes and goes all the time, so I wouldn't be entirely shocked if she came out that door any moment now.'

'All right then. That should do it. We will stay in touch.'

He left afterwards. He didn't play it coy enough, else something might've been made out of how and why he acted that way.

Way too suspicious.

After being left alone, Mrs. Lyme had just been done with hiding. She yearned to mourn for the loss of her later daughter, only to seek some form of consolation coming from her dear husband, who was indisposed. Fireworks were starting to pump the sky, despite not being the Year's Eve. It was disgusting and in bad taste. It was unnecessary and could not have come at a worst time than this.

'What's with the fire out there?'

There came no response from anyone around him. Instead they motioned for him to shut up. It was beyond dangerous for him to come out. As if inclined to take a stance in this unwholesome situation, he stepped a few feet back, then proceeded to the door. No one would insinuate anything about me. He thought. Definitely not a coward as everyone else here, with which he puffed some hot air and came to the door, turning the knob slowly, before making his way outside. He was beheaded before he could say a thing. The worst part was the fact that these winds that had done so left no bloody mark around them.

One of the other tenants ran towards the door, risking not only his life but that of others if he draw the attention of the winds. IT was a cruel thing to day, speaking ill of the dead and such but:

'Bastard, you almost killed us all.' He said, with the door closed and with no other way for the others to come in. But from what could be seen from that sudden opening to the hall, and the stairway, the

place was filled with tall figures that could not be made out of. Whatever they were, they were not humans at all. Yet there was another thing. A second glance revealed that some of them were just as quickly beheaded by the winds as well. Just like one of their men was.

This might've been the reason behind them not coming in, making their way to a feat of women, men and children, from which none of them could come back to. Cones started coming from above, moving slowly. Spinning like drills until Vertigo was attained by most of those who stared at them. Some blood clot formed out the shallow flower pot. It was beneficiary for both parties to succumb to the disease it brought into one of the puerile trees.

Emma was put on the spot, after hearing from the herring that was her sister. It was an ugly thing that couldn't be made out. The picture of them both, from childhood was lost. And on top of that there was also the resentment she bore towards her since she was the only one adopted. Mr. Gun, who had been her protector since her youth had nothing to do with it; since he had become her legal guarding, it was his proposal, or at his disposal, the day and the place she'd had to be brought in to meet her sister in the first place. Since found out just now that her sister was still alive.

But there was another thing they had to deal with, that being the blood clot which had formed a pillar of many blood-crows that spat out blood diamonds, sometimes poking them both in the process as well as the other people of the motel. They were safely locked in another room where they had nothing to deal with, with what was going out right there.

'Chop your fingers and feet it. I'm afraid that's the only way we may be able to stop its expanse.'

'At the cost of my hands and possibly my arms? I don't think so, I do not intend on doing it and that's it.'

'Know that you will cost us both of our lives and that you owe me one for all the years I've been looking out for you.'

She was on relapse now. Last time she almost overdosed on high Emphatimil. And someone almost raped her as well if it weren't for him.

A large totem made of non-vertebrates clung to a chain, attached to a chair as well. The cutlery that was being used to cut her open belonged to some on the streets doctor that handed them to Emily as parting gifts after being remarked as a grafter.

There were bullets in the loaded gun. Reading herself, she failed to compromise with the hobo about who was the one to handle them in the first place. A liquorish juice was prepared for her to take and swallow before the next hour. It was disturbing, how irritated her foul neck was, not to mention her breath.

It was Autumn at eight a clock when Emily received a call from Polpitt. Fret not was what she thought, since she was fully prepared to go on with it and kill the man. The very streets were shades where she went, heavy and heavier they began being for no other reason that the lack of a disciplinary action that

entered her curvature. That being what she called her pocket; and it was a tight little thing she offered to no one.

Since she was rich after all, there was no need to employ the help of servants, especially not the ones that had gone missing while she was outside, partying with little neon signs that chirruped in her ear: "Kill me" with gasoline in her hands. Now in Vegas, away from the fart, gambling and drinking, high on nasty cigars. And she was not trying to render anyone an invalid. That's why she got her gun in the first place. Now she was playing with it. Just like she was playing with them. It wasn't necessary, but she did it anyway. Madly squeezing the trigger, pissing on a little man she laughed at. Poor lad was five feet four, drenched in champagne, with a robe of fur, stuck in some nasty toilet. With paper on the go to follow, they laughed at him when he came out.

But the wheels were still driving ever after she came into the port. It was madness how she would forget to brand her tiny forehead, forth. That's where she went, lending the gun to an assassin man that had been hired by her. It was long-due since this is that same man that killed her parents. Sent him her regards, before she went all out.

The streets were dangerous. It was awful outside, raining during a thunderstorm. Someone stole her car and now she had no way to come back home. Is how she met the man at the casino again; couldn't remember his name well. Eh, it was enough to see his face. That's all.

'Man, you sure got to let me in, it's raining!'

'And you're drunk and not my type, remember?'

'I'll be anyone's type if he let me in.'

'Fine, but I won't touch a single hair on your lap.'

That's how she got into the casino, and gambled her life. With her teeth sticking up, with the hairs of her hair electrocuting anyone who got near her.

They strapped her in a chair, but. It was nice, she as aware. Not a single man found her gun, since the assassin had become her protector that night. Always hidden in the shadows, walking like mad things in shades, trying to get in touch with her once again. Meanwhile, the sniper was put on the roof, had climbed the ladder and was close to shoot the former. Man, who had been speaking to her. It was a dangerous thing, being in her proximity. But he asked for this and this would be his bed. That's how he's made it.

'Do you hear something?'

Not here but below, an exit from the submarine lead to staircase of ice that led to an opening beneath the earth, in which she found a hot room. Inside of that, there were a few figures, all dressed accordingly because of the heat. But what she could not understand was that there was a chance for her to get ahead. Meaning she pushed one man in the flier, and took his clothes, none to lie for, or to die

for, or to do her nasty in order to take revenge. Mutiny could mean death on either side. It was the mean side of things, admitting it, but what could she do now?

Every spotlight was on her. Regardless of her being on the inside or on the outside; some other man in the suit offered her a cut of the deal.

‘What are we hunting down ‘ere?’

‘Heat-diamonds; you’ll get your share once we find some.’

‘And if I get a big one ahead of you?’

‘You either share or wake up with a pick inside your head, twisting that little, pretty one of yours.’

‘I’m much in love with my gray matter. I think I’ll pass that.’

And they welcomed her nonetheless, doing God’s work in the same depths she had been abandoned in. It was hard, the conquest. It’d be heavy, trying to reign on their parade, and the space was hardly cool enough for her to rest in. All that heat, where did it come from?

They were poking in the depths of hell, some flowering bloom ball of suns that somehow trickled itself or were dipped inside the earth’s core. It didn’t much matter. Instead there was the great stalagmite man that was moving, legless, towards her. And towards them as well, in order to chase them away. No one needed to know what was going down, down there, but on the other hand few people managed to escape in this line of business.

‘Here, have some drugs, Emily, they’ll do you good.’

Perhaps I should, she thought. But all of the sudden, another one of her colleagues pulled out a gun and shot her fifty times in her one leg, breaking bone and muscle apart, reaping it with a great force, greater than they could ever master.

Blood was on Emily’s hands, and this was unavoidable.

There was a triangular platform leading to a set of plates. Most of these plates were welded and on top of one another. They lead to a small hexagonal tunnel which had a stairway at the end of it. That led to a small circular corkscrew twisted glass room, at the end of which there was a small conical but without a tip - room. A simple door led to it. It was an office with four to five file cabinets with a table in the middle of it. Various documents lay inside every single one of them, all written incoherently in a combination of multiple languages. Behind the desk there was a completely black, as if painted, man that stood there in silence, smoking. His eyes were black, as were his pupils, the clothes he wore, and his ugly hands. The arms were off, only by a long-shot and he had just finished smoking his cigarette. His mouth was dry, and he walked awkwardly towards the intruder who was none other than Emily.

But his intentions were not impure. Instead, he brought her a simple note and bade her farewell. Upon their departure, she had to walk all the way back through the screw, down the stairs, the plates and

onto the platform. It enormously tired her and she wanted home. There was something about the fact that this place was hovering above the void. And there was nothing else she could make out of it that made her uncomfortable. That and the fact that she was poked by the textile heads of some unknowns that were invisible and wanted nothing to do with her.

After a few minutes of closing her eyes, she opened them only to find herself stranded on the foyer, in the cheap motel, five days earlier than she had checked herself in.

The rain was horrendous, but at the very least it was outside. Her fingers trembled upon checking the note she had been given. It was a countdown which immediately ended, blowing up in her face. She fell and died with half of her body being scorched, whereas the other half remained wide-spread across the foyer and so maimed by the shock that it became utterly unrecognizable.

At noon, the Lyme family Mansion falls apart. A wreckage is met by some of the gardeners who have returned. It is unrecognizable.

Half of Emily lives still. Albeit in a pathetic parasitical form, she managed to crawl into safety. No longer worshipped and adored by figures that would have nothing to do with her. How far had she befallen that she resumed walking on the spot. A large pass-through of eleven hundred miles allowed her to continue forward, without being touched and unmolested. The very floor she stood on felt like hay, with a little here and a little there entering her 'sandals' which were her utterly broken apart feet. Split even.

Anything, really, that came out of her disgusting body was in some shape or form, deformed and broken beyond repair.

'Knock, knock, have I disturbed you?'

'Not at all, come in, come in!'

'What is this which I am served?'

'A cup of wine, there's nothing more benign than a cup of wine I have made up myself. I concocted the very potion with a fiery passion and am delirious to force it down your throat.'

That you may choke, wretched girl, that you may choke and die during the time I shall dine upon your wretched body.'

How glamorous it was, a spade in his hand, burying the hatched in her was the plan. It was ridiculous, what he'd do to her.

Various ships were landing from above, most of them concave and dark green. They had man worn arms attached to them, which all moved and seemed to be alive. Chained to the ships were jars that held the souls of men that would not capitulate to anything, let alone the sight of a parasite being feasted upon; the knives were ready.

'But no, you will not die here Emily. There's a special spot for you to settle on and die as displeasingly as I wish for you to.'

A few steps were taken back. Fast enough to avoid a shot being directly taken, that aimed for his head. If it were not for those few moves of precaution, then; the hole was smoking, and the floor was partially lit, in the area the shot had been taken from.

The scary thought was that she was perfectly placed in a stockade of many other bodies that had been delivered by the ships. From beneath them, they revealed long tongues that allowed the grappling and the transportation of her, right where she needed to be.

A car-formed giant spiked sphere with a few plane wings, burning, and with large chains dangling about it was made way for as to enter. It swooped past everything and instead of allowing one to grapple Emily, it strangled her itself. Coiling up and down, dragging her into the fire and the spikes, then lowering her back where she was. Then it exploded a few times, trying to impregnate her, only to fail. In doing so, it followed the other ship which were heading to the cryogenic chambers.

Hermetically sealed, they released no cold vapor upon the approach. Blood was running down the ashes. There was no one in sight to put out of the fire before they arrived. This forest of steel was falling apart. Emily just woke up from her coma, ten days later. And she was done rehearsing dying, not anymore, she simply thought, as she would not give the ships their satisfaction. No pilots inside them either, which could simply be observed during the day, or night, or whatever it was.

Inside this house of steel, they parked and crackled linoleums with battering electrical hammers. Shot down, and put down, they started bringing ferrets to the king.

The scent of the fresh air was liberating. She had finally been released from the mousetrap, and from where she stood there was absolutely no one in sight to bother her. Strokes of pearls started flashing before her eyes. There was no turning back now, in the rain. Emily's face was pallid, appalling, suffocating. At the same time it was denigrating, stooping as low as she was. Having nowhere to go and nothing to do but play with the giant moths that surrounded her. Time had come for her to make a step. Yet the ground was shaky, the ground beneath her breaking. Bells rang, the marriage heap started. The groom was nowhere to be seen. Meanwhile Emily was darting around in a broken car she couldn't start. It was icky. It was bland. Standing around, loitering, it was what she did.

Some canons from afar started conquering the clouds, destroying what was left of the sun. Polpitt was just behind her, preparing himself for the assault to commence. They were both struggling to get away. The men hunting them down were a bunch of army-men, soldiers trained in bland blood.

A tank:

'Reveal yourself and present your ID to the front scanners. Come nearer with slow and concise movements.'

But they ignored it, this warning. It was in the Mid-Afternoon of Twenty sixth's December that she met with the Cuban Deserter Maldive. He was tall and blunt, with a thick moustache, wearing a war-veteran's green covered, green shirt, with poodle splashes of red on it. That was not his blood. He had a giant bulk in his back that pumped meat and muscle into his body. A ring of iron that was rotating continuously separated them. At times the meat would recede back into that spot from where it came from. He slowly pulled out a broad sword that was pointed at her head. It was irregular, but the man, Polpitt proceeded to come forth with a pistol in his right hand, next to the empty pocket, in his jacket.

'Think you can beat me and the tank? Hah, with that little peashooter? Do not jest and come along.'

They followed with some perverse reluctance.

'You want to know what I said the other day, to the man that didn't want to follow where I took him?'

'What did he say?'

'He didn't say a thing. His teeth were sore from all the iron I pumped into his frail gums.'

'You're mad!'

Polpitt thought, but he was reluctant to add more to the subject. Instead he turned towards Rose, his assistant, and told her to prepare the ID. Once the two of them were confirmed by the tank's scanner, Emily was the one to follow. Regardless of what she thought about the process, she did it in a heart-beat, only to have caused a red alarm flash.

'Well, well. I think we're done here for the day. What do you think?'

The tank retreated as did Maldive. He had disappeared only for ten minutes, which was spent by Rose, Polpitt and Emily by sitting in peace, waiting for his return. He did as was expected. Their data and body-copies had been safely stored and transmitted fifty hundred thousand miles away from where they were, in a laboratory in South Dakota. It was raining out there. Thunder and lightning candidly befell from the open sky. It was a ludicrous expectation to wait for something to happen or come along, and to stay this long. But thin hands still worked with what they had.

A fax-like machine started beeping. With four minutes or so, the likes of Emily and company had been transferred to one of the great computers. It spat out three body copies that ended up flaccidly squirming on the ground. Something about this laboratory was off, but not for the watchers, as it was surveyed by a few soldiers working for the Company.

They were all worn out, waiting for something to happen, something extraordinary to be recorded on the channel, not to deal with more clones that were squirted out some back-trash hog-car trumpet.

But Emily was not perfect. Albeit she was the first to rise, she was still wrong from so many points of view. She was just standing there. Until her arms and legs spread, and out of her head came out a stalactite that reached the ceiling, breaking the single light bulb that illuminated the room. A red flash followed, just as if out of the tank. This is what the scanner had seen. Out of the stalactite came a great

fleshy organ with pot-flower-roots spreading out of it, both from below and from above it. They immediately impaled everyone in the room, including Emily herself, the company, the scientists and the soldiers. Then it flashed out of existence.

Emily-clone was still alive, but hardly breathing.

Many if not all the rooms drew their iron curtains down, in an attempt to seal whatever it was inside the room, if it was still there at all.

Thunder and lightning still above. There was a simple unsubstantiated threshold of fire which began spreading in that room, as a measure of preventive purification for the contaminated area. Nothing more than turning it into a screaming knit of fire to wake up Emily from her sleep.

They've been carried on inside a car. Miles and miles long, with Maldive in the front seat.

'Where are you taking us?'

Emily asked, but she was confronted by an answer she herself deemed unworthy of reproach.

'I'm taking you back to the Lyme Mansion and that's that. I've been instructed to deliver you there unharmed and that's what I've done.

As to your friends, I felt pity for them; therefore I decided to bring them in as well.'

Anger rose up in her but there was nothing she could do any longer since this was a convoy with many other cars around it, slowly pushing in and out of the freeway and on the side, crushing stone-mountains as they rode.

'Get out of the car!' He said.

There was a shortage in the circuitry. Some cables had been unplugged. Nothing too exceptional about it, but the car was still in a holdout. There was no one inside who could make too much noise, or too bothersome a scream if things got serious. Mark had always been left handed and his palm was imprinted on the car. As was the cat he had just killed now. More of a dog person, he fancied himself struggling to put another dent into, right there.

'Come on lady, I don't have all day. Can't you see that I'm trying to pry your claws open with a screwdriver? Unless you let me in, I think we're going to have a lot of trouble.'

And that was not what he wanted. Too much attention could draw out the cops, and the other stationed soldiers who were just as armed as they were. Not to mention that this granny was one fifth of a centimeter away from honking.

'I'll make you a deal; five hundred bucks and I'll park it. No, let's make it twenty bucks, how does that sound to you, ma'am?'

'Well, I don't know if I can trust you, young man, since you just killed poor Inni!'

They were at a crossroad neither of them could pass. It was debilitating, just having a sniff of her scent, but this was it. She was distracted, they were distracted, and everyone was distracted but him. He pulled a gun and shot her in the head. And her body melted. Vanished in a second, and before he knew it, he was in the car, driving away. A large ear-plug was passed from hand to hand, in daylight, just across the street. He noticed the model, Carl-eight-hundred, a good model that he had used before upgrading to Charles-one-million. The killing instinct had just hit in and he wanted some fresh blood. Something to kill that wasn't an animal and didn't melt as fast as she did. But there was nothing he could do without attracting attention. Since he knew this was the last time he would get such an opportunity as he got.

'Come on, drive!'

It was the aerosol which poisoned his eyes, bloodshot both of them. And with a razor he was shaving inside, careless as to where the hair fell. It was just not yet ready, the gun had to charge.

'Henry, what are you doing on the streets, alone?'

'I'm just playing.'

'You should be home or at school, shouldn't you, kid?'

'I'm sorry, but that's none of your business. You're not my dad.'

'And I ain't your uncle either, but I can god damn sure report you to the popes.'

With that he quieted down, for the moment, at least. It wasn't going to be easy, getting a scoop as he drove, but taking care of the neighborhood's children was the least of his concerns. At least not for the time being; since he got out of the car, pulled the car like a chariot with both of his hands, and ended up at a convenience store he thought about killing the guy who offered to clean his windshields even though the car was not his and he had already wiped them.

'That'll be ten bucks, or whatever you could spare.'

'How about I spare this?'

With a single shot he was put down like a slowly walking dog with no ears. His heart bled dry. He was done hard and he was done bad; at least that's what he was let known of, after crouching down the body in order to see what he had on him. Only spare change, what a waste of time. What a waste of a life as well. It was just no worthy of anyone's time, this trickling line of blood he kept playing with. But if he did it for too long, someone would come and notice. So, instead of leaving it there alone, he picked it up and threw it in the car. Lighting a cigar while he was courting the man's pockets for some spare keys, or something; but no, there was nothing on him, other than the spare, which he took.

There were some sensory problems; his eye-device was giving in. He drove eight hundred eighteen miles into the distance while playing with his pocket lighter. He could definitely have crashed into some car or done something worse, caused by his inattention.

He stopped at the bar Polpitt and Emily were dining, next to the casino. He joined both of them and ordered three martinis. It's obvious enough he's not a human. He does not think like a human. He is a mechanical animal. He wishes to enjoy torturing the both of them, but he cannot.

'Mind if I disturb both of you?'

'Not at all, do what you want. You're free to do as you please.'

'Wait a minute.' Interrupted Polpitt, but then he realized something and stopped himself from opening his mouth again. He noticed the trail of oozing blood but had decided to keep his mouth shut. Right before he could see it coming, the gun was pulled. He was toying with the gun. Mark knew he could take his life in a second and theirs and no one else would even notice it happen. That's how it was with him and there was danger, coming along.

A few bodyguards accompanying a VIP had just offered a giant leviathan their souls, and allowed this boat-like formation with many long arms, pushing out of greater hollow holes it bore in its body to come in. Its only ailment, or favorite drink was blood, humanoid. Warm and still drooping from a skinned man; those were its favorites. And he could not miss the feast that was prepared for him. A splatter here, a splatter there would kindly bring a mouthful to his many children; it bore on the other side of the exoskeleton it bore.

Not much was known about his gun, other than the fact that he used it on himself from time to time.

It was Paul at the door. He had returned from the well, and was already a different person, based on personal experiences anyway. He would not do, as he wasn't fit for the hard labor which entailed him. His girlfriend was an architect, valedictorian as well. She graduated top of her class and refused to suckle on the blood drop that had fallen out of his head, after the axe-man split his head in half. The scene of the crime was horrendous. A play of shadows in the theater began. His soul was eaten but she was starving and died as well, as her unquenchable spirit refused to let go and rise.

Both of them opened the door of the ride, a small two segmented cubicle with many spiked seats on top of which they stood. Resting for a while, as they waited for something to happen, or someone to release them from the trap they fell into.

The giant god had picked it up and threw it into one of the least probable stops.

They were playing with matches, trying to one up one another, in the rolling road towards salvation. Large octagonal bridges drew towards them, in an attempt to squish them between the ground they were stranded on, and if they were indeed stranded there, then there was no chance to get them back.

'Come on Lucy, come on, get up! Please say something to me, anything, I'm trying to help you but you just won't respond.'

Poor girl had spikes erupting all out of her body. She was always known to be ticklish, therefore he at least tried.

But that wasn't enough to stir her back into the right direction. Finesse did not bring her back into her body. It was a lost cause.

And all this was something that Emily had experienced before. At the bar, she quickly disarmed the man who was playing with her. It was pointed at him now. Seats had been changed and between the gun stood Polpitt, trying to deescalate the situation, even though he knew the man didn't deserve it.

'Put it down, immediately!'

'You're not in the right spot to give me orders. I'd rethink the whole situation if I were you.'

'Then you'd rather kill me and him?'

'A lady got to do what a lady got to do.'

With which she took a shot at him and at the man behind. The bullet wasn't even dislodged into either of their bodies, yet they suckled on their own blood as they both fell on the floor. Emily got out of the bar, ran, found the car and started driving. Windshields on the way; a miasma of lilies in her nostrils and the road ahead was filled with cars. The traffic was at an all-time high. But that didn't scare her at all, thinking she could get caught and be brought to trial for two homicides hadn't aroused her either.

It was midnight, at the soul of the hour when she finally parked near a tree, making it seem like an accident before wiping off her fingerprints off the wheel. What in turn was disappointing was the fact that no one saw it happen. From what could be told from the scene, it was less of an accident and more of an abandonment, without reason, of a finely made car.

Emily madly ran in the dark forest, trying to trim her finger nails before running with the spirits. She had gone mad, this lady was mad and there was no man around to put her in her place. How she yearned and dreamed of it, happening. But her guts told her otherwise, her brain no longer in control. Painted in the blood of a moose she had killed herself, with a clean shot that practically paralyzed the entire body of. The animal was feasted upon. And she painted herself in the blood. And she ate what she could raw, worse than an animal. She had been out of her mind, to think of doing it on a whim.

Survival instincts kicked in, and before she knew what was going on she ended up back into her new home, the Lyme Mansion, where she was greeted by tea and biscuits of the hardest, grainiest flavor and state.

'Come on, my dear, I think we've squabbled for long enough. I don't think there's any miasma here to share any longer.'

'I'm not tired but I'll go to sleep anyway, after few shots.'

The servant disagreed with what she said, and even pointed out to her how inappropriate it was. But he gave in, reluctantly.

After twenty shots, she had barely been able to stand on her feet. She dashed to her room, drunk and pissed herself until the next morning, where she was greeted by a gentle sun whose waves prevented her from intimating with herself.

As they say:

'It's unfortunate that you would present yourself this way in such a fine afternoon. Come to think of it, I'd rather have you come in one piece rather than, say, present yourself in such a manner.'

Her new father died and was replaced by a look-a-like. The syndrome he was suffering of was dementia-psychopathic-sleepless dissolve. Which slowly burned out his brain, threatening him to become a separate entity, that would steal his body instead of allowing them to live like partners of arms. It was simply sad, how many scruples they lost.

But he was shot by her, by Emily, who still had the gun. And when she'd done it she said:

'That's right, better to put an animal out of his misery than allow it to proliferate its madness to those that are not afflicted by the disease!'

Many of the servants, except one had applauded the young lady, who was glad to receive so much attention. It was a life worth living after all.

This sector's clear. So they thought. There was no reason to believe otherwise. A boil inside the balcony started fusing with one of the radios that had been forgotten the other day by a woman who didn't know who it belonged to but refused to hand it to a police officer in fear of being accused of theft, henceforth leaving it where it was, on the balcony. A greater fine alone would've hunched her. Meanwhile a seagull was shot down. And its bones were still there, in the midst of night. Close to midnight even, when the troops that invaded the city marched. Back and forth they went, dissipating the smoke nectar coming from their Cuban cigars. It was a mad view. The scene was set. And there was no one coming or walking ahead them. They were left to their own regards. The bones were dry and there was nothing to be done about it. Despite there being flesh on them:

'Hullo. Where goes the candy?'

Cherry-pearl mint, the sound that came after allowed it to fall in silence.

'Pay attention, pay attention, pay attention now!'

Her voice wasn't clear. It was reverberating. The gun spoke to her. It was prepared to be pulled out of her jacked and expand both sides of it into a crossbow. Despite not altering the way it shot, this form or shape it's been cast into bolstered Emily's confidence by a ton. But what the other people around her didn't know yet was the fact that she was mean. So mean, the meanest, nastiest girls that ever were. She pointed forward and shot a man's foot like an antelope. Right into the night sky she trembled wearing herself under. If she did something wrong, this would be it. No return would quench her desire

to harm other people. And by this she had a lot of fun. Her fingers slowly pressed again. Before she knew it, she killed several of the servants. And her expression didn't change either.

'Emily, you may stop now. It's late. Go back to your room, young lady.'

'But what is I to do if I don't want to?'

'You will do as you are told, and you might make it till morning. Here, you may have a taste of my brandy, but only a taste dear. I don't want you all broken up in the morning. It's something young ladies should not do.'

Otherwise, her poor light head could fall in the wrong places. Or even against a rock against which bashing the back spot of her brain would not come out as a favorable instance of crude awakening. Nature promised to take back all she had been deprived off. Emily did not dream, instead she was met by the ugly rearing head of a nightmare. Split in halves by swords, by large figures that swished and swashed her entire body. With little regard to her safety, these figures were none other than the servants of the house who had been replaced in the following morning as she found out from Miss Lyme.

'There, there dear. No one has to know about what happened down there. If you'd only just put your head in my lap.'

'But no, mama, I don't want to rest. I slept enough, wild enough throughout the morning, how dare you think otherwise of my pre-natal situation?'

'My dear, I have not insinuated anything of the sort. Trust me in this. You're more than welcome to do as you please with the rest of the day.

Know that I love you daughter and now you are dismissed.'

With a flail of hands, and unreturned affection, this had been faked so far, for the sake of the bourgeoisies; she retreated in the drawing room, where poor Emily would not dare turn to. For her own sakes, it better be a good number of staff members she didn't find unlucky as thirteen. Because if that was the case, she would not only foam out of her mouth but things would truly become nervously broken by her. This was her dismissiveness in action, for she sought for reasons to hate them further, even though they hadn't been introduced first.

In terms of how well she was doing, there was this oeuvre of cats that slid across the street, waiting for a dog to eat them. And a dog did, the size of a car, carried by her neighbor, a giant, whose eyes flashed. His eyebrows turned into mushy forests. The heat did a number of him. He ate the dog as well as the cats, his belly becoming full. A cannibal by nature, he called himself Ricardo. From some unknown state like California or Colorado or Idaho, wherever he could pass as a rich foreigner that could conquer ladies with the promise of lots of money, which was something that all women secretly desired.

This Ricardo; the gun was still in Emily's possession. This Ricardo was a fourth-blood related cousin to Polpitt. And one night they met in some bar, right in the outskirts of town, where they ate brazen nuts and were sullen as they lay in a most pompous bathtub they had both carried in the bar. And if anyone would believe it, by sight or by word of mouth, they had filled the tub with beer. The bartender lay in awe. At this magnificent sight, and thought to himself that this was the sole reason he had turned to this job in the first place. It was for the sole reason of being amazed and drawn to these magic moments. That rarely happened.

But somehow, it was there. That promise, the promise that Emily would somehow manage to ruin this magical moment between two cousins; the promise of her killing them both. Despite him surviving the first shot that had killed the other man, he survived. Which meant that there was still the promise of more injury to be done; it was infuriating, in every sense of the word.

The gun was ancient. It spoke to men who arrived nowhere. It evoked some kind of feeling that was unlike anything ever heard.

During the following nights, she considered the worst having happened. What if someone stole her only means of defense? What was she up to during those cold nights? How far would she go to protect it?

An eye kept her wake at night, this particular night, when the new servants were asleep. Giant spider rings crawled out of the ground, trying to leap into her ear. That was dangerous, if they got her during the night, that meant. That meant that the gun would be holstered by another master. Something she could not permit. Slipping out of her palm during the day, when she almost lost it. Her mind, that is.

During late hours songs started pushing right around her head.

Karl:

He began his live anew on the other side of the continent, where there were no people around to see or judge. Every man that had ever existed there had died of unknown cases. Their bodies were met by twin, doubles and doppelgangers that had died in the same unknown circumstances as they did. He was an ambulance driver in a van. This house of his was filled with syringes and other narcotics he refused to talk about.

Everything was shaking around him. Now he was axed on what was he doing there, since there was no way for him to grow his own crops. Having no knowledge into it as well, he continued driving. Someone jumped in front of his van. He stops, stooping low; the van goes into circles, ends up in fence. He looks around, there's no one. He drives back. Then it happens again, another person jumping in front of his car, perhaps the only living person out there other than him.

This suicidal thing cannot be explained, nor why the motor won't stop in the absence of flesh. It was a guaranteed success. So far he didn't expect to end up doing this. But he found a row of eighteen hundred replicas of a single person, all who rose to greet him, partially, from neck-upwards. He followed the road, driving slowly.

Before noon he ended up in Amsterdam. And he was unstoppable. Entering the first obelisk he could find the vicinity of, the man disappeared. It was pretty much known when he first came into contact with Emily, but that was about to change.

Moon rises up the sky. The feeling of debauchery follows as soon.

A large helmet shaped by a body that enters it in every direction by arms comes into view. The bulk was organic. The eight heads it bore all one eyed and almost mosquito-mouthed. Only one leg it crawled about shaped like a fetus. It was none other than Karl.

On such a lonesome night he crawled through the many bodies that lifted up graciously to acknowledge him as their guest. But these hosts were not meant to do or interact with him the way he did. In turn he was God, and had appeared in his leviathan armor, made out of the morsels he had gathered along the way.

He had never truly met Emily, but a copy of her, in hay of stashed bloody bones soup. What came to his immediate reaction, as if all-instinct was the chopping of her head, which he did. With his mighty blade that expanded like a giant billboard post he had proceeded to chop her into tiny little pieces. He was the butcher but this lane of bodies did not offer him any satisfaction. As he wanted more; he wanted poor Emily all to himself, to abuse and do with her body as he pleased.

At the time it happened, Emily was trapped inside a closet she could not escape from. It must've been a practically inoffensive treat, finding herself then and there, but she would not do without it. The entrapment got her high. It was another thing Karl wanted.

Off-side the many ploughs that had been abandoned since the birth and the deadly haze they had been presented with. Slowly they rose all at once, an entire continent as well.

Throughout the continent you could hear the echo of thousands of voices all at once.

The mansion falls at noon, and the Lyme family simply died within the crash.

A dark night arises.

There's a bunch of flowers taken out of their pots but no one seems to notice that the owners were gone. All good men, who visited the landowner, thinking they could get something out of it after putting all the effort behind the locust lot. They grew out of the ground, and became as tall as corn. A special kind of pesticide would not do either. Since it only accelerated their growth.

So, what happened next came as a giant surprise. Terror came into the eyes of children who didn't know what was happening. Karl ran a few of them over at high-speed. It was something to see it right in front of your eyes, something different, something reassuring in terms of having barely survived to live and tell. For this was the grand entry that awaited him, ever since his return; and he was followed, right from the other side of the continent, with an army at his disposal that he himself had created thousands of years ago. Leaving them so; the chariots started running around the Coliseum. It was a trap for

bike-riders and skateboarders as well. Neither of them caught up with the good part of the day, when their relatives still lived and where there was no need for any kind of intervention.

A cruel thing that did not suffice was that he took his time with his victims. Like a serial killer or an innate psychopath, walking around in an attempt to put them to a fiery inferno of steel. For he still was in possession of the same van he first drove into the country.

There were fourteen skeletons inside the room, all of them eight headed to one crawling pile of fat that dragged them. The mass moved slowly towards the bucket. Inside of it there was a selection of sardines and living crabs that have failed to escape one another's clutch. It had been left there by a man, whose identity remained unknown. Closer and closer it got, allowing the skeletons to move on their own, to feast upon the meat and deliver it to the mass. Slowly they started munching with their bony tooth, as the real ones, that had been once had no longer meant anything. One of the skeletons escaped and ran away as quickly as he could, as farther as he could reach, no longer trapped, it managed to flee from the grasp of iron that had shackled it.

It was out of a butcher's shop's basement in the middle of the night, right around midnight that he made a run for it. The butcher was nowhere to be seen, and unheard of, for at least a couple days. He had not come down to check what was going on without his blessing. The skeleton took this opportunity and broke one of the windows, running across the street, wildly, while expecting never to be caught by any weary hand that might throw it away, or spoil its suffering, throwing it in the gutter. A pit-bull started chasing it, albeit no longer relying upon its saving instinct of fear, after it. But the skeleton turned around, in full stop and chopped the dog in half by simply turning and entering him with a slow display of strength. The scene was messy. The musk and the scent were severe. It had been an uncharitable act that resulted in the approach of a few vultures in the shape of felines that started eating the poor mutt.

No light on any street. Windows were mainly shut and there was no one that saw it happen. Instead of trying to get rid of this evidence, the skeleton simply ran away, in search of a body it might hide inside for a while. A homeless person came to mind, albeit no rotten brain was help in the cranium.

He, who had been so in a prior life, before being kidnapped, tortured and enslaved, had second thoughts after approaching the hobo. It was too easy of a target but socially low. That also provided some danger when it came to. His other heads started growling as well. Every single one of them wanted to be in control. But this was his body, as he had fought them for the dominion of, for a long, long period of time, only to acerbate this victory he'd come in terms with.

For now, though this would do. Beggars could not be choosers, and there, he killed him with ease. Silently his soul started beckoning its way out its body, only to be dragged back by the other skulls who fed upon it, slowly extending the poor man's life, who, while he was dissected by bones, could still see what was going on.

A single man's face was shared between the eight. His body was thin and short, most likely from starvation. But their one skeletal body was tall, reaching even eight feet or so.

'The prognosis for today is:

It seems like the weather is about to take a change for the worst. From the looks of it, it's going to rain, and that rain will slowly become cold, until the point where it will begin to snow. So it seems anyway.'

Came out of a few TV's displayed behind glass inside the store; something dripping from the ceiling. The skeleton barely managed to look human, having created a disguise of many clothes and extended skin, and. The most important part has yet to be reminded of. He had eaten the old man's skeleton, only adding to the bone-mass that was already contributing to his growth, from the last supper it had been presented with, for the mass to quench its devouring gluttony.

Now, some place, some warm place was to be had. Somewhere, where no one would suspect a thing; or come out in search for, what would one day, as thought, become an urban legend.

But blood dripped from the top shelf, in the doorstep, and on top one of those TV's. They all reminded him of the butcher and of the mass. It made the skeleton paranoid. It made him think about what might happen if, only if, he stepped out of boundary and was found by him outside his store. Or worse, by the journalists; who were less of a threat than the mass and the other skeletons who could simply absorb him just like he had absorbed many in their place.

It was justified. He crawled on top floor, after floor, after floor, above the windows, and the many apartments, until the top of the building was reached. From there he leaped from one to another, taking breaks in the harsh, cold wind only to think about what might happen if, and only if they got notice of him and his presence there.

When all of the sudden, every "thought" had been disturbed by the presence of another skeleton that had been in hiding. This one was normal, as he lacked the many heads his kind was in possession of. He was of a different kind, belonging to another specimen that was foreign, almost alien to him and them. Could this be a spy? Was he sent here to track me down and hunt me? Was he a servant of the butcher? These were questions that remained unanswered.

AT first sight of him, the second skeleton began to shake, almost dreading to look at what seemed like a body-stealer. Body-theft being somewhat forbidden in those parts of town, which was met by him removing his overall body of a man, and presenting himself, temporarily as an eight headed skeleton.

The smaller one sprinted in a different direction. Running out of air while the decorous flashing Christmas installations from the last year, started flashing. Dashing and running under a sky that seemed to fall over itself because of moribund stars that instantly disappeared.

He found something lodged into its back. After leaping from grill to apartment, to a high-roof then onto the streets; it wouldn't let go. This monkeying pile stilled itself no longer than needed in order to reach a higher edge it could prod with its cold bony feet. An epiphany arose. If only he could reach the bugger in time, he could grab and absorb him in.

A colony of skeletons stopped them in a dark alley, hiding behind a dumpster while the rest of them continued marching. It was something he had never seen before, nor would there be a better time to restrain him. Putting him in his place; where all of the sudden he stopped. Looking straight forward at the tall banners they were carrying with them. Not only were they marching, but it became insufferable.

The ascent into the distance now stopped.

He had forgotten a piece of the cloak somewhere behind, but it was too late to turn now. The two of them didn't even realize that they were stumped where they were.

A small parcel somewhere in the distance; where a couple of flies started madly munching upon a small corpse. It had been beaten beyond release. Where it stood now, there were a few muscles painted in red. There was a hive. Beneath the hive there was a rat that kept it alive with the help of his brothers. All sacrificing their bodies while being crushed by the weight in hopes of getting some of the sweet honey that was above them. It was unsanitary, to be in the same room with flies, with cockroaches, with silverfishes and with another man, who was tall. He was youthful looking. And from behind you could see a giant ship connected to his body, a ship that was a Zeppelin, encroaching his fingers which were tied to it; whereas his eyes, the poor lad's eyes were twisted in and out their sockets, until nothing remained in there. He suffered from bad breath and the lack of blood that was in his veins. His teeth were long and flaccid. And he could taste the sugary water that was not given to him. Slowly he had strangled his wife with his legs, which were four in number and all pointed perfectly in a square. As if they could fit in one. It had become disgusting to stay around. And see this, what could be called a feast, in motion.

He stepped outside, the man did. The general area in front of his porch had been completely ruined by means of fire and flames, brimstone and little charnel drops. Giant ones that fell all over the crops, ruining them as well; and he was becoming desperate, beyond that, seeking someone who was still alive. Then he turned to the road. One of the passing in the wrong direction, stopped to ask, a few hundred miles away, for directions.

'Give me some directions, before I put a bucket of shrapnel in between your eyes!'

'To think that I have come so far to be beaten by a puny man.'

His mouth was fornicated, his head was taller, his cranium almost elongated, his arms now slowly stretching away, as if gathering all that strength to create momentum. There wasn't any doubt about it. If he could do it, he'd do it in a heartbeat. Killing him in an instant. Preparing for it, but the man waited. Both of them waited. Now it was too late, for he already started pushing in, and with a rush he destroyed the car, splintering it and the man inside right before he could get his gun and enter the needed motions to put the animal down.

'Your directions come as follow, dear head. What had remained of you shall not go anywhere, any longer. For, know that you are being led astray, in the wrong direction. You should've turned back and

went on the highway, doing something close to a run-about and run-about in. Without giving me a migraine I can't hope to resolve!'

It pained him, every second of it. Not only had it encroached his every sense, but it had also come to spread like a cancer across his body. He was in pain. He ran back to the house. And there she stood, his angel, his wife, alive. But with her eyes closed; in his arms she was taken, and in an unfair attempt, he began opening her eyes.

Slowly and cunningly, he positioned himself in a way that would put in him in a favorable position, as to not give in the act. The fact was that he didn't know what to make of it. Her body simply fell lifelessly on the floor again. It was as if she had only pretended to be alive. And he didn't recognize that until it was too late. There, she died again.

'What a pitiful way to go my dear. I wish I had the chance to stay with you a little longer. Though I'm afraid our time together has come to an end.'

And an end it was. Quickly as suddenly felt. A storm was gathering and the hurricane was only starting. Somewhere in Dakota, news got to him as it's been brought by a bell-boy, who was eaten after. It seems like a certain person went missing and there was a huge nod given to him about it. The reward, that was something favorable. That was something that would do him a lot of good, if he had come into the possession of.

But the weather.

'Puff, I shall do with what I have.'

And he simply began levitating with the help of the distorted Zeppelin. Approaching closer and closer, the clouds.

This hot air inside of it started granulating, hardening the entire structure of his back-ship. There was no point to turn and run because he had decided to keep his calm. It was half-a-state away from where the new of the missing person had begun spreading. And he in turn would not walk alone, that would be a horrible mistake, since there were broader plans at play there. He crushed her skull with his very thigh, just as an assurance that she would not rise back from the state she was in.

When all of the sudden, a giant tsunami hit the ground, washing up the crops, weirdly aligning them after the fall. A dark meteorite had fallen somewhere, near the sea. Its landing caused this ruckus.

'God help me, there is another one.'

A delivery boy had arrived on the premise. He was short and smug, ugly and nasty, as was his entire being; the kid having been beaten the other day around midnight. On some street he could not name.

'This one is too young to end up the same as my wife. I should thread carefully before I'm being caught and trialed.'

The fear was something else. Since the house they had lived in was partially broken, as to sustain the standing of the Zeppelin, which had been used now to get out of sight. The sheriff would know about it, he'd find it out quite easily. But that didn't matter.

He slowly rose from the ground even farther, now reaching those black clouds, dissipating into a mist, covered by rain, looking down as the watery devastation which had yet to reach the house as well as the ungrateful brat that started going round the house. A bomb would do, he thought. His chest opened, releasing a nuclear bomb that instantly detonated upon reaching the roof.

'This should take care of the brat. Now, as for the missing person.'

He still held the sign to his breast, careful as to avoid the contact with the falling of the raindrops. He could barely put aside the inscrutable sound they made.

A ruinous fire had destroyed the city. There was no one alive in there to have a say as to what had happened in that un-scorched cottage, where they took refuge in. Had they been outside their fate might've been reckoned to be just the same as everyone who had died in the fire. As long as they stood inside, everything would be fine. Yet it wasn't, inside.

'I demand you go outside to search for other survivors.'

'My girls depend on me, I cannot!'

'You will do as I say, or you shall be whipped like a dog and put in your place. Both you and your daughters.'

But the woman refused, giving no other reason but the burning man that was tapping on their window. It had been like a lightning struck bolt come upon the ground. His presence there was frightening. He was burning yet his figure somewhat looked the same. A skull and black bones made him who he was, and there was no way he'd return to his prior form. Despite that he lived and shook in his ugly boots of iron, with a gun that didn't work any longer and cocked at every attempt to get a shot.

His target had been him, all along, John Free John, who was delighting himself in the mid-sweep of a simple stallion's decay. He ate bat-rabid wings and their disgusting guano, thinking that would protect him from the evil spirits which resonated with the weakness the females displayed. The three of them were in a corner, shaking, not daring to come any further than needed. Displaying little hindrance, than it would be allowed for a woman to display in front of her husband during those times. And there hard times both come and ahead.

'I want you to open that window and let him in. I think I recognize that badge. That is, if I'm not wrong, my brother!'

'Your death brother, that is.'

And no, I shall not come any closer to his madness than I will come in term with yours. Please leave if you will but leave me and my daughters alone!’

‘That I cannot do, blood of my blood shall not stay in a rotten box of plied wet wood and not face the Inferno with their caring father!’

‘They shall die if I let them go!’

‘Let it be that way then. Let it be, perhaps that’s for the better.’

He refused to open the window himself, but in turn came to terms with his being and his act. Turning upon them with the dark thought of a severe beating, a punishment they were not deserving of, and that they refused to stay in line for.

‘Better do as father says, and let the fire come in!’

Now there was not a single window tapped, but every window inside the cottage, everywhere thereafter, as many had gathered around every outside corner they could find a beatable surface they could continue their bashing in.

‘Come out, come out, wherever you are!’

But again, a sister stopped another. She would give in, with time. Every single one of them would. And they were tall, and broken. They split in many halves and walked like sharks spreading blood on the floor and everywhere their musky arms and limbs could touch. This was unexpected, even for the father, who took residence in the basement.

With him there was a gun. He had gotten a bullet too. And a handy knife, a razor, a bat, and some sharp needle-racks he injected chemicals in himself. Yet there was a simple problem. Where had the mother gone, where was she?

She had to be there, somewhere, in the hiding, but so far it had been unknown not only to him but to the daughters as well, who were out of control as well. The derelict had to show itself sooner or later.

The march of the skeletons had been abruptly stopped. The emperor of blood would not easily unroll his sleeve at this failure to advance. What had been promised to him was complete dominance over the state, and nothing less would suffice. His tastes vary. You could not take your eyes from his bloody cloak. The procedural ticking of a clock distracted some of the men hiding inside one of the abandoned stores. Drones have not been released yet, neither were bombs. Doing so would mean adhering to a full blown war. If only they came in time. Eight heads all shook in crime. As they slowly munched upon the skeleton of a man, a short piece of a machine made noise somewhere else. Kids were playing outside. But at this hour it was something inopportune. These children were not normal either, as they seemed to lack in humanoid appearance. No heads but out of their bodies drew out large tails, as wide as brooms at their ends. With long legs coming out of their vestigial mammal’ arms, they moved slowly to allow the mouth to fully propagate itself. That in turn was an ugly three headed rat –figure. Shaking in place, it waited for

the body to move and allow some of the smaller men that were in the house to come and feed them, as, some of these kids were in, while the others, the ones causing all that ruckus of noise, were outside the premise.

Four a clock, they gathered with sharp spears, all pointing at the children. Standing between the two of them was a heavy air. Its weight droned around. All of them, including the skeletons that pinned the children in a corner felt that abominable weight being put on them. Incapable to fully retract and go back over to where they've been, what they were holding was in reality elongated cones of gelatin. Shaking all over, moving and coming apart. Their mouths drew out leaping skeleton incisors, filled with poison, aimed at their feet. So that the children would be incapacitated, allowing the acid to spread in their body, breaking them apart with every passing moment. Albeit a worse fate than death would soon follow, readily enough as they begged for mercy, the effect of the acid already kicked in. They fell on the ground, without feet to sustain their stay, above the cement, the asphalt moved, they damply rolled, but falling apart. Hollow spots in their guts, revealed as the skin started melting, but no red blood could be seen. It was as if they were empty in there, costumes that had been worn for a while.

Only for a short while at that, while the ones who had been sitting inside the costume were, they were incapable of self-sustain. Their hearts started flying outside, grasping for the walls, jumping and leaping from side to side, incapable of being taken down even by the skeleton archers. This invasion had been dropped from the very start. It had been a failure of magnanimous proportions.

But the children, the children, the children and their bodies, were shaped like giant pears, hives with down trodden rodents, legged by two segmented mantis-look-a-likes.

They moved slowly inside the room, waiting for a chance to get out. The pray was somewhat near. They could get close to it and disappear. Some others knew about the capture and had dared not come out. For god knows what might happen to them in similar circumstances. It was fear which drove their very bellies into standing there, up-turned, down-turn, with their insufferable noises making a quick rascality upon the hindrance of the moon.

For it was moving, coming closer, he was sure of it, the eight headed one, who was madly squirming out of hiding, daring to come out in search of a way to return. Somehow the butcher returned to his shop.

'What happened here?'

He said to the mass. The mass pointed at the missing one. And he understood.

By simple gestures the two of them communicated.

'I see, then I shall venture outside and search for that petty one who thought he could outsmart the butcher!'

With this in mind, he grew larger in size, grabbed a meat cleaver the size of a car door, then started running to the middle of the square. Where there a better chance to get a better view of what was going on out there; no fire so far, but everything would not be all right. Not without him giving himself a pat

on the back for what seemed to be a job well done. His scent, he could feel the bone scent, but what was that? It was intoxicating. He next saw the marching skeletons, or a battalion of them, thinking they could somehow punch a rib out and in a simple man as he had been.

But the problem remained. He leaped into the sewers, carefully turning the lid up and turning it down, he wasn't seen. It was a dangerous maneuver. Murder instinct was in his veins.

'I shall find you at all costs, and shall bring you head by head in, with no remorse!'

This was his promise, albeit there was not a chance just yet for him to traverse a city without time.

Meanwhile, the fire that was left behind, the farther in, and pushing far. Was the man with the Zeppelin attached to his back, in search of her.

Emily, where was Emily? Where had she gone, who had taken her hostage and where had he hid her?

From where he was, it would be much easier to survey the areas without being himself seen, as the many gathering clouds of storm somewhat kept the same pace, and not only that, they allowed his accompaniment while thrusting forward for the girl. She had to be somewhere out there, unless she was in hiding. That little thought bothered him. Since there were places that he could not enter, but merely prod around.

Damned was the Neolithic foundation that shook the construction site. It was the middle of the night and a man walked upon the streets, without his legs. The authorities claimed to have seen this man before, loitering. Somehow he avoided capture. He stopped an actual shock wave with his two hands outstretched. Cutting them in halves all the way to his elbows, where the wave reached its limit. Such power and such a display of strength and endurance was formidable, even for a man like him, who did not bleed despite the full on front assault he had endured. It was a pity that he ran, hiding in the dumpster, while they started chasing after wild geese. Insomniacs on delirium broke a bunch of glasses from every store they reached. It was an unnecessary evil, since they didn't steal or do anything else. But that was the least of his concerns. More at noon:

'Are you there? How have you been, answer me immediately!'

'What do you want, why have you called? Was it to bother me and wake me up from my precious dark dream?'

'It's called a nightmare, and that's not why I called. My reason is simple. I wanted to know if you're well.'

'More than that and now you can put down the receiver; I'll have none of it anymore. I need my beauty sleep for tomorrow morn.'

'Wait, wait, wait, hold on for a moment longer, will you?'

'What else do you want?'

'I need to know whether or not you're all right with me hanging out at your place tomorrow and possibly a few days after.'

'No.'

'But I've no other place to go and no one else to phone anymore. My contacts are all busy, haven't the time or outright refused me as you did. Perhaps you'll find some pity in my desperation and allow me to come?'

'No, I cannot. I'm extremely busy and will not bow down my head to a wretched person such as yourself.'

'Only for a night, please. Or has our time together meant nothing to you?'

'Perhaps not, but I won't let you put that card out again next time you find yourself homeless and in need of a place to stay.'

You may stay here with me but only for a day, nothing less and nothing more. After that, I want you out of my life entirely. Do you hear that?'

'Loud and clear, chief, loud and clear!'

So she went on the next day to spend a few hours with him and without him. Since the key to his apartment was put on the same spot she knew he'd put it. Just there so she could enter. The last time she attempted a gag like this without calling, she found herself locked in the building, unable to find the secret place it was stashed in. He wasn't home. This was unexpected. But he left a note there:

'Dear Emily, I expect everything to be left in the same condition as I left them before leaving. Keep in mind; it's a day only which includes the night in my apartment's guest room. I owe nothing more after.'

She had occupied her stay with doing nothing, while the master of the house was missing. No cleaning maid, no room service and only a fishy scented fridge did for her. It was amazing just how many people died in a single day. Looking outside was depressing, since in the neighboring building housed approximately hundreds of suicides. And they were suicides that were all performed the same way, by hanging. They forgot the lights on. But since they were dead, the electrical bill didn't matter as such. Not to mention the eeriness of seeing that many bodies dangling, as they could be seen from the windows. This was not a sight for a young, attractive and superlative woman as Emily to be exposed to.

Still, no one forced her to watch. It was her honest desire, and curiosity which drove her to look at the buildings. Fore-front and below, near the side of the street, there was a boy smoking something. From the looks of it, crack, a blunt of crack, a joint, was in the boy's mouth. He practically rinsed with it, and as his mouth was watering, so was his slapped face once Emily came down to him. As they met, Emily took his head and bashed it against one of the streetlights, causing the smoke-maker to fall out of his hand. He raised both elbows up in order to prevent her from beating it till death but that didn't work either

since he was stuck in a motion that entailed the throwing off of the shirt. Something he had seen a lot on the news, when adults wanted to fight, so they could not be grappled or something like that.

And she beat him; the living steam out of his ears only conjugated more fury from him. It was a show of violence that could not be resolved between the two of them rationally. Emily kicked him in the gut, before throwing him in front of the street, where a car almost trampled him. Then she simply walked back into the building, back in the room and looked out again. There was no one down there any longer. The streets were clean because of her, much cleaner than expected.

The TV had no shows on it, only commercials on every channel. It was a good moment to admit herself back into the mansion, where she would be treated like a madwoman because of her prolonged absence. What bothered her most in this line of thinking was the fact that it was inevitable. She knew she would come back like some poor dog wagging its tail. She knew she would be punished accordingly. But to be treated to inhumane, as an animal would be treated like, that was not only undesirable but also something unconceivable. So she spent the night in.

They were sitting in a field like targets waiting to be shot. While the winds were blushing with the coming of spring, the seas were ranging on the nearest shore-side of a raised cliff upon which the entire city hanged on. Boilers started cooking meat, in them; there was little space to move for those animals that had been put in. Unknown to them, they were slowly being cooked without the realization.

Another tiny rock was added to the pile. There were eighteen of them in total, piles that is, that made the foundation of a great platform. On top of it there was a little tubular elevator which led to a spiked sphere of a building. In there stood two soldiers.

'In, coming, next Friday, twenty troops, armed with nuclear, what's your order?'

'Let them come in, I think I'll find a way to drill into them.'

The cavern hosted a lot of military buildings. It looked as if they had been put there on display. Women were suffering in cages and the place was completely filled with them. But that did not bother the men who went out of their way to have their fun. Pointing their guns at them, forcing them to drown from time to time because they liked how they reacted.

'Women deserve to suffer from time to time. It's the law of the nature. It can't be stopped.'

It got the fire running. Whenever they would go, the time would say so.

A rifle was in the air. It floated about the top of a building which was near as tall as the Eiffel tower. From there it started shooting like some chain gun whose bullets wouldn't stop. Even when over-fired, it would shake the earth's crust because of the way it shook. It flew towards one of the other rifles once it stopped. A giant reptile was in the cavern as well. Some men were playing pin-pong at a table. It was the eighties. Moon-landing hadn't happened yet. And there were flashy lights and a rodeo down there. Krishna had birthed again. It was a show of steel, played by buffoons that were giant, all the way from Mississippi to Colorado, but closer to Nevada; they planted daisy chains of explosives that could go off at

any moment now. Guards were being summoned as was the militia. Smokes of the highest quality and vodka were being shared between them. The unseen demons and the niggers were playing their hands underneath the table. It was unknown who pulled the strings.

Fire was running out of a gas cylinder. And rolls of rocks had been thrown by giants in order to fall and cover up the volcano which was shooting the poor men in the beginning of the war. Many victims found themselves down-cast and unable to breathe from all that vicious poisoned air. The mustard gas; Germany, coming from Germany while Germany had come to power, they had refused to surrender during the first four wars. And swore revenge upon every single cadet that deserted, with a fury that would be unmatched, filthy pigs they said, all filthy pigs will end up being culled. And what would you know? It happened. The madmen did it, they tortured the poor bastards and came into the cavern as well.

Emily was in one of the cages, but her primal fear only arose the rising of a scented candle that had melted her brow. Among her were eighty more doppelgangers that fell on the floor and turned into liquefied water. Or some slime that was anything but domesticated, despite it being rode upon as if it were water horses. Not the ones that happen to be fish but the other kind. The kind that was never seen before and made no sense, yet existed, and were played with. The world itself could explode at any moment.

The division of dragons shot their bazookas in their airs after smoking cigarettes from some piles they left behind or hid inside strange boxes. Everyone held a grudge against one another and this time around it wasn't even hilariously funny or entertaining. As a matter of fact, it was, at large depressing. No one wanted to be around them, but no one said a word. It was as if the entirety of the world wanted to come in the cavern, for safety but couldn't. Or wouldn't because it was just as dangerous as it was safe. Perhaps safer, or, perhaps more dangerous, Iraq knew that. A reason stood behind it. They did not want to invade just yet despite having had enough with their own government and the sovereign one.

Fireworks were being shot out the sky. Slaps to women's faces, their bodies aroused suspicion. That would not do, especially not by them. The evil men, the spies, who were there inside the room, spying on one another, with their arsenal of lies being thrown at each other, trickery and double-faces, triple agents as well as power aces. Yet their heads all exploded because of all the lies they had harbored inside their head. And it was a given. A giant skeleton head floated and had drank the blood and ate them entirely within a gulp.

The cranium itself had flashy eyes. And bore a giant sword that was held inside its mouth. That began glowing, with a radiance that was unmet by anything in this world. Not even by a well-planned and executed Blitzkrieg.

So it went out of the cave, unwarned, killing a lot of people that were just as confused as it was about what was going on there. Being slit and cut, and turned about. Off with their heads, no more legs. Flooded by a rain that threatened even the likes of Moses, if he were to return, but couldn't because the water, the entirety of it had been frozen in place. A cold nuclear winter followed. It was painful, staying there, but one couldn't do any better.

The minstrel started singing in the small spot they allowed him to perform the one tune he knew not only as being the favorite, for his admirers, but other songs that he didn't and never even heard of existing in the first place, denigrating at the same time the other men who had come prior to him and who made a fuss out of not being allowed to perform what they wanted to in front of a crowd that didn't even know who they were. This event, per say, was preceded by the intoxication they, the people suffered from drinking soup and tap water in order to fulfill their needs. And they were hard to please, incapable of doing it on their own, mandating the government in return with taxes they weren't even aware they could fine it with. It was as if they had discovered some form of power they could not afford to lose.

'There's still no hurry to pick up and leave yet. Come on and show me your teeth and let them be set on paper-flights and go on for hours, for I know what your heart's desire, what is required of you and what is required of you is to serve.'

Join the conscript, joint the draft. It's all illegal but what about that? Minute after minute he started at the ground, waiting for words to appear on a fleshy board of numbers that kept computing permutations at bay. It was so exciting, for the first time in his, Polpitt thought he had befriended someone organically. A machine that would respond nor reply to any other human than him; it was flattering, at best. This machine did a lot of marvelous things, as it slowly amassed enough power to bequest the invasion of a country and enslave its population. Niggers had to be lynched. As well as other disgusting races that all amassed in a single day of work. It was worth it. It was incommensurable, the feeling of letting go, only to have it recaptured again, like in the first day you got it.

The monster was a giant in height, bore gas-filled tendons that puffed up. Its lower body was closer in appearance to that of a leviathan, or a killer whale, which curved as a wasp would when prepared to attack. Near its every end there were large limbs that formed semi-circles, which all bore pincer-flat claspers that had been connected to smaller, maggot bodies. All men-headed, but with the faces of terrified men who did not want to end up killed or wiped out of existence. Mad were the demons that accompanied it, for they spoke in evil tongues that could not be deciphered by any humanoid. And rage continued abasing everything that was living, since they hoarded piles of garbage, these filthy sub-human creatures which bore their fangs out, their eyes cocked back, their many arms front, with their lower bodies being belts that rotated continuously, spreading maladaptive invisible parasites that could only attempt to infest human hosts but in the end couldn't.

It was frightening how only a bunch of men remained there, conscripted, for no nation, since they had deserted their own, being there only to provide a means of stopping the hunger these beasts displayed with their drools, their pesky claws, their tender voices laughing, since they knew that no man could harm them. Other than the stalagmites beneath them, there were only smaller bridges that were set on fire. Whose display of inertia preoccupied only the ones that had been cold, suffered from it, yet observed with mighty suspicion. Knowing that something was happening there:

'Arm the canons, arm the guns, prepare for a war you didn't sing up nor did you prepare. You are to go and die for the country and turn your patriotism into a mileage for future generations to look out for, and flee, in terror, knowing they will never rise to the expectation that had been created for them!'

Everyone would die this way, or turn their heads away as if from the sickest plague that spread around the globe. In looking back to a darker future, they found something bright, a pair of a few flowers that were untouched by the nuclear simulation. Too much oversaturation.

Two men were fighting each other in a ring. One of them used his heel to push the other one a few meters off of where he stood a few seconds ago. Then he started wailing on him, punch, punch, punch, punch after punch, until his teeth started bleeding, a few of which fell off. Plenty of tottering pineapples rolling out of a fruit stand. Hellfire coming from a large sun that was slowly being disintegrated; while a cow squelched; the cow was killed; the sun regained its power and now was evening.

Lightning and thunder came out of the skeleton's sockets.

Emily was gambling again. She had been doing it for at least five days now. Her face was irreparable from all the beating she had received from one of the soldiers who didn't know who she was. She barely escaped. Her life almost come at a loss.

'The nation has suffered way too many casualties for this to be allowed to go any further. We must be united, in these dire-days of mischiefs.'

And there was fire, brimstone was spreading far. In those days, there was war. And there could not be a day that passed since there were no registered historical consistency to what happened in the north and west, and several other latitudes and countries upon which war has inflicted much harm upon. Many a man thought himself safe, or had done so. In reality, there was no way of knowing what was going on. Disease spread incredibly fast during the passing of November and there was no possible stop to it. Gods were forsaken and most religious activity died. Leaving nothing, not even a legacy that could be revived by the people.

Dark entity

They surrounded it already as well as the smaller one in its vicinity, which, granted, was perhaps even more dangerous than its predecessor, who had been put down twenty six miles away from where they now stood. A battalion had been deployed. Twenty or so brothers had answered the call to arms their country demanded of them, and they did not look pleased at all, to be called to serve. Inside this nest of theirs there were the eggs. Their deployment served as nothing else than cannon fodder, since these beasts seemed to kill them by the number.

It was as long as a battleship, the dark fiend that emerged. It was made out of two bodies that were connected to one another, plump but fatty like eggplants. They diverged into almost corkscrew-appendages that filled their bodies, which, appeared to have large jars at their ends that bore humanoids that had been recently birthed. Their organs pumped in and out. Inside they were hollow, like husk, or dead-on the inside trees. They were rotten and constantly fell apart only to regrow immediately. Their existence, theirs and the younger ones was inconceivable since they had been hidden away from humanity for eons, until this one dark night where they decided it was time to emerge in order to feed upon the fauna, being mainly herbivores. Carnivores and voracious but timid only when driven to it; that's how many animals as well as hicks ended up being eaten somewhere on the outskirts of the city, where their dark cabal had summoned them, after appearing in a dream, a single man becoming a prophet of the end days which had been prophesized since ancient times.

It was raining. The city's power-plant had been destroyed. There were nuclear bases here and there, placed and indispensable. Cowardly apparatuses were trying to discern who was human and who wasn't. These machines failed to prevent people being killed and eaten alive, as well as their children, the women and the weak. What they did in turn was slow the process of recognition down in order to make sure something was going right. Since these dark fiends could shape shift and change size. A miasma started crawling from one of the prying birds. They would be eaten soon. The scent of blood was somehow intoxicating and would not easily be given up, once the taste buds got activated. Somehow the scent became watering like frozen ice melting down.

A meeting took place:

'General, what are we going to do about these intruders? Now that they have been released, we can do nothing more for the general safety of the population. The threat of nuclear warfare is but at a single footstep away from us and our total annihilation.'

'We'll invade then. If they thought they could simply barge in and do with us as they please, they were wrong. Because I want nothing other than their, and their complete annihilation, before mankind falls.

And you, second in command officer, of the naval frontier, will do everything in your power to avoid any direct conflict outside their place of origin, the place of their hiding and regeneration as our Intel said. '

'Is this not dangerous then? Should we put an end to this war with a nuclear bomb?'

'Frankly that might be the only solution we have. Our only choice rests in putting them down before they start breeding, blocking them and their mole holes, then burying them beneath the Earth's crust in order to buy ourselves enough time.'

'Then do we have your agreement to put the ion guns to use as well?'

'Of course you do, and make haste, for I am needed elsewhere.'

They departed with an unmet immediacy. Spineless torpedoes, that's what they called them. And it was of no use calling them anything other than that. Flowers of destruction, the glowing robe of god, the

pillar that hunts from the skies, the eliminator, the putrid fire that reaches heaven, so on and so forth. They wanted home but they already advanced and it was too late. The entire city suffered of a black out. There was no way back, other than fully throttling forth and doing what was needed to survive. Now came the shots, the first sounds revealing the degeneracy that became of the army.

Soldiers were now more awake than ever before. Their shots penetrated but there was no use since these things simply regenerated to their complete state. Other birthed human-look-a-likes were released, cannibals that now chased the retreating troops, neither of which expected this to happen. They ran in terror, but their return and chase came to an end. They had been surrounded. Every shot mattered, but it was too late, the cannibals had arrived then jumped on them. Puffing smokes were the artillery men who began throwing pimplly rocks at them.

Click, click, click it went, but soon enough it stopped. The treatment they received as prisoners of war was unfathomable, being released only to die there, tested like animals and tortured, and scanned in order to produce a finer quality lot of clones. Henceforth why they were inside the fiends, why and how they were studied didn't matter at all. It was cruel how easily they defeated the tanks, floating above them, then lowering one of the jars which cracked and shattered. And whose pointy shards cut through steel, iron and alloy. Many men have been executed on the spot. Canons and arrows had been used against them at a point in history but no one survived.

A giant among tiny people started jittering in place. Then started following the more fertile appearing women who had to be made out with in order for the impregnation to occur. Otherwise, there would be no way in, no way out, they would run around, make a lot of noise, and burn everything that wasn't looted from the store.

'We have failed, general. Any last words we may say?'

It was hard being alone while being alienated by an enemy's territory. There was a cigar still lit at the end of the cavern, most probably a sing that one of this comrades had been executed and that's was the last thing he would remember, smoking before dying. An invalid's escape, to go tomorrow in the same place meant death to him, to ail the debts, mortgage being very much unpaid for. But the dread did not end there, as particles of air appeared to give vibrations a run for their money, materializing as some form of hallucination to these dark fiends themselves, that in turn demoralized the poor man who could do nothing but shake like a sullen rat in his place, waiting for the finality of his life, death to follow after and soon enough for him to take a deep breath and get a hold of that god damn cigar. He wanted at the very least to puff for one more time. One last indulgence before he died, for his country, for his brothers in the Marine Corps and for his wife and child who waited for him at home, being lied to that this husband and father had a chance to survive. As was said by the Pentagon itself, you die for your country and your people, understood soldier? It was hard. Accepting this one solid proof he had yet to acknowledge, he served as cannon fodder, as did everyone else. But so distilled with fury he got up out of his hiding, tried ignoring the hallucination he had absolutely thought as being what it was, and marched towards the cigar. One taste, he got there, picked it up, another taste and he could been a bullet between his teeth, as if by suicide or someone who wanted to get their life back together and

could only do so by killing another man, thus allowing the beasts to feed on him. The debriefing wasn't that accurate at all. On the other side there was not a single fiend, but illusions made out of smoke and dust that even passed through him as if they were phantoms, triggering in him an attack of anxiety and the asthma he didn't know he was suffering of. War is dangerous, as are the men that lay down, completely doused off, sleeping with their eyes open. No. Not sleeping but very much awake. In a state of pseudo-catatonic freeze they could only trail their eyes on him, paralyzed, sticking to themselves, some crawling, some POW's, among armed children who had been sent there. It was an awful sight, but he could do nothing to save them.

Since there was no way to fully verify them, and figure out whether or not they were on his side, he did only the sensible thing, that was, looting them. A pack of cigars, guns, ammo, body-armor he had to formerly discard because it had been ruined by an exchange of fire. But that did not serve as a deterrent in here. He had disarmed every single one of them and continued deeper in the distance, having ill-repossessed a torch one of them was carrying. Albeit this was not a normal cavern by every mean; he stepped lightly while trying to ensure none of them would spring back to life in order to drag him back for this, for this war-crime he was aware he had done, this looting being punishable only by vigilantes that were not there to begin with, but who would most likely come in nonetheless if a fissure in the stony blockage, this barricade, was made.

'The US government though there would be a need of nukes anyway, so why should I care for them?'

The soldier, tagged fifty six, as his name wasn't fully disclosed, thought out loud. It was a preventive strike to his ego, seeing all these wild formations that had been raised by these dark beings. They were at the height of a skyscraper, came as many as eight of them, pillars, stacked together, crossing and curving around one another, as to mask the giant legs that were kneeling but very much shaking and trying to get up. They provided support to a structure that didn't deserve any. Such was it that he tried taking aim at them, but the soldier stopped before he ended up doing something unnecessarily stupid. Something unforgivable that would ruin even the wholesome sensation inside his mouth after eating a candy bar he found on one of the looted bodies. Will I end like them if I venture too far? Is this cavern safe from nukes and ballista? These were real concerns he had not only about his life, but at the thought of his family, friends, companions, fellow soldiers who've yet to arrive and who would be sent nonetheless to this site in order to check whether or not driving them back was successful or not. But, judging by the presence of these illusions, there wasn't any doubt about the plan having failed. In turn, it became too obvious that they would be sent there to die just like him.

Else, he wondered just what these structures were and what was their purpose there, all too mighty to be uttered. They looked like altars. He was met there, the deeper he went by rock-shady blocks that moved around, or crawled as if they were carried by a strong man.

'God help me that I might survive this.'

He said while looking in the distance at the sight of some ghosts, some apparitions that looked familiar but he couldn't put his finger on. It was a hellfire out there. There wasn't any doubt about the

incarceration of the deserters as being punished and killed, shot in their heads, dressed in lady's clothes as there was no respect for the dead, or their enemy.

It was this kind of impotence the Government was mishandling, with tenure come from above, with them being possessed but not knowing about it.

The vicious tower stood before them. Inside of it the eight armies of the North amasses. What stood before them was a barrier of three bridges that had been chopped and added together as a means of protection. A female rises. Her name is Emily, she's in the front lines; her and Polpitt join the rebellion. But on their way to the fight, they're stopped by a scene of two men fighting one another. One of these rivals cuts the other's arm, following a killing blow that completely severs his face in half. A match is won. One of four flags is being raised. The duel is revealed as being one of many. On their way to the bastion, they recruit one of the duelers by the name of Ivan. His strength is unmatched by any in combat, which is immediately displayed once they are met by a fallen willow in the middle of the road. His right arm expands three times the width of his body, cutting the tree in half with ease. After being praised by the men, he continues to display similar acts. They finally arrive to the tower. Standing before them is the fort they made. Rain starts. There's a lightning fast thunder-play in the clouds at night, illuminating the entirety of the fight. At first what follows is a flight of arrows from both sides. There's no armor proof against any of that, only the flesh which barely hardened at the touch of iron, which came from the iron-disease that was innate to the citizens themselves. It was hard to fall amok off the ivory tower they had climbed into and refused to leave since there wasn't any incentive to do it any longer. The warmth and coziness were inviting and there was no foulness that would cripple them from any blow. Connoisseurs of the arts followed right in. Their desperate plays seemed puerile to everyone on the outside, who refused to take their arts as being anything serious, when in reality, they were bringing the storm down with the help of their shamanistic dances. They invoked the rain. Ivan ripped the earth in half, which caused a wound on both sides that was immediately sealed by the wind which pulled in whatever it could in order to fix itself.

A bunch of willows that surrounded the good half of the area were pulled in. The duelists marched upon the bridged and charged the tower, leading the rebellion. Inside the tower a fellow knight-centurion by the name of Michael is met. He is met by Ivan and they fight at first glance. Two blades meet, and the fight ensues. They are wounded around their knees, their arms, their legs while the army and the rebellion charge midst-battle, wounding and bringing hurt to one another. Desperate means leads to dissipation, and one of them dies, having his head struck against the side of a rock, while the other is left bleeding, not living for long, Michael remains the victor of this fight. He is disregarded as a victor, since everyone around him seems to die as well. Timed stops during those few seconds. It's all muddy and unclear, what's happening. Drops of glass fall into the tower and the men and women are already set in flight on both sides, with their fate unknown to them. A giant monster appears, bearing two heads, eight arms on both side and legs like chariot abominations of skin, bone and steel. It's met by a few men who propel spears at them with as much efficiency as possible.

They are met by nothing short but a desperate attempt that ends up into nothing, as they're incapable of piercing the beast's skin. During the fight there was a marriage that ensued between Mary and Karl.

Who were present there as well, confused while Emily had barely arrived there unconsciously. She did a good job in displaying sportsmanship at what looked to her as a lost fight. Which warranted a retreat she immediately took; as after all, what life would that be, thrown away at the first sign of ill-pleasure?

Men may've died on both sides, but the northern armies were too much to handle. The rebellion was stumped. An increment of spades followed as soon as the entreaty followed soon after. Much was won and plenty was lost on both sides that only made the situation worse, as the thunder finally split the furious tower in a few pieces, turning it into an unrecognizable thing, a shadow of its formal self that relinquished and relished in its own pity, while decades of torment followed through.

'Alas, my good friend, we live to see another day, and in spite of all, we still reign victorious over theses mumbling morons who all lay dead and wild spread like fumes and wasps beyond their broken hornet. I say this will all the pity I can muster. We are saved and that's only thanks to you and your sacrifice, I say! Hooray to us and hooray to you!'

She cheered to her friend, Polpitt who she had barely met at the casino only a few nights ago. And she was happy that she allowed him to follow her in this strange place she called her dwelling. Where death had been a trifle that couldn't be allowed to be ripe if all agreed.

The council would meet for the first time:

'Enough of this war, enough of the battles, missy, you've got a lot to answer for yourself!'

'And who am I to be judged?' Asked Emily with every bit of indignation she could pervert by her tiny pinkie.

'Twist around and turn your back no longer, young lady, for you've been summoned here for a great reason whose immediacy will not be denied!'

This she reproached.

'I'm not to allow myself be tied to this place. As I may leave whenever I desire it.'

'Not this time, Emily, not until you're confronted with what you've done.'

Umbo

Mid afternoon after they left. They were trying to pick a lock out of fun. Was there something else to do? Next they played with fire matches next to a beautiful hay garden they intended to set it on fire as the gardener was sleeping under a yellow pillow of strands, with his hat on blocking the rays of the sun, his fingers barely shaking and his breath stable. They did just that, and the man was too fast asleep to

notice what was going on. He had been incapacitated. Completely! He didn't even notice when he was set on fire. And the smoke suffocated him before he could rise. The ground fermented beneath him. It was a rising sun which caused scars on both of them after having achieved third degree burns out of that ordeal. Not to mention that there was no way of ensuring what would follow next, when they ran out of things to do. This fun of theirs was dangerous to enact and to maintain. It sparked a dose of dopamine and oxytocin every time they did something they weren't supposed to. When they broke the law, when they fashioned loose nooses for drunken men they met on the streets, spending their time finely trying to convince them to do it when inebriated; when they ruined and vandalized property and when it was possible to kill someone, they were there. Smiling and performing the nastiest of acts they could get away with.

But something wasn't right. This do-wrong feeling on theirs started fleeing away. And they were both aware of it. Both Umbo and Peter had their days numbered. As police started tracking them down, being after them from day one, with the exception of doing nothing being reasoned as such: They wanted to catch them during the act. To see what they were doing and catch them red handed in action. That way both parties would be satisfied. For the boys, deep down, wanted to be caught. They felt guilt and remorse for having pushed things too far, having kill-gilt ruin their once finely, as they supposed, sleep at night. During the day as well, whenever they could they would attempt trying to find a place to dose off. Only to be completely overwhelmed by hard emotions they could not get rid of.

Before their eventual capture could happen, one is supposed to be aware of their respective lives of these shooters. Umbo spent most of his childhood in an abandoned orphanage. He had been beaten up by a bunch of ghosts. He was a cripple by daylight, howling at the moon. Nights did not concern him though they should. It was in those lonesome nights that he was tormented by nightmares that would rest in his mind for the rest of his life. Rabbits flying on fields of morrows, being shot down by sharp-arrows shot through the eye-sockets of giant beings. They were legless, and levitated above the ground, three armed on one side and zero on the other, bearing holes all over their bodies through which organs could be seen dangling, all ill-equipped with eyes that stared at him, startling the poor boy that could not wake up regardless of how hard he tried to.

He was stuck there for a long while, sleeping for months at a time, hibernating in a coma while being breastfed by lingering spiders that considered him one of their own. He was turned into a cocoon. They took shifts to ensure the boy would survive regardless of how long he was asleep, lactating a strange ivory substance taken from the marrow of the bones that had been found inside the planked walls. Their gross nature would frighten any child or man who'd stumble upon this abandoned ruin. Creaking floors were awkwardly nailed. The ceiling was coming apart as he slept. The windows had been completely barred. The nursery had stopped, whereas the maidens who had once been there now rested in their entombed rooms, ruminating in an exfoliating dust that started gnawing at their cadavers. It was in this environment that he saw them for the first time. Awakened for the first time in months, he had seen the creatures following him there. With their red organs growing in size like balloons then receding back into their simple, bean-like forms. They fed on flies, the mouths that had been impaled in their living spears, which had come out of their three arms, each in possession of a chatterer that could feed them on absolutely nothing for months, without feeling hunger at all.

They spat on the ground, which coiled into a solid mass that twisted in place and spread like a diseased little pool of human fluids, liquefied remains of what had been a man. With his organs no longer being able to escape from that one dimension they were trapped in. Albeit the impression of their faces still lasted. It was unnerving, seeing the sun rise. As it only garnered the entry into another one of the livid dreams, which promised to haunt him forever. In one of these dreams he met Peter, the man that rest his fingertips against his corduroy chin, slowly making a fist, before planting him beneath his neck.

‘What about it? What about it? What do you plan on doing to release yourself from my grasp? Are you going to simply sit in your cozy spot and allow me to strangle you?’

‘No, I won’t. Let go of me this moment!’

He said while trying to unhand himself after being hit and choked. It was quick. It happened. He made a fist and knocked his hands off his neck. Then he started away, not looking behind while making it into a field of roses. He was almost blind, ignorant to what was going on around him. He wanted to get as far as possible and he did. Not making a sound, he hid behind a thorny bush near two standalone trees.

Suddenly it was interrupted. Sleep was so-so this night. There couldn’t have been a better half-a-day coming than this one when he was fully prepared to embrace the morning light, which extended through supper, dinner and mid-supper as well. Throughout the day there had been urges Umbo felt, once finally released from the cocoon. It was unquestionable, how he lived so far, as he thought, based on his very own resilience he had managed to get through the most obscured passages that had been lost in the dark. His ailment had been in his belly all this time, and his stomach must’ve entered a state of partial attrition, whose concubine was a piece of meat and candy he had somewhat remembered eating a long time ago. But that wasn’t all that went on there. He knew and was very much aware of someone stalking him, other than the fiends that levitated in the wild surroundings. He hadn’t been entirely acquainted with them.

Those who lived in the walls themselves, whispered to him the most atrocious and unexpected nonsense that barely managed to wake him from his partial dilemma, his slumberous partial state of thinking.

‘Peter, you’re still here, after me, aren’t you? You’re toying with me and my mind, you must be! I know where you are, I can smell your putrid scent from a mile away.’

‘Then find me you little twerp and see if you can lay your hand upon me if you’re so gutsy as your arrogance seems to show.’

‘Just you wait till I find you and ere long your head will hang out with your feet!’

He didn’t seem to respond at the latter, though it was so and so. He would have to find him elsewhere, perhaps onto the streets, if he dared head out. The streets were beyond dangerous and there was something telling him it wasn’t right, heading out. It was a malicious fourteen legged and eyed four headed giant rat with a gait that rested on top one of the window frames who came into contact with him. His informant, Michael the bar hearer:

'He's hiding inside the wall filling. You won't be capable of reaching Peter by normal means, not while you're still partially sleeping. Here, let me chew on your head, perhaps that will release you from the miasma of dreams. That way you will be capable of finding him in no time.'

'Will this hurt?'

'Only a little, but don't be worried, as my saliva will be able to cauterize whatever injury my brown teeth might be able to inflict upon you.'

There had been no mention of the many rods that kept the heads together. And the winged tale that was made out of worms. Or the fur he bore, which had become so rough it looked implanted like some kind of dreads. Its eyes though were life-like decahedrons, which also twisted and provoked distressed if directly seen. As for the teeth, they were angular incisors that were curved and formed circles that seemingly cut off entry into the mouth. Also making it peculiarly unsure how he was to take a bite of him in the first place; but that would do.

'Come closer, do not let me come at you.'

'But the light, it's far too bright for me to approach. It might render me asunder.'

'Then let your skin be scorched for a while. You're in need of the sun, despite your un-well condition. And it might just do you good to have your body warmed by it.'

Peter interrupted the informant, as he showed up walking out of the floor, after opening a few planks as if they were the opening of a coffin. Came near the boy and sliced his ears off. Umbo screamed in despair, which alarmed the spiders as well who came near to his rescues. He slid off and walked alongside the walls, straying from the path ever-so slowly as to leap off the stairway and fall one floor below.

'You're not going to kill that child.' Michael said.

'I don't intend on doing that. I'm only starting. And I won't end up any time sooner until my satisfaction could be reached.'

His feet were shaking and the chase began. The informant did not follow, but entered a shade, allowing him entry into another dimension, where he fled. Others like him waited there, in question. They danced upon his apparition, and dreaded salt, as was brought by him. His vile fur reeked of it as if he had been cooked in a pot. It disturbed the very fiber of their being, and they dared not approach any closer until the state of his being was determined.

'Have you been purposefully contaminated in order to avoid any confrontation with us?'

'I am guilty of performing no such experiments on myself. As a matter of fact I'd even go as far as saying that I'm pure, completely unspoiled even.'

'Yet your scent betrays you and your dark deeds.'

To this he had no retort. They were surrounded by pink flatness, which went on and extended from beyond the mass into a strange egg yolk of a sky. Some of it fell off; it was livid skin after all, patched all over. But somehow still betrayed its lividness as one of the arches coming out of the ground bore the appearance of many men put together into forming one great pillar which was being worshipped by the inhabitants of the isle. What made it worse was the fact that the sky had been artificial, and beyond it all was dark. A permanent night and emptiness all put together, beyond it a space without stars. And they basked and prayed upon the pillar for change to come. For something or someone who might guide them beyond having to resort leaving their home and joining that of humans. Whom they very much resented beyond any kind of reason, yet, one of them had taken a liking into.